

## Admirals

Five sets of stamps were issued to honor French admirals who had contributed to military actions as part of the conquest of Indochina.



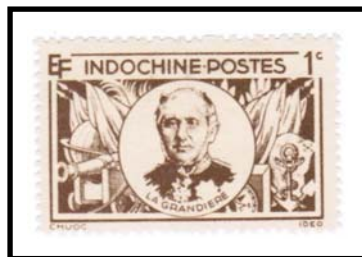
Courbet



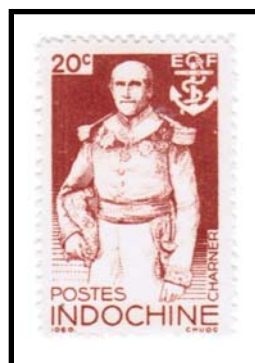
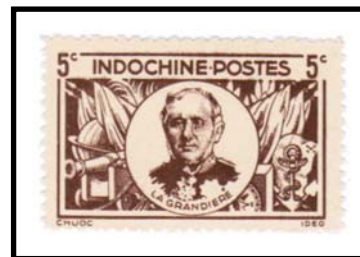
Chasseloup-Laubat



de Genouilly



de la Grandière



Charner



# Admirals Unissued Values Usage

Two denominations from the Admirals commemoratives (3-cent Courbet and 5-cent de Genouilly) along with two stamps from the Explorers commemoratives (15-cent Garnier and 20-cent Pavie) were not officially released for sale. Stocks of these stamps were captured by the Viet Minh and found their way to the philatelic marketplace. Here, all four of the unissued denominations were affixed to this registered cover posted internally within Hanoi in 1948.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
HANOI TONKIN 21-5 48  
registration label

## Admiral Courbet

Admiral Andre Amédée Anatole Prosper Courbet (1827-1885) commanded the 20,000 men of the Annam-Tonkin Expeditionary Corps. In 1883, the force started the systematic conquest of Northern Indochina, which was to take two decades.



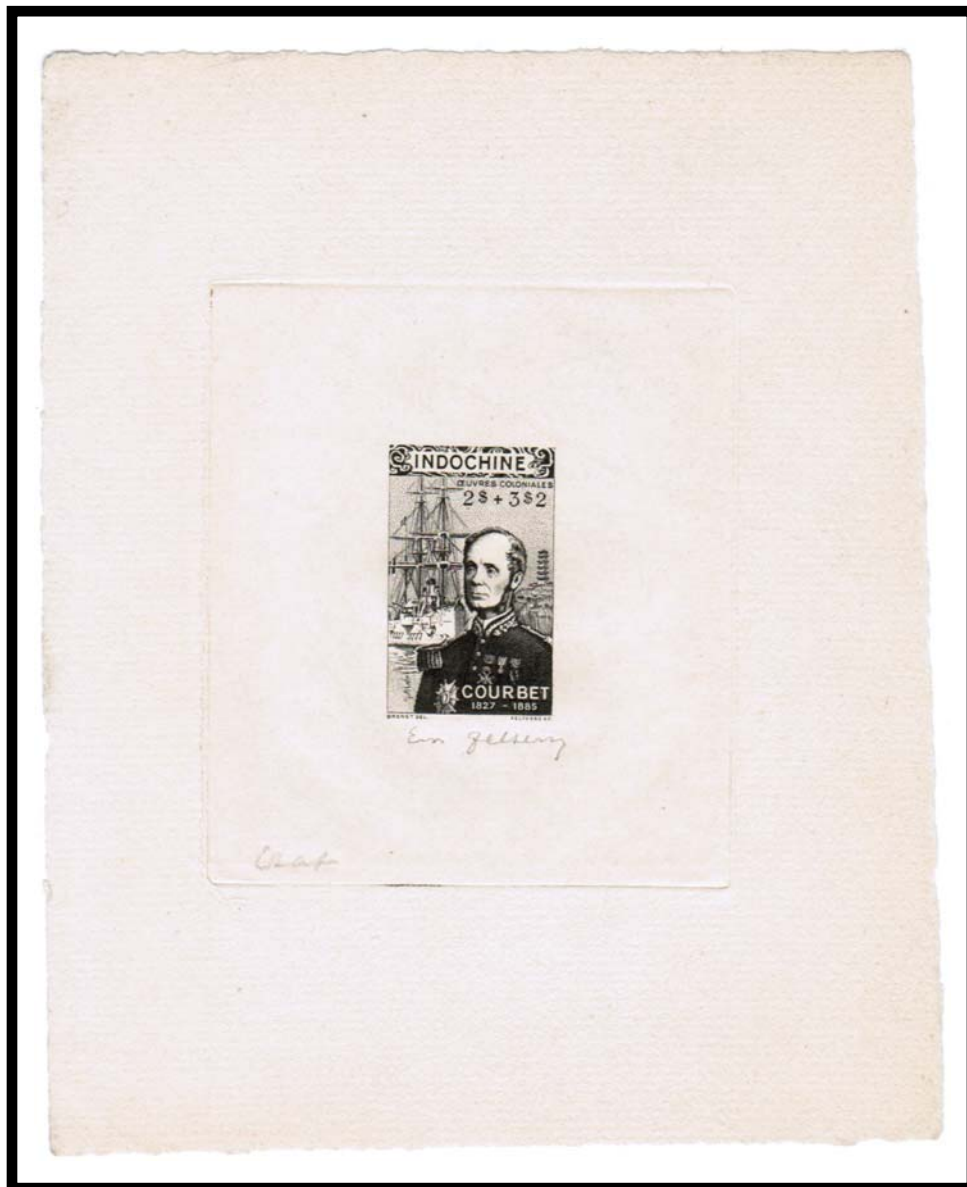
COURBET WITH STYLIZED MAP OF FRENCH INDOCHINA



