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EDITORIAL

In wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous, healthy and good collecting New Year, I hope you may find the selection of articles etc in this edition provides some good Christmas reading.

This edition includes another interesting range of shorter articles on various subjects coupled with the commencement of Michael Wieneke's important study of German Censorship during the years of German military occupation of the Channel Islands.

Please see if you can put together some entries for the Society Competitions which always provide a good range of displays on the day.

SECRETARY'S CLIPBOARD

by Richard Flemming

By the time you read this edition of *Les Iles Normandes* the dark nights will be upon us so that will give you all plenty of time to prepare your entries for the Society's Competition day to be held on Saturday, 14th February 2015.

For those of you who were unable to attend the Wakefield meeting, kindly arranged by David Horner, I am pleased to say that the day went off very well and it was a pleasure to meet so many members who are unable to travel south to London for the meetings we hold at the Royal.

Do not forget the Members' Meeting that will be held at the RPSL, 41 Devonshire Place, London on Saturday, 13th December @ 10.30. The theme for the day is December dates, Christmas issues, etc. so be inventive.

John Triggs has informed me that he has arranged a tour of the Guernsey Postal Headquarters and Philatelic Bureau on the morning of Friday, 24th April 2015, so if you are planning to attend the Members' Weekend in Guernsey and you are on the Island Friday morning and would like to visit the Bureau then contact John Triggs direct at jtriggs@cwgsy.net or telephone John on **01481 725847** as he needs to know numbers who wish to attend.

Unless listed as different, all CISS meetings are held at the RPSL, 41 Devonshire Place, Marylebone, London with coffee, tea and biscuits served at 10.30 (for an 11am start).

Meetings usually finish at 5pm.

Forthcoming meetings:

14 February 2015	Member's Annual Competition Day
11 July 2015	Annual General Meeting
19 September 2015	Venue to be confirmed
5 December 2015	Member's meeting

May I wish you all a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

2015 Weekend meeting at the Peninsula Hotel, Guernsey Friday 24th April - Sunday 26th April.

Arrangements have been concluded with Guernsey Post for members to participate in a morning tour of Guernsey Postal Headquarters and Philatelic Bureau on Friday morning 24th April 2015. If you wish to go to this please contact John Triggs at 'Sunnyside. La Gibauderie, St Peter Port, GUERNSEY. GY1 1XF' or by email to: jtriggs@cwgsy.net or telephone John on 01481 725847.

On the afternoon of Friday 24th April there will be a half day Regional Meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society London to be held from 1.30pm till 4.30pm. Fellows, Members and non-members are welcome. Would those planning to attend this meeting please let John know and if they intend to display, also provide John with details of their subject and the number of sheets they wish to show.

Please also remember to return your Weekend Booking Form enclosed with the September Journal to Gerald Marriner 3, Barfoot Close, Fleckney. Leicester. LE8 8TD.

Regional Meeting Report held at Wakefield 20th September 2014 by Richard Flemming

Twenty-four members and guests attended the Regional Meeting held at the York House Hotel, Wakefield. Apart from the usual faces who attend regional meetings, it was nice to see so many CISS members present who do not usually attend Society meetings held in London.

CISS President, Alan Moorcroft, formally opened the meeting and thanked David Horner for his hard work in preparing the event. The meeting then commenced with members' displays, each with a theme covering the letters 'C' and 'D'. John Hirst was the first member to display and John's four frame display was based on Channel Islands churches and concluded with the Durrell Wildlife Park (formerly Jersey Zoo). Remaining with postcards,

Moirra Edwards maintained the 'C/D' theme with a fine collection of Cats and Dogs postcards. Gerald Marriner's display included two frames of Jersey hotels, with each hotel name beginning with either 'C' or 'D' including the Chalet Hotel at Pontac, the Chalet Hotel at Corbiere, the Chelsea Boarding House, including two fine 1926 and 1927 New Year's Day postcards. There were also items from the Craig Tara Tearooms, Corbiere Pavilion Hotel and the Demi des Pas Hotel. Gerald also showed some fine Occupation material based on the communication between Vivian Mylne, her family and friend, Patient Webb, whilst Vivian was a prisoner, first in Gloucester Street Prison, Jersey and later whilst held at Troyes Prison in France. The last display before lunch was Bob McDonald's display relating to mail that went backwards and forwards from Jersey to the French port of Carteret including postcards showing two of the ships that sailed during the summer to Carteret, namely the "Torbay Belle" and the "Gygne". Items included GB stamps that were cancelled with the Carteret datestamp and Paquebot handstamp. Bob also showed a very interesting letter from the German authorities asking the Constable of St. Brelade for information as to whether a certain Alfred Gordon was a Jew or not. Fortunately, as it turned out, Alfred was not a Jew.

Following lunch Gerald Marriner held a 60+ lot room auction which saw many of the lots sold and in total raising more than £520.

