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We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

2176 Trevor Hall, Staffordshire; 2177 Thomas Cretain, Canada; 2178 Ingomar Janot, Germany; 2179 Michael Wood, Hong Kong;

Member re-joined: 619 Mark Kellner (USA).

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EDITORIAL

A reminder – the member's weekend meeting at Salisbury is getting ever closer next month at the Grasmere House Hotel over the **weekend of Friday 26th until Sunday 28th April**. A comfortable hotel much used by philatelic societies and well equipped for our purposes.

An interesting Programme is being arranged by Gerald Marriner and importantly the large postal auction will be held in the room on Saturday so don't forget to book with the hotel. Day visitors are also most welcome.

This edition has the usual mix of interesting articles and also an enquiring article too on the *LL* postcard so please answer this if you are able to.

SECRETARY'S CLIPBOARD

by Richard Flemming

By the time you receive this edition of *Les Iles Normandes* Christmas and the New Year celebrations will be a distant memory and I am assuming that the Brexit debate will still be in a mess despite the deadline for the UK to leave the EU is fast approaching. Still, we in the CISS, have plenty to look forward to post-Brexit. Several members will be gearing themselves up for the Member's Weekend meeting at Salisbury. I am pleased to report that the programme for the Weekend has been finalised and as usual we will be holding the "Three Sheets to Tell a Story" competition after dinner on the Friday evening. At Jersey we had some excellent displays, but I am sure that we can do even better for Salisbury. There will be the main postal Auction in the room on the Saturday too. Also, if you are planning to provide a display for the Sunday morning, can you let me have a brief description of your display. It saves me a lot of time trying write up notes on each display. Regarding displays, I am pleased to inform you that Olaf Beecken has agreed to provide the main display for the Member's Weekend at Salisbury next month in April.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Saturday, 13th July 2019 at the Union Jack Club. As attendances at recent AGMs have been low the Executive Committee has decided to try something different. Instead of the AGM being held after lunch it will be the first item on the day's programme, **that is at 11.00am**, followed by the 50-lot room auction and concluding with members' displays.

Forthcoming meetings for 2019:

26th-28th April Members' Weekend at the Grasmere House Hotel,
Salisbury.

13th July Annual General Meeting followed by Member's Meeting

21st September Member's Meeting: Theme: Anything 'Maritime': Stamps, Postal History, Postcards, etc.

14th December Member's Meeting: Theme: Letters 'O' and 'P'

Unless advertised elsewhere, all Members' Meetings are held at the Union Jack Club (UJC) near Waterloo Station. If you intend coming to any of the meetings at the UJC can you let me know via secretary@ciss1950.org.uk, or by telephone 01455 613826.

Don't forget to visit our website at ciss1950.org.uk for news of events.

London Meeting Report 15th December 2018 by Richard Flemming

Twenty-five members attended the Members' Meeting at the Union Jack Club in London including Olaf Beecken from Germany and Leo Mayr from Austria. As well as our usual Room Auction, the theme for the days' displays was the "Letters M and N".

The Room Auction saw 95 lots go under the hammer with just over 50% of the items sold at reserve or above, resulting in sales exceeding £1500.

The remainder of the day was spent on Members' Displays. **John Triggs FRPSL** started with a display of recent acquisitions including two telegrams from St. Sampson, one dated 1922 and the other 1940 and a Guernsey registered letter bearing a GUERNSEY No. 4 registered label that was issued to Quay Branch Office, but used at the Head Post Office as stocks of registered labels were running low. **Robert Shaw** produced some interesting Channel Islands ephemera including two 'miniature sheets' bearing image of O.W. Newport and a 1981 Trade Fair 'miniature sheet' whereby part of the proceeds from sales of said 'miniature sheet' went to the "Guernsey Society for Spastics and Physically Handicapped" [not so politically correct in those days]. We also know that Robert is keen on collecting anything to do with Channel Islands bus services and this time he showed a booklet for JOE'S BUS SERVICE [based in Jersey]. There was advertising material for the SAFETY COACH SERVICE and TANTIVTY EXCURSION CARS. Robert concluded his display with three different colour schemes for the 10p labels used for the ALDERNEY MAINBRAYCE WATER TAXI SERVICE. Robert Cordon showed some recent acquisitions including a Jersey regional stamps FDC, a Jersey to New York FDC sent at the then current surface mail rate and a Guernsey 3d regional issue stamp on cover. As the correct postage at the time was 4d it is thought this might have been sent at the unsealed letter rate or printed matter rate.

John Hirst showed different LL No. 86 versions of the same image of the Jersey Masonic Temple. Firstly, a black and white version with "St. Helier" in the title, followed by a sepia version with "Saint Helier", and finally, a sepia Postkarte of the Temple printed in Germany.

Norman Sansom showed a few items of Guernsey post 1969 issues, including the 1974-78 issue of the *Soldiers of the Royal Guernsey Militia* and the 1979-82 *Coins* issue.

David Gurney FRPSL showed a colourful selection of recently acquired hand illustrated envelopes to Jersey and Guernsey together with an attractive



JERSEY AIRLINES advertising window envelope posted from Guernsey with a 1961 machine cancellation incorporating the BBC tv JUBILEE 1936-1961 slogan over a QEII 2½d Wilding adhesive.



