



Robert Morgan
Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)
Service No. 1048X
World War I

Born: 20 Feb 1893

Died: 28 Sep 1936 (?)

Place of Birth: Blow-Me-Down, Port de Grave, Newfoundland

Parents: Abraham and Emily Morgan

On the 16th of October 1913 at the age of twenty (20), Robert enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) for a period of five (5) years. At the time, he was described as being 5' 6 ½" tall, of fresh complexion and having dark brown hair with grey eyes. He gave his trade as fisherman and his faith as Church of England. He was single.

Robert's official service record entries provide both a timeframe and where he

served during that time. The hand-written entries are as follows:

1. 25 Aug 1914 – 05 Nov 1914: HMS Calypso (Training vessel)
2. 06 Nov 1914 – 20 Dec 1914: HMS Excellent
3. 21 Dec 1914 – 14 Nov 1915: HMS Quinta
4. 15 Nov 1915 – 03 Jan 1916: HMS Excellent
5. 04 Jan 1916 – 31 Jan 1917: HMS President 111
6. 01 Feb 1917 – 16 Jul 1917: HMS President 111
7. 17 Jul 1917 – 08 Nov 1917: HMS Victory 1
8. 09 Nov 1917 – 26 Nov 1917: HMS Pembroke
9. 27 Nov 1917 – 20 Jan 1918: HMS Briton
10. 21 Jan 1918 – 20 Jan 1919: HMS Pekin



The name of the auxiliary patrol shore base at Grimsby 1907-19. One trawler No.24 carried this name as tender at the base. Each shore base had to have a 'real' ship attached so that the provisions of the Naval Discipline Act applied.

11. 21 Jan 1919 – 19 May 1919: HMS Briton
12. 19 May 1919: Shore demobilized

Once out of service, Robert resumed his civilian life as a fisherman. He married Edith Moore on 24 January 1920 at Salmon Cove, Conception Bay, Newfoundland. They made their home in the small community of Springfield, near Clarke's Beach in the district of Port de Grave and appear in the 1921 Newfoundland general census living in Springfield. At this time, the couple have one (1) child, a girl ,Emily who is just 2 months old at the time of the census.

By the time of the next census of 1935, things have changed dramatically. Edith passed away in December 1931, leaving Robert a widower at age forty-one (41) with four children ranging in age from fourteen (14) to just four (4) (Emily, Muriel, Robert and Kenneth).

Robert died in September of 1936. Both him and Edith are buried in All Saints Anglican Cemetery at South River, Newfoundland.