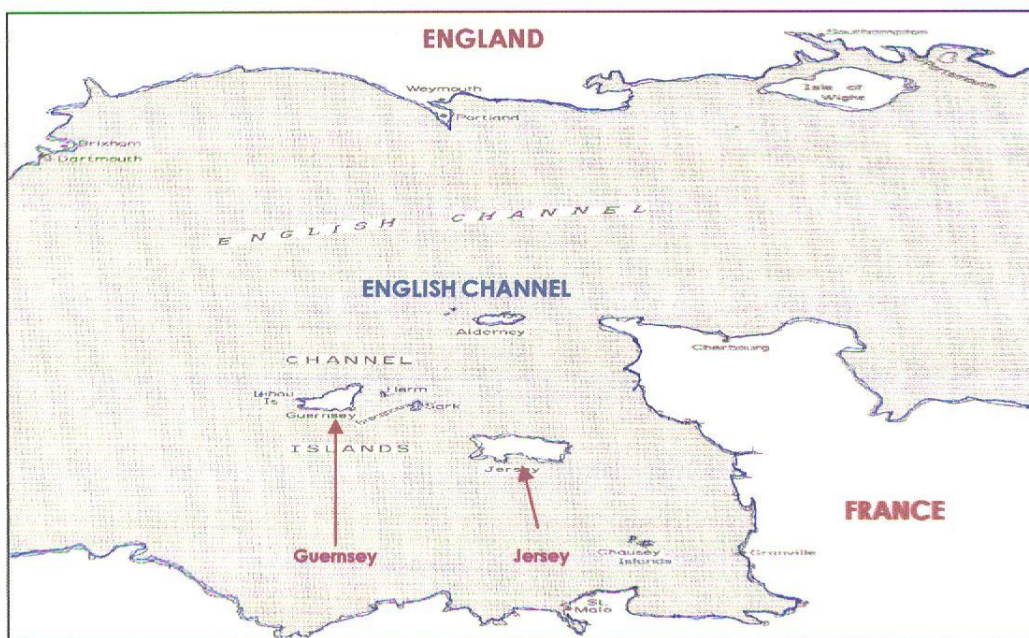


VALID POSTAGE & MAIL DURING GERMAN OCCUPATION OF GUERNSEY & JERSEY 1940 - 1945



**The British Islands of Guernsey & Jersey were occupied by German Forces
1 July 1940 to 8 May 1945.**

**During occupation, post office operation with exchange of mail on each island or between
islands continued using British Postage until such was exhausted. In October 1940, local
production of postage stamps for local use was decided (printed by two local & one French
printing plants) recognized by British Postal Officials, even after liberation,
remaining valid for use until 13 April 1946.**

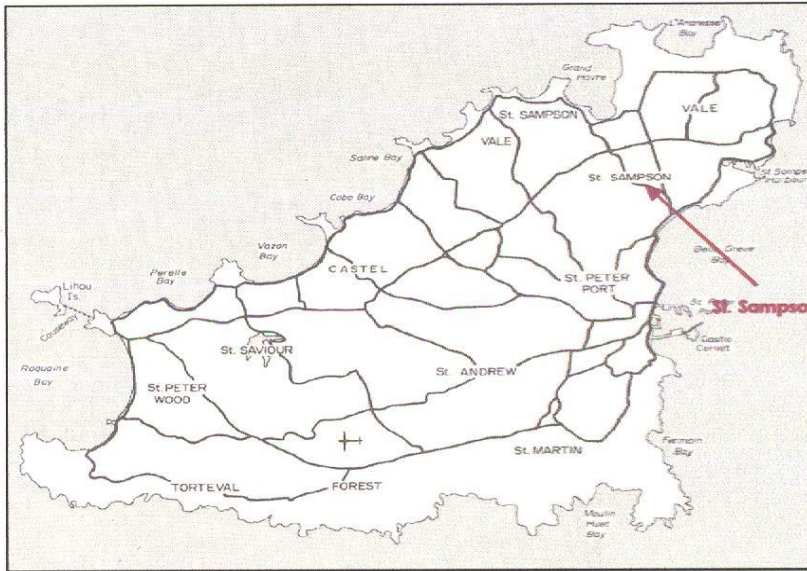
EXHIBIT:

**This single-frame exhibit presents the postal stamps officially valid
locally during German Occupation including limited Postal
History, Red Cross Mail, Military Fieldpost, Liberation &
Reoccupation Mail between 1941-1945 along with an Epilogue.**

- OVERVIEW:**
- I. MAP & TITLE PAGE
 - II. GUERNSEY POSTAGE
 - III. JERSEY POSTAGE
 - IV. GUERNSEY & JERSEY POSTAL HISTORY
 - * Red Cross Form Mail
 - * German Field-Post Mail
 - * Liberation & Reoccupation Mail
 - * Epilogue

TEXT COLOR-CODING:

- BLACK:** General Information
BLUE: Important information relating
to the stamp issue or usage
with blue-matted examples being scarce.
MAROON: Postal Rate Information



The Following notice appeared on 24 December 1940 in *The Star* and *The Evening Post* on Guernsey and Jersey Islands respectively:

"The Post Office advises that further supplies of 1d. Postage stamps are not at present available and that, until further notice, prepayment of Penny Postage (for Printed Papers, etc.) can be effected by USING ONE HALF OF A 2d STAMP PROVIDED THAT DIVISION IS MADE BY CUTTING THE STAMP DIAGONALLY..."

Although authorization for the bisecting of postage took place on Christmas Eve, the first mail postmarked was 27 December 1940, since the previous two days were public holidays.



27 DECEMBER 1940
Local island postcard, postmarked "St. Sampson's" sent to "Bonet".

First day of validity and usage.

