

Duncan Collins

Royal Navy

World War II

Service # 181354

Born: 19 Dec 1915

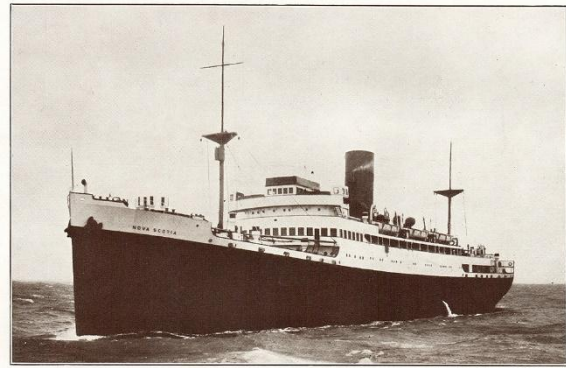
Died: 06 Sep 1999

Place of Birth: Spaniard's Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: William and Charlotte (Jewer) Collins

Since WW II military records are not available to the general public as yet, it becomes quite difficult to provide a proper picture of Duncan's war time service.

What is known, is that he enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) and subsequently transferred to the Royal Navy. Duncan was part of the 2nd Naval Contingent from Newfoundland to ship overseas. His contingent composed of 175 men left St. John's on 06 January 1940 onboard the RMT Nova Scotia and arrived at Liverpool, England 24 Jan 1940.



"NOVA SCOTIA"
(POINCESS, WITHE & CO., LTD.)

491 ft. B.P. x 55 ft. 3 ins. x 34 ft. 4 ins.
6,796 tons gross. 14 knots. 5,160 H.P.

RMS Nova Scotia

RMS *Nova Scotia* was a 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.

At the time of enlistment, Duncan was described as being 5' 11" tall, of fair complexion with blue eyes and fair hair.

The 1921 Newfoundland general census lists Duncan living in Spaniard's Bay. He is six (6) years old, and his father had died the previous year. His mother Charlotte died in September 1934.

Following his release from the Navy, Duncan married Mary Martina Parsons of Bay Roberts and together they had a family of Five (5).

Martina passed away in 1978 at the age of fifty-nine (59) and Duncan passed in September 1999 at the Leonard A. Miller Centre, St. John's. They are buried in the Grace United Cemetery at Coley's Point, Bay Roberts, Newfoundland.

**Sailed With
2nd Contingent**



Able Seaman Duncan Collins, R.N.

Second Naval Draft

Son of the late William and Charlotte Collins, of Spaniard's Bay, who sailed with the Second Newfoundland Naval Contingent and has now the rank of Able Seaman.