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We are pleased to welcome the following new members:- 2169 Walter Hendry, Middlesex; 2170 Peter Mountford, Birmingham; 2171 Glyn Evans, Shropshire; 2172 Anthony Betts, London.

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EDITORIAL

Once again this edition features a range of articles from members at home and abroad which continues to be most satisfying. Your Editor always welcomes interesting illustrated articles on Channel Islands related postal history subjects. In addition articles on Ch Is stamps have been fairly few in number so let me have more please especially on the revenues and the German occupation issues. And where are the postcard articles?? The Late Brian Brookes sale at Argyll Etkin in London in March saw several members present and some very successful bidding taking place. Don't forget the Annual General Meeting in the afternoon of **July 14**th preceded by the room auction and members' displays in the morning – always interesting with some good bargains on offer!

Welcome to the June edition of *Les Iles Normandes*. By the time you read this the Member's Weekend in Jersey will be a distant memory. Personally, I would like to thank Bob and Sheila Mallet for kindly arranging the Hotel de France in St Helier for us. I think we all appreciated the large meeting room which allowed plenty of room for members' displays and bourse. A big thank you must also go to Gerald Marriner for organising events over the weekend. However, most of all a special "Thank you" to all the members and guests who made the effort to travel to Jersey to make the weekend the success it was. More on the meeting in a special report contained elsewhere within the pages of this edition.

Back to reality, our next member's meeting will be the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held at the Union Jack Club, Waterloo on Saturday, 14th July. We have some important business to discuss at this AGM and members are urged to attend this meeting. As usual the AGM will be held after lunch at 14.00 with the morning taken up with a mini room auction of some 50 lots followed by members' displays.

If you wish to raise a question at the AGM please let me have a copy of your question at least two weeks before the 14th July so that I can forward your question to the appropriate member of the committee.

Forthcoming meetings are:

14th July 2018 Member's general meeting (Theme: Nautical or

any new acquisition followed by the AGM at

2.00pm.

22nd September 2018 Member's meeting. Theme: Channel Islands

Occupation

15th December 2018 Member's meeting. Theme: Letters M and N

Venue for all Society meetings is now the Union Jack Club, Sandell Street, SE1 8UJ next door to Waterloo Station. Please let the Secretary know if you wish to attend any meeting, It is a requirement of the UJC for security purposes.

Channel Islands Specialist Society Competitions 10th February 2018 by Alan Moorcroft FRPSL

The following competitions were judged by Graham Winters FRPSL and the respective standard is given for each entrant.

Sussex Cup for Postal History

Handstamps 1794 -1830 – Ron Brown. Gold. **Winner**Sub Post Offices of the Parishes of St Andrews, St Peter in the Wood
and Torteval – Nick Stuart. Silver.

St. Sampson's Sub Post Office – John Triggs. Silver.

Society Cup for Stamps

Postage Stamps During German Occupation – Brian Sole. Large Vermeil. **Winner**

Alderney Revenues – Jon Aitchison. Vermeil

The Development of the 1959 Map and Boat Definitive Issue

– Mike Thompson. Vermeil.

Guernsey 3d Regional Stamp – John Goose. Silver Bronze

Tom Green Cup for Occupation Postal History

Mail Carried on the Fortress Flights – Ron Brown. Gold. **Winner** German Occupation of Alderney – Richard Flemming. Vermeil.

Open Philately Competition Cup

Channel Islands Airmail to 1945 – Ron Brown. Vermeil. Winner

Previous Winners Competition

Ballons Monté to the Channel Islands – Jon Aitchison. Gold. **Winner** Channel Islands Mail Service in the Early Liberation Period 1945/6 – Gerald Marriner. Vermeil

Judged by the members present:

The Society Cup for Postcards

Channel Island Mail Ships - Robert Porter. Winner

JERSEY WEEKEND MEETING REPORT 20th – 22nd April.

by Richard Flemming

Just over fifty members and guests attended this year's Weekend Meeting held at the Hotel de France, Jersey. The weekend started with a fine standing display kindly provided by **Bob Mallet**. Friendships were renewed over afternoon tea and coffee and continued over a fine dinner. The post-dinner "Three Sheets to Tell a Story" competition drew nine entries. Voting was brisk and following the count of votes **Christine Earle** was declared the clear winner with her picture postcard story concerning a Luftwaffe military funeral for two British airmen. **Jill Flemming** was second with her entry "Vale or Forest?", closely followed by **Gerald Marriner** and his display titled "British Liberation Army".

