



HERBERT BELBIN BOWERING
W.W. II

Herbert was born at Coley's Point (Bay Roberts) to parents Edgar and Nellie in March of 1920.

The 1921 Newfoundland census shows Herbert the youngest of three children, he is just a year old.

According to records, Herbert enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on the 18th of April 1940 and was discharged on 08th of September 1942. Within that two-year service span, he enlisted in the 59th Heavy Royal Artillery from the RNR. We have two sets of service numbers for him, which was the standard at the time. One service number for the Royal Newfoundland Regiment... No. 206 and one for the transfer for the 59th

(Newfoundland) Heavy Royal Artillery
British Forces... No. 971615.

The 59th (Newfoundland) Heavy Royal Artillery was formed in June 1940, under the command of Lt. Colonel J.W. Nelson and consisted of 728 officers, warrant officers, Nco's and men.

The regiment was divided into four Battalions. The 20th and 23rd manned 4 – 155mm “long toms” that could fire a 43 kg shell some 23 km's. The 21st and 22nd battalions formed around 4 – 7.2-inch Howitzers that could hurl 90kg shells 17.9 km's.

The 59th Heavy Regiment was mobile and had the ability to move its heavy guns for employment in the field.

This Regiment saw action in coastal defence in the UK but also across Northwestern Europe. The regiment was disbanded in August 1945.

Back home, Herbert appears in the 1945 at the age of 25 now, single and living with his parents.

The links below provide some interesting information at the 59th Newfoundland Heavy Royal Artillery Regiment

[59th-Nfld-Heavy-Regiment-in-Normandy-1944.pdf \(drpaulwcollins.com\)](#)

[Microsoft Word - 59th Nfld Heavy Regiment.doc \(drpaulwcollins.com\)](#)

59 (Newfoundland) Heavy Regiment RA(TA)

All ranks wore the Newfoundland title at the top of the sleeve.



59 (Newfoundland) Heavy Regiment RA was formed at Ifield, Crawley in June 1940 from a cadre from 57 (Newfoundland) Heavy Regiment RA. The Regiment was disbanded in August 1945 at Saffron Walden.

Jun 40	Formed from cadre 57 Heavy Regiment	Crawley, Sussex, UK
Jun 40	Eastern Command	UK
Nov 41	Southeast Command	Ashford, Kent, UK
Apr 44	2 Army	UK
Jun 44	3 Army Group RA	NW Europe

May 45	Home Forces	UK
Aug 45	Disbanded	Saffron Walden, Essex, UK