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Re: Gerald DOMAILLE

Dear Sirs,

With reference to your letter dated 4th November 1964, please be advised that the following information is contained in our records:

DOMAILLE, Gerald, born 4 November 1915 in St. Peter Port Guernsey, Nationality: British, - was in the "Strafanstalt Frankfurt/Main-Freungesheim" in the year 1944 (exact date unknown). Document 186/44 issued by the "Strafanstalt Frankfurt/Main-Freungesheim" and Document 2 AR 252/44 issued by the "Oberstaatsanwalt Frankfurt/Main".

Documents consulted: Nominal list established by the "Oberstaatsanwalt Frankfurt/Main".

Yours sincerely,

N. Burckhardt
Director of the I.T.S.
Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of the 24th Ult; I hereunder give you the approximate dates of my imprisonment at the various prisons. As this was some twenty years ago, I am afraid my dates are only approximate.

In my last communication to you, I believe I may have mentioned the town of Wurzburg, this should read Bamberg.

Yours faithfully,

G.C. Littler, Esq.,
Foreign Office,
LONDON. S.W.1.

I944.
\[ March 17th to April 17th \] Organization Todt Prison, Guernsey.
\[ April 18th to April 30th \] Military Prison, Guernsey.
\[ May 5th to May 6th \] Military Prison, Frankfort.
\[ May 7th to March 16th 1945 \] Civil Prison, Preunghesheim, Frankfort.
\[ March 20th to April 2nd \] Civil Prison, Bamberg, Bavaria.
\[ April 3rd to April 23rd \] Civil Prison, Straubing, Bavaria.
\[ April 24th to April 30th \] Forced March towards Dachau.
SECTION THREE

PLACES OF DETENTION.

I. STRAFFGEFANGNIS, 112, HOMBERGERLANDSTRASSE, PREUNGENHEIM, FRANKFORT AM MAIN.

This prison was administered by the military and S.S. We were forced to work in an outbuilding in the prison courtyard, working on certain engine parts, such as carburetor needles and very small nuts and bolts, cutting the castellations in the nuts, these we understood to be for fighter aircraft, and to coin the German phrase, no work, no food.

The prison itself was reasonably clean, but quite a few beatings took place. The food was reasonable sometimes, but it was really a starvation diet.

Some guards were reasonable, others were brutal. One in particular was named Hildebrand.

2. We were lodged in an old prison in Wurtzburg, Bavaria, the name and address I never knew. Conditions here were extremely bad, sanitation terrible, food very little, mainly potato peelings in hot water. To my knowledge the administration was the same as at Frankfort. No work was done by me at this prison.

3. We were lodged for nine days in a building in Wurtzburg. This building was used by the military as a riding school. Conditions here were really terrible. The ground floor on which we were congregated was compiled of rubble, dust etc. There were no arrangements for sanitation. The floor was covered with human excreta, prisoners who died were left where they dropped. The stench was horrible. The food was potato peelings in water once a day.
CONTINUATION OF SECTION THREE.

4. The last prison was a very large prison in Straubing, Bavaria. The name and address I never knew. I did not work at this prison, I was confined to my cell for my duration there. This prison was administered by the military and S.S. Upon arrival we were herded into the prison shower aided by beatings with pieces of wood, the target being the kidneys. Food was very short here. My duration at this prison was short, early one morning we left on the march for Dachau.
SECTION THREE "E".

DATE OF IMPRISONMENT

17th March, 1944 to 30th April 1945.

PRISON NUMBER.

This number I have now forgotten, but my cell number in Frankfort was A 2/38.

REASONS FOR IMPRISONMENT.

I was wrongly convicted of being a leader of a Black Market ring in Guernsey. This was entirely false in every respect, and was denied by me at my trial in a German Military Court in 1944 in Guernsey. My sentence was told me by one of my military guards before the court sat to hear my case. It proved correct.
SECTION THREE "C".

DISABILITY.

As a result of my imprisonment and treatment in Germany, I was ill for a period of four years. I contracted tuberculosis of both lungs; in 1950 I had a thoracoplasty performed on my left lung. This operation rendered it useless, but saved my life. My right lung has a number of scars. In 1955 I had further trouble with my right lung, I was in hospital for a period of nine months.

As a consequence I cannot do the things I should be able to, on medical advice I must take things easily for the remainder of my days.

I also get trouble with my right ankle during cold weather, this being due to repeated hits with a rifle butt by a military escort.
The journey from Frankfort to Wurzburg which was in sealed cattle trucks, took four days. At the outset of the journey, we were given a piece of bread the size of the usual square loaf, and a small piece of sausage. The trucks were well sealed, no light, no air, no water and no sanitation. We were cramped about sixty prisoners to a truck.

