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AIRMAIL

Local air mail services between Port-au-Prince and Cap Haitian were inaugurated on 2 May 1925. The fee was 50c. These two covers show early use in each direction in 1926.



Note: Parts of the date in each c.d.s. are inverted.

Haiti

AIRMAIL

Early Air Mail from Port-au-Prince to Cap Haitien with stamp for 50c rate cancelled with single ring cds dated 4 December 1925 and backstamped on arrival on 5th.

Uncircled Aeroplane/AVION cachet – believed to be the first official use of this cachet at Port-au-Prince.





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Internal Air Mail

From 2 May 1925, regular thrice weekly air post service was operating from Cap Haitien and Port au Prince. Covers were handstamped with a schematic drawing of an aeroplane with the world 'AVION' in black or red. Local mail was charged 50 centimes



30 July 1925, from Cap Haitin to Port au Prince, delivered the next day.



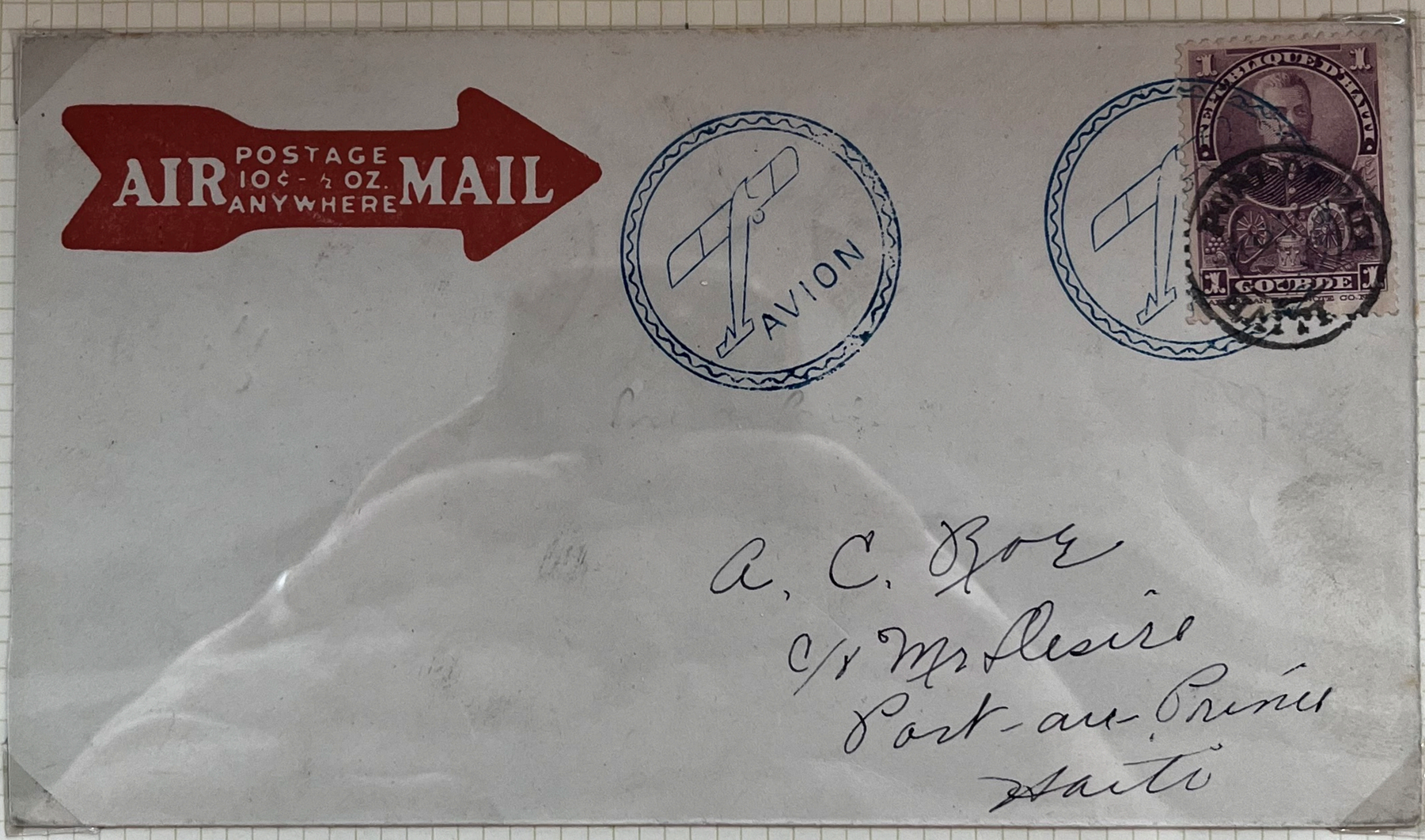
25 July 19s26, from Cap Haitin to Port au Prince, delivered the next day.

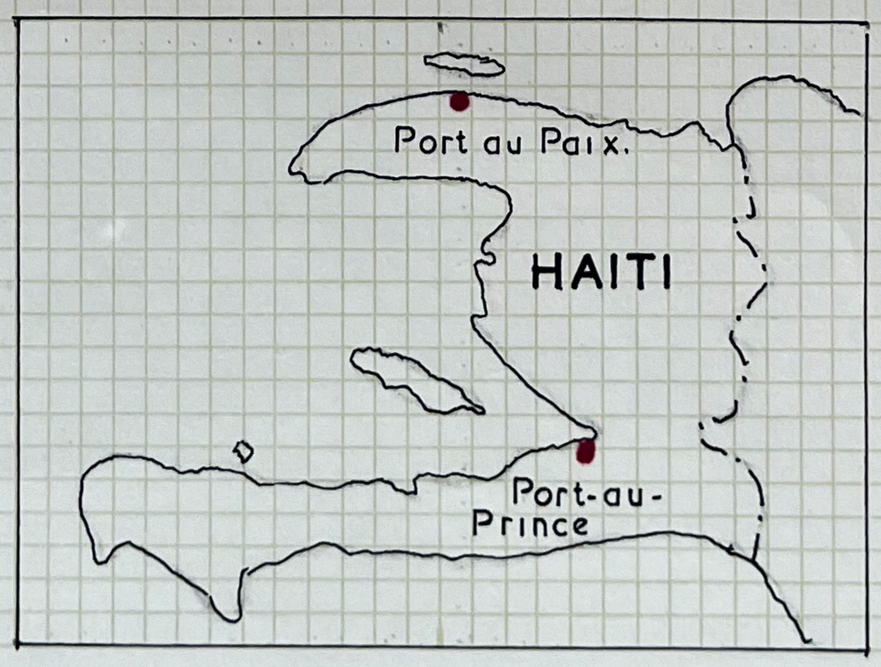
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INTERNAL AIRMAIL

Local Air Mail from Port au Paix to Port-au-Prince dated 11 October 1927: double ring cds of Port au Paix and Aeroplane/AVION cachet in blue. Back stamped the same day on arrival.
The red printed AIRMAIL etiquette is not Haitian and does not reflect their local airmail rate of 50c per ½oz. This cover stamped at double rate.

The service between Port-au-Prince and Port-au-Paix was inaugurated on 19 April 1927.





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INTERNAL AIRMAIL

Local Airmail from Cap Haitien to Port-au-Prince on 25 October 1927: double ring cds of Cap Haitien (with inverted 27), and Aircraft/AVION cachet in blue. Backstamp of Port-au-Prince the same day.

The red printed AIR etiquette in English is not Haitian and does not reflect their airmail rate of 50c per ½oz. This cover is stamped with various issues to 50c — note the inverted 7c/50c surcharge.



