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Nationality - *Russian* subject.

Recording papers relating to the question of the
nationality of Mrs. Marie Shtenper, a Russian subject by birth.

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question of the nationality of Mrs Marie Shtemper,
Russian lady whose husband has joined the British
forces subject by birth*

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Nationality - Russian subject

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Mrs Marie Shtemper

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Defended Port Commander's Office,
Fort St. George.

Madras, 22/3 1918.

My dear Davidson,

I have just had a visit
from this Russian lady! Would you or
some expert please through enclosed rough
note of the interview. I told the lady as,
at any rate, knowing Russian. By speaking
a sentence in Russian - I am sure she is
a Russian. She is evidently apprehensive
that that we "break" with Russia she & her children
will be stranded, interned, etc. - she will lose her

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means of livelihood.

The fact of joining our forces is not,
as far as I know, 'ipso facto' mean change of
nationality. Wh. could only be brought about
by taking out naturalization papers in the
usual way? Until evidence could be produced
that this had been done, I fancy my visitor
wh. be classed as a Russian?

Yr sincere

W. R. R. A. C.

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Mrs Marie Skemper

("Daniloff" with Fells' Circus)
Employed with Fells' Circus,
a Russian subject - married to a
Russian. Latter joined Australian
forces. went to England for training
& is now in the field in Belgium.

Wife wants to know whether the fact
of husband joining the British Forces
has changed his nationality. (I don't think
so - yes?)
She appears anxious that the troubles in
Russia & possibility of a 'break' with us
may affect her position. Has two children
for whom she has to provide. Fells' Circus
is proceeding to Singapore as soon as they

Mr Home Dep: King
 Brigadier General
 Black enquiries

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Home Dept
 (His)

For the w.s

The opinion expressed by the Brigadier General that the fact of the Russian lady's husband having joined the British Forces has not changed his nationality appears to be correct. There is no provision ~~made~~ in the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914 under which aliens can acquire British nationality except by naturalisation under section 2nd of the Act. The conditions under which Russian subjects may be naturalised as British

subjects are contained in the Russian Ambassador's letter no 117646 d the 14.8.15 a translation of which will be found on pp 1-2 of notes to G.O 884 Pub d the 7.5.16. These conditions appear to be quite out of date in view of the present state of Russia. The lady in question will evidently be treated as a Russian lady).

2 As regards point B at page 4 ante it is submitted that no passports are granted to Russians.

3 The following draft d.o reply is submitted which if approved may go w.o to Public (War) for acceptance before issue :-

D.O
Dear General Slack,
In reply to your d.o letter of the 22nd instant to the Hon Mr. Davidson regarding the nationality of Mrs Marie Shtenper who is ~~employed~~ attached to the Pallas' Circus I am directed to state that the opinion expressed by you in the matter

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8.10.15

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she may require
a permit. Question
of permits are dealt
with in Pub (War)

is correct. She will evidently be treated as a Russian lady. She will ~~not be required to take~~ ~~any passport to proceed to~~ Singapore. Her status will be that

of a Russian subject unless until she takes

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out a certificate of

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nationalisation, the same

To

Brigadier General

W. C. Black

Defended Port Commander

Fort St George.

applied to her husband. If

she proceeds to Singapore as a

Russian subject her passport

would originally be issued by the

Russian consul here ^{could} then

be valid by this Govt, though

such a visit wd in no way ensure

permission to land ^{being granted by} ~~at the hands~~

of the local authorities concerned.

Yours sincerely

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x if she already has one

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C.S.

I am not quite sure if

the a Russian consul here is still

in existence: if not, then I don't

know what she can do.

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Public Dept

There is no information in this department whether there is a Russian Consul in Madras but a reference to the Lawrence Asylum Press Almanack, 1918, shows that there is no Russian Consul here. It is seen from the Bengal Civil List that there are two ^{Russian} Consular Officers at Calcutta — a Consul-General and a Vice-Consul. The lady in question can apparently obtain a passport from the Calcutta Consulate & have it viséd by this Govt. If she is unable to do so, the Commr of Police, Madras, can exempt her from the Defence of India (Passport) Rules and permit her to embark at Madras; but this, again, would not ensure the applicant's admission into the Straits Settlements.

2. As regard a permit for her, she will not need one if she takes boat at Madras — which she will most probably do. She must furnish herself with a permit if she means leaving by any other port.

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Madras is an 'open' port.

in the Presy. She must, in that case, apply to the Chief Secy in good time through the Commr of Police. The Case may be returned to Home (M) with these remarks.

(also me at
Colombo.
M. Kadambraff.)



War no 1003-1
25.3.18

23818 There is no Russian Consul in Madras. There is one at Calcutta. 23.3.18 + saw her (or he saw one) at Delhi (where I saw him last year)

Presumably the lady has a passport. If so, it will want a visa here.

She could hardly get naturalized now

Home is.

25.3.18

Home (M) Dept

David says she is General Black's daughter.

Under section 10 of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914, the wife of a British Subject shall be deemed to be a British Subject, and the wife of an alien shall be deemed to be an alien. The same thing is expressed in rule 3 of the Passport Regulations thus "A married woman is deemed to be a Subject of the State of which her husband is for the time being a Subject."

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Mrs. Marie Shtenper will thus be a Russian subject so long as her husband remains a Russian subject. She cannot therefore acquire British nationality by ~~get~~ a certificate of naturalization. A draft revised draft D.O.

reply is submitted

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(D.O. No. 475-2 & 26.3.18)

The papers may now be

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Home (Hing) Dept

D.O. N^o 1075-2
26.3.18-13-

Dear General Black,

In reply to your D.O. letter of the 22nd instant to the Honble Mr. Davidson, regarding the nationality of Mrs. Marie Shleper who is attached to Fillis' Circus, I am directed to state that the opinion expressed by you in the matter is correct. Her ^{husband's} status will be that of a Russian subject unless and until ~~he~~ he takes out a certificate of naturalization, and she will continue to be a Russian subject so long as her husband retains his Russian nationality.

As regards her journey for Singapore, if she has already in her possession a passport issued by the Russian authorities, it will require a visa of this Govt. though such a visa would

in no way ^{her being allowed to land at Singapore.} ensure ~~permission~~
~~to land being actually~~
~~given by the local authorities~~
~~concerned.~~ If she is not
 already provided with a
 passport, she may obtain
 one from the Russian Consul
 at Calcutta or Colombo,
 which may then be used
 by the British authorities.
 A permit is also necessary
 if she intends to leave by
 any ^{in this presidency} port other than Madras.
 She must, in that case,
 apply to the Chief Secretary
 to Govt. in good time
 through the Commissioners of
 Police, Madras.

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Brigadier-General

W. C. Black

Defended Port Commander

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