

# MARSEILLE A SHANGHAI N° 1

Because of economic issues, the terminus of the of the Far East Line was moved from Japan to Shanghai, China in October 1932. New postmarks entered service on the ships starting in December 1932.

This picture postcard of the *Chenonceaux* was datelined "Port Said 30 Aout 1933." The *Chenonceaux* had departed Marseilles a few days earlier on 25 August. The "30" date plug that was in the postmarking device was in error as the correct year was "33."



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.041/1  
PERIOD OF USE: 1932-33



POSTAL MARKINGS

MARSEILLE A SHANGHAI N° 1 31-8 30 (error in year)

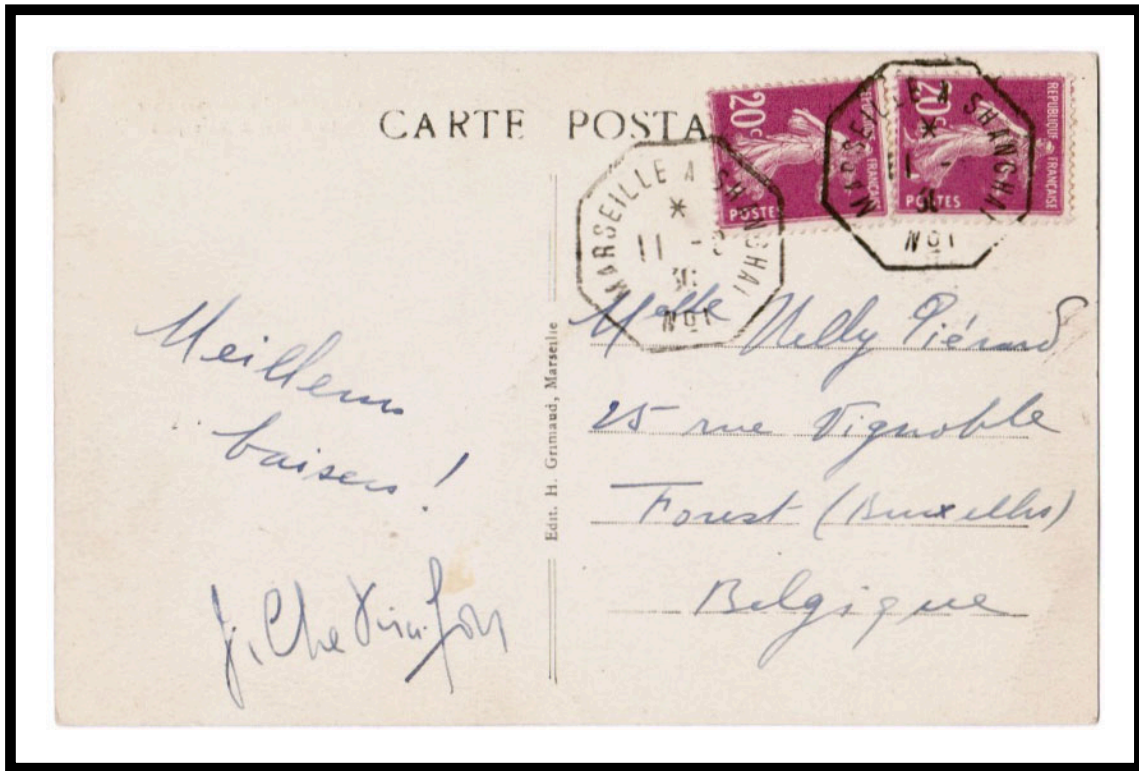
MARSEILLE A SHANGHAI  
N° 1

This picture postcard depicting a scene from Colombo, Ceylon was posted aboard the *Chenonceaux* on her outbound voyage. She arrived in Shanghai on 29 September 1932.

The date plug that was in the postmarking device was in error as the correct year was "33."



