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Railway and associated markings

Ambulants

markings applied on mail cars travelling the principal (trunk) rail lines

Type I (small letters)

day runs, less frequently used than night runs by the *ambulant* service; characterized by daters within octagons; letters at bottom of date stamp indicate which crew (*brigade*) was on duty.



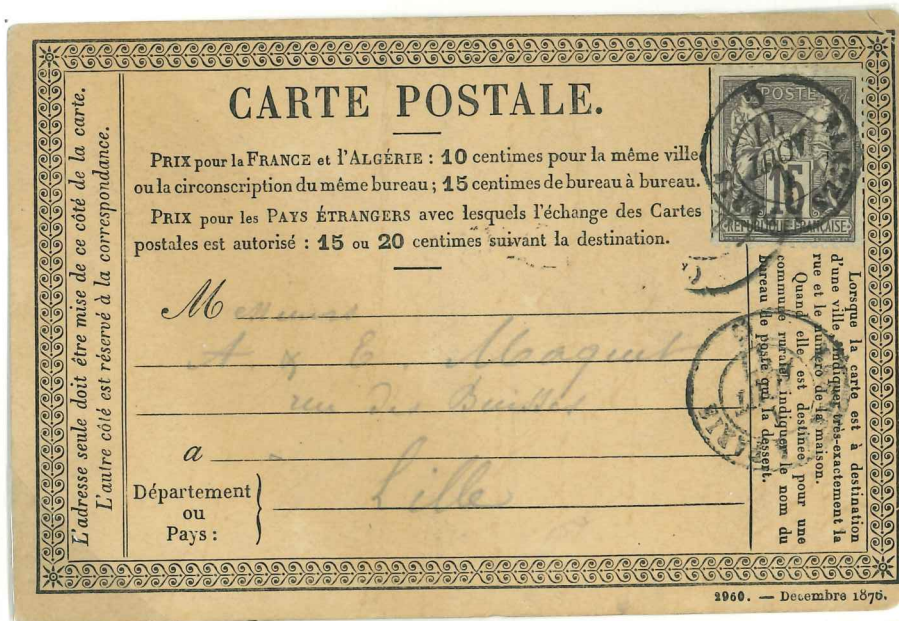
Givet to Paris 1°/E day run, 11 Dec. 1878

the more commonly used night runs are indicated by daters within circles

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Paris-Belfort/D, 23 Aug. 1876
[15c Type I + 10c Cérés]



Nantes-Paris/C, 1 Aug. 1877
[15c Type I]



Paris-Strasbourg 2°/C, 3 May 1882

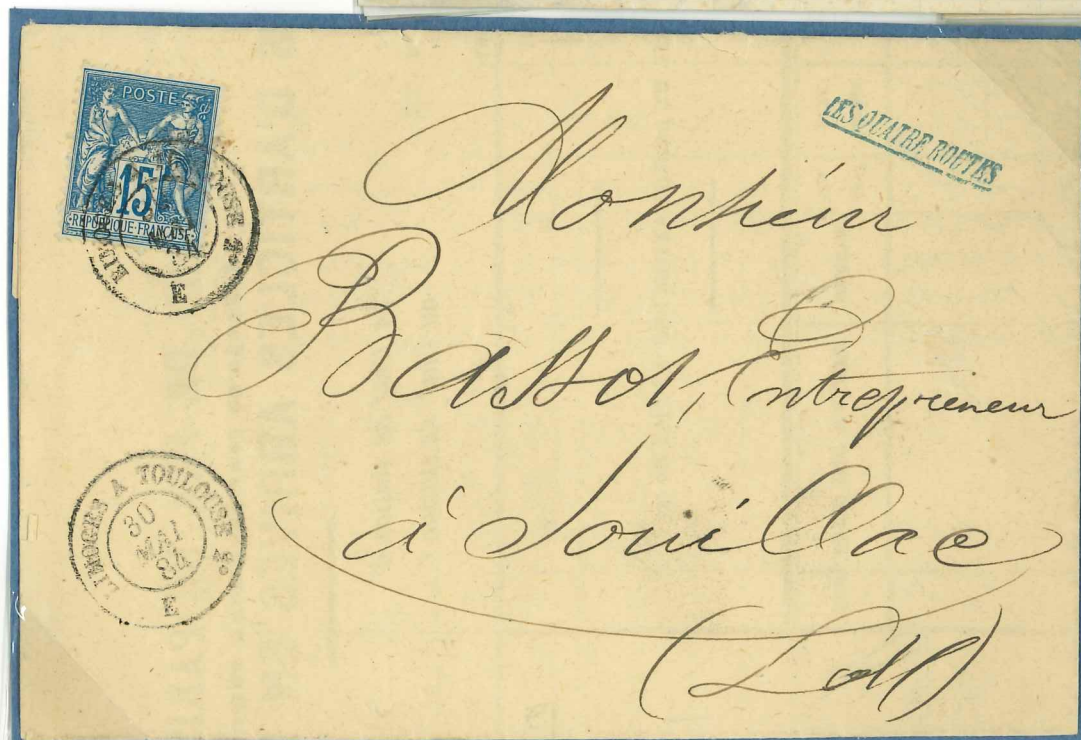


Paris-Tergnier/A,
7 Feb. 1883

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Maubeuge-Busigny/D,
15 Feb. 1883



