

World War, 1939-1945, Underground Resistance Collection—France

PRE-WAR and 'PHONY' WAR: EPHEMERA

Box 11

FR 0428

[DÉFENSE PASSIVE].- Préfecture de police. Secrétariat général de la défense passive. *Recommandations à la population civile pour se protéger en cas d'attaque aérienne.* Paris, Édité par "L'Intransigeant" avec la collaboration de la revue "L'Armée moderne". n.d. [circa 1939]. 8vo. 14 pp. illustrated. 240 x 165.

FR 0429

Un avertissement de Lloyd George à la France. Paris, l'Imprimerie Coopérative Étoile, n.d 1 p. 8vo.

Leaflet containing an article from former British Prime Minister stating that the fate of democracy in Spain depends on France. Chamberlain has allied himself with the Duce. France must open its borders to the Republicans. Worn. 255 x 165.

FR 0430

UNION DES SYNDICATS OUVRIERS DU HAVRE. *Les Havrais et Havraises défendront la Paix.* 1 p. 8vo.

Leaflet giving statistics on the destruction of the city and the casualty figures for Le Havre during the war. The population demands peace. Probably in June 1940. Tears. 215 x 135.

FR 0431

PARTI SOCIAL FRANÇAIS. *Bulletin d'informations.* Collection of 30 different issues between no.11 (December 22, 1936) and no.86 (September 1938). Each issue 2 pp. 4to.

This is the internal publication of this French political party founded in July 1936 by Colonel de la Rocque. It was a right-wing popular party until 1940. Later fighting anti-Semitism and the Nazi regime, it never collaborated fully with the Vichy government and some of its members ended up in the Resistance.

FR 0432

PARTI SOCIAL FRANÇAIS. Printed membership form signed by Gaston Dulondel. N.p.n.d. 1 p. 8vo oblong. Probably before the war.

FR 0433

PARTI SOCIAL FRANCAIS.- Invitation card for a benefit sale on February 10-11, 1940. Small drawing of a POW receiving a parcel. 110 x 140.

On the reverse, a manuscript note in pencil concerning a woman whose husband was prisoner.

FR 0434 – item missing

ARRÊTÉ DU PREFET de la Gironde. Mimeographed document. Bordeaux, 2 September 1939. 1 p. 4to.

Ordinance by M. Bodenau, prefect of the Gironde, which orders automobiles, motorcycles and cyclists to use bluish lights when driving at night. With stamp *Prière d'afficher immédiatement.* Looks more like a memo than a broadside.

FR 0435

PARTI COMMUNISTE – Comité exécutif de l'international communiste. *Manifeste à l'occasion du XX^e anniversaire de la Grande Révolution Socialiste.* 4pp. small folio. n.d. [circa 1937-1938]. Paper yellowed.

Seems to have been printed immediately following the Munich Pact and the splitting of Czekoslovakia. Mentions the Spanish Civil War. Very anti-fascist therefore before the Germany-Russia Pact of 1939.

FR 0436

Stored in Box 12 :

Rationing document for gasoline issued on October 25, 1939 in Paris. Contains details of gasoline consumption and rubber stamps from November 1939 to June 1940 inclusively. The remainder of the document (after the «phony » war) was not used and contains the actual tickets. Total of 13 leaflets and covers. 4to format. Belonged to Marie Madeleine Lépine. 255 x 260.

FR 0437

EXPOSITION DE L'ART FRANCAIS. 1940. *Palais de Chaillot du 6 au 26 mai* [1940].

Invitation card for one person. 105 x 135. 3 copies.

FR 0438

DEMOBILISATION. Armée de l'Air. Centre de démobilisation du Bataillon de l'air no.117. Partially printed document. August 3, 1940. 1 p. large 4to. Signatures and cachets (one German).

Demobilisation document for Lieutenant-Colonel Léon Retail with mention of profession, address, unit, fingerprints and signature.

FR 0439

SERVICE CARD of the Aviation Ministry for Lieutenant-Colonel Léon Retail. Paris, June 5, 1940. 2 pp. 12mo. 120 x 155. Glued on a 4to sheet.

This card allowed him to use the public pay phones for long-distance communications all over the territory. Has the usual components: signature, fingerprints, photograph.

Also included: on the same sheet, an identity card for the same person but issued during WWI. The recipient was a member of the 506th artillery regiment. Photograph and signature.

FR 0440

Vos restrictions servent d'autant plus le pays..qu'avec vos économies vous souscrivez aux Bons d'Armement. Paris, May 1940. 1 p. 8vo oblong. Propaganda card of the Propaganda Ministry of Finance. Purple cardboard. 160 x 210.

FR 0441

RATION TICKETS FOR BREAD. Sheet of bread tickets for June 1940. On the reverse this inscription: *Afin que ceux qui sont au front aient chaque jour le nécessaire supprimez à vos repas tout ce qui constitue le superflu.* 2 pp. 12mo. 175 x 110.

FR 0442

UNION NATIONALE POUR LA DEFENSE AÉRIENNE.

a) *Défense aérienne du territoire.* 2 pp. 4to. On blue paper. On the danger of aerial attacks and the efficient ways to counter them. 270 x 210.

b) Membership form and list of the members of the boards. 2 pp. 8vo. 210 x 140.