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from Forerunners to Space
“Enea” Collection

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Rocket mail - Space

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Air Mail from Forerunners to Space.

The wonderful gathering of 182 lots starts from Ballons Montés and international flight forerunners, with world rarities, to arrive in Space and on the Moon with the most famous space letters, through a fine selection of Italian flights and an exceptional group of flight covers and triptychs to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the great Transatlantic Cruise organized by Italo Balbo for the Italian Air Force 10 years. Apollo missions from no.11 to no.16.

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FOREWORD

Catalogue Vaccari “prestige” is proud to present the “Enea” Collection, a wonderful gathering of postal documents which, in their modern dimension, that is air mail, tell about the realization of Icarus’ dream and testify one of the most authentic goals reached by men: the conquest of Air.

The collection is formed by 182 lots, from Ballons Montés and international flight forerunners, with world rarities, to Space and the Moon, with the frantic race between the two superpowers USA and USSR, and the most famous space letters, through a fine selection of international flights, with great records, of forerunners and of Italian flights, and an extraordinary group of flight covers and triptychs to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the great Transatlantic Cruise organized by Italo Balbo for the Italian Air Force 10 years.

To give a wider public the chance to see this marvellous gathering, the viewing of lots will be held in several cities, Rome, Turin, Milan, Monaco, during Monacophil, and in Vignola, by our auction room, where, on Saturday, 14 December, the public auction will take place.
As usual in Vaccari auctions, there are no commission charges on bids.

Prestigious rarities, documents really important from a historical-postal point of view and the best known examples, postal evidence of the most famous human flights up to the conquest of Space: “Enea” Collection represents an exceptional gathering and the chance to enrich one’s collection while living the emotion of Italian and international heroic aviation exploits.

Silvia Vaccari
“Enea” collection director

CHAPTERS

BALLON MONTÉ

19 September 1870 - 28 January 1871. French-Prussian War: Paris is besieged by Bismarck German army and any access is denied. To solve the problem of outward communication, official and private, the administration turn to Monsieur Felix Tourmachon called “Nadar”, photographer, aerostatic flight lover; he suggests the use of hot-air balloons to force the block. From 23 September, in 4 months, 66 balloons together with one free balloon with neither name nor passengers “Non Dénommé” leave Paris with their mail load aboard.
The “Ballon Monté” adventure starts... the first air mail was born.

INTERNATIONAL FORERUNNERS

The desire to fly is an idea handed down to us by our ancestors who ... looked enviously on the birds soaring freely through space ... on the infinite highway of the air, Wilbur Wright.

The adventure of human flight has always fascinated the human mind. And mail is a witness of history and communication among men. And for the first time the dream of flying becomes images and postage stamps... the first vignettes featuring air balloons and airplanes and the first mail transport “via air” through air balloons, carrier pigeons and airplanes.



INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

Driven by the experiments and the goals reached by aviation pioneers, and thanks to the success obtained by Wright brothers, the XX century opens with the great records and the longest distances on hot-air balloons, airplanes and airships: Atlantic crossings and flights, the farthest routes, the reaching of the stratosphere, the records of altitude and speed and the world tours with or without stop.

And mail, the covers carried and the postage stamps issued on these occasions again testify the great aviation enterprises.

ITALIAN FORERUNNERS

In Italy the term “Volando” (Flying), as a precursory symbol of flight, appears already in ‘500s on particularly urgent letters; however, the spreading of news “via air” becomes a reality in Italian Risorgimento, with messages launched through small balloons by the insurgent peoples in 1848, during the “Five Days of Milan”.

And while, from doves through carrier pigeons and during the Italian-Turkish War of 1911-1913 through airships the first messages “via air” are sent, also by soldiers, Italy lives its pioneering period too, from 1909 to 1912, with the first air circuits, experiments and aviation competitions, accompanied, postally, by special cancellations and postmarks.

ITALIAN FLIGHTS

I had not really lived up to now! ... It is in the air that the glory of a man is felt, Gabriele D'Annunzio.

In Italy, after the pioneering period, flying becomes protagonist of human life also with passenger transport on airships. The heroic aviation exploits with airplanes, seaplanes and airships, thanks to postal documents carried on board, remain alive.

Umberto Nobile, Francesco De Pinedo, Italo Balbo, Francis Lombardi, Mario de Bernardi and many more: the “Italian Wings” become famous all over the world.

ITALO BALBO

I believe that today it is necessary to look for new goals for the race ... of our aviators, not in individual raids, but in collective cruises with more squadrons, Italo Balbo, Chamber of Deputies, 23 March 1928.

And so it was: 1930, the first transatlantic flight, Italy-Brazil, in flight wing formation, and 1933, the “Decennial Cruise”, described as one of the most spectacular aviation enterprises of all time, with 25 seaplanes Savoia Marchetti S.55X, to celebrate the Italian Air Force ten years.

In the 80th anniversary of the great transatlantic cruise, a wonderful overview of triptychs, the special postage stamps issued on the occasion, even on cover for every airplane and for the return flight New York-Rome, besides some flight covers of different stops along the itinerary followed in the most famous Italian crossing.

ROCKET MAIL

Rocketry and the study of missile propulsion, from the beginnings with Konstantin E.Tsiolkovski to the end of the Nineteenth century, up to the 1930s, after only three decades would lead to Space conquest, but starting from 1928 rocket mail was born, with the presence of postal messages in the stratosphere.

Among the most important items, the leaflets, sadly famous, launched by Hitler Forces over the Allied troops to terrorize them during Second world war, and the first mail transport by means of a military missile for a peaceful use, USA, 1959.

