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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). 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 3: French colonial postal services in Mauritania 1940-1960

1940, Airmail



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1940, AOF Mauritania, variety



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1940 Postmark Rosso



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1941, French Colonies



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1941, National aid, start of so-called Vichy stamps, which were printed in France and hardly ever reached Mauritania to be used for postal purposes.



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1941, Marshall Petain



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1942. Children's aid and Charity week



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April 1942, censored letter from **Port Etienne** to Marseille



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1942, Airmail



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1943, Regular stamps, without "RF".



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1944, Postmark **Atar**



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1944, Colonial aid



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1944, Overprinted



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Same stamps, used



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4 Fr: 65c : http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_thumb/auction/000/349/746/123_001.jpg

5Fr: 65c: not yet included

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Between 1945 and 1959 Postage Stamps of French West Africa were used in Mauritania, but older stamps were allowed as well.



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1946, postmark **Nouakchott**



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1946, postmark Atar



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1946 Postmark **Aleg**



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1946 Postmark **Kiffa**



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1946 Postmark **Kaedi**

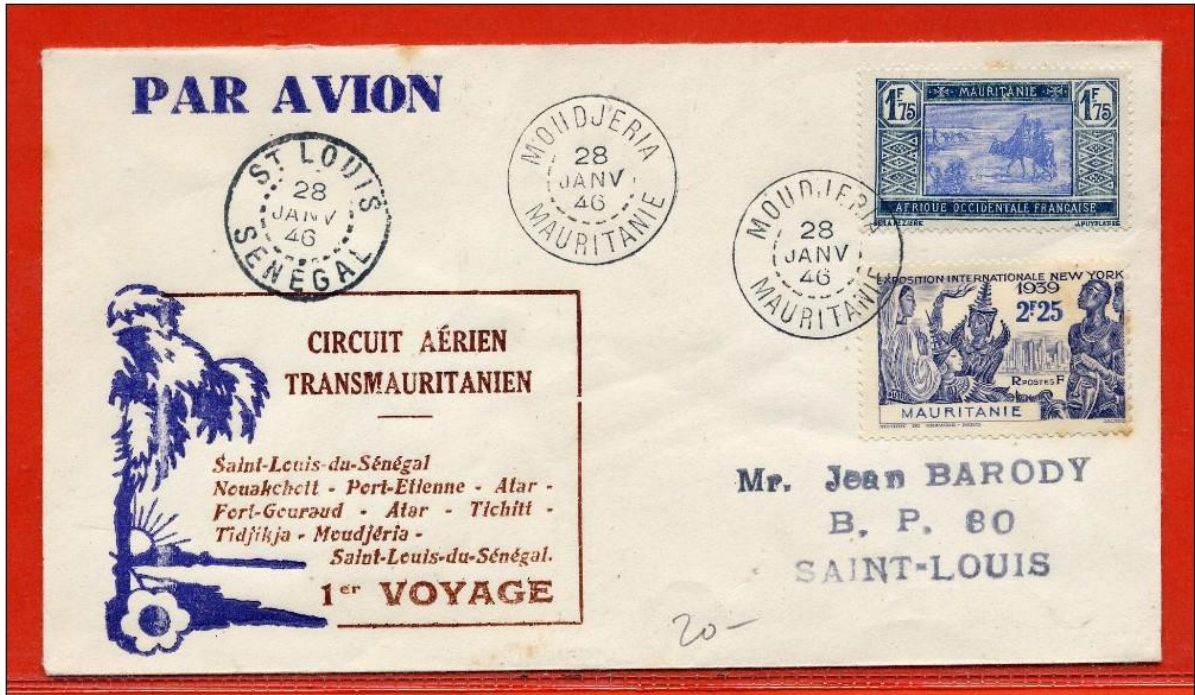


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1946 Postmark **Moudjeria**



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1946, Postmark **Port Etienne**



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1946, postmark Rosso



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1947, First ever visit of a French President to Africa, postage stamps from Mauritania, with postmarks from Dakar and St Louis in Senegal



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1947, Postmark **Timbreda**, with postage stamps of Marshall Petain of Vichy France



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1947, postmark **Moudjeria**, with airmail stamps to USA



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1947, Postmark **Fort Gouraud** (currently F' derick, in NW Mauritania).



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1948, Kaedi postmark



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1950, Postmark Nema with French FM stamp

