

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

UNDERGROUND DOCUMENTS

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INTERNAL DOCUMENTS of UNDERGROUND GROUPS

Box 11

FR 0342

COMITÉ SOCIALISTE D'ÉTUDE. *Problèmes économiques urgents posés par la Libération.* 4 mimeographed leaves. Dated May 16, 1944. Probably an internal document of the Socialist Party. 270 x 210.

FR 0343

CONSEIL NATIONAL DE LA RESISTANCE (C.N.R.). Typewritten (most of them) documents during the course of 1944 and a few undated. They seem to be original documents (except one is a copy). All are 4to in format. Origin unknown. These were internal documents either for distribution during meetings or for their archives. Major documents for the history of the C.N.R. They are listed chronologically. (270 x 210)

- 1 - *Un avertissement aux policiers qui arrêtent des patriotes, les torturent et les livrent à l'ennemi (déclaration du Conseil National de la Résistance).* No date. 2 1/4 pp.
- 2 - *Notes concernant les Comités de la Libération.* No date. 2 pp. Copy on onion skin
- 3 - [*Déclaration*] *du C.N.R. [sur le gouvernement de De Gaulle].* No date. 1/2 p.
- 4 - [*Déclaration*] *du C.N.R. 3/1/44.* January 3, 1944. 1 p.
- 5 - *Avertissement aux policiers participant aux rafles. 23/3/44.* March 23, 1944. 1/2 p.
- 6 - *Commission des Comités de Libération. Du S.G. des M.L.N. Todt à tous les départements. 25 mars 1944. Statuts des comités Départementaux de la Libération.* March 25, 1944. 5 leaves.
- 7 - *Notes aux comités départementaux de la Libération et aux états-majors départementaux des F.F.I. 4/4/44.* April 4, 1944. 1 p.
- 8 - [*Proclamation*] *du Conseil National de la Résistance le 7/4/44.* April 7, 1944. 1 1/2 pp.
- 9 - *Le Conseil National de la Résistance dénonce le mensonge de la bolchévisation de l'Europe appelle à l'union et à l'action pour la Libération de la Patrie. Mai 1944.* 1 1/2 pp.
- 10 - *Proclamation du Conseil National de la Résistance à la Nation Française. 18/6/44.* June 18, 1944. 3 pp.
- 11 - *Directives sur la composition des C.D.L. Le Conseil National de la Résistance aux Comités Départementaux de la Libération. 20 juin 1944.* 1 p.
- 12 - *Adresse du Conseil National de la Résistance au Premier Ministre Winston Churchill. 20 juin 1944.* 1 p.
- 13 - *Appel au Comité National de la Résistance pour le 14 juillet 1944. le 20 juin 1944.* 2 1/3 pp.
- 14 - [*Lettre*] *de Manin (Gillot) aux P.S. Franc-Tireur, P. Radical, U.R.D. 20/6/44.* June 20, 1944. 1/2 p.
- 15 - [*Déclaration*] *du C.N.R. 24/6/44.* June 24, 1944. 1 p.
- 16 - [*Déclaration*] *du C.N.R. le 24/6/44.* June 24, 1944. 1/2 p.

- 17 - [Lettre] de Cérat à Manin (Parodi à Gillot). 26 juillet 1944. 1 2/3 pp.
- 18 - [Lettre] de Monsieur Manin (Gillot) à Monsieur Constantin (Bidault), le 2/8/44. August 2, 1944. 3 1/2 pp. Manuscript corrections.
- 19 - Communication du C.C. du P.C.F. à la Commission des C.D.L., le 2/8/44. August 2, 1944. 1/3 p.
- 20 - Le Comité central du Parti Communiste Français au Président du C.N.R., le 2/8/44. August 2, 1944. 1 p.
- 21 - [Lettre] de Monsieur Manin (Gillot) à Monsieur Constantin (Bidault), le 5/8/44. August 5, 1944. 1 p. A few manuscript corrections.
- 22 - [Lettre] de Monsieur Manin à la Commission Centrale des C.D.L. le 5/8/44. August, 5, 1944. 1 1/3 pp. A few manuscript corrections.

FR 0344

DELMAS, André.

