



FIRST GRANDE ARMÉE

1805 - 1808



N° 3. PORT-PAYÉ
GRANDE-ARMÉE

prepaid

N° 3.
GRANDE-ARMÉE

postage due

N° 3. DÉB.
GRANDE-ARMÉE

deboursé

Taxation of letters

The postal charge was independent of the length of the distance outside France. Soldiers letter sent from everywhere in Europe, were taxed as domestic mail only: from the French border until civil French post office of destination. The tax increased with the weight and distance: weight less as gr. 6 and distance less as km. 500 = 6 decimes, weight between 6 and 8 gr., same distance = 8 decimes, between 8 and 10 gr. = 12 decimes, between 10 and 20 gr. = 30 decimes. Weight less as 6 gr. and distance between 800 and 1000 km. charge was 10 decimes. Same weight distance 500 to 600 km the charge was 7 decimes. Weight between 6 gr. and 8 gr. and distance between 600 to 800 km charge was 14 decimes; same weight for distance between 800 and 1000 km the charge was 11 decimes. Tax for letters sent inside the Army prepaid or postage due was 2 decimes with any distance and weight. Letters could be sent free of charge on the condition that the sender wrote his function on the Army and signed it on the front of the letter. The postal charge for letters addressed to any European locality were charged as below.

The tax amount was manuscript in front of the letter. Tax of prepaid letter was written on the back.



*armée
des côtes*

FLOTILLE IMPÉRIALE.



Mon cher Père

*Je vous apprendrai par nouvelle que nous sommes parties
à la moitié de notre régiment. Le 9 du mois de Messidor
dernier pour venir à l'attaque de nous avons campé
de suite nous sommes au milieu des champs sous le
maisonnet ou il y a un puits pour les faire
au lieu de Maceris c'est des tailleurs qui sont dans le nombre*

Origin of the Great Army

Grande Armée was renamed in 1805 from the Army that Napoleon had assembled on the French Coast of the English Channel for the proposed invasion of Britain. Then Napoleon replaced the Army east again Austria and Russia. Therefore the *Armée des Côtes* became *Grande Armée*.

Here exhibited we see a *Cantinière* letter from a Dragon soldier stationed in the Camp of St. Pierre near Brest dated "le 20 Thermidor an 13" (8 July 1805). Taxed on the address side 8 decimes and showings, full colours, a Navy of the Imperial Fleet.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
 First Army Corps



PREMIER CORPS
GRANDE ARMÉE
N° 1

26 September 1807. From Berlin
 to Hannover. Postmark "
Premier Corps / Grande
Armée / N1 allocated to the
 Second Division of the First
 Army Corps.

PREMIER CORPS
GRANDE ARMÉE
PORT PAYÉ. N° 1



29 April 1807. Letter from
Preusch Holland (sic)
 addressed to Paris. Postmark
Premier Corps / Grande
Armée / Port Payé n 1 attached
 to the Second Division of the
 First Army Corps. The sender
 wrote "je suis sous l'inspecteur aux
 Revenues employé au 1er.
 Corps de la Grande Armée.



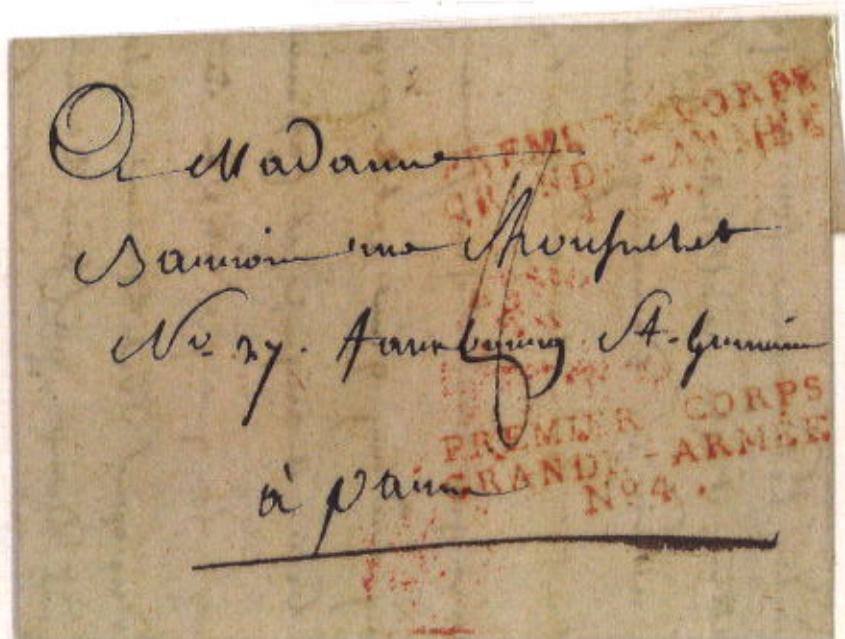
GRANDE ARMÉE
1808 -1805
First Army Corps



September 1807. Prepaid letter from Westenhausen addressed to Paris. Postmark
Premier Corps / Grande Armée / Port Payée n 2. Arrival pmk. dated 18
September. Prepaid manuscript 8 decimes for a letter with weight between 6 and 8
gr, and distance less as 500 km. We note the framed rectangular pmk **T4** referring
to the town distribution post office. Interior signed by *Martin Chasserouge employé*
à la 2^{me}. Division, Premier Corps d'Armée.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
First Army Corps



28 April 1807. Letter from Frauenburg addressed to Paris showing the **very uncommon** red three lines pmk. **Première Corps / Grande Armée / N 4**. Postage due manuscript 8 decimes. On reverse arrival pmk in Paris (14 May 1807).



12 Mars 1807. Letter from Frauenburg addressed to Montpellier with the **very uncommon** red three lines pmk. **Première Corps / Grande Armée / Port Payée N 4**. Tax 12 decim. manuscript on reverse.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 -1808
Second Army Corps

The 2.nd Army Corps P.O., coming from Holland proceeding to use his own postmark before and during the Austerlitz Campaign.

BAU GAL
ARM DE HOLLANDE

1 February 1806. Letter from Leybach addressed to Ferrigny. Red field postmark **B.au G.al - Arm. De Hollande** allocated to the Headquarter of the 2.nd Corps (Marmont). Manuscript 6 decimes for a postage fee for a letter weight less as 6 gr. for a distance less as 500 Km.



2^{EME} CORPS
GRANDE ARMÉE

8 janvier 1807. Letter from Palmanova to Arles, Département du Rhone, showing a red framed postmark **2.me Corps Grande Armée**. Inside the sender address: "Capitaine au 106 Regiment, 1.re Battalion. 6.me Compagnie à Palmanova, 2.me Corps de la Grande Armée en Italie".



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808

General Army Staff



Napoleon with his General Army Staff



2 March 1805. Letter from Strasbourg addressed to Var Department.
Red postmark **B.au G.al - Grande Armée**. Taxed 8 decimes for a letter with weight between 6 and 8 gr and distance less as 500 km.

The sender wrote his own address. "Armée du Rhin en Cantonnement à Strasbourg, Division du General Oudinot, 9.me (?) Battalion des Grenadier, 2.me Légère, 1.re Compagnie à Strasbourg.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
Third Army Corps



Marshall Davout, Chief of the 3rd Army Corps



Munich. 20 September 1906. Letter addressed to a village in the Department of Saune et Loire bearing black pmk. **N 1 GRANDE ARMÉE** and arrival pmk. **DEB CHALON**. The sender was Maitre de Musique au 1^{re} Regiment de Chasseurs à Cheval à la Grande Armée - 3^{me} Corp. Taxation is not legible.



GRANDE ARMÉE

1805 - 1808

Third Army Corps



29 August 1805. Prepaid letter from Ottingen addressed to the *Medecin principal du 4me. Corps de la Grande Armée au Quartier General in Passau*. Red Postmark **N 1 Port Payée / Grande Armée**. On reverse taxed 2 decimes for letters sent inside the Army with any distance and weight.



Wien, 20 February 1806. Letter addressed to department *Des Lander*? Red pmk. **N 1 GRANDE ARMÉE**. Taxed 10 decimes for a letter sent to distance between 800 and 1000 km (weight less as 6 gr.). The sender was the Battalion Chief of the 3rd Army Corps.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 -1808
Fourth Army Corps



30 June 1806. Letter from Elring addressed to Lille. Red handstamp N 2 Grande Armée allocated to the 2nd Division (Vandamme) of the Fourth Army Corps. The letter was taxed on arrival 7 decimes for a weight less as 6 gr and distance between 500 and 600 km.



General Dominique Joseph Vandamme. Chief of the 2nd Division, Fourth Army Corps

16 January 1807. Letter from Presnitz, Ville de la Pologne addressed to Mayence. Very uncommon red handstamp N 2 Port Payé / Grande Armée. The addressee was a Proviseur de l'Armée therefore the sender, a Captain of 28th Reg de Ligne, prepaid 2 decimes for a letter sent inside the Army.

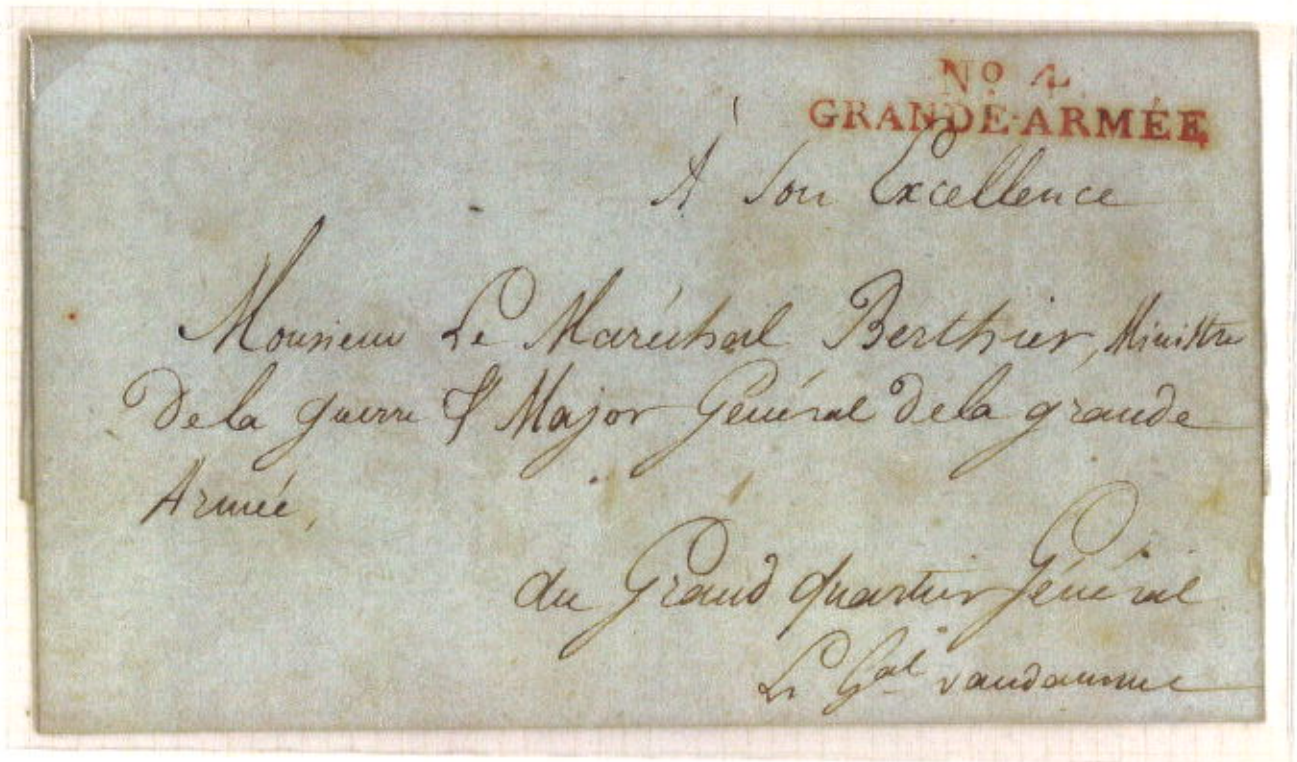




GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
Fourth Army Corps



Louis Alexandre Berthier Prince de Neuchâtel and Minister of War



18 October 1805. Text endorsed *Le 26 Vendémiaire an 14*. Letter written by General Vandamme, Chief of the 2nd. Division in Lautheim, addressed to Marshal Berthier, War Minister. Red postmark **N 4 / Grande Armée**. Official letter free of charge.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
Fourth Army Corps



16 September 1806. Letter from Altdorf addressed to Marseilles with red postmark **N. 3 Grande Armée** allocated to the Headquarter of the Fourth Army Corps. Taxed manuscript 12 decimes. The 8 on the upper left corner is probably referring to the weight.



14 May 1808. Prepaid letter addressed near Warsovie. Pmk. **N. 3 Port Payée / Grande Armée**. The addressee is the *Capitaine Commandant le Detachement de la 6me. Compagnie du Parc d'Artillerie*.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1806 - 1808
Sedentary Office of Cassel

two different type of postmark FPO n° 4

N° 4.
GRANDE-ARMÉE

1st. Type

N° 4.
GRANDE-ARMÉE

2nd. Type



29 August 1808. Letter from Hannover to Paris. We note the red pmk. **N. 4 Grande Armée**. Tax manuscript 8 decimes for a letter with weight between 6 and 8 gr. and distance less as 500 km. Arrival in Paris red pmk dated 7 September.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 -1808
 Fourth Army Corps



13 April 1806. Prepaid letter from Lettenweiss addressed to Montreuil. Red postmark N 5. Port Payé / Grande Armée. On reverse manuscript postal charge of 14 decimes.



Soult Chief of the 4th. Corps



6 July 1808. Letter addressed to Rouen. Field postmark N. 5 /Grande Armée. Taxed 12 decimes for a letter with weight between 8 and 10 gr. and distance less as 500 km.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 – 1808
 Fifth Army Corps



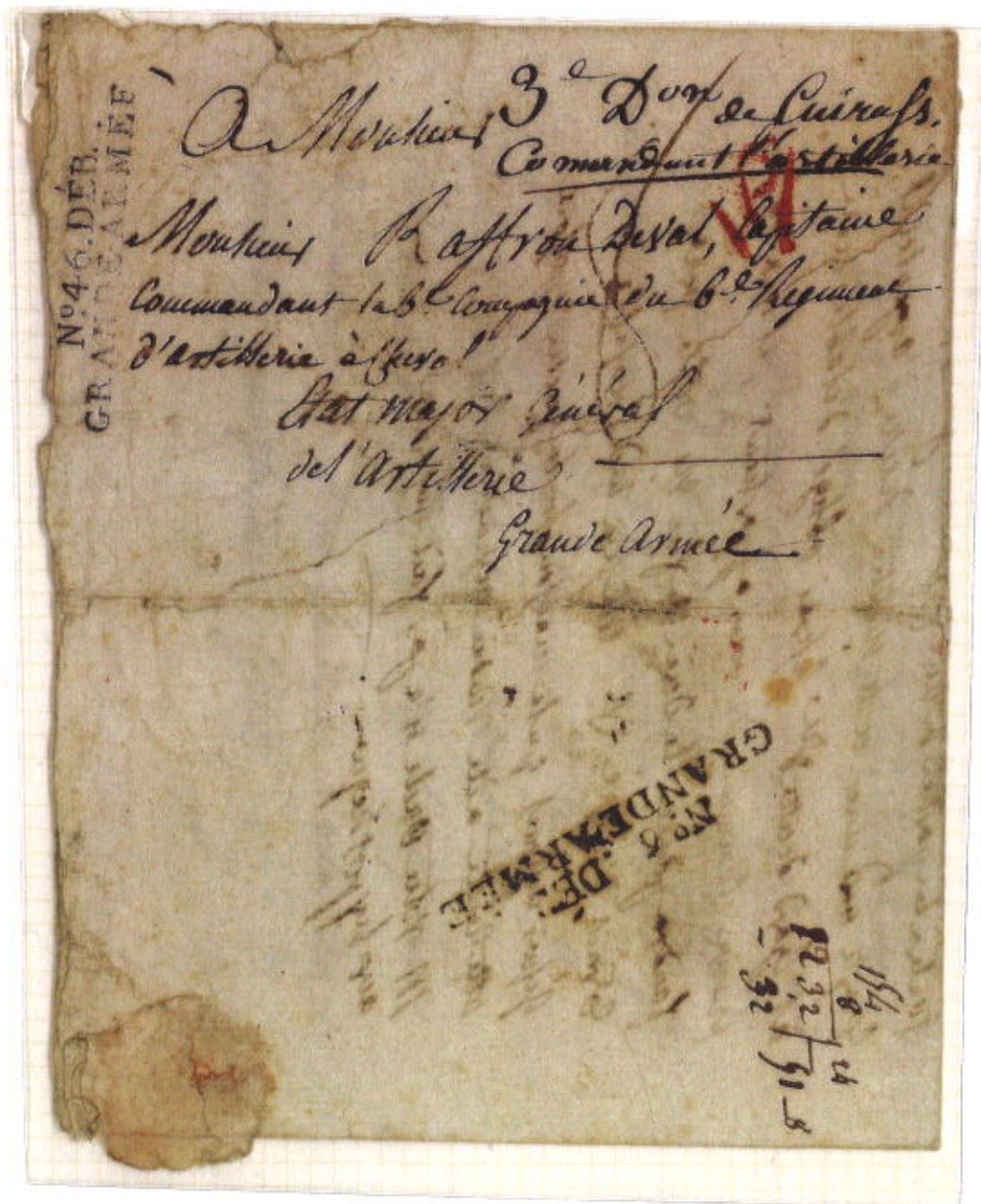
General Rapp announce to Napoleon the Austerlitz victory
 (from Gerard painting)



3 Nivose an 14 (12 January 1806). Letter from Wien addressed to Marseille. Postmark N. 6 Grande Armée allocated to the General Post Office of the Fifth Army Corps, Taxes 8 decimes for a letter sent to distance less as 500 km and weight between 6 and 8 gr. We read: *Le lendemain de ma lettre le Regiment fut attaqué par 2 à 3 mille Cosaques formant l'avangarde de l'Armée Russe qui s'avancait pour prendre position. Nous avons 150 hommes à cheval. Malgré notre nombre si disproportionné notre Regiment battait en retraite dans le plus grande ordre...* Few days after Austerlitz battle.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
Fifth Army Corps



13 September 1807. Letter from Paris addressed to Captain Deval of the 6th. Company Horses Artillery and readressed to the 3rd. Cuirassier Division. We note the **uncommon** handstamp **N 6 Deb / Grande Armée** allocated to the field post office of the Fifth Army Corps and the **very uncommon N 46 / Grande Armée** allocated to the 2nd. Division of the 10th Army Corps. At time the 2 field post offices seem be located near Danzig and Berlin. The letter was taxed 8 decimes.



GRANDE ARMÉE

1805 - 1808

Sixth Army Corps



31 Octobre 1806 Letter de Francfort addressed to Jena with red field pmk. **N. 7 Grande Armée** allocated to the Headquarter of the Sixth Army Corps. Manuscript (very light) 2 decimes for a letter sent inside the Army. German pmk *Francfort*



26 June 1808. Letter from Glogau addressed to Paris sent free of charge. The stamp "Chef d'Etat Major G.al du 6.me Corps" authorized the free postal service.



GRANDE ARMÉE

1805 - 1808

Sixth Army Corps



Official letter without content addressed to "Conseil d'Administration du 7.^{me} Régiment d'Infanterie, 2.^{me} Division, 4.^{me} Corps de la Grande Armée. Au Quartier Général". **N. 7 . Déb / Grande Armée.** Black seal "Ministère de la Guerre". Free of charge. Probably this letter was sent by mistake to the Sixst ArmyCorps and then a *Deboursé* postmark was applied.



