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FILE N^o. HNP 3209

MR ERNEST LE PREUOST

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COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE

SERVICE INTERNATIONAL DE RECHERCHES

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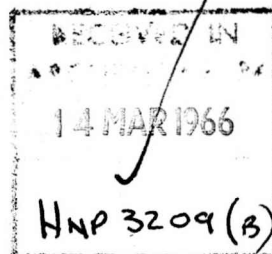
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Arolsen, 2nd March 1966

The Foreign Office

L O N D O N, S.W. 1
England



Our Ref. : File 209/182
Your Ref.: HNP/3209
(HG.11811/28)

Re : LE PREVOST Ernest,
born on 26th November 1905
in Guernsey

Dear Sirs,

With reference to your letter dated 27th September 1965 and further to our communication of 1st November 1965, please find enclosed a photocopy of the letter dated 5th January 1966 from the "Ministère des Anciens Combattants et Victimes de Guerre" in respect of the above-named person.

We hope that the information given therein will be of help to you.

Yours faithfully,

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

Enclosure : 1

MINISTÈRE
DES ANCIENS COMBATTANTS
ET VICTIMES DE GUERRE

DIRECTION DES STATUTS
ET DES SERVICES MEDICAUX

Sous-Direction des Statuts
de Combattants
et de Victimes de Guerre

Bureau des Indemnisations
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RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

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5 JANV 1966

Paris, le

139, rue de Bercy (12°)

Le Ministre des Anciens Combattants
et Victimes de Guerre,

à Monsieur le Chef de la Mission Française
de Liaison auprès du Service International
de Recherches

AROLSEN, Kreis Waldeck
(Allemagne)

File 209/182

OBJET : Demande de renseignements concernant

Monsieur LE PREVOST Ernest
né le 26 novembre 1905 à Guernsey

REFER. : Votre lettre n°86030 PF/IW/BNFR du 2 novembre 1965

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 ci-après, les renseignements susceptibles de concerner la personne faisant l'objet de votre intervention : Monsieur LEPREVOT Ernest (sans date ni lieu de naissance), demeurant à : Le Pouliguen Les Marris (Loire-Atlantique), interné à une date non mentionnée à la prison de Dijon (Côte d'Or) et transféré le 24 août 1944 vers l'Allemagne

MISSION FRANÇAISE DE LIAISON

13. Jan. 1966

14. Jan. 1966

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Potale Ministre
Le Directeur des Statuts et des
Services Médicaux,
Le Chef du Bureau des Indemnisations
et de la Documentation



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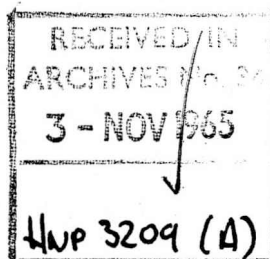
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Arolsen, 1st November 1965

The Foreign Office

L O N D O N, S.W. 1
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Re : LE PREVOST, Ernest
born 26 November 1905 in
Guernsey

Dear Sirs,

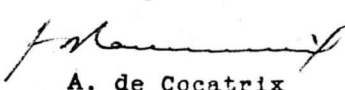
With reference to your letter dated 27th September 1965, we very much regret that no information concerning the above-named person is available within the records of the International Tracing Service Arolsen.

However, a check of the records held by the Central Tracing Agency of the I.C.R.C., Geneva revealed the information given on the attached certificate.

In answer to your request for particulars regarding Trois and Dijon, please be advised that a forced labour camp existed in Trois-Fontaines, district Marne, France. A prison, mentioned on 6th November 1942, and an internment camp for Prisoners of War, existed in Dijon, France. We are sorry that we are unable to give you any information as to the conditions that prevailed at Trois and Dijon.

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 faithfully,


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

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COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
AGENCE CENTRALE DE RECHERCHES

Chèques postaux I. 5527
Téléphone 33 30 60
Télégr.: Intercroixrouge

Rappeler dans la réponse :
Serv. brit./LR/RW

GENÈVE, le 14.10.65
7, AVENUE DE LA PAIX

INFORMATION IN POSSESSION OF THE
CENTRAL TRACING AGENCY
I.C.R.C.

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LE PREVOST Ernest

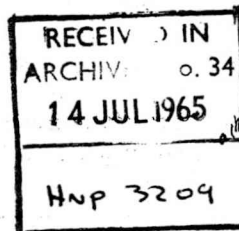
British subject

23.11.44 Ilag Westertimke (Marlag Milag Nord) No 1595

Ed. L. Jaquet

International Committee of the Red Cross
CENTRAL TRACING AGENCY
— GENEVA —

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.

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 LE PREVOST.

Other names ERNEST.

Address MONTPELLIER, COBO ROAD,
CASTEL, GUERNSEY. G.I.

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)

7 YEARS SERVICE IN ENGLAND AND GERMANY, WITH
 THE FIRST BATTALION OXFORDSHIRE & BUCKINGHAMSHIRE L.I. Infantry,
 AS BUGLER - NO 10421071

(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

Ernest Prewost
 Date *July 7th 1965*

Montpellier,
Cobo Road,
Castel,
Guernsey,
Channel Islands.

8th July, 1965.

The Foreign Secretary,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

War Claims

During the German occupation of the Channel Islands, a neighbour wrote to the German Commandant that, as a policeman, I was distributing the B.B.C. News to the public in general.

Whilst on queue control duty at a local Cinema on the 13th May, 1943, I noticed that the German Warrant Officer, also controlling the German forces queue, kept very close to me, apparently listening to catch me at it.

The next evening, as I was listening to Mr. Winston Churchill, speaking from New York, this officer and four others had surrounded the house, caught me, and, carrying my fairly large wireless set, marched me across the fields to their motor vehicle. Upon arrival at H.M. Prison (German Sector), I was searched and all belongings taken, then a pencil and paper was handed to me and I was told to write all the names of those who had, at any time, listened to my Radio. The next morning, and for several days, I was subjected to a great deal of trouble owing to my refusal to divulge names, although I had heard His Majesty, three weeks before, and I had no idea what the neighbour's letter contained. This was followed by two months solitary confinement in a small cell. Upon complaint of lack of air, the window glass was promptly smashed by a German warder with a coal hammer. After this, a Russian, two Frenchmen, an Algerian and I were marched to the harbour and locked in the donkey-engine room of a small ship and taken to St. Malo, then on to "Le Haut Clos" Penitentiare, Trois, where, for ten months, we were kept with several thousand prisoners on a very restricted amount of food. From Trois, chained hand and foot to an Algerian for 17 hours, about 300 of us were marched, through the streets to the station and taken to Dijon where we were interned in an old underground fort for seven months. Weak, chilled and very hungry, 48 men in each brick vaulted room, under 21 feet of ground.

At this time the Allied Forces were pressing through France and giving immense hope to all, when we, British subjects, were hastily removed from France to Germany to Milag Malag, Westertimke, near Bremen. This move may have saved the lives of some of us, for we were extremely weak not having been permitted Red Cross help as yet. The camp Doctors (who had themselves been captured on various fronts), took care of us and restored most of us to health and strength as we waited for Field Marshall Montgomery's Guards Armoured Divisions to release us, which they did on the day the war ended in Europe.

There were not enough shipping permits to allow me to return to my wife and four children so I helped for about 8 weeks to repair damaged

houses in Greenwich, London. I arrived home on the 27th July 1945.

In my opinion conditions under which we were imprisoned were comparable to those in a concentration camp.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ernest Le. Prevost.' with a stylized, flowing script and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ernest Le. Prevost.