

Ker
Frederick Southam

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TRINITY

ATTESTATION

FIRST

NON-PERMANENT ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA

UNIT University of Toronto C.O.T.C. REGT. No. 6660

1. What is your surname? (Block letters) KER K-600 Seal
 2. What are your Christian names? FREDERICK SCOTTIA Soulhan
 3. What is your present address? Staplehurst Trinity House Toronto Phone No. M.I. 8411
 4. Employer's name and address? Phone No.
 5. Date of Birth Childs 1206 (a) Country of Birth Canada (b) Nationality British
 7. Are you Single? Yes Married? Widower?
 8. What is your trade or calling? Student 9. Religious persuasion? Anglican
 10. Previous Naval, Military or Air Force Service.
Give particulars, qualifications, etc.
- 305210
11. Name, Relationship and Address of Next of Kin Father
F. J. Ker "Staplehurst", Dundas, Ont.

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Height 5' 7" Weight 135 lbs Chest max. 37 min. 35
 Descriptive marks

I have examined the above named man in accordance with instructions laid down in Regulations for the Canadian Medical Services and find him Category A
 Date Oct 8 1937 Signature Dr. MacLean Capt. R.C.A.M.C.

DECLARATION TO BE MADE ON ATTESTATION

I, the undersigned Fredrick S. Ker do sincerely and solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above answers to the foregoing questions made and signed by me are true; that I am willing to be attested for the term of three years or until legally discharged, and do understand the nature and terms of this engagement, that I will safeguard all clothing, arms and equipment issued to me and will return same when required, and that I will report any change in address of myself, my employer or my next of kin to my Commanding Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN

I, Fredrick Soulhan Ker do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Harcourt E. G. Bull Signature of Witness F. Ker Signature of Man

Dated this eight (8) day of October 1937 at Toronto

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

The recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answers to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished by law. The above questions were then read to the recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question and that his answer to each question has been duly entered and replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath.

[Signature]
 Signature of Magistrate, Justice of Peace, or Attesting Officer

M.F.B. 235d.
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 H.Q. 1772-39-1545
 WAIVER, FREE
 MEDICAL REPORT, PAGE 8

Statement of Services

Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Annual Training, Qualification Certificates, etc.	Effective Date	Authority for Entry	Signatures of Officers Certifying Correctness of entries
Accepted for Service with effect from..... <i>Oct. 8. 1937.</i>	<i>8/6 1937</i>	<i>Part. II. J. H. Maden, M.C.I.</i> <i>Oydet. 16/38</i>	<i>J. H. Maden, M.C.I.</i> Officer Commanding Unit <i>U.S.T. Co. C.</i>
Completed annual training at local Headquarters.	<i>18.3.38.</i>	Paylist	<i>J. H. Maden</i> Capt.
Completed annual training at local Headquarters.	<i>16.3.39.</i>	Paylist	<i>J. H. Maden</i>
Prom. Serq. t.	<i>1.12.39</i>	<i>C.O. 2/1940</i>	<i>J. H. Maden</i>
<i>Purist Paper - Lieut.</i>	<i>16.12.39</i>	<i>D.O. 119 May/40</i>	<i>A. Rayer</i>
Lieut. C. M. 1st Paper			
" " 2nd " <i>A.M.</i>	<i>17.3.40</i>	<i>D.O. 154/4/40</i>	<i>A. Rayer</i>
" " Practical-Camp			
" " Local H.Q.			
Completed annual training at local Headquarters.	<i>31.3.40</i>	Paylist	<i>A. Rayer</i>
Lieut. C. M. Certificate No. _____			
<i>S. O. S.</i>	<i>30.6.40</i>	<i>DO 67</i>	<i>A. Rayer (Capt)</i>
Sub-Lt RCNVR Killed in action at Sea, September 1940			B
I agree to contribute to the funds of the U. of T. C.O.T.C. a portion of the pay received in respect of the annual training or trainings performed during my service with the unit, the amount to be determined by the University Military Committee.			
..... (Signature)			
Medals and Decorations			

NOTE:—These entries are to be made from time to time as they occur and certified by the Officer making the entry.

Attestations to be made out in duplicate, the original being forwarded to be filed in Regimental Orderly Room, the duplicate to be kept in the Battery, Squadron, Company, etc.

