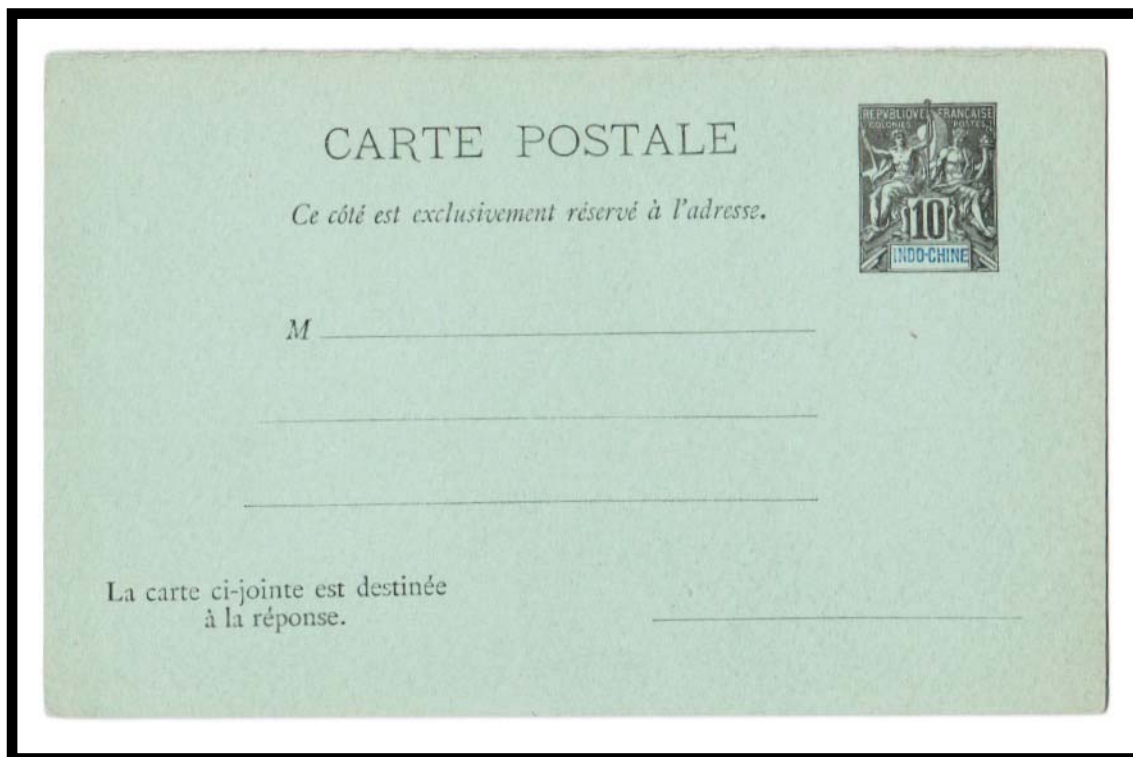


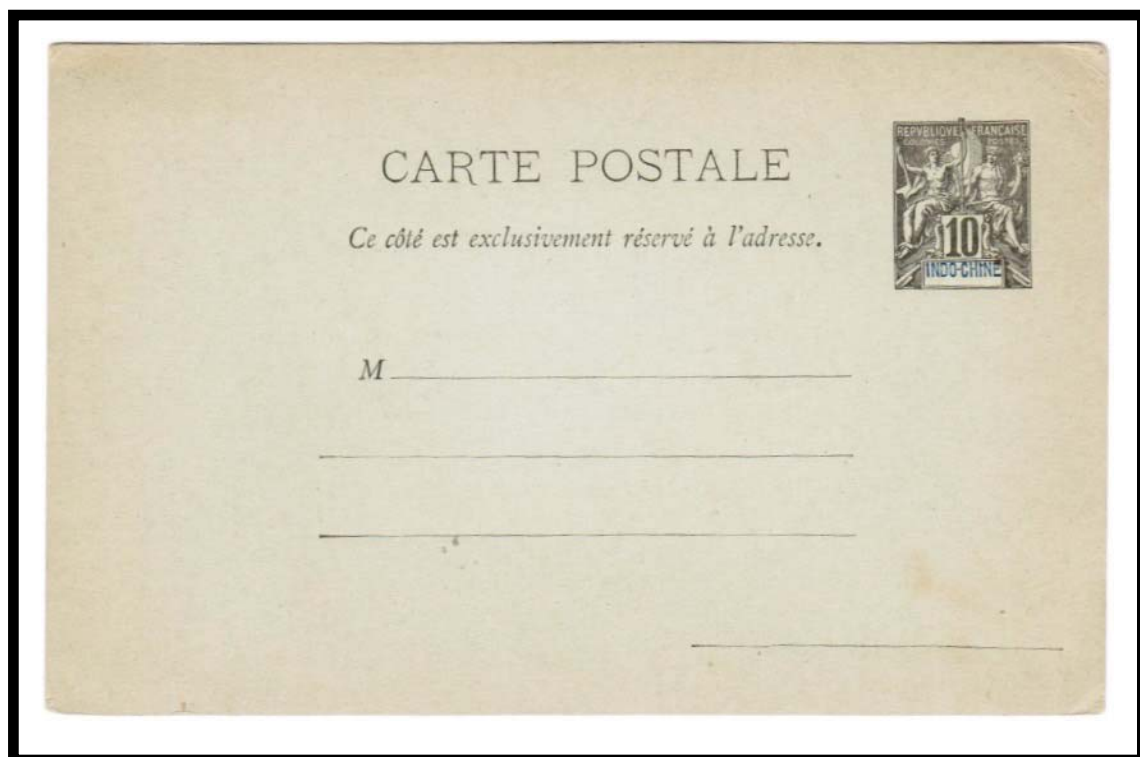
Navigation and Commerce 10-centime black Postal Cards

A postal card and a postal card with attached response were issued in 1892 as adjuncts to the Navigation and Commerce postage stamp series.



Navigation and Commerce
10-centime black Postal Card
Printing Variety

The "INDOCHINE" legend at the bottom of the indicium is shifted upward beyond the top border of the tablet on this 10-centime black Navigation and Commerce postal card.



Navigation and Commerce Use of 10-centime black Postal Card

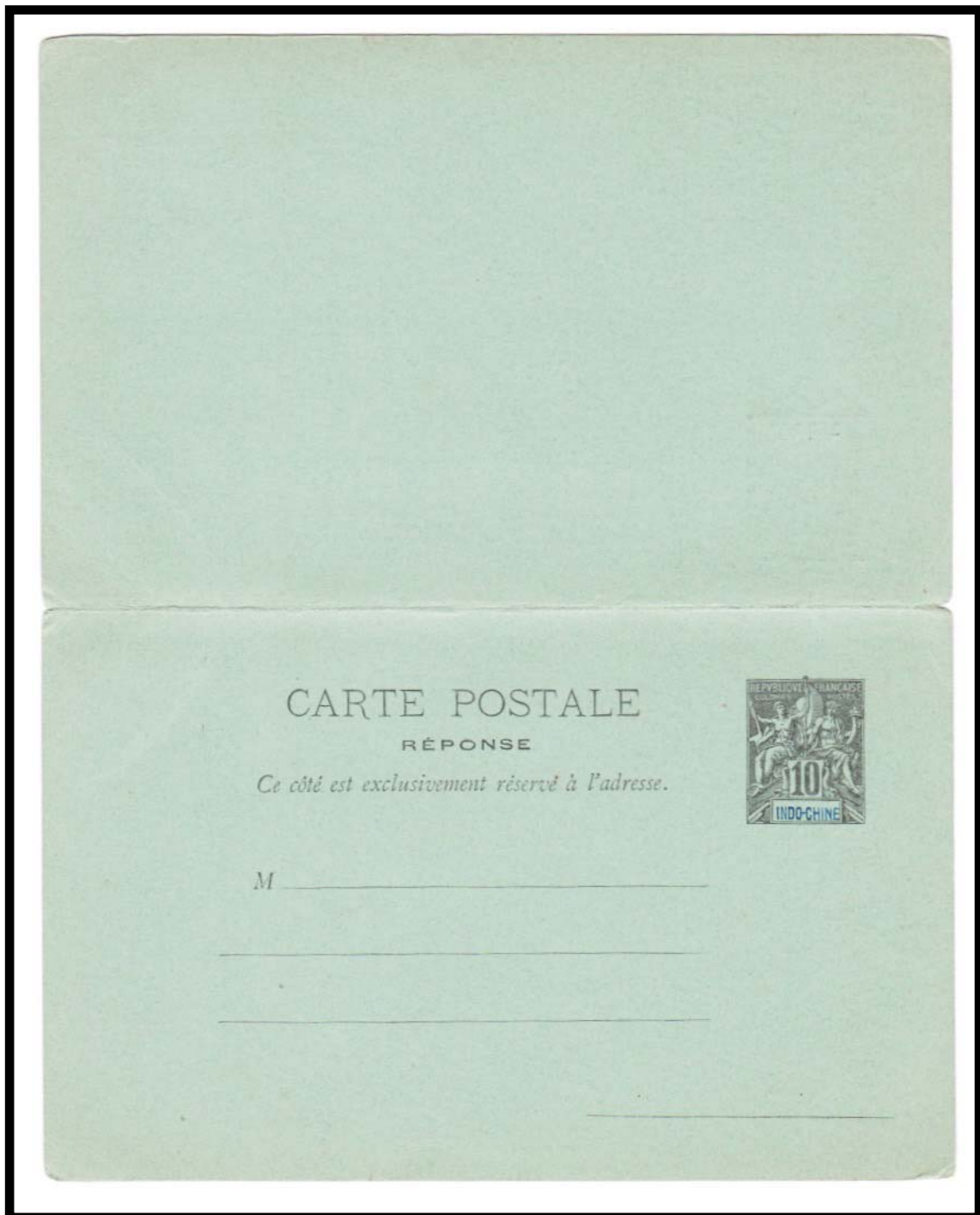
The 10-centime black postal card could be used to foreign destinations as well as within the French Community of nations. Here the card was used for a mailing to Java in 1895.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 10 FEVR 95
SINGAPORE FE 12 95
BATAVIA 16 2 1895

Navigation and Commerce
10-centime black Postal Response Card

By mailing an attached response card, the sender could conveniently prepay return posts costs.



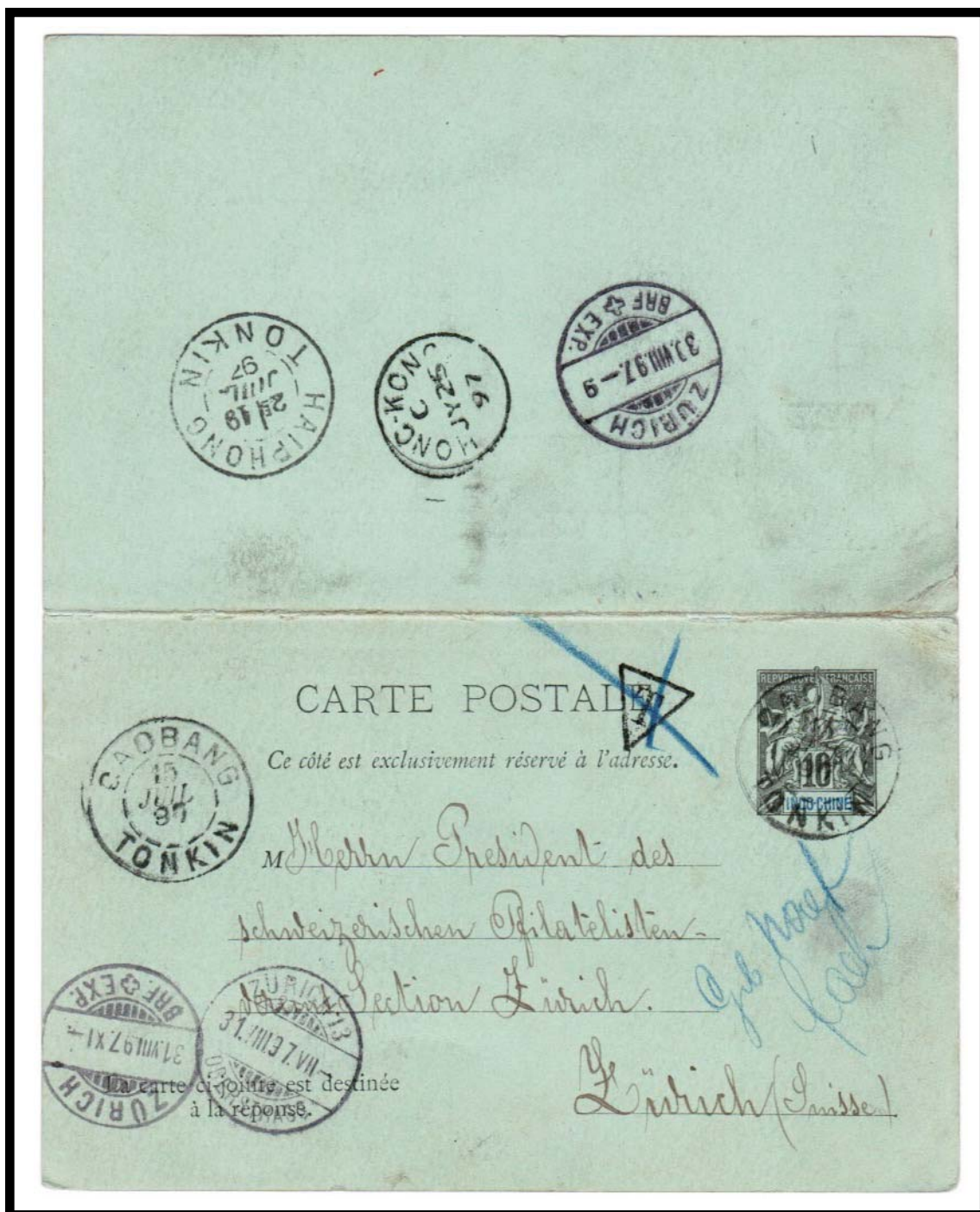
Navigation and Commerce
Use of 10-centime black Postal Response Card

