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Dear Langdon,

I refer to your letter CIM 234/2/45 dated 16th August, 1965, about the claim for compensation for Nazi persecution made by Mr. William John Windebank, who was born in Alderney on September 26th, 1898.

It was the practice of the Court of Field Command 515 of the German Occupying Forces in Jersey to notify the Attorney General of sentences imposed by it on members of the local population, and I enclose photostat copies of the notification from the German Court in respect of Mr. Windebank.

There is no record of Mr. Windebank having served his sentence in the Jersey Prison, and it can be assumed that he was in fact taken away from the Island by the Germans.

As to the manner in which Mr. Windebank was treated whilst away from the Island, I regret that I am unable to throw any light on this aspect of the matter as no information is available in this respect.

I personally see no reason to doubt Mr. Windebank's statement, and it seems consistent with others who suffered in the camps.

Yours sincerely,

A. J. Langdon, Esq.,
E 2 Division,
Home Office,
Whitehall,
LONDON, S.W.1.

Encl:
an den Herrn Oberstinspektor
in St. Helier, Jersey.

Der, William John Windabank, Kraf träger, als
geb. am 20.9.1898 in Alderney, Wohnsitz in St. Helier
Jersey, 6 Regt. Manor Avenue.

Der Vorgang wurde durch rechtskräftiges Urteil
des Gerichts der Feldkommandantur von 30.5.1948
wegen Mühelbeziehung eines Landwehrgerätes
zu 10 - zehn - Monaten Gefängnis
verurteilt.

Es wird geboten, die erkannte Strafe in das R.l.l.
register eintragen zu lassen.

[Unterschrift]

Heeresjustizinspektor.
Dear Sirs,

With reference to your letter dated 14th June 1965, we very much regret that no information concerning the above-named person is available within the records of the International Tracing Service.

We are submitting a copy of this letter 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,

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

I was imprisoned at Stoge, Villeneuve-sur-Geze, Fort Mahon, Lezam Prison.

The general conditions were disgusting; food was nothing else but vegetables boiled, one sort a day, bread about 25 grammes a day just enough to sustain one. Both Ray expected to starve.

I was arrested at Jersey, 1st June 1943, and was liberated in Sept 1944 when the Germans left the camp.

I am sorry I cannot remember dates as it is so far back and I have tried to forget most things.

I was arrested for having a Wireless Receiver Set. My Prison Number TC was 2360.

The suffering I am still having is not being able to regain any weight, having lost 4 stones in about 18 months while in prison. I nearly lost my life in Stoge with pneumonia of the bowels, being left for 3 weeks without any attention afterwards taken to Hospital at Stoge for several weeks under guard all the time.

Also left with Chronic Bronchitis.
I should like to state that I was always under strict supervision, when being moved from one prison to another, was handcuffed and chained by the legs.

At one stage we were taken from the camp at Vellinonve to St George, at Fort George we were placed until we reached the coast of France as in solitary confinement for about 8 weeks before the removal to the Internment Camp at St Denis.

It was told that they had to take me there as they had no time to move one further away. I remember that I was in Jutland Prison at the time of Hitler's life.

I would like to mention Sir, that I was unable to return to Jersey until 6 months after the liberation of the Island, 1946 and on return found nothing left of any of my home even my children were scattered at different places like in England and two in Jersey.

I would like to mention Sir, as you will see by any Birth Certificate I was born in the Services and served in both world wars and what was done by one was done by all. As a true Britisher and it was done to the blessing of the Government. The real sign 

... being our joy,

I enclose a paper I was able to get hold of when I was with the 44th for a few weeks after liberation also an envelope of the only letter I received while a prisoner.

Yours Sir,

W.J. (Handwritten)
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 \(\text{WINDEBANK}\)
Other names \(\text{WILLIAM JOHN}\)
Address \(\text{81 D'ARCY ROAD, SELBY, YORKSHIRE}\)

SECTION TWO—NATIONALITY
1. How did you acquire British nationality? \(\text{By Birth}\)
   (Please write YES opposite the method that applies and delete the others)
   (a) By birth? \(\checkmark\) (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)

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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? 
   (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