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		E	L			E	L
COMMUNE				D.			
CONTICH-DORP-VILLAGE	10	24	47	DADIZELE			
see also KONTICH	10(L)	32	35	DAKNAM			
COO	*			DAMPREMY	10	25	
CORBEEK-LOO	10	29	37	DAUSSOULX	10(L)	32	
see also KORBEEK-LO				DAVE ETAT			
CORPHALIE				DAVE NORD	10	51	59
CORNESSE				DEERLIJK (DEERLYCK)	10	27	48
CORROY-LE-CHÂTEAU	10	09		DE HOEK	10(L)	25	35
CORSWAREM	10	?		DEINZE (see also DEYNZE)	10	39	50
CORTEMARCK (see also KORTEMARK)	10(L)	22	28	DEINZE-PETEGEM	10	65	
CORTENBERG (see also KORTENBERG)	10(L)	33	36	DE KLINGE	10	68	
CORTENBOSCH (see also KORTENBOS)	10	35	?	DEN AAP			
COUILLET	10	09	61	DENDERLEEUEW	10	25	82
COUILLET-CENTRE				DENDERMONDE (see also TERMONDE)	10(L)	35	
COUILLET-MONTIGNIES	10	12	76	DENÉE-MAREDSOUS	10	12	87
COURCELLES-CENTRE	10(L)	33	69	DE PINTÉ	10(L)	32	56
COURCELLES-MOTTE	10	10	77	DERGNEAU	10	36	62
COURRIÈRE	10(L)	43	69	DESCHASSIS	10	37	68
COUR-SUR-HEURE	10	19		DESSÉLGEM	10	37	46
COUR-ST-ETIENNE	10	23	25	DESTELBERGEN			
COURTRAI (see also KORTRIJK)	10(L)	35	48	DEURLE	10(L)	37	46?
COUSTEUMONT	*			DEURNE (PIEST)	10	32	33
COUVIN	10	25	46	DEYNZE (see also DEINZE)	10(L)	22	38
CROIX-ROUGE				DIEGEM/DIEGHEM	10	23	69
CRONFESTU	10	25		DIEPENBEEK	10(L)	33	4?
CUESMES	10	69		DIEST	10	38	
CUESMES ETAT	10	31	62	DIKSMUIDE (see also DIXMUDE)	10	08	73
CUESMES NORD				DILBEEK	10	39	48
CUGNON-MORTEHAN	10	24	36	DINANT	10(L)	51	
CUREGHEM	10	09	62	DISON	10	42	76
				DISQUERCQ	10(L)	42	
CAPELLE OP DEN BOSCH	10	36		DIXMUDE (see also DIKSMUIDE)	10	09	51
see also KAPELLE OP DEN BOS	10	?	31	DOCHERIE	10(L)	31	52
CONTICH-KAZERNEN				DOISCH	10	34	46
				DOLHAIN	10	46	
				DOLHAIN-GILEPPE	10	09	37
				DOLHAIN VICINAL	10	30	38
				DONCK-VL-F	10	21	
				DONK	10(L)	28	65

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		E	L			E	L
BRUGELETTE	10	20	83	CHAUXHE			
BRUGGE (Bruges)	10(L)	34	36	CHAPELLE - A-WATTINNES	10(L)	23	29
BRUGGE CENTRAAL (Bruges-Central)	10	09	83	CHAPELLE-DIEU	*	38	
BRUGGE DOK (Bruges Bas)	10(L)	32	38	CHAPELLE-LEZ-HERBAIMONT			
BRUGGE S ^t PIETERS (Bruges S ^t Pierre)	10	13	19	CHAPOIS			
BRUGGE VORM.	10	25	27	CHARLEROY-ENTREPOT	10	31	39
BRUGGE ZEEHAVEN	10	56	77	CHARLEROI - NORD	10(L)	33	68
BRUXELLES - SEE SEPARATE SHEET				CHARLEROY - OUEST	10	13	61
BUDINGEN	10	54	69	CHARLEROY - SUD	10(L)	08	76
BUGGENHOUT	10	34	69	CHARLEROI - SUD QUAI	10	33	52
BUIZINGEN (Buysinghen)	10(L)	35	67	CHARLEROI (V.H ^{re})	10	31	
BULANGE (Bullingen)	10	35	67	CHASSART	10(L)	12	46
BURHAIMONT	*			CHASSE - PIERRES	10(L)	33	52
BURST	10	27	69	CHASTRE	10	26	66
BURTONVILLE	10	35		CHÂTEAU D'ARDENNE			
BUTGENBACH	10			CHÂTEAU-DE-CHERATTE			
BUVRINNES	10			CHÂTEAU-DE-SEILLES	*		
BUZENOL	10	14		CHÂTELET - VILLE			
BRAGES - BELLINGHEM				CHÂTELET - VILLE	10	21	30
				CHÂTELINEAU	10	10	62
				CHÂTELINEAU - CHÂTELET	10(L)	33	68
				CHAUDFONTAINE	10	23	27
				CHAUMONT	*		
				CHEF-LIEU			
				CHÊNÉE	10	24	78
				CHENOIS - LATOUR	10(L)	30	35
				CHERATTE	*		
				CHEREQ	10	59	69
				CHERTAL	10(L)	38	
				CHIÈVRES	10(L)	32	
				CHIMAY	10	36	
				CHOKIER	10	21	69
				CIERREUX	10(L)	32	39
				CINEY	*		
				CLABECQ	*		
				CLAVIER	10	39	74
				COGNELEE	10(L)	35	63
				COLONSTER	10	49	
				COMBLAIN-AU-PONT	10(L)	39	
				COMBLAIN-LA-TOUR	10	60	
				COMINES	10	35	44
				COMINES HOSPICE	10	35	44
					10	19	36
					10	13	32
					10	10	76
					10(L)	35	65

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CAFFONETTE			
CALAMINE (La Calamine)	10(L)	36	
CALLANELLE	10	20	50
CAMBRON - CASTEAU	10(L)	32	69
CAPELLEN (Kapellen)	10	12	13
CARLSBOLRG	10(L)	35	64
CARNIÈRES	10	09	64
CELLES-ESCANAFFLES	10	24	69
CERFONTAINE	10(L)	41	
CEROUX-MOUSTY	10	23	
CHAIENUX	10(L)	35	
CHAMBORGNEAU	10	39	
	10(L)	34	46
	10(L)	47	50

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		E	L			E	L
BEVEREN (ROESELARE) (Beveren (Roulers))	10	27		BOKSELAAR			
BEVEREN (WAAS)	10(L)	28 81		BOMAL	10(L)	23 83	
BEVERST	10	36 44		BOMERÉE	10	32	61
BEYNE		35		BONNE-ESPERANCE	10(L)	09	37
BIENNE-LEZ-HAPPART	10	45 69		BOOISCHOT (Boirschot)	10	34	42
BIENNE-LEZ-WAVRE				BOOITSHOEKE		21	35
BIERGHES	10(L)	63		BOOM	10	12	69
BIERSET-AWANS	10(L)	35 85		BOONDAEL	10(L)	33	57
BIESME	10(L)	47 69		BOORTMEERBEEK	10	27	69
BIESME-SOUS-THUIN	*			BORGERHOUT(E)	10(L)	63	66
BIESMERÉE				BORGLOON (Looz)	10	09	30
BIÈVRE	*			BORMENVILLE	10(L)	22	53
BILZEN (Bilsen)	10	10 69		BORN			
BINCHE	10(L)	09 66		BORN VILLAGE			
BIRKON	*	35 41		BORNEDRIES			
BIRON	*			BORNEM (Bornhem)	10	23	76
BISSEGEM (Bisseghem)	10(L)	38 69		BORNEM (Bornhem)	10	35	
BISTSTRAAT		36		BOSSUIT (Bossuyt)			
BIZORY	*			BOST	10(L)	35	
BLAASVELD				BOTZELAER			
BLANDAIN	10	22 66		BOUCLE-ST DENNIS/NEDERSWALM	10	10	11
BLANKENBERGE (Blankenberghe)	10	08 81		see St. Denis-Boekel-Ned.			
BLANMONT				BOUFFIOLX	10(L)	09	65
BLAREGNIES				BOUGNOU (Charleroi)			
BLATON	10(L)	30 83		BOURCY	10(L)	10	69
BLÈHARIES	10	36		BOUSSU	10	31	39
BLÉRET	*	14 44		BOUSSU	10(L)	25	69
BLOKHUSE				BOUSSU-BOIS	*	33	43
BOECHOUT (Bouchout)	10(L)	26 63		BOUSSU-EN-FAGNE	10	57	
BOEKHOUTE (Bouchaute)	10	39 68		BOUSSU-HAINE	*		
BOELARE		31 43		BOUSSU-ROUTE			
BOEZINGE (Boosinghe)	10(L)			BOUSVAL			
BOIS-DE-BREUX	10	27 68		BOUVIGNES-SUR-MEUSE	*		
BOIS-DE-LESSINES	*			BOUWEL	10	14	67
BOIS-DE-NIVELLES	*			BOVIGNY	10	09	35
BOIS D'HAINE				BRACQUEGNIES	10	46	66
BOIS DU LUC	10	35		BRAIBANT	10(L)	35	
BOIS MADAME				BRAINE L'ALLEUD	10	09	85
BOIS NOËL	*			BRAINE-LE-CHÂTEAU	10	34	39
BOITSFORT (Boschvaorde)	10	09 79		BRAINE-LE-COMTE	10(L)	09	66
BOKRIJK				BRAIVES	10	31	46
				BRANDHOEK	10(L)	50	
				BRESSOIX	*	32	34
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AVENNES	10	20	43	BASTOGNE SUD	10(L)	46	72
AVERNAS	10	35	62	BATTICE	10	32	46
AXEL				BAUDOUR (Baudour-St Ghislain Horau)	10(L)	29	47
AYE	10	28	63	BAULERS	10	13	40
AYWAILLE	10(L)	51	78	BEAUMONT	10(L)	48	50
ANDENNE	10	31	51	BEAURAING	10(L)	46	69
			82	BEAUREGARD		09	51
				BEERNEM	10(L)	35	37
				BEERSEL	10	09	72
				BEERT-BELLINGEN	10(L)	32	69
				BEERVELDE (Beirvelde)	10	13	68
				BEEZ			
				BEGIJNENDIJK	*		
				BEHO			
				BEIGNÉE	*		
				BEISEM			
				BEITEM (Beythem)	10	10	
				BELLECOURT	*		
				BELLEM	10	47	65
				BELGAIL	10	35	36
				BELSELE	10	38	63
				BELSELE NOORD	*		
				BENONCHAMPS	10	31	
				BERCHEM (ANTWERPEN)	10	20	65
				BERCHEM (OUDENAARDE) (Audenarde)	10(L)	27	58
				BERCHEM/ST AGATHE	10	34	62
				see also St. Agatha-Berchem		51	60
				BERCHEM	10	43	68
				BERINGEN (Beeringen)	10	39	65
				BERINGEN MIJNEN	10(L)	35	
				BERLAAR	10	43	82
				BERNEAU	10(L)	40	65
				BERNIMONT		51	53
				BERNISSART			
				BERNISSEM	10	35	38
				BERTRÉE			
				BERTRIX	10	09	74
				BERZÉE	10	10	65
				BEUZET	10	51	
				BEVEREN (LYS) (Beveren Leie)	10	27	51

