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EDITORIAL

We can now look back on a very successful and enjoyable Society weekend meeting in Guernsey when we again met several of our colleagues from Europe. The displays gave us some very interesting and unusual items and the room auction was also successful with most items sold at some good prices.

This edition includes some interesting postal history articles and an important look at the 1944-45 fortress flights out of Guernsey through the eyes of a German serviceman at the time. There is also an unusual look at Italians serving with German forces in the Islands during the Occupation.

Please continue to let me have some new articles however short or long so that I can continue to maintain a good variety in your Journal.

SECRETARY'S CLIPBOARD

by Richard Flemming

Welcome to the June edition of *Les Iles Normandes* and for some of us the Guernsey weekend is a distant memory. A big thank you goes to all the members and guests who attended and made it such a memorable event. Once again the room auction of some 135 lots proved a big hit with those attending and a big thank you must go to Gerald Marriner and Gavin Wood who made it run with smooth precision. Our thanks also have to be extended to Guernsey Post Office and Stanley Gibbons who sponsored the two pre-dinner drinks receptions on the Friday and Saturday evenings.

Our next members' meeting will be the AGM held at the Royal Philatelic Society London on Saturday 11th July 2015 and all members are urged to attend. The AGM will be held after lunch at 14.00 and the morning session will be taken up with members' displays relating to Sark (or any new material that you wish to show to members).

I can confirm the booking with the Sketchley Grange Hotel, Burbage, Leicestershire for the Autumn Members' Meeting and the planning for the day is well in hand. For members who wish to bring partners there is Coventry or Leicester for them to explore. For further information members may wish to visit the hotel's website regarding hotel facilities.

Unless listed as different, all CISS meetings are held at the RPSL, 41 Devonshire Place, Marylebone, with coffee and biscuits served at 10.30am (for an 11am start) until approximately 5pm. We look forward to seeing you there and at any other meeting.

Forthcoming meetings:

11 July 2015 Members' meeting. Theme: Sark followed by the AGM at 2.00pm.

19 September 2015 Members' Regional Meeting at Sketchley Grange Hotel, Burbage, Hinckley. Theme: "Items beginning with letters E, F and/or G".

5 December 2015 Members' Meeting. Theme: World War 1, 1914-18

GUERNSEY APRIL 2015 WEEKEND MEETING REPORT

For those of us who were able to attend, the ‘weekend’ started early on Friday morning with an entertaining visit to the Guernsey Post HQ kindly arranged by **John Triggs**. However, for the majority of the 63 members and guests, the weekend commenced proper on Friday afternoon when guests arrived for tea and coffee whilst viewing a fine static display of material provided by **Jon Aitchison**. Members and guests re-assembled at 6.30pm for a pre-dinner drinks reception kindly sponsored by Guernsey Post. Following a fine dinner the traditional “Three sheets to tell a story” competition took place which attracted nine entries. Those members and guests who attended the dinner had a chance to vote on their preferred entry and after totting up the ballot papers **David Le Maistre** was judged the winner with his display titled “A love story”.

Saturday morning was taken up with a bourse and viewing of the room auction lots, with the auction commencing at 11.15. Brisk bidding saw many of the lots sold at or above their reserve. Thanks must go to **Gerald Marriner** and **Gavin Wood** who acted as auctioneers. The afternoon was free for members and guests to enjoy the local surroundings or even a trip into St. Peter Port. Following afternoon tea and coffee, members and guests were entertained by **Ron Brown** who provided a 300+ sheet eclectic display of quality Channel Islands Occupation material which certainly had the “wow” factor.

Following Ron’s display, members and guests re-assembled for another pre-dinner drinks reception, this time kindly sponsored by Stanley Gibbons. Following another splendid dinner, President of the CISS, **Alan Moorcroft FRPSL** presented the Joan Flood Salver to **Bob Mallet** for his work *A Catalogue of Jersey Postcards Published by Levy and Sons and Co., Paris*. This award is given to any CISS member who has produced a book or articles and judged to be worthy of the Salver for research decided by the Committee. **David Le Maistre** was also presented with his certificate for winning the “Three sheets to tell a story” competition. Richard Flemming gave a vote of thanks to John Triggs and Gerald Marriner for arranging the weekend at the Peninsula Hotel.

Sunday morning was taken up with 14 members’ displays. **David Gurney** showed 34 sheets of illustrated and advertising letters from and to the Bailiwick of Guernsey from 1840 to 1949 commencing with two Mulreadies followed by the very rare 1867 Jersey and Guernsey Rose with

envelope, a variety of different illustrated advertising covers to 1940 and then several 1930s colourful illustrated advertising covers used commercially during the German Occupation when paper was scarce, concluding with attractive covers to and from Alderney and Sark.

Gerald Marriner's display was titled 'Postal Communication Problems during the German Occupation'. He began by showing examples of unsuccessful attempts to send mail between the Islands and England. Included was an English PC85 censorship label which advised the sender of reasons why the letter was not delivered by the censor. Covers were shown from Eire to both Guernsey and Jersey which had been routed via London, Portugal, Spain and Bordeaux. Gerald also showed examples whereby poor gum quality resulted in the sender sewing the stamps to the envelope. The display concluded with a KGVI 1d postal stationery card up-rated with a 1d Arms stamp posted by the Dame of Sark addressed to Boots Ltd in Guernsey requesting tablets for her dog.