Orig. on 103-2-1"P"

In reply please quote
No. 13-1.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

DEPT. OF
NATIONAL DEFENCE
MAR 12 1940
M.S. 103 K. 20
CANADA

11th March, 1940.

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From - Commanding Officer,
Hamilton Division R.C.N.V.R.

To - Naval Secretary,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa, Ont.

Submitted in accordance with Head-
quarters Memorandum NS. 1-10-2 of 20th February
1940, hereunder names and particulars of
candidates for entry as Sub-Lieutenants,
R.C.N.V.R. for loan to Royal Navy.-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
PAGE Russell	22	Manager, Leonard Transfer Co.
MCKENZIE David	22	Bank of Commerce
KER Frederick	20	Student, University of Toronto
BINET Herbert	23	Salesman, Manufacturers Life
SPALDING Lloyd Thomas	20	Bank of Toronto.

Commanding Officer,
Hamilton Division R.C.N.V.R.

no
RD

REC'D. CENTRAL REGISTRY

MAR 12 1900

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MAR 15 1900
OFFICE

The Spectator

Hamilton, Canada

19th September 1940

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Capt. Grant, R.C.N.,
Director of Naval Personnel,
Naval Service,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Capt. Grant:

Thank you very much for calling me by telephone in connection with my son's death. Through the kindness of the First Lord of the Admiralty, I have ascertained that my son, Sub.Lieut. Frederick Southam Ker, was buried with fellow-officers of his ship, who also lost their lives, in Girvan Cemetery near Ayr, Scotland, on September 17th, and that the graves have been carefully numbered and that the War Graves Commission will undertake the erection of a memorial stone as soon as possible. I found it impossible to secure this information without the assistance of the First Lord, and because of the possibility that there will be some delay in your receipt of the official statement from the Admiralty owing to the disruption of communications I am passing this information on to you in order that it may be available, at your discretion, to the parents of Sub.Lieut. Hincks.

I presume that sooner or later Canadian Naval Headquarters will send us the official account in confirmation of my son's death. Owing to the delicate condition of my wife's health, may I make the request that this be confined to a re-iteration of the facts as we already know them, namely: that my son was killed in action on a certain date while serving in H.M.S. GODETIA on convoy escort duty in the North Atlantic, and was buried with military honours in Girvan Cemetery near Ayr, Scotland, on September 17th, 1940, with his fellow-officers who also lost their lives. I hope that all details as to the nature of the engagement in which he was killed; the fact that his body was washed ashore and identified, and anything that might cause my wife to brood or conjure up a picture of his death will be omitted. She has now become reconciled to his death and the blow, which might have proved fatal to her, has been softened by the realisation that he died gallantly doing his duty. I pray that this picture will not be disturbed, and that the honourable aspects of his service and passing, rather than other details, may define the impression which the official communication will leave with her. I hope that I am not asking too much of you when I ask that notation of this request may be made in his record so that the official report may meet the situation as I have outlined.

Yours sincerely,

Frederick Southam Ker

F. I. Ker.

103-K-20

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

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20th September, 1940.

Dear Mr. Ker:

I am in receipt of your letter of 19th September, 1940, and will, of course, be glad to see that your wishes are carried out.

The official telegram from the Minister of National Defence is the one official notification which is issued by the Defence Department and written reports are not authorized. As a general rule you would hear in due course from the Commanding Officer of your son's ship, but I am unable to say whether or not this Officer was also lost.

A Royal letter of condolence from Their Majesties may be expected in the near future, and I hope I may be allowed to add that the Canadian Navy will ever be proud of your son's name, and are glad to have known him as a brother Officer.

Please accept my sincerest sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

(H.T.W. Grant),
Captain R.C.N.,
Director of Naval Personnel.

Mr. F. I. Ker,
The Spectator,
HAMILTON, Ontario.

20th March, 1941.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Sub-Lieutenant Frederick Southam KER, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was killed in action Overseas on the 7th of September, 1940.

His next of kin is recorded in this office as:

Father:

Frederick I. Ker, Esq.,
C/o "The Spectator",
Hamilton, Ontario.

(J. O. Cossette),
NAVAL SECRETARY.

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MEMORANDUM FOR

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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to:—

F. I. Ker,
The Spectator,
Hamilton, Ontario.

THE SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO
ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATES

and the following number quoted:—

H.Q.N.S. 103-K-20

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
OTTAWA, ONT.

