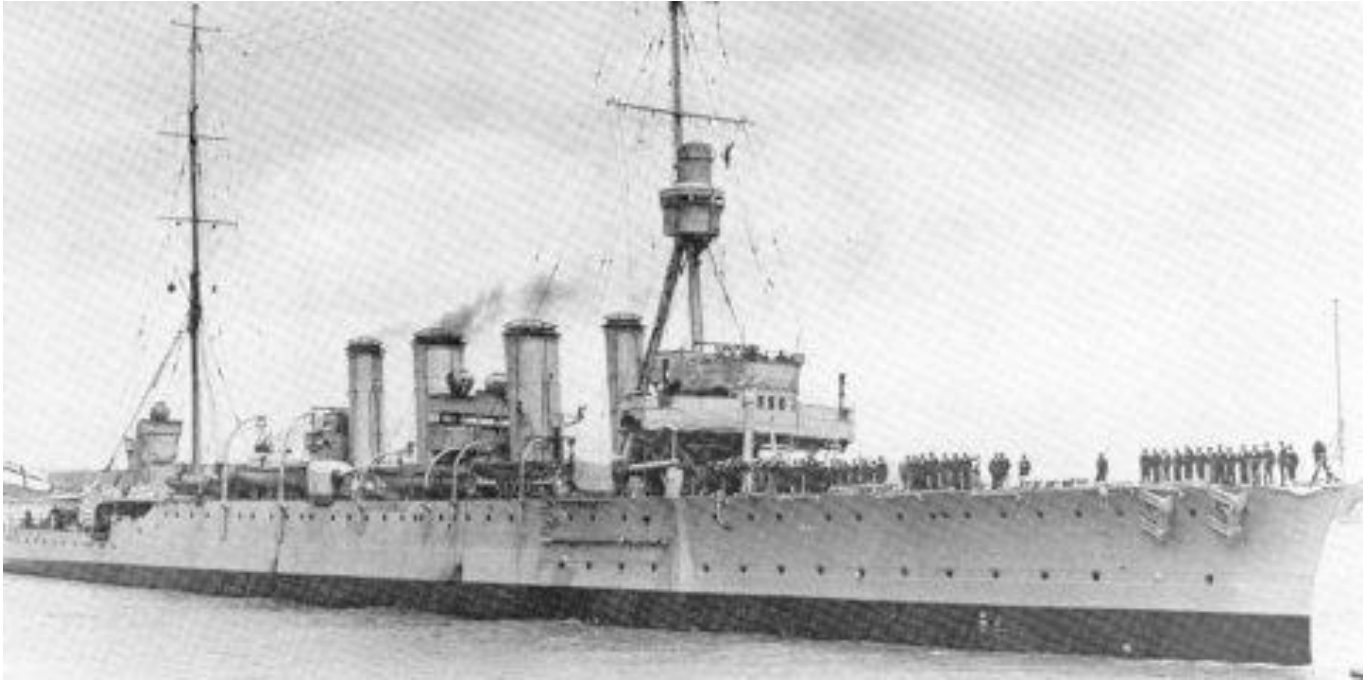


**Pattern: HMS Chatham, Light Cruiser;** Introduced in to NZ Service: 1920; Withdrawn: 1924  
Builder: HM Naval Dockyard, Chatham; Launched: 19/11/1911; Commissioned in RN: 3/12/1912.  
Tonnage: 5400; Dimensions: 458 x 430 x 48.8 x 17.7 ft (139.6 x 131.1 x 14.9 x 5.4 m).  
Machinery: 4 shaft, coal fired steam turbines, 25,000 shp; Speed: 25.5 knots.  
Armament: Guns – 8 x 6 in, 1 x 3 in AA gun, 4 x 2 Pdr, MGs, Torpedo Tubes - 2 x 21 in; Complement: 475.



### **NZ Service**

HMS Chatham was placed in reserve after WW I and offered on loan to New Zealand in late 1919. She commissioned for New Zealand in October 1920 and sailed for Auckland arriving 26/1/1921. HMS Philomel transferred from Wellington to Auckland and Chatham acted as a sea training ship for the newly formed NZ Division of the Royal Navy and provided a naval presence around New Zealand and in the South Pacific.

Chatham ceased duty as Flag Ship of the New Zealand Division on 10/5/24 and returned to RN service on the East Indies Station, paying off in England on 11/11/25. She was sold for scrap and broken up at Pembroke Docks, Milford Haven in September 1926

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