



France & Colonies Philatelist

DETOURED MAIL DURING THE FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR OF 1870-71— A PUZZLE

By Ruth and Gardner Brown

Several years ago we acquired a letter sent from Marseille to London during the Franco-Prussian War. Ever since we have puzzled about its routing.

Marseille	Dec. 23, 1870
Marseille a Paris train	Dec. 24, 1870
Paris a Calais train	Dec. 30, 1870
London	Dec. 31, 1870

The routing is perfectly normal; the times were not. France was then bisected, the Prussian advance having reached the English Channel at Dieppe the evening of December 9th. If 1870 can be considered as modern, then this was a modern-day example of all Gaul being divided into three parts; an expression all ex-sophomore Latin students will recognize.

The capture of Dieppe, and nearby Fécamp and Abbéville, was not nearly as important as that of Amiens (Nov. 28) and Rouen (Dec. 4). An item in the London "Times" on Sept. 16, 1870 illustrates the significance of these towns. "Although the direct mail communication with Paris is stopped, arrangements have, we have been informed, been made for sending the mails by Amiens and Rouen." This refers to the fact that most cross-country mail in France changed trains in Paris, and this could no longer be done because the Prussians had begun the Siege of Paris. The "Times" article continued, "This will cause a delay of 12 hours in the arrival of the mails." As you can see from the cover above, the 12-hour estimate was slightly optimistic. Although we consider this cover to be 6 days late, a three- to four-day delay was normal, as we shall soon show.

Students of Balloon Mail from besieged Paris may raise an eyebrow at the date of September 16th of the "Times" article, as September 18th is generally accepted as the date when the Siege of Paris began. However, train service from Paris to Calais (for travel to England) was interrupted on September 13th with the destruction of the bridges crossing the Oise river at Criei and Anvers, according to Baron Ernouf in his book, "Histoire des Chemins de Fer Français Pendant La Guerre Franco-Prussienne." This is also confirmed

by an article in the "Times" in the Sept. 14th issue.

At first, we thought our cover was able to change from the Marseille train to the Calais train by going through occupied territory. We thought perhaps the occupation was rather loose, and maybe services went on as usual, but Baron Ernouf is specific about this point. At least, in the case of Amiens and Rouen, rail service in the direction of the French, came to a complete halt. A second possibility was that while the railroad was under control, it would be pretty difficult to police the back country roads. P. Savélon in his booklets, "La Poste Pendant Le Siège" confirms this as he describes the fate of the mail carried by the balloon, Le Duquesne. This balloon landed near Reims in occupied territory. The balloonists escaped capture and gave the mail to two farmers who smuggled it to the free city of Hirson, hidden in cases of champagne. Clandestine mail did exist. The January 10, 1871 issue of the "Times" reports, "A secret post was discovered in Soissons, including dispatches, letters and newspapers transmitted from Tours and Bordeaux addressed to the north of France. Five packages of letters were found in the kitchen of a livery-stable keeper. He said he had received them from an unknown traveler."

For a time we thought our letter must have been carried to the operating part of the Paris-to-Calais train by similar means. But then we came upon a set of seven letters, all written in Marseille and addressed to Sheffield, England. Fortunately, one of them (the last) was a non-war letter, and is useable as a control.

CANCELLATIONS

Marseille	Marseille à Paris	Paris à Calais	Sheffield	Total Days
Oct. 30, 1870	Oct. 31, 1870	— — —	Nov. 4, 1870	5
Nov. 10, 1870	Nov. 11, 1870	— — —	Nov. 15, 1870	5
Dec. 17, 1870	Dec. 18, 1870	Dec. 24, 1870	Dec. 26, 1870	9
Dec. 21, 1870	Dec. 22, 1870	Dec. 27, 1870	Dec. 28, 1870	7
Feb. 13, 1871	— — —	— — —	Feb. 23, 1871	10
March 1, 1871	— — —	March 4, 1871	March 7, 1871	5
Dec. 21, 1871	Dec. 22, 1871	Dec. 22, 1871	Dec. 23, 1871	2

The last cover, our non-war control, shows that 2 days was a normal time for the journey. The February and March letters are also non-war covers. They are after the war and before the Commune Revolution, and indicate how slowly service became normal once more.

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The two December letters (1870) are during the period when France was bisected. They upset our clandestine-mail theory. Clandestine mail is bound to move in small amounts. The chances are very slim that all three (these two plus the one described in the first paragraph) of our December letters should have received this very special treatment.

For a very short time in December, the mail to England was routed via Rouen and Dieppe to Newhaven. Amiens was captured on November 28th, thus ending the Rouen-Amiens detour around the invading army. Another item from the "Times" tells us what happened, dateline, Friday, Dec. 2, 1870, "A special train conveying the mails from France, via Dieppe and Newhaven arrived at London Bridge yesterday morning. The railway company's paddle steamer, Marseilles, made the passage across from Dieppe in 5¼ hours, which has been the average time since the new mail route came into operation." Rouen was captured on December 4th and Dieppe on the 9th, which, of course, ended this detour.

Our covers are a little later in the month and, according to the "Times," should never have received a Paris à Calais train cancellation, but should have gone to England by boat via Cherbourg. "Times," Dec. 21, 1870, dateline Bordeaux, Dec. 13, "The post goes by Cherbourg whence steamers run daily, and the boats are said to be good." We have a January (1871) letter written in the seaport of Nantes and addressed to London. The instructions on the cover are that it should go via St. Malo and Southampton. It lacks any confirmation of this routing, but did make the journey in 5 days.

Our covers then must have been mixed in with mail addressed to northern France, the small northwestern part still held by the French. How then did they bypass the Prussians who had cut France in two? Savélon's description of the route followed by the balloonists from Le Duquesne gives us our only clue. After landing in occupied territory, they escaped to Hirson, a free French city on the Belgian border. They then travelled to Dunkerque where they left by sea for Brittany, Nantes and Bordeaux.

In our grandfather's time, it was as common to go from Maine to Boston by commercial steamer as it was to go by train. Prince's Letter Dispatch of 1861 offered to carry the mail from Portland, Maine to Boston on the steamer. While this is the likely means of locomotion for our 3 December covers, what ports did they use, and where did they join the Paris à Calais train?

An examination of Le Pileur's book, "Les Aérostats Poste," sent us back to the history books for more detailed information. Le Pileur lists examples of balloon mail to help collectors identify their own balloon mail. It was a great surprise then to find mail being delivered in Dieppe on December 12, 25 and January 16 and 24. Fécamp is listed as having received balloon mail on January 11 and 24. Deliveries must have been by boat to these seacoast towns since we know Rouen was locked up tight. We have a balloon cover addressed to Rouen during this period. It was not delivered until February 11, 1871, after the war was over.

A more detailed examination of the history book clears up the situation in Dieppe, and presumably it was similar in Fécamp. While the Prussians arrived in Dieppe on December the 9th, they left the next day after checking each house to see where they could billet troops. They returned on December 14th with 8,000 men. However, Dieppe was not very important to them and they left again on the 16th because of trouble on their northern frontier. Apparently they never returned.

The situation at Abbéville was more complex. The town is important to us because it represents the first chance for mail to join the Paris à Calais train. Abbéville was captured December 2nd by the Prussians, and again on January 1st along with the towns of Noyelles and St. Valéry at the mouth of

the river. In between December 2nd and January 1st, the history books are mute insofar as Abbéville is concerned. We know from Le Pilleur that the balloon Le General Renault landed in occupied territory near Abbéville on December 11th. The balloonists escaped capture and posted part of the mail in Foucarmont and part in Abbéville. The January 1st capture of Abbéville was short lived. Baron Ernouf records that service was reestablished as far south as Abbéville on January 4th.

