

# James Warren Kellestine

**Service Number:** 802040

**Rank:** Private

**Branch:** 135th and 15th Battalion

**Years Served:** 1916 - 1917

**Summary:** James Warren appears on the Mount Brydges cenotaph and the Caradoc Community Centre Memorial wall. He was a machinist at a furniture factory, living with his wife Eanora and three young children. He served with the 135th Btn and the 15th Btn. He was killed in action at Vimy Ridge on the 9th of April 1917. He is buried in Nine Elms Military Cemetery in Thelus France.

**Name:** James Warren Kellestine

**Birth Date:** June 12, 1880

**Relatives:** Mother - Lavina Kellestine. Wife - Grace Eanora Kellestine

**Address:** Strathroy, ON

**Attestation Date:** November 27, 1915

**Death Date:** April 9, 1917

**Burial Site:** Nine Elms Military Cemetery, Thelus, France



<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Particulars</b></i>
<b>27 Nov 1915</b>	Attested in 135 <sup>th</sup> 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
<b>12 July 1916</b>	Training at Camp Borden ON
<b>22 Aug 1916</b>	Sails aboard SS Olympic from Halifax NS
<b>30 Aug 1916</b>	Arrives Liverpool England aboard SS Olympic
<b>15 Oct 1916</b>	Transferred to 134 <sup>th</sup> Btn at Witley
<b>15 Oct 1916</b>	Taken on Strength 134 <sup>th</sup> Btn from 135 <sup>th</sup> at Bramshott England
<b>28 Nov 1916</b>	Sent off Strength 134 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> Btn at Witley Camp England
<b>29 Nov 1916</b>	Joins 15 <sup>th</sup> Btn in France
<b>2 Dec 1916</b>	Taken on Strength 15 <sup>th</sup> Btn in the field
<b>8 Jan 1917</b>	Reported to hospital sick
<b>8 Jan 1917</b>	Sent off Strength to hospital sick
<b>16 Feb 1917</b>	Rejoined 15 <sup>th</sup> Btn
<b>9 Apr 1917</b>	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.

**Attestation Paper:**

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ORIGINAL

ATTESTATION PAPER.

No. 802040

Folio.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS).

1. What is your surname? *Kellerman*  
 1a. What are your Christian names? *Joseph, Harrow*  
 1b. What is your present address? *Strathroy, Ont.*  
 2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *Widdoway East Canada*  
 3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? *Grace Emma, Kellerman*  
 4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? *Strathroy, 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*

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-Sea 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.

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Date: Nov 24 1913

J. M. McElvaine (Signature of Recruit)

E. J. [illegible] (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

1. James Warren Kellie 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.

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Date Jan 24 1913 J. W. Kablestine (Signature of Recruit)  
[Signature] (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.

before me, at Spokane this 27 day of November, 1918

B. Rossen, Lt. 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, before the final attestation, attach a slip to this effect, for the information of the Approving Officer.)

Height. 5 ft. 4 ins.

Girth when fully expanded. 35 ins.

Range of expansion. 3 ins.

Complexion. Fair

Eyes. Blue

Hair. Fair

Church of England.

Presbyterian.

Methodist. Yes

Baptist or Congregationalist.

Roman Catholic.

Jewish.

Other Denominations.

(Disqualification 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. 24 1918

Place. Strathroy

W. B. Borden, M.D.

26th 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.

J. 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. Borden, M.D. (Signature of Officer)

Date. 4. 12 1918

Casualty Form:

[illegible]

Rank	<i>A-6</i>	Name	KILMERING, James W. W. 2nd		Regt No.	908040
Unit	100th Bn		If in perm. Corps What Unit?		Married or Single	Married
Place and Date of Enlistment	Strathroy, 24th Nov 1915		Place of Birth		Middlesex, Ont., Canada	
Name and Address, Next-of-Kin	Grass Ramora Kellettine		Relationship		Wife	
Assigned Pay Monthly	\$		Payable to		Relationship	
Separation Allowance	\$		Payable to		Relationship	

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 File 812-1-1-1  
 Date: 1-1-1919

Discharge, Date and Place	Reason	Not	Character
Report	Record of promotion, reduction, treatment, commendation, etc., during active service. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date
Date: <i>10/1/19</i> From where received: <i>10/1/19</i>	ARRIVED IN ENGLAND S.S. OLYMPIC 1914/BA	10-1-19	10-1-19

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 10-1-19

**Other Documentation:**

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffww&id=490482&lang=eng>