

Ceres

Originally issued in 1849 as a representation of the French Republic, the Ceres series was the first postage stamp series of France,. The series bore the effigy of Ceres, goddess of growing plants in Roman mythology.

With respect to the colonies, due to the Franco-Prussian War, no Eagles had been printed since December 1869. In need of stamps for the colonies, the Minister of Colonies proposed using French stamps. Agreement to use French stamps (Napoleons and Ceres) was based on distributing the stamps unperforated.

First printed in 1871, printings continued until 1876 as various new denominations were added as others were dropped. Many of these changes were the direct result of changes in French postal rates. Prevailing postal rates determined which denominations were needed in the annual printings. Since the colonial stamps were distributed as imperforate versions of the French stamps, they reflected these changes even though colonial postage rates had not changed.

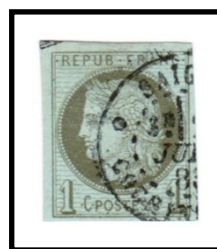
1 centime



COCHINCHINE
SAIGON



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Ceres
Postmarks

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2 centimes



COCHINCHINE
BENTRE



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Ceres
Postmarks

4 centimes



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Ceres Postmarks

4 centimes

A closely trimmed example of the 4-centime value was overprinted "SPECIMEN." A rare combination of circumstances would have to have occurred for a true specimen to have been postally used. This copy clearly shows evidence of a Saigon postmark.



SPECIMEN

Ceres Postmarks

5 centimes



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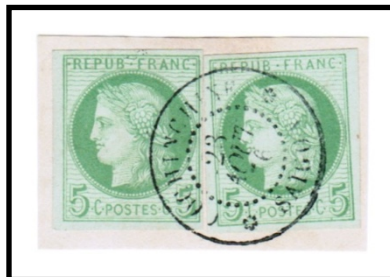
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Ceres Postmarks

5 centimes



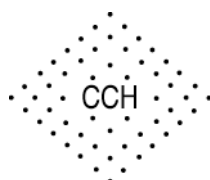
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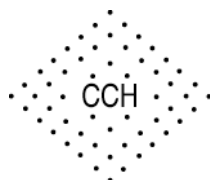
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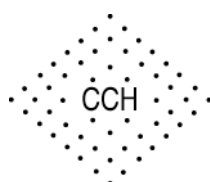


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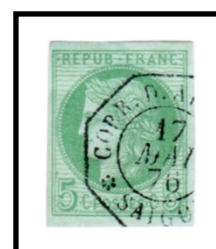
CORR. D. ARMEES
SAIGON



CORR. D. ARMEES
HA-NOI



CORR. D. ARM.
CAP ST JACQUES



CORR. D. ARMEES
SAIGON



Ceres Postmarks

10 centimes small

CORR. D. ARMEES
SAIGON



COCHINCHINE
SAIGON



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SAIGON



Ceres Postmarks

10 centimes small



CCH lozenge



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Ceres Postmarks

10 centimes large



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Ceres
Postmarks

15 centimes



TONQUIN
HAI-PHONG



COCHINCHINE
SAIGON



COCHINCHINE
SAIGON



COCHINCHINE
SAIGON



CORR. D. ARMEES
HAI-PHONG



CORR. D. ARMEES
SAIGON



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SAIGON



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SAIGON



Ceres Postmarks

15 centimes



CORR. D. ARMEES
SAIGON



CCH lozenge



CORR. D. ARMEES
SAIGON



20 centimes



CCH lozenge



CCH lozenge



CCH lozenge



Ceres Postmarks

25 centimes



COCHINCHINE
CANTHO



SAIGON
COCHINCHINE



COCHINCHINE
CHAUDOC



COCHINCHINE
SAIGON



CCN4 lozenge



COCHINCHINE
SAIGON



Ceres Postmarks

25 centimes



CORR. D. ARMEES
BENTRE



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SAIGON



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SAIGON



CORR. D. ARMEES
CHAUDOC

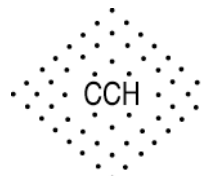


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CCH lozenge



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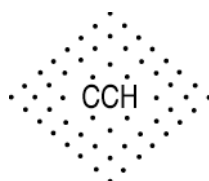
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CORR. D. ARMEES
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HATIEN



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GOCONG



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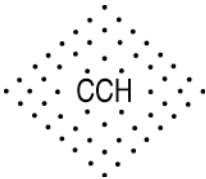
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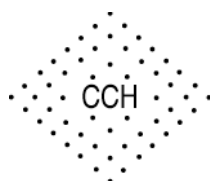
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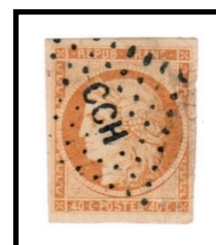
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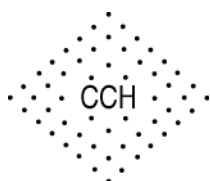
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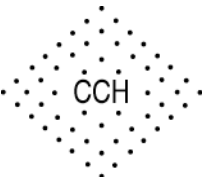
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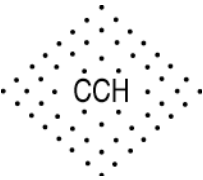
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Ceres Postmarks

80 centimes



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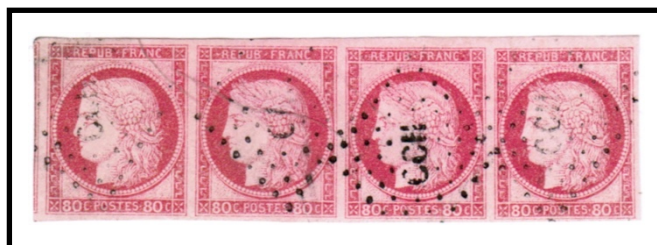
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