



Patrick Thomas Culleton

United States Army

Service No. 31226720

World War II

Born: 28 Jul 1912

Died: 08 Mar 1949

Place of Birth: Coley's Point, Bay Roberts, Conception Bay North, Newfoundland

Parents: Michael and Margaret (nee O'Keefe) Culleton

Patrick grew up in Coley's Point with his five siblings. The 1921 Newfoundland general census lists the family as follows: Michael 52, Margaret 52, Alice 16, Wilfred 19, Edward 18, Mary 13, Margaret 11, and Patrick 9.

The subsequent census of 1945 shows Margaret is 64 and a widow, having lost her husband in 1933. At home are Mary 27, Margaret 24, and Patrick 23.

Patrick left Newfoundland in June 1938 and arrived in the United States via the SS Newfoundland on June 8th.



SS Newfoundland

Patrick is found in the 1940 U.S. Federal census living at his brother's (Edward) home in Tewksbury, Massachusetts. Edward is married and has two (2) children. Both he and Patrick are working as longshoremen. Edward is 37, wife Alice is 31, children Rose Marie 5 and Frances 4. Patrick is 28.

Patrick was drafted for service and enlisted in the Army on 06 November 1942. He stood 5' 10' tall, weighed 150lbs, with light brown hair and blue eyes. He had a distinguishing red mark on the left forehead.

He applied for citizenship on February 11th, 1943, in Tennessee. At the time, he gave his residence at 1008 Shirley Street, Winthrop, Massachusetts, and his occupation as stevedore.

Following his release from service, he is found in 1947 living on Harvard Street, Boston and still working as a stevedore.

Patrick was not married and passed away at an early age in March 1949 in Charlestown, Mass. His obituary from The Daily News dated 12 March 1949 is included on the next page.

Below are clippings from the local Bay Roberts weekly newspaper – The Guardian:

09 January 1943

Patrick T. Culleton, son of Mrs. M. Culleton, Bay Roberts West, is now training in South Carolina, U.S.A. for service with the American Army.

20 October 1945

Patrick T. Culleton of the U. S. Army, arrived here this week on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Michael Culleton, Bay Roberts West. Pat was attached to the American Fifth Army and during the war did duty in Sicily and Italy campaigns.

Obituary

PATRICK CULLETON

The many friends of Mrs. Margaret Culleton and family of Bay Roberts, will be shocked to hear of the rather sudden death of their youngest son Patrick, after a brief attack of pneumonia on Saturday, March 5th., at Cambridge, Mass., where this young man had been employed for several years.

Patrick Culleton left here about twelve years ago to seek his fortune in the land of Uncle Sam, where already three brothers and two sisters had made their residence. He secured permanent employment with a firm of contractors where he made good and gave great promise through sobriety and attention to detail, of attaining a responsible position in his firm.

However, it was willed otherwise and although in his very early manhood years, he suffered an at-

tack of bronchitis which developed into pneumonia, death came almost unexpectedly. Besides his sorrowing mother and two sisters in Bay Roberts, he left three senior brothers and two sisters all married, residing in the States.

Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated for him at Saint Mary's Church, Charlestown, Mass., at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning past after which the burial took place at the Cambridge Roman Catholic Cemetery, where a large congregation of friends followed the remains to the last resting place.

From The Daily News - 12 March 1949