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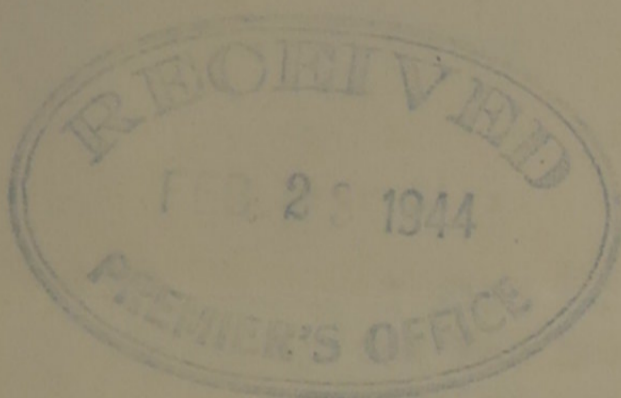
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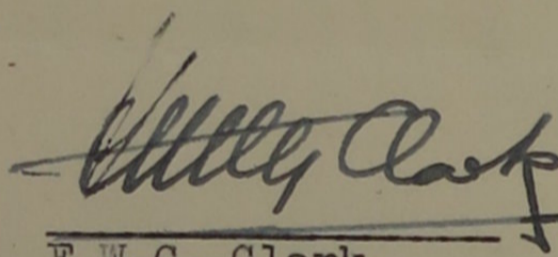
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Honorable John Hart,
Premier of British Columbia,
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Dear Sir: Re: Sheila Mary Clark

Further to my letter of February 21, 1944, I think that in error I omitted to enclose copy of the communication from Under Secretary of State for External Affairs. I now make good this omission and also enclose information copy of memorandum also received from the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, London, under date of December 2, 1943.

Yours truly,


F.W.G. Clark.

Reference: T 1000
DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Ottawa, January 25, 1944.

Dear Sir:

I wish to advise you that according to information compiled by the Far East repatriates the following report has been received concerning your daughter Miss Sheila Mary Clark.

"Miss Clark is in Weihsien Camp. She is working as a waitress in the hospital diet kitchen and is doing an excellent job. During the summer she kept a very pretty flower garden. She is in good health."

You will no doubt hear from Mr. J. G. Campbell, 1142 Burnaby Street, Vancouver, B.C., who stated that he was getting in touch with you.

Yours sincerely,

(N.W. McKinley) Sgd.
for the Under Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

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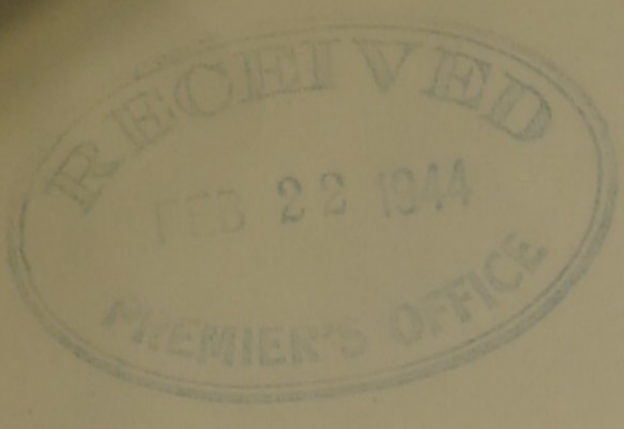
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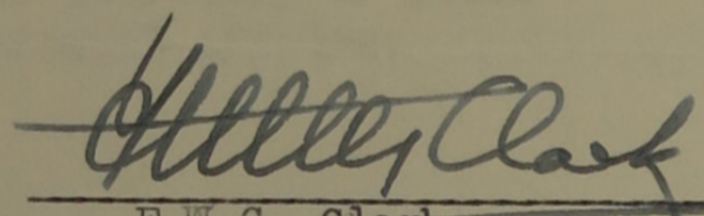
Honorable John Hart,
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Dear Sir: Re: Sheila Mary Clark

My wife and I wish to extend to you our thanks and appreciation for your letter of February 16 and your efforts on our behalf in regard to our daughter's repatriation from North China. It is our hope that in due time we can achieve our objective.