Saturday morning started with a Bourse and an opportunity for members to view the 100+ lots on offer for the room auction. Following coffee, Alan Holvoake, RDP, FRPSL provided members with one of the weekend's 'key' displays titled "English Postal History prior to the Bishop Mark". Here Alan offered us a unique look into mail from the earliest 'Messenger Postal System' starting with an item of mail carried by messenger from 1201 (during the reign of King John) some 14 years before the Magna Carta was signed. We then saw items relating to Robert the Bruce of Scotland, a 1514 diplomatic letter signed by Henry VIII and a letter signed by his daughter, Elizabeth 1 regarding the appointment of the Marshall of Berwick. There were rare examples of Merchant Adventurers and the Merchant Strangers on show and the next set of frames saw mail from the period of James 1 and Charles 1, including examples from Charles 1 postal reforms and a 1632 Proclamation for the First British Post Master of England in Foreign Parts. Finally, the earliest known example of the New Post dating from June 6, 1649 was shown, an official item of Admiralty mail. Members were somewhat awe-struck at the rarity and quality of material on display and appreciated that Alan was able to bring this along for members and guests to see. Gerald Marriner gave the vote of thanks. The morning concluded with the 100+ lot room auction with Nick Stuart acting as Auctioneer ably assisted by Robert Porter, who kept tabs on the money whilst Mark Bailey did the running.

Following a few hours break during the afternoon, **David Winnie** provided a very entertaining 102 sheet "Chairman's display" titled "Jersey Sub-Post Offices" covering 31 offices from Augres to Trinity. The focus was on early material including many undated double arcs in various colours,

Penny Posts and Registered mail. This was followed by a pre-dinner drinks reception at 7.00pm with the Annual Dinner at 7.30pm. After coffee was served Chairman **David Winnie**, assisted by Secretary **Richard Flemming** presented certificates to those members present who either won their class or had entered an entry for judging at the Annual Competition Day held in February.

This was followed by a brief speech by David Winnie thanking those members who had worked to bring about such an enjoyable weekend.

Sunday morning was dedicated to members' displays. Brian Sole described himself as "a thematic collector" and displayed some Europa mint sheets. Henri Chartier showed some interesting items from the Austro-Hungarian Conflict (WW1 to you and me) focusing on Camp de la Corderie on the Iles de Chaucey, a camp that held 300 German and Austrian male civilian internees. Leo Mayr showed items pertaining to Alderney during the Channel Islands Occupation, including mail to and from the Alderney working party as part of the Guernsey Control Committee who went to Alderney to look after the cattle and deal with the harvest. There was a rare Alderney "Fortress" cover that went via Guernsey and to conclude a scarce item of mail from one of the internees in Lager Sylt. Staying with the Channel Islands during WW2, Ron Brown showed mail from the German Feldpost during the "Fortress" period. Ron explained that there were 23 flights in all during this period, seventeen of which carried mail. He was able to show mail carried on those flights that carried mail out of the Islands and two examples of internee mail into the Islands during this period. To conclude his display, Ron showed an example of the radio message card scheme, whereby radio messages were sent from the Islands by German troops to the naval base in Wilhelmshaven, each member of the German forces being allowed one radio message each month. These messages were then typed out onto the Radio Message cards and forwarded on to the recipient in Germany through the post. John Aitchison's display consisted of 66 sheets titled "Channel Islands Perfins" with many examples of perfins from the Jersey company Gruchy, Jersey and Guernsey GWR (Great Western Railway) to name a few. Jon was also able to show examples of perfin stamps from the Channel Islands, but also some UK companies unrelated to the Channel Islands, so obviously people had brought these stamps into the Islands to be used on mail sent from the Islands. Examples included Ind Coope Co. Ltd. (the brewery), AA (Automobile Association), Fuel Services Ltd, Prudential, and Greater London Council. Christine Earle's display comprised the Jersey Liberation cards following the liberation of Jersey on May 9, 1945. Christine explained that there seemed to be five different overprints on the card including "Liberation of Jersey/May 9th 1945", "From Liberated Jersey" and "Greetings from/ Liberated Jersey/May 9th 1945". Gerald Marinner showed three mini displays, firstly, mail from a Flt. Lt. Smith to London from RAF Guernsey during the Liberation period. Secondly, "Postage Markings", including "To be called for" in manuscript on an 1837 entire, an 1844 "Missent to Guernsey" and an 1850 QV 2d blue on cover "Missent to the Isle of Wight", finally some items relating to the Hotel de France. John Triggs showed Jersey and Guernsey Sub-Post Offices including a registered letter from Quay Branch bearing a No. 0017 registered label, David Place and 1934 registered mail from St Aubin bearing No. 0020 registered label. Finally, Richard Flemming showed some items of mail, mainly from Jersey, to overseas destinations including Peru, New Zealand, sent via San Francisco, Australia, China, South Africa and Mauritius. Of special interest was a local newspaper from Guernsey dated 1860 sent at the 1d rate to New York. Following the completion of displays, David Winnie thanked those who provided some interesting displays and looked forward to the 2019 Weekend.