## Courbet Semi-Postal Essay

Admiral Amédée Courbet (1827-1885) assumed control of French Far East forces in 1883 when France sought to bring Annam and Tonkin firmly under its control.

Although proposed, a semi-postal stamp with his likeness was not issued.



## Courbet Varieties



LIGHT SHADE



MEDIUM SHADE



DARK SHADE



UNISSUED DENOMINATION



WHITE PAPER



YELLOW PAPER

## Courbet Postmarks



DAUTIENG  
COCHINCHINE



HANOI A  
TONKIN



HANOI R.P.  
TONKIN



NAM-DINH  
TONKIN



PHATDIEM  
TONKIN



PHU-NHO-QUAN  
TONKIN



PNOMPENH  
CAMBODGE



SAIGON-PRINCIPAL  
COCHINCHINE



THUDAUMOT  
COCHINCHINE



XIENG-KHOUANG  
LAOS



XUANLOC  
COCHINCHINE

## Courbet Postmarks

### RURAL POST



## Courbet First Day of Issue

The first day of issue for the Courbet commemorative stamp was 1 September 1943.

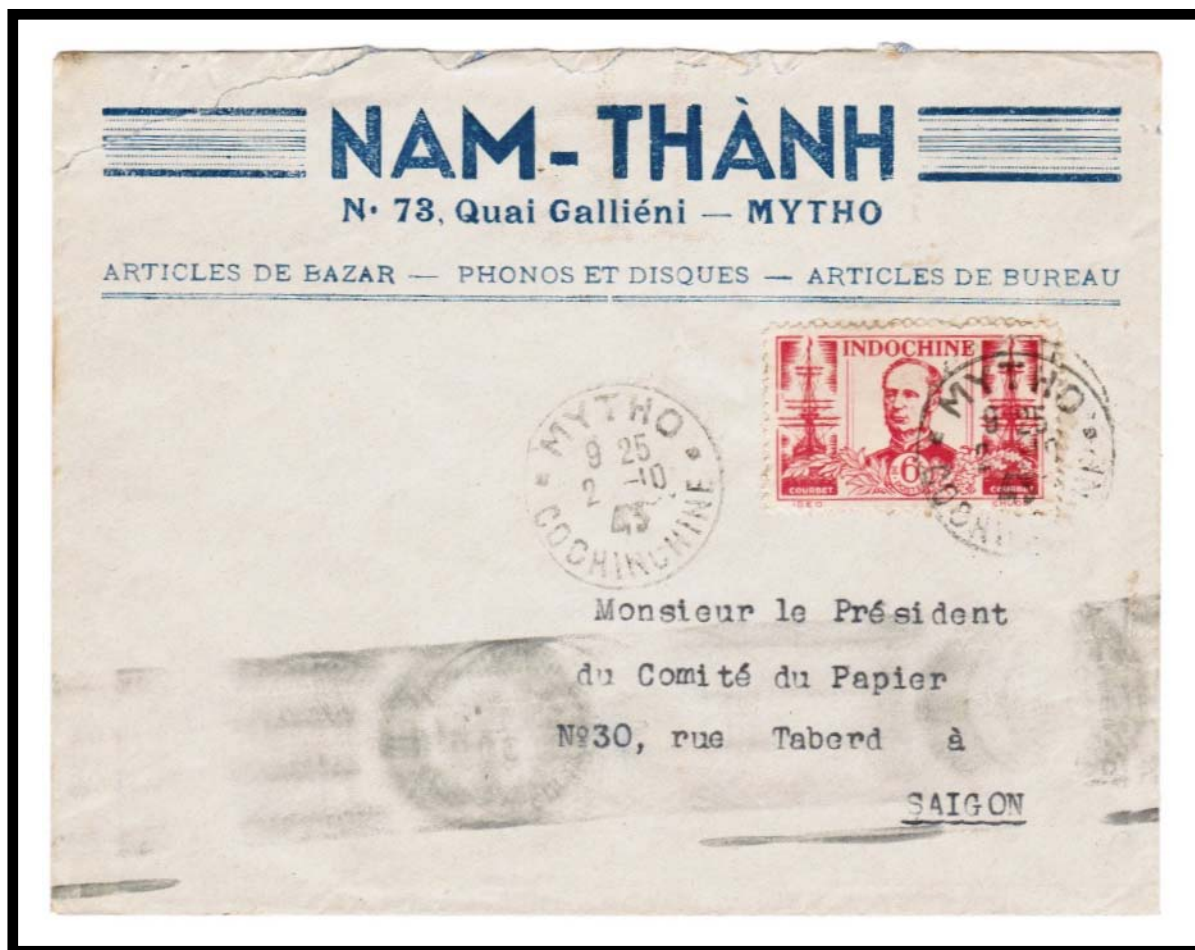


POSTAL MARKINGS  
PHNOMPENH CAMBODGE 1-9 43



Courbet  
Use of 6 cents

For a commercial mailing from Mytho to Saigon in October 1943, the 6-cent Courbet commemorative paid the internal rate. A few months later, the internal letter rate increased from 6 cents to 10 cents effective 1 December 1943.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
MYTHO COCHOINCHINE 2-10 43  
REVERSE  
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 2 OCT 43

Courbet  
Use of 6 cents

A single copy of the 6-cent Courbet commemorative paid the internal rate for a letter sent from Hanoi to Hue in 1943.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
HA NOI R.P. TONKIN 21-10 43

Courbet  
Use of 6 cents

