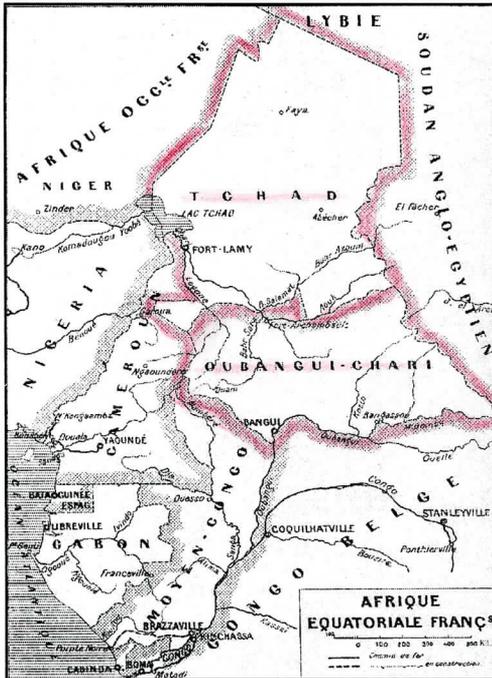


Ubangi-Shari-Chad 1900-1938



This is an exhibit of the contemporary postal issues, markings and services in the French Equatorial African possessions of **Ubangi-Shari** and **Chad** that evolved thru the years 1900-1938. The exhibit includes stamps, covers, stationery and a number of stamp and overprint varieties. Stamp design development sections, including essays and proofs, are introduced with Ubangi-Shari.

The exhibit plan is based on a series of changes in colonial administration which occurred during 1891-1936. French language wording is used in the exhibit outline to help retain consistency with the philatelic material.

All material prepared, issued or used prior to 1915 is considered Forerunner, including stamps, stationery & postal markings of **Congo Française** and **Moyen (Middle) Congo**.

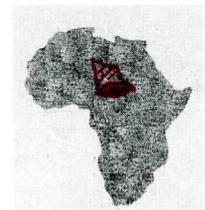
The three basic designs used for Ubangi-Shari and Chad definitive series were originally conceived for the French Congo issue of 1900; later refinements were used in the Middle Congo issue of 1907 which were overprinted **Oubangui-Chari-Tchad** beginning in 1915. Ubangi-Shari then had Colony (civilian govt.) status. Chad was a military territory until achieving Colony status in 1920. Separate definitive stamps were

issued for each Colony during 1922-1933.

Ubangi-Shari, Chad, Middle Congo and Gabon became Territories of **Afrique Equatoriale Française (French Equatorial Africa)** in 1934. Separate postal administrations were continued until unification during 1936; individual Colony issues then became valid throughout **A.E.F.** *Some of the more significant items are highlighted with a thick border frame.* **Exhibit outline:**

I. UBANGI-SHARI

- A. First Congo Francaise Regime (labeled 1st Congo Fr.) Forerunners.
 1. Military and official franchise.
 2. Use of 1900 Congo Francaise issues.
 3. 1900 issue stamp designs.
- B. Second Congo Francaise Regime (2nd Congo Fr.) Forerunners.
 1. Use of 1892-1900 Congo Francaise issues.
 2. 1907 Moyen Congo stamp designs.
- C. First A.E.F. Regime (1st A.E.F.)
 1. Use of Moyen Congo issues.
 2. First issue: **Oubangui-Chari-Tchad** overprints of 1915-1922.
 3. Red Cross overprints of 1916.
 4. Second issue 1922 : **Oubangui-Chari** overprints.
 5. Third issue 1924-1933: **A.E.F.** overprints.
 6. Ubangi-Shari definitive used in other Colonies before 1936.
 7. Postage due issues of 1928-1930.
- D. 2nd A.E.F. Regime: Use of Colony and 1936-1938 A.E.F. definitive issues.



II. Chad

- A. 1st Congo Fr. Regime Forerunners: Military and official franchise.
- B. 1st A.E.F. Regime.
 1. Use of **Oubangui-Chari-Tchad** overprints.
 2. Second issue 1922: **Tchad** overprints.
 3. Third issue 1924-1933: **A.E.F.** overprints.
 4. Chad definitive used in other Colonies before 1936.
 5. Postage due issues of 1928-1930.
- C. 2nd A.E.F. Regime: Use of Colony and 1936-1938 A.E.F. definitive issues.

Bangassou, Upper Ubangi to Paris, France

Official Franchise letter; no franking required.

Probably began transit Fall 1900; Bangassou located about 600 Km east of Bangui via M'Bomou and Oubangui River systems. First mailstream transit marking applied in blue 7 Nov 1900 at Brazzaville about 1850 Km farther south via Oubangui and Congo Rivers.



Required endorsement for free franchise located in lower left:
Michot Inspector of Militia Bangassou.

Mobaye, Upper Ubangui to Bourges, France.
Transit via Oubangui and Congo Rivers

Service Officiel letter; no franking required.

20 Jan 01 Manuscript: *Occupation of the Upper Ubangui: French Congo*. Note contemporary spelling variations: blue cancel - MOBAY; blue cachet - MOBAYE. M/S and cachet spellings are, respectively OUBANGUI and OUBANGHI.



Required manuscript endorsement for free franking:
A. Muzette Commandant of troops in the Upper Ubangui

**S.O. locally uncommon use to indicate franchise-free;
Franchise Militaire or F.M. was common indicator.**

Backstamped: BRAZZAVILLE 8 Mar 01; BOURGES 17 April 01.

Blue cancels and cachets were intended to help alert mail handling personnel to franchise-free status; transit was then normally by French vessels to avoid extra charges. In practice the sender's name and his commander's endorsement were key to acceptance without penalty in the mail stream.

1st Congo Fr. Regime
Forerunner

Ubangi-Shari

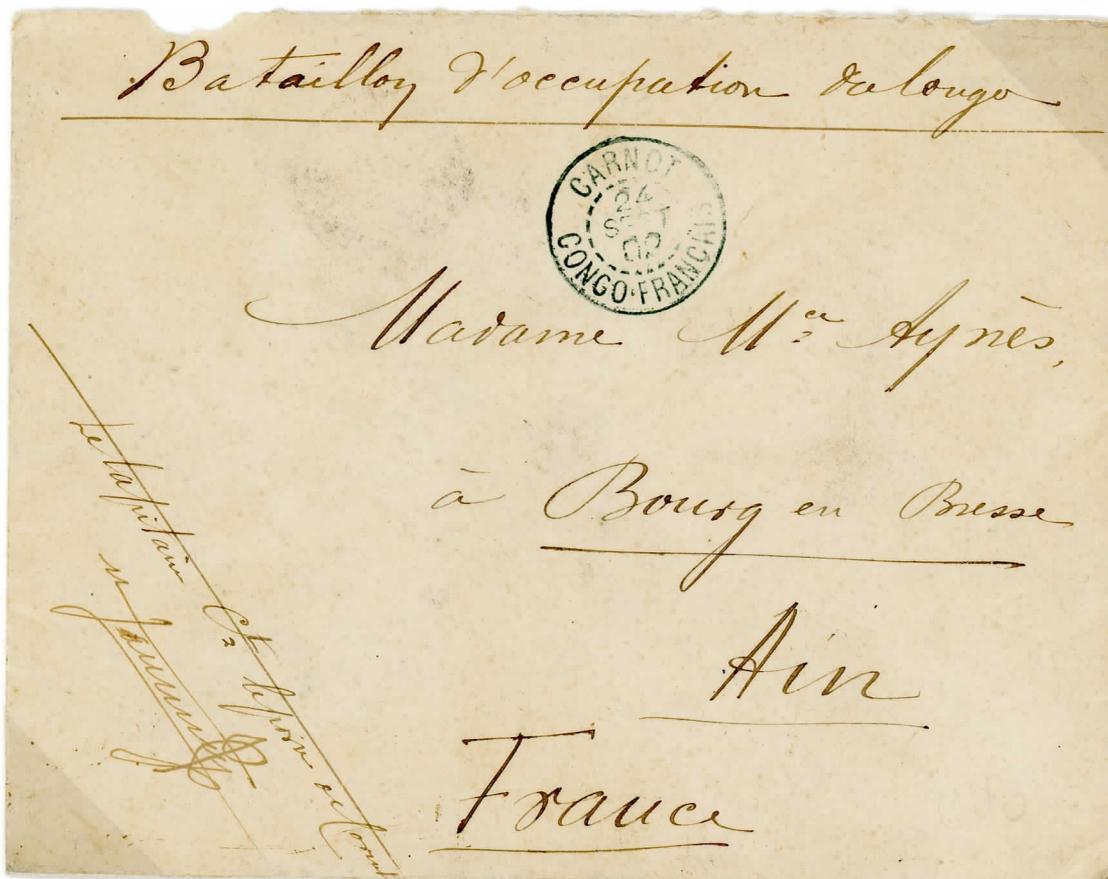
24 Sept 1902

Carnot to Bourg-en-Bresse, France
Transit via Sanga and Congo River systems.

Franchise Militaire letter; no franking necessary.

Manuscript endorsement: *Congo Occupation Battalion.*

Carnot Post Office recorded open 1 Feb 1901; located about 375 Km west of Bangui



Required manuscript endorsement for free franchise:
Captain Commanding the Outpost

Backstamped transits:
OUESSO CONGO FRANCAIS 20 OCT 02
BRAZZAVILLE CONGO FRANCAIS 9 NOV 02

Arrival: BOURG EN BRESSE AIN 19 DEC 02

Reference- M. Langlois and V. Bourselet, *Les Oblitérations des Bureaux de Poste Des Colonies Françaises*, Amiens, Yvert & Cie, 1927

1st Congo Fr. Regime
Forerunner

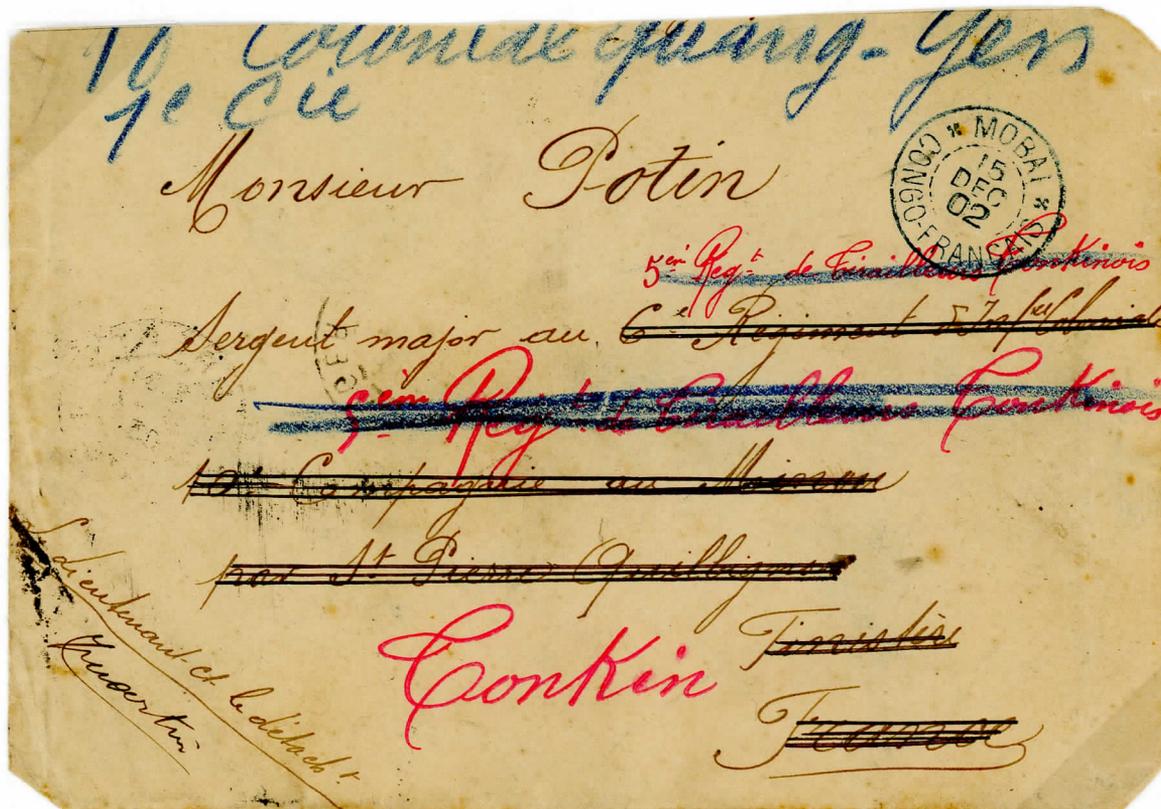
Ubangi-Shari

15 Dec 1902

Mobaye, Upper Ubangi to France;
forwarded to Tonkin, Indochina.

Franchise Militaire letter; no franking required.

Required m/s endorsement in lower left: *the Lieutenant Commanding the detachment*. About 14-18 mm of envelope top cut off; probable that removed section contained something like: *Occupation of Upper Ubangi: French Congo*. Blue military MOBAI 15 Dec 02. Letter followed Sgt Major Potin from France to Tonkin, Indochina and probably was received at his new unit, 1st Company, 10th Colonial [regiment], at Quang-Yen northwest of Hanoi.



Backstamped (those readable):
BRAZZAVILLE, CONGO FRANCAIS 5 Jan 03
PARIS 23 Feb 03

Arrival: QUANG-YEN, TONKIN 8 April 03

French Congo stamp designs of 1900.

Three bi-color pictorial stamp designs evolved during an extended experimental development phase. The designer, engraver, and the printer all had only limited experience in stamp production. Although the engraved designs made limited improvement via an array of essay dies and color trials, the selected inks, paper, and printing techniques did not achieve the desired product quality.

Design: Stalking Panther in tall grass.

Very small die essay on thin paper with Thistle Branch watermark. Frame size 21½ mm wide x 18 mm high.



Small plate essay;
27 mm W x 20 mm H
stamp frame size;
slightly smaller than
issued design.

French Congo stamp designs of 1900.

Design intended for six lower denominations between 1 c. and 15 c.

Design: stalking Panther in tall grass.

Large essay die composite proof on cardboard..
Frame size: 39 mm wide x 28½ mm high.



**1st Congo Fr. Regime
Forerunner stamps**

Ubangi-Shari

May 1900

French Congo stamps of 1900.

Issued stamp frame size: 28mm wide x 20½ mm high.

Sheet format 10 x 10. Thick paper watermarked Thistle Branch. Line perforated 11½.

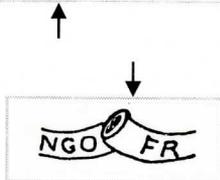
Extreme misperf



Imperforate vertically



Design variety Lower left stamp in bottom row: end of tusk missing.



Varieties

Background shifted right; shifted perfs.



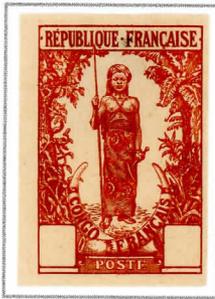
French Congo stamp designs of 1900.

Design intended for six denominations between 20 c. and 75 c..

Design: Bakalois Woman Warrior

Medium large imperf essay die proof on paper. Frame size: 31 mm wide x 49 mm high. Spear touches Q in REPUBLIQUE.

Small essay die proof on paper; frame: 21½ x 33 mm. Spear does not touch Q.



Small essay die proof on thin card; frame: 21½ x 32 mm. Spear does not touch Q.



Issued stamp frame size 23 mm wide x 35 mm high.
Spear touches Q in REPUBLIQUE.



Color trial on card.



Color trial on unwmkd. paper.



Issued 40 c. stamp.

Note deminished detail in color trials and issued stamp.

French Congo stamps of 1900.

Issued stamp frame size: 23 mm wide x 35 mm high.

Sheet format 10 x 10. Thick paper watermarked Rose Branch. Line perforated 11½.



Over inking,
frame blurred.



Production Varieties
Background shifted right;
shifted vertical perfs.

Imperforate
horizontally



French Congo stamp designs of 1900.

Design intended for denominations of 1, 2, & 5 Franc.

Design: Coconut Grove

Medium large imperf essay die proof on paper. Frame size: 31 mm wide x 49 mm.



Slightly smaller essay die proofs on thin card; frame size: 25½ x 36½ mm.



Stamp series designer - Paul Merwart, an official painter to Ministry of Marine and Colonies. **Stamp engraver** - Benjamin Damman. **Stamp printing** - recess, by Chassepot et Cie, a private firm under contract to print hydrographic charts for the Ministry.

1st Congo Fr. Regime
Forerunners stamps

Ubangi-Shari

May 1900

French Congo Stamps of 1900

Issued stamp size: 26 mm wide x 39½ mm high.

Sheet format 5 rows of 10 columns

Thick paper watermarked Olive Branch

Line perforated 11½.

Vertical
perforations
double; one
row badly
misplaced.

Production
Variety:
vignette
shifted left.



1st Congo Fr. Regime
Forerunner

Ubangi-Shari

20 Feb 1901

Bangui to Stockholm, Sweden

1900 French Congo issues.

20 Feb 1901 Registered double foreign rate letter.



July 1892 foreign letter rate, 15-30 grams - 50c.
Registration - 25c.

Partial backstamps :
BRAZZAVILLE CONGO FRANCAIS and STOCKHOLM

First Congo Francais Regime, 1891-1904, administered Gabon, (Middle) Congo, Ubangi, Shari, and Chad.

Bangui to Brazzaville

French Congo 1900 10c and 1892 envelope.

14 July 1906 Registered single domestic rate letter.



April 1906 domestic rate letter, 0-15 grams - 10c.
Registration - 25c.

Backstamped arrival:
BRAZZAVILLE CONGO FRANCAIS 10 AUG 06.

Second Congo Francais Regime, 1904-1910, administered Ubangi-Shari, Chad, and Middle Congo (until 1907); Gabon governed separately until 1910.

2nd Congo Fr. Regime
Forerunner

Ubangi-Shari

15 Oct 1906

Haut Oubanghi [Upper Ubanghi] to London, England

French Congo 1900 5c and 1901 Group-type
5c envelope with ungummed flap closure.

15 Oct 1906 foreign rate samples [unsealed].



Sept 1906 foreign rate samples, 0-50 grams - 10c.

Backstamped:
BRAZZAVILLE CONGO FRANCAIS 27 NOV 06.



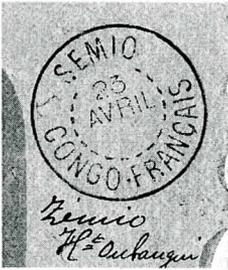
Generic Upper Ubangi CDS circa 1906-10.
Probable use during initial postal agency startups.

**2nd Congo Fr. Regime
Forerunners**

Ubangi-Shari

1894 and 1900 French Congo issues used at early post offices.
CONGO FRANCAIS circular date stamps.

On reverse →



Semio P.O.
Open April 1911



Mobaye P.O.
open Jan 1901



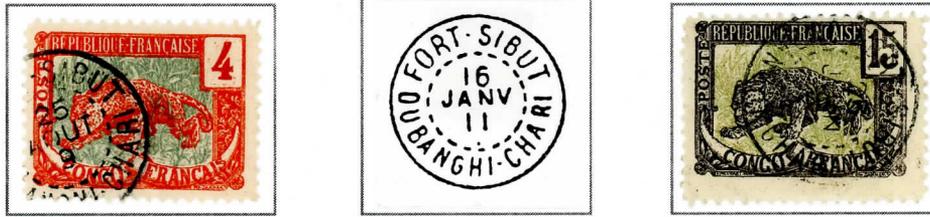
Fort
Archambault
P.O. open
1 Aug 1905

Bangui P.O.
open 1893



French Congo 1900 used at early post offices.

OUBANGUI-CHARI circular date cancels.



Fort Sibut post office opened April 1905.



Fort de Possel post office opened in 1894; cancel in use circa 1908-10.
TR.P. = Travaux Publiques = Labor Office.

Bangui open 1893.

**Design
Variety**

Sheet position 91,
lower left corner,
right end of left
tusk missing. →



French Congo 1900 used at early post offices.

OUBANGUI-CHARI-TCHAD circular date stamps.



Béhagle
Opened April 1910



Bambari
Opened 1 Jan 1911.



Bangui
Opened 1893.



N'Dele
Opened April 1910



Bangassou
Opened 1 Jan 1908



Bangui

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE
POSTES ET TÉLÉGRAPHES
RÉCÉPISSÉ

N° DE SÉRIE (770,498) N° DU MANDAT [021]

Montant du mandat... 500 f. c.
Droit... /
TOTAL... 500 f. c.

L'expéditeur peut indiquer ci-dessous le nom et l'adresse du destinataire :

M.
à

separation du receptisse.
OUBANGUI-CHARI-TCHAD BANGUI
14 MAI 1911
TRÉSORIER PAYEUR

Bangui Trésorier Payeur

Uncommon. This type of postmark was used on official franchise mail and by Special Agents relating to disbursing funds, reporting money orders written, and on receipts, etc.

Probably in use 1910-1920.

Receipt for payment of 500 Francs plus fee.

2nd Fr. Congo Regime
Forerunners

Ubangi-Shari

25 Oct 1909
22 April 1912

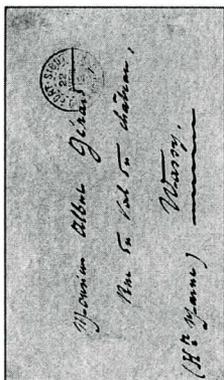
French Congo 1900 2c & 4c.

Single domestic rate letters from Fort Sibut to France.
1906 tariff 10c per 15 grams; 1910 10c per 20 grams.



25 Oct 09
To Vernon
Backstamped:
Transit: BANGUI
30 Oct 09
BRAZZAVILLE
12 Nov 09
Arrival:
VERNON, SURE
11 Dec 09.

22 April 12 To Wassy, Haute Marne; no transit markings.



Obverse



2nd Congo Fr. Regime
Forerunners

Ubangi-Shari

19 Dec 1909
1 Oct 1913

French Congo 1900 1, 2, & 4 c.

Bangassou to Toloun, France

19 Dec 09 1901 five word rate with illustrated card marked *Imprime* - 5 c.



N'Dele to Paris, France

1 Oct 13 1910 domestic rate letter, 20 grams or fraction - 10 c.

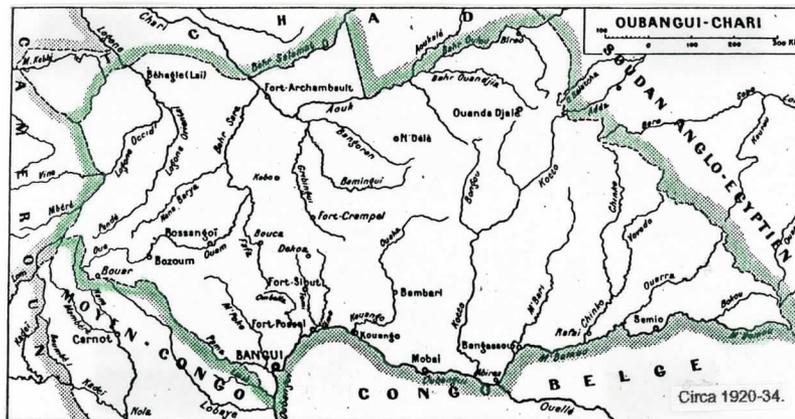


French Congo 1900 used at early post offices.

CONGO FRANCAIS circular date stamps.



Fort Crampel post office
open Aug 1905; cancel in
use thru late 1930's.



Middle Congo stamp designs of 1907.

The administrative separation of the French Congo Colonies was intended about 1905 but was not completed until 1910. New stamp designs were needed to replace the dwindling stocks of the 1900 issue; the printing contract with Chassepot was canceled in 1903. Although the 1900 designs received much contemporary criticism it is probable that use of modified Merwart designs was an attempt to expedite production of a new Middle Congo series. J. Puyplat, an engraver for the Ministry of Marine and Colonies, was selected to produce designs for printing by typography in the standard colonial format. Engraving was probably done in 1906 or very early 1907. Puyplat cleaned up and improved earlier design details and incorporated touches of his own.

Design intended for seven denominations from 1 c. to 20 c.

Design: Panther.

Composite **Master die proof** on India paper.
Frame size 35½ mm wide x 21 mm high.



Puyplat's design revisions include revised corner ornaments which appear like *door knobs* and the Panther's tail curves up instead of down.

Middle Congo stamp designs of 1907.

Design intended for seven denominations between 25 c. and 75 c.

Design: Bakalois Woman Warrior.

Uncleared **Master die proof** of woman and frame on India paper. Final version with colorless POSTE. Frame size: 20½ mm wide x 35½ mm high.



Woman's spear is shorter and tip is below upper frame tablet in Puyplat's revised design.

Middle Congo stamp designs of 1907.

Design intended for seven denominations between 25 c. and 75 c.

Design: Bakalois Woman Warrior.

Uncleared **Master die proofs** of background on India paper.

Trial version with **POSTE**.

Final version without **POSTE**.

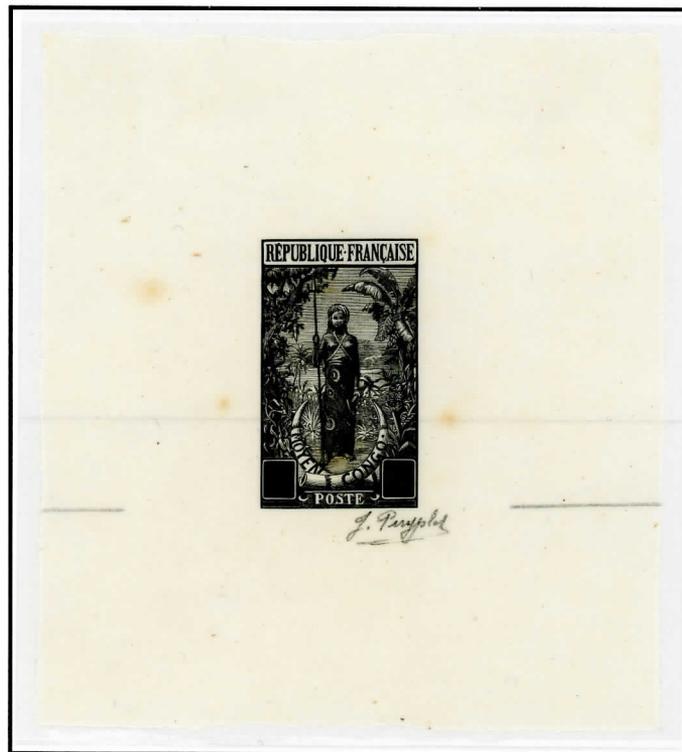


Middle Congo stamp design of 1907.

Design intended for seven denominations between 25c. and 75c.

Design: Bakalois Woman Warrior.

Undenominated **Composite Master Die Proof** of woman, frame and background on India paper. Final version with colorless **POSTE**.



Signed by engraver *J. Puyplat*.

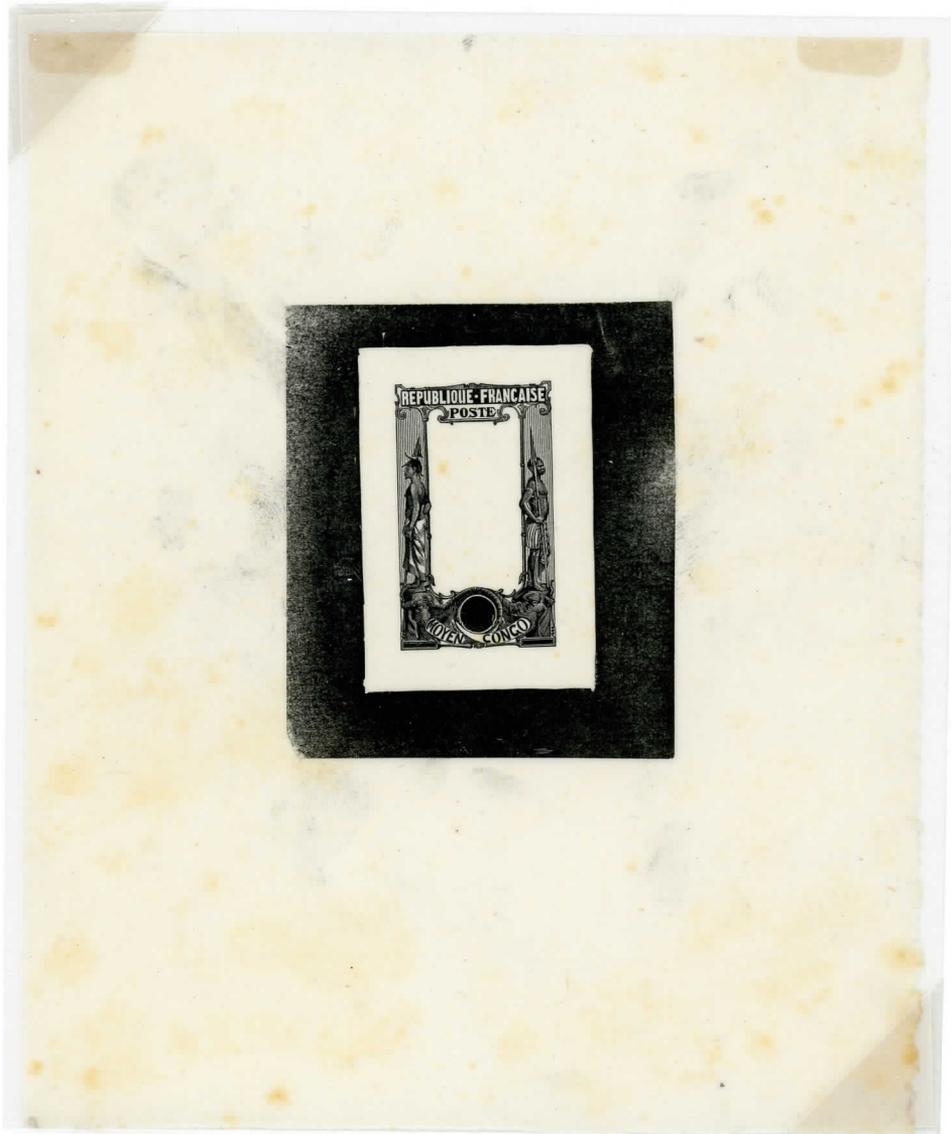
Impressions from unhardened steel die limited to about 20.

Middle Congo stamp designs of 1907.

Design intended for 1, 2, & 5 Franc denominations.

Design: Coconut Grove

Uncleared **Master die proof** of coconut grove frame on India paper.
Frame size: 20½ mm wide x 35½ mm high.



Middle Congo stamp designs of 1907.

Design intended for 1, 2, & 5 Franc denominations.

Design: Coconut Grove

Composite **Master die proof** of coconut grove on India paper.
Frame size: 20½ mm wide x 35½ mm high.



Middle Congo stamp designs of 1907.

Composite Color die proofs of Panther, Bakalois
Women and Coconut Grove designs on India paper.



Middle Congo stamp design of 1907.

Composite Color die proofs of Bakalois Woman on India paper.

Trials with **POSTE**
printed in
background color.



POSTE difficult to see incolor;
removed in final production state.

Middle Congo stamp design of 1907.

Composite **Master die proofs** of **Bakalois Woman** on yellow-surfaced paper.

Bicolor ink color trials
to investigate
use of tinted paper.



Ink color numbers pencilled
in lower right corners.

Middle Congo stamp designs of 1907.

Composite **Master die proofs** of **Panther** and **Coconut Grove** on yellow-surfaced paper.

Monochrome ink color
trials to investigate
use of tinted paper.



314



Ink color numbers pencilled
in lower right corners.

713

1st A.E.F. Regime
Forerunners

Ubangi-Shari

Oct 1912

Bangui to France

1907 Middle Congo 5 centime

October 1912

1899 rate, illustrated card with signature, date and address - 5c.



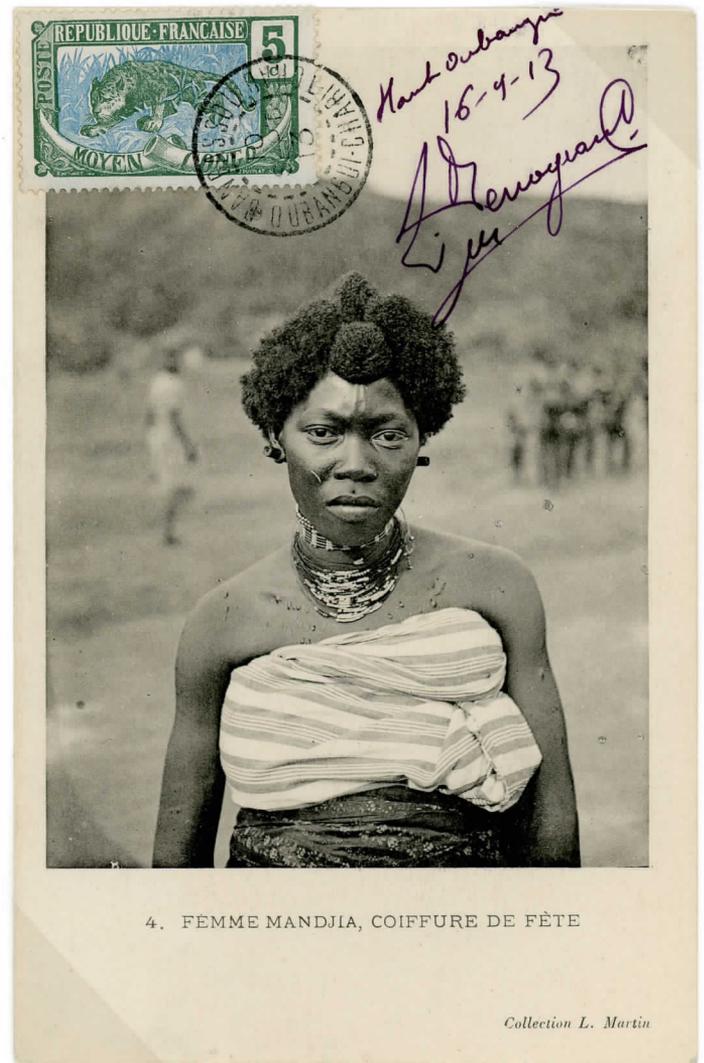
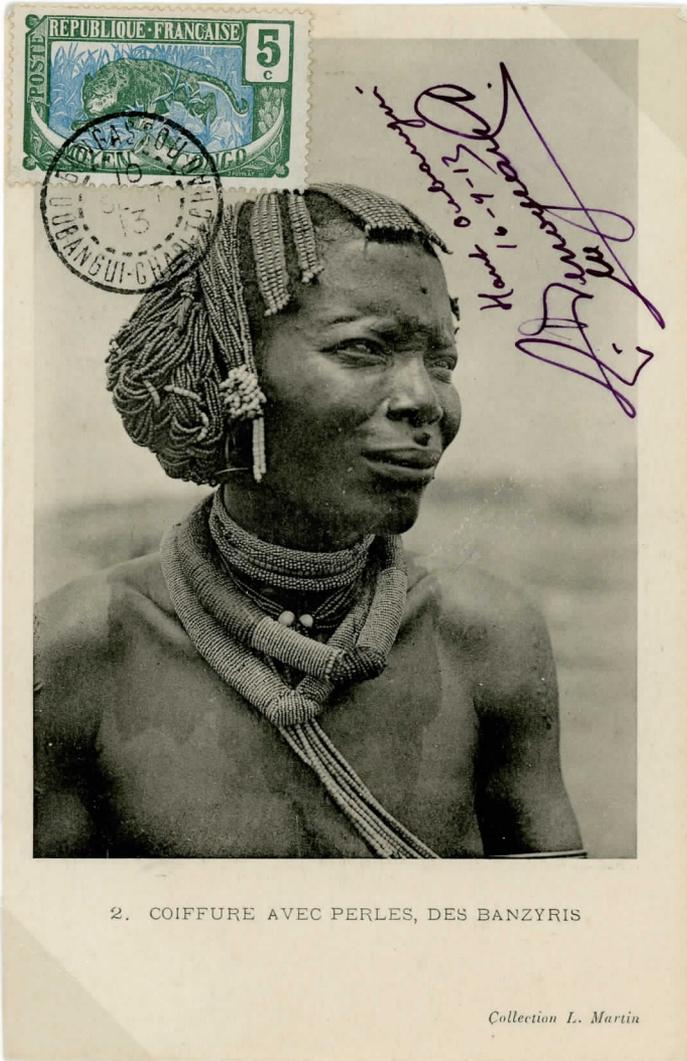
First Afrique Equatoriale Française umbrella regime, 1910-1936, administered four colonies: Ubangi-Shari, Chad (from 1920), Middle Congo and Gabon; each had a separate postal system. Chad was military territory until 1920.

Bangassou to France

1907 Middle Congo 5 centime

Sept 1913

1899 rate, illustrated card with signature, date and address - 5c.



1st A.E.F. Regime
Forerunners

Ubangi-Shari

Dec 1914
Sept 1913

1907 Middle Congo 5c and 10c

Bangui to France

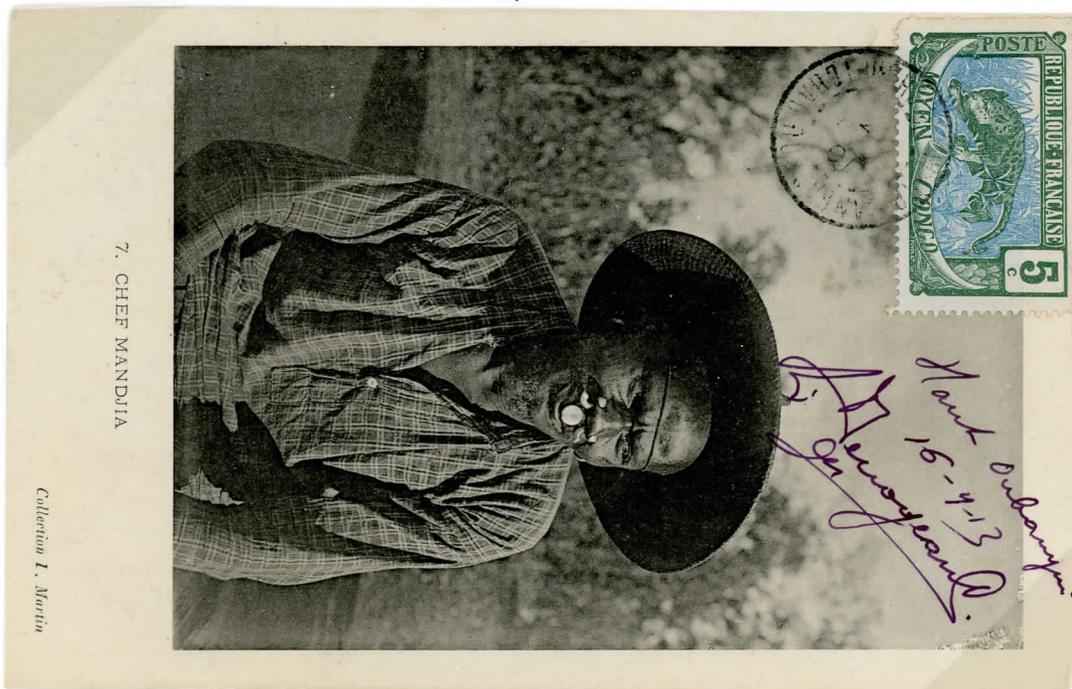
5 Dec 14 Single domestic rate letter



May 1910 letter rate, 20 grams or fraction - 10c.

Bangassou to France

Sept 1913



1899 rate, illustrated card with signature, date and address - 5c.

1st A.E.F. Regime
Forerunner

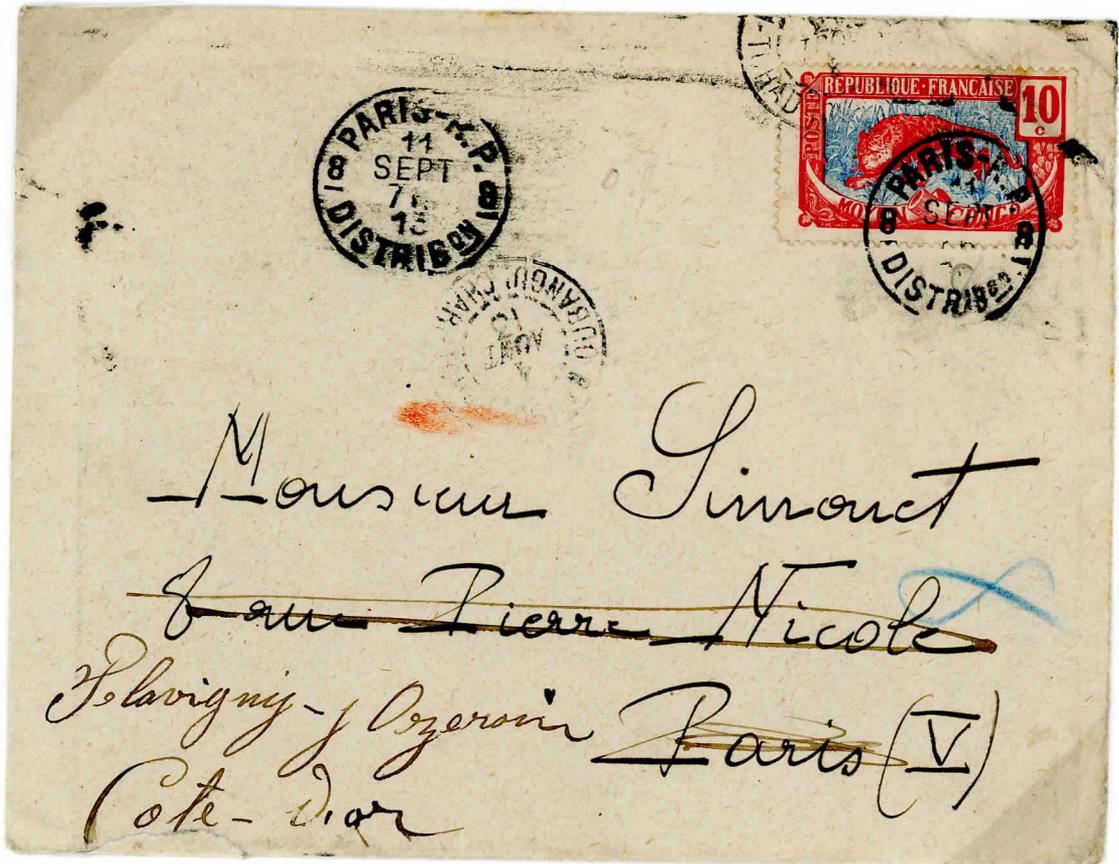
Ubangi-Shari

4 Aug 1913

Bangassou to Paris, France
Redirected to Flavigny sur Ozerain, Côte d'Or

1907 Middle Congo 10 centime

4 Aug 13 Single domestic rate letter.



May 1910 domestic rate letter, 20 grams or fraction - 10 c.