Alan Moorcroft provided an entertaining display titled 'The Guernsey School Children Evacuation' whereby Alan told the story of the evacuation of some 4,700 school children from Guernsey in June 1940 and the subsequent placement of the children in various towns in northern England and Scotland. His talk was illustrated with newspaper articles, telegrams and Red Cross message forms.

David Le Maistre provided an interesting insight into the Empire Postcard Co. of Jersey (E. P. Co.) and warned collectors to be aware of the many E. P. Co. postcards sold as un-numbered L.L. postcards. He showed some 36 images of the postcards frequently confused by collectors as L.L. postcards. David pointed out that the E. P. Co. postcards all have a printer's number in the bottom right hand corner on the back in the range 7201-7236. In concluding his display, David gave members the opportunity to 'spot the difference' by displaying images of E. P. Co. postcards and the nearly matching L. L. postcards from which they had been copied.

Other members' displays included **Dave Edwards** with his Cynicus Comic Postcards 1902-1909, whom David informed us was the first company to produce comic postcards for Guernsey, Sark and Alderney. **Ray Turley** showed examples of Feldpost mail and Internee/PoW mail, whilst **David Winnie** produced a fine display of material from the St. Saviours Sub-Post Office from when it was opened in 1906 until closure in 1991. **Gerry Cogger**, entertaining as ever, produced some wonderful examples of the 1795 concave handstamp and beautiful examples of the Guernsey scroll, as

well as mail from the Channel Islands to overseas destinations, including Hong Kong and Canada. **David Laurillard** concentrated on the 50p labels that he had produced for the RSPB funds, including Les Ecrehous, Lihou, Herm and Jethou. **Tony Peters** entertained us with a brief display including **AR** (Advice of Receipt) handstamps on registered mail. **Leo Mayr** showed examples of Inter-Island mail during the Occupation including three examples of censored mail and civilian mail from Alderney to Guernsey and a Herm to Guernsey rainfall postcard. **Jon Aitchison** gave an impressive display of the French Channel Islands including WW1 Chausey when it was used as a civilian internee camp for Austro-Germans and then a prison camp for the allies. Jon also showed several examples of other French Channel Islands.

Henri Chartier had some very interesting items in his short display including a postcard sent post WW2 regarding the loss of stamps in a collection. This will form part of a specific item in one of the future *Les Iles Normandes* issues. Finally, **Mark Bailey** showed twelve sheets related to the Columbian Consul in Jersey and a further nine loose items that he recently acquired for the same person. From the information Mark provided it seems as if he was a bit of a stamp dealer in his spare time.

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An early entire letter from British Guiana to London dated 8th July 1840 and forwarded to Jersey by David Gurney FRPSL.

Details of this interesting entire letter have been passed to me by a fellow member of the Society of Postal Historians for illustration to our members.



Written in Demerara on the 8th July 1840, this is one of the earliest letters recorded from British Guiana to England. Endorsed *Per Royalist/to Plymouth*, investigation by Mike J.Y.Roberts reveals that the Royalist docked at Plymouth on 23 August; within date tolerance for this sort of voyage, but looking at the Liverpool Ship Letter marking a search was then made in the London Chronicle which mentioned the ship **Demerara arrived in Liverpool from Demerara on 25 August 1840.** This is the only other

ship arriving from British Guiana that week so Mike was satisfied it fits in all respects.

The Demerara was a Snow Brig of 214 tons built in Dumbarton in 1829 and it is felt the letter missed the sailing of the Royalist and was put on the next vessel being the Demerara.

On landing at Liverpool, the Post Office applied the two-line LIVERPOOL/SHIP LETTER handstamp in black and charged the inward Ship Letter rate of 8d (from 1840) which included delivery to any destination in the British Isles thus the 1d stamp, although cancelled with a red Maltese Cross, was unnecessary. The entire letter was presumably re-directed to Jersey from London.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Congratulations to our following members who achieved awards at the Spring Stampex 2015 as under:

Jon Aitchison FRPSL

- **Large Gold** – Guernsey Sales Tax
- **Large Vermeil** – The Postal History of Herm Island prior to the local Stamp issuing period
- **Large Vermeil** – The Isle of Man before postal independence – Steps on a route to a postal identity
- **Large Vermeil** – The Introduction and Early Years of the Telegraphic Service in the Channel Islands

Graham Booth FRPSL

- **Large Gold** – Spoon cancellations of Great Britain

Phil Kenton FRPSL

- **Vermeil** – The Passage and Acceleration of GB Surface Mail

Gerald Marriner FRPSL

- **Vermeil** – How Postal Communications were affected during the German Occupation of the Channel Islands

