

Name:

'Charles L. Keller'

Branch of Service:

'Navy'

Service Dates:

'July 1943 to March 1946'

Your Story:

' He served as Signalman aboard the destroyer U.S.S. Emmons. They participated in "D-Day", then moved on down the European coast. Sent back to the states and retrofitted as a Mine Sweeper, then sent to the Pacific war area. The Emmons was sunk off Okinawa when 5 Kamikazes (Japanese suicide planes) hit her. Chuck was rescued but received burns on face, hands and legs. Was in hospital a month then discharged in 1946. In about 2003, divers located the Emmons in very deep water. Since there are American and Japanese bodies on board, she is considered a burial ground and no one is to take any artifacts off her.

Charles L. Keller moved to Lakengren in 1985 and passed away in 2004.

Submitted by wife - Ruth Keller.'