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Special COUPE GORDON BENNETT / GENEVE postmark of August 6, 1922, and a special vignette.





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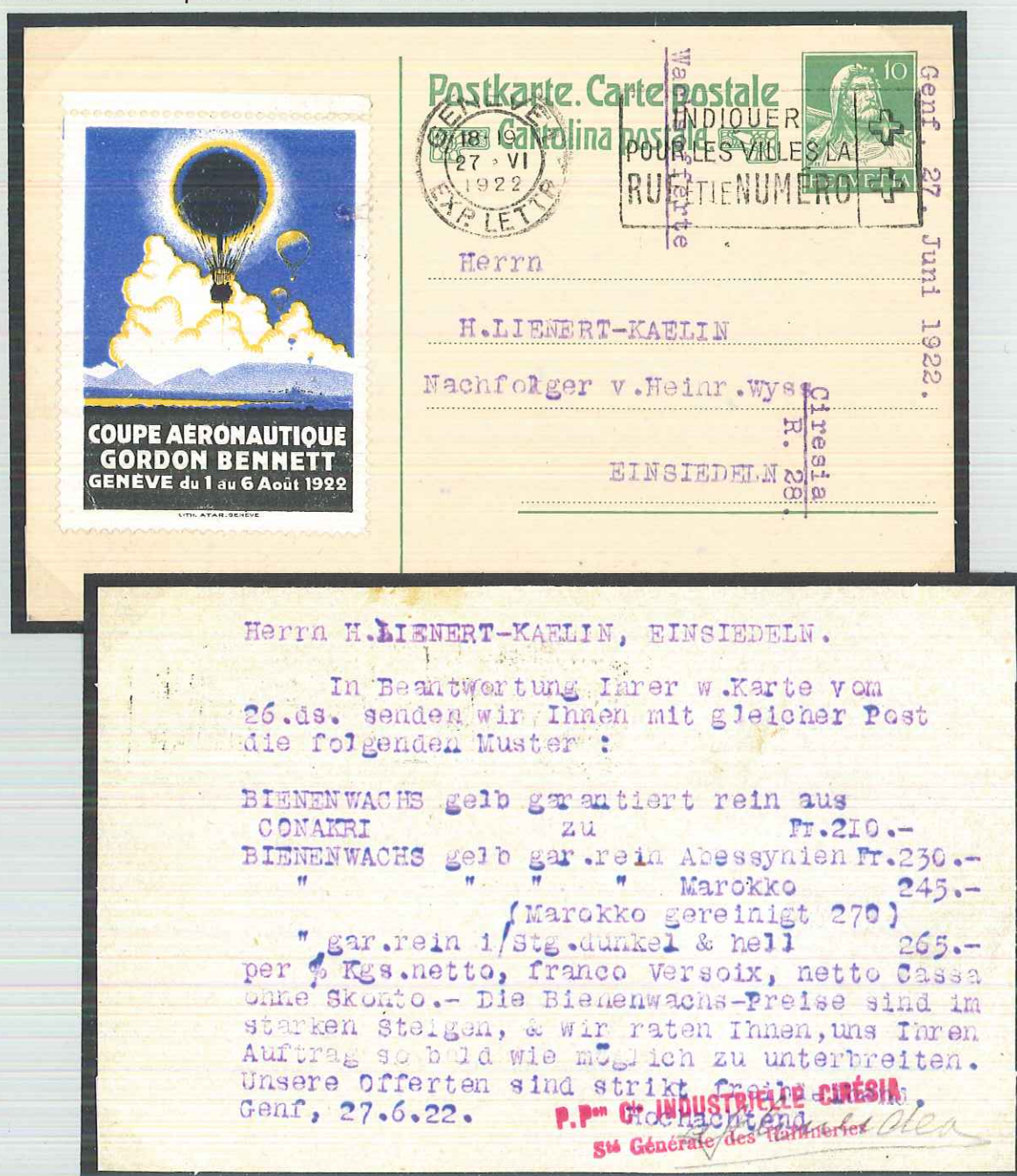
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Commercial postcard with special vignette, posted Geneva on June 27, 1922.

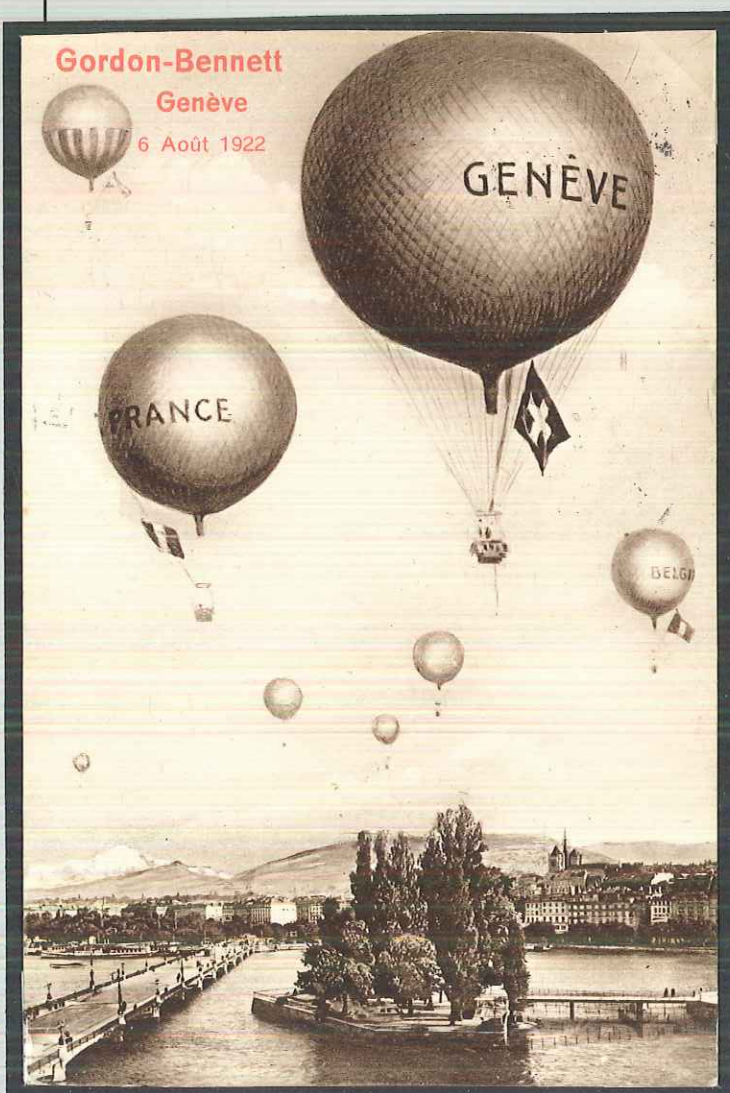


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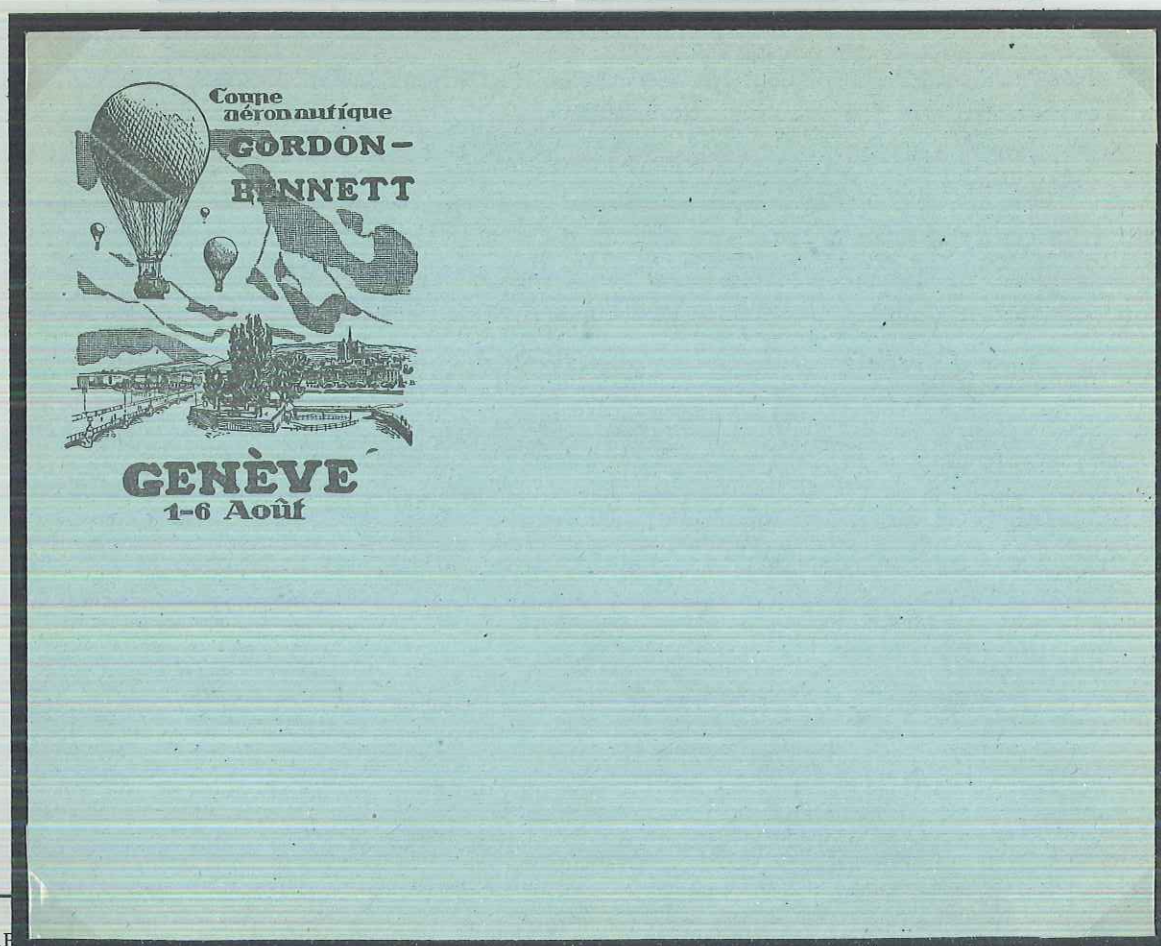
Two postcards with red overprint,  
one used on August 4, 1922, with special Gordon Bennett postmark.



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International Illustrations Photo, undated but probably in the 20ies: *"Huge colonies of this curious bird live on the Island from April to the end of August when they migrate. They lay their eggs on the extreme edge of the perpendicular cliffs on the east side of the Island in some places and are not at all particular as to whether they are safe or not. In some places in the Island there are so many birds that the cliffs are covered."*



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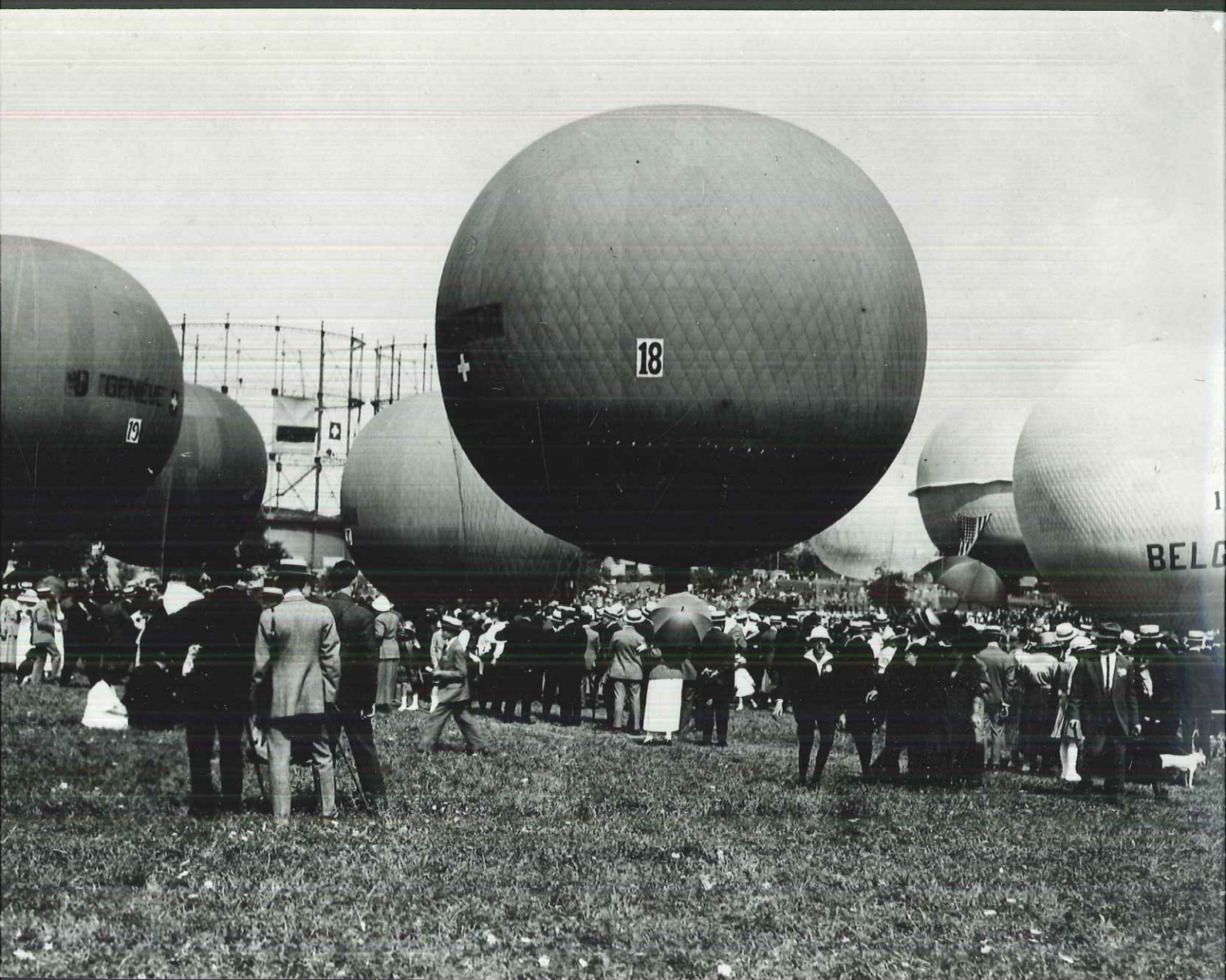


Photo showing the starting place in Geneva



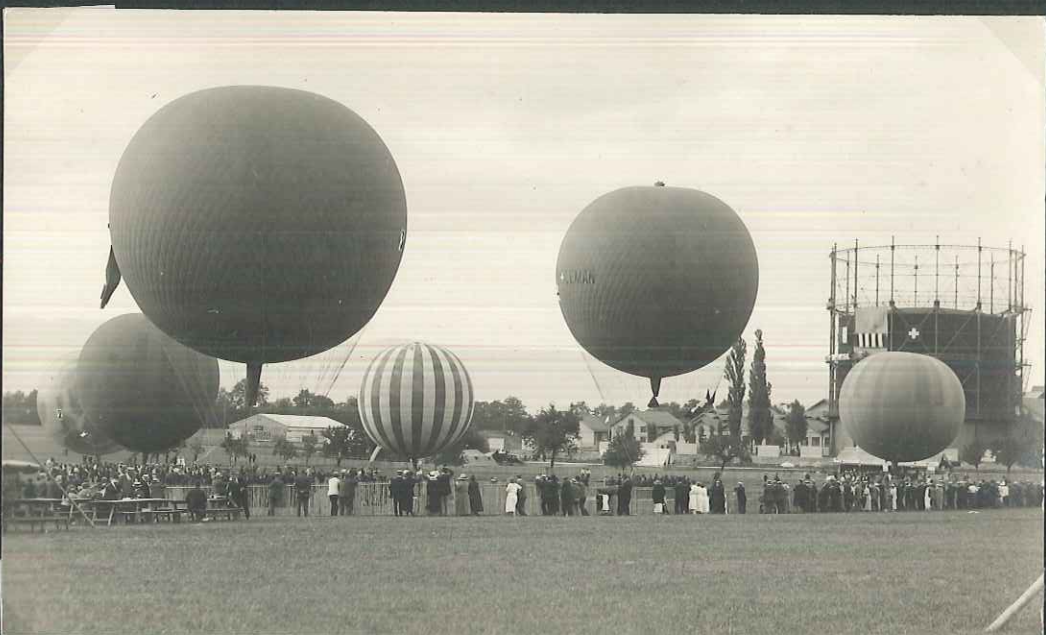
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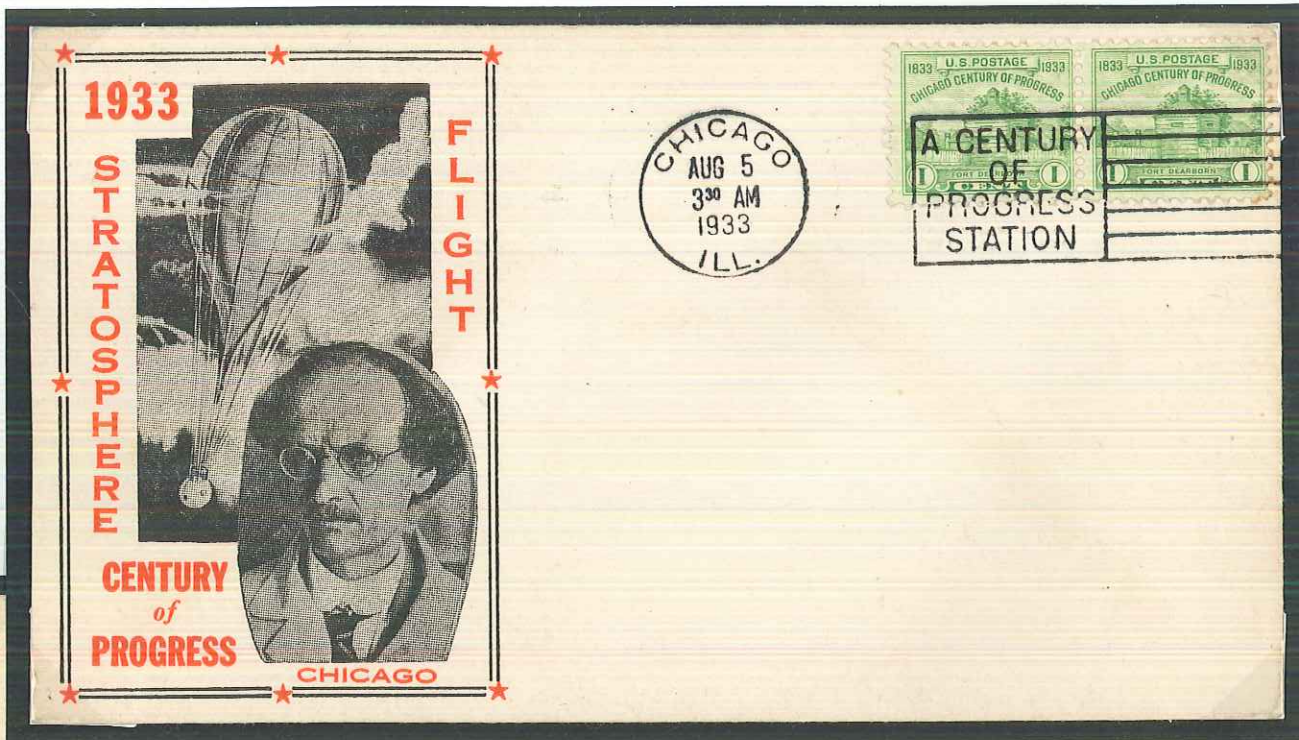


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FROM THE HOT AIR BALLOON MAIL COLLECTION  
OF MADELEINE O'ROURKE:  
BALLOON MAILS FROM THE "CENTURY OF PROGRESS" EXHIBITION,  
COMMEMORATING THE STRATOSPHERIC FLIGHT OF AUGUSTE PICCARD

August 5, 1933





**24th GORDON BENNETT BALLOON RACE  
STARTING FROM WARSAW IN POLAND:  
BRITISH ACCEPTANCE CARRIED AND SIGNED BY ERNEST DEMUYTER,  
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*British acceptance, posted Sutton Coldfield on August 27, 1936,  
and carried by Demuyter's balloon "Belgica" on his winning flight on August 30 from Warsaw.  
Warsaw transit postmarks on reverse of August 28, 11.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.  
Russian arrival postmark of September 6.  
One of 10 covers accepted in England, exceptionally signed by Ernest Demuyter.*



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Personnelle.



Ernest Demuyter, prie  
Madame J. Bossu, de bien vouloir  
lui fixer rendez-vous, à sa  
meilleure convenance, à l'adres-  
se ci-dessous ou chez elle si  
elle préfère.

Il l'en remercie à l'avan-  
ce et la prie d'agréer l'expres-  
sion de ses sentiments patrioti-  
ques et très distingués.

Bruxelles, ce 29.9.1941.  
(409A avenue Brugmann).

Personnelle.  
par porteur.



Madame J. Bossu,

299, Avenue Molière,

E/V.

**ERNEST DEMUYTER** ✨

Capitaine Honoraire de l'Aéronautique

Député

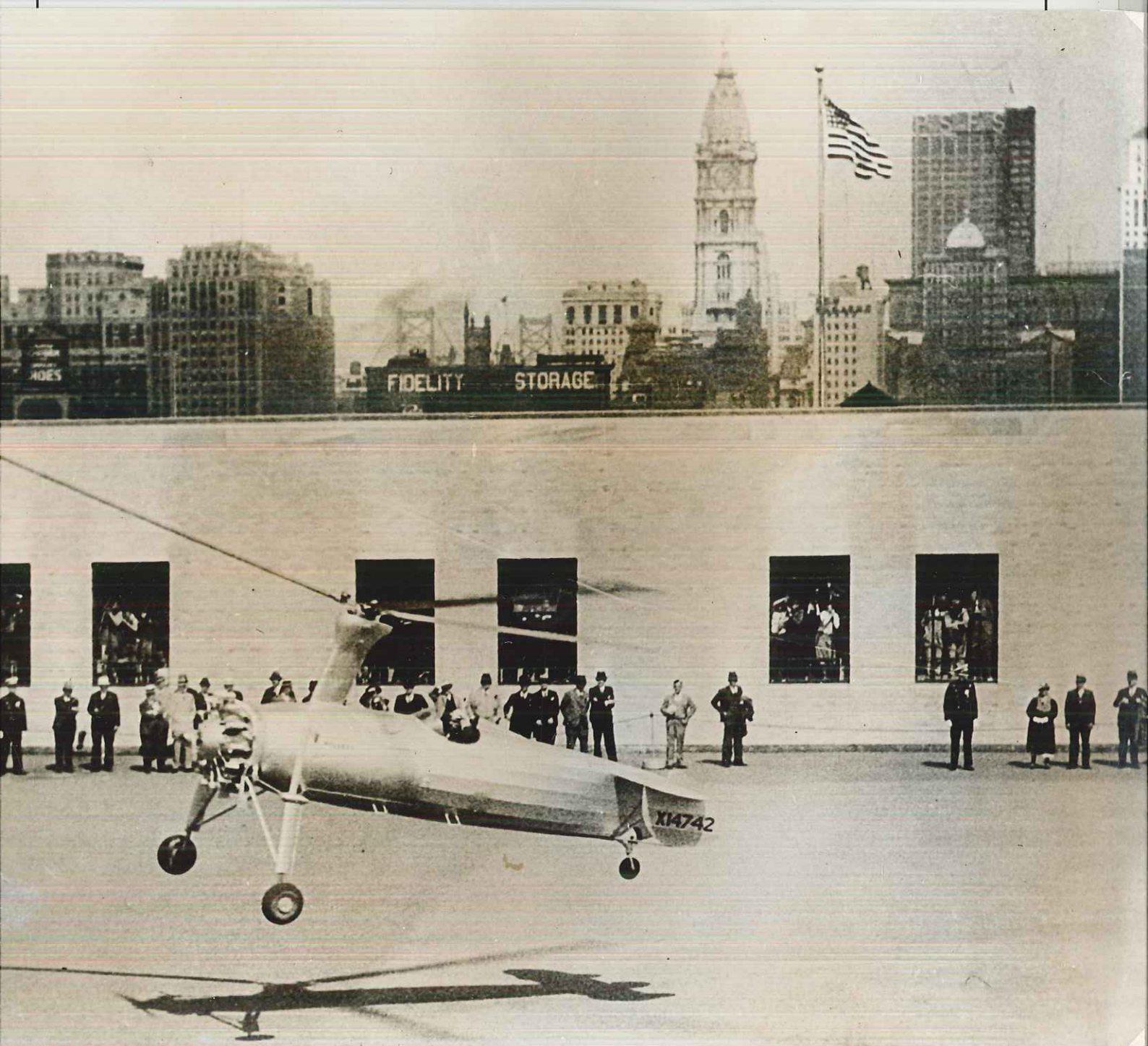
Conseiller Communal

Bruxelles (Belgique)



"MAILPLANE AUTOGYRO LANDS ON POST OFFICE ROOF"

May 25, 1939



Associated Press Photo, dated May 25, 1939:

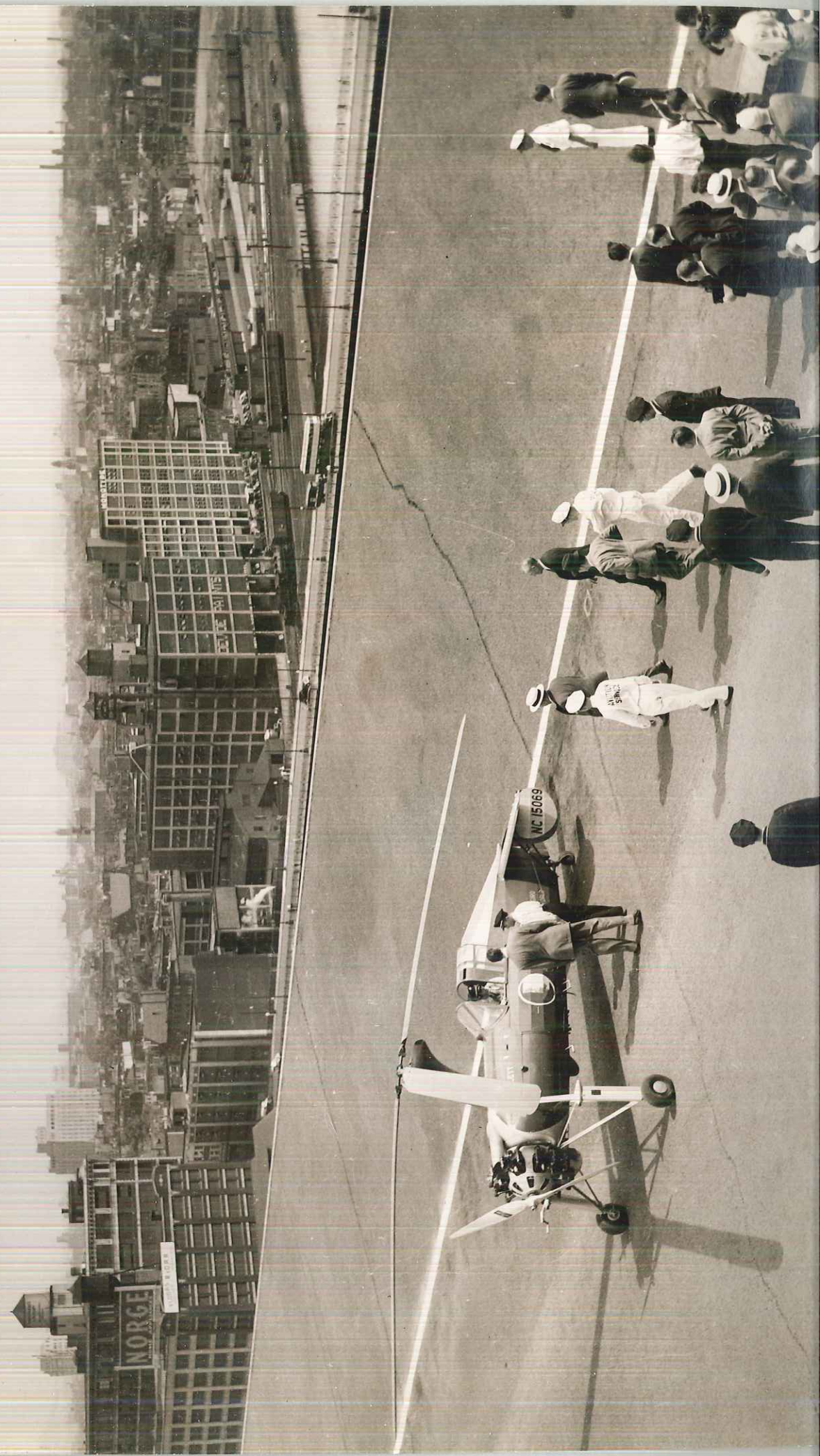
*"An autogyro landing on a post office roof was made for the first time on May 25, when a machine delivered mail from the Camden (Philadelphia) central airport as part of the dedication ceremony of the new £ 1'100'000 Philadelphia General Post Office. - Photo shows: The autogyro piloted by Louis Levy landing on the roof of Philadelphia General Post Office on May 25."*



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Associated Press Photo, dated July 6, 1939:

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**"WORLD'S SHORTEST AIR MAIL ROUTE INAUGURATED:  
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EXPERIMENTAL HELICOPTER SERVICES IN THE LA AND NEW YORK AREAS:  
INLAND ROUTE "A" MONROVIA - SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, AND  
NORTHERN NEW JERSEY SERVICE EAST ORANGE - NEWARK, NEW YORK

July 8, 1946 / January 6, 1947



Posted Monrovia on July 8, 1946, and carried by experimental helicopter service on the inland route "A" Monrovia - Santa Ana, California. Forwarded to Dublin.

