

Navigation and Commerce

Use of 1 centime

Newspapers such as *L'Indo-Chine Republicaine* enjoyed special postal rates. In this case, only 1 centime's worth of postage was affixed to the wrapper for sending a copy internally within Indochina.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI TONKIN 25 JUIN 04
REVERSE
TOURANE ANNAM 1 JUIL 04

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 1 centime

A single copy of the 1-centime Navigation and Commerce stamp paid for delivery of a postcard to China in 1902. Despite the small franking, the postcard escaped being cited for postage due.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 28 MARS 02
LIGNE N PAQ. FR. N° 6 4 AVRIL 02
SHANG-HAI CHINE 10 AVRIL 02
SHANGHAI LOCAL POST AP 10 02

Navigation and Commerce

Use of 1 centime

A single copy of the 1-centime stamp was favor cancelled on a postcard depicting the headquarters of the Post and Telegraph Administration in Saigon.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 24 DEC 04

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 1 centime

With another 1-centime stamp on the reverse, the total postage on this picture postcard to Paris in 1905 was 3 centimes - not the correct amount.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 30 AOUT 05

Navigation and Commerce Use of 1 centime

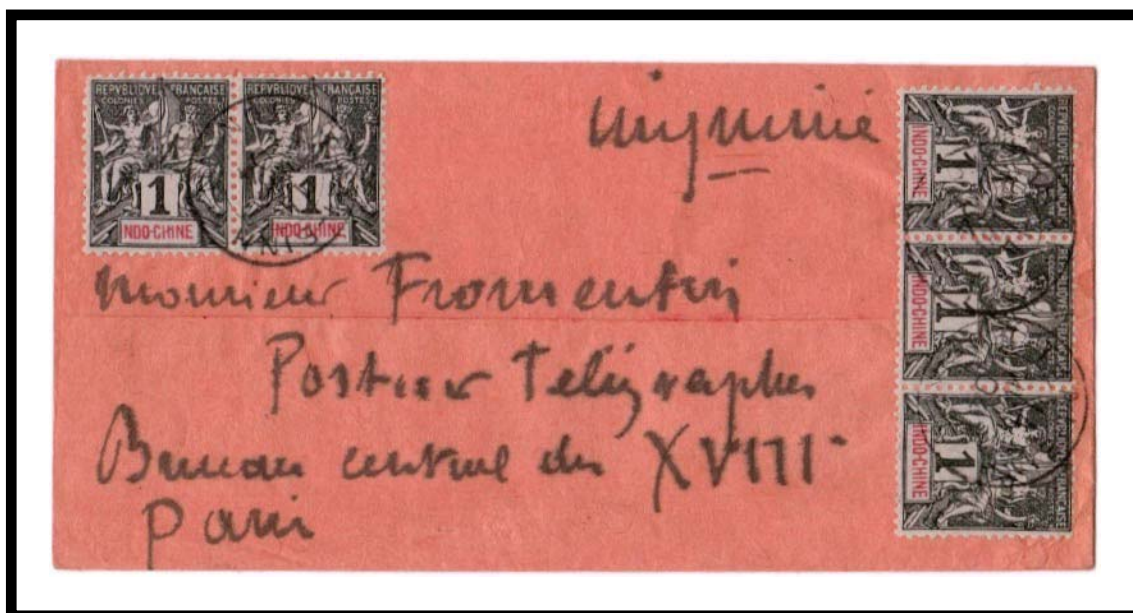
The 1-centime was the smallest value of the Navigation and Commerce definitive series. Here a strip of 5 paid the special rate for postcards with messages of five words or less.



POSTAL MARKINGS
TAYNINH COCHINCHINE 4 JUIL 05

Navigation and Commerce Use of 1 centime

Marked “imprimé” to signify printed matter, a small envelope addressed to Paris only required 5 centimes postage. In this case, the postage was paid with five of the low-value Navigation and Commerce stamps.



POSTAL MARKINGS

THAI-BINH TONKIN 14 AVRIL 04

REVERSE

HAIPHONG TONKIN 16 AVRIL 04
PARIS XVIII DISTRIBUTION 18-5 04

Navigation and Commerce Use of 1 centime

Ten copies of the lowest value from the Navigation and Commerce series paid the 10-centime foreign postcard rate to Germany.



POSTAL MARKINGS

NUI-DEO TONKIN 17 MARS 05
HAIPHONG TONKIN 17 MARS 05
LEIPZIG 10. 4 .05

Navigation and Commerce

Use of 1 centime

Ten 1-centime definitive stamps paid for mailing a picture postcard to Italy in 1901. The stamps leave only the address area unobstructed.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HAIPHONG TONKIN 21 MARS 01
LIGNE T PAQ. FR. N^o 5 6 AVRIL 01

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 1 centime and 4 centimes

Although marked postage due by a "T" in a triangle, this postcard was correctly franked because the message on the reverse met the five word maximum.



POSTAL MARKINGS
CAO-BANG TONKIN 22 FEVR 04
T in triangle

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 1 and 4 centimes

An internal letter, sent unsealed at the printed matter rate, only required 5 centimes for mailing charges. Two low value Navigation and Commerce stamps paid the postage.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 21 JUIN 02

Navigation and Commerce Use of 1 centime and 4 centimes

Combinations of small values were sometimes used to make up standard postage rates as in the case of this letter to France. The sender's purple handstamp was formatted to resemble a postmark.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HAIPHONG TONKIN 20 JUIL 98
REVERSE
PARIS DISTRIBUTION 6

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 1 centime and 4 centimes

The fifteen-centime postal rate for France was paid with a combination of 1 and 4-centime Navigation and Commerce stamps.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI TONKIN 11 AVRIL 04
REVERSE
PARIS XIV DISTRIBUTION 18-5 04

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 1 centime and 4 centimes

Six 4-centime stamps in combination with a single 1-centime stamp composed the 25-centime letter rate in 1895.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 21 AVRIL 95
REVERSE
BOURG EN BRESSAIN 18 MAI 95

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 1 centime and 20 centimes

Postage for a letter to the United States was paid with five copies of the 1-centime stamp along with a single copy of the 20-centime stamp.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HAIPHONG TONKIN 22 FEVR 04

REVERSE

VICTORIA HONG KONG 29 FE 04

SEATTLE, WASH. MAR 31 1904

BOSTON, MASS. APR 5 1904

Navigation and Commerce

Use of 2 centimes

Here a 2-centime stamp was favor cancelled on an early picture postcard. Placing stamps on the picture side of postcards was popular practice among postcard collectors at the turn of the century.



POSTAL MARKINGS

DAPCAU TONKIN 10 AOUT 05

Navigation and Commerce

Use of 2 centimes

Posted from Hanoi with a 2-centime stamp, the postage for this postcard was underpaid by 3 centimes. The postage due amount was twice the underpayment or 6 centimes. When the postcard was received at Montargis, Loiret, it was charged postage due. Since the addressee had moved on, the postcard was forwarded, and a second set of postage due stamps was added at the second location.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HANOI TONKIN 23 JUIL 03
T in triangle
MONTARGIS LOIRET 26-8 03

Navigation and Commerce Use of 2 centimes

By itself, the 2-centime stamp satisfied no common postage need. Here five copies of the 2-centime stamp paid the regular postcard rate to France.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HANOI TONKIN 17 JANV 04

REVERSE

HANOI TONKIN 17 JANV 04
NONTRONE DORDOGNE 24 FEVR 04

Navigation and Commerce Use of 2 centimes

In 1904, a strip of five 2 centimes definitive stamps paid for delivery of picture postcard to France.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 23 JUIN 04
ST ETIENNE DES OULLIERES RHONE 6 AOUT 04
SEES ORNE 8 AOUT 04

Navigation and Commerce Use of 2 centimes

Besides the seven 2-centime stamps affixed to the front of this cover, there are six more on the reverse. The 25 centimes postage for a letter to France was thus overpaid by 1 centime.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HA-NOI TONKIN 23 OCT 94
REVERSE
HA-NOI TONKIN 23 OCT 94
MARAINVILLER MEURTHE ET MOSELLE NOV 94

Navigation and Commerce Use of 2 centimes

Eight 2-centime Navigation and Commerce stamps franked the back of a mourning cover sent to France in 1905. Since the letter rate to France and colonies at the time was 15 centimes, the mailing was overpaid by only 1 centime.



POSTAL MARKINGS

VINHLONG COCHINCHINE 15 JANV 05
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 17 JANV 05
VINCENNES SEINE 12-2 05

REVERSE

VINHLONG COCHINCHINE 15 JANV 05

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 2 centimes

A combination of eight 2-centime Navigation and Commerce stamps overpaid the 15-centime letter rate to France by 1 centime.



POSTAL MARKINGS

VINHLONG COCHINCHINE 10 OCT 04

REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 11 OCT 04

PARIS DISTRIBUTION 9-11 -4

Navigation and Commerce

Use of 2 centimes and 4 centimes

A single 2-centime stamp and a pair of 4-centime stamps paid for sending a postcard to Germany. Addressed originally to Limbach, the postcard was forwarded to Leipzig.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-PORT COCHINCHINE 20 NOV 02

LIMBACH 16.12.02

L13 16.12 in circle

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 4 centimes



POSTAL MARKINGS
TONQUIN HAI-PHONG 26 DE 1900

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 4 centimes

The 15-centime letter rate was slightly overpaid when the sender franked this cover with a block of four 4-centime stamps.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI TONKIN 3 OCT 01
REVERSE
TOULOUSE H^{IE} GARONNE 6 NOV 01

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 4 centimes

Four copies of the 4-centime Navigation and Commerce stamp overpaid the 15-centime letter rate to France by 1 centime. This rate was reduced to 10 centimes in 1907.



POSTAL MARKINGS

NAM-DINH TONKIN 27 MAI 05

REVERSE

HAIPHONG TONKIN 27 MAI 05

ARLES-S-RHONE BOUCHES DU RHONE 3-7 05

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 4 centimes and 20 centimes

The sender must have had some odd values of stamps on hand when he franked this envelope with 28 centimes thereby overpaying the ordinary letter rate by 3 centimes.



POSTAL MARKINGS

TOURANNE ANNAM 3 SEPT 95
LIGNE N PAQ. FR. N°2 8 SEPT 95

REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 6 SEPT 95
LYON RHONE 5 OCT 95

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 4 centimes and 30 centimes

Here the registered letter rate was overpaid by 2 centimes. Being a French colony, mail to Algeria was charged the same as mail to France.



