



Stewart Dixon

Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit

NOFU Service No. 3507

World War II

Born: September 1917

Died: 11 September 1978

Place of Birth: Gould's, Brigus,
Newfoundland

Parents: Frederick and Elizabeth Dixon

Stewart's headstone bears the inscription "Woodsmen Newfoundland Forestry Unit WW II." A fitting description of the work voluntarily taken on by this veteran.

During World War II a unit was formed known as the Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit (or **NOFU**) with about **3,680**

men. Many Newfoundlanders stationed in Scotland in the NOFU worked on their education to be eligible for enlistment in the Royal Air Force and Royal Navy.

Alongside sailors, airmen, and soldiers, Newfoundland and Labrador also sent some 3,600 loggers overseas during the Second World War. These volunteers formed the Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit (NOFU) and helped supply timber products critical to British coal mining operations.

Stewart was one member of this unit that served in Scotland during the war effort.

Although his service record has not been released for viewing by the public, Stewart can be found in the general census information for 1921, 1935 and 1945.

The 1921 census entry for the community Juniper Stump in the district of Port de Grave shows Stewart at four (4) years old living at home with his parents, Frederick, and Elizabeth and three (3) other children. The census entry was difficult to locate since the enumerator of the time spelled the surname incorrectly, having it as "Dickson" and not Dixon. In subsequent census, the name is spelled properly.

By 1935, Stewart, now sixteen (16) is still living at home with his mom (Elizabeth) who is now a widow. James his older brother is married and living there as well.

The census of 1945 shows Elizabeth at 63 and Stewart 29 living with Edward and Rita Dixon, Stewart's other brother.

Stewart passed away in September 1978 at the age of sixty (60). He is buried in the St. Andrew's Anglican Cemetery in Makinsons. His obituary from The Compass dated 02 November 1978 is reprinted below.

**OBITUARY
DIXON**

Passed peacefully away at the Health Science Complex, St. John's in his 60 year on Sept. 11. Mr. Steward Dixon of Cupids, Veteran of World War II.

Leaving to mourn his wife, Phoebe, seven daughters: Myrtle (Mrs. Roy French) Coley's Point South, Florence (Mrs. Edward Doyle) Bell Island, Phoebe (Mrs. Malcolm Moores) Makinsons, Betty at South River, Lillian, Daphne, and Jeanette at home, four sons, Edward, Norman, Gary and Gordon at home, 13 grand-children, one brother, Mr. Edward Dixon, of Makinsons, one sister, (Mrs. Winnie O'Dell), Foxtrap, and a large number of relatives and friends.

Funeral took place on Thursday, Sept. 14, 1978 from the Anglican Church, Makinsons. Interment in the Anglican Cemetry Makinsons.

Sadly missed by daughter Myrtle (Coley's Point).

Now the labourer's task is o'er;
Now the battle day is past;
Now upon thy farther shore
Lands the voyager at last.
Father in they gracious keeping
Leave we know they servant
sleeping
Rest in peace Dad.

*From The Compass
02 November 1978*