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ATTESTATION FORM

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL RESERVE

SURNAME KETTLE OFFICIAL No. A2382CHRISTIAN NAMES Alfred Smedley MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Widower
~~Married~~

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>R.R. 2 Mandaumin, Ontario.</u>	<u>Anglican</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>May 14, 1910</u>	<u>Town Petrolia</u> County Province <u>Ontario.</u>	<u>Mrs. Edith Kettle, mother,</u> <u>same address</u>

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet..... <u>5</u>	Inflated..... <u>36</u>	<u>Dark</u>	<u>Hazel</u>	<u>Ruddy</u>	<u>Tattoo on L forearm</u>
Inches..... <u>8½</u>	Deflated..... <u>32</u>				<u>" " R arm</u>
<u>135</u>	Mean..... <u>34</u>				

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>July 29th, 1940</u>	<u>A.B.</u>	<u>Quartermaster, Canadian Steamship Lines.</u>

(B) DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY APPLICANT

I hereby declare as follows:—

- (1) That I am a British Subject domiciled in Canada.
- (2) That I am desirous of being enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, and that I accept and agree to abide by the rules of the said Force.
- (3) (a) That it is my intention to follow the sea for a period of at least five years from this date.
- (b) ~~That it is my intention to follow the calling of a Fireman, either at sea or on shore, for a period of five years from this date.~~
- (c) ~~That it is my intention to follow the sea in an Engine-room capacity for a period of five years from this date.~~

NOTE.—Candidates for enrolment as *Seaman* are to cross out clauses (b) and (c) above.Candidates for enrolment as *Stoker* are to cross out clauses (a) and (c) above.Candidates for enrolment as *E.R.A.* are to cross out clauses (a), (b) and (c) above.Candidates for enrolment as *Engineman* are to cross out clauses (a) and (b) above.Personnel Records
Division

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6. Pension Card ...	<u>J.A.</u>
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DATE <u>20/8/40</u>	<u>J.A.</u>

(4) That I have never been rejected from any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness.

*Cross out clause not applicable.

(5) ~~That (a) I have never served, and am not serving in any Naval, Military, Reserve or Territorial Force.~~

(b)* I served in Lambton Regiment for the period shown.

Served in	Rank	From	To
Lambton Regiment	Cpl.	Nov 1934	Nov 1935

(6) That the particulars contained above are correct and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(7) On being enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:—

- (a) To serve from the date thereof for five consecutive years, being subject to the provisions of the Naval Service Act, and of the Regulations made in pursuance thereof for the government of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, and to the customs and usages of His Majesty's Canadian Naval Service.
- (b) To report for active service if called upon in time of war or emergency, and, if called into active service, to serve ashore or afloat as may be directed according to where my services are required.
- (c) To keep in good repair and condition the articles of uniform and any articles of outfit which may be issued to me and to return them to the nearest Registrar or to Training Headquarters prior to my discharge or when required so to do by any authorized person, or to pay compensation for any loss or damage thereto other than fair wear and tear; and also not to wear such uniform or outfit (which is and remains the property of the Crown) except when on Naval duty.

(8) I am willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities.

Dated this 29th day of July, 1940

Alfred S. Kettle
(Signature of Applicant)

(C)

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Alfred S. Kettle do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Britannic Majesty.

Signature of Applicant Alfred S. Kettle

Witness [Signature]

Date July 29, 1940 Rank A/Lieut. R.C.N.V.R.

The Oath of Allegiance may be administered by a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service.

(D)

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICIAL

I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the man above named, in my presence, and that he has made and signed the above declaration and has taken the oath of

allegiance in my presence this 29th day of July, 1940

[Signature]
A/Lieut RCNVR (Signature of Officer and rank)

NOTE.—When this form has been completed it is to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa, for custody.

DURATION OF HOSTILITIES

~~True Copy of the~~
CERTIFICATE of the Service of

Alfred Smedley KETTLE

in the Naval Service of Canada

The corner of this Certificate is to be cut off whenever it is considered that the man's antecedents and character are such as to render his re-entry at any future time undesirable. Whenever the corner is cut off the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

PORT DIVISION

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia

OFFICIAL NUMBER

A. 2382

Date of birth 14th May, 1910

Where born { Town Petrolia,
 County and province Ontario.

Usual place of residence R.R. 2 Mandaumie, Ontario.

Trade brought up to Quattermaster--Can. Stm's Lines.

Religious denomination Church of England.

Next of kin mother, Mrs. Edith Kettle, same address.

