

William Henry Bartlett
Royal Newfoundland Naval Reserve
Service No. 739X
World War I

Born: 10 Jul 1878

Died: 02 Jan 1947

Place of Birth: Bareneed, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: Thomas and Jane (nee Morgan) Bartlett

Born in 1878, William was in his mid-thirties when he enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Naval Reserve in 1914. In fact, he was a married man with a family.

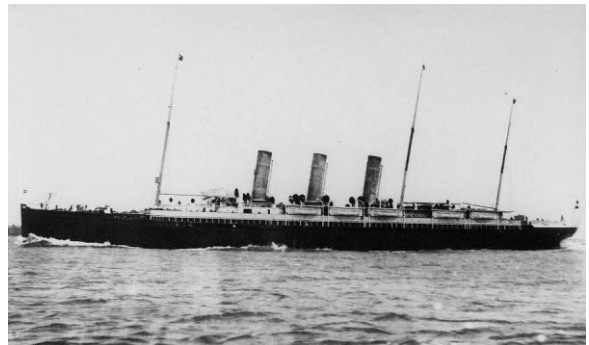
The 1911 Newfoundland General Census for the Port de Grave area and Bareneed in particular lists Willaim at age 32, wife Lucretia (nee Stoakes) also 32 and son George at age 3. Lucretia hailed from Safe Harbour of the Bonavista North area. They had married in November 1907 at St. John's. William's occupation at the time is given as the Labrador Cod Fishery.

William's engagement or Attestation papers are not available, but his service record is (it is added below as copied form the naval "ledger" papers. From this record, it is clear that William enlisted in late July/early August 1914. He would spend the next five (5) years as part of the Royal Navy.

Physically, William stood 5' 10" tall, was of fair complexion with brown hair and grey eyes.

His service record reads as follows:

1. HMS Calypso: 03 Aug 1914 – 05 Nov- 1914.
 The Calypso was the training vessel stationed at St. John's Harbour during WW I.
2. HMS Vivid 1: 06 Nov 1914- 29 Nov 1914.
3. HMS Columbella: 20 Nov 1914 – 26 Mar 1917



"SS Columbia was a 8,292 GRT Ocean liner, built for the Anchor Line as

a passenger and cargo liner that was launched on 22 February 1902 and went on her first voyage on 17 May 1902 in the North Atlantic Ocean. During World War I on 20 November 1914, she was taken over and was rebuilt into an armed merchant cruiser named *Columbella*. As *Columbella*, she had eight 4.7-inch guns. In 1917, eight 6-inch guns were added, and she was returned to her original owners in June 1919 and renamed to *Moreas*.”

4. *Pembroke* 1: 27 Mar 1917 - 24 May 1917
5. *Brition*: 25 May 1917 - 13 Nov 1917
6. *Vivid* 111: 14 Nov 1917 – 05 Jun 1918
7. *Pactolus*: 06 Jun 1918 – 05 Feb 1919.



“**HMS *Pactolus*** was a *Pelorus*-class protected cruiser of the Royal Navy. There were eleven “Third class” protected cruisers in the class, which were designed by Sir William White. While well armed for their size, they were primarily workhorses for the overseas fleet on “police” duties and did not serve with the main battlefleet.”

8. *Pactolus*: 09 Feb 1919 – 05 Mar 1919
9. *Holly*: 06 Mar 1919 – 15 Mar 1919
10. *Vivid* 111: 16 Mar 1919 – 25 Apr 1919

11. *Brition*: 26 Apr 1919 – 15 May 1919.

The 1921 census listing for Bareneed shows William and Lucretia at 43, son George 13 and adopted daughter, Della at 5 years old.

By 1923, the Bartlett family is living in Niagara Falls, Ontario. By 1926, the family is now in the United States with William making declaration for US citizenship. By 1930, William is working as a seaman on the SS Berkshire and gives his home address as Lynn, Massachusetts.

A move back to Ontario followed, where William died in 1947 of pulmonary Tuberculosis after a lengthy stay of more than nine months in hospital. He is buried in Prospect Cemetery, Toronto.

William’s Medals



L – R

- a) 1914 – 1915 Star
- b) British War Medal (1914 – 1920)
- c) Victory Medal (1914 – 1919)

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Name
in full

William H. Bartlett

Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Occupation

Date and Period of U. S. Engagements.

Age	Height Ft. in.	Hair	Eyes	Complexion

Wounds, Scars, Marks, &c.

Ships, &c., served in. List and No. Rating. Sub-ratings. Badges. Period of Service. Character. If Discharged, Whither and for what Cause.

Calypso 15 1158
Vivid I 15 1158
Columbella 5 22
Gembroke I 14 4593
Vivid II 14 4593
Vivid III 15 493
Pactolus (Jaco) 15 493
Bristol 14 1388
Pactolus (Vicars) 12 23
" (Stolly) 12 23
" (Vid) 12 3410
Bristol 15 1388

3 Aug 14 5 Nov 14
6 Nov 14 29 Nov 14
30 Nov 14 26 Dec 17
27 Dec 17 25 May 17
25 May 17 13 Nov 17
14 Nov 17 5 June 18
6 June 18 5 Feb 19
25 Apr 19
26 Apr 19 18 June 19
4 Feb 19 5 Dec 19
6 Dec 19 15 Dec 19
16 Dec 19 25 Sept 19
26 Sept 19 15 Aug 19

PAID WAR GRATUITY
Paid to Bartlett
12/1/19

Class for Conduct.

Clothing and Belling Gratuities.

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REMARKS.

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