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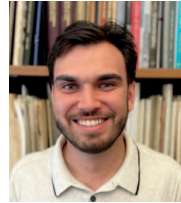
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taxes). The buyer waives the right to dispute all credit card charges. Third-party payments will not be accepted. The payment must come from an account in the name of the buyer.

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Grades, Abbreviations and Values Used in Descriptions

Grades and Centering

Our descriptions contain detailed information and observations about each item's condition. We have also assigned grades to stamps and covers, which reflect our subjective assessment. For stamps, the margin width, centering and gum are described and graded according to generally accepted standards (an approximate correlation to numeric grades is provided at right). Although we believe our grades are accurate, they are not always exactly aligned with third-party grading terms or standards for all issues. **A lot may not be returned because a certification service grades a stamp lower than the grade stated in the description. Information from the P.S.E. Stamp Market Quarterly and P.S.E. Population ReportSM is the most current available, but lots may not be returned due to errors or changes in statistics or data.**

Extremely Fine Gem (90-100): The term "Gem" describes condition that is the finest possible for the issue. This term is equivalent to "Superb" used by grading services.







Extremely Fine (80-90): Exceptionally large/wide margins or near perfect centering.

Very Fine (70-85): Normal-size margins for the issue and well-centered with the design a bit closer to one side. "Very Fine and choice" applies to stamps that have desirable traits such as rich color, sharp impression, freshness or clarity of cancel.

Fine (60-70): Smaller than usual margins or noticeably off center. Pre-1890 issues may have the design touched in places.

Very Good (below 60): Attractive appearance, but margins or perforations cut into the design.

Guide to Gum Condition

Gum Categories:	MINT N.H.	ORIGINAL GUM (O.G.)				NO GUM
						
	Mint Never Hinged <i>Free from any disturbance</i>	Lightly Hinged <i>Faint impression of a removed hinge over a small area</i>	Hinge Mark or Remnant <i>Prominent hinged spot with part or all of the hinge remaining</i>	Part o.g. <i>Approximately half or more of the gum intact</i>	Small part o.g. <i>Approximately less than half of the gum intact</i>	No gum <i>Only if issued with gum</i>
Catalogue Symbol:	★★	★	★	★	★	(★)
PRE-1890 ISSUES	<i>Pre-1890 stamps in these categories trade at a premium over Scott value</i>			Scott Value for "O.G."		Scott "No Gum" Values thru No. 218
1890-1935 ISSUES	Scott "Never Hinged" Values for Nos. 219-771	Scott Value for "O.G." (Actual value will be affected by the degree of hinging)		Disturbed Original Gum: Gum showing noticeable effects of humidity, climate or hinging over more than half of the gum. The significance of gum disturbance in valuing a stamp in any of the Original Gum categories depends on the degree of disturbance, the rarity and normal gum condition of the issue and other variables affecting quality. For example, stamps issued in tropical climates are expected to have some gum disturbance due to humidity, and such condition is not considered a negative factor in pricing.		
1935 TO DATE	Scott Value for "Unused"					

Covers

Minor nicks, short edge tears, flap tears and slight reduction at one side are normal conditions for 19th century envelopes. Folded letters should be expected to have at least one file fold. Light cleaning of covers and small mends along the edges are accepted forms of conservation. Unusual covers may have a common stamp with a slight crease or tiny tear. **These flaws exist in virtually all 19th century covers and are not always described. They are not grounds for return.**

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Unless otherwise noted, the currently available *Scott Catalogue* values are quoted in dollars (\$). Other catalogues are often used for foreign countries or specialized areas and are referred to by their common name: *Stanley Gibbons* (SG), *Dietz*, *American Air Mail Catalogue* (AAMC), *Michel*, *Zumstein*, *Facit*, etc. Estimates are indicated with an "E. \$" and reflect our conservative valuation in dollars. Reserves will never exceed the low end of the estimate range; they will often exceed Scott Catalogue value for stamps in Extremely Fine condition.

Because of certain pricing inconsistencies in the *Scott Catalogue*—for example, blocks that have no gum, the absence of premiums for Mint N.H. items, etc.—we cannot guarantee the accuracy of values quoted for multiples, specialized items and collection lots. We generally try to be conservative, but buyers may not return a lot because of a discrepancy in catalogue value due to Scott pricing inconsistencies.

Symbols and Abbreviations (see chart above for gum symbols)

☐ Block	E Essay	No. Scott Number	P Proof
☒ Cover	EDU Earliest Document Use	no. number [e.g. plate]	S Specimen



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THE MARCEL AND DANIEL COLLECTION
OF IMPORTANT FRANCE AIR POSTS

1927 FIRST AIR POST ISSUE



3001

3001 P 1927, 2fr-5fr Air Post, Collective Deluxe Proof (C1P-C2P; Yvert PA1P-PA2P). Original gum, lightly hinged, fresh and Very Fine, a rarely offered collective deluxe proof of France's first Air Post issues, signed Champion, Yvert €3,000 E. \$750-1,000



3002

3002 ★★ 1927, 2fr-5fr Air Post (C1-C2; Yvert PA1-PA2). Mint N.H., each exceptionally well-centered with wide margins, brilliant colors on bright white paper, Very Fine and choice, well-centered examples of Nos. C1-C2 are very hard to obtain, so much so that Yvert gives a 100% premium for well-centered examples (not added), each signed Calves, Scott \$800, Yvert €950..... E. \$400-500

1927 FIRST FRENCH AIR POSTS
A REMARKABLY CHOICE AND STRIKING SET OF FULL SHEETS



3003



3003 ★★田 1927, 2fr-5fr Air Post (C1-C2; Yvert PA1-PA2). Mint N.H. complete panes of 25 with full selvage on all sides (lightly hinged in mostly un gummed part of selvage), wonderfully bright colors on fresh paper, overall well-centered, 2fr with minor crease in bottom selvage of no consequence

VERY FINE AND CHOICE. ONLY A FEW COMPLETE PANES OF 25 OF THE FIRST 1927 FRENCH AIR POST STAMPS, SCOTT NOS. C1-C2, ARE THOUGHT TO STILL EXIST.

According to Power Search, this is the first set of panes we have offered in our auctions in over 30 years. An important pair of panes of the first Air Post stamps of France, especially in this choice condition with a number of well-centered examples. It should be noted that Yvert gives a premium of 100% for well-centered examples (not added).

Each with 1991 Fournier certificate. 5fr also with 2021 Gautre certificate. Catalogued simply as singles with no premium for panes. Scott \$20,000. Yvert €23,750. E. \$7,500-10,000



- 3004 ★★田 1927, 2fr-5fr Air Post (C1-C2; Yvert PA1-PA2). Mint N.H. blocks of four with selvage at bottom, both with alignment cross and 2fr additionally with large part control numbers, remarkably well-centered with wide margins, intensely rich colors on fresh paper, Extremely Fine, Gem quality multiples this well-centered of France Nos. C1-C2 are rarely encountered, so much so that Yvert gives a 100% premium (not added), with 2016 Robin certificate for the pair, catalogued as singles, Scott \$3,200, Yvert €3,800.. E. \$1,000-1,500
- 3005 ★★ 1927, 2fr Orange & Blue, Broken Value Tablet (C1 var; Yvert PA1a). Mint N.H., intensely rich colors, well-centered, Very Fine, a scarce variety, surprisingly this is not listed in Scott despite being quite noticeable and well-documented, signed A. Brun, with 2018 Robin certificate, Yvert €2,100 E. \$500-750
- 3006 ★★田 1927, 2fr Orange & Blue, Broken Value Tablet (C1 var; Yvert PA1a). Mint N.H. tenant block of four, top right stamp with overprint to right completely showing variety, bold colors on fresh paper, Fine, a scarce variety, especially as a se-tenant block, surprisingly this is not listed in Scott despite being quite noticeable and well-documented, with 2020 Gautre certificate, Yvert €3,525 as singles E. \$1,000-1,500
- 3007 ☒ 1927, 2fr-5fr Air Post (C1-C2; Yvert PA1-PA2). Each tied by clear “Salon Aviation Navigation, Marseilles, 18-7 27” circular datestamps with additional strike at bottom right on “Premier Salon International” cachet registered cover to Vienna, Austria, Vienna Jul. 21 arrival datestamp, Very Fine..... E. \$200-300

1928 "ILE DE FRANCE" ISSUE



3008

3008 E **1928, 5fr, "Ile de France" Air Post Essay.** Complete imperforate **pane of 25**, printed in black on un gummed wove paper, sharp impression, also includes a single with huge sheet margin at right, Extremely Fine and quite scarce, especially as a complete pane, with 2022 Gautre certificate..... E. \$750-1,000



3009

3009 ★★ **1928, 10fr on 90c, "Ile de France" Air Post (C3; Yvert PA3).** Mint N.H., impeccable centering with particularly wide margins, bold color on bright white paper

EXTREMELY FINE GEM. A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF THE 1928 10-FRANC ON 90-CENTIMES ILE DE FRANCE SURCHARGE IN NEVER-HINGED CONDITION. EASILY RANKING AS ONE OF THE FINEST EXAMPLES IN EXISTENCE.