Brian Sole FRPSL showed a range of EUROPA issue sheets including 2007 Centenary of Scouting with the 48p stamp showing scouts modelmaking, 1985 *Music Year*, 1991 *Europe in Space* with the 26p showing the first manned space flight in 1961. Brian was also able to show colour proofs of the 1970, 1971 and 1973 Noel (Christmas) issues.

Leo Mayr produced a range of items all relating to the letter “M” including “M for Missing Signature” for a Guernsey Red Cross message form with missing Bradshaw signature, “M for manuscript surcharge” whereby a 2d revenue stamp was used for postage (along with a ½d ‘Arms’ stamp (making up the 2½d postage rate), but with manuscript “1d to pay”. The surcharge for improper use of the 2d revenue stamp should be 4d. For the letter “N” Leo showed “New Initials” whereby the typist at the German Red Cross bureau had inserted their initials on the form. **Christine Earle FRPSL** titled her display “Merry Christmas”, showing several items with a Christmas theme including Christmas cards with “Merry Christmas” printed on the front. Staying with the Christmas card theme, Christine showed a 1944 handmade Christmas card with a poem written inside starting with “Excuse this card as times are hard.” Also in the display were notices for the 1909 Jersey pantomime and the Guernsey showing of Cinderella. For the letter “N”, Christine showed four examples of the German newspaper for the occupying forces translated as “News for the troops”. **David Winnie** focused his display on one Jersey sub-post office, Millbrook. David explained how the Millbrook sub-post office acted as one

of the early receiving houses for mail. His second item was an 1840 cover bearing a QV 1d black posted into Millbrook, although the official post office did not open there until 1851. It is hard to find one example, but David showed nine examples of the Millbrook undated double-arc handstamp, including its use in a range of colours. David also showed what could be a unique example of a Millbrook Parcel Post label. **Alan Moorcroft FRPSL** produced a two-frame humorous display of Channel Islands machine cancels on envelopes including six Krag machine cancels with a range of wavy lines and Universal machine cancellations, some with dates missing and dates upside down or back to front. But as Alan explained that he had collected these items over 40 years ago, who is collecting the Channel Islands postal history of today? If it is not collected it will be lost for future study. Finally, **Gerald Marriner FRPSL** gave a comprehensive display relating to Jersey hotels beginning with the letter 'M'. Material from 10 different hotels was shown. This included early postcards, hotel envelopes, hotel headed stationery, hotel brochures and menu cards for special events. The hotels shown were Mandalay, (now closed); Marina; Mayfair; Merton; Metropole; Milano (now closed); Mimosa (now closed); Mitre (now closed); Mont Millais (now closed) and Montford Hall (now closed). One of the postcards shown for the Metropole Hotel included a message from a German soldier sent during the military Occupation.

News of Members

We very much regret to have to record the deaths of 193 John F. Gilbert, London, 1169 Bob Bartlett, Guernsey 1525 Ian Murray, Scotland and 2109 John Connor, Dorset.

A Note from Mrs Margaret Bartlett to Members

What a good Society the CISS is, members from all walks of life sharing their passion for C.I. material. Bob so enjoyed meeting up with members over the years, many of whom became firm friends.

We both enjoyed the April meetings where wives can join their husbands for a very sociable weekend and had much fun on those occasions.

My family and I have received numerous messages of sympathy and condolences from members and we hope you may pass on our appreciation for their kindness at this sad time.

Obituary: The Late R.H. (Bob) Bartlett by David Gurney FRPSL.

Bob died on the 1st January 2019 at the age of 81 years after a short illness. Margaret and Bob first moved to Guernsey from Coventry in 1968 where Bob commenced a new job with the States of Guernsey. Bob joined the Society in 1977 with the membership number 1169 having earlier written to me confirming he had bought the Channel Islands stock of Danny Halliday, an Antique dealer in Paris Street, who had recommended Bob to myself. At that time Margaret and Bob were resident at St Appoline, Grande Rue, St. Saviours, a delightful early traditional farm house which soon proved to be rather small as the two girls grew. A move to La Roberge in the Bigard was timely with its large plot of land and the greenhouses providing a ready supply of fruit etc and also an ideal venue for some enjoyable get-to-gethers, all looking to the sea.

Equipped with a very good sense of humour, Bob was most likeable, full of fun and generous in so many ways. Pat and I enjoyed many times on Herm and in Guernsey with Margaret and Bob, perhaps the earliest memory our all renting a farm cottage on Herm with Bob struggling to bring a full run of Occupation newspapers onto the Trident to occupy us in the evenings when we were not in the Mermaid Tavern!

Bob's States offices latterly were close to the Parish of St Martin enabling a reasonable cycle ride to and from work thus maintaining his fitness. He quickly established himself as a very fair dealer in Channel Islands philately establishing contacts throughout the Islands and on the mainland.



Photographed last year when on holiday in Frome visiting, as usual, a market in the town, forever watchful for the right bargain!

He served members of this Society well both at home and abroad and always seemed to know exactly what was going on. We enjoyed many times together over the years and his weekly newsy telephone calls on a Sunday were always welcome! I also helped him as his unofficial agent at the major London Auction sales for a while ensuring he obtained most of what he wanted. The more difficult task was carrying heavy bags home and then arranging despatch of the collections bought, back to Guernsey.