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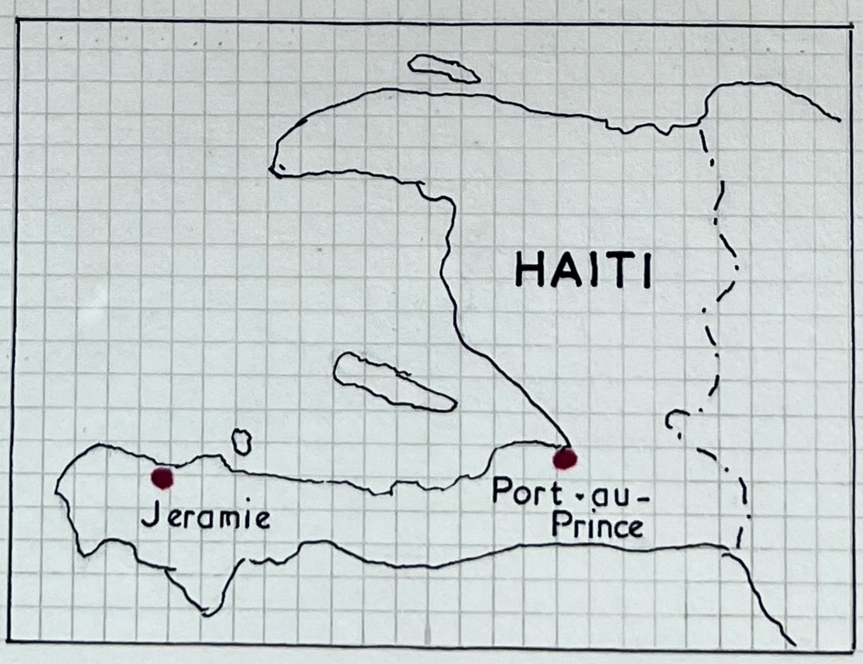
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INTERNAL AIRMAIL.

The first Haitian Air Mail was inaugurated on 2nd May 1925. The service was extended in 1927 to include Port-au-Prince to Jeramie as shown by this First Flight cover of 12th July.

There is a large "Premier Vol" cachet surrounding a Port-au-Prince c.d.s. and a smudged Jeramie arrival mark.





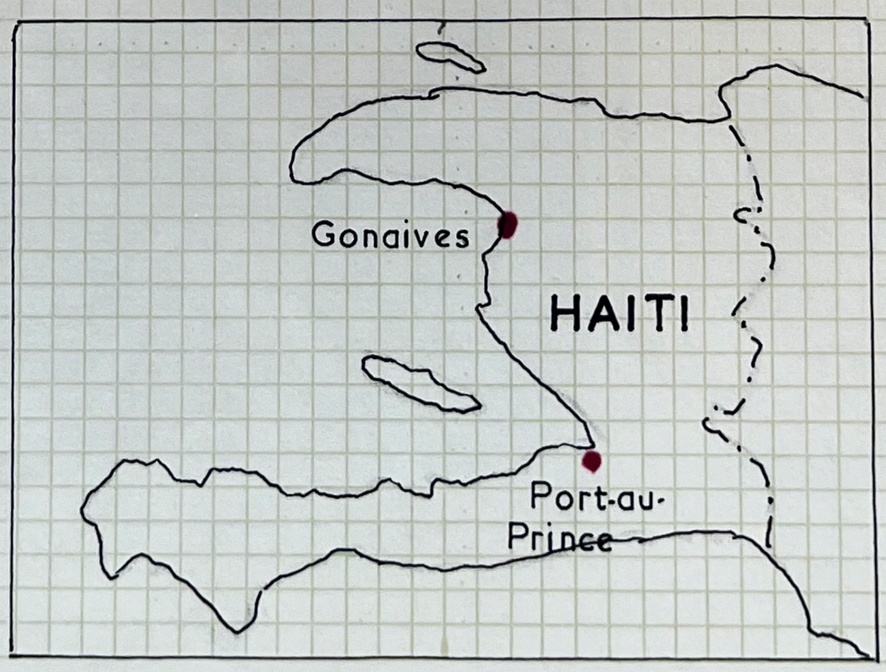
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AIRMAIL

Local Airmail from Gonaives to Port-au-Prince, then on to U.S.A. Single ring cds of Gonaives dated 11 October 1927 and back stamped in Port-au-Prince the same day, no indication of arrival. Blue Aeroplane/AVION cachet and printed red Air Mail etiquette with no indication of postage rate. Stamps from a number of issues from 1893 (!) to value 60c.

The pioneer flight for this service was on 3 June 1926.





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Air Mail

12 - 19 July 1927, experimental flights.



Using an aeroplane arrived from the Unites States, flights were made between Port au Prince and Jeremie, between Cap Haitien and Gonaives and between Port de Paix and Jeremie on 12, 14 and 19 July. All covers posted were struck in blue with a special handstamp, rectangular in shape, and showing the words 'POSTE, 'HAITI' and 'AVION' and the cachet with 'PREMIER VOL' within two concentric circles also in blue.

12 July 1927, from Port au Prince to Jeremie.

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Four 5c value for Internal Air Mail (25c. rate !!) with 10c value of obligatory tax for Hurricane Hazel relief. From Jeramie to Port-au-Prince. Misplaced date across c.d.s.



10c value cancelled by double oval date stamp of Hinche with date 29 July 1957 inverted. Internal to Port-au-Prince.



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'AIRMAIL'

1927: FIRST REGULAR SERVICE FROM PORT-AU-PRINCE
TO SAN JUAN
WEST INDIAN AERIAL EXPRESS.

Signed cover with stamps to value 60c. cancelled in Port-au-Prince 13 December 1927 and backstamped San Juan on 15th, and with a framed circular AVION and Aeroplane cachet in blue. Carried on the inaugural regular flight between Port-au-Prince and San Juan via Santo Domingo. Three line cachet, in blue, reading WEST INDIAN AERIAL EXPRESS/INAUGURATION/ REP DOMINICAINE, CUBA, PTO RICO, HAITI (though at this time the service did not extend to Cuba.) A similar cachet in Spanish on the back.



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AIRMAIL

1927 FIRST FLIGHT: PORT-AU-PRINCE TO SANTO DOMINGO

'WEST INDIAN AERIAL EXPRESS.'

An Experimental Flight was made by W.I.A.E. Line from the Dominican Republic to Haiti arriving on 14 July 1927. This cover was carried on the return flight on 18th to Santo Domingo via Barahona and represents Haiti's first external Air Mail. This cover (one of 473 carried) with 50c postage cancelled at Port-au-Prince and with large unframed cachet in red. Santo Domingo arrival marks on front and back.



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Air Mail



28 March 1927, from Port au Prince to New York. A colourful philatelic cover.

HAITI

Air Mail

13 December 1927, inauguration of regular service between Haiti, Santo Domingo and San Juan de Portorico



13 December 1927, addressed to Santo Domingo, first day of the regular service between Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Portorico. Covers received a new type of cachet showing an aeroplane and the word 'AVION' within circle struck in blue. Backstamped at back the same day.

HAITI

Air Mail

14 - 18 July 1927, experimental flights.



On 14 July 1927 the West Indian Aerial Express Company made an experimental flight from Barahona, Donimican Republic, to Port au Prince. The return flight was made four days later, on 18 July, the mail carried both to Baraona and Santo Domingo. The covers were marked with the same handstamp used for the flights of 12-19 July, the special handstamp, rectangular in shape, and showing the words 'POSTE, 'HAITI' and 'AVION' and the cachet with 'PREMIER VOL' within two concentric circles also in blue. In this case the cachet was used in purple.

18 July 1927, from Port au Prince to Santo Domingo.

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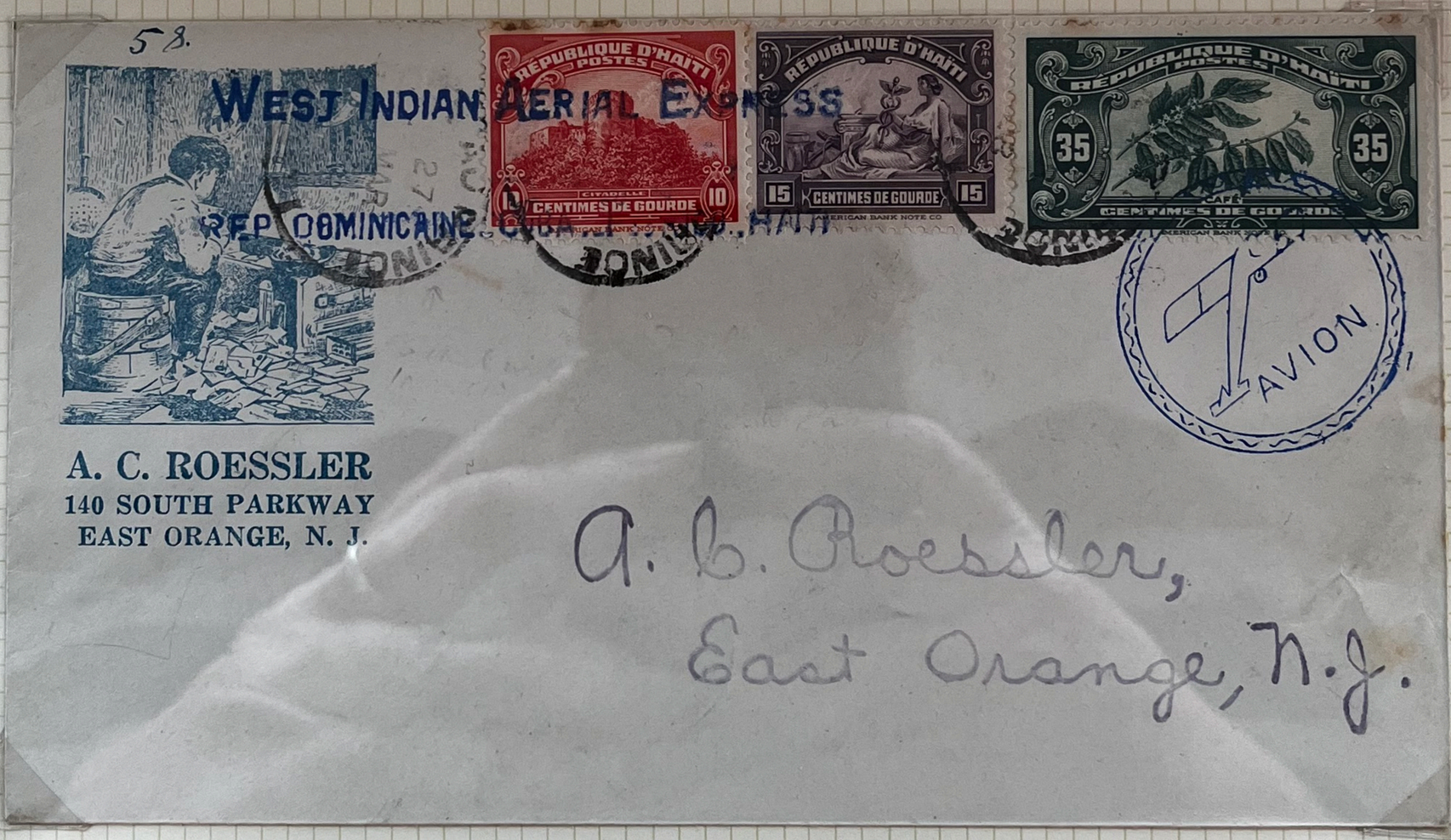
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WEST INDIAN AERIAL EXPRESS

Air Mail from Port au Prince to U.S.A. via Cuba by the West Indian Aerial Express service. Single ring cds of Port au Prince dated 27 March 1928 with blue Aeroplane/AVION cachet and backstamped with bilingual slogan in Santiago de Cuba pm the same day. The blue cachet of WIAE is that used for the first flight but with the middle line ("INAUGURATION") removed.



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AIRMAIL

1928: AIRMAIL TO CUBA

WEST INDIAN AERIAL EXPRESS

The service from San Juan and Santo Domingo to Port-au-Prince was extended to Santiago de Cuba with the first flight from Haiti on 28 February 1928. This early cover with stamps for the 60c rate cancelled at Port-au-Prince on 13 March also has the AVION and Aeroplane cachet. It is signed by the Pilot as if for a First Flight! Backstamped on arrival with slogan of 12 (sic) March and large cds of 13th.



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AIRMAIL

FAM ROUTE 6 EXTENSION

1929 FIRST FLIGHT TO PARMARIBO, DUTCH GUIANA.

This route extension was inaugurated on 22 September, one of the pilots being Colonel Lindbergh. The route from Miami to Paramaribo was via Port-au-Prince, Santa Domingo, San Juan, St Thomas, Antigua, St Kitts, St. Lucia, Port of Spain and Georgetown. Backstamps indicate arrival on 23rd.

There is a large pictorial cachet to commemorate the extension from San Juan also large circular PREMIER VOL/LINDBERGH.



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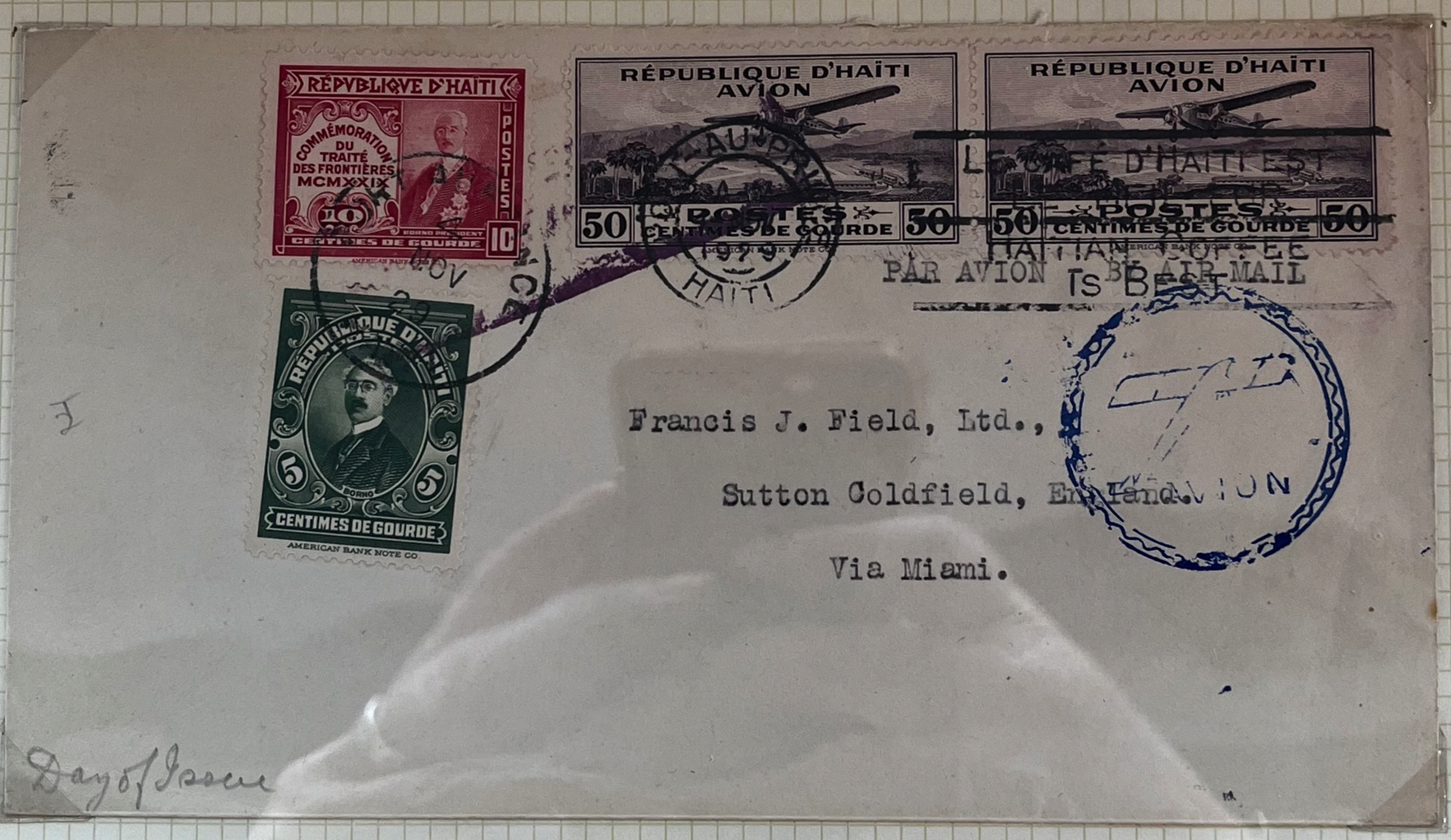
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FIRST AIRMAIL STAMP

FIRST DAY OF USE

Only the 50c value of this issue occurred on the 4 November 1929. This cover to England via Miami has 2 x 50c (with additional 15c.) cancelled by a double ring c.d.s. of Port-au-Prince with bi-lingual slogan "HAITIAN COFFEE IS BEST", also single ring c.d.s. with 4 November date.