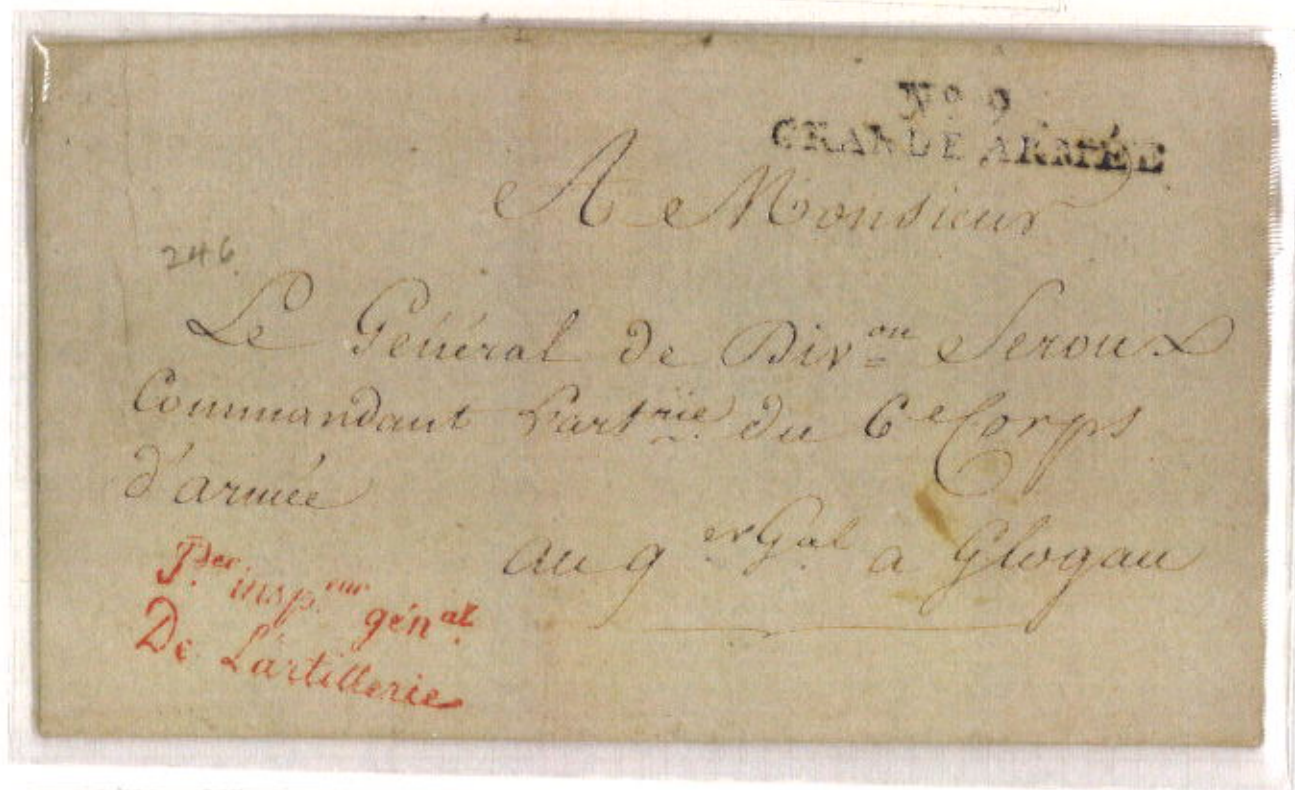
15 March 1807. Letter from Guttstadt addressed to Grenoble. Red - brown postmark **N. 7 Déb / Grande Armée** applied for mistake because the letter was sent postage due and the addressee had to pay 8 decimes for this letter with weight between 6 and 8 gr. and distance less as 500 km.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
First Army Corps



19 August 1808. Prepaid letter to Avignon with field postmark **N. 9 Port Payée / Grande Armée** allocated to the General Post Office of the First Army Corps. Prepaid 12 decimes (manuscript on reverse) for a distance less as 500 km and weight between 8 and 10 gr.



13 January 1808. Letter from Berlin addressed to General Seroux Commander of Artillery of the Sixth Army Corps. Postmark **N. 9 / Grande Armée** allocated to the General Post Office of the First Army Corps. On the lower left corner we see red two lines mark "*1^{er} Inspecteur Général de l'Artillerie*". Letter sent free of charge because the red mark of the sender prove his function in the Army.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
Fourth Army Corps



19 January 1806.. Letter from Salzburg addressed to Anvers. Red Field postmark **N. 9 grande Armée** allocated to the Second Division (Leval). Taxed 6 decimes with weight less as 6 gr. and distance less as 500 km.



January 1807. Prepaid letter from Warsaw addressed to Bastia in the Corse Island. Field red postmark **N. 9 Port Payée / Grande Armée** allocated to the Second Division. Taxed 12 decimes (manuscript on reverse).



GRANDE ARMÉE

1805 - 1808

Cavalry Reserve



16 September 1807. Letter from Sagan (Slesien) addressed to Paris. Field postmark **N. 10 Grande Armée** allocated to the First Division of Dragons commanded by G.al De la Tour Mauburg. Manuscript 8 decimes postal due for a letter with weight between 6 and 8 gr and distance less as 500 km. Arrival Paris red handstamp dated 7 October.



MOREAU DRAGON, AU 23^{ME} REGIMENT

De Lodi le 2 aoust
1807

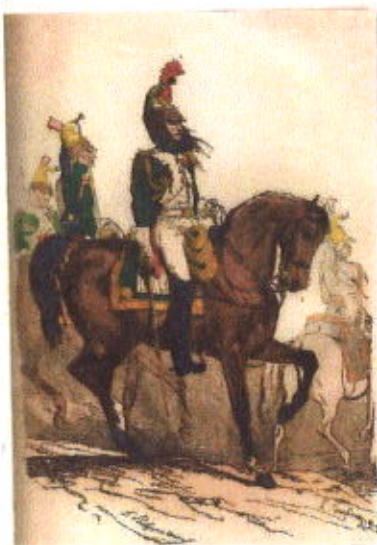
Mon cher frère, et chère sœur
Je salue que vous avez gardé jusqu'à présent une
bonne copie de la Réponse que je vous ai faite
et connaissez votre volonté si votre attachement pour moi
vous pousse de quelque côté, je puis espérer que vous
ne me refuserez pas la même satisfaction de me
donner de vos nouvelles, connaissant votre bon cœur
et sentant vivement que vous m'avez toujours prouvé
j'attends ainsi et suis dans cette espérance flatteuse.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
Cavalry Reserve



22 December 1807. Letter from Sagan (near Glogau in Slesien) addressed to Berlin. Postmark **N. 10 Grande Armée** allocated to the First Dragons Division.



Dragons Officer

22 March 1806. Letter from Breslau to Paris. The sender was Colonel Ismart of the 2nd. Dragons Regiment. Postmark **N. 10 Port Payée / Grande Armée**. Prepaid 8 decimes for a letter with weight between 6 and 8 gr. and distance less as 500 km.





GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
Fifth Army Corps



24 January 1806. Letter from Linz Capitale de la Haute Autriche addressed to Nîmes. Green postmark N. 11 Grande Armée. Taxed 8 decimes for a letter sent to distance less as 500 km and weight between 6 and 8 gr.



1 January 1808. Prepaid letter from Breslau addressed to Paris. Blue field postmark N. 11 Port Payée / Grande Armée allocated to the General Office of the Staff of the Fifth Army Corps. On reverse e note manuscript 8 decimes, the prepaid postal due for a letter with weight between 6 and 8 gr. and distance less as 500 km.

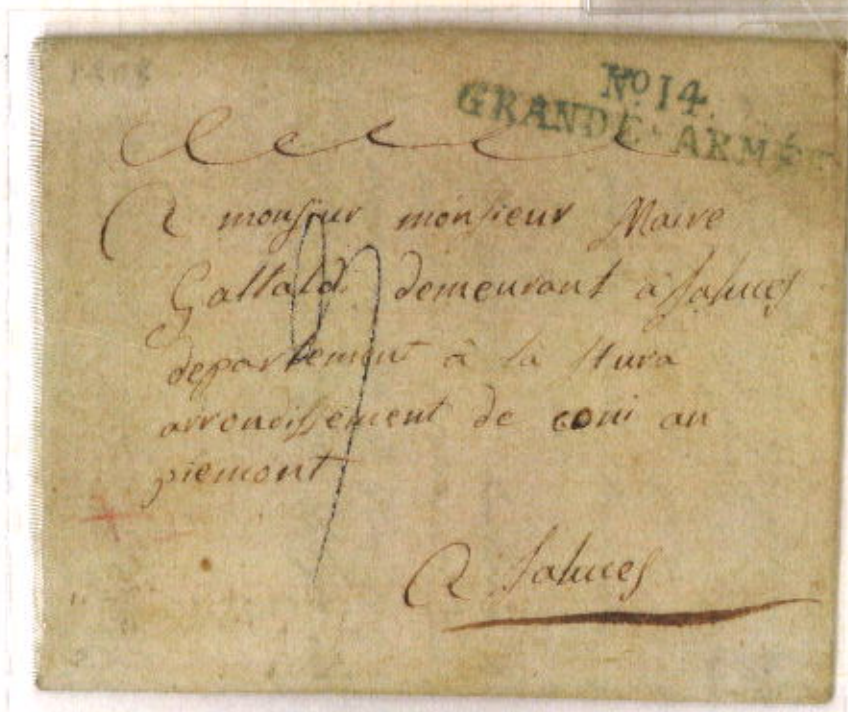


GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
Cavalry Reserve



Reduced copy of a letter
reproducing an Officer of
Cuirassiers

8 September 1808. Lettre de
Borstel addressed to Paris.
N. 12 Grande Armée allocated
to the 2nd Division Cuirassiers.
Taxed 8 decimes.



20 May 1808. Letter from
Breslau addressed to Saluzzo
(Piedmont). Green pmk.

N. 14 Grande Armée. The
sender was "Dragon au 18
Regiment, 6^{me}. Compagnie,
4^{me}. Division cantonné dans la
Slesie environ de Breslau."



GRANDE ARMÉE 1805 - 1808
Sedentary Office of Erfurt



13 December 1807. Letter from Erfurt addressed to Berlin. Red postmark **N. 13 Grande Armée**. Tax manuscript 2 decimes for letters sent inside the Army. any distance and weight.



10 November 1808. Letter from Naubourg addressed to Avignon. Postmark **N. 13. Grande Armée**. Taxed 10 decimes for letter with weight less as 6 gr. and distance between 800 and 1000 km.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
Fifth Army Corps

N^o 15.
GRANDE ARMÉE
Monsieur Jean
François Kallon Jardinier
Demeurant rue de la brette
M^ot San guin N^o 2
à orléans Département
Du Loiret à orléans

28 July 1807. Letter from Deinglegepin (?) en Prussen addressed to Orleans. **N. 15 Grande Armée**. The sender wrote his own address: "Soldat dans la 1.^{re} Compagnie des Voltigeurs du 1.^{re} Bataillon du 64.^{me} Regiment de Ligne, 3.^{me} Division - 5.^{me} Corps."

N^o 15 PORT-PAYÉ
GRANDE ARMÉE
Monsieur
Monsieur Joseph de
St Agathe
à Nice
Alpes maritimes

19 September 1808. Prepaid letter from Hannover addressed to Nice with red postmark **N. 15 Port Payé / Grande Armée**. On reverse we note manuscript tax of 12 decimes for a letter weight between 8 and 10 gr. and distance less as 500 km.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
Third Army Corps

3^e Corps d'Armée
de la Réserve.

Au Quartier général à *Strasbourg* le 19^e 5^{me} 1806.

Le Maréchal d'Empire Kellermann,
Sénateur, Membre du Grand-Conseil de la Légion d'honneur,
au Général de Division Le Val commandant
la 5^{me} Division militaire

Les ordres sont
donnés en conséquence
Le 24^e janvier

à Strasbourg.

Vous voudrez bien m'en faire agréer par le Général Doreux.

Q. Monsieur **N°16. GRANDE ARMÉE** *De Strasbourg*
M. de Crassen, *De la commune*
D. de Crassen, *3^e Arrondissement*
D. de Crassen, *De la Haute Garonne*
D. de Crassen

21 May 1808. Letter from Crassen addressed to *Haute Garonne Departement*. Red pmk. N. 16
Grande Armée allocated to the Post Office of the Third Division. Manuscript 11 decimes for a
letter with weight between 8 and 10 gr. and distance less as 500 km.
Above we see a letter signed by Marshal Kellerman and addressed to "Gen. de Division Le Val".



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
Third Army Corps



Portrait of Gen Friant,
Chief of the 3.rd Division



21 September 1808. Letter from Lissa (between Posen and Breslau)
addressed to *Département de l'Herault*. Postmark **N. 17 Grande Armée**
allocated to the 3.rd Division of the 3.rd Army Corps.
10 Decimes postage due manuscript for a letter with weight less as 6 gr.
and distance between 800 and 1000 km.



GRANDE ARMÉE

1805 - 1808

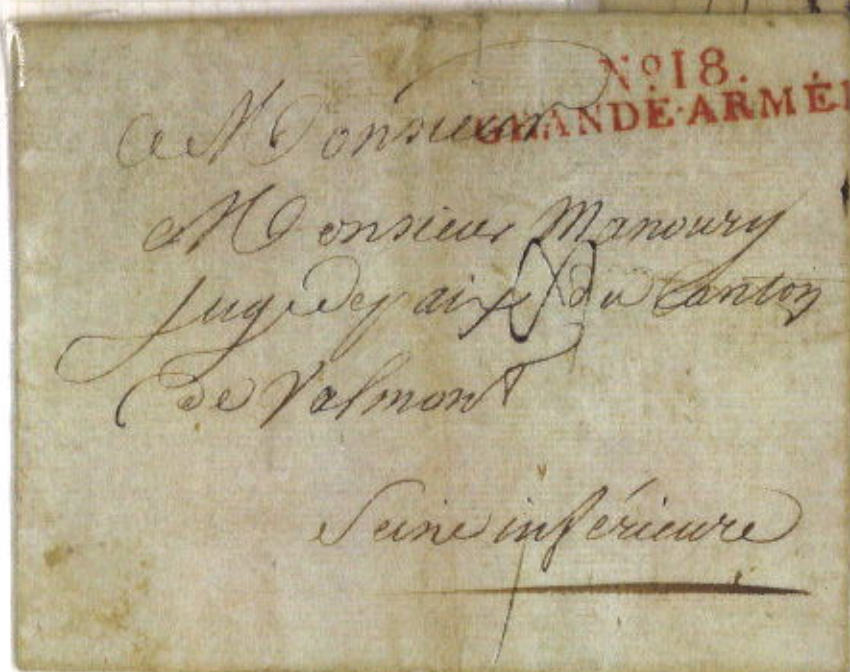
Fifth Army Corps



6 June 1806. Prepaid letter from
Shillingfurst addressed to Paris.

Red postmark **N. 18 port Payée /
Grande Armée**. Framed

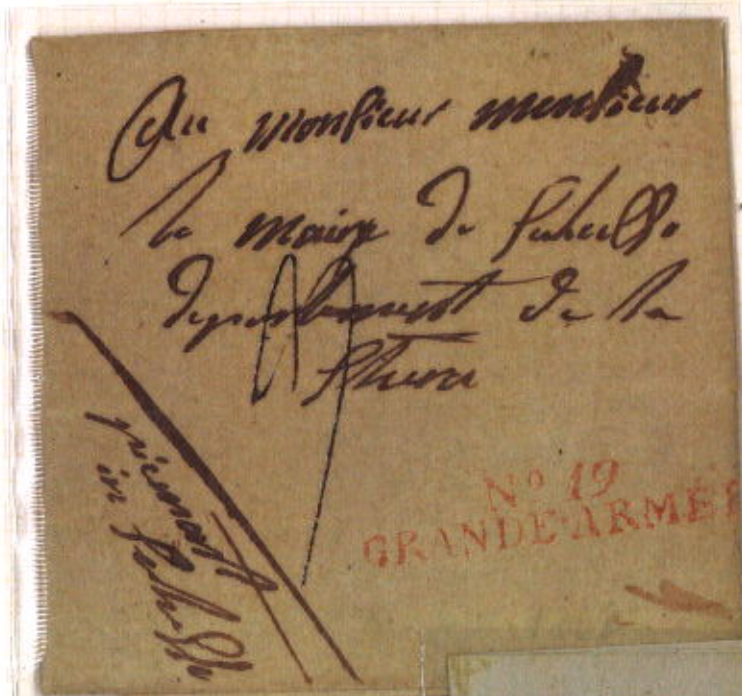
handstamp **T5** allocated to the
Paris distribution post office. The
sender was a Major of the 100
Regiment d'Infanterie de Ligne,
2nd Division



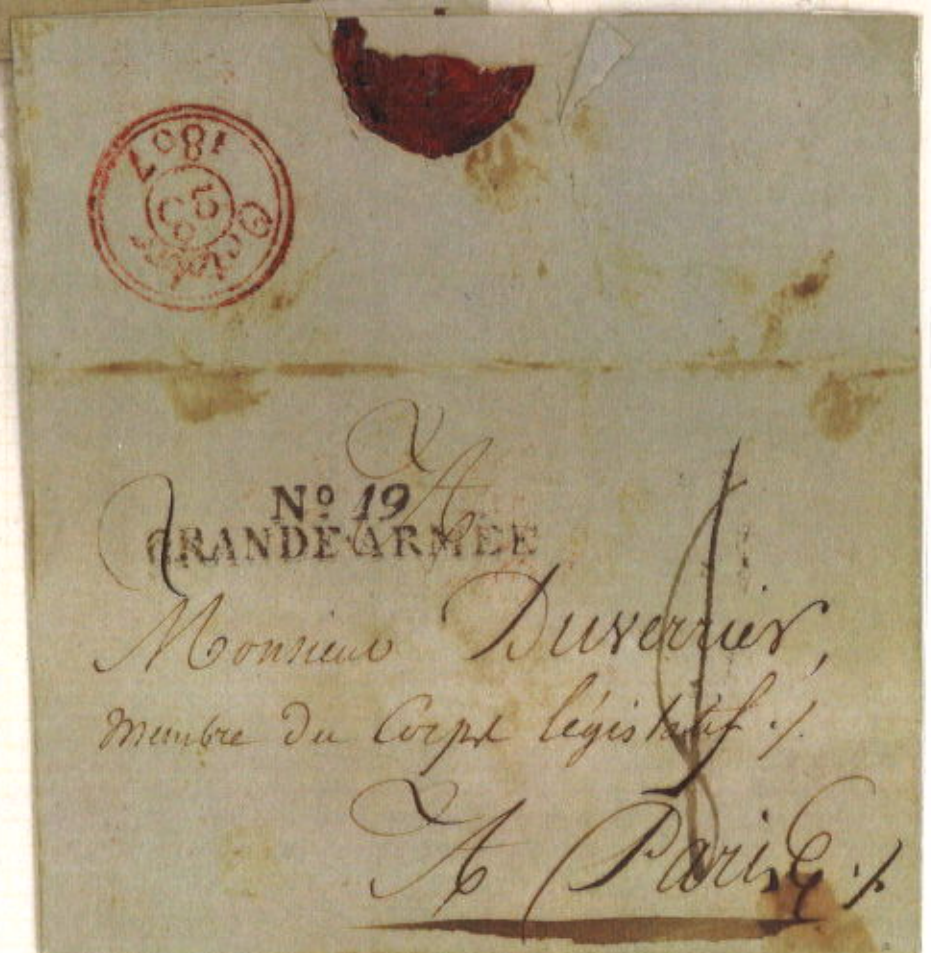
16 October 1807. Letter from
Brug (Silesia) addressed to the
Dep. of Seine Inferieure. Red
postmark **N. 18 Grande Armée**
allocated to the 2nd Division in
the 5th Army Corps.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
Sixth Army Corps



1807. From Glogau to Stura
Department (Piedmont). Red
pmk. **N. 19 Grande Armée**. The
sender was a soldier of the 31
Regiment d'Infanterie, 2me.
Battalion, 3me. Compagnie au
6 me. Corps d'Armée. Taxed 7
decimes for a letter with weight
less as 6 gr. and distance
between 500 and 600 km.



10 October 1807. Letter from
Glogau addressed to Paris
bearing black postmark **N 19**.
Grande Armée. The sender was
a Chief of Battalion du Genie au
6me. Corps d'Armée. Taxed 8
decimes (weight between 6 and 8
gr. and distance less as 500 km.)



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
Park of Artillery

GRANDE ARMÉE
No 20
Monsieur
Professeur du
Muséum d'histoire naturelle
à
Paris



Letter without content addressed to Paris. Arrival postmark 27 June 1807. Red postmark N 20. Grande Armée. Taxed 20 decimes for a letter with weight between 10 and 15 gr and distance less as 500 km. Wax red seal of the *Commissaire Imperial du Parlement de Berlin*.



GRANDE ARMÉE 1805 - 1808
Park of Artillery

3^e DIVISION
ARTILLERIE

Empire Française

TRAIN
D'ARTILLERIE



Paris, le 27 Mai 1813

Monsieur

N^o 20. PORT-PAYÉ
GRANDE ARMÉE

A Monsieur

*Monsieur Lemerier
Agent d'affaires rue du faubourg
Poissinier N^o 7. Par la rue
Bergerie à Paris*

29 January 1808. Letter from the *Regie Générale des Vivres de la Grande Armée* sent prepaid to Paris. Red **N. 20. Port - Payée / Grande Armée**. Tax manuscript on reverse 8 decimes and arrival pmk. in Paris dated 7 February. On the ground a letter *Cantinière* representing a single train of Artillery working in the next Grande Armée (French Campaign - 1913).



