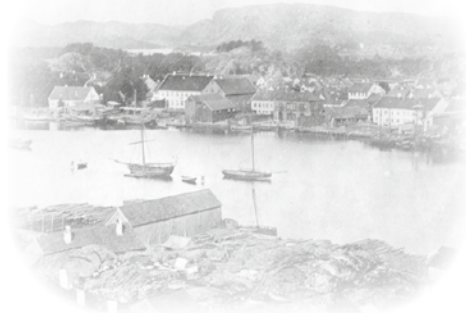


'Mandal Mail'

"accidenté", recovered by fishermen from the sack dumped in the sea near Mandal

Mail to France



View of Mandal



3381



3382

Yvert

Start price
in CHF

Start price
approx. €

3381→ 1870: Entire letter from besieged Paris to Nantes with partially printed contents from the Ministry of Finance, the (20 centime) adhesive floated off by immersion in sea water, struck with 'Paris / Montrouge-Paris' despatch cds (Nov 21 / levée 1). Nantes arrival cds (Dec 9). Cert. Roumet (2015).

✉ **150** (€ 140)

3382→ 1870: Printed formula entire letter (with fascinating readable contents) from besieged Paris to St. Briac, near St. Malo, the (20 centime) adhesive floated off due to immersion in sea water, with 'Paris / Rue D'Enghien' despatch cds (Nov 23, levée 4) and framed 'P.P.' in black; without arrival datestamp but scarce. Cert. Roumet (2015).

✉ **200** (€ 185)



3383

3383→ 1870: Siège 20 c. blue used on entire letter with long contents from besieged Paris to Montgaillard, tied by '32' Paris Star with 'Paris / R. De La St. Chapelle' despatch cds (Nov 23 / levée 4) at right. Readdressed on arrival in St. Sever (Dec 23) to Mont de Marsan (Dec 24). Some staining from immersion in sea water but scarce and attractive. Cert. Roumet (2018).

37

✉

200 (€ 185)

Dépêche-Ballon



Rue d'Aligre in Paris



3384

Yvert

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 3384→** 1870: Complete "Dépêche-Ballon" No. 6, printed newspaper from besieged Paris to Alençon, the (20 centime) adhesive floated off due to immersion in sea water, with 'Paris / Rue Aligre' despatch cds (Nov 23 / levée 4), framed "P.P." denoting no additional payment due. Reverse with Alençon arrival cds (Dec 11). Rare and attractive. Signed Roumet. Maury = € 7'000.

✉ **500** (€ 460)

Gazette des Absents



3385



3386

- 3385→** 1870: Complete Gazette des Absents No. 8 from besieged Paris to Pontarlier, Doubs, the (20 centime) adhesive floated off due to immersion in sea water with 'Paris / (60)' despatch cds (Nov 21, levée 2) at left. Reverse with 'Paris à Besançon' transit cds (Dec 12) and faint arrival. Scarce and fine. Cert. Robineau (2001).
- 3386→** 1870: Complete Gazette des Absents No. 10, printed newspaper from besieged Paris to Rennes, the (20 centime) adhesive floated off by immersion in sea water, with 'Paris / Pl. de la Bourse' despatch cds (Nov 23 / levée 6). Framed 'P.P.' in red to denote that charge should not be raised, reverse with Rennes arrival cds (Dec 23). Slightest of soiling commensurate to journey, a rare entire.

✉ **300** (€ 275)

✉ **300** (€ 275)



3387



'Ville d'Orleans' ready for take off

Yvert

Start price
in CHF

Start price
approx. €

- 3387→** 1870: Complete Gazette des Absents No. 10 to Tours, France, the stamp floated off due to immersion in sea water, struck on despatch with 'Paris / (60)' cds (Nov 24, *), charged '3' décimes due in manuscript with two strikes of Tours arrival cds (Dec 10) in black. Scarce and fine. Cert. Roumet (2019) Maury = € 1'500.

