



**Gordon “Gerald” Snow**  
**Royal Naval Reserve Newfoundland**  
**Royal Navy**  
**Service No. P/188844**  
**World War II**

**Born:** 15 Nov 1918

**Died:** 09 Mar 1983

**Place of Birth:** The “Broads” Conception Bay, Newfoundland

**Parents:** Samuel and Annie Julia (nee Stevens) Snow

The 1921 Newfoundland general census shows that “Gerald” at three years old, and the sixth of seven children born to the Snows.

By 1935, the family has grown to include three (3) more children (Garfield, Henry, and Annie).

Very little is available as to Gerald’s war time service, since World War II personnel service records are not, as yet, available to the general public. What is available is the record that he was a member of the 5<sup>th</sup> Naval Contingent from Newfoundland to ship overseas to Great Britain and be absorbed into service in the Royal Navy. This contingent embarked Newfoundland on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1940, on board the HMHS Newfoundland and arrived in Liverpool, England 01 April 1940.



**HMHS Newfoundland**

*“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.”*

There is a record found in the UK and Ireland Passengers list dated Apr 1940. It shows Gerald is a passenger on the HMHS Newfoundland bound for Liverpool, England, departing Boston, having already come from St. John’s, Newfoundland and Halifax, Nova Scotia. The entry lists Gerald as 22 years old, a fisherman by trade and a member of the Royal Navy.

Gerald was married to Alta Rebecca Snow of Clarke's Beach; Newfoundland and they had one child of record. The couple must have married after Gerald was released from service, since the 1945 census shows Alta at age thirty (30) at home with parents Isaac and Susannah in Clarke's Beach.

Gerald died in March 1983 and is buried in the Clarke's Beach United Churchyard Cemetery. Alta passed away in 1994 and is buried with her husband at Clarke's Beach.

Below is a clipping from The Evening Telegram dated 06 July 1940:



GORDON GERALD SNOW  
son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Snow,  
The Broads, Clarke's Beach, who  
sailed with the 5th Naval Draft  
and is now serving somewhere at  
sea. Gerald was one of the first  
to enlist from The Broads. An  
uncle served in the war of 1914-18.