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STEVESTON, B. C.  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO. 3818

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having no property in any protected area.

NAME: OBA, Yukino  
HOME ADDRESS: P.O. Box 14, House #39, Steveston, B. C. REGISTRATION No. 02872  
SEX: Female AGE: 60 MARRIED? Yes  
OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: Housewife  
NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: deceased ADDRESS: None  
Hideo-Alexander St., Vancouver, B.C.  
NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN: Hideo (M)-40; Yoshio (M)-37 ADDRESS: Y.-Toronto, Ontario, Can.  
(Mrs. S. Mizuguchi), (Mrs. E. Kobayashi)  
Masako (F)-35; Kiyoko (F)-32; Shinobu (F)-28 ADDRESS: Steveston, B. C.  
Suzio (M)-16 Masao-Toronto, Ont., Can.  
Masao (M)-34; Tatsuo (M)-22; Takeo (M)-20; Yoshiko (F)-1 ADDRESS: The Rest in Steveston, B.C.

I certify that the above information is true and complete and state that I have no property of any kind whatsoever in any protected area in British Columbia.

Dated this 16th day of April 1942.

WITNESS:

*Armedus*

(Signature)

*Yukino Oba*

one 24/11/42)

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Jan. 6/43

Full Name ODA. Yukino (Mrs. Moschuro) Deceased  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 03872

Male - Female ☒  
(check)

Age June 1, 1881

Former Address P.O. Box 14, Steneston, B.C.

Date Evacuated May 20/42 ?  
Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National ☒  
(check)

Present Address Kootenai B.C.  
Deceased - June 30, 1944 at Kootenai B.C.

Widow  
Married - Single  
(check)

Name of Wife \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Husband Deceased

Name of Mother Deceased Name of Father "

Names of Children under 16 Sumio (m) 24/11/25

Our File No. 3888

Registered with Custodian yes  
(yes or no)

Requested By D. Egglestone

Additional Information \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL SUMMARY

File No. 1000

Yukino Oda, Deceased

Reg. No. Q3872

Yukino Oda, widow of Mosaburo Oda, died at Kaslo, B. C. on June 30, 1944. She is survived by five sons, Yoshio, file #14471, Tetsuo, file #4868, Sumio, file #4934, Masao, file #14719, and Hideo, file #12003; and four daughters, Masako (Mrs. Mitsuuchi), file #4870, Shiyoko (Mrs. Kobayashi), file #4392, Riyoko (Mrs. Hashiki), file #14561, and Yoshiko, file #6431.

The deceased declared no assets to the Custodian but in a letter dated November 23, 1942, she requested that two sets of Japanese fencing costumes be shipped to her at Kaslo, and on November 29, 1943, we received a Custodian Release Form requesting shipment of dinnerware to her son, Arthur Hosaka Oda in Toronto. There is nothing on file to indicate whether or not these articles were shipped but it is presumed they were.

Mrs. Oda was appointed Administratrix of the estate of her late husband, Mosaburo Oda, but, to our knowledge, the only asset of the deceased was a fishing vessel, "Masako", registered in his name but which was apparently the property of his son Tetsuo. The title to this vessel was transferred to Tetsuo Oda by Yukino Oda, Administratrix of the Estate of Mosaburo Oda, deceased, with the approval of the other heirs.

Claims were filed against Mrs. Oda as follows:

\$20.53 - Morris & Pratt, Barristers & Solicitors.

\$30.00 - East Coast Trollers Association

\$15.18 - Globe Fertiliser Company

\$123.60 - Sajiro Wakita

\$80.00 - B. C. Security Commission (claim for funeral expenses)

The claim of Morris & Pratt was paid from the account of M. Noguchi, at his request, as it had apparently been paid to him by Mrs. Oda previous to her evacuation. The claim of the East Coast Trollers Association was denied by Mrs. Oda who stated that she had no dealings with this Association and knew nothing of the claim. The claim of the Globe Fertiliser Company was also denied by Mrs. Oda and the company was advised accordingly. Mrs. Oda, in a letter dated October 17, 1943, stated that Mr. Wakita had agreed to accept payment of his claim after the war. The creditor was advised of this through his Solicitor on August 22, 1943. The B. C. Security Commission was advised on December 1, 1944 that, to our knowledge, no funds were available from which to pay their claim for funeral expenses.