✉ **400** (€ 370)

Mail to Great Britain



3388



3389

- 3388→** 1870: Entire letter (Nov 24) from besieged Paris to Southampton, the (30 centime) adhesive floated off due to immersion in sea water, with partial 'Paris / Rue du Cherche Midi' despatch cds (levée 6) and framed 'PD' in red at left. 'London / Paid' cds in red on obverse (Dec 2) and reverse with Southampton arrival cds (Dec 2) in black. Scarce and very fine. Cert. Maury (2019) Maury = € 1'750.
- 3389→** 1870: Printed formula entire letter from besieged Paris to the French Consul in Birmingham, the (30 centime) adhesive floated off due to immersion in sea water, with fine 'Paris / Rue St. Dominique' despatch cds (Nov 23 / levée 5) and framed 'PD' in red at left. 'London / Paid' cds in red on obverse (Dec 2) and reverse with Birmingham arrival cds (same day). Scarce and fine. Signed Calves, Roumet. Cert. Roumet (2012) Maury = € 1'750.

✉ **250** (€ 230)

✉ **350** (€ 320)



3390



Houses in Cavendish Square



3391

Yvert

Start price
in CHFStart price
approx. €

3390→ 1870: Printed formula entire letter (with fascinating readable contents of captured Ballons) from besieged Paris to London, the (30 centime) adhesive floated off due to immersion in sea water, with 'Paris / (60)' despatch cds (Nov 23 / levée 4) and framed 'PD'. 'London / Paid' cds in red (Dec 2) and delivery cds on reverse of the same day. A fine and scarce entire.

**250**

(€ 230)

3391→ 1870: Complete Gazette des Absents No. 10 from besieged Paris to a Madame Belloc in the Isle of Wight, the (30 centime) adhesive floated off due to immersion in sea water, with partial 'Paris' despatch cds (Nov 24 / levée 5) and framed 'PD' in red at right. 'London / Paid' cds in red on obverse (Dec 2). Readdressed back from Ryde to London using stamp selvedge (with 'Sixty' imprint). Scarce and very fine Maury = € 1'750.

**350**

(€ 320)

Mail to the Channel Islands



St. Aubin, Jersey Harbour



3392



3392→ 1870: Complete Gazette des Absents No. 10 addressed to Jersey, Channel Islands with (30 centime) adhesive floated off due to immersion in sea water, struck with 'Ministere des Finances' cachet (Nov 22, levée 5). 'London / Paid' cds in red on obverse (Dec 2) and reverse with 'Jersey' arrival cds (Dec 3) in black. Slight imperfections but a scarce usage. Cert. Robineau (1992) Maury = € 1'250.

**300**

(€ 275)

Mail to Belgium



3393



3394

| | Yvert | Start price in CHF | Start price approx. € |
|---|-------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 3393→ 1870: Complete Gazette des Absents No. 10 addressed to Brussels, Belgium with (30 centime) adhesive floated off due to immersion in sea water, struck with 'Paris / Rue D'Enghien' despatch cds (Nov 24, levée 5) and by framed 'PD' in red. Reverse with part 1862 1 c. adhesive used as seal with Bruxelles cds (Dec 6) in black. Scarce and fine entire. | ✉ | 200 | (€ 185) |
| 3394→ 1870: Printed formula entire letter (with interesting contents - sacrifice 10 c. for a Telegram) from besieged Paris to Liege, Belgium, the (30 centime) adhesive floated off due to immersion in sea water, with fine 'Paris / Hotel de Ville' despatch cds (Nov 24 / levée 2) and framed 'PD' in red. Reverse with Glans arrival cds (Dec 6). A scarce and fine entire. Signed Calves. Cert. Roumet (2018). | ✉ | 250 | (€ 230) |

Mail to the Netherlands



3395



View of the Grote Markt in The Hague

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| 3395→ 1870: Complete Jounal-Poste No. 6 addressed to The Hague, Netherlands, the adhesive (40 centimes) floated off due to immersion in sea water, with 'Paris / Rue de Clery' despatch cds (Nov 23, levée 1); framed red "P.D." above and reverse with clear strike of Gravenhage arrival cds (Dec 6) displaying well. Rare and very fine. Cert. Roumet (2000) Maury = € 850. | ✉ | 300 | (€ 275) |
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Mail to Italy



