



**Robert Arthur Batten**  
**World War I**  
**Royal Newfoundland Regiment**  
**Regimental No. 6234**

**Born:** September 5<sup>th</sup>, 1898

**Place of Birth:** Country Road, Bay Roberts

**Parents:** John and Annie Batten

**Died:** June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1973

Robert enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1918. His enlistment papers describe him as young 20-year-old man with light brown hair, blue eyes, of fair complexion, 135 lbs and 5' 8" tall. He gives his occupation as carpenter and in Salvation Army by faith.

His service record is quite short, lasting only a little over 3 months. He did not serve overseas, since he enlisted late in 1918 and was demobilized in January 1919.

Among his papers is a travel warrant No. R324 for travel to his home at Bay Roberts

and his release certificate No. 442 issued on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 1918.

Following his discharge in early 1919, Robert is difficult to locate. The 1921 census shows his parents are living at Country Road, Bay Roberts with five children but Robert is not one of them.

Subsequent Census records of 1935 and 1945 provide no record or trace of Robert.

Being a carpenter by trade, it is quite possible that he went in search of work. This is a good possibility since he is found in Massachusetts married to Hazel Violet (Claflin) Batten and they have a family.

Robert passed away on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1973. His wife Hazel passed in October 2002. They are buried in the Woodbrook Cemetery, Woburn, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA.