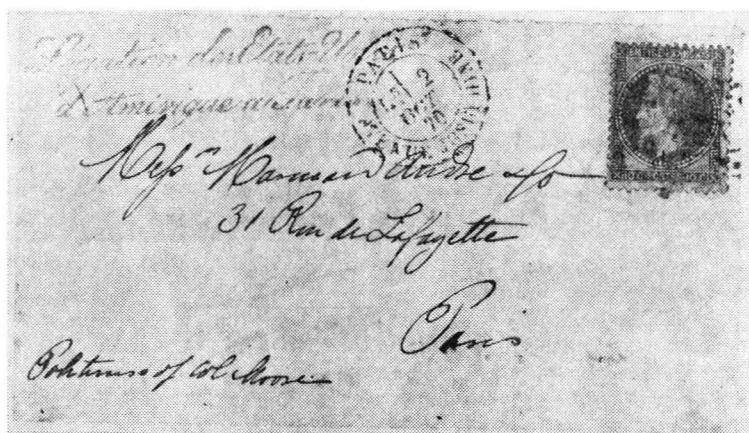




France & Colonies Philatelist

FIRST COVER INTO BESIEGED PARIS VIA U. S. DIPLOMATIC POUCH ALMOST IDENTIFIED

By Ernst M. Cohn



We all know that story about the twins who each wanted a pony for Christmas, one being an optimist and the other a pessimist. Well, had that optimist been a postal historian, he would have appreciated the title of this note. But even the pessimist would have had to agree that the cover illustrated here has great significance for postal history, even though the envelope is empty. As it was posted in, and addressed to, Paris, the cover clearly did not cross the lines at all. But its erstwhile contents, ah, thereby hangs a tale. . .

The cover was bought by Mr. Robert Boussac of Paris because of the unusual cachet of the United States Legation (precursor of an embassy) at Paris, in the upper left corner. He also noted the date of the postmark, 2 October 1870, and the endorsement "Politeness of Col. Moore," whom he knew to have been with the U. S. Legation.

Mr. Boussac sent me a photo of the cover (first shown on p. 135 of the 1976 American Philatelic Congress Yearbook) and asked what might be said about it. That was some four or more years ago, when there seemed to be little significance to the envelope.

Meanwhile, having read more intensively and extensively about people and events connected with the diplomatic pouch of that era and acquired a lot of six covers from the correspondence of Marcuard André & Cie., I was able to piece the story together.

Colonel Frank Moore, the Second Secretary of the United States Legation, had taken the last diplomatic pouch out of Paris before the siege started. Having delivered it at the U. S. Embassy, 5 Westminster Chambers, Victoria St. (ground floor), he stayed around London until mid-October. Hence he was there when General Burnside and Colonel Forbes left London on September 22 for Paris, taking with them a diplomatic pouch. It seems that Moore was instrumental in having the enclosure, that had been in the envelope, sealed into that bag. Though the New York Times had doubted the outcome of the attempt to enter Paris, it turned out to be successful.

Turning now to the addressees of that envelope, Marcuard André & Cie., 31 rue de Lafayette, Paris, note first of all that the name is spelled "... & Co.", the American way of abbreviating "company," hence the mail was prepared by an American, not a Frenchman. More significant, however, is lot 1168 of the sale held by Jamet in June 1976, a sale consisting exclusively of 1870/71 material, part of the holdings of a well-known French collector. That lot consisted of 6 covers sent by the Paris company to a William Schall at London. In the order described, they are:

- a personally entrusted letter,
- a letter smuggled out by Barthé,
- a letter postmarked with the red PARIS SC,
- a letter sent by U. S. pouch No 11,
- an ordinary balloon letter.

Judging from one surviving enclosure, theirs was a thriving international bank and the messages concerned business during the War. Clearly, Marcuard used all available means to get word to London, having excellent connections in high places. Hence it is not surprising that their associates should do, and

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have done, the same.

It is not known whether Moore simply knew some of the principals or engaged in business with them as well. In any case, he appears to have accepted a Schall letter for transmission to Marcuard by pouch, a highly irregular procedure that became almost routine during the siege, at least for a small clique of insiders.

As was explained in the APC Yearbook 1976, p. 136, recognizing pouch letters INTO Paris presents problems, unless it is obvious from their texts or the names of the correspondents involved that the messages were sent by pouch. Here we clearly have another criterion—forwarding by an employee of the U. S. Legation, particularly on a date on which a pouch is known to have arrived. The letter was processed not far from the Arc de Triomphe, at the Avenue Josephine post office (N° 34) after the 5th clearing, i.e. after 4 PM. Thus the person at the Legation had had ample time for processing the pouch mail, which had arrived that Sunday morning, October 2, at Ambassador Washburne's temporary residence.

What had seemed to be a not too exciting cover on first glance turned out to be one of great postal historical interest upon closer study: It is the first and most direct evidence for non-diplomatic mail sent into besieged Paris, even if the contents have disappeared. It is not known whether other mail from this or other pouches into Paris was handled in the same manner. Perhaps we shall have an opportunity to look at other Paris-to-Paris covers from the siege period that give similar evidence.

Finally, those of you who have checked your calendars might have noted that Sunday, October 2, is the same day of the week in 1977 as it was in 1870. Yes, 1977/8 are identical with 1870/1, so hold on to your pocket calendars and similar handy items for postal history reference.

BALLON MONTE FORGERIES

To the Editor:

This is to warn collectors of 1870/71 postal history material that a series of forgeries has been turning up in recent European auctions.

The balloon edition of *La Cloche*, addressed to Moscow and "postmarked" with 3 Russian cachets, illustrated in color on the front of a French auction catalogue, was discovered to be a souvenir reprint of that paper, to which a genuine stamp had been affixed. All postmarks are fakes.

More recently, the same house offered a forged balloon letter, not illustrated, to Pointe à Pitre (Guadeloupe). It was presumably withdrawn before the sale.

One West German auctioneer had 15 lots, of which at least 14 were forgeries, i.e., genuine (unused) copies of the *Dépêche-Ballon* and genuine stamps (some genuinely canceled), plus lots of faked cancels. The fictitious lawyer, to whom all were addressed, moved around France with lightning speed, while his correspondent in cut-off Paris always knew exactly where to address him! There were a number of postmark bloopers, but some of the items to "M. Allais," if sold individually, might have aroused no suspicion whatever.

Another West German auctioneer offered seven 1870 balloon covers, of which he described one as being a forgery on a genuine *Gazette* No. 5. He was alert and honest. Will the buyer be, when he resells?

Yet a third West German auctioneer sold an old lemon that had been withdrawn from a Paris sale ten years earlier as a fake. In the same sale was one lot with two strikes of Paris (60), one used as a cancellation, which have

a questionable appearance and need to be studied in detail.

A report from Amphilex indicates that the above-mentioned lemon, a stampless franc-tireur cover from Paris with a red SC postmark of 5 October, was reoffered there. The dealer was informed of its character. He reported a few days later that a well-known specialist collector saw the item and, having been told about its history, personally declared it to be genuine and offered to buy it at a good price!!! If that sale was completed, the item will be back on the market sooner or later.

At the 1977 French national show at Annecy, a collection slated for the grand prix was thought to contain 8 to 10 forged balloon letters. The prize was refused and the collection withdrawn.

Caveat emptor!

Ernst M. Cohn, 20 June 1977

AMPHILEX 77

Dutch organization and hospitality showed themselves at their best for the successful AMPHILEX 77 which took place from May 26 to June 5th in Amsterdam. The RAI exhibition hall was laid out for exhibitors, dealers and public alike in an intelligent and practical way, allowing 20 to 25 feet wide aisles between booths and over 6 feet between rows of frames. Flower decorations were the epitome of the Dutch florists' art. Everywhere chairs and tables helped those who wanted to rest, to discuss, to exchange stamps or to have a snack at one of the five booths selling sandwiches, coffee and genever. A few information desks, a bank, tobacco stores, day-care center, 2 cafeterias, 2 restaurants, a dealer's cafe and 20 Post Office windows selling the special Amphilex issues completed this exhibition on 6½ acres of space all on one floor.

Other statistical information can be of interest: a total of over 4500 frames of 12 sheets each were on exhibit; of these, 340 were reserved for the Netherlands and colonies, 1380 for Europe, 680 for America, Africa, Asia and Australia, 705 for Postal History, 500 for Thematics, 425 for Aerophilately, 200 for youth, 50 for Postal Stationery, 60 Miscellaneous and 210 for the classes of Honor, Court of Honor and Jury. There were 224 Literature entries. Our member Theo Van Dam U. S. Commissioner for Amphilex was in charge of over 50 collections brought over from the United States, one of which, the Hawaii of T. Twigg-Smith of the Honolulu Advertiser won a Special Prize, equivalent to a Prix d'Honneur, together with R. H. Pratt (Newfoundland) and A. Salm (Thurn & Taxis).

The French section was undisputably one of the best in that show: 16 collections of France proper, one of Colonies (Gen. Iss.), 4 of balloons (Aerophilately) and 13 in Postal History. All collections were for the period 1849-96 (with the stampless in Postal History) except one, showing the overprints only on Semeuse and Merson.

Three collections were outstanding: **Mr. P. Foster** (France and French Postage Dues 1849-1876) who won the Grand National Prize at Arphila '75 had an exhibit quite different from 1975. It was composed mainly of covers with rare cancellations and/or unusual conveyances and excellent descriptions. Postage due covers (singles, pairs and blocs) had all the stamps of the 1859 issues. This was a lovely material exceptionally well presented in 10 frames. **Mr. Laroche** also in 10 frames has certainly a most expensive looking exhibit of the 1849-1870 period. All values were in large blocs sometimes repeated; noted a 60 stamps block of 40 cmes Ceres 1849 cancelled "gros points," 10 vermilions including a block of 4 (cancelled) plus 3 covers with vermillion

"terne" and all Bordeaux in panes of 15, except the 20 cmes Type I with only a block of four! Our member **Dr. J. Schatzkes** displayed a superb collection of French Maritime mail which was a real eye-opener to those who are interested in that specialty: all the "Paquebots de la Mediterranee" (1837-1869) including the double and triple cancellations due to the transshipment of mail (in 10 frames) and a complete series of shiplines cancellations (also in 10 frames). Those of our members who peruse the Salles Encyclopedia of Maritime Markings could find and appreciate there all the rarest cancels in existence and quite a few which do not figure in Salles' work.

An excellent presentation by **Mr. A. Nyman** showed the so-called "London Issues" of the 1849 Ceres in blocks together with a rare letter to Peru carrying 12-1Fr Ceres and 2-15 centimes stamps; five letters each with a Vermilion were also displayed. **Mr. E. M. de Bustamente** had all typical tête-bêches and a nice display of the Sage issues. **Mr. J. Blanc** presented a very good study of the Bordeaux issues in blocks, strips and on covers. **Mr. A. Malevergne** pre-cancelled collection of stamps on newspapers and posters included a study of the 1893 "roulettes" and showed also forerunners of pre-cancels: postage due stamps of the 1859 issues date-cancelled in sheets; when used, a second datemark was applied on the stamp stuck on a cover. Such usage is known to have been made in Lyon and Issudun.

Mr. Vermeer's very fine exhibit of General Colonies consisted mainly of cancelled stamps and some covers segregated by different colonies and all with very clean strikes.