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June 20, 1941

For the purpose of record and in the event of there being any balance of pay, medals or memorials available for distribution (according to law) on account of the late

KER, Frederick S., Sub.Lieut.,

R.C.N.V.R.



it is necessary that the requisite information regarding the deceased and his relatives should be furnished on the inside of this form in strict accordance with the printed instructions. The particulars required are to be carefully filled in and the Declaration on the back should then be signed in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest or Local Magistrate, who should be asked to complete and sign the Certificate. This form should then be returned to the above address.

(L.M. Firth) Major,
Administrator of Estates.

STATEMENT of the Names, Ages and Addresses, or Dates of Death, of all the relatives that the deceased had in each of the degrees specified below.

Degrees of Relationship	RELATIVES required to be accounted for	INFORMANT'S STATEMENT		
		NAME IN FULL of any Relative, if any, in each degree inquired for	Age	ADDRESS IN FULL of each surviving Relative, opposite his or her name, and date of death of each deceased relative
1	Widow of the Deceased.....	—		—
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....	—		—
3	Father of the Deceased.....	Fraderick Innes Ker.	56	Staplehurst. South St. Dundas Ont.
4	Mother of the Deceased.....	Amy Wilson Ker.	44	"
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	David Innes Ker. 19 John Southam Ker 13	Staplehurst. South St. Dundas Ont
		Half Blood		
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	Mary Agnes Southam Ker. 16 Dorothy Jean Southam Ker 13	Staplehurst. South St. Dundas Ont
		Half Blood		
7	Names of brothers or sisters (whether of the full or the half blood) of the Deceased, who are dead, and date of death of each.	Names and ages of their children (if any)	Address of their children	
	none	—	—	

ONLY IF NO RELATIVES IN THE DEGREES ABOVE ARE NOW LIVING, THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS SHOULD BE GIVEN

		NAMES OF THOSE LIVING	Age	ADDRESS IN FULL
8	Grand-Parents of the Deceased.....	Frederick Neal Southam Daisie Linton Southam	71 66	57 Belvidere Rd. Westmount Montreal Que
9	Uncles and Aunts by blood of the Deceased (not Uncles and Aunts by marriage).....	Thomas R. Ker K.C. OBE Mary Agnes E. Ker Whitley Dorothy Jean Harvie Margaret Fisher.	Age 58 60 46 40	247 Kensington Av. Westmount Que 51e Anne de Bellevue Ave Calgary Alta. 2 Belvidere Circle Montreal.

FULL PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

10	What is the full name of the deceased?	Frederick Southam Ker
11	Give the month and year of his birth.	April - 8 th 1920 89
12	Where and when were his parents married?	St George's Church Montreal July 5 th - 1919
13	Was he ever married? If so, state exact place and date of marriage.	no
14	Did he leave a (later) Will? If so, it should be forwarded.	no
15	Is there any other estate which will necessitate application being made for Probate or Letters of Administration?	no

PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

16	Where was deceased born?	Vancouver B.C.
17	In what Province, Country or State did he reside, and in which last?	British Columbia. Ontario Quebec.
18	How long in each?	BC. - 6 months Quebec one year. Ontario 18 yrs - 6 mos.
19	What was the nature of his employment?	Student Trinity College - SUB-LEADER serving in Royal Navy When Killed, SEPT 6 - 1940.
20	Did he own the house or homestead in which he lived? If so, where?	no.
21	Did he ever state verbally, or in writing, where he intended to make his permanent home?	no.
22	State <u>your</u> postal address in full.	Staplehurst. South St. Dundas Ont.

PARTICULARS AS TO CLAIMS

23	Have the funeral expenses been paid? If so, by whom?	Presumably, by Royal Navy as he was killed in action at sea
24	Are there any outstanding claims against the estate? If so, furnish full name and address of each Creditor in this space and enclose his Bill of Account. (See Note Below).	no

NOTE.—Paragraph 24 refers to debts incurred for board and lodging, medical and funeral expenses, money borrowed, goods purchased, etc.; the following information to be embodied in all accounts submitted:—

1. Name and address of Creditor.
2. Detailed statement of particulars of claim with date or dates incurred.
3. At the end of his statement the creditor should certify that the account is just and reasonable, that no payments save as shown, have been made thereon and that he holds no security therefor; the creditor should then sign same, and if you admit that the claim is correct, then you "O.K." the bill and sign same.