Backstamped:
Transit: PARIS 38 11.9.13
Arrival: FLAVIGNY s / OZERAIN 12.9.13

1907 Middle Congo stamps overprinted
OUBANGUI-CHARI-TCHAD
1915
Chalk surface paper



The 1915 Oubangui-Chari-Tchad overprint issues were, for all practical purposes, almost entirely used in Ubangi-Shari. Used material shown in development of this section is exclusively canceled in Ubangi-Shari. Very little use occurred in Chad Military Territory because there was extremely limited civilian presence during the military pacification operations of 1915-1920.

1907 Middle Congo stamps overprinted
OUBANGUI-CHARI-TCHAD
1915
Chalk surface paper



Chalky Paper. 1907 Middle Congo definitives initially were printed on ordinary paper. Chalk surfaced paper introduced prior to World War I to prevent cleaning off cancellations; water disintegrates chalk coating.

1st A.E.F. Regime
First definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari-Chad

1915

1907 Middle Congo stamps overprinted
OUBANBUI-SHARI-TCHAD
1915
Chalky paper



1907 Middle Congo stamps overprinted
OUBANGUI-CHARI-TCHAD
1915

Chalk surface paper



1st A.E.F. Regime
First definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari-Chad

1915

1907 Middle Congo stamps overprinted
OUBANGUI-CHARI-TCHAD
1915

Denominations also printed on ordinary paper.



Partially Imperforate



Signed Roumet

Overprint double



Bangui to Dijon, Côte d'Or, France

Jan 1917 domestic rate illustrated cards with 5 words or less - 10c.



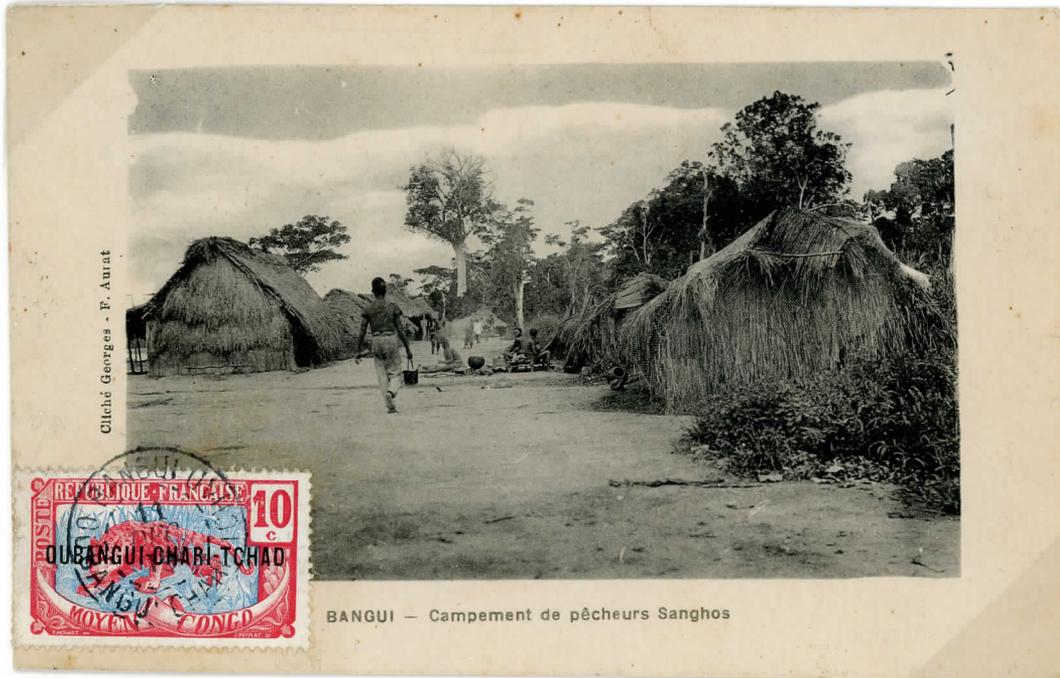
1st A.E.F. Regime
1st definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari-Chad

11 Dec 1919
5 Mar 1922

Bangui to France

1917 domestic rate illustrated card with 5 words or less - 10c.



Canceled at Mobaye, unsorted, but properly franked with 1920 5 centime domestic rate for illustrated card with date, signature and address only.



1st A.E.F. Regime
1st definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari-Chad

4 Dec 1916
24 Jan 1917

To Paris, France

Single domestic rate letters.



4 Dec 16
from Bangui.

1910 letter
rate, 20 grams
or fraction - 10
centimes.

B/s arrival:
PARIS
10 Jan 17



Probable transit
down Rivers
Oubangui &
Congo before
cancelled 24 Jan
17 at Brazzaville,
Middle Congo.

1 Jan 17 letter
rate, 20 grams
or fraction 15c.

B/s arrival:
PARIS
23 Mar 17

1st A.E.F. Regime
1st definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari-Chad

14 SEPT 1920

Bangui to Brazzaville, Middle Congo

APRÈS LE DÉPART marking

14 Sept 20 Single domestic rate letter.



1920-24 domestic letter, 0-20 grams - 25 centimes

Backstamped arrival: BRAZZAVILLE CONGO FRANCAISE 2 OCT 20

Very uncommon APRÈS LE DÉPART marking indicates letter posted too late to be sent out with last mail or collection of the day. Used to avert complaints from public that post office failed to forward letter on day of mailing.

1st A. E. F. Regime
1st definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari-Chad

13 July 1921
25 April 1925

Cuango (Ouango) via Mobaye to Oakland, U.S.A.

13 July 21 Single foreign rate letter.



1921-24 foreign letter rate, 20 grams or fraction: 50 centimes
Foreign registration: 50 centimes

25 April 25 Registered single foreign rate letter to Troy, New York.



1st A.E.F. Regime
First definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari-Chad

1918
1922

1907 Middle Congo stamps overprinted
OUBANGUI-CHARI-TCHAD
1918
Ordinary paper



1922

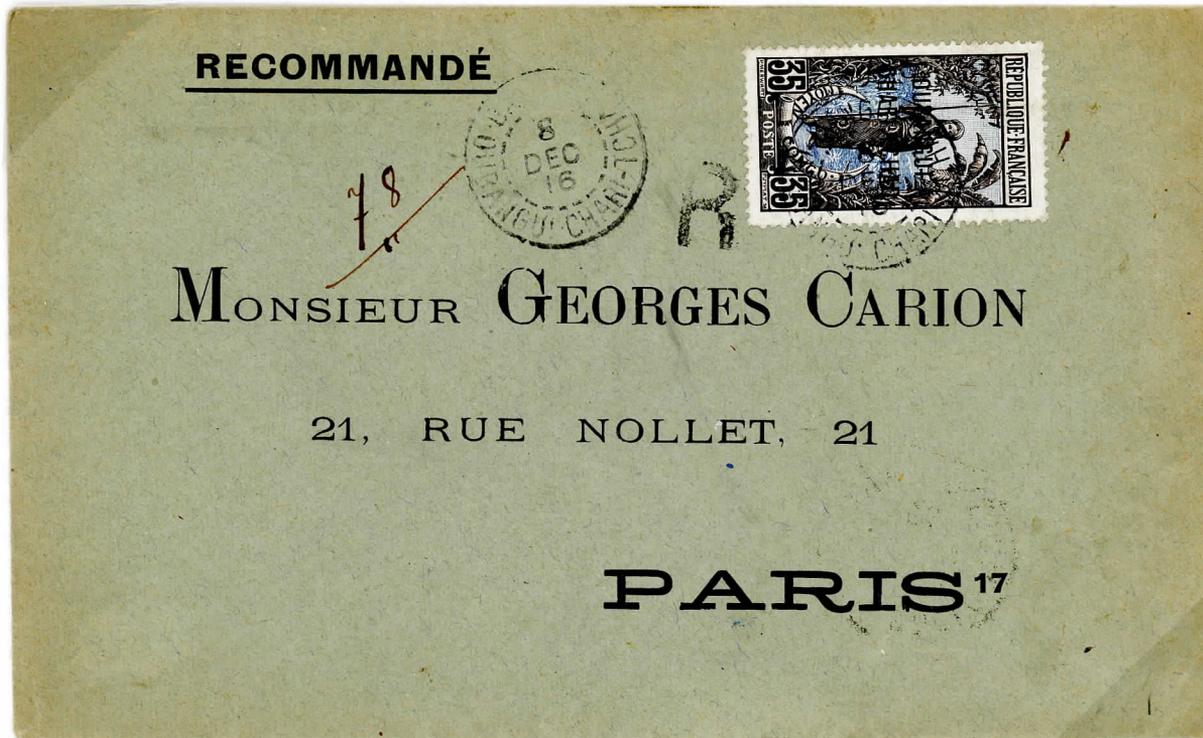


1st A.E.F. Regime
1st definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari-Chad

8 Dec 1916
28 May 1918

Domestic rate letters.



8 Dec 16
Bangui to
Paris, France.
1910 rate, up to
20 grams: 10c;
Registration: 25c.
Backstamped:
PARIS 12 Jan 17.



28 May 18
Bangui to Boali,
Ubangi-Shari
1917 letter rate,
20 grams or
fraction: 15c.

1st A.E.F. Regime
1st definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari-Chad

25 Feb 1925

Bangassou to Chicago, USA

25 Feb 25 Both letters mailed same day and arrived same day. Both are single foreign rate. 1924-25 tariff: 20 grams or fraction, 75c; registration: 75c.



Backstamped:
 NEW YORK, NY
 6 May 25
 CHICAGO, ILL
 8 May 25
 SOUTH BEND, IND
 8 May 25

Backstamped:
 BANGUI,
 UBANGUI-SHARI-CHAD
 13 Mar 25
 SOUTH BEND, IND
 8 May 25



1st A.E.F. Regime
1st Red Cross issue

Ubangi-Shari-Chad

4 Jan 1916

Surcharged 5 centimes for benefit of Red Cross.
Overprinted at Bangui on chalky paper 1907 Middle Congo 10c.

4 Jan 1916

Normal overprint shifting



Ink skips

12 Sept 16 Registered single domestic rate letter.



Surcharged 5 centimes for benefit of Red Cross.
Overprinted at Bangui on chalky paper 1907 Middle Congo 10c.

4 Jan 1916

Overprint Varieties



Misplaced right

Lower four stamps signed Champion



Inverted



c and . missing



Vertical



Double, one inverted



Double



Forged double

Type font different. Bangui overprint on chalky paper; bogus on ordinary paper.

1st AEF Regime
2nd Red Cross issue

Ubangi-Shari

1916
14 July 1916

Surcharged 5 centimes for benefit of Red Cross
on **unoverprinted** 1907 Middle Congo 10c.

1916

Ordinary paper



Signed E. Queyroy

Surcharge printed at Bangui. Position is lower and to left
of similar type printed at Brazzaville for the Middle Congo.

14 July 16 Over franked registered domestic letter to France.



Registered domestic letter, 50-100 grams - 45c.

Backstamped arrival: EPERNAY, MARNE 14 Sept 16.

Surcharged 5 centimes for benefit of Red Cross.
Overprinted in Paris on 1907 Middle Congo 10c.

July 1916

Chalky paper

Normal overprints



Valid thru 1 April 1921

Faked Red Cross Overprints



Double



Inverted

Red color and shape of 5 are slightly different; invert is on ordinary paper and is signed *HERMAN*, a known fake name. Declared fake by French expert R. Calves

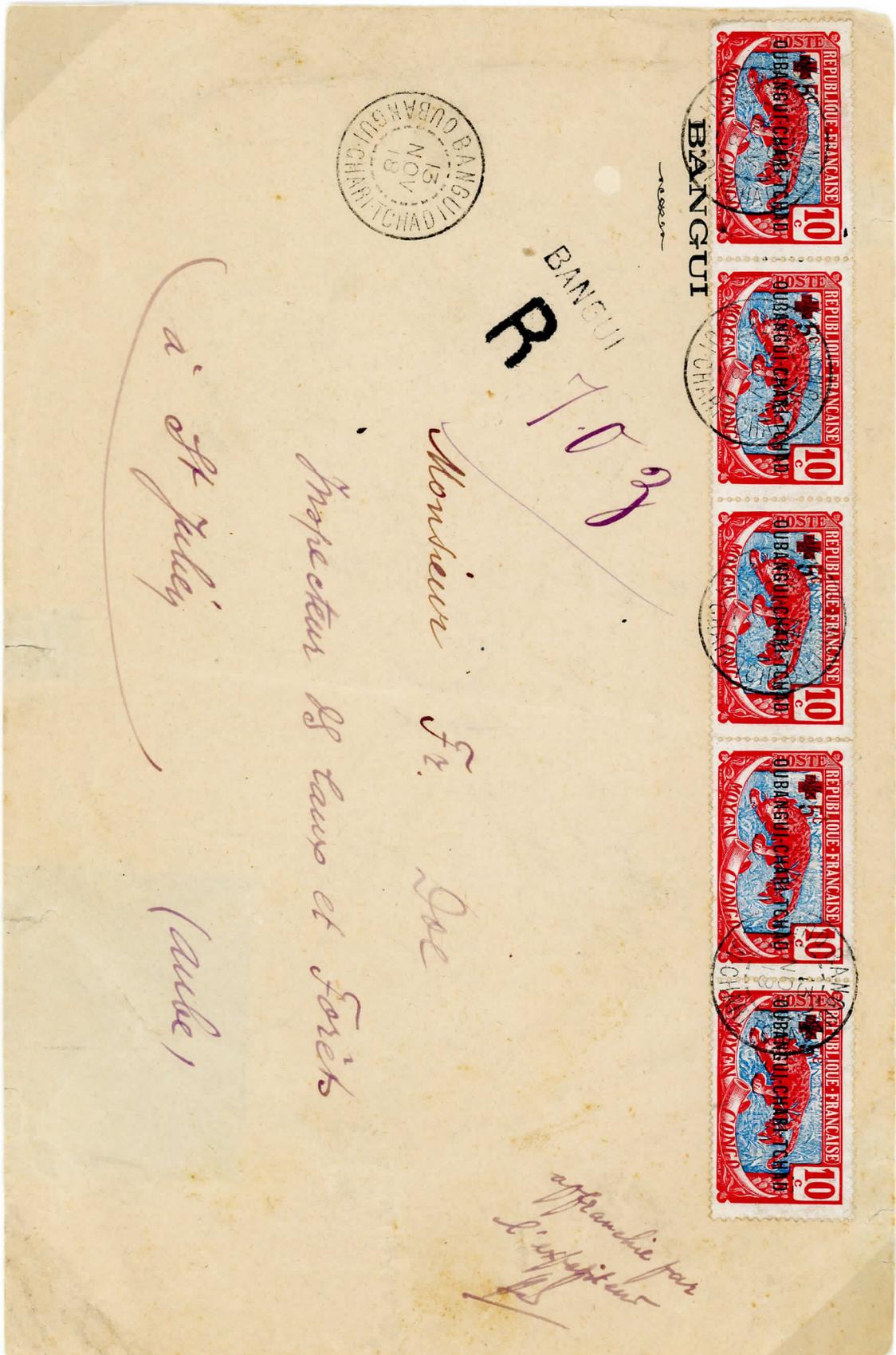
1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd Red Cross issue

Ubangi-Shari-Chad

13 Nov 1918

Bangui to France

1917 domestic rate letter, 20-50 grams - 25c.; registration - 25c.



1st A.E.F. Regime
Stationery card

Ubangi-Shari-Chad

5 Jan 1917
7 May 1919

1908 Middle Congo card overprinted
OUBANGUI-CHARI-TCHAD
1915

Bangui to France



1917 10 centime domestic rate with message 5 words or less.



Card up-rated to 1917 15 centime domestic rate; overpaid 2 c.

1st A.E.F. Regime
Stationery letter card

Ubangi-Shari-Chad

1915
7 May 1919

1908 Middle Congo letter card overprinted
OUBANGUI-CHARI-TCHAD
1915



Bangui to Toulon, France



Letter card up-rated to 1917 15 centime domestic rate; overpaid 2c.

1st A.E.F. Regime
Stationery envelope

Ubangi-Shari-Chad

28 May 1918
22 June 1917

1908 Middle Congo envelope overprinted
OUBANGUI-CHARI-TCHAD
1915

Bangui to France



Envelopes up-rated to 1917 domestic letter rate, 15 centimes per 20 grams.

1st A.E.F. Regime
First definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari-Chad

10 May 1922

1915 5c & 10c tied on 1908 Middle Congo 10c
stationery envelope; unrecorded on brown paper.

10 May 22 Single domestic rate letter from Bangui to Fort
Crampel; forwarded to *N'Dele* (blue m/s); redirected back to Fort
Crampel. Meaning of orange m/s *Naho Ke* presently unknown.



April 1920 letter rate, 20 grams or fraction: 25c.

Backstamped:
FORT CRAMPEL 18 May 22
N'DELE 30 May 22
FORT CRAMPEL 22 June 22.

Reference: Higgins & Gage, *Priced Catalogue of Postal Stationery of the World*, Section 12, Pasadena, 1969.

1st A.E.F. Regime
2nd definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari

Nov 1922

Stamps of 1907 Middle Congo design overprinted
OUBANGUI-CHARI
Nov 1922

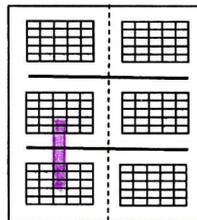


Partially imperforate

Behr Certificate



Overprints Missing



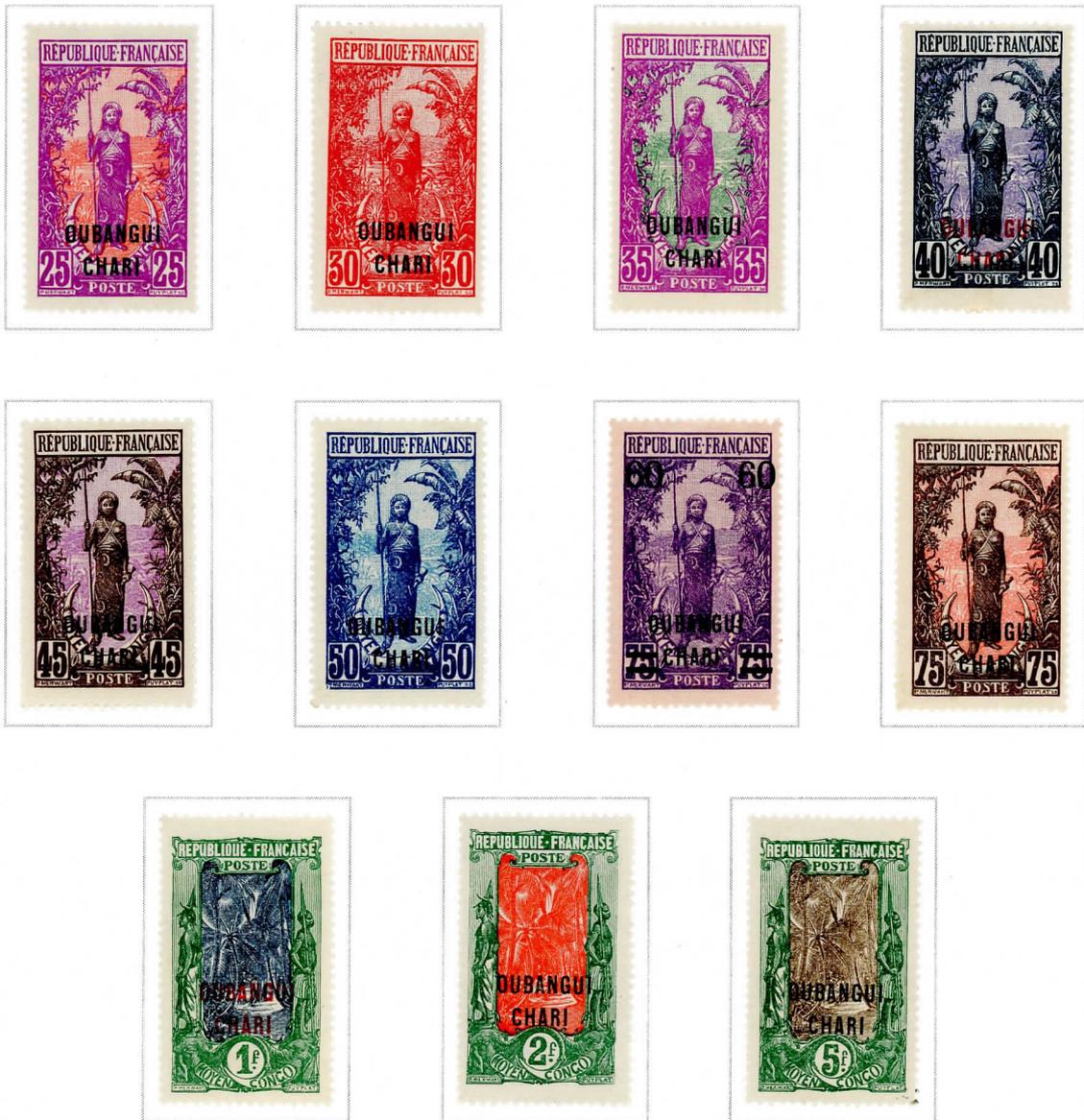
Sheet cut into left & right
counter sheets of 75 stamps.



