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ATTESTATION FORM  
 (HOSTILITIES FORM)

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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME Kennah OFFICIAL NO. 116778  
 CHRISTIAN NAMES Willette MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER S

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
359 North Syndicate Fort William Ont.	Roman Catholic

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
Feb 14 1921	Town Winnipeg County Province Manitoba	Mrs. George Kennah, (Mother) 48 Bay Street, Sioux Lookout, Ont.
*Original Nationality of: Father Irish Mother French		

\*If not the son of natural born British parents, particulars to be given at foot of next page

(A) PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COMPLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet <u>5</u>	Inflated <u>35</u>	brown	blue	med	none
Inches <u>4</u>	Deflated <u>33</u>				
	Mean <u>34</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
Grade X	Engraver, Canada Car and Foundry Co. Fort William, Ontario

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
16th February '42	Ord. Smn	Port Arthur Div. R.C.N.V.R.

(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 Volunteer Reserve Force, and that I accept and agree to abide by the rules of the said Force.
- (3) That \* (a) I have never served, and am not serving in any Naval, Military, Reserve, or Territorial Force.

\* (b) ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~for the period shown and attach my record of service in corroboration of this statement~~

\*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM

(c) I have never been rejected for or discharged from any account of unfitness.

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

APPLICANT PAY LEDGERS  
 H. M. C. S. "BYTOWN"

FAIR *[Signature]*

ROUGH *[Signature]*

Personnel Records Division

1. Noted in Records *[Signature]*

2. Index Card *[Signature]*

3. Non-Sub. Card *[Signature]*

4. Statistical Card of His Majesty's Forces on *[Signature]*

5. Roneo Strip *[Signature]*

6. Pension Card *[Signature]*

8. *[Signature]*

DATE 28/2/42

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the..... Port Arthur ..... Division of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake to bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for the duration of hostilities, 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 Volunteer 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 Divisional Commanding Officer 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.

(d) To undergo vaccination or re-vaccination, or inoculation, as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities.

Dated this Sixteenth ..... day of February 1942 .....

Signature of applicant..... W. R. Kennah .....

(C) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the volunteer above named, in my presence, and that he has made and signed the above declaration in my presence on this Sixteenth ..... day of February ..... 1942 .....

Albert G. Seysmith Sub. Lieut V.R.  
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer (Temp)

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Willetto Kennah ..... do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Britannic Majesty, His heirs and successors according to law.

Signature of Applicant..... W. R. Kennah .....

Witness..... Albert G. Seysmith .....

Date..... February 16, 1942 ..... Rank..... Sub Lieut V.R. (Temp) .....

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

Willetto Kennah ..... having been duly enrolled to serve in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force, I have caused his name and every prescribed particular to be recorded in the Record Book of the..... Port Arthur ..... Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

Albert G. Seysmith  
Attesting Officer.

..... February 16 ..... 1942 ..... R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) Port Arthur .....

NOTE.—This form when completed and when the particulars on it have been noted in the Divisional Commanding Officer's Record Book, is to be forwarded to Headquarters, Ottawa, for custody.

The Certificate of medical examination, B-207, and certificates of previous service are to be sent to Headquarters, Ottawa, with this form.

Certificates of previous service will be returned after they have been examined at Headquarters, Ottawa.

This is to acknowledge that I have not been induced to enter the Ord. Seaman Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

W. R. Kennah  
Signature

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

*Willette KENNEDY*

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters <i>Esqueimalet</i>	R.C.N.V.R. Division <i>Port Arthur</i>	Official Number <i>V16778</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth *14<sup>th</sup> February 1921*

Place of Birth *Winnipeg Manitoba*

Place of Residence *359 North Syndicate - 7<sup>th</sup> Willcom*

Trade brought up to *Engraver*

Religion *Roman Catholic*

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)  
*Mother Mrs. Leop. Kennedy  
41 Bay St  
Seamhookout Ont  
13/11/43*

Can Swim:—P.P.T. *Yes* Date *13 July 1942* Signature *[Signature]* Rank *Cmdr (C.R.N.V.R.)*

