

Airmail 1930-1932. Notre Dame de la Garde, Marseille.



Designed P Laurens  
Engraved A Mignon  
Lake Issued 8 June 1930  
Blue Issued 6 November 1930

The church of Notre Dame de la Garde was built in the 19th century on the ruins of a 13th century chapel dedicated to our LADY. This was situated on a limestone hill some 162m high overlooking the old port.



1954 Airmail. 'Provence' Transport.



Designed and Engraved  
R Serres  
Issued 16 January 1954

The Breguet *Provence* Br763 was originally called the *Deux Ponts* after its two decks. The scheme was begun in 1944 but the first flight of the prototype did not take place until 1949. The up-graded version was brought into service by Air France in August 1952. The company bought 12 of them and used them almost exclusively between France and Algiers. The military version was called the *Sahara* and there were 10 of these in service, which were retired in late 1972. The remaining six Air France *Provinces* ended their days as freight carriers in 1972.



AIRMAIL ISSUES.



Designed A. DECARIS  
Engraved A. Decaris &  
J. Combet  
Issued 16 January 1950

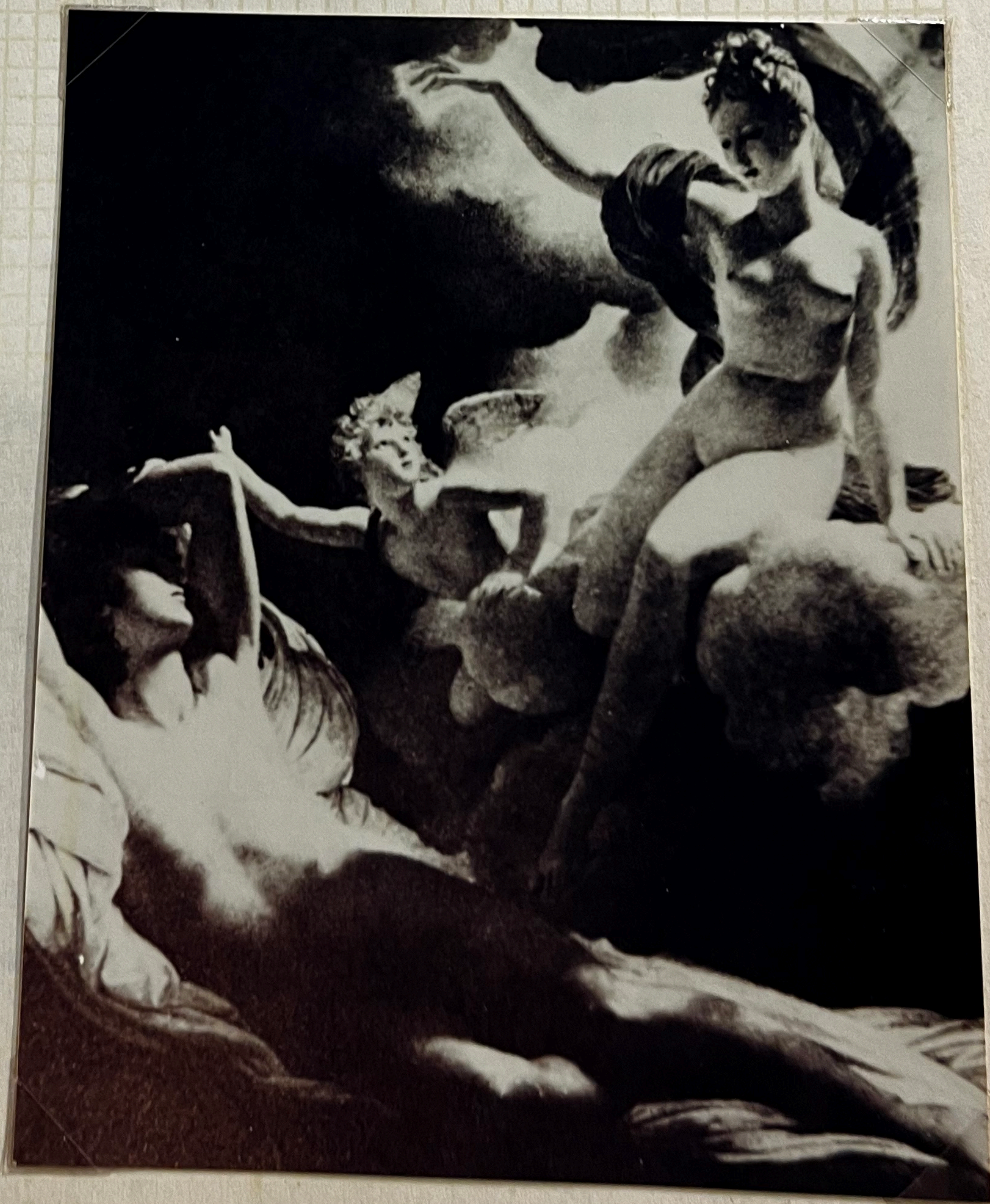
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Paris and the Ile de la Seine, with the principal buildings and bridges along the river. The view takes in Notre Dame, the Conciergerie and even the Arc de Triomphe.