POSTAL MARKINGS

TONQUIN HAI-PHONG 10 AVRIL 01
framed R with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

MARSEILLE B^{CHES} DU RHONE 15 MAI 01
ALGER ALGER 17 MAI 01

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 5 centimes blue-green

In 1896, a business envelope was sent as printed matter (handwritten "Imprimé") to Trieste. A single copy of the 5-centime blue-green Navigation and Commerce paid the foreign printed matter postage rate.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HAIPHONG TONKIN 7 SEPT. 96
REVERSE
TRISTE TRIESTE 14 10 96

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 5 centimes blue-green

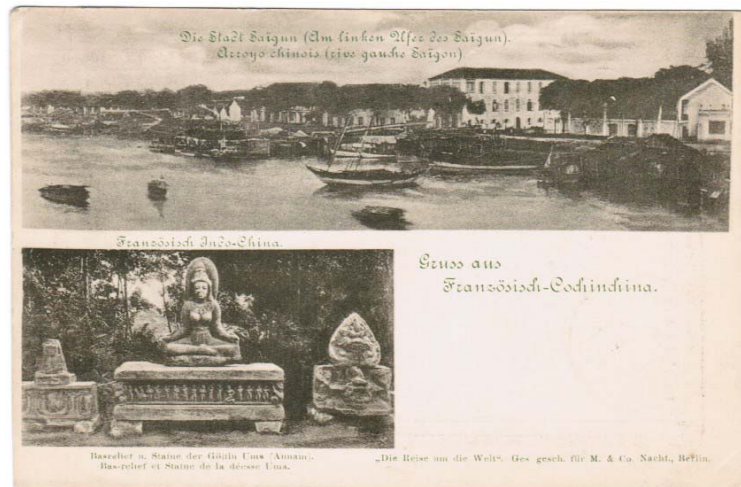
Here a single example of the first 5-centime stamp paid the special calling card rate which applied to small printed cards sent by unsealed envelope within the French community of nations.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI TONKIN 25 NOV 98

Navigation and Commerce Use of 5 centimes blue-green

The postcard craze started in the early twentieth century. Picture postcards posted from Indochina before 1900 are uncommon. This German-language postcard was undoubtedly part of a series meant to be posted from various parts of the world. Sent at the printed matter rate, this card reached Germany in three weeks.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 13 OCT 99
SCHWERIN (MECKLB.) 6.11.99

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 5 centimes blue-green

A strip of five 5-centime Navigation and Commerce stamps paid the 25-centime letter rate for a mailing from Mytho to France in 1895.



POSTAL MARKINGS

MYTHO COCHINCHINE 16 NOV 95

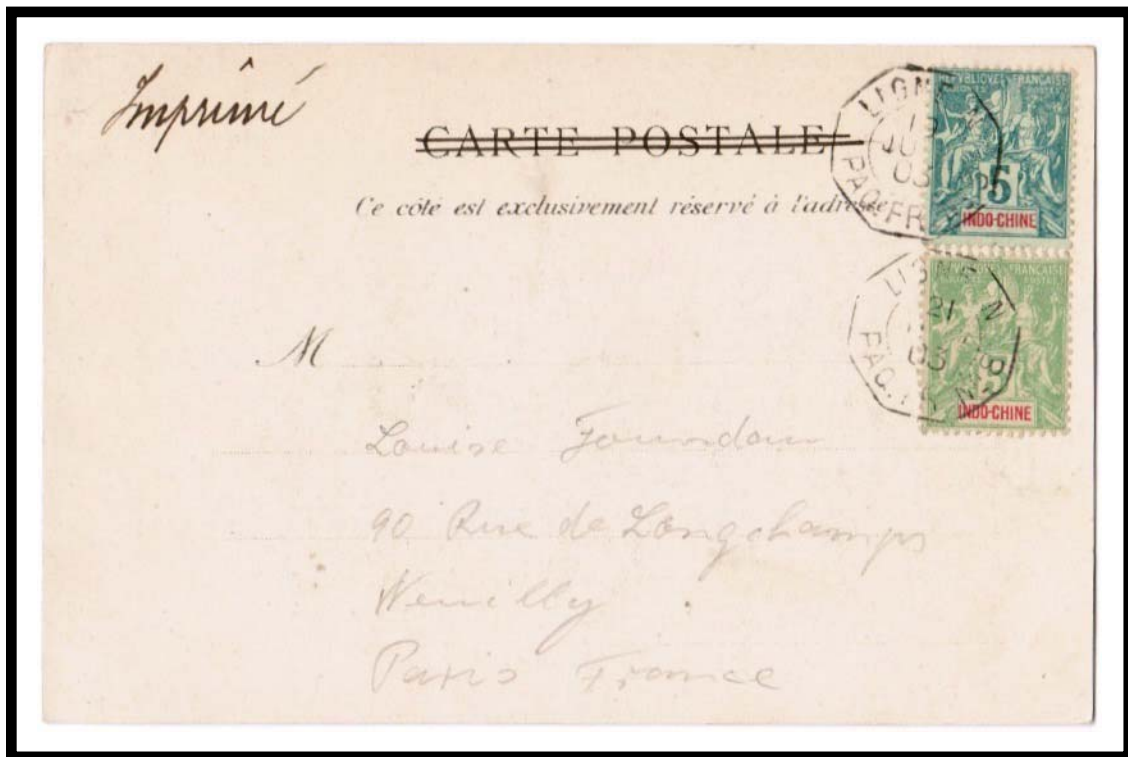
REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 16 NOV 95

AUBIYNAN VAUCLUSE 10 DEC 95

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 5 centimes blue-green and 5 centimes green

Both colors of the 5 centimes value were affixed to this 1903 postcard. The postmarks were almost certainly favor cancels as they were applied on two separate ships: the S.S. Oceanien on 19 June and the S.S. *Ernest Simons* on 21 July 1903.



POSTAL MARKINGS

LIGNE N PAQ. FR. N° 3 19 JUIN 03

LIGNE N PAQ. FR. N° 8 21 JUIL 03

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 5 centimes blue-green and 10 centimes black

Here a double weight, registered letter from the French Minister at Kratie, Cambodia was mailed with an uncommon combination of eight stamps totaling 75 centimes.



POSTAL MARKINGS

PNOMPENH CABODGE 21 NOV 95
framed R with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 23 NOV 95

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 5 centimes blue-green and 15 centimes blue

In this case, the sender indicated that his letter, addressed to France, was to go by British ship ("voie Anglaise"). Consequently, the sender had to pay a greater amount for postage. Total transit time was exactly one month, typical of the period.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 3 DEC 97
REVERSE
MARSEILLE 1° B. DU RHONE 3 JANV 98

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 5 centimes blue-green and 75 centimes

As with this heavy letter to Turkey, when the sender had paid for acknowledgment of receipt, the post office would handstamp the cover with an "A.R." marking.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HAI-PHONG TONKIN 12 MARS 98
framed R with manuscript registration number
framed A. R.

REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 16 MARS 98
CONSTANTINOPEL 19. 4. 98

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 5 centimes green

Sent from Haiphong in January 1904, this picture postcard was addressed to a soldier at Cette, Herault in France. After arriving there, the postal service determined that the addressee was located in Indochina. Consequently, the card was then forwarded arriving at Saigon 20 April 1904, some three months after first entering the mail stream.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HAIPHONG TONKIN 22 JANV. 04

CETTE HERAULT 23-2 04

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 20 AVRIL 04

Navigation and Commerce Use of 5 centimes green

The sender employed a small piece of plain cardstock was used to create his own postcard. With a lengthy message on the reverse, the correct postage for delivery to France was 10 centimes.

Somewhat later, picture postcards became popular in French Indochina.



POSTAL MARKINGS

PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 5 AOUT 97
NONANCOURT EURE 4 SEPT 97
NONANCOURT EURE 5 SEPT 97

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 5 centimes green

An unsealed envelope was accepted for delivery to France in 1901 with only 5 centimes postage affixed. The envelope carried no indication that it contained printed matter.



POSTAL MARKINGS

CHOLON COCHINCHINE 27 NOV 01

REVERSE

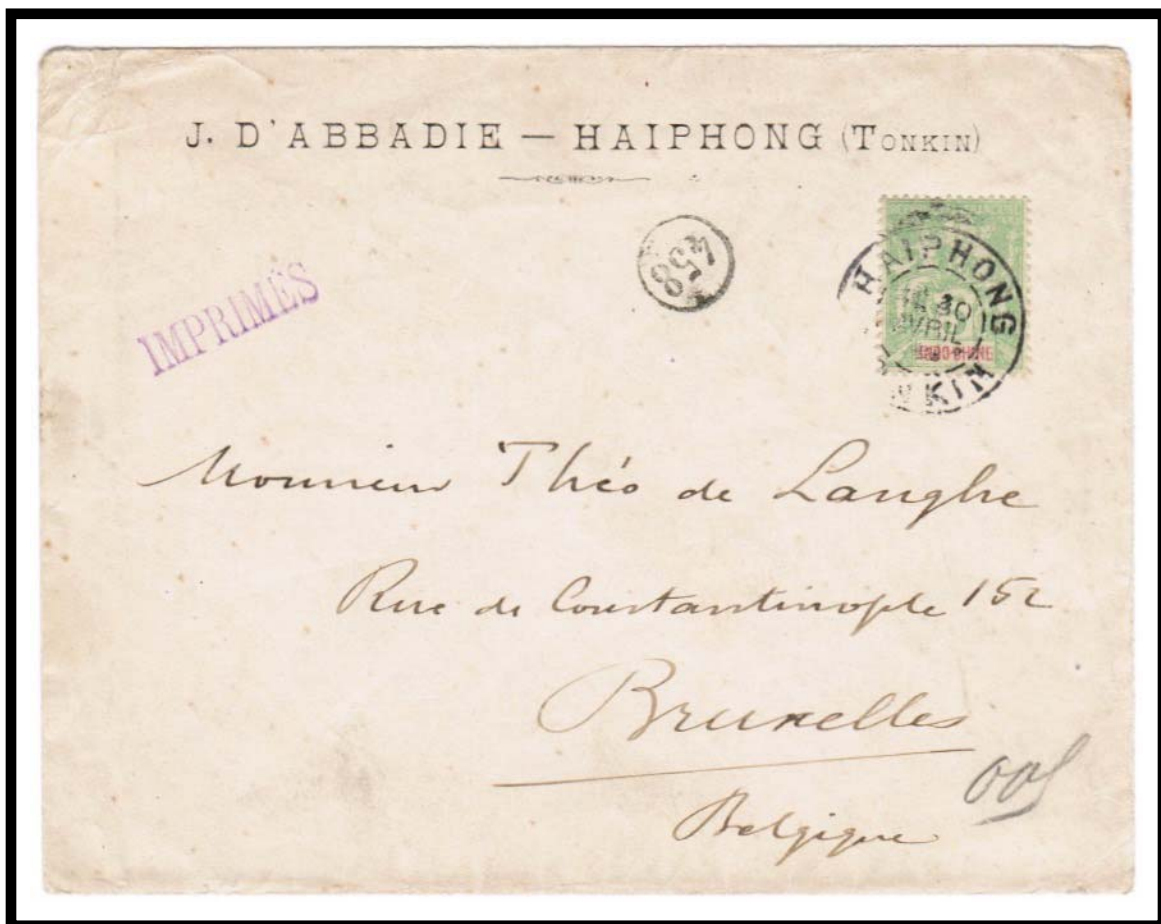
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 27 NOV 01

PARIS 42 AV. FRIEDLAND 27-12 01

CANNER ALPES-MARME 28-12 01

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 5 centimes green

Printed matter (IMPRIMÉS) could be sent at reduced rates. At a time when a foreign letter required 25 centimes, a single 5-centime stamp paid for mailing printed material to Belgium.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HAIPHONG TONKIN 30 AVRIL
458 in circle

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 5 centimes green

Sent to Italy in 1903 with 5 centimes postage, this picture postcard was charged postage due in the amount of 10 centimes. Evidently, Italy did not recognize the reduced rate for postcards with messages of five words or less.



