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2101 Barry Mudie, Surrey; 2102 Ian MacRae, Guernsey; 2103 Jason Cronin, Jersey; 2104 Daniel Gayet, Jersey; 2105 Allan Jones, Kent; 2106 Nigel McGaw, Glamorgan;

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SECRETARY'S CLIPBOARD **by Gerald Marriner FRPSL**

This will be my last clipboard as I retired from the position of Secretary at the recent A.G.M. I am writing these notes shortly after the Society weekend in Jersey. This proved to be a very enjoyable and friendly weekend with a good attendance. The bourse and the room auction proved very popular. I enjoyed meeting some of our new members during this function. Advance notice – Our Society weekend in 2014 will be held at The Hallmark Hotel, Gloucester on 11 – 13 April. I have attended other philatelic conferences at this hotel and found it an excellent venue. So please make a note in your diary for our weekend next year. In 2015, our Society will be holding its weekend in Guernsey, details in a future Journal. I would like to see more of our members (YES YOU!!) attend our meetings. We have very friendly meetings and the displays shown are NOT 'high powered!' Our short room auctions also prove very popular.

****PLEASE NOTE** that the 28 September meeting will NOT be in London. David Morris is kindly organising the day meeting which will be held at the MAYFAIR HOTEL, Bath Road, BOURNEMOUTH. BH1 2NW. This hotel is situated near the Lansdowne and is close to both the railway and coach Stations. There is adequate parking on site. The meeting will begin at 11.00am. Coffee will be provided before the meeting. There will be no booking form for the meeting. Please just come along with some material to display. Should you wish to contact David Morris for more details, his email address is davidlytch@aol.com.

Advance notice – I have again arranged for an outside speaker to give a Social Philately display at the December meeting. The subject will be Scott of the Antarctic. The speaker will be Trevor Cornford.

Our London meetings at 41, Devonshire Place, close to Baker Street and Regents Park Underground Stations always commence from 10.30 a.m. (for an 11.00 a.m. start) until 5.00p.m. Location was shown on the map in the March 2007 Journal. There is free coffee and biscuits available on arrival.

Forthcoming meetings are –

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| 8 June 2013 | Society A.G.M. & Members displays. |
| 28 September 2013 | Mayfair Hotel, Bournemouth - Day meeting
Members General Displays – where covers
/items are postmarked with a date ending in a
'3', such as 1903. |
| 14 December 2013 | Social Philately – Morning - Members displays
Afternoon ' Scott of the Antarctic' T Cornford. |

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urgently needed for the Packets.**

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ANNUAL COMPETITION RESULTS

The February 2013 meeting incorporated the annual competitions. The Judge was Iain Stevenson FRPSL. The winners were -

Society Cup for Stamps Jon Aitchison
John Sussex Cup (Postal History) Ron Brown
Tom Green Cup (Occupation) Ron Brown
Society Plate for Locals Jon Aitchison
Ephemera Cup Jon Aitchison
Picton Phillips Cup Jon Aitchison
Postcards Dave Edwards
Best in Show Ron Brown
Congratulations to the winners

Weekend Meeting, Mayfair Hotel, Jersey 12th–14th April.

The meeting began on the Friday afternoon with a static postcard display by John Hirst. During the Friday evening there was the '3 sheets to tell a story' competition with 12 entries. Members attending voted for the winning presentation and Richard Flemming was the winner with his display relating to the wreck of the ship – the S.S. Ibex.

Saturday morning began with a successful Bourse where 12 members and dealers had tables. This was followed by a successful room only auction where there was some very spirited bidding. There was a free afternoon where members and their partners were able to explore the beautiful Island of Jersey. However a regional meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society London was also held for the first time in Jersey organised by John Triggs during the Saturday afternoon attended by Fellows, Members and guests of the Royal present. Some interesting displays were given.

Sunday morning displays began with **Jon Aitchison's** Gold Medal winning presentation of Guernsey Revenue stamps which included some unique proofs.

Ron Osborne displayed 19th Century postal history beginning with an 1816 entire from Flushing to Guernsey. There was an 1817 letter from Guernsey to Bordeaux with a 'COLONIES PAR St. MALO' handstamp. This was followed by an 1839 cover from Jersey to France with a 'PAYS D'OUTREMER' handstamp. Ron then displayed a wrapper from Jersey with a QV 1d black, followed by an 1848 letter from Jersey to Guernsey with a St. Aubin's boxed No 1 handstamp. There were two letters from Jersey to France dated 1853 and 1865. A GB QV 2d blue was shown on cover from Guernsey to London dated 1861. There was a fine 1870 item from Jersey to Australia sent at the 4d rate which was insufficiently paid and returned for two additional 1d stamps to be added. Mail to Hong Kong featured in the display – an 1859 8d rated cover from Guernsey. Ron then showed two QV 1¾d postal stationery cards dated 1878 sent from Jersey to France. There were two covers to S Africa in this display. The first showed a fine QV 6d on 6d lilac stamp on an 1883 cover cancelled with a Jersey squared circle addressed to Cape Town. The second cover had a QV 6d dull green stamp cancelled with a Guernsey duplex for 1885. Another cover was shown from the same year sent from Jersey to France at the 2½d rate. Registered mail also featured in this display beginning with a QV 2d registered postal stationery envelope uprated with a QV 2½d stamp mailed from Jersey in 1891. Overseas destinations were included in Ron's selection of registered mail. These included France (1894 and 1897), Belgium (1897) and Sierra Leone (1894). There was a newspaper wrapper sent in 1891 from Jersey to Germany. Ron displayed one postcard from Sark dated 1898. This was from the Bel Air Hotel and had a Sark

timestamp alongside a Guernsey squared circle cancel. Ron completed his display with a fine Boer War postal stationery envelope addressed to Guernsey (March 1902).

Mark Bailey displayed his latest acquisitions of C.I. QV postal history beginning with an 1823 letter from Guernsey to a wine merchant in Lisbon. with a Guernsey scroll. This was followed by a similar letter sent from Jersey to Oporto in 1836. This letter related to cargoes of fish. Mark then showed an 1892 postal stationery card from Mafeking to George Campbell in Jersey. There was a QV 2½d postal stationery envelope posted from Guernsey to a bank in Lyon, France. Mark completed his display with an 1898 postcard from Port Said, Egypt to Master V. Grantham in Guernsey who later became a founder member of the Guernsey Society.