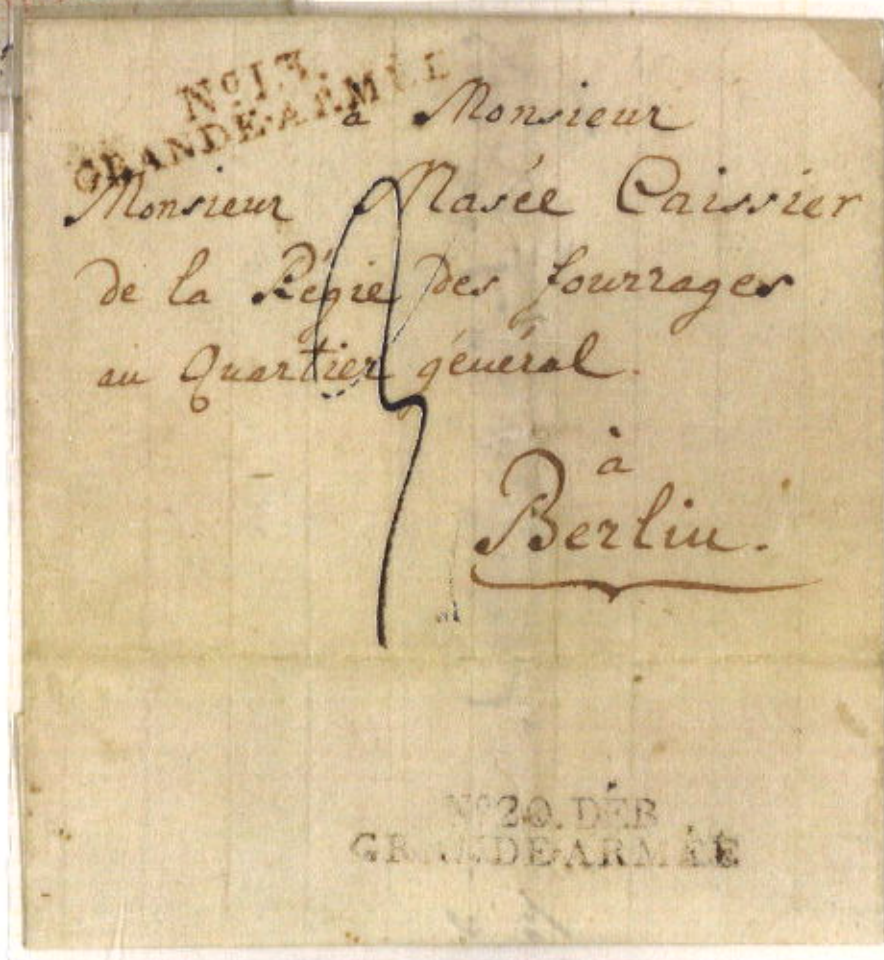
GRANDE ARMÉE

1805 - 1808

Park of Artillery



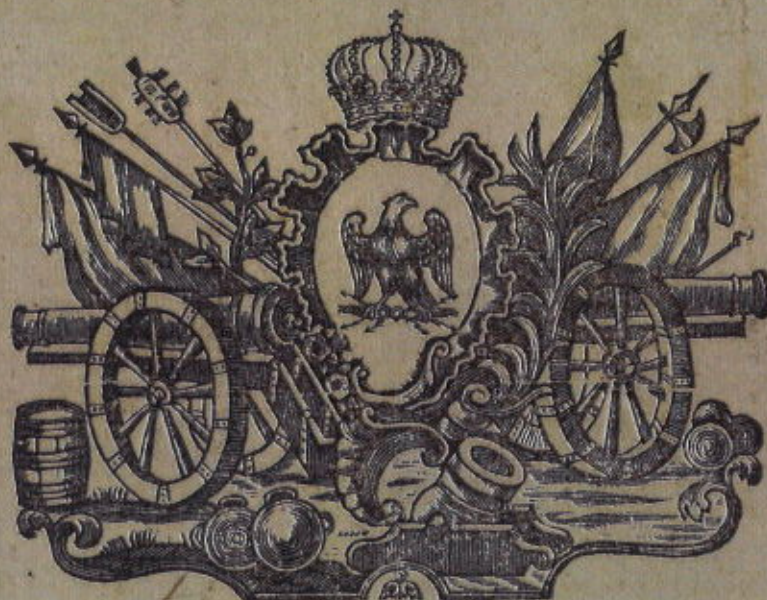
20 February 1806. Letter from Paris addressed to a Doctor stationed in the Great Army. Prepaid 6 decimes and we note a red, **uncommon**, postmark: **N 20 Deb - Grande Armée**.



27 September 1807. Letter from the Sedentary Office of Erfurt addressed to the Headquarter of the Park of Artillery in Berlin. Postmark **N. 13 Grande Armée** and **N. 20. Déb Grande Armée**.



GRANDE ARMÉE 1805 - 1808
Sedentary Office of Frankfurt



A *Paris* le *21* *1808*

NO 21
GRANDE ARMÉE

A Monsieur
Monsieur De Bergeyordrie
Moulin à Vent à Poitiers
Département de la Vienne
à Poitiers

9 December 1807. Uncommon envelope with content from the Agent de la Trésorerie de la Grande Armée à Frankfurt sur le Main addressed to Paris. Black postmark **N. 21 Grande Armée**. Taxed 11 decimes. Above we see a letter with Imperial Coat of Arms addressed from Brest to the Loire Department (January 1808).



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 – 1808
Fourth Army Corps



General Charles Vincent de Saint Hilaire
Chief of the 4th Division



14 February 1808. Letter from Stettin addressed to the Ardeche Department. Red postmark N 22, Grande Armée attached to the First Division (St Hilaire). Charged 10 decimes for a letter with weight less as 6 gr and distance between 800 and 1000 Km. The sender is a soldier in the 3^{me}. Regiment de ligne, 1^{re}, Division, 4th Army Corps.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
Fourth Army Corps



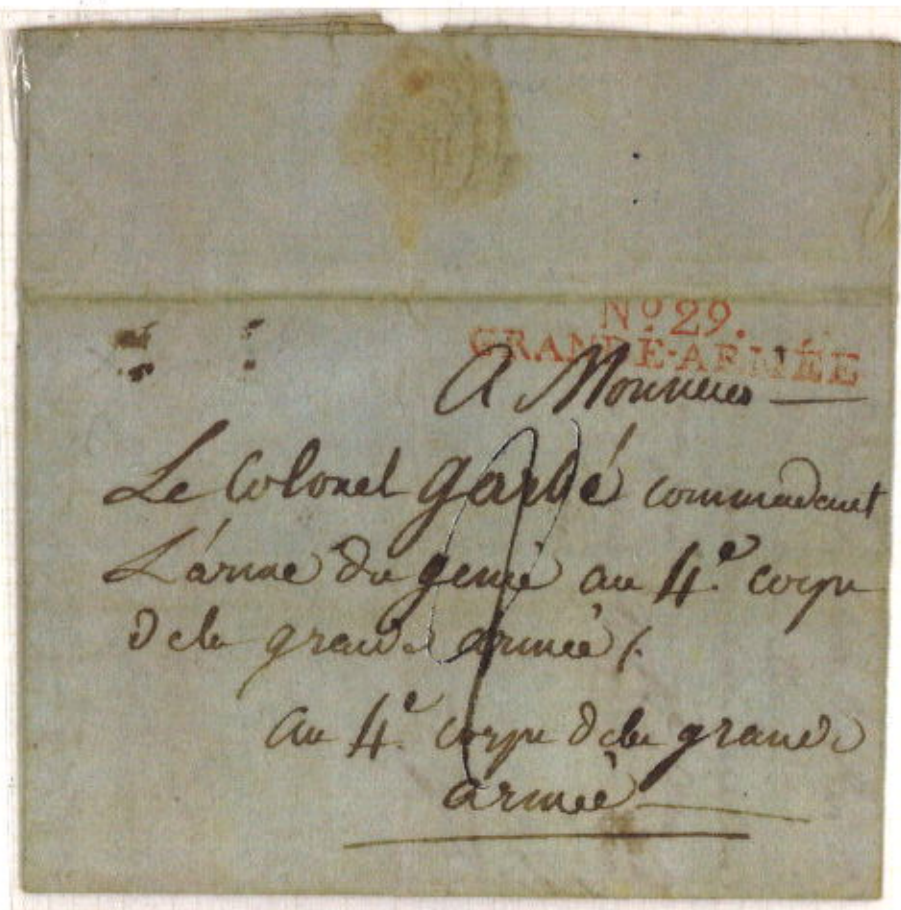
30 July 1807. Letter from Posen (Prussia) addressed to Paris **N. 23 Grande Armée** allocated to the Second Division (Carra St Cyr). Taxed 8 decimes for a letter with weight between 6 and 8 gr. and distance less as 500 km.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 – 1808
Third Army Corps



Marshal Mortier Chief
of the 5th Army Corps



21 March 1808. Letter from an unreadable place addressed to a Colonel of the Fourth Corps. Red postmark N. 29. Grande Armée allocated to the First Division of Third Corps. Postmark unknown by Frank. Taxed 2 decimes for a letter sent inside the Army.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
 Sixth Army Corps



Ney Chief of the Sixth Corps.



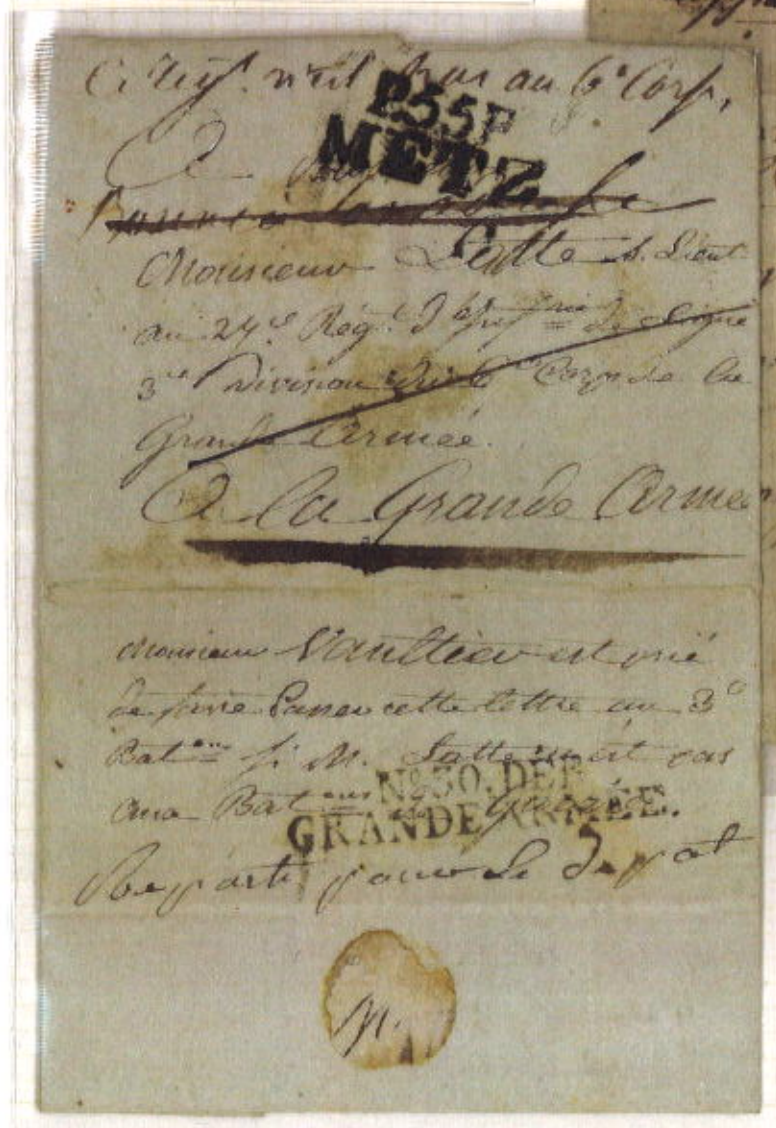
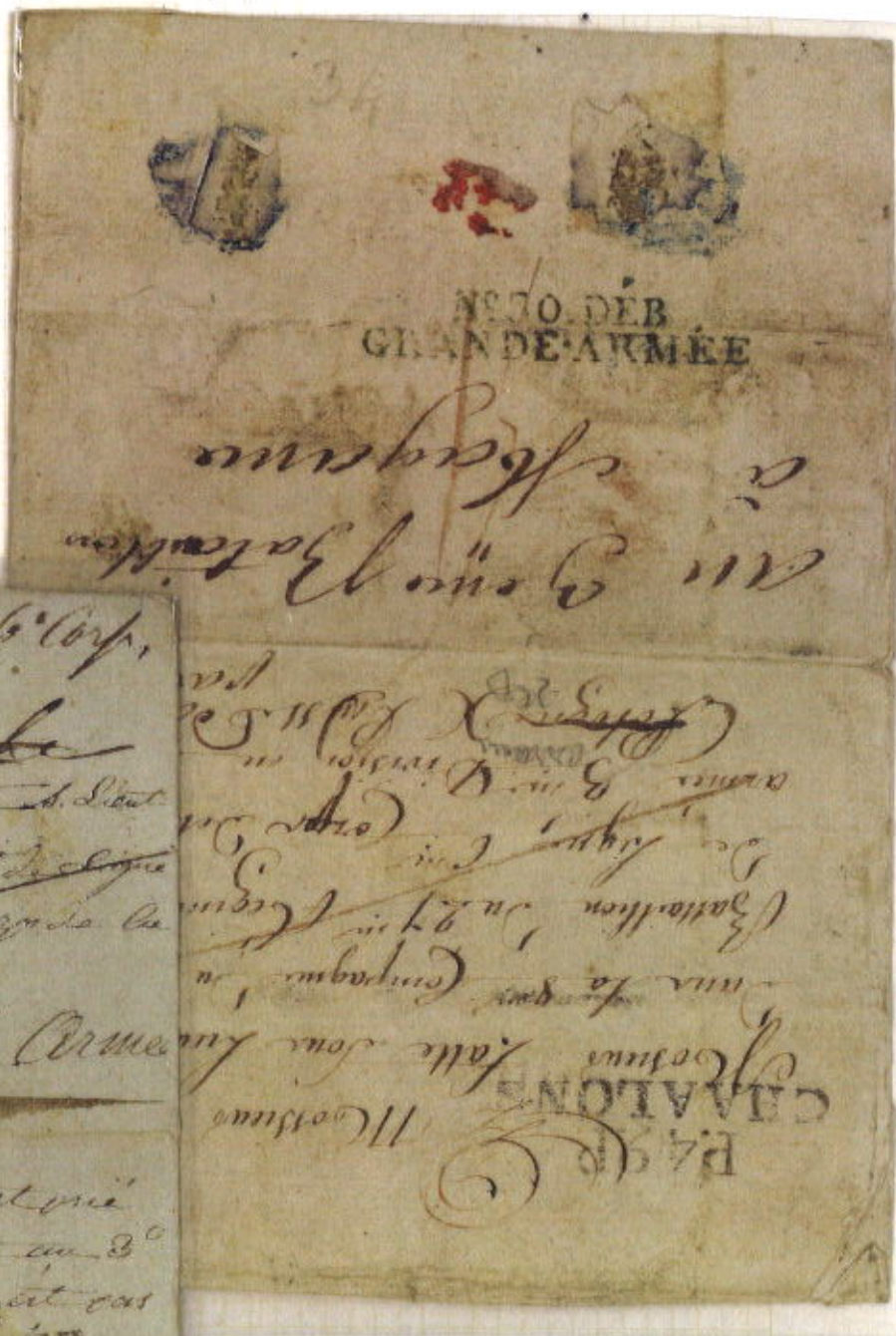
28 December 1807. Letter wrote by Gen. Bisson, Chief of the Division addressed to illegible country. Black pmk. **N. 30 Grande Armée** (2nd type large O) allocated to the 2nd. Division. Taxed 10 decimes for a letter weight less as 6 gr. and distance between 800 and 1000 km.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808

Sixth Army Corps

8 February 1807. Letter prepaid from Chaalons addressed to *Sous Lieutenant dans la 8me. Compagnie ou 2me. Battalion du 27me. Regiment de Ligne, 3me. Division, 6me. Corps de la Grande Armée en Prusse.* Green pmk N. 30 Déb / Grande Armée. We see manuscript: *au 3me. Battalion à Wagram.*



15 June 1807. Letter de Metz addressed to *Monsieur Lieutenant au 24 Reg. de Ligne, 3me Division.* Postmark N. 30. Déb / Grande Armée.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
Fifth Army Corps



Marshal Lannes, Chief of
the Fifth Corps.



3 July 1807. Letter from Krapitz in Silesie addressed to Tours in the Loire Department. Red field postmark **N. 31 Grande Armée** allocated to the 5.th Division of Dragons attached to the Fifth Corps. In the content we read: " *Cependant on nous assure que l'Empereur va nous visiter et si sa Majesté quitte Bayonne, l'Impératrice n'y restera surement pas. Nous sommes sur le point de faire un mouvement.....pour nous rapprocher de l'Infanterie.....Nous serons dans une petite ville qui est pas très jolie mais qui vaut encore mieux q'un camp.*



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
 Armée de Reserve



14 June 1808. Letter de Danzig addressed to S. Denis in the
 Le Departement de la Seine. Postmark **N 34 Port Payée -**
Grande Armée. allocated to the *Division Grenadier (Oudinot)*.
 Unknown by Frank.



6 April 1807. Letter from Nepkau addressed to Paris with red pmk. **N 34.**
Grande Armée. The sender wrote: *J'ai reçu aujourd'hui ma nomination d'adjudant*
Commandant employé comme Chef d'Etat Major du Corps des Grenadiers
réunis et je le dois au General Oudinot. Tax de 8 decimes et, on reverse, Paris
 red arrival postmark dated 24 April.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808

Wittenberg Sedentary Office

Grande Armée.

Régie générale
des Fourrages.

Au grand Quartier général à Posen
le 12 décembre 1806.

Le Régisseur des Fourrages



Monsieur Auguste Garnier
Préposé des Fourrages
~~Tout à la fois~~
~~à Ziesar~~
à Ziesar
entre Brandebourg et Magdebourg

12 December 1806. Letter from Posen addressed to Ziesar entre Brandebourg et Magdebourg, showing two postmarks: red N. 9 Grande Armée and blue green N. 37 Deb / Grande Armée allocated to the Sedentary Office of Wittenberg. Postage due 2 decimes for a letter sent inside the Army.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
Fourth Army Corps



16 July 1808. Letter addressed to Caen in the *Calvados Departement*. Postmark **N 23. Déb - Grande Armée** used as postal due marking. **Quilet uncommon, unknown by Frank**. Allocated on the 2nd Division (Carra St Cyr).

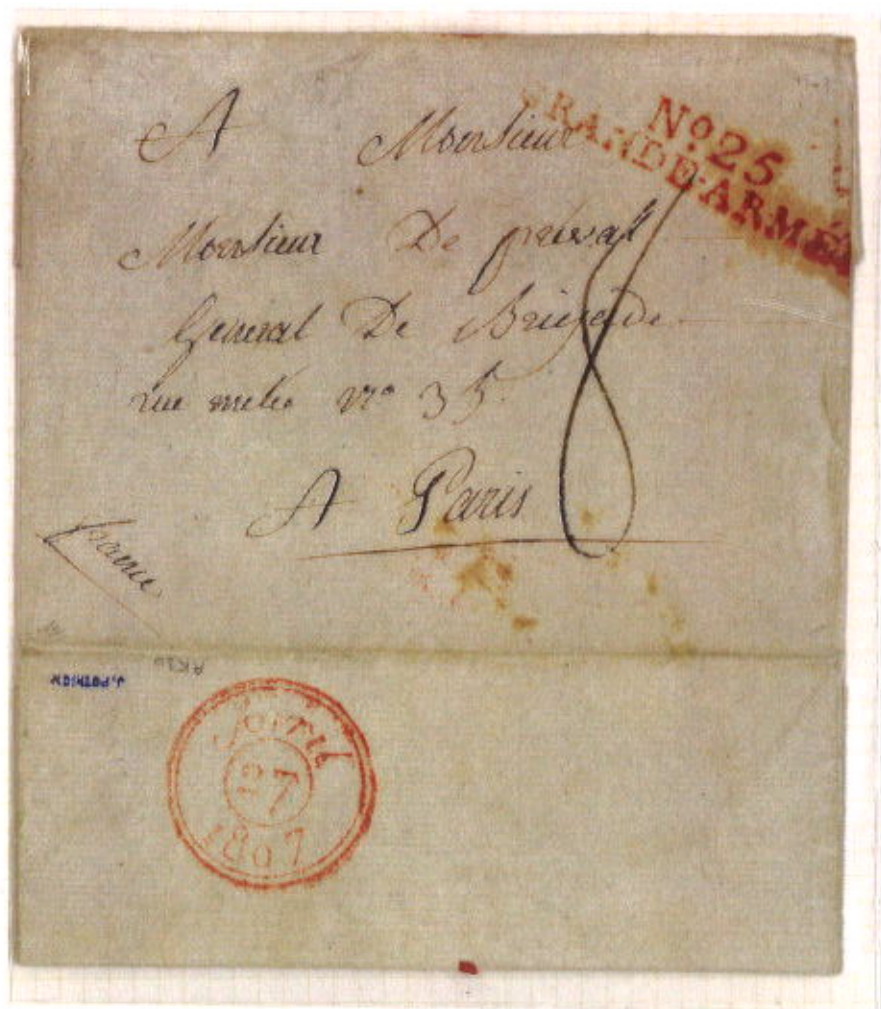


Corps des
Villes Hanseatiques

17 November 1808. Letter from Lubeck addressed to Alba in Piedmont. Red postmark **N 24. Grande Armée**. Taxed 6 decimes for a letter less as 6 gr. and distance less as 500 km.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 – 1808
Cavalry Reserve



6 May 1807. Letter from Marienwelder addressed to Paris. Red postmark N. 25 Grande Armée allocated to the First Division of Cuirassiers. The addressee had to pay 8 decimes for a letter sent to distance less as 500 km and weight between 6 and 8 gr. Arrival in Paris dated 26 Avril,



GRANDE ARMÉE 1805 - 1808
Imperial Guard

Paris le 18 avril 1810

Garde

Impériale.