3396



3397

Yvert Start price in CHF Start price approx. €

3396→ 1870: Entire letter endorsed 'par Ballon Monté' addressed to Assola, Italy the (40 centime) adhesive floated off due to immersion in sea water with 'Paris' despatch cds (Nov 24, levée 5) in black with two strikes of red 'P.D.' adjacent. The writing affected by the immersion but with datestamps of Firenze (Florence) on reverse (Dec 13). Scarce destination for this flight Maury = € 1'750.

✉ 300 (€ 275)

Mail to Switzerland

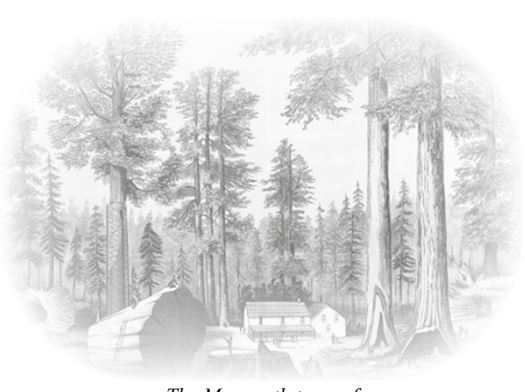
3397→ 1870: Entire letter from besieged Paris to Canton de Nauchâtel, Switzerland the (30 centimes) adhesive floated off due to immersion in sea water, struck with 'Paris / (60)' cds of despatch (Nov 23, levée 2) with framed 'P.D.' in red at left. No further markings but with blurred manuscript red chalk notation (as commonly used by the Swiss P.O.) on reverse. Scarce.

✉ 250 (€ 230)

Mail to the US



3398



The Mammoth trees of Calaveras County, California

3398→ 1870: Entire letter from besieged Paris (outstanding text on the defence) to Calaveras County, California, USA the (70 centimes) adhesives floated off due to immersion in sea water, struck with 'Paris / Rue de Strasbourg' cds of despatch (Nov 23, levée 3) with framed 'P.D.' in red at left. Correctly marked as Paid in London with red datestamp (Dec 2) and 'New York' transit in red (Dec 12) with '2' (cents) credit marking in red. An extraordinarily rare destination for Ballon Monté mail and very fine. Cert. Roumet (2014) Maury = € 7'500.

✉ 2'000 (€ 1'840)

Tunet Mail

(Found in the Wreckage of the Ballon at the Tunet Farm)

Mail to France



3399

3400
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in CHF Start price
approx. €

3399 1870: Laureated 20 c. blue used on entire letter from besieged Paris to Granville tied by Paris Star with 'Paris / Rue St. Dominique' despatch cds (Nov 22 / levée 4); reverse with Granville arrival cds (Dec 10) in black. A fine and scarce entire.

29 ☒ **200** (€ 185)

3400→ 1870: Laureated 20 c. blue used on entire letter to Chateauroux tied by Paris Star with 'Paris / (60)' despatch cds (Nov 22, *). Reverse with Chateauroux arrival cds (Dec 13) in black. A few minor imperfections but a scarce and generally fine entire. Cert. Roumet (2014) Maury = € 1'500.

29 ☒ **250** (€ 230)

3401



Prussians marching into Amiens



3402

3401→ 1870: Laureated 20 c. blue used on cover from besieged Paris to Marseille tied by Paris Star with 'Paris / (60)' despatch cds alongside (Nov 22 / levée 3). Reverse with engraved "Red Cross" flag and Marseille arrival cds (Dec 12). Rare and most unusual. Signed Calves. Cert. J.F. Brun (2013).

29 ☒ **300** (€ 275)

3402→ 1870: Laureated 20 c. blue used on "La Nationale" printed matter entire letter from besieged Paris to Amiens, tied by Paris Star 'I' with 'Paris / Pl. de la Bourse' despatch cds (Nov 21 / levée 6) alongside. Reverse with "La Nationale / Cie D'Assurance / Contre L'Incendie" cachet in blue and unclear arrival cds. Rare. Signed Brun, Pothion and Roumet.

