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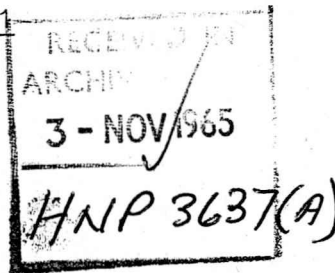
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Arolsen, 1st November 1965

The Foreign Office

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



Our Ref. : TD - 161 372

Your Ref. : HNP/3637  
(HG.11811/28)

Re : O'MEARA, Brian John  
born 27 December 1926 in  
Guernsey

Dear Sirs,

With reference to your letter dated 27th September 1965, please find enclosed an Excerpt from Documents.

The following information is also contained in our records :

- La Goss*
- 1) O'MEARA, Brein John, Brijan, born 27 December 1926 in La Forse or Ferse St. Mart., Guernsey, Nationality: British French, Occupation: woodworker, entered the Prison in Karlsruhe on 22 October 1943 and was transferred to the Prison in Mannheim on 9 November 1943.

The Index Card of the "Stadt Karlsruhe" bears the remarks: "Ger. d. Einheit FP 24 200, St. L. 321/43" and "D. Haft. Aktz. unbek."

Records consulted: Index Card established by the "Stadt Karlsruhe".

- 2) O'MEARA, Bryon, Nationality: British, was in the Prison in Dieburg at an unknown date.

Records consulted: List established by the "Landrat Dieburg" on 22 September 1948.

In view of the incomplete personal data we are unable to determine whether our report No. 2 refers to the above-named person.

Additional information is given on the attached certificate established by the Central Tracing Agency of the I.C.R.C., Geneva.

Yours faithfully,

Enclosures : 2

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



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AGENCE CENTRALE DE RECHERCHES

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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.

E: 18. OKT. 1965	
In alt.	Todeserkl.
Aufenth.	Sterbeurk.
Dok.-Ausz.	Suchantr.
Krankenk.	Fotokopie
Beschäft.- Nachweis	Spezial- Anfrage
DP-Dok.-Auszug	

HNP/3637

O'MEARA Brian John

No information, only inquiry through British Red Cross  
and reply from Controlling Committee Guernsey giving on  
12.5.44 new address: 22 Wittlich, Hindenbergstr. 32, Germany

*Ed. L. Jaquet*

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



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EXCERPT FROM DOCUMENTS about the stay in former concen- tration or labour camps	EXTRAIT DE DOCUMENTS sur le séjour dans les anciens camps de concentration ou de travail	DOKUMENTEN - AUSZUG über Aufenthalt in ehemaligen Konzentrations- und Arbeitslagern
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Votre Réf. HNP/3637 (HG.11811/28) -- Notre Réf. TD - 161 372 -----  
Ihr Akt.-Z. Unser Akt.-Z.

Nom Name O'MEARA ----- Prénoms First names Bernard ----- Nationalité Nationality Irish, British-  
Name Staatsangehörigkeit  
Date de naissance Date of birth 27.12.1926 --- Lieu de naissance Place of birth Guernsey ----- Profession Profession butcher -----  
Geburtsdatum Geburtsort Beruf  
Noms des parents Parents' names Jack and Eileen nee Major ----- Religion Roman Catholic -----  
Namen der Eltern  
Dernière adresse connue Last permanent residence St. Sampsons, Vale Road, Guernsey -----  
Zuletzt bekannter ständiger Wohnsitz  
Arrêté le Arrested on 18 August 1943 -- à in Guernsey ----- par by not indicated -----  
Verhaftet am in durch  
est entré au camp de concentration entered concentration camp Buchenwald ----- No. de détenu Prisoner's No. 71066 -----  
wurde eingeliefert in das Konz.-Lager Häftlingsnummer  
le on 6 February 1945 ----- venant de coming from Stapo Darmstadt -----  
am von  
Catégorie, ou raison donnée pour l'incarcération Category, or reason given for incarceration "Politisch" = political, red triangle -----  
Kategorie, oder Grund für die Inhaftierung  
Transféré Transferred not indicated -----  
Überstellt

Dernière inscription dans la documentation He was still incarcerated in Concentration Camp  
Last information in C. C. records Buchenwald on 26 March 1945 -----  
Letzte Eintragung in KZ-Unterlagen

Remarques Remarks The "Häftlingspersonalbogen" bears the remark: "Kriminelle Vor-  
Bemerkungen strafen: 1 mal wegen Diebstahl 1 J. Gef." ----- p.t.o. ---

Documents consultés Records consulted "Häftlingspersonalkarte 2x, Effektenkarte, Schreibstubenkarte,  
Geprüfte Unterlagen Haftlingspersonalbogen, Revierkarte, Arbeitskarte, Nummern-  
karte 2x, Zugangsbuch, Veränderungsmeldungen, Lagerarztunter-  
suchung" and "Zugangsliste" of Concentration Camp Buchenwald.---

Expédié à Dispatched to Arolsen, 1st November 1965  
Abgesandt an The Foreign Office  
LONDON, S.W. 1  
England

*[Signature]*  
A. de COCATRIX  
Directeur adjoint  
Service International de Recherches

*[Signature]*  
G. PECHAR  
Section des Archives

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Le S.I.R. n'assume pas de responsabilité quant à l'exactitude et à l'intégralité du contenu des documents qui ont servi à l'établissement de cette attestation.

\* Explication fournie par le S.I.R. mais ne figurant pas sur les documents originaux. p.t.o.  
\* Added by the I.T.S. as explanation, does not appear on the original documents.  
\* Erklärung des I.S.D., erscheint nicht in den Originalunterlagen.

Remarks: (continuation) On the "Revierkarte" is remarked: "s. 1936 Hodenbruch re., Krankmeldungen: Tag: 24. März 1945, Befund: Ischias, 5 T.S. (\*5 Tage Schonung)" and on the "Liste der Lagerarztuntersuchung" of 16 February 1945: "Arbeits- und transportfähig". -----



Note: When completed this form should be returned 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..... O' MEARA.  
Other names..... BRIAN JOHN.  
Address..... 57 St Austell Drive  
Willesden Nottingham.

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)

*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?.....  
(If YES please give full details)

*No*

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

Signature..... *Bjomecia*

Date..... *25<sup>th</sup> July 65.*

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Sentenced by the Commandant of  
Guernsey in July 1943 for crimes  
against the German Reich  
to be detained in Germany  
en route for a concentration  
camp. In Mannheim the prison  
where I was being held was  
badly damaged by an R.A.F.  
raid. I was transferred to  
a camp at Wittlich on the  
River Moselle where I worked  
in a hard labor group in  
a plywood factory. About  
ten months later I was  
again <sup>destination?</sup> ~~relocated~~  
Buchenwald concentration camp



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but at Darmstadt, I was again  
caught in an R.A.F. night raid,  
the whole town being devastated.

While awaiting transport I  
was ordered to help remove  
the dead.

Arrived at Buchenwald  
Concentration camp, after ten  
day journey in cattle wagen,  
was sorted out into work party  
remnant of party were gassed  
in showers.

Whilst at Buchenwald I  
suffered the usual treatment,  
by the Nazi regime including  
working at the hard labour

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sections. Later I was smuggled to another block where I came in contact with the members of the Dutch Police who fed & clothed me.

Finally we were marched out of Buchenwald, and for how many days I do not remember we walked & walked members who fell at the 'wayside' had their brains shot out by the S.S. guards.

I was picked up by an American Tank Corps who sent me to a U.S. Hospital where I was verbally beaten

back to life <sup>4</sup> later I was  
transferred by plane to  
a British Hospital in  
Sumatra where I was able  
to recover, eventually.

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