2^{me} Bataillon.

2^{me} Compagnie.



Ma très Chère Épouse

J'ai reçu la lettre de Datté du 10 avril 1810, qui m'a
fait connaître que vous étiez à Paris.

Messieurs

Les Impériaux Penes

N° 26
GRANDE ARMÉE

Du Service De Santé De l'Armée

St. Germain St. Germain

Paris

St. Germain

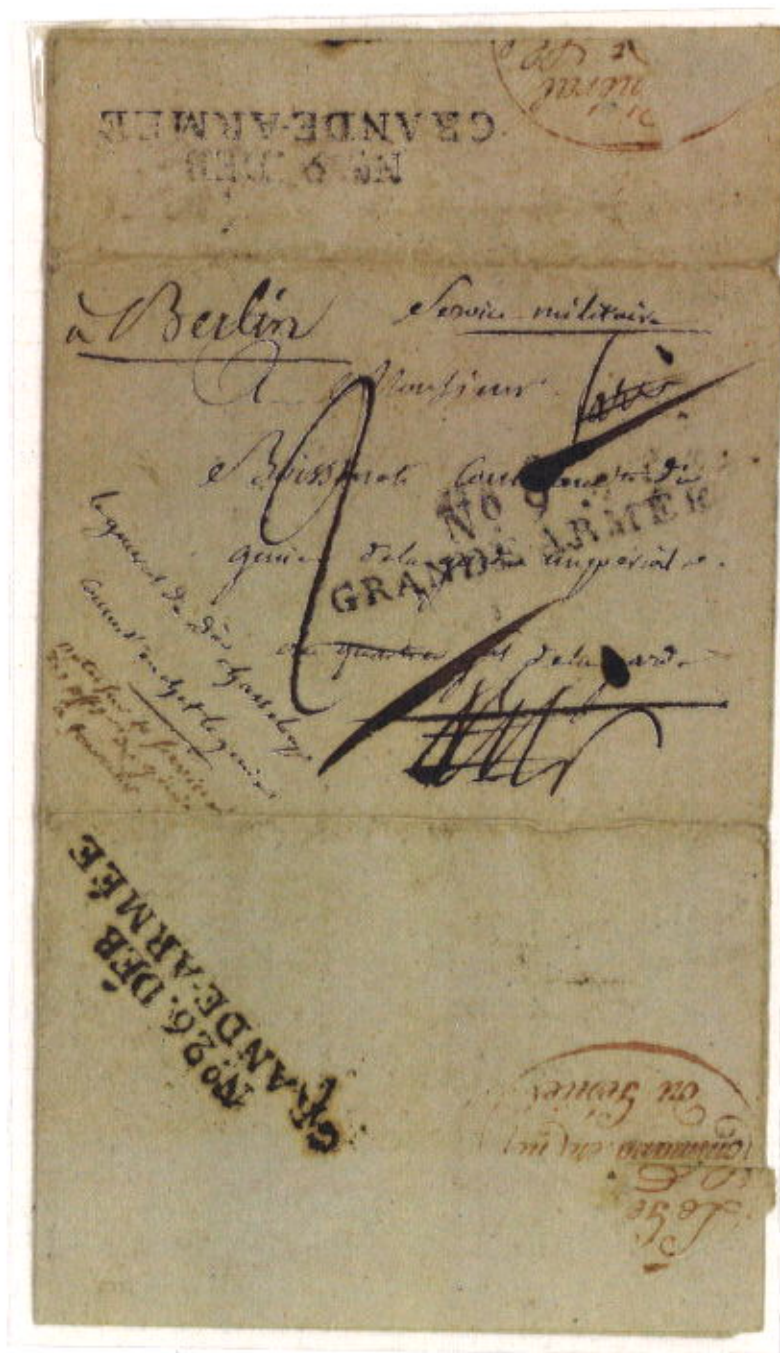
August 1808. Letter addressed to Paris without content. Field postmark **N. 26 Grande Armée** allocated to the Imperial Guard. Free tax with signature of the sender and mark *services*. On reverse arrival postmark of Paris dated 13 August.



GRANDE ARMÉE

1805 - 1808

Imperial Guard



18 July 1807. Lettre du General Chasseloup Comandant du Genie addressed to the Head office of the Imperial Guard in Berlin. FPO handstamp N° 9 Grande Armée allocated to the head office of the First Corps Army and we note the **quiet uncommon FPO handstamp N°26 Deb Grande Armée** allocated to the Imperial Guard Post Office. Red seal of the sender.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808

Cavalry Reserve



3 Septembre 1807. Letter from Massow (?) addressed to Chatillon sur Seine. Green postmark N. 27. Grande Armée allocated to the Second Dragons Division. Taxed 8 decimes



23 February 1808. Letter from Stolp (Hannover) addressed to Chatillon sur Seine bearing postmark N. 27 Grande Armée allocated to the 2nd. Division Dragons. Taxed 8 decimes.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
 Cavalry Reserve



18 April 1807. Letter from a illegible town addressed to France. Red pmk. **N. 28 Grande Armée**. Taxed 6 decimes for a letter weight less 6 gr. and distance less as km 500.



8 January 1807. Letter from Hannover addressed to Baume. Red postmark **N 28 Port Payée / Grande Armée**. We note manuscript over the address: *Franche du port* (free charge)



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 – 1808
Sedentary Office of Custrin



9 March 1807. Letter sent from Custrin addressed to Department of Somme et Loire. Red postmark N. 39. Grande Armée. The sender was a soldier of Cinquieme Compagnie, 2me. Btg. 18me. Reg d'Infaterie de Ligne, 5me. Division,



13 January 1807. Letter from Custrin addressed to Tarascon (Bouches du Rhone Department). Red postmark N. 39. Port – Payée / Grande Armée. Tax manuscript on reverse 10 decimes (less as 6 gr. distance between 800 - 1000 Km.)



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 – 1808
Sedentary Office of Posen



2nd June 1807 Letter from Posen addressed to Strasbourg. Red postmark N 40. **Grande Armée**. Letter sent free of charge. We note manuscript *Service Militaire* and two marks *General. St. Laurent* and circular *SL*. We remember that letters could be sent free of charge on the condition that the sender wrote his function on the Army with signature or marks.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
Sedentary Office of Warsaw



18 May 1807. Letter from Warsaw addressed to Paris. Postmark **N 43 Port Payé / Grande Armée**. Arrival in Paris dated 7 June. The sender, a doctor of the military hospital in Warsaw, prepaid 7 decimes for a letter sent with distance from 500 until 600 km and weight less as 6 gr.



13 February 1807. Letter from Guenwie addressed to Paris. The sender is the Colonel *Chef de l'Etat Majeur du Gen.al Dabrowski*. Postmark **N. 43 Grande Armée** allocated to the Stationary Office of Varsavia. Manuscript tax of 20 decimes for a letter with weight between 8 and 10 gr. and distance between 800 and 1000 km.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808

Cavalry Reserve

25 December 1807. Letter from Stargand (Poland) addressed au Dep of Charente. Postmark N. 44. **Grande Armée**. Taxed 11 decimes for a weight between 6 and 8 gr and distance between 800 and 1000 km.



Gen Lasalle, Chief of
Light Cavalry Division

30 March 1807. Letter from Elbing addressed to Paris. Red postmark **N. 44 Grande Armée** allocated to the Division of Light Cavalry. 8 Decimes tax manuscript for a letter weight between 6 and 8 gr, and distance less as 500 km.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
Cavalry Reserve



3 April 1808. Letter from Pozdam addressed to some not legible locality. Red postmark **N 45 / Grande Armée** attached to the *4me Brigade de Cavalerie*



Marshal Gioacchino Murat
Chief of Cavalry Reserve

1 September 1807. Letter from Potzdam addressed to Berlin. Red field postmark **N. 45 Port Payée / Grande Armée** allocated to the *4.me Brigade de Cavalerie Légère*; **Unknown by Frank**. On reverse manuscript 2 decimes, tax for a letter sent inside the Army.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
Cavalry Reserve



13 October 1897. Letter from Konitz addressed to Metz. Red postmark **N. 48 Grande Armée** allocated to the 3 rd. Division of Cuirassier.

Tenth Corps



No content. Pmk. **N. 46 Grande Armée** allocated to the First Division.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
Sedentary Office of Magdeburg

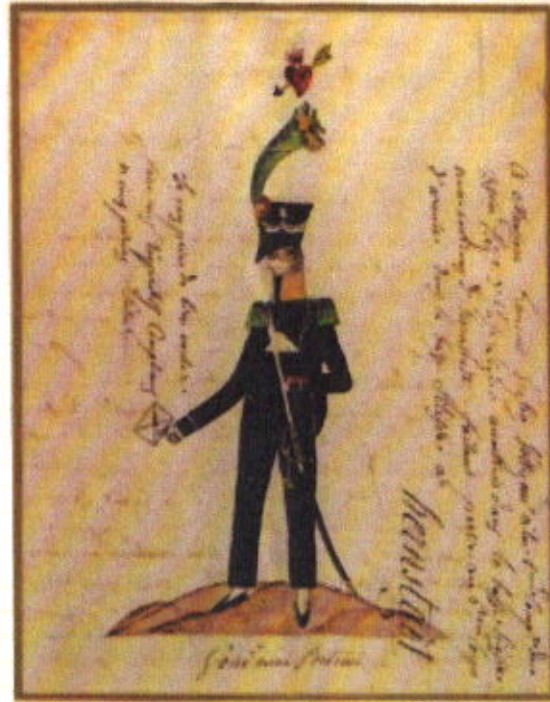
16 July 1808. Letter from Magdeburg
addressed to France (not legible
address) **N. 50 Grande Armée**.
Manuscript postage due 10 decimes.



7 September 1807. Prepaid letter from
Magdeburg to Paris. **N 50 Port - Payé /**
Grande Armée. Arrival postmark dated
16 September and manuscript prepaid
postage fee 8 decimes.



GRANDE ARMÉE
Sedentary Office of Brunswick



Reduced copy of another letter with a colorful design showing the sender, a Lieutenant of the Sixth Army Corps with formal dress, who wrote: *Voilà comme je suis*



7 December 1807, Letter from Brunswick (Saxen) addressed to Avesnes. Red field postmark **N. 51 Grande Armée**. Taxed 10 decimes for a letter with weight less than 6 gr. and distance between 800 and 1000 km.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
Sedentary Office of Stettin



9 September 1807. Prepaid letter from Stettin addressed to Bastia in the Corse Island. Red postmark **N 54. Port Payé Grande Armée**. Tax 12 decimes manuscript on reverse.



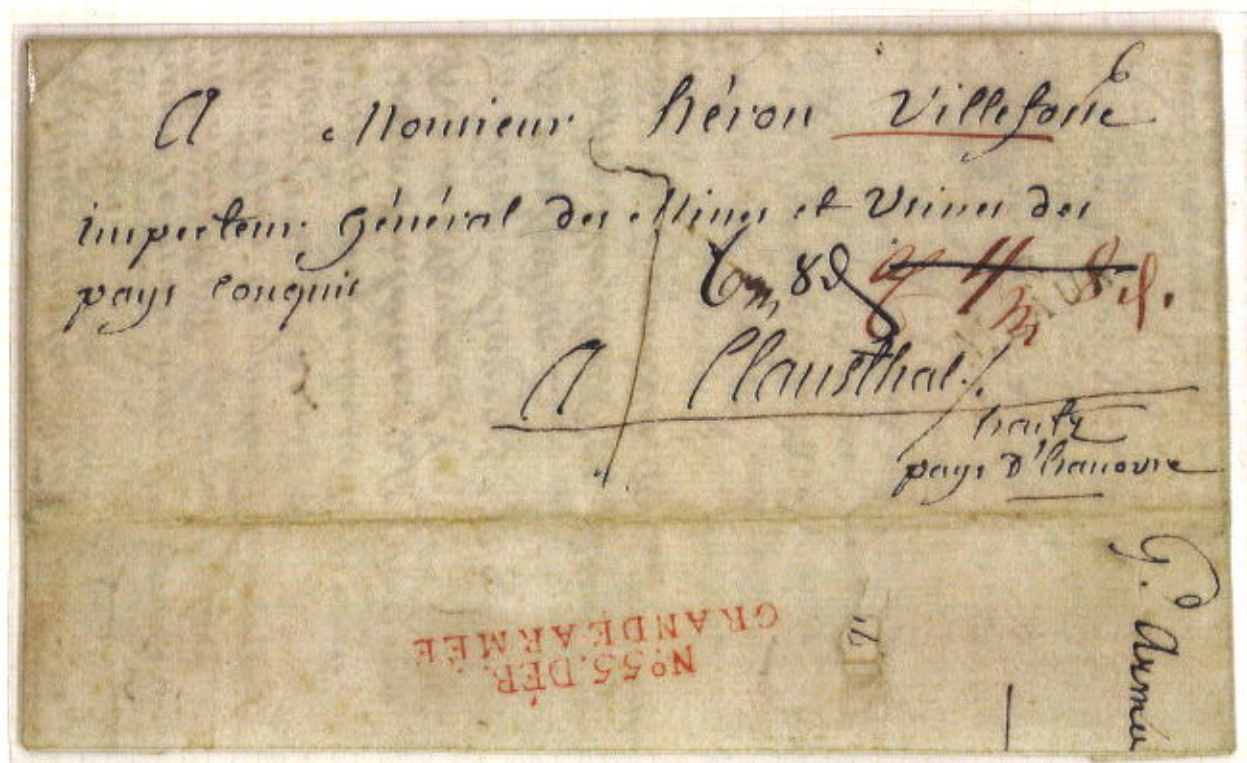
2 September 1807. Letter from Gutenberg to the Gers Department showing the red pmk **n 54. Grande Armée**. Charge of 11 decimes for a weight between 6 and 8 gr. and distance between 600 and 800 km.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
Sedentary Office of Minden



8 October 1807. Letter from Minden addressed to Bordeaux showing red postmark **N 55. Grande Armée**. Taxed 11 decimes for a letter less as 8 gr. and distance between 800 and 1000 Km.



22 October 1807. Letter addressed to Clausthal showing a red pmk. **N 55 Deb - Grande Armée** used as postal due marking. Taxed 7 (?) dec. for a letter less as 6 gr. weight and first distance,



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
Sedentary Office of Danzig



1 September 1807. Letter from Danzig addressed to Caen showing red pmk. **N 59 Grande Armée.** Probably taxed 8 decimes (weight between 6 and 8 gr. and distance less as 500 km.)



17 September 1807. From Danzig addressed to Paris. Prepaid postmark **N 59 Port Payé - Grande Armée.** Prepaid 8 decimes (manuscript on verso) for a letter with weight between 6 and 8 gr. and distance less as 500 km.



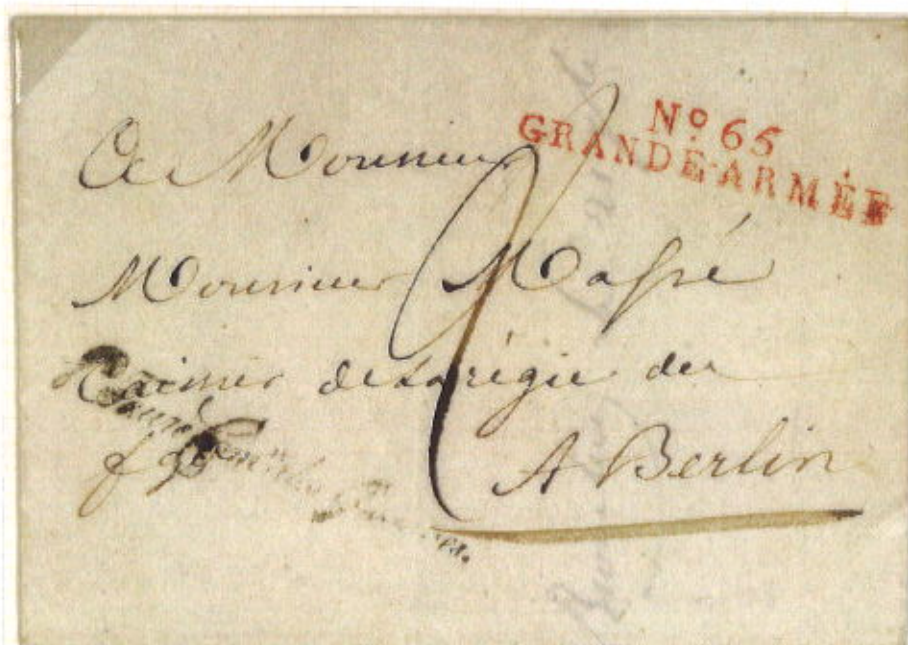
GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808

Sedentary office
of Glogau



1 September 1807. Letter from Glogau to Paris showing a red postmark **N 64 Grande Armée**. Taxed 12 decimes for a weight between 8 and 10 gr. and distance less as 500 km.

Sedentary Office
of Bomberg



21 September 1808. Letter from Bomberg showing red pmk. **N 65 Grande Armée**. Taxed 2 decimes as letter sent inside the Army with any distance and weight.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 – 1808

Sedentary Office of Marienwerder



Orderly Officer of Imperial Guard
delivering mail addressed to the Imperial Staff.



2 October 1807. Letter from Mowe addressed to Caen (Calvados Department). Red postmark N. 67. **Grande Armée** allocated to the Sedentary Office of Marienwerder. The addressee had to pay 7 decimes for this letter with weight less as 6 gr and distance between 500 and 600 km. Very uncommon postmark.



GARDE

Chasseurs



IMPÉRIALE.

à cheval.

2^e Régiment

1^{er} Escadron.

II Compagnie.

A Paris

le 16

1807

Mon cher...

J'ai vu ce
présent
pour faire
l'uniforme
Mon cher
notre Quar
quel état
le plus

GRANDE ARMÉE
N° 71
Marseille
Bellegriou Miraillet & Co.
Negt. J. R. S. P. M. Merentie
Marseille
Bouche du Rhône France

qui fut le 28
le 28 j'ai attendu
je suis j'ai
rouge.
la ville n'est
ce n'est
je n'ai
mais ce n'est
je n'ai
le plus

16 July 1807. Letter from Rosenhort addressed to Marseilles. The postmark N 71. Grande Armée is allocated to the Light Cavalry de la Garde. Tax 10 decimes for a letter weight less as 6 gr. an distance between 800 and 1000 km. We read inside: *Nous ne devons pas tarder à prendre le chemin de la France. La paix est signée. Il ne nous reste plus qu'à humilier l'Angleterre.*

Above we see the letter *Cantinière* showing *Chasseurs à Cheval* of the Imperial Guard. It was made soon after the Napoleon marriage and used on March 1813.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
 Corps of the Baltic Coasts



10 April 1808. Letter de Utzetell addressed to Montpellier. Postmark N 74 Grande - Armée. Taxed 10 decimes for a letter with weight less as 6 gr. and distance between 800 and 1000 km.



24 March 1808. Letter from Greiswald addressed to Avignon headed Le Commissaire des Guerres de la Place de Greifswald et de la Division Molitor. Postmark N 74. Port Payée / Grande Armée. Prepaid 14 decimes.