GUERNSEY

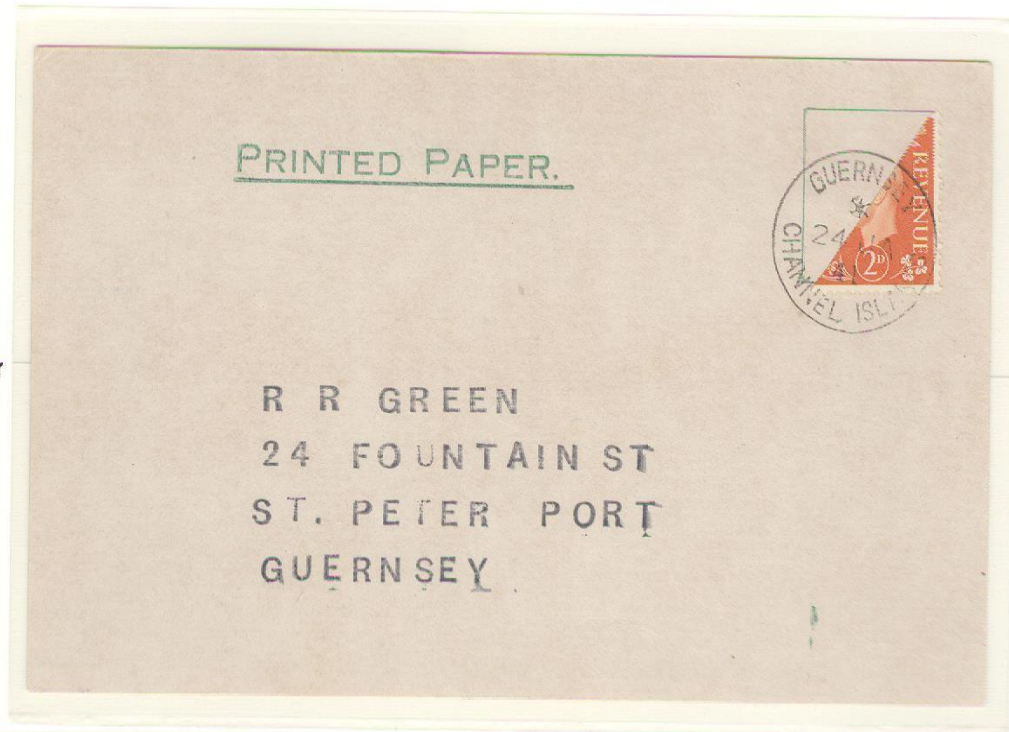
Bisect Usage

PRINTED-MATTER

24 JANUARY 1941

**Hand-postmarked
"Printed Paper"
address card for an
accompanying newspaper
sent to an addressee at
St. Peter Port**

Exp. Dr. Rommerskirchen



**10 JANUARY
1940**

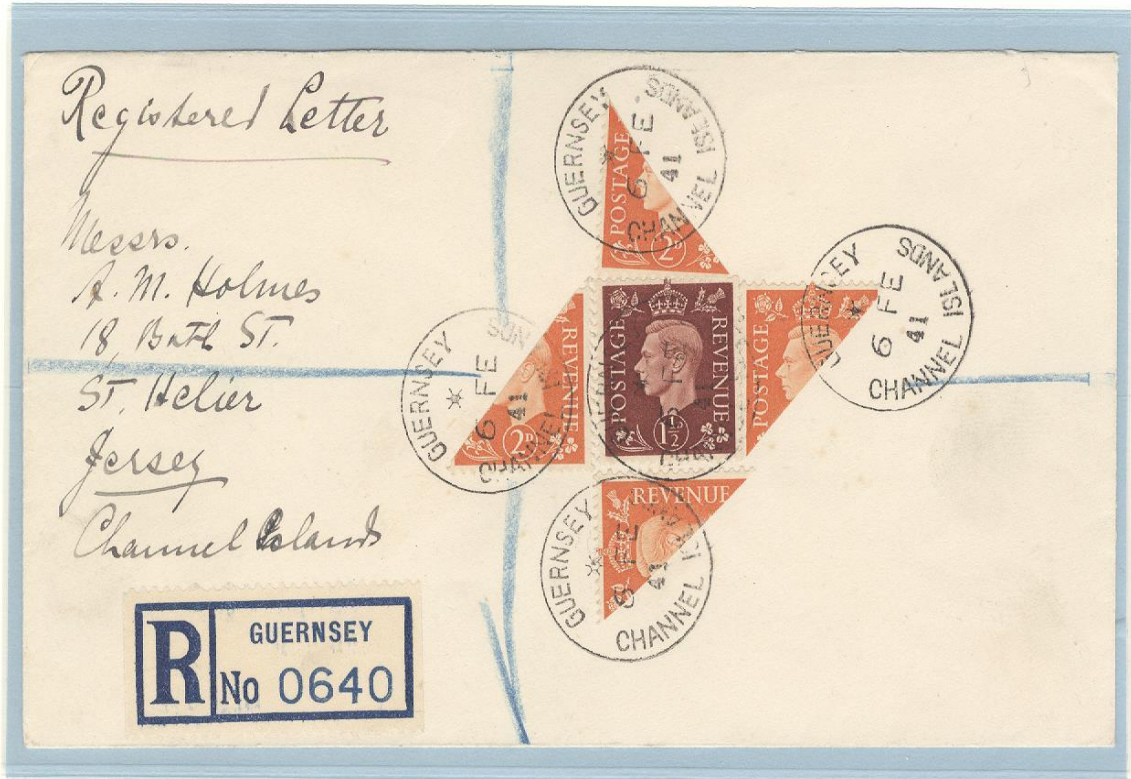
**'Universal
Machine'
Postmarked
unsealed cover
with printed-
matter
enclosure,
sent to
Kragga Kama.**

Exp. Dr Rommerskirchen

**A 'Universal Machine' was used to postmark mail between 1940-1945, albeit in 1941,
the "0" of "1940" was split to form a corrupted "1" in the year date.
Subsequent year dates were manufactured locally to reflect the year applicable.**

**One Penny ...
Printed-matter (newspaper & advertising) rate up to two ounces.**

REGISTERED MAIL .. 'GUERNSEY TO JERSEY' USAGE



Exp. Dr. Rommerskirchen

6 FEBRUARY 1941

Single-weight registered-letter sent from Guernsey to Jersey.

Arrival Postmark:
(Reverse)
"Jersey Channel Islands
9 February 1941"

Franking:
5-1/2 Pence ...
2-1/2 Pence = closed letters up to two ounces
3 Pence = Registration fee

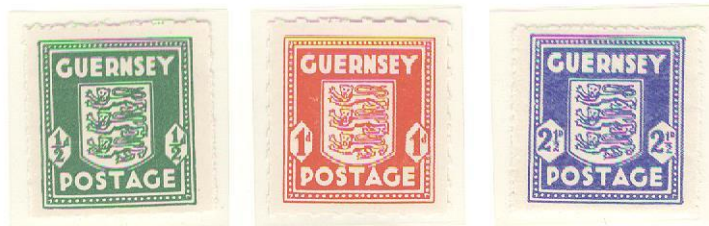
'ARMS OF GUERNSEY'
(Arms of the Sovereign of England)
ISSUE
1941-1944

Locally designed by 'E.W. Vaudin' with printing by the
 'Guernsey Press Company' in the following quantities..

½ Penny = 1,772,160
 1 Penny = 2,478,700
 2½ Pence = 416,640

On Watermarked Paper:

½ Penny = 120,000
 1 Penny = 120,000



Un-Watermarked Paper



Watermarked Paper



Forgeries

- * Thin transparent high-bright paper;
- * Perfect gum on reverse;
- * On 1d.. back legs of the lion are broken;
- * Rouletting is near perfect.

GUERNSEY

Locally-Printed Postage

'ARMS OF GUERNSEY'
(Arms of the Sovereign of England)
ISSUE
1941-1944

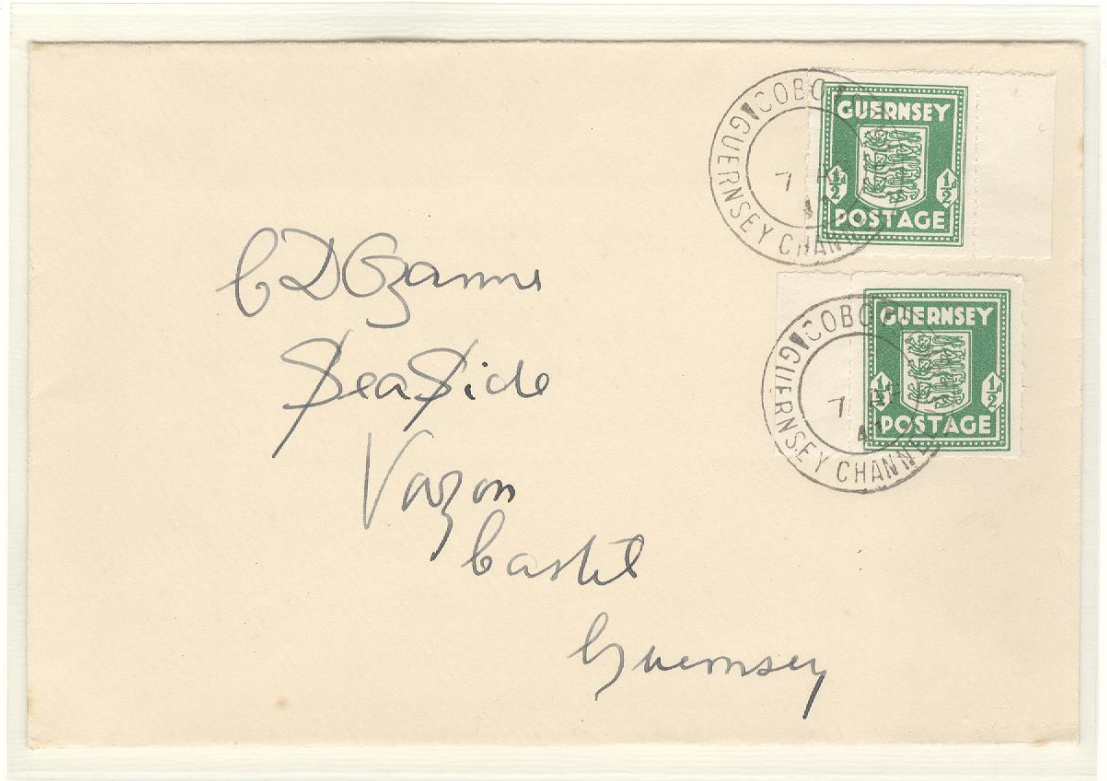
FIRST DAY COVERS

7 APRIL 1941

FIRST DAY USAGE
OF THE ½ PENNY
STAMP

Unsealed cover
with printed-
mater
enclosure,
postmarked at
'Cobo' sent
locally to 'Caslii'

Franking:
One Penny ..
Single-weight
letter-rate



18 FEBRUARY
1941

FIRST DAY USAGE
OF THE 1 PENNY
STAMP

Unsealed cover
with printed-
mater
enclosure,
postmarked at
'Cobo' sent
locally to 'Caslii'.

Franking:
One Penny ..
Single-weight
letter-rate

GUERNSEY

Locally-Printed Postage

'ARMS OF GUERNSEY'
(Arms of the Sovereign of England)
ISSUE
1941-1944

POSTAGE DUE MAIL

17 MARCH 1941

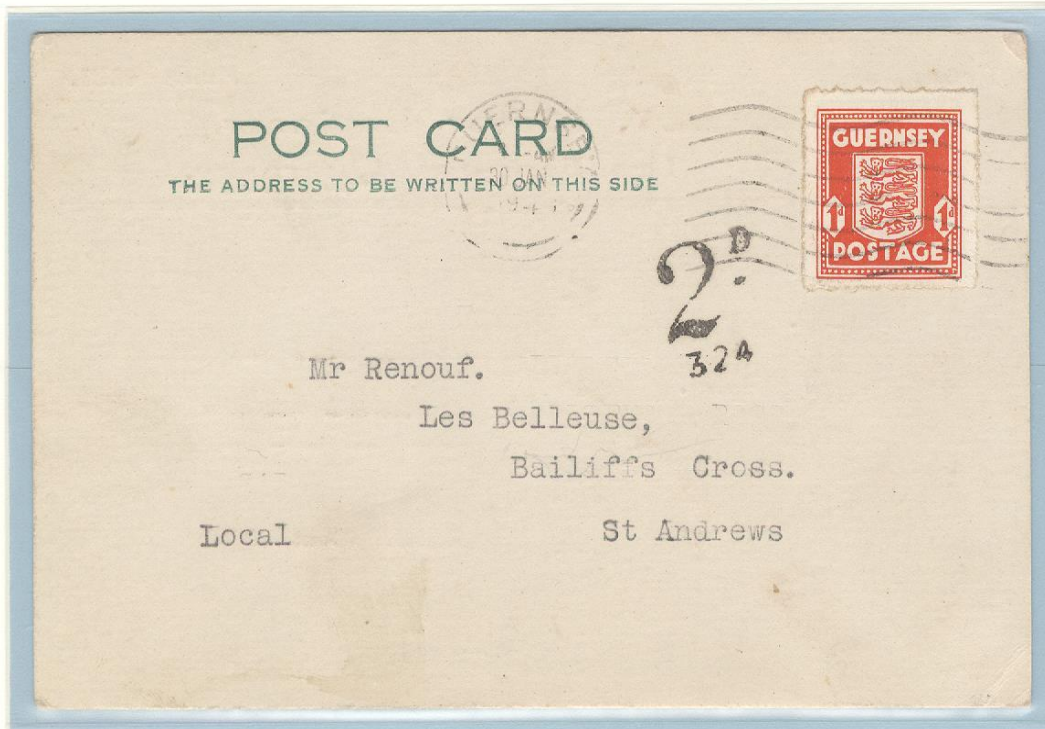
Printed tax statement sent from the 'Guernsey Tax Office' to a recipient who had been evacuated to Britain prior to German Occupation ("Evacuated .. Home Closed.."),

Franking:

One Penny .. Applicable Printed-Matter Rate for mail under two ounces in weight

Returned Mail ..

One Penny Postage Due



30 JANUARY 1943

Commercial under-franked postcard to a recipient at "St. Andrews", resulting ...

Franking:
One Penny .. valid local postcard rate

Two Pence Postage Due = One Penny Postage + One Penny Penalty.

'ARMS OF GUERNSEY'
(Arms of the Sovereign of England)
ISSUE
1941-1944

MIXED FRANKINGS WITH BRITISH POSTAGE

27 FEBRUARY
1942

British postal
stationery
cover with
Guernsey
franking
mailed to
'Beaumont'
on Jersey.

Franking:
2-1/2 Pence
.. Letter-rate
up to two
ounces.

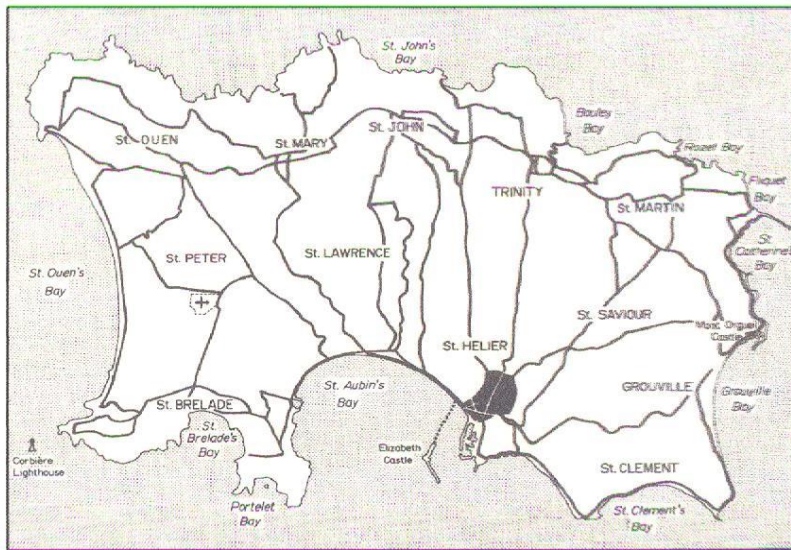


12 APRIL 1944

Registered
single-weight
cover with British
3 Pence &
Guernsey 2-1/2
Pence franking
postmarked at
'St. Saviours'
sent locally to
'Ruettes Brayes',

Franking:
5-1/2 Pence
Single-weight
(2 ounces)
registered
Letter-rate.

**'ARMS OF JERSEY' ISSUE
(Arms of the Sovereign of England)
1941-1943**



W. Newport

**Locally designed by 'Major N.V.L. Rybot' with printing by the
'Jersey Evening Post' in the following quantities:**

**½ Penny = 703,500
1 Penny = 1,030,620**

**The designer placed an "A" in the lower corners of the ½ Penny stamp
having the meaning *Ad Avernum Adolf Atrox*
(= "To hell with you atrocious Adolf").**

**On the 1 Penny stamp,
a "B" was inserted having the meaning
"*Atrocious Adolf and Bloody Benito*".**



Gray Paper



White Paper

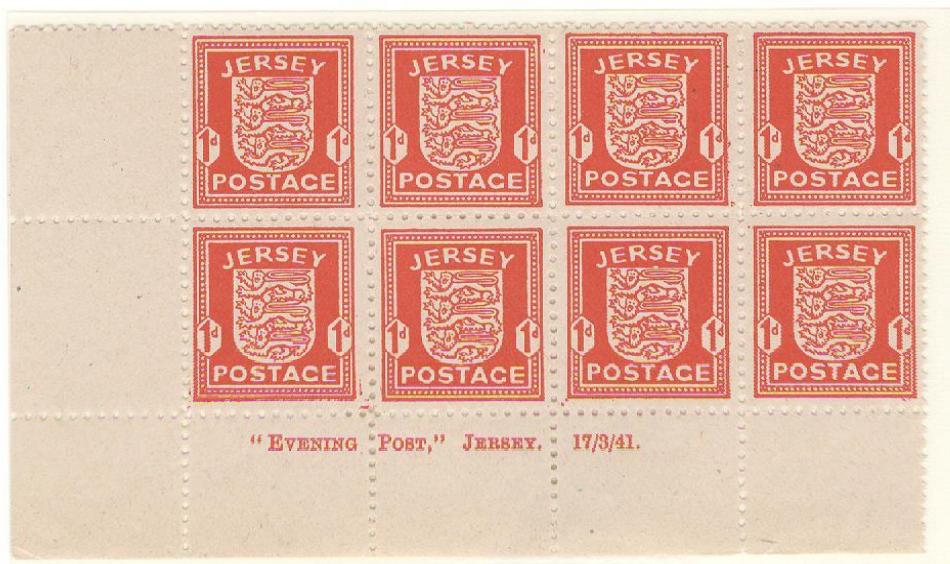
'ARMS OF JERSEY'
(Arms of the Sovereign of England)
ISSUE
1941-1943

INSCRIPTION BLOCKS

Each production sheet of sixty stamps of the 'Jersey Arms' Issue had an inscription in the lower-left selvedge which remained the same despite several different printings between 1941-1943..

HALF PENNY: "Evening Post," Jersey, January 1942

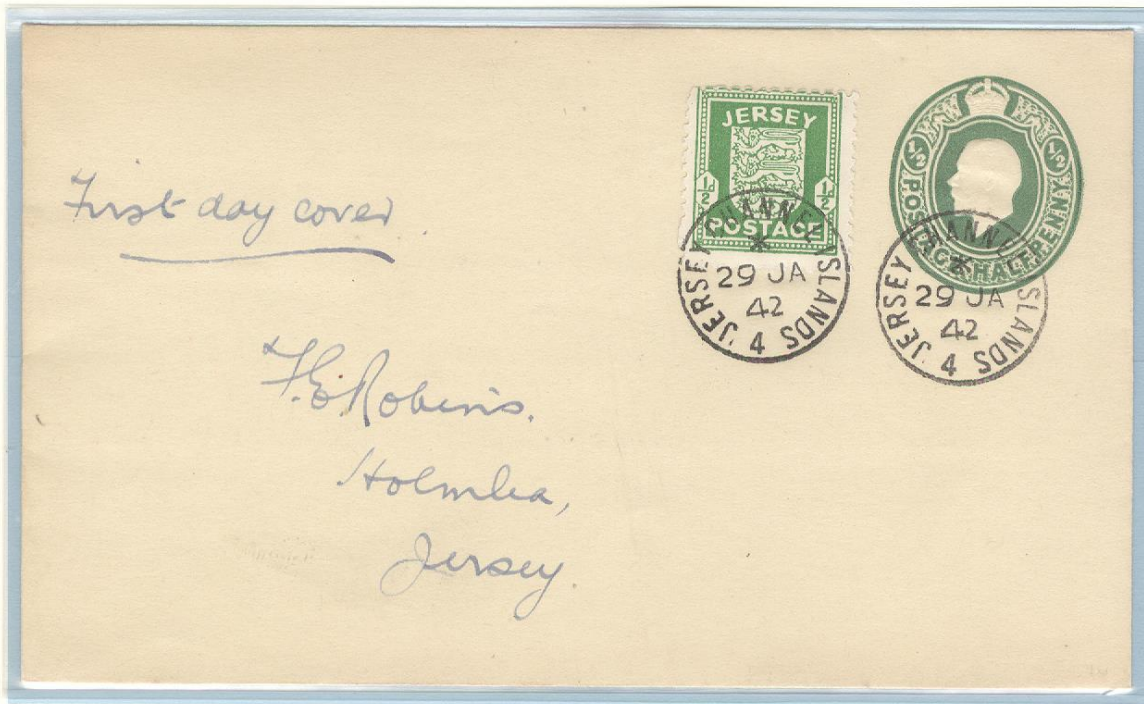
ONE PENNY: "Evening Post," Jersey, 17/3/41



