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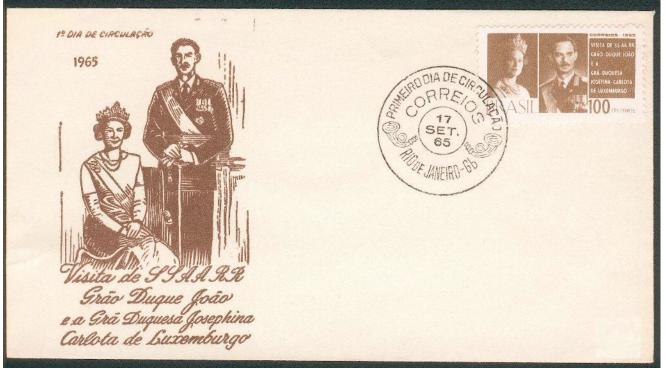
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President's Message by Gary Little

Soon after my discovery of the Czech Republic souvenir sheet honoring the Luxembourg Dynasty of 1311-1437 (see the March 2002 *Castellum*), I uncovered another interesting Luxembourg-themed stamp, this one issued by Brazil in 1965. This 100 cruzeiros stamp, shown on a first day cover below, bears portraits of Grand Duke Jean and Grand Duchess Joséphine-Charlotte and was issued to honor the Royal Visit of the couple. Jean, of course, had become Grand Duke less than a year earlier, so this must have been one of his first visits to a foreign country as head of state.

I believe this is the only non-Luxembourg stamp on which Jean has appeared. His wife, the daughter of a former King of Belgium, has appeared on several stamps of Belgium.



First day cover for Brazil's Luxembourg Royal Visit stamp of 1965.

Postal Rates from Luxembourg to UPU Countries, including Airmail Fees to the United States, 1945-1971

by Gary Little

(values are in Luxembourg francs: dates are in DD.MM.YY format)

	Letter			Printed		Special	
	first	per extra		Matter	Registration	Delivery	Airmail Fee to U.S.A.
Rate Period	20 g	20 g	Postcard ¹	(per 50 g)	Fee	Fee	(per 5 g)
19.02.45 - 30.09.45	2.50	1.50	1.50	0.70	3.00		7.00
01.10.45 - 31.12.48	3.50	2.00	2.00	0.70	3.50	7.00	7.00 (01.10.45 - 03.01.47) ²
							4.00 (04.01.47 - 14.03.48)
							3.00 (15.03.48 - 31.12.48)
01.01.49 - 30.04.53	4.00	2.50	2.50	0.80	4.00	7.00	3.00
01.05.53 - 14.07.58	4.00	2.50	2.50	0.80	5.00	7.00 (until	3.00 (01.05.53 - 30.06.53)
						30.06.53)	2.50 (01.07.53 - 14.07.58)
						8.00	
15.07.58 - 15.09.63	5.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	6.00	8.00	2.50
16.09.63 - 31.12.65	6.00	3.50	3.50	1.00	7.00	8.00	2.50
01.01.66 - 30.06.71	6.00	3.50	3.50	1.50	10.00	12.00	2.50

¹Postcards with messages of five words or less could be sent at the Printed Matter rate.

²The 7 F fee was for airmail sent via Brussels, the usual route used. This mail was marked *North Atlantic Air Service* / Par Avion. Airmail could also be sent via Paris for a fee of 6 F per 5 g. This mail was marked with Par Avion only. This option was available only until 04.01.47.



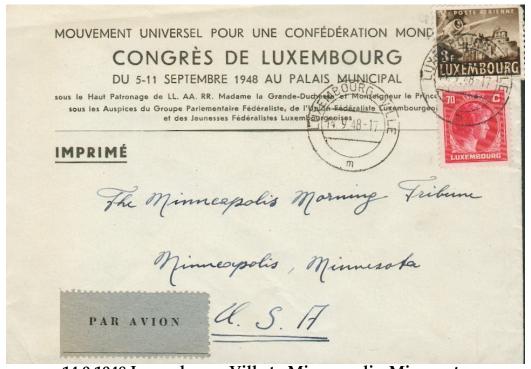
17.50 F = 3.50 F (letter, 1st weight class) + 14.00 F (airmail fee, 2nd weight class) Airmail fee: 7.00 F per 5 g = 14.00 F for this 9 g letter



24.50 $\mathbf{F} = 3.50$ F (letter, 1st weight class) + 21.00 F (airmail fee, 3rd weight class) Airmail fee: 7.00 F per 5 $\mathbf{g} = 21.00$ F for this 14 \mathbf{g} letter



13.5.1947 Diekirch to Pottstown, Pennsylvania 11.50 F = 3.50 F (letter, 1st weight class) + 8.00 F (airmail fee, 2nd weight class) Airmail fee: 4.00 F per 5 g = 8.00 F for this 7 g letter



14.9.1948 Luxembourg-Ville to Minneapolis, Minnesota **3.70** $\mathbf{F} = 0.70$ F (printed matter, 1^{st} weight class) + 3.00 F (airmail fee, 1^{st} weight class) Airmail fee: 3.00 F per 5 g = 3.00 F for this 0-5 g letter

