

32. I was introduced by Cooper to Sergeant Trinder and then after a week or so Lange called me out to the German Office and gave me the draft for 500 American dollars which I have previously mentioned from Capt Melarick. At this interview Lange told me who the other Free Corps people were who were in the Camp. He mentioned Merchant Navy man Fred Lewis, Merchant Navy man Alfred Minchin, L/Corp. Carl Brittain and that a L/Corp Bowler was a prospective member.

33. When I returned to the Camp I made inquiries so that I would know the men Lange mentioned by sight.

34. The next thing was that one day B.Q.M.S. Brown (who had been in hospital) came round, saw me, and said "Are you still here?"

35. I remained in Genshagen for about six weeks and during that time did not speak to anybody about the Free Corps until a few days before I left when I approached Brittain and inquired of him who was in the Free Corps. He said that he was, also Lewis, Minchin, Sergt. McLandy, Sergt John Wilson, Corp. Gearlander, Corp Maten, and myself. (I should have mentioned that McLandy had arrived in the camp a fortnight previously). Gearlander and Maten also Sergt John Wilson had left the Camp before I arrived. Brittain also told me that Amery had founded the Corps and that Cooper was connected with it and that Brigadier Farrington had sanctioned it.

36. Brittain said he thought the Free Corps was a very good idea and was very enthusiastic about it. He said he believed in National Socialism and I have actually seen him on several occasions give the Nazi salute in the Camp to the German Sonderführer.

37. I remember now that before I approached Brittain I was spoken to by Lewis. He asked me if I was connected with the Corps and I said "Yes". I then asked him if he was, and he said "Yes". He then referred to Brittain as being too open in the Camp about his connection with the Corps.

38. One day I was in the medical orderly room to get a book. Bowler and two men named KIBURN and BURRIDGE were there, and then Cooper came in. Bowler said to him referring to me "Here is a likely prospect for your racket". Cooper said "What racket?" and I said to Cooper "Have you got a good racket to get into?" There was no definite reason for this conversation.

39. I left Genshagen on 1st. or 2nd. November 1943, for the British Free Corps Camp at Paukow in Berlin. Before I left, I wrote out a list of the names of the British POWs operating at Luckenwalde and the British Free Corps people at Genshagen and gave it to Private Peter Hunter, a Scotsman, whose home address is at 15 Margaret Road, Whitley, Bay, Northumberland. I also listed the names of prospective B.F.C. members at Genshagen and also told Hunter that I believed that B.Q.M.S. Brown knew what was going on and that Sergt Trinder and certain members of the Camp staff were connected with Brown.

40. I left Genshagen with McLandy, Brittain, and Lange, and was taken by the latter to Stalag 3 B H/Q, where we saw Major Reimpel and were given civilian clothing. We signed statements that we would not escape while in civilian clothing. We were then taken to a house at Paukow, the address of which was No. 8 SCHÖNENLEISTSTRASSE (phonetic). We were accompanied by Gearlander and Sergt Wilson whom we had met at 3D. We were all now in plain clothes. We were billeted at the house and I remained there until about the middle of February. On my arrival there were no British prisoners there already, but the following day Minchin and Lewis arrived. During the time I was at the house others came too. These were: L/Corp Rose, L/Corp. Haines, Pte R. Lave, Pte J. Wilson, Pte Symonds, Cmr T. Kipling, Cmr Dowden, Pte Clark, Pte Gryderman, Pte Browning, Pte van Heerden, Pte Hayes and Fusilier Leigh. (Those all came in a bunch at the end of November or beginning of December 1943); Pte Chapman and Sergt Blackman (came just after Xmas); I forgot to mention that Kenneth Berry also arrived, somewhere about the middle of November and was brought by Ziegfeld of the Foreign Office, but I am not quite sure about this.

41. Whilst I was at Paukow I tried my best to break the Free Corps up. I did this by appealing to the common sense of the fellows to clear out of it, and those who took my advice were: Kipling, Dowden