

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Turkey

Tresor et Postes 509A
2 December 1919

Tresor et Postes 528
29 October 1920

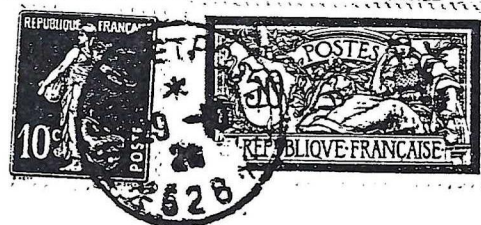
Poste Militaire Française, Centrale de Constantinople.
JESSUA A. ALTCHER
COMMISSION-IMPORTATION-EXPORTATION
CONSIGNATION
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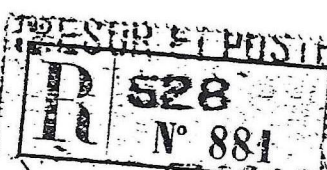
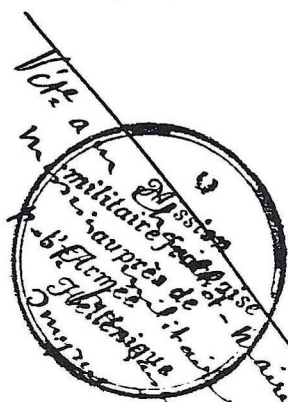
Monsieur J O S E P H L I V A D A



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Field post office #509A was established in Constantinople to handle civilian mail. FPO #528 was located at Smyrna in Asia Minor, which at the time was under Greek occupation, hence the cachet of the French Military Mission to the Greek Army on the lower cover.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Turkey

Tresor et Postes 506
7 July 1919

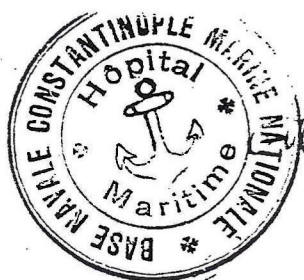
Tresor et Postes 502
13 September 1919



The only example of field post airmail service was provided by the Allied Orient Army from Constantinople to Bucharest between 8 July and 31 October 1919. A special 2-line cachet was applied, with free service for military mail and a surcharge of 1 franc collected in addition to the normal 25 centimes rate for civilian international mail.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Turkey

Base Naval de Constantinople
1919
12 March 1919



*no spirit-Lavay
commerçante Valenciennes.
Cine.*

par

mars 1919

Recevez un grand
bonjour de ma
part, je me trouve
pas mal. Tu vas,
mais je me languis

Algotha, Place Karakany 21, Constantinople



Madame de la...

108 B^e Chave Marseille

CARTE POSTALE
UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE

correspondance militaire

chez du Rhône

Mademoiselle Marie-Louise...

31 rue Petrovsky

Crisis

*18 mars 1919
Paris tout a fait
original et très
intéressant. Nous
y arrivons tout à
fait bien comme
d'habitude. Je t'embrasse
très tendrement
Mademoiselle Marie-Louise*

French naval forces were also active in Turkey during the occupation. Cover and post cards above show various naval cachets in use at the time, including the "Naval Hospital."

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Turkey

Tresor et Postes 502
1920

Tresor et Postes 506B
6 March 1920



Field post office #502 was located at the headquarters of the Allied Orient Army in Constantinople. FPO #506B was established as a branch to serve Stamboul.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Turkey

Tresor et Postes AAO
2 January 1920

Vag. Etapes 36
21 September 1921

Tresor et Postes 530A
31 December 1922

787

Le 12/1/20.

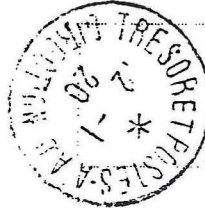
HOPITAL MAURICE

Secrétaire

Direction Trésor & Postes C.G.

Secteur 502. CONSTANTINOPLE

R. E. C. P. 4453



Cher ami,
Je suis heureux que vous
ayez réussi dans votre travail
de décoration d'assiettes, cela
doit être joli.