The postage for an internal letter weighing between 20-50 grams was 16 cents. For the first weight step (up to 10 grams), the postage was 10 cents. Three cents was added for 10-20 grams and another three cents for the third step above 20 grams.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
CHOLON COCHINCHINE 22-9 45

## Chasseloup-Laubat

François de Chasseloup-Laubat, who held the post of Maritime Minister, was an ardent spokesman for French imperialism. The military campaigns of the early 1860s were conducted under his direction.



ENTRANCE TO COLLEGE NAMED AFTER CHASSELOUP-LAUBAT IN SAIGON.



## Chasseloup-Laubat Varieties



LIGHT SHADE



DARK SHADE

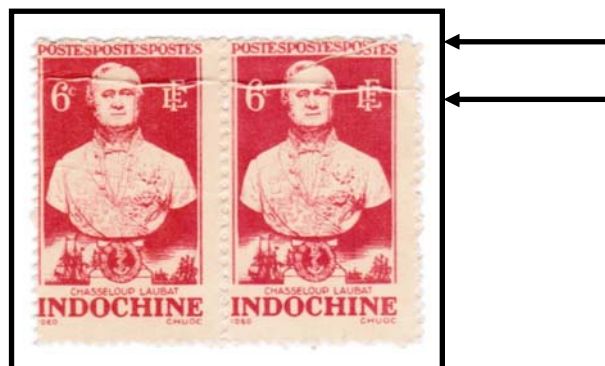


WHITE PAPER



YELLOW PAPER

## Chasseloup-Laubat Varieties



HORIZONTAL CREASE



PARTIAL TRANSFER ON REVERSE

## Chasseloup-Laubat First Day of Issue

The Chasseloup-Laubat commemorative stamp was put on sale the same day as the 6-cent Yersin stamp, 5 October 1943.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 5-10 43

Chasseloup-Laubat  
Use of 6 cents

A single copy of the 6-cent Chasseloup-Laubat commemorative paid the postage for an internal letter sent from Vinh-Yen, Tonkin to Hanoi in October 1943. A few months after the letter was posted, the internal letter rate increased from 6 cents to 10 cents effective 1 December 1943.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
VINH-YEN TONKIN 18-10 43  
REVERSE  
HANOI R.P. TONKIN 19-10 43



## Admiral de Genouilly

As commander of the French Fleet in the Far East, Admiral Rigault de Genouilly oversaw the first military occupation in Indochina by seizing Tourane and Saigon in 1859.



