

Simon was born on 10th July 1918 in Marylebone, London. His father Joseph Cashmaker was born in Poland and worked as a master tailor. Joseph married Esther Homer in 1907 in Mile End and they had two children, Marks in 1908 and Sybil in 1910. Esther died in Colney Hatch Asylum aged twenty-eight on 5 July 1916.

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

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NAME AND BIRTHNAME	RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF FAMILY	AGE (Last birthday and Sex)	PARTICULARS AS TO MARRIAGE		PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION OF PERSON SINCE HIS YEAR AND WEEK		BIRTHPLACE OF EVERY PERSON	NATIONALITY (Every Person born in a Foreign Country)	INFLUENT
			Married	Single	Personal Occupation	Industry or Service with which worked in connection			
1 Joe Cashman	head	26	Married		Sailor		Russian, Riga		
2 Letha Cashman	wife	23	Married				Russian, Peter		
3 Marky Cashman	son	2					London, Commercial Rd		
4 Sarah Cashman	daughter	1					London, Essex		

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Signature: *Joe Cashman*
2 Rooms
Postal Address: *45 Sander, Haversham, Suffolk.*

1911 Census

Joseph remarried just over a year later on 2 September 1917 in Stepney to Lena Whipp. Simon was born in 1918 followed by Bernard in 1920 and triplets Frances, Henry, and Bertha. Sadly, Henry died at birth and Frances died the following year aged seven months.

Joseph served in WW1 enlisting aged twenty-one into the 1001st Labour Corps on 21st May 1918. An Army memo was sent on 1st August 1918 stating that he was allowed to separation allowance for his wife and three children. A letter was sent to the Army Pay Office in Nottingham suggesting that he was not married, and the matter had to be investigated.

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Officer 1/c Labour Corps Records, Nottingham.

Army Pay Office, Eagle Works, Carlton Road, Nottingham.

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Quote M/3020. No. 857453 r/c. J. Cashman. - Labour Corps.

A communication has been received in this Office suggesting that the above named soldier is not married.

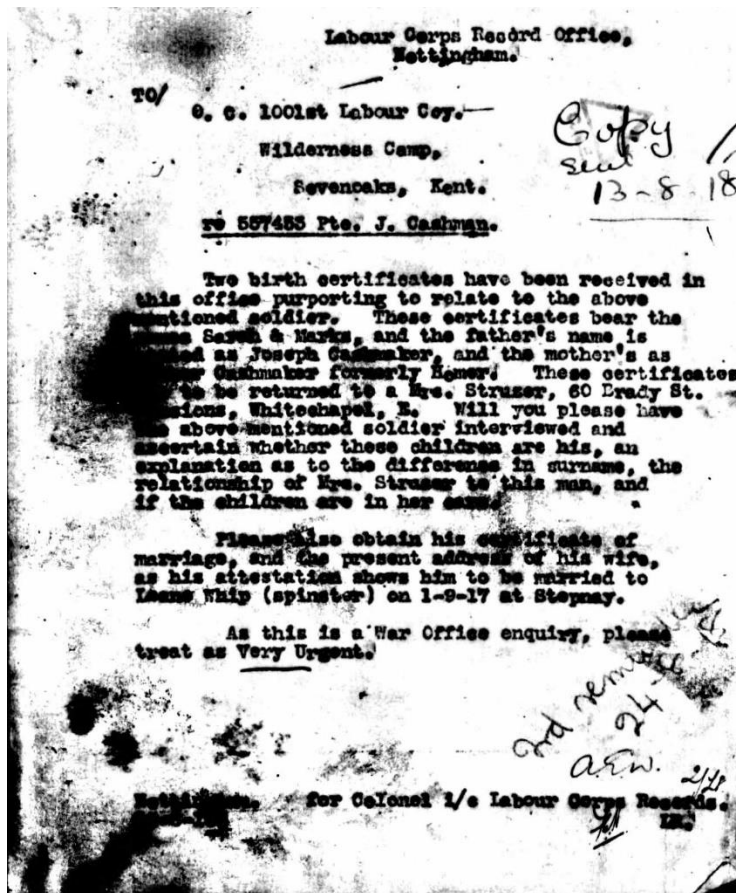
Soldier completed D. 418b on enlistment and Separation Allowance for wife and two children is in issue to Mrs. Cashman, 5 Calverly Street, Mile End Road, London.

Will you please make careful investigation of this case and furnish your report as early as possible.

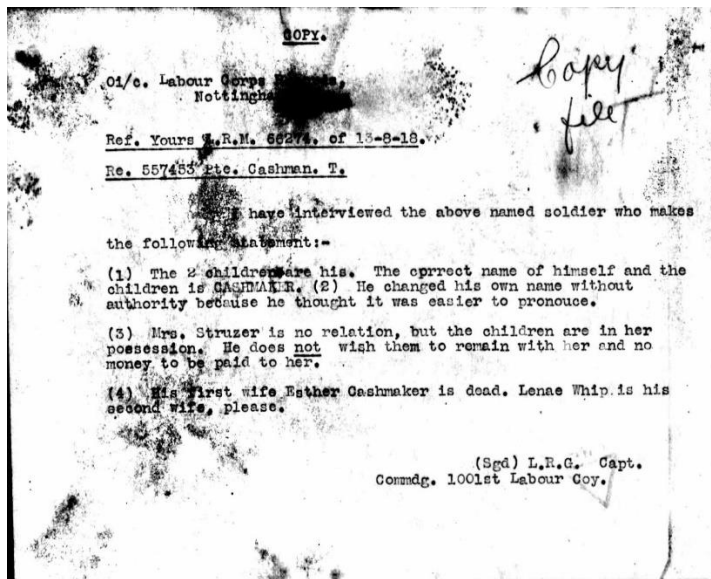
As the matter is the subject of a War Office enquiry, I trust you will give it your special attention.

(Sgd) F.H. String. Major.
for Regimental Paymaster,
Labour Corps, Nottingham.

A second letter was sent asking for Joseph to be interviewed and to produce birth and marriage certificates.



He was interviewed by his commanding officer as there was a query about his relationship to Lena and his children. 'I have interviewed the above-named soldier who makes the following statement: (1) The two children are his. The correct name of himself and the children is Cashmaker. (2) He changed his own name without authority because he thought it was easier to pronounce. (3) Mrs Strauzer is no relation, but the children are in her possession. He does not wish them to remain with her and no money to be paid to her. (4) His first wife Esther Cashmaker is dead. Lena Whip is his second wife please.'



Joseph was discharged from the Army in 1919.

Simon enlisted into the RAF in 1937 and trained as an observer. His family in 1939, were living at 1 Colville Terrace, Kensington where Joseph was listed as working as a master tailor and his brother Bernard was a medical student.

Simon's half sister Sybil married Emanuel Zarback known as Samuels in 1931. He also enlisted in the RAF and was killed four weeks after Simon. His story is on his page on the website.

At 22.10 hours on 13 July 1941 Wellington N2756 departed to bomb Benghazi, Libya. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take-off and it did not return to base. Other crews on the same mission reported seeing an aircraft in flames on the water one mile off Benghazi harbour. These reports could not be corroborated. Following post war enquiries and investigations, it was recorded in 1948 that the missing crew members had lost their lives at sea.

The crew were:

Obs, Simon Michael Cashman, 581498.

2nd Pilot, Felix French Clowry, 402110.

F/S, Albert McDonald Smith Dargie, 966123.

F/S, Daniel Grocott, 749432.

Pilot, John Philip Wilkins, 758168.

Sgt, William Young, 654691.

They are all commemorated on the Alamein Memorial.