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à Monsieur le Chef de la Mission Française
de Liaison auprès du Service International
de Recherches
AROLSEN, Kreis Waldeck
(Allemagne)

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Monsieur BEER Ronald, né le 4 août 1913, à Channel Islands

Par lettre ci-dessus rappelée, vous avez bien voulu me demander de vous communiquer les renseignements en ma possession concernant la personne citée en objet.

J'ai l'honneur de vous faire connaître que Monsieur **BEER** Ronald, né le 4 août 1913, à Saint-Hélier/Jersey, a été interné en 1943 au fort d'Hauteville à Dijon, transféré en Allemagne à une date non indiquée.

5. Elaboración de la propuesta

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Transmis à

Le Directeur des Services Médicaux,

Le Chef de Bureau des Communications
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Our Ref. : TD-158 028

Your Ref. : HNP/939

Re : BEER Ronald, born
4 August 1913 in Channel
Islands

Dear Sirs,

With reference to your letter dated 22nd March 1965, please be advised that the following information is contained in our records :

BEER, Ronald, born 4 August 1913, Nationality: British, was employed as a civil worker in the "Gemeinde" Münster, district Dieburg from 28 September 1944 till 28 March 1945.

Documents consulted: Lists established by the "Gemeinde" Münster, district Dieburg.

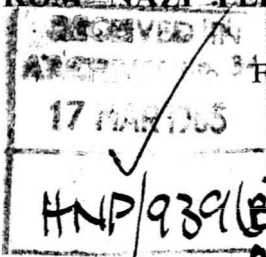
We are submitting a copy of this communication to the French Liaison Mission, attached to the International Tracing Service. Should any information be available in France, you will be advised accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

A. de Cocatrix
Deputy-Director
of the I.T.S.

FOREIGN OFFICE

APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION FOR DISABLEMENT
RESULTING FROM NAZI PERSECUTION



FOREIGN OFFICE,
Claims Department,
Charles House,
5 Lower Regent Street,
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Date of issue of form 3-3-1965

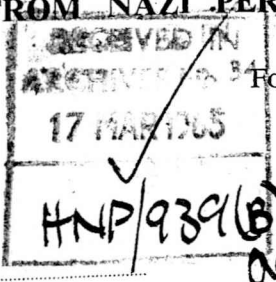
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1. Name BEER. RONALD
(Surname first in BLOCK CAPITALS)
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(b) Present address (if different) _____
3. Date of birth 4-8-1913
4. National Insurance Number

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5. If you served in the Armed Forces, please give particulars of last period of service:
(a) Unit or Ship No (b) Rank _____ (c) Official No. _____
6. Have you at any time claimed or been granted any pension, gratuity or allowance for injury or disablement sustained as a soldier, sailor, airman, member of the Mercantile Marine, fishing, pilotage or light vessel service, Home Guard, or for a war injury sustained as a civilian? (Yes or No) No If so, please give particulars of the award and, if known, the reference on the official notification _____
7. Have you received any payment in respect of any injury sustained since 1945? If so, please give particulars No
8. What is the nature of the wound, injury or disease for which you claim? NERVES + NIGHTMARES
9. If a wound or injury, give a brief account of where and how it was inflicted No
10. If a disease, when and where did you first begin to suffer from it? SINCE BEING IN GERMAN PRISONS + CAMPS
11. Did you suffer from the condition claimed or anything like it before your subjection to Nazi persecution? No
12. Do you claim that your disability—
(a) Was caused by Nazi persecution? YES
(b) Although existing previously was made worse by Nazi persecution? _____

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13. Please give the full name and address of your present doctor (private or N.H.S.) MR MULLAN. THE SURGERY. BATH Rd. BITTERNE. SOUTHAMPTON. HANTS

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.

Full names and addresses of doctors and hospitals	Nature of illness	Dates of admission or first attendance	Dates of discharge or last attendance
(1) DOCTORS Any doctor (private or N.H.S.) if different from the doctor named at 13 above.			
(a) Before your subjection to Nazi persecution:			
DR. MAITLAND.			
DAVID PLACE.			
ST. HELENS.			
Jersey, C.A.			
(b) Since your subjection to Nazi persecution:			
as 13 above			
(2) HOSPITALS (see Note below)			
(a) Before your subjection to Nazi persecution:			
(b) Since your subjection to Nazi persecution:			

NOTE.—Give the name and address of each hospital (but not of the hospital doctors) and add "I.P." or "O.P." to indicate whether the treatment was "in-patient" or "out-patient". If you are at present receiving hospital treatment, show this at (2) (b): the entry in the last column should be "Not yet completed".

