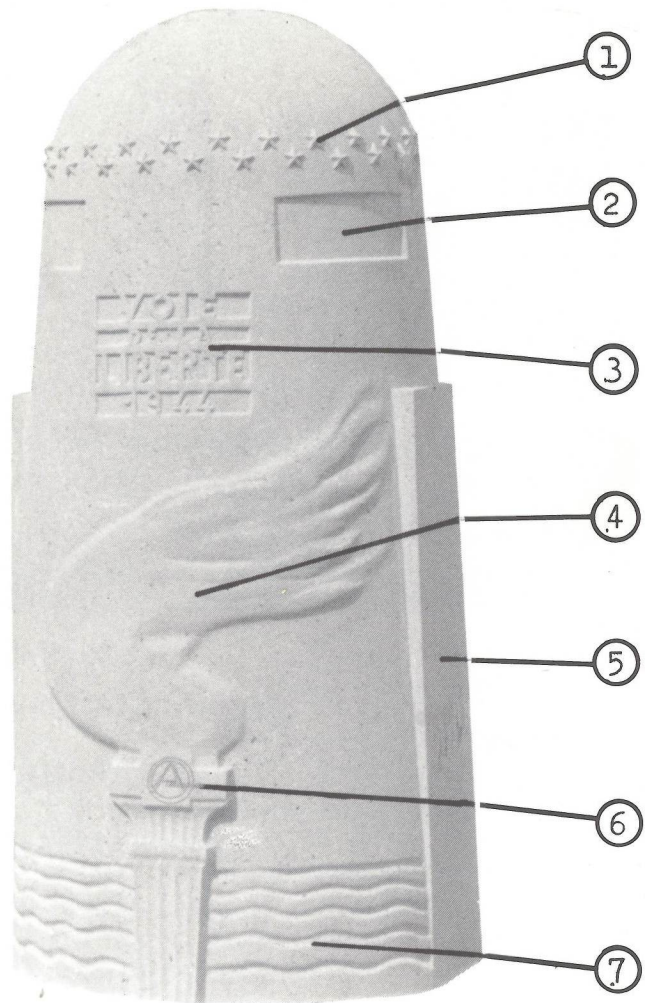


The Milestone



Manufacturer: 1946 Soc. Paul Ferré & Cie., Colombes (Seine),
France

1984 Chaux de Contern S.A., Luxembourg

weight: 435 kg

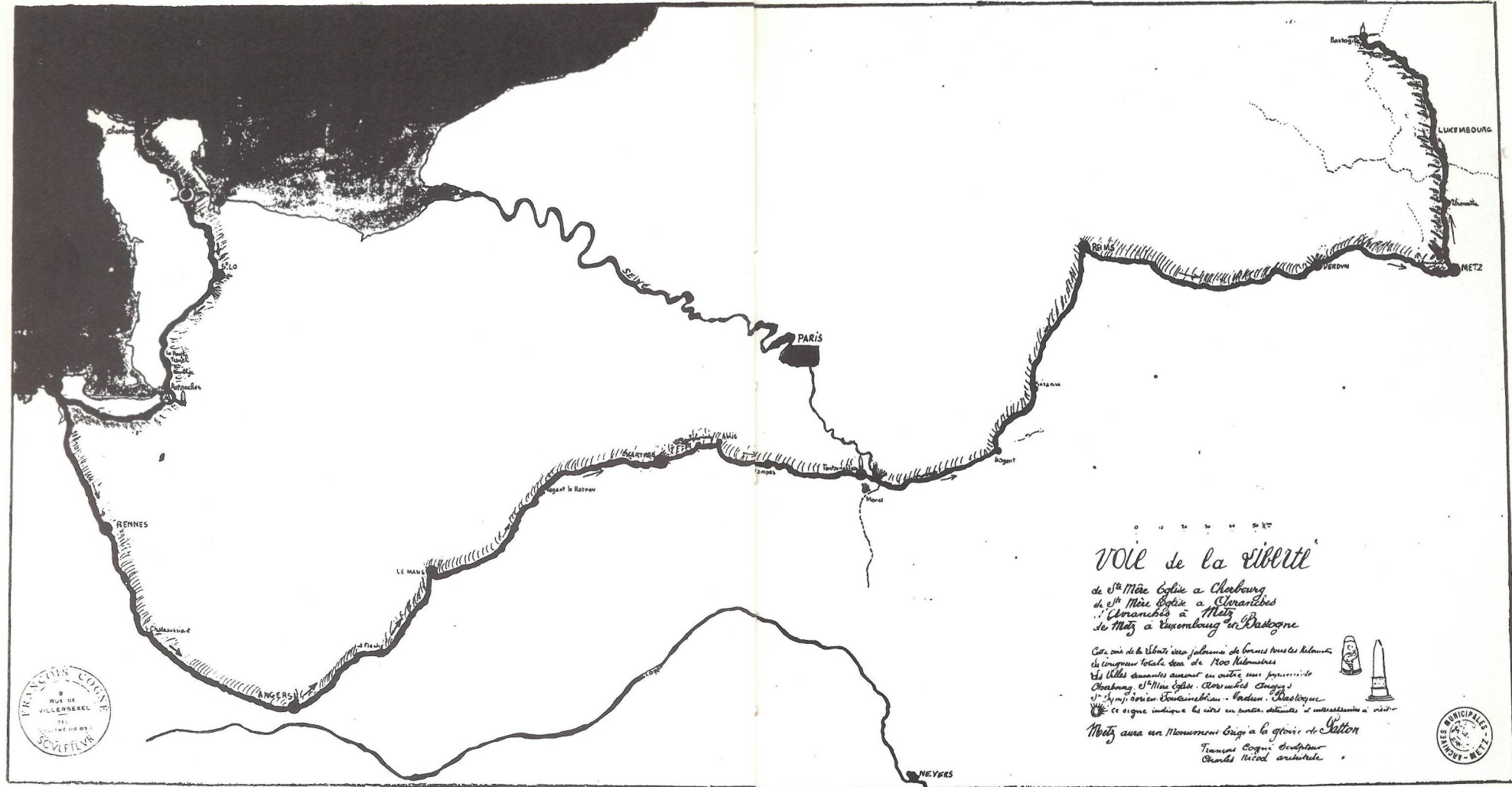
height: 1.21 m

- 1) 48 stars representing the 48 states of the United States in 1944
- 2) 4 rectangles painted red representing the 4 sections of the route:
Ste-Mère-Eglise – Cherbourg
Ste-Mère-Eglise – Avranches
Avranches – Metz
Metz – Luxembourg – Bastogne
- 3) Name of the road and date (background painted blue)
- 4) Torch of Liberty, modeled after the torch of the Statue of Liberty in New York City harbor
- 5) Blank side (for mileage, marker number, etc.)
- 6) Emblem of the 3rd US Army under the command of General George S. Patton, Jr. (11.11.1885 - 12.21.1945) (worn away by the elements over 40 years)
- 7) Waves representing the Atlantic Ocean

The artist:

François-Victor Cogné, sculptor, born in Aubin (Aveyron), France, studied under Barrias et de Denys Puech. He first exhibited at the Salon des Artistes Français; honorable mention in 1909; third-place medal in 1921; further exhibitions at the Salon de la Nationale. Cogné is best known for his numerous official busts: Clemenceau, Mussolini, Maréchal Foch, Maréchal Lyautey, the Prince of Monaco, Cardinal Verdier, General Dubail, Louis Barthou and Albert Sarraut.

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VOIE de la Liberté

de St Mère Eglise à Chaboung
 de St Mère Eglise à Cherambes
 de Cherambes à Metz
 de Metz à Luxembourg en Belgique

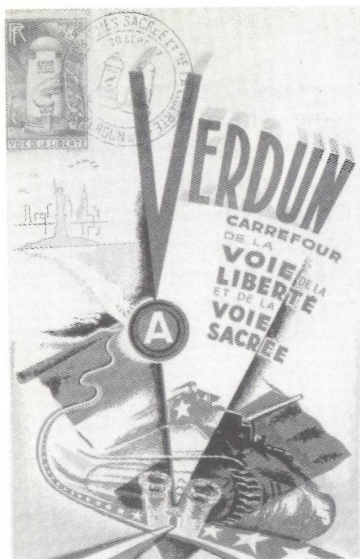
Cette voie de la Liberté sera jalonnée de bornes tous les kilomètres
 Le long des routes de la Liberté sera de 1200 kilomètres
 Les villes suivantes auront en outre une fontaine
 Chaboung St Mère Eglise. Cherambes Longwy
 St Mère Eglise. Cherambes. Metz. Luxembourg
 Ce signe indique les sites en question, destinés à commémorer la victoire



