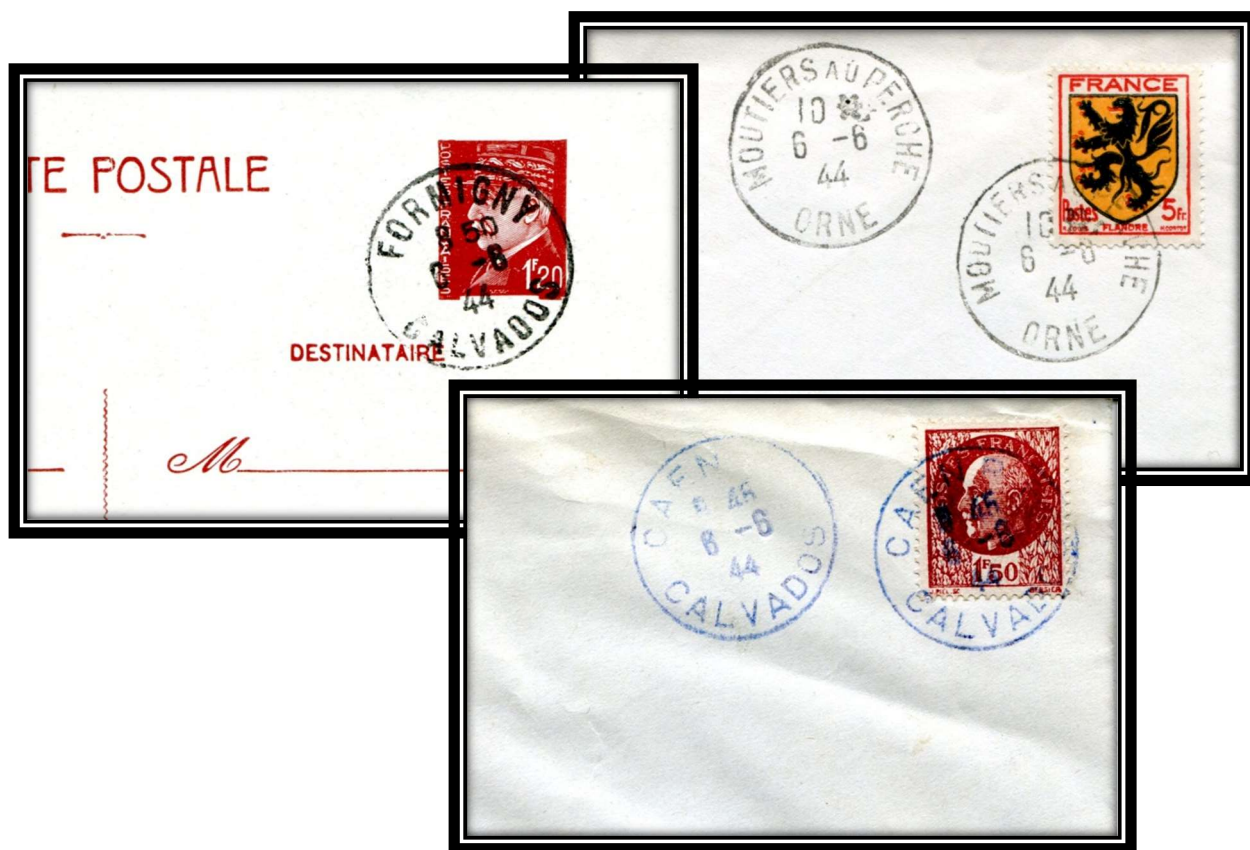


French Postal Covers w/ D-Day Cancellations

It's amazing what one can find in a box of "Philatelic Stuff", as I would call it. You look at it once and immediately put it aside. You look at it a year later and wow! The yellow flags with question marks quickly appear.

On **June 6, 1944**, more than 160,000 Allied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of heavily-fortified French coastline on the beaches of Normandy, France. By day's end, the Allies had gained a foot-hold and began their journey toward Caen and eventually to Paris.

Amazingly, someone had the foresight and ingenuity to obtain D-Day postal cancellations during this difficult and dynamic period of time. Most likely these were "favor" cancellations obtained from post offices after the Allies occupied the area. Research continues.