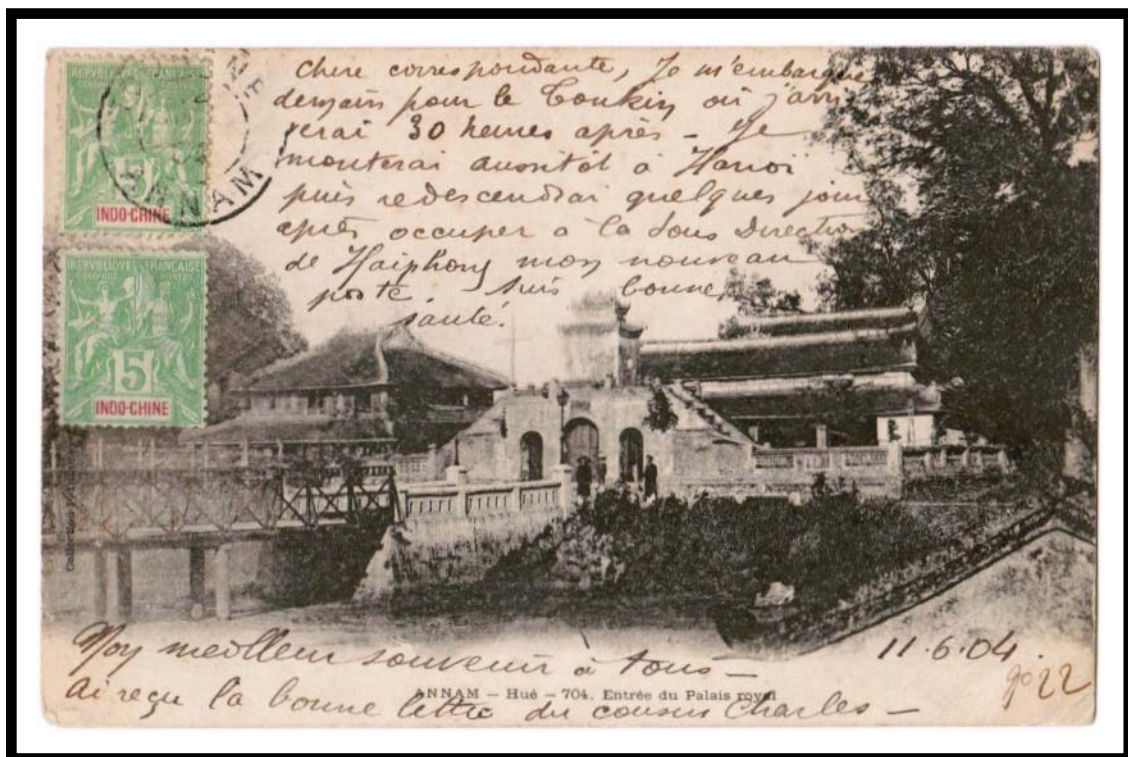
POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 9 OCT 03
BRECCIA (SEZIONI REUNITE) 3 11-03

Navigation and Commerce

Use of 5 centimes green

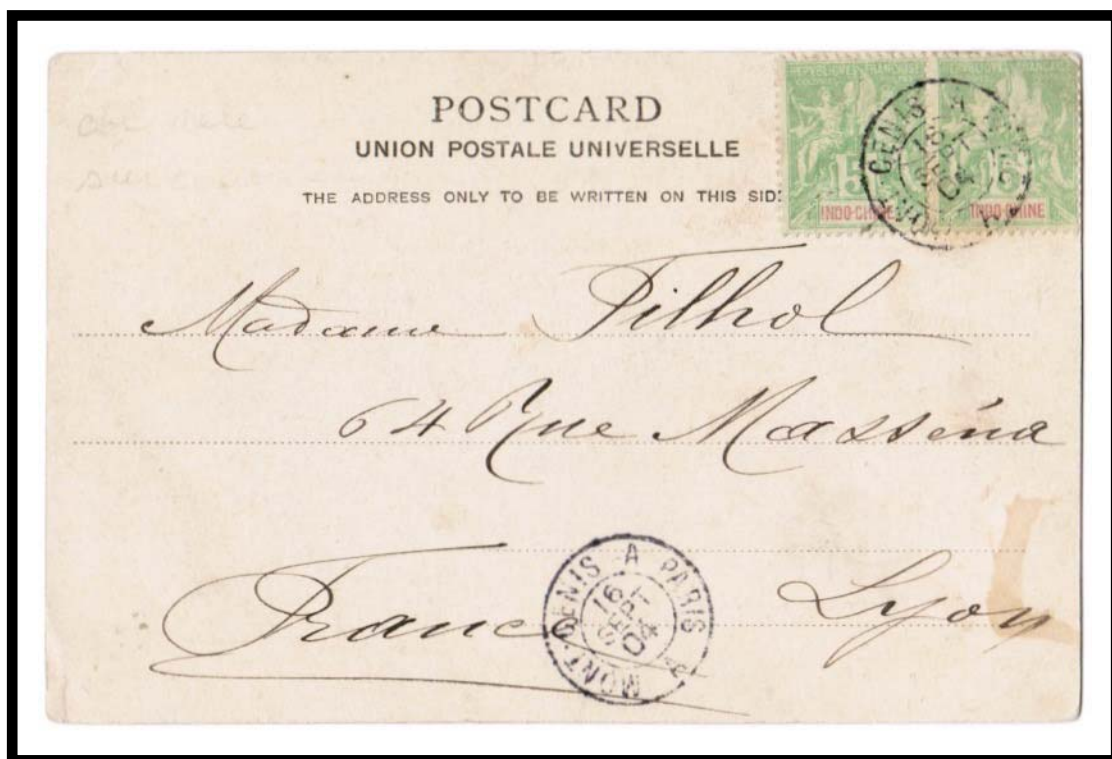
Because the message on this postcard exceeded the five-word limit, the correct postage was 10 centimes.



POSTAL MARKINGS
TOURANE ANNAM 12 JUIN 04
REVERSE
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 15 JUIN 04

Navigation and Commerce Use of 5 centimes green

In 1904, a pair of 5-centime green Navigation and Commerce stamps franked a picture postcard with an image of Singapore. The postcard had passed through the mail escaping cancellation of the stamps until it was postmarked on a train traveling from Mont-Cenis to Paris.



POSTAL MARKINGS
MONT-CENIS A PARIS A 16 SEPT 04

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 5 centimes green

A strip of three 5-centime stamps paid the basic letter rate to France for a turn of the century mailing in 1900.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI TONKIN 5 AVRIL 1900
REVERSE
ST. JUNIEN H^{TE} VIENNE 7 MAI 00

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 5 centimes green

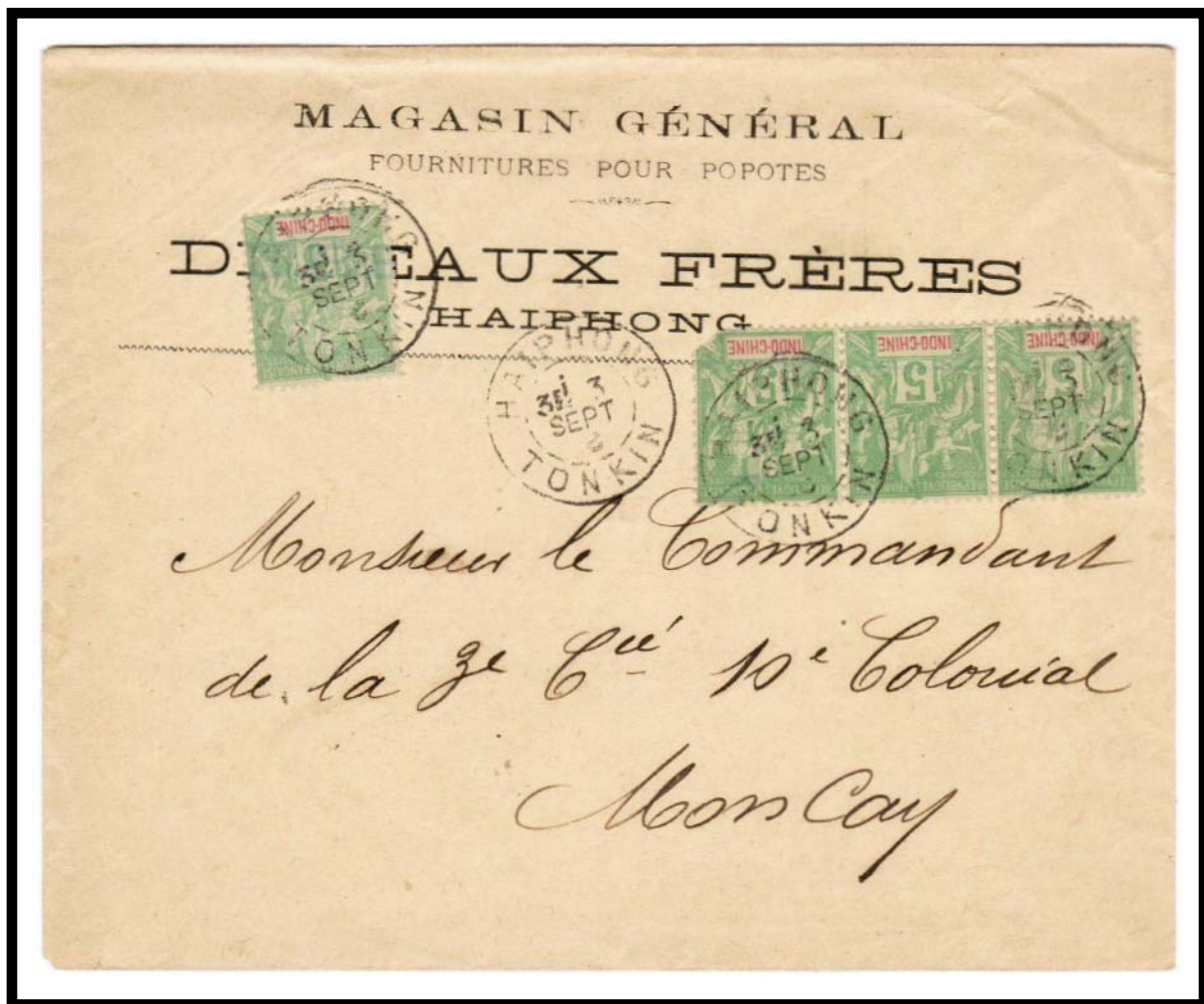
Three 5 centimes green stamps were used to post a letter from the Indochinese post office at Mongtze, China in 1903. The letter took two weeks to travel over land from Mongtze to Hanoi.



POSTAL MARKINGS
MONGTZE CHINE 11 JANV 03
REVERSE
LAO-KAI TONKIN 16 JANV 03
HA NOI TONKIN 25 JANV 03

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 5 centimes green

Four 5-centime green stamps overpaid the internal letter rate on this 1902 mailing from a furniture store in Haiphong to the Army commander in Mon-Cay.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HAIPHONG TONKIN 3 SEPT 02
REVERSE
MON-CAY TONKIN 5 SEPT 02

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 5 centimes green

The foreign letter rate of 25 centimes per 15 grams was established by Universal Postal Union agreements. In this case, the sender used five 5-centime stamps for a mailing from Haiphong, Tonkin to Leipzig, Germany in 1904.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HAIPHONG TONKIN 9 FEVR 04
REVERSE
SINGAPORE FE 20 1904

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 5 centimes green

Six 5-centime green Navigation and Commerce stamps paid the double weight local letter rate (15 to 30 grams).