(PLEASE TURN OVER)

DECLARATION

*Insert degree of relationship, for example, "Widow," "Father," "Brother," etc.

I hereby declare that the foregoing particulars are correct, and a true and complete statement of all the relatives that the deceased ever had in the degrees inquired for; and that I am the

* father of the deceased.

N.B. To be signed in full in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest or Local Magistrate

[Handwritten Signature]

{Signature of Informant

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief F. I. Kei

*See above {Name of Informant} is the * father of the Deceased above described, and I believe the above Declaration and the Statement of Relatives made by the Informant and signed in my presence to be complete and correct.

Dated at Hamilton Ont this 24th day of June 1941

Signature of Clergyman, Priest or Magistrate }

[Handwritten Signature]

Qualification

Judge County Court

Address

175 Duke St Hamilton

NOTE—Before granting the above Certificate, care should be taken to see that the Informant gives particulars concerning the death of any Relative stated by him or her to have died, and that the full name and address of each surviving Relative enquired after is stated in its proper place in the Statement opposite.

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

Naval Service Headquarters.

~~H.M.C.S.~~ at Ottawa.

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Name KER, Frederick Southam.
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Sub. Lieut. Official No. R.C.N.V.R.
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Vancouver, B. C. Date of Birth 8 April, 1920.

Occupation in Civil Life Student. Religion Church of England.

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) 12 April, 1940 -- 7 September, 1940.

Date of Death 7 September, 1940. Place of Death North Atlantic.

Cause of Death
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Collision of H.M.S. "GODELIA"

Nearest known relative or friend. { Name Mr. Frederick I. Ker. Relationship Father.
Address "The Spectator", HAMILTON, Ontario.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship 12 September, 1940.

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 in London, Edinburgh or Dublin, according to Nationality

Place of Burial Girvan Cemetery, near Ayr, Scotland. Date of Burial 17 Sept., 1940.
(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 invalided

Commanding Officer,

..... NAVAL SECRETARY. 194.....

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. W. G. Com., Dom. Stat., Register.

The Hamilton Spectator

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THE SOUTHAM COMPANY LIMITED

ESTABLISHED 1846

HAMILTON, CANADA

16th June 1945

Director of Estates,
Department of National Defence (Naval Service)
Ottawa, Canada.



Dear Sir:

Ker F.S.
N. S. -- 0 - 38577

I have received your letter of June 6th and regret that absence from the city has delayed my reply.

There has been no change in my address which is correctly stated in your letter.

As to the distribution there will be a change, however, as Mrs. Ker died on January 7th, 1942.

My eldest son, Sub-Lieut. Frederick S. Ker, was twenty years and five months old when he was killed on September 6th, 1940. He is survived by myself, two brothers and two sisters, respectively, David Innes Ker, aged 23; Mary A. S. Ker, aged 20; Dorothy Jean Ker, aged 17 and John S. Ker, aged 17, a cadet at the Royal Canadian Naval College, Royal Roads, B. C. Our home address, which is the legal address of all the children, is "Staplehurst," Dundas, Ontario.

It is over three years since my wife died and her estate has been probated, cleared and closed. It is being administered by the National Trust Company, 11 Main St. E., Hamilton, the Estates official of which is Mr. Stinson Thompson.

If it is in order to do so, I would suggest that the relatively small sum involved (\$246.45) might be divided equally among my eldest son's above-mentioned brothers and sisters.

My wife and I were under the impression that some of my son's personal effects were stored where he had been based in England but we had no idea where. He had been at the KING ALFRED, Hove; at Middleborough where his ship, H.M.S. GODETIA, had been commissioned and at some west coast port, presumably in Scotland. He had his uniforms made by Gieves Ltd., 80 Picadilly, W. 1, London, whose wartime address was "The Grange, Crowborough, Sussex" and they might possibly furnish a clue from the shipping instructions he gave them. For instance, I received a bill from them in April 1941 for a greatcoat they had made for him.

If there is anything your department could do in this connection,

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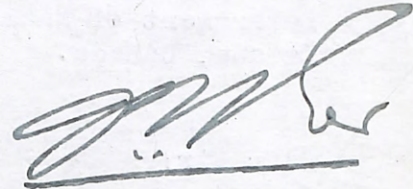
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HAMILTON, CANADA

I would be very glad, indeed, as I would like to give any of his kit which could be recovered to his young R.C.N. brother who, of course, would prize it highly.

