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#### NATIONAL STATE FORCES) ACTS

#### ENLISTMENT NOTICE

MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL SERVICE DIVISIONAL OFFICE.

.281-9, Corporation Street, BIRMINGHAM, 4.

XXXXXXXX (Date) 1st.August.1940

MR. A.E. Adams.

49, Fullbrook Rd.

Delves.

Walsall

Registration No. WDL . 5578

DEAR SIR.

In accordance with the National Service (Armed Forces) Acts, you are called upon for service in the RAF V.R. and are required to present yourself onWednesday...day...7th. August. 1940 (date), between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or as soon as possible thereafter on that day, to:-

> No. 3 Recruit Centre. R.A.F. V.R. PADGATE, Mr. Warrington.

Padgate, L.N.E.R. (nearest railway station). \* A Travelling Warrant for your journey is enclosed. Before starting your journey you must exchange the warrant for a ticket at the booking office named on the warrant. If possible,

this should be done a day or two before you are due to travel.

A Postal Order for 4s. in respect of advance of service pay, is also enclosed. Uniform and personal kit will be issued to you after joining H.M. Forces. Any kit that you take with you should not exceed an overcoat, change of clothes, stout pair of boots, and personal kit, such as razor, hair brush, tooth brush, soap and towel.

Immediately on receipt of this notice, you should inform your employer of the date upon which you are required to report for service.

Yours faithfully,

You should take this Notice with you when you report to your Unit.

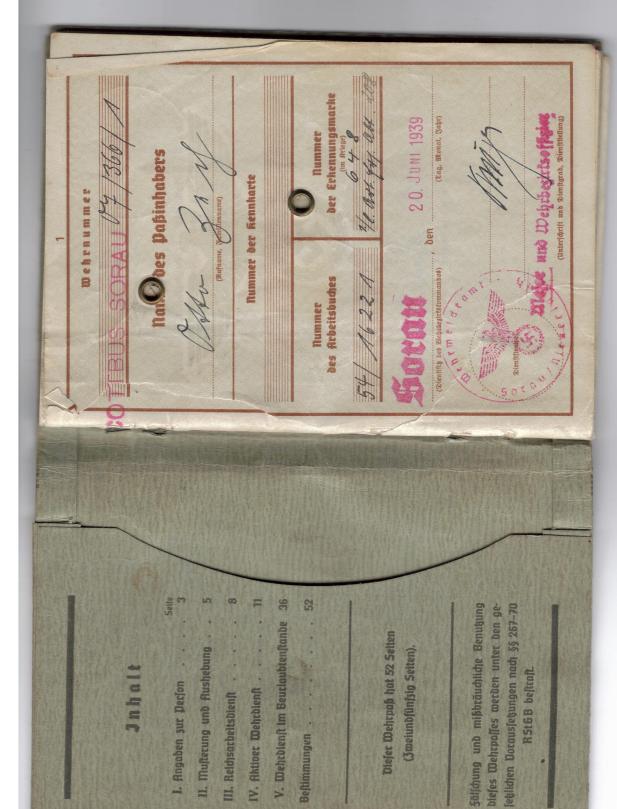
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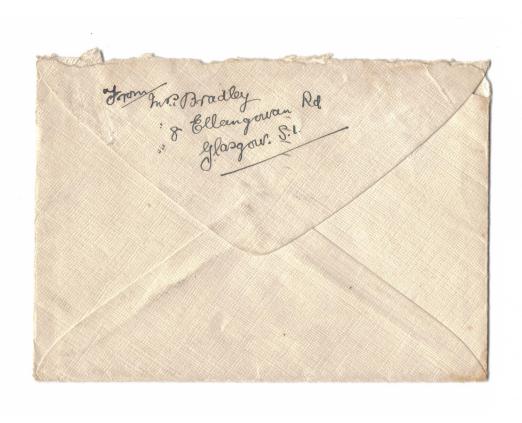
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a wonderful story on tape. Once he got going the details just flowed out. Do you still lave your log book, any photos ate? Do worte to me or telephone. The first would be the best as I am only at home at westerds, working in Surrey during weekdays. Kindest regards. Miko Guloth I am currently working in a history of Nº 5 from to la full of personal stones and masses of photo fing

Sear his adams, Hagari Jour hind letter, I am pleased you have heard from your to tell me about the seathat come down in the sea, but perhaps he die not hume a chance to sive himself.