In many instances, it is very difficult to determine what is postal history and what is not: the four exhibits in the Aerophilately class exhibiting Balloons could have been very well included in Postal History. Similarly a few Balloons exhibits in the Postal History belong rather to Aerophilately. Many exhibits classified by countries were certainly excellent material for Postal History. The FIP regulations regarding Postal History do not seem to be respected neither by the collectors nor by the Organizing Committees of International Exhibitions.

The French material in the Postal History section had 5 exhibits pertaining to the 1870-71 War with Germany (including the interesting collection of our members **Ruth and Gardner Brown**: Detoured Mail during the siege of Paris), 4 exhibits of stampless regional interest (Montbeliard, North of France, Pas-de-Calais and Paris), 4 pertaining to stampless Army cancellations and 4 displayed entry and maritime markings with a magnificent collection of Le Havre maritime mail by **Mr. R. Rousselin**.

A ballon-monté collection of A. Ph. Krijff was awarded a vermeil. Other French-related exhibits were Algeria 1790-1875 of M. Mayes, French Army in Spain 1700-1828 of M. Luratti, and Eofilatélie Francaise of M. Halstein.

In addition to the above, 2 of our members also participated at Amphilex: **Theo Van Dam** showed, in Postal History, his covers of the U. S. Expeditionary Forces 1917-1922 and **John Thomas**, our former recording secretary presented in the Thematics class his "World of Primitive Masks."

The majority of dealers present at Amphilex were from Holland, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Belgium and, it appeared that their business was brisk, judging by the crowds around their booths. More than 100,000 persons visited the show.

As an overall impression, Amphilex exhibits were of a very high quality* and in many instances of great interest. A surprising amount of XXth Century collections, particularly from behind the Iron Curtain received a very good recognition from the jury. European Nordic countries were, of course,

predominant with superb materials. South American, British Colonies collections were on view in large numbers. It is however to regret that so few collections of U. S. material were on view, especially since it was noted that more than half of those exhibited belong to European collectors.

Members of the France and Colonies Philatelic Society who have obtained awards at Amphilex:

- 1 Large Gold + 1 Gold Medal: Dr. J. Schatzkes
- 1 Vermeil Medal: Marc W. Martin
- 1 Silver Medal: R. & G. L. Brown, and Special Award—a wine goblet!
- 1 Silver Medal: Theo Van Dam
- 1 Bronze Medal: John Thomas
- 1 Silver-Bronze Medal: H. W. Van der Vlist

In Literature Class:

- 1 Vermeil: Ira Zweifach (for Collectors Club Phil.)
- 1 Silver-Bronze + 1 Bronze: Ernst M. Cohn

*However, several colleagues from France and U. S. expressed the view to me that exhibits at Amphilex were mediocre in general for an international—R.G.S.

THE PLATERS CORNER

(Under this heading from time to time we will have short reports on the work of plate-reconstruction specialists. These notes from the work of our members, their correspondence with specialists abroad, and articles in the French press are intended to inform general collectors of developments in these continuing studies.—R.G.S.)

25c 1871

“La Grande Tache de Juin”

Position 128D1—This spectacular break of the upper right corner is identified from June 1872. A replacement cliché was inserted, but the entire plate was retired from service a few months later.



The work of the late Pierre Germain is being continued by Lt. delaMetrie, publishing new information and identifications in France. In the Oct. 1976 issue of *Le Monde* he began a serial covering several lines of inquiry. For the record he reports the existence of two type III tete-beche pairs and four large blocks of type III, two pieces of 110 and 24 examples of the imperf. printing for Colonies, and a piece of 137 used and 59 mint of the perf. printing for France. While he continues in six installments to identify the plate flaws of the individual copies in this latter “bloc de Saint-Brieuc,” it is for the record and not to suggest that the plates of type III can be reconstructed. His suggestion as to the possible number of type II plates has touched off a flurry of debate on which we will report later.—J.E.L. (To be continued).

A NEW CLASSIFICATION OF GUADELOUPE DATE-POSTMARKS 1864-1966

By Robert G. Stone

Colonies specialists are generally familiar with the old (1927) work of Langlois et Bourselet on the French Colonial postmarks, in which were illustrated "types" of postmarks in many cases assigning capital letters (A, B, C, etc.) to each. In the course of time collectors have not found their scheme very satisfactory as many additional types and sub-types have been recognized, especially for the larger colonies. Revised or new classifications and more complete listings have been published for various colonies, including Guadeloupe, Martinique, St. Pierre-Miquelon, Reunion, Somali Coast, New Caledonia, Oceania, Guiana, and various West and Equatorial African colonies.

In the *Collectors Club Phil.* Nov. 1954-Jan. 1955 I published an elaborate study of the Guadeloupe postal markings, including a catalog, designating the types by letters of Langlois and Bourselet plus added letters for later types. It appeared then that there was considerable variety within the L & B types, which was generally noted in the descriptions of individual marks. Jean Wall, an assiduous student of French colonial postmarks, published in *Feuilles Marcophiles* #115 (Nov. 1958), a study of the Guadeloupe postmarks using a coded shorthand system of classification which he had devised for general use (discussed by Stone, *Fr. and Cols. Phil.* #101), and showing some additional types and details. His paper is very difficult to obtain and I have improvements and additions to make so a renewed attack on the subject seems warranted. In checking my voluminous Guadeloupe material and examining it more carefully than before, I found that Wall had lumped together a number of varieties that I believe deserve to be considered as separate types or at least distinct sub-types. As a result I have devised a new classification, simpler and easier to use I hope, in which Roman numerals designate the major types and capital letters the more significant sub-types. Wall did introduce one criterion which proves to be desirable—i.e., the number of dashes or pearls in the inner circles. He distinguished types on the basis of differences in diameter of as little as 1 mm. He did not however, measure his diameters very carefully, as I found that by measuring to the nearest $\frac{1}{2}$ mm many new sub-groups were revealed. Combining the diameter groups with those for the number of dashes or pearls forms the sub-structure of my new classification. It might not be entirely suitable for the marks of other colonies. The major types, as with L. & B. and Wall, are based on the number and style of rings. The type of font is diagnostic only for some sub-types, as all the dies issued after 1886 were in Gothic, all before in Roman.

Langlois and Bourselet and Wall tried to put the sequence of their major types in a chronological series roughly according to the year of their first introduction. This has a logical appeal but actually is not of much practical value for collectors, for several reasons:—the first year of introduction is not accurately known for all the types and sub-types, it bears no relation in many cases to the length of period of continued or sporadic use thereafter, the dates of supply of a given type to individual postoffices were erratic depending on their opening dates and needs, and several different types were at times being issued or used concurrently. Nevertheless, my first 5 major types are in a roughly chronological sequence as it is simple even if not strict, and does reveal a sort of evolution in the style of the marks over the years.

For more practical purposes one will want to look at or seek the actual dates of earliest and latest use of each mark at each postoffice (which is

what I attempted in my 1955 article). It would be of great interest and value if the types or styles of the marks were related to their functional purpose or use, or to the class of postoffice. But it is not until after 1950 that the new types begin to indicate the functional class of postoffice.

I have felt that some attention should be given to the style or form of the date blocks in the marks. Wall was of the opinion that the classification should ignore this aspect because the daters could be readily interchanged or replaced and were thus not unique to the type. My observation, however, is that for Guadeloupe at least, the style of the date blocks was fairly consistent for each type, especially as to the number of lines and presence or absence of the collection or dispatch number (*levée*). For some years after the first use of Gothic characters (1886?) one may find Gothic daters in older marks of Roman characters, or vice versa; also occasional variants such as sloping capitals in the month, mixed fonts, etc., are seen.

The presence or absence of fleurons or ornaments in the inscriptions (between words), does not seem to be of sufficient significance to serve as a basis for sub-types (with one exception), but I have noted them in the descriptions.

In 1967, the postmarks of Guadeloupe were generally revised in new types standardized for all overseas territories following the system used in France with postal-code numbers. These are described for Guadeloupe by Tristant in *La Philatélie Française* for March 1968, pp. 57-8. We do not include them here.

One of the games that cancel collectors enjoy is trying to find types for postoffices not previously reported or rare for that type. We cannot claim that our list of types for each office is complete nor that new sub-types will not be found. There are many details of use that have not been fully documented as yet, such as the exact periods of years in use, the colors of ink, the relative scarcities, etc. Wall attempted to assign a price to the marks, but my experience would often lead to quite different estimates. I have noted some cases as "rare." In general of course marks of all the smaller postoffices are less common; but few are really rare, except before 1885 or in certain types of mark. One can reasonably surmise that a very long period of exclusive use of one type of mark at a postoffice is indicative that its postal traffic was very small. It would be desirable to have a reliable rating of rarity of each mark of each office, on each issue or stamp, in each color of ink, etc.; that is a task for the future if not utopia. Guadeloupe material is sufficiently plentiful that this is perhaps not an impossible goal. For the 1860-92 period a good start has been made in my 1961 book on "French Colonies" and in the book "La Guadeloupe" by Dubus et al., though much of the scarcity ratings in the latter work are quite theoretical and to me unrealistic.

We would appreciate data from readers that could be used for future revisions and addenda.

Types of Guadeloupe Postmarks 1864-1966

- I. Double-ring, continuous outer ring, inner ring of pearls, 23-24 mm diam., date in three lines, Roman capitals, fleuron ornaments at sides between the town name and colony name, used regularly at all offices 1864-1881, occasionally at some offices to 1904. (Type E of Langlois and Bourselet). Larger offices had several dies differing slightly in spacing of letters and alignment of letters with the pearls, number of pearls, etc. Month in sloping caps.
- II. Double-ring, both rings continuous, mostly 22-25 mm diam., date in three lines, Roman or Gothic capitals, used 1881-ca. 1895 at most offices, at

some places to 1940 (Types F, I, K and L of Langlois and Bourselet).
Sub-Types:

A. Roman capitals, 22-25 mm diam., month in sloping caps. (The first dies issued 1881-83).



I



I



IIA



IIC



IIE



IIF



IIIA-1



IIID



IIIF



IIIG



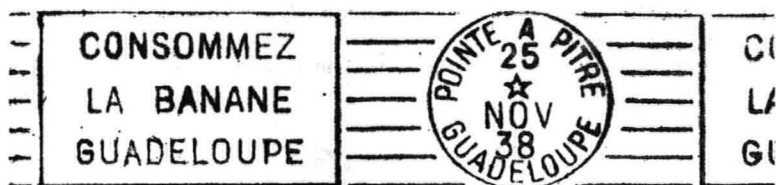
IIIH



IVA



IVC



IV D



V



VI

- B. Roman caps., ornaments in form of large dots.
- C. Gothic caps., 23-25 mm diam., (1890s-)
- D. Gothic caps., date with collection number (levée) (1887-)
- E. Gothic caps., 30 mm diam., date in one line, ornaments
- F. Gothic caps., inner ring a doublet, 27 mm diam., with collection no. (1908-9)

III. Double-ring, outer ring continuous, inner ring of dashes, date in three lines, Roman or Gothic capitals, issued first ca. 1885, used to ca. 1950s. (Includes types J and H of Langlois and Bourselet)

Sub-Types:—

- A. Inner ring 29-33 dashes, thick outer ring, 21-25 mm diam. Roman caps., to 1890s, month in sloping Roman caps., (spelling "Gouadeloupe"), 1885-1920s.
 - A-1. Like A but with fleuron ornaments.
- B. Inner ring 19-21 dashes, 22-23.5 mm diam (outer ring), Gothic caps.
- C. Inner ring 19-21 dashes, outer ring 22.5-23.5 mm diam., month in sloping caps., Gothic caps.
- D. Inner ring 19-21 dashes, outer ring 22.5-23.5 mm, star or dot ornaments, Gothic caps.
- E. Inner ring 12 dashes, outer ring 25-26 mm diam., Gothic caps.
- F. Inner ring 9-12 dashes, outer ring 24.5-26 mm diam., Gothic caps., dater with collection number.
- G. Inner ring 24 dashes, outer ring 24.5 mm diam., Gothic caps., dater with collection number.
- H. Inner ring 18-22 dashes, outer ring 24-26 mm diam., Gothic caps.
 - H-1. Like H but star ornaments, 24 mm diam.