News of Members.

We very much regret to have to record the recent deaths of 1608 Peter Adams, Somerset; 2092 Bo Olsson, Sweden.

Congratulations to our following members with their successes at Spring Stampex 2018:

Open Philately

Ron Brown - Large Vermeil - Channel Islands Airmails to 1945 Ron Brown - Large Vermeil - Alfred Poisson - One Man's War

Postal History

Alan Holyoake – **Large Gold** – The British Post Office from 1635 Inception to the 1840 First Day of Use of Prepaid Stamps and Stationery. Graham Booth – **Gold** – Liverpool Maritime Late Marks 1849 – 1956. Graham Booth – **Gold** – The Toulmin Packets between UK & Australia 1844-49 Graham Booth – **Gold** – The Gibbs Bright Steamship Service between the UK and Australia 1852-61.

Ron Brown – Gold – Channel Islands Fortress Mail 1944-1945

Gerald Marriner – **Large Vermeil** – Channel Islands – 1940-45 Diverted Routes during German Occupation

Richard Flemming – Large Vermeil – Handstamps Applied to Mail between the Channel Islands and France 1773 -1859.

Richard Flemming – Large Vermeil – Channel Island Mail – Routes and Rates.

Ron Brown – Vermeil – Channel Islands Hand Stamps 1794 – 1838

Nick Stuart – **Large Silver** – Guernsey Postage Dues and Instructional Marks – An Introduction.

Richard Flemming – Large Silver – Ship Letter Handstamps Applied to Mail to and from, or via, the Channel Islands.

Ephemera

Jon Aitchison – **Gold** – Book Tokens, The Gift is Mine – The Choice is Thine. Jon Aitchison – **Large Vermeil** – Be My Valentine.

Gerald Marriner – **Silver** – A Visit to Victorian/Edwardian Hotels of St. Helier, Jersey.

Revenues

Jon Aitchson – Large Vermeil – Alderney Revenues.

<u>Traditional</u>

Jon Aitchison – **Vermeil** – Security Perforated Stamps (Perfins) used in the Channel Islands.

Brian Sole – Vermeil – Guernsey from Postal Independence, 1969.

Nick Stuart – Large Silver – The Channel Islands Liberation Commemorative Stamps.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS.

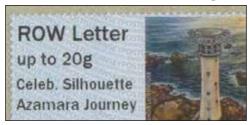
Please note that all displays given at future meetings of this Society should be on a <u>Channel Islands theme</u> only and not on other subjects despite the chosen merits.

GUERNSEY 2017 CRUISE SHIP POST & GO'S by Ray B Dixon

From the 21st of April until the 31st of August 2017, Guernsey Post ran a underprinting program of their Lighthouse series of Post & Go's, (P&G's) with the name of a visiting Cruise Ship(s). They were intended for sale to Cruise Ship visitors, but of course were also available to the general public, as they were all dispensed from 'GG01' machine located within the Post Office at 13 Smith Street in St Peter Port. All the P&G Lighthouse labels, with a Cruise Ship Underprint were available for 1 day only. A total of 22 different Cruise Ship names have appeared on the Guernsey



Lighthouse P&G series. This can be broken down into 20 Cruise Ship P&G's, available singly with the other 2 Cruise Ships only appearing jointly, (Fig. 1). Conversely if you include 6 double visits with 10 single visits, a minimum of 16 labels will be needed to show the 22 different Cruise Ships.



(Fig. 1)

A set of 21 collectors strips have a face value of £83.82p. $(4 \times £3.70) + (17 \times £4.06) = £83.82p$. For those who are new to P&G's the following is a quick review of what the numbers on the label above mean. The machine is powered by Royal Mail, the 'B' is the machine type, (when originally introduced



in the UK they were a type 'A').