Following the auction Richard Flemming showed 20 sheets including an entire bearing the COL. PAR CHERBOURG handstamp, COLONIES PAR GRANVILLE in red, COLONIES PAR/CHERBOURG and COLONIES PAR/ST MALO. To conclude his display, Richard showed duplex datestamps of both Jersey and Guernsey.

Gavin Wood showed two frames of the Ian Griggs study "The 1942 Jersey ½d Arms Stamp: A Plating Study" which included many of the various varieties seen on the ½d Jersey Arms stamp so one can place each of the stamps within the complete sheet.

Finally, our host for the day, David Horner showed four frames of material, all having the letter 'C' or 'D' within the addressee's name, the item's destination or the duplex handstamp applied. Items included mail from the Cape of Good Hope and Canada.

COMPETITION DAY 14th February 2015 by Gavin Wood

It's that time again for a gentle reminder as the nights have now drawn in - Competition Day will be here again. We have a reduced number of Competitions this year as follows:

Society Cup for Stamps.

Sussex Cup for Postal History and Postal Markings.

Tom Green Cup for Occupation Postal History and Markings.

Society Cup for Postcards.

Ephemera Cup

Absent members can now enter any of the above, so if you have 16 sheets that can tell a story, **then why not have a go!**

The Competition Rules were published as a loose insert with *Les Iles Normandes* Vol. 31 No.4 of December 2012 and are also to be found on the website which shows the new ABPS marking system. If you need a hardcopy, please contact me, Gavin Wood, address on the inside front cover page of this Journal.

NEW - A Catalogue of Jersey Postcards *published by Levy Sons & Co., Paris.* – See Review on page 20.

Just published by Bob Mallet and priced at £27.50 plus postage and available from LCM Books, Le Caumais, Rue de Beauvoir, St Saviour, Jersey. JE2 7SN or email: bob@jerseyLLcards.co.uk

With high postage costs Bob will bring copies to the Guernsey Weekend meeting and Dave Edwards will have his copy at the December and February meetings and will take any orders. Bob will have copies for sale at the Shepton Mallet postcard fair at the Bath and West showground, BA4 6QN on Feb 20th/21st 2015 and at the York postcard Fair at York Racecourse YO23 1EX on the 10th and 11th of April 2015.

Local Censorship in the Channel Islands during the German Occupation by Michael Wieneke

Any collector of Postal History from the Second World War is familiar with the markings of the civilian censorship of the German “ABP” (Auslandsbrief-Prüfstellen). Their censor-markings cause little problem in finding the relevant censor-offices and their marks as there is sufficient literature available both in Germany and in the United Kingdom such as the “Riemer-Handbook”. The censor markings of the German Feldpost again are no longer the “Big Miracle”, because they are well described in the German “Michel-Feldpost Katalog”. But there is something else! Besides these well known markings one will find others and these markings are much harder to decipher and to explain. This type of censorship of mails we call “Lokale Zensur” (Local Censorship) and this form of censorship we will find on our Channel Islands mails too.

To explain this “Local Censorship” we first have to work out the differences between the censorship of the ABP and Feldpost-censorship and the local ones.

The “big” censor-offices – like ABP and Fieldpost – had to look at the mails under strategic aspects to collect information like:

- mood of the population inside Germany and the occupied territories (still believing in the “Endsieg”, tiredness concerning the war),
- the economic situation in the foreign countries (enemy and friendly neutrals),
- military aspects mentioned in the letters,
- possible betrayals and possible traitors.

They had to collect and evaluate these aspects and report the results in special reports to the highest political and military leadership, to draw the necessary conclusions and to take the necessary steps against.

In the occupied territories the “Kommandanturen” (Orts-, Feld-, Oberfeld-kommandatur) were the responsible authorities for the civilian administration under the laws of war. These organisation/units had a somewhat different style of interest, it was more one of the “tactical” side, saying local side. They wanted to know:

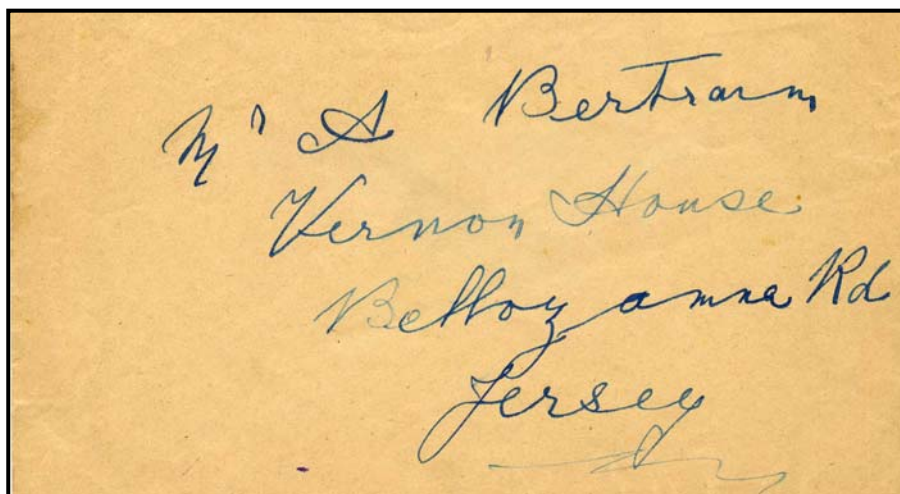
- how is the mood of the local people concerning the occupiers,
- is there the risk of a local resistance or resistance-group.

