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We are pleased to welcome the following new members: 2185 Gerald Laheij, The Netherlands; 2186 John Digby, Suffolk; 2187 Andrew Young, Hampshire; 2188 Ralph McKane, Guernsey.

Rejoined: - 2079 David Gough, Cambridge.

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#### **EDITORIAL**

I am appealing for articles please. Whilst I am promised longish articles by two members these have not yet materialised and I have dug into the early Bulletins of this Society from the 1950s. I have reproduced two Occupation articles as details are not always carried forward when members research these sources for later articles. In some cases these articles appear rather out of date as time goes by. However the reproduction of these early articles can be of help to new members especially as they were composed by some great postal historians of the time. Interestingly new finds continue to be reported as shown in this Journal and there are two new books in preparation, details of which which will be announced in due course.

By the time you read this Secretary's Clipboard we will have held our first Society meeting at the new Royal Philatelic Society London building at 15, Abchurch Lane. I hope that those of you who made the Member's Annual Competition event had an enjoyable day and appreciated the philatelic ambiance

You should have received your booking form for the Member's Weekend that will be held at the Peninsula Hotel, Guernsey together with the December 2019 *Les Iles Normandes*. If you did not receive a copy, or you have lost it, and still want to go to the Guernsey weekend meeting please contact Gerald Marriner as soon as possible (email address on inside cover of this issue). We are always looking for members to provide short displays on the Sunday morning. If you want to display an item or items, please let Gerald know via the booking form; and please bring a brief description of your display for me to include in *Les Iles Normandes*. If you happen to be at the hotel on the Friday morning of the 24<sup>th</sup> April, John Triggs has kindly arranged a visit to the Guernsey Post Office sorting office and Philatelic Bureau. Please indicate on the booking form if you wish to go on the tour. Do not forget your "Three Sheets to Tell a Story" competition entry, which will be held following Friday evening's dinner.

#### **Forthcoming meetings:**

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|---------------------------------|---|
| $24^{th} - 26^{th}$ April 2020  | Member's Weekend at Peninsula Hotel, Guernsey   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2020      | Annual General meeting followed by room auction |
|                                 | and members' displays.                          |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 | Member's Meeting – theme to be determined       |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2020   | Member's Meeting. Theme: Letters Q, R and/or S. |
|                                 |   |

Unless listed elsewhere, all members' meetings are now held at the Royal Philatelic Society London, 15 Abchurch Lane, London, EC4N 7BW.

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

#### EDITORIAL CORRECTION

Regrettably the CONTENTS on page 2 of the (last) December Journal incorrectly showed the following three lines mistakenly carried forward from the September Journal which members may have realised:

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## **Swiss 1942 Postal Stationery card to Jersey** by Gerald Marriner FRPSL

In the last edition of *Les Iles Normandes* I illustrated on page 24 an unusual postal stationery card sent from Switzerland to Jersey in 1942 during the Occupation. I have since received further information relating to where the card was addressed and about the addressee.

I found the writing on the card rather difficult to decipher. The address was in fact Demerera Cottage and not Demerera College. This cottage still exists on Mont Sohier, leading down to St Brelade's Bay.

The addressee on the card was Frau Putscher. Her 'Aliens' registration card records that she was born Marguerite Putscher in July 1910 in Maienfeld, Switzerland. She arrived in Jersey on 8 May 1928 and was employed as a maid. She was married in St Helier in May 1932 to a Czechoslovakian, Gustav Hytha from whom she adopted his nationality. Gustav left Jersey for Southampton on 29 March 1940. He joined the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps (Czech Company).

Marguerite remained at the cottage throughout the Occupation. Gustav survived the war and both acquired British nationality on 10 September 1946. Gustav died in Sussex in 1954. Marguerite re-married in 1958 in St Helier to a French national, William Louis Neny.

According to the Jersey Almanac for 2002, Demerera Cottages are now listed as numbers 1 to 4. It states that No. 3 is occupied by M. Neny (Marguerite?)

My thanks to our members Malcolm Newton and Jerry Tomes who provided this information some of which comes from the records in the Jersey Archives.

## **London Meeting Report, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019** by Richard Flemming.

Twenty members and one guest attended the final CISS member's meeting at the Union Jack Club. Six members sent their apologies for missing the meeting, mainly due to South-Western Railways rail strike. The theme for the day was "Letters P and O" or any new acquisitions.