No claims, other than those mentioned above, appear on this file.

This summary is certified to be in accordance with information on file.



January 17, 1947.

File 3888

Kashi, B.C.

Nov. 22, 1942

Mr. T. King (custodian),

Stratton, B.C.

Dear Sir, -

Will you please send to the  
above address 2 sets of Japanese  
fencing costumes. They are in a  
large box (wooden) kept in the  
small house behind the

Japanese United Church building.

Will pay all expenses.

Thanking you in advance.

Very truly yours,  
(Mrs) Y. Oda

(Formerly of Imperial Laundry)

1/11/42

P. O. Box 517,  
Savannah, S.C.  
27th December 1942

Mr. J. G. Bell

From: C. J. Bell

Dear Mr. Bell:

I have been very busy with a letter from the  
above mentioned to Mr. J. G. Bell, asking for certain personal  
effects to be sent to Savannah, S.C.

The articles mentioned are ready for  
shipment and will reach about 15th Jan.  
Yours very truly,  
C. J. Bell

CJB

Enc.  
1/11/42

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January 9th, 1943.

Mrs. Yukino ODA,  
Registration #03872,  
Kaslo, B.C.

Dear Madam:

This office has a claim amounting to \$20.83 against you from Messrs. Morris and Pratt, Barristers and Solicitors.

We referred this claim previously to Mrs. Yasutsu ODA, in error.

In the meantime we contacted Mitsujiro NOGUCHI in this connection and he replied that he would pay the claim if he was paid \$5.00 interpreting charges. We contacted Messrs. Morris and Pratt's representative and were informed that they were prepared to take the \$5.00 which NOGUCHI was charging you off their bill. We are, therefore, arranging to pay this claim from funds at present standing to the credit of M. NOGUCHI in this office. Kindly advise us by return mail if this is satisfactory to you.

Messrs. Morris and Pratt have also got a claim against the East Coast Trollers Association amounting to \$30.00. From NOGUCHI's letter we are not clear whether he expects us to charge this amount to yourself and to Y. NAKADE. In your reply please inform us if half this claim is against you. If not, perhaps you could tell us who the claim is against.

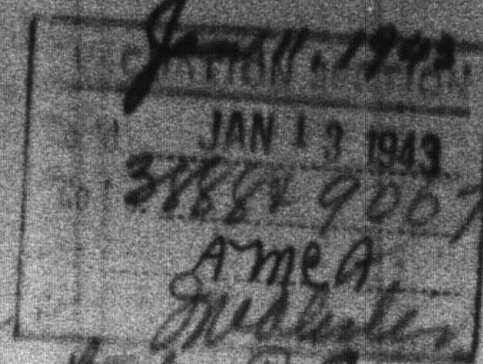
Thanking you in advance for an immediate reply.

Yours truly,

  
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A. McAllister,  
Claims Department.

Kaslo, B.C. ✓  
Mr. A. McAllister,  
Dept. of the Sec'y of State,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Vancouver, B.C.



Dear Sir, —

Re - File # 3888 - 9067

In reference to your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. the claim amounting to \$20.83 against me, has already been paid to Mr. Mitsujiro Noguchi. In fact it was settled in 1941, and he asked for no interpreting charges at the time.

At the time the business was transacted, Mr. Noguchi was working as secretary of District #1 Japanese Fishermen's Association of Steveston, and in that capacity, it was his duty to do interpreting work without charge. For this reason I do not see why he should be paid the \$20.83.

