
Castellum



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President's Message

by Gary Little

Earlier this year, on January 10, Grand Duchess Joséphine-Charlotte, beloved wife of former Grand Duke Jean since 1953, passed away at the age of 77. She was the only daughter of King Leopold III of Belgium and his glamorous wife, Princess Astrid of Sweden, who later died in a tragic car accident in Switzerland in 1935. Both her brothers became king of Belgium — first Baudouin and, on his death in 1993, the present King Albert.

The 1953 wedding ceremony in Luxembourg was a memorable event that helped lift the spirits of a citizenry that was still in the middle of a postwar recovery. Joséphine-Charlotte and Jean were to have five children, including the present Grand Duke Henri.

Joséphine-Charlotte was the patron of many charitable organizations within Luxembourg, notably the Red Cross.



This set of six stamps, issued by Belgium in 1953, shows Princess Joséphine-Charlotte in a Red Cross nurse's uniform.

Airmail Rates from Luxembourg to the United States & Canada, 1945-1971, Part 4
by Gary Little

[continued from the June 2005 issue of *Castellum*]



11.6.1959 Esch-sur-Alzette to Hollywood, California

18.50 F = 5.00 F (letter, 1st weight class) + 6.00 F (registration) + 7.50 F (airmail fee, 3rd weight class)
Airmail fee: 2.50 F per 5 g = 7.50 F for this 13 g letter

