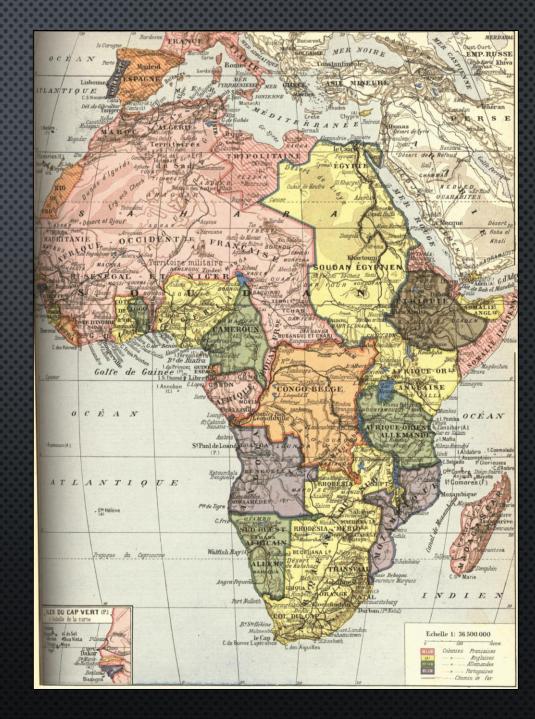
# NEIGHBORING MAIL « COURRIER LIMITROPHE » 1886-1910

## MAIL FROM CONGO TO ITS NEIGHBORS, SPECIAL RATE?

YES THERE WAS ONE. SELDOM SEEN. NEVERTHELESS THIS RATE WAS CURRENT FROM 1886 TO 1910, THUS DURING 22 YEARS.

We cut the 22 years in 4 periods, depending of rates and the limits of the neighboring countries area.

- 1<sup>st</sup> January 1886 24<sup>th</sup> March 1889
- 25<sup>th</sup> March 1889 31<sup>st</sup> March 1897
- 1<sup>st</sup> April 1897 31<sup>st</sup> December 1898
- 1<sup>st</sup> January 1899 31<sup>st</sup> March 1910



## 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 1886 – 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 1889

The area in which the mail enjoys the neighboring countries rate applies is defined as follows:

« mail to neighboring colonies as far as and including <u>Libreville</u> to the north and <u>Mossamedes</u> to the south, have the same postage rate than those for the internal mail ».

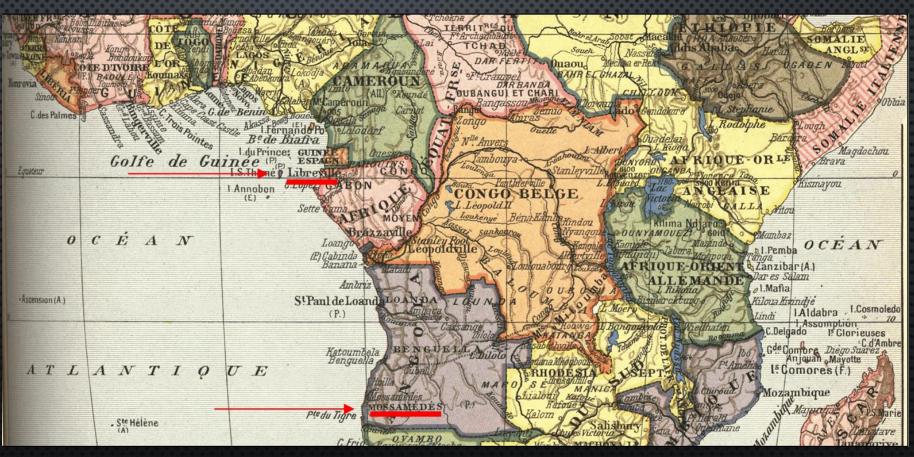
the neighboring countries rate is the same for internal mail, so:

•postal stationery: 15c.

•cover: 25c. / 15gr.

• business printed matter, printed matter,sample goods: 5c./50gr.

•Registration: 25c.