These stamps were prepared for use on the catapult service on the "Ile de France" as it approached New York. Only 2,700 were produced. The underlying stamps have narrow margins which caused many designs to be touched by the perforations.

Signed Calves. With 1991 Behr and 2013 Robin certificates. Scott \$3,500. Yvert €5,000. E. \$1,500-2,000



3010

3010 ★★ 1928, 10fr on 1.50fr, “Ile de France” Air Post (C4; Yvert PA4). Mint N.H., exceptional centering, lovely rich color on bright white paper

EXTREMELY FINE. A SUPERB NEVER-HINGED EXAMPLE OF THE 10-FRANC ON 1.50-FRANC ILE DE FRANCE AIR POST SURCHARGE. WITHOUT QUESTION, ONE OF THE FINEST EXAMPLES IN EXISTENCE OF THE ONLY 900 SURCHARGED.

These stamps were prepared for use on the catapult service on the “Ile de France” as it approached New York. Only 900 were produced, many of which were used. The underlying stamps have narrow margins which caused many designs to be touched by the perforations.

Signed A. Brun. With photocopy of 1964 A. Diena (set certificate) and 2003 J.F. Brun certificates. Scott \$14,000. Yvert €17,500..... E. \$5,000-7,500



3011

3011 ★ 1928, 10fr on 90c, “Ile de France” Air Post, Inverted Surcharge (C3a; Yvert A3a). Original gum, very lightly hinged, lovely fresh color on fresh paper

VERY FINE. A RARE AND DESIRABLE EXAMPLE OF THE 10-FRANC ON 90-CENTIMES ILE DE FRANCE WITH INVERTED SURCHARGE. ONLY 45 INVERTED SURCHARGES WITH NORMAL SPACING WERE PRINTED.

A total of 50 stamps were printed with the inverted surcharge. Of those, 45 have the normal spacing, while the remaining five had the wide spacing setting. We are aware of two uses of the inverted surcharge on cover, leaving 43 unused examples possible. Despite this, examples are rarely found offered at auction. This is highlighted by the fact that according to our Power Search, we have not offered another unused example in over 30 years.

Signed A. Brun. With 2001 Calves certificate. Scott \$16,500. Yvert €20,000..... E. \$4,000-5,000



3012

3012 ★ **1928, 10fr on 90c, "Ile de France" Air Post, 4½mm and 6½mm Surcharges (C3, C3b; Yvert PA3d).** Vertical pair with part control number selvaige at bottom, original gum, **top stamp the scarcer 6½mm surcharge** lightly hinged, bottom stamp Mint N.H., stunningly well-centered, bright and fresh

VERY FINE AND CHOICE. AN IMPRESSIVE AND VERY RARE SE-TENANT PAIR OF THE 10-FRANC ON 90-CENTIMES "ILE DE FRANCE" DISPLAYING THE DIFFERENT SPACINGS OF THE SURCHARGE. ONLY 295 OF THE WIDE-SPACED SURCHARGE WERE PRINTED.

Very few se-tenant pairs are thought to still exist. Signed Calves and A. Brun. With 2005 Gautre certificate. Scott \$6,600 as singles. Yvert €10,000 without any premium for Mint N.H. normal spacing example. E. \$3,000-4,000

3013 ★ **1928, 10fr on 1.50fr, "Ile de France" Air Post, 4½mm and 6½mm Surcharges (C4b; Yvert PA4b).** Vertical pair with selvaige at bottom, original gum, **top stamp the scarcer 6½mm surcharge** lightly hinged, bottom stamp Mint N.H., fresh color, with the Aug. 23, 1928 first day circular date-stamp on back

FINE AND MAJOR FRENCH AIR POST RARITY. ONLY 100 EXAMPLES OF THE WIDE SPACING VARIETY OF THE 10-FRANC ON 1.50-FRANC ILE DE FRANCE SURCHARGE WERE PRINTED. FEW SE-TENANT PAIRS ARE THOUGHT TO STILL EXIST.

According to Power Search, we have not offered another se-tenant pair in over 30 years.

Ex Capurro. Signed Mikulski and Calves. Scott \$27,000 as singles (Scott mistakenly prices the se-tenant pair the same as two singles). Yvert €33,000 without any premium for Mint N.H. normal spacing example..... E. \$7,500-10,000



3013



3014



3015

3014 ☒ **1928, 10fr on 90c, "Ile de France" Air Post (C3; Yvert PA3).** Well-centered, used with normal 1.50fr stamp, tied by "New-York Au Havre 23-8-28" **First Day of Issue** octagonal datestamp on 1928 registered flown catapult cover to Le Havre, France, six-line catapult handstamp cachet at top left, transit and arrival backstamps, vertical file crease resulting in small tear at top well away from adhesives, Fine, an attractive and scarce use, these provisional surcharges were produced during an attempt to create a new service to expedite mail crossing the Atlantic, this was accomplished using a combination of boat and plane to transport the mail, this new Catapult Mail service gained about 24 hours, as mail on board ships had to wait for the ship to dock and then be removed, Scott \$2,200 E. \$750-1,000

3015 ☒ **1928, 10fr on 1.50fr, "Ile de France" Air Post (C4; Yvert PA4).** Used with 1fr and pair of 25c stamps, tied by "New-York Au Havre 23-8-28" **First Day of Issue** octagonal datestamp on flown registered catapult cover to Martel, France, well-struck six-line catapult handstamp cachet at upper left, arrival backstamp

VERY FINE AND SCARCE. ONLY 900 WERE SURCHARGED, AND OF THESE ONLY 250 ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN FLOWN.

The provisional surcharges were produced during an attempt to create a new service to expedite mail crossing the Atlantic. This was accomplished using a combination of boat and plane to transport the mail. The mail was placed on board the ship, and a plane would take off from the ship at a predetermined point. This new Catapult Mail service gained about 24 hours, as mail on board ships had to wait for the ship to dock and then be removed. The "Ile de France" provisionals were created due to the popularity of the first leg of the voyage.

Ex "World Traveler". Signed Bloch. With 1972 Friedl certificate. Scott \$10,500..... E. \$3,000-4,000



3016



3017

3016 ☒ **1928, 10fr on 90c, "Ile de France" Air Post, 6½mm Surcharge (C3b; Yvert PA3b).** Used with normal 1.50fr stamp, tied by "New-York Au Havre 23-8-28" **First Day of Issue** octagonal datestamp on 1928 flown catapult cover to Detroit Mich., six-line catapult handstamp cachet at top left, Paris backstamp, Very Fine, quite scarce as **only 295 of the wide spacing were printed** and few are known on cover, these provisional surcharges were produced during an attempt to create a new service to expedite mail crossing the Atlantic, this was accomplished using a combination of boat and plane to transport the mail, this new Catapult Mail service gained about 24 hours, as mail on board ships had to wait for the ship to dock and then be removed, signed Calves, with 1991 P.F. certificate, Scott \$3,900 E. \$1,000-1,500

3017 ☒ **1928, 10fr on 1.50fr, "Ile de France" Air Post, 6½mm Surcharge (C4a; Yvert PA4a).** Used with 1.50fr, tied by "New-York Au Havre 23-8-28" **First Day of Issue** octagonal datestamp on flown registered catapult cover to Brest, France, forwarded to Paris, clear strike of six-line catapult handstamp cachet at left, transit and arrival backstamps
VERY FINE AND RARE. ONLY 100 EXAMPLES OF THE 1,000 10-FRANC ON 1.50-FRANC SURCHARGED STAMPS HAD THE WIDE SPACING. VERY FEW COVERS ARE THOUGHT TO STILL EXIST.

The provisional surcharges were produced during an attempt to create a new service to expedite mail crossing the Atlantic. This was accomplished using a combination of boat and plane to transport the mail. The mail was placed on board the ship, and a plane would take off from the ship at a predetermined point. This new Catapult Mail service gained about 24 hours, as mail on board ships had to wait for the ship to dock and then be removed. The "Ile de France" provisionals were created due to the popularity of the first leg of the voyage.

With 1987 Calves certificate. Scott \$12,500. E. \$4,000-5,000

1930 PLANE OVER MARSEILLES ISSUE



3018EX



3019

3018 ★★田 1930, 1.50fr Deep Carmine, 1.50fr Dark Blue, 1.50fr Ultramarine, Air Posts (C5-C6, C6a; Yvert PA5-PA6, PA6a). Matching Mint N.H. bottom left corner selvaige coin dates (printing date) blocks of four, each dated 1930, excellent centering, bold colors, Very Fine and choice trio, Yvert €1,180.....(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. \$300-400

3019 P 1930, 1.50fr Deep Carmine, Imperforate Proof (C5P; Yvert PA5P). Large sheet margin at top, other sides quite large, original gum, lightly hinged, rich color and strong impression, Extremely Fine, signed Calves, unlisted in Scott, Yvert, or Maury..... E. \$500-750



3020

3020 ★★ 1930, 1.50fr Deep Carmine, Air Post, “E.I.P.A.30” Perfin Initials (C5a; Yvert PA6d). Mint N.H. bottom left corner corner selvaige with Jan. 3, 1930 coin dates (printing date), perfin initials **inverted** with additional strike in bottom selvaige reversed, deep intense color, well-centered

VERY FINE. A CHOICE NEVER-HINGED EXAMPLE OF THE 1930 1.50-FRANC DEEP CARMINE AIR POST WITH “E.I.P.A. 30” PERFIN INITIALS.

The perfin initials were only sold at the International Air Post Exhibition in Paris on November 6-20. Signed Calves. Scott \$3,600. Yvert €5,000..... E. \$1,500-2,000



3021

3021 ✉ **1930, 1.50fr Deep Carmine, Air Post, “E.I.P.A.30” Perfin Initials (C5a; Yvert PA6d).** Used with 50c and 75c stamps, all tied by International Air Post Exhibition Nov. 21, 1930 circular datestamps with additional strike at center on special cachet cover **to Montreal, Canada**, New York “Foreign Section G.P.O. N.Y.” transit backstamp

VERY FINE. A RARE USE OF THE 1.50-FRANC DEEP CARMINE WITH THE “E.I.P.A.30” EXHIBITION PERFIN ON FLOWN COVER TO CANADA.

With 1994 Calves and 2022 Francois Feldman certificates. Scott \$3,750.. E. \$1,500-2,000



3022

3022 ★★ **1930, 1.50fr Deep Carmine, Air Post, “E.I.P.A. 30” Perfin Initials, Pair, One Without Perfin (C5b; Yvert PA6d).** Mint N.H. vertical pair with selvage at bottom, top stamp with perfin, excellent centering, deep rich color

EXTREMELY FINE. A RARE MINT NEVER-HINGED SE-TENANT PAIR OF THE 1.50-FRANC DEEP CARMINE WITH THE “E.I.P.A.30” EXHIBITION PERFIN.

Signed von der Weid (in pencil). With 1994 von der Weid certificate. Scott \$5,500. Yvert €5,047 as singles..... E. \$1,500-2,000



3023 ★★ 1930, 1.50fr Ultramarine, Air Post, “E.I.P.A.30” Perfin Initials (C6b; Yvert PA6c). Mint N.H., large selvage at left with additional perfin in selvage (reversed), wonderfully precise centering, deep rich color and a well-incised impression, Extremely Fine, a choice example and especially desirable in this format, ex Dr. Killien, signed Calves, Scott \$700, Yvert €875 E. \$200-300



3024 ★★田 1930, 1.50fr Ultramarine, Air Post, “E.I.P.A.30” Perfin Initials (C6b; Yvert PA6c). Mint N.H. bottom left corner selvage block of four with “16.9.30” coin dates (printing date), perfin initials reversed on each stamp, bold strike of Exhibition cancel in left selvage, precise centering, bold color

EXTREMELY FINE. A PRISTINE AND RARE COIN DATES BLOCK OF FOUR OF THE 1931 1.50-FRANC AIR POST WITH “E.I.P.A. 30” PERFIN.

Signed Roumet. With 2020 Roumet certificate. Yvert €4,500. E. \$1,500-2,000

3024

3025 ☒ 1930, 1.50fr Ultramarine, Air Post, “E.I.P.A.30” Perfin Initials (C6b; Yvert PA6c). Tied by International Air Post Exhibition Nov. 12, 1930 circular datestamp on handsome special exhibition registered postcard, addressed to Ardennes, registry label on address side, additional exhibition postmark, Ardennes arrival datestamp, Very Fine, Scott \$450 E. \$200-300

3026 ★ 1930, 1.50fr Ultramarine, Air Post, “E.I.P.A.30” Perfin Initials, Pair, One Without Perfin (C6c; Yvert PA6c). Horizontal pair with bottom right corner selvage, original gum, left stamp (perfin) very lightly hinged, right stamp without perfin Mint N.H., four additional perfins in the selvage, with exhibition cancel mostly in right selvage (just into perfs), rich color, choice centering, Extremely Fine and desirable in this se-tenant format, with 2011 Behr certificate (as Mint N.H.), Scott \$600, Yvert €627 as singles E. \$300-400

1936 PLANE OVER PARIS ISSUE



3027EX

3027 ★★ 1936, 85c-50fr Plane Over Paris Air Post (C8-C14; Yvert PA8-PA14). Mint N.H., well-centered and fresh colors throughout, Very Fine set, Scott \$1,697, Yvert €2,300 (Photo Ex) E. \$400-500



3028EX

3028 ★★田 1936, 85c-3.50fr Air Post (C8-C13; Yvert PA8-PA13). Matching Mint N.H. bottom left corner selvaige coins dates (printing date) blocks of four, 2.25fr from 1935 and 85c and 2.50fr from 1936, exceptionally fresh with bold colors and well-centered, Very Fine and choice group of coins dates blocks, Yvert €1,500 (Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. \$400-500



3029 ✉ 1937, January 20, Paris-Tokyo Flight. 3.50 Air Post (C13; Yvert PA 13) tied by "Le Bourget Aviation, 20-1-1937" circular datestamp on "Via Air France" airmail envelope, Hanoi Jan. 23 backstamp, manuscript note from Captain Marcel Doret regarding the accident in Hanoi, fresh and Extremely Fine, they made record time from Paris to Hanoi, however their plane became bogged down in the sand on an island near Hanoi and had to be abandoned, although 50 letters were carried, it is believed only 14 were taken off at Hanoi..... E. \$300-400



3030

3030 ★★田 1936, 50fr Emerald, Plane Over Paris Air Post (C14; Yvert PA14). Mint N.H. bottom left corner selvage block of four with “23.12.35” coin dates (printing date), perfectly centered, lovely vibrant shade on fresh paper

EXTREMELY FINE. A GEM MINT NEVER-HINGED COIN DATES BLOCK OF THE 50-FRANC PLANE OVER PARIS. A FRENCH AIR POST RARITY.

Due to the high denomination and those eager to fulfill collector demand for singles, coins dates blocks of the 50fr are rarely encountered. With 2022 Robin certificate. Yvert €10,000..... E. \$3,000-4,000



3031

3031 ★★田 1936, 50fr Deep Green, Plane Over Paris Air Post (C14a; Yvert PA14b). Mint N.H. bottom left corner selvage block of four with “21.12.35” coin dates (printing date), exceptional centering, intensely rich color

EXTREMELY FINE AND MAJOR AIR POST RARITY. FEW MINT NEVER-HINGED COIN DATES BLOCKS OF THE 50-FRANC PLANE OVER PARIS IN THE DEEP GREEN SHADE ARE KNOWN.

Due to the high denomination and those eager to fulfill collector demand for singles, coins dates blocks of the 50fr are rarely encountered. With 2020 Robin certificate. Yvert €11,000..... E. \$3,000-4,000



3032

3032 ★★ **1936, 50fr Deep Green, Plane Over Paris Air Post (C14a; Yvert PA14b).** Mint N.H. large selvage at left (lightly hinged in selvage only), perfectly centered amid especially wide margins, rich distinctive shade on crisp white paper, Extremely Fine, examples in the deep green shade this choice are few and far between, ex Dr. Killien, with 2013 Behr certificate, Scott \$1,650, Yvert €2,400 E. \$500-750



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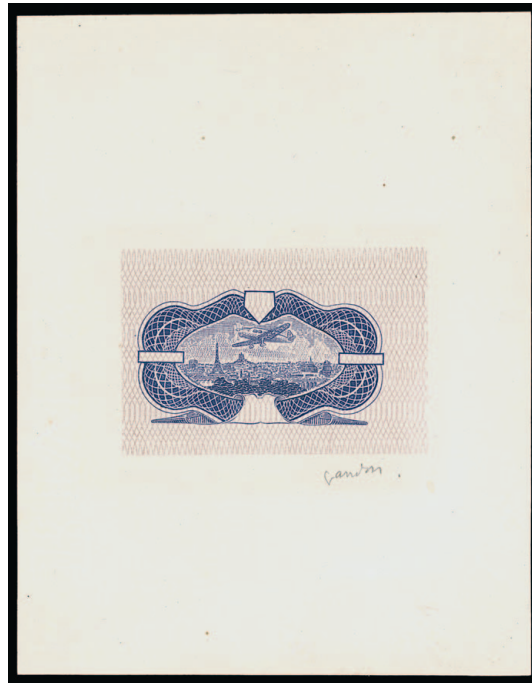
3033 ★★ **1936, 50fr Deep Green, Plane Over Paris Air Post (C14a; Yvert PA14b).** Mint N.H. with huge selvage at right (hinged in selvage only), wonderful centering, rich color, Very Fine, Scott \$1,650, Yvert €2,400 E. \$400-500

1936 "BANKNOTE" ISSUE



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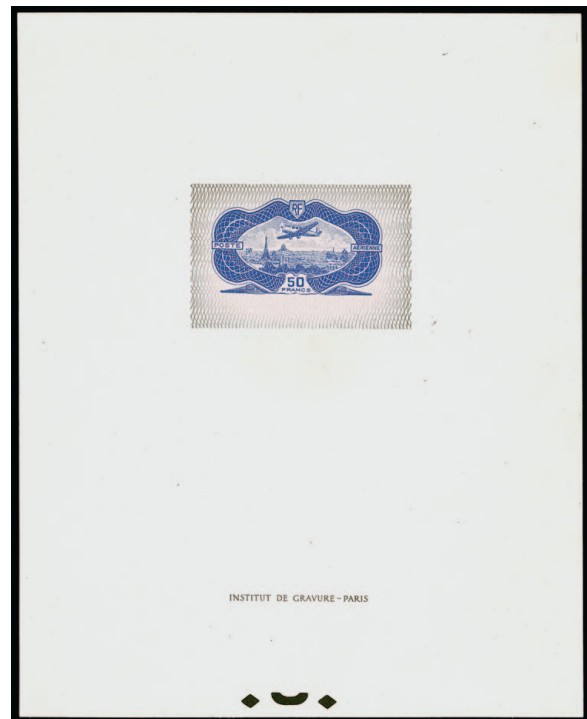
3034 E **1936, 100fr Banknote, Air Post Essay (C15E; Yvert PA15E).** Printed in Dark Red on wove paper measuring 51 x 35mm, with complete network background, intense impression, bold color
 VERY FINE. AN INCREDIBLY RARE ESSAY IN DARK RED OF THE 1936 100-FRANC BANKNOTE AIR POST. ONLY A HANDFUL ARE THOUGHT TO EXIST.
 Signed Calves. With 2020 Gautre certificate. E. \$2,000-3,000



3035

- 3035 P **1936, 50fr Banknote, Air Post, Undenominated Large Die Proof (C15P; Yvert PA15P).** Lightly die sunk on card measuring 100 x 129mm, printed in issued colors but **without denomination**, signed by engraver "Gandon" (Gaston Gandon) at bottom
 VERY FINE. A REMARKABLE INCOMPLETE UNDENOMINATED DIE PROOF OF THE 1936 50-FRANC BANKNOTE AIR POST — WHICH IS BELIEVED TO BE UNIQUE.
 With 2022 Gautre certificate..... E. \$4,000-5,000

- 3036 P **1936, 50fr Banknote, Air Post, Deluxe Proof (C15P; Yvert PA15P).** Measuring 191 x 154mm, wonderfully bright and fresh, accompanied by special folder with engraved image and "Institute de Gravure, Paris" seal, Very Fine, a rare deluxe proof which is surprisingly elusive, especially with the folder, Yvert €3,250.....
 ...**(Website PDF)** E. \$1,000-1,500



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3037S **1936, 50fr Banknote, Air Post, "Specimen" Overprint (C15S; Yvert PA15a).** Mint N.H. with selvage at bottom (hinged in selvage only), wonderfully fresh colors, excellent centering

EXTREMELY FINE. A RARE "SPECIMEN" OVERPRINT ON THE 1936 50-FRANC BANKNOTE AIR POST.

Signed Calves. With 2019 Roumet and 2019 Francois Feldman certificates. Unlisted in Scott. Yvert €8,500. E. \$1,500-2,000



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3038 ★★ **1936, 50fr Banknote, Air Post (C15; Yvert PA15).** Mint N.H., selvage at right, perfectly centered, exceedingly fresh, Extremely Fine, Scott \$1,700, Yvert €1,500..... E. \$400-500

3039 ☒ **1936, 50fr Banknote, Air Post (C15; Yvert PA15).** Well-centered, tied by "Beziers, 7-9 39" hexagon datestamp on censored registered cover to Paris, censor tape at right, opened at bottom, Very Fine, scarce as a single franking, signed Calves, Scott \$1,200, Yvert €1,250 E. \$400-500

3040 ★★ **1936, 50fr Banknote, Air Post, Red Network Inverted (C15a; Yvert PA15b).** Mint N.H., bright colors, precise centering, Extremely Fine, signed Roumet and with his 2018 certificate, Scott \$1,300, Yvert €1,600 E. \$300-400

1936 50-FRANC BANKNOTE AIR POST
A RARE MATCHING SET OF THE NORMAL RED NETWORK
AND INVERTED RED NETWORK
COIN DATES BLOCKS OF FOUR



Both 3041



3041 ★★田 1936, 50fr Banknote, Air Post, Normal Red Network and Inverted Red Network (C15-C15a; Yvert PA15-PA15b). Matching Mint N.H. bottom right corner selvaige coins dates (printing date) blocks of four, normal dated Jun. 15 and network inverted Jun. 16, 1936, impressively well-centered, bright and fresh

EXTREMELY FINE. A RARE MATCHING MINT NEVER-HINGED SET OF THE 50-FRANC BANKNOTE AIR POSTS IN COIN DATES BLOCKS OF FOUR.

Scott \$12,000 as singles. Yvert €15,000 (Yvert does not differentiate prices of network orientation for coin dates)..... E. \$3,000-4,000

1927 50-FRANC BANKNOTE AIR POST
A STUNNING COMPLETE SHEET OF 25



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3042 ★★田 1936, 50fr Banknote, Air Post, Red Network Inverted (C15a; Yvert PA15b). Mint N.H. complete pane of 25 with Jun. 16, 1936 coin dates (printing date) in bottom right selvage (hinged in selvage only), wonderfully well-centered throughout, bold colors

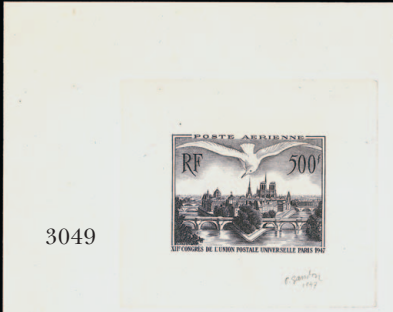
VERY FINE. A MARVELOUS COMPLETE PANE OF 25 OF THE 50-FRANC BANKNOTE AIR POST. RARELY ENCOUNTERED AS A COMPLETE PANE.