Abbéville, like Dieppe, must have been an in and out town as far as the Prussians were concerned. Maybe this is where our 3 December letters got their Paris à Calais cancellations? Who can help us with this puzzle of French Postal History.

A LIST OF THE FRENCH POSTOFFICES IN CHINA AND JAPAN AND THEIR PERIODS OF OPERATION

By J. Desrousseaux

(Ed. Note: This list was kindly sent to us by Mon. Desrousseaux of Paris who is the leading expert on the postal history of French Indochina and French China Offices. Although the general existence of these offices and the types of postmarks from them have been well known for many years, Mon. Desrousseaux has gone to great trouble to search various archives to obtain the exact dates of operation of each French p.o. in China under each administrative type of its regime. He has put the information into a very condensed and convenient tabulation along with indications of the types of postmarks.)

The dates below are to be read as follows: 12/10/1875—(5/1918) means October 12, 1875, until about May 1918.

The columns in the tables are explained as follows:

I. The Army postoffices of the French Expeditionary Force 1860-1862.—Rhomboid-of-dots cancellations inscribed CECBC1 (Central), or CEC A (also B, C, D). Dated postmarks: CORPS EXP. CHINE/Bau Central A (also B, C, D). French postage stamps used, the imperforated Napoleon issue.

II. Army postoffices of the Boxer War 1900-1902:—Postmarks reading TRESOR ET POSTES AUX ARMÉES CHINE plus a number 1 to 7 except 4 (which was an administrative mark). The ordinary military-personnel letters were post free. Other letters: French postage stamps required—French offices in China postage stamps are rare and irregular.

III. CORR(ESPONDANCES) D(ES) ARMÉES:—military postmarks for reduced-rate franking used in some later postoffices: dated postmarks except for Peking and Tientsin, 1903-1906, which had linear marks on the cover and civil-type postmarks on the stamps.

IV. General postoffices dependent on the French Foreign Office at Paris: Civil-type dated postmarks, rhomboid-of-dots killers "5104" at Shanghai up to 6/1882, "5118" at Yokohama up to 5/1876. French postage stamps used up to 1894; French Colonies stamps are rare and irregular. French China offices postage stamps (not overprinted Indochina stamps) used 1894 on. French military-franchise (FM) stamps are regular from 1903 to 1914 and from 1915 to 31/12/1922, date of closing of these postoffices. French postage stamps used after 1894 are rare and irregular.

V. General postoffices dependent on the Postmaster of Hanoi:—Civil-type dated postmarks. Indochina postage stamps with or without overprint of CHINE or name of town. Also French military-franchise (FM) stamps. Offices all closed on 31/12/1922.

VI. Leased Territory of Kouang-Tcheou-Wan, administratively dependent on Hanoi:—Civil-type dated postmarks. Indochina unoverprinted, and over-

printed with Kwang-Tcheou-Wan name, were in use concurrently; also French military-franchise (FM) stamps. Returned to China on 30/9/1945, following Japanese occupation on 9/3/1945.

VII. French Far Eastern Expeditionary Force, office at Shanghai 1946:—Post-free letters with dated postmarks POSTE AUX ARMÉES T.O.E., same as in Indochina, to be identified only by the accompanying administrative cachets. Also at office at URAQA, Japan, from 15/9/1953 to 28/2/1957, an auxiliary station of the Saigon Naval postoffice, Bureau Naval No. 91, date-postmarked same as at Saigon, by POSTE NAVALE.

VIII. French maritime lines having postoffice agents on board using postmarks, or if without agent mail struck with PAQUEBOT marks on arrival at next major port.—Official French maritime date postmarks with a Chinese or Japanese city name; and up to May 1876 stamps cancelled with rhomboid-of-dots having anchor in center.

Offices of Northern China

Town	I.—CEC	II.—Boxer War	IV.—Civil P. O.	III.—Military p.m.
PAO-TING-FOU	—	#2 10/1900-1901	—	—
PEKIN	—	#1 11/1900-16/5/'02	11/1900-31/12/1922	9/1903-1922
SHAN-HAI-KWAN	—	#6 10/1900-5/7/1901	—	—
TCHEFOU (CHEFOU)	B 6/60-8/60	—	1902-31/12/1922	—
TIEN-TSIN	B 11/60-10/61	#5 10/10/1900-16/5/1902	16/3/1889-31/12/1922	9/1903-1906
TONG-KOU	—	#7 4/1901-(11/1901)	—	—
YANG-TSUM	—	#3 10/1900-12/1900	—	—

Note: During Boxer War same marks seen without dates: #3 at Shanghai, #4 at Paotingfou, and later at Tientsin—these were only administrative marks.

Offices of Eastern China and Yangtse-Kiang Valley

Town	I.—CEC	IV.—Civil P.O.	*III.—Milit. Mks.	V.—Indo-china P.O.
*SHANG-HAI	Central 5/1860-3/1862	12/1862-31/12/1922	1863-31/12/22; 1946	—
NING-PO	—	15/11/05-1/4/1918	—	—
HAN-KEOU	—	11/98-31/12/1922	—	—
TCHONG-KING	—	—	—	7/2/1902-31/12/1922

*NOTES: For Shanghai 1946, see Para. VII above.

First military postmarks 1863-1871, were inscribed Indo-Chine instead of Shanghai. Up to 1887 (foundation of French Indochina) "Indochine" did not mean Indochina, but was an appellation for all countries around the Indian and Chinese seas, from Madagascar to Japan. The dated postmarks used on board the French packets up to that date were of the same type for the lines to Reunion, Hong-Kong, Shanghai, Yokohama, etc.: all considered as being for "Indo-Chine." One of that type of postmark was also given to the Shang-Hai postoffice (see also under Japan).

Various packet maritime postmarks (para. VIII) reading: Shanghai à Marseille, etc., are rare (from China).

Offices of Southeastern China

Town	I.—CEC	V.—Indochina P.O.s	VIII.—Paquebot
CANTON	C 10/1860-11/1861	15/6/1901- 31/12/1922	—
CANTON A (-F)	—	(1906)-31/12/1922 (auxil.)	—
HONG-KONG	Central 2/1860-4/60	—	Hong-Kong-Saigon 1877-1898
HONG-KONG	A 5/1860-11/1860	—	Hong-Kong-Tonkin 1887
HOI-HAO	—	15/5/1900- 31/12/1922	—
PACKHOI	—	11/2/1902- 31/12/1922	—
(PAKHOI)	—	—	—
*LONGTCHEOU	—	Decision of 3/6/1903 cancelled	—

*NOTE: The postmaster of Longtcheou died before opening the postoffice and Hanoi gave up. The postage stamps sent were destroyed though some cancelled pieces exist.

VI. The Leased Territory of Kouang-Tcheou-Wan:

Main town: KOUANG-TCHEOU-WAN, or QUANG-TCHEOU 3/1900-1910.

Administrative Quarter, FORT-BAYARD, 1901-30/9/1945

POINTE-NIVET, (5)/1900-(11)/1900

POTAO (P'O-TEOU) 1900-1910

P'O-TSI 7/1902-1/2/1928

TAI-PING 7/1902-1/2/1928

TCHEKAM (TCHE-KANG) (5)/1900-30/9/1945

Yunnan

V.—Indochinese Post Offices:—

MONGTSEU (MONGTZE) 15/2/1900-31/12/1922

YUNNAN-FOU (YUNNAN-SEN) 26/1/1900-31/12/1922

Railroad-train offices: AMITCHEOU A LAOKAY and YUNNANFOU A
AMITCHEOU, 1910-1922.

Japan

KOBE—Maritime line postmarks MARSEILLE A KOBE, KOBE A MARSEILLE
1934-1941

URAGA—See para. VII above, 1953-1957

YOKOHAMA—6/1865-31/3/1880. Civil dated-postmarks (IV) and military dated-postmarks (III), the former being inscribed INDO-CHINE as were the Shanghai ones, see above. Also maritime line marks MARSEILLE A YOKOHAMA, and vice versa, 1898-1932 (VIII), etc.

Other Places Using Marks Inscribed "Chine"

L.—CORPS EXP. CHINE: the BUREAU A was in Saigon 25/2/1861-25/6/62;
the BUREAU D was in Singapore 2/1861-5/1862.

Correction to "The Fabrication of a French Stamp"

In the article by this title in FCP #151 (Jan.) there is an error which P. deLizeray has kindly called to our attention. In the paragraph on p. 3 beginning "Things get still more complicated —" the word "(relief)" in the 8th line should read "(in the sense of right-left or mirror effect)"; and in the next line the word "relief" should be "recess." Likewise in the next paragraph, 2nd line, it should read "recess-engraved plate."

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS

The PTT announced on 16 January that the booklets of 10 and 20 of the 0.50F with phosphorescent marks will be distributed to the postoffices in the Depts. of Alpes Maritimes and Rhone at the end of January.

The Société des Amis du Musée Postal deserves the support of all serious students and collectors of French stamps and postal history. Their quarterly magazine (*Bulletin*) is very deluxe and contains many interesting, valuable and well-illustrated articles based on study of the materials in the Musée, mainly derived from old government archives and gifts. For contents of past issues see the listings under "Current Journal Articles." The dues are 20Fr per year plus a 5fr entry fee for new members (may go up a bit with the dollar deval.). Write to the Secrétaire Générale, 4, rue Saint Romain, F75272-Paris Cedex 06; CCP # Paris 5751-11.

An Association des Collectionneurs de Timbres-Poste de Laos is being formed in France to study the culture, etc., of this country for philatelists. Write to: M. Louis Dutreix, 17 rue Eusébe-Bombal, F78000-Limoges.

The Ed. Berck firm in Paris put out another of its big "Vente Offres Libres" of 3616 lots, last fall, slickly printed and extensively illustrated, with the usual exaggerated hoopla ("the most sensational document of the century, 8th wonder of the world, 25% of the items never seen before," etc., etc.). There are no minimum bids but the "estimates" are fantastically high. Berck claims that most lots in his previous Ventes went for over the estimates. Most of the alleged "exceptional" material consists of essays, proofs, imperfs, errors, printer's waste, blocs, souvenirs, FDCs, etc., and we have seen most of them before. We note that the Maury firm is now also starting the "free bidding" system as an "experiment." The idea seems to be by scaring bidders with very high estimates, minimum bids aren't necessary. However, the Berck catalogues are useful as reference to see all the different kinds of stuff that can be had for modern French issues.

Marc Dhotel, the specialist on thematic philately, and Andre Michon, have been elected to membership in the Académie de Philatélie (limited to 40 members).

We are frequently asked about sources for philatelic literature, especially out-of-print items. As there are only several dealers with a large stock of literature—HJMR in Miami and Harris in London, that we know of—there is opportunity in picking up things at auction. Many ordinary philatelic auctions often have a few items of literature in their sales, but probably seldom if ever what you want. However, there are a number of auction firms that specialize in literature almost exclusively: Alfred Ihm, Friedenstr. 26, 8592 Wunsiedel, W. Germany, Harry Hayes, 48 Trafalgar St., Batley, Yorks, WF17 7HA, England; Jacques Boivin, 353 Blvd. Charest Est, Quebec 2, P. Q., Canada; Dr. Conrad Graham, 22 Rotherwick Rd., London, NW 11 7DG, England.

Our member Stanley Luft, who buys French mixtures on paper from time to time, wonders why in a recent 1 lb. mixture he found no phosphor-tagged stamps and only two coils (both from auto vending machines). But he found 20% were of the small regular issue (courant) stamps. So he asks: "—just who uses coils in France? Are they bought mainly by stamp dealers for resale? Are they purchased mainly by foreigners who use them on tourist-type mail? Do the French mistrust these automatic vendors? (But aren't small booklets sold that way too?) Sign me curious."

Of the stamps retired by the PTT in the last half of 1972, there were no

printing totals as large as some in 1971 but those over 8 million include the Réunion Caméléon, Académie Nat. de Medicine and St. Brieuc; the Kerguelen, Olympic Games, World Heart, Grand Duc and Saumon had over 7 million, rest 4-7 mill. The red-cross booklets 641,000; Reunion CFAs all 2-4 hundred thousand, and Andorre all 6-8 hundred thousand.

Clement Serveau, the noted designer of many French and other stamps died in early 1972 at 86 years. A painter whose works hang in various French and foreign museums and also the designer of many banknotes, he designed some 40 French stamps (1956-70). He was born in 1886, and had been painting since he was 6. Serveau studied beaux arts and decorative arts with L.-O. Merson (stamp designer too), and R. Colin; won the Gold Medal at the Exposition des Arts Decoratifs of 1925, a gold medal for his frescoes at the 1937 Exposition. He led the course work in fresco at L'École de Beaux Arts and was director of modern illustrated books for the Ferenczi house 1920-40. Chevalier de Légion d'Honneur and titled Mérite Postal.

Le Monde reports receiving a letter from Amiens/Gare with the stamp cancelled by a flamme without circular dated postmark or any date!

Le Monde des Philatélistes celebrated its 250th issue with the no. for January 1973. It started in Oct. 1951 with a 4-page issue of 1,500 copies, and today has 70,000 subscribers to its 72-page issues. Meanwhile it took over other magazines that didn't have the magic to keep going alone: L'Officiel de la Philatélie, Quinzaine Philatélique, L'Essor Philatélique, Le Timbre, and Bulletin Philatélique du Midi. In the Jan. issue several pages of letters from many of its distinguished authors are printed—they are interesting for the comments about the authors' other hobbies and their professions ("le violon d'Ingres").



The "Journée du Timbre" stamp for 1973 showing an old "Relais de Poste" (engr. Lacaque) was issued on 23 March, surcharged CFA on 26 March. On April 7 was to be issued the 3F "A 300 B Airbus" stamp (Lengelle/Gandon), and on 14 April the 0.50 and 0.90 Europas (for Andorre on 28 April). The tentatively projected dates for the next few issues have been announced as: 0.40 Tuileries telephone central sometime in April, 2.00 painting of LeBrun "Femme à genoux" 28 April, 0.50+0.10 Ernest Rénan 28 April, 0.40 Guadeloupe raccoon 3 May, 0.60 Alsatian stork 12 May, 0.90 Palace of Dukes of Burgundy at Dijon 19 May, 0.50+0.10 Santos Dumont 28 May, 2.00 woods of Moutier-d'Ahun in Creuse 26 May, 0.50+0.10 Colette 2 June, 0.60 50th Ann. of 24 Heures de Mans (race) 2 June; 0.90 5-masted "France II," and 0.50 Toulouse FSPF Congress, and 0.50+0.10 Duguay-Trouin all on 9 June; 1Fr Le Clos-Lucé at Amboise 23 June.

We note that our analogue Society in Great Britain has changed the title of its magazine to "Journal," which seems more appropriate than "Bulletin."

Have you seen the latest painting stamp, Derain's "Les Peniches" (the canal boats)? It is a remarkable reproduction, possibly the best of the series to date (Gandon, the engraver).