T1	Guernsey Post Office	Lighthouse 1	Post & Go'	s (Single C	Cruise Ship)
No.	Cruise Ship Names	Date of Visit in 2017			
1	Adonia	21 June	08 July	27 July	19 Aug
2	MS Albatros	30 May			
3	Arcadia	08 June	15 July		
4	Azura*	22 April			
5	Britannia	03 June			
		21 April	02 May	26 May	19 June
6	Caribbean Princess*	25 July	18 Aug	30 Aug	
7	Celebrity Eclipse*	08 May			
8	Columbus*	14 July			
		11 Aug	15 Aug		
9	Crystal Symphony				
10	CMV Magellan	12 July			
11	Marco Polo*	28 April			
12	Mein Shiff 1	21 Aug			
13	Norwegian Jade	23 May			
14	Oriana*	12 May	20 May	29 July	
15	MS Prinsendam	16 Aug			
16	Queen Elizabeth*	18 May			
17	Saga Sapphire*	29 April	06 July		
18	Silver Spirit*	23 June			
19	Vision of the Seas	01 June	07 July		
20	MV Ventura*	22 June	12 Aug		
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The Oriana arrived on **Friday** 30th June it was scheduled to receive the appropriate Underprint but no passengers landed, therefore the label was not printed. The Arcadia arrived on **Thursday** 8th of June; although the label was printed it appears no passengers landed?

It may be prudent to point out that within the time frame, (21st April to the 31st of August) the Cruise Ships, Azura, Caribbean Princess (twice) and

^{*}These 10 Cruise ships also appear in Table 2.

Saga Sapphire (twice) were all **Sunday** visitors, so no labels were printed as the Smith Street post office was closed.

T2	Guernsey Post Office - Lighthouse Post & Go's 2 Cruise Ships			
No.	Exact Cruise Ship Names on the Label		Date of 2017 Visit	
1	Celebrity Eclipse	Saga Sapphire	17 June	
2	Columbus	Silver Spirit	27 June	
3	Caribbean Princess	Azura	01 July	
4	Queen Elizabeth	Caribbean Princess	13 July	
5*	Celeb.(rity) Silhouette	Azamara Journey ¹	20 July	
6	Oriana	MV Ventura	10 August	
7	Queen Elizabeth	Marco Polo	24 August	

Total labels printed for T1 is 36 plus 7 from T2 = 43

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Finally, 8 of the cruise ships visited outside the time frame; Saga Sapphire on the 16th of April and in September



the Adonia (15th), MS Albatros (24th), Azamara Journey (5th), Azura, (8th), Caribbean Princess (21st), Columbus (6th) and MV Ventura (16th), all made one more 'label free' visit

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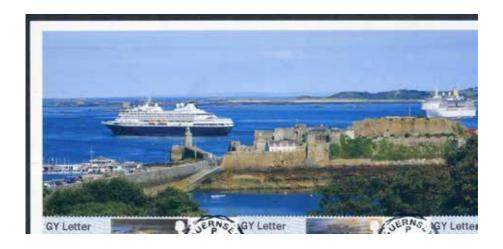
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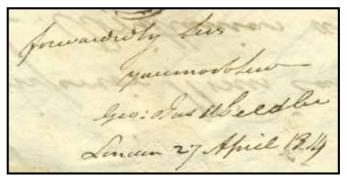
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A 'new' early 19c London Letter Forwarding Agent handling Channel Islands letters by David Gurney FRPSL.



I was intrigued with the endorsement on this 1814 letter included in Lot 1179 in the Forwarding Agents section of the Late Brian Brookes auction held at Argyll Etkin in London on the 9th March 2018. The entire letter itself was written in Bordeaux on the 14th April 1814 by Walter Johnston and James Dowling and addressed to Messrs C. Priaulx & Co, Merchants, in Guernsey. Carried privately to London whereupon it was endorsed and placed in the post by London Forwarding Agents on the 27th April 1814 to Guernsey, rated 1/1d being the inland rate to Weymouth of 10d plus the

Packet rate of 3d from Weymouth to Guernsey, but who were these London Agents? The illegible signature is shown here which seemed to defeat everyone who looked at



the name. I studied this at great length enlisting my past training and practice in the interpretation of early English hand writing, but to no avail! After a number of other enquiries in the end I referred this to my friends in the manuscript section of the London Metropolitan Archive who had

previously helped in the interpretation of a few words in a 1646 deed which our Local History Group had been quite unable to decipher. In their own words after 'a fair deal of squinting and head scratching' they suggested the names were **George** and James Abel et Cie which fitted with their later search of the internet suggesting there were London Merchants of that name trading in the late 1810s/early 1820s!

