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15th February 1941.

Action Taken on Reported Suspect
EARNSHAW, Mary, Miss

On the morning of 13th February 1941, D.81444 Cpl Simms, S. reported to me that he had met the m/n young female person on 11th February 1941. Cpl Simms stated that while Miss Earnshaw appeared to be a respectable type of girl as well as being attractive, his suspicions had been aroused by the considerable curiosity she displayed as to the whereabouts of troops, guns and military works. These suspicions were increased when, upon being introduced to the Earnshaw household, he found the mother of Miss Earnshaw to be not only of the opinion that Herr Hitler's methods were good and his literary outburst 'Meine Kampf' of considerable interest but that she was a great admirer of Germany.

In view of the foregoing report by Cpl Simms I at once interviewed Detective Parry of the C.I.D. Brighton Police, who is in charge of all investigations of 5th columnist activity in the area. Detective Parry had no record of the Earnshaw family and asked that Cpl Simms provide him with a Statement concerning this matter. This was done on 14 February 1941 and the matter left for investigation by Detective Parry.

Copy of Statement by Cpl Simms attached.


D.81858. O. Bult Francis, Sgt.
(Intelligence Sect.)

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Copy to F.S.O. 2nd Cdn Div.

Police Station, Town Hall
Brighton,
14th February 1941.

Corporal Stuart Simms, No. D.81444, Canadian Black Watch, stationed in Brighton, will say :-

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Miss Earnshaw accosted me first and I took her for a walk in a park which I believe is near the Dyke Road. Within a few minutes of our getting into conversation she commenced to ask me questions as to where my unit was stationed, when we were likely to be moving from Brighton and what unit would be coming in our place. She also wanted to know whether I was working on any guns and where the guns were situated, also how many were there. After leaving the park she invited me to her home where I met her mother. It appeared that Mrs Earnshaw conducted a boarding-house.

We went into the sitting room where Mrs Earnshaw was reading a copy of 'Meine Kampf'. She told me that she had been in Germany and liked that country very much. She said that she thought that Hitler had done a lot of good for Germany and from her conversation I formed the opinion that she appeared to approve of Hitler's methods.

I noticed an old fashioned wedding group photograph on the wall and in the group was a sailor whose uniform did not appear to be that of an English sailor. Miss Earnshaw told me that the sailor was her brother. I understood from Miss Earnshaw that her father was in the K.R.R. and was killed in the last war.

Whilst Miss Earnshaw was quite a nice respectable type of girl it appeared unusual that she should show so much interest in troop billets and movements, also the disposition of guns. This, coupled with the fact that the mother had lived in Germany, caused me to report the matter to my superior officer.

Signed. S.Simms. (Corporal).

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