

(Name of Seaman—Print only)

SPOTTS

(Last name)

Nelson

(Middle name)

Elvis

(First name)


THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 521-26-1730

SEAMAN'S CERTIFICATES  
(Application to be made out in duplicate)

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Book No.

C. I. No. 2394396

Port of LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

DEC 27 1943

Number and street 1223 Corona

City or town Denver

State, Territory, or D. C. Colorado

TO THE COMMANDANT, UNITED STATES COAST GUARD.

SIR:

I hereby apply for a Seaman's

Continuous Discharge Book ☐

Certificate of Identification ☒

Certificate of Efficiency as Lifeboatman ☒

Certificate of Service as Fireman, ☒  
Water tender, ☒ Messman

Age 18 Born 6 Oct. 1925 at Clifton Hill Missouri  
(Day) (Month) (Year) (City) (State or country)

Height 5 ft. 9 in. Weight 153 lb. Color of hair Brown Color of eyes Hazel

Complexion Ruddy Sex Male Color White

Name, relationship, and address of next of kin Mr. D. W. Spotts (Father)  
1223 Corona  
Denver, Colorado

Proof of citizenship submitted Certified photostatic copy of Missouri If a naturalized citizen,  
DELAYED birth certificate issued in the name of Elvin Nelson Spotts; based on affidavit of  
state place and date naturalization papers were issued, together with file number  
Mother, School Record, Life Insurance policy; supported by affidavit showing change of name  
from Elvin Nelson Spotts to Elvis Nelson Spotts.

If not naturalized, and declaration of intention has been filed, state place, date, and file number of intention  
papers

If an alien, state place and date of payment of head tax

Seaman's Protection Certificate, number, date, and place of issue

Applicant now in possession of the following certificates (Itemize all licenses, showing grade, and certificates,  
such as Able Seaman, Lifeboatman, etc., giving date, place, and number of issue of each)

## PENALTY FOR VIOLATION

Whoever receives or has in his possession with intent to unlawfully use, or uses or exhibits a certificate to which he is not law-  
fully entitled; or alters, changes, counterfeits, forges, or steals such a certificate, or unlawfully has in his possession any blank  
form thereof, or aids or abets the perpetration of any of the above, shall be liable to a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment  
for not more than 5 years, or both.



# STATEMENT OF SERVICE

Record of service must be certified by official discharges or letters from masters or such other authority deemed reliable for the past 3 years, if possible

Name of Vessel	Nationality of Vessel	Service and Type of Vessel	Gross Tonnage	Rating of Seaman	Date of Shipment	Date of Discharge
Satisfactorily completed aboard training vessels.		USMSTS, AVALON, CALIF., from 10-5-43 to 12-23-43, including four weeks				

(If more space is needed for Statement of Service the record may be stated on an additional sheet)

## OATH

(This oath must be administered by the Issuing Officer)

I hereby swear (or affirm) that all of the statements on this application are true and correct to my best knowledge and belief; that I have never received from the United States Coast Guard the document (s) for which I now make application; and I do further solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully and honestly perform all the duties required of me by law and carry out the lawful orders of my superior officers on shipboard.

DEC 27 1943

Signature of seaman

Elvin Nelson Spotts  
(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this

day of

19

at

Los Angeles, Calif.

County of

Los Angeles, Calif.

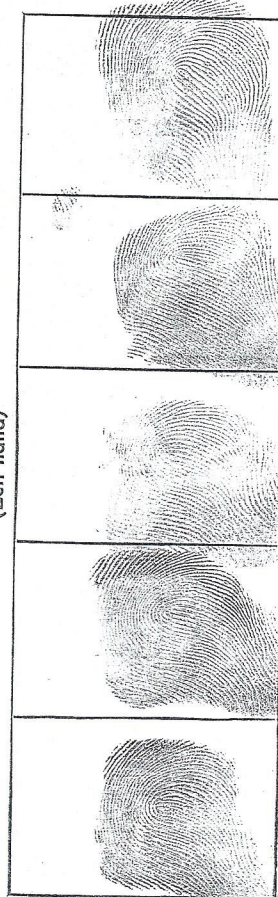
and State (Territory or District) of LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

I have accordingly issued the said applicant the following document (s) :

