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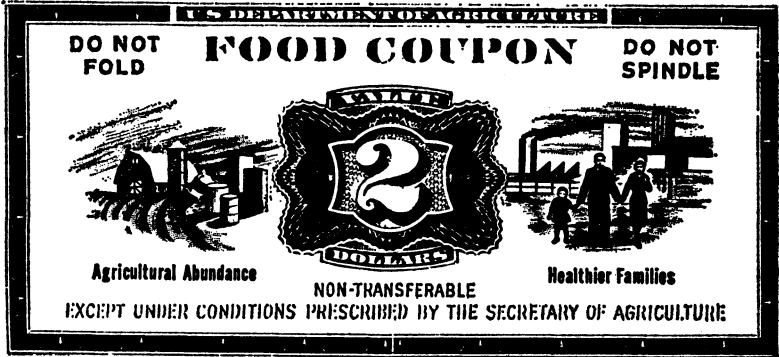
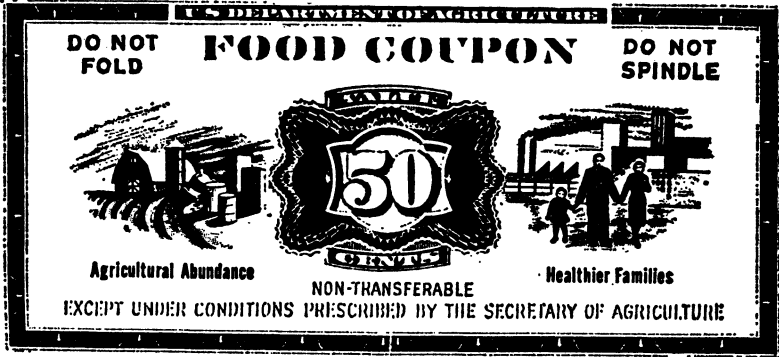


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Through the courtesy of Edwin H. Meyer, ARA #491, we picture the 50c and \$2.00 food coupons as issued by the Department of Agriculture in conjunction with its Food Stamp Pro-

gram.

In correspondence with the Department in Washington, he was informed that these coupons are not available to collectors and all that he was able

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to obtain were the photographs here-with reproduced.

He also learned that specimen food coupon books have been furnished to the Smithsonian Institution for its numismatic collection.

As we understand the program, families with incomes below a certain limit are able to purchase these coupons and then they receive additional coupons at no cost. These are redeemable at most grocery stores for food. Thus the participants in the program can receive more food for their grocery dollar.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Officers for 1967 were elected at the December 18 meeting of the A. R. A.'s Los Angeles Chapter. The new president is Al Imbler, with Abe Hochman remaining as vice-president and Charles Hermann taking over as Secretary-treasurer.

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ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO KREMER'S CATALOGUE OF THE REVENUE STAMPS OF FRANCE

H. Janton, ARA #633

It is now five years since Mr. Billig issued Brainerd Kremer's excellent catalogue of the Revenue stamps of France. It was felt that it would be of help to our fellow collectors to publish some corrections, to which our attention has been drawn by several collectors (to whom we are most grateful) and to bring the lists up to date by including a few additions and the new issues.

Affaires Etrangeres (Foreign Affairs)

To be added:

#14A 100F blue, dark violet & red
1961 same type (ill. #1) value in N.
F. (Nouveaux francs, one NF=
100 old francs)

#19 1NF.00 violet and red

#20 10NF.00 light brown and blue

1963-1966. Same. Value in F (Francs
=new francs)

#21 1F.00 light violet, dark violet
and red

#22 5F.00 rose, deep rose and blue

#23 10F.00 rose and blue

#24 32F.00 blue and violet

#25 50F.00 yellow, rose and blue

a) 50NF.00 (NF instead of F),
one copy out of a hundred
bears this mistake, which
will be corrected in future
printings.

