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William James Earle
Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)
Royal Navy
Service No. C/195268
World War II

Born: 20 Mar 1920

Died: 30 Mar 2005 (age 85)

Place of Birth: Shearstown, Bay Roberts,
Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: William and Maude (Adams) Earle

William's place of birth is given as Bay Roberts like his older brother, Roy and older sister, Lilly but the 1921 Newfoundland general census finds the family living in Jackson's Arm, St. Barbe area, Newfoundland. The family is entered in the census listing with the name "Earl" not Earle as it should have been. Parents, Wm. Robert is 32 and wife Maude 30, respectively. Roberts is working as a carpenter in the area. The connection to the St. Barbe area

seems to be from Maude who was born in Tilt Cove.

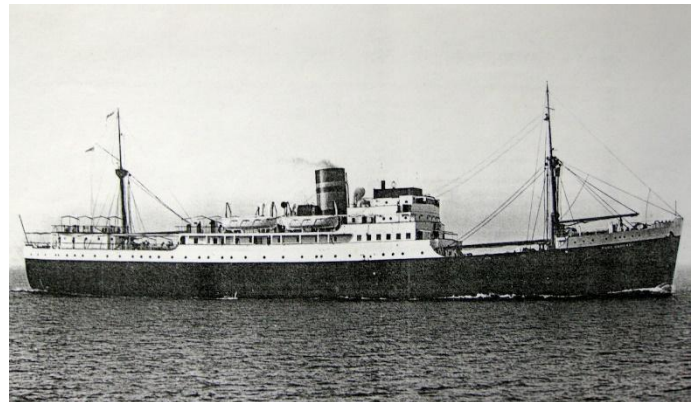
"Tilt Cove is a town located southeast of Baie Verte on Notre Dame Bay and was founded in 1813. The official population was 5 in the 2021 census."

At the 1935 census, the family has now moved to the Bay Roberts area and are living in Shearstown. William is 15. Living at home with parents, are sons Roy 21, William 15, and Robert 14.

William enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve of Newfoundland and by default the Royal Navy of Great Britain sometime in early 1940, since he is listed as part of the 6th naval contingent to ship overseas. The 6th contingent departed St. John's on April 26th, 1940.

William's service number C/195268 tells, by the "C", that his home port division for his time in service was Chatham, England.

In January 1944, a ship, the Fort Amherst, departed St. John's destined for the UK and was transporting British Naval Personnel. According to the ships' log, William was passenger #5 on the list and is described as being 5' 9", with black hair and blue eyes.



Fort Amherst

In subsequent years, William moved to St. John's since it was there in 2005, he passed away. He is buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery there.