With 2020 Behr certificate (as Yvert No. PA15). Scott \$32,500. Yvert €41,100 as coin dates block and 21 singles. E. \$7,500-10,000

1936 AND LATER ISSUES



- 3043 ★★ 1936, 1.50fr, 10fr South Atlantic Air Post Flight (C16-C17; Yvert 320-321). Mint N.H., superb centering, fresh and Extremely Fine, Scott \$735, Yvert €840.....
(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. \$200-300
- 3044 ★★田 1936, 1.50fr, 10fr South Atlantic Flight Air Post (C16-C17; Yvert 320-321). Mint N.H. corner selvage blocks of our with coins dates (printing date), 1.50fr dated "4.8.36" and 10fr dated "31.7.36", wonderfully well-centered, bold colors, Extremely Fine, the 10fr is a particularly rare coin dates block, 10fr signed Roumet and with 2017 Roumet certificate, Yvert €4,200.....
(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. \$1,000-1,500
- 3045 E 1940s Unadopted Die Proof Essays. Four essays with different designs and from different artists, each die sunk on card with denominations from 50fr-1,000fr, includes examples from Ferra, Parraud, Vares, and Beaudin, the first three signed by artist at bottom right of design, Very Fine and scarce, seldom encountered.....
(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. \$1,000-1,500
- 3046 P 1945, 100fr Roosevelt "Aide a la France" Large Die Proofs, Unissued Air Post. Five large die proofs, die sunk on cards measuring approximately 177 x 217mm, colors incl. Black, Brown, Blue, Green and Magenta, each signed "L. Verrou" who was commissioned to produce this stamp which was never issued, Very Fine and scarce group.....
(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. \$500-750
- 3047 P 1946-47, 40fr-200fr Air Post, Deluxe Proofs (C18P-C21P; Yvert PA16P-PA19P). Four proofs, bright and fresh, Very Fine, Yvert €900.....
(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. \$200-300



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IN 5

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3055EX

- 3048 E **1947, 500fr Air Post, Incomplete Die Proof (C22E; Yvert PA22E).** Measuring 130 x 115mm, printed in black showing large portion of design complete with the exception of the sky portion, wonderfully fresh
- VERY FINE. A RARE INCOMPLETE DESIGN DIE PROOF OF THE 1947 500-FRANC AIR POST. UNLIKELY MANY, IF ANY, OTHERS EXIST.
- With 2020 Roumet certificate.
..... E. \$1,500-2,000



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- 3049 P **1947, 500fr Air Post, Large Die Proof (C22P; Yvert PA20P).** Printed in Dark Violet and die sunk on card measuring 150 x 122mm, signed "G. Gandon 1947" (Gaston Gandon) at bottom right, Very Fine E. \$200-300
- 3050 P **1947, 500fr Air Post, Deluxe Proof, Large & Small Formats (C22P; Yvert PA20P).** Two items, large format measuring 154 x 125mm with interleaving still attached, and small format measuring 129 x 89mm, Very Fine, Yvert €1,250 E. \$300-400
- 3051 ★★ **1947, 500fr Air Post, Deluxe Proof (C22P; Yvert PA20P).** Mint N.H., exceptionally fresh, Very Fine, a choice example of this very rare proof, **only 20 printed** that were gummed and perforated, Yvert €2,300 E. \$500-750
- 3052 ★★田 **1947, 500fr Ile de la Cite, Air Post (C22; Yvert PA20).** Mint N.H. **complete pane** of ten, fresh color, Very Fine and scarce, catalogued as singles, Scott \$450, Yvert €600 E. \$150-200
- 3053 ★★ **1948, 50fr+30fr to 100fr+70fr Air Post Semi-Postal, Collective Deluxe Proof (CB1P-CB3P; Yvert PA21P-PA23P).** Mint N.H., fresh colors, minor gum bend at left (not affecting stamps), otherwise Very Fine and quite scarce, with 2022 Francois Feldman certificate stating **fifteen printed**, Yvert €750 E. \$200-300
- 3054 P **1949, 100fr-500fr Air Posts, Deluxe Proofs and Large Die Proofs (C23P-C26P; Yvert PA24P-PA27P).** Set of deluxe die proofs of each denomination in the issued color (Yvert €650), plus **seven large die proofs** in Black consisting of 100fr (1), 200fr (1), 300fr (2), 500fr (3), each slightly differing in card size or with serrated edges, signed by engraver at bottom right, Very Fine (Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. \$300-400
- 3055 ★★田 **1949-50, 100fr-1,000fr Air Posts (C23-C27; Yvert PA24-PA27, PA29).** Mint N.H. **complete panes**, 100fr-500fr panes of 25 with **coin dates** (printing date) at corner, 1,000fr pane of ten with **coin dates**, wonderfully fresh, Very Fine and scarce set of sheets, catalogued as singles (with no premium for coin dates), Scott \$3,367, Yvert €4,400 (Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. \$750-1,000
- 3056 P **1950, 1,000fr Air Post, Deluxe Die Proof (C27P; Yvert PA29P).** Printed on slightly blued paper measuring 130 x 100mm, fresh and Very Fine, Yvert €900...*Not Illustrated* E. \$200-300
- 3057 P **1949, 100fr Air Post, Large Die Proofs (C28P; Yvert PA28P).** Eight examples in mostly different shades including the issued Brown Carmine color, each die sunk on slightly differing card sizes and signed "Gandon" (Pierre Gandon) at bottom right, also accompanied by deluxe die proof (Yvert €400), Very Fine (Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. \$750-1,000
- 3058 ★★ **1950, 1,000fr Decaris Paris, Unissued Essay (Maury 29A).** Ten Mint N.H. examples with nine different color combinations, all imperforate, six with sheet margin on at least one side including three corner sheet margin examples, wonderfully bright and fresh, Very Fine and quite scarce, especially in an offering of this size, these were designed but never issued, instead Scott No. C27 (Yvert PA29, Maury PA29) was chosen, couple signed, Maury €4,000 (Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. \$1,000-1,500



3059EX



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- 3059 ✉ **1954, 100f-1,000f Air Posts (C29-C32; Yvert PA30-PA33).** Each value on **first day cover** with cachets of the depicted plane at left and tied by “Premier Jour Paris, Poste Aerienne, 16 Janv. 54” circular datestamp with additional strike beside, addressed to French Air Club in Paris, Very Fine and scarce, Yvert €1,200..(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. \$300-400
- 3060 ★★田 **1954, 500fr Magister Air Post (C31; Yvert PA32).** Mint N.H. bottom left selvage block of four with **coin dates “9.12.53”** (printing date), bright and fresh, Very Fine, Yvert €1,250
 E. \$300-400



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- 3061 ★★田 **1954, 1,000fr Provence Air Post (C32; Yvert PA33).** Mint N.H. bottom left selvage block of four with **coin dates “23.11.54”** (printing date), well-centered, fresh and Very Fine, Yvert €675..... E. \$200-300
- 3062 P **1957, 500fr Caravelle, “Bloc Speciaux” Die Proof (C35 var; Yvert PA36).** Without gum, stamp printed in issued color, main design printed in Black rather than Brown and missing imprint at bottom left, pencil manuscript “Tirage 3 exemplaires” at bottom left, Very Fine and presumably very rare, the only example we have encountered, unlisted in Yvert or Maury E. \$1,000-1,500



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- 3063 ★★ 1957, 500fr Caravelle, “Bloc Speciaux” Die Proof (C35 var; Yvert PA36). Mint N.H., bright and fresh, Very Fine and rare, only 20 examples were printed of this sheetlet on gummed paper, Yvert €2,400..... E. \$750-1,000
- 3064 P 1947-69 Deluxe Die Proof Group. Thirteen deluxe proofs including 1947 Saint-Exupery & Dagnaux, 1954 100fr-1,000fr Planes, 1955 50fr Bastie, 1960-64 2fr-10fr Planes, 1965 Mystere 20, and 1969 1fr Concorde, plus a few other proofs or reprints, mostly Very Fine, Yvert €2,215(Website PDF) E. \$500-750
- 3065 ★★ 1958, 1,000fr Alouette Helicopter, Souvenir Sheet of One (C36 var; Yvert PA37 var). Mint N.H., perforated and printed in Black rather than the issued colors of Lilac, Olive Black, & Black, fresh and Very Fine, an unusual item which is not listed in Scott, Yvert, or Maury E. \$300-400



3066

- 3066 ★★田 1960, 2fr-10fr Air Posts, Imperforate (C37-C40; Yvert PA38-PA41). Mint N.H. complete panes with coins dates in corner margin, 2fr-5fr panes of 50, 10fr pane of 25, wonderfully fresh, 2fr-5fr previously folded at center between stamps, fresh and Very Fine, quite rare as complete panes, Yvert €7,625 as 25 sets, not counting the additional 25 stamps of each of the lower three values(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. \$1,000-1,500



3067

- 3067 ★★ **1998, 30fr Potez 25, Black Inscriptions Omitted (C61 var; Yvert PA62b).** Mint N.H. horizontal strip of three with selvage at right, center stamp the error with “Poste Aérienne 1998”, “30,00”, and “Potez 25” completely omitted, right stamp **partially** showing top part of inscription and missing “Potez 25” at bottom

VERY FINE. A REMARKABLE SE-TENANT ERROR STRIP WITH BLACK INSCRIPTIONS OMITTED AND PARTIALLY OMITTED. ONLY ONE SHEET WAS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN PRINTED.

