

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Lebanon

Tresor et Postes 600
27 January 1920
29 May 1920

**CORRESPONDANCE
DES ARMÉES DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE**

CARTE EN FRANCHISE

Le Commandant de Masarut
ESCADRON 2^e

Adresse: Madame Jeanne Guilling
au Fleix
Dordogne

EXÉCUTION: de Masarut
Nom et prénoms: de Masarut
Grade: Commandant
Régiment: Cavalerie aux Armées Syriennes
ou Service: 2^e 2^e
Compagnie, Escadron, etc.
Bataillon, Section, etc.
Dépôt du Corps: 6.000 m. Syrie
ou
Résidence fixe:
(Les indications ci-dessus sont à reproduire dans l'adresse de la république.)

1920. N° 1. — Modèle A1 pour les soldats au dépôt du corps ou à demeure dans une localité.

Madame
Fernand Ange
à Pinsaquet
(H. G. m.)

27 *
20 *
600 *
POSTES

ARMÉE DU LEVANT
Vendredi
600

Additional unit cachets used during the period that Lebanon was administered as part of Syria. Above items show markings of the "Syrian Auxiliary Cavalry" and were processed through FPO #600 in Beirut.

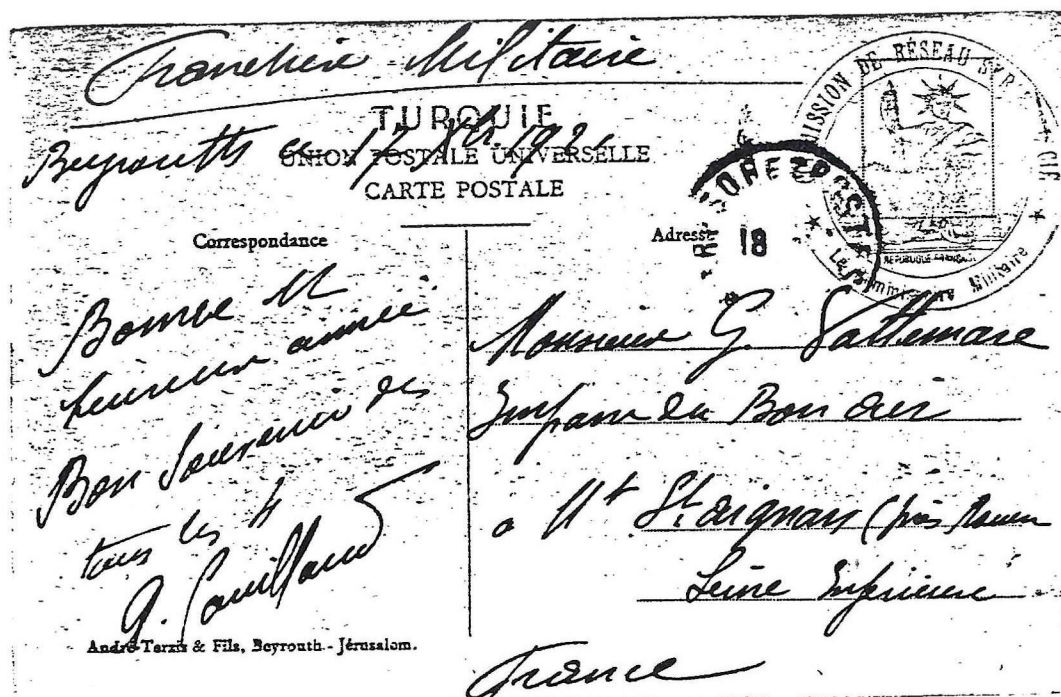
FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Lebanon

Tresor et Postes 600
9 August 1921
18 October 1921

LÉGION SYRIENNE
1^{ER} ESCADRON LIBANAIS



Monsieur et Madame Danchy
4 rue des Missionnaires.
Versailles
(S. et O)
France



Additional military unit markings used in Lebanon. Above is the "1st Lebanese Squadron of the Syrian Legion" located in Baalbek. Lower card has the marking of the "Commission de Réseau Syrie-Cilicie."