P.S.T. Date \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

PARTICULARS OF SERVICE				MEDALS, DECORATIONS, etc.		
Date of Actual Volunteering	Date of Enrolment or re-enrolment	Period Volunteered for	Rating on Enrolment or Re-enrolment	Date of		Nature of Decoration
				Award	Presentation	
<i>16<sup>th</sup> February 1942</i>	<i>Halifax</i>	<i>Ord. Sqn</i>		<i>25 Apl 44</i>		<i>Canadian Volunteer Service Medal &amp; Clasp for Award</i>
				<i>25 Apl 44</i>		<i>1939-43 Star for Award</i>

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>brn</i>	<i>blue</i>	<i>med</i>	<i>none</i>
On re-enrolment—6 years' Service								
On re-enrolment—12 years' Service								
Further Description if necessary								

TRANSFER BETWEEN DIVISIONS			TRANSFER—LISTS A AND B		
From	To	Date	List	Date	Authority

# NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	LEDGER		RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
		List	No.				
1942	Port Arthur Division			Ord. Smn	16 Feb 42	16 Mar 42	
1942	On Active Service				17 Mar 42		
	Port Arthur			Ord. Smn	17 Mar 42	May 25/42	
1942	St. Hyacinthe			Ord. Smn	May 26/42	9 July	
	Stadacona			Ord. Sig	10 July 42	7 Sept	
	Stadacona			---	8 Sept 42	13 Sept 42	
	Stadacona (Godtha)			---	14 Sept 42	16 Oct 42	
	Stadacona			---	17 Oct 42	27 Dec 42	
	Stadacona (Goderich)			---	28 Dec 42	27 May 43	
	Stadacona			---	28 May 43	26 July 43	
	Stadacona (Esanagogue)			---	27 July 43	14 Jan 44	
	Stadacona			---	15 Jan 44	16 Feb 44	A4940
	Stadacona (Sudbury, N.L.)			2 Sig.	17 Feb 44	11 Apr 44	
	Stadacona			---	12 Apr 44	11 May 44	
	Stadacona			---	12 May 44	8 June 44	
	--- (Hawmigan)			---	9 June 44	24 Nov 44	D.D.

**Wounds Received in Action, Hurt Certificates, Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prizes or other Grants**

Date	Details	Captain's Signature
12 Mch 43	Issued SCTW # B 56594	

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17  
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V16778

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-K-634

OFFICIAL NUMBER V16778

NAME KENNAH (Surname) Willette (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 14th Feb. 1921  
 PLACE OF BIRTH Winnipeg, Manitoba. OCCUPATION Engraver, Canada Car and Foundry Co. Fort William, Ontario.  
 RELIGION Roman Catholic. EDUCATION Grade X  
 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 359 North Syndicate, Town Fort William, Province, etc. Ontario.

Date (in figures)			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE		
Day	Month	Year		Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates From To
16	2	42	Hostilities only	5'4"	Brown	Blue	Medium	None.			

NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mr. George Farnham NAME (in pencil) Mr. George Farnham  
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 41 Bay Street Town Stouffville Province, etc. Ontario

Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
20	4	44	C.V.S.M. (R. & C.) 1939-43 Star.	6	7	43	Failed to Qual. for Sig.				
				17	2	44	Qual. Prof. for Sig. 249A (24334)				

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		
					HMCS "Stadacona"	1526	9	6	43	Did wilfully disobey his superior officer.	14 days cells

FILM  
 NO. W.S.A. 5326-3  
 DATE

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					In diff. Char.
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	
9	6	43			14			

O.H.F. Received.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From To









VERIFICATION FORM

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

RANK/RATING ..... *Sub* ..... OFF.NO. *V 16778* ..... 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.	1915 MEDAL			
								1939-45	/	<i>Star</i>
<i>Spain</i>								ATLANTIC	/	<i>Star</i>
"								FRANCE G.		
"								AFRICA		
"								PACIFIC		
"								BURMA		
								ITALY		
								DEFENCE		
<i>head</i>								C.V.S.M.	2	<i>of clasps</i>
								" CLASP		
								WAR 1945	/	<i>medal</i>
								WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY ..... *[Signature]* .....

