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## EDITORIAL

We can hopefully now look forward to some Spring weather, the weekend meeting in Guernsey (April 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>) with its large room auction and the April Postal Auction in both of which there should be many interesting lots to again suit all tastes including some scarce LL postcards.

This edition includes some shorter Occupation articles on various subjects coupled with the final instalment of Michael Wieneke's important study of German Censorship during the years of German military occupation of the Channel Islands.

I always look forward to some new articles however short or long so do let me have something to maintain the variety in the Journal please.

## SECRETARY'S CLIPBOARD

by Richard Flemming

As you read this you may be expecting your copy of the April postal auction to be included with your Journal. Due to the complexity of producing such an extensive listing, and to save on postage, it has been decided that the auction listing will be sent to members by email or direct mailing around 1<sup>st</sup> April. My understanding is that there will be something for all contained within the listing so happy bidding.

The Society Weekend will be soon upon us, which this year is being held at the **Peninsula Hotel, Guernsey from Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April until Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April**. I understand that bookings for the weekend are progressing well and I can confirm that the programme for the weekend is progressing well too. If you have not as yet sent your booking form to Gerald Marriner may I suggest that you do so as soon as possible. May I also remind members that Guernsey is not a member of the reciprocal health care arrangements that have been agreed by member states of the EU. Therefore it is important that members have sufficient health insurance to cover their stay whilst in Guernsey.

Regarding the Annual General Meeting to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2015, if members have any questions which they wish to put to the committee could they email them to me at least two weeks before the event. This, hopefully, will speed up proceedings.

Unless listed differently, all CISS meetings are held at the RPSL, 41 Devonshire Place, Marylebone, with coffee and biscuits served at 10.30 am (for an 11.00 am start) until approximately 5pm.

### **Forthcoming meetings:**

24 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	Society weekend at the Peninsula Hotel, Guernsey
11th July 2015	Annual General Meeting
19th September 2015	Regional Meeting at Sketchley Grange Hotel, Burbage, Hinckley, Leicestershire
5th December 2015	Member's meeting

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## **CHANGE TO THE APRIL POSTAL AUCTION**

**Please note that the Auction List/Catalogue will be sent by email  
to those members registered with Email addresses and posted on  
the CISS website. Those without email addresses will still receive  
their Auction List/Catalogue in hard copy by post.**

**This auction will include many better and some unlisted LL  
postcards, some good postal history of all types, Herm Island  
posts, some Sark and a strong selection of Occupation items.**

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**December Meeting report held at Royal Philatelic Society  
London on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2014. by Richard Flemming**

Nineteen members and one guest attended the Members' Christmas  
meeting held at the Royal Philatelic Society London with eight apologies  
received.

As is customary, the meeting started with coffee and biscuits followed  
promptly at 11.00am with a fifty-six lot room auction of which

approximately two-thirds of the items were sold. The most made on one lot was for a 1943 internee 'Receipt of Parcel' label.

As it was close to Christmas, this year's theme for members' displays was "Anything to do with Christmas" and "December Dates". In all, nine members produced material to show. Dave Edwards produced one frame of early 20c Christmas post cards including one of Alderney Military Hospital dated 1915 with "A Merry Christmas" overprinted and a "Merry Christmas from Alderney" post card. Norman Sanson's display included a range of Christmas miniature sheets produced by Guernsey Post starting from 1984 and ending with the 1993 Stained Glass issue. Mark Bailey showed a range of Channel Islands Christmas-themed post cards, including some cancelled on Christmas Day – yes, Post Offices worked on Christmas Day!!

Staying with the Christmas Day Post Office working theme, Jon Aitchison produced two post cards showing the Guernsey Telegraph Office [at work] on Christmas Day dated 1904 and a similar post card showing the Guernsey Telegraph Boys [at work] dated Christmas Eve 1904. Jon also showed, amongst other interesting items, a recently purchased *SS Ibex* item of mail, a letter to Guernsey endorsed "From the Ibex" [Guernsey had no official handstamp for use on *SS Ibex* mail like the two used by Jersey Post Office] and still containing the 1/- postal order sent with it.

Nick Stuart showed six Christmas cards dating from 1971-1976 sent by the Guernsey Post Office, each bearing the message "*The President, members, Directors and Staff of Guernsey Post Office Board send best wishes for Christmas and New Year*" and each signed by Peppino Pentangelo. All are cancelled 25<sup>th</sup> December. Robert Shaw produced two, 20 sheet displays, the first termed "Courrier Familial" (Family Letters) which was used during the French postal strike by E.T. Lester, a British entrepreneur, who forwarded letters from France via Brussels and Jersey (at a cost of course) for onward posting. Robert's second display consisted of an interesting display of Victorian Christmas cards – certainly different to those we put on our mantelpieces today.