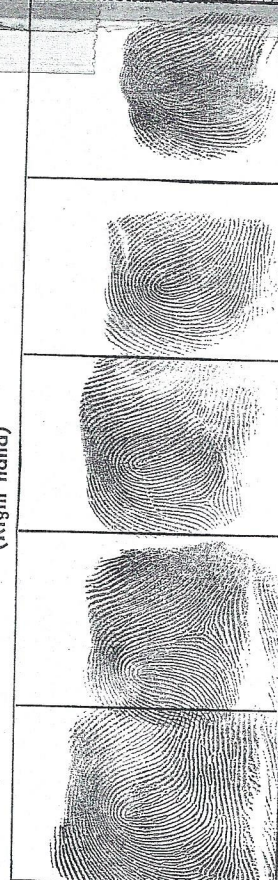
APPLICANT WILL NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

- Continuous Discharge Book No. 1-394396
- Certificate of Identification No. B-252915
- Certificate of Efficiency as Lifeboatman No. B-252915
- Certificate of Service as Able Seaman No. 162132
- Certificate of Service as Qualified Member of Engine Department No. 455254
- Certificate of Service as Messman
- Certificate as Tankerman No. 455254

FINGERPRINTS (Left hand)



FINGERPRINTS (Right hand)



(ACTG.) MERCHANT MARINE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE (SEAL)

(Signature and title of issuing officer)



## UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF AN APPLICANT FOR RATING AS FOOD  
HANDLER ON MERCHANT VESSELS OF THE UNITED STATES

Office of Merchant Marine Inspectors,

Port of LOS ANGELES, CALIF.Date DEC 22 1943, 19\_\_

To the Medical Officer in Charge,

U. S. Public Health Service (~~or Registered Physician of the State of~~ )

SIR:

Please examine Spotts, E. N.nativity white; age 18; height 5 feet 9 inches;distinguishing marks VSLA; 1" S rt. elbow.

to determine whether he is free from communicable disease.

When the examination has been completed the findings are to be recorded on this form and the form returned to the applicant, if he is physically competent. If the seaman is physically incompetent, mail this form to the Merchant Marine Inspectors.

Respectfully,

A. L. WOODRUFF

(ACTG.) MERCHANT MARINE  
INSPECTOR IN CHARGE

Merchant Marine Inspectors.

(Signature of applicant) Elvis N. Spotts  
(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank)Place Avalon, Calif.Date DEC 22 1943, 19\_\_To the United States Coast Guard,  
Merchant Marine Inspectors,Port of LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

GENTLEMEN:

This certifies that I have this day examined the physical condition of Spotts, E. N.

\_\_\_\_\_ and find him physically incompetent  
competent to handle food on merchant vessels of  
the United States.

Respectfully,

Elvis N. Spotts

(Signature of applicant)

(To be signed in the presence of Medical Officer)

P. Weing  
Surgeon United States Public Health Service  
~~or Registered Physician of the State of~~

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF AN APPLICANT FOR RATING AS ENGINEER  
OR QUALIFIED MEMBER OF THE ENGINE DEPARTMENT. (X)

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation

OFFICE OF UNITED STATES BOARD OF LOCAL INSPECTORS

Port of Los Angeles, CaliforniaDate DEC 22 1943

TO THE MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE, UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE,

SIR:

Please Examine Spotts, E. N.Nativity white ; Age 18 ; Height 5 Feet 9 InchesDistinguishing Marks VSLA; 1" S rt. elbow.

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

When the examination has been completed, the findings are to be recorded on this blank and the blank returned to the applicant, if he is physically competent. If the seaman is physically incompetent, mail this form to the United States Board of Local Inspectors.

Respectfully,

A. L. WOODRUFFActg. Merchant Marine Insp. in Charge  
UNITED STATES BOARD OF LOCAL INSPECTORSElvis N. Spotts

(Signature of applicant)

(To be signed in the presence of the  
Officer issuing this blank.)Place Avalon, Calif.Date DEC 22 1943TO THE UNITED STATES BOARD OF LOCAL INSPECTORS,  
BUREAU OF MARINE INSPECTION AND NAVIGATION,Port of Los Angeles, California

GENTLEMEN:

This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of Spotts, E. N., and find him physically  
(Competent-Incompetent) for rating as QMED.

Respectfully,

Elvis N. Spotts

(Signature of applicant)

(to be signed in the presence of the  
medical officer.)[Signature]  
Surgeon, United States Public Health  
Service.



MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
Bureau of Vital Statistics

DELAYED OR SPECIAL  
CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

122010

Full name of birth Elvin Nelson Spotts Date of birth Oct. 6, 1925  
(Month) (Day) (Year)  
Color or race White Sex Male Birthplace Randolph County Missouri  
(City or Town) (County) (State)  
Father: Full name David Williams Spotts Birthplace Missouri  
(State or Country)  
Maiden name Lucille Markland Birthplace Missouri  
(State or Country)  
AFFIDAVIT: I hereby declare upon oath that the above statements are true. (To be signed by registrant, if possible.)  
Signature Elvin Nelson Spotts Relationship to registrant Self  
Address Camp Moberly, Moberly, Mo. Subscribed and sworn to before me on July 8, 1942  
Circuit Clerk agrees to For State of Missouri County of Randolph  
Notary Public agrees to

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ABSTRACT OF SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

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NAME AND KIND OF DOCUMENT (INCLUDING BY WHOM ISSUED AND SIGNED, AND DATE OF ISSUE)	Date Original Document Was Made
<u>Moberly Public School Record Moberly Mo</u>	<u>Sept 1931</u>
<u>Prudential Life Ins Policy # 81-727-206</u>	<u>Mar 1930</u>
<u>aff signed by mother Lucille Spotts Moberly Mo</u>	<u>July 1942</u>

INFORMATION CONCERNING REGISTRANT AS STATED IN DOCUMENT

BIRTH DATE OR AGE	BIRTHPLACE	NAME OF FATHER	FULL NAME OF MOTHER
<u>Oct 6 - 1925</u>			
<u>6 years</u>			
<u>Oct 6 - 1925</u>	<u>Randolph Co Mo</u>		

Additional information:

STATEMENT OF REVIEWING OFFICIAL

I hereby certify that I have reviewed the evidence recorded above and that the information contained therein is as noted in the preceding abstract.

Signature of Reviewing Official Ruby Rauschbach Date filed in State Board of Health JUL 18 1942

STATE OF MISSOURI  
CITY OF JEFFERSON

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of the certificate for the person named therein. This certificate is a duplicate of the original filed in the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State of Missouri, and of the permanent records of the State Board of Health, and the State Board of Health, this

JUL 21 1942

State Registrar of Vital Statistics

Marion Forster



Denver Colorado.

September 28<sup>th</sup> 1947.

I hereby certify that this is a true  
photostat of Certificate of Birth.

My Commission expires February 16, 1946

William F. Jewell  
Notary Public



Form 883 *Z 394 396* Book No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Certificate of Identification  
 RECORD OF CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE  
 ISSUED TO QUALIFIED MEMBER OF THE ENGINE DEPARTMENT  
 Name *Elvis N. Spotts* Rating *Fireman*  
 Address *1223 Corona Denver, Colorado*  
 Citizen of *U.S.A.* Native, naturalized or alien  
 Date of Birth *10/6/25* Place of Birth *Missouri*  
 Serial number of certificate *C162132* DEC 27 1943  
 Date of issue of certificate  
 Kind of waters for which issued *any waters*  
 Issued by U. S. Board of Local Inspectors at *LOS ANGELES, CALIF.*  
*A. L. WOODRUFF*  
 (ACTG.) MERCHANT MARINE  
 INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
 (To be forwarded to Bureau)

Form 974 *3 394 396* Book No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 RECORD OF CERTIFICATE OF EFFICIENCY TO LIFEBOAT MAN  
 Name *Elvis N. Spotts*  
 Address *1223 Corona Denver, Colo.*  
 Citizen of *U.S.A.* Native, naturalized or alien  
 Date of Birth *6 Oct 1925* Place of Birth *Missouri*  
 Serial number of certificate *B252915* DEC 27 1943  
 Date of issue of certificate  
 Issued by U. S. Board of Local Inspectors at *LOS ANGELES, CALIF.*  
*(ACTG.) MERCHANT MARINE*  
 U. S. Board of Local Inspectors  
 INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
 (To be forwarded to Bureau)

