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Malcolm Stanley Bradbury

**166th Newfoundland Field Regiment,
Royal Artillery**

Regimental No. 971362

World War II

Born: 30 Jul 1920

Died: 28 Nov 2002

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Conception
Bay North, Newfoundland

Parents: Robert A. and Elizabeth (nee
Snow) Bradbury

The 1921 Newfoundland general census for the district of Harbour Grace, which included Country Road (Bay Roberts) then has the following entries: Bert 28., Carrie 28, children Olive 5, Carrie 3, and Stanley 1. A notation indicating that the entries were “very poorly written” allows for the interpretation that the parents’ names ought

to have read Robert (not Bert), and Elizabeth (not Carrie) as recorded. Further evidence is that both parents were born in 1893, Robert and Elizabeth were both born that year. So, this entry is in fact correct, the names however are not.

The 1935 census for Country Road, Bay Roberts is much clearer and accurate. The Bradbury’s are listed as follows: Robert 42, Elizabeth 42, Olive 19, Carrie 17, Stanley 15, William 8, Catherine 6, Edward 4, Edith 3, and Boyd just 6 weeks old. Robert’s occupation is given as house painter.

In 1945, Robert, now a bus driver is fifty-two, as is Elizabeth, Stanley M, is 25, William 18, Catherine 16, Edward 14, Edith 13, and Donald Boyd 10.

It is a point of interest that the names Malcolm and Stanley are interchanged on several official documents, but it is the same person.

Malcolm enlisted in the 166th Newfoundland Field Regiment, Royal Artillery and was a gunner. This unit was commonly referred to as the 166th Heavy.

A part of the 166th Heavy, Malcolm was a member of the Regiment’s 1st contingent to North Africa in early 1943.

The 1950 US Federal census lists Malcolm at age 29, working as a labourer for a building company. He is married and living as a boarder in Waterton, Massachusetts. He is married to Jean (nee Mercer), the daughter of Bethlehem and Sophia Mercer of Bay Roberts, Newfoundland.

The following year, he is living in Newton, Mass and working as a carpenter. He

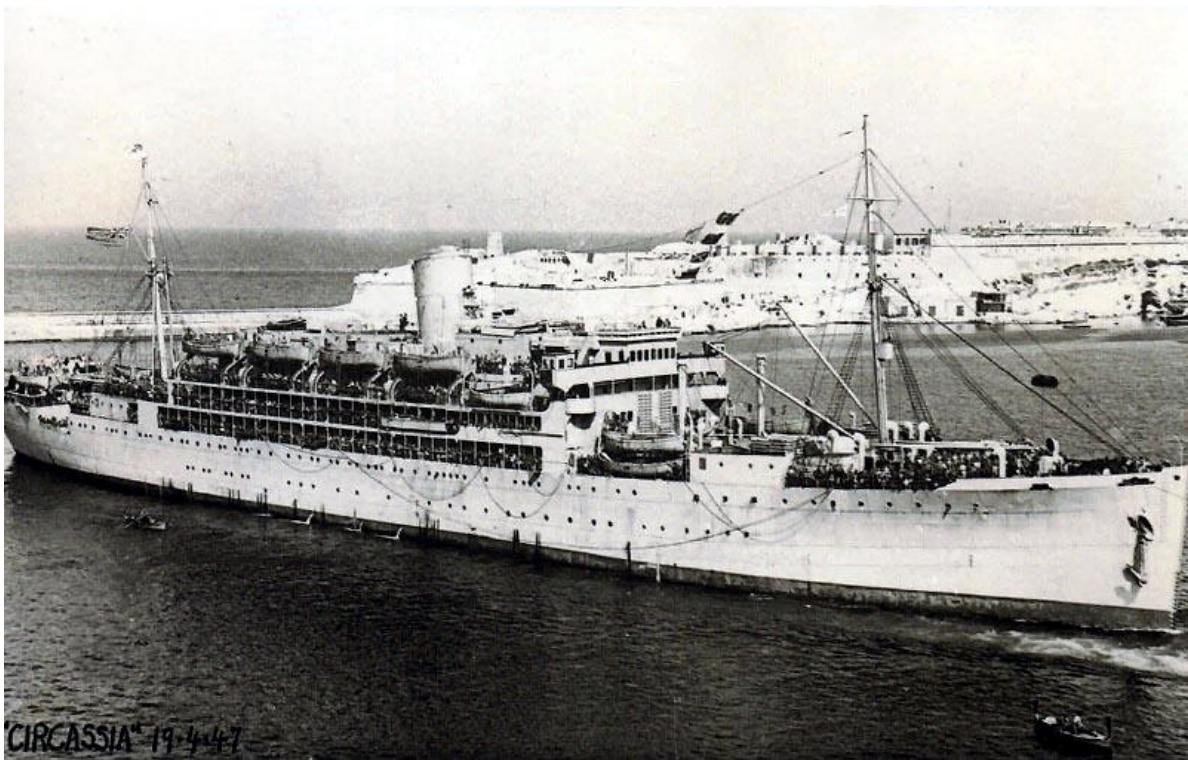
became a naturalized American Citizen in October 1953. By 1963, Malcolm and family are living in Boston. He is still working as a carpenter and is forty-three.