Circular "AVION and Aeroplane" cachet in blue.



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FOREIGN AIR MAIL (F.A.M.) ROUTE 6

FIRST FLIGHT 1929

The initial flight on FAM Route 6 by PAA was on 9 January 1929, the route was from Miami to Havana, Port-au-Prince, Santiago and San Juan. This cover to USA was flown from Port-au-Prince to San Juan.

Large circular "PREMIER VOL" cachet (top half only) and AVION with aeroplane in circle in red.



A similar cover flown the same day Northwards to Miami. Full cachets and backstamped 10th.

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1929 AIRMAIL TO PARIS, FRANCE.

Routine airmail cover to France with 60c stamps (correct rate) cancelled at Port au Prince on 1 Feb 29 in black. Also with framed circle "AVION and aeroplane" cachet in violet. No back stamps.



This cover would have been carried on F.A.M. 6 to MIAMI and thence to NEW YORK less than one month after the inauguration of the route. By sea across the Atlantic to France.

HAITI

Air Mail

9 January 1929, first flight from Port au Prince to Miami



9 January 1929, addressed to New York, on board the first flight from Port au Prince to Miami, via Havana and Santiago de Cuba. Flight by F.A.M., route 6 shoving in front red orange cachet with 'PREMIER VOL' within two concentric circles, and blue handstamp with aeroplane and 'AVION' within a circle. Backstamped at Miami on 10 January with date-stamp and slogan 'AIR-MAIL SAVES TIME'.

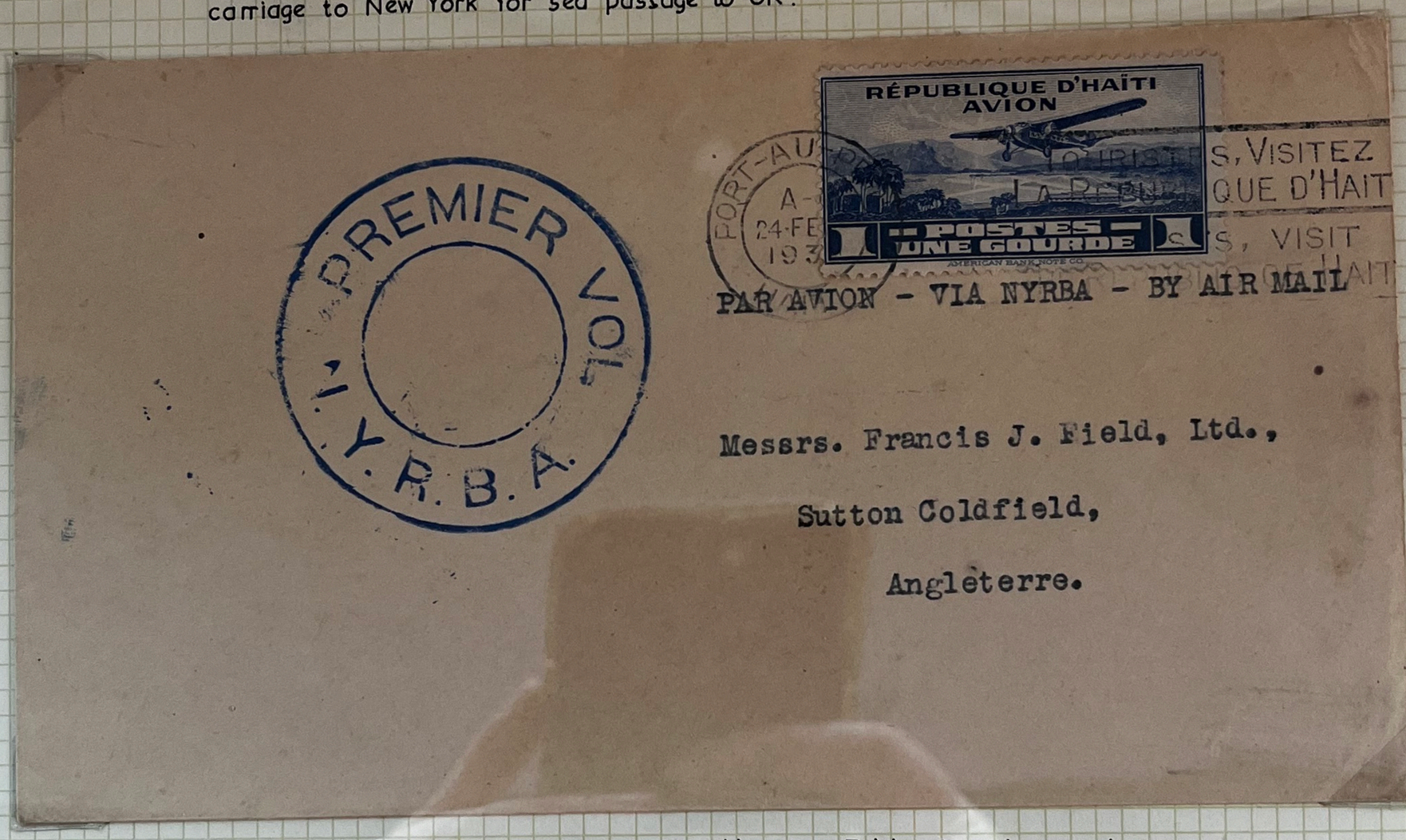
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1930: FIRST FLIGHTS FROM HAITI
NEW YORK-RIO-BUENOS AIRES AIRLINE (NYRBA)

The first through service by NYRBA from South America to Miami left Santiago in Chile on 18 February 1930. This cover addressed to England has the 1g airmail stamp cancelled at Port-au-Prince on 24 February and was carried on the final stages. The flight left Haiti on 25th and arrived Miami the next day. First Flight cachet but no backstamps to indicate the carriage to New York for sea passage to UK.



The first Southbound despatch left Haiti on 7 March and arrived in Antigua the next day. This cover with First Flight cachet was cancelled in Port-au-Prince on 3 March and backstamped on arrival.



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F.A.M. ROUTE 10.

1930: FIRST FLIGHT TO BRAZIL

FAM 10 was scheduled to be inaugurated on 21 October 1930 taking mail from Paramaribo to Santos, operating in conjunction with FAM 6. At the last moment the official opening was postponed because of a revolution in Brazil.
This cover to Brazil was cancelled in Port-au-Prince on and given the PREMIER VOL cachet for the planned opening of the new route. It was probably carried on a routine FAM 6 flight to Paramaribo and then on to Para by a special flight on the 23rd. Backstamps indicate transit in RIO on 8 November and arrival on the 28th.



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1930: FIRST FLIGHT TRINIDAD TO HAITI

NYRBA LINE

This cover was carried on the first Northbound service by NYRBA from South America to Miami. Cancelled in Port of Spain on day of departure of this stage -24 February- and backstamped in Port-au-Prince on arrival the next day.



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AIR MAIL TO BAHAMAS : 1930.

