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A CHRONOLOGY OF FRENCH CAMPAIGNS AND EXPEDITIONS WITH THEIR POSTAL MARKINGS

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VII. Period of World War I, 1914-18

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The Western Front

(cont.)

A few selected markings follow for Allied troops and military missions in France. Shown here are markings for British (B.E.F.) troops (Fig. Z) and the generally very similar markings for Canadian (Fig. AA), Australian and New Zealand (Figs. AB), and Indian (Figs. AC) forces. Belgium (Figs. AD), whose government moved to Le Havre when the country was overrun; Serbia (Fig. AE); Czechoslovakia (Figs. AF)—including use of S. P. No. 217 of French 53rd Division, in which Czechs formed a brigade; and Poland (Figs. AG), all also without home countries; Italy (Figs. AH); Russia (Figs. AI); Portugal (Figs. AJ); and, of course, the United States A.E.F. (Figs. AK). (Specialized studies, such as "The Postal History of the American Expeditionary Forces, 1917-1923," edited by Theo Van Dam, exist for most Allied forces in France and are not otherwise cited here.)

Finally, we present major types of postal markings of the German armies (Figs. AL) and Austro-Hungarian contingents (Figs. AM) in France.

War in the East

The French army in the Dardanelles campaign against the Turks was

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called at first Corps Expéditionnaire d'Orient. It used postal sectors Nos. 194, 198, 409, and 410 with double- and(or) single-circle Trésor et Postes cad's (Figs. AN). No. 194 was assigned to the first elements of the Corps, known



Figs. Z

Fig. AA



Fig. AA



Figs. AC

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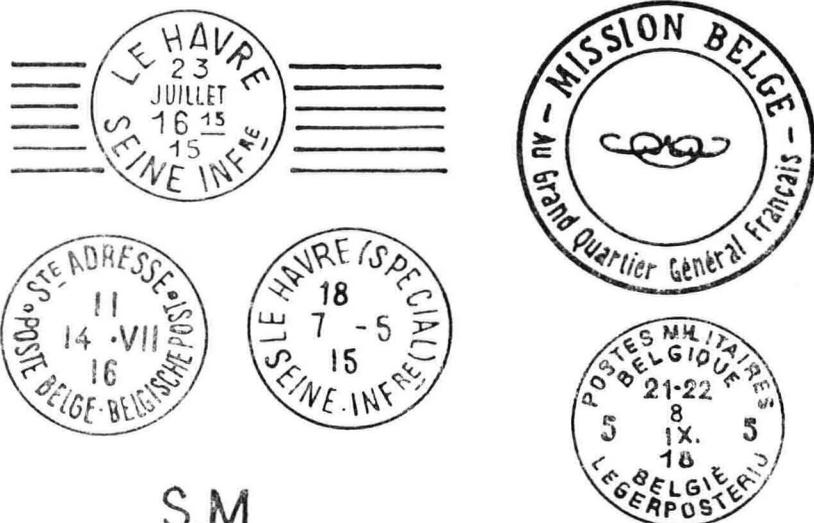
used from 31 March 1915; No. 198 to the assembly base of Moudros on the Greek island of Lemnos and known used from 15 March 1915 (rare) and after 23 April 1915. A newly-arrived division, later the 156th Division, received No. 409 in May 1915. No. 410 was assigned to the major staging base at Alexandria, Egypt and later to that at Salonika, Greece. The single-ring No. 194 cad, with Sept. 1915 date, is a souvenir or favor item, and the double-circle No. 415 with May 1915 date, is a fantasy (Figs. AO). The old CORR. D'ARMEES/ALEXANDRIE FR. (Fig. AP) was resurrected, and used at Alexandria in Spring 1915.

A central military bureau was created 15 June 1915 at Marseille to centralize and sort all mail to the East (Fig. AQ), replacing in that role the bureau (No. 198) at the base of Moudros.

A brief discussion of French naval markings for this and later phases of the campaign is given below, under "The French Navy in WW I." Some



Figs. AB



S.M
Armée Belge

POSTES MILITAIRES N°8
BELGIQUE

Figs. AD

British naval markings that can be found on French military mail (rare) are shown in Figs. AR.

Postal markings of the British army and its ANZAC and Indian contingents are similar to those shown in Figs. Z, AB, and AC.

After the disasters of the Dardanelles campaign, the French briefly formed, from Oct. 1915, the "Armée de Salonique," based there to support Serbia against Bulgaria. With the arrival of numerous reinforcements, it became the Armée d'Orient, which received new series-500 sector numbers with single-circle cad's (Figs. AS) and straightline markings (Figs. AT). Nos. 500 through 522, including several annexes, exist; see Deloste (1968b) and Sinais (1977) for unit assignments, etc. Some are very scarce. Sectors 502, 510, and 520 also had bureaus for seeking individual soldiers and forwarding or returning their mail (Fig. AU). Sector numbers between 521 and 549 post-date the 30 Sept. 1918 armistice in the East and will be discussed later in this work. (Period VIII).

Transport and supply lines to the Armée d'Orient via land were served by a system of staging areas (lignes d'étapes) running from Marseille through Italy. The following single-ring cad's (Figs. AV) were used: 525 and 603 at Tarento, 603A at Livorno, 604 at Rome, and 605 at Venice. Some associated French (Figs. AW) and Italian (Figs. AX) markings are shown; many such cachets are rare on French military mail.

On this front as well, small and isolated units were served by the vague-mestre d'étapes system. Thirty-seven vague-mestre numbers are known (Figs. AY). Their cad's, and those of entrepôts or railway-junction transfer points (Fig. AZ) are scarce to rare postally used.



Fig. AE



Figs. AF



Figs. AG

Military-aviation markings (Figs. BA) are much scarcer than those from the Western Front; most postdate the Armistice. The numerous ancillary and censor markings found generally resemble those of the Western Front (see Figs. U, V, W); a few distinct ones are shown in Figs. BB and BC, respectively.

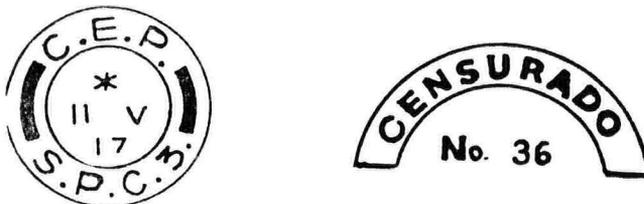
Three Serbian "armies" totalling 6 divisions were formed Aug. 1916 under Allied command. Their postal organization followed the French model, including use of French stamps for other than ordinary franchise mail. Some Serbian markings are shown in Figs. BD. Headquarters at Salonika commonly used the No. 504 of the French military mission (Figs. BE). Three Greek divisions were formed by the pro-Allies provisional government of Venizelos, and were active in 1918 against the Bulgarians. Some of their markings (900-series, etc.) are shown in Figs. BF. The No. 602 cad of the French military mission to the Greeks is shown in Fig. BG.

Italian armies, which completed the occupation of Albania early in the war, became Balkan Front allies May 1915. Some of their cad's are shown in Figs. BH. Markings of Romanian forces in the Balkans, and which were allied during Aug. 1916-May 1918, are shown in Figs. BI, as is that of the French military mission to Romania (Fig. BJ).

(To be continued)



Figs. AH



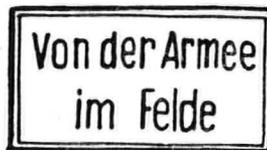
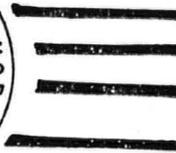
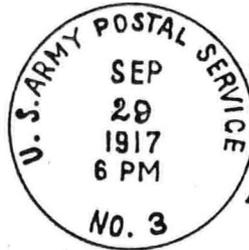
Figs. AJ



Figs. AI



Figs. AK



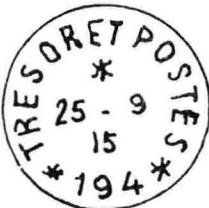
Figs. AM



Figs. AL



Figs. AN



Figs. AO

Fig. AP

Fig. AQ

H.M.S. AGAMEMNON RECEIVED FROM H.M. SHIP
 NO CHARGE TO BE RAISED

Figs. AR



Figs. AS

TRÉSOR ET POSTES
513

Secteur 506

Figs. AT



Fig. AU



Figs. AV



Fig. AY



Fig. AZ



Figs. BA

ARMEES ALLIÉES EN ORIENT
POSTE AÉRIENNE



GITE D'ETAPES FRANCAIS
DE
LIVOURNE
LE VAGUE MESTRE

Figs. AW



Figs. AX

*Inconnu aux Convoy Automobiles
de l'Armée d'Orient*

Secteur Postal 517
Section des recherches

Inconnu Q^{me} G^{me} - AAO.
Le Vaguemestre

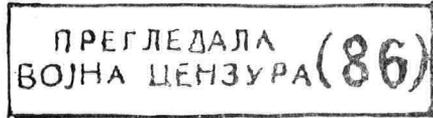
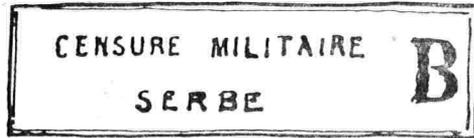


