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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:
2183 Julian Bagwell, Oxfordshire; 2184 W. David Ripley, USA.

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EDITORIAL

The Christmas meeting to be held on the 14th December will be the last at the Union Jack Club next door to Waterloo Station and from February 8th we will move to the new premises of the Royal Philatelic Society London in Abchurch Lane in the City. Full details and map are on page 4 when we will meet for the Competitions and displays. Always a good day with the excellent Competition sheets on display and comments by the Judge.

This Journal again has some interesting articles on both Occupation subjects and some new finds in the Sub-Post Offices of the Islands.

Well Christmas will soon be upon us and I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and best wishes for 2020. The society is holding its final Member's Meeting at the Union Jack Club (UJC) on the 14th December, details below. I look forward to seeing members old and new there. Please can you let me know if you wish to attend so I can add your name to the 'Attendees List' that I have to provide to the UJC for secure admission. The theme for the day is "Letters 'O' and 'P' so bring your displays along. There will also be the 50-lot room auction.

From the above you will gather that the C.I.S.S. is moving from the Union Jack Club to the new Royal Philatelic Society London (RPSL) premises at 15, Abchurch Lane, London, which is just a few minutes walk from Bank Underground Station. Other London Underground stations are nearby (see further notice in this journal or by visiting the society's website at www.ciss1950.org.uk and click on "News" for more information). Our first meeting at the new RPSL will be the Member's Annual Competition, traditional 50-lot room auction and non-competition members' displays to be held on Saturday, 8th February 2020. You will also find with this Journal the booking form for the Member's Weekend meeting at the Peninsula Hotel, Guernsey and the Membership Subscription form. Details on how to book your accommodation are contained within the booking form, but please book early to ensure a place, also that you arrange appropriate medical insurance as Guernsey is not part of the EU.

Forthcoming meetings:

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| 14th December 2019 | Member's Meeting at the Union Jack Club –
Theme: Letters 'O' and 'P'. |
| 8th February 2020 | Member's Annual Competition and displays. |
| 24th – 26th April 2020 | Weekend Meeting at Peninsula Hotel, Guernsey. |
| 11th July 2020 | Annual General Meeting followed by Member's
Meeting including room auction and displays. |
| 26th September 2020 | Member's Meeting – Theme: Smaller Channel
Islands |
| 5th December 2020 | Member's Meeting – Theme: Letters 'Q', 'R' and
'S'. |

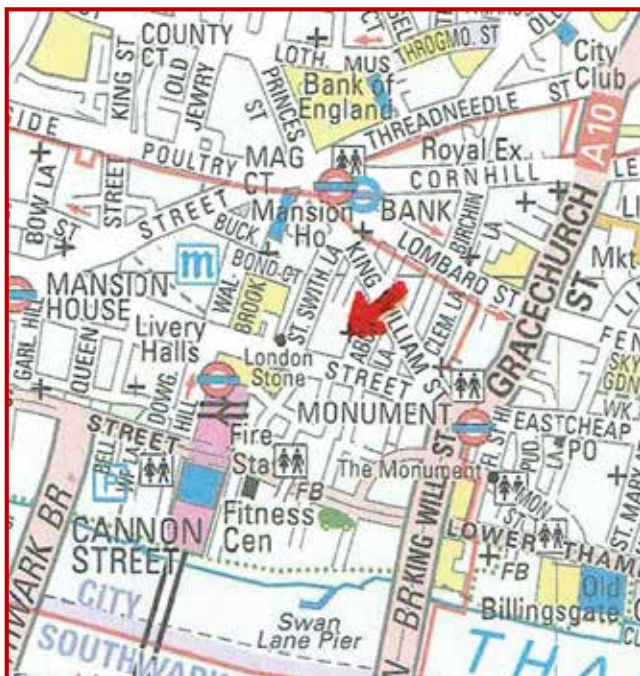
From February 2020 all meetings will be held at the Royal Philatelic Society London, 15, Abchurch Lane, EC4N 7BW

Keep up to date by visiting our website at ciss1950.org.uk.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

C.I.S.S. MEETINGS MOVING TO THE NEW ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY LONDON PREMISES

Following comments from members and potential increase in room hire fees at the Union Jack Club (UJC) it has been agreed by the full committee that the society should move to the new Royal Philatelic Society London premises at 15, Abchurch Lane, London, EC4N 7BW, which is very close to Bank, Cannon Street and Monument Underground Stations. All are only two minutes away from the RPSL. If using Bank Underground Station please leave via Exit 6. The first meeting at the new premises will be the Annual Members' Competitions Day on Saturday, 8th February 2020. Tea and coffee will be available in the lounge before moving up to the larger Paul Ramsey meeting room. A lift is available for members who require assistance. I have been informed that David Taylor, who looked after us at the old Royal, will be on hand to look after us again. One blessing is that you do not have to send me your name if you wanted to attend the meetings at the UJC. I have paid a visit to the premises and there are three restaurants within 200 metres of premises.