Mimeographed copy on pink onion skin of his letter to the Central Committee of the French Communist Party. Dates June 25, 1942. 1 1/2 pp. 4to. One correction in manuscript. Cachet of the Bibliothèque marxiste de Paris. 270 x 210.

FR 0345

DERAMOND, Commandant (commander of the ship Richelieu at Dakar) vs J. RICHÉ.

Typewritten copy of 2 items concerning M. Deramond.

a) 1 leaf folio dated New York, March 29, 1943. Declaration of solidarity with the Allies and the « answer » by J. Riché accusing him of resisting the Allies during the American landing in North Africa. b) Lengthy deposition of J. Riché dated London, May 27, 1943. 2 leaves folio. Tells of his activity as a resistant fighter and of his role as crew member of the Richelieu during the landing at Dakar. He accuses Deramond of resisting the landing. 310 x 210.

FR 0346

FRONT NATIONAL DE LUTTE POUR L'INDEPENDANCE DE LA FRANCE. Comité directeur. Letter to "Monsieur" [Pétain ?]. dated Paris, May 22, 1943. 3 pp. 4to. Mimeographed. It deals with two resolutions, one concerning the provisional government, and the other the formation of committees of the France Combattante. It was in May 1943, under the direction of Jean Moulin, that were many resistance movements were brought together to form the Conseil National de la Résistance (C.N.R.). 275 x 215.

FR 0347

FRONT NATIONAL DE LUTTE POUR LA LIBERATION DE LA FRANCE. Comité directeur. *Le Comité directeur du Front National de Lutte pour la Libération de la France au Comité Français de la Libération Nationale à Alger.* 3 pp. 4to. N.p.n.d. [after July 1st, 1943]. Mimeographed. Letter aiming at arriving at a common reaction in the fight against deportations. 270 x 210.

FR 0348

FRONT NATIONAL DE LUTTE POUR LA LIBERATION DE LA FRANCE. Comité directeur. *Les tâches des comités du Front National.* N.p.n.d. 3 pp. 4to. Mimeographed. List of actions for the committees in general and the committees of intellectuals (doctors, lawyers, professors, teachers, artists). 270 x 210.

FR 0349

L'HUMANITÉ CLANDESTINE.

Uncut sheet of 4 subscription coupons for the underground Communist newspaper *L'Humanité*. 1 p. folio. Unidentified reproduction process on slightly coated paper. Each coupon is numbered with

a mechanical stamp and a purple cachet on each coupon reads : *Cette liste devra être rentrée au plus tard le 31 janv. 1943.* 310 x 210.

FR 0350

Manifestations juin-juillet 1944. 2 leaves 4to oblong. Typewritten original and carbon copy (total of 4 leaves). Table showing locations, number of supporters, and incidents with the police, and observations including **a list of leaflets distributed**. A note at the bottom of one of the leaves reads *remis par A.G. 12. 1961.* It is not known which movement produced this document. 210 x 270.

FR 0351

NEW YEAR GREETING CARD. Profile of France with a « V » in the middle. The year 1944 and « bonne année » in a corner. Probably issued December 1943-January 1944 by a Resistance movement. 140 x 90.

FR 0352

Note au sujet de la préparation des enfants d'israélites étrangers à l'émigration.... A l'attention de M. Fourcade. 1er octobre 1942. [Note concerning the preparation of foreign Jewish children for emigration..]Mimeographed. 2 pp. 4to on 2 leaves.

FR 0353

PARTI COMMUNISTE FRANCAIS. Comité central.- Directives du Comité central du Parti Communiste Français pour l'organisation des Milices Patriotiques. 5 leaves square 8vo on onion skin. Mimeographed in purple ink. N.p.n.d. [after June 1944]. 195 x 160.

FR 0354

PARTI COMMUNISTE FRANCAIS.- Circulaire aux régions, sections et cellules. Objet: "Promotion pour la libération de la France". N.p.n.d. [beginning of 1944]. 3 pp. 4to. Mimeographed. 265 x 205.

FR 0355

Rapport sur la déportation. 27 et 28 septembre 1942. Mimeographed. 3 pp. 4to on 3 leaves. See: *Histoire de la Résistance*. Volume 2 p. 539-540.

FR 0356

SECOURS POPULAIRE DE FRANCE- Aux militants du S.P.F. 10 mai 1944. 3 pp. 4to on 3 leaves on onion skin. Mimeographed in purple ink. Cachet of the Bibliothèque marxiste de Paris. 270 x 210.