The Stamps Information Associates, Inc., (our member E. Cointreau) 675 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, Mass. 02139, announces that it is now acting as distributor in U.S. for the Etudes and Brochures published by Le Monde des Philatelistes in Paris, and which we have noted in our new books column regularly as they appeared. The SIA firm will send you a list of the booklets still available and the prices in dollars. They also are distributing the SCOTEM catalogue of French flammes and special cancels, published by Le Monde (in 2 vols.).

Raymond Salles' Tome VIII (on the Franco-British exchange marks) of his La Poste Maritime has now appeared; the author still has a few hundred copies available. He advises us that Tomes I, II and VI are out of print and he does not think he will reprint them again. The stock of other volumes is low and those interested should not put off ordering too long. He has a few complete sets to sell at \$100. The out of print Tomes can be had from some French stamp dealers or in auctions but they will be increasingly scarce and found only at higher prices. The author's address: 7 rue Saint-Denis, Esc. D, Appt. 211, F-92100-Boulogne, France.

In Le Monde for Feb. 1973 Raymond Duxin complains about the two recent French stamps printed in helio (the anthurium of Martinique and X anniv. of Franco-German treaty) because the PT seems to be starting a practice of using helio for the commemorative stamps. He fears it heralds a tendency away from the recess printing which for years now has been so successful. He repeats the usual litany of denigration against helio, which is perhaps a bit too sweeping. But another point is brought up which merits thought: at the present time engraved illustrations in books and magazines is on the downhill, so that (in France at least) the many fine illustrator-engravers who have previously made their bread largely on book work are now depending more and more on stamp production. The engraving art might die out if the recess stamp work is greatly reduced. Most of the master engravers in France were students of the Ecole Nationale des Beaux Arts where some of the famous stamp engravers have taught. The government must protect this cultural resource, Duxin says.

The new St. Pierre-Miquelon stamps issued to take care of the changeover from CFA to French francs which we announced in the Jan. FCP, turned out to consist of two sets of postage stamps in new designs, a set of birds and a set of celebrated personages, plus a set of dues in a Newfoundland dog design. The stamps were supposed to have been issued on Jan. 1 (date in the FD cancel) but a correspondent in St. Pierre informs us they were not sold there until Jan. 4 and then only the bird set—the others apparently being withheld because of considerable stocks of the old issues which they want to use up. However, dealers in U.S. have already imported the complete sets from the SPM postoffice.

Apparently speculators in France as in U.S. overbuy mint sheets of stamps that they later have to dump on the market below face. Thus we note the firm of B. Aumont, 127 rue des Landes, F78400-Chatou is advertising that it buys and sells complete sheets or large blocks of French stamps, including various numbers from Yv #112 on up. Recent sheets (Yv #s 1425 on) are bought at 20% below face.

Obtaining covers from TAAF poses some special problems. The mail goes out there from France each year with the supply boats and comes back

when they return. In the past the office of the French National Polar Expeditions in Paris has handled some covers for dealers and collectors, which received its special cachets. Some Paris dealers got a small stock this way. Collectors send out self-addressed covers to the Expedition or p.o.'s if they know when. The French government has been chartering one of the boats of the Lauritzin Line of Copenhagen to resupply the base at Terre Adélie, boats that are especially designed for such difficult service and which the Danes have developed skill and dependability in using so that a number of countries contract them for Antarctic support. These boats have names ending in "Dan." The "MV Thala Dan" has made two journeys from Australia and Tasmania to Terre Adélie, in 1971 and 1972. Covers with the special cachet of these boats can be had and are much sought for by polar philatelists. (See note in FCP #120, p. 50, and #131, p. 14; also Joffre in *Le Monde* for Feb-March 1966). For resupply of the Austral Islands (Kerguelen, St. Paul, Amsterdam and Crozet) the French have used for some years past the "M.V. Gallieni" of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes and the "M.V. Sapiner" making several trips a year from Reunion. Cachets of these boats are also available. Recently the Agence des Timbres-Poste d'Outre-Mer has offered to service self-addressed covers (non-registered) from TAAF. You send your covers with names of the places you want them from written in pencil at the side: Crozet, Terre Adélie, Kerguelen, Amsterdam, St. Paul; and indicate what kind of stamps (which issue and denominations) you want on them—minimum value is 40Fr CFA for each cover. Payment is made to the Agence, 85 Ave. de la Bourdonnais F75007-Paris, c/o Mme Zimmerman. Pay in International postal money order. TAAF and New Zealand have just issued stamps honoring the "Gallieni." (The deadline for sending covers for this year has passed, unfortunately.)

You may see now occasionally some administrative cachets of French p.o.s with 5 or 6 digit numbers divided one place or another by a hyphen or period, which are different than the Code Postal number for the same p.o.; these are numbers for accounting and internal operations of the p.o. It is only by accident or emergency that one would appear on a stamp.

The auction firm of J. Robineau (Au Comptoir des Timbres) in Paris now uses a meter-mail machine to cancel its mail; the flame to left of the cds on the meter has a reproduction of the lovely old *marque postale* in double oval inscribed: CHALONS/PORT-PAYÉ and S(fleur de lys)M in center—very cute.

While at Interpex we had the pleasure of a chat with Pierre Weill, a Commercial Attaché of the French Embassy, about the philatelic services of the French PTT. We pointed out to him the need for having a version of the "Notices" on the new stamps issued in English. He indicated that there is a possibility that his office could undertake a translation and issue it in this country.

L'Echo de la Timbrologie has redesigned its format for 1973, using litho color block background panels for many of the type pages, and more readable type, wider spacings, etc.—resulting in a considerably more attractive magazine. The color scheme will be different each month. The new issues section has more informative background notes.

Our dealer member Bernard Behr in Paris announces that his firm will start issuing a regular "Bulletin" of offers of classic France, Liberation issues, colonies, and European sets, which will be sent on request. This is in addition to his occasional catalogues of "Ventes a Prix Net."

We call your attention to some new discoveries in 20th France announced recently in the press—a 15c brown-lilac sower in Type III (Altériet, L'Echo Jan.), and a 5c Blanc booklet stamp in blue-green shade (Antoene, L'Echo, Feb.).

THE REGULAR ISSUES OF FRANCE 1876-1966 ACCORDING TO THEIR NORMAL POSTAGE USAGE

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(Continued from FCP #151, p. 21)

Erratum

3F Iris: after "(tariff of 1 March 1945" on p. 21 read: Printed Matter, increments of 500 gm, between 1000 and 1500 gm (instead of "from 1000 to 1500 gm").

Interlude II. Commemoratives, Quasi-Regularity, and Isolated Regulars of the last years of the Third Republic (1937-1941)

(Unless specified otherwise, first dates given refer to the printing, and second dates to period of issue).

50c value

ACEP 77 La Marseillaise envelope; printed 1937, issued 1940.
Presumably printed during period of the 50c rate for domestic letters (Tariff of 9 Aug. 1926) and prior to 11 July 1937 (tariff at 65c); additional postage was necessary at time of issue: 50c more for domestic letters, 2F more for foreign letters, of single weight (Tariffs of 1 Dec. 1939 and 1 Jan. 1940).

55c values

Scott Yvert	Dates of Printing; Dates of Issue
341 378 Gambetta	17 March-1 April 1938; 2 April-16 Nov. 1938
351 397 LaFontaine	21 June-5 July 1938; 8 July 1938-1 June 1940
ACEP 145 Anglo-French Friendship postal card.	Issued 22 July 1938

Domestic usage (Tariff of 12 July 1937):

*Postal cards.

Rendered obsolete by Tariff of 17 Nov. 1938. I can find no valid postal reason for retention of the LaFontaine to this late date given by Joany (1969).