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		E.	L.			E.	L.
A.				ANTWERPEN DAM	10 10(L)	59 35	61 83
AALBEKE (Aelbeke)	10	23	49	ANTWERPEN DOK, D.S. (Anvers B.E.)	-	-	-
AALST (Alost)	10	46	79	ANTWERPEN GROENPLAATS (Anvers Pl. Verte)	10	09	39
AALST NOORD (Alost Nord)	10	10	73	ANTWERPEN KIEL	?		76
AALST OOST (Alost Est)	10	08	79	ANTWERPEN LINKEROEVER	10	42	71
AALTER (Aeltre)	10(L)	37		ANTWERPEN LUCHTBAL			
AARSCHOT (Aerschot)	10	10	87	ANTWERPEN NOORD			
AARSELE (Aerseele)	10(L)	31	35	ANTWERPEN OOST (Anvers Est)	10	48	65
ABELE (Abeelee)	10	10	76	ANTWERPEN SCHIJNPOORT	10(L)	30	37
ACHEL	10(L)	35	37	ANTWERPEN (Anvers) STUYVENBERG	10	81	
ACOEZ	10	12	69	ANTWERPEN (Anvers) WAAS	10	22	38
ACOEZ CENTRE	10	09	41	ANTWERPEN (Anvers) ZUID (Anvers Sud)	10(L)	32	38
ACREN	10	27	52	ANVAING	10	13	30
ADEGEM	10	27		ANZEGEM (Ansegem, Anseghem)	10(L)	09	63
ADINKERKE - DE PANNE	10	24	65	APPELTERRE	10	30	49
AGIMONT VILLAGE	10	25	50	ARCHENNES	10	29	64
AIGREMONT	*	10	68	ARDOOIE - KOOLSKAMP (Ardoye - Coolcamp)	10	11	74
AISEAU	10(L)	10	50	ARGENTEAU	10	13	55
AISEMONT	10	37	40	ARLON (Aarlen)	10(L)	36	
ALKEN	10	24	61	AS (Asch)	10	10	74
ALLAIN	10	27	49	ASSE (Assche)	10(L)	31	76
ALLEUR	10(L)	35	41	ASSEBROEK	10	33	69
ALOST-CENTRAL				ASSENEDE	*		
ALT HOESELT	*	10	10	ASSESE	10	30	65
AMAY	10	51	69	ASTENE	10(L)	23	74
AMOUGIES	10	46		ASTENET	10	34	74
AMPSIN	10(L)	32	40	ATH	10	35	52
ANDENNE - SEILLES	10	47	69	ATHUS	10	36	
ANDERLUES	10	47	76	ATTENHOVEN	10(L)	09	88
ANDERLUES (CH. DE CHARLEROI)	10(L)	13	52	AUBANGE	10	31	47
ANGLEUR	10	47		AUBEL	10(L)	30	72
ANGRE	10	35	68	AUBLAIN	10	31	47
ANGREAU	10	29		AUDENA(E)RDE (Oudenarde)	10	49	69
ANHÉE	10(L)	37	50	AUDEGEM	10(L)	48	51
ANS	10	09	79	AUDERGHEM	10	32	39
ANS EST	10(L)	36		AUDREGNIES	10	11	38
ANSEREMME	10	40		AUTELBAS	10	21	22
ANSUELLE	*	35	47	AUTRE - EGLISE	10	10	
ANTOING	10	09	74	AUVELAIS	10	13	
ANTWERPEN (ANVERS) CENTRAAL	10(L)	30	52	AVEKAPPELLE (Avecapelle)	10(L)	12	76
	10	09	81		10	33	48
	10(L)	31	46			?	

PROVISIONAL LIST OF THE CHAMFERED RECTANGULAR CANCELLATIONS
OF THE BELGIAN RAILWAY PARCEL POST

Compiled by Norman Claydon and Peter Rollinson

Introduction

The use of these cancellations have been recorded from early 1908 until 1988, although they were overlapped in the early and late stages by other cancellations.

It is now some 10 years since the detailed recording of the above cancellations and their entry on to a Card Index commenced. It is even longer ago that members of the Circle started to produce simple lists which have also been entered, as required, on to the Card Index.

The details given on the cards has had to be summarised considerably in order to compile this list, which shows all those Stations indicated in the 1929-30 Timetables, together with further Stations, Depots and Offices, etc. from earlier and later sources.

Thus some 1,750 Stations, etc. are shown, not all of which, however, would have used these cancellations. For example, 202 are indicated in the 1929-30 Timetables as being Halts but only 4 have been recorded as ever using these cancellations, probably on being upgraded to a Station.

Again, some 240 Stations, etc. do not appear in the above Timetables and the scarcity of cancellations from this group suggests that a large number did not have the facilities requiring the use of such cancellations.

It would be much appreciated if members could find a little time to examine their collections to see if they can amend or add to the List in any way. Any information should be sent to Norman Claydon or Peter Rollinson.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge the help given by members of the Circle and especially to Tony Geake, Ed Hirdler, Barry Horne and to those members who have since passed on - Alan Dell, Spike Hughes, Jack McGilloway and Ernie Taylor. Thanks should also be recorded to Peter Smerdon, a non-member, who was instrumental in obtaining Timetables and other information.

In addition, the whole project would probably not have got off the ground if it were not for the enthusiasm and efforts in much earlier days of members such as Captain Harris, Tom Jones, Fred Keane of Canada, Dr. Stewart-Smith and Mike Welch.

Notes on the List

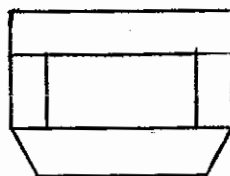
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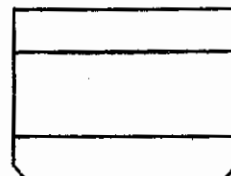
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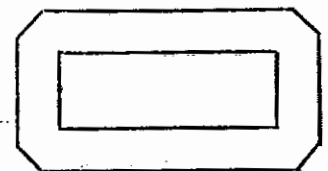
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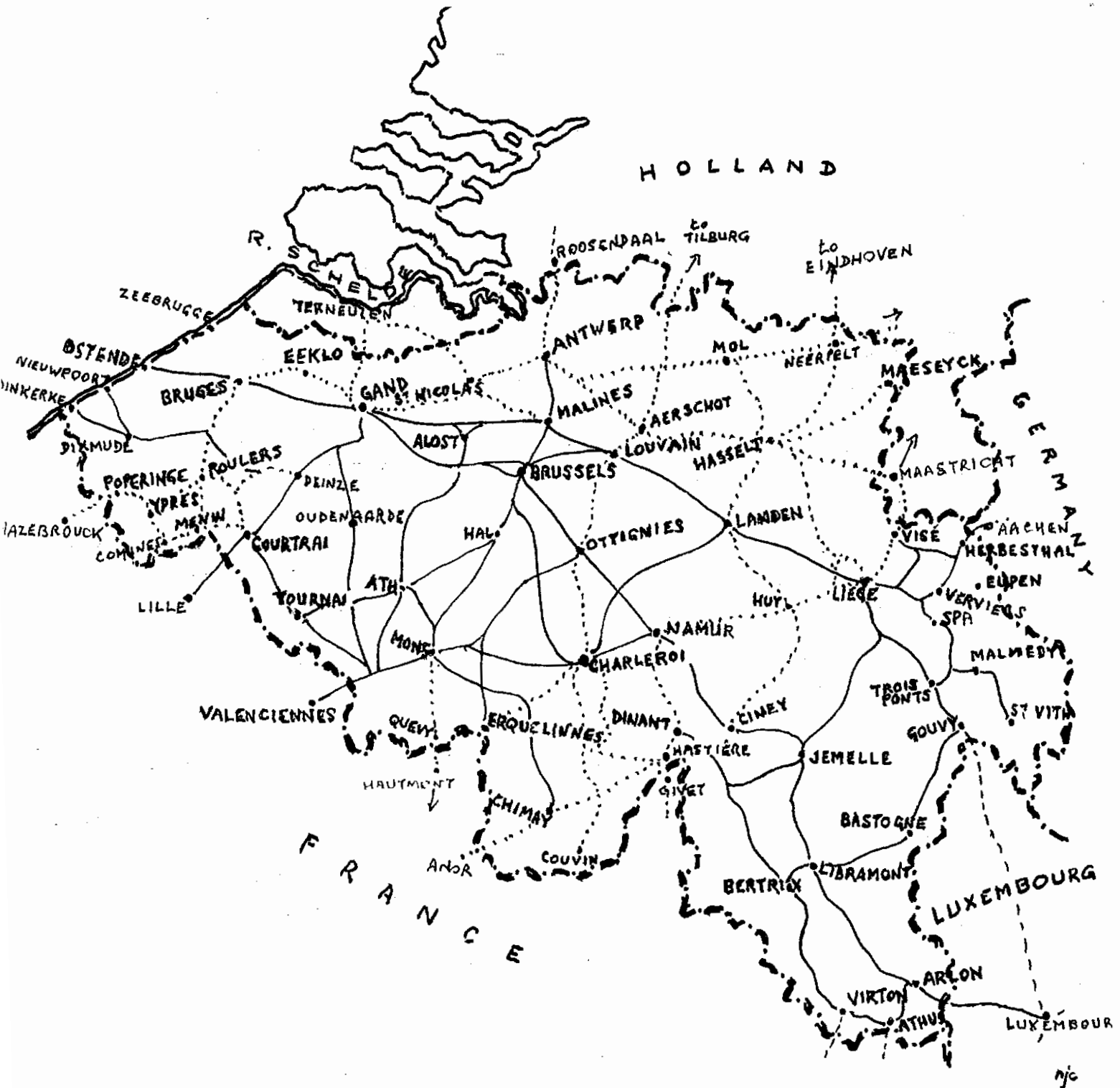
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N.B. Dimensions are unimportant for the purpose of this list.

BELGIUM - RAILWAYS



STATE LINES — — — — —

PRIVATE LINES (ABSORBED INTO STATE SYSTEM AFTER 1879)

In the lower pane, the "A du T" cachet is below the 49th and 50th stamps and the perforation cross below the 48th stamp.



In all the photos of pieces with markings that I have seen the lefthand border is imperforate.

However, in Balasse Sale 1287/9 4th-7th May, 1985, lot 385 consisted of a block of 45 of the 2fr (9 rows of 5) in which both side borders were perforated. This, or a similar block, was shown by M. Marquet at Belgica 72. Also in Balasse Sale 1121/4 of 11th-15th December, 1976, lot 150 was a block of 8 of the 2fr in which the lefthand border was perforated.

"RETURN TO SENDER" - AS THE "STREET IS UNKNOWN" 1928

The 30c rate for internal postcards was increased on 15th December, 1927, to 35c. During this period of inflation, stocks of the 30c cards were printed with an additional 5c stamp.





THE LARGE BEARDS ISSUE OF 1905

by GEOFFREY WOOD, FRPS(L)

At Flemallex I was pleased that the Belgian Postal Museum exhibit was mainly of the 1905 Issue as this is an Issue I know little about.

The items on display included complete panes of fifty stamps, which were:

20c Olive green Panes IV and V with the Atelier du Timbre cachet under 48th stamp Pane IV.

25c Blue Panes V and VI with the Atelier du Timbre cachet under 48th stamp Pane VI Sheet No. 995961. Depot 1910.

35c Brown-purple Panes I and II.

50c Grey. Half sheet of 150 Panes I, II and III.

1 Franc. Lower Pane of 50 Atelier du Timbre cachet under 49th and 50th stamps. Perforation cross below 48th stamp Sheet No. 017577

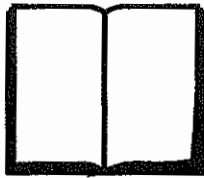
In the Philatelite Belge of 1939 there is an article on this Issue by Paul de Smeth in which he says that the three high values, 50c, 1fr and 2fr were issued on 21st July, 1905, the day of the Fête Nationale, in panes of fifty. In these panes, the marginal markings denoting the value of the stamp and the number of the sheet appeared in the horizontal margins and not the vertical ones as in illustrations.

I'm of the opinion that for this printing narrow sheets of paper were used sufficient to print two panes at a time, one above the other. The photos in auction catalogues, that I have seen, all indicate that the panes occupied positions I and IV in the large sheet of 300. The 50c reverted to sheets of 300 after the first printing as is evidenced by the half sheet of 150. Depot Marks for 1907, 1908 and 1911 are known.

The sheets of 100 were numbered either above the upper pane or below the lower pane when the number would be upside down.

In the upper pane, the "A du T" cachet is above stamps 1 and 2, but upside down, and the perforation cross above stamp 3.





BOOK REVIEW

"La Poste Rurale au XIXeme Siècle en Belgique, et en Europe" by Jean-Claude Porignon. January, 1993. 2,630 Belgian Francs. 370 pages (51 pages in colour and include 269 pages catalogue).

In the period about 1950, postal historians finding letters with small circles containing a letter were content to attempt to collect a complete set from A to Z, not at that time knowing much about them. Since then, a number of collectors have become interested in them and now, after many years, M. Porignon has produced this superb work.

The Belgian Rural Postal service was based on the French system introduced in 1830. In Belgium its application started in 1836 (September) and these marks were progressively introduced until about 1896, when the administration did not require its postmen to apply that mark on every piece of mail collected from the rural post box.

The taxation marks specific to the rural post service (SR, CA, CC), all of which are explained, and which could be in black, red, blue and green ink.

The catalogue details of some 2,500 post boxes in the rural areas and which some 68% of the communes have had their letter identified. There are also details of the rural posts of some 9 other European countries: France, Germany, Spain, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Switzerland.

All those who are interested in this subject should obtain a copy of this book for their library.

