Special documents

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A number of special printed issues or of tributes were produced containing at least a copy of the stamp 0,50F Marianne de Béquet. We will present them in this article.

Imperforates

Appeared by 1940, imperforates come from sheets of normal stamps having voluntarily escaped perforation. The number of issued imperforates for small-format stamps is 2000 (20 sheets of 100) (figure which, however, cannot be guaranteed). Imperforates are mainly intended for official collections and surplus is given to important personalities. These imperforates have no postage value on an envelope. An accidental unperforated stamp must be attached to a perforated one not to be confused with an imperforate. For the stamp 0,50F Marianne de Béquet, the sheets of 100 imperforates were chosen during the first printing on 30.11.1970. We show below a plate block of 10 imperforates and a plate block of 10 perforate stamps stemming from the same printing and having the same printing day.
Deluxe sheets

A Deluxe sheet is an unperforated and non adhesive mini-sheet in the centre of which a stamp in its definitive colour is printed. It generally includes a control punch (only till 1967 however) and the inscription “IMPRIMERIE DES TIMBRES-POSTE - FRANCE” at the bottom of the sheet. These sheets are offered to official personalities. They are printed in 300 copies (figure which cannot be guaranteed).

We can see below a Deluxe sheet for the stamp 0,50F Marianne de Béquet and another one for the stamp overprinted 25F CFA:

Philatelic leaflet

A philatelic leaflet is published by the French Post Office for every stamp issue. It mentions the
characteristics of the stamp and gives a brief description of the subject that is represented on the stamp.

The Philatelic leaflet P.O. N 1-71 has been issued for the stamp 0,50 F Marianne de Béquet.

Official Philatelic Document

An Official Philatelic Document is published for the Museum of the Post office on the occasion of the issue of each stamp since 1974. The Document 28-76, issued at the time of the publication of the green 0,80 F and red 1,00 F Marianne de Béquet stamps, contains a proof of the steel die for values 0,45F, 0,50F, 0,60F, 0,80F and 1,00 F of the Marianne de Béquet series:
In 1981, the Museum of the Post office has printed 5000 copies of a luxurious book “Le trésor des timbres-poste de France, 1849-1973”. In this book, a series of 36 plates reproduces blocks of four definitive stamps from the materials deposited at the Museum of the Post office archives. A block of four stamps 0,50F Marianne de Béquet is printed on page 31, together with a block of four stamps 0,30F “Marianne de Cheffer”:
Insert “DEL & SC”

In 1985, the association of engravers and artists “DEL & SC” published 5500 copies of a 25 leaves book "L’art évolution". One of these leaves shows a drawing by Pierre Béquet with a proof of the 0,50F Marianne de Béquet die. Three leaves of this book will be presented as a slide show. If you point to an image with the mouse cursor, this image will remain "steady".
Document "Les visages de Marianne"

In 2001, the French Post office produced a document called “Les visages de Marianne” on which are represented the thirteen Marianne stamps appeared since 1944 (among which the stamp 0,50F Marianne de Béquet). Reproductions are intaglio printed and produced by a new computer-aided engraving machine. This document will be presented as a slide show. If you point to an image with the mouse cursor, this image will remain "steady".
Booklet “Les visages de la Vᵉ République”

Booklets “La République au fil du timbre”.

Self-adhesive booklet

In 2013, the French Post office issued a booklet of fourteen self-adhesive stamps called “La République au fil du timbre” with twelve Marianne type stamps issued since 1959, printed in black-and-white, and two “Marianne de la Jeunesse” stamps (a green and a red) appeared in 2013:

Gummed booklet

In 2013, the French Post office also issued a booklet of fourteen gummed stamps “La République au fil du timbre” with the same stamps than in the self-adhesive booklet: