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A New Discovery—15 c Lined Sower Booklet Scott #1396

By Raymond Gaillaguet

Sometime ago, at a Metro Auction, an item caught my eye. It was correctly described by our member, Dr. Martin F. Stempien, then working for the firm, as "made up of two different panes, stapled together in the center." Intrigued, I bid for it and was lucky enough to acquire it.

It was indeed a booklet of the first printing with no publicity. The covers were printed on both sides with the usual postal information. Inside the front cover the usual "Loi du 30.12.16."

The first anomaly to strike me was that the papers differed greatly. The left pane on G/C white paper (B1)1 used in 1917-18 and 19, and the left pane on G/C greyish white paper (B3)1 used in 1918. The color of the stamps



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All TYPE IV

themselves also differed greatly. The left pane of the Blue Green shade and the right pane of the Yellow Green shade.

I then began to examine the stamps of each pane carefully and to my amazement, discovered that the left pane seemed to be made up of type IV (Fig. 1) with all of its characteristics as described by Pierre de Lizeray(2) and Pierre Marion(3). Using the latter's dictionary, I noted that the "R" of Republic had the black space under it, the "O" of O. Roty was large and round with the dot nearer the O than the R, however, the bonnets have some traces of the parasite markings.

The right pane was even more surprising. Positions 6, 7, 9, 16 and 19 were of type V (Fig. 1) while positions 8, 10, 17, 18 and 22 were of type IV. The characteristics of type V, again using Marion's dictionary, are "R" with

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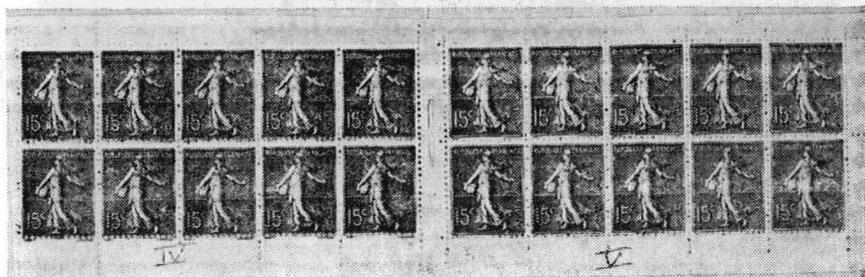


Figure 2

no shading under the 2nd leg, the "O" of O Roty is somewhat shaped like a top.

In Etude No. 236 of "Le Monde des Philatelistes," Pierre de Lizeray(2) refers to a "M. Fournier" who submitted a se-tenant pair of type IV and V. He rightly inferred that it came from a booklet. He states that the pair he saw was printed on "good paper," thus being of the second period.

My booklet's right pane is made up of five types IV and five types V, thus not an "isole" as conjectured by de Lizeray, but from a completely mixed pane on G/C paper, and from the FIRST period when all booklets were printed on this type of paper. In every position where the type IV is next to the type V, the slight shift between the stamps as noted by Mr. de Lizeray, is present.

The interesting thing about this booklet is that the left pane seems to be entirely made up of the type IV (Fig. 2). Neither de Lizeray in works(4) nor Francon and Storch(5&6) in theirs, mention a booklet made of type IV but state that they were all of type V. Could this be a new discovery about the 15C Green Lined Sowers booklet or are the printing differences due to the wear of a type V plate? I would appreciate hearing from any member who might have some similar 15 C Lined Sower Booklet in their possession.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS



- ◆ On 9 December the 3.70F Musée d'Orsay was issued; on 17 Jan. the 2.50 Fulgence Bienvenue—Le Métro was to appear; on 24 Jan. the 1.90 Raoul Fallereau—Père des Lépreux; on 20 Dec. the 5.00 Oeuvre de Pierre Soulages.
- ◆ On Sept. 25 Monaco issued a 1.90 and 3.40 showing fishes in Oceanographic Museum.
- ◆ St. Pierre Miquelon on 22 Oct. issued a 1Fr and 1.40 showing a fish design (sheets of 25). On 15 Dec. a 2.20 Christmas stamp was issued.
- ◆ On 6 Dec. two UNESCO stamps were issued, a 1.90 Temple of Tikal, and 3.40 Mosque of Bagerhat.
- ◆ During December three new stamps for the Conseil de L'Europe in 1.90, 2.20 and 3.40, in the design showing the Conseil headquarters building at Strasbourg.
- ◆ About 3 November the PTT began without special announcement issuing 2.20 Liberté booklets of 10 sold opened flat ("carnets ouvert"); the top and bottom of the block of 10 is trimmed to be imperf. The right margin of the block has the coin daté and numeral (100 to 001) of the sheet sequence; the coin daté extends under two stamps. The cover is of white paper and the usual outside indicia printed in rose red. Every 10 sheets printed carry the number of the sheet (of 100). The pane is fastened to a red carton folded like a stirrup. The printing was started on 23-25/4/86 on TD6-4, later printings in May, July, Sept., Oct., and ? . Errors of date are found on every other book-

let for the 12/5 and 22/7 printings. These booklets are sold at the philatelic windows—it is not known if they will be continued indefinitely as the regular booklets are still being printed.

◆ The PTT has issued its usual philatelic packet of stamps, the latest one for the stamps that were issued between October and December 1986 with corresponding "Notices." Also a packet of 21 stamps and one bloc issued between July and December 1986 is available. Sets of the "Notices" for all the stamps of 1986 are being sold at 80Fr for France and 25Fr for Andorre.

◆ Recent French stamps continue to occasionally be reported found with errors of color missing or denomination numeral missing. One of these was recently sold at 19,000 Fr!

◆ Reentry prints of some recent stamps are reported—the 0.70 Liberté and on the insect series of the dues stamps. These varieties are constant on a certain fraction of the sheets printed (one in three).

◆ The painting stamp 5.00 "La Danseuse" of Jean Arp issued in October is an enigmatic work originally printed from a wood relief of 1925. An early member of the abstract expression schools of 1910-20, he experimented with the Dada movement but kept on an individual development, veering from abstract to realism and back; in recent years he has devoted to sculpture and poetry.

◆ The printery at Perigueux after some testing put in service last April an additional RGR press, RGR-2, which was used for some of the Liberté "A" printings.

◆ At the ASDA National Stamp Show in NY in Oct.-Nov. we did not see many members as the show was not well attended. Seen were Bill Waugh, Ray Gaillaguet, Ed Grabowski, Jerry Massler, Marc Martin, George Guzzio, Bob Stone, M. Stempien, Pascal Behr, Sergio Sismondo, Ira Zweifach, Joe McConnell, Pierre Wertheimer, Jeff Bohn, John Chaite, Albert Schneider, John Lievsay, Dick Stevens, and several others whose names we don't recall. George Guzzio's "Penguinalia" thematic exhibit was in the Court of Honor. This a most remarkable exhibit of surpassing interest and attraction which has won one of the few golds ever awarded for a thematic exhibit from US at an international show. We found it fascinating and a model for a thematic exhibit. We sadly missed our Eric Spiegel at the show as he was very ill and passed away later in November.

◆ The publisher of Le Monde des Philatélistes has announced the designation of a US firm to handle subscriptions and changes of address, etc.: Speedimpex, 45 39th St., Long Island City, N. Y. 11104. The magazine will be shipped to subscribers in US directly from New York.

◆ We are saddened to learn of the passing of John Hayhurst of England on 29 September. He was author of a number of valuable pamphlets on French philately—a true francophile with an intimate knowledge of the country and its culture. Our sincere condolences to his daughter, our member Yvonne Newberry.

◆ Our member Theo Van Dam has moved his residence and mail sale business from Brewster, N. Y. to P. O. Box 8509, Anaheim, Calif. 92802.

◆ Kerguelen Id. has been made a "flag of convenience" for shipping in order to encourage French shipping from transferring its registries from French to foreign flags in order to avoid the stringent regulations on employment of French crews.

- ◆ At the Salon d'Automne in November the Minister of PTT announced that the PHILEXFRANCE 89 Paris will be held at the Parc des Expositions de la Porte de Versailles from July 14 on.
- ◆ Collectors interested in French philatelic souvenir items should note that at Expos in countries outside France when the PTT has a stand, fancy souvenirs made up by the postal service are passed out to the public—they are often quite attractive and would appeal to some thematic collectors. However, these items are not available in France and after a show is over there is no way for one to get them any more.
- ◆ The French postal service last spring appointed an advisory council to review all the philatelic activities of the Post and make recommendations. This is in addition to the Commission on Postage Stamp selection; its advice is taken seriously by the post and includes reviewing the stamps after issue.
- ◆ The Secretary of State for Overseas Territories is considering whether Mayotte should be issued its own stamps.
- ◆ The interest in the automatic franking labels (about which we have made note in this column previously), from the machines of the several types the post has been experimenting with over the years since 1981, has now become a great fervor among French collectors and the journals are full of articles trying to keep up with the latest changes in use and installation of the machines. The Administration has not been very forthcoming with information, especially as the machines are frequently being changed and shuttled from P.O. to P.O. for tests. And now the labels (some of them) are getting into the catalogues (see Cérés 1987 p. 323 ff.).
- ◆ At Stockholmia '86 our team Anita and Stan Luft won a large gold for their French military Napoleonic exhibit. There were some exhibits of French area from France and Belgium which won good awards. Our Dutch members M. Vermeer and Van der Vlist won vermeil and large silver resp.
- ◆ The change in tariffs last August 1, did not affect the sale, design, or use of the special yellow postal cards without face value; they are still on sale only in the Dept. of l'Isère, simply sold at a higher charge—this may be confusing to collectors.
- ◆ The use of hexagonal and wavy outer-ring postmarks was abandoned a few years ago, but they may still occasionally appear at some small rural P.O.s.
- ◆ At the 40th annual Salon d'Automne last November, the prizes were as follows: Grand Prix des Nations Africaines et Malgaches awarded to the 500Fr Rhinoceros stamp of Tchad; the Grand Prix des Territoires Françaises d'Outre-Mer to the 400Fr Polynesia airmail "Arrivée d'un Bateau vers 1880," the Grand Prix de l'Art Philatélique Européen to the Swiss Europa stamps (Yv 1244-45); the Grand Prix de l'Art Philatélique Française to the "Liberté 1886-1986" stamp (Yv. 2421) (—a controversial choice).
- ◆ The issue of the stamp of a work of Pierre Soulages, which was scheduled to be issued on 27 October, has been deferred to "later," allegedly due to "technical difficulties" but actually to the fact that Pierre Soulages refused permission for the stamp complaining that it was not conforming to his original work. It is not reported whether the stamps had already been printed by the time of decision to defer and if so will the stock be destroyed.