In fact the internet also suggests from 1775 and later that Kellock lists some of the major London Houses with debts in the American Colonies (London debt claimants of 1790) amongst which are George and James Abel, merchants of then 15, Cloak Lane.

I was thanked for presenting 'a most agreeable challenge!' and was delighted in checking the London Directories for 1814 and 1815 at the Guildhall Library later to find entries for this name listed as Merchants at 2, Cloak Lane, Dowgate Hill, quite close to the Mansion House in the City. Of course one has to bear in mind that the girls in the Manuscript section are looking at early writing everyday so are well practised in the art of reading early English handwriting.

This find further made sense by the content of the letter which referred to the cargo of the cutter 'LYON', Captain Thorbon, being sold at St. Jean de Luz and referred to the prices in the carriage of wines and brandies.

The endorsement reads 'forwarded by Sirs your most ob(edient) Serv(ants) Geo & Jas Abel et Cie London 27 April 1814'. Reference to the Priaulx family correspondence held at the Priaulx Library in Guernsey revealed no further letters from this correspondent in France were held by them, but that is not to say there may have been originally.

This new name has not come to light in any other books on Letter Forwarding Agents and I would be very interested to learn from any other member if they may have come across this name before in Channel Islands related correspondence.

Does any member have letters addressed to Priaulx in Guernsey between 1767 and 1790 in their collections? If so, could you send scans of the outer and inner pages, please, to the Priaulx Library, Guernsey - email

address: info@priaulxlibrary.gg

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Guernsey Red Cross Crash Mail

by Olaf Beecken

In his book "Waists getting waspish" published in late 2017 the author Leopold Mayr, a renowned expert in the field of Guernsey Red Cross messages, writes on page 55:

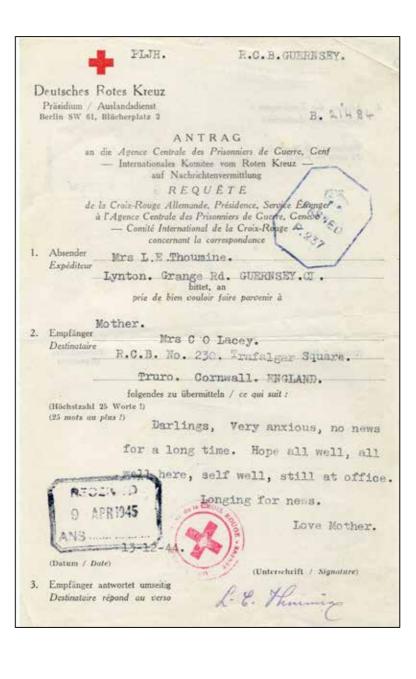
"255 Enquiries (numbers B21292 to B21546) were flown out shortly after midnight on 23 December 1944 on the return of the 12th supply flight. The plane, a He 111, was shot down over France, and there were no survivors. Messages bearing one of the numbers indicated have so far not been reported." I can now show below that this is no longer the case!

These messages were handed over to the Germans at Platzkommandantur I (PK I) either on 20 December 1944 (source: Alan Moorcroft) or on 22 December 1944 (source: Michael Wieneke).

Thus the illustrated item on the next page is among those that were carried on this flight and we have got the first "Crash Mail" - item (!) from Guernsey during the occupation! The mail survived at least in parts and was probably passed on directly to the International Red Cross in Geneva through official channels by avoiding any further German censorship in Berlin or Ettal.

From Geneva the messages were then carried on to England in the usual way. The front of the form shows a rectangular Truro arrival date stamp of 9 April 1945. The message was not answered as the back of the form is unused. Also the Tapp message that was shown in my article Guernsey Red Cross 'Fortress' Message Form December 1944 on pages 14 and 16 of our Journal in September 2017 can also now be recognised as one of these crash mail items. However, at that time Leopold's book had not been published, but now this can be positively identified as such.

I would ask members to examine their Fortress forms and see if they can report similar examples please to the Editor or to myself.