Gerald Marriner began his display of Jersey hotel postcards with a scarce early photograph of P. Mc Allen's Elephant and Castle Hotel which was situated in the Weighbridge area of St Helier. This was followed by a 1938 registered cover posted from Spain during the Spanish Civil War addressed to the Grouville Hall Hotel in Jersey. There was a 1904 postcard of Broad St., St Helier showing the Temperance Hotel followed by a 1902 advertising cover from the Temperance Hotel addressed to America. A selection of postcards relating to the Terminus Hotel in St Aubin completed the display. These included an Allix card and an unusual photographic card showing the after affects of the major fire at St Aubin's station in 1936. This card showed the entrance to the Terminus Hotel lounge which was attached to the station.

Other displays were presented by:

Don Somerville	- World War I Channel Islands
David Horner	- Jersey – Early Postal History
Richard Flemming	- Boite Mobile Markings
John Hirst	- HMS Guernsey
Alan Norman	- Covers with special CISS postmarks.

Gerald Marriner FRPSL. Secretary

Forged enhancements to German Occupation envelopes

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Following from the above article on pages 7 and 8 in the March 2013, *Les Iles Normandes* Journal, **Derek Tomlin (C.I. Postal Bid Sales)** and **Bob Bartlett** wish it to be known that they have never knowingly sold or dealt with Channel Island Occupation forgeries.

Obituary – The Late T. Lewis Elliott

A very keen, diligent and tenacious philatelist and postal historian, long passionate over his Channel Island stamps and covers, Lewis died on the 27th January 2013 at the age of 84 years.

Lewis first joined the Society in 1973 and was awarded life membership in 1998.

Born in Willesden, Lewis was evacuated to Northampton during the war. He was called up for National Service in the Navy in 1947 and following this, he studied for a Law Degree whilst working in Local Government in Willesden. The family then moved to Gloucester and Torquay before



finally settling in Goring-by-Sea in 1963 when Lewis was appointed as Deputy Town Clerk to Worthing Borough, subsequently being elevated to the position of Chief Executive. Lewis also served as President of Worthing Law Society in 1977. He was always at ease with Royalty and the other V.I.Ps who came to Worthing.

In addition to his great interest and involvement in Channel Islands philately and postal history in which he acquired a deep knowledge, Lewis enjoyed music and bowls as well as digging back into Elliott family history. Always very helpful in the research of various facets of Channel Islands postal history he will be missed as an active contributor and attender of CISS meetings.

News of Members



Phil Kenton, FRPSL, featured on the right receiving his award of the ABPS 'Congress medal' in November last year from John Baron, Chair of the Executive Committee.

Jon Aitchison, FRPSL, has received a gold medal for his Channel Islands exhibit entitled '*Guernsey Insurance Stamps*' at February Stampex. The A.B.P.S. holds its national competitions at the event and this year concentrated on revenues and Cinderellas. Jon's display covered the rare and elusive 'Workman's Compensation', 'Accidents, Widows, Orphans and Old Age' and 'States Insurance Authority' revenue stamps of Guernsey. It included a range of die proofs and plate proofs from the Waterlow & Sons archive, many of which are not in any catalogue and have not been displayed before. This exhibit received 86 points in the Revenue Class.

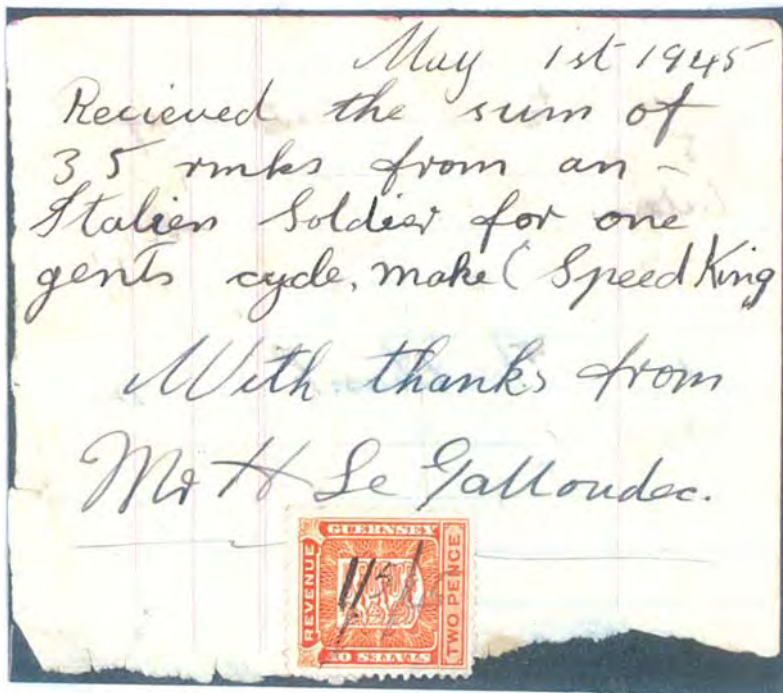


Jon also entered the Cinderella Class with an exhibit entitled '*The Isle of Man before postal independence, steps on a route to a postal identity*' which achieved 91 points and a large gold medal and was also awarded the trophy for 'best in show'. This exhibit included the rare Knockaloe First World War prisoner of war camp stamp, the original Kingston Lord and Speedie artwork for an aborted 1938 issue and the rare Government Rate overprints on Post Manninagh issue.

It is interesting to find Herm featured in a major Competition and Roger Van Laere of Belgium, who is not a member of this Society, also achieved a silver-bronze medal for his entry 'Postal History of Herm Island'.

An Italian mystery on Guernsey

by John Gilbert



Following the excellent articles on Italian correspondence by Ron Brown (Journals Vol.31, no.4 and Vol.32, no.1.) I am prompted to send this item and to comment that 35 rmk equates to £3.13.0 at that time.

Presumably the soldier was in uniform (or else had papers that identified him as Italian), but what was he doing on the Island eight days before the Liberation? Had we known his name, research may have given a clue as to his presence on the Island.

With the collapse of the Fascist Government and surrender of Italy in 1943, the Italians were held in contempt by the Germans. An Italian soldier on the Island – whatever the reason – surely would have been sent back to Italy, or even been incarcerated.....?

Can anyone throw any light on this please?

A Recent Occupation Acquisition

by Gerald Marriner FRPSL



I have recently acquired an unusual advertising / illustrated cover used during the Occupation period. I illustrate both the front and reverse. The cover was sent from a chemist in Jersey to Kodak in Paris via the German Feldpost in December 1941. It was posted at the standard 25pf letter rate. The stamps were cancelled with the standard Feldpost datestamp. The cover was not censored en route and received a Paris machine cancel on arrival. I have not seen this particular advertising envelope used during the Occupation period before. C.H. Cristin was a registered Kodak dealer in Jersey during the 1930's. He also published a series of Jersey

postcards. Note the fine illustration for Kodak films on the reverse side.