Figs. BB



Figs. BC





Војном контролом
прегледано

Figs. BD



TRESOR ET POSTES
504

Figs. BE



Figs. BF



Fig. BG



Figs. BI

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS

- ◆ On Dec. 4 the 1.60 Hydravion Late 300—Croix du Sud was issued; on 18 Dec. the 1.80+0.40 Gustav Eiffel, and 3.25 Cavalier de la Salle—Decouverte de la Louisianne.
- ◆ On 8 Jan. the 1.00 Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur will be issued; on 15 Jan. the 1.60+0.30 Andre Mesager, on 22 Jan. the 1.80+0.40 Hector Berlioz; on 5 Feb. the 1.80 Brantome; on 12 Feb. 3.30 Martin Luther; on 19 Feb. 1.80 Alliance Francaise; on 26 Feb. 1.80+0.40 Rembrandt's "Homme distant une lettre."
- ◆ A new issue of postage dues was to appear on 3 Jan., consisting of 4 denominations in small format showing different insects: 0.30, 0.40, 3.00 and 5.00.



- ◆ The PTT starts a new experiment soon called "lettre-poste" in three departments: Somme, Hte. Garone, and Hte. Savoie; it is a new entire in which one can write a message and send off without an envelope or adhesive stamp, valid for up to 20gr. to interior addresses only.

- ◆ Instead of the 2.80 Concorde aerogramme planned for issue last spring, a 3.10 aerogramme in Concorde-type vignette, was issued last August; a new aerogramme of 3.10F for the Bicentenaire de l'Air et de l'Espace in Liberté-type vignette will be issued about 1 March.
- ◆ Additions to the list of new issues planned for 1983 was announced in November, as follows (add to list in FCP for Oct. p. 147):
 - Celebrated persons—Stendhal, R. Cassin
 - Paintings—original work by Jean Effel (to replace the one by Cesar which is deferred till 1984)
 - Touristic—Mountain flowers (4)
 - Commemoratives and Misc.—Inventions of velocipede and motorcycle, 30th Ann. of Conseil Cooperative Douanière, Centenary convention of Union de Paris for protection of industrial property.
- ◆ For Andorre the 2.00F Sant Tomas d'Aqui was issued on 4 Dec. and the 2.10 discovery of the Koch bacillus on 13 Nov. Andorre issued a set of 6 postal cards on Sept. 12, 1981, for internal use (no denomination) with paintings of churches; there were first-day cancels.
- ◆ The Service Philatélique des P.T.T. in Paris has a new address: 18 rue Francois-Bonvin, 75758 Paris Cédex 15.
- ◆ Oct. 1, 1982 was the centenary of the first use of French postage due stamps on all types of unpaid or part paid mail.
- ◆ The new catalogs seem to indicate the market is stable with some increases for classics, polar issues, and a few other "star items."
- ◆ Member George Barker reports an example of a bisect of a Bequet recess coil stamp that was sent through the mail.
- ◆ We are saddened to learn recently that Mrs. Charles (Pattie) Vaurie died suddenly last March shortly after the presentation to her at our March meeting of a copy of the Bordeaux Issue book. (See photo in July FCP p. 105). We are greatly indebted to her for the gifts to FCPS which have made the Vaurie Memorial Publication Fund a valuable adjunct to our Society program. Our condolences to her sister and brother and Charlie Vaurie's sister.
- ◆ Michel Monvoisin, engraver/designer of numbers of recent French stamps, died last June, at 50 years. He was a well-known artist in France, in various media: prints, sculpture, ceramics, illustration, painting, et al. Won a Grand Prix de Rome. At the 1981 Salon d'Automne he was awarded the Grand Prix de l'Art Philatélique Francaise.
- ◆ Long-time member David Lidman, one of our earliest joiners (#97), died on Sept. 18 after suffering a crippling illness since 1980, age 77. He was widely known as a philatelic journalist and editor and promoter of philately. For the last two years he was President of APRL. He held important editorial posts on leading newspapers: Chicago Sun, Washington Post, NY Herald-Tribune, and New York Times. His philatelic interest was in stamp design and historical connections. We remember Dave as always cordial, enthusiastic, and encouraging. Our sincere condolences to his wife Karen who often accompanied him to philatelic affairs.
- ◆ Member Colin Spong exhibited some of his Madagascar collection at the meeting of the FCPS of G.B. last March, and at the same meeting member Yvonne Newbury showed 1870-71 material of an unusual sort to show how things looked to the Siege participants.
- ◆ Stan Luft, resting from his laurels at Philexfrance, did some judging at SOCOPEX in November.
- ◆ At RIPEX Denise Gaillaguet's Sowers postal stationery was awarded Best in Show.

- ◆ Member Steve Walske won a Gold at the Boston Philatelic Show in October for his balloon-mail exhibit, while Ruth and Gardner Brown got a Vermeil for their Detoured Mail of the Franco-Prussian War, and Jerry Massler a Vermeil for his Monaco Price Albert I. The Browns were guest speakers to the Boston Philatelic Group on Oct. 13.
- ◆ We are sad to report that member Steffen Arctander, of Las Vegas, died on 29 Oct. It was tragic that he didn't live to enjoy the two Golds and a Vermeil he won at NOJEX just a few days before. He had planned to attend NOJEX but illness intervened. He was an enthusiastic collector of Reunion and Madagascar and had numbers of rare and very fine covers and stamps. Also he had fine collections of Denmark and DWI. Our sincere condolences to Mrs. Arctander.
- ◆ Theo Van Dam's Postal Covers sale in Feb. will have some early French marques postales (e.g., Bordeaux Petite Poste) and some desirable Ballons Montés. (Box 26, Brewster, N. Y.)
- ◆ Engraver-designer Lacaque's Mozart triptych stamp of Monaco was awarded the Robert Stolz trophy for the most beautiful stamp on a music topic issued in 1981.
- ◆ Ray Gaillaguet is busy translating the Brun forgery book for APS and drumming up entries for the Bangkok Expo next fall, for which he is Eastern U. S. Commissioner.
- ◆ Member George Guzzio of penguin fame has a long account of his visit to the Falkland Islands last Feb.-March to photograph penguins, etc. (or so he says), in Ice Cap News issues May to Oct. He beat the Argentines by a couple weeks!
- ◆ At the Netherlands Philatelic Union show in Den Haag in Sept. there were 11 specialized exhibits of France and Colonies, including ones by our members Vermeer and Van der Vlist.
- ◆ ROMPEX '83 (Denver) hopes to continue its tradition of good F&C exhibits in its May 6-8 show; potential exhibitors please contact Stan Luft, 870 So. Miller Ct., Lakewood, Colo. 80226.
- ◆ At ESPAMER '82 at Puerto Rico in Oct., Ernst Cohn and May Ann Owens were judges and John Buckner an apprentice. Members took some good awards: Isaac Backal Golds for his two Mexico exhibits, Marc Isaacs a Gold for his Indochina 1862-1908, Scott Gallagher a Gold for his Puerto Rico British P.O.s, and a Vermeil to Martin Stempien for his French Accountancy Marks.
- ◆ We are pleased to note that the journal *La Philatélie au Québec*, the organ of the Quebec Federation of Philatelic Societies, has recently greatly improved its format and contents with many substantial articles, well illustrated, mostly dealing with Canadian philately. Our member Guy DesRivières is a frequent contributor. Although francophone, Quebec collectors apparently mostly collect Canada, less than 10% are interested in France and colonies. However, FCPS has numbers of members in Quebec. DesRivières has been President of the Canadian Philatelic Society and was Canada Commissioner to Philex-france where he won a Gold award. He is the doyen of the Societe Philatelique de Quebec.