Certificate of Identification *Z- 394 396* Book No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Form 884  
 RECORD OF CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE ISSUED TO SEAMAN  
 Name *Elvis N. Spotts* Rating *Seaman*  
 Address *1223 Corona Denver Colorado* Department *Stewards*  
 Citizen of *U.S.A.* Native, naturalized or alien  
 Date of Birth *6 Oct 1925* Place of Birth *Missouri*  
 Serial number of certificate *E455254* DEC 27 1943  
 Date of issue of certificate  
 Issued by U. S. Board of Local Inspectors at *LOS ANGELES, CALIF.*  
*A. L. WOODRUFF*  
 (ACTG.) MERCHANT MARINE  
 U. S. Board of Local Inspectors  
 INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
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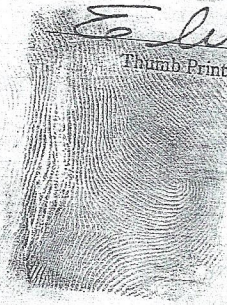


Rated qualified member of the Engine Department upon examination as  
to his knowledge of the duties of Fireman

Signature of Seaman

E. Lewis N. Spotts

Thumb Print



Signature of Seaman

E. Lewis N. Spotts

Thumb Print



(If a food handler)

Examined physically and found free from communicable disease.

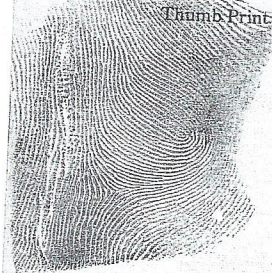
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(Date)

Signature of Seaman

E. Lewis N. Spotts

Thumb Print





SERIAL NUMBER

B252915

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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## BUREAU OF MARINE INSPECTION AND NAVIGATION



### CERTIFICATE OF EFFICIENCY TO LIFEBOAT MAN

This is to certify that Elvis N. Spotts  
 having proved to the satisfaction of the undersigned, designated by the Secretary of  
 Commerce, that he has been trained in all the operations connected with  
 launching lifeboats and the use of oars; that he is acquainted with the  
 practical handling of the boats themselves; and further, that he is capable  
 of understanding and answering the orders relative to lifeboat service,  
 is hereby rated an efficient Lifeboat Man.



Signature of Seaman

Elvis N. Spotts

Issued by the undersigned Board of Local Inspectors  
 on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1943

Gordon Taylor  
 (ACTG.) MERCHANT MARINE  
 INSPECTOR, Board of Local Inspectors

Port of LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING.

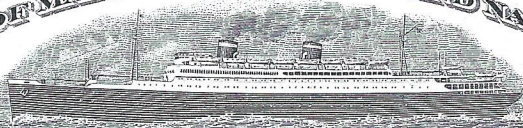
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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## BUREAU OF MARINE INSPECTION AND NAVIGATION



### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

(OTHER THAN ABLE SEAMAN OR QUALIFIED MEMBER OF THE ENGINE DEPARTMENT)

This certifies that Elvis N. Spotts  
 having taken the oath required by law is hereby qualified  
 to serve aboard American vessels of 100 tons gross and  
 upward in the Steward's Department  
 in a rating of Maorman (F.H.)



Signature of Seaman

Elvis N. Spotts

Issued by the undersigned Board of Local Inspectors  
 on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1943

W. Woodruff  
 (ACTG.) MERCHANT MARINE  
 INSPECTOR IN CHARGE of Local Inspectors

Port of LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING.



Form 863

521-26-1730 Certificate of Identification Z 394396

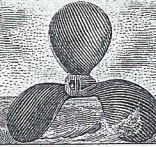
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C162132

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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## BUREAU OF MARINE INSPECTION AND NAVIGATION



QUALIFIED MEMBER OF THE ENGINE DEPARTMENT

*Elvis N. Spotts* having given satisfactory evidence to the undersigned United States Board of Local Inspectors, Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation that he has the experience required by law and having satisfactorily passed examination as to competence and physical condition as prescribed by the Department of Commerce is hereby issued this Certificate of Service as a qualified member of the Engine Department below the rank of licensed officer on vessels of 100 tons gross and upward. As a result of such examination on the above named holder has proven himself competent to act in the capacity of *Fireman*



Issued by the undersigned Board of Local Inspectors on this *27<sup>th</sup>* day of *December* 1943

*Elvis N. Spotts*

Signature of Seaman

*J. H. [Signature]*  
INSPECTOR U.S. Board of Local Inspectors  
Port of LOS ANGELES CALIF.

BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING



SERIAL NUMBER

Z394396

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## BUREAU OF MARINE INSPECTION AND NAVIGATION



### SEAMAN'S CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION

(TO BE RETAINED BY THE SEAMAN)

Port of LOS ANGELES, CALIF.DEC 27 194319The bearer, \*\*\* ELVIS NELSON SPOTTS \*\*\*

(Name of seaman, in full)

whose home address is 1223 Corona Denver, Coloradoborn in Missouri

(State or Country)

on 6 October 1925

(Date of birth)

is a citizen of U.S.A.

If naturalized - year \_\_\_\_\_, if 1st papers - year \_\_\_\_\_, if alien

- date of head tax, if any, \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of personal description: Height 5 ft. 9 inches,Color of hair Brown, Color of eyes Hazel, Complexion Ruddy


 (Signature of issuing officer)  
 (ACTG.) MERCHANT MARINE  
 INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
 (Title)

Elvis N. Spotts  
 (Signature of seaman)

Seaman's Thumb Print







# The Prudential

## INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

HOME OFFICE: NEWARK, N. J.

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RALPH T. HELLER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
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WILLIAM J. MCBURNEY, MANAGER

ASSISTANT MANAGERS

AUGUST B. REINHARDT  
ROBERT LEITH

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ROBERT L. PATRICK

IN RE

Elvis Nelson Spotts  
Pol. 93735880.

March 29, 1944.

R. H. Farinholt,  
Lieutenant (T) U.S.C.G.R.,  
Chief, Merchant Marine Personnel,  
Records and Welfare Section,  
Department of Commerce Building,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We have been presented with a death claim on Elvis N. Spotts, who was employed as a Merchant Seaman, by the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company, and whose death is reported to have occurred on board his ship on February 22, 1944, at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands.

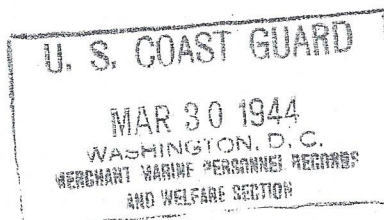
So that we may discharge our liability, we would appreciate any information you may have concerning our insured.

Please be assured that the information furnished will be considered confidential.

Yours truly,

*William J. McBurney*  
Manager.

JG:JAE





(OMF)  
CG-MIN

4 April 1944

Mr. William J. McBurney, Manager  
The Prudential Insurance  
Company of America  
Newark, New Jersey

Re: Elvis Nelson Spotts, Policy #93735880

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your letter of 29 March 1944, relative to Elvis Nelson Spotts.

The last information we have in the files of the Merchant Marine Personnel Records and Welfare Section concerning Mr. Spotts shows that he was employed on the SS CAPE ISABEL, operated by the American - Hawaiian Steamship Company, 215 Market Street, San Francisco, California.

It is suggested that you communicate with the American - Hawaiian Steamship Company for information concerning Mr. Spotts' death.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

Frakes

R. H. FARINHOLT  
Lieutenant (T) USCGR  
Chief, Merchant Marine Personnel  
Records and Welfare Section



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San Francisco, Cal.

**CONFIDENTIAL**

18 May, 1944

To: The Commandant (OMI)  
Via: District Coast Guard Officer, 14th Naval District  
Subj: Preliminary investigation re Death of ELVIS NELSON SPOTTS,  
Z-394396, wiper, aboard the S. S. CAPE ISABEL (O/N 243800)  
on 22 February, 1944.

1. Incls. are forwarded in accordance with regulations and together comprise a full and complete report of subject investigation.

2. From the testimony adduced at the investigation, it was concluded that SPOTTS was electrocuted while closing up engine room bilge well, starboard side. He apparently dropped portable hand lamp, breaking the vapor glass. The open lamp coming in contact with the water in the bilge well, became shorted out. When SPOTTS attempted to retrieve lamp, he apparently received the shock that caused his death.

3. There was no indication of foul play and no evidence of negligence or inattentativeness to duty on part of officers or crew of the CAPE ISABEL. It is, therefore, recommended, that this case be closed.