I would be interested to learn if any other members have a similar cover used during the Occupation.

An unrecorded registration label used at Cobo, Guernsey

by Guy Dandoy



This seems to be a new unrecorded registration label for **COBO** used in December 1963 and sits between the Types R4 and R5 on page 40 of David Gurney's book *The Postal History of the Guernsey Sub-Post Offices*.

The **R** is 11mm tall and slightly different to the others recorded for this office. The name **COBO** is in upper case letters between 3½ and 4mm in height. The **N** of **No** is 5mm tall.

Can any member report another example in their collections?

A previously unrecorded Sark Registration Label

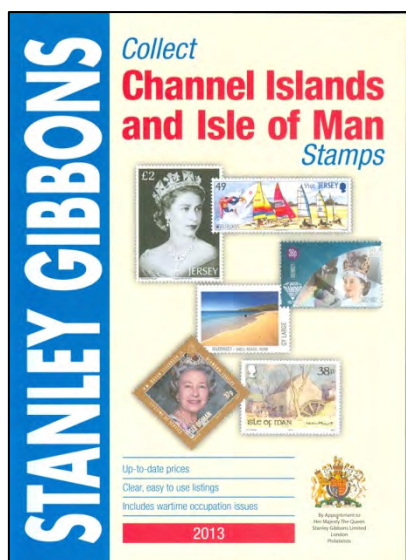
by Jon Aitchison FRPSL.

For some years I have had a Sark registration label, off cover, in my collection. Recently I realised that it is not listed in David Gurney's *The Post Office in the Smaller Channel Islands* (CISS, 1993). It appears to be a Mackay type 9A label, the same as the very rare first type of Herm registered label of which only one example is thought to have survived. They were introduced



in 1923 to Post Offices throughout the country. David states that they can be identified by the height of the R at 11mm, the N at 5mm, a large full stop and the thin vertical dividing line that does not reach the frame at the top or bottom. It would appear to fall into the sequence between the current SR2 and SR3 so should perhaps be referred to as SR2A. Please would Sark collectors check their covers and see if others exist that have escaped detection.

Collect Channel Islands and Isle of Man Stamps 2013 – A Review by David Gurney FRPSL.



This 28th soft cover bound combined edition continues the previous theme and contains another twelve pages reflecting all the new stamps, miniature sheets, booklets and sachets issued since the last edition of this popular handy sized catalogue.

It remains in full colour now including the Jersey Swastika overprints and has been brought up to date with the latest issues and upward revisions of some prices reflecting recent auction realisations, especially those for the errors of colour. Interestingly the 3rd Anniversary of the Liberation national issue of 1948 has shown a considerable

increase in the value of the 'broken' wheel variety. A few commemorative sets in the 1980s and 1990s have seen increases and many of the later booklets in all three Islands have been slightly increased. The 2011 Isle of Man Butterfly Collection and Royal Wedding mini-sheet/sheetlets have been considerably increased in values.

The full colour printing continues to provide an excellent presentation of these attractive stamps coupled with all the information available in one

place for printings, plate and cylinder numbers, designers etc. Printing errors and paper changes are priced and quantities given.

It is good to see that SG have again acknowledged the assistance of CISS member Ray Dixon of Canada for his assistance with a number of additions, amendments and corrections to this edition.

The additional pages this year have led to a slight price increase for this 360 page informative soft bound edition at £28.95 and this remains a 'must-have' for all collectors of the stamps of the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

Members Wants

Wolfgang Scharlipp of Flugsnapparevagen 7, 21833 Bunkeflostrand, Sweden is looking for commercially used letters and postcards with Herm and Jethou Europa stamps. His e-mail address is: schar@hum.ku.dk.

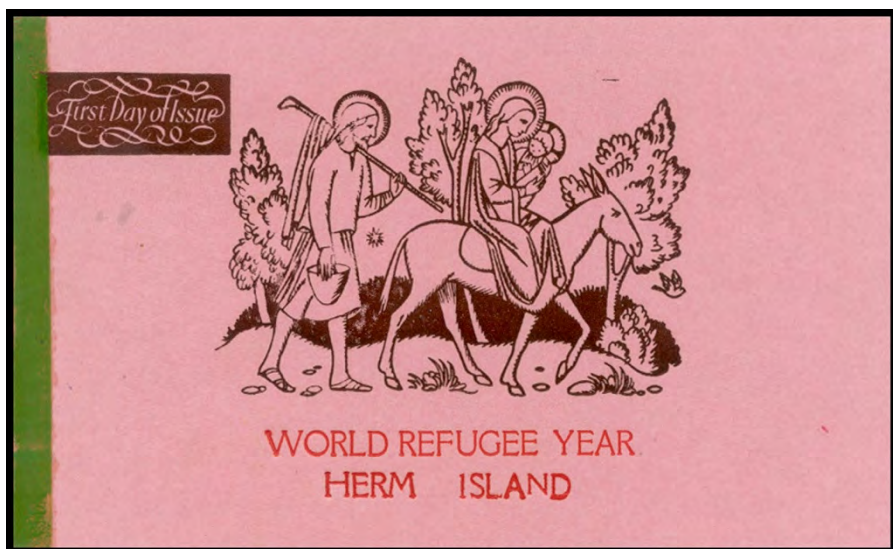
Leif Wongstedt of Strandvagen 17. 542 30 Mariestad. Sweden is searching for postcards from the Guernsey Dancesport Festival.

Herm Island 1960 World Refugee Year Presentation Folders.

by Michael R. Thompson

Since collecting Herm Island for many years, I have seen very few of the 1960 World Refugee Year Presentation Folders with the set of six, in two folders cancelled with the F.D.I. cancel. Each folder either has a) 4 Doubles, 6d and 1/6d values or b) 8 Doubles, 1½d and 3d values. I hope to publish a list of known folders with a) Colour of cover card, b) Colour of tape used to attach the cover to the stamp card and c) the combination of stamps inside the folder. If you have these in your collection, perhaps you could contact me with the details. acmrosh22@aol.com or via the Editor.

Please see next page for illustration.



Jersey Motor Transport Parcel stamps

by Jon Aitchison FRPSL.