As for the \$30.00 claim against the East Coast Trollers Ass., I have had no dealings with the Association in the past, and therefore have no knowledge of it. I do not know to whom you can place the claim against.

Yours truly,  
(Mrs) Yukino Oda  
Reg # 03872.

(Per M.M.)

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January 27th, 1943.

Mrs. Y. Oda,  
Registration No. 03872,  
Kaslo, B.C.

Dear Madam:

We thank you for yours of the 11th of January, 1943, regarding the charge made against you by Mitsujiro NOGUCHI of \$5.00 for interpreting services. We are inclined to agree with you that there would not appear to be any basis for this charge. However, as Messrs. Norris and Pratt have agreed to absorb this charge, in other words, pay it, the matter can now be considered settled.

We note that you do not know who the East Coast Trollers Association are.

Again thanking you for your prompt reply to our letter.

Yours truly,

  
AMcA:DE

A. McAlister,  
Claims Department.

DEPARTMENT OF  
LABOUR



CANADA

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd JAN 8 1944

File No. 2882

Ans.

Referr

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.

7th January 1944.

Custodian of Enemy Property,  
Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Attention Mr. George Peters.

Re: ODA, Yukino #03872

As per telephone conversation of today, I am enclosing herewith cheque for \$236.26 in the above woman's favour which you have twice sent to her and which she wishes again returned to you.

In this connection may we ask that, if any funds are drawn against this money, the cheque be made payable to the above woman direct, as the executrix of the estate, as straight maintenance has been paid to her ever since going to Kaslo, and not to a son as she may ask.

*M. L. Brown*

M. L. Brown  
Office Manager.

Files Nos. 13849, 3888, 4868 & 6452

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Alexander

July 9, 1943.

From: Specified Articles Dept.

Re: Vessel "Masako". 141,522

The above-named vessel was owned by Mosaburo ODA (Deceased) File 13849.

The son Tetsuo ODA, Reg. No. 10343, File 4868 claims ownership, title having been passed to him by his mother, Yukino ODA, Reg. 03872, File 3888.

In this connection, there is a letter on the file of Takeo ODA, Registration No. 03542, File 6452, from No. 1 District Fishermen's Association, stating that ownership had been granted to Mrs. Yukino ODA by authority of the Supreme Court of Vancouver.

The family of the late Mosaburo ODA consisted of:

|                        |          |        |
|------------------------|----------|--------|
| Arthur Yoshio ODA,     | File No. | 14471. |
| Tetsuo ODA             | "        | 4868.  |
| Takeo ODA              | "        | 6452.  |
| Sunio ODA              | "        | 4954.  |
| Haruo ODA              | "        | 14719. |
| Hideo ODA              | "        | 12003. |
| Mrs. Masako MIZUGUCHI  | "        | 4870.  |
| Yoshiko ODA            | "        | 6451.  |
| Mrs. Shiyoko KOBAYASHI | "        | 4392.  |
| Mrs. Kiyoko ODA        | "        | 14561. |

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

IN PROBATE

(Issued Under Section 25)

Vancouver Registry

BE IT KNOWN that on the 10th day of February, 1941, Letters of Administration of all the estate which by law devolves to and vests in the personal representative of Mosaburo ODA, of Steveston, in the Province of British Columbia, deceased, who died on the 14th day of January, 1938, at Steveston aforesaid, intestate, were granted by the Supreme Court of British Columbia to Yukino ODA, of Steveston, B. C., the lawful widow, and one of the Heirs-at-Law, of the said intestate.

GIVEN under the Seal of the said Court this tenth day of February, A.D. 1941.

"H. Brown"  
Deputy District Registrar

Extracted by Messrs. Norris & Pratt  
Solicitors

Dated: Vancouver Registry  
February 10, 1941  
(Stamped)

This grant is made upon the condition that no portion of the assets shall be distributed or paid during the War to any beneficiary or creditor who is a National of the German Reich of whatever nationality, without the express sanction of the Crown acting through the Minister of Finance; and if any distribution or payment is made contrary to this condition the grant of probate or letters of administration will be forthwith revoked.