1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 1886 – 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 1889

#### POSTAL HISTORY

#### No example (currently)

## 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1889 – 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 1897

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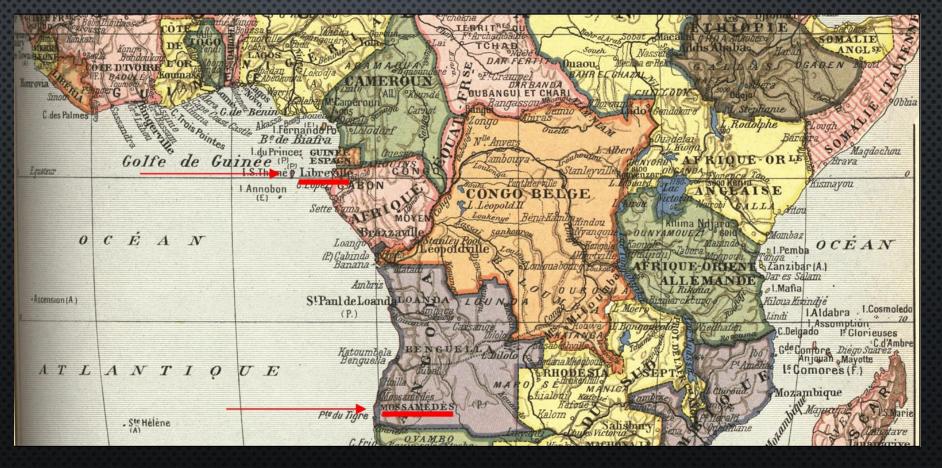
•postal stationery: 10c.

•postal stationery with reply card : 15c. (5c. Request part + 10c. Answer part)

•cover: 25c. / 15gr.

• business printed matter, printed matter,sample goods: 5c./50gr.

•Registration: 25c.



#### 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1889 – 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 1897 POSTAL STATIONERIES - NEW ISSUES

examples of the different postal stationeries for inland mail and neighboring countries, printed during this period. They all bear the note:

« mail to neighboring colonies as far as and including Libreville to the north and Mossamedes to the south ».

> (Service de l'intérieur et des pays limitrophes jusques et y compris Libreville au Nord et Mossamedes au Sud.)

#### 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1889 – 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 1897 POSTAL STATIONERIES (SIMPLE CARD)



Postal stationery (Stibbe n°4) at 10c. – black on light grey. period of use: March 1st, 1889 to December 31th, 1900.

Postal stationery (Stibbe n°8) at 10c. – black on buff. period of use: July 1892 to December 31th, 1900.

#### 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1889 – 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 1897 POSTAL STATIONERIES (SIMPLE CARD)





Postal stationery (Stibbe n°10) at 10c. – carmine on yellow period of use: October 25th, 1892 to December 31th, 1900

Postal stationery (Stibbe n°14) at 10c. – orange-red on yellow. period of use: March 1897 to July 31th, 1909.

#### 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1889 – 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 1897 POSTAL STATIONERIES (WITH REPLY CARD)



Postal stationery with reply card (Stibbe n°6) at 5c. + 10c. – brown on light grey. period of use: March 1st, 1889 to December 31th, 1900.

#### 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1889 – 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 1897 POSTAL STATIONERIES (WITH REPLY CARD)



Postal stationery with reply card (Stibbe n°12) at 5c. + 10c. – green, carmine on blue. period of use: January 1894 to December 31th, 1900.

#### 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1889 – 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 1897 POSTAL STATIONERIES (WITH REPLY CARD)



Postal stationey with reply card (Stibbe n°16) at 10c. + 10c. – red-brown and green on deep pink. period of use: March 1897 to July 31th, 1909.

Postal stationary n°4, posted on board a ship of the line "Loango to Marseille / L. M. 2" in 1890 to Libreville / Gabon where it arrived on April 1st 1890.

Rate: postal stationery neighboring countries rate = 10c.