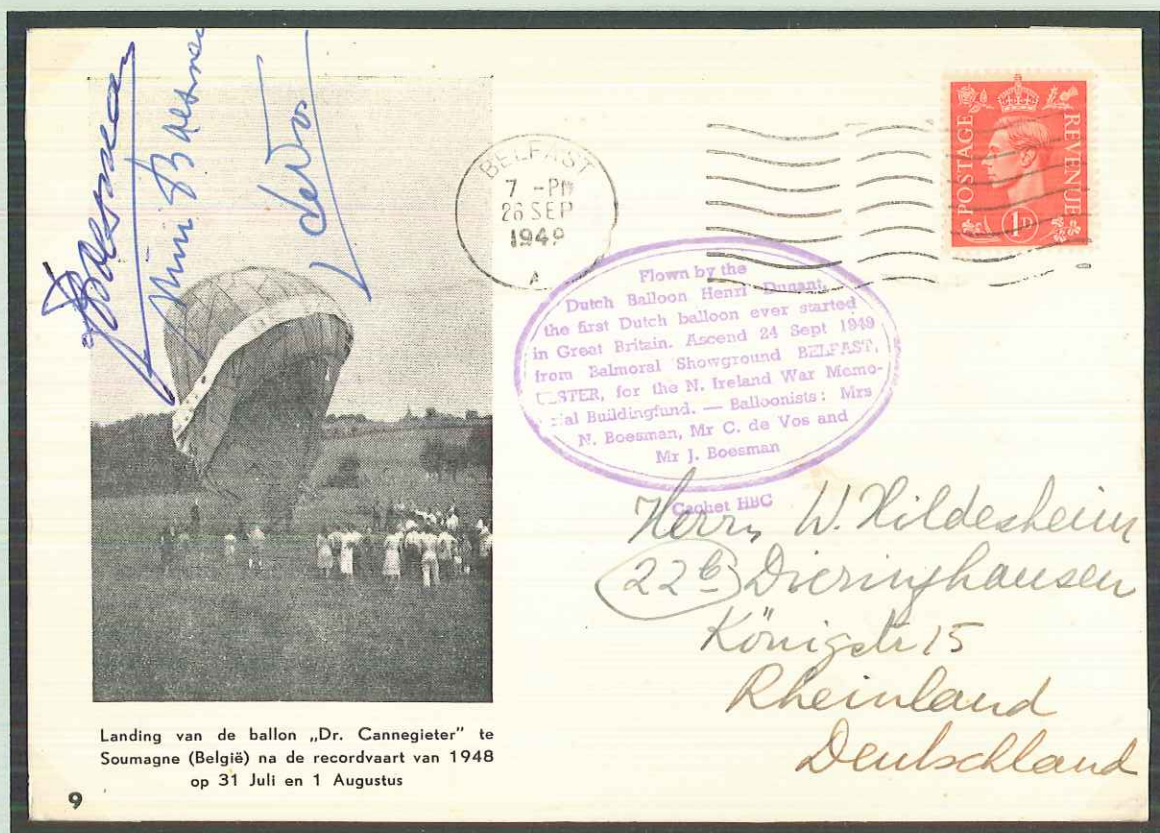


Posted East Orange on January 6, 1947, and carried by Greyhound Skyways' experimental helicopter service East Orange - Newark. Forwarded to Dunmurry, Co. Antrim. Newark arrival postmark of January 6, 12.00 a.m. Greyhound Skyways covered the Northern New Jersey route Newark - Hackensack - Bergenfield - Ridgewood - Paterson - Passaic - Montclair - Glen Ridge - East Orange - Newark.



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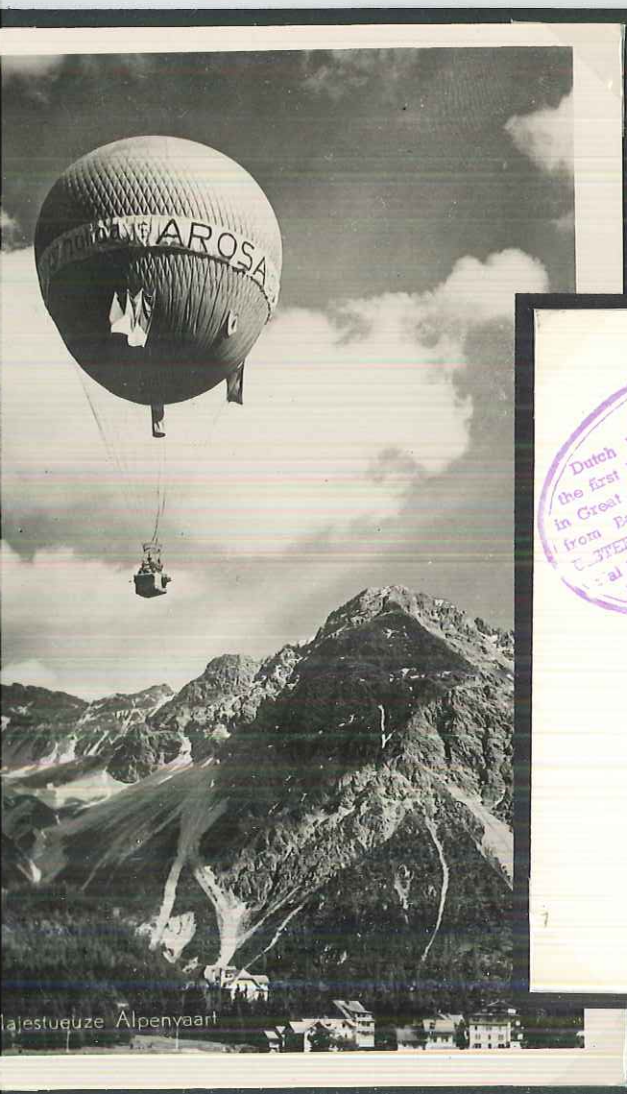
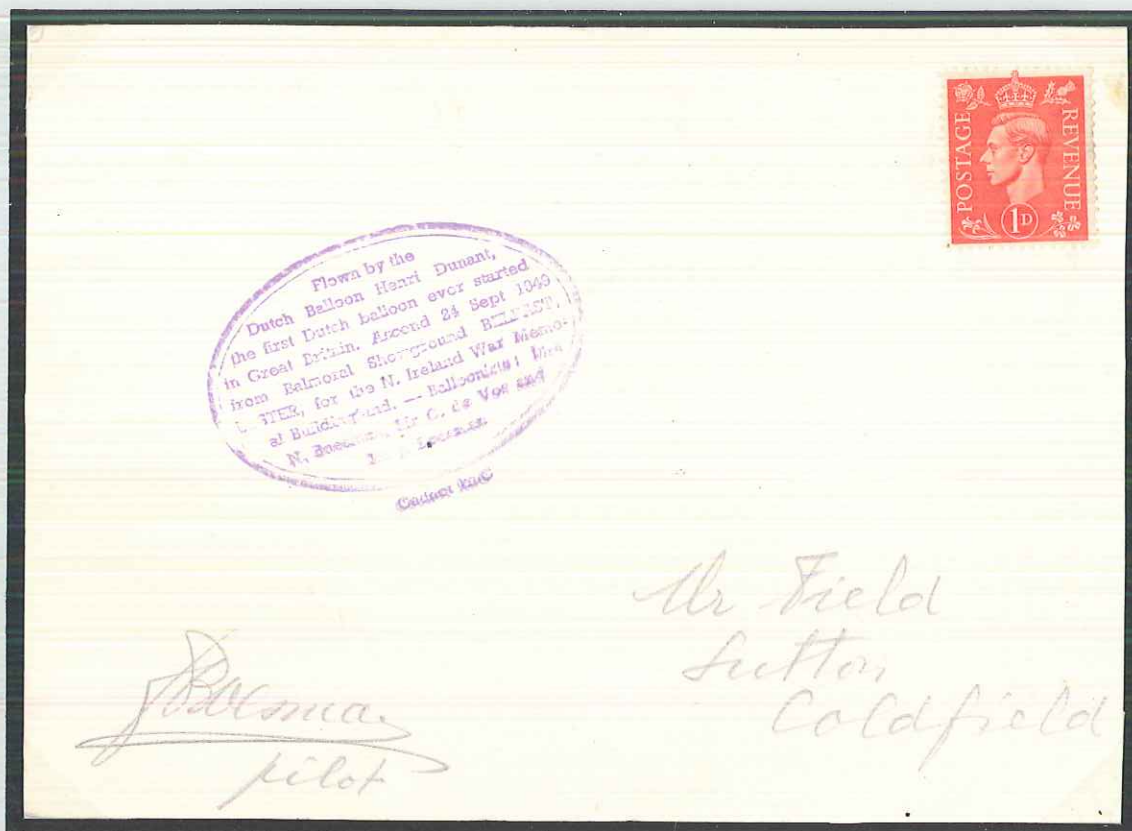
Ascent from Balmoral Ground in Belfast on September 24, 1949,  
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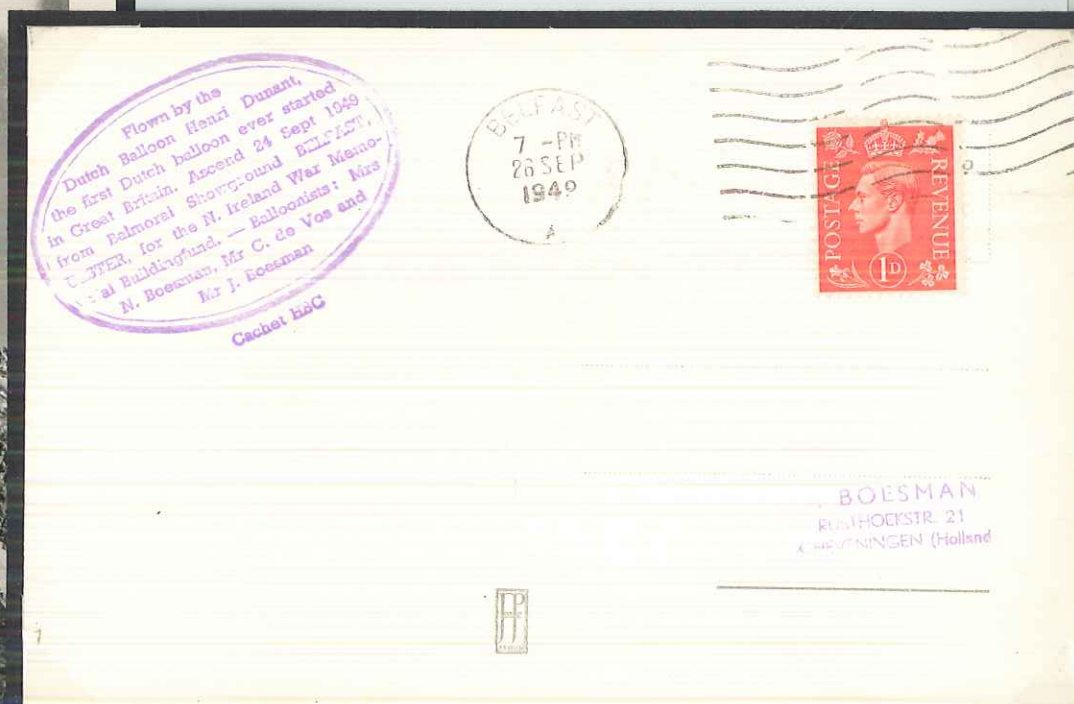