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Man's Signature.

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# "When the Lights Go Out"

### Life Unvaried and Monotonous!

parcels. Those are all the things one can do here, to amuse or occupy oneself! At noon we have the German soup. It does not agree with me so I rarely take it. We have a little tea, two pieces of bread and a big biscuit with jam and butter. I "mess" with three others. We pool all our food and prepare a communial evening repast at 7 p.m. Two courses, meat or fish and dried fruit, occasionally a pudding, all from Red Cross parcels. We drink tea or cocoa. There is a grave shortage of cooking utensils and crockery. We are again counted at 8.30 p.m. Lights out at 10.30 p.m. Such is an average day. Life is unvaried and monotonous!

#### Camp Games.

31/8/43.

The weather has been a bit on and offish tere. It was lovely yesterday and is blow-

atternoon. We play single ended on a mat and all boundaries near (very) and far (not so very) are 4's. Two-and-a-half hours is a game and we are so bad that it's usually over in time. The equipment is just about going to last the season. The balls are tied up with surgical tape—the mat has been repaired twice and the gloves went some time ago. Still, it is an amusing game for a change.

I had a game of tennis the other day—we've got two courts (hard earth) and the only snag is the balls go all over the place and are continually getting mixed up with the five-a-side hockey pitch.

Out for a Walk.

31/8/43.

Devery pressed to tell you

in a 15, last Thursday.

At appeared that those who helped on the oad construction inside the Perimeter (Jimmy and I were two of the first to take this up) would be allowed to go out. We were under the charge of one German officer and one interpreter. We revelled in the pine woods and hills of Bavaria.

I should think roughly eight miles were covered in a circular route over the hills out of sight of the camp. Passing through a picturesque tiny village, we saw an even tinier church, built, I understand, in the twelfth century.

The weather was delightfully sunny, though cool on the top of the hills, and an





A group at Stalag VIII B.

excellent time was had by all. If you imagine boys of 10 or 12 years out on a Sunday School treat you will get the idea.

The excitement at seeing a blackberry bush had to be seen to be believed. Don't know if I shall be allowed to go out again.

Things are very much brighter, and never felt better since calcure. Study going well.

Nuns in the last month and about 1,000 cigarettes, also a Monopoly kit. Thank you very much for it all.

A Land Lubber.

20/9/43.

I have been for the last for hospital and compared to the last form

Open Air C

10/9/43.

We had another open cert yesterday—rather lithird informal stage sho there is one more to con name Pow Wow. I can't them as I have had noth bar answering a few Sc switchboard wouldn't wanted moving. I've h

the estral con-me Park, The wn Park, The s. as thinished, a e series, by e enjoy seeing do with them Scalls when the or something 2 lbs. of Three out to be some slight food poisoning. I amquite fit again although rheumatism in my old broken leg is rather troublesome and I am having daily massage for it. The doctor (the same who looked after me when I had pleurisy) thinks I might lose the rheumatism permanently, but that I ought to try and pick as dry a spot as possible after the war to live. I was in the isolation ward by myself and very much enjoyed the quietness—the first time I have not been sharing a room since 1940. Unfortunately, whilst I was in hospital, the three papers



STALAG VIII B, KDO. E. 56.

The Senior British Officer is communicating the following in writing to the Mussian authorities here toda.

FROM: Sen or British Officer, Stalag IIIA

TO. Russian Commandent for Repatriation, Stalas IIIA

May 7, 1945

In order to avoid misunderstanding, I am putting into writing the principle statements which I made at our conference last night.