1946 Airmail. The figure of Iris

Designed and Engraved  
P Gandon  
Issued 27 May 1946



1938 Airmail. Clement Ader, Air Pioneer.



Designed and Engraved  
A Ouvre  
Issued 16 June 1938

Clement Ader was born in 1841 at Murat, Haute Garonne, and is honoured there by this statue. He has been termed the Father of Aviation, having conducted trials with kites, balloons, and aircraft. He was also the inventor of the microphone.



1972 Airmail. Pioneer Aviators.

Helen Boucher (1908-1934) set two world records before her death in an air crash. Her memorial is to be found at Yermenonville. Maryse Hilsz (1903-1946) set records for both height and long distance during her flying career.



Designed and Engraved  
J Combet  
Issued 10 June 1972



Maryse Hilsz' Moth-Gypsy for  
her solo flight to Saigon  
from Paris in 1932. The trip  
took 22 days!

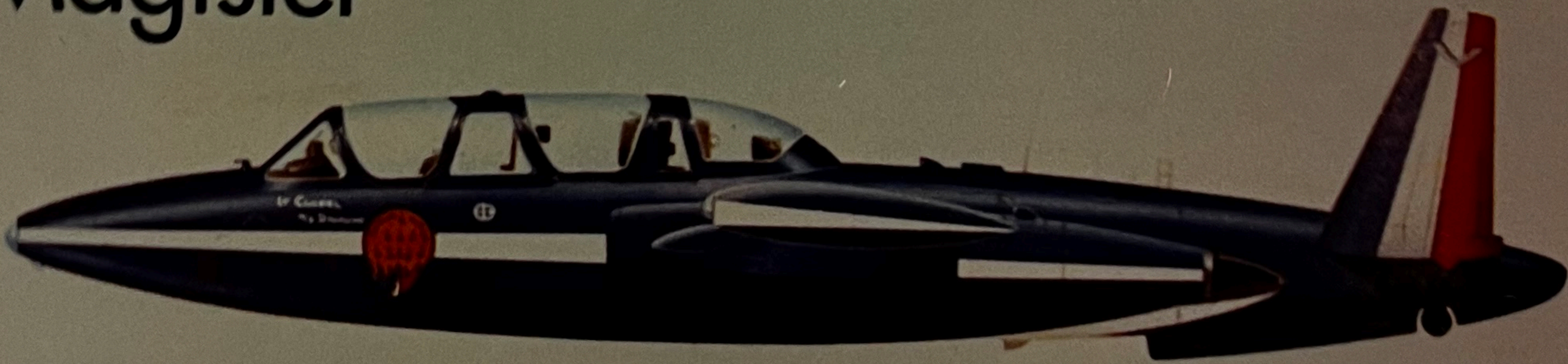
1954 Airmail. Magister jet.



