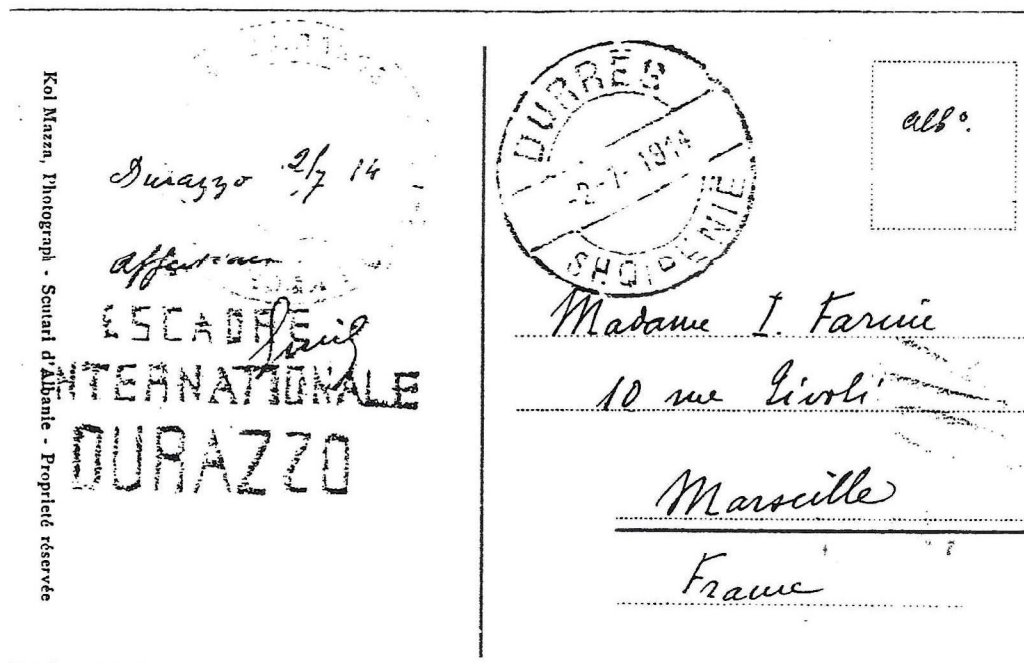
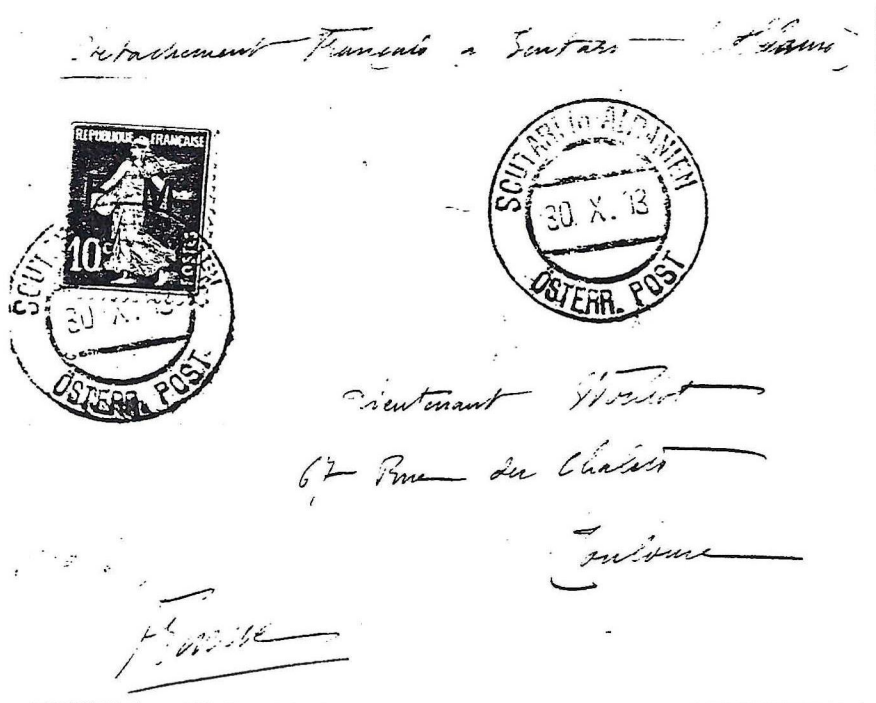


FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Albania

Scutari in Albanien
30 October 1913

Durres
2 July 1914



Following the Balkan Wars in 1912-1913, Serbia threatened to annex the Albanian provinces seized from the Ottoman Empire. The great powers favored an independent Albania and sent a multi-national force to carry out this policy. Upper cover from a member of the French Detachment in Scurtari was sent through the Austrian post office. Lower card is from the armored cruiser *Edgar Quinet* with the International Squadron off Durazzo.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Albania

Detachement Francaise d'Scutari
July 1914

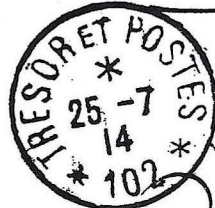
*Detachement Français d'Infanterie Coloniale
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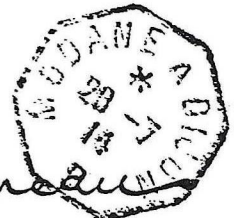
*Monsieur A. Quertant
Capitaine en retraite
170. Rue P... ..*

*(Somme) Detachement Français d'Infanterie
Coloniale à Scutari d'Albanie*

Transmis par la



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Marchand des Logis Guterminie
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à Taourirt
par Oudjda
Maroc Oriental*

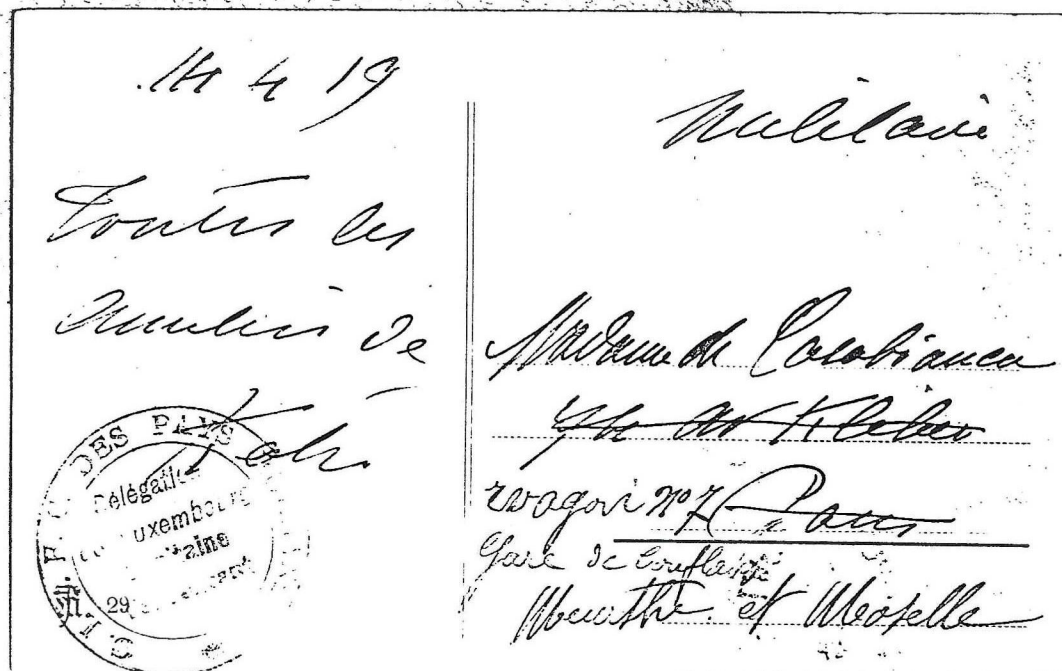
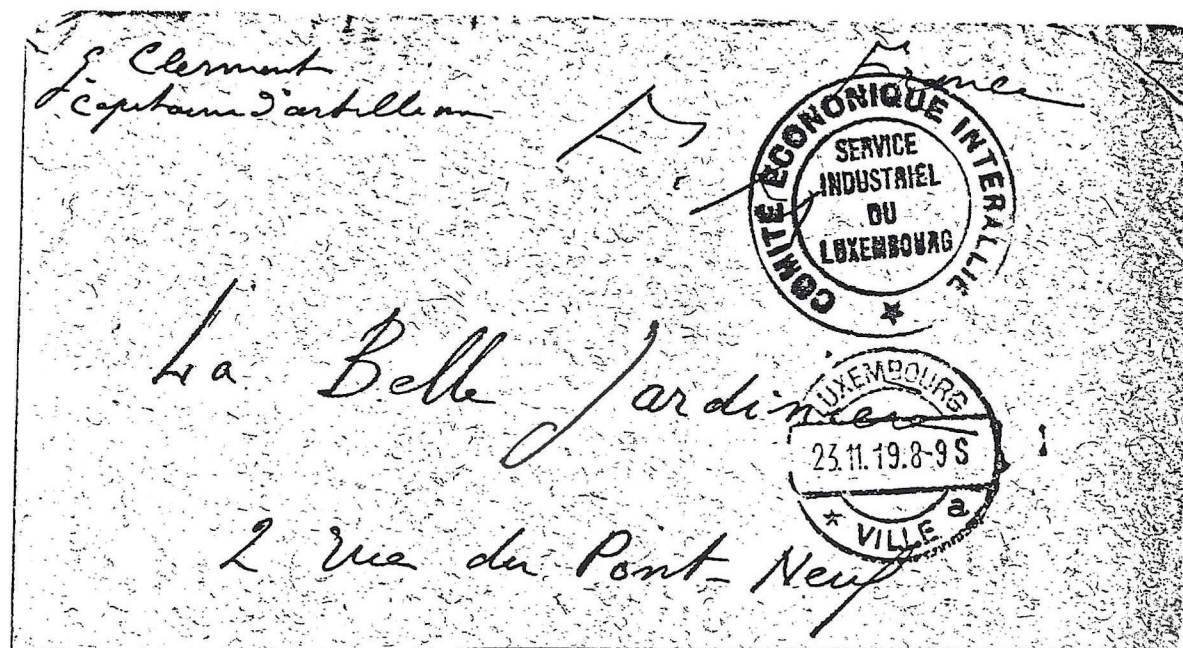