S. J. ANDREWS

[A detail sheet and order form is enclosed for those members who wish to obtain a copy. M. Porignon will give a reduction for orders coming from BSC members according to quantity.]

A NEW SOCIETY

The Postal Stationery Society has been formed. A journal will be produced and a postal auction will be in operation by the autumn. There will be two meetings a year. Subscription £5 p.a. Details from the Secretary, Mr. D. Taylor-Smith, 23 Britannia Road, Norwich, NR1 4HP.

We are pleased to note that a Belgian Postal History Society has been formed and we have received their first Journal "Posthistorama" (March 1993). A number of interesting articles are included, either in French or Flemish.

We look forward to hearing more of this Society and its Journal.

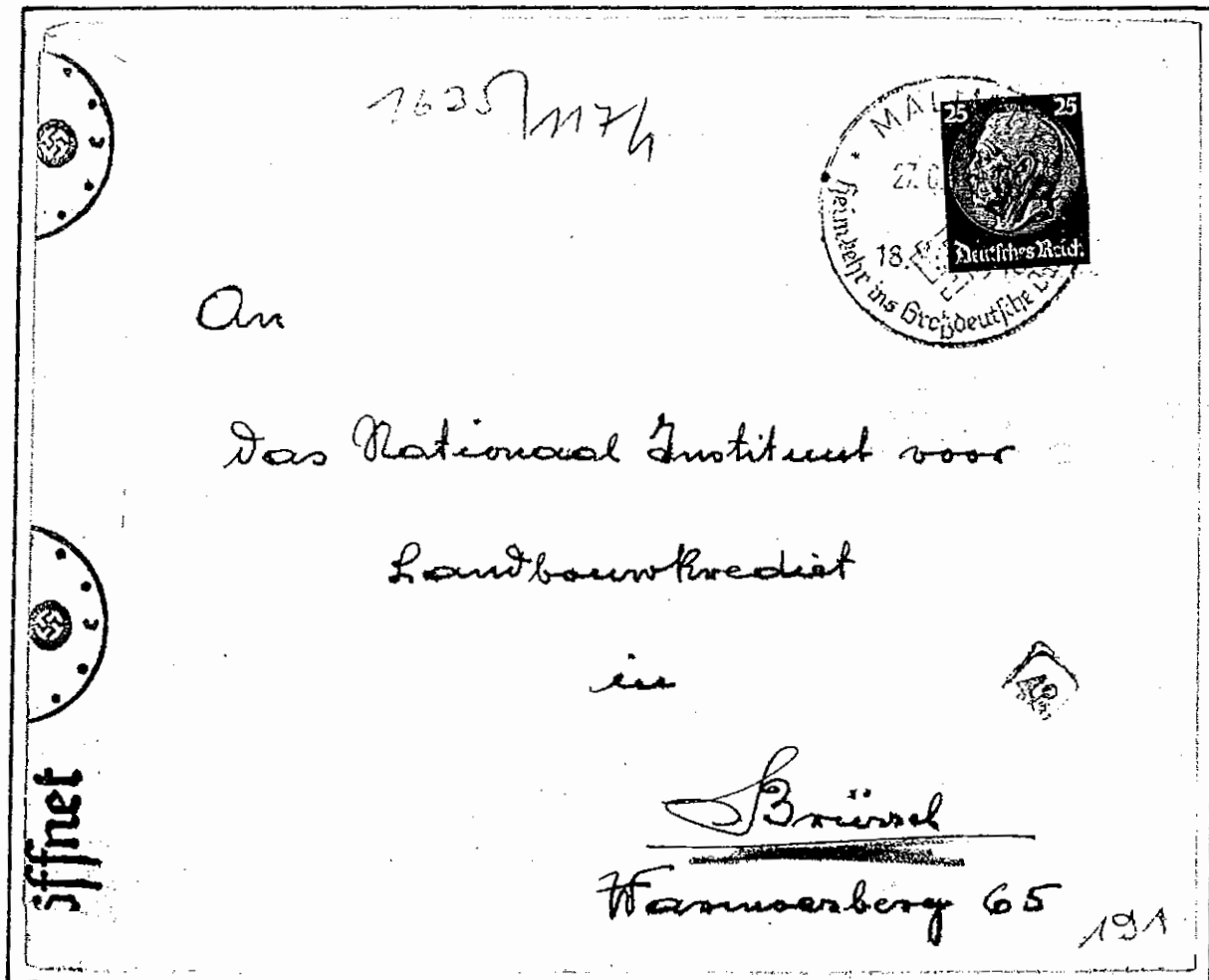
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Period B-6 (second Belgian period).

Postal card from Malmedy to Hamburg. Dated 24 February, 1947.
Single circle Malmedy cancellation.

Postal card No. 138 per catalogue of the Belgian Postal Stationery Society.

Violet, single circle. British censorship mark applied in the British Zone of Germany.



Period B-5 (Third Reich period).

Cover from Malmedy to Brussels. Dated 27 June, 1942. Large German single circle cancellation with the inscription "Heimkehr ins Grossdeutsche Vaterland" which translates as "Return to the Greater German Fatherland".

Contents checked by a censor. Wehrmacht Censor-office No. "18" in a small box. German censor tape on the lefthand edge of the cover.

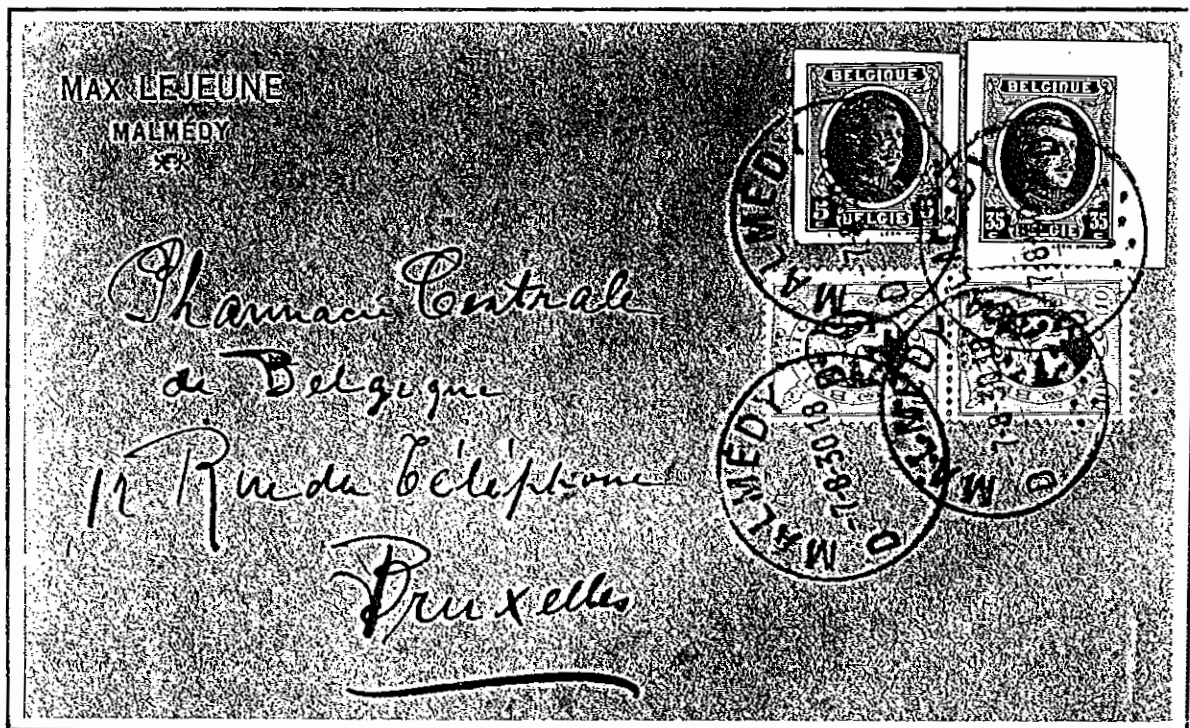
Postage for abroad (Germany to Belgium) 25 pfennig.

Franking: one 25 pfennig Hindenburg, medallion, blue (Michel No. 522).

Period B-4 (Early first Belgian period).

Postal card from Malmedy to Zürich with single circle Belgian cancellation. Dated 7 December, 1920.

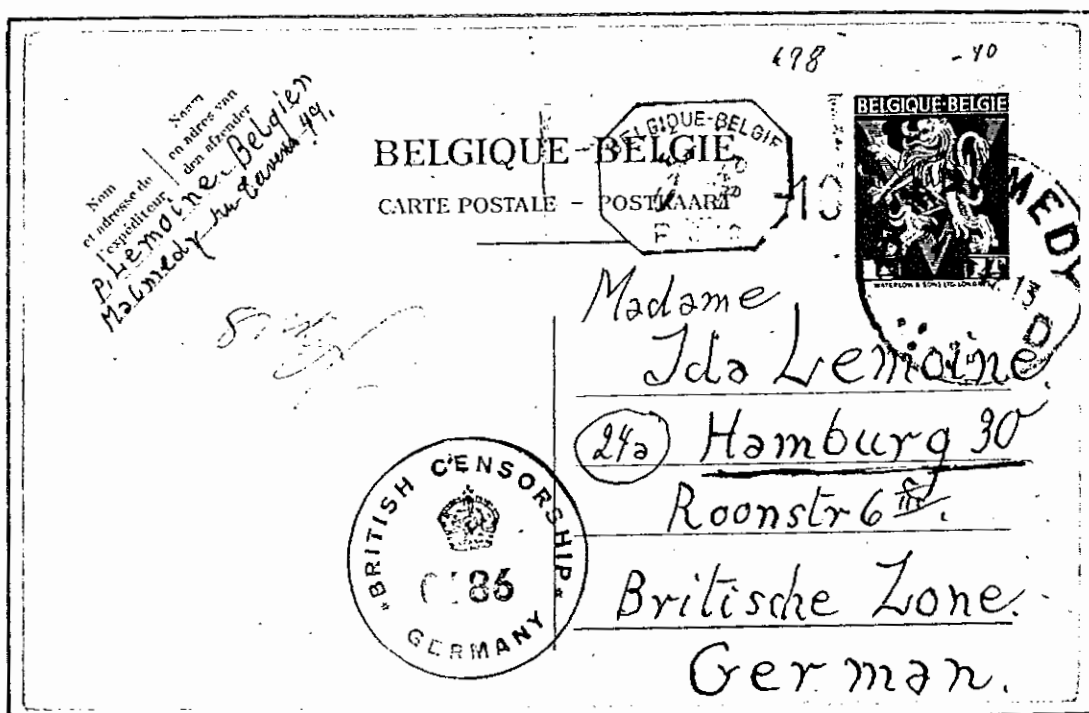
Franking: 10 centimes with overprint "Malmedy". (Malmedy postal card No. 3 per the Belgian Postal Stationery Society catalogue.)

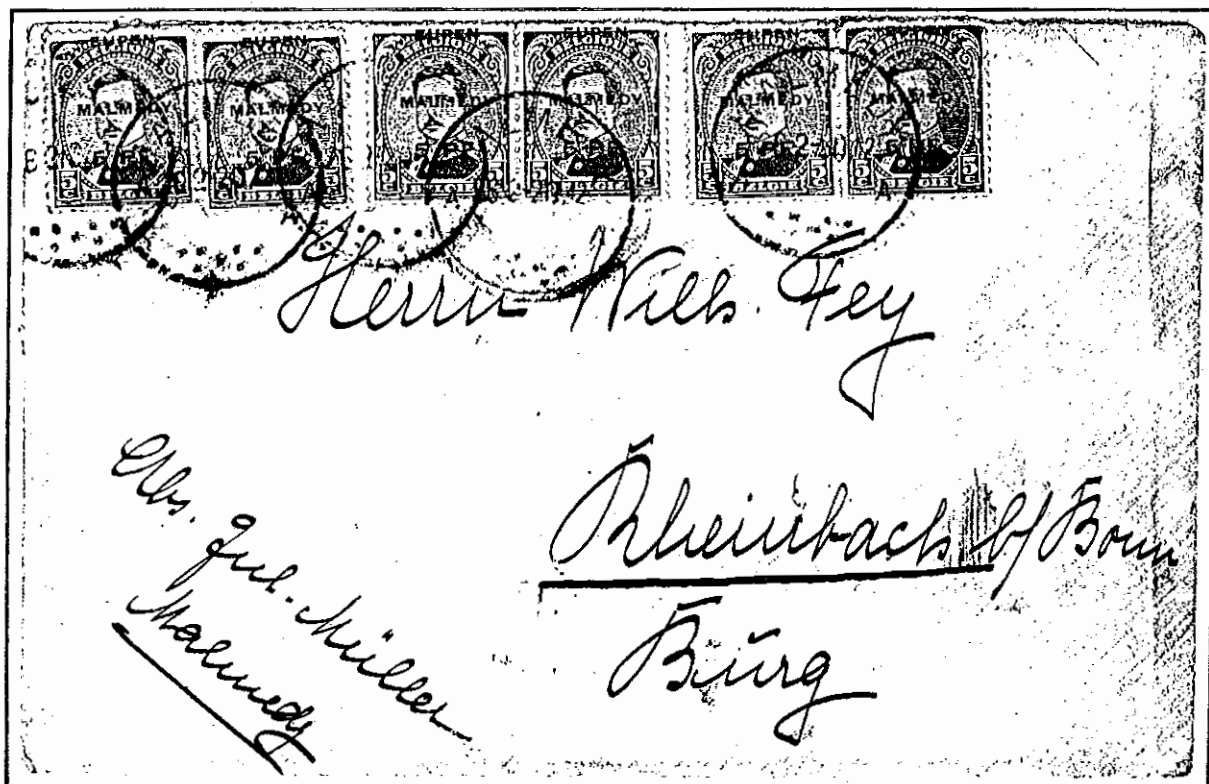


Period B-4 (first Belgian period).