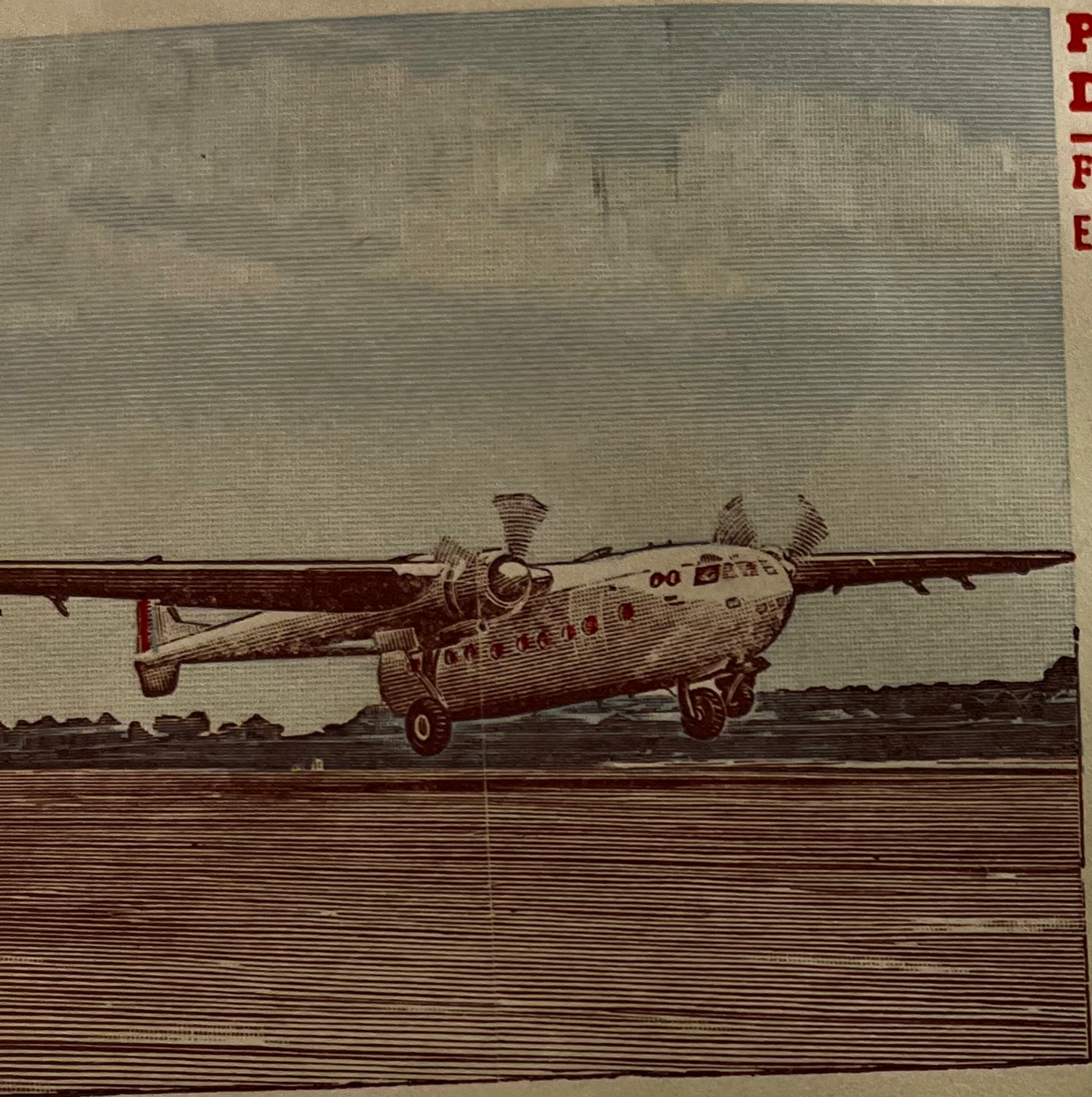
Designed P Lengellé  
Engraved C Dufresne  
16 January 1954

One of the most widely used of Jet Trainers the Magister was designed by Fouga in 1950, and was the first purpose-built jet trainer in the world. Total production was 437 of this type and its variants. The Fouga firm was taken over by Potez in 1958, and then became Aerospatiale. The Israeli Air Force used them during the Six Days war in 1967.

