

# Congo/ Katanga Map



# Telegram from Elisabethville

July 1960

From a Belgian  
Refugee to his wife  
in Brussels  
Message states -  
**All well. Luggage  
sent. With kisses**

RECEPISSE DE DEPOT D'UN TELEGRAMME

(code) / (numéro) .....  
Classe : ..... Nombre de mots taxés : 14  
Reçu 253 ..... francs  
pour le télégramme n° 10891 à destination .....  
de .....  
Date .....  
Signature : [Signature]

Fr. 253

61 - T4 - B1 - 1253 - Av. 12537

Dienstaanwijzingen		du destinataire Adres van de geadresseerde
Taxe par mot fr. congolais Taxe per woord Congolese fr.	TOTAL fr. congolais TOTAAL Congolese fr.	
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Reçu de dépôt .....  
Ontvangbewijs .....  
R. P. ....

Transmis à .....  
Overgemaakt aan .....  
à ..... h. .... m.  
te ..... uur ..... min.

Le Télégraphiste.  
De Telegrafist.

Indications non télégraphiées : Expéditeur : M LEMOINE B.P. 7222  
Niet overgeseinde aanwijzingen : Afzender : .....  
à .....  
te ELISABETHVILLE

TEXTE ET SIGNATURE  
TEKST EN HANDTEKENING

TOUT VA BIEN BAGAGES EXPEDIES LETTRE SUIT  
BAISERS.  
JULES

Expédié le 23/7/60 à 8h


253 / 14 = 177 fr par mot



# Telegram ~ Bruxelles to Elisabethville

July 1960

With Elisabethville  
telegraphic cancel in violet

CONGO BELGE — BELGISCH-CONGO						Arrivé à :
SERVICE DES TÉLÉCOMMUNICATIONS						Aangekomen te :
DIENST DER TELEVERBINDINGEN						 Heure : ..... Lus : .....
NUMERO Nummer	ORIGINE Oorsprong	MOTS Woorden	DATE Datum	HEURE Uur	VIA Via	
Indications de service taxées. Betaalde dienstaanwijzingen.		<b>TÉLÉGRAMME</b> <u>Telegram</u>			Explications des abréviations admises pour les indications de service taxées : Verklaring van de afkortingen toegelaten voor de betaalde dienstaanwijzingen : RP = Réponse payée. Antwoord betaald. LT = Télégramme lettre. Brieftelegram. CR = Accusé de récep. Kennisgeving van	
<i>Lemoine Jules c/o smp bp 7222 Elleville</i>						
Le4106/1745						
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# Telegram ~ Bruxelles to N. Rhodesia

July 1960

B & C POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS  
FEDERATION OF RHODESIA — NYASALAND

G.F.L. 30mpds—F372 7-68 P  
No. *ck/ofs* 614

SERIAL No.	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	WORDS	TIME HANDED IN	SCB. INSTRUCTIONS
NM 19	SN489	R 1042	GXLN489	BRUXELLES
9 13 1442	VIA IMPL	=		

RECEIVED AT *Moos'* FROM BY *n*

REFUGIES BELGES LEMOINE MAON  
MUFULIRARHODESIEDUNRD =

— FOLD —

SENT TO BY

BAISERS AFFECTUEUX COURAGE = *JIJT JIJT* +

~~FKS FM JINEE JIJT +~~

DATE 14 JUL 60  
MUFULIRA  
NORTHERN RHODESIA  
STAMP

If the accuracy of this telegram is doubted, inquiry should be made at the office of delivery. This form should accompany any inquiry.



# Elisabethville to Bruxelles ~ Post free

27 July 1960

Sent from staff at U.H.M.K.  
Hospital at Jadotville.  
Forwarded by Belgian Military  
via  
Elisabethville  
Endorsed 'M.D' ( Military)

With  
ELISABETHVILLE  
datestamp ~ code 'Z'



# Belgian Refugee Mail from Kamina ~ Post free

July 1960

Belgian families sought refuge at  
KAMINA Military Base.  
Mail to Belgium received  
red circular cachet –  
**BASE MILITAIRE / SECTION P & F,  
KAMINA'**

With 2 line marking –

VLUCHTELINGEN REFUGIES  
KAMINA

With Bruxelles arrival datestamp





# Belgian Refugee Mail from Kamina ~ Post free

July 1960

Another cover with red circular  
cachet –  
BASE MILITAIRE / SECTION P & F,  
KAMINA'

With 2 line marking –

VLUCHTELINGEN REFUGIES  
KAMINA

Belgian RED CROSS  
handstamp applied on arrival  
in Bruxelles



# Belgian Refugee Mail from Kamina ~ Post free

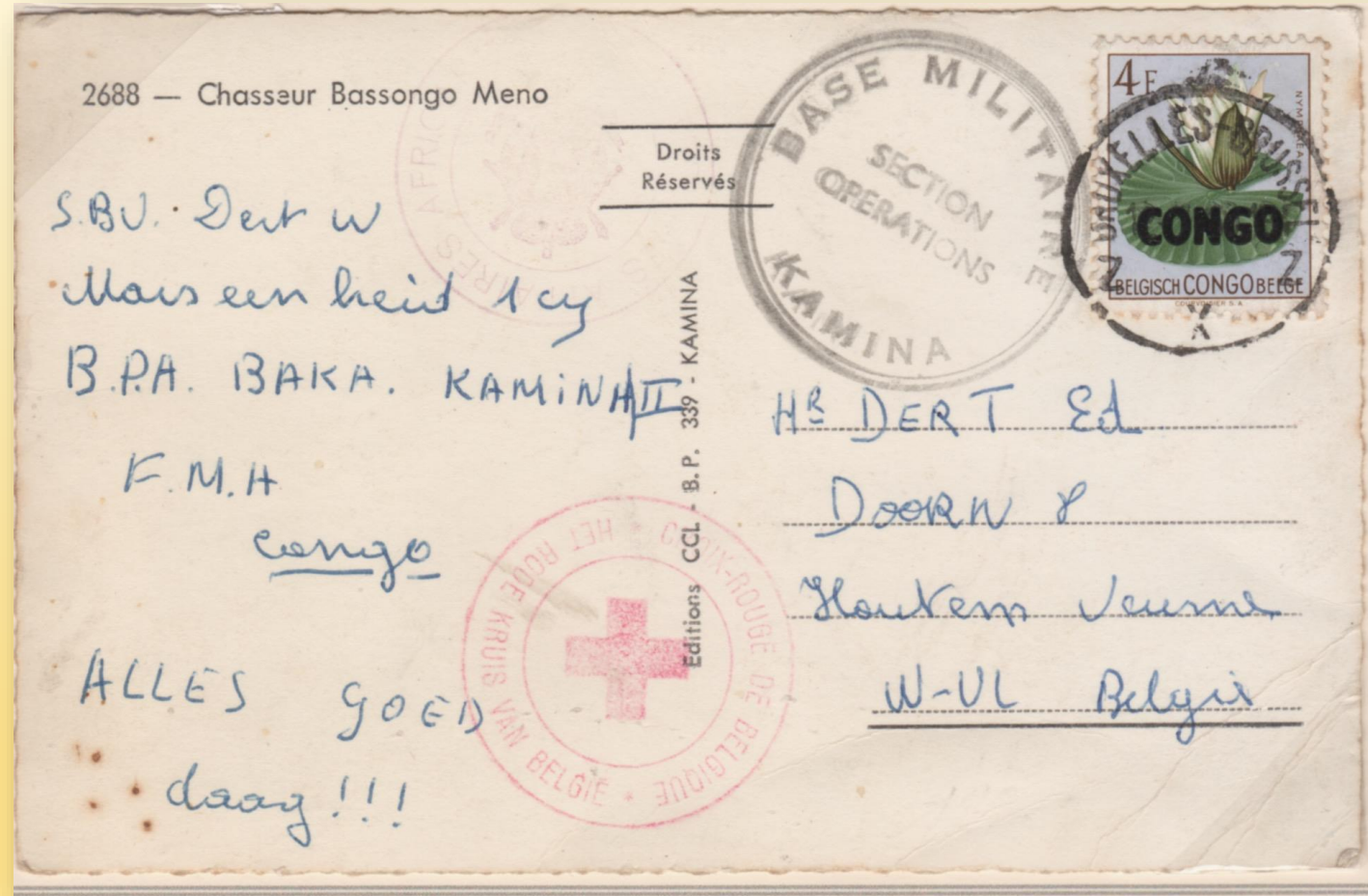
July 1960

With scarce black circular cachet

BASE MILITAIRE / SECTION  
OPERATIONS / KAMINA'

Belgian RED CROSS  
handstamp applied on  
arrival in Bruxelles

Stamp not required  
Cancelled on arrival in  
Bruxelles





# Belgian Refugee Mail Airletter

July 1960

Scarce Belgian Congo  
airletter sent from refugee to  
his wife in Liege.  
Forwarded privately by air.

Entered postal system on  
arrival in Belgium.  
3 Fr stamp applied in  
Belgium  
(Local letter rate)