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Ballonwedstrijd te Parijs, 26 Juni 1949. Vertrek  
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*C. de Vos  
Heemraadssingel 283  
Rotterdam C*

Vervoerd met de Ballon  
„HENRI DUNANT”  
Datum: 24 SEP. 1949  
Start: Belfast  
Landing: Groningen

*[Handwritten signature]*

Ascent from Balmoral Ground in Belfast on September 24, 1949,  
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*Signed on the back by C. de Vos, shown on a second but identical postcard.*



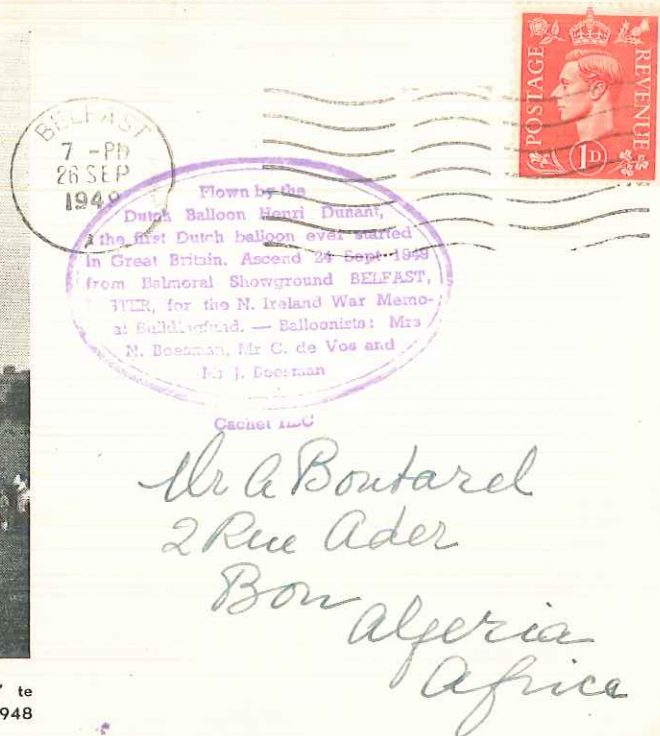
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Landing van de ballon „Dr. Cannegieter” te  
Soumagne (België) na de recordvaart van 1948  
op 31 Juli en 1 Augustus



## Echtpaar Boesman tocht boven I

BELFAST, 26 Sept. — De eerste ballonvaart, ooit in Groot-Brittannië gemaakt door een Nederlandse ballonvaarder, werd Zaterdag ondernomen uit Belfast (Noord-Ierland). Ondanks onweer en stormvoorspellingen vertrokken de balloncommandant Boesman en de passagiers, mevrouw Boesman en de heer C. de Vos Klotwijk op hun vaart ten bate van het „War Memorial Building Fund”. Omringd door talloze vliegtuigen voor de ballon de „Henri Dunant” in de richting Londonderry. Geheel Noord-Ierland was gewaarschuwd om naar de ballonvaarders uit te kijken. Na drie uur varen op 1500 meter hoogte, was de ballon gekomen ten Noorden van een binnenzee. Twee motorrijders schoten toe en trokken de ballon aan de sleepkabel in een weiland omlaag. Het was vlak voor het vallen van de avond. Er werd veilig geland Zuidelijk van Londonderry.

Newspaper  
account:

"The first Dutch balloon trip ever to be made over Great Britain by a Dutch Balloonist commenced on Saturday from Belfast (Northern Ireland) despite a forecast of gales and thunderstorms, by the balloonist Commander Boesman, with his passengers Mrs. Boesman and Mr. C. de Vos Klotwijk departing on a journey on behalf of the War Memorial Building Fund. The balloon, the "Henri Dunant", surrounded by countless small aeroplanes, drifted in the westward direction of Londonderry, and the whole of Northern Ireland was generally alerted to be on the Look-out. After some hours of drifting at heights reaching 1500 metres the balloon arrived north of a lake, where two motorcyclists who had been following it, took hold of the trailing rope as dusk set in and pulled the balloon down into a field effecting a safe landing south of Londonderry."



Naar onbekende bestemming



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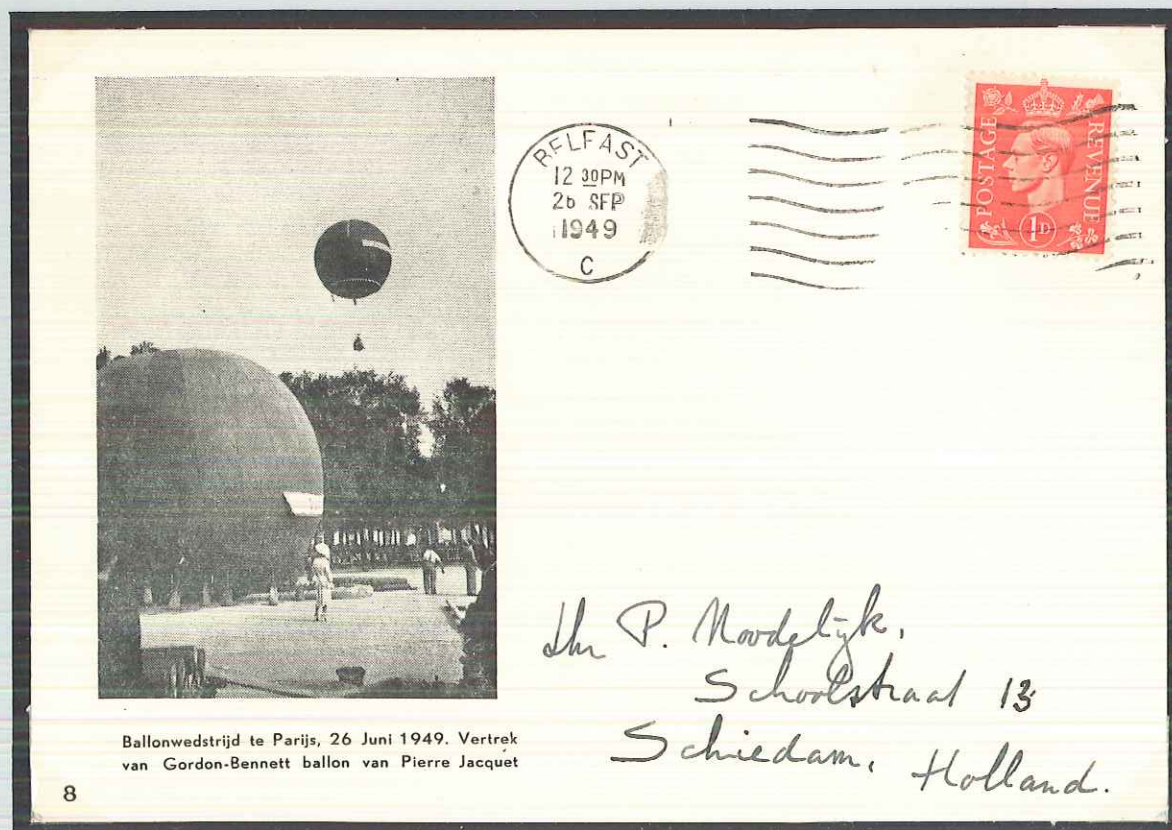
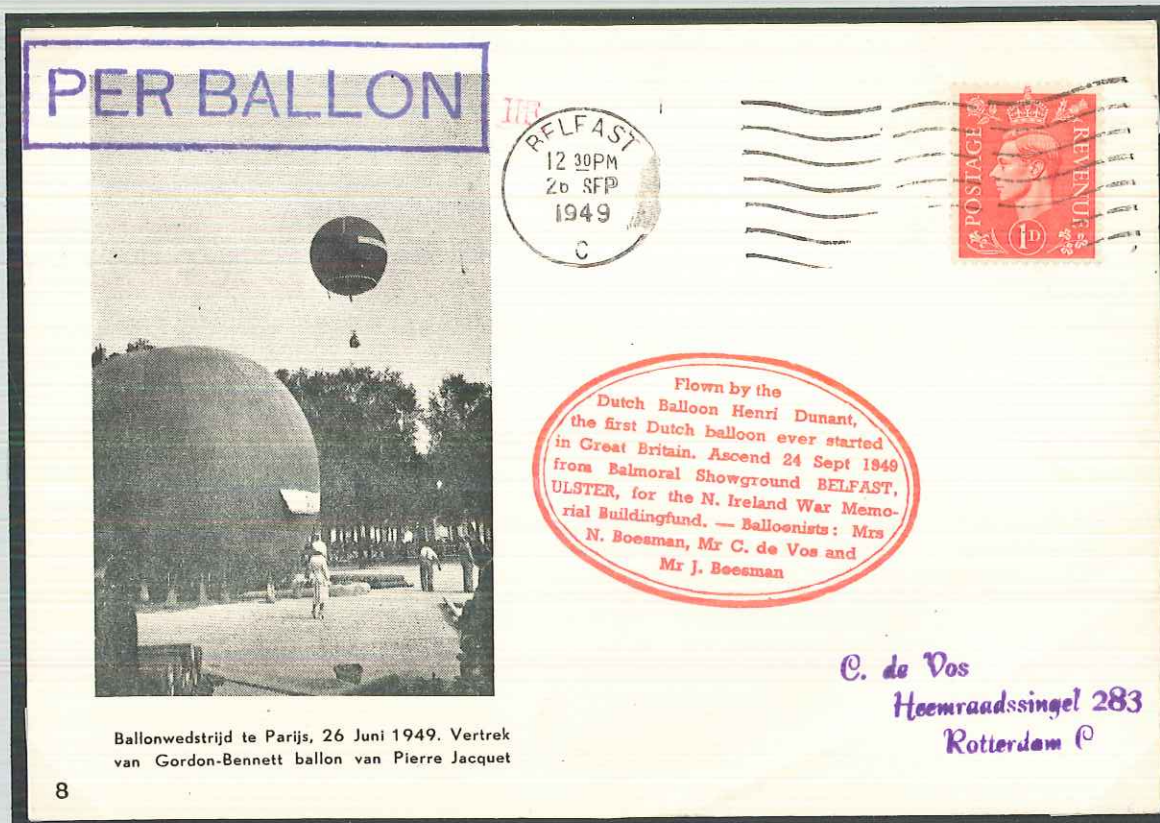


Similar postcard showing the balloon **AROSA**, with violet cachet describing the ascent.



