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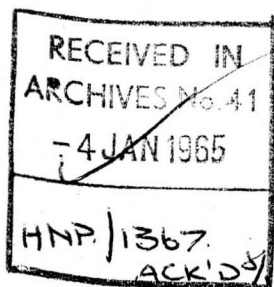
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Lynwood,
St. Peter's in the Wood
Guernsey,
C.S.

Dear Sir,

In 1943 I was compelled to work for the Germans in the cookhouse, I was then 18 years of age. It was a great temptation working in the cookhouse, with food about, and knowing that in our own homes there was none.

One day I slipped a lb of sugar into my coat pocket, which was hanging behind the kitchen door, the German in charge of the cookhouse entered, and as he closed the door, the sugar in my coat pocket banged against the door, he then searched my coat, and found the sugar, he immediately phoned the German police, when they arrived, they questioned me, and beat me, and threatened to kill me if I tried to run away, I was then taken to prison. This was in October 1943.

The first week in November, I was tried by the German High Court, and sentenced to 6 months imprisonment. At first I had to do light work, but as time went by, the work became harder, food was scarce and we became

weaker, so I refused to work. I was then beaten up, they punched me across the head and blood was running from my right ear. While I was in Clairvaux prison in France, I was examined by a doctor, who said, my ear drum had been perforated by constant blows on the head.

On March 11th 1944 when my prison sentence was almost over, the Germans told me I was to be deported to Clairvaux. The following day I was taken to St. Malo, where I was put in prison, while the German guard who was escorting me, rested. The next day we continued our journey as far as Paris, where I was put in another prison for several hours. While I was there, from a small window in my cell I saw 40 or more Frenchmen executed in the square, they were mown down with two machine-guns. The same day they took me by train to Clairvaux.

I was there for several weeks, the food was very poor and the cells were infested with fleas, I was then transferred to Villeneuve St. George, this was in May. Several times while I was there, the Germans took blood from me to aid the German wounded, in my weakened condition this

made me weaker still. I received one letter from home when I was there, which I am enclosing. Conditions in this prison were terrible, there was no sanitation, ~~not~~ we had to use a bucket, which was in the corner of the cell, the smell was sickening and the food we had was terrible. We were only allowed out fifteen minutes a day.

One day I was told, that I was to be taken to St. Denis prison camp. I was taken in a van with two guards, on the way the van broke down, I was taken out and was made to walk to a prison called Frenet, where I stayed for a week or so, in that time I was not allowed out once for exercise.

I was taken to St Denis camp, where I stayed until we were liberated early in September. After we were liberated my friend and I whom I had met in the camp, hitch hiked to Cherbourg where we were interrogated by the Americans, we told them we wanted to get to England, they sent us to a little place called Byer with the English soldiers. On the 12th September 1944 we were taken in a destroyer from Averanche to Newhaven, where we were again interrogated, they took our identity cards from us and sent us to Brighton,

and then to Shaftsbury House in Leeds. I worked in Leeds for thirteen months and finally arrived home on the 4th October 1945.

I am enclosing all the evidence I have.

G W Bourgaize

NOTE: When filled-in this form should be sent to
The Under Secretary of State, The Foreign Office,
LONDON S.W.1.

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 BOURGAIZE

Other names CLEMENT WILFRED

Address LYNWOOD ST PETER'S IN THE WOOD
GUERNSEY CHANNEL ISLANDS

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)

No

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

No

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

Signature

L W Bourgaing

Date

1/1/65