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44, La Vrangue Estate,  
St. Peter Port,  
Guernsey, C.I.

1964  
November 14th. 1964.

HNP. / 920 ack'd 20/11  
Dear Sir,

I was imprisoned in CAEN prison in France, also in VILLE-NEAUVE, ST. GEORGES near Paris, and eventually found myself, along with three of my fellow Officers, Ex. P.C. [REDACTED] Ex.P/SGT. [REDACTED] and Ex.P.C. [REDACTED] In AUGSBURG prison, Germany. From where we found ourselves in a forced Labour Camp at Neudffingen. The Majority in this Camp were French Political Prisoners. We were forced to work on German Railways during the years. 1942/43/44/45.

Under brutal and savage treatment by Fanatical Nazi Guards, tortures which words cannot describe. I understand that you have knowledge of the vicious treatment endured by us during those terrible years.

Sir,

I was freed by the American Forces at the end of May 1945, at LANDBERG, I was in a shocking state, a mere skeleton just over 7 Stones in weight. I was removed to an American Field Hospital where I was given Blood Transfusions and saved from death by wonderful nursing after 2 to 3 weeks, I was moved by stretcher in a "Red Cross" train to the American Hospital in Nancy France, where I was kept and nursed back to health for another 4 weeks. I was then still a stretcher case, flown by military plane to Swindon in Wiltshire, then on to St. Margarets Hospital Swindon, I was a patient there for 4 to 5 weeks. I was then still a stretcher case removed by ambulance and train to Bristol,



then to Winford Orthopaedic Hospital near Bristol.  
I was a patient there for 6 weeks by which time I had made  
a wonderful recovery. I was now using my legs again and  
wanting to live. From there I went to Kingston-on-Thames  
Surrey, where I received further treatment at Kingston  
County Hospital.

I was repatriated back to my home in Guernsey  
on November 1945.

Even after 20 years I still relive those terrible  
days, also my health is badly affected. My lungs and my  
legs.

You asked me Sir,

If I would help contact the others who  
were sent to Germany. I have seen [redacted] whose  
husband was in our camp, he was Brutally Murdered by  
a savage attack with a pick-axe. I have advised her  
to send in a claim.

I have also discovered that Ex P/sgt [redacted]  
moved to America to rejoin his wife. I have written to  
him and trust he will claim in due Course.

Thanking you in anticipation of your help.

I remain

Yours faithfully,

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EXEMPTION No. 40

*Charles J. French*

*Smith*

*Rich?*

IMP/920

**FORM A for use by  
surviving victims of  
Nazi persecution**

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A BRITISH  
VICTIM OF NAZI PERSECUTION**

- N.B.*—1. Before completing this form it is important to read carefully the attached Notes for Guidance and then to answer all questions fully.
2. Please attach all documentary evidence to the form. All documents sent will be returned.
3. All applications must be received before the 31st of July, 1965.
4. Acceptance of an application for registration does not constitute a right to participate in the distribution.

**SECTION ONE—IDENTITY**

Surname..... FRIEND

Other names..... CHARLES ALBERT

Address..... 44 LA VIOLETTE  
ST PETER PORT GUERNSEY GZ

**SECTION TWO—NATIONALITY**

1. How did you acquire British nationality?  
(Please write YES opposite the method that applies and delete the others)
- (a) By birth?..... YES..... (If so, please attach birth certificate)
- (b) By marriage?..... (If so, please attach marriage certificate and birth or naturalisation certificate of husband)
- (c) By naturalisation?..... (If so, please attach certificate)
- (d) By some other method?..... (If so, please give full details)
- .....
2. If you are not British by birth what was your previous nationality?.....
- Do you still retain that nationality?.....
- If not, when and how did you lose it?.....
- (Please attach all documentary evidence)

3. If you are a dual-national—

(a) Where were you ordinarily resident on the 9th of June, 1964?.....

(Please attach all available evidence, e.g., receipts for rent or rates, &c.)