In 1989 Her Majesty The Queen visited Guernsey and Bob, as Chief Officer of the States Labour and Welfare Committee, was asked and arranged for two garden benches and a table to be made by the Guernsey Sheltered Workshop for his presentation on behalf of the people of Guernsey to Her Majesty. The photograph records this honour and the furniture shown above was moved from Saumarez Park to the Britannia berthed in the harbour for transportation on to the Sandringham Estate.

Margaret and Bob were always most hospitable to visitors to Guernsey in a most generous manner. We will miss Bob very much and our thoughts go out to Margaret, Kath, Ann and their respective families. A very sad loss indeed to us all and we will really miss the passing of yet another excellent dealer in Channel Islands material who found so many items for so many members.

Obituary: Late John Gilbert by David Gurney FRPSL

John joined the Society in 1968 and was a very personable, helpful and likeable person who built an exceptional Occupation collection. As an Architect he had good drawing skills contributing many of the drawings of postmarks to the Late Bill Newport's standard work *Stamps and Postal History of the Channel Islands*, published in 1972 and also produced designs in the 1970s for the Guernsey Post Office which unfortunately were not accepted

John sold his collection through our auctions some eight years ago when he then concentrated his collecting on his other love of Fiume, Italy, joining the Italian & Colonies Study Circle writing many learned articles for their Journal. He had just completed 50 years of membership.

GUERNSEY MONTHLY MEETINGS

**CISS and RPSL members are welcome
to attend monthly meetings in
Guernsey, contact John Triggs on
01481 725847 or packets@ciss1950.org.uk
Meetings held on Friday evenings, starting at 7pm
to 9pm in the St Sampson suite at the Peninsula
Hotel. Next dates are March 22nd 2019,
April 26th, May 31st, June 28th, July 26th,
August 30th, September 27th, November 1st,
November 29th, December 20th.**

**A PRE-OCCUPATION LETTER FROM JERSEY DATED
9/1/40 by Tom Cretain**

I have recently re-joined the CISS after a very long absence living as I do in Canada.

I am showing a three page letter written on the 9th January 1940 by a Canadian serviceman whose unit was then stationed in St. Peter's barracks,

Jersey addressed to his Grandfather resident then in Vancouver, Canada. The letter was found in the Estate of the Grandfather and provides an interesting view of life in Jersey in the early period of the war highlighting the hazards of the blackout then enforced throughout Great Britain

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A.T.L./CPL R. Boyle,
A.T.S. (Boys)
St. Peters Barracks,
Jersey C.I.
9/1/44

Dear Grandpa,

You must be wondering what has happened to me, because I haven't written to you for so long.

I have been home for 2 days and in another 3 days I shall be back in barracks for another 7 months. However I believe that this will be my last term in Jersey. If this be the case I shall be posted to some station within a year. I shall be glad really, for, although Day Service is alright, I do not like Jersey, as a station.

I am enclosing a photo. that I had taken yesterday in my "blue patrols". We are not

allowed to wear them ³ during Active Service, but when we wore ~~that~~ them before the war, they did look very smart. They are not a regular issue but if desired one may buy them. They are only worn when "walking out."

10/1/40

There must be hundreds of Canadian soldiers in town, one meets them in every street. Quite a lot have got W.N.S.R. on their shoulders.

We are just going out to tea to our friends the Rogers. It is about a two mile walk, no joke in the black-out. Everything is inky - black, not a light showing anywhere. I have seen many accidents caused through these dark nights. I believe about 4 times the number of people have been killed than in peace-time.

We have just heard the news of the sinking of a British liner — the "Durham Castle"; — I believe most of the passengers & crew were saved.

It has been quite a cold here lately in fact we had quite a heavy fall of snow just after Christmas Day.

Well I must get ready to go out, so I will say, good-bye.

Your loving grandson,

~~ROY~~
xxx

P.S. I am sorry not to have written when I heard of Grandma's death. I was extremely sorry to hear of it.

~~ROY~~

St. Brelades Bay 1929 registered label

by Guy Dandoy

I have recently purchased this unrecorded “A” type registration label used



on this small registered uprated envelope on the 4th June 1929 at the country office of St Brelade's Bay in Jersey and addressed to Bordeaux in France

To my knowledge this is the first such example of the use of a Type “A” label used at this country office and I would very much like to hear from anyone who might have another such example of use please.

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Wanted by our member André Dufresne

WANTED: the Jersey 1999 Sea Birds and Waders Definitive Sheetlet Folder (the cover shows puffins) comprising the complete collection of Sea Birds and Waders stamps.

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Jersey LL 86 Masonic Temple Forgery??

