



MARY TUCKER

W.W. II

Born in the community of Beachy Cove (part of Bay Roberts) on August 27th, 1924, to parents William and Mary Mercer, Mary was the fifth of six children of the family.

During WW II Mary enlisted in the WRNS or the Women's Royal Naval Service.

The Women's Royal Naval Service (WRNS; popularly and officially known as the Wrens) was the women's branch of the United Kingdom's Royal Navy. First formed in 1917 for the First World War, it was disbanded in 1919, then revived in 1939 at the beginning of the Second World War, remaining active until integrated into the Royal Navy in 1993. WRNS included cooks, clerks, wireless telegraphists, radar plotters, weapons analysts, range assessors, electricians and air mechanics.

At the beginning of the Second World War Vera Laughton Mathews was appointed as the director of the re-formed WRNS in 1939 with Ethel (Angela) Goodenough as her deputy. The WRNS had an expanded list of allowable activities, including flying transport planes. At its peak in 1944 it had 75,000 active servicewomen. During the war 102 WRNS members were killed in action and 22 wounded in action. One of the slogans used in recruitment posters was "Join the Wrens and free a man for the Fleet".

Among other duties, Wrens were prominent as support staff at the Government Code and Cypher School at Bletchley Park.

Second World War recruitment poster



Mary would marry William Tucker of Port de Grave and together they would raise a family of seven.

William died in 2003 and Mary just 4 years later.

Obituary from The Evening Telegram 2007.

TUCKER, Mary G. WWII/W.R.N.S. -

Passed peacefully away at Carbonear General Hospital on **Friday, October 12, 2007**, of Port de Grave, aged 83 years. Predeceased by parents William and Mary Mercer (Nee North), son Leslie, sisters Jessie (Wallace) Belbin, Annie Lear, brothers Hubert (Liza), Roland (Marion), Bertram (Emily), Bill. Leaving to mourn are sons Gary (Karen), and Keith, daughters Sandra Tucker, Doreen (Reuben) Morgan, Marilyn, and Yvonne (Brad) Coaker; brother-in-law Bronson Lear; sister-in-law Margaret Tucker, 13 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a large circle of other relatives and friends. Resting at Moore's Funeral Home, Bay Roberts. Visitation on Saturday, 8 p.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-12 noon, 2 p.m.-5 p.m., 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m.; Monday, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Funeral service to take place on Monday, October 15, 2007, at 2 p.m. from St. Luke's Anglican Church, Port de Grave. Interment in the St. Luke's Cemetery, Port de Grave. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Luke's Church or a charity of one's choice.