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Member re-joined: 494 André Dufresne, Canada.

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EDITORIAL

The Annual General Meeting held at the Union Jack Club on Saturday 14th July brought about some interesting changes not the least being a necessary increase and change to subscription rates after so long, to see us through the coming years. See Minutes on page 27 and in particular the Notices on pages 3 and 6. In addition the need to re-structure the Committee for the future management of the Society has also been approved which should lead to greater efficiencies.

Your Journal this time has a number of interesting and important postal history articles and a reflection on some affairs during the German Occupation. In particular another very sad story concerning the Jersey civilian prisoner, Joseph Tierney, researched by Ron Brown.

SECRETARY'S CLIPBOARD

by Richard Flemming

At least we can say that we've had a summer this year, what with temperatures reaching 30°C in places. I hope that by the time you receive this copy of the Journal the drought will be over. Thank you to all those members who attended the 68th AGM held at the Union Jack Club. Details of the AGM will appear elsewhere in this copy of the Journal. I am pleased to say that those standing members of the CISS Committee have been re-elected to serve for another year. The move to the Union Jack Club (UJC) seems to be going well and given time will be even better. Dates for the 2019 Members' meetings at the UJC have been booked and will appear here and on the CISS website.

Forthcoming meetings:

22 nd September 2018	Member's Meeting. Theme: Channel Islands Occupation.
15 th December 2018	Member's Meeting. Theme: Letters M and N
9 th February 2019	Members' Annual Competitions
13 th July 2019	AGM and Member's Meeting

NB: Members can bring any recently acquired material of a Channel Islands nature to any of the Members' meetings to show, but if there are too many displays then any theme-related material may take precedence unless otherwise arranged with the Secretary.

Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at 11.00am on Saturday, 22nd September 2018 at the Union Jack Club, Waterloo, London.

I hereby give notice that an Extraordinary General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 22nd September 2018 at 11.00, prior to the Member's Ordinary Meeting, to seek ratification of the Amendment to Rule 8(a) to that was agreed at the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 14th July 2018.

Details of the amendment to Rule 8(a) should be received by all members by now. If you have not received your copy please let me know.

Richard Flemming Hon. Secretary

LONDON MEETING REPORT 14th July 2018.

by Richard Flemming

Eighteen members and one guest attended the July Member's Meeting at the Union Jack Club, with seven apologies received. The meeting was held in conjunction with the 68th Annual General Meeting (AGM), details of which will appear elsewhere within this Journal.

The meeting commenced with a 55 lot room auction with Gerald Marriner acting as auctioneer, ably assisted by Robert Porter and Mark Bailey. In all £319.50 was raised. This was followed by three members showing a range of Channel Islands material. First was **Robert Shaw** showing recently acquired material, including a 1924 Guernsey Exhibition label, some Eileen Regan labels for Alderney and Jersey bus and coach companies brochures, including a pocket guide written in French, 1937 Slade Blue and White bus service and Tantivy tour guides for 1975 and 1978. He concluded with a JMT brochure dated 17 May 1970 regarding the introduction of fare boxes on single deck buses.

Steve Wells started with what he described as "a scruffy postcard he purchased from the unsold lots in postal auction **NS8**". It was an underpaid 1921 postcard from Jersey to Belgium bearing a blank hexagonal T/JE tax mark, blank in that no surcharge was indicated. Steve has established the card shows the latest recorded strike of this particular tax mark. He also showed an article from the *Guernsey Press* dated 11th July about a new ferry service from Alderney to Guernsey being operated by the Little Ferry Company using the newly acquired 12-seater *Spike Islander* vessel.

Finally, before lunch, **Alan Moorcroft** showed some interesting material relating to the "Bye Boat" service which ran in the early 19th century in competition with the Royal Mail packet service, including an 1806 newspaper cutting advertising the service. Alan also showed items that went via Plymouth (see next page) and Southampton at the 1840 Uniform rate of 1d (instead of the 8d ship letter rate) if annotated "via Southampton".

Finally, Alan showed a very rare 1806 "**Letter of Marque**" relating to the ship "Speculation" becoming a privateer ship allowing it to attack and capture enemy ships during the Napoleonic Wars. Alan has subsequently mentioned that the Plymouth letter illustrated below on the next page is very unusual and only one other similar letter is known to him.



Lunch was taken at this time and the meeting reconvened at 2.00pm with the AGM being held. Once the business of the AGM was completed, **Gerald Marriner** showed three frames of Internee mail including Biberach and Laufen and **Richard Flemming** showed Feldpost mail from Alderney, including three items from the first period of Occupation, when the German 216 Infantry Division was in charge.

Changes to Members' Subscription Rates from 1st January 2019 by Richard Flemming, Secretary.

Our Treasurer, Robert Porter, presented a paper to the CISS Committee at its 27th June 2018 meeting on the financial status of the Society. Although Society funds are healthy, it was reported at this meeting that **CISS Membership rates have not increased since 2002**. The rising postage and printing costs for the *Les Iles Normandes* Journal, plus increases in other sundry expenses, has meant that annual subscriptions received from members have not kept pace with inflation, which stands at 33.7% in the UK since 2002. It was agreed that if action is not taken now to rectify this anomaly, Society funds may come under pressure in the future, requiring an even larger increase in subscription rates. It was agreed by those Committee Members present to increase Annual Subscriptions from 1st January 2019 to those shown on page 1 of this edition of *Les Iles Normandes*.

