

Harvey Earle Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)

Royal Navy

Service No. 181241

World War II

Born: Sep 1918

Died: 1981

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

Parents: Albert William and Sarah Fannie Earle

Harvey was the sixth (6th) child born to Albert and Fannie, there being seven (7) in all. According to the 1921 official Newfoundland general census. Harvey was just two (2) years old and living in Shearstown with his parents and six other siblings. His grandmother Earle (Amelia) was living with them. Subsequent census listings in 1935 and again in 1945, find Harvey still at home with his parents but by '45, he was twenty-seven (27) and still single.

Sometime after 1945, he married Annie Elizabeth Russell from Bay Roberts. She was fifteen (15) years his senior.

Harvey's Naval service must have began sometime in 1939, as he was a member of the 2nd Naval Contingent to be shipped overseas to Great Britain from Newfoundland. The contingent embarked port St. John's, Newfoundland on 06 January 1940. The one hundred and seventyfive (175) men of this contingent sailed on board the RMS Nova Scotia in early January and arrived at Liverpool, England 24th January 1940.



RMS Nova Scotia

"RMS Nova Scotia was a 6,796 GRT UK transatlantic ocean liner and Royal Mail Ship. In World War II she was requisitioned as a troopship. In 1942 a German submarine sank her in the Indian Ocean with the loss of 858 of the 1,052 people aboard."

It seems that following his release from service in 1945, Harvey married Annie Russell. They did not have any children. Harvey passed away in 1981 at the age of 63, while Annie lived to be 101 years old, dying in 2005.

The two are buried in St. Marks Anglican Cemetery at Shearstown, Newfoundland.