(b) Have you been in Crown Service under Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom?  
(If so, please give full details and dates)

(c) Are you the holder of a British passport? (If so, please give number and full details)

**SECTION THREE—PERSECUTION**

1. Please give, on a separate sheet, the following details of your imprisonment:

- (a) Name of camp or other place of detention, its situation, its general conditions and régime;
- (b) Dates of imprisonment and of release; prison number; reasons for imprisonment and circumstances in which it arose;
- (c) If you are suffering permanent disability as a result of treatment received during your imprisonment please give full details of its nature and cause;
- (d) Any other information you consider useful and relevant.  
(Please attach all documentary evidence)

2. Have you at any time received any payment in respect of this persecution?..... No  
(If YES please give full details)

I HEREBY DECLARE that all the above statements are to the best of my knowledge and recollection true in all particulars.

Signature..... Charles G Friend

Date..... Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 1964



BOARD OF TRADE  
Finance Division  
Enemy Property Branch

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GAVRELLE HOUSE,  
BUNHILL ROW,  
LONDON, E.C.1  
MONARCH 407 Ext 117

Our reference: P. 48982  
Your reference:

RECEIVED 8th September, 1964.  
10 SEP 1964  
HNP | 920

Attention of Miss M. Heaton

Dear Department,

P/Sgt. CHARLES FRIEND

I am forwarding herewith our file No. P. 48982 on which is a letter from the above named person to which you may care to reply. I am also enclosing our file No. RC. 7835 on which there is correspondence relevant to Sgt. Friend's deprivation of liberty and ill-treatment during the war years. The applicant has been informed that his letter has been passed to you.

Please return our files in due course.

Yours ever,

Enemy Property Branch.

(B. H. Martin.)

The Foreign Office,  
Claims Dept.,  
Room 311,  
Charles House,  
Regent Street,  
London, W.1.

REGISTER OF LOSS OR DAMAGE ARISING FROM THE WAR OF OR TO BRITISH  
PROPERTY OUTSIDE THE UNITED KINGDOM.

G ✓ F  
B.O.T. Ref. No. ~~11~~ P 489

Initials 6/3/4 to  
1/6/46

Individual, Firm or Company (Owner of Property)  
(Name) CHARLES ALBERT FRIEND  
(Address) No. 11, BRAYE ROAD  
"VALE" GUERNSEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS.  
State Nationality where other than British BRITISH  
(Signature)\* C. A. Friend Date February 28 1946

\*When this form is lodged by a Company in the capacity in which the signatory acts is stated (e.g., Secretary or Director of Company or Firm.) If the form is completed and lodged on behalf of the owner by another body or in the capacity and authority in which the signatory acts should be indicated, with the full name and address of the owner.

(2) Situation of Property.	(3) Nature of loss or damage with date and cause so far as known.	(4) Statement as to evidence of ownership, together with any other explanatory remarks it is desired to offer.	Estimated value lost or amount sustained.
PERSONAL EFFECTS WHICH WE WERE FORWARDED, AND EVEN ADVISED TO TAKE TO FRANCE WITH US. WHEN DEPORTED IN 1942. EVERYTHING TAKEN FROM ME AT AUSCHWITZ PRISON GERMANY. West Z	I WAS INFORMED BY THE LABOUR CAMP COMMANDER OF "NEUCHÂTEAU" CAMP GERMANY THAT ALL BELONGINGS WERE TOTALLY DESTROYED. WHEN AUSCHWITZ WAS HEAVILY BOMBED FROM THE AIR DURING 1944. EVERYTHING WAS A TOTAL LOSS.	I WISH TO STATE HERE THAT THE PROPERTY I CLAIM TO HAVE LOST WAS PACKED AND BROUGHT TO ME AT GUERNSEY PRISON BY MY MOTHER BEFORE DEPORTATION.  112 - £41 C2 £75 - F  "C" 1/6/46 200.	£75 IN ALL  4 - 2  13 - 15 3 - 5 3 - 15 1 - 15 1 - 7 1 - 2



# REGISTER OF LOSS OR DAMAGE ARISING FROM THE WAR OF OR TO BRITISH PROPERTY OUTSIDE THE UNITED KINGDOM.

To the Controller General,  
TRADING WITH THE ENEMY DEPT.,  
(TREASURY & BOARD OF TRADE),  
24, KINGSWAY,  
LONDON, W.C. 2.

*Handwritten:* 6/3/48  
*Initials:* [unclear]

Individual, Firm or Company (Owner of Property)

(Name) CHARLES ALBERT FRIEND

(Address) No. 11, BRAYE ROAD  
"VALE" GUERNSEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS.