NOJEX REPORT

After the awards were announced, one of the senior philatelists present was heard to remark that he was now alerted never to invite FCPS to his show. Forty-eight competitive entries in the show, catching 10 golds and 15 vermeil medals so you see it was tough competition; ten entries in a France and Col-

onies section, and 4 members' entries mounted in other sections.* The raiding party took home this bag of scalps:—

Dr. Grabowski—Colonies Eagles—Best in Show, APS medal, FCPS #1, and local prizes.

Marc Martin—Postes Maritimes—Reserve Grand, Postal History award, FCPS #2.

R. G. Stone—Dubois issue—Gold, FCPS #3.

Steffen Arctander—Madagascar—Gold; —Reunion—Vermeil; —Denmark 4RBS—Gold.

Dick Winter—Trans-Atlantic Posts—Gold.

Bill Waugh—Italian Postal History—Vermeil.

Dr. Grabowski—Navigation and Commerce—Vermeil.

Dr. Stempien, Jr.—Franco-German Accountancy Markings—Vermeil.

Jerry Massler—Monaco Prince Albert—Vermeil.

Walter Parshall—Monaco—Silver; Monaco stationery—Bronze; Bloomfield, N. J.—Silver.

Our editor was busy making notes on all the exhibits that the jurybotched (that's California'ed, MBT), and President's hands and stationwagon were full of awards; so here are some notes that I made on exhibits which have not been written up as presented to a regular meeting of the club: Trans-Atlantic Posts (six frames) 1838-73 showing rates, dates, and transit markings during treaty and non-treaty periods; Italian Postal History (five frames) from Napoleonic times to unification, with examples of 19 Dept. Conquis and the independent issuing states; Franco-German Accountancy markings (four frames) one frame of Turn and Taxis and three of Prussia, a new exhibit with the markings including Rayon ratings through five separate treaty periods; Madagascar (five frames) given credit for including the Norwegian Missionary locals as well as the British Consular Mail stamps, overprint issues; Reunion (five frames) the second and later General issues and overprints on covers from a wide list of postoffices; and good luck in Thailand!—J.E.L.

*Entries by Mel and Lauretta Garrabrant, Europa (4 frames), and Swiss Souvenir sheets (3 frames), were taken out of the competition when Lauretta was pressed into service on the jury when one of the judges was unable to attend.

NEW BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, AND CATALOGS

"Catalogue Yvert et Tellier 1983, 87ème Ann."; "Tome I France, Andorre, Europa, Monaco, N.U." 389 pp. 40Fr p. pd.; "Tome II. Pays d'Expression Francaise, Anciennes Colonies Francaises, Afrique du Nord, Bureau a l'Etranger, Sarre." 544 4pp. 48Fr p. pd. (Tome I all Fr. stamps in colors, considerable revisions including treatment of classic cancels in separate section, classic prices increased; modern issues revised to show all the types, booklets renumbered, etc. following the new Specialized cat.; Quantities printed given 1933 on; format and layout improved. Tome II early issues prices increased and many sub-varieties added.)

"Catalogue Cérès France 1983." June 1982. "Cérès—Andorre, Monaco, Sarre, Territoires d'Outre Mer, Colonies Francaises—1983." 1982. Eds. Cérès, 23-25 rue du Louvre, 75001 Paris (France vol. illustr. in colors, overseas vol. in black and white and does not include cols. after independence. Prices appear to be generally higher than in Yvert 1983.)

"Catalogue de Timbres-Poste Maroc 1982-83—Cotter." From Cotter, 2 Pas-

- sage Tazi, Casablanca, Morocco (standard annual cat. for Morocco, prices in dirhams.)
- "Sports Olympiques et Scoutisme—Catalogue par Séries." 1982-3. By H. Trachtenberg. 1982. 2 vols. 134 pp and 34 pp. 50Fr plus post. Trachtenberg, B. P. 49, 94202 Ivry Cédex (priced cat. of issues since 1930 world wide.)
- "La Philatélie à Tahiti." By Christian Beslu. 1982. Papeete. Hardbound: 400 pp. 100s of illustr., some in color. 6,850 Fr. Polynesia france=376 Fr. fr. or ca. \$57 U.S. From C. Beslu, B P. 5073, Pirae, Tahiti, Fr. Polynesia (includes Tahiti, Fr. Oceania, and Fr. Polynesia, pre-adh. to date, stamps, postal history, postmarks, FDC, topical background; author is a local stamp dealer in Tahiti).
- "Catalogue '83 Berck, France, Algérie, Andorre, Monaco, TAAF." 1982, 20Fr +5Fr post. Berck, 6 Place de la Madeleine, 75008 Paris.
- "Catalogue Spécialisé France Georges Monteaux 26ème Ed., 1982." 124 pp., 20Fr+6Fr post. Georges Monteaux, 6 Square de l'Opéra Louis Jovet, 75009 Paris (20th cent. issues, net priced, by types, booklets, coin datés, shades, coils, papers, millésimes, etc.)
- "L'Impression des Timbres Françaises par Les Rotatives—La Sabine." By M. Moriquand, 5 rue du Cdt. Guilbaud, 75016 Paris. 30 Fr. 1982 (covers Sabine coin datés, printings, marks of cylinders.)
- "La Poste Allemande en Alsace 1940-44." By R. Dainel and X. Pigeron. 1982. 184 pp. illustr. 200Fr+post. From X. Pigeron, 202 Blvd. Saint Germain, 75007-Paris.
- "L'Automation dans les P.T.T." By C. Bourgeois. Tome II, Le Monde Etude #165, repr. 1982. 22.90Fr p. pd. Le Monde, 11 bis Blvd Haussmann, 75009-Paris.
- "L'Histoire de France Raconté par les Timbres et les Oblitérations." By P. Savélon. Le Monde Etude #247, 1982. 32.90F p. pd. Le Monde (see above).
- "Catalogue des Flammes." By A. Lafon. 2 vols. 1971, repr. 1982, Le Monde (see above), 125Fr p. pd.
- "I Bolli de Franchigia Militari dalla Republica Cisalpina al Regno d'Italia 1796-1814.' By L. Previato. 1982. 308 pp. 40,000 lire. Migliacacca, Paria.

Reviews

Catalogue Spécialisé des Timbres de France, Tome II, XXème Siècle (1er Partie). Eds. Yvert et Tellier, 37 rue des Jacobins, 80036 Amiens, France. 320 pp., in France 300 Fr plus post. (For sale by Theo Van Dam to U. S. at \$79.50 p. pd., Box 26, Brewster, N. Y.—not sold direct by publisher to U. S.)

Tome I of this work was released at ARPHILA 75 and as anticipated. Tome II part 1 was released at PHILEXFRANCE 82. The format is the same, 9x11½" on calendared paper, two columns, and continues the style of first volume. It covers the basic postage issues of 1900-1938. Mention is made of a Tome III to come which will be Part 2 of the XXth Cent. Some topics however, are covered down to 1981. Proofs and essays except De Luxe proofs were already covered in Tome I, and not repeated here.

The work is organized as follows:—

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The Introduction is an excellent overview on technical background. The Third Period starts with the Blanc and Mouchon issues, discussing in detail the types, varieties, millésimes, etc., of each issue through 1938. Numerous photos and sketches illustrate varieties. Present catalog values in francs are given for everything listed. They will become out of date in future years and the annual Yv. et T. catalogs will have to be consulted to find the changes in prices for the main varieties; for the minor varieties the future prices can be estimated roughly by using the ratios of minor to major varieties in the present Tome II. From 1933 on the quantities printed are given.

The booklet section covers 1906 to 1981. There are 37 illustrations and the various periods and types are presented in a way to make it easier to understand these difficult items. The numbering of them is new, however, and separate from that for the stamps.

The postal-stationery section only mentions the 1873-6 formula cards, but covers from Sage types up to the 1981 aerogrammes. Pneumatic mail is covered in condensed form with the main types of the cancellations shown.

The precancel section is replete with numerous minor varieties that will keep specialists busy for years.

Airmails section is notable for the detailed description, illustration, and cancels of the air meets, which have become very popular, with rising prices. The catalog is more convenient for collectors than the several specialized books on them.

Cancellations section is my favorite; covers 65 pages loaded with information. Every main type is illustrated, including the world wars. The treatment of the two WWs is in much detail, as in Sinais' books, including all the Sector Nos., etc.

Military franchise (FM) stamps section includes the RF overprints on U.S. stamps.

Annulé and Spécimen overprints are adequately listed in general but there are few on the numerous fictifs.

Postage-due stamps are not widely collected in U.S. but this part of the catalog may stimulate some interest as they are still mostly relatively cheap. Postage stamps used for due and the precancelled dues are included.

