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MEETINGS SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS AT 8:00 P.M.

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ROBERT CHARLES KELLEY

Born March 21, 1923 at Cambridge, Massachusetts
Educated in St. Peters Parochial School
St. Johns Parochial High School

Enlisted in the U. S. Navy on November 24, 1942 at Boston, Mass.
Boot Training at Newport, Rhode Island: After training went to Torpedo
School at Newport and graduated Torpedo Man 3/class.

Assigned to Almedia, California Air Base to load torpedos.
Sent from there to Treasure Island and from this island to Bremerton,
Washington for assignment to the destroyer U.S.S. Johnston that was
being commissioned at the Bremerton Yards.

Served on this destroyer in the South Pacific during various engagements
until the landing at Leyette Island; this ship was one of the destroyers
assigned to the task of protecting the jeep carriers and the troops making
the landing possible; on the morning of the 23rd of October, when the
Japanese Task Force came through the San Bernnido Strait.

The Johnston went in against this force alone and inflicted serious damage
with her torpedos, came out and made a second run to lay a smoke screen
to help in the protection of the carriers; coming out from this run the
Johnston was in range of the Heavy guns of the Task Force and was crippled
with one engine room shot out and it's fire control zone gone along with
untold members of her crew as bad off as she was her crew tried to bring
her back in again to help in any way they could and in doing so was hit
and sunk about twenty miles off the simar island.

This engagement being one of the longest in naval history from the 23rd
of October until the 25th.

Robert was held missing in action for one year after this action, and then
he was presumed to be dead.

Was made torpedoman 2nd class while on duty on the destroyers.



City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 3, 1948.

Councillor Sullivan

ORDERED:--

That the area at the intersection of Sparks Street and Huron Avenue be and the same hereby is named the Robert Charles Kelley Square, in honor of Robert Charles Kelley lost in action during World War II.

City Council MAY 3 1948

Adopted by the affirmative vote

of 9 members

Frederick H. Burke City Clerk

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May 3, 1948.

Mr. Sullivan