

MARTINIQUE

The Antilles Tercentenary Issue

Preface

1. Not an “Exhibition Collection”.
2. Not a “Want List Collection”.
3. Perhaps an “Accumulation”.
4. Definitely built by buying what is offered .
5. Includes the Robert Stone II and Ralph Holtsizer Collections.

Outline

- 1.The Celebration
- 2.The Stamps
- 3.Souvenir Usage & Issue Date
- 4.Usage of the Low Values. 1935-36
- 5.Usage of the High Values. 1937-39
6. (maybe) Village Postmarks

The Celebration

October 1935 – March 1936

Manifestations in France

Manifestations in the 3 colonies

Stamp Issues in each of the 3 colonies.

Two unique designs each

Same six denominations

The Colombie cruise: 12/10 – 1/13

The Lieutenant de Vaisseau flight

The Stamps



Pierre Belain d'Esnambuc



Victor Schoelcher

Used Set



How many issued? “33750 Series” (2007 Dallay)
“25000 Series” (1936 Yvert)

Issue Date?

22 Octobre 1935. Retrait: 4 Mai 1936 (2007 Dallay)

Antilles Tercentenary Issue of 1935

U.P.U. Sample Stamps



These stamps, which were previously pasted down, and bear faded SPECIMEN overprints presumably came from one of the collections of sample stamps sent to members of the U.P.U.

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Antilles Tercentenary Issue of 1935

Die Proofs



Julius



Julius

1^F50

III^e CENTENAIRE
DES ANTILLES

POSTES



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THE ONLY VARIETY



Listed in French Catalogs – 1000 Euros
5 Franc in Color of 1.75 Franc

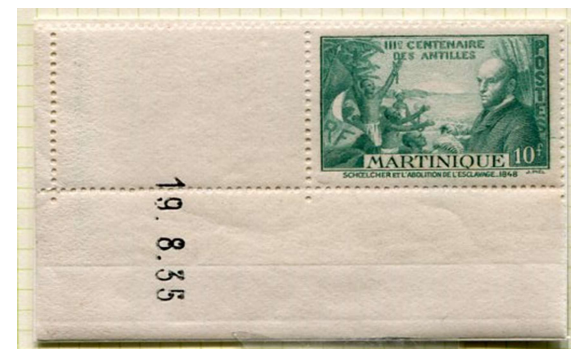
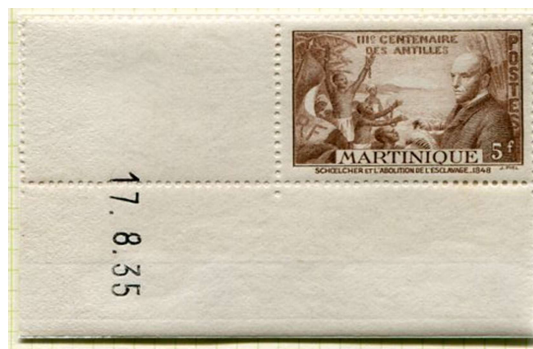
What is it? A Proof?



Postmark: 13 SEP 37

Used Blocks are rare.

Dated Corners



A Commemorative Booklet



4 Glassine Sheets
Stamps Postmarked on 2nd & 3rd Sheets
No Text Inside
Postmark: 26 DEC 35

A Set of Philatelic Covers



Postmark: 24 DEC 35

No Backstamps

First Day Covers?