- who could belong to a local resistance and is willing to commit sabotage,
- who is active in the “Black Market” and with which type of activity,
- who is involved in “unwanted” contact with the occupying forces and their soldiers,
- who could transfer secret military information to resistance units or the enemy,
- who is involved in helping escaped POWs or shot-down airforce-men to escape into “safe houses” or to Spain.

To work out this information effectively, any Kommandantur had a special officer, called “I c – Offizier “. These I c-officers, or correctly called “3. Officer of staff” (3. Generalstabsoffizier) were trained in Intelligence-matters and responsible for “Counter Espionage” in the area of their Kommandantur. It was this type of officer that was the one who was entitled to administer the local censorship.

The Channel Islands, due to its special situation (geographical situation, the only British Territory occupied by German troops, the erection of heavy defence buildings, important shipping traffic in the Gulf of St. Malo), of course this was really a very dangerous place from the German point of view. This situation really forced a local censorship of mails!

Early Censor-markings:





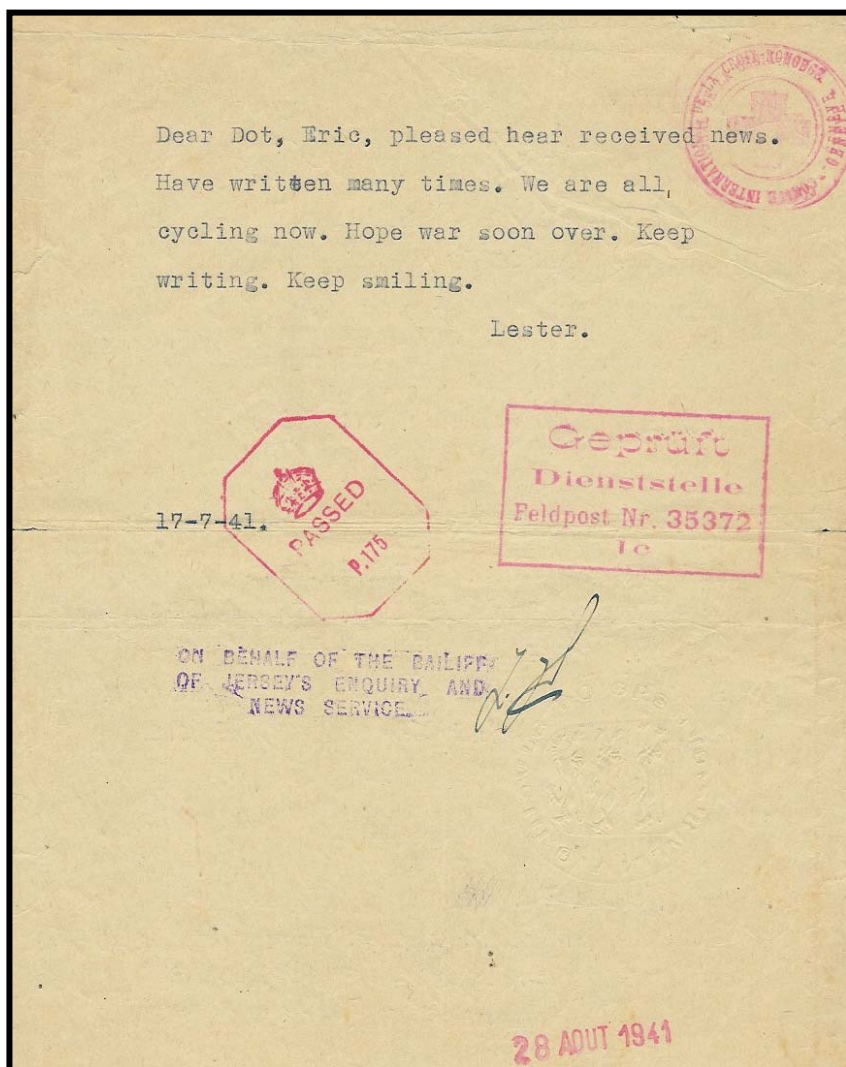
Censorship by Inselkommandant

The first proof of a local censorship by the Germans we will find on a civilian cover addressed to Jersey. The cover did not bear any postal markings, but was opened and re-sealed by a blank piece of paper tied by a three line-canceller “Dienststelle/Inselkommandant/Jersey” and a handwritten “Geöffnet” (Opened).

