

## BEAUNE Hôtel-Dieu

Origin: Beaune Côte d'Or

Date: 13 10 36 (Tuesday 13 October 1936)

Postal Card image & stamp affixed: Beaune - Hôtel Dieu (alms house/hospital) - La Cour d'Honneur (The Court of Honour), with France 1925-26 20c purple "Sower" affixed

Canceller: Beaune Côte D'Or

Message reads "Meilleur Souvenir" ([a] [of] [with] fond memory ).

Background: The Hospices de Beaune or Hôtel-Dieu de Beaune is a former charitable alms house in Beaune, Burgandy, France. It was founded in 1443 by Nicolas Rolin (1376-1462), chancellor to Philip the Good (1396-1467), Duke of Burgundy, as a hospital for the poor. The original hospital building is one of the finest examples of French fifteenth-century architecture extant. A charity wine auction has been arranged there annually since 1859, taking place on the third Sunday in November (in 1936, the 15th November) amid a three-day festival devoted to the food and wines of Burgundy called *Les Trois Glorieuses de Bourgogne* (Three Glorious Days).

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