



2 Summerland, Collings Road,  
St. Peter Port, GUERNSEY, C.I.  
20th March 1965.

Mrs. A. Machon, c/o Rosedale,  
Dunstall, Wolverhampton,  
Staffs.

Dear Mrs. Machon,

Chief Officer of the Island Police Force, Mr. A. P. Lamy, asked me, as I have had so much to do with Channel Islanders claiming Compensation from the Germans, if I could help you in this matter.

You see, I was one of those people in the gang of five (your late husband, Cyril Duquemin, Ernest Legg, Joseph Gillingham and myself) who were imprisoned by the Nazis for distributing a BBC news-sheet called G.U.N.S. during the Nazi occupation. I had tried locally to locate Mr. Machon's wife but someone said something about your being in South Africa !

However, I am writing you now in an effort to be of assistance, and enclosing a carbon copy of my letter to you so that you might forward it to the Foreign Office with your claim and in reply to their letter to you.

Your husband was convicted by a German Military Court sitting in the Guernsey Magistrate's Court on April 26th and he was sentenced to 2 years & 1 month hard labour. Like us he was not provided with any defence at his trial. The charge he faced was: "Making and Spreading leaflets, Spreading seditious information and listening in common to prohibited broadcasting on one occasion."

In May 1944 he was sent to Potsdam Prison. At the time he was an ill man suffering acutely from stomach ulcers and being disallowed the special food he was supposed to eat--and this after terrific grillings at the hands of the Germans had their expected effect and he died in Berlin. News of his death was sent to his Mother (who has since died) at her Victoria Road home in St. Peter Port. The message read:

"Charles Machon died 21st October 1944 in hospital at Hameln-Weser.  
(signed) WALLI, Heeresjustizinspektor.  
27--11-44."

This must constitute conclusive evidence for none of us, or any other Channel Islanders for that matter, were sent to imprisonment in Berlin and there is no more evidence in Guernsey as to his death. But this I do know, he must have suffered even more than we did in his poorer state of health. Like us he had no communication with the outside world, Red Cross parcels or letters, in fact his Mother told me the only thing she heard of him was the message, above.

Mr. Lamy will, I know, be writing to you and the Foreign Office, enclosing a copy of your late husband's birth certificate. But if there is any way in which I can give you further help, don't hesitate to write me. Yours sincerely, *Frank W. Falla* (Frank W. Falla.)

HNP/1660

FORM B for use in respect of a deceased British victim of Nazi persecution

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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A DECEASED 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

- A. 1. Surname of victim MACHON
2. Other names CHARLES NICHOLAS
3. Place of death HAMELN - WESER, GERMANY (NOTIFICATION OF MY HUSBAND'S DEATH WAS GIVEN ME BY BOTH GERMAN AND GUERNSEY POLICE)
(Please send the death certificate or, if there is no death certificate, please say whether leave to presume death was obtained)

- B. 1. Surname of applicant MACHON
2. Other names ANNIE MARGARET
3. Address 40 ROSEDALE, DUNSTALL RD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

- 4. What was your relationship to deceased?
(a) Spouse? YES (If so, please send marriage certificate)
(b) Child? (If so, please send birth certificate)
Are there any other surviving children of the deceased? (If so, please give full names and addresses of each)

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- (c) Parent? (If so, please send deceased's birth certificate)
(d) Brother or sister? (If so, please send your own and deceased's birth certificate)

Have you any surviving brothers or sisters? (If so, please give full name and address of each)

## SECTION TWO—NATIONALITY OF VICTIM

## 1. How did the deceased acquire British nationality?

(Please write YES opposite the method that applies and delete the others)

- (a) By birth? YES ..... (If so, please send his/her birth certificate) WHEREABOUTS OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE UNKNOWN.
- (b) By marriage?            ..... (If so, please send marriage certificate)
- (c) By naturalisation?            ..... (If so, please attach naturalisation certificate)
- (d) By some other method?            ..... (If so, please give full details)

2. If the deceased was not British by birth what was the previous nationality?           Was it retained at the time of death?           If not, when and how was it lost?           

(Please attach all documentary evidence)

## 3. If deceased was a dual national—

- (a) Where was he/she ordinarily resident at the date of his/her death?
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(Please attach any available evidence, e.g., receipts for rent or rates)

- (b) Had he/she been in Crown Service under Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom?
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- (If so, please give full details)

- (c) Was he/she the holder of a British passport? (If so, please give full details)

## SECTION THREE—PERSECUTION

1. Please give, on a separate sheet, the following details of the deceased's imprisonment:
  - (a) Name of camp or other place of detention; its situation; its general conditions and régime;
  - (b) Dates of imprisonment and (where relevant) release; prison number; reasons for imprisonment and circumstances in which it arose.
  - (c) Any further information you consider useful and relevant.  
(Please attach all documentary evidence)
  
2. Has any payment been made at any time in respect of the imprisonment of the deceased?..... No  
(If, so please give full details)

I HEREBY DECLARE that to the best of my knowledge, belief and recollection all the information here given is true and accurate in all particulars.

Signature... A. Machon

Date... 21. 2. 65

40 Rosedale,  
Dunstall Rd.  
Wolverhampton

Dear Sir,

As regards the details of my husband's imprisonment and death, the information I have is rather vague, but I will give you all I know. The story of my husband's capture and events leading up to his capture are featured in the book "Islands in Danger".

He was caught printing G.U.N.S. (Guernsey Underground News Service). He served a short spell in prison in Guernsey and then was sent to Hameln-Weser where he died. Actual circumstances of his death are unknown to me, but ill-treatment and lack of food were without

doubt the cause of his death.  
I am enclosing my marriage  
certificate, my son and daughter's  
birth certificates plus my  
Occupation Identity Card. Any  
further information you may  
require I shall endeavor to  
obtain it from the Guernsey Police  
Records.

I remain  
Yours faithfully  
A Macdon

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C/o Rosedale H  
Dunstall Road,  
Wolverhampton.  
Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 1965

Dear Sir

I am writing for an application form to  
to claim for my husband, who died in a  
German prison hospital in 1943. He was  
caught printing the underground newspaper  
called G.N.S. (Guernsey News Service) I am  
now resident in Wolverhampton.

I remain  
yours faithfully  
A. Mackon