

SINGAPOR  
SAIGON

Posted aboard one of the paquebots that provided service between Singapore and Saigon on 6 May 1892, this letter was processed through Saigon's main post office on the following day. This is the only known example of this postmark on cover.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.002  
PERIOD OF USE: 1881-98



POSTAL MARKINGS  
SINGAPOR SAIGON 6 MAI 92  
REVERSE  
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 7 MAI 92

## LIGNE DE SAIGON A SINGAPORE

Local regular mail routes were established from Saigon using smaller vessels plying the coastal waters. The route from Saigon to Singapore employed a special circular date stamp. The postmark was struck with blue ink on this letter card after it had been deposited aboard the steamer. The letter card arrived at Singapore 3 days after mailing and at Bombay 16 days later.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.003  
PERIOD OF USE: 1893-1903



### POSTAL MARKINGS

LIGNE DE SAIGON A SINGAPORE 15 MARS 95 (blue)

SINGAPORE MR 18 95

BOMBAY 31 MA. 95

### REVERSE

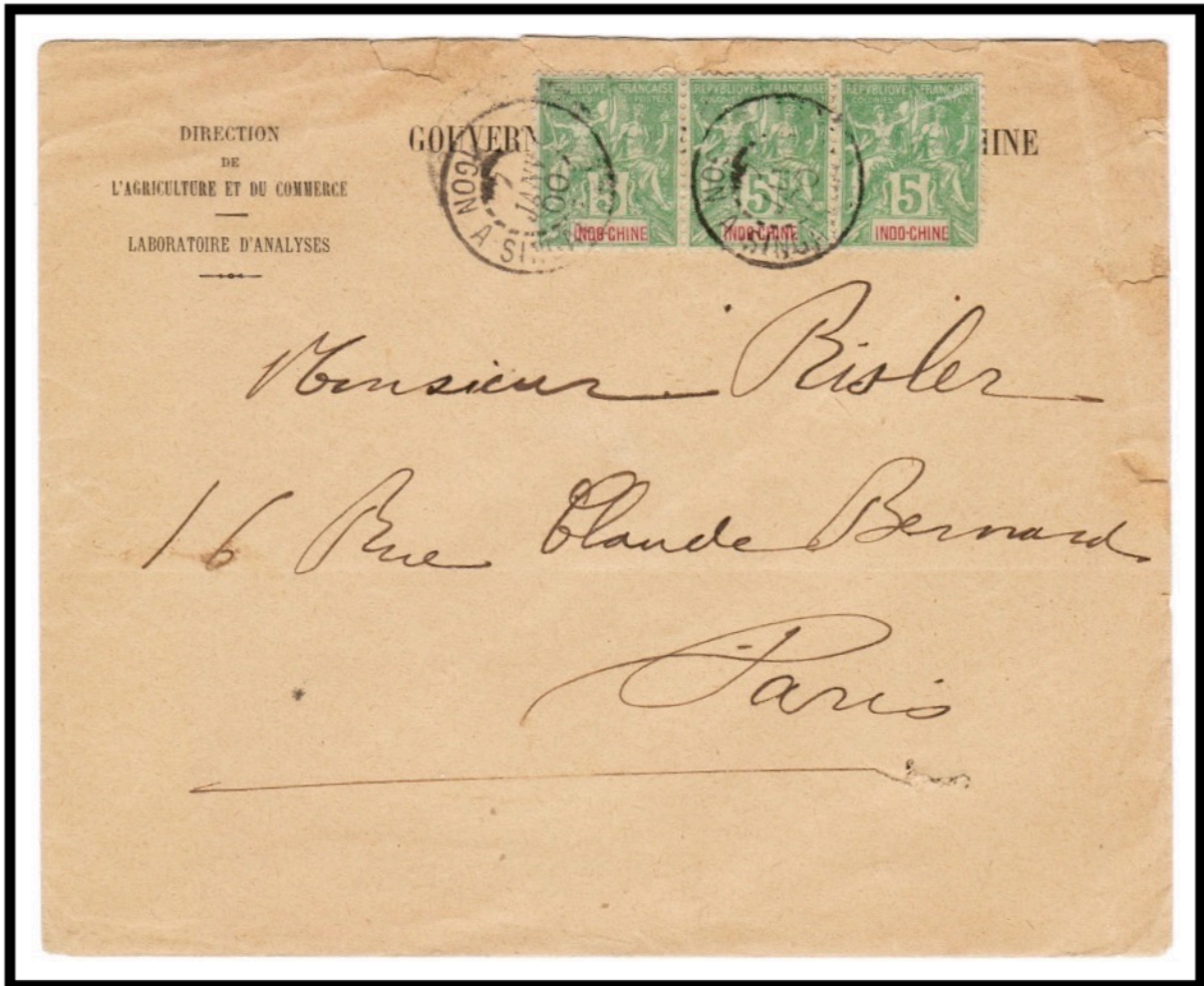
CALCUTTA MA 28 95

PAQ.  
SAIGON A SINGAPORE

The other postmark utilized on the Saigon-to-Singapore service was only applied during the period 1900-1901. Curiously, this letter was from the government's Department of Agriculture and Commerce but was mailed on board a coastal steamer.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.004  
PERIOD OF USE: 1900-01



