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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Egypt postage stamp 1914: https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/4/4b/Post_Stamp_Egypt.jpg
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7 FRENCH COLONIAL POST ADMINISTRATION AFTER 1912


http://sites.jmu.edu/lallaessaydi/files/2014/02/MD06430.jpg
1914, `Protectorate Français´ overprint, with seventeen different stamps: 1c (two versions; grey and black), 2c, 3c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c (2x), 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 50c, 1p, 2p, 5p: Michel 1-17.
July 1914 Postcard showing General Lyautey inspecting the French troops, prior to WW1

1921, French Post Office in Rabat, letter to Oran Algeria

http://www.stevedrewett.com/images/6363.jpg

The French postal authorities of the French Protectorate in Morocco also issues ‘timbres taxes’: in 1915 a series of six different stamps with overprints on earlier stamps of 1881-1893 and four of 1908; in 1917 a series of eight stamps with their own designs and in 1918 stamps for Tangier (see section 11).

1915:

http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/341/132/916_001.jpg?v=1; Michel P1-6

http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/345/588/463_001.jpg?v=2;
Michel P7
1914 and 1915 Red Cross issues during the First World War; with nine different stamps

1917 series with seventeen different values
http://www.timbres-de-france.com/image/Maroc/maroc-66.jpg, until maroc-82.jpg; Michel 21-37

1917 Postage due stamps

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In 1917 the French postal authorities in Morocco also issued stamps for postal packages ('timbres pour colis postaux'): eleven different values.
In 1918 the French postal authorities in Tangier issued a series, overprinted with ‘Tanger’ (with eighteen different values); see section 11.
In 1923 the 1917 series was issued in a new style (signed ‘Helio Vaugirard’), with 18 different stamps. Others would follow in 1927 (an additional eight stamps).
1c, 2c and 75c: http://www.tropicollections.com/boutique/images/maroc/heliograves/2/maroc-1447.jpg

20c: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/Q-i.jpg

45c: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/V-i.jpg


10c and 30c : http://www.tropicollections.com/boutique/images/medium/maroc/heliograves/1/maroc-1325_MED.jpg

35c grey violet:
https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/r/mrp0061b.jpg
35c dark violet and 50c blue green: http://www.tropicollections.com/boutique/images/maroc/heliograves/1/maroc-1286.jpg


50c: http://www.tropicollections.com/boutique/images/maroc/heliograves/2/maroc-1446.jpg
60c: http://www.tropicollections.com/boutique/images/medium/maroc/heliograves/1/maroc-1449_MED.jpg
1 Fr: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/X-i.jpg
2Fr: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/Y-i.jpg
5Fr: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/Z-i.jpg
10Fr: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/AA-i.jpg

1922 Postage stamps for airmail
1928 Postage stamps for airmail

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/480x407/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/m/r/mrp0077.jpg

Michel 77-86

In 1930-31 four overprinted stamps were issued.

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/r/mrp0087.jpg
Michel 87-90

1931 Postage stamps for airmail

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/r/mrp0091.jpg

Michel 91-92

1933 Postage stamps
Michel 93-116
1933 Postage stamps for airmail
1935 Postage stamps to commemorate Marshal Lyautey

1938 Postage stamps social assistance to children: “O.S.E.”.
Michel 127-134 and for airmail 135-136

1939 Postage stamps

Michel 137-138
Misprint:
https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/r/mrp0137p.jpg

1939-1942 Postage stamps

1c: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/DY-i.jpg
2c: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/DZ-i.jpg
3c: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/DZ1-i.jpg
5c: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/DY1-i.jpg
10c: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/DZ2-i.jpg
15c: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/ED-i.jpg
20c: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/ED1-i.jpg
30c: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/EF-i.jpg
40c: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/EF1-i.jpg
45c: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/EF2-i.jpg
50c: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/EI-i.jpg
60c: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/EI2-i.jpg
70c: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/EM-i.jpg
75c: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/EN-i.jpg
90c: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/EI4-i.jpg
1.20Fr: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/EN1-i.jpg
1.25Fr: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/EN2-i.jpg
2Fr: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/EX-i.jpg

2.25Fr: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/EX1-i.jpg

2.50Fr: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/DY3-i.jpg

3Fr: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/EX2-i.jpg

5Fr: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/EM1-i.jpg

10Fr: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/EM2-i.jpg

20Fr: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/EM3-i.jpg

All: “1939 Local Motives. 17. July WM: None Perforation: 13”.