David Winnie, Chairman, welcomed members and guest to the meeting which was then followed by a 53-lot room auction, which included a genuine Red Cross parcel from Canada (unfortunately empty) plus packaging from items contained within the parcel. This was knocked down for only £5. In all 65% of items were sold, most at their reserve price. Following the room auction, Gerald Marriner FRPSL, President, along with David Winnie, presented Leo Mayr with the Joan Flood silver salver for his excellently researched monograph 'waists getting waspish' [see the 'News' section of the CISS website for photograph www.ciss1950.org.uk].

The remainder of the day was spent viewing displays provided by seven of the members present.

**David Winnie** started proceedings with his four-frame display titled "P for Paid marks" of Guernsey. David explained that his display consisted of 'PAID' machine cancels commencing with the Krag machine cancels of 1926-1932 with PAID ½d and then 'GREAT BRITAIN' included in the cancel.

From 1932-1936 the boxed type machine cancels were shown with the amount/date/year/PAID/ $\frac{1}{2}$ d in an array of different formats within the slug. The display also included a full range of Universal machine cancels with various values, inverted plugs and/or inverted wavy lines including two items used during the Occupation. Two interesting items used in 1960 were shown where a  $4\frac{1}{2}$ d paid cancellation was used in error to cancel covers where postage stamps had already been added to the covers.

In conclusion, as a new acquisition, David showed an example of a registered letter addressed to Midland Bank and sent from Augres, Jersey in November 1941, underpaid by a 1d and showing '2d/409' in red ink with 2 x 1d. 'Arms' stamps used as Postage Due stamps. Possibly a unique item?

**Richard Flemming** showed a two-frame display of "Packet Mail to overseas destinations", including Canada, Lima, Peru, United States of America and China including mail carried by the P and O Line via Hong Kong, and New Zealand, the latter routed via San Francisco.

Mark Bailey's display was titled "P for Poppy" which relates to the 50th Anniversary of the Royal British Legion stamp issue and an un-adopted design submitted by Gordon Drummond. Mark completed his display by showing some recent acquisitions relating to George Patrick Campbell, including three envelopes bearing embossed stamps that originally had contained retail lists, one addressed to Denmark, another to Texas and the other addressed to Liege, Belgium. There was also a letter from Mombasa dated July 7, 1895 that arrived in Jersey on July 26, 1895 and a registered letter from Patrick Campbell to Copenhagen dated December 5, 1893, sent via London, and arriving at its destination on December 9. 1893.

**John Triggs** FRPSL showed a half-frame titled "P for Parcel Post", along with some new acquisitions. For the Parcel Post labels John showed a 1952 Parcel Post label bearing George VI 2/6d., 10/-, £1 and 2 x 2d, stamps and a 1901 Parcel Post label bearing 6 x QV 'Jubilee' 1/- stamps. For his recent acquisitions John showed two items of "NOT CALLED FOR" mail and a post card addressed to St Saviours, but receiving a St Andrews 'receiving' datestamp.

The display by **Gerald Marriner** FRPSL consisted of four frames, starting with three post cards advertising 'Pensions' [the small hotel type]. Gerald then moved on to "P for Postage Dues", including postage dues for "Return to Sender" mail paid at the single rate with Jersey and Guernsey markings. A 1968 3d. pre-postal independence rate plus 3d. postage due stamp and an interesting item of mail bearing 9 x 4d postage due stamps making up the 3/- 'in all' as mail for the same addressee was bundled together and only the top item received the postage due stamps. One item bore an UNDELIVERED FOR REASON STATED/3/-/ POSTAGE DUE/FOR RETURN/TO/SENDER. There was also a November 1940 item bearing 2 x ½d. 'dues' to make up the correct rate.

Finally, Gerald had an item of mail that he described as "P for Perplexing". It consisted of an item of mail dated May 1945 from Guernsey to Jersey bearing 5 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ d Guernsey 'Arms' stamps. However, instead of going straight to Jersey it seems to have been routed via London [? May 5, 1945]. Interestingly it bears two different British censor labels [Nos 2325 and 8055] and a London datestamp for September 24, 1945. Why?

