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Willis Snow

Royal Naval Reserve Newfoundland

Royal Navy

Service No. 181697 (282167)

World War II

Born: 07 Aug 1921

Died: 07 Sept 1985

Place of Birth: Coley's Point, Bay Roberts, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

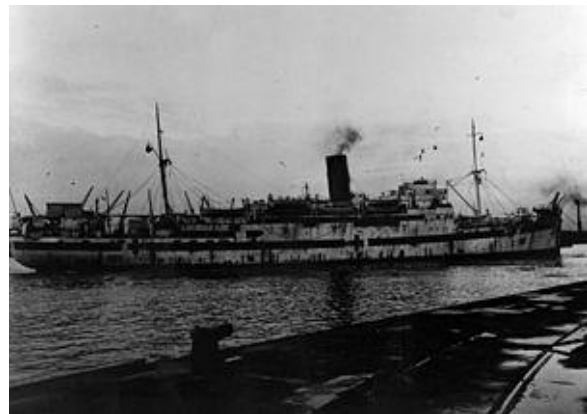
Parents: Isaac and Mary Emma (nee Roach) Snow

Isaac and Mary were married in 1916. For Isaac, it was his second marriage. They had two children, a girl, Mildred, and a boy Willis.

Willis appears in the 1935 Newfoundland general census at age thirteen (13), according to the entry. His mother is thirty-

nine (39) and is a widow, having lost her husband in 1933 at the age of forty-five (45).

Willis enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve Newfoundland and was subsequently transferred to the Royal Navy of Great Britain. Willis must have enlisted in late 1939 since he was a member of the 3rd Naval Contingent from Newfoundland. This contingent of 175 men embarked St. John's, Newfoundland on 14 January 1940 aboard the HMHS Newfoundland and arrived in Liverpool, England, seventeen (1&) days later on 31 January 1940.



HMMS Newfoundland

was a British Royal Mail Ship that was requisitioned as a hospital ship in the World War II. She was sunk in 1943 in a Luftwaffe attack off southern Italy.

Here's a newspaper clipping from the Bay Roberts Guardian dated 03 May 1941.

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 1941.

HOME ON LEAVE

Seaman Willis Snow, of the Royal Navy, arrived at Coley's Point this week to spend a few days leave visiting relatives and friends. Willis is the son of the late Isaac Snow, of Coley's Point, who was a Royal Naval Reservist and served in the Great War of 1914-18. Willis is following in his father's footsteps and is also serving his King and Country in the Royal Navy.

In 1942, Willis married Florence Hillson and the couple had three (3) children, 2 boys and a girl.

Then in 1959, he married Alberta Weeks in England. Together, they had one child of record, a boy (Jerry). Willis passed away in 1985 in Plymouth, Devon, England. He was 64 years old.