by John Hirst

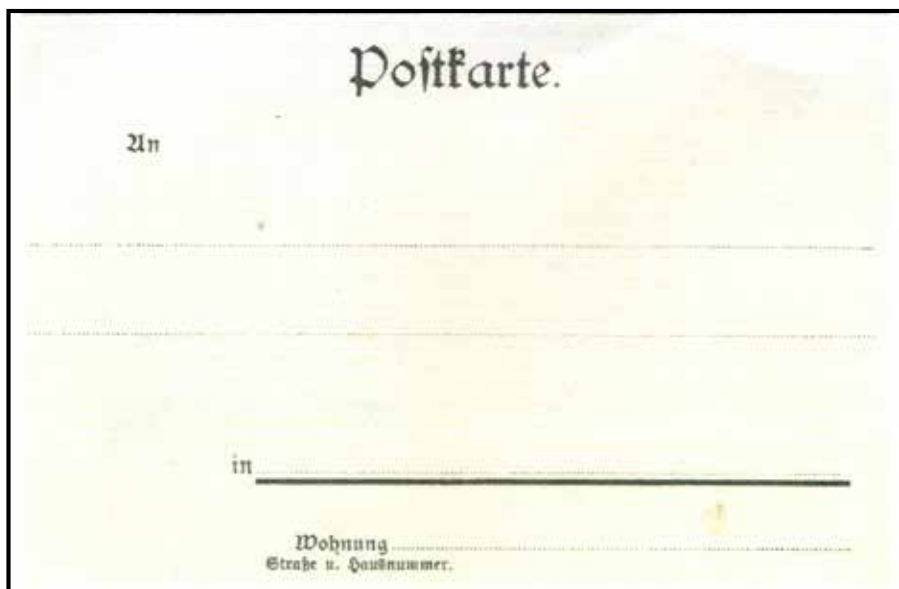
I purchased this particular card in the Society auction as I felt it to be very unusual and it has subsequently been examined and shown at the December meeting in London.



In the opinion of several members it seems likely the back illustrated on the next page has recently been replaced with this German printed back and this has not been seen before.

Interestingly the quality of the picture photograph is very poor suggesting it may have been scanned or re-photographed from the original and the false back then glued to it?

Can any member report an LL with a similar back shown on the next page?



Our warmest congratulations to our member 311 Bob MacDonald who has completed 50 years of continuous membership of this Society.

PAST JOURNALS and BULLETINS.

The Society has a stock of past issues of the **Bulletins** and the Journal '**LES ILES NORMANDES**'. The Bulletins are available at £0.50 each, and the Journals at £1.00 each, postage and packing is extra. The indices to both the Bulletins and Journals can be found on the website; **www.ciss1950.org.uk**

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Channel Islands Victorian ‘Board and Lodging’ Business Cards

by Roger E Harris



**A finely printed card for Mrs. Johnson’s Furnished Apartments
at 68, New Street, St Helier’s, Jersey.**

Over the years I have occasionally been lucky to acquire a few examples of the fanciful Victorian ‘Board and Lodging Business’ cards relating to boarding establishments in the Channel Islands, without really comprehending how they were used or disseminated. I recently consigned four examples of the cards to the Society’s auction, but then discovered a fascinating book entitled:

THREE MEN AND A BRADSHAW
AN ORIGINAL VICTORIAN TRAVEL JOURNAL
By JOHN GEORGE FREEMAN, edited by Ronnie Scott

Gerald Marriner kindly returned the cards to me so that I could use them to illustrate this article on a previously little known aspect of Channel Islands history.

The original manuscript, with drawings, of this charming holiday journal of John George Freeman was discovered and purchased at auction in 2012 by SHAUN SEWELL “an avid antiques dealer and social historian who discovered the lost diaries of Thomas Cairns Livingstone (published in two volumes as *Tommy’s War* and *Tommy’s Peace*) and Lt. Col. Rodney Foster (published as *The Real Dad’s Army*).” Sewell contacted and researched the

Freeman family obtaining additional material for the book, while Scott has compiled numerous historical footnotes to the text.

The interest for the Channel Islands historian and collector is that the first holiday described by John George Freeman was to Jersey in 1873 with his older brother and sister-in-law, Joseph Henry and Lucy, and his younger brother, Charles James. Freeman gives wonderful insights into an unpredictable mail boat service that would depart as soon as the mails were loaded leaving prospective passengers stranded on the quay, as well as the erratic postal service, slow trains, 'inventive' tour guides and less than respectable local residents, besides the more obvious descriptions of historical sites and stunning scenery.

In Victorian times, as the middle classes had surplus money and surplus time, so the new industry of tourism grew along with the development of the railways. In the same year that the Freeman family visited Jersey. The first tourist company, *Thomas Cook & Son*, established their headquarters in Ludgate Circus primarily selling train and boat tickets, but it was not possible to obtain a 'Hotel and B & B list' from a local tourist office as such organisations did not exist. The annual Bradshaw's *Railway Timetable and Guide* listed only the significant hotels in towns on the mainland, but the equivalent for Jersey, *Black's Guide to Jersey* published in 1870, did not mention hotels. It was almost impossible to book accommodation before travelling to the Island and so on arrival by mail boat, tourists and travellers would scour the streets of the town searching for suitable accommodation that matched their budgets. John's Journal gives a vivid description of this ordeal on their arrival in Jersey:

... On landing we handed our luggage over to a carrier for safe custody, and then proceeded towards the town. I had heard that lodging house touts abound here, and was just congratulating myself that the story was a gross exaggeration when I saw a flock of them waiting for their prey, who as they came from the steamer were at once surrounded. Having our greatcoats over our shoulders and an umbrella apiece, we were rather conspicuous personages and consequently the objects of their special attention.

This being the case, we formed a very imposing procession down the quay, having for escort a vehicle from the top of which the driver made orations while eight or ten persons, some of whom were certainly the reverse of respectable, card in hand dilated upon the advantages of being taken in

and done for by their respective employers. At last we divided into two parties, but they did the same and before long we were in possession of a fine collection of cards. When some desisted, fresh faces returned to the charge like flies on a piece of raw meat. Some were catering for hotels, some boarding houses and some private apartments which, if they spoke the truth, were each and all little short of perfection. One old man was particularly attentive, but we were warned against him by one of his opponents who said with great vehemence: 'Don't listen to that old liar, Sir, his place won't do for you, Sir!'

After three hours of searching the four family members met again at the railway station, but having found nothing suitable:

...we all started on another tour and after several enquiries Edward and I knocked at the door of No. 16 Royal Parade, where the rooms seemed just what we wanted.



A very much earlier card for two other establishments in Mrs. Johnson's empire!

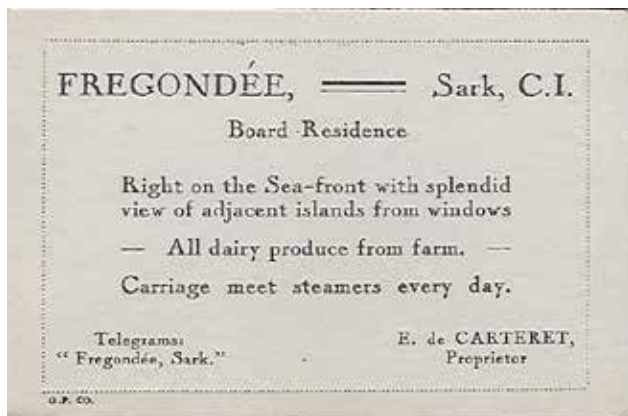
The card and printing is of poor quality, and the graphic design is classic early Victorian with a different type face and size of type on every line.

During their voyage back to England on the mail boat the Freemans discovered how other travellers had fared:

During promiscuous conversation with our fellow passengers, we ascertained that one couple had been very comfortable in their private apartments, but things had been stolen right and left (or rather, things left were taken without any right), and only last night a pound of sausages which they had saved to bring with them this morning had been 'eaten by the lodging house cat'. On another occasion nearly an entire cake disappeared,

vanishing at the rate of a slice per day till the whole was no more. Upon enquiring, we find this abode of bliss situated at No. 1, Royal Crescent, kept by a Mr Vaudin. This was the place recommended by the 'old liar' on our arrival...

A similar scene was doubtless enacted when the mail boat berthed in St Peter Port Harbour in Guernsey where cards were distributed not only for Guernsey, but even for Sark.



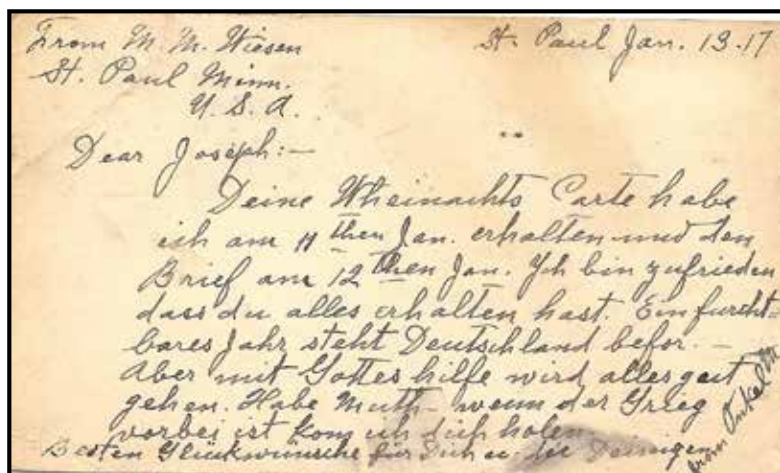
**Two somewhat more 'refined' cards for Boarding Houses on Sark.
 The top card has been printed by the Guernsey Press Co.,
 but still contains a typing error!**

WW1 postcard from the USA to Jersey POW Camp

by Henri Chartier



A fairly unusual postcard sent in 1917 from St. Paul, Minnesota, USA to a German Prisoner of War held in Camp D.9 in Jersey, Channel Islands with the usual P.C. in circle cachet which I found recently.



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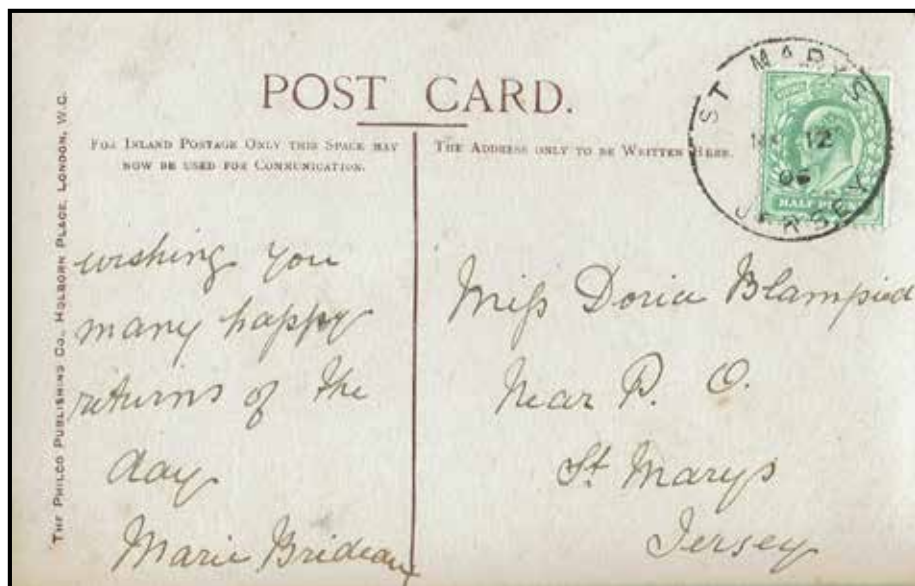
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St. Mary's, Jersey skeleton datestamp – yet another example.

by Trevor Du Feu.