POSTAL MARKINGS

HANOI TONKIN 15 FEVR 02

REVERSE

HAIPHONG TONKIN 16 FEVR 02

MON-CAY TONKIN 17 FEVR 02

Navigation and Commerce

Use of 5 centimes green and 5 centimes blue-green

The 5 centimes blue-green was part of the original issue of the Navigation and Commerce series in 1892. In 1900, colors were changed for certain values in order to conform with UPU guidelines. Stamps for postcards were supposed to be green. Consequently, the 5-centime green stamp replaced the blue-green version. Both colors side-by-side made up the postage for this mailing from Saigon to Germany in 1902.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 15 SEPT 02
CREFELD 1 17.10.02

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 5 centimes green and 10 centimes black

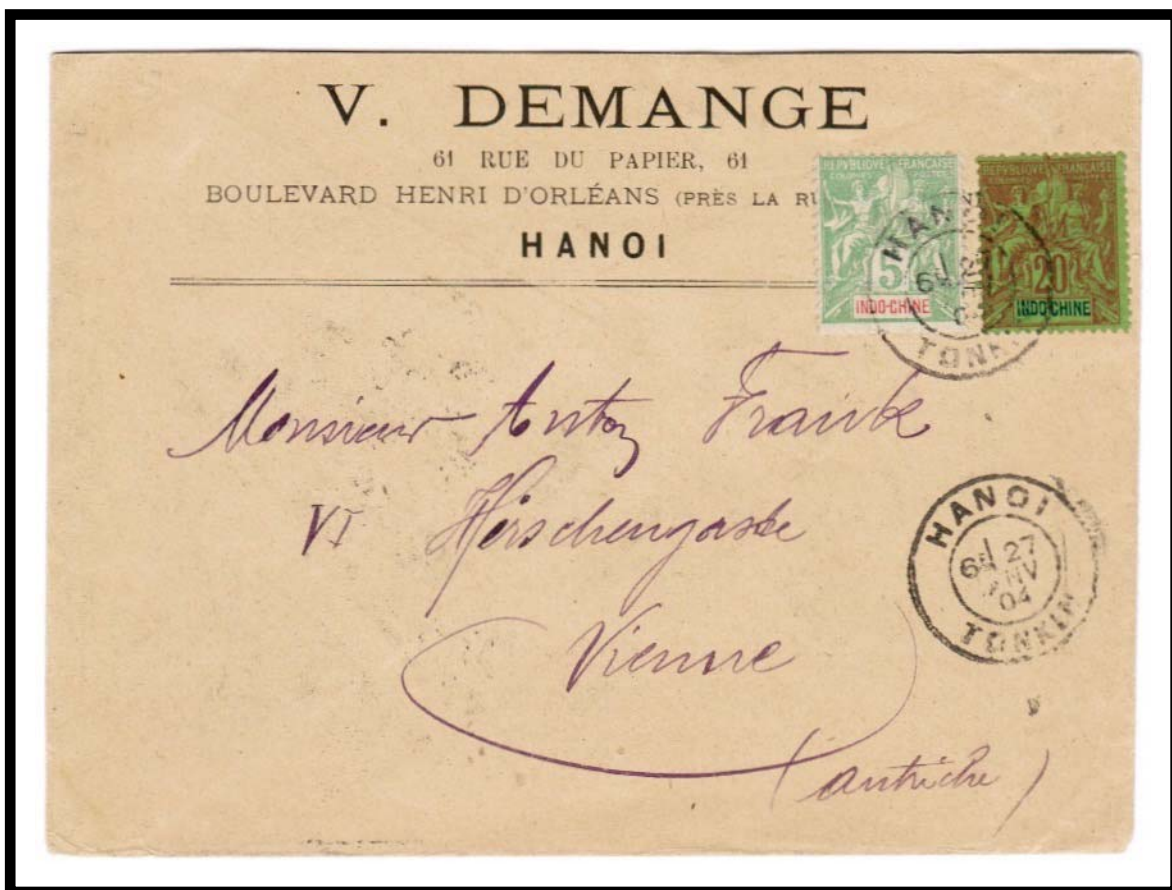
Even though the red 10-centime stamp had been introduced two years earlier, this 1902 cover bears the black predecessor.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI TONKIN 14 NOV 02

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 5 centimes green and 20 centimes

The letter rate to foreign countries was 25 centimes. In this case, the franking to Austria was prepaid with a combination of smaller values.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI TONKIN 27 JANV 04
REVERSE
SAIGON - CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 1 FEVR 04

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 5 centimes green and 25 centimes black

The French School of the Far East address label on this piece of cardboard indicates that the parcel was forwarded several times in attempts to catch up with a captain in the infantry. First directed within Tonkin, it was eventually sent on to France.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI TONKIN
DONG-TRIEU TONKIN

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 5 centimes green and 30 centimes

Although most mail traveled in envelopes, other means were used when an envelope would not do. To send a photographic plate to France, one would presumably have to employ a well-cushioned package. This label for mailing a “plaque photographique” is franked with 35 centimes in postage paid with two Navigation and Commerce stamps.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-PORT COCHINCHINE 30 AOUT 00
REVERSE
HERT YONNE 26 SEPT 00

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 10 centimes black

Because the message on the view side was more than five words, a 10-centime stamp was correct for this postcard to France.



POSTAL MARKINGS

LAOKAY TONKIN 9 SEPT 01
HANOI TONKIN 11 SEPT 01
CHOLET MAINE ET LOIRE 21-10 01

Navigation and Commerce

Use of 10 centimes black

A picture postcard, datelined 17 July 1901 on the reverse, was addressed to Poste Restante (General Delivery), Saigon. Evidently, the Saigon post office knew that the addressee had departed the area and consequently forwarded the postcard. Multiple postmarks testify to the attempts to locate the addressee. There is no indication that he ever did receive the card.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HANOI TONKIN 17 JUL 01
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 23 JUL 01
SINGAPORE JY 27 1901
SINGAPORE AU 7 1901
ADEN AUG 30 1901
LIGNE T PAQ. FR. N° 4 5 SEPT 01
PORT SAID EGYPT 5 SEPT 01

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 10 centimes black

Here the 10-centime black stamp paid for mailing a postcard to St. Petersburg, Russia at the end of 1902.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI TONKIN 23 DEC 02
ИТЕРbYPEб 6 3 KC. N° 3 17. 1. 1903

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 10 centimes black

A 10-centime black stamp was affixed to a mailing wrapper for sending a newspaper or other printed matter to France in 1893.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HAIPHONG TONKIN 14 AVRIL 93

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 10 centimes black

Five copies of the 10-centime black Navigation and Commerce stamp franked a registered mailing to France in 1901. The framed "AR" indicated that a return receipt was required for the letter.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 17 SEPT 01
framed R with manuscript registration number
framed "AR"

REVERSE

LILLE NORD 21-10 01

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 10 centimes black and 75 centimes

Here a very heavy, quadruple weight letter was also registered yielding a postage cost of:

fourth step letter rate to France	60 centimes
<u>registration fee</u>	<u>25 centimes</u>
total	85 centimes



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-PORT COCHINCHINE 10 MAI 01
framed R with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

CHALON-S-SAONE SAONE ET LOIRE 5 JUIN 01

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 10 centimes red

When it was issued at the turn of the century, the red 10-centime stamp met the need for a value for postcard postage.



POSTAL MARKINGS

CAP ST. JACQUES COCHINCHINE 5 MAI 04
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 6 MAI 04

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 10 centimes red

Sent to the harbormaster on the island of Amoy, this post card went via Hong Kong arriving in only a week.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HAIPHONG TONKIN 22 FEVR 03
VICTORIA HONG KONG 26 DEC 03
AMOY DE 29 03

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 10 centimes red

As it traveled across the Indian Ocean from Indochina to Madagascar, this postcard accumulated a wide variety of transit markings.

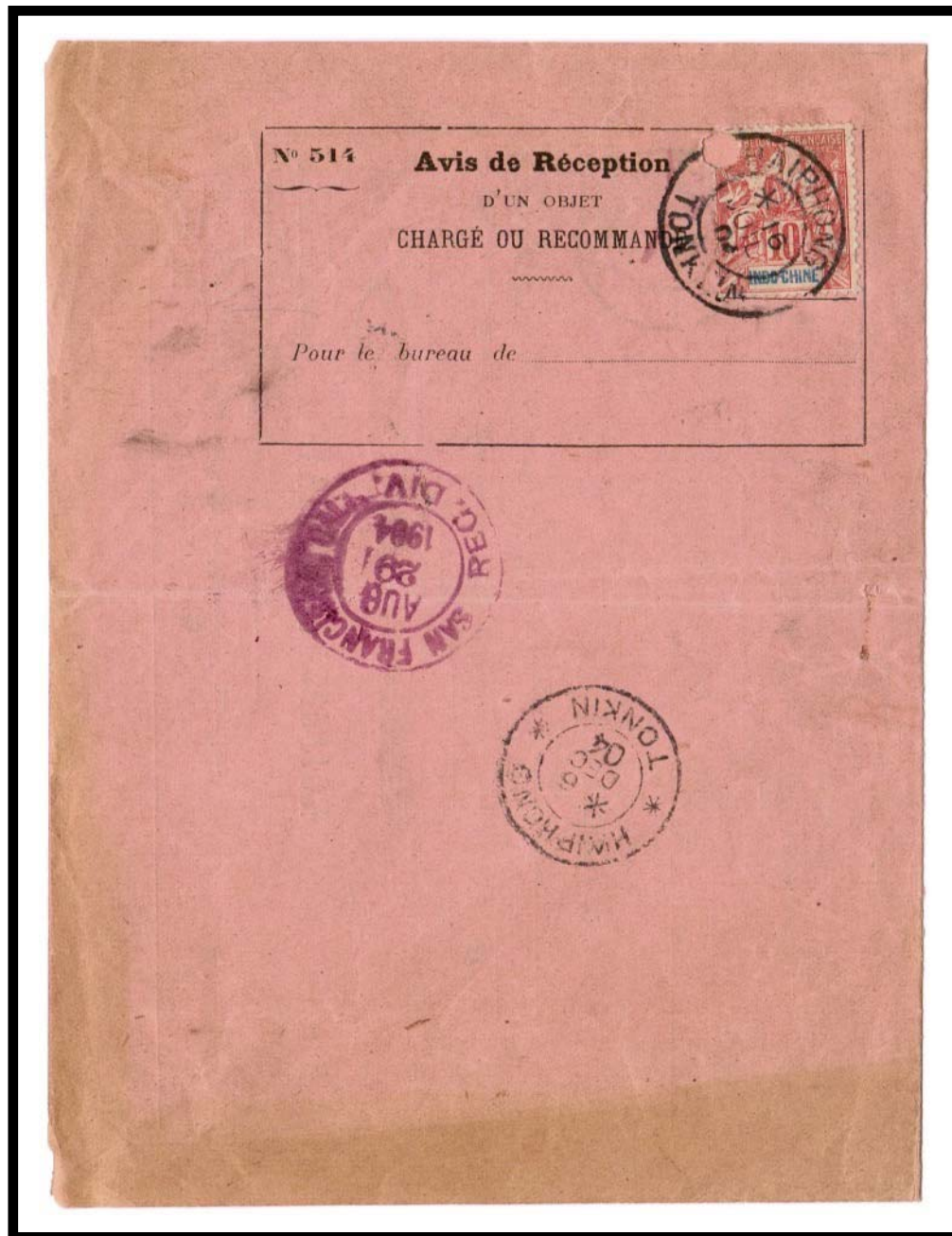


POSTAL MARKINGS

BAI-KA ANNAM 17 NOV 04
TOURANE ANNAM 17 NOV 04
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 22 NOV 04
SINGAPORE NO 26 04
COLOMBO DE 4 04
MAURITIUS DE 22 04
TAMATAVE MADAGASCAR 2 JANV 04

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 10 centimes red

The return receipt for a mailing to Tahiti traveled via San Francisco and took almost 5 months to be returned.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HAIPHONG TONKIN 16 JUIL 04
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. REG. DIV. AUG 29 1904
HAIPHONG TONKIN 6 DEC 04

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 10 centimes red

Before 1906, postage for a first weight-step letter was 15 centimes. In 1904, he sender paid the required postage for a second weight-step letter (between 15 and 30 grams) with a strip of three 10-centime red Navigation and Commerce stamps.