Separate definitives were issued for Ubangi-Shari and for Chad following conversion of the Chad Military Territory to a civilian administration during 1920.

Stamps of 1907 Middle Congo design
overprinted OUBANGUI-CHARI.

Nov 1922



Separate colors were introduced for all denominations in each of the 1922 Ubangi-Shari and Chad definitive series. Colors were different from those used for the Middle Congo.

1st A.E.F. Regime
Incoming mail

Ubangi-Shari

1 June 1922

Bern, Switzerland to Bangui.

Mail from the **Universal Postal Union Headquarters** in Bern.

Extremely uncommon. 1 June 22 Official paid registered UPU mail to Chief of postal service at Bangui. Preprinted address still includes Chad in Colony name although it achieved separate Colony. status in in 1920.



Backstamped arrival: BANGUI / OUBANGUI-CHARI / 13 July 32;
TCHAD has been excised from Colony name in cancel.

1st A.E.F. Regime
Stationery envelope

Ubangi-Shari

1922

1908 Middle Congo type 25 centime
domestic rate envelope overprinted
OUBANGUI-CHARI
1922



Beginning in 1922 stamp imprint colors are different from those of Middle Congo.

1st A.E.F. Regime
2nd definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari

25 Dec 1925

Bangui to Troyes France

2nd and 3rd issues

Bangui cancel modified: TCHAD deleted from Colony name.

Registered single domestic rate letter.



1925 domestic rate letter, 0-20 grams	-30c.
Registration -	75c.
Overpaid -	4c.
Total -	109c.

Backstamped arrival: Troyes 11 Feb 26

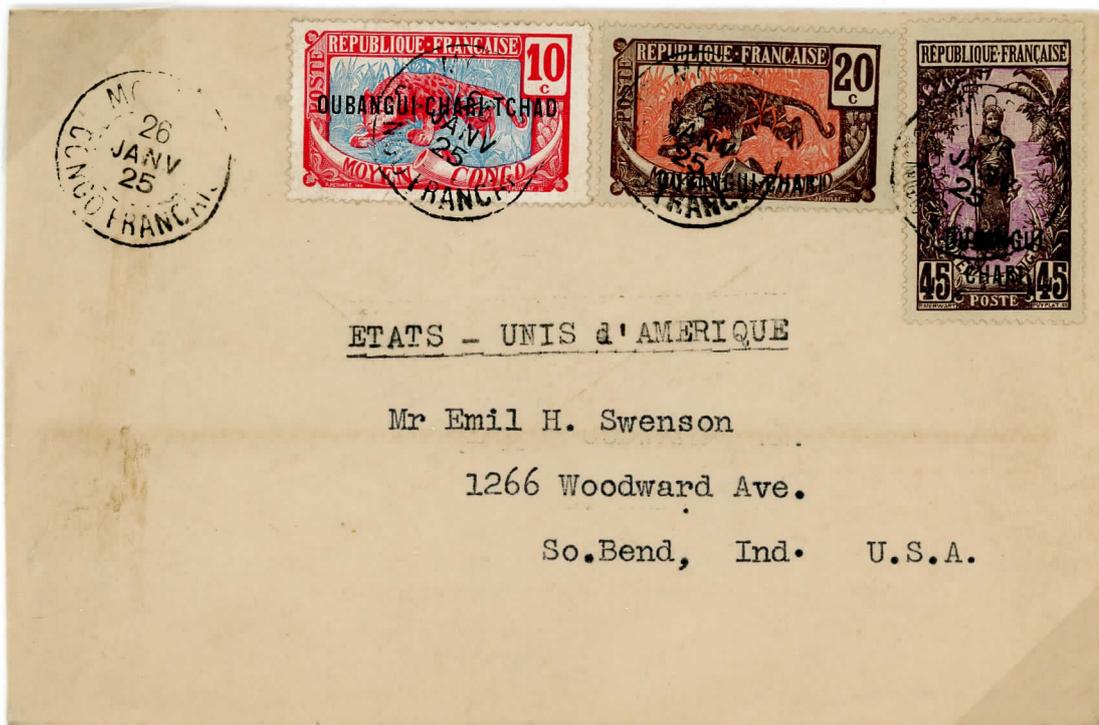
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2nd definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari

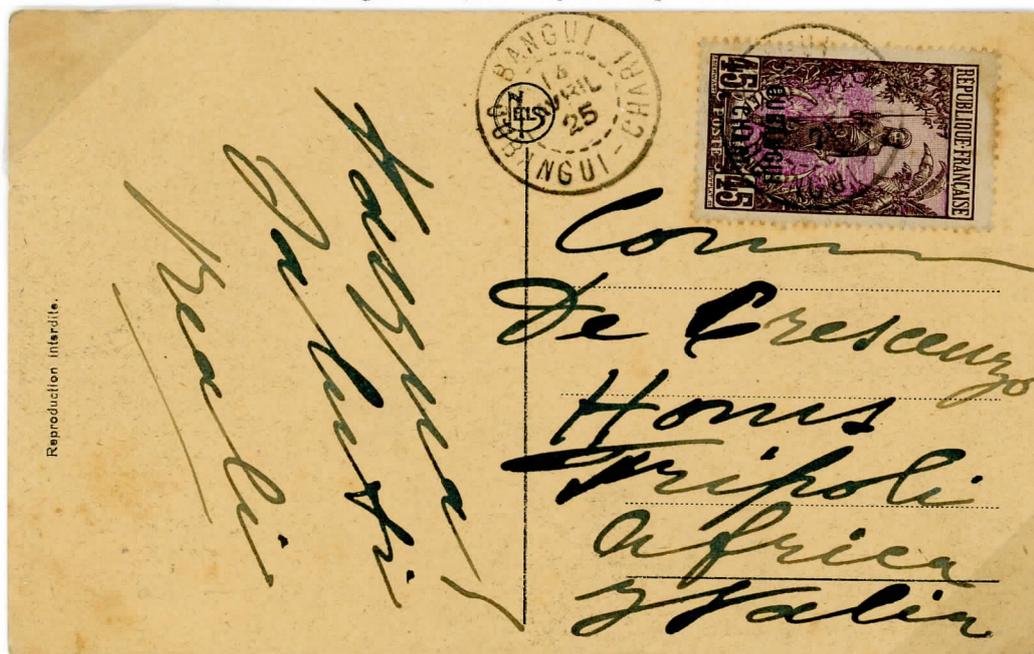
26 Jan 1925
14 April 1925

Mobaye to South Bend, USA

26 Jan 25 1st and 2nd issues; foreign letter, to 20 grams - 75c.



14 April 25 Bangui to Tripoli, Libya; foreign rate card - 45c.



Above foreign rates were in effect 1 April 1924 thru 15 July 1925

1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari

27 Oct 1924

Stamps of 1907 Middle Congo design
overprinted OUBANGUI-CHARI and
AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE FRANÇAISE

27 Oct 1924



Beginning in 1924 all stamps were overprinted AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE FRANÇAISE.

OUBANGUI-CHARI Overprint Varieties



Overprint Missing



Overprint Double

Signed Brun



Overprint Missing

Four Colonies constituted A.E.F. [French Equatorial Africa] during 1910-1936: Ubangi-Shari, Chad, Middle Congo, and Gabon. The issues of all were given A.E.F. overprints to indicate the overall governing regime.

Stamps of 1907 Middle Congo design
overprinted OUBANGUI-CHARI and
AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE FRANCAISE

First printing 27 Oct 1924



Type 1 overprint spacing



1907 Middle Congo design overprinted OUBANGUI-CHARI and AFRIQUE EQUATORIAL FRANCAISE.

27 Oct 1924

Varieties



Normal



Imperforate proof



Oubangui-Chari Missing

Block of 20 from pane of 25; sheet format: 3 panes of 25 with gutters between. Large multiples extremely scarce.



Stamps of 1907 Middle Congo design
overprinted OUBANGUI-CHARI and
AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE FRANCAISE

27 OCT 1924

4 Centime Color Variety



Normal Colors
Frame - Brown, Background - Lilac



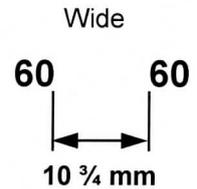
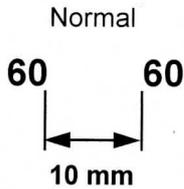
Color Variety
Frame and Background - Brown



Stamps of 1907 Middle Congo design overprinted
OUBANGUI-CHARI and
AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE FRANCAISE

27 Oct 1924

60 surcharge settings



60 - 60 surcharge spacing varies from 10 mm to 10 3/4 mm; wide setting is very uncommon.

7 mm Type 1 OUBANGUI-CHARI overprint spacing

Overprint Errors



Oubangui-Chari
Missing

Signed Calves



60c. Surcharge
Missing

Signed Champion



A.E.F. double;
red & black.

1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari

12 Aug 1925

Fort Sibut to Kalamazoo, U.S.A.

3rd issue 25c and 50c of first printing; 7 mm
Type 1 OUBANGUI-CHARI overprint spacing

Colony name spelled OUBANGHI in cancel

12 Aug 1925 Single foreign rate letter



Franked at 1924 foreign letter rate of 75c per 20 grams; correct rate as of 16 July 1925 was 1 Fr. No postage due charge indicated. Local rate change may have been delayed due to communication lag or letter may have entered mail up-country prior to rate change.

Backstamped transit markings:

Bangui, Oubangui-Chari 17 Aug 25
Brazzaville, Moyen Congo 27 Aug 25

1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari

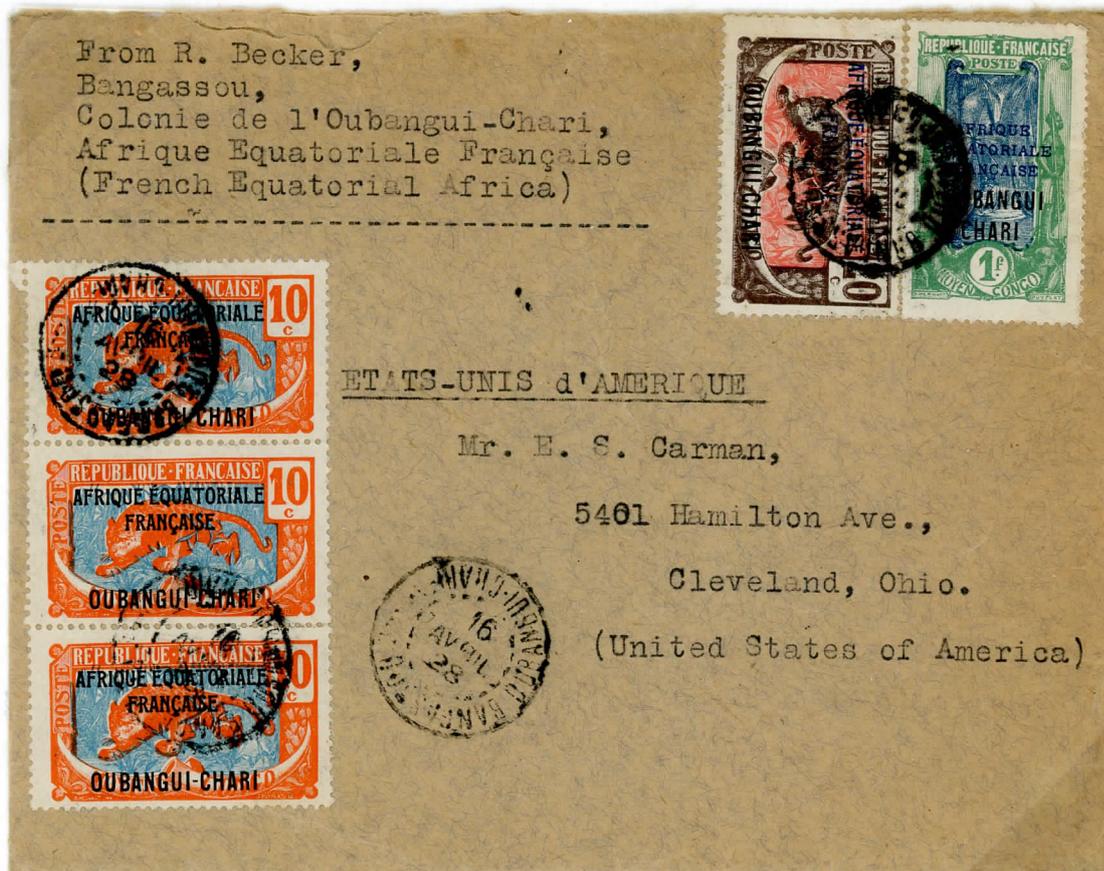
29 Jan 1931
16 April 1928

Single foreign rate letters to USA
1 Fr 50 per 20 grams or fraction.

29 Jan 31

Bambari
to
Brooklyn,
N.Y.

B/s
Bangui
2 Feb 31



15 April 28

Bangassou
to
Cleveland,
Ohio

Fort Archambault to Canada

10 Feb 1930 Foreign rate card. 1926 UPU card rate was 90c; sender unaware of special 50c rate to Canada introduced 11 Sept 29.



Bambari 18 Sept 29. Unaddressed souvenir; domestic card with address, date & signature - 15c.



1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari

31 July 1931
10 Nov 1926

To Paris, France

31 July 31
Registered
double
domestic
rate letter
from
Bangui.

1926-37
domestic
rate letter,
20-50
grams -
75c;
registration
- 1 Fr.



10 Nov 26
Domestic rate
card from
Bangassou;
mixed 1925
Middle Congo
& 1924
Ubangi-Shari
franking.

6 Aug 26 -
17 July 32
Ordinary
card - 40 c.



Card written at Semio about 380 Km east on River M'Bomou.

1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari

28 Dec 1925

Bangui to Monterrey, Mexico
Very uncommon destination.

3rd issue 2 Franc from first printing; 7 mm
Type 1 OUBANGUI-SHARI overprint spacing.

28 Dec 25 Registered single foreign rate letter.



July 1925 foreign rate letter, 20 grams or fraction: 1F
Registration: 1F

Backstamped arrival: MONTERREY, N.L. 5 Mar 1926

Stamps of 1907 Middle Congo design
overprinted OUBANGUI-CHARI and
AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE FRANCAISE

Type 2 overprint spacing



New overprint setting on all printings released after 1924.



Oubangui-
Chari
double



Double signed
Calves



16 April 29 Fort Archambault to France; 1926 domestic card rate 40c.



45. - A. E. F. - BRAZZAVILLE. - Rencontre sur les chemins d'alentour

1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari

20 Aug 1929
3 July 1932

Bangui to Paris, France

Under paid letters; no due charges indicated.

20 Aug 29 Double domestic rate letter, 20-50 grams - 75 c.; underpaid 10 c.



3 July 32 Single domestic rate
letter, 20 grams or fraction -
50 c.; underpaid 15 c.

Letter sealed but if intended as
printed matter, rate was 25 c.
per 50-100 grams with 10 c.
overpayment.

Both rates valid from Aug 1926.



1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari

1925
1930

Stamps of 1907 Middle Congo design
overprinted OUBANGUI-CHARI and
AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE FRANCAISE

1 Feb 1925

1 June 1925



1 Dec 1925



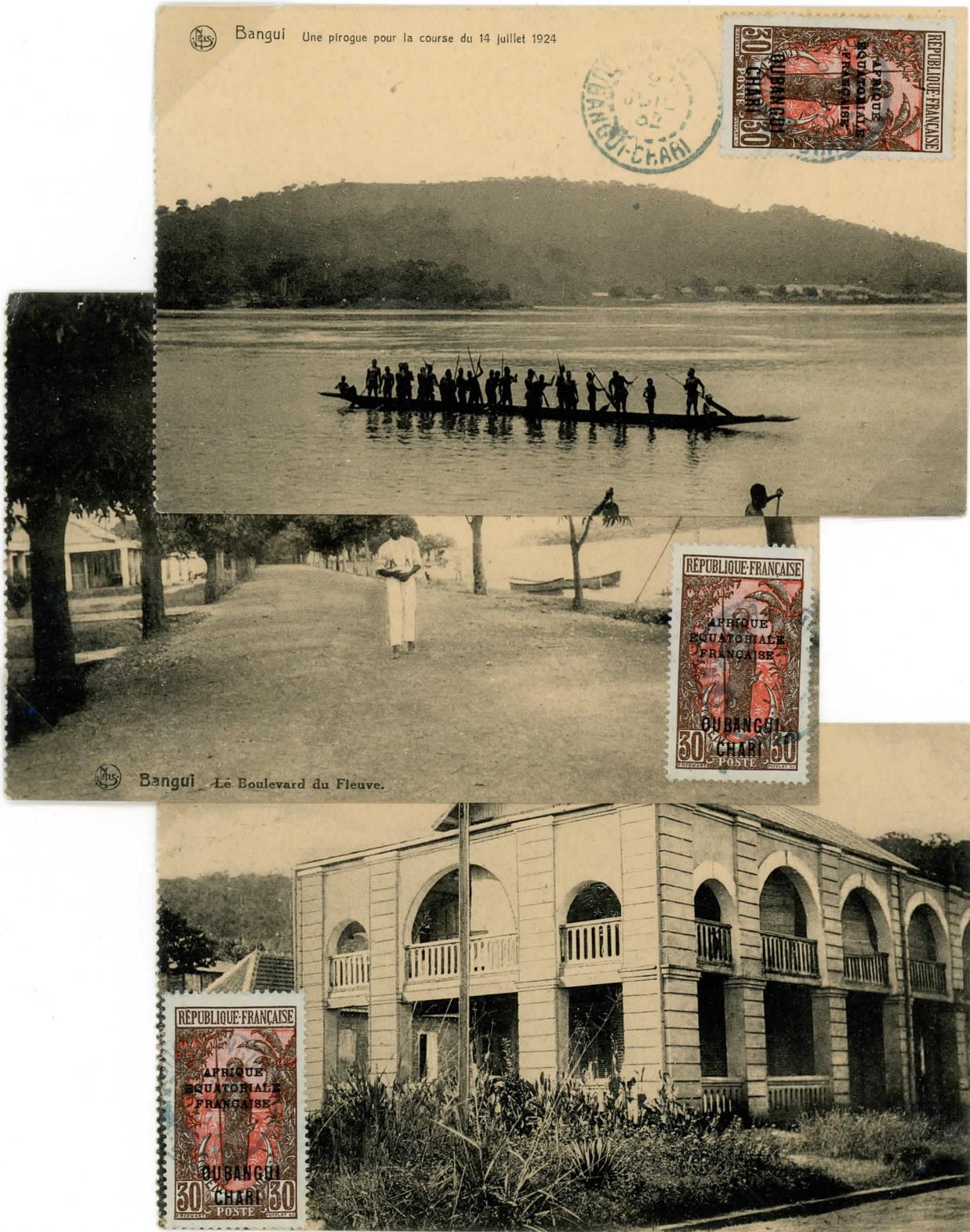
24 Nov 30 Bangui to Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.



1926-37 UPU rate - 90c.

Bangui to Belgium

View cards with address only, franked as single foreign rate printed matter - 30c.



1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari

11 April 1931
5 Dec 1927

Bangui to Paris France

Single domestic rate letters



Monsieur Robert Trouvost
8 bis Rue de Chateaudun



Monsieur le Docteur Cordonnier

11 bis Avenue Elysée Reclus

Paris

France

A. Chevillet - Boali
Oubangui - Chari
A. E. F.

1926-37 domestic rate letter, 0-20 grams - 50c.

1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari

5 Dec 1927
29 Oct 1928

Single foreign rate letters.

5 Dec 1927 Bangui to Buenos Aires, Argentina.



Monsieur Manuel SEGUEZ OCANTOS

Caracas 4820

B U E N O S - A I R E S

République Argentine



For the Son of man
is come to seek and to
save that which was
lost. —Luke 19: 10.

The Lord knoweth
the way of the right-
eous; but the way of
the ungodly shall
perish. —Ps. 1: 6.

Miss Beatrice Woodworth
243 Fitch St.
Syracuse
N.Y.

29 Oct 28 Fort Crampel to Syracuse, U.S.A.

1st AEF Regime
3rd definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari

12 Oct 1929
27 May 1930

Foreign rate letters from Bangassou via Buta, Belgian Congo, an alternative route east to southern Sudan and then north via River Nile to Cairo, Egypt on the Mediterranean.



12 Oct 29
To Chicago, USA
1926 -37 foreign rate,
1F50 per 20 grams;
overpaid 25c.
Backstamped transit:
ABA 31 Oct 29
(on Belgian Congo
border with Sudan).

27 May 30
To Savoie, France
1926-37 foreign rate.
Backstamped transit:
BONDO 29 May 30
ABA 5 June 30
(Belgian Congo).
M/S specified routing:
Via Buta - Redjaf (Sudan)
- Cairo - Marseille.



Stamps of 1907 Middle Congo design
overprinted OUBANGUI-CHARI and
AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE FRANCAISE

Overprint Varieties

1 Feb 1925



Surcharge 65 Missing;
violet frame printed double.

