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**Allan Parsons**  
**World War I**  
**Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)**  
**Service No. 1180X**

**Born:** 05 Nov 1892

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

**Parents:** Edward and Emma Parsons

Meet Allan Parsons, son of Edward and Emma of Bay Roberts. Allan was 21 when he traveled to St. John's and enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve of Newfoundland and subsequently the Royal Navy of Great Britain.

The enlistment record of 22 Jan 1914 describes Allan as being 5'7", of fresh complexion with dark hair, brown eyes, and a fisherman by trade.

Allan would survive his six (6) years of service at sea with the Royal Navy during the war, return home, live his life in Newfoundland, be married twice and pass away at the age of eighty-nine (89).

Allan's Service Record is quite extensive with a full page of entries covering six years and various postings on ships and to Naval bases.

1. 24 Aug 1914 – 05 Nov 1914: **HMS Calypso**  
(Training vessel positioned in St. John's Harbour)
2. 06 Nov 1914 – 20 Dec 1914: **HMS Excellent**
3. 21 Dec 1914 – 10 Mar 1915: **HMS Patia**



**HMS Patia, armed merchant cruiser**

4. 11 Mar 1915 – 31 Mar 1915: **HMS Victory 1**
5. 01 Apr 1915 – 07 May 1915: **HMS Victory 11**
6. 08 Apr 1915 – 08 Mar 1916: **HMS Stephen Furness** (*On December 13, 1917, the HMS Stephen Furness, an armed boarding steamer, is torpedoed by the German submarine UB-64 off the western coast of the Isle of Man, sinking before lifeboats can be lowered. The loss of one hundred lives includes five Canadians from the Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve.*)
7. 09 Mar 1916 – 12 Oct 1916: **HMS Talia**
8. 13 Oct 1916 – 01 Nov 1916: **HMS Victory 1**
9. 02 Nov 16 – 26 Nov 1917: **HMS Arlanza**



**HMS Arlanza, armed merchant cruiser**

10. 27 Nov 1917 – 27 Apr 1918: **HMCS Niobe**
11. 28 Apr 1918 – 05 Jul 1918: **HMS Victory 1**

12. 06 Jul 1918 – 12 Jan 1919: “entry is illegible”
13. 14 Jan 1919 – 11 Apr 1919: “entry is illegible”
14. 12 Apr 1919 – 24 Jul 1919: **HMS Attentive 111** (John Baptist)
15. 25 Jul 1919 – 26 Oct 1919: **HMS Ganges**
16. 27 Oct 1919 – 24 Nov 1919: **HMS Pekin**
17. 25 Nov 1919 – 11 Dec 1919: **HMS Vivid 1**
18. 12 Dec 1919 – 06 Feb 1920: **HMS Briton**

06 Feb 1920 demobilized and discharged.

In his civilian life, Allan married Mary Tucker of Port de Grave in 1915, while he was serving. Together they had three (3) children, Barbara, Gertrude, and Allan as noted in the 1921 Newfoundland census. The Parsons were then living in Coley's Point, Bay Roberts. Mary died in 1928, leaving Allan a widower with a young family. Mary is buried at Coley's Point in the St. John the Evangelist Cemetery.

The 1935 census record shows that Allan is now living on John Street in St. John's West and married to Florence (from Lower Island Cove) and their family now numbers six (6) in all.

By 1945, still living in St. John's, the Parsons family has increased by two (2), Harvey and Queenie.

Allan passed away in 1980 at age 89, while Florence passed in 1990. Both are buried in St. John's, Newfoundland at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Below is a clipping from The Guardian weekly newspaper dated 13 November 1914 that mentions Allan.

## Our Naval Reservists

In addition to the list of Naval Reservists belonging to Bay Roberts and vicinity who have enlisted in His Majesty's Navy, and published in last week's issue, the response to our request to be furnished with the names of any others has been general. We therefore publish this week an additional list of our boys who have gone to the front:

Albert Parsons, Crane's Brook, son of Moses and Elizabeth Parsons.

James Snow, Bay Roberts, son of Mrs. Tacs. Mercer and the late James Snow.

Isaac Earle, Shearstown, son of Chas. and Mary Ann Earle.

Joseph Bradbury, Coley's Point, son of James and Elizabeth Bradbury.

Arthur Russell, Coley's Point, son of Edward and Sarah Jane Russell.

Henry Saunders, Shearstown, son of James and Mary Jane Saunders.

James H. Mercer, Shearstown, son of Henry and Emma Mercer.

Eli Sparks, Shearstown, son of Isaac of Wm. and Mary Jane Sparks.