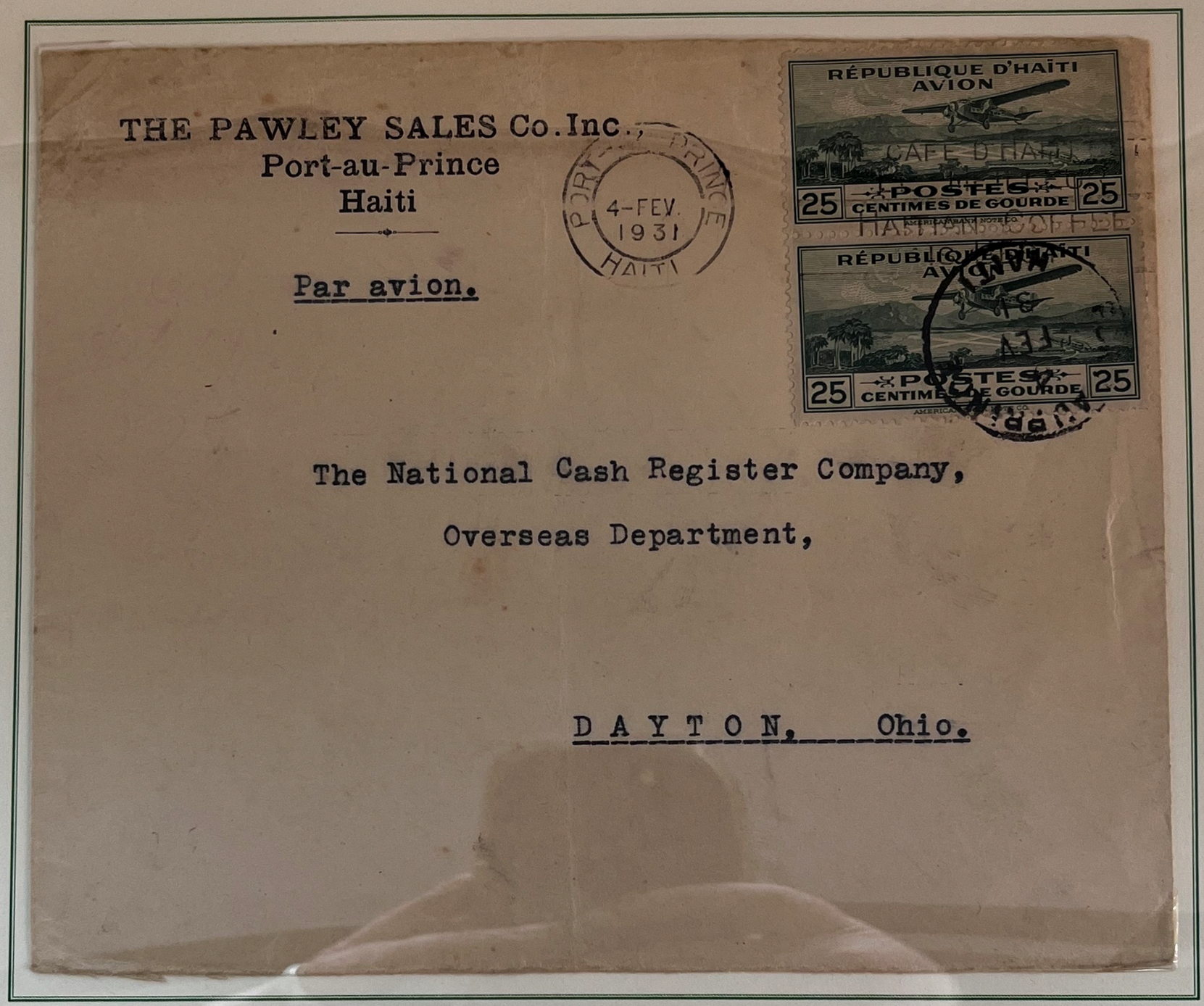
F.A.M. ROUTES 6 & 7.

On 3 March 1930 direct Air Mail from Port-au-Prince to all addresses on US FAM routes was inaugurated by the Haitian Post Office. Despatches do not constitute "first flights" as the routes were already being flown. This cover with 3 March slogan and AVION with Aeroplane was carried via Miami. Backstamped with Nassau slogan on arrival on 5th.



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4 February 1931, from Port au Prince, a commercial cover addressed to Dayton (Ohio). rated 50 centimes.

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FOREIGN AIRMAIL (F.A.M.) ROUTE 6

1931: ROUTE CHANGE

For operating reasons San Pedro de Maçoris was substituted in place of Santo Domingo as a stop on F.A.M. 6 with the flight out of Miami on 4 December 1931. This cover from Port-au-Prince on that day has the Special cachet for the flight.



ON HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

Avion

Air Mail



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BRITISH LEGATION, HAITI

1931

AIR MAIL TO TRINIDAD

Air mail from the British Legation in Port-au-Prince to Trinidad. The cover is franked with stamps for 6.25g, the stamps being cancelled with single ring cds dated 19 January 1931. PAA had bought out the NYRBA line in late 1930 and so this cover would have been carried by PAA on the FAM 6 route to Trinidad. Backstamped in Port-au-Prince, and on arrival in Trinidad on 21 January.

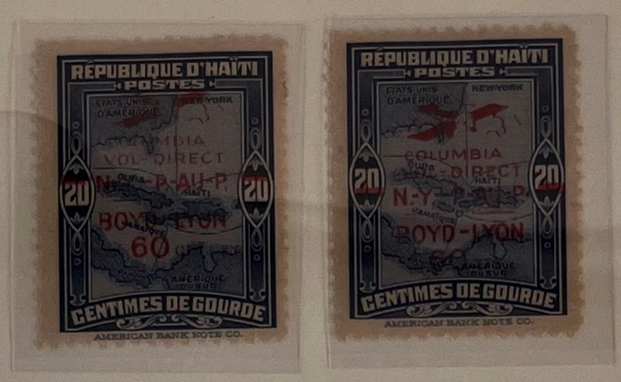
Hai... Haiti

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Air Mail

On the occasion of the arrival in July 1833, of the non-stop flight from New York to Port au Prince of two American aviators, Erroll Boyd and Robert Lion, special covers were prepared and a postage stamps was overcharged in red. They have been put on sale between 4 and 18 July.