COMPETITION DAY 8TH February 2020 by Alan Moorcroft FRPSL

I am pleased to say Graham Winters will once again judge our annual competitions. Members who have entered previous competitions have found Graham very helpful with his comments and advice which has enabled them to go on and improve their entries and enjoy the experience of putting together 16 sheets from their collection in a manner that helps with the way they write up their collections.

Please consider entering one or more of the Society competitions which will be held on Saturday 8th February. We need enough entries to do justice to our competitions and Judge. This year's competitions are for: Stamps, Postal History, Occupation Postal History and Markings, Postcards, Open Philately, Ephemera and Previous Winners.

The competition rules were published in Les Iles Normandes Volume 35 No.4 December 2016. Absent members can enter any of the competitions by sending photo copies.

If you have any question or need any advice please contact me, Alan Moorcroft, address on the inside cover of this journal.

Members Wants

Our member, Bob Trower, of 48, Clivedale Road, Woodley, Berks RG5 3RD asks whether members could help or advise him on two of his interests that he rarely sees –

- 1. 1943 Jersey Views on maximum or postcards and asks why there are different dates or views?**
- 2. Cigarette cards of all the Islands.**

Bob hopes that someone may be able help him

London Meeting Report, 21st September 2019. by Richard Flemming

Seventeen members attended the September meeting at the Union Jack Club, with six apologies tendered. Following tea and coffee in the Reserved

Lounge the meeting commenced with a standing display relating to the inauguration of Channel Islands postal independence. Whilst members were able to view the display, they were also able to view the 70 items supplied for the room auction.

Eight members had brought material for display, with two themes at the meeting: Channel Islands Postal Independence and Maritime, with some members also bringing displays of recently acquired material. **Richard Flemming** started proceedings with his display of the Jersey 1969 definitive stamp issue, including different printings. He also provided several sheets of Channel Islands ship letter handstamps, including the unique sloping ***JERSEY/SHIP-LETTER*** in blue as illustrated below.



Brian Sole FRPSL showed a photostat of the Agreement granting Postal Independence to Guernsey from 1st October 1969. Brian explained that Impremerie Delrieu, a French Printer, had been given the contract to print the first stamps for Guernsey, but in July 1969 reported that they had insufficient paper to complete the whole order. Harrisons, at this late stage, were requested to print the low value definitives and the booklets. The biggest embarrassment to the new Philatelic Bureau was a printing error on two stamps with a map design which showed Guernsey on latitude 40° 30' N, instead of 49° 30' N. Examples of all the low and high value definitives were shown with some in gutter pairs and others in cylinder blocks. The

commemorative issue in August 1970 featured the major industries of Guernsey, Horticulture and Agriculture. Unique colour proofs from Courvoisier, the printers, were shown, with the issued stamps. All examples of stamp booklets were shown, together with the early postage dues and airletters with some artists' drawings.

This display was followed by **David Winnie** with his display of recently acquired material of the smaller Channel Islands. For Alderney, David's display included an undated Alderney double arc, an unrecorded type C registered label R/ALDERNEY/No. 8 used on registered letter and a Bibby Line printed envelope from Egypt to Hampshire that went via Alderney. For Sark, David opened with the very rare SARK undated double arc on a letter dated February 26, 1858 to Gibraltar that formed part of the Harvey correspondence. There was also an 1899 registered letter from British Guiana to Sark and the rare Sark code B and the possibly unique example of the SARK code C single ring datestamps concluding with possibly the only known example of a SARK type D registered label. **Robert Corden** showed an envelope bearing a 1948 1d and 2x 2½d 3rd Anniversary of CI Liberation stamps addressed to Singapore (date not given). However, the stamps were deemed 'Invalid' and a T/96 lozenge-type "Taxe" handstamp was applied using black/green ink (an unlisted use of ink colour).

Jon Aitchison FRPSL provided members with a multi-display starting with a near complete display of SS Ixex material, giving a detailed account of the history of the ship, culminating in the vessel striking rocks off Guernsey in the early hours of January 5, 1900 and the salvage of mailbags. Of interest was the salvaged 1s. postal order cancelled PLYMOUTH/JA 4 00. Continuing, Jon showed Herm related material including a ship letter ex Herm and artwork for the Herm pigeon post labels. Moving on to the 1969 Postal Independence issues, Jon displayed Harrison Printers Jersey imperforate proof cards, Jersey 9d. progressive proofs and bromides for the 1d., 1s., 2s 6d. with 2s and 5s. postage due stamps. Jon also showed probably the rarest of all Jersey 'modern' stamps, the 1969 definitive 10s. issue with green border error (SG28a), instead of the pale slate-blue border (SG28). And to conclude with some recent acquisitions, Jon displayed some Jethou strike mail showing different handstamps.