RAILWAY MAIL IN THE FRENCH AFRICAN AND INDIAN OCEAN COLONIES

By William M. Waugh

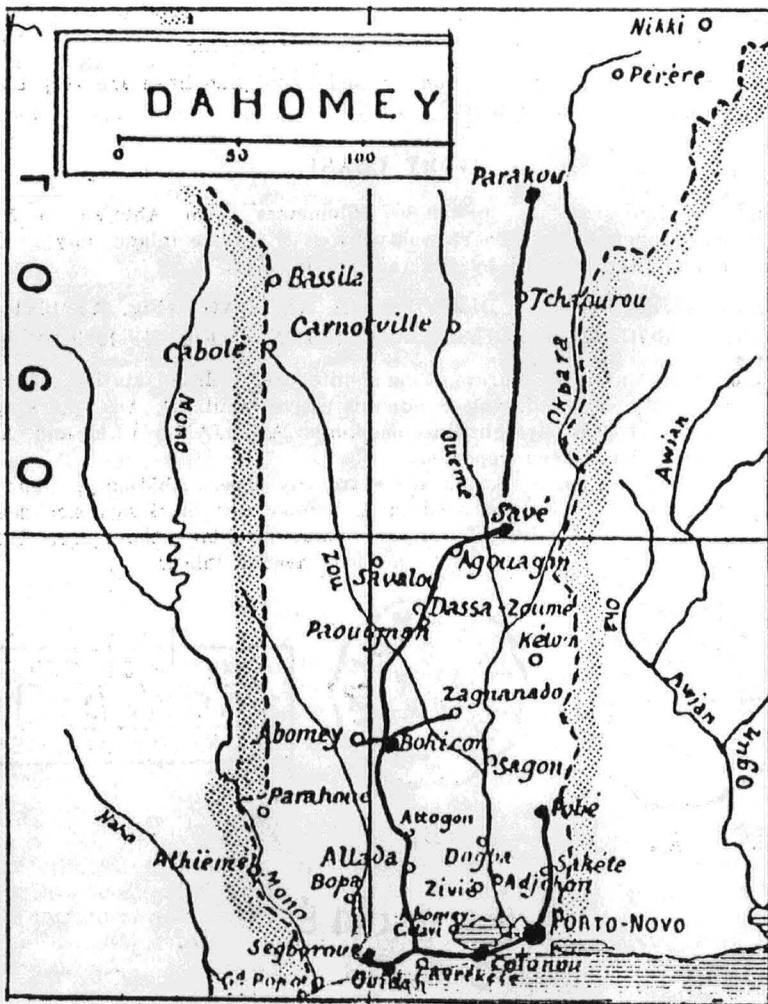
DAHOMEY

(Continued from FCP #206, p. 124)

An eastern line of 105 kilometers connected Porto-Novo and Pobé in 1913 and then on to Cotonou. It had no convoyeur service.

Dahomey convoyeur markings are all of the same general type with minor variations, stars or no stars, etc., 26 mm, (Figs. A and B).

COTONOU A OUIDAH OUIDAH A COTONOU 1903-





A.



B.

COTONOU-SEGBOROUÉ SEGBORONE-COTONOU 1920's-
 note misspelling on return trip.
 COTONOU A BOHICON BOHICON A COTONOU 1920's-30
 COTONOU A PAOUIGNAN PAOUIGNAN A COTONOU 1906-
 COTONOU-SAVE (1) 1917-33
 COTONOU-SEVE 1916-30's Sevé misspelling for Savé.

Markings of the Cotonou to Bohicon and Pauignan lines are very scarce, the others generally semi-scarce.

IVORY COAST

One long line stretches inland 807 kilometers from Abidjan to Bobo-Dioulassa in Upper Volta. There was convoyeur service inland only to Bouaké which had been reached by the railroad in 1912.

ABIDJAN A DIMBOKRO DIMBOKRO A ABIDJAN (Fig. A) 1924-
 ABIDJAN A BOUAKE BOUAKE A ABIDJAN (Fig. B) 1929-40-

Before the convoyeur markings came into use, railroad station markings were occasionally used to cancel administrative mail. A box marking of Agnéby (Fig. C) and straight-line markings ABIDJAN-VILLE and AZAGUIÉ (Fig. D) have been reported.

The railroad station markings are extremely rare. Abidjan A Dimbokro line markings are very scarce, Abidjan A Bouake line markings semi-scarce. As is usually the case with African convoyeur markings those from inland to the coast are seen more often than those headed inland.



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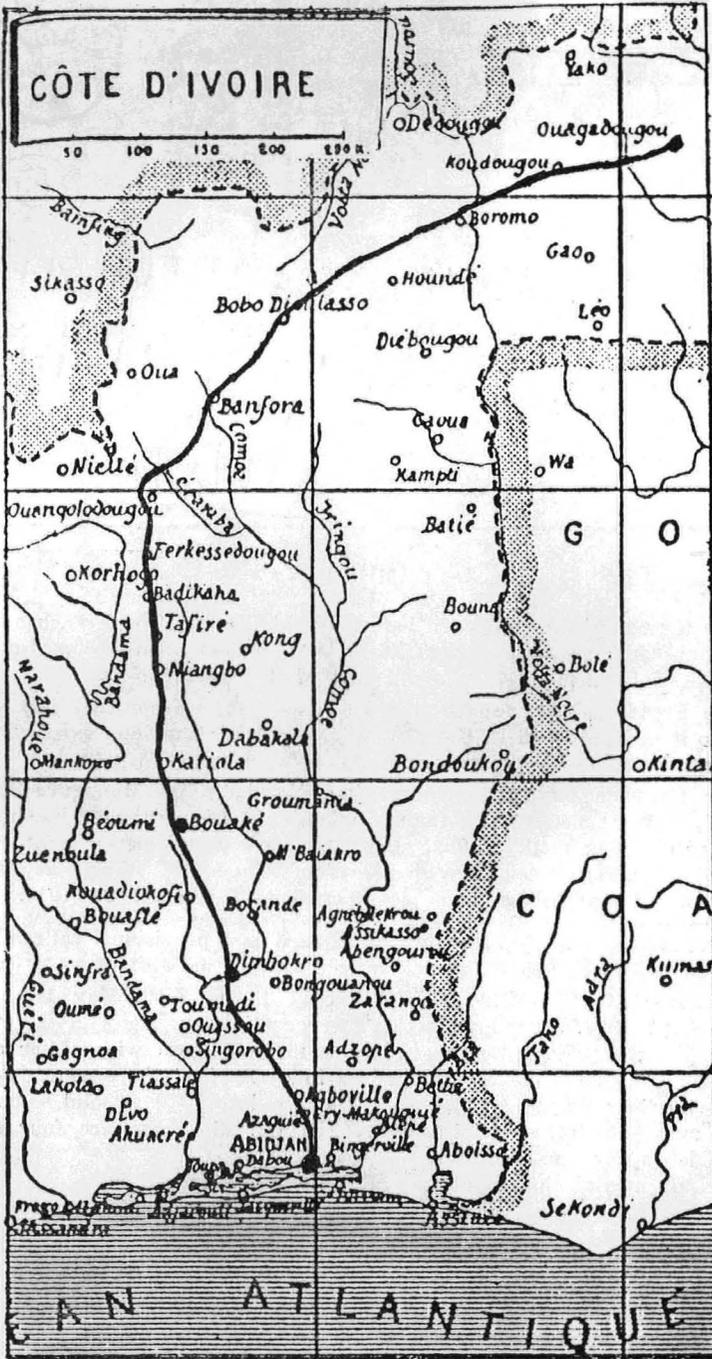


B.



C.

AZAGUIÉ D.
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CAMEROUN

The Germans held Cameroun before World War I. The French and British conquered it 1914-16. After World War I most of it became a French League of Nations mandate, a small part of it British.

The French inherited part of a railroad system from the Germans and added to it and extended it. German railroad postal markings exist which are rare forerunners of the French ones.

The Germans built a northern line, Nordbahn or Maneguba-Bahn, in 1906-11, from the coast at Bonaberi inland 160 kilometers to Nkongssamba. It started carrying mail in 1909. In 1912 native postal clerks were installed on its three runs a week in each direction. They sold stamps at its stops and registered mail. War ended its operations September 25, 1914.

DUALA KAMERUN (Fig. A) town mark used as a provisional railroad marking 1912-13 usually struck in violet, with or without year date.

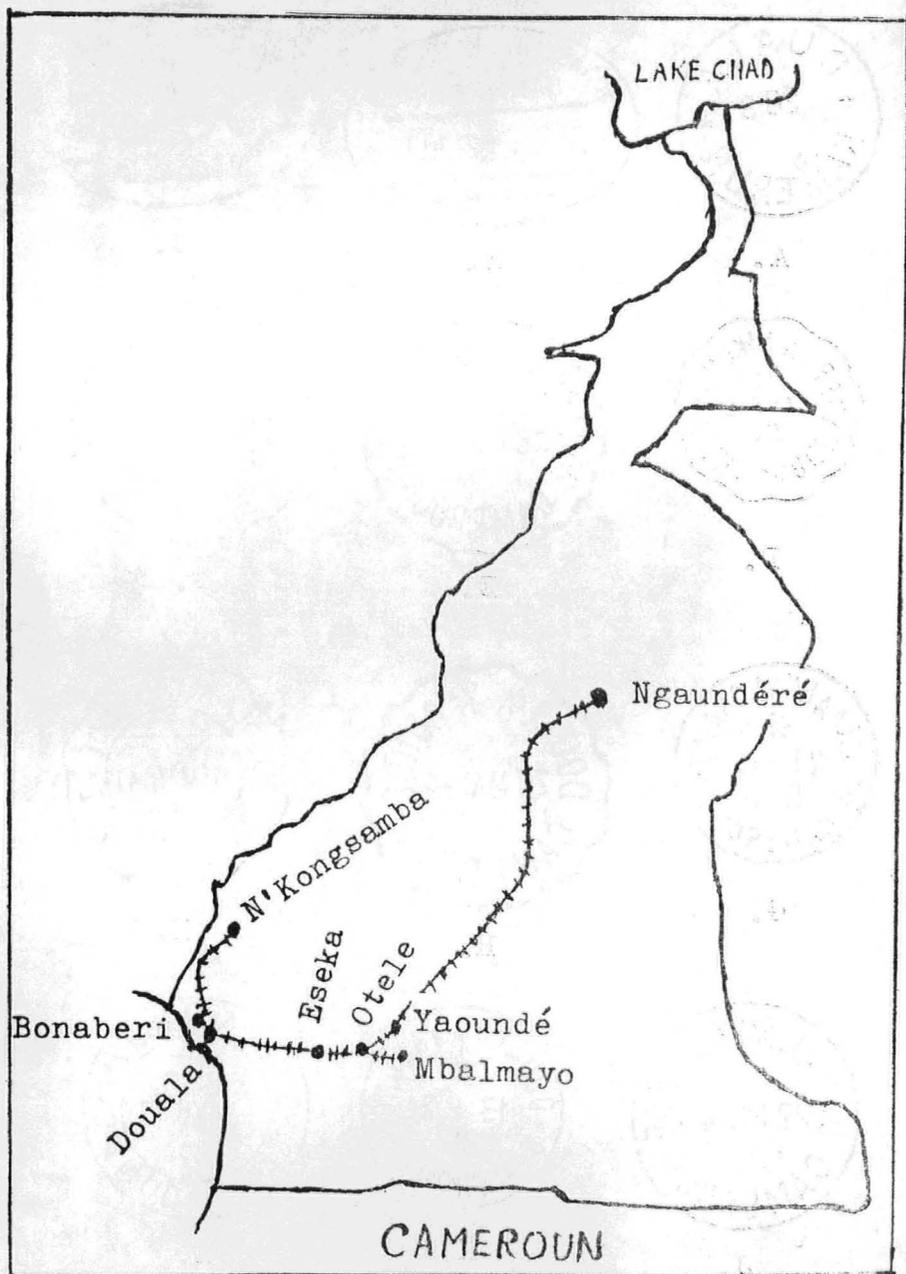
BONABERI-NKONGSAMBA BAHNPOST Z. 1 and Z. 2, May 19, 1913 to Sept. 1914. Zug 1 was from the coast inland, Zug 2 in the opposite direction. Each Zug mark comes in two types, with either one dot or two in the bottom ornamental line. At first there were dots after the Zug marking (Fig. B). Then in late 1913 a solid square slug was substituted for the dots (Fig. C). So there are four subvarieties for each Zug.

B. N./K. B. straightline marking (Bau-Nord/Kamerun-Bahn)

BONABERI straightline marking.

The Germans also started a central railroad, Mittelland Bahn, projected to run inland from Douala. At the start of World War I, its first 198 kilometers were fully operational. It was used to carry mail, starting in 1913, but had no railroad post office in German days.

During World War I retreating Germans badly damaged the northern





A.



B.



C.



D.



E.



F.



G.



H.



I.



J.



K.



L.

line. The French first temporarily repaired it and then rebuilt it. The Germans also damaged rolling stock, signal equipment, etc., on the central line and the French did not get it back into operation until 1919.

Work began in 1922 to extend the central line to Yaoundé, involving constructing many large bridges and three long tunnels in mountainous country. This work was completed in 1927. Total length of the line was 308 kilometers. Its first conveyer markings read Douala a Eseka. Later markings Douala a Yaoundé reflected its extension.

Construction began in 1958 on a further extension of the central line. In 1969 it had reached Belabo and further construction brought it to Ngaoundéré.

Cameroun lines are meter gauge except for a narrow gauge branch off the central line extending 38 kilometers from Otele to Mbalmayo.

In 1955 the two main lines were linked by a bridge over the Wouri estuary between Douala and Bonaberi. Northern line markings initially read Bonaberi-Nkongsamba. When Bonaberi and Douala were linked by the new bridge, new markings, Douala A Nkongsamba were prepared.

As the illustrations show, some of the Cameroun conveyer markings are in distinctive types not seen in other colonies. They read in one direction only. There are no separate markings for the return trips.

Northern Line:—

BONABERI A N'KONG-SAMBA (Fig. D) 1921-36

BONABERI-NKONGSAMBA CAMEROUN (Figs. E and F) 1932-65

Two separate markings were used concurrently with minor variations in regard to the position of the B in Bonaberi and the spacing and position of the C in Cameroun.

DOUALA A NKONGSAMBA (Fig. G) 1957-59-

Central Line:—

DUALA A ESEKA (same type as Fig. D) 1920-30

DOULA-YOUNDÉ CAMEROUN (Fig. H) ca. 1930-53

DOUALA A YAOUNDÉ I CAMEROUN (Fig. I) 1940-55

DOUALA A YAOUNDÉ CAMEROUN, large circle (Fig. J) 1948-61

DOUALA A YAOUNDÉ CAMEROUN, small circle (Fig. K) 1955-61

Otele-M'balmayo Line:—

OTELE A M'BALMAYO CAMEROUN (Fig. L) 1933-51

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- #69, Jan. 1986: Jalliet: "Machine Toshiba oblitéré"; Vial: "A propos du 6Fr Muller"; Charbonnier: "Les timbres anti-tuberculeux"; Charbonnier: "Correspondance reponse et Libre reponse"; Rosso: "L'Hexagonal Poste Navale"; Bellacq: "Boutes aux Lettres des Iles Anglo-Normandes"; Laborde: "Lyon Cours du Midi"; Magnard and Camboulives: "Cachets télégraphiques de Lyon"; Charbonnier: "Cachet type Montargis"; Fradois: "Timbres de journeux"; Charbonnier: "2.20 Liberté Type 2"; Charbonnier: "Incendie postale 1985"; Charbonnier: "Les papiers."

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- #104 2nd Trim. 1985: de Fontainer: "La route de Mayence, 1795-1814"; Foster: "L'occupation de Rome, 1849-1870"; Millet: "Une griffe inédite des Nouvelles Hebrides"; Cappart: "La filiation Présidence Empire non lauré"; Lux: "A début des chemins de fer"; Cappart: "Un télégraphe optique par sémaphore à Paris en 1870"; Spoelman: "Les cachets provisoires ou d'essai de la poste ferroviare"; de la Méttrie: "25 c. Cérés, type II"; Rykner: "Acheminement des pneumatiques dont les dimensions ne permettent pas le transport par tubes."
- #105, 3rd Trim. 1985: Venot: "Utilizations fiduciaires et fiscales de timbres-poste aux Colonies"; Schroeder: "Emploi des timbres à valuer faciale elevee dans les bureaux de distribution"; Malevergne: "Cartes poste de la levée du Siège du Paris du 28 Janvier au 12 Février 1871"; Michon: "Timbres de l'Afrique Occidentale Francaise"; Hosteau: "Affranchissements de Fortune de Grand-Pré (Ardennes) (Septembre-Octobre 1871)"; Robineau: "L'identification des ballons du Siège du Paris."
- #106, 4th Trim. 1985: Bergier: "La poste maritime, période préphilatélique"; Lux: "Les bons de poste"; Desarnaud: "Modification de value faciale sur chiffres-taxe de France"; Robineau: cont. Lux and de la Méttrie: "Les cachets provisoires ou d'essai de la Poste Ferroviare"; Hosteau: "Contribution à un addendum aux ouvrages de Raymond Salles sur la poste maritime"; Venot: "Utilizations fiduciaires et fiscales des timbres-poste aux Colonies."
- #107, 1st Trim. 1986: Bergier: cont.; Cohn: "Le Colonel Loyd-Lindsay, Facteur du Siège du Paris"; Blanc and Pineau: "Le récommandation du 11 anvier 1829 au 30 Juin 1854"; Millet: "Correspondances et obliterations de Mayotte et Nossi-Bé des origines à la fin des émissions générales."
- #108, 2nd Trim. 1986: Blanc and Pineau: "La récommandé, 3rd partie, période du 1849-50"; Noel: "D'un ocean a l'autre"; Lissarrague: "Un aspect peu commun de la réforme de 1876"; Desarnaud: "Les cartes d'abonnement à la poste restante"; Lux: "Les levées exceptionnelles"; Hosteau: "Correspondance d'armées Hué 1877-1879"; Schroeder: "Des obliterations un peu particulières."

Les Feuilles Marcophiles

- #243, 4th Trim. 1985: Bergier: "La Poste Maritime-Période Prephilatélique"; Tristant: "Les Premiers Paquebots Francais de la Ligne de New York, 1783-1793"; Cuny and Delwaille, cont. of previous article; Pineau: "Définition et Application de la Reglementation Postale Applicable à la fin de l'année 1848"; Cappart: "Le Monopole Postal"; Sené: "Abonnements aux Journaux," and "Les Services Particuliers d'Acheminement et de Distribution"; Foliguet: Utilization Tardive

du Type Classique de Marque Paquebot dans les Bureaux Français"; Lerbun: "Identification des Numéros de Poste de Campagne Allemands pour l'Île de Guernesey (1940-1945)"; Annet: "L'Oflag IV D"; Kiener: "A propos de la Couleur des Timbres de Date"; Delvaux: "Les Nouveautés en Matière de Guichets Annexes."

- #244, 1st Trim. 1986: Desrousseau: "Le courrier intercontinental pendant la dernière Guerre"; Tristant: "Les relations postales Fr.-Maltaises de l'origine à 1838"; Benini: "Occupation Italienne de Montova 1940-43"; Jaunin: "Caractère évolutif des cachets à date du bureau de la rue Fg. St. Martin Mai-Nov. 1863"; Lebrun: "Origine des entières postaux françaises utilisés aux Îles Anglo-Normandes 1942-44"; Desrousseau: "Transition entre les postes de l'Indochine et celles du V. N. 1945-1952"; Seguy: "Lettre recommandée au taxe simple"; Cuny et Delwaille: "Cachetsmanuel de recette Principale de Paris 1876-"; Seguy: "Mentions ms PP sur des courrier retransmis"; Delvaux: "Nouveautés de guichets annexes."
- #245, 2nd Trim. 1986: Tristant: cont.; Sambourg: "Dernier et prémjour sur le même pli"; Hardy: "Une différence de port entre la France et la Belgique"; Lamar: "Un bulletin télégraphique Ephéméride"; Alexandre et Cappart: "Le monopole postal"; Cuny et Delwaille: cont.; Brun: "Le courrier des Allemandes à la Roche-sur-Yon Juin 1940-Aug. 1944"; Foliguet: "Transport occasionnel du courrier du Corps Expéditionnaire de Chine"; Baux: "La poste rurale dans le Tarn—additif"; Delvaux, cont.; Wils: "En marge de l'étude de Mme N. Garcin."

Timbroscopie (APRL)

- #11, Feb. 1985: "Les petites colis-postaux—pas si anodins qu'il y paraît"; Melot: "Le Gabon—un terrain chasse sous exploit"; Salanne: "Le 10c rouge semeuse camée"; Verdier: "Les Pasteurs l'étranges d'abord"; Very: "Les surcharges d'Ain Tab—elles ne servent que"; "Quand le National Postal Museum de Londres fait escale"; Salanne: "Quand les petits soldats de la Gde Armée écrivaient à leurs Maman"; Salanne: "Itinéraire d'un envoi postal non-détruisible"; "La collection Départemental, 2:1849-1945"; Very: "Quand le timbre fit ses premières dents."
- #13, April 1985: "La seule lettre prouvant le utilisation du losange GC 5081 à Bale"; Very: "Balade polynésienne"; Salanne: "Les nos. 1 et 2 de la Réunion."
- #14, May 1985: "Les mouchons."
- #15, 1985: "Timbres taxe en type banderole"; "Les roulettes"; "Les vignettes de ravitaillement"; "Les timbres de greve"; "Les entières postaux avec vues de Paris"; "Bureaux Fr. à l'étranger—Casteloroizo"; "Nouvelle Calédonie provisoires de 1892"; "Nos en dos des roulettes."
- #16-17, 1985: "Les timbres monnaies"; "Les 80c Empire et Cérès"; "Blasons typo de province et villes"; "Le siège de Paris 1870—Ville d'Orléans"; "Nouvelle Calédonie débuts de poste aérienne"; "Polynésie marques postaux de Muroroa"; "St. Pierre-Miquelon."
- #18, 1985: "Variétés de Sabine"; "20Fr Mermoz-St. Exupéry, variétés"; "Timbres pour journaux 1869/70"; "Le cachet OR"; "Au 6 de navires de guerre."

- #19, Nov. 1985: Bartoli: "15e Ann. de la morte de Gen. DeGaulle"; Petits Chiffres et Gros Chiffres—comment decouvrir les perles rare"; Di Baselga: "Utilisés des timbres ayant déjà servi—pouvant contre jusqu'à 250 fois la mise"; Melot: "Poste aérienne en Polynésie 1950"; Salanne: "Las 5c classiques"; Salanne: "Les premiers timbres du Sénégal"; "La Croix Rouge en timbres de guerre."
- #20, Dec. 1985: Bartoli: "Interview exclusive accordée par SAS Prince Rainier III de Monaco"; Melot: "Les Charles III de Monaco"; "Facteurs des champs"; "Type II de nouveau 2.20 Liberté—vie et morte d'un variété"; Bartoli: "Les entiers, une collection à part entière"; Melot et Brun: "Les non-dentelées"; Salanne: "Les surcharges Fezzan."
- #21, Jan. 1986: Charrotte: "Oblitérations de jour de l'an"; Very: "Les oubliées de Memel"; "Les Ile de France"; Charrette: "6c surcharge RF de Poste Navale"; Melot: "L'affranchissements de la lettre depuis 1849—des petites valeurs"; Melot: "Les Colis Postaux de Cote d'Ivoire"; Salanne: "Préoblitérés Postes Paris, Poste France"; J. C.: "Les Roland Garros de Réunion"; "Les Clamecy et avalleris piquages privées."
- #22, Feb. 1986: "6 Grandes savants et ingenieurs Francaises moins un—supprimé de timbre Al. Kastler"; de M.: "Le Felix Eboué sans legende"; "Retrouve la trace de timbres disparu, seuls indices : les bords de feuilles"; Salanne: "Le Cameroun au temps de la lère Guerre Mondiale"; Melot: "L'affranchissement de la lettre depuis 1849—1939-85."
- #23, March 1986: Salanne: "Variétés modernes"; "Presidentielles Legislations, Regionales"; "Morts sur la Ligne—accidentés des lère liasons France-Amerique du Sud—Toulouse à Dakar"; Very: "St. Pierre-Miquelon c'est reposté"; Bartoli: "Les papillons de Metz"; Salanne: "Gros Chiffres des Empire au Cérés III République"; Di Baselga: "Ile Rouad"; "Côte Somalis 5Fr faux"; "Les formulaires pneumatiques."
- #24, April 1986: Melot: "Les timbres de la Z.O.F."; Charrette: "Recherchez des oblitérations insolites"; "TAAF le point sur tous les transports de courrier en 1985"; Melot: "Les oblitérations inconnues du Zinder sur carte interzones"; Very: "Congo—une série nee avec le siècle."
- #25, May 1986: "La feuille no. 28 de la Côte des Somalis"; Salanne: "Les faux pour servir"; Salanne: "Quand les Francais assiegent puis occupaient Rome"; Melot: "Préos—l'oblitération avant la lettre."
- #25, June 1986: "Pour les colonies — la fin du purgatoire"; S. V.: "A Madagascar en 1944—les timbres vinrent a manques"; Melot: "La première série française commémorative des Orphhélines"; "La poste en cartes postales"; "Les types Groupe des Colonies I"; Melot: "La poste Francaise à Jerusalem."
- #26-27: July-Aug. 1986: Brun, "Expéditeur inconnu" (Martinique); "Vous verrez peut etre en Sept." (Stamps without denom.); "Les faux pour servir II"; "Les types Groupe des Colonies II"; "Tombouctou-Montlucon en 254 jours (1899)."
- #28, Sept. 1986: Bartoli: "La philatélie féminisé—bravo"; Bartoli: "Interview du Ministre des Postes Gerard Languet—bougeons avec la

philatélie"; Melot: "Afrique et Océanie—les meilleurs Groupes des Colonies"; Millet: "Le rat postier et la lettre du Congo"; "Coupons-réponse: la prochaine collection à la mode?"; Charrette: "Ma tournée du facteur aux Iles Australes."

#29, Oct. 1986: Bartoli: "Les Colonies Générales des mal-aimés qui pourrait tres bien revenir à la mode"; "Les débuts de la Poste à Djibouti"; "La collection Gallia"; Charrette: "Permis d'ascension pour la Tour Eiffel"; Melot: "Collectionnez sans frontière"; Melot: "L'erreur de France—un trefle à quatre feuilles égaré dans un prairie de 10c brun sur rose"; "Actualités des variétés—Liberté A, reentry, Liberté vars."; Melot: "Le 20c de l'émission Bordeaux."

#30, Nov. 1986: Salanne: "Premiers meetings aériens—les témoins de l'aventure"; Melot: "Paris ville olympique 1924"; "Les 'Presidence'—deux timbres rares pour un période charnière de l'Histoire"; Blanchais: "La collection sans fin des surcharges d'Annam et Tonkin"; Salanne: "Eureuves, essais: ils vou en font voir de toute les couleurs"; "Variétés modernes"; "Coup de projecteur sur les classiques de France et des Colonies (Cérès sale)"; J.-P. Schroeder: "Le piece préféré des grande collectionneurs—une, non trois."

NEW BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, AND CATALOGS

"Catalogue Yvert et Tellier 1987, Tome I, Timbres de France, Andorre, Monaco, Nations Unies." Oct. 1986. 57Fr+post. Yvert et Tellier, 37 rue des Jacobins, 80036 Amiens Cédex. (Prices generally little changed, rises for some varieties, imperf, stationery, booklets, etc. The volume for colonies has not been reissued since 1985 as the prices have not changed much.)

"Marianne—Catalogue des Timbres de France 1986-87." By J. Storch, R. Franco and J.-F. Brun. 300 pp. 1986, 65Fr. (New edition completely reset in simpler format. Illust. black and white only. Two new chapters: on international reply coupons and on labels of the automatic franking machines. Tables of tariffs, prices for stamps on cover, stationery. Prices are as of the market. For sale by most dealers, or from Image Document, PP 15, 75267 Paris Cédex 06.)

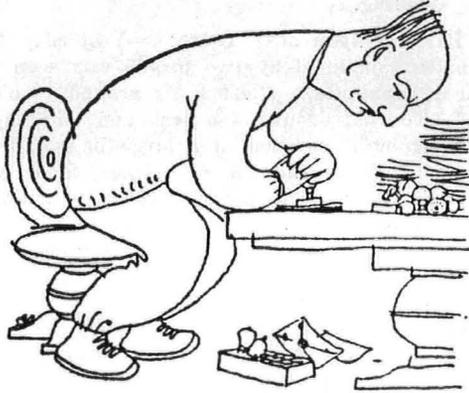
"Catalogue France Cérès 1987, Tome I France," 420 pp., illustr. in colors, 75Fr+post. "France XXe Siècle," 55Fr+post. "Tome II, Cérès Andorre, Monaco, Sarre, T.O.M. Colonies et Nations Unies 1987." 448 pp., illustr. black and white, 45Fr+post. Eds. Cérès, 23 rue du Louvre, 15041 Paris Cédex 01. (France volume includes labels of the automatic franking machines and a special section on strike stamps. The 20th century is in a special volume. Section on fictifs omitted as prices have not changed. General rise in prices of classics and some modern items.)

"Histoire Postale et Militaire de l'Armée Française au Sahara 1955-1967." By R. Goin. 1986. 78 pp. 365 Belg. Frs. From Cercle Phil. Bastiéris, Roger Gravet, La Pommerai, 14, B-5500, Dinant, Belgium.

"L'Origine du Timbre Poste et son Expansion dans le Monde." By T. Haefeli-

- Meylan. 1986. 170 pp. 25Fr, 100 illustr. in colors. Arted Editions d'Art, 6 Ave. du Coq, 75009-Paris.
- "Tableaux de Concordances du 25c Cérés Types I, 11, et III." By A. de la Méttrie, 1986. 62 pp. 45Fr ppd. From Documents Philatéliques, J. P. Schroeder, 7 Ave. Paul Boncour, 75008 Paris (Reprint of articles from Documents Philatéliques.)
- "Révue Icare, UTA et Son Histoire 1935-1985." 1986. 220 pp. 80Fr. Icare, Tour Essor 93, 14-16 rue de Scanducci, 93500 Pantin.
- "Le Timbre et La Poste." Eds. Epigones. 1986. 58Fr (for juniors).
- "Journal de Campagne d'un Garde Mobile de Allier—Campagne d'Algérie 1870-71." By G. Tixier and M. Vauthey, with collab. of A. Forler. 1986. Vichy Philatelie, M. R. Forler, 22 Ave. President Doumer, 03200 Vichy. (Adventures of a young soldier in Algeria 1870 from his letters.)
- "Griffes de Retour à l'Envoyeur, Griffes et Etiquettes de Motifs de Retour, Dept. du Nord 1866-1985." By B. Warin, 1986. 40Fr. J. F. Leclerq, 42 rue Marichey, 59500 Lauwin-Planque.
- "Les Surcharges France Libré dans Etablissements Francaises dans l'Inde 1941-45." 1986. 19 pp. For sale by P. Voisin, 50 rue Ste. Catherine, 45000 Orleans. 50Fr. (From a ms prepared by someone who was in Pondichery at the time; covers background, printing, forgeries, etc.)
- "L'Essai de Nomenclature des Etiquettes des Services Postaux et Télégraphiques de France 1868-7983." Vol. I, 1986, 80 pp. 85Fr ppd. Vol. II, 1986, completes and corrects V. 1. 220Fr for the two vols. Union Marcophile, A. Sauvanet, Le Clos Royal B, 44230 Saint-Sebastien-sur-Loire.
- "Philatélie et Droit Public." By F. Mennessiez. 1986. 140 pp. DEA Admin. Public de Faculté des Sciences, Juridiques, Politiques, et Sociales de l'Université de Lille.
- "Catalogue Farcigny des Enveloppes et Cartes Premier Jour 1986-1987." 320 pp. 150Fr ppd. J. Farcigny, 39 rue d'Estienne-D'Orves, 92400 Courbevoie. (Cat. of all the FDCs published by this firm.)
- "Jean-Baptiste Charcot." By G. Rouillon and J. Prieux. 1986. 100 pp. 90Fr ppd. From author, 2 rue Calmette, 77100 Meaux. (Biography of noted polar explorer, who has had some philatelic attention.)
- "Repertoire des Timbres de France 1849-1986." Bourse du Timbres. 1986 ed. 96 pp. 26Fr+4Fr post. 7 rue Drouot, 75009, Paris. (Ann. cat. of dealer with prices for sale and to buy.)
- "Les Tarifs Postaux de 1969 à Nos Jours, Régime International." By G. Dauvergne. 1986. 30 pp. 80Fr+post. The author, Residence du Croas-Hent, St. Mien, St. Quay-Perros, 22700 Perros-Guirec. (Follows his previous book which was on the internal tariffs, appeared several years ago.)
- Publications of Le Club Le Meilleur, BP 21, 77350 Le Mée-sur-Seine:
- "Catalogue des Oblitérations sur Sage." 2nd ed. 1986. 84 pp. 87Fr ppd.
- "Catalogue des Daguins Jumelées par Depts. sur Sage." 1986. 30 pp. 37Fr ppd.
- "Les Oblitérations Retardataires 17bis-17ter." 1986. 52 pp. 67Fr ppd.
- "Quelques Cachets de Trains Sanitaires 1914-1919." 1986. 30 pp. 23.50Fr ppd.
- "Flammes de Oblitérations des Origines à Nos Jours: Depts. Haute Saone (21 pp, 18.50Fr), Puy de Dome" (34 pp. 37.10Fr.)

On procède à l'ouverture solennelle du bureau de poste de la Terre Adèle, et l'opération, qui doit payer les frais de l'Entreprise, est menée, tampon-battant, par le Gouverneur lui-même.



Jouglant en maître avec les timbres et les cachets, il met en œuvre toute sa science postale et philatélique. Il tamponne et compose. Fibrillement.

Luc Marie BAYLE

TAAF POSTMASTER AT WORK

Most of the mail from TAAF has been philatelic, covers submitted by collectors and dealers. The postal clerks of the expedition at Adelle Land (and the other offices too) have been overburdened with processing large numbers of covers in a short time to get them back on the supply ship during its short stay. The first TAAF (Adelle Land only) Governor was also the postmaster, André F. Liotard. In a 1953 humorous book by Luc Marie Bayle on the first expedition to TAAF of 1949-50, there is a sketch by the author showing Liotard cancelling covers, with a caption (transl. by J. Lajugie): "One proceeds to the solemn opening of the Adelle Land postoffice, and this operation which must defray expedition expenses is carried on, with rubber-stamp flailing, by the Governor himself. Juggling stamps and cachets skillfully, he makes use of all his postal and philatelic knowledge. He cancels feverishly, but he feels stiff and bruised all over, overburdened by dozens of covers." (From Ice Cap News).

THE OCTOBER BALLONS MONTÉS

By Ernst M. Cohn

(Continued from FCP #206, p. 133)

The "Louis Blanc"

1200 cubic meters, owned by Telegraph Office, piloted by Henri Eugène Adrien Farcot, passenger Gustave Traclet, 125 kg mail, 8 pigeons, left Place St. Pierre about 0900 hours on 12 October, landed about 1230 hours at Tournai (Belgium). For general remarks about mail, see "Washington" heading.

Arrival of a Paris Balloon near Tournai.—Yesterday (actually the 12th) near 1 o'clock a balloon manned by two people was seen from our town. . . it fell near a Mill of Havinnes. . . left Paris around 10 o'clock. . . The voyagers came back to Tournai around 4 o'clock and took the train for Lille a little later, with their mail enclosed in a large bag. The principal goal of the voyage, after delivery of the correspondence, is Tours. . . The balloon was piloted by Mr. Farcot (sic); it carried 125 kg of mail. (35)

. . . an enormous balloon carrying three sacs of mail for the Government at Tours and a large number of private dispatches addressed to people living in France, Belgium, Switzerland, etc. . . About 2:30 o'clock the aeronauts took leave from us and went via the railway station of Havinnes to send their mail bags at Lille, whence they returned the next day to fold up their balloon and put it in a safe place. . . They put their Belgian mail into the hands of the stationmaster of Havinnes who immediately forwarded it to its destination. (36)

At Lille. . . I asked for the telegraph office. There I gave them my special dispatches addressed to the Delegation of Tours and got a receipt for them. I ran to the post office and quickly returned to the station where a train was about to leave, having a traveling post office to which I delivered my mail bags and letters for which I also got a receipt. . . I was happy thinking of the 10,000 readers who, next day, would have news of their families. . . (37)

Lille, 12 Oct.—7:15 P.M. Special Commissioner Baisieux to Interior Minister, Tours. Farcot, a courier who left Paris this morning by balloon, has just arrived with his dispatches. (38)

Farcot's notes about mail: Meanwhile, mail was brought from everywhere and entrusted to the departing aeronaut. I had to multiply myself to respond to all demands. Here a soldier, there a sailor, a mobile who, seeing the departure, had quickly written and presented me with his letter. I was obliged to turn away from the never ending requests.

The carriages of the post and telegraph offices arrived. . . One made me distinguish. . . a large bag of letters and said to me: "If you are menaced by the enemy and you have no more ballast, throw this sack last: But before doing so, open it and take out this smaller bag, you must retain it at all costs. Save it in the woods or wherever you can, but preserve it above all!"

And then: "Here, to put them in your billfold, these dispatches of the government; you will give them to the first French telegraph office you find, they must absolutely not fall into the hands of the enemy. If that disaster should threaten, rather destroy that package at any price!" (38)

At this point I wish to introduce a seminal article by the late Pierre Courtois, which not only corrected some bad mistakes of LePileur's but also for

the first time introduced the idea of using tracers for distinguishing mail carried by two balloons that left Paris the same day. He used letters entrusted personally to the balloonists as tracers, primarily those with the red cachet of the Aéroliers but also others that either were mailed at a place specific for a balloon or that contain references in the text that permit definite statements as to the carrying balloon. His prime example is the distinction of mail carried by the "Washington" and the "Louis Blanc":

In a number of cases the cachet of the Compagnie des Aéroliers constitutes an element of discrimination (=tracer) of which the application seems to surpass by far the few covers that carry that imprint. . . One can thus conclude with certitude that all letters carrying the cachet of the Aéroliers and carrying the manuscript dates of 8 to 12 October 1870 as well as some transit or arrival marking between the 12th and 18th October 1870 have all been transported, not by the "Washington," to which they have been mistakenly attributed, but by the "Louis Blanc". . . (Courtois then goes further and uses the transit markings found on definitely attributable covers to assign non-entrusted mail to the same balloon as long as they carry the same transit markings.) (39)

Notes and References (if not shown, year is 1870).—

35—L'Economie (Tournai), 14 Oct. p3c1

36—ibid., 19 Oct., p3c1-2

37—La France Aérienne (Feb. 1897) pp4-8

38—ibid. (Nov. 1890) pp6-7

39—Pierre Courtois, "L'Identification des Ballons Montés," L'Echo de la Timbrologie, No. 1221 (1955) p313 and No. 1226 (1956) p20

Personally Entrusted Mail on "W" and "L-B"

A—1334 lozange and Douai 13 Oct cds (1 or 2 circles), hence "W"—

à Paris 14, Bern (Switz.) 17

Paris à Calais 14, Boulogne 14

Bayeux 14

Lille 14, London 14

Namur 14

B. de Passe 3219 (Moulins) 15, Etretat 15

Bordeaux à Irun 16, Biarritz 16

Les Andelys 16

Moutiers-les-Mauxfaits (Vendée) 17

Brest 18, to Mme. Zédé

Fleurier (Switz.) 18

Geneva (Switz.) 18, Rapperswil 18

Seignelay 18

Rapperswil (Switz.) 19

B—With Aéroliers' cachet, hence "L-B," all with LIL-P and Lille à Paris 12

Bédarieux

Etretat 14

Fécamp 14

St.-Cyprien 14

Questembert 15

Rennes 15 (two demonstrably different items)

Dijon 16

Granville 16

Basel Badischer Bahnhof, Heidelberg 17, Mrs. Seinguerlet (mother)

Geneva 19

The letter from A. Piper (see "Piper I") to W. Piper flew on this balloon and must have arrived at Bordeaux at the latest on 15 October.

C—Text mentions Nadar balloon, hence "L-B"—

2982 lozenge (Pornic), Pornic 17

PC2 Paris à Calais 14, Boulogne-s-Mer 14

D—see "B" for Lille à Paris 12, hence apparently "L-B".—

Lille à Paris 12, Etretat 14

Lille à Paris 12, Fécamp 14

E—Indeterminate—

Lille 13 & 14, Ventnor 15

Calais à Paris 13, Manchester 14

Paris à Calais 14, 4033 lozenge and Trouville 15

204(6) lozenge of Gare de Douai 3E/14, Lille 4E/14, Lille à Paris 14

(a late "W"?)

The "Godefroy Cavaignac"

2000 cubic meters, owned by Post Office, piloted by Pierre Edme Godard, passengers Emile de Kératry, Edouard Auguste Jay, Quesneau, 170-200 kg mail, 4 pigeons; left Gare d'Orléans about 1000 hours on 14 October, landed about 1445 hours near Brillon, close to Bar-le-Duc (Meuse) and not too far from Chaumont-en-Bassigny (Haute Marne). Paris postmarks from late morning of 12th to early morning of the 14th and earliest outside postmarks through the morning of the 16th characterize mail flown on this or the next balloon.

The "Godefroy Cavaignac" was scheduled to depart on the 12th at 1100 hours with Tissandier, Ranc, and Ferrand aboard, but was torn by the wind during inflation, to be repaired and ready within two days, according to Paris papers. (40)

At 3 o'clock I had the mail bag (singular) put in the second vehicle, covered with leaves and manure for safe arrival at Chaumont. . . (The whole area was occupied). . . At Couzamont-aux-Forges the mayor refused to let me stay, I slept in the community without his knowledge. . . At 8 o'clock the next morning I left the place with a guide for Chaumont, where I was safe. (41)

A balloon. . . landed at Brillon (Meuse), 9 km from Bar-le-Duc and 16 km from the Haute-Marne Department. . . Godard with three others and five enormous mail bags that arrived this moment (at Chaumont, 15 October, 0800 hours). . . (42)

Letter dated Versailles, 25 October 1870.—Sir: I have the honor of receiving your letter dated yesterday concerning Mme. Kératry, and I am sorry to say that it would be hopeless to employ myself on her behalf with the military authorities for obtaining an exception of the principle they have adopted not to allow any person of French nationality to leave the invested city—I remain. (43)

The Paris papers agree upon about 170 kg of mail. (44)

In Bonneuil (s-Marne, just southeast of Paris, beyond Créteil) a monster balloon carrying several persons from Paris, rushed overhead. A patrol of Ulans (i.e., lancers) pursued it. (Uncertain date, but most likely on the 14th). (45)

Chaumont, 15 Oct.—8 A.M. Prefect to Interior, Tours, to Prefects Doubs and Côte-d'Or and Sub-Prefect Langres. A balloon from Paris landed with-

out accident at Brillon (Meuse), 9 km from Bar-le-Duc and 16 km from the Haute-Marne in an area occupied by the enemy who followed it very closely in vain. It was manned by Godard and three other people, one of whom is a colonel. It contained among others five enormous bags of mail that arrive this instant in my office and that I am delivering to the post office. I await the aeronauts.

Chaumont, 15 October.—11:14 A.M. (sent 2:05 P.M.). Keratry to Government, Tours. Left yesterday 14th from Paris at 10 A.M. by balloon that landed near Bar-le-Duc, escaped pursuers, slightly hurt leg and head by sudden drop. . .

Chaumont, 15 October.—2:20 P.M. Sub-Prefect to Interior, Tours. Mr. Keratry and two persons accompanying him on mission were in the balloon of Godard arrived at Brillon. They leave at noon by special train, you will receive special telegram at same time as this. . .

Chaumont, 16 October.—3:11 P.M. Prefect to Interior, Tours. Godard was not captured as I had told you, he will be here in an hour with his balloon and will leave right away for Tours. (3)

Notes and References (if not shown, the year is 1870).—

- 40—For example, L'Avenir National (Paris), 13 Oct., p1c4-5
- 41—La France Aérienne, 1-15 Dec. 1897, p8
- 42—La Gironde (Bordeaux), 18 Oct. p1
- 43—Bismarck to Washburne, in Elihu B. Washburne's papers (Manuscript Room, Library of Congress) vol. 72
- 44—For example, L'Electeur Libre, 16 Oct. p2 (172 kg) and Le Moniteur Universel, 16 Oct. p1423 (170 kg)
- 45—Ad. Birkholz, "Das 2. Hanseatische Infanterie-Regiment Nr. 76 im Kriege gegen Frankreich 1870 and 71," Hamburg (1871) p24

The "Jean Bart"

(also called "J. Bart I," "Wm. Tell," or "Chr. Columbus")

2000 cubic meters, owned by Post Office, piloted by Albert Charles Tissandier, passengers Arthur Ranc, Emile Victor Eugène Ferrand, 170-400 kg mail, 5 pigeons, left Gare d'Orléans about 1315 hours on 14 October, landed about 1700 hours near Nogent-s-Seine (Aube). For characteristic postmarks of mail, see preceding balloon.

The Paris papers agree pretty well on the amount of mail having been 270-300 kg., whereas the Tours paper thought it was 400 kg. (46)

Troyes, 14 Oct., 8:10 P.M. . . (A balloon landed not long ago near Villeneuve (Aube) carrying 5 bags of mail. Had left Paris at 1 o'clock.) (47)

At Vierzon we met Mr. de Kératry and his companions . . . We were obliged to make a tremendous detour, to go by way of Troyes, Dijon, Nevers and Bourges to get to Tours two days later. (48)

Notes and References (if not shown, the year is 1870).—

- 46—Le Gaulois, 16 Oct., p2 (300 kg), L'Electeur Libre, 16 Oct., p2 (300 kg); Le Moniteur Universel, 16 Oct. p1423 (270 kg), Le Moniteur Universel (Tours edition, 400 kg).
- 47—Le Moniteur Universel, 16 Oct., p105
- 48—Le Journal d'Indre-et-Loire, 19 Oct. p2c3-4, report by Albert Tissandier on the "Jean Bart"

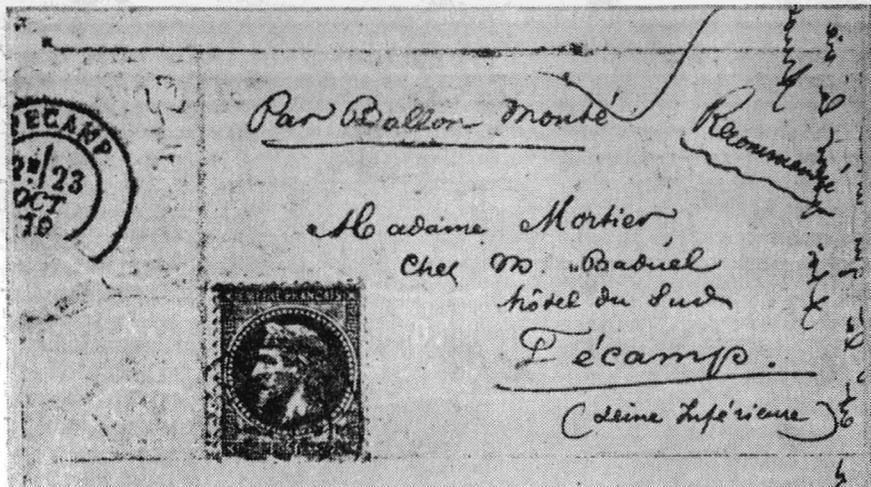


Fig. 5. Letter personally entrusted to a balloonist on the "République Universelle."

Personally Entrusted Mail on "Cavaignac" and "Bart"

The 978 lozenge is typical of the "Cavaignac," being the numeral of Chaumont; and the 4034 lozenge (Troyes) characterizes the "Bart."

A—"Cavaignac" mail, 978 lozenge or 978 Bureau de passe dater.—

Paris à Besançon D (night) 15, Montpellier 17

Chaumont Bureau de passe 16, Mulhouse 17

Bordeaux à Irun 18, Arcachon

LeHavre 18

London 18

Machecoul 18

Arcachon 19

B—"Bart" mail, 4034 lozenge.—

Troyes 15

Paris à Bâle 16, Tours 16

Tours 16

Valence 17

Nevers 1E/18, Mme. Ernest Delagrangé

Trouville-s-Mer 18

Veules (Seine-Inf.) 18

Bordeaux à Irun 19, Bayonne 20, Anglet

Brussels 20

Alexandria (Egypt) 22, Mme. Eugène Hess

LePileur cites one example for entrusted mail with Paris à Calais 14 Oct. and one for an ordinary letter posted at Paris on 2E/13 Oct. Both arrived at Trouville on the 15th. This is extremely early for both balloons.

Whereas the Troyes and Chaumont markings are characteristic, each for one of the above balloons, covers lacking these markings are difficult if not impossible to assign to this pair of balloons, in view of the prompt delivery of at least some of the mail from the subsequent pair of balloons.

The "Jules Favre I"

2000 cubic meters, owned by Post Office, piloted by Louis Mutin Godard, passengers F. Malapert, Charles Bureau, and Alexandre Félix Joseph Ribot, 195 kg mail, 6 pigeons, left Gare d'Orléans about 0730 hours on 16 October, landed about 1220 hours near Chimay (Belgium). Paris postmarks from afternoon of 14 to 7E/15 October are possible on ordinary mail from this and next balloon.

L'Electeur Libre mentions that the "Jules Favre" and the "Jean Bart" ("J. Favre I" and "La Fayette," the latter also called "Jean Bart II") together took out 500 kg mail. (49)

L'Etoile Belge (Brussels) publishes this telegram at the top of its latest despatches: Mariembourg, 16 October.—A balloon that had left Paris at 7 this morning and carried four travelers and two bags of mail landed in the Bois de Vireilles, near Mariembourg, at 1 P.M. The balloon was piloted by Mr. Godard Jr. (50)

Lille, 16.—11:55 P.M. Special commissioner, Baisieux railway station, to Interior, Tours. Messrs. Malapert and Charles Bureau landed by balloon with Godard near Chimay (Belgium) with Government despatches, are leaving for Tours.

Lille, 17.—10:45 A.M. Prefect of Nord to Interior, Tours. Messrs. Charles Bureau, Secretary to Mr. de Keratry, and Mr. Malapert, claiming to be a lawyer of the supreme court, stayed last night at Lille and left this morning for Tours. They had left yesterday morning from Paris by balloon and descended at Chimay (Belgium).

Argentan (Orne). 18.—11 A.M. Ribot to Arrignon, Interior Ministry, Tours. Left by balloon, landed in Belgium. Will be at Tours this evening at 6:30. Meet me at station. Get room and clothes. (3)

. . . I carried 200 kg mail, 6 pigeons, and 10 kg newspapers to sacrifice. . . we were in the Forest of Brabant, at Foix-Chapelle, near Chimay (Belgium). . . Midway Mr. Ribot left us, taking with him the despatches, telegrams, and pigeons that had been entrusted to him. . . At Chimay we put the material into a railway car. . . At Charleroi we had to change trains. Finding no space on the train, I had to stay at Charleroi. . . I went to the hotel where I was told the voyagers from the other balloon ("Jean Bart II") had arrived. Seeing Labadie, we embraced like brothers. . . The next morning at 6 o'clock we left for Lille. . . We had to wait four hours. . . We left for Douai where I met Mr. Ribot again, who had arrived by way of Valenciennes. We continued towards Amiens, where we arrived just in time to take the train to Rouen. We carried the government despatches of the two balloons with us. We left for Rouen and Argentan and, after leaving there, heard the voice of Mr. Malapert in the next compartment. . . (51)

Notes and References (if not shown, the year is 1870).—

If the story as published in 1897 can be trusted, it seems that not only did the men from the two balloons all come together again, but also that Ribot's special attempt misfired, of getting away in a hurry to deliver urgent despatches quickly at Tours.

This is one of several indications that the railway traffic in and near occupied France had suffered greatly and that mail from balloons that arrived at about the same time in about the same place, and which had to be taken through occupied France, cannot be disentangled today, with very few exceptions, because of the lack of locomotives and consequent delays.

49—L'Electeur Libre, 18 Oct. p2

50—L'Economie (Tournai), 19 Oct.

51—La France Aérienne, 15 Jul. 1897, p9; 15 Aug. 1897, pp9-10



Fig. 6. Letter personally entrusted to a balloonist on the "Montgolfier," proven by early pmk from Pontarlier.

The "La Fayette" or "Jean Bart II"

2000 cubic meters, owned by Post Office, piloted by Henry Labadie, Passengers Jules François Dary and Pierre Claude Barthélemy, 270-300 kg mail, 6 pigeons, left Gare d'Orléans about 0950 hours on 16 October, landed about 1445 hours near Dinant (Belgium). For characteristics of ordinary mail, see preceding balloon.

Unfortunately, it was not so for the departure of the "Lafayette," a second balloon that should also have left this morning, a few minutes after the "Washington." Inflation of the "Lafayette" was easy enough, but when it had to be maneuvered for launching, the wind blew with fury for a few moments against the immense machine. . . In a moment the net was torn and the balloon itself severely damaged by large tears, emptying itself with much noise while being held by a company of marines. . . (52)

(The Gaulois says it carried five mail bags, the Electeur Libre that they weighed 305 kg; both speak of the "Lafayette.") (53)

On 16 October, one passed for the first time from Paris in front of our

chain of posts. Naturally all posts fired upon it as quickly as possible, but the balloon came down further to the right, before the Prussian line of posts near Drancy. (54)

Descent of a Manned Balloon at Evrehailles.—One writes from Yvoir, 16 October, 8 P.M., to L'Ami de l'Ordre: Towards 3 o'clock we saw, above the Château de Senenne (?), a balloon only 200 or 300 meters high. From there, it was directed to the plain of Champal. . . near the village of Evrehailles. The lucky travelers got out and the balloon disappeared in the clouds. . . The basket carried three travelers, five bags of dispatches and mail, and two cages carrying some 20 pigeons. . . After a little rest the voyagers went to Yvoir, having put their basket on a carriage. . . In the evening they took the train from Dinant to Namur to go to Tours. . . (55)

Lille 17.—11:15 A.M. Prefect of Nord to Interior, Tours. Messrs. Barthélémy and Dary, manning the balloon "Le Jean-Bart," having left Paris yesterday Sunday at 10 A.M., have landed near Dinant (Belgium) at 2:45 in good health with dispatches and pigeons. The pigeons and their carriers leave this evening for Tours. (3)

(To be continued)

F. & C. P. S. OFFICIAL

President's Letter

Elsewhere in this issue you will find information regarding the 1987 Rich Exhibit. Several changes have been made this year, and we continue to hope for more participation by the membership, particularly outside the New York City area. This year I must emphasize that one objective is that exhibits should be designed to be two frames in size. This has been the understanding in the judging in recent years, but was not properly reflected in the rules shown on the entry form. For example: I could prepare a conventional eight-frame exhibit of the General Colonies issues used in Martinique; for the Rich exhibit, I would not attempt to cover so large a subject: this year I expect to show just "The Napoleons used in Martinique."

