Aviators

In 1943, two semi-postal stamps were issued honoring famous aviators who had connections with Indochina. Originally printed with values of 6 + 2 cents, both stamps were overprinted in 1944 with new denominations of 10 + 2 cents to correspond to the new internal letter rate.

DO-HUU-VI

ROLAND GARROS

IMPERFORATE VARIETIES
En août 1910 : Garros sur la "Demoiselle" avec laquelle il traversait la Rance entre Dinard et Saint-Malo.
Aviators
Do-Huu-Vi Color Shades
Aviators
Garros Color Shades
Aviators
Serial Numbers for New Value Overprints

To accommodate a new letter rate, sheets were overprinted with the new denomination and given a six-digit serial number in the bottom margin.
New Value Aviators
Overprint Varieties

SHIFTED OVERPRINTS

HEAVY INKING OF “c” YIELDS “ơ”
Aviators
Postmarks

HANOI R.P.
TONKIN

SAIGON-PRINCIPAL
COCHINCHINE
Garros
First Day of Issue

The Garros semi-postal stamp was issued several months after the Do-Huu-Vi stamp on 1 November 1943.

POSTAL MARKINGS
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 15-11 43
REVERSE
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 15-11 43
Garros
Usage

A block of four Roland Garros semi-postal stamps frank an internal mailing posted at Cholon. The letter is addressed in Chinese to Mr. Lu-Mu-Sheng, Chinese School, Pakse, Laos.
New Value Garros
First Day of Issue

The overprinted Garros stamp was issued at the same time as the overprinted Do-Huu-Vi semi-postal stamp.

POSTAL MARKINGS
CHOLON-BINHTAY COCHINCHINE 10-2 44
New Value Garros
Usage

A single surcharged Roland Garros semi-postal stamp paid for sending a letter from Hanoi to Saigon in 1944. The internal letter rate had risen from 6 cents to 10 cents effective 1 December 1943.

POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI R. P. TONKin 8-5-44
New Value Garros
Usage

For this 1949 postwar letter sent from Saigon to Cantho, the overprinted Garros stamp contributed to the 1$20 required for internal mailing.

POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON R.P. COCHINCHINE 27-8 1949
REVERSE
CANTHO COCHINCHINE 29-8 1949
Do-Huu-Vi
First Day of Issue

A philatelist in Hanoi was the recipient of this cover posted on 1 August 1943, the first day of issue of the Do-Huu-Vi stamp.

POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI R.P. TONKIN 1-8 43
REVERSE
HANOI R.P. TONKIN 1-8 43
Do-Huu-Vi
Use of 6 + 2 cents

The 6c + 2c Do-Huu-Vi semi-postal stamp paid for delivery of an internal letter in September 1943. Effective 1 December 1943, the local letter rate rose from 6 cents to 10 cents.

POSTAL MARKINGS
HONQUAN COCHINCHINE 27-9 43
REVERSE
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 28 SEPT 43
Do-Huu-Vi
Usage

Until the postal rate increase at the end of 1943, six 6 + 2 cent stamps exactly paid for a registered letter calculated as follows:

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POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 3-11 43
registration label
REVERSE
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 4-11 43
New Value Do-Huu-Vi
First Day of Issue

After the letter rate had risen to 10 cents, Do-Huu-Vi stamps were overprinted and released starting on 10 February 1944.
New Value Do-Huu-Vi
First Day of Issue

The internal letter rate rose to 10 cents effective 1 December 1943 and the registration fee rose to 30 cents effective 16 April 1942. Here a block of four overprinted 10–cent Do-Huu-Vi stamps franked a local registered letter on the stamp’s first day of issue, 10 February 1944. At the lower right, the block’s selvedge has the black serial number associated with the overprinting of the sheet.

POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 10-2 44
New Value Do-Huu-Vi Usage

An example of the revalued Do-Huu-Vi semi-postal stamp paid the internal letter rate in 1944. The railway postmark tying the stamp shows that some portions of the Indochinese Railway continued to function late in World War II.

POSTAL MARKINGS
NHATRANG A SAIGON –2– 27-4 44
REVERSE
TOUR-CHAM ANNAM 27-4 44
HANOI R. P. TONKIN 3-5 44
New Value Aviators
First Day of Issue

Here the two overprinted Aviator semi-postal stamps were combined on a first day cover posted at Pnompenh on 10 February 1944.

POSTAL MARKINGS
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 10-2 44
REVERSE
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 10-2 44
New Value Aviators
Usage

In 1944, two blocks of four of the overprinted Aviator semi-postal stamps were put into service on a registered letter posted at Dalat, Annam to Bangkok, Thailand. During World War II, Japan restricted international mail to Japanese-controlled areas.

POSTAL MARKINGS
DALAT ANNAM 29-2 44
registration label
6 in circle
REVERSE
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 2-3 44
BANGKOK G.P.O. 7 • 3 44
Aviators
Usage

All four variations of the Aviator stamps franked a letter sent to the United States in 1947.