GRANDE ARMÉE
Sedentary Office of Stralsund



4 September 1807. Letter from Demmin in Preussen addressed to Aube. Red postmark **N. 77 Grande Armée** allocated to the Sedentary office of Stralsund. The sender is: Colonel du 19.^{me} Regiment au Chasseurs à Cheval. 8 Decimes manuscript postal due.

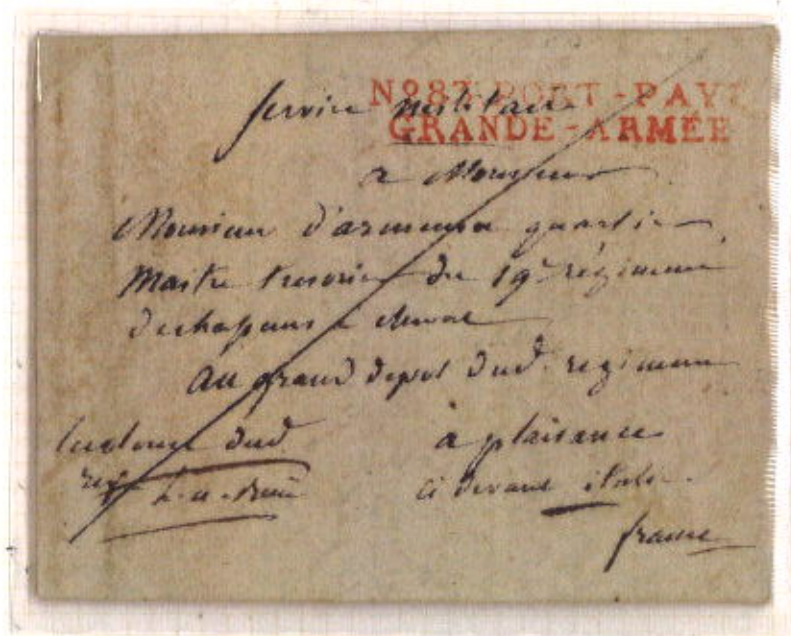
Above we see a Cantinière letter from Strasbourg addressed to Gers. The sender inform that. Je suis entré dans le 33.^{me} régiment d'Infanterie Légère, nous partons le 20 ou 21 (October) nous allons à Magdebourg 200 lieus de Strasbourg on nous embarque pour le Rhein.....



GRANDE ARMÉE

1805 - 1808

Fourth Army Corps



7 Octobre 1807. Prepaid letter from Grimmen (Upper Pomeranien) addressed to Plaisance (Italie). Red Field pmk N. 82 Port Payée / Grande Armée allocated to the Fourth Division.



25 June 1808. Letter from Grimmen (Pomeranien) addressed to Montpellier. N. 82 Grande Armée allocated to the Fourth Division. Taxed 10 decimes for letter with weight less as 6 gr. and distance between 800 and 1000 km.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
Fourth Army Corps

26 March 1808. Letter from Stralsund (Polen) addressed to Dep. de l'Ardeche. Red postmark **N 83 Grande Armée** allocated to the Fourth Army Corps. Taxed 8 decimes for a letter sent to a distance less as 500 km and weight between 6 and 8 gr.



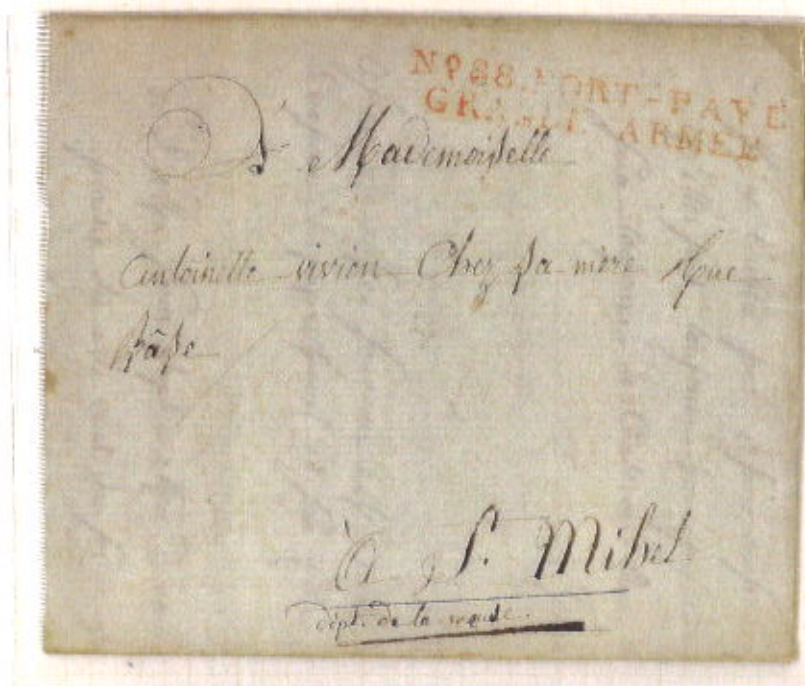
July 1807. Official letter from Koenigsberg addressed to Kalich. Red postmark **N. 83 Grande Armée** and two stamps: *Conseiller d'Etat - Intendant General de la Grande Armée*. Letter free of charge.



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
First Army Corps



13 January 1808. Letter from Rupine (?) addressed in Piedmont. Red Field postmark **N. 88 Grande Armée** allocated to the Division Villatte, 27th Reg. Light Infantry.



5 March 1808. Letter from Neu Ruppen (?) in the Brandebourg Department addressed to St. Michel dans le Dep de La Manche. Red postmark **N 88. Port Payée / Grande Armée. Unknown by Frank.** The sender wrote his own address: Vivien, Sous Lieutenant des Carabiniers au 27 Regt de Ligne, 3me Division, 1 Corps de la Grande Armée. Prepaid 6 decimes for a letter with weight less as 6 gr and distance less as 500 km



GRANDE ARMÉE

1808 -1805

First Army Corps



3 March 1808. Letter from Ratsenow addressed to the Third Division of the Third Corps. Red Field pmk. **N. 89 Grande Armée**. The sender wrote. "Division de Cavalerie Légère / Premier Corps de la Grande Armée". Manuscript 2 decimes tax for letter sent inside the Army.



6 December 1807. Letter from Nitzow addressed to Bruges in Lys Department showings the red postmark **N. 87 Grande Armée** allocated to the Second Division. Taxed on arrival 8 decimes (weight between 6 and 8 gr. and distance less as 500 km)



GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808
 Cavalry Reserve (?)



11 October 1807. Letter from Presknau Ville de Province addressed to Samand (Dep. du Nord). Postmark **N 93** **Grande Armée, unknown by Frank**. Charged 8 decimes for a letter sent to a distance less as 500 km and weight between 6 and 8 gr. The sender was a Dragon of 3rd Division of Cavalry Reserve.

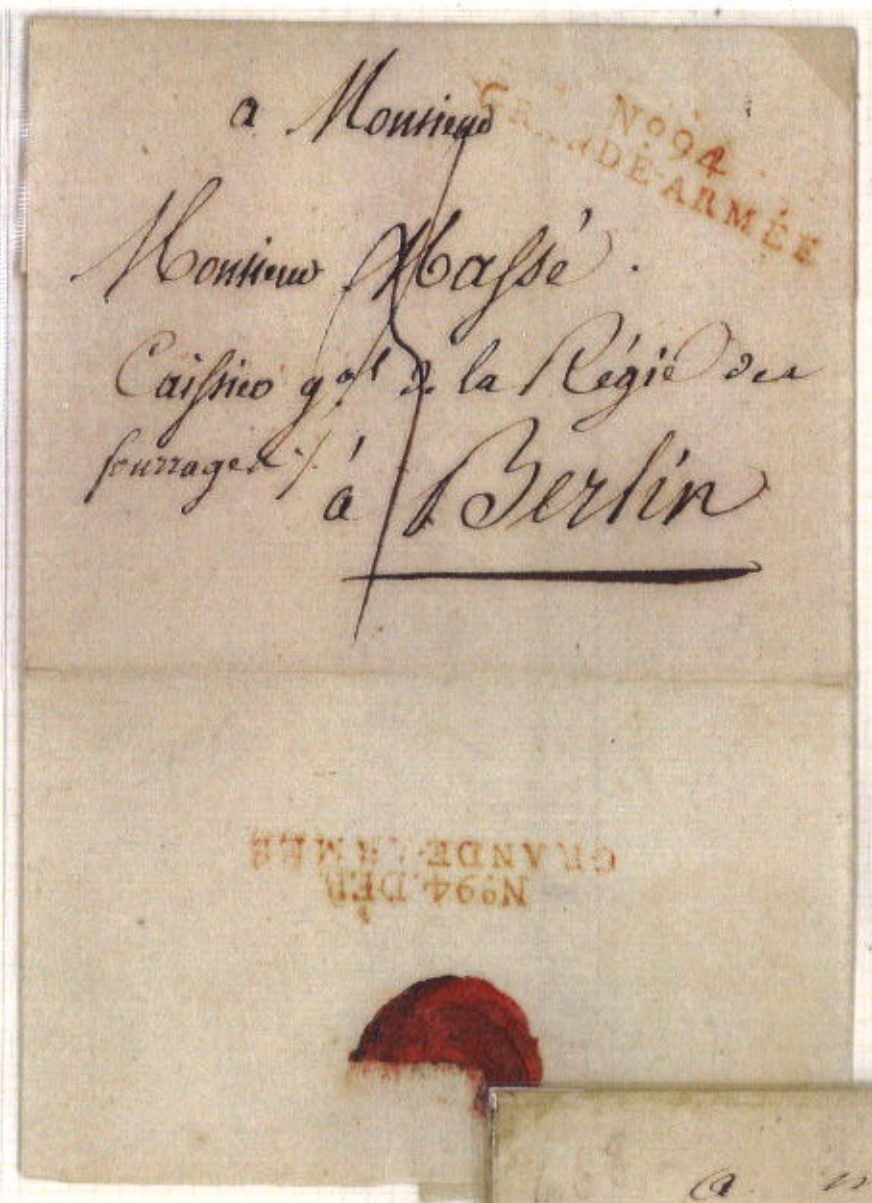


Seal on reverse

24 September 1807. Letter from Schrect on the Oder river addressed to Saluce par Berlin, Paris, Turin, Saluce. Postmark **N 93. Grande Armée, unknown by Frank**. Charged 7 decimes for a letter sent to a distance between 500 to 600 km, weight less as 6 gr.

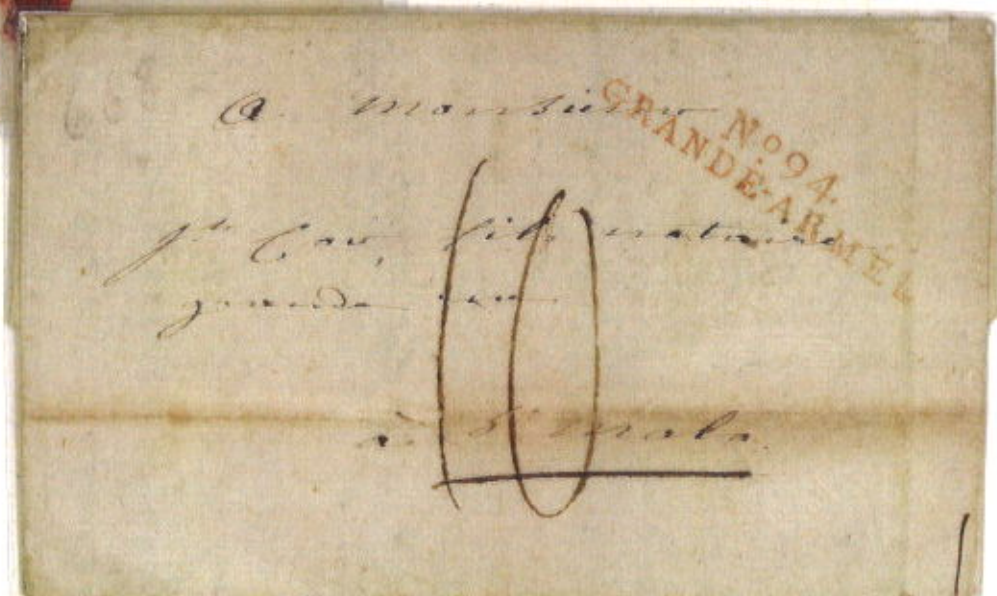


GRANDE ARMÉE
1805 - 1808



Sedentary Office of Hamburg

3 October 1807. Letter from Hamburg addressed to Berlin. Red pmk. **N. 94 Grande Armée** and **N. 94 Déb / Grande Armée**. Probably the letter was never forwarded to destination and tax of 2 decimes never collected.



11 September 1807. Letter from Hamburg addressed to St Malo. Red pmk **N. 94 Grande Armée**. Taxed 10 decimes for a letter with weight less as 6 gr, and distance between 800 and 1000 km



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
Letter Cantinière sent by Domestic Post Offices



à Demoiselle

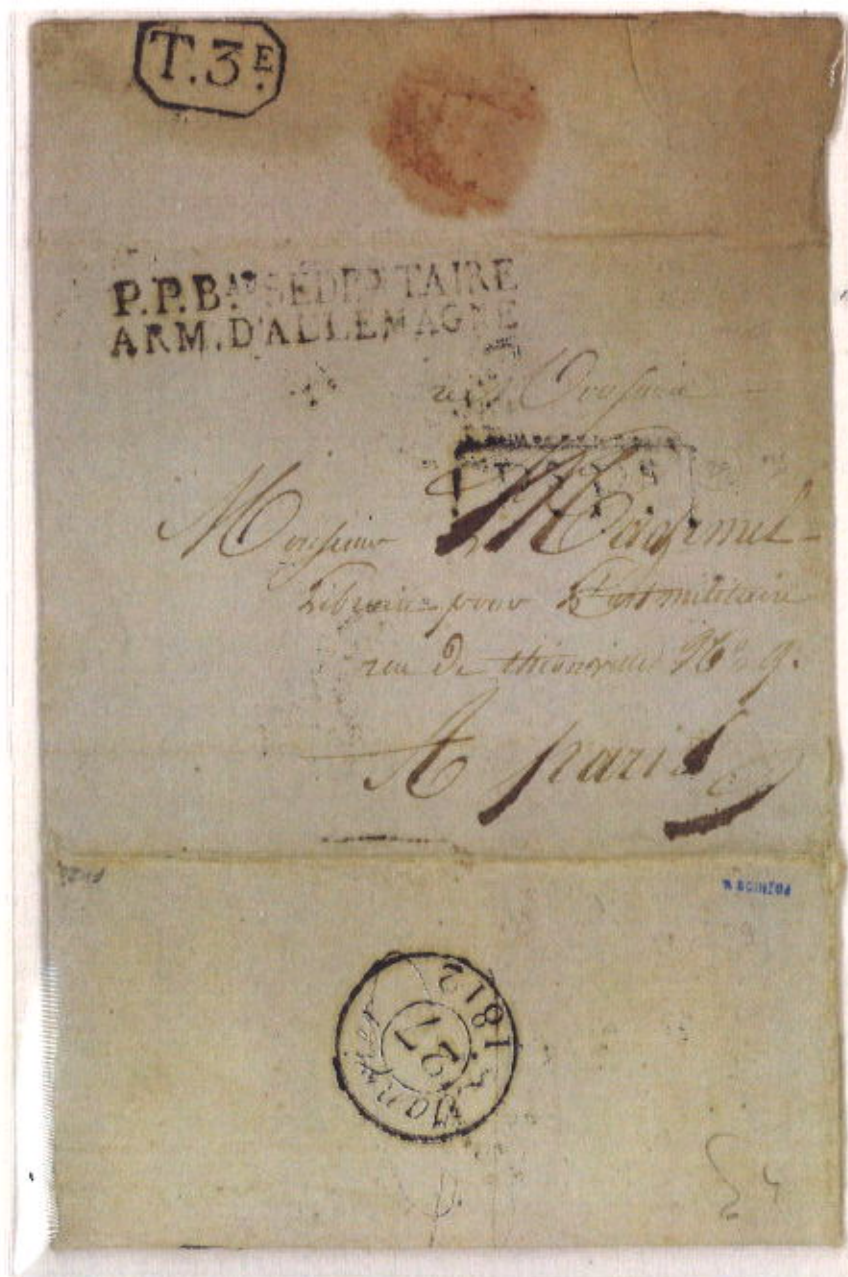
Je prends la liberté de m'adresser la main à la plume
pour avoir l'honneur de vous informer de l'état de
votre santé à laquelle je m'intéresse autant
que de la mienne, pour ce regard de moi je
me porte très bien, j'espère d'ailleurs profond de
mon cœur que l'apréciation vous honore de même,
Surtout je vous prie de m'écrire souvent.

21 May 1811. Letter from Boulogne addressed to Lyon with a **colourful drawing of a sentimental encounter**. Sender is a "Voltigeur" of the First Company, 19 Regiment "de Ligne" stationed in Boulogne. **Writing paper with such high quality drawing is quite uncommon.**



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1812 - 1813

During the years 1809, 1810 and 1811 and the first months of 1812, before the reorganization of the French Army, several detachments were operative in the occupied towns of Europe. The Army postal service works as before. Field postmarks of the Army d'Allemagne were brought into use again



January 1812. Letter from Minden (town of the North east of Westphalia) addressed to Paris. Postmark P.P. B. au Sédentaire / Arm. D'Allemagne. We note the arrival pmk. of Paris dated 27 January and the framed rectangular T3 allocated to the Paris distribution post office. The sender was an Officer of 3rd Btg, 1st Reg Infantry stationary in Minden.



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE 1812 - 1813

The letters shown hereunder were dispatched from the field post offices of the Second Grande Armée. When possible they certify Divisions and Army Corps movements throughout the two Campaigns of Russia and Saxe. It has to be underlined that postmarks of the various field post offices appear on letters sent from different locations because the offices were following the Divisions to which they belonged. The items are exhibited with sequence of the post offices numbers.

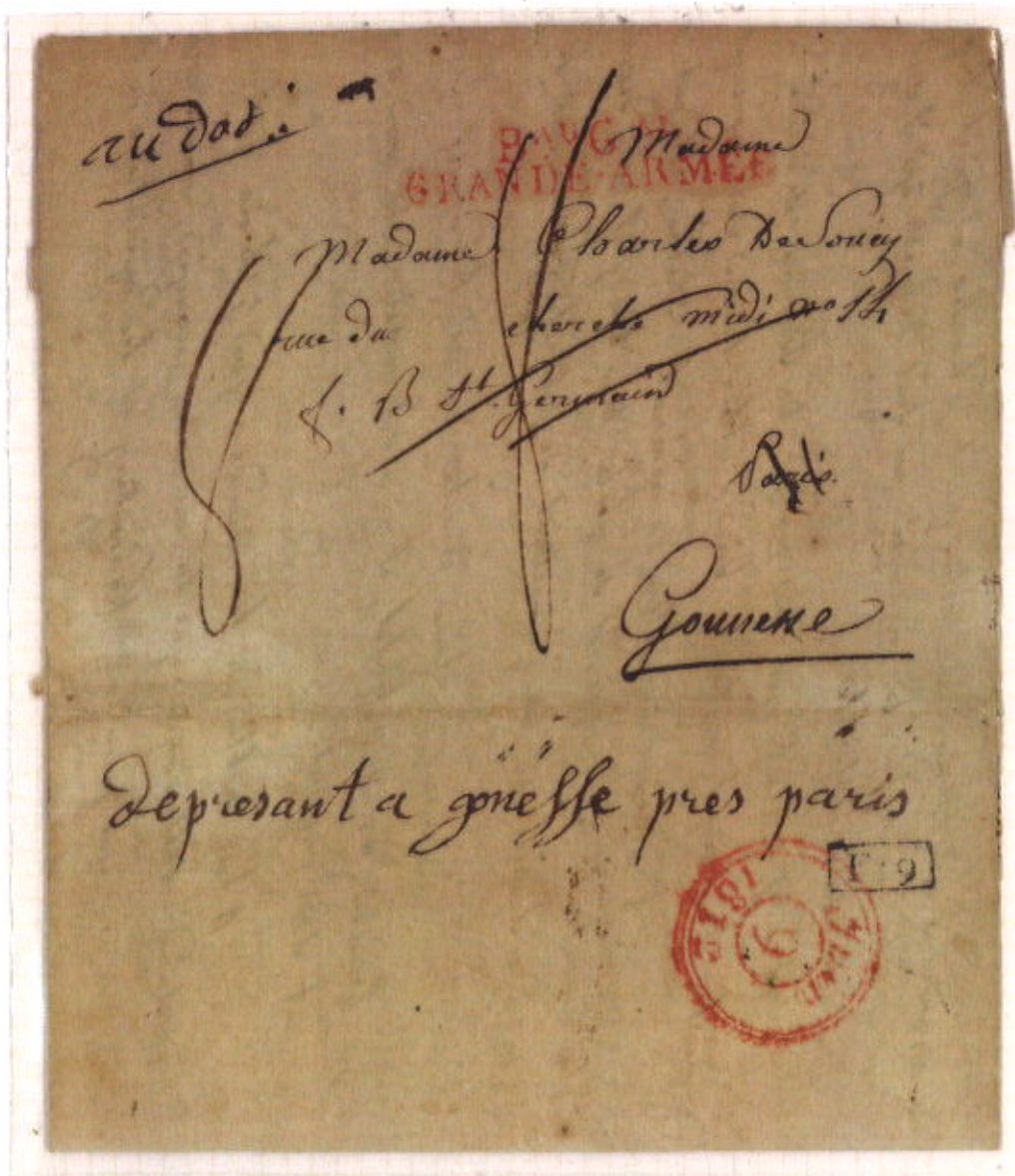


21 April 1813. Letter *Cantiniere* from Metz addressed to Dep. de la Loire. The sender was a soldier of the 103 Reg de Ligne, 2me. Comp and 5me. Btg, stationed in Metz.