Center and right stamp signed Calves. With 2017 Robin certificate. Yvert €10,000 for just center error stamp. E. \$2,000-3,000

FRANCE AIR POST COLLECTION LOTS

- 3068 ☒ **France Air Post Postal History, 1929-39.** Eleven flown covers, earliest from 1929 with Air Post etiquette label on crash cover with violet “Raid Interrompu par Accident, Retour a l’envoyeur” handstamp, also with 1929 Air Post cover to Saigon, No. C5 on covers from 1930 Aero Club Vincennes and 1931 Journees Nationales Vincennes, No. C6 on 1930 Paris Exhibition cards (3) and 1932 Mulhouse Aero Exhibition, No. C8 on 1939 Montpellier Exhibition cover, and No. C17 on 1937 “Via Air France” cover to Chile, mostly Very Fine and interesting group(Website PDF) E. \$750-1,000
- 3069 ★★ **France Imperforate Air Post Collection, 1946-1982.** Over 50 Mint N.H. imperforate stamps including a few pairs representing a **near complete offering** of the period from 1946-1982 (missing just No. C22), plus a few later, all with large to huge margins, often with sheet margins, Nos. C29-C32 with two additional sets of imperforate color trials, mostly Very Fine, a tough group to assemble with printing numbers as low as 200 each, Yvert €5,660(Website PDF) E. \$1,000-1,500
- 3070 ★★☒ **1997-2021 Air Post Souvenir Sheets (C60-C85; Yvert F61a-F89).** Complete offering of issued souvenir sheets of ten for this 24 year period, all Mint N.H., plus from 1997-2008 sheets are accompanied by **die proof single** of stamp with imprint at bottom right, also 1997 20f imperforate block of four and 2005 imperforate single, Very Fine, Yvert €3,426(Website PDF) E. \$750-1,000
- 3071 ★★ **Small Air Post Collection Balance.** With better singles and sets, complete panes of 1947 Saint-Exupery & Dagnaux (CB1-CB2; Yvert PA21-PA22), coins dates blocks of Yvert Nos. PA7, PA16-PA19, and PA24-PA27, all Mint N.H., plus a few first days covers, Very Fine(Website PDF) E. \$300-400

1943 RICHELIEU MILITARY AIR POSTS



- 3072 ★★ 1943, 50c on 75c to 1f50c Richelieu Military Air Post (Yvert PAM1-PAM3). Mint N.H., 1fr with selvage at left, impressively well-centered on each, bold colors, Extremely Fine, scarce this choice, Nos. PAM1 and PAM3 signed Calves, each with 2017 Robin certificate, Yvert €2,640 E. \$500-750
- 3073 ★ MAURITANIA, 1943, 2fr Purple, 3fr Green, Richelieu Military Air Post Overprint (Yvert PAM4-5). 2fr Mint N.H., 3fr with light marks on gum causing us to call it lightly hinged, fresh and Very Fine, unlikely many were overprinted, each signed Calves, Yvert €1,010 E. \$300-400
- 3074 ★★ SENEGAL, 1943, 1fr Brown, 1.75fr Blue, Richelieu Military Air Post Overprint (Yvert PAM6-7). Mint N.H., well-centered, bright colors, Very Fine, unlikely many were overprinted, each signed Sanabria, Yvert €1,430 E. \$300-400
- 3075 ★★ 1943, 5fr on 10fr Richelieu Military Air Post Overprint (Yvert PAM8). Mint N.H. with large selvage at right, remarkably well-centered, bold color and sharp impression, Extremely Fine and scarce, signed Calves and with 2021 Francois Feldman certificate, Yvert €1,500 E. \$400-500



3076

3076 ★★ 1943, 5fr Beaune, Richelieu Military Air Post Overprint (Yvert PAM9). Mint N.H., near perfect centering, deep rich color on bright paper, Extremely Fine, a particularly rare overprint on this 5fr stamp, signed Calves and with 2021 Francois Feldman certificate, Yvert €3,750.... E. \$1,000-1,500



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3077 ★★ 1943, 5fr Beaune, Richelieu Military Air Post Overprint, Double Overprint (Yvert PAM9var). Horizontal se-tenant pair, right stamp the error with clear doubling of overprint, well-centered, intensely rich color

VERY FINE. A SUPERB MINT NEVER-HINGED 5-FRANC BEAUNE SE-TENANT ERROR PAIR WITH THE DOUBLE RICHELIEU OVERPRINT.

Signed Calves. With 2021 Francois Feldman certificate. Unlisted in Yvert with the double overprint. Yvert €7,500 as two normal singles..... E. \$2,000-3,000



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3080

3078 ★★ 1943, 10fr Angers, Richelieu Military Air Post Overprint (Yvert PAM10). Mint N.H., well-centered, rich color, Very Fine and choice, signed Calves and with 2021 Francois Feldman certificate, Yvert €1,600 E. \$400-500

3079 ★★ 1943, 80c Petain, Richelieu Military Air Post Overprint (Yvert PAM11). Mint N.H., bold color, fresh and Very Fine, a scarce overprint on the 80c Petain stamp, signed Calves and with 2021 Francois Feldman certificate, Yvert €1,800 E. \$400-500

3080 ★★ 1943, 1fr75c Constantine, Richelieu Military Air Post Overprint (Yvert PAM12). Mint N.H., well-centered with wide margins, lovely fresh color on bright paper, Very Fine and choice, a very rare overprint on this 1fr75c stamp, with 2021 Francois Feldman certificate, Yvert €3,250..... E. \$750-1,000



3081 ☒ **1943, 1fr75c Constantine, Richelieu Military Air Post Overprint (Yvert PAM12).** Well-centered, used with U.S. 6c Transport Air Post, each tied by “Batiment de Ligne Richelieu, 22-9-43” hexagon datestamp with additional strike at center on card addressed to New York, French and U.S. censor markings, Very Fine and quite rare, especially with the 1fr75c stamp which is one of the rarest Richelieu overprinted stamps, the French Battleship *Richelieu* was in New York from Feb.-Oct. 1943 and uses from this period are seldom encountered E. \$750-1,000

3082 ★★ **SENEGAL, 1943, 25c Pont, Richelieu Military Air Post Overprint, Inverted Overprint (Yvert PAM13 var).** Mint N.H. with some light offset on gum as usual, intensely rich shade and impression

VERY FINE AND RARE EXAMPLE OF THE SENEGAL 25-CENTIMES WITH THE INVERTED RICHELIEU OVERPRINT. WE SUSPECT VERY FEW EXAMPLES WERE PRINTED.

This stamp, with the correct overprint orientation, is the rarest to find with the “Richelieu” overprint. This rarity is just compounded with the overprint error.

Signed Calves. With 2021 Francois Feldman certificate. Unlisted in Yvert with inverted overprint. Yvert €4,500 as normal.. E. \$1,500-2,000



3082

3083 ☒ **SENEGAL, 1943, 25c Pont, Richelieu Military Air Post Overprint, Inverted Overprint (Yvert PAM13 var).** Used with U.S. 6c Transport Air Post, each tied by “Batiment de Ligne Richelieu, 22-9-43” hexagon datestamp on card addressed to New York, French and U.S. censor markings, Very Fine, the Senegal 25c Pont is the rarest of the “Richelieu” overprints, particularly so with the inverted overprint and legitimately used on card, the French Battleship *Richelieu* was in New York from Feb.-Oct. 1943 and uses from this period are seldom encountered E. \$1,000-1,500

3084 ★★ **SENEGAL, 1943, 75c Mosque, Richelieu Military Air Post Overprint (Yvert PAM14).** Mint N.H., wonderful centering with particularly wide margins, rich color, Extremely Fine, a Gem example of this very rare overprint, we suspect only a small handful of examples were overprinted, with 2021 Francois Feldman certificate, Yvert €3,500 E. \$750-1,000

3085 ★★ **SENEGAL, 1943, 1fr25c Mosque, Richelieu Military Air Post Overprint (Yvert PAM15).** Mint N.H., intensely rich color on bright paper, Very Fine and choice, a very rare overprint, we suspect only a small handful of examples were overprinted, signed Calves and with 2021 Francois Feldman certificate, Yvert €3,500 E. \$750-1,000

AN IMPRESSIVE OFFERING OF
 1870-71 SIEGE OF PARIS BALLON MONTE COVERS
 TO EXCEPTIONAL INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS
 (ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY)

A RARE USE OF THE DARTOIS & YON AERONAUTES CACHET
 ON A BALLON MONTE COVER FLOWN ON THE "GAMBETTA"



3086
 front and back

3086 ☒ **1870, 20c Blue (57; Yvert 37).** Tied by dotted "AP" star cancel (Auxerre to Paris, railroad cancel), large blue "**Republique Francaise, Dartois & Yon, Aeronauts du Gouvernement**" double-circle handstamp on back of 1871 folded "Par Ballon Monte" **Gazette des Absents No. 15** carried across the lines by Ballon Monte during the siege of Paris and sent by mail to L'orient, carried on the *Gambetta* departing Jan. 10, L'orient Jan. 15 arrival backstamp VERY FINE. A RARE USE OF THE DARTOIS & YON AERONAUTES CANCEL ON BALLON MONTE COVER FLOWN ON THE *GAMBETTA*.

