

FRENCH "E.I.P.A" PERFIN

In Bulletin 281 we read of this perfin, mint margin stamp, going for £1200 + VAT; in Bulletin 260, a margin block of 4 with exhibition cancel in the margin, went for £852-50p.

At the London meeting in April we were privileged to see a commemorative card from this 'First Exposition Internationale de Post Aerienne' which took place in Paris on November 13th 1930.



On the wing of each of the six aeroplanes shown on the front of the card is the name of a famous aviator. From right to left:- HAWKER: LINDBERGH: BYRD: COSTE: ROSS-SMITH: MERMOZ. The name of the designer of the card, CLAUDE TOLMER, appears in the lower left corner of the panel above 'ON' of L'AERONAUTIQUE. Unfortunately these names do not show on the photocopy.

The card bears the perfined 1f 50c stamp cancelled with the exhibition handstamp and the card is numbered, showing it was a limited issue.

The reverse of the card has three special exposition labels, each in a different colour - red, green and blue. Each one has the exhibition handstamp. A very colourful and attractive item, which loses much of its impact in a black and white photocopy.