Another Set of Philatelic Covers



Postmark: 30 DEC 35
Backstamped at Cousset

The Cruise of Le Colombie



Backstamped: Paris 14 I 1936

Depart Le Havre on 10 XII 1935

With 337 passengers

officials, politicians, men & women of letters, artists, journalists

Stopped at Azores, Guadeloupe, Martinique,

Saint Thomas, Haiti, Cuba

Arrival at Fort de France on 23 XII 1935

Return to Le Havre on 13 I 1936

The Lieutenant de Vaisseau Paris Flight



Latecore 521 Flying Boat

Paris-Dakar-Natal-Martinique
Left 10 | 1936 for Guadeloupe

50 Cent – Surface Rate
2.50 Franc – Airmail Charge

Backstamped at Pointe a Pitre – 10 JANV 36

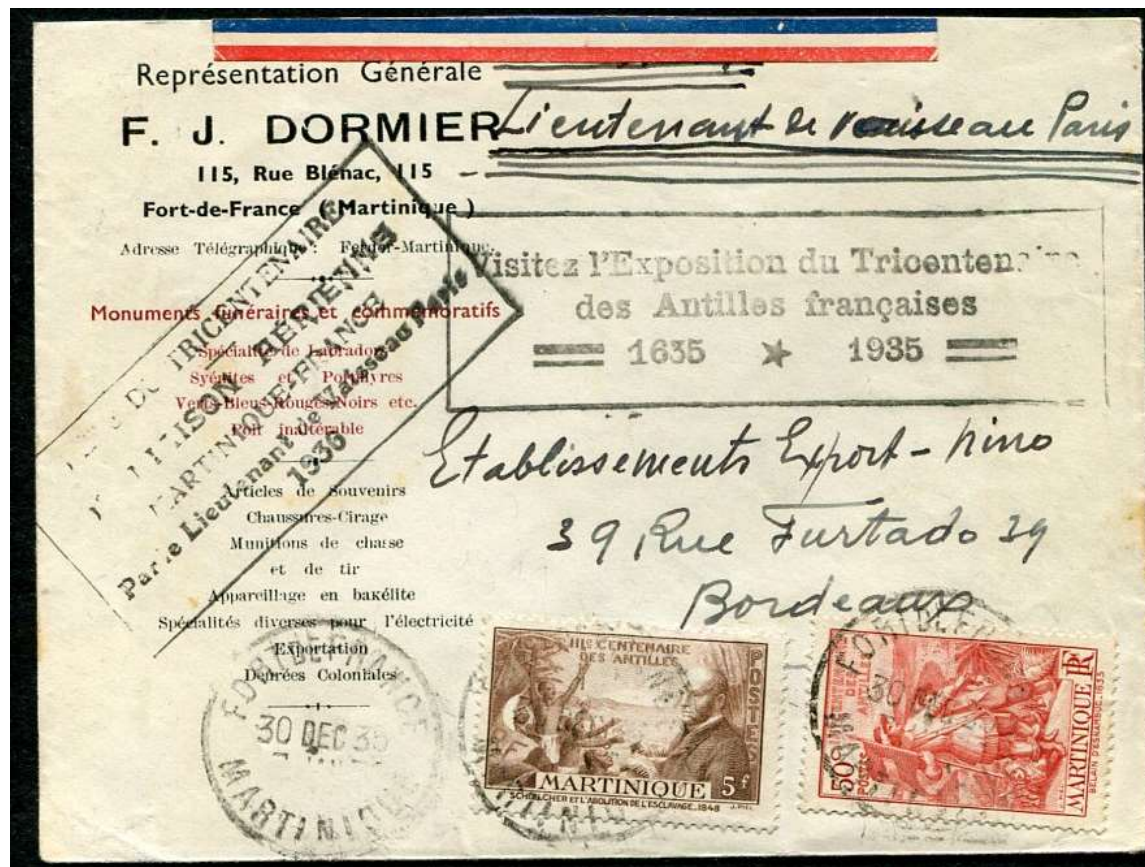
The Lieutenant de Vaisseau Paris Flight



This is the only example I have of the red handstamp cachet which clearly associates this flight with the Tercentenary celebration

I believe this is an overpayment of a 3 Franc rate

Mailed to a small village.