It was also agreed by the Committee at this meeting to cease offering Life Membership, with its reduction in annual subscription. Instead, those members achieving Life Member status will receive an appropriate certificate of recognition of their long membership of the Society.

GUERNSEY MONTHLY MEETINGS

**CISS and RPSL members are welcome
to attend monthly meetings in**

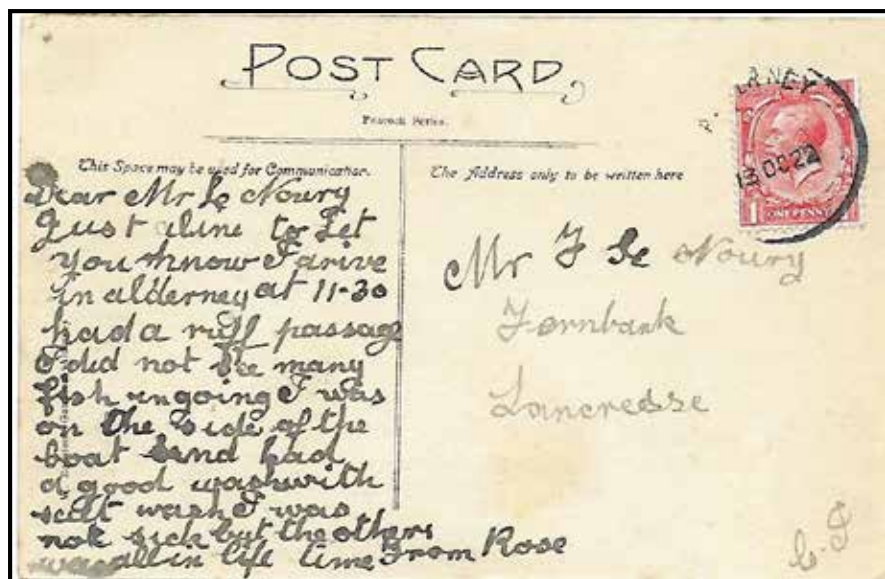
**Guernsey, contact John Triggs on
01481 725847 or jtriggs@cwqsy.net.**

**Meetings held on Friday evenings, starting at 7pm
in the St Sampson suite at the Peninsula Hotel.**

**Dates are September 28th, October 26th,
November 30th, December 14th 2018.**

ALDERNEY – Two new acquisitions: Royal Engineers hand stamp and Alderney skeleton. by David Winnie

On the 30th January 1907, an oval handstamp with **POST OFFICE** at the top, **R.E. OFFICE** across the middle and **ALDERNEY** at the bottom of the oval was issued by the GPO in London and forwarded to Guernsey. This handstamp was used by the detachment of the Royal Engineers who usually provided the Army Post Office services amongst their many support roles. Only two examples are known cancelling a ½d QV blue-green definitive stamp overprinted **ARMY OFFICIAL**, as shown beside, and a ½d Ed. VII definitive stamp. The oval handstamp is in purple in my example.



On the 13th October 1922, a **skeleton** datestamp, 28mm in diameter, was used although the reason for use is unknown. Only one example has so far been recorded as a despatch mark on an Alderney postcard as shown above

which has been addressed locally. The provenance is further established by the message as follows:

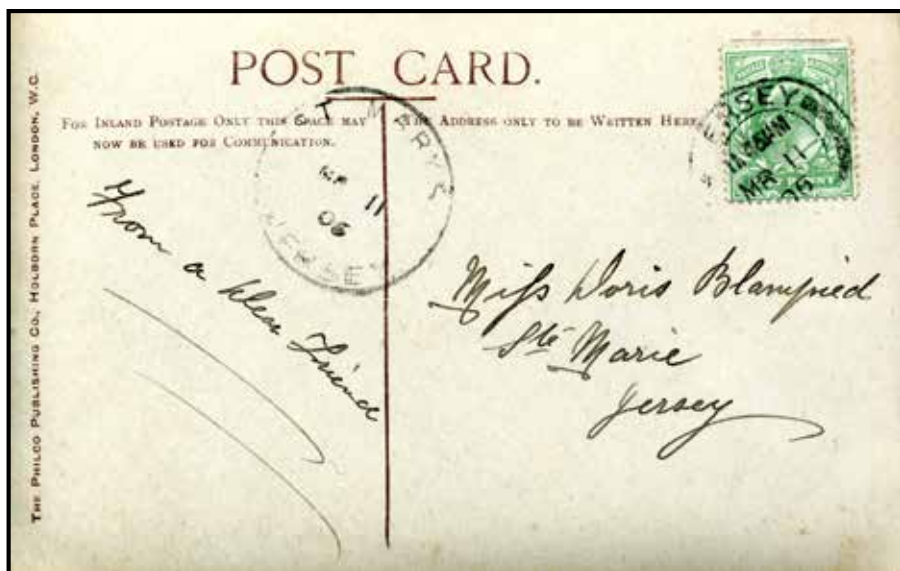
“Dear Mr Le Noury. Just a line to let you know I arrive in Alderney at 11.30. Had a ruff passage. I did not see many fish in going. I was on the side of the boat and had a good wash with salt wash. I was not sick but the others was all in life time? From Rose”

It is possible that the double circle datestamp in use at that time had either been lost or damaged and the skeleton datestamp was used temporarily until a new permanent datestamp could be obtained.