Je vous me demander le
prix des timbres, vous ne me
devez rien, je suis grandement
payé par le plaisir que j'éprouve
d'avoir été agréable à un mutilé
de la grande guerre.

Bien sincèrement

Votre:

M. Hospital

M² Louis Joly

1 B^d Jeanne d'Arc

Bordeaux

CARTE POSTALE

Correspondance

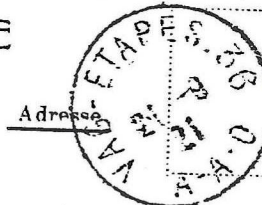
1. Refusé le 19 ult^{re}

Cher parents.

Excusez ma parente car
il fait une telle chaleur

M² Maxime Robillon &

à Ennezat



CARTE POSTALE

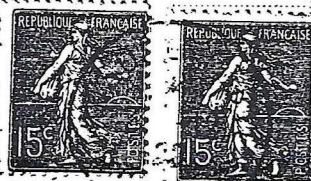
Gustave,

A l'occasion de la nou-
velle année qui commence,
je te souhaite la bonne
annnée et bonne santé, ainsi
que la prochaine nomi-
nation de chef Wallman.

Es-tu déjà marié?

Emile

Editeur Isaac J. Canetti, Andrinople



M² Chef Wallman Chouché.

Rue du Prince

Bruxelles

Belgique



Paris de Rome
France

Other examples of field post markings used in Turkey are shown above. T&P AAO/Direction was used by the postal administrators at field post #502. Vaguemestres d'Etapes 36 was used at Makri Kuei and T&P 530A was a late usage at Adrianople prior to closing in 1923.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Castellorizo

Castellorizo/Occupation Française
22 August 1920
September 1920



*par canonnière
M. Alicieuse
Sep 23 1920*

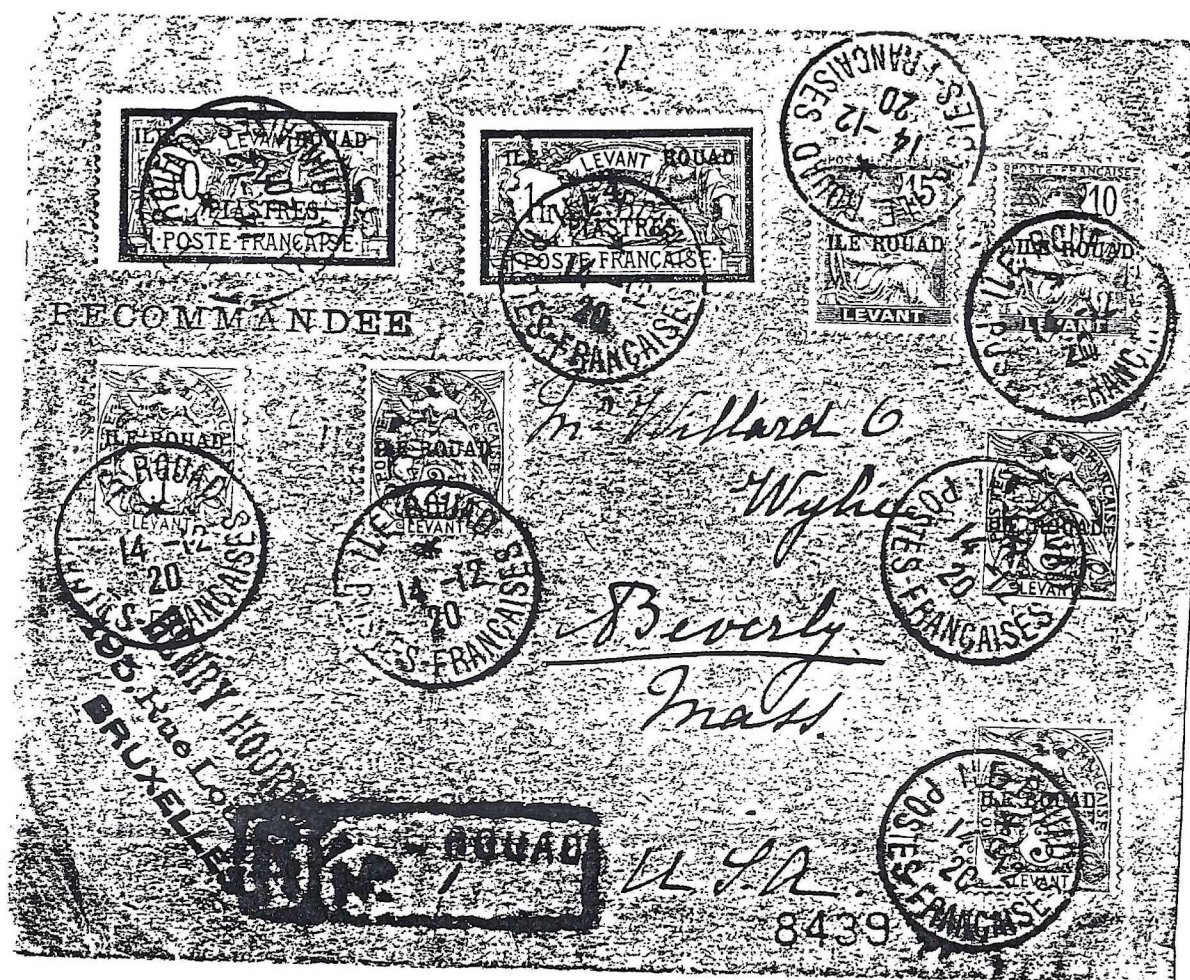
*Monsieur le Lieutenant de Vaisseau
Thourel
"Capitaine"
Commandant le Canonnière*