**'ARMS OF JERSEY'
(Arms of the Sovereign of England)
ISSUE
1941-1943**

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE FOR HALF-PENNY VALUE

**29 JANUARY
1942**
**Unsealed cover
with
printed-mater
enclosure,
postmarked
"Jersey",
sent locally to
'Toulon'**



**29 JANUARY
1942**
**Mixed Jersey &
UK-Franked
Postal Stationery
unsealed-cover
with
printed-mater
enclosure,
postmarked
"Jersey", sent
locally to
'Homba'".**

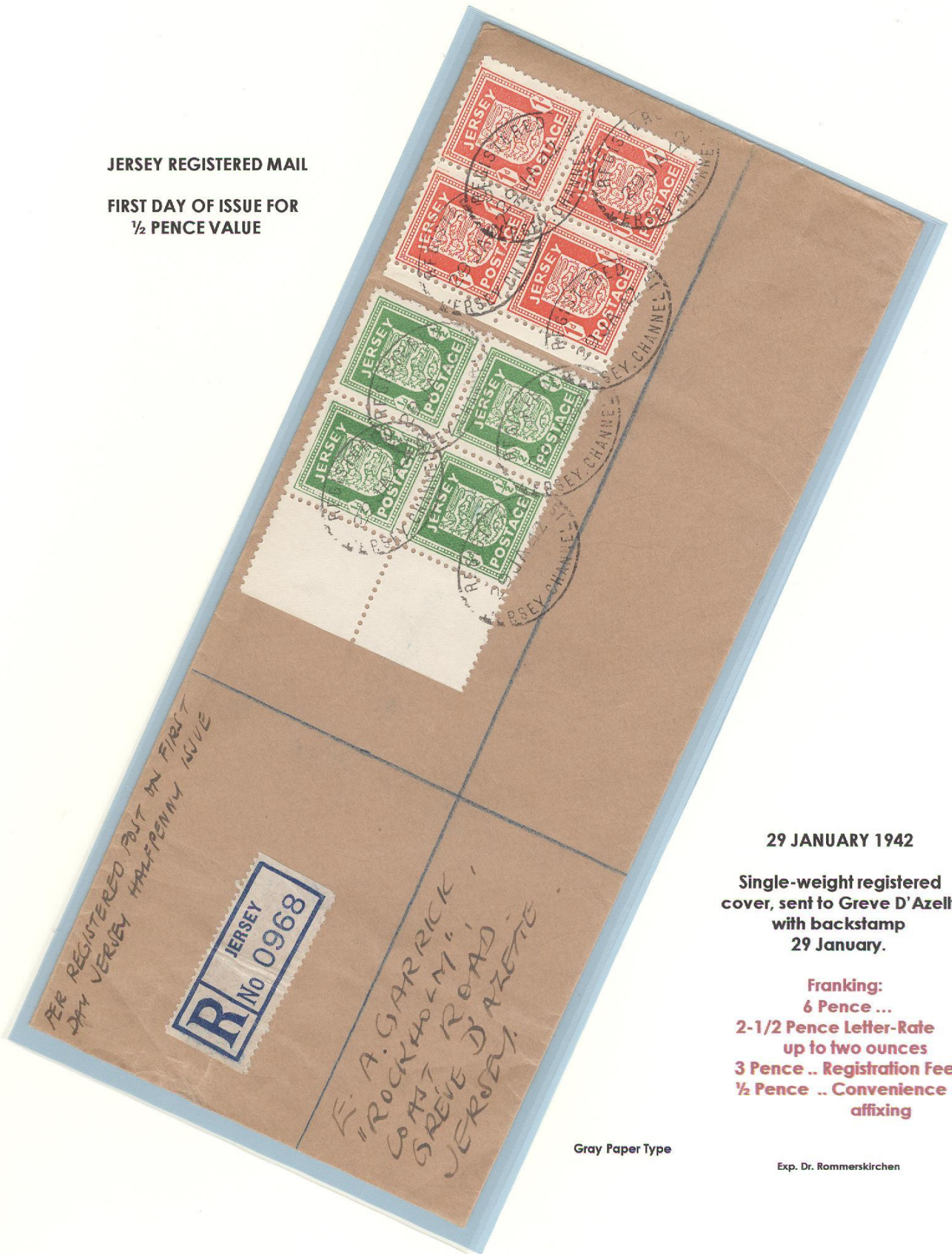
Exp. Dr.
Rommerskirchen

**Franking:
One Penny ..
Printed-Matter (Unsealed Cover) Rate**

'ARMS OF JERSEY' ISSUE
(Arms of the Sovereign of England)
1941-1943

JERSEY REGISTERED MAIL

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE FOR
½ PENCE VALUE



29 JANUARY 1942

Single-weight registered cover, sent to Greve D'Azellf with backstamp 29 January.

Franking:
6 Pence ...
2-1/2 Pence Letter-Rate up to two ounces
3 Pence .. Registration Fee
½ Pence .. Convenience affixing

Gray Paper Type

Exp. Dr. Rommerskirchen

'JERSEY PICTORIAL' ISSUE 1943-1944

Jersey local-artist 'Edmund Blampied' designed the issue with printing by the 'French Government Printing Works' at Paris in sheets of 120 stamps (four panes of 30) in the following quantities :

½ Penny (Old Jersey Manor)	=	480,000
1 Penny (Portelet Bay)	=	840,000
1½ Pence (LaCorbiere)	=	360,000
2 Pence (Elizabeth Castle)	=	360,000
2½ Pence (Mont Orgueil Castle)	=	720,000
3 Pence (Gathering Seaweed)	=	360,000

The designer imbedded the Royal Cypher "GR" on each side of the '3d' value, which was obviously not recognized or excised by the occupation authorities.



Gray Paper Type



'JERSEY PICTORIAL' ISSUE
1943-1944

GUTTER PAIRS



JERSEY

Locally-Printed Postage

'JERSEY PICTORIAL' ISSUE
1943-1944

REGISTERED MAIL FROM
JERSEY TO GUERNSEY ..
'SATZBRIEF'

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE
OF 3 PENCE VALUE



29 JUNE 1943

Third weight-level registered legal-document type-mail having a full set of pictorials mailed from Jersey to Guernsey with backstamp.


Franking:
10-1/2 Pence...
2-1/2 + 2-1/2 + 2-1/2 Pence
= Third-weight level +
3 Pence = Registration fee

By 1943, British registration labels were no longer available on Jersey with a simple number hand-stamp used to indicate the mail registration number.