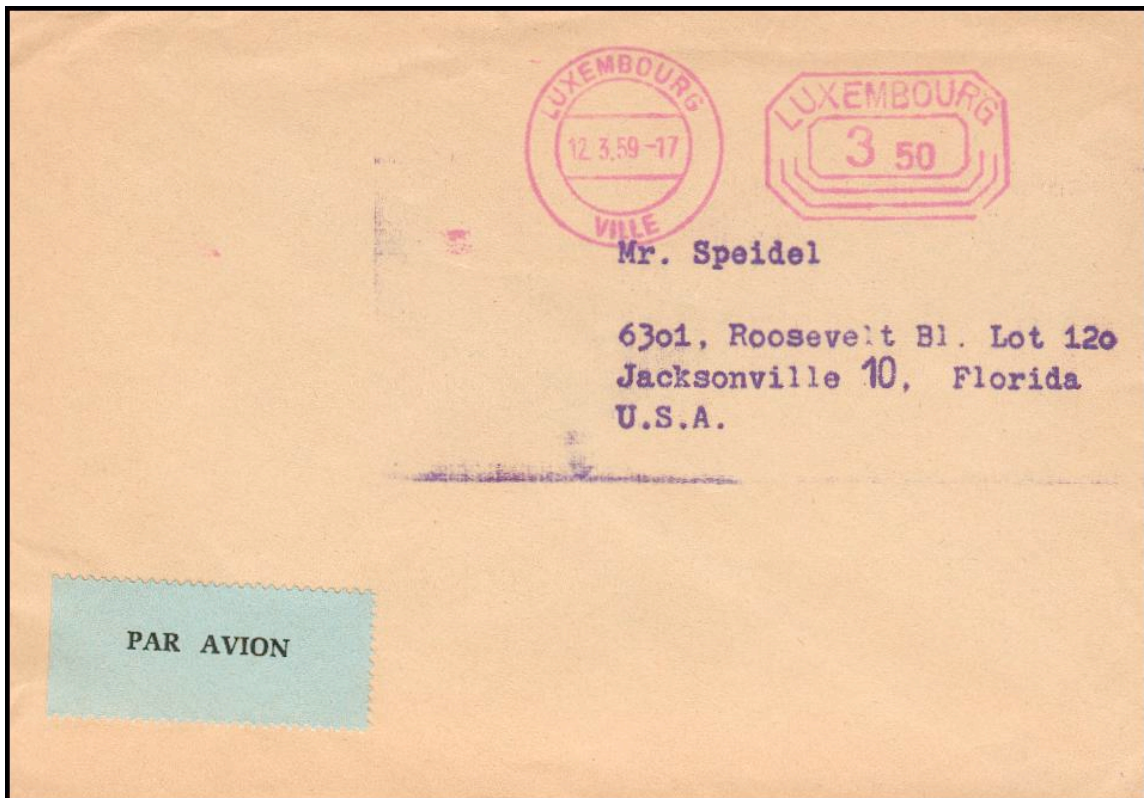


6.12.1960 Luxembourg-Ville to New York, New York

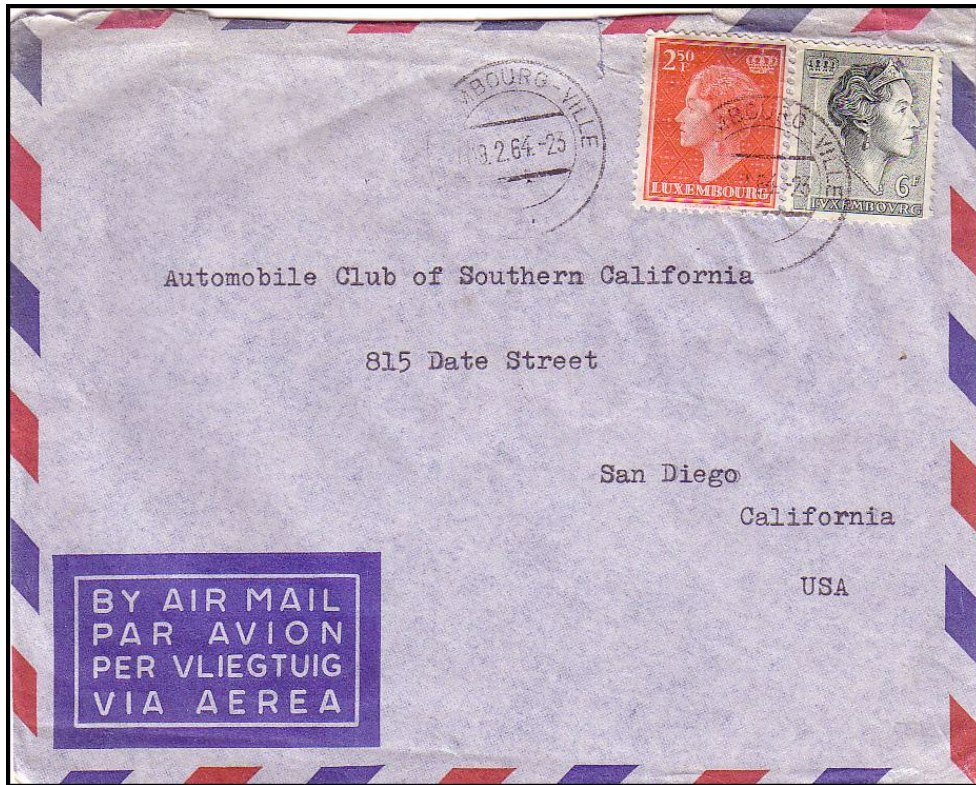
15.50 F = 5.00 F (letter, 1st weight class) + 8.00 F (special delivery) +
2.50 F (airmail fee, 1st weight class)
Airmail fee: 2.50 F per 5 g = 2.50 F for this 0-5 g letter



12.9.1960 Luxembourg-Ville to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
 5.50 F = 3.00 F (postcard) + 2.50 F (airmail fee, 1st weight class)
 Airmail fee: 2.50 F per 5 g = 2.50 F for this postcard



12.3.1959 Luxembourg-Ville to Jacksonville, Florida
 3.50 F = 1.00 F (printed matter, 1st weight class) + 2.50 F (airmail fee, 1st weight class)
 Airmail fee: 2.50 F per 5 g = 2.50 F for this 0-5 g letter