Cover from Malmedy to Brussels. Dated 7 August, 1930. Postage 60 centimes.

Franking: two 10 centimes stamps (No. 280 of Belgian Stamp Dealers' Association Catalogue). Two postal stationery cut-outs of 5 and 35 centimes.



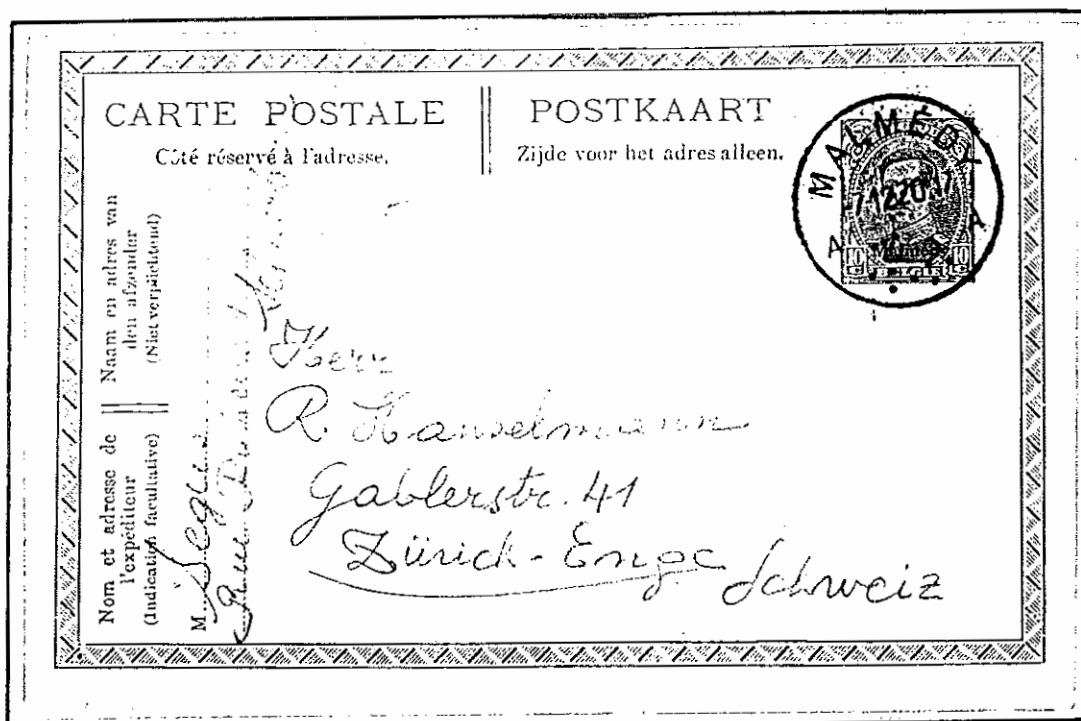


Period B-4 (Early first Belgian period).

Cover from Malmedy to Rheinbach, near Bonn. Dated 6 February 1920. Postage, 30 centimes (or 30 pfennige).

Franking: six 5 centime green stamps of the 1915 issue of Belgium overprinted "EUPEN/MALMEDY/5PF". These stamps were in use during the period 15th January, 1920 to 5th March, 1920.

Note: At the very beginning of the above period i.e. in January 1920, there was an insufficient supply of the overprinted "Eupen & Malmedy - Pfg Belgian stamps. Thus mixed frankings of overprinted Belgian stamps (centime/pfennig) and German normal stamps (pfennig) were authorised during a short period of time.



Period B-3 (German Empire period).

Cover from Malmedy to Bordeaux. Dated 27 April, 1873. Malmedy double circle postmark.

PD in red is the Aachen mark for paid to destination. The small single circle is the French border mark.

Postage, 3 groschen. From 15th May, 1872 the rate was 3 groschen except for destinations close to the border, for which the required postage was 2½ groschen.

Franking: one 1 groschen, red, large shield of the 4th issue (Michel No. 19). One 2 groschen, blue, large shield of the 4th issue (Michel No. 20).



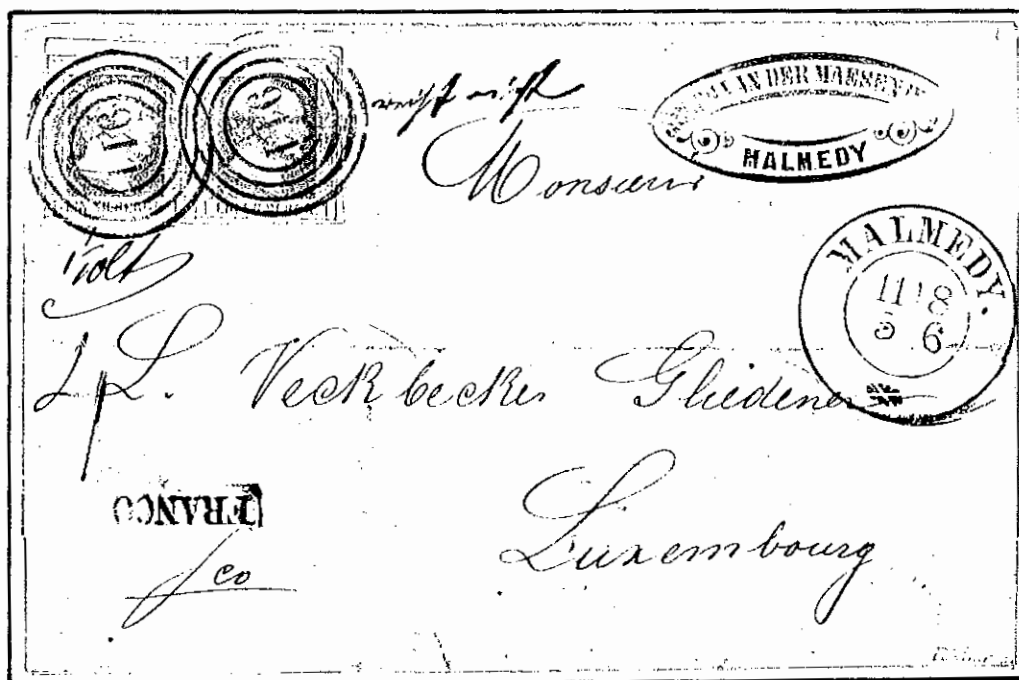
Period B-3 (German Empire period).

Postal card from Malmedy to Brussels cancelled with a single circle postmark. Dated 6 June, 1888.

Ribbon style merchant's cachet "DUBOIS-VILLERS MALMEDY".

Franking: 10 pfennig red (Michel No. 41 - issue of 1880).

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Period B-1 (Prussian period).

Cover from Malmedy to Luxembourg. Dated 11 August, 1857. Black double circle Malmedy postmark. The stamps have been struck with the 4 ring "911" Malmedy killer.

Elliptical merchant's cachet "J. VAN DER MAESENIN - MALMEDY".

The franking of this item is 2 groschen in the form of two 1 silver groschen, rose, stamps of the third issue (Michel No. 6). This is the normal single rate for mail departing from Malmedy to the Duchy of Luxembourg.

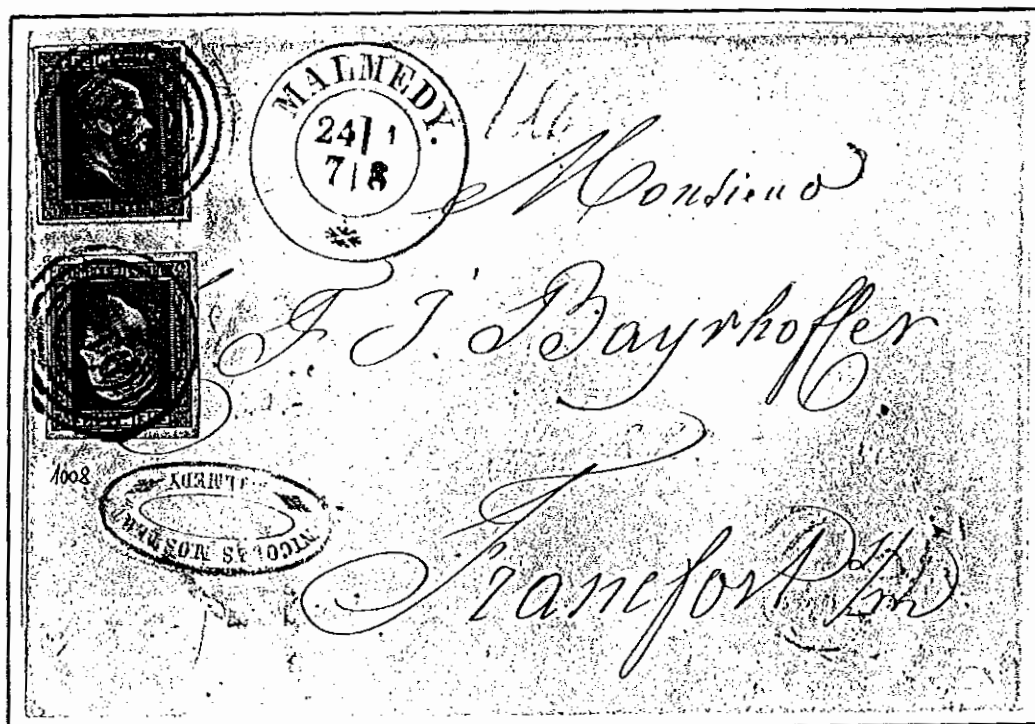
In the lower left corner, the sender has also written "fco" (franco), which means postage paid.

At the first onset, the printed "franco" was applied (by error) at the dispatching, Malmedy, post office. However, the weight of the item was 1.1 Lot (about 18.3 grams or 2/3 oz.) and therefore required a double postage rate. When this was found out, the item was considered as non-franked. Thus the charge to be claimed to the addressee amounted to 4 silver groschen i.e. twice the single rate. The handwritten blue mark "4" in the middle left of the cover indicates the amount due, to be paid in cash at the cover arrival. (Prussia and Luxembourg used the same currency at that time.) Just to the right of the stamps is also written in blue "reicht nicht", which is German for insufficiently paid. The postman or clerk of the Malmedy post office forgot to cross out the printed franco, which was often done with a blue pencil.

On the reverse:

Black double circle mark Weiswampach 11 Août (August) 1857 as a transit postmark of the Luxemburg border exchange post office.

Black double circle arrival mark of Luxemburg (city) dated 12 Août 1857.



Period B-1 (Prussian period).

