



A set of four overprinted airmails inscribed "Grand Liban" was also issued on 21 January 1924. The above cover was sent from Rayak to FPO #610 in Damascus, where it was turned over to the civil post office the same day.

GREATER LEBANON
First Overprints

Beyrouth
17 July 1924

Tripoli de Syrie
8 January 1925



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Registered commercial covers franked with "Grand Liban" overprints and sent from Beirut to Aleppo and from the Tripoli Boy's School to the American Mission in Beirut.

**GREATER LEBANON
Second Airmail Overprints**

Postes aux Armees 606
29 January 1925



An additional supply of airmail stamps was soon required, thus a new issue came forth on 10 July 1924. In this case, the word "Avion" was printed to the right of the stamp, reading down. Above examples used on a military formula card from FPO #606 in Beirut to FPO #610 in Damascus, where it was received on the same day.

GREATER LEBANON
Paris Olympic Commemoratives

Beyrouth
14 March 1925
19 March 1925



Sets of the French stamps commemorating the 1924 Olympic Games in Paris were overprinted for use in Lebanon. There were two printings: the first had "GRAND LIBAN" in capital letters; The second had "Gd Liban" in upper and lower case letters in French and added the country name in Arabic.

**GREATER LEBANON
Third Airmail Overprints**

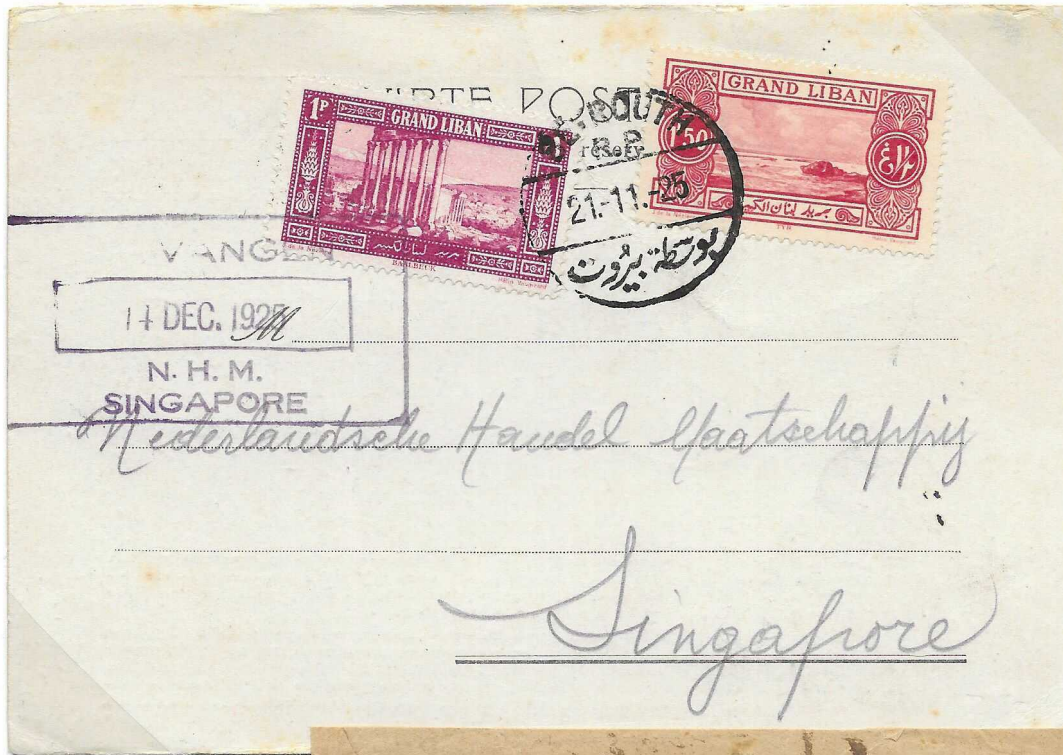
Beyrouth
18 July 1925



The new Grand Liban pictorials were also overprinted with "Avion" in green and issued on 1 March 1925. Examples shown on a registered airmail cover to France.

GREATER LEBANON
Pictorial Definitives

Beyrouth
21 November 1925
8 July 1926



Examples of the "Grand Liban" pictorials used on postcard and registered letter to unusual destinations of Singapore and Teheran, Persia, respectively.