Because of the lack of any postal marking, it is hard to date this item, but we have to assume it was prior to the 1st August 1940, because Feldkommandantur 515 took over civilian administration from the Inselkommandant with effect from the 8th August 1940. This type of censor-marking we will find again on a cover once mentioned by the Late Bill Newport in his 1970 Heineman book. This marking we now find on a cover brought into Jersey by the fisherman Joe le Clerque (in those days a pilot for the Germans on the ship “Adolfe le Prince”) which he had presented to the Inselkommandantur.

Censorship done by Feldkommandantur 515:

The “I c-Officer” of FK 515 (Fp Nr. 35372) commenced the censorship of civilian mail in August 1940. His main task was the control of Red Cross messages. Because of the numerous messages to check, he used a special framed four-line-cachet reading “Geprüft/Dienststelle/Feldpost Nr. 35372/I c”. This censor mark was always struck on the back of a message in red ink, i.e. outward bound messages. These quite scarce markings are known in the period from May to September 1941.

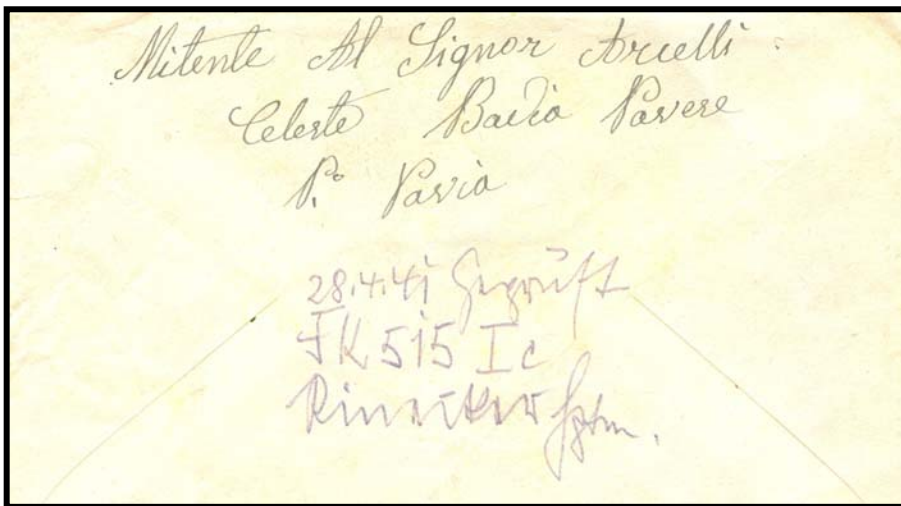


Red Cross message with censor mark of the “I c-Officer”

I also think I have seen this censor mark on a Red Cross message showing Fp Nr. 20096 C (the new Fp Nr. of FK 515 since May 1941), but unfortunately I can't remember where and when and I also do not have a copy of that message in my archives. Because of this, I do not have secure

proof of the existence of such a censor mark. To “complete” this problem we have to think about the fact that the cachet reading “Feldpost Nr. 35372” was used as censor mark on foreign mails in April 1943!

During April and May 1941 we can also find a handwritten censor mark on foreign mail to the C.I. which was previously censored by one of the ABP! These handwritten censors are three-line and read “Date/Geprüft/FK 515/I c” followed by the signature of the officer and his rank. This type of censor mark was presented to us by Ron Brown with his article concerning the correspondence of the Italian waiter ETTORE ARCELLI, once working in hotels in Jersey (Les Iles Normandes, Vol. 31, No. 4, p 19). Ron Brown decyphered the signature as “Rimmer, Hauptmann”, and because of this we now seem to know the name of that special “I c-officer”. The signature unfortunately is only on first glance definite. If you enlarge the picture, one is also able to read “Rimiker” or “Rinecker”. We can only hope to find files in the archives, giving a definite answer.