Malcolm died on July 28th, 2002, and is buried at St. John the Evangelist Anglican Cemetery at Coley's Point, Newfoundland.

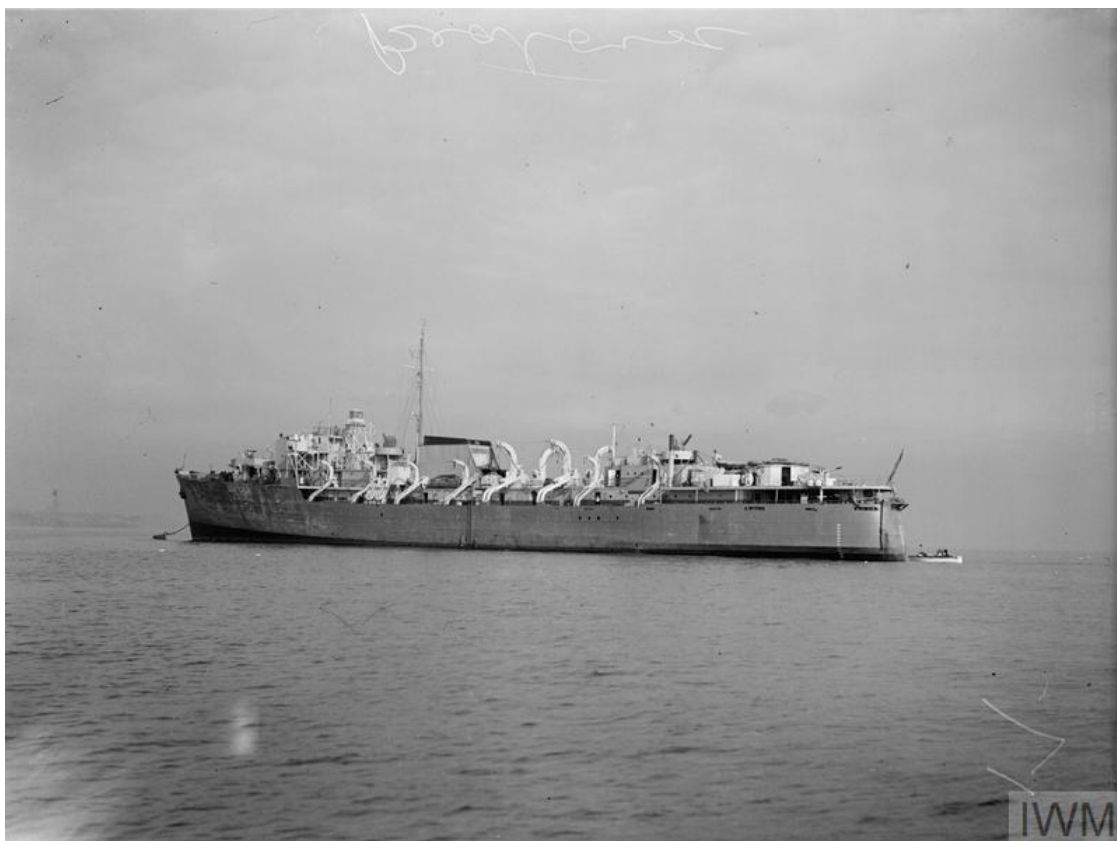
Below are 2 ships used as Troop Transports during World War II:

HMT Circassia 1940 to 1948:

RMS Circassia was commissioned in January 1940 and was converted to serve as an "Armed Merchant Cruiser" (AMC), however in February 1942 she was refitted to become a troop ship with space for over 2,000 troops, and she took part in the landings at Salerno and St Tropez. Then from 1943 she became an Infantry Landing Ship. In 1945 she served in the Straits of Malacca.



The Circassia is seen here as an Infantry Landing Ship on April 19, 1947



Entered Service.31 May 1948 Withdrawn. September 1968

The new motor ships Koningin Emma and Prinses Beatrix escaped to England on 10th May 1940. The 1939 twins were renamed Queen Emma and Princess Beatrix by the Royal Navy, and during 1942 they took part as landing vessels for the commando raids. Koningin Emma and Prinses Beatrix were rebuilt and refurbished for civilian service in 1947 and 1948, and in the latter year, they took places on the day service from the Hook of Holland to Harwich. In September 1968 the Prinses Beatrix laid up in Schiedam.



166th Field Regiment Helmet Badge



166th Field Regiment Shoulder Flash