

## The Standard Numbered Types Of French Postmarks To 1876

In the 1920s a classification of the main types of French postmarks in use to 1876 was proposed by Langlois and Gilbert. After its adoption in the 1930s by the late E. H. deBeaufond for his series of Departmental monographs and various catalogs, it became generally accepted among French collectors of "marques postales." Each type was assigned a number, serially more or less in the order of its introduction into use. As these Type Numbers are frequently cited in French articles, books, and catalogs, often without further description or illustration, it will be a convenience to have a loose print-out of them for ready reference. We published the accompany plate in FCP #126, Oct. 1966, pp. 5-6, but that issue is now not available to many collectors, and moreover the plate was bound into the journal.

DeBeaufond extended the classification to various "griffes," lozenges, grills, killers, and special sorts of postmark, in his "Catalogue des Oblitérations des Timbres de France 1849-1876," with numbers up to 336! Most of these added numbers are not commonly referred to in the literature, because they covered the field very incompletely and various other catalogs have gone into that area in much more detail.

Note that the plate reproduced here contains the basic numbers 1 to 24, and in addition numbers 41 to 59, plus 70-72. The omitted numbers from 25 to 40 were various killers on the first issues. The Types of Nos. 50-55, and 70-71, are now more often referred to by classifications in specialized catalogs (Noel, Salles). Sometimes a number 24bis is cited; this is just a larger-diameter version of #24.

The Yvert et Tellier Specialized Catalogue of France, 1849-1900, published in 1975, follows this classification up through #24, but uses a totally different classification and numbering from there on. The postmarks on the Sage issues are classified in a very simple fashion in the Yvert et Tellier, but a very detailed classification will be found in the DeBeaufond "Catalogue des Oblitérations de Timbres de France 1876-1900 au Type Sage."

The maritime postmarks are classified and numbered in Salles "La Poste Maritime," and nowadays his numbers are universally cited. For 20th Century postmarks see the various catalogs published by J. Pothion. There are also many specialized catalogs covering ambulants and convoyeurs, Paris marks, military marks, Offices abroad, Algeria, Alsace Lorraine, newspaper marks, entry marks, flammes, hexagons, First Day and temporary-office marks, franchise marks, colonies, etc.

DE LYON  
1

VERDVV  
2

L. EUX  
3

NANCY  
4

39  
ST SEVER  
5

P. 53.P  
ST MIHEL  
6

DEB. DE  
THION  
7

DEB. DAV ESNES  
8

DÉB. 52  
PONT A  
MOUSSON.  
9

BEAUVAIS. 58  
6 FÉVRIER 1828  
10

JONCY  
17  
AVRIL  
1836  
(70)  
11

PLELAN  
18  
AOUT  
1833  
(34)  
12

BOULAY  
19  
DEC.  
1832  
(55)  
13

CHAGNY  
1  
OCT.  
1844  
(70)  
14

LEVIER  
22  
NOV.  
45  
(26)  
15

ROUEN  
8<sup>E</sup> | 16  
SEPT.  
69  
(74)  
16

LE HAVRE  
3<sup>E</sup> | 6  
AOUT  
73  
(74)  
17

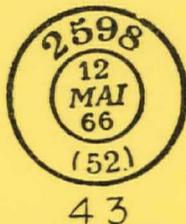
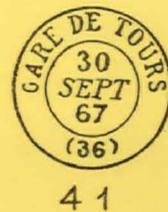
ENCAUSSE  
2<sup>E</sup> | 31  
AOUT  
75  
H<sup>E</sup>. CARONNE  
17 bis

72  
Sarcelles  
ECOUE  
18

52  
*Fenestrange*

19

10  
*Montolieu*  
20



ESPAGNE  
PAR BAYONNE  
50  
ALLEMAGNE  
PAR  
STRASBOURG  
51

ITALIE  
PLEPONT-DE  
BEAUVOISIN  
52

HOLLANDE  
PAR  
THONVILLE  
53

PAYS D'OUTREMER  
PAR LE HAVRE  
54

PAYS D'OUTREMER  
55



COL PAR  
LORIENT  
70  
COLONIES PAR  
LE HAVRE  
71



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