I write with reference to the article regarding the St. Mary's skeleton datestamp of 11 - 13 March 1906 in the September Journal Vol. 37 No.3.

Well, I am happy to report that I also have another example of this skeleton datestamp also used as a despatch postmark dated March 12th, 1906 and shown below.



Whilst looking at the cards shown, they are all addressed to Miss Doris Blampied in St Marys and, yes, mine is the same.

I wonder why these cards were sent to her and indeed by whom? I have also noted on Steve Power's card that it was from the Philco Publishing Co of London as also is mine, in fact the front of mine shows a portrait of Lily Brayton.

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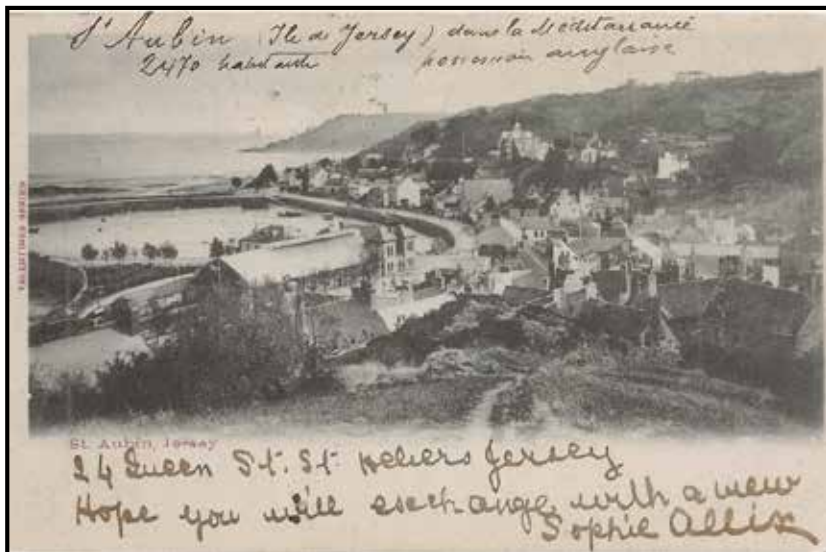
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Sophie Allix – Postcard to Constantinople in 1903

by David Winnie

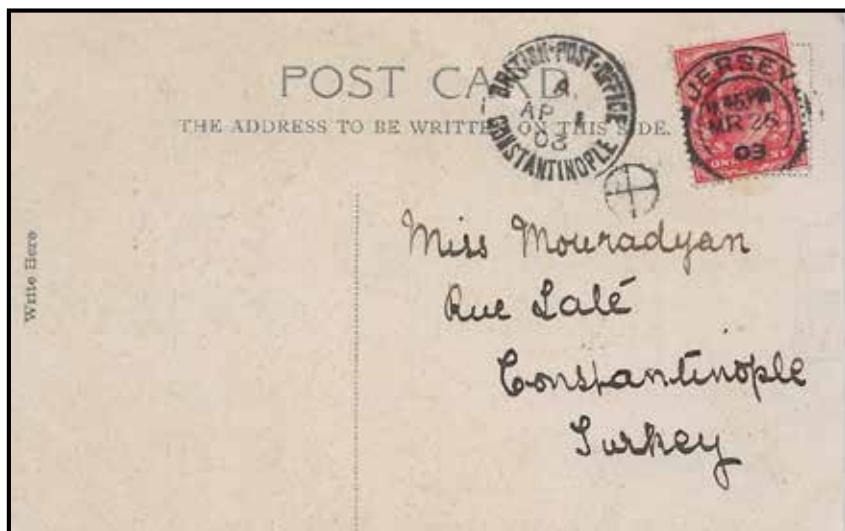
Henry George Allix was a successful Victorian businessman who operated from premises at 24, Queen Street, Jersey. Although the shop sold mainly tobacco and related products, he diversified into small gifts, stationery and, of course, postcards which are currently very popular and most collectable.



He married in 1884 and seven children were born from the union of whom only four survived. The eldest was his daughter Sophie who was born in 1886. Shown above is a postcard Sophie sent as a 17 year old to a pen pal in Constantinople, Turkey. The Valentine Series postcard shows a view of St. Aubins, Jersey. On the front of the card, Sophie has written the family business address together with the request “*Hope you will exchange with a new view*” and signed it *Sophie Allix*.

It is understood that H G Allix commenced the issue of his own series of postcards in 1905. I wonder whether it was Sophie’s clear interest in obtaining views from her pen pals abroad that triggered her Father into producing his own view postcards. His shop at 24, Queen Street, St. Helier, Jersey, is pictured at the foot of the next page.

Pictured below is the back of the postcard which shows it was sent from Jersey on the 26th March 1903 and arrived in Constantinople on the 1st April 1903 and below this is Allix's shop on the corner at the three addresses.



