



John Batten Bartlett
World War 1
Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)
Service No. 2012X

John was born on the 18th of February 1897 in Bareneed to John (?) and Elizabeth Bartlett. His father was a fisherman and his mother a housekeeper.

On February 28th, 1916, John, then nineteen, made his way to St. John's by train and enlisted as a seaman in the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) for the duration of the war.

John's enlistment papers give the following physical description of him:

Height: 5' 4 1/2"

Chest girth: 30 1/2 - 33 1/2"

Complexion: Fresh

Hair: Light Brown

Eyes: Blue

Single

Physically fit

The 1921 census of Bareneed shows John (23) and sister Myrtle (20) living with their mother, Elizabeth, who is now a widow after losing her husband.

The 1935 census shows John is now married to Suzie, a young lady from Twillingate. They are living with mother Elizabeth and John's occupation is given as Labrador fisherman.

Together John and Suzie would have a daughter in 1936, named Myrtle, after her aunt.

John's service record is re-produced in full below and clearly shows he served on a number of vessels before being released from service on the 9th of May 1919.

One of the ships he served aboard, The HMS Albion is also noted below.

John died in 1970 and is buried in St. Mark's Anglican Cemetery, Bareneed.



HMS Albion

HMS Albion was a **pre-dreadnought battleship of the British Royal Navy** and a member of the Canopus class. Intended for service in Asia, Albion and her sister ships were smaller and faster than the preceding Majestic-class battleships but retained the same battery of four 12-inch (305 mm) guns.

