

Aviators

In 1943, two semi-postal stamps were issued honoring famous aviators who had connections with Indochina. Originally printed with values of 6 + 2 cents, both stamps were overprinted in 1944 with new denominations of 10 + 2 cents to correspond to the new internal letter rate.

DO-HUU-VI



ROLAND GARROS



IMPERFORATE VARIETIES

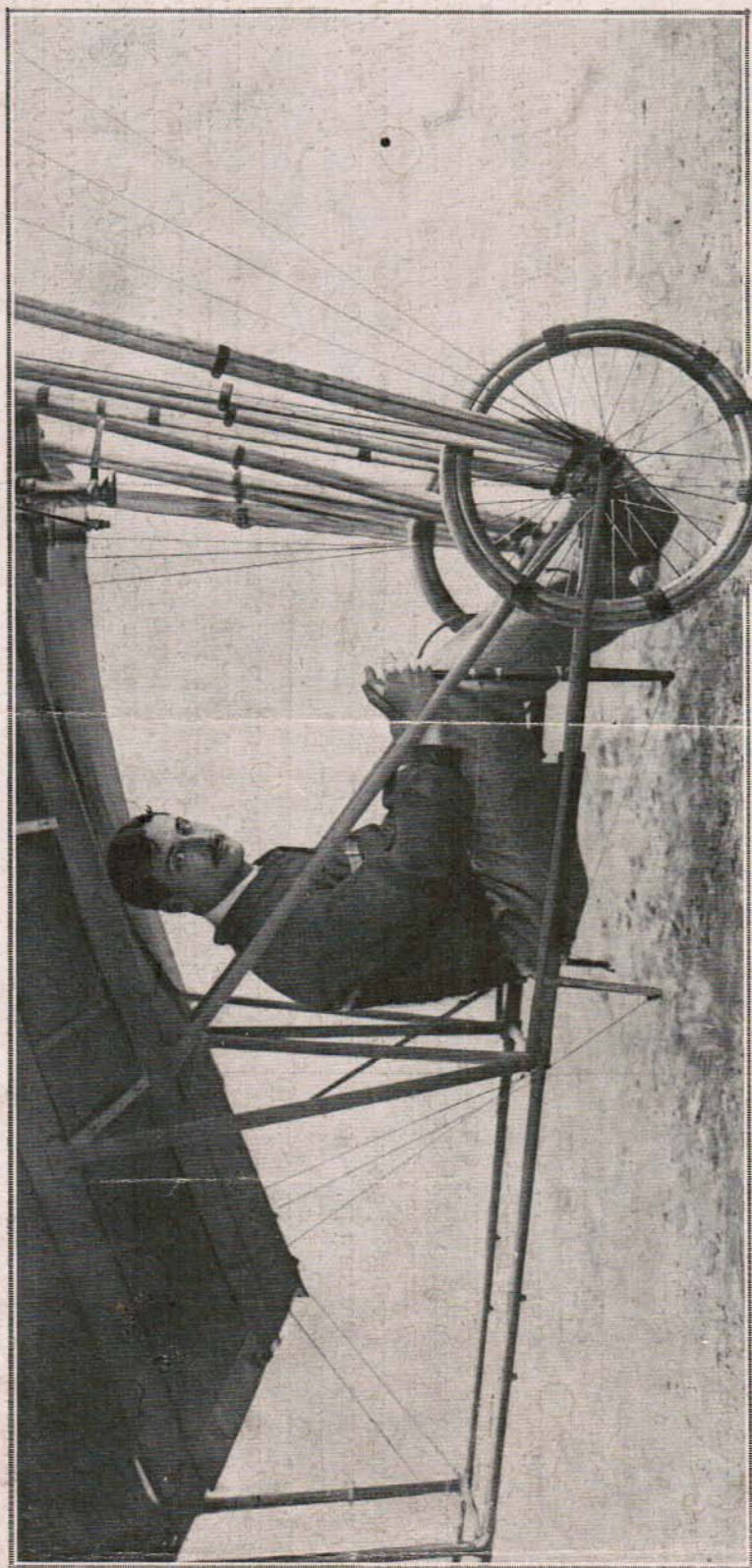


L'ILLUSTRATION

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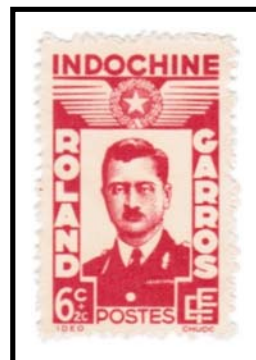


En août 1910 : Garros sur la « Demoiselle » avec laquelle il traversait la Rance entre Dinard et Saint-Malo.

Aviators
Do-Huu-Vi Color Shades



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Garros Color Shades



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Serial Numbers for New Value Overprints

To accommodate a new letter rate, sheets were overprinted with the new denomination and given a six-digit serial number in the bottom margin.