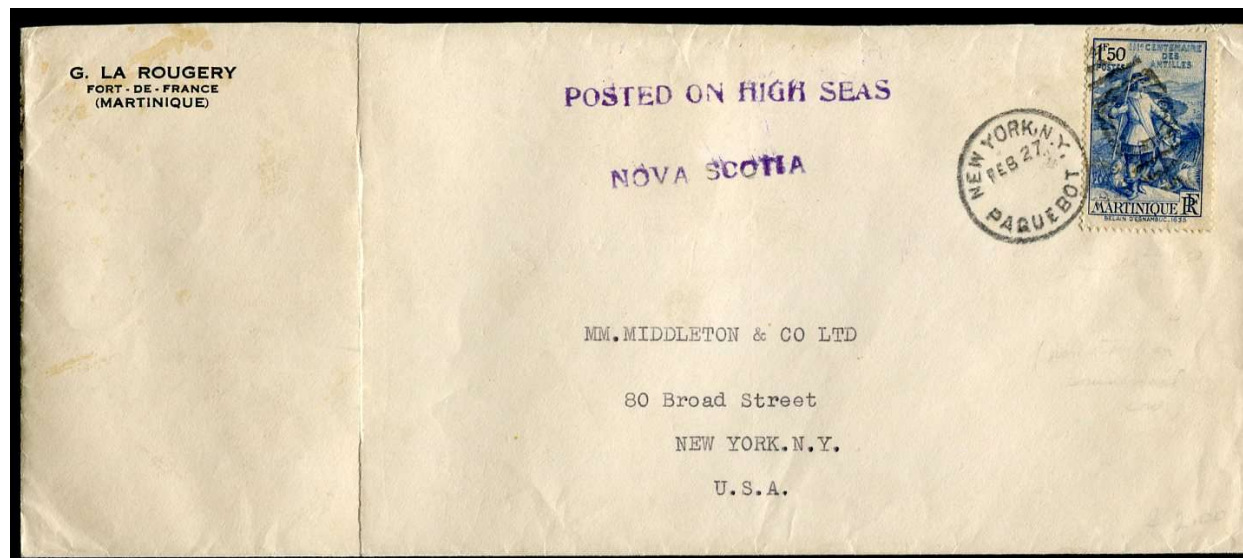


No Backstamp.
 Reached Pensacola, Fla.
 Damaged by a Hurricane
 Returned to France by ship

*Voyage aérien non effectué
 acheminé par poste
 Le Receveur
 JH*



26.DEC.35



FEB 27 1936

Two Registered Covers to Eugene Gouyer



15.SEP.36



12.JAN.37 from CARBET

The 1936 Annuaire of Martinique gives rate of 1.05 Francs.

Cover evidence shows rate increased during 2nd half of 1936.



1.50 Franc Foreign Letter Rate
2 Franc Foreign Registry Fee

Two Covers from the Kacal Correspondence



?.?.35



28.JUL.36

Many similar covers can be found for sale,
always paid 2.40 Francs for 20-40 Grams.

Intra-Caribbean Airmail

Official Information before 1937 not Found

13.MAR.36

Verified by
backstamp

3.65 Francs Paid

0.50 Surface Mail

Leaves: 3.15
for Airmail???



The 1937 Changes:

Surface Rates to French Area raised in August

Airmail Rates to U.S. & France published in August

Foreign Surface Rates raised in October

Foreign Airmail Rates published in December



MORNE VERT to Costa Rica - 21.OCT.37 - F1.75 + F2



All Official Mail to
French Guiana

Franked F6.60
Only Airmail Charge
Probably for 5-10 grams



Airmail to North America

August 1937



Foreign Surface Rate still F1.50

Airmail to North America

Late 1937



F6.75



F11.25

Foreign Surface Rate now F1.75
Registry Fee F2.00
Airmail Charge F2.50 / 5 Grams

Airmail to France “Via New York”



9.25 Franc

-8.NOV.37

1.75 Foreign Surface

3x 2.50 Airmail Charge

5.15 Franc

25.JUIN.38

0.65 Surface to France

1.50 Registry

1x 3.00 Airmail Charge



Airmail to North America

1937: According to Picirilli: 5 Rate Periods



23.MAI.38
 $10.75 = 1.75 + 3 \times 3.00$
 4th Period Rate 2 days early



26.AOU.38
 $7.75 = 1.75 + 2 \times 3.00$
 4th Period – 6 months



7.DEC.38
 $14.25 = 1.75 + 2.00 + 3 \times 3.50$
 5th Period – 1 month

Airmail to North America

1939 - Two Rate Periods



$$16.25 = 2.25 + 4 \times 3.50$$

21.AVR.39

First Rate Period – 9 months

$$10.25 = 2.25 + 2 \times 4.00$$

13.OCT.39

Second Rate Period – 3 months



Airmail to France “via Natal”