IV. Single-ring continuous (no inner ring), date in either one or three lines, 23-30 mm diam., Gothic capitals, dater with or without number of collection, ca. 1936-1960s.

Sub-Types:

- A. 27-28 mm diam., 1938- , date in 3 lines.

- B. 29-30 mm diam., with ornaments, 1938- , date in one line.
- C. 29-30 mm diam., 1938- , date in one line.
- D. Machine canceller, circular postmarks in duplex with slogan box or flag, single ring 23-24.5 mm diam., 1936-41, occasional to 1970s.
- V. Single-ring of dashes, date in three lines, Gothic capitals, 27-28 mm diam., 1953- (without collection no.)
- VI. Double-ring, outer ring octagonal continuous, inner ring circular continuous, Roman capitals, fleurons, ca. 20 mm., 1865-1890s.

It will be noted in the alphabetical listing below that there was no particular consistency or pattern in the use of hyphens, abbreviations, or definite articles, but these are often diagnostic of particular types or sub-types. Accents on the "e"s (except in Type VI) and "a"s, nor cedillas under the "c"s, do not occur. A number of errors in spelling appeared which were soon corrected and are thus not common. Type III was in use a long time at many P.O.s and the larger offices generally had several variant dies of it differing in diameter, size and spacing of the letters. A number of small hamlets are listed in Langlois and Bourselet as having postoffices but no record of their postmarks has come to our attention—they may have been only telephone stations. Type V was presumably issued to all the lower-class offices by 1966. Type IIF is unique to Pointe-à-Pitre, a discovery which we made, not recorded elsewhere and noted only 1908-09 on several covers.

Whether the colony name was at top or bottom of the inscription was not considered in the classification (nor by Wall), as it does not correlate with other characteristics; the colony name will be found at top in Types I, IIA, IIB, IIIA, and at bottom in IIC-F, IIIB-G, IV, and V. It does not appear in VI and some other marks.

Alphabetical List of Postmarks with Postmark Types Recorded for Each

- | | |
|---|--|
| Abymes — I, IIA, IIIA, IIID, IIH, IVA, (V?) | Corr. D'Armees Basse Terre — VI |
| Anse-Bertrand — I, IIIB, IIID (mo. in sloping caps), IIH, V | Corr. D'Armées Basse-Terre — VI |
| Anse Bertrand — IIA | Corr. D'Arm. Basse-Terre — VI |
| Baie-Mahault — I, IIA, IIIA, IIH, (V?) | Corr. D'Armees Gd Bourg— VI (rare) |
| Baillif — I, IIA, (V?) | Corr. D'Armées Pte A Pitre — VI |
| Bananier — IIH, V | Cor. D'Armées Pte-A-Pitre — VI |
| Basse-Terre — I, IID, IIIB, IIID, IIF, IIIG, IIH, IVA, IVB, IVC | Cor. D'Armees Pointe-A-Pitre — I |
| Basse Terre — IIB, IIH, IVD | Corr. D'Arm. Pointe A Pitre — VI |
| Basse-Terre R. P. — IVA | Cor. D'Armées Saint-Claude— I (rare) |
| Bouillante — IIA, IIC, IIIB, IIH, V | (no fleuron, date in Roman) |
| Canal(?) — (I) | Corr. D'Arm. Saintes — VI (rare) |
| Caesterre — I, IIA, IIC, IIIB, IIID, IIH, IVA, IVC | Corr. D'Armees Saintes — VI (rare) |
| Caesterre(G.P.) — IIA, IIB?, IIIA-1 | Cor. D'Armées Saintes T.D.H. — VI (rare) |
| Caesterre (Bourg) — IIID | |
| Caesterre (Marie Galante) — IIID, IIH, (V?) | Deshaies — I (rare), IIA (rare), IIH, (V?) |
| Caesterre M.G. — I, IIA | Desirade — I (rare), IIIA, IIIB, (V?) |
| Caesterre St. Sauveur — IIID (rare) | Direction Basse Terre — IVA |
| Confce Des Indes Occlles Basse-Terre — IVA (rare) | Direction des Postes — IIE |
| | Dole — IIH, (V?) |
| | Gosier — I, IIA, IIC, IIID, IIH, (2 types), (V?) |
| | Gourbeyre — I, IIA, IIIA, IIIB, IIH, IVA, (V?) |

Goyave— I, IIIA, IIID, IIH (2 types),
 V
 Grand-Bourg — IIID, IIH, IVA, IVB
 Grand Bourg — IIA
 Gd.-Bourg — IIIB
 Grand-Bourg (M. Gte.) — IIA
 Grand-Bourg (Mie. Gte.) — IIIA
 Grand-Bourg (M.G.) — I
 Gd.-Bourg M.G. — I
 La Boucan — IIH, V (mo. in sloping
 caps in IIH)
 La Desirade — IIH, (V?)
 La Lezarde — IIH, (V?)
 Lamentin — I, IIA, IIIB, IIH (2
 types)
 Le Baillif — IIIA, (V?)
 Le Moule — IIIE, IVA
 Les Mangles — IIH, V
 Les Maugles (error of sp.) — IIH
 Marie-Galante — I (rare)
 Marigot — IIC, IIH, V
 Morne-A-L'Eau — I, IIA, IIIA-1,
 IIIB, IIID, IIH (2 types), IVA
 Morne-a-L'Eau — IIID, IIH (small
 cap. "A")
 Moule — I, IIA, IIIA, IIID, IIH, (2
 types), IVC
 Paq. Ang. Basse-Terre-Guade. — I
 Paq. Ang. Pointe A Pitre Guade — I
 Paq. Fr. Basse-Terre-Guadele. — I
 Paq. Fr. Pointe-A-Pitre-Guade. — I
 Petit-Bourg — I, IIIA, IIIB, IVA
 Petit Bourg — I, IIA, IIH
 Petit-Canal — I, IIID, IIH, V
 Petit Canal— IIA, IIID
 Pigeon — IIH, V
 Pointe-A-Pitre—I, IIA, IIID, IIF (rare)
 IIIA-1, IIIB, IIC, IIID (2 types),
 IIF (3 types), IIIG, IVA (2
 types)
 Pointe A Pitre — IIF, IIIG, IIH (3
 types), IVC, IVD
 Pointe-a-Pitre — IIH (3 types), IVB
 (small cap "A")
 Pointe a Pitre — IIIB, IIH (3 types),
 IVC (small cap "A")
 Pte A Pitre R. P. — IIH
 * R.P. * Pointe A Pitre — IIH
 Pointe-Noire — I, IIID, IVA, (V?)
 Pointe Noire — IIH
 Port-Louis — I, IIIB, IIC, IIID,
 IIH, IVA
 Port Louis — IIA
 Sainte-Anne — IIA, IIIA, IIH, IVA

(Sainte Anne — IIA?)
 Ste (te raised) Anne — I
 Ste-Anne — IIC
 Saint-Barthelemy — IIH, IVA
 St (t raised) Barthelemy — I (rare),
 IIID (mo. in sloping Roman
 caps)
 St Barthelemy — IIID
 Saint Barthelemy — IIA (outer circle
 often mostly worn off)
 Saint-Claude — IIA, IIIA, IVA
 St Claude — I, IIIB
 St-Claud — IIIB, IVA? (error?)
 Ste Claude — I (error)
 Saintes — I (rare)
 Saintes Terre De Mas — IIID
 Saintes T.D.B. — I
 Saintes (T De B) — IIA
 Saintes Terre De Bas — IIID
 Saintes T.D.H. — I
 Saintes (T de H) — IIA
 Saint-Francois — IIH, IVA
 Saint Francois — IIA, IIIA
 St-Francois — IIID (2 types)
 St (t raised) Francois — I, IIID?
 Saint Louis — IIH, (V?)
 St-Louis — IIID
 St Louis M. G. — I (rare)
 Saint-Louis-Marie-Galante — IIH
 Sainte-Marie — IIH, V
 Saint-Martin — IIH, IVA
 Saint Martin — I, IIA, IIH
 St (dash under t) Martin — IVD
 St (t raised) Martin — IVD
 St Martin — IIID
 Sainte-Rose — I, IIH, IVA
 Sainte Rose — IIA
 Saint-Rose (error) — IIH
 Ste Rose — I
 Ste Rose La B. — I (rare)
 Ste Rose (La Boucan) — IIA
 Saint-Sauveur — IIH (rare)
 St Sauveur-Cap — IIIA (rare)
 Terre de Bas — IIH (small cap "DE")
 Terre De Bas — IIIE
 Terre de Haut — IIH (small cap
 "DE")
 Trois-Rivieres — I, IIID, IIH, IVA
 Trois Rivières — IIA, IIB, IIIA
 Vieux-Fort — I
 Vieux Fort — IIA
 Vieux-Port (error) — IIH
 Vieux Habitans — I (very rare)
 Vieux-Habitants — IIIA-1, IIH, IVA
 Vieux Habitants — IIH

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS



On 2 July the 1.25F Rattachement de la Bourgogne was issued; on 9 July the 1.90 Cathédrale de Bayeux; on 16 July the 1.45 Collégiale du Dorat; on 23 July the 2.00 Andorre Retable de Sant Roma.

In Sept. were scheduled: on the 12th the 0.80 Cigale rouge; on the 19th the 3.00 work of Trémois and 1.40 Tour Abbatale de St. Amand les Eaux; on 26th for Andorre the 1.10 Le Conseil Générale and 2.00 Guillerme d'Aremy Plandolit.

In October are scheduled: 1st the 1.40 Meilleurs Ouvriers de France and 1.25 Abbaye de Premontres, on 10th Ed. Herriot, on the 15th the 1.00 + 0.20 1877 Abbé Breuil 1961, on 22nd the Conseil Economique Social 1947-77. (See July FCP for plans of Nov.-Dec. issues, but the dates for some are now definite: Rubens 7 Nov., G. de Machault 14 Nov., Red Cross 28 Nov.)

On 2 June the Secrétariat d'Etat for P & T, announced that the subject for the regular issue (usage courant) series to replace the Bequets had been chosen. It is the head of a woman taken from the famous 1799 painting of David in the Louvre: "L'Enlèvement des Sabines" (Rape of the Sabines). The die will be engraved by Gandon and the printing will be in recess. The phosphor bands will be printed on the two side margins. There will be about 12 denominations in order to cover all the usual frankings. The figure whose head is to be copied stands in the center of the painting which shows the fight between the Romans and the Sabines. This new "Marianne de David" does not convey the same symbology/mythology as the previous Mariannes on stamps. The expression of the face of the woman is to demand that the soldiers cease the senseless combat that is not sparing the Sabine women and children (—Sabine women were very attractive to Romans). She is beautiful, healthy, and determined. The first reactions in French philatelic circles were uncertain. No date for the first issue in the new design has been announced, but it is expected later this year and will not wait for a change in postal rates.

Also on 2 June the Secrétariat d'Etat for P et T announced the first part of the 1978 stamp program:—

Stamps with Surtax:

Journée du Timbre

Red Cross (2)

Celebrated persons: Georges Bernanos and Léon Tolstoi

Stamps without Surtax:

A mediaeval miniature related to music c(2)

Original "créations philatéliques" (2): one by Bernard Buffet and one by Yves Brayer

Europa (2): Monuments, an ancient and a modern fountain

Touristic: Pont Neuf at Paris, and Gorges de Verdon

Commemoratives: (7)

A national park

50th Anniv. of the stadium Roland Garros

Expo "Métiers D'Art"

Congrès Fédération des Sociétés Phil.

Juvenxiort

Imprimerie Nationale

Championnats du Monde Gymnastique Artistique, Strasbourg

Precancels: 4 additions to the Zodiac series.

On 16 May a new French registry-fee schedule was introduced, varying in 4 steps according to the value insured for: 5, 5.50, 6.50, and 7.50F.

The PT has finally after years of excuses and studying "technical problems" decided it can just as well live with the flammes at left of the date mark, and so as of 1 Jan. 1978 will stop issuing new flammes of Type I with flamme at right.

The Cheminots Philatélistes society in France has informed its members that the souvenirs for the so-called last trip of the Orient Express (see FCP #169, p. 63) are misleading, because the Express will continue to run as far as Budapest but without any mail car or ambulant cancel. The mail for Istanbul will be forwarded from Budapest by air.

In FCP #169 (July) p. 64 the report by De Lizeray that the RGR-1 was not used after early 1976 apparently requires some qualification; our member Stan Luft indicates the 1.00 Bequet was printed from Jan. 1977 on with the RGR-1 coin daté.

The two "essay" drawings allegedly by J. J. Barre, from the Burrus collection, which were offered again recently by Stamps Information Associates, are the subject of comment by member Barbara Mueller in Essay-Proof Jn. #134, 1977, pp. 51-56; she concludes they were expressly made for Burrus as collateral material. Other drawings of Greek "essays" signed by A. Barre were also in the Burrus collection. But the fantastically ornate Victorian style of the alleged J. J. Barre drawings is hardly what one would expect from him—a classicist if there ever was one. They must have been drawn by somebody else, and long after Barre's death.

Member John Alden has been watching New Hebrides very carefully of late, after various previous NH goofs in the designs of their stamps. The French administration announced that the issue of 29 June 1976 for the French version of the First Representative Assembly was at first (in 1975) printed with legends which omitted the names of the two towns (Santo and Port Vila) that appeared properly on the British version. When the error was discovered the administration said that the French printing was withdrawn before sale and that after some delay a revised version bearing Luganville (=Santo) and Port Vila names would appear, which did finally come out in June 1976. Alden, however, discovered that the erroneous version has been surreptitiously released and that the coins datés on the corrected version are the same (Jan. and Nov. 1975) as on the erroneous one! So what really happened? Alden speculates that the designer had misread the original instructions, and by the time the error was discovered the printing had already been run. Thus there was no reason for the delay in release of the erroneous version other than the embarrassment of the administration. The Crown Agents (StanGib) must have dallied for months over the decision to release them anyway rather than destroy them (and lose all that money!). The N.H. P.O. does not know who made

the decision. Alden has published his observations on this affair in *Stamp Collecting* for 28 July 1977.

Jean-Francois Brun writing in *Le Monde* for July-Aug. calls attention to the existence of some sketches of Semeuse (sower) designs attributed to Roty but falsely signed and expertized, variously dated in 1889 and 1906. The style is very unlike Roty's. The fakes originated in Great Britain and have been circulating in France for several years now.

The top awards (Golds) at the Annécy Congrès of the Federation of French Philatelic Societies this year, included only two classic exhibits (by W. Pursch and J. Blanc)—others were specialized: covers showing various rates since 1849, Alsace-Lorraine, booklets of France, French entires, disinfected mail, the telephone (thematic), the evolution of the idea of Europe in the 20th Cent. (thematic).

The vote of the readers of *Il Collezionista* on the most beautiful stamp of 1976 went to Andreotti's Jouvarouen stamp—in recent years French stamps have been far down the list in the *Il C.* contests (17th to 59th place, e.g.).

New Hebrides stamps have for years been denominated in terms of Gold francs but now they will be issued in New Hebrides francs—first by means of surcharges (June 1977).

The Fromageat Bordeaux-collection sale by Robineau, the sale event of the year in Paris—brought record prices, especially for covers, but even imperfect stamps (rare ones) brought high prices. Covers (all prices +16% tax):—strip of 5 of 2c Rept. 1 + 10c—36,050F; 4c Rept. 1 #37 and #39—15,000F; 20c Type I—3,300F; block #27 + strip of 3 of 1c—55,000F; pair + strip of 3 of 20c Type I—55,000F (10X what it brought in the Gill-Burrus sale); Boule de Moulins with 5 of the 20c Type 2—15,500F (brought 3,500F in the Antonini sale).

Afars and Issas Territory is no more, and up with the Republic of Djibouti. They have already overprinted the 12 regular issue stamps of A. & I. with "Djibouti" (shades of 1894!) and also the recent commemoratives for Edison, motor-cycle racing, and the air terminal.

Our charter member/photographer Adrien Boutrelle recently returned from a visit to his old-country relatives and friends in France, his first in 55 years. "Boy, quite a reception," he says, and plans to go back next year! So that's what he has been saving his Parisian French for all these years.

Member Ernst Cohn is still on his medal-collecting binge—at STAMPEX (England) last summer he copped a large gold and a large silver (1870-71 stuff of course).

One of our newest members, Frank Del Ponte, informs us of his discovery of an error of printing on some of the 0.50 Raimu stamps (Sc. 1001, Yv 1305) in which the background buildings surrounding the head of Caesar are missing. This is a type of defect which is frequently reported on some recess-printed stamps from the 3 and 6-color presses. It could be due to the ink roller being incorrectly cut on one or more clichés, or to failure to fill the ink well for one of the colors. As these varieties are not usually constant, the catalogs do not list them. However, Dr. Rouques in his columns in *Le Monde* and *L'Echo* has discussed some of them in relation to particular printings (coins dates).

Anyone interested in a source for French postal history covers should note the ads of Gary Hendershott in *Stamps and Linn's*; he informs us that he has thousands in stock, of the desirable type (he has been collecting French postal history since he was a kid); also FDCs, FM cards, colonies covers. Address: P. O. Drawer 17428, Austin, Texas 78760.

The Regular Issues of France Since 1876

By Stanley J. Luft (#915)

(Cont. from FCP #168, p. 48)

1F values

The 1F Savoie (Sc 618, Yv 836) replaced the 1F Cérès de Mazelin (Sc 532, Yv 676) in May 1949.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 1 Oct. 1945):

#Newspapers, from 50 to 100 gm, individual rate;

#Newspapers, from 300 to 400 gm, bulk rate;

Complementary value.

Additional usage (from 6 Jan. 1949 to 1 May 1951):

Printed matted for the blind, per 1000 gm (domestic and foreign).

Printed from 3 plates between 13 April 1949 and 13 April 1951, issued 11 May 1949-1951; about 94 million stamps printed.

Replaced by the 1F Béarn (Sc, Vy 901) in June 1951.

Printed from 2 plates between 16 May 1951 and 27 Feb. 1953, issued 25 June 1951-1953; 87.33 million stamps printed.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 8 Dec. 1951):

Newspapers, to 60 gm, non-bulk rate;

Newspapers, from 100 to 150 gm, bulk rate;

Newspapers, from 300 to 400 gm, bulk rate within Department of origin;

Newspapers, increments of 50 gm between 100 and 200 gm—and increments of 100 gm above first 200 gm—individual rate;

Complementary value.

Replaced by the 1F poitou (Sc 697, Yv 952) in July 1953.

Printed from 1 plate between 26 June 1953 and 17 May 1954, issued 23 July 1953-19 Feb. 1955; 53.45 million stamps printed.

Replaced by the 1F Bourbonnais (Sc 736, Yv 1002) beginning in Nov. 1954.

Printed from 1 plate between 8 Sept. 1954 and 13 Sept. 1955, issued 3 Nov. 1954-17 March 1956; 40.06 million stamps printed.

Replaced by the 1F Comtat Venaissin (Sc 785, Yv 1047) beginning in Nov. 1955

Printed from 2 plates between 6 Oct. 1955 and 29 Aug. 1958, issued 19-21 Nov. 1955-29 Nov. 1958; about 102 million stamps printed.

Replaced by the 1F Bordeaux (Sc 899, Yv 1183) in Nov. 1958.

Printed from 1 plate, 10 Sept.-6 Oct. 1958, issued 15-17 Nov. 1958-11 April (or Aug.) 1959; about 92.5 million stamps printed.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 6 Jan. 1959):

Newspapers, from 60 to 100 gm, bulk rate;

Newspapers, from 200 to 300 gm, bulk rate within Department of origin;

Newspapers, from 100 to 150 gm, non-bulk rate within Department of origin.

Suppressed 11 April (or Aug.) 1959.

2F values

The 2F Auvergne (Sc 619, Yv 837) replaced the 2F Cérès de Mazelin (Sc 536A, Yv 680) in May 1949. Served as a complementary value.

Printed from 2 plates between 22 March and 13 April 1951, issued 11 May 1949-13 Oct.? 1951; 64.00 million stamps printed.

Replaced by the 2F Touraine (Sc 662, Yv 902) beginning in June 1951.

Printed from 2 plates between 26 April 1951 and 30 May 1953, issued 25 June 1951-1953; 103.34 million stamps printed.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 8 Dec. 1951):

#Newspapers and magazines, to 100 gm, individual rate;

#Newspapers, from 300 to 400 gm, bulk rate.

Replaced by the 2F Champagne (Sc 698, Yv 953) in July 1953.

Printed from 1 plate between 6 July 1953 and 19 Oct. 1954, issued 23 July 1953-19 Feb. 1955; 72.98 million stamps printed.

Replaced by the 2F Angoumois (Sc 738, Yv 1003) beginning in Nov. 1954.

Printed from 5 plates between 10 Sept. 1954 and 23 Sept. 1958, issued 3 or 15 Nov. 1954-29 Nov. 1958; about 273 million stamps printed.

Replaced by the 2F Nice (Sc 900, Yv 1184) in Nov. 1958.

Printed from 1 plate between 9 Oct. and 10 Nov. 1958, issued 15-17 Nov. 1958; about 42 million stamps printed.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 6 Jan. 1959):

Newspapers, from 200 to 300 gm, bulk rate;

Newspapers, from 100 to 150 gm, non-bulk rate.

Suppressed 11 April 1959.

3F values

The 3F Franche-Comté (Sc 663, Yv 903) was issued 25 June 1951.

Usage (Tariff of 1 May 1951):

Newspapers, per 50 gm, mailed by publisher (foreign);

Printed matter for the blind, per 1000 gm (domestic and foreign) (until 5 Jan. 1959).

Printed from 1 plate between 24 April and 29 Oct. 1951, issued 25 June 1951-1953; 59.47 million stamps printed.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 8 Dec. 1951):

Newspapers and magazines, from 100 to 150 gm, individual rate.

Replaced by the 3F Dauphiné (Sc 699, Yv 954) in July 1953.

Printed from 1 plate between 9 July 1953 and 14 Sept. 1954, issued 23 July 1953-19 Feb. 1955; 39.00 million stamps printed.

Replaced by the 3F Aunis (Sc 738, Yv 1004) beginning in Nov. 1954.

Printed from 3 plates between 17 Sept. 1954 and 10 Sept. 1958, issued 3 or 15 Nov. 1954-29 Nov. 1958; about 131 million stamps printed.

