

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Allenstein

Allenstein
26 April 1920



Lieut. Sharp

Communications

Regierungsgelände

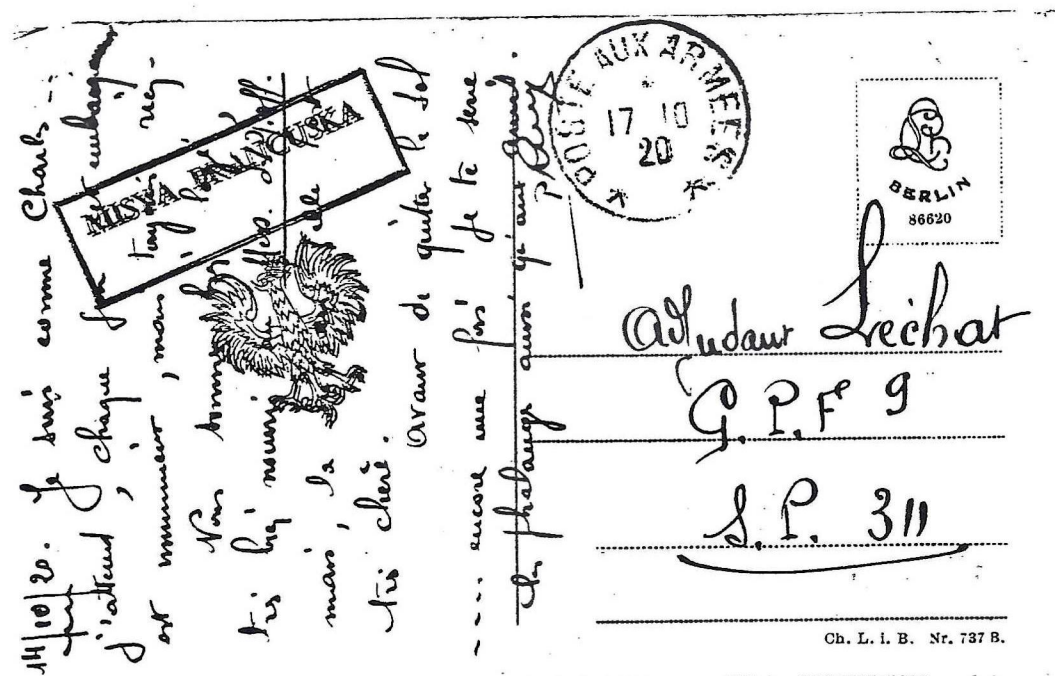
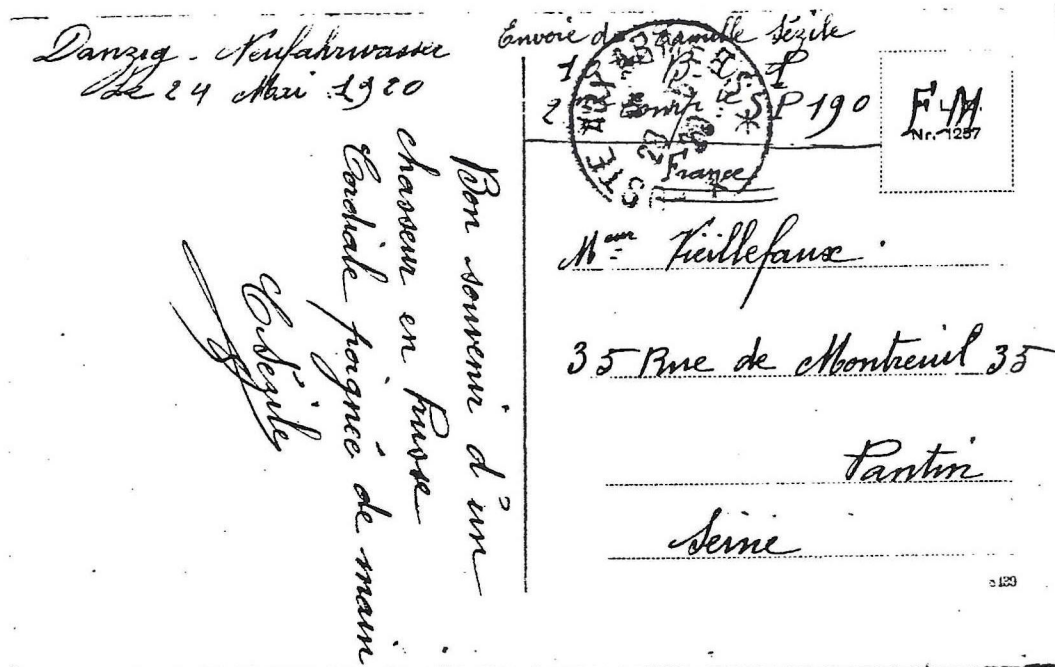
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Allenstein