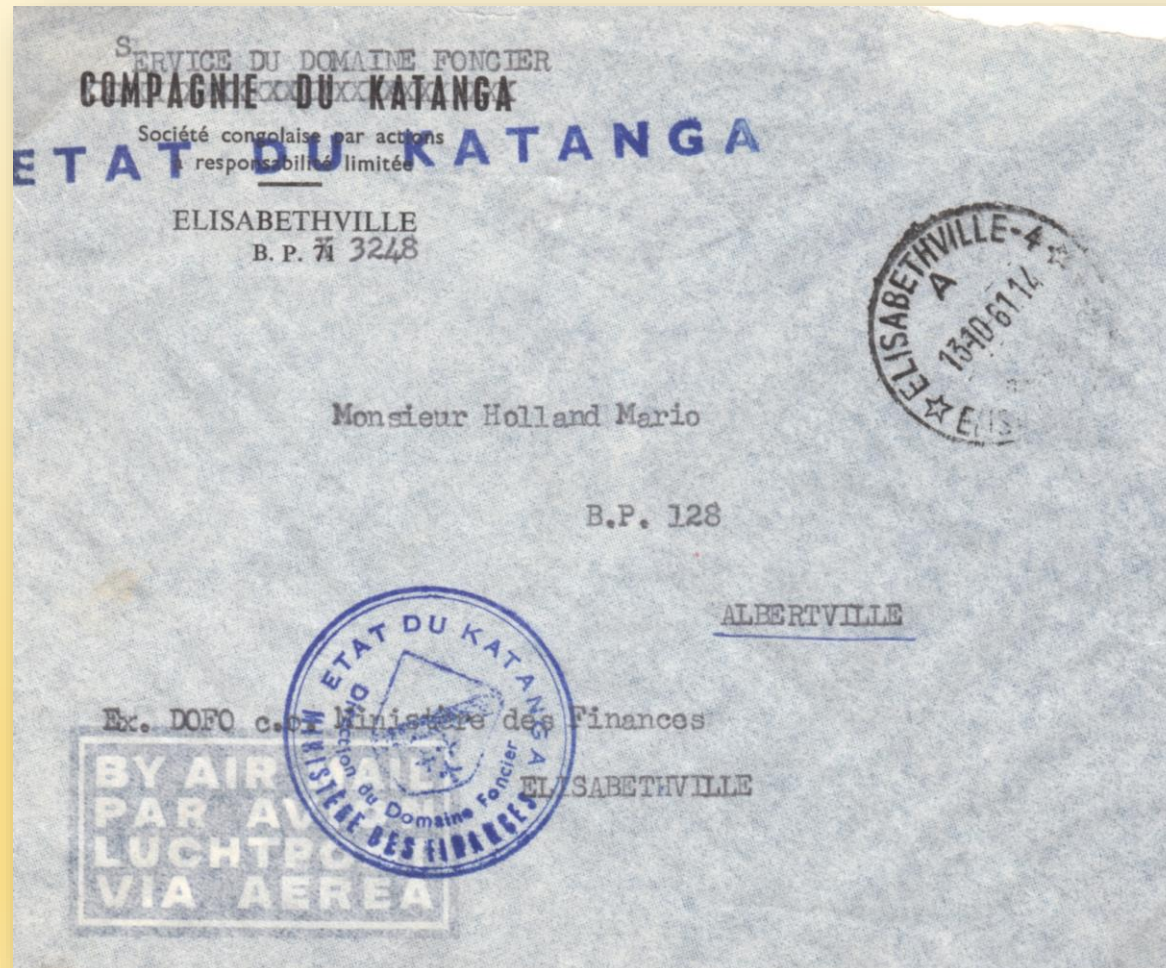


# Katanga Free Mail

October 1961

Official mail  
Elisabethville to Albertville

Sent post free from  
Ministry of Finance





# Katanga Free Mail

Registered Internal Mail

October 1961

Official mail  
Elisabethville to Kolwezi

Sent post free from  
Director of Posts

With ELISABETHVILLE 1  
registration label



# Katanga Postage Rates

## KATANGA POSTAL RATES ~ LETTERS

### July 1960 - end of 1961

Internal Rate	~	1 Fr 50	
Belgium rate - surface rate		3 Fr	
- airmail rate		6 Fr 50	(up to 10g)
- airmail and registered		12 Fr 50	(up to 10g)
- airmail and express		14 Fr 50	(up to 10g)
- airmail, registered & express		20 Fr 50	(up to 10g)
- airmail rate		9 Fr	(10 -15g )
- airmail and registered		15 Fr	(10 - 15g)
- airmail and express		17 Fr	(10 - 15 g)
- airmail, registered & express		20 Fr 50	

### January 1962 - January 1963

Internal rate		2 Fr	
Belgium Rate - Airmail rate		8 Fr	( up to 10g)
Airmail & registered		14 Fr	
Airmail & express		16 Fr	

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European - Surface rate		5 Fr	
Airmail rate		8 Fr	
Airmail & registered		14 Fr	

Congo Republic - Airmail rate 3 Fr 50

African - airmail rate		5 Fr	
African - airmail & registered rate		11 Fr	
African - air, registered & express rate		19 Fr	



# Katanga Printed Matter Rates



Covers from Dilolo and Kambove posted at 1 Fr Printed Matter Rate to Belgium

# Katanga Internal Letter Rate

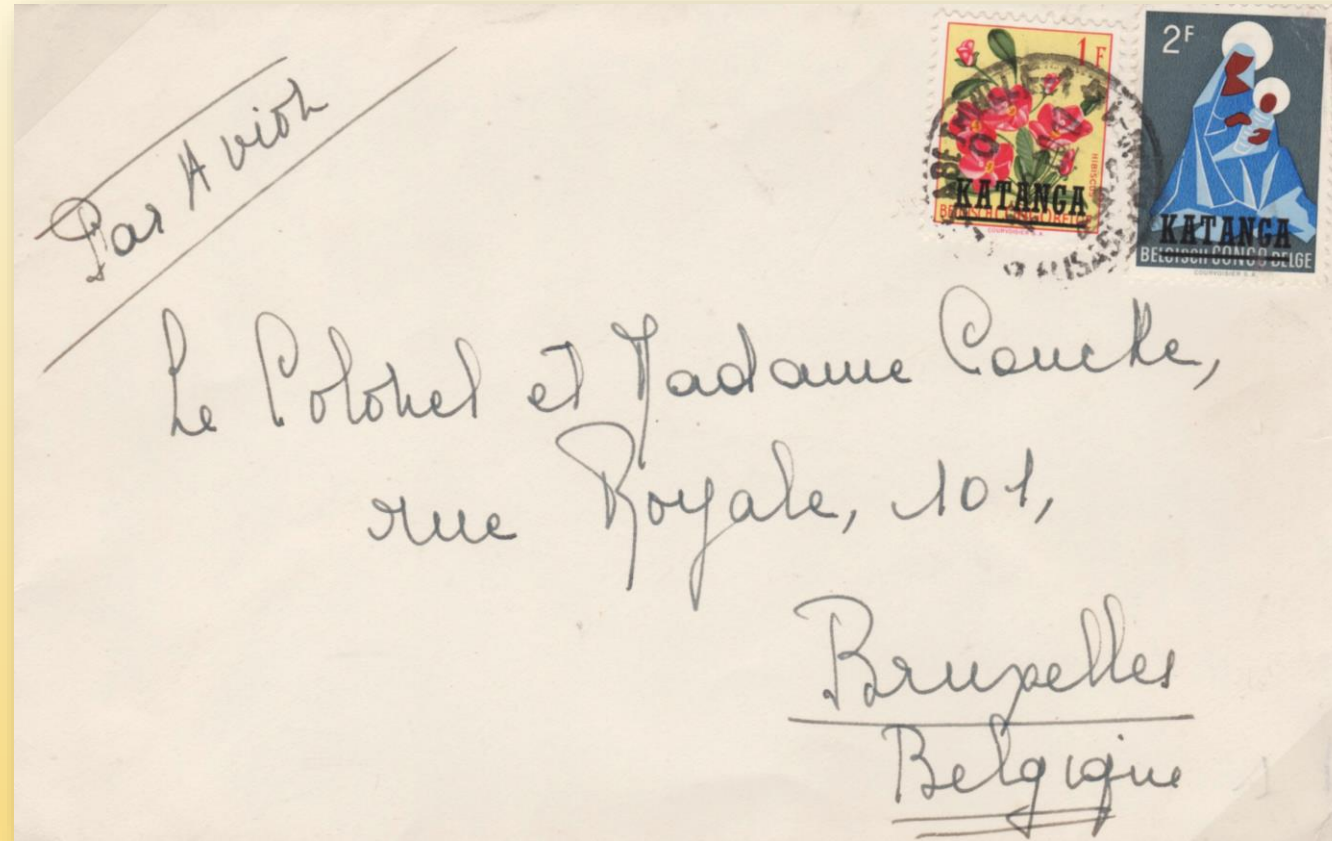


1 Fr 50 Internal Letter Rate to Kipushi and Elisabethville



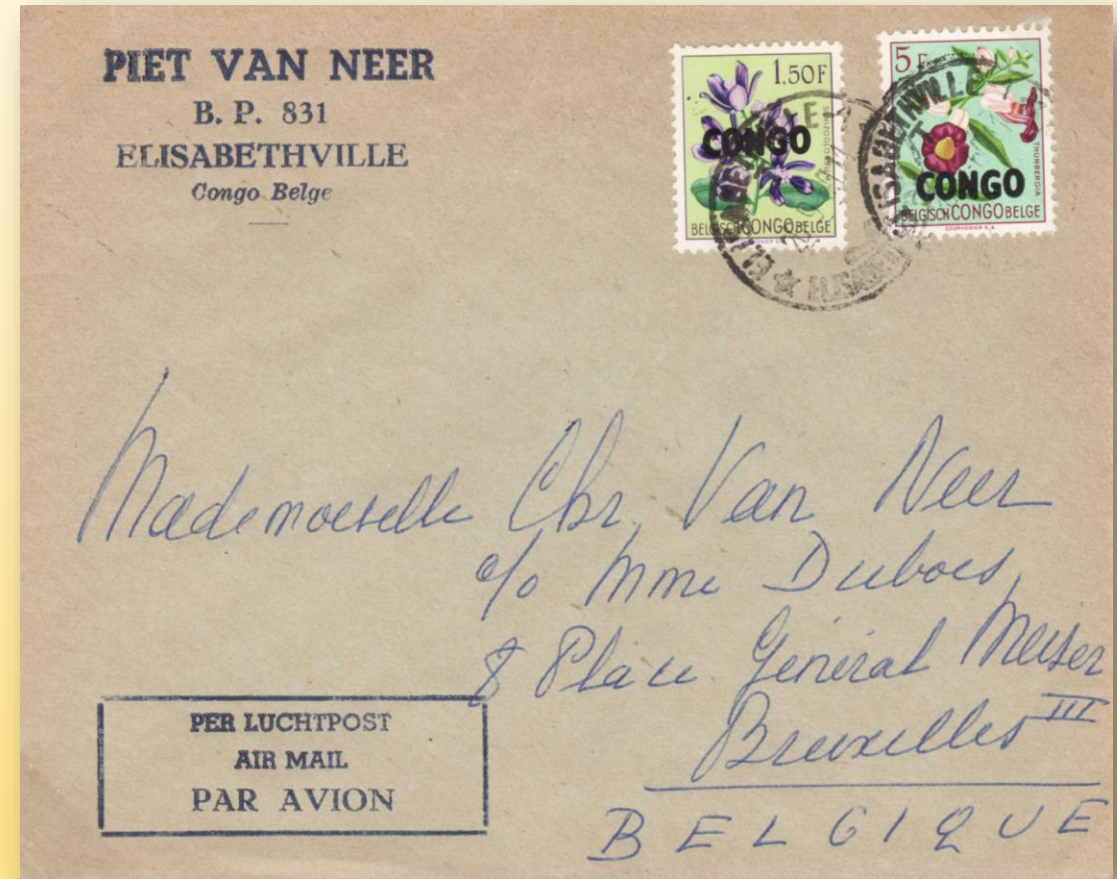
# Katanga~ Surface Letter Rate to Belgium