Souvenir sheets list only the 8 "regularly" issued 1925-66.

Parcels post covers 22 pp. and will be especially interesting to those of us not well informed on them, and maybe point to possibilities for a good exhibit. The train-on-stamp topicalists should have a field day here.

In summary, this work is not one you just look over once and stow away on the high shelf. It is not only a book for reflection but must be consistently referred to in working up a specialized collection in order to identify those odd covers that may mystify you. It will obviate for many collectors the need to consult a variety of special works and articles.—R. L. Adams.

"Les Tarifs Postaux Francais 1627-1969." By R. Joany, J.-P. Alexandre, C. Barbey, J.-F. Brun and G. Desnardaud. 1982, 384 pp. 480Fr. p. pd. from

Ed. Loisirs et Culture, 12 rue Luis-Philippe, 76600 Le Havre. (Available from Leonard Hartmann, Box 36006, Louisville, Ky. at \$85.)

This very ambitious compilation of documentation on French postage rates will prove extremely valuable to most categories of French philatelic students and collectors—everyone but topicalists probably. Essentially what the authors have done is to quote, summarize, or consolidate all the official documents giving postage rates within and from France. All types of rates for all classes of mail or postal charges are covered, up to 1969. (It ends with 1969 because that was when the fast/slow classification was introduced and the printed-matter rates eliminated.) There is very little text or explanation or interpretation outside the documents themselves.

The authors had difficult problems with organization and presentation which they resolved in different ways for different periods as the nature of the rates and documents dictated. But basically everything is chronological. The work divides into five sections (“livres”) as follows:

- I. Rates of the interior service 1627-1969, subdivided into 4 periods.
- II. Rates and franchises for military personnel in the field 1854-1964.
- III. Airmail surtaxes, international and individual, 1919-1969, alphabetically by countries.
- IV. Franco-colonial rates 1849-1876.
- V. Rates to foreign destinations:
 - a) 1859-76 alphabetically by countries
 - b) 1876-1969 UPU rates chronologically.

Now there have been numerous publications of tables giving the basic letter (and sometimes printed-matter) rates of France. But we have here a great deal more. Firstly there are all the various classes of mail or service, such as: printed matter, journals, newspapers, money letters, registration, insurance, money orders, samples, business paper, photos, levées exceptionnelles, election cards and ballots, notices of receipt, music, for the blind, reply cards, ballons, pigeongrams, parcels, postal cards, entires, C.O.D., bill collections, special delivery, identity cards, official notices, circulars, visiting cards, etc., etc.—i.e., everything mentioned in the documents. But also there are the various specifications, exceptions, etc., given in the documents (the “fine print”)—these turn out often to be essential to understand the proper application of the tarif—some real eye-openers here.

The airmail section is especially interesting—a subject to which Dr. Joany has previously given special attention, and even airmail specialists will discover some things they probably didn't know about. Joany includes the bateau-avion service on which he already published in a book in 1979 but here more complete and better organized.

We looked especially at the Colonies section—this is nominally limited to 1849-1876 which is somewhat misleading because the post-1876 rates are included partly and indirectly under the military rates, the UPU rates, and the airmail rates. Why the pre-1849 rates are omitted is not evident.

The rates 1849-76 to Colonies and to foreign countries, and the airmail rates are consolidated concisely by countries and chronologically within each country—which is a great convenience for these very complex periods. Otherwise in all other sections the strictly linear chronological arrangement poses a lot of compilation work for the student who wishes only to have a single table for some particular category or destination. But at least all the basic data is there.

We note that the rates via the Royal Paquebots of the 1780s are not given.

There are many illustrations of interesting covers scattered through the

book without captions or references in the tables, though they are placed near where the rates shown by them are tabled.

The authors warn the user that they cannot pretend to be complete nor without errors. We note several places where the rates quoted within a single table seem to be contradictory—there may be other confusions when one comes to examine and compare entries very closely. Perhaps there were some such anomalies in the original documents.

The printing and layout are very clear, though in some tables the very small type may be hard for some people to read.

Overall the "Tarifs Postaux" is a landmark work for French philately, and we do not know of any other large country blessed with a similar treatment. It must have been a prodigious labor—bravo to the authors, and especially to Dr. Joany as their driving force. Don't let the high price turn you off—it is worth it.—R. G. Stone.

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Oct. 1982: Stone: "Notes on French Colonies postage rates seen in a cover collection."

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- burg: "U. S. Postal Station at Paris Expo"; Hart: ":1847 covers to France"; Neinken: "An interesting cover to France."
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FOR THE RECORD

(Cont. from FCP #190, p. 157)

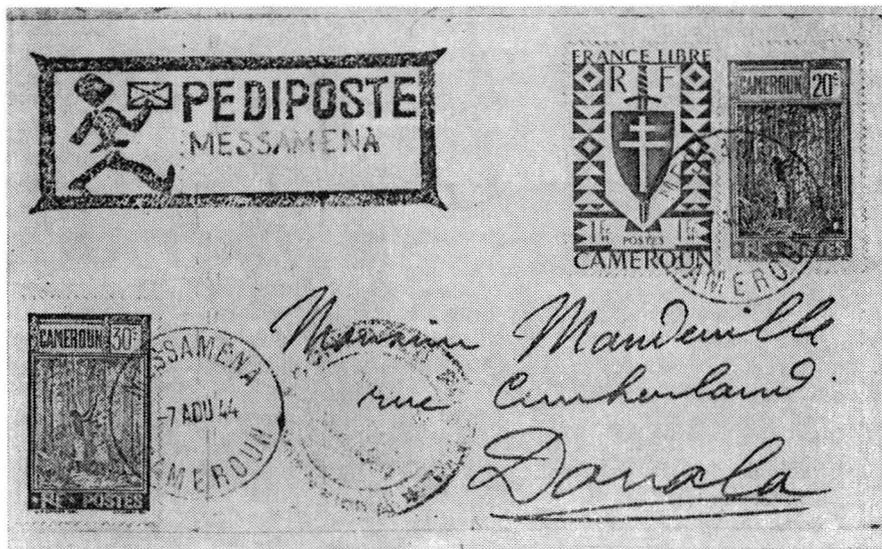
427). Pierre de Lizeray notes (L'Echo Feb. '82) that on the Liberté stamps the signature at bottom left D'AP DELACROIX differs in length on different denominations. This was not due to Gandon—the signatures were engraved separately on each secondary die by staff engravers of the printery at Perigueux.

428). The mark illustrated in item 419 of FtR (FCP #188, p. 79) is not French, but through the good offices of Herbert Bloch we learn that it was a city-post mark of Wolfenpüttel, Braunschweig, for local mail at a reduced rate 1844-68; the St. P/Fr stands for Stadt Post Frei, and was applied at the P.O. window on prepayment in cash (and later overprinted on stamps as a sort of precancel). Since the piece shown was a cut-out it is not possible to say whether it was actually and properly used or is a fake (there were some).

429). Member Tom Marra sent us a xerox of a very curious cover; it was posted at Pointe-à-Pitre/Guadeloupe in Jan. 1870 with three eagles stamps, two of which had been previously lightly struck with the very rare ASI lozenge of Assinie (W. Africa) and then all three stamps heavily struck with the usual 8 x 8 Guadeloupe lozenge. The franking of 70c is correct and cover mailed in the P.O. with regulation "PD" and P-à-P postmark, proper arrival backstamp at Le Havre. Sender may have saved a few centimes but he precluded some of us from a nice profit on the ASI.

430). The Feldman sale of last spring had a cover from Martinique to London, 1873, with 3 x 40c + 15 Ceres cancelled MQE lozenge; and on cover front at left a strike of the British packet agency mark "Martinique/Paid/Fe 28 /73." This mark was registered at the GPO in 1863-64 but to our knowledge not reported on covers before. The 1.35 rate to England is very rare on cover also.

431). Dr. Grasset, a propos of our articles on internal waterways posts of the colonies and pirogue posts of Gabon, shows us a cover from Porto Novo/Benin/12 Mai/92 to Brest (25c in Dubois stamps), which was forwarded by boats on the coastal lagoons and rivers eastward to Lagos, Nigeria (backstamp May 17) where it was picked up by British packet to Liverpool ("Paid/Liverpool/Br. Packet/11 Jun 92" arrival mark). This recalls something analogous in an 1897 cover illustrated by Ed. Drechsel (in Am. Phil., Nov. 1982, p. 1028) which was sent from Lomé, Togo, along the coast by native runners (the Botenpost) to Klein Popo (now Anecho) and from there to Agoué just over the Dahomey border and by pirogue or runners via Grand Popo to Cotonou (in 2 days). Also mail from Lomé was sent by runners to Gold Coast. We described in FCP #150, p. 88, a postal card of Benin sent in 1897 from Grand Popo, Dahomey, to Germany, via Agoué and Klein Popo to catch a German steamer—the reverse direction from the cover described above. Apparently the continuous coastal lagoons along the West African coast were much used for mail by pirogues until coastal steamers and roads became available. In Ivory Coast they had a small mail steamer on the lagoon for many years, using postmarker "Service en Lagunes."