GREATER LEBANON
Pictorial Definitives
Surcharged Pictorials

Beyrouth
 9 February 1926
 13 December 1926



On 1 March 1925 an extensive set of pictorials inscribed "Grand Liban" was issued. These were in use a relatively short time for a definitive series because of a decision to replace them with stamps inscribed "Republique Libanaise" in 1927. However, because of changes in postal rates, some of the lowest denominations of the pictorials were surcharged with new values and issued on 26 August 1926.

LEBANON
Republic Pictorials

Biskinta
17 July 1934

Beyrouth
30 August 1937

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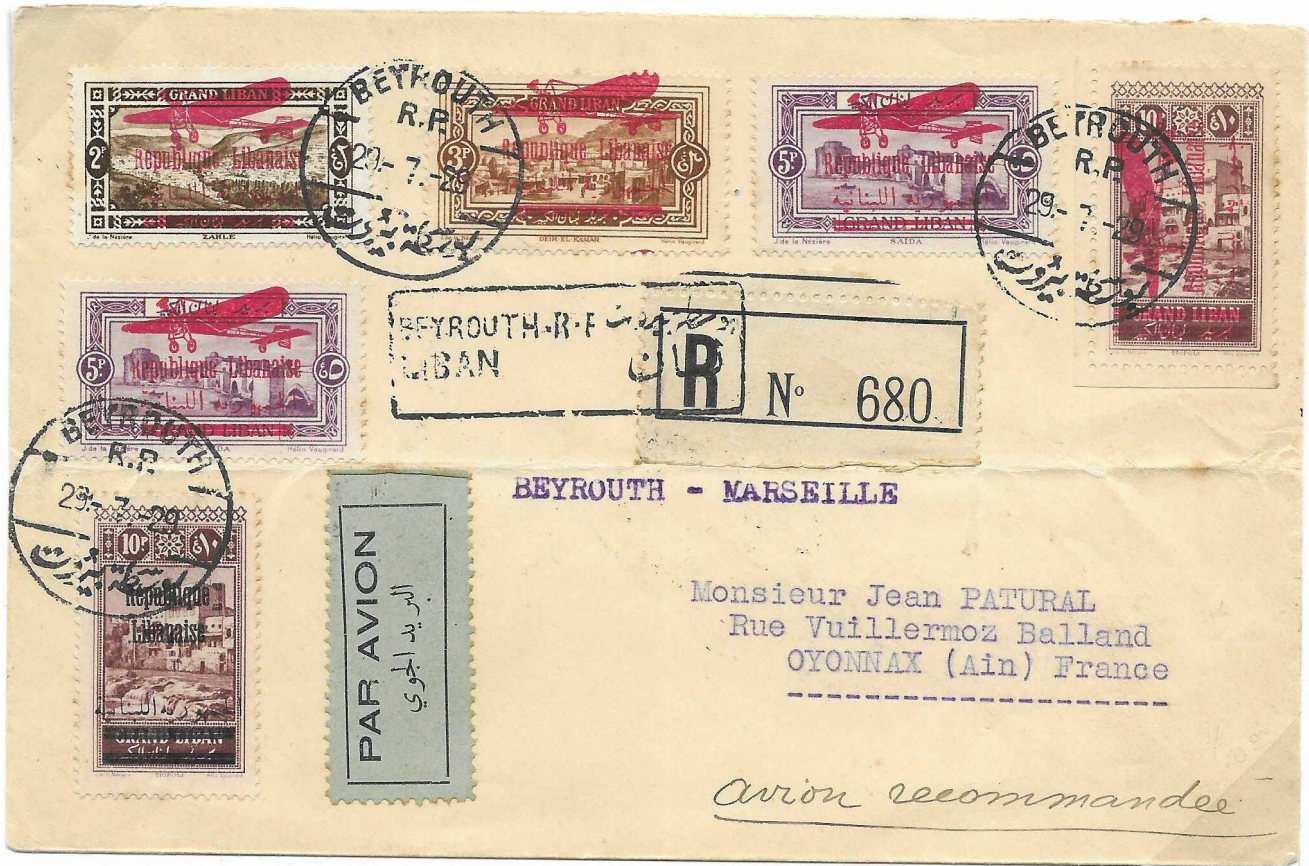
Examples of "Republique Libanaise" pictorials used on cover to Ontario and on a registered cover to Celje, Jugoslavia.



An extensive set of pictorial stamps inscribed "Republique Libanaise" was issued in May 1930. Examples above used on a registered cover to Sweden.

LEBANON
Second Airmail Overprints

Beyrouth
29 July 1929



A similar set of airmails was issued on 4 May 1928 showing the "Republique Libanaise" overprint in both French and Arabic. Used on cover to Paris where it was received on 3 August.