December  
1960



Seldom seen 3 Fr surface Letter Rate to Belgium

# Katanga~ Airmail Letter Rate to Belgium ~ 6 Fr 50



August & September 1960

Note use of Republic of Congo stamps in Katanga



# Katanga~ Airmail Letter Rate to Belgium ~ 6 Fr 50

February 1961 cover

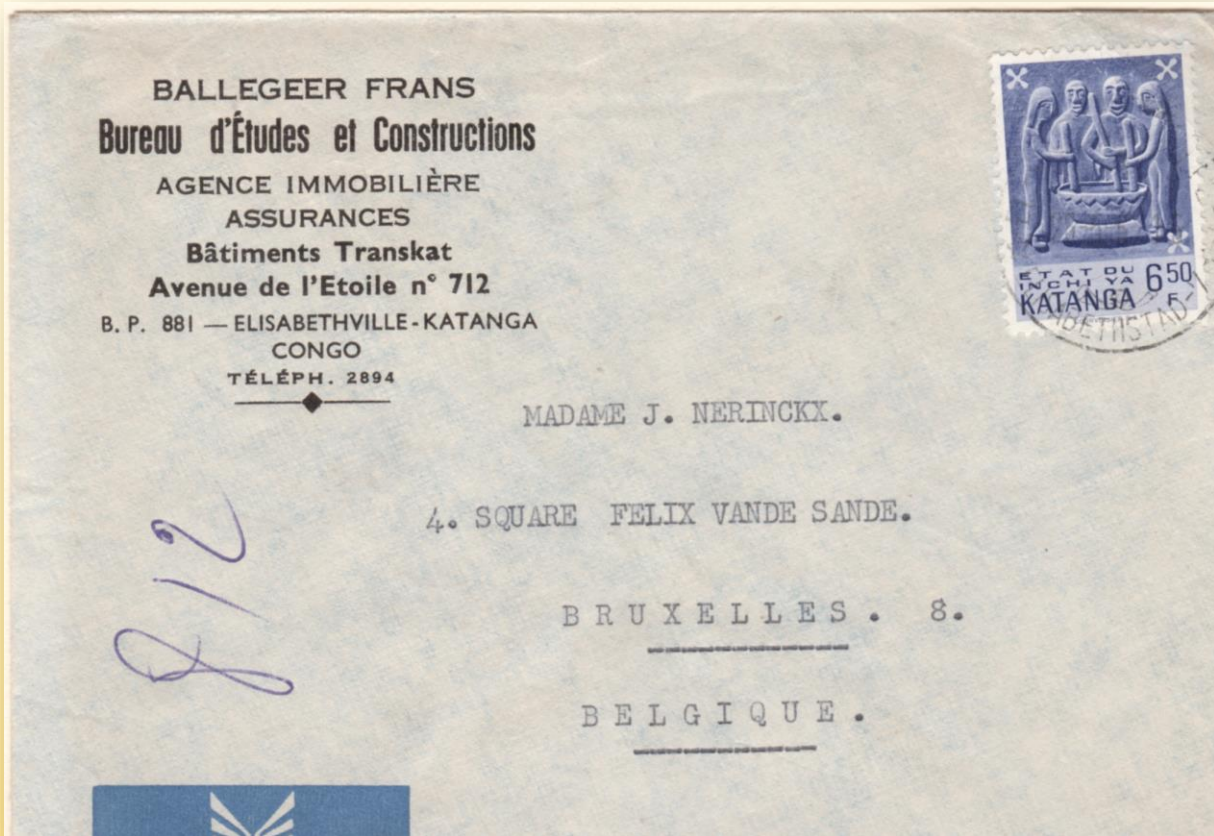
Congo stamps overprinted  
L'ETAT DU KATANGA'  
Issued ~

Madonna – 12 September

Maps – 26 October



# Katanga~ Airmail Letter Rate to Belgium ~ 6 Fr 50



Katanga Art definitives printed by Courvoisier, Switzerland. Issued 1 March 1961



# Katanga~ Registered Airmail Letter Rate to Belgium

August 1960

Registered letter rate to Belgium ~  
12 Fr 50 ( up to 10g)

With ELISABETHVILLE  
datestamp ( code R ) in violet

Official mail still using obsolete  
CONGO BELGE stationery



# Katanga~ Registered Airmail Letter Rate to Belgium

August 1960

Registered letter rate to Belgium ~  
15 Fr ( 10g – 15 g rate)

Airmail letter rate – 9 Fr  
Registration fee – 6 Fr

Stamps overprinted Katanga not  
issued until mid September





# Katanga~ Registered Airmail Letter Rate to Belgium

August 1961

ELISABETHVILLE

Registered letter rate to Belgium ~  
15 Fr ( 10g – 15 g rate)

Airmail letter rate – 9 Fr  
Registration fee – 6 Fr

Seldom seen usage of  
International Fair stamps



# Katanga~ 8 Fr Airmail Letter Rate to Belgium



2 covers posted in 1962 at the new 8 Fr letter rate



# Katanga~ Registered Airmail Letter Rate to Belgium

August 1962

ELISABETHVILLE

Registered letter rate to Belgium ~  
20 Fr ( 15 g – 20 g rate)

Airmail letter rate – 14 Fr  
Registration fee – 6 Fr

With ELISABETHVILLE datestamp ~  
code 'C1'



# Katanga~ EXPRESS Airmail Letter Rate to Belgium

April 1962

ELISABETHVILLE

EXPRESS letter rate to Belgium ~  
16 Fr

Airmail letter rate – 8 Fr  
EXPRESS fee – 8 Fr

With special circular  
'CUSTOMS SERVICE' handstamp





# Katanga~ Airmail Letter Rate to Germany

January 1961

ELISABETHVILLE

Airmail letter rate to Germany ~  
8 Fr

With seldom seen use of  
Katanga Mask overprint stamp  
on cover



# Katanga~ Airmail Letter Rate to Hungary

November 1961

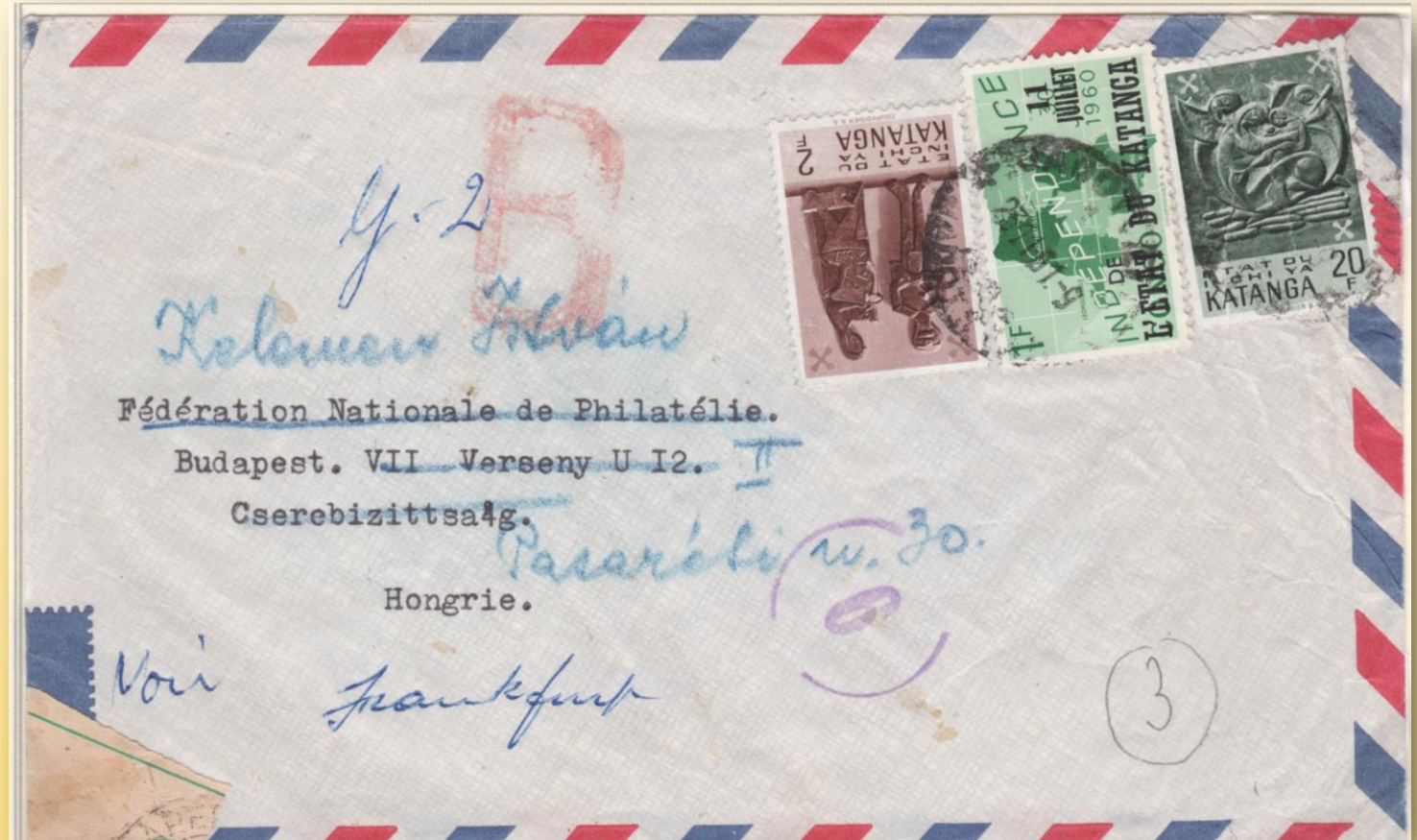
JADOTVILLE

Postage paid ~ 23 Fr

Surface letter rate – 5 Fr

Airmail supplement - ~ 3 Fr per 5g  
= 18 Fr (25 -30g)

With Budapest arrival  
datestamp on reverse





# Katanga~ Airmail Letter Rate to Egypt

October 1960

ELISABETHVILLE

Postage paid ~ 9 Fr

Surface rate to Egypt - 3 Fr

Airmail supplement – 1 Fr 50 per 5g.

