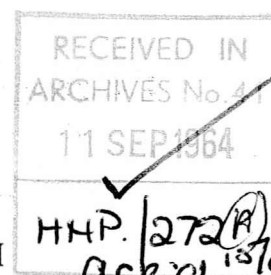


HNP/272

FORM A for use by
surviving victims of
Nazi persecution



APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A BRITISH
VICTIM OF NAZI PERSECUTION

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(Please attach all available evidence, e.g., receipts for rent or rates, &c.)

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Notes on SECTION THREE - PERSECUTION by H.O. Le Druillenec

(a) Camps in which I was interned:-

- 1) Neuengamme Kz. - the Hamburg concentration camp situated near Bergedof. Typical major and central concentration camp governing numerous ancillary Arbeitskommandos spread widely over north Germany. I add, for information, that all Kz. Arbeitskommandos are governed in the same way as the central camp, with an external (outside the wires) S.S. system of guards and an internal, S.S. appointed, hierarchy of prisoners - nearly all "hardened" or long-term German convicts. All inmates wore the typical blue and white striped uniform, suffered the same deprivations in food and personal comforts, lived with their only permitted possession - a dessert spoon - and "laboured to the death for the ultimate benefit of the Greater Reich". The central camp had a much larger S.S. administration to which was linked a much-feared Gestapo section.
- 2) Banterweg Kz., Wilhelmshaven - Arbeitskommando of Neuengamme as described above. Supplied labour to part of the Kriegsmarinewerke which constructed pocket submarines and was under the direct control of Admiral Doenitz. I learnt at the post-war trial that we were all paid full weekly wages which, however, were diverted in toto to S.S. funds. This was a tough camp with torture and punishment the rule day and night. Means of putting inmates to death included beating, drowning, crucifixion, hanging in various stances etc. Food, of bad quality, was quite inadequate in quantity to sustain us in our heavy duties which lasted from 4.30 a.m. to 7 p.m. with thirty minutes off for the mid-day meal. We worked a six and a half day week at the factory, the remaining half day being spent on compulsory camp duties which were even more unpleasant. Attempted suicide was a major crime for the choice of means of death was not ours, and as there was no privacy at all I cannot recall a single successful suicide. No-one escaped severe corporal punishment - it had to be sampled by all - strangely enough even by the exalted members of the internal hierarchy!
- 3) Bergen-Belsen Kz. I was probably fortunate in being diverted here when on the way back to Neuengamme, for the remnants of that camp were drowned in the Baltic in the unfortunate "Cap Arcona" incident. Belsen - so called by the British - was not as malicious as

Banterweg but infinitely more uncomfortable - no food, no water, sleep was impossible this being a possible reason why we had to rise an hour earlier than in the other camps, at 3.30 a.m. All my time here was spent in heaving dead bodies into the mass graves kindly dug for us by "outside workers" for we no longer had the strength for that type of work which, fortunately, must have been observed by the camp authorities. Jungle law reigned among the prisoners; at night you killed or were killed; by day cannibalism was rampant. The bulk of Auschwitz had been transferred to Belsen when I arrived and it was here that I heard the expression "There is only one way out of here - through the chimney!" (crematorium). All in all a most unpleasant place, with the liberation of the camp coming not a moment too soon for me, for I had reached the stage of being a "musselman" (Belsen expression for 'a Ghandi') which, in those circumstances, meant death within hours. As a British subject I was distinctly lucky to be the first prisoner liberated on the recommendation of Brigadier Glyn-Hughes, D.D.M.S. Rhine Army.

- (b) I was arrested and imprisoned on 4th June 1944 (D-Day minus 1) and released on the day of the Belsen liberation April 16th 1945. I was registered at Neuengamme E.43974. (The E in red signifies Political prisoner, Englishman.) The immediate cause of my arrest was the help I gave my sister Mrs. L.M. Gould in harbouring, for some years, an escaped Russian prisoner of war in the Island. Incidentally she subsequently met her death in the gas chambers of Ravensbruck. Contributory causes were the possession of a wireless receiving set and sundry acts of non-co-operation with the German forces in the island. Eg. I had succeeded earlier in preventing the German forces from stripping the top four inches of soil on a family farm for the purpose of camouflaging their concrete defences in the west of the island and had also refused to help in the teaching of German to my pupils as I considered that this was aimed at their readier assimilation of German propaganda. These and similar actions of mine were brought up at my trial.
- (c) A long illness immediately followed my liberation and entailed a stay in hospital of some five months with a six months convalescence to follow. My ailments included food poisoning effects (Gaertner's bacillus) with septicaemia which in turn led to a perturbing unbalance of mind. At the same time I had acute dysentery, fluid on the lungs and various forms of skin diseases which included tinia,

scabies, impetigo and numerous mal-nutrition sores at a time when my body weight was about six stones - normal weight 13½ stones.

This has left me with a generally weaker constitution, heart and lungs being affected to some extent. The above illness wiped out virtually all recollections of my pre-war life (I still do not know whether this is a good or bad thing) and I still suffer from a peculiar form of amnesia. All in all I am in good shape but must needs live a quiet life.

- (d) I was the only British prisoner witness at the Belsen Trial held at Luneberg in October 1945 when I interrupted my convalescence to attend it. Later I attended two further concentration camp trials as a witness, that of Neuengamme in 1946 and that of Banterweg (Wilhelmshaven) early in 1947 both these being held in Hamburg. During these three periods in Germany I was co-opted on to War Crimes Investigation teams when, I hope, my peculiar knowledge of camp conditions and personnel were useful to Allied authorities.

Should you wish to check my credentials I would refer you to :-

- 1) M. William Carr, Consul General du Danemark,
64 Rue Grignan, Marseilles.
- 2) Docteur Guy Moreau, 3 Rue Robert Turguan,
Paris 16eme.

Both these were in Neuengamme and Wilhelmshaven.

Unfortunately all my friends who survived Belsen are now dead so I would refer you to the book "The Belsen Trial" published by William Hodge & Co., or the J.A.G.'s Department, War Office.

I shall be pleased to supply any further information within my power should you require it for in an adumbration such as this it is difficult to know what to include and what to leave out.



FOREIGN OFFICE

APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION FOR DISABLEMENT
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3. Date of birth 5. 8. 1911.4. ~~National Insurance~~ Number

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7. Have you received any payment in respect of any injury sustained since 1945? If so, please give particulars No.
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14. Please give below particulars of any medical treatment you have obtained.

If living overseas, state your address in the United Kingdom at the time of any medical treatment in the United Kingdom.

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Any doctor (private or N.H.S.) if different from the doctor named at 13 above.			
(a) Before your subjection to Nazi persecution:			
Dr. H. G. Oliver respected. living out of Jersey & address unknown to me.			
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as above.			
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(Usual signature of applicant)

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