Automobiles (Car Licenses)

1930. The control tab was at first issued imperforate and later on perforated 15 and remained in use until 1938 or 1939.

To be added:

1963. Same (ill. #13). Value in francs
(=new francs)

#114-127, value in red,

1F.65; 3F.30; 4F.95; 6F.60; 8F.
.25; 9F.90; 11F.55; 13F.20; 19F.
.80; 20F.00; 26F.40; 33F.00; 39F.
60; 46F.20.

#128-135, value in blue,

52F.80; 59F.40; 66F.00; 72F.60;
79F.20; 85F.80; 92F.40; 99F.00.

#136-144, value in black,

105F.60; 112F.20; 118F.80; 125F.
.40; 132F.00; 145F.20; 158F.40;
264F.00; 396F.00.

1964-1966. Same. Overprinted on three
lines "FORMATION PROFES-
SIONNELLE TRANSPORTS"

#145-146, black overprint,
30F.00; 45F.00.

#147-148, blue overprint,
40F.00; 60F.00.

1965. Same, without value. Overprint-
ed on four lines, "TAXE DIF-
FERENTIELLE PAYEE SUR
ETATS"

#149 black overprint

Issue for payment of the tax on
official cars of the Post Office De-
partment, discontinued the same year
and superseded by a handstamp.

Chicoree (Chicory)

#1 no value, is very scarce and is
worth much more than the 0.40 men-
tioned.

To be added:

#17A 500 gr. blue green (type II)

Connaissements (Bills of Lading)

To be added:

1959. Reprint of the tabs with small-
er letters "Estampille de controle"

#105-108 tabs orange, green, blue,
lilac

1960-1962. Denomination in NF (New
Francs)

#109-112. Orange

5NF; 7NF.50; 8NF.75; 12NF.50

#113-116. Green

10NF; 15NF; 17NF.50; 25NF.

#117-120. Blue

10NF; 15NF; 17NF.50; 25NF

#121-124. Lilac

20NF; 30NF; 35NF; 50NF

1963-1965. Denomination in F (Francs
=new francs)

#125-127. Green

10F; 15F; 25F

#128-130. Blue

10F; 15F; 25F

#131-133. Lilac

20F; 30F; 50F

The 15, 25, 30 and 50F were with-

drawn at the end of 1965, it is doubtful whether they have been used, as stamps of the preceding issue were still available.

Copies

#17 is known with double overprint.
#18 and 19 are known with the overprint in black.

Dimension

#29a should read: error "U" inverted, instead of "S inverted U S"
#29c, the error was Ccs (instead of Ces)
#57, the overprint was on 1F 50 2/10 (instead of 1F 2/10)
#58A, to be added, as a 6F on 3F 2/10 has been found

Effets de Commerce (Bills of Exchange)

#31 should read 500 A 000 (instead of 500 A 1000)
#89 should be priced 1.00 0.25
#124a should be deleted and a #149a listed instead (500 A 500)
#229 and #232, the small "f" did not follow the denomination of the stamp, but the indication of the value of the bill of exchange to which the stamp applied.
#279 should read "3000 A 4000" (instead of "2000 A 3000")
#359 mentioned twice

France D'Outremer

To be added:
1962. #10 2NF.00 ultram. and lilac
1963. #11 1F.50 rosc and blue

Groupage (Bulking)

Three control tabs only (#1B to 3B) were issued and are still in use, thus column B should be limited to these three tabs.

Permis de Chasse (Hunting Permit)

To be added:
#61 1953 rose (G)
#71-76 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967 green

Refugiés Et Apatrides (Refugees and Stateless Persons)

The first stamp listed for "Miscellaneous refugees" was
#83 1F.25 OR green and black 0.30

(instead of #85 5F OR)

To be added:

#120A	300F chocolate	RRR
#129A	400F orange	RRR
#137A	300F chocolate	RRR

Specialites Pharmaceutiques (Patent Medicines)

Another issue should be inserted between #13 and 14. It was a reprint of the 1918 issue, except that the figures were higher and the letter c smaller as in the 1927 issue.