Bob McDonald displayed some very interesting Occupation period material, including a German Christmas card and a programme for a German carol service. There was also a Laufen internment camp Christmas card, but two items that really caught my eye were a 1944 German radio message with Christmas greetings and a Feldpost card with Christmas greetings. Society President, Alan Moorcroft, produced a display titled

“Time for Families” which included several Christmas items sent between families during the Occupation of the Channel Islands. Included were Red Cross message forms containing Christmas greetings and an item of mail dated 10<sup>th</sup> December 1943 bearing Christmas wishes from the UK to Biberach internment camp. There was also a German lettersheet with Christmas greetings from the Jacob Weiss correspondence to his wife. Finally, Alan showed a diary maintained by William Waring who lived in St Peter Port and included details of a 1941 Christmas dinner that included beef and wine!! Who said there was rationing?

To conclude the displays, Richard Flemming showed sixteen sheets of mail to and from the Channel Islands that all bore December dates, including a letter from Jersey to Nova Scotia dated 20<sup>th</sup> December 1865 and an entire letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> December 1812 from Alicante, Spain to Guernsey, sent via Gibraltar on board the Eagle, and landed at Deal where a Ship Letter/crown/DEAL handstamp was applied.

## **October 2014 Auction Report**

by Nick Stuart

The latest CISS auction was very successful with a strong representation of early postal history, Occupation material especially Red Cross messages, a good range of Liberation, CI stamps and modern postal history. Sections on Herm and postcards created great interest from the bidders.

Virtually all the 72 bidders were successful in obtaining material. Top selling item was an 1851 entire from Jersey to London with a superb hand struck '2' in blue with a Jersey double arc also in blue which sold for £475. An 1853 mourning cover with a St. Sampson's undated double arc in yellow orange and a Guernsey double arc in yellow made £350 and an 1854 cover to Cheshire with a St. Martin's undated double arc in black with a Guernsey double arc made £250.

Almost all of the Occupation material was sold with several items selling well above estimates confirming the demand for quality material. The Red Cross section attracted some keen bidding with the Swiss type forms 61 selling at double their estimates.

There were 42 lots of Herm material, all bar four were sold. A Herm voucher proof in blue and green sold for £34, over double the estimate, and mint voucher together with a used one with a 6d claret stamp sold for £46 against an estimate of £6. The lots for BEA issue proofs all went for double or treble their estimates.



As usual the postcard section had a wealth of material from all the Islands and was very popular with all the bidders. Some notable prices obtained were:

Guernsey. LL49, St. Peter Port, Mail Boat in harbour, green back, fine unused sold for £36

Guernsey. LL185, Le Gouffre, green back, fine unused sold for £38

Guernsey. Early, real photographic card showing the wreath laying ceremony at Delancey went for £23 against an estimate of £5.

All the prices realised are posted on the CISS website.

The lots for this auction, NS1, were supplied by just eight vendors. Members who wish to sell their material should contact Gerald Mariner at [auktion.vendors@ciss1950.org.uk](mailto:auktion.vendors@ciss1950.org.uk) or by post to 3, Barfoot Close, Fleckney, Leics LE8 8TD to arrange for it to be included in the next auction scheduled for April 2015.

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## Local Censorship in the Channel Islands during the German Occupation by Michael Wieneke (Continued from the last Journal).

### What's on in Guernsey?

On Guernsey-mail till now we have only found **two items** with markings, one has to assume a control of those covers/letters.

This marking is single-line and once struck in black and once in violet and reads "Zweig-Feldpostamt 319" (Sub fieldpostoffice 319) in gothic characters. This mark one will find on covers from one of the locals addressed to a **German** soldier of the Occupation Forces. The covers known date from January 1943 and June 1944. The cover from January 1943 also shows a sealing label of the Guernsey Head Post Office. The cover dated June 1944 was roughly opened. Both covers I think allow us to assume a "type of censoring", the reason for "control" we may recognise in "unwanted contacts" of soldiers to the locals.







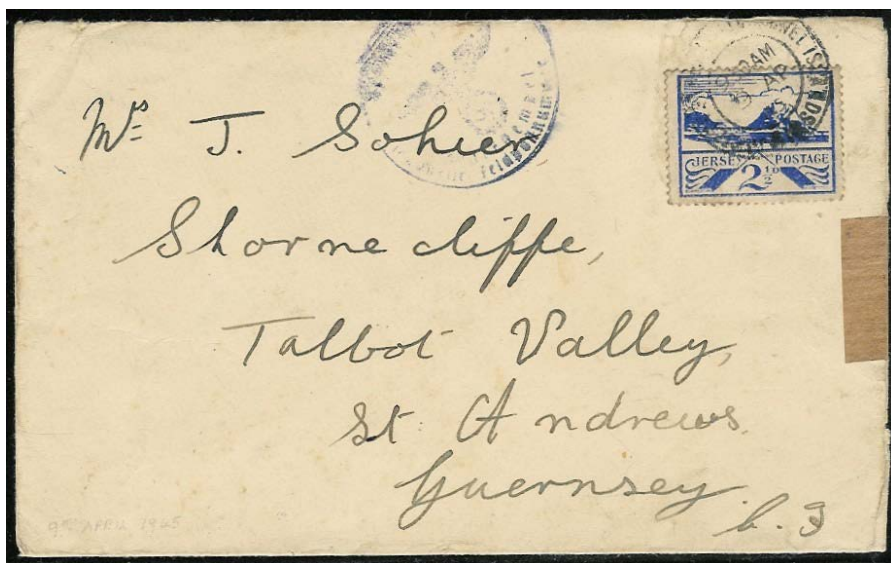
### **“Unwanted communication”**

The second type of “censor mark” is a two line canceller reading **FELDOMMANDANTUR 515/NEBENSTELLE GUERNSEY**. This mark was found on a letter from a member of the Guernsey Working Party. This group of Guernsey workers were placed on Alderney until December 1942, their task was to bring in the harvest of the Alderney-farms for the Germans and the Guernsey people. There is no doubt that by the German point of view Alderney was a very “sensible” place” due to the heavy fortification and the Concentration Camp SYLT and because of that surely a reason to control the mail of the Guernsey people.

### **The big question-mark:**

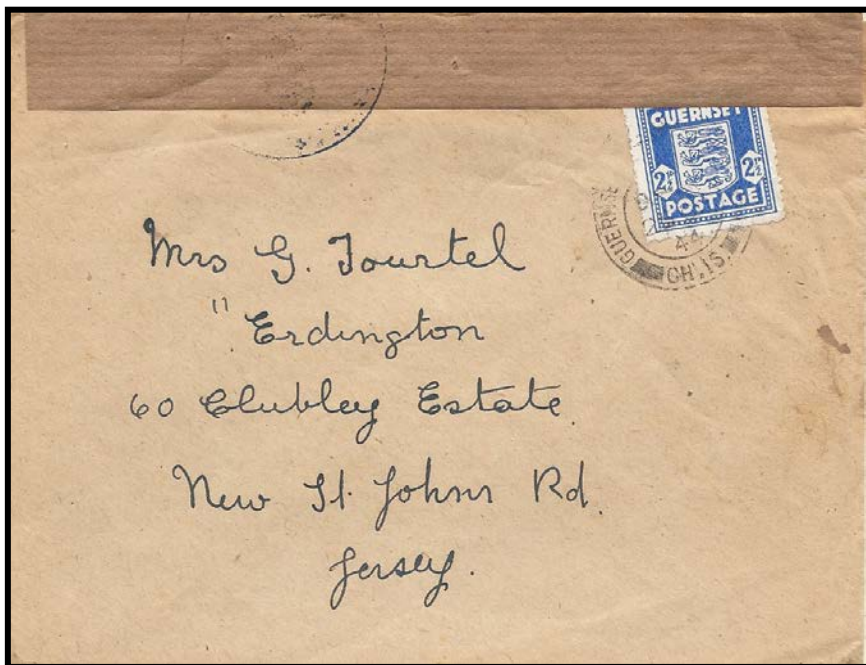
Following the invasion the Islands were completely isolated and declared “fortresses”. Now we find a new type of censor mark on civilian mail from Jersey to Guernsey and vice versa.

Since October 1944 we know of covers with this new style of censorship. It is a simple brown adhesive tape which was “sealed” by a canceller that is called a “Briefstempel” and normally found on fieldpost covers from German units/soldiers proving “free service”. Unfortunately all known cancels are of a very poor quality and till now it was impossible to read the fieldpost-number and decode the unit that was responsible for censorship. Which office was now responsible? Obviously no longer the Platzkommandantur 1 (former FK 515). Where was the place the mail was censored? Was this still Jersey or Guernsey too?



**Cover Jersey – Guernsey with the “new” type of censor mark**





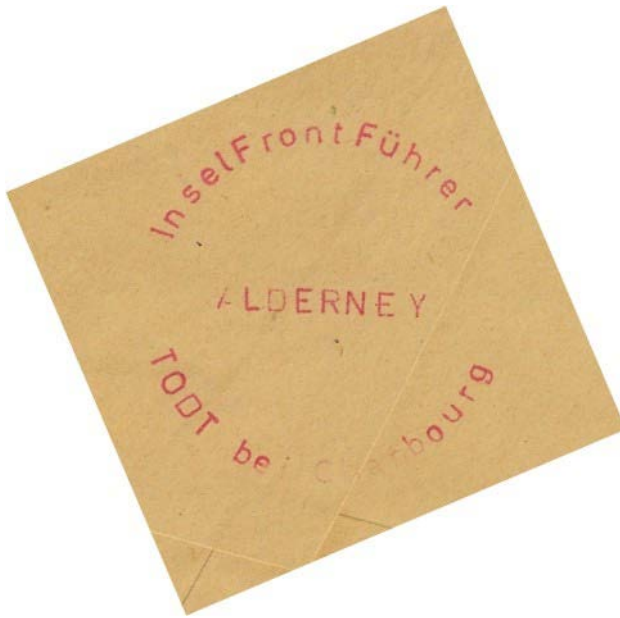
**Cover Guernsey - Jersey with the “new” type of censor mark**

Till 27.2.1945 General von Schmettow was “Befehlshaber der britischen Kanalinseln” and at the same time Commander of 319. Infanterie Division (Commander British Channel Islands and Commanding Officer 319. I.D.). When he was taken off his functions and flown back to Germany, Viceadmiral Hüffmeier took over command as “Befehlshaber der britischen Kanalinseln. Both units – Commander C.I. and Commanding Officer 319. I.D. – were based on Guernsey. At least with the staff-officers of 319. I.D. there was an “I c-officer”. It is not known to me if there was an officer like “3. Officer of Staff” (i.e. I c-Officer) attached to the office of the “Befehlshaber der britischen Kanalinseln. If so, one of these two officers must have been responsible for the censorship of civilian mails. Looking at the known facts it is to be assumed that a postal censorship took place on Guernsey. But, proof of this we will only have if we find one cover with a clearly readable fieldpostnumber.

### Postal Censorship by Organisation Todt (OT) on Alderney:

The history of local censorship on the Islands could not be called "complete", if we did not mention a very unusual cancel, used on foreign workers mail on Alderney. This cancel is a skeleton cancel with the wording "InselFrontFührer – TODT bei Cherbourg" (outer circle) and "ALDERNEY (inside).





### ***OT-Frontführer censorship***

From February, when the “normal” OT was engaged in front-line service, a very special unit was attached to the OT, called “OT-Frontführer”. These OT-Frontführer were responsible for the military leadership of OT during the war. Members of this special unit also had special ranks – outside the scope of the “normal” OT –, beginning with the rank of “OT-Frontführer” (equiv.: Lieutenant) up to the rank of “OT-Oberstfrontführer” (equiv. Colonel). Any OT-Bauleitung and OT-Oberbauleitung was attached with one unit of the “OT-Frontführer”. This unit was not only responsible for military leadership, but also for the control of the mail, especially that of foreign companies and foreign workers employed by the OT. This method of “mail-control” was a type of “pre-Censorship”. The sender had to deliver his letter to the OT-Frontführer unsealed, the Frontführer read the letter and if satisfied, he sealed it and cancelled the letter with his special cancel. Then it went in the normal mail to its addressee, but this did not say without any further censorship. No, of course, such letters were presented to the ABP and if they thought necessary, were censored in the “usual” way



again. These “OT-Frontführer censors” are very scarce. Surprisingly enough, one of these scarce covers is known to us with a second local censor mark, the two-lined censor mark “Gepr./FeldKdtr. **515**”!

When I was talking about “scarce” with the OT-Censorship, we also have to keep in mind, that all censorship markings presented in this article are “scarce”, thus saying we are talking about items known between **two** and a maximum of **20/30** items!

I have to say thanks to my collector-friend, Olaf Beecken, who generously sent pictures of items with local censor marks from his own collection.

Equally my thanks to Bob MacDonald for sending this better reproduction originally from the Jersey Evening Post.



**German Censor-officers at work (Jersey Evening Post, 28.8.1940)**

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

Congratulations to our following members who achieved awards at the Autumn Stampex 2014 as under:

Ron Brown – **Gold** – Jersey ½d Arms 1941 – 1943

**Silver** – Channel Islands' Mails via Weymouth 1794-1845

Philip Mackey – **Gold** – The Balloon Posts of the Siege of Paris

19 September to 28 January 1871

John Sussex RDP FRPSL – **Gold** – The British recorded delivery service

and to Mark Bailey FRPSL who has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society London.

## NEW LIFE MEMBERS

We are pleased to announce the achievement of Life Membership awarded to 1525 Ian Murray, 1531 Andrew Rundle, 1533 Sheila Marshall, 1535 Olaf Beecken, 1538 Paul Skinner and 1539 Keith Jones.

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Several collections have been successfully sold in this way in recent years to the benefit of the owners. In the first instance please contact the Secretary at [rflemming@talktalk.net](mailto:rflemming@talktalk.net) or ring 01455 613826

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## Unrecorded JERSEY Instructional Mark by Gerald Marriner FRPSL



**On 8 May 2010, Jersey Post introduced Size-based Pricing. All items now fall into one of three categories and are charged according to their size and weight.**

Unfortunately, this item has incurred a surcharge as insufficient postage has been applied for its size and weight.

More details on Size-based Pricing, the size categories and their associated prices can be found at [www.jerseypost.com/sbp](http://www.jerseypost.com/sbp)

**Jersey Post** 

I have recently acquired an A4 size envelope posted locally to a Farm Shop in St Clements, dated 8 May 2010. This was posted at the local letter rate with a Jersey 'Minimum postage paid' stamp. Unfortunately, the Jersey Post Office introduced 'Pricing by size' on the same day ~ similar to the current English system. As this was an A4 size envelope this item should have been surcharged as stated on the Jersey label shown above. However for some reason the Post Office decided not to surcharge this large cover and accordingly applied a large red framed cachet inscribed – '**JERSEY POST / CHARGES WAIVED**'. Maybe, as it was the first day of the new system, the Jersey Post Office felt generous.

I would like to hear from any other member who may have an example of this red Jersey cachet. Was this mark only in use for one day?