29 ☒ **500** (€ 460)



3403



3404

- 3403→** 1870: Siège 20 c. blue used on printed (Orlandi) entire letter from besieged Paris to Vierzon, tied by '3921' gros chiffres with corresponding 'Paris / Les Ternes' despatch cds (unclear date, entire internally dated Nov 20). No arrival but with docketing of receipt inside (Dec 20). Cert. Roumet (2015).
- 3404→** 1870: Siège 20 c. blue used on entire letter endorsed in red ink "Par Ballon Monte" and "Poste Restante" to Salles, Gironde neatly tied by "Paris / Cardinal Lemoine" despatch cds (Nov 22, levée 6); with interesting easily readable content regarding the "bombes et boulets du fort d'Issy". Backstamped at Salles / Gironde (Dec 13). Some soiling as to be expected from this flight. Signed Roumet.

Yvert

Start price
in CHFStart price
approx. €

37

**150**

(€ 140)

37

**200**

(€ 185)



3405



View of Quimper



3406

- 3405→** 1870: Siège 20 c. blue used on entire letter to Vannes, tied by Paris Star with 'Paris / Rue d'Enghien' cds adjacent (Nov 22, levée 6); entire opens well for display with reverse showing 'Nantes à Quimper' cds (Dec 10) and Vannes arrival cds (Dec 10). Scarce.
- 3406→** 1870: Siège 20 c. blue used on entire letter from besieged Paris to Granville and readdressed to Quimper, tied by 'Paris / (SC)' despatch cds in red (Nov 24). Reverse with Mézières en Brenne arrival cds (Dec 14). Reverse with Granville arrival cds (Dec 13) and Bureau de Passe 3112 (Rennes) cds (Dec 14). Opens well for display, a scarce entire. Cert. Roumet (2012).

37

**200**

(€ 185)

37

**200**

(€ 185)



3407



3408

- 3407→** 1870: Siège 20 c. blue used on reverse of entire letter from besieged Paris to Firminy, with italic franchise handstamp "Cabinet du Ministre / Des Travaux Publics" in blue, struck with 'Paris / (SC)' despatch cds in red (Nov 24); the adhesive tied by 'MOULINS-S-ALLIER' cds (Dec 11) in black. A fine and most unusual usage. Cert. Roumet (2019).
- 3408→** 1870: Siège 20 c. blue used on complete "Correspondence de Havas" printed newspaper (in French) from besieged Paris to the 'Courrier du Nord' in Valenciennes, tied by Paris Star with 'Paris / (60)' cds alongside (Nov 22 / levée 6). Reverse with Valenciennes arrival cds (Dec 13). Photographic corner adheres to newspaper at upper left but a very rare usage. Cert. Menozzi (2006) Maury = € 1'000.

Yvert

Start price
in CHFStart price
approx. €

37

**350**

(€ 320)

37

**300**

(€ 275)

Post Cards



3409



ex 3410

- 3409** 1870: Laureated 10 c. bistre used on postcard from besieged Paris to Romain, Drôme, tied by '18' Paris Star with fine 'Paris / Rue D'Amsterdam' despatch cds (Nov 21 / levée 5). Reverse with arrival cds (Dec 12). A very scarce postcard usage. Signed Ceres.
- 3410→** 1870: Siège 10 c. bistre used on postcard from besieged Paris to Tulle, Correze, tied by Paris Star '1' with 'Paris / Pl. de la Bourse' cds alongside (Nov 22 / levée 5), without backstamp; together with a further postcard from the same correspondence (Nov 24, levée 6) with adhesive floated off due to immersion, struck with framed 'P.P.'. A scarce and attractive pair.