The following are (11) Postal Covers/Cards with D-Day post marks from Mountiers-Au-Perche, Formigny and Caen, France. Also included are (6) additional items with later postdates. Enjoy!

Mountiers-Au-Perche, France

- Post Date: 6/6/1944 (**D-Day**)
- Date Liberated: 7/1944?
- Franked with 1944 “Arms of Flanders” issue
- 199 km (124 mi) from Normandy Beach



Mountiers-Au-Perche, France

- Continued from previous.



Mountiers-Au-Perche, France

- Post Date: 6/6/1944 (**D-Day**)
- 80c Marshal Petain Post Card
- 199 km (124 mi) from Normandy Beach



- Similar to above: Dated 9/8/1944



Formigny (Calvados), France

- Post Date: 6/6/1944 (**D-Day**)
- Date Liberated: 6/9/1944
- 1.20 Fr Marshal Petain Post Card
- 3.9 km (2.4 mi) from Normandy Beach



- (4) Additional Covers - Post Date: 6/6/1944 (**D-Day**)



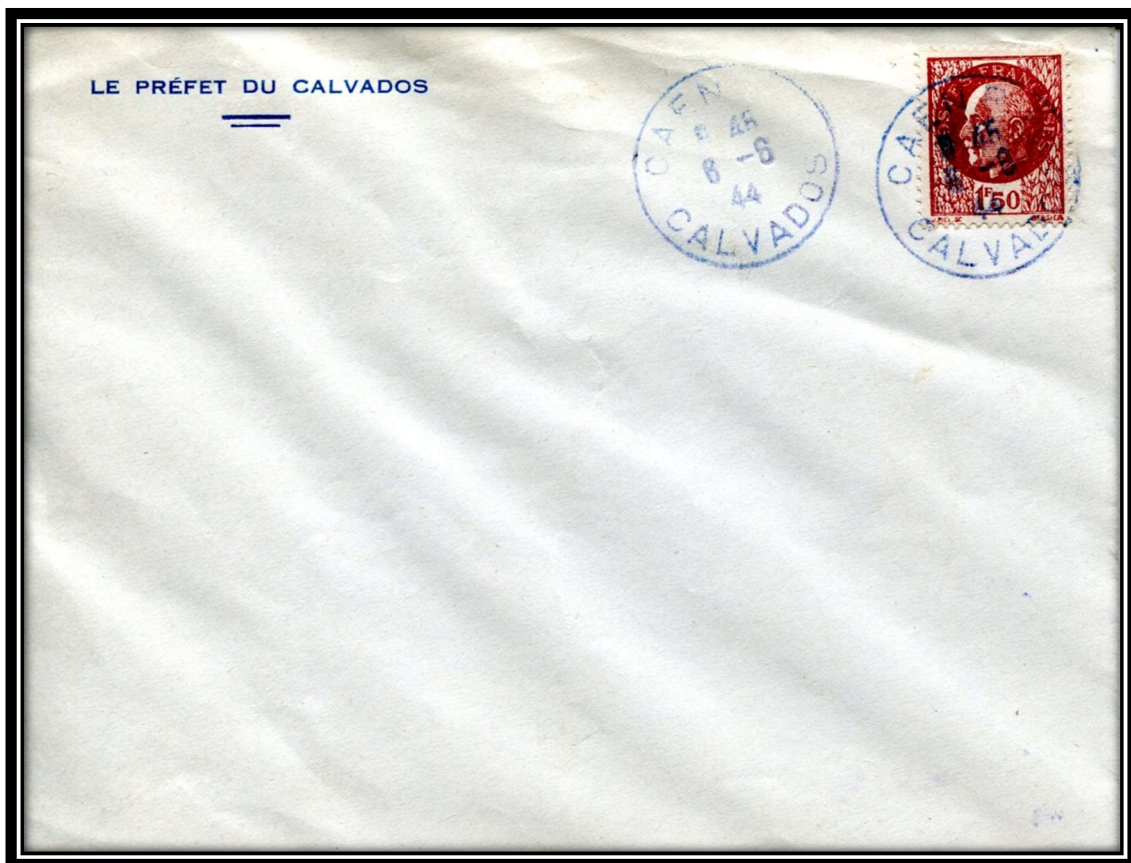
Formigny (Calvados), France

- Similar to previous: Dated 7/13/1944 & 7/22/1944



Caen (Calvados), France

- Post Date: 6/6/1944(D-Day)
- Date Liberated: 7/19/1944
- 1.50 Fr 1941-42 Marshal Petain Definitive
- Return address: Le Prefet du Calvados
- 57 km (35.4 mi) from Normandy Beach



