



**William Bussey**

**Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)**

**Service No. 1172X**

**World War I**

**Born:** 17 September 1893

**Died:** 16 August 1970

**Place of Birth:** Sandy Cove, Port de Grave,  
Newfoundland

**Parents:** Archibald and Mary Bussey

William enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) for five (5) years on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 1914 at age 21. His enlistment documents describe him as being 5' 11 ½" tall, having light hair with blue eyes and being of the Anglican faith.

His official Service Record contains the following handwritten entries. It provides a timeline of his service by date and postings:

1. 17 Aug 1914 – 05 Nov 1914: **HMS Calypso**  
(Training vessel)
2. 06 Nov 1914 – 25 Nov 1916: **HMS  
Virginian**
3. 26 Nov 1916 – 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**

May 1914 to December 1916, Channel Fleet, North America, and West Indies Station

6. 22 Nov 1917 – 14 Apr 1918: **HMS Vivid 111**
7. 15 Apr 1918 – 20 Dec 1918: **HMS President  
111**
8. 21 Dec 1918 – 02 Apr 1919: **HMS Briton**
9. 02 Apr 1919: Shore demobilized

Following his release from service, William disappears and is not found in any official Newfoundland documentation including the General census of 1921, 1935 and 1945, respectively.

What is known is that he married Violet (Nee Snow) and together they made a life in western Canada.

The couple is found in Prince Rupert, British Columbia when in 1968, Violet passed away. William followed two years later in 1970. They are buried in the Fairview Cemetery at Prince Rupert, B.C.