You will note below that a meeting has been scheduled for CAPEX in June. At present no arrangements have been made for any other participation. I expect to spend several days at CAPEX, and hope to see many of you there.

With my best wishes for the New Year,

Dick Stevens

Free Dues For NEW Rich Exhibit Entrants

This year the annual Stephen G. Rich Memorial Exhibit will be held on May 5, 1987, rather than the traditional date in March. In addition we are offering free dues for the year 1988 to all first-time entrants. These changes have been made to encourage greater participation, particularly from members outside the New York City area.

One of the challenges of this exhibit is the specification that entries should be no more than two frames (32 standard pages). If space permits, additional frames may be shown, but they will not be included in the judging. Therefore, the subject should be so chosen that it can be adequately covered

in this limited space. An entry form has been included with this issue of the journal.

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Our member Alan McKanna is again holding the pursestrings for the show and asks that any member seeking assistance (other than for additional frames) contact him. Also take note that he is planning a joint gettogether of the U.K. and North American France and Colonies Societies on Sunday the 14th afternoon possibly followed by dinner if there is a quorum. (Alan McKanna, Apt. 2202, 299 Mill Rd., Etibicoke, Ont., Canada M9C 4V9).

Meeting of November 4

This election night meeting brought an unfortunately small turn-out to hear our long-time member Lou Robbins talk about "The Stamp Auction and You." Actually Lou's always interesting and sometimes provocative comments extended well beyond the limited field of the auctions.

Lou opened with the welcome observation that, after a long period of weakness, the prices realized at recent stamp auctions have been rising. He felt this might be the result, in part, of the recent paucity of auction sales. This has forced the dealers to pay higher prices for the limited amount of material available.

For the person who wants to sell his philatelic material, proper preparation is essential to obtain a good price. Stamps haphazardly stuffed into boxes and envelopes, or even stock books, will not bring their real value. The highest price can be obtained for a collection mounted on album pages. As there are few stamp stores remaining, the seller is frequently forced to use the auction route. In choosing an auction house the seller should look carefully at catalogs of a firm's previous sales. Be sure that the auctioneer is prepared to take the time to break your material into smaller lots, but remember that today's economics require that lots generally sell for at least \$100 each. Also be aware that today's auction buyer is likely to request an extension for expertization, which will then entail an additional delay of up to six months before the proceeds are paid to the seller.

Lou and his wife, Estelle, acted as auction agents in New York for many years. When they entered the business there were only four auction agents in the New York area, and they all cooperated amicably to provide coverage for all the sales. Since their retirement five years ago the number of agents has proliferated. The result has been cut-throat competition, leading not only to a reduction in this cooperation, but also to many inappropriate efforts to recruit customers.

On another topic, Lou expressed his dismay at Scott Publishing Co.'s recent decisions regarding the merchandising of their catalogs. He disapproves of the decision to offer increased discounts in direct sales to collectors and retail dealers. The end of the privileged status of the wholesale jobbers will put these distributors out of business, and as a result drastically reduce the availability of the other lines of philatelic supplies that they now provide.

—RMS

Meeting of December 2

The meeting began on a note of sadness as President Stevens called for a moment of silence in remembrance of Eric Spiegel who died just before Thanksgiving. In addition to being a gentleman, friend and fellow Board

member, Eric was a member of that rare group of philatelists known as French Area general collectors. He had something of everything, and often much of it was very exciting. All of us will truly miss him.

Marc Martin presented a program on St. Pierre & Miquelon, discussing the history of the islands along with a view of its philately in eight frames of material. Originally SPM was a Basque fishing colony founded to support the "fish days" promulgated by the Catholic Church. The islands were claimed by Cartier for France, and after the usual Franco-British hassles the colony ended in French hands in 1814.

Among the earlier items which Marc showed was an 1885 post card franked with a "10/SPM" overprint on the 40c Sage Colonial issue (Scott #2). The Group Type was highlighted in a bizarre way: 10c on 75c and 05c on 35c 1912 overprints used in conjunction with a 1926 "PP" provisional handstamp! The highlight was Marc's collection and study of the "FRANCE LIBRE" overprints, including the rare 3F (Scott #247), and an inverted overprint (Scott #209a) used on a local cover. Marc distributed copies of his study of the overprints, which are useful for identifying, plating and expertising this elusive issue.—Ed G.

NEW MEMBERS

- 2610 CAMPBELL, Frederick H., 2707 Holiday Lane, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80909 (Topical: Railway, parcel stamps, railroads on stamps. General France, mint, used. Railway posts, parcel post issues and usages. Andorre. Philatelic literature)
- 2611 HOUSER, Kevin, 354 Queen St. W., Cambridge, Ont., Canada N3C 1G8 (General collector all issues. General France, used)
- 2612 WALSH, J. Donald, 349 Benjamin S. E., Grand Rapids, Mich. 49506 (General France on cover. Revenues. Perfins)
- 2613 BAILEY, Frank H., Fern Hill Station—Box 71, Tacoma, Wash. 98412 (General France, used. Andorre. Stamps, covers French Polynesia. Esp. interested in cards, covers, cachets of the Islands of N. W. Coast of France, Chausey, Mont St. Michael, etal.)
- 2614 BANTOCK, Nick, c/o H. R. Bantock, 623 Oakridge Way, S. W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2V 1T7 (General collector 19th cent. General France used. Classics 1849-76, used. Exchange)
- 2615 DAHLER, Christian A., 10316 W. Cameron Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53225 (General collector all issues. General France, mint. Colonies General Issues, mint)
- 2616 McDERMOTT, T. P., 25 Hillside, White Plains, N. Y. 10601-1111 (Topical, Scouts. Stationery. Philatelic literature)
- 2617 ENGLUND, Dr. John F., 100 Central Ave., Osseo, Minn. 55369 (General France all issues. Mint. Colonies General Issues, mint)
- 2618 BERKINSHAW-SMITH, Bernard Cyril, 34 Traps Lane, New Malden, Surrey, United Kingdom KT3 4SA (Specialized France: stampless covers to 1815 (particularly 16th Cent.) Departmental Marques Postales (Conquis only). Military posts to 1876, Maritime posts to 1876. Classics 1849-1876 on cover (to foreign destinations) 1870-71, Commune, balloons. Cancells and postal history to 1876)
- 2619 CIRAGAN, Behcet, Loorenstr. 47, CH-8053 Zurich, Switzerland (Specialized France: Military posts, Maritime posts, used abroad. Air meets, first flights, etc. Colonies and territories: Cancells, postal hist. Stamps, covers of individual colonies. Philatelic literature. French field posts and air mails in Ottoman Emp. Air mail connections Fr.-Turkey)

- 2620 RANDOLPH, Virginia, 2121 "H" St. N. W., Washington, D. C. 20037
(General collector all issues)
- 2621 MANDOT, Barbara R., 2416 Spring Valley Dr., Sumter, S. C. 29154
(General France, mint, used. Exchange, U.S., UN, Canada)
- 2622 HAYWARD, James, P. O. Box 70176, Sunnyvale, Calif. 94086
(Topical: Military uniforms. General France, mint, used, on cover.
Colonies General Issues, mint, used, on cover. Stamps, covers French
Polynesia, Oceania. Philatelic literature)
- 2623 GREENFIELD, Joseph, 14 Hudson Bay Terrace, Marlboro, N. J. 07746
(General collector: 19th Cent. Topical: War pre-1945. Classics, 1849-
76, used. Franchise Militaire. Liberation issues. Philatelic literature)
- 2624 LIEB, Dr. Murray, 151 Irving Ave., South Orange, N. J. 07079
(General France, mint, used. 1870-1871 issues. Commune. Ballons)
- 2625 BEELER, Walter R., 525 W. 11th Ave., Chico, Calif. 95926
(Modern France. Precancels, France and Cols. Philatelic lit. Exchange)
- 2626 STOCKTON, Peter S., 52 Aldwyn Crescent, Hazel Grove, Stockport,
Cheshire, SK7 5HV, England (General collector all issues)
- 2627 POPE, Russell H., M.D., P. O. Box AG, Charlestown, N. H. 03603
(General France, mint, used, on cover. Regular issues mint, used, on
cover. Booklets. Coils. Stationery. Precancels. Philatelic lit. Exchange)

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- 2503 GAFFNEY, John W., 2243 Roseanne Court, Fairborn, Ohio 45324
- 2483 DE PUY, Bradley K., 100 Main St., Candor, N. Y. 13743
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- 2148 LOEFFLER, William L., 89-08 70 Rd., Flushing, N. Y. 11375-6622
- 2320 HILL, Jim, 2015 Lake Bonavista Dr., S. E., Calgary, Alb., Canada
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- 1806 GUYOD, Hubert, 5127 Richmond #94, Houston, Texas 77056
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- 2523 VAN VYNCKT, Randall J., 1307 Addison, 1A, Chicago, Ill. 60613
- 765 VAN DAM, Theodore, P. O. Box 8809, Anaheim, Calif. 92802
- 1440 SCHWARTZ, Michael, 29360 Queens Way, Agoura Hills, Calif. 91301-
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- 2024 MAZUR, Alfred, 3590 Poinciana Dr., Bld. 4 #212, Lake Worth, Fla.
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