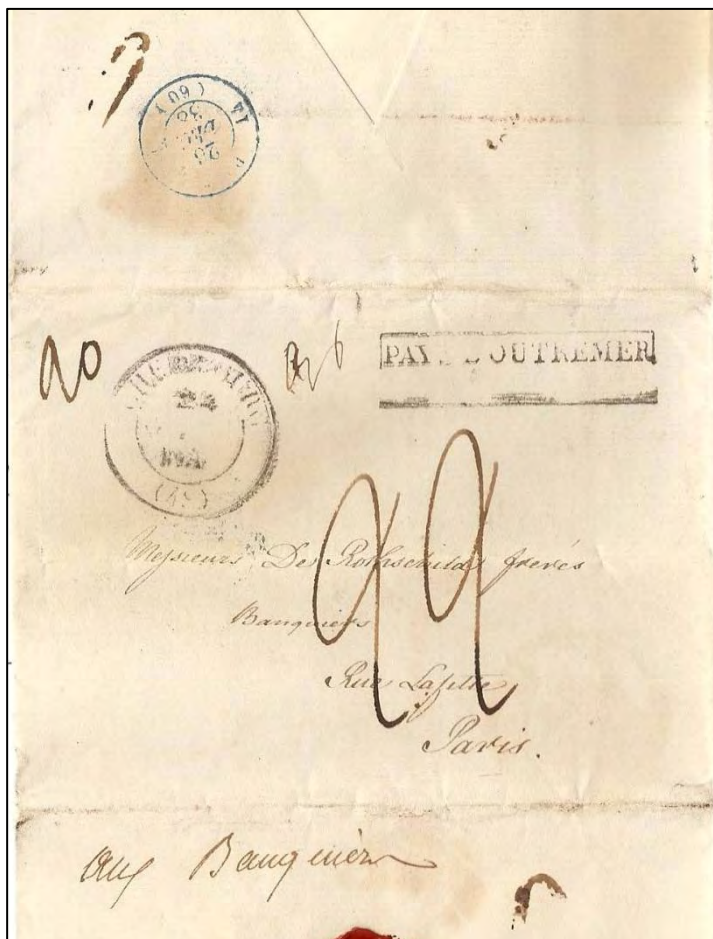
John Sussex RDP FRPSL

- **Gold** – The British Recorded Delivery system 1961 – 2010

A rare 1838 entire letter from Guernsey to Paris

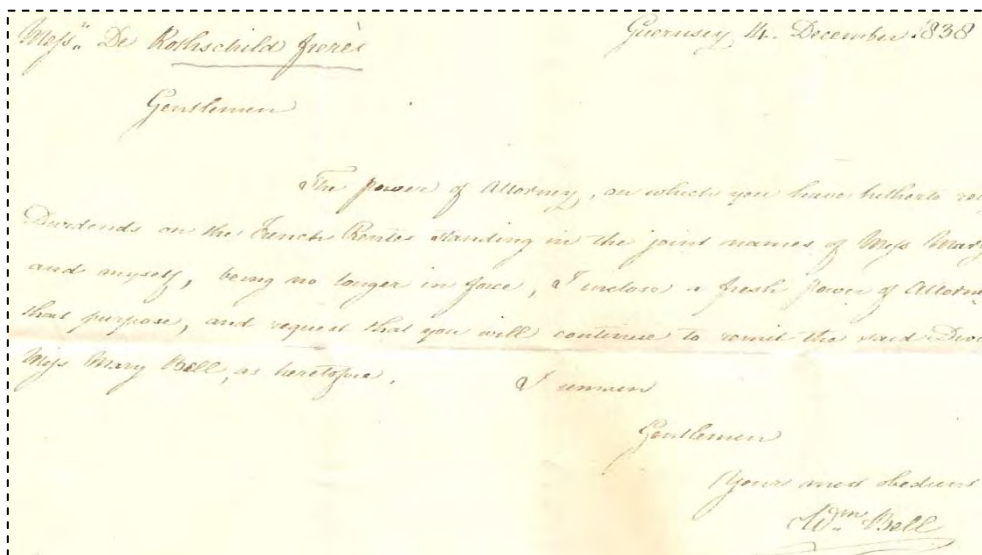
by Alan Moorcroft FRPSL

Our member in St Malo, Henri Chartier, has sent a scan of an important entire letter dated 14th December 1838 which has been referred to Richard Flemming and I for comment. The letter has received the **PAYS D'OUTREMER** boxed handstamp and the Cherbourg circular datestamp for 24th December 1838. It is datestamped as arriving in Paris on the 26th.



The **PAYS D'OUTREMER** handstamp applied in Cherbourg is not recorded in the S.G Postal History Catalogue. However another strike of this is known to me struck in April 1837. The use confirms that the service from the Channel Islands to Cherbourg continued in the period 1827 to 1841 – the gap in the catalogue between the use of the Colonies Par Cherbourg and Outre-Mer Cherbourg handstamps.

The letter was charged 22 dec being 1 dec sea postage and 21 dec inland rate for a 20g letter travelling the 300km from Cherbourg to Paris. The letter contained an enclosure of a Power of Attorney and the 20g weight is confirmed by the manuscript marking on the front. The Cherbourg route was used for mail from Alderney and Guernsey when it was advantageous to do so; when no other sailings to France were available or was the desired route of the sender. Richard has raised the query why the letter dated the 14th was not received in Cherbourg until the 24th and speculates that bad weather may have caused a delay.