= 6 Fr per 20g

With Cairo arrival  
datestamp on reverse



# Katanga~ Airmail Letter Rate to Africa

1961 to N. Rhodesia



1962 to Brazzaville

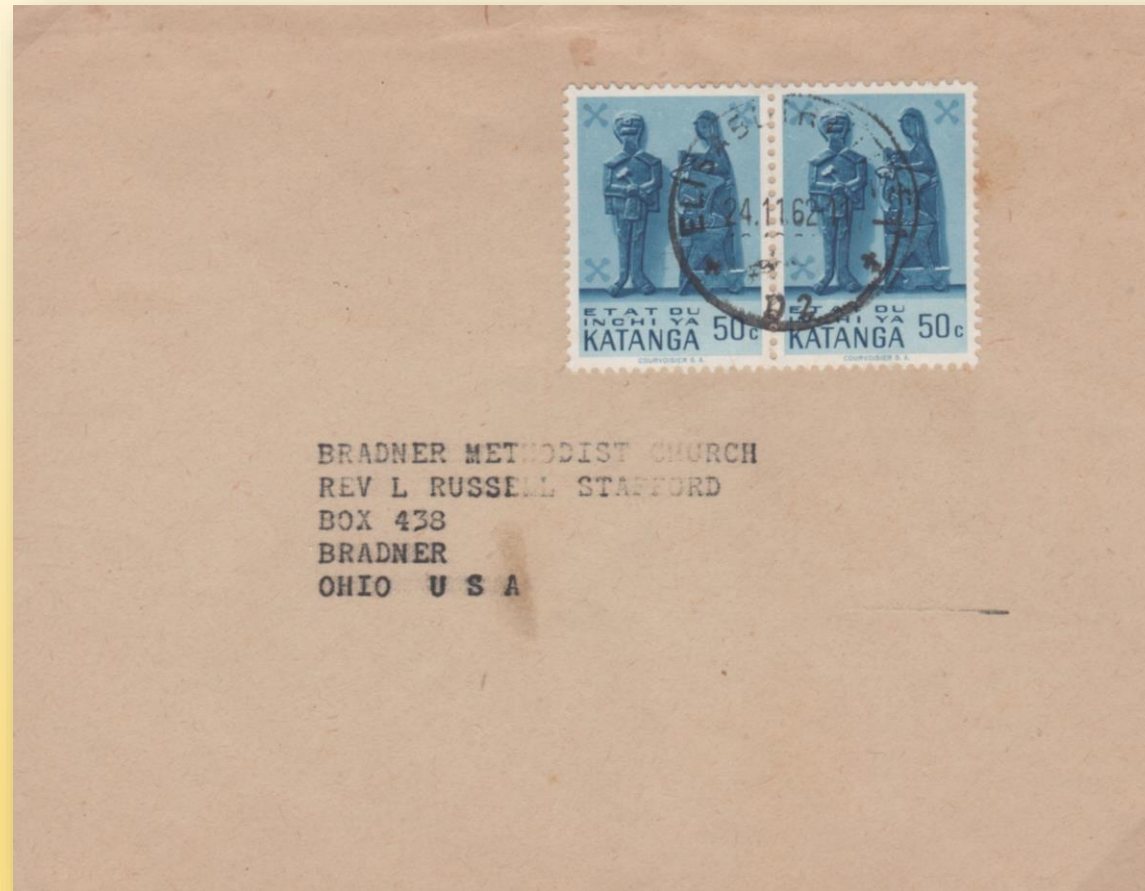




# Katanga~ Printed Matter Rate to America

November 1962

1 Fr rate



# Katanga~ Airmail Letter Rate to America

February 1961

10 Fr rate





# Katanga~ Registered Airmail Letter Rate to America



August 1960  
Overpaid 16 Fr rate



October 1960  
Scarce 67 Fr rate (45 -50g. Wt)

# Katanga~ Postcard Rate to Belgium

July 1961



July 1960 – December 1961 – 4 Fr rate



# Katanga~ Postcard Rates to Belgium

December 1960



15 December 1960 – 15 January 1961  
Special Christmas rate ~ 2 Fr

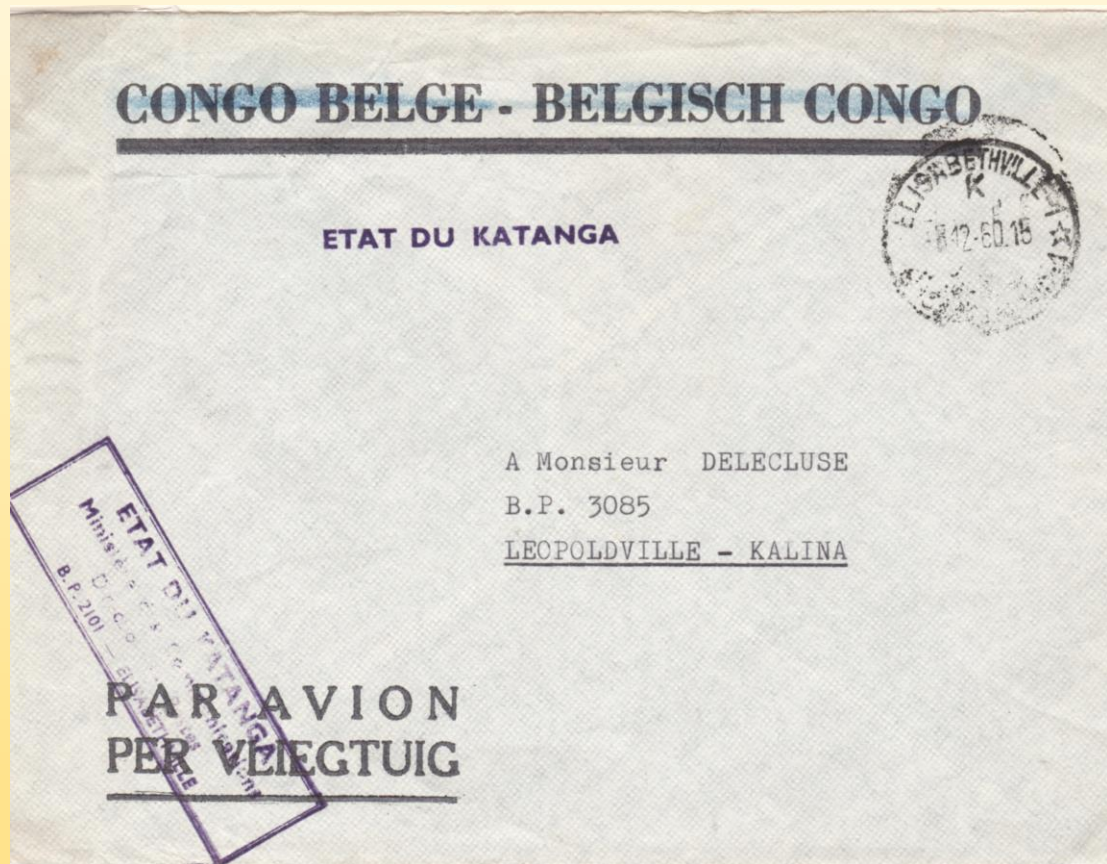
December 1962



From January 1962  
New rate ~ 6 Fr

# Katanga~ Mail to CONGO

Free Official Mail



Letter rate – 3 Fr 50 (October 1960)

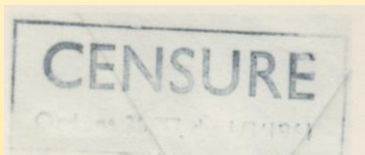




# Katanga~ Mail to CONGO

Cover CENSORED in Elisabethville

Letter rate – 3 Fr 50 (July 1961)



Censor handstamps



# Katanga~ CONGO Mail to Elisabethville

Cover CENSORED in CONGO

Registered letter rate – 9 Fr 50 (February 1961)

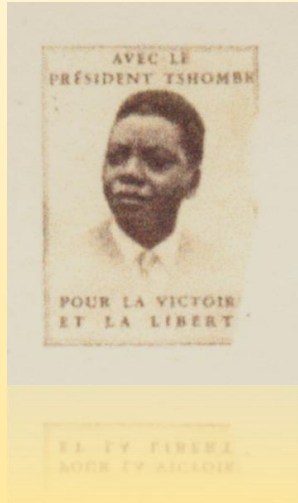
Bank cover re sealed with plain label with Censure handstamps





# Katanga~ Official Presidential Mail

April 1961



Cover from President Tshombe to Antwerp



# Katanga~ Presidential Mail

Actual letter from Mr Tshombe  
addressed to Antwerp (Anvers)

ETAT DU KATANGA

Cabinet du Président

S.R.N& 2279/MDH?

Elisabethville, le 11 avril 1961.

Monsieur Alphonse BAL

9, rue Van Teene,

ANVERS.

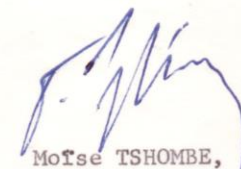
Cher Monsieur,

J'ai bien reçu votre lettre du 22 mars dernier, qui  
a retenu toute mon attention.

Je suis très sensible à votre sympathie pour notre pays  
et vous remercie pour vos félicitations et vos bons vœux.

Ne disposant pas de timbres-postes, je transmets votre  
demande au Ministère des Communications en lui demandant d'y réserver  
la suite voulue.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Cher Monsieur, l'expression de  
mes sentiments les meilleurs.

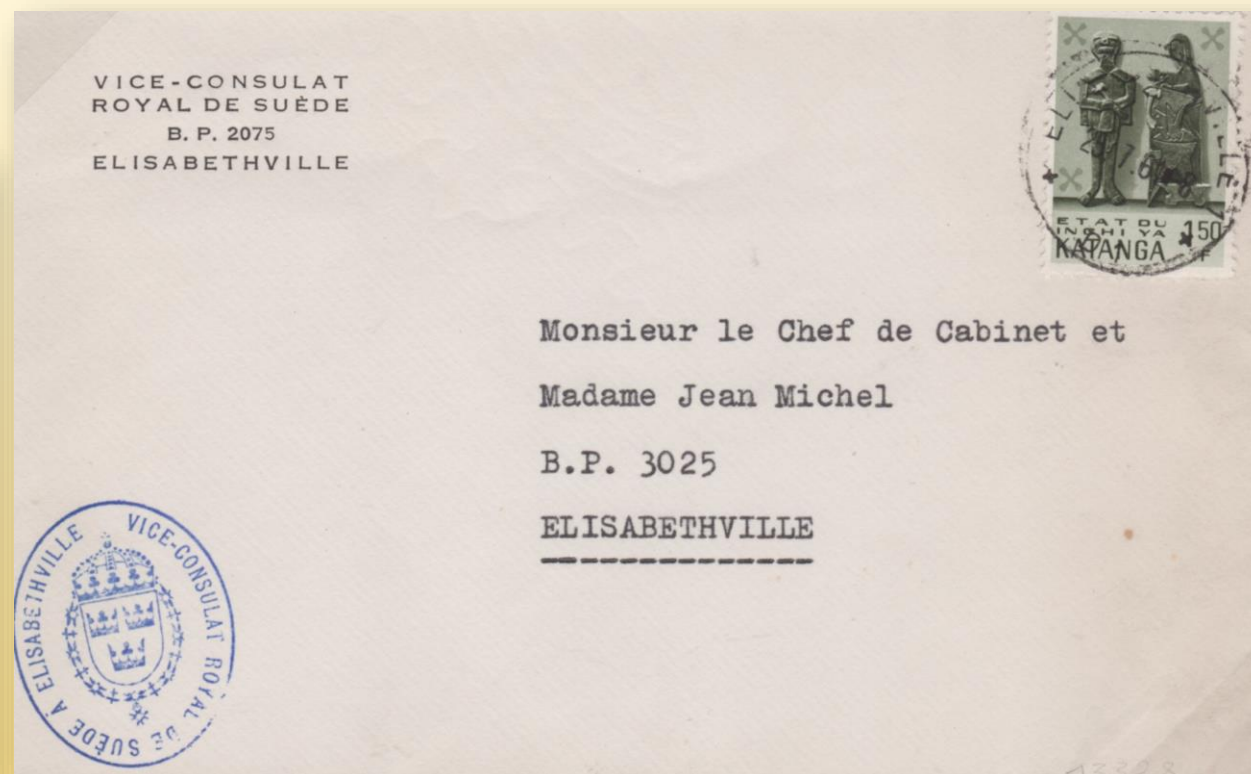
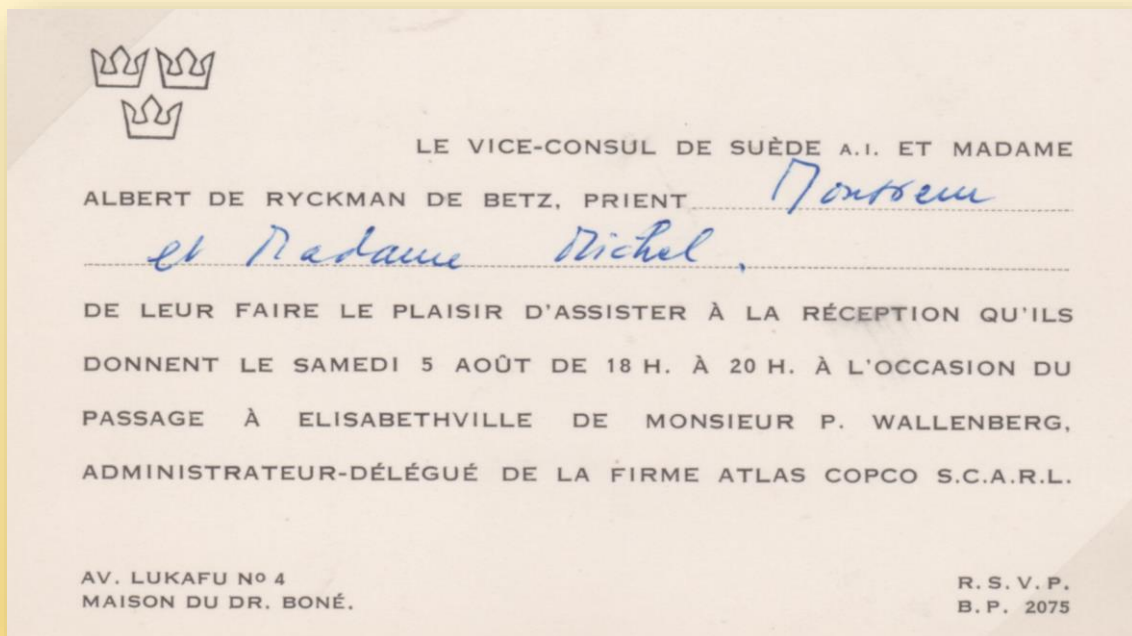