Pursuant to the Treaty of Versailles, a vote was ordered for Allenstein to determine whether the territory would be transferred to Poland or remain a part of Germany. French presence in this area was limited to the plebiscite commission staff and guard. Thus no military postal facilities were required. The above cover was endorsed with the cachet of the "Administrative and Plebiscite Commission/Allenstein."

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Danzig

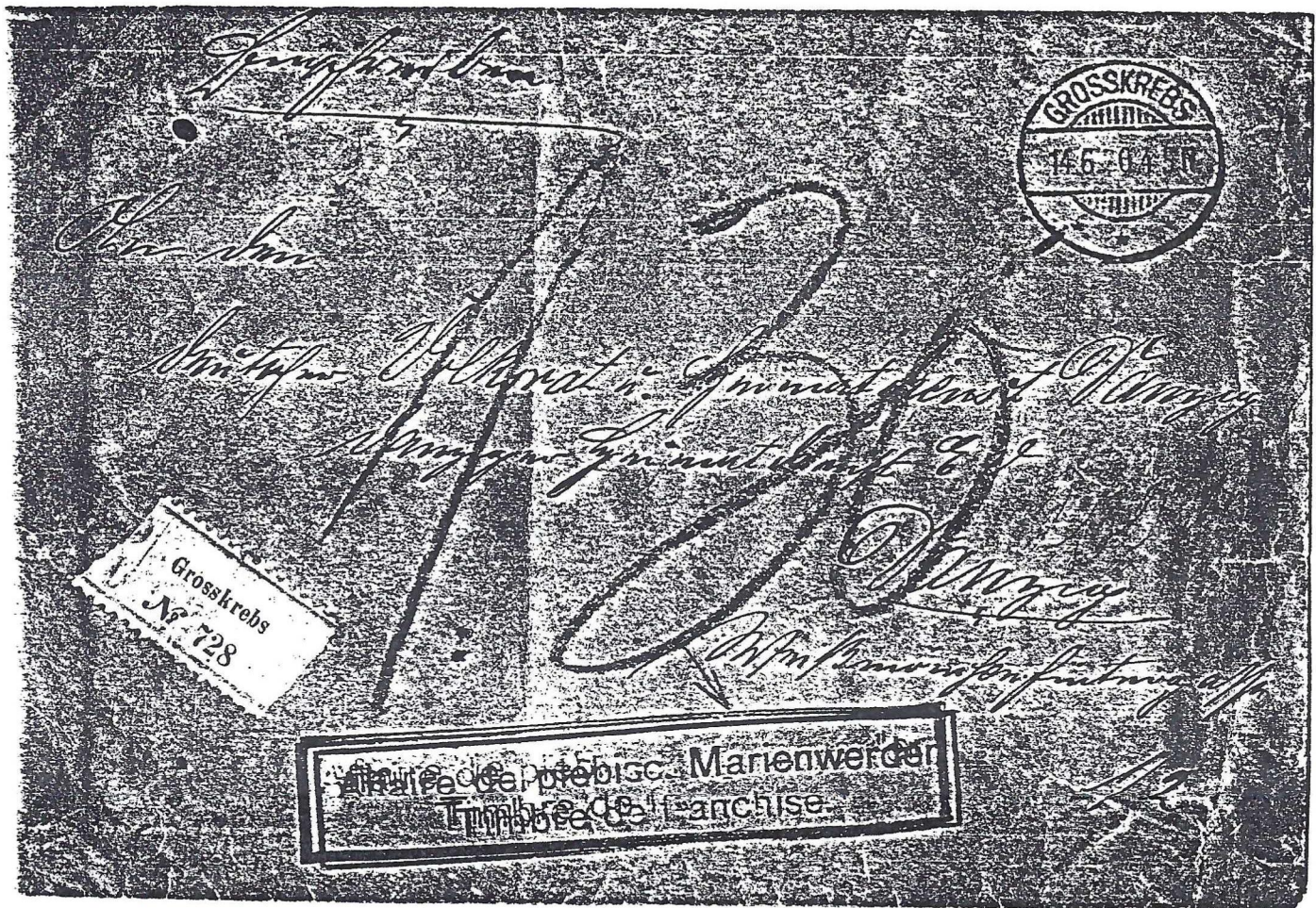
Poste aux Armees * *
28 May 1920
17 October 1920



In connection with the establishment of the Free City of Danzig, the 10th Battalion of Chasseurs (light infantry) was sent to the territory and assigned field post office number 190. The occupation troops were present from February 1920 to January 1922. Examples of mail from this unit are sought after by Danzig specialists and are considered very uncommon.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Marienwerder

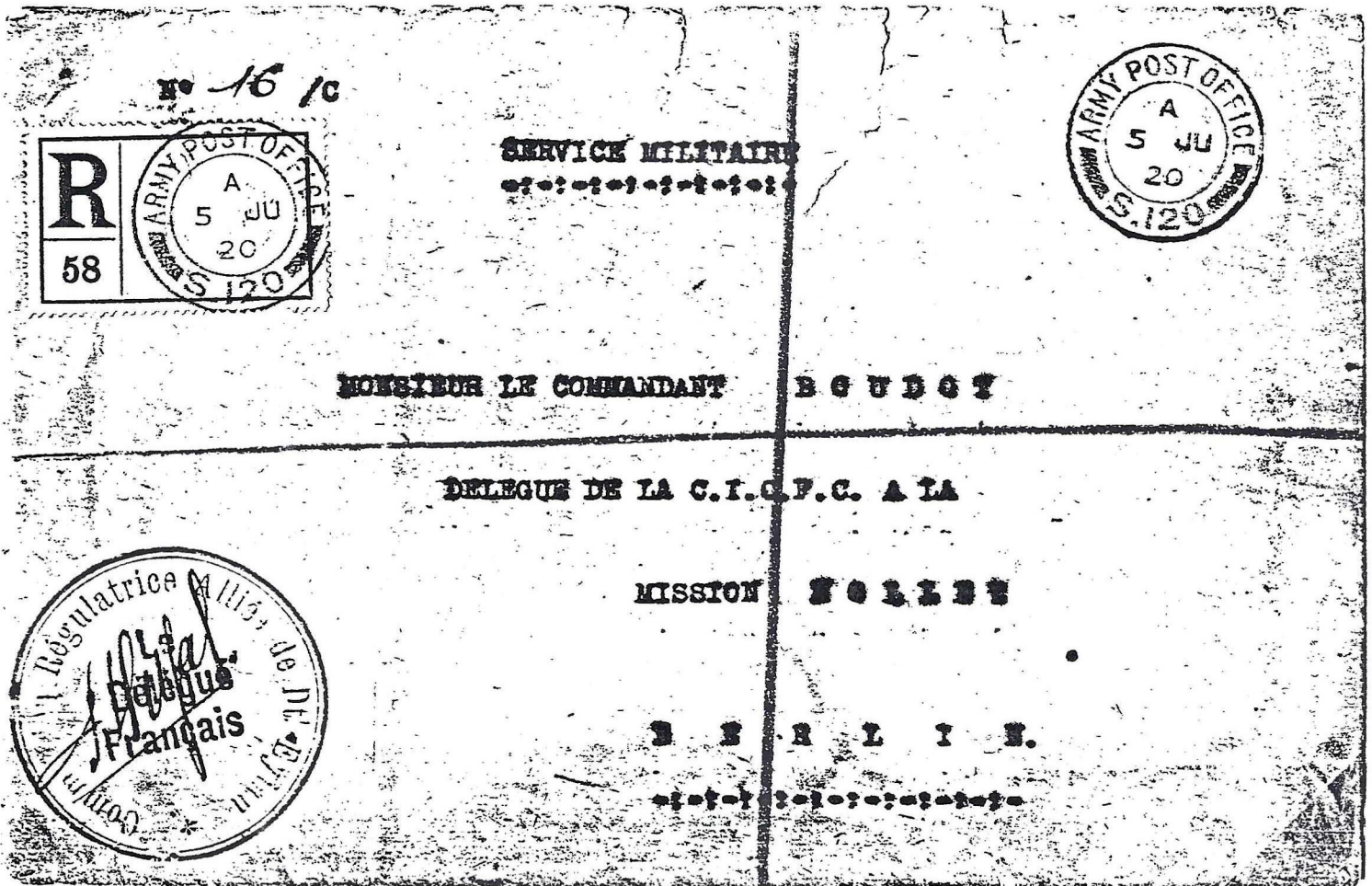
Grosskrebs
14 June 1920



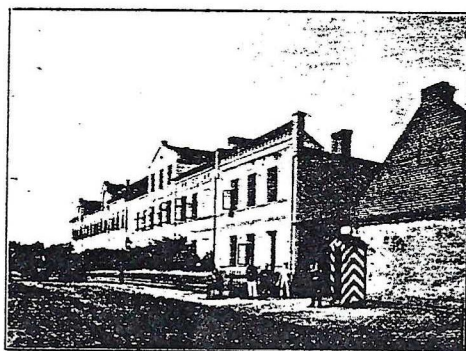
Pursuant to the Treaty of Versailles, a vote was to be conducted in Marienwerder to determine whether the territory would be transferred to Poland or remain a part of Germany. French presence in this area was limited to the plebiscite commission staff and guard. Thus, no military postal facilities were required. The above cover used for official business of the Marienwerder Plebiscite Commission was sent free of postage to Danzig.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Marienwerder

Army Post Office S.120
5 June 1920



Cover sent by the French Delegate to the Allied Regulatory Commission in Deutsch Eylau. Addressed to the French Delegate on the Inter-Allied Railway Commission in Berlin, it was forwarded via the British A.P.O. in Marienwerder. Backstamped at Field Post Office W.2. on 5 June 1920.



Kaserne.

F.M. 21 Colonel Beyer
Défense. Commandant
L. RE NE
MEMEL

Madame de Jeanne
Beyer
31 Rue Théophile Gautier
Paris XVIIe

Le 320.

F.M.

Verlag Aug. Pohanz Nachf., A. Fürster, Memel

Avec mon
très cordial
salut
J. A. S.

Sect. Postal 190

TERRITOIRE DE MEMEL
Général
Commandant

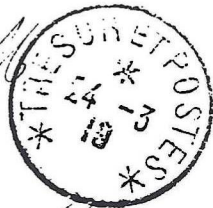
Monsieur Boufart
99 Rue Boursault
Paris

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Pursuant to the Treaty of Versailles, a French Administration was established in Memel. The 21st Battalion of Chasseurs (light infantry) was sent to occupy the territory. This unit was serviced by field post office number 190, but in the case of the above examples no postal markings were applied. The occupation troops were present from February 1920 to January 1922. Examples of such mail are sought after by Memel specialists and are considered very uncommon.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Saar

Tresor et Postes * *
24 March 1919
9 January 1920

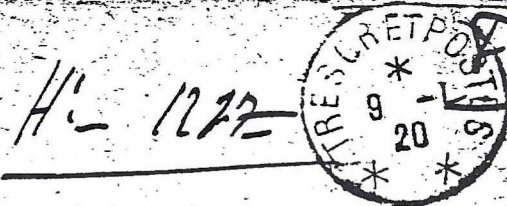


Monsieur L. Guillemain
Chemin du bidon

Champagne au mont d'or
Rhône



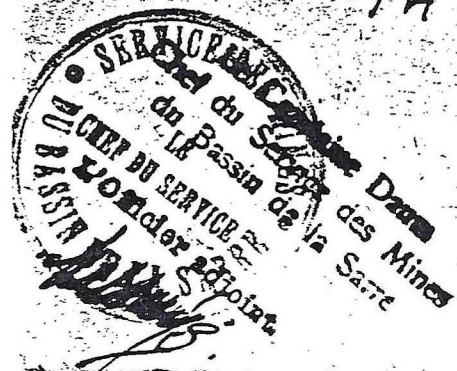
RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE
SERVICE DU CONTRÔLE DES MINES
DU BASSIN DE LA SARRE
à SARRHEERUCK



Mme J. Huot

14 Rue Lortaubert

Paris (16)



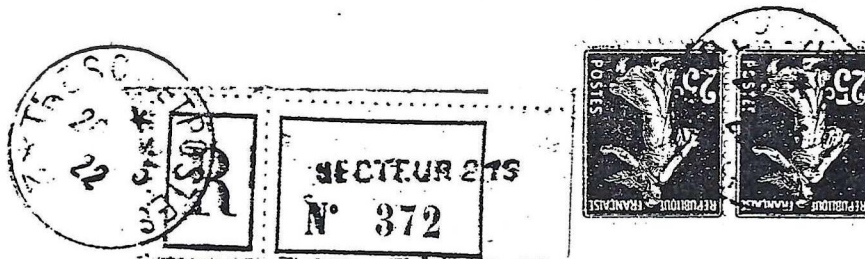
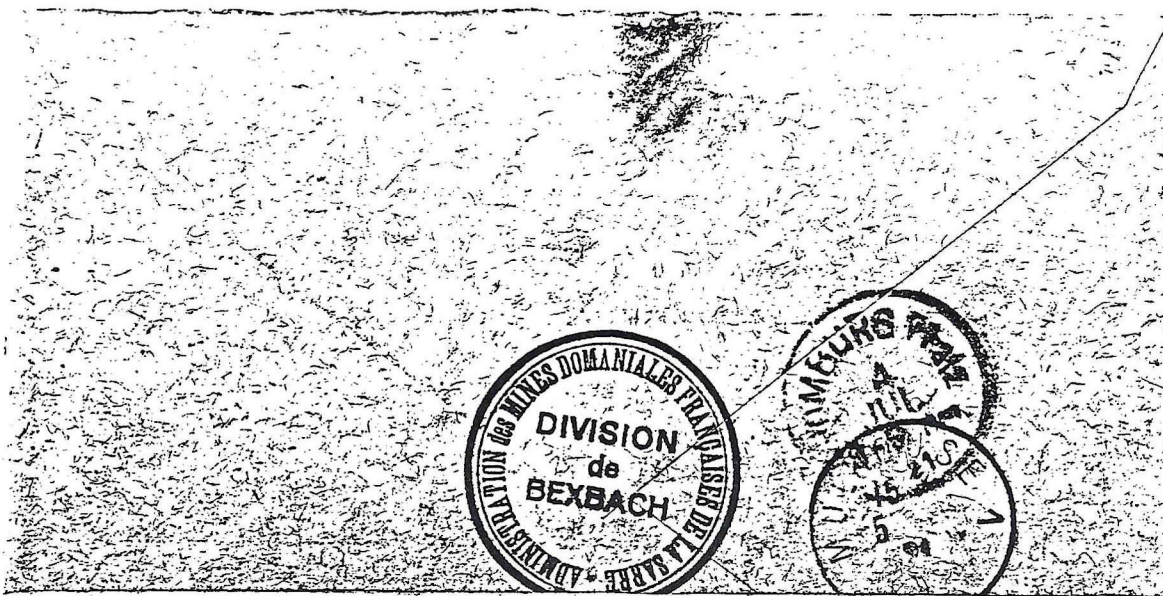
As part of the occupation of the Rhineland following the armistice, French forces moved into the Saar territory at the end of 1918. The territory was to be administered by France pending the final plebiscite in the aftermath of World War I scheduled to take place in the Saar on 13 January 1935.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD

Saar

Mittelbexbach
4 July 1921

Tresor et Postes 219
20 May 1922
8 August 1923



Monsieur
adjoint

adjoini

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Le Capitaine DEGACHE
Substitut pour le Colonel de guerre
des Troupes de la SARRE
Secteur Postal 219

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The French were very interested in control of the mines in the Saar; upper cover sent registered by the Administration of the French mines at Bexbach to Alsace with appropriate cachet on reverse. Field post office 219 was assigned to Saarbrücken during the period of the Allied occupation of the Rhineland, which lasted until 30 June 1930. Normal postage for troops was free, but fees were assessed for special services such as registration. The franchise did not apply on mail sent to foreign destinations, i.e. postage due was assessed in Luxembourg.

Tresor et Postes 219
29 February 1928
26 March 1928

29 February 1928

26 March 1928

27/2/28
 Smiths
 D. C.
 Passage
 Henry
 Smiths
 P. A. C. L. C.
 P. A. C. L. C.

Mad. Cohl de Cambrout

Principes de la Palettre

61 Chemin de Francherville

Lyon

Sg. 2132/28.

Recommendations

Monsieur Ch. TOLLÉ

Notaire

70, rue Saint-Lazare

- PARIS -

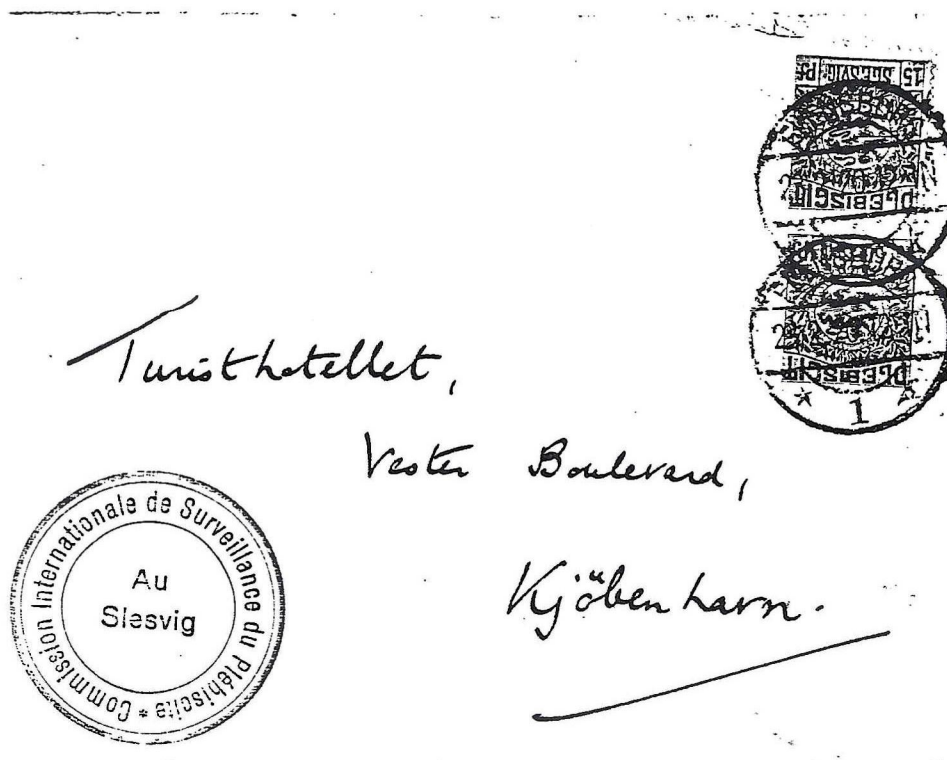
RECTEUR 219
N° 147

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Examples of military mail sent in the late period of the occupation is uncommon, presumably because most of the troops had been demobilized. Cover is official mail of the Secretary General of the Government Commission for the Saar Territory rent registered to Paris through field post office number 219.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Schleswig

Flensburg
9 February 1920
23 February 1920



In early 1920, several thousand stamps of each denomination were overprinted "C.I.S" for the official use of the International Commission for Schleswig. Both these and the regular (unoverprinted) stamps were used to frank the mail of the Commission members and staff, with all official activities ending on 16 June 1920.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Schleswig

Flensburg
23 September 1920

Leck
29 March 1920

INTERNATIONAL
COMMISSION
SLESVIG

Kontrollkommission
der
Stadt Flensburg

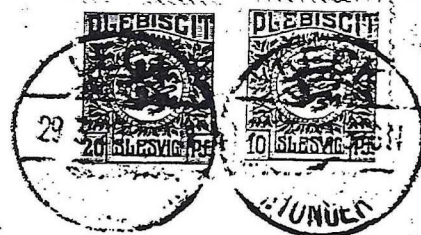
Volksabstimmung.
Folkeafstemning.



Kaut. med. Gygo Landman
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Til



*Commission Internationale
Schleswig*

Flensburg.

Under the terms of the Versailles Treaty, a plebiscite supervised by the Allied powers would be held to determine whether Schleswig would be transferred to Denmark or remain as a part of Germany. The above covers represent official mail of the plebiscite authorities, with markings indicating origination from the Control Commission for the City of Flensburg and the Gendarmerie in Leck, respectively.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Upper Silesia

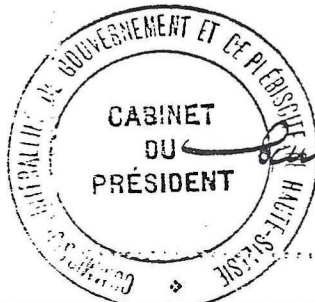
Tresor et Postes * *
26 May 1920
28 April 1921

Oppeln
20 March 1921

F. M.



Monsieur le Commandant Bejiers La Fosse



E. M.

FORCES ALLIÉES
D'OCCUPATION
DE LA HAUTE-SILÉSIE
46^e Division
de Chasseurs Alpains



F. M.

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In connection with the vote by residents of Upper Silesia on whether to join Poland or remain a part of Germany, a French contingent including the 46th Infantry Division and the 22nd Battalion of Alpine Chasseurs was sent to the territory. Lower cover with corner card and cachet of the "Inter-Allied Commission of Government and the Plebiscite in Upper Silesia" was mailed on the day of the plebiscite with a specially overprinted stamp.

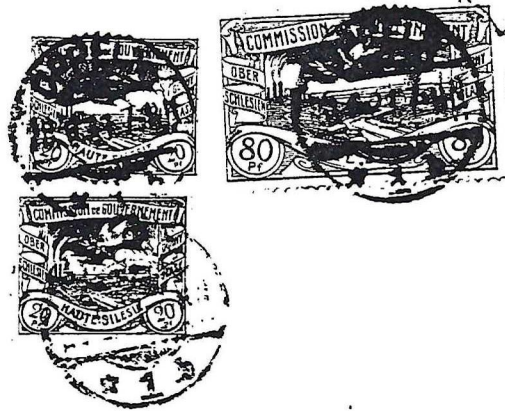
FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Upper Silesia

Oppeln
28 June 1921

Tresor et Postes 184
4 December 1921
12 April 1922

*Commission Interalliée
de Gouvernement et de Plébiscite
de Haute-Silésie.*

Le Préfet,
Directeur du Département de l'Intérieur.



Cher Monsieur le Préfet

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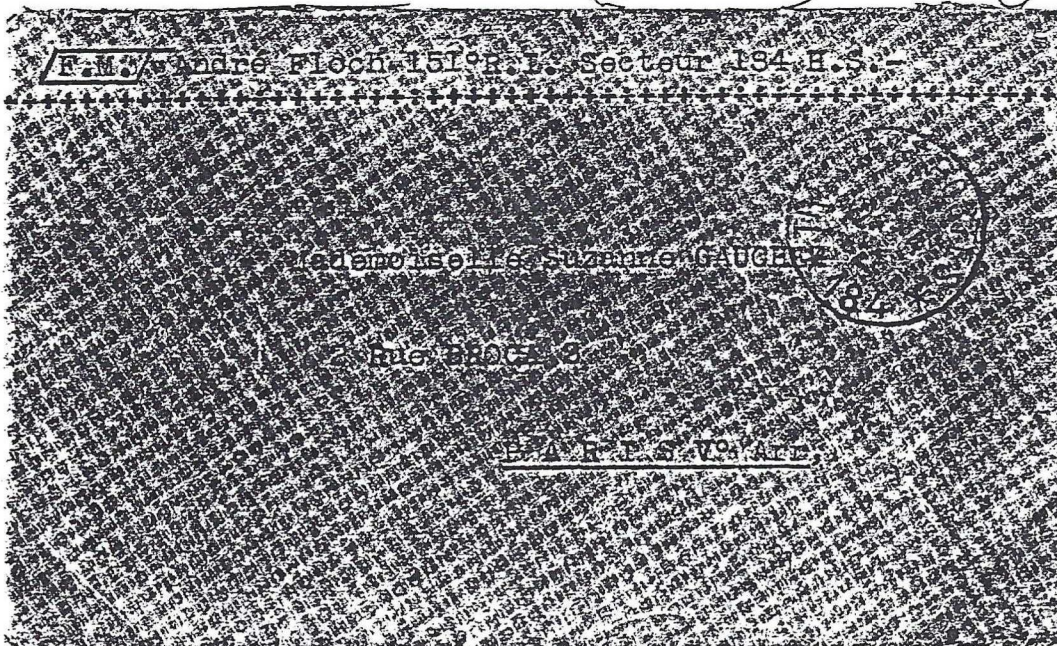
Franckreich

Von Langen

au II. Nachdruck verboten. No. 279



*Monsieur et Madame
J. Couelle
peintre
Laval
Gard*



Although the French administrators of the government and plebiscite in Upper Silesia used the special postage stamps printed for the territory, field post office number 184 was available for the use of the occupation forces between February 1920 and July 1922.

Mission Militaire Francaise en Autriche
15 May 1919
11 October 1919

15.5.19

Toujours en ~~bonne~~ ^{bonne} sante & ne m'ennuie
nullement à rien.

Très très
général
comme.

5590 E. B. Wien

A. B. & Co., W. II

Capt H. L. Hunt.

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11.10.19

Bonjour à tout le monde - Le Capitaine

Mme Marie Antoinette
à Vicherey

FRANCIS J. MONTAGNA
MILITARY STATION
17 15
14 SE 19
G. CRANEWELL

Monsieur Goudal Edmond
 rue des Ruisseaux
 Mendon
 S. et oise

B. K. W. II.
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Upon the surrender of Austria on 30 October 1918, Allied troops moved north from Italy and occupied strategic locations in the country. In the absence of a field post office, the above cards from the French Military Mission in Vienna were sent by courier to Paris.

Additional markings used during the Allied occupation of Austria include the "Mission to Styria - Carinthia," the "Mission for the Circulation of (Railway) Rolling Stock in Central Europe," then located in Mariazell, and the "Railway Management for the Occupied Territories/Linz Station."

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Austria

Commission des Reparations
7 March 1921
15 December 1920



Monsieur Jacques Ber
Commission des Reparations
« Section d'Autriche »
Hôtel Taboria
137 Avenue des Champs Elysées

Monsieur Marcel Amara
70, Avenue Kléber



Paris

Reflecting the terms of the peace treaty, the Allies were entitled to reparations payments from the defeated Central Powers. Officials were established in the occupied territories to oversee the compliance with these terms, whose mail received appropriate markings and was transmitted to Paris by diplomatic pouch.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Austria

Wien
November 1923

COMMISSION MILITAIRE INTERALLIÉE
DE CONTRÔLE
DANS LA RÉPUBLIQUE D'AUTRICHE

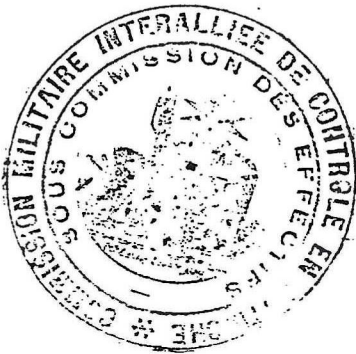
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Monsieur le Maréchal F O C H

Président du Comité militaire allié de Versailles

4bis Bd. des Invalides

P A R I S



Mademoiselle PERNET,
Chemin de Blémur

P I S C O P, par St-BRICE

(Seine-et-Oise)



F r a n k r e i c h

Upper cover represents official mail from the Inter-Allied Military Control Commission in Austria to Marshal Foch in Paris. Lower example was sent by the French representative on the Austro-Italian Boundary Commission in Bolzano (South Tirol) via the civilian post office in Vienna.