



William Richard Lyons
World War I
Royal Naval Reserve
Service No. 1820X

William was born on December 20th, 1895. He was the grandson of Mary Jane (Abram) French of Country Road, Bay Roberts.

William enlists in the Royal Naval Reserve for one year on the 22nd of March 1915. He was 20 years old at his time on enlistment, single, able to write (signed his enlistment paper) and in the space for parents' names, he writes his grandmother, Mary Jane French and his place of birth as Bay Roberts.

From research we find out that William probably lied about his age and was born in 1898, not 1895 as on his enlistment documents.

Since William signed up for a one-year period. His service record reflects that and shows only three entries as follows:

1, HMS Calypso 22 March 1915 – 30 December 1915.

2. HMS Briton: 30 December 1915 – 22 March 1916.

3. Completed engagement and discharged 22 March 1916.

Following his discharge in March of 1916, William seems to disappear from all official documents researched.

It seems that William left Newfoundland and returned to his home in Maine. He married Nina Florence (nee White) and together they had 3 sons, Stanley, Joseph and James.

The 1940 Census for the state of Maine, USA shows the following:

William R Lyons in the 1940 Census

Age 44, born about 1896
Birthplace Canada English
Gender Male
Race White

Home in 1940 21 Lincoln Street
Millinocket,
Penobscot, Maine

Household Members

		Age
Aunt	Emma Russell	66
Head	William R Lyons	44
Brother	Joseph B Lyons	39
Wife	Nina F Lyons	33
Son	William R Lyons Junior	16
Son	Stanley A Lyons	14
Son	James E Lyons	6

This snapshot of William R Lyons's life was captured by the 1940 U.S. Census.

William R Lyons was born about 1896 in Canada. In 1940, he was 44 years old and lived in Millinocket, Maine, with his wife, Nina, and 3 sons.

Then this notice of 1964:

William Richard Lyons

BIRTH	1898
DEATH	30 Sep 1964 (aged 65–66) Millinocket, Penobscot County, Maine, USA
BURIAL	<u>Millinocket Cemetery</u> Millinocket, Penobscot County, Maine, USA
PLOT	Section K Block 11 Grave 17

WILLIAM R. LYONS

MILLINOCKET. — William R. Lyons, 65, died Wednesday at his residence following a long illness.

He was born December 23, 1898, at Bay Roberts, Newfoundland, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (French) Lyons.

He had resided here for 48 years.

He was employed by the Great Northern Paper Company for 48 years, 40 years as a paper maker. He was a member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church and a member of the International Brotherhood of Papermakers.

He is survived by his widow, Nina (White) Lyons of here, four sons, William of Norwich, Conn., Stanley of Presque Isle, James of Millinocket, Joseph of Millinocket; a brother, Joseph of here; a sister, Mrs. Ruby Parsons of Montreal, Que.; 16 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Carl A. Russell Jr. officiating.

Burial will be in the family lot in the Millinocket Cemetery.

Friends may call at the residence, 121 Somerset Street.

Arrangements are by Kelleher Funeral Home.