432). Member Dr. Louis Tanguy of Toulouse sends us a xerox of a surprising cover from Messamena, Cameroun, in Aug. 1944 to Douala, which has a rectangular cachet "Pediposte/Messamena" similar to those we illustrated for Gabon in FCP #187, p. 16.

433). The Trésor et Postes cachets of the French Army units in WW I are familiar and much collected by those interested in war covers and the soldiers franchise cards. In the works of Deloste and Sinais the Sector numbers in the marks are listed and the units or areas to which assigned. What may be overlooked or not understood is that the units using these marks can be at different organizational levels or functions. While most are at the Division level, they can also be at Quartiers Généraux, fixed (stabilized) units, regulating stations, and supply commands. Some sector nos. are rare, others common, depending on the amount of traffic as well as length of time they were in use. Especially rare are some sector nos. used in Italy, Egypt, and Palestine and some of the Armée d'Orient units. (See article in this FCP by Waugh and Luft).

434). Roger Theiss in COLFRA Bull. #16 gives the list of the French Polynesia postoffices furnished by the PTT at Tahiti as of 15 March 1981:—

Full service offices (RPE):—Afareaitu, Atuona, Faa Aéroport, Mataura, Papeete CMP, Papeete C. Phil., Papeete R.P., Pirae, Taiohae, Raiatea, Vaitape.

Auxiliary Offices giving financial services (mandats, etc.), to interior and abroad:—Fare, Hakakau, Mahina, Moerai, Otepa, Paea, Papetoai, Patio, Rairua, Rikitea, Taravao, Tiputa.

Auxiliary Offices giving financial services to interior only—Fakatopatere, Maupiti, Pauheva.

Secondary Offices:—Ahurei (=Rapa), Ahurua, Akapa, Avatoru, Fakamaru, Garumava, Haakuti, Hakaketau, Hakamaii, Hakatao, Haniapa, Hanapaaoa, Hanatetena, Hanavave, Hane, Hatekeu, Henuaparea, Hikitake, Hitianau, Mahatika, Maiao, Marautagaroa, Mopelia, Motu Tapu, Motopy, Musée Gauguin, Nahoe, Niutaki, Ofare, Onioa, Otatake, Otetou, Pahua, Paparara, Puamau, Raitakiti, Rautini, Rotoava, Taketo, Taipivai, Tapuarava, Tarione, Tavava, Teanoga, Tearavero, Teavaroa, Thekega, Temanufaara, Tenokupara, Teone-mahina, Tepukamaruia, Tumukuru, Tupapati, Turipaoa, Tuuhora, Vaipae, Vaitahu, Vaitepaua, Teaua.

There has been a large increase in offices in the last few years (compare Stone, Amer. Phil., April 1980, pp. 330-332), especially in the secondary offices which are now found in nearly every island with inhabitants, mostly in the Tuamotu, Gambier, and Marquesas groups. The postmarks usually contain the name of the island in addition to the name of the P.O. (settlement or locality). A number of dealers are now making a business of supplying philatelic covers from all the islands.

435). The French parcels-post shipments have usually been subject to one or more of a variety of possible fiscal charges and fees in addition to the shipping or postal charge. The receipt form given a sender or receiver of a parcel has a space or spaces wherein the various charges are itemized. In 1932, for example the following charges might be incurred (—any adhesive stamps for these are affixed to the Bulletin d'Expedition which is retained by the service):—

Frais de transport, incl. insurance (the shipping cost)

Fee for C.O.D. (Remboursement)

Droit de douane (customs duty)

Chiffre d'affaires

Droit de timbre (the fixed Treasury tax, by a special revenue stamp)

Droit de statistique

Droit de permis

Droit de régie (congé, acquita, caution, etc.)

Redevance d'importation or exportation

Sousmission

Certificat d'origine

Frais de remballage (repacking)

Droit de factage

Droit de magasinage (storage)

Timbre administratif ou de quittance (revenue stamp)

436). We have reported previously (FCP #115) that the rare postmarks of the Senegal coastal mailboat (1885-95) reading "APSR/Senegal" or "Aviso-Postal/Senegal" might occur on stamps of Gambia, Sierra Leone, and Portuguese Guinea since the boats called there. Dr. Grasset noted in Feuilles Marchophiles #182 the finding of the mark (1st type) on a 50 reis Portuguese Guinea stamp (Sc. #27), dated 17 Fevr. 1889. Later he sent me a xerox of that stamp and also of a 4 pence Gambia stamp cancelled with an unreported type of the "Aviso Postal/Senegal" in larger size and letters dated 21 Oct. 92—this was sold by Robineau in his V.O. #101, 1971. Grasset thinks this cancel is a fake, but we are not convinced of it since the mark is in the style of colonies issued in the 1890s and the service continued to 1895.

437). In FCP #164, p. 32, and #177, pp. 68-69 we mentioned a few of the many handstamp cachets used in France on letters returned to the sender for any of a multitude of reasons; some of the marks are explanatory of the reason for return in combination with or separately from the simple "Retour à l'Envoyeur." The variety of these is enormous. Here are some more examples to add to those we listed previously:

"Art. 209. Revoir Adresse"

"N'Habite Pas l'Adresse Indiquée, Bois Colombes—Facteur"

"Facteur Remplacant—Adresse Incomplete—Retour à L'Envoyeur"

"N'Habite Pas à Cette Adresse—Le Préposé" (or "Le Facteur Chef")

"Ne Préposé Chef/89—Tonnère (Yonne)"

"A Soumettre à l'Appel—Le Chef de Cabine"

"Mis à l'Appel/Inconnu des Facteurs d'Arra—Le Facteur en Chef"

"N'Habite Pas Plus l'Immeuble du — —"

"Parti Depuis/Plus de 12 Mois"

"Le Destinataire N'ayant Pas Fauté Connaitre Sa Nouvelle Adresse"

"Localite Inconnu/Dans 38 Isère/Retour à L'Envoyeur"

"Voie Inconnu à Paris"

"Revoir 1er Adresse/Préciser Escalier — —"

"Parvenu sans Adresse"

"Veuillez Mentionnez/Residence—Dept.—or Service"

"Nom Ne Figurant Par Sur les Boites"

"Pas de Boite/Indélivrable"

"Préciser Voie et Numero"

"Préciser Batiment et Allée"

"Nom Commun à Plusieurs Personnes"

"Mis en Instance/Nom — — /Retour à l'Envoyeur"

"Ne Concerne Pas (— — place — —)"

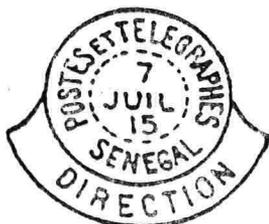
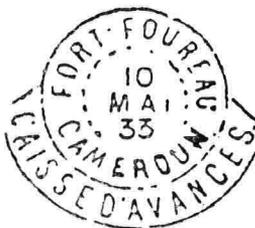
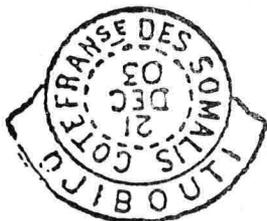
"Inconnu Extramuros"

"Retour à l'Expéditeur/Roc des Fig a Cesse/Toute Actualité (date)"

"Introuvable à — — /Retour a l'Envoyeur"

"Pour Eviter du Retard/Dans Vos Correspondance/Prière d'Indique le Service"

"Sorti de l'Hopital — — /Retour à l'Envoyeur"



438). Colonies collectors probably have noticed illustrations in the literature or seen (rarely) on covers, curious postmarks of a type having a banderole sector outside the lower part of the outer ring. In the colonies these seem to all be from after 1900, but are known in some French examples from the 1860s (e.g. "Paris E/Après le Départ"). J.-C. Dubois has compiled all the colonies examples he could find and presented them in Bull. COLFRA #19. He notes they fall into two categories—those "purely postal," used on ordinary mail, and those for special administrative purposes of the postal service.

The "postal" type is reported from: Somali Coast 1903 with "Djibouti" in banderole, which was resurrected in 1929 for the pioneer airmail to Ethi-

opia; from 6 P.O.s of Tunisia inscribed "Poste Aérienne" for the pioneer air-mail service of 1919 (occas. used thereafter); and a Madagascar mark of Tananarive with two line banderole at top "Gagnez du Temps/Postez Par Avion" (a slogan sort). Thus there are few of the postal type.

The administrative types are varied and more numerous. Most are inscribed "Agent (or Agence) Spécial" in the banderole, known for many P.O.s of Gabon and Middle Congo and one, in Chad. They were for use by clerks who took care of internal service correspondence to the central or other P.O.s regarding money orders or registration—usually on stampless covers as they were in official franchise (see illustration in FCP #123, p. 120). A few examples of them struck on adhesive stamps are known, probably philatelic or by favor or used by accident or in emergency. A few cases of banderoles inscribed "Trésorier-Payeur" or "Agent du Trésor" are of similar nature, for official correspondence relating to accounts and transfers of payments. Madagascar has several marks inscribed "Ministère" and "Direction Générale"; Senegal also had a "Direction." In Cameroun many P.O.s had banderoles with "Caisse d'Avances," the meaning of which is not clear.

THE REGULAR ISSUES OF FRANCE SINCE 1960, ACCORDING TO THEIR NORMAL POSTAL USAGE

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(Continued from FCP #190, p. 154)

X. The Marianne de Béquet Issues of 1971-1978

A. Line-engraved issues

Designed and engraved by Pierre Béquet

o,50

The o,50 rose-carmine (Scott 1293, Cérés 1666) was issued, without and with phosphor bars, 2-4 Jan. 1971.

Printed in sheets for panes of 100 stamps (37 press runs from TD-6 presses), 28 Nov. 1970-8 June 1976; printed with 3 phosphor "A" bars (Cs 1666A), 15-23 Dec. 1970, 26 Aug.-22 Nov. 1971, and more commonly between 12 June 1972 and 8 June 1976; not printed without phosphor bars after 30 July 1974; also printed with phosphor "D" bars early in 1973 and with phosphor "B" bars late in 1975; rare printings with tropical gum (with and w/o phosphor bars) reported in 1972(?), and Feb. 1974. Printed in sheets for panes of 100 stamps (2 press runs from TD-3 presses), without phosphor bars, 7 Jan.-3 Feb. 1971.

Booklets of 10 stamps (Sc 1293a; Braun Nos. 517, 519) and 20 stamps (Sc 1293b; Braun Nos. 518, 520) printed on TD-6 presses, issued Feb. ? 1971-20 June 1975; Booklets of 10 (Braun Nos. 519b,c) and 20 stamps (Braun Nos. 520a,b) with phosphor "B" bars, printed from Jan. 1973, issued from late Jan. 1973.†

Coils (for rolls of 1000 stamps) printed on TD-6 presses, issued 1971-20 June 1975; coil stamps with phosphor "B" bars issued from March (or May) 1973.

†I recently examined a booklet of 20 ("Code Postal" cover, Ser. 8) with phosphor "A" bars, and I have single copies from booklets of 20, used in May and June 1973. It is therefore highly possible that "A" bars briefly preceded "B" bars in printings of booklets of 20—perhaps also of 10 stamps.

Usage (Tariff of 4 Jan. 1971):

*Letters, to 20 gm (domestic);

*Letters and visiting cards, to 20 gm, to Canada, "rayon limitrophes," and Common Market countries;

*Postcards, "urgent" (domestic);

Newspapers, magazines, books, brochures, etc., from 150 to 200 gm (foreign);

Airmailed magazines, newspapers, brochures, etc., to 25 gm, to French Community countries in Africa, and to Egypt, Libya, Near East, and Iran;

#Supplementary value.

Usage (Tariff of 16 Sept. 1974):

Letters, to 20 gm (domestic) (+0,30 Cheffer,=80c).

Usage (Tariff of 1 Jan. 1976):

Magazines, books, brochures, etc., from 20 to 50 gm (foreign).

Usage (Tariff of 2 Aug. 1976):

Complementary (add-on) value.

Booklets and coils retired from sale 20 June 1975. Stamps from sheets retained as a complementary value until 7 July 1978.

Replaced by the o,60 Sabine (Sc 1567, Cs 1997) beginning in April 1978.

o,60

The o,60 line-engraved green Béquet (Sc 1244, Cs 1809, 1809A) exists only in booklets and coils. Booklets of 20 stamps (Sc 1294a, Braun No. 521) printed on TD-6 presses, with single phosphor "B" bar at right; printed from early Sept. 1974, issued from 7 (or 10) Oct. 1974; booklets of 20 stamps (Braun No. 521a) without bars were printed 16 Oct. 1974, and issued on ?; booklet stamps, which were dark green in 1974, were subsequently released in a lighter green shade beginning Jan. 1975. Coils (for rolls of 1000 stamps) with single phosphor "B" bar at right, issued briefly on 15 Oct. 1974 (rare usage), and again March 1975-2 Aug. 1976.

(See o,60 typographed value, in Pt. B, below, for usage).

Booklets retired from sale 15 Sept. 1976.

o,80 red

The o,80 red (Sc 2194B, Cs 1811) was issued with phosphor bars, 5-7 Oct. 1974. Printed in sheets (for panes of 100 stamps) from TD-6 presses: 9 press runs, with 3 phosphor "A" (later "D" and "B" also) bars, 19 Aug. 1974-23 April 1976; printed with tropical gum 27 and 29 Nov. and 1 Dec. 1975; 2 press runs without phosphor bars (Cs 1811A), 3 Sept.-23 Dec. 1974, issued from Jan. 1975; printed with tropical gum 23 Nov.-10 Dec. 1974 and 6 and 9 May 1975, issued from Aug.? 1975; printed in sheets (for panes of 100 stamps) from the new R.G.R. press: 3 press runs, some in rose rather than red, with 3 phosphor "C" bars, between 25 July 1975 and 5 April 1976, issued from Dec. 1975.

Booklets of 10 stamps (Sc 1294c; Braun No. 523), 20 stamps (Sc 1294d, Braun No. 524), and 5 stamps (Braun No. 522), the latter for use in vending machines, all with 3 phosphor "B" bars, issued Dec. 1974; booklets of 10 (Braun No. 523a) and 20 stamps (Braun No. 524a), without bars and with tropical gum, printed 9-10 Oct. 1974, issued April? 1975.

Coils (for rolls of 1000 stamps), with 3 phosphor "B" bars, were first issued 15 Oct. 1974 (rare usage), and in greater quantities

from March (or June) 1975.

Usage (Tariff of 16 Sept. 1974):

*Letters, to 20 gm (domestic);

*Postcards, "urgent" (domestic);

*Letters, to 20 gm, to Canada, Belgium, Holland, West Germany, Luxembourg, Italy, and San Marino;

*Postcards (foreign, other than to the above);

Newspapers, from 300 to 400 gm, individual rate (domestic).

Usage (Tariff of 2 Aug. 1976):

"Slow" letters and printed matter, to 20 gm (domestic);

Printed matter, to 20 gm (foreign);

Illustrated postcards "of 5 words" (domestic);

Postcards, to Canada, Belgium, Holland, West Germany, Luxembourg, Italy, and San Marino.

NOTES: R.G.R. sheet stamps printed in carmine-rose on 25 July 1975 are "essays" or trials.

R.G.R. sheet stamps without phosphor bars, printed 15 Jan. 1976, and known used during April 1976, are "accidental."

Booklets of 10 stamps with ordinary gum but without phosphor bars, printed 6 Sept. 1974 and issued in April? 1975, are "accidental."

Replaced by the 0,80 green Béquet (Sc 1494, 1495, Cs 1897, 1897A) in August 1976; retired from sale 15 Sept. 1976.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

January 1983

Dear Members:

NOJEX and 1982 are behind us and the New Year is here. Our Society's successes at NOJEX exceeded most expectations as we captured the lion's share of the awards. My very special thanks go to Dick Winter, Steffen Arcander, Bob Stone, and Bill Waugh who took the pains to participate despite the long distances involved. Amongst them they divided four golds and two vermeils.

With this issue you will find a Rich Exhibit application blank. This is our annual members' exhibit to be held at the March meeting, and I hope we will see some exhibits from those of you beyond the local area.