St. Mary’s, Jersey skeleton datestamp.

by David Gurney FRPSL

Further to David Winnie’s article in the September 2017 Journal more copies of this very scarce datestamp have come to light and I am most grateful to Steve Power for the illustration of his excellent example below.



Struck as a receiving stamp on this local postcard, this is the earliest example known dated MR 11 1906 detailed in the list of five recorded examples below.

John Triggs has summarised the five recorded examples as under;

11th March 1906 receiving cds - Steve Power.

12th March 1906 despatch cds - John Triggs

12th and 13th March 1906 despatch and receiving cds's - David Winnie

13th March 1906 receiving cds - Guy Dandoy

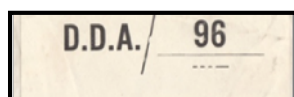
John Trigg's example dated MR 12 1906 is illustrated herewith and is a very nice strike indeed, unusually clear and virtually complete.



Should any member have a further example please let me know with scan.

NEW ZEALAND POW POST to BIBERACH INTERNMENT CAMP by Gerald Marriner FRPSL

I was very interested in the Roger Harris article in the June 2018 Journal as I have another item from this correspondence in my collection which I illustrate below.



This cover was also posted from Hamilton, New Zealand on 18 January 1944. Unlike Roger's example which was sent airmail, my cover was sent at the 2d surface mail rate. This has the same slogan machine cancel as Roger's. This cover also has the same two framed cachet measuring 56mm x 12mm inscribed '**PRISONER OF WAR POST / KRIEGSGEFANGENPOST**' in violet and also received the 30mm long '**BRITISH PRISONER OF WAR**' cachet.

My cover was opened and censored, the envelope was re-sealed with a scarce '**OPENED BY EXAMINER/ D.D.A.96**' New Zealand censor tape. The reverse of the envelope shows that this was sent by Miss K. Pont-Alain (was she her daughter or sister in law?) from the same address as Roger Harris's cover - 39, Thackeray Street, Hamilton. My cover did not receive an arrival datestamp. However the Biberach Camp double circle censor cachet on the front is proof of its arrival at the Internment camp.

It should be noted that I have never seen any correspondence going in the other direction, i.e.- from Biberach to New Zealand. However, I can record one internee postcard from Biberach to Australia sent in 1943 below:



This very scarce card was written and sent in January 1943 from E.M. Gardner and has the scarce two line '**Internierungslager / Biberach/ Riss**' censor mark only recorded used in early 1943. The card was then forwarded through Frankfurt where it received the circular red OKW censor handstamp in red. The card is addressed to Michael Fleming in Ayr, Queensland and on arrival received the Australian diamond censor handstamp inscribed '**1/ PASSED BY CENSOR/ 81**'. The card arrived there on 27 July, over 6 months in transit. Ayr is a small town 750 miles north of Brisbane. The card was then re-directed to Brisbane and the message states '*has been interned in Germany for 3½ months. Letters from you will be very welcome.*'

Unfortunately I have never seen any correspondence from Brisbane back to the Internment Camp and I would welcome learning if any member can record such please.

General Major Seigfried Heine – Surrender of the Channel Islands by Roger E. Harris

In November 2017 some 115 archive documents from the Estate of the Late General Major Seigfried Heine were auctioned on Ebay. These documents commenced with a photograph of his Pastor father in Königsberg in 1883, the year Heine was born; followed his military service throughout two world wars and ended with his death in 1975. The archive held many documents relating to his period as a POW in England from 1945 to 1948 including some photographs and several interesting Geneva Red Cross postcards, but there were only two rare Fortress Radio Cards and three photographs directly related to his service in the Channel Islands, and of these, I was fortunate to obtain a Message Card and photograph that are illustrated below:



An arrogant General Major Heine presenting his credentials to an Intelligence Officer aboard HMS Bulldog prior to signing the German Surrender of the Channel Islands 9th May 1945.

This original photograph was taken by George Holt of the U.S. Army Signal Corps who was embedded with the Liberation forces and is

backstamped 'Passed for Publication' on 12 MAY 1945 by the Field Press Censor.

General Major Siegfried Heine.

Siegfried Heine was born on 17th January 1883 in Potsdam where his father, Paul Heine, was a military pastor. At the age of 18 in 1901 he attained the rank of Lieutenant in Grenadier Regiment 3 in Königsberg. He fought in the First World War and was wounded in 1914 in Belgium. He was awarded the Prussian Iron Cross 1st Class and 2nd Class, as well as the Knights Cross with Swords.

At the start of the Second World War in 1939, Heine fought in Poland manning the Siegreid Wall and for a year in 1941 - 1942 he fought on the Russian front as Regimental Commander of the Infantry Regiment 449 and Commander of the 137th Infantry Division. From 27th November 1942 he was appointed as Commander of Grenadier 583 of the 319th Infantry Division occupying the Channel Islands and from 1st September 1943 he was Commander of the Island of Jersey.



Annotated photograph of Oberst Heine with fellow Officers in Jersey April 1944 – Heine archive.

When, in 1944, Hitler ordered the establishment of twelve Festungen (Fortresses) around the coastline from Holland to Brittany in France, he personally approved the appointment of each of the fortress commanders who were required to be strong Nazis willing to 'fight to the death'. In February 1944 Heine became fortress commander of Jersey and on 5th March 1944 he was appointed Fortress Commandant Jersey.