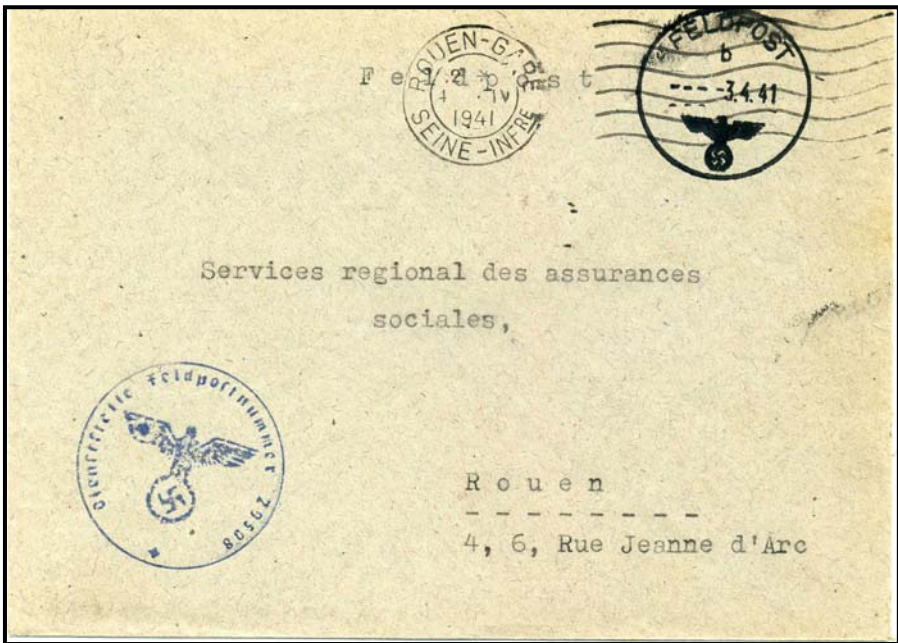


**Ettore Arcelli-cover with handwritten censor
marking of “I c-Officer” in Jersey**

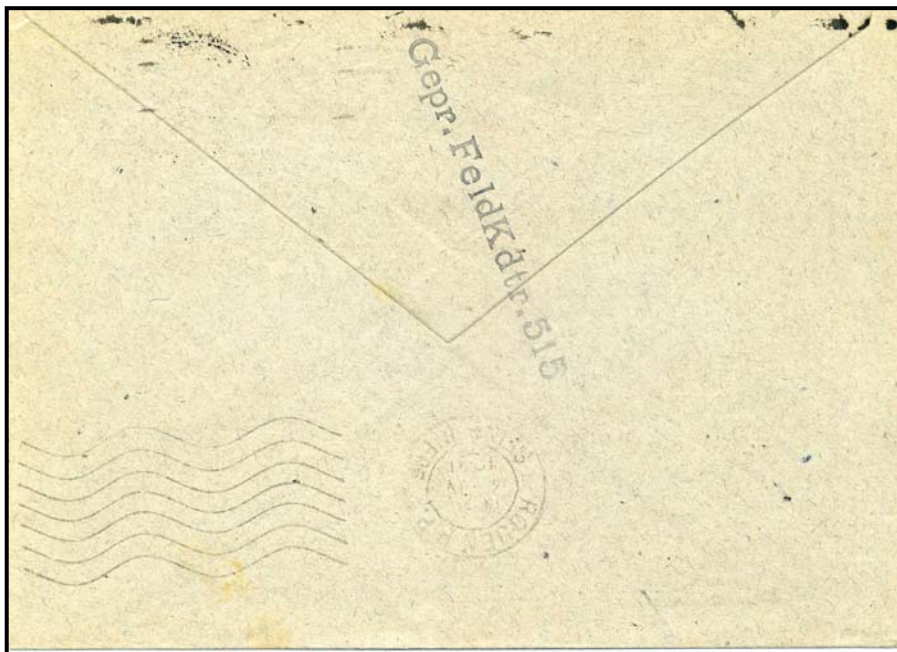
At nearly the same time as the use of the framed censor mark and the handwritten one, we can find another censor mark of FK 515! This one is a single-line canceller reading “Gepr. FeldKdtr. 515” struck in black ink. The next surprise is the type of mail where we find this censor mark. These

mails are of a military nature, from offices/units showing a fieldpostnumber!!!

This censor mark is to be found on mail between April and July 1941. All the covers known with this censor mark are addressed "*Directeur des Services Regional des Assurances Sociales*" in Rouen/France.

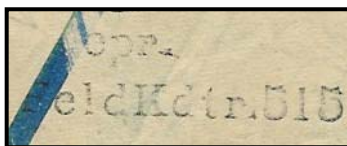


Because the addressee was a social insurance office, we may assume that the contents of the letters were concerning matters of the social insurance of employees in the C.I. Most likely these things will show us the reasons to censor such mails.



Letter of military unit with FK 515-censor

A nearly identical censor mark, but a two line one, reading “Gepr./FeldKdtr. 515” we can find in June 1943 on incoming mail from Spain addressed to a Spanish worker (Louis Aller Alvarez-correspondence) working for the Organisation Todt. This forced worker was working on Guernsey and on Alderney and used the address “P.O.Box 190 St. Malo”.



Censor mark on back of Aller-cover on next page.



Aller-cover

With a cover from Dieppe/France, dated the 8th April 1943, addressed to Jersey, we once again find the well known “Frame Censor” of the Jersey “I c-officer”. We have to note that FK 515 used the FpNr. 20096 C since May 1942, but this censor mark still shows the “old” FpNr. 35372! There are only very few inward bound covers into the Channel Islands showing this censor mark. Unfortunately I was never able to record the dates of the other covers having only seen them in displays or as a (poor) picture. Because of these problems, I am not able to name the period of use.