No French field post service was established in Albania, so the above covers were sent by military pouch to France, where they were postmarked with the TPO Modane to Paris and Modane to Dijon, respectively. Lower cover was sent to a military address in Morocco, where it obtained the T&P 102 receiving mark at Taourirt.

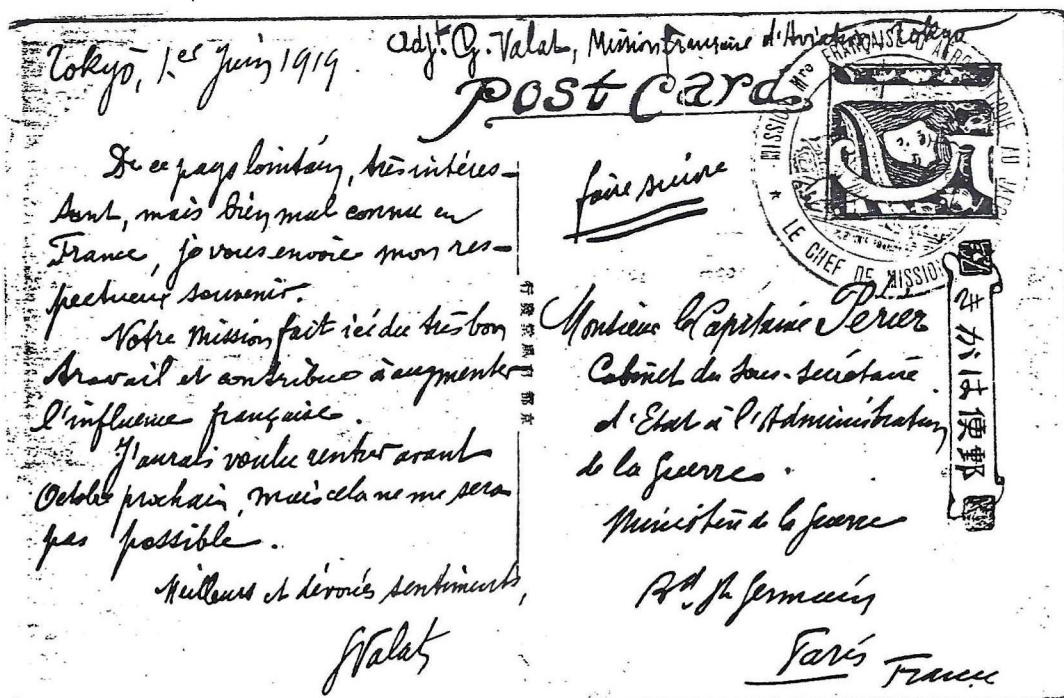
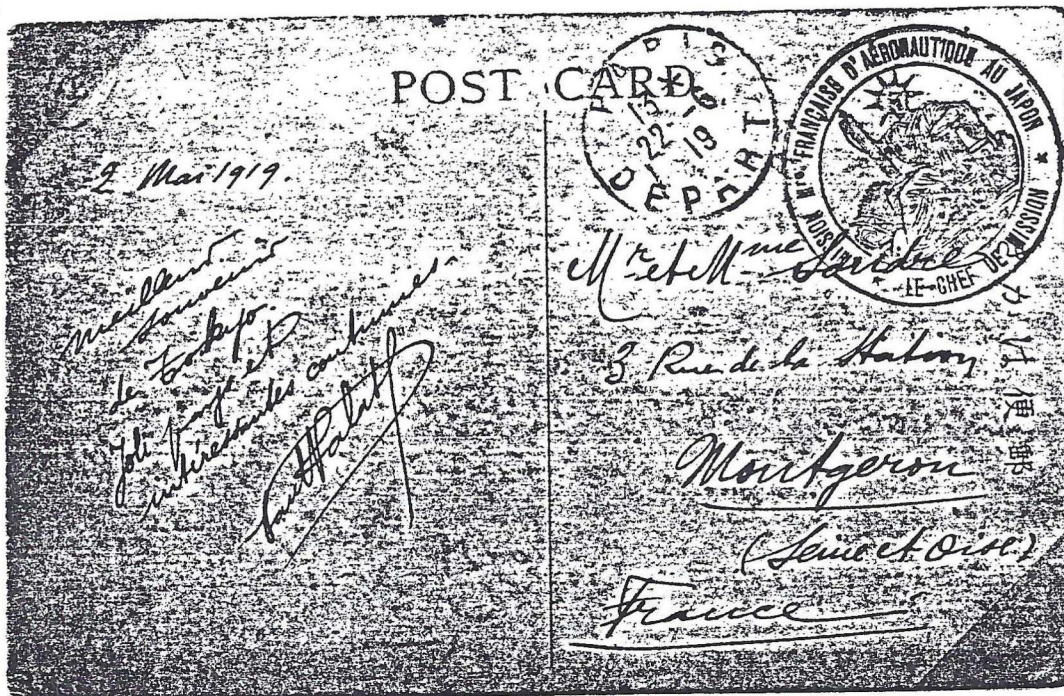
WITH FRANCE'S ENTRY INTO WORLD WAR I ON 3 AUGUST 1914, THE CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF THIS EXHIBIT IS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED UNTIL THE 1918 ARMISTICE WHICH ENDED THE HOSTILITIES. THE EXHIBIT THEN RESUMES WITH THE OCCUPATION OF THE TERRITORIES OF THE FORMER ENEMIES (AUSTRIA-HUNGARY, BULGARIA, GERMANY AND TURKEY) AND OTHER AREAS.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Luxembourg