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1812 - Russian Campaign
General Headquarter

Only letters originating from locations within the Russian Empire are shown with photocopied indication of the site and date handwritten by the sender. This is meant to help persons examining the items to have a better evidence of the Russian towns or villages in which the various letters were written.



28 May 1812. Letter from Posen addressed to Paris and readdressed to Goussier. Red pmk. **B. au G. al Grande Armée**. The recipient had to pay 8 decimes for this letter with weight between 6 and 8 gr. and distance less as 500 km. Transit pmk. in Paris dated 9 June.



GARDE

Chasseurs



IMPÉRIALE.

Fusiliers

1 Régiment.

2 Bataillon.

1 Compagnie.

A Paris

le 17

avril

1812

Mon cher père et ma chère mère

Je salue de vous avec ce signe

pour vous salue le 14 Juillet 1812. De votre

ami

Madame

Madame Boyer Lefevre

près la place du marché.

à Alais. Département de

Gard.

aparis

mais

mais

14 July 1812. Letter from Vilnius signed by Adjutant Major du Marechal Comandant la Vieille Garde Imperiale addressed to Alais. Red postmark **Bau. Gal. Grande Armée**. The sender inform that he is permanently attached to Marshall Lefevre, Duke of Danzig, Chief of the 3rd Division of the Imperial Guard. Manuscript postage due 10 decimes for a letter with weight less as 6 gr and distance between 800 and 1000 km. Above a letter *Cantinère* of Chasseurs Fusiliers de la Garde dated 17 Avril 1812.



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE

1812 - Russian Campaign
General Headquarter

*Witebsk leg. Rouen 1812:
Witebsk*



9 August 1812. Letter from Witebsk addressed to Montaigu near Nantes showing the red pmk- **B. au G. al Grande Armée**

The sender wrote full of enthusiasm: "...dans cette ville toute la Garde y est réunie et aussi brillant qu'à Paris.

L'Avant Garde, commandée par le Roi de Naples c'est battu le 25, 26, 27 et 28 juillet... sur la route dans les bois à droite et à gauche il y a une grande quantité de cadavres russes. On a fait une grande quantité de prisonniers tandis que le Marechal Oudinot importe une victoire à Podolsk.

M. Montaigu 21 Septembre 1812

M. Montaigu



21 September 1812. Letter from Moscow to Ruen bearing the field postmark **B. au G. al Grande Armée**. Postage due 7 decimes for a letter weight less as 6 gr. an distance between 500 and 600 km. The sender give a full description of the terrible fire burning Moscow.



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1812 - Russian Campaign - General Headquarter

55^{me}. Régiment.

Don l'entente de l'ignier 3 me Nat 3 Com

*Charles
Nesgaard*

EMPIRE



FRANÇAIS.

Dunkerque, le 27 juin 1813



*Mon chere oncle j'ecris vous
ces deux mots pour mes formes de salut
de votre tante pour Lamiens et tres Bonne
pour le present je suis de tout mon cœur*

BAD GAI PORT-PAYÉE
GRANDE-ARMÉE

A Alençon

*J. M. M. Schelgenne Angéla de pied
a la Niemen d'Alençon*

A Alençon

4 Juin 1812. Prepaid letter from Thorn addressed to Alençon. Red postmark B. au G. al Port Payée / Grande Armée. The sender writes: L'Empereur est ici depuis hier...pour nous rendre directement sur le Niemen.



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1812 - Russian Campaign

Département du  Mont-Tonnerre



Mayence Le 19 Juin 1812

BANDE POSTALE
GRANDE-ARMÉE
Monsieur Gouraincous
propriétaire à Damart près
Lagny Département de Seine
et Marne à Damart

9 June 1812. Letter from Mayence addressed to *Département de Seine et Marne*. The sender was an Officer of the 9th. *Régiment Voltigeurs*, 2me Btg. 3me Compagnie of the Imperial Guard. Postmark **Bau. Sedentaire / Grande Armée**. Manuscript postage due 8 decimes. On the ground a letter *Cantinière* from Mayence addressed to Coutans showing a colorful design of town of Mayence. Over the address we note a light postmark **Bau Sedentaire / Grande Armée**.



*Bivouac sur la route
de Vilna en avant d'Olita
le 28 Juin 1812*

BAU SEDENTAIRE
GRANDE ARMÉE

*Madame
Madame de Rouille à Cruguié
Dep^t Jemmapes. prie Attⁿ.*

29 June 1812. Letter from a *Bivouac sur la route de Vilna* addressed to the Jemappes Dept. charged 7 decimes for a letter sent to a distance of 500 to 600 km and weight less as 6 gr.

Postmark **Bau Sédentaire / Grande Armée**. Inside we read: *Le Régiment a passé le Niemen le 24 ou il y avait que queues cosaques.....L'Empereur Napoleon est au passage du Niemen.* On the ground a *Cantinière* letter addressed from Strasbourg to Dep. Maine et Loire dated 30 March 1812. The sender was a soldier of 18 Régiment, 3me. Btg, Light Infantry stationed in Strasbourg.



1 Regiment / Batallion 2 Compagnie de flanqueurs



GARDE

CHASSEURS



IMPÉRIALE.

VOLTIGEURS.

1^{er} Régiment 2^e Bataillon 3^e Compagnie.

DEB. 69
CLERMONT

BAU. CENTRAL
GRANDE-ARMÉE

à Monsieur
Monsieur de la force
rue 57 quillonne faubourg german.
à Creve 1102
Clermont
1812

17 June 1812. Letter from Libau addressed to Clermont Ferrand. Red postmark Bau. Central / Grande Armée. Before taxed 8 decimes by mistake and then 7 decimes for a letter sent to distance from 500 to 600 km, and weight less as 6 gr. Postmark Deb. Clermont Ferrand demonstrate that postal charge was never paid, On the ground a letter Cantinière from a soldier of the Imperial Guard. Manuscript: 1 Regiment, 1 Batallion, 2 Compagnie Flanqueurs.



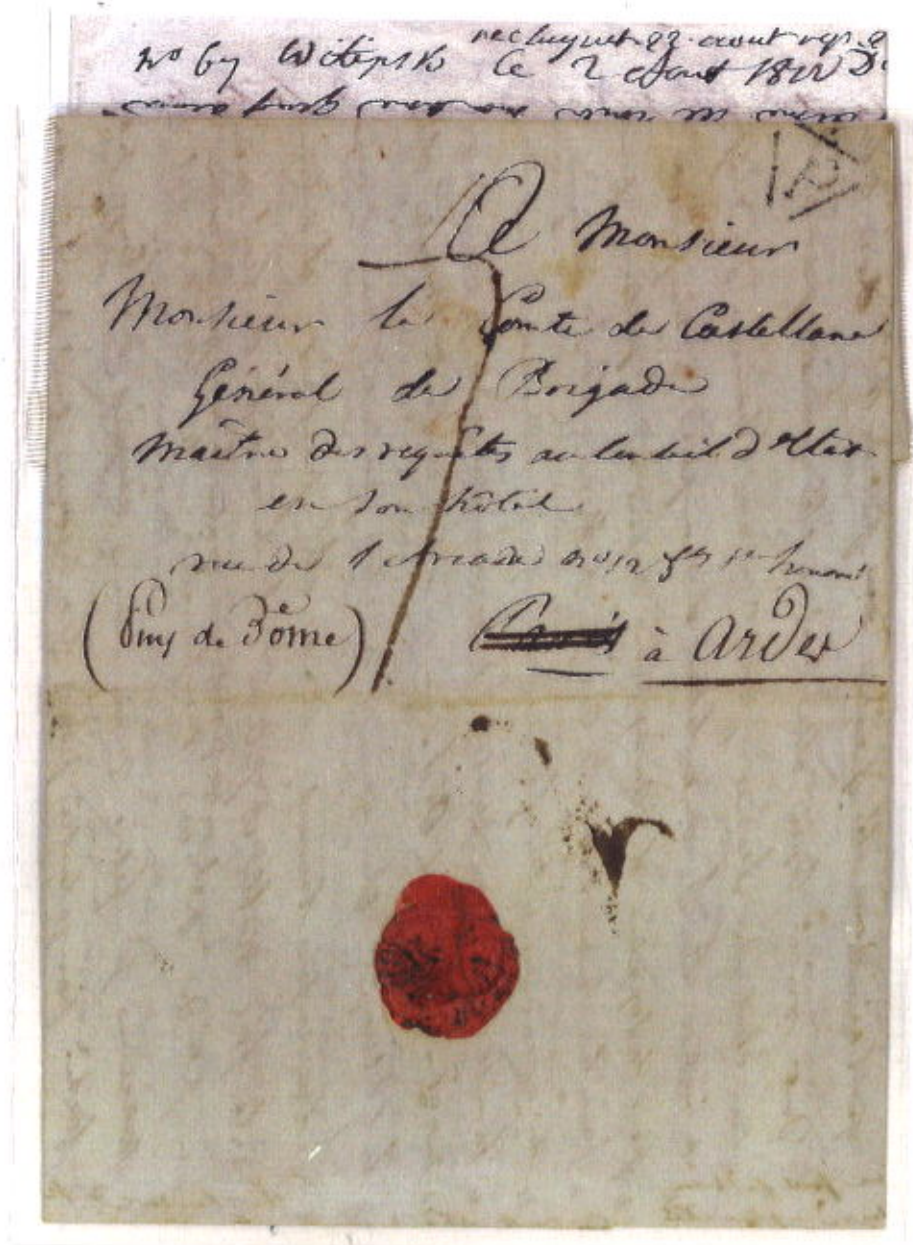
SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1812 - Russian Campaign



23 August 1812. Letter sent from a bivouac, six miles before Smolensk, addressed to Paris. Red handstamp **B.au Central / Grande Armée**. The sender write: "The town of Smolensk, the only place defending the road to Moscow, don't resist more than a day. The garrison had been defeat from Marshal Ney's bayonets I think that peace ill be signed in Moscow".



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1812 - Russian Campaign
First Regiment Garde d'Honneur



2 August 1812. Letter from Vitebsk wrote by the *Chef d'Escadron* of the First Regiment Gardes d'Honneur De Castellane addressed to his father the Earl De Castellane. Taxed on arrival 7 decimes for a letter with weight less as 6 gr. and distance between 500 and 600 km. Inside manuscript date of arrival (22 August)

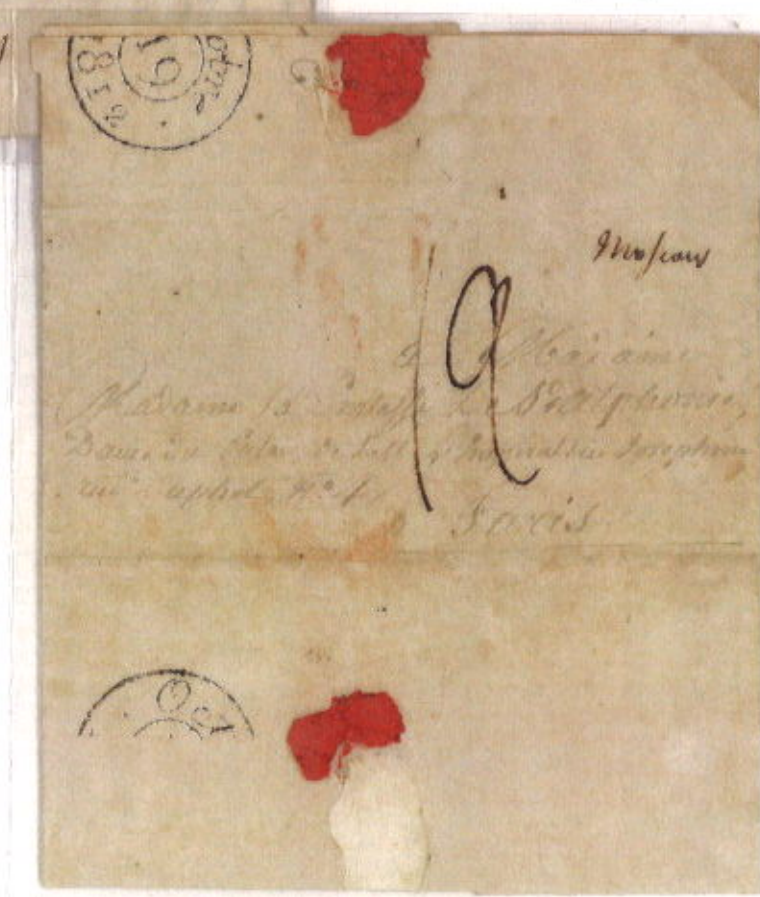


SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1812 - Russian Campaign
First Regiment *Garde d'Honneur*

Place of origin manuscript



20 September 1812. Letter from Moscow to Paris. arrival postmark dated 6 October. Taxed 12 decimes for a letter with weight between 8 and 10 gr and distance less as 500 km



21 September 1812. Letter sent from a bivouac five miles from Moscow addressed to the Countess St Alphonse in the Palace of Empress Josephine in Paris. *Moscow* manuscript above the address. Taxed 12 decimes for a weight between 8 and 10 gr. and distance less as 500 km.



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1912 - Russian Campaign
Place of origin manuscript



2 August 1812. Letter from Mohilow close to Vitepsk addressed to Paris. **Vitepsk** manuscript. 12 Decimes postage due for a letter with weight between 8 and 10 gr. and distance less as 500 km.



September 1812. Letter from Mojansk addressed to Paris. **Mojansk** manuscript and Paris arrival postmark dated 23 September. 12 Decimes postage due. The Imperial Guard PO seem be used to send letters with place of origin manuscript without field pmk.



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1812 - Russian Campaign
Third Army Corps



20 May 1812. Letter from Posen addressed to Caen (Dep du Calvados). Postmark **N. 2 Grande Armée**. Manuscript postage due 7 decimes for a letter with weight less as 6 gr. distance between 500 and 600 km.



17 June 1812. Letter from Kowno addressed to War Minister in Milano. Postmark **N. 2 Grande Armée** probably allocated to the 2nd. Division of the Third Army Corps conducted by General Pino.



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1812 - Russian Campaign



GARDE

Grenadiers



IMPÉRIALE.

Tirailleurs.

6^{em} Régiment.

1^{er} Bataillon.

11^{em} Compagnie.

a Courbevoie le 24 Mars

1812

Mea chers pere et Mere freres et sœurs
Je vous fais savoir que nous partons pour
Maldebourg en Allemagne pour aller rejoindre le
Général à Paris Longtemps mais
passerons de vos côtés
et mieux dire pour que on
craindre que nous ne pre-
mea chers parents ne m'a-

GRANDE ARMÉE

Cantinière

Monsieur Jean Baptiste
Duchaux Aubergiste au pied du
Fort de Dinant Dept de Sambre
et Meuse en France

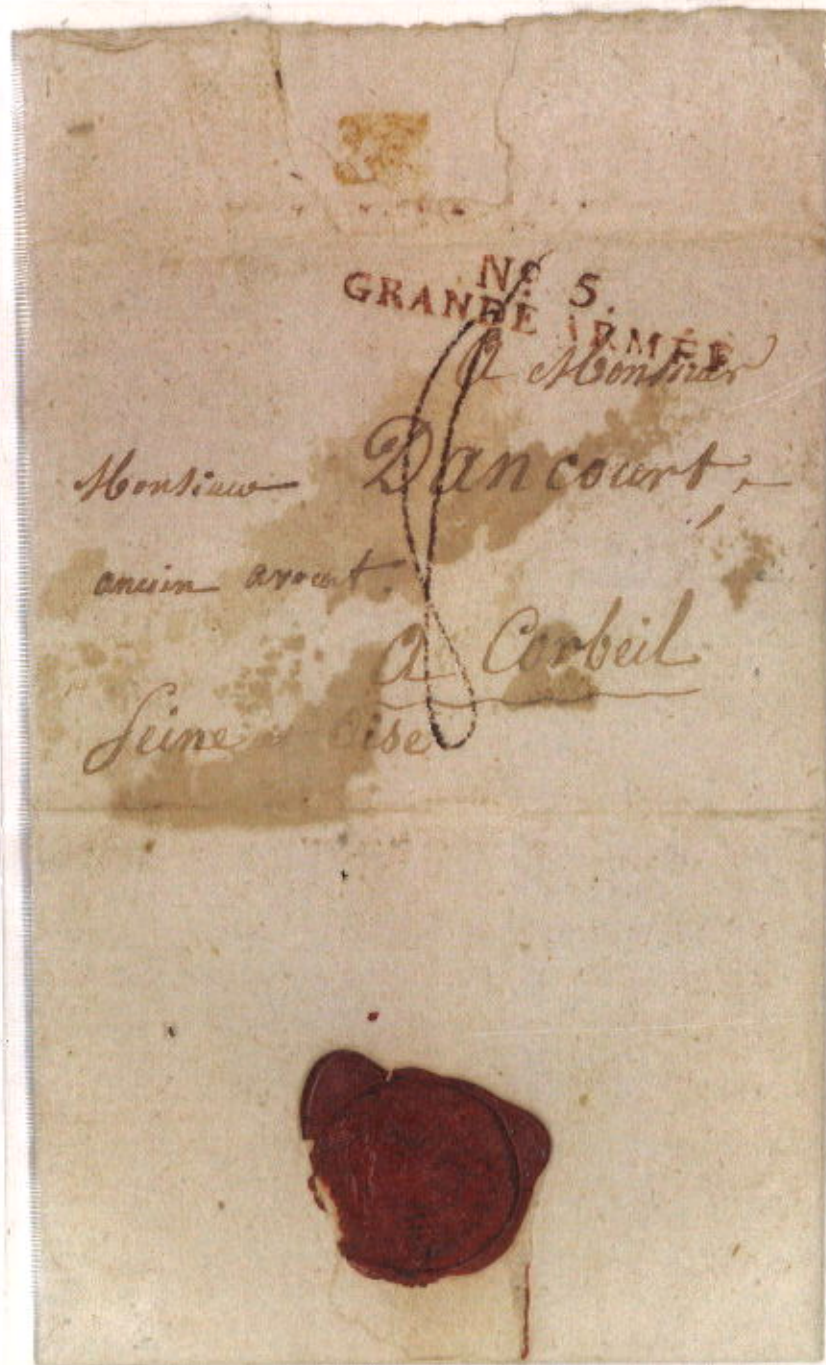
J. Dinant

Two letters same sender.
First letter dated June 1812 from
Poland to Dep. Sambre and Moise.
Postmark N 2. Grande Armée.
On the ground letter Cantinière
dated 24 March 1812 from
Courbevoie to the same
addressee.



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE

1812 - Russian Campaign - Second Army Corps



25 June 1812. Letter sent from the bank of Niemen on the Russian boundary addressed to Corbeil. The sender, a Captain of the 7th. Rgt. Chasseur à Cheval from Division d'Honneur wrote: Now is 1 pm and our Division is ready to ford the Niemen under Kraillen (?). We start to cross 12 hours ago and at the moment hundred thousand mens stay in Russian territory



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE 1812 - Russian Campaign - Second Army Corps



Locations originating several letters: Imperial Guard and Gen Headquarters ----
2nd. Army Corps-----, 3rd. Army Corps-----, 9th Army Corps -----



14 August 1812. Letter from 4 lieus
de la Duna near Potolsk sent to
Vosges Dep. Red pmk.mk. N 5.
Grande Armée

2^e Corps de l'Armée de la Duna
Potolsk le 14 août 1812.