Replaced by the 3F Nantes (Sc 901, Yv 1185) in Nov. 1958.

Printed from 1 plate between 5 Nov. and 2 Dec. 1958, issued 15-17 Nov. 1958; about 35.5 million stamps printed.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 6 Jan. 1959):

Newspapers, from 400 to 500 gm, bulk rate.

Suppressed 11 April 1959.

4F value

The 4F Anjou (Sc 620, Yv 838) replaced the 4F brownish orange Marianne de Gandon (Sc 597, Yv 808) in May 1949.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 6 Jan. 1949):

*#Printed matter, to 20 gm, special bulk rate.

Ordinary adhesive stamps printed from 2 plates between 31 March and 10 Oct. 1949, issued 11 May 1949-Spring? 1951; about 36 million stamps printed; remainders from 2nd plate precancelled by flat plate (not common) in 1951. Rotary-plate precancels (Yv Préo 105) printed from 2nd plate and 3 later ones between 16 May 1949 and 24 Nov. 1953, issued June 1949-Feb. 1954.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 8 Dec. 1951):

Newspapers and magazines, from 150 to 200 gm, individual rate.
Precancels replaced by the 4F Paysanne (Sc 707, Yv Préo 106) 7 Feb. 1954.

5F values

The 5F Saintonge (Sc 739, Yv 1005) replaced the 5F dull violet Marianne de Gandon (Sc 650, Yv 883) in Nov. 1954.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 8 Dec. 1951):

*Printed matter, to 20 gm;

*Letters and packets, to 20 gm, to military personnel in the field;
Newspapers and magazines, from 200 to 300 gm, individual rate;
Complementary value.

Printed from 13 plates between 30 July 1954 and 15 Sept. 1958, issued 3 or 15 Nov. 1954-29 Nov. 1958; about 1,105 million stamps printed.

Replaced by the 5F Lille (Sc 902, Yv 1186) in late 1958.

Printed from 4 plates between 22 Aug. 1958 and 13 Nov. 1959, issued 18 Nov. 1958-18 Feb. 1961; about 473 million stamps printed.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 6 Jan. 1959):

*Newspapers and magazines, per 100 gm, individual rate.

Foreign usage (Tariff of 6 Jan. 1959):

Newspapers and magazines, increments of 50 gm above first 50 gm.
Replaced by the 0.05 Lille (Sc 938, Yv 1230) beginning 2 Jan. 1960.

15F value

The 15F Alger (Sc 903, Yv 1195) was issued 7 March 1959.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 6 Jan. 1959):

Postal cards and greeting cards "of 5 words";

Newspapers and magazines, from 200 to 300 gm, individual rate.

Foreign usage (Tariff of 6 Jan. 1959):

Newspapers and magazines, from 50 to 100 gm;

Books and pamphlets, from 50 to 100 gm.

Printed from 1 plate between 17 Feb. and 12 Oct. 1959, issued 9 March 1959-18 Feb. 1961; about 96.5 million stamps printed.

Replaced by the 0.15 Alger (Sc 940, Yv 1232) beginning 2 Jan. 1960.

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Interlude IV. Commemorative stamps of 1952-1957

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5F value

757	1012	Philippe Le Bon	7 March-18 June 1955	2.50
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Domestic usage (Tariff of 8 Dec. 1951):

Printed matter, to 20 gm;

Letters and packets, to 20 gm, to military personnel in the field;
 Newspapers and magazines, from 200 to 300 gm, individual rate;
 Complementary value.

8F values

692	942	Gen. Leclerc	15 June 1953-Jan. 1954	2.54
811	1082	Petrarch	12 Nov. 1956-20 April 1957	2.50
821	1095	Gaston Planté	15 April-6 July 1957	2.50
826	1100	Jean Moulin	20 May-14 Sept. 1957	2.57

Domestic usage (Tariff of 8 Dec. 1951):

*Postal cards and visiting cards "of 5 words."

Foreign usage (Tariff of 1 July 1957):

*Postal cards and visiting cards "of 5 words";

Printed matter, per 50 gm;

Newspapers, magazines, and books, from 50 to 100 gm.

10F values

758	1013	B. Thimonnier	7 March-18 June 1955	2.50
827	1101	d'Estienne d'Orves	20 May-14 Sept. 1957	2.57

Domestic usage (Tariff of 8 Dec. 1951):

Printed matter, from 20 to 50 gm;

Printed matter, to 20 gm, "urgent" (fast service);

Letters and packets, from 20 to 50 gm, to military personnel in the field.

Usage (Tariff of 1 July 1957):

Complementary value.

12F values

676	921	Porte de France, Vaucouleurs	12 May-Dec. 1952	2.8325
685	936	Laennec	8 Nov. 1952-21 March 1953	2.825
692A	984	Gen. Leclerc	14 June-6 Nov. 1954	3.085
693	955	Tour de France	27 July 1953-Jan. 1954	3.075
717	982	Marl. de Lattre	8 June-6 Nov. 1954	3.08
725	985	Abbey of Jumièges	14 June-6 Nov. 1954	2.97
730	997	Legion of Honor	16 Aug. 1954-19 Feb. 1955	3.00
740	1008	Saint-Simon	7 Feb.-21 May 1955	2.50
759	1014	Nicolas Appert	7 March-18 June 1955	2.50
763	1019	Limoges	28 March-20 August 1955	2.54
765	1021	Florian	4 April-20 August 1955	2.545
767	1023	Concentration camps	25 April-20 August 1955	2.50
768	1024	Valenciennes-Thionville line	12 May-17 Oct. 1955	2.50
769	1025	Jacquemort of Moulins	31 May-17 Oct. 1955	2.60
772	1034	Jacques Coeur	20 June-17 Oct. 1955	2.535
781	1043	Gérard de Nerval	14 Nov. 1955-24 March 1956	2.50
790	1055	Jean Fabre	9 April-21 July 1956	2.30
794	1059	Grand Trianon	16 April-22 Sept. 1956	2.80
796	1061	Reims and Florence	7 May-22 Sept. 1956	2.55
797	1062	Knights of Malta	14 May-22 Sept. 1956	2.45
800	1065	Monceau-les-Mines	4 June-22 Sept. 1956	2.73
807	1078	Dam at Donzère	8 Oct. 1956-23 Feb. 1957	2.59
810	1081	Parmentier	29 Oct. 1956-23 Feb. 1957	2.60
812	1083	Lully	12 Nov. 1956-20 April 1957	2.50

822	1096	Antoine Bécère	15 April-6 July 1957	2.50
825	1099	Uzès Chateau	29 April-14 Sept. 1957	2.98
828	1102	Robert Keller	20 May-14 Sept. 1957	2.57
832	1107	Cour des Comptes	3 June-10 Dec. 1957	2.80

Domestic usage (Tariff of 8 Dec. 1951):

*Postal cards;

Invoices (unsealed), to 20 gm.

Foreign usage (Tariff of 1 May 1951):

Printed matter, from 50 to 100 gm;

Postal cards to Canada and Luxembourg, and to nearby areas of Belgium, Spain, and Switzerland.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 1 July 1957):

Postal cards and unsealed visiting cards, "of 5 words";

Printed matter, from 20 to 50 gm;

Airmailed printed matter and samples, to 20 gm, to French North Africa.

Foreign usage (Tariff of 1 July 1957):

Newspapers, magazines, and books, from 100 gm to 150 gm.

15F values

675	920	Marl. de Lattre	8 May-Dec. 1952	5.12
681	926	Abbey of the Holy Cross	23 June-Dec. 1952	4.48
683	928	Garabit Viaduct	7 July-13 Dec. 1952	4.08
684	927	Médaille Militaire	7 July-13 Dec. 1952	4.505
716	975	Foire de Paris	24 May-25 Sept. 1954	3.88
718	983	10th Anniv. of Liberation	8 June-6 Nov. 1954	5.215
727	987	Stenay	28 June-J Nov. 1954	3.81
731	996	St.-Cyr	2 Aug. 1954-19 Feb. 1955	3.35
766	1022	Television	18 April-20 Aug. 1955	3.50
786	1050	Monument at Natzwiller Camp	16 Jan.-12 May 1956	2.60
787	1051	Belfry at Douai	13 Feb.-21 July 1956	3.00
788	1052	Col. Driant	22 Feb.-21 July 1956	3.13
791	1056	Charles Tellier	9 April-21 July 1956	2.30
798	1063	St.-Yves de Treguier	22 May-22 Sept. 1956	2.90
805	1076	EUROPA	15 Sept. 1956-14 Sept. 1957	43.525
813	1084	Rousseau	12 Nov. 1956-20 April 1957	2.50
818	1091	Pigeon	14 Jan.-22 June 1957	4.55

Domestic usage (Tariff of 8 Dec. 1951):

*Letters, to 20 gm;

Printed matter and samples, from 50 to 100 gm.

Usage (Tariff of 1 July 1957):

Postal cards (domestic, and to Morocco and Tunisia);

Parcels to military personnel in the field, to 100 gm.

18F values

686	939	Gate of Versailles	22 Dec. 1952-Jan. 1954	2.5975
728	988	id.	12 July 1954-19 Feb. 1955	2.515
729	995	Chateau de Villandry	19 July 1954-19 Feb. 1955	2.385
760	1015	St.-Claire Deville	7 March-18 June 1955	2.50
792	1057	Camille Flammarion	9 April-21 July 1956	2.30
808	1079	Aiguille du Midi	8 Oct. 1956-23 Feb. 1957	2.59 ?
814	1085	Franklin	12 Nov. 1956-20 April 1957	2.50
819	1092	Victor Schoelcher	18 Feb.-22 June 1957	2.645

823	1097	Octave Terillon	15 April-6 July 1957	2.50
829	1103	Pierre Brossolette	20 May-14 Sept. 1957	2.57

Foreign usage (Tariff of 1 May 1951):

*Postal cards;

Letters, from 20 to 40 gm, to Canada and Luxembourg, and to nearby areas of Belgium, Spain, and Switzerland;

Printed matter and samples, from 100 to 150 gm.

Usage (Tariff of 1 July 1957):

Invoices (unsealed), to 20 gm (domestic);

Airmailed postal cards and visiting cards, "of 5 words", to French North Africa, Libya, and Egypt.

20F values

815	1086	Chopin	12 Nov. 1956-20 April 1957	2.50
830	1104	J.-B. Lebas	20 May-14 Sept. 1957	2.57

Used mainly as supplementary values.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 1 July 1957):

Letters, to 20 gm (incl. Belgium, Italy, and San Marino);

Airmailed postal cards and visiting cards, "of 5 words," to French North Africa;

Printed matter, from 50 to 100 gm.

Foreign usage (Tariff of 1 July 1957):

Postal cards;

Letters, to 20 gm, to Canada and Luxembourg, and to nearby areas of Spain and Switzerland;

Newspapers, magazines, and books, from 200 to 250 gm;

Airmailed printed matter and samples, from 20 to 40 gm, within Europe and to Turkey.

25F value

761	1016	Pierre Martin	7 March-18 June 1955	2.50
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Domestic usage (Tariff of 8 Dec. 1951):

Letters, from 20 to 50 gm;

Registry fee, for other than letters and parcels.

30F values

677	922	Battle of Narvik	29 May-Dec. 1952	2.49
679	923	Council of Europe	3 June-Dec. 1952	2.155
680	925	Bir-Hakeim	16 June-Dec. 1952	2.02
682	929	Leonardo da Vinci	10 July-13 Dec. 1952	2.258
726	986	Center for Roman Studies	21 June-6 Nov. 1954	2.45
732	998	Metric System	5 Oct. 1954-19 Feb. 1955	1.80
741	1009	Rotary International	24 Feb.-9 July 1955	2.50
762	1017	Bernigaud de Chardonnet	7 March-18 June 1955	2.50
770	1026	Jules Verne	4 June-17 Oct. 1955	2.20
771	1033	Brothers Lumière	14 June-17 Oct. 1955	2.20
773	1035	"La Capricieuse"	9 July-10 Dec. 1955	2.20
789	1053	Battle of Verdun	5 March-21 July 1956	2.35
793	1058	Paul Sabatier	9 April-21 July 1956	2.30
795	1060	France and Latin America	23 April-22 Sept. 1956	2.075
799	1064	Franchet d'Esperey	28 May-22 Sept. 1956	2.20
806	1077	EUROPA	15 Sept. 1956-14 Sept. 1957	13.31

809	1080	Port of Strasbourg	8 Oct. 1956-23 Feb. 1957	2.20
816	1087	van Gogh	12 Nov. 1956-20 April 1957	2.50
817	1088	Pierre de Coubertin	26 Nov. 1956-20 April 1957	2.50
820	1094	Sèvres Porcelain	25 March-6 July 1957	2.595
824	1098	Etienne Oemichen	15 April-6 July 1957	2.50
835	1114	Public Works	22 June-12 Oct. 1957	2.32

Foreign usage (Tariff of 1 May 1951):

*Letters, to 20 gm;

Letters, from 20 to 40 gm, to Canada and Luxembourg, and to nearby areas of Belgium, Spain, and Switzerland;

Printed matter, from 200 to 250 gm.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 8 Dec. 1951):

Printed matter, from 100 to 300 gm;

Registered printed matter, to 20 gm;

Letters and parcels, from 100 to 1000 gm, to military personnel in the field.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 1 July 1957):

Parcels, from 100 to 1000 gm, to military personnel in the field.

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"Notices" of the P.T.T. on new issues.

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MEMBERS APPEALS

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OFFER: FCPS has acquired a small supply of Dr. Grasset's book on French postal forgeries (reviewed in April FCP), which are available at \$6.50 each from John Lievsay, 245 Park Ave., 36th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10017.

WANTED: On the Marianne de Dulac (Sc. 505-523A, Yv. 682-701) and the Arc de Triomphe (Sc 2N1-2N20, Yv 620-629, 702-11) issues, any information in the literature or on other sources (government agencies, e.g.) regarding the planning, printing, and usage of them. Especially interested in the marginal indicia (dates), press, plate, and sheet nos., etc. Desire to purchase mint and used blocks and multiples.—A. H. Smithen, 1286 Glen Douglas, Sarnia, Ont., Canada N7V 3N7. (Memb. #872)

WANTED: Stamp varieties, flaws, essays, trial colors of France 1924 Olympic issue. Also covers with cancellations related to them. Sherwin Podolsky, 16035 Tuper, Sepulveda, Calif. 91343 (Memb. #1644)

OFFER: Superb mint coil strip of 11 stamps, of the 20R Marianne de Bequet, \$65 postpaid insured. Stanley J. Luft, 870 So. Miller Ct., Lakewood, Colo. 80226 (Memb. #915)

NEW BOOKS, PAMPHLETS. AND CATALOGS

- "Catalogue des Publicititimbres (Pubs) des Carnets de France et des Colonies Francaises: Les Precurseurs, Publicité Privées, Vignettes Poste-Timbre." By Dr. J. Braun. 1977 ed. 45Fr + postage. Also separate "Cote" (price list), 1977. 10Fr. Assoc. des Collectionneurs de Carnets et Publicititimbres. c/o M. Baillargeat, 50 rue Paul Vaillant Couturier, F92140-Clamart. (Re-issue of Dr. Braun's classic cat.)
- "Catalogue France et Expression Francaise, Maury 1978, Illeme Ed." 1977, 28Fr, 32Fr by mail. Arthur Maury, 6 Blvd. Montmartre, F75009-Paris. (Includes features such as listing of artists proofs, special stationery, early precancels specialized, aviation-meetings labels, Channel Ids.)
- "Sélection Philatélique #6, Speciale Thématique." By various authors. 1977, 32 pp. Le Monde Brochure #212. 13.25Fr Postpaid. Le Monde, 11bls Blvd. Haussmann, F75009-Paris.
- "Les Oblitérations Mécaniques Illustrées—Supplement 1976." 1977, 36 pp. Le Monde Brochure #213. 15.40 postpd. LeMonde, see above. (Continuation of Brémard's catalog of machine cancels.)
- "Les Oblitérations Vinicoles." 1977, 66 pp. illustr. Price? Le Club "Le Meilleur," B.P. 21, F77350-Le Mée-sur-Seine (listed by Depts.; priced.)
- "Catalogue des Obliterations Flier de Paris." 2nd ed. 1977, 20 pp. price? Le Club Le Meilleur, B.P. 21, F77350-Le Mée-sur-Seine. (Cancels of Flier machines; priced.)
- "Catalogue des Obliterations avec Levees Centrales." 5th ed. 40 pp. price? 1977. Le Club Le Meilleur, B.P. 21, F77350, Le Mée sur Seine (Classed by Depts.; priced.)
- "Catalogue des Obliterations Daguin avec Flamme," Parts IVA and B, 5th ed. 1977, 93 and 102 pp. resp. 60Fr Le Club Le Meilleur, B.P. 21, F77350-Le Mée sur Seine (Priced cat.)
- "France—Catalogue of Artist Proofs, DeLuxe Sheets, Imperfs, Color Essays, First Day Covers." By Edouard Cointreau, 1977. Illustr. \$6.00 postpaid. Stamps Information Associates, 156 State St., Boston, Mass. 02109. (Priced cat. of items up to the early 1960s; an introd. text. Author plans similar cats. for the French-Area countries.)
- "Postal Forgeries of the World." 1977, 150 pp. £7. From Vera Trinder, 38 Bedford St., Strand, London WC2E 3EU (Reprint his Stamp Lover serial). Etudes of the Société Philatélique de Alsace-Lorraine, 1A rue des Baillis, Robertsau, F67000—Strasbourg:—
- "Bureaux de Distribution des Depts. du Bas-Rhin, des Vosges, du Haur-Rhin, de la Moselle, et de la Meurthe, jusqu'a 1870." Etude #VII, 1977.
- "Les Cachets des Bureaux Télégraphiques du Bas-Rhin et du Haur-Rhin jusqu'a l'Annexion Allemande." Etude #VIII, 1977.
- "Timbres pour Journaux Dec. 1868 à Sept. 1870 en Alsace-Lorraine," Etude #IX, 1977.
- "Lettres Dont le Port du n'a Pas été payée par l'Expéditeur." Etude #X, 1977.
- "Occupation et Annexion de l'Alsace-Lorraine par L'Allemagne 1870-72." By E. Gutekunst, 46 pp., 1977. Etude #s XVI, Part III.
- "Les Marques Postales de la Grande Armée." By Ph.-F. de Frank. New ed., 1977, revised by L. Dubus, A. L'Huillier, B. Sinais, and M. Jamet. Subscription price 120F, later will be 150F. From A. Maury, 6 Blvd. Montmartre, F75009, Paris (an old classic brought to date).

- "Catalogue Neudin—L'Argus Internationale des Cartes Postales 1978." 4th ed., Oct. 1977, 55F. postpaid. From A. Maury, see above. (Postcards, special sections for themes, studies of some categories, 10,000 cards priced, 4000 illustr., some in color, mostly by French publishers.)
- "Catalogue des Oblitérations des Timbres de France 1876-1900—Emissions au Type Sage." By Ed. H. de Beaufond. Repr. 1977 of the 1946 ed., 255 pp. illustr. 90Fr. Separate pamphlet by C. Bridous and B. Sinais giving up-to-date prices, sold at 12Fr. From A. Maury, see above.
- "The Other Homing Pigeons of 1870—A Highly Fragmentary Story." By Ernst M. Cohn. Brochure #2 of the France & Cols. Phil. Soc. of G. B., 1976, 15 pp. (Revision of articles orig. in the Journal of the FCPS; on pigeons sent to Paris.)
- "Histoire Postale de l'Ethiopie Sous le Règne de l'Empereur Ménélik II." By Henri Tristant, 2 vols. 1977, 508 pp. illustr. With English summaries. 280Fr postpaid surface mail to U.S. The author, 1 rue de la Mission-Marchand, F75016-Paris. (An important work with great documentation from various archives; includes the combination mails with Djibouti and the French post in Ethiopia. 1892-1913.)

CURRENT JOURNAL ARTICLES

Le Monde des Philatelistes (CC, SI)

- #299, June 1977: TAAF Circular Ann. of 10 May; Rykner: "Le timbrage sur commande des entiers postaux" (begin); C.R.-W: "Le Croix rouge et la poste"; De la Mettrie: "Les difficultés du planchage du 25c Cérès de 1871" (begin); "La Vente Fromageat (Bordeaux)"; conts. of DeLizeray, Frybourg; Guiraud-Darmais, Mazabrey, Marion (end), Phil-ippin, Savélon, Neudin.
- #300, July-Aug. 1977: "Yvonne-Schach-Due"; Wirth: "Pierre-Yves Trémois"; Brun: "Le semeuse d'Oscar Roty"; DeLizeray: "Mysterieux 0.80 Bequet type vert"; DeLizeray: "Le Type Pasteur"; J.S.: "De Mayotte à la France d'Outre-Mer"; conts. of DeLizeray, De la Mettrie, Frybourg, Mazabrey.

L'Echo de la Timbrologie (CC, SI, APRL)

- #1478, June 1977: Lux: "Les Bureaux BIS (Paris)"; Lebland: "Historique du 25c bleu Semeuse camée" (begin); Brun: "Les ré-impressions de 1862"; conts. of DeLizeray, Storch et Francon.
- #1479, July-Aug. 1977: De la Ferté: "A propos des Sabines"; Boulard: "L'insect dans la philatélie Française"; Goubin: "Bavardages (prosecution for re-use of stamps).

La Philatélie Française (CC)

- #277, May 1977: Schwartz: "Mayotte et les Comores"; Bertin: "Les Français sur les timbres étrangers"; Durieux: "Bref rappel d'histoire postale"; Germeau: "Toujours le code postal"; conts. by Demaret, Bergez, Heynen, Harnould, Nagel, de la Ferté, Delbrel.
- #278, June-July 1977: "Sept questions à M. Norbert Segard Secr. d'Etat des P et T"; Rouques: "(galvanos) Le 0.02 Gueret, le 1F40 Biarritz"; 111th Suppl. to "Cat. des Entiers Postaux de France"; conts. of Heynen, Harnould, Bergez, de la Ferté, Demaret, Delbrel, Storch et Francon, Nagel.

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- #72, 2nd Trim. 1977, tome XVI: Blanc: "Journal d'Alsace-Lorrain"; De-

Lizeray: "L'effigie des petites valeurs Cérés"; Bernard: c"25 Cérés de 1871"; Foster: "Incendie de la Pointe-à-pitre"; Joany: "Tarif postal peu connu"; Ferrin: "France surchargés Algérie"; Rykner: "Carte familiale interzone"; Rouques: "Filigrane ligne d'eau"; Gourin: "Eloge de J. Lepileur."

