



Clifford H. Badcock
World War II
Newfoundland Navy
Service No. 247914

Clifford was a Shearstown boy born of the 28th of September 1918 to parents Alexander and Fanny Badcock.

Clifford would, like many young Newfoundland men of the day, enlist to fight in the war. Clifford chose the Newfoundland Navy and subsequently was transferred to the Royal Navy in short order. Once enlistment requirements were complete, he was assigned 247914 as his service identification number.

Although unsure of the exact enlistment date, Clifford was a member of the 13th Naval Contingent to leave Newfoundland for England and it is known that he was a leading seaman on ships where he served.

Since the 13th contingent departed Newfoundland in November 1940, it is safe to assume that he enlisted sometime in 1940.

There was a total of 18 Naval Contingents sent from Newfoundland during World War II comprised of 175 – 200 per contingent. For a small place (population wise) like Newfoundland, which meant about 3500 – 3600 men served in the Navy alone during the war. Quite a sizable number of young men for sure.

Clifford did survive the war, returned home, and married a young lady by the name of Dorcas E. The 1945 census has them both living with his father, Alexander, and a new addition to their family of Clifford (jr.) who was then just 5 months old.

Interestingly his mother is not noted, the assumption here is that she had passed away and Alexander was a widower.

Clifford died 1991 and is buried at the Trinity United Churchyard Cemetery in Shearstown.