## Aerospatiale (Fouga) CM.170 Magister

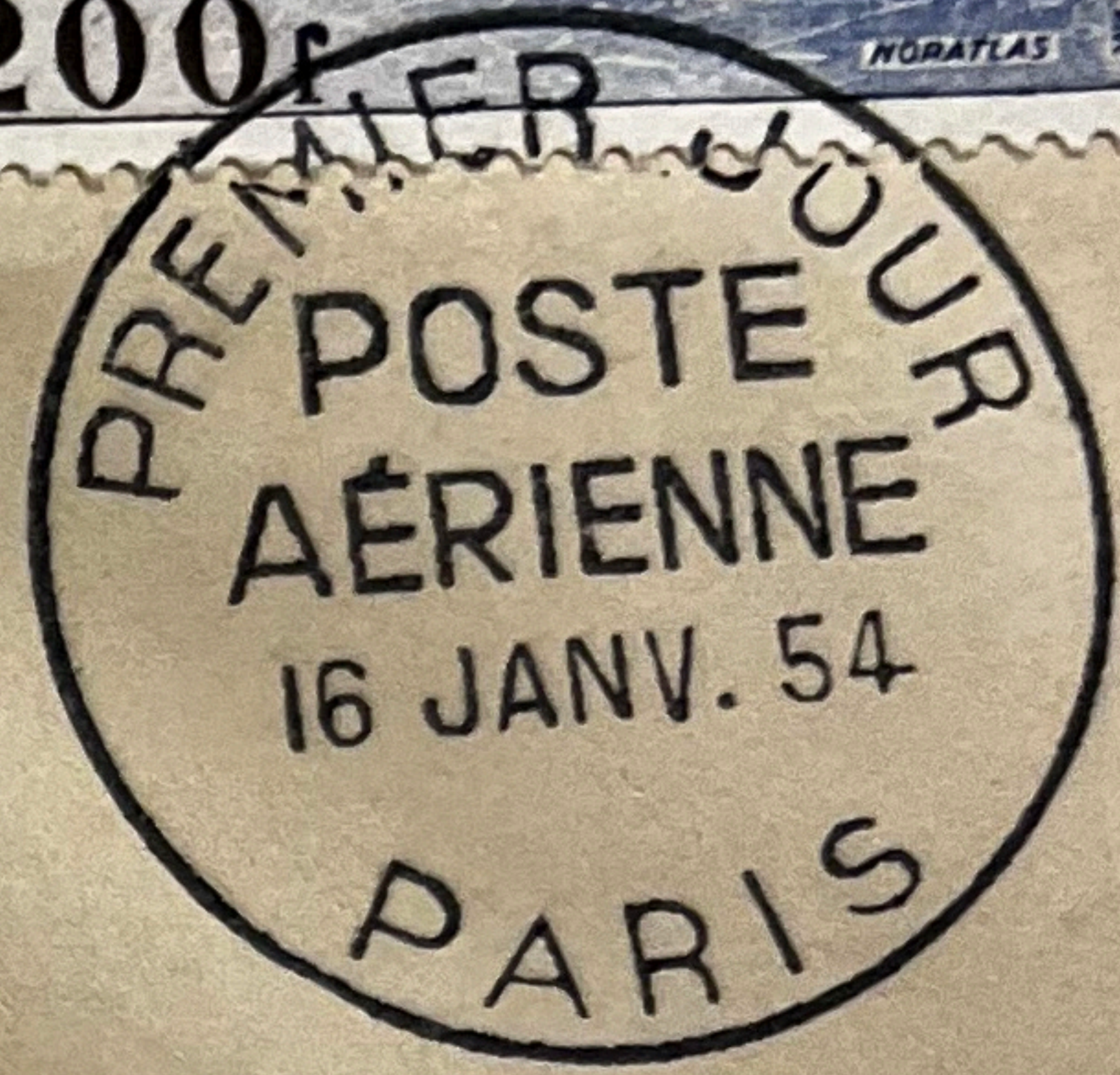