70c values

ACEP 152 N. Y. World Fair postal card	Issued 1939
ACEP 154 Arc de Triomphe postal card	Issued 1939
391 443 Strasbourg Cathedral	7-16 June 1939; 23 June-5 Oct. 1939
394 448 Languedoc	21-31 Aug. 1939; 26 Dec. 1939-28 Nov. 1940

Domestic usage (Tariff of 17 Nov. 1938):

*Postal cards;

#Airmail surtax on letters from 20 to 50 gm, within France and Corsica.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 1 Dec. 1939):

Postal cards, illustrated, more than 5 words of message;

Invoices, unsealed, to 20 gm.

80c value

ACEP 155 Arc de Triomphe postal card	Issued 1940
Domestic usage (Tariff of 1 Dec. 1939).	

90c values

334 358 Iseran Pass	6 Sept. 1937-9 Sept. 1938; 4 Oct. 1937-Oct. 1938
A regular, of Monuments and Sites lineage, which replaced the Le	

* Primary or common use.

Continued through succeeding tariff(s).

Puy-en-Velay (Sc 290, Yv 290) and was in turn replaced by the green Paix of Laurens (Sc 275, Yv 367).

Domestic usage (Tariff of 12 July 1937):

*Letters, from 20 to 50 gm.

371	425	Battleship "Clemenceau",	15-24 Mar. 1939; 18 Apr. 1939-1 June 1940
389	442	St.-Gregoire-de-Tours	11-23 May 1939; 10 June-5 Oct. 1939
390	444	Oath of the Tennis Court	6-16 June 1939; 20 June-5 Oct. 1939
392	445	Verdun	2-13 June 1939; 23 June-5 Oct. 1939
393	449	Pau	31-July-17 Aug. 1939; 25 Aug. 1939-28 Nov. 1940
395	450	Lyons	1-28 Aug. 1939; 26 Dec. 1939-28 Nov. 1940

Domestic usage (Tariff of 17 Nov. 1938):

*Letters, to 20 gm.

Rendered obsolete by Tariff of 1 Dec. 1939; little normal usage for the Pau, none for the Lyons, both of which would require additional stamps if to be used on mail.

1F value

ACEP 146 Anglo-French Friendship postal card Issued 22 July 1938
Foreign usage (Tariff of 1 Aug. 1937) (until 30 Nov. 1938).

1F25 value

ACEP 153 S. S. Normandie postal card Issued 1939
Foreign usage (Tariff of 1 Dec. 1938) (until 31 Dec. 1939).

1F75 values

332	357	U. S. Constitution	1 Sept.-6 Oct. 1937 and 14-17 Jan. 1938; 17 Sept. 1937-16 Nov. 1938
349	396	Soccer Championships	17-24 May 1938; 1 June-16 Nov. 1938
350	388	Champagne	12-20 May and 21 June 1938; 1 June-16 Nov. 1938
352	400	Anglo-French Friendship	9 June-5 July 1938; 19 July 1938- 1 June 1940

Foreign usage (Tariff of 1 Aug. 1937):

*Letters, to 20 gm (incl. airmail letters to certain European countries);

Invoices, unsealed, to 250 gm;

Printed matter, from 200 to 250 gm.

Rendered obsolete by Tariff of 1 Dec. 1938; Anglo-French Friendship stamp presumably retained for wartime propaganda purposes.

2F value

342 389 Arc de Triomphe d' Orange 7 Nov.-19 Dec. 1938; 15 Dec. 1938-39
A "quasi-regular" of Monuments and Sites type, it replaced the Daudet Windmill (Sc 307, Yv 311) and was replaced by the 2F Ceres (Sc 336, Yv 373) beginning in March 1939.
Foreign usage (Tariff of 1 Dec. 1938):
Letters, from 20 to 40 gm, to Canada and Luxembourg;
Airmail surtax on letters to 10 gm, to certain Asian countries.

2F15 value

343 390 Miners 12 March-21 Oct. 1938; 20 April-Dec. 1938
(a newly-created regular value, following promulgation of domestic Tariff of 12 July 1937):
Domestic usage:

*Registered letters, to 20 gm.

Rendered obsolete by domestic Tariff of 17 Nov. 1938 and suppressed.

1F / 2F15

Overprinted (Sc 410, Yv 489) by flat plate on remainders of above stamp;

about 14.5 million issued from 2 Dec. 1940 to 16 Aug. 1941.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 1 Dec. 1939):

*Letters, to 20 gm;

Registry fee, for other than letters and parcels.

2F25 values

370 421 Cézanne 15 Feb.-1 March 1939; 15 March 1939-1 June 1940
372 426 N. Y. World Fair 28 March-12 April 1939; 18 April 1939-May 1940
374 427 Photography Centennial 30 March-13 April 1939; 24 April 1939-1 June 1940

388 430 Liege Exposition 5-17 May 1939; 22 May 1939-1 June 1940
Foreign usage (Tariff of 1 Dec. 1938):

*Letters, to 20 gm (incl. airmail letters to certain European countries);

Printed matter, from 200 to 250 gm;

Invoices, unsealed, to 250 gm.

Left without specific usage by Tariff of 1 Jan. 1940, but remained on sale until stocks (and the Republic) were exhausted.

2F50 value

373 458 N. Y. World Fair 4-8 May 1940; 10 June 1940-18 Feb. 1941
Foreign usage (Tariff of 1 Jan. 1940):

*Letters, to 20 gm;

Printed matter, from 200 to 250 gm;

Registry fee.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 9 Aug. 1926):

Special delivery (express) fee.

3F Avignon

The 3F Avignon (Sc 344, Yv 391), a "quasi-regular" of Monuments and Sites type, was printed 18 May-26 Sept. 1938 and issued 20 June 1938-early 1939, whereupon it was replaced by the 3F Ceres (Sc 340, Yv 376). Originally issued as a supplementary value.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 12 July 1937):

Letters, from 400 to 500 gm.

Possible foreign usage (Tariff of 1 Dec. 1938):

Airmail letters, to 20 gm, to those parts of Europe where airmail surtax was in effect;

Airmail surtax on letters to 10 gm, to certain African countries

5F Carcassonne

The 5F Carcassonne (Sc 345, Yv 392), a regular of the Monuments and Sites line, was printed 1 March 1938-20 May 1940, and issued 20 April 1938 to 1941. It replaced the 5F Mont-St.-Michel (Sc 250, Yv 260) and was replaced by the 5F Hotel-Dieu de Beaune (Sc 420, Yv 499). Originally issued and mainly used as a supplementary high value.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 17 Nov. 1938):

Letters, from 500 to 1000 gm.

Foreign usage (Tariff of 1 Jan. 1940):

*Registered letters, to 20 gm;

Special delivery (express) fee.

2F50 / 5F

Overprinted (Sc 411, Yv 490) by flat plate on remainders of above stamp; about 3.3 million issued from 17 May to 16 Aug. 1941.

Foreign usage (Tariff of 1 Jan. 1940):

*Letters, to 20 gm.

Printed matter, from 200 to 250 gm;

Registry fee.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 9 Aug. 1926):

Special delivery (express) fee.

10F Vincennes

The 10F Vincennes (Sc 346, Yv 393) was a regular which replaced the 10F La Rochelle (Sc 252, Yv 261); printed from 12 April 1938 to 12 Dec. 1939, and issued from 16 May 1938 to 1941, when it was replaced by the 10F Angers (Sc 421, Yv 500). Originally issued and mainly used as a supplementary high value.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 17 Nov. 1938):

Printed matter, from 2500 to 3000 gm.