**Steve Wells** showed an array of items with 'P' in the title, including a postcard addressed to St Pair sur Mer, and a ppc of St Pair sur Mer. Also included in the display was Channel Island mail sorted on a Travelling Post Office. There was also an item of mail from Switzerland to Jersey routed

via Paris, a 1913 item of mail from Jersey to Port Bail and an item of mail bearing 3d. and 2 x 1½d. postage dues and annotated "REFUSED" and finally, a parish magazine titled 'Le' Gris Ventre'

To complete the members' displays, Nick Stuart showed letters/petitions concerning the setting up of a Sub-Post Office in St. Peter in the Wood, Guernsey and requests for the provision of letter boxes in St. Peter's and St. Saviour's. Nick reports that on the 20th December 1851 the Postmaster approved Anthony Trollope's (Post Office Surveyor) recommendation that a Receiving House be established in the Parish of St. Peters. For many inhabitants of St. Peter's and St. Saviour's having just one receiving house was seen as an inconvenience. In a letter dated 22nd October 1855, Mr. F Hill of the General Post Office wrote to Mr. S Priaulx of St. Peter's, Guernsey informing him that an additional receiving house or letter box was not feasible. In 1856 the inhabitants of St. Peter's and St. Saviour's tried again to have a letter box erected, but again the request was rejected. However, on the 21st February 1857, the Postmaster General approved the discontinuation of the Sub-Post Office and the erection of a pillar box in its place. In July 1859 a new petition was sent to Rowland Hill, at the General Post Office, asking for another Pillar Post Box to be erected. Again, the request was rejected so a petition was organised and signed by many dignitaries of the parishes. The response to the petition is unknown

#### **Members Wants**

Mike Moody writes 'I collect the Channel Islands Liberation period from 1945 until the 1948 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Liberation stamp issue. Although a narrow subject there is, I am sure, material out there which I have no knowledge of, so it may not be on this list:

Any proofs, essays, 'cancelleds', specimens of the 1948 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Liberation Issue.

Early mail out of the CI after liberation, especially anything sent via the cutter to Plymouth.

Original photographs/material/ephemera/documentation from the period of the Liberation, including the June Royal Visit.

Any messages sent home by German POWs to say they were POWs. Any documentation/ephemera about registering and the life of German POWs. I have a card from Jersey and one from Guernsey.

Any mail from Force 135 which talks about what they are doing.

Postcard of Cobo Post Office.

Postcard overprinted "From.....Liberated Jersey. May 9<sup>th</sup> 1945"

Postally used Bert Hill Comic Cards.

Postcard/photograph of Brock Road Church.

Any programmes/ephemera from the second anniversary of Liberation ceremonies in 1947. I have Guernsey programmes from 1946 and 1948.

Also anything from Jersey. Your help would be most appreciated.

Please respond to <a href="mikemoody27@hotmail.co.uk">mikemoody27@hotmail.co.uk</a> and/or 1, St. Andrew's Road, Salisbury SP2 9NT

#### PAST JOURNALS and BULLETINS.

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#### **NEWS OF MEMBERS**

**Jon Aitchison** FRPSL received gold, a certificate and special prize at the PSE90 Continental Philatelic Exhibition in Cairo for his display of Egyptian officially resealed mail.

At Autumn Stampex **Graham Booth** FRPSL received gold for his West Indies & S. American mail carried by the Great Western and **Jon Aitchison** FRPSL a Vermeil for his Maximum cards from Lundy Island

At Sindelfingen, Germany **Jon Aitchison** FRPSL received silver for his Re-covered mail from the Wreck of the SS Ibex (1900), **John Sussex** FRPSL received bronze for The Surcharging by Royal Mail 1976-2019 and **Jon Aitchison** FRPSL was listed as runner-up for his Ballon Monté to the Channel Islands and other mail during and after the siege of Paris.

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## 1941 Augrès, Jersey, Registered envelope.

by David Winnie

I have recently acquired the Registered cover shown below. This 4½d **G** size registered envelope is addressed commercially to the Midland Bank in Library Place, St. Helier and shows the GVI 4½d embossed stamp cancelled by the 23mm single circle datestamp on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1941. There is a further strike of this datestamp on the lower right-hand side of the cover.



Upon arrival, it was noticed that the embossed registration letter should have been rated at 5½d and therefore was under franked by 1d. As a consequence, the envelope shows a "2d/409" handstamp in red. In the absence of Postage Due stamps, two 1d Arms stamps have been used in lieu thereof which have been cancelled by the Head Post Office single circle datestamps.



I believe this to be a very rare usage of Arms stamps used as Postage Dues during the Occupation.

