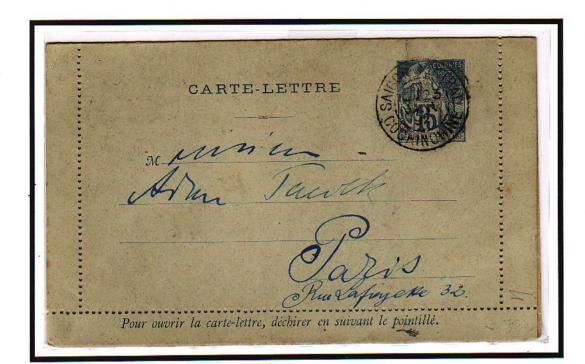
Commerce Letter Cards

Letter cards were issued in two versions: a 15-centime denomination for local use and a 25-centime denomination for external use.









Commerce Letter Cards Use of 15-centime Letter Card to Internal Destination

Posted from Tanan, Cochinchina to Saigon in 1891 this 15-centime lettercard served the purpose of sending short messages within Indochina.





POSTAL MARKINGS

TANAN COCHINCHINE 21 JANV 91

REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 21 JANV 91

Commerce Letter Cards Use of 15-centime Letter Card to External Destination

The sender added two 5-centime Commerce stamps to pay the external letter card rate for a mailing to Paris in 1889.

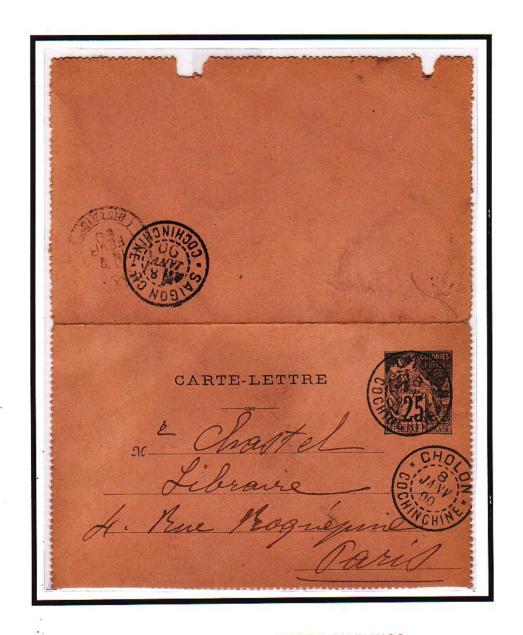




POSTAL MARKINGS
MYTHO COCHINCHINE 29 SEPT. 89
MARSEILLE A LYON SPECIAL 23 OCT 89

Commerce Letter Cards Use of 25-centime Letter Card to External Destination

Posted from Cholon in early 1890, this letter card reached Paris in about a month.

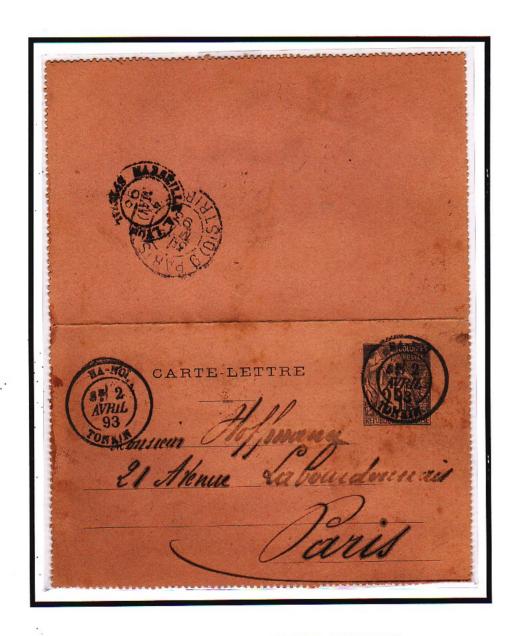




POSTAL MARKINGS
CHOLON COCHINCHINE 8 JANV 90
SAIGON CAL COCHINCHINE 8 JANV. 90
PARIS (RIGTRIE) 7 FEVR 90

Commerce Letter Cards Use of 25-centime Letter Card to External Destination

The transit time for a 25-centime letter card sent from Hanoi to Paris in 1893 was about one month.





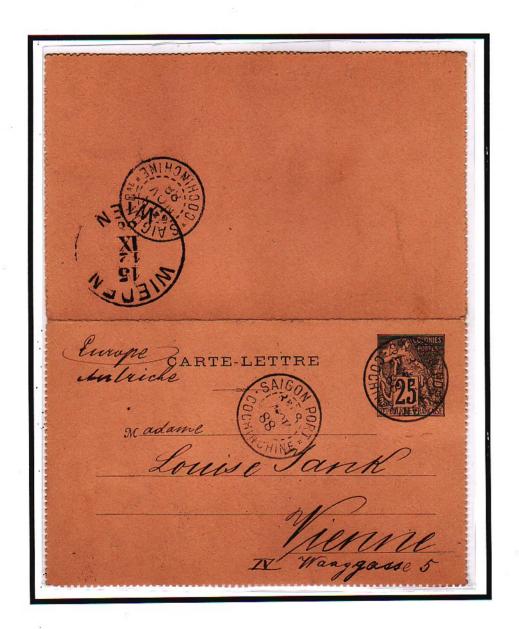
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HA-NOI TONKIN 2 AVRIL 93

MARSEILLE A LYON SPECIAL 4 MAI 93
9 PARIS 9 (DISTRIBUTION) 5 MAI 93

Commerce Letter Cards Use of 25-centime Letter Card to External Destination

The 25-centime denomination allowed a letter card to be sent to a foreign destination, the same as the foreign letter rate.





POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON PORT COCHINCHINE 8 NOV. 88
SAIGON CAL COCHINCHINE 8 NOV 88
WIEDEN WIEN 15 12 88