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**John A. Kielly (Kielley)**

**Royal Naval Reserve Newfoundland**

**Royal Navy**

**Service No. MX55594**

**World War II**

**Born:** 10 Jun 1920

**Died:** 2000

**Place of Birth:** St. John's, Newfoundland

**Parents:** John Hubert and Agnes (nee Summers) Kielly.

John was born in St. John's but was raised in Bay Roberts for most of his younger years. The 1921 Newfoundland general census lists him as living on Cable Avenue, Bay Roberts with parents John (34) and Agnes (29), older brother James (3), James is 1 year old and a

lady Jane Mercer, the family's domestic servant.

Similar entries found for the 1935 census show John Sr. at 51, Agnes 49, James 17, and John 15. There is a new housekeeper, Annie Moore, aged twenty-four.

John Jr. enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve Newfoundland and was automatically transferred to the Royal Navy. His enlistment took place while he was in England and according to record; he gave his address as 158 Gower Street, St. John's Newfoundland. His surname was entered not as "Kielly" but as "Kielley." This change seems to have stuck with him.

Back home according to the 1945 census, John is living in St. John's, Newfoundland with his dad, John Sr. and second wife Annie (nee Moore), the domestic who had worked in their home for years. The first wife, Agnes, had passed away and John Sr. had remarried.

Interestingly, this census (1945) indicates that John Jr. is married but no supporting information has been found.

There is documentation of 18 February 1955 showing John Kielly is on board the SS Newfoundland sailing from Boston, Massachusetts to Liverpool England. His address is given as Jarrow, Tyne England, and occupation as cook.

John died in 2000 while living in Ontario. He is buried in St. Peter's Cemetery, London, Middlesex County, Ontario.

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**JOHN A. KIELLY, RN  
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St. John's: John A. Kielly of the Royal Navy returned home on the Fort Townshend on Sunday last. He has been discharged for disability after spending some months in a London hospital. He had served in the Mercantile Marine before joining the Navy. His father Mr. John Kielly resides at 148 Gower St.

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