Cover with “I c-censor” and old fieldpostnumber on previous page.

During the fortress-period and the exchange of Red Cross messages and Internee mail, a well known censor mark appears again. It is the framed censor” of the “I c officer” of FK 515 (now called: Platzkommandantur 1). But now this canceller has its fieldpostnumber cut out. Starting with October 1944 we will find this censor mark on Red Cross messages (German Forms) intended to be brought from the Channel Islands to Lisbon and from Lisbon to Great Britain.

This mark can also be found on the very few Jersey Internee lettersheets and surprisingly enough, this mark cannot be found on the Internee-covers sent from Guernsey which show no evidence of censorship!


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ANTRAG

an die Agence Centrale des Prisonniers de Guerre, Genf
Internationales Komitee vom Roten Kreuz —
auf Nachrichtenvermittlung

REQUÊTE


de la Croix-Rouge Allemande, Présidence, Service Étranger
à l'Agence Centrale des Prisonniers de Guerre, Genève
— Comité International de la Croix-Rouge —
concernant la correspondance

1. Absender Mrs. C.Falle, Belle Hougue, Fauvic,
Expéditeur Jersey, Channel Islands.

bittet, an
prie de bien vouloir faire parvenir à

2. Empfänger Mrs. W.Falle,
Destinataire c/o R.C.M.B., 751, Gaddum House, 16,
Queen St., Manchester, 2., ENGLAND.

folgendes zu übermitteln / ce qui suit :

(Höchstzahl 25 Worte !)
(25 mots au plus !)

All well here. Hope you are
too. Tell the boys. Love,

Annie.

(Datum / Date)

3. Empfänger antwortet umseitig
Destinataire répond au verso

29 MAR 1945


On behalf of the Bailiff
(Unterschrift / Signature)
of Jersey's Enquiry and
News Service.

got this yesterday July 2nd

INTERNIERTENPOST.

Gebührenfrei !

An
 Vor und Zuname: Mrs M. C. MEAD.
 Internierten Nr.: 451. 18761
 Lager-Bezeichnung: BIBERACH. / RISS.

DEUTSCHLAND (ALLEMAGNE).

FOLD HERE

THIS LETTER HAS BEEN RETURNED BY THE SWISS POST OFFICE WHO WERE UNABLE TO RE-DIRECT IT TO GERMAN COMMANDING OFFICE OF THE INTERSECTION OF

Absender :
 Name : E. J. PERRÉE
 Adresse : ROSEVILLE
GREEN ROAD
 KANAL INSELN SICILIENT
Jersey C.I.

Red Cross-Message Dec. 1944 and Internee-letter from the Fortress period.

Talking about the local C.I. censor marking, we must always keep in mind, till now, that we have only talked about censor markings applied in **Jersey which were addressed to Jersey or directed over Jersey**. This appears logical, because on the one hand FK 515 had its Head-office in Jersey and on the other hand, any foreign inward mail was directed by the German Feldpost at first to the Feldpostamt on Jersey.

Well, was there any type of censorship on Guernsey too? Until now we could not find any hard proof of pure “Guernsey censor marks” by Nebenstelle FK 515. But.... there must have been something like a control of mails. **(To be continued in the March Journal).**

Another unrecorded Guernsey Maltese Cross

by David Gurney FRPSL



Our new member, Andrew Chappell, has recently shown me this entire letter which has been sent from Guernsey to Lisburn in Ireland on September 3rd, 1841 and is another new addition to my database. This has been superbly struck with the handstamp on a QV 1d red-brown stamp and also bears on the reverse side an equally good strike of the Guernsey dated arc for SE 3/1841.



Overall a very handsome entire letter which is unusual in that it has gone to Ireland at that time when I have been only aware of one other cover to Sligo, Ireland in 1842, also with a Guernsey Maltese Cross.

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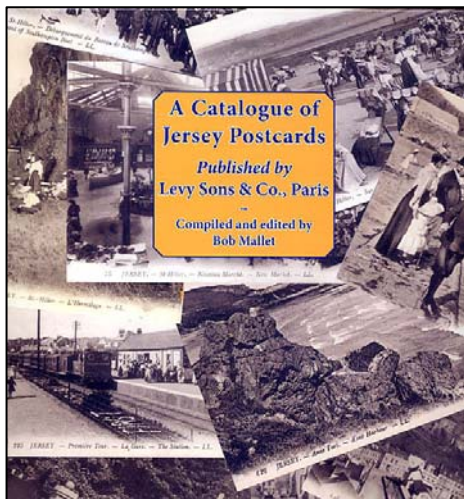
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A Catalogue of Jersey Postcards *published by Levy Sons & Co., Paris.* Reviewed by Dave Edwards.

