

2. Balloon Monte 1870

Letter from Paris to Vienna carried by balloon "VILLE D' ORLÉANS" with double-circle date stamps "Paris 22.Nov.1870 – R.D'. AMSTERDAM". Franked with 60c (20+40), with two strikes of "18" in Star hand stamp. With red boxed "PD" (Port Payé a Destination) cachet. Balloon crew: Pilot – Paul Rolier, passenger L. Bézier. Balloon took off from Gare du Nord, 24.Nov.1870 at 23:30 and landed after one of the most dramatic flights after 1246 km at 14:20 in Lifjell, Norway. The letter continued through Geneva to Vienna, back stamp double-circle rail date stamps GENEVE-CULOZ 12.Dec.1870, arrival boxed date stamp WIEN 14.Dec.1870.

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Back side: The letter continued through Vienna to Prague, black circle transit date stamps "Wien 5.Nov.1870" and black circle arrival date stamp 6.Nov.1870, Prague.



Letter from Paris to Prague carried by balloon "COLONEL CHARRAS" with double-circle date stamps of "Paris 27.Oct. 1870 – R.ST-LAZARE". Franked with 60c (20+40), with two strikes of "2" in Star hand stamp. With red boxed „PD“ cachet. Balloon crew: pilot – Ferdinand Giles. The balloon took off from Gare du Nord, 29.Oct.1870 at 12 o'clock pm and landed after 200 km at 16:30 near Montigny-Le-Roi.

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