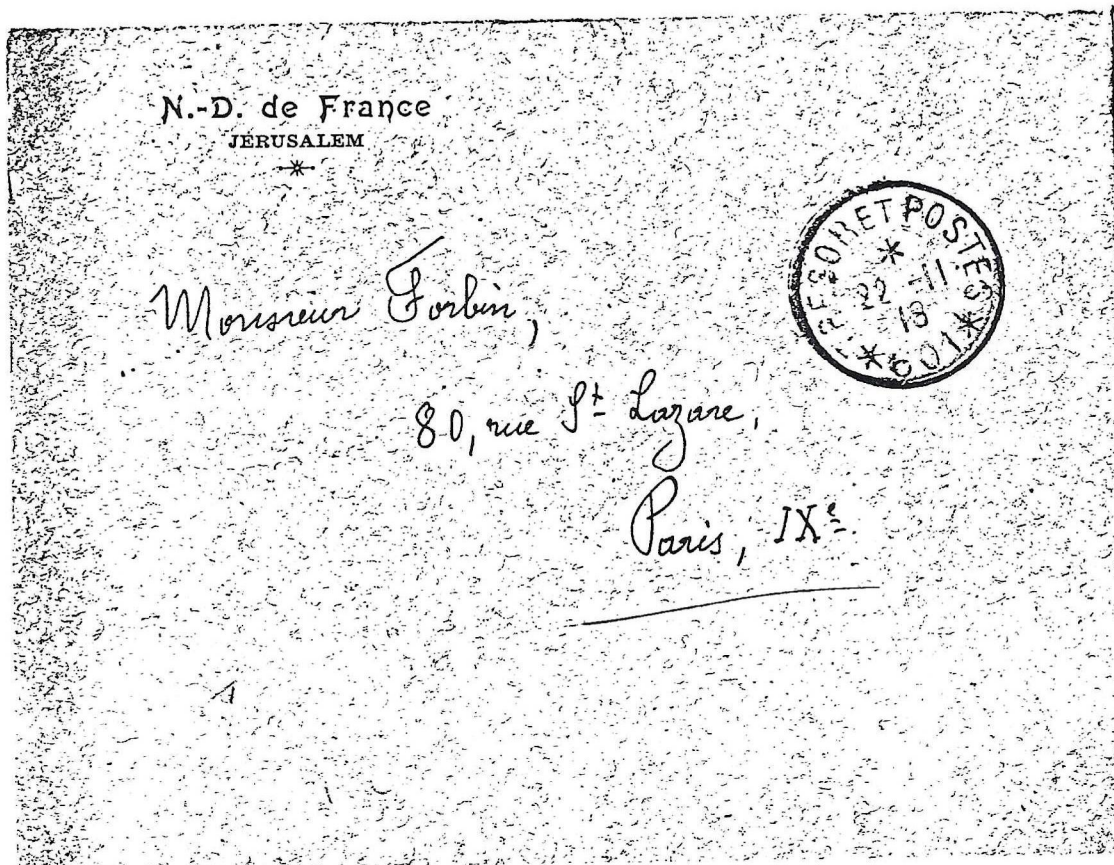
Castellorizo was a small island off the southern coast of Anatolia. It was occupied by the French Navy from 1915 to 1921, when it was attached to the Italian administered Aegean Islands. French stamps were overprinted for use during the occupation of Castellorizo.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Rouad

Ile Rouad
12 December 1920



Rouad was a small island off the Syrian coast, near the town of Tartous. It was occupied by the French Navy from 1915 to 1921, when it was attached to the French mandated territory of Alaouites. This region was, in turn, incorporated into Syria in 1923. French stamps were overprinted for use on Rouad.

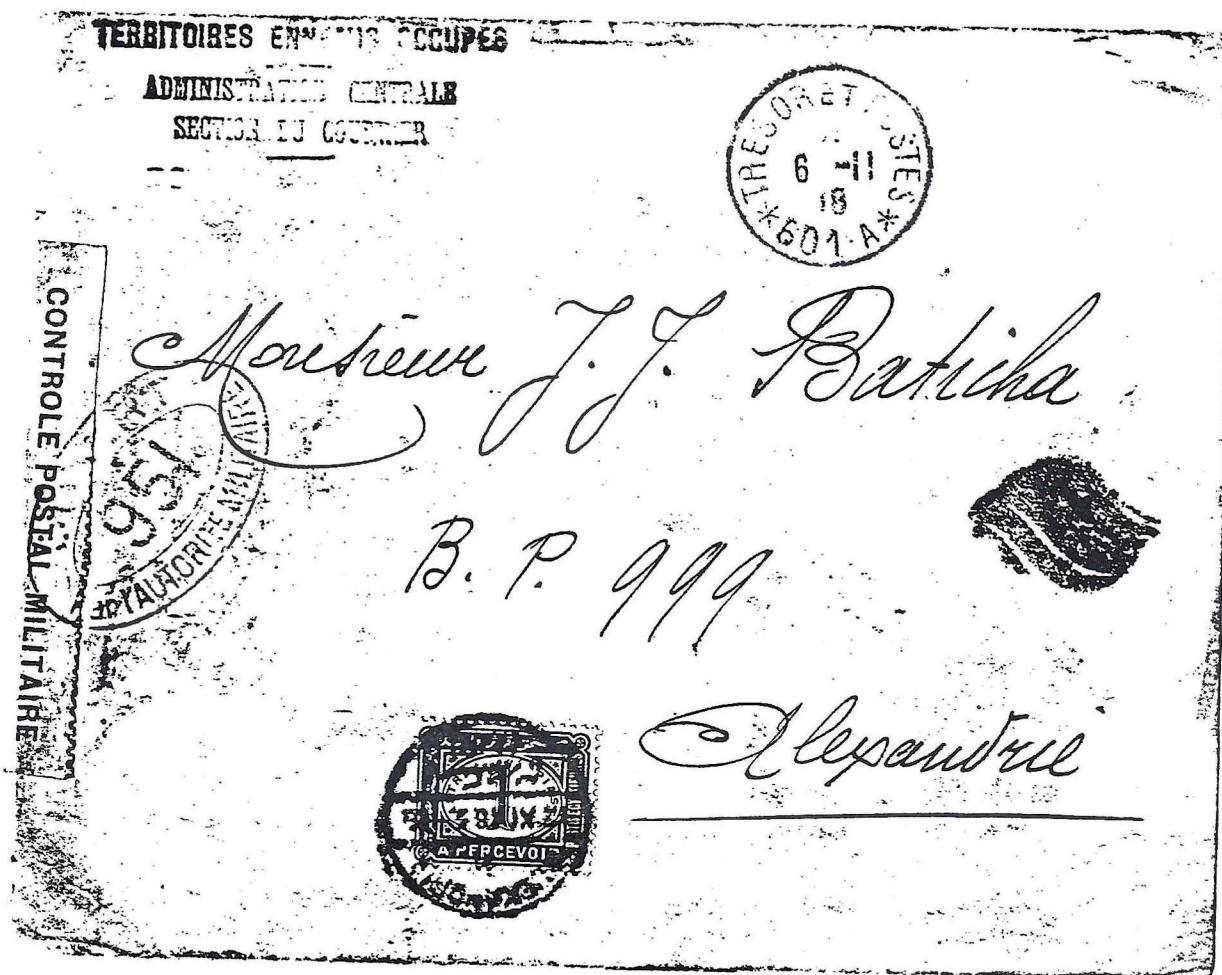


With their long-term interest in the Holy Land, France organized a 2,500 man "French Detachment in Palestine," which landed at Port Said in April 1917 to participate in the Allied expedition to be mounted from Egypt against the Ottoman Empire. The advance went well, culminating in the capture