



**Graham Mercer**  
**Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)**  
**Royal Navy**  
**Service No. C/173313**  
**World War II**

**Born:** 10 Feb 1918

**Died:** 07 Feb 1984

**Place of Birth:** Shearstown, Bay Roberts,  
Conception Bay, Newfoundland

**Parents:** William Cyril and Ellen (Holmes)  
Mercer

Graham enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) and served in the Royal Navy of Great Britain as an able seaman.

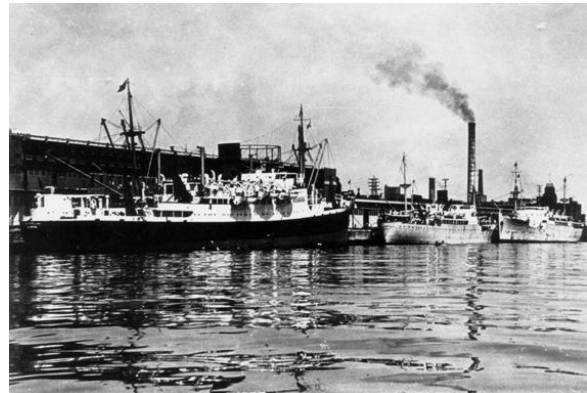
Along with a number of friends from the Bay Roberts area, Graham was part of the First Naval Contingent of 200 men that shipped overseas from Newfoundland. He and the rest of the contingent left St. John's, Newfoundland on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 1939 and arrived at Liverpool, England on 15 December 1939 via Halifax, Nova Scotia.

At the time of his enlistment, Graham is described as being 5' 7" tall, of fair complexion with brown hair and gray eyes. He had an identifying scar on his left leg.

Graham is found in the 1921 Newfoundland general census at age four (4) and living in Shearstown, Bay Roberts, Newfoundland with his parents and five (5) other siblings.

At the time of the next general census in 1935, there are now 10 children in all, Graham's dad is a forty-eight (48) widower having lost his wife in 1932.

December 20, 1943, shows Graham as arriving in New York on board the HMS Fort Townshend with a crew of Royal Navy personnel.



"Newfoundland" / "Fort Townshend" / "Fort Amherst" (L-R)

Graham did not marry but did have a son, Ronnie, born in May 1954 but he died a month later.

Graham died in February 1984 at sixty-five (65). He is buried in the Trinity United Old Cemetery at Shearstown.