State Nationality where other than British BRITISH

(Signature)\* S. A. Friend

Date February 26 1948

(1) Description of Property (in summarised form).	(2) Situation of Property.	(3) Nature of loss or damage with date and cause so far as known.	Statement as to extent together with any other particulars if desired.
<p><u>£ 75 IN ENGLISH NOTES.</u> <u>TAKEN FROM ME AT AUSBERG</u> <u>PRISON GERMANY).</u> <u>1 SUITCASE (LARGE) 1 KIT BAG</u> <u>CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING</u> <u>1 OVERCOAT, 2 SUITS, 1 SPORTS COAT.</u> <u>1 PAIR GRAY FLANNELS, 4 SHIRTS, 2</u> <u>PAIRS SHOES, 1 WOOLLEN PULLOVER, 1</u> <u>LEAT HEN GEMIN, 5 PAIR SOCKS, 1</u> <u>WILBY HAT, 2 SLEEPING SUITS, 1 PAIR</u> <u>WEATHER GLOVES, 1 WOOLLEN SCARF.</u></p>	<p><u>PERSONAL EFFECTS</u> <u>WHICH WE WERE</u> <u>ALLOWED, AND EVEN</u> <u>ADVISED TO TAKE TO</u> <u>GERMANY WITH US. WHEN</u> <u>DEPARTED IN 1942.</u> <u>EVERYTHING TAKEN</u> <u>FROM ME AT</u> <u>AUSBERG PRISON</u> <u>GERMANY.</u></p>	<p><u>I WAS INFORMED BY THE</u> <u>LABOUR CAMP COMMANDER</u> <u>OF "NEUOFFINGEN" CAMP GERMANY,</u> <u>THAT ALL BELONGINGS WERE</u> <u>TOTALLY DESTROYED. WHEN</u> <u>AUSBERG WAS HEAVILY</u> <u>RAIDED FROM THE AIR</u> <u>WITHIN 1944.</u> <u>SUCH LOSS WAS A TOTAL LOSS.</u></p>	<p><u>I WISH TO STATE</u> <u>THE PROPERTY I</u> <u>LOST WAS PAID</u> <u>TO ME AT GUE</u> <u>BY MY MOTHER</u> <u>BEFORE</u></p> <p><u>112 - 241 C2</u> <u>245 - 1</u></p>

*Handwritten:* P. 10.



(1) Description of Property (in summarized form)	(2) Situation of Property.	(3) Nature of loss or damage with date and cause so far as known.	(4) Statement as to evidence together with any other exp it is desired to
<p>3 SOFT UNDERWEAR, 6 TIES,  1 SILVER WRIST WATCH,  1 GOLD SIGNET RING,  1 CIGARETTE LIGHTER,  1 CIGARETTE CASE,  1 LEATHER WALLET CONTAINING  PHOTOGRAPHS AND LETTERS,  1 PINKBERRY  1 PAIR SHOES, LEATHER OXFORDS</p>			

FOREIGN OFFICE

APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION FOR DISABLEMENT  
RESULTING FROM NAZI PERSECUTION



RECEIVED IN  
AD-  
24/11/66  
HNP 920

FOREIGN OFFICE,  
Claims Department,  
Charles House,  
5 Lower Regent Street,  
London, S.W.1.

Date of issue of form MAY, 1966

Reference HNP/920

NOTE.—The particulars given by the applicant on this form will be checked from official records

1. Name FRIEND CHARLES ALBERT  
(Surname first in BLOCK CAPITALS)

2. (a) Permanent address 44 LA VIVANQUE ST PETER PORT  
(b) Present address (if different) GUERNSEY C ISLES

3. Date of birth AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup> 1914

4. National Insurance Number 

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5. If you served in the Armed Forces, please give particulars of last period of service:  
(a) Unit or Ship..... (b) Rank..... (c) Official No.....

6. Have you at any time claimed or been granted any pension, gratuity or allowance for injury or disablement sustained as a soldier, sailor, airman, member of the Mercantile Marine, fishing, pilotage or light vessel service, Home Guard, or for a war injury sustained as a civilian? (Yes or No) NO If so, please give particulars of the award and, if known, the reference on the official notification.....

