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Note: from 1st January 2019 there has been no Life Member category.

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:
2180 Paul Watkins (Berks); 2181 Robert Jones (Merseyside);

We very much regret to record the deaths of 1715 John Hirst, a former Committee member and Competitions Secretary; 1796 Gerry Cogger.

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EDITORIAL

A reminder – our Annual General Meeting will be held at the London Meeting at the Union Jack Club in London on **Saturday, 13th July 2019, but for the first time at 11.00am before the usual Member's meeting and auction.**

This Journal has the full Reports of the London meeting held on the 9th February with the Competition results and the Salisbury weekend meeting held on the 26th to 28th April. In addition I have tried to provide an interesting mix of subjects together with details of some new books and a Review of Ron Brown's coloured 114pp A4 monograph describing the impact of the Occupation on the stamps and postal services on page 15.

SECRETARY'S CLIPBOARD

by Richard Flemming

Welcome to this edition of *Les Iles Normandes* and a big thank you to those members and guests who attended the Member's Weekend at the Grasmere House Hotel Salisbury, especially with the imposing view of Salisbury Cathedral from the meeting room. A big thank you goes to our President, Gerald Marriner, who arranged the venue. Also, I need to express my sincere gratitude to Nick Stuart who acted as auctioneer for the 600+ lot room and postal auction, disposing of the lots in just under two hours. For those of you eagerly awaiting the 2020 Member's Weekend you will be pleased to know that we are back again at the Peninsula Hotel, Guernsey. After the euphoria of the Member's Weekend we are now focusing on the **Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Union Jack Club on Saturday, 13th July 2019. This year we are changing the programme, with the AGM being held at 11.00am.** Depending on the time taken up by the AGM, we are hoping to hold the usual 50-lot room auction, with viewing of lots prior to lunch. Again, members are invited to bring along material for display in the afternoon session. Please supply the Secretary with a brief write-up of your display for inclusion in a forthcoming edition of the Journal.

Forthcoming meetings for 2019/2020

- 13th July Annual General meeting and Member's Meeting – Theme: postage and/or revenue stamps.
- 21st September Member's Meeting. Theme: Anything 'Maritime' plus 'Anything to do with Channel Islands Postal Independence 1969'.
- 14th December Member's Meeting. Theme: Letters 'O' and 'P'.
- 8th February Member's Annual Competition and General Meeting.
- 24th – 26th April Member's Weekend Meeting, Guernsey

Unless advertised elsewhere, all Members' meetings are held at the Union Jack Club (UJC), near Waterloo Station. If you intend to come to any of the meetings at the UJC please let me know via secretary@ciss1950.org.uk as I need to add your name to the list of attendees for admission.

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

London Meeting Report, 9th February 2019

by Richard Flemming.

Thirteen members attended the Society's Annual Competition day, for which Alan Moorcroft, Competitions Secretary, provides further details of the results on page 13 of this Journal. As well as the Competition entries, the members present were able to view the seventy-lots for the room auction which raised in excess of £600 with 40% of items sold.



Three members brought material for display commencing with **Gerald Marriner FRPSL** showing a fine display of early Jersey unpaid markings, with an example of the scarce ½d handstamp on a postcard from France to Jersey and the large 1d surcharge on two covers dated 1880 and 1885.

Two examples of the scarce Jersey '2d/409 in oval' handstamp were shown, one dated 1893 (above) and the other dated 1896. Two unusual underpaid items were a 1921 postcard from Monaco to Jersey and a postcard from the Canal Zone, each bearing the 1d/409 surcharge. The Jersey '1d/TO PAY/409' handstamp was introduced in the 1920s and examples of its use were shown on items dated 1927, 1951 and 1957, the late example struck in green.

An underpaid postcard from Corsica to Jersey bearing the scarce '1½d TO PAY 409' was also shown. This item also had a 1½d postage due stamp



cancelled with a **LA ROCQUE** datestamp. Gerald also showed a scarce '2½d/TO/PAY/409' handstamp, which was followed with an unusual 1936 registered postal stationery cover from Jersey to Guernsey which had received a '3d/409' surcharge. Gerald followed this with the only known example of the **3½d/TO/PAY/409** (shown above) Jersey handstamp on an underpaid 1937 cover to France. This section was completed with two examples of mail bearing the Jersey 4d surcharge mark. To conclude his fine display, Gerald showed three examples, dated 1846 (in green), 1892 (in black) and a late use example dated 1915 of the Jersey '**Too Late**' handstamp

This was followed by **Richard Flemming** showing some of his Alderney German Feldpost, including his recently acquired registered envelope from the 4th Battery, Reserve Flak, Abteilung 197 with Feldpost No. 46048. This

was the flak battery where his father operated the Würzburg radar from 1942 – 1944.

Finally, **Mark Bailey FRPSL** showed a selection of items of postal history that he had recently acquired for his collection concerning correspondence to and from George Campbell in Jersey in the late 19th century. The items included two envelopes from the Leeward Islands (one from Montserrat in 1892 and one from Antigua in 1893), a registered letter from Calcutta in 1892, an envelope from the Gold Coast in 1892, and two unusual items, whereby George Campbell used foreign postal stationery envelopes (one from Costa Rica and one from the Leeward Islands) with 1d lilac stamps applied to pay the postage from Jersey to Birmingham in 1894 and 1895.

Following lunch, **Graham Winters FRPSL**, who was our Judge for the competition entries, gave detailed feedback on each entry entered in the competition classes. **Alan Moorcroft FRPSL** gave the vote of thanks to Graham.

Weekend Meeting Report, Salisbury 26th - 28th April 2019.

by Richard Flemming



Photo courtesy of Leo Mayr.