Effective 1941, every family on Guernsey and Jersey was permitted to send/receive one Red Cross Communication Form Letter (maximum twenty-five words) to addresses in Britain monthly.

The sender wrote his/her message on the front of the form, and the recipient could reply on the reverse side. Mail travel time was between 2-12 months with four months being the average, since mail might have been censored with chemicals to determine if hidden messages were present, transit time to Switzerland and from there to Britain.

GERMAN RED CROSS (1942)



Deutsches Rotes Kreuz R.C.B. GUERNSEY
 Präsidium / Auslandsdienst
 Berlin SW 61, Blücherplatz 2

97651

A N T R A G

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

R E Q U Ê T E

de la *Croix-Rouge Allemande, Présidence, Service Etranger*
 à l'*Agence Centrale des Prisonniers de Guerre, Geneve*
 — *Comité International de la Croix-Rouge* —
 concernant la correspondance

Deutsches Rotes Kreuz
 Briefstempel
 Postagentur in Frankfurt

1. Absender Mrs. R. Mackesy, Havilland Hall Farm,
 Expéditeur St. Peter Port, GUERNSEY, G.I.

bittet, an
prie de bien vouloir faire parvenir à

2. Empfänger Mrs. E.G. Underdown, 254, Gralton Road,
 Destinataire NOTTINGHAM, ENGLAND.

folgendes zu übermitteln / *ce qui suit :*

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

Dear Uldine,

All very well, and happy. Margaret Ann bonny baby. Write Macs sister. Love to children.

CROIX ROUGE
 INTERNATIONAL
 DE
 PRISONNIERS
 DE
 GUERRE

Longing to see you all

Love, Ruth, Mac. 28 OCT. 1942

(Datum / Date) 20-8-42 (Unterschrift / Signature)
 3. Empfänger antwortet umseitig P.P. Mrs. R. Mackesy
 Destinataire répond au verso

005947 19 AVR 1942

WAR ORGANISATION OF THE BRITISH RED CROSS AND ORDER OF ST. JOHN (1943)

RED CROSS MESSAGE BUREAU,
362
18, BLENHEIM TERRACE,
WOODHOUSE LANE,
LEEDS, 2



From :

**WAR ORGANISATION OF THE BRITISH RED CROSS
AND ORDER OF ST. JOHN**

To :

Comité International
de la Croix Rouge
Genève

FM1814

Foreign Relations
Department.



Expéditeur SENDER Absender

Name Pugh
Nom
Christian name Mrs Lily
Vorname Prénom
Address
Adresse

RED CROSS MESSAGE BUREAU,
362

18, BLENHEIM TERRACE,
WOODHOUSE LANE,
LEEDS, 2

MESSAGE Mitteilung

(Not more than 25 words) (25 mots au maximum) (Nicht über 25 Worte)

Dear Mary. Everyone here fine. Hope same
there. Seen Eva and Family also Alice. News
from Stanley. Best Love. Keep smiling

Love

Lily

Date Datum 29.4.43

Destinataire ADDRESSEE Empfänger

Name Mayger
Nom
Christian name Mrs Peter
Vorname Prénom
Address Ville Amphrey
Adresse St Martins
Guernsey



Reply overleaf (not more than 25 words)
Réponse au verso (25 mots au maximum)
Antwort umseitig (nicht über 25 Worte)

20 MAI 1943

**WAR ORGANISATION OF THE BRITISH RED CROSS AND
ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM (1945)**

WAR ORGANISATION FR/CL/108.
OF THE
BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY and ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM



FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

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MAJ.-GENERAL SIR JOHN KENNEDY, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Director :

MISS S. J. WARNER, O.B.E.



TELEPHONE NO. 1
ABBEY 2511/5

Allied Prisoners of War Packing Centre

Heads of Packing Centre :

MRS. GRAZEBROOK
MRS. SECKER

CLARENCE HOUSE,
ST. JAMES'S, LONDON, S.W.1

PLEASE QUOTE REF.

SR/C.I./157

May 1st, 1945.

Dear Sir/~~Madam~~,

We have received lists of short sentences
from persons in the Channel Islands.

The following from:

Name **Mrs E. Doublet**
Address **Jersey**

is addressed to you:

"ALL WELL HERE. ALL SEND THEIR LOVE.
MOTHER.

DATED March 1st, 1945."

Yours faithfully

S. J. WARNER.

A number of German Fieldpost numbers are associated with the occupation of Guernsey and Jersey. One of those is FP No. 34809 B associated with the 2nd Artillery Regiment of the German 319th Division stationed on Jersey.

Because of the German-anticipated Allied invasion of the continent in 1944, the German 319th Infantry Division, stationed on the coastal sector of France (Brittany) and the Channel Islands, was strengthened to become one of the largest divisions ever formed by the German Wehrmacht.

The illustrated fieldpost (free frank) mail relates to *Corporal Alois Spengler*, originally on duty on the Russian Front, was transferred to the 319th Division and subsequently to Jersey early in 1944 because of his communications training, comprehension of English and ability to monitor English-language transmissions from the Allies in England. *Spengler* spent the remainder of WWII on Jersey, and, upon liberation, was sent to Britain as a prisoner-of-war before being repatriated home in 1946.



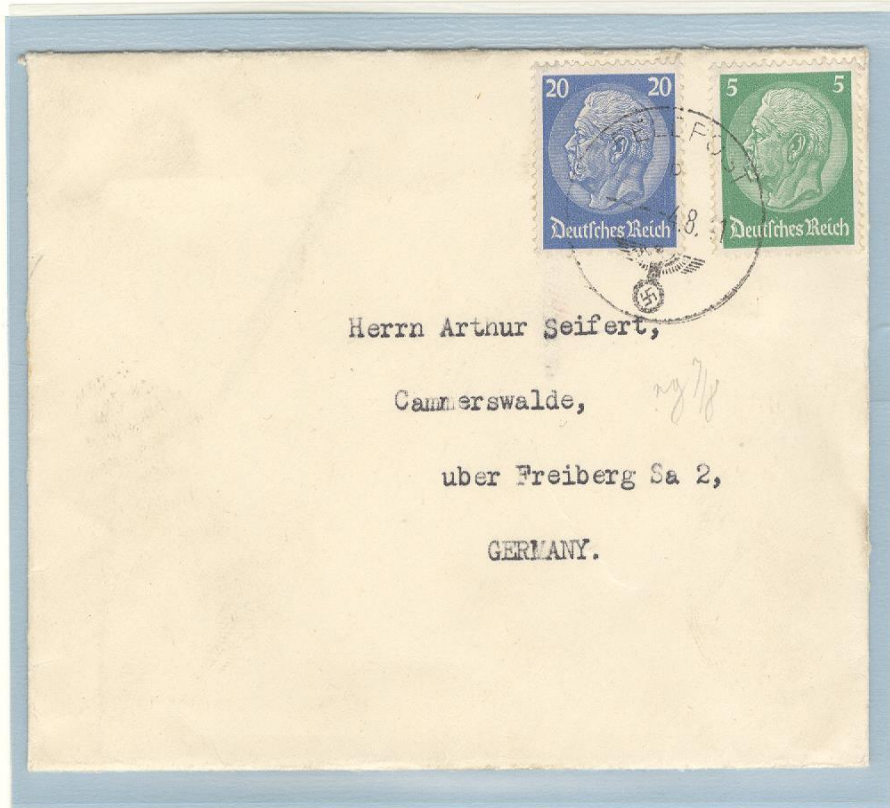
DURING THE OCCUPATION, MAIL COULD BE SENT FROM GUERNSEY & JERSEY TO COUNTRIES ON THE CONTINENT, nor elsewhere overseas. Such mail had to be SENT THROUGH THE GERMAN MILITARY FELDPPOST FRANKED WITH GERMAN POSTAGE at the German rate of 25 Pfg. for letters to 20 grams and 15 Pfg. for postcards.