POSTAL MARKINGS
VINH ANNAM 22 JANV. 04
REVERSE
HANOI TONKIN 25 JANV. 04
PARIS XVII DISTRIBUTION 2-3 04

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 10 centimes red

Two pairs of red 10-centime stamps paid the 40-centime registered letter rate to Algeria.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HAIPHONG TONKIN 25 JUIL 03
framed R with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

MARSEILLE B^{CHES} DU RHONE 25-8 03
ALGER ALGER 27-8 03

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 10 centimes red and 15 centimes gray

The markings at the top left and bottom left are strictly private having been applied by the company that posted this registered letter to France in 1903.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 10 AVRIL 03
framed R with manuscript registration number
REVERSE
CHALON-S-SAONE SAONE-ET-LOIRE 6-5 03

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 10 centimes red and 30 centimes

The 30-centime stamp, which had been torn vertically, was affixed in two pieces as is evidenced by the perforation mismatch across the bottom.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-PORT COCHINCHINE 3 NOV 03
framed R with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

SAIGON- CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 3 NOV 03
PARIS 10 DISTRIBUTION 2-1203

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 10 centimes red
Dahomey and Dependencies

Occasionally, an article franked with a stamp from another colony was posted from inside Indochina. Such was the case with this postcard franked with a 10-centime red from "Dahomey et Dependances." The card was posted from Saigon to Scotland in 1904.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 23 FEVR 04
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 23 FEVR 04

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 15 centimes blue

Until it was replaced by the 15-centime gray in 1901, the 15-centime blue was a workhorse denomination as both the local letter rate and rate to France was 15 centimes.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-PORT COCHINCHINE 21 JANV 01
REVERSE
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 21 JANV 01
LE HARVE SEINE-INF^{RE} 20 FEVR 01

Navigation and Commerce Use of 15 centimes blue

Although the military had reduced rates, regular letters required 25 centimes before 1899. This civilian letter was charged 20 centimes postage due, twice the underpayment amount.



POSTAL MARKINGS

BAC-NINH TONKIN 7 FEVR 96
T in triangle with manuscript amount due
LIGNE N PAQ. FR. N° 8 19 FEVR 96
GRENOBLE ISERE 18 MARS 96

REVERSE

HAIPHONG TONKIN 9 FEVR 96
GRENOBLE ISERE 18 MARS 96

Navigation and Commerce

Use of 15 centimes blue

A 15-centime blue stamp was affixed to a "red stripe" cover posted from Cap Saint Jacques in 1898. The red stripe alerted postal clerks that the letter would have to be sorted by someone who could read Chinese.



POSTAL MARKINGS

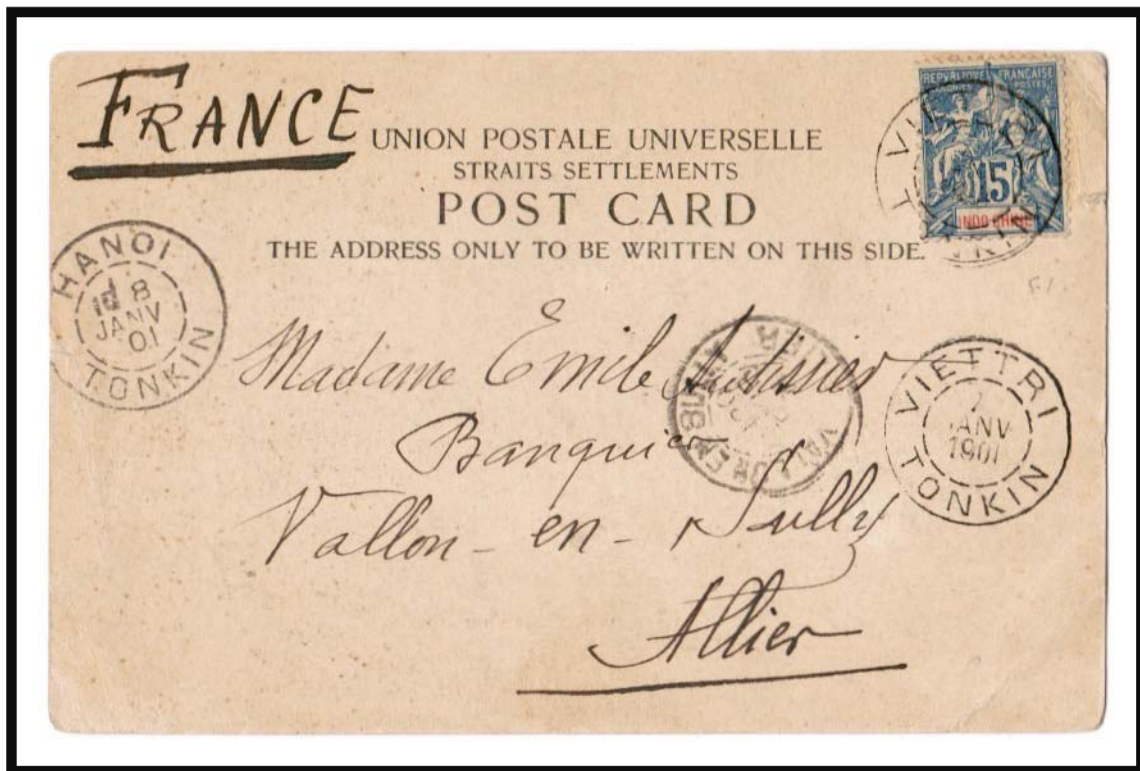
CAP S^I JACQUES COCHINCHINE 30 JUIN 98

REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 30 JUIN 98

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 15 centimes blue

The sender affixed a 15-centime Navigation and Commerce stamp on a "Greetings from Singapore" postcard. Likely, the sender was traveling and was unaware of Indochinese postal rates. As a result, he had overpaid the postage required for a postcard.



POSTAL MARKINGS

VIETRI TONKIN 7 JANV 1901

HANOI TONKIN 8 JANV 01

VALLON-EN-SULLY ALLIER 30 JANV 01

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 15 centimes blue

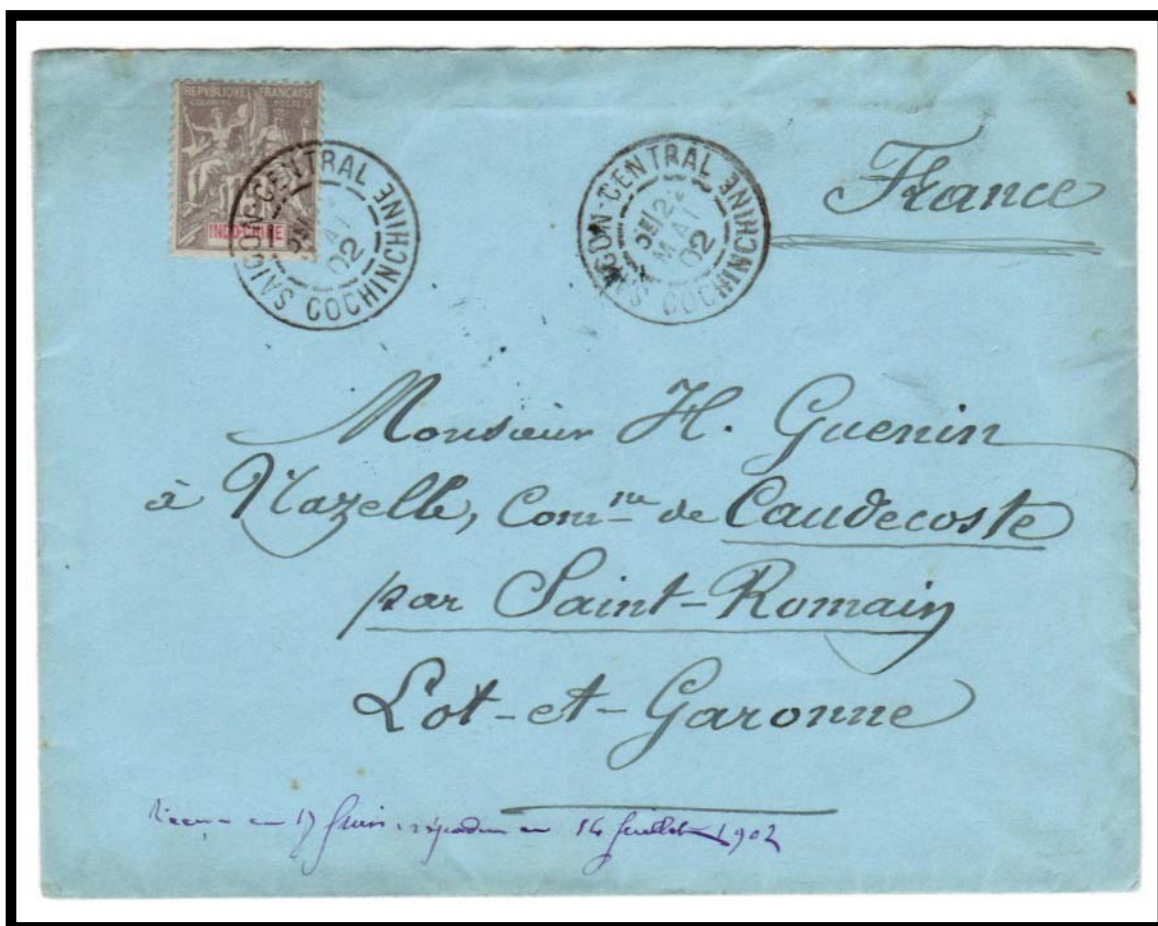
Effective 1 January 1899, the letter rate to France was 15 centimes per 15 grams. Here the double-weight letter postage of 30 centimes was paid with two 15-centime blue Navigation and Commerce stamps.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HAIPHONG TONKIN 25 SEPT. 01
REVERSE
TOULOUSE HIE GARONNE 2 NOV 01

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 15 centimes gray

The gray 15-centime stamp was introduced in 1901 to adhere to UPU color regulations for the basic letter rate.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 22 MAI 02
REVERSE
AGEN LOT ET GARONNE 17- 6 02
ST. ROMAIN LOT ET GARONNE 18-6 02

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 15 centimes gray

This letter originated from the Bank of Indochina branch in Haiphong. For some reason, the year date plug of the canceller was filled with a blank.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HAIPHONG TONKIN 16 DEC (04)
REVERSE
PARIS 2 DISTRIBUTION 20-1 04

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 15 centimes gray

Mail to foreign destinations was supposed to require 25 centimes postage. Nonetheless, a 1904 letter posted from Haiphong to Shanghai, China exhibits no indication of a deficiency in postage.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HAIPHONG TONKIN 20 FEVR 04
REVERSE
SHANG-HAI CHINE 25 FEVR 04

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 15 centimes gray and 25 centimes black

In the case of this registered letter, the light shade of the 25-centime stamp appears to be close to the color of the 15-centime stamp.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-PORT COCHINCHINE 24 OCT 01
framed R with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

CHALON-S-SAONE SAONE ET LOIRE 20-11 01

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 15 centimes gray and 25 centimes black

Two contemporary definitive stamps paid the registered letter rate to France in 1902. Postage was calculated as follows:

letter rate to France	15 centimes
<u>registration fee</u>	<u>25 centimes</u>
total	40 centimes



POSTAL MARKINGS

CHOLON COCHINCHINE 11 SEPT 02
framed R with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 11 SEPT 02
ST LOUBES GIRONDE 7 OCT 02

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 15 centimes gray and 40 centimes

A double weight, registered letter to France required 55 centimes postage calculated as follows:

double rate letter (15 x 2)	30 centimes
<u>registration fee</u>	<u>25 centimes</u>
total	55 centimes



POSTAL MARKINGS
HAIPHONG TONKIN 22 OCT 02
framed R with manuscript registration number

Navigation and Commerce Use of 20 centimes

A single 20-centimes stamp was favor cancelled aboard an N Line ship with a maritime postmark dated 1905.