POSTAL MARKINGS  
PAQ. SAIGON A SINGAPORE 7 JANV 00



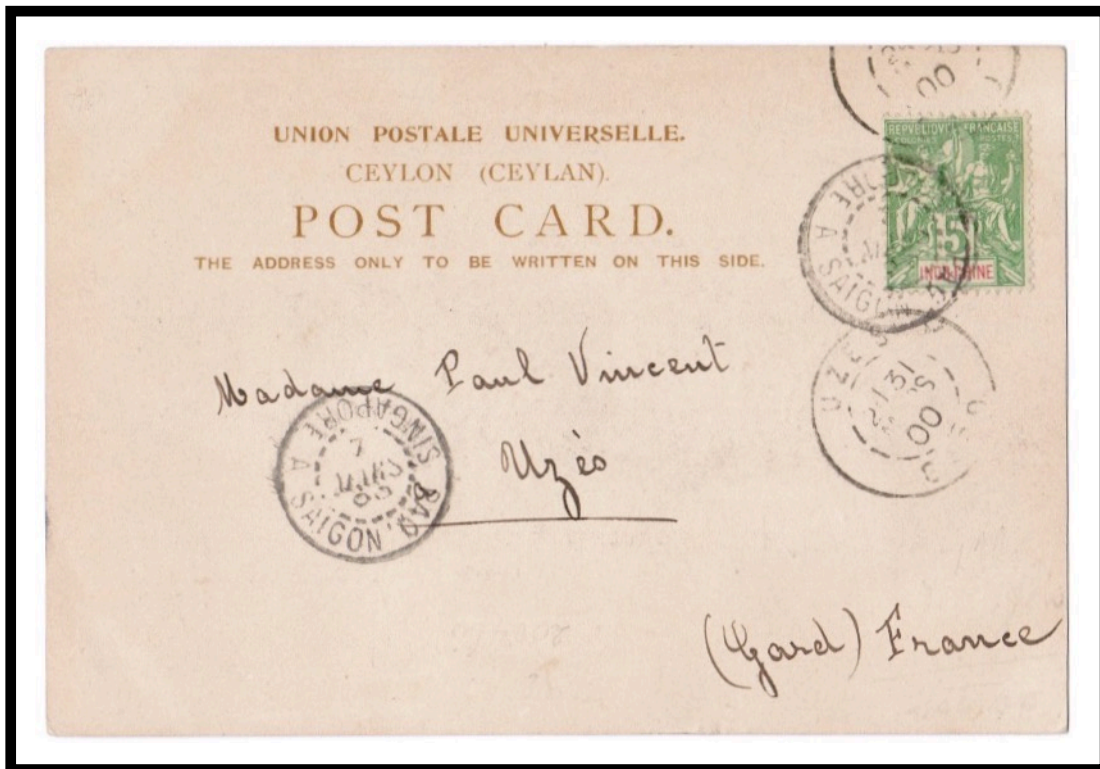
PAQ.  
SINGAPORE A SAIGON

For the Singapore-to-Saigon direction, the line's postmark is only known from the year 1900.

Like some other postmarks at the turn of the century, new date plugs for the digits "00" were not immediately available. As a result, the bottom portions of the "99" date plugs were removed yielding small, but serviceable zeros.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.004 bis  
PERIOD OF USE: 1900



POSTAL MARKINGS  
PAQ. SINGAPORE A SAIGON 7 MARS 00  
UZES GARD 31 MARS 00



SAIGON A SINGAPORE  
PAQ. FR.

A mailing to a company in Singapore was posted aboard a ship that regularly transited the colonial line between Saigon and Singapore. The format of the postmark differs from types 2.003 and 2.004 Saigon-Singapore postmarks. The abbreviation "PAQ. FR." is presented at the base of the postmark like the format used for the HAIPHONG A SAIGON PAQ. FR. type 2.006 postmark.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.005 (unlisted)  
PERIOD OF USE: c. 1890



POSTAL MARKINGS  
SAIGON A SINGAPORE PAQ. FR. 10 AVRIL 90  
SINGAPORE AP 11 90

HAIPHONG A SAIGON  
PAQ. FR

A Colonial Line was established in the early 1890s with freighters serving Saigon and Haiphong and ports in between. The earliest known use of the HAIPHONG A SAIGON coastal freighter postmark is 1891.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.006  
PERIOD OF USE: 1891-1906



POSTAL MARKINGS  
HAIPHONG A SAIGON PAQ. FR 2 MAI 91

HAIPHONG A SAIGON  
PAQ. FR

Two 15-centime Commerce stamps overpaid the 25-centime postage on a mailing to France postmarked on the Haiphong-Saigon coastal service in 1895. In this example, the "HAIPHONG A SAIGON" lacked the second digit identifying the year.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.006  
PERIOD OF USE: 1891-1906



POSTAL MARKINGS  
HAIPHONG A SAIGON PAQ. FR 31 JANV. 9(5)  
REVERSE  
SAIGON CAL COCHINCHINE 5 FEVR. 95



SAIGON A HAIPHONG  
PAQ. FR

The postmark for the Saigon-to-Haiphong direction used the same layout as the postmark for the reverse direction. With this example, the postmark lacked the second digit that indicated the year.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.006 bis  
PERIOD OF USE: 1890-1906



POSTAL MARKINGS  
SAIGON A HAIPHONG PAQ. FR 15 MAI 9(?)

