



George Cyril Dunn
Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)
Royal Navy
Service No. D/187482
World War II

Born: 10 Feb 1918

Died: 07 Oct 1986

Place of Birth: South River, Conception Bay, Newfoundland (Possibly born on Bell Island, Newfoundland).

Parents: Patrick and Margaret (Dwyer) Dunn

George was the eldest child born to Patrick and Margaret, who raised a family of eleven (11) children.

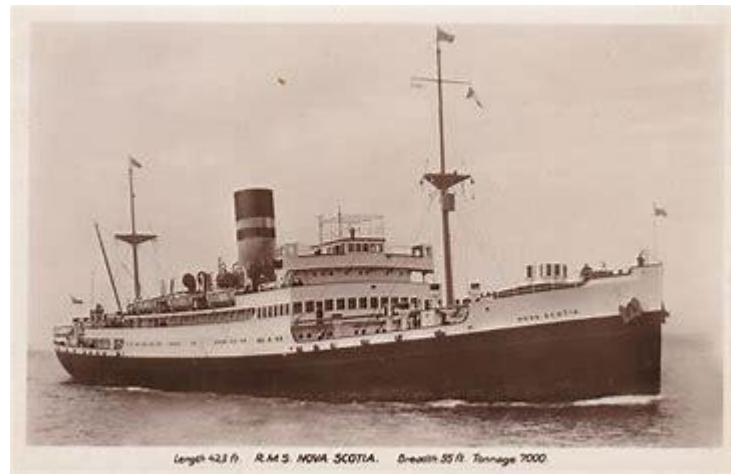
According to the 1921 Newfoundland general census, George who is listed as being four (4) at the time was living in South River, with his parents Patrick and Margaret.

By the time of the 1935 census the small family of four (4) has grown to include 11 children in all and with the parents, a family

of thirteen (13). Another child would come later, making an even dozen (12) children.

At the 1945 census, George who is now twenty-seven (27) is married to Ina Bridget Whalen of the nearby community of Colliers, Nicknamed "Mamie", she, and George would have four (4) children.

George's service in the Royal Naval Reserve and then the normal migration into the Royal Navy of Great Britain began with his enlistment in early 1940. This is a best guess, since he was part of the 177 man 4th Naval Contingent that departed the port of St. John's, Newfoundland on the 1st of March 1940 on board the RMS Nova Scotia.



RMS Nova Scotia

"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."

At the time of his enlistment, George is described as being 5' 10", of fair complexion and having fair hair with hazel eyes. His home port division was Devonport, England as signified by the letter "D" at the beginning of his service record.

On the 22nd of April 1942, there is a record of George on board the SS Fort Townshend arriving in New York having departed St. John's Newfoundland, on 16 April 1943 and then via New Brunswick, Canada on the way overseas. George is a Royal Navy seaman passenger on the vessel. He is twenty-four (24) and single at this time.

George passed away in 1986 at the age of sixty-eight (68) and Mary some years later in 2017. They are buried in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, All Hallows at North River, Newfoundland.