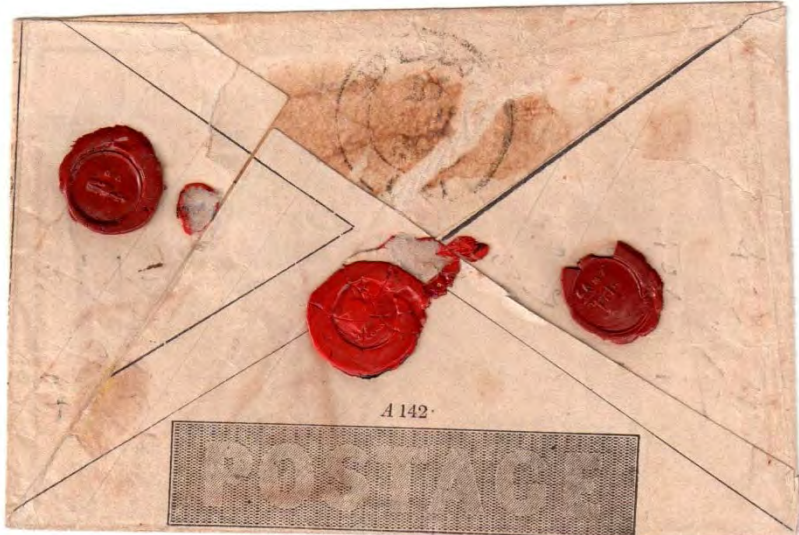
On 2nd April this year (2013), Jersey Post Office issued a set of six stamps on the subject of Jersey Motor Transport. This is the third series they have issued on historic passenger bus services of the Island. As well as carrying passengers, J.M.T. also operated a parcel delivery service, in common with the railways on Jersey at that time. Readers may be interested to see one of their parcel delivery stamps which is illustrated here. I suspect it was issued in the first few years after the company's launch in 1923, but cannot be certain. It is apparent from the number '6547' that the parcel service was widely used, as was the case with the railway parcel services, yet very few stamps for either can be found today. I believe this 6d stamp is in fact unique, in being the only one of any value to survive, but please prove me wrong. Does anyone else have any they can show?



Mulready envelope to Cherbourg from Jersey?



Gerald Marriner reported seeing this interesting Mulready envelope recently displayed at Solihull.



The displayer described it as addressed from Jersey to Cherbourg, France, posted on board ship and landed at Granville. Rare May date usage,

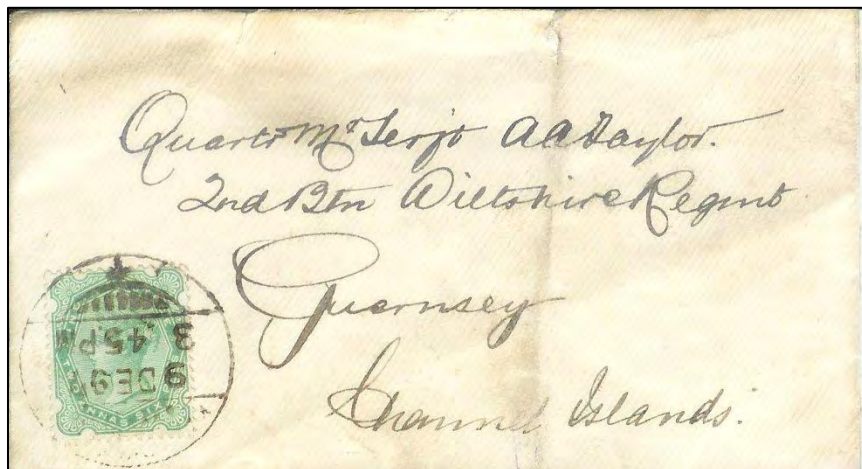
contrary to regulations, as the Britannia should have been cancelled by a red Maltese Cross. But is this correct in terms of the facts of the envelope?

The envelope is addressed to Miss Le Cocq, a Channel Island name, and bears a strike in red ink of the OUTRE-MER / GRANVILLE circular datestamp of 26 MAI 40 and it is rated 9 decimes in manuscript, possibly the inland French charge from Granville to Cherbourg. The envelope merely witnesses its arrival at Granville with the Outre-mer datestamp on the face. This mark is not necessarily evidence from where the letter may have originated as it is found on letters both from the Channel Islands as well as from many other places abroad.

The back shows an indistinct circular mark which could be a Cherbourg arrival stamp. There is no letter enclosed and thus no other evidence of its origin. So could it have been from Jersey or elsewhere? Does any member have a similar item into Granville in 1840?

The Wiltshire Regiment in the Channel Islands

by Richard Flemming



This envelope is dated 9th December 1897 and was addressed to Quartermaster Sergeant A.A. Taylor, 2nd Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment, Guernsey from India bearing a 2 annas and 6 pies stamp (SG104) with a part transit mark on the reverse.

Reviewing the records of the Wiltshire Regiment, Quartermaster Sergeant A.A. Taylor had been promoted to Captain Quartermaster by 1921. Following amalgamation of the 62nd and 99th Regiments into the Duke of Edinburgh (Wiltshire Regiment) in 1881, the regiment rotated through various posts in the British Empire. In 1897 the 99th /1st Wiltshire Regiment was in India having relieved the 99th /2nd Wiltshire Regiment there, who, after a brief respite at the le Marchant Barracks in Devizes, Wiltshire, arrived in Guernsey on the 10th September 1897 aboard the *SS Frederica* of the L and SWR Co. It seems as if 'A', 'C' and 'E' Companies were sent to Alderney on the 11th September aboard the *SS Frederica*. They were to remain there until 1st July 1898 when relieved by 'B', 'F', 'G' and 'H' Companies and returned to Guernsey. Over the next eighteen months the various Companies moved between Alderney, Guernsey and their barracks at Devizes until on the 16th December 1899, 18 officers, 142 corporals and 674 men of the 99th Regiment/ 2nd Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment embarked at Southampton and sailed to South Africa to join in the Boer War.

PAST JOURNALS and BULLETINS.

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membership@ciss1950.org.uk

An unusual 1946 censored postcard from Austria to Jersey

by Bob MacDonald



This postcard in my collection has a similar circular datestamp to Ron Brown's (See page 25 of the December Journal), but of 27mm diameter. I understand Gerald Marriner has a 1949 cover from Belgium to Jersey with a similar 30mm datestamp in violet which also bears a 'Non Reclamé / Unclaimed' handstamp in violet in a similar design and size to the violet 'Parti/ Gone Away.' on my above card.

'BRADSHAW' Red Cross Bureau advice cards used during the German Occupation of Guernsey by Ron Brown

During the German occupation of the Channel Islands the only means of communication between the Islands and mainland Britain was by means of the Red Cross Civilian Postal Message Scheme.

When Red Cross message forms arrived in Guernsey from Geneva they were handled by the newly formed Red Cross Bureau. The



Bureau sent a specially printed postcard to the addressee advising that a communication had been received and that the addressee should call at the Bureau's office to collect the message form and to make a reply.

These postcards are known as 'Bradshaw' advice cards and took their name from George A Bradshaw, the first supervisor of the Bureau, whose name appears at the foot of the card.