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QUICK, A.C., Cordonnier/bootmaker/employer, 2, CHURCH SQUARE, GUERNSEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS by David Gurney FRPSL



Earlier this year I was shown three illustrated covers of similar date all from Falmouth in Devon by a UK dealer which in fact were only fronts. Of the three, I decided this was the most attractive and in better condition so bought just this example although I much prefer complete covers. I was intrigued with the addressee in St Peter Port and subsequent enquiry of the States of Guernsey Archives revealed they hold a record of two property transactions viz 01 October 1880 A Tous Ceux, William Quick, of England, presently of Guernsey, to Albert Quick, conveyance of house at bottom of la Grande Rue of town of St Pierre Port near steps leading to the Commercial Arcade. An earlier transaction of 1873 related to the same property being a conveyance to William Quick, late of Tiverton, Devon and possibly Albert's father.

Albert Charles Quick, does not appear on the civil birth register for Guernsey, but was baptised at St Peter Port in the Town Church. The handwriting in the church record is not entirely clear, but the 1891 Guernsey census shows the Quick family are living over the family shop at 2, High Street and interestingly Albert's profession is given as bootmaker aged 38 years, his wife Sarah 32 years old. Albert's occupation was given as "Cordonnier/bootmaker".

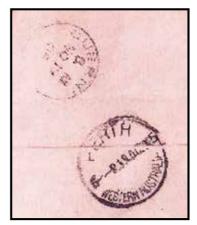


In the 1901 census the family are living at Marine Terrace, Les Banques. The family was perhaps a little more prosperous, because Albert Quick was then listed as Bootmaker (Employer). His business continued to operate from 2, Church Square.

This cover was seen on Ebay some time ago and it was described as: "A scarce long vertically illustrated cover from a mariner (who was also a ships artist) to his wife in Guernsey. Franked 4d (pair 1d red swan and a 2d single yellow swan stamps of Western Australia, post marked from Port Hedland on OC 12 1905.

The reverse side has a Perth transit postmark (19 OC) as well as a Guernsey receiving postmark dated NO 19 05.

Clearly in the light of the researched facts this description was incorrect and suggests one should be very careful with some ebay descriptions. Whom the originator of these covers is I am not aware, but I would be delighted if readers



of this short paper could provide further information on Mr. A.C. Quick and his wife, and their actual relationship to the cover from Port Hedland as I am now aware of four such illustrated covers/fronts, three from Falmouth which as a port suggests the same originator.

One final point of interest is that an entry is to be found in the list of members of the TRANSACTIONS of the GUERNSEY SOCIETY OF NATURAL SCIENCE and LOCAL RESEARCH, VOLUME III 1895-1899 published in 1900:

Quick, Mr. A.C., Church Square.

If any member can add to this story, do please let me know.

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NEW ZEALAND POW POST TO BIBERACH INTERNMENT CAMP by Roger Harris

I show below a rare 1944 AIR MAIL letter from New Zealand to a Guernsey deportee in Biberach Internment Camp.



The Air Letter was posted from HAMILTON New Zealand on 19 July 1944 where it received a slogan machine cancel timed at 4PM. A two lined boxed cachet, 56mm x 12mm, reading:

PRISONER OF WAR POST KRIEGSGEFANGENPOST

was applied in blue and a 30mm long miniature straight line cachet, reading

'BRITISH PRISONER OF WAR.'

also in blue, was applied following the addressee's name. The letter was subsequently opened and resealed with a Censor Tape:

'[P.C. -90. / OPENED BY EXAMINER / D.D.A./ 210 '(The Censor tape partly covers the boxed cachet.)

The envelope received an indistinct German Post Office 'WURTTEMBURG' arrival postmark in October 1944 and an inward Biberach Camp double ring Censor cachet in purple with the faint pencil annotation 'W77'.



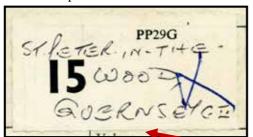
The back view of the envelope illustrates the unusual Censor Tape resealing the envelope, but it also shows the extremely distressed condition of the flimsy airmail envelope after its travels across the world from New Zealand to Biberach Camp and then the subsequent journeys to England and eventually to Guernsey.

Note: The addressee, **Edith Pont-Alain,** was an elderly deportee from Guernsey. She and her husband became members of the second early repatriation of elderly and infirm internees who travelled to Liverpool on the SS DROTTNINGHOLM in March 1945.

(Ref. My book "ISLANDERS DEPORTED Part 1: Repatriation – pages 178 -181.)