7. Have you received any payment in respect of any injury sustained since 1945? If so, please give particulars NO

8. What is the nature of the wound, injury or disease for which you claim? (LUNGS)  
SUFFER WITH BREATHING

9. If a wound or injury, give a brief account of where and how it was inflicted.....

10. If a disease, when and where did you first begin to suffer from it?  
FORCED LABOUR CAMP GERMANY

11. Did you suffer from the condition claimed or anything like it before your subjection to Nazi persecution? AS A YOUNG POLICE OFFICER WAS 100 PER CENT FIT

12. Do you claim that your disability—  
(a) Was caused by Nazi persecution? YES  
(b) Although existing previously was made worse by Nazi persecution?.....

13. Please give the full name and address of your present doctor (private or N.H.S.) PRIVATE  
D.J. P.S.A HEY WORTH, ST DAMIANS, ST SAMPSONS GUERNSEY C ISLES

## 14. Please give below particulars of any medical treatment you have obtained.

If living overseas, state your address in the United Kingdom at the time of any medical treatment in the United Kingdom.

Full names and addresses of doctors and hospitals	Nature of illness	Dates of admission or first attendance	Dates of discharge or last attendance
<b>(1) DOCTORS</b> Any doctor (private or N.H.S.) if different from the doctor named at 13 above.			
<b>(a) Before your subsection to Nazi persecution:</b>			
<b>(b) Since your subsection to Nazi persecution:</b>			
<b>(2) HOSPITALS (see Note below)</b>			
<b>(a) Before your subsection to Nazi persecution:</b>			
AMERICAN MILITARY HOSPITAL FRANCE I.P.	PARALYSIS MALNUTRITION FRACTURED SHOULDERS	MAY 9 <sup>TH</sup> 1945	MAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> 1945
ST MARGARETS HOSPITAL STATION WILTS	AS ABOVE I.P.	23 <sup>RD</sup> MAY 1945	JUNE 6 <sup>TH</sup> 1945
WINFORD ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL NEAR BRISTOL	AS ABOVE I.P.	JUNE 6 <sup>TH</sup>	AUGUST 1945
KINGSTON COUNTY HOSPITAL KINGSTON-ON-THAMES	O.P. FOR ABOVE	AUGUST 45	SEPTEMBER 1945
<b>(b) Since your subsection to Nazi persecution:</b>			
PRINCESS ELIZABETH HOSPITAL GUERNSEY	OPERATION FOR BLEEDING BOWELS I.P.	28 <sup>TH</sup> FEB 1949	MARCH ?
		7 WEEKS	
		CONVALESCENCE	

NOTE.—Give the name and address of each hospital (but not of the hospital doctors) and add "I.P." or "O.P." to indicate whether the treatment was "in-patient" or "out-patient", If you are at present receiving hospital treatment, show this at (2)(b): the entry in the last column should be "Not yet completed".

## 15. Add here any further statement you wish to make in support of your claim. If this space is insufficient and a separate sheet is used this should be signed and dated by you and securely attached to this form.

IN THE WINTER OF 1944-45, WHILE WORKING ON GERMAN RAILWAY LINES (FORCED LABOUR) I COLLAPSED WITH PNEUMONIA AND THE FOLLOWING DAY WAS REMOVED TO THE PRISON HOSPITAL. WHERE I RECEIVED POOR TREATMENT. I SUFFER WITH MY CHEST. I THINK MY LUNGS HAVE BEEN DAMAGED. I HAVE RECEIVED MEDICAL TREATMENT. X-RAY SHOWED LUNGS  
DECLARATION CLOUSED

NOTE.—Before signing the Declaration please make sure that the questions have been answered correctly (dashes or ticks are not sufficient). This will save correspondence and delay.

I HEREBY DECLARE that to the best of my knowledge and belief the answers to the questions of this form are true and complete. I HEREBY AUTHORISE the doctors and hospitals named to make the relevant medical records available at the request of the Foreign Office to help the consideration of my claim for compensation as a victim of Nazi persecution. I ALSO CONSENT to other Government Departments supplying extracts from any records which are held by them and which are required by the Foreign Office in dealing with this claim.

*Charles G. Friend*  
(Usual signature of applicant)

Date MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> 1966