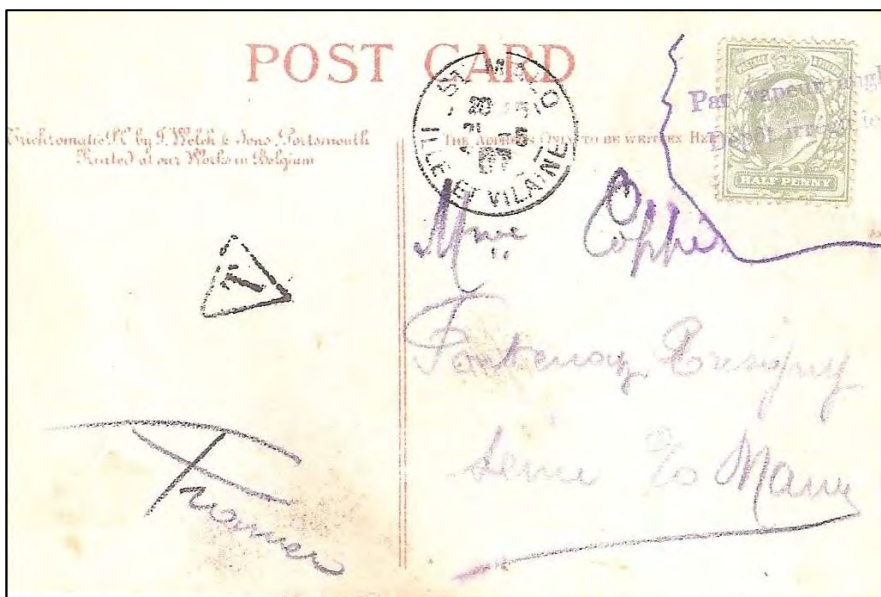


Note: This letter has been trimmed on the right to enable enlargement of the date and signature in this extract.

Uncancelled 1907 postcard Jersey to France

by Henri Chartier

I have recently acquired this Jersey postcard addressed to France which I have researched and it seems that it may have been carried to St Malo on the Anglo-French Co Ltd. new vessel SS. DEVONIA on Tuesday 21st May 1907 and posted on arrival at St Malo.



The 1/2d Ed VII stamp has been struck with a violet French instructional mark **Par vapeur Angl./ Depot irregulier** translating as *English Steamer / irregular deposit* and it has attracted a French charge mark.

I feel this is a rare item from the Channel Islands and I will be very interested to learn if any member has a similar example.

Just a simple Fortress-cover? by Michael Wieneke

I think, anybody will have had that dream “Finding a great item” at a flea-market. Unfortunately this dream only too often stays “a dream”, but with a collector friend of mine from the “Fieldpost Society” in Germany, this dream came true! Which items did he find?

It was a small correspondence with fieldpost-covers; some still containing the letters. With a find like that, any collector is happy, especially if the “price is right”. But this find turned out to be something special, because parts of the correspondence came from the C.I., and the dates were from May 1944 until 1945! When reading the text of the letters, it became much more interesting, not to say sensational.

The man who wrote these letters was Unteroffizier (Corporal) Bender in 1943 when he was a member of 4. Battery, Flak-Abteilung 343, stationed in the area of Bordeaux. In spring 1944 he was sent to a Flak-Schule (Anti-Aircraft School) in France and from there he was sent to Guernsey and became a member of 6. Battery, Flak-Abteilung 292 (FpNr. 35503). In a letter dated 8.5.1944 he describes his “very rough” sailing to the Channel Islands. He also mentioned that he gave this letter to a friend going to France, to be posted in St. Malo.

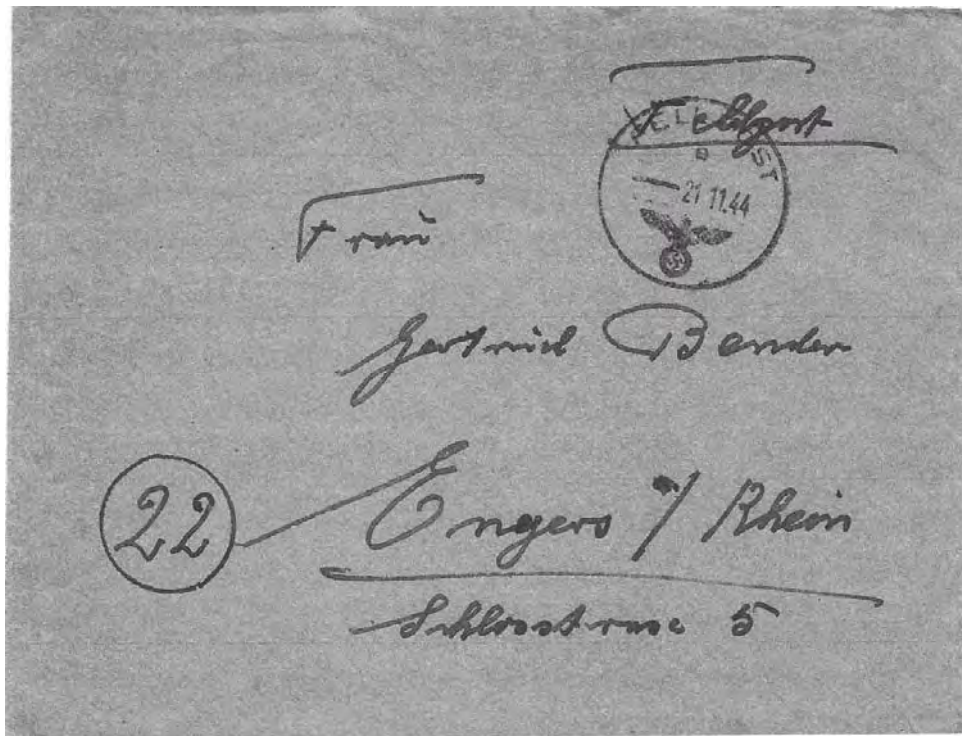
Bender, meanwhile promoted to Feldwebel (Sergeant), explained in his letters the supply-situation – especially mail-supply – in October/November 1944.