Yours sincerely,



F. I. KER.

DISTRIBUTION OF SERVICE ESTATES

Estates Form "P. 4"

NAVY

Name: KER, Frederick S., No.:

Surname Christian Names

Sub/Lieut. R.C.N.V.P. O/S 7-9-40

Rank Unit Date of Death

AMOUNT

Date: 28 Aug 45

L.P.C.....\$ 536.15

Other Credits.....


Total..... 536.15

Prev Dist. 289.70


This Dist. 246.45

SHARE	RELATIONSHIP	NAME AND ADDRESS	AMOUNT
All	Executors	National Trust Co., Ltd., Co-executors and agent of the will of Amy W. S. Ker, Deceased, 11 Main Street, Hamilton, Ontario.	246.45

P4. TO TREAS. 15-9-45 PW

AUTHORITY					
H.Q. F.E. No.	VOTE	PRI	H.Q. SUB.	OBJ.	AMOUNT
9999	531	00	50	000	246.45
CLASSIFIED BY			EXAMINED BY		
			For Chief Treasury Officer		

DISTRIBUTION APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED


 (L. M. FIRTH) Colonel
 Director of Estates

AUDITED FOR PAYMENT

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For Chief Treasury Officer

DISTRIBUTION OF SERVICE ESTATES

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Estates Form "P. 4"

NAVY

Name..... **KER** **Frederick S.** No.....
 Surname Christian Names

Sub. Lieut. **HMS "Godetia"** **7-9-40**
 Rank Unit Date of Death

AMOUNT	W.S.G.	100.47
	L.P.C.....\$	536.15
	Other Credits.....	
	Total.....	636.62
	Prev. dist.	536.15
	This dist.	100.47

Date..... **12-10-45**.....

SHARE	RELATIONSHIP	NAME AND ADDRESS	AMOUNT
2/3	father	Frederick Innes Ker, The Spectator, HAMILTON, Ontario. (1/6 as next of kin entitled) (1/2 for benefit of 3 minors)	66.98
1/6 6	brother	David Innes Ker, (as above)	16.75
1/6		To the estate of the late Amy W. Ker, (mother) c/o National Trust Co. Ltd., 11 Main St., HAMILTON, Ontario. (as next of kin entitled)	16.74

66.98

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*P4. TO TREAS.
22/10*

AUTHORITY					
H.Q. F.E. No.	VOTE	PRI	H.Q. SUB.	OBJ.	AMOUNT
9999	831	00	50	000	\$100.47
CLASSIFIED BY <i>[Signature]</i>			EXAMINED BY		
			For Chief Treasury Officer		

DISTRIBUTION APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED

[Signature]

(L. M. FIRTH) Colonel
 Director of Estates

AUDITED FOR PAYMENT

.....
 For Chief Treasury Officer

OTTAWA, Ont., 11th June, 5.

103-K-20 Pers. (N) (N-15)

"REGISTERED"

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of the War Service Grants Act, 1944, and supplementary Orders-in-Council, payment of a war service gratuity has been authorized on behalf of every member of the forces who died on active service.

The regulations provide that a person who was dependent upon the serviceman at the time of his death is entitled to the gratuity. If, however, it is found that the deceased had no dependents, then the gratuity will form part of his service estate.

To be entitled to the gratuity as a dependent of the serviceman, the person applying must either have been eligible for dependents' allowance on his behalf or must have been receiving an assignment of pay from him and have been dependent in whole or in part upon him. The receipt of an assignment of pay alone does not determine entitlement, since the assignment must have been used at least in part for the support of the recipient in order to establish dependency. The fact must also be stressed that where one or more persons received dependents' allowance on behalf of the member of the forces, those persons are solely entitled to the gratuity, although another person may have been receiving an assignment of pay and may have been partly dependent upon him.

As the Service Authorities who are responsible for payment of the gratuity are anxious to settle all entitlements as soon as possible, this letter is being addressed to you as the next-of-kin according to this Department's records of the late SubLieutenant Frederick Southam Ker, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, with a view to inviting an application for the gratuity either from one who was dependent upon him at the time of his death under the foregoing conditions or, if no dependency existed, from one who is authorized to act on behalf of his estate.