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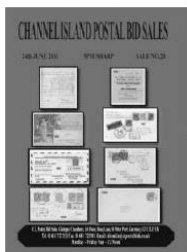


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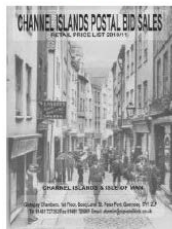
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## COLOMBIERIE, JERSEY TOWN SUB-POST OFFICE

by David Winnie

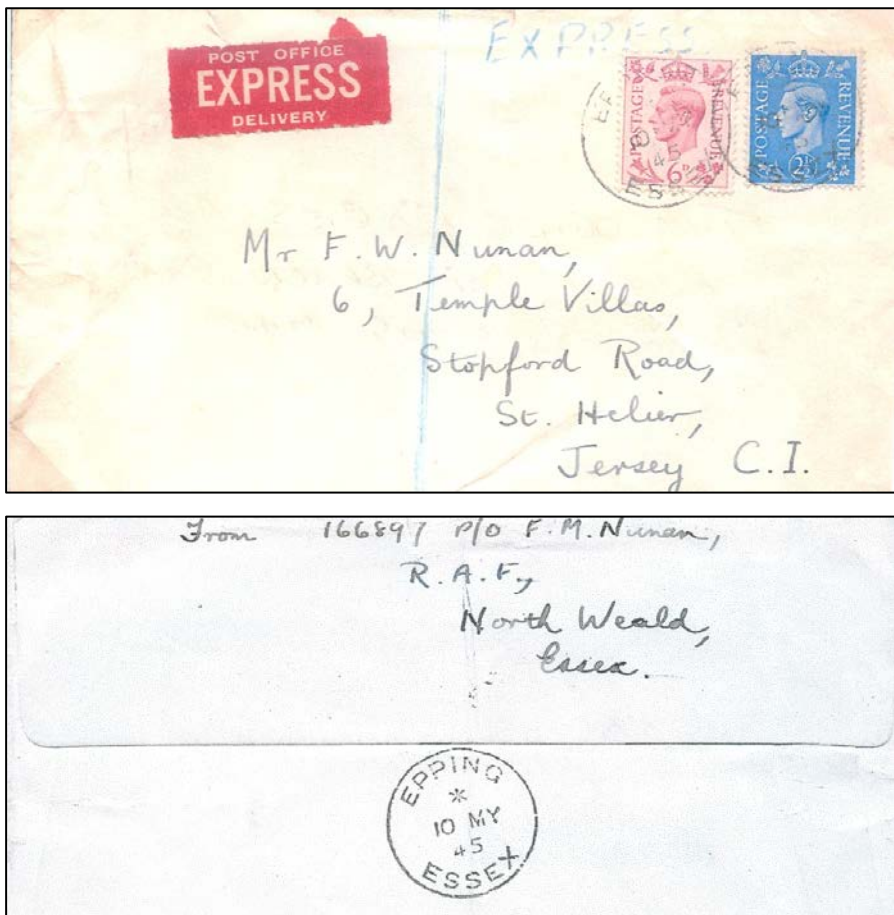
I have recently acquired this magnificent registered cover sent from this Town Sub-Post office to Gironde, France on the 20th February, 1907. This is the first recorded surviving use of a "C" type small sheet registration label from this office, indeed the first recorded use of a registered letter.





## A 1945 Express Letter into Jersey

Our member, Gerry Cogger in Crawley, West Sussex, has sent me a copy of this unusual and exceptional letter in December last, which he acquired at the Annual Ardingly Convention in 2013. Clearly a lovely find!



British troops arrived in Jersey in the afternoon of the 9<sup>th</sup> May 1945 and this 8½d Express rate letter from Epping on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 1945 must have been amongst some of the first mail into St Helier after the Liberation.

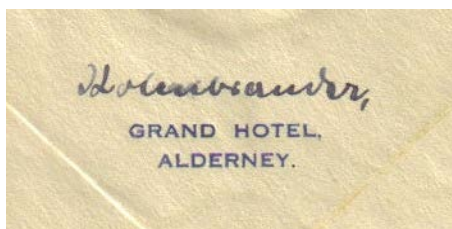
## The hidden envelope by Karsten Runkel

Sometimes it happened that mainly soldiers put a second envelope in the letters which they sent home.

The first envelope is a normal Feldpost letter from Alderney (FP# 21283B). Inside as a souvenir the sender also used an envelope from the hotel where he was located.

