

Nathan Churchill World War I Royal Naval Reserve Service No. 1748X

Nathan was born on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 1893 to parents John and Jane Churchill of French's Cove, Bay Roberts.

At 22 Nathan enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve as a seaman for one year. This happened on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1915. Single at the time, Nathan stood 5ft 10 inches tall and he signed his enlistment paper with very good handwriting form.

The service record for Nathan covers the period from 15 April 1915 to 1 June 1916.

During the service period, Nathan was assigned as follows:

1.**HMS Briton** (16 April 1915 – 29 May 1915.)

- 2. **HMS Victory 1** (30 May 1915 13 August 1915)
- 3.**HMS Excellent** (14 August 1915 229 October 1915)
- 4. **Victory 1** (30 October 1915 24 April 1916
- 5. **Pembroke** (25 April 1916 2 May 1916)
- 6. **Briton** (3 May 1916 1 June 1916

It is on this date, 1 June 1916, that the service record contains the notation "completed engagement" and Nathan is discharged.

Nathan returned home as indicated by the 1921 census of Bay Roberts, showing him now married to Jessie J. also of Bay Roberts.

The only record of Nathan found after the 1921 census is a gravesite located in the Trinity Anglican Cemetery in Sydney Mines, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. The stone indicates that Nathan died on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 1942.