

GUERNSEY OCCUPIED 1940-45



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THE AFTERMATH

Clearing-up operations in the islands took many months.

All the German troops became prisoners of war. Mines, guns, ordnance, equipment and machinery used by the Germans were removed. Many local homes had to be repaired or rebuilt and the economy put on the road to recovery. Most of the concrete fortifications were too large to destroy and so were left and stand to this day as stark reminders of this dark chapter in the islands' history.

Those deportees who were repatriated during 1944 or liberated in 1945 from the internment camps were obliged to return to England. It was not until August 1945 that they were able to begin returning to their island homes.

Evacuees, who had spent the best part of 5 years in England, began returning to the islands in July 1945.