18.2.1964 Luxembourg-Ville to San Diego, California

8.50 F = 6.00 F (letter, 1st weight class) + 2.50 F (airmail fee, 1st weight class)

Airmail fee: 2.50 F per 5 g = 2.50 F for this 0-5 g letter



15.1.1964 Luxembourg-Ville to White Plains, New York

11.00 F = 6.00 F (letter, 1st weight class) + 5.00 F (airmail fee, 2nd weight class)

Airmail fee: 2.50 F per 5 g = 5.00 F for this 5-10 g letter



20.4.65 Luxembourg-Ville to Sun City, California

13.50 F = 6.00 F (letter, 1st weight class) + 7.50 F (airmail fee, 3rd weight class)
 Airmail fee: 2.50 F per 5 g = 7.50 F for this 10-15 g letter



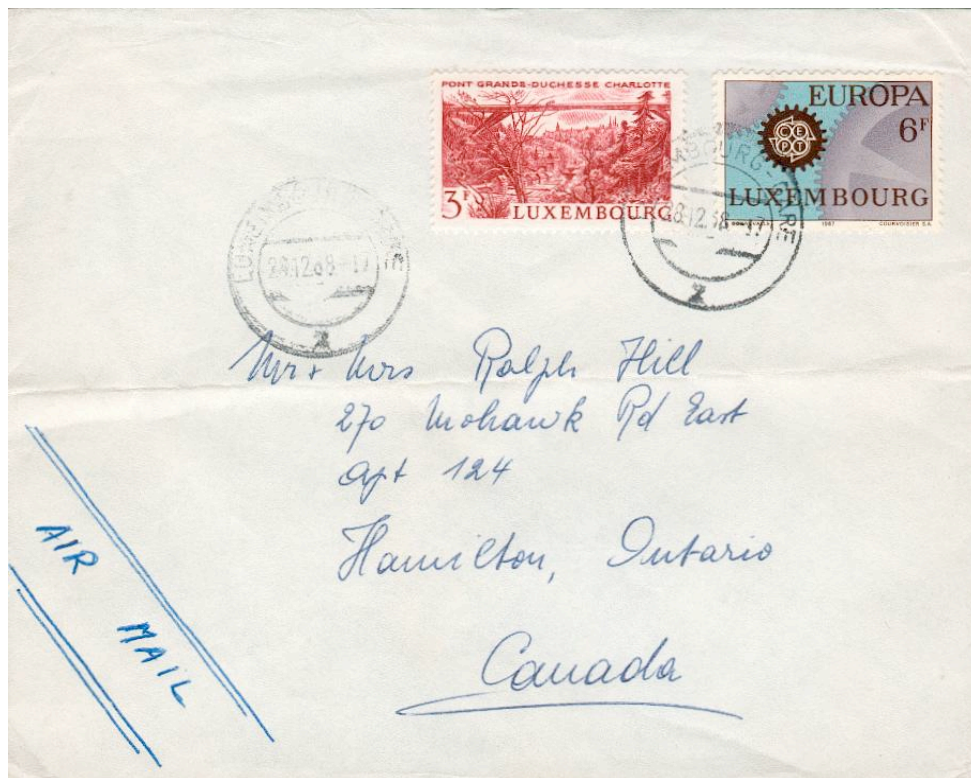
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20.50 F = 6.00 F (letter, 1st weight class) + 7.00 F (registration) + 7.50 F (airmail fee, 3rd weight class)
 Airmail fee: 2.50 F per 5 g = 7.50 F for this 11 g letter



5.5.1971 Luxembourg to Rochester, New York

8.50 F = 6.00 F (letter, 1st weight class) + 2.50 F (airmail fee, 1st weight class)
Airmail fee: 2.50 F per 5 g = 2.50 F for this 0-5 g letter