First Flight – 29.SEPT.37

Airmail Charge: F10.50



Airmail to France “via Natal”

Rate Raised from 14 Francs to 18 Francs on 1 Oct 1939



-8.MAR.39
14.90 Francs



RIVIERE PILOTE
22.NOV.39
18.90 Francs

Airmail to France “via Natal”

A Double Puzzle Cover



Postage: 14.15 Francs

Mailed : 1.DEC.38 via Dakar

According to Picirilli:

Surface Postage: 65 Cent raised to 90 Cent on 12 Nov 1938

Airmail Charge per 5 grams:

Lowered from 18 Francs to 14 Francs on 22 Nov 1938

Airmail to France “via Transatlantique”

Pan-American began service
Between New York & France
in “mid May 1939”

Rate was set at 15 Francs/10 grams
By Decree of 19 June 1939

No First Flight covers.

The surface rate was 90 Centimes



My earliest cover: 29.JUIN.39
This combination is relatively common,

Airmail to France “via Transatlantique”

In August 1939 Censorship began

Initially 4 elements:

Toothed Double Circle with Censor Number

Sealing Tape with straight-line hanstamp:

CONTROLE POSTAL MILITAIRE

Pointed Oval: OUVERT PAR L'AUTORITE MILITAIRE

18.OCT.39

Scarce early use of transparent tape

This Censor confused his handstamps using the double circle to tie the tape & the pointed oval as a clear marking.



Airmail to France “via Transatlantique”

What was the rate to Switzerland? 18 Francs??



