Kingdom of Morocco

Combination usage, 1957: Colonials and Kingdom

The two covers, tops of which we show, both 1957 to the United States, exhibit the combination usage of the old French and Spanish colonial stamps with the new ones of the new Kingdom.


It will be interesting to see how long this usage will continue, and whether the Kingdom will continue to issue stamps in both European languages—or either. Similar or varying covers which members may have, will find space for picture or description in this journal.

The 1958 Scott catalog does not indicate with any real sureness that all the Mohammed V stamps are of the new Kingdom. Nor does it assemble them; it leaves them under the listings of the two former protectorates, though for the French-language stamps a sub-head shows their origin.
More About

The Colonial Sage 25c Black on Red Imperf.

Messrs. Arnold Broadbent and Robert G. Stone have both favored us with comments arising from Mr. Broadbent's article in No. 93. We print both men's remarks in full:

From Mr. Broadbent:

"That impression of mine re the 25c Colonial Sage will have to be seriously modified. I got this specimen in a collection some five years ago or more, and at that time I made out, with some difficulty, the letters 'AGA... in the outer circle, the date stamp. Until this year when our friend Leo Goerth inveigled me into translating Dr. Bouvet's 'L'Echo' article on this stamp, I had believed that Madagascar was one of the colonies in which the stamps were used, on the strength of the statement in Yvert's '927 catalog."

"That is, I was quite unaware that Yvert had been persuaded by the Doctor to drop this statement from later issues of the catalog. Now, I cannot be certain that the date stamp letters are what I thought them to be. It is very annoying, especially as for C. New Letters in this country (Great Britain) has already published a somewhat similar article from my pen."

"I was having some photographs made of a few of my pieces. The 25c unfortunately does not show the cancellation very well. But one thing I noticed before, is that there are two strikes of the circular dating stamp, a very faint one in the N.W.corner and a stronger one is the S.W. corner; and the two cross one another, which makes identification a more difficult task still. One thing I am sure of--the stamp is a genuine Colonial imperf. It is not St. Marie de Madagascar, by the way."

From Mr. Stone:

"Mr. Broadbent's note in No. 93, page 11, on finding a 25c Sage black on red with what appears to be a Madagascar cancel, is further evidence of his very keen eye for the unusual. I do not question the reasonable probability that it is a Madagascar cancel. For we know that the 25c Sage ultramarine was used considerably in Madagascar from 1883 to 1890. The colony was not opened until 1883 except for St. Marie de Madagascar; so the stamp could not have been used before then."

"However, one should not draw too sweeping inference from Mr. Broadbent's discovery. It does not mean that the stamp was issued or stocked there. The Madagascar cancel on the 25c black Sage must be considered as an accidental, or philatelic, use for reasons which I shall mention. Therefore, Dr. Bouvet's position is not necessarily invalidated. He merely stressed that the 25c black was not issued to any colonies but Nosai Be, New Caldonia and Madagascar."

"There are reports, and I have seen copies, of the 25c with cancels from Guadeloupe, Martinique, St. Pierre-Miquelon and others; but these are all philatelic and dated late, in the 1880's & 1890's. These do not prove anything. Also the 25c black was issued in early 1883 and the stocks were already used up by 1880; it was an emergency issue to meet a shortage. Since Madagascar was not opened up until 1883, there is no likelihood that it could have been stocked with the black 25c."

* The 25c ultramarine was issued in 1877, nearly two years before the 25c black on red.---Editor

** Nosai Be and Mayotte being close to Madagascar, it could have been easy to have a 25c black on red get carried there by some user.---Editor

Note by Editor: The photo of Mr. Broadbent's 25c mentioned in the article has been seen. It is unfortunately so deep as to preclude any sight of the details of the cancellation.

News from Algeria

By Frederic Milhenheim

Until now, Algeria was divided into only three departments: Algiers, Oran and Constantine. The double circle postmarks had office name at top, department name at bottom. By the law of May 20, 1907, there are now 15 departments:

Algiers, Orano-Orleansville, Medea, Tizi-Ouzou (all formerly in Algiers)

Batna, Bone, Contantine, Biskra, Setif (all formerly in Constantine).

Mostaganem, Oran, Tlemcen, Tiaret (all formerly in Oran).

This opens a new field for collectors of cancellations.

