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Archibald Parsons
Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)
Royal Navy
Service No. JX183546
World War II

Born: 1922

Died: 14 Mar 1989

Place of Birth: Coley's Point, Bay Roberts, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: Allan & Mary Dawe (Tucker) Parsons

Archibald's mother, Mary, died in 1928, and is buried in St. John the Evangelist Cemetery at Coley's Point. His dad, Allan, remarried a lady Florence (Tucker) Parsons some time later.

The 1935 Newfoundland census shows the Parsons family are now living in St. John's West and the family has three new additions,

Olive (7), Gladys (5) and Ralph (3). Archibald is now thirteen (13).

Archibald enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve and subsequently the Royal Navy of Great Britain in late 1939 and was member of the 2nd Naval Contingent of men (some 175 in this contingent) to be shipped overseas to England. The Contingent left St. John's on January 6th, 1940, on the HMT Nova Scotia and arrived at Liverpool, some 18 days later on 24 January 1940.



RMS Nova Scotia

RMS Nova Scotia was a 6,796 GRT UK transatlantic ocean liner and Royal Mail Ship. In World War II she was requisitioned as a troopship. In 1942 a German submarine sank her in the Indian Ocean with the loss of 858 of the 1,052 people aboard.

From Archibald's service number, additional information is that his role was that of seaman or communications designation. This is gleaned from the "J" as part of his number of JX183546.

Archibald survived the war and would go on to marry Phyllis Steele of St. John's. They would have one child of record, a girl.

Archibald passed away in March of 1989
and is buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery at
St. John's.