28

**200**

(€ 185)

36

**300**

(€ 275)

Dépêche-Ballon



Pilot Paul Rolier



3411



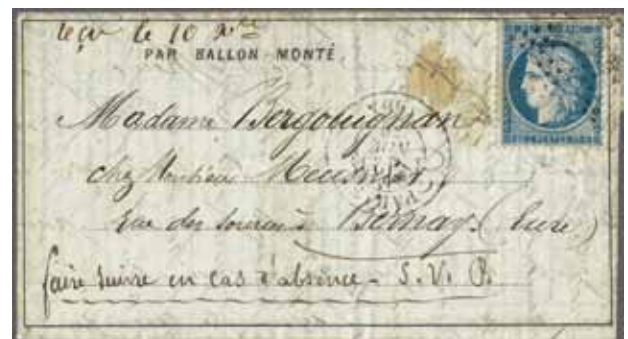
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Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 3411→** 1870: Complete "Dépêche-Ballon" No. 6, written on November 22 and sent as "Pli Confié" and handed directly to the Pilot, Paul Rolier, from besieged Paris to Ploermel, Morbihan without adhesive; struck on reverse with circular cachet "GARDE NATLE MOBILE / LE COMMANDANT / COMMANDANT DE RENNES" in black; mailed from Pont Audesme (Dec 15) with Ploermel arrival cds on reverse. Extremely rare. Signed Calves.

✉ **1'500** (€ 1'380)

3412



3413

- 3412→** 1870: Laureated 20 c. blue used on complete "Dépêche-Ballon" No. 7, printed newspaper from besieged Paris to Dieppe, tied by Paris Star with 'Paris / Rue du St. Lazare' cds alongside (Nov 21 / levée 7). Reverse with Dieppe arrival cds (Dec 13). Some minor bends but a very rare usage.
- 3413→** 1870: Siège 20 c. blue used on complete "Dépêche-Ballon" No. 8 from besieged Paris to Bernay, tied by Paris Star with 'Paris / (60)' despatch cds alongside (Nov 23 / levée 1), without backstamp but with notification of receipt (Dec 10) in manuscript at top, slight stain commensurate with the journey but rare Maury = € 1'800.

29 ✉ **350** (€ 320)37 ✉ **300** (€ 275)

Gazette des Absents



3414



3415

- 3414→** 1870: Sièges 20 c. blue used on complete Gazette des Absents No. 8, printed newspaper from besieged Paris to Florensac, tied by '2793' gros chiffres with 'Paris / Passy-Le-Paris' despatch cds alongside (Nov 21 / levée 2). No backstamp and some creasing but very scarce.
- 3415→** 1870: Laureated 20 c. blue used on complete Gazette des Absents No. 9, printed newspaper from besieged Paris to Montrejean, Haute Garonne, tied by Paris Star '1' with 'Paris / Pl. de la Bourse' cds alongside (Nov 21 / levée 6). Reverse with arrival cds (Dec 12). Fresh and fine, a scarce usage.

Yvert

Start price
in CHFStart price
approx. €

37

**300**

(€ 275)

29

**200**

(€ 185)



3416

- 3416→** 1870: Sièges 20 c. blue used on complete Gazette des Absents No. 10 printed newspaper from besieged Paris to Trouville, Calvados tied by Paris Star '11' with 'Paris / Rue St. Honoré' cds alongside (Nov 23 / levée 5). Reverse with Trouville arrival cds (Dec 27). A fine and scarce usage. Cert. Roumet (2013) Maury = € 1'500.

37

**350**

(€ 320)

Mail to Great Britain



3417

- 3417→** 1870: Laureated 10 c. bistre and 20 c. blue used on complete Gazette des Absents No. 9 addressed to Golden Square, London, tied by Paris Star with 'Paris / Place de Veilles Haudrtes.' despatch cds adjacent (Nov 22, levée 6); framed red "P.D." alongside. Reverse with Calais cds (Dec 10) and London (Dec 12) cds in red. Scarce and attractive entire. Cert. Behr (2015) Maury = € 700+.

