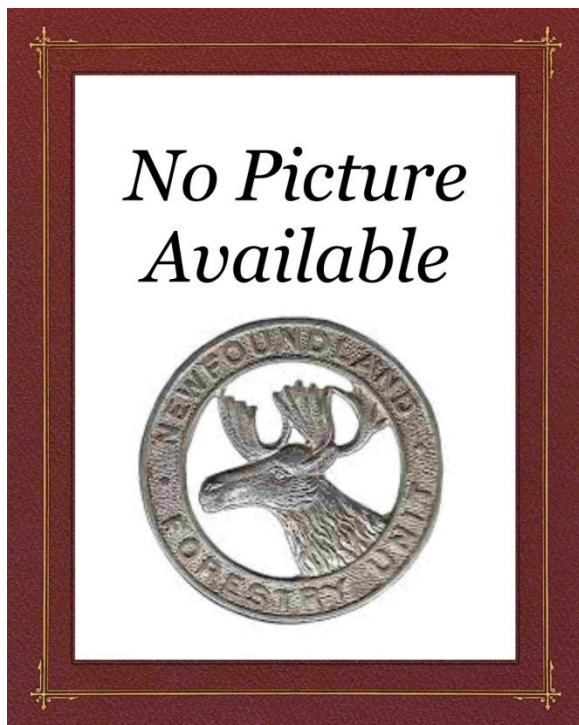




William Hood Bradbury
NOFU
Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit
Service No. 2086
World War II

Born: 1918

Died: 1984

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: William and Annie Marie (nee Morgan) Bradbury

William was the oldest of five (5) children born to William and Annie. There was William, David, Ralph, Edward and Laura.

William is found in both the 1921 and 1935 Newfoundland general census listings, living at home with his parents in Bay Roberts. The enumeration listings are as follows:

1. 1921. William (sr) is 32, wife Annie is 32, children, William is 3, David 2 and Ralph less than a year old.
2. 1935 Beachy Cove, Bay Roberts.

William is 44, second wife Gertrude is 32 and children William is 18, David 17, Ralph 14, Laura 13.

William was in his early twenty's (20's) when he signed up with the Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit (NOFU) and assigned service number 2086. The NOFU was attached to the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

He was sent overseas to Scotland to work in the logging/sawing operation as part of the war effort. Stationed at Aucherach Camp, Inverness, Scotland, he subsequently moved to another camp at Grantown-on-Spey, where he met and married Elizabeth Spark on March 19th, 1943.

Historical Background Information:

"The Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit (NOFU) was a civilian unit composed of skilled forestry workers who came from Newfoundland to Scotland to support the war effort during the Second World War. It was formed on 17 November 1939 and was disbanded in 1946

There were 71 NOFU camps across Scotland with sawmills in Dounie

Hill, Fairburn, Whitebridge, Grantown-on-Spey and Laggan and base camps in Kielder, Kershopefoot, Glenfinart, Glenbranter and Lochgilphead."

William appears on board the vessel the SS Irving Babbitt in May 1945 as a crew member and 3rd cook on a voyage from London to New York.



SS Irving Babbitt

From a search of official resources of Scotland, William Hood Bradbury died in 1984. No further information is available.

Below is a letter from Charlie Snow and William Bradbury written on 26 March 1943 and published in The Guardian on 24 April 1943:

NFLD. FORESTRY NEWS Appreciative Letter From Charlie Snow and William Bradbury—William Bradbury Takes Bride Nfld. Forestry Unit, Grantown on Spey, Achernack Camp, March 26, 1943. Editor Bay Roberts Guardian, Dear Sir,—It affords us great pleasure to write a few lines to our newspaper which we appreciate so much over here in Scotland. We are well and en- joying life fine and wish to be remembered to all our friends in Bay Roberts and elsewhere. We receive The Guardian regu- larly and wish to say how much the paper is appreciated. We wish to do us a favor by pub- lishing the enclosed item. In closing we wish all our friends a good measure of health and happiness, and we are looking forward to a safe return home again in the near future. Yours faithfully, Charlie Snow, William Bradbury. MARRIED A quiet wedding took place on March 19th, when Helen Elizabeth Spark, daughter of Alexander and Mary Spark, be- came the bride of William Hood Bradbury, son of Capt. William	Bradbury, Bay Roberts, New- foundland. The groom was at- tended by Charles Snow of Bay Roberts, friend of the groom. The bride was attended by Mrs. Mabel Innis of 10A Carmelite street, Aberdeen, friend of the bride. After the ceremony the party dined at the Douglas Hotel in Aberdeen, when a most enjoy- able afternoon was spent. At night the bride and groom left on an extended tour of the Highlands of Scotland. We join in wishing the happy couple "Bon Voyage" on the happy sea of matrimony.—Contribut- ed. <i>From The Bay Roberts Guardian 24 April 1943</i>
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