You will appreciate that in all cases the question of dependency must first be settled before payment of the gratuity can be made. For that reason and in order to deal with each case as soon as possible, it is requested that a letter be forwarded addressed to the Secretary, Naval Board, Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa, indicating whether it is your desire or that of any other person who may qualify as a dependent of the deceased to apply for the gratuity as a dependent or whether payment should be made to the deceased member's service estate.

Your early attention to this request will be greatly appreciated.

If you have already made application for War Service Gratuity it is requested that this letter be disregarded.

Yours truly,

H.B. Money
for
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. Frederick I. Ker,
"THE SPECTATOR",
HAMILTON, Ont.

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HAMILTON, CANADA

31st August 1945

The Secretary of the Naval Board,
Department of National Defence, Naval Service,
Ottawa, Canada.

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Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 30th enclosing photographs of the grave of my son, Sub-Lieut. Frederick Southam Ker, R.C.N.V.R., in Doune Cemetery, Girvan, Scotland. I am very glad, indeed, to have these photographs.

I note your reference to the care which the grave is receiving and the fact that the present wooden marker will be replaced by a permanent headstone, erected by the Imperial War Graves Commission. I don't know what the rules are in connection with the erection of such headstones but I would like very much indeed to be sure that the stone is permanently emplaced and of the most durable quality. If his grave is located in a part of the cemetery allotted to the graves of naval men, particularly those who died with him, I, of course, would not like to have anything done that would not be in harmony with the atmosphere of fraternity which should surround their resting place, but if such is not the case I would like to contribute such additional funds as might be required by the Imperial War Graves Commission as would permit the incorporation of their traditional design in an adequate and enduring monument on a base sufficiently large to carry the following inscription:

"Sub-Lieut. Frederick Southam Ker, R.C.N.V.R.

Eldest son of Frederick Innes Ker, C.B.E.
and Amy Southam Ker

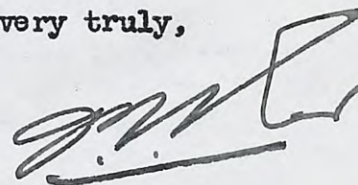
of

"Staplehurst," Dundas, Ont., Canada

Born in Vancouver, B.C., April 8th, 1920

Killed September 6th, 1940"

Yours very truly,



F. I. KER.



10/-

The Hamilton Standard

THE HAMILTON STANDARD LIMITED
15, RIVER STREET, HAMILTON, N.Z.

HAMILTON, N.Z.

Dear Sir,
I have pleasure in advising you that the order for 100 copies of the Hamilton Standard for the year 1945 has been placed with the printer and will be ready for delivery in the next few days. The price for this order is £10.00 and I enclose herewith a cheque for this amount. I am sure you will be pleased to receive the Standard and I am sure it will be of great value to you. I am, Sir, very truly yours,
The Hamilton Standard Limited

DHJ/DC

30th August, 1945.

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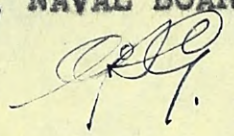
Dear Sir:

Further to your application for War Service Gratuity in respect of the service of your late son, Frederick Southam KER, I am directed to inform you that payment will be made to the Director of Estates for distribution as part of the Service Estate of your late son.

To allow for necessary legal procedure a short delay may be expected but you may rest assured that the Estates Branch will make every effort to hasten final disposal of the amount.

Yours truly,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.



Mr. Frederick I. KER,
"The Spectator",
Hamilton, Ontario.

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HAMILTON, CANADA

16th June 1945

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The Secretary of the Naval Board,
Department of National Defence (Naval Service)
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir: Your Fyle N. S. - 103-K-20 Pers.(N.) (N-15)

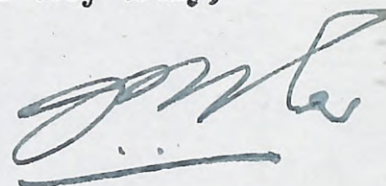
In reply to your letter of June 11th.

I wish to advise you that my son, the late Sub-Lieut. Frederick Southam Ker, R.C.N.V.R., was an unmarried minor, aged twenty years and five months when he was killed on September 6th, 1940, and had no dependents.

His mother died on January 7th, 1942, and her estate has been probated and closed. His survivors are myself, two brothers and two sisters, respectively, David Innes Ker, aged 23, unmarried; Mary A. S. Ker, aged 20, unmarried; Dorothy Jean Ker, aged 17, and John S. Ker, aged 17, a cadet at the R.C.N. College, Royal Roads, B. C.