JOHN M. FENBERTHY  
Examining Officer

**Incl:**

1. Transcript of testimony, in triplicate
2. Casualty report, form 2696 in triplicate
3. Report from Master, in triplicate
4. Copy of Statement of 1st Asst. Engr., in triplicate
5. " " " " 3rd " " "
6. " " " " wiper, in triplicate
7. " " " " chief engr., in triplicate
8. " " " " pharm. mate, " "
9. SPOTTS' Cert. of Identification No. Z-394396
10. " " " " Lifeboatman " B-252915
11. " " " " Service " E-455254
12. " " " " Q.M.E.D. " C-162132

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK  
OF  
KANSAS CITY

June 17, 1944

In reply refer to:  
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*Merchant Marine*

Bureau of Medicine and Surgery  
Vital Statistics Section  
Navy Department  
Washington 25, D. C.

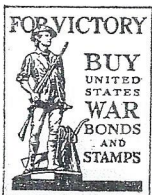
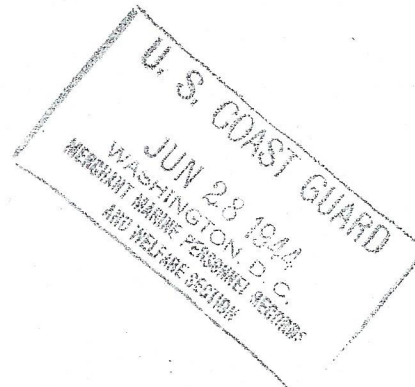
Gentlemen:

Will you please furnish the Navy Department's official certificate of death of Merchant Marine Elvis N. Spotts. We are informed that he lost his life on Gilbert Islands on or about February 22, 1944. We do not have his serial number. This certificate of death is needed in connection with the redemption and reissue of United States Savings Bonds standing in his name.

Very truly yours,

*J. G. Kennedy*  
J. G. Kennedy  
Redemption Department

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(OMP)

CG-MIN

1 July 1944

Mr. J. G. Kennedy  
Redemption Department  
Federal Reserve Bank  
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: Your File JNK: COR:F

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Department, requesting a certificate of death for Elvis N. Spotts, has been referred to this office since records of merchant seamen are maintained by the Coast Guard.

The following is quoted for your information from a report received from an officer of the Coast Guard who conducted the examination in connection with the death of Mr. Spotts:

"From the testimony adduced at the investigation, it was concluded that SPOTTS was electrocuted while closing up engine room bilge well, starboard side. He apparently dropped portable hand lamp, breaking the vapor glass. The open lamp coming in contact with the water in the bilge well, became shorted out. When SPOTTS attempted to retrieve lamp, he apparently received the shock that caused his death."

If further information concerning Mr. Spotts' death is necessary, it is suggested that you communicate with the American - Hawaiian Steamship Company, 215 Market Street, San Francisco, California, which operated the vessel on which this man was employed.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

R. H. FARINHOLT  
Lieutenant (T) USCGR  
Chief, Merchant Marine Personnel  
Records and Welfare Section

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COPE & HADSELL  
Attorneys at Law  
1200 Dierks Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

August 22, 1946

Chief of Merchant Marine Personnel  
Records and Welfare Section  
United States Coast Guard  
Washington 25, D. C.

In Re: Elvis Nelson Spotts, Deceased

Dear Sir:

Under date of July 1, 1944, your file CG-MIN, R. H. Farinholt, Lieutenant (T) U. S. C. G. R. advised by letter that his investigation had been conducted of the circumstances incident to the electrocution and death of Elvis Nelson Spotts, 4307-07032, United States Merchant Marine, which occurred on February 22, 1944 in line of duty on board the SS CAPE ISABEL at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, L. A. Carlisle being the Master of the ship.

As Attorney for the parents of this deceased and with a view to filing suit against the steamship company because of its negligence in causing the death of deceased, I will appreciate it if you would furnish me with copy of the investigation so conducted and if there is any charge for a transcript of same, I will be glad to promptly forward check upon receipt of your statement. We are interested in obtaining all the facts before filing a suit and will appreciate your cooperation in the premises.

Incidentally, could you advise me the present address of Lieutenant E. C. Potter, M. D. of the United States Coast Guard, who was called aboard ship after the accident in question and who examined this deceased shortly after.

Again thanking you and with kindest regards, I beg to remain

Sincerely,

/Signed/ Homer A. Cope

hac/be

Original sent to Commander Storey - August 29, 1946

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