



William Bussey
Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)
Service No. 1172X
World War I

Born: 17 September 1893

Died: 16 August 1970

Place of Birth: Sandy Cove, Port de Grave, Newfoundland

Parents: Archibald and Mary Bussey

William enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) for five (5) years on the 12th of January 1914 at age 21. His enlistment documents describe him as being 5' 11 1/2" tall, having light hair with blue eyes and being of the Anglican faith.

His official Service Record contains the following handwritten entries. It provides a timeline of his service by date and postings.

1. 17 Aug 1914 – 05 Nov 1914: **HMS Calypso** (Training vessel)
2. 06 Nov 1914 – 25 Nov 1916: **HMS Virginian**
3. 26 Nov 1916 – 24 May 1917: **HMS Pembroke 1**
4. 25 May 1917 – 14 Jun 1917: **HMS Briton**
5. 15 Jun 1917 – 21 Nov 1917: **HMS Caesar**



HMS CAESAR

May 1914 to December 1916, Channel Fleet, North America, and West Indies Station

6. 22 Nov 1917 – 14 Apr 1918: **HMS Vivid 111**
7. 15 Apr 1918 – 20 Dec 1918: **HMS President 111**
8. 21 Dec 1918 – 02 Apr 1919: **HMS Briton**
9. 02 Apr 1919: Shore demobilized

Following his release from service, William disappears and is not found in any official Newfoundland documentation including the General census of 1921, 1935 and 1945, respectively.

What is known is that he married Violet (Nee Snow) and together they made a life in western Canada.

The couple is found in Prince Rupert, British Columbia when in 1968, Violet passed away. William followed two years later in 1970. They are buried in the Fairview Cemetery at Prince Rupert, B.C.

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Name
in full }

William Bussell

Date of Birth 17 September 1893.
Place of Birth Port de Gove.
Occupation ✓

Rate 19. Special Grace

Date and Period of C. S. Engagements.	Age.	Height Fe. in.	Hair.	Eyes.	Complexion.	Wounds, Scars, Marks, &c.
12 January, 1916. Supt.	21	5' 11	Light	Blue	Fresh	none

Ships, &c., served in.	List and No.	Rating.	Sub-ratings.		Badges.	Period of Service.		Character.	If Discharged, Whither, and for what Cause.
			Rating.	From		To	From		
Calypso	Rank	Co.				21/2/18			
Virginian	14 7333	Simm. Oct 59	27/4/175	✓	3/18	17 August 5/1000 at Ryde	17/8/18		Discharged by No. 147
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Briton	14 7333	10/2/18				25 May 17 14 June 17			
Caesar	14 7333	10/2/18				15 July 17 21 Nov 17			PAID WAR GRATUITY.
Nova III	15 2 End	11 82	"			22 Nov 17 11 April 18			(Rep'd to Briton)
President II	14 7333	5598	"			18 April 18 20 Dec 18			
Briton	14 7333	667	"			21 Dec 18 20 April 19	7.9.2.4.195 Sat	Decide!	12/10/19

Class for Conduct.

Clothing and Bedding Gratuities.

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REMARKS.

1/1/18 left Ryde
Adjusted "Virginian"
Jan 15
Hoddy Inn (Domes) 15/4/18-20/12/18