



Howard Taylor
World War I
Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)
Service No. 2476X

Howard was born on March 20th, 1897, to parents Samuel and Mary Emma of Ship Cove, Port de Grave.

Howard travelled to St. John's, where on the 26th of May 1918; he enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve as seaman for the duration of the war. He was 21 at the time and an accomplished seaman, having listed his occupation as fisherman.

Following the normal enlistment process, Howard was assigned Service No. 2476X.

He underwent the normal training aboard the training vessel "Briton." His service record shows that this training ran from May 25th, 1918, to July 14th, 1918. He then was assigned to the Briton from July 14th, 1918, to June 18th, 1919.

It was late in the war and Howard did not see service overseas. He remained in Newfoundland for his entire service career and was demobilized in June 1919.

Following his discharge from service, Howard returned home to Port de Grave and is found in the 1921 census, single, 24 years old and living at home with his parents.

The 1935 census shows a very different picture for Howard, who is now 38 and married to Violet. They have three sons, two of whom were born in the USA. It seems likely that the Taylors went to the United States to find work and spent several years there, returning home to Ship Cove, Port de Grave about 1930. The household now consists of Howard, Violet and three boys but also included his widowed brother and his two girls.

Howard passed away in Port de Grave on November 28th, 1962 and is buried in the Port de Grave United Church Cemetery.