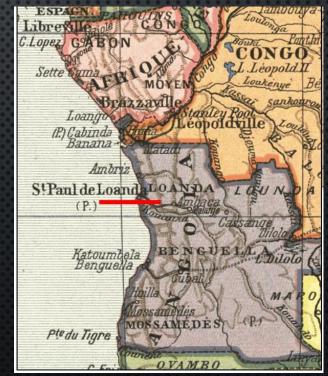




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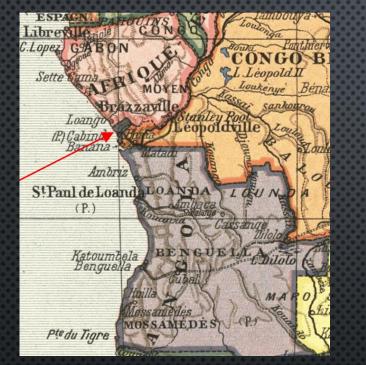
Postal stationary n°4 posted at Banana on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 1890 to Loanda / Angola where it arrived on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1890. Transit by Banana on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 1890.



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We suppose the sender was not sure to use the reduced rate at 5c. to neighboring country and prefered to use the current rate at 10c. like the other postal stationeries.



Postal stationery n°10 from Banana on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 1895 to Landana / Enclave of Cabinda where it arrived on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 1895.

Rate: postal stationery with reply card neighboring countries rate = 5c.



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Postal stationery n°10 from Banana on January 29th 1895 to Landana / Enclave of Cabinda where it arrived on January 30th 1895.



## 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 1897 – 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 1898

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the neighboring countries rate during this period falls into the category « foreign countries » but has its own pricing which will be defined as « preferential »:

postal stationery: 10c.
postal stationery with reply card
: 20c. (10c. Request part + 10c.
Answer part)

•cover: 25c. / 15gr.

• business printed matter, printed matter, sample goods. With a minimum of 25c. for business printed and 10c. for sample goods: 5c./50gr.

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•Registration: 50c.

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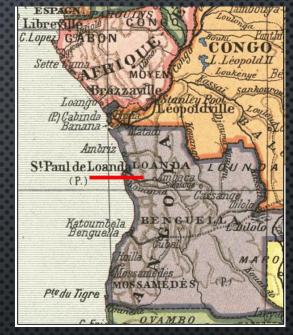


Postal stationery n°16 with reply card from Boma on May 7<sup>th</sup> , 1897 to a boat in the harbour of Landana / Enclave of Cabinda.

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#### 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 1897 – 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 1898 POSTAL HISTORY





Postal stationery n°16 reply card (without request card) from Boma on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1898 to St Paul de Loanda/ Angola.

Straight linear mark BOMA CARTE INCOMPLETE + postman paraph.

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 1897 – 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 1898 POSTAL HISTORY





Postal stationery n°16 reply card (without request card) from Banana on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1898 to Cap Lopez / French Congo. Straight linear mark BANANA CARTE INCOMPLETE.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 1899 – 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 1910

The area in which the mail enjoys the neighboring countries rate is defined as follows: "Mail to neighboring colonies as far as and including <u>British Gold Coast</u> to the north and <u>the German</u> <u>colony of South West Africa</u>, to the south".

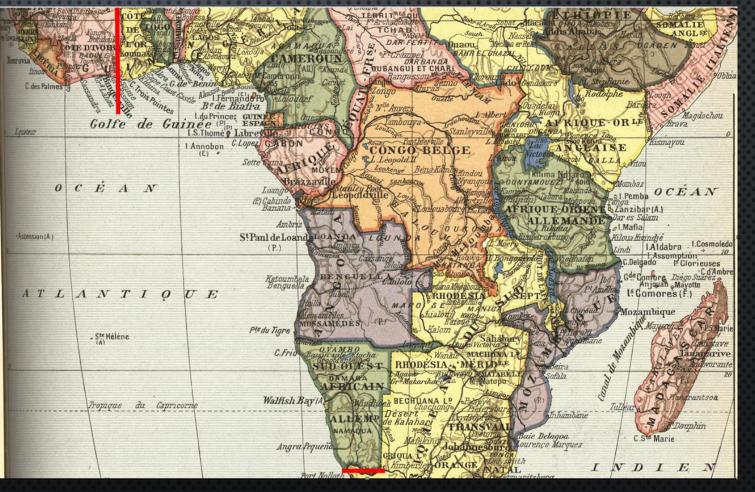
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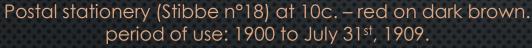


examples of the different postal stationeries for inland mail and neighboring countries, printed during this period. They all bear the note:

«cards for inland and mail to neighboring colonies as far as and including to the north the British Colony of the Gold Coast and to the South, the German colony of South-West Africa.».