LEBANON
First Airmail Overprints

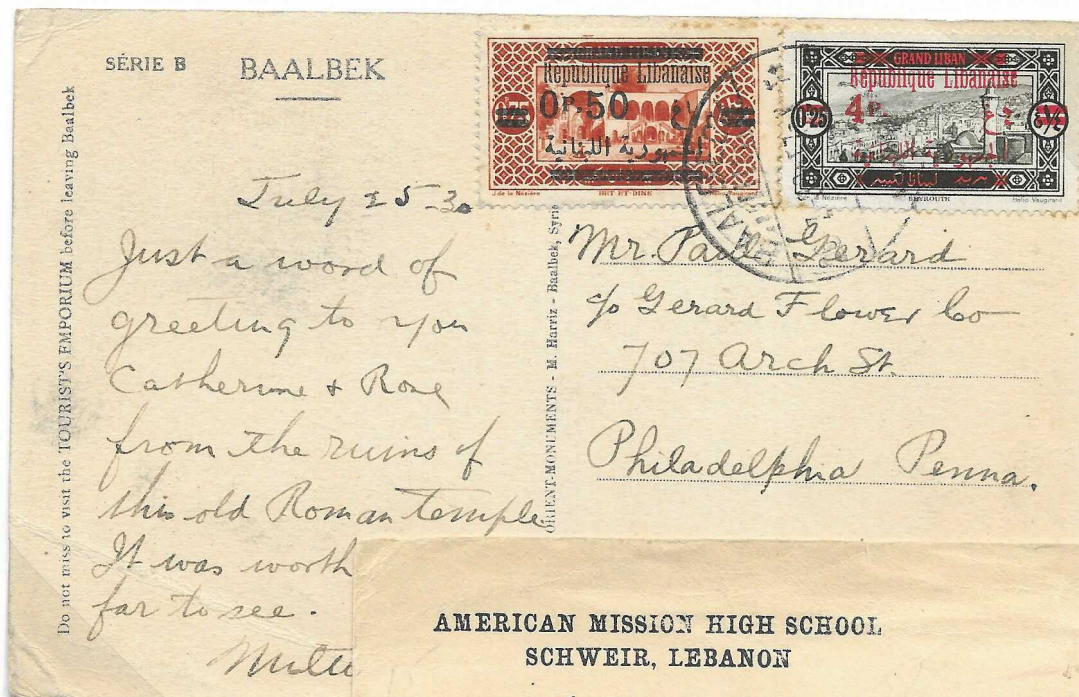
Beyrouth
19 October 1927



The first set of airmails following the name change was a set of four Grand Liban airmails overprinted "Republique Libanaise" issued on 1 July 1927. Used on cover sent to Paris by Air Union seaplane.

LEBANON

As of 23 May 1926, the name "Greater Lebanon" was dropped and became simply "Lebanon," because the former designation irritated the Syrians, who understood that some of their territory had been taken merely to provide a more viable Lebanon. No adjustment in the borders was made, and the situation then continued unchanged until Lebanon was granted independence on 26 November 1941.



Baalbeck
26 July 1930

Choueir
3 January 1930



On 1 July 1927, new overprints inscribed "Republique Libanaise" on Grand Liban pictorials were issued.

LEBANON
Official Mail

Saida Liban
7 December 1934

Beyrouth
24 February 1937

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PARIS (VII^e)

Official covers from the High Commission of the French Republic in Syria and Lebanon. Upper envelope endorsed "F.M. (Franchise Militaire) and sent free, but lower example paid 4 piastres.

LEBANON
10th Anniversary of Airmail

Beyrouth
19 July 1938



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FRANCE

On 15 July 1938, a single airmail stamp was issued commemorating the 10th anniversary of the first direct airmail service between France and Lebanon by pilot Maurice Nogues. Cover received in Paris three days later.

**GREATER LEBANON
Fourth Airmail Overprints**

Beyrouth
17 August 1934

Rayak
25 May 1927



The final Grand Liban airmails were overprinted with red airplanes and issued on 1 May 1926. One version had a further overprint "Secours aux Refugies" for which an additional 25 paras per stamp was collected for refugee relief for victims of the Druze uprising.

LEBANON
10th Anniversary of Airmail

Beyrouth Canons
15 July 1938



The Maurice Nogués stamps was also issued in a souvenir sheet of four. Shown here on first day cover.