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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 ½" 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 Bussey

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

2 April 19. Special Trace

Date and Period of C. S. Engagements.	Age.	Height. Ft. in.	Hair.	Eyes.	Complexion.	Wounds, Scars, Marks, &c.
12 January 1914.	Supo.	2	5 11 1/2	Light	Blue	Fresh

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	To		
Calypso	14 733	Rank	Red	Oct 59	27 4 17	515	21 12 18	17 Aug 15	Nov. 14	14 Nov 16 dat.
Virginian	58 133	Rank	Red	Oct 11	15 4 18	20 12 18	1.	6 Nov. 14	25 Nov 16	made a mistake by No. 147
Comstock	58 133	Rank	Red	Oct 11	15 4 18	20 12 18	1.	26 Nov 16	24 May 17	7 9 31 12 18 18
Victor	14 733	Rank	Red	Oct 11	15 4 18	20 12 18	1.	25 May 17	14 June 17	
Cassat	14 733	Rank	Red	Oct 11	15 4 18	20 12 18	1.	15 June 17	2. Nov. 17	
Vanda	15 5598	Rank	Red	Oct 11	15 4 18	20 12 18	1.	22 Nov 17	14 April 18	
President	58 133	Rank	Red	Oct 11	15 4 18	20 12 18	1.	15 April 18	20 Dec 18	
Briton	14 733	Rank	Red	Oct 11	15 4 18	20 12 18	1.	21 Dec 18	20 April 19	7 9 2 4 19 5 at Benet.

PAID WAR GRATUITY.
Repd to Briton
12/10/19

Class for Conduct.

Clothing and Bedding Gratuities.

13 G. Michs

REMARKS.

At home Sept 17 1893
Admitted "Virginian"
June 15.
Det. 14th Ann (Bristol) 15 4 18 - 20 12 18