Can swim Yes

Man's signature on discharge to pension

CONTINUOUS SERVICE ENGAGEMENTS

MEDALS, CLASPS, Etc.

Date of actual volunteering	Commencement of time	Period volunteered for	Date Received	Nature of Decoration
<u>29th July, 1940.</u>		<u>Duration of Hostilities</u>		

DESCRIPTION OF PERSON

STATURE

COLOUR OF

MARKS, WOUNDS AND SCARS

DESCRIPTION OF PERSON	STATURE		COLOUR OF			MARKS, WOUNDS AND SCARS
	Feet	In.	Complexion	Hair	Eyes	
On entry as a boy						
On advancement to man's rating, or on entry under 28 years						
On re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years	<u>5</u>	<u>8½</u>	<u>Ruddy</u>	<u>Dark</u>	<u>Hazel</u>	<u>Tattoo on left forearm.</u> <u>Tattoo on right forearm.</u>
Further description if necessary						

A 2382

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

A 2382

NAME KETTLE

(Surname)

Alfred Smedley

(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH 14 May, 1910PLACE OF BIRTH Petrolia, Ontario.OCCUPATION Quartermaster, Canadian Steamship LinesRELIGION Anglican

EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

R.R. 2Town Mandaumin,Province, etc Ont.

ENGAGEMENTS			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Date (in figures)				Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
Day	Month	Year								From	To	
29	7	40	Hostilities only	5' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	dark	hazel	ruddy	tattoo on left forearm. tattoo on right arm.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

NAME (in pencil)

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

Town

Province, etc

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY

EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.

Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	

BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.

BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES

Date (in figures)			1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S.	Granted Deprived Restored	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	Wt. No.	Date (in figures)			BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE	PUNISHMENT
Day	Month	Year					Day	Month	Year		

FILM

NO. WAR 4473-1

DATE

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



A 2382

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME KETTLE
(Surname)

Alfred Smedley
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

A 2382

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Re-Qualified		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
Div. Str. London DHQ	A.B.	29	7	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40	T.C.	21	6	41			
Duty at " "	"	5	8	40													
Stadacona	"	8	8	40													
"	Ldg. Smn. (Ty)	3	1	41													
"	P.O. (Ty)	4	6	41													
Spikenard	"	28	6	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
"	Ch. P.O.	15	8	41		V.G.											
DISCHARGED	" " "	10	2	42	Spikenard Casualty	V.G.											

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross mailed to his Mother: Mrs. Edith May Kettle, R.R. #2, Mandaumin, Ontario. The C.P.C. awarded pension in respect of His husband's death.

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE	CIVIL OCCUPATION	ENLISTED	REGISTRATION	RESERVE	STATUS	CLASSIFICATION	REMARKS
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ENLIST. DATE	ACT. SERV. DATE	STR.	STR.	STR.	STR.	STR.	STR.	STR.
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SENIORITY	STR.	NON-SEL.	STR.	STR.	STR.	STR.	STR.	STR.
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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. SPIKENARD AT ST. JOHN'S NEWFOUNDLAND

Name... KETTLE Alfred Smedley
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating... CHIEF PETTY OFFICER Official Number... A-2382
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth... PETROLIA ONTARIO Date of Birth... 14th May 1910

Occupation in Civil Life... QUARTERMASTER C.N.S. Religion... CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Number of years service in the Navy (Long Service R.C.N., Mobilized service in case of R.C.N. (Temporary) or Reserve ratings) ... One year, 187 days Active Service R.C.N.R.

Date of Death... 10th February 1942 Place of Death... At Sea

Cause of Death... Loss of H.M.C SHIP

Nearest known (Name... Mrs. Edith KETTLE Relationship... MOTHER
relative or (Address... R.R.2 MANDAUMIN, ONTARIO
friend (

Date on which the above was informed by Ship... -----

Date on which death was registered with local Officials... -----

In the case of Imperial Service Men, whether Active Service, Pensioner or Reserve, date on which the prescribed return was rendered to the Registrar General London, Edinburgh or Dublin, according to the nationality

Place of burial... (if known) Date of burial... (if known)

Location, Number, etc., of grave... (if known)

Undertaker employed... (If any)

If borne for discipline only, date D.S.Q. or invalidated... -----

[Signature]
for CAPTAIN R.C.N.
Commanding Officer

27th February 1942

The Naval Secretary
Department of National Defence
Ottawa, Canada.

In all cases this form is to be sent in addition to the report by Telegraph required by the Regulations.

Distribution: File, Imp.M.G. Com., Dom. Stat., Register

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N.S. A-2382, F.D.276, PERS.(N)
"N"/5.