Collecting Jersey **LL** cards has always been very popular, but has suffered from the lack of an accurate and comprehensive reference work. Bob Mallet has set out to make good this omission and has succeeded handsomely. Over the last few years Bob has had access to many collections of Jersey **LL** cards, both within the island and beyond, and has meticulously researched and recorded all the variations which exist for the images, titles, numbers and printing tones. This



catalogue contains the results of his research. The catalogue has 480 pages which are slightly wider than A5, held together in a ring binder. It is divided into two parts. Bob has identified nearly 400 different images and in Part 1 a page is devoted to each of these. Each page contains a scanned image, about 90% real size, and below this is listed alternative titles, image variations and the printing tones in which this image has been seen. In this way Bob has succeeded in including a mass of information which is easy to assimilate. Part II is used for images of series of Jersey **LL** cards which are rarely seen, including images of all the Platinogravure cards and the matt blue tint cards by Solcrite Towe. He has also included examples of each printing tone and check lists associated with them.

The catalogue has a substantial cover which should protect its contents.

Quality paper has been used, the scans are of very high resolution and the text is very clear. The layout is such that additional pages can be added anywhere. The book is easy to use and is a must for any collector of Jersey **LL** cards and will be of interest to any collector of **LL** postcards. I thoroughly recommend it. Price £27.50 plus p&p; UK and Guernsey £7, Europe £13 and Rest of the World £19. Available from LCM Books, Le Caumais, Rue de Beauvoir, St Saviour, Jersey. JE2 7SN. Or email:

bob@jerseyLLcards.co.uk

Sutton & Co., Carriers', Jersey Agency.

An important philatelic discovery by Jon Aitchison FRPSL



Recently two very rare, probably unique, items with significance to Jersey postal history have turned up in the collection of John Armstone. I am indebted to John for permitting me to illustrate them in this article. They are parcel carriage receipts used by the Jersey agents of Sutton & Co., Carriers, in 1881 and 1883. The local agent was 'S. E. Angel', as shown on the bottom line of each receipt, but my research has not turned up any further information on them. They show railway engines and steamships to suggest method and speed of delivery, but the layouts on both are different. The beige-coloured one shows the year [18]81 and measures 110mm x 94mm, whilst the purple example is from [18]83 with dimensions of 123mm x 98mm. Each receipt has '13 Bath' towards the top-right. I would speculate that this was the receiving office at 13 Bath (Street). In case you have missed it, the key word 'JERSEY' is just above the centre on both receipts.

All nineteenth century British carrier stamps and receipts are now scarce, even though they were commonplace at the time, because hardly anyone collected them and their true significance has only been appreciated in recent decades. The volume of mail generated for Suttons in Jersey would have been small, as implied by the use of an agent rather than opening their own office. It is unsurprising therefore that these receipts have not been recorded until now, more than 130 years after their use.



Sutton & Co. were amongst the largest and most successful private parcel delivery companies of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. William Sutton started the business in the 1850s, initially from the basement of his father's pub in Foster Lane, London. From humble beginnings he became one of the most successful businessmen of his generation and a great philanthropist. The carrier company was the first of many successful enterprises he created. He had other niche businesses that also did well; however, most of his fortune came from brewing, distilling and soft drinks. By 1861 the carrier company had a new head office in Aldersgate Street, London. There were many challenges in the Courts to his delivery rights, especially from railway companies, but the business continued to flourish. In 1899 it received a Royal Warrant from Queen Victoria and by William's death in 1900 it had over six hundred branches.

The Sutton family received a major shock when they realised that William had disinherited them leaving his £1.5 million fortune, a huge sum at the time, to his charitable trust. The Trust provided decent housing at affordable rents and despite challenges to his Will in the courts, its first estate was completed at Bethnal Green in 1909. William Sutton's legacy still continues today in the form of the 'Affinity Sutton' housing charity.

Reference: Affinity Sutton (2011) *Building on our Heritage* [on line] London. Available from: <http://www.affinitysutton.com/madia/333854/Building-on-our-heritage-pdf.pdf> [Accessed 23 April 2014].

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Human Parcels in the Channel Islands

by David Gurney FRPSL

In the summer of 1905 a new Post Office Regulation made its appearance in the pages of the Post Office Guide reading “**...Postmasters may arrange for the conduct of a person to an address by an express messenger....**”.

Mr Henry Turner of Guernsey decided to avail himself of this new service and presented himself to the Guernsey Postmaster at the Smith Street Post Office in St. Peter Port in the early morning of July 5th. 1905. Having paid the requisite fee of 5s. 10d., a messenger named William Gurney (not a known relative of mine) was provided with a stamped form which laid

down the conditions under which he was to escort Mr Turner to the destination of the Post Office in Sark.



Gurney accompanied Henry Turner on the steamer 'Alert' to Sark, never for a moment leaving his side. On arrival at Sark, they proceeded to the Sub-Post Office where the Sark Sub-Postmaster took the form from William Gurney and verified the contents. The form was duly receipted as evidence that delivery had been effected in accordance with the regulation. A telegram was then sent by Henry Turner to the Guernsey Postmaster confirming that the 'Express Messenger' had done his duty satisfactorily with courtesy and was worthy of promotion! Both the departure from and the return to Guernsey were

watched by many people and the pair were well photographed.