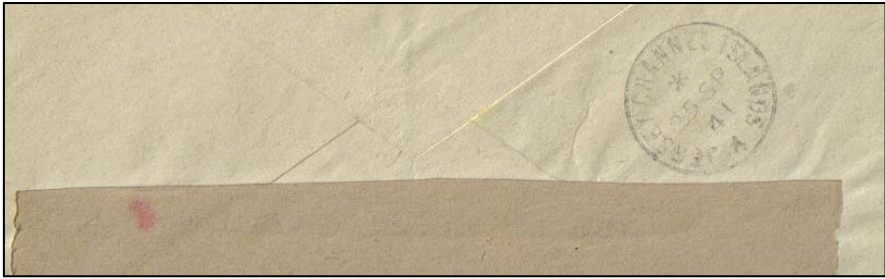
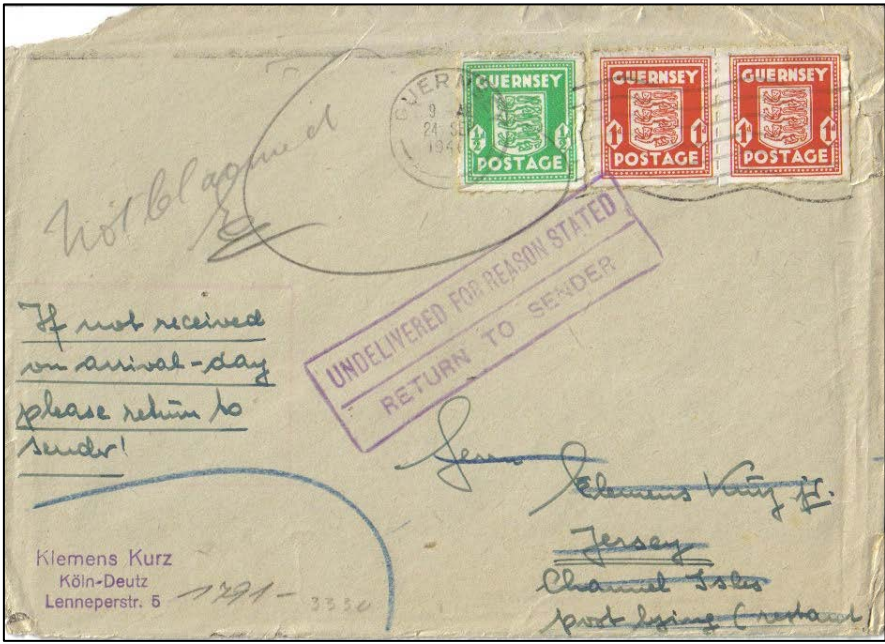


The Feldpost letter was not opened by the censors. Therefore no postal or censor markings are on the hidden envelope.





The second envelope is a souvenir too. A soldier sent a letter from Guernsey to Jersey, but the Jersey “address” was “poste restante”. The envelope arrived one day later on 25.09.41 as shown with the arrival postmark. Unbelievable, but true, the letter was not claimed by the soldier and the sender used his address in Germany and not the Guernsey one. The Postmaster couldn’t send this envelope back through the Feldpost office to Germany, so he had to write a letter to the German address and attach the envelope to his letter. On the front you can see handwritten censor marks (1791-3330) and a neutral censor tape on the back of the envelope.

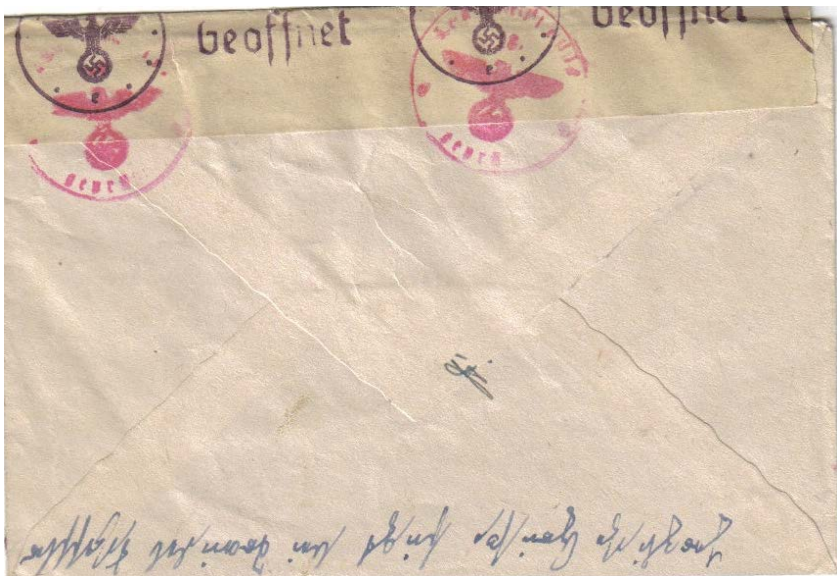


The third envelope seemed to be a Christmas present. It is a normal registered envelope from 30 June 1944 which was sent locally to St. Sampson's, but on the back is a German censor tape and mark which was only used for the Feldpost covers flown out after D-Day.



