1881

s Type































































ese were the last stamps issued for general use throughout the colonies. Variations in the exchange rates forced the thorities to issue particular stamps for each colony. At first these Dubois stamps were simply overprinted in a variety of ays but later special stamps were issued for each colony. In most cases this was the Peace and Commerce issue where e name of the colony was inserted into the space provided at the bottom of the stamp. However, in 1936 common amps were issued for the colonies of French Equatorial Africa and in 1944 the same procedure was used in French West frica. The individual countries only resumed issuing their own stamps after independence.

Postage Due Stamps

Duval type – all values printed in black

1884























The 1f, 2f and 5f values in black would seem to have had very little use, if any.







1893 – 1908

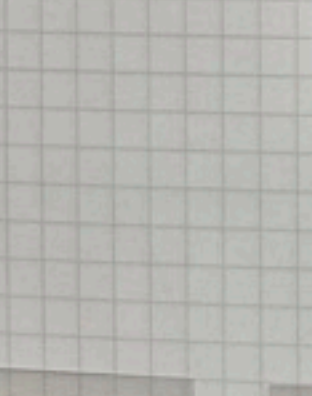






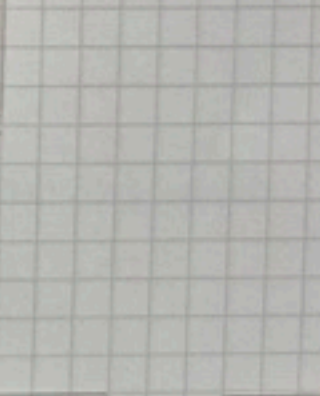












PRESTIGE

The first stamps used in the colony of Benin were those of the General Colonies issue and these have already been shown
On 16th August 1892 it was decided to overprint these with the name of the colony BÉNIN and the first four values 5c
10c, 15c and 25c were issued in the following month.









To provide further values some of the 5c stamps were additionally overprinted 01 (c) and some of the 15c stamps were
additionally overprinted 40 (c) and 75 (c) in red. A very small number of the 15c stamps were also overprinted 75 in black
but these are very rarely seen.







In December 1892 the 40c and 1f values were issued with the BÉNIN overprint.





In March 1893 the 30c, 35c and 75c values were also issued with the BÉNIN overprint.







In January 1894 the remaining 1c, 2c, 4c and 20c values were issued with the BÉNIN *overprint.*



Although the Navigation and Commerce series had already been issued (see the following page), early in 1894 the 1c and 15c values were also overprinted BÉNIN *in blue but these are very rare and are seldom seem. The 15c value was also overprinted in red and this is shown here. Possibly these later overprints were merely issued to use up existing stocks of the General Colonies stamps.*



In 1894 some of the Duval type postage due stamps were overprinted BÉNIN *in black but only four values were actually issued.*



larch 1893 the Navigation and Commerce series, designed by Louis-Eugène Mouchon, reached the post offices
tal settlements of Porto Novo, Cotonou and Grand Popo. Originally the stamps were inscribed "GOLFE DE BE
ht of Benin) because the official name of the settlements was 'Etablissements français du Golfe de Bénin', a unit
authority of the Sénégal governor. The King of Dahomey, based in Abomey, only recognized the French protect
Porto Novo while Cotonou was under French occupation for which rent was paid to the King.

In 1893-1894 the whole of the coastal area came under French control, became an autonomous colony and changed its name to Bénin. Thus the second of the Navigation and Commerce series, issued in June 1894 was inscribed simply "BENIN". The colours and values remained unchanged. It is likely that both series were in use concurrently for many years. Although a decree on 22nd June 1894 established the French colony of 'DAHOMEY ET DEPENDANCES', the series thus inscribed only appeared gradually from 1899 to 1905.



























On the second row of stamps a number was printed in the interpanneau gutter corresponding to the last digit of the year of printing. This is known as the 'millésime' and was a common practice used on almost all the early sheets of stamps of France and its colonies. In the example shown below we see that these stamps were printed in 1903.



In 1899 the first stamp of the Navigation and Commerce series inscribed DAHOMEY ET DEPENDANCES *reached the colony and four more appeared in the following year. The* DEPENDANCES *referred to the areas extending north to the border of French Soudan (now Burkina Faso and Niger). As stocks of the previous issues were gradually exhausted more values were sent; the 1 centime stamp was issued in 1891 and the remaining stamps of the series were issued in 1905.*

1899



1900









1901


REPVBLIQVE FRANÇAISE
COLONIES POSTES
1
DAHOMEY
ET DEPENDANCES

1905


REPVBLIQVE FRANÇAISE
COLONIES POSTES
2
DAHOMEY
ET DEPENDANCES


REPVBLIQVE FRANÇAISE
COLONIES POSTES
4
DAHOMEY
ET DEPENDANCES


REPVBLIQVE FRANÇAISE
COLONIES POSTES
5
DAHOMEY
ET DEPENDANCES


REPVBLIQVE FRANÇAISE
COLONIES POSTES
20
DAHOMEY
ET DEPENDANCES


REPVBLIQVE FRANÇAISE
COLONIES POSTES
30
DAHOMEY
ET DEPENDANCES


REPVBLIQVE FRANÇAISE
COLONIES POSTES
40
DAHOMEY
ET DEPENDANCES


REPVBLIQVE FRANÇAISE
COLONIES POSTES
50
DAHOMEY
ET DEPENDANCES


REPVBLIQVE FRANÇAISE
COLONIES POSTES
75
DAHOMEY
ET DEPENDANCES


REPVBLIQVE FRANÇAISE
COLONIES POSTES
1F.
DAHOMEY
ET DEPENDANCES


REPVBLIQVE FRANÇAISE
COLONIES POSTES
2F.
DAHOMEY
ET DEPENDANCES


REPVBLIQVE FRANÇAISE
COLONIES POSTES
5F.
DAHOMEY
ET DEPENDANCES

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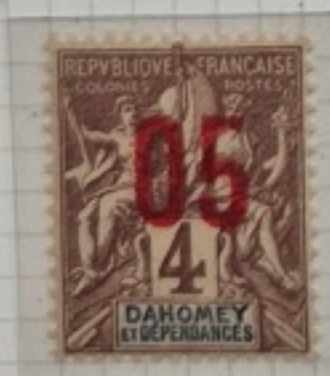


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venteen of the colonies concerned. In the case of Dahomey the following stamps were overprnted:

Value	Number of sheets	Number of stamps
Overprinted 05 (centimes)		
2c	600	90,000
4c	1078	161,700
15c	563	84,400
20c	639	95,800
25c	598	89,700
30c	477	71,500
Overprinted 10 (centimes)		
40c	478	71,700
50c	284	42,600
75c	180	27,000

Only three sheets (450 stamps) of the 50c with inscription in red were overprinted





















This was the first of a long series of stamps in a design issued specifically for Dahomey between 1913 and 1933.

1913







































15th April 19

Paris International Exhibition











EXPOSITION INTERNATIONALE



ARTS ET TECHNIQUES

1937

PRESTIGE

40th Anniversary of the discovery of Radium

24th October 1938



Centenary of the death of the explorer Réné Caillié

5th April 1939







International Exhibition in New York

10th May 1939





150th anniversary of the French Revolution

5th July 1939











These stamps, which do not bear the name of any particular colony, were issued by the French Committee for National Liberation and put on sale in most of the colonies and also in Corsica. They were printed in Algeria.

1943

For the Aid of Combatants











1943

For the Aid of the Resistance



For the Profit of Works for French Solidarity

1943




15th November 1972


REPUBLIQUE DU DAHOMEY
POSTE AERIENNE
55F
La haine ne supprime pas la haine, seul l'amour y parviendra.
We must meet hate with creative love.
Wir müssen dem Hass mit tätiger Liebe begegnen.
Martin Luther King
30F
100F
45F
30F
150F

In November 1892 the Peace and Commerce stamps arrived from Paris and were put on sale; these were ins
SÉNÉGAL ET DÉPENDANCES. *By then the only real Dependency was Mauritania though the other territories did no*
their own issues for another year or two.

November

First issue















Second Issue. Colours changed

19







Overprinted 5 *and* 10 *due to a shortage of the these low values*

19






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April 1906

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ne colonies concerned. In the case of Senegal the following stamps were overprinted:

Value	Number of sheets	Number of stamps
	Overprinted 05 (centimes)	
15c	1302	195,300
20c	239	35,800
30c	486	72,900
	Overprinted 10 (centimes)	
40c	485	72,700
50c	247	37,000
75c	189	28,300













Definitive series

March 19

















































th anniversary of the French Revolution

5th July 1939













olour changed and new values

4th December 1939







Air mail

8th February 1940











PRESTIGE

As was the case in many of the French colonies, the earliest stamps were overprints on the Commerce series. The first two stamps of Soudan which appeared in April 1894 are very rare but photographs, enlarged for clarity, are shown below. In the following month the Peace and Commerce stampsarrivedfrom Paris and were put on sale; these were inscribed SOUDAN FRANÇAIS.





First issue *May 1894*







Second Issue *December 1900*



These were the only stamps issued during the short-lived entity 'Senegambia and Niger'



























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Value	Number of sheets	Number of stamps
	Overprinted 05 (centimes)	
2c	494	74,000
4c	1234	185,000
15c	727	109,000
20c	360	54,000
30c	214	32,000
	Overprinted 10 (centimes)	
40c	454	68,000
75c	194	29,000















In or soon after March 1893 these stamps of the Navigation and Commerce series were delivered to Guinea although records show that they were issued some four months earlier.





Colours changed

December 1900



When the overprinted German stamps were exhausted, the British and French authorities issued their own. In 1915 stamps of the Gold Coast, the British colony neighbouring Togo to the west, were overprinted by the Government Press in Accra and in 1916 these same stamps were overprinted by de la Rue in London who had also printed the stamps. They were used in the areas controlled by the British occupation forces. The French authorites overprinted the stamps of Dahomey, their colony to the east of Togo, for their occupation forces and these are shown on the following page.

Overprinted in Accra — *10th May 1915*



Overprinted in London — *15th April 1916*



On the 1915 overprint OCCUPATION *measures 14½ mm; on the 1916 overprint it measures 15 mm and is bolder.*

Definitives with watermark lozenges. *1909 – 1913*





Definitives with watermark lozenges. These were never used in Togo which had already been occupied. *1915 – 1919*





German stamps overprinted for use in Togo



November 1900

New definitives inscribed TOGO with no watermark



WESTGATE SUPPLIES
PRESTIGE

Postage Due Stamps

1906

















1915

















Overprints to provide extra values 10th October 1927





Overprinted in a different style

August 19



Overprinted 4fr in a font similar to the previous issue

August 190



Further overprints in a combination of styles

27th April 1904



Further overprints

September 1905



PRESTIGE

In 1904 the Peace and Commerce stamps arrived from Paris and were put on sale; for the first time these were inscribed GABON.