7.OCT.39



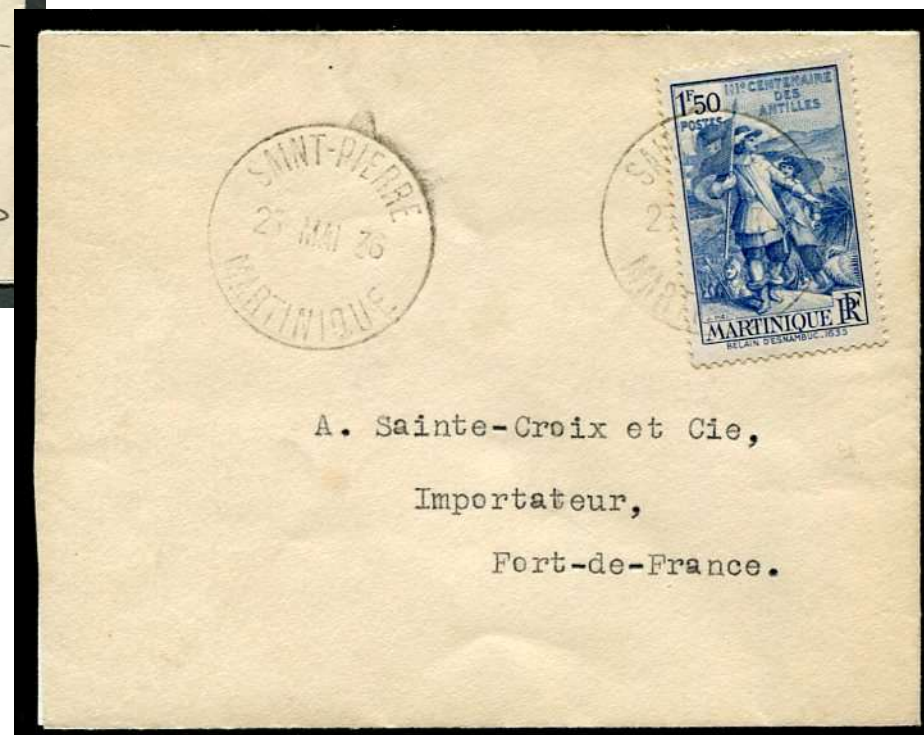
9.SEP.39



From SAINT PIERRE



31.DEC.36



25.MAI.36

Village Post Offices

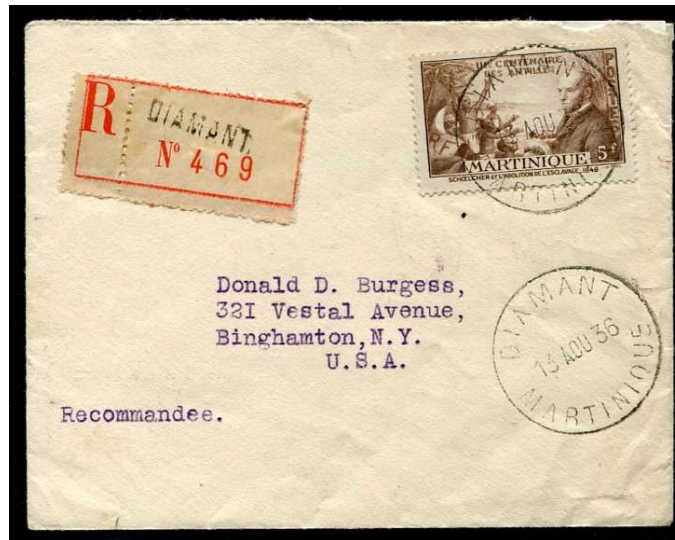


DUCOS 24.FEV.36



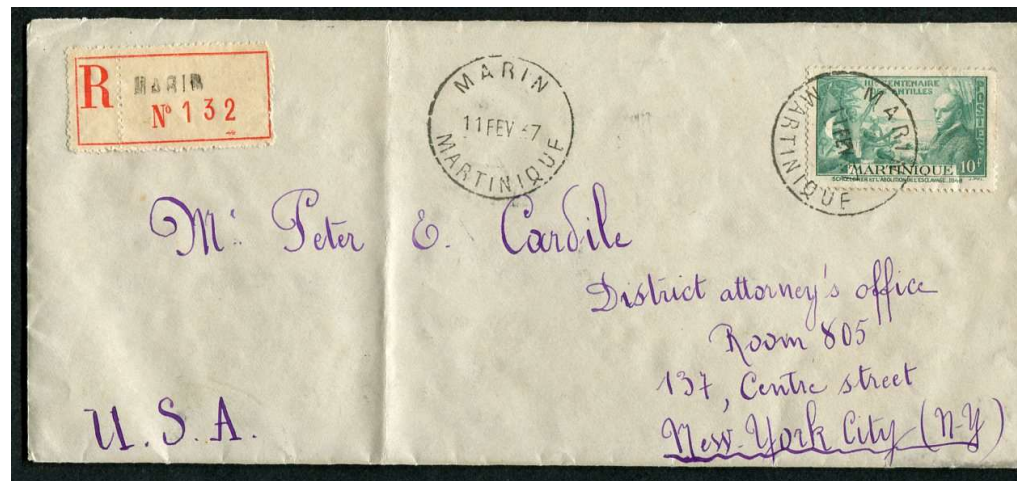
TRINITE 13.JUL.39 in blue

Village Post Offices



DIAMANT 13.AOU.36

RÉCÉPISSÉ N° 517-2.	
à remettre au déposant.	
Nom et adresse du destinataire:	
Mr. Donald D. Burgess	
Rue 321 Vestal Ave. n°	
à Binghamton, N.Y.	
(A remplir par l'expéditeur.)	Nature de l'objet :
(A remplir par l'agent des Postes.)	Valeur déclarée (1):
	Remboursement :
	Poids :
(1) Voir notice spéciale au verso.	Signature de l'agent.
(2) Coller ici l'étiquette gommée extraite du B10.	



MARIN 11.FEV.37