



**Edward Byrne**

**Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit**

**NOFU**

**Service No. 2206**

**World War II**

**Born:** 17 Dec 1903

**Place of Birth:** Boston, Mass

**Parents:** John and Agnes Byrne

Edward was the eldest of three (3) children (all boys, Clarence and James being the other two) born to John and Agnes Byrne and the only one born in the United States.

He enlisted in the Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit on 20 June 1940 and would serve in that roll until he was discharged or more precisely released from his engagement contract on 31 July 1945. He served just a month over five (5) years. He

had signed a contract with the Newfoundland Forestry Companies and worked for \$2/day in Scotland.

Following the war, Edward becomes hard to locate and it is possible that he worked away since he appears only in the 1945 Newfoundland census living in the community of Hodgewater with his uncle and aunt, Patrick and Alice Byrne, farmers of the area. Edward is listed as being 42 and single at this time.

Edward married Isabelle Lane in 1948 and together they had four (4) children, Theresa, Carmel, Alice, and James. Edward worked as a labourer for Dawes of Cupids. He then worked for the CN railway and spent time on the Northshore area of Quebec and Labrador. He would be away for months at a time in Labrador. Health issues forced him to retire in 1966.

Edward passed away in 1973 and Isabelle in 2020. They are buried in the All Hallows' Roman Catholic Cemetery at South River.