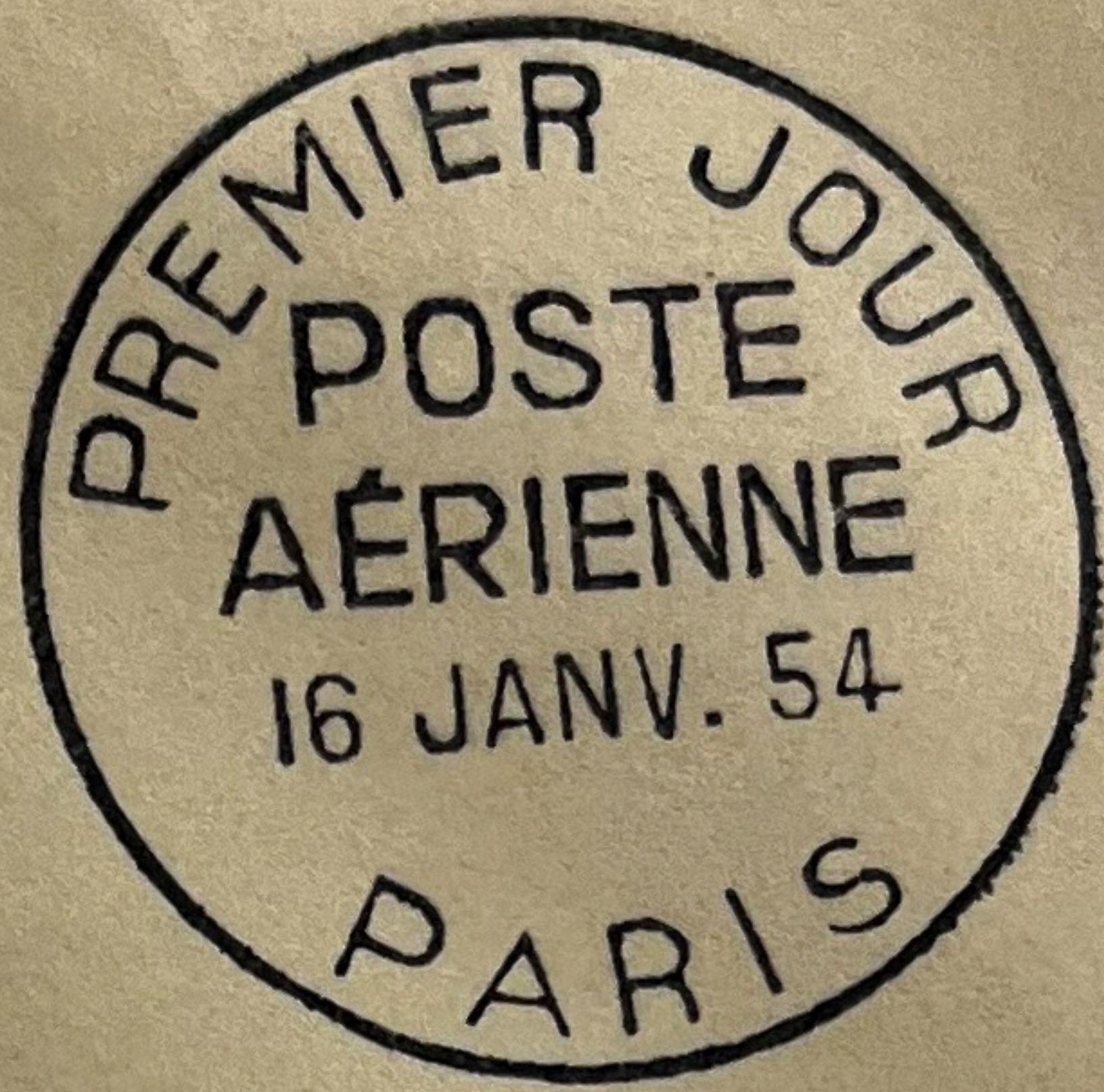


