

Curies

Indochina, like many other French colonies, issued a single semi-postal stamp in 1938 to honor the Curies' discovery of radiation. The surcharge went to support cancer research.



Date of printing in lower left corner.

Curies
Postmarks



SAIGON-CENTRAL
COCHNCHINE



ANKHE
ANNAM



VIENTIANE
LAOS

Curies Usage

As part of an omnibus issue among French colonies, Indochina issued a semi-postal stamp honoring Pierre and Marie Curie on 21 October 1938. Effective 1 April 1938, the foreign letter rate had risen to 18 cents. Thus, the stamp was slated for external mail. The 5-cent surcharge was allocated for supporting cancer research.

The semi-postal stamp was used here on commercial mail from an Indochinese tin company to a metal firm in Berlin, Germany.



POSTAL MARKINGS
BONENG LAOS 3-5 39
REVERSE
THAKHEK LAOS 3-5 39
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 6 MAI 39

Curies Usage

Although semi-postal stamps were most often used on philatelic mail, occasionally they were used commercially by public spirited individuals.



POSTAL MARKINGS

TOURANE ANNAM 16-1 39
KE30 (sorter's handstamp)

REVERSE

HAIPHONG TONKIN 18-1 39
SOUTHAMPTON N.Y. FEB 20 1939
HONG- KONG (K) 23 MR 39

Curies Usage

The Curies semi-postal was used with an assortment of Monoplane airmail stamps for airmail service from Annam to Thailand in 1941.



POSTAL MARKINGS

DALAT ANNAM 2-6 39
slogan marking

REVERSE

BANGKOK G.P.O. 5. 6. 39

Curies Usage

Three Curie semi-postal stamps paid for a registered airmail letter sent from Lang-Son, Tonkin to France in 1939. The sender put a note regarding the franking in red ink at the bottom of the envelope.



POSTAL MARKINGS

LANG-SON TONKIN 20-4 39
registration label

REVERSE

HANOI R. P. TONKIN 21-4 39
ASNIERS SEINE 28-4 39
ASNIERS-CHANZY 28-4 39

Curies Usage

A philatelic cover combines a corner block of four of the Curies stamp with a French Revolution semi-postal stamp on a registered internal letter sent within Hanoi in 1941.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI R. P. TONKIN 6-9 41
registration label

Curies Usage

A corner block of four of the Curies stamp franks a registered airmail letter sent to France in 1940. Even though the letter had an official handstamp at the lower right, the censors in Hanoi still inspected it.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HANOI B TONKIN 3-1 40

registration label

airmail label

censor's resealing tape

REVERSE

HANOI R. P^{BIS} TONKIN 3-1 40

BEAUME COTE D'OR 12-1 40