15. Add here any further statement you wish to make in support of your claim. If this space is insufficient and a separate sheet is used this should be signed and dated by you and securely attached to this form.

As nerves one must try to control themselves I have not had a lot of treatment from the doctor, mostly good brought from chemists, & was only getting spells at times untill, these forms for compensation started, & having had to write my story about events from 1942 till 45, which brought back every thing, (Please note Dr Maitland has not seen me & think since 1938)

DECLARATION

NOTE.—Before signing the Declaration please make sure that the questions have been answered correctly (dashes or ticks are not sufficient). This will save correspondence and delay.

I HEREBY DECLARE that to the best of my knowledge and belief the answers to the questions of this form are true and complete. I HEREBY AUTHORISE the doctors and hospitals named to make the relevant medical records available at the request of the Foreign Office to help the consideration of my claim for compensation as a victim of Nazi persecution. I ALSO CONSENT to other Government Departments supplying extracts from any records which are held by them and which are required by the Foreign Office in dealing with this claim.

R. Beer

Date *15/3/65*

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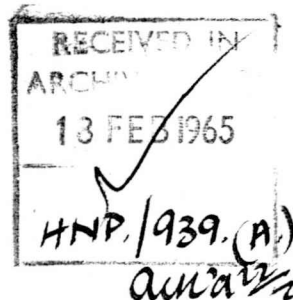
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R. Beer
(Usual signature of applicant)

Date *15/3/65*

HNP/939

FORM A for use by
surviving victims of
Nazi persecution



APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A BRITISH VICTIM OF NAZI PERSECUTION

- N.B.—1. Before completing this form it is important to read carefully the attached Notes for Guidance and then to answer all questions fully.
2. Please attach all documentary evidence to the form. All documents sent will be returned.
 3. All applications must be received before the 31st of July, 1965.
 4. Acceptance of an application for registration does not constitute a right to participate in the distribution.

SECTION ONE—IDENTITY

Surname BEER

Other names RONALD

Address 1 MERSEA GARDENS. SOUTH EAST RD.
SHOLING. SOUTHAMPTON. HANTS

SECTION TWO—NATIONALITY

1. How did you acquire British nationality?
(Please write YES opposite the method that applies and delete the others)
 - (a) By birth? YES (If so, please attach birth certificate)
 - (b) By marriage? (If so, please attach marriage certificate and birth or naturalisation certificate of husband)
 - (c) By naturalisation? (If so, please attach certificate)
 - (d) By some other method? (If so, please give full details)
2. If you are not British by birth what was your previous nationality?
Do you still retain that nationality?

(a) Where were you ordinarily resident on the 9th of June, 1964?.....

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

(b) Have you been in Crown Service under Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom?
(If so, please give full details and dates)

(c) Are you the holder of a British passport? (If so, please give number and full details)

SECTION THREE—PERSECUTION

1. Please give, on a separate sheet, the following details of your imprisonment:

- (a) Name of camp or other place of detention, its situation, its general conditions and régime;
- (b) Dates of imprisonment and of release; prison number; reasons for imprisonment and circumstances in which it arose;
- (c) If you are suffering permanent disability as a result of treatment received during your imprisonment please give full details of its nature and cause;
- (d) Any other information you consider useful and relevant.
(Please attach all documentary evidence)

2. Have you at any time received any payment in respect of this persecution? No
(If YES please give full details)

I HEREBY DELARE that all the above statements are to the best of my knowledge and recollection true in all particulars.

Signature R. Beer

Date Jan 20th 1965

No HMP 939. Section Three - Persecution

A. Nieder-Roden about 15 to 20 miles south of Frankfurt, near Darmstadt.

The conditions were, very strict & mentally cruel with great suffering among the prisoners, men died with Boils because the body was so undernourished even the Polish Doctor who was in charge of the First Aid had no medical supplies though he did try & comfort everybody he looked after. Everybody had to get up & be out in the compound very early in the morning, of course we had no idea of time, but it must of been four o'clock, because after being split up in groups we were marched out through the Villages to work under armed guard, Summer and Winter alike, some were taken to factories, others to fields & forest, to fell trees & work the ground, on our return at night we were searched & locked in the huts for the night.

Section Three Persecution

B.