Soon we will again have to face the problem of a new Directory, and the Board is already discussing the pros and cons of preparing such. I know many of us find the Directory a simple means of contacting fellow members. However, by publishing it we not only have to pay for it, but we must contend with the ever-important problem of security. Before we continue with the plans for the Directory, I would like to hear the views of the membership. Should we continue as before; drop it altogether; or issue is in a modified form?

Best wishes for the New Year.

Peace and Commerce, Ed

Notices

◆ The entry application blank for the Rich Exhibit 1 March is included with the issue as a loose supplement. We hope some out of town members will show.

- ◆ Please give your 1983 dues prompt attention if you haven't already, so you won't miss your April Philatelist. Notify the Secretary if you failed to receive a due notice (sent out in November).
- ◆ We will have a booth at Interpex at the Coliseum in New York, 10-13th March. Will we see you there?

Meeting of 7 Sept. 1982

Such is the human condition that the tragedy of conflict and massive assault seem forever to persist. At this very moment, our speaker Herb Mayer informs us, 15 wars are bleeding armies all over the world. With compassion and a search for meaning he has formed a most comprehensive collection of Military Mail. Tonight he continued his presentation of 3 Nov. 1981 which covered the centuries through the nineteenth.

In deference to our particular interest he displayed material with a French connection. Even the Boer War has covers for the Francophile—there were French volunteers on the side of the Dutch—and we were shown a cover to Marseilles from a POW camp in Ceylon. But, of course, World War I dominated the frames. As the historian he has come to be, Mr. Mayer is alert to the import of such covers as one to Vera Cruz dated 24 June 1914—stamped 8 AM. This was just two and a half hours before Ferdinand was assassinated at Sarajevo, triggering, with two shots, the war which took 20 million lives. Wrenching was a cover from Clemenceau to his daughter with content, "My Dear Child, I do not know what to do. Nothing I do succeeds." (1914).

Less emotional and of drier interest would be a collection of the 600 French mail offices—more reasonable, certainly, than classic PC/GC—or a collection of French military missions to Serbia, to Russia without love or to Rome.

We grinned at a picture postcard from a German POW to Hamburg. The officious censors carefully reviewed the wording but took no note of the picture—a military airfield. Mr. Mayer's expertise has progressed to the recognition of national origin of the writer by his handwriting. A letter from a British soldier fighting on the Italian front to Surrey, England via Venice and Marseilles demonstrated this ability.

After the Armistice fighting continued and we saw ample material from the Turko-Russia, Czech-Austria, Pole-Russia engagements; then the Spanish Civil War and World War II. Intimating what could be covered in Presentation Part Three were displays of Korea, Vietnam, Israel and up-to-the-minute Beirut covers from the UN in Lebanon.—Eli J. Goldberg

Meeting of 5 October 1982

As promised at the last Rich Exhibit, Dr. Richard Stevens returned this night for a full presentation of his 100 Martinique Forerunners covers. No short summary could even begin to do justice to the excellence of Dick's material, covering both the stampless and General Issues periods. Among the early stampless covers Dick showed a straight-line "MARTINIQUE" handstamp in green, as well as various examples showing the different rates of the period via French ships and British occupation markings 1793-1814. The 1851-53 era was represented by a classic 1F 50c franking (a 1F and 2x25c Ceres issues of France) to France.

The Eagles were resplendent in their diversity. In addition to numerous examples of 50c and 70c rates, the 1F 35c rate to the US via St. Thomas, the 12c printed matter rate, the 20c (four 5c Eagles) military correspondence rate and the double 80c rate to Lima were beautifully illustrated. Much meat was

to be had in the post-Eagles period too. Two examples of the 50c rate franked by a pair of 5c Napoleons and a 40c Ceres issue were presented as well as numerous examples of subsequent rates franked by Napoleon Ceres, and Sage issues, plus combinations thereof. Small post offices were represented by material from Ajoupa-Bouillon, Ste.-Marie and Gros-Morne. The night's highlight proved to be a 1F 35c cover to London franked by a 15c and three 40c Ceres issues. Not only is the rate extremely rare, but the cover is struck by what is possibly the only known example of the British PO "MARTINIQUE PAID" (DE 28 73) circular handstamp. *Tres bien, Richard; we look forward to more!*—Ed Grabowski

Meeting of Nov. 2, 1982

Walter Parshall presented his award-winning study of Monaco cancellations, which he either assembled 16-17 years ago or took 16-17 years to assemble. The latter is probably the case since a collection of this depth and scope is hardly an overnight matter.

Material was displayed chronologically as would befit a region with such long and varied a history. Stampless covers were of more than passing interest. The Grimaldi family of Genoa established itself in Monaco by seizing the fortress garrisoned by Spain between 1524 and 1641. Early markings were manuscript, then mostly with black handstamp. Almost all letters stemmed from Royalty or had mercantile origin.

History placed Monaco under many Kingdoms:

- 1) The first postal period until 1792. The 1762 straight line marking was the only one in use.
- 2) In 1793 Monaco was integrated into France (Alpes Maritimes) until 1816, then independent. Utilization of #85 for the principality began.
- 3) Under the Sardinian government 1851-1860.
- 4) ad in the 4th period France ruled again, introducing usage of the stamps of 1860. Cachet 4222 P.C. (fairly rare) was assigned and later 2387 G.C.
- 5) Independent Principality, issue of definitive stamps 1885 on.

Two rail lines passed through Monaco (one to Marseilles). In 1875 the cachet-à-date with "Alpes Maritimes" was initiated but hurriedly withdrawn as ensuing furor caused substitution of "Monaco-principauté." In 1885 Monaco began issuance of its own stamps (effigy Charles III) and, about the same time, a second Bureau de recette was formed for Monte Carlo.

The trip through time was fascinating with every byway illustrated by relevant material. Truly award worthy.—E. J. Goldberg

Meeting of Dec. 7, 1982

Classic specialization, with its concentration on what some call minutia and others call philately, may not be the métier of some, but the impact of 35 pages devoted to one stamp (without duplication) must have impressed even the nonchalant. John Lievsay, speaking for the anonymous collector whose efforts filled many frames, made it clear that a lifetime could be dedicated to the 20c. blue of 1854—and off cover at that.

Both types have been extensively plated—a monumental task indeed considering that there are 21 plates for Type I and 9 for Type II. The time for such endeavor has long passed—no longer can one buy the 20c. by the pound. More credit, then, to this presentation. John pointed out that the key differences between types are, as we know, the neck, the ear curl and the hair. But in that order of importance, as most do not know. The hair is usually catalogued as the major difference.

Yvert Specialized of 1975 lists some 16 shades for Type I, and a page

displaying most, and others as well, was shown—including the lilacs and greens (with the usual floor discussion taking place re the difficulty of assignment). Presentation of multiples followed with a rare block of 4 (probably 150X the base price for a single) and a strip of 5 clearly reflecting the rate for destination Turkey via Austria.

Aspects of printing were exemplified: as the filet, "contrôle TP" (on used copy, no less), the "POSTF" variety and others—and many minor flaws (tache mouche!). Private perforations such as the Piquage Susse and Percés-en-Lignes raised the question of difficult identification for the Susse what with Maury having bought the perforating device. This, however, is resolvable, as was pointed out, by examination of the cuts under the glass.

And then the cancellations, a vast field in itself. Numerals were not the prime focus as more than one room for display would have been necessitated—hardly a stimulating study. But there were Ambulants, Losange Romain and Baton of Paris, roulettes, O.L., and a lovely greenish with Gare du Nord.