# LIGNE DE SAIGON A HAIPHONG

Local boats connecting Saigon and Haiphong had postmarks on board from 1890 to 1906. One style emulated the type E2 civil postmarks. The "LIGNE DE SAIGON A HAIPHONG" text has not previously been reported.



POSTMARK TYPE: Unlisted  
PERIOD OF USE: 1899



## POSTAL MARKINGS

LIGNE DE SAIGON A HAIPHONG 3 NOV 99

REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 6 NOV 99  
COUTANCES MANCHE 3 DEC 99

PAQ.  
HAIPHONG A SAIGON

Another style of postmark for the coastal mail services used the simple abbreviation "PAQ." Instead of "PAQ. FR.". This specimen from 1899 is the only known example of this postmark in the Haiphong-to-Saigon direction.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.007 bis  
PERIOD OF USE: 1899



POSTAL MARKINGS  
PAQ. HAIPHONG A SAIGON 22 DEC 99  
REVERSE  
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 23 DEC 98



Paquebot  
Tourane

Tourane was a port regularly visited by ships that provided the coastal mail service. When taken ashore, mail posted aboard the boats was handstamped with the rectangular framed "PAQUEBOT."

After being handled by the coastal mail service, this postcard was taken to France by the ocean mail service. The postcard was carried by the *Polynésien*, which departed Saigon on 2 October 1909.

**PAQUEBOT**

POSTMARK TYPE: 2.008  
PERIOD OF USE: 1900-14



POSTAL MARKINGS

TOURANE ANNAM 27 SEPT 09  
framed PAQUEBOT  
LIGNE PAQ. FR. N° (6) 2 OCT 09

REVERSE

TOURANE ANNAM 27 SEPT 09

Paquebot  
Tourane

Tourane's framed PAQUEBOT marking generally went out of regular use during World War I. This postcard demonstrates a very late usage in 1920. The sender mailed the card while on board a vessel called the "Governor General Roume." Roume had served briefly as Indochina's chief of government from March 1915 through May 1916.

**PAQUEBOT**

POSTMARK TYPE: 2.008  
PERIOD OF USE: 1900-14



POSTAL MARKINGS  
TOURANE ANNAM 21-5 20  
framed PAQUEBOT

Paquebot  
Quinehone

Another major port-of-call on the Saigon-Haiphong coastal service was Quinehone. When processed at Quinehone's post office, ship mail was given the same rectangular marking that was applied in Tourane.

**PAQUEBOT**

POSTMARK TYPE: 2.009  
PERIOD OF USE: 1903-11



POSTAL MARKINGS  
QUINEHONE ANNAM 12 FEVR 05  
framed PAQUEBOT



## Paquebot Unknown Origin

Posted from Saigon to Paris on 21 April 1908, this postcard received a straight-line PAQUEBOT marking from an unknown port. The marking employs serif lettering and was applied with purple ink. Because its characteristics are so different from recorded maritime markings, it is unlikely that it was applied in Indochina.

### PAQUEBOT

POSTMARK TYPE: Unlisted  
PERIOD OF USE: 1908



#### POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 21 AVRIL 08  
plain PAQUEBOT (purple)

#### REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 21 AVRIL 08

PAQUEBOT  
Singapore

“PAQUEBOT” in large lettering without a frame was applied to a picture postcard posted at sea. Addressed to New Caledonia, the postcard was date lined at Saigon on 26 August 1908 and was franked with Indochinese stamps. The stamps were cancelled at Singapore on 29 August.

PAQUEBOT

POSTMARK TYPE: Unlisted  
PERIOD OF USE: 1908



POSTAL MARKINGS  
unframed PAQUEBOT  
SINGAPORE AU 29 1908

SAIGON-COCHINCHINE  
PAQUEBOT

At Saigon, the paquebot marking was a circular date stamp that conformed to the type E2 style for town postmarks of the period. This postmark was employed from 1899 until 1914.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.010  
PERIOD OF USE: 1899-1914



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON COCHINCHINE \*PAQUEBOT\* 24 OCT 05

REVERSE

SAIGON COCHINCHINE \*PAQUEBOT\* 24 OCT 05

PAUILLAC GIRONDE 21-11 05



# SAIGON-COCHINCHINE PAQUEBOT

Although Saigon's paquebot postmark was usually employed as a canceller for postage stamps, this was not always the case. In exceptional cases, the paquebot marking served as a transit marking. Here the paquebot postmark was applied to a picture postcard from Tinh Bien, a small town located on a tributary of the Mekong River.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.010  
PERIOD OF USE: 1899-1914



POSTAL MARKINGS  
TINH-BIEN COCHINCHINE 11 MARS 04  
SAIGON COCHINCHINE \*PAQUEBOT\* 13 MARS 04

SAIGON-COCHINCHINE  
PAQUEBOT

Here Saigon's paquebot postmark was applied to a picture postcard franked with a 4-cent Queen Victoria stamp issued by Hong Kong. Under Universal Postal Union rules, a mailing aboard ship while in port should be franked with the stamps of the port's country. If mailed at sea, it should be franked with the stamps of the country under which the ship is flagged. Hence, this card was posted aboard ship in Hong Kong and postmarked enroute or upon arrival.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.010  
PERIOD OF USE: 1899-1914



POSTAL MARKINGS  
CHAUDOC COCHINCHINE 2 JUIL 04  
SAIGON-COCHINCHINE PAQUEBOT 2 JUIL 04

## LIGNE DE SAIGON A BANGKOK

This unlisted postmark emulates the style of type E2 postmarks used by municipal post offices. Posted aboard ship, this mailing was struck in October, but the receipt postmarks on the reverse are dated August!