VERIFIED BY ..... DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

# REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" ..... at Sea

Name KENNAH, Willette Roy  
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Signalman ..... Official No. V16778 RCN.V.R.  
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Winnipeg, Manitoba ..... Date of Birth 14th February, 1921

Occupation in Civil Life Engraver ..... Religion Roman Catholic

Number of years service in the Navy (Long Service R.C.N., or mobilized service in case of R.C.N. (Temporary) or Reserve ratings) 17th March, 1942 - 24th November, 1944

Date of Death 24th November, 1944 ..... Place of Death At sea

Cause of Death Enemy action -- lost at sea  
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mrs. George Kennah ..... Relationship Mother  
Address 41 Bay St., Sioux Lookout, Ontario

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Not known

Date on which death was registered with local Officials Not known

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 in London, Edinburgh or Dublin, according to Nationality.....

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

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

Undertaker employed.....  
(if any)

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

*Noted  
D. G. P. A.  
14.4.45 11th April  
E. L.*

*[Signature]*  
Commanding Officer,

1945

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.

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AIR MAIL

N.S. V-16778 PERS(N)

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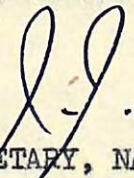
February, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Kennah:

Further to my letter of the 7th of December, 1944, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, Willette Roy Kennah, Signaman, Official Number V-16778, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", and as no news has since been received to the contrary, the Canadian Naval Authorities have now presumed his death to have occurred on the 24th of November, 1944.

Please allow me to express sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement on behalf of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, the Chief of the Naval Staff, and the Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the high traditions of which your son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,



SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. George Kennah,  
41 Bay Street,  
SIOUX LOOKOUT, Ont.



Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

FEB 20 1945

Date 15.2.45  
Time 1800

ABL/CAM

R E G I S T E R E D

N.S. V-16778, PERS.(N) "N"/5

28 August, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Kennah:

Further to my letter of the 15th of February, 1945, the Department is now able to release additional information regarding the loss of your son's ship and I am accordingly passing on the following particulars which will, no doubt, be of interest to you.

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" sailed from Sydney, N.S., on the 24th of November, 1944, to escort a merchant ship to Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland, and arrived off Port Aux Basques that night. In accordance with orders she was then to carry out a patrol in the area for the duration of the night, after which she was to meet the same merchant ship the next morning and return with her to Sydney.

The merchant ship arrived in Sydney unescorted on the night of the 25th of November and after it was ascertained that "Shawinigan" had not appeared at the designated rendezvous to provide escort as instructed, searches were instituted and "Shawinigan" was discovered to be missing.

It was the opinion of the Department at the time that the ship had been torpedoed by an enemy submarine during the night of the 24th/25th of November, 1944, as submarines were known to be operating in that area; and this has since been confirmed from German evidence. Although no survivors were found, a few bodies were recovered by later searches, due to tidal movements, some distance from the area in which "Shawinigan" was known to be operating. As a result, the position of the sinking can not be exactly ascertained, although from German evidence and the Department's computation, it is estimated to be in the vicinity of the three mile limit off Channel Head, near Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

Date 29.8.45  
Time 1430

Mrs. Josephine Kennah,  
41 Bay Street,  
SIOUX LOOKOUT, Ont.

Approval on N.S. O-3690, F.D. 76,  
See also N.S.S. 1156 - 331/93

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Oct.45 "SHAWINIGAN"

REGISTRATION NO. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. George Kennah - Father

ADDRESS: 41 Bay St.,  
SIOUX LOOKOUT, Ont.

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO. 2.007.....

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. J. Kennah

ADDRESS:

141 Bay Street  
SIOUX LOOKOUT, Ontario

(3) 6 April 1945

~~DECEASED~~ 24 November 1944

D.D.

KENNAH

Willette Roy

V-16778

Sig.

FILE No.

SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)

CHRISTIAN NAMES

REG. No.

RANK ON  
DISCHARGE

C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

CLASS)

No. Nil

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALSREGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED

1939-45 Star

Atlantic Star

C.V.S.M. &amp; Clasp

War Medal

7/77

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)