4 July 1933, 60 cent on 20 cent blue overcharged in red, (Yv. C4A)

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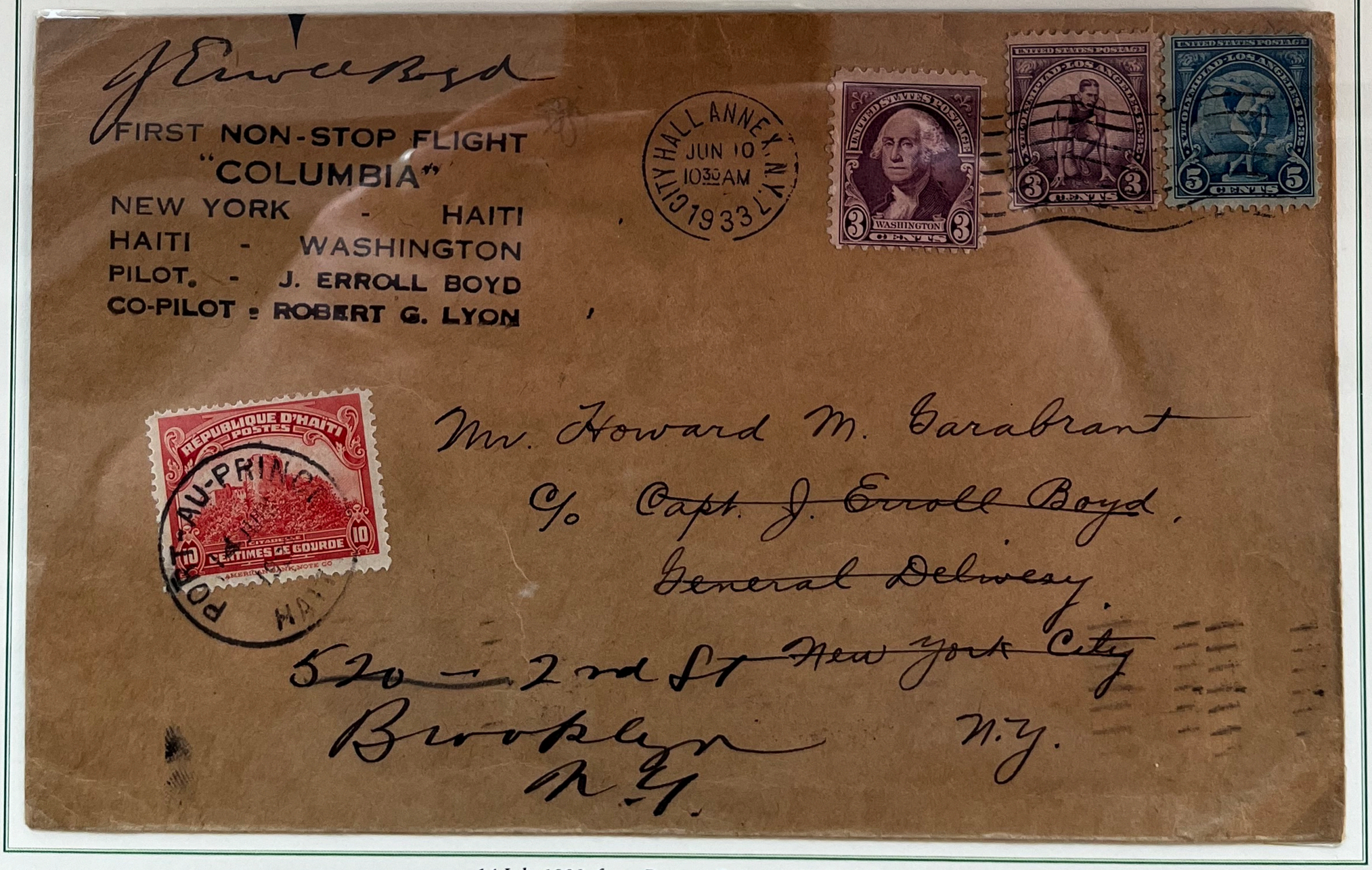
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On the occasion of the arrival at Port au Prince, on July 1833, of two American aviators, Erroll Boyd and Robert Lion, special covers were prepared showing mixed franking.



14 July 1933, from Port au Prince to Port Jefferson (New York).



14 July 1933, from Port au Prince to New York

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AIR MAIL TO COLUMBIA.
SOUTH AMERICA
FAM ROUTE 5.

Commercial air mail between the French Legations in Haiti and Columbia. Air mail stamps to the value 1g 50c cancelled with Port-au-Prince duplex dated 30 May 1934 (year outside ring)

Transit mark at Barranquilla (North Columbia on the Caribbean coast) 4 June and backstamped on arrival at Bogota the next day.

Carried along FAM Route 5 to Panama and Barranquilla (1929) then by local service.

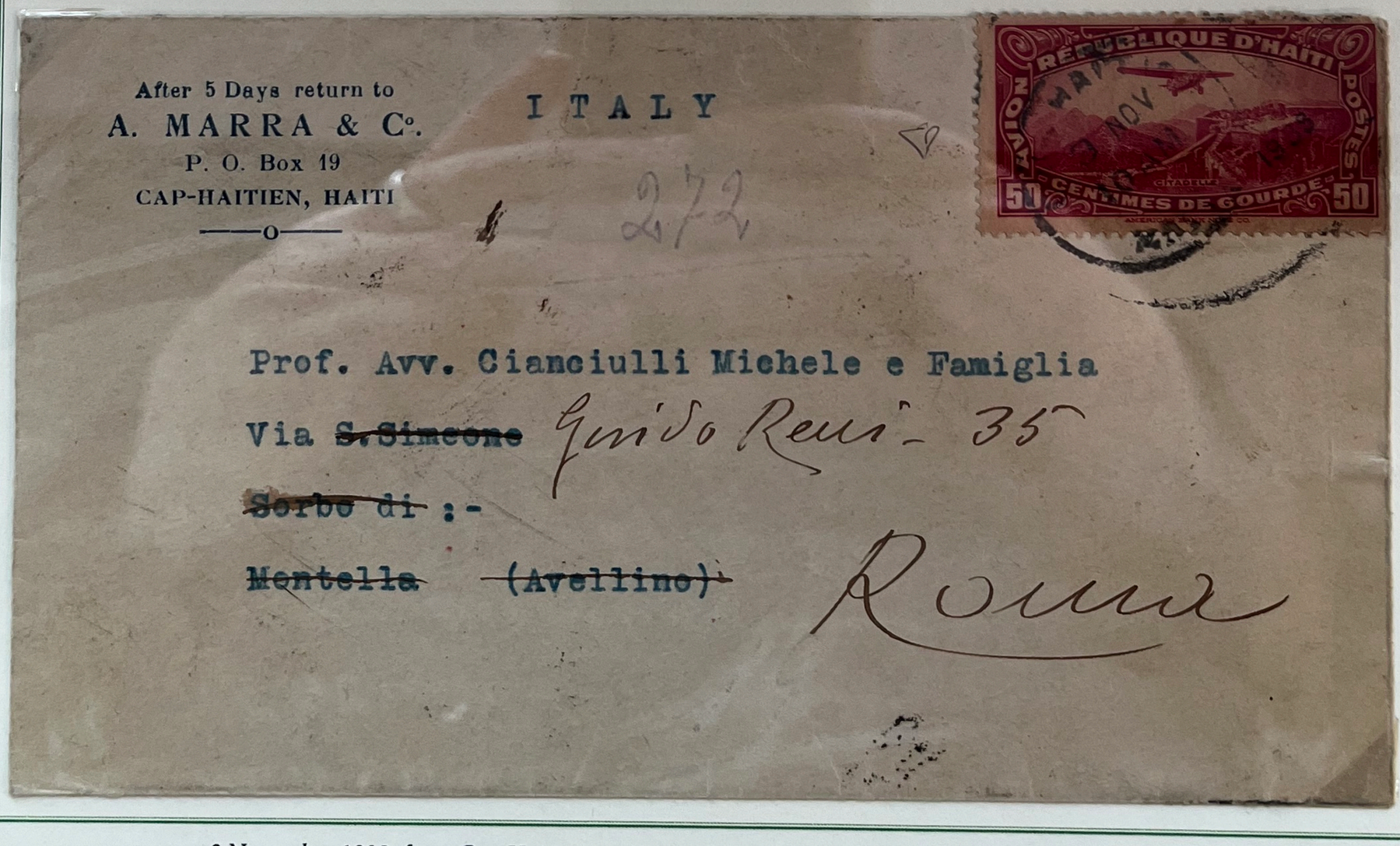


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Air Mail



26 March 1934, a commercial cover from Jeremie to Chicago, rated 60 centimes



3 November 1938, from Cap Haitien, a private registered letter sent to Italy, redirected to Rome.

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On 25th January 1938 the current 50c. carmine airmail stamp was reissued in a new colour – black.

First Day Cover with the new stamp to New York from Port au Prince.



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1943 – Aereo sorvolante la Citadelle Laferrière – Valore complementare .





