

**Warwick Rees**  
**Canadian Expeditionary Force**  
**WW II**

**Born:** October 1907

**Died:** 2001

**Place of Birth:** Bell Island, Newfoundland

**Parents:** Thomas and Elizabeth (Waterman) Rees

The 1921 Newfoundland general census for Bell Island contains an entry identifying Warwick at 14. He is the third child born to Thomas and Elizabeth (of Fogo) and has an older brother, Malcolm (18), sister May (16) and a younger sister Hazel (12).

Coincidentally, in that same 1921 census in the town of Brigus, Warwick's future wife, Edith Louise Spracklin is just fourteen (14) years old and the daughter of Rabbitts and Susanna Spracklin. Edith has two older and three younger siblings.

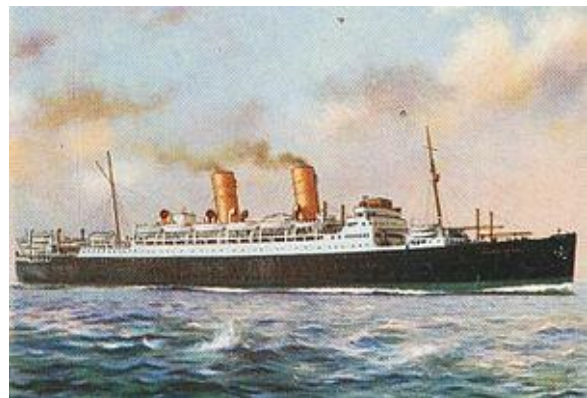
Following Edith, we find that she crossed the gulf from Port aux Basques to North Sydney on the SS Caribou in May 1927. She is twenty (20) at the time.



**SS Caribou**

The 1931 Canadian Census shows Edith living in Verdun, Quebec in the home of her brother and sister-in-law. She is single at the time.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1930, Warwick embarked Liverpool on the Vessel The Duchess of York, arriving at the port of St. John, New Brunswick on June 11<sup>th</sup>.



**SS Duchess of York**

By 1934, Edith now married to Warwick Rees gives birth to a son, Douglas Edward Rees who is baptised on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1934, at Saint Clement Anglican Church in Verdun.

According to the 1945 Canadian Voters List, Warwick and Edith are living in Verdun. The notation on the record clearly shows Warwick is on "active service."

Unfortunately, the service, although military, is not specified.

Subsequent Voters Lists of 1962, 1964, and 1965 have the couple living in Verdun with Warwick working as a mechanic or in the maintenance field.

By 1974, they have retired and are living in South River, Newfoundland.

Edith passed away in 1989 and Warwick in 2001. They are buried in All Saints Anglican Cemetery at South River.