



Robert Badcock

United States Army

Service No. 51013130

Korea & Vietnam

**Born:** 24 Aug 1927

**Died:** 27 Apr 1968 (40 yrs. old)

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

**Parents:** Robert and Clara Badcock

Robert was just two years old when his biological father, Robert sr., died in 1929 at the age of twenty-six (26).

His mother Clara subsequently married Edwin Mercer of Bay Roberts, who had also lost his partner. Edwin had children, as did Clara from their first marriages. In fact, the 1935 Newfoundland general census for Bay Roberts shows the following:

Edwin is 40 and his children are Lillian 11 and Eugene 6.

Clara is 30 and her children are Vera 11, Phyllis 9 and Robert 7.

Together they have Thomas 1 and Carrie, less than a year old.

The blended family now consists of seven (7) children in all.

The next general census in 1945 lists all the Mercer family intact, except there is no listing for Robert.

United States border crossing records show Robert at age 19 arriving at Vanceboro, Maine on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 1947. According to the entry, he is there to visit his brother in law, Edward French jr. who is married to Robert's sister.

For the next couple of years, Robert finds work and becomes an American citizen. Then in 1949 or 1950, he enlists in the US Army. His military career would span some 18 years and he would see service in Korea and Vietnam.

During this time, he meets Patricia Winn, the daughter of Roy and Marguerite Winn of Clinton, Massachusetts and they marry in the mid-late 1950's.

Robert rises to the rank of Staff Sergeant (SSG) and appears to be a career soldier, then tragedy strikes. On April 27<sup>th</sup>, 1968, while serving in South Vietnam, SSG Badcock, dies in what is listed in his medical causality file as "non-hostile, accidental homicide."

Robert is buried at St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Clinton, Massachusetts, he was 40 years old.



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mendation Medal; accepted by  
his widow, Mrs. Patricia M.  
Badcock of Lancaster.**



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### ROBERT BADCOCK

ROBERT BADCOCK was born on August 24, 1927 and joined the Armed Forces while in MANCHESTER, MA.

He served as a 94B40 in the Army. In 18 years of service, he attained the rank of SSGT/E6. He began a tour of duty on July 15, 1967.

On April 27, 1968, at the age of 40, ROBERT BADCOCK perished in the service of our country in South Vietnam, Gia Dinh.



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