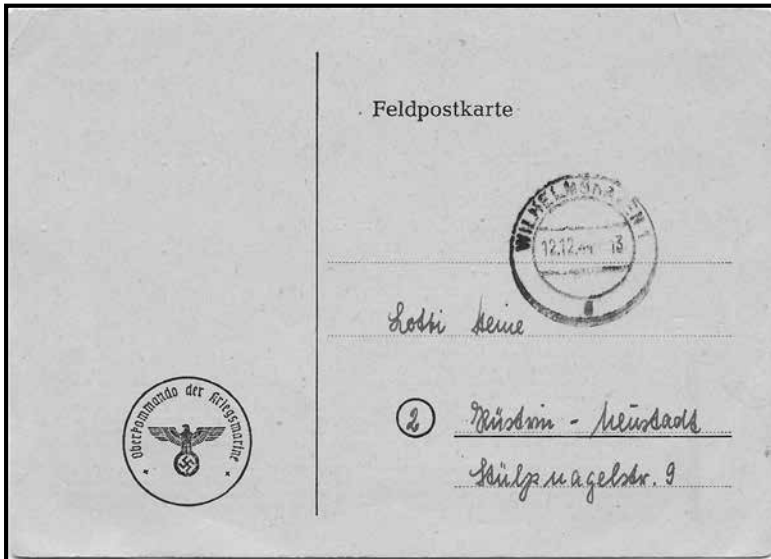


An original photograph taken by Oberst Heine of the canteen in the Soldier's Home II in Jersey, 1944.

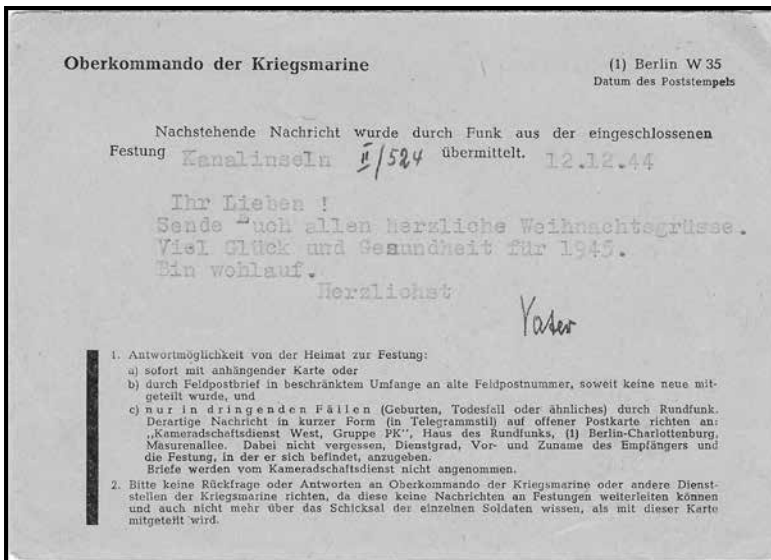
On 13th March 1945, the ruthless Nazi, Friedrich Huffmeier, Admiral of the Channel Islands, promoted Heine to General Major and appointed him as his second in command, as Deputy Fortress Commandant Guernsey and Commander of the Army Troops on Guernsey.

On the following page is one of the two rare Fortress Radio Message cards sent from Festung Kanalinseln by General Major Heine on Jersey to his wife Lotti.

This message has Christmas Greetings for 1944 while the second card in the archive had a much rarer date of 1945.



The front of the Fortress Radio Message Card is imprinted Feldpostkarte with the Oberkommando der Kriegsmarine cachet with Eagle and Swastika. The postmark is a double ring datestamp of WILHELMSHAFEN 1a dated 12.12.44-13 addressed to Lotti Heine.



The message from 'Festung Kanalinseeln II/524' reads: 'Dear ones! Send you heartfelt Christmas greetings. Good Luck and health for 1945. I'm fine. Sincerely'

Admiral Huffmeier refused to personally sign the surrender of the Channel Islands to the British and it was in General Major Heine's role as Deputy Fortress Commandant that he signed the German surrender of the Channel Islands to Brigadier A. E. Snow OBE, aboard HMS Bulldog outside St Peter Port harbour on the morning of 9th May 1945.



General Major Heine on board HMS Bulldog, being informed of the terms and conditions for the German Surrender of the Channel Islands, 9th May 1945.

Another photograph above also taken by George Holt of the U.S. Army Signal Corps who was embedded with the Liberation forces and is backstamped 'Passed for Publication' on 12 MAY 1945 by the Field Press Censor.

It is unlikely that Heine was held in a Prisoner of War Camp in the Channel Islands as he was undoubtedly taken straight to England for interrogation. Heine was held in two 'Special Camps' for Officers in England before his eventual release in 1948. On 17th March 1948 he was transferred to

Southampton for repatriation to the US Zone of Occupied Germany aboard the steam ship *'Oxfordshire'*.



Looking less arrogant: General Major Heine's Prisoner of War identity photograph – Heine archive

Heine lived out a peaceful retirement in Germany until he died on 20th February 1975 in Sulzbsch-Rosenberg at the age of 92.

Heine had not been a recipient of any higher decorations in World War II although in 1939 he probably received bars to his World War I Iron crosses and he was awarded the 'East Medal' for the terrible Winter Campaign in Russia 1941/1942.

Controversy!

