



**Arthur George French**

**Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit**

**Service No. 2091**

**166<sup>th</sup> Heavy Royal Artillery**

**Service No. 991635**

**WW II**

Arthur George French was born on December 26<sup>th</sup>, 1918, to parents Robert and Winnifred at French's Cove, Bay Roberts. Arthur was their first son.

Over the next few years, the French's had two other boys, William Robert and Raymond Lloyd.

All three brothers would enlist and served in WW II. Arthur enlisted as a member of the NOFU (Newfoundland overseas Forestry Unit and was assigned service number 2091). He was then moved to the nominal roll of the 166<sup>th</sup> Heavy Artillery Unit, assigned service number 991635 and was subsequently a member of the 166<sup>th</sup> Royal Artillery the first contingent to Africa. He was a Gnr (Gunner) in this unit.

Following the war, Arthur returned to Newfoundland. He met Olive; they married and moved to Corner Brook. Arthur passed away on 19 November 1988 and is buried in Mount Patricia Cemetery, Corner Brook.

Below is a clipping from The Evening Telegram dated 06 July 1940 taken when Arthur joined the NOFU:



ARTHUR G. FRENCH

son of Robert and Winifred French, Bay Roberts, who volunteered for H.M. Navy and, being rejected, offered his services with the Nfld. Forestry Unit. His father is also with the Foresters in Scotland.