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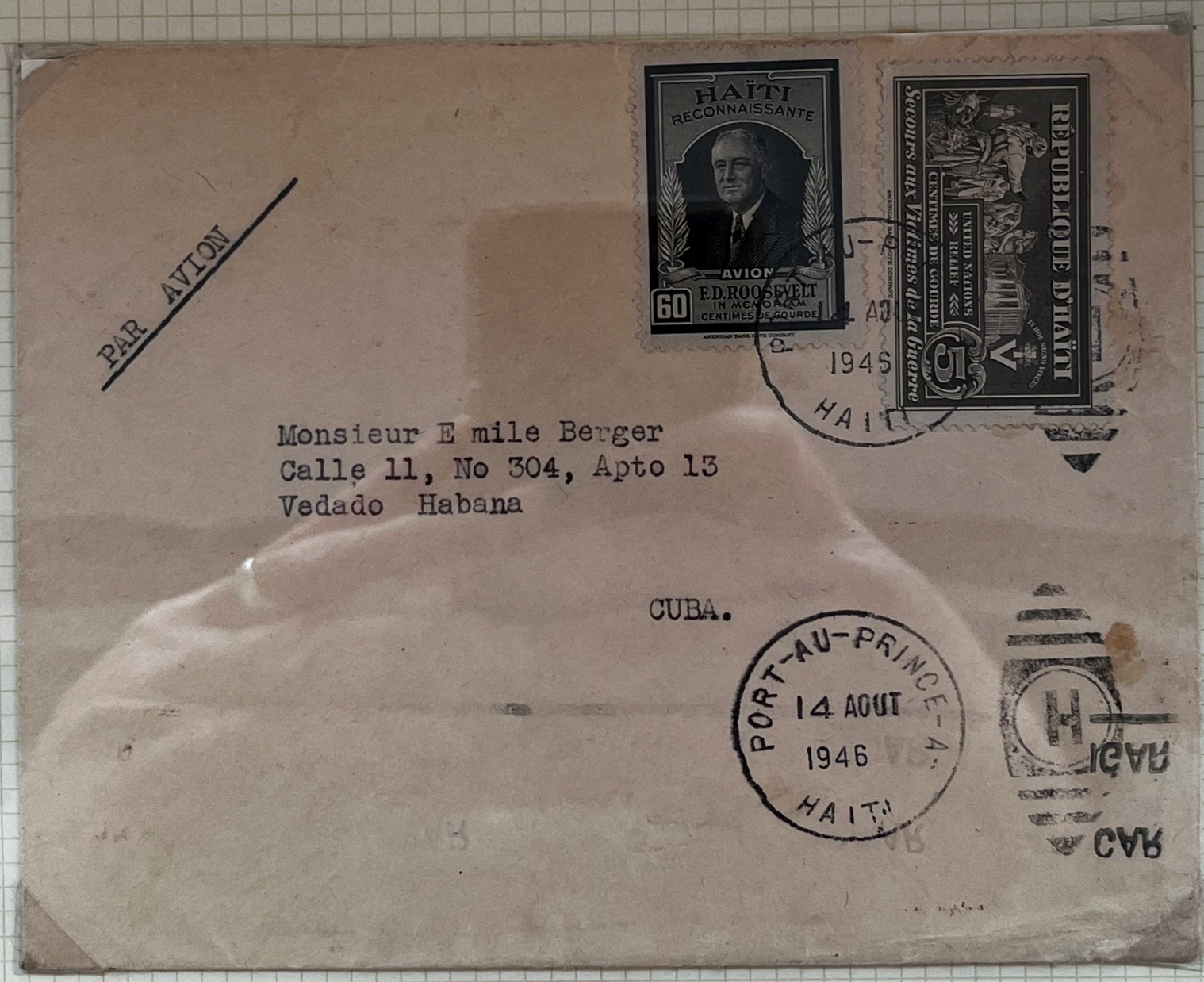
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OBLIGATORY TAX ON AIRMAIL

Commercial air mail to Havana, Cuba; 60c air stamp with additional 5c tax for UN relief both cancelled with Port-au-Prince duplex dated 14 August 1946.

Backstamped in Havana on 18 August with bi-lingual slogan (Spanish - English) "BUY CUBAN SUGAR".



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OBLIGATORY TAX.

Two covers from Port-au-Prince to U.S.A. with 60c airmail postage (Roosevelt commemoration) and 5c tax.

Cancelled 27 March 1946; backstamped on arrival 2 April.



Cancelled 18 September 1949; backstamped on 20th.

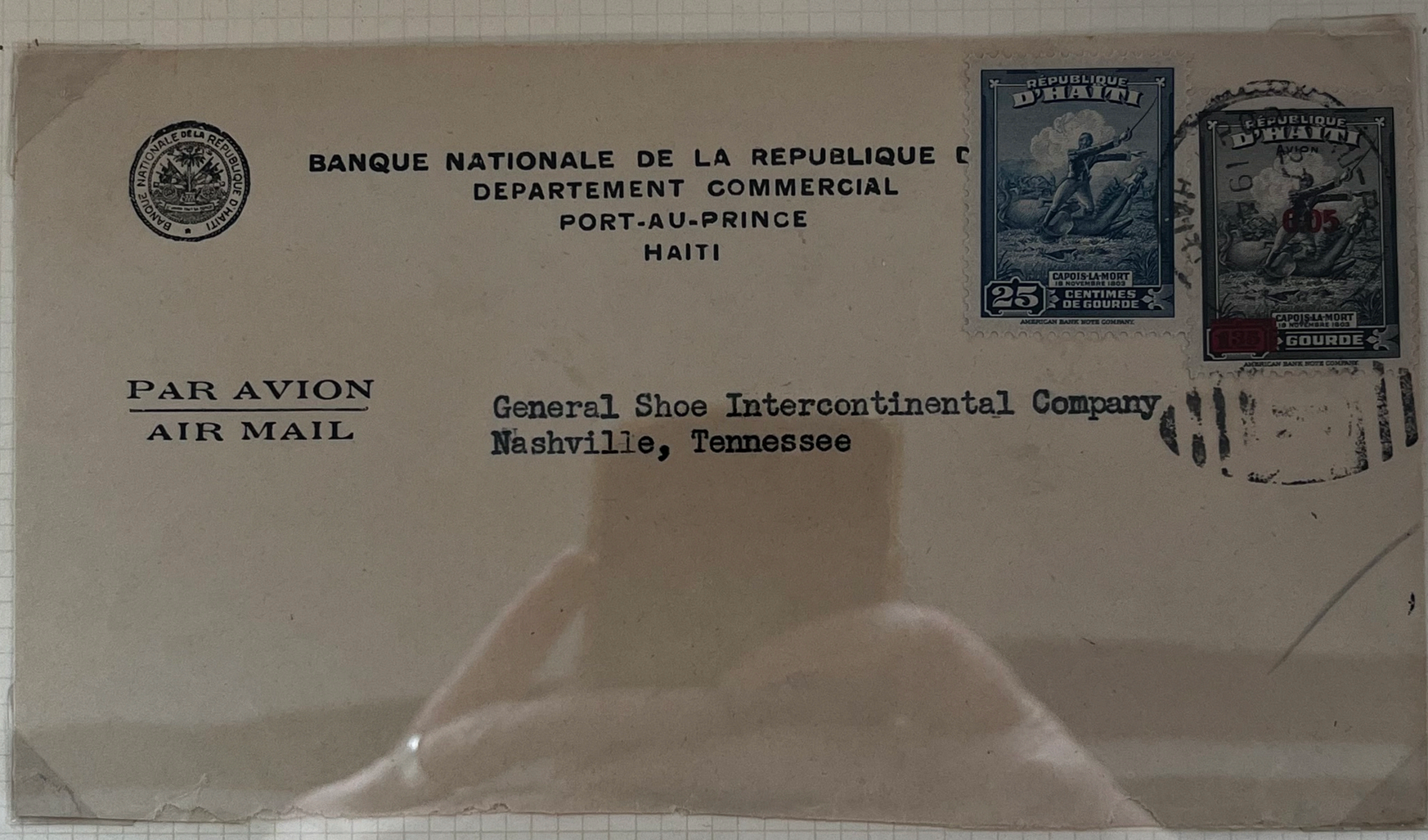


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AIRMAIL TO U.S.A.