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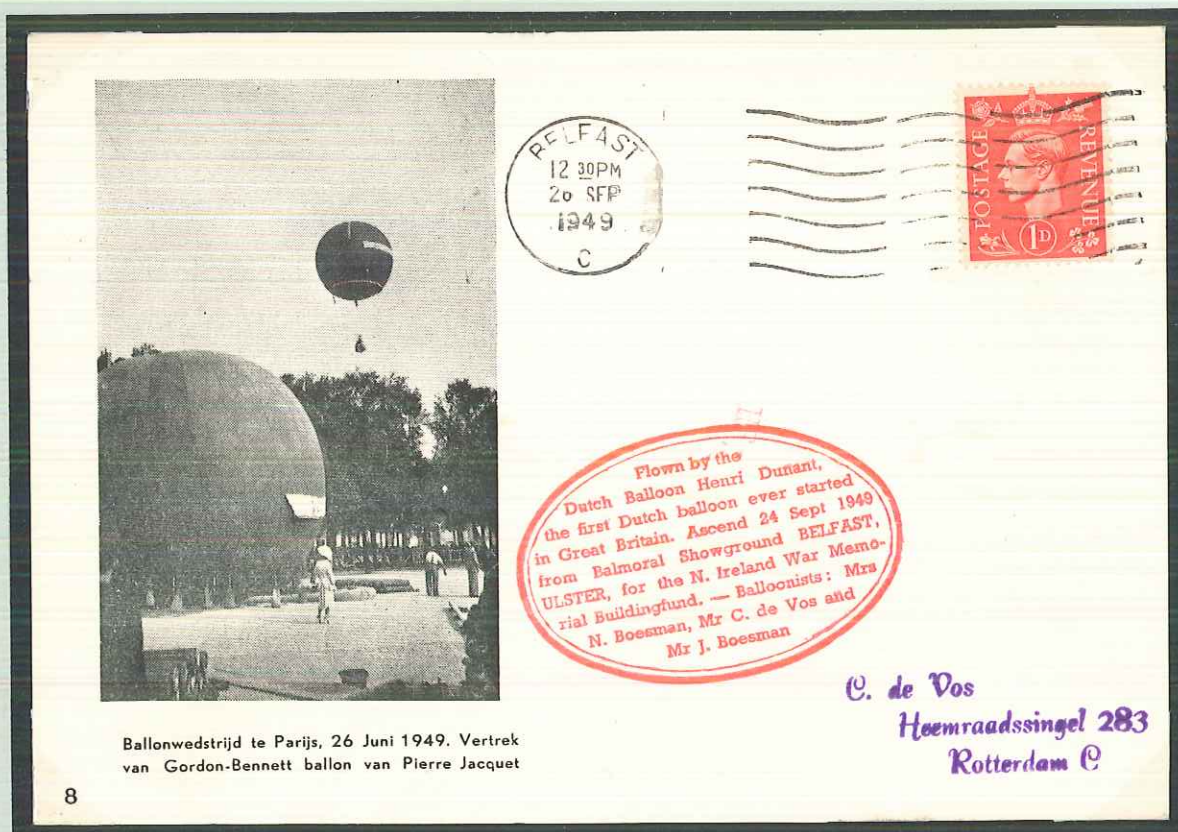


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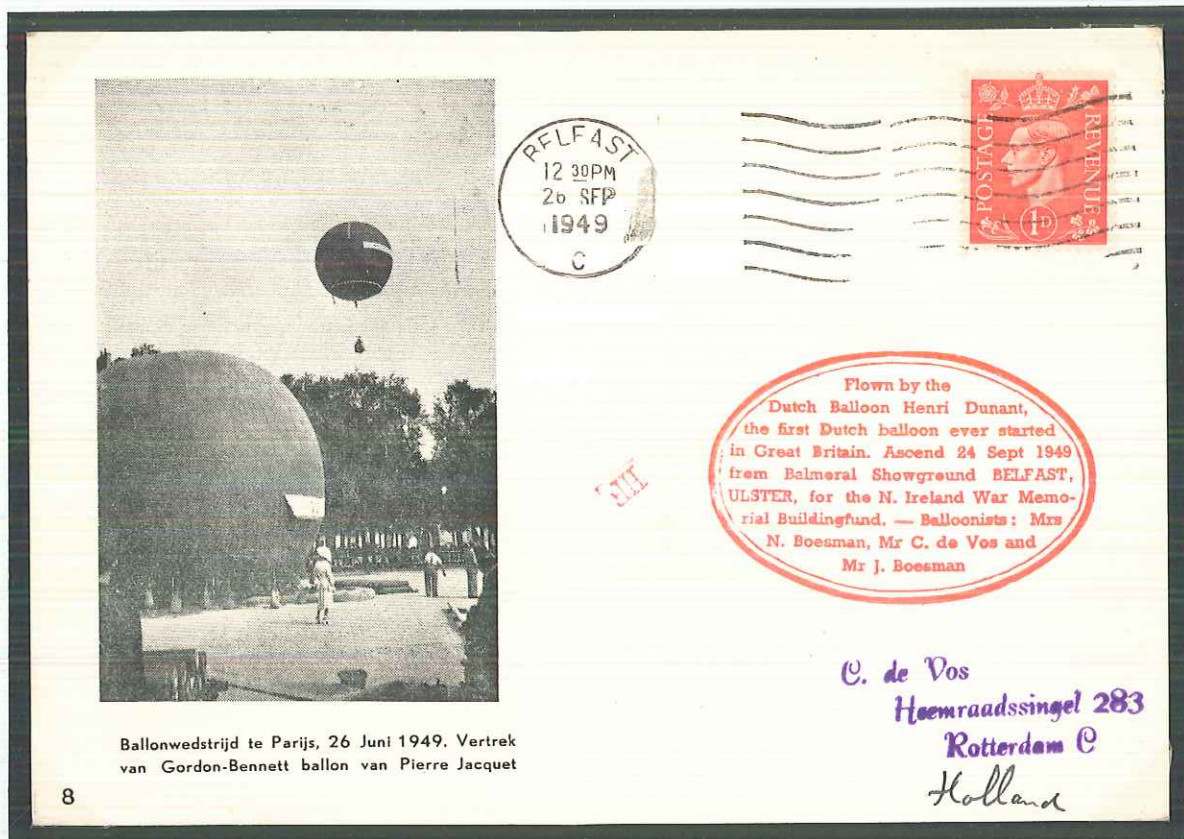


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Ballonwedstrijd te Parijs, 26 Juni 1949. Vertrek  
van Gordon-Bennett ballon van Pierre Jacquet

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Flown by the  
Dutch Balloon Henri Dunant,  
the first Dutch balloon ever started  
in Great Britain. Ascend 24 Sept 1949  
from Balmoral Showground BELFAST,  
ULSTER, for the N. Ireland War Memo-  
rial Buildingfund. — Balloonists: Mrs  
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Mr J. Boesman

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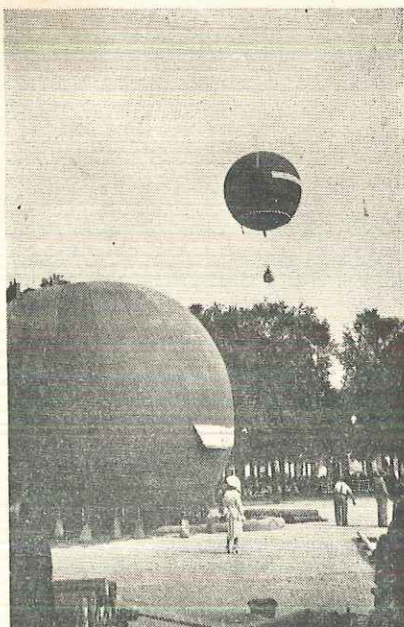
**September 24, 1949**

**Tegenvaller voor een  
ballonvaarder**

Engelse douanebeambten stonden Zaterdag voor een moeilijk probleem: hoeveel rechten moeten geheven worden van een ballon?

Drie Nederlandse ballonvaarders, J. Boesman, zijn echtgenote en C. de Vos Klootwijk, zouden van Belfast een ballonopstijging verrichten. De douane had al een week gedelibereerd hoeveel douanerechten op de ballon geheven moesten worden. Een dergelijk artikel komt niet voor in de douanebepalingen. Eindelijk besloot men 30 pond sterling te heffen, de totale som van de invoerrechten op het netwerk, het rubber, de mand en toebehoren. Maar na een bespreking van vijf uur werd dit bedrag tot 20 pond sterling verlaagd.

De heer Boesman was verontwaardigd. „Wij zijn met de ballon door geheel Europa en Indonesië gereisd en nog nooit hebben wij rechten hoeven te betalen”, zei hij.



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*Mr J. Polak.  
Rd. Visschers. 63<sup>a</sup>  
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**POSTCARD FROM "WAR MEMORIAL" BALLOON FLIGHT IN BELFAST  
BY NINI AND JAN BOESMAN AND C. DE VOS**

**September 24, 1949**

Ascent from  
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Belfast on  
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balloon **HENRI  
DUNANT** piloted by  
Nini and Jan  
Boesman and C. de  
Vos. 74 cards were  
carried on this  
occasion.

Unused  
reproduction of  
postcard from the  
ascent in Belfast.



A contemporary newspaper article described the ascent:

"The first Dutch balloon trip ever to be made over Great Britain by a Dutch Balloonist commenced on Saturday from Belfast (Northern Ireland) despite a forecast of gales and thunderstorms, by the balloonist Commander Boesman, with his passengers Mrs. Boesman and Mr. C. de Vos Kloodwijk departing on a journey on behalf of the War Memorial Building Fund. The balloon, the "Henri Dunant", surrounded by countless small aeroplanes, drifted in the westward direction of Londonderry, and the whole of Northern Ireland was generally alerted to be on the Look-out. After some hours of drifting at heights reaching 1500 metres the balloon arrived north of a lake, where two motorcyclists who had been following it, took hold of the trailing rope as dusk set in and pulled the balloon down into a field effecting a safe landing south of Londonderry."