Under the circumstances, I presume that the gratuity will go to his service estate, and, if in order, I would be glad to see it divided equally among my late son's surviving brothers and sisters.

Yours very truly,



F. I. KER.

NAVAL PERSONNEL RECORDS
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WAR SERVICE GRATUITY SECTION



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THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
 NAVY ARMY AIR FORCE
 STATEMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

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 NAVY

BASED
 MEMBER'S
 NAME

Frederick Southam

KBR

REGISTER NO. 10570

(CHRISTIAN NAMES)

(SURNAME)

FILE NO. NSO-38577

PAYEE
 ADDRESS

Director of Estates,
 308 Sparks St.,
 Ottawa, Ont.

for Service Estate of
 Frederick Southam KBR
 NSO-38577

DATE 1 Sep/45

SERVICE NO. RCNVR

FINAL RANK OR RATING Sub.Lieut.

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE 7 Sep/40

DATE OF DISCHARGE 7 Sep/40

A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 149 EQUAL TO 4 COMPLETE PERIODS AT \$7.50

30.00

B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 149 LESS 29 INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 120 DAYS @ 25c. PER DAY

30.00

C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE

DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE

PAY \$ 5.00
 SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING
 AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE \$ 2.10
 ADDITIONAL PAY \$

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF \$ Nil

TOTAL \$ 7.10 X 7 = \$ 49.70
 NO. OF DAYS 149 X \$ 49.70

40.47

D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

100.47

E. DEDUCTIONS

OVERPAYMENT OF

PAY AND ALLOWANCES \$
 DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE
 AND ASSIGNED PAY \$

OTHER DEDUCTIONS

\$ Nil

F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE

100.47

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE TO YOU \$ _____ OF \$

=\$ 100.47

TOTAL DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE \$

Voucher 2320 12/9-45

CERTIFICATE I CERTIFY THAT THE AMOUNT HAS BEEN CORRECTLY COMPUTED AND IS PAYABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
 THE TERMS OF THE WAR SERVICE GRANTS ACT, 1944 AND THE REGULATIONS ISSUED THEREUNDER.

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PREPARED BY CHECKED BY

W. J. H. A.

TREASURY

CHECKED BY

DATE

W. Charro

SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

for Dir. Naval Pay Acctg.



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N.S. 815-11-4

DEPT.
MILITIA & DEFENCE
APR 17 1940
103-K 20
CANADA

ATTESTATION FORM

FOR OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

(A) DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT

SURNAME.....KER	PERMANENT ADDRESS
CHRISTIAN NAME..Frederick Southam	'Staplehurst', Dundas Ont.
RELIGION.....C. of E.	

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
April 8th 1920	Town Vancouver County British Columbia Province.. Country	(Father) Frederick I. Ker same address

P015203

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet.....5	Inflated.....	Black	Brown	Dark	Birthmark Right upper Limb. Front
Inches.....9 1/2	Deflated.....				
Mean.....					

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RANK IN WHICH ENROLLED	MARRIED, SINGLE, OR WIDOWER	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
5th April 1940 <i>Dupoffin</i>	Sub-Lieutenant	Single	Student U. of Toronto

(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 an Officer of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force, and that I accept and will 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) I served in C. O. T. C. for the period shown, and attach my record of service.

* Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
C. O. T. C/ U. of Toronto	Act. Lieut.	Sept. 1937	March 1940

- (c) I have never been rejected for any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness.
- (4) That the particulars contained above are correct, and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(OVER)

(5) On being enrolled as an Officer of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for as long as my services may be required, being subject to the provisions of the Naval Service Act and of the regulations made in pursuance thereof for the governing 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 provide myself with the necessary uniform as laid down in R.C.N.V.R. Regulations.

Dated this Fifth.....day of April.....19 40

Frederick S. Ker

Signature of Applicant.

The above declaration was made and signed in my presence this Fifth.....

day of.....April.....19 40

J. C. Hart

Signature of Enrolling Officer.

(C)

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I Frederick S. Ker.....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.....

Frederick S. Ker

Signature of Witness.....

J. C. Hart

Date 5th April 1940.....

Rank.....

Lieut. R.C.N.V.R.

The Oath of Allegiance may be administered by any commissioned officer of the Naval Service.

