

French Revolution Anniversary

A colonial omnibus series was issued in 1939 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the French Revolution. The design depicts the storming of the Bastille.



French Revolution Anniversary Maximum Card

A “maximum card” reproduced the image used on the French Revolution Anniversary semi-postal stamps.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 16-1 41

French Revolution Anniversary Saigon-Central Postmarks



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French Revolution
Use of 6 + 2 cents

Public spirited organizations occasionally used semi-postal stamps on their mail as in the case of this letter from Adventist missionaries sent internally from Cantho to Tourane.



POSTAL MARKINGS
CANTHO COCHINCHINE 22-10 39
CONTROLE POSTAL Commission C INDOCHINE
REVERSE
SAIGON CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 22 OCT 39

French Revolution Use of 7 + 3 cents

French Revolution semi-postal stamps were most often used philatelically. Here the 7 + 3 cent value from French Revolution Anniversary series was combined with a similar stamp from Kouang Cho Wan as well as the New York World's Fair issue on an internal registered cover.

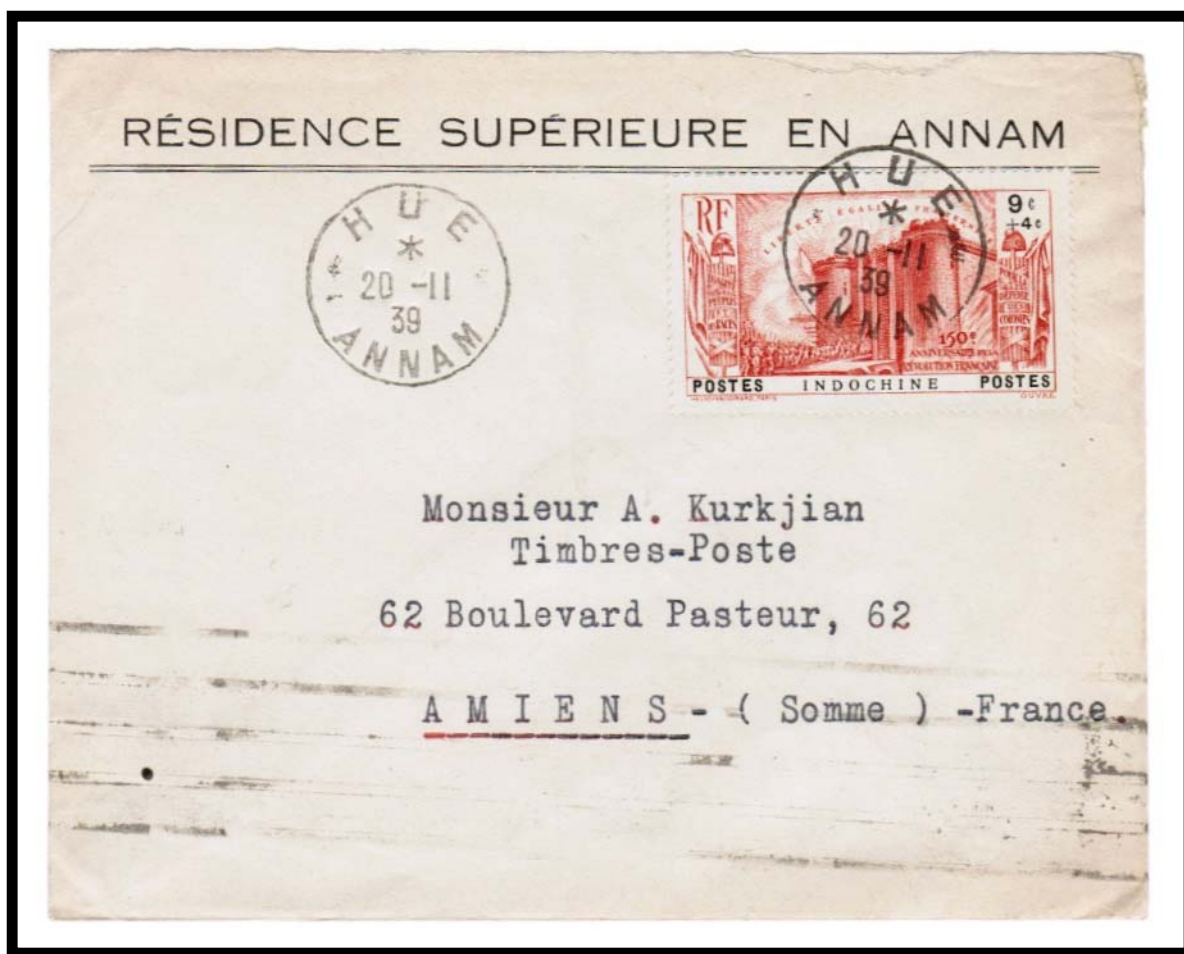


POSTAL MARKINGS

HANOI R.P. TONKIN 25-9 40
registration label

French Revolution Anniversary
Use of 9 + 4 cents

Effective 16 June 1939, the letter rate to France rose to 9 cents. It was somewhat unusual for a government office to use semi-postal stamps. In this case, the addressee, likely a stamp dealer, may have influenced the choice of the postage stamp.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HUE ANNAM 20-11 39
REVERSE
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 22 NOV 39

French Revolution
Use of 13 + 10 cents

With the French Revolution Anniversary semi-postal contributing 13 cents, the airmail postage to France was fully paid for this cover posted from the Hanoi B auxiliary post office.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI B TONKIN 23-11 39
REVERSE
HANOI R.P. TONKIN 23-11 39

French Revolution
Use of 39 + 40 cents

A single 39 + 40-cent semi-postal stamp paid for a wartime mailing from Saigon to Shanghai.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 11-12 39
censor signature handstamp (Hong Kong)

REVERSE

VICTORIA HONG KONG 13 DE 39
SHANGHAI 18 DEC 39

French Revolution Use of 39 + 40 cents

When postage was overpaid by the sender, the post office would sometimes apply the "AFFRANCHI PAR L'EXPEDITEUR" (franked by sender) handstamp to avoid being accused of gouging the public.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON CENTRAL COCHINCHIN 16-2 40
AFFRANCHI PAR L'EXPEDITEUR ("franked by sender")
registration label
G8 handstamp

French Revolution Usage

Three of the semi-postal stamps frank this 1939 mailing from Hanoi to Delle, France. Ignoring the non-postal portion of the denominations, the total value of all the postage stamps was 39 cents, the prevailing airmail letter rate.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HANOI R. P. TONKIN 6-9 39

REVERSE

DELLE TERRIT^{RE} DE BELFORT 19-9 39

French Revolution Anniversary Usage

The five lower values of the French Revolution Anniversary series frank an internal letter sent by registered mail.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI R.P. TONKIN 12-3 40
registration label

French Revolution Anniversary Kouang Cho Wan

With the French Revolution Anniversary, the Indochinese Office at Kouang Cho Wan issued its first semi-postal stamps.



French Revolution
Kouang Cho Wan
Use of 7 + 3 cents

A block of four 7c + 3c stamps significantly overpaid the internal letter rate of 10 cents in mid-1944.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 16-7 44