**"WAR MEMORIAL" BALLOON FLIGHT IN BELFAST  
BY NINI AND JAN BOESMAN AND C. DE VOS:  
POSTCARD SHOWING THE "HENRI DUNANT"  
WITH NINI AND JAN BOESMAN AND C. DE VOS ON BOARD**

**September 24, 1949 /  
December 30, 1949**

Postcard showing the  
**"HENRI DUNANT"**  
with Nini Boesman,  
Jan Boesman and  
C. de Vos on board.  
Carried on 1949  
New Year's flight and  
posted Gravenhage on  
December 30, 1949,  
and carried  
Amsterdam - Paris.

*Signed by  
Jan Boesman.*





**IRISH ACCEPTANCES FOR 3rd SPECIAL BALLOON FLIGHT IN AUSTRIA  
IN FAVOUR OF THE "PRO JUVENTUTE KINDERDORF" INSTITUTION:  
ONE CARD SIGNED BY THE SWISS PILOT, FRED DOLDER, AND A PASSENGER**

**October 23, 1949**



*Irish acceptance*, posted in Dublin on August 24, 1949,  
and carried on October 23 by the balloon HB-BIS "HELVETIA" on the 3rd special balloon flight  
from Bregenz to Augsburg in favour of the Austrian Kinderdorf Organisation.  
*Only very few cards are known from Ireland.*



Similar *Irish acceptance*, carried on the same balloon ascent, but  
exceptionally signed by the Swiss pilot, Fred Dolder, and by E. Leuzinger, a passenger.



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**BADEN, BUND AND WÜRTEMBERG ACCEPTANCES  
FOR 3rd SPECIAL BALLOON FLIGHT IN AUSTRIA  
IN FAVOUR OF THE "PRO JUVENTUTE KINDERDORF" INSTITUTION**

**October 23, 1949**

Drucksache

**MIT BALLONPOST**

**Landung bei Hugsburg  
(DEUTSCHLAND)**



Österr. Kinderdorf-Vereinigung  
für Kosel



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für Kosel

**Landung bei Hugsburg  
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Salzburg  
Judengasse 3/I

**MIT BALLONPOST**



**SPANISH ACCEPTANCE FOR 3rd SPECIAL BALLOON FLIGHT IN AUSTRIA  
IN FAVOUR OF THE "PRO JUVENTUTE KINDERDORF" INSTITUTION**

**October 23, 1949**



Acceptance from Spain, posted in Madrid on October 4, 1949,  
and carried on October 23 by the balloon HB-BIS "HELVETIA" on the 3rd special balloon flight  
Bregenz/Austria - Augsburg/Germany in favour of the Austrian Kinderdorf Organisation.  
*Signed by the Swiss pilot, Fred Dolder, and by E. Leuzinger, probably a passenger.*



# IRISH ACCEPTANCES FOR 9th SPECIAL BALLOON FLIGHT IN AUSTRIA IN FAVOUR OF THE 'KINDERDORF' INSTITUTION

October 19, 1952



Irish acceptance, posted in Dublin on October 14, 1952, with Dublin machine cancellation and carried on October 19, 1952, by the 9th special balloon flight from Gmundener in favour of the Austrian Kinderdorf Organisation.

Only very few cards are known from Ireland. Signed by the Swiss pilot, Fred Dolder.

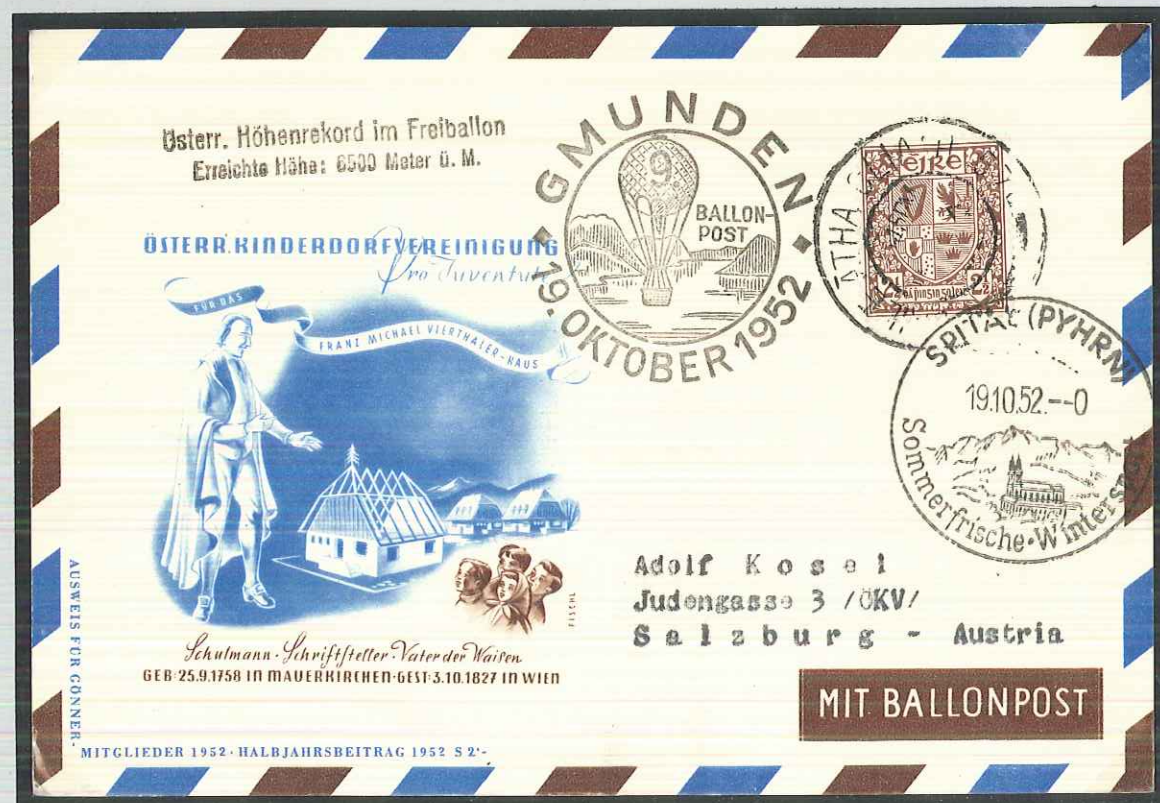


Similar Irish acceptance, posted in Dublin on October 14 but with double ring cds.



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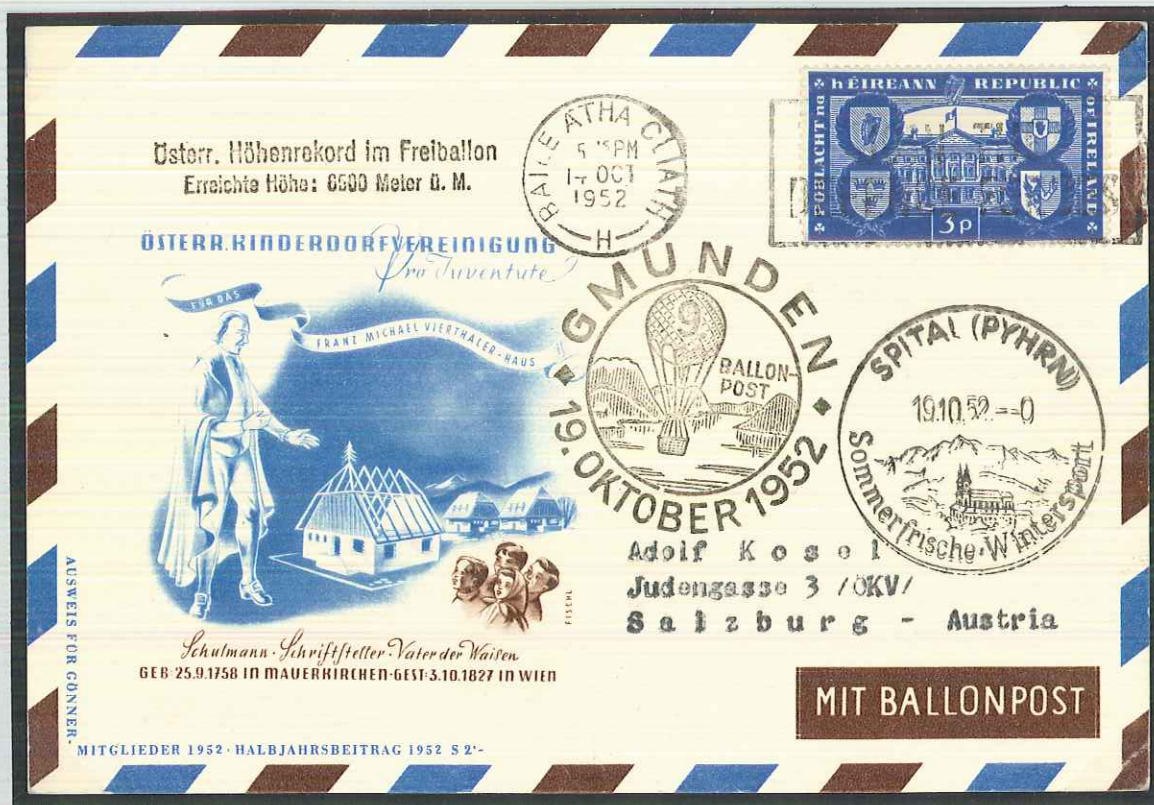


