



**Samuel Moore**  
**Royal Artillery (Newfoundland)**  
**166<sup>th</sup> Heavy Regiment**  
**Service No. 970607**  
**World War II**

**Born:** Jul 1916

**Died:** 23 Dec 1943

**Place of Birth:** Gould's Road, South River,  
Conception Bay, Newfoundland

**Parents:** James and June Moore

Born in the small community of Gould's Road, near South River, Conception Bay, Newfoundland, Samuel and his family helped make the population reach approximately 150 residents in total in 1921.

Samuel turned five, as noted in the 1921 Newfoundland general census enumeration documents. At the time, his parents James and June were 40 and 32 respectively. His

siblings are Thomas at 10, Flora 7, Bridget 2, Eileen 8 months and Samuel at age 5.

According to the 1935 census, the family had moved to the neighbouring community of Hodgewater, another relatively small community in the area. The family has now grown to include three more children, James 12, Francis (Frank) 11 and John 1. Samuel is now 20 years old.

Samuel enlisted in the Newfoundland Field Regiment, 166<sup>th</sup> Regiment Royal Artillery sometime after April 1940. It was in April 1940 that the first 400 members of the 166<sup>th</sup> Heavy Regiment shipped out to Great Britain, Samuel was not in that contingent.

The 166<sup>th</sup> Regiment saw action in Italy at the battle of the Sangro River. This battle was part of the Italian Campaign and took place from **20 November to 4 December 1943**. It was the start of the British Eighth Army's attack on the formidable German defensive position known as the Gustav Line.

It was here on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 1943, that Samuel at age 28 was killed in action. He is buried in the Sangro River War Cemetery. The cemetery is near Torino di Sangro, Italy.

There are 2542 British and Commonwealth soldiers buried here who died defending the shoreline near the Sangro River against the Germans as they retreated.

*Samuel is commemorated on [Page 181](#) of the Newfoundland Book of Remembrance.*

ORDINARY SEAMAN	Mercer, John Harris <i>H.M. Trawler Rinovia, Royal Navy</i>	November 2, 1940
STOKER 1ST CLASS	Mercer, Philip Augustus <i>H.M.S. Penzance, Royal Navy</i>	August 24, 1940
ORDINARY SEAMAN	Mercer, William Edward <i>H.M.S. Manistee, Royal Navy</i>	February 24, 1941
ABLE SEAMAN	Messervey, George Hayward <i>H.M.S. Avenger, Royal Navy</i>	November 15, 1942
FLYING OFFICER	Mifflin, Frederick Manuel, DFC <i>100 Squadron, Royal Air Force</i>	April 27, 1944
ABLE SEAMAN	Mifflin, Reginald Sweetland, <i>H.M.S. Hartland, Royal Navy</i>	November 8, 1942
ABLE SEAMAN	Miles, James Theodore <i>H.M.S. Brontosaurus, Royal Navy</i>	August 27, 1942
ORDINARY SEAMAN	Miller, Albert Lester <i>H.M.S. Victory, Royal Navy</i>	July 3, 1942
ABLE SEAMAN	Mills, Loyal Windsor <i>H.M.S. Avenger, Royal Navy</i>	November 15, 1942
ORDINARY SEAMAN	Mitchell, Hayward Stewart <i>H.M.S. Deptford, Royal Navy</i>	February 20, 1942
SERGEANT	Moore, Alexander <i>150 Squadron, Royal Air Force</i>	March 22, 1945
ABLE SEAMAN	Moore, Leslie Bertram <i>H.M.S. Patroclus, Royal Navy</i>	November 3, 1940
LANCE BOMBARDIER	Moore, Samuel <i>166 (Newfoundland) Field Regt., Royal Artillery</i>	December 23, 1943
PILOT OFFICER	Moore, William English <i>12 Squadron, Royal Air Force</i>	August 13, 1944
PRIVATE	Moore, William Joseph <i>The Calgary Highlanders</i>	February 8, 1945



General Montgomery cuts the tape to officially open the Bailey bridge constructed over the Sangro river, 14 December 1943.

These are the medals awarded Samuel posthumously

Italy Star



WW II  
British/Canada/Commonwealth  
African Star



WW II 1939 -1945  
British/Canada/Commonwealth  
War Medal



WW II  
British/Canada/Commonwealth  
Defence Medal



WW II  
British/Canada/Commonwealth