NOTICE TO MEMBERS:

In the light of the introduction of General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), it is now considered best practice for the Committee to stop using personal Email addresses for CISS business. This is to prevent problems with personal addresses and data being used outside of the Society. As from 1st February 2019, the Society has been using the 1 and 1 IONOS webmail system for Society business and you will see from the details within the inside front cover that personal Emails have been removed and replaced by new Email addresses. I would therefore be grateful if members requiring to contact a member of the Committee, send their correspondence to the appropriate "official" Email address shown.

David Winnie, Chairman.

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Cancelled Red Cross Message Form by Gerald Marriner FRPSL

Over the following three pages I illustrate what appears to be a standard Red Cross message form (Fig.1) from a Mother in Guernsey to her daughter, Mrs Torode, in Manchester. This message was sent on 27 November 1943 and was received in Manchester on 6 March 1944 the journey taking some 14 weeks.

Mrs Una Torode wrote her reply on the reverse (Fig. 2) of the form as was usual on 9 March 1944. Her strange reply being *'Delighted message. Census taken for return, all eager, good hopes, smile away. Boys more changed. Lawrence girl intends coming Guernsey. Love Amy. Trusting God. Love all'*.


What does this message mean? What census was being taken for return (of the evacuees?) to the Islands? However, the Censors at the Manchester Red Cross Message Bureau (No. 751) cancelled this reply. An instruction was typed diagonally across the message – **'CANCELLED BY HM CENSORS'**. This was then returned to the sender (Mrs Una Torode) in Bury with an accompanying letter (Fig.3).

The accompanying letter (Fig. 3) is from the Secretary of the Red Cross Message Bureau. This was sent 12 days later. It explains the reason why this message has been cancelled. The message made reference to a Census and Returning (to the Islands) and the censor regarded these words as 'indiscrete'.

If she still wishes to send a different reply, this will have to be on a new message form in the usual way.

There appear to have been very few instances recorded of messages cancelled by British censors. It is probable that messages returned by British censors would probably have been destroyed on return by the sender.

I think this is a most unusual set of form and letter.

V.R.  R.C.B. GUERNSEY

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Präsidium / Auslandsdienst
Berlin SW 61, Blücherplatz 2

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

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

1. Absender
Expéditeur Mrs Peter Le Sage, Carteret.
Castel, GUERNSEY, C. I.
bittet, an
Mother. prie de bien vouloir faire parvenir à

2. Empfänger
Destinataire Mrs Una Torode.
C/o R.C.M. Bureau No. 751 Gadsden House
16, Queen St. MANCHESTER 2, ENGLAND.
folgendes zu übermitteln / ce qui suit :
(Höchstzahl 25 Worte!)
(25 mots au plus!)

Dear Children.

Fairly well, no rest. Amy Blancheland
Nursing Home. Marcy Mother Hospital bad
leg. Martin operation. Looking photo
boys have changed. Love to all.

Mother.

(Datum / Date) 27.11.43.

3. Empfänger antwortet umseitig
Destinataire répond au verso

G MAR Reed

27 JAN 1944

Red Cross stamps: "COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE - GENÈVE" and "Red Cross - British Stempel".

Fig.1.

4. Antwort des Empfängers :
Réponse du destinataire :

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

DELIGHTED MESSAGE - CENSUS TAKEN FOR
RETURN, ALL EAGER, GOOD HOPES, SMILE AWAY.
BOY'S MORE CHANGED, LAWRENCE GIRL INTENDS
COMING LYONS. LOVE ESMY. TRUSTING
GOD. LOVE ALL.

(Datum / Date) March 9/8/44 (Unterschrift)
(Signature) Alma

1944 MAR 14

Fig.2.

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RED CROSS MESSAGE BUREAU 751

Hon. Organizer :

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Mrs E.Hartree.

16/18, QUEEN STREET,

Tel: BLACKFRIARS 9165-6-7.

MANCHESTER 2.

751/C.1626.

21.3.44.

Mrs U.Tonode,
134, Ferngrove,
Bury,
Lancs.