FR 0357

SECOURS POPULAIRE DE FRANCE. Chers camarades. Questionnaire pour demande de renseignements. 1 p. 4to on onion skin. Mimeographed in purple ink. N.p.n.d. Cachet of the Bibliothèque marxiste de Paris. 270 x 210.

FR 0358

Situation au 25 août 1942. 8 pp. 4to on 8 leaves. Mimeographed. On the arrest and deportation of Jews. The last page deals with September 20, 1942. See : *Histoire de la Résistance* vol.2 p. 539-540.

FR 0359

Témoignage d'une assistante sociale présente au départ des déportés du camp des Milles. 10 août et 1er septembre 1942. Mimeographed. 1 1/2 pp. on 2 leaves. On this camp see:

JOUTARD, POUJOL and CABANEL. *Cévennes, terre de refuge*. p. 81-83. This camp was located in the Bouches-du-Rhône north of Marseille.

FORGED DOCUMENTS used by the RESISTANCE and the ALLIES

Box 11

FR 0360

FORGED CIRCULAR RUBBER STAMP. Around the circle *Ville de Narbonne (Aube)* and in the center *État français*. Diameter : 3 cm. No documentation on this stamp.

FR 0361

FORGED WORK CERTIFICATE for Dominicus de Ruiter in Hilversum (Holland). n.d. [circa 1943]. The certificate in blue is typewritten but the cachet-stamp of the Reichskommissar is a collage which has been glued on probably to mislead the authorities. Comes from the archives of Arnold Goldstein of Amsterdam. 115 x 160.

FR 0362

COLLECTION OF FORGED DOCUMENTS MADE BY THE MOUVEMENT DÉFENSE DE LA FRANCE

- 1 *Conseils pour remplir un certificat de travail*. [advice to fill out a work certificate]. Four (4) identical leaflets on an uncut sheet. 2 complete sheets.
- 2 *De l'Emploi de faux papiers / Conseils pour remplir une carte d'identité*. [On the use of forged documents. Advice on filling out an identity card]. Two (2) identical leaflets on an uncut sheet. 2 complete sheets.
- 3 *Cette carte vous est offerte par ceux qui rédigent, impriment et diffusent Défense de la France*. [This card is offered to you by those who write, print and distribute *Défense de la France*]. Printer's sheet with this message repeated 10 times.
- 4 (a) *Carte d'alimentation – Titre 1391*. [Ration card] – Each with the stamp of the Mairie du XVe arrondissement of Paris and stamped signature. 2 identical cards. (b) *Carte d'alimentation – Titre C5*. – [Ration card]. Without any stamps. 2 identical cards
- 5 *Récépissé de déclaration de cycle. Code 304-T*. [Receipt of bicycle ownership]. With forged cachet *État Français. Préfecture de Police. Circulation et Transports. 3^e Bureau Transports* and stamped signature of the director of transportation. 2 identical documents.
- 6 *Carte d'identité*. [Identity card]. Glued on three-part folded cardboard. Forged printer's imprint *Et Doret, Saint-Mandé*. 2 cards each of a different colour.
- 7 *Sonderausweis [laisser-passer spécial]- code 3246 PX Paris VI-44*.- [Special pass]. Forged German cachet and stamped signature of the *Kommandant Von Gross-Paris Militärverwaltung*.
- 8 *Carte de travail du Service du Travail Obligatoire (loi du 16 janvier 1943)- Mod. 3*. [Work card of the S.T.O.]. On the inside a forged cachet of the *Commissariat général interministériel à la Main-d'Oeuvre. Direction départementale de la Seine*.
- 9 *Certificat de recensement du Commissariat général au Service du Travail Obligatoire- Modèle no.2*. [Census certificate of the S.T.O.]
 - Brown rather rough paper. Different typesetting from the others. Document with cachets or stamps. 2 copies
 - Whiter paper. Different typesetting but same text.
 - Without cachet. 2 copies