All in all a most satisfying and satiating experience.—E. J. Goldberg

NEW MEMBERS

- 2288 MICHAUD, Joseph, 1425 Laurel St., Iowa City, Iowa 52240
(General collector all issues)
- 2289 THOMPSON, Simon Paul, 529 N. E. 81st, Portland, Ore. 97213
(All colonies and territories; major varieties)
- 2290 FRANDSEN, Kim T., Box 19, Site 250, RR2, Stony Plain, Alberta Canada T0E 2B0 (Pre-Stamp covers of former French colonies)
- 2291 PIER, Thomas L., 4519 Snow Mountain Rd., Yakima, Wash. 98908
(General collector all issues. France: mint, used. Tahiti, Fr. Polynesia)
- 2292 ROSETTI, Frank J., P. O. Box "C," Pompano Beach, Fla. 33061
(General France, mint, used. 1870-71, Commune, Ballons, Occupation issues, offices abroad. All colonies and territories, cancels, postal history)
- 2293 SCHLESINGER, Ronald A., 1803 North Amelia St., Sterling, Va. 22170
(Colonies General Issues, mint. All colonies, territories, esp. Africa)
- 2294 WARING, George H., 518 West Granite St., Butte, Mont. 59701
(General France, mint. Philatelic literature)
- 2295 NAZARETE, Robert L., Cloverhill Dr., RD 3 Box 334, Califon, N.J. 07830
(French New Hebrides prior to 1943—everything)
- 2296 SICKING, Richard A., P. O. Box 520337, Miami, Fla. 33152
(General France, mint, used. Stamps of French Oceania, Antilles, and St. Pierre & Miquelon)
- 2297 PIQUET, L. H., Greate Street, Greenwich, N. J. 08323
(Colonies General Issues, mint, used, on cover. Philatelic literature. French Guiana. Haiti. Romania. Lithuania. Serbia)
- 2298 NELSON, Bruce Evan, 1103 Monroe Ave., Ravine, Wisc. 53405
(Stamps and covers of the French Middle East: Castellorizo, Cilicia, Lebanon, Syria, Alaouites, Rouad, Alexandria. Literature same area)
- 2299 HUTCHINSON, Frank D., Box 578, Romney, W. Va. 26757
(General France, mint, used. Military Posts. Postal history. 1870-1871, Commune, Ballons, Alsace-Lorraine. Regular issues, mint, used. Dues, cancellations. Modern, mint, used. Semi-postals, airs, coils, miniature sheets, dues, parcel post, newspaper, FM, precancels, Occupations, offices abroad. Colonies General Issues, mint, used. All cols. and terr.)
- 2300 ERICKSON, Raymond R., 5427 Delia Way, Livermore, Calif. 94550
(All colonies and territories)
- 2301 FOLIGNO, Joseph A., Jr., 80 Roland Ave., South Orange, N. J. 07079

- (General collector, all issues. Gen. France, mint. Col. Gen. Is., mint)
- 2302 KELLEY, Stephen, Box 194, Farmington, Ill. 61530
(General France, mint, used, on cover. Colonies General Issues, mint, used, on cover. Dealer: part time, approvals)
- 2303 STEINBERG, Arthur I.
(General collector all issues, General France, mint, used)
- 2304 LESTRADE, Guy, P. O. Box 1144, Station "B," Montreal, Que., Canada H3B 3K9 (France and Colonies)
- 2305 CARLSON, Patricia L., 206 Lee Place, Albert Lea, Minn. 56007
(Topical: Butterflies. General France, mint, used. Specialized France, Departmental "Marques Postales," Paris "Marques Postales." Colonies General Issues, mint, used. All colonies and territories stamps. Dealer: part time)
- 2306 BRONSON, George, 1885 Harper Dr., Apt. 29-G, Lake City, Ga. 30252
(General collector)
- 2307 NUNNELLEY, Sherrell, 4327 Taylor Blvd., Louisville, Ky. 40215
(Balloon Posts Siege of Paris 1870-1871)
- 2308 BAKER, George B., 10-59 Jackson Ave., Apt. 2-D, Long Island City, N. Y. 11101 (French Offices in China, stamps. Philatelic literature)
- 2309 PEZZIMENTI, Hector Luis, Yape yu 810, 1216 Buenos Aires, Argentina
(Postal history in general. Classics 1849-1876, mint, used, on cover, 1870-71 issues, Commune, Ballons, cancellations. Philatelic literature)
- 2310 KATZ, Maurice, 775 Gilbert Place, North Woodmere, N. Y. 11581
(General collector)
- 2311 YARKONY, Alfred, 1011 Westwood Ave., Staten Island, N. Y. 10314
(General collector)
- 2312 HEYMAN, David, 10 Woodland Place, Port Washington, N. Y. 11050
(General collector)
- 2313 CARTER, Joseph W., 25 Sound Beach Ave., Old Greenwich, Conn. 06870
(General France, mint, used)
- 2314 PINCHOT, Daniel N., 280 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y. 10016
(General collector all issues: Dealer: full time)
- 2315 FARGO, Joseph L., 3819 Pennsylvania Ave., Glendale, Calif. 91214
(Specialized France, used abroad. Offices abroad. Ottoman Empire)

REINSTATEMENTS

- 502 YACONETTI, Ronald J., 6302 N. Augusta Pl., Tacoma, Wash. 98406
(General France, mint, used, on cover. Semi-postals, airs, booklets, coils, telephone & telegraph, dues, parcel post, newspaper, FM, revenues, Liberation issues, Deluxe proofs, impers, Artist's proofs and color trials, specimen, annulé, fictifs, precancels, Occupation issues. Offices abroad. Andorre, Monaco. Colonies General Issues, mint, used. All colonies and territories. Dealer: auctions)
- 1204 CARON, Gerard A., P. O. Box 31, South Windsor, Conn. 06074
(France and Monaco, Deluxe proofs, imperfs, Artist's proofs, color trials, specimen, annulé, fictifs, precancels. Europa)

CHANGES OF ADDRESS AND CORRECTIONS

- 2283 ARMSTRONG, Martin P., P. O. Box 1339, El Cerrito, Calif. 94530
- 2271 HATCHETT, Lavoy, 1764 East 60th Pl., Tulsa, Okla. 74105
- 1959 MONTELLO, Lawrence J., P. O. Box 747, Stevens Point, Wisc. 54481
- 2137 VOSHELL, Steven William, 2036 Delancey Pl., Philadelphia, Pa. 19103
- 1364 PLYLER, Earle F., P. O. Box 550, Edmond, Okla. 73083
- 1557 GIBSON, Giles A., Drawer 'B,' Rio Nida, Calif. 95471

- 1442 WILLIAMS, John S., Box 146, Lansford, Pa. 18232
 833 THOMAS, H. Gregory, 1065 Jenkins Ave., Masaryktown, Fla. 33512
 2024 MAZUR, Alfred, P. O. Box 5647, Lake Worth, Fla. 33466
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 526 HILTON, Homer, Jr., 420 Cedar St., Marquette, Mich. 49855
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 1856 SANFORD, Kendall C., 47 Lombardy, Baie d'Urfe, Province Quebec,
 Canada H9X 3K9
 2213 BRYANT, John B., 2857 Derry Road East #408, Mississauga, Ont.,
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 2184 WAGNER, Keith A., Box 8087, State College, Penn. 16801
 2080 REYNOLDS, Hal A., 231 Fairfield Ave., Ridgewood, N. J. 07450
 1133 ORZANO, John, P. O. Box 394, Islip, N. Y. 11751
 1377 WHEELER, James S., 85 Greensboro Way, Antioch, Calif. 94509
 2050 CARROLL, Bruce H., 6130 Hampton Ridge Road, Columbia, S. C. 29209
 2210 HECKROTH, Charles W., P. O. Box 31510, Tucson, Ariz. 85751

CHANGES IN SPECIALTY LISTING

- 1312 WALSKE, Steven, 261 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. 02116
 (France, Siege of Paris 1870-71, Ballons, Transatlantic 1870-71. Classics
 Postal history)

DECEASED

- 97 David Lidman; 1367 Lea A. Bachand; 1950 James Harrill; 1680 Steffen
 Arctander

RESIGNED

- Clement W. Berube, Donato S. Ezio, Bernard D. Harmer, Lowell G. Joerg,
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- OFFER:** Stampless French folded letters, good straight-line and cds markings, etc., (sorry no Revolutionary). Send stamp for list and xerox. Bob Kinsley, 1465 Cross St., Ogden, Utah 84404 (Mb. #2180)
- OFFER:** for sale or exchange, Monaco color proofs of the Jules Verne set including the air mail. Marcel Lotwin J., A. P. 11-456, Mexico 11, D. F., Mexico (Mb. #1182)
- OFFER:** Free checklist of stamps honoring Napoleon, comprising 12 pages and over 500 entries, is available to any FCPS member for SASE with 37c postage from Ken Berry, 3421 NW 41st St., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73112 (Mb. #989)
- WANTED:** Ferrari Auction Catalogs, numbers 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, and Index, complete with plates in clean condition. Quote or will make offer. Have some duplicates for exchange or sale. Louis K. Robbins, 147 West 42nd Street, New York, N. Y. 10036.
- FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE:**—Large (paper measures 20½x14", actual stamp design is 11½x6½") proposed ARPHILA French stamp, drawn and hand painted by the noted Laotian stamp designer Chamnane Priesayane. Send legal size SASE for photocopy. Dr. S. Carol, P. O. Box 414, Holbrook, N. Y. 11741 (Mb. #2287)