Posted from Saigon-Port to Belgium in 1899, this postal card demonstrates that the postal response cards were valid to foreign destinations.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-PORT COCHINCHINE 21 AOUT 99
GAND 13 SEPT 1899
REVERSE
SAIGON-PORT COCHINCHINE 21 AOUT 99

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 10-centime black Postal Response Card



POSTAL MARKINGS

CAOBANG TONKIN 15 JUIL 97
T in triangle with blue crayon strike out
ZURICH BRF. EXP. 31. VIII. 97
ZURICH 13 OBERSTRAUSS 31. VIII. 97

REVERSE

HAIPHONG TONKIN 19 JUIL 97
HONG-KONG JY 25 97
ZURICH BRF. EXP. 31. VIII. 97

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 10-centime black Postal Response Card

Posted from Paris in 1901, the response card was returned to Indochina serving the purpose for which it was intended.



POSTAL MARKINGS

PARIS 15 PL. DE LA BOURSE 8-12 01
HANOI TONKIN 22 JANV 02

REVERSE

PARIS 10 DISTRIBUTION 16-12 01

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 10-centime black Postal Response Card

Here a response card, posted from Haiphong to Paris in 1906, was used as a regular postcard.

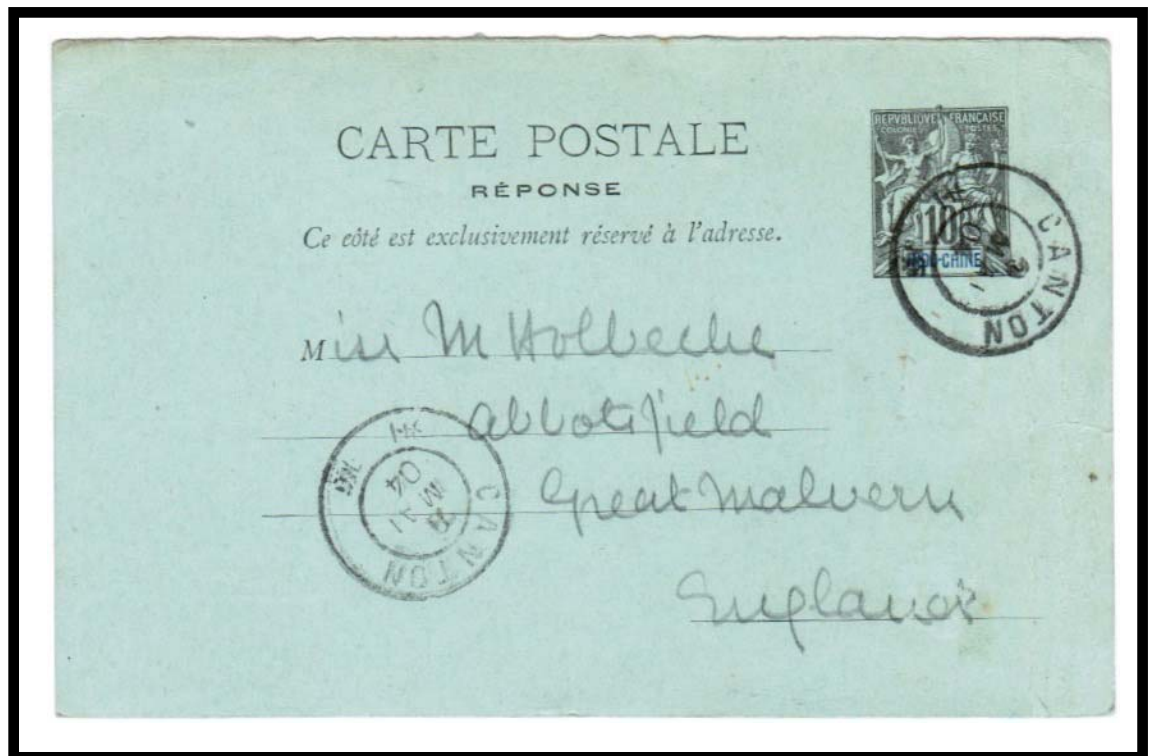


POSTAL MARKINGS
HAIPHONG TONKIN 18 AVRIL 06

Navigation and Commerce

Use of 10-centime black Postal Response Card

A response postal card was sent from Canton, China to England in 1904. Even though specially printed stationery existed for Canton, Indochinese postal items could also be used at the auxiliary post offices in China.



POSTAL MARKINGS
CANTON 9 MAI 04

Navigation and Commerce Use of 10-centime Obock Postal Card

During its time as a French colony, Obock had its own postage stamps starting in 1892. First, stamps of French Colonies General Issues were overprinted "OBOCK." Then a stock of Navigation and Commerce stamps and stationery was prepared with "OBOCK" inscribed in the legend space. Obock's stamp history was short lived as Obock and Djibouti were combined into Somali Coast, which had its own stamps starting in 1902.

Here Obock's 10-centime postal card was mailed from Pnompenh, Cambodia to Paris in 1897.



POSTAL MARKINGS

PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 23 MARS 97
11 PARIS 11 (DISTRIBUTION) 25 AVRIL 97
PARIS 13 HOTEL DE VILLE 25 AVRIL (97) (red)
MODANE A PARIS 24 AVRIL 97

REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 25 MARS 97
11 PARIS 11 (DISTRIBUTION) 25 AVRIL 97

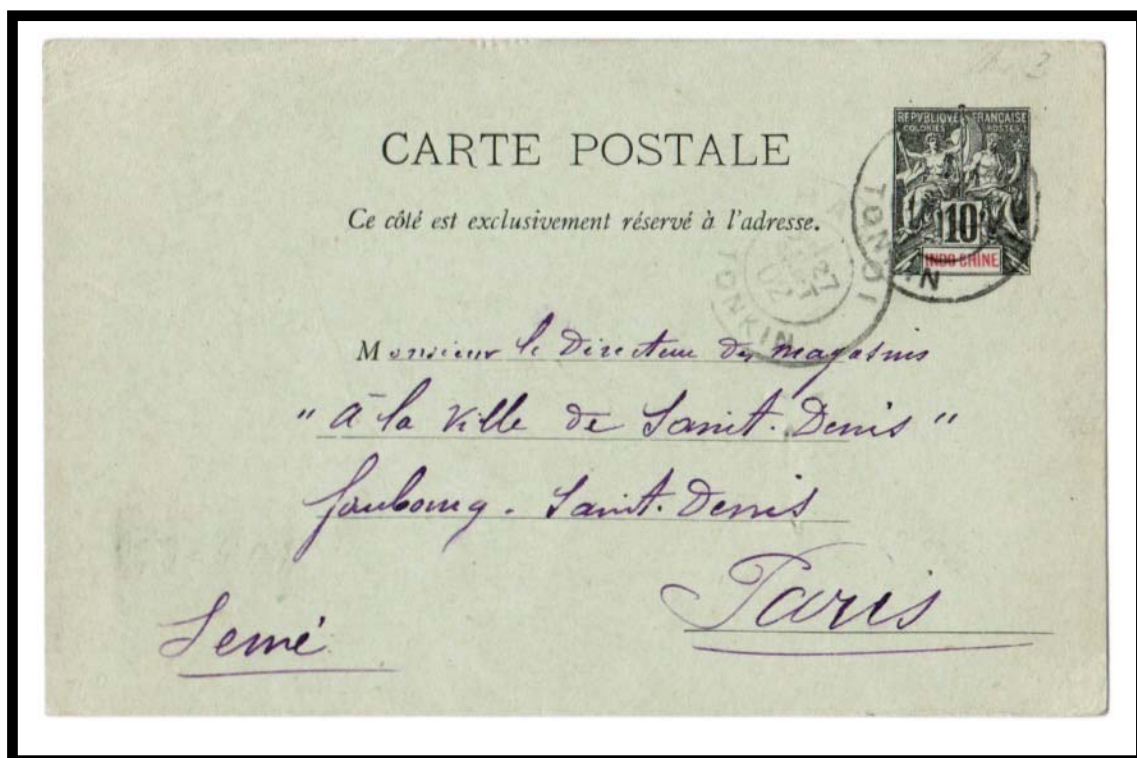
Navigation and Commerce
red "INDO-CHINE" 10-centime black Postal Card

In 1900, the color of the country legend was changed from blue to red. The reason for the change is not known.



Navigation and Commerce
Use of red "INDO-CHINE" 10-centime black Postal Card

The red "INDO-CHINE" version of the Navigation and Commerce postal cards served the same purpose as the blue version. Here the card was used to send a message from Hanoi to Paris in 1902.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI TONKIN 27 SEPT 02

Navigation and Commerce
Use of red "INDO-CHINE" 10-centime black Postal Card

Addressed to Stuttgart, Germany in 1901, this postal card was cited for postage due. Subsequently, the due marking was scratched out with a blue crayon.



POSTAL MARKINGS

DONG-DANG TONKIN 17 MARS 01
LIGNE T PAQ. FR. N° 5 6 AVRIL 01
T in triangle scratched out with blue crayon

REVERSE

LANG-SON TOKIN 18 MARS 01
HAIPHONG TONKIN 19 MARS 01

Navigation and Commerce
red "INDO-CHINE" 10-centime black Postal Card
CANTON Overprint

In 1902, when stationery items were created for the auxiliary post office in Canton, the red "INDO-CHINE" postal card was selected for overprinting.



Navigation and Commerce
red "INDO-CHINE" 10-centime black Postal Card
Use of CANTON Overprint

Addressed to a representative of the Imperial Post Office within Canton, this postal card was forwarded to him at Tangku.



POSTAL MARKINGS

CANTON 6 JUIN 02
SHANGHAI 15 JUN 02
TANGKU 20 JUN 02

Navigation and Commerce
red "INDO-CHINE" 10-centime black Postal Card
Use of CANTON Overprint

Sent from the auxiliary post office in Canton, the overprinted postal card took a month to reach Germany.



POSTAL MARKINGS
CANTON 14 OCT. 02
COBURG 1b 15. 11. 02

Navigation and Commerce
red "INDO-CHINE" 10-centime black Postal Card
Use of CANTON Overprint

Here the sender struck through the word "RESPONSE" on an overprinted postal response card sent from Canton to Germany in 1902.



POSTAL MARKINGS

CANTON 7 NOV. 02
ZABERN 6. 12. 02

Navigation and Commerce
10 centimes black Postal Card
Fake HOI HAO Overprint

Although postal stationery was overprinted for Canton, it was not done for any of the other Indochinese post offices in China. With this example of the top half of a response card, a fake overprint was canceled with a fake postmark.