15th October 1904

First issue



Second Issue. New values

1906-1907



rst definitive series – inscribed 'Congo Français – Gabon'

1c, 2c, 5c & 10c : February 1910
Other values : March 1910

































January 1911

econd definitive series – inscribed 'Afrique Equatoriale – Gabon'











































Overprinted 10 (centimes)

40c	*775*	*116,200*
45c	*862*	*129,300*
50c	*438*	*65,700*
75c	*340*	*51,000*
1f	*400*	*60,000*
2f	*399*	*59,800*
5f	*237*	*35,500*





e surcharge was for the benefit of the Red Cross

1915 – 1917







v value

1918



urs changed

1922













27th November 19

Overprinted AFRIQUE ÉQUATORIALE FRANÇAISE



































1925 – 19

Overprinted with new values















Colours changed and new values



1926 – 19





















Postage Due Stamps

2nd April 1928























17th February 1930























Finally, in November 1892 the Peace and Commerce stamps arrived and were put on sale.



e shades on stamps of this issue shown here and on those of Gabon also occur on the Peace and Commerce stamps o
e French West African colonies.

1900 there was again a shortage of stamps so the 20c stamp was overprinted Valeur 5(c) and the 30c stamp wa
erprinted Valeur 15(c). The stamps were not put on sale to the public but were affixed to letters at the post offic
unter. The governor was unhappy with this procedure and ordered the destruction of the entire stock. As a result these
e some of the greatest rareties of all the French colonial stamps and only three mint copies of each are known to exist
et of two was offered in auction for 35000 Euros in late 2012 andthese are shown in the enlarged photographs below.



May 190

Definitive series















































Unusually for Fench colonial stamps, these all have a watermark. On the 1c to 15c values this is a thistle, on the 25c to 75c values it is a spray of rose and on the 1f to 5f values it is an olive branch. According to Maury only 50 examples of the 5f stamp with mustard coloured frame are known.

PRESTIGE

Colours changed on stamps of the Peace and Commerce issue — *December 1900*



Overprints on stamps of the definitive series — *July 1903*



1907

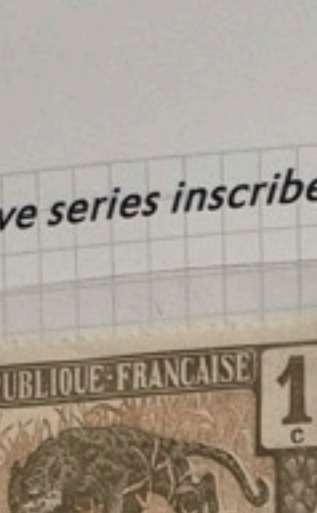
Definitive series inscribed MOYEN CONGO































November 1924

verprinted **AFRIQUE ÉQUATORIALE FRANÇAISE**



































PRESTIGE

1st May 193

New definitive series













































PRESTIGE

Colis Postaux

Issued in Libreville and printed in blocks of four with each stamp differing very slightly from the others *1891*



Fiscal stamp of France overprinted *1893*



Postage Due Stamps

2nd April













































PRESTIGE

Stamps of Moyen-Congo overprinted **TCHAD**

November 19





































PRESTIGE

Definitive series inscribed AFRIQUE ÉQUATORIALE FRANÇAISE

3rd May 19
25c (Type II)

















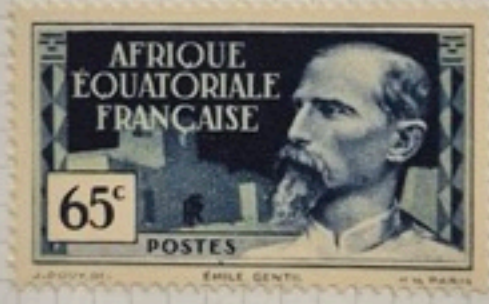






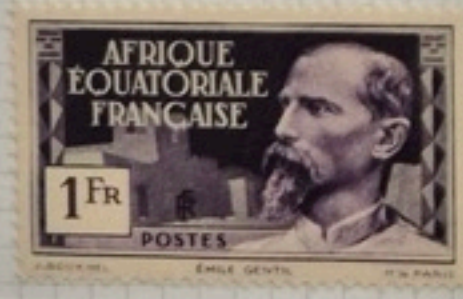












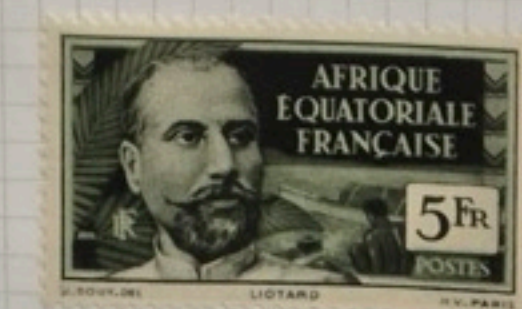
















1937

- mail















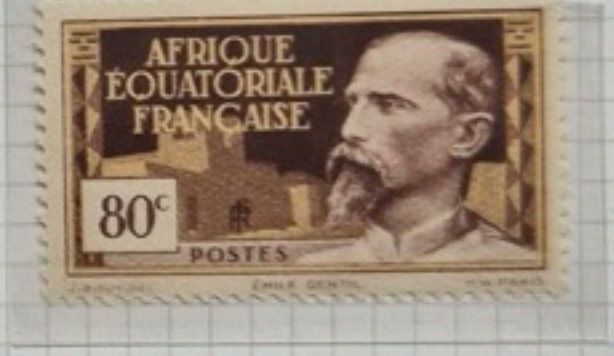


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16th May 1938
2f15 : 6th July 1938







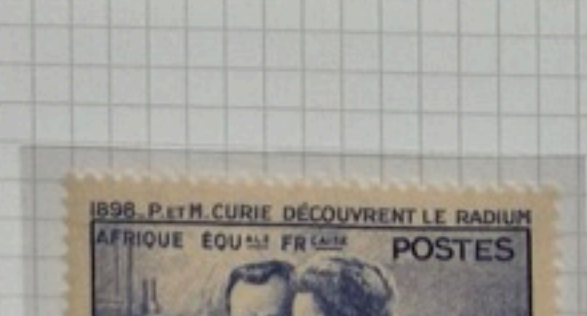






40th Anniversary of the discovery of Radium

21st October 1938



PRESTIGE

7th November 1938

Overprinted with new values



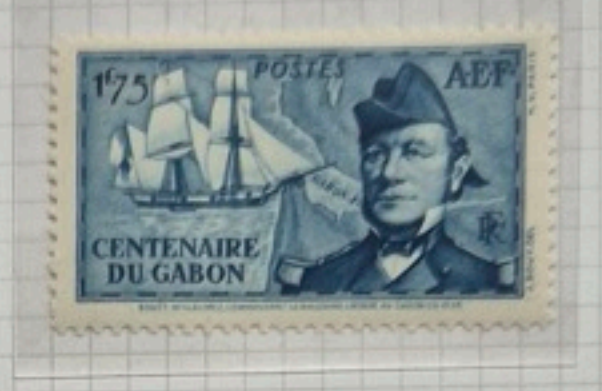


5th December 1938

Centenary of the French Presence in Gabon









10th May 1939

International Exhibition in New York





150th anniversary of the French Revolution

5th July 1939









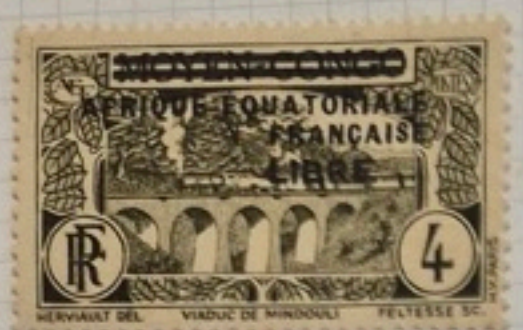




PRESTIGE

tamps of 1936 – 1939 overprinted **LIBRE** *in black*

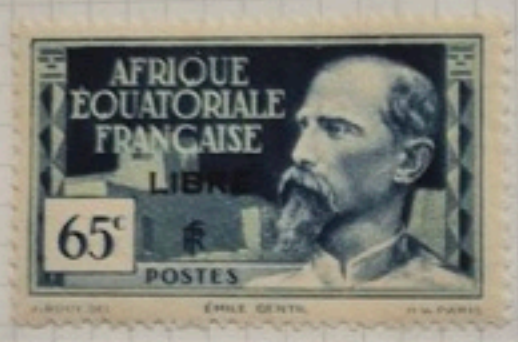
24th October
4c : end of December 1

















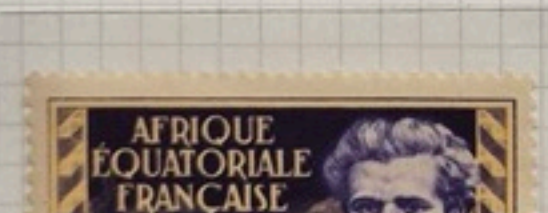


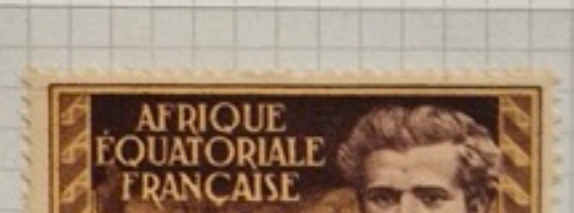


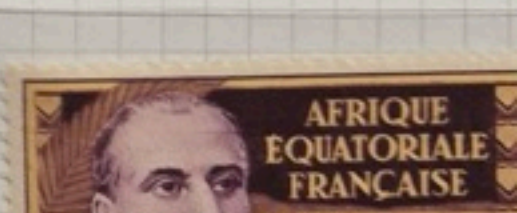














Stamps of 1940 overprinted **LIBRE** *and also with new values*

19





19th Novembe

The 'London' definitive series printed by de la Rue in England





























Air mail stamps printed by de la Rue in England















PRESTIGE

22nd June 19

Native Children's Welfare Fund







22nd June 1

Colonial Education Fund



Red Cross surcharge for French African Combatants

200f / 10f75 : 28th June 1
50f / 2f25 & 100f / 10f : July 1







Surcharge for the Resistance





























Surcharge to celebrate the liberation of France

194





















Ov[illegible]e extra values 10th October 1927

14th April 1897

rman stamps overprinted for use in Cameroun





17th December 1900

ew definitives inscribed KAMERUN with no watermark









Definitives with watermark lozenges. These were used in stamp booklets.