STATUE ERECTED IN SAIGON TO HONOR DE GENOUILLY

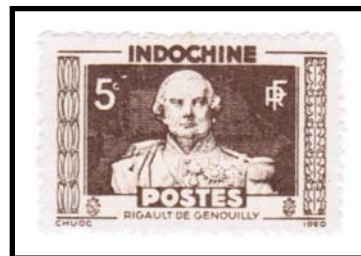
POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 3-7 13

de Genouilly  
Varieties



LIGHT SHADE



DARK SHADE



LIGHT SHADE



DARK SHADE



WHITE PAPER



YELLOW PAPER



WHITE PAPER



YELLOW PAPER

# de Genouilly Postmarks



HONGAY  
TONKIN



NAM-DINH  
TONKIN



MYTHO  
COCHINCHINE



SAIGON – A  
COCHINCHINE



SAIGON-PRINCIPAL  
COCHINCHINE



TRANGBANG  
TONKIN



TAM-DAO  
ANNAM

de Genouilly  
Use of 5 cents

After the 5-cent de Genouilly commemorative was issued on 14 January 1946, it was not widely distributed. Here, three copies on an envelope were favor-cancelled at Hanoi on 18 February 1946.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
HANOI CHANH-THAU-CUC BUU-TIN 18-2 46



de Genouilly  
First Day of Issue

The de Genouilly commemorative stamp had the same first day of issue as the Courbet stamp, 1 September 1943.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
PHNOMPENH CAMBODGE 1-9 43

de Genouilly  
Use of 6 cents

In only a day, a letter posted from Phu-Lang-Thuong, Tonkin reached Hanoi.  
Postage for the governmental communication was paid with a single copy of the 6-cent  
de Genouilly commemorative.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
PHU-LANG-THUONG TONKIN 20-9 43  
REVERSE  
HANOI R.P. TONKIN 21-9 43

de Genouilly  
First Day of Issue

A pair de Genouilly stamps franked a mailing posted at Saigon on the first day of issue, 1 September 1943. With an unsealed flap, the letter would have qualified for the reduced printed matter rate. Even though the internal letter rate was 6 cents until 1 December 1943, the sender affixed two of the new commemoratives to his envelope.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 1-9 43

de Genouilly  
Usage

Despite the hardships of wartime, the internal postal system continued to function. Here a letter from Hanoi went via Saigon to Dalat in a matter of a few days.

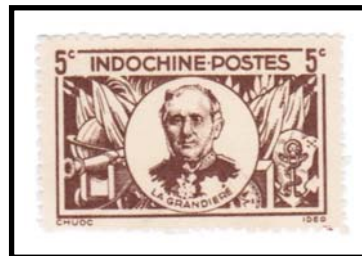


POSTAL MARKINGS  
HANOI R.P. TONKIN 9-9 43  
REVERSE  
SAIGON PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 11 SEPT 43  
DALAT ANNAM 12-9 43