Fake postmark



Fake overprint



POSTAL MARKINGS

HOIHAO ILE DE HAINAM 5 MAI 02 (fake)

REVERSE

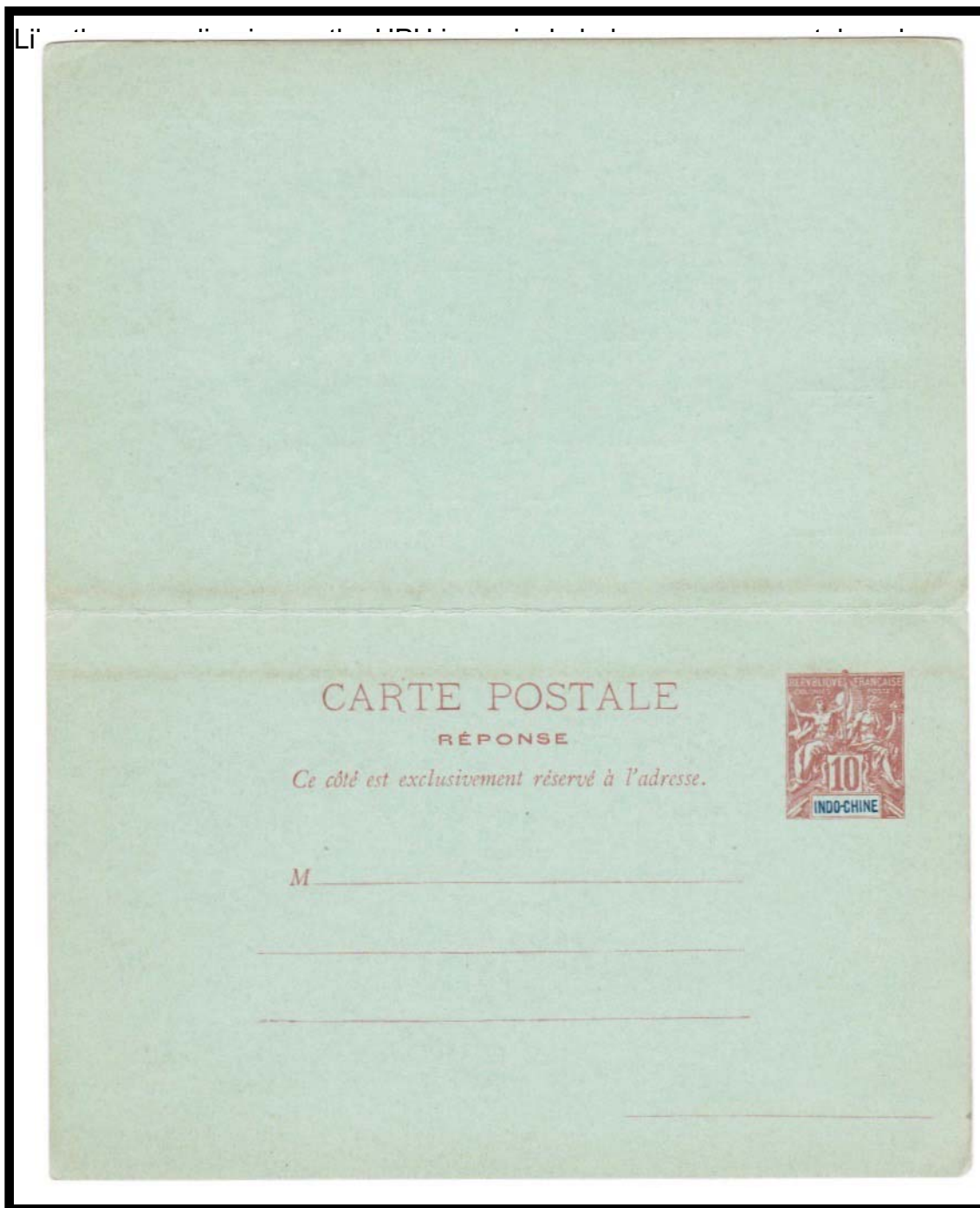
HOIHAO ILE DE HAINAM 5 MAI 02 (fake)

Navigation and Commerce 10-centime red Postal Cards

In 1901, the color of the indicia for the Navigation and Commerce postal cards changed to red to conform with Universal Postal Union guidelines.



Navigation and Commerce
10-centime red Postal Cards

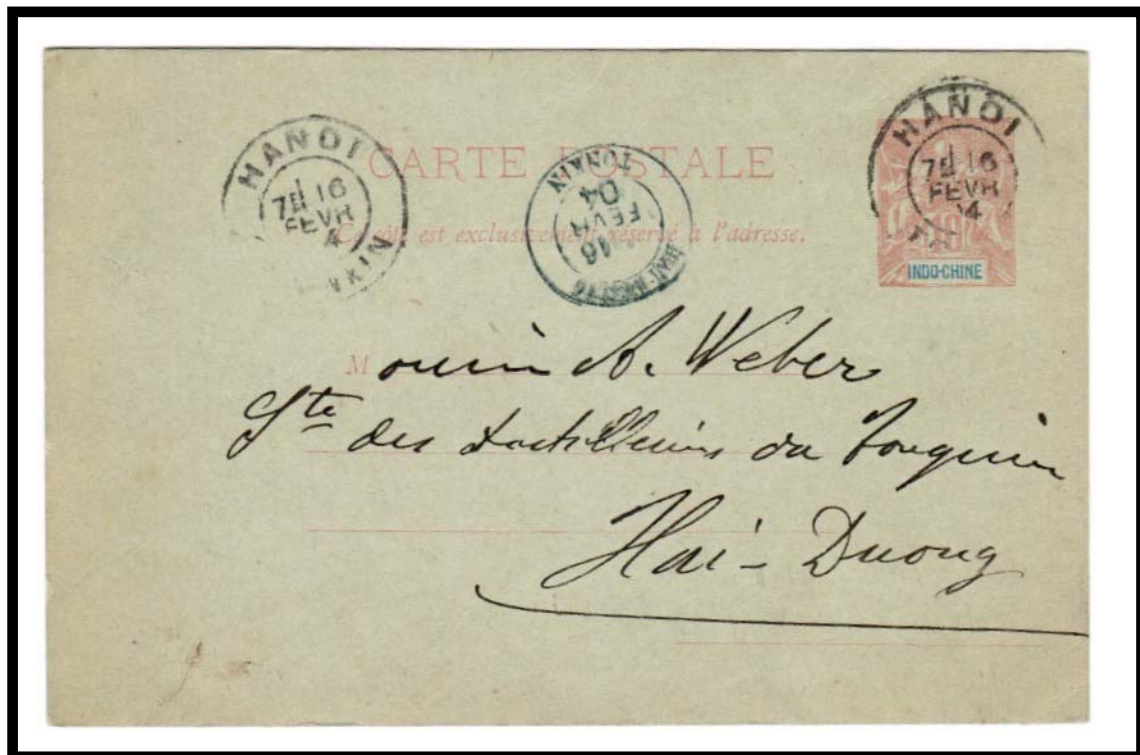


Navigation and Commerce
Printing Shades of 10-centime red Postal Cards



Navigation and Commerce Use of 10-centime red Postal Card

Here the 10-centime red postal card was used for an internal mailing from Hanoi, Tonkin to Hai-Duong, Tonkin in 1904.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI TONKN 16 FEVR 04
HAI-DUONG TONKIN 16 FEVR 04

Navigation and Commerce Use of 10-centime red Postal Card

Here the 10-centime red postal card was used for sending a short message from Saigon to Berlin in 1904.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE JANV 04
Bestellt vom Postamte 12 10/2. 04

Navigation and Commerce Use of 10-centime red Postal Card

A 15-centime stamp was added to this postal card to pay postage to the United States in 1903. At the time, the foreign letter rate was 25 centimes. The card was in transit for over a month.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 19 DEC 03
NEW ORLEANS, LA JAN 24 04

Navigation and Commerce Special Printing of 10-centime red Postal Cards

In 1901, a small number of postal cards were printed with a “control number” in the lower, left corner. The three-digit number was the Julian date of the printing.



Navigation and Commerce
Special Printing of 10-centime red Postal Card



The original postal card was cut so shallow that only a portion of the control number remains. The complete "048" is present on the response card.

Navigation and Commerce

Use of Special Printing of 10-centime red Postal Card

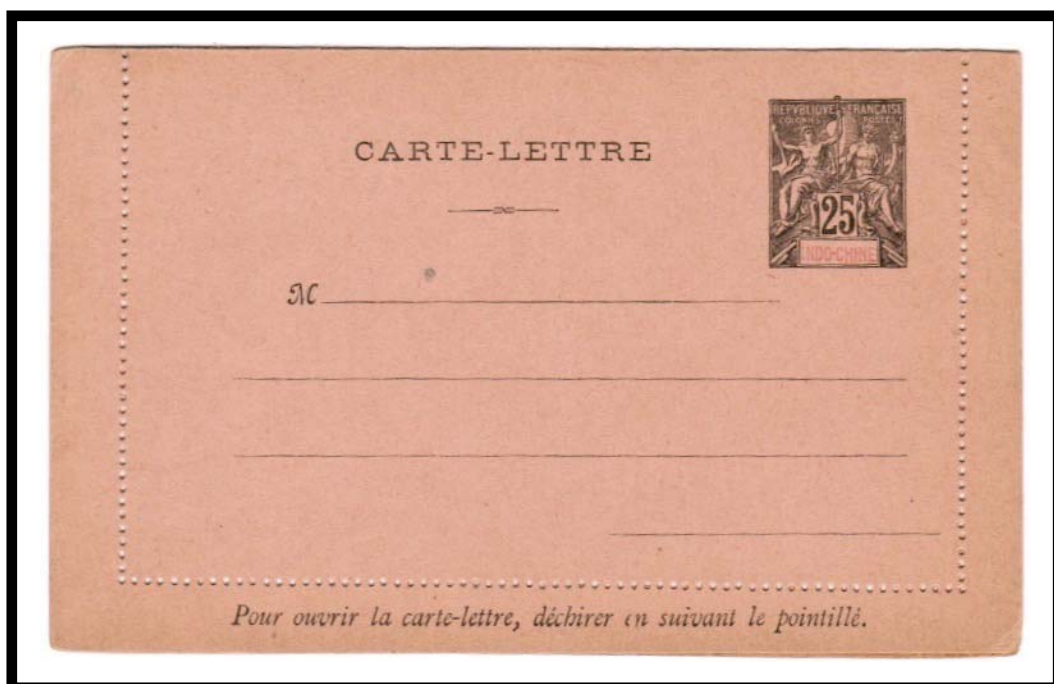
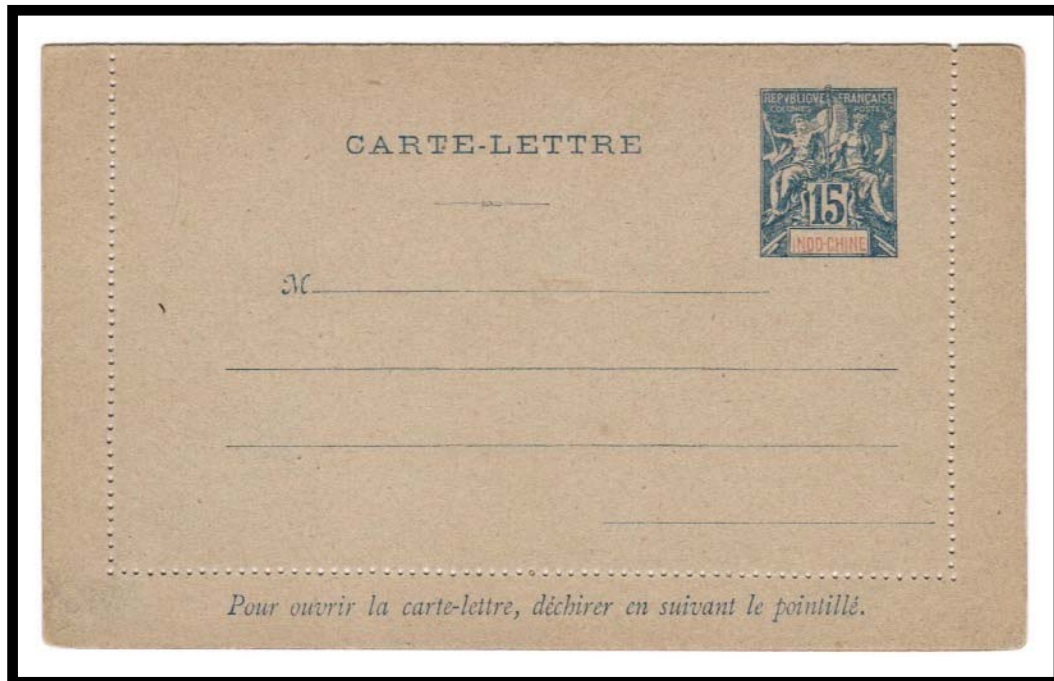
The special printing cards rarely saw postal service. This example was posted from Saigon to Germany in 1904.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 29 JANV 04
STUTT GART N° 7 24 11
GIESSE N 25. 2. 04

Navigation and Commerce
15-centime blue and 25-centime black Lettercard

Lettercards, in two values, were first issued in 1892 as part of the comprehensive Navigation and Commerce series.