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.011 bis  
PERIOD OF USE: 1912



POSTAL MARKINGS  
LIGNE DE SAIGON A BANGKOK 25 OCT 12  
REVERSE  
BANGKOK. 2 27.8.12



PAQUEBOT  
Port Said

This letter was mailed aboard a ship lacking a post office by a member of the Tonkin Expeditionary Corps on his way to Indochina. Likely the mailing was taken ashore at Port Said, Egypt and was put on a ship returning to France. Arriving at Marseilles it was handstamped with the straight-line "PAQUEBOT" in accordance with Universal Postal Union regulations in effect since 1892. Even though the cover lacked the requisite military markings that certified its free mail status, it was accepted postage-free into the French mail system.

PAQUEBOT

POSTMARK TYPE: 260  
PERIOD OF USE: 1894-1939



POSTAL MARKINGS  
unframed PAQUEBOT  
3<sup>e</sup> MARSEILLE B.-DU-RHONE 3<sup>e</sup> 29 MAI 95  
REVERSE  
LUCON VENDEE 30 MAI 95

MADRAS  
1935

When making a call at Madras, mail was sometimes postmarked with a local postmark along with a "paquebot" handstamp.

PAQUEBOT



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.076  
PERIOD OF USE: 1926-39

POSTMARK TYPE: 2.075  
PERIOD OF USE: 1926-39



POSTAL MARKINGS  
MADRAS 8 MAR 35  
PAQUEBOT (purple)

PAQUEBOT  
SINGAPORE

The sender posted a picture postcard franked with Indochinese postage stamps and addressed to France aboard a ship lacking postal facilities. The ship's purser applied his "PAQUEBOT" handstamp to let postal officials know the origin of the card. After arrival, the stamps were cancelled within the Singapore postal system.

**PAQUEBOT**

POSTMARK TYPE: unlisted  
PERIOD OF USE: c. 1912



POSTAL MARKINGS  
SINGAPORE 14 DE 1912  
PAQUEBOT handstamp



PAQUEBOT  
SINGAPORE

After leaving Saigon, Singapore was one of the major stops for ships returning to France. Letters mailed aboard with Indochina stamps were canceled with Singapore's packet boat postmark when they came ashore.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.078  
PERIOD OF USE: 1923-40



POSTAL MARKINGS  
PAQUEBOT SINGAPORE 22 MR 1938

PAQUEBOT  
SINGAPORE

Mailed at sea, this cover was struck with Singapore's packet boat date stamp when the letter was processed there. The letter reached its destination in India 6 days after receipt at Singapore.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.078  
PERIOD OF USE: 1923-40



POSTAL MARKINGS  
PAQUEBOT SINGAPORE 15 AU 1932  
REVERSE  
MADRAS G.P.O. 20 AUG 1932  
SIRUKUDALPATTI RAMNAD 21 AUG. 32

# PAQUEBOT SINGAPORE

The latest known use of the PAQUEBOT SINGAPORE postmark is this example from 1940. Posted at sea, it was unusual to have been sent as registered mail.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.078  
PERIOD OF USE: 1923-40



## POSTAL MARKINGS

PAQUEBOT SINGAPORE 14 AU 1940  
registration and airmail labels

REVERSE

SINGAPORE REGISTRATION 14 AU 1940

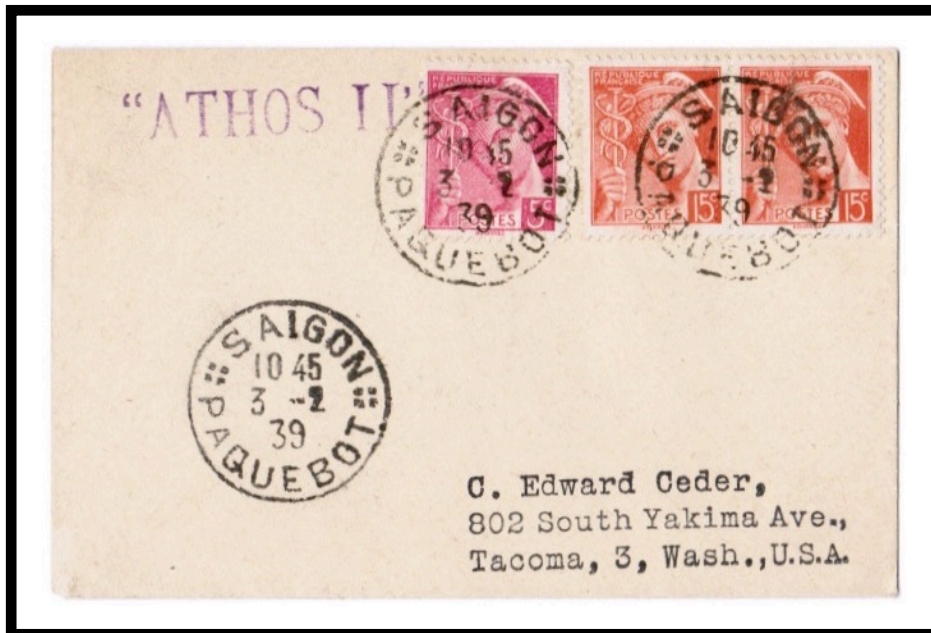


# SAIGON PAQUEBOT

"PAQUEBOT" replaced "COCHINCHINE" for Saigon's mail boat postmark. The last reported year of use was 1939. The Athos II made 37 round trips to the Far East from 1927 to 1941.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.080  
PERIOD OF USE: 1925-39



POSTAL MARKINGS  
SAIGON PAQUEBOT 3-2 39

# Messageries Maritimes Company

Mailed from Hanoi on 28 September 1906, this postcard was addressed to a passenger on the Messageries Maritimes ship leaving Marseilles on 28 October. When the postcard reached Port Said, Egypt, it was held awaiting the arrival of the next ship. The two Port Said postmarks indicate that the postcard was held from at least 24 October to 11 December. By the purser's cachets, several ships had accepted the postcard. However, they were unable to locate the addressee. Ultimately, the postcard was redirected to Hanoi with large red letters overwritten on the address.

SALAZIE



POSTMARK TYPE: Unlisted  
PERIOD OF USE: 1905



## POSTAL MARKINGS

HANOI TONKIN 28 SEPT 05  
PORT-SAID EGYPT 24-10 05  
PORT-SAID EGYPT 11-12 05

Messageries Maritimes  
Félix Roussel

Besides an octagonal maritime postmark, a 1934 letter to the United States bears two different administrative cachets from the Félix Roussel.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.083  
PERIOD OF USE: 1924-39



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.082  
PERIOD OF USE: 1924-39

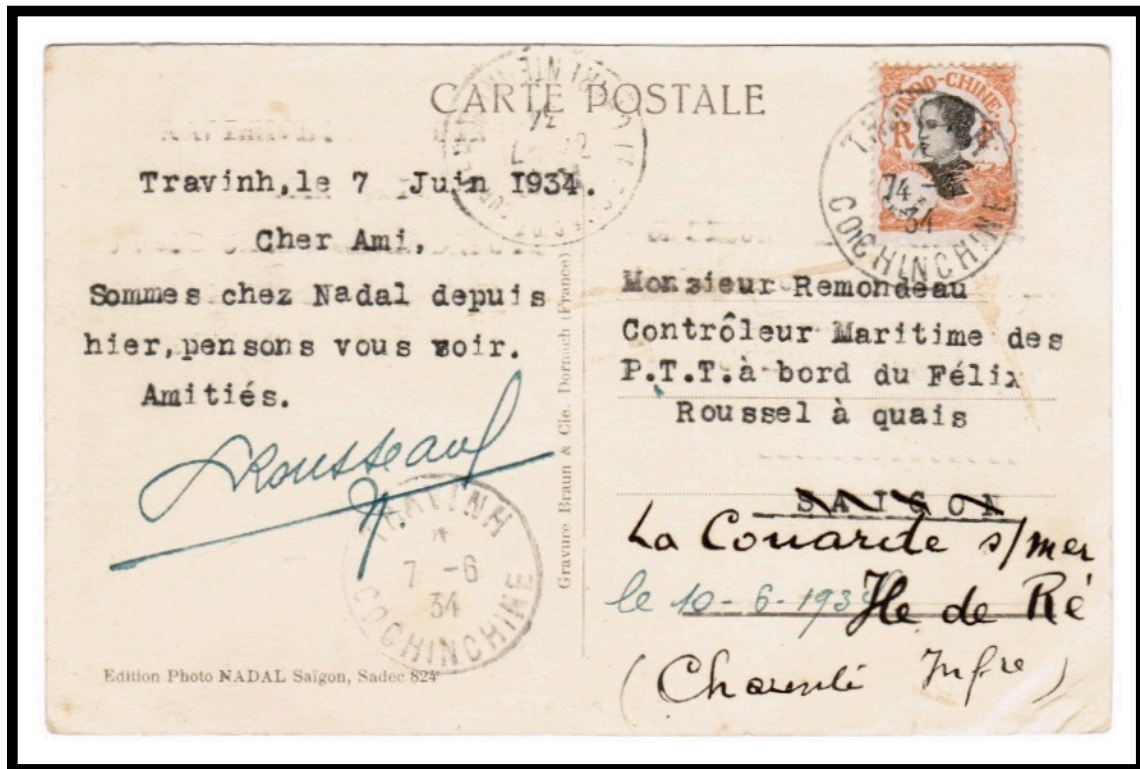


POSTAL MARKINGS  
MARSEILLE A KOBE N° 5 29-6 34



Messageries Maritimes  
Félix Roussel

Addressed to the Maritime Agent for the Post, Telegraph and Telephone Administration aboard the *Felix Roussel*, this postcard was sent to the pier in Saigon. Evidently, having missed the ship, the letter was forwarded to France.



POSTAL MARKINGS

TRAVINH COCHINCHINE 7-6 34  
LA COUARITE S/MER CHARENTE INFRE 24-7 34

Messageries Maritimes  
Amboise

Posted in February 1933 aboard the *André Lebon* while sailing between Saigon and Marseilles, this letter was addressed to the United State.

