



**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 8<sup>th</sup>.



**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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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.