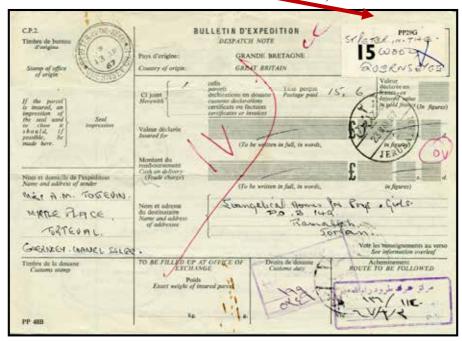
Parcel Label PP29G used at St. Peter in the Wood, Guernsey in 1967 by Guy Dandoy.

One of a special series of labels used for the Foreign and Colonial Parcel



Post and affixed to an overseas parcel in transit through the British Post Office, usually stuck on the top of the customs declaration form affixed to the parcel in this case to Israel. The PP29G label can be seen in the top right corner of the

International customs declaration / DESPATCH NOTE, PP48B shown below.



This form PP48B has been struck on despatch at the top left corner with the **ST PETER IN THE WOOD** Sub-Post Office double circle datestamp with asterisk code on the 13th April 1967. Can any member report a similar example of either form used in connection with the Islands' Sub-Post Offices?

The parcel was routed by surface mail to Ramallah in Jordan via Amman and was undelivered before the city was captured by Israel during the 1967 War and was then processed by the Israeli military post and delivered on by them. Fewer than 40 items of mail were captured in all of which this is the only item from the Channel islands amongst 20 captured in Ramallah - a rare item of surviving mail.

David Gurney FRPSL has kindly assisted me in the compilation of this short article and notes that there is unfortunately scant information in James Mackay's book THE PARCEL POST OF THE BRITISH ISLES other than this illustrated form with 15 and a listed reference relating this to Imperial and Foreign Parcel Post origin number labels.





The only known other type of PP29G label David Gurney had recorded was in his 1993 book The POST OFFICE in the SMALLER CHANNEL ISLANDS used in Sark on the 26th February 1969 and this is in my collection. These small labels were quite different this being as shown in two rouletted parts used for attachment to outgoing Imperial and Foreign parcels during the 1960s in so far as is known.

David Winnie can also record the use of the combination of a different adhesive label PP29G and a Sark Parcel Post handstamp in 1979. The label in this case, as with the above example of 1967, has shown the office names in manuscript. The rectangular Parcel Post datestamp is the third to be issued to Sark on the 2nd March 1979 and is 57mm x 34mm. Could the G of PP29G relate to Guernsey? Can any member add further information please?



1915 WW1 Army form POW postcard from Jersey to Germany by Olaf Beecken

I recently acquired this interesting card for my collection and as I am not a specialist in this field (as you might know) I asked Tony Peters for his expertise on this.



Nicht zwischen die Zeilen schreiben!

Terrey d. 29. 15.

Lieber Herr Linde!

Their Samilie a Thoma herrlichen

Dank für alles Gute. Gerundheiflich

auch reurt gut wünrche dasselbe von

Thuen dahlim, beronders erlaube ich

mir nach dem Woblingehen von Han

tu fragen? Grüfren Tie biffe. blit den

berfen Wünrschen für uns Alfe.

Er grüfel Allen barb Herre

According to Tony the cachet is well known, however, this **bilingual card** is totally unknown to him.

The text in German translates as follows: Jersey, November 29th, 1915

Dear Herr Linde!

Thank you and your family for your best wishes.

I am in good health and hope the same is true for you at your home.

I would like to enquire about Hans' well-being. Please pass on my kindest regards.

With best wishes for all of us, sending my best wishes, Carl Steen

I wonder whether someone could tell me something about this card please and whether other examples are known used from Jersey.

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General William Mesny (1842-1919)

by E.Keith Lloyd, FRPSL

Jersey issued a set of six stamps and a booklet on 25 February 1992 entitled "Jersey Adventurers III - William Mesny". This was the 150th Anniversary of his birth. Sometime ago, I purchased on e-Bay part of a ½d news wrapper – see below - (uprated to 1d for the international rate), sent on 11 August 1899 from Jersey to General W. Mesny at Club Chambers No 2 The Bund Shanghai China.

The Royal Philatelic Society is celebrating its 150th Anniversary in 2019 and is to publish a book depicting a selection of sheets from the collections of members and fellows, I selected a page from my collection depicting a set of the six Jersey Mesny stamps and the news wrapper.

