



William Robert Mercer
Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)
Royal Navy
Service No. 315711
World War II

Born: 26 Oct 1921

Died: 11 Aug 1974

Place of Birth: Beachy Cove, Bay Roberts,
Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: William and Mary Julia (North)
Mercer

William was born in 1921, the same year, the Newfoundland general census was taken. He does not appear in that census as he was born in October of that year. The census does show his parents, William 37 and Mary 35 living in Beachy Cove, Bay Roberts with children, Hubert 10, Jessie 8, Roland 6, Bertram 5 and Benjamin 2. There's also

Wilfred, a nephew at 17 and Ellen Mercer (William's mom) at 75.

The next census year, 1935, finds William at age thirteen (13) and two more additions to the Mercer family, Mary 12 and Annie 8.

Little is known regarding William's service in the Royal Navy other than he is listed as an able seaman.

Interestingly, his older brother and younger sister also served during the war. Bertram in the Merchant Navy and Mary (Tucker) in the WRNS or Women's Royal Navy Service.

William never married. He passed away on August 11th, 1974, at the age of 52. He is buried in St. Matthew's Anglican Cemetery at Bay Roberts.