I was arrested by the Gestapo on the 7-9-42 in Jersey. I was charged with interfering with goods belonging to the German Army of occupation & with holding information of others with whom I associated with.

C.

Ever since my imprisonment I have suffered with Nerves & I still get severe nightmares. So much so on my return to Jersey after the war was over I tried to settle down, but it was impossible, the employment I had been in since a boy in July 1927 I had to give up, in September 1947 & came over to England to find a new life. Even now after twenty (20) years I have been taken tablets from my Doctor for nerves, & the effort to write the details you require of my days in the Prison Camps, I think is all wrong. We should of been able to of had an interview, so that all details could be said, which one cannot write about.

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Section Three - Persecution

After my arrest by the Gestapo I was put in the local prison, under German Warden, in the wing which they had taken over. For the first seven weeks I was kept in Solitary Confinement, Wolffe (who I think is the right name) would come in my cell, by day & at different times in the night to try and break me down, & name other people who were in our circle, at times it was not all honey, as you can guess.

Well after the seven weeks was over I was taken to a Court Marshal and was told I would spend the next three years in a German labour camp.

After my sentence, I was put in another cell, & through the bars I was able to see other people who I knew, I shall always remember a Dentist Dentist who was in practice in Bath Street St Helier Jersey.

He was inside with his Wife, and they were both delighted to see me, Because they had already been told that I had been shot.

A few days later I was taken with others

D.

by rail to France, landed at Granville, were then split up, myself + two chaps from Guernsey was taken to a prison at Et lo, after three weeks I ~~to~~ then taken by four armed guards to Dijon, where I stayed until May 1943, about six weeks before leaving I was joined by a person from Jersey, Emile Barbier by name, + it was with him I was sent to Germany in cattle trucks with French civilians, after quite a few days we got to Nieder-Roden, (Some did not.)

On different occasions, Barbier + myself tried to get on the transfer parties of men being sent away mostly Poles + Czechs with Slavs. But as we were the only two British Subjects in the camp they would not let us go. Today I'm grateful, because after I had my freedom + the war was over, the places those men were being sent to, were to be ~~known~~ known as the Horror camps.

Although my Brother in law had wrote to the Red Cross, and sent money, They found the place I had been sent to, But I was not allowed to receive Parcels or anything, So he told me on my

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Return,

You will see by my papers the Americans released me, who then handed me over to a Mr Miles who was B.B.C. war correspondent, with the American Troops. He took me to Luxembourg, there I put through interrogation, (I should call it Hell)

The Channel Isles wasn't yet taken by our people, All the Americans could do, was to take my word alone & no papers. I met two British Majors in Luxembourg the first day there. Well it appears I spoke some German words in my sleep that night, & the next day the Yanks put me through the hoop, while standing outside a room at American Headquarters I heard someone talking about me, I was to be taken out & all papers to be taken away from me, then my body would found on a roadside, in fear I run, to find those two Major, I found one, by the name of Cartwright, He hid me, & it was him who put me on a car for Brussels. I was put in St Jean's Barracks more or less like a prisoner. I was able to see

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Of the British Consul, & he arranged for me to fly to England. I arrived at London on the 5th of April 1945 with an escort, I was then taken before a British Intelligence Officer, for more interrogation,

By this time, I was feeling, just about all in more or less a nervous wreck, which I think the Officer must of noticed, Because he put me at ease, by explaining that due to the fact the Channel Isles were still in German Hands, & that we Islanders speak a different English they had to be sure of my identity, He knew Jerry and when he asked me about a certain surname I was able to give him all the facts, which cleared me, because that family was his in-laws,

So ends my statement of events from the time I fell into German Hands, ofcourse I could tell you a lot more, which I find it to hard to write about.

If you should wish to check up on this I could furnish you with more names, The Intelligence Officer still has in-laws in Jersey.

Respects to my statement in Section B.

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(With the holding information) I believe we could find a few people still in Jersey to verify my statement. Maybe the Dentist His Wife, or even the assistant Matron (Mrs Vautier I believe) could tell of the Beatings in the Jersey Prison.

Regarding my chum Emil Barbier

I am very sorry to say, He's spent this past five years or so in a Mental Home. Seeing we were the only English Speaking prisoners in that camp it is hard to explain full details on paper. Ofcourse I can understand why he mayof become unbalanced, like myself, now in the early fifties, the time, those years can take effect on one's mind & health.

Trusting all statements, papers, (some I've lost) are found to be in order.

I Am

Yours Truly
R. Beer.