Some World War II military historians do not believe that Admiral Huffmeier had the authority to promote Heine to General Major in March 1945, indeed photographs of Heine on board HMS Bulldog show him still wearing the greatcoat of an Oberst (Colonel), not a General Major, although this may have been because he could not obtain the uniform of a General Major after the Islands were cut off from Germany.

Admiral Huffmeier should have signed the surrender on board HMS Bulldog, but he sent Heine in his stead, but if Heine was not a General Major then he did not have the status or authority to represent Germany and legally it might be argued that Germany has never surrendered the Islands.

An interesting Jethou label used on a postcard dated 1896.

by Andre Dufresne



I am a collector of the smaller Channel Islands stamps, actually concentrating on "the hou's" (Jethou, Lihou, Brecqhou, Burhou, the Ecréhous and Tatihou) and I recently added to my collection an interesting label used on a postcard to Jethou which may be the earliest Jethou postally-related label. It measures 61 x 28 mm and it might be interesting to point out that there should be no circumflex accent over the "a" of "Via". The volume of forwarded mail was high enough to warrant having this label printed. More should have survived.

The addressee, Sir Henry Austin Lee, was the tenant of Jethou from 1890 to November 7th 1918, the date of his death. He was born in 1847 and was a diplomat, governor and landowner. He was counsellor of embassy, commercial attache for France, Belgium and Switzerland. He married Madeleine Smith. He was appointed KCMG (Knight Commander) of The Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George in 1902. This postcard, addressed to him at 39 Faubourg St-Honoré, Paris (the British



Embassy in Paris) on September 15th, 1896 was forwarded to him at his residence on Jethou by affixing over the address a printed label bearing the text "Viâ Angleterre / Isle of Jethou/ GUERNSEY." The French stamp was cancelled twice on September 15, 1896 (probably upon posting), the item being delivered on the same day and re-posted at once, hence a second cancel of the same date at the " rue de Choiseul, Paris" Post Office.

UNUSUAL PRE-OCCUPATION COVER

by Gerald Marriner FRPSL

I illustrate a recent acquisition - an unusual cover sent from Totnes, Devon, to a member of the R.A.F. stationed at Fort George, Guernsey on the 10th May 1940 in fact to John Sercombe from his wife. This was posted at the 1½d letter rate.



Unfortunately for the addressee, this rate had been increased to 2½d on 1st May 1940 hence this cover was underpaid. A 2d surcharge mark was applied at Totnes. On arrival in Guernsey, a 2d postage due stamp was affixed and was cancelled with a St Peter Port Guernsey double circle datestamp on the 13th May 1940.

Earlier, Guernsey Airport had been taken over by the RAF in September 1939, but Channel Islands Airways, however, were allowed to continue a limited flying service at the same time.

On the 19th June 1940 the Bailiff of Guernsey issued a statement informing Islanders that the British Government had decided that the Bailiwick would be demilitarized completely. The Royal Court was convened and said that the Royal Guernsey Militia should be immediately demilitarized. All ranks were ordered to surrender arms, uniforms and equipment at the Town Arsenal and then proceed home quietly.

In Jersey the Lieut-Governor was similarly informed of the British Government's decision to demilitarise the Channel Islands and the evacuation plan was announced in the *Evening Post* newspaper:

'Last troops leave on this date'.

I show below a cover addressed to Totnes from Guernsey which presumably was a reply to the above letter. It can be seen that the Guernsey datestamp is 22 May 1940.



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CISS Postal Auction NS8 Report by Nick Stuart, CISS Auctioneer.

The Spring auction generated sales of £10,550 from a wide range of interesting material supplied by 19 members which attracted bids from 85 members.

Highlights of the auction were:

Herm and Jethou: A range of rare material including colour trials, proofs and whole sheets. A FDC of the first issue of the Map stamps sold for £90. A cover with a scarce Triangular bisect went for £140, over double the estimate and a sheet of the 1960 Princess Margaret Royal Wedding with misplaced overprint went for £210.

Occupation: In this auction we had a comprehensive range of imprint blocks for both Islands which sold very well, mostly just above the reserve prices. A bisect cover



from Sark went for £110 and proofs of the Jersey 1d and 1½d Views attracted strong bidding, selling for £170 and £180 respectively.



An **imperforate black proof of the 1d Jersey Arms** sold for £230. A roughly opened cover from Devon addressed to Guernsey on 27th June 1940 with the GPO '**RETURN TO SENDER / NO SERVICE**'

hand stamp including an interesting letter was hotly contested and went for £95.

Red Cross Message Forms: Again we had a good range of material including two with Cairo Red Cross cachets and one with the **VON DER BAILIFF** cachet sold for £160.

Liberation: A postcard from a soldier in the British Liberating Army dated 18th May 1945 sent from Jersey to Hampshire with a **FPO 302** datestamp attracted some fierce bidding. It went for £65 against a reserve of £40.

Post Cards: As usual we had a good range of cards including LL, Allix, EL, ED and Albert Smith publishers. Three Allix cards were keenly sought after; No. 67 of the Jersey Court House went for £180, No. 43 of Snow Hill Station (illustrated) fetched £230 and No. 157 of West Mount sold for



£210. LL cards of mailboats sold well especially Jersey No. 102 of the Laura for £50, No. 103 of The Weymouth Boat and No. 104 for The Southampton Boat both sold for £24 each.