Double Signed Calves

1 June 1925



A.E.F. overprint
missing



Oubangui-Chari
missing

1 Dec 1925



Oubangui-Chari
missing

14 June 1926



1 F 25 Surcharge Missing

Signed Roumet

1925-26



A.E.F. overprint shift. Very uncommon.

1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari

1926-27
1933

Stamps of 1907 Middle Congo design
overprinted OUBANGUI-CHARI and
AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE FRANCAISE

14 June 1926



June 1926



14 Nov 1927



June 1933 Bangui to Switzerland



1926-37 Foreign rate printed matter, 0-50 grams - 30c

Fort Archambault to Canada

10 Feb 1930 Foreign rate cards. 1926 UPU card rate was 90c; sender overlooked or unaware of special 50c rate to Canada introduced 11 Sept 29.



1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari

15 Sept 1933
24 Oct 1934

Bangui to Bordeaux, France

Single domestic rate letters.



Madame Péne
chez madame Barère

11

France



Madame Péne
167 rue Bertrand de Goth 167
à Bordeaux
France. Gironde

1926-37 domestic rate letter, 0-20 grams - 50c.
Lower cover is overpaid 5 c.

Stamps of 1907 Middle Congo design
overprinted OUBANGUI-CHARI and
AFRIQUE EQUATORIAL FRANCAISE

21 Mar 1929

19 Dec 1925



Normal surcharge: point follows: F .

Surcharge Varieties



.Point Missing: F

F

F .

Signed Roumet



Point Missing: F

1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari

1927
1929

Stamps of 1907 Middle Congo design
overprinted OUBANGUI-CHARI and
AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE FRANCAISE

11 April 1927



4 April 29 Fort Archambault to Canada. 1926-37 UPU rate - 90c.



29. - A. E. F. - BRASSZAVILLE. - Jetée et Poste de Douane de la Briqueterie

1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari

17 Feb 1928

Fort Archambault to Vienna, Austria

Letter addressed to then President of
Republic of Austria, Michael Hainisch.

17 Feb 1928 Single foreign rate letter.



1926-37 foreign rate letter, 0-20 grams - 1 Fr 50.

Bangui to France

7 May 31 Single domestic rate airmail letter.



Aug 1926 Domestic letter rate, 20 grams or fraction - 50 c.
Airmail supplement, per 10 grams - 3 Fr.

Backstamped arrival: PARIS 23 May 31

Note: Airmail supplement paid transport by air to France. Onward destinations were by surface unless additional air links were available and prepaid.

In 1931 Bangui was selected as base for French Equatorial Africa aviation operations. During the 1930s regularly scheduled flights developed between Bangui, North Africa and France.

1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari

1928-33
20 Nov 1935

Stamps of 1907 Middle Congo design
overprinted OUBANGUI-CHARI and
AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE FRANCAISE

2 April 1928



25 Sept 1928



22 March 1930



22
March
1930



25
Sept
1933



20 Nov 1935 Bangui to France; single domestic rate airmail letter.



Aug 1926 domestic letter rate, 20 grams or fraction - 50 c.
Airmail supplement, per 5 grams - 2 Fr.

Bangui to Rochefort-sur-Nenon, France

1928 75c on money order card paying fee for 800 Francs

d'absence, faire suivre

Étiquette
extraite du
registre
n° 510.

N° 1406

BANGUI
RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE.
JUIN
32

REPUBLIC FRANCAISE
75c
POSTE

MANDAT-CARTE.

ORIGINE } BANGUI
 } OUBANGUI - CHARI

N° DU TITRE: 417

MANDAT de la somme
(Montant de la somme, francs en lettres.)
de **Huit Cents Francs:::::**

payable à M^(d) **Madame Parmentier**
Jean.

rue..... n°.....
à **Rochefort-sur-Nenon**
Dép^t **du Jura (FRANCE)**

BON POUR
800 fr. c

Certifié conforme au
mandat télégraphique
n°.....
du.....
.....originaire
de.....

Le Receveur

(A) Si le mandat est destiné à une femme, mettre Madame ou Made-
moiselle en toutes lettres.

Cadre réservé aux
rectifications ou à
la désignation du
bureau de Paris
chargé du paye-
ment. (Art. 75 et 83,
l. 6, fasc. 7.)

N° d'inscription
à l'état
des mandats payés. 11

Taxe
de
l'avis
de
paiement

MOTIF DU NON-PAYEMENT :

Payé à **ROCHEFORT
SUR NENON**
le **14 juillet 1932**

POUR ACQUIT (1) :
Parmentier

du bureau
mandat
ROCHEFORT SUR NENON
JURA
1932

Timbre du bureau
de paiement
ROCHEFORT SUR NENON
JURA
1932

(1) La partie prenante doit, en donnant son acquit, remplir les indi-
cations ci-dessus de lieu et de date de paiement. Les fondés de pouvoir
des ayants droit et les vaguemestres énonceront leur qualité.

1st A.E.F. Regime
Middle Congo usage

Ubangi-Shari

24 Aug 1928

Bangui to Chalon, France

1925 Middle Congo 50 centime stamps used at Bangui; use in other
A.E.F. Colonies not officially permitted until 1936. **Uncommon**

24 Aug 28 Single domestic rate letter.



Aug 1926 domestic rate letter, 0-20 grams - 50 c.
May 1926 Registration rate - 1 Fr

Backstamped arrival: CHALON 29.9.28

Inter-colony use of stamps within A.E.F. was not officially sanctioned until 1936 when a unified postal administration was created. Some occasional usage, like the cover above, may have been overlooked (or even tolerated) because of similar stamp designs; they are *not common*.

1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari

31 Aug 1930

Brazzaville, Middle Congo to Newark, Ohio, U.S.A.

1925 30 centime stamps used at **Brazzaville**; outside use not sanctioned until 1936. **Uncommon**

31 Aug 30 Single foreign rate letter.



Aug 1926 foreign rate letter, 0-20 grams - 1 Fr 50.

Sender, R. Lehuard, used Ubangi-Shari 30 c. stamps on several letters sent from Brazzaville. According to one return address, he was probably a PTT employee; an in-transit shipment of Ubangi-Shari stamps to Bangui may have been his source.

1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari

25 Dec 1930

Brazzaville, Middle Congo to Evreux, France

1925 30 centime stamps used at **Brazzaville** with 1924 Middle
congo 5 Fr; outside use not sanctioned until 1936. **Uncommon**

25 Dec 30 Double rate domestic airmail letter.



Airmail supplement, 10 grams at 2 Fr 50 per 5 grams -	5 Fr
Aug 1926 domestic letter rate, 0-20 grams -	50 c.
1926 registration rate -	1 Fr
Total -	6 Fr 50

1st A.E.F. Regime
4th issue

Ubangi-Shari

1931
1932

Commemoration of Paris Colonial Exposition

13 April 1931



2 Oct 32 Single foreign rate letter, Fort Crampel to Chicago, U.S.A.



1926-37 foreign letter rate, 0-20 grams - 1 F 50

1st A.E.F. Regime
4th issue

Ubangi-Shari

23 July 1934
10 Feb 1932

1931 Colonial Exposition issue.

23 July 34 Single foreign rate letter.

*W.F. Mimmo
Dpp, par Bambari
Oubangui Chari
Fr. Equ. Africa*

Bambari to
Chagrin Falls,
Ohio, U.S.A.



Mr. Geo. S. Milner

R. F. D. 3.

Chagrin Falls

Commande



*Monsieur le Directeur des
"Etablissements Gab" B.P. 248, Rue des Pyramides*

Paris (XX.)

Fort
Archambault
to Paris.

10 Feb 32 Single domestic rate letter.

1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari

29 July 1935

Bangui to Paris, France

Combined use of 1924 Ubangi and Chad issues.
Uncommon prior to 1936 postal unification.

29 July 35 Double rate domestic airmail letter.



Airmail supplement, 10 grams at 2 Fr 50 per 5 grams - 5 Fr.
Aug 1926 domestic rate letter, 0-20 grams - 50 c.

Backstamped transit: MARSEILLE 2 Aug 1935

Occasional mixed usage of Ubangi-Shari and Chad stamps occurred following the initial A.E.F. administrative reorganization of 15 Nov 1934; stamp inventory sharing may have begun early. Several boundary changes and the postal unification of the four A.E.F. Colonies was completed by 28 Dec 1936.

1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Ubangi-Shari

9 Nov 1935

Bangui to Paris, France

Combined use of 1927 Ubangi and 1924 Chad issues.
Uncommon prior to 1936 postal unification.

9 Nov 35 Registered domestic airmail letter.



Airmail supplement, 25 grams at 2 Fr per 5 grams -	10 Fr
1933 domestic letter rate, 20-50 grams -	75 c.
Registration -	1 Fr 25
Total -	12 Fr 00

Envelope front only. Probable that an additional 1 Fr 50 was applied to back; bank mail unlikely to be underpaid.

1st A.E.F. Regime
First postage due issue

Ubangi-Shari

1928
1929

1893-1926 French postage dues overprinted
Oubangui-Chari
A. E. F.

2 April 1928



Paris to Bangui leg of 10 Dec 29 First Flight to Madagascar; 4 Fr 50 franking is correct.
30 centimes in Ubangi-Shari dues paid Poste Restante user-fee at Bangui 20 Dec 29



1893-1926 French postage dues overprinted
OUBANGUI - CHARI
A. E. F.
2 April 1928



All denominations overprinted in Paris. Sheet format was six panes of 25 subjects each arranged 3 high x 2 wide and separated with horizontal and vertical gutters.

1st A.E.F. Regime
2nd Postage Due issue

Ubangi-Shari

Jan 1929

Postage Due Designs
1930

Color Essays

For franc denominations

Undenominated frame and vignette of Lt. Governor Emile Gentil. Small dark spot on Gentil's forehead just below receding hairline was removed from final die.



Postage Due Designs
1930

Color Die Proofs

For franc denominations.



Undenominated composite frame and vignette head of Emile Gentil. Vignette die modified to remove small dark spot on Gentil's forehead just below receding hairline.

For centime denominations



Undenominated composite frame and vignette proof. Vignette: view of Mobaye on River Ubangi.

Postage Due Designs
Centime values - Town of Mobaye on River Ubangi
Franc values - Emil Gentil

17 Feb 1930



Emile Gentil - military leader and explorer in Ubangi and Chad. Lieutenant Governor of French Congo 1902-04.

Mixed franking

Bangassou to Philadelphia, U.S.A.

Mixed franking of 1933 Middle Congo and 1936 A.E.F. issues.

27 Nov 36 Single foreign rate letter.



Aug 1926 foreign rate letter, 0-20 grams - 1 Fr 50.

Endorsed to be routed via eastern Belgian Congo and northward via the White Nile River; cover has no confirming transit markings

The 1934 A.E.F. administrative reorganization provided for a single umbrella Regime (with Colony status) composed of four Territories: Ubangi-Shari, Chad, Middle Congo and Gabon. Separate colony postal services were unified during 1936 and the previous issues of all became valid throughout A.E.F. and were used concurrently with A.E.F. definitives introduced during 1936-40.

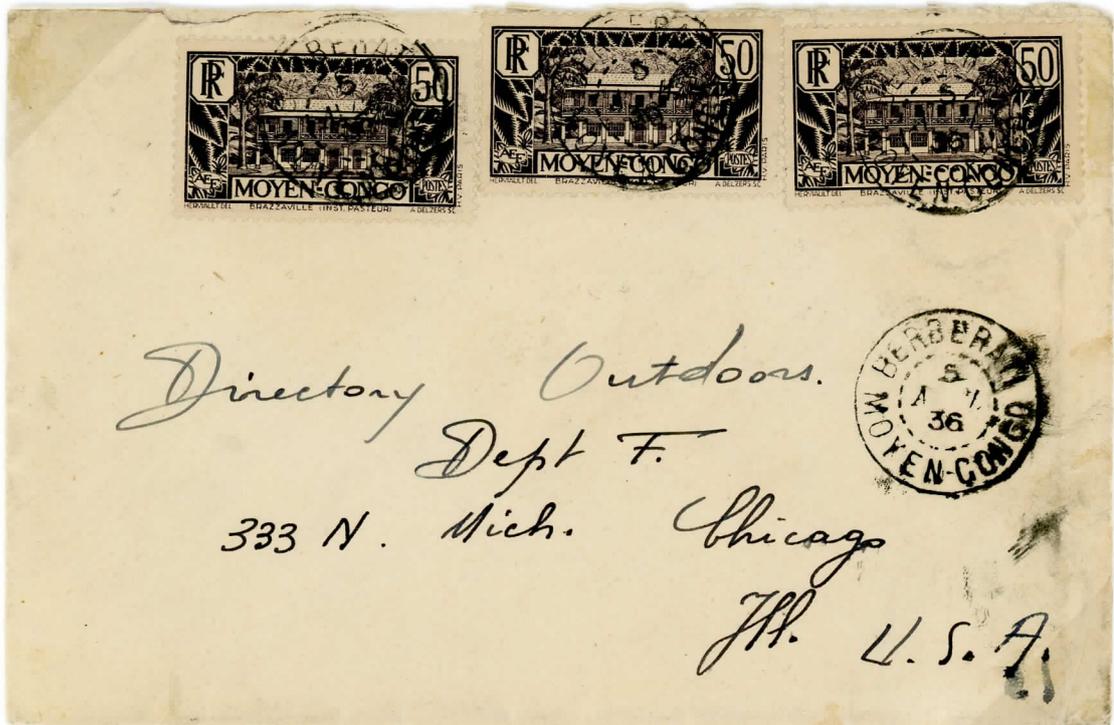
2nd A.E.F. Regime
1933 Middle Congo

Ubangi-Shari

5 Aug 1936

Berberati, to Chicago, U.S.A.
Berberati part of Middle Congo until 1934; **Moyen Congo** cancel in use until replaced with A.E.F. cancel.

5 Aug 36 Single foreign rate letter.



1926-37 foreign rate letter, 20 grams or fraction - 1 Fr 50.



Area in green transferred to Ubangi-Shari from Middle Congo during 1934.

Berberati to Chicago, U.S.A.

Berberati was part of Middle Congo until transferred during August 1934. Franking was sufficient only for air to France and then by surface to Chicago. Two black bars were applied over PAR AVION by the Marseille P.O. to indicate onward air service had not been prepaid.

23 Aug 35 Single foreign rate airmail letter.



Aug 1926 foreign letter rate, 20 grams or fraction -	1Fr50
Airmail supplement, each 10 grams of fraction -	3Fr00
Total	4Fr50

Backstamped transits:

BANGUI 27 Aug 35; MARSEILLE 5 Sept 35; 10 day lapsed time.

Two air routes were operational in 1935. The Air France Western route, Dakar, Senegal-France required a surface transit by ship via River Congo and Atlantic Ocean. Matadi (river mouth)-Dakar was 18 days, according to R. Salles, *La Poste Maritime Française, Tome III*. The Eastern route was operated by Air Afrique from Niamey, Niger to Alger connecting with Sabena Alger-Marseille. Air supplement, Dakar-France, was 3 Fr per 10 grams; Niamey-France was 2 Fr per 5 grams. *Although the above letter is paid at the 3 Fr rate, the 10 day lapsed time could only have been achieved via Niamey; surface transit to Dakar alone would have taken much longer.*



MR. EARL W. TITE
 1344 EAST 80th., STREET,
 CLEVELAND, OHIO.
 ETATS UNIS D'AMERIQUE.

C. A. JEUNETTE
 LES MOROUBAS PAR BAMBARI,
 OUBANGUI-CHARI,
 FRENCH EQUATORIAL AFRICA.

Ubangi-Shari

2nd A.E.F. Regime

Mixed franking

8 Aug 1936

Bambari to Cleveland, U.S.A.

Mixed franking of 1930 Ubangi-Shari, 1933 Middle Congo and 1936 A.E.F. issues.

8 Aug 36 Double foreign rate letter.

Foreign letter,	
first 20 grams -	1F50
Additional 20	
grams or	
fraction -	0F90
Total	2F40

Backstamped transit:
 BANGUI 11 Aug 36

2nd A.E.F. Regime
Mixed franking

Ubangi-Shari

7 Dec 1936
28 June 1937

Single foreign rate airmail letters to U.S.A.

1927 Ubangi-Shari and 1933 Middle Congo issues.



Aug 1926 foreign rate letter, 20 grams or fraction - 1 Fr 50.
Airmail supplement, 5 grams - 2 Fr

2nd A.E.F. Regime
Mixed franking

Ubangi-Shari

7 Nov 1936
10 March 1937

Ubangi-Shari, A.E.F and Middle Congo.franking.

7 Nov 36 Bangui to Philadelphia, U.S.A.



10 March 37 Fort Crampel to Mishawaka, Indiana, U.S.A.



Aug 1936 foreign letter rate, 20 grams or fraction - 1 Fr 50
Airmail supplement, per 5 grams - 2 Fr.

2nd A.E.F. Regime
Mixed franking

Ubangi-Shari

10 April 1937

Bangui to Paris, France

Mixed A.E.F. and Middle Congo franking.

10 April 37 Registered domestic airmail letter.



Airmail supplement, 10grams at 2 Fr per 5 grams -	4 Fr
1926 domestic letter rate, 20-grams or fraction -	50 c.
1932 Domestic Registration rate -	1 Fr 25
Total -	5 Fr 75

Backstamped arrival: PARIS 14.4.37

2nd A.E.F. Regime
Mixed franking

Ubangi-Shari

8 May 1937

Bangui to Paris, France

Mixed Gabon and Middle Congo franking.

8 May 37 Domestic airmail letter.



Airmail supplement, 15 grams at 2 Fr per 5 grams -	6 Fr
1926 domestic letter rate, 20-grams or fraction -	50 c.
Total	6 Fr 50

Backstamped arrival: PARIS 14.May.37

2nd A.E.F. Regime
Middle Congo
franking.

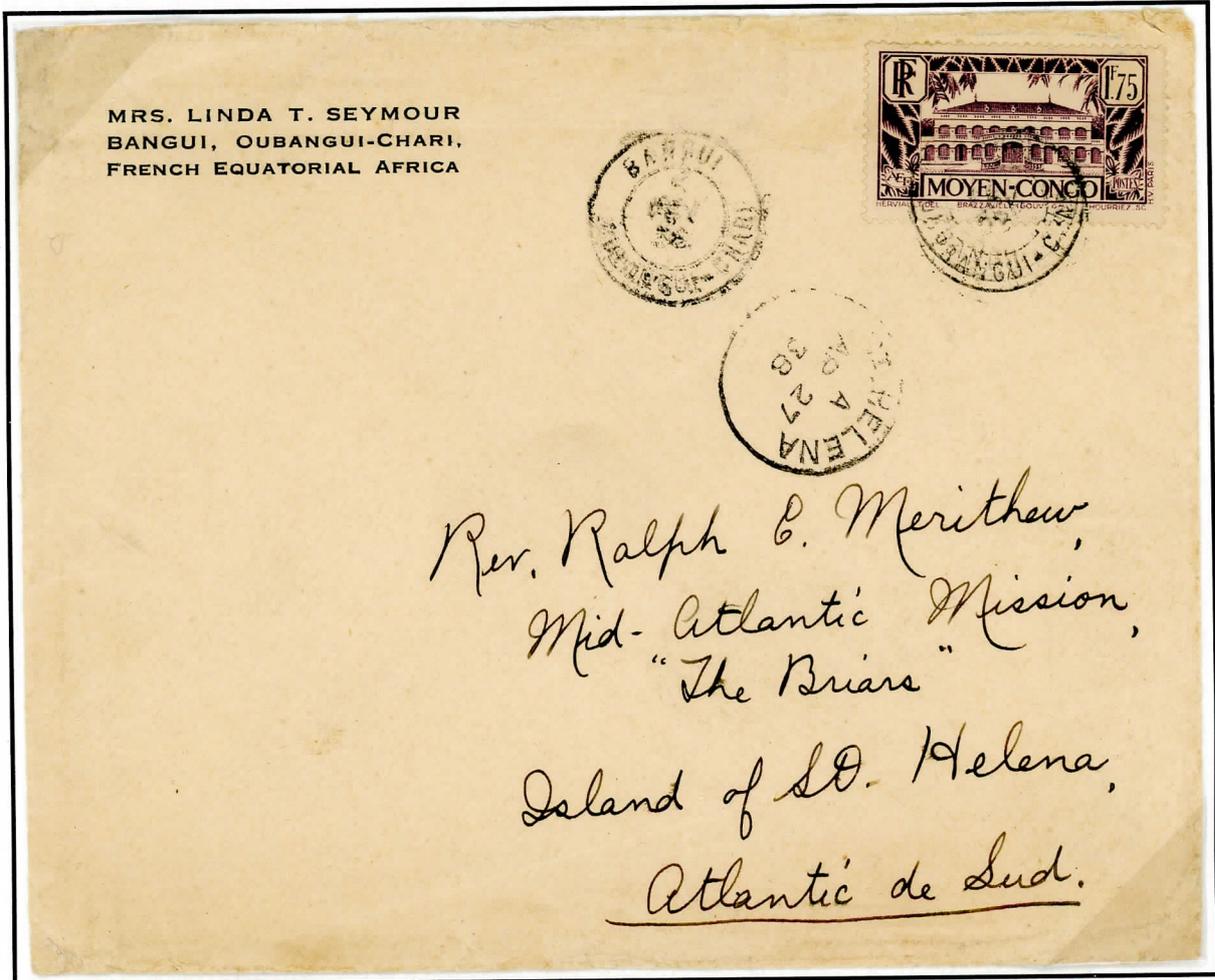
Ubangi-Shari

27 Jan 1938

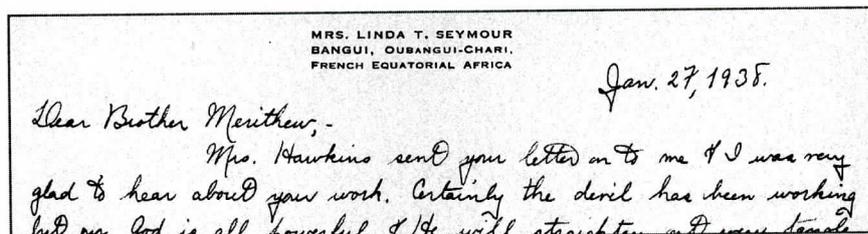
Bangui to Island of St. Helena, South Atlantic Ocean
An extremely elusive destination.

