

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

SYNOPSIS

(March 2025)

PURPOSE & TREATMENT OF EXHIBIT:

This single-frame exhibit presents the postal stamps officially valid locally during German Occupation including representative Postal History, Red Cross Mail, Field-post, and Liberation & Reoccupation Mail 1941-1945 along with an Epilogue.

The exhibit is divided into six chapters as indicated on the title page.

NOT shown in this single-frame exhibit are:

- Essays & proofs of un-issued stamp designs or considerations;
- Essays, Proofs or Artwork, if such exists, of the stamps issued;
- Examples of different stamp production runs, color varieties or plate flaws
- Postmark examples of all individual post offices or stations on either island.

CONDITION & DIFFICULTY OF ACQUISITION:

All postal history examples shown are the best found on the philatelic market during the last 40 years, 'exhibit-quality' and acquired piecemeal. Most covers have been expertized albeit some may be philatelic-inspired.

PHILATELIC KNOWLEDGE

Although the exhibitor used available publications for his basic research, he also conducted personal research including eyewitness information with postal history examples from a former German soldier, Sergeant Alois Spengler (relative of the famous German philosopher Oswald Spengler), who was stationed on Jersey during 1944-1945 conducting intelligence work. Portions of that research is integrated in this exhibit as well as published in article-form by the exhibitor.

PRESENTATION

The following color type code is applicable:

Black:	General information and descriptive data
Light Blue:	Important information relating to the stamp issue or postal history
Maroon:	Postal rate information

Items deemed particularly important and scarce have **blue-color matting**.

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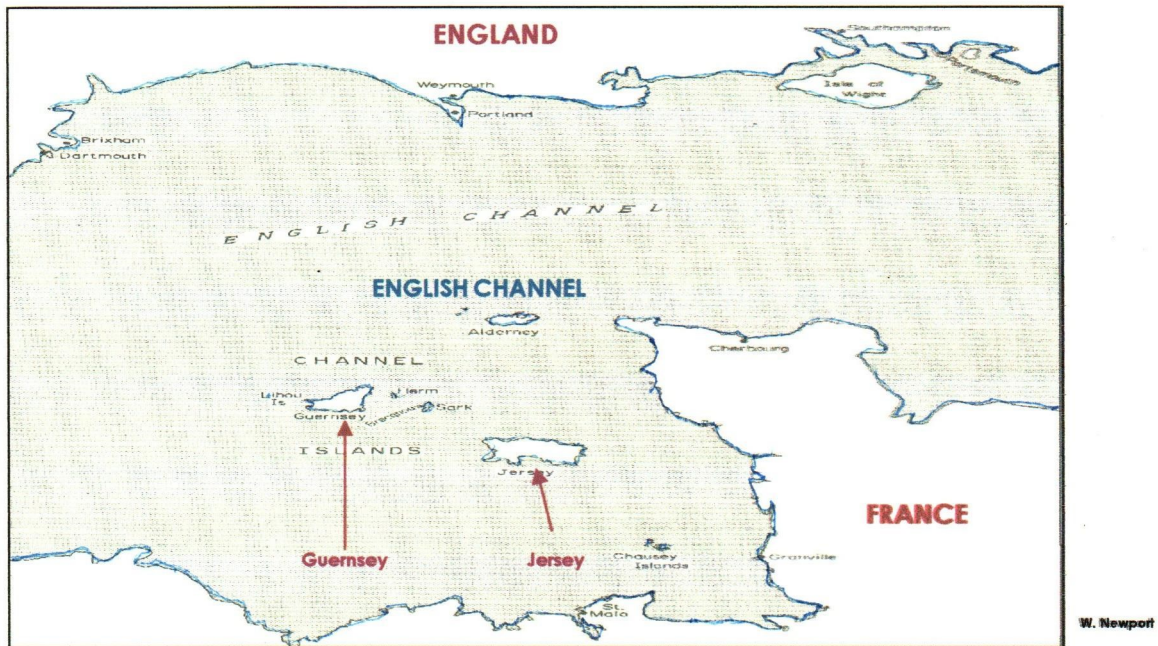
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**The British Islands of Guernsey & Jersey were occupied by German Forces
1 July 1940 to 8 May 1945.**

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