He starts, that he begins his letter today (14.11.1944), but does not know when he is able to finish it, because “*it depends on the circumstances, because you never know when such a bird is coming down and if, everything is head over heels*”.

With these remarks he precisely describes all the hectic events that occurred, when they listened to the special noise of a plane coming down or even saw on landing. That was the moment; everybody started writing a letter, hoping this plane will take it back to home. We all know these fortress-covers left without any cancellation from the Guernsey-office or with cancellations from Germany (area around Frankfurt/Main), illustrating the situation he described.

In the text that follows he wrote “*last time I was lucky, because there were two letters for me...numbering No. 92 and 94*” (Soldiers always numbered their letters, just to see which one arrived and which one was still missing).

By one hand this remark shows, that 5. Supply-Flight on 8.11.1944, mail was flown into the Islands and by the other hand, that it was not all the mail still in offices in Germany as it was just not possible to fly all the mail held then into the Islands. The letters he received (letters 92, 94) also told him, that his wife did not get any mail from him till now. Concerning this problem he writes "As I can see by your letter, you still did not get any letter from me. This I can't understand, because my letters left together with the letters of my comrades....some of their letters arrived at the families and they also got answers back. The first letter I wrote following Invasion leaving the Islands was dated 5.10., but this mail wrecked in Germany and was burned, but some of the mail reached their destinations. Following this we again wrote on 8.10. and again on 28.10. the last one was 9.11., till now in total 4x mail has left here, as far as I remember, maybe it was once more, but can't remember exactly".



Wm. F. Bonden 4:35 503
Ly. P. A. Wiesbaden.

Guten Morgen

Das Hefen ist, das steht ja fest. Wenn ich das also
schreibe, es geht mir gut hier, so schreibe ich, darauf
kannst du dich verlassen. Wie ich mir mit diesen
Zeilen erlauben kann, hast du von mir immer noch
keine Post bekommen, das kann ich nicht verstehen,
die Briefe sind immer mit den anderen von hier
weggegangen in die andere Kammer, denn Ihre
Post ist zum Teil nicht von der Post angekommen,
sie haben mich auch mit auf Ihre Briefe bekommen.

Der erste Brief wurde der Division der von hier wegging, vom am 5/10, die Post hat aber Schiffbruch in der Heimat erlitten und verbrannt, ein Teil hat aber den Bestimmungsart erreicht, ich bei den Angehörigen angekommen, darauf bin haben wir am 8/10. geschrieben, dann wieder am 28./10. in das letzte mal am 9/11. Es ist aber bis jetzt 4 mal Post von hier weggegangen, soviel ich mich entsinnen kann, es kann auch schon einmal mehr sein, genau weiß ich es nicht. Mein bereits ich bin diesen Brief vor, hoffentlich kommt bald wieder etwas in sich bekommen einige lh. Zeilen von Dir, in vor allem das Du mich schreibst das Du angucken mich Post bekommen hast, wir wollen beide der Division halten. Mein lieber Bräutigam, wie ich weiter aus Deinen Zeilen ersuchen kann, hast Du mich wenigstens den Fräuleinrich von mir bekommen, das hat mich sehr gefreut. Den Fräuleinrich von Dir habe ich mich bekommen, das schreibt ich Dir in einem eine letzte Brief, ich hatte aber gedacht das wäre auch Antwort auf meinen Fräuleinrich, mir ist das aber einen unter der Reihe, darum habe ich nicht geschickt. Es wird aber auf den einzelnen Schützgründen kein

Which story did the entries in the War Diary tell concerning the mail supply?

DIE VERSORGUNGSFLÜGE – (SUPPLY-FLIGHTS)

1. Versorgungsflug - 1:Flight

24.09.1944 Anflüge auf die Inseln, keine Landung, nur Abwurf von Versorgungsbomben. Post in die Festung ist möglich, es konnte aber keine Post ausgeflogen werden

(Flight to the Islands. No Landings, only drop of supply-bombs. Mail into fortress possible, no mail out of fortress).

