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### Introduction

Postage stamps and related objects are miniature communication tools, and they tell a story about cultural and political identities and about artistic forms of identity expressions. They are part of the world's material heritage, and part of history. Ever more of this postal heritage becomes available online, published by stamp collectors' organizations, auction houses, commercial stamp shops, online catalogues, and individual collectors. Virtually collecting postage stamps and postal history has recently become a possibility. These working papers about Africa are examples of what can be done. But they are work-in-progress! Everyone who would like to contribute, by sending corrections, additions, and new area studies can do so by sending an email message to the APH editor: Ton Dietz ([dietzaj@asc.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:dietzaj@asc.leidenuniv.nl)). You are welcome!

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Cape of Good Hope postage stamp 1853:

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Egypt postage stamp 1914:

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## Part 2: French colonial postal services in MAURITANIA 1922-1940

1922, overprints



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90c: 75c: <http://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Mauritania/Postage-stamps/XXF4-i.jpg>

1.25Fr: 1 Fr: <http://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Mauritania/Postage-stamps/XXF5-i.jpg>

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10Fr: 5 Fr: <http://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Mauritania/Postage-stamps/XXF8-i.jpg>

20 Fr: 5 Fr: <http://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Mauritania/Postage-stamps/XXF9-i.jpg>

1922-1938, Desert landscape; 1913 stamps in different colours



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30c (1928): <http://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Mauritania/Postage-stamps/D23-i.jpg>

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85c (1926): <http://kayatana.com/images/MAR1922-49-s1-1.00-UM.jpg>

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1.75Fr (1938): <http://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Mauritania/Postage-stamps/D35-i.jpg>

3Fr (1930): <http://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Mauritania/Postage-stamps/D36-i.jpg>

1935, postmark **Atar**



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1934, Postmark **M'bout**



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1927, Postage Due



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1931, International Colonial Exhibition Paris

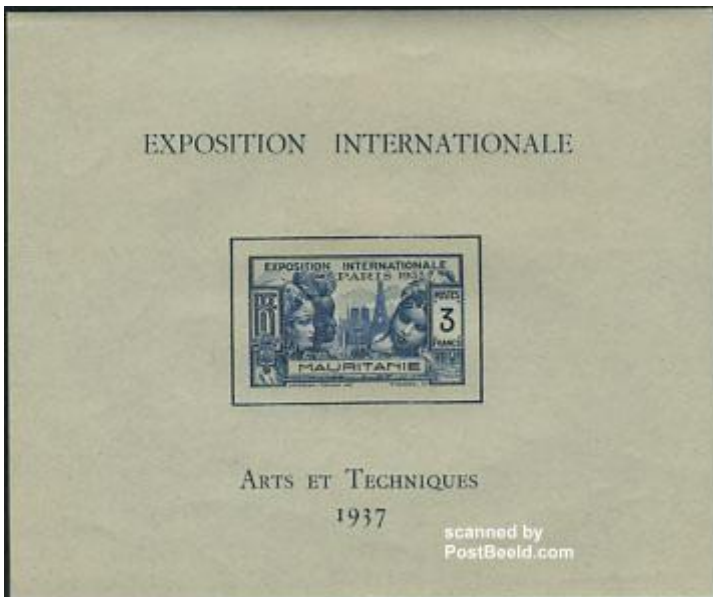


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1937 World Fair Paris



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1938, With Postmark **Port Etienne**





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1936 Port Etienne to Paris, with stamps of 1922



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1935, Postmark **Atar**, with stamp of AOF