It may interest you to know that we have recently received formal cards from Sheila dated respectively April, July and September and other than that she was disappointed concerning not being repatriated, she seems to be in good form. We have also received from the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs communication dated January 25, 1944 copy of which is enclosed.

Yours truly,


F.W.G. Clark

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February 16

F. W. G. Clark, Esq., S.E.A.,
c/o Works & Buildings,
Western Air Command,
4th Avenue West,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your letter of January 25, please be advised that I have heard from the Department of External Affairs regarding your daughter, Miss Sheila Mary Clark.

The Department informs me that every effort is being made to repatriate all Canadians remaining in the Far East. I think it should be pointed out, however, that the carrying on of negotiations with Japan is made extremely difficult owing to the fact that there is no official recognition of the International Red Cross Society by this country. Consequently, delivery of messages through the International Red Cross cannot be guaranteed.

I am assured that every effort is being made to secure the return of your daughter.

Yours faithfully,

Premier.



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REPLY TO BE ADDRESSED TO:
THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
OTTAWA

DEPARTMENT OF
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
CANADA

Ottawa, February 9th, 1944.

Dear Mr. Hart:

I have for acknowledgement your letter of January 26th enclosing copies of correspondence from Mr. F. W. G. Clark of Vancouver, concerning his daughter, Miss Sheila Mary Clark.

This Department has had a great deal of correspondence with Mr. Clark in regard to the repatriation of his daughter and also on the matter of communication with her. You will have observed from the correspondence which Mr. Clark has sent you that he evidently does not appreciate the difficulties of communication with the Far East nor the delicate and protracted negotiations which must be carried on with the Government of Japan through the Swiss before an arrangement for an exchange can be reached.

Mail is being despatched regularly to Japan via Russia and repeated representations have been made to Japan by Canada together with other Allied Governments about the unsatisfactory flow of mail from Canadians in their hands. The only means of telegraphic communication to persons in Japanese hands is by messages sent by the Canadian Red Cross through the International Red Cross. The delivery of such messages cannot be guaranteed and depends upon the Japanese. Similarly the sending of telegraphic messages from Japan and enemy occupied countries in the Far East by internees thus rests with the Japanese.

It is very much regretted that Miss Clark was not included in the last exchange with the Japanese. It was only possible however to repatriate a small proportion of the total number of Canadians interned in each of the different areas in the Far East. Selection

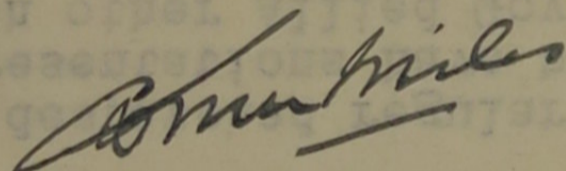
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of repatriates had necessarily to be left to the Swiss and they were requested to follow certain categories having due regard to sex, age and physical condition.

It can only be added that it is the policy of the Canadian Government to endeavour to repatriate all Canadians remaining in the Far East. Every effort is being made to this end and also to make provisions for their welfare during internment. Many difficulties, however, are being encountered with the Japanese Government.

Yours sincerely,



Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

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January 26.

Norman A. Robertson, Esq.,
Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Representations have been made by Mr. F.W.G. Clark,
S.E.A., of Western Air Command, Vancouver, who is anxious to
facilitate the repatriation of his daughter from North China.

So as to fully inform you in connection with the
events that have transpired since they first attempted to se-
cure her repatriation, I am enclosing herewith a file of corres-
pondence.

It would be deemed a favour if you could give this
matter your attention and let me know what can be done to re-
unite the family.

Yours faithfully,

Premier.

1 9 4 4
January 26.

F. W. G. Clark, Esq., S.E.A.,
c/o Works & Buildings,
Western Air Command,
4th Ave. West,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 25, in which you make representations in connection with the repatriation of your daughter who is now in North China.

Please be advised that I have communicated with the Under Secretary of State for External Affairs asking him to give this matter his personal consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Premier