28+ 29

**250**

(€ 230)



Golden Square in London

Mail to Belgium



3418

Yvert

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 3418→** 1870: Sièges 20 c. blue used on small entire letter from besieged Paris to Dieppe tied by 'Paris / (SC)' despatch cds in red (Nov 24); reverse with Dieppe cds (Dec 16) and readdressed to Brussels with framed "AFFRANCHISEMENT / INSUFFISANT" in red and arrival cds (Dec 18), charged '3' décimes due in manuscript. A charming and rare entire. Cert. Roumet (2016).

37



300 (€ 275)

Mail to Italy



3419

- 3419→** 1870: Laureated 40 c. orange, single example used on printed 'Par Ballon Monté' entire letter to Merate and readdressed to Milan, Italy tied by Paris Star with 'Paris / Bt. Beaumarchais' despatch cds adjacent (Nov 21, levée 6); framed red "P.D." alongside. Reverse with Merate cds (Dec 15) and two Milano datestamps. Fault just above adhesive of no significance, a very scarce destination for this flight Maury = € 1'750.

31



250 (€ 230)

Mail to Prussia



3420



Louis Henri de Boucheman
Lieutenant Colonel of the
2nd Infantry Regiment

- 3420→** 1870: Laureated 10 c. bistre, corner fault and creased Sièges 20 c. blue used on entire letter endorsed "par Ballon Monté et voie Belge" to St. Jean, Saarbrücken, Prussia tied by Paris Star '15' with 'Paris' despatch cds adjacent (Nov 24, levée 4); framed red "P.D." below and further endorsement "pour remettre à M. de Boucheman, Lieutenant Colonel au 2ème de Ligne". A most unusual destination for Siege mail.

28+ 37



250 (€ 230)

Mail to Russia



The Kremlin in Moscow



3421

Yvert
Start price in CHF Start price approx. €

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| 3421➔ | 1870: Laureated 40 c. orange, two examples used on complete Gazette des Absents No. 8 addressed to Moscow, Russia, neatly tied by Paris Star '26' with 'Paris / Gare Du Nord' despatch cds adjacent (Nov 22, levée 5); framed red "P.D." and weiterfranco marking "wfr:2" in blue crayon at lower left. A magnificent entire to an extraordinary destination for this flight. Cert. Robineau (2004) Maury = € 2'500+. | 31 | ✉ | 2'000 | (€ 1'840) |
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1870/71, Ballon Montés and Boule de Moulins – Other Consigners