The situation of the British at this camp is now as follows. From 22nd April, I, at the request of the Russian Authorities have been responsible for the administration no security of this entire camp of 16,000 mixed nationalities. The work of the camp during this time has been carried out mainly by British and American officers and men. It should, however, be appreciated that, owing to the Russian orders re confinement to camp, etc. we have had to continue to all intents and purposes as prisoners. That these orders were a military necessity is of course clear, but nevertheless the result has been a lowering of the spirit of all ranks. It is important to understand and make allowances for the mental attitude of prisoners of war who have been liberated but are still denied their freedom.

The food situation, up to yesterday, was precarious, and the daily ration, even though assisted by American supplies, is still grossly inadequate. It is realized that the Russian authorities overcame great difficulties in providing food at all under harassing circumstances; but it will also be agreed that the supply organization of this camp performed most of the work. med most of the work. Furthermore, the camp has become even more over-crowded owing to the influx of Italian redugees. The problems of sanitation are considerable, and the general health is threatened,

In spite of all this, the Russian orders were obeyed and con-trol was maintained up to the 5th of May. On that day an American officer, representing Supreme Allied Headquarters, arrived with instruc-tions to evacuate the Americans and British in that order. His credentials were not accepted by the Russian authorities here, who stated that thes could not allow such an evacuation to proceed since they had no orders on the subject. An ambulance convey, which also arrived on this day, was permitted to evacuate all American and a few British sick.

Yesterday the American representative from Supreme Allied Headquarters returned with a convoy to carry out his orders. Capt. Tchekanov acting as deputy for Capt. Medvedev, who was sich, refused to allow him to proceed with his duties. Later, when an attempt was made to proceed with the evacuation, armed force was used against American troops to prevent their le ving the camp.

No doubt this whole afair is due to a misunderstanding, but the situation created is extremely serious. In spite of continual assurances that we were to be repatriated with the least possible delay, we now see the Russians actively preventing such repatriation. It is impossible for me to explain or justify such action in the eyes of my officers and men. I warned Capt. Medvedev on 4th May that such a situation was likely to arise, and that, if it did, I could not be responsible for the consequences.

Last night I was informed, for the first time, that the chief obstacle to our repatriation was that the registration was not complete. I have repeatedly offered to uncertains the whole task of registration; I could have completed it by now if my offer had been accepted. In any case, I cannot believe that the Russians intend that vital interests should be threatened for the sale of a mere cormality.

As the Senior British Officer here I am responsible, above all else, for the welfare of my officers and men. This welfare is serious. I endangered by the present situation. I therefore demand that the position may be clarified without delay, and that our repatriation may be proceeded with innediately. Failing this, I must ask to be enabled to communicate with my Government.

position as Senior Allied Officer untenable. I therefore resign that position and from now must be regarded as responsible only for the Eritish.

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Rriegsgefangenenpost

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Lager-Bezeichnung:

M.-Stammlager Luft 3

Deutschland (Germany)

Kriegsgefangenenlager	Datum: 20/11/43
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# THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE PRISONERS OF WAR COMFORTS FUND

(REGISTERED AS WAR CHARITY)

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HUI/LRW

Mrs.Adams, 49, Fullbrook Road, Walsall.

2nd October, 1942.

Dear Madam,

No. 1014620, Prisoner of War No. 25024, is a Prisoner of War in Stalag VIII-B, Germany.

This news comes to me this morning in a letter dated the 1st September, from the Camp Leader.

not heard.

I thought I would let you knowin case you had

Yours faithfully,

Hon.Organiser.

# The Royal Air Force Benevolent Jund.

PATRON: H.M. THE KING.

CHAIRMAN: H.R.H. THE DUKE OF KENT, K.G.

Telephone No.: HOVE 3992.

All Communications to be addressed to the Secretary

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HOVE, SUSSEX.

Our Reference

JG/A.M.S.90.

F. C, Adams Esq.,
49, Fullbrook Road,
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Staffordshire.

ok Road,

6th August, 19 42.

near Sir,

The Council of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund have learnt with much regret that your son is reported missing, and I am asked to convey to you their very sincere sympathy.

I am to inform you that if your missing son was making you a voluntary allotment through official channels while in the Service, you should be receiving a temporary allowance at the moment from the Air Ministry which will continue for a period of 13 weeks pending further information concerning your son.