Literature: A rare copy of KANALINSELN, in German, by Mayr and Weineke which was published in 2000, a detailed catalogue of the Occupation of the Channel Islands sold for £85, way above its reserve.

Postal History: JERSEY - 1829 -Entire from Jersey to London with fine Jersey scroll sold for £90. ALDERNEY to France cover with fair 965 oval on 3d Pink (Plate 9), alongside a CI PD in black and a red d/c ILES C GRANVILLE 16 MAI 73, on reverse ALDERNEY s/c code A MY 13 73, Jersey s/c 15 MY 1873, CHERBOURG A PARIS d/c train cancel 16 MAI 73 and Cherbourg arrival datestamp – an unusual and scarce route via Jersey sold for £160.

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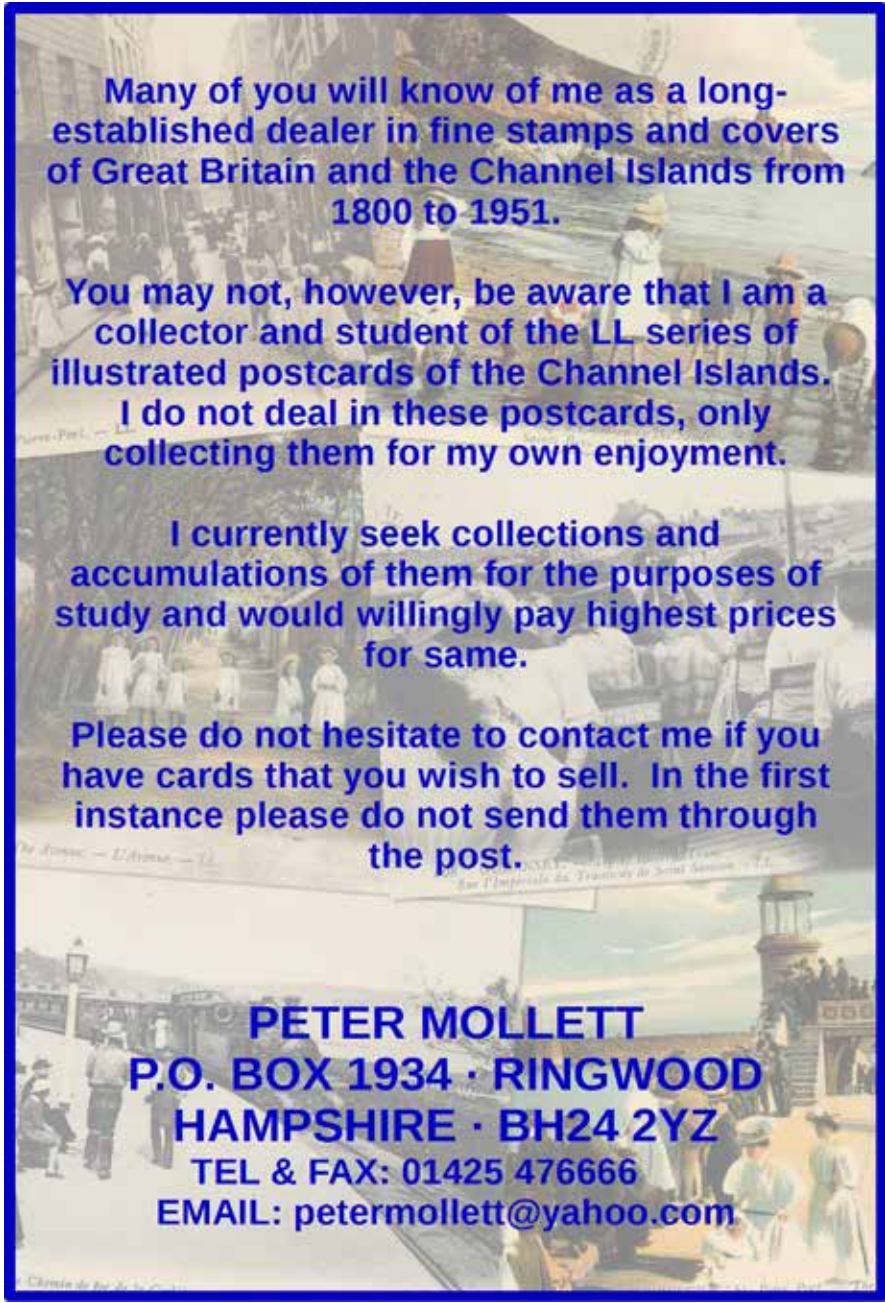
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The background of the advertisement is a collage of several vintage postcards from the Channel Islands. The postcards depict various scenes: a busy street with many people, a group of people standing in a row, a view of a harbor with ships, and a lighthouse. The text is overlaid on this collage.

Many of you will know of me as a long-established dealer in fine stamps and covers of Great Britain and the Channel Islands from 1800 to 1951.

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68th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

Held at the Union Jack Club, Sandell Street, London, SE1 8UJ on Saturday, 14th July 2018 at 2.00pm.

Present: Chair was taken by Mr David Winnie with 17 other members and 1 guest in attendance.