Guernsey Red Cross Message Bureau

Mr Stamford Raffles (related to Thomas Raffles of Singapore fame), who had been appointed the Information Officer of the Controlling Committee of Guernsey, called a meeting to create a Red Cross Message Bureau to receive, deal with and reply to messages received from Great Britain via Geneva. As a result of this meeting on 13 January 1941 an office was opened in Elizabeth College under the management of George Bradshaw assisted by Miss Leoni Trouteaud, a clerk from the States, and a team of young ladies.



Leoni Trouteaud and the young ladies of the Guernsey Red Cross Bureau.

Studio photograph taken in July 1943

Standing: L Penny, P Hudson, M Le Patourel, E Madell, P Cochran.

Sitting: B Le Tocq, Leonie D Trouteaud (in charge), V Luscombe.

Guernsey Red Cross Bureau Offices



Guernsey Red Cross Bureau Office at Elizabeth College 13 January to 6 July 1941.

Advice cards were only used in the Island of Guernsey for sixteen months from 14 January 1941 to 22 May 1942 after which the messages were posted direct to the recipient with precise instructions for making a reply. It is not certain that the advice cards were more than a bureaucratic measure as they were never used in Jersey and ceased to be used in Guernsey after only sixteen months with the increasing numbers of messages arriving.

During the period of use of the Bradshaw advice cards the address of the Guernsey Red Cross Bureau changed on several occasions with the new venues and dates of opening as follows:-

Elizabeth College	13 January 1941 to 6 July 1941
38 High Street	7 July 1941 to 27 November 1941
9-11 High Street	28 November 1941 to 17 December 1941
1 Market Street	18 December 1941 to 22 May 1942

How the new Red Cross Bureau functioned

On Thursday 23 January 1941, ten days after the opening of the Red Cross Bureau, an article was published headed ***'The International Red Cross, How the Local Department is Working'***. Part of the article reads: *'We would say at the outset that great credit is due to Mr Bradshaw for the efficiency with which he has created order and system out of what could*

easily have become chaos if not handled from the start with business acumen and an appreciation of the work which is likely to accrue in the future From the moment a “batch” of enquiries is received until the final entry is made on the card-index relating to each individual enquiry, the peregrinations [journeys] of individual forms are confined to a strict rotation from which none is allowed to depart. From one clerk to another the original form is passed; particulars are noted, and the card of notification [Bradshaw card] is filled in and posted; then the index has another name inscribed in its alphabetical position, and the arrival of the lucky recipient of the message is then awaited for the final completion of the form itself. But this period is not one of relaxation for the staff as will be realised when it is stated that over 1,000 enquiries arrived in the first “batch” and others have followed at frequent intervals since. We were informed, too, that each “batch” must be complete before it is returned. In other words, the whole of those 1,000 and more enquiries must have received an answer before any of them can be despatched. Therefore it should be realised by recipients of cards that delay on their part in sending a reply will hold up other people who are desirous of notifying their friends and relatives of their well-being.

DO NOT DELAY

Once again we are asked to stress the urgency of responding to the official notification. Do not delay. When a card arrives make a point of preparing an answer and taking it to Elizabeth College at the very earliest opportunity. Nothing is gained by delay and as will be seen from the foregoing, unintentional harm may be done to others by neglecting this advice.

OTHER POINTS

Other points which we have also been asked to reiterate are that persons visiting the Department must bring their official notification card with them and, unless in cases of absolute incapacity, such as anyone who is confined to the house by doctor’s orders, persons are requested not to ‘phone for information.

Over 150 applicants were dealt with personally in one day this week, and it will be seen therefore that the clerical staff is fully occupied and cannot spare the time to answer telephone calls.

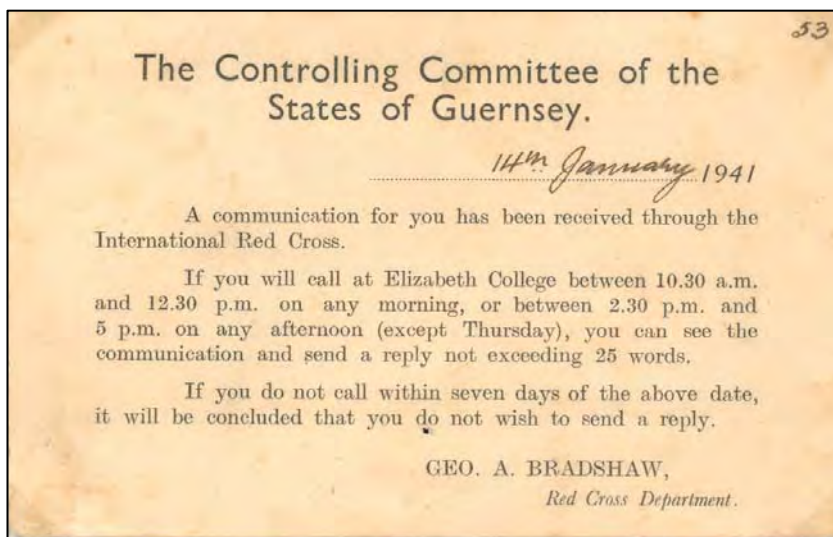
Finally, when once an application is attended to and a reply sent it is of no use to visit the Department with any request for further information. The actual form received is completed and returned by the official in charge,

therefore it will be obvious that they cannot refer to it again even if they had time in which to do so.

Here then is a case where the public can help the authorities to help them. Do not delay on receipt of a notification but take your reply with you to Elizabeth College. Mr Bradshaw and his staff are busy men; we hope, in the interest of all islanders that they will be even busier, but we trust that it will not be through the dilatoriness of the islanders themselves'.

**Elizabeth College, St Peter Port, 13 January 1941 to 6 July 1941
The Guernsey Red Cross Bureau was opened in Elizabeth College on 13 January 1941**