Moïse TSHOMBE,  
Président du Katanga.



# Katanga~ Mail from Swedish Consulate

Elisabethville  
July 1961



Local letter ( 1 Fr 50 Rate) with invitation from Swedish Consulate

# Katanga~ Censored Mail



Censored mail to Ruanda Urundi (1961) and to Germany (August 1962)



# Katanga~ Meter Mail

Machine FRANCO TYP



January 1963 ~ F1  
to Bruxelles



October 1963 ~ F3  
to Rwanda

# Katanga~ Meter Mail

Machine FRANCO TYP



August 1961 ~ F11  
to Amsterdam



February 1961 ~ F26  
to Belgium

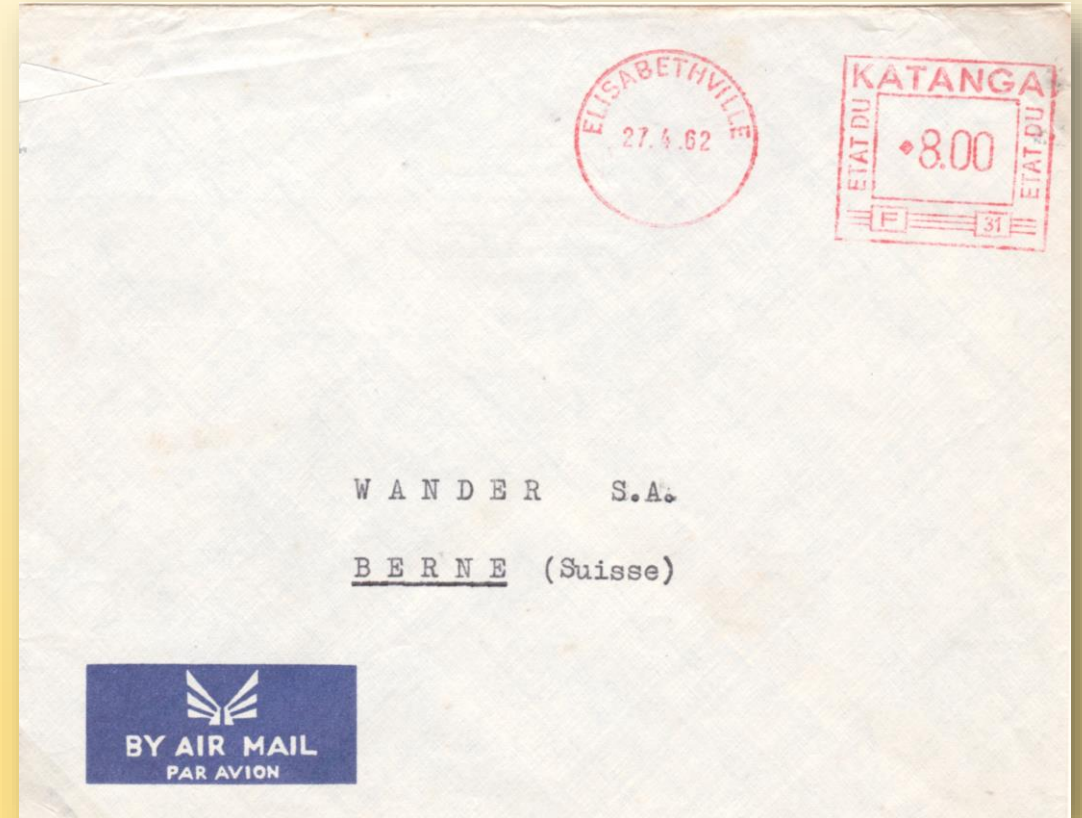


# Katanga~ Meter Mail

Machine FRANCO TYP



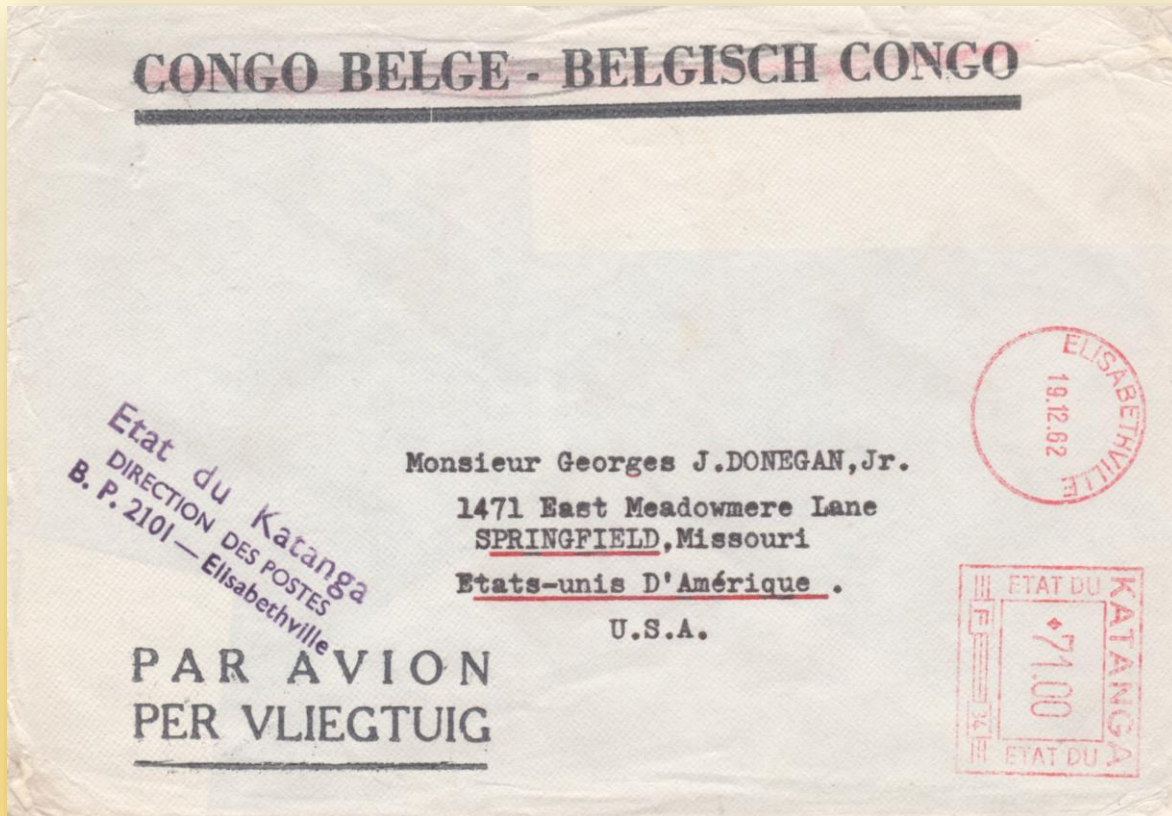
July 1963 ~ F29 (unrecorded)  
from a bank to Belgium



April 1962 ~ F31  
to Switzerland

# Katanga~ Meter Mail

Machine FRANCO TYP



December 1962 ~ F34  
to U.S.A.

