



**Samuel Petten  
Royal Naval Reserve**

Samuel Petten was born in Bareneed in 1885 to his parents Jacob and Rebecca (Osmond) Petten.

Before Samuel joined the military, he was a fisherman. Samuel joined the naval reserve in 1904 to earn some extra money and trained in the city of St. John's. He was called to active service at the beginning of the first world war in 1914.

Samuel's service record shows the following entries of ships he served on:

1. HMS Calypso ship from August 17th to November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1914.

2. HMS Virginian November 6th in 1914 to November 25th 1916.

3. HMS Pembroke November 26th in 1916 to May the 24th in 1917.

4. HMS Briton May 25th to June 14th, 1917.

5. HMS Caesar November 15th to November the 21st 1917 which is his shortest stay at any one ship.

6. HMS Vivid 3 November 22nd, 1917, to April 14th, 1918.

7. When he finished his service on that ship, he moved to the HMS President 3 where Samuel was promoted to Acting Seaman. He was aboard the HMS President 3 from April 15th, 1918, to February 10<sup>th</sup> 1919.

8. Then it was back to the HMS Vivid 3 ship from February the 11th to April 11th, 1919.

9. Finally it was the HMS Briton from April 12th to May the 27th 1919 when he was demobilized.

Samuel was married to Mary Ann (Fagan) Petten and together they had three children, all boys. The eldest son, John Petten was born in 1913. The middle son Jacob Petten born 10 years after his older brother in 1923 and the youngest son Samuel Petten was born in 1926.



HMS *Calypso*

## History



United Kingdom

<b>Name</b>	HMS <i>Calypso</i>
<b>Builder</b>	HM Dockyard Chatham
<b>Cost</b>	Hull: £82,000; machinery: £37,500 <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Laid down</b>	1881
<b>Launched</b>	7 June 1883
<b>Commissioned</b>	21 September 1885 (first commission)
<b>Renamed</b>	HMS <i>Briton</i> , 15 February 1916
<b>Reclassified</b>	Training ship, 2 September 1902
<b>Fate</b>	Sold 7 April 1922; burned off Jobs Cove near Embree, NL