06.10.1944 Zwei HE 111 sollten zwischen 00:00 und 01:50 Uhr auf

Guernsey landen, der Anflug wurde wegen schlechten Wetters abgebrochen, die Versorgungsgüter mußten über See abgeworfen werden (*Two HE 111 should land on Guernsey between 00:00 h and 01:50 h, due to weather-conditions landing impossible, supply was dropped into the sea*).

2. Versorgungsflug – 2. Flight

7./8.10.1944 1 HE 111 H 20 (Pilot Staffelkapitän Hauptmann Krebs, 2. Staffel TG 30) nach längerer Pause auf Guernsey um 00:10 Uhr gelandet und um 01:50 Uhr wieder gestartet. Es wurde Feldpost ein- und ausgeflogen. Die Maschine ist auf dem Rückflug über . Oppenheim abgeschossen worden. Hitler jungen haben die Piloten aus der brennenden Maschine geborgen. Einer der Hitlerjungen sagte später, es sei viel Post von der Kanalinsel JERSEY in der Maschine gewesen. Einige der verkohlten Briefe sollen geborgen worden sein. Es ist nicht bekannt, ob sie den Empfängern zugestellt wurden

(One He 111 H 20 – Pilot Squadron-Commander Hauptmann KREBS, 2. Squadron TG 30 – landed on Guernsey after a longer pause with the supply-flights at 00:10, restart at 01:50 h. Mail was brought in and out. The plane was shot down on its way back close to Oppenheim. Boys from Hitler-Youth saved the crew from the burning plane. It is said, that some of the mails - sometimes a bit burned – also was saved). Till now not known if these covers reached their addressees – Following Beckers letter, some indeed arrived.

3. Versorgungsflug – 3. Flight

16.10.1944 1 HE 111 auf Guernsey gelandet, Rückflug am 17.10.1944 es ist Feldpost ein- und ausgeflogen worden

(One HE 111 landed on Guernsey. Restart 17.10.1944, mail was flown in and out).

4. Versorgungsflug – 4. Flight

28./29.10.1944 Versorgungsflug durch die III./KG 55 (Pilot: Hauptmann Haßler), Landung um 23:30 Uhr; es sind 10 Postsäcke eingeflogen worden. Auf dem Rückflug (Start am 29.10.1944 um 02:15 Uhr) ist Post ausgeflogen worden, aus diesem Flug stammen unzensierte Festungsbriefe (*Supply-flight by III./KG 55 – Pilot: Captain Hassler – landed at 23:30 h,*

10 mail-bags flown in. Restart 29.10.1944 at 02:15 h. Mail was flown out, - mail from this flight was left uncensored).

5. Versorgungsflug – 5. Flight

08.11.1944 1 HE 111 auf Guernsey um 23:17 Uhr gelandet; Rückflug erst am 9.11.1944 um 23:53. Es wurde Feldpost ein- und ausgeflogen. Aus diesem Flug stammen ebenfalls unzensierte Feldpostbriefe
(One HE 111 landed on Guernsey at 23:17 h, restart 9.11.1944 at 23:53 h. Mail was flown in and out. Covers from this flight were left uncensored).

6. Versorgungsflug – 6. Flight

26.11.1944 Es ist eine HE 111 um 00:14 Uhr auf Guernsey gelandet, Rück-start um 03:07 Uhr. Es ist Feldpost und Zivilpost (Internierten-post!) eingeflogen worden; Feldpost wurde ausgeflogen
(One HE 111 landed on Guernsey at 00:14 h, restart at 03:07 h. Mail, including civilian-mails – i.e. Internee-mail – was flown in, fieldpost-mail flown out).

Sergeant Becker obviously was able to observe the mail-situation on Guernsey precisely.

With the first two planes to the Islands it was not possible for mail to be flown in. Following this the first letter is dated 5.10.1944 and of course “*the first mail that left here*” and most likely was burned when the plane was shot down. But at the same time his letter confirms that some of the letters (2. Supply-Flight) were saved and reached its addresses as we can see by his remark “some nevertheless reached its destinations”. Obviously he learned from his comrades that they received answers to their letters, flown out with that plane, which was shot down.

His remarks concerning further attempts to write, dated 28.10. and 9.11., match up with the entries in the War Diary concerning Supply Flight 4 and 5. His letter dated 8.10.1944 most likely was not flown out by the plane that left during the night of 7./8.11. and only flown out by 3. Supply Flight on 16.10.1944. Indeed, until the Bender letter dated 14.11.1944 it was the fifth time that mail was flown out.

In my opinion, this fieldpost-letter is a superb confirmation concerning our “philatelic” researches. Once again his remark concerning the missing letter No. 93 “*I only miss letter 93, but I am afraid it never will arrive*”. Well, we all know mail which was in “stock” in Wiesbaden showing the different

types of "Return to Sender"-marks, because the fieldpost decided only to send "newer mails".

zu noch alles in kurzen Stichworten schreiben, denn Du
weist ja das meine eingeführte 15 Briefe fehlen von Dir
von 70 - 80. Der Briefkasten in der Markt haben bis
jetzt noch keine Post bekommen, die haben bestimmt
nicht mehr geschwieben zu Hovins, der Briefkasten ist sehr
vorn steht in der sehr viel geräumig, er will nicht mit
Post schreiben, aber ich habe ihn immer gebracht in sehr
zu sollte richtig schreiben einmal bekommt er doch Post.
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The Augrés, Jersey registered covers of the early 1900s.

by Tony Peters

In the March Journal we had an article from David Gurney about items from the Augrés, Jersey Sub-Post office. The registered covers showed some “cinderella/forgeries”.and we learned of the prevalence of such with these local delivery stamps attached to the backs.

