



**Chesley (Ches) Batten  
World War I**

**Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)  
Service No. 1662  
Royal Navy & Royal Canadian Navy  
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**Born:** June 1892

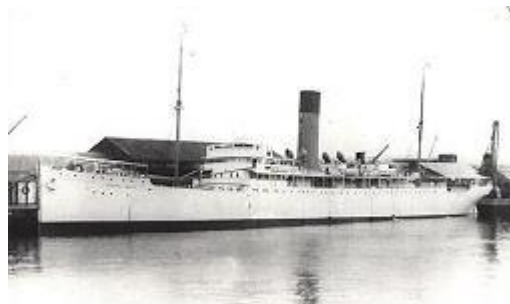
**Place of Birth:** Bareneed, Newfoundland

**Parents:** Thomas and Tryphena Batten

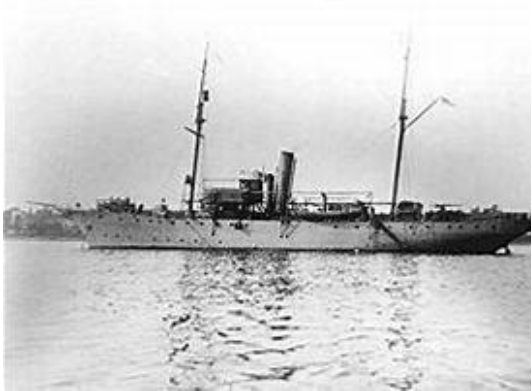
According to official records, Chesley was living and working in Gloucester, Maine when he enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) in August 1914. He was 22 at the time.

From mid August 1914 to mid March 1919, Ches would spend that time serving on various ships or stationed at naval bases. His service ledger record provides the following details about his postings:

1. 25 Aug 14 – 05 Nov 14: **HMS Calypso**
2. 06 Nov 14 – 27 Dec 14: **HMS Excellent**
3. 28 Nov 14 – 18 Apr 15 and 26 Apr 15 – 12 Oct 16: **HMS Changuinola**  
(HMS CHANGUINOLA – December 1914 to January 1919, 10th Cruiser Squadron Northern Patrol, British Home Waters, Atlantic Convoys)



4. 13 Oct 16 – 14 Oct 16: **HMS Victory 1**
5. 15 Oct 16 – 26 Dec 16: **HMS Excellent**
6. 27 Dec 16 – 09 Oct 17: **HMS President 111**
7. 10 Oct 17 – 29 Nov 17: **HMS Briton**
8. 30 Nov 17 – 30 Apr 18: **HMCS Stadacona**



### **HMCS Stadacona**

*“HMCS Stadacona was a commissioned patrol boat of the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) that served in the First World War and postwar until 1920. Prior to entering service with the RCN, the vessel was the private yacht Columbia.*

*Following the war, Stadacona performed hydrographic surveys.”*

9. 01 May 18 – 20 Dec 18: **HMCS Seagull**
10. 21 Dec 18 – 20 Mar 19: **HMS Briton**
11. Shore demobilized 20 March 1919.

It is interesting to note that for most of his wartime service, Chesley was attached to the Royal Navy but there was a period, 30 Nov 1917 to 20 December 1918 when was actually attached to the RCN (Royal Canadian Navy.) There is a handwritten notation on his record that states: *“slightly wounded in the hand when SS Ledger Hall was damaged by s/m gunfire on 02 Jul 1917.”*

Once he was discharged, Chesley returned home to and is found in the 1921 Newfoundland census living in Bareneed. He is now 29 years old and married to Winifred (Winnie) Morgan of Port de Grave.

By 1935, the Batten’s still living in Bareneed have three (3) children, Herbert, George, and Lydia.

The 1945 general Newfoundland census shows Chesley, and Winnie are in Bareneed with all three children still at home. Ann Maria Morgan, Winnie’s mom is residing with them, she is 71.

Over the years, they moved to Bay Roberts and started a wholesale business called “Batten’s Wholesale.” It was mainstay business in the area for many years.

Chesley passed away in 1980 and Winnie in 1990. They are buried in the Seventh Day Adventist Cemetery, Track Road, Bay Roberts, Newfoundland.