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**Walter Russell**  
**Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)**  
**Royal Navy**  
**Service # 1019X**  
**World War I**

**Born:** 21 Aug 1896

**Died:** 16 May 1960

**Place of Birth:** Country Road, Bay Roberts,  
Newfoundland

**Parents:** John and Annie (Copley) Russell

Walter enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) in 1914. His official service record is as follows by date and ship/base assigned.

1. 28 Aug 1914 – 05 Nov 1914: HMS Calypso
2. 06 Nov 1914 – 25 Nov 1916: HMS Virginian



**HMS VIRGINIAN – December 1914 to November 1918, Northern Patrol (10th Cruiser Squadron), North Atlantic convoys**

Edited by John Fisher, Historian, Southampton.  
Grandson of ERA Alfred Fisher, lost with HMS Viknor

3. 26 Nov – 24 May 1917: HMS Pembroke 1
4. 25 May 1917 – 14 Jun 1917: HMS Briton
5. 15 Jun 1917 – 21 Nov 1917: HMS Caesar



**HMS Caesar**

6. 22 Nov 1917 - 29 May 1918: HMS Vivid 111
7. 30 May 1918 – 16 Oct 1918: HMS Rainbow

8. 26 Oct 1918 – 10 June 1919: HMS Vivid 111
9. 11 Jan 1919 – 11 Apr 1919: HMS Briton

Walter passed away in May 1960 and is buried in Berlin Cemetery, Berlin, Camden County, New Jersey.

Mary died in 1994.

**Interesting Fact:** Seems Walter got himself into some trouble for doing something that quite a few enlisted personnel have thought about doing. On 14 June 1918, Walter was court marshalled and sentenced to six (6) months for “striking a superior officer”. CMC suspended the sentence and consequent penalties the same day.

Personal life information:

Walter was born in August 1896 to John and Annie Russell of Country Road, Bay Roberts, Newfoundland. The 1921 Newfoundland general census shows John aged sixty (60), Annie age fifty-six (56), Walter at twenty-five (25) and Flora (nee Bradbury), also twenty-five (25) living with them. The two had married in June 1919, shortly after Walters’ release from the Navy.

The next general census in 1935, shows John and Annie still living at Country Road, Bay Roberts but there is no mention of son Walter or his wife Flora. It seems that Flora had died in 1932. John in the meantime had moved to United States and shows up in both the 1935 and 1940 United States Federal census living and working in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is single at this time.

Walter moved to New Jersey some time after 1940 and subsequently in 1957 married Mary Agnes McLaughlin in Alexandria, Virginia and they made their home in Hammonton, Atlantic County, New Jersey.