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13849, 4868 & 3888

September 28, 1943

Mrs. Yukino ODA,  
Registration No. 03672,  
Administratrix of the Estate  
of Masaburo ODA,  
Seattle, W. C.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter today sent  
to Tetsuo ODA, which will explain itself to you.

Also enclosed is a cheque for \$236.76, re-  
presenting the net proceeds from the sale of the vessel  
"Masako". This cheque is payable to you as administratrix  
of the estate of Masaburo ODA. If you, in your capacity as  
administratrix, have arranged that Tetsuo ODA should receive  
the proceeds of the sale of "Masako", it will be in order  
for you to endorse this cheque to him.

Yours very truly,

Administration Department

/s/  
Enclosures

Dept. of the Secy of State,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Vancouver, B.C.

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| EVACUATION SECTION |             |
| Rec'd              | OCT 21 1943 |
| File No.           | 3888        |
| Ans.               | 13 R 11     |
| Referred           | Greenburg   |

Kaslo, B.C.

Oct 17, 1943.

Dear Sir, —

File # 3888.

I am in receipt of your letter concerning the claims lodged against me by Sajiro Wakita and Bloke Fertilizer Co.

When I made a part settlement on the debt owing Sajiro Wakita, I told him that the remaining account would be paid after the war, and he assured me that, that would be perfectly all right.

The claim by Bloke Fertilizer Co. for the sum of \$18.18 is unknown to me as it is practically ten years ago since I have given up farming.

Yours truly,  
Mrs. Y. Oda

See M.M.

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| EVACUATION SECTION |             |
| Rec'd              | JUL 15 1944 |
| File No.           | 3888        |
| Ans.               |             |
| Referred           |             |



BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 - Homer Street,  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

July 14, 1944.

Office of the Custodian,  
Royal Bank Building,  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Mrs. Yukino ODA, #03872 - Kaslo  
(deceased)

Please be advised that the above-named woman passed away at Kaslo on June 30, 1944.

This woman was the mother of Takeo Leonard ODA, #03542, who was accidentally killed at the Pax Manufacturing Company, Toronto, on March 8, 1944. (Workmen's Compensation Claim No. 1693390).

Yours very truly,

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION.

M. L. Brown,  
Office Manager.

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| EVACUATION SECTION |               |
| Rec'd              | JUL 28 1944   |
| File No.           | 3888          |
| Ans.               |               |
| Referred           | <i>McLush</i> |

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

260 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B. C.

27th July 1944.

Department of the Secretary of State,  
Office of the Custodian,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Mrs. Yukino Oda  
Reg. No. 03872 (Deceased)

With further reference to our letter of the 14th instant, we now wish to make claim for recovery of the sum of \$80.00 from the estate of the above deceased to cover the cost of funeral expenses paid by this Commission in connection with her burial.

Yours truly,

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

*M. L. Brown*  
M. L. Brown,  
Office Manager.

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File No. 3888  
Copy for File 6452

November 23rd, 1944.

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: MR. K. W. WRIGHT**

**FROM: MR. G. H. PETERS**

**Re: Mrs. Takino ODA, Deceased**

Mrs. ODA died June 30, 1944 at Ksalo, B.C.

She was the widow of Masaburo ODA who died in 1938.

The deceased appears to have left no assets with the possible exception of an interest in the Takao ODA estate. This son was killed in Toronto on March 8, 1944, and may have left some assets.

The sum of \$235.26 are to her credit at this office but these funds represent the proceeds of the sale of a fishing vessel claimed by a son Tetsuo ODA. See memo of today re Estate of Masaburo ODA.