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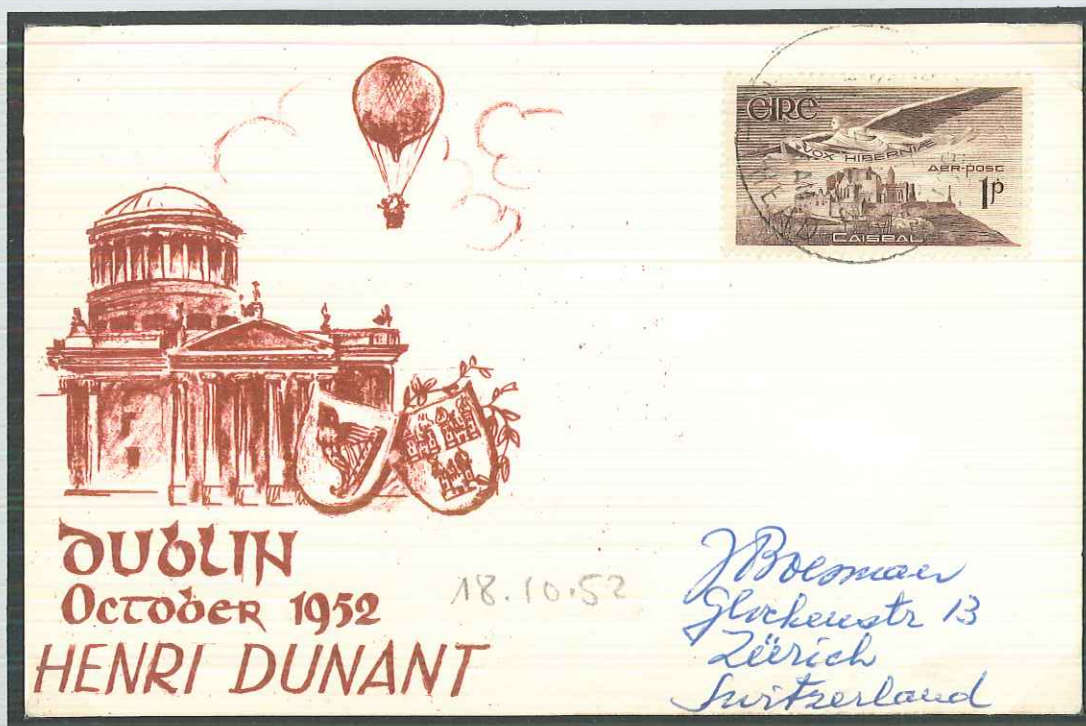


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**"NO FLIGHT" BALLOON MAIL IN CAIRO  
WITH DESCRIPTION OF UNSUCCESSFUL OCTOBER 1952 ASCENT IN DUBLIN  
BY JAN BOESMAN TO "DOC" MAX KRONSTEIN IN NEW YORK**

**October 1952 / January 15, 1954 / May 23, 1956**

Unflown balloon mail card for 1953 ascent in Cairo, with most interesting text concerning an attempted ascent from Dublin in October 1952. 86 of the special cards prepared for that occasion were used on May 23, 1956, for the Weston Air Display ascents in Dublin!

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Dear collector friend,

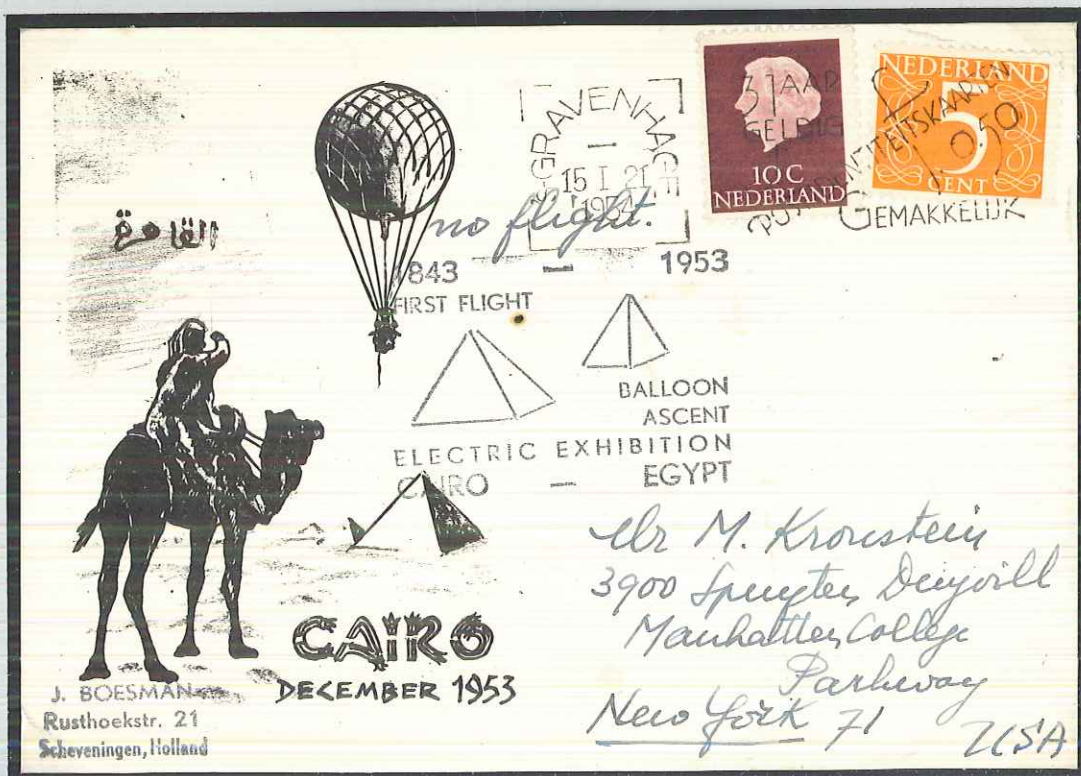
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(signed) J. Boesman

15-1-54

Lieber Sammlerfreund.  
Besten Dank für die Karte Dayton - Kill Devil.  
Die Karte Dublin, Oct 1952 wurde gedruckt  
für eine Freiballonfahrt dort, aber wir  
machten nur Festballonstiege in Oct 1952  
in Dublin und darum wurde diese Karte gar  
nicht benutzt. Unser Festballon ist sogar  
über Nacht freigemacht von seinem Ballastsack  
(er wurde während 3 Tagen ~~unter Nacht~~ über  
Dublin gezogen, Nachts war er am Boden)  
und ist er davon geflogen. Das hatte Betrücker  
gemacht denken. Wir fanden den Ballon  
wieder auf 40 km Entfernung nach W. Ballonrace  
Amsterdam. USA war vertickt von Don Piccard. Er  
steckte seine Nase in Ballon zur Kontrolle ~~und~~ und  
wurde krank. Sein Ballon ist nicht gestartet. Unser  
Fahrt ab Cairo wurde am letzten Augenblick von den  
Militären verboten. Wir hatten schon alle Genehmigungen, aber  
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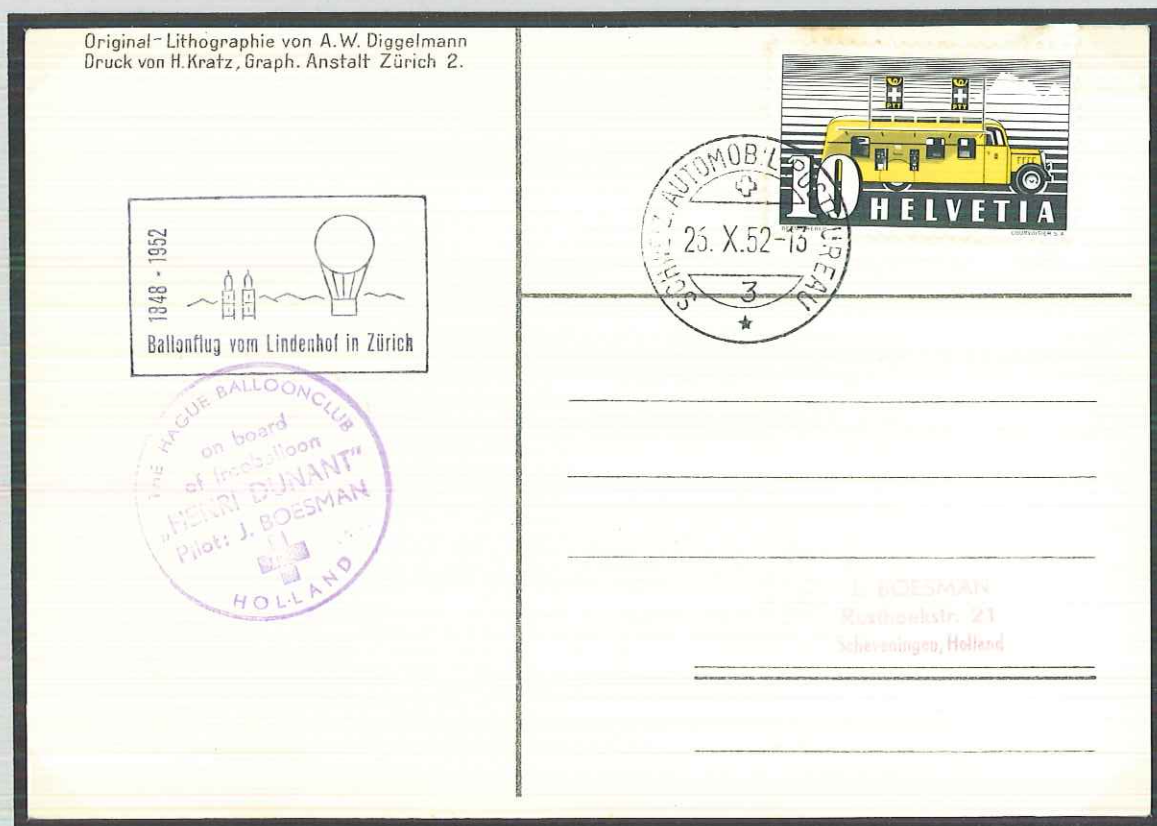
*Bevorzugt wurde können. Nept. fuge  
Boesman.*





# BALLOON FLIGHT FROM THE "LINDENHOF" IN ZURICH BY DUTCH BALLOON "HENRI DUNANT"

October 26, 1952



Balloon ascent from the "Lindenhof" in Zurich on October 26, 1952,  
by the Dutch balloon **HENRI DUNANT** with pilots Jan Boesman and G. Eberhardt.  
81 cards carried.

The same balloon was used for an ascent from Balmoral Ground in Belfast on  
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May 3, 1954



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Similar 1994 *Irish acceptance*, with different postage.



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# NORTHERN IRELAND ACCEPTANCES FOR 11th BALLOON FLIGHT IN AUSTRIA IN FAVOUR OF THE "KINDERDORF" INSTITUTION

May 3, 1954



Northern Ireland acceptances, posted on April 28, 1954, at the Bishops Court R.A.F. Post Office in Downpatrick, Co. Down, and carried on May 3 on the 11th special balloon flight from Salzburg.



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**LOCAL "HERMAN HERST" POST ACCEPTANCE FOR THE  
11<sup>th</sup> KINDERDORF BALLOON FLIGHT IN AUSTRIA:  
SALZBURG - GOLLING**

**May 3, 1954**



Posted Shrub Oak on April 10, 1954,  
carried with Pat Herst's "**SHRUB OAK / (N.Y.) / LOCAL POST**",  
forwarded to Austria and carried on May 3  
with with 11<sup>th</sup> "Kinderdorf" balloon flight  
Salzburg - Golling.