Alan Whittaker showed two, recently acquired, Internee postcards from a John Bowman to a Sister Mary at a Sheffield Nursing Home. **Mark Bailey FRPSL** showed a recent acquisition he picked up at Stampex, a postcard with a HERM GUERNSEY CHANNEL ISLANDS datestamp dated June

7, 1925. This is probably the earliest known example of this datestamp that went into use on May 1, 1925.

Finally, **Nick Stuart** provided some interesting material including the original rejected artwork for the Guernsey £1 stamp, the 1969 definitive issue 10s and £1 perforated 12½x12 and the re-issued 10s. and £1 perforated 13½x 13 stamps and the Guernsey 4d. booklet stamp with the green colour (stem) missing (SG18ac). Nick concluded his display with a variety of printing errors and flaws including the ‘extra line of latitude’ on the 1d. and 1s. 6d. stamps and both stamps with the ‘extra line’ partially removed.

Further update on envelope from Guernsey to Esquerirdreville

by Richard Flemming

I must thank Olaf Beecken for his suggestions regarding the civilian Feldpost item in *Les Iles Normandes* September 2019, Volume 38, No. 3 pp 5 and 34. **(See also the comments by Michael Weineke on page 15).**

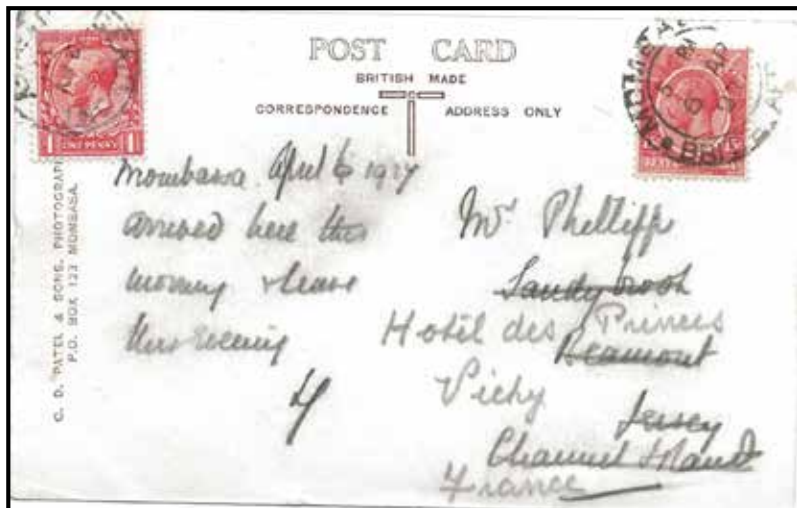
Olaf agrees that the envelope is certainly 1944, but probably just before D-Day, as he says the two Hitler stamps are typical of the late period of the Occupation. It appears that the letter was the top one of 50 or so letters that made up a bundle, and only the top envelope of the bundle was stamped “Bei der Feldpost/Eingeliefert” at the German Feldpost office in Guernsey. The letter was then censored in Paris (Code x) by the German censors. The letter was then forwarded to Esquerirdreville, Manche, but the addressee had gone, hence the handwritten “Parti sans adresse”. The two handstamps, “**RETOUR/A L’ENVOVER**” (Return to sender) were then applied. On its way back the envelope was again censored, but this time by the French censors, as the German forces had been pushed back from Paris. However, the letter could not be returned to Guernsey as postal connections had ceased to exist and “**RELATIONS POSTALES SUSPENDUES**” applied. The French authorities then kept the letter until the end of the war [Olaf states that he is aware of similar procedures with Thomas Cook items]. It was then marked P.T.T.O. at the Guernsey Post Office as the sender’s name and address in Guernsey was on the reverse of the envelope and the word “TO” added. Unfortunately, we do not have a datestamp for when it arrived back in Guernsey.

We do not know what the “61” applied to the reverse of the envelope means. Can anyone help in clarifying this please?

A Study of Five Postcards into Beaumont, Jersey

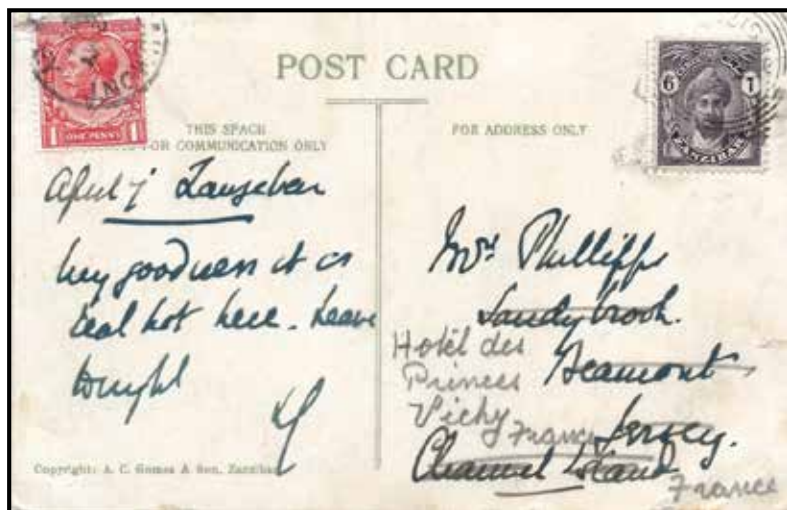
by David Winnie

At the Salisbury weekend meeting and as reported on Page 10 of the June Journal I showed a study of five postcards I had acquired at Spring Stampex which I now detail below. All five postcards are part of a correspondence to a Mrs Phillipps or Phillipp in Jersey from various destinations around the world, but in four instances they have been forwarded to her whilst she was in France.



The first postcard shown above has been sent to her from Mombasa, British East Africa and was written on the 6th April 1927. When the card arrived in Jersey, it was established that Mrs Phillipps was not at her Beaumont address, but was instead at the Hotel des Princes in Vichy and, as a result, a GV 1d definitive has been added to pay a **Redirection Fee** to France. This has been cancelled by the Beaumont 25mm single circle datestamp on the 2nd May 1927.

The second postcard shown on the next page has been sent from Zanzibar and was written on the 7th April 1927. This too has been treated in a similar way to the first card and with the GV 1d definitive also cancelled in Beaumont on the 2nd May 1927.



The third postcard is illustrated below. This has been sent from Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika and was written on the 8th April 1927. Two different 5c stamps of Tanganyika have been cancelled by a double circle datestamp on the 8th April 1927. This card has been underpaid by the equivalent of 1d



and the appropriate postage due marking can be seen on the right-hand side of the card. In this instance, a GV 1d definitive stamp has been added **with the definitive used as a Postage Due**. This is highly unusual for the Channel Islands and I personally know of no other example of such usage. A second GV 1d definitive has been added and cancelled by the 25mm single circle datestamp on the 9th May 1927 to pay the Redirection Fee to France. Finally, an old German PO framed **T. mark** has been added, but the French Post Office seem to have disregarded the fact that the Great Britain “fine” had been paid so they added a 60c Postage Due stamp cancelled at the Vichy office.



The fourth postcard shown above has been sent from Bulawayo, Rhodesia and was written on the 21st April 1927. This postcard has been underpaid by the equivalent of 1d and the appropriate Postage Due marking has been added. In this instance, a pair of ½d Postage Due stamps have been added and cancelled in Beaumont on the 17th May 1927. As Mrs Phillipps was still at the Hotel in Vichy, a GV 1d definitive was added to pay the Redirection Fee.

Finally, the fifth postcard is illustrated on the next page. This has been sent from Montevideo, Uruguay and was written on the 9th May 1927. The 3c definitive has been cancelled by a double circle datestamp on the 10th May

1927. This card has been underpaid by the equivalent of 1½d and the appropriate Postage Due marking has been added on the right-hand side of the card. Three ½d Postage Due stamps have been added and cancelled by the 25mm single circle datestamp on the 30th May 1927.



By this date, Mrs Phillips had returned to her Beaumont address and so no further markings were necessary. A remarkable and interesting series of postcards from “exotic” places into Beaumont.

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My comments on the Richard Flemming Feldpost cover in *Les Iles Normandes*, September 2019, Pages 5 and 34. by Michael Wieneke, BPP.

At first, Richard's cover is one of the finest pieces of postal history I have seen connected with the Channel Islands and I really wished I had had a cover like that in my collection.



The German Feldpost closed its counters for civilian mails on 1.8.44. Until 31.7.44 there were no problems sending civilian mail via the Feldpost system to the continent. There was only a little change. The Granville-office moved to St. Malo and only an "Outpost" was left behind in Granville. This "Outpost" only had to handle those mails still in stock and not transported to its destinations. Following D-Day mail was brought from the Channel Islands to St. Malo and sent in the "normal" way to Paris, there was only a change in routing. Now the route was St.Malo – Rennes – Laval– Le Mans – Paris and no longer Granville – Argentan - Paris. Richard's cover obviously was posted prior to 1.8.44 and because of that was sent – as usual –by

normal Feldpost. This cover again was the top of a bundle and received the canceller “**Bei der Feldpost eingeliefert**” for bundles. When arriving in Paris it was censored as usual and handed over to French Mail to be delivered to its destination in Cherbourg. But now the problem started! Cherbourg meanwhile was taken by the Allies and delivery of mail to that destination was impossible at that moment. Mail for that destination was held until that date when “delivery will be possible”.