GHP/O'B

G. H. PETERS

File No. 12442 and copies for files:  
12442, 12471, 12480, 12481, 12482, 12479,  
12483, 12478, 12477, 12484, 12485.

November 13th, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. V. WRIGHT

FROM: MR. C. H. PERNS

SUB: Estate of Henshaw OMA. Died January 14, 1931 intestate

Wife appointed administratrix February 10, 1941. Copy of Letters of Administration on file. She died June 30, 1941.

Re: Free information on our files

| Mr. Tetsuo OMA                         | Wife     | File No. | Age | Ch. |
|----------------------------------------|----------|----------|-----|-----|
| Children                               |          |          |     |     |
| Arthur Tetsuo OMA                      | son      | 12471    | 40  | ch. |
| Tetsuo                                 | son      | 12480    | 38  |     |
| Tetsuo H.                              | son      | 12482    | 38  |     |
| Rosie                                  | son      | 12481    | 37  |     |
| Wawa                                   | son      | 12479    | 37  | ch. |
| Hideo                                  | son      | 12483    | 42  | ch. |
| Mr. Hideo HENSHAW                      | daughter | 12478    | 36  |     |
| Mr. Hideo HENSHAW                      | "        | 12477    | 31  | ch. |
| Mr. Hideo HENSHAW (Wife of Tetsuo OMA) | son      | 12484    | 39  |     |
| Miss Tetsuo OMA                        | son      | 12485    | 31  | ch. |

Filed at Tetsuo OMA's death, 1941. Dated 1st.  
12442 June 30, 1941 at Tetsuo.

The only asset of this to come under our control was the proceeds of the sale of the fishing boat "HENSHP" amounting to \$235.25. These funds were twice sent to the administratrix and she has returned them stating the boat belonged to her son Tetsuo. A bill of sale in favor of Tetsuo OMA was given by Mrs. Tetsuo OMA on November 24, 1941. This bill of sale is not signed as administratrix of the estate of Henshaw OMA and the consideration is \$1.00 and other valuable consideration. This transfer evidently satisfied the Registrar of Shipping, New Westminster and he has sent us from his files copies of a certificate of ownership and a declaration of ownership by Tetsuo OMA both dated November 24, 1941.

A declaration on file 12482 dated June 5, 1943, signed by seven of the ten children of Henshaw OMA stating they have no interest in the boat and that it is the property of Tetsuo OMA. This statement is not signed by Rosie or Tetsuo who were alive at that time.

If the above is accepted as evidence of Tetsuo OMA's ownership of the boat the funds would be transferred to his credit.

The funds are at present in an account under the name of Mr. Tetsuo OMA File 12482.

There appears to be another asset of the estate under our control.

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C. H. PERNS

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1944.

December 1, 1944.

Mr. W. D. Simmons, Comptroller,  
U. S. Security Commission,  
340 Essex Street,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Yukino Oda (Mrs. Hoshino) Widow, Deceased, #03872.  
Takao Oda, Deceased, #03542.  
Tetsuo Oda, #10313.

Replying to your inquiry regarding the above we have  
to state that the files covering this family have been carefully  
reviewed.

As you recall, ownership of proceeds from the sale of  
the boat "Hanku" in the sum of \$206.26 has been in question. We have now  
on file a copy of a Bill of Sale covering the vessel "Hanku" from the  
widow Yukino Oda to her son Tetsuo Oda dated November 24, 1941, which has  
evidently satisfied the Registrar of Shipping in New Westminster. The  
Registrar has furnished us with copies of a certificate and declaration  
indicating Tetsuo's ownership and both signed by him on the same date. It  
therefore appears that there is no alternative but to credit the account  
of this sum with the proceeds, and since he is living outside the controlled  
areas we presume that you will have no objection to our sending this  
money to him.

