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**Wilfred Parsons**

Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)

Royal Navy

Service No. JX188849

World War II

**Born:** 10 Oct 1920 (1921)

**Died:** 05 May 1952

**Place of Birth:** Butlerville (?), Conception Bay, Newfoundland

**Parents:** Unknown

Wilfred joined the Royal Naval Reserves (Newfoundland) in early 1940. The fact that he was part of the 5<sup>th</sup> Naval Contingent to ship overseas on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 1940 gives credence to this assumption.

Specific and factual information regarding Wilfred has been difficult to find but several dated newspaper clippings do provide some information. These clippings help with the timeline of some of his wartime service and are provided in chronological order as follows:

*From The Observer's Weekly  
12 October 1943*

### Petty Officer Parsons, R.N.

Information has been received from the Commodore, Royal Naval Patrol Service, Lowestoft, England, that Wilfred Parsons, of Butlerville, C.B., has been promoted to Wartime Acting Petty Officer in the Royal Navy.

*From The Observer's Weekly  
12 October 1943*

## Promotions In The Royal Navy

Information has been received from the Commodore, Royal Naval Patrol Service, Lowestoft, England, that the undermentioned Newfoundlanders have been promoted to the ranks shown against their names.

**Parsons, Wilfred**, (Butlerville, C.B.) No. JX188849 Wartime Acting Petty Officer 1.9.43.

**Skehens, William**, (North River, C.B.) No. JX187466 Wartime Leading Seaman 13.8.43.

**Organ, Hayward A** (Lomond). No. JX211447 Wartime Leading Seaman 13.8.43.

**Purchsae, Clyde W.** (Exploits). No. JX246632 Wartime Leading Seaman 13.8.43.

**Lee, Ronald C.** (Petty Hr.). No. JX280027 Wartime Leading Seaman 3.9.43.

*From The Observer's  
Weekly  
19 February 1944*

Petty Officer Wilfred Parsons, R.N., is spending a few days' furlough with relatives at Shearstown.

From The Bay Roberts Guardian 19 February 1944

**RECEPTION FOR  
BOYS ON LEAVE**

A reception was held in the Public Building here on Thursday night in honor of Seaman Edward L. Snow, Robert Mercer and P/O Wilfred Parsons of Shearstown, members of the Royal Navy who are now spending their leave here with relatives and friends, and also Seaman Stephen Foster, R.N., of Newcastle, England.

Mr. Beth Mercer was chairman and Capt. L.T. Stick, Master of Ceremonies. Short addresses were given by Rev. J. L. Reynolds, Major Pretty, Rev. Torraville, Mr. J. Ploughman and Mr. E. V. Hall. The hall was filled to capacity, showing the esteem these lads are held in the community.

Gifts of money and comforts were presented to each of the boys by Mrs. (Rev.) Reynolds, Vice-Pres. of the W.P.A., who spoke in very high terms of our noble boys who are risking their all for us, to which the boys ably responded.

Refrsehments were then served to which all present took part and thoroughly enjoyed the gathering. The music for the evening was kindly rendered by Mrs. Bert Hillyard.

A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the singing of The National Anthem.

**From The Bay Roberts Guardian 30 June 1945**

**HOME ON LEAVE**

Petty Officer Wilfred Parsons, R.N., arrived home recently to spend a brief furlough with relatives and friends at Shearstown. He will be returning to duty within a few days, and expects to be going to the Pacific.

Following the end of the war, it appears that Wilfred continued his service as part of the Royal Navy.

There is record of him having served on the HMS Childers, (see the picture and information below),



**HMS Childers**

*"HMS Childers was one of thirty-two C-class destroyers built for the Royal Navy during the Second World War, a member of the eight-ship Ch sub-class. Commissioned in 1945, she was built as a flotilla leader with additional accommodation for staff officers."*

Wilfred died on 05 May 1952, and is buried at North Front Cemetery in Gibraltar. His home base is listed as HMS Rooke, Gibraltar. His name is recorded on the Military Honour Roll 1945-2022.

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## ROLL OF HONOUR

**TODAY TOMORROW FOREVER**

Last name	PARSONS
First name(s) / Initial(s)	Wilfred
Ship / Unit	HMS Rooke
Rank	AB
Service	Royal Navy
Service Number	JX 188849
Age	30
Date of Death	05/05/1952