Limoges-Toulouse 2°/E, 30 May 1884, + blue RR-station straightline LES QUATRE ROUTES
backstamps: Toulouse-Limoges 2° night ambulant (30 May); Souillac, Lot (31 May) arrival

express-train service, then very much in its infancy, was indicated by scalloped dater outlines, and somewhat later, by mention "RAPIDE".; used only on certain major trunk lines.

Bordeaux-Paris 1°/L
[per scalloped dater],
21 Jan. 1880
same day arrival

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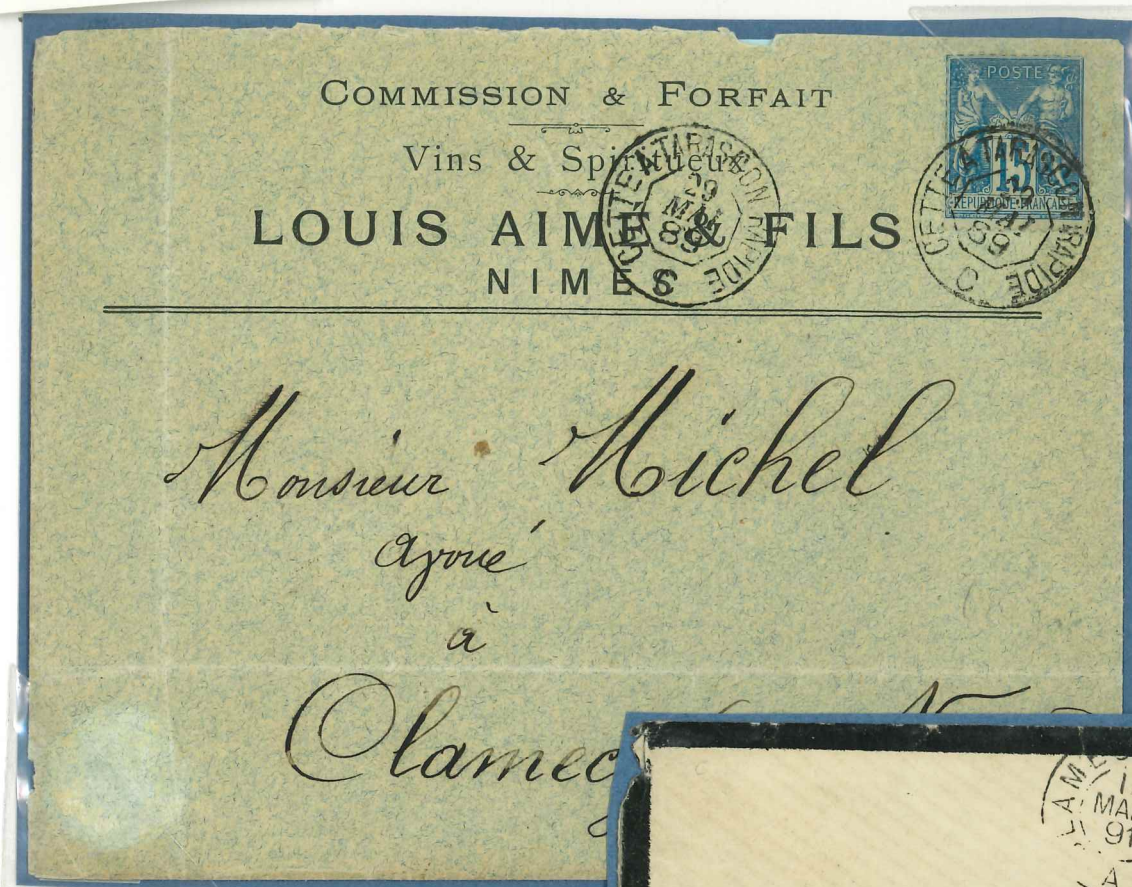


Marseille-Lyon 2°/K
15 May 1880

Lyon-Mars.[eille]. Rapide, 5 May 1883
Arles-sur-Rhône same day arrival
backstamp



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Cette-Tarascon **Rapide/C**,
29 May 1889
[29 May Roman, 89 block]

Clamecy, 30 May arrival
backstamp



Clamecy-Paris/A, 15 March 1891;
Alger, 18 March arrival backstamp



Langres-Paris/B, 20 April 1898;
forwarded to Brussels with 10c stamp
added for foreign destination;

2 strikes 9/12-in-circle marking of
responsible Paris postal agent;

Brussels, 21 April arrival backstamp