## **A newly found Market Place, Guernsey Parcel Despatch Note.** by Guy Dandoy

I have recently acquired this **DESPATCH NOTE Form PP48B** with the smaller **PP29G** label attached which was used at Market Place, Guernsey on the 21<sup>st</sup>
February 1977. I believe the form PP48B below



has not previously been reported and was not known by either David



Gurney or David Winnie to have been used in the Channel Islands so far. I believe these emanate from Royal Mail and the Forms PP29G and PP48B were formerly used under the Imperial and Foreign Post sections.

This **DESPATCH NOTE Form PP48B** above refers to a parcel sent by airmail from Guernsey to North Italy and on the reverse side are printed

instructions to be given by the sender and in the lower section provision is given for a receipt to be given by the recipient with the appropriate charge in the country of receipt, in this case Italian stamps, illustrated below.



The Market Place, Guernsey single circle datestamp has been struck on the front of the form together with an Italian datestamp and receipted on the back by the addressee in Italy, the parcel having taken some 23 days in transit, possibly including some time in Customs awaiting examination.

The **PP29G** label is the same as that of St Peter in the Wood, but with a 17, I also have a label without numbers (Sark 26/02/1969), one with 15 (St Peter in the Wood 13/04/1967) and David Winnie has one with 27 (Sark 27/10/1979).

Thus, these smaller **PP29G** labels therefore seem to cover a period of more than 12 years usage within the Bailiwick of Guernsey. Can anyone report further such usages?

## The distinctive Channel Islands Maltese Cross by David Gurney FRPSL

Much has been researched and published on this controversial and scarce handstamp, but I have found it very interesting to record the view of our Past President, the Late O. W. 'Bill' Newport, writing in issue 5 of the Society Bulletin in July 1951 when little was then known about this Maltese Cross and the forgeries now known.

Under the heading of 'THE SEYMOUR "ALDERNEY CROSSES" OWN wrote 'The two Alderney Crosses in the Seymour sale on April 11<sup>th</sup> realized amazing prices, the one on cover selling for £105 and the other for £65. The crosses appear to differ slightly in detail, but that may have been due to wear of the obliterator as that on the cover was an earlier example of the penny red than the loose stamp. I have similar examples in my own collection and I am not yet convinced that they are from two different obliterators. It also seems strange that Mr. Seymour had not noted any differences. Unfortunately Mr. Seymour's copies do not help us in our quest for evidence of the origin of this rare cross – they neither confirm nor confound our theory that it originated in Alderney. The three covers that I know to exist bear no Channel Island markings whatsoever, and being outside wrappers give no written indication either.

Mr. Seymour's cover is addressed to Frere Forster, 6, Lincolns Inn, London, and bears the endorsement "Via Southampton" and on the back is the SOUTHAMPTON SHIP LETTER and London arrival mark of July 11, 1843. Col. Guy Crouch has a cover addressed to Hastings and having on the back the date-stamps of London and Hastings of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1844. My own cover is addressed to Rev. Joseph Angus, Baptist Mission House, Moorgate Street, London, and is endorsed 'By private steamer via Southampton, with speed': on the back is the SOUTHAMPTON SHIP LETTER and the London arrival mark of June 13, 1844. It also bears a pair of penny reds each cancelled with the Alderney Cross and I believe it to be the only cover thus franked. It will be noted that the Guernsey date-stamp does not appear on any of the above covers, so it would be interesting to learn how this cancellation first came to be called the Guernsey Cross.'

How much more we now know and how careful the Expertisation Committees have to be to rely on their present records with so many forgeries today as prices have increased over the years! DG.

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**Guernsey Customs and Parcel Post Label** 

by JohnTriggs FRPSL

I have recently acquired the example that is illustrated on page 185 in the Stanley Gibbons Channel Islands Specialized Catalogue of Stamps and Postal History 2<sup>nd</sup> edition from May 1983.

It is from the Mackay group S, type 6 with the St Edwards Crown listed as S.G. type CP9 and was used on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1952, charged in total £1.12.10d.