Navigation and Commerce
15-centime blue Lettercard
Printing Varieties



Normal cardstock.



Light cardstock or limited printing in 1900.

Navigation and Commerce
15-centime blue Lettercard
Variety

In the normal position are two separate sets of perforations. Additionally, a third perforation pattern was misplaced diagonally at the lower left corner.



Navigation and Commerce
Use of 15-centime blue Lettercard

Of military origin, this lettercard was sent to France from a member of the occupation force in Saigon. The hexagonal blue unit cachet reads "COMMANDANT DE L'ARTILLERIE EN INDOCHINE."



POSTAL MARKINGS
CORR. D.ARMEES * SAIGON * 20 OCT 94
REVERSE
NANCY MEUSE ET MOSELLE 16 NOV 94

Navigation and Commerce Use of 15-centime blue Lettercard

So that the sender could post a lettercard to Switzerland, he added a 10-centime stamp. The "S/S Oceanien" notation at the upper left refers to the French N Line ship that left Saigon on 20 June 1903.



POSTAL MARKINGS

LIGNE N PAQ. FR. N° 3 12 JUN 03
ERLENBACH (ZURICH) 14. VII. 03

Navigation and Commerce Use of 15-centime blue Lettercard

Two 5-centime blue-green Navigation and Commerce stamps were added to a 15-centime lettercard to make up the foreign letter rate to Charkov, Russia in 1897.



POSTAL MARKINGS

LIGNE N PAQ. FR. N° 3 12 JUN 03
ERLENBACH (ZURICH) 14. VII. 03

Navigation and Commerce Use of 15-centime blue Lettercard

With an additional 10 centimes worth of postage to make up the foreign letter rate, this lettercard was posted to Vienna, Austria. The maritime transit marking was applied aboard the *S.S. Armand Behic* when she departed Columbo on 28 July 1900.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 19 JUIL 00

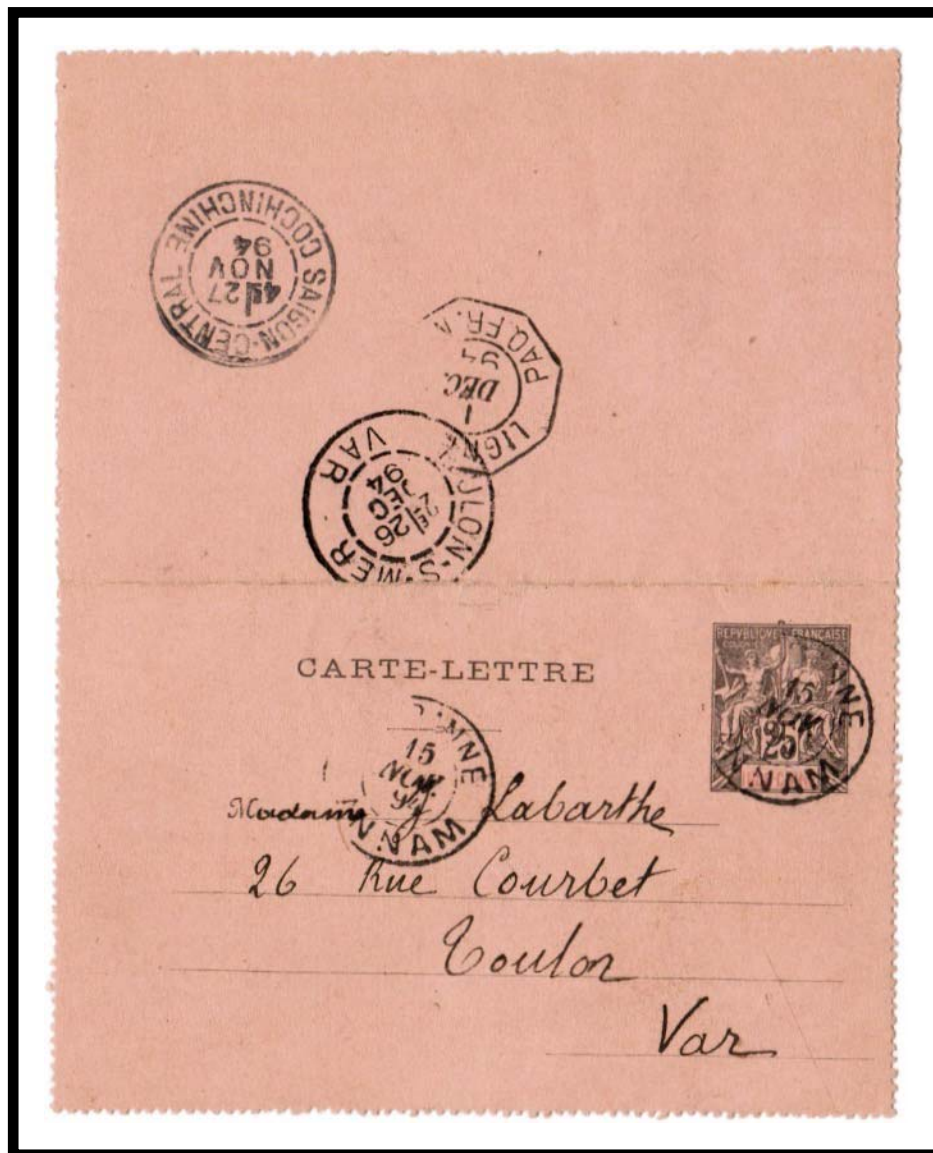
AUSTRALIE PAQ. FR. T N° 1 28 JUIL 00

REVERSE

WIEN 7/2 15. 8. 00

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 25-centime black Lettercard

Posted from Touranne, Annam in 1894, this lettercard took about six weeks to reach its destination in France.



POSTAL MARKINGS

TOURANNE ANNAM 15 NOV 94

REVERSE

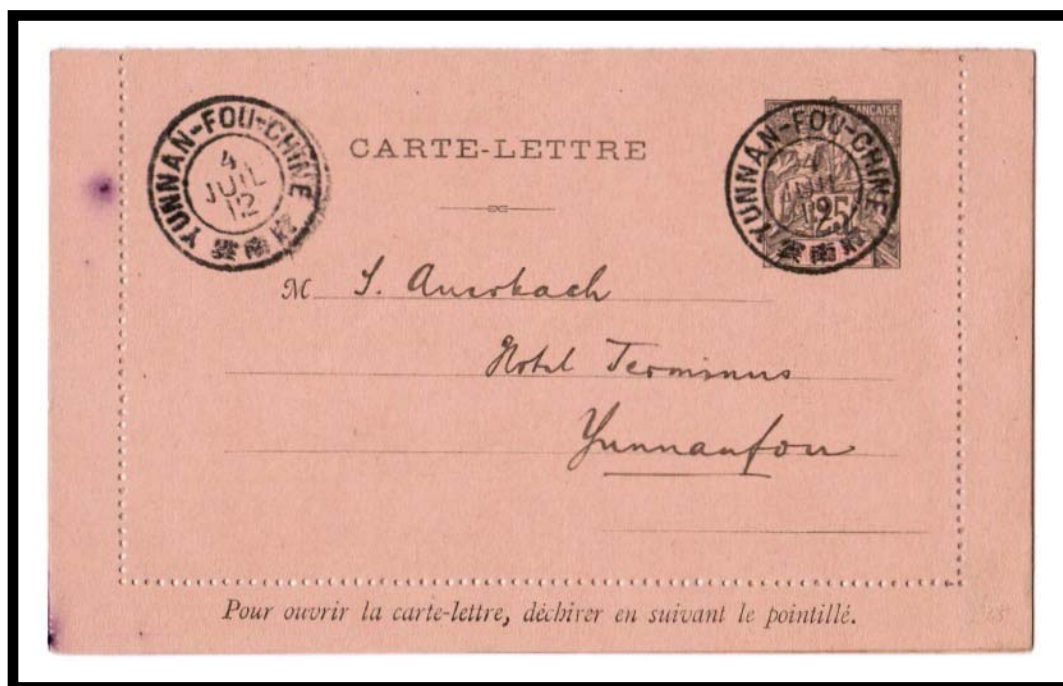
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 27 NOV 94

LIGNE N PAQ. FR. N° 1 DEC 94

TOULON-S-MER VAR 26 DEC 94

Navigation and Commerce Use of 25-centime black Lettercard

This example of the 25-centime lettercard was used locally within Yunnan Fou, China in 1912.



POSTAL MARKINGS
YUNNAN-FOU-CHINE 4 JUL 12

Navigation and Commerce Use of 25-centime black Lettercard

An additional 15 centimes was affixed to a 25-centime black navigation and Commerce lettercard to pay for registry fees. Postage was computed as follows:

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



POSTAL MARKINGS

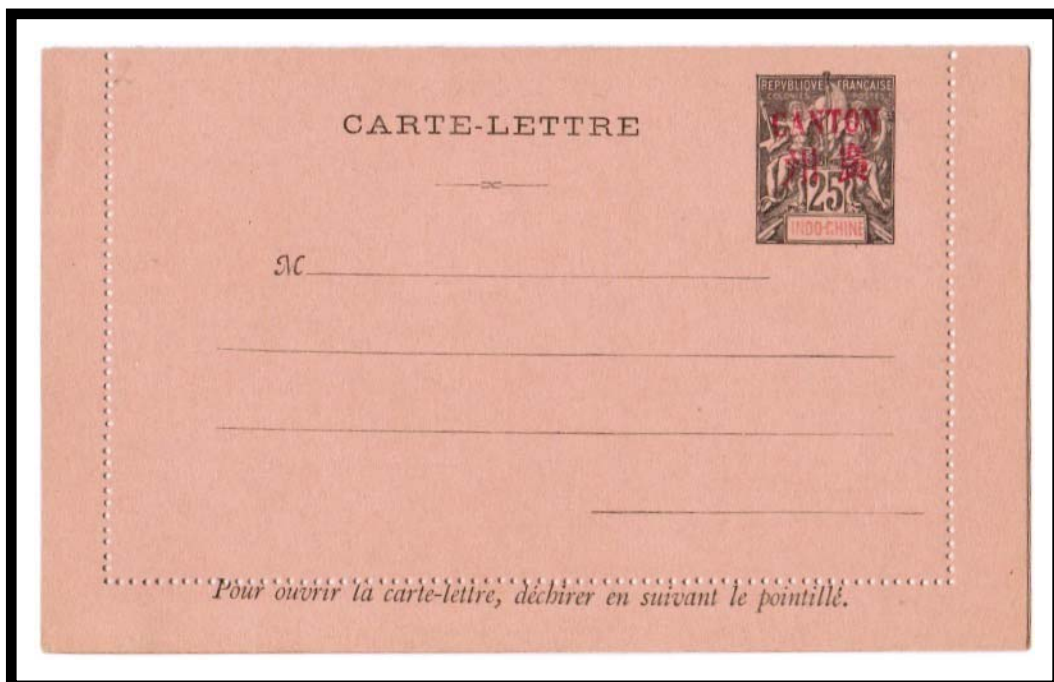
GOCONG TONKIN 27 FEVR 99
framed R with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 28 FEVR 99
PARIS 6 DISTRIBUTION 25 MARS 99

Navigation and Commerce Lettercards Overprinted for Canton

A small number of Navigation and Commerce lettercards were overprinted for use from Indochina's auxiliary post office at Canton, China.



Navigation and Commerce

Use of 15-centime blue Lettercard Overprinted for Canton

The sender had typed "Imprimées" at the top left so this lettercard addressed to Germany would be accepted as international "printed matter" and thus qualify for a lower postal rate.



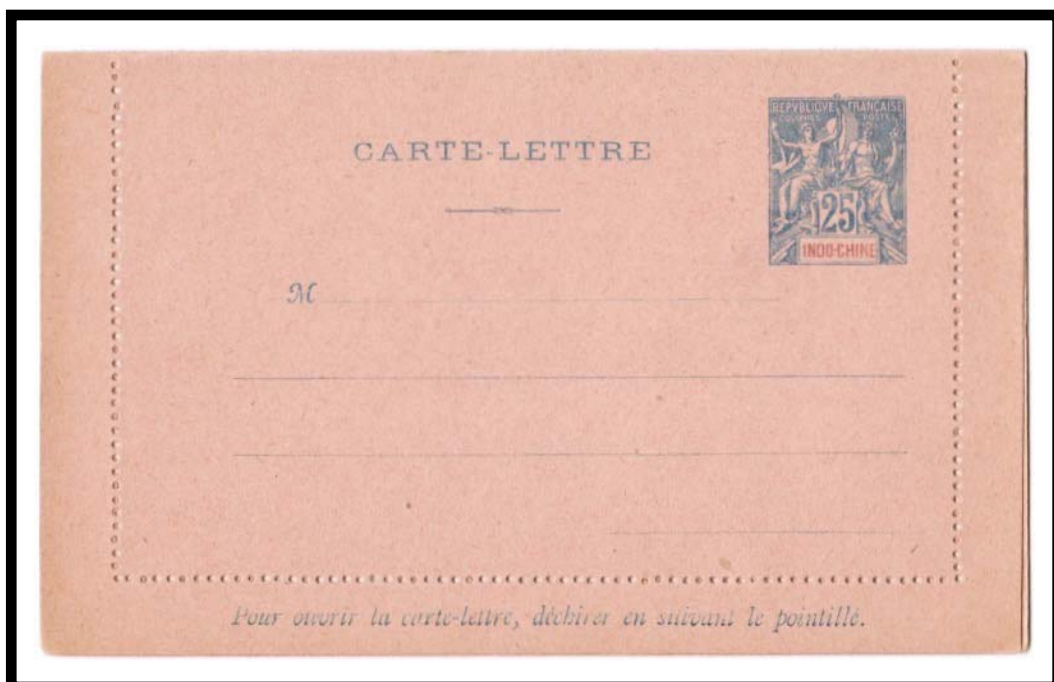
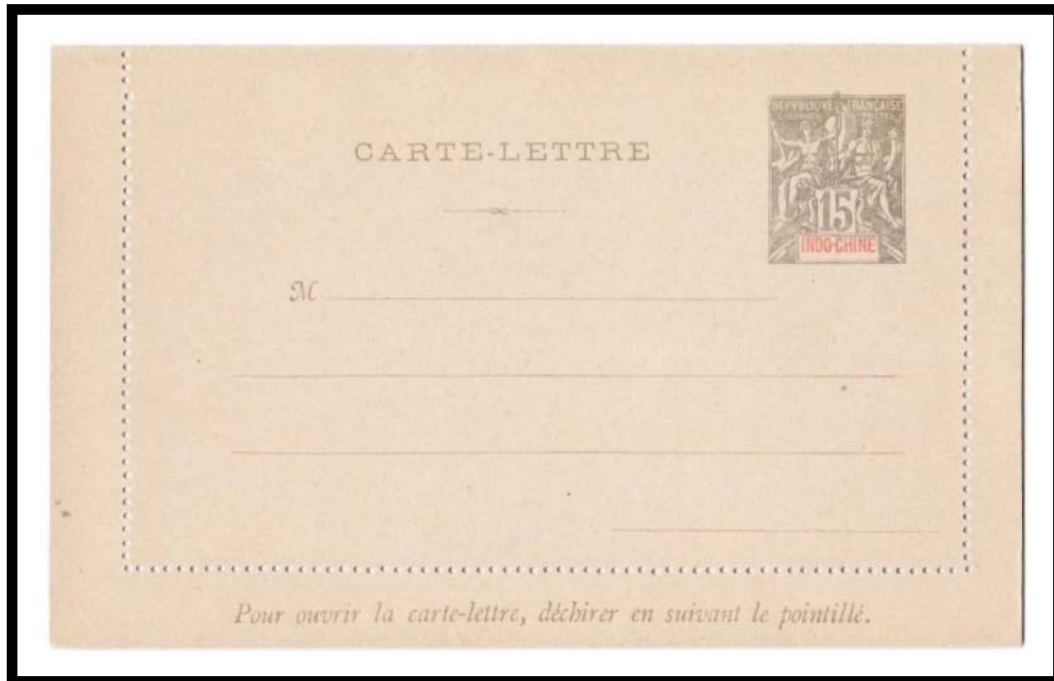
POSTAL MARKINGS

CANTON 5 OCT 03
DOMITZ 19. 11. 03

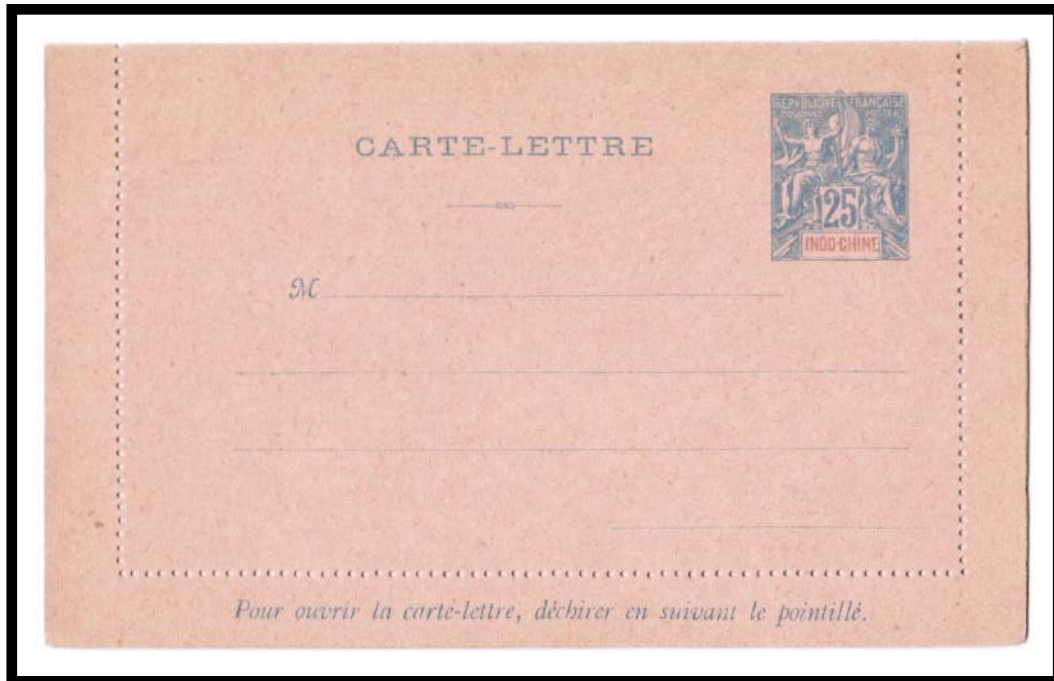
Navigation and Commerce

15-centime gray and 25-centime blue Lettercards

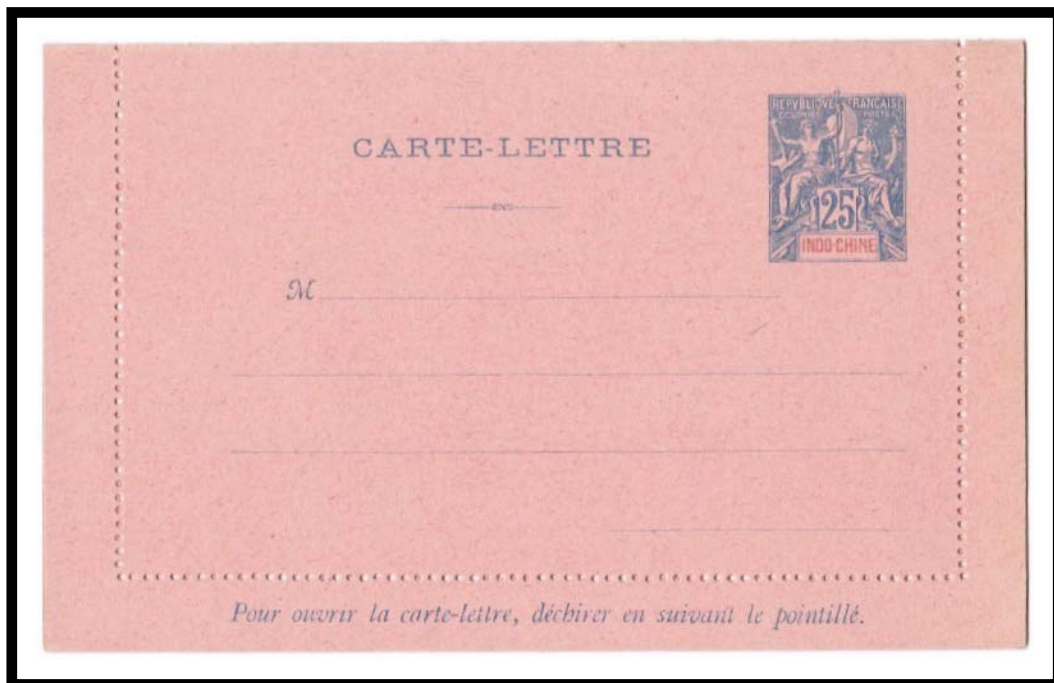
New colors were introduced in 1901 to conform with Universal Postal Union guidelines.



Navigation and Commerce
25-centime blue Lettercards
Cardstock Varieties



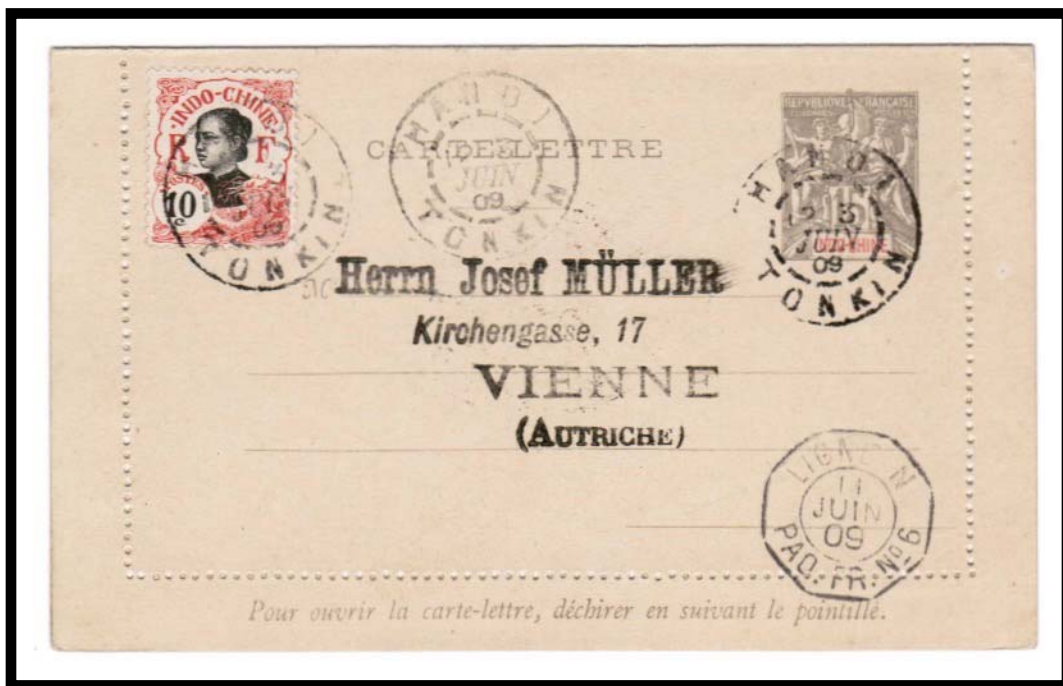
Salmon cardstock.



Pink cardstock.

Navigation and Commerce Use of 15-centime gray Lettercard

At the turn of the century, the letter rate to foreign countries was 25 centimes. Here an additional 10 centimes was added to the 15-centime lettercard to pay postage costs for mailing to Austria in 1909.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HANOI TONKIN 3 JUIN 09

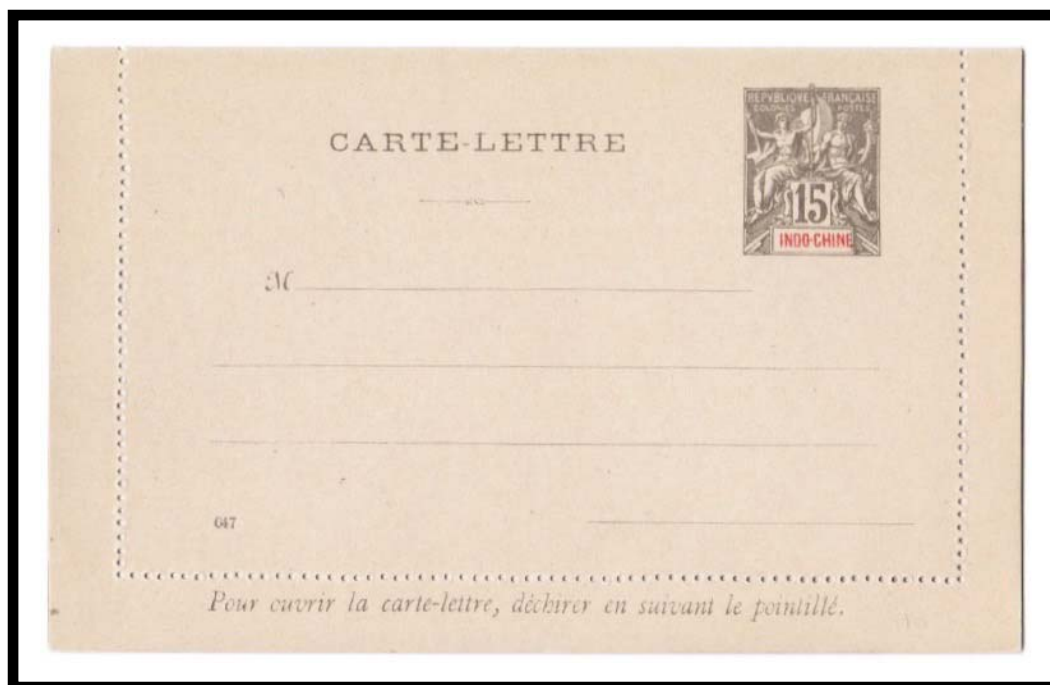
LIGNE N PAQ. FR. N° 6 11 JUIN 09

REVERSE

7/2 WIEN 62 * 4 a * 6. VII. 09

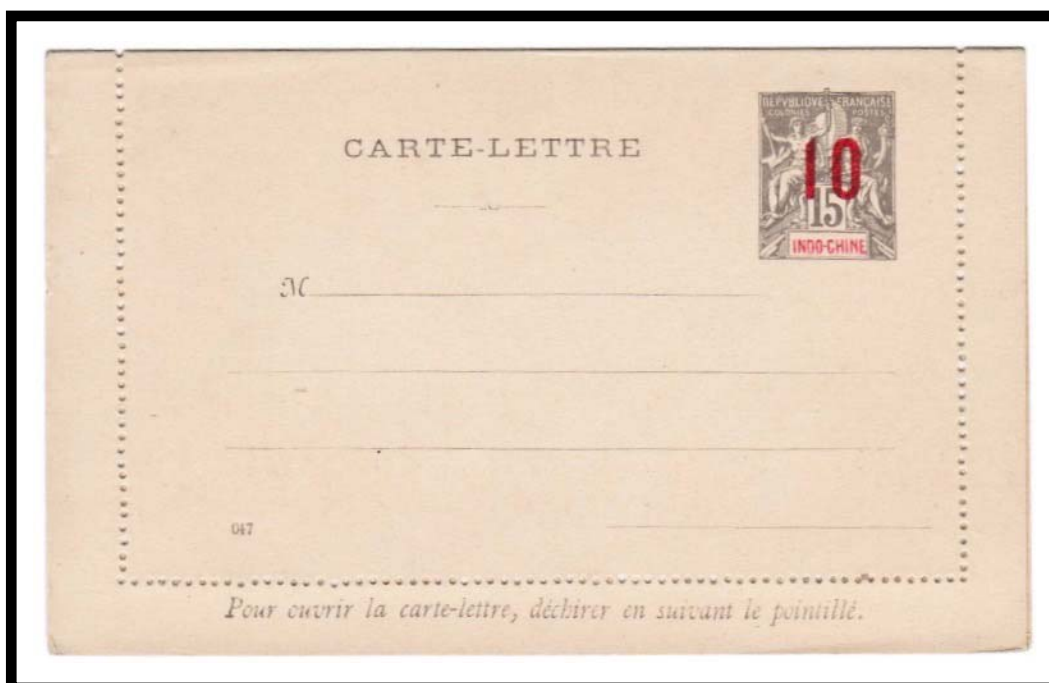
Navigation and Commerce
Special Printing of 15-centime gray and 25-centime blue Lettercards

A small number of lettercards exhibit a control number (the Julian date) for the printing at the lower left.

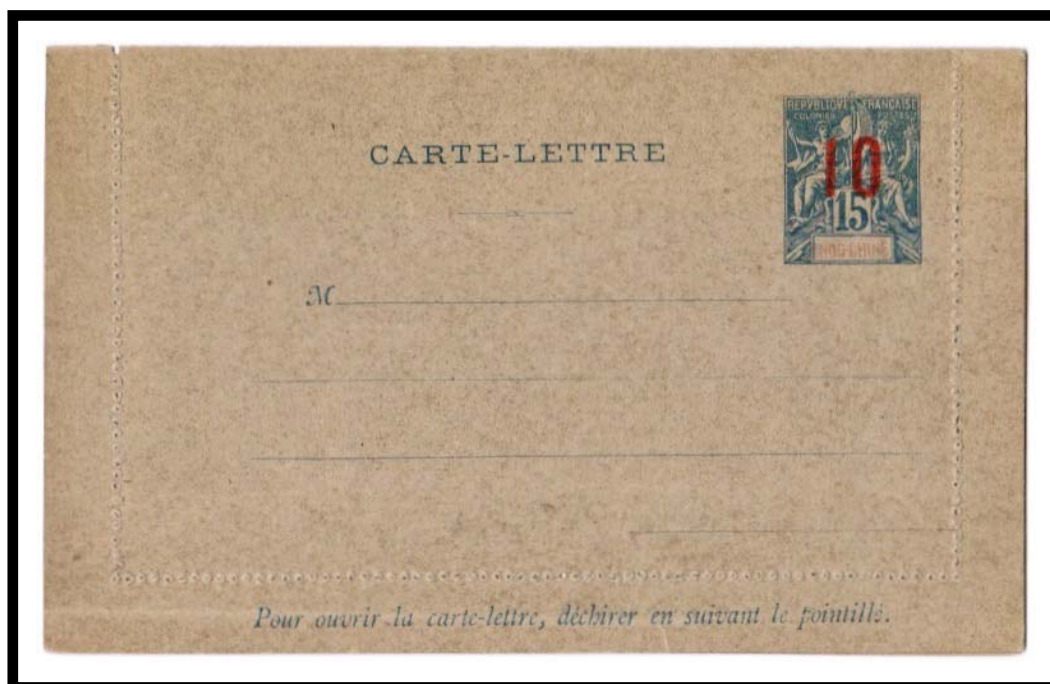


Navigation and Commerce
Revalued 15-centime blue and 15-centime gray Lettercards

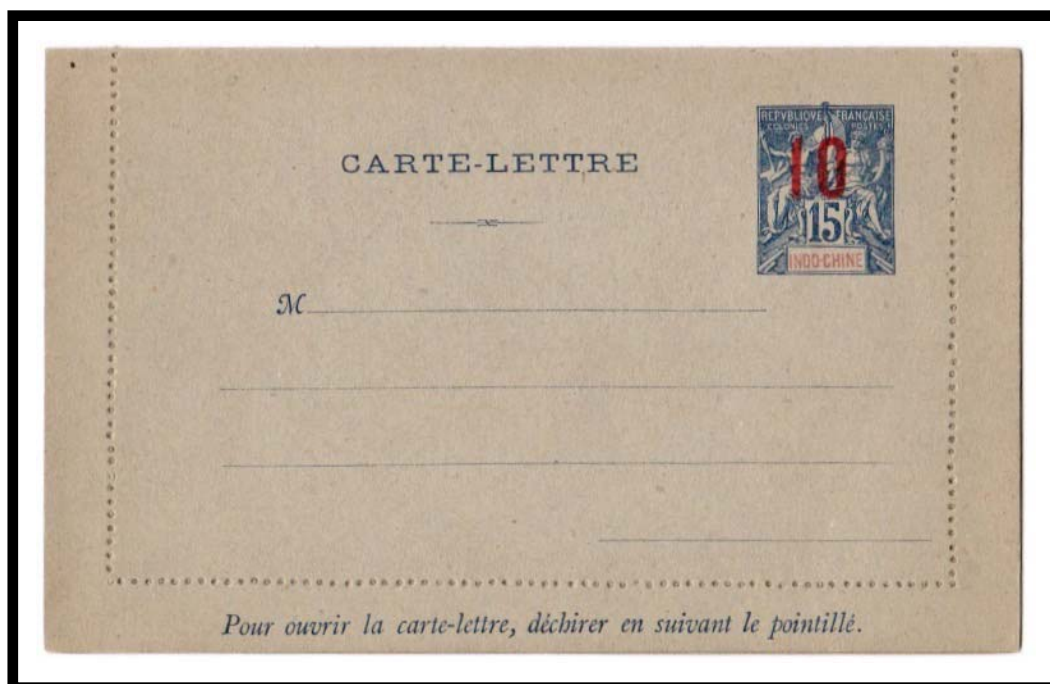
In 1912, stocks of both the 15-centime blue and 15-centime gray lettercards were overprinted with a large "10."



Navigation and Commerce
Cardstock Varieties for Revalued 15-centime blue Lettercard



Mottled cardstock.



Plain cardstock.

Navigation and Commerce

Use of Revalued 15-centime blue Lettercard

Here a revalued 10 on 15-centime blue lettercard was mailed locally within the city of Saigon in 1913.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 18-3 13

Navigation and Commerce Use of Revalued 15-centime blue Lettercard

Originating from Hanoi, the overprinted lettercard saw outbound service to Paris in 1914.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI TONKIN 2 JANV 14

Navigation and Commerce

Use of Revalued 15-centime blue Lettercard

Forty centimes worth of additional postage was affixed to a revalued 10-centime lettercard for registered mail service to Germany in 1913. Postage was computed as follows:

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



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 20-5 13
framed R with manuscript registration number
registration label (Germany)

Navigation and Commerce

Use of Revalued 15-centime gray Lettercard

The overprinted 15-centime gray lettercard is found much less frequently than the overprinted 15-centime blue lettercard. Here an example was sent from Saigon to Paris on Christmas Day in 1912.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 25-12 12

Navigation and Commerce 5-centime Envelope

A 5-centime envelope was issued in 1892 as part of the Navigation and Commerce series. Beginning in 1901, printing of the envelope was done on laid paper in a slightly smaller size.



Woven paper, 1892.



Laid paper, 1901.

Navigation and Commerce
5-centime Envelope
Post Office Band

A paper band around this 5-centime envelope let the buying public know that the selling price of the envelopes was 5½ centimes, ½ centime above face value. Typically, multiple envelopes were banded together to promote sales efficiency.



Navigation and Commerce
5-centime Woven Paper Envelope
Shades



Light impression.



Dark impression.

Navigation and Commerce Use of 5-centime Woven Paper Envelope

As this example demonstrates, 5-centime envelopes were typically used to send small calling cards, a popular practice at the turn of the century.



Calling card of the Resident Minister



POSTAL MARKINGS
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 7 JANV 99

Navigation and Commerce Use of 5-centime Woven Paper Envelope

The sender of this mailing to France was in the French military as evidenced by the Marine cachet and military postmark.



POSTAL MARKINGS
CORR. D. ARMEES SAIGON 23 JANV 94

Navigation and Commerce Use of 5-centime Woven Paper Envelope

This example shows an international usage of a 5-centime envelope posted from Saigon to China in 1900.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 00

Navigation and Commerce Use of 5-centime Woven Paper Envelope

At the turn of the century, the letter rate to foreign countries was 25 centimes. Here an extra 20 centimes was added to the 5-centime envelope for a mailing to Germany in 1900.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HAIPHONG TONKIN 29 DEC. 1900

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 5-centime Laid Paper Envelope
Variety

Like its predecessor, the laid paper envelope was typically mailed internally within Indochina.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 2 JANV 04

Navigation and Commerce
Use of 5-centime Laid Paper Envelope
Variety

The color of the indicium on this envelope is a very light shade of green. Based on the date of usage, it is likely from a late printing.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-PORT COCHINCHINE 3 JANV 05

Navigation and Commerce

Use of 5-centime Envelope Cut Outs

Though against postal regulations, the sender cut out the indicia from two 5-centime envelopes and affixed them to a picture postcard for a mailing to France in 1904. Postal rules strictly prohibited this practice, but the cutouts escaped detection.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 4 JUIN 04

Navigation and Commerce
Large 15-centime blue Envelope

Blue fifteen centime envelopes were distributed in three sizes as part of the original Navigation and Commerce issue.



Navigation and Commerce
Small and Medium 15-centime blue Envelope



Navigation and Commerce
Small 15-centime blue Envelope
Variety

The "INDOCHINE" legend at the bottom of the indicium is shifted upward beyond the top border of the tablet on this small size 15-centime blue Navigation and Commerce envelope.



Navigation and Commerce Use of Small 15-centime blue Envelope

The small 15-centime blue envelope was sent locally within Saigon in 1902. With its 15-centime face value, the small envelope could be sealed through the mails. Since other envelopes of the series held more contents, the small envelope saw relatively little use.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-PORT COCHINCHINE 6 JANV 02

Navigation and Commerce Use of Small 15-centime blue Envelope

With a 10-centime stamp added, this small envelope was properly franked at the foreign letter rate for delivery to Cyprus.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HAI-PHONG TONKIN 30 AOUT 94
REVERSE
LARNAUA CYPRUS OC 3 94

Navigation and Commerce
Medium 15-centime blue Envelope
Shades



Navigation and Commerce
Medium 15-centime blue Envelope
Variety

With this example of the medium-size 15-centime blue envelope, the "INDOCHINE" legend was shifted upwards to the top border of the tablet leaving the bottom portion blank.



Navigation and Commerce
Use of Medium 15-centime blue Envelope

This medium format envelope was sent from Tay Ninh to Paris in 1893. The sender had indicated on the reverse that the cover contained soldier's mail.



POSTAL MARKINGS

TAYNINH COCHINCHINE 25 AOUT 93

REVERSE

SAIGON- CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 26 AOUT 93
PARIS 8 (DISTRIBUTION) 23 SEPT 93

Navigation and Commerce Use of Medium 15-centime blue Envelope

With an additional 10 centimes worth of stamps added, adequate postage had been paid for delivery of this medium-size 15-centime envelope to Germany.



POSTAL MARKINGS

PHAN-RANG ANNAM 23 FEVR 1900

REVERSE

NHATRANG ANNAM 3 MARS 1 90 0

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 14 MARS 00

Bestellt vom Postamte 21 10/4 00

Navigation and Commerce Use of Medium 15-centime blue Envelope

A medium-size 15-centime blue Navigation and Commerce envelope carried a letter to France in 1901. The letter was readdressed and forwarded with a 15-centime French stamp reaching the addressee in about one month.



POSTAL MARKINGS

TOURANNE ANNAM 12 AVRIL 01
PONT DE CHERUY ISERE 16 MAI 01

REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 16 AVRIL 01
PONT DE CHERUY ISERE 15 MAI 01
VALDORE TERRITOIRE DE BELFORT 17 MAI 01

Navigation and Commerce
Use of Large 15-centime blue Envelope

Since this envelope was marked as printed matter ("Imprimés"), it went to Germany at the 15-centime rate.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 23 FEVR 94
REVE RSE
LIGNE N PAQ. FR. N° 4 24 FEVR 94
ULM MAHNHOF 24 MRZ 94

Navigation and Commerce
Use of Large 15-centime blue Envelope

Adding 60 centimes worth of stamps paid the fees for this double weight, registered letter.



POSTAL MARKINGS

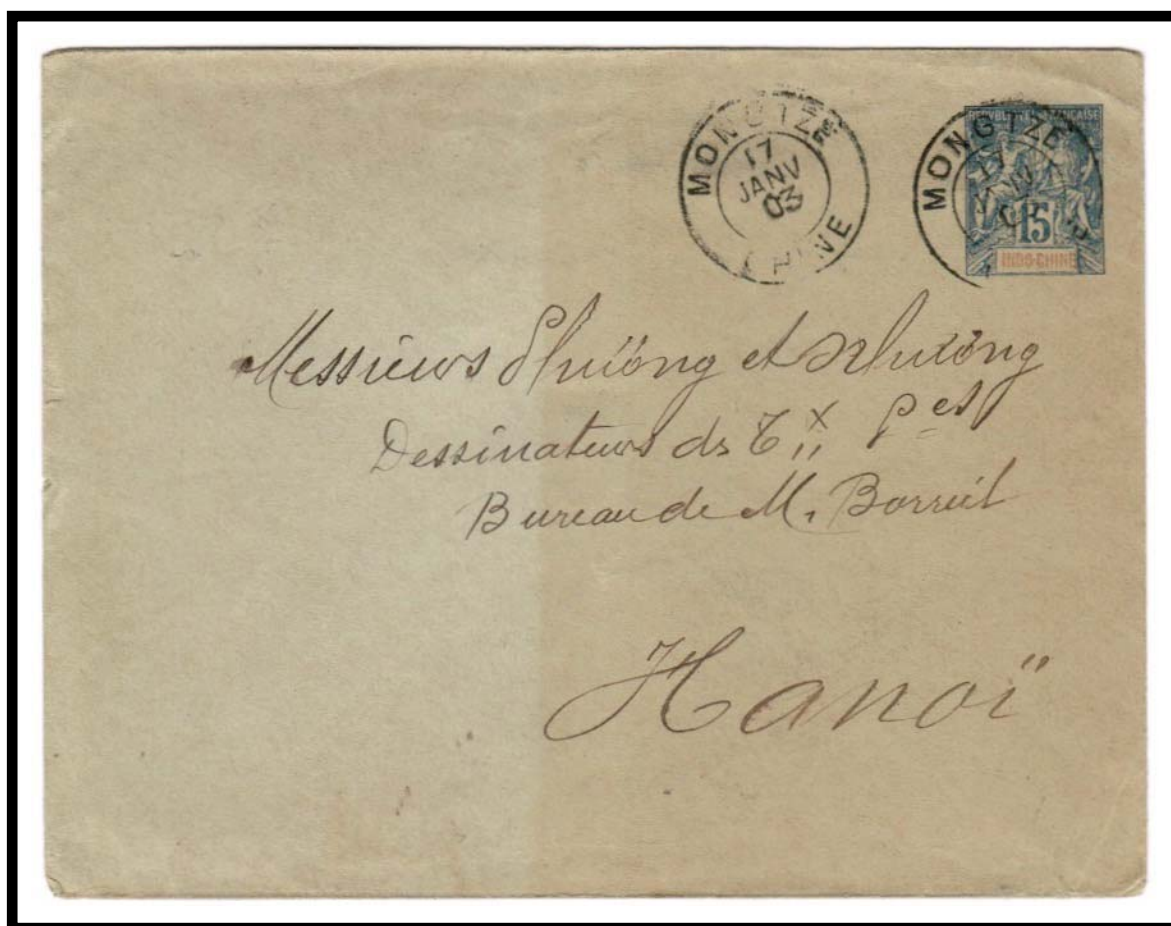
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 11 NOV 94
framed R with manuscript registration number
handstamp registration number

REVERSE

HONG KONG NO 15 94
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. REGISTERED. DEC 14 94

Navigation and Commerce
Use of Large 15-centime blue Envelope

Because it was mailed from the subsidiary office at Mongtze, China, this envelope was treated as an internal letter.



POSTAL MARKINGS
MONGTZE CHINE 17 JANV 03
REVERSE
LAO-KAI TONKIN 24 JANV 03
HANOI TONKIN 2 FEVR 03

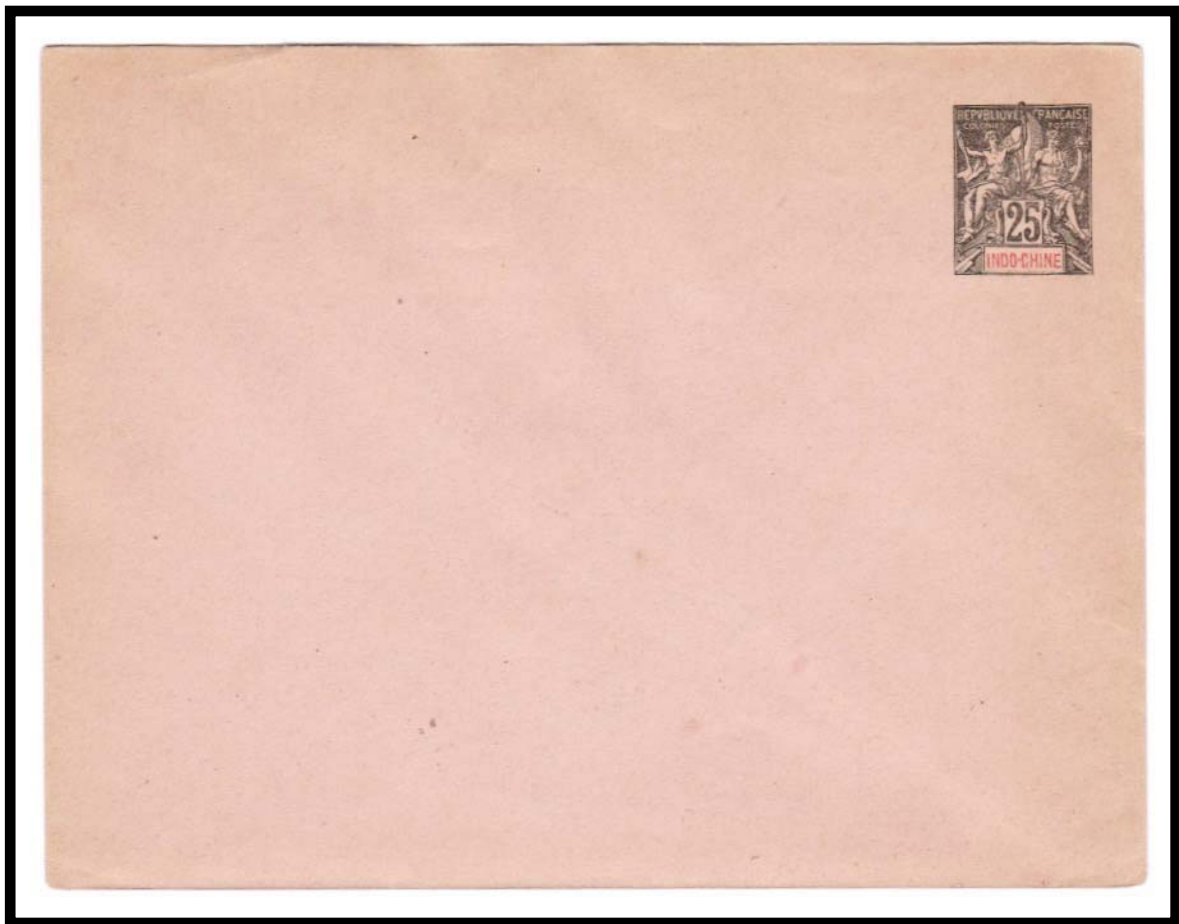
Navigation and Commerce
Use of Large 15-centime blue Envelope

Mail from the subsidiary post offices in China could be registered as show by this envelope sent to Hanoi from the Mongtze B post office.

