



William Henry Porter

Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)

Royal Navy

Service No. C/204819

World War II

Born: 1919

Died: 2003

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

Parents: Solomon T. and Eliza Winnifred (Dawe) Porter

When the Newfoundland general census was taken in 1921, William was the only child of Solomon and “Winnie” Porter who made their home in a part of Port de Grave known locally as Blow-Me-Down. William was just 2 years old.

By the next census listing in 1935, the Porter family had grown to two more boys, Cecil, and Bertram and three girls Myrtle, Ada, and Sadie. William is now 16.

In early 1940, William enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve of Newfoundland and as such became part of the Royal Navy of Great Britain. Part of the 7th Naval Contingent from Newfoundland, William embarked St. John’s on May 14th, 1940.

When William had completed his time in service, he returned home to Port de Grave and is found in the 1945 census as being single and living at home with his parents and four other siblings. He is now 26.

In 1947, he married Mary A. (?)

William passed in 2003 at the age of 84. Mary had died several years earlier. They are buried in St. Luke’s Anglican Cemetery at Port de Grave, Newfoundland.