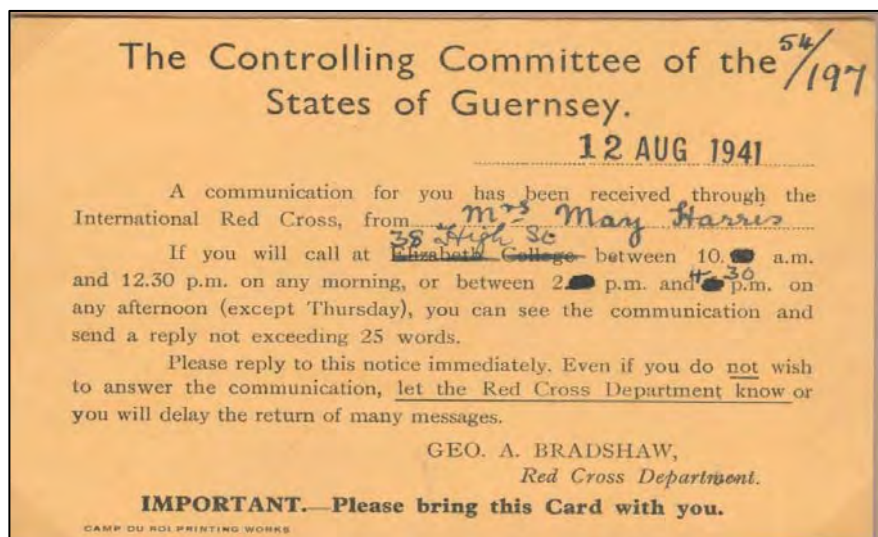
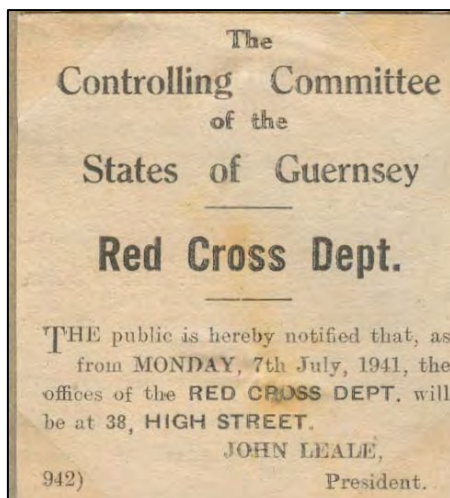
Shown below is the earliest known example of a 'Bradshaw' advice card dated 14 January 1941, the same day as details for sending the cards were announced in the Guernsey Star.



The Guernsey Red Cross Bureau had four addresses during the sixteen months that Bradshaw cards were used, the first being Elizabeth College. The following are cards sent from the other three office addresses.

**38, High Street, St Peter Port,
7 July 1941 to 27 November
1941.**

A Notice of transfer of the Red Cross office to 38, High Street appeared in the Evening Press on Monday 7th July 1941.



When the office moved from Elizabeth College to 38, High Street, existing stocks of cards printed Elizabeth College were used with the address altered in manuscript. Cards were reprinted shown below with the new address 38, High Street, and the opening times altered.

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The Controlling Committee of the States of Guernsey.

29 AUG 1941

A communication for you has been received through the International Red Cross, from Howard Le Page

If you will call at 38, High Street, between 10 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. on any morning, or between 2 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. on any afternoon (except Thursday), you can see the communication and send a reply not exceeding 25 words.

Please reply to this notice immediately. Even if you do not wish to answer the communication, let the Red Cross Department know or you will delay the return of many messages.

GEO. A. BRADSHAW,
Red Cross Department.

IMPORTANT.—Please bring this Card with you.

CAMP DU ROI PRINTING WORKS

9-11, High Street, St Peter Port, 28
November 1941 to
17 December 1941.

RED CROSS DEPT. MOVING

As from next Friday, the Red Cross Bureau business will be transacted at the premises of Messrs. Creasey and Son, Ltd., High-street. Further particulars will be found in the official announcement.

RED CROSS BUREAU

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

On and after Friday, November 28th, all Red Cross Messages will be dealt with at

Creasey and Son, Ltd., 9-11 High Street

Office Hours: 10—1, 2—4
Thursdays: 10—1 only.

JOHN LEALE,
President,

The Controlling Committee of
the States of Guernsey.

Notice of transfer of the Red Cross office to 9-11, High Street first appeared in the Evening Press of Friday November 21, 1941.

79/576

**The Controlling Committee of the
States of Guernsey.**

8 DEC 1941

A communication for you has been received through the
International Red Cross, from M^r D. Le Page

If you will call at 9, High Street, between 10 a.m. and
12.30 p.m. on any morning, or between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on any
afternoon (except Thursday), you can see the communication and send
a reply not exceeding 25 words.

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GEO. A. BRADSHAW,
Red Cross Department.

IMPORTANT.—Please bring this Card with you.

CAMP DU ROI PRINTING WORKS

The office moved to 9-11, High Street, on November 28th, 1941 with the existing stocks printed 38, High Street altered in manuscript to 9, High Street, as shown above.

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**The Controlling Committee of the
States of Guernsey.**

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12 DEC 1941

A communication for you has been received through the
International Red Cross, from Miss A. Landon

If you will call at 9-11, High Street, between 10 a.m. and
1 p.m. on any morning, or between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on any
afternoon (except Thursday), you can see the communication and send
a reply not exceeding 25 words.

Please reply to this notice immediately. Even if you do not wish
to answer the communication, let the Red Cross Department know or
you will delay the return of many messages.

GEO. A. BRADSHAW,
Red Cross Department.

IMPORTANT.—Please bring this Card with you.