Luxembourg Ville
14 April 1919
23 November 1919



Pursuant to the Treaty of Versailles, Allied forces occupied all of the territory along the left bank of the Rhine, including Luxembourg after it was evacuated by German occupation forces. Above items sent from Interallied Economic Committee and Railway Commission from Luxembourg City represent very unusual usages.



In the aftermath of the war, the French wanted to increase their influence over their ally, Japan. As a result, an aviation mission was sent to Tokyo to train Japanese pilots and mechanics in the use of French aircraft.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Germany

Berlin W8
18 September 1919



Although the Allies did not send occupation troops to Berlin, military missions of various kinds were established. With no military post offices, the civilian mails were utilized for official correspondence in the early period.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Germany

Commission Interallie
2 June 1919
29 February 1920
19 August 1920



Somm. off. interprète 1.8.20. M. Martin Schellh. Berlin
29.2.20
*Quelques amis
qui se réunissent
pour se souvenir
de la guerre et de
ceux qui ont
sacrifié pour la
paix. Je vous envoie
un souvenir de la
Commission Interallie
de Berlin.*
M. Martin Schellh.
bureau de portugais
Maison de la Presse

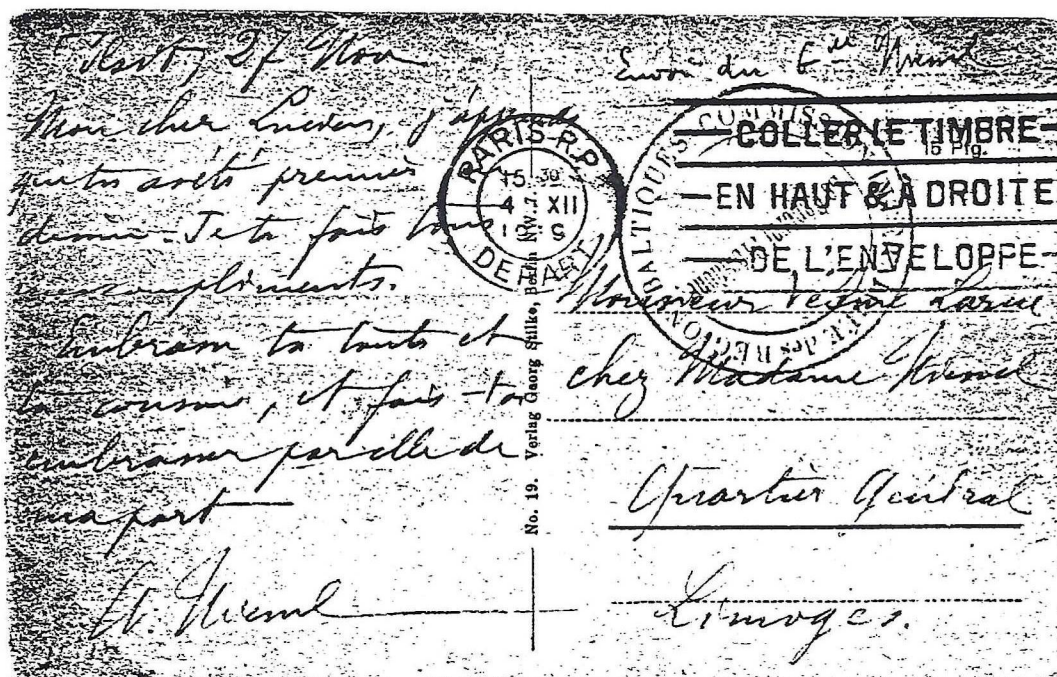
Paris
11 rue François 1^{er}

Meilleurs souvenirs
Bonjour de Prusse
H. Kordig

15 dec 1920

Monsieur Jacques
31 Rue St Jean
Granville
France
Manche

Cards above show examples of various cachets used by the Inter-Allied administrators in Berlin. By this time, mail was transported regularly by military pouch and only entered the postal system upon its arrival in France.



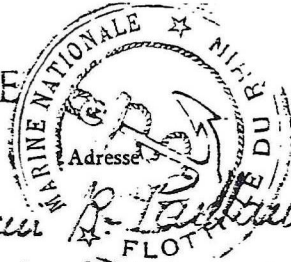
To support the newly independent republics in the area, an Inter-Allied Baltic Commission was established. To carry out its functions, a French military presence was introduced into East Prussia. The above cards were endorsed by application of the Commission's cachet for transmission from Tilsit to Paris free of postage.

Flotille du Rhin
27 March 1919
19 May 1919
9 July 1923

You can give CARTE POSTALE

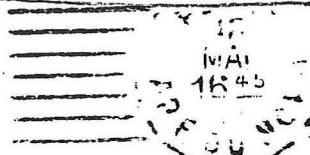
Alsacienne, Strasbourg

De Roy
Cou.



Monsieur R. P. L. Florent
9 m chef de quart.
Dragée P. Voine

Mare S. uruguayensi - u



La ville du Rhin
est merveilleuse ; elle
est si belle.

M. de Marc
St Laurent de Noéti.

H² = 4

Reigis civils B. F. E.
Dépôt de Ventes
secteur 3



Madame, Elison
14. Rue de l'Embarcadour

Paris.

XV^eime
Francz.

As Allied forces occupied all of the territory along the left bank of the Rhine, a British-French Flotilla was established to patrol the river. The upper card was mailed from Strasbourg and refers to duty visits to Mainz and Ludwigshafen. Unit cachet of the Inter-Allied Navigation Commission was applied to the middle card at Cologne. Lower card has a similar cachet but with "St. G." for St. Goar in the center.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Germany

Tresor et Postes * *
1 November 1919
2 December 1919

Tresor et Postes 3
4 September 1921

Historische Karte



Madame

Enfant

Charles avant moi de la Willy - Mising, Espagne

29-11-19

Boy bureau
And Willy

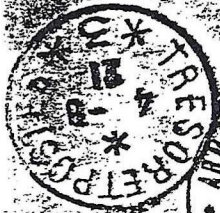
Ludwig Bremer, Straßburg i. E. 20

Mademoiselle
Renaudy Yvonne
55, Rue Taitbout
Paris



Monsieur le Secrétaire
de la Revue d'Etudes Militaires
5, Boulevard Beaumarchais, 5
Place de la Bastille

Paris



Military mail from the French Army of the Rhine. Unit cachets reflect the "Council of War" at Wiesbaden, Liaison with the British Rhine Army at Cologne, and the Port Authority at Krefeld.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Germany

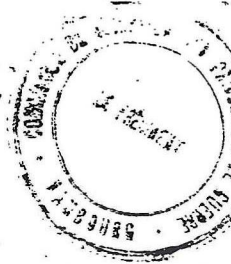
Hambourg
21 January 1919

Army Courier Office
2 July 1920

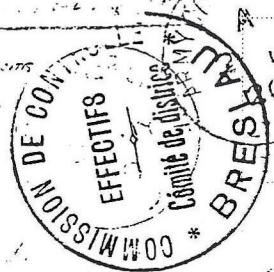
Stuttgart
18 _ 1920

Hamburg Alsterarkaden mit Blick
auf das Rathaus

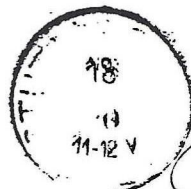
Farbphotogramm, Aufnahme (unvollständig)



BERLIN
Denkmal Königin Louise



Nr. 2918.



Chateau
Puget jane
Eauze (Gers)

Although the Allied occupation forces were primarily stationed in the Rhineland, various control commissions were assigned to locations throughout Germany. Above examples show mail from such groups located in Hamburg, Breslau and Stuttgart. Such items are relatively elusive and sought after by German collectors.

Commission militaire interalliée de Contrôle

Sous-Commission de l'Armement

Comité de district de Hanovre



Monsieur le Commandant B O U D O T

C.M.I.C.

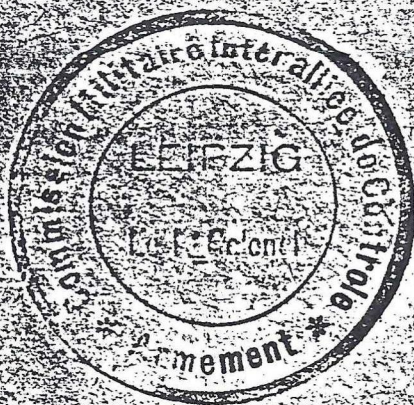
Chef du Service des Chemins de fer de Campagne ;

B E R L I N

à Commandant BAUDOT,

Commission Interalliée des Chemins de fer
de Campagne auprès de la Mission
du Général Nollat.

B E R L I N.



Additional examples of mail from control commissions in other locations in Germany. Covers shown above are were sent from the Inter-Allied Armaments groups in Hannover and Leipzig by military courier to Berlin.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Germany

Tresor et Postes 3
18 August 1921

Tresor et Postes 180
27 March 1921

Avec mon meilleur souvenir
de Francfort.
J'ai contracté un engagement
de 18 mois pour les Pays
Rhénans - j'ai fait partie
des troupes qui ont occupé
Francfort le 6 avril.
Je suis enchanté de ma nouvelle
situation qui me permet de
visiter un peu l'Allemagne.

Post. No. 613



M. Paul Mayer Sterling

Je pars pour Cologne
ma famille doit y
rejoindre - J'y
Anglais - mais
des Américains
Je garde de vous
bon souvenir.
4th Section des chemins
de fer Commission -

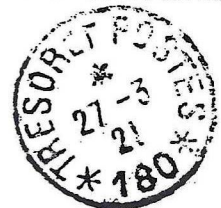
Madame E. Hoffmann



COMMANDEMENT DES
FORCES ALLIÉES D'OCCUPATION
dans les Territoires Rhénans
ÉTAT-MAJOR GÉNÉRAL

Commission Interalliée des chemins de fer
de campagne des Pays Rhénans (C.I.C.F.C.)

SERVICES TECHNIQUES



Le Directeur de l'Union
Compagnie d'Automobiles
9 Place Vendôme 9
Paris

Military mail from the French Army of the Rhine. Unit cachets reflect the military railway authorities at Frankfurt am Main, Dusseldorf and Wiesbaden.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD

Germany

Tresor et Postes 201
21 February 1923

Tresor et Postes 204
5 October 1923
7 November 1923

Quirbourg 20. 2. 1923.
 Mon cher Paul
 Tu me demandes des détails sur ton voyage à
 Quirbourg. Celle me dit combien vous avez
 été aimables et quelle chaude réception
 vous l'avez reçue. Elle ne ~~se~~ tant
 pas d'écarter et elle me vante le pays,
 les habitants et ~~la~~ la belle et poissonneuse
 rivière qui passe chez vous. Elle me fait
 ainsi regretter d'avoir été privé du plaisir de
 vous voir et d'avoir manqué l'occasion de
 tremper du fil dans l'eau !! Si vous voulez
 bien - dit mon cousin - me le donner prochainement
 nous viendrons nous encombrer tous trois.
 Le voyage je l'apprécierai certainement quelque
 qu'on m'en a fait faire ici. Il sera plus agré-
 able et surtout moins long - je suffi-
 sion l'adjoindre maintenant, car ce moment la
 nous car la première fois j'avais le
 pays. Tout est calme ici et quant
 l'occasion de vous voir je la saisirai
 mes observations au sujet de cet
 petit pays qui donne bien l'impression
 de santé économique de l'Allemagne
 mon meilleur souvenir pour lui
 pour toi l'expression de ma bonne amitié

*Envoyé à M. Bouguier
Contrôle Douanes de
l'arrondissement de
Secteur postal*

207.

BOITTE DE LA RUHR PARALLELE A FEN
DUISBURG

*
STRESE
21
23
Paris Massin

Propriétaire

Exp: 11
H
BIBLIOTHEQUE
Detacht
1917
Kundensatz, Quartum.
18/31
A

Exp: 1/ Lieutenant G. Bengard
10. 1/4 = Bon ou Genre SP.??


 M. A. Mabonne
 A. Bignon


 Essex, 5 November 1923
 My Dear Mr. Bagley:
 Enclosed please find the manuscript
 of the above letter, which I have signed
 "Deville en son plus p. & son tout," and
 am sure will be most interesting to
 you. I am sure you will find it most
 interesting and I am sure it will be
 of great value to you.
 Sincerely,
 J. H. Bagley

Mademoiselle Marguerite Fawcett
H 6 Rue Ste Helene
St. André
Nord
France

Prescription à
M. Barbon
Lune et Soleil

Because of adverse economic conditions, Germany was unable to meet the reparations payments specified in the Versailles Treaty. As punishment, French forces occupied the Ruhr industrial district from January 1923 to August 1924. Above cards show mail from this campaign, with unit markings from Duisburg and Essen.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Germany

Postes Armees Entrepot
25 April 1922
23 July 1924

Commission Militaire
Interalliée de Contrôle
Berlin.



Monsieur Pierre Hellmuth

31, Boulevard de la Chapelle



F. H.

Monsieur le Colonel B O U D O T

36 Rue de Moscou 36

P A R I S .



Still later, mail from the Inter-Allied Military Control Commission was handled through the French military sorting centers established in Mayence (Mainz) and Cologne (Köln) before being forwarded to Paris.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Germany

Tresor et Postes 77
12 August 1924

Tresor et Postes 31
19 May 1928

d. Langlois Comité des Courses
Bureau de la Place
S.P. 180
Mon cher Geo. (Wiesbaden)

A.F.R.



je te remercie de tes gentilles cartes
et je te prie de m'excuser de ne pas
t'avoir répondu plus tôt mais je
pensais que mes cartes ne t'arriveraient
pas car tu te déplaçais continuellement.
as-tu fait une bicyclette
quand a moi je n'ai
mais je pense me voir
ou je pense aller d'un
je suis heureux de te voir
après une année de travail
plus de mal, mes bons
d'ailleurs. et a toi mes
Bonne nuit

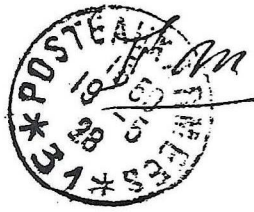
Monsieur Georges M. d.



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Messieurs J. Costa et F. H. d.



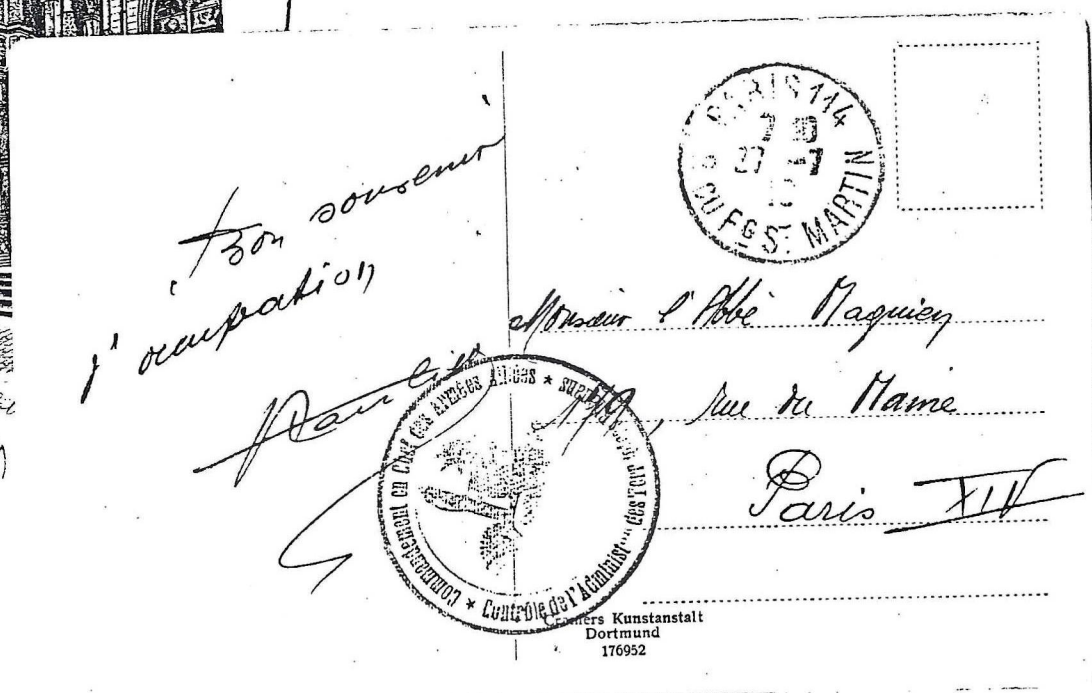
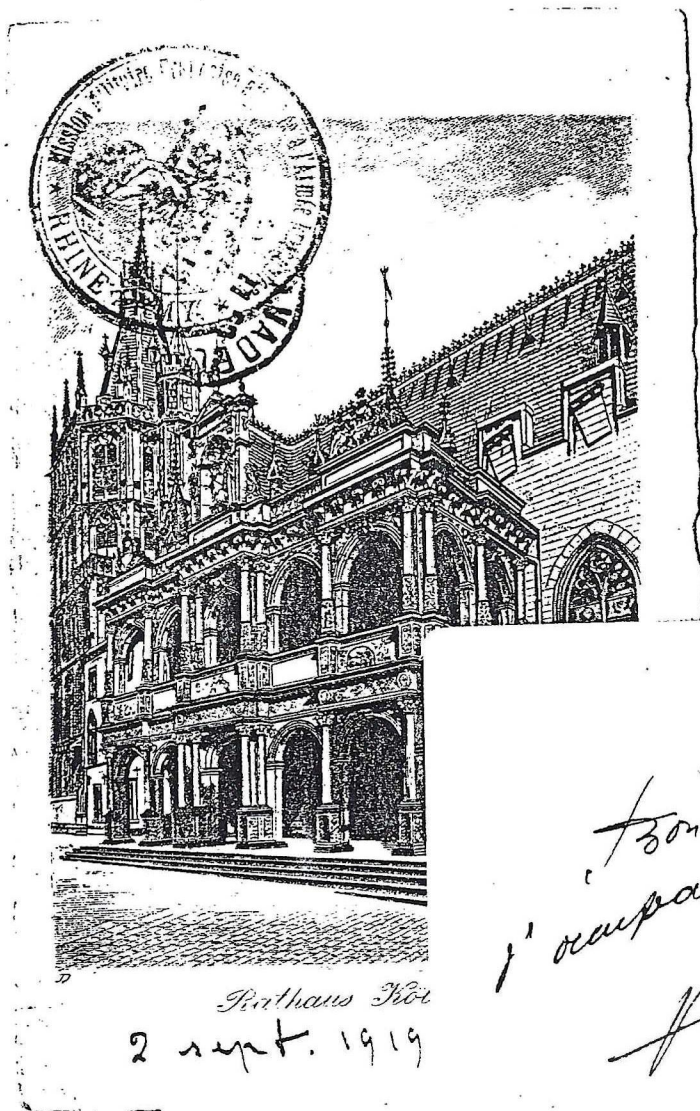
Mademoiselle Rachel Lammert
de Vaux B. Chamigny
Par la Voie sous Louarre
Veine et Mame

Amie A.R.

The Allied occupation of the Rhineland continued until 30 June 1930. Military mail shown above from the French forces utilized field post offices #180 Wiesbaden), #77 (Mainz), and #31 (Worms).

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Germany

Tresor et Postes
25 July 1919
5 September 1919



Card at left from Cologne shows administrative cachet of the "French Military Mission to the British Rhine Army," and card at right from Bad Ems shows "Commander in Chief of the Allied Armies for Control of Administration of the Rhineland."