Forty-three members and guests attended this year's Weekend Meeting held at the Grasmere House Hotel that overlooked the River Nadder and Salisbury Cathedral. **Gerald Marriner FRPSL** kindly provided the standing display of Jersey hotel material whilst members enjoyed a welcoming cup of tea and biscuits. Following a good dinner, the traditional

‘Three Sheets to Tell a Story’ was held. Unfortunately, only two members entered this year with Gerald Marriner declared the winner.

Saturday morning dawned dull and windy and members were soon seeking out bargains in the bourse and viewing some of the 600+ room/postal auction lots that would be held later that morning. In all, it took two hours to complete the auction and special thanks need to go to Nick Stuart, our auctioneer, Gerald Marriner FRPSL, who did the describing for the auction list, and Mark Bailey FRPSL with Richard Flemming acting as ‘runners’.

Following lunch, we were entertained by **David Winnie**, Chairman, with a fine display of St. Aubin postal history from 1830-2000. David described the post office in St Aubin as the biggest sub-post office in Jersey, starting as a receiving office in 1830 using the No. 1 handstamp as part of the Jersey Penny Post. In the early days the mail received a boxed JERSEY/PENNY POST handstamp, as well as the No. 1 receiving office handstamp. From 1837 the No. 1 handstamp was used on its own. Following the introduction of the 1d black in 1840, David explained that the Channel Islands were never issued with the adhesive stamp, so that any mail from the Channel Islands to the mainland bearing a 1d black is rare as it meant that the stamp was brought into the Islands. Here David showed an item of mail bearing a 1d black from St. Aubin to London, which also had a No. 1 handstamp applied. David then continued with undated double arcs applied to the front of letters, one bearing a datestamp on the reverse with the year plug reading 8512 instead of 1852.

Moving on, David showed some rare Parcel Post labels, of which he explained there were six different types. One on display had a QV 10d ‘Jubilee’ stamp applied cancelled with the ST. AUBYN datestamp. He then moved on to a range of single circle datestamps, two items of 1st World War mail bearing OPENED BY CENSOR tape from St. Aubin to Holland, Novelty picture post cards that had been underpaid and bearing postage due handstamps, ‘skeleton’ datestamps and unrecorded registered letters.

The St. Aubin post office remained open during the ‘Occupation’ and here David showed a 1942 item of mail bearing a George VI ½d stamp and Jersey ½d ‘Arms’ stamp paying the 1d postage. For the post war period, David showed a range of registered mail labels including 1946, ST AUBIN, JERSEY; 1952, ST AUBIN/JERSEY, 1961, ST AUBIN and 1975, St Aubins Jersey. Then there was an example of a REM envelope and finally modern self-inking datestamps (SIDs) applied to mail.

Ron Brown FRPSL followed with a fine display of the material used in the production of his 114-page monograph that was launched at the Member's Weekend meeting and titled *"The German Occupation of the Channel Islands 1940 – 1945 – the immediate impact of the occupation on the postal services and postage stamps during the occupation period"*.

The display included the impact of the Occupation on postal services; the story of how a set of George VI definitives and 'Centenary' stamps, each bearing a swastika came to be printed; although these were never released for general use, four complete sets are known. Ron then continued with the Jersey 'Bigwood' essays of 1940, Guernsey 'bisects', the Guernsey and Jersey 'Arms' stamps, including artwork, proofs, paper types, flaws, etc., concluding with the liberation of the Channel Islands on the 9th May 1945. This monograph is a must for any collector of the Channel Islands' 'Occupation' period (see advert on the inside of the back cover).

Olaf Beecken concluded the day with a display of rare Radio Message Cards and German P.O.W. mail after Liberation. For the first part, Olaf explained about the difficulties for the German troops in the Channel Islands keeping in touch with their families after the 14th August 1944, the "Fortress period". As the Channel Islands were now isolated from mainland Europe little private Feldpost mail made it out, as most mail out was 'official mail'. Even scarcer is private mail into the Channel Islands, as the only 15 flights that made it to Guernsey carried only vital equipment and official mail. Olaf then explained how the Radio Message Card service was set up, allowing German troops to communicate with families by sending one message per month. Messages were sent via radio from Guernsey to the naval base at Wilhelmshaven. Here the message was typed onto a post card and then forwarded to the addressee by post.

Olaf explained that there was a system in place whereby a 'Confirmation Card' would be sent to the sender of the message stating that their message had been sent to the family. Here Olaf showed examples of the 'Confirmation Card'. Later, 'Answering Cards' were produced, which allowed recipients to send a message back, but due to the collapse of the system by Christmas 1944 few messages were returned. For the second part of his display, Olaf showed examples of paperwork used by the British forces in registering some of the 37,000 German troops who were now P.O.Ws. Olaf explained that the German identification cards were invalidated, and new identity papers were issued. The P.O.W.s were examined by a doctor and dentist and here Olaf showed examples of the

records used. Within one week of capture the German forces were allowed to send a message home informing their family that they were now a P.O.W., although, apparently, many did not want to write home as it confirmed that Germany had surrendered. To conclude his display, Olaf showed the only known P.O.W. Enquiry Card to Sark.

For the Sunday Members' Displays, **Leo Mayr** started proceedings with a display he titled "Basic material", whereby he showed often neglected material as it is deemed 'basic' or 'common' and not worthy of collecting, but still makes a fine display of relatively modern postal history. He started with machine cancels of Guernsey used during the Occupation, explaining the 'endless roller mechanism' for cancelling mail. I am sure that many of us are familiar with the 'split 0 for a 1' used in the datestamp plug for 1941, and here Leo showed some examples. Leo then went on to explain that there are no machine cancels used on mail from January 1945 until May 1945 as electricity in the Islands was cut off. He also explained how the 'time plug' used on Occupation mail reads '9AM', although prior to, and after the Occupation, the 'time plug' was changed every 15 minutes. Leo then continued to show examples of missing strikes, inverted strikes, date errors, including inverted date plugs, offsets, whereby the machine cancel is shown on the front as well as the back, and CTO machine cancels.

David Gurney FRPSL showed illustrated advertising covers used in the Channel Islands between 1937 and 1948. These included several colourful illustrated advertising envelopes left over from the 1930s and used during the Occupation with various Guernsey and Jersey Occupation stamps, as envelopes became so scarce to find. **Gerald Marriner FRPSL** showed for the first part of his display, Guernsey Postage Due markings, including an interesting Ceylon pre-stamped card used locally in Guernsey. It was deemed as not being valid and subsequently surcharged for the postage due. Gerald also displayed the 1d/324 handstamp used on an item of 1902 mail, 3d postage due surcharge using 2 x 1½d postage due stamps, a November 1945 use of a Guernsey revenue stamp deemed invalid and thus surcharged. For the second half of his display, Gerald showed a range of mail from the Channel Islands to foreign destinations including an 1893 letter to the Isle of Man, a letter sent at the 4½d rate to the USA, a 1904 item from Sark to Canada, a 1948 letter to Palestine annotated "Return to sender" (maybe due to the partitioning of Palestine and formation of Israel in November, 1947) and finally, a 1969 letter to Tahiti.

Brian Sole FRPSL described himself as a ‘stamp collector’ and showed stamps that depicted famous people from the Channel Islands including Thomas de la Rue, the “Guernsey Printer”, Victor Hugo, author of “Les Miserable” and Sir Isaac Brock, famous for his action in Canada and war with America. To conclude his display, Brian showed colour proofs of the Guernsey 1980 Peter le Lievre Paintings issue. Newcomer to the Society, this was his first display at a CISS meeting, was **Mike Moody** who collects “Liberation” material. His display included mail from Private Povey, illustrations of the German surrender, resumption of postal services and mail out of the Islands, including mail from a RAF Flt. Lt. of FPO 135, and resumption of airmail services. Also shown was a set of the humorous post card of the German occupying forces being kicked out of the Islands. To conclude his display, Mike showed a range of covers and stamps issued for the 3rd Anniversary of Liberation, including blocks and flaws.

Another new member was **Alan Whittaker** who produced a fascinating “One Man’s War” story of Denis George Liot who joined the Royal Militia of the Island of Jersey on 8th June 1916 aged 17 years. He saw action again during the 2nd World war, serving in the 1st Queen’s Own Cameron Highlanders. He was reported “Missing in Action” on the 24th June 1940 and was eventually traced to a P.O.W. camp in Poland at Camp XXA. Denis wrote a diary whilst a P.O.W. there and this was on display, highlighting events within the camp. A newspaper was produced for the inmates of the camp titled “TIME” and examples of the newspaper were on display too. Following the end of the war Denis joined the police, but sadly died soon after, aged only 49 years.

Richard Flemming showed two frames of mail from the Channel Islands to overseas destinations including an 1837 newspaper from Guernsey to New York at the 1d newspaper rate, 1860 from Guernsey to Hong Kong, 1865 Jersey to Lima via Panama at the 2/- rate, 1871 Jersey to Australia at the reduced 9d rate as sent via Brindisi, 1871 from Jersey to Mauritius at the 10d rate, 1879 from Jersey to New Zealand, sent via San Francisco and 1876 from Jersey to Chefoo, China at the 1/- rate bearing HONG-KONG/MARINESORTER/SINGAPORE-TO/HONGKONG/MY/28/5/76 (Webb type 2) arrival datestamp, indicating that this item had been sorted on the ship rather than upon arrival in China.

David Winnie’s “Study in five cards” related to a Mrs. Phillips who seems to have lived in Beaumont, Jersey. The first item was a cover from Mombasa to Jersey, but as she was on holiday it was redirected to France,

with additional 1d redirection fee paid. Next was an item of mail from Zanzibar to Beaumont. Again, this was redirected to France with the additional fee of 1d paid. The third item was a letter from Dar es Salaam to Beaumont dated 8/4/1927. This item was underpaid by a 1d and a George V 1d definitive was used as a 1d postage due stamp. Again, this was redirected to France. Although the shortfall had been paid it was still charged 60c postage due. The next item was a letter from Bulawayo to Mrs Phillips and the fifth and final item was a letter from Uruguay to Beaumont that was also underpaid and charged 1½d postage due, paid by 3 x ½d postage due stamps cancelled at Beaumont.

To end the Members' displays, **David Laurillard** gave a colourful display of covers that he had produced in aid of the Royal British Legion to commemorate the ending of the 1st World War. David explained that only two sets of the covers was produced and that one set will be auctioned and any monies raised will go to the Royal British Legion.

News of Members

Recently announced in The London Philatelist, the ABPS Congress Medal will be presented to **Gerald Marriner FRPSL** during Stockholmia 2019. Gerald was nominated by the Channel Islands Specialists' Society, where he is now the President. Four other specialists' societies are pleased to count Gerald as a member because he is always willing to take an active part. Gerald became Chairman of the ABPS Congress Committee in 2008 and remains in that office today. Over the years he has organised many successful Congresses. In recent years he has involved all the new RDPs by asking them to present a paper during the annual Congress. For the past ten years, **Gerald Marriner FRPSL** has been a regional representative for the RPSL representing the West Midlands Region. **Yvonne Wheatley FRPSL**

At Spring Stampex 2019 **Jon Aitchison FRPSL** won a Large Silver medal for his entry 'Road Transport in the Channel Islands

NOTICE REGARDING JULY'S AGM

As reported in the Secretary's Clipboard, the 2019 Annual General Meeting will commence at 11.00am rather than at 2.00pm on Saturday 13th July 2019. If you wish to raise a comment for any member of the Committee, please let me know in writing or via email at least 14 days before the AGM.

