



Walter Morgan

Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)

Royal Navy

Service No. CJX/173325

World War II

Born: Nov 1918

Died: 15 Sep 2000

Place of Birth: Blow-me-Down, Port de Grave, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: Reuben and Fannie Morgan

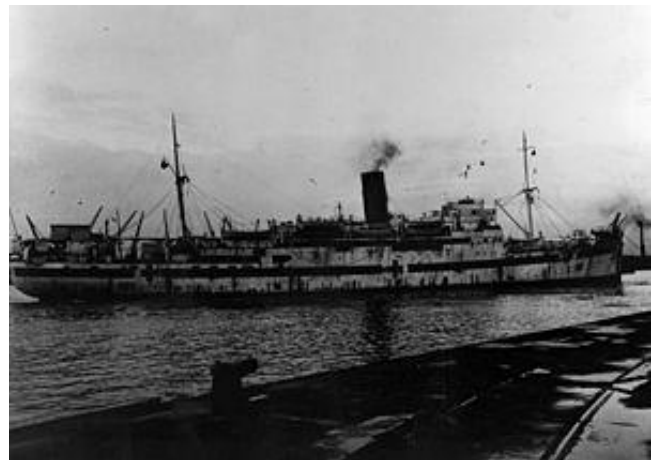
Walter first appears in the 1921 Newfoundland general census as a three (3) year old, son of Reuben and Fannie Morgan of the community of Blow-Me-Down, Port de Grave.

The 1935 census again shows Walter living in Blow-Me-Down, Port de Grave with his parents and five (5) siblings, Flora, Albert, Francis, Clement, and Donald.

Walter enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) sometime in late fall 1939.

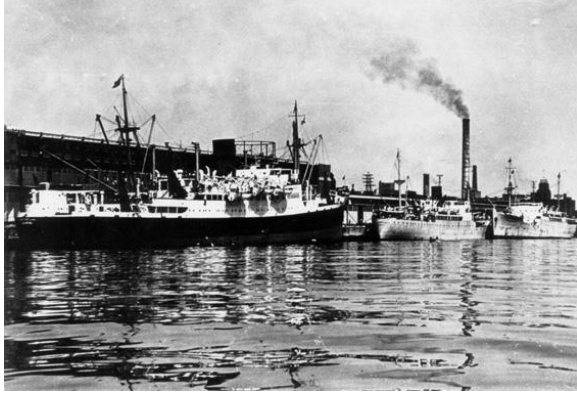
Although the exact date is not available, Walter was part of the first Naval Contingent to go overseas. The 1st Naval Contingent embarked St. John's, Newfoundland on November 27th, 1939, on board the Vessel Newfoundland, arriving Liverpool, England on the 15th of December via Halifax, NS, Canada.

Walter is described as being 5' 10" tall, of dark complexion, with Black hair and Grey eyes. He has a tattoo on both arms.



HMHS Newfoundland was a British Royal Mail Ship that was requisitioned as a hospital ship in the World War II. She was sunk in 1943 in a Luftwaffe attack off southern Italy. At that point she was one of three ships brightly illuminated, bearing standard Red Cross markings as hospital ships, which was her function, so due protection under the Geneva Convention.

It is not known how long Walter served as part of the Royal Navy, as was the case with all members of the Royal Naval Reserve of Newfoundland but there is a recorded item in May 1943 in which Walter arrived in New York having departed from St. John, New Brunswick, Canada on board the "Fort Townshend."



Newfoundland " / "Fort Townshend" / "Fort Amherst " (L-R)

Following the war, Walter returned to his home town and is found in the 1945 census. He is now 27 and single and living with his parents Reuben 55 and Fannie 49 in Port de Grave.

Sometime after 1945, he married Belinda Porter of Port de Grave and they were together until Walter died on 15 Sep 2000, while Belinda passed just a short time later in 2001. They are buried in the All Saints Anglican Cemetery #4 at Foxtrap, Newfoundland.

Obituary for Walter Morgan:

*Passed peacefully away at his home, surrounded by his loving family, after a courageous battle with cancer, on **Friday, September 15th, 2000, Walter Morgan, age 84.** Formerly of Port de Grave, retired Fire Fighter, St. John's Airport, Member of the First 200th Royal Navy, CJX173325. Predeceased by parents; Reuben and Fanny Morgan; sister and brother-in-law; Flora and Allan Bishop of Long Pond; brothers; Clem and Albert of Port de Grave and Donald of Bareneed. Leaving to mourn with many precious memories, his loving wife Lindy; four sons; John at Saudi Arabia, Dennis (Marie), Wally (Maxine), Leonard (Catherine), all of Foxtrap; three daughters; Jessie Eason (Dennis), Manuels, Linda Mercer (Jim), Manitouswadge, ON, and*

Kim Whelan (John) of Seal Cove; 13 precious grandchildren; Wanda Lee (Mike), Dennis Jr., Wally Jr., Kim, David (Melissa), Michael, Patrick (Joanna), Karen (Lee), Veronica, Stephen, Carolyn, Danny and Curtis; also leaving to mourn sister; Frances Rideout (Eric), Long Pond, brother Harvey (Enid), Port de Grave; sisters-in-law; Audrey Morgan and Lizzie Morgan of Port de Grave and Mabel Morgan of Bareneed; as well as many other relatives and friends. Resting at the James J. Hickey Memorial Funeral Home, Kelligrews until noon Monday. Funeral Service to take place on Monday, September 18th, 2000 at 2 pm from All Saints Church, Foxtrap. Interment at the Anglican Cemetery, Dunn's Hill Road, Foxtrap. No flowers by request, donations may be made to the Candle Lighters Association of Newfoundland and Labrador.