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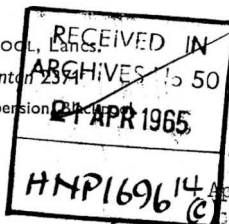
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MINISTRY OF PENSIONS AND NATIONAL INSURANCE



Norcross, BLACKPOOL, Lancs.
Telephone: Thornton 2344
Telegraphic Address: Warpension 244



Our reference: C/M/24537
Your reference: HNP/1696

April 1965

Dear Mr. Wilson,

Thank you for your letter of 8th April 1965 about Mr. Gerald Beaumont Bird, of 18 Kendall Road, Isleworth, Middlesex, who receives a war pension for the disabilities psychoneurosis, sciatica.

Mr. Bird was born on the 16th April 1917 at Thurnscoe, Rotherham, Yorkshire, and became domiciled in Jersey, Channel Islands, in 1935. In 1945 he made a claim for a disablement pension award on the grounds of ill treatment by the enemy during detention, and stated in his reasons for the claim that following occupation of the Channel Islands he was taken to Alderney for compulsory employment by the Germans. In December 1943 he was moved to St. Lo, France, and then to Luiseaux, for propaganda purposes, where he escaped but was later recaptured and beaten up, resulting in the loss of a number of teeth. He was taken to Buchenwald Concentration Camp in August 1944 and remained there until November 1944, when he was sent to Sagon, Luft 3, Kruesburgh, Elag 8 and Spittal, Austria.

When considering eligibility for a war disablement pension the situation such as described by Mr. Bird was accepted, and in consequence our doctors were able to advise acceptance of the disabilities psychoneurosis,

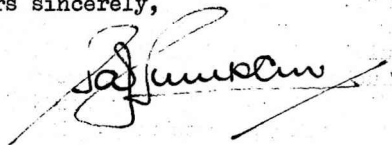
/sciatica,

C. W. M. Wilson Esq.
Foreign Office
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sciatica, as having been aggravated by detention. On each occasion that Mr. Bird has been examined by a Ministry medical board our doctors have advised acceptance of the whole of the disablement arising from these disabilities. There has, however, been improvement in the condition of the accepted disabilities over the years and whereas the assessment of disablement was 60 per cent in December 1945 it is now 30 per cent.

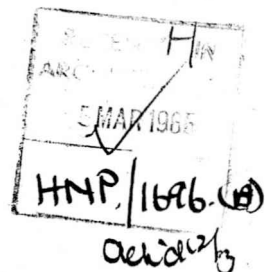
It is hoped that the foregoing information will be of help to you and I am returning herewith the enclosed form MPB 239(NB)M dated 13th September 1962.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. J. J. J. J.', written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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RM 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 BIRD

Other names GERALD BEAUMONT

Address 18 KENDALL RD
ISLEWORTH MIDDLESEX

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? /
- If not, when and how did you lose it? /
- (Please attach all documentary evidence)

3. If you are a dual-national—

(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? Yes
(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 Bob Bird

Date 1.3.65

G. B. Bird
18 KENDALL ROAD
ISLINGTON
(CONCENTRATION N^o 78348) MIDDLESEX
H. 3. 65

Sir

I was sentenced in Alderney C.I. in december 1943 to six months imprisonment for propag and reasons and in january 1944 I was sent to France to complete my sentence, which ended on the 6th of June 1944. I arrived in France, and was a guest of several prisons before finally arriving at Lesesure to complete my sentence. On approxi the 6th June 1944 a bomb was dropped near the prison, which allowed several of the prisoners to escape and myself which I did. But later that evening I was caught by the Gestapo

and that is where my troubles began. Although things was not to good during my sentence, they were much better than when I was picked up by the Gestapo, they questioned and beat me tied me up, like dog, and took me to a near by air field, where further questions where asked. In the middle of the night I was taken to a French jail, chained like dog. On the following morning the 7th June 1944 I was collected by the Gestapo police, and was chained again, and taken to another prison, the name of I can not remember. I was there for about three days, kicked questioned, kicked and beat again, and then with other prisoners, I was marched to a prison outside Paris, Fresnes. I arrive at the prison Fresnes about 3 days later.

which would be ~~after~~ approx the 12th of June 1944, were further treatment occurred. I was in Trenches of about 5 weeks, and about the end of July 1944 I was sent to a concentration camp called Buckenwald, and I was there until Nov 29th 1944. I was released from Buckenwald in Nov and was sent to Sagan Luft 3. To the best of my knowledge this statement is true

Yours Faithfully
J B Bird



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EXTRAIT DE DOCUMENTS
sur le séjour dans les anciens camps
de concentration ou de travail

EXCERPT FROM DOCUMENTS
about the stay in former concen-
tration or labour camps

Ihr Akt.-Z.
Votre Réf.
Your Ref.

1824-----

Unser Akt.-Z.
Notre Réf.
Our Ref.

T/D - 922 551-----

Name BIRD----- Vornamen Gerald----- Staatsangehörigkeit British-----
Nom Nom Prénoms Nationalité
Name First names Nationality
Geburtsdatum 16.4.1917----- Geburtsort Thurnscoe Beruf Driver-----
Date de naissance Date of birth Lieu de naissance Place of birth Profession
Namen der Eltern Joseph and Elizabeth, née BEAUMONT----- Religion Protestant-----
Noms des parents Parents' names
Zuletzt bekannter ständiger Wohnsitz St.Helier, Sandstreet 20, Jersey-----
Dernière adresse connue Last permanent residence
Verhaftet am in durch
Arrêté le not indicated----- à not indicated----- par not indicated-----
Arrested on in by
wurde eingeliefert in das Konz.-Lager Buchenwald----- Haftlingsnummer 78 398-----
est entré au camp de concentration entered concentration camp No. de détenu Prisoner's No.
am 20th August 1944----- von "BDS" Paris-----
on venant de coming from
Kategorie, oder Grund für die Inhaftierung "Polizeihäftling" = Police prisoner "Polit. (*Politisch)
Catégorie, ou raison donnée pour l'incarcération Political, "Schutzhäftling" = in protective custody
Category, or reason given for incarceration
Überstellt not indicated-----
Transféré Transferred

Letzte Eintragung in KZ.-Unterlagen He was released on 28th November 1944 from Concentration
Dernière inscription dans la documentation Camp Buchenwald to "Luftwaffen-Stalag" Sagan-----
Last information in C. C. records

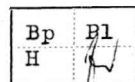
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Remarques Lager)" = not to be transferred to another camp-----
Remarks

Geprüfte Unterlagen "3 Häftlingspersonalkarten, Effektenkarte, 3 Effekten-Verzeichnisse
Documents consultés Schreibstubenkarte, Häftlingspersonalebogen, Revierkarte, Zugangs-
Records consulted buch, Veränderungsmeldungen, Zugangsliste" and "Entlassungsbefehl" of Concentra-
tion Camp Buchenwald-----

3548 Arolsen, 20th May 1964

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