The following denominations are known of this type: 5c, 40c, 60c, 80c. They are very rare.

Taxe Piscicole (Fishing Permits)

From 1960 to date, seven similar stamps have been issued annually.

Taxes Communales (Municipal Taxes)

To be added:

1963. Denomination in F (francs)
#26 0F.30 blue, violet and red
#27 1F.00 orange and blue
#28 8F.00 violet and black

Timbre Fiscal (Internal Revenue)

#145 The 12F denomination was issued with the figures in vermilion (145a) and later on in red violet (145).
#164 In 1950 the 70F was issued with a stroke across the 7 (to be numbered 164A).
#199 The 120F denomination was also printed with smaller digits (199A)
#201 The 150F was also printed with retouched digits (201A)
#287 to 291, the references should read respectively 215 I, 216 II, 217 II, 224 I and 225 II
#312 The 480F was also issued on violet paper (312a) RR
#319 and #324. It is doubtful whether these stamps have been issued, copies known to date are overprinted 2specimen2
1960.

The 0NF.15 should be numbered 335 (instead of 33).

The 3NF.00 should be deleted (no such denomination prepared), accordingly #348 to 353 (32NF.00) should be renumbered 347 to 352 (the last

three stamps of this set without change).

The 1NF.00, 1NF.25, 1NF.50, 2NF.50 and 5NF.00 are known on bluish paper.

The 0NF.01, 0NF.02, 0NF.03 and 0NF.04 were also issued but only for the Department of French Guiana and they should be listed under this territory.

1963. Denomination in F (francs = new francs)

#356-367

0F.05; 0F.10; 0F.25; 0F.30; 0F.50; 0F.75; 1F.00; 11F.25; 2F.50; 5F.00; 10F.0; 32F.00

1965-1966. Retouched design (see illustration)



#368 up

0F.10; 0F.25; 0F.50; 0F.75; 1F.25; 2F.50; 5F.00; 10F.00; 32F.00

Transports

To be added:

1962.

#10 0NF.30 violet and black

#11 tab, violet and black

1964.

#12 0F.25 violet and black

Travailleurs Etrangers (Foreign Workers)

To be added:

1962.

#5 5NF.00 rose and blue

#6 8NF.00 blue and rose

1964.

#7 12F.00 orange and blue

#8 15F.00 green and lilac

Valeurs Etrangères / Velocipedes

The title preceding the reference to Ill. 106 should read "VELOCIPEDES" (instead of VALEURS ETRANGERES).

Viandes (Meat Stamps)

1956. #63 to 71 were "red orange"

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(instead of rose)

1957. #99 to 107 were green (instead of lilac)

1959. #135 to 143 were orange (instead of rose)

Wagons-Lits (Sleeping Cars)

#8 was issued imperforate (8a)

#16 reads "frc" instead of "frcs"

Illustrations

AFFICHES

"ill 3" should be related to 1881 issue (instead of 1872)

AUTOMOBILES

"ill 12" refers to the 1930 issue only.

CHICOREE

"ill 17" refers to the 1871 issue only.

DIMENSION

"ill 31" refers to the 1862 issue only.

"ill 33 and 34" refer to the June 1871 Lille issue only.

EFFETS DE COMMERCE

"ill 43" type a refers to the 1860 issue, type b to the 1864 and 1871 issues (Napoleon's head) and type c to the 1872 issue (star type).

PASSEPORTS

"ill 58", page 17 line 5 should be numbered 57.

RECEPISSES DE CHEMINS DE FER

"ill 76" is on page 19, first line, first stamp (the number 76 was omitted).

REFUGIES ET APATRIDES

"ill 89" was omitted (similar to ill. 88, but with a vertical set up).

RETRAITES OUVRIERES ET

PAYSANNES

"ill 93" refers to the unnumbered illustration, page 18, line 5, third stamp.

SPECIALITES PHARMACEUTIQUES

The illustration is incorrectly numbered 93 (page 18, line 5, fourth stamp) instead of 95.

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OPIUM STAMPS

John C. Ruback, ARA #292

As a direct result of my article in the September 1966 issue of *The American Revenuer*, in which I gave a quick survey of "Stamps for Narcotics" and raised, directly and indirectly, some questions, I can now give more information on the stamps for opium.

The Bartlett and Norton Catalogue (1912) of tax paid stamps, usually referred to as the "Springfield Catalogue," has the following listings:

Smoking Opium Stamps

Act of October 1, 1890, placed the tax of \$10.00 per lb. upon Opium prepared for smoking.

Series of 1891

Man at left smoking. Oval place for cancellation at right. Green paper.

1. 4 oz. black
2. 8 oz. black
3. 16 oz. black

Customs Opium Stamps

Vessel in oval. Value in Chinese currency given on black stamp. The red stamp is without value.

1. 5 taels black
2. ? red

It is believed the red stamp was used on opium which had been smuggled into the country and seized.

Concerning the first listing, my previous article said that one old time collector stated he had seen the 8 ounce stamp, and only three of them in his whole career, and that his own specimen was made up of parts of two stamps. This was the late Paul Fernald, writing in *The Bureau Specialist*, which article was reprinted in *The American Revenuer* of November 1947. He had obviously seen these stamps; I have not.

What I have seen, though, is the photo illustrated here, of five copies of the Customs stamp for imported opium. The design size of this stamp is $13\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{3}{16}$ inches. The overall dimension of the stamp is $14\frac{7}{16} \times 1\frac{7}{16}$ inches. It was printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing on white, unwatermarked paper, in black ink, imperforate. The stamp illustrated here, however, is not the stamp

referred to in the Springfield catalogue, for note its description: "Vessel in oval"—and then look at our illustration. Lo, two vessels!

Actually, Paul Fernald, in the above mentioned article solved the problem by saying that there were two issues. The first issue had an illustration of two vessels, the second but one. The first issue has, on some copies, the words "Duty Paid" in the middle of the illustration. Fernald said ". . . it may be the one marked thus was used for regular payment of duty while the other was for forced payment, such as seizure, etc."

Presuming he was correct when he said that copies exist without the "Duty Paid", his reasoning will not hold up, for on the backs of some of the stamps illustrated herewith we find some interesting notes in pencil.

First let me say that the present owner of these five stamps is Don White (ARA 152). He says he got them "many years ago" from the estate of a man who was a Customs Inspector in San Francisco. The notes on the back then were probably made by a Customs Inspector.

On the back of one of the top two is the following: "Two stamps prepared for seized goods stamped Sep 28, 1891, in which 2 cans are short—these already included in report."

On the back of the middle stamp is this notation: "This stamp was prepared for a lot of 1080 tins stamped Feb 11/93 in which one tin was short—it is included in said report."

(I note but can not explain the wide variation between the dates on the face of the stamps and the ones penciled on the back. First pair dated July 27, 1891 with pencil notation on back of Sep 28, 1891; middle stamp dated Dec 28, 1892 with pencil notation on back of Feb. 11, 1893. Perhaps things moved more slowly back then!)

It is obvious that at least the top two stamps in the illustration were used on seized goods—and this may account for the fact that the importer is listed "unknown" on all five stamps, and on the top two, even the name of the vessel was not known. (Perhaps this opium was seized on



the dock, with no way of knowing what ship it came on.)

The rubber stamped names of the vessels appear to have been done by the same general type and size rubber stamp that was used on other customs importation stamps of the period, such as Customs Imported Cigar stamps.

Now, can anyone come forward with any of the other opium stamps—the Smoking Opium stamps of 1891, or the Customs stamp with one vessel, or the one(s) printed in red? And what were the dates of issue and use of these stamps? The stamp with one vessel was supposedly issued in 1891, although Fernald says the one illustrated here was the first and it obviously continued in use for some time, since the dates of 1891, 1892 and 1893 all show. I would be happy to hear about and to see any of these stamps.

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