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**Joseph Batten
Royal Naval Reserve
Service No. 1570X**

Joseph Batten was born of November 2nd, 1896, in Bareneed.

Joseph enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve as a seaman “for one year” according to his enlistment papers dated 18 January 1915. Interesting note on those papers in the space provided for parent’s names, Joseph notes Mrs. Delilah Boone as his mother.

Joseph was just 18 years old when he volunteered for service and after all, it was just going to be one year.

Following basic training on the Calypso, as was the norm for all recruits, Joseph embarked for England and was stationed at the Pembroke training facility for additional training.

His service record notes a number of assignments which included: Ceto;

Pembroke; President 111 twice; Briton twice and the Vivid 111 and runs from his enlistment on 18 January 1915 to December 1919.

Seems that young Joseph was demobilized in 1916 but then remobilized almost immediately. That one initial year turned into four as he finally was discharged in December 1919.

Joseph returned home and although hard to locate, he appears in the 1921 census, living in Bareneed and married to Beatrice, a lady who is 7 years his senior.

There is an additional notation on Joseph in the 1936 Directory for Coley’s Point South where his occupation is given as a labourer.