- With the cachet of the *Mairie du Ve arrondissement* of Paris and stamped signature of the mayor. 2 copies
 - Same but with the cachet of the *Mairie du Xve arrondissement*. 2 copies
 - Same but with the cachet of the *Mairie du XVIIe arrondissement*.
- 10 *Feuille de tickets de repas. Réf. 8.* [Forged meal tickets]. Good for 31 breakfasts. Forged cachet of the mayor's office.
- 11 (a) *Carte de lait entier ou standard – ¾ litre. Août 1944. titre 1795.* [Milk tickets]. Printed in red. Cachet of the *Mairie du Xve arrondissement* on the reverse. (b) Same; août 1944. [Milk tickets]. Titre 1793. With cachet *Régime No. Valable pendant le mois de...* Cachet of the *Mairie du XVe arrondissement* on the reverse. (c) Same but with red. « *Lait écrémé* » *Catégorie J3. Carte de priorité.* [Milk tickets with red overprint]. Août 1944. titre 1793. Cachet of the *Mairie du XVe* on the reverse.

FR 0363

[FORGED STAMPS]- BRITISH INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (London)

Complete set of French stamps forged by the British Intelligence Service for their mail coming from France. Included for comparison are also the French Post Office originals

Référence: Cérés catalogue. 1989 edition.

WILLIAMS. *Forged stamps of two world wars* (London, 1954) p. 15-18.

FR 0363.1

"Type Pétain"

30 centimes. red. Cérés 506f

50 centimes. green. Cérés 508f

70 centimes. orange. Cérés 511f

1 F. red. Cérés 514f

1.20 F. brown. Cérés 515f

1.50 F. brown. Cérés 517f

2 F. green. Cérés 518f

"Type Mercure".

25 centimes. green. Cérés no.411c

30 centimes. red. Cérés no.412d.

"Type Iris"

1.50 F. red-orange. Cérés no.435b.

FR 0363.2

[genuine French stamps for each forgery included in FR 0363.1]

FR 0364

[FORGED STAMPS] – DÉFENSE DE LA FRANCE.

So-called « Faux Pétain » of 1 f. 50c. brown printed in lithography on poor quality paper. These were printed by the *Atelier des Faux* of the Resistance movement *Défense de la France*. They were used by the French Resistance for mailings. Corner block of 10 stamps with margins. The verso has part of the *Atelier des faux* handstamp.

(Reference: L.N. and M. Williams. *Forged stamps of two world wars* (London, 1954) p. 19. This book is not available at McMaster University Library).

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Box 11

FR 0365

ARREST OF ANDRÉ DESSAUX.

German document *Strafnachricht*, dated Orléans August 13, 1941, written during the arrest of André Dessaux, a manufacturer of Orléans. 2 pp. 4to. On the reverse, notes in French stating that Dessaux was sentenced to 10 months in jail for distributing leaflets against Germany. 250 x 175. (Also included: a photocopy of a newspaper clipping of an article (*République du Centre* issue of June 7, 1982) on the unveiling of a monument on the site of Dessaux's family home. He was associated with the underground movement *Libération-Nord* and became mayor of Orléans after the Liberation. The article mentions that Dessaux was interned in Orléans prison as early as 1941 for opposing the German invaders).

FR 0366

ROYAL AIR FORCE MIDDLE EAST WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. no. 125. covering the period from 3rd November to 10th November 1942.

16 pp. small folio. Mimeographed. Signed (printed) "Rankin", group captain, Chief Intelligence staff officer, Headquarters, R.A.F. Middle East.

Observations and statistics concerning the German, Italian and Vichy airforce. A note indicates that this summary is available to all officers and flight crews. It is strictly ordered to destroy this report within 14 days following reception. This copy bears no. 211.

FR 0367

ROYAL AIR FORCE. Carbon copy of a letter with illegible signature of Group Captain, Senior Air Staff Officer. [London?], Headquarters No.3 Group, 25th April 1941. to many R.A.F. stations. 1 p. 4to. Manuscript annotations.

Concerns the bombing of unauthorized targets. During the night of April 24-25 [1941], Allied bombers were supposed to attack Ostend. Because of a thick cloud cover, they could not drop their bombs on the targets. The captain give a stern warning to three bombing crews who dropped their bombs on unauthorized targets.

FR 0368

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS. Carbon copy of a memorandum to Captain Dutey, French Army, with travel orders from Morocco to the United Kingdom, by command of General Eisenhower. 14 August 1943. 1 p.