New Value Aviators Overprint Varieties

SHIFTED OVERPRINTS



HEAVY INKING OF "c" YIELDS "o"



Aviators Postmarks



HANOI R.P.
TONKIN



SAIGON-PRINCIPAL
COCHINCHINE

Garros First Day of Issue

The Garros semi-postal stamp was issued several months after the Do-Huu-Vi stamp on 1 November 1943.



POSTAL MARKINGS
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 15-11 43
REVERSE
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 15-11 43

Garros Usage

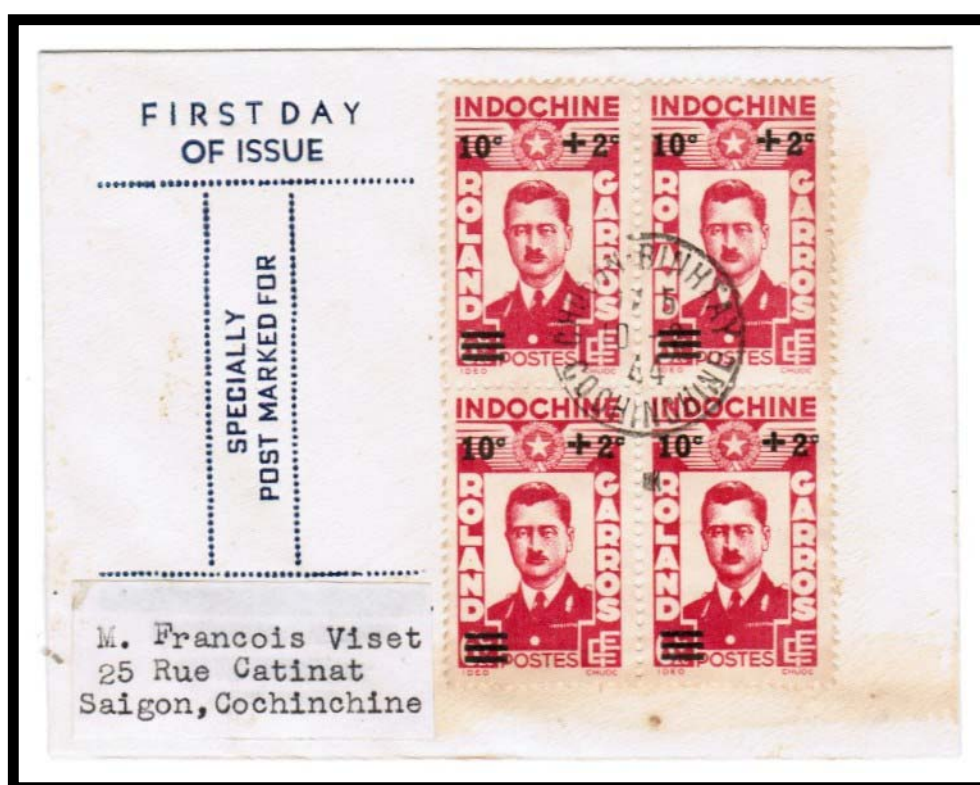
A block of four Roland Garros semi-postal stamps frank an internal mailing posted at Cholon. The letter is addressed in Chinese to Mr. Lu-Mu-Sheng, Chinese School, Pakse, Laos.



POSTAL MARKINGS
CHOLON COCHINCHINE 15-11 43

New Value Garros First Day of Issue

The overprinted Garros stamp was issued at the same time as the overprinted Do-Huu-Vi semi-postal stamp.



POSTAL MARKINGS
CHOLON-BINHTAY COCHINCHINE 10-2 44

New Value Garros Usage

A single surcharged Roland Garros semi-postal stamp paid for sending a letter from Hanoi to Saigon in 1944. The internal letter rate had risen from 6 cents to 10 cents effective 1 December 1943.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI R. P. TONKIN 8-5 44

New Value Garros Usage

For this 1949 postwar letter sent from Saigon to Cantho, the overprinted Garros stamp contributed to the 1\$20 required for internal mailing.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON R.P. COCHINCHINE 27-8 1949
REVERSE
CANTHO COCHINCHINE 29-8 1949

Do-Huu-Vi
First Day of Issue

A philatelist in Hanoi was the recipient of this cover posted on 1 August 1943, the first day of issue of the Do-Huu-Vi stamp.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI R.P. TONKIN 1-8 43
REVERSE
HANOI R.P. TONKIN 1-8 43

Do-Huu-Vi
Use of 6 + 2 cents

The 6c + 2c Do-Huu-Vi semi-postal stamp paid for delivery of an internal letter in September 1943. Effective 1 December 1943, the local letter rate rose from 6 cents to 10 cents.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HONQUAN COCHINCHINE 27-9 43
REVERSE
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 28 SEPT 43

Do-Huu-Vi Usage

Until the postal rate increase at the end of 1943, six 6 + 2 cent stamps exactly paid for a registered letter calculated as follows:

internal letter rate	6 cents
registration fee	30 cents
total	36 cents



POSTAL MARKINGS

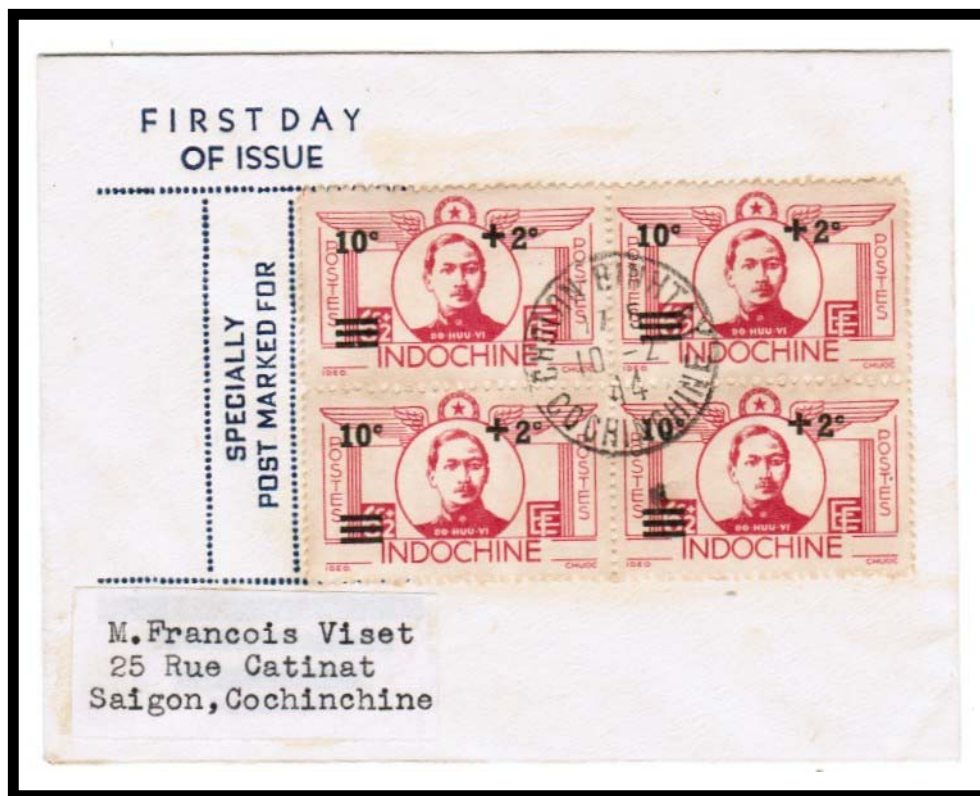
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 3-11 43
registration label

REVERSE

SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 4-11 43

New Value Do-Huu-Vi First Day of Issue

After the letter rate had risen to 10 cents, Do-Huu-Vi stamps were overprinted and released starting on 10 February 1944.



POSTAL MARKINGS
CHOLON-BINH TAY COCHINCHINE 10-2 44

New Value Do-Huu-Vi First Day of Issue

The internal letter rate rose to 10 cents effective 1 December 1943 and the registration fee rose to 30 cents effective 16 April 1942. Here a block of four overprinted 10-cent Do-Huu-Vi stamps franked a local registered letter on the stamp's first day of issue, 10 February 1944. At the lower right, the block's selvedge has the black serial number associated with the overprinting of the sheet.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 10-2 44

New Value Do-Huu-Vi Usage

An example of the revalued Do-Huu-Vi semi-postal stamp paid the internal letter rate in 1944. The railway postmark tying the stamp shows that some portions of the Indochinese Railway continued to function late in World War II.



POSTAL MARKINGS

NHATRANG A SAIGON -2- 27-4 44

REVERSE

TOUR-CHAM ANNAM 27-4 44

HANOI R. P. TONKIN 3-5 44

New Value Aviators First Day of Issue

Here the two overprinted Aviator semi-postal stamps were combined on a first day cover posted at Phnompenh on 10 February 1944.



POSTAL MARKINGS

PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 10-2 44

REVERSE

PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 10-2 44

New Value Aviators Usage

In 1944, two blocks of four of the overprinted Aviator semi-postal stamps were put into service on a registered letter posted at Dalat, Annam to Bangkok, Thailand. During World War II, Japan restricted international mail to Japanese-controlled areas.



POSTAL MARKINGS

DALAT ANNAM 29-2 44

registration label

6 in circle

REVERSE

SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 2-3 44

BANGKOK G.P.O. 7 • 3 44

Aviators Usage

All four variations of the Aviator stamps franked a letter sent to the United States in 1947.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 7-1 47