1933 Middle Congo issue.

Single foreign rate letter datelined 27 Jan 38.



1937 foreign letter rate, 20 grams or fraction - 1 Fr 75.



Letter posted at Bangui early Feb. Probable transit from Atlantic coast by French ship west and north to Las Palmas or Tenerife, Canary Islands. Then transfer to British ship heading back south via Ascension Island with St. Helena arrival 27 Apr 38; total transit time nearly 3 months.

New York City, U.S.A. to Fort Sibut

Letter to Postmaster (Le Receveur des Postes);
refused and returned to sender.

2 Nov 36 USA single foreign rate letter, 1 oz. or fraction - 5 cents.



Enclosed letter requests list of stamps available at Fort Sibut P. O. and provides an international reply coupon for postage. Red m/s **Refusé** indicates request refused; black boxed **RETOUR A L'ENVOYEUR** and blue m/s **Voir au dos** mean return to sender and see on the back (for return address). Purple **RETURN TO SENDER** probably applied at New York City. Reason for refusal not stated.

Backstamped:

Transits: BANGUI 15 DEC 36; FORT SIBUT 18 DEC 36; BANGUI 21 DEC 36

Arrival: NEW YORK, N. Y. 15 FEB 1937

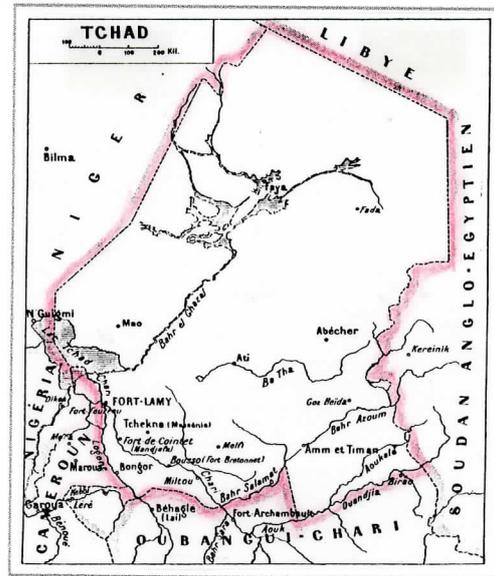
Chad Military Territory to Pontivy, France

Probable transit via Chari, Oubangui and Congo River systems. Entered mail stream at Brazzaville.

Franchise Militaire letter; no franking required. M/S : Chad Military Territory.



Endorsement for free franchise:
Military Correspondence
Lieutenant
Salang



Circa 1920-34

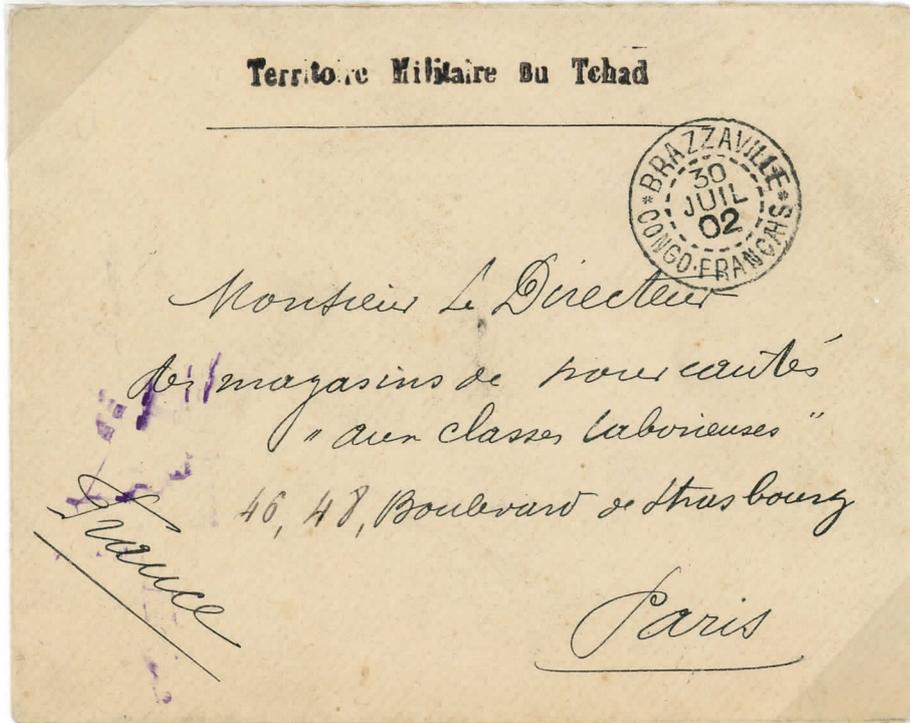
1st Congo Fr. Regime
Forerunners

Chad

1902
31 Aug 1908

Chad Military Territory to Paris France via the Shari, Oubangui and Congo River systems with transit BRAZZAVILLE 30 July 1902; b/s arrival PARIS 3 Sept 1903.

Official Franchise letter; no franking required. Rubber stamped: **Chad Military Territory**; but likely civilian official correspondence since there is no military unit endorsement.



31 Aug 08 Registered single domestic rate mourning letter, Fort Lamy to Paris.

1900
French
Congo
15c & 25c.



Front only.

Letter, per 20 grams or fraction - 10c; registration - 25c; overpaid 5c.

Chad Military Territory to Paris, France

Probable transit via the Shari, Ubangi and Congo
River systems. Entered mail stream at Brazzaville.

Official Franchise letter; no franking required. Rubber stamped UR:
*MINISTRY OF THE COLONIES / TERRITORY AND PROTECTORATE / OF
THE CHAD; m/s Franchise Postale. Violet double ring cachet: TERRITORY
AND PROTECTORATE OF CHAD / COMMANDANT / OF POST.*



M/S endorsement lower left written 26 Jan 1903 by official in charge of *Indigenous Affairs*.

Backstamped transit:



1st A.E.F. Regime
Forerunner

Chad

12 Aug 1913

Fort Lamy to Paris, France
Routed via Nigeria-Lagos-Liverpool

1907 Middle Congo 5 centime

12 Aug 13 Single domestic rate letter, 20 grams or fraction - 10 c.



M/S routing specified to connect with railway completed in 1912 between southwestern port of Lagos and Kano in north-central Nigeria. Cover has no postal transit markings; letter transported in sealed mail bag to qualify for French domestic rate. Probable route: Ft. Lamy west to Kano via caravan track, by rail to Lagos and to Liverpool by British steamer. Onward to France via British rail and cross Channel steamer.

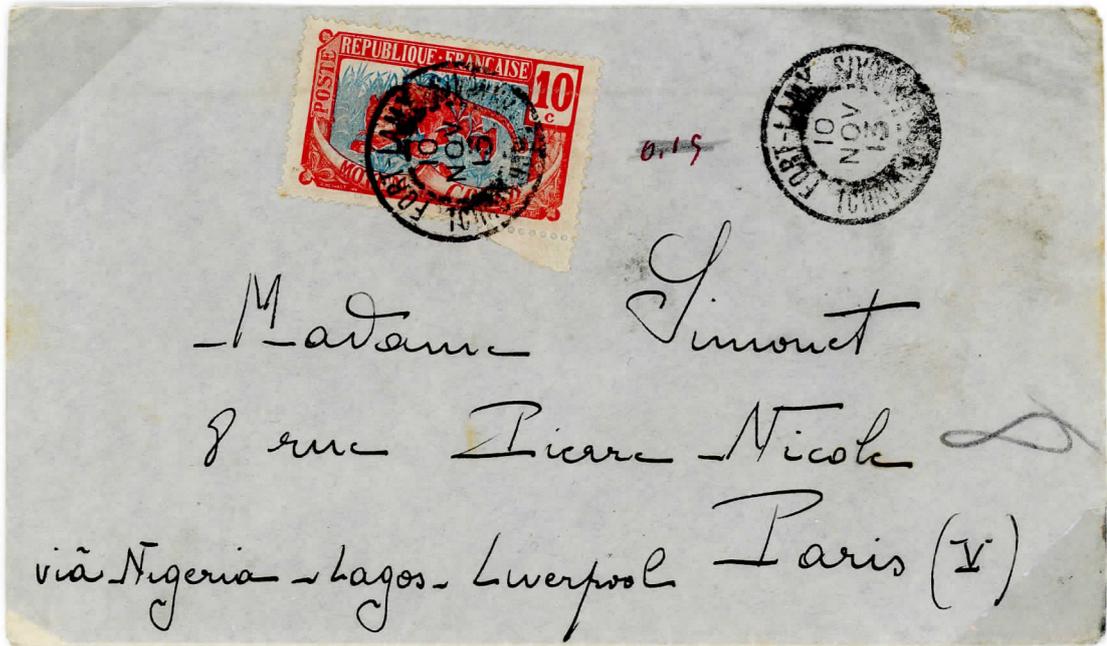
1st A.E.F. Regime
Forerunner

Chad

10 Nov 1913
22 March 1914

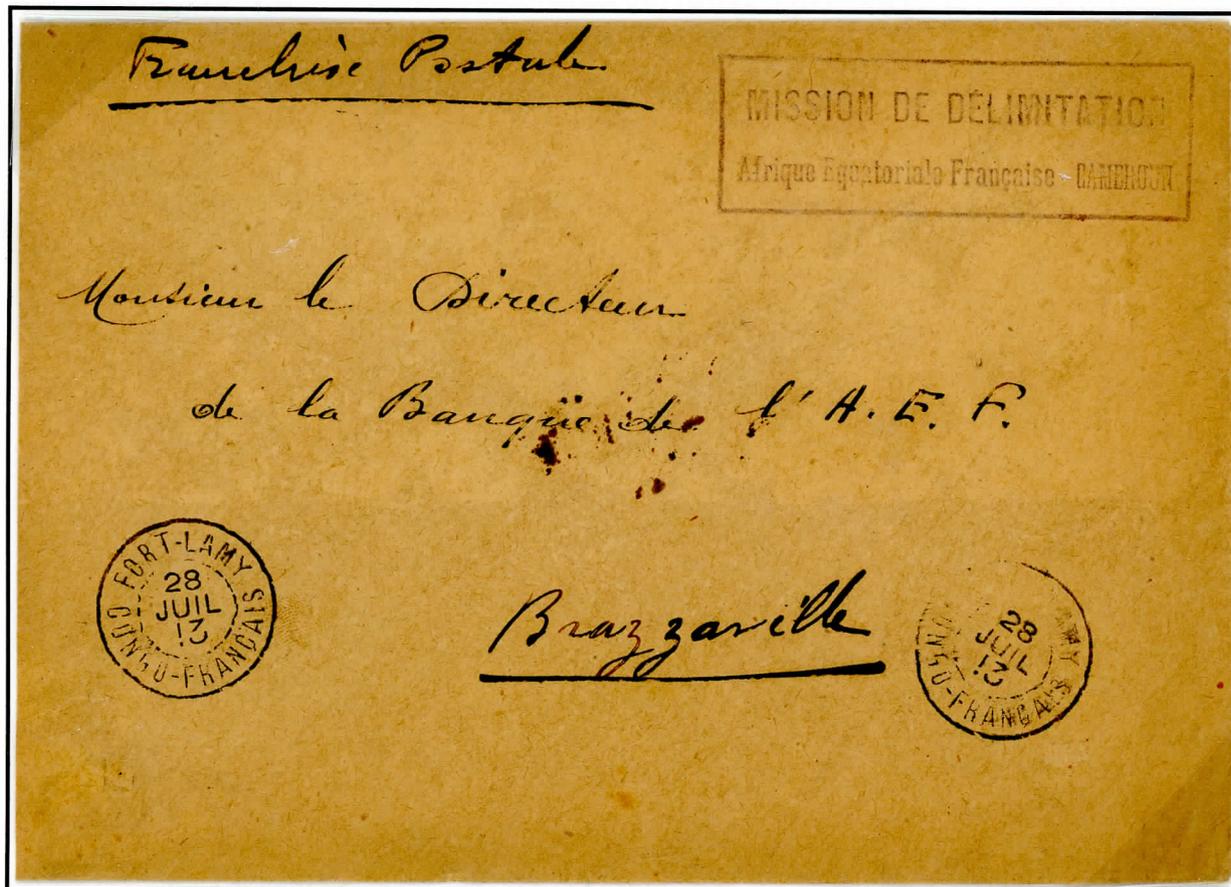
Fort Lamy to Paris, France
Single domestic rate letters routed via Nigeria-Lagos-Liverpool

1907 Middle Congo 5 & 10 centime



Fort Lamy to Brazzaville, Middle Congo

28 July 13 **Official Franchise letter.** Cachet applied by commission for settlement of modified borders between **A.E.F.** and German **Kamerun** following the 1911 Franco-German Morocco Treaty.



Backstamped:

Transit: BANGUI 24 Sept 13
Arrival: BRAZZAVILLE 4 Oct 13

The Morocco Treaty of 4 Nov 1911 was concluded after a conflict of French and German interests in Morocco which punctuated by the presence of the German Gunboat *SMS Panther* at Agadir. Germany recognized French claims in Morocco in return for a French transfer of certain lands in Gabon, Middle Congo, Ubangi-Shari and Chad to Kamerun. Chad also gained some Kamerun territory. These all reverted to the A.E.F. territories after World War One.

1st A.E.F. Regime
Forerunners

Chad

18 Jan 1916
10 Feb 1916

18 Jan 16 **Franchise Militaire** letter, Fort Lamy to Paris, France. Endorsed in lower left by officer in charge of Marine Infantry troops. Military presence was needed to maintain order in previously rebellious northern tribal areas and to defend against a revolt by the Senussi under the Turkish Flag with Turks and Germans supporting 1915-1918 from Libya.



10 Feb 16 Registered single domestic rate letter, Fort Lamy to Bordeaux, France; routed via Nigeria - Liverpool. Sender was located in town of FAYA; local post office opened 1 June 20 as northernmost in Chad.

1900 French
Congo 25c &
1907 Middle
Congo 10c.



Backstamped
arrival:
BORDEAUX
20 April 16.

Letter, per 20 grams or fraction - 10c; registration - 25c.

1st A.E.F. Regime
Forerunner

Chad

23 Feb 1917

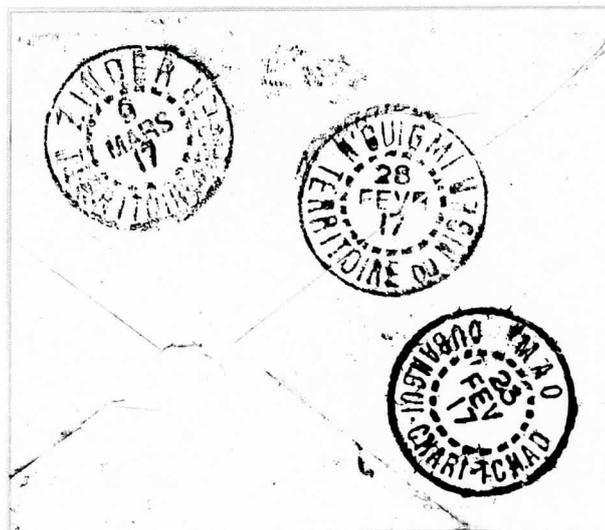
Mao to Paris, France
Routed via Zinder - Nigeria - Liverpool

1900 French Congo 15 c.

23 Feb 17 Jan 1917 domestic letter rate. Routed west around north shore of Lake Chad to N'GUIGMI and ZINDER, Niger. Then south to Kano, Nigeria, southwest by railroad to Port Lagos on Atlantic coast and then by British ship to Liverpool, Britain. Onward by rail and cross channel ship to Paris.



Reverse



1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd Red Cross issue
Stationery

Ubangi-Shari-Chad

1916
1 July 1922

1915 Oubangui-Chari-Tchad definitive very uncommon used in Chad; civilian presence very limited during 1915-1920 military pacification & WWI operations.

July 1916 Red Cross issue



1894 French postage due



Used at Abecher
in northern Chad.

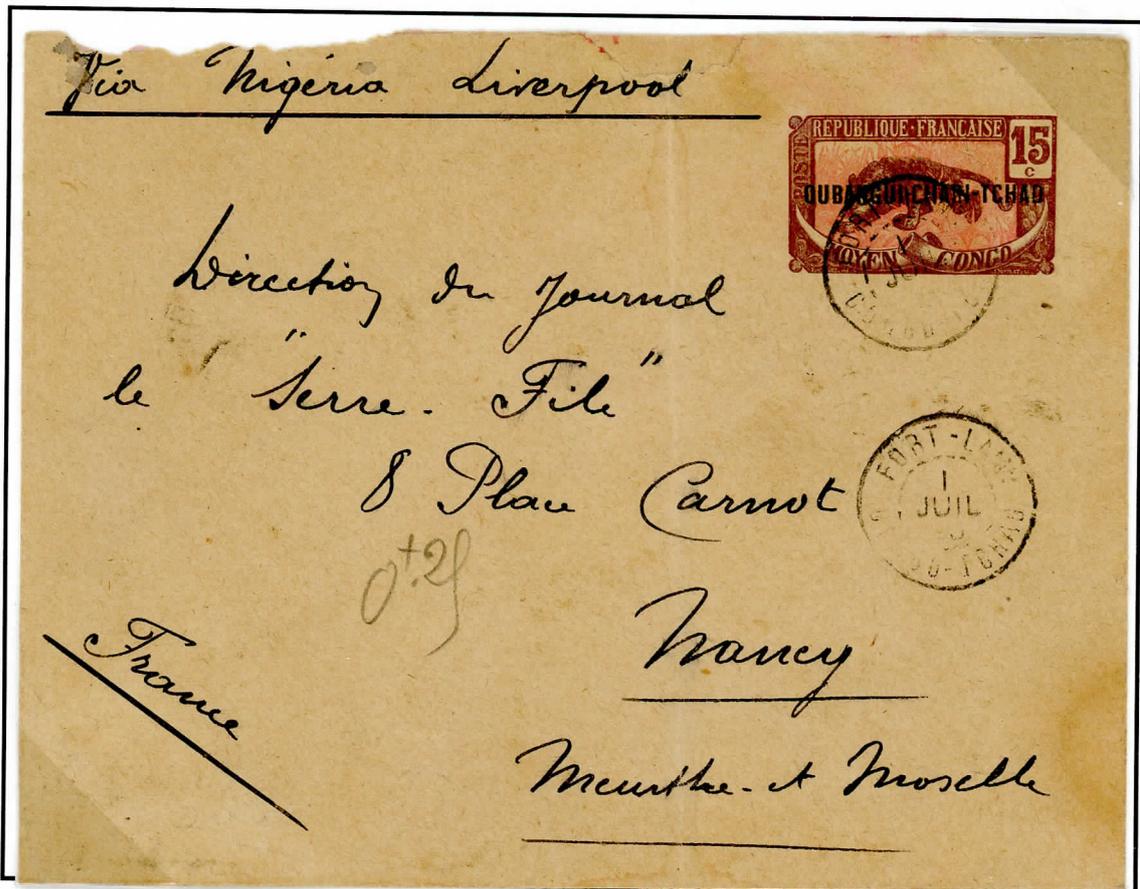
1919

1908 Middle Congo envelope overprinted OUBANGUI-CHARI-TCHAD.

Fort Lamy to France, routed via Nigeria and Liverpool; b/s arrival NANCY 27 Aug 22.

1 July 22 Underpaid single domestic rate letter.

15c envelope is the only example presently known to exhibitor.



April 1920 domestic letter rate, 20 grams or fraction: 25c. Pencil m/s indicates 20c penalty (10c x 2); no apparent effort made to collect amount via TAXE marking or postage dues.

1st A.E.F. Regime
1st definitive issue

Chad

13 June 1923
25 April 1923

Uncommon use of 1915 first issue in Chad; letters from Fort Lamy.

13 June 23 Single domestic rate to Bordeaux, France; b/s arrival BORDEAUX 11 July 23.



25 April 23
To Troy, New York
1922 foreign letter rate
per 20 grams - 50c;
1921 registration
fee - 50c.
Backstamped:
BRAZZAVILLE,
Congo Francais
21 June 23
PARIS 18 July 23
NEW YORK REG'Y
30 July 23
TROY 31 July 23.

Stamps of 1907 Middle Congo
design overprinted TCHAD

Nov 1922



Chad given civilian government and colony status during 1920. Separate definitives issued for Chad and for Ubangui-Shari beginning in 1922.