Now I will show you a registered envelope, posted at Augrés



showing the Augrés registered label and two cuts from a private envelope over the postage value, cancelled by the Jersey Head Post office on OC 19. 1910.

On the back we find an intact strip of three cinderella stamps in the same colour, but the design and the names are different being Dundee, Manchester and Glasgow. The Dundee part was cancelled by the Augrés postmark on the same date, the others are cancelled by the London oval registered date stamp.

I still have also a postal stationery registered envelope, with the Queen Victoria design, used in 1911 posted at Augrés which has no cinderella stamp.



The result: no item from any other Jersey sub-post office with a cinderella attached is known. The person who produced and sent these letters must be a person who lived in the area of Augrés and a philatelist. I have recorded the following dates from Augrés registered letters:

24: 11.06.10, 44: 03.07.1910, 32: 26.08.10, 36: 22.09.10, 30: 19.10.10, 9: 26.10.10, 27: 31.10.10, 43: 03.11.10,?: 20.08.10, 22: 11.10.10, 40: 24.11.10, 13: 01.05.11, 48: 12.07.11

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Some Guernsey Postage Due and Instructional Marks

by Nick Stuart

I show below three covers which I feel are unusual and might be of interest to members:



The first is a local cover posted without a stamp and marked with the violet boxed T mark for foreign letters coming into the Island. The mark is GE8 and the Guernsey 10p postage due cancelled with a poor packet date stamp type GC117 dated 14 MCH 78. It is very rare to have a 'T' mark, which is meant for underpaid incoming foreign mail, on a local letter.



The second local cover clearly machine cancelled on 21 JULY 1962 has the **MORE TO PAY** boxed hand stamp GM3 with 3d entered in manuscript. The Stanley Gibbons catalogue states that this hand stamp did not come into use until 1965, but this is dated three years earlier. It's not an error in the date slug as the cancellation of the 3d postage due is also dated 1962. Referring this to Gerald Marriner FRPSL, he comments this is a date earlier than he has seen.



The third local cover has an instructional mark GT21 showing that the addressee was deceased and the GS7 boxed **RETURN TO SENDER** 2d charge instruction. I have not seen the 'Deceased Box' ticked and initialled before acquiring this example and it is unusual in that there are two instructional marks as usually only one would have been used; the reason for non delivery.

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Italians in military units on the Channel Islands during Occupation.

by Karsten Runkel

The defection of Italy on 8th September 1943 - that was factually the end of the Tripartite Pact of Germany, Italy and Japan - was the beginning of a new chapter for the Italian soldiers in WWII.

During a palace revolution on 25th July 1943 the great fascist council had overthrown the "Duce" Benito Mussolini with a simple majority. Marshall Badoglio accepted the office as the head of government the same day. Mussolini was arrested and finally kept imprisoned in a health resort in the Abruzzi – 150km north-east from Rome. After the announcement of the ceasefire with the Allies on 8th September 1943 the German Armed Forces occupied, in the next 2 days, a large area from Northern Italy to Rome. On 12th September 1943 a German task force rescued Mussolini and brought him to Munich. There he received the order from Hitler (whose role model Mussolini was formerly) to build a new government. Otherwise Hitler threatened Mussolini to destroy Italian cities. On 23rd September 1943 the Italian Social Republic (RSI) was formed under German protection with Mussolini as the head of a puppet government.

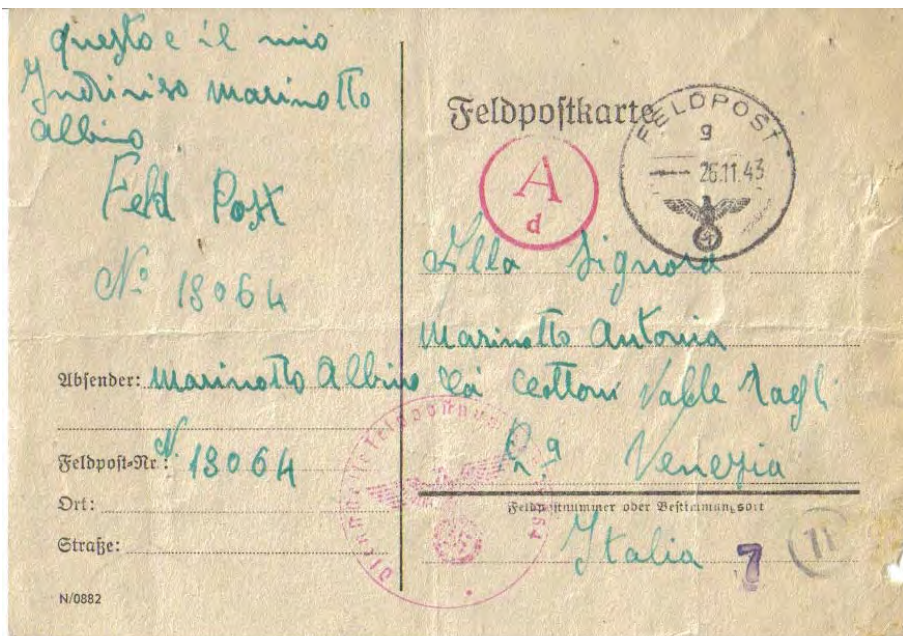
For most of the 800.000 to 1.000.000 disarmed Italian military members who were prisoners of war at first and were called Italian military internees, later began the deportation to Germany and to the occupied territories to work under inhumane conditions. If you want to learn more about this dark side of German-Italian relations you can look it up in the books shown in my list of sources, unfortunately all written in German.

