



Cyril Batten

Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)

Service No. 1992X

World War I

Born: 13 November 1891

Place of Birth: Bareneed, Newfoundland

Parents: Robert and Fanny (Dawe) Batten

According to his enlistment papers, Cyril enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) on January 4th, 1916. He was twenty-five (25) at the time. He was single, stood 5' 8" tall, had fair hair and blue eyes.

Official Service Record Entries by date and posting:

1. 04 Jan 1916 – 30 Jan 1916: **HMS Calypso**
(Training vessel)
2. 31 Jan 1916 – 23 Apr 1916: **HMS Briton**
3. 24 Apr 1916 – 21 Aug 1916: **HMS Vivid 1**
4. *“Transferred under admiralty authority from Nfld Naval Reserve to the home reserve 22 Aug/16
SC 3904/38 F 257 issued.”*

At the end of the war, it was presumed that Cyril returned home to Bareneed,

Newfoundland but he could not be located following a thorough search of official documentation. Even the Newfoundland general census of 1921 revealed no record or entry for Cyril.

The mystery of his disappearance is solved when Cyril appears in the 1940 Federal General Census in the United States. He is 50 years old, working and living in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan. He is a naturalized American citizen, a general office worker and owns his own home at 5220 Haverhill Street in Detroit.

Cyril is married to Mollie, who is from Newfoundland and like Cyril now a naturalized American citizen.

Mollie age 52 was married at 32 and together they have a son, Donald (15) who was born in Michigan.

Interpreting this information and the fact that the Batten's were in the same residence in 1935, it would seem that the couple had been living in the area since 1920 or so.

Cyril passed away on March 1st, 1971, at his home in Detroit. No burial information could be found, but this biography will be updated if/when it becomes available.