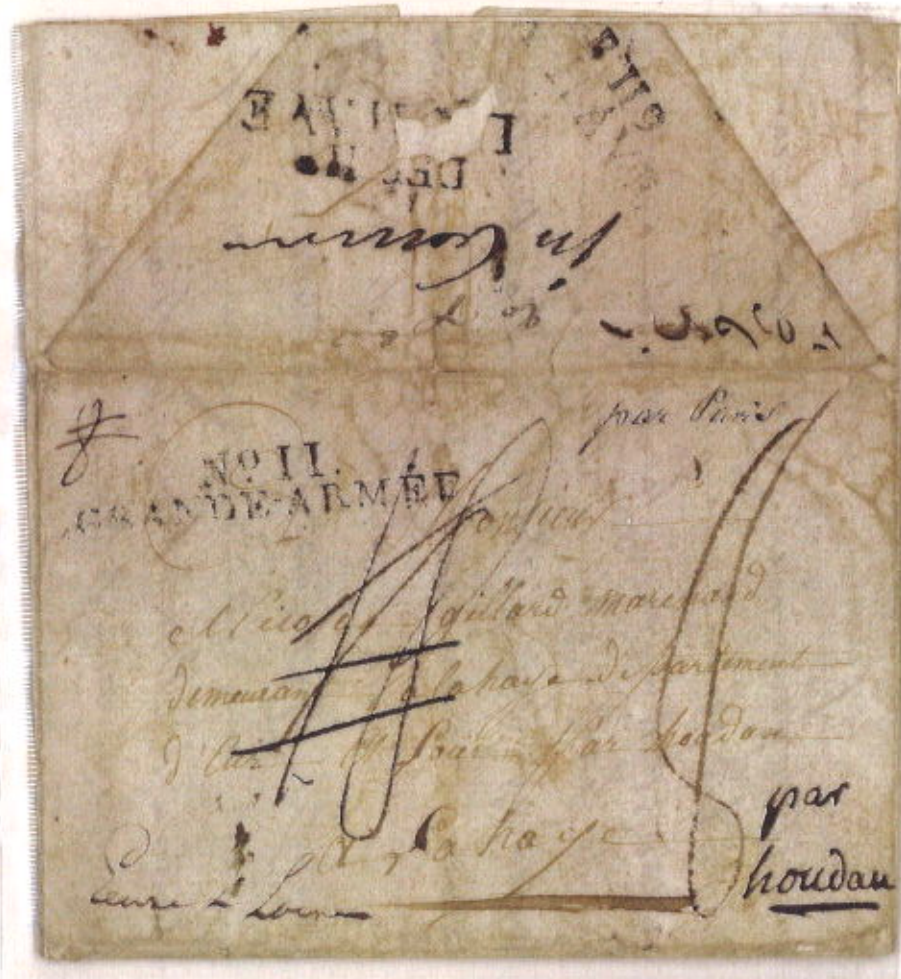
6 October 1812. Letter sent from
Potolsk addressed to Vosges Dep.
Pmk. N 5 **Grande Armée**.





SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1812 - Russian Campaign - Imperial Guard

Reçu



Smolensk
le 21 août 1812

2 October 1812. Letter from Moscow addressed to La Haye. Postmark **N 11. Grande Armée**. The sender is an Officer of the First Light Cavalry Regt. attached to the first Cuirassier Division. He wrote about Moscow, town: *aussi considerable que Paris....Je vous dirais que l'Armée Russe dans leur retraite ont brulé Moscow....il y a cent lieues distances toutes les villes et villages ont été brulé.*

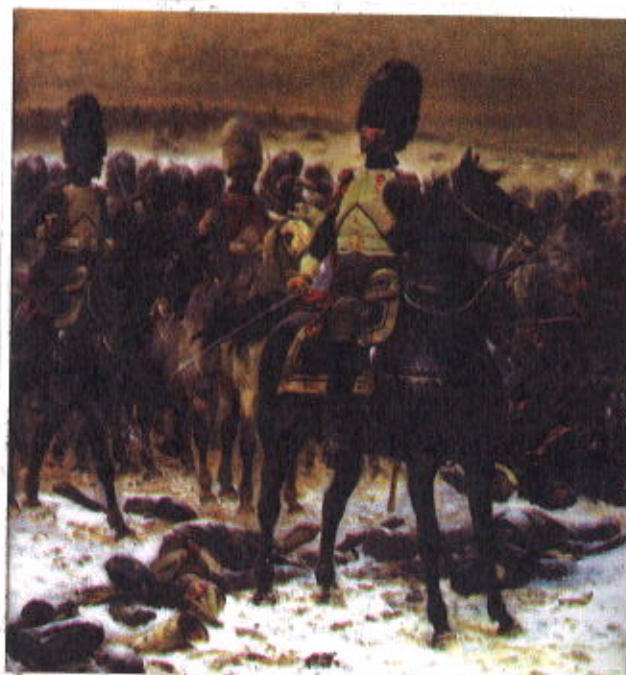
le 21 octobre 1812
De Moscou

21 August 1812. Letter from Smolensk to Jonquieres written by an artillery's soldiers of the Imperial Guard. Red postmark **N 11 Grande Armée**. in the text we found several interesting comments about the war.





SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1812 - Russian Campaign - Imperial Guard



Moscou le 3 octobre 1812.



3 October 1812. Letter from Moscow to Abbeville written by a Horse Grenadier of the Imperial Guard showing the handstamp **N 11. Grande Armée**. Charged 7 decimes. The sender wrote: *C'est depuis deux semaines qu'on est dans cette capital ou le feu a détruit la plupart des provisions a nous nécessaires.....Je crois que devrions rester ici pendant tout l'hiver.*



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1812 - Russian Campaign



29 April 1812. Letter from Stettin addressed to *Bruges, Departement de la Lys*. Red postmark **N 14 / Grande Armée**. Taxed 8 decimes. The sender was a soldier of the 1st Division of the Imperial Guard.



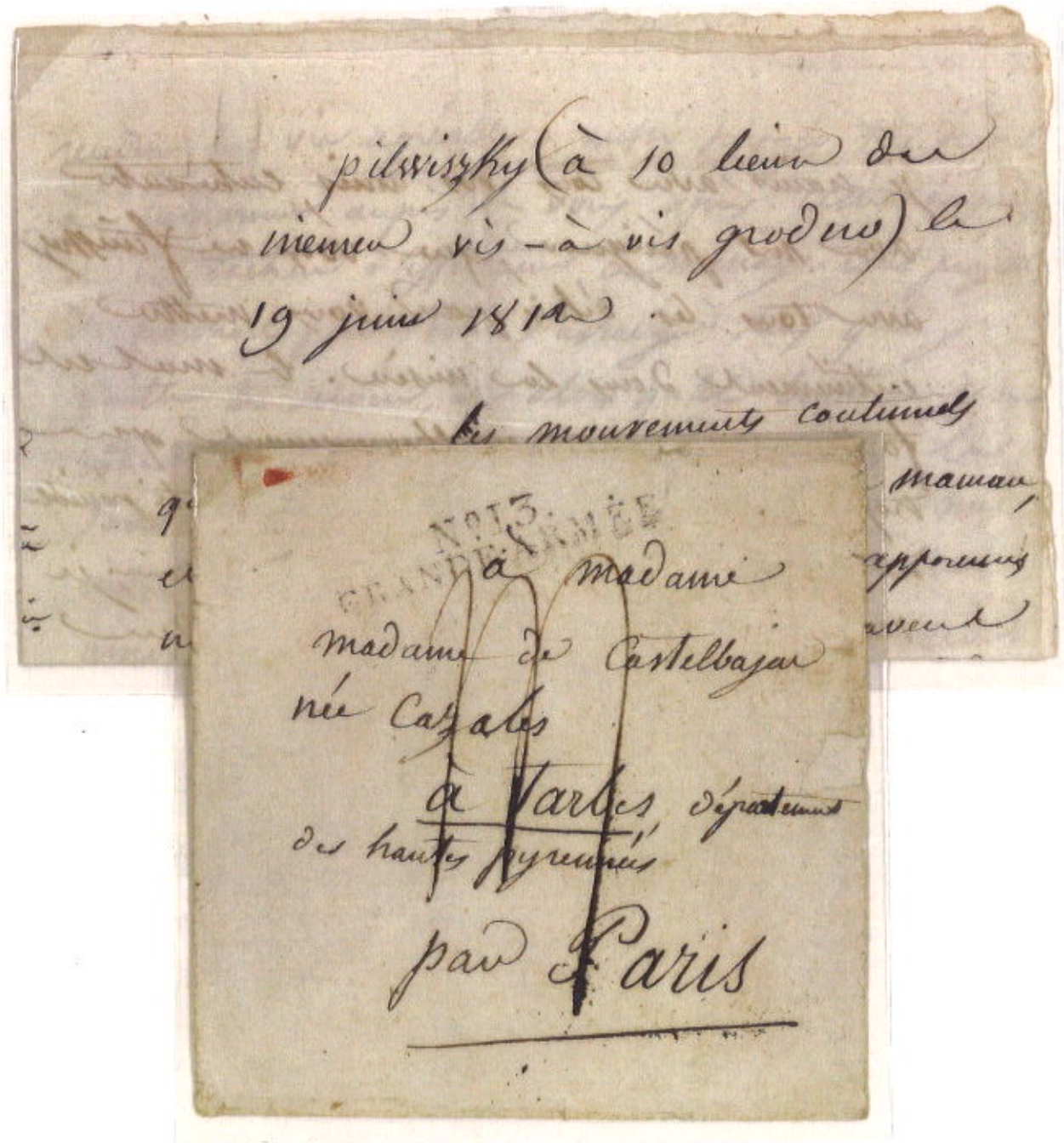
31 May 1812. Charged letter from the French Consul in Danzig addressed to Mayennes Dep. Note manuscript *Par la Poste Militaire*. Postmark **N 12 Grande Armée**. Diplomatic mail free of charge. The Consul mentioned the arrival in Danzig of the Napoleonic Army on 25 May. One month before the outbreak of the war!



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE

1812- Russian Campaign

First Army Corps



19 June 1812. Cover with contents from Pilwisky (10 miles from Niemen) to Tarbes dans le Dep. des Hautes Pirenées. Postmark **N 13. Grande Armée** allocated to the First Division commanded by Marshal Davout. The sender wrote: *The constant troops movement and the country where we are ready to enter will make my letters very rare in the future.* The letter was charged 11 decimes for a weight between 6 and 8 gr. and distance between 800 and 1000 km.



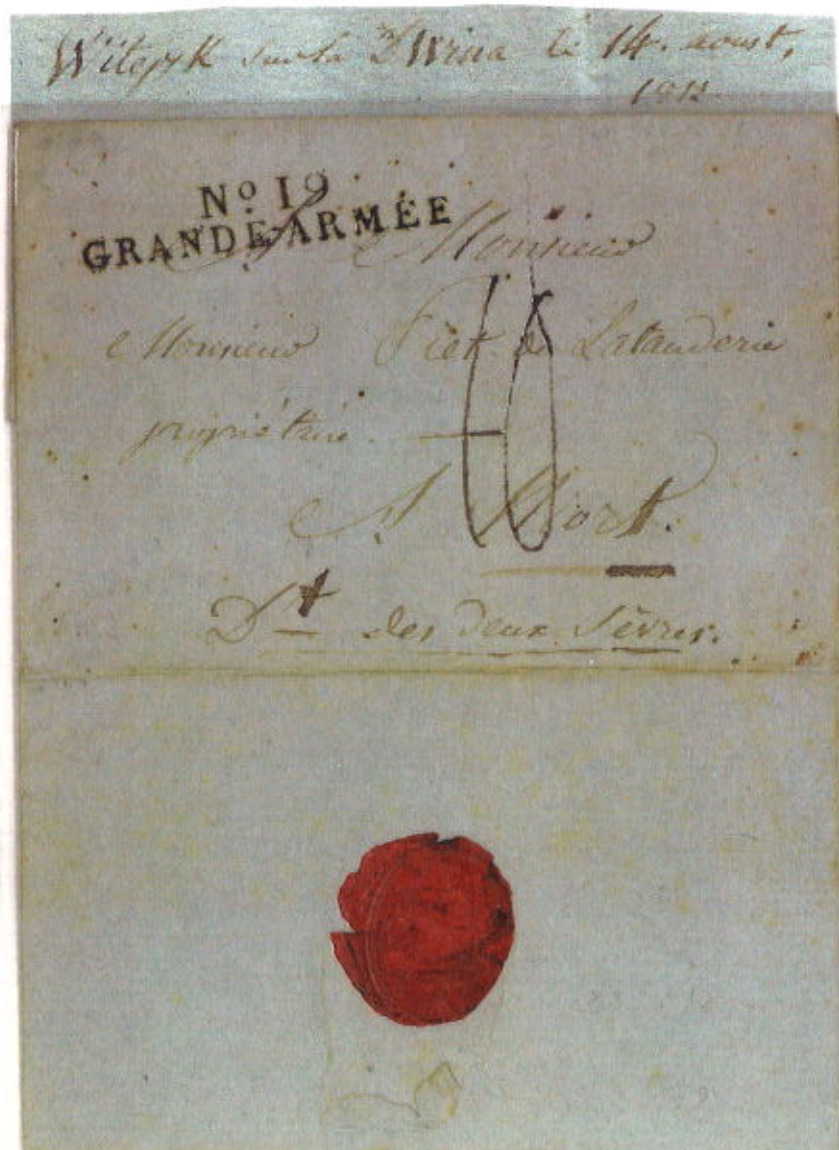
SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1812 - Russian Campaign
Fourth Army Corps



26 October 1812. Letter from Florence addressed to an Italian soldier attached to the 3rd. Company, 1st. Battalion, 3rd Regiment Fourth Army Corps. Very uncommon red postmark **N 16 Deb. / Grande Armée** Endorsed on top we read *Prisoner*. The letter, prepaid by the sender, could not be delivered because in meantime the addressed had been captured by the Russian Army.



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1812 - Russian Campaign



14 August 1912. Letter from Witepsk addressed to *Dep. de deux Sevres en France*. Postmark **N 19. Grande Armée**. Charged 10 decimes for a letter less as 6 gr. weight and distance between 800 and 1000 km.



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE

1812 - Russian Campaign
Tenth Army Corps



Marshal Mac Donald, Chief of Tenth Army Corps



17 August 1812. Letter from Dunabourg, town situated on the right shore of the Dvina river in the Vitebsk Government. Red postmark **N 10. Grande Armée**. The sender is an Officer of the Third Division Grenadiers, Tenth Army Corps, commanded by General Mac Donald.



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1812 - Russian Campaign



EMPIRE



FRANÇAIS.

Anvers le 10 Décembre 1813

Monsieur grandpère et Ma chère grand mère je salue
De son écriture c'est signe pour moi forme de le lat de
votre santé au que la mine est en bon état je salue

grande Mère
voilà par là
Disait que je
qu'il ne me paye
prend Beaucoup

N°22

à Monsieur

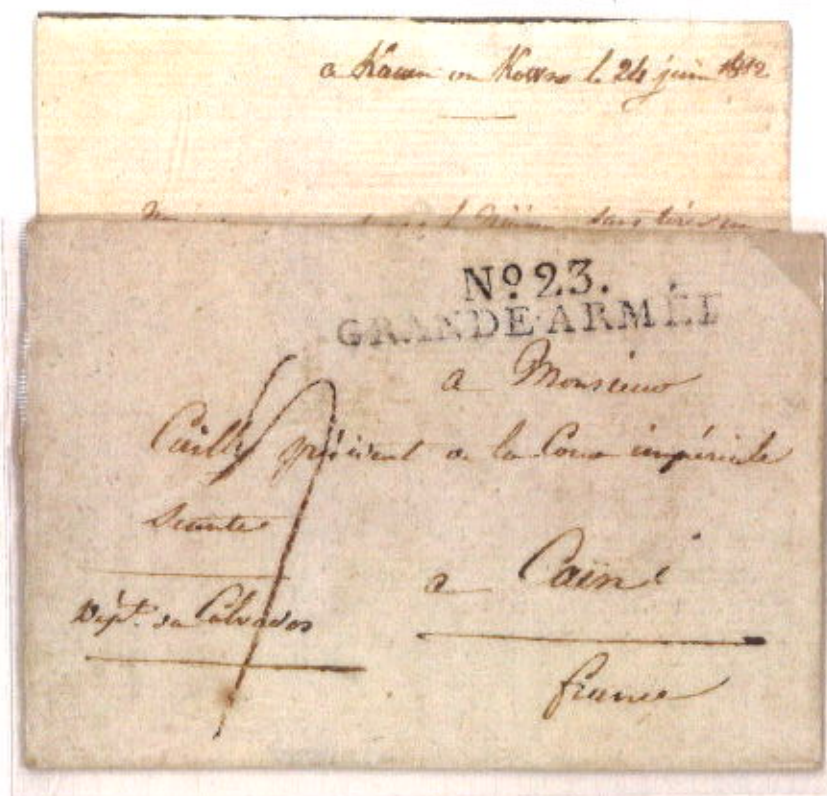
Monsieur Munié
Notaire Impérial

à Pont-à-Mousson

2nd July 1812. Cover with interior
from Hannover addressed to Pont
Mousson. Postmark **N. 22**
Grande Armée. On the ground a
Cantinière letter from Anverse
dated 10 December 1813
addressed to Paris. On reverse
red postmark **PP Anvers**.



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE 1812 - Russian Campaign



Marshal Gouvion St Cyr
Chief of the 6th Corps

24 June 1812. Letter from Kowno addressed to *Department Calvados*. Postmark **N. 23 Grande Armée** allocated to the Sixth Army Corps (Gouvion St Cyr). Taxed 7 decimes for a weight less as 6 gr, and distance between 500 and 600 km.



22 December 1812. Letter from Kalouga to the Dep. of the *Haute Marne*. Postmark **N. 25 Grande Armée**. The sender was a prisoner who wrote about the fair treatment reserved to the French prisoners from the Russians. Taxed 7 decimes manuscript for a letter with weight less as 6 gr and distance between 500 and 600 k.



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE

1812 - Russian Campaign
Ninth Army Corps

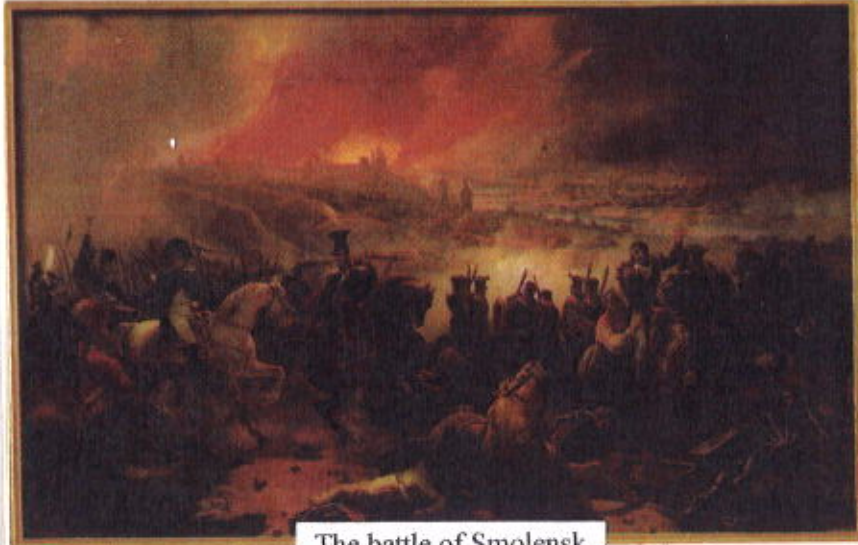


4 October 1812. Letter from Smolensk addressed to Paris showing the red handstamp **N. 35 Grande Armée**. The sender an officer of Victor's 9th. Army Corps tell about the Smolensk battle.

"We will be soon in Moscow. Marshal Victor stay there and we wait for orders in two or three days. We stay in this moment in the theatre of one between the biggest and bloodiest battles ever seen before. There is so many killed soldiers that we are obliged to form pile of deads and wounded.....They says that the Russian Emperor posted up in the town and in the Army that Smolensk will be the tomb of French. Indeed we lost more people than we can believe but the Russian lost four time more people than we did."



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1912 - Russian Campaign
Ninth Army Corps



The battle of Smolensk



10 October 1812. Letter from Smolensk to Brest bearing a red handstamp **N. 35 Grande Armée**. The sender, a Lieutenant of the 9th Army Corps, wrote. *we stay now on the ruins of one of the most beautiful towns.....that was the grave for more than 15.000 French and more than 25.000 Russian*. Postage due 11 decimes for a letter with weight between 6 and 8 gr and distance between 800 and 1000 km.



