

2. Balloon Monte 1870

Letter from Paris to Pest, Hungary carried by balloon “ARMAND BARBÉS” with double-circle date stamps “Paris 3.Oct.1870 – R.D’ Enghien” and red boxed “PD” cachet, with transit date stamps Vienna on 19.Oct.1870 and Pest 19.Oct.1870. With blue oval company stamp “Maurice Leicht – 17 rue d’ Hauteville Paris“. Balloon crew: pilot – Alexandere Trichet, passengers Léon Gambetta (future minister of the interior) and Eugène Spuller. The 60c stamps are missing.

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The Newspapers Gazette des Absents N°13, 3.Dec.1870 carried by balloon “FRANKLIN”, from Paris to Vienna. With double-circle date stamp:

“Paris– R. Cardinal Lemoine” on 3.Dec.1870 with sign “Par Balloon Monte” is a proof that they were transferred from Paris. Franked with 60c (30+30). With two strikes of "28" Star hand stamp. With red boxed „PD“ cachet. Balloon crew: Pilot – Pierre Marcia, passenger Count D’AndreCourt captain in the General High Command. The balloon took off from Gare d’Orléans, on 5.Dec.1870 at 10’clock am and landed after 403 km at 8:00, 15km from Nantes, France. With arrival circle date stamp “WIEN 12.Dec.1870”.

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