Foreign usage (Tariff of 1 Dec. 1938):

#Airmail surtax on letters to 10 gm, to the U. S. and Canada.

Foreign usage (Tariff of 1 Jan. 1940):

Letters, from 100 to 120 gm;

Printed matter, from 950 to 1000 gm.

5F / 10F

Overprinted (Sc 412, Yv 491) by flat plate on remainders of above stamp; 982,500 stamps issued from 15 April to 16 Aug. 1941.

Foreign usage (Tariff of 1 Jan. 1940):

*Registered letters, to 20 gm;

Special delivery (express) fee.

20F Saint-Malo

The 20F Saint-Malo (Sc 347, Yv 394) was another regular, which replaced the 20F Pont-du-Gard (Sc 254A, Yv 262); printed between 26 April 1938 and 16 May 1940, and issued from 16 May 1938 to 1941; replaced by the 20F Aigues-Mortes (Sc 422, Yv 501). Issued as a supplementary high value.

10F / 20F

Overprinted (Sc 413, Yv 492) by flat plate on remainders of above stamp; about 1.4 million were issued between 4 March and 16 Aug. 1941. (See the 10F Vincennes, above, for possible foreign usage).

50F Ader

The 50F Ader (Sc 348, Yv 398) was a "quasi-regular" and had the highest face value of any French postage stamp issued up to that time; printed between 28 Feb. 1938 and 26 April 1940, and issued from 16 June 1938 until replaced by the 50F Guynemer (Sc 396, Yv 461) in Nov. 1940. Issued as a supplementary high value and used mainly on airmail.

20F / 50F

Overprinted (Sc 414, Yv 493) by flat plate on remainders of above stamp; about 420,000 stamps issued from 23 or 24 Jan. 1941. Used as a supplementary high value.

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#191, 1st Trim. 1973: Cuny: "La présence française à Lubeck sous l'Empire"; Parlange: "Les marques de propagande postale de la Marine fr."; Allard: "Les oblitérations losange de points des bureaux de quartier de Paris"; Bruno: "La poste aux lettres à LaRoche-sur-Yon du XVIII et au XX siècle"; Aubree: "Des bords de l'Oise aux bords du Nesenbach" (deportees mail); Charbonnier: "Les Annexes Sédentaires (A.S.) ou Guichets Annexes fixes (cont.)"; Lejeune: "Les marques postales à noms Révolutionnaires"; Nagel: "La Lettre—pliage, enveloppes, cartes postale" (begin); Frachon: "Etude sur les PC et des GC"; Harder: "Affranchissements mécaniques dans les centres régionaux d'instruction"; Dupecher: "A propos des prisonniers de guerre de Mai-Juin 1940"; Bouttes: "La poste militaire italiennes d'occupation"; "Catalogue des oblitérations avec levée centrale"; "Qu'est-ce qu'un entrepot"; "Quelques découvertes."

War Cover Bulletin (Box 26, Brewster, N. Y.)

vol. 15, #4, Feb. '73: Bertalanffy: "Seven Years War 1756-63—an early war cover of 1761" (with "ARM DU B RHIN" canc.)

Revue des PTI de France

#5, 1972: Rat: "Le bâtiment et les installations techniques des timbres—poste à Périgueux."

Bulletin de la Société Internationale d'Histoire Postale (2, Ave. Felix-Viallet, Grenoble, or Box 24, Bayside, N. Y.—\$3.50/yr.)

No. 21, 1972: Nougaret: "La poste aux chevaux français pendant la Révolution"; Viulle: "Les marques comptable françaises de 1828 à 1945 à destinations Suisses"; Coutan-Laboureur: "A propos de la Petite Poste et de la poste maritime à Nantes 1791."

L'Echo de la Timbrologie (CC, SI, APRL) (37 rue des Jacobins, F80036-Amiens; 30Fr/yr)

#1429, Jan. 1973: Altériet: "15c Semeuse brun lilas—découverte d'un Type III"; Meriaux: "La poste navale 1943-63" (cont.); Leblanc: "Les séries coloniales de 1941 à l'effigie du M. Pétain" (cont.); Lordet: "Les oblitérations des nouveaux départements d'Algérie 1959-62" (cont.)

#1430, Feb. '73: Mazabrey: "Faux de Sperati—d'un paire un Fr. vermillon"; L'Ermite: "La préhistoire et la philatélie"; Tessier: "Carnets à plat—10 timbres avec publicité 10c Semeuse maigre vert (Minéraline et Phéna)"; Antoe: "Découvertes (5c Blanc carnet in vert-bleue)."

F. & C. P. S. OFFICIAL

Notices

The new **Membership Directory** which you received as a supplement to this issue of FCP, contains some novelties: a history, by-laws, past officers, etc., but especially a detailed listing by specialties based on the extensive questionnaire sent out with the dues notices last December. This list by specialties will be an eye-opener to all of us. We at least, are surprised by the large numbers of members indicating such subjects as: topicals, marques postales, military posts, maritime, railway posts, 1870-71, dues, Sage, airmails, booklets, coils, maximum cards, miniature sheets, telephone and telegraph, parcel post, FM, newspapers, revenues, expositions, specimens, precancels, perfins, offices abroad, Andorra, Monaco, Saar, Colonies general issues, St. Pierre-Miquelon, Algeria, Morocco, TAAF, Tunis, and philatelic literature. Other specialties that showed up popular were not quite so unexpected. But the diversity of interests among our members is greater than we realized and this information will be very useful to the officers and editor in their efforts to be of greater service to the members. Also the specialties listing will stimulate many to get in touch with others having indicated similar interests, others that they did not know of before.

The Secretary has a supply of a one-page printed sheet showing **sketches of the main Types and Varieties of 20th Century French Stamps**, which may be had upon request by members.

Tape/Slide Project: Presentations now available for home study or club viewing are:

- #1 First Issue of France, 1849-1850 (Martin, Lievsay)
- #2 The Commune of Paris, 1871 (Ruth and Gardner Brown)

The only charge is \$1 to cover the cost of shipping and insurance. Members are allowed 10 days use, and are responsible for return shipping and any damage beyond normal use. Place your reservations, giving alternate dates if for club use, with Walter Parshall.

We have had some inquiries about **binding files** of the Philatelist. One easy solution is to house Nos. 1-117 in a 2" (#118-A2 Elbe) springback binder, and Nos. 118-146 with the Index in a second 2" binder (#96-A2 Elbe). Not fancy, but very handy.

Take notice that the **annual elections** (pursuant to the By-Laws reprinted in the Membership Supplement) will be held at the regular meeting, Tuesday, 1 May 1973. In addition to officers of the Society, two terms on the Board of Directors are to be elected.

Members of the Society are invited to join together for the **Annual Banquet**, Saturday, May 19 at the Cafe de France in New York. Details will be sent only to resident members, so those of you who do not get meeting notices and want to attend, please contact Miss Berner (Treasurer). Estimated cost per person: \$12.50.

Excerpts from official reports for 1972 to be made at the May annual meeting:

Corresponding Secretary's Report			
Membership at 12/31/71	-----		389
1972: New members	-----	79	
Reinstatements	-----	6	
Resignations	-----	(3)	
Dropped non-paid	-----	(27)	
Net gain		55	55
Membership at 12/31/72	-----		444
Treasurer's Report			
Income: Dues	-----	\$2537	
Sale of publications	-----	88	
Misc. income	-----	63	
		\$2688	
Expenses: Philatelist	-----	\$850	
Index	-----	192	
Meetings	-----	259	
Exhibitions	-----	280	
Membership promotion	-----	76	
Admin. — Editor	-----	103	
Secretary	-----	206	
Stationery and postage	-----	114	
		(2080)	
Addition to reserve		\$ 608	
Balance on hand 12/31/71		1269	
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Balance on hand 12/31/72		\$1877	

Results of the Stephen G. Rich Memorial Competition, 1973

The Rich contest held at Collectors Club on February 6 was unusual this year in that there were no exhibits of 19th Century French stamps. Instead we had an emphasis on postal history (marques postales) and 20th Century, all France and no colonies, etc.