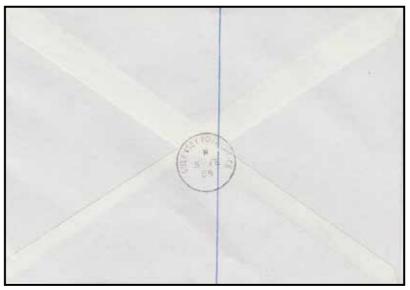


## A new Guernsey boxed Instructional mark? by John Triggs FRPSL

I have also acquired an interesting Guernsey cover posted to Coventry on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 1988 with an unrecorded boxed Instructional handstamp in a rectangular frame measuring 50 x 21-22mm in size in a grey-black ink. The wording is in upper case letters "ACCEPTED AFTER / LAST COLLECTION / AT SENDERS REQUEST". I have not seen this particular handstamp used before.

Cancelled with a Guernsey GC60b, 23mm single circle date stamp with R code inserted, in black ink, dated 5<sup>th</sup> February 1988. The reddish-brown **POST OFFICE EXPRESS DELIVERY** label and the £1-66p postage charge [for 1988] and the single vertical blue line suggests it may have been charged at the registration rate?





## **Guernsey re poverty on the Scilly Isles 1819** by David Gurney FRPSL

At a weekend postal history conference in York in November last year I spotted a most interesting letter from a member of the Saumarez family in Guernsey via Messrs Le Messurier & Co, London, Merchants and Letter Forwarding Agents, outlining the relief to be given to the impoverished inhabitants of the Scilly Isles. A national appeal at the time raised £9,000 and this letter requests the addressee to pay to the Fund for the relief of the Inhabitants of the Scilly Islands the sum of £45.2.4d subscribed in Guernsey according to the printed paper enclosed and to the List written on the other side of the letter.



The Scilly Islanders had suffered through shipping problems as a result of the Napoleonic Wars, a farming system which was uneconomic and land tenure laws which led to multiple inheritances of small scattered plots.



I request you will pay to the the whit of the call title of the holy dela Jun for 45.2 4 Subwild - the Solar according to the pronted Paper ander I and dut withen the Marside. he consider t considerable for the Bland . In weather to the Sittle of the lower Fly Athe Salatitute want to the styreter the work of a All has received I many Tom her to mysele to Some at Lloyds by Chk atest

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## The German Occupation - a very scarce 1943/45 Inter Island cover by Gerald Marriner FRPSL



Reverse side



I illustrate on the previous page a scan of a recent exciting acquisition. This cover was originally sent from Guernsey to Walton Villas, First Tower, Jersey in May 1943. However, the cover was routed via Paris where the letter was censored. The German red OKW censor handstamp can be seen on the reverse of the cover. For some reason, presumably because of the contents of the letter, this item was held in Paris. Paris was liberated in August 1944. Because the Islands were still occupied at this time, the cover and letter were eventually forwarded to London. The cover/letter was censored in London and re-sealed with an 'OPENED BY EXAMINER 2325' label. This could not be forwarded at this time so the cover received a 'CONDEMNED' handstamp in red. The cover was re sealed with official Post Office sealing tape. This was tied to the cover with a LONDON E.C. datestamp for 24 September 1945. Authorities in London eventually released the cover for onwards transmission. However, before dispatch the cover and contents were censored a second time. This time the cover was re-sealed with an 'OPENED BY EXAMINER 8054' label The 'CONDEMNED' handstamp was scratched out and a 'RELEASED' handstamp was applied. The item was sent on to the addressee in Jersey on 1 March 1946 as shown by the London machine cancel on the reverse.

So this cover took nearly 3 years in transit  $\sim$  an amazing cover. Unfortunately there was no letter enclosed. I wonder what the contents were? My thanks to Leopold Mayr for his help in this story.

Our warmest congratulations to the following members who have completed 50 years of continuous membership of this Society:

329 Leslie Bigland, Cumbria

373 Malcolm Le Boutillier, Jersey

384 Patrick Ager, Dorset

388 John Payne, Norfolk

399 David Gurney, Kent
and completing 30 years of continuous membership of this Society:

1656 David Le Maistre, Jersey

## Early St. Peter in the Wood – New find? by David Winnie

I have recently acquired this rather nice 2d Postal Stationery card, shown below, which has been sent from St. Peter in the Wood to Geneva in 1890. In referring to David Gurney's "The Postal History of the Guernsey Sub-Post Offices" page 162, I note that this office was formally known as 'St. Peters' until the 20<sup>th</sup> June 1890 and that the earliest known date of use of the 24mm single circle datestamp is recorded as the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1891. As can be seen from the cancellation on the card, this is for the 14<sup>th</sup> August 1890, not that long after the name change, and thus making it the earliest date recorded.



previously been the Sub-Postmaster of St. Peters, continued to believe in the early

Of further interest is the fact that the datestamp is recorded as issued with Code A inserted, but my example clearly shows Code C has been inserted. Not only that, but the 'C' has been 'inverted'.

