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The Foreign Office
L O N D O N, S.W. 1
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Re: E.S. LEGG

Dear Sirs,

With reference to your letter dated 4th November 1964, please be advised that the following information is contained in our records:

LEGG, Ernest Stanley, born 25 March 1902 in Guernsey, Nationality: British, - was in the "Strafanstalt Frankfurt/Main-Preungesheim" in the year 1944 (exact date unknown).
Document 331/44 issued by the "Strafanstalt Frankfurt/Main-Preungesheim" and Document 2 VLs 618/44 issued by the "Oberstaatsanwalt Frankfurt/M."

Documents consulted: Nominal list established by the "Oberstaatsanwalt Frankfurt/Main".

Yours sincerely,

N. Burckhardt

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Director of the I.T.S.

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From: Ernest Stanley LEGG, 42 Bordage Street, St. Peter Port, GUERNSEY? C.I.
October 1964.

At the beginning of 1943 I started handing out copies of the BBC English news bulletins, taken from the radio by my sister, Mrs. H. Gillingham, and incorporated into the daily news-sheet known as G.U.N.S. (Guernsey's Undergound News Service) which was run by Chalres Machon, Frank Falla, my brother-in-law, Joseph Gillingham, and Cyril Duquemin. I kept doing this from the start to just about the end of 1943. Then in March 1944 I was at work when the Gestapo instructed the local Police to pick me up as I was wanted by the Germans for questioning regarding the spreading of the BBC news.

After being questioned by the Gestapo for nearly two hours, I was eventually told I could go back to my work and that the Nazis would call me when they wanted me. During April 1944 I received notice that I was to attend the Magistrate's Court in the Royal Court Building in St. Peter Port, where I was tried alongside my colleagues, Machon, Duquemin, Falla, Gillingham, and between us we were sentence to just over 8 years' imprisonment. I received a sentence of 1 year 10 months and was first put into the local prison, where I was made to work until June 4th, 1944, when I was sent to Germany along with Duquemin, Falla and my brother-in-law, Joseph Gillingham, all of whom had been sentenced for their share in the offence which the Nazis described as "distributing seditious news".

First we went to the prison at Frankfurt-on-Main, but were not there for long before, along with other political prisoners, about 11 of them were Channel Islanders, we were transported in what the Germans called a Kommando and taken by train to Naumburg-on-Saale. Here we were confined to the prison for about ten months. It was while I was at Naumburg that one of the Germans in charge of the Workshop where we nailed the uppers to the wooden soles of clogs, that he threw me down 18 or 19 steps, from one floor to the other. I was then very weak physically and as a result of this I received an injury to my left leg which has left me with a bad limp, continuous pain and a bad limp. Mt leg has shortened by about an inch as a result of this action by the German and I have had to spend a considerable amount of money in trying to get relief and treatment during the past two years, but all has been of no avail. Attached please find my doctor's certificate which bears out the fact that when the German threw me down that flight of stone stairs at Naumburg prison I sustained an injury which will remain with me till I die.

This was the worst the Germans did to me during my time in prison but they often booted me along when I could not get up enough speed to suit them, on top of which I suffered as did other Channel Islanders from starvation, malnutrition and general neglect. In all the time we were at Naumburg we had no communication with the outside world and my family knew not whether I was alive or dead, and we never received a single Red Cross parcel, letter or message. On top of this I suffered a form of dropsy due to starvation, where the body, starting from the legs, fills up with water and when it reaches your heart nothing can save you, When, along with Frank Falla, I was liberated by the American Forces (General Patton's Tanks came through the town) the American doctor with them said I might have lived 6 or 7 days but no more. I, too, could have died in the hospital to which we were taken, unless Frank Falla had complained to the American Red Cross that the hospital authorities were doing nothing to save my life. He was able to tell the doctors at the hospital when they were paraded near my bed that if I died, they, too, would die---and the Americans meant it for Frank Falla told them 'If Ernest Legg's life is not saved, then you will die." As a result of this they immediately got to work on me and in a matter of twentyfour hours they drained out 1½ buckets of water from my body. But they could do nothing about my bad leg and it was so bad when I came home that I had to change my job and do work which did not demand strain on my leg. I stayed with the American Forces after coming out pf hospital and returned to England with Frank Falla, flying via Halle and Brussels and landing at Croydon. We were then taken to the Ministry of Health Hostel at Honeypot Lane, Stanmore Middx. where we were questioned by Secret Service people and I went up to Huddersfield until the authorities made arrengements for me to return to Guernsey, which I did at the end of July or beginning of August 1945.