## de la Grandière

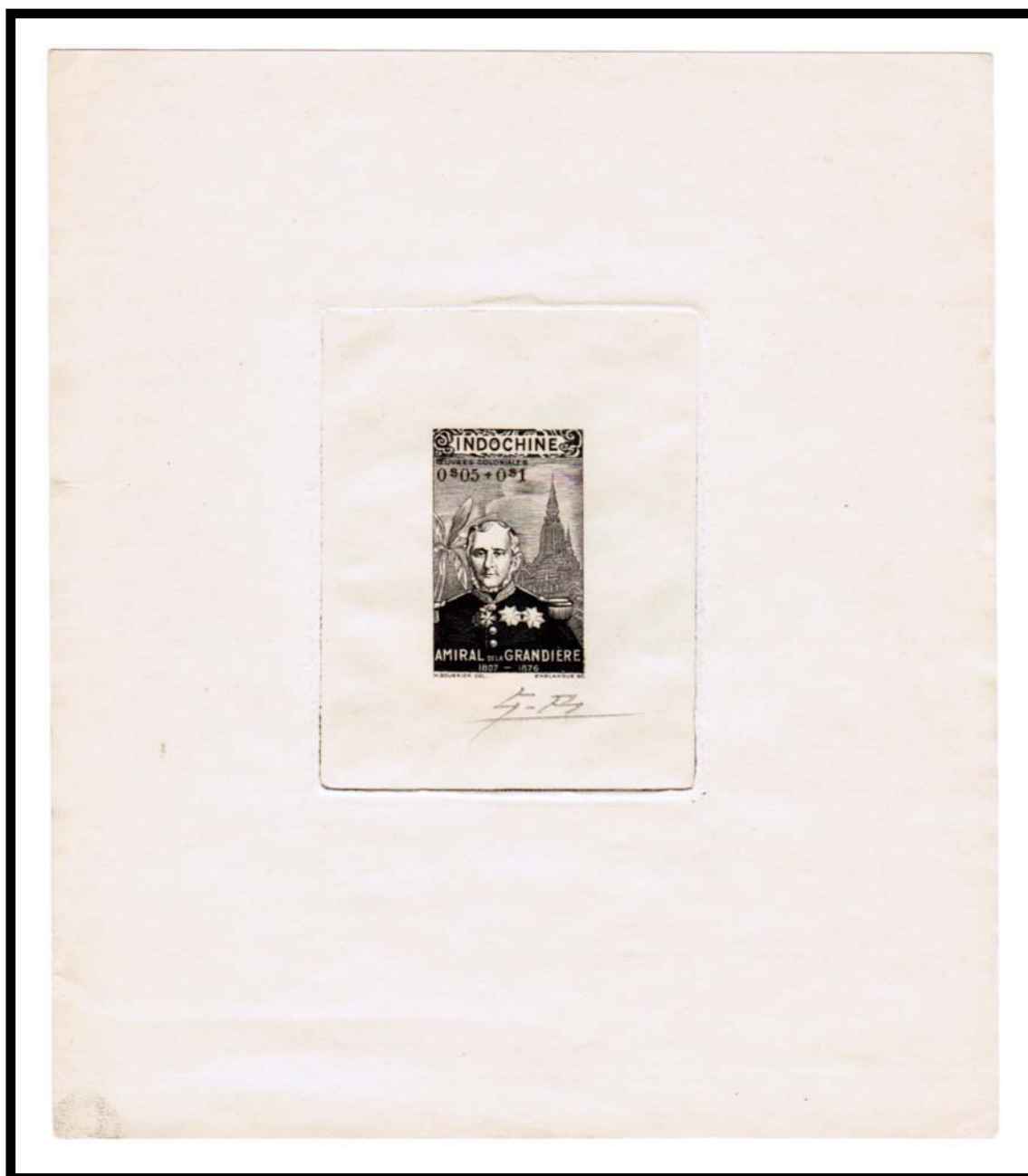
As the first military administrator over Indochina (1863-68), Admiral Pierre de la Grandière extended France's control by gaining a protectorate over Cambodia and securing authority over all of southern CochinChina.



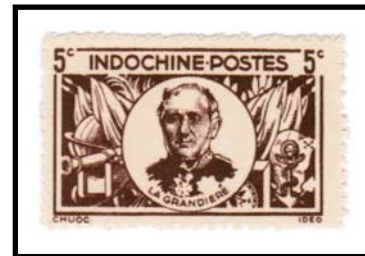
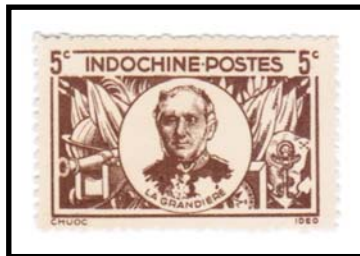
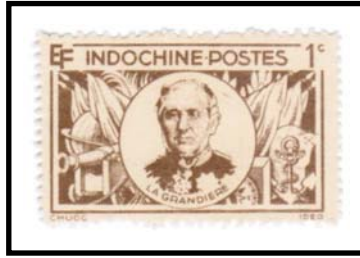
POSTCARD DEPICTS THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS' PALACE ON LAGRANDIÈRE STREET IN SAIGON.

de la Grandière  
Semi-Postal Essay

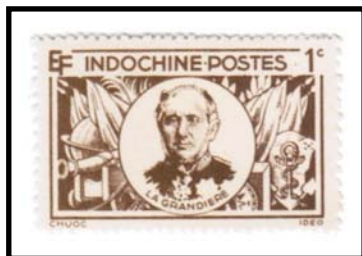
An essay for a semi-postal stamp honoring Admiral de la Grandière has a confusing denomination of "0\$05 + \$1."



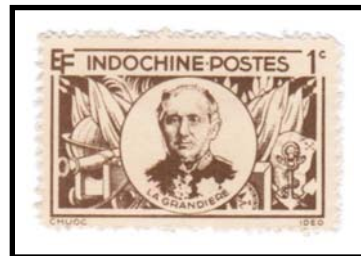
de la Grandière  
Color Shades



de la Grandière  
Paper Varieties



WHITE PAPER



YELLOW PAPER



WHITE PAPER



YELLOW PAPER



de la Grandière  
Perforation Varieties



IMPERFORATE



DOUBLY PERFORATED HORIZONTALLY

de la Grandière  
Perforation Variety



DOUBLY PERFORATED VERTICALLY

de la Grandière  
Perforation Variety



DOUBLY PERFORATED HORIZONTALLY



# de la Grandière Postmarks



BENTRE  
COCHINCHINE



SAIGON-PRINCIPAL  
COCHINCHINE



TANAN  
COCHINCHINE



VUNGLIEM  
COCHINCHINE



HANOI R.P.  
TONKIN



de la Grandière  
First Day of Use of 1 cent

A single copy of the 1-cent de la Grandière commemorative stamp was favor-canceled at Hanoi on 16 August 1943, one day after the official release date for sale.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
HANOI A. TONKIN 16-8 43

