



Charles Stewart Babcock

United States Navy

Service No. 606-08-67

World War II

Born: 01 Sep 1919

Died: 14 Jun 2011 (age 91)

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts,
Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: James and Bertha (nee
Bradbury) Badcock/Babcock

According to the 1921 Newfoundland
general census, Charles was the fourth
child born to James and Bertha.

That census lists James at age 28,
Bertha 27, Marion 7, Minnie 5, George 3,
and Charlie 1. This census listing also

clearly shows the surname of the family
as Badcock.

Sometime between the 1921 census and
1930, the family relocated to the United
States, more particularly,
Massachusetts. James secured work
with the maintenance department of
Harvard University, where he worked
for 27 years, retiring in 1957.

Documentation shows that Charles
entered the United States at Vanceboro,
Maine in June 1930. Subsequent
petition for naturalization papers show
that he applied in 1941 for American
Citizenship, and it was granted in July of
that year at Boston. At this point, he had
been living in the U.S. for ten years
prior.

Charles World War II draft card can be
found on page 3, showing his age as 21
and occupation as maintenance at
Harvard College. He was described as
being 5' 11 1/2" tall, 173 lbs of light
complexion with brown hair & blue eyes.

Charles enlisted in the United States
Navy on January 21, 1941, and served
until his release in October 1945.

He served as Seaman 2nd. Class on the
minesweeper USS Forrest pictured
below.



USS Forrest (DD-461/DMS-24), was a Gleaves-class destroyer of the United States Navy.

Charles had three (3) wives, Viola Ruth Cox, Norma Mildred Taylor, and Myrna Jones.

Charles died in June 2011 and is buried at Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Here is a copy of his official obituary:

Babcock, Charles S.

2011

Born in Newfoundland, from South Hamilton, MA, formerly of Cambridge, Burlington, and Lexington, MA. Survived by his beloved wife, Myrna (Jones) Babcock, also of South Hamilton, his sister, Minnie Jackson of Sandown, NH, nephews, Roy Jackson of Florida and New Hampshire, James Jackson of New Hampshire, and niece Ruth Ortiz of New Hampshire. Predeceased by former

wives, Norma Taylor and Viola Cocks. Also survived by several nieces and nephews, and long-time friends, Majors Steve, and Betzann Carroll. Charles graduated from Rindge Technical School in Cambridge in 1938. Former Mfg. Rep and owner of Robert F. Crane, Inc. of Boston, Past Master Amicable Lodge, AF&AM. Participated in the arts, including woodcarving and painting. Published poet and member of The National Library of Poetry. Navy veteran of WWII. Life member of 'Tin Can Sailors'. Member of DAV & VFW. Charles was a Senior Soldier in Cambridge Salvation Army. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to The Cambridge Salvation Army Capital Campaign - P.O.Box 390647, Cambridge, MA 02139 or The Asbury Grove Restoration Fund, P.O. Box 2195, South Hamilton, MA.

01982. Visiting hours at Brown & Hickey Funeral Home, 36 Trapelo Road, Belmont, MA, on Sunday, June 19 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM.

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3. TELEPHONE	4. AGE IN YEARS 21	5. PLACE OF BIRTH Bay Roberts (Town or county)	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP Newfoundland
DATE OF BIRTH Sept 13 - 1919 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)		Newfoundland (State or country)	
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Bertha J. Babcock (Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)			8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Mother
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 118 Pleasant St. Cambridge Middlesex Mass. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME Student Harvard College			
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 917 Memorial Drive - Cambridge Middlesex Mass. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1		289 of 1881	
		Charles Stuart Babcock	

CHARLES S. BABCOCK, CM2c, husband of the former Norma Taylor, 480 Putnam av., Cambridge, a veteran of three years in the Atlantic, is serving aboard a minesweeper in the Pacific. He participated in the invasions of North Africa, Sicily, Normandy and Southern France. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Babcock, 6A Mossland st., Somerville, he entered the Navy in December, 1941.



BABCOCK

Clipping from his local newspaper from May 1945