- #73, 3rd Trim. 1977: DeFontaines: "29e Div. militaire 1801-07"; DeLizeray: "les planches galvané de Hulot"; Germain: "Le 25c Cérés de 1871"; Mignon: "Le 25c Semeuse grasse"; Rayssiguier: "Les carnets perforés"; Perrin: France surchargés Algérie"; Tardy: "Faux 0.50 Bequet"

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- #15, July 1977: Lejeune: "La poste aux armées 1815-48"; Lux: "Cachets oblitérants avion entre 1929 et 1939"; Berteloot: "Roubaix-Avion"; Lamar: Suite à FM #205—Belfort"; Grapinet: "Flamme Navale Décan"; "Le Havre/ Spécial"; "Elections Consulaires"; Retour à L'Envoyer"; "Edjeleh S.A.S."

Bulletin du Club des Spécialistes de France

- #45, Oct. 1976, #46 Jan. 1977, #47 March 1977: Mironneau: "Le 5Fr empire"; Baulot: "Défauts constantes de l'angle s-w du #60 Type I"; Bertheloot: "Cachets poustaux en usage à Lille"; Lissargué: "La grille de Bayonne"; Coquemot: "La poste des transports à Fruges et sa region jusqu'en 1900."

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- #108, May 1977: "Vasarély"; "La première traversée de l'Atlant. Nord en avion 21 Mars 1927 C. L. Lindberg"; "La sténographie du procès Lavalette" (cont.); "Des voyages en ballon comme dans un conte des mille et une nuits"; Pineau: "Le fonctionnement de la poste militaire en Memel 1920-3"; L'Huillier: "Les maryues de bureaux postaux militaires—poste armées de 1939."
- #109, June 1977: "L'Ecole Polytechnique de Paliseau"; "Le Maisaon de Bourgogne portrait ombrage au royaume de France"; "A Bayeaux"; "L'Art Cistercien/Abbaye de Fontenay"; "Procès Lavalette" (cont.); "Paris assiège"; Pineau (cont.); Lindberg (cont.); L'Huillier (cont.)
- #110, July-Aug. 1977: "Albert I de Monaco"; "Assoc. de Parlementaires de langue Francaise"; "Institut Catholique"; "Procès Lavalette" (cont.); L'Huillier (cont.); "Pendant le siège de Paris les dépeches du Govt. voyager fort loin"; Bernet: "Les faussaires de Bordeaux sont amateurs."

Bulletin du Club "Le Meilleur"

- #1, 1977, April: "Documents de la Guerre de 1939"; "Communiqués officiels conc. les prisonniers de Guerre 1941"; "Etude et liste des différents griffes 'Gepuft'"; "Les formations sanitaires en 1939"; "Croix-Rouge Francais: prisonniers de Guerre 1940"; "Entiers spéciaux Maréchal Petain Noel 1941"; "Additif à l'essai de classif. des cartes FM"; "Camps de prisonniers de Guerre allemande détenues en France."

Bulletin de la Société des Amis du Musée Postal (CC)

- #46, 2nd Trim. 1975: R.R.: "Un facheux accident de la route (1840)"; Roland: "Les grands datés de l'Histoire des P. et T." (cont.); Helme: "Le Cérés de 1871-1876 (observations sur des no. 60)"; Joany: "Note sur le Service Postale a bord des paquebots dans la première moitié du XX siècle."

Journal Philatélique de Berne (=Berner Briefm. Zeitung) (CC)

- #7/8, 1976: Sacala: "Les postes chérifiennes au Maroc" (cont.)

Le Collectionneur Philatélique et Marcophile

- #31, July 1976: Rayssiguier: "A propos quelques semi-modernes rares"; Camboulives: "Les inadmis" (cont.); Laborde: "La poste autonome rurale dans de Dept. de Rhone"; Fradois: "Quelques mots sur les fiscaux"; Sauves: "A propos du 20c Bordeaux"; Mullenheim: "Charge-ments et recommandations en Algérie."

Bulletin de la Association des Collectionneurs de la Libération et II Guerre Mondiale

- #3/4, July 1976: Duvergez: "L' occupation italienne en France"; Duvergez: "La base navale de Bordeaux"; Dubois: "Les émissions d'Alger 1943-4" (cont.); "Les cartes postale de Gaulle d'A.E.F."; Duvergez: "La France Libre—introduction à cette etude"; Bouttes: "La France Libre" (cont.)

Bulletin de la Union Philatélique Libournaise—Section Andorre

- #3/4, May/Nov. 1976: Bacquer: "La période préphilatélique en Andorre"; Bacquer: "Etude de la série provisoire Alphonse XIII surchargé Correos Andorra"; Bacquer: "Les émissions locales ou particulières de timbres Andorre"; Oliver: "Les marques de tri électronique et les empreintes de machines d'Affrancir."

Collectors Club Philatelist (CC, SI, APRL)

- V. 55, #6, Nov. 1976: Neidorf: "France, The 1931-35 Arc de Triomphe stamp."

Balasse Magazine (CC)

- #227, Sept. 1976: Vangrundenbeek: "Relations postales de la Belgique avec la France en 1876-79."

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- #1 Oct. 1976: Chazottes: "Napoléon et les timbres-poste"; Chazottes: "Oblitérations de France portant nom d'un personnage célèbre."

Briefmarken Spiegel

- Sept. 1976: Paetzold: (study of blocks of Saar).

Philatelie (Netherlands)

- #621, Sept. 1976: Krijff: (mail during the siege of Paris 1870-71); DeVries: (telephone stamps of France).

Marianne (CC)

- #34, Nov. 1976: Meijer: "Postmechanisatie opzet stempelmachine (Toshiba)"; DeVries: "De Franse telefoonzegels" (cont.); Van de Vlist: (identifying forgeries #15: 25c Napoleon); DeVries: (use of Fr. telegraph stamps); Cappart: (a franchise letter 1699); Spoelman: (addenda to art. on the early Paris posts); Cohn: (on the first Paris balloons 1870).

- #35, March 1977: Spoelman: (free franchise letter of 1700); Krijff: (the new GAPA automatic post machine); Van de Vlist: (identifying forgeries—Pasteur/BIT); Capart: (soldiers letter of the 30 Years War)

SPA Journal (CC, APRL, SI)

- April 1977: Cohn: "The secret weapon of 1870—carried unique cover."

Postscript (CC, APRL)

- 1976: Coles: "France, Royal P.O.s 1766-1870"; Hartland-Swann: "The French entry marks"; Hartland-Swann: "Monkey tricks."

- 1977, Jan./March: Blair: "Anglo-Indian mails—via Marseilles."

- 1977, April/June: Blair cont. "Via Brindisi" (Mt. Ceris).

Bulletin de la Académie de Philatélie de Belgique

- #39, March 1976, #40 Aug. 1976: Herlant: "De Brievenpost in Beveren"

in het begin van de Franse overheersing 1794-1814"; DeClerq: "Frans-Duitse oorlog 1870-71—de Bezettingssgeis."

Filatelìa ed Numismatìa (Italy)

#42, Nov./Dec. 1976: Gallenza: "La posta militare Francese nella Stati Pontificio 1798-1868."

Midi-Postal

#2, March 1977: Carnévalé: "La collection de papiers timbres"; "Le 1er vol postal Luneville-Nancy de 1912"; Foster: "Les coupes de Draguignan"; Varnévalé-Mauzan: "Aérographe et V-Mail au cour de 2eme Guerre Mondiale"; "Les cartes postale de l'illustration de Mauzan."

Notizario di l'A.S.I.F. de Storia Postali

#153, 1976: Ferrero: (a moment in the postal history of the Napoleonic era); Preveteri: (the ship line Palermo-Livorno-Genoa of the Fraissinet Co.)

Ice Cap News (CC, APRL, SI)

1977: Tristant: "The 1st postal service of the Kerguelen Ids" (end); Lajugie: "An exhibition in Paris relating to TAAF"; "P. E. Victor bids farewell to Antarctica."

Bulletin de Liaison de la S.A.T.A. (CC)

#27, March 1977: Rouillon: "Cartes officielles de voeux remerciements, liaisons radioamateurs de l'Expeditions Polaires Francaises"; "L'equipe de relève est arrivée à la Base d'Urville avec trois semaines en retard" (13 Dec. 1976); Lemée: "Le gendarme des Terres Australes"; "Mouvements de bateaux en 1976 (in TAAF)"; "Le different types de cachet à date de la flamme de Terre Adélie."

Arbeitsmebeinschaft Frankreich im Bund Deutschen Philatelisten e.V.

#135, Dec. 1976: Aygalades: "Sans nom" (Marseille pmk.); Vetter: "Dedanken und Wunsche zum Thema Rotes Kreuz 1870-71"; "Postautomation im Frankreich" (cont.); Cohn: "Post deutscher Kriegsgefangener im belägerten Paris"; Hafinger: "Auf den spuren des Französischen im Holland"; Joany: "Die posttarif Frankreichs."

Bulletin de la Société Internationale d'Histoire Postal

#32/33, 1976: Carnévalé-M.: "Les communications en temps d'épidémie—les lettres de santé en billette de 1576 a 1805"; Guipnes: "Pauillac et le lazaret de Trompeloup"; Lilièvre: "Dans le Comté de Nice lors du cholère de 1831."

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#34, April 1977: Raissiguier: "25c semeuse camée—teintes et nuance"; DeLizeray: "25c semeuse bleue des carnets"; Sene# "Automation—le GAPA"; Robineau: "1 Fr Bequet sans phosphore"; Magnard: "Cachet Trésor et Postes 1914-18"; Quesnel: "Réflexions sur les oblitérations Trésor et Poste 1914-18"; Pothion: "Le cachet dit international de 1912"; Camboulives: "Enquete au sujet des cachets de la Cr.-R. Lyonnais en 1870-71"; Aymar: "Le types Blanc 5c et 16b des carnets"; Fradois (cont.)

Journal Philatélique Suisse (CC)

#5, May 1977: Sieber: "Convention postale entre la France, et le Canton et l'Arrond. postale de Zurich, entrée en viguerie 1 Avril 1929."

Arbeitsgemeinschaft Frankreich V. im Bund Deut. Phil. e V.

#136, March 1977: Thoma: (parcel post of Paris); Hofinger: (the Fr. empire markings in the Depts in Holland); (The balloon post "Céleste")

Balasse Magazine (CC, SI, APRL)

#231, Apr. 1977: Fillinger: "Ici la France."

Postal History International (CC, SI, APRL)

May 1977: Cohn: "Circular of the Company L'Union."

Messages (de PTT)

#256, May 1977: "H. M. 2, la nouvelle machine à trier automatique."

#257, June 1977: "Le reseau postal en zone urbaine."

Révue des PT de France

1977, #1: "Poppalardo: le service Postadex."

1977, #2: D. L.: "La Boule de Moulins trouvée en 1968 appartenait bien aux PTT"; "La formation postale au Maroc"; Charbon: "Histoire de l'enseigne postale de Markolsheim."

Bulletin de la S.A.T.A.

#28, June 1977: "Campagne du Thala Dan pour 1976-7"; Roux: "L'avifaune en T. A."

Philatelie (Holland)

#4, April 1977: Vermeer (cont.)

Diligence d'Alsace

#17, April 1977: Centenaire de la Societe Union 1877; Fossel: "Strasbourg en 1877"; Kientzi: "Strasbourg at la philatélie européenne"; Charbon: "la poste à Markolsheimn"; Gachot: "Les cachets 'fer a cheval' d'Alsace"

London Philatelist (CC, SI, APRL)

#1011/12, March-April 1977: Fryer: "Early Madagascar."