de la Grandière  
First Day of Use of 1-cent

A block of four 1-cent stamps was postmarked at Saigon on 16 August 1943, one after the official first day of issue for the 1-cent de la Grandière commemorative. Since the flap was not sealed and there were likely no contents, the envelope qualified for the reduced printed matter postal rate.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 16-8 43

de la Grandière  
Use of 1 cent

On Christmas Eve 1943, the 1-cent de la Grandière stamp contributed to the 10 cents postage for an internal wartime letter from Saigon to Dalat.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 24-12 43

de la Grandière  
Use of 1 cent

The 6-cent domestic letter rate was in effect from 1939 through 30 November 1943. Posted on 26 November, this letter franked with low-value stamps just missed the impending rate increase scheduled within a few days.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
DONG-HOI ANNAM 26-11 43  
REVERSE  
DONG-HOI ANNAM 26-11 43



de la Grandière  
Use of 1 cent

Effective 1 December 1943, the post office raised the internal letter rate to 10 cents. Previously, the letter rate was 6 cents. Here the postage for a local letter was paid with a block of six 1-cent de la Grandière commemorative stamps.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 17-8 43

de la Grandière  
Use of 5 cents

The internal letter rate was 15 cents from 16 October 1944 through 4 May 1946. In this case, postage for a mailing from Haiphong to Hanoi in 1944 was paid with a strip of three 5-cent de la Grandière commemorative stamps.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
HAIPHONG TONKIN 18-4 45  
REVERSE  
HANOI R.P. TONKIN 20-4 458

de la Grandière  
Use of 5 cents

Effective 16 October 1944, the internal letter rate increased from 10 cents to 15 cents. Even though a number of 15-cent stamps were issued to accommodate the new rate, patrons used up smaller values as in this case of three 5-cent de la Grandière commemorative stamps to pay the letter rate for internal mail.

**CHAPA**  
LES ALPES  
D'INDOCHINE  
ΔLT. 1500<sup>m</sup>



POSTAL MARKINGS

CHAPA TONKIN 17-2 45  
slogan handstamp

REVERSE

HANOI R.P. TONKIN 220-2 45

de la Grandière  
Use of 5 cents

Three copies of the 5-cent de la Grandière commemorative paid the internal letter rate for commercial correspondence in March 1946.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 21-3 46



de la Grandière  
Use of 5 cents

Effective 5 May 1946, the internal letter rate increased from 15 cents to 20 cents. Posted on 26 May 1946 from Dalat to Hanoi, the postage for this mailing was paid with four 5-cent de la Grandière commemorative stamps.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
DALAT ANNAM 26 5 46  
REVERSE  
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 30-5 46