For your information we might add that according to  
Tetsuo's file the sum of \$1386.00 was paid to him on March 4, 1942, being  
proceeds from the vessel "Hanyu Kai" which was disposed of by the Japanese  
Fishing Vessel Disposal Committee. He declared on the 17th April, 1942,  
that he held a Mutual Life Insurance policy No. 553160, in the sum of  
\$1500.00, the beneficiary being his mother Yukino Oda. We do not know  
whether the policy is still in force, nor whether another beneficiary has  
been named.

Regarding Takao Oda, who is reported to have been  
accidentally killed on March 8, 1942, he declared on the 28th of April, 1942

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Mr. W. D. Simmons, Comptroller.

December 1, 1944.

that he had a \$50.00 Victory Bond and one \$5.00 War Savings Certificate in his own possession. His file reveals no other possessions.

Regarding Mrs. Yukino Oda, our files reveal no assets of any description and she declared that she had none at the time of the evacuation, but the identity of certain household chattels which were in the family home at that time has not been clarified. Tetsumo declared these chattels, but the actual ownership has not yet been determined. As far as we can see, Mrs. Oda has no estate from which your claim in the sum of \$50.00 for funeral expenses can be paid, nor have we any evidence of any property belonging to the estate of her late husband of which she was named Administratrix on February 10, 1941.

Yours truly,

A. G. Weirther,  
Administration Department.

AGH:AS

Files Nos. 13849, 3888, 14471, 4868,  
6452, 4954, 14719, 12008, 4870, 4392,  
14561, 6451 (Evacuee)

November 25th, 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO: MRS. A. G. MCARTHUR

FROM: MR. K. W. WRIGHT

RE: Estate of Mosaburo ODA

Confirming our recent conversation, it appears that sufficient evidence has been filed with us to indicate Tetsuo ODA's ownership of the boat.

The funds are now at credit of Mrs. Yukino ODA, Evacuee File 3888, and we are of the opinion that the funds should be transferred from her account to the credit of Tetsuo ODA.

  
K. W. WRIGHT

KWW/JF

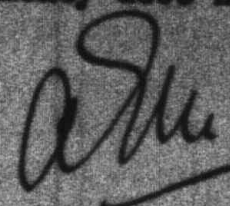
December 1, 1944.

MEMORANDUM.

To: Miss Matheson.

From: A. G. McArthur.

Would you please be good enough to carry out Mr. Wright's suggestion as above, and it will be in order to send this money to Tetsuo Oda in accordance with his request. I am advising the Treasury Department of the B. C. Security Commission that this money does not belong to Yukino Oda.



AGM:AS

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January 11th, 1945.

Globe Fertiliser Co. Ltd.,  
Foot Crompton Road,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

re: Claim \$18.18 - Mrs. M. ODA  
Queensboro, B. C.

We submitted the above claim to Mrs. Yukino (Nesaburo) ODA as the most likely Japanese on our records, according to location given by you. We received reply from her and sent it to you on the 22nd of October, 1943. We did not receive any reply to that letter from you and we wrote to you again on the 26th of November of that year—still without receiving any answer. We then discontinued further action but retained the claim on file.

She did not declare any assets when registering with the Custodian. She has no funds to her credit here. Our records indicate she passed away on June 30th, 1944.

This letter is supplementing conversation had with your Mr. Aitken yesterday by Mr. Shears and the writer in the office of the Custodian.

Yours truly,

B. R. Dusenbury,  
For Office of the Custodian.

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**MEMORANDUM**

File Nos. 3888, 4970, 14561, 4866, 4868

December 13th, 1944

To: The File

From: Mr. Mackenzie

File 3888 - C.M. McKinnon (Mrs. McKinnon), Mother - In a letter to Mr. Tom King dated November 23/43 referred to in memo of Nov 27/43 from C.I.B., requested shipment of 2 fencing uniforms. There is nothing on file to indicate shipment was made.

In a Canadian release dated Nov 2/43 she requested shipment to her son, Arthur, in Toronto dinner ware stored with Mr. Tom King. There is nothing on file to indicate shipment was made.