October 1964.

(signed) Ernest Stanley Legg.
(E. S. Legg.)

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FORM A for use by surviving victims of Nazi persecution

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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 LEGG

Other names ERNEST STANLEY

Address N° 42 BORDAGE, ST PETER PORT, GUERNSEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS

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)

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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)

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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 E. S. Legg

Date 1 - 9 - 64.

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APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION FOR DISABLEMENT RESULTING FROM NAZI PERSECUTION

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

Date of issue of form 14th January 1965

Reference HNP/1194

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

1. Name LEGG ERNEST STANLEY
(Surname first in BLOCK CAPITALS)

2. (*a*) Permanent address No 42 BORDAGE, St PETER PORT, GUERNSEY
(*b*) Present address (if different)

3. Date of birth 25 MARCH 1903

4. National Insurance Number NIL

5. If you served in the Armed Forces, please give particulars of last period of service:
(*a*) Unit or Ship NONE (*b*) Rank NONE (*c*) Official No. NONE

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? SEVERE OSTEO ARTHRITIS

9. If a wound or injury, give a brief account of where and how it was inflicted THROWN DOWN 19 STONE STEPS BY GERMAN WARDE IN NAUMBURG ON SAALE PRISON

10. If a disease, when and where did you first begin to suffer from it? NOVEMBER 1944

11. Did you suffer from the condition claimed or anything like it before your subjection to Nazi persecution? NO

12. Do you claim that your disability—
(*a*) Was caused by Nazi persecution? YES
(*b*) Although existing previously was made worse by Nazi persecution? NO

13. Please give the full name and address of your present doctor (private or N.H.S.)
DR. J. R. DICKSON, GLATNEY ESPLANADE
ST PETER PORT GUERNSEY

20052 4734

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
(1) DOCTORS Any doctor (private or N.H.S.) if different from the doctor named at 13 above. (*a*) **Before** your subjection to Nazi persecution:	NO		
(*b*) **Since** your subjection to Nazi persecution:	NO		
(2) HOSPITALS (*see Note below*) (*a*) **Before** your subjection to Nazi persecution:	NO		
(*b*) **Since** your subjection to Nazi persecution:	See attached Letter		

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". NO

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.

SEE ATTACHED

DECLARATION

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.

E. S. Legg ..... *Date* 19-1-65

(*Usual signature of applicant*)

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Examination but no treatment
Advised to have electrical treatment,
Received this from a qualified Masseur,
But periodically since my return
from Germany I have received
massage and Electrical treatment.
For the past 4 years in an effort
to ease the pain I have worn
a raised sole and heel on my shoe
Unfortunately one of the Masseurs
Mr J. Brunt of Vauvert St Peter Port
Guernsey, has since Died, but the
second Masseur Mr. E. Malpas lives
at Holly Tree House, Grand Rue, St Martins
Guernsey. I remain

E. S. Legg.
No 42 Bordage, St Peter Port
Guernsey. C.I.

Dr. W. B. FOX
Dr. M. D. FOX
Dr. A. W. ROSE
Dr. P. [illegible] HEYWORTH
Dr. J. R. DICKSON
Dr. R. M. Ff. FOX
Dr. T. A. FOX

THE SURGERY,
GLATEGNY ESPLANADE,
ST. PETER PORT,
GUERNSEY,

TELEPHONE: CENTRAL 182

Mr. Ernest Legg, aged 61,
42 Bordage, St. Peter Port.

This is to certify that the above is suffering from severe osteo-arthritis of the left hip confirmed by x-ray in 1961.

He gives a history of a fall during the war when as a prisoner in a German Camp he was thrown downstairs. There was considerable pain in the left hip for sometime after this.

In my opinion the present condition of his left hip is consistent with being the result of such an injury,

J. R. Dickson, F.R.C.S.

21st August, 1964.