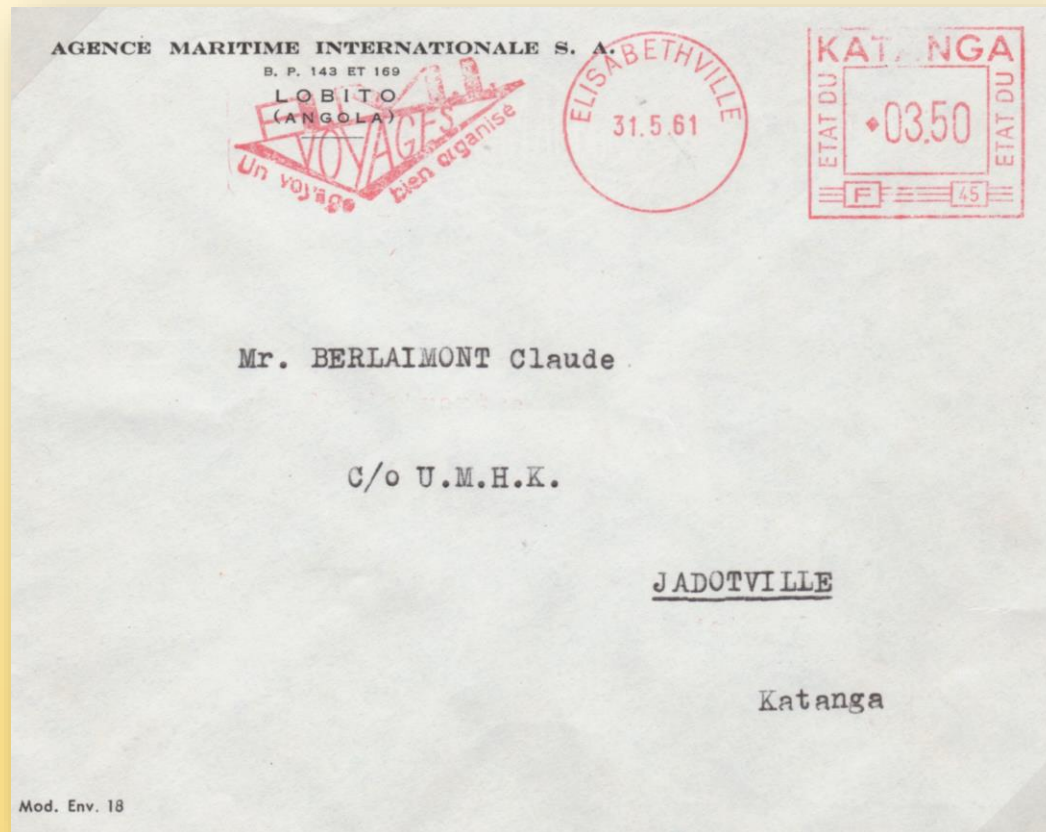


May 1963 ~ F35 (late use)  
to U.S.A.



# Katanga~ Meter Mail

Machine FRANCO TYP

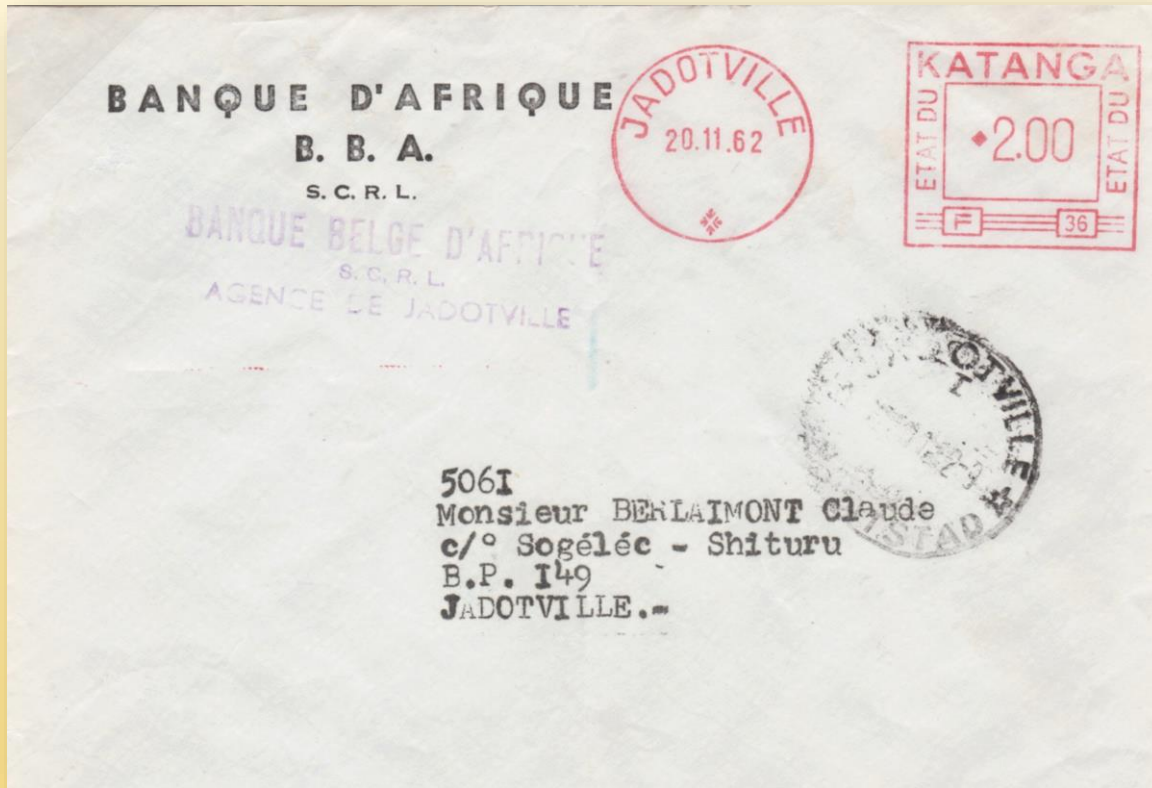


May 1961 ~ F34  
Internal to Jadotville

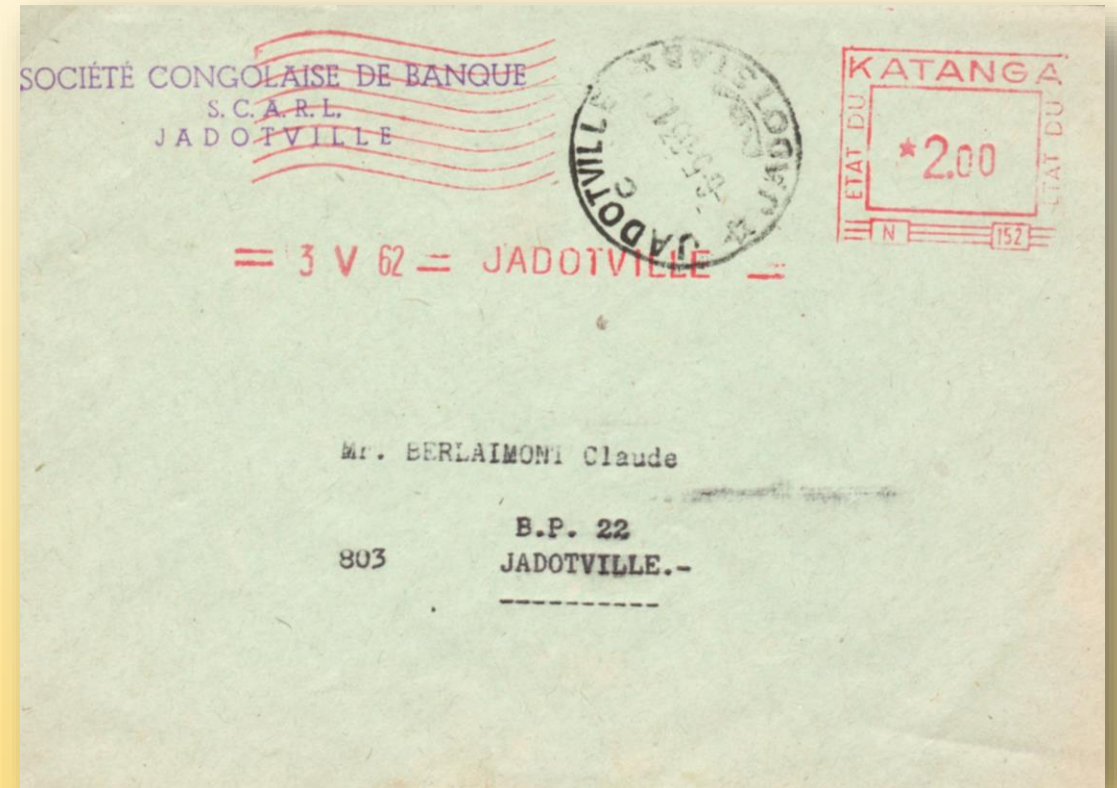


May 1962 ~ F102 (scarce)  
to Belgium

# Katanga~ JADOTVILLE Meter Mail



November 1962 ~ F36  
Internal (2 Fr rate)



May 1962 ~ N152 (only recorded example)  
SATAS Machine ~ Internal (2 Fr rate)



# Postal Stationery~ Aerogramme

August 1960

Belgian Congo 4 Fr Aerogramme  
overprinted 'CONGO' issued on  
30 June 1960.

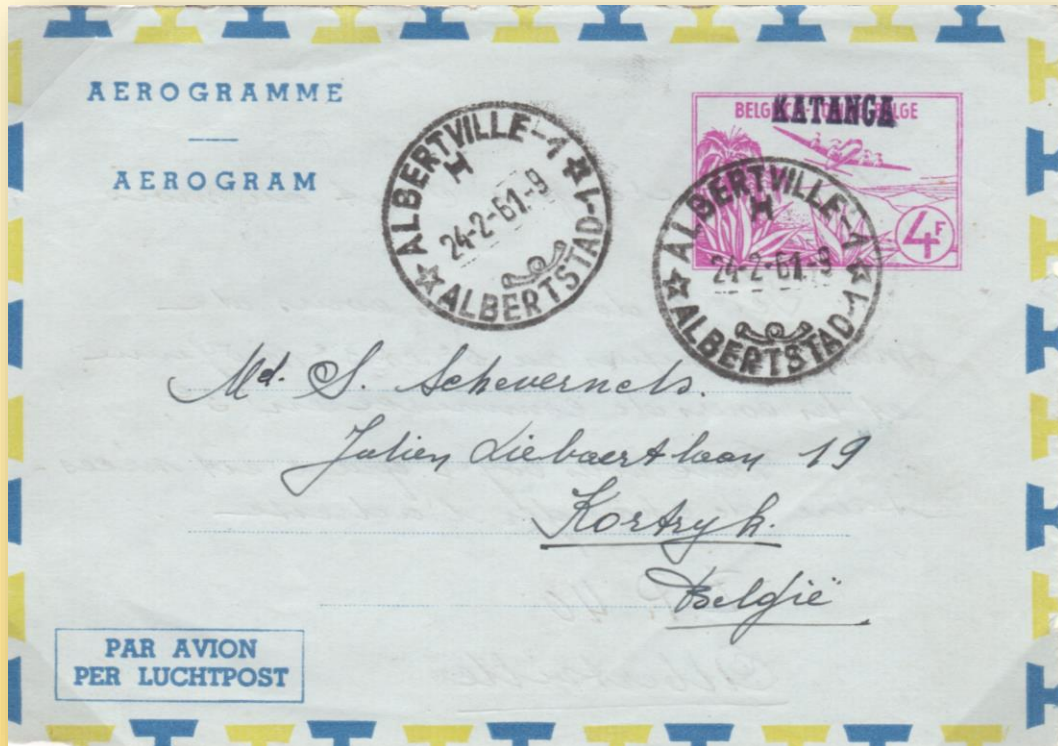
Used in Katanga Post Offices until  
November 1960

Elisabethville to Belgium



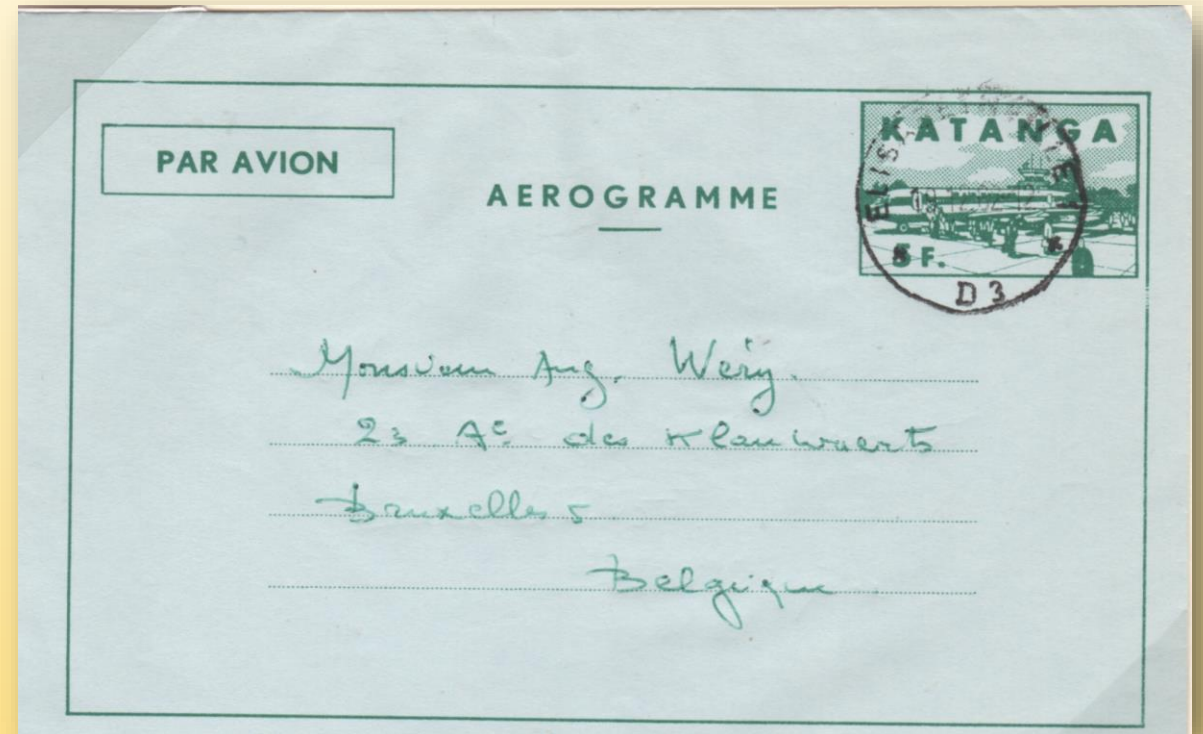
# Postal Stationery~ Aerogrammes

August 1961



Katanga overprinted aerogramme introduced ~  
25 November 1960. From Albertville

December 1962



New style Katanga aerogramme introduced ~  
1 September 1961. 5 Fr rate



# Postal Stationery~ Postcards

Elisabethville to Brugge

July 1961

Scarce uprated obsolete  
Belgian Congo postal stationery card

Correct rate – 4 Fr

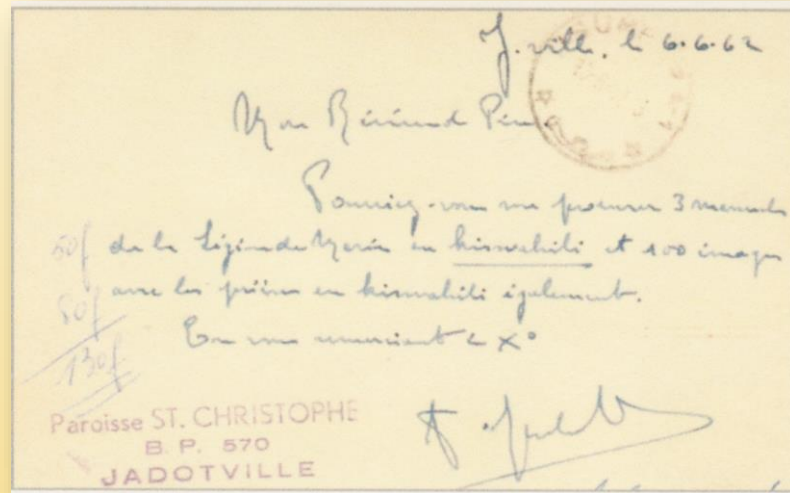
Postcard – 1 Fr 20

Extra stamps – 2 Fr 70



# Postal Stationery~ Katanga Postcard

JADOTVILLE to RUANDA – URUNDI ~ June 1962



Katanga overprinted card issued ~ November 1960

Local postcard rate ~ 1 Fr 50

Scarce usage from Jadotville

With Usumbura arrival datestamp on reverse





# Postal Stationery~ Katanga Uprated Postcard

ALBERTVILLE to BRUXELLES ~ September 1961

Katanga overprinted card issued ~  
November 1960

Postcard rate to Belgium - 4 Fr

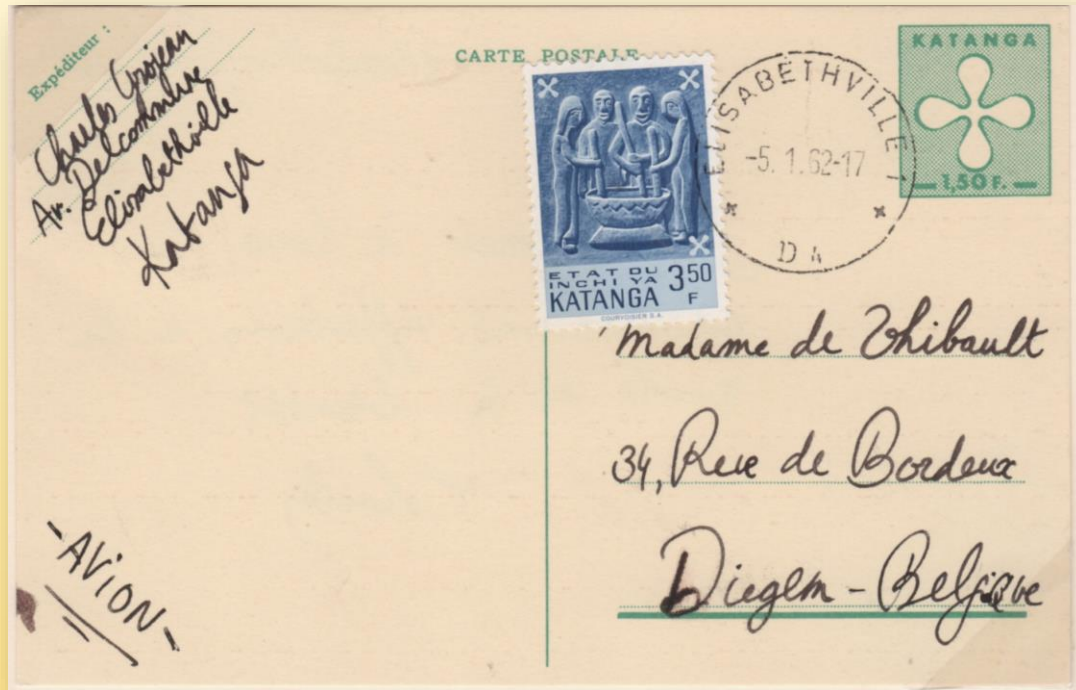
Scarce usage from Albertville

Commercial from a Catholic Mission



# Postal Stationery~ Katanga New Style Postcards

January 1962



December 1962



New style Katanga 1 Fr 50 and 3 Fr postal stationery cards introduced ~ May 1962  
Upated with stamps to correct 5 Fr postcard rate. Few examples recorded

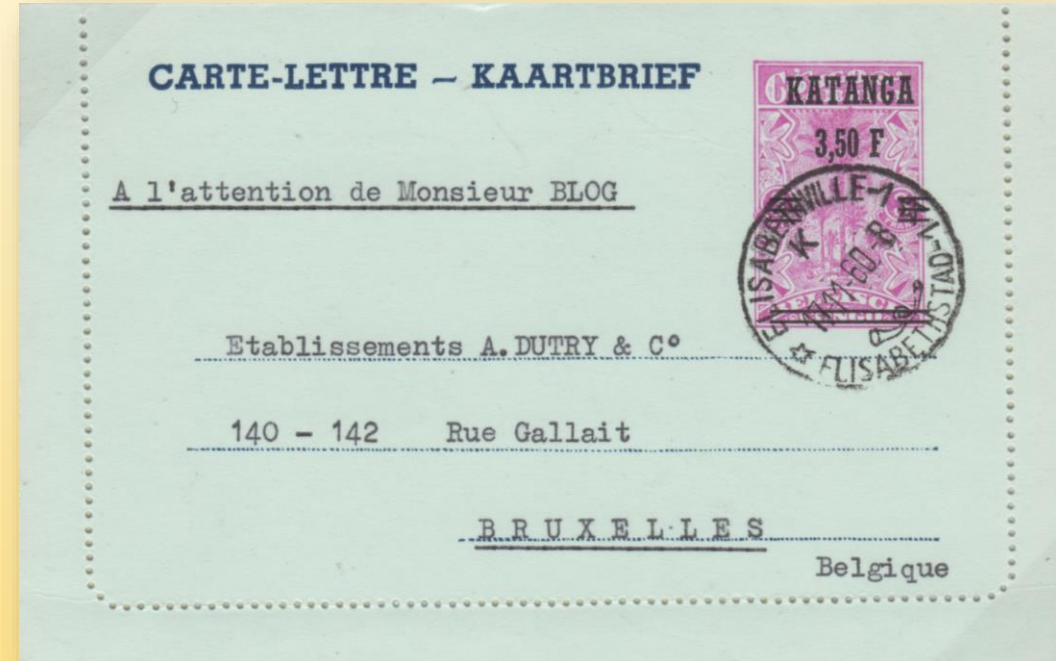


# Postal Stationery~ Katanga Lettercard

November 1960

Katanga 3 Fr 50 postal stationery  
Letter card introduced ~ November 1960

With ELISABETHVILLE datestamp  
Code – 'K'



# Katanga ~ Service Suspended

JADOTVILLE to LEOPOLDVILLE

Cover from Company Sogelec in Jadotville.

Postage paid – 4 Fr

(Correct rate – 3 Fr 50)

Undeliverable because of military situation  
in Katanga

Endorsed in manuscript –  
'Relation Postale suspendu'





# Katanga ~ Service Suspended

ELISABETHVILLE to LULUABOURG, CONGO

November 1961

Postage paid – 3 Fr 50

Undeliverable because of military situation in  
Katanga

With 2 line type 1 handstamp -  
*'Service suspend / Retour a L'envoyeur'*

Line 1 measures 47mm

Line 2 measures 53mm



# Katanga ~ Service Suspended

ELISABETHVILLE to KATANDA, S. KASAI

March 1962

Postage paid – 3 Fr 50  
Undeliverable because of  
military situation

With 2 line type 2 handstamp -  
*'Service suspend / Retour a L' envoyeur'*

Line 1 measures 55mm

Line 2 measures 62mm





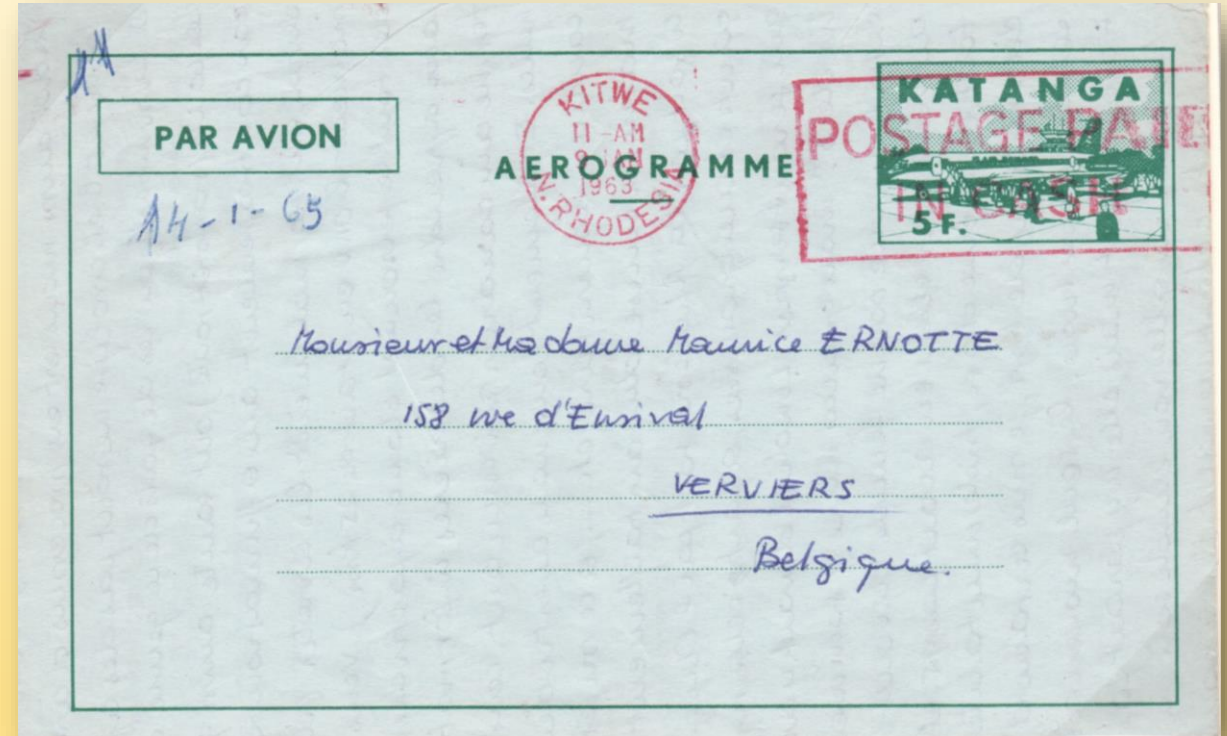
# Katanga to Belgium ~ mail sent via N. Rhodesia

2 January 1963



RENAUX UTKK RE DADOTVILLE  
KATANGA

9 January 1963



Kolwezi, Lundi 31/12/62 13h

From SKC Mining Company, Kolwezi

# Belgium to Katanga ~ mail sent via N. Rhodesia

7 January 1963

Underpaid cover from Belgium to  
SOGELEC in JADOTVILLE

Routed via P.O. Box 1694

Transferred to Jadotville by  
haulage Company ~  
TRANSITEX S.A.





# Katanga ~ Telegram Elisabethville to Albertville

25 May 1961

Message addressed to the  
Commissioner of Police in  
ALBERTVILLE

NGD  
ETAT DU KATANGA **Reçu de Elisabethville** Arrivé à :

SERVICE DES TÉLÉCOMMUNICATIONS

NUMÉRO	ORIGINE	MOTS	DATE	HEURE	VIA

Heure: 10.00

Indications de service taxées

**TÉLÉGRAMME**

Explication des abréviations admises pour les indications de service taxées:

RP = Réponse payée.  
LT = Télégramme lettre.  
CR = Accusé de récep.  
TC = Collationnement

OFF - COMMISSAIRE DE POLICE ROUMAT  
ALBERTVILLE -

L'Etat n'est soumis à aucune responsabilité en raison de la correspondance privée par voie télégraphique.  
(Ordonnance législative n° 254/Télec. du 23 août 1940).

715 ELISABETHVILLE 73/71 24 1640 -

NO 303/1766 VOTRE TERME PREND FIN LE SEIZE SEPTEMBRE STOP LES TERMES PEUVENT ETRE PROLONGES PAR TRANCHES SUCCESSIVES DE SIX MOIS JUSQU A TOTALISER UNE DUREE DE TROIS ANS ET DEMI STOP SI VOUS DESIREZ PROLONGER VEUILLEZ INTRODUIRE D URGENCE VOTRE DEMANDE ADRESSE SOUS COUVERT INSPECT GENERAL AU SECRETAIRE D ETAT A LA FONCTION PUBLIQUE STOP DEMANDES DOIVENT ETRE DEPOSEES AVANT PREMIER JUIN FULLSTOP - INSPOL.-

7A5/ OFF COMMISSAIRE DE POLICE ROUMAT ALBERTVILLE 303/1766 INSPOL.-

# Katanga ~ ALBERTVILLE

Albertville to LUBUDI

November 1960

Internal letter rate – 3 Fr 50

Lubudi lies 500 miles  
south of Albertville





# Katanga ~ ALBERTVILLE

Registered Cover to Bruxelles with A.R. (Advice of Receipt)

January 1961

Postage paid – 110 Fr

Cover weighed 160 – 170g

Surface rate – 15 Fr

Airmail supplement – 83 Fr 50

Registration & A.R. – 11 Fr



# Katanga ~ ALBERTVILLE

Registered Cover from Banque Belge Afrique to Belgium

9 January 1962

Albertville captured by  
Congoese troops on 15  
December 1961.

Katanga stamps overprinted  
CONGO introduced in early  
January 1962

Cover shows late use of  
Katanga stamps

Postage paid – 14 Fr



Reverse ~  
ALBERTVILLE  
code B



# Katanga ~ ALBERTVILLE

Internal Cover from Banque du Congo Belge

5 January 1962

Albertville captured by Congolese troops on 15 December 1961.

Katanga stamps overprinted CONGO introduced in early January 1962

Cover shows use of CONGO overprint on Katanga Art stamp

Postage paid – 1 Fr 50



# Katanga ~ ALBERTVILLE

Local CONGO Overprint Covers to Ruanda Urundi

21 January 1962

25 January 1962



With Usumbura arrival datestamps on reverse. Right hand cover with unframed CENSURE handstamps



# Katanga ~ ALBERTVILLE

Local CONGO Overprint Cover to Ruanda Urundi

16 March 1962



Cover shows scarce mixed use of  
Katanga and CONGO overprint stamps  
Letter rate – 3 Fr 50

With Usumbura arrival datestamp  
on reverse

# CONGO ~ ALBERTVILLE

Local CONGO Overprint Registered Cover to Ruanda Urundi

5 March 1962

Registered cover with AR handstamp

Postage paid – 16 Fr

Airmail letter rate (up to 20g) – 5 Fr

Registration fee – 6 Fr

AR fee - 5 Fr

CONGO overprints in use until 22 March





# CONGO ~ ALBERTVILLE

Use of Congo stamps on Registered Cover to Belgium

June 1962

Postage paid – 14 Fr



With standard Congo framed  
CENSURE handstamp  
on reverse



# ALBERTVILLE ~ Incoming Mail

Ruanda Urundi to Albertville

24 February 1962

Postage paid – 3 Fr 50



With standard Congo framed  
CENSURE handstamp  
on reverse





# ALBERTVILLE ~ Incoming Mail

Belgium to Albertville

April 1962

Note address –  
Albertville,  
Republic of Congo

With standard Congo framed  
CENSURE handstamp  
on reverse



# BAUDOINVILLE

Registered cover to America

June 1961

Baudouinville is a small town  
300Km south of Albertville  
Originally called Moba  
Re-named Baudouinville in  
1948

Registered letter rate – 16 Fr

Few examples of registered  
mail recorded





# Katanga ~ KAMINA

Post free cover - Kamina to Kamina Base

July 1960

Addressed to Kamina Base II.  
Kamina Base is situated 36 Km  
from Kamina town.

With purple handstamp –  
Gouvernement Provincial du  
Katanga



# Katanga ~ KAMINA

Internal Letter Rate - Kamina to Kamina Base

December 1960

Addressed to Kamina Base .  
Letter rate – 3 Fr 50

Addressed to Commandant of  
4<sup>th</sup> Company at Kamina Base





# Katanga ~ KAMINA

Underpaid Mail to Kamina

February 1962

Cover from Belgium

Surcharged on arrival in  
Kamina

Shows scarce use of Katanga  
Postage due stamps



# Katanga ~ KAMINA

Registered Mail to Belgium

August 1960

Large registered letter  
Postage paid – 40 Fr  
Equates to 55 r. wt band

Shows use on Congo  
stamps at Kamina

With scarce KAMINA  
registration label.

Stocks exhausted by  
October 1960





# Katanga ~ KAMINA

Registered Mail to Belgium

October 1960

Registered letter rate -  
12 Fr 50

With 'KAMINA'  
Registration handstamp  
Registration number in  
manuscript

Seldom seen



# Katanga ~ KAMINA

Registered Mail to Belgium

December 1961

Registered letter rate -  
12 Fr 50

Using ELISABETHVILLE  
registration labels  
With KAMINA handstamp  
Seldom seen





# Katanga ~ KAMINA

Local Meter Mail

August 1960

Local internal letter rate -  
2 Fr

With 'BRASSERIES DU  
KATATANGA / SIMBA'  
Kamina meter cancel  
( F23)



# KAMINA to KAMINA BASE

Local Meter Mail

August 1960

Local internal letter rate -  
1 Fr 50

With scarce 'BANQUE DU  
CONGO BELGE'  
Kamina meter cancel  
( B34)

Addressed to Kamina Base II  
With Kamina Base II arrival  
datestamp





# KAMINA BASE

Local Registered Mail

October 1960

Registered AR local cover

Postage paid - 20 Fr

With  
KAMINA BASE MILITAIRE 1  
registration label

SAFRAS – Local construction  
Company



# Katanga ~ TENKE

Registered Mail

January 1961

Registered cover to Belgium

Postage paid - 12 Fr 50

With scarce TENKE  
registration label

Tenke is a town 230Km north  
west of Elisabethville