SPACE

The adventure of human flight and Space conquest have always fascinated the human mind. In half a century, space flight from a dream of just a few scholars turns to a frantic race between the two superpowers, USA and USSR.

“Space” mail is one of the most modern and charming chapters in philately. It testifies, through commemorative postage stamps and letters relevant to space flights, one of the most important scientific goals in human history. The cancellation “MOON LANDING - 20 July 1969”, the complete series of flight covers carried to the Moon by Apollo missions, the first historic docking between two Soyuz spacecrafts in Space with Earth-Space letters delivery, the first space postage stamp, postmark and post office, true human evidence, through mail, of “living in Space”.



ON PAPER CATALOGUE COVER



INTERNATIONAL FORERUNNERS

1911 - USA - "Vin Fiz Flyer" - the first vignette featuring an airplane - c.25 black "Rodgers Aerial Post - Vin Fiz Flyer" with the image of "Wright" biplane with the words "Vin Fiz" below the lower wing, semi-official postage stamp, not cancelled, on fragment of the official postcard prepared for the flight. The aviator Calbraith Perry Rodgers, sponsored by "Vin Fiz Company", was the first pilot to successfully accept the daring challenge, in 1911, by the publisher William Randolph Hearst, who had offered as a prize 50,000 dollars for the air crossing of the United States from New York to California - cat.Sanabria S2 - light defect in

the upper right corner - In the whole world, only 10 copies of "Vin Fiz" are known, 7 ex. on a travelled postcard and 3 unused (AAMS) - Alberto Bolaffi - Enzo Diena - cert.1991 Philatelic Foundation, New York "Unused ... semi-official adhesive on part of official flight post card... It is genuine with a small tear" - Raffaele Diena (cert.2013 "the item is genuine... of 25 cents «Vin Fiz» - the first adhesive ex. of air mail issued in the world - only ten example are known, of which ... one unused without gum on a postcard fragment - the present one - ...") - great world rarity of air mail

lot 19 - BASE 20,000.00



BALLON MONTE

1871 - New Caledonia, southern hemisphere
Newspaper-Letter "Gazette des Absents" n.27 of 14.1.71 franked with c.20 blue, Yvert n.37, star canc. of Paris of 15.1.71 + black and red squared "PD" - the letter left Paris on 15.1.71, probably on board Ballon Monté "Poste de Paris" left on 18.1.71, addressed to a midshipman on the "Belliqueuse" ship stationed in New Caledonia - it arrived in Marseilles on 2 February, and from there it was forwarded to Numea, where it arrived on 21 April - it was shipped on board Bruat in Saigon (handwritten text "A bord du Bruat à Saigon Cochinchine"), and it was reforwarded to France passing, in the month of July, by Toulon (9), Rade de Toulon (9), Toulon (13), Hyeres (14) and Marseilles where it finally arrived on 15.7.71.

It is one of the most extraordinary destinations for Ballon Monté (ref. cat.Lhéritier 2000 - Nouméa, Ballon "Général Faidherbe", euro 45.700,- Roumet 1994) - Alberto Bolaffi - cert. Roger Calves 1992 "Destinations très rares" - R.Diena (cert.2013 "the item described is particularly rare both for the destination, of which only one letter more is probably known, and for the forwarding to France documented by all the transit postmarks")

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ITALO BALBO

1933 - Decennial North Atlantic Cruise - USA, return flight lap New York-Rome - registered letter sent on 24.7.33 from New York (USA) to Milan, via Rome, franked with c.3 violet (inland) + four ordinary ex. for \$3.60 (rate to Europe), Yvert n.321+244+246+247, with New York Varick St. Annex departure canc. + triptych "I-BIAN" L.5,25+44,75 multicoloured, Sassone n.52B, hit by the large Cruise cachet, the circular special postmark "Italian Air Cruise New York-Roma" - on the front, Cruise special canc. "Lido di Roma - 12.8.33 XI.19" in green + transit postmark Rome-Florence-Milan and of arrival in Milan both of 13.8.33 - Ex. coll. "La Crociera del Decennale", Filasta 1993 - A.Bolaffi + small cancel (financial cert. 100% 1989 "Really rare use of United States postage stamps together with Italian commemorative Balbo triptych") - G.Bolaffi - E.Diena (cert.1984, "... signed E.Diena given the rarity of the presence of an Italian triptych on Balbo flight cover on departure from the United States") - F.Longhi (cat. n.2946a - cert. AIEP 2013 "The really rare flight cover - the sole bearing also the L.25 I-BIAN triptych known to me, up to now - is genuine ... I specify that it will be catalogued in next edition of «Aerofilia Italiana» with the number above")

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THE TRIPTYCHS OF ALL THE AIRPLANES



SPACE

USA - 1972 - APOLLO 16 - space letter n.18 out of 25 that Charles M.Duke included in his "Personal Preference Kit" during Apollo 16 mission - franked with two halves of the diptych "A decade of Space achievements" c.8+c.8, canc. "Kennedy Space Center, FL Apr 16 PM 1972", launch day, and canc. of the ship Ticonderoga board post office, 27.4.72, recovery day - in the upper part of the cover, the astronaut's handwritten text and signature: "I certify that cover 18 of a total of 25 carried on the Apollo 16 flight landed on the Moon, approved for storage in my P.P.K. Charles Duke" - the Apollo 16 is last mission of Apollo flights authorized to carry mail and the 25 space letters carried from 16 to 27.4.72 by Young, Mattingly and Duke are last ones to reach the Moon and are considered

to be the rarest Moon space letters - guarantee declaration by C.M.Duke issued on 29.7.85 in the presence of an American notary public - A.Bolaffi (financial cert. 100% with expertise appendix 1986) - Enzo Diena (cert.1986)

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