28.12.1968 Luxembourg-Gare to Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

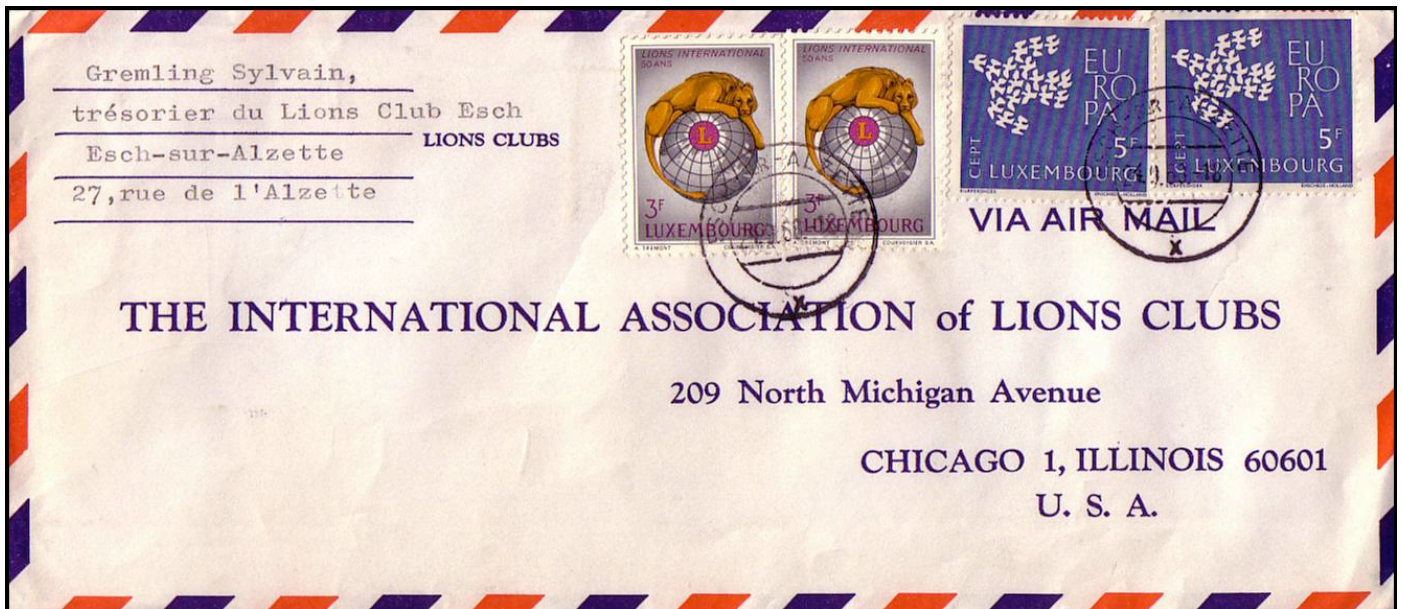
9.00 F = 6.00 F (letter, 1st weight class) + 3.00 F (airmail fee, 1st weight class)
Airmail fee: 3.00 F per 5 g = 3.00 F for this 0-5 g letter



11.1.1967 Luxembourg-Ville to Ithaca, New York
 11.00 F = 6.00 F (letter, 1st weight class) + 5.00 F (airmail fee, 2nd weight class)
 Airmail fee: 2.50 F per 5 g = 2.50 F for this 5-10 g letter



27.5.1969 Luxembourg-Ville to Washington, D.C.
 13.50 F = 6.00 F (letter, 1st weight class) + 7.50 F (airmail fee, 3rd weight class)
 Airmail fee: 2.50 F per 5 g = 7.50 F for this 10-15 g letter



24.9.1968 Esch-sur-Alzette to Chicago, Illinois
16.00 F = 6.00 F (letter, 1st weight class) + 10.00 F (airmail fee, 4th weight class)
 Airmail fee: 2.50 F per 5 g = 10.00 F for this 15-20 g letter



25.9.1968 Saeul to Covina, California
21.00 F = 6.00 F (letter, 1st weight class) + 10.00 F (registration) +
5.00 F (airmail fee, 2nd weight class)
 Airmail fee: 2.50 F per 5 g = 5.00 F for this 8 g letter

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