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Message in bottle arrives after 101 years

German sailors (FIND) a bottle containing a message on a postcard which was thrown into the Baltic Sea 101 years ago. It is believed that this is the oldest message in a bottle that the world (EVER/SEE)

The bottle (NOT SUFFER) any damage, despite floating in the sea for 101 years, although some of the writing on the postcard

inside (BECOME) impossible to read. Experts

who (TRY) to work out what the complete message says say

they (NOT SUCCEED) yet, but hope to in the near future. By

looking at the address on the postcard, they (IDENTIFY) its author as Richard Platz, the 20-year-old son of a baker. A handwriting comparison with

letters written by Platz (CONFIRM) that he is the author. The

researchers (ALSO/ FIND) his granddaughter, Angela Erdmann,

who (LIVE) in Berlin for 40 years. They

(PRESENT) her with the bottle, which will be displayed in a museum. She says that since the

discovery, she (LOOK) through family papers to find out more about her grandfather, who she never met.