I have a theory for the use of Code C. When the Sub-Post Office was under the St. Peters name, a similar single circle datestamp was in use and had Code C inserted. My theory is that the Sub-Postmaster of St. Peter in the Wood, who had

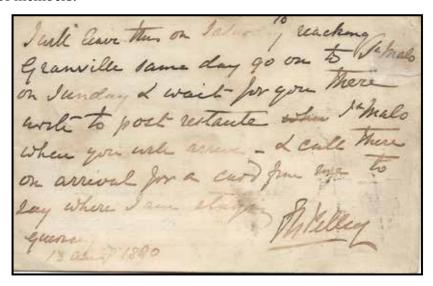


days of his appointment that Code C was appropriate and inserted this code in error albeit also inverted

I would be very interested to hear from members on the following please:

- Does anyone have a similar item with **Code C** inserted? A copy would be appreciated please.
- I would be very pleased to hear if there is an alternative theory to mine on the use of this code.

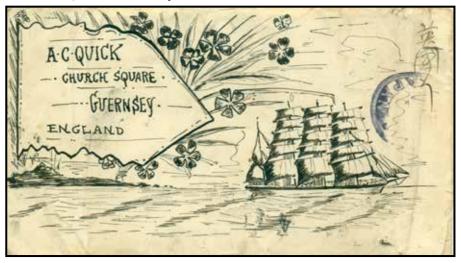
I have included a scan of the back of the card for the general interest of members.



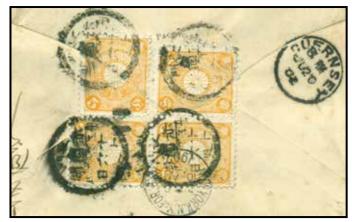
# QUICK, A. C., Cordonnier/Boolmaker/Employer of 2, CHURCH SQUARE. ST. PETER PORT, GUERNSEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS by David Gurney FRPSL.

I first wrote about this name in the quarterly Journal of June 2018 Vol. 37 No. 2. in connection with an attractive colour illustrated front I had then acquired from a U.K. dealer being one of three attractive hand illustrated colour fronts all of similar date from Falmouth in Devon to A. C. Quick in

Guernsey. My enquiries at the time revealed some interesting facts all of which are recorded in the article I wrote in the Journal of June 2018. Now I have recently acquired another cover illustrated below which is a complete cover, not a front, posted from Yokohama in Japan in 1902, again to A. C. Quick in Guernsey.



The illustration of the back of envelope the has been minimised so as to just include the Japanese stamps and the small Guernsey receiving date stamp of June 20<sup>th</sup>, 1902.



Can any member report other examples of these attractive artistic covers.

## Report on the Society Postal Auction NS11 held 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 by Nick Stuart.

This autumn's auction was a smaller sale of 420 lots yet it achieved sales of £7,679 from lots provided by 14 members and there were 85 bidders. Reserves were from £2 to £600.

In the early Postal History section mails to and from France were popular such as an 1825 letter to France which sold for £100 (lot 2). There were several lots of outgoing overseas mail especially a lovely 1889 cover from Jersey to Calcutta with a Jubilee 5d stamp which attracted a lot of bids and sold for £44 (lot 21).

Sub-Post Office datestamps are a firm favourite with many good examples available. A rare 1912 St. Brelades Bay rubber cancel on a postcard sold for £75 (lot 52)

A very scarce 1901 Jersey Customs Duty / Parcel Post label with 7s 4d in stamps sold for £220. (lot 28)

Forwarding Agents material attracted several bids with a Thomas Martins of Weymouth wrapper to Guernsey going for £120 and a Mattieu Barbet of Guernsey selling for £100 (lots 84 & 87)

As ever, a wide range of Occupation material from imprint blocks, bisects, internee and POW mail and general commercial mail with various datestamps, cachets and endorsements was keenly sought by the bidders. A 'No Service / Return to Sender' cover from Bristol to Guernsey sold for £65 (lot 115). A Guernsey Arms u/m imprint block went for £100 (lot 137) whilst several commercially used covers sold for under £5.

A rare 1944 censored inter-island cover with a reserve of £120 was fiercely contested and sold for £280 (lot 161).

The star lot of the auction was a very scarce Sark registered letter with a 6d KGVI bisected definitive which sold for £600. (lot 155)

A wide range of internee mail sold for between £10 and £20. Another item from the Richard Mueller 1946 correspondence sent from the Guernsey POW Camp 801 sold for £230, the reserve was £100. (lot 256)

The smaller Islands of Jethou and Herm maintained their popularity with all the lots being sold.

The wide range of postcard lots sold well especially those to do with shipping and wrecks. A Pitt Series No. 63 of the SS Roebuck sold for £3 (lot 364); the wreck of the SS Atala in Jersey sold for £16. (lot 376) Booklets of LL cards attracted many bids with an 18 card booklet of Guernsey selling for £44 (lot 330) and a 20 card booklet of Sark views sold for £65 (lot 332). LL card 128 of the Jersey Bathing Pool went for £80 (lot 336); a coloured Allix card 69 of Cathedral St. Thomas sold for £80 (lot 349); a B&W Allix card 83 of L'Armee du Salut sold for £36 (lot 351) and a sepia Allix card 187 of Jersey Cows went for £190 (lot 353).

Virtually all the lot numbers have images which can be found on the Society's website.

As ever the Society's bi-annual auctions are very dependent on material being supplied by the members. The next one will be held in April 2020 which we hope will have at least 400 lots, so please look through your duplicate items and submit some for our April auction please.

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## Channel Islands Fortress Flight Mail 1944-45 by Ron Brown FRPSL.

Following the Allied landings in Normandy in June 1944, the liberation of the Cotentin Peninsular in June and July and finally the isolation of St. Malo on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1944, the Channel Islands became an isolated fortress of German held territory.

The last ship carrying mail left the Islands on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1944 and after this date all supplies, including the Feldpost, which was considered most important for the morale of the German forces, had to be flown into and out of the Islands during the night.

A total of 23 recorded flights were made between 24<sup>th</sup> September 1944 and 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> April 1945. Whilst the primary purpose of these flights was to bring supplies to the Islands, 17 of the 23 flights are known to have carried mail.

Because the Command of the Channel Islands' units was stationed in Guernsey all the supply flights landed at Guernsey Airport. Feldpost mail to and from Jersey was in general transported to and from Guernsey by ship. Alderney fared worse as there was not an operative airport and only

on a lengthy and dangerous voyage by escort ship could mail be transported between Guernsey and Alderney.

The supply or fortress flights were from either Zellhausen or Grossostheim in Germany both being to the south-east Frankfurt However due to the increasing dangers of flying over allied liberated areas not all flights returned successfully to Germany and a number were shot down. I have examples of mail in my collection carried from the eleven Islands on ofseventeen flights. Illustrated is a Christmas greetings card carried to Germany on a fortress flight.



## Mail carried out of the Islands – 3<sup>rd</sup> Fortress Flight – 16.10.1944.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Fortress flight of 24 September could not land due to bad weather. The 2<sup>nd</sup> flight of 7 October was shot down on its return flight to Germany. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Fortress flight of 16 October was therefore the first successful flight carrying mail to and from Guernsey. This demonstrates the dangerous and precarious nature of these flights.



This letter has been translated as 'Today, a beautiful October Sunday, was a day of great joy for us. We had some post! Messages from home! That meant sit down at once and pen an answer, perhaps we are in luck and something can get away from here in the next few days.....last mail from you arrived 3 August 1944.....This was the first mail to be received by the troops for nearly  $2\frac{1}{2}$  months.

## (To be continued in the next Journal).

## Topical reprints from the Channel Islands Study Circle (CISS) Bulletins No. 3 of March 1951 & No.22 of July, 1954.

#### THE 'JERSEY SWASTIKA' OVERPRINT.

When German forces occupied the Channel Islands in 1940 it was their intention to overprint all British stamps found there with a Swastika and the words JERSEY - 1940. A trial overprint was in fact made, but the Postmaster of Jersey made such a strong protest that the matter was referred back to Berlin for consideration. The "High-Ups" there decided that, as it was their policy to treat the Channel Islanders as courteously as possible, the issue should not take place, and orders were given for the entire stock to be destroyed. Nevertheless some managed to escape destruction and are now in private hands. They may be regarded as "prepared for use, but not issued". The values and numbers overprinted are as follows:-