1st A.E.F. Regime
2nd definitive issue

Chad

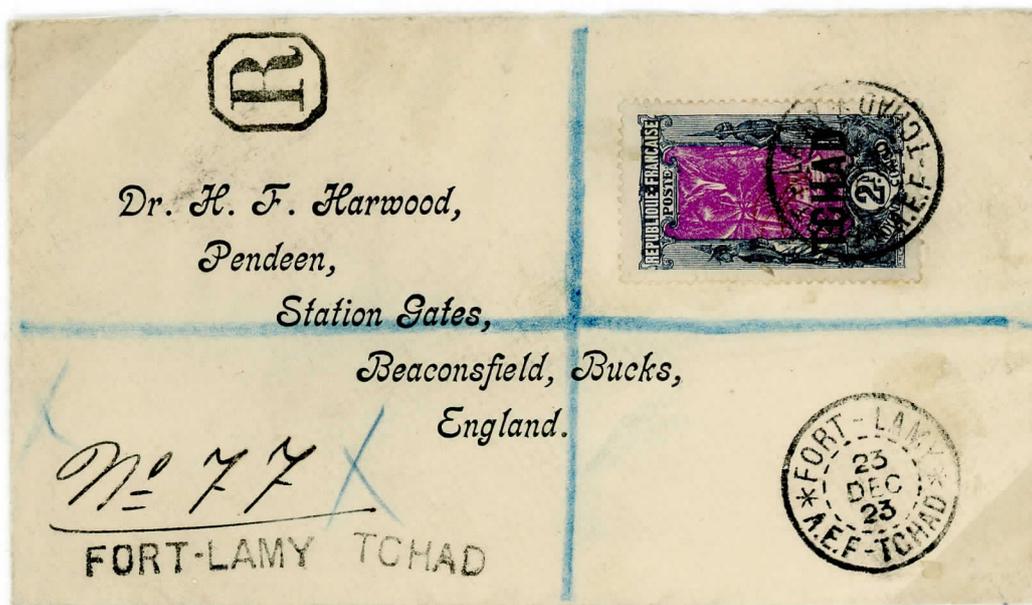
Nov 1922
23 Dec 1923

Stamps of 1907 Middle Congo
design overprinted TCHAD

Nov 1922



23 Dec 23 Registered foreign rate letter Fort Lamy to England.



Jan 1922 foreign rate letter, 20 grams or fraction -	0 Fr. 50
Additional 80 grams at 25 c. per 20 grams -	1 Fr. 00
April 1922 foreign registration -	0 Fr. 50
Total (but probably overpaid)	2 Fr. 00

Stamps of 1907 Middle Congo design
overprinted TCHAD

Nov 1922

Overprint Varieties



Normal



Imperforate proof without overprint



TCHAD Missing



Normal



TCHAD Missing

Signed Brun



Normal



Surcharge 60
Missing

Separate colors were introduced for all denominations in each of the 1922 Ubangi-Shari and Chad definitive series. Colors were also different from those used for the Middle Congo series.

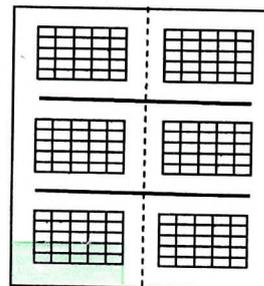
1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Chad

Sept 1924

Stamps of 1907 Middle Congo design
overprinted TCHAD and
AFRIQUE EQUATORIAL FRANÇAISE

Sept 1924



Sheet cut into left & right
counter sheets of 75 stamps.



C - Press operator
109 - 10 Sept
6 - Press number

Stamps of 1907 Middle Congo design
overprinted TCHAD and
AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE FRANÇAISE

Sept 1924



Fort Archambault to Mishawaka, Indiana, U.S.A.

12 Dec 34 Single foreign rate letter.



1926-37 foreign rate letter, 20 grams or fraction - 1 Fr 50.

Backstamped transit: FORT LAMY TCHAD 15 DEC 34.

M/S Par Avion ignored; franking sufficient only for surface.

Stamps of 1907 Middle Congo design
Overprinted TCHAD and
AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE FRANÇAISE

Sept 1924

Varieties



Violet missing
Signed Brun



Imperforate proof



TCHAD missing
Double signed Calves



TCHAD double



TCHAD missing



TCHAD double



TCHAD missing
Signed Brun



TCHAD missing



A.E.F. double



A.E.F. double



A.E.F. double
Signed Brun

Stamps of 1907 Middle Congo design
overprinted TCHAD and
AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE FRANÇAISE

Nov 1924



A.E.F. overprint changed from black to blue.

1 Feb 1925



1 June 1925



1 Dec 1925



A.E.F. Missing

Stamps of 1907 Middle Congo design
Overprinted TCHAD and
AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE FRANÇAISE

Sept 1924

Overprint Varieties



A.E.F. double



A.E.F. inverted

Signed Brun



60 & Bars missing

Signed Roumet

Nov 1924

1 Dec 1925



TCHAD missing



TCHAD missing

Signed Brun



A.E.F. missing

1 June 1925

14 June 1926

14 Nov 1927



TCHAD missing

Signed Brun



A.E.F. missing



A.E.F. missing

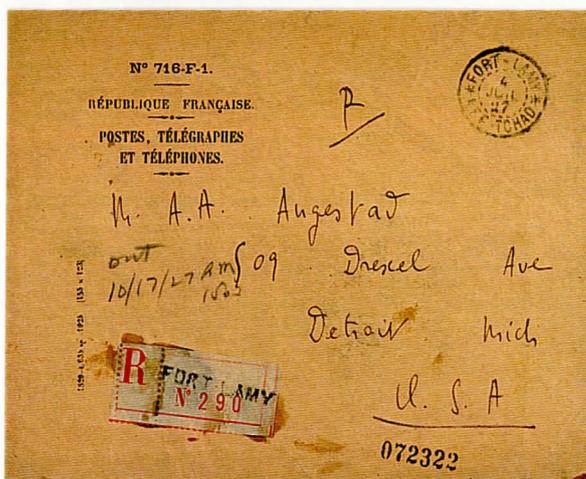
1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Chad

4 July 1927

Fort Lamy to Detroit, USA

4 July 27 Registered single foreign rate letter.



Aug 1926 foreign letter
rate, 20 grams or fraction - 1 Fr 50

Aug 1926 registration rate- 1 Fr 50

Total 3 Fr 00

Stamps of 1907 Middle Congo design
overprinted TCHAD and
AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE FRANÇAISE

14 June 1926



21 March 1927



11 April 1927



14 Nov 1927



19 Dec 1927



2 April 1928



26 Sept 1928



Stamps of 1907 Middle Congo design
overprinted TCHAD and
AFRIQUE EQUATORIAL FRANCAISE

Surcharge Varieties

21 Mar 1927



F .

F



Normal surcharge:
point follows F .

Normal



10 F . &
Bars Missing

19 Dec 1927

F .

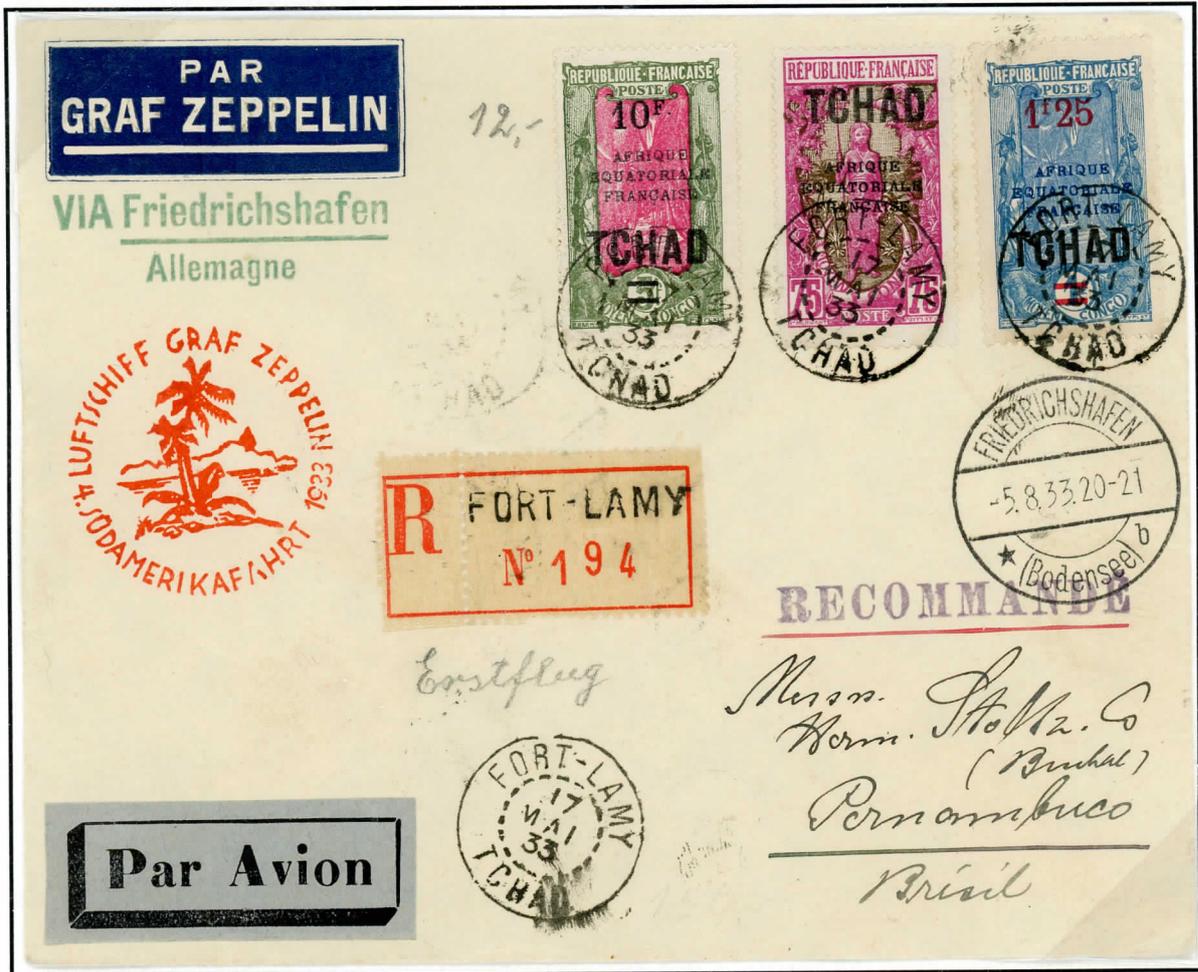


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Fort Lamy to Pernambuco, Brazil on LZ-127 Graf Zeppelin Fourth South American Flight.

17 May 33 Registered single foreign rate letter with airmail supplement. Initial dispatch by surface via France to Friedrichshafen, Germany. Received special flight cancel and dispatch cancel 5 Aug 33. Flight arrived Recife, Brazil 8 Aug; b/s Pernambuco 9 Aug 33.



Foreign rate letter, 20 grams or fraction -	1F50
Airmail supplement, per 5 grams -	8F50
Registration -	2F00
Total -	12F00

Five Chad Zeppelin covers presently known to exhibitor.

2nd A.E.F. Regime
Mixed franking

Chad

4 March 1935

Fort Lamy to Ottignies, Belgium

1925 Chad and 1924-25 Middle Congo issues.

4 Mar 35 Domestic rate airmail card.



Card has no *Par Avion* markings; only endorsement:
First Sabena Airlines Return Flight 5 March 1935

CARTE POSTALE 8

IER VOYAGE RETOUR
AVION "SABENA"
5 MARS 1935

Monsieur Sandard
Ottignies
(Belgium)
Belgique

"Phototypie L'Abelle" - Paris

1926 foreign rate card, as printed matter or 5 words max-	0 Fr 30
Air supplement, per 5 grams-	2 Fr 00
Total	2 Fr 30

1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Chad

1930-33
18 Sept 1934

Stamps of 1907 Middle Congo design
overprinted TCHAD and
AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE FRANÇAISE

22 March 1930

25 Sept 1933



18 Sept 34 Registered single domestic rate letter.



May 1933 letter rate, 20 grams or fraction - 50c.
July 1932 domestic registration - 1F25.

1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Chad

19 Sept 1931
24 Sept 1930

Domestic rate letters from Masséna (Tchekna)

19 Sept 31 To Cotonou, Dahomey. Endorsed *Via Cameroun* but transit via Brazzaville, Moyen Congo 7 Nov 31; probable onward by French ship from Matadi or Loango with arrival Cotonou 18 Nov 31.



24 Sept 30 To Lyon, France



Aug 1926 - July 1937 domestic letter rate, to 20 grams - 50 c.

1st A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Chad

30 Sept 1929

Faya to Brazzaville, Middle Congo

Faya post office opened 1 June 1920; northernmost P. O.

30 Sept 29 Registered single domestic rate letter.



1926 domestic rate letter, 20 grams or fraction - 50 c.
1926 domestic registration - 1 Fr.

Faya is located in the military zone which encompassed approximately the northern third of Chad. This zone remained under French military control until 1965; 5 years after Chad became independent. The zone was a buffer against influence from Libya to the north.

1st A.E.F. Regime
4th issue

Chad

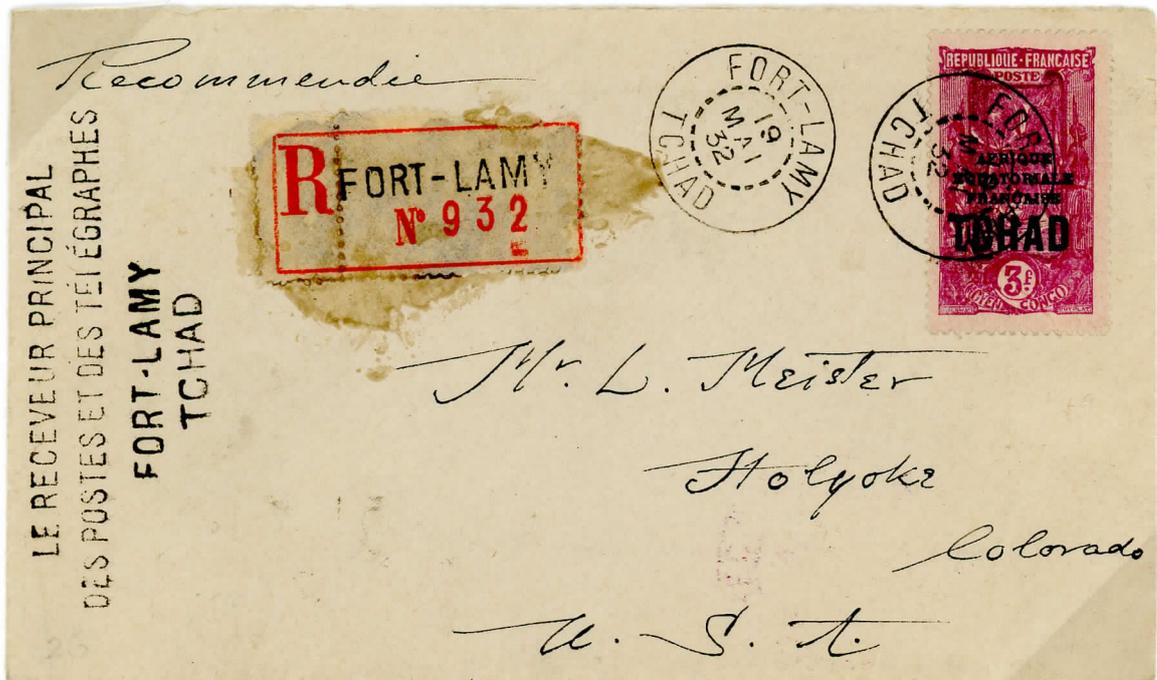
1931
19 May 1932

Commemoration of Paris Colonial Exposition

13 April 1931



19 May 32 Registered single foreign rate letter.



1926 foreign rate letter, 20 grams or fraction - 1 Fr 50.
Registration - 1 Fr 50.

1st A. E. F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Chad

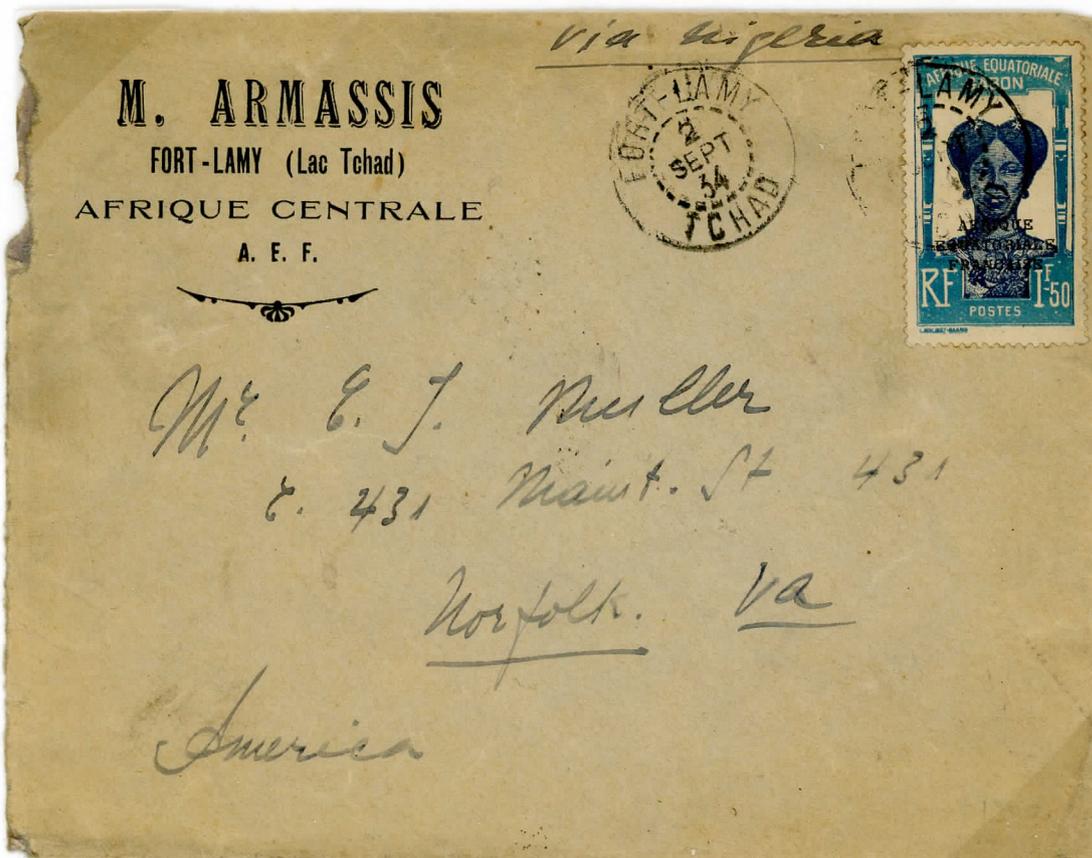
11 June 1934
2 Sept 1934

Fort Lamy to U.S.A. via, Nigeria

Single foreign rate letters. Probable road transit to Maidugeri about 200 Km west of Fort Lamy. Onward by road or rail to Jos in north central Nigeria. Probable transfer to Kano-Lagos railway; picked up by ship at Lagos with onward transit to U.S. via Britain.

11 June 34

b/s transits:
Maidugeri
18 JU 34
Jos
20 JU 34



2 Sept 34

1930 Gabon

b/s transits:
Maidugeri
10 SP 34
Jos
19 SP 34

1st A.E.F. Regime
2nd definitive issue

Chad

5 April 1932

Brazzaville, Middle Congo to Paris, France

1922 50 centime stamps used at Brazzaville; outside use not sanctioned until 1936. Uncommon

5 April 32 Registered single domestic rate letter.



1926 domestic rate letter, 20 grams or fraction - 50 c.
Domestic registration - 1 Fr.

1st A.E.F. Regime
First postage due issue

Chad

1928
1935

1893-1926 French postage dues overprinted
TCHAD
A. E. F.

2 April 1928



3 Dec 35 Single domestic rate letter, Paris to Fort Lamy, Chad

Letter under franked 45 c.; 100 c. postage due assessed with Chad and Middle Congo dues. Normal penalty = 2 x 45 c. = 90 c. Either French 5 c. franking ignored or due charge rounded up to 100 c.



Postage Due Designs
1930

Color Trial Die Proofs on gummed paper.