de la Grandière  
Use of 5 cents

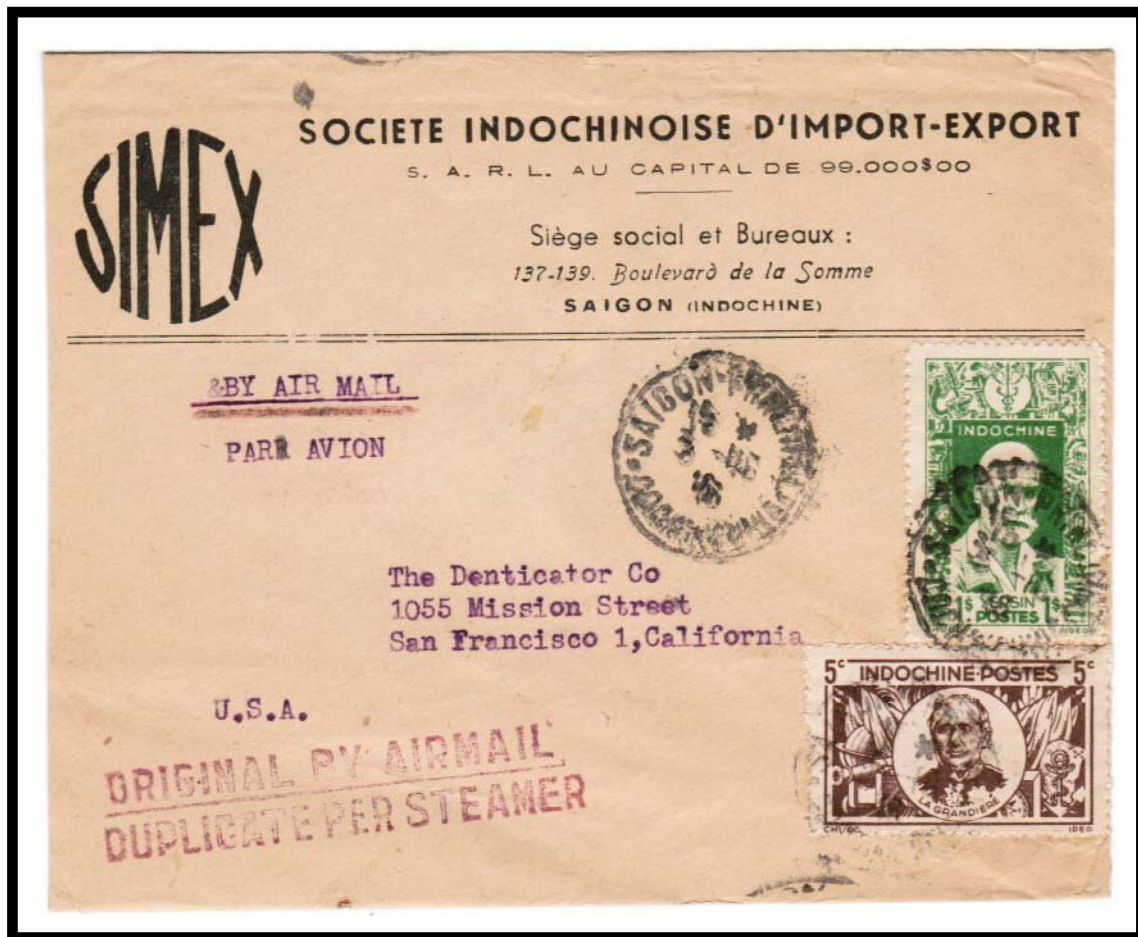
For a postwar airmail letter to France, the 5-cent de la Grandière commemorative was combined with two 70-cent definitive stamps.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 5-3 46

de la Grandière  
Use of 5 cents

Here the 5-cent de la Grandière stamp contributed to the 1\$05 postage for airmail service to the United States in 1946.