One of the most successful and widely used trainer aircraft in the world, the Magister was conceived and designed by Castello and Mauboussin for Fouga in 1950. It was the first purpose built jet trainer in the world. Despite the unusual butterfly type tail, it proved a delight to fly. After prolonged testing, the Magister was put into production for the Armée de l'Air. Total production of this and the hooked navalised version (CM.75 Zephyr) was 437. Fouga was absorbed into the Potez company in 1958, which continued to produce a number of variants for international customers. In 1967, the Magister saw action during the Six-Day War with the Israeli Air Force.



**LE NORATLAS 2501**

**PREMIER JOUR  
D'EMISSION**  
**FIRST DAY COVER**  
**ENVELOPPE OFFICIELLE**



AÉRO-CLUB DE FRANCE  
6, Rue Galilée  
PARIS

Designed and Engraved  
P Gandon  
Issued 20 January 1947



Jupiter could take many forms and in the painting by Peter-  
Paul Rubens (1620-1651) he and Mercury are being made welcome  
by the human rustics Philemon and Balcis. Jupiter was the  
Roman sky-God, equivalent to Zeus.



1978 Airmail. 65th Anniversary of first Air Post Flight.

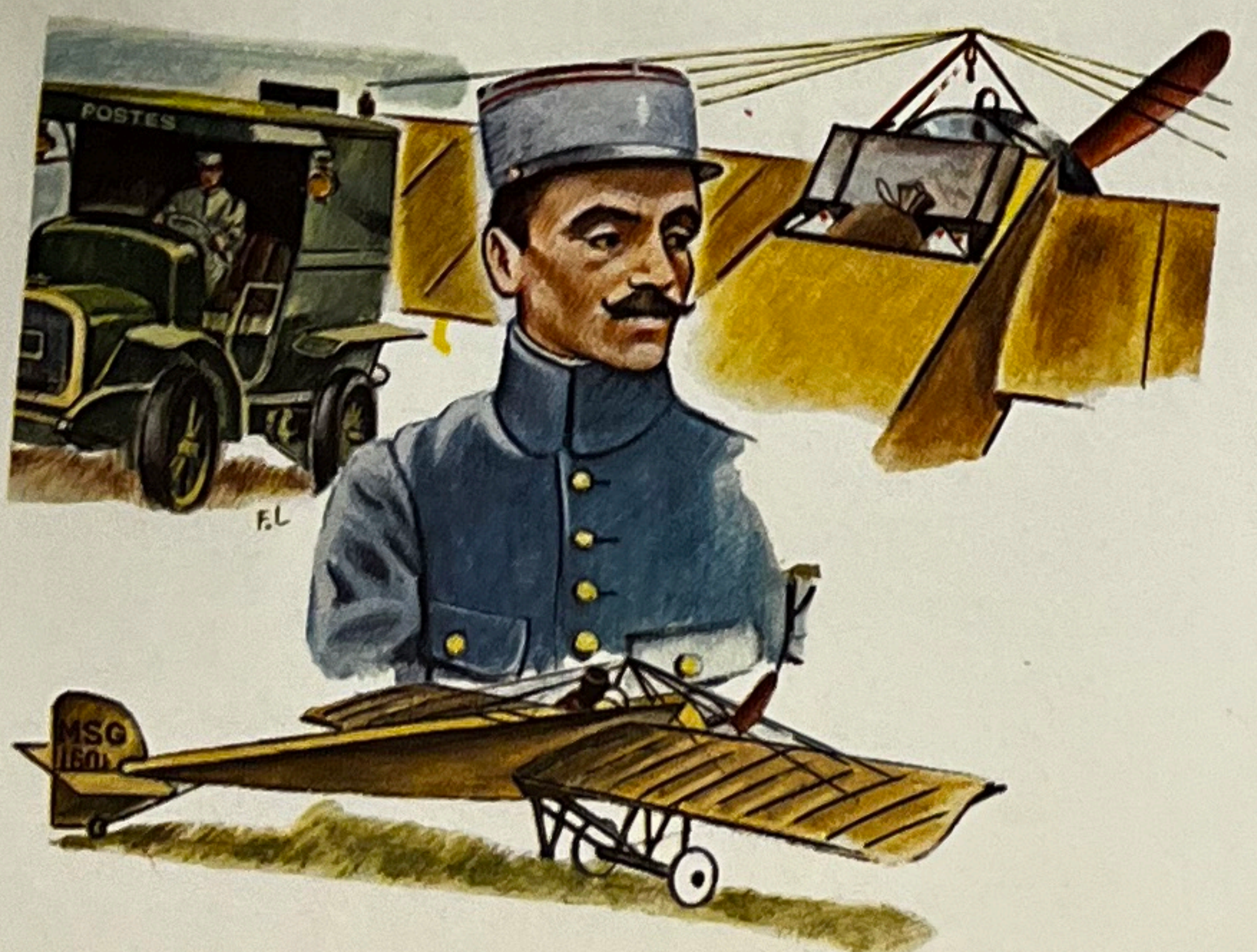
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J Combet  
Issued 14 October 1978



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1973 Airmail. Pioneer aviators.



Designed and Engraved  
J Phuelpin  
Issued 19 September 1

The stamp commemorates J Mermoz and A de St Exupery. The former traversed the South Atlantic in the 1930's and the latter flew journeys across the Mediterranean, being killed there in 1944. The Caudron-Simoun was one of the aircraft used by the latter in 1935.



2011 Air.  
Centenary of 1<sup>st</sup> bulk Airmail flight, Allahabad to Naini, India.



Designed J Prunier  
Engraved A Lavergne  
Issued 19 February 2011

The world's first official bulk mail flown by an aeroplane was sent from Allahabad to Naini on February 18<sup>th</sup> 1911. The mail was carried on a Humber-Sommer biplane piloted by Henri Peguet, and consisted of 6500 letters which were flown a distance of five miles.



2002 30th Anniversary of first flight of Airbus A300-B1.



Designed C Koshorst  
Photoprocess  
Issued 26 October 2002

The Airbus A300 B1 was the prototype for the A300 series of widebody aircraft and first flew at Toulouse in October 1972. The second prototype flew on 5th February 1973. The prototypes were followed by the slightly longer A300B2 which first flew in April 1974, entering service with Air France in May of that year.



French Air Mail.



1937 Le Havre to Ponte Noire (French Congo)

The letter was sent to Paris where it caught the first flight on the extension of the route Dakar to Cotonou on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 1937. The letter was franked with a 3Fr Mermoz memorial issue.

