



Archibald (Arch) Badcock
(July 6, 1931 – July 14, 2012)

Dad was born in St. John's, NL the oldest son of 10 children born to Cecil and Jemima. The family moved to Bay Roberts in the 1940's and for year's ran a bus/ taxi service to and from St. John's. After confederation with Canada in 1949, dad joined the Canadian Army in September 1950 but unfortunately could not get his desired trade with the Signals Branch. Dad always had an interest in electronics and wanted to be a radio technician. This would be fulfilled after his military service. Instead he joined the Lord Strathcona's Horse Royal Canadians (LdSH(RC) as a tank driver/mechanic. After training in various locations in Canada and the United States, dad was shipped off to Korea in April 1951 aboard the USNS Marine Adder. The ship crossed the 180 Meridian on April 25th and dad received the "Domain of the Golden Dragon" certificate. On July 2nd, 1952 dad re- crossed the 180 Meridian this time aboard the USNS General Hugh J.

Gaffey. Dad, like most soldiers, never did talk much about his service but we all knew that he saw combat many times during his more than 15 months in theatre. Dad made many good friends in the army and I can remember meeting at least two of them but I was very young and their names escape me now. This type of friend can only be made when you share life and death combat experiences together and I know dad was very close to them for years afterwards. I heard him say at least once that maybe he should have made a career in the army after Korea. Dad was honourably discharged on September 13th, 1952.

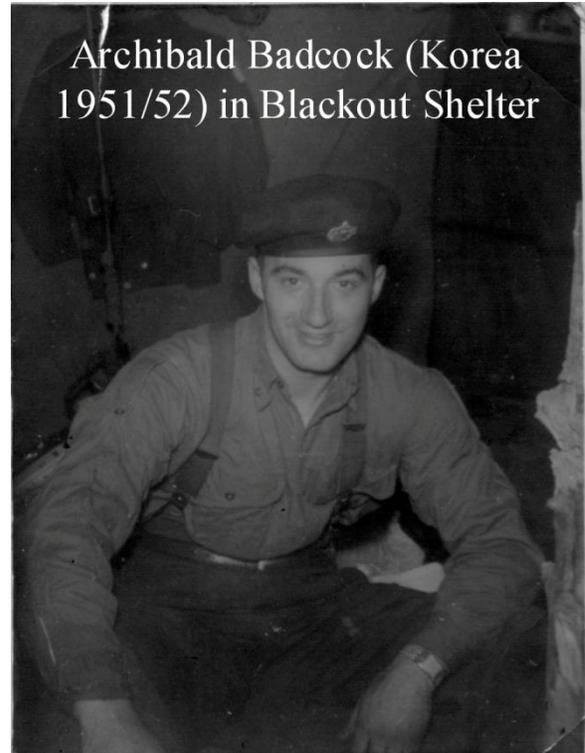
After the army, dad fulfilled his dream and became a Radio and Television Technician. He secured employment with A. Spencer & Co. Ltd. in Bay Roberts and worked there for many years, eventually making it to manager of the Appliance/Electronic department. He was also the only technician and in those days, serviced everything that the company sold. He married Minnie in June 1955 and had 4 children. In 1962 he finished building our house in Bay Roberts; he lived there for the rest of his life. In 1972 after many years of travelling around the province in a trailer during the summer, the family built a cabin at Nine Island Pond. This cabin provided year round memories for the whole family. Dad went there to enjoy the peace and quiet with his family almost up until his death. Dad opened his own business in 1977 (A. Badcock's Service Centre) where he repaired every type of major appliance. He ran this business until 1992 when due to health reasons he was forced to retire. But of course this had a silver lining because now he could spend more time at the cabin.

Dad was always active in the Royal Canadian Legion and especially Branch 32 in Bay Roberts where he was one of the first members and helped the branch get its

Charter on May 9th, 1955. Over the years, dad held every Executive Position and was very proud to receive Life Membership in Branch 32 on December 14th, 1988. Dad was also awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) on March 28th, 1990 and the Palm Leaf to the MSM on December 8th, 1994. The MSM is the highest Legion award that can be presented to a member and the Palm Leaf to the MSM indicates continued meritorious service.

Dad passed away on July 14th, 2012, Nine months after his beloved Minnie. We believe he died of a broken heart.

RIP Mom and Dad.



Archibald Badcock (Korea 1951/52) in Blackout Shelter



Archibald Badcock in Tank Drivers Seat (Korea 1951/52)

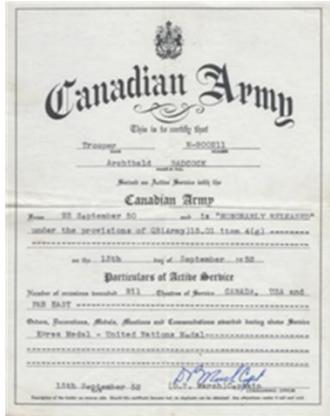


Minnie and Archibald Badcock signing Marriage Register - June 7, 1955
Reverend Guy Fowlow presiding



TALK ABOUT WAR Members of Royal Canadian Legion, branch 32 in Bay Roberts explained the horrors of war to a local Beaver group last Tuesday. Addressing the group are (from left) Legionnaires Roy Andrews, Arch Badcock, Graham Burse and Fred Dibbon.

By Son Gary



Certificate of Service



Canada Arm Patch



Commonwealth Arm Patch



LDSH (RC) Shoulder Flash



ID Disk



Legion Life Membership



Meritorious Service Medal



Military Service Medals