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1812 - Russian Campaign
Third Army Corps



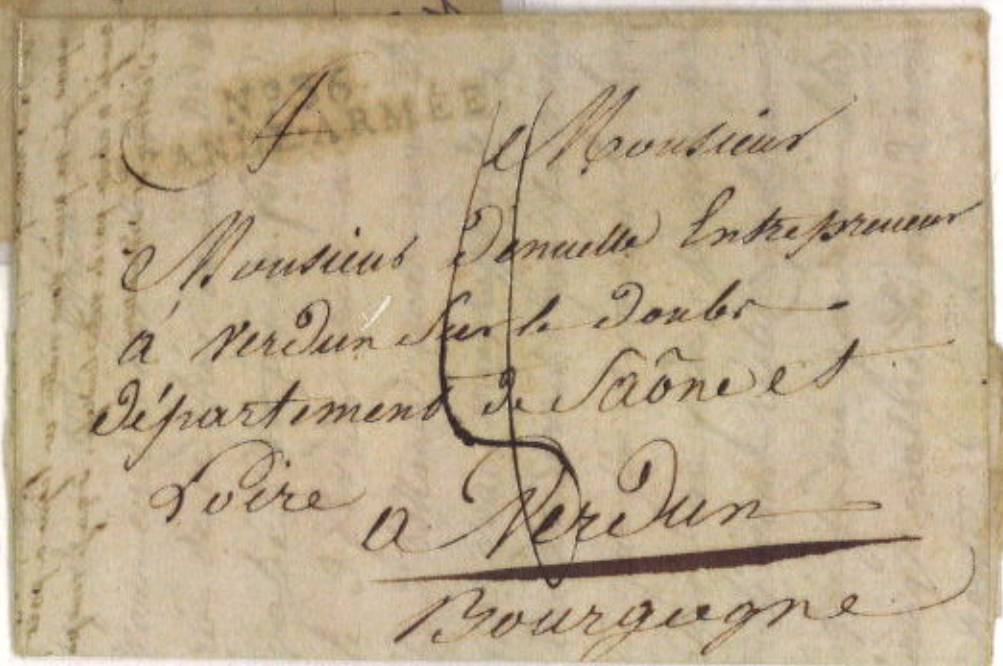
Marshal Ney, Chief of Third
Army Corps

12 April 1812. Letter from
Frankfurt addressed to Paris.
handstamp **N. 36 Grande
Armée**

The sender was the *Aide du
Champ* of General Fouchon
2^{me} Brigade Artillery, Third
Army Corps. Postage due 8
decimes for a letter with weight
between 6 and 8 gr, and
distance less as 500 km.



18 May 1812. Letter from
Thorn (Pologne) addressed
to Verdun. Postmark **N 36
Grande Armée**. Inside we
read: *arrivé à Verdun le
Samedi 8 Juin, 8 Decimes
postage due.*





SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1812 - Russian Campaign
Third Army Corps



Different locations indicated in the letters with postmark **N 36 Grande Armée** allocated to the Third Army Corps commanded by Marshal Ney



31 Juillet 1812. Letter from Liotza addressed to Tonnerre. Field postmark **N. 36 Grande Armée** allocated to the Third Army Corps. The sender, an Army Officer, wrote a relation about the development of the war:....il foutrait qu'on ait une bataille Generale. En effet le 27 Juillet l'Empereur rassemblait une centaine de milliers d'hommes dans l'intention de livrer un Grand Combat au Russes qui semblaient vouloir attendre les Français devant la ville de Vitebsk mais pendant la nuit du 27 et 28 il partirent avec précipitation et brulèrent le tout qui est au dessous de la Dvina



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1812 - Russian Campaign

Third Army Corps

16 Aug 1812

Krasnoi 3 lieues en

9 August 1812. Letter from Krasnoi addressed to Aurillac showing the postmark **N. 36 Grande Armée**.

The sender wrote about the compagnons wounded: *Notre bon Colonel à aussi été blessé a reçu une balle qui lui a cassé une jambe. Nous avons aussi eu un Adjutant Major qui a eu une balle à travers le corps.* Before mistakenly taxed 20 decimes and then 12 after correct measurement of distance.



*Des Camp devant
Smolensk le 20-août*

20 August 1812. letter from Smolensk addressed to Paris. 8 Decimes postage due for a letter with weight between 6 and 8 gr. and distance less as 500 km.



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE

1812 – Russian Campaign

First Army Corps



General Gerard Chief of the 3rd Division



17 September 1812. Letter from Moscow "*ancienne Capital de Russie*" addressed to Nantes bearing the postmark **N... Grande Armée**. Taxed 10 decimes for a letter with weight less as 6 gr. and distance between 800 and 1000 km. The sender, Officer of the 7th Regiment Light Infantry, 3rd Division, 1st Army Corps, speaking of the big battle of Borodino and the entry in Moscow of the Imperial Guard and the First Army Corps. With regard to the mail he wrote: *I think it will be necessary more that a month for the mail to reach its destination because is a long way!*



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1812 - Russian Campaign

De

Paris le 12 Mars 1813



Ma chère amie je te vois c'est
bon mot c'est pour te
faire savoir que je plus
de mites que toi et
voilà la dernière

lettre que je te vois a present
et ne me re vois pas que je te
re vois. Et voilà nosent de con
tes jeux

K OVVNO

Le 11 Novembre 1812.

11 November 1812. Letter from Kowno
addressed to Dep. De La Drome.
Red postmark **N 43. Grande Armée.**
Charged 10 decimes. On the ground a
Cantinière letter from Paris to Mortagne
dated 12 March 1813. On reverse note
a pmk. **Deb de Mortagne.**

N°43.
GRANDE ARMÉE

Mademoiselle

Mademoiselle Magdeleine Roche, chez sa
Mère.

à Crest

(Dép. de la Drome).



GARDE

Grenadiers



IMPÉRIALE.

Tirailleurs.

11^{me} Régiment.

8^{me} Bataillon.

4^{me} Compagnie.

à Paris

le 30 mai

1813

*reçu le 11. mai
resp. le 18. du 1^{er}*



GARDE

Grenadiers



IMPÉRIALE.

Tirailleurs.

8^{me} Régiment

2^{me} Bataillon.

2^{me} Compagnie.

à Paris

le 9 mai

1813

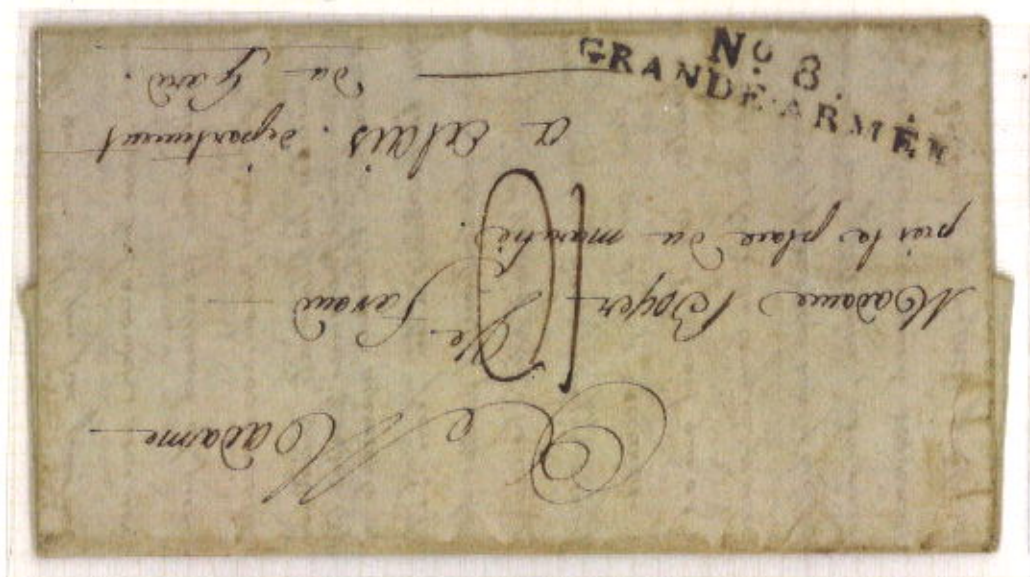
Monsieur



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1813 - Campaign of Saxony



1st. July 1813. Letter from Goldberg addressed to Paris. Postmark **N. 8 Grande Armée**. Charged 8 decimes for a letter with distance less as 500 km and weight between 6 an 8 gr.



14 August 1813. letter from Adelsdorf addressed to Alais in the Gand Dep. Postmark **N. 8 Grande Armée**. Charged 10 decimes for a letter with weight less as 6 gr. and distance from 800 to 1000 km.



De Spandau le 1 décembre 1813



Reçu le 8 33

Monsieur
je vous prie de prendre des renseignements de
monsieur Joseph Le Roux marchand
Mon cher oncle je vous prie de me faire passer de
nouvelle de mame et mame et sa fille
je vous prie de me faire passer deses nouvelle
et en mame tems son adresse
vous anoncer
Dire que je m

SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1813 - Campaign of Saxony

4 July 1813. Letter from Spandau, 3 lieus
de Berlin, addressed to Carcassonne. Red
postmark **N 10 / Grande Armée**. 11

Decimes postage due

The sender (soldier of the Reserve Army)
wrote: Je voudrais vous donner un
adresse sure.....peut être que je ne
serais plus à Spandau dans 4
jours.....Vous pouvez m'écrire à Danzig
poste restante

**N 10
GRANDE ARMÉE**

Monsieur

Monsieur J. Castel
rue du canal.

En France

à Carcassonne



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1813 - Campaign of Saxony
Park of Artillery



2 July 1813. Letter from Dresden addressed to Magdebourg. Postmark **N 19. Grande Armée**. Signed by *Le General en Chef de l'Etat Majeur de l'Artillerie*. Free of charge.



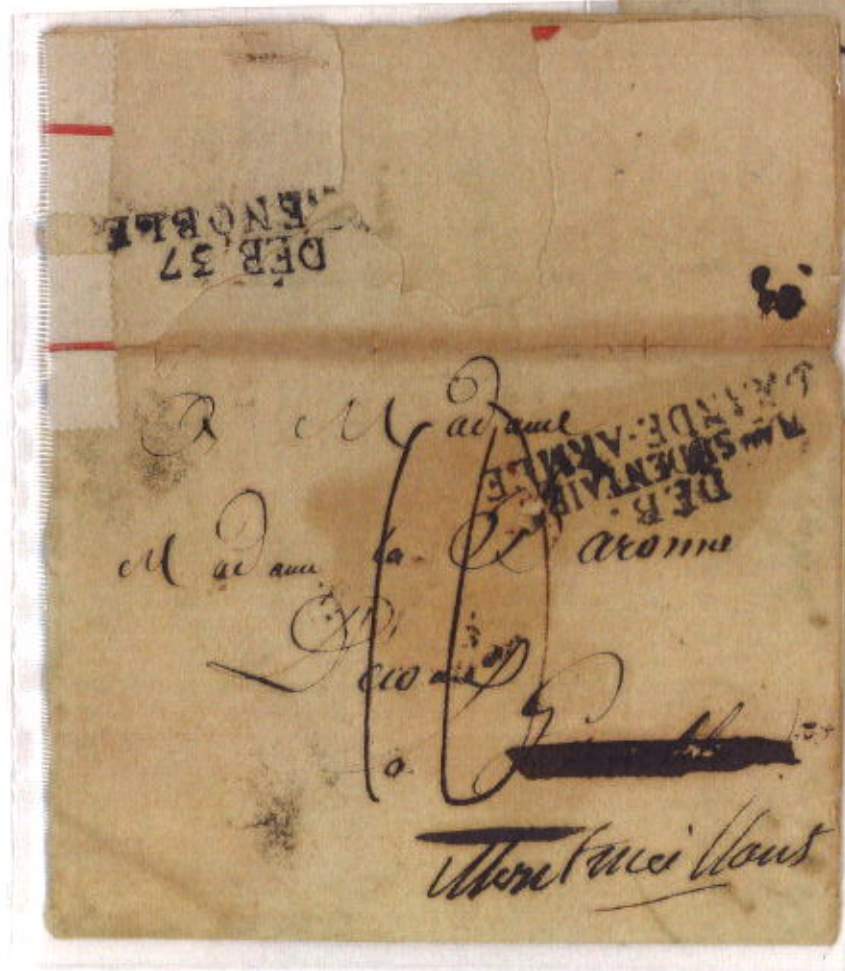
28 September 1813. Prepaid letter from Hellrig (?) addressed to Alençon. Postmark **N 19. Port Payé / Grande Armée**



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1813 - Campaign of Saxony

Sedentary Office
of Mayence

8 January 1813. Letter f addressed to
Baron La Croix General de Brigade à
Erfurt and then à Mayence and
Montpellier. Red pmk. **Déb. B.au**
Sedentaire / Grande Armée.



9 October 1813. Letter from Mayence
addressed to Grenoble. Pmk **Déb**
B.au Sedentaire / Grande Armée
employed as a postal due
handstamp. **Deboursé** in Grenoble.



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1813 - Campaign of Saxony



11 September 1813. Letter from Leipzig addressed to Frejus in the Var Department. Green postmark **N. 24 Grande Armée**. Taxed 11 decimes, the postal due for a letter with weight between 8 and 10 gr. and distance less as 500 km.



5 May 1813. Letter from a illegible place addressed to Alençon. Field red postmark **N. 23 Port Payée / Grande Armée**. Prepaid 21 decimes for a letter with weight between 8 and 10 gr and distance more as 800 km.



SECOND GRANDE ARMEE

1813 - Campaign of Saxony



7 May 1813. Prepaid letter from Florence addressed to an Italian soldier of the 50th (?) Regiment of Line infantry, stationed in Orleans. **Very uncommon** field postmark **N. 28. Deb. / Grande Armée**. Over the address we note the **PP Florence** postmark. Transit in Paris on 2nd June

Campaign of Saxony



8 July 1813. Letter from the Camp of Rostock addressed to Avranches, *Dep. de la Manche*. Postmark **N. 28 Grande Armée**. Tax (never collected) 10 decimes. The sender was an Officer of the 9th Regiment Infantry, 2nd Battalion, 9th Division fighting in the Leipzig battle.



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE

1812 - 1813

Campaign of Saxony



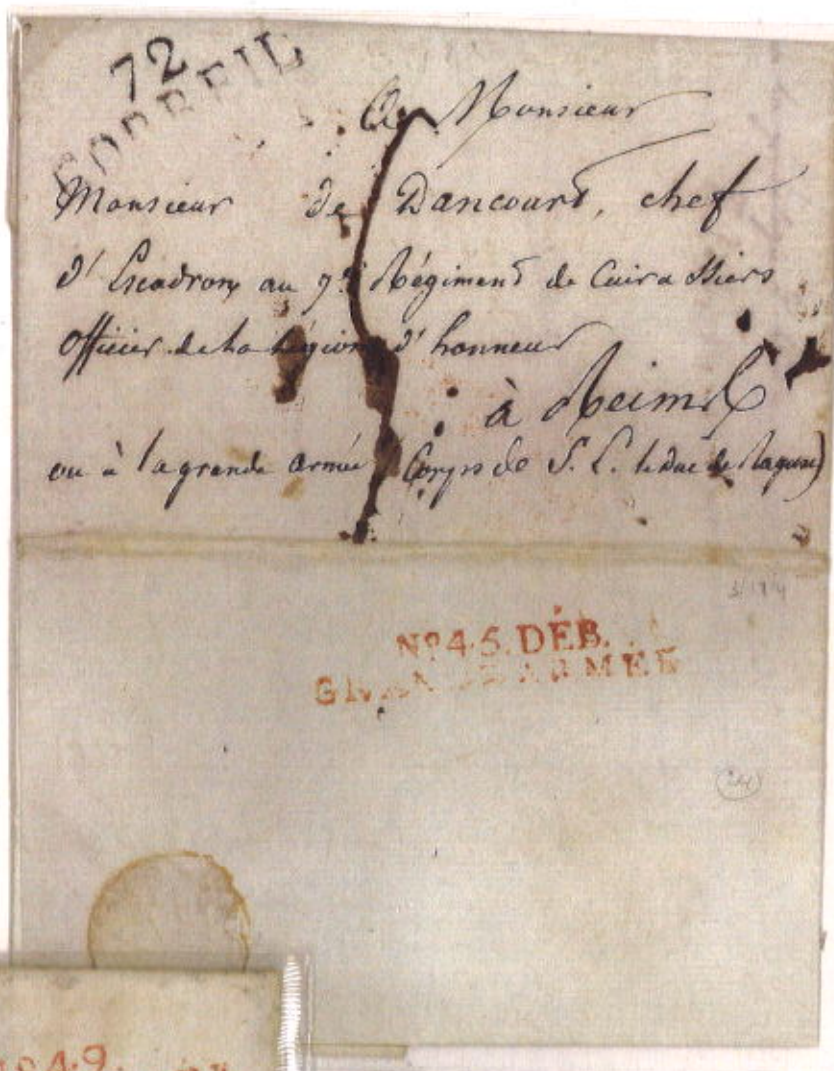
13 March 1813. Letter from Bronswich addressed to Paris. Field postmark **N. 30 Grande Armée**. The sender was a *Lieutenant* of 14^{me} Train d'Equipage. Taxed 8 decimes for a letter with weight between 6 and 8 gr. and distance less as 500 km.



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE 1814 - French Campaign



24 March 1814. Letter de Corbeil
addressed to le Chef d' Escadron ou
7me. Reg. des Cuirassiers à Reims ou à
la Grande Armée (Corps de SE le Duc
de Raguse) Marshal Marmont. Red
postmark **N. 45. Deb / Grande Armée**
On 6 April Napoleon abdicate.



Campaign of Saxony

2 June 1813. Letter de Frankfurt
addressed to Marne Department. Red
postmark **N 49 Grande Armée**. 6
Decimes postage due for a letter with
weight less as 6 gr and distance
less as 500 km.



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1813 - Campaign of Saxony



20 July and 5 August 1813. Two letters sent to Louvain showing the black and red postmark **N 51 Grande Armée**. Two different taxations: 6 decimes for a letter with weight less as 6 gr. and 7 decimes for a weight between 6 and 8 gr. Of course same distance less as 500 km



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1813 - Campaign of Saxony

*Sébastien
flagole
j'abel
leurdite
j'ri preraut*



*Strasbourg le 27 août 1813
@ Mon Cher pere ma Cher mere j'ai mit
la main a la plume le pour m'en former de*

*N° 52.
GRANDE ARMÉE*

*Monsieur
Monsieur Chabot de l'Allier
Membre de la Cour de Cassation
inspecteur général de l'université
Commandant de la Légion d'honneur
Avec l'honneur visé par l'annuaire
Paris*

August 1813. Letter from un bois
voisin du village appelé Eisdork
addressed to Paris. Pmk. N 52.
Grande Armée. On the ground a
Cantinière letter from Strasbourg
addressed to Calais. Hand made
colored drawing. **Detailed uniform
of the soldier is remarkable!**



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1813 - Campaign of Saxony



27 July 1813. Letter from Dresden addressed to Chambéry *Department du Mont Blanc*. The sender was General Decouz Chief of the Third Division of the *Jeune Garde Impériale*. Red postmark **N. 44 Grande Armée**
7 Decimes postage due for a letter with weight less as 6 gr and distance between 500 and 600 km.



7 August 1813. 20 Days before the battle of Dresden. Lettre de Gorlitz (Saxony) addressed to *Bourg St. Andréol, Dep de l'Ardeche*. Red postmark **N. 46 Grande Armée**. The sender wrote "I'm always attached to the General Headquarter."
Postage due 7 decimes for a letter with weight less as 6 gr.



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1813 - Campaign of Saxony



22 June 1813 - Letter from Fulda addressed to Chartres.
Red postmark **N. 53 Grande Armée**. Postage due
manuscript 7 decimes.



6 June 1813. Letter from Fulda (Saxony) addressed to Paris. Postmark
N. 53 Grande Armée. Postage due manuscript 8 decimes for a letter
with weight between 6 and 8 gr, and distance less as 500 km.



SECOND GRANDE ARMÉE
1813 - Campaign of Saxony



21 July 1813. Letter from Mabush (?) addressed to Paris. Red pmk. **N. 55 Grande Armée**. Manuscript 8 decimes for a letter with weight between 6 and 8 gr. and distance less as 500 km.



10 September 1813. Letter from a bivouac près de Lizna addressed to Mirecourt in the Vosges Dep. Red postmark **N 54 Grande Armée**. The sender was the *Capitaine des Voltigeurs du 4me. Bat.on du 19 de Ligne*. He wish a great victory of the French Army and wrote: *L'Empereur est au milieu de nous, nous sommes assuré de la victoire....* Manuscript 6 decimes postage due.