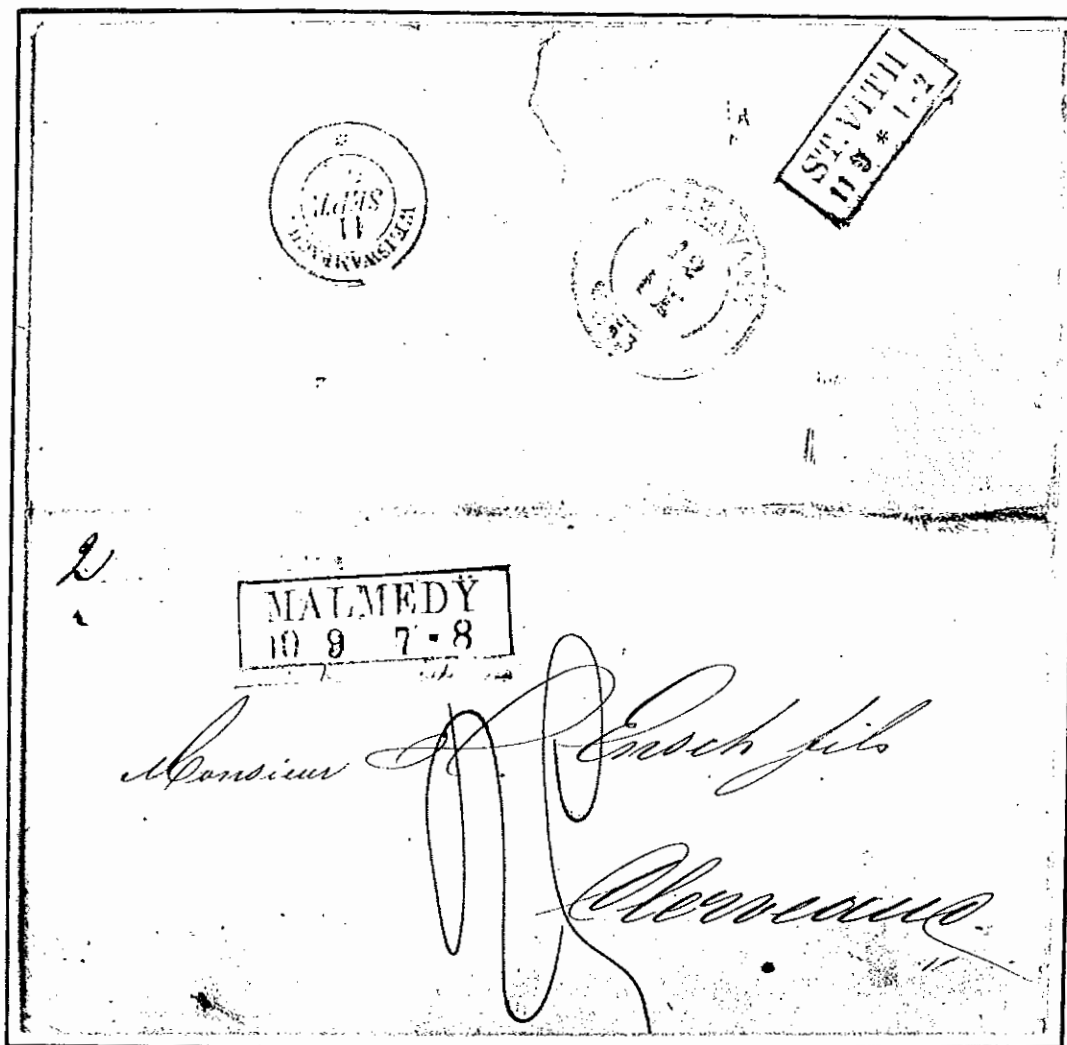
Cover from Malmedy to Franfort on the main. Dated 24 January ?. Black double circle Malmedy postmark.

The stamps are "killed" with a "911" in the centre of four concentric circles (Vierringstempel). The "911" was the postal code for Malmedy. The first Prussian stamps were issued on 15 November, 1850. The four ring cancellations are mainly found on the four stamps of the first Prussian issue (Michel No.1 thru 4).

The handwritten weight is indicated to the right of the double circle Malmedy mark.

Elliptical merchant's cachet "NICOLAS MOSTERT _ MALMEDY".

Postage 6 groschen. Postage of 3 groschen was required for mail between towns more than 20 miles apart (1 geographic mile equalled 7,420.4 metres. Later it was extend to 7.5 km). Thus, this item is franked at a double rate. Franking - two 3 groschen stamps, yellow on black (Michel No. 4).



Period B-1 (Prussian period).

Cover from Malmédÿ to Clervaux. Dated 10 September, 1853. Black boxed Malmédÿ postmark, with day (10), month (9) and hour (7-8) as interval. On the reverse:

Black, boxed St. Vith mark. This is the mark of the Prussian border exchange office.

Double circle Weiswampach black marking. Transit border marking of the Duchy of Luxembourg. (Weiswampach was a little frontier town on the route Malmédÿ - St. Vith - Luxembourg).

Arrival double circle black mark of Clervaux, Luxembourg.

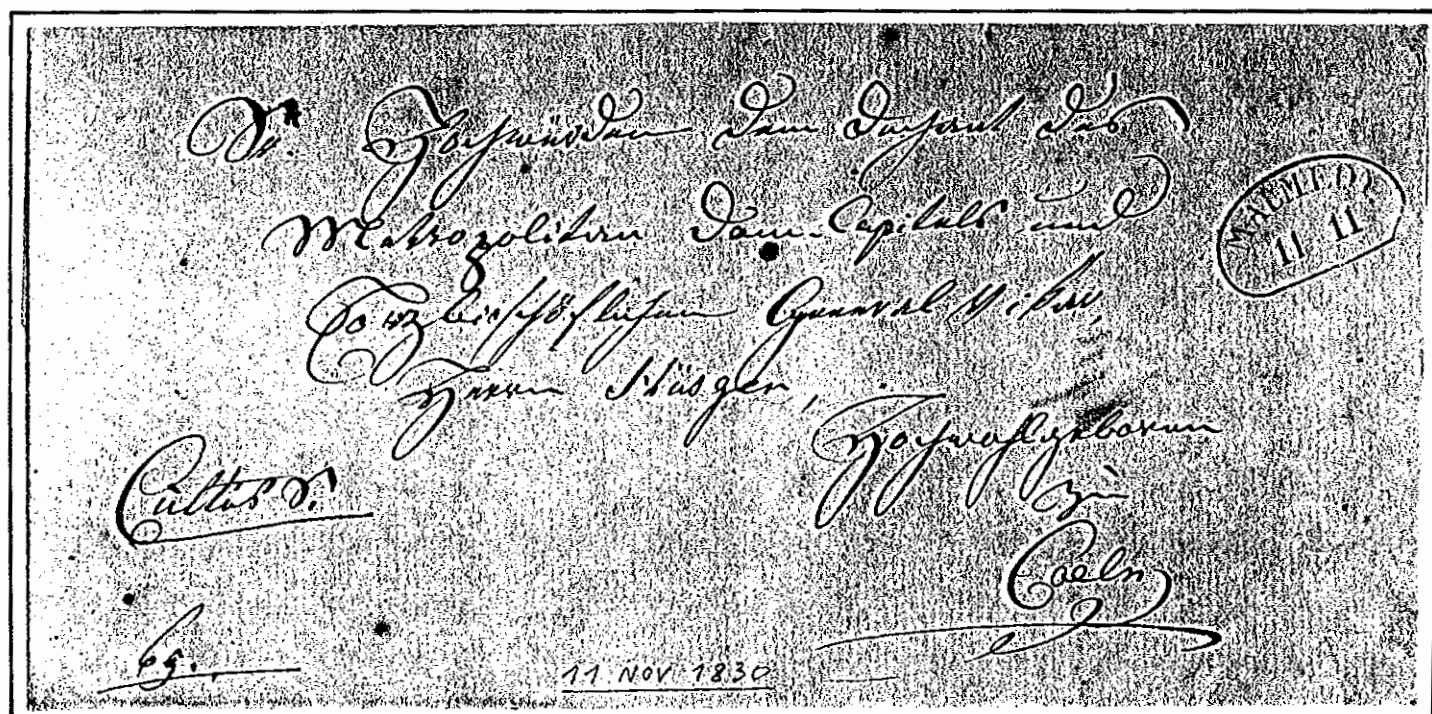
Postage, handwritten 25 centimes due. The postage rate of 25 centimes or 2 groschen (1 gr. was 12.5 cent. worth) corresponds to the 2nd rayon of Prussia (distances between 10 and 20 miles). The handwritten "2" could mean just that.

It could be translated in French as follows:

A sa noblesse, Monsieur de Monschau,
Juge de Paix Royal, à St. Vith.

And, in English:

To His Honour Mr. Von Monschau
Royal Judge of the Peace, St. Vith



Period A-4 (Prussian period).

Cover from Malmedy to Coeln (Cologne). Dated 11 November, 1830. Black Malmedy postmark. The name Malmedy, and on a second line, the day and month in numerals, are enclosed in a frame. This shape frame is called a "Nierenstempel" (kidney cancellation) by German postal history collectors (Herlant type bp). It appeared after the marking in (7) above, starting in about 1825 but the two were used indiscriminately.

Handwritten in the lower left corner is "Cultus S." which, in current German usage, means Kultussache (church matter). Also the inscription "Cultus S." was a free of port marking.

Roman hand, in German:

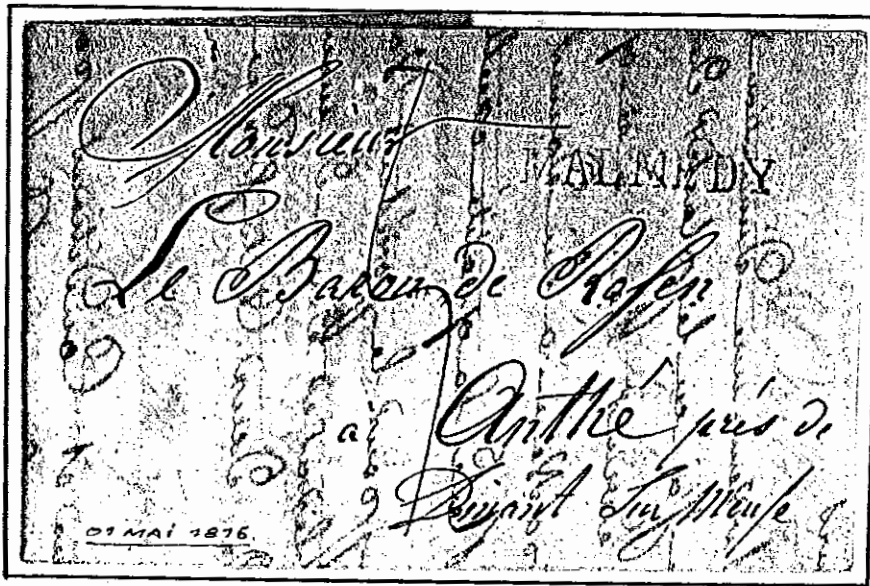
"Seiner Hochwürden dem Dechanten des
Metropolitane Dom-Kapitels und
und Erzbischöflichen Generalvikar,
Herrn Schüsgens,
Hochwohlgeboren,
zu Cöln

In French:

"A son Eminence le Doyen du chapitre
métropolitane de la Cathédrale et Vicaire Général
Archiépiscopal,
Monsieur Schüsgens,
Noble,
à Cologne"

In English:

To His Eminence the Dean of the Metropolitan
Chapter of the Cathedral and Archiepiscopal
Vicar General, Mister Schüsgens,
Cologne.

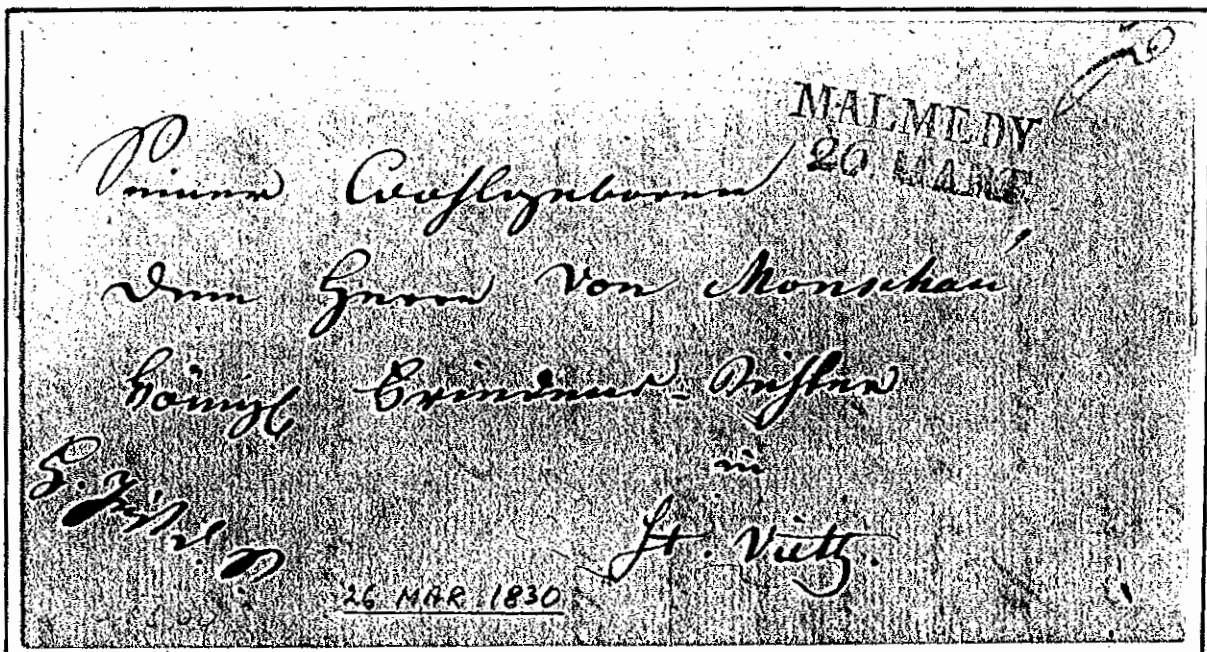


Period A-3 (Second Tour & Taxis period).