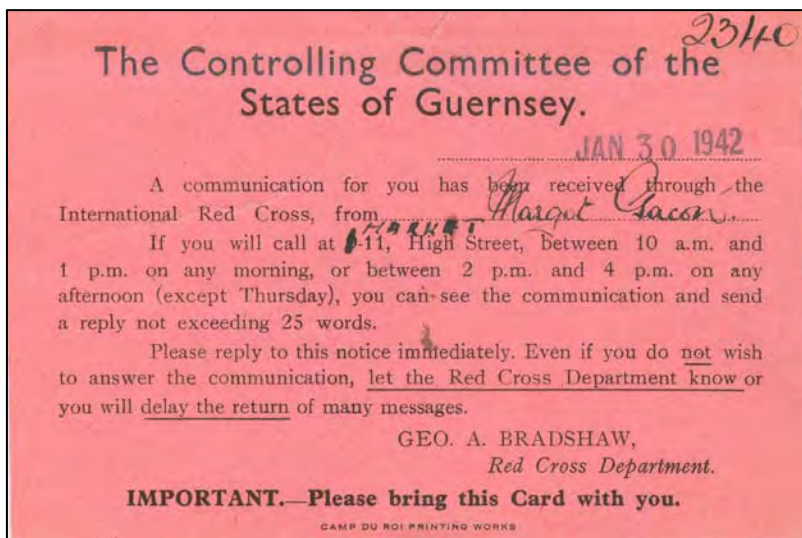
CAMP DU ROI PRINTING WORKS

Similar card, but on a greyish green colour card and reprinted with the

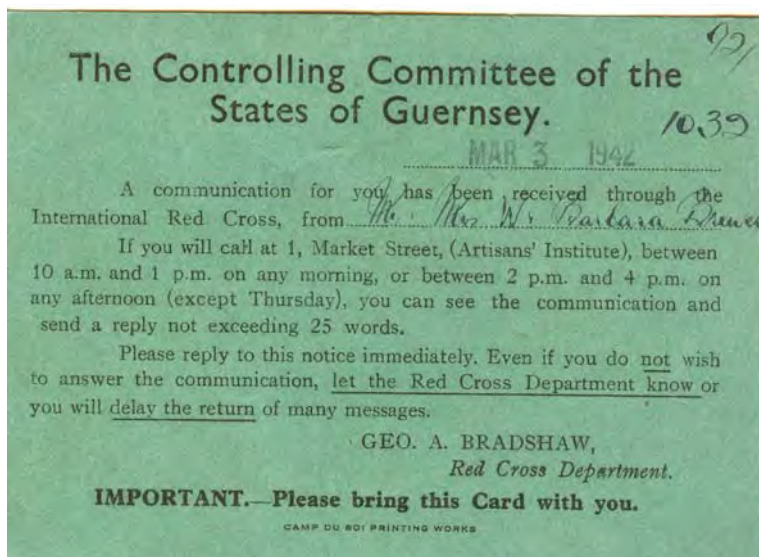
correct address 9-11, High Street, and earlier closing time of 4pm.

**1, Market Street, St Peter
Port 18 December 1941
to 22 May 1942**

Notice of the move of the Red Cross Bureau to 1, Market Street was published in the Evening Press on Tuesday December 16, 1941.



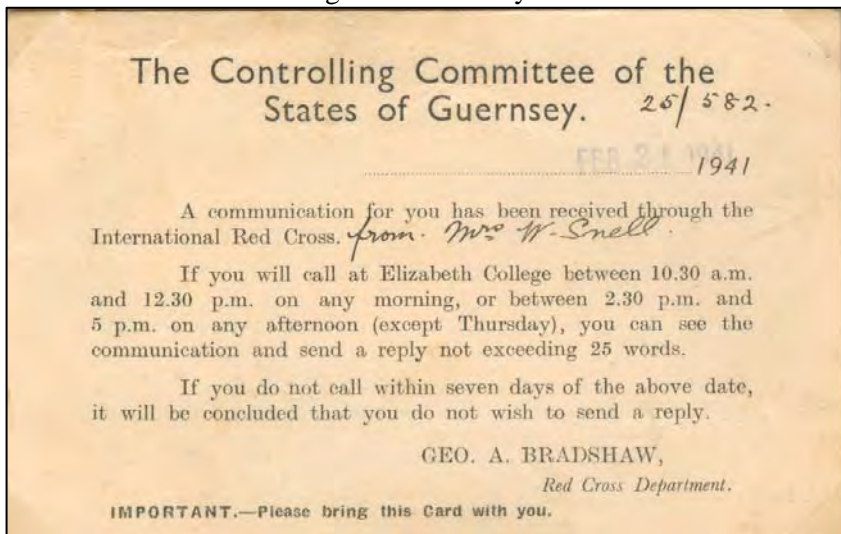
The Bureau finally moved for the last time to 1, Market Street on 18 December 1941 with the existing cards printed 9-11, High Street, altered in manuscript to 1 Market Street.



Cards were reprinted with the new address 1, Market Street, (Artisans' Institute).

First revised printing

The first major change to the printing occurred within the first month when 'IMPORTANT. – Please bring this card with you.' was added. This was no



doubt added to make the job of the Bureau's staff easier when producing a message form on request as both the advice card and message form had the same batch and message numbers.

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The Controlling Committee of the
States of Guernsey.

28 MAR 1941

Two A communication^{re} for you has been received through the
International Red Cross, from *Miss Robin*

If you will call at Elizabeth College between 10.30 a.m.
and 12.30 p.m. on any morning, or between 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on
any afternoon (except Thursday), you can see the communication and
send a reply not exceeding 25 words.

If you do not call within seven days of the above date, it
will be concluded that you do not wish to send a reply.

GEO. A. BRADSHAW,
Red Cross Department.

IMPORTANT.—Please bring this Card with you.

A subsequent advice card was printed which is very similar, but has larger and heavier type and the year date of 1941 is no longer incorporated with its italic type.

Second revised printing

The second major change to the printing of the advice card occurred within three months in the first week in April 1941 when 'CAMP DU ROI PRINTING WORKS' was added and was on all cards until the end of their use on 22 May 1942.

35/1650

The Controlling Committee of the States of Guernsey.

APR 4 1941

A communication for you has been received through the
International Red Cross, from W. Brewer

If you will call at Elizabeth College between 10.30 a.m.
and 12.30 p.m. on any morning, or between 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on
any afternoon (except Thursday), you can see the communication and
send a reply not exceeding 25 words.

If you do not call within seven days of the above date, it
will be concluded that you do not wish to send a reply.

GEO. A. BRADSHAW,
Red Cross Department.

IMPORTANT.—Please bring this Card with you.

CAMP DU ROI PRINTING WORKS

From November 1941 the printing of **CAMP DU ROI PRINTING WORKS** was in the centre of the cards.

76/967

The Controlling Committee of the States of Guernsey.

A communication for you has been received through the
International Red Cross, from Mm H Ogley

If you will call at 9, High Street, between 10 a.m. and
12.30 p.m. on any morning, or between 2 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. on any
afternoon (except Thursday), you can see the communication and send
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GEO. A. BRADSHAW,
Red Cross Department.

IMPORTANT.—Please bring this Card with you.

CAMP DU ROI PRINTING WORKS

Standard white postcards



The early printings of 'Bradshaw' advice cards were made on standard white or off-white postcards measuring approximately 139 x 38mm.

At first 'Bradshaw' advice cards were placed in envelopes and therefore the cards did not carry the name and address of the addressee.

All 'Bradshaw' advice cards were sent through the post free of any postal charge, but were cancelled by the then current datestamp.

Later cards were not enclosed in envelopes and thus had the address details included and were sent directly to the addressee.