NOTE.—This form when completed is to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa, together with Certificate of medical examination B-207, and record of any previous service.

The record of previous service will be returned after examination at Naval Service Headquarters.

THE CANADIAN PENSION COMMISSION.

MEMORANDUM

To.....Pension Medical Examiner, HAMILTON.....

.....Ottawa, March 30, 1942......

From.....Head Office.....

Sub. Lieut. KER, F. S.

P. & N. H. 996-F.

The Department of National Defence, Naval Service
officially reports that the marginally named was reported -
"DEATH occurred in loss by collision of H.M.S. "Godetia",
on the 7th September, 1940 on service North Atlantic."

His next of kin is reported as - Father -

Mr. F. Ker,
"The Spectator",
Hamilton, Ontario.

The Addressograph Stencil shows payment of Assigned Pay of

\$ NIL a month to -

As no D.A. was payable the Commission will not take
any action unless a claim is filed.

E. Clewes,
for
Canadian Pension Commission.

/LR

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

N.S. 103-K-20.

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

KER,
(Surname)Frederick Southam.
(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH

8th April, 1920.

PLACE OF BIRTH

Vancouver, B.C.

OCCUPATION

Student, U. of Toronto.

RELIGION

EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

"Staplehurst",

Town

Dundas,

Province, etc

Ontario.

ENGAGEMENTS

Date (in figures)			Period
Day	Month	Year	
12	4	40	Hostilities Only.

DESCRIPTION

Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars
5' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Black	Brown	Dark	Birthmark, right upper limb, front.

PREVIOUS SERVICE

Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
		From	To

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

Wife

NAME (in pencil)

Miss Frederick I. Ker

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

Staplehurst

Town

Province, etc

Ontario

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY

Date (in figures)			Particulars
Day	Month	Year	

EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.

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

BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.

Date (in figures)			1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S.	Granted Deprived Restored
Day	Month	Year		

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

SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	Wt. No.	Date (in figures)			BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE	PUNISHMENT
		Day	Month	Year		

FILM
NO. *NSR 4417-2*
DATE

Date (in figures)

DAYS FORFEITED

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



V.R.

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME **KER,**
(Surname)

Frederick Southam. 0-38577
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

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
H.M.C.S. "STADACONA"	A/Sub-Lt. (T)	12	4	40	(Lent to H.M.S. "VICTORY"	27-4-40		to 30-4-40).									
"	"	24	4	40	(Passage to England for Service in R.N.)												
H.M.S. "KING ALFRED"	"																
H.M.S. "DRAKE"	"	19	6	40	Add'l. for special service.												
H.M.S. "KING ALFRED"	"	28	6	40													
H.M.S. "DRAKE"	"																
("GODETIA")	"	3	7	40	For W/K Duties.												
DISCHARGED	"	7	9	40	"Killed on Active Service".			per 1730/11/9/40.									

GENERAL REMARKS

MEMORIAL CROSS SENT TO:
Mrs. Frederick I. Ker,
"The Spectator",
HAMILTON, Ontario. (23-5-41).

No pension entitled to parents,
per Memo. 3-1-41. (Falce Docket
103-K-20).

DATE OF BIRTH	RANK	CIVIL OCCUPATION	RESIDENCE	PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE
BY NO. YR. BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	CITY TOWN SER. DIV.	A BR RANK	A BR RANK
08/4/20	18	X 4 6 7	X 1 55 01	0 19	1 01 12
ENLIST. DATE	ACT. SERV. DATE	SER.	SHIP OR ESTAB.	RANK OR RATE	
BY NO. YR. OR	OR	YR. CAT.		A BR RANK	
12/04/40	12/04/40		8830	1 01 12	
SENIORITY	S.S.	NON-SUB	CODED	CHECKED	
BY NO. YR. CAT.	A	B	M. 4		
12/04/40	09		61	07.09.40	

AWARDS NAVY

DECEASED 7 September 1940

D.D.

KER	Frederick Southam	0-38577	Sub. Lieut.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	
C.V.S.M. and Clasp	
War Medal	
	3791 - 23-11-49.

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Frederick I. Ker - Father

"The Spectator"

ADDRESS:

HAMILTON, Ont.

DATE DESP.....

(1)

REGN. NO.....

1946

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. F. Ker

ADDRESS:

c/o Hamilton Spectator
HAMILTON, Ontario

(3)

23 May 1941