Cover from Malmedy to Anthée, near Dinant. Dated 1 May, 1816.

Red Malmedy postmark (Herlant type 2 fig.c) used during the period December, 1815 through to the end of 1816. This mark is also found in black without any postal significance. It is assumed that, at certain times, black ink was all that was handy for the postman or clerk.

Postage, 5 decimes due.



Period A-4 (Prussian period).

Cover from Malmedy to St. Vith. Dated 26 March, 1830. Black Malmedy two line postmark. Under 'Malmedy' is the date and month, 26 Mart (March) (Herlant type ap).

In the lower left corner, there is written "G-Just.S." which means "Geheimjustiz Sache". This is German, meaning confidential justice item. At that time, the inscription "G-Just.S." was a free of port marking.

The address is in the old German Gothic style of writing. Turned into Roman hand, the address becomes:

"Seiner Hochgeboren dem Herrn von Monschau
königlicher Friedensrichter in St. Vith".

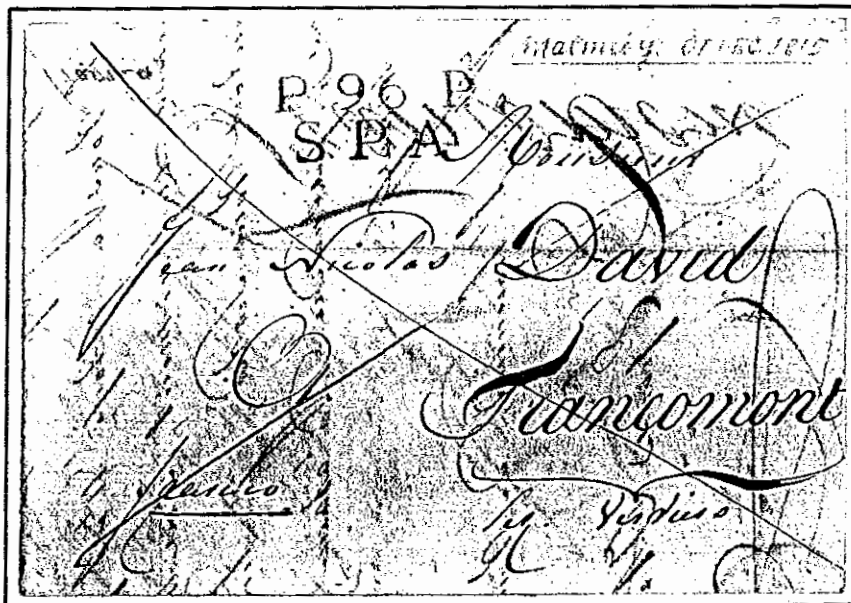


Period A-2 (French period).

Cover from Malmedy to Beaune. Dated 27 June, 1801. Black Malmedy single line postmark plus a two line "96 Verviers" postmark (Herlant type 2 fig.a and type 5). 96 is the administrative number for the "Department of the Ourthe".

Both Malmedy and Verviers were in Department 96. At this time, the small town of Malmedy had a post office only for receiving mail. Outgoing mail was taken to the main district post office in Verviers for processing.

Postage, handwritten, 7 decimes due.

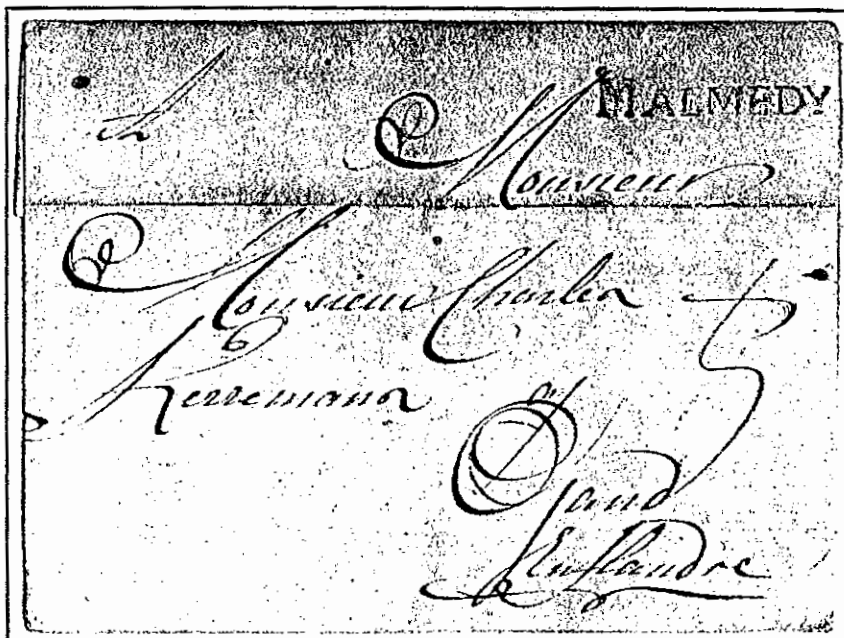


Period A-3 (Second Tour & Taxis period).

Cover from Malmedy to Francomont, near Verviers. Dated 1 Dec 1815.

Black two line P96P SPA postmark (Herlant type 6). The "P.P." means that postage to destination has been paid. After a postal reorganisation in 1802, Malmedy came under the postal administration at Spa.

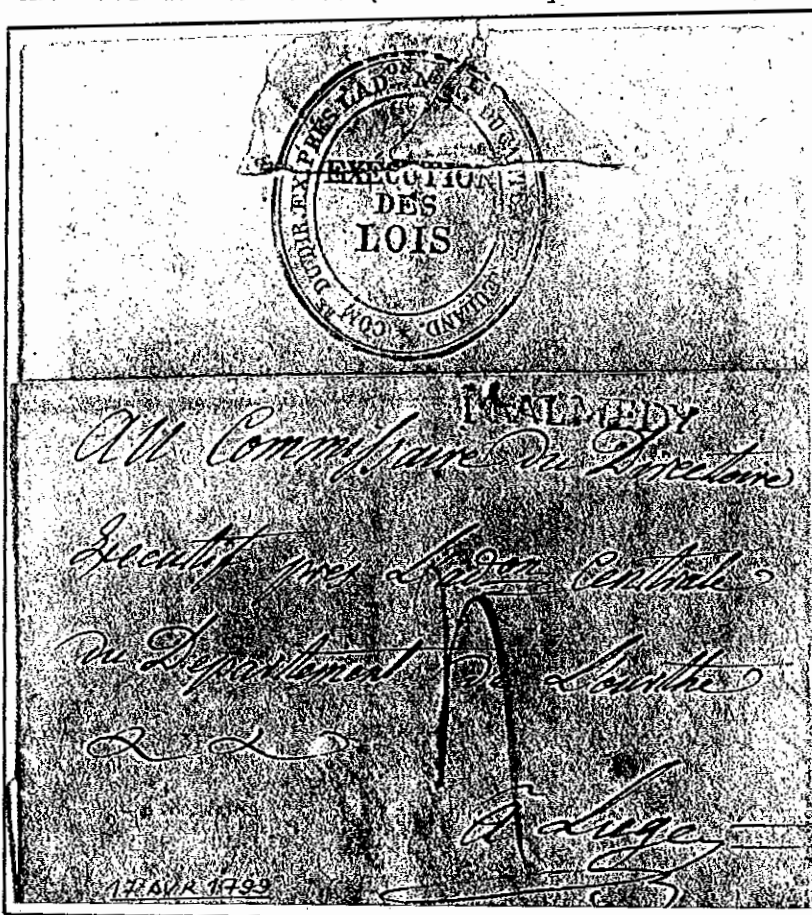
The sender's handwritten "Franco" on the cover also means that postage was paid to destination. On the reverse is a handwritten 2 decimes - postage paid.



Period A-1 (First Tour & Taxis period).

Cover from Malmedy to Gent. Dated 5 May, 1784. Malmedy black postmark struck in the upper right corner. This is the earliest recorded type of a Malmedy cancellation (Herlant Type 2 - fig.a). Postage, handwritten, 5 sols due.

Before 1800 the postage in Gent was expressed in "sol". After 1800, the "decime" was used (1 decime equalled 1 sol).



Period A-2 (French period).

Cover from Malmedy to Liege. Dated 17 April, 1799. Same Malmedy postmark as in (2) above.

On the reverse, in black, official administrative cachet mark 'EXECUTION DES LOIS' (in application of the law).

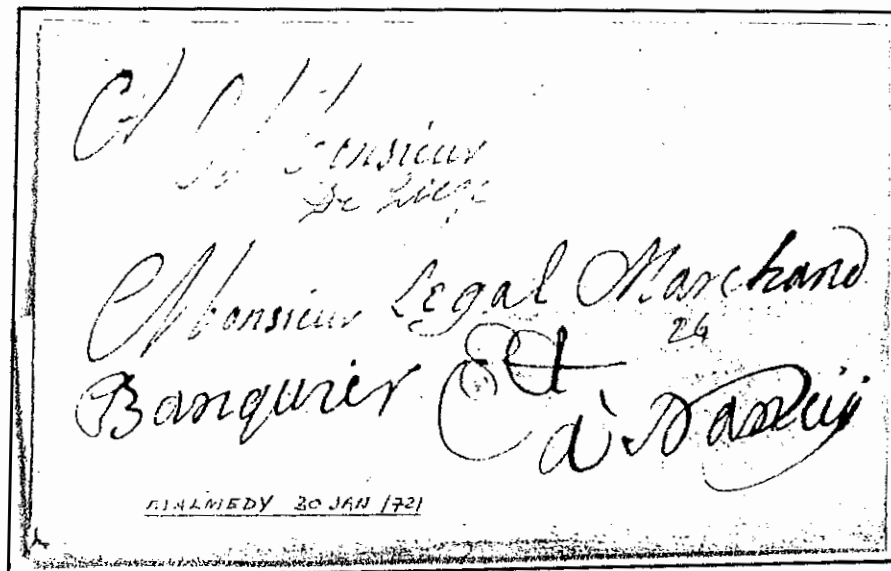
Postage, handwritten, 4 decimes due.

B. Philatelic Periods

- B-1) Prussian period (15th November, 1850 to 31st December, 1867).
- B-2) German Confederation period (1st January, 1868 to 4th May, 1871).
- B-3) German Empire period (4th May, 1871 to 15th January, 1920).
- B-4) First Belgian period (15th January 1920 to 10th May, 1940).
- B-5) Third Reich period (May 1940 to 7th September, 1944).
- B-6) Second Belgian period (second quarter 1945 to Today).

A Selection of Covers from Malmedy

Following is a selection of Malmedy covers illustrating the different periods mentioned above along with a few comments.



Period A-1 (First Tour & Taxis period).

Cover from Malmedy to Nancy. Dated 30 January, 1721. Manuscript "de Liege" marking. Mailed from Liege. There was no post office in Malmedy at this time. A Tour & Taxis post office for Malmedy was established in 1722. Postage was 26 sols due.

From 1704 to and including 1759, the postage rates in sols were:

	Single	Double
Liege - Paris	9	16
Paris - Nancy	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>
Total:	<u>14</u>	<u>25</u>

The weight of a single rate letter was $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. (1oz = 1/16 lb = 28.35 gr.)

This cover was sent to Nancy via Paris at the double rate. The additional 1 sol was added when it was suspected that the cover contained an enclosure.

Between the words "Banquier" and "a Nancy" there is a handwritten mark which could be an indication of weight.