Michel 139-175

1939 Postage stamps for airmail
Michel 176-182

1942 Postage stamps for French refugee children in Morocco
Michel 183-186

1943 Postage stamp for Victory in the War

Michel 187

1943 Postage stamps
Michel 188-206

1944 Postage stamps for airmail
1944 Postage due stamps

1945 Postage stamps for airmail

1945-47 Postage stamps
10c: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/DZ3-i.jpg
40c: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/EF4-i.jpg
50c: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/EI8-i.jpg

1Fr: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/ED3-i.jpg
1.20Fr: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/EN9-i.jpg
1.50Fr: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/EI9-i.jpg

2Fr: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/EX3-i.jpg
3.50Fr: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/EF5-i.jpg
4.50Fr: https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/EM5-i.jpg
1945 Postage stamp to fight tuberculosis

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Michel 232

1945 Postage stamp to commemorate Marshall Lyautey

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Michel 233ab

1945 Postage due stamps
1Fr: http://images.delcampe.com/img_large/auction/000/341/068/914_001.jpg

2Fr: http://images.delcampe.com/img_large/auction/000/341/068/914_001.jpg, and
http://www.mascoo.com/userfiles/0621897001477124958.jpg

3Fr: http://www.mascoo.com/userfiles/0621897001477124958.jpg

4Fr: http://i.colnect.net/b/848/577/Figure.jpg

5Fr: http://www.mascoo.com/userfiles/0621897001477124958.jpg

10Fr: http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/392/843/129_001.jpg; and
http://www.mascoo.com/userfiles/0621897001477124958.jpg

20Fr: http://images.delcampe.com/img_large/auction/000/341/068/914_001.jpg

30Fr: http://images.delcampe.com/img_large/auction/000/341/068/914_001.jpg

Michel P22-29
1946 Postage stamp to fight tuberculosis

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Michel 234

1946 Postage stamp to commemorate General De Gaulle’s speech in 1940

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/r/mrp0235.jpg

Michel 235

1946 Postage stamp to commemorate Marshall Lyautey

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/r/mrp0236.jpg

Michel 236-238 and airmail 239
1947 Postage stamp: “Day of the Postage Stamp”

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5f88d27136e95/m/r/mrp0240.jpg

Michel 240

1947 Postage stamp to commemorate the start of the exploitation of phosphate in 1922

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5f88d27136e95/m/r/mrp0241.jpg

Michel 241

1947-49 Postage stamps
https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/mr/mrp0242.jpg

Michel 242-267

1947 Postage stamps for airmail

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/mr/mrp0268.jpg

Michel 268-272
1948 Postage stamps for solidarity

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/r/mrp0273.jpg

Michel 273-274 and for airmail 275-276

1948 Postage stamp: “Day of the Postage Stamp”

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/r/mrp0277.jpg

Michel 277

1948 Postage stamp for airmail; Lyautey exhibition in Paris

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/r/mrp0278.jpg
Michel 278

1948 Postage stamp for Navy assistance

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/r/mrp0279.jpg

Michel 279

1948 Postage stamp for airmail; Holiday camp for postal employees

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/r/mrp0280.jpg

Michel 280-281

1948 Postage stamp

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/r/mrp0282.jpg

Michel 282

1949 Postage stamps for solidarity
Michel 283-286 and for airmail 287-290 as well as Block 1 and Block 2

1949 Postage stamp: “Day of the Postage Stamp”
1949 Postage stamp, social assistance by the army

1949 Postage stamps 75 years UPU

1949 Postage stamps
1950 Postage stamp for airmail: “Day of the Postage Stamp”: 25 years flights between Casablanca and Dakar

1950 Postage stamps for solidarity
Michel 307-310 and for airmail 311-314 as well as Block 3 and Block 4

1950-1951 Postage stamps
1950-51 Postage stamp, social assistance by the army

1950 Postage stamps

1951 Postage stamps for General Leclerc
Michel 325-327 and for airmail 328

1951 Postage stamp for airmail

Michel 329

1950 Postage stamps for solidarity

Michel 330-332 and for airmail 333

1952 Postage stamps
1952 Postage stamp for airmail: “Day of the Postage Stamp”

1952 Postage stamps for solidarity

1952 Postage stamps for airmail
Michel 348-351

1952 Postage stamp to commemorate 100 years of military medals

Michel 352

1952 Postage stamps for airmail; for General Leclerc (never issued)
1953 Postage stamps for solidarity

Michel 357-359 and for airmail 360

1953 Postage stamp: “Day of the Postage Stamp”
1953 Postage stamps: Binouidan Dam

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Michel 362-363

1953 Postage stamps, social assistance by the army

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https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Morocco/Postage-stamps/MQ-i.jpg

Michel 364-365

1954 Postage stamps

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Michel 366-367

1954 Postage stamps for airmail, for solidarity
1954 Postage stamp: “Day of the Postage Stamp”

1954 Postage stamps

1954 Postage stamp
1954 Postage stamps to commemorate the 100th birthday of Marshall Lyautey

1954 Postage stamps, social assistance by the Navy
1955 Postage stamps for solidarity

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/mr/mrp0382.jpg

Michel 382-385

1955 Postage stamp: “Day of the Postage Stamp”

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/mr/mrp0386.jpg

Michel 386

1955 Postage stamp: 5 years Rotary
Michel 387

1955 Postage stamps
In 1956 the French and Spanish Protectorates, as well as the Free Zone of Tangier became part of the Kingdom of Morocco, under King Mohammed V.
In 1956-57 there were separate postage stamps for the Northern zone (in centimos and pesetas; see APH nr 5, part 4), but from February 1958 onwards Centimes and Francs became the currency everywhere.