The *Gambetta* was piloted by Charles Duvivier and departed Gare du Nord station, Paris around 4am on Jan. 10, 1871. He landed near Ouanne around 2:30pm, travelling a distance of around 200km.

Signed J-F Brun. With 1981 Calves and 2022 Francois Feldman certificates.
 E. \$3,000-4,000



3087

- 3087 ☒ **1870, 20c Blue (57; Yvert 37).** Vertical pair tied by dotted “1” star cancel, used with **1862, 1c Olive on Pale Blue (57; Yvert 19)** on back and tied by blue company handstamp (severed in half from opening), “Paris, Pl. De La Bourse 4E/10 Janv. 71” double-circle datestamp and red “PD” framed handstamp on folded “Par Ballon Monte” **Gazette des Absents No. 25** carried across the lines by Ballon Monte during the siege of Paris and sent by mail to **Alexandria, Egypt**, carried on the *Kepler* departing Jan. 11, Toulon-sur-Mer Jan. 16 transit backstamp, mild file fold crossing bottom 20c stamp

VERY FINE BALLON MONTE COVER CARRIED FROM PARIS DURING THE FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR AND ONWARDS TO ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT. A SCARCE DESTINATION.

The *Kepler* was piloted by Achille Felix Roux and departed Orleans Station, Paris around 3:30am on Jan. 11, 1871. He landed near Laval around 9:15am, travelling a distance of around 280km.

With 2000 Behr certificate (not noting file fold)..... E. \$3,000-4,000



3088

- 3088 ☒ **1870, 40c Orange (18; Yvert 16).** Large to full margins, tied by dotted star cancel, “Paris, 7E/28 Oct. 70” double-circle datestamp and black “PD” framed handstamp on folded letter carried across the lines by Ballon Monte during the siege of Paris and sent by mail to **Saar, Germany**, carried on the *Colonel Charras* departing Oct. 29

VERY FINE. A VERY RARE BALLON MONTE COVER CARRIED OVER THE LINES AND ONWARDS TO SAAR, GERMANY. VERY FEW EXAMPLES ARE KNOWN.

The *Colonel Charras* was piloted by Ferdinand Gilles and departed Gare du Nord Station, Paris around 12pm on Oct. 29, 1870. He landed in Montigny-le-Roi around 5pm, travelling a distance of around 300km.

With 2018 Calves & Jacquart and 2022 Francois Feldman certificates. The latter noting this example as one of the top 100 ballons montes covers (Chertier p. 288). E. \$3,000-4,000

HANDSOME BALLON MONTE COVER SENT TO MARTINIQUE
AN ENORMOUSLY RARE AND OBSCURE DESTINATION



3089

3089 ☒ **1867, 30c Brown (34; Yvert 30)**. Used with **1870, 40c Orange (59; Yvert 38)**, oxidized, both tied by dotted star cancel, "Paris, R. de Bondy 5E/26 Dec. 70" double-circle date-stamp and red "PD" framed handstamp on folded letter carried across the lines by Ballon Monte during the siege of Paris and sent by mail to **Martinique**, carried on the *Tourville* departing Dec. 27, sender's directive "Par Ballon Monte, Paquebots Anglais", St. Nazaire Jan. 7 and and Paquebot Anglais Jan. 14 transit backstamps

VERY FINE. AN IMPORTANT BALLON MONTE COVER ORIGINATING IN PARIS DURING THE FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR AND CARRIED ONWARDS TO MARTINIQUE. AN INCREDIBLY RARE AND OBSCURE DESTINATION.

The *Tourville* was piloted by Abel Moutet and departed Orleans Station, Paris around 3:45am on Jan. 14, 1871. He landed in Eymoutiers around 1pm, travelling a distance of around 430km.

With 2022 Francois Feldman certificate. E. \$7,500-10,000

HIGHLY IMPORTANT BALLON MONTE COVER SENT TO MEXICO CITY



3090

3090 ☒ **1868, 80c Rose (36; Yvert 32)**. Used with **1870, 40c Orange (59; Yvert 38)**, tied by bold dotted "2" star cancel, "Paris, R. St. Lazare 7E/13 Janv. 71" double-circle datestamp and red "PP" framed handstamp on folded letter carried across the lines by Ballon Monte during the siege of Paris and sent by mail to **Mexico City, Mexico**, carried on the *Vaucanson* departing Jan. 15, sender's directive "*Par Ballon Monte, via St. Nazaire ou des Etats Unis*", clearly struck red London Jan. 27 transit datestamp, bold "4" due marking on arrival, 80c trivial perf flaw from placement on cover

EXTREMELY FINE. A VERY RARE BALLON MONTE COVER FLOWN DURING THE FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR AND CARRIED ONWARDS TO MEXICO. A SUPERB COVER WITH GREAT EYE-APPEAL TO AN INCREDIBLE DESTINATION.

The *Vaucanson* was piloted by Andre Clariot and departed Orleans Station, Paris around 3am on Jan. 15, 1871. He landed in Erquinghem-Lys around 11am, travelling a distance of around 240km. In the 2021 Rumsey auction of the Forster sale, they state this was carried on the R.M.S.S. *Seine* from Southampton on Feb. 2 to St. Thomas (arriving Feb. 18). Then aboard the R.M.S.P. *Eider* on Feb. 19 to Vera Cruz (arriving Mar. 2).

Ex Forster. With 2021 Roumet certificate. E. \$20,000-30,000



3091

- 3091 ☒ **1863, 40c Pale Orange (35; Yvert 31).** Tied by dotted star cancel, “Paris, R. Taitbout 3E/6 NOV. 70” double-circle datestamp and red “PD” framed handstamp on folded “Par Ballon Monte” lettersheet carried across the lines by Ballon Monte during the siege of Paris and sent by mail to **Constantinople, Ottoman Empire (Turkey)**, carried on the *Gironde* departing Nov. 8, Marseilles Nov. 12 transit and Constantinople (French Post Office) Nov. 19 arrival backstamp

VERY FINE. A RARE AND HANDSOME BALLON MONTE COVER CARRIED FROM THE BESEIGED CITY OF PARIS AND ONWARDS VIA SEAPOST TO CONSTANTINOPLE.

The *Gironde* was piloted by Claude Galley and departed Orleans Station, Paris around 8:30am on Nov. 8, 1870. He landed in Gaudreville around 3:40pm, travelling a distance of around 115km.

Ex Forster. With 2021 Roumet certificate. E. \$2,000-3,000

A DESIRABLE BALLON MONTE COVER SENT TO PERU



3092

3092 ☒ **1868, 80c Rose (36; Yvert 32)**. Used with **1870, 20c Dull Blue on Blue (57; Yvert 37)**, tied by dotted “37” star cancel, “Paris, Bl. Malesherbes 6E/12 Dec. 70” double-circle datestamp, red and black “PP” framed handstamps on folded letter carried across the lines by Ballon Monte during the siege of Paris and sent by mail to **Lima, Peru**, carried on the *Ville de Paris* departing Dec. 15, sender’s directive “*Voie Panama, par ballon monte*”, without transit or arrival as this balloon was captured by the Prussians, 20c slight perf fault due to placement on cover and cover with slight edge wear

VERY FINE. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE AND EXOTIC DESTINATION FOR A BALLON MONTE COVER FLOWN OUT OF PARIS AND ULTIMATELY CAPTURED BY THE PRUSSAINS.