POSTAL MARKINGS
LIGNE N PAQ. FR. N° 2 25 MARS 05

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 20 centimes

After the rate reduction, two 20-centime stamps paid for a registered letter to France.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-PORT COCHINCHINE 7JUN 00
framed R with manuscript registration number

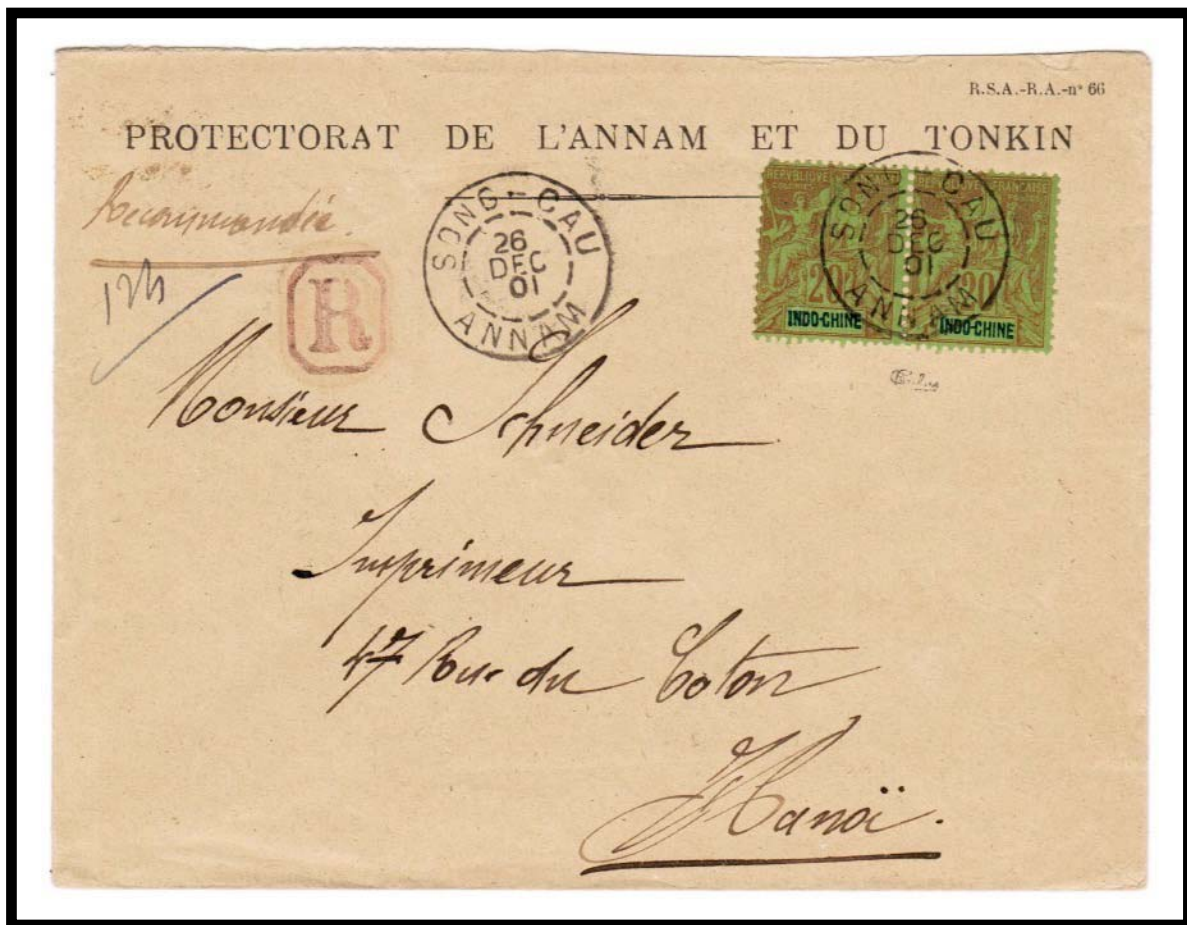
REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 7JUN 00
CHALON-S-SAONE SAONE ET LOIRE 4 JUIL 00

Navigation and Commerce Use of 20 centimes

A pair of 20-centime stamps paid for an internal registered letter at the end of 1901.
Postage was calculated as follows:

internal letter rate	15 centimes
<u>registration fee</u>	<u>25 centimes</u>
total	40 centimes



POSTAL MARKINGS

SONG-CAU ANNAM 26 DEC 01
framed R (in red) with manuscript registration number

REVERSE
QUINHONE ANNAM 27 DEC. 01
HANOI TONKIN 2 JANV 02

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 25 centimes black

The basic letter rate to countries outside of the French community of nations was 25 centimes.



POSTAL MARKINGS
CHOLON COCHINCHINE 6 AOUT 02
REVERSE
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 6 AOUT 02
HANNOVER 1 P 5. 9. 02

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 25 centimes black

A telegram form was put to use for a regular mailing to France in 1895. The inscription at the top of form N° 713 had been struck through so that the cover would not be mistaken for a telegram.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 7 NOV 95
REVERSE
CAUDERAN GIRONDE 9 DEC 95

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 25 centimes black

Before the 1899 rate reduction, two 25-centime stamps paid for a registered letter
- one for the postage and one for the registry fee.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 1 MARS 98
framed R with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

MARSEILLE 2^E B. DU RHONE 27 MARS 98

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 25 centimes black

Postage for a registered internal mailing of business papers ("papiers d'affaires") from Saigon to Cap Saint Jacques was paid with two 25 centimes black Navigation and Commerce stamps.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 30 AVRIL 03
framed R with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

CAP SI JACQUES COCHINCHINE 1 MAI 03

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 25 centimes black

Three 25-centime black Navigation and Commerce stamps paid for a registered letter mailed to Germany in 1903. Postage was computed as follows:

foreign letter rate	50 centimes
<u>registration fee</u>	<u>25 centimes</u>
total	75 centimes



POSTAL MARKINGS

HUE ANNAM 5 FEVR 03
framed R with manuscript registration number
LIGNE N PAQ. FR. N° 2 13 FEVR 03

REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 11 FEVR 03
EISFELD 13. 3. 03

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 25 centimes black

Four copies of the 25-centime black stamp franked a heavy letter posted from Lang-Son, Tonkin to Vienna, Austria by registered mail in 1897. Postage was determined as follows:

third step (30-45 grams) foreign letter	75 centimes
<u>registration fee</u>	<u>25 centimes</u>
total	1 franc



POSTAL MARKINGS

LANG-SON TONKIN 1 SEPT. 97
framed R with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

TONQUIN HAI-PHONG 3 SEPT. 97
HONG KONG SP 8 97
WIEN 4/1 12.10.97

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 25 centimes blue

The blue 25-centime Navigation and Commerce stamp was introduced in 1901 to comply with UPU guidelines for international postage. Here an example franked a letter mailed to the United States in 1905.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 7 NOV 05
MEADVILLE PA. DEC 16 1905

REVERSE

MEADVILLE PA. DEC 15 1905
WATSEKA, ILL. REC'D DEC 18 1905

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 25 centimes blue

Even though the letter rate to France had been reduced in 1899, the rate to European countries remained fixed at 25 centimes.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI TONKIN 2 JUIN 05
manuscript and handstamp numbers
REVERSE
BRUXELLES ARRIVEE 2 JUILLET 05

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 25 centimes blue

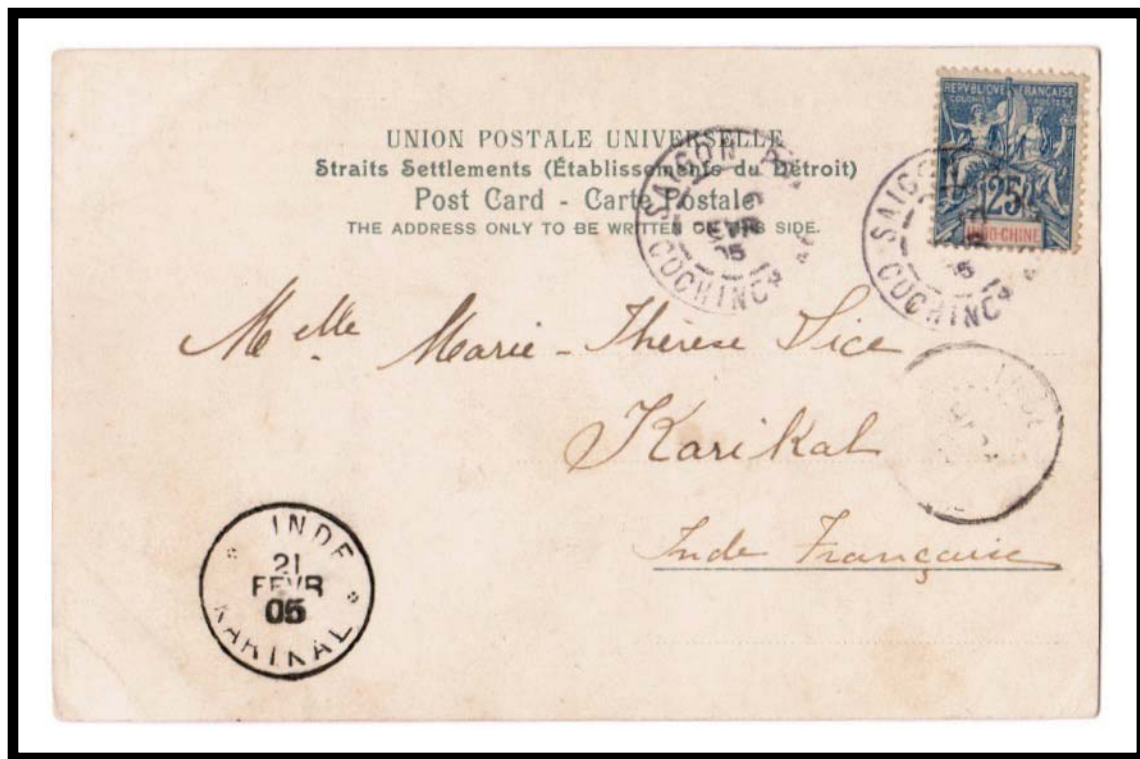
Sent locally within Pak-Hoi, China, this cover was handstamped with a "BM" in an oval meaning "boîte mobile." A boîte mobile was a mailbox on a mail wagon or secondary train.



