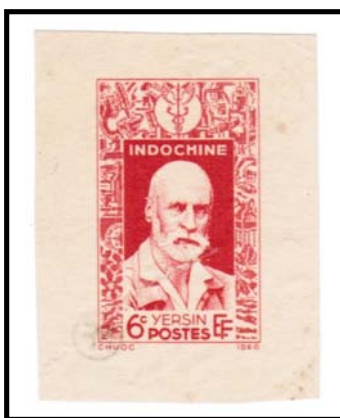
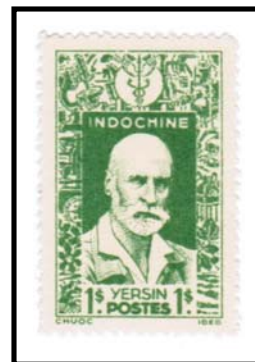
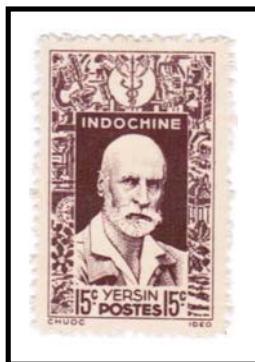
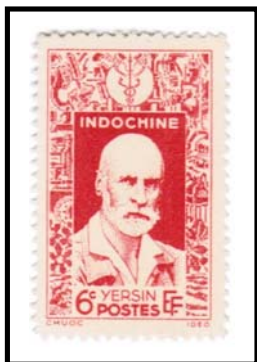


## Yersin

Indochina produced a series of three commemorative stamps to honor Alexandre Yersin. However, the three denominations were issued at different times. The 6-cent denomination was issued first on 5 October 1943. The letter rate rose from 6 cents to 10 cents effective 1 December 1943. Indochina released the 15-cent value on 10 December 1944, two months after the internal letter rate had risen to 15 cents on 16 October 1944. The high value of 1 piaster appeared on 10 January 1945.

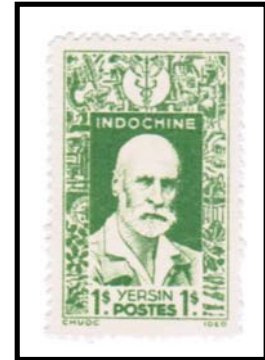


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## Yersin Design

Alexandre Yersin (September 22, 1863–March 1, 1943) was a bacteriologist, remembered as the co-discoverer of the bacillus responsible for the bubonic plague. In 1880, he left for French Indochina in Southeast Asia as a physician for the Messageries Maritimes Company, on the Saigon-Manila Line and then later on the Saigon-Haiphong Line.

In 1895, he installed a small laboratory at Nha Trang, in order to manufacture his anti-plague serum. (In 1905, this laboratory was to become a branch of the Pasteur Institute.) Having decided to stay in his country of adoption, he participated actively in the creation of the Medical School of Hanoi in 1902, and was its first director, until 1904.