Best in Show: France, (early) Franchise Markings.—Dr. Martin Stempien, Jr.
Postal History Class:

First Award: Paris Petite Poste of the 18th Century.—John B. Morton.

Second Award: Monaco Postal History.—Walter E. Parshall

Stamps Class:

First Award: The Blanc Issue of France.—Walter Brooks

Second Award: France, 1924 Olympics Issue—Ira Seebacher

Certificate: Monaco Stationery.—Walter E. Parshall

Certificate: France, WW II Liberation Issues.—Raymond L. Gaillaguet

Not in Competition:

Modern France, Proofs and Imperfs.—Marc Martin

The Meeting of January 2

The speaker was Lou Robbins of New York, a sometime dealer in philatelic literature, sometime auction agent, and an associate editor of the Scott Catalogue. He spoke at length on some of the problems with editing of the Catalogue—the blending of auction realizations with the scarcity of the issue, the demand, and the dealer market for each item. He also commented on the relative sophistication of the Europeans as compared with the level or erudition and status of philately (as distinct from the accumulation of wallpaper) in this country. He discussed the effect in auction markets of the speculative

investor and the arbitrage between national markets. He tried to distinguish between the scarcity value of stamps and their market value, which can fluctuate depending on many variables, the most recent of which is the uninformed speculation which has gone on in some high priced rarities: making particularly the point that short-term speculation is active despite the 25% markup required on resale to cover auction and sale expenses.—JEL

Interpex and the Meeting of March 10

Our usual monthly meeting was advanced four days to coincide with the 15th anniversary INTERPEX at the Hotel Americana. More than forty members and guests of the Society were on hand for the special speaker, Mr. Herbert J. Bloch. Mr. Bloch, internationally known expert and the only surviving member of the Friedl Expert Committee, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by the Society for his dedication to the advancement of philately.

The business portion of the meeting hour was waived by unanimous agreement so that Mr. Bloch might have as much time as possible to show and discuss the use of reference material in the process of expertizing material of France and Colonies. This fascinating material included the imperforate 20c Laureated (Lebaudy), forgeries of Sperati, scarce airmails of Cilicie, the surcharge issues of Rouad, and the rare 1885-86 issues of St. Pierre & Miquelon. The material shown included both genuine and fakes, and those attending the meeting had an opportunity to examine this unique collection.

Interpex Exhibition by the Society

FCPS Awards

Gold—"Free Franks of France 1790-1880"—Martin Stempien, Jr.

Silver, with Felicitations of the Jury—"Detoured mail during Commune 1871"

Ruth and Gardner Brown

Silver—"The Making of the French Stamps"—John Orzano

Bronze—"Sower Issue"—Gustave Wittenberg

Certificate—"France Liberation Issues"—Raymond Gaillaguet

Not in competition—"19th Century French Essays"—Marc Martin

Interpex Awards

Among the INTERPEX overall awards, our members exhibits won three awards: a Gold to Marc Martin for his 19th Century French Essays and Trial Colors, a Silver to Ruth and Gardner Brown for their Mail Detoured Around Paris, and a Bronze to Martin Stempien, Jr., for his Free-Franchise Markings of France. (The Grand Award went to a collection of Greece.)

NEW MEMBERS

- 1401 BAKER, Dennis, 2089 N. Delsea Dr. TR #10, Vineland, N. J. 08360
(General France all major varieties used, military, maritime, railway post, used abroad, post. hist. in general, semi-postals, airs, Off. Abroad, Expositions, etc., occupation issues)
- 1402 MAGARO, Lon F., 3904 Marlesta Dr., San Diego, Cal. 92111
(General France, all major varieties mint and used)
- 1403 KIPNIS, Lynn, 11436 Regent St., Los Angeles, Cal. 90066
(Topical—France, mint and used. Classics 1849-76 mint and used. Modern France all varieties—all special issues and usages, (less flammes and Air meetings and occupation issues by France). Offices and CFA collected. Navigation and Commerce issues and stamps of Fr. Cols G.I.)
- 1404 FAILMEZGER, George R, 3502 Cobb Dr., Fairfax City, Va. 22030
(General collector all issues, France mint and used. Philatelic Literature)
- 1405 PALFREY, Thomas R., Jr., 140 Seminole Dr., West Lafayette, Ind. 47906
(France mint and used all varieties. Andorra—Monaco—Occupation of Saar by France—Europa. All colonies)

- 1406 RINHOLM, Kjell, Svaleveien 1 A, Teie, Tonsberg 3100, Norway
(France used & mint singles. Red Cross booklets. Andorra mint singles)
- 1407 HERVET, Michel, 63 Boucher, Parc de la Montagne, Hull, Quebec, Can.
(France mint and used. Used abroad—postal history in general—the Classics used 1849-1876. Modern France mint and used, Blanc, Merson, Mouchon, Sowers EFO's, semi-postals, airmails, coils, precancels, perfins, Philatelic literature, exchange)
- 1408 BROWNSTEIN, Martin, 32 Golf Lane, East Hanover, N. J. 07936
(France mint & used of all major varieties. Classics mint & used 1849-1876. Modern France mint & used, Blanc, Mouchon & Merson Types, Sowers, other types, semi-postals, air mails, coils, booklets, miniature sheets (bloc feuillets), Philatelic literature)
- 1409 BERNSTEIN, Lawson F., 110 East 59th St., New York, N. Y. 10022
(General France all issues—Interest in philatelic literature)
- 1410 ROSEN, Irwin, 1057 Clarkson Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11212
(Topical (paintings—Japan—USA). General France mint & covers. Modern France (mint—on cover), semi-postals, booklets, maximum cards, First Day covers, miniature sheets, essays, deluxe proofs, imperfs, artists proofs, color trials. French community (Monaco—Saar), cancels & postal history (stamps & covers of Polynesia). Philatelic Lit. Exchange)
- 1411 BAKER, Neil D., 34-6 Royal Crest Dr., Nashua, N. H. 03060
(General France mint and used all major varieties. Classics mint 1849-1876. Europa and U.N. Dealer part time. Philatelic literature)
- 1412 FLEISCHNER, Donald R., Comptroller USDESEA, APO New York 09164
(General France mint (LH)—used. Classics 1849-1876 on cover. Alsace Lorraine, locals, dues. Sage type 1876-1900. Modern France mint-used, Blanc, Mouchon, Merson types, Sowers, semi-postals, air mails, dues, parcel post, newspapers, Franchise Militaire. Occupation of France iss. Andorra—Monaco—Saar. Colonies general issues mint and used—all colonies and Territories of French Community. Exchange)
- 1413 JOHNSON, Robert M., 14478 Union Ave., Apt. F-1, San Jose, Cal. 95124
(General Collector 19th cent. Topical French Morocco. General France mint and used. Classics 1849-1876 used—on cover—1870-1871 issues, Commune, Balloons. Sage type 1876-1900. Modern France mint & used. Expositions, special and temporary bureaus, occupation by France iss. Offices abroad. Andorra before 1940s. Colonies general issues mint & used. All colonies and territories, major varieties, certain omnibus issues only, Algeria & Morocco before independence. Philatelic lit. Exchange)
- 1414 DUGAS, Eddy R., C. P. 59, St. Leonard, N. B., Canada
(France and Colonies)
- 1415 SELZER, Howard J., Post Office Box 47, Des Plaines, Ill. 60017
(Maritime posts. Railway posts. Used abroad. Postal history in general. Philatelic literature. Exchange)
- 1416 WALKER, R. L., 3661 N. Schevene, Flagstaff, Ariz. 86001
(General France, all major varieties, mint, used, on cover. Exchange)
- 1417 HELTON, Kathy, Star Route 523, Loveland, Colo. 80537
(General France, all major varieties, mint. Alsace-Lorraine, locals. Modern France, mint, booklets, coils, postal stationery, deluxe proofs, imperforates, precancels. Occupation issues of & by France. Saar, Philatelic literature. Exchange.)
- 1418 PELSON, Arthur P., 31029 Morlock, Apt. 713, Livonia, Mich. 48152
(Imperfs. Booklets. Classics on cover)
- 1419 TONG, Dennis P., 3108 "Q" St., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20007
(France all major varieties mint. Deluxe proofs. Modern imperfs)