20 June, 1946.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Alfred Smedley Kettle, Chief Petty Officer, Official Number A-2382, Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, is missing, presumed dead to date the 10th of February, 1942, when the ship in which he was serving, H.M.C.S. "SPIKENARD", was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action at sea.

AS
NAVAL SECRETARY *J*

Despatched by
Sec. N.B.

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Date
Time

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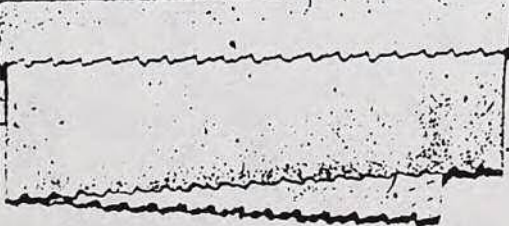
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DEATH

KETTLE - At St. Joseph's Hospital on Friday, July 29th, 1988 **CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER ROBERT GERALD KETTLE C.D., R.C.N.** retired, aged 61 of 799 Talford St. beloved husband of Florence (Abrams) Kettle, dear father of Steve and his wife Linda of Sarnia, Robert of Hamilton and his fiancé Tracy McLean of Sarnia, loving grandfather of Blair and Paul Kettle. Survived by brothers, Richard and Malcolm of Sarnia, Harold of Parkhill. (Predeceased by parents Alfred and Edith Kettle, brothers, Alfred, Earl and James) Mr. Kettle was born in Sarnia and was a 25 year veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces, served in World War Two and the Korean War. He was the Recipient of the Centennial Medal in 1967 in recognition of valuable service to the nation. Employed with Polysar Ltd. with the plant protection, Sarnia. Mr. Kettle was an adherent of St. John's Anglican Church, Sarnia, life member of the Royal Canadian Naval Association of Sarnia, member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #62 of Sarnia, Charter member of the Atlantic Chief and Petty Officers Association, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Funeral services will be conducted in the Chapel of the D.J. Robb Funeral Home on Wednesday, August 3rd at 1 p.m. with burial at Lakeview Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 2 to 4 and 7 till 9 p.m. Sympathy may be expressed through the Palliative Care Unit of St. Joseph's Hospital. Royal Canadian Naval Association service on Tuesday evening at 7 p.m.

STEPHENSON - At Victoria Hospital in London on Friday, July 29, 1988.

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CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL
 VERIFICATION FOR NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL

NAME IN FULL KETTLE; Alfred Smedley RANK/RATING C.P.O.

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUAL		1
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	
	5-8-40						
<u>Spikenard</u>	<u>28.6.41</u>	<u>10.2.42</u>	<u>228</u>	<u>atl</u>			
	<u>Disi Dead</u>						
	<u>t date</u>	<u>10.2.42</u>					

VERIFIED BY A. Clarkes VERIFIED BY

VERIFICATION FORM

STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.
 NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

by RANK/RATING *CPO* OFF. NO. *A 2382* ADDRESS

AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS						STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
	FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.			
							1939-45	1	<i>Star</i>
							ATLANTIC	1	<i>Star</i>
<i>atl</i>							FRANCE G.		
							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.		<i>2e clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *A. Parkes*

19th February, 1942. 37

Dear Madam:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 18th February 1942 from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services informing you that your son, Alfred Smedley Kettle, Chief Petty Officer, R.C.N.R., O.N. A.2382, is missing and must be presumed lost on Active Service.

Your son was serving in H.M.C.S. "SPIKENARD" which was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action on the 10th February 1942. Details of the action are not, however, available at this time.

The possibility of your son having been rescued by other ships cannot be estimated but it has been established that he was not among the survivors landed at a United Kingdom port and very little hope is held out for the survival of the remainder. You will be informed immediately should any further information be received.

I wish to express the sincere sympathy of the Chief of the Naval Staff, Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy the high traditions of which your son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

Ray
Cuth Secretary, Naval Board.

Mrs. Edith M. Kettle,
R.R. No. 2,
MANDAUMIN, Ont.

DECEASED 10 February 1942

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

D.D.
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

KETTLE	Alfred Smedley	A-2382	C.P.O.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	7143
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNR Aug. 42 "SPIKENARD"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON
ENTITLED TO Mrs. Edith M. Kettle - Mother

ADDRESS: R.R.2,
MANDAUMIN, Ont.
SARNIA, Ontario

MEMORIAL

(1)

DATE DESP

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

REGN. NO. 1848

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER

Mrs. E. M. Kettles

ADDRESS: R. R. #2
MANDAUMIN, Ontario

(3) 1 April 1942