Centime values:



Native village

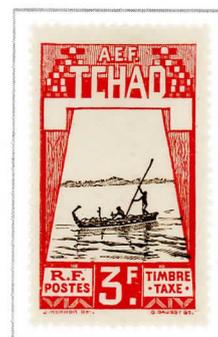
Franc values:



Pirogue
(canoe) on
Lake Chad

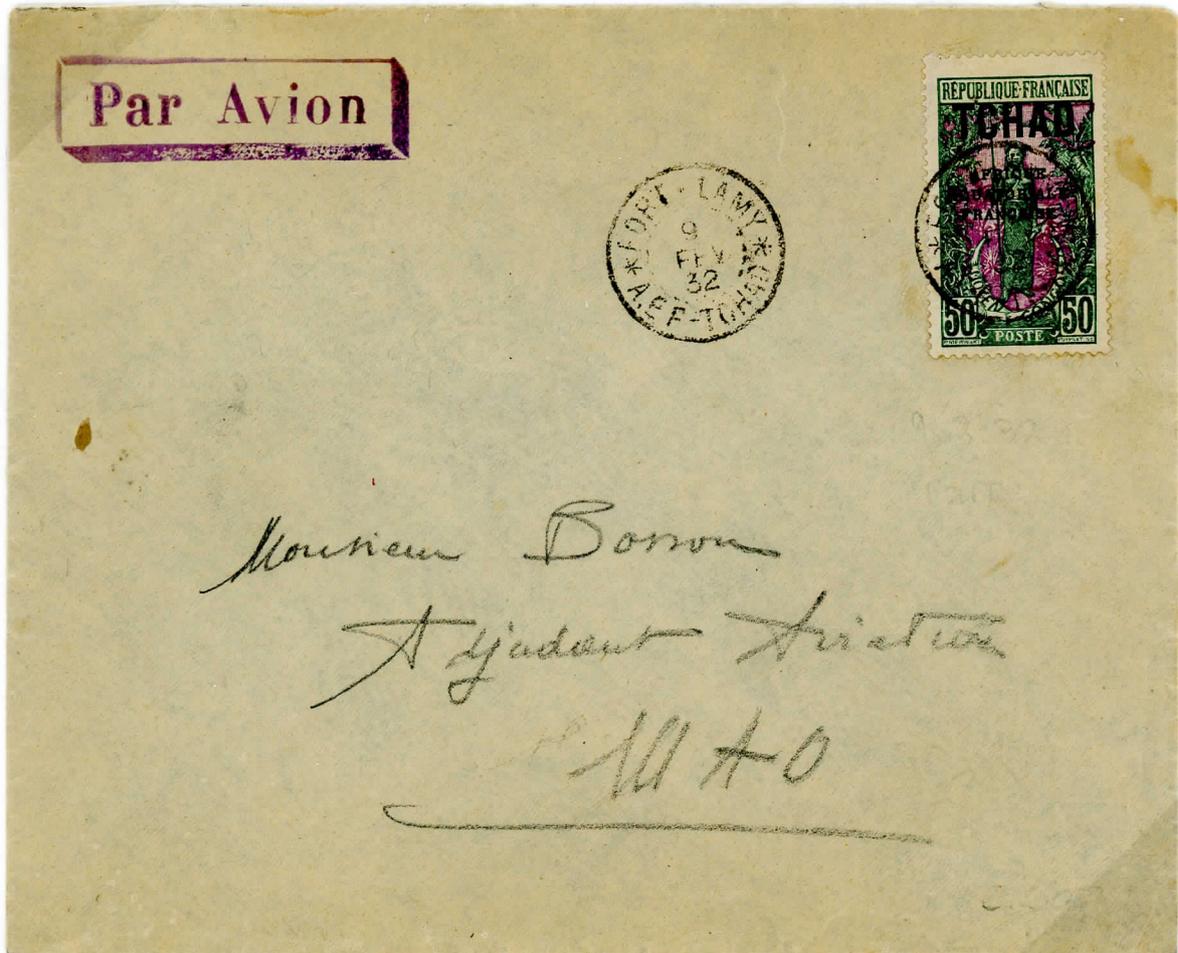
Postage Due Designs
Centime values - Native Village
Franc values - Canoe on Lake Chad

17 Feb 1930

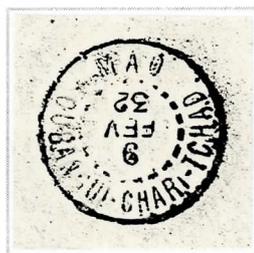


First flight Fort Lamy to Mao; most elusive early flight.
Mao about 280 Km north across Lake Chad; mail carried
at domestic letter rate without airmail supplement fee.

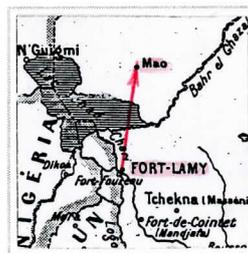
9 Feb 32 Single domestic rate letter, 20 grams or fraction - 50 c..



Backstamped
arrival



Route



2nd A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

Chad

6 Aug 1934

Fort Archambault to Lisbon, Portugal

6 Aug 34 Registered single foreign rate letter.



1926-37 foreign rate letter, 20 grams or fraction - 1 Fr 50.
1932 Foreign registration rate - 2 Fr.



Portion of northwest Ubangi-Shari, including Fort Archambault, was transferred to Chad during formation of 2nd A.E.F. Regime in 1934; Chad Military Territory cancel of 1913-20 reintroduced with CONGO FRANCAIS cut away.

Fort Archambault to Lisbon, Portugal

5 Aug 34 Registered single foreign rate letter.



1926 foreign rate letter, 20 grams or fraction - 1 Fr 50.
1932 foreign registration rate - 2 Fr.

Backstamped arrival: LISBOA 16 SEPT 34.

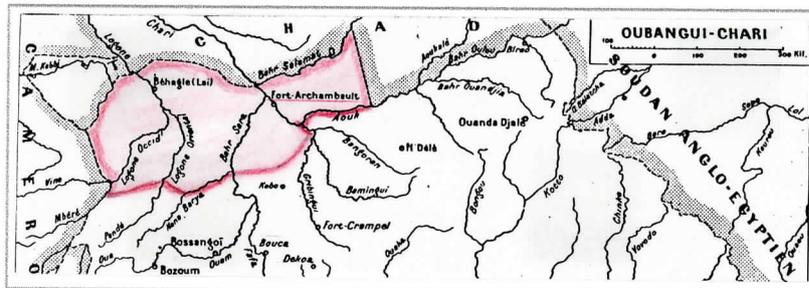
Transfer of Sara country, including Fort Archambault, from Ubangi to Chad accomplished postally mid 1934; formal reorganization to 2nd A.E.F. Regime completed 15 Nov. 1934.

Fort Archambault to Fenton, Michigan, U.S.A.

1 Sept 34 Single foreign rate letter.



1926-37 foreign rate letter, 20 grams or fraction - 1 Fr 50.



Area in red transferred to Chad from Ubangui-Shari during 1934.

2nd A.E.F. Regime
Airmail first flight

Chad

9 Feb 1935

First flight Fort Lamy-Fort Archambault-Brazzaville.
Southern leg of Congo-Algiers route; mail carried at
domestic letter rate without airmail supplement fee.

9 Feb 35 Single domestic rate letter, 20 grams or fraction - 50 c..



Route

Flight dates recorded 7-11 Feb; probable transit on return
flight to Algiers. Backstamped: PARIS 16.II.1935

TRANSPORTEE
EXCEPTIONNELLEMENT
PAR AVION

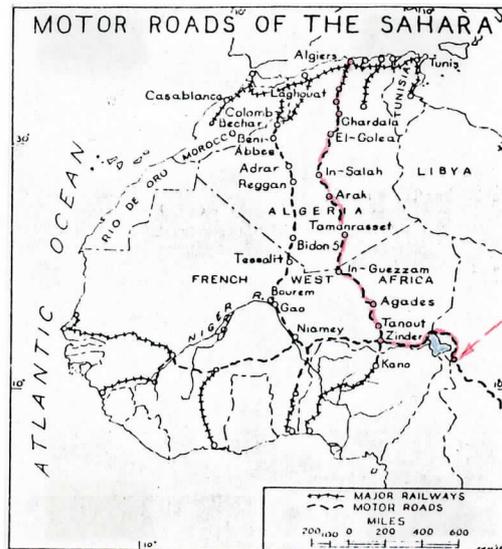
Cachet recorded in use at Fort
Lamy 1934-36 on letters franked
at surface mail rates to advertise
air service. Also known with final
E in TRANSPORTEE removed.

Transsahara
Mail

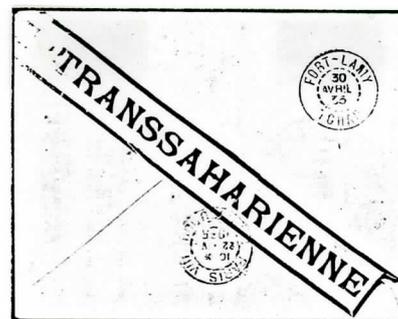
N. E. Chad to Paris, France via Transsaharian Auto-Bus from Fort Lamy.

Letter posted 15 April 35 at small up-country p.o. using generic TERRITOIRE DU TCHAD No. 1 cancel. Transit Fort Lamy 30 April 35; arrived Paris VIII 22 May 35. Probable that sealed bags employed; no other transit makings evident. Struck front and reverse with massive (17 mm x 162 mm) boxed straight line instructional marking of Ft. Lamy. Endorsed *Hoggar Line (Auto service)* specifying transit via Zinder and Tamanrasset in the Hoggar Mts. See map..

VOIE TRANSSAHARIENNE



Motor routes 1934-39.



Hoggar Line was biweekly service operated by Société Algérienne des Transports Tropicaux (SATT); advertized 1935: "longest bus line in the world". Service interrupted during WW II.

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 Stone, R. G.: *The Diverse World of Postal Markings of Gabon / Congo / A.E.F., France & Colonies Philatelic Society*, New York, 1987

Fada to Nice, France via Sudan and White Nile.

28 Mar 36 Single foreign rate letter.



1926-37 foreign rate letter, 20 grams or fraction - 1 Fr 50.

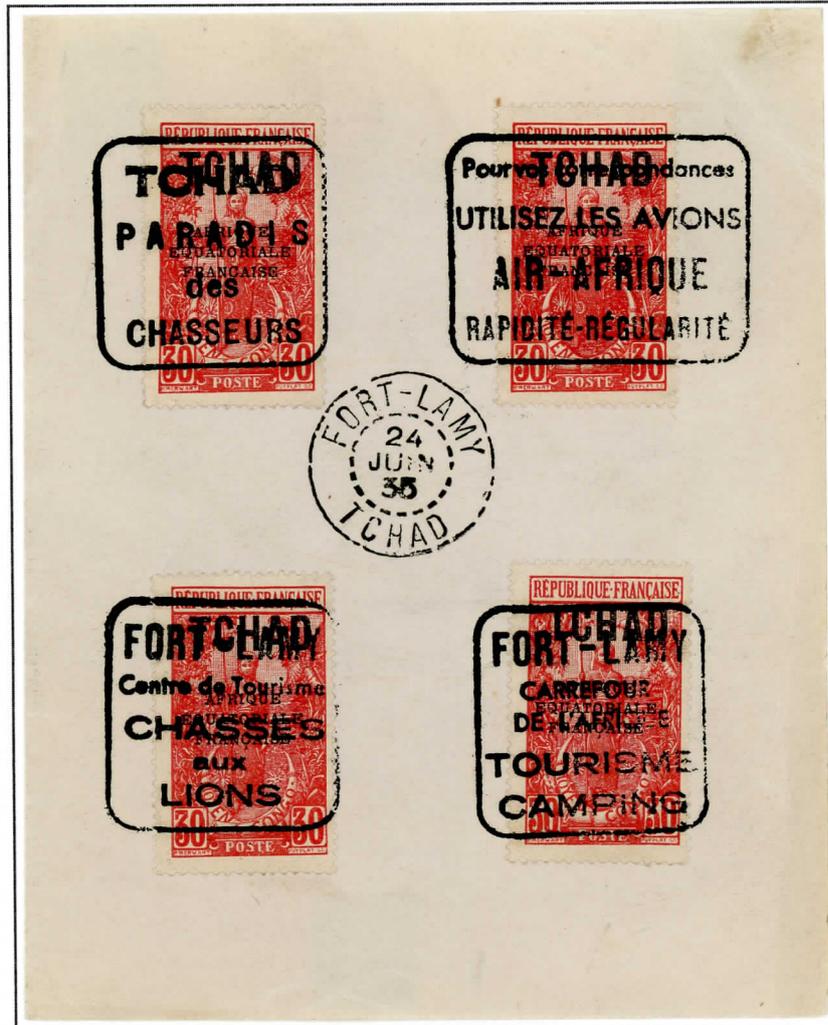
Backstamped transit:
ABÉCHER OUBANGUI-CHARI-TCHAD 17 Apr 36
GENEINA SUDAN 27 Apr 36
SHELLAL-HALFA TPO No.1 22 May 36
Arrival: NICE 2 June 36

Letter routed south from Fada to Abécher, east-southeast to Geneina at western Sudan border, overland east to the White Nile River, north via ship Traveling Post Office to Wadi-Halfa in northern Sudan. Probable onward transit north by ship to Alexandria, Egypt and then west across Mediterranean to France. 67 days transit.

Promotional Slogan Cachets were used at Fort Lamy during the 1930s. The Slogan Cachets were intended to help promote tourism, camping and hunting within Chad and the major connecting airline.

Contemporary Fort Lamy cancel
24 June 1935

*Chad
Hunters
Paradise*
Previously
recorded only
in 1934.



*For your
correspondence
use Air-Afrique
airplanes for
rapidity and
regularity*

*Fort - Lamy
Touristic Center
Lion Hunting*

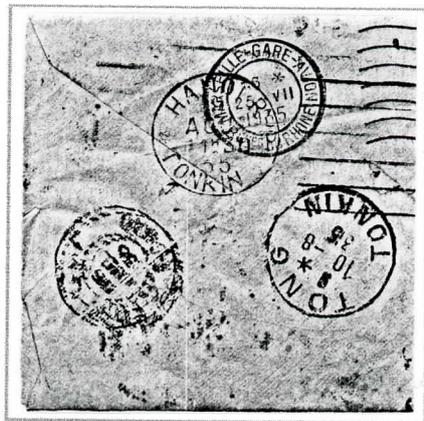
*Fort Lamy
the Crossroads
of Africa
Tourism
Camping*

Reference: Larsen, Paul A., SLOGAN CACHETS OF FORT LAMY, CHAD, *France & Colonies Philatelist*, Vol.54, No.4, pp103-105, 1998.

Fort Lamy to Tong, Tonkin, Indo-China

Endorsed *Par avion Fort Lamy - Hanoi*. First air leg of flight to Marseille, France; arrival 25 July 35. 2nd air leg to Hanoi; arrival 9 Aug 35. Onward by surface to Tong; arrival 10 Aug 35.

15 July 35 Single domestic rate airmail letter.



Probable rate scenario:

Domestic rate letter, 20 grams or fraction -	0 Fr 50
Air supplement Chad to France, per 5 grams -	2 Fr 50
Air supplement, per 5 grams, France to Hanoi -	3 Fr 50
Total -	6 Fr 50

Zouar to Montauban, France

1924 Chad and 1933 Middle Congo issues

1 May 37 Double domestic rate airmail letter. Zouar located in Tibesti Mountain area in the northern military zone; sender is army radio operator. Transit time over 5 weeks to Fort Lamy. M/s note on reverse states envelope arrived Montauban in torn condition and was officially resealed there.



Domestic rate letter, 20 grams or less-	0F50
Airmail surcharge, 2Fr per 5 grams x 2-	4F00
Total	4F50

Backstamped:

Transits: Fort Lamy (?) June 37; Marseille 8 VI 1937
Arrival: Montauban 9 VI 37; on sealing tape 9.6.37

2nd A.E.F. Regime
3rd definitive issue

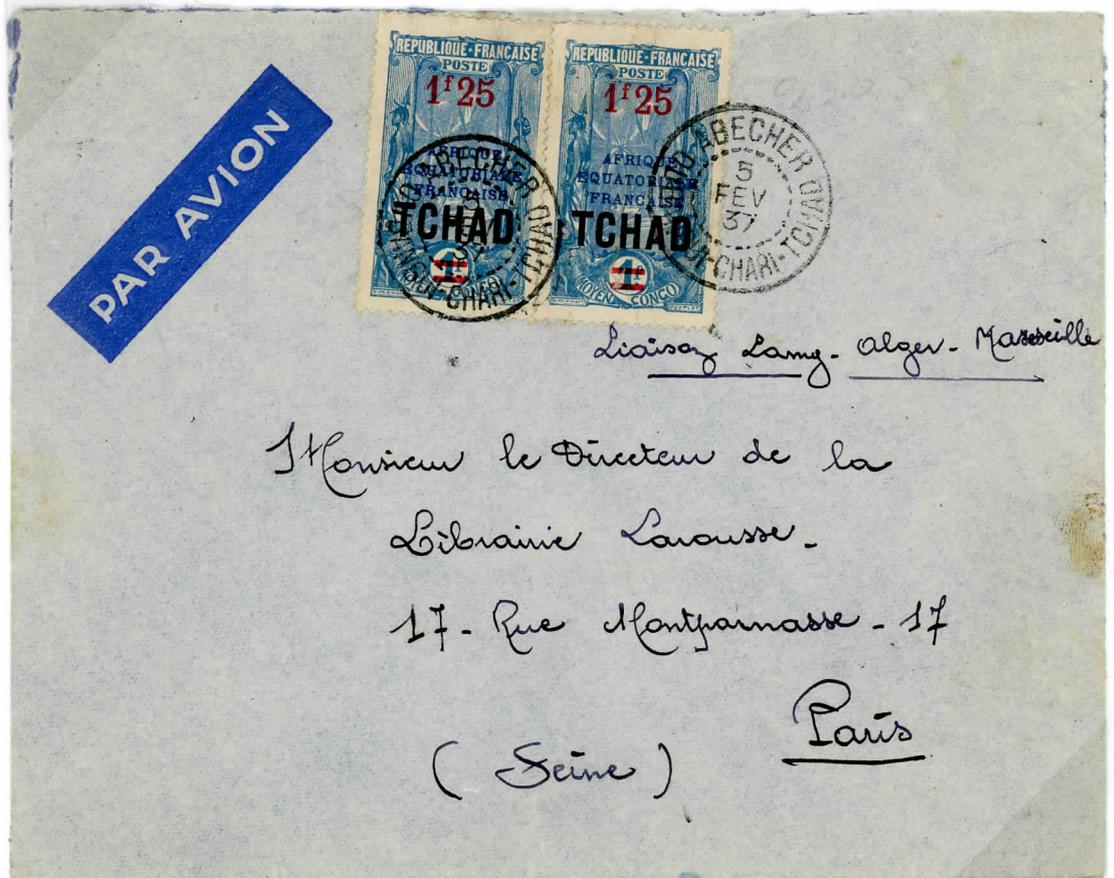
Chad

20 Feb 1936
5 Feb 1937

20 Feb 36 Fort Lamy to Holland
Single foreign rate airmail letter.



Letter rate 20 grams or fraction: 50c.; air supplement per 5 grams: 2 Fr.



5 Feb 37
Abecher to Paris

Single domestic rate
airmail letter.

Manuscript air routing
via: Fort Lamy - Alger -
Marseille.

Letter rate basic: 50c
per 20 grams; air
supplement: 2F.

Backstamped :
Transit: FORT
ARCHAMHBAULT
9 Feb 37

Arrival: PARIS
18 Feb 37.

Monsieur le Directeur de la
Librairie Larousse.
17. Rue Montparnasse - 17
(Seine) Paris

2nd A.E.F. Regime

Chad

5 March 1938

Mixed franking

Fort Archambault to Algiers, Algeria

1933 Middle Congo, 1936 A.E.F., and 1933 Franchise Militaire issues.

5 Mar 38 Single domestic rate airmail letter.



Expéditeur: Salla Caporal-Chef au R.T.S. de Tchad
 2ème. Compagnie Fort-Archambault A.E.F.
 5-8-38

1937 domestic letter rate, 20 grams or fraction -	0 Fr 65
Air supplement to North Africa per 5 grams -	1 Fr 50
Overpaid -	0 Fr 10
Total	2 Fr 25

Soldier's F. M. equivalent to domestic rate letter; airmail was extra. 50 centime F. M. stamp accepted at face value but domestic rate had increased to 65 c.; required additional franking paid with regular postage.

2nd A.E.F. Regime

Chad

19 March 1938

Mixed franking

Ati to Tarbes, France

1924 Chad, 1933 Middle Congo and 1937 A.E.F. issues.

19 Mar 38 Double domestic rate airmail letter.



1937 domestic letter rate, 20 grams or fraction -	0 Fr 65
Airmail supplement, 10 gr. at 2 Fr. per 5 grams -	4 Fr 00
Total -	4 Fr 65

Abéché to Troyes, France

1932-33 Gabon and 1933 Middle Congo issues.

Abéché (Abécher) post office opened 25 Oct 1908.

19 Oct 38 Single domestic rate airmail letter.



July 1937 domestic letter rate, 20 grams or fraction - 65c.
Aug 1938 airmail supplement rate, 5 grams or fraction - 3 Fr.

Backstamped transit: FORT LAMY 24 Oct 38.

Sender, Lt. Lebourg, was stationed at FADA in the northern military zone. Abéché is located about 500 Km south by road.

2nd A.E.F. Regime

French Equatorial Africa

By 1938 the individual territory and 1936 AEF overprint issues were largely depleted and 1937 AEF definitives become common throughout Chad, Ubangi-Shari, Middle Congo and Gabon.

4 Nov 38 **Bangui, Ubangi-Shari to Alexandria, Egypt**; double foreign rate airmail letter. Foreign letter, 20 grams or fraction: 1F75; air supplement, 10 grams at 1F50 per 5 grams: 3F.



Backstamped arrival:
ALEXANDRIA,
Egypt
10 Nov 38.

19 Feb 38 **Fort Archambault, Chad to U.S.A.**; single foreign rate airmail letter. Foreign letter 1F75 per 20 grams; airmail supplement, per 5 grams: 2F.



No transit or arrival markings.

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