

## Eagles Use of 1 and 5 centimes

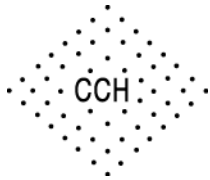
Low values were mainly used for mundane mail like this printed advertising circular from 1868. Unlike the stamps on letters, stamps on printed matter and the like were canceled with dated postmarks.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
COCHINCHINE SAIGON 30 AOUT 68

## Eagles Use of 10 centimes

From 1862 through 1871, the postage rate for military letters was 20 centimes. The military post offices applied octagonal postmarks to certify that the sender qualified for the reduced rate.



### POSTAL MARKINGS

CORR. D. ARMEES SAIGON 27 AOUT 64 (blue)

CCH lozenge

"PD" in rectangle (red)

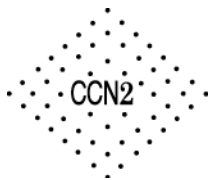
### REVERSE

PARIS 2<sup>E</sup> (60) 7 OCT. 64

## Eagles Use of 10 centimes

In addition to the CCH lozenges, there also existed lozenges with the letters "CCN" followed by a numeral. Lozenge CCN2 was assigned to Bien-Hoa where it was used