U. S. Army Postal Service

- Post Date: 7/13/1944
- 1.20 Fr Marshal Petain Post Card
- No to or return address
- Found with other covers

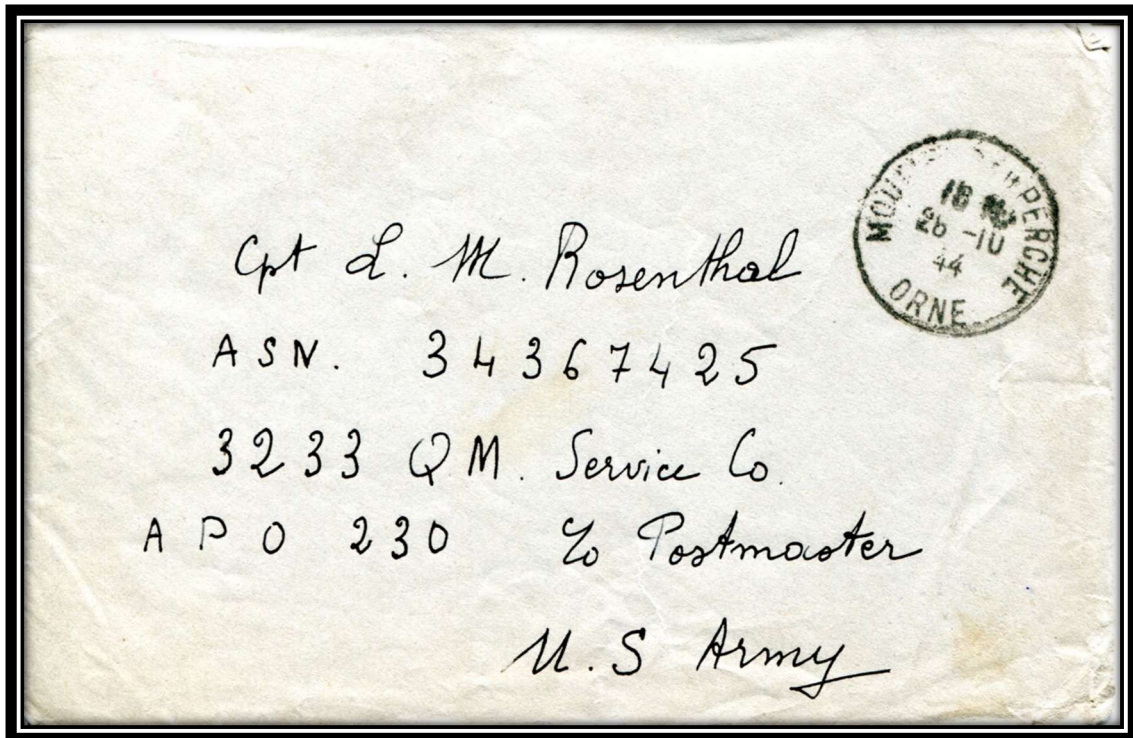


- Similar to above: Dated 7/23/1944

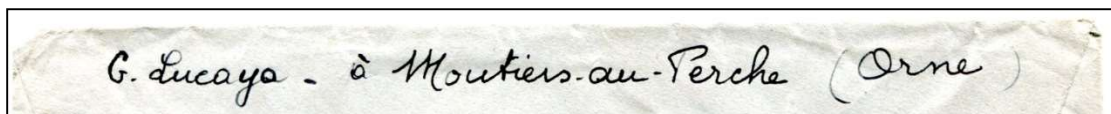


Montiers-Au-Perche, France

- Post Date: 10/26/1944
- Found with other covers
- Interesting!



Back of cover:



Mountiers-Au-Perche, France

- Post Card found in previous envelope



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ciur.

us un excellent fourneau

Je vous prie de vous joindre à moi pour
vous adresser nos amitiés.

Souhaitons vous revoir bientôt

Grand-mère Davard M. Zhrusky
Maman de Zhrusky.