#### G.B. K.G:VI 1937 Issue.

| ½d  | 120  | 2d  | 120 |
|-----|------|-----|-----|
| 1d  | None | 2½d | 120 |
| 1½d | 120  | 3d  | 120 |
| 4d  | 120  | 5d  | 120 |
| 6d  | 120  | 7d  | 120 |
| 8d  | 120  | 9d  | 120 |
| 10d | 120  | 1/  | 120 |
| 2/6 | 6    | 5/  | 6   |
|     | 10/  | 6   |     |

## Postal Centenary Issue 1940.

| ½d  | 60 | 1d | 60 |
|-----|----|----|----|
| 1½d | 60 | 2d | 60 |
| 2½d | 60 | 5d | 60 |

There seems to be a marked reluctance on the part of many Jersey people to admit to the existence of these overprints, but the information came to us from an extremely reliable source (together with examples of the overprints) and we have no reason to suspect that they are of private manufacture. If any reader can throw further light on the subject we shall be glad to hear from him.

In Bulletin No.3 (of March 1951) we gave details of British stamps overprinted by the Germans with a swastika and the words "JERSEY 1940". Since that time I have been attempting to get further information about them, but the gentleman in Jersey who could tell the whole story, unfortunately, refuses to do so and will give no reason for his refusal. It has always been the policy of the Bulletin editors to place on record all available information regarding Channel Islands stamps and postal history. We believe that all members of the society should have access to this information and that it should not be privately retained by individuals for their own advantage. It is for this reason that every effort has been made to piece together as much of the story as possible about these overprints.

When the Germans occupied Jersey they ordered all British stamps to be overprinted before being sold to the public, so the postmaster, acting upon German orders, sent a small quantity of British stamps of the ordinary G. VI and Postal Centenary series, together with an order for the over-printing, to Bigwoods, the States Printers. The 60 K.G. VI sets to the 1/- value (except 1d) and 40 Postal Centenary sets (except 1d) and 40 Postal Centenary sets (except 1d) were overprinted with a swastika and "JERSEY 1940" and delivered to the Germans.

An experimental overprint was first made with a swastika and type carved from wood and proofs were made on the Postal Centenary set. As there was only the one block the overprints were made by hand. Another swastika was next cast together with the inscription JERSEY 1940 and the whole was then recast. It was this type that was used for the overprinting of the quantities mentioned above. Four of each of the high values from 2/6 to10/were also overprinted.

While this work was going on the Bailiff made a strong protest to the Germans about this defacing of the King's head and after the matter had been referred back to Berlin the issue was abandoned. It is doubtful, in any case, whether there would have been enough British stamps in stock at the post office to make the issue worthwhile.

Stocks were ordered by the German Commandant to be destroyed, but a few escaped destruction and two sets of K.G. VI stamps and two sets of the Postal Centenary, as well as two other low values and a few proofs, are known to exist.

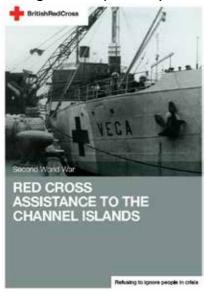
As there were no stocks of 1d stamps available an experimental design showing the Arms of Jersey was made by Bigwoods and this, with and without swastika overprint, was submitted to the Germans, but was rejected.

Another Arms type was later printed by the Evening Post after being designed by Major Rybot from a 1d stamp obtained from Guernsey.

All information with regard to figures in this article was obtained from an official source which also confirmed the fact that the overprint was an official one and not one made after the war for sale to gullible collectors, as so many European items were. OWN.

## A Recent Acquisition for the Society's Archive

Thanks to our member Alan Whittaker and also to Stephen Noble, the Archivist for the British Red Cross, the Society has recently been able to add to its Archive a copy of a 6-page information booklet produced by the British Red Cross. This is about the work of the Red Cross in getting messages and vital supplies to the Channel Islands during the occupation by German forces in World War 2.



Anyone who would like a copy of Second World War Red Cross Assistance to the Channel Islands should write to the Society's Archivist, Mark Bailey. He can supply this for free as a Portable Document Format (PDF) file (as a 485-KByte email attachment), or for an A4-sized printed copy - the cost is £1 plus postage.

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| First Day Cover   | £5.90  |  |
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| Presentation Pack   | £3.90  |  |
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| First Day Cover   | £5.90  |  |
| Presentation Pack   | £5.60  |  |
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| Sheets of 10  | £47.00 |  |

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|--|--|--|
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