Metz aura un Monument Orgy à la gloire de Patton
 François Cogné sculpteur
 Charles Nicod architecte



Sketch of the Liberty Road by the artist François Cogné. The map foresaw the route via Luxembourg, Ettelbruck and Wiltz to Bastogne, but the route was later diverted through Arlon and Martelange to pay homage to the 4th US Armored Division which, coming from Longwy, brought relief to encircled Bastogne.



On September 18, 1947, a French postage stamp commemorates the creation of the Liberty Road.
(From the Léo Corbier collection, Paris)



Km 00, the milestone 00 on Utah Beach.



On September 10, 1984, for the 40th anniversary of the Liberation, this first day of issue envelope shows the Luxembourg postage stamp with the GI Monument 1944/45 in Clervaux and a Liberty Road milestone.



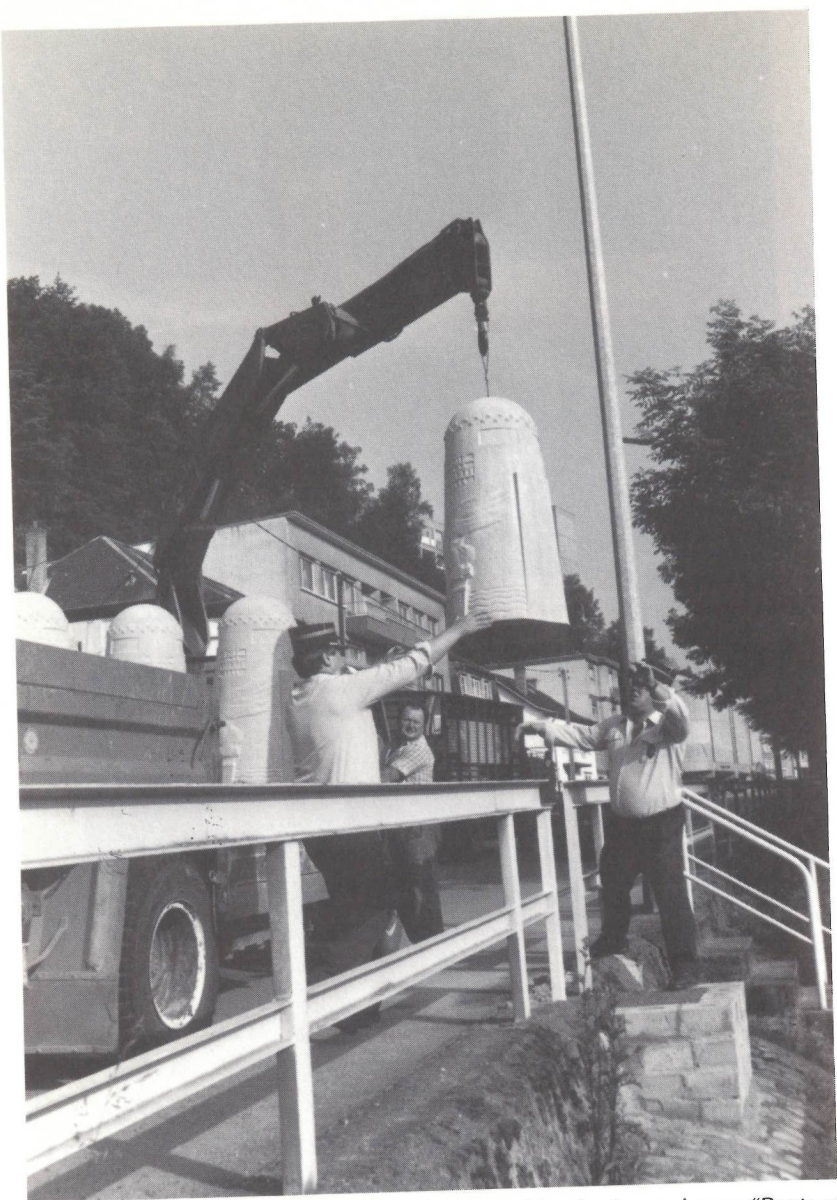
K 0, the milestone 0 in Ste-Mère-Eglise.



