


Document: Application for Consideration by Joint Recruiting Board

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APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION BY JOINT RECRUITING BOARD



1. Surname KOCH Christian Names OTTO Erich Alfred

2. Address 2, Richmond Terrace, Cambridge. 3. Date of Birth 31.8.1919.

4. Nationality German, i.e. "Refugee from Nazi Oppression", (fully exempted from special restrictions applicable to enemy aliens)

5. If you have been registered under the Military Training Act, give the registration number on your registration certificate (M.R.2) and the address of the Employment Exchange given on that certificate.

Registration Number _____ Address of Employment Exchange _____

6. Have you already been dealt with by a Joint Recruiting Board? If so, state when and by what Board. I had an interview with the Cambridge Joint Recruiting Board on October 27th, 1939.

7. Name of University or University College. Cambridge University, St. John's Coll

8. Period of residence or attendance. 1937-1940

9. Course of study taken. Degrees, Diplomas, Prizes, etc., which you have gained or are now studying for. If still studying, give date of final examination. I obtained Second Class Honours in the Economics Tripos, Part 1., and am now reading for the Law Tripos, Part 2.

10. What is your occupation (if you have one). _____

11. Positions of leadership held at School or College. House Prefect. (Cranbrook School, Kent)

12. Whether served in O.T.C.? Whether in possession of Certificate "A" or "B" or the Officers' Qualification Certificate, giving, in the case of Certificate "B", the arm of the Service and date that the Certificate was obtained. _____

13. State any special interests or additional qualifications, e.g., nautical, aeronautical, linguistic. Complete knowledge of German, good knowledge of French.

14. State the Service or Branch of Service (if any) for which you have a preference, stating any special qualifications. _____

Date: February 16th 1940 Signature: O. E. A. Koch,

DECISION OF JOINT RECRUITING BOARD

The candidate is suitable for the following forms of Service:

(1) an officer in the Infantry

(2) _____

(3) _____

Remarks: _____

Date: _____ (Signed) C. W. Crawley
Chairman

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Eric Koch's "Application for Consideration by Joint Recruiting Board," February 16, 1940. Koch is classified as a "refugee from Nazi oppression" by the government rather than an "enemy alien" on his application to become an officer in the British infantry.