

Samuel George Dawe
Royal Naval Reserve Newfoundland
Royal Navy
Service No. 661X
World War I

Born: 29 Sep 1884

Died: 13 Oct 1950 (age 66)

Place of Birth: Ship Cove, Port de Grave,

Newfoundland

Parents: Robert and Susannah (nee Butler) Dawe

Samuel enlisted in the Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve in July 1914. His official service record by date and vessel is as follows:

- 1. **HMS Calypso**: 03 Aug 1914 05 Nov 1914
- 2. **HMS Vivid 1**: 06 Nov 1914 29 Nov 1914
- 3. **HMS Columbella**: 30 Nov 1914 26 Mar 1917
- 4. HMS Pembroke: 27 Mar 1917 24 May 1917
- 5. Briton: 25 May 1917 09 Jul 1917
- 6. **Albert H. Whitman:** 10 Jul 1817 22 Nov 1917.

Note: Royal Navy Q-ship, *Albert H Whitman*, a Grand Bank sailing schooner. The crew sailed the waters around the banks of Newfoundland disguised as a fishing schooner. Q-ships were various size ships that were armed decoy ships made to look like ordinary commercial vessels in hopes of encouraging a German U-boat to surface.

- 7. **RCN Niobe** (**CD 12**): 23 Nov 1917 13 June 1918
- 8. **RCN Niobé (CD 36):** 14 June 1918 -31 Aug 1918
- 9. **RCN Guelph (CD 32**): 1 Sep 1918 04 Dec 1918
- 10. **RCN Niobe**: 05 Dec 1918 20 Dec 1918
- 11. **HMS Briton**: 20 Dec 1918 20 Mar 1919
- 12. Shore Demobilized: Saturday, 20 Mar 1919

This is the vessel that Samuel served as leading seaman on for almost two and half $(2 \frac{1}{2})$ years.



HMS COLUMBELLA

November 1914 to May 1916, September 1917 to October 1918, Northern Patrol (10th Cruiser Squadron), North Atlantic convoys.

The 1921 Newfoundland general census shows Samuel at age 37 and wife Rebecca at 25. They had been married the year prior in February 1920 at St. John's. Rebecca Efford was from Sandy Cove, Port de Grave,

By 1935, the family still living in Sandy Cove, Port de Grave now consisted of Samuel 50, Rebecca 38, Bertha 12, Della 10, Daisy 6, and Kathleen 2. Rebecca's father, Nathaniel Efford, aged 77 was living with them. Samuel is engaged in the Cod Fishery as his occupation.

At the time of the following census in 1945, Samuel and Rebecca have just one child, Kathleen age 11, at home with them.

Samuel died in 1950 of heart failure brought on by a cerebral hemorrhage. He is buried in St. Lukes Anglican Churchyard Cemetery at Port de Grave.

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