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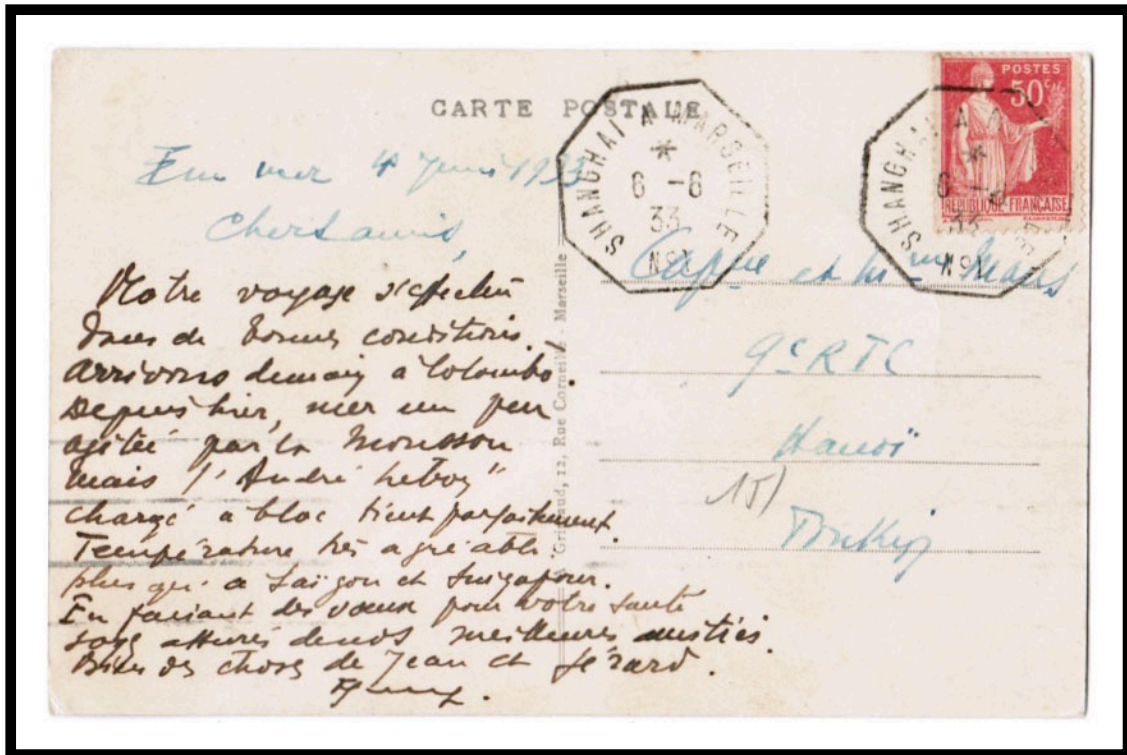
POSTAL MARKINGS  
MARSEILLE A SHANGHAI N° 1 11-9 30 (error in year)

SHANGHAI A MARSEILLE  
N° 1

This postcard picturing the *André Lebon* was addressed to Hanoi but was posted aboard the ship on 6 June 1933. The *André Lebon* had departed Saigon a few days earlier on 29 May 1933.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.042/1  
PERIOD OF USE: 1932-33



POSTAL MARKINGS  
SHANGHAI A MARSEILLE N° 1 6-6 33

MARSEILLE A SHANGHAI  
N° 4

A postcard with a drawing of a scene in Colombo, Ceylon was mailed aboard the *Aramis* on 11 June 1933 during her outboard voyage. Later the trip was interrupted during the period 7-17 July when the ship underwent repairs at Nagasaki, Japan.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.041/4  
PERIOD OF USE: 1932-33



POSTAL MARKINGS  
MARSEILLE A SHANGHAI N° 4 11 6 33

SHANGHAI A MARSEILLE  
N° 4

Addressed to Saigon, this photographic postcard depicting a garden in Singapore was mailed aboard the *Général Metzinger* on 9 March 1933. She had departed Saigon a few days prior on 6 March. This was the *Général Metzinger's* final Far East voyage. In 1940, she was sunk at Havre.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.042/4  
PERIOD OF USE: 1932-33