- 1. Apologies:** O. Beecken, C. Earle, D. Gurney, J Payne, B. Sole, N. Stuart and J. Triggs.
- 2. Minutes of the 67th AGM** as published in *Les Iles Normandes*, Vol. 36, No. 3, Pages 31-34 (September 2017) were proposed for adoption by Mark Bailey and seconded by Jill Flemming. These were passed unanimously.
- 3. Matters arising:**
 - 3.1** It was noted that John Payne had been omitted from “Apologies” list for the 67th AGM and this had been amended.
 - 3.2** Item 4.5 Library for CISS members. Jon Aitchison queried the decision by the Committee at its 23rd September 2017 Committee Meeting to not establish a Lending Library primarily on the basis of cost, stating that the library of the Revenue Society is well-used by its members. Gerald Marriner stated he was aware of two societies that had disposed of their libraries as not being viable. David Winnie reiterated the Committee’s decision not to establish a Member’s Library at this time, but would continue to keep this issue under review based on need.
- 4. Officers’ reports**
 - 4.1** Gerald Marriner, President, presented his annual report to those members in attendance.
 - 4.2** David Winnie, Chairman, presented his statement to those members in attendance.
 - 4.3** Other CISS Committee members. The written reports of the Secretary, Journal Editor, Membership Secretary, Packet Secretary, Press and Advertising Officer were circulated to members present at the AGM.

4.4 Members were asked if they had any questions of those Committee members present at the AGM. No questions were forthcoming.

4.5 If any member wishes any copies of the Officers' reports please contact the Secretary

5. Amendment to Rule 8(a): Amendment to Committee structure

David Winnie presented an overview of his draft proposals regarding the future structure of the CISS Committee produced as a result of matters raised at the previous AGM and discussed at length by the Committee. As a consequence, new proposals were being submitted by the Committee to change the Rules as follows:

The current Rule 8(a) be amended to form a new Rule 8(a) to establish the formation of an Executive Committee consisting of five members, viz: the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Auction Secretary and Journal Editor, that will manage the day-to-day business of the Society. This Executive Committee will meet twice a year at a date and time determined by the Executive Committee.

A new Rule 8(b) to establish a new Full Committee that will consist of the members of the Executive Committee plus the Membership Secretary, Packet Secretary, Press and Advertising Officer, Competition Secretary and a Members' Representative, reduced from the previous two Members' Representatives. This Full Committee will meet once a year at a date and time determined by the Committee, but prior to the date of the AGM.

A new Rule 8(c) whereby the President of the CISS shall hold a non-executive role within the Society and shall be able to attend any of the Executive or Full Committee meetings as a non-voting member.

It was proposed by David Laurillard, and seconded by Trevor Nichols, to accept the amendment to Rule 8(a) to form a new Rule 8(a), 8(b) and 8(c). This was put to the vote with 14 members for the proposal and 4 members abstaining. The proposal was carried by a clear majority vote.

6. Amendment to Members' subscription fees

Robert Porter, Treasurer, presented his proposal to (1) increase Members' annual subscriptions by £5 per annum across all membership bands, (2) to streamline Membership into two bands, viz: UK/Channel Islands and Europe/Rest of World, (3) cease offering Life Membership at a reduced rate for those members who attain Life Member status and replace it with the awarding of an appropriate certificate in recognition of their long term membership of the Society.

Much discussion took place as to the merits of the proposed amendments, but it was emphasised that subscriptions had not increased since 2002, UK inflation had risen by 34% during this period and postal costs had gone up considerably. In addition, the increasing costs of hosting the Members' Weekend meetings and the dwindling supply of members' collections going into Society room and postal auctions affecting income generation have to be considered.

Robert Porter proposed that his proposals to increase the membership fees by £5 across all membership bands and to streamline membership bands into just two be accepted. These proposals were seconded by Mark Bailey and were put to the vote.

17 members present voted for the proposal and one member abstained. The proposals were passed by a clear majority vote.

7. Accounts year ending 31st December 2017

Following Item 6, Robert Porter presented the written accounts for the year ending 31st December 2017 to members present. It was proposed by John Hirst and seconded by Richard Flemming to accept the 2017 accounts as presented. This was put to a vote and it was agreed by all members present to accept the CISS accounts as stated.

8. Election of Officers for 2018/18

A list of those members willing to stand for Committee positions of the CISS, along with their proposers and seconders, was presented to members present. As there were no other

nominations for any of the positions, David Edwards proposed that the list of Committee Members be elected *en bloc*. This was seconded by Mark Bailey. All members present agreed to the proposal and all Committee Members were duly elected as listed:

		Proposer	Second
Chairman	David Winnie	R. Flemming	R. Porter
Secretary	Richard Flemming	J. Flemming	G. Marriner
Treasurer	Robert Porter	N. Stuart	R. Flemming
Journal Editor	David Gurney	A. Moorcroft	N. Stuart
Membership Sec.	M. Bailey	J. Aitchison	J. Marsden
Auction Sec.	Nick Stuart	R. Flemming	G. Marriner
Press/Publicity	Steve Wells	R. Flemming	A. Moorcroft
Competition Sec.	Alan Moorcroft	S. Wells	R. Flemming
Packet Sec.	John Triggs	R. Flemming	N. Stuart
Members' Rep	Robert Shaw	G. Marriner	M. Bailey

9. Any other business

9.1 Jon Atchison requested that he be allowed to make a statement following the notice that appeared in *Les Iles Normandes*, Vol 37, No. 2, page 8 regarding the presenting of non-Channel Islands material at CISS meetings. Jon apologised to the members present for this lapse and his apology was accepted by David Winnie, Chairman.