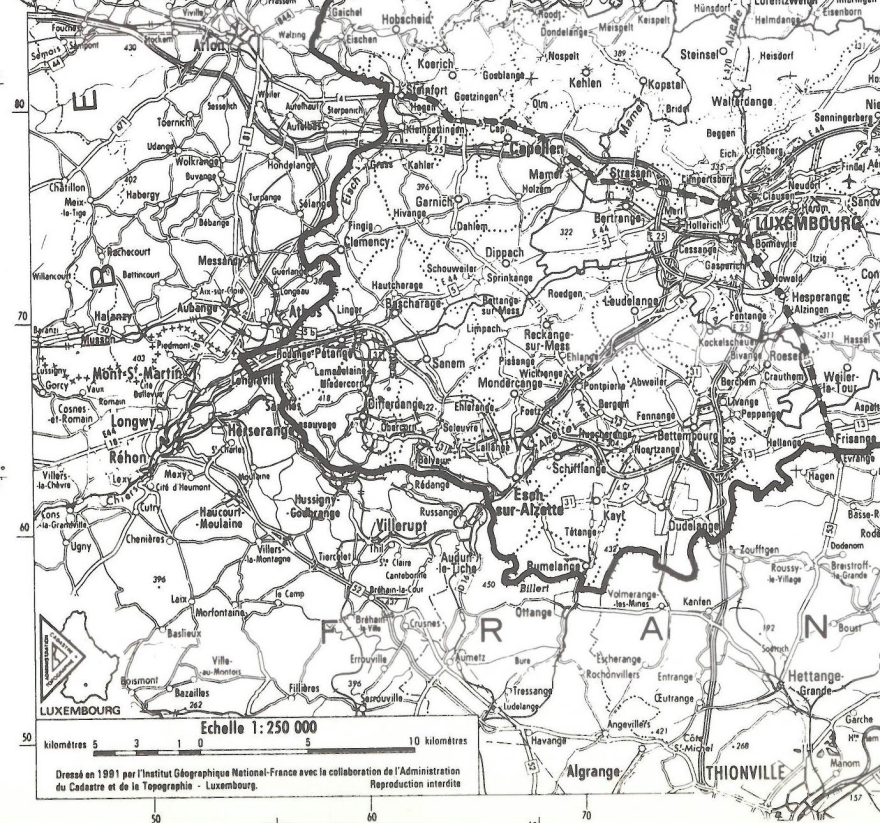
The Liberty Road milestone at "McAuliffe Square" in Bastogne.



*The last milestone on the Liberty Road at "Mardasson" in Bastogne.
(Photos by Mett Weiz)*



A new milestone is erected on the Liberty Road by the Luxembourg "Ponts et Chaussées" (Highway Department)
(Photo by Mett Weiz)





Mayor Jean Asselborn (left) and US Ambassador John E. Dolibois at Patton Square in Steinfort, December 1984.



In front of the Pescatore Foundation, December 1984, from left to right: Alderman Pierre Frieden, Johnny Schmidt, Mayor Lydie Wurth-Polfer, Léon Bollendorff, President of the Chamber of Deputies, US Ambassador John E. Dolibois, John Liber, President of the Comité luxembourgeois de la Voie de la Liberté, Gilbert Kayser, Vice-President of said committee.



Steinfort, December 1984. From left to right: John E. Dolibois, Jean Goedert, Jean Asselborn, Georges Arendt, Camille Kohn, Léon Bollendorff, Jean Spautz, John Liber.
(Photos by Mett Weiz)



The first milestone, dedicated on August 25, 1946, in St. Symphorien, was in the shape of an obelisk.

(Photo by F. Lucas, provided by Alain Robin, Municipal officier, St. Symphorien)



A new milestone is manufactured by "Chaux de Contern" in 1984.

(Photo by Mett Weiz)