POSTAL MARKINGS  
SHANGHAI A MARSEILLE N° 4 9-3 33

MARSEILLE A SHANGHAI  
N° 5

The *Porthos* departed Marseilles on 27 January 1933 for her outbound voyage to the Far East. This picture postcard of a scene in Port Said addressed to Rouen was posted aboard the *Porthos* on 1 February, a few days after departure.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.041/5  
PERIOD OF USE: 1932-33



POSTAL MARKINGS  
MARSEILLE A SHANGHAI N° 5 1-2 33

MARSEILLE A SHANGHAI  
N° 5, Voyage to Kobe

A picture postcard depicting the docks in Singapore was mailed aboard the *André Lebon*. It was posted on the outbound voyage a few days before before reaching Saigon on 15 November.

At the end of 1933, the line's terminus changed from Shanghai to Kobe, Japan. Postmarks continued to be used until replacements were made available. The postmark's information notwithstanding, this was one of the line's first trips to Kobe.



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PERIOD OF USE: 1932-33



POSTAL MARKINGS

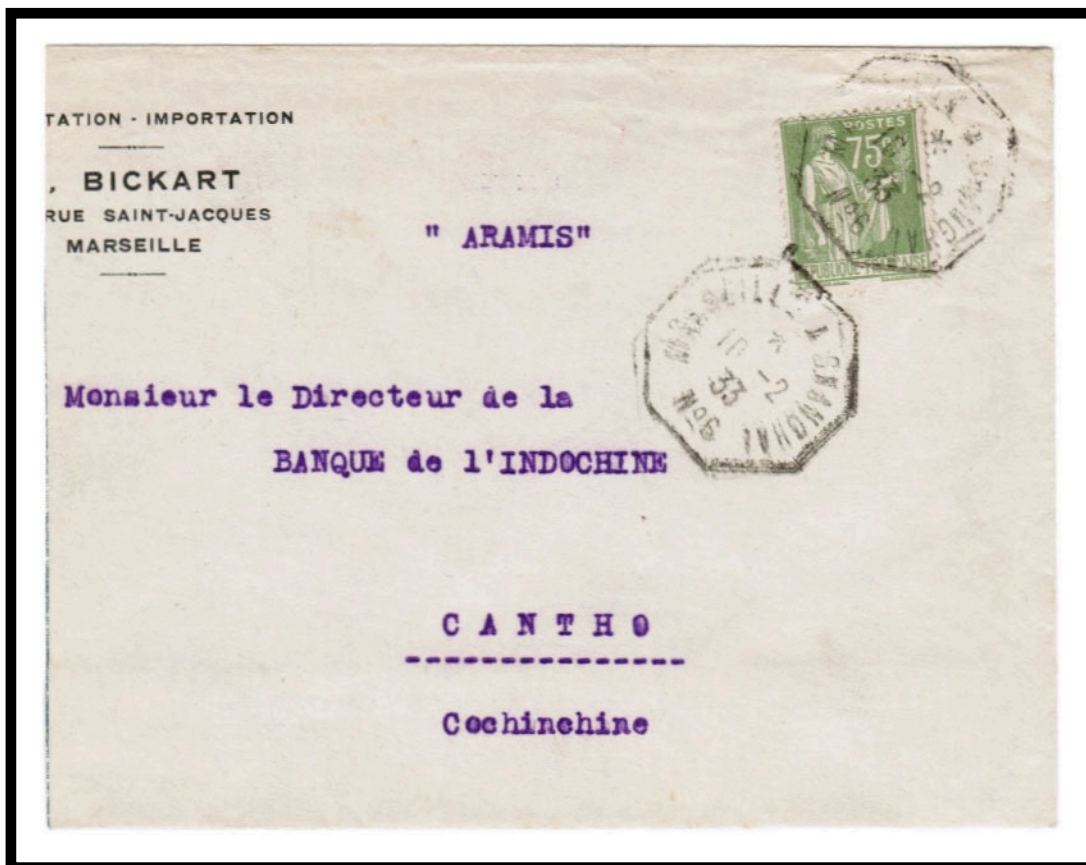
MARSEILLE A SHANGHAI N° 5 12-11 33

MARSEILLE A SHANGHAI  
N° 6

This letter to Indochina was postmarked aboard the *Aramis* when she departed Marseilles on 10 February 1933. The mailing was in transit for one month before reaching its destination in Cantho, Cochinchina.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.041/6  
PERIOD OF USE: 1932-33



POSTAL MARKINGS

MARSEILLE A SHANGHAI N° 6 10-2 33

REVERSE

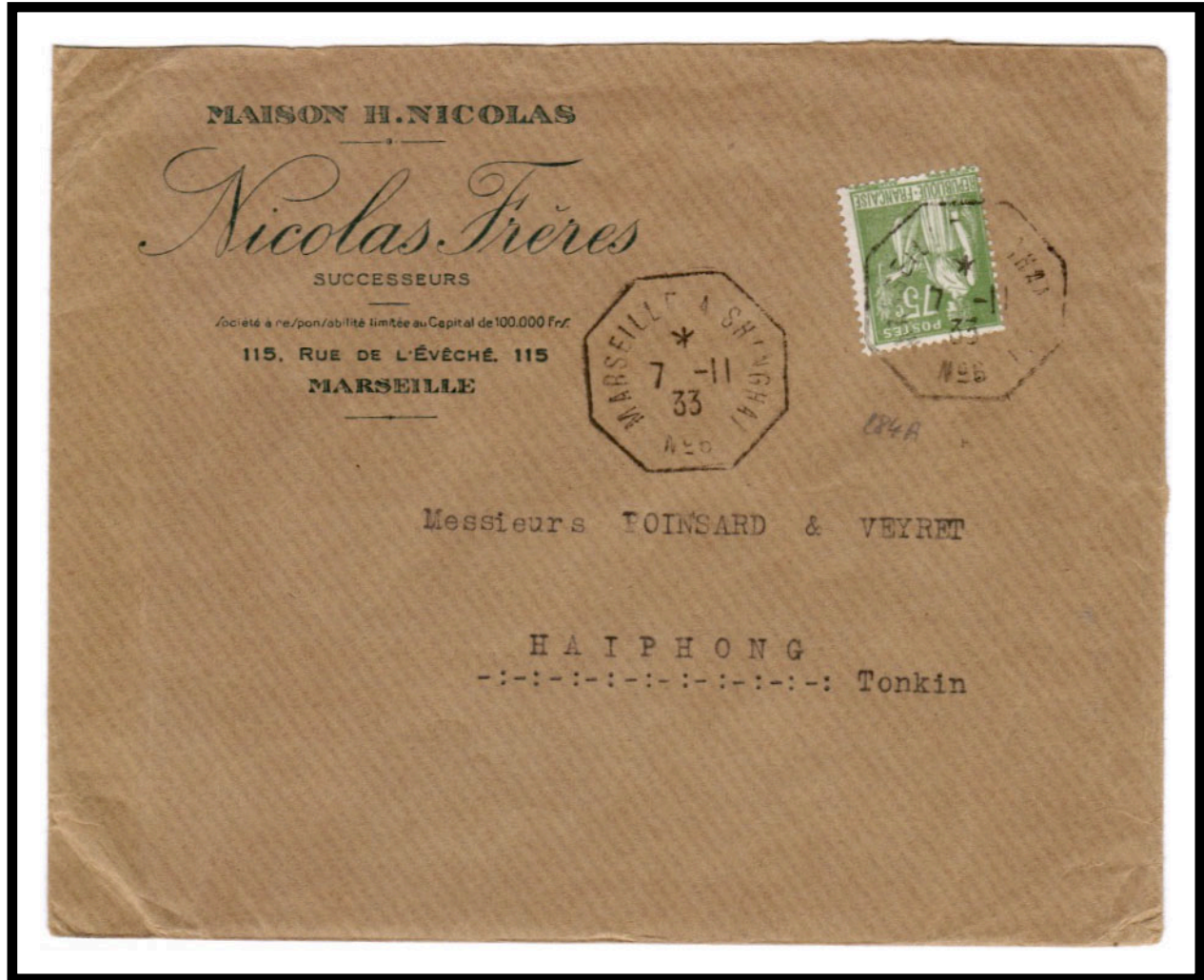
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 7-3 33