3422



View of Vienna

| | | Yvert | | Start price in CHF | Start price approx. € |
|-------|--|--------|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 3422→ | Ballon Monté 1870 (Oct 7): Laureated 30 c. brown, two examples used on 1870 entire letter to Vienna, Austria endorsed "Par Ballon Monté" tied by Paris Star in black with Rue D'Enghien despatch cds at left (Oct 7) and red framed "PD". Probably flown on the Ballon "Washington" or "Louis Blanc" with reverse showing fine "Neusau / Wien" arrival cds (Oct 21). A scarce and attractive entire. Signed J.F. Brun. Cert. J.F. Brun (2010). | 30 | ✉ | 750 | (€ 690) |
| 3423→ | 1870 (Oct 11): Laureated 20 c. blue used on 1870 entire letter written from Fontenay-sous-Bois endorsed "Par Ballon Monté" to Périgaux, Dordogne tied by dotted "ARM 312" lozenge with corresponding "ARMÉE DU RHIN / BAU AL" datestamp alongside (Oct 11), flown on the 11th Ballon "Godefroy Cavaignac" with arrival cds (Oct 17) on reverse. Slight age spot on adhesive but a most interesting letter (with instructions on how to reply) and a rare usage. (Photo = 191) | 29 | ✉ | 350 | (€ 320) |
| 3424→ | 1870 (Dec 3): Complete 'Gazette des Absents' No. 13 carried from besieged Paris on Balloon no. 38 'Franklin' to Granville, franked with Siège 20 c. blue, tied by Étoile de Paris '35' numeral obliterator with clear "PARIS & MINISTÈRE DES FINANCES" despatch cds in black alongside, reverse with arrival cds (Dec 7). (Photo = 191) | 37 | ✉ | 100 | (€ 90) |
| 3425→ | 1870 (Dec 5): Siège 20 c. blue used on 1870 entire letter to the Eure et Loir endorsed "par Ballon Monté" tied by Paris Star in black with 'Paris / Place de la Madeleine' despatch cds (Dec 5, 4th levée). Flown on the 41st Ballon "Général Renault" without arrival cds. A fine and attractive entire. (Photo = 191) | 37 | ✉ | 140 | (€ 130) |
| 3426→ | 1870 (Dec 20): Laureated 20 c. blue used on 1870 entire Gazette Des Absents No. 17, tied by Paris Star with 'PARIS / R. ST. DOMQUE ST. GN. 53' cds at left (7th levée). Flown on 47th Ballon "Le Lavoisier" with unclear arrival cds of Lussac les Châteaux on reverse. The adhesive with blunted perfs. at based but attractive and Gazette complete. (Photo = 191) | 29 | ✉ | 160 | (€ 145) |
| 3427→ | 1870 (Nov 16): Siège 20 c. blue used on 1870 entire Gazette Des Absents No. 7 to Limoges tied by Paris Star in and despatch cds (Nov 16, 4th levée) in black. Flown on the 30th Ballon "Général Uhrich" with reverse showing Limoges arrival cds (Nov 26). One or two age spots but generally fresh and fine, a scarce usage. (Photo = 191) | 37 | ✉ | 250 | (€ 230) |
| 3428→ | 1870 (Nov): Siège 20 c. blue used on 1870 entire Gazette Des Absents No. 8 to Rennes, tied by Paris Star in black. Flown on the 30th Ballon "Général Uhrich" with reverse showing Rennes arrival cds (Nov 23). Readdressed to St. Sebastian, Spain with transit (Nov 25) and handstruck "12 CM" charge marking in red applied on receipt. Rare and most unusual. (Photo = 191) | 37 | ✉ | 400 | (€ 370) |
| 3429→ | 1870 (Dec 30): Siège 20 c. blue used on 1870 cover and complete contents endorsed "Ballon Monté" to Lyon tied by bold strike of scarce "A.F.A" dotted lozenge with "ARMÉE FRANÇAISE / A" datestamp at left (Dec 30) in black. Flown on the 54th Ballon "Le Newton", reverse with Lyon arrival cds (Jan 7, 1871) and Fontaines-sur-Saône arrival (Jan 8). Slight aging on perforations but rare and most appealing. Signed Goebel. (Photo = 213) | 37 | ✉ | 500 | (€ 460) |
| 3430→ | 1870 (Dec 31): Laureated 20 c. blue and Siège 10 c. bistre-brown used on 1870 entire Gazette Des Absents No. 21 to London tied by Paris Stars in black with 'Paris / Rue St. Lazare' cds at left (Dec 31) and framed 'PD' in red. Flown on the 30th Ballon "Le Newton" with reverse showing London arrival cds (Jan 11, 1871). Central file fold away from adhesives but scarce. (Photo = 191) | 29+ 36 | ✉ | 180 | (€ 165) |