In 1969 Spanish Ifni also became part of the Kingdom of Morocco and in 1975 King Hassan II organized a Green March and integrated former Spanish Sahara (for both: see APH nr 6).

**Annex: Fiscal stamps of French Morocco**
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African Postal Heritage; African Studies Centre Leiden; APH Paper Nr 5; Ton Dietz; Morocco, part 3, Version January 2017

http://cdn.supadupa.me/shop/46358/images/2443132/284_large.JPG?1475838280

http://cdn.supadupa.me/shop/46358/images/2443131/283_large.JPG?1475838210

http://images.delcampe.com/img_large/auction/000/133/841/300_002.jpg?v=1
8 MOROCCO DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR

During the First World War the French postal authorities in the French Protectorate used their own stamps, issued in 1914, 1915 (Red Cross) and 1917 (see section 7), and in 1918 added specific stamps for Tangier (see section 10). In the Spanish Protectorate the Spanish postal authorities used their ‘Marruecos’ stamps throughout the war (1914, 1915 and 1916 issues, see section 8). The British Post
Offices continued to use their George V series (1914-1918 issues, see section 2), in three different currencies, British Pounds, French Francs and Spanish Pesetas.

At the beginning of the First World War all German post offices in the French Zone of the Protectorate and Tangier were closed on 4/08/1914. Four offices in the Spanish zone of the Protectorate remained open until 16/06/1919 (these were in Alcazar, Arsila, Larache and Tetuan), when they were closed after the treaty of Versailles. However, there are no postal items known yet that were sent from Alcazar or Arsila and very few from Larache and Tetuan (Information from Maurice Hadida, 2014; he shows a cover from Larache sent to Denmark on 11/10/1915, with German Morocco stamps; Hadida, 2014 p. 46, see earlier).

Germany tried to influence the war in the French parts of Morocco; see the information below. Copied from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_operations_in_North_Africa_during_World_War_I#Morocco:

“Morocco: Zaian War, 1914–1921
Attempts were made by Germany and the Ottomans to influence conditions in the French colonies, by intriguing with potentates who had been ousted by the French. Spanish authorities in the region informally tolerated the distribution of propaganda and money but a German plot to smuggle 5,000 rifles and 500,000 bullets through Spain was thwarted. The Teskilat-i Mahsusa maintained several agents in North Africa but had only two in Morocco. The Zaian War was fought between France and the Zaian confederation of Berber tribes in French Morocco between 1914 and 1921. Morocco had become a French protectorate in 1912 and the French army extended French influence eastwards through the Middle Atlas mountains towards French Algeria. The Zaians, led by Mouha ou Hammou Zayani quickly lost the towns of Taza and Khénifra but managed to inflict many casualties on the French, who responded by establishing groupes mobiles, combined arms formations of regular and irregular infantry, cavalry and artillery. By 1914 the French had 80,000 troops in Morocco but two thirds were withdrawn from 1914–1915 for service in France and more than 600 French soldiers were killed at the Battle of El Herri on 13 November 1914. Hubert Lyautey the French governor, reorganised his forces and pursued a forward policy rather than passive defence. The French regained most of the lost territory, despite intelligence and financial support from the Central Powers to the Zaian Confederation and raids which caused losses to the French, when already short of manpower”.

The Germans had big plans for their African territories if they would have won the Great War, see: https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deutsch-Mittelafrika#media/File:Germany_claims_in_africa_1917.jpg. According to one source, German Africa would include Morocco and Tunisia. However, another source did not agree.
Letter sent from French troops in Morocco in 1914.

During the war French troops fought with rebels, which were supported by Germany (see before). One of the fights took place in Talifat, see below.
“MOROCCO AGENCIES (French) - 1915 military use of postcard to France used at MARRAKESH. 1915 (12.4.) use of stampless picture postcard addressed to France depicting 'Le Maroc-Colonne De Marrakesch/Combat De Talifat' and struck on picture side by violet three lined TROUPES D’ OCCUPATION/DU MAROC OCCIDENTAL/TERRITORIAL 8th COMP handstamp. Struck by TRESOR ET POSTES AUX ARMES/MARRAKESH cds. A lovely card cancelled by the French Army during the First World War. “

Other postcard:

http://www.ebay.it/item/Ak-Marrakesch-Marokko-Colonne-du-Souss-Convoi-de-Chameaux-999081-381321418345?pt=LH_DefaultDomain_77&hash=item58c8