The *Ville de Paris* was piloted by Delamarne and departed Gare du Nord Station, Paris around 4:45am on Dec. 15, 1870. He landed in Prussian territory near Wertzburg around 11am, travelling a distance of around 500km. Delmarne, along with his two passengers, Billebault and Morel, plus around 65kg of mail were captured and imprisoned.

Ex Forster. With 2021 Roumet certificate. E. \$20,000-30,000



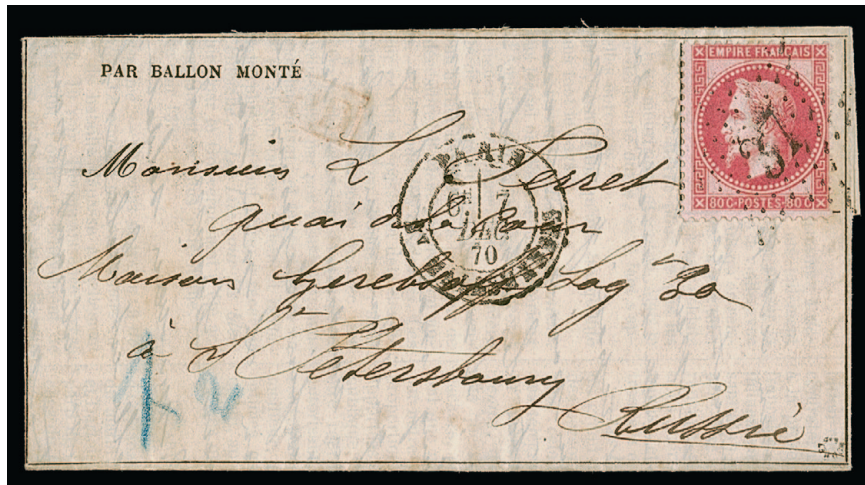
3093

- 3093 ☒ **1868, 80c Carmine on Yellowish (36a; Yvert 32a).** Tied by dotted star cancel, “Paris, R. Taitbout 2E/30 Oct. 70” double-circle datestamp and red “PD” framed handstamp on folded “Par Ballon Monte” **Gazette des Absents No. 2** carried across the lines by Ballon Monte during the siege of Paris and sent by mail to **St. Petersburg, Russia**, carried on the *Fulton* departing Nov. 2, without arrival as usual, manuscript “f2” blue crayon accountancy marking

VERY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL BALLON MONTE COVER CARRIED FROM PARIS VIA BALLOON AND ONWARDS TO RUSSIA. A RARE DESTINATION.

The *Fulton* was piloted by Le Gloarnec and departed Orleans Station, Paris around 8:45am on Oct. 2, 1870. He landed in Cossé d’Anjou around 2:30pm, travelling a distance of around 340km. The pilot, Le Gloarnec, died just over a week after arriving due to a chest infection.

With 2022 Francois Feldman certificate. E. \$2,000-3,000



3094

3094 ✉ **1868, 80c Rose (36; Yvert 32).** Tied by dotted “37” star cancel, “Paris, Bl. Malesherbes 6E/7 Dec. 70” double-circle datestamp and red “PD” framed handstamp on folded “Par Ballon Monte” **Gazette des Absents No. 14** carried across the lines by Ballon Monte during the siege of Paris and sent by mail to **St. Petersburg, Russia**, carried on the *General Renault* departing Nov. 11, without arrival as usual, manuscript “f2” blue crayon accountancy marking

VERY FINE AND RARE DESTINATION. A PRISTINE BALLON MONTE COVER CARRIED FROM PARIS VIA BALLOON AND ONWARDS TO RUSSIA.

The *General Renault* was piloted by Henry Joignerey and departed Gare du Nord Station, Paris around 2:15am on Dec. 11, 1870. He landed in Baillotet around 5:30am, travelling a distance of around 140km.

Ex Forster. With 2021 Roumet certificate. E. \$3,000-4,000



3095

- 3095 ☒ **1868, 80c Carmine on Yellowish (36a; Yvert 32a).** Tied by dotted “36” star cancel, “Paris, Ministère des Finances 5E/31 Dec. 70” double-circle datestamp and red “PD” framed handstamp on folded “Par Ballon Monte” lettersheet carried across the lines by Ballon Monte during the siege of Paris and sent by mail to **St. Petersburg, Russia**, carried on the *Newton* departing Jan. 4, without arrival as usual, manuscript “f2” blue crayon accountancy marking

VERY FINE. A RARE BALLON MONTE COVER CARRIED FROM PARIS DURING THE FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR AND ONWARDS TO ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA.

The *Newton* was piloted by Aime Ours and departed Orleans Station, Paris around 4am on Jan. 4, 1871. He landed near Digny around 11am, travelling a distance of around 110km. Despite landing in Prussian-held territory, due to thick fog and the kind gesture of a local farmer, they managed to avoid detection.

With 2022 Francois Feldman certificate. E. \$2,000-3,000



3096

- 3096 ✉ **1870, 40c Orange (59; Yvert 38).** Tied by smudged dotted “22” star cancel, “Paris, R. Taibout 7 Dec. 70” double-circle datestamp and red “PD” framed handstamp on folded “Par Ballon Monte” **Gazette des Absents No. 14** carried across the lines by Ballon Monte during the siege of Paris and sent by mail to **Madrid, Spain**, carried on the *General Renault* departing Nov. 11, red Madrid Dec. 22 arrival backstamp (slightly affected by opening and adhesive)

VERY FINE FLOWN BALLON MONTE COVER AND CARRIED ONWARDS TO MADRID. SPAIN IS A SURPRISINGLY SCARCE DESTINATION.

The *General Renault* was piloted by Henry Joignerey and departed Gare du Nord Station, Paris around 2:15am on Dec. 11, 1870. He landed in Baillotet around 5:30am, travelling a distance of around 140km.

Ex Forster. With 2021 Roumet certificate. E. \$2,000-3,000



3097

3097 ☒ **1868, 80c Rose (36; Yvert 32).** Tied by dotted “15” star cancel, “Paris, R. Bonaparte 2E/4 OCT. 70” double-circle datestamp on folded “Par Ballon Monte” lettersheet carried across the lines by Ballon Monte during the siege of Paris and sent by mail to **New York, United States**, delayed from the *Armand-Barbes* and carried on either the *Washington* or *Louis-Blanc* departing Oct. 12, letter written in English discussing conditions and “we are cut off from all communications since a fortnight, and we do not know how long this state of things will last...My dear husband is in the militia...he is very tired because he is obliged to remain 24 hours on the ramparts of the city...”, London Oct. 13 transit also ties stamp, New York Oct. 25 arrival datestamp, “2 cents” due handstamp, cover with slight soiling

VERY FINE. A RARE FLOWN BALLON MONTE COVER CARRIED FROM PARIS DURING THE FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR AND ADDRESSED TO NEW YORK.

It is presumed that this missed the *Armand-Barbes* due to the London Oct. 13 transit. The next ballons to leave Paris were the *Washington* and *Louis-Blanc*, but due to the lack of any French postal markings, it cannot be confirmed which flight this was on.

Ex Forster. With 2021 Roumet certificate. E. \$2,000-3,000



3098

- 3098 ☒ **1868, 80c Rose (36; Yvert 32).** Tied by dotted “3” star cancel, “Paris, Pl. de la Madeleine 3E/3 Oct. 70” double-circle datestamp and red “PP” framed handstamp on folded letter carried across the lines by Ballon Monte during the siege of Paris and sent by mail to **Montevideo, Uruguay**, carried on the *Armand-Barbes* departing Oct. 7, sender’s directive “*voie Anglaise par Southampton, Par ballon Monte*”, Paris-Calais (over backflap) and London Oct. 17 transit datestamps

VERY FINE. A STUNNING FLOWN BALLON MONTE COVER ORIGINATING IN PARIS DURING THE FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR AND CARRIED ONWARDS TO URUGUAY. AN INCREDIBLY RARE SOUTH AMERICAN DESTINATION OF WHICH FEW ARE KNOWN.

The *Armand-Barbes* was piloted by Alexandre Trichet and departed St. Peter’s Square, Paris around 11am on Oct. 7, 1870. He landed near Somme around 3:30pm, travelling a distance of around 95km. The balloon crash landed in a forest and was damaged by trees. The passengers were injured but managed to survive. Fortunately, the forest was not occupied by the Prussian army at the time of landing.

With 2022 Francois Feldman certificate. E. \$7,500-10,000

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