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Herman Llewellyn Richards
Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)
Royal Navy
Service No. P/174391
World War II

Born: 31 Aug 1914

Died: 25 Nov 1980

Place of Birth: The Dock, Bareneed,
Newfoundland

Parents: Jesse M and Bertha (Littlejohn)
Richards. Married in October 1908.

Herman is listed in the 1921 Newfoundland general census roll as being seven (7) years old, living in Bareneed (The Dock) with his parents and three siblings: Ada age 8; C. Pearl age 4 and Winnie age 2.

At the time of the next census in 1935, Herman now 21 is still at home with parents, Jesse 52 and Bertha 47. The family has

grown now to include Gerald 10 and Pharon at 5.

Little is available with regard to Herman's military service other than he was a member of the first naval contingent to be shipped overseas at the beginning of the war. The first contingent was composed of two hundred (200) men who left St. John's Newfoundland on November 27, 1939, and arrived in Liverpool, England just before Christmas on December 15th, 1939. He was twenty-five (25) at the time.

According to his service number P/174391, it is known that his home port division of service was based out of Portsmouth, England. Herman earned the rank of Able Seaman during his service.

In civilian life, Herman was married to Mary Mildred "Millie" French of Coley's Point, Bay Roberts. The 1945 census shows Mary at age 36, living at home with her parents in Coley's Point. She is single.

After marrying, the couple moved to British Columbia, where Herman worked as a painter and decorator.

He passed away in November 1980 and is buried at the Nanaimo Municipal Cemetery, Nanaimo, British Columbia.

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A.B. Herman L. Richards of the Royal Navy is at present home on leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Richards, Bareneed. A reception was held in his honor in the C. of E. School, Bareneed on Wednesday night last week.