of Jerusalem on 17 December 1917. The war on the Palestinian front ended on 30 October 1918 with the surrender of Turkey.

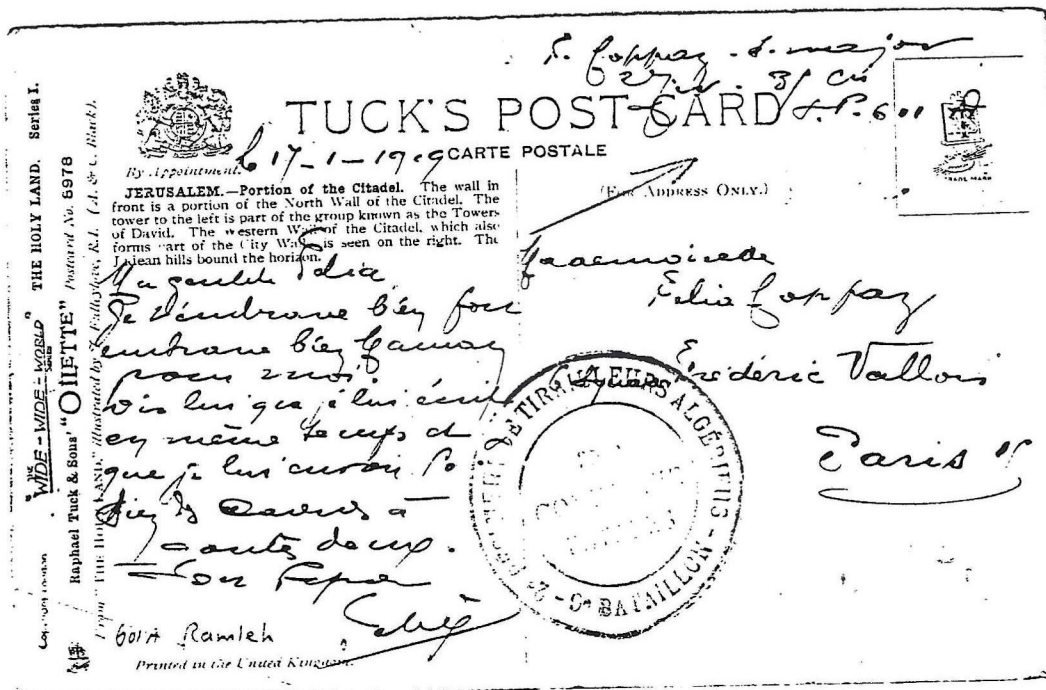
It is reported (BAPIP Bulletin) that FPO #601 was moved from the base at Port Said to Palestine in late 1918.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Palestine

Tresor et Postes 601A
6 November 1918



The volume of mail was sufficiently heavy that a branch office, FPO #601A, was opened at Jaffa to service the postal requirements of the "Detachment Francaise de Palestine." Note the cachet on the above cover reading "Occupied Enemy Territory/Central Administration/Courier Service."



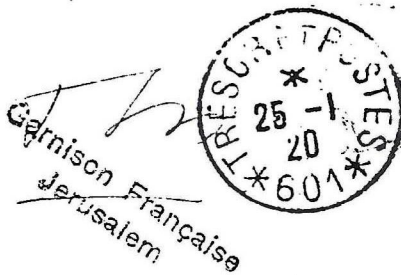
The post cards shown above were endorsed "S.P. (Postal Sector) 601A but not postmarked; thus, it is likely that they were transported to France by military pouch. Two different markings are shown of the 9th Battalion of the 2nd Algerian Sharpshooters.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Palestine

Tresor et Postes 601
25 January 1920

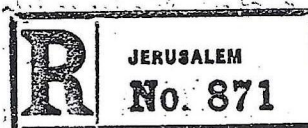
OETA Jerusalem
4 June 1920

19 Janvier 1920



M. H. du Marche
Rue des Casernes

Bou



Monsieur Schaller



(Haut Vienne)

Secrétaire du Parquet Général
Cour d'Appel

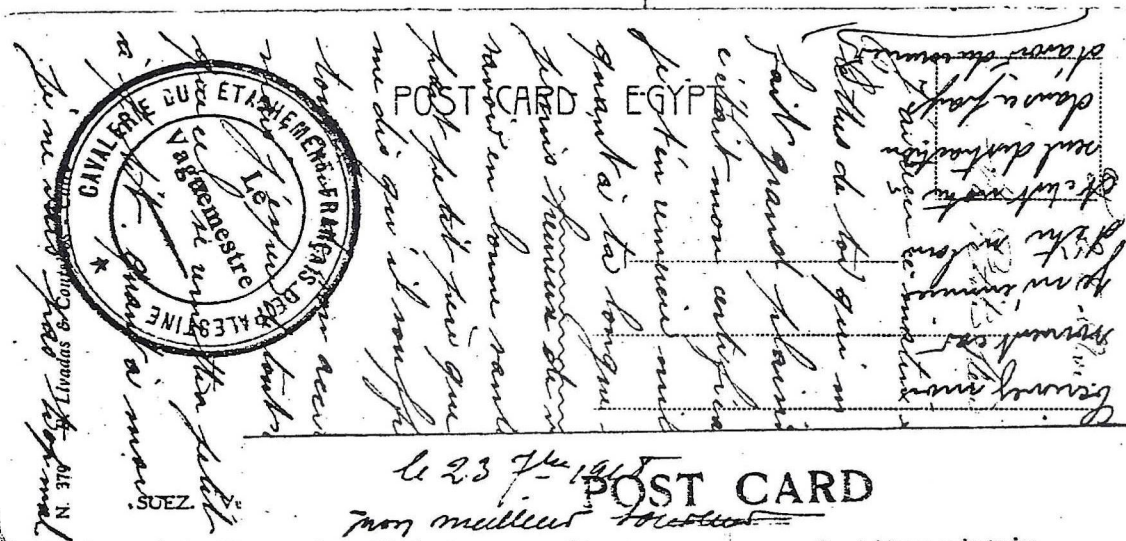
Livogues

The French Detachment in Palestine was officially demobilized in January 1919 and FPO #601 moved to Aleppo and subsequently Beirut. The remaining forces in Palestine were constituted as the "French Garrison/Jerusalem." Note that the upper example was not postmarked until it reached the French FPO in Beirut six days later.

Correspondance

Adresse

Sixya est aussi un séjour d'été
très agréable.



Printed
in
Britain

The Address only to be
written here

The Cairo Postcard Trust, Cairo
Série No. 805/40



This is a Real Photograph
Lt. General Brooke S.P.N. 604 A.
 JE-USALEM.—Prison de Jesus Christus.

Additional examples of unit cachets from the French Detachment in Palestine, including those of the Cavalry and the Provost. It is reported (The Israel Philatelist) that this latter marking was in use until March 1919.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Cilicia

Mersine
22 July 1919

Adana
6 August 1919



Following the Turkish surrender, French troops moved into Cilicia, a district in southern Anatolia. In 1919, Turkish stamps overprinted "T. E. O. (Occupied Enemy Territory)/Cilicie" were placed on sale in 1919.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Cilicia

Tarsous
20 April 1920

Adana
20 June 1920

مكتب البريد
(تارصوس)



البريد
تارصوس

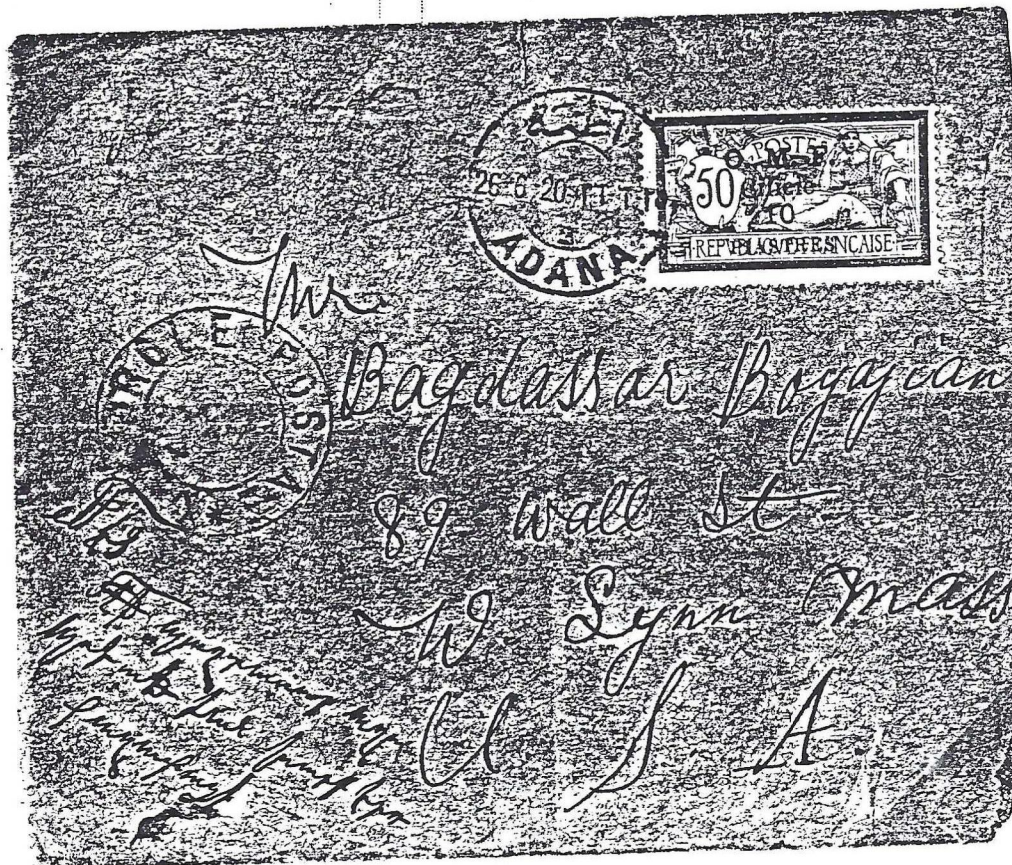


Mr Nikitas Giannacopoulos.

Tabaco.

Melrose.

سليم



Both Turkish and French stamps were overprinted for use during the French occupation of Cilicia, which lasted from 1919 to 1921.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Cilicia

Tresor et Postes 606
18 June 1920

Tresor et Postes 608
25 January 1921

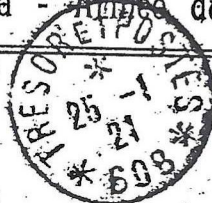
CONTROLE ADMINISTRATIF
de Cilicie

R
RECEVEUR
N° 787



*Monsieur
Chef du Personnel
Direction
Min*

Foyers de Cilicie - Base de Mersina - ~~Antico~~ du Levant



Gille

Monsieur René-Lillu

1 Rue de la Rochette 1-

Melun (Seine et Marne)

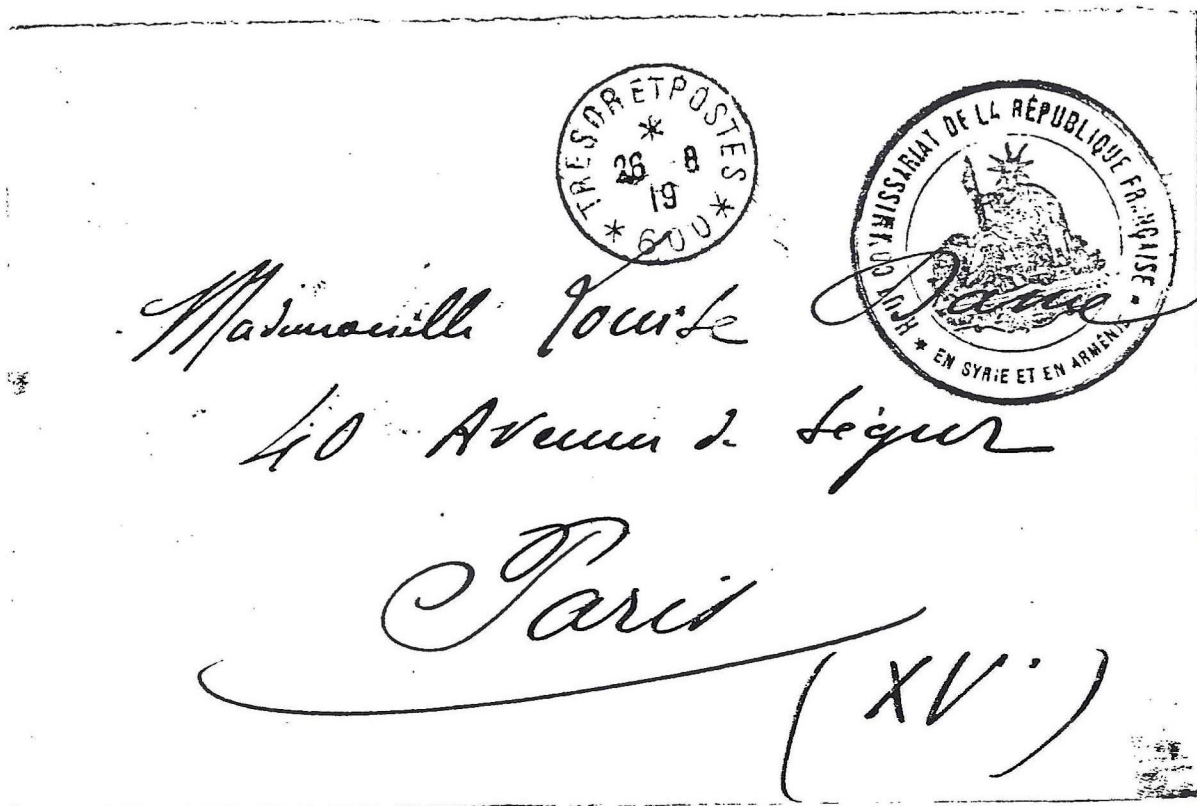
France

*Envoi de Maurice Lillu Caporal 4e Régiment
de Tirailleurs Algériens - 2e Bataillon
Armée du Levant
Secteur Postal
606
1920*

Field post offices #606 and 608 were opened at Mersina on 1 October 1919 and 1 February 1920, respectively, and served until the withdrawal of the French in November 1921 under pressure from the Turkish nationalists.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Lebanon

Tresor et Postes 600
26 August 1919



Under the Turks and up to 1924, Lebanon was administered as part of Syria. Field Post #600, which was opened on 1 February 1919 in Beirut, continued in operation even after the city became the capital of Lebanon under the mandate system. Cachet reads "High Commission of the French Republic/in Syria and in Armenia."