

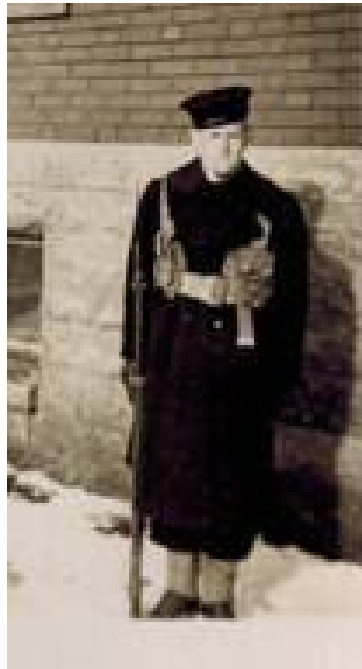
## **Nelson Clifford Dow**

**1917-1981**

**Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserves**

**(AB V16684)**

- Raised on a 100 acre mixed farming homestead, where draft horses were the source of power. One brother and four sisters. Hibbert Township / Staffa post office, Ontario
- April 1941: travelled to Sudbury Ontario, at age 24 to work in mines
- October 1941: changed occupation: worked at munitions plant: Nobel, Ontario
- November 1941: received call to Navy: moved to Port Arthur, Ontario: camp "HMCS Griffon"



- April 1942: transferred to "HMCS Naden": Esquimalt, BC. Started gunnery classes, then seamanship, rigging, and torpedo.
- June 1942: received draft notice to ship Prince Robert.
- February 1943: on land at HMCS Naden 1 for torpedo course: 9 weeks.
- May 1943: relocated to Halifax: HMCS Stadacona

- **June 1943: drafted to HMCS Andree Dupre: patrol/monitoring Halifax harbour naval traffic.**
- **December 1943: on land at HMCS Stadacona after applying for training course. Applied for position on destroyer.**
- **January 1944 on ship - destined overseas.**
- **February 1944: land base Scotland: HMCS Niobe, waiting for new Canadian ship posting.**
- **February 1944: aboard new frigate HMCS Teme**
- **July 1944: back on land at HMCS Niobe, after HMCS Teme was accidentally rammed by aircraft carrier HMS Tracker, while both were chasing a U-boat on 10 June – 4 days after D-Day. HMCS Teme was almost split in half. Four sailors died as a result of the collision**
- **July 1944: aboard HMCS Kamloops corvette, for convoy escort**
- **October 1944: has crossed Atlantic 6 times, usually about a 10 day trip.**
- **February 1945: reported HMCS Kamloops is usually covered with ice when arriving at Halifax, and usually not thawed when leaving. Not so bad “on other side”**
- **May 1945 still posted to HMCS Kamloops in Halifax port, after VE-Day and riots at Halifax. Hoping to get leave.**
- **August 1945: land base HMCS Cornwallis for discharge with 10 – 15000 other troops.**
- **1946 – 1981 Continued life as a bachelor, living with his mother, operating the 100-acre farm that his parents bought across the road from where he grew up. His younger brother bought the home farm after his return from service in the Canadian Army. Nelson raised beef cattle for a while, then changed to “cash crop” farming with edible (white pea) beans, soybeans and corn rotation. Upstairs in his shed was a box of dynamite sticks that he occasionally used to blow up tree stumps on the farm fields.**



**The 1939 – 1945 Star**

**The Atlantic Star with clasp**

**The Pacific Star**

**Voluntary Service Medal with clasp**

**War Medal 1939 - 1945**