Originally named the *Furst Bismark* when she was built in Scotland in 1905, the ship was assigned to the Hamburg-American Line. Turned over to France in 1921 as part of German reparations for World War I, the *Amboise* made voyages to the Far East during 1922-32. She was scrapped in Italy in 1935.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.082  
PERIOD OF USE: 1924-39



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.042/2  
PERIOD OF USE: 1932-33



POSTAL MARKINGS  
SHANGHAI A MARSEILLE N° 2 14-2 33

Messageries Maritimes  
André Lebon

The *André Lebon* made 59 trips to the Far East in 1915-1941. She was transferred to the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes for three trips in 1938-39.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.082  
PERIOD OF USE: 1924-39

POSTAL MARKINGS  
HA-DONG TONKIN 11-6 30  
REVERSE  
HANOI R.P. TONKIN 11-6 30  
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 16-6 30  
PARIS XIV AV. D'ORLEANS 21 • VII 1930



Messageries Maritimes  
André Lebon, Marechal Joffre

Ships' crew handed a letter from ship to ship in unsuccessful attempts to find the addressee identified as a passenger on board the *Aramis*.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.083  
PERIOD OF USE: 1924-39



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.083  
PERIOD OF USE: 1924-39



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 30-11 35  
COLOMBO 1 JA. 36

## Purser's Markings

Multiple purser's markings appear on a cover that made its way from ship to ship in search of the addressee. Examples on this envelope are from: *Polynésien*, *Sydney*, *Yarra*, *Australien*, *Iraquddy*, *Annam* and *Ernest Simons*.





## Dr. Hanson's Letter

This cover was in transit from August 1908 until April 1909 during which time it received over twenty handstamped and manuscript markings. The envelope was addressed to Monsieur Hanson "medicine de 1<sup>re</sup> classe de la Marine" (doctor first class of the Navy) aboard the paquebot Sydney at Columbo, Ceylon.

The cover moved from ship to ship when they encountered one another in various ports. The administrative officers of the ships applied their individual ship's markings as a way of signaling "not here" and avoid getting the same letter again.

Five of the ships noted on the cover (*Sydney*, *Yarra*, *Salazie*, *Ville de la Ciotat* and *Calédonien*) were part of a seven-ship grouping organized for the opening of the Australian Line.



### POSTAL MARKINGS

Noted on following pages.



# Dr. Hanson's Letter



## Dr. Hanson's Letter

Explanations for the markings are as follows (following the number key):

1. Originally postmarked at Saigon-Central, Cochinchina on 7 August 1908.
2. Paquebot postmark of Ligne N. Paq. Fr. N° 7, 8 August 1908.
3. Upper left manuscript "aux bons soins ..." (in care of) ... the ship line agent at Colombo. Subsequently crossed out.
4. Forwarded to the paquebot *Nera*, three-line oval in violet, straight line logged 13 October 1908.
5. "Nera" alone.
6. Forwarded to the paquebot *Yarra*.
7. Received by the paquebot *Salazie*.
8. Forwarded to the paquebot *Tourane*, violet cachet, 2 February 1909.
9. Forwarded to the paquebot *Ville de la Ciotat* in violet.
10. On reverse, Compagnie de Messagerie Maritime (shipping company), paquebot Calédonien in green.
11. Thence forwarded to the naval Flotille de Torpil[le] des Mers de Chine (Torpedo Squadron of the China Sea)
12. Partially legible Marine Shanghai with anchor.
13. Returned to Saigon-Central 21 April 1909.
14. Shipping line main office Agence Général de Saigon in violet.
15. Triangular marking with T (taxe), postage due.
16. Saigon-Port, 23 April 1909, postmark at the dock.
17. Famed Inconnu (unknown).
18. Saigon-Central, 23 April 1909, third collection of the day.
19. manuscript in red l'connu, 23/3-09 (23 April 1909).
20. Finally, in manuscript L'officier adjoint (Deputy) at Saigon certified on 24 April 1909 that Hanson "... est decede (is deceased)."

# Chargeurs Réunis Désirade

La Compagnie des Chargeurs Réunis was a shipping firm that plied the Marseille-Haiphong route with about 15 round trips a year from 1926 through 1939. Administrative markings applied to covers identify the ship where a letter was deposited.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.084  
PERIOD OF USE: 1929-39



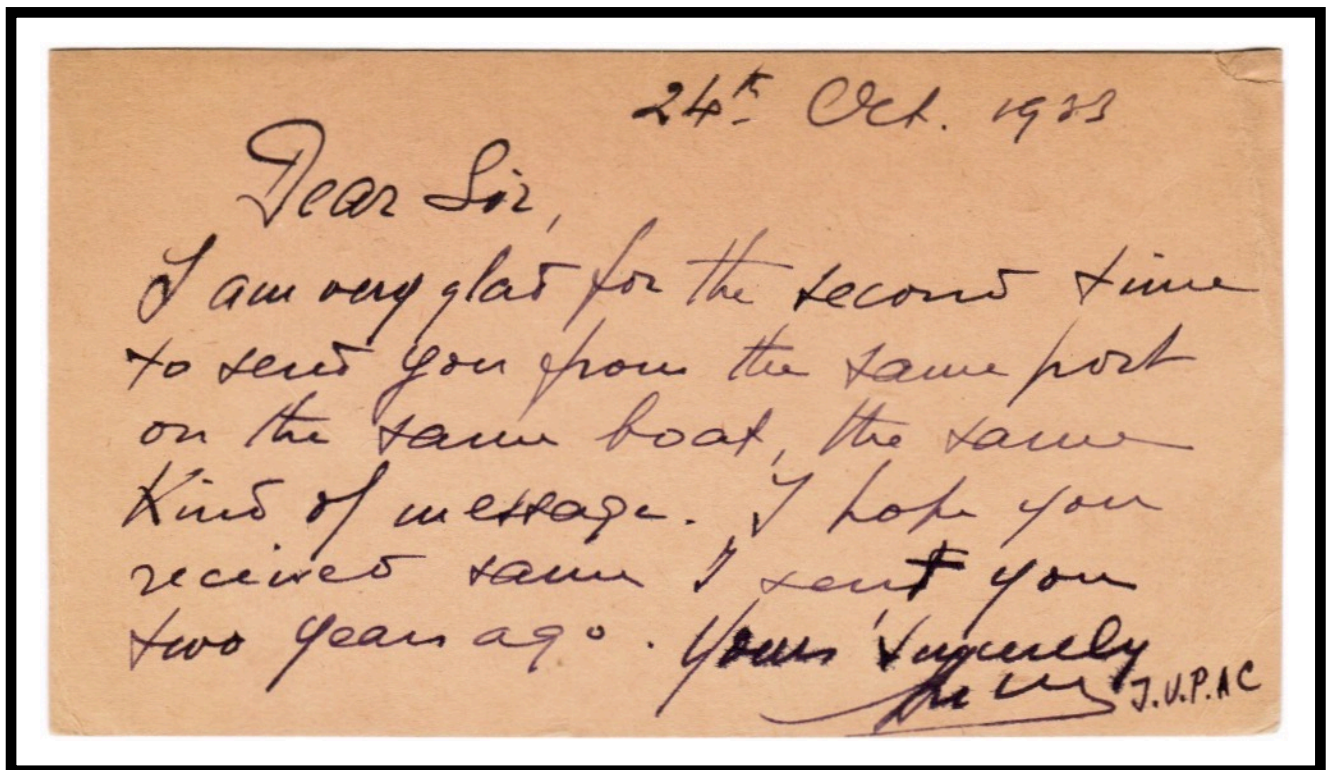
POSTMARK TYPE: Unlisted  
PERIOD OF USE: 1933





Chargeurs Réunis  
Désirade  
Letter

The enclosed note shows that the sender had provided a similar mailing from the same ship two years earlier. The *Desirade* made 16 round trips between Indochina and France from 1929 to 1939.



Chargeurs Réunis  
Cap Varella

The *Kersaint* was renamed *Cap Varella* on 18 February 1927. She made 36 Marseille-Haiphong voyages during 1927-39. The captain of the ship signed the front of the envelope.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.084  
PERIOD OF USE: 1929-39



## CAP SAINT JACQUES Chargeurs Réunis

As part of the Chargeurs Réunis Line, the *Cap Saint Jacques* made 36 voyages to the Far East during the years 1926-39. Lacking a postal agent on board, the ship's purser applied a straight-line handstamp with the ship's name to the French stamp on a letter posted on board. Once offloaded, the letter was postmarked with Haiphong's circular date stamp.

### CAP St-JACQUES

POSTMARK TYPE: straight-line (purple)  
PERIOD OF USE: 1926-34 (?)



#### POSTAL MARKINGS

CAP St-JACQUES (purple)  
HAIPHONG TONKIN 24-2-34



Compagnie Indochinois de Navigation  
Tonkin

The Indochinese Shipping Company (Compagnie Indochinois de Navigation) operated a regular packet boat service between Haiphong and Hong Kong with only two boats. One of the boats was the *Tonkin*. Administrative markings identify the ship that received the letter.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.088  
PERIOD OF USE: 1925-39



POSTAL MARKINGS  
FORT BAYARD KOUANG-TCHEOU-WAN 25-10 33  
REVERSE  
HONG-KONG 27 OC 33

Compagnie Indochinois de Navigation  
Canton

The second boat operated by the Indochinese Shipping Company was the Canton. Here a tourist label was struck with *Canton's* dated oval cachet.



"CANTON"

POSTMARK TYPE: Unlisted  
PERIOD OF USE: 1934



POSTAL MARKINGS  
HAIPHONG TONKIN 11-1 34

# Compagnie Indochinois de Navigation

Ships accepted letters that were franked with postage from the last port of departure. The Indochinese stamps on this cover were canceled upon arrival in Hong Kong with the framed packet boat marking.

**PAQUEBOT**

POSTMARK TYPE: 2.090  
PERIOD OF USE: 1925-39



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.088  
PERIOD OF USE: 1925-39



POSTAL MARKINGS

HONG-KONG 10 JUN 31  
framed PAQUEBOT

REVERSE

SHANGHAI 13 6 31



## VAPEUR N° 1

The first style of postmark used on riverboats copied the style of the telegraph office postmarks. The outside border was slightly scalloped. At the base was an identifying number that ranged from "1" to "6."



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.013/1  
PERIOD OF USE: 1885-1903



### POSTAL MARKINGS

VAPEUR N° 1 08 AVRIL 03  
LIGNE N PAQ. FR. N° 6 10 AVRIL 03

### REVERSE

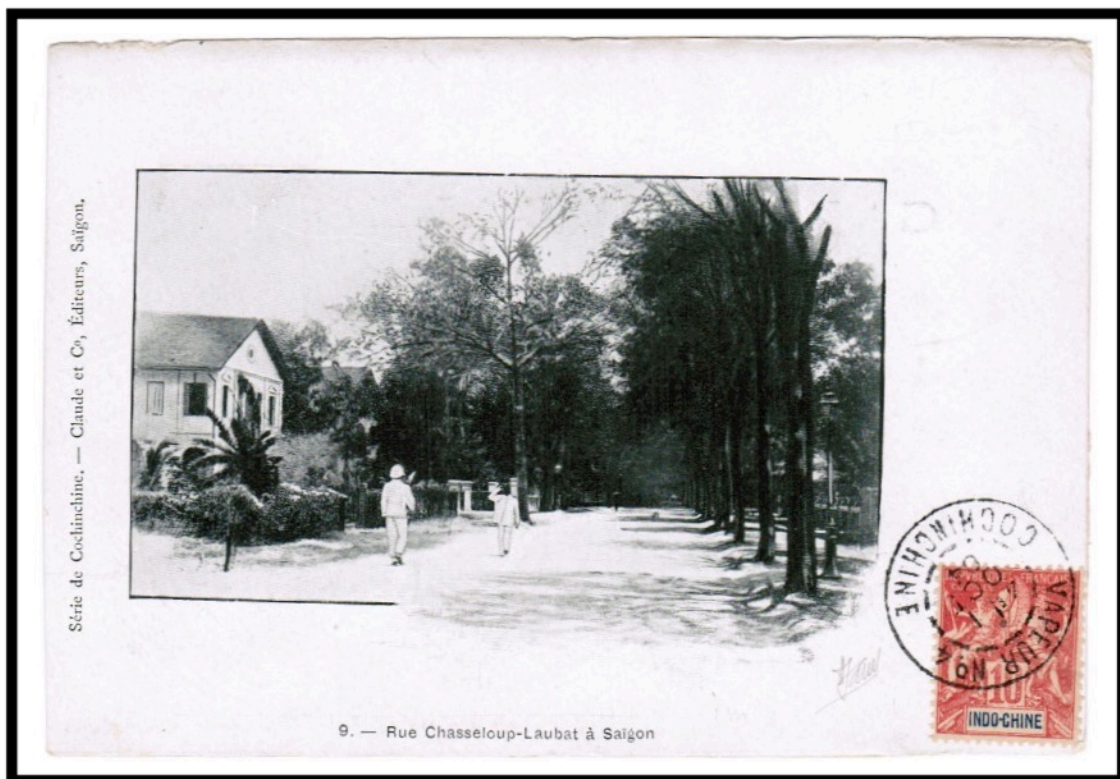
CANTHO COCHINCHINE 9 AVRIL 03  
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 9 AVRIL 03  
LYON RHONE 5-5 03

# VAPEUR N° 4 COCHINCHINE

River boats started using circular date stamps around 1891. Two different formats were put into service on the boats. With the first type, the voyage number was preceded by the abbreviation "N°."



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.015/4  
PERIOD OF USE: 1891-1918



POSTAL MARKINGS  
VAPEUR N° 4 COCHINCHINE 1 OCT 04

VAPEUR N° 6  
COCHINCHINE



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.015/6  
PERIOD OF USE: 1891-1918

Normally, the river steamer date stamps were used for canceling the postage stamps on items mailed on board. This example shows the river boat date stamp used as a transit marking on a cover mailed in 1895.



POSTAL MARKINGS

TRAON COCHINCHINE 23 JANV 95

REVERSE

VAPEUR N° 6 COCHINCHINE 24 JANV 95



VAPEUR N° 13  
COCHINCHINE

In the case of this 1908 postcard to Corsica, the date plug had been inserted upside down into the canceling device for steamer number 13.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.015/13  
PERIOD OF USE: 1891-1918



POSTAL MARKINGS

VAPEUR N° 13 COCHINCHINE 12 SEPT 08

REVERSE

MYTHO COCHINCHINE 12 SEPT 08  
AFACCIO CORSE 14-10 08

VAPEUR N° 19  
COCHINCHINE

The numbers ranged from 1 to 27 and not all have been recorded. Foreign destinations were unusual for mail originating from river steamers. Also, most surviving correspondence is in the form of postcards. Far fewer envelopes exist with riverboat postmarks.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.015/19  
PERIOD OF USE: 1891-1918



POSTAL MARKINGS

VAPEUR N° 19 COCHINCHINE 12 SEPT 02

REVERSE

SAVAN-NAKHET LAOS 15 SEPT 02  
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 25 SEPT 02  
BASEL BRF. DISTR. 21. X. 02

VAPEUR 25  
COCHINCHINE

The second type of postmark eliminated the abbreviation before the number. Only the higher numbered postmarks were of this style.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.017/25  
PERIOD OF USE: 1902-08



As the postmark on this Thai stamp demonstrates, the high numbers also employed the style with the abbreviation "N<sup>o</sup>."



POSTAL MARKINGS

VAPEUR 25 COCHINCHINE 6 SEPT 05  
MYTHO COCHINCHINE 7 SEPT 05