The second instance to my knowledge of a human parcel in the Channel Islands was an amusing and unusual story reported in the Guernsey Star in May 1945 concerning an Alderney resident, Leonard Palmer, who came to Guernsey on business in 1940 shortly before the German military Occupation of the Islands.

He found that he was unable to obtain passage on a boat back to Alderney due to the disruption of the inter-island services and the resultant lack of space with the sudden evacuations. Whether he was conversant with Post

Office Parcel Regulations is not known, but he decided that the only way to obtain passage was to register himself as a parcel and he was thus able to be delivered to Alderney in the charge of a postman! His passage was immediate and on arrival at Alderney he was taken to the Alderney Sub-Post Office in Victoria Street for delivery to his wife to whom he had addressed himself.

Thus he was able promptly to finalise his affairs and then departed with his family on a Trinity House ship for Guernsey and subsequent evacuation to England. In May 1945 he returned to Guernsey, but as Major Leonard '*peapody*' Palmer.

Post Office Regulations in 1940 still permitted a person to be conducted to an address by Express Messenger at a charge of 6d a mile! However an interesting sequel to this event and possibly others occurred in December 1952 when the practice was raised in Parliament and was voted to be discontinued from that date.

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Livestock Return by Karsten Runkel

Ten years ago I found an unusual cover. It has a “Paid 2½d” manuscript mark together with a postmark from St. Peter Port, but no stamps. My first assumption was that there was a stamp shortage in a Sub- Post Office and the postage was paid in cash.




Years later, by fluke, I found a cut out from a newspaper article. This was a Jersey article, but I assume that there was a similar one in Guernsey. In the fourth section it was mentioned that: “Persons making returns may send them by post, **post free**.....”.

Live Stock Return is underlined and the envelope was posted unpaid. According to the newspaper notice a 2½d paid mark was applied in the Head Post Office together with the postmark.

Due to the kind of questionnaire I assume that the envelope had been put into a post box in the countryside. I wonder if anybody in the Society has the Guernsey article. A copy of this article would be appreciated. My email address is:

[Karsten Runkel@web.de](mailto:Karsten.Runkel@web.de).

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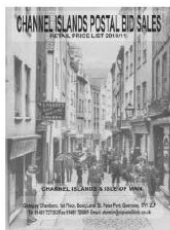
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ANGL MB CALAIS - A new find used on the Channel Islands to France route – compiled by David Gurney FRPSL

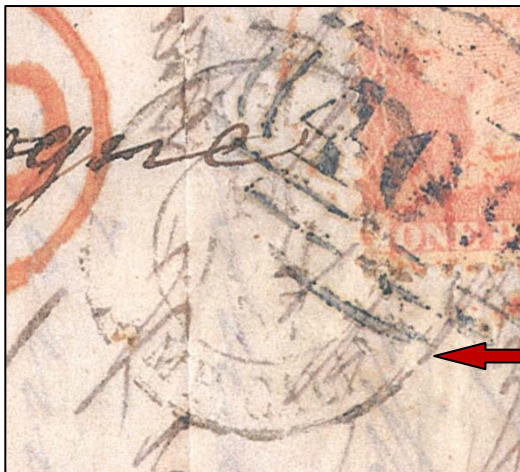
Our member in St. Malo, Henri Chartier, has once again sent me a remarkable new find for the Journal which Henri describes as a very, very rare postmark unknown to himself and his friends.



This was referred to Richard Flemming whom, like others in this country, has not seen this circular ANGL MB Calais struck on Channel Islands mails before. It is struck just below the bottom stamp as drawn and illustrated here and in the enlargement below. Henri and Richard referred to Salles which states that the **ANGL B.M. CALAIS** datestamp, although not as yet seen, should, in theory, exist.



The entire letter was routed from Jersey via London then probably on to Dover; as it was agreed with the French authorities that mail via Dover would go to Calais (usually by French ship) and mail via Folkestone would go via Boulogne (by British ship). The letter then continued, via Calais, to



its destination, Paris. The red circular PD mark was applied at Jersey. The 4d rate is correct as per the 1855 Anglo-French Agreement.

The reverse side of the entire letter is shown below.

Can any member report a similar example of use?



Unrecorded Sark Type C Registration Label by David Winnie

This cover, illustrated on the next page, was recently purchased at a London auction and although rather well worn, shows an unrecorded Sark Small Sheet Type C registration label used on a mourning cover addressed to *Colonel H. St. Ledger Wood CBE, DSO* in Menton, France.



Stamps making up the 5½d rate are cancelled on the 25th October 1923 by a 21mm single circle datestamp with the code A inserted.

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