



William F. Wilcox

Royal Naval Reserve Newfoundland

Royal Navy

Service No. D/187471

World War II

Born: September 1912

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: Archibald and Mary (nee French) Wilcox

Born into a family of eight, William was the fifth child and the second oldest boy to be born to Archibald and Mary of Bay Roberts. William would enlist in the Royal Naval

Reserve of Newfoundland and subsequently be transferred into the Royal Navy of Great Britain. Since he was part of the 4th Naval Contingent (Not the 3rd Contingent as indicated in the writeup under his picture) to be shipped overseas in March of 1940, it is safe to assume that he enlisted in early 1940. The 177 men of the 4th Contingent embarked St. John's on board the RMS Nova Scotia on 01 March 1940, arriving at Liverpool, England shortly thereafter.



RMS Nova Scotia

"Early in 1941 the Ministry of War Transport requisitioned Nova Scotia as a troop ship, and on 3 February she embarked 1,200 troops."

According to the 1935 Newfoundland general census, William, age 22 was living at home with his parents and four of his siblings. This would make him about 27 years old when he enlisted.

William's younger sister, Kathleen, one of a twin, would also enter the service during World War II. She would serve in the CWAC's and was posted in Ottawa.

The 1945 census shows William is back home and again living in Bay Roberts with

his parents. He is now thirty-two (32) and the entry beside him indicates that he is married to Ina, a lady from Scotland and presumably a war bride. They have a son William A. who, as noted in the entry was born in Scotland. This appears to fit since Willaim's home base while in service was at Granton, Edinburgh, Scotland.

This is where the story of William Wilcox fades into obscurity, since after exhaustive research efforts, no further information has been found. This biography will be updated when/if additional information comes to light.