GUERNSEY CIVILIAN MAIL TO GERMANY THROUGH GERMAN MILITARY FIELDPOST DURING THE OCCUPATION

4 AUGUST 1941

Guernsey Head "Postmaster Chapere" Reply-mail to a civilian at Cammerswalde/Freiberg, Saxony, Germany.

**Franking:
25 Pfg ...
Letter-rate for mail up to 20 grams**



CIVILIAN MAIL TO BERMUDA ON THE FIRST DAY OF LIBERATION

9 MAY 1945

Single-weight civilian cover sent from "J. Robin" at St. Peter Port, Guernsey, to "Addie Swainson" at St. Georges, Bermuda.

"First Mail leaving Guernsey C.I. by ship via England after nearly five years occupation by German Forces"

**Franking:
5-½ Pence ...
Overseas single-weight letter rate.**



**LIBERATION AND REOCCUPATION OF GUERNSEY & JERSEY TOOK PLACE ON
9 MAY 1945.**

**RESUMPTION OF MAIL SERVICES TOOK PLACE ON 15 MAY 1945 WITH
HERETOFORE LOCALLY-PRINTED POSTAGE VALIDITY UNTIL 13 APRIL 1946.**

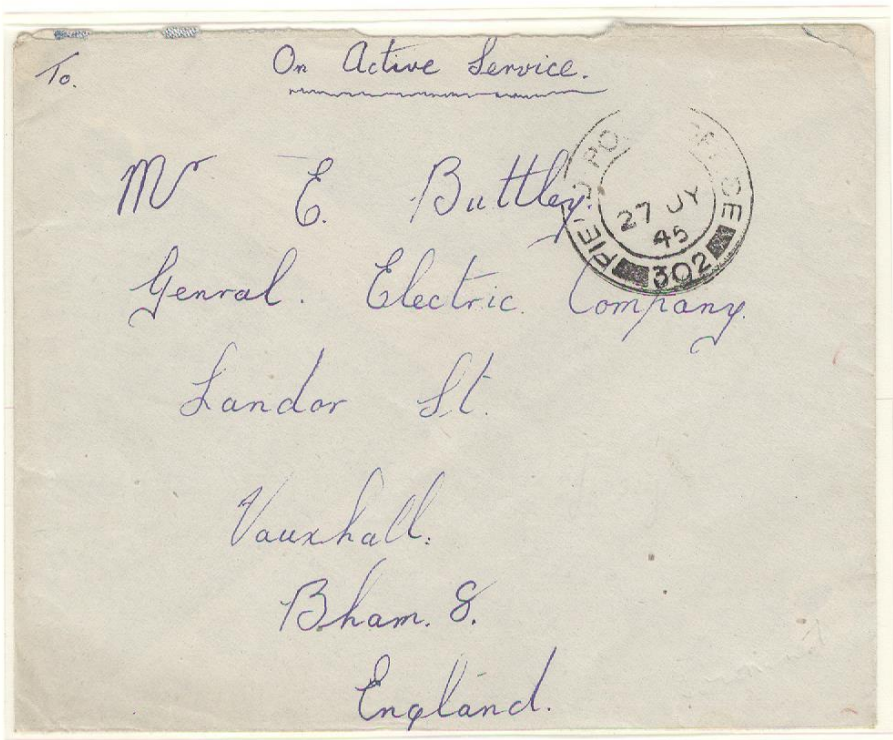
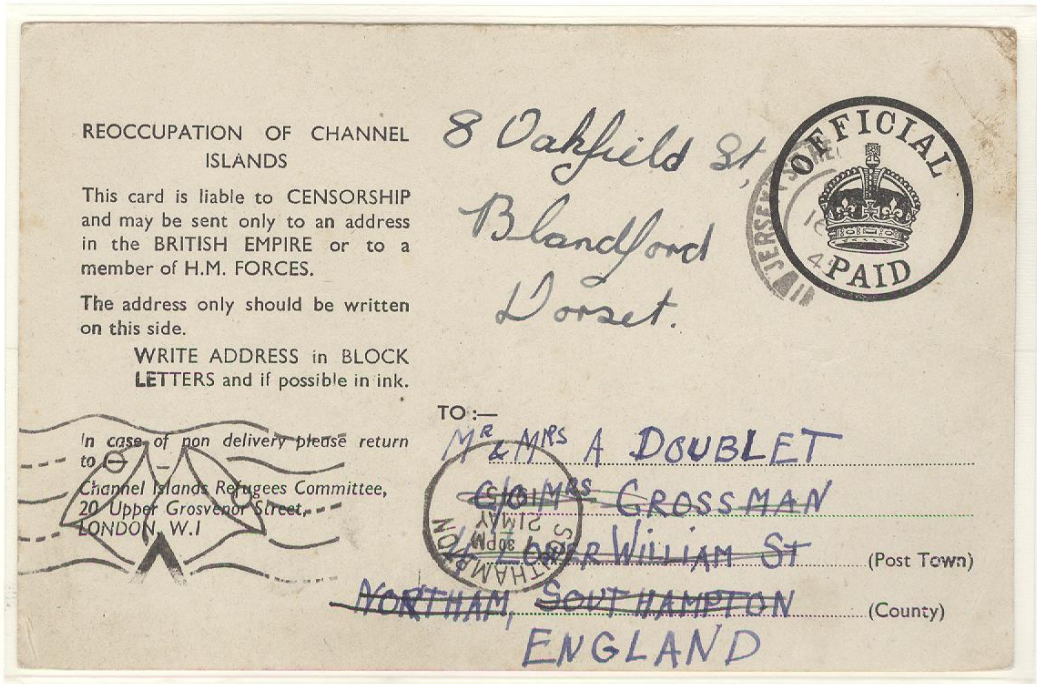
**Upon reoccupation by British Forces,
BRITISH FIELD POST OFFICES '138' AND '302' WERE ESTABLISHED ON 12-13 MAY
for Guernsey & Jersey respectively with cessation of operation on
10 November 1945.**

**EARLY FREE-FRANK
'OFFICIAL PAID'
CIVILIAN MAIL**

15 MAY 1945

**Civilian free-frank
("Official Paid") mail
written at
St. Helier, Jersey,
15 May, postmarked on
16 May sent to
Southampton with
'Victory' Postmark
(21 May 1945),
re-directed upon arrival
to "Blandford" in Dorset
Province, England.**

**200,000 of the 'Official
Paid' postcards were
printed and distributed
gratis on the islands.**



**BRITISH MILITARY
FIELDPOST MAIL ...
FPO 302 (JERSEY)**

27 JULY 1945

**Soldier's free-frank
mail sent from
Jersey to "General
Electric Company",
Vauxhall, England.**

**'FPO 302' Military
Post Office
Operation from
12 May -
10 November 1945**

UPON LIBERATION OF GUERNSEY & JERSEY ON 9. MAY 1945,
ALL REMAINING GERMAN MILITARY PERSONNEL WERE INTERNED IN
PRISONER-OF-WAR CAMPS IN BRITAIN.

Corporal "Alois Spengler", assigned to Jersey in early 1944 during the buildup of the German 319th Infantry Division, subsequently promoted to sergeant, was taken prisoner & interned at 'POW Camp 92', Bampton Road, Tiverton, Devon Province, England, from where he sent the following two covers to his wife in Germany prior to his repatriation in 1946.

13 DECEMBER 1945

WRITTEN IN GERMAN

Army Form No. W.3494
(Revised)

PRISONER OF WAR POST
KRIEGSGEFANGENENPOST

ADRESSE

An FRAU MALI SPENGLER
BEI F. WINTER
Empfangsort HORBACH
Strasse HAUPTSTRASSE 34
Land (16) DEUTSCHLAND
GROSS-HESSEN
KREIS GELNHAUSEN
AMERIKANISCHE ZONE

Absender
Vor und Zuname
SPENGLER, ALOIS
Gefangenennummer B177349
Lager-Bezeichnung
No. 92 P.O.W. Camp
Great Britain

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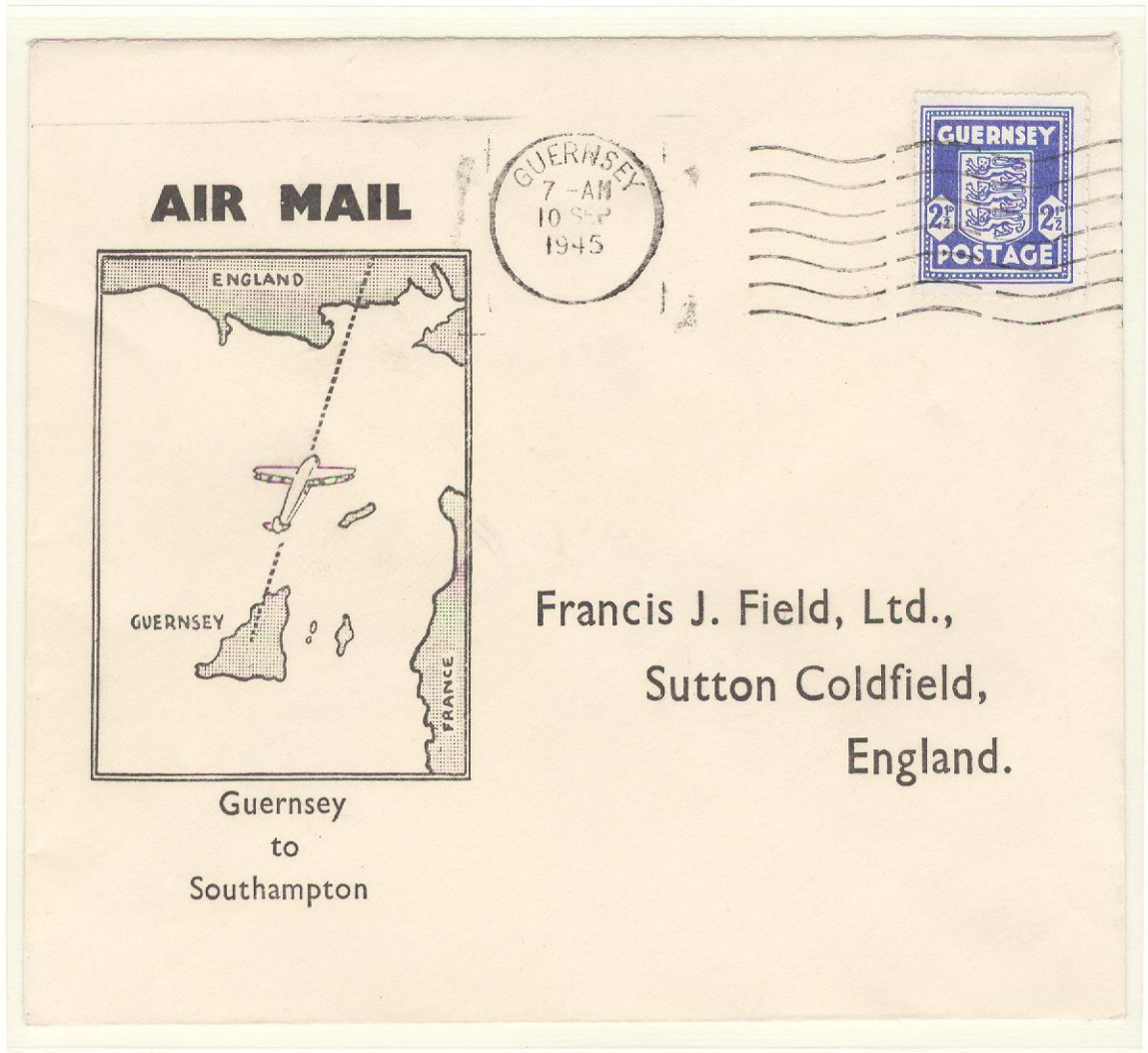
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Vor und Zuname
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Gefangenennummer B 177349
Lager-Bezeichnung
No. 92 P.O.W. Camp
Great Britain
BAMPTON
TIVERTON DEVON

Wt. 51866/5128 13,600M. 5/45 S.C.W.S. Ltd. 51-6138

6 JANUARY 1946

**RESUMPTION OF AIRMAIL SERVICE BETWEEN BRITAIN &
GUERNSEY/JERSEY**

10 SEPTEMBER 1945



10 SEPTEMBER 1945

**Commemorative cover for the resumption of airmail service between
Guernsey and (Southampton) England.**

Universal Machine Postmark

**Franking:
2-1/2 Pence ..**

**Letter-rate Britain-Bound-Mail
up to 2 ounces**