MALMEDY

by Jean Bruwier (Seraing)

(Ed. This interesting article is based on the superb display given by Jean to the Circle on 14th November, 1992)

A Brief History

Malmedy's origins go back to an abbey built c. 650 A.D. by St. Remacle. Gradually, over time, human settlements continued to surround it. Jointly with Stavelot, Malmedy became part of a religious principality which was run by abbots who owed their allegiance to the Bishop of Liege and the Archbishop of Cologne.

Following the defeat of the Austrians by the French at Fleurus (July 1794), the newly conquered territories (i.e. all lands west of the Rhine) became by decree part of France. This "fait accompli" was duly recognised by Austria at the Treaty of Campo Formio (1797) and was fully ratified by the Treaty of Luneville (2nd February, 1801). The principality of Stavelot thus became French and, more precisely, part of the Departement of the Ourthe (No. 96).

After the defeat of Napoleon I, the Congress of Vienna (September 1814 - June 1815) attempted to bring lasting peace in Europe, whose political map it therefore endeavoured to re-draw. Thus, the ancient religious principality was partitioned, with Malmedy going to Prussia and Stavelot to The Netherlands. Once part of Prussia, Malmedy endured for almost a century, the many upheavals characterising German political life, including the unification of the German States, the formation of the German Empire and World War I.

The Treaty of Versailles, signed on 28th July, 1919, between the Allies and Germany, finalised World War I. Malmedy became part of Belgium, which had been an independent state since 1830.

Finally, whilst World War II was in its first year (May 1940), the German Third Reich annexed Malmedy and several other localities and made them an integral part of the Third Reich. At the end of World War II, Malmedy reverted to Belgium for good.

Postal History: An Outline

The intricate postal history of Malmedy can be divided into four pre-philatelic (pre-adhesive stamp) and six philatelic (adhesive stamp) periods, as follows:

A. Pre-philatelic Periods

- A-1) First Tour & Taxis period (before 1794).
- A-2) French period (July 1794 to March 1814).
- A-3) Second Tour & Taxis period (March 1814 to July 1816).
- A-4) Prussian period (1st July, 1816 to 15th November, 1850).

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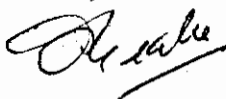
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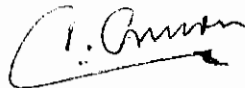
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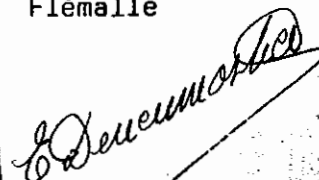
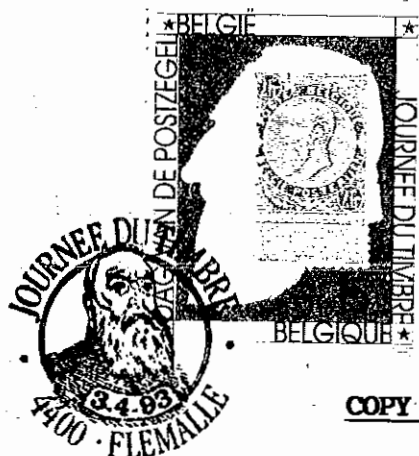
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TWINNING CEREMONY - PHILA CLUB FLEMALLE - 3RD APRIL, 1993

As part of FLEMALLEX '93, on the evening of Saturday, 3rd April, our venue transferred to the Hotel Communal where, in the presence of other distinguished guests, the twinning ceremony took place. Our members attending are listed in the FLEMALLEX '93 report.

Represented apart from the Clubs, were the Belgian Post Office, the Postal Museum, various national philatelic associations, and the local authority in the form of the Bourgmestre, who presided over the event.

The ceremony was held in the Council Chamber and speeches (mainly in rapid French!) were made on behalf of the various parties represented. The Phila Club Flemalle were holding twinning ceremonies both with the Belgian Study Circle and with the Circle Philatelique Fribourgeois, from Marly, Switzerland.

Appropriate speeches in reply were made by your Chairman, Tony Geake, and by Geoffrey Wood, and a special copy of the last edition of Belgapost was presented to the Phila Club Flemalle in reciprocation. A certificate of the twinning was signed and is illustrated below.

A copy of the relative pages of our Register is included showing the signatures of many who attended.

After the ceremony in the Council Chamber, we returned to a special supper - "Buffet du Jumelage", provided by our hosts, which was greatly appreciated by all present.

Our sincere thanks to the Phila Club Flemalle for their kind hospitality and for a well organised event, which was enjoyed by all.

R. T. HARRISON



M. & MME DENEUMOSTIER WITH TONY GEAKE



FLEMALLEX '93

As previously reported, the Phila Club Flemalle held a special exhibition to commemorate the centenary of the issue of the first Sunday-Label stamp in 1893.

A small group of our members travelled over for the event, which was held in Flemalle on 3rd/4th April, 1993. On the Saturday evening, a "twinning ceremony" took place, which is reported separately elsewhere in this issue.

"Home" members attending were Geoffrey Wood, Tony Geake, Maurice Wilkinson, Reg Harrison and Ken Carpenter. Additionally, however, we were represented by Jean Bruwier, Josef Deruyck, Michael Feron, Gaston Jorquera and Vincent Schouberechts. The last three named we were pleased to meet for the first time and to establish personal contact.

We were given a warm welcome by M. & Mme. Deneumostier, Dr. Boulet and other members of the Phila Club, and were also able to meet other noted philatelists attending.

The exhibition comprised 60 frames showing all aspects of Sunday Label issues from the 1893 Fine Barbe through to the 1912 PELLENS issue. Items displayed covered essays, stamps, postal stationery, cancellations, including numerous covers of great interest and quality. Of special interest was a Belgian Postal Museum display showing sheets of the early values complete with marginal markings. These were duly noted by Geoffrey Wood as part of his studies. A Post Office was in operation throughout the event selling current stamps, especially the commemorative issued specifically for the Centenary.

As is customary on such occasions, the event was supported by philatelic dealers offering a range of material to suit most collecting tastes.

In the course of the weekend, your Treasurer was able to sell some of our publications and also to recruit 2 new members: Dr. Vassen and J-C Porignon, whom we welcome to our Circle. The latter has just published an excellent new book on Rural Posts which is reviewed elsewhere in this issue.

All in all, an enjoyable event and our thanks to the Phila Club which bodes well for our future co-operation.

R. T. HARRISON



OUTSIDE FLEMALLE TOWN HALL -

GEOFFREY WOOD, KEN CARPENTER, REG HARRISON, MAURICE WILKINSON

Atelier du Timbre cachet on the 1884 Issue High Values: The Balasse catalogue of 1949, part 1, states that this stamp is in black. Some years ago I found I had two copies of the 50c with traces of the A.du.T. stamp in the lower border in the colour of the stamp. Recently I noticed in Maurice Baeten's Sale catalogue, 170th Sale of 19/27 January, 1990, lot 1902 included a corner block of four of the 1 Fr. (COB 51) with the A.du.T. stamp in black. Lot 1065 in the Balasse Sale No. 1407/11 dated 13/20 March, 1993, includes a copy of the 50c with the A.du T. in colour and in the Balasse Sale No. 1343/5 dated 17/20 December, 1988, lot 102 is a block of four with the A.du.T in the colour of the stamp, the top left stamp showing variety V.I. with the prolonged T in POSTES.

I seem to remember having seen a 10 cent stamp with the A.du T. in black, that leaves the 25c, 35c and 2 Fr. stamps.

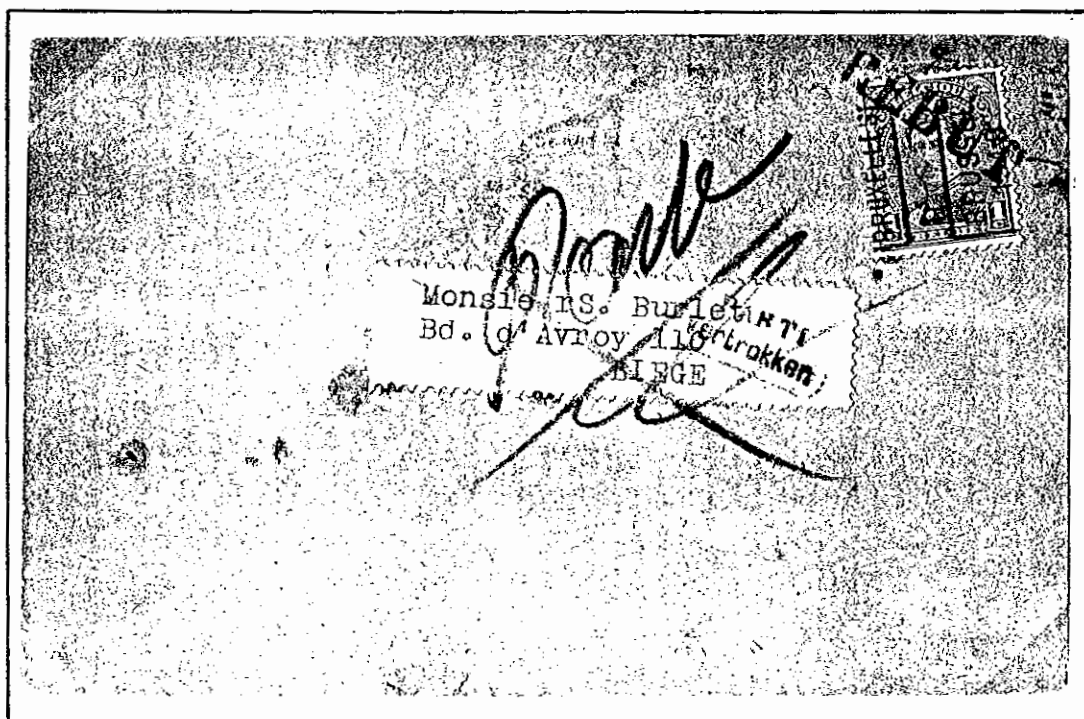
Listing the issue by date of issue, we have:

		Atelier du Timbre
10 cent	15th July	Black
20 cent	1st January, 1886	Reseda
25 cent	1st January, 1885	
35 cent	1st July, 1891	
50 cent	1st January, 1886	Ochre
1 Franc	15th June, 1884	Black
2 Franc	1st January, 1886	

It is probable that the A. du T. for both the 2 Fr. and 35c are in the colour of the stamp, but I should like to know if anyone can throw light on the colour of the A. du T. used for both the 10c and the 25c values.

BRUSSELS TO LIEGE, 1919

Following the end of the war, some firms sent out printed advertising cards, franked by pre-cancelled one centime stamps (quantities of not less than 1,000). Some pre-war customers were no longer at their old address. The returned cards were marked "Parti-Vertrokken" and the stamp cancelled "REBUT".



BELGAPOST PRODUCTION

Members will hopefully have noticed the gradual changes (improvements) in the production and presentation of Belgapost in the last few years. In summary these are:-

1. Frequency of issue - increased to achieve 4 per year - each year should form a new volume.
2. Cover design - new artwork and inclusion of an illustration. Aim to give each year a different coloured cover.
3. Inner front cover - used to provide details and contact with officers of the Circle.
4. Type format - standardised type face and "justified" columns for all officer reports, etc.
5. Up-to-date reporting on all meetings, events, etc. together with results of Auction Sales when appropriate.
6. Inclusion of illustrations and graphics wherever possible to enhance an article.
7. Double sided printing to save both paper and postage costs.
8. Pagination - a return to continuous page numbering in each volume year.

With regard to 8. it is hoped to include with this issue an index to the contents of Volume Four and Volume Five for those members who store their issues in volume order.

The Editor would be pleased to receive articles/comments, including news on your activities, for future issues of Belgapost. Provided it is legible, hand-written notes are acceptable but, if in doubt, a brief call to the Editor to discuss it is well worthwhile.

Typing of notes is time consuming, especially when technical (philatelic) terms, foreign words and place names are involved. The preparation of each issue is started long before it is published. Early submission of material to the Editor is therefore urged to assist in the production and also to enable a balanced effect of each issue's contents.

RANDOM JOTTINGS

by Geoffrey Wood, FRPS(L)

Another Forged Marginal Marking: Lot 157 of Balasse Sale 1220/23 of 24/31 October, 1981, is another example of a forged marginal mark. It is on a corner block of 4 of stamp No. 30, 1869, 10 centime, green. It is stamps 41, 42, 46, 47 of the pane. The marking reads "Serie M No. 010420" instead of "Timbres Poste Serie M No. 029574. Date" and is at the bottom of a lefthand pane instead of the top.