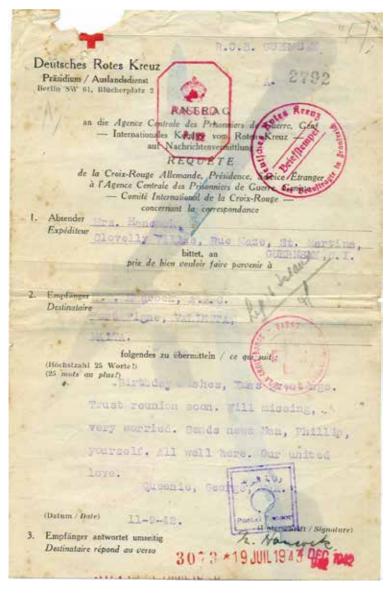


When I sent in my contribution, I got a response from Mark Bailey who drew my attention to the distinctive handwriting of the sender which includes some very long extensions to the lower case letters and wondered whether the sender of the news wrapper could be identified from this handwriting.

Has any member seen this style of handwriting before and, if so, does anyone know who sent the news wrapper to Mesny? Also are any other items of postal history to or from Mesny known?

Guernsey Red Cross form to Malta dated 11.9.42. by Olaf Beecken

This form would seem to be the first to have come to light with Malta as a destination from the Channel Islands in so far as I know.





As far as I can be aware the form would have been routed via Paris and Geneva to England where it was passed by the censor "122". From England it would have been sent out to the Middle East Command headquartered in Cairo where it was censored again reflected by the square violet cachet and from there to the unit of the A.E.C., Army Educational Corps, in Valletta, Malta.

For some reason the form was then returned to Geneva (see cachet on the back of the form and the date stamp 19 JUIL 1943 on the front), from where it was routed to Berlin (see chemical washmark on the back).

There seems to have been an

attachment to the form possibly explaining the whereabouts of the addressee. I believe that attachment may have been torn off in Geneva and instead the pencil annotation "parti de Malte" (see back) was written and this might explain the damage to the form at the top.

After discussion with Leopold Mayr there are some questions that our combined approach could not answer:

- a) What does the pencil annotation "A" on the front top right mean and who would put it on the form? Could this represent "A" for Army or for Attachment?
- **b)** There is a second pencil annotation on the left underneath the word "Berlin". To me it looks like an underlined "1" but again I may be wrong.
- c) There is a third pencil annotation on the front above the Geneva cachet. I read "Left the (??) Island", which is underlined and below is what I believe may be the initials of a British Officer on Malta.

Can any member help with these three questions please?

1904 Unrecorded Five Oaks Parcel Post Label

by David Winnie

I have recently acquired an unrecorded Parcel Post label for this country Sub-Post Office as shown below. This has been used on the 6th December 1904 from the Mackay group P issued generally from 1901. The 7d rate postage stamp has been stuck on the parcel and not on the label itself, contrary to regulations. This label

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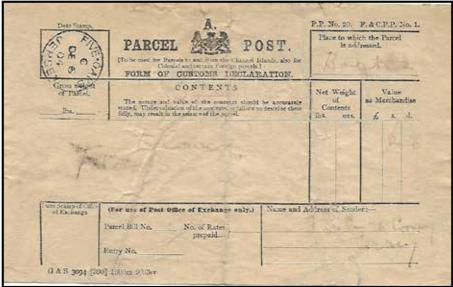
FIVE CAKS

POST.

differs from others known from this office in that it shows the office to be (Under Jersey, St. Heliers) rather than just (Under Jersey). There is also a full stop after X LIST, but no full stops after Number or Postge.

(Under Jersey, St. Heliers) FOR POSTAGE STAMPS. This item came together with a Parcel Post P.P.

No.20 Form of Customs Declaration shown below with the date of usage on 6th



December 1904. It relates to a consignment of flowers and I believe it is safe to say that the two items are linked. In my experience this is the first recorded example in the Channel Islands where the town has been shown with the Island name.

As far as I can be certain there are NO other Sub-Post Office Parcel Post labels recorded in Jersey with St. Heliers in the office title. There are plenty with just "Under Jersey" and equally, there are NO Parcel Post Labels for Guernsey with St. Peter Port in the office title. As with Jersey, "Under Guernsey" is used frequently. Thus I feel that this Five Oaks label is a first for the Islands.

Ed. This label was shown at the Jersey weekend meeting and attracted much interest and some comment! Does anyone have a similar example?

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