9.2 Dave Edwards wished to thank the Committee members for their hard work for the good of the CISS over the past twelve months.

David Winnie thanked Dave Edwards for his kind remarks.

10. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 3.22pm

11. Date of next Annual General Meeting: Saturday, 13th July 2019 @ 2.00pm. Venue: Union Jack Club, Sandell St., London.

Footnote: Regarding the proposed amendment to Rule 8(a) that was agreed by members present at the AGM, the Secretary wishes to apologise for a lapse on his behalf for not giving members the required period of notice prior to a change of the Society's Rules at an AGM. Consequently, there will be an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) to ratify what was agreed at the AGM regarding the amendment to Rule 8(a). The EGM will be held on Saturday, 22nd September 2018 at the Union Jack Club prior to the ordinary Member's meeting.

Joseph Tierney – Civilian prisoner

by Ron Brown FRPSL

I recently acquired at auction an Occupation lettersheet described as *'Lettersheet from Joseph J. Tierney a civilian internee from Jersey in Fort Hauteville near Dijon dated 12th December 1943 addressed to the Roman Catholic priest at St Helier, Father Dwyer. Printed lettersheet in French censored by the Germans.'*

This description was incorrect and the story behind the lettersheet is far more distressing. Joseph Tierney was not an internee, but a civilian prisoner.



Joseph Tierney

Joseph was arrested by the German Secret police on the 3rd March 1943 and charged with manufacturing and distributing news leaflets and spreading BBC war news. He was one of eighteen people arrested in what was known as the St Saviours Wireless Case. He was sentenced to two years imprisonment. He was taken from prison in Jersey to Fort d'Hauteville, Dijon in France from where he was transferred to Frankfurt and then to Naumburg and Saarbrücken prisons and on 6th January 1944 to the prison at Frankfurt-Preungesheim. After a failed escape attempt he was recaptured.

He died at Celle concentration camp in April 1945 after collapsing on a route march to another camp and is buried at Kaschitz.

Illustrated below are the front and on the following page the text on a prison printed lettersheet written by Joseph Tierney on the 12th December 1943 addressed to The Rev: Father Gerard Dwyer in St Helier whilst at Fort d'Hauteville. The French 4F stamp was cancelled at Dijon on the 13th December 1943 and is struck with the usual cachets shown on the following pages.



Front of prison printed lettersheet.

Our definition of present parties will have practical purchase at various, all important. But for now, I mean to be content with a preliminary definition, the present first internationalist party the internationalist.

Il ne faut pas croire que les laïcs ont le monopole de la laïcité. Les laïcs, c'est tout le monde, et les laïcs ont intérêt à défendre la laïcité, car elle est la seule garantie de leur liberté. Ils ne peuvent pas se passer de la laïcité, car elle est la seule garantie de leur liberté. Ils ne peuvent pas se passer de la laïcité, car elle est la seule garantie de leur liberté.

Le correspondant au top, qui se
distingue par l'absence, par l'absence
partielle, ou la totale, de l'élément
partiel, est le seul à être noté par
un chiffre.

Les familles peuvent allouer leurs
biens au fiduciary, mais elles ne
doivent pas le faire à moins qu'elles n'aient

—Una donna con Dio in pectus
non può morire. Anzi.

See [published document](#) for a complete *Table*
with associated *Text* and *Comments*.

Les Pasteurs, surtout protestants, étaient

(c) Fort D'Hauteville
Par Talant. Dijon
à St. n. France

Le 12 Decembre 1943.

Nom et prénom :

N. J. Iacono

Atc²W² :

Bear Father Sawyer.

I am writing this my first letter to you hoping you are in the best of health. I am quite fit and well and just longing for the day when I can return home and see Eileen and the baby again. I receive a letter from Eileen practically every week and

both the baby and herself seem to be in the best of health, though the baby has had a short bout of bronchitis. We have Mass said here once a week, a priest coming from the city of Dijon to celebrate it, so you see I have plenty of chance to go to communion. How are the services going at the prison? Very well I hope. By the way should you see Mr. Buxton from St. Saviours Road give her my kind regards also her sister-in-law Mrs. Renouf from First Tower, also Mr. & Mrs. Stevens and Mr. Charles Martin. I suppose everything will soon be ready in the church, the brick etc for Christmas, I will miss that very much this year. However we must hope and pray that this war will not last much longer and that we will all be together before many more months have passed. Canon John wishes to be remembered to you and hopes to see you again in the near future. Well, Father, I must close my letter wishes you and all at the Refectory a Very Happy Christmas and a Brighter New Year. I remain, yours very sincerely
Joseph. J. Tierney
God Bless you all.

N. B. — Les familles qui adresseront leurs lettres au Directeur devront mettre celles destinées aux détenus sous une seconde enveloppe portant le nom et le numéro du destinataire.

⁴ Überprüfen Sie die Vektildarstellung



Canon Clifford Cohu

In the text of this lettersheet Joseph Tierney writes *'Canon Cohu wishes to be remembered to you and hopes to see you again in the near future'*. In fact Canon Cohu had been sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment for spreading the BBC news. After imprisonment at Fort d'Hauteville prison he had been transferred to Naumberg-an-Saale and Spergau concentration camp where he died of brutal treatment in February 1945.

Sadly Joesph Tierney died in April 1945 as the result of the brutal treatment he received and left behind his wife and baby daughter whom he had never seen.



The reverse side of the lettersheet with cachets.

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