

Name: Kellestine, James Warren

Rank: Pte

Service Number: 802040

James Warren Kellestine attested in the 135th Btn at Strathroy on the 27th November 1915. He was a machinist with a family of small children. After training at Camp Borden the 135th set sail for England on the 22 Aug 1916. James served with the 15th Btn when the 135th was broken up. He was killed in action at Vimy Ridge on the 9th of April 1917. He is buried at 9 Elms Cemetery Thelus France. His name also appears on the Strathroy Cenotaph and the 15th Btn field cross.

Date	Particulars
27 Nov 1915	Attested in 135 th Btn at Strathroy Ontario. Date of Birth 12 June 1880. Occupation – machinist. No previous military service. Next of kin - Mrs Grace Eanora Kellistine – wife 5'4", 137 lbs, Fair complexion, blue eyes, fair hair. Religion - Methodist
12 July 1916	Training at Camp Borden ON
22 Aug 1916	Sails aboard SS Olympic from Halifax NS
30 Aug 1916	Arrives Liverpool England aboard SS Olympic
15 Oct 1916	Transferred to 134 th Btn at Witley
15 Oct 1916	Taken on Strength 134 th Btn from 135 th at Bramshott England
28 Nov 1916	Sent off Strength 134 th to 15 th Btn at Witley Camp England
29 Nov 1916	Joins 15 th Btn in France
2 Dec 1916	Taken on Strength 15 th Btn in the field
8 Jan 1917	Reported to hospital sick
8 Jan 1917	Sent off Strength to hospital sick
16 Feb 1917	Rejoined 15 th Btn
9 Apr 1917	Killed in Action (Battle of Vimy Ridge) Medal card shows P and S sent to Widow and Certificate of Service to Widow and mother Mrs Lavina Kellestine Metcalfe St Strathroy On. Note not eligible for 1914-1915 Star.

Requise

ORIGINAL

ATTESTATION PAPER.

No. 802040

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Folio.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS).

1. What is your surname? *Kellestine*
- 1a. What are your Christian names? *James Warren*
- 1b. What is your present address? *Shahung Ont.*
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *Madison East Canada*
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? *Miss Canora Kellestine*
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? *Shahung Ont.*
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? *wife*
5. What is the date of your birth? *Jan. 12/1880*
6. What is your Trade or Calling? *machinist*
7. Are you married? *yes*
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? *yes*
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? *no*
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? *no*
If so, state particulars of former service.
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? *yes*
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? *yes*

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DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *J. M. Kellestine*, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date *Nov. 24* 191*5* *J. M. Kellestine* (Signature of Recruit)
C. Jones (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *James Warren Kellestine*, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Date *Nov. 24* 191*5* *J. M. Kellestine* (Signature of Recruit)
C. Jones (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

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 as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath

before me, at *Shahung* this *27* day of *November* 191*5*.
B. Robson Li. Col. (Signature of Justice)

Description of James W. Kellestine on Enlistment.

Apparent Age.. 35 years... 6 months.
To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the Approving Officer.)

Height... 5 ft. 4 ins.

Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded... 35 ins.
Range of expansion... 3 ins.

Complexion... Fair

Eyes... Blue

Hair... Fair

Religious denominations { Church of England
Presbyterian
Methodist... Yes
Baptist or Congregationalist
Roman Catholic
Jewish
Other Denominations
(Denomination to be stated)

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

He can see at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him* fit for the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force.

Date... Nov 24th 1918

Place... Strathroy

A. H. Bendau

269 Regt
Medical Officer.

* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

NOTE.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness:—

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

James W. Kellestine having been finally approved and inspected by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed particular having been recorded, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation.

B. Roman H. G. (Signature of Officer)

Date... 4. 12 1918

CWGC - Name: KELLESTINE Initials: J W Nationality: Canadian Rank: Private Regiment/Service: Canadian Infantry (Central Ontario Regiment) Unit Text: 15th Bn. Date of Death: **09/04/1917** Service No: 802040 Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead Grave/Memorial Reference: Arras Road Cem. Mem. 29. Cemetery: **NINE ELMS MILITARY CEMETERY, THELUS**

Census 1911

115	115	Kellestine James W. Schoolage 15 Head	In June 1910	30	0	Irish	Canadian Methodist	Sandwich
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