

Francis (Frank) Joseph Fitzpatrick Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit NOFU

Service No. 2090

World War II

Born: 11 Jul 1919

Died: 1991

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Conception Bay,

Newfoundland

Parents: Thomas and Bridget "Bride" (nee

Morrissey) Fitzpatrick

The 1921 Newfoundland census shows the Fitzpatrick family living in Bay Roberts. Thomas is 50 years old and works as a fisherman, Bride 42 is working as an operator at the Western Union Cable Company. They have four (4) children, Vincent 17, Alice 14, Frank 11, Lenius 9.

At the time of the next census in 1935, Frank, now 25, is working as a labourer and is married. His wife Cecilia (nee Shanahan) was born in Corner Brook, Newfoundland. The couple got married on January 6th, 1932, at Harbour Grace. They have two (2) children, Kevin age 2 and Rose just several months old. They live in Bay Roberts.

Still in Bay Roberts in 1945, the Fitzpatrick family now includes Kevin age 12, Rose 11, Alice 8, Francis 2 and Christina Shanahan, Cecilia's sister aged 24. Frank and Cecilia are 35 and 34, respectively.

By 1953, the family has moved to Corner Brook and are living in the Humber area. This being Cecilia's home coupled with the logging industry in the region may account for the family's move there.

Cecilia Passed away in 1981 and Frank ten (10) years later in 1991. They are buried in Mount Patricia Roman Catholic Cemetery at Corner Brook, Newfoundland.

No record of his service in the NOFU has located other than confirmation of his service number. Additional information will be added as it becomes available.

Below are a couple of clippings from The Bay Roberts Guardian that mention Frank:

20 January 1940



07 March 1942

Frank Fitzpatrick, who has been overseas in the Nfld. Forestry Unit for the past two years, returned home last week.