



Joseph Chesley Marshall
Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)
Royal Navy
Service No. JX247974
World War II

Born: 1914

Died: 1990

Place of Birth: South River, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: Abraham and Flora (Mercer) Marshall

Joseph, who went by his second name, Chesley was born in Newfoundland in 1914 but his sister, Ellaline was born in Sydney Mines, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia just three years later in 1917.

By the time of the 1921 Newfoundland general census, the Marshall's are back in

Newfoundland and living in South River. Abraham, 42, and wife Flora, 32, have five children at this time. Abram 14, Sadie 12, Lewis 9, Chesley 7 and Viola (Violet) 3.

In June of 1931, Chesley travelled by ship (the Newfoundland) arriving at the port of Boston, Massachusetts. He stayed with his sister, Mrs. Fleet (presumably his older sister Sadie?) in Cambridge, Mass for several months. The ships log provides the following about Chesley. He was 5' 4" tall, of fair complexion and having fair hair and grey eyes.

By 1935, things have changed in the Marshall household. The oldest children, Lewis and Sadie are no longer living at home but the addition of Ellaline (13), Clifford (11) and Heber (8), means that there are still five siblings at home. Abraham now 56 is a single parent, having lost his wife the previous year, 1934.

Chesley enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) and then moved to the Royal Navy of Great Britain in mid – late 1940. Documentation shows him to be among the men of the 13th Naval Contingent from Newfoundland. Chesley, now 26 appears on the passenger list of the SS Baltrover as a RN (Royal Navy) recruit that arrived in Liverpool, England via St. John's, Newfoundland and Halifax, Nova Scotia on December 27, 1940.

The 1945 census shows Chesley back home and living with his father (66) in South River. Lewis, Chesley, Ellaline, Clifford and Heber are there too. Alice Brushett is noted as the housekeeper.

He married Barbara Stella on his release from service. Barbara had also served in WW II in the Canadian Women's Army

Corps (CWAC). The couple have one child of record, Raymond David.

Chesley appears in the voters list of 1972 as living in South River, Newfoundland.

He passed away in 1990 at the age of 76 and is buried in the All Saints Anglican Cemetery, South River, Newfoundland.

Below is a clipping from The Evening Telegram dated 15 March 1941:



CHESLEY MARSHALL
son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham
Marshall, South River, Clarke's
Beach, who is now on active
service with the Royal Navy
somewhere in England