John Parsons, Shearstown, son of John and Mary Ann Parsons.

Allan Parsons, Crane's Brook, son of Edward and Emma Parsons.

Joseph Barrett, French's Cove, son of John and the late Barrett.

Ralph Parsons, Crane's Brook, son of James and Amelia Parsons.

Jack Parsons, Country Road, son of William and Selina Parsons.

Name  
in full

*Allen Parsons*

Date of Birth *5 November 1892*  
Place of Birth *Bay Roberts*  
Occupation *Fishing*

Date and Period of C. S. Engagements. *22 January, 1914.* Age *22* Height *5:7* Ft. in. *bark* Hair *Bro.* Eyes *Fresh* Complexion. Wounds, Scars, Marks, etc. *mn*

*M.C.S. April 1919*

| Ships, etc., served in.    | List and No.   | Rating.     | Sub-ratings. |         | Badges.                     | Period of Service.           |  | Character. | If Discharged, Whither, and for what Cause. |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|---------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------|---|
|                            |                |             | Rating.      | From To |                             | From To                      |  |            |   |
| <i>Calypso</i>             | <i>14 7580</i> | <i>Smr.</i> |              |         | <i>91. 24-5-1724 Aug 14</i> | <i>5 Nov. 14</i>             |  |            |   |
| <i>Excellant</i>           | <i>14 1400</i> |             |              |         |                             | <i>6 Nov. 14 20 Dec. 14</i>  |  |            |   |
| <i>Patia</i>               | <i>5 61</i>    |             |              |         |                             | <i>21 Dec. 14 10 Feb. 15</i> |  |            |   |
| <i>Victory I</i>           | <i>15 6734</i> |             |              |         |                             | <i>11 Feb. 15 31 Mar. 15</i> |  |            |   |
| <i>Victory I (Belknap)</i> | <i>15 6734</i> |             |              |         |                             | <i>1 Apr. 15 7 Apr. 15</i>   |  |            |   |
| <i>Stephen Hinchey</i>     | <i>15 6734</i> |             |              |         |                             | <i>8 Apr. 15 8 Aug. 15</i>   |  |            |   |
| <i>Thalys</i>              | <i>15 6734</i> |             |              |         |                             | <i>9 Aug. 15 12 Oct. 15</i>  |  |            |   |
| <i>Victory I</i>           | <i>15 6734</i> |             |              |         |                             | <i>13 Oct. 15 1 Nov. 15</i>  |  |            |   |
| <i>Atlantia</i>            | <i>5 29</i>    |             |              |         |                             | <i>21 Nov. 15 26 Nov. 15</i> |  |            |   |
| <i>Arctis</i>              | <i>5 29</i>    |             |              |         |                             | <i>27 Nov. 15 24 Apr. 16</i> |  |            |   |
| <i>Victory I</i>           | <i>15 6734</i> |             |              |         |                             | <i>28 Apr. 16 5 July 16</i>  |  |            |   |
| <i>Victory I</i>           | <i>15 6734</i> |             |              |         |                             | <i>6 July 16 10 Jan. 17</i>  |  |            |   |
| <i>Victory I</i>           | <i>15 6734</i> |             |              |         |                             | <i>11 Jan. 17 14 Jan. 17</i> |  |            |   |
| <i>Victory I</i>           | <i>15 6734</i> |             |              |         |                             | <i>15 Jan. 17 24 July 17</i> |  |            |   |
| <i>Victory I</i>           | <i>15 6734</i> |             |              |         |                             | <i>25 July 17 26 Oct. 17</i> |  |            |   |
| <i>Victory I</i>           | <i>15 6734</i> |             |              |         |                             | <i>27 Oct. 17 24 Nov. 17</i> |  |            |   |
| <i>Victory I</i>           | <i>15 6734</i> |             |              |         |                             | <i>25 Nov. 17 11 Dec. 17</i> |  |            |   |
| <i>Victory I</i>           | <i>15 6734</i> |             |              |         |                             | <i>12 Dec. 17 6 Feb. 18</i>  |  |            |   |

*This man's a/c in shown on "Arctis" 1.1.18 to have been made. 1.10.17 - 31.12.18. 1.1.18 - 31.7.18.*

*Renewed. Reverted to RN. PAID WAR GRATUITY Reverted to R.N. Discharged.*

Class for Conduct.

Clothing and Bedding Gratuities.

REMARKS.

*13 G.C. Michie.*

*Trans to "Arctis" 2.2.18 (10721). Passed for Sea B. H. 8.10.18. 9/9/20336/23*

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