The AGM will then be followed by the Room Auction if there is time in the morning.

Richard Flemming, Secretary

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 June 28th, July 26th, August 30th, September 27th, November 1st, November 29th, December 20th.

Channel Islands Specialist Society Competitions 9th February 2019 results by Alan N. 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 & Postal Markings

Guernsey Postal History – Ship Letters: **Bryan Elliston**. Gold. Winner.

Ship Letter Handstamps applied to Mail to and from, or via, the Channel Islands: **Richard Flemming**. Large Vermeil

Jersey Postal History – Instructional Markings: **John Triggs**. Bronze.

Society Cup for Stamps

The Regional Stamps of Guernsey & Jersey: **Nick Stuart**. Vermeil. Winner
Alderney Parcel Delivery Stamps. **Richard Flemming**. Silver Bronze.

Tom Green Cup for Occupation Postal History & Postal Markings

Laufen Internment Camp Ilag VII: **Barry Mudie**. Large Vermeil. Winner

Open Philately Competition Cup

A Jersey Islander's War: **Alan Whittaker**. Silver. Winner

Picton Phillips Cup for Previous Winners Competition

Early Guernsey Booklets 1969-1997: **Brian Sole**. Silver. Winner

There were no entries for the Society Cup for Postcards or Sarnia Trophy for Ephemera

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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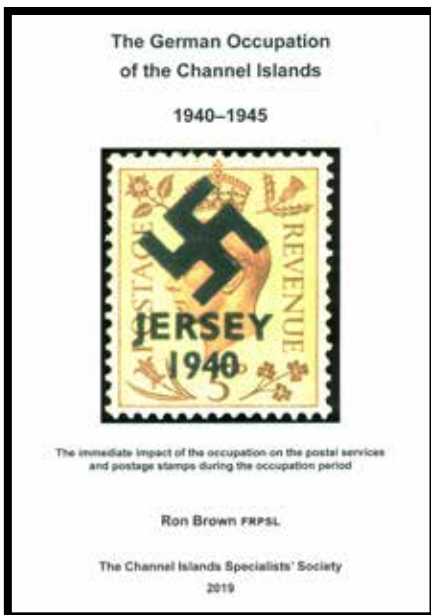
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The German Occupation of the Channel Islands 1940-1945 by Ron Brown FRPSL – A Review by Alan Moorcroft FRPSL.

The interest in the German Occupation of the Channel Islands continues to grow and the collecting of the stamps and postal history of this period remains very buoyant. The last edition of the **Stanley Gibbons Channel Islands Specialised Catalogue of Stamps and Postal History** was published in 1983 and the German language **Kanalinseln Postgeschichtliches Handbuch zur Deutschen Besetzung 1940-1945** by Leopold Mayr & Michael Wieneke in 2000. The demand for an updated catalogue has been growing and so this comprehensive story of the Channel Islands occupation stamps by **Ron Brown FRPSL** is most welcome.



The basis of this new publication is Ron's extensive and magnificent collection which he has formed over the last 30 plus years, but has been greatly expanded with background information some of which has not been published before.

The book opens with a brief history of the Channel Islands, a timetable to the German Occupation and the immediate impact of the suspension of all communications between the Islands and the United Kingdom.

The Jersey and Guernsey offices of the British General Post Office continued to operate during the occupation, but under German supervision. The use of British postage stamps continued, but as stocks were limited and soon running low both Island authorities had to organise the printing of a local issue. Before any local stamps were ready the stock of 1d values in Guernsey was running low and so the exceptional step was taken to

authorise the bisection of the current British 2d stamps in late 1940. This is comprehensively covered including the unauthorised bisects.

The steps Guernsey took to produce their own Arms stamps is fully explained in chapter 5 of the book. The initial designs, artwork, proofs, colour trials and issued stamps are all listed and illustrated. A detailed explanation is given of the line photo engraving process used to produce the stamps, the machines employed to print them, with explanations of the problems they had in gumming and perforating the stamps. Three values were eventually issued and in the course of the many printings of the values, 13 of the ½d, 16 of the 1d and 4 of the 2½d, variations in shades occurred and because of shortages in the Islands, different papers were used at various times including the watermarked French banknote paper. These are all detailed and illustrated.

In Jersey the German Commandant, Captain Gussek ordered the overprinting of the current British stamps with a swastika over '**JERSEY 1940**'. A small quantity of the current George VI and the centenary stamps were duly overprinted. This was objected to by the Bailiff of Jersey and surprisingly the issue was not proceeded with. A small number of the overprinted stamps escaped destruction and are in collectors' hands today along with many forgeries. Chapter 6 of the book details the whole story and illustrates a certified genuine set of the overprinted stamps.

In chapter 7 the attempt to produce a 1d stamp is told. These are known as the 'Bigwood' essays and again they were not proceeded with, but examples did 'escape' into the hands of collectors.

The production of the Jersey Arms stamps is comprehensively covered in chapter 8. The background story is told with the details of the artwork, essays, proofs, to the printed stamps which are all illustrated. In Jersey the problem of paper supplies caused the stamps to be printed at various times on chalky paper and English and French newsprint. Ron illustrates these along with all the problems they encountered with ink, gumming and perforating the sheets. The explanation of the corner letters 'A' 'A' and 'B' 'B' and an introduction to the plate flaws is given. Usages of the stamps and details of forgeries and facsimiles are also provided.

Because of the paper shortages in the Islands it was decided in 1943 to have the postage stamps for Jersey printed in France. New designs were sought and those of Edmund Blampied chosen. The background to this issue along with the artwork, essays, proofs with all the printings is fully listed and illustrated in this book. This is a very comprehensive coverage of this issue

through to all the sheet markings and numbering and extends to more than 30 pages.

Jersey bisects were never authorised, but examples are known and these are covered in chapter 11.

The book concludes with the liberation and last day usages of the stamps and souvenir sheets. In 1948 the British Post Office issued two stamps to commemorate the Liberation of the Channel Islands and these are covered in the final chapter.

This is not a catalogue and no indication is given as to the scarcity of most of the items listed, but instead what is described in great detail and comprehensively illustrated is the information about the stamp issues of the Channel Islands during the German Occupation. Ron is to be congratulated upon his efforts to bring all this information together and present this in a very readable and informative manner.

This A4 114 colour page monograph printing is excellent and at the very modest price of £15.00 plus p&p makes it a must for every collector of these stamps and anyone interested in the German Occupation of the Channel Islands.

To order this book please see our books advertisement on the inside back cover of this Journal.

Alan N Moorcroft FRPSL

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Past President of The Royal Philatelic Society London

CORRECTION

Thanks must go to D Keith Jones of Bridgend who has pointed out an error in my description of the Registered Letter from the Feldpost L46048 in Journal Vol. 38 No.1 page 34. It should read '**Feldpost 46048 was allocated to the 4th Battery, Mixed Flak Detachment 197**' and not as printed.

Richard Flemming

DISPOSAL OF YOUR CHANNEL ISLANDS COLLECTION

If you or your relatives wish your collection to be sold for any reason the Society can help you by arranging for its disposal within the C.I.S.S. through the Society's auctions and circulating Packets which can provide:

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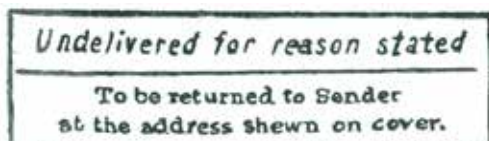
An unrecorded Jersey Instructional mark by John Triggs FRPSL

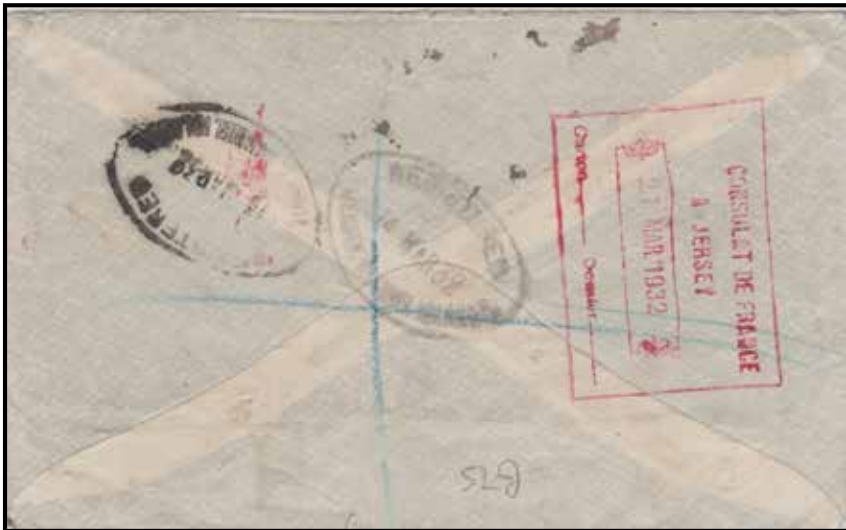
A recent acquisition of a Jersey registered envelope with the unrecorded Jersey instructional mark, the same as the recorded Guernsey type (SG) G199. It is also the same as Tony Peters example and Gerald Marriner's FRPSL, reference in *Les Iles Normandes*, Vol 34, No 4, page 26 and Vol 36, No 1, pages 22 to 24. It was sent by the French Consulate in Jersey to a local address on 13th March 1932.



The cover bears the perforated coil label JERSEY No 758 and a registration fee of 4½d was charged. The (SG) G199 similar rectangular boxed handstamp measuring 63mm x 37mm box been struck in violet ink.

The instructional mark is of upper and lower case letters and the similar Guernsey version (SG) G199 is shown below:





.On the reverse of the envelope there are two Jersey type "J58" oval cancels one being unclear and the other dated 14th March 1932.

Also a Consulat De France Jersey rectangular cachet in red ink dated 21st March 1932.

Can any other member report yet another example of this Instructional mark used in Jersey?

NOTICE REGARDING JULY'S AGM

As reported in the Secretary's Clipboard, the 2019 Annual General Meeting will start at 11.00am rather than at 2.00pm. If you wish to raise a comment for any members of the Full Committee, please let me know in writing or via email at least 14 days before the AGM.

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Unidentified inscriptions used on some early letters to Guernsey.
by David Gurney FRPSL.

When I presented a display of some early endorsed Letter Forwarding Agents entire letters to the joint Edinburgh Society of Postal Historians meeting last year I was asked the meaning of the circular flourishes at the top of the entire letters shown below. At the time I had not thought about these other than their being a part of the writer's somewhat flamboyant hand. Buoyed by the interesting question I referred to a couple of members who suggested these may be talismanic sometimes seen on letters in the period 1650 to 1750 of Swedish and Mediterranean origin and then more widespread as the habit grew with the uncertainties of inland and maritime mails. Thus I have since conducted a series of enquiries and some research of early published works resulting in an improving knowledge and understanding of these inscriptions. There is still much work to be done which I plan to continue with over the next year or so hopefully gaining more information and understanding of the origins of these inscriptions.



5th July 1711 entire letter from London to Guernsey endorsed by Richard Taunton of Southampton showing the inscription at top right.



14th October 1718 entire letter from London to Guernsey endorsed by Bandinel & Co of Southampton with shorter inscription at top right beside the 3d charge.



28th May 1719 entire letter from London to Guernsey endorsed by Bandinel & Hilgrove of Southampton with the inscriptions at top left and right.

Of my three letters illustrated the much shorter inscriptions shown on the 1719 letter in two places at top left and right are fairly short in length and consistent with even shorter examples seen on early Sicilian correspondence.

Alan Robertson's *A History of the Ship Letters of the British Isles Vol. I. A29-A32* shows a few examples and I am also indebted to Mike Fulford FRPSL who has a 1684 letter from Smyrna to Livorno and a 1737 letter from Smyrna to Leyden in Holland, both with similar inscriptions. Also for copies of an interesting early detailed study by Major E. C. W. Stagg on the subject of sacred Arab Talisman numbers.

Although I have since found some information published on these inscriptions it seems that these inscriptions have had various purposes and possibly the intention of 'Talismanic' properties to protect letters so marked from the hazards of carriage such as accidents, disease, attack, storms and other risks of all kinds and to ensure a safe passage and delivery from the many other risks that could be faced. Such inscriptions are sometimes seen with the initials "Q.D.C.", "Q.D.G." or "W.G.P." added thus every letter so marked was 'insured' in a sense with the anglicised meaning 'Which God Preserve' or similar. Thus the circular flourishes seen in the examples above might be explained as being a sort of spiritual frame of protection to the ship's master and the letters? Since writing this I have seen several other similarly inscribed entire letters within the period 1661 to 1730, two internally to London and a 1669 EL from Antigua to London also with the initials QDC inscribed next to the captain's name at the foot of the address page, all illustrated in two recent London auction house catalogues, but without any mention of these circular inscriptions in the somewhat brief descriptions. I am also now maintaining a record of others in Italian and Sicilian correspondences.

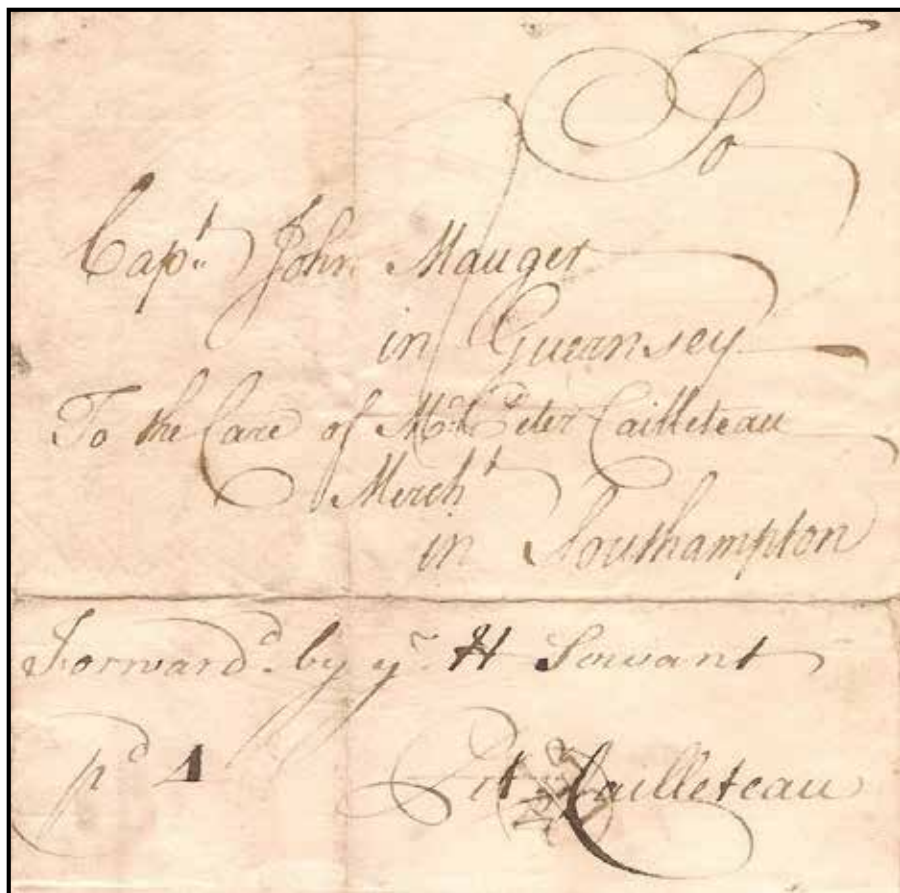
Interestingly Robertson makes reference in his '*History of the Ship Letters of the British Isles*' to the Late J.M.Y. Trotter's study of the mercantile correspondence of Carteret Priaulx of Guernsey, much of which is still held in the Priaulx Library in Guernsey. This provided interesting datum in that of some 3000 letters in to Guernsey between 1740 and 1840 only fourteen were found endorsed with talismanic style inscriptions comprising seven 'Q.D.C.', six 'W.G.P.' and one 'Q.D.G.' inscriptions. My own three

inscriptions shown were all found on entire letters addressed to Matthew de Sausmarez, Merchant in Guernsey from London in the early 1700s. There is clearly much work to be done to fully understand the origin and purpose of these and other styles of inscription to early letters and to build a clear understanding of these interesting marks of which it seems very little is known and documented in so far as I am presently aware. However similar circular style inscriptions have been reported on correspondence from the 16th century, but I have not so far evidenced these.

Further examples on Channel Islands correspondence are known and I am very grateful to my colleague, Nick Stuart, in agreeing that I may illustrate two of his early examples below:



12th August 1725 entire letter from London to Guernsey endorsed by Thos. Bandinell, rated 3¹/₄d with the inscription at top right.



4th December 1753 entire letter from London to Guernsey endorsed by Peter Cailleteau of Southampton with a possible short inscription at top right seemingly merged with word *To* rated 3d beside.

I will be most interested to receive observations from members on these fascinating and decorative inscriptions, particularly any published definitive description and history of these. Also importantly can you report any further examples particularly on cross border letters from your collections?

BY SEA TO THE Channel Islands by Richard Kirkman

Notes by John Triggs FRPSL

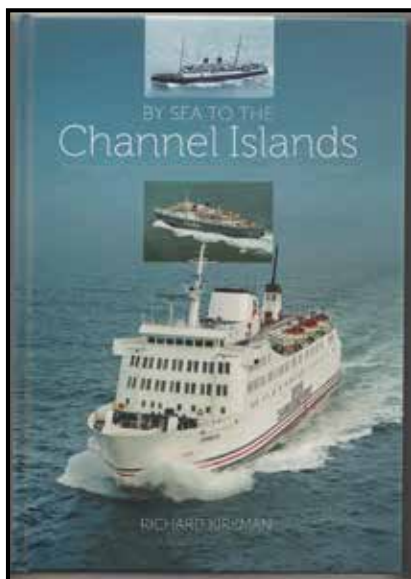
Summary of a new book on Channel Island ships and mail history kindly provided by John Triggs FRPSL in Guernsey.

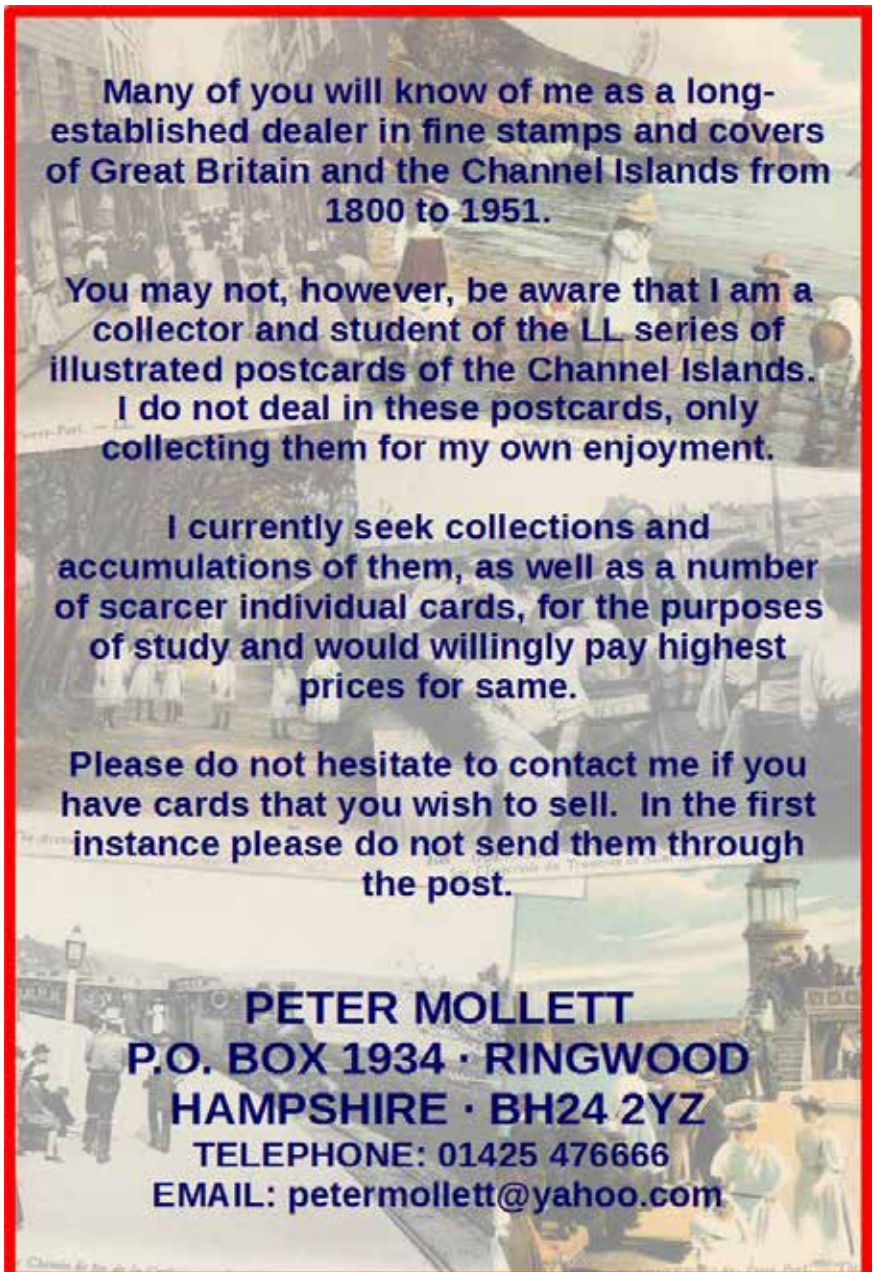
This interesting new publication ranges from the packet boats, steamers to ro-pax and catamarans. Published in June 2018 in hardback, 384 pages, cost £21-50p, publisher-Lily Publications. ISBN No-978-1-911268-13-0.

There are 13 chapters, 1 to 5 covers the period 1778 to 1922, taking in the packet boats, steamers, privateers, Royal Mail boats, L & S.W.R's, G.W.R, all the ports, etc. Really thorough sections on the ports, mail routes, boats, trains and social history. Chapters 6 to 10 cover from the early 1920's to 1986 in between the wars, WW2 Channel Island ships at war, Liberation, nationalisation, British Rail, privatisation. Chapter 11, B.C.I.F. and Condor 1987 to 1998. Chapter 12, Condor 20 years 1998 to 2018, Chapter 13 looking back with maps, notes and fleet lists.

Found the first six chapters really informative in details on the ships, privateers, Royal Mail vessels, a lot of efforts and setbacks noted on getting the mails between the Islands and mainland. Interesting read on the routes, the boats and the various companies involved through the centuries.

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The background of the advertisement is a collage of several vintage postcards from the Channel Islands. The top left shows a busy street scene with many people. The top right shows a lighthouse on a rocky shore. The middle left shows a group of people in period clothing. The middle right shows a lighthouse on a hill. The bottom left shows a street scene with a shop. The bottom right shows a lighthouse on a hill. The text is overlaid on this collage.

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Guernsey unusual destination 1958 cover to Tangier

Our member John Goose writes from New Zealand with a scan of this



recently acquired unusual under stamped cover to Tangier which has been charged in Guernsey and the appropriate rate of postage due labels applied on arrival in Tangier.

The cover has been back stamped TANGER SOCCO 26. 8. 1958..

John would also very much appreciate learning if any member has a Guernsey regional cover used with UK stamps? John's email address is johnngoose60@gmail.com

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New 30mm date stamps issued by Guernsey Post.

by John Triggs FRPSL

A new 30mm single circle date stamp was issued by Guernsey Post on 12th February 2019 for use at the main Post Office and all the Sub-Post Offices.



The examples shown above with the A and B codes were struck at the La Vrangue office, but the datestamps are for use on all letter mail items and parcels at the main Post Office and all the Sub-Post Offices with their respective office names in their datestamps.

Update on the Bridge Sub-Post Office in Guernsey.

by John Triggs FRPSL

This office has moved from the Channel Islands Cooperative store in Nocq Road to a new Coop Locale store at 17, The Bridge, Vale, GY3 5TD in January of this year. It is a couple of doors along towards the north side of the Bridge, from the Peter Collas shop as the map shows on page 186 of the Guernsey Sub-Office book by David Gurney FRPSL.

An earlier date of use at Vale Road, Guernsey.

by John Triggs FRPSL

I have a small envelope sent from Worthing on 10th August 1898 to Guernsey which has been back stamped with the Vale Road, Guernsey Type 2 datestamp as a receiving mark alongside the Guernsey small single circle datestamp. Both are dated AU 11 98. With a date of August 11th 1898 this now predates the previous earliest known date recorded in David Gurney's Guernsey Sub-Office book [page 240] of 8th November 1898.



Two unusual covers to France from the Occupation period

by Henri Chartier, our member in St Malo.

I acquired these two covers from the Occupation period recently and sent them both to David Gurney and Michael Wieneke as I felt they were outside my immediate knowledge. Michael has responded as below and David has sent scans to Gerald Marriner who has some similar covers in his Occupation collection.



Gerald comments - 'The cover sent from Barcelona received the framed 'CENSURA GUBERNATIVA / BARCELONA' censor handstamp routed via Bordeaux where it was censored by the Germans. Envelope re-sealed with German censor tape code 'Y' (Bordeaux). The 5ct postage rate does not make sense. In 1943 the printed matter rate from Spain to France was 15ct and the sealed letter rate was 75ct ~ unless a stamp has been removed or unless it was free postage.

Michael writes - 'The first letter to France is addressed to a person believed to be a Republican from Spain (the Germans called them 'Red Spaniards' from the camps de Gurs and Le Vernet). The letter is addressed to FELDPPOST 40157Witt – this Company Witt (40157; normally FpNr 40157W) is known on the. Channel Islands from June 1943 or even before.

Some inmates of these camps were forced labourers! They were allowed to have communication with their relatives in Spain, sometimes the letters from Spain to the Channel Islands had a special square cancellation SP (Servicio Publico) in red.



The censor mark ‘y’ from Lyon is one of the better censor marks and much scarcer than the ‘x’ from Paris. The rarest censor mark was ‘n’ from Nancy and this is usually found on Red Cross message forms, but on an envelope it is very rare.

The cover with the French stamps, briefstempel with the code ‘g’ is really good. This type of foreign worker’s mail from the Channel Islands is quite scarce. I had a similar cover in my collection which was sent by a French worker for Marine Baustelle Jersey (FpNr.28529). There was no entitlement to use the free service of the Feldpost even if they were working for a unit with a Feldpost number, but they were allowed to use the French inland post service. OT mail with FpNr. 40157 or a P.O.Box number was always classified as inland post.’

I am very grateful to both Michael Wieneke for his detailed explanation of these letters and to Gerald Marriner for his example to be shown in a following article.

Gerald acquired his similar items from the same source as Henri and will write further in the next Journal.

One in a Thousand (One girl’s war) by Nancy Allen (nee Goubert).

An interesting new book in Guernsey is reported by our Advertising & Press Officer, Steve Wells, who writes ‘I’ve just spotted this article in the Guernsey Press by the Features Reporter:

<https://guernseypress.com/news/features/2019/05/01/one-girls-war/>

The title of Nancy Allen’s book, One in a Thousand, refers to the fact that she was one of the 1,000 children left in Guernsey after the evacuation. Taken from reminiscences with her father and snippets and press cuttings from his wartime diaries, it was originally published in 1995. Now revised, ‘One in a Thousand’ has been republished by Nicholas Drake and The Monnaie Fellowship Trust LBG. At a very modest cost of £6.00 in aid of the Monnaie Chapel, Guernsey. Published May 1st, 2019.

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