The Italians who were still loyal to the Tripartite Pact were separated in two groups. On the one hand those willing to fight and on the other the volunteers ("HiWi" or "Hilfswilliger") who would like to work. In January 1944 there was a military supervision center in France that took care of about 25.000 people. The majority consisted of volunteers and the combat-ready ones and less of Internees. Since the Channel Islands were under the authority of the military commander in France I assume that the Italians on the Islands are included in the total amount. In the German Military Archive which is located in Fribourg in the south of Germany I found documents that showed approx. 5,400 were held in a camp close to

Marseille (Solliès-Ville) for transport. At the beginning of October the transport was arranged to allocate them to the different infantry divisions in France. The need of the 319th. Infantry Division located on the Channel Islands was 772 men. With the transport from Solliès-Ville which was the first one, the 319th I.D. received 500 men. Unfortunately I didn't find any other transport documents relating to the 319th I.D.

The earliest document in my collection is dated on 1st November 1943 which was probably dispatched by mistake. During my researches in 2011 in the Guernsey Archives I found a document of the division command from 2nd Nov. 1943 which states under the rubric army postal service (Feldpost-wesen) that there will be issued an order concerning the postal service for the Italians later. Until then no mail from the Italians has to be accepted for transport.

The following item shows that this order has been obeyed. This is a postcard from an Italian at the Fieldpost-No. 18064 (army coastal battery 460) with a date stamp of 26th Nov. 43. The backside shows that the postcard was already written on 1st Nov. 43, so the regular mail service might have started at the end of November 1943.



*carissima moglie
 di unguo a te con queste due righe*
 il 1-11-43

Furthermore it seems that there were Italians on the three main Islands (Jersey, Guernsey and Alderney). My items only concern army units, but no airforce or navy items. The Italians' sent information which is interesting as well since in one case it allows conclusion about their usage in the Italian army.




Envelope from the Fieldpost-No. 34443C (2nd Batt. Artillery Regiment 319) from 1st Nov. 43 (a mountain hunter (Alpino) in Jersey) unfortunately without arrival stamp.

Alfino: Renato Guglielmo
F. P. N. 34443.C

An extract from
the back of the
envelope.

In the envelope I found a confirmation from his unit which shows that he arrived on 23rd Oct. 43 in the unit. His salary was 0,50 Reichsmark **per working day**. If you visualise that 0,25RM was the overseas rate for a standard letter you can imagine what his work was worth in these days. For comparison a rifleman, seaman or airman in German territory in the lowest service pay group (16) already got 30,-RM per month in 1945 and - depending on the circumstances - additional money for fighting, clothing compensation and daily subsistence allowance.

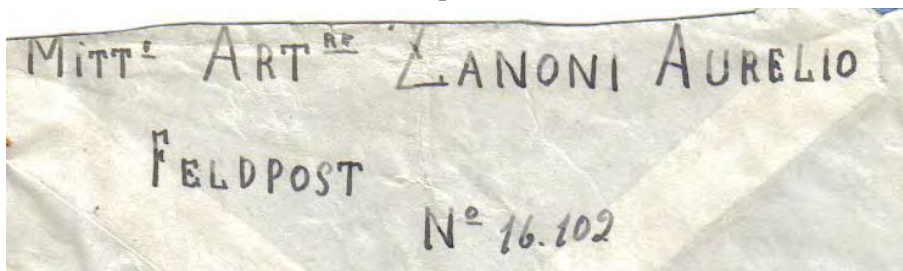
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Envelope from the Fieldpost-No. 39959 (driver-column supply-troop 319) stamped on 7th Dec. 43, probably in Guernsey with Italian arrival stamp on the back from 21st Dec. 43



Envelope from the Fieldpost-No. 16102 (12th Battery, army coastal artillery regiment 1265) stamped on 10th Mar. 44 in Alderney with Italian arrival stamp from 25th Mar. 44.



Extract from the back of the above envelope.

The last item is an envelope from the Fieldpost-No. 34443C from 14th Jul 44 which shows the **Internee** Giulio Folli as the sender. Most unusual is the fact that the censoring as well as the Italian arrival stamp is missing.



If there are any documents from Italians in German military units on the Islands in your collection I would be very grateful if you could send me a copy or a scan. Please contact me via the following email address: Karsten_Runkel@web.de or care of the Editor.

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