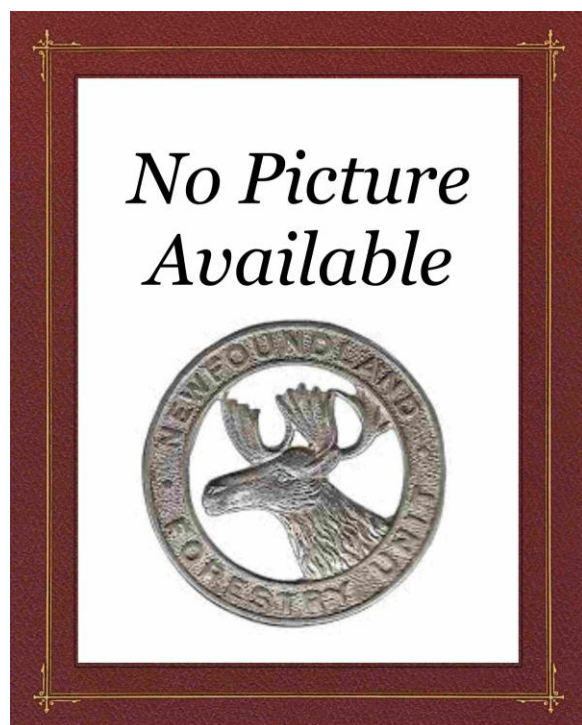




**Edward Byrne**

**Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit  
(NOFU)**

**Service No.**

**World War II**

**Born:** 17 December 1903

**Died:** 17 June 1973

**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 (see below). 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 2002. They are buried in the All Hallows Roman Catholic Cemetery at South River.

Below is Edwards's obituary as it appeared in The Compass:

*From The Compass  
05 July 1973*

**Passed away in his 69th year, Edward Byrne, leaving to mourn his wife Isabelle, daughter Theresa at Carbonear, Alice and Carmel at home, one son Jim at home, two brothers Clarence at South River and Jim at Placentia and a large sum of relatives and friends. Deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.**



# Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit

This is to certify that No. 2206,

Edward Byrne, South River, Clarkes Beach.

served with the NEWFOUNDLAND OVERSEAS FORESTRY UNIT

from 20-6-40 to 31-7-45 and was Honourably

released from his contract on July 31st 19 45

Signed

(Nfld. Overseas Forestry Unit.)