Stage two was from where we left the truck to be herded along like cattle and treated like cattle, rifle butts and sticks were used to urge us on. We eventually arrived at Wurtzburg prison in the early hours of the morning.

Sometime afterwards we were marched to the riding school building. After nine days we left by open truck for Straubing. Those that tried to escape from the truck were shot at and wounded or killed. I would estimate that there were about two thousand prisoners in our contingent, but numbers decreasing as the journey progressed.

Near the Austrian border, we were herded into sealed trucks once more. This time we could only stand up we were so crowded, anybody that fell could not get up and was trampled underfoot. When we were let out, we found ourselves inside the prison courtyard.

The last stage of our journey was a forced march to Dachau, for purposes of extermination. We slept out in fields in the pouring rain. We passed through Landshut, Moosberg and Freising. About five miles out from Freising the guns of the Americans could be heard, we were then ordered to retrace our steps. Food was one meal per day, dry bread with a well watered down apology for jam. Villagers put out baths of fresh water for us to drink, some even gave us food but to be caught by the guards meant that anything could happen to one. If caught, the result was to be knocked senseless or killed with a rifle butt. We were told that stragglers would be shot, quite a number were.

Whilst the above is a brief survey of conditions and treatment, so much more could be added.
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 ......................................................... DOMAÎLE,
Other names ................................................. GERALD CHARLES
Address ......................................................... "GRENADE" LES MERIENNES, ST. MARTINS
............................................................................ 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)

       YES.
       ROYAL GUERNSEY MILITIA.
       1935 to 1938

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

[Signature]

Date: 26th October 1964
FOREIGN OFFICE

APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION FOR DISABILIT
RESULTING FROM NAZI PERSECUTIO

FOREIGN OFFICE,
Claims Department,
Charles House,
5 Lower Regent Street,
London, S.W.1.

Date of issue of form...19/12/44
Reference...HNP/12.3.8

Note.—The particulars given by the applicant on this form will be checked from official records.

1. Name...DOMAILLE, GERALD CHARLES
   (Surname first in BLOCK CAPITALS)

2. (a) Permanent address..."GRENADA" LES MERRIENNES, ST. MARTINS, GUERNSEY
   (b) Present address (if different)

3. Date of birth...NOVEMBER 4th, 1915

4. National Insurance Number
   No National Insurance in Guernsey

5. If you served in the Armed Forces, please give particulars of last period of service:
   (a) Unit or Ship...MILITIA
   (b) Rank...PRIVATE
   (c) Official No...566

6. Have you at any time claimed or been granted any pension, gratuity or allowance for injury or
disability 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?
   TUBERCULOSIS

9. If a wound or injury, give a brief account of where and how it was inflicted.

10. If a disease, when and where did you first begin to suffer from it?...1946

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?

13. Please give the full name and address of your present doctor (private doctor).
    Doctor S.Y. MAXWELL, THE BRIDGE, ST. SAMPSONS, GUERNSEY
    20052 4734

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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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**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.

SEE ATTACHED SHEET.

**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.

Date 25th December 1964

(Usual signature of applicant)
When I returned from Germany in 1945, I visited a doctor in Manchester, he informed me that my condition was caused by my treatment in Germany, but rest, and a tonic which he gave would put me in health. The rest did help me, but I still felt very tired and, unknown to me, had the symptoms of tuberculosis.

I next visited a doctor in 1947 in Guernsey, he prescribed embrocation. I had told him all about my imprisonment in Germany.

It was in 1948 that I visited my present doctor, Dr S.W. Maxwell. He had me x-rayed immediately, and gave me a letter of introduction to a Harley speciality, Dr Moreland. It was he who arranged a bed for me at University College Hospital. I was by now in an advanced stage of tuberculosis.

As surgical treatment was necessary, I had to build up my strength for the impending operation. I returned to Guernsey and had medical treatment and drugs. In October 1950 I was admitted as a patient at U.C.H. My operations was performed in January, 1951. During March I was sent to the Guernsey sanatorium to convalesce. I was discharged in August 1951 but continued to have check-ups at regular intervals.

In 1956 an x ray showed that the germ was once more with me. I returned to U.C.H. in March 1956 had medical treatment and drugs and was discharged in the following August, continuing with drugs for a period of three years.

I am now in fairly good health, but must continue to take life quietly as I am left with one usable but not perfect right lung.

I am married with three young children.

29th December, 1964.
QUESTION NO 5.

I served with The Royal Guernsey Militia for four fortnightly camps in Guernsey, 1935 to 1938.

This I believe to be equivalent to a territorial force in England.

29th December, 1934.