The 1915 Issue, 35 centimes: Thanks to the loan by John Connolly of a block of four of this stamp. There is a slight alteration to be made to the table on page 53 of Belgapost Volume 1. The registration mark for the half-sheet Depot 1920 should show a dot $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2mm to the left of the line between the 24th and 34th stamps of the sheet.



AUCTION AUCTION AUCTION

Although a smaller percentage of lots were sold, the number of lots at 196 slightly exceeded that of the last sale. The total value sold - £1,600 - was, however, greater than any previous sale. Postal history, covers generally, special cancellations, books and literature produced the greatest interest.

As members will be aware from the Treasurer's Report to the AGM, the proceeds from sources such as the auction are vital in the finances of the Circle.

The next sale will be held on 9th October, 1993 and members who wish to submit items should contact either Geoffrey Wood or myself in good time to enable them to be included. If all goes to plan, the auction list should be delivered with the September edition of BELGAPOST.

REG HARRISON

RESULTS OF SALE HELD 24TH APRIL, 1993

2	15. 00	50	3. 50	111	5. 00	251	8. 00	323	7. 00
4	30. 00	51	2. 50	116	10. 00	258	2. 50	324	18. 00
5	40. 00	52	2. 50	117	7. 50	261	2. 50	325	5. 00
6	35. 00	53	2. 00	118	2. 50	265	10. 00	328	6. 00
7	15. 00	54	2. 00	122	10. 00	266	3. 00	329	63. 00
8	55. 00	55	2. 00	124	3. 00	268	9. 00	330	6. 00
9	5. 00	56	2. 00	125	3. 00	269	9. 00	331	14. 00
10	5. 00	57	4. 50	126	. 50	270	16. 00	332	4. 00
12	2. 00	58	7. 50	138	12. 00	271	16. 00	333	10. 00
13	5. 50	61	3. 00	144	7. 00	272	5. 00	334	15. 00
14	15. 00	62	6. 50	155	5. 00	273	3. 00	335	8. 00
15	7. 50	66	. 80	158	. 25	274	5. 50	336	9. 00
16	4. 00	69	5. 00	185	4. 00	276	4. 00	338	4. 50
17	8. 50	70	8. 00	186	5. 50	277	4. 00	339	5. 00
19	15. 00	71	3. 00	187	3. 50	279	3. 00	347	3. 50
20	3. 00	72	. 50	193	6. 50	280	8. 00	349	4. 00
21	11. 00	74	2. 50	195	10. 00	282	13. 00	250	3. 00
22	5. 00	75	4. 50	202	10. 00	283	14. 00	351	6. 00
23	4. 00	76	3. 50	206	3. 00	284	16. 00	352	4. 00
24	2. 50	77	5. 00	214	3. 00	285	16. 00	353	1. 00
25	5. 50	78	1. 50	215	2. 00	286	14. 00	356	5. 00
26	6. 00	79	65. 00	228	5. 50	292	2. 50	358	9. 00
27	3. 00	80	2. 50	229	4. 50	293	2. 50	359	8. 00
28	1. 60	81	4. 00	230	10. 00	294	1. 00	361	22. 00
29	1. 60	82	1. 50	231	51. 00	295	2. 50	363	3. 50
30	2. 50	83	1. 00	232	4. 00	296	3. 00	364	2. 50
31	3. 00	87	4. 00	233	1. 30	298	1. 00	365	1. 60
33	4. 00	89	4. 00	234	4. 50	299	2. 00	366	4. 00
34	2. 00	90	10. 00	235	5. 00	300	1. 50	367	3. 00
35	6. 50	91	5. 00	236	5. 00	301	1. 50	368	5. 00
36	1. 00	92	5. 00	237	3. 00	303	2. 00	369	30. 00
37	1. 30	94	4. 00	239	2. 00	304	3. 00	371	5. 00
38	. 50	95	3. 00	240	10. 00	305	3. 00		
39	1. 10	96	110. 00	241	1. 00	306	7. 50		
42	1. 10	97	90. 00	242	. 50	307	7. 50		
44	1. 50	98	2. 00	244	5. 00	308	10. 00		
45	2. 00	99	2. 00	245	4. 00	309	4. 00		
46	2. 00	100	1. 00	246	6. 00	311	5. 00		
47	2. 00	101	7. 00	247	4. 00	312	1. 00		
48	1. 50	108	15. 00	248	2. 50	313	11. 00		
49	3. 00	109	20. 00	250	8. 00	314	. 80		

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* Note - Deposit account listed above includes monies paid on account by overseas members.

Signed: R. T. HARRISON
(Hon. Treasurer)

CIRCLE PUBLICATIONS

REVISED LIST AVAILABLE AS AT 1st JUNE, 1993 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

BELGAPOST Vol. 1 1981-1982 76pp £10 (500BF)

Vol. 2 1985-1988 101pp £10 (500BF)

Vol. 4 1990-1991 98pp £10 (500BF)

Vol. 5 1992 106pp £10 (500BF)

BALASSE MAGAZINE _ AN INDEX No. 1-283

J. B. Horne 1982 12pp £2 (100BF)

THE MAIL FROM "OUR COUNTRY" TO AND ACROSS FRANCE

C. Delbeke 1982 23pp 50p (25BF)

BELGIUM 1865 10 Cent

J. Lenaerts 1982 10pp 50p (25BF)

(Note - the above 2 publications are included in BELGAPOST Vol.1)

Postage and packing additional where applicable.

Members should contact Geoffrey Wood, either by telephone or letter.

Cheques should be made payable to "Belgian Study Circle".

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 1992/93

Overall there has been a steady improvement in the Circle's financial position during the last year.

Membership subscriptions are, as anticipated, lower than last year (which was an abnormal year due to the recoupment of previous years' dues) and a breakdown split over the different financial years appears in the Accounts attached. The total for 1992/93 alone (£558.00) shows that this figure did not cover our basic costs and expenses (£986.15).

The difference has been met by other income - from sales commission, bank interest, donations, etc. Special mention should be made of a donation on behalf of Arnold Cuigniez (£50), together with several items to be auctioned for Club funds.

This year has seen the production of 4 editions of BELGAPOST, which is reflected in the increased expenditure. Also the expected bank charges have been incurred but are more than balanced by the interest from money held on deposit account.

Although inflation has dropped, it would be prudent to assume that general costs will increase throughout next year. Additionally, there is a need to consider replacing our display frames, which will make a further demand on our resources if implemented.

On balance, I am therefore recommending that consideration be given to increasing the annual subscription from £8 to £10 for the year commencing 1993/94.

R. T. HARRISON

THE BELGIAN STUDY CIRCLE LUNCHEON 1993

The 45th Annual Luncheon of the Belgian Study Circle was again held in the Senior Common Room of Regent's College, Regent's Park, London, on Saturday, 13th March, 1993. Due to the unavoidable absence abroad of our Chairman, Tony Geake, the Chair was most ably taken by our Vice-Chairman, Maurice Wilkinson.

In addition to the 28 members present, we were delighted to welcome Doris Green, RDP, FRPS, L. our most senior member, and her daughter, Rosemarie, both of whom were looking extremely well.

After congenial drinks at the bar, lunch started promptly at 1 o'clock and, following grace, we enjoyed sliced avocado with prawns, trout with almonds, followed by profiteroles and cheese and biscuits, rounded off with coffee. Needless to say, the wine flowed freely throughout! A really lovely lunch! After which, a vote of thanks was given to Geoffrey Wood, who again as in previous years, organised another memorable social gathering.

Later we all enjoyed an outstanding display of the 1919 'Tin Hats' proofs, varieties and sheets built up by the late Charles Gallagher and presented most efficiently by his daughter, Cathy Wyld.

The day ended with tea and biscuits and the Churchill Crown Competition, this year won by Geoffrey Wood for his 'À Distribué' on a Censored Postcard 1919.

The high quality photograph on the front cover of the menu was of Die Proof No. 5251 of the 10 Fr. stamp of the 1915 issue from the Waterlow Archive. The enlargement demonstrates the superb engraving by Desarrois to its best advantage.

JEFFREY KALP

MEMBER NEWS

PETER RUSSELL has recently undergone hospital treatment but hopes to be back on his feet again shortly.

GASTON JORQUERA asks who else in the Circle has an interest in the 10 Centime issue of 1869 (COB 30).

J. C. YSEBAERT advises that his collecting interests are restricted to the 1915 Albert Issues, not general as listed in the last BELGAPOST.

NEW MEMBERS - The Circle welcomes the following new members:

Dr. L. M. Vassen - Lambermont, Belgium. 1865 Issue.

J. C. Porignon - Plailly, France. Distribution and Perforated Medallion Cancellations, Rural Postmarks.

1893 Sunday Label issue
Postal History 1500-1700
Railway Cancellations
Mot des Soldats
"Mixed Rubbish" from Jack Gibbs (always entertaining and anything but rubbish!)
First World War
Moresnet

The programme is still flexible - if there is anything else you would like to see please let me know. Final programme will be sent out to those attending nearer the date.

A. D. GEAKE

SECRETARY'S NOTES

This is the time to look back over the last season and forward to the next. The highlight of the past season was the visit to "Flemallex" by five members from this country and the twinning ceremony with the Phila Club of Flemalle. This should not detract from our joint meeting at the Willesley Hotel and the usual meetings at Regent's College.

BELGAPOST has maintained the high standard we have recently achieved and our thanks must be extended to Jean Harrison for coping with the manuscripts for BELGAPOST and our auction lists.

Looking forward to the coming season, it pleases me that we have new names giving displays and that recent new names are again on the programme.

As 1994 marks the Centenary of the "Mols" issue of the Congo, the Belgian Congo Study Circle are hoping to arrange a meeting in Belgium, probably in October in Ostend. I will keep members in the operational picture but it would be useful to know who would be interested.

There is, of course, no reason why we should not have a provincial meeting ourselves if someone is prepared to organise it!

Stanley Gibbons will be publishing a new edition of Part 4 (BENELUX) later this year. I will be getting a limited supply. Will members who wish for one, please let me know. I also hope to have a limited supply of the Catalogue Officiel Belge.

GEOFFREY WOOD

Wishing you well in the summer months.

TREASURER'S NOTES

Elsewhere in this edition is my report to the AGM and the reference to the subscription for 1993/94, which was agreed at £10. Reminders have been sent to all members and payments are now being received. Most auction lots have been despatched and, likewise, payments are coming in steadily. It is hoped to clear all accounts during June bearing in mind that many lots go abroad and take a while to clear.

Enclosed with this edition is an index to both Vol. 4 and Vol. 5 and a cover page for Vol. 5 for those members who store their Belgapost in Volume order.

Due to demand, some of our previous volumes are now being reprinted, which will be useful for new members, whilst also helping club funds.

It is also hoped to update and circulate the Membership List with this issue. Please retain this for personal use only.

R. T. HARRISON

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Most of the members who attended the Auction on the morning of Saturday, 24th April, 1993, remained after lunch for the Circle's Annual General Meeting.

Reports were made by the Circle's Officers - Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and Packet Secretary. Main points from reports:

- * Events - Circle Lunch, 2 Auctions, 4 other meetings, Joint Meeting at Cranbrook with Congo Society, visit to Flemalle for twinning.

- * Members - Steady flow of new members; progress in many areas of study by one or more members, including:

- Early pre-stamp
- Classics
- 1869 10c.
- 1915 Waterlow issue
- World War 1
- Railway Cancellations

- congratulations to Iain Stevenson on his silver medal at Stampex for Telegraph issues.

- * Finance - surplus for year £255 making balance of funds at end of year £1,243; subscription to be increased to £10 p.a.

- * Belgapost - much appreciated by members; however, we are getting it very cheaply as the Circle is not bearing the full costs of production.

- * Packet - 3 in circulation but no surplus as only one packet completed circulation in the year. More books are urgently needed.

- * Thanks - to officers and others who had helped with running the Circle, and especial thanks to Jean Harrison who does a vast amount of our typing - auction lists, Belgapost articles, accounts and much more.

All existing officers are willing to continue and were re-elected unanimously (we shall be pleased to hear from other members who would be willing to act as officers, or assist in any way, either immediately or in a few years' time).

Next season's programme was discussed and will be finalised by the Secretary (circulated with this edition).

Summer Meeting - twelve members, plus six wives, have already advised they will attend.

Any other business - included proposal to replace display frames which are becoming beyond repair.

MEETING AT WESTON-SUPER-MARE - 14/15TH AUGUST, 1993

The hotel is still able to take bookings but please contact Tony Geake as soon as possible if you are hoping to come, whether you will be staying at the hotel or not. Subjects proposed include: