



Stewart Dixon

Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit

NOFU Service No. 3507

World War II

Born: September 1917

Place of Birth: Gould's, Brigus,
Newfoundland

Parents: Frederick and Elizabeth Dixon

Stewart's headstone bears the inscription "Woodsman Newfoundland Forestry Unit WW II." A fitting description of the work voluntarily taken on by this veteran.

During World War II a unit was formed known as the Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit (or **NOFU**) **with about 3,680 men**. Many Newfoundlanders stationed in Scotland in the NOFU worked on their

education to be eligible for enlistment in the Royal Air Force and Royal Navy.

Alongside sailors, airmen, and soldiers, Newfoundland and Labrador also sent some 3,600 loggers overseas during the Second World War. These volunteers formed the Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit (NOFU) and helped supply timber products critical to British coal mining operations.

Stewart was one member of this unit that served in Scotland during the war effort.

Although his service record has not been released for viewing by the public, Stewart can be found in the general census information for 1921, 1935 and 1945.

The 1921 census entry for the community Juniper Stump in the district of Port de Grave shows Stewart at four (4) years old living at home with his parents, Frederick, and Elizabeth and three (3) other children. The census entry was difficult to locate since the enumerator of the time spelled the surname incorrectly, having it as "Dickson" and not Dixon. In subsequent census, the name is spelled properly.

By 1935, Stewart, now sixteen (16) is still living at home with his mom (Elizabeth) who is now a widow. James his older brother is married and living there as well.

The census of 1945 shows Elizabeth at 63 and Stewart 29 living with Edward and Rita Dixon, Stewart's other brother.

Stewart passed away in September 1978 at the age of sixty (60). He is buried in the St. Andrew's Anglican Cemetery in Makinsons.