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| 3431→ | 1870/71: Small group (4) with postcard franked Siège 10 c. bistre to Bayonne with arrival (Jan 18) probably carried on the Ballon "Vaucanson" (signed Jamet), tatty entire to Geneva at 30 c. rate carried on the "Vauban", faulty cover to Cherbourg with Siège 20 c. blue probably carried on the "Ferdinand Flocon", and an extremely unusual cover from Paris with laureated 20 c. mailed on September 18, 1870 and received in Toulouse on Oct 24, 1870. Interesting group. (Photo =  www) | 28/29+ 36/37 | ✉ | 200 | (€ 185) |
| 3432→ | 1870: Entire letters (3) flown by Ballon Montés and so endorsed, with Oct 3 1870 entire to Vaud, Switzerland franked by laureated 30 c. brown, fault, with Obon arrival cds (Oct 17); 6 Oct 1870 entire to Etretat with laureated 20 c. blue flown on the "Armand Barbès" with arrival (Oct 10) on reverse; and small 11 Oct 1870 entire to Geneva, Switzerland with red 'PD' bearing laureated 10 c. bistre and 20 c. blue tied by cds's, flown on "Washington" or "Louis Blanc" with Geneva arrival (Oct 16) on reverse, this last with some toning. (Photo =  www) | 28+ 29+ 30 | ✉ | 200 | (€ 185) |
| 3433→ | 1870/71: Bound leather spined volume containing reprinted unused examples of all of the "Gazette Des Absents" from No. 1 (Oct 22, 1870) to 40 (Feb 22, 1871) complete, including, with No. 19 the rice paper coloured "Map of Paris et Environs" and the enclosure with No. 33 with three lithographed illustrations: "Siège de Paris, Un Hussar, Un Uhlan et un Soldat...", "La partie de bouchon de poste" and "La cantine au secteur"; together with unused example of the engraved 'Par Ballon Monté' black on blued printed wrapper as a frontispiece, No. 19 unused and a defective used "Ballon Poste". Rare and most unusual and a wonderful near day by day historical record of the Siege as seen by the besieged. (Photo =  www) | | | 500 | (€ 460) |



View of Geneva



3434

- 3434 'Boule de Moulins' 1871 (3. Jan.): Cover with complete content, **written in Geneva on January 3, 1871, despatched from the French border office Fernex to Paris**, bearing Napoléon laureated 20 c. blue (strip of three and two single adhesives), tied by fine Gros chiffres '1484' numeral obliterator with matching despatch cds of FERNEX alongside. The cover endorsed "par Moulins". The envelope included three small sized letters in order to save postage, no arrival datestamp. 'Boule de Moulins' item from Switzerland, despatched in France, an extremely rare usage, with the three smuggler's letters presumably unique. Certs. von der Weid (1992), Eichele (2019) Yvert = € 4'000.
Reference: *Les Feuilles Marcophiles, Supplement of no. 253.*
Provenance: Collection Robert Boussac.

29 ✉ 1'000 (€ 920)



3376 / CHF 200



3378 / CHF 300



3379 / CHF 300



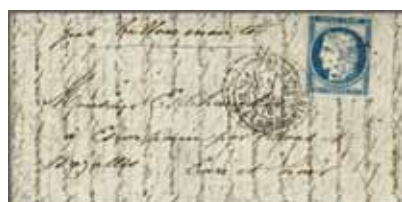
3380 / CHF 300



3423 / CHF 350



3424 / CHF 100



3425 / CHF 140



3426 / CHF 160



3427 / CHF 250



3428 / CHF 400



3430 / CHF 180



3441 / CHF 150



3457 / CHF 200



3456 / CHF 150



3455 / CHF 200



View of Basel



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Boule de Moulins

Yvert

Start price
in CHFStart price
approx. €

- 3435** 'Boule de Moulins' 1871 (5. Jan.): Cover from Basel to Paris, endorsed "Moulins sur Allier", bearing Switzerland Sitting Helvetia 30 rp. ultramarine (SBK 41), extremely faded, tied by clear "BASEL 5 I 71 XII-" cds and French entry cds in red, black PD alongside. At some time point or another Napoléon laureated adhesives 20 c. blue und 40 c. orange (2) were added, also these with strong colour changes, the cover does not show an arrival datestamp. An extremely rare combination franking of Swiss and French adhesives, in addition an elusive usage in a boule de Moulins. Cert. Eichele (2019) Yvert = € 55'000 for the mixed franking Switzerland - France.

Note: 'Boules de Moulins' covers are very rare items, despatched in Switzerland they are absolute rarities, of which only five are known (documentation included). Three of them are mixed frankings of Sitting Helvetia with Napoléon laureated, two are single frankings of Sitting Helvetia 30 rp. (the regular rate to France) from Yverdon and 1 fr. (the boule rate) from Oberentfelden. They all come from boules which were found after 1910.

Reference: L'héritier - Les Ballons Montées (1994), S. 298.

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**7'000** (€ 6'440)