War Orphans

Values from the French War Orphans series of 1917 were overprinted for Indochina in 1918. The stamps were sold at twice face value.
War Orphans
Postmarks

FORT BAYARD
KOUANGTCHEOUWAN

CANTON
CHINE

SAMSON
ANNAM

LANG-SON
TONKIN
War Orphans
Use of 10 cents

A single 10 cent value from the War Orphans semi-postal series paid the postage for a letter sent from Laokay, Tonkin to Paris in 1918. The sender had written a note in the upper left corner that translates as "France by the quickest way."

POSTAL MARKINGS
LAO-KAY TONKIN 21 OCT 18
REVERSE
HAIPHONG TONKIN 22-10 18
slogan handstamp
War Orphans
Use of 10 cents

The 10 cent Wat Orphans semi-postal stamp was favor canceled at Tourane, Annam in 1935 – two decades after the stamp was originally issued.
War Orphans
Use of 10 cents

A block of six of the 10 cent value was used for postage on a registered letter to France nearly 15 years after being issued.

POSTAL MARKINGS
CAN-THO COCHINCHINE 25-6 32
registration label
REVERSE
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 25-6 32
War Orphans
Use of 10 and 16 cents

In 1920, the two low values of the War Orphans series franked a registered letter to the island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean.

POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 3-3 20
framed R with manuscript registration number
REVERSE
REUNION 11 MAI 20
War Orphans
Use of 10 and 24 cents

The 10 and 24 cent War Orphans values paid for a registered letter to France in 1920. Originally addressed to Paris, the mailing was redirected to Saint Palais.

POSTAL MARKINGS
NAMDINH TONKIN  28 JUIN 20
framed R with manuscript registration number
4 over 16 in oval

REVERSE
HAIPHONG TONKIN  28 JUIN 20
YOKOHAMA A MARSEILLE N° 1  4-7 20
SAINT-PALAIS B°8° PYRENEES  6-8 20
SAINT-PALAIS B°8° PYRENEES  7-8 20
War Orphans
Use of 24 cents

Posted from Hue in 1928, long after the War Orphan semi-postal stamps were issued, the 24-cent value contributed to the postage for a registered letter from the Resident Superior of Annam to Paris.

POSTAL MARKINGS
HUE ANNAM 22-3 28
framed R with manuscript registration number
REVERSE
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 26-3 28
War Orphans
Use of 40 cents

After being added to the front of a picture postcard depicting fisherwomen in Tonkin, a 40-cent semi-postal was favor-canceled at Haiphong in 1922.
War Orphans
Use of 80 cents

In 1922, the 80-cent semi-postal was favor-cancelled at Dapcau on the front of a picture postcard depicting Dapcau’s main street.

POSTAL MARKINGS
DAPCAU TONKIN 7 MARS 22
War Orphans
Usage

Four values from the War Orphans series frank this first flight cover from Saigon to Paris in 1929.

POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 10-4 29
airmail label
registration label
flight cachet
REVERSE
PARIS XVII DISTRIBUTION 21-4 29