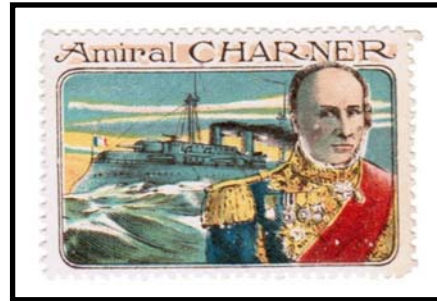


POSTAL MARKINGS  
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 3-10 46

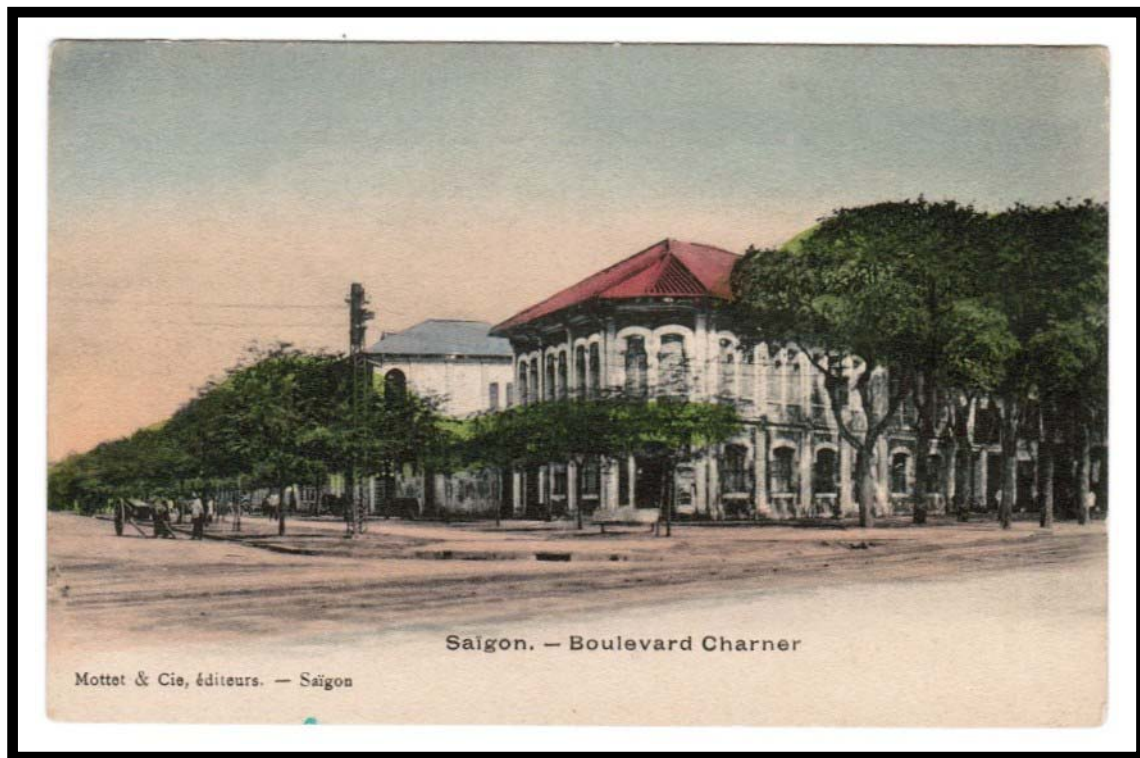


## Charner

Admiral L. V. J. Charner, who was the commander of French forces in the Far East, relieved the garrison at Saigon in 1861. Continuing on with a number of bloody battles, his task force took control of key points from Saigon to the Cambodian border.



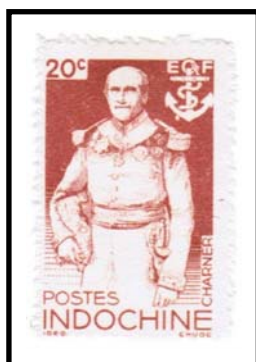
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POSTCARD SHOWING STREET NAMED FOR ADMIRAL CHARNER IN SAIGON



## Charner Color Shades



## Charner Papers



WHITE PAPER



YELLOW PAPER



WHITE PAPER



YELLOW PAPER



WHITE PAPER

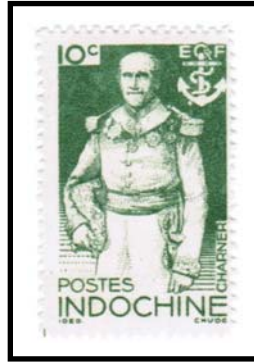


YELLOW PAPER

Charner  
Varieties of 10 cents



HEAVY INKING



NORMAL



LIGHT IMPRESSION



DOUBLY PERFORATED HORIZONTALLY

## Charner Postmarks



HANOI A  
TONKIN



CAP ST. JACQUES  
COCHINCHINE



DALAT  
ANNAM



SAIGON-PRINCIPAL  
COCHINCHINE



DALAT  
ANNAM



SAIGON-PRINCIPAL  
COCHINCHINE



Charner  
Use of 10 cents

The internal letter rate rose from 6 cents to 10 cents on 1 December 1943. Here a 10-cent Charner commemorative paid for a mailing from Hai-Duong to Hanoi in September 1944.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
HAI-DUONG TONKIN 6-9 44  
REVERSE  
HANOI R.P. TONKIN 7-9 44

Charner  
Use 10 cents

A pair of 10-cent Charner commemorative stamps paid the postage for a surface-rate letter to France in 1946. Effective 5 May 1946, the rate for the first weight step (20 grams) has risen to 20 cents.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 2-8 46

Charner  
Use of 20 cents

From October 1944 until May 1946, internal registered letters required 45 cents postage. Postage costs were calculated as follows:

internal letter rate	15 cents
<u>registration fee</u>	<u>30 cents</u>
total	45 cents



POSTAL MARKINGS  
SOCTRANG COCHINCHINE 5-3 45  
registration label  
REVERSE  
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 6-3 45



Charner  
Use of 20 cents

Three 20 cent Charner stamps paid for local delivery within Saigon in 1948. The envelope had been posted on 17 April 1948, the opening day of the South Vietnam Exposition Fair in Saigon.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON R.P. COCHINCHINE 17-4 48  
Saigon Fair cachet

REVERSE

SAIGON R.P. COCHINCHINE 17-4 48



Charner  
Use of 1 piaster

A 1946 airmail letter from Indochina to Western Australia was franked with 1\$50 worth of commemorative stamps. The high value Charner stamp gained utility as a result of inflation after World War II.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 31-1 46

## Charner Usage

Three pairs of Admiral Charner commemoratives were employed on a philatelic mailing within Saigon in 1944.



### POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 20-12 44

REVERSE

SAIGON PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 20-12 44