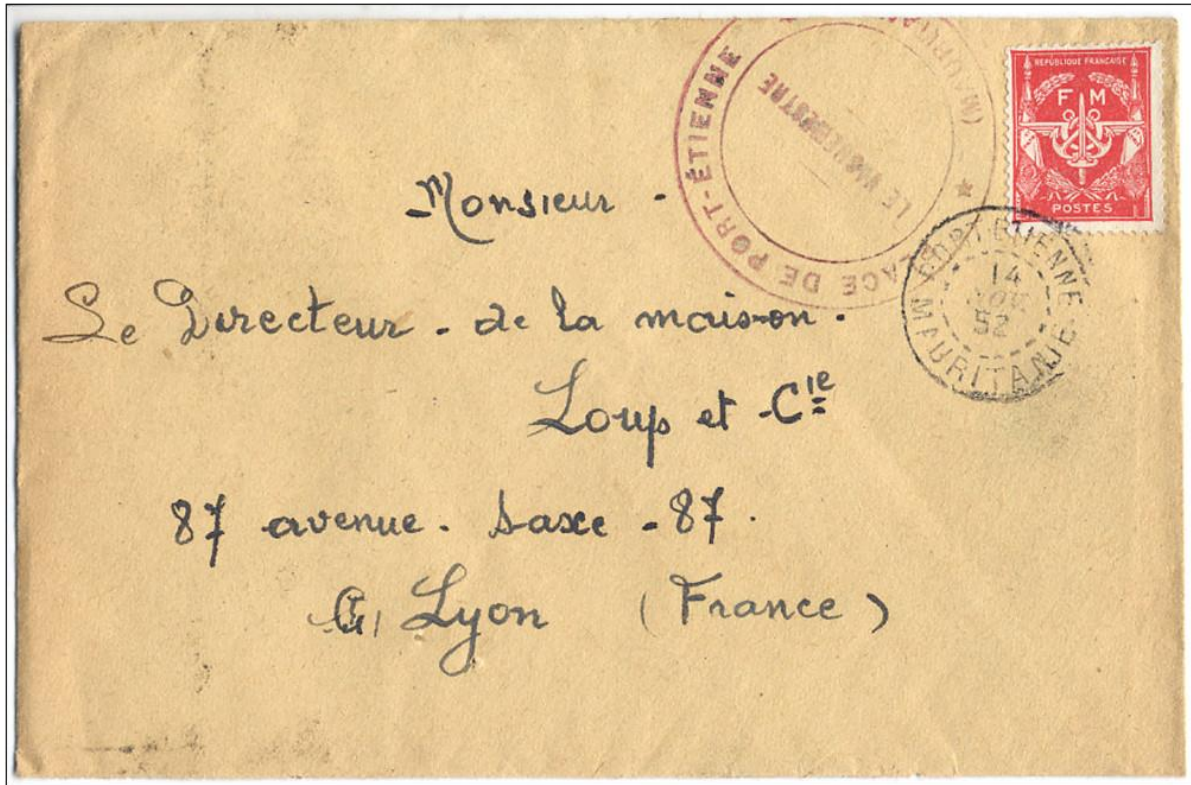


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1952, Postmark **Port Etienne**, with French FM stamp

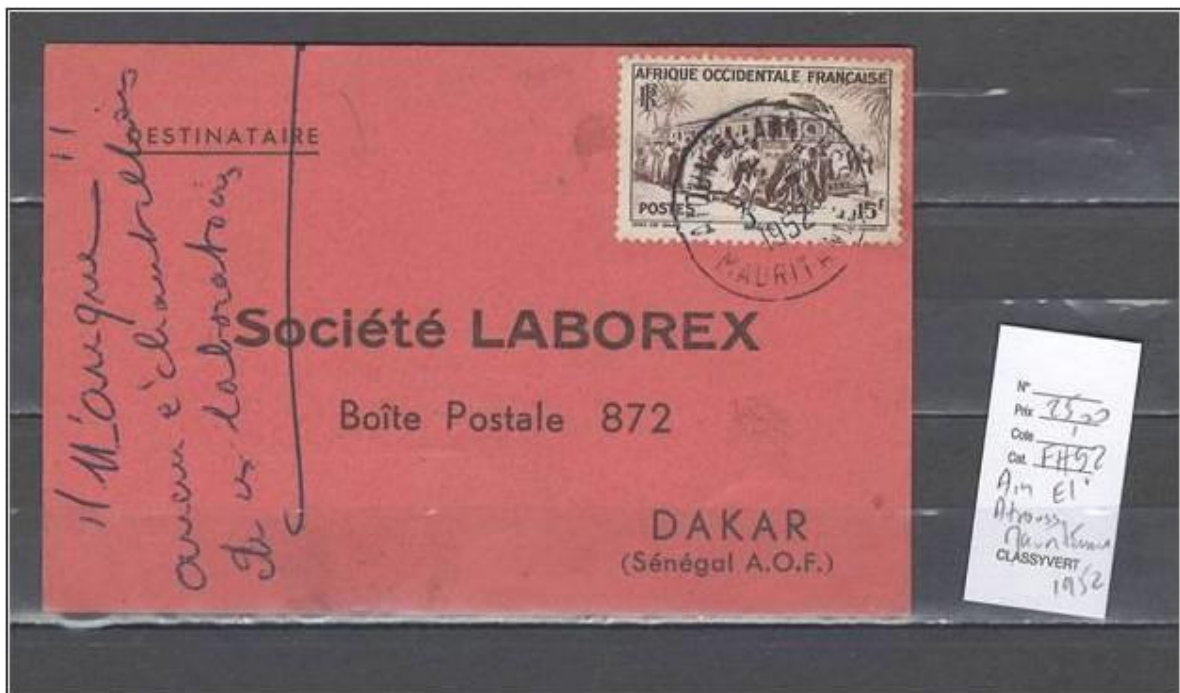


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1952, Postmark **Aioun El Atrouss** en Mauritanie



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1953, Postmark **Boutilimit**



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1956, postmark **Fort Gouraud**, to Lyon, using French FM stamp



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1957, Postmark **Akjoudj**, to Lyon, using French FM stamp



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1958, sent from **Port Etienne**



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1959, Postmark **Fort Gouraud**, French postage stamp FM



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1959, Postmark Selibaby



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1960, Postmark Rosso with French postage stamp FM



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