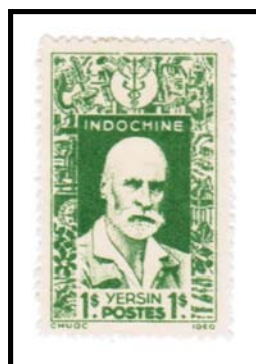
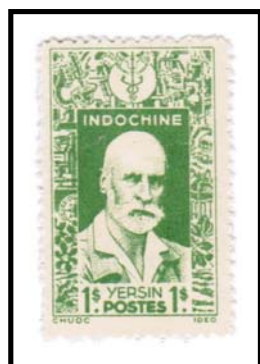
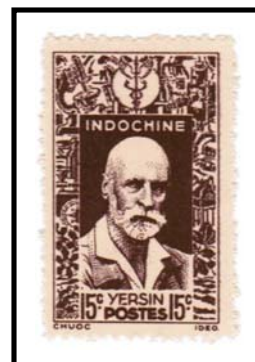
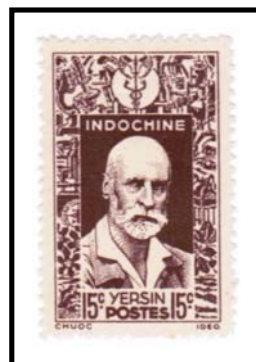
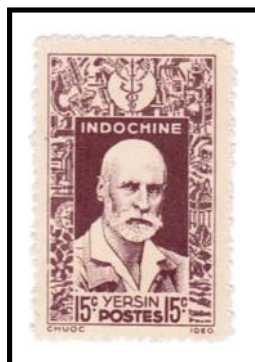
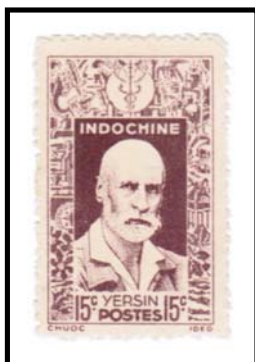
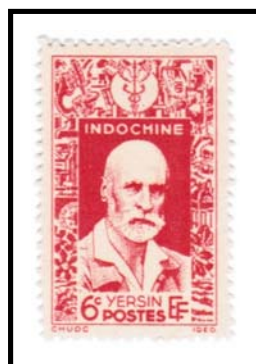
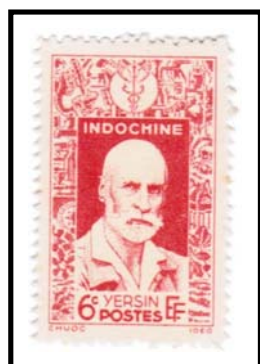
Postcard depicts Yersin's boat in service of the Pasteur Institute at Nhatrang.

## Yersin Semi-Postal Essay

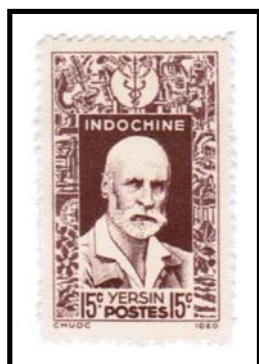
An essay for a semi-postal stamp depicts Alexandre Yersin at a microscope. The essay was signed in pencil by René Cottet.



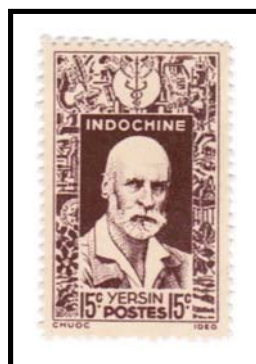
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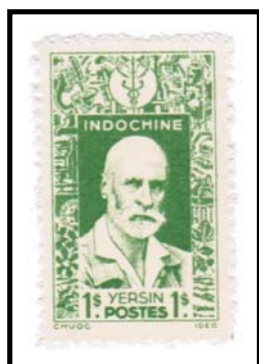
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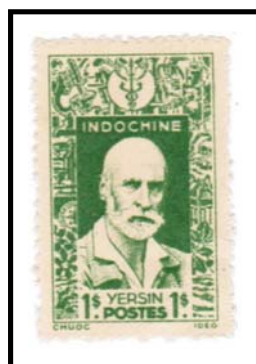
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YELLOW PAPER



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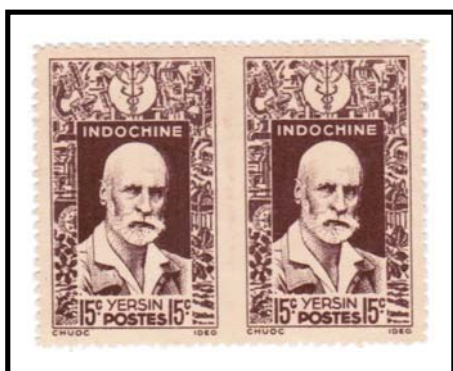
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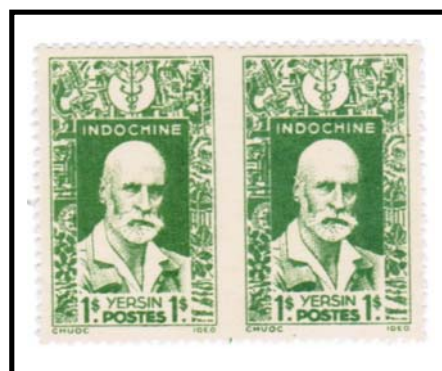
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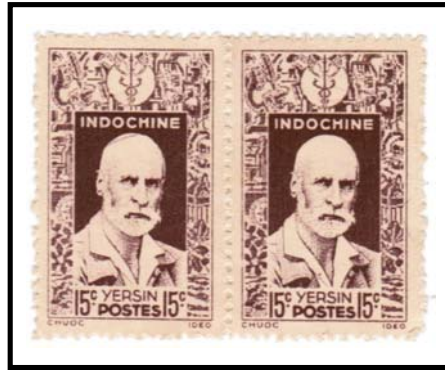


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## Yersin Printing Varieties



YARMULKE VARIETY (LEFT STAMP)

## Yersin Postmarks



KOMPONGCHAM  
CAMBODGE



LACQUAN  
TONKIN



MYTHO  
COCHINCHINE



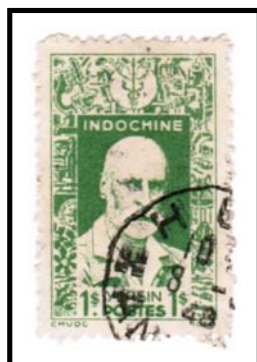
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HUE  
ANNAM



CAP SAINT JACQUES  
COCHINCHINE



HUE  
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SNOUL  
CAMBODGE



B.P.M. 406  
ANNEX DE HAIPHONG



Yersin  
First Day of Issue  
Use of 6 cents

Put on sale 5 October 1943, the 6-cent value was the first stamp in the Yersin set released to the public.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 5-10 43  
REVERSE  
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 5-10 43

Yersin  
Use of 6 cents

When it was issued in October 1943, the 6-cent Yersin stamp exactly fulfilled the internal letter rate. However, in only two months the letter rate had risen to 10-cents effective 1 December 1943. Posted from Dongh-Hoi, Annam to Lethuy, Annam in mid-December with a single 6-cent Yersin stamp, this mailing was cited for postage due.



POSTAL MARKINGS

DONG-HOI ANNAM 17-12 43

Tin triangle

REVERSE

HUE ANNAM 17-12 43

CO-LIEU POSTE RURALE PROVINCE DE QUANG-BINH

Yersin  
Use of 6 cents

Before December 1943, internal letters required 6 cents postage. The fee for registration remained at 30 cents throughout World War II.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
CHOLON COCHINCHINE 5-10 43  
registration label  
REVERSE  
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 6-10 43

## Yersin Use of 6 cents

A pair of 6-cent Yersin stamps were favor canceled on a postcard in 1943. The postcard depicts the Oceanographic Institute at Nhatrang. A handwritten note at the upper right erroneously indicates that Yersin had founded the Oceanographic Institute. Yersin died at Nhatrang on 28 February 1943.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
NHA-TRANG ANNAM 6-10 43



Yersin  
First Day of Issue  
Use of 15 cents

After Paris was liberated, the local administration suppressed use of the EF abbreviation (Etat Francaise) on new stamps such as the 15-cent and 1-piaster Yersin values.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
PHNOMPENH CAMBODGE 10-12 44  
REVERSE  
PHNOMPENH CAMBODGE 10-12 44



Yersin  
Use of 15 cents

A 15-cent Yersin commemorative franked a letter posted from the small town of Dong-Hoi, Annam to the small town of Lethuy, Annam in January 1945. The stamp was issued the previous month to satisfy the postage requirement for internal letters.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
DONG-HOI ANNAM 24-1 45  
REVERSE  
DONG-HOI ANNAM 24-1 45  
CO-LIEU POSTE RURALE PROVINCE DE QUANG-BINH

Yersin  
Use of 15 cents

Here a 15-cent Yersin stamp was affixed to an envelope fashioned from a filled in form. The letter was posted several days immediately prior to the Japanese takeover of the government on 9 March 1945.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 6-3 45  
REVERSE  
CANTHO COCHINCHINE 7-3 45

Yersin  
Use of 15 cents

In October 1944, the internal postcard rose to 12 cents and the letter rate rose to 15 cents. The sender of this postcard, datelined 23 December 1944, affixed a 15-cent Yersin commemorative stamp to his mailing addressed to Saigon. As a result, he had slightly overpaid the 1944 internal postcard rate.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
 DALAT ANNAM 23-12 44 (blue)

# Yersin Use of 15 cents

In 1942, the foreign postcard rate had increased from 15 cents to 24 cents. The sender franked this picture postcard sent from Thudaumot, Cochinchina to Belgium in 1946. The prevailing postcard rate to France was 15 cents effective 5 May 1946. Postwar confusion may have allowed the card to slip through evading citation for postage due. However, a handwritten "PAR AVION" should have required an airmail surcharge of 65 cents in any event.



## POSTAL MARKINGS

THUDAUMOT COCHINCHINE 1-6 46  
WATERMAEL-WATERMAAL 8-7 46



Yersin  
Use of 15 cents

With the 15-cent letter rate going into effect in October 1944, a registered letter required 45 cents postage.

A shortage of registry labels late in the war forced clerks to resort to handwritten notations for tracking registered items.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 17-7 45  
manuscript registration number  
"CONTROLE" censorship handstamp

REVERSE

VINHLONG COCHINCHINE 20-7 45



## Yersin Use of 15 cents

Eight copies of the 15-cent Yersin commemorative were affixed to the back side of a 1948 airmail letter sent from Tanan, Cochinchina to Paris in 1948 bears. Postage was calculated as follows:

letter rate to France	0\$60
airmail supplement fee	0\$60
total	1\$20



POSTAL MARKINGS  
TANAN COCHINCHINE 12-3 48  
REVERSE  
TANAN COCHINCHINE 12-3 48

## Yersin Use of 15 cents

An airmail cover sent from Hanoi to Paris in 1948 bears 12 copies of the 15-cent Yersin wartime stamp. Postage was calculated as follows:

letter rate to France	0\$60
airmail supplement fee	1\$20
total	1\$80



POSTAL MARKINGS  
HANOI TONKIN 8-12 48  
REVERSE  
HANOI TONKIN 8-12 48



Yersin  
Use of 15 cents

Twelve copies of the 15-cent Yersin commemorative stamp on the back of a letter equated to 1\$80 worth of postage. The required postage was determined as follows:

letter rate to France	0\$60
airmail fee (2 <sup>nd</sup> step, 5-10 grams)	1\$20
total	1\$80



POSTAL MARKINGS

HAIPHONG TONKIN 20-1 49

REVERSE

HAIPHONG TONKIN 20-1 49

Yersin  
Use of 1 piaster

When air routes were reestablished after the war, the airmail supplement was 65 cents. With a foreign letter rate of 40 cents, there was no apparent attempt to collect the 5 cents postage due on this mailing.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 2-1 46  
REVERSE  
KANDRAMANIKAM 11 JAN 46

Yersin  
Use of 1 piaster

Although the military postal service would have put postage stamps on this letter addressed to Belgium (after sending it to Paris), the sender franked his own mailing, perhaps in the interest of saving time.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
POSTE AUX ARMEES T.O. E. 12-8 47



## Yersin Use of 1 piaster

A pair of 1\$ Yersin stamps exactly paid for a registered letter to France in 1947.  
Postage was calculated as follows:

letter rate to France	40 cents
registration fee	80 cents
airmail supplement	80 cents
total	2 piasters



POSTAL MARKINGS  
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 2-9 47  
registration label  
REVERSE  
BESANCON DOUBS 16-9 47

Yersin  
Use of 1 piaster

Effective 22 March 1947, the airmail surcharge rose to 80 cents per 5 grams for mailings to French North Africa. Postage for this letter to Algeria was calculated as follows:

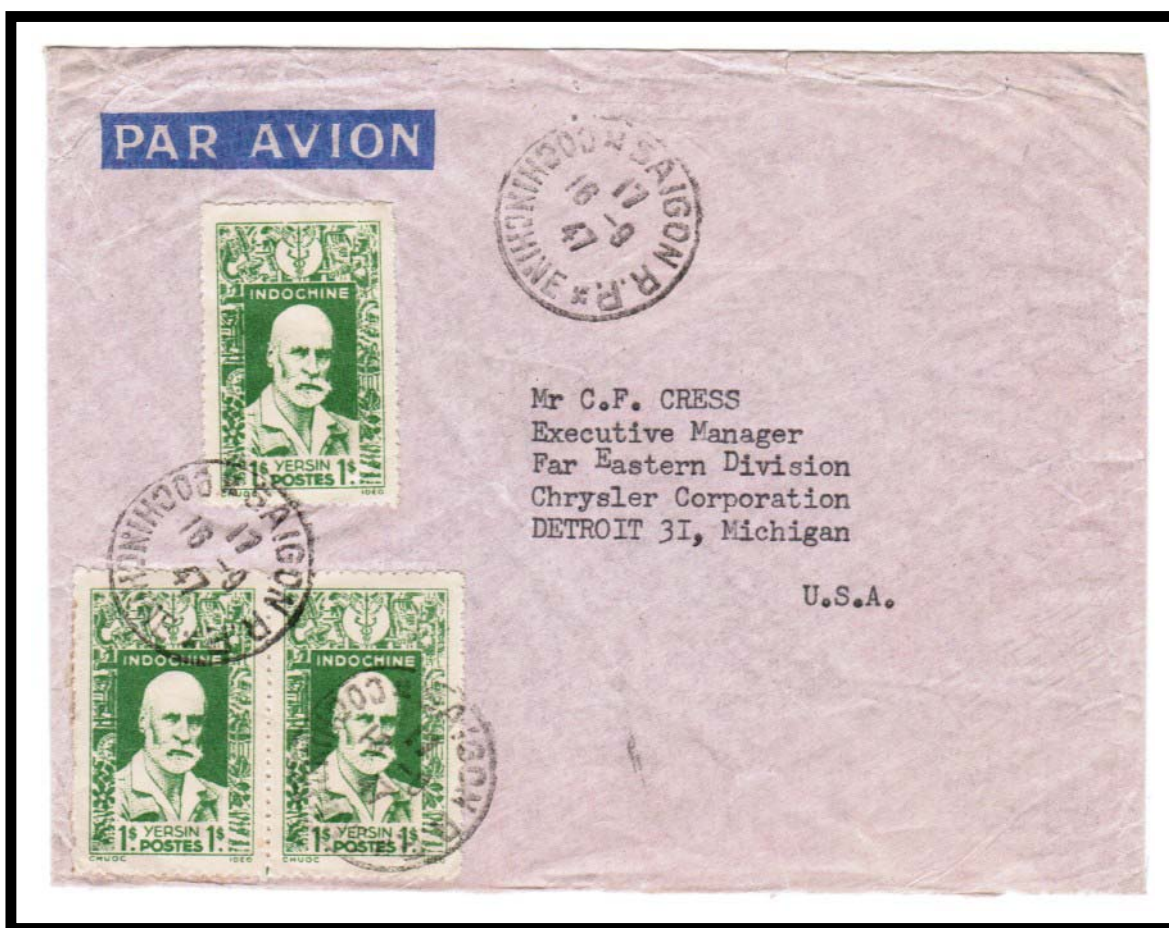
French Community letter rate (< 20 grams)	0\$40
airmail surcharge (5-10 grams)	1\$60
total	2\$00



POSTAL MARKINGS  
HANOI TONKIN 8-11 47

## Yersin Use of 1 piaster

Evidence of postwar inflation in airmail rates is demonstrated by the use of three 1\$ Yersin stamps for an airmail letter to the US in 1947. During World War II, the 1\$ was the highest value commemorative issued during the Vichy period.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
SAIGON R.P. COCHINCHINE 16-9 47