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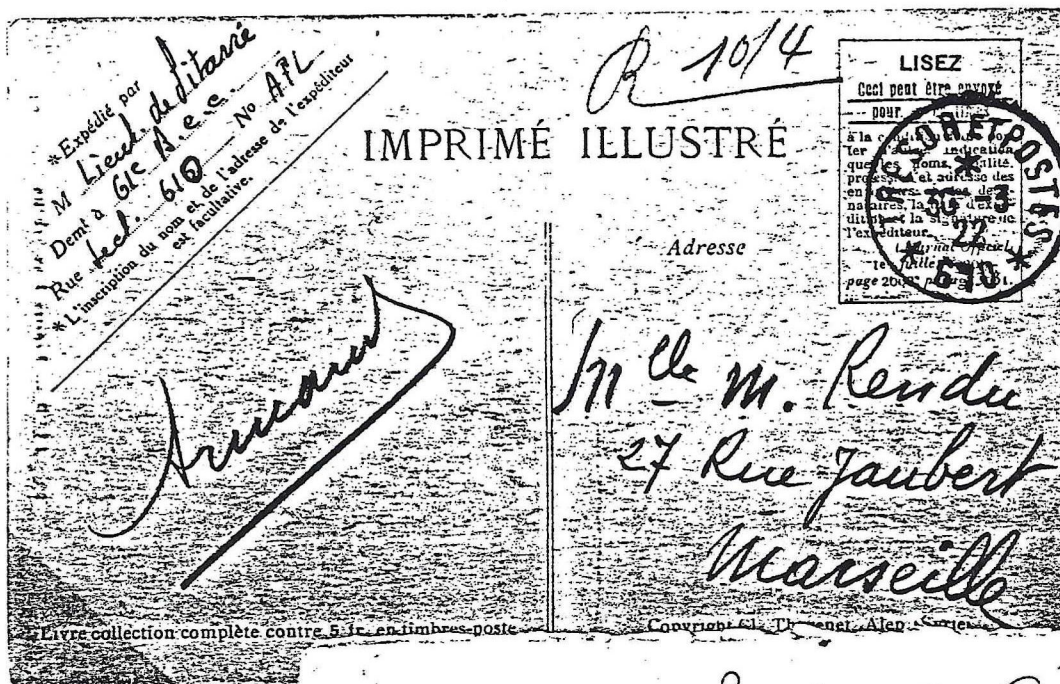
Poste aux Armees 606
12 April 1924
20 January 1925



Air mail service was established in the Levant in the early 1920s, provided by military aircraft and pilots. The initial towns served in the mandated territory were Beirut, Damascus, Rayak and Deir el Zor. Much of the mail utilizing this service passed through the Field Post Offices, as shown above.

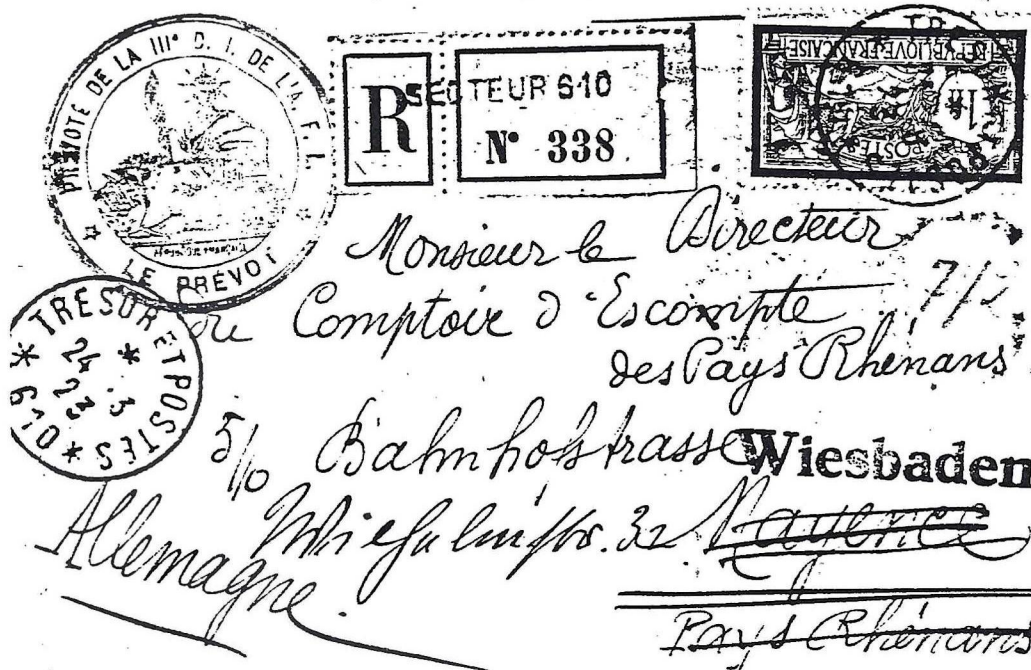
FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Syria

Tresor et Postes 610
30 March 1922
24 March 1923



CERCLE MILITAIRE
DAMAS

Exp. Capitaine Corral. Lendarmérie
Armée du Levant - P. 610



The main field post office in Syria was #610, which was established at Damascus on 1 October 1920. It processed much of the mail from the forces in Syria. Note unit marking of the "Provost of the 3rd Infantry Division of the French Army of the Levant."

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Syria

Tresor et Postes 607
14 August 1921

Tresor et Postes 607A
20 April 1922

Tresor et Postes 608
5 July 1920



Additional field post offices were set up as the French extended their control over Syria. FPO #607 was established on 20 January 1920 at Aintab. #607A was at Antioch by the date indicated. FPO #608 was set up on 1 February 1920 at Mersina.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Syria

Tresor et Postes 614
27 August 1924

Tresor et Postes 615
14 September 1920

Tresor et Postes 615C
24 July 1920

F. Martin adp. of 17. 2g. T.C. C.M.3 Alexandrette
(Syria) Section 615

CARTE POSTALE

M. F. Martin

43 M^{re} Eugénie Pelletan 43

Mouillon - Coulon Im

Mardi 27 août 1924

Avec cette carte moi
milleux baisers et moi
milleux jessis pour
toi et toute ma petite
famille - A bientôt -
Mell. bairni

F. May

010110

Editeurs Ch. et S. Boudin Frères - Alexandrette

Tresor et Postes: 14 Septembre 1920 -

Monsieur

General

Arrière du Levant

Mrs E. F. Benson

221, North Delaware Ave.

Philadelphia

Tennessee

U. S. America

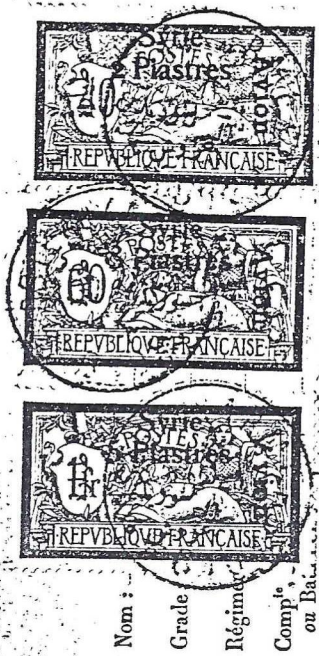
Postes de Constantine
Rue Saint Lazare (95)
Paris

Field post stations were opened in other administrative centers, including #614 on 1 April 1924 at Alexandretta, #615 on 1 February 1920 (at Aleppo on the date above), and #615C in May 1920 at Ourfa.

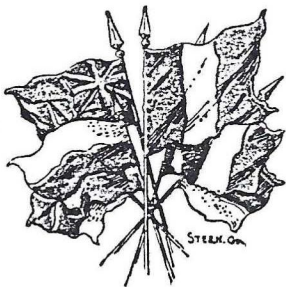
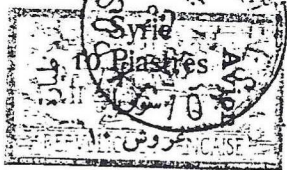
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Syria

Poste aux Armées 610
20 January 1925

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1 March 1925



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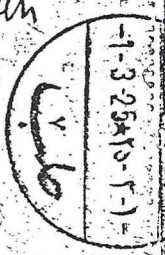
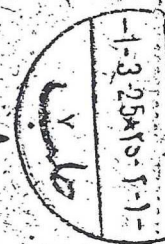
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Comptable Parc Aéro 33
Rasack
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Par Avion

Charrus Boyadjian
Boite Postale 189



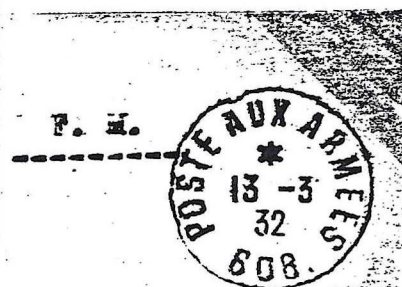
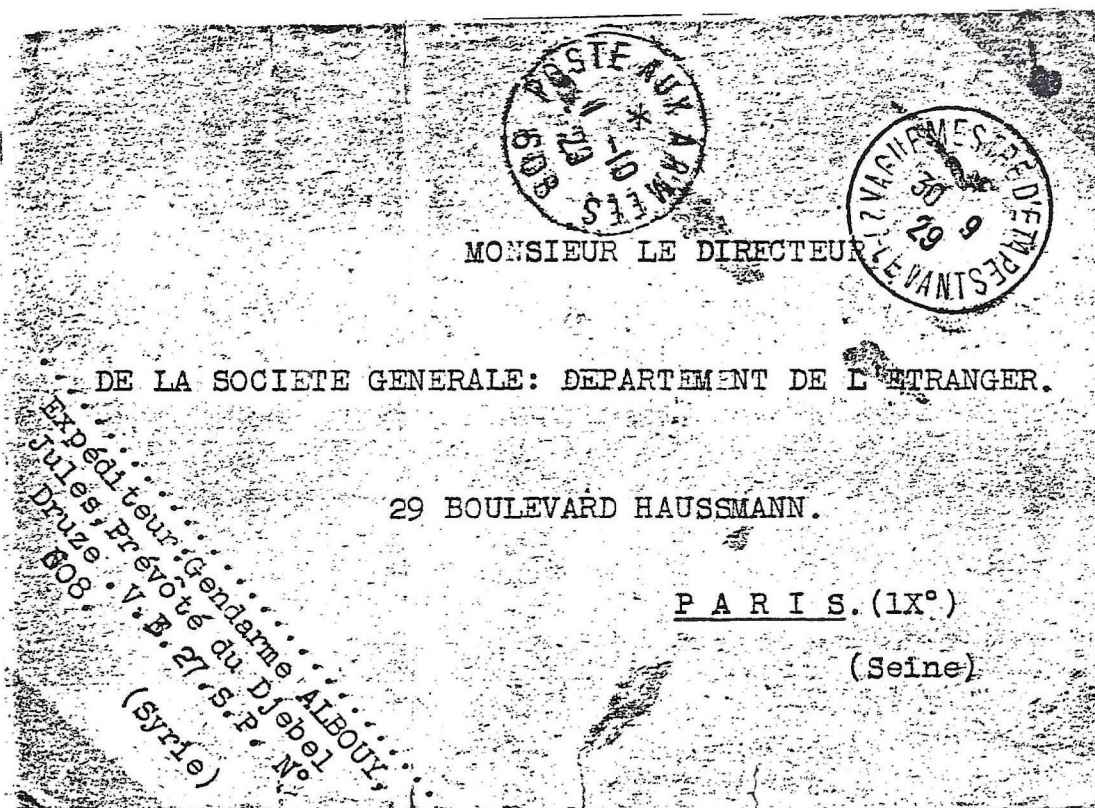
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FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Syria

Poste aux Armees 608
1 October 1929
13 March 1932



Messieurs Ch. LAVAUZELLE & Cie

Avenue BAUDIN



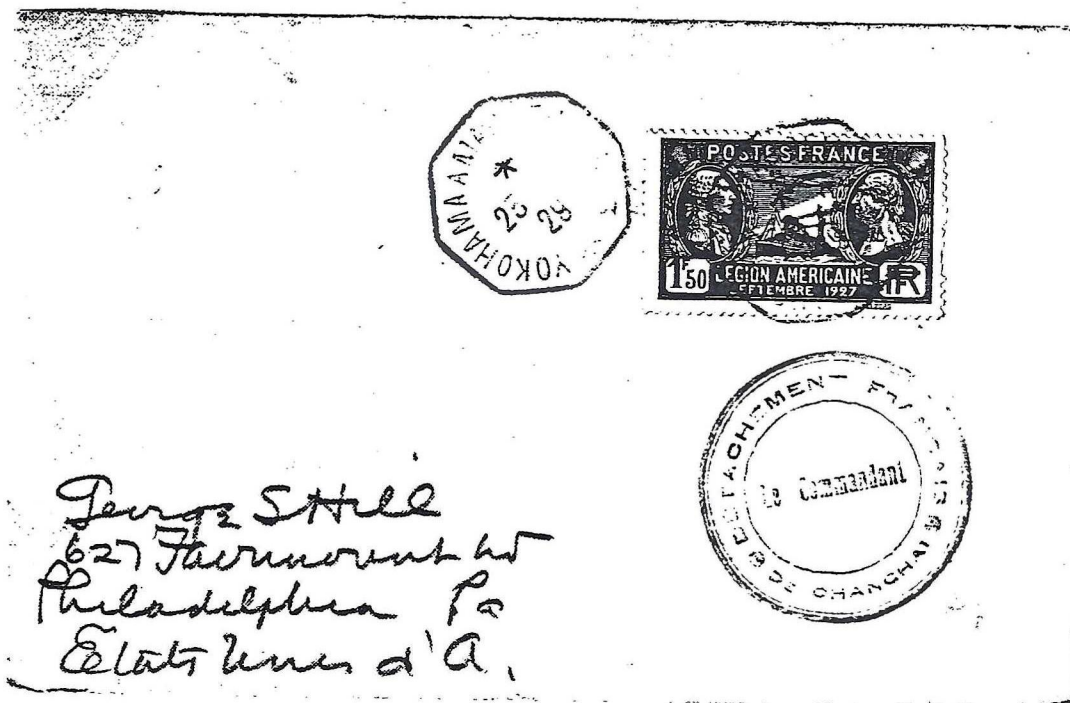
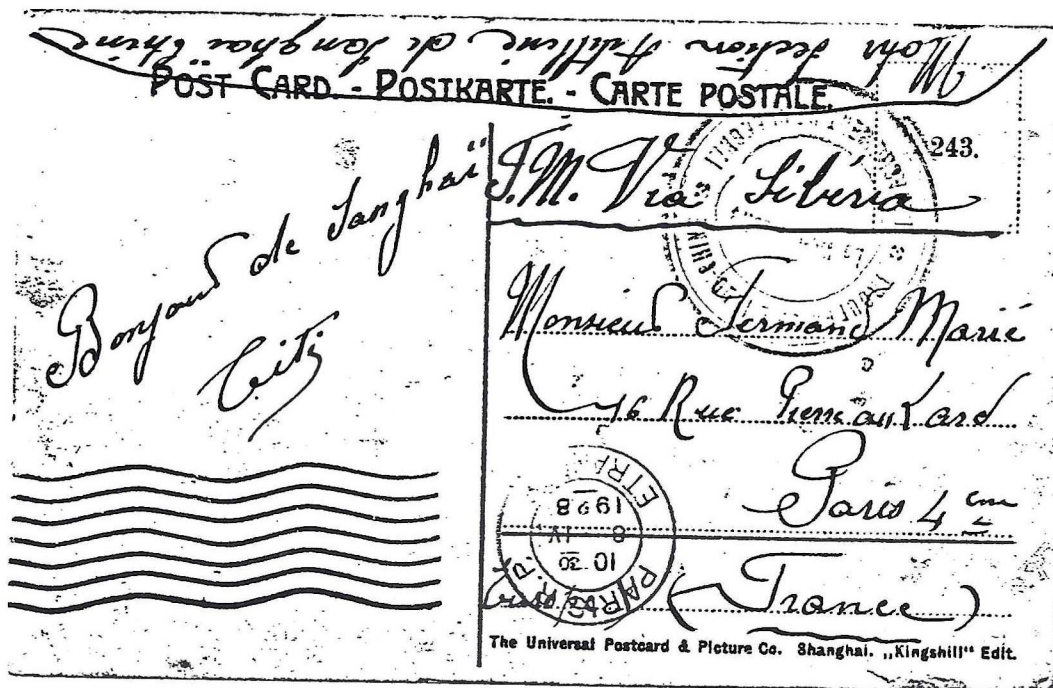
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Hauts Vienne

In an attempt to pacify the various ethnic groups within Syria, the French established certain autonomous regions in which the tribal leaders were given considerable internal authority. One such area which came into being after the Druse revolt was called the Jebel Druse. FPO #608 was located at Salkad.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
China

Troupes de l'Indochine/Detachement de Changhai
April 1928
23 February 1929



Following the death of Sun Yat-Sen in March 1925, the struggle between the Nationalists and Communists for control of China greatly intensified. The fighting spread into many areas of China, including Shanghai and other major cities. Mindful of the problems caused by the Boxers a quarter century earlier, several of the great powers (including America and Britain) sent forces to protect their citizens and property in the international settlements.

The above covers have unit cachets of the French Detachment in Shanghai.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
China

Infanterie Coloniale
4 April 1930
April 1932

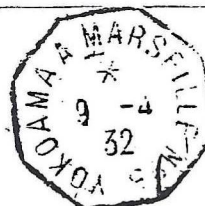
Sauvageat Lion Serge chef
16ème Rég't. d'Infanterie Coloniale
10.ème Compagnie
Detachement Pékin - Chine

VIA SIBÉRIE

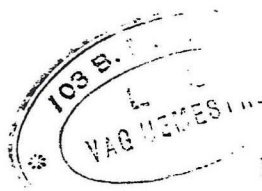


Madame Sauvageat Marie
au Roulfo
chez Mme Dubois
39 Rue Ouite. Maison Rouffes

F.M.



Mail
Nov



Monsieur CHARLES LAUAUZELLE & C^{ie}

No 124 Boulevard Saint-Germain

PARIS (76)

(France)

En l'absence de M. PUI VAY KETU Capitaine du 108ème
4008 de la 2ème Compagnie du 108ème
Detachement d'Infanterie Coloniale
niale de marche SHANGHAI
(CHIT)

Mail could be sent by the French troops through the Chinese civil post offices, i.e. Peking above, providing that the proper international postage was paid. Lower cover sent unfranked from a corporal in Shanghai via a French steamer on the Yokohama to Marseille line.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
China

Marine Francaise
February 1934
31 March 1934



Mail from the French navy was also entitled to be sent free of postage. Upper cover from the Cruiser *Primauguet* has unit cachet of the "Naval Forces in the Far East." Lower cover is marked "Base at Shanghai."

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
China

Flottille du Yang Tse
9 August 1935
7 November 1935

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年
兵
船
副
官

FLOTTILLE DU YANG TSE

CANONNIERE "BALNY"

Via Liberie



Madame Lucien Moizant

100, Rue de la Republique, 100

Saint Pierre de l'Oleron

France

Charente Inferieure

Forces navales en Extrême-Orient

Flottille du Yang-Tsi-Kiang

Canonnière Fluviale "Balny"

In addition to ocean going naval vessels, the concessionary powers operated a flotilla of river gunboats. The above covers are from the *Balny*, which operated on the Yangtse River.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
China

Tientsin
1 September 1938

Shanghai
2 February 1939

Forces de Terre
Françaises en Chine
Cercle sous Officiers de
L'Arsenal de L'est

VIA SIBÉRIE



N^m et N^e Jean Delcamp
à Olenya
Pyrenées - Orientales
Reçu le 7 octobre 1938

au st no que 13476 à la ze cie
du. B. M. I. C. C. à Changhaï



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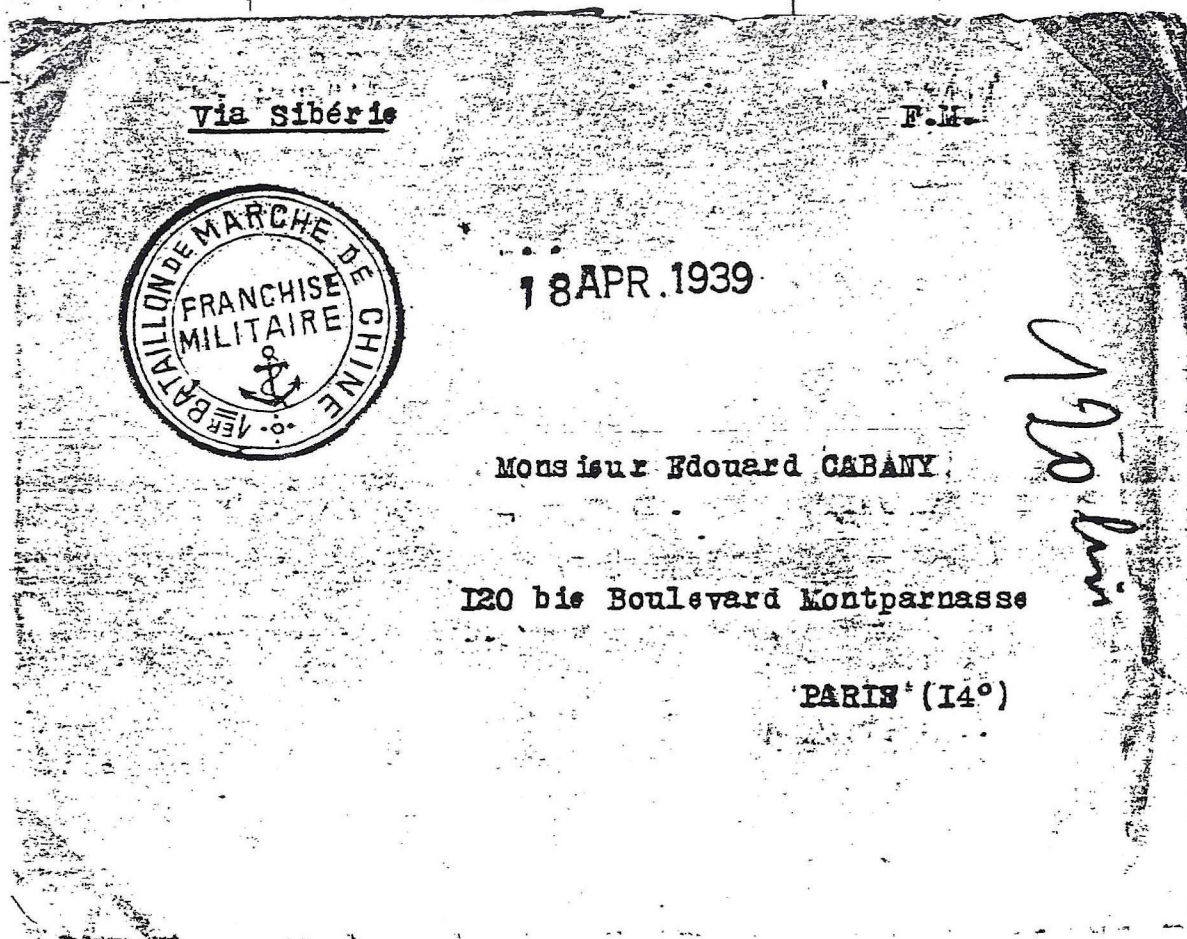
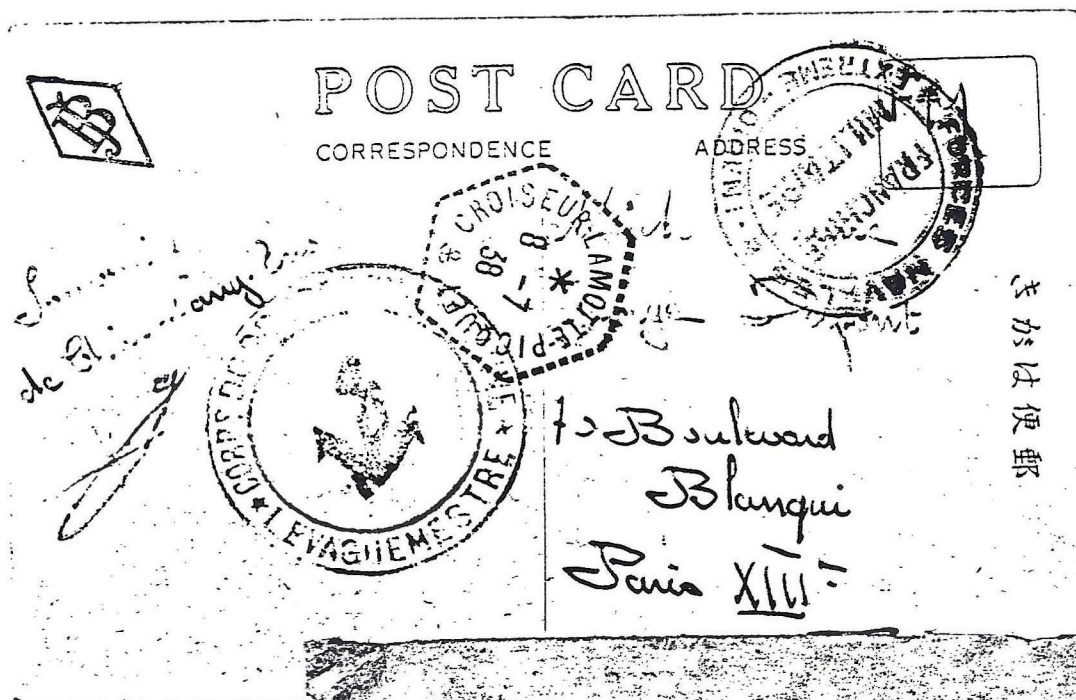
Nouveau Nieu F.m.
Capt. no que 2304 à la
1^{re} cie du. 1^{er} R. 8.8.
à Hanoi
Doubin

The foreign garrisons remained on duty in China until the Japanese declared war in World War II and took the Allied troops as POW's in late 1941.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
China

Chinwangtao
8 July 1938

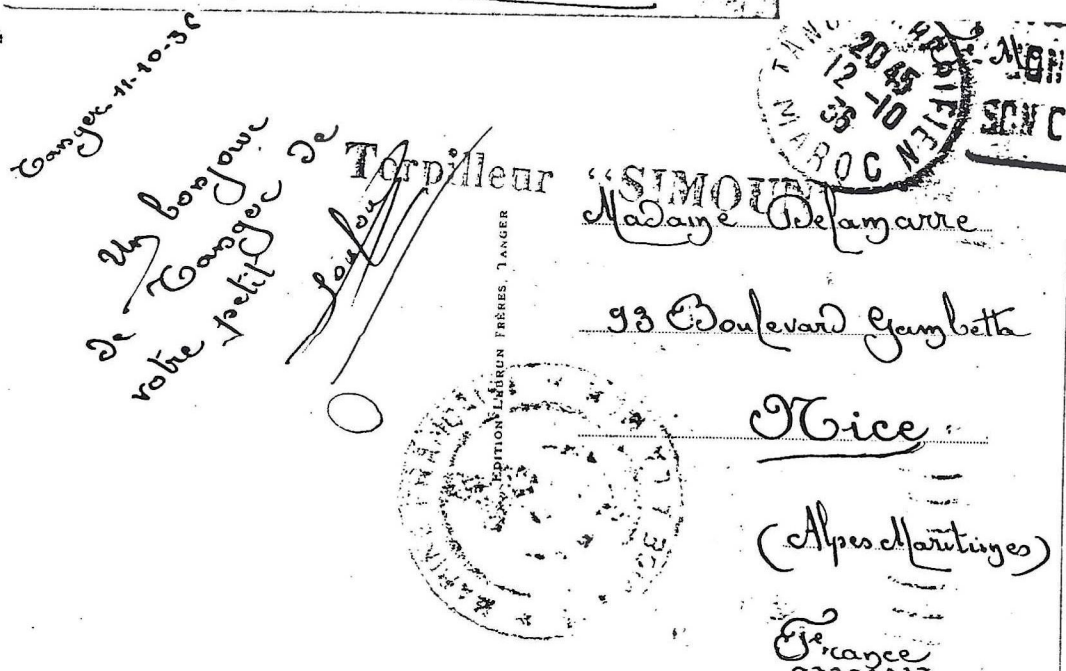
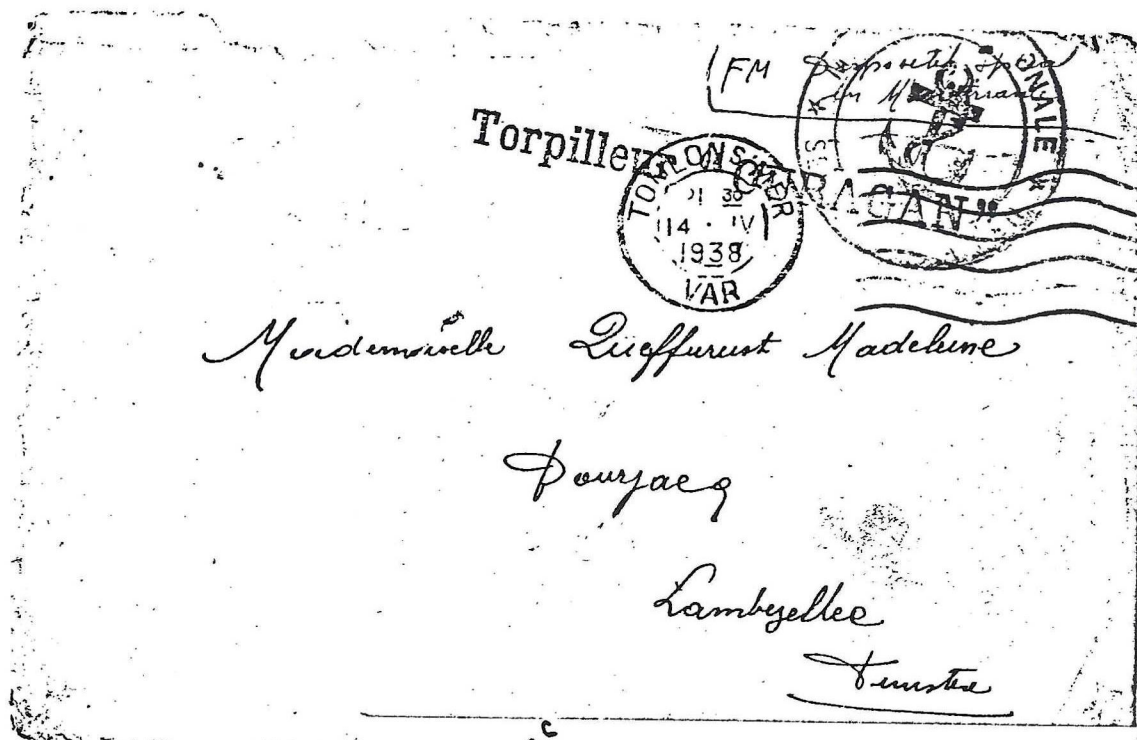
Shanghai
18 April 1939



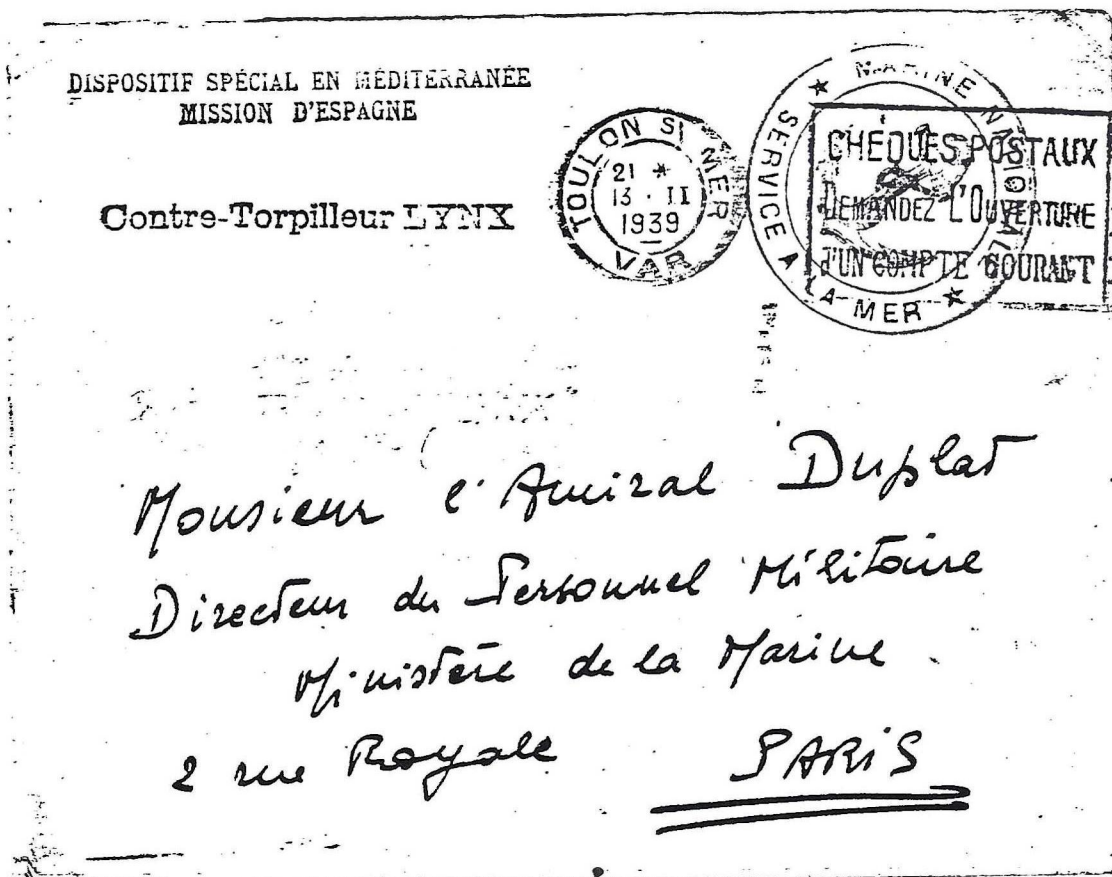
Marines from French warships performed some of the garrison duties. Post card above shows anchor and reads "Occupation Corps in China" and is mailed from the Cruiser *La Motte-Picquet*.

FRENCH FORCES ABROAD
Spain

Dispositif Special en Mediterranee
14 April 1938
12 October 1938



The French role in the Spanish Civil War involved primarily the sheltering of refugees and the internment of Republican forces that crossed the border to escape the Nationalist advance. Thus, French troops did not play a role in the campaign. However, units of the French navy participated in the international blockade of Spain designed to prevent the seaborne inflow of weapons. The cards above were from torpedo boats *Curagan* and *Simoun*, based at Toulon and Tangier, respectively.



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WITH FRANCE'S ENTRANCE INTO WORLD WAR II, THIS EXHIBIT COMES TO AN END. THUS, LATER EXAMPLES OF FRENCH FORCES ABROAD ARE OMITTED, INCLUDING THE FREE FRENCH TROOPS IN VARIOUS AREAS AS WELL AS MILITARY MISSIONS IN ALLIED COUNTRIES, INCLUDING AMERICA, BRITAIN, CANADA AND THE SOVIET UNION.