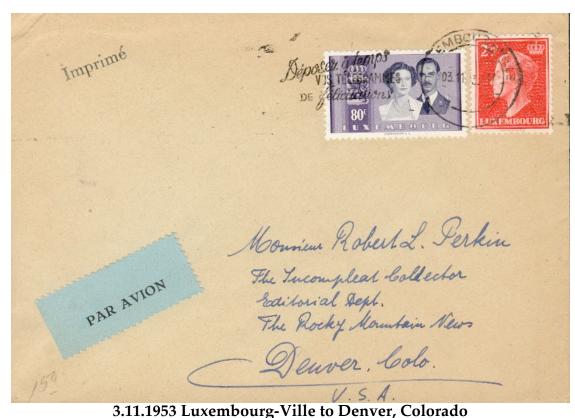


25.12.1948 Luxembourg-Téléphones to So. Glens Falls, New York **15.50** F = 3.50 F (letter, 1st weight class) + 12.00 F (airmail fee, 4th weight class) Airmail fee: 3.00 F per 5 g = 12.00 F for this 18 g letter



24.6.1950 Rumelange to Chicago, Illinois

82.00 F = 14.00 F (letter, 5^{th} weight class) + 4.00 F (registration) + 7.00 F (special delivery) + 57.00 F (airmail fee, 19^{th} weight class) Airmail fee: 3.00 F per 5 g = 57.00 F for this 95 g letter

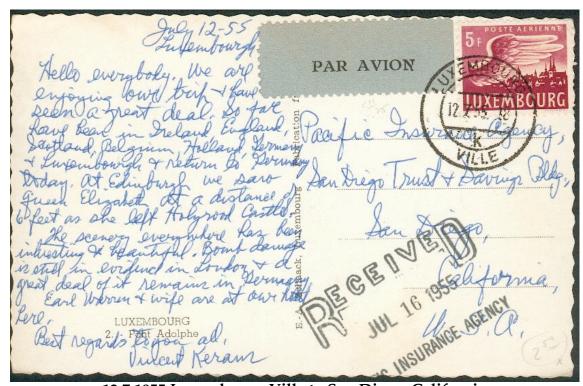


3.30 F = 0.80 F (printed matter, 1^{st} weight class) + 2.50 F (airmail fee, 1^{st} weight class) Airmail fee: 2.50 F per 5 g = 2.50 F for this 0-5 g letter

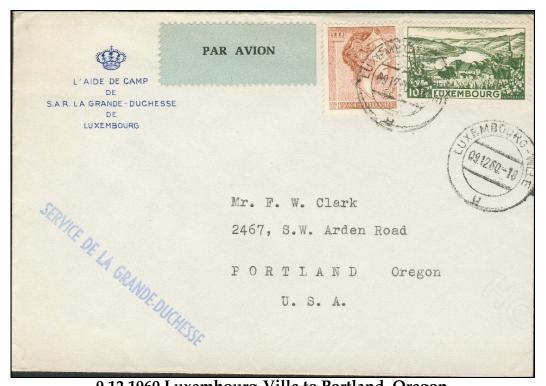


25.3.1955 Luxembourg-Ville to New York, New York **27.00** F = 6.50 F (letter, 2nd weight class) + 8.00 F (special delivery) + 12.50 F (airmail fee, 5th weight class)

Airmail fee: 2.50 F per 5 g = 12.50 F for this 25-30 g letter



12.7.1955 Luxembourg-Ville to San Diego, California **5.00** F = 2.50 F (postcard) + 2.50 F (airmail fee, 1^{st} weight class) Airmail fee: 2.50 F per 5 g = 2.50 F for this postcard



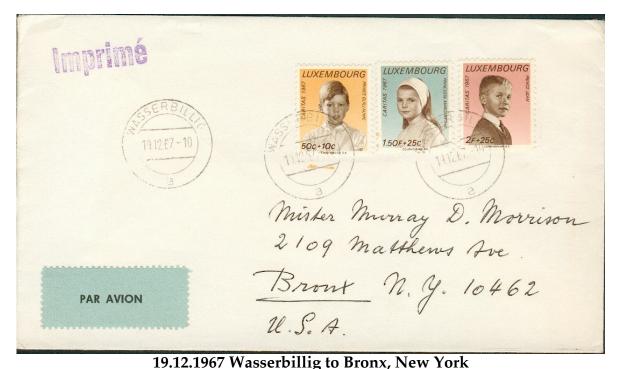
9.12.1960 Luxembourg-Ville to Portland, Oregon **15.00** F = 5.00 F (letter, 1^{st} weight class) + 10.00 F (airmail fee, 4^{th} weight class)
Airmail fee: 2.50 F per 5 g = 10.00 F for this 15-20 g letter
Note: Letter sent by the Aide de Camp of Grand Duchess Charlotte.



31.1.1964 Dudelange to Kent, Connecticut

20.50 $\mathbf{F} = 6.00$ F (letter, 1st weight class) + 7.00 F (registration) + 7.50 F (airmail fee, 3rd weight class) Airmail fee: 2.50 F per 5 g = 7.50 F for this 11 g letter

Note: Letter sent to Francis Rhein, well-known Luxembourg philatelist of the 1940-1960s.



4.00 F = 1.50 F (printed matter, 1^{st} weight class) + 2.50 F (airmail fee, 1^{st} weight class) Airmail fee: 2.50 F per 5 g = 2.50 F for this 0-5 g letter



21.00 F = 6.00 F (letter, 1^{st} weight class) + 10.00 F (registration) + 5.00 F (airmail fee, 2^{nd} weight class)

Airmail fee: 2.50 F per 5 g = 5.00 F for this 8 g letter