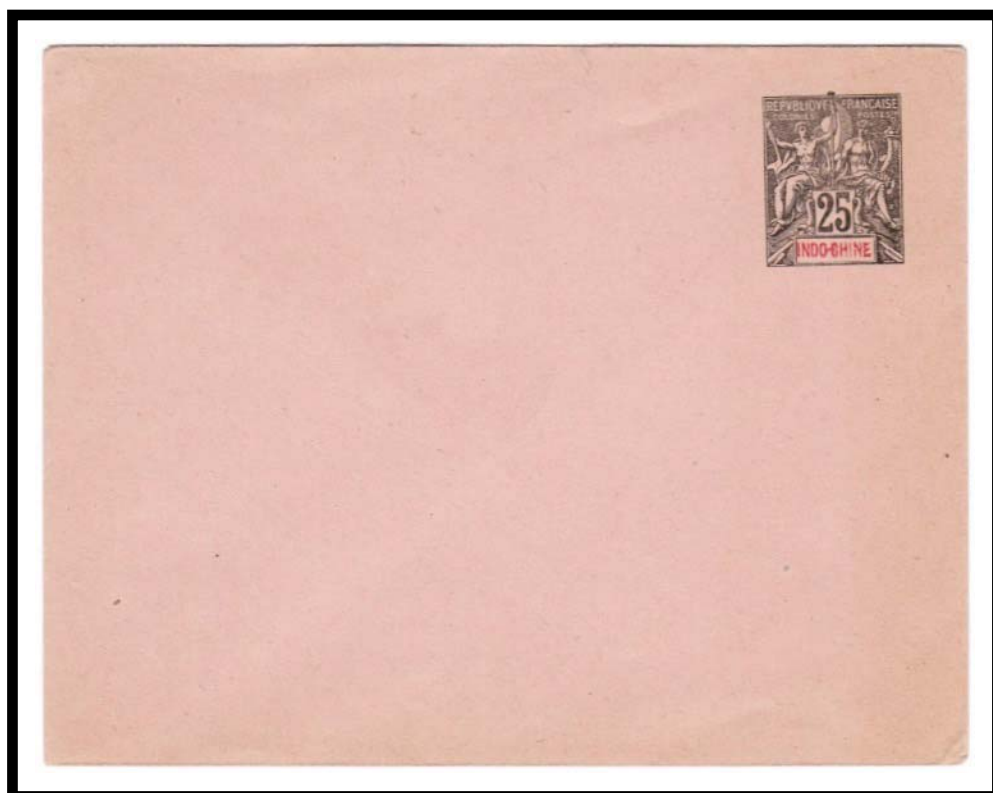
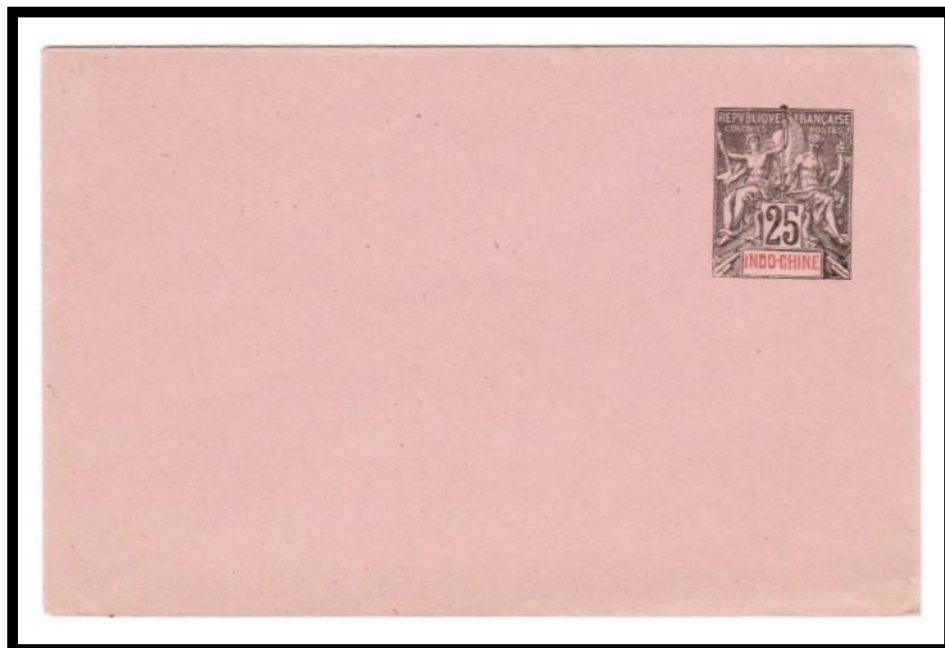


Navigation and Commerce
Large 25-centime black Envelope

Twenty-five centime envelopes were also distributed in three sizes as part of the original Navigation and Commerce issue.



Navigation and Commerce
Small and Medium 25-centime black Envelopes



Navigation and Commerce Use of Small 25-centime black Envelope

Here the small format envelope was used for a mailing from Indochina to Switzerland in 1895.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 2 AOUT 95

Navigation and Commerce Use of Small 25-centime black Envelope

Originating from Haiphong this envelope went via Hong Kong on its journey to Bern, Switzerland.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HAIPHONG TONKIN 24 DEC 96
HONG KONG DE 28 96
BERN BRF. DISTR. 31.1.97

Navigation and Commerce
Use of Medium 25-centime black Envelope

Until 1900, 25-centime black envelopes were used for foreign mail as in the case of this letter to Belgium.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-PORT COCHINCHINE 4 SEPT 99
27 in circle

REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 4 SEPT 99
GAND ARR IVE 2 OC 00

Navigation and Commerce
Use of Large 25-centime black Envelope

This large format envelope was carried to Europe by a French ship, the *S.S. Armand Behic*, as evidenced by the maritime postmark.



POSTAL MARKINGS

BARIA COCHINCHINE 9 DEC 08

LIGNE N PAQ. FR. N° 4 12 DEC 08

REVERSE

SAIGON- CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 9 DEC 08

SULZ (OBERE IS.) 7.1.09

Navigation and Commerce Use of Large 25-centime black Envelope

The route marking in the upper left refers to the S.S. *Océanien*, which transported the envelope to Hong Kong. From there, it went by a transpacific ship to the United States. The letter was addressed to George Carion, a notorious stamp dealer in San Francisco.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 16 SEPT 94
framed R with manuscript registration number
handstamped registration number

REVERSE

HONG-KONG SE 21 94
straight-line REGISTERED OCT 24 1894 Tacoma, Wash.

Navigation and Commerce Large 15-centime gray Envelope

The 15-centime envelopes were reissued in gray because blue was reserved for foreign letters by UPU regulations.



Navigation and Commerce
Small and Medium 15-centime gray Envelopes



Navigation and Commerce Use of Small 15-centime gray Envelope

The 15-centime envelopes were prepared for internal use. However, for applications such as printed matter, they were accepted for international mail.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI TONKIN 16 FEVR 10

Navigation and Commerce Large 25-centime blue Envelope

The 25-centime envelopes were reissued in blue to conform to UPU guidelines for foreign letters.



Navigation and Commerce
Small and Medium 25-centime blue Envelopes



Navigation and Commerce
Small 25-centime blue Envelope
Shades



Light shade.



Dark shade.

Navigation and Commerce
Large 15-centime gray Envelope
Special Printing

In 1900, a special printing was prepared. The number (047), indicating the Julian date of preparation, was imprinted under the rear flap.



Navigation and Commerce
Large 25-centime blue Envelope
Special Printing

Only the large format envelopes were specially printed. The number (049) was imprinted on the back of the 25-centime envelope.



Navigation and Commerce
Overprints on 5-centime and Small 15-centime blue Envelope for Canton

In 1902, a small number of contemporary envelopes were overprinted for use at the subsidiary post office in Canton, China.



Navigation and Commerce
Overprint Variety on 5-centime Envelope for Canton

The red “CANTON” overprint was doubly struck on this 5-centime Navigation and Commerce envelope.



Navigation and Commerce
Overprint on Large 15-centime blue Envelope for Canton

All three sizes of the 15-centime blue Navigation and Commerce envelopes were overprinted.



Navigation and Commerce
Overprint on Large 15-centime blue Envelope for Canton
Variety

Here the colony name, "INDO-CHINE," is shifted downward 6 millimeters - well outside the indicium.



Navigation and Commerce
Overprint on Medium 25 centimes black Envelope for Canton

All three sizes of the 25-centime black Navigation and Commerce envelopes were overprinted.



Navigation and Commerce
Overprint on Large 25 centimes black Envelope for Canton

Like with the smaller denominations, red ink was used to apply the CANTON overprint on the 25-centime black envelopes.



Navigation and Commerce

Use of Overprint on 5-centime Envelope for Canton

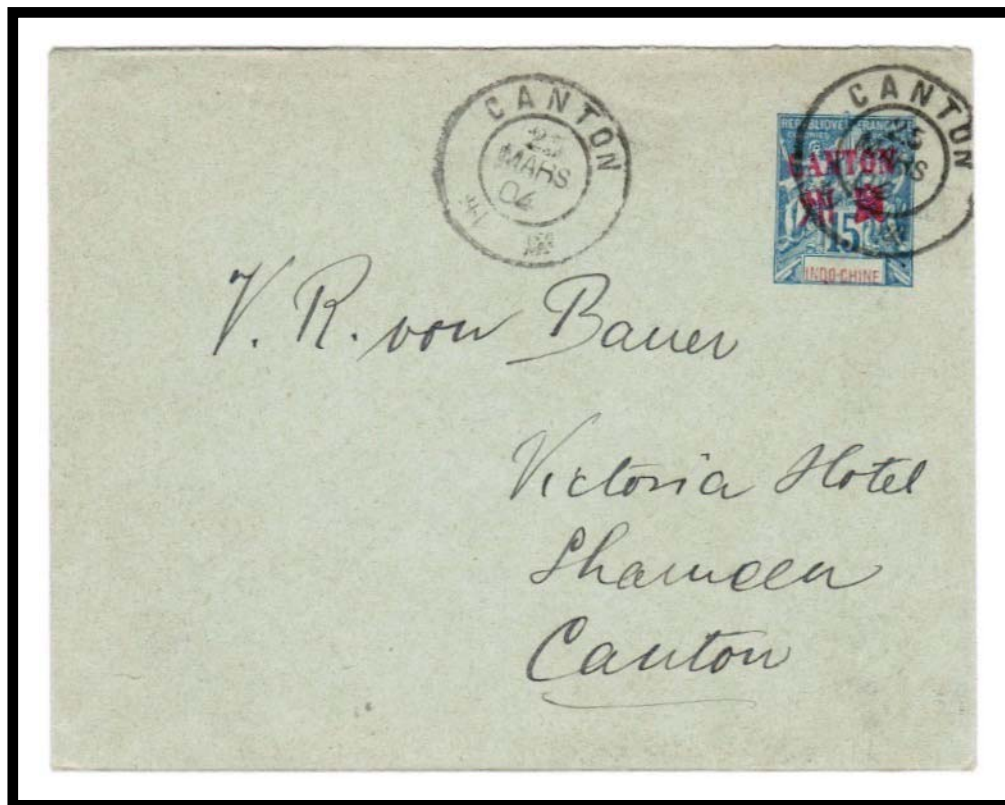
The 5-centime envelope was sent unsealed to Hong Kong in 1903. To qualify for the reduced rate, the envelope could not be sealed.



POSTAL MARKINGS
CANTON 4 DEC 03

Navigation and Commerce
Use of Overprint on Medium 15-centime blue Envelope for Canton

An example of the medium size overprinted envelope was sent locally within Canton in 1904.



POSTAL MARKINGS
CANTON 25 MARS 04

Navigation and Commerce
Revalued Large 15-centime blue Envelope

Stocks of all three sizes of the 15-centime blue envelope were overprinted in 1912 with a new value in red ink.



Navigation and Commerce Revalued Small and Medium 15-centime blue Envelopes

Fifteen centime envelopes were introduced for the basic letter rate, which was increased in 1917.



Navigation and Commerce

Use of Revalued Small 15-centime blue Envelope

Although marked to go "via Siberie," it is uncertain whether the envelope actually went by the Transsiberian Railway. The total franking was that required for a letter to a foreign destination.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI CHATEAU D'EAU TONKIN 12 JUNE 13

Navigation and Commerce Use of Revalued Medium 15-centime blue Envelope

Here the medium format envelope was used for a mailing from Hanoi to Haiphong.
The internal letter rate stayed the same until World War I.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI TONKIN 26 DEC 12
REVERSE
HAIPHONG TONKIN 27 DEC 12

Navigation and Commerce Use of Revalued Medium 15-centime blue Envelope

With an additional 15 centimes worth of stamps affixed, the foreign letter rate was correct for this small blue envelope overprinted with the red "10."

The Shanghai backstamp verifies that the letter was transported via the Transsiberian Railway.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 7-2 13
REVERSE
SHANGHAI CHINE 14-2 13

Navigation and Commerce Revalued Large 15-centime gray Envelope

Like its blue predecessor, the 15-centime gray envelope was also overprinted with a red "10."



Navigation and Commerce Revalued Medium 15-centime gray Envelope

As part of the wholesale overprinting of Indochina's postal stationery, all three gray envelopes were revalued with the red "10." These examples show differences in the color intensity of the indicium.



Navigation and Commerce
Use of Revalued Large 15-centime gray Envelope

For a mailing to France in 1913, the sender selected the large format version of the revalued gray 15-centime envelope.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 23-7 13
REVERSE
GRENOBLE ISERE 20-8 13

Navigation and Commerce
Revalued Special Printing of Large 15-centime gray Envelope

In addition to the regular printing, the special printing with the printing date code (047) under the flap was also revalued with a red "10."



Navigation and Commerce
Postmarks on Stationery

Envelopes



BAC LIEU
COCHINCHINE



CHOLON
COCHINCHINE



KOMPONG-LUONG
CAMBODGE



TCHONG KING



TRAON
COCHINCHINE



Navigation and Commerce Postmarks on Stationery

Envelopes



HANOI
TONKIN



CHOLON
COCHINCHINE



MYTHO
COCHINCHINE



SAIGON-PORT
COCHINCHINE



BASSAC
LAOS



CHOLON
COCHINCHINE



Navigation and Commerce Postmarks on Stationery Postal Cards



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CHOLON-BINHAY
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Letter Cards



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SAIGON A SINGAPORE

