



**Harry Strange**  
**Mercantile Marine**  
**Merchant Marine**  
**World War II**

**Born:** 1903/1904

**Died:** unknown

**Place of Birth:** Port de Grave, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

**Parents :** William and Emma Anne “Annie” (nee Parsons) Strange

Harry was the third child born to parents, William and Anne of Port de Grave, Harry was born in 1904, a younger brother to George who died in service in 1918.

In tracing Harry (sometimes referred to as Henry), the Newfoundland general census of 1921, 1935 and 1945 provides background information.

The 1921 census for Quidi Vidi (St. John’s East) contains the following listings:  
William is 46, wife Annie is 45, Children:  
Harry is 17, Albert (Bert) is 16, Mary is 14,

Lornie is 12, Emma Jane 11 and Anne 8.  
Harry is working as an “apprentice” with R. Chaulker.

The next census in 1935 from St. John’s East Bell Island district shows Harry at 32, wife Edna 27 and child Joan at age 4. Harry is now working as a policeman.

*From The Daily News*  
*04 November 1939*

# Missing Men Are Located

**Went Astray On White Hills Yesterday While Berry-Picking**

**FQUND BY POLICE**

Two men Lloyd Pretty and John Fowler, of the Battery, who were astray on the White Hills since last night at dark, were located at 4 o’clock this morning by Constables Harry Strange, Thomas Hollett and P. Dunn near the farm of Joseph Cook, White Hills.

Arthur Pretty of the Battery reported to the police at 8.30 p.m. yesterday that his brother Lloyd and John Fowler had left home at 10 o’clock in the morning to go berry picking on the White Hills and had not returned. The three Constables, with lanterns started a search at 11 p.m. and after five hours search located the two men and the police van was sent to pick them up.

1945 sees the Harry working as a longshoreman, he is now 42, Edna 38 and Joan is 14.

Items of Note:

1. In 1925 at the age of 22, Harry was a crew member on the vessel Strathcona.

2. In September 1930, he worked as an "oiler" on the Fort St, George destined for New York from St. John's, Newfoundland. He is 27 and described as being 5'7" and 148 lbs.

Harry had the background as a seaman to have been a crewman in the Mercantile or Merchant Marine during World War II. The photo of him that appeared in the Evening Telegram on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 1940, does have him as apart of the Mercantile Marine that year

There is an earlier newspaper clipping dated 15 February 1940 found in The Evening Telegram that lists Harry as having enlisted in the Royal Navy (see the clipping below).

This being the case, two brothers just six years apart in age participated in the two World Wars. George in World War I as a member of the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) and Harry as part of the Merchant Marine (and possibly the Royal Navy) in World War II.

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EX-CONSTABLE H. STRANGE

GEORGE STRANGE

(Left) Ex-Constable H. Strange, who is now serving with the Mercantile Marine somewhere overseas. (Right) his brother, George, who was killed in the war of 1914-18. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Strange, City.

*From The Evening Telegram  
15 February 1940*

**ENLISTMENTS AT RECRUITING OFFICE FOR ROYAL NAVY**

Chafe, Robert, Head Mundy Pond.	Gosse, Oliver James, 25 Pleasant Street.
Coleman, Alphonus, 89 Casey Street.	Roberts, Edgar, 245 Hamilton Avenue.
Mercer, William Frederick, Mundy Pond Road.	Genge, Nelson, 319 Hamilton Avenue.
Vokey, William John, 78 Goodridge Street.	Genge, Anthony, 319 Hamilton Avenue.
Osmond, George, Old Railway Track.	Bailey, Victor Mansfield, Kenmount Road.
Emberley, James, 4 Bond Street.	Bartlett, James, 21 Coronation Street.
Williams, Cyril, 44 Flower Hill.	Strange, Harry, Nfld. Constabulary.
Maher, William Francis, 105 New Gower Street.	Duffett, Chesley, 37 Spencer Street.
Janes, Austin, Virginia School House, Logy Bay Road.	Coady, John, Allandale Road.
Fleming, Patrick, 16 Prospect Street.	Kennedy, Cyril, 42 George Street.
Follett, Henry Charles, 76 Monroe Street.	Richards, William, 39 Spencer Street.
Dunn, William, 13 Bannerman Street.	Morey, William, 19 McDougall Street.
Noseworthy, George Donald, 79 Monroe Street.	Cole, Gordon, 236 Hamilton Avenue.
Bennett, William Francis, 9 Princes Street.	Shortall, Michael Joseph, 60 Hamilton Street.
	Thomas, Eric John, 65 Freshwater Road.
	Buck, John Joseph, 71 Brazil Square.