American Philatelist (CC, SI, APRL)

#606, Aug. 1977: La Blonde: "The postal history of Geneva."

Postscript (NL of Soc. of Postal Historians)

#126, Apr.-June 1976: Ibbotson: "French Indian Ocean maritime marks"; Hartland-Swann: "French entry marks 1808-1838."

#127, July-Sept. 1976: "The royal Postoffices of France 1766-1870."

Marianne (Holland) (CC)

#36, Ma 1y977: DeVries: (on a Retour à l'Envoyer mark of Paris); Bosseu: (list of Dept. nos. and of nos. of postoffices, France from 1852 to 1876); Van der Vlist: (on forging of the 20c Ceres); DeVries: (parcels post service in Alsace-Lorraine in the period between the two WWs); Speolman: (a registered letter of 1721).

Bulletin de la Société Philatelique de Besancon

#295, June 1977: Guichenduc: "Le blocus de Djibouti en 1940-42."

Bulletin de Phil-E. A.

#2, June 1977: "Information sur les differentes émissions provisoires"; "Tableaux sur le variétés et tirages de Tizi-Ouzou"; "Les surcharges de Tlemcen"; "Repertoire des bureaux algériennes en service 1962."

Bulletin de l'AS. CO. Flamme

#28, Apr. 1977: Feuja: "Les oblitérations mécaniques de la Réunion"; Russig: "La presentation des flammes pour une collection."

Flash Informations de G.U.V.F.

#4, April 1977: Blondelle: "Tableau des correspondences entre des numéros de place des codeur numériques à deux chiffres et les bigrammes alphanumeriques"; Frybourg: "Cachets d'essai des redresseurs."

Bulletin des Association des Collectionneurs des Timbres de la Libération et de la Deuxieme Guerre Mondiale

#377, April 1977: Duvergey: "Emission des timbres de la Libération de Lyon" (cont.); Frechin: "La vignette General de Gaulle réalisé par Drain en 1945"; Wettet et Bousquet: "30 ans d'histoire par phitatélie —le Gen. de Gaulle"; Goubin: "La ligne de démarcation de 1940-44"; Bouttes: "La censure dans les territoires du Levant" (end); Musset: "La libération de Lyon et de sa region."

Bulletin de l'Amicale Philatélique l'Ancre de Nantes

#6, March 1977: Peigne et Savanet: "Variétés sur le 18F Marianne de Muller"; Savanet: "0.80F Marianne de Bequet RGR-1"; Pussat: "Discrimination des types Sage par chiffres et de la valeur" (cont.); Gregoire: "Le cachet d'essai de Fevr. 1828"; Douxann: "Poste et cartes postales"; Bernadas: "Essai d'étude critique sur la valeur des timbres"; Vincent: "La petite poste à Nantes debuis Oct. 1783"; Bergier: "Les émissions d'Andorre"; Paigne: "Un convoyeur inconnu"; Weysser: "Les oblitérations sarroises des forces plebiscitaires en 1935"; Mayon: "La Guyane et ses timbres-poste."

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Notices

At the 20 Sept. Board meeting the President reported that, as only three replies came in to his "open letter" in July FCP on the Rich Competition, there is apparently little interest in continuing the old format. The Board decided, in order to keep a memorial to Rich alive, in the future there will be only a "Rich Exhibit" (no Society-wide competition) of local character, held at the regular March meeting date (7th, in 1978). Details will be announced in the January FCP for out-of-towners who may wish to exhibit.

The Vaurie Publication Fund has now already reached \$1200, though some material is still to be auctioned.

Regrettably a bit of misinformation crept into the July FCP Official accounts of the meetings; it should have read that the Annual Meeting was held on May 3 (p. 74), the Treasurer's report was accepted at the 19 April Board meeting (p. 75), the Secretary's report was made at the 3 May meeting (p. 76), and the show on parcels-post stamps (p. 76) was given at the 5 April meeting. Forgive us all these sins of commission, omission, emission, demission, and intromission.

Meeting of 6 September 1977

Speaker of the evening was member Lou Robbins on subject of selling by auction. Noting that auction sales may account for 20% of the estimated \$125 million (gross) stamp business in the U. S., Lou addressed the questions to be faced by a collector contemplating sale at auction. The first consideration is the presentation of the material—a mounted collection increases visibility to potential buyers and the extra realization is well worth the effort. Visibly damaged or defective material should be segregated to avoid discounting of sound material nearby. Material on stockbook pages, in bundles and glassines, and pages of mounted common material will usually be treated as "balance of the collection" lots as neither the auction house or the buyers will take much time to sort through and inspect such property.

The traditional auction commission (in this country) is 20% on ordinary material, and many houses will refuse to lot material which will bring under a minimum estimated realization, or they will charge separately for lotting nominal items. Commission on more expensive items may be subject to negotiation for a lower rate; and conversely the tab may be higher for bulk lots, books, etc., where handling costs have to be included. On the estimating of covers, Lou pointed out that there were no rules of thumb when determined bidders clashed; the value being in the eye of the beholder and the seat of the pants.—J.E.L.

NEW MEMBERS

- 1750 RAUCHFUSS, Arthur A., P. O. Box 598, Lenoir, No. Car. 28645
(General Collector 19th Century. General France all major varieties mint and used. Classics 1849-1876 mint. Modern France mint. Exch.)
- 1751 SELWAY, Mrs. Donna M., 4406 Forestview Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21206
(General collector all issues. General France all major varieties, mint.)
- 1752 WYNNS, John P., 6835 De Soto Ave., Apt. 9, Canoga Park, Cal. 91303
(CFA. Colonies General Issues mint. French Africa, independent republics of Africa. Philatelic literature.)
- 1753 NADLER, Stephen D., 1000 South Monaco #109, Denver, Colo. 80224
(General collector all issues. General France all major varieties, mint, used, on cover. Classics 1849-1876, mint, used, on cover. 1870-1871 issues ballons, commune. Sage Type 1876-1900. Modern France, all. Air Meets, First Flights, crash covers. Europa. Philatelic literature. Exchange.)
- 1754 STINESS, Col. Philip B., Ret., 4131 Harrison St., N.W., Washington, D. C. 20015 (General France all major varieties, mint, used, on cover.)
- 1755 LUDDEN, Edward H., 3408 Laurel Creek Drive, East, San Mateo, Cal. 94403 (General France all major varieties, mint. Modern France: First Day covers. Europa and U. N.)
- 1756 CAFFREY, John G., 48 Park Ave., Suffern, N. Y. 10901
(Modern France: Blanc, Mouchon, Merson types, air mails, booklets. Andorre. French Polynesia, TAAF. Dealer part time, auction, mail sales. Exchange. Does not deal in F.P. and TAAF.)
- 1757 BARKER, Harry V., 38-47th St., Weehawken, N. J. 07087
(General France all major varieties mint and used. Modern France mint, semi-postals, air mails. Occupation of and by France. Offices Abroad. Monaco. Saar. Colonies General Issues mint, used. All colonies and territories major varieties.)
- 1758 RODRIGUEZ, Jesus A., 90 Pinehurst Ave., Apt. 2-G, New York, N. Y. 10033 (General France all major varieties mint. Postal history in general. Modern France mint, semi-postals. Maximum Cards. Stationery. Andorre. Monaco. Saar. Colonies General Issues mint. All cols., territories, major varieties.)
- 1759 STEINER, William E., Apt. 104, 8840 Fountainview Dr., Lawrence, Ind. 46226 (General collector all issues.)
- 1760 CARMICHAEL, Jean Pierre, 446-A Allenhurst, Buffalo, N. Y. 14226
(Gen. France all major varieties mint. Modern France mint, booklets.)
- 1761 PETRI, Erwin A., Jr., 669 Springdale Ave., East Orange, N. J. 07017
(Topical: Opera. General France all major varieties mint, used, covers. Departmental "Marques Postales", Paris "Marques Postales." Railway posts. Classics 1849-1876 mint, used, covers, cancels; Sage Type 1876-1900. Modern mint, used covers, Blanc, Mouchon, Merson. Sowers, semi-postals, airs, Red Cross booklets, FDC. Offices Abroad. Exchange.)
- 1762 TEBBE, Robert F., 1109 Hempstead Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio 45231
(Stamps of Indo China, Viet Nam.)
- 1763 DEL PONTE, Frank, P. O. Box 123, Sound Beach, N. Y. 11789
(General collector all France: all major varieties mint, used, covers. Classics 1849-1876 mint, on cover. Modern, mint, used, on cover, semi-postals, air mails, Maximum Cards, FDC. Dealer, part time, mail sales, new issue service, all issues mint and used of France only.)
- 1764 SCHWAN, Fred, Box 157, Portage, Ohio 43451
(Topical collector. General France all major varieties mint, used, covers. Liberation issues. Occupation of and by France issues. Philatelic lit.)

- 1765 COOK, Charles J., 8450 E. Coronado #2, Scottsdale, Ariz. 85257
(Classics 1849-1876 mint, used, on cover. Colonies General Issues mint, used, on cover. Stamps and covers of individual colonies.)
- 1766 JOHNSEN, Lee M., P. O. Box 485, Canoga Park, Cal. 91305
(General collector, all. General France all major varieties, mint, used. Modern France, mint, used, semi-postals, air mails, booklets. DeLuxe proofs. Imperforates. Occupation by France. Andorre. Monaco. Europa, U.N. Colonies General Issues mint. All colonies and territories, major varieties. Philatelic literature. Exchange.)
- 1767 RELISZKO, Lech., 6260 Belair Crescent, Brossard, Quebec, Canada J4Z 1Z7 (Topical: ships, air planes, vehicles, trees, lighthouses. Specialized France: military posts, railway posts. Modern France, air mails. Dues, newspaper, franchise militaire, stationery. Offices Abroad. Monaco. Colonies General Issues mint. Djibouti. Philatelic literature. Exchange.)
- 1768 EIDSON, Clyde S., P. O. Box 658, Junction City, Kan. 66441
(Topical: printing, printers, graphic arts. General France all major varieties mint, used, on cover. Offices Abroad. CFA. Andorre. Monaco. Saar. Europa. U.N. Colonies General Issues mint, used, on cover. Dealer part time. Philatelic literature.)
- 1769 ANGELL, Walter R., 11717 N. E. 144th Place, Kirkland, Wash. 98033
(Classics 1849-1876, mint, used. Sage Type. Modern France, mint, used, Blanc, Mouchon, Merson, Sowers, other types, semi-postals, air mails, booklets, coils, miniature sheets (bloc feuillets). Dues, Franchise militaire, DeLuxe proofs, imperforates.)
- 1770 JERSEY, Stanley C., 631 N. Kenilworth Ave., Oak Park, Ill. 60302
(Used Abroad New Caledonia. Colonies General Issues, used, on cover, cancels, postal history. New Hebrides (French and British). Philatelic literature. Exchange.)
- 1771 CARLETON, John C., 3948 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63108
(General France all major varieties, mint, used. Modern France, mint, used, semi-postals, air mails. Philatelic literature. Exchange.)
- 1772 FREEMAN, Alex E., 20 Church St., Greenwich, Conn. 06830
(General, 19th-20th Cent. General France all major varieties, mint, used on cover. Classics 1849-1876, all, 1870-1871, commune, ballons, dues, Sage. Modern France, mint, used, Blanc, Mouchon, Merson, Sowers, semi-postals, airs, miniature sheets (bloc feuillets). Dues, expositions, Special and temporary bureaus, essays, DeLuxe proofs, imperfs, artists proofs, color trials, specimen, annulé, fictifs. Philatelic lit. Exchange.)

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