POSTAL MARKINGS
PAK-HOI-CHINE 13 JUIL 06
BM in oval

Navigation and Commerce Use of 25 centimes blue

Before he mailed his postcard from Saigon on 10 February 1905, the sender had franked it with a 25-centime stamp. The rate within the French Community for postcards with messages of five words or less was only 5 centimes. In this case, the sender had overfranked the card with 5 times the necessary postage.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 10 FEVR 05
INDE ARRIVAL 21 FEVR 05

Use of 25 centimes blue

With a 10-centime stamp on the reverse, the 25-centime blue paid for registration of a picture postcard in 1905.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HUE ANNAM 9 OCT. 05
framed R with manuscript registration number
PARIS 6 DISTRIBUTION 16-1 05
PARIS 6 DISTRIBUTION 17-1 05
6 over 14 in oval

REVERSE

HUE ANNAM 9 OCT. 05

Navigation and Commerce Use of 25 centimes blue

Three 25-centimes blue Navigation and Commerce stamps paid the postage for delivery of a second weight step, registered letter to Germany in 1905. Postage was computed as follows:

foreign letter rate (first 15 grams)	25 centimes
foreign letter rate (second 15 grams)	25 centimes
<u>registration fee</u>	<u>25 centimes</u>
total	75 centimes



POSTAL MARKINGS

CHOLON-BINH TAY COCHINCHINE 1 SEPT 05
framed R with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 2 SEPT 05
HANOVER 1 4.10.05
AACHEN ANKUNFT 5.10.05

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 30 centimes

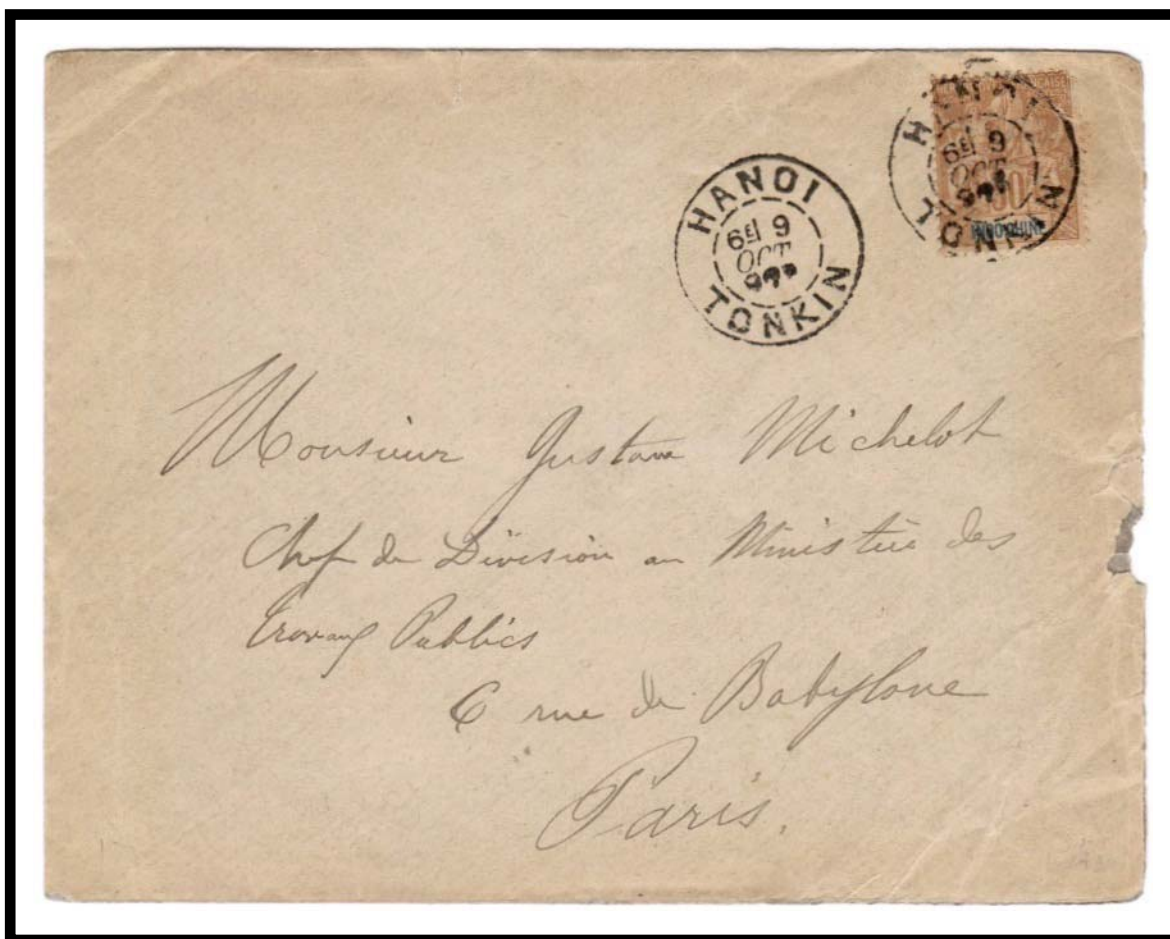
A single 30-centime Navigation and Commerce stamp paid the postage for a double-weight letter (between 15 and 30 grams) sent to France in 1901. The letter was posted on the combined river/ road service, which operated between Hanoi and Haiphong.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI A HAIPHONG TONKIN 31 MAI 01
REVERSE
TOULOUSE H^{TE} GARONNE 8 AVR. 01

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 30 centimes

Here a 30-centime stamp overpaid the 25-centime rate for a normal letter to France. Transit time was exactly one month.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI TONKIN 9 OCT 97
REVERSE
9 PARIS 9 (DISTRIBUTION) 9 NOV 97

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 30 centimes

A 30-centime Navigation and Commerce stamp coupled with another 10 centimes worth of postage on the reverse overpaid the registered letter rate to France in 1902. A postal clerk wrote "aff exped," an abbreviation meaning "franked by sender," to prevent allegations that the post office was overcharging its customers.



POSTAL MARKINGS

CAP-ST-JACQUES COCHINCHINE 22 OCT 02
framed R with manuscript registration number
handwritten "aff exped"

REVERSE

CAP-ST-JACQUES COCHINCHINE 22 OCT 02
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 23 OCT 02
CARCASSONNE AUBE 17-11 02

Navigation and Commerce Use of 30 centimes

Almost any class of mail, including postcards, could be registered. With another 5 centimes worth of postage on the reverse, postage for this postcard was calculated as follows:

postcard rate to France	10 centimes
registration fee	<u>25 centimes</u>
total	35 centimes



POSTAL MARKINGS

TOURANE ANNAM 7 OCT 05
 framed R with manuscript registration number
 SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 10 OCT 05
 MARSEILLE BOUCHES DU RHONE 5-11 05

REVERSE

TOURANE ANNAM 7 OCT 05

Navigation and Commerce Use of 30 centimes

Two 30-centime stamps franked a 1902 mailing insured for 300 francs as the handwritten "chargement" notation at the top indicates. Although the letter was registered, the normal framed "R" is absent. Both the Haiphong postmark and the "CHARGÉ" marking were applied with red ink.

Postage was computed as follows:

letter rate to France	15 centimes
registration fee	25 centimes
<u>insurance for 300 francs</u>	<u>20 centimes</u>
total	60 centimes



POSTAL MARKINGS

HAIPHONG TONKIN 11 FEVR 02 (red)
CHARGÉ with manuscript registration number
LIGNE T PAQ. FR. N° 5 8 MARS 02

REVERSE

weight and services cachet
BAUME LES DAMES DOUBS 24 MARS 02

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 30 centimes bisect

Evidently, since the sender believed that the letter rate to French China was 15-centimes, he attempted to use one-half of a 30-centime Navigation and Commerce stamp for postage in 1902. The letter was cited for postage due. Upon arrival in Shanghai, the letter was assessed a due amount of 50 centimes.



POSTAL MARKINGS

DAPCAU TONKIN 30 MAI 02

BM in oval

T in triangle

SHANG-HAI CHINE 10 JUIN 02

REVERSE

HAIPHONG TONKIN

SHANG-HAI CHINE 9 JUIN 02

Navigation and Commerce Use of 30 and 40 centimes

Fees for a heavy, registered mailing were paid with an unusual combination of the 30 and 40-centime values. Postage was computed as follows:

triple letter rate (15 x 3)	45 centimes
<u>registration fee</u>	<u>25 centimes</u>
total	70 centimes



POSTAL MARKINGS

CHOLON-BINHAY COCHINCHINE 14 AOUT 02
framed R with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 14 AOUT 02
CAP ST. JACQUES COCHINCHINE 15 AOUT 02

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 40 centimes

The 40-centime value corresponded to the registered letter rate to France (25-centime registry fee in addition to 15 -centime regular postage).



POSTAL MARKINGS

HAIPHONG TONKIN 24 JUIN 04
framed R with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

PARIS 10 DISTRIBUTION 6-8 04

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 40 centimes

Although the registry marking was normally struck in black, red ink was occasionally used.



POSTAL MARKINGS

CHAUDOC COCHINCHINE 17 FEVR 99
framed R with manuscript registration number
MODANE A PARIS 17 MARS 99

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 40 centimes

Here the 40-centime Navigation and Commerce stamp was used on a registered notice sent from the Commercial Court of Saigon to a representative of the Bank of Hong Kong and Shanghai in 1896.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 18 JANV 96
framed R

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 40 centimes

A court notice alerting addressees about the liquidation of a company was sent via registered mail. The document was simply folded twice, addressed and franked with a 40 centimes stamp.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 25 JUIL 99
framed R with manuscript registration number
TONQUIN HAI-PHONG 1 AOUT 99
HANOI TONKIN 2 AOUT 99

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 50 centimes red

Prior to the reduction in postal rates in 1899, a single 50-centime stamp paid for a registered letter to France.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 16 OCT 97
framed R with manuscript registration numbers

REVERSE

MARSEILLE 3^E B. DU RHONE 8 NOV 97

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 50 centimes red

The boxed "A.R." indicated that a return receipt was required. This fee was paid separately from normal postage.



POSTAL MARKINGS

TONQUIN HAI-PHONG 14 JUIN 99
framed R with manuscript registration number
framed A.R. (return receipt)
LIGNE T PAQ. FR. N° 4 30 JUIN 99

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 50 centimes red and 1 franc

Postage for a registered (and presumably heavy) letter was paid with two high value Navigation and Commerce stamps totaling 1.50 francs.



POSTAL MARKINGS

CHOLON COCHINCHINE 12 SEPT 98
framed R with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 12 SEPT 98
NIMES GARD 9 OCT 98

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 50 centimes brown

The brown 50-centime stamp replaced the red stamp in 1900. Here it is used on an envelope printed for the organizers of the 1902 Hanoi Exposition.