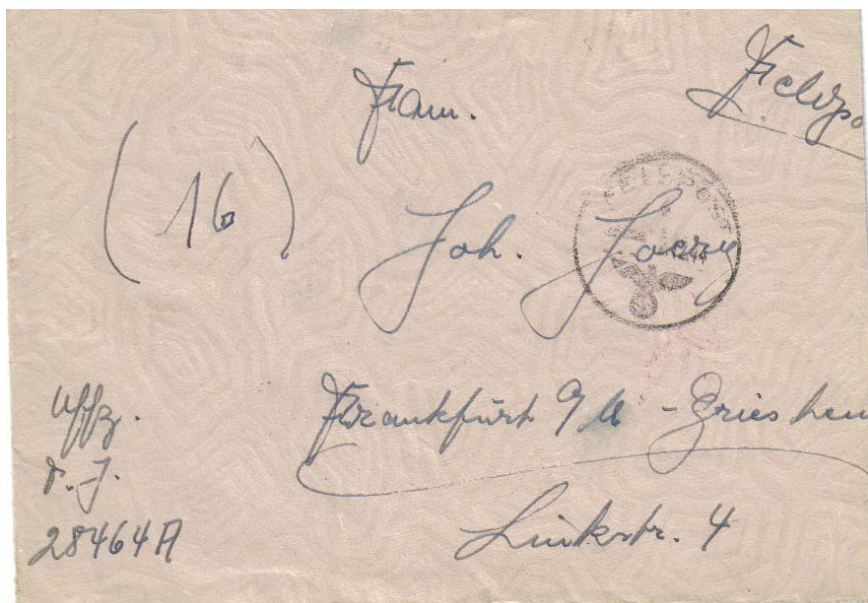
The last item is the most interesting one. It looks like a domestic envelope. Sent to Frankfurt franked with a 12 Pfennig Hitler head and cancelled in Gera, but the envelope was opened by German censors. The censor tape and mark was only used for the Feldpost covers flown out after CI fortification following D-Day. On the back is a notice in a different handwriting which said "Affectionate regards added from Traudel Scheffler".





The sender of the envelope was a soldier on the Channel Islands as you can see on the envelope below. It is a normal flown out Feldpost cover from December 1944. I assume that the sender would like to send a letter to a specific date. Therefore he put a second envelope into a Feldpost letter to Traudel Scheffler. The Censor opened both envelopes and Traudel Scheffler franked the second letter, sent it from Gera to Frankfurt and added her regards.





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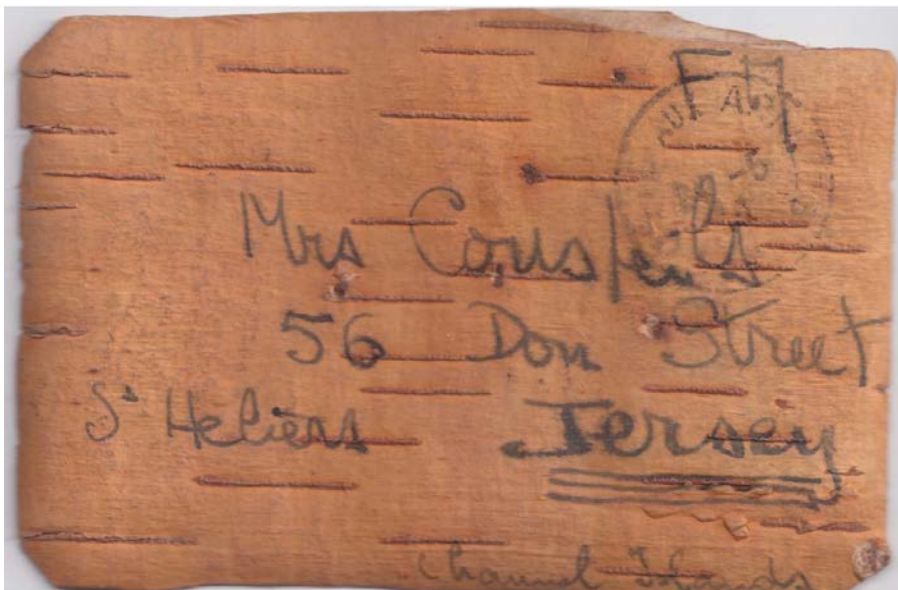
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## A 'Bark' Letter into Jersey in 1919

by Andrew Chappell



This most unusual item was purchased as a part of a mixed lot of GB postal history and the only description was that it is unusual.

I believe this is a letter and not part of a box or parcel written in May 1919 from France and is addressed to a Mrs Cousteils in Jersey on a piece of larch bark. It is cancelled with a Postes Aux Armies datestamp of 24-5-19 and under this are the letters **FM** referring to Franchise Militaire meaning free military post.

If you enter bark letters into google plenty of information appears about these and their use over many centuries in Russia, but in the olden days they used to etch the messages with a knife or other sharp implement.

In the same lot there was another bark letter used within France at about the same time and a leaf sent through the post in France, but with no message.

The text of the letter itself is illustrated on the next page. Can any member report a similar item into the Channel Islands?



Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

My darling

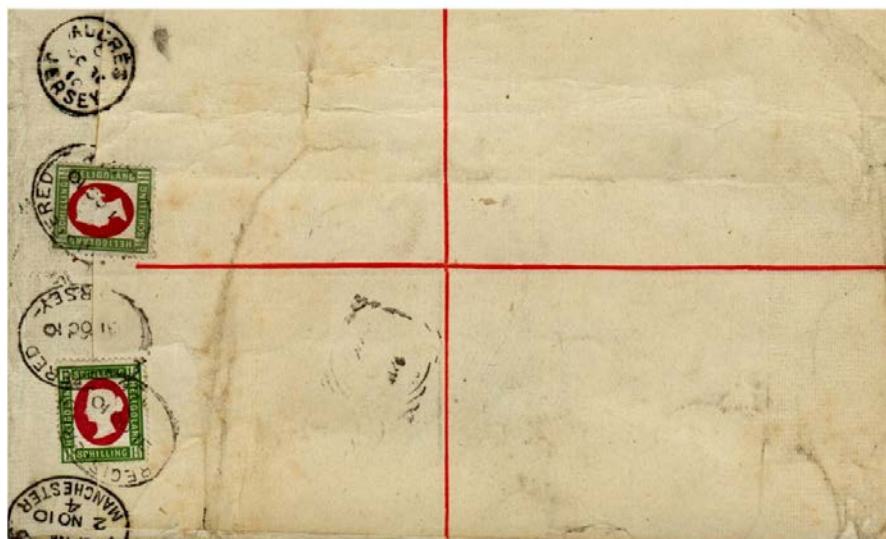
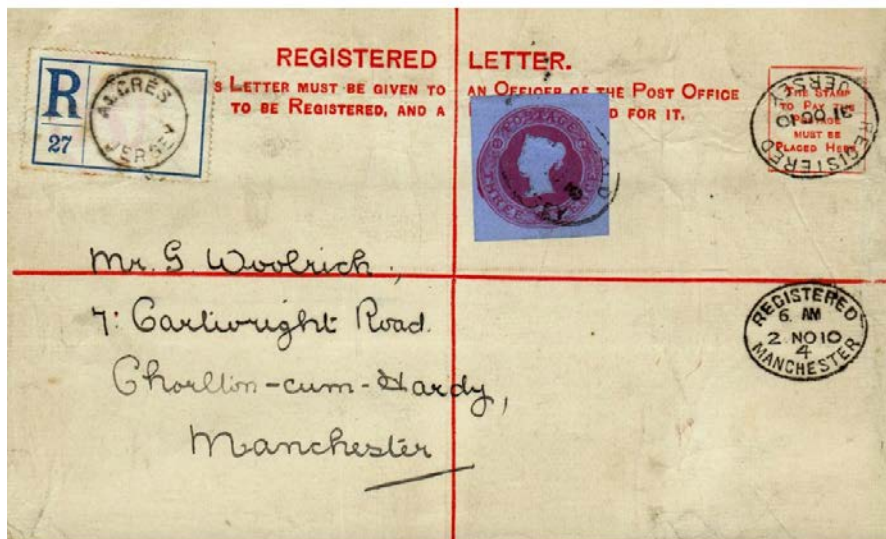
just a little note to let  
you know all is O.K.  
here and I'm still enjoying  
the camping. I hope you're  
allright too and busy enough.  
I had a letter from Jack's. My  
address is just like before. We  
put again just 4 sp. 390 we  
are very busy just now and  
I'm on guard every day but  
I don't mind. Well I've got  
to leave you until tomorrow  
and kiss you and Anne a  
thousand times.

Fernando

## The Augres, Jersey registered covers of the early 1900s

by David Gurney FRPSL

Our member, Guy Dandoy in Belgium, has asked why there should be Heligoland stamps attached to the back of this registered cover of 1910



addressed to Manchester from Jersey with a 'D' type registered label handed in at the Augres Town Sub-Post Office in Jersey.

Interestingly the same stamps on the back have been cancelled with the Jersey oval registered datestamps which would have been applied at the Head Post Office in St. Helier and there is also the trace of a 'squared' circle datestamp too.

Guy has another two similar registered letters in 1910 addressed to Leith and Liverpool also with Heligoland stamps on the back cancelled only by the receiving datestamps respectively.

However the story does not end here as David Winnie has a further three similar examples in his collection to Scarborough on 20.8.10, to St Andrews N.B. on 9.9.10 and to Scarborough on 27.10.10. To add spice, these have 2 x ½d London Delivery Company stamps, 3 x three farthing pale yellow Liverpool, Aberdeen and Birmingham Delivery Company stamps and finally 2 x half schilling Heligoland stamps respectively. These are either uncanceled or touched by the respective receiving datestamps.



Reference to our member, Jon Aitchison FRPSL, who has a detailed knowledge of such Cinderella items, reveals that the Circular Delivery Company (Aberdeen issue) three farthings stamps are from the common third forgery. These are normally found on inward registered covers to or from Jersey with oval registered Jersey or South Eastern District Office cancels between about 10th August and the end of September 1910 and

were produced in connection with the Fiscal and Philatelic Congress of 1910.

When the genuine stamps were issued they were produced in sheets for each office in Great Britain and only used from the correct offices. The third forgery, however, was produced in se-tenant sheets of stamps from every office, which is why you can get two or more offices se-tenant.

Reference has also been made to Chris Harman RDP FRPSL, another expert on these Cinderella items, who feels the Heligoland stamps are almost certainly reprints (not forgeries, which are quite rare) done in either Berlin, Leipzig or Hamburg. These reprints are very common and are also connected with the Fiscal and Philatelic Congress of 1910. It is interesting also that most of these covers have different addressees

Was this the work of a philatelist perhaps with Post Office connections in Jersey at that time as there was absolutely no postal need for these adornments? Can any member report other such examples in their collections and, if so, may we have details please?

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