

Two highlights from the Winter Auction: 25 January 2025

The following two lots concern the 1946 flight of the Avro Nene-Lancaster from London Heathrow to Le Bourget for the 17th *Salon d'Aviation*. The aircraft was a modified Lancaster bomber fitted with Rolls Royce turbo-jet

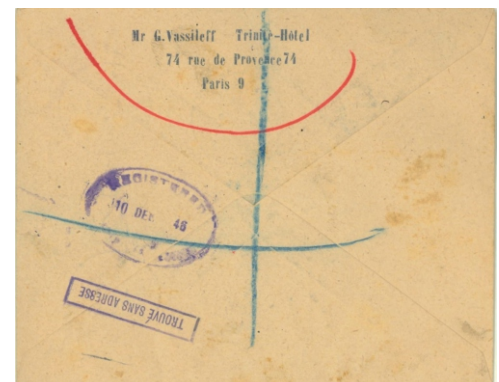
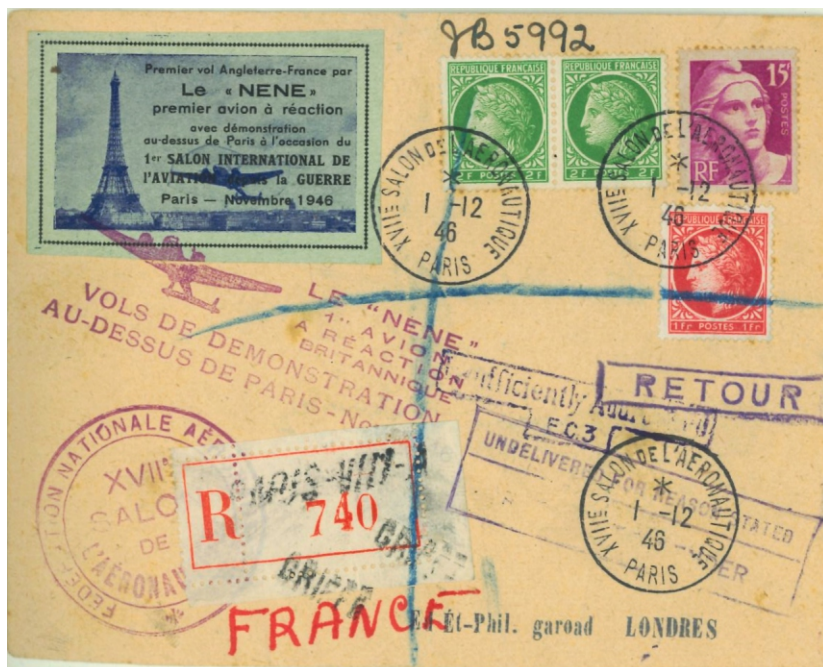
engines and this was the first flight of a jet passenger aircraft between two countries.

Other selected lots may be viewed in the Auction section on the Society website.



Lot 1280

1946 Paris-London (inconspicuously addressed) registered envelope franked with a 1F Ceres cancelled single-ring Salon de l'Aeronautique CDS and on reverse (reduced), 4 x YT761 3F Peace Conference cancelled single-ring Le Bourget CDS also 2 x 50c *Gerbes* postage dues cancelled Orly CDS. Overall rate would be 20F (UPU rate and registration 10F each) and total franking 13F so the taxing is unclear. Straight line first flight cachet and illustrated label. Back-stamped large violet double-ring Salon cachet. Unusual first flight item with questionable franking. Reserve £20



Lot 1281

1946 Paris-London (inconspicuously addressed) registered envelope franked 1F Ceres, pair 2F Ceres and 15F Marianne (total 20F = correct rate viz registration and UPU rate - 10F each) cancelled single-ring Salon de l'Aeronautique CDS violet straight-line cachet, large violet double-ring Salon cachet, blue boxed insufficiently addressed EC3 handstamp, violet boxed UNDELIVERED FOR REASON STATED handstamp, violet boxed RETOUR handstamp. Back-stamped violet oval registered date-stamp, violet boxed TROUVE SANS ADRESSE. Another curiosity for an important aviation flight. Reserve £20