The "Forwarding Companies"

A member, inquiring in June, caused your editor to hunt up information on the "Forwarding Companies" whose indications are so common found on French covers, especially in the period 1860 to 1890. As the matter is of interest to many of us, we repeat what was sent to him:

"These "Forwarding Companies" are not any such bodies at all. They are banking houses--firms of bankers, in the days when such concerns, not incorporated banks, did most business of that sort, especially in Europe."

"These bankers also act as forwarders of mail for their customers who are traveling. This still holds good, as for the Paris banking house of Lazard Freres, whose forwarding I have seen on letters to my uncle when he was in Europe in 1935; and the Guaranty Trust Co. of Paris often serves as our address whence mail is sent on, as Americans travel in Europe nowadays."

"It is, Wood & Co and English houses in Paris, were the most prominent of early banking houses doing this service."

Notify us without delay when you change your address, so we can get the Philatelist to you without delay, Secretary Breitme is the one to notify, not your Editor.

New Name of the Colony French Oceanica.

Since July 25, 1957, the name of "Establissements Français de l'Océanie" is superseded by POLYNESIE FRANCAISE. Probably the current stamps will be issued with that new country-name. At any rate, all new issues will carry that new wording.

---Frederic Milhenheim.

Visits of the Editor with Group Members

When in California, at the Long Beach stamp show in mid August, your editor had several good visits with members. In particular, Mr. Edward P. De Mars was up from La Mesa on two days; and Dr.H.M. Bohnart came in from San Marino. Also Bob Baughman, from Kansas was on hand. French stamps were represented at that exhibition by our member Charles E. Meyer's lovely Marianne de Gandon collection--unfortunately or Hélasi & outclassed in competition and did not make any award.

That Grand Award for French Precancels at the Pittsburgh P.S.S. Convention Show.

Several members have insisted that your editor mention that it was his French Precancels at Pittsburgh which took the Grand Award. This is the first time precancels other than U.S. have taken such place at any Precancel or other show.
Mr. Chase figured it out in his article, can not be upheld.

Mr. Lesgor, in a communication after No. 93 was off press, adds some most useful comments:
"Such varieties very commonly occur on values of large use, when the plates had previously been worn by large printings of the same denomination in different colors, such as the 25c orange brown (No. 169), the 20c violet brown and red violet (Nos. 166 and 167), the 50c blue and red brown Die B (Nos. 173 and 174) all of the Sower Design."
"They occur also on practically all values of the Pasteur design, printed Rotary, of which there were numerous and very large printings."
"I first discovered a 5c Blanc design (No.113) in this very condition in 1938, I could not explain it at the time, and I showed it to the late Gerard Gilbert, a frequent visitor to my office, and he soon become very excited. He assured me that I had made a very important discovery, that we were in the presence of a type rotary plate retouched by engraving.
"This deduction, made under the impression of the initial surprise, was wrong, of course, as we later decided."
"The French postal authorities are very parsimonious, and purchase their papers and inks in limited quantities. This is the cause for the large range of color and paper varieties found in all issues: a blessing for the Specialist."
"Further information is welcomed--indeed it is almost implored.

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Port of Papeete

A scene in the port of Papeete, designed and engraved by Phelippe, appears on this 3 franc stamp issued by French Oceania.

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MEMBERS' APPEALS

Want and exchange notices only; members only; no charge; one or two insertions only. Those who reply will please offer only what is asked.

Urgently wanted: Unused blocks of:-- French Oceania nos. 32, 34, 42, 48, 51, 57, 58, 59; used blocks of Nos. 35, 42, 48, 52, 56, 58, 59, 68, 69, 70 and 71. Dr. H.M. Bernhart, 2180 Huntington St., San Marino, Calif. (Member 392)

France & Colonies Poster Stamps: wanted to buy or exchange other stamps of the world. Also want catalogs and literature on poster stamps. Dr. A.H. Feinerman, Box 31, Melcomb, Ill. (Member No. 663).

Will give 4 different Paris letters, letters or numerals in lozenge of dots cancellations on covers, for Letter M in lozenge of dots. Must be on cover. Same trade for letter J on cover. Merritt F. Handy, 21 Garnet St., Malden 48, Mass. (Member 259).

French Africa collector would like to contact persons with like interests, Object: to purchase or trade. My collection not too advanced. Dale Phelps, 600 Crofton St., S.W., Grand Rapids 9, Mich. (Member 691).

Will give two covers for letter B cancellation with cachet "hour of distribution" same for letters H and L. Will buy it no give one in letter., Merritt F. Handy, 21 Garnet St., Malden, 48, Mass. (Member 269).
NEW MEMBERS: Welcome.

607 Wall, Jean M. 51 Rue Raynouard, Paris 16, France
608 Adams, Clifford, H. American Embassy, Quito, Ecuador (Ecuador-Somal National Coast)
609 Schwartz, Adolf W. MD. 6th Avenue, S. W. College Apt. C-5 Rochester, Minn. (France, Red Cross, Medical Topics)
610 Edwards, Conrad P. Andover Lake Road, Andover, Conn. (France-Colonies)
611 Hermansader, John T. 344 Rankin Street, Porter, Indiana (France)
612 Phelps, Dale. 600 Crofton Street, Grand Rapids 9, Mich. French Africa.
613 Beuchet, Daniel, 134 Boulevard Brune, Paris 16, France (Reunion)
614 Gilbertson, Thomas, 708 Elm Street, Anoka, Minn. (France Africa)
615 Beyerle, John J. 3901 Sackett Avenue, Cleveland 9, Ohio, France & Cola.
616 Lanker, J.A. 3841 Woodlawn Avenue, Seattle 3, Washington.
617 Numainville Leon. J. MD. Col. 5701 Euper Lane, Fort Smith, Arkansas, France)
618 Kuhn, W.E. Box 617 Fishkill, New York (France & Colonies)
619 Hilton James G. Dr. 412 Oaklaw Avenue, Jackson 6, Miss. (France & Colonies)
620 Higby, Charles R. 613 Wolcott Street, West Bend, Wis. (Precancels)
621 Holmes, Harry, 1038 Arco Drive, Jackson 11, Florida (France-Colonies Group)
622 Brown, Gardner L. 413 Woodlawn Drive, Akron 20, Ohio. France-French War & Saint Pierre et Miquelon.

RE-INSTALMENT:

413 Rafferty, John R. MAG (Army Section) APO 230, New York, N.Y. (France)

APPLICATION PENDING:

703 Berner, Beatrice, 200 East 36th Street, New York 16, N.Y. (France-General).

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

661 Williams Robert G.Jr. Colonel, to: 513 Carolyn Drive, Falls Church, Virginia
580 Mastel, Clifford A. to: 4120 Logan Avenue, Canton, Ohio
349 Goert, Leo F. to: 386 East York Street, Akron 10, Ohio
484 Vanderheiden, Harold P. to: 411 E. Park Av Elmhurst, Illinois
476 Walter, Mercier G. Brig.Gen. To: Belgrade, AMAS, Department of State, Washington D.C.
505 Grant, R.W. to: 1872 Rugby Lane, Clearwater, Florida
617 Des Forges, Jacques to: 652 H. Chambray, Montreal 35, Quebec, Canada
658 Le France, Leo J. to: 27 Underhill Road, Gasing, New York
677 Becam, Louis to: 36 New York 36, New York
67 Nous, Henry O. to: Box 2775 Hamilton Sta. Pompano Beach, Florida
557 Fairchild, Edmund 51 210th East Cleveland Drive, Covina, California

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504 Elkins, Anna V. Mrs. 880 East 35th. Street Brooklyn 10, New York
469 Leach, Richard W. 1236 Forest Avenue, Evanston, Ill.

NOTICE:

Final notices are out for payment of 1957 DUES. Why not enclose your 1958 dues TOO, Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted.
CHARLES BRETAGNE, Secretary.

Your golden opportunity comes on Saturday, November 23rd, 1957

During the week-end of the A.S.D.A. show at the Armory, 34th St. and Park Avenue, New York.

It is:

The Annual Dinner of the France & Colonies Group

Place: same as last year where we had so fine a time:

St. Germain Restaurant
(Maison A. de Winter)
36 West 48th St., New York (opposite Radio City)

Time: Gather 6.30 on; sit down about 7 p.m.

There will be a desirable souvenir for every one who comes.

A door prize is in hand; and more of them are promised.

We do not yet know the price. But we aim to get it close to that of last year, with the same features included.

Last year non-resident members came from as far as 200 miles away. We hope for more of this on the present occasion.

Postcard Mr. Ira Zweifach, 306 West 93 St., New York 25, saying you are coming--and with how many additional. BRING YOUR LADY!

From Our President

Our non-resident members may perhaps be glad of a reminder; that they are always most welcome at the meetings, first Tuesday evening in each month, at Collectors Club, 22 East 35 St., New York. Non-resident and resident members all have the same voice and vote. Let us see you, whenever possible. Time your trips to Gotham to take in the Group meetings.

Ira Zweifach, President.