> Cartes de service intérieur et des colonies voisines jusqués et y compris au Nord la Colonie Britannique de la Côte d'Or et au Sud la Colonie Allemande du Sud Quest Africain

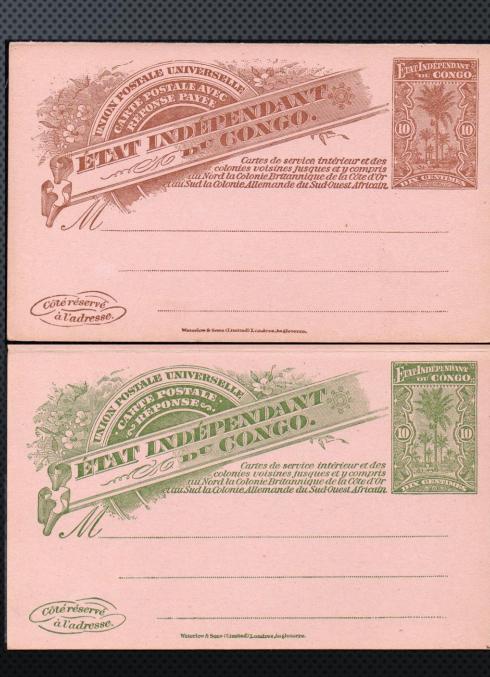




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period of use: 1900 to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 1909.





Postal stationery (Stibbe n°26) at 10c. – bright red on yellow. period of use: June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1909 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1910.

Cartes de service intérieur et des colonies voisines jusques et y compris au Nord la Colonie Britannique de la Côte d'Or et au Sud la Colonie Allemande du Sud-Ouest Africain.

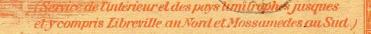


Postal stationery No. 14,16,18,19 were overprinted "Congo Belge" in 1909 because the Congo Free State became a territory administered by Belgium. However (at this time) we have never came across these postal stationeries used to neighboring countries so we did not bother to present them in detail. There are various types of overprint. But for more information we recommend the book of Jacques Stibbe about postal stationery of Congo.

## NOTE:

All postal stationeries issued during the 2<sup>ND</sup> period could be used during this 4<sup>TH</sup> period. In spite of the lengthening of the zone covered by this special rate.

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Postal stationery n°14 from Matadi on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1900 to Grand Bassam / Ivory Coast where it arrived on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1900. The postal stationery was carried by the ship (Maranhao) of the line « Loango à Bordeaux LL n°1 » on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1900.



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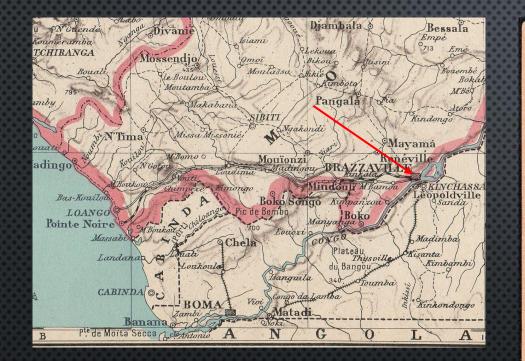
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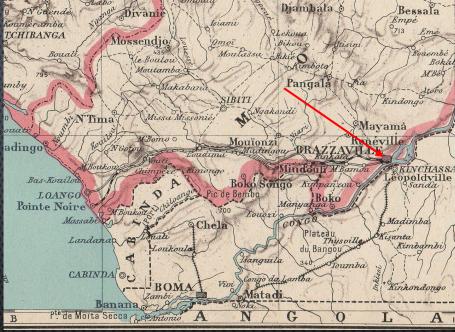
Postal stationery n°14 from Matadi on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1900 to Libreville/French Congo where it arrived on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 1900. The postal stationery was carried by the ship (Maranhao) of the line « Loango à Bordeaux LL n°1 » on November 18<sup>th</sup>, <u>1900.</u>