Dear Madam,

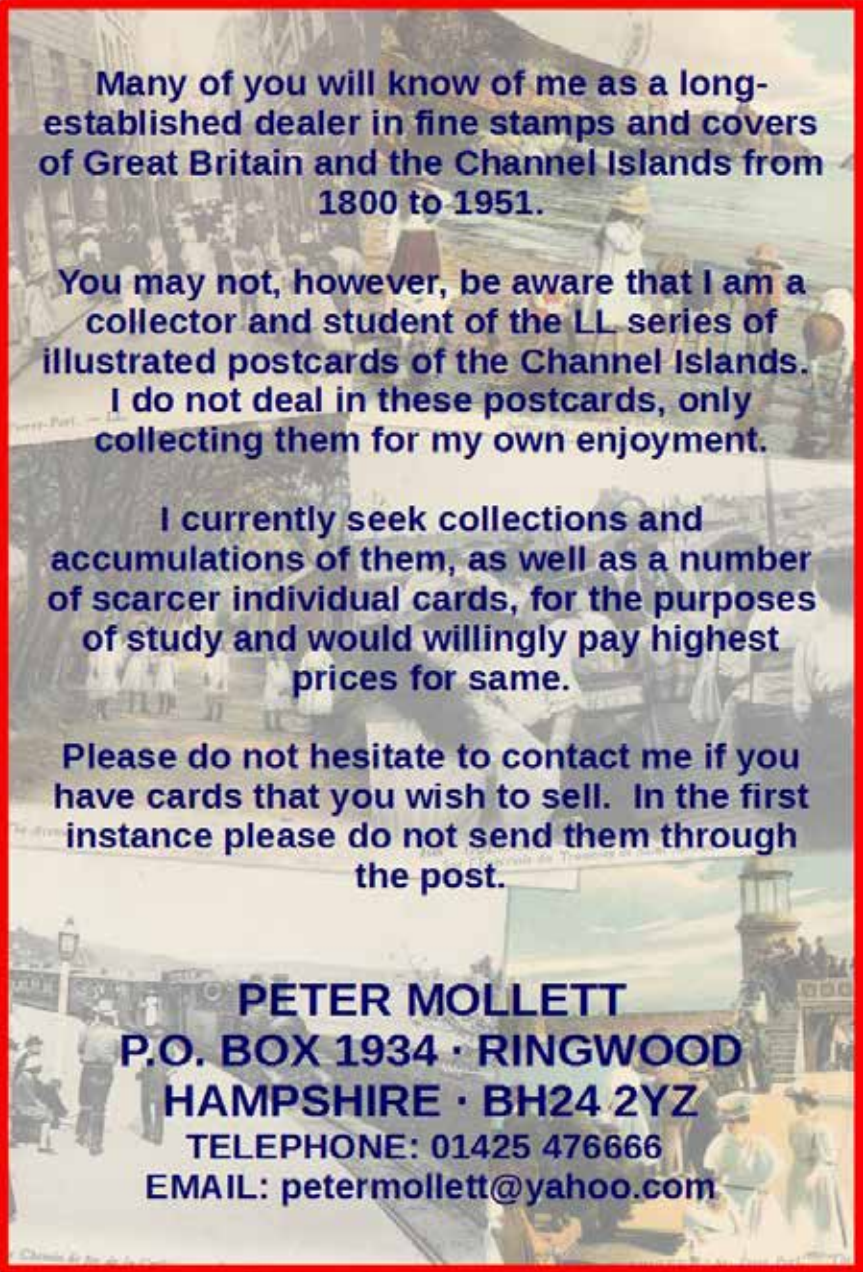
I very much regret that the Censors have cancelled the enclosed reply message sent by you, on the grounds that they consider to be "indiscreet" the references to the recent Census and your hopes of returning. As this form can no longer be used for your reply to the message from your Mother, if you still wish to reply to her message, you must now send your reply as a new message through the Red Cross Message Bureau for 1/- in the usual way.

Yours faithfully,



Arthur J. Moss
(Secretary,
Red Cross Message Bureau 751)

Fig. 3.



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Report on CISS postal Auction 23rd November 2018

by Nick Stuart

The Autumn CISS Auction generated sales of just under £11,400 from a wide range of material supplied by 18 members. Overall the majority of the lots sold at around their reserve price.

There was strength and depth in early postal history with Guernsey and Jersey scrolls and rare Forwarding Agents material. A letter with a superb 'Jersey Penny Post' cachet sold for £240 and a Ballon Monte cover went for £325.

Again, there was a large selection of Occupation material especially imprint blocks of the Guernsey and Jersey Arms as well as proofs and Epreuves de Luxe of the Jersey Views selling at £110 each.. A wide range of Red Cross and Feldpost items, especially messages to and from German troops and a good range of Internee mail and POW mail, all of which sold well. A special POW card from a German POW in the Guernsey Camp 801 to his father in Germany fetched £170 and another went for £200.

The Sub-Post office handstamps were a feature with some of the scarcer Forest ones selling at their reserve prices.

The postcard section attracted much interest, as usual, with a fine range of early aviation and shipping as well as LL, Allix and EL cards. An unused card of a Jersey Airways DH84 Dragon sold for £40, double its reserve. A rare Allix card No. 4 of Maison St. Louis, Jersey went for £230 and an Allix card No.96 of the Weighbridge, Jersey sold for £160.

The next auction will be in Spring 2019 and it will be a Postal and Room auction to be held at the member's weekend meeting in Salisbury on 27th April.

Members wishing to enter lots for sale should ensure that they are sent to **Gerald Marriner, 3 Barfoot Close, Fleckney, Leicester LE8 8TD** by the 15th February at the latest, with a simple description and reserve price.

Feldpost Registered Letter No. L46048 from Alderney
by Richard Flemming



Recently purchased the above registered letter was sent from the 4th Battery Reserve Flak, 197 Infantry Division with Feldpost number L46048. This



unit was based on Alderney from 30th November 1942 and remained there until the end of the occupation in May 1945.

Those units based on Alderney received mail directly from the Field Post Office in Cherbourg (Kenn. No. 447). From 1943 until late 1944, a Field Post Office branch was established on Alderney, as a branch of the Cherbourg office, and was allocated the Kenn. No. 447a, as shown on the registered mail label here.

My father, Emil Flemming, was attached to the 4th Battery Reserve Flak on Alderney from November 1942 until he moved to Jersey, November 1944. His role there was operating the Würzburg radar.

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Alderney

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Presentation Pack	£5.37

Sheets of 10	£44.70
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JERSEY POST

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