If the allowance is not being received, you should communicate immediately with the Secretary, Air Ministry, (Accts.7) Dept. O.A., Redhill, Worcester.

If, however, your missing son was contributing privately to your support, you should make application for the temporary allowance to the Air Ministry as above, forwarding at the same time proof of such assistance.

Should you be in need of some temporary assistance either now or at any time in the future, please let me know and I will arrange for our Representative to interview you at the earliest opportunity.

In the meantime, if I can help or advise in any way perhaps you will kindly write to me, otherwise please do not trouble to answer this letter.

Yours truly,

g. Inglis

Secretary.

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RECORDS TELEX, GLOUCESTER.

Any communications on the subject of this letter should be addressed to:

AIR OFFICER i/o RECORDS,

Address as opposite,

and the following number quoted:—

Your Ref. : C7/1014620

Dear Sir.

I regret to confirm that your son, No.1014620 Sergeant Arthur Ernest ADAMS of No.106 Squadron, Royal Air Force, is missing, the aircraft of which he was an air gumner having failed to return to its base on the 26th July 1942 from an operational flight.

This does not necessarily mean that he is killed or wounded. I will communicate with you again immediately I have any further news and would be obliged if you, on your part, would write to me should you hear anything of your son from unofficial sources.

May I assure you of the sympathy of the Royal Air Force with you in your anxiety.

I am, Dear Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Air Commodore,

RECORD OFFICE.

ROYAL AIR FORCE,

Date 31st July 1942

GLOUCESTER.

Air Officer i/c Records, ROYAL AIR FORCE.

F.C. Adams Esq., 49 Fullbrook Road, WALSALL. Staffordshire. 2042

Telephone No.: SPRINGWELL (GLOUCESTER)..... Telegraphic Address:

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Address as opposite, and the following number quoted :-

Your Ref.: C7/1014620

RECORD OFFICE.

ROYAL AIR FORCE,

GLOUCESTER.

Date 8th September 1942

Dear Sir,

I am glad to confirm that according to information received from the International Red Cross Committee, quoting a Berlin cable and forwarded by the Royal Air Force Headquarters, Middle East, your son, No. 1014620 Sergeant Arthur Ernest ADAMS of No. 106 Squadron, Royal Air Force, previously reported as 'missing' is now a 'prisoner of war'.

Instructions for communicating with prisoners of war are enclosed herewith.

I am,

Dear Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

Air Commodore,

Air Officer i/c Records, AIR

FORCE.

F.C. Adams Esq. 49 Fullbrook Road. Walsall, Staffordshire.

# Tafelmusik

- 1. Hochzeitsmarsch a. d.,,Sommernachtstraum" von Mendelssohn.
- 2. Ouvertüre a. d. Op. "Stradella" von Flotow.
- 3. Fantafie a. d. Oper "Trovatore" von Verdi.
- 4. Schatz-Walzer a. d. "Zigeuner-baron" von Strauß.
- 5. Dort unten im Süden. Amerikanisches Idyll von Myddleton.
- 6. Fahr wohl, ich hatte dich so lieb. Lied für Trompasolovon Schöne.
- 7. Studentenlieder-Potpourri von Kohlmann.

# Sommerfest-Ball

des St.-G.-V. zu St. Pauli Sängerschaft im C.C.



# Tanzkarte

Dienstag, den 16. Juli 1912

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2.	Polka
	"Clärchen" von Wiegert.
3.	Rheinländer
	"Der lustige Ehemann" von Strauß.
4.	Walzer
	"Lauschige Nacht" von Ziehrer.
5.	Quadrille
	aus der Operette "Die Fledermaus" von Strauß.
	—— TAFFI ——

6.	Walzer,	
	"Wiener Blut" von Strauß	

- 7. Tyrolienne \_\_\_\_\_\_, lm schönen Elbflorenz" von Fetras.
- 8. Quadrille \_\_\_\_\_aus der Oper "Carmen" von Bizet.
- 9. Menuett-Walzer \_\_\_\_\_\_von Hertel.
- 10. Pas de Quatre ......von Lutz.

Vorengagement zu Enlagen ist nicht gestattet.