

The French Invasion

On June 14, 1830, the French landed about 34,000 troops at Sidi-Ferruch, just west of Alger. Within a few days the army had mail service and special markings. The principal cancels on military mail were three-line handstamps. These were assigned to five post offices, using letters "A" through "E" to distinguish the offices, as the French extended their occupation.

Camp du Sidi-Kalif to
St. Germain-en-Laye,
France, June 19,
1830

First date of use, five
days after disembarking.

Letter "A" assigned to
Alger after July 5 capture.

Reverse – "BANLIEUE"
(suburbs) and CDS transit
marks, St. Germain
receipt mark and rural
carrier star mark.



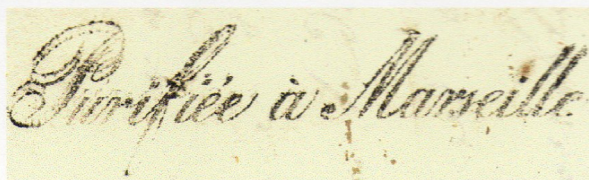
This camp was about 15 km west of Alger, ½ the distance from Sidi-Ferruch.



Bône to Paris,
France, March 24,
1833

Letter "B" used at
Bône from 1832 to
early 1836.

Ten décimes is letter
rate up to 7-½ grams
for letters traveling
between 600 and 750
km.



Reverse – Marseille disinfection mark, Type 1