(To be continued in the September Journal)

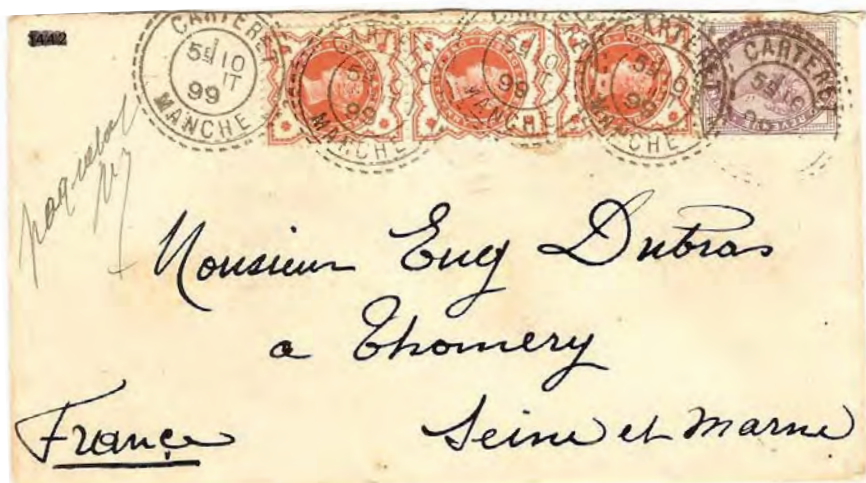
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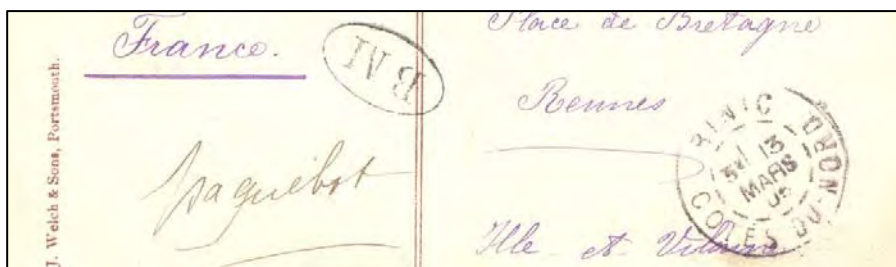
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An unknown manuscript *paquebot* endorsement

Our member in St Malo, Henri Chartier, has this cover from the Channel Islands addressed to Thomery, France and carried by boat, probably posted on board and passed to the Carteret Post Office on arrival. Here the British



stamps were cancelled on the 5th October 1899. and the letter put into the French internal mail system. Henri states that this is the first time in fifty years of collecting that he has come across such a rare item. Can any member report a similar example on mails via Carteret?



Other later examples of a manuscript *paquebot* are recorded on postcards from Guernsey to Rennes which passed through Binic in 1905 and 1907. – Ed.



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A most unusual Guernsey stamp marking

by the Late Harold Gough



I received this stamp in the mail and noticing the curious vertical lines sent it to Simon Coombe at the Guernsey Post Office for comment.

I received a reply from Chris Jackson, Philatelic Bureau Manager, in March 1991 who said -

“After investigation I can confirm that these were not printed on it during the production of the stamp, nor by the Post Office, i.e., by cancellation. It would appear that they were put on after printing as the ink has soaked into the perforation.

However, by whom and for what reason remains a mystery. It would seem that the lines were put on the stamp prior to posting and that it passed through the system unnoticed.

It therefore does not appear to be as thought a posting error – rather an attempt to obliterate the stamp for an unknown reason.

Thank you for supplying this stamp and allowing me to attempt to identify the origin of the markings. You just never know when you have got something of a rarity and of great value.”

Can any member report a similar example?

An interesting German Order – Jersey Evening Post 25th June 1942
A 1942 Order of the Feldkommandant in Jersey.

ORDER

On an attempted flight from the Channel Islands, photographs of military objects were found in the possession of the fugitives.

It has therefore been decreed by a Higher Command, on grounds of military security, that photographic apparatus of all kinds—cameras, film cameras and enlargers, together with all unused films, plates and photographic paper, and all chemicals used in photography, which are in possession of any of the civil population of the Channel Islands, shall be taken into the custody of the Military Authorities.

Cameras and material belonging to German nationals, including nationals of those States which are Allies of Germany, are exempted. Further, an exception is also made in regard to those firms entrusted by the Civil Authorities with the taking of photographs for the Registration and Identification of Persons (Jersey) Order, 1940, until such time as their task is ended.

Any person in possession of any of the above-named articles, even if the same are only entrusted to their care, is obliged to deliver them up. Any person who knows of the existence of such material in the hands of another is bound to report the same.

The delivery is to take place not later than 11.7.1942, in accordance with the special notice which will be issued.

The articles concerned must be securely, packed with label attached thereto, upon which the name and address of the owner is written, together with a list of the contents. Photographic apparatus and photographic material must be packed separately. The apparatus concerned will be returned to their owners when the military necessity has ceased to exist. On the other hand, photographic material will be acquired by the Civil Authorities after valuation on a wholesale price basis inasmuch as, owing to its perishable nature, such material cannot be preserved.

Any contravention of the above Order will be punished according to the penalties prescribed by the Order VO. of 10.9.1940 in conjunction with Par. 1 of VO. of 23.8.1940, VOBIf. p. 72 and 86, with imprisonment up to a period of six weeks and a fine amounting to not more than 30,000 RM.

The confiscation of the articles concerned can be ordered in addition to or independently of the above penalties.

The regulations of the VO. of 16.9.1941, concerning the taking of photographs outside enclosed premises (VOBIf. p. 96) remain in force.

Der Feldkommandant,

I.V. (Signed) HEIDER,

Hauptmann,

Jersey, June 25th, 1942

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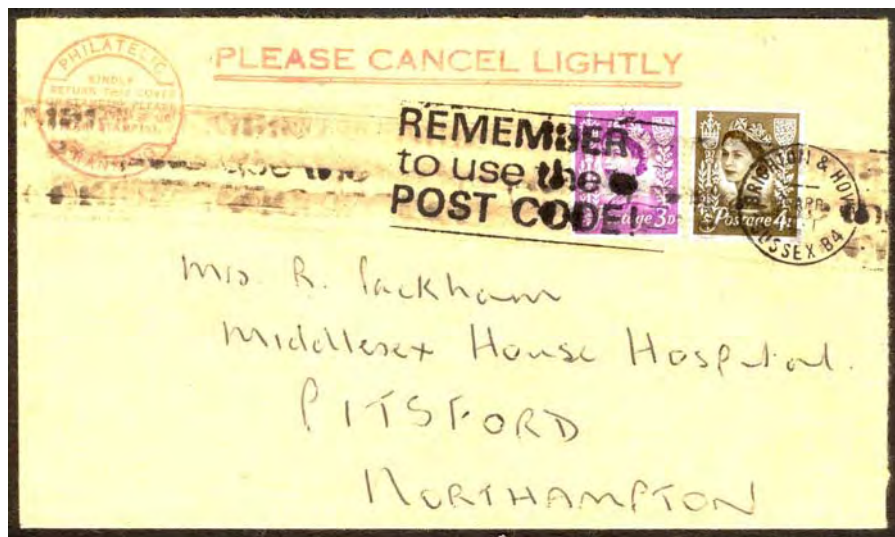
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Why Bother?!!!

by Jon Aitchison FRPSL



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