

For John 'at-Sea'

THE RED HOUSE
METIS BEACH, P. Q.

You have often spent the Summer
at Metis beside the sea -
On the Grand St. Lawrence River
Thirty miles from Rimouski -
And tho you've been away for
years,
When you return you'll see
That nothing ever changes at
Metis beside the sea.

The wonders of the sunset
The skies that are so blue
The pine trees and the spruce trees
Are waiting here for you -

The little church you sang in
And rang the bell with glee
Is still around the corner
In the place it used to be.

And when the war is over
God grant that you may be
~~Here~~ ^{Here} with your wife & children
at Metis beside the sea.

E. J. B.
Aug 1944

For John 'at-Sea' (aka Lieutenant John Bovey, RCNVR, son of Colonel Wilfrid Bovey – former owner of The Red House, and grandson of E.J.B. Redpath Bovey)

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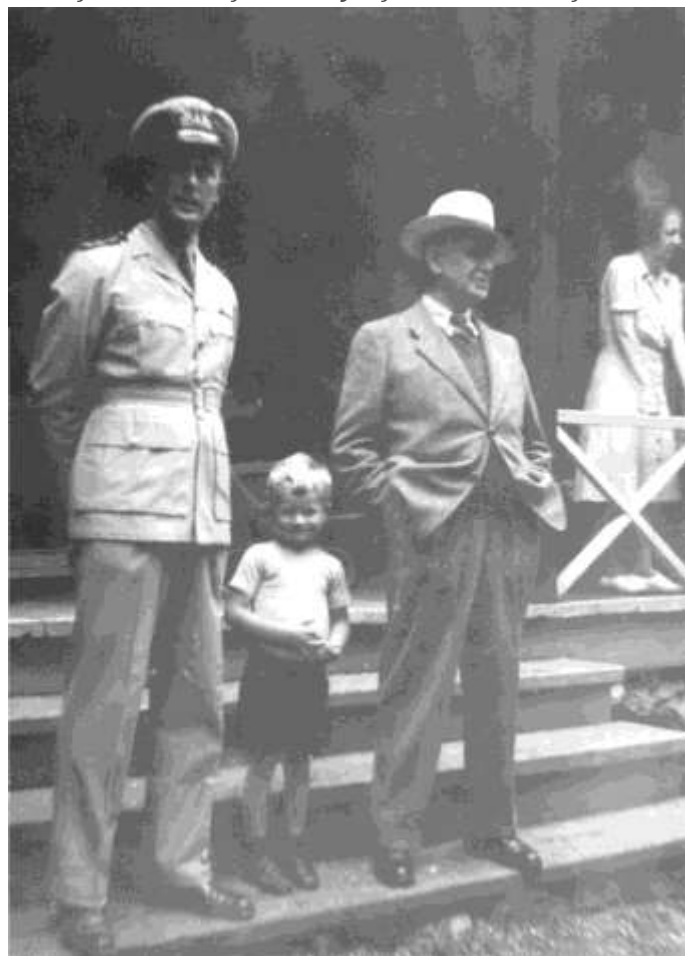
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**The little church you sang in [Yellow Kirk]
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ELB (Eleanor Lily Macklin Bovey)
Aug. 1944



**Comdr. John Bovey, Alex Bovey, Col. Wilfrid Bovey
on front steps of Red House (c 1945)**