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Collection Summary

Title: Channel Islands Collection
Dates: 1940-1998
Collection Number: 2000C26
Collection Size: 6 manuscript boxes, 1 oversize box (2.8 linear feet)
Repository: Hoover Institution Archives
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Abstract: The collection is comprised of diaries, letters, proclamations, permits, orders, ration cards, identification documents, photographs, postcards, printed matter, video tapes, and compact disks relating to life on the Channel Islands under the German occupation during World War II.
Physical Location: Hoover Institution Archives
Languages: English, French and German

Access
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Historical Note
The Channel Islands are comprised of five main islands: Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark, Herm, and three smaller islands: Jethou, Brecqhou and Lihou. The islands lie off the French coast of Normandy but are dependencies of the British crown. After the fall of France to Germany, in June 1940, the Channel Islands became indefensible for the British. On June 20, 1940, the decision was made to remove all troops from the Channel Islands and cut the underwater cable providing communications between Britain and the Channel Islands. Island residents had to make the decision to stay or evacuate to England. British ships were sent to take those residents ready to evacuate but there were not enough ships to accommodate all evacuees.
On June 28, 1940, the Germans bombed St. Helier, the capital of Jersey, and the Guernsey capital of St. Peter Port. On June 30, 1940, German troops landed on the islands and began the occupation. The occupation lasted five years, from June 30, 1940, through May 9, 1945. The Channel Islands were the only part of the British Commonwealth to be occupied by Germany during World War II.

**Scope and Content of Collection**

The Channel Islands Collection relates to life on the Channel Islands under the German occupation during World War II. It is comprised of diaries, letters, proclamations, permits, orders, ration cards, identification documents, postcards, photographs, printed matter, video tapes, and compact discs. The bulk of the material depicts daily life on the islands during the German occupation, but also includes materials related to the liberation and post-occupation life of the islanders. The collection is arranged into series and contains materials in English, French and German.

The **Diaries and Correspondence** series illustrates life during the occupation through letters and diaries that document the daily life of island residents living through the occupation and the experiences of a resident deported from the islands to Laufen as a German prisoner of war.

The **Occupation and Post-Occupation** Materials series encompasses a wide variety of items that were used in the daily lives of island residents and in the running of the government during the five years of occupation. It also illustrates island life from the occupying force's point of view and post-occupation. In addition, the series includes items relevant to the liberation and post-occupation.

The **Printed Matter** series contains various printed materials depicting life on the island during the occupation such as personal memoirs, island histories and poetry, as well as items that highlight the tourist industry built on the islands as a result of the occupation.

The **Audiovisual Materials** series contains items that cover both the occupation of the islands and general history of the island. There are firsthand audio accounts from fifteen residents who lived through the occupation. Video footage includes captured wartime newsreels and interviews with survivors of the occupation as well as unique video footage documenting life on the island of Guernsey from 1915 to 1945.

The **Newspaper** series contains a number of original newspapers spanning daily life under occupation and liberation. The newspapers also report on the progress of the war from a pro-German perspective. The bulk of the papers were printed on Jersey and Guernsey.

All materials in this collection were collected by C. C. Kohler, an antiquarian bookseller from Dorking, England.

**Arrangement**

The collection is organized into 5 series: Diaries and Correspondence, Occupation Materials, Printed Matter, Audiovisual Materials, Newspapers.

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Channel Islands -- History -- German occupation, 1940-1945
World War, 1939-1945 -- Channel Islands
World War, 1939-1945 -- Great Britain
Military Government
Videotapes

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Diaries and Correspondence, 1941-1945

Civilian Materials, 1941-1945

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Elise Morris correspondence, 1942-1945

Internee Materials, 1942-1944

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Henry J. Le Goupillot, interned in Laufen, 1942- 1944
Scope and Content Note
Contains diaries, letters, photographs and music book

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Internment correspondence, 1943-1944

Box/Folder: 2 : 4
Internment correspondence, 1943-1944

Occupation and Post-Occupation Materials, 1940-1992 (bulk 1940-1945)

Scope and Content Note
Contains a wide variety of items that documents island life during and after the German Occupation.

Arrangement
Arranged in four groups: Civilian Materials, Government Materials, German Forces Materials, and Post-Occupation Materials; thereafter chronologically by document type

Civilian Materials, 1940-1945, 1992

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Government Materials, 1940-1945

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Memoranda, correspondence and documents, 1941-1944
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Identity cards, circa 1941
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German Forces Materials, 1940-1945

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Aerial propaganda, 1943-1945
Scope and Content Note
In English, French and German

Box/Folder: 3 : 9
Currency, German, circa 1940

Box/Folder: 3 : 10
German personnel materials, 1940-1942
Scope and Content Note
In German and contains photographs

Correspondence and postcards, 1945
The Criff newsletter, 1945
Daily Worker pamphlet, 1945
Exhibition flyer, undated
Government reports, 1945, 1965, undated
Liberation Day souvenir programs, 1948-1948, 1995
Ration books and identity cards, 1945-1946

Printed Matter, 1945-1996
Scope and Content Note
Contains memoirs, poetry, a screenplay, island guides and histories, museum guides and souvenirs, and miscellany. See also newspapers
Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically by document type and thereunder chronologically

Bibliographies, 1970, 1975
German occupation, 1955-1995
Guernsey Evening Press index, 1940-1945
Guernsey Star index, 1940-1945
Island guides, 1965-1993
Island histories, 1944-1958
Jersey occupation tapestry, 1995-1996
Scope and Content Note
Contains interactive CD-ROM

Julia Pascal play, Theresa, 1990
Merchant shipping, undated
Museum guides and pamphlets, Guernsey, undated
Museum guides and pamphlets, Jersey and Alderney, undated
Museum guides and pamphlets, Jersey and Alderney, undated
Museum souvenirs, Guernsey, undated
Museum souvenirs, Jersey, undated
Poetry, 1944-1946, 1978
Postal service pamphlets, undated
Red Cross S.S. Vega, 1996
Société Jersiaise, 1945-1946
Scope and Content Note
In English, French and German

Miscellaneous island books, 1994-1998

Audiovisual Materials, 1990, undated
Scope and Content Note
Contains an audio cassette documenting occupation experience and two VHS videocassettes, in PAL format, documenting life on the islands

Hitlers British Islands, Channel islands occupation experience, audio cassette, 1990
A living history: Channel islands occupied, VHS cassette, undated
Moving memories, 1915-1945, VHS cassette, undated
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