1905 – 1906





Definitives with watermark lozenges.

1913 – 19









ALPHA MAJOR
WESTGATE SUPPLIES

Soon after the declaration of war, the British captured the German ship "Professor Woermann" and obtained a large stock of stamps, mostly of the lower values, which they overprinted **C. E. F.** *(Cameroons Expeditionary Forces). The majority of these were sold to the military personnel in the area; few were actually used and letters bearing the stamps are very rare. The ½d on 5 Pf and the 1d on 10 Pf exist with overprints in both blue and black.*

June1915































November 1915

Anglo-French Expeditionary Corps































These stamps were overprinted in Libreville, Gabon, and were also sold confidentially to the military there. They only exist with "colonial gum". For most of the values only 1000 stamps were overprinted.

Occupation Française du Cameroun *overprints on the 1907 stamps of Moyen-Congo* *May 1916*





























PRESTIGE

CAMEROUN Occupation Française *overprints on the 1907 stamps of Moyen-Congo* 1916

































New value

191



PRESTIGE

Support for the Free French. 1925 – 1939 stamps overprinted CAMEROUN FRANÇAIS 27.8.40 *27th August 194*













Support for the Free French. 1939 – 1940 stamps overprinted CAMEROUN FRANÇAIS 27.8.40 *27th August 1940*



















































PRESTIGE

Overprinted with a surcharge for the war effort

18th October 1940







"Spitfire" surcharge

26th November 1940









"Spitfire" surcharge with overprint **Général de GAULLE**

24th February 1941





Stamps of the Dubois type were first overprinted **OBOCK** *in a curve in 1892. Forged overprints are known.*























ney were also overprinted OBOCK *in a straight line and, according to Maury, issued on the same day: 2nd Feb18*



They were also overprinted OBOCK *in a straight line and, according to Maury, issued on the same day:* 2nd Feb1892





By the end of February 1892 stocks of the lower values of the previous issue were running low and on 29th February the order was given to overprint the 25c with 1c and the 15c values with 2c and 4c. During the next few months stamps o other values also began to run out so there were more and more overprints needed with different denominations.























Finally the Peace and Commerce stamps arrived from Paris and were issued in November 1892



























The first triangular stamp, the 5f value, was issued in September 1893 and was followed four months later by the 2f value.





The last series of stamps for Obock was issued in February 1894 and these were in use until October 1899 when the post office was finally closed. Stamp usage is rare after May 1896 when the only real function of the office was for telegraphic communication with the British island of Perim (Barim) in the middle of the Straits of Bab-El-Mandeb.





































The 25f and 50f values were originally intended for fiscal use but all the stamps of this series were used in Djibouti after the closure of the Obock office – both with and without overprint.

Protectorat de la Côte des Somalis (Djibouti)

Anchoring facilities at Obock soon proved to be insufficient so the importance of Djibouti on the southern side of the Gulf of Tadjourah steadily grew. Djibouti began to issue its own stamps: in December 1893 three from the Peace and Commerce series of Obock were overprinted together with the 5f triangular value, some of these overprinted 1 for 1f .

Some of these stamps are exceedingly rare and are therefore shown only as photographs (with a black surround)









Definitive series

























Definitive series (continued)







10th June 1899

Overprinted with new value.



Though fairly common used, this stamp is extraordinarily rare mint. The reason for this is not clear; it may not have been on sale to the public and only affixed by an official to letters brought to the post office. Although not common practice, this could have been an attempt by a zealous postmaster to prevent people from illegally applying their own surcharge.

March 1900

New value

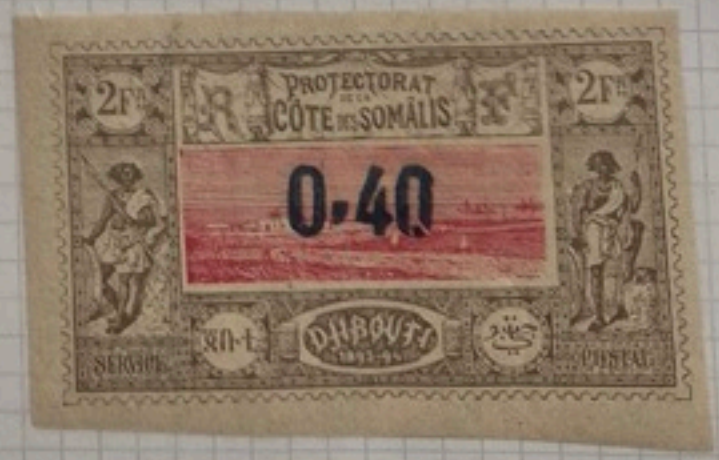


January / February 1902

Overprinted with new values









March 19

Colour changed



19

Overprinted with new values





Overprints on stamps of Obock

19











PRESTIGE

Côte Française des Somalis

1902-1

efinitive Series













































nitive Series (all centres now in black)















































RESTIGE

nitive Series

































75c & 5f : May 1896
Other values : October 1896















ANNAS *was overprinted on the 15c first in carmine, then in vermilion, then in 1897 again in carmine*

w sheets of the 5c Sage type were overprinted with 1/2 ANNA *in red or carmine and then overprinted Annas) and* 25 *(centimes) and* ZANZIBAR *vertically. The 10c, already overprinted with* 1 ANNA, *and the erprinted with* 1 1/2 ANNAS, *were similarly overprinted again. The 30c, already overprinted with* 2 *e 40c, already overprinted* 4 ANNAS

July 1897

Sage type overprinted in Annas and the word ZANZIBAR



The 5c, 15c and 1f values were first overprinted in carmine and later in vermilion

Sage type overprinted again

1899 – 1900



Blanc, Mouchon and Merson types of French stamps inscribed ZANZIBAR. *1902 – 1903*























Finally on 1st January 1894 the Peace and Commerce series inscribed NOSSI-BÉ *was issued*







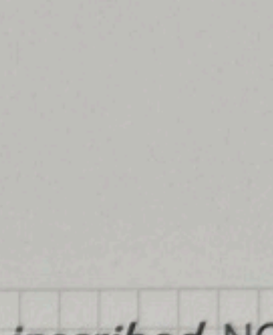


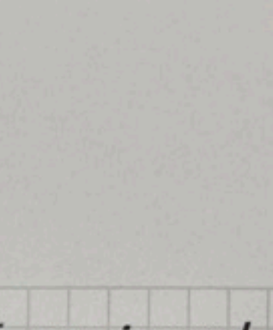


















From 1873 to 1881 the Ceres stamps and the Sage type as used in Nossi-Bé were also used on the island of Sainte-Marie de Madagascar but apparently the colour changes of the latter were not needed here. From 1881 to 1894 the Dubois series was in use. These stamps are all shown on the previous pages.

In April 1894 the Peace and Commerce series inscribed S^{TE} MARIE DE MADAGASCAR *was put on sale*



























"Dubois" type overprinted **DIÉGO-SUAREZ** *diagonally*

November 1892

























Peace and Commerce issue inscribed DIÉGO-SUAREZ ET DÉPENDANCES *November 189*



























These stamps were also used in Sainte-Marie de Madagascar and Nossi-Bé until 1894

Peace and Commerce issue inscribed DIÉGO-SUAREZ *January 189*



These stamps were also used in Sainte-Marie de Madagascar and Nossi-Bé until 1894

Peace and Commerce issue inscribed DIÉGO-SUAREZ *January 1894*



erprinted **POSTE FRANÇAISE** Madagascar *in three lines*

February 1



















erprinted with the value in an oval

Peace and Commerce Issue inscribed MADAGASCAR ET DÉPENDANCES

1896
5f : 1899

































Colours changed

6th June 1900











New value

1906



Overprinted with new values

2nd June 1902







Overprinted with new values, the 0,01, 0,05 and 0,10 in two different fonts

1902

















Peace and Commerce stamps of Diégo-Suarez overprinted with new values in two different fonts. The numbers issued were very small: 1225 for both types of the 0,05 on 30c and only 75 for both types of the 0,10 on 50c which is therefore

9th August 1902

Definitive series "Zébu"





































July 1908

Definitive series





































PRESTIGE

30c 492 73,800

Overprinted 10 (centimes)

75c 183 27,400



30c

Overprinted 10 (centimes)

40c	7290	72,900
50c	4800	48,000
75c	2800	28,000













The surcharge was for the benefit of the Red Cross — *1915*



New value — *1917*



Stamps from the previous series overprinted with new values — *1921*



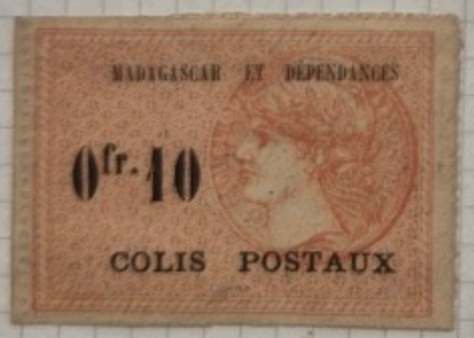
Parcel Post

French fiscal stamp (bill of lading) overprinted — *1919*





French fiscal stamps (bill of lading) overprinted. Rouletted — *1919 – 1922*







Duval" type of postage due stamps overprinted Madagascar et DÉPENDANCES *in three lines*

1f : 1



Palace of the Queen at Tananarive

July 1

60c : 1



Overprints to provide extra values

10th October



Mayotte

From 1861 to 1892 Mayotte used the stamps of the General Colonies (shown elsewhere). From 1911 Mayotte was attached administratively to Madagascar and all the stamps inscribed Mayotte could be used in Madagascar and its Dependencies. From 1950 it used the stamps of the Comorean Archipelago. However, in 1975 when the Comores achieved independence, Mayotte chose to remain a French territory and used French stamps until 1997 when it started to issue its own stamps.

Navigation and Commerce — November 1892



5f : 1899



Colours changed — December 1900



New values — 1906 - 1907



PRESTIGE

the Navigation and Commerce series had been superseded by the issues of Madagascar but large stocks still
d in Paris. Rather than waste these, it was decided to overprint them with either 05(c) or 10(c) and send them
used in Mayotte and other parts of Madagascar and its Dependencies.

Value	Number of sheets	Number of stamps
	Overprinted 05 (centimes)	
2c	301	45,100
4c	1183	177,400
15c	1795	269,200
20c	608	91,200
25c	1394	209,100
30c	815	122,200
	Overprinted 10 (centimes)	
40c	639	95,800
45c	813	121,900
50c	329	49,300
75c	320	48,000
1f	293	43,900























Anjouan

Dubois stamps were used for some years until the Navigation and Commerce series arrived in 1892. From 1911 uan was attached administratively to Madagascar and all the stamps inscribed Anjouan could be used in Madagascar its Dependencies. From 1950 it used the stamps of the Comorean Archipelago until independence in 1975.

November 1892

gation and Commerce



urs changed

December 1900



values

1906 – 1907



1912 the Navigation and Commerce series had been superseded by the issues of Madagascar but large stocks still
ained in Paris. Rather than waste these, it was decided to overprint them with either 05(c) or 10(c) and send them
to be used in Anjouan and other parts of Madagascar and its Dependencies.

Value	Number of sheets	Number of stamps
Overprinted 05 (centimes)		
2c	785	117,700
4c	1625	243,700
15c	1730	259,500
20c	802	120,300
25c	1972	295,800
30c	777	116,500
Overprinted 10 (centimes)		
40c	988	148,200
45c	857	128,500
50c	309	46,300
75c	631	94,600
1f	366	54,900



Grande Comore

rovides no information about stamp usage prior to the issue of the Navigation and Commerce series. The fact se were issued five years after those of Mayotte and Anjouan suggests that no stamps were needed until 1897.
911 Grande Comore was attached administratively to Madagascar and all the stamps inscribed Grande Comore e used in Madagascar and its Dependencies. From 1950 it used the stamps of the Comorean Archipelago until dence in 1975.

November 1897

ion and Commerce



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December 1900



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1906 – 1907



1912 the Navigation and Commerce series had been superseded by the issues of Madagascar but large stocks still ained in Paris. Rather than waste these, it was decided to overprint them with either 05(c) or 10(c) and send them to be used in Grande Comore and other parts of Madagascar and its Dependencies.

Value	Number of sheets	Number of stamps
Overprinted 05 (centimes)		
2c	1892	283,800
4c	2540	381,000
15c	1556	233,400
20c	555	83,200
25c	1366	204,900
30c	980	147,000
Overprinted 10 (centimes)		
40c	670	100,500
45c	892	133,800
50c	851	127,600
75c	341	51,100



Mohéli

with Grande Comore, Maury provides no information about stamp usage prior to the issue of the Navigation and
ommerce series. The fact that these were issued fourteen years after those of Mayotte and Anjouan suggests that no
amps were needed until 1906. From 1911 Mohéli was attached administratively to Madagascar and all the stamps
scribed Mohéli could be used in Madagascar and its Dependencies. From 1950 it used the stamps of the Comorean
chipelago until independence in 1975.

avigation and Commerce

1906
45c : 1907



By 1912 the Navigation and Commerce series had been superseded by the issues of Madagascar but large stocks remained in Paris. Rather than waste these, it was decided to overprint them with either 05(c) or 10(c) and send th out to be used in Mohéli and other parts of Madagascar and its Dependencies.

Value	Number of sheets	Number of stamps
	Overprinted 05 (centimes)	
4c	259	38,800
20c	199	29,800
30c	224	33,600

Overprinted 10 (centimes)

40c	238	35,700
45c	861	129,100
50c	221	33,100







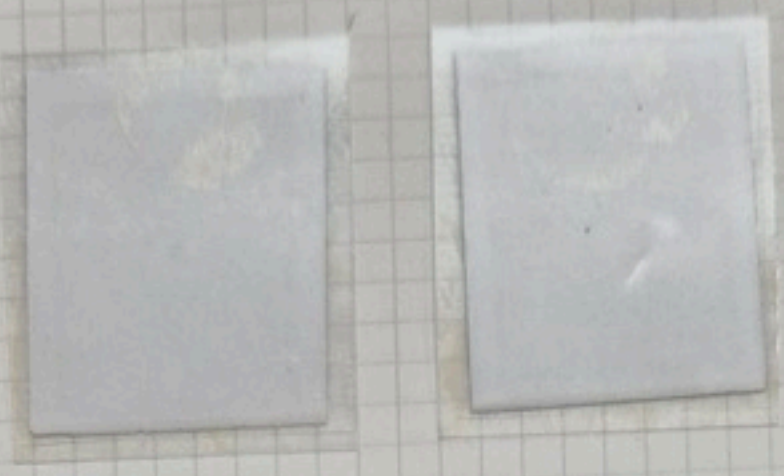






Although 7500 of each value were printed, these stamps saw very little use and only about 200 (both values combined were sold during the 8 years they were on sale, the remainder being incinerated. The 30c value was intended for local use on the island and the 15c was an extra charge to take the letter to the port for shipment abroad. The stamps were reprinted several times between 1866 and 1889 at the request of philatelists but these can easily be distinguished from the original issue because of necessary amendments and re-entries to the plate which had suffered from oxidisation.

Original issue date: 1st January 185



Between 1859 and 1886 stamps of the General Colonies issue [Eagle, Ceres, Napoleon III, Sage and Dubois types] were used in Réunion. Examples of all these stamps have been shown (usually as photographs) in the other albums.

1885 - 1

Stamps of the above-mentioned types overprinted with new values





Ceres and Sage types overprinted RÉUNION diagonally

28th June





28th Jun

overprinted RÉUNION diagonally



























e 20c overprinted RÉUNION diagonally with new values











Navigation and Commerce series

November 1892



























Overprint on the 20c Dubois stamp without RÉUNION

7th December 1894



Navigation and Commerce issue. Colours changed

1900



Overprinted with new values

20th September 1901



Navigation and Commerce issue. 50c with blue RÉUNION *instead of red*

1905



Overprinted 10 (centimes)

40c	467	70,000
50c	233	35,000
75c	193	29,000

August 1912



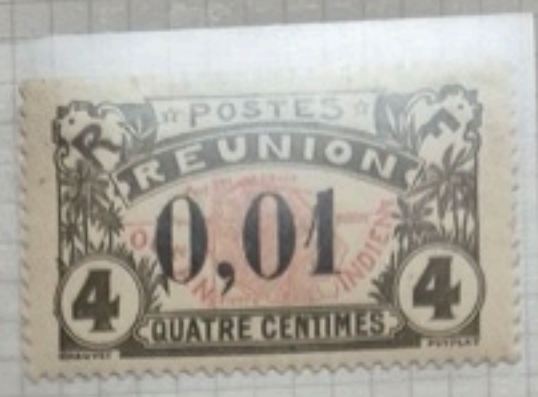
1915 - 1916

The surcharge was for the benefit of the Red Cross



July 191

Overprint on the 4c stamp of the definitive series



1917 – 192

New value and colours changed









1922 – 19

Overprinted with new values































New values

25th September 1933





Stamp issued solely for the first flight from Réunion to France. The aeroplane left Mauritius on 20th January and Réunion on 26th January 1937; it stopped at Madagascar, Mozambique, Djibouti, Port Sudan, Cairo, Damascus, Tripoli, Rhodes, Athens and Naples, arriving in Marseilles on 10th February 1937 and Paris on 12th February. Just over a hundred letters were carried on the flight.

23rd January 1937



International Exhibition in New York

10th May 1939





150th anniversary of the French Revolution

5th July 1939













Parcel Post

1890 – 1903







Overprint on the Navigation and Commerce on the 10c value

1906



Overprints on fiscal stamps

1907 – 1923





Postage Due Stamps

From 1884 to 1893 Réunion used the Duval type of postage stamps and these are shown in the other albums

1889 – 18

No gum. There were two printings and also a later reprint



19





Overprints to provide extra values

10th October 19



11th September 19



PRESTIGE

24th March 1





















French postage due stamps overprinted in CFA francs

1949 – 19



















1962 – 19







1964 – 19















PRESTIGE

om 1859 to 1884 the same colonial stamps were used in Guadeloupe as in the other colonies – the Eagle, th
d Napoleon III, the Sage and the Alphonse Dubois types. All these have been shown elsewhere. From 1884
veral of these were overprinted with new values due to a shortage of 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c and 25c stamps. The o
o included the letters G. P. E. *and later* GUADELOUPE.























eres type overprinted GUADELOUPE





Dubois type overprinted GUADELOUPE

Septen



























igation and Commerce issue inscribed GUADELOUPE ET DÉPENDANCES *November 1892*





lours changed *1900 – 1901*



In 1903 the 30c, 40c, 50c, 75c and 1f stamps were overprinted with 5(c), 10(c), 15(c), 1f and 40(c) respectively in a variety of styles and fonts.











Issued in 1904, the 40c on 1f and the 1f on 75c were additionally overprinted with a frame and the year 1903 in a w
variety of fonts, sizes and positions on the stamps. These additional overprints were in red, blue or, in the case of a v
few of the 40c on 1f, in black. Many of these are very rare but a selection is shown here.











Definitive series









































New values





Overprinted 05 (centimes)

4c	556	83,400
30c	424	63,600

Overprinted 10 (centimes)

40c	334	50,100

November 1912



e surcharge was for the benefit of the Red Cross

1915 – 1917



1st January 1922

Colours changed











1924 – 192

Overprinted with new values





















New values and colours changed

1925 – 19













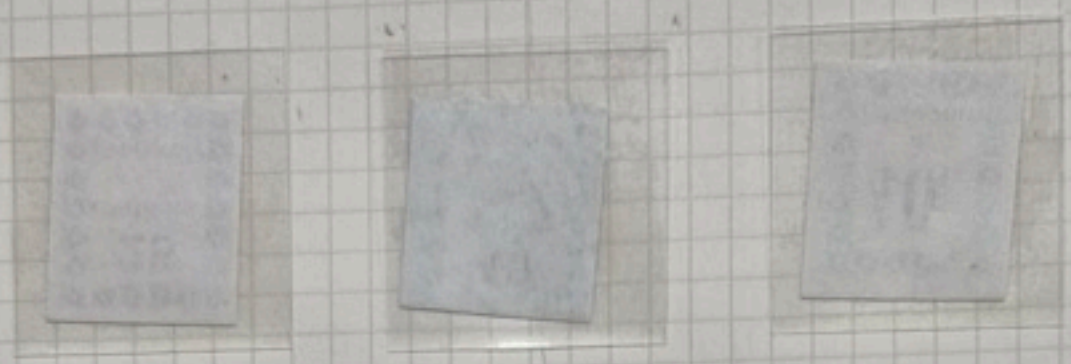


PRESTIGE

Postage Due Stamps

e emission of postage due stamps in Guadeloupe preceded that of postage stamps. This followed the entry of the
nch colonies to the Universal Postal Union and was required for intercolonial and France-Colonies military
respondence. Examples of the first issue are rare and only about twenty, all used, are known of the 40c on blue paper.

1876 – 1878



1st January 1879

ew values



1884



From 1884 to 1904 the Duval type postage due stamps of the General Colonies were used. These are shown elsewhere.

From 1859 to 1884 the same colonial stamps were used in Martinique as in the other colonies – the Eagle, the Ceres an
Napoleon III, the Sage and the Alphonse Dubois types. All these have been shown elsewhere. From 1884 to 1892 severa
of these were overprinted locally in a variety of fonts due to a shortage of the low value stamps. The overprint als
included the letters MQE *or* MARTINIQUE. *Some are extremely rare and are shown here in photographs.*

1886 – 188

Overprints on stamps of the Dubois issue



1888 – 189

Further overprints on stamps of the Dubois issue





Overprints on the Duval postage due stamps for use as provisional postage stamps

1891 – 189





Overprint on stamp of the Dubois issue including the words TIMBRE-POSTE *July 189*



Overprints on stampsof the Dubois issue including the year 1892 *18*









Navigation and Commerce issue

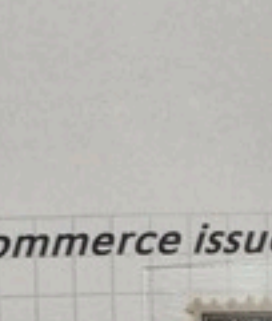
November 1892



























Colours changed

1899 – 1900











Duval type postage due stamp overprinted for parcel post but also used for letters

October 1903



New values

1903 – 1904





PRESTIGE

Overprints due to a shortage of the 10c value *1904*

















New value *1906*



Alphonse Dubois type overprinted **GUYANE** *diagonally*

20th February 1892



























Navigation and Commerce type inscribed GUYANE

November 1892



























Alphonse Dubois type overprinted again due to another shortage of 5c stamps

5th December 1892



Colours changed

December 1900











New value

October 1902



By 1912 the Navigation and Commerce series had been superseded by other issues but large stocks still remained in Paris. Rather than waste these, it was decided to overprint them with either 05(c) or 10(c) and send them out to all seventeen of the colonies concerned. In the case of French Guiana the following stamps were overprinted:

Value	Number of sheets	Number of stamps
	Overprinted 05 (centimes)	
2c	363	54,400
4c	1121	168,100
20c	601	90,100
25c	215	32,200
30c	421	63,100
	Overprinted 10 (centimes)	
40c	316	47,400
50c	194	29,100















From 1860 to 1886 the same colonial stamps were used in Saint-Pierre et Miquelon as in the other colonies – the Eagle, the Ceres and Napoleon III, the Sage and the Alphonse Dubois types. All these have been shown elsewhere. From 1885 to 1891 several of these were overprinted with new values due to a shortage first of 5c and later of 10c, 15c and 25c stamps. The overprint mostly included the letters SPM in a variety of fonts. In 1886 the shortage became so severe that the governor issued a decree to the effect that stamps showing the letters P D (Payé jusqu'à Destination) should be affixed to letters and such stamps, printed very simply on white paper, were issued by the post office. Photographs of these early issues are shown here.

The overprint on the first stamp, for some odd reason, is always inverted.

1885







1886

Alphonse Dubois type overprinted **ST - PIERRE M – on** *diagonally in black*

15th October 1891



























Alphonse Dubois type overprinted **ST - PIERRE M – on** *diagonally in red*

1891









Previous issue overprinted with new values

24th November 1891



Previous issue overprinted again with new values

4th November 1892



Duval type

Navigation and Commerce issue

November



























Colours changed

December











New value



47,700


REPVBLIQVE FRANÇAISE
COLONIES POSTES
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ST PIERRE ET MIQUELON


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ST PIERRE ET MIQUELON

In 1941 and 1942 many of the stamps in stock were overprinted with Noël 1941 FRANCE LIBRE F. N. F. L. *in red in three lines (less than 2000 of each) to commemorate the operation by the Forces Navales Françaises Libres (Free French Naval Forces) under the orders of Admiral Muselier (a keen philatelist!) on 24th December 1941 to replace the pro-Vichy regime on the islands. This operation, undertaken without the agreement of the Allies, provoked an immediate hostile reaction from the United States which almost decided to attack the islands in order to re-establish the pro-Vichy regime and led to much rancour between President Roosevelt and General de Gaulle.*

30th December 1941
10f & 20f : 3rd January 1942









































PRESTIGE

The previous stamps were also overprinted in black as the following two examples show.





In late 1941 and 1942 the stamps overprinted FRANCE LIBRE F. N. F. L. *in black in two lines included m definitive issues from 1932 as well as the 1938 – 1940 series, the miniature sheet of 1937 and the Int Exhibition in New York set, the latter also being issued overprinted additionally with new values. Several of had only survived in very small quantities; in some cases only single examples were overprinted. As a resu feasible to attempt complete sets of these issues but some are shown here and on the following page.*

Stamps from the 1922 – 1933 definitive issue overprinted

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Stamps of 1938– 1939 overprinted FRANCE LIBRE F. N. F. L. *1941 – 1942*















































New York Exhibition stamps overprinted 194





New York Exhibition stamps overprinted with additional surcharge 194





National Relief. Overprint on two of the FRANCE LIBRE *stamps.*





Two more of the France Libre stamps were similarly overprinted in July 1942 but were not issued

Stamps of 1941 with portrait of Marshal Pétain overprinted Colonial Development Fund *26th June*





French Support

Postage Due Stamps

The first postage due stamps in 1884 were of the Duval type in black (the 2f value in brown) and these are sho
elsewhere. In 1892 these were overprinted diagonally ST - PIERRE M – on *diagonally in red (the 1f and 2f values in blac*



















From 1893 to 1906 the imperforate Duval type in various colours were used and these are also shown elsewhere.

Perforated Duval type overprinted SAINT-PIERRE ET MIQUELON *in three lines*

7th September 1925
3f : 10th October 1927























On 1st July 1893 the Dubois stamps were overprinted TAHITI *diagonally and on 27th August with* 1893 TAHITI *in two horizontal lines. Of the first set only the 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c black / rose, 75c and 1f values and of the second set only the 15c, 20c, 25c black / rose, 75c and 1f values were registered at the international office in Bern, Switzerland. About 200 of each of the other values were overprinted to satisfy the demand from stamp dealers but never saw genuine postal use. This is also the case with the Duval postage due stamps which were similarly overprinted at the same time.*

























November 1892

Navigation and Commerce series



Colours changed *1900 – 190*











Overprinted TAHITI *due to a shortage of the 10c value* *190*







New values *1906 – 190*





e first postage stamp issued in New Caledonia, on 1st January 1860, was printed locally in sheets of 50. The stamp
re designed and engraved by lithography by Sergeant Triquera of the infantry marines and were intended t
resent Napoleon III. Each stamp is slightly different from every other and some complete sheets are known. The
re used for postage within New Caledonia and letters abroad needed an additional stamp of New South Wales f
ward transmission to Europe as they were sent via Sydney.



m 1861 to 1886 the Eagle, Ceres, Napoleon III, Sage and Dubois types of the General Colonies were used in Ne
edonia. These have been shown elsewhere. From 1881 to 1892 several stamps of the Sage and Dubois issues wer
rprinted due to a shortage of certain values; some are exceedingly rare and photographs of these can be seen here.

1881 – 188



1883 – 188



1886



RESTIGE



In 1892 some values of the Sage issue were overprinted N^LLE CALÉDONIE *diagonally*



overprinted NLLE CALÉDONIE *diagonally* *24th June 1892*













of the Sage and Dubois issue overprinted NCE *diagonally in an ornate design* *1892 – 1893*








llowing the cessation of the subsidised Australasian United Steam Navigation Company (AUSN) service in
393, the Australasian New Hebrides Company (ANHC) took on the responsibility for handling mails for the NSW
gency, the local manager being appointed postal agent. In May 1893 ANHC received a subsidy of £600 fr
issions to provide a connection to Sydney 3 times per year. The ANHC followed the previous system of an inte
ssel connecting monthly to an ocean going steamer. The contract with the Missions was expanded to provide
r year and included landing and receiving mail at each Mission station. By 1897, because of changes in tra
creased competition by the French and their well-subsidised shipping, the Company decided to charge for de
ters between the islands, Vila and Sydney. The two stamps shown here had already been printed for the purpo
mpany eventually failed, with Burns Philp & Co. Ltd. taking over its assets, including the remainder of the sta
September 1897. On 1st September 1900, Burns Philp & Co. Ltd. took on a 10-year subsidised agreement t
rgo and mail, and the use of these local stamps was specifically forbidden under the terms of the subsidy.

17th Marc





ring the 1890s the French shipping company Syndicat Français des Nouvelles Hébrides (SFNH) carried the
ween Nouméa and Port Vila. When subsidies were granted to other countries, the company decided in 1902
an inter-island service similar to that conducted by the ANHC and printed these stamps. After only three wee
w Caledonian authorities moved to suspend the operation, confiscate the stock of stamps, and tax the few circu
ers using them alone as unpaid. However, many stamps were still sold in Nouméa and Port Vila and were can
favour by officials. Very few mint copies have survived with even a trace of the original gum because of the cli

ca. 1st September









909 the British and French authorities ruling the Condominium of the New Hebrides began to issue their own sta

s of Fiji overprinted **NEW HEBRIDES. CONDOMINIUM.** *in two lines. Wmk* CA. *29th October 19*



There were five printings which resulted in two shades of the bars on the 2d, 2½d, 5d and 6d values

mps of New Caledonia overprinted NOUVELLES HÉBRIDES *in two lines* *21st Novemb*



amps of Fiji overprinted **NEW HEBRIDES. CONDOMINIUM.** *in two lines. Wmk multiple* CA. *15th Decembe*



of New Caledonia overprinted **NOUVELLES HÉBRIDES CONDOMINIUM** *in three lines* 11th Septem

25c & 5











The British objected to the omission of the word CONDOMINIUM *on the first French issue*

of Fiji overprinted **NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM** *in two lines. Wmk multiple* CA. 15th Decemb















12th July 1911

Definitives. Wmk multiple  CA. French currency























1912 - 1913

No wmk or with parts of the letters RF























The French objected to the use of British Colonial watermarked paper so special paper was made for this issue

PRESTIGE

Watermark multiple CA. British currency

25th July 1911



















Stamp of 1908 overprinted 5c — *25th May 1920*



Stamps of 1910 overprinted 5c and 10c — *25th May 1920*





Stamp of 1911–1912 (British currency) with wmk multiple CA *overprinted 1d* — *June 1920*









Stamps of 1911–1912 (British currency) with wmk multiple CA *overprinted 10c* — *10th March 1921*



Stamp of 1911–1912 (French currency) with wmk multiple CA *overprinted 20c* — *10th March 1921*



Stamps of 1911–1912 (French currency) with no wmk or parts of RF overprinted 05c and 20c — *10th March 1921*





Stamp of 1911–1912 (French currency) with wmk multiple CA *overprinted 2d* — *10th March 1921*



Stamp of 1911–1912 (French currency) with no wmk or parts of RF overprinted 2d — *10th March 1921*



Definitives. Watermark multiple CA. *British currency* — *August 1921*







amp of 1911–1912 (French currency) with wmk multiple CA overprinted 50c

1st March



tamps of 1911–1912 (French currency) with no wmk or parts of RF overprinted 10c, 30c and 50c

1st March







Stamps of 1911 (British currency) overprinted 1d and 5d

1st March





Stamp of 1921 (British currency) overprinted 3d

1st March 1



June 192

Definitives. Dual currency issue. No wmk or with parts of the letters RF























Definitives. Dual currency issue. Watermark multiple CA



















PRESTIGE

– 1975 definitives overprinted in Paris in Francs Nouvelles Hébrides. French version



























75 definitives overprinted in Paris in Francs Nouvelles Hébrides. English version

July 1977



























1972 – 1975 definitives overprinted in Port Vila in Francs Nouvelles Hébrides. French version

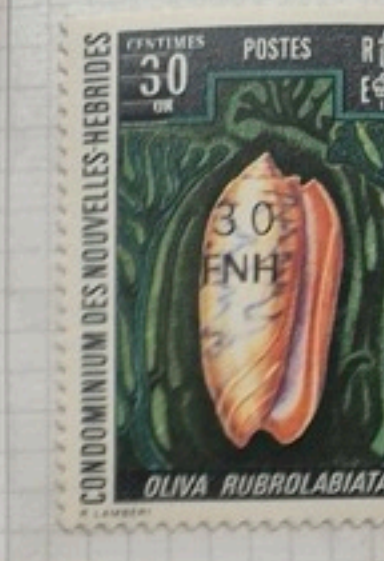
July 1977 – 1978

























With the end of the Gold Franc the FNH (Franc Nouvelles Hébrides) was introduced and with it the stamps on 1st July 1977. The old stamps were overprinted by the French PTT Printer at Périgeux in France on supplies still held in France. The quantity was limited as the plates had been destroyed and wastage was high so the supplies in the New Hebrides ran out fast. Locally held stamps of the Gold Franc issue were collected from the NH Post Offices and overprinted locally.

Wastage was in some cases over 80% as the sheets were of different quality due to the climate. The first overprint was on 18th July 1977 by the firm I.V.P. at Port Vila. Other overprints took place on 22nd August, from 7th to 15th September, 23rd November, 28th December and 13th January 1978.

PRESTIGE

72 – 1975 definitives overprinted in Port Vila in Francs Nouvelles Hébrides. English version

July 1977























25c Dubois type overprinted due to a shortage of 5c stamps



2c and 25c Dubois overprinted due to a continued shortage of 5c stamps



Emergency overprint to provide 15c stamps but these may not have seen actual usage



Cochinchine, Annam-Tonkin and Cambodia all used the General Colonies stamps until 1892

PRESTIGE

Overprints on stamps of the Dubois type *1888*
due to a shortage of 1c and 5c stamps









5c Dubois type overprinted due to a shortage of the 5c value

January 188



avigation and Commerce issue

November 189

5f : October 189



lours changed

1899 – 1901



erprinted due to a shortage of the 5c and 15c values

1903



RESTIGE

ries 'Grasset' especially designed for Indochina



































Postage Due Stamps

Duval type of the General Colonies overprinted **5** in black. *Ungummed*



Duval type of the General Colonies overprinted **5, 10** *and* **30** *in red. Ungummed* *27th July 1*







Dragon of Annam. French currency *1st October 19*



























French Post Offices in China

Sage type overprinted Chine

September 1894 – 1900

Overprinted in red



Overprinted in black





Overprinted in carmine



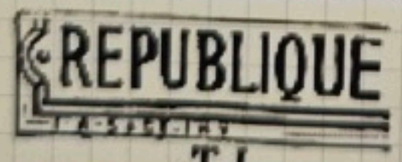


In 1894 the 5c, 10c, 15c and 75c French 'Sage' issues were overprinted in red-vermilion but this colour was not considered satisfactory so a dark carmine was used from 1897.

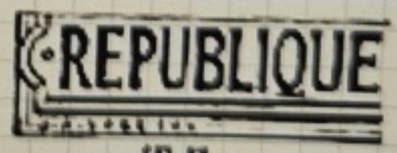
Sage type overprinted Chine *in carmine or black* *1898 –*



Two types of the Sage printings were used. In the first, the tiny letters beneath REPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE *end after the letter* B *of* REPUBLIQUE *while in the second they end just after the letter* U.
The 1898 – 1900 printings are of the first type except for the first of the 5c values shown.



T I



T II

verprinted with **25** due to a shortage of this value

25th Octobe



On 20th April 1901 a few hundred of the 25c stamps overprinted Chine from the previous series were surcharge
with values of 2c, 4c, 6c and 16c. These are very rare but a photograph of the 16c value is shown here.



Blanc, Mouchon and Merson types as used in France were inscribed CHINE

1902 –



4th July 190

15c Mouchon type overprinted **5**



19

Stamps of the 1902 – 1903 issue overprinted in Chinese currency



Stamps of the 1902 – 1903 issue overprinted in Chinese currency in a larger font

1911 - 19



Stamps of the 1902 – 1903 issue overprinted in Chinese currency with different values *December 1922*

























Indochinese Post Office in China

GENERAL ISSUES

September 1902

ue







Second Issue. The letters in the word CHINE *are more slender and the serifs are smaller* — *1904*



Grasset type stamps of 1904 overprinted in Chinese currency — *1904*



CANTON

First issue

31st May 1901

































Second issue *1903 – 1904*

































Grasset and Navigation & Commerce stamps of 1904 overprinted

October 1906



































1908

Indochinese stamps overprinted





































Overprinted in Indochinese currency

January 1919



































HOÎ-HAO

Overprinted HOI HAO *and Chinese characters*

December 1



1903 – 1904

Overprinted HOI HAO *and value in Chinese characters*



October 190

Grasset and Navigation & Commerce stamps of 1904 overprinted



Indochinese stamps overprinted























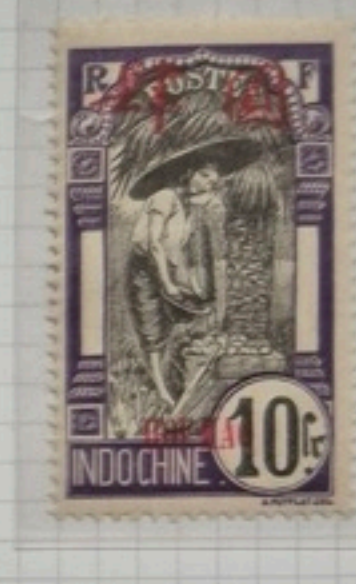


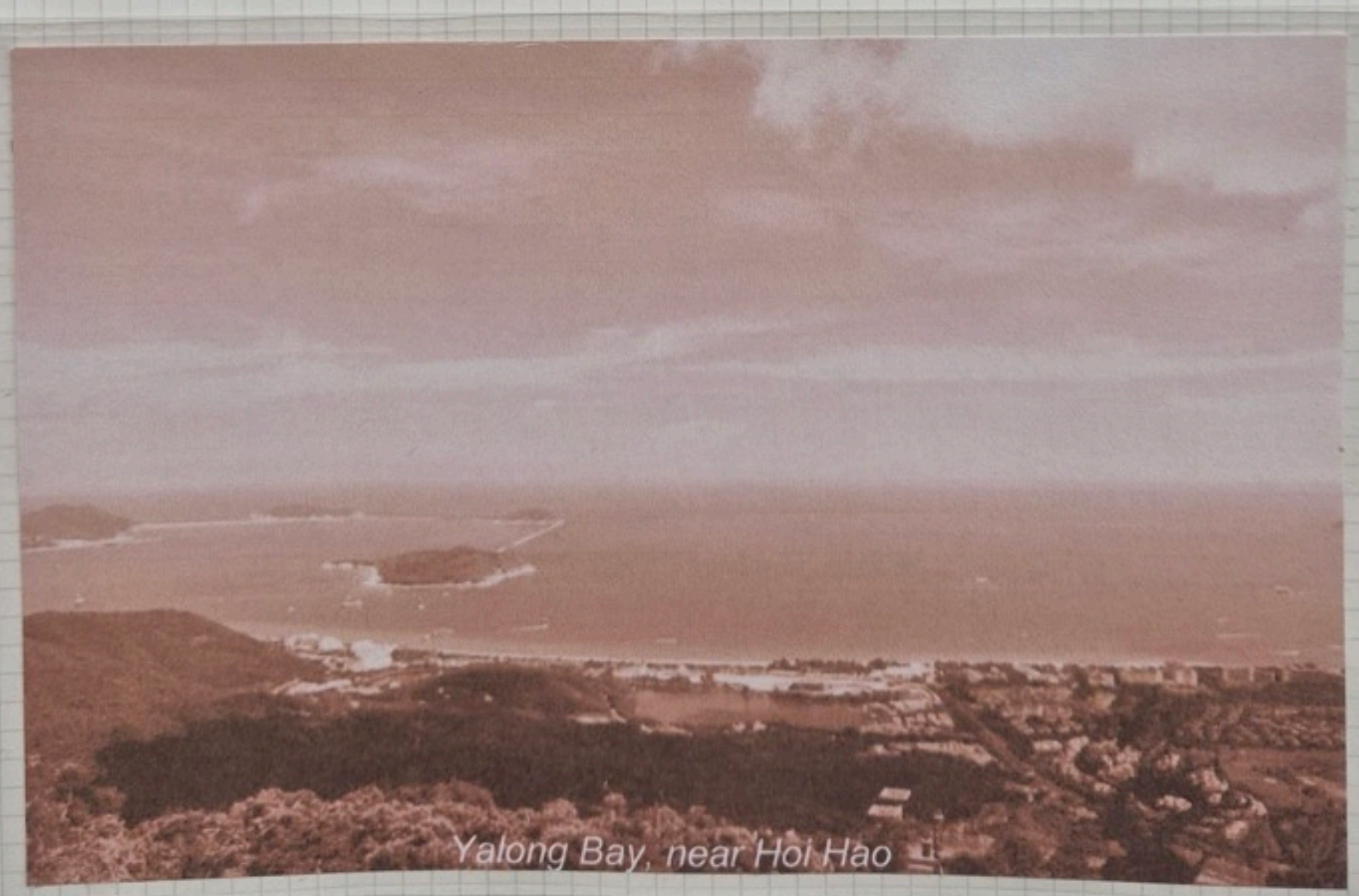












Yalong Bay, near Hoi Hao

Overprinted in Indochinese currency

January 191



































Navigation and Commerce stamps overprinted **TCHONGKING** *and values in Chinese characters* *1903 – 1904*



Grasset and Navigation & Commerce stamps overprinted **Tch'ong K'ing** *and Chinese characters* *October 1906*



Indochinese stamps overprinted

1908



































Overprinted in Indochinese currency

January 191



































MONG-TZEU

Navigation and Commerce stamps overprinted **MONGTZE** *and values in Chinese characters* *1903 – 19*





Grasset and Navigation & Commerce stamps overprinted **Mong - Tseu** *and Chinese characters* *October 19*



Indochinese stamps overprinted

1908



































Overprinted in Indochinese currency

January 1919



































Navigation and Commerce stamps overprinted **PACKHOI** and values in Chinese characters 1903 – 1

































Grasset and Navigation & Commerce stamps overprinted **PAK - HOI** and Chinese characters October 1



































1908

Indochinese stamps overprinted



































Overprinted in Indochinese currency

January 1919



































YUNNAN-FOU

Navigation and Commerce stamps overprinted **YUNNANSEN** *and values in Chinese characters* *1903 – 19*



















Grasset and Navigation & Commerce stamps overprinted **Yunnan-Fou** *and Chinese characters* *October 190*





















Indochinese stamps overprinted

1908



































Overprinted in Indochinese currency

January 1919



































KOUANG-TCHEOU

Grasset and Navigation & Commerce stamps overprinted **Kouang Tchéou-Wan** *and Chinese characters* *October 1906*



Indochinese stamps overprinted



































Overprinted in Indochinese currency

January 1919



































Overprinted on Indochinese stamps

July 1923











































Overprinted on Indochinese stamps and issued on the same date

26th September 1927

















































Navigation and Commerce issue

November 1892



Colours changed

December 1900



Overprinted due to a shortage of the 5c, 10c, 15c and 40c values

6th December 1903









Upper half of a fiscal stamp overprinted due to a shortage of stamps

December 1903



New values

1906 –1907





The surcharge was for the benefit of the Red Cross

1915 – 1916















PRESTIGE

November 1923

Overprinted in Indian currency. 20 caches = 1 fanon. 8 fanons = 1 roupie (rupee)



































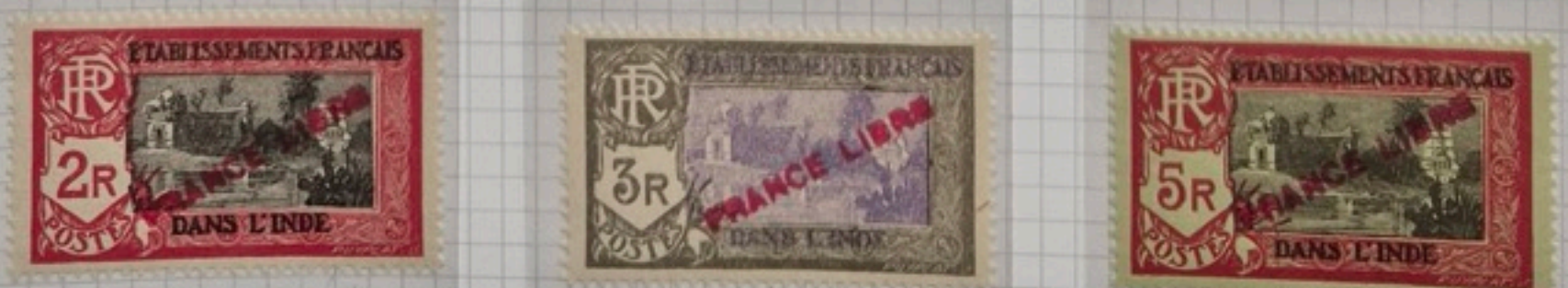
Stamps from the 1923 – 1929 definitive sets overprinted **FRANCE LIBRE** *diagonally* *16th February 1941*











m the 1923 – 1929 definitive sets overprinted **FRANCE LIBRE** *diagonally* *16th Februa*

onal surcharge





d **FRANCE LIBRE** *horizontally with additional surcharge* *16th Februa*



Stamps from the 1937 Paris International Exhibition set overprinted **FRANCE LIBRE** *diagonally* *16th February 1941*











International Exhibition in New York set overprinted **FRANCE LIBRE** *diagonally* *16th February 1941*





Overprinted **FRANCE LIBRE** *horizontally* *16th February 1941*





Definitives overprinted with **FRANCE LIBRE** *and the Cross of Lorraine* — *27th July 1942 and 4th May 1943*













































1937 Paris Exhibition stamps overprinted **FRANCE LIBRE** *and the Cross of Lorraine* *27th July 1942 and 4th May 1943*











New York Exhibition stamps overprinted **FRANCE LIBRE** *and the Cross of Lorraine* *27th July 1942 and 4th May 1943*





16ca stamp overprinted with **FRANCE LIBRE** *and the Cross of Lorraine with new values* *27th December*















6fa 6ca stamp overprinted with new values

24th February 1943















6fa 6ca stamp overprinted with new values and **FRANCE LIBRE** *and the Cross of Lorraine*

24th February 1943















1r, 2r, 3r and 5r values overprinted with new values, **FRANCE LIBRE** *and the Cross of Lorraine* *2nd May 1943*





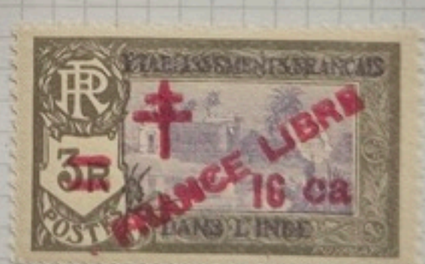


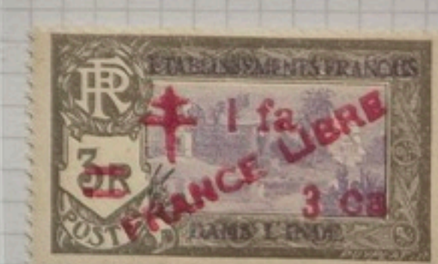


















France was assigned the mandate of Syria on 29 September 1923, which included the territory of present day Lebanon and Alexandretta (Hatay) in addition to Syria proper.

French stamps overprinted Syrie Grand Liban *and values in centièmes and piastres* *1923*



Overprinted for air mail use *2nd November 1923*



French stamps overprinted Syrie Grand Liban *and values in centièmes and piastres. New values* *1923*



January 1924

French stamps overprinted Syrie *and values in centièmes and piastres*



















13th January 1924

Overprinted for air mail use









French stamps overprinted Syrie *and values in centièmes and piastres. New values* 1924









June 192

French stamps for the 1924 Olympic Games overprinted for Syria









June 19

French stamps overprinted for Syria in French and Arabic



































Overprinted for air mail use

17th July 1924



French stamps for the 1924 Olympic Games overprinted for Syria in French and Arabic

June 1924



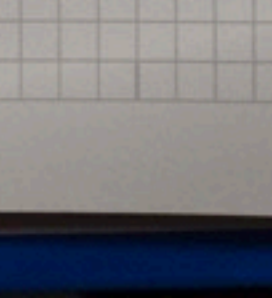
New values

December 1924



French stamp overprinted

December 192



Overprinted for air mail use

1st March



Overprinted "Help for Refugees" in French and Arabic

April



Air mail



In 1930 a fundamental law created a State of Latakia which was incorporated into Syria in 1936

July 193

yrian stamps overprinted for use in Latakia

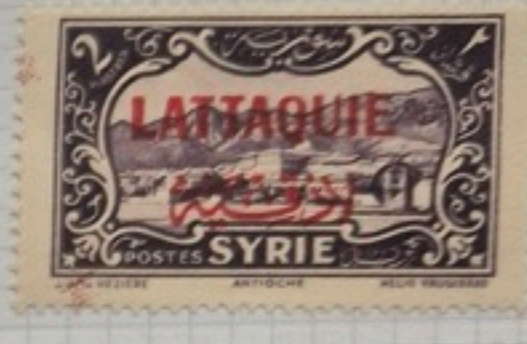
1pi50, 4pi50, 25pi & 100pi : 19th November 193







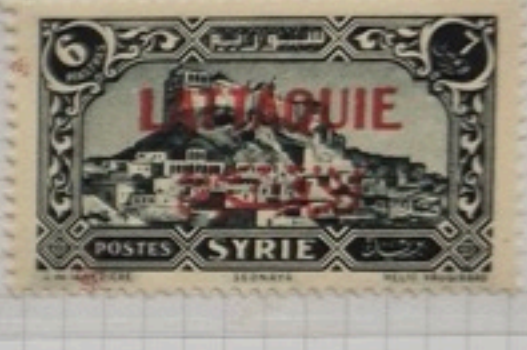
























May 1928

As above but overprinted "Lebanese Republic" in French and Arabic simultaneously









Air mail









1928 – 1929

Overprinted with new values



















PRESTIGE

foreign businesses in th
ons for the residents, one of which wa
ll issued their own postage stamps, often overprinting the
ed isolated from the international postal routes and so many of them instituted their own p
esult, from 1891 when the House of Brudo organized a messenger service on foot from Mazagan to one of
nal post offices on the coast, until 1907 there appeared numerous 'intercity stamps' which were valid for
stage only for the twenty specified routes. Many are extremely rare but a selection of them is shown here.

1891

laroc (Marrakech)



Overprinted 10 cents



1892

11th July 189

Fez



to Maroc (Marrakech)

August 1



zagan to Marrakech

Perforation 10

1893







Perforation 11





verprinted 20 centimos



e-engraved

Perforation 13½ (5c) Perforation 11, more clearly defined (10c)

189





189









Postage Due Stamps

1899

Mazagan to Marrakech



1896

Tetouan to Chechouan



1897

Fez to Mequinez (Meknes)



This service was unusual because an agreement was signed with the British postal authorities in 1898 to handle the mail which could be carried to Gibraltar for onward transmission.

Fez to Mequinez (Meknes)



Saffi to Marrakech

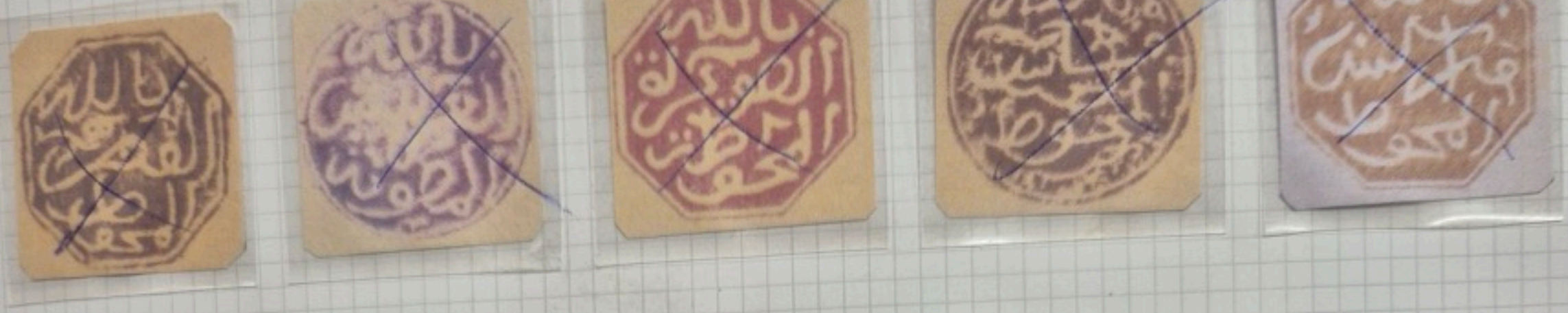


Demnat to Marrakech



Cherifien Post

When the House of Brudo refused to sell its postal service to the Sultan of Morocco, Moulay Hassan I, he decided to open his own service. On 22nd November 1882 he issued a decree creating eight routes. Payment was not shown by the use of postage stamps but by a handstamp applied directly to the letter. Photographs of some of these are shown here.



In December 1911 the Sultan decided to reorganize the service and had postage stamps printed. In March 1912 Morocco became a French Protectorate and the Cherifien post was combined with the French service though these stamps remained in use until 1914 in Morocco and until 1919 in Tangiers.

1912

First issue. With narrow margins



In 1913 a few 50c stamps were overprinted to provide 5m and 10m stamps. Photographs of these are shown here.



Second issue. With wider margins

1913



PRESTIGE

From 1867 to 1898 French stamps were used even though the following overprinted stamps were issued in 1891

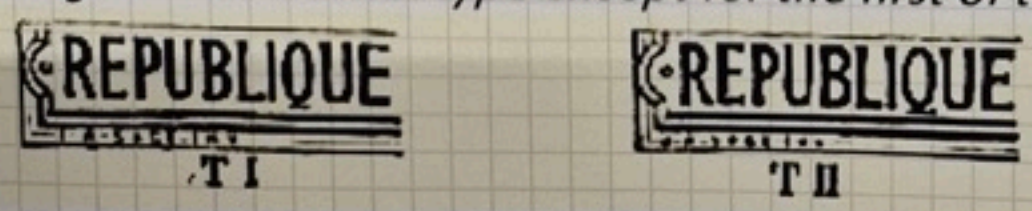
Overprinted in Spanish currency (Type I). The overprint was in carmine but in 1894 (10c & 25c) and 1896 (5c) it was changed to red-vermilion. This was not considered satisfactory so from 1896 a deep carmine was used.



In 1893 a very small number of the Duval type French postage due stamps were overprinted for postal use. They are very rare but photographs of the two values overprinted are shown here.



Two types of the Sage printings were used. In the first, the tiny letters beneath REPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE end after the letter B of REPUBLIQUE while in the second they end just after the letter U. The 1899 – 1900 printings are of the first type except for the first of the 5c values shown.



rinted for Morocco in French currency but only issued with overprint in Spanish currency *1902 – 1903*

















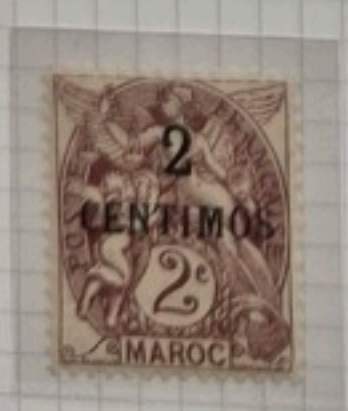
903 a very small number of the Duval type French postage due stamps were again overprinted for postal use, this time with the letters P.P. *in a rectangle. Photographs of the two values overprinted are shown here.*



lues

1908 – 1910











August 192

For the victims of drought and flooding























It seems that this inaugural flight was just one way on 15th May 1930 - from Alger to Tunis, with stops in Setif and Constantine. This explains why the set inscribed TUNIS-ALGER was never issued. The flight was made by an airplane on loan from the Aero Club of Algiers and piloted my Max Knipping. There were 3500 covers that were transported on the trip and these semi-postal stamps were, in fact, obligatory. A regular Algerian postage stamp was affixed to cover the letter rate, but these semi-postal stamps were affixed to cover the postage surcharge for air. The stamps affixed to the covers were even postmarked with a red cancel by the Algerian PTT as can be seen below. When the letters arrived in Tunisia, they were intially refused by the Tunisian postmaster as not having valid postage affixed. However, a call to the Algerian PTT certified that they were valid, and the letters were then allowed into the Tunisian postal system. The set is not listed in the Maury and Yvert & Tellier catalogues which is perhaps strange because the stamp overprinted in 1937 for a similar purpose in Reunion is listed in both catalogues. Perhaps this one is not considered to be so "official".





m 1852 French stamps were used at the office in Tunis as an extension to the one in Bône, Algeria. After the French
Protectorate was declared following the treaty of Bardo on 12th May 1881 many other offices were opened.
These were amalgamated into the Tunisian postal service on the 1st July 1888.

1st July 1888

background and thin numerals. A wide variety of shades occurs on every stamp



-designed



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d with new values













Private flight
Tunis - Alger





















Nouvelle Hebrides
MAT 6–10 8
75

















Postage Due Stamps

The capital letter T occurs in three types of perforation and is frequently inverted, seemingly at random

1st July 188

Solid background and thin numerals.



Dotted background and thicker numerals.

1888 – 188



New values and 15c on quadrillé paper

1893 – 189



March 1923

60c, 80c & 90c : October 1928. 3f : September 1929

Head of a chimera



1941 – 194

Overprinted for customs use



1945 – 194

Overprinted for customs use – with tab



New values and colours changed





Levant

French "Sage" stamps overprinted in piastres *188*







New values *1886 – 18*









New values. The difference in the two types of 50c may be seen in the lettering at the base *1900 - 190*





1902 – 1903

Blanc, Mouchon and Merson type stamps inscribed "Levant"





















































PRESTIGE

ergency overprint. This stamp is very rare and a photograph is shown here

17th January 1



1906 – 1

ued without overprint in piastres







These stamps were only printed for use in French post offices in Ethiopia where the piastre was not valid currency
They were little used but some found their way on to the philatelic market.

rench stamps overprinted in paras and piastres

















s changed *19*





ional issue for Constantinople *26th March 19*







Zanzibar
YvT 47-56 ✱





















Postage stamps issued by the Free French Forces in the Levant

Stamps of Syria and Lebanon overprinted for use in areas liberated by the Free French Forces — *1942*















Inscribed "Levant" — *1st June 1942*











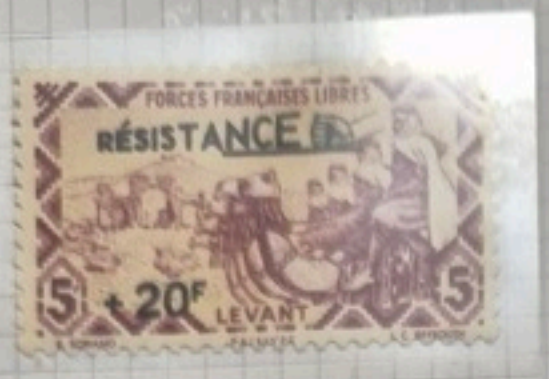




1943

arge for the Resistance









1943

p of 1942 overprinted with new value for air mail use





Style No. GK-104BK

erprinted in Turkish currency











dditional value (in French currency)





Guadeloupe
Selection **/*/0
€50

Dédéagh (now Alexandroupolis in Greece)

e type stamps overprinted Dédéagh



lours changed and new value



Blanc, Mouchon and Merson types inscribed DÉDÉAGH *overprinted in Turkish currency*



Cavalle (now Kavalla in Greece)

ge type overprinted Cavalle *with some overprinted again in Turkish currency*



olours changed and new value



Blanc, Mouchon and Merson types inscribed CAVALLE *with some overprinted in Turkish currency* *1902 - 1*



Port-Lagos (near Xanthi in Greece)

Sage type overprinted Port-Lagos *with some overprinted again in Turkish currency*















Vathy (on the island of Samos)

ype overprinted Vathy with some overprinted again in Turkish currency — 1893



rs changed and new values — 1900





French "Sage" stamps overprinted ALEXANDRIE





























New value and different types of the 5c, 10c & 50c in the lettering at the base









anc, Mouchon and Merson type stamps inscribed "ALEXANDRIE"

1902 – 1903



The surcharge was for the benefit of the Red Cross

May 1915



tamps of 1902 – 1903 overprinted in Alexandria in millièmes

1921











Overprinted on stamps of Port Said in error



Port Said

1899

French "Sage" stamps overprinted **PORT - SAID**





New value and different types of the 5c, 10c & 50c in the lettering at the base

1900



Emergency overprint

20th November 1899



On 18th November 1899 stocks of the 25c stamp were running low so it was decided to overprint 9000 of the 10c stamps. 2700 were overprinted with a large **25c** *in vermilion by hand but, after the ink had dried, the result was barely legible so they decided to overprint the stamps with letters. All 9000 stamps were thus overprinted, including the 2700 whch had already received the* **25c** *overprint. They were only applied to mail at the post office counter so mint examples are rare.*

stamps overprinted ANDORRE

16th June 1931















































29th January 1920

German stamps overprinted **Sarre**











































rian stamps overprinted **Sarre**

1st March 19



