- 1420 STEELE, John R., P. O. Box 1275, Malmstrom AFB, Mont. 59402
(France, all major varieties, mint, classics 1849-1876, cancellations. Occupation issues of France. Philatelic literature)
- 1421 BENNETT, Richard, 6 Harvard Place, Livingston, N. J. 07039
(France: all major varieties mint; all Colonies and Territories mint major varieties)
- 1422 JOHNSON, William R., 3567 Teton Road, Philadelphia, Penn. 19154
(Departmental marques postales; Paris marques postales; military posts; used abroad. Modern France mint, booklets, First-Day covers, Franchise Militaire, stationery, air meetings, first flights, crash covers; Colonies General Issues mint; philatelic literature; exchange.)
- 1423 DESROUSSEAUX, Jacques, 6 Ave. Daniel Lesueur, F75007-Paris, Fr.
(Parcel Post; covers to Indo China and China; Colonies General Issues used and on cover; Indo China, Viet-Nam, Cambodia, Laos, French and Indochinese p.o.s in China, cancels & postal history, stamps & cov.)
- 1424 WADE, Lee, P. O. Drawer L, South Gate, Calif. 90280
(Occupation by France of Mexico 1863-1867; stamps and covers of Individual Colonies: Annam-Tonkin, Cochin China, Indo China, Viet Nam; philatelic literature)
- 1425 DeCHARLEVAL, Alexis, 217 East 70th St., Lenox Hill Sta., New York, N. Y. 10021 (General collector of all issues; topicals (imperfs); part-time Dealer)
- 1426 SIMS, William M., 18647 Pepper St., Castro Valley, Cal. 94546
(French Colonies)
- 1427 GILLE, Philippe, 19 Fairfield Place, Yonkers, N. Y. 10705
(France all issues; stampless covers to 1815; stampless covers after 1815; modern France mint and used; air mails)

REINSTATED

- 1229 BRUN, Jean Francois, Palais-Royal, 84-85, Galerie de Beaujolais, Paris 1er, France (Dealer—all French philately)

CHANGES OF ADDRESS AND CORRECTIONS

- 116 HARMER, ROOKE & CO., 3 East 57th St., New York, N. Y. 10022
- 1331 STEINMANN, David P., 1185 Park Ave., Apt. 4-H, New York, N.Y. 10023
- 1208 VON HEIGHT, Wilhelm, c/o Vernon S. Cain, 1325 Zephyr—Apt. 6, Lakewood, Colo. 80215
- 822 THOMAS, H. Gregory, Box 250, Rt. #1, Masaryktown, Fla. 33512
- 756 SMITH, M/Sgt. Raymond L., 6641 Medora Dr., N. Highlands, Cal. 95660
- 14 KAGAN, Alexander, 9171 North Corona, Thornton, Colo. 80229
- 1070 WEIN, Nathan, 42-60 Main St., Flushing, N. Y. 11355
- 279 ANTHONY, Pierce W., 133 Mary Waters Ford Road, Bala-Cynwyd, Pa. 19004
- 790 DURANT, Richard, 15304 E. Warren, Detroit, Mich. 48224
- 97 LIDMAN, David, 163-B Heritage Village, Southbury, Conn. 06488
- 368 MALMGREN, Ralph T., P. O. Box 24, West Newton, Mass. 02165
- 1353 BOHN, Jeffrey C., 5257 Rivindell, Columbia, Md. 21044
- 848 BUXTON, Kenneth, 295 Exmouth St., Sarnia, Ont., Canada N7T 5M8
- 1265 KUHN, Robert G., P. O. Box 691, Tiffin, Ohio 44883
- 1345 DUQUAY, Lawrence R., 17 Aglipay Dr., Amherst, N. H. 03031
- 1232 JOFFE, Boris B., P. O. Box 248, Tonawanda, N. Y. 14150
- 1377 WHEELER, James S., 12631 W. Mississippi #205, Lakewood, Col. 80202
- 1217 VAN DER VLIST, H. W., Schoolkade 31, Assendelft 1433, Holland
- 1328 McCULLOCH, J. Douglas, 552 Rivershore Crescent, Ottawa, Ont., Canada
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- 1370 CULVERHOUSE, Mary Jane, 1613-14 Carew Tower, Cincinnati, Oh. 45202

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Deceased

Dr. Robert L. Wood (10), Dr. Kimball Flaccus (1178), Harry Sharp (1295)

MEMBERS APPEALS**(Members Advertising)**

- OFFER:** A mixed pile of recent French flammes for most anything in French material. Still require literature of my October FCP "appeal." Stanley J. Luft, 3048 Village Dr., Ft. Mitchell, Ky. 41017 (Member 915).
- WANTED:** Liberation Issues of France, trade or purchase. Herbert Breit, 8619 N. Crawford Ave., Skokie, Ill. 60076 (Member 1090).
- WANTED:** 20th C. France, Mint blocks of four with coin daté. Dr. A. H. Smithen, 1286 Glen Douglas Dr., Sarnia, Ont., Canada. (Member 872)
- OFFER:** Mint France n.h., Trucial States art mint—for sale or trade. Richard J. Sweeting, 1209 2nd St., N. W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52405 (Member 1242)
- EXCHANGE:** Used Latin America or British West Indies for postally used French Africa, Independent Republics. Roy N. Urton, 826 N. Foote Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80909 (Member 121).
- WANTED:** Contacts with FCP members interested in exchange, purchase or sale; I have to offer mint and used stamps of: France, Madagascar, Reunion, Comores, Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria, and other French-speaking countries of Africa, Asia, and America, as well as foreign countries such as Gr. Britain, Spain, Switzerland, Belgium, Norway, USSR, Romania, Hungary, Poland, Germany, Saar, etc. I would like to obtain stamps of U.S. mint and used, old and recent. A. Bessy, B. P. 197, Antsirabe, Malagasy Republic. (Member #1336)
- OFFER:** Tear sheets of the section on Indochina from the Kohl "Briefmarken Handbuch" Ed. II, pp. 641-719, in German; still the most complete and useful reference on Indochina stamps up to 1935, having more background text than the Yvert specialized cat. \$7.00. R. G. Stone, Box 471, Bigler-ville, Pa. 17307 (Member #61)
- OFFER:** I have some copies of Pierre Mayers' new catalogue of "Les Timbres de la Liberation et de France Libre" which I will give to askers first come first served; also offer for sale: a copy of Lesgor and Minnegerode: "The Cancellations on French Stamps of the Classic Issues 1849-76" in mint condition for \$5.00 p.p. Raymond Gaillaguet, 221 Waterman St., Providence, R. I. 02906 (Member #621)