Postal stationery n°16 (without answer card) from Leopoldville on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1900 to Brazzaville / French Congo where it arrived on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1900.







Postal stationery n°18 from Matadi on October 20th,1902 to Brazzaville/French Congo where it arrived on October 24th, 1902. The postal stationery was redirected to Tourcoing / France.



Postal stationery n°18 from Thysville on September 20th, 1907 to Brazzaville/French Congo where it arrived on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1907.





CARTE POSTALE Ce côle est exclusivement réservé à l'adresse Monsieur Marche commis Ses postes. Bruzzaville (bongo français)

Post card written on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1907 posted at Leopoldville on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1907 to Brazzaville / French Congo where it arrived April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Rate: post card printed matter (less than 5 words) neighboring countries rate = 5c.

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Post card from Boma on December 14th, 1905 to Loango / French Congo where it arrived on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 1905. Via the ship of the French maritime line Matadi at Bordeaux « Ville de Maranhao ».

Rate: post card neighboring countries rate = 10c.

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Post card from Thysville on June 15th, 1908 to Brazzaville / French Congo where it arrived on June 17th, 1908. Telegraph datestamp of Kinshasa (adherence to another card which the datestamp was not dry).

Rate: post card neighboring countries rate = 10c.





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Cover from Banana on June 27th, 1899 to the Gouvernor of Kamerun. Transit by Lagos on July 3rd, 1899 and Kamerun on August 1st, 1899.

Rate: cover neighboring countries rate = 25c. / 15gr.







Front sent from Thysville on December 16th, 1908 to Brazzaville / French Congo.

Rate: cover neighboring countries rate = 25c. / 15gr.





Cover registered and posted on a ship (Paraguay) of the French line Loango à Bordeaux L.L. n°4 on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1903 to Libreville / French Congo where it arrived on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1903.

Rate: cover neighboring countries rate: 25c. / 15gr. (4x) + Registration 50c. = 1,50Fr.





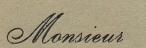
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Registered cover from Matadi on August 18th, 1903 to Mayumba / French Congo. It was carried by a ship of the French line « Loango à Bordeaux L.L. n°1 » on August 18th, 1903.

Rate: cover neighboring countries rate: 25c. / 15gr. (5x) for 66gr. + Registration 50c. = 1,75Fr.

#### FRANCISCO RÔIZ GOMES LÉOPOLDVILLE - CONGO BELGE

RECOMMANDE Recommand



Doctor Ringenback.



Registered cover from Leopoldville on April 17th, 1909 to Brazzaville / French Congo.

Registration's demand & italic strike «Recommandé» but no number. The postman has probably put the strike before verifying the postage rate, which must have been 75c.

Rate: cover neighboring countries rate: 25c. / 15gr. + Registration 50c. = 75c.





Registered cover from Matadi on September 14<sup>th</sup> of 1909 to Benguela / Angola where it arrived on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1909. Tranist by Loanda/Angola on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1909. Redirected to the Belgian Congo where it arrived at Boma on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1909.

Rate: cover neighboring countries rate: 25c. / 15gr. + Registration 50c. = 75c.



Registered cover from Leopoldville on February 17th, 1910 to Libreville / French Congo. It was carried by a ship of the French line « Matadi à Bordeaux L.L. n°1 » on February 19th , 1910.

Rate: cover neighboring countries rate: 25c. / 15gr. (6x) for 79gr. + Registration 50c. = 2Fr.



## 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 1910 END OF THE SPECIAL RATE FOR NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES

From 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1910 rate for neighboring countries = international rates