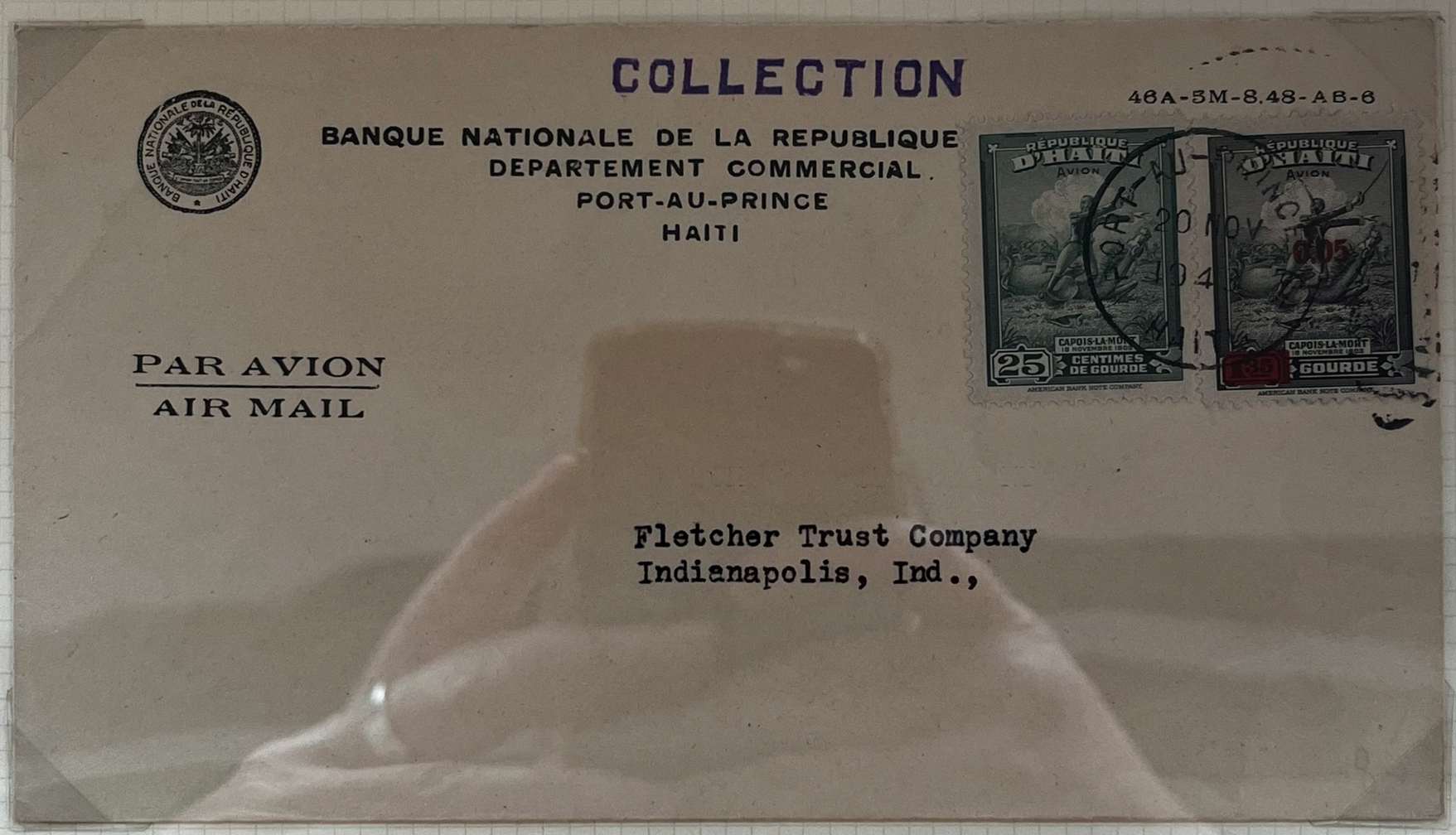
Airmail letter to U.S.A. from Port-au-Prince cancelled 27 ? 1948 with 30c rate made up with 5c overprint and 25c Postage (not "Avion") stamp.



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LETTER TO U.S.A.

Letter from Port-au-Prince cancelled on 20 November 1948 with 30c rate made up with one copy of the 5c on 1g 35c overprint in red.



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AIRMAIL with OBLIGATORY TAX.

Airmail letter to British Zone of Germany at 1.50g rate and additional 5c Obligatory Tax. Cancelled at Port-au-Prince 18 October 1950. Cachet: "JUSQU'EN Gde BRETAGNE" - the airmail only operated as far as Great Britain, thence overland.



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COVER TO USA: 1951

Airmail cover to USA with 30c postage paid with 20c of the FDR issue and 10c of the Port-au-Prince Bicentenary Exhibition issue. Stamps are cancelled with the Port-au-Prince "H" duplex dated 6 September 1951.



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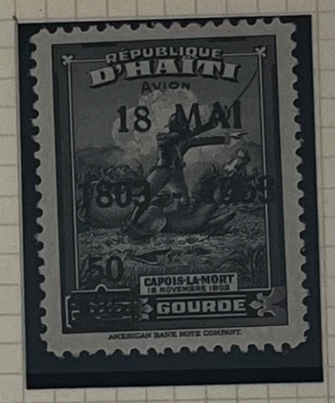
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1953 COMMEMORATIVE

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the National Flag two of the Airmail stamps of 1946 were overprinted with 18 MAI/1803-1953 and given new value.





1953 Airmail to Washington D.C. franked with two 50c airmail stamps of this commemorative issue, cancelled at Port-au-Prince on 14th December 1953. No arrival or transit markings.



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OBLIG TAX

AIRMAIL TO GERMANY.

Letter to the British Zone of Germany with additional 5c Obligatory Tax stamp. Postage of 65c for Airmail to Europe

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OBLIGATORY TAX ON AIRMAIL.

Commercial air mail to England dated 22 January 1955 with fee of 1g 50c paid by air mail stamps of 1946 and 1954. Additional charge of 20c. (Foreign rate) for Hurricane Hazel relief.



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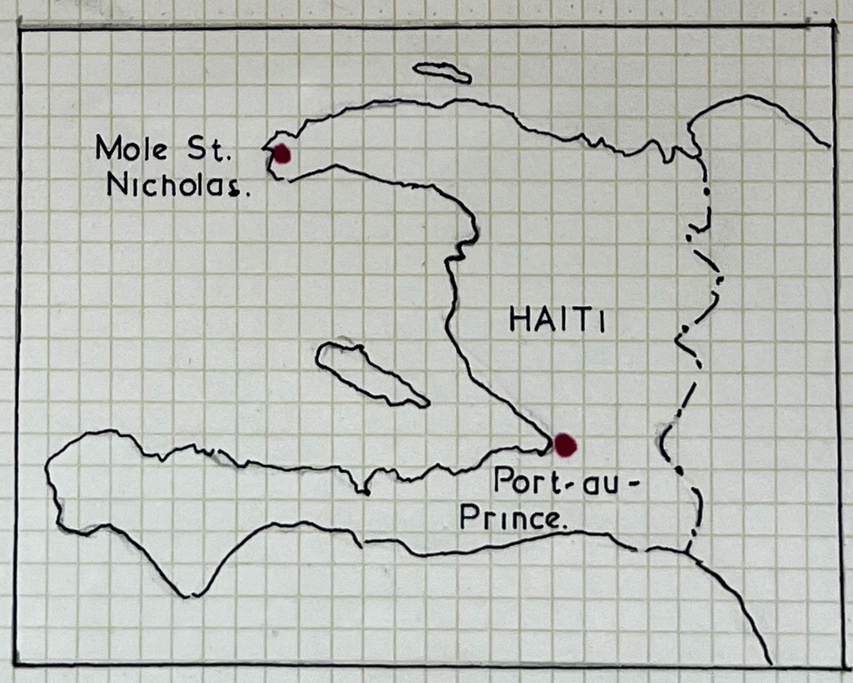
LOCAL AIRMAIL WITH OBLIGATORY TAX.

TOWN CANCELS

MOLE SAINT NICHOLAS

Inland cover to Port-au-Prince with 80c postage and 10c tax cancelled by single ring TRD of Mole St. Nicholas dated 4 June 1956.





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EXPRESS AIR MAIL TO ENGLAND.

A cover with 5.75g postage on front cancelled with blue cds of Port-au-Prince dated 1979 (possibly 27 January) and large circular red "Express" cachet. On reverse there are three 0.25c Obligatory Tax stamps with adjacent "Express" cachet. These stamps are similar to the 0.20c values issued in 1970 and 1972 but are not listed by S.G., Scott lists them as being issued in 1980 !