Well, D-Day was successful and the German units had to retreat from France. When Paris was liberated mails still held by the French Mail was censored again by the – now – French censor-offices., then the mail was sent to its destination (if in the hands of Allied/French troops). This cover then went to Cherbourg and returned to sender because “address not found”! Why??? This question is most simple to answer, because the address shows the very important characters “ZVL”! This “ZVL” is an abbreviation and stood for “**Zentral-Verpflegungs-Lager**” (Central supply depot). Of course, at that time there was no German unit anymore with the name of “**Zentral-Verpflegungs-Lager**” in Cherbourg and no one knew where Mademoiselle Mellet had gone. Thus this cover had to be returned to its sender, because “*No such name, no such address*”.

P.S. Thank you Elvis for the closing words.

Alderney – Unrecorded early Registered Cover

by David Winnie

I have recently acquired the cover illustrated on the next page which shows an unrecorded Alderney Small Sheet **Type C** label on a cover addressed to Harpenden, Herts. This label is more than two years before that recorded in David Gurney’s “*The Post Office in the Smaller Channel Islands*” as evidenced by the very late use of the 21mm single circle datestamp on the 26th March 1927. The label itself is quite different to the recorded label in that the letters forming “**ALDERNEY**” are much smaller and positioned to the left of the label and there is a large gap between **No.** and **8**, the latter being positioned to the right of the label.



The postmarks on the rear of the cover as shown below provide a much clearer example of the Victorian era single circle datestamp **without a code inserted**. This, as such, is the second recorded example, the other being as a backstamp on a cover in 1929. Also shown is a Guernsey Head Office



cancellation on the 28th March 1927 and a Harpenden double circle receiving datestamp on the 29th March 1927.

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PP48B Despatch Notes by Guy Dandoy

I have recently found a PP48B Despatch Note, but this time despatched from Guernsey's main Post Office in 1972.

I do not know this Guernsey label (6191) and wondered whether any other member can report its use in either Guernsey or Jersey?

Great Britain Grande Bretagne		DESPATCH NOTE BULLETIN D'EXPEDITION		(CP28) PP48B Sept 1968	
From: CHONG WING'S SPIRITS CO., 11 MARCHANT HOUSE, ST. PETER PORT, GUERNSEY.		SPACE FOR OFFICIAL LABELS 6191 GUERNSEY		The space within the thick black line is for official use only	
To: Name and address of addressee. Pour le destinataire de destination: DO. G. HARRIS, 1740 INTERFARMERS RD, WIND 24 LOBECK, S.E. 200, GUERNSEY		Reasons to be followed. Raison d'acheminement: Cause of Exchange. Motif d'échange: 1. 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A humble “Interniertenpost Postkarte” (Harris Bb.P/C3) was offered noting that it was from the family Ashton in Biberach (Marjorie Lowther Ashton, number 312, Lager 3/34) to Mrs C.O. Lacey, St Feok (Feock), Cornwall. It was handed in for mailing 10 December 1943 and, having been censored (Bb.C.4.), the Biberach ‘dumb’ date stamp of 17 December was applied (Bb.P.M.1). In due course the British censor mark ‘PASSED/P.W.2611’ was applied (U.K.C.1.).

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Poststempel: *17.12.43.10-11*

Censorstempel: *PASSED P.W.2611*

As the family name was mentioned in the description it was a “red rag to a bull” and I submitted an eye-watering bid, taking the precaution of alerting the auctioneer that this was not an error and explained why. I secured the lot for a modest sum, and received it a few days after the sale. It was then that I established it was from my maternal aunt. According to Harris (Part 1 pp196) my aunt and uncle were deported to Oflag 55 in February 1943. By December 1943 my cousin Carole had been born. My maternal

grandparents (family Cowling), uncle and aunt remained in Guernsey as they were safe from deportation. My paternal grandfather and grandmother, together with my father and mother, were evacuated to England.

Internierungslager Datum: Dec 10th 1945

My dear King & James, By the time you receive this Christmas will be over & a few
 days almost upon us. Let's hope it will bring no snow. All will be home! I have just received
 a letter from your mother which you have made for Christ. The worst was £3.10.0!! How
 I love telling you what I am keeping for Christmas - a box of books and some music. I
 thought you would be interested in the bookish of the above. You will see that you have a little
 fond of hunting - the story and a little of the club. I have sent her home for as we have
 lately been odd to send a few to the island. Now you have received them and I have not
 been a while home but have yet. They will find them useful to read. Book is doing fine
 the new weight the book says. The game and a headful. And I tell you that the Red Cross
 will have the book for the book. Now my book makes you an owner (a second hand one) as a
 friend to the book. Book is keeping fine - he gives a lot of time - and camp orchestra.
 I like a mountain of books - you would know at least half of the people here.
 her for reading. Love Eddie Maypole Radcliffe



My uncle, William Edwin Ashton, is second left in the back row with his clarinet, while Tommy Mees who helped to organise musical and theatrical production is second from the right in the back row. Photograph is captioned "R. T. MEES AND GUERNSEY EVENING PRESS"

I have been collecting Guernsey (and Herm) for over 50 years and, apart from a photograph of the Biberach Camp Orchestra (my paternal uncle played the flute or clarinet), this was the first (and only) item connected directly to my family that I have found.

Photocopies of the postcard were sent to my brother and it was his wife that asked the question “does Richard know of his Cornish heritage?” Extensive research by my wife established that my three times great grandfather (James Cowling) had been born in St Mabyn in 1819. He married Eliza Bellman in 1842 and almost immediately after (but before 1849), departed with his wife for a new life in Guernsey.

Following my retirement from Sotheby’s, my wife and I moved to Trelill in North Cornwall – without any knowledge of my Cornish heritage and little knowing that the village of my ancestor’s birth is less than three miles away! Talk about coming home!

An interesting side matter is that, if the vendor of this postcard in the society auction had not mentioned the family name (as is usually the case), it would have passed me by and my Cornish heritage unlikely to have been uncovered. So, in closing, please, please make mention of family names whenever selling by auction or in lists of any Occupation, evacuee or internee items – thank you.

Reference:

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SWITZERLAND to JERSEY 1942 Postkarte.

by Gerald Marriner FRPSL



I illustrate above an unusual recent acquisition. This is an uprated 10ct Swiss postal stationery card from Chur in neutral Switzerland. It is addressed to a College at St Brelade's Bay in Jersey. It bears an additional 10ct stamp ~ making up the correct 20ct postcard rate to German territories. Posted in January 1942.

The card was routed via Frankfurt where it was censored, receiving a weak OKW German machine censor cancel in red. There are also five small framed censor cachets in black, all containing 3digit censor numbers – 206; 220; 302; 321 and 410. Note also the '937' route indicator in blue crayon. This is the first example of civilian Feldpost mail that I have seen from Switzerland to Jersey. I would be interested to hear from other members who may have mail to or from Switzerland during the Occupation period.

An unrecorded early Georgetown Registration Label with a Twist!!

by David Winnie

I have been pleased to acquire from Patrick Robbe, a most unusual and **unrecorded** registered cover which is shown below. The cover is addressed to Grenoble, France and was sent from Georgetown, Jersey in 1914.



The first registration labels recorded as issued for this Town Sub-Post office were of the perforated coil gummed type in the 1930's, but this cover shows the first Small Sheet **Type C** label to be found used from the Georgetown office. The cover shows the George V definitive stamps making up the 4½d rate cancelled by Jersey single ring cancels on the 9th March 1914 and also bears a Georgetown 24½mm single circle datestamp with **code C** inserted on the same date.

The reverse of the cover is shown below and indicates that the cover was routed via Southampton, where it received an oval registered cancellation on the 10th March, 1914 followed with an arrival marking in Grenoble on the 12th March, 1914.



Now for the Twist!! Georgetown was allocated with the Town registration number 7, but the registration label attached to this cover clearly shows **JERSEY 6** with the '6' entered in manuscript. This registration number was, however, allocated to the **FIRST TOWER** office. It would therefore appear to me that the Sub-Postmaster has probably forgotten which number he had been allocated with and entered '6' in error? I should be very interested to learn whether any other member has another suggestion to make in this regard. Ed....maybe the person applying the registration number 6 had previously worked at the First Tower office or was a temporary Post Office Relief clerk?

Denis George Liot was born in St. Helier, Jersey on 6th June 1917. On leaving school he started work as a junior clerk for the Jersey 'Evening News'.

On 2nd October 1934 he enlisted into the Royal Militia of the Island of Jersey. In order to be accepted, he lied about his age, as he was only 17, giving the date as 6th June 1916. (see Fig.1. form beside).

Fig.1.



Fig.2.

On the outbreak of the Second World War he left Jersey to enlist in the 1st Queen's Own Battalion of the Cameron Highlanders, attaining the rank of Corporal (see Fig.2. He returned to Jersey to marry Phyllis May Male on 9th January 1940. (see Fig 3).



Fig.3.

After returning to his regiment, which travelled to France, he sent a number of letters home (see Fig 4 below and Figs.5and 6 on the next page).

<p>A.F. WRODS.</p> <p>P.A. & Co.Ltd., London</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">ACTIVE</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">No. 042</p> <p>This envelope must not be used for coin or valuables. It cannot be accepted for registration.</p> <p>NOTE :—</p> <p>Correspondence in this envelope need not be censored Regimentally. The contents are liable to examination at the Base.</p> <p>The following Certificate must be signed by the writer :—</p> <p><i>I certify on my honour that the contents of this envelope refer to nothing but private and family matters.</i></p> <p>Signature: <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i></p> <p>Name only: <i>[Handwritten Name]</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">[Crown Copyright Reserved.]</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">SERVICE</h2> <p>[Up to three letters may be forwarded in this Cover, but these must be all from the same writer. The cover should be addressed in such case to the Base Censor.]</p> <p>Address :—</p> <p><i>Mr D. List.</i></p> <p><i>Alma House</i></p> <p><i>First Tower</i></p> <p><i>Jersey St.</i></p>
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Fig. 4.



Fig. 5.



Fig. 6.

His regiment fought in the rearguard action on the Cherbourg Peninsula which held back the Germans during the evacuation of Dunkirk in June 1940. The letter (see Fig. 7 below), dated 8th July 1940, written to his sister Edie, in reply to her request for information, by Captain P. Hunt, Adjutant, 1st Battalion Q.O. Cameron Highlanders, who new Liot well states that he was posted as missing - believed killed in action on 28th May 1940.

1st. Battalion Q.O. Cameron Highlanders,
Withernsea, Yorks.

July 8

Dear Mrs. Watson

I have received your letter asking the whereabouts of your brother

I deeply regret to have to inform you that 242 8780 Cpl Liot has been officially posted as ^{missing - believed killed in action} since 28th. May, after the Battle of La Bassée, where the Battalion were holding the canal line.

I will inform you at once if I get any further information of your brother but at present it can only be supposed that he is either killed in action or a prisoner of war.

Official notification will no doubt follow shortly from the War office.

I knew your brother well, as also during the fighting in France and Belgium, he was acting as M.C.O. in charge officers Mess. He did splendidly throughout, and was always cheerful and joking. At La Bassée, he was at the H.Q. which was heavily engaged by enemy tanks.

Yours. P. Hunt Captain,
Adjutant, 1st. Battalion Q.O. Cameron Highlanders.

Fig.7.

As a personal note he added "I knew your brother well, during the fighting in France and Belgium, he was acting as N.C.O. in charge, Officers Mess. He did splendidly throughout and was always cheerful and willing. In La Basse, France, he was in Battalion H.Q. which was heavily engaged by enemy tanks."

He was in fact captured and incarcerated in Stalag XXA Geprüft 28, Thorn south, in Poland. The camp, which was an underground fort, was deemed unfit for habitation by POWs under the Geneva Convention. From

No. R/9/5/40 Army Form B. 104—83
(If replying, please quote above No.)

Infantry Record Office,
PERTH
24th June 1940

SIR OR MADAM,

I regret to have to inform you that a report has been received from the War Office to the effect that (No.) 292080 (Rank) LPL
(Name) L10T, Denis George
(Regiment) 1st Bn THE CAMERON HIGHLANDERS
was posted as "missing" on the May 1940

The report that he is missing does not necessarily mean that he has been killed, as he may be a prisoner of war or temporarily separated from his regiment.

Official reports that men are prisoners of war take some time to reach this country, and if he has been captured by the enemy it is probable that unofficial news will reach you first. In that case I am to ask you to forward any postcard or letter received at once to this Office, and it will be returned to you as soon as possible.

Should any further official information be received it will be at once communicated to you.

I am,
SIR OR MADAM,
Your obedient Servant,
Col R. B. Russell
Officer in charge of Records.

Ms. List
Alma Horne, 1st Lt
Jersey C.I.

IMPORTANT.
Any change of your address should be immediately notified to this Office.

Wt. 20051/1249 400/600 (18) 9/39 E.J.L./5512 Gp 698/3 Forms B.104—83/9

Fig. 8.

September 1941 to October 1941 he was attached to a working camp in Weissenhohe doing landwork and drainage. The letter (see fig 8 above)

was sent from his Regiment Headquarters in Perth, Scotland to his wife giving details of his being missing in action in May 1940, the letter is dated 24th June 1940. The postcard shown (see figs 9a-9b below and on next page) was issued by the International Red Cross to all POW camps. This was to be completed by the prisoner giving his details, where held, if wounded or not and name and address of whom he wishes to be informed. The Stalag XXA censor cachet in purple, with Swiss COM.FAM (Communicated to family) 1st July 1940 in red, Dumb town postmark 26th June, are on the front. Reverse is dated 22nd June 1940 by Liot in the camp.

RBO 7350	
Kriegsgefangenenlager Prisoner of War Camp	<u>STALAG XXA (3A)</u>
Datum <u>22/6/40</u> Date	
Name <u>LIOT</u>	Vorname <u>DEVIS</u>
Surname	Christian Name
Dienstgrad u. Truppenteil <u>CORPORAL 1st Bn QD CAMERON HLDERS</u>	
Rank and Unit	
Geburtsdatum <u>6th JUNE 1917</u>	Geburtsort <u>JERSEY C.I.</u>
Date of birth	Native-place
Letzter Wohnort <u>% M^{rs} A. LIOT 6 CHEVALIER RD JERSEY CT.</u>	
Last dwelling	
Adresse meiner Angehörigen <u>ALMA HOUSE</u>	
Home Address	
<u>FIRST TOWER JERSEY C.I.</u>	
Unverwundet - leicht verwundet - in deutsche Kriegsgefangenschaft geraten - Unwounded - slightly wounded - prisoner of war in Germany -	
befinde mich wohl. I am well.	
(Nichtzutreffendes ist zu streichen) (Passages non apposite to the point to be cancelled)	
Signature <u>D. Liot. 6.46</u> <u>(9838)</u>	

Fig. 9a

He was issued with a diary in Stalag XXA (see Fig. 10) which unfortunately does not show the year. An entry on 19th September describes his transfer journey to Hohenfels, Stalag 383, in Bavaria.

Researching into the camp, it states that 'all NCOs are required to go out in working parties', but by September 1942 they allowed those who claimed exemption to go to a special camp in Hohenfels – at first Oflag IIIC, and later Stalag 383. This means that as we know he travelled in September, he was possibly held in Stalag XXA until then.



Fig. 9b.

Stalag 383, which was a very well run and large camp, was finally evacuated on 17th April 1945. The POWs were forced to leave the camp and marched South via Regensburg towards Frontenhausen, where they were liberated by advancing American troops. The dates they returned to England are not known, Denis returned to Jersey during 1946 after his demobilisation.

He joined the St. Helier Police Force on 26th July 1947, becoming embroiled in

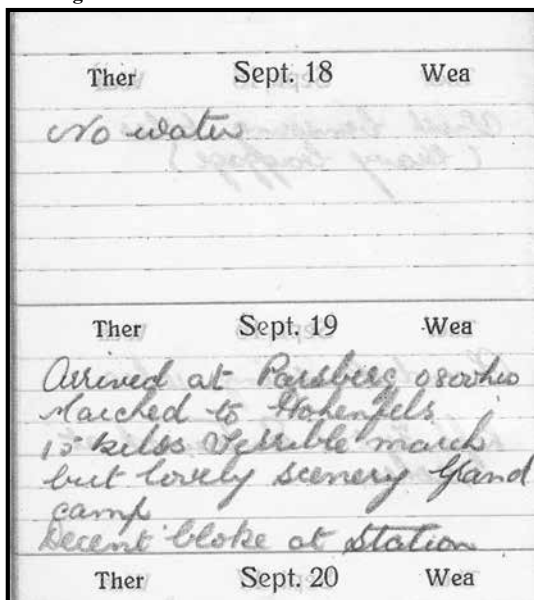


Fig. 10.

the States Police Force on its formation in 1952. During his service he gained three commendations, two of them being for the rescue of people from drowning.

Sadly he passed away on 12th April 1967, just 50 years old. The privations he suffered during his internment in the war undermined his health, he suffered a thrombosis when he was 42 and was extremely ill. Afterwards he returned to light duties. He was removing a mattress at his home when he suffered another thrombosis.

He was a much loved father, member of the Police Force and public. There was a full muster of the States' Police at his funeral at St. Andrew's Church, more than 60 uniformed policemen lined either side of the pathway. The coffin, covered with the Union Jack - the deceased having served as a regular soldier - was carried into the church on the shoulders of six members of the force, (see Fig. 11 below).



Fig. 11.

The church was filled to capacity and many had to stand. Present besides his family members were, H.M. Solicitor General Mr. P.L. Crill, H.M. Attorney General Mr. H.F.C. Ereaut and Chief Inspector I.M. Berry, together with many honorary officers and retired members of the service. Representatives of the Harbour Office, Fire Service and Ambulance services were also present. The service was followed by cremation at the Crematorium, Westmount Road, St Helier, Jersey.

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