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William Henry Blagdon

Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)

Royal Navy

Service No. 180274

World War II

Born: 11 October 1913

Died: 14 March 1988

Place of Birth: Coombs Cove, Fortune Bay,
Newfoundland

Parents: Samuel James and Charlotte
Frances Blagdon

The 1921 Newfoundland general census shows William age seven (7) living in Coombs Cove, Fortune Bay. He has three (3) siblings Gertrude 5, Mary 3, and Lancelot just 1.

The subsequent census of 1935 finds William still at home with his sisters and

brother. He is twenty-one (21) years old now.

While it is unknown when William joined the Royal Naval Reserve and then posted to the Royal Navy, it had to be prior to 1940 since he was part of the 2nd Naval Contingent to go overseas and that occurred on January 6th, 1940. There were 175 men in that Contingent embarking St. John's, Newfoundland 06 January 1940 on board the RMS Nova Scotia. Arriving Liverpool, England 24 January 1940.



RMS Nova Scotia was a 6,796 GRT UK transatlantic ocean liner and Royal Mail Ship. In World War II she was requisitioned as a troopship. In 1942 a German submarine sank her in the Indian Ocean with the loss of 858 of the 1,052 people aboard.

Following the end of the war, William appears in the 1945 general census living in North River, Conception Bay, Newfoundland. He is married to Marion Farrell, and they have a son, Terrance 2 years old.

Marion died in 1972, while William lived to be seventy-four (74) years old, passing away on the 11th of March 1988. They are buried in the All Saints Anglican Cemetery #3 at Foxtrap, Newfoundland.