

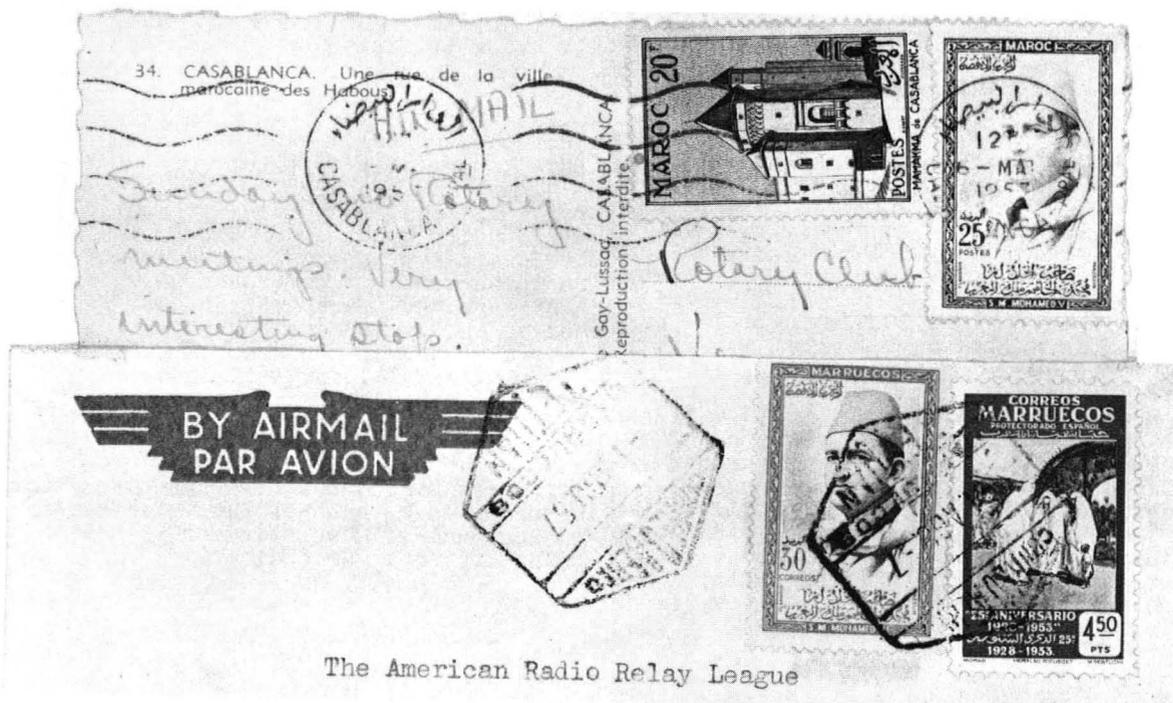
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Kingdom of Morocco

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.

Upper one, May 6 1957, shows French-language stamp of Kingdom and French Morocco stamp (1955 issue).

Lower one, Aug. 7 1957, shows Spanish-language stamp of Kingdom and Spanish Morocco stamp (1953 issue).

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 AboutThe 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 effusion 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, top of 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 was used, on the strength of the statement in Yvert's 1927 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 F.&C. News Letter 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 notice, which I had not seen 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 Ste. 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 Nossi Be, New Caledonia and Mayotte."**

"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 1879 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

** Nossi 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 Mulhenheim.

Until now, Algeria was divided into only three departments: Alger, Oran and Constantine. The double circle postmarks had office name at top, department name at bottom.

By the law of May 20, 1957, there are now 13 departments:

Alger, Orleansville, Media, Tizi-Ouzou (all formerly in Alger).

Batna, Bone, Constantine, 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 often 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 bas address whence mail is sent on, as Americans travel in Europe nowadays."

"Monroe & Co. and Wood & Co., English houses in Paris, were the two 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 Bretagne is the one to notify; not your Editor.

New Name of the Colony French Oceania.

Since July 26, 1957, the name of "Etablissements Français de l'Océanie" is superseded by POLYNESIE FRANÇAISE. Probably the current stamps will be issued with that new country-name. At any rate, all new issues will carry that new wording.

---Frederic Mulhenheim.

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 F. De Mers was up from La Mesa on two days; and Dr. H.M. Barnhart 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 Hélas! it 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.



3c Marianne de Gandon
Chas. Meyer coll.



45c Pasteur
Abbott Chase coll.



4c Marianne de Gandon
Chas. Meyer coll.

Doubled Design

By express permission, and in fact at his own request, we reprint what Mr. Raoul Lesgor says on this matter in his 1955 book, *France 20th Century Specialized*, page 19:--

"On all stamps printed since 1922, it is not uncommon to find specimens which give the impression of having been subjected to important retouches, as large parts of the design seem to be doubled."

"In the catalogue *France Specialized*, published in 1946, we attributed these doublings of design to dirt or ink caked along the edges of the relief portions of the design."

"We have come to the conclusion that, since these varieties occur only on stamps printed by rotary presses and since the doubling occurs only on the horizontal or near-horizontal lines of the design, they were probably caused by the rotation of the cylinder when too much ink or when inks of too fluid a consistency were used, with worn plates. The rotation of the cylinder with the concomitant centrifugal force, would have a tendency to project the excess ink towards the edges of the relief portions of the design, thus producing this well known retouched appearance."

See No. 93, page 10, where Mr. Chase shows a 45c Pasteur of this sort--picture is rerun at head of this article. By courtesy of Mr. Charles E. Meyer, we show two recent examples from his collection also. As the 4c is a mint block of four, with all subjects showing this feature in equal degree, it would appear that the origin as

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 30c 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 became very excited. He assured me that I had made a very important discovery: that we were in the presence of a typographic 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.

Port of Papeete

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

Western Stamp Collector



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, 58, 64, 65, 68, 69, 70 and 71. Dr. H.M. Barnhart, 2185 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, Macomb, Ill. (Member No. 683).

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 269)

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; if so give price in letter. Merritt F. Handy, 21 Garnet St., Malden, 48, Mass. (Member 269).

* SECRETARY'S REPORT

May 15 to August 15 1957

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome.

- 687 Wall, Jean M. 51 Rue Raynouard, Paris, 16 France.....
- 688 Adams, Clifford, H. American Embassy,.... Quito, Ecuador (Obock-Somali Coast)
- 689 Schwartz, Adolf W. MD. 5th Avenue, S. W. College Apt.C-5 Rochester, Minn.... (France, Red Cross, Medical, Topics)
- 690 Edwards, Conrad P. Andover Lake Road,.... Andover, Conn. (France-Colonies)...
- 691 Hermansader, John T. 344 Rankin Street,.. Porter, Indiana.(French Africa)....
- 692 Phelps, Dale. 600 Crofton Street,..... Grand Rapids 9, Mich.French Africa.
- 693 Bauchet, Daniel, 134 Boulevard Brune,.... Paris 16, France (Reunion).....
- 694 Gilbertson, Thomas, 708 Elm Street,..... Anoka, Minn. (French Africa).....
- 695 Beyerle, John J. 3901 Sackett Avenue,.... Cleveland 9, Ohio, France & Col.
- 696 Lanker, J.A. 3841 Woodlawn Avenue,..... Seattle 3, Washington,.....
- 697 Numainville Leon J. MD.Col. 5701 Euper,.. Lane, Fort Smith, Arkansas,(France)
- 698 Kuhn, W.E. Box 617 Fishkill, New York.... (France & Colonies).....
- 699 Hilton James G. Dr. 4112 Oaklawn Drive,.. Jackson 6, Miss. (France & Colonies)
- 700 Higby, Charles R. 613 Wolcott Street,.... West Bend, Wis. (Precancels).....
- 701 Holmes, Harry, 1038 Arco Drive,..... Jacksonville 11, Florida (France)..
- 702 Brown, Gardner L. 413 Wildwood Drive,.... Akron 20, Ohio. Franco-Prussian War & Saint Pierre et Miquelon.....

RE-INSTATEMENT:

- 413 Rafferty, John H. MAAG (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 C.Jr. Colonel, to:..... 513 Carolyn Drive,Falls Church,Virginia
- 585 Mestel, Clifford A. to: 4120 Logan Avenue, Canton, Ohio.....
- 349 Goerth, Leo F. to: 386 East York Street,.. Akron 10, Ohio.....
- 667 Mayhew H.W. Capt. to: 105 N.Michigan,.... Roswell, New Mexico.....
- 484 Vanderheiden, Harold F. to: 411 E. Park Av Elmhurst, Illinois.....
- 476 Walter, Mercer C. Brig.Gen. To: Belgrade,. AMAS, Department of State,Washington DC
- 505 Grant H.W. to: 1872 Bugle Lane,..... Clearwater, Florida.....
- 617 Des Forges, Jacques to: 6524 Chambord,.... Montreal 35, Quebec, Canada.....
- 658 La France, Leo J. to: 27 Underhill Road,.. Ossining, New York.....
- 677 Becam, Jean to: 36 West 48th. Street,.... New York 36, New York.....
- 67 Nouss, Henry O. to: Box 2775 Hamilton Sta. Pompano Beach, Florida.....
- 557 Fairchild, Edmund to 21046 East Cleveland,. Drive, Covina, California.....

* DECEASED:

- 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 Zewifach, 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 Zewifach, President.