



TED TRENCHARD  
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Born in Aug 1894 Edward (Ted) Trenchard would live to the ripe old age of 88 years of age.

When World War one broke out, he would enlist in the Newfoundland Navy, and then move to the Royal Naval Reserve. He was assigned the service no. 886X (the X appears to represent the RNR designation) and would see service as an A/B able seaman aboard at the HMS Pembroke as indicated by the tally (ribbon) on his cap.

At least that is what I first thought, only to find out that the HMS Pembroke was not a ship of WW1 but as I understand it, Pembroke was what they call a **'stone ship'** i.e., hulks, where the sailors were based in Chatham. In about 1902 a land-based establishment was built and commissioned and given HMS status.

That is the case here, the Pembroke was in fact the training centre in Chatham, England. It was one of three main centres, the others being Plymouth and Portsmouth, respectively.

Upon enlisting in the Royal Naval Reserve, he was assigned the British Service No. P/174391

He married Winnie, a lady from Coley's Point. Together they would have two children, a son Edward, and a daughter Violet. Unfortunately, Winnie would pass away quite young at the age of 43. Subsequently, Ted remarried, Mabel, from Trinity Bay.

Ted would survive the War and return home to Bay Roberts when it ended. He passed away on September 21, 1982.

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The picture above is one of the current Royal Canadian Legion building as it was back in 1955 when it was first purchased as the branch building. It had until that time been a church (Seventh Day Adventist). The building, like many of the day was actually built in the beach on stilts.

The two men in the photo are Ted Trenchard and Robert Mercer (Mayor) both instrumental in the establishment of RCL Branch 32. Mr. Trenchard had previously been an active member of GWVA (Great War Veterans Association), the forerunner of the Royal Canadian Legion.