POSTAL MARKINGS

GIADINH COCHINCHINE 9 JANV 04

framed R with manuscript registration number registry numbers

REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 9 JANV 04

DRESDEN ALTST. 14 10. 2. 04

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 75 centimes

Because this letter was double weight (over 15 grams), an extra 25 centimes was required for postage.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HAIPHONG TONKIN 28 DEC 99
framed R with manuscript registration number
framed A.R. (return receipt)
LIGNE T PAQ. FR. N° 5 13 JANV 00

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 75 centimes

For a double weight letter (15 to 30 grams) sent to Paris in 1897, the registered rate was 75 centimes.



POSTAL MARKINGS

CHOLON COCHINCHINE 2 DEC 97
framed R with manuscript registration number
MODANE A PARIS 2 JANV 98

REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 2 DEC 97
9 PARIS 9 DISTRIB^{ON} 3 JANV 98
PARIS 20 195 B^D ST. GERMAIN 3 JANV 98

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 75 centimes

Effective 1 January 1899, the foreign letter rate was fixed at 25 centimes per 15 grams or fraction of 15 grams. The registration fee for all letters was 25 centimes. Consequently, the postage for a registered, second-weight-step foreign letter was 75 centimes.



POSTAL MARKINGS

CHOLON-BINH-TAY COCHINCHINE 1 OCT 01
framed R (red) with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 1 OCT 01
GOTHA -3. 11. 01

Navigation and Commerce Use of 75 centimes

A 75-centime Navigation and Commerce stamp, which significantly overpaid the postage from Indochina to France, was canceled with the postmark from the 1902-03 Hanoi Exposition.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI-EXPOSITION TONKIN -4 03

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 75 centimes and 1 franc

Based on the 1.75 francs on this envelope front, it was probably insured or very heavy.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 28 NOV 96

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 1 franc

A single 1-franc stamp paid for registration and receipt fees in 1902.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HAIPHONG TONKIN 8 AVRIL 02
framed R with manuscript registration number
framed AR

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 1 franc

The pair of 1-franc stamps on this portion of envelope indicates that it was likely a very heavy commercial mailing.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 21 MARS 97

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 5 francs

Because the postage was overpaid, a post office clerk wrote "Affranchie par Expéditeur" (franked by sender) on this envelope so that the post office would not be accused of overcharging.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 18 JUIL 00
framed R with manuscript registration number
handwritten Affranchie par Expéditeur
LIGNE T PAQ. FR. N° 1 28 JUIL 00

REVERSE

BUCHHOLZ SACHSEN 15.8.00

Navigation and Commerce Usage

A combination of three different low value stamps paid the 10-centime postcard rate to France. As the message on the view side exceeded five words, this was the correct rate.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 2 DEC 01

Navigation and Commerce Usage

A mixture of contemporary Navigation and Commerce definitive stamps paid for mailing a copy of *Le Courrier d'Haiphong* to France in 1903.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HAIPHONG TONKIN 26 MARS 03

Navigation and Commerce Usage

An unusual assortment of the three smallest denominations from The Navigation and Commerce series franked a postcard sent from Hanoi to France in 1905.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI TONKIN 12 FEVR 03

Navigation and Commerce Usage

A mix four of low value Navigation and Commerce stamps paid 10 centimes postage for sending a picture postcard to France in 1903.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI TONKIN 6 FEVR 03
ESTAMPES SEINE ET OISE 13-3 03

Navigation and Commerce Usage

The four lowest values of the series frank this postcard addressed to Leipzig, Germany.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 25 MAI 00

Navigation and Commerce Usage

A combination of three of the low values paid for a mourning cover sent to the United States in 1904.



POSTAL MARKINGS

VINHLONG COCHINCHINE 10 OCT 04

REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 11 OCT 04
PITTSBURG, PA. REC'D NOV 17 1904

Navigation and Commerce Usage

A mixture of three low denominations paid the 15-centime letter rate to France in 1903.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 8 MAI 03
REVERSE
MONTBAZON INDRE ET LOIRE 4 JUIN 03

Navigation and Commerce Usage

Here triple weight postage (45 centimes) and registry (25 centimes) was paid with a mixture of values (one 4-centime stamp presumed missing).



POSTAL MARKINGS

HAIPHONG TONKIN 13 JUIN 1900
framed R with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

CASTRES TARN 17 JUL 00

Navigation and Commerce Usage

Six stamps representing the four lowest values paid the 15-centime rate to France.
Forwarded to general delivery, the letter was marked "unclaimed."



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 5 JUIL 01
framed NON RÉCLAMÉ

REVERSE

PARIS 77 DISTRIB^{ON} 2 AOUT 01

Navigation and Commerce Usage

Six different values of the series were used on this cover sent from Saigon to London in 1902. The total franking of 50 centimes corresponds to a double weight (over 15 grams) foreign letter.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 24 AVRIL 02
LIGNE N PAQ. FR. N° 2 7 MAI 02

REVERSE

LONDON E.O. MY. 27 02

Navigation and Commerce Usage

The eight smallest values from the original 1892 issue frank this registered cover posted from Hanoi to Germany in 1893.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HANOI RECIE TONKIN 15 SEPT. 93
framed R with manuscript registration number
LIGNE N PAQ. FR. N° 6 16 SEPT 93

REVERSE

BADEN-BADEN * 1 a 21. 10. 93

Navigation and Commerce Usage

A combination of four 1-centime and one each 2-centimes, 4-centimes, 5-centimes and 10-centimes paid the 25-centime foreign letter rate for a mailing to Berlin, Germany in 1902.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HAIPHONG TONKIN 21 AOUT 02
LIGNE N PAQ. FR. N° 6 28 AOUT 02

REVERSE

Beestelit vom Postamte 25/9.02

Navigation and Commerce Usage

The original issue of the Navigation and Commerce series was comprised of thirteen denominations ranging from 1-centime to 1-franc. An example of each value franks this 1894 philatelic mailing to Switzerland.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-PORT COCHINCHINE 12 OCT 94
framed R (red) with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 12 OCT 94
MOUDON 10 XI 94

Navigation and Commerce
Canton Overprint
Use of 50 centimes red

A double-weight letter required 50 centimes postage when mailed from the subsidiary post office at Canton. The maritime datestamp on this letter from Canton indicates that it went on the S.S. *Indus*, which departed Yokohama on 4 December 1902.



POSTAL MARKINGS
CANTON 13 DEC 02
LIGNE N PAQ. FR. N° 6 15 DEC 02
REVERSE
MUNSTER (WESTF)1 13. 1. 03

Navigation and Commerce Mixed Usage on French Colonies Postal Card

A 15-centime blue Navigation and Commerce stamp was added to this 10-centime Dubois postcard to pay the postage to Austria. The postcard was carried aboard the S.S. Yarra which had departed Saigon on 20 May and had arrived at Marseille on 16 June 1894.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HANOI REC^{TE} TONKIN 12 MAI 94
LIGNE N PAQ. FR. N°3 20 MAI 94
STEYR 17 6

Navigation and Commerce Mixed Usage on French Colonies Envelope

To satisfy the letter rate postage to France, the sender added a 20-centime stamp to a 5-centime Commerce envelope. The Commerce issue, valid in all French colonies, had immediately preceded the Navigation and Commerce issue as the regular stamps of Indochina.



POSTAL MARKINGS

LAOKAY TONKIN 25 NOV 98

REVERSE

YEN-BAY TONKIN 1 DEC 98

HANOI TONKIN 4 DEC 98

Navigation and Commerce Mixed Usage on Thai Postal Card

Based on its postmark, this Thai postcard was likely favor canceled in November 1899. A 10-centime black Navigation and Commerce stamp was later affixed for sending a message to England in 1901. After leaving Indochina, the postcard was transferred to the S.S. *Polynésien*, which departed Columbo, Ceylon on 10 March 1901.



POSTAL MARKINGS

LIGNE DE SAIGON A BANGKOK NOV 99
TAYNINH COCHINCHINE 27 FEVR 01
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 27 FEVR 01
LIGNE T PAQ. FR. N° 1 10 MARS 01

Navigation and Commerce Mixed Usage on Chinese Postal Card

Because China was not a member of the Universal Postal Union, letters posted from there had no direct access to international destinations. Here a sender at Lungchow paid the frontier post office for Chinese and Indochinese stamps. After being transferred across the border, the Lang-son, Tonkin post office canceled the 10-centime black Navigation and Commerce stamp. After being transferred across the border, the Lang-son, Tonkin post office canceled the 10-centime black Navigation and Commerce stamp.



POSTAL MARKINGS

LUNGCHOW 11 MAY 01
LANG-SON TONKIN 12 MAI 01
HAIPHONG TONKIN 14 MAI 01

REVERSE

HONG-KONG MY 18 01
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL ST.D JUN 23 1901

Navigation and Commerce Mixed Usage on Chinese Postal Card

As a matter of convenience, the sender employed an Imperial Chinese Post postal card for a mailing to Paris in 1904. Postage was paid with the 10-centime red Navigation and Commerce stamp. The 1 cent face value of the postal card did not figure into the postage.



POSTAL MARKINGS

THAI-BINH TONKIN 5 AVRIL 94
PARIS XVIII R. DE CLIGNANCOURT 13-5 04

Navigation and Commerce Mixed Use with French Postage Stamps

Posted from Hanoi to Constantinople, Turkey, this postcard was redirected to France. To pay forwarding costs, two 5-centime French stamps were added and canceled at Constantinople.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HANOI TONKIN 1 NOV 1 900

SUEZ 27 XI 00

ALEXANDRIE 28 XI 00

BRITISH-POST-OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE DE 3 00

CONSTANTINOPLE GALAT 1 TURQUIE 17 JANV 01

Navigation and Commerce Mixed Usage on Straits Settlements Postal Card

The sender used a Straits Settlements post card to send a message from Saigon to Belgium in 1901. He paid the postage with a 10-centime black Navigation and Commerce stamp.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 29 AOUT 01
OSTENDE 28 27 SEPT 1901

Navigation and Commerce Mixed Use on Ethiopian Postal Card

Shown here is an example of an Ethiopian postal card used from Indochina! On the indicium, located unusually at the upper left, and at the top center are postmarks of Harar, Ethiopia dated 22 June 1898. Evidently, these were favor cancels.

The sender affixed a 10-centime black Navigation and Commerce stamp and addressed the postal card to Senones, France. At Saigon, the Indochinese stamp was postmarked Saigon-Central, 2 August 1898. To the stamp's right is an additional Saigon-Central postmark. Also shown on the card's front is a receipt postmark from Senones, Vosges. The day is unclear, but the arrival month is August 1898.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HARAR 2. 6. 98

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 2 AOUT 98

SENONES VOSGES AOUT 98

Navigation and Commerce Mixed Usage on Indian Postal Card

Originating at Bombay, India, this postal card was addressed (at the upper left) to a pair of journalists at Madras with the handwritten instruction to "Await arrival." The postal card was forwarded and reforwarded. The final destination indicated on the postcard was Mexico City, Mexico. Postage was added at Pondichery, Haiphong, Japan and San Francisco.



POSTAL MARKINGS

BOMBAY INDIA 28 JA. 96
PONDICHERY 30 JA. 96
HAIPHONG TONKIN 26 AOUT 96
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. JUL 10 97

REVERSE

HONG KONG AU 1 96
SHANGHAI AU 10 96
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 25 SEPT 96