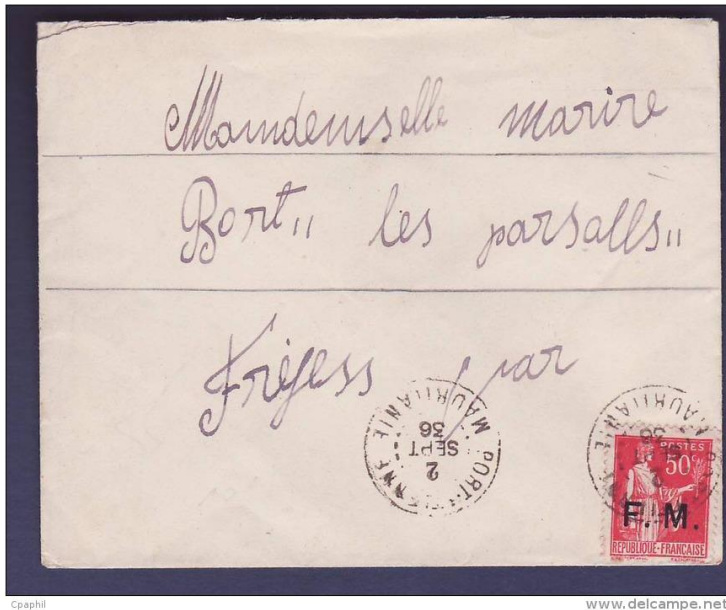


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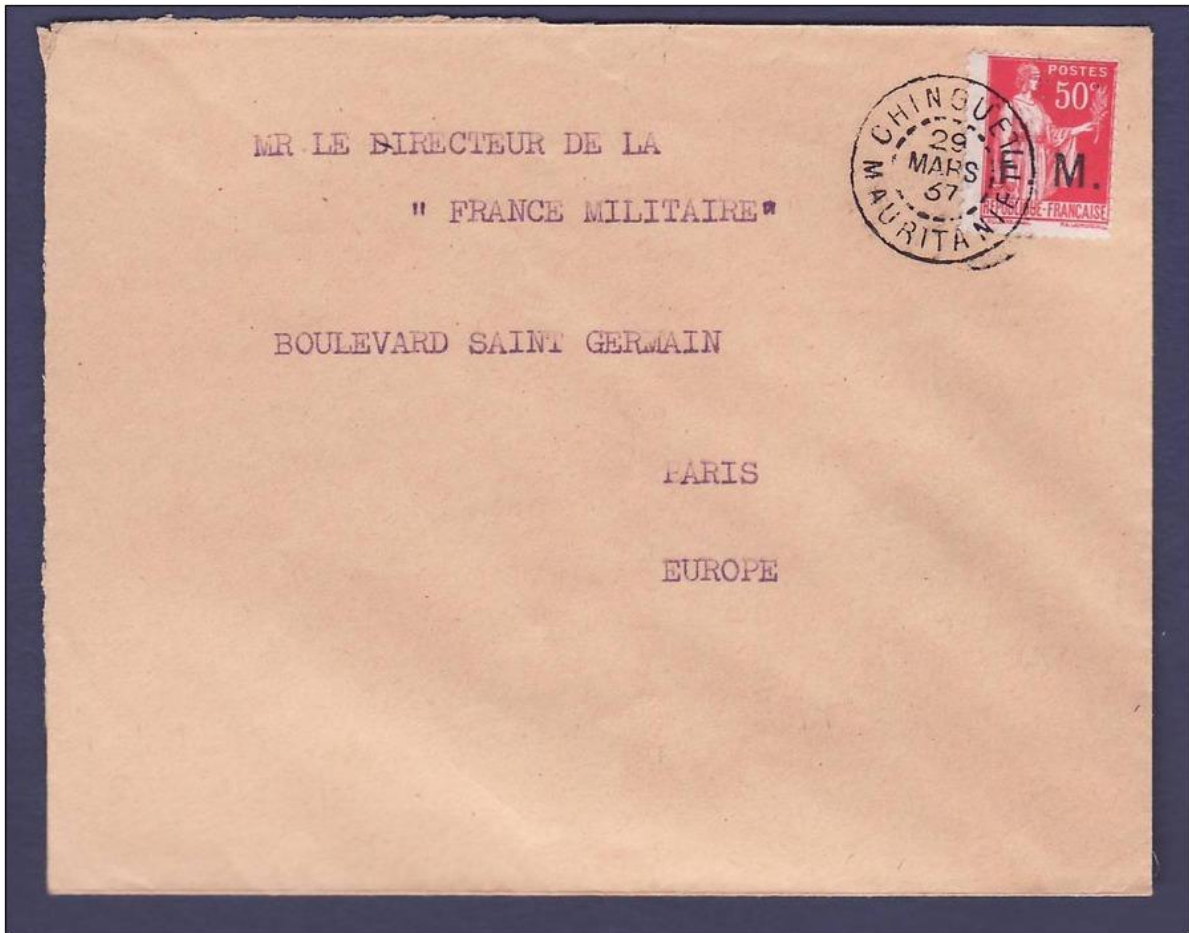
1936, Postmark **Port Etienne**, French postage stamp F.M.



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1937, Postmark **Chinguetti**

“Chinguetti (Arabic: شنقيط Šenqīṭ (is a ksar or medieval trading centre in northern Mauritania, located on the Adrar Plateau east of Atar”. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinguetti>



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1937, postmark **Atar**



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1936, Postmark **Boutilimit**



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1937, Postmark **Port Etienne**



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1938, Postmark Rosso



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1938, Postmark **Chinguetti**,



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1938 Anti-Cancer, radium discovery



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1938 Regular stamps





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1939, Postmark **Port Etienne**



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January 1940, censored letter from **Port Etienne** to Bordeaux



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1939, René Caillie and map of West Africa



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1939, World Expo New York



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1939, French Revolution 150 years ago



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1939, Regular stamps



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