



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 1980. No further information is available.