CAN-THO COCHINCHINE 9-3 33



MARSEILLE A SHANGHAI  
N° 6, Voyage to Kobe

Mailed to Haiphong, this letter was posted aboard the *Félix Roussel* on 7 November 1933 during her outbound voyage to Kobe Japan (using the former postmark format because new ones had not yet been provided).



POSTAL MARKINGS  
MARSEILLE A SHANGHAI N° 6 7-11 33  
REVERSE  
HAI-PHONG TONKIN 30-11 33

POSTMARK TYPE: 2.041/6  
PERIOD OF USE: 1932-33

SHANGHAI A MARSEILLE  
N° 6

The sender requested registration for his mailing to Lyon on 9 February 1933, the day that the *ATHOS II* arrived in Marseilles. As a result, several specialized markings for registered mail were applied to the letter.



SHANGHAI  
AMARSEILLE

SHANGHAI A MARSEILLE

POSTMARK TYPE: 2.044  
PERIOD OF USE: 1932-33

POSTMARK TYPE: 2.042/6  
PERIOD OF USE: 1932-33



POSTAL MARKINGS

SHANGHAI A MARSEILLE N° 6 2-9 33  
registration label and straightline "SHANGHAI A MARSEILLE"

REVERSE

LYON RHONE 3-9 33

MARSEILLE A SHANGHAI  
N° 7

Addressed to France, this letter was posted aboard the *André Lebon* on her outbound trip to the Far East. She had departed Marseilles on Bastille Day, 14 July 1933. The letter reached its destination in a little less than one month.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.041/7  
PERIOD OF USE: 1932-33



POSTAL MARKINGS  
MARSEILLE A SHANGHAI N° 7 6-8 33  
REVERSE  
DEVESSET ARDECHE 3-933

MARSEILLE A SHANGHAI  
N° 8

This picture postcard depicting governmental gardens in Colombo, Ceylon was posted to France aboard the *Félix Roussel* on her outbound voyage. She arrived in Shanghai on 1 September 1933. France's postcard rate for internal destinations had been 40 centimes since 1926.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.041/8  
PERIOD OF USE: 1932-33



POSTAL MARKINGS

MARSEILLE A SHANGHAI N° 8 28-8 33

REVERSE

MARSEILLE A SHANGHAI N° 8 28-8 33

SHANGHAI A MARSEILLE  
N° 8

This Messageries Maritimes picture postcard, addressed to Baria, Cochinchina, was posted aboard the *Athos II*, which had departed Shanghai on 22 April 1933. She arrived at Saigon on 11 May and the postcard reached its intended destination four days later.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.042/8  
PERIOD OF USE: 1932-33



POSTAL MARKINGS  
SHANGHAI A MARSEILLE N° 8 4-5 23

SHANGHAI A MARSEILLE  
N° 9

During the short period when Shanghai was the terminus of the line, "9" was the largest identifying number used in the maritime postmarks. Per the handwritten notation "Escale de Saigon," this card was posted on 15 May 1933, the day the *D'Artagnan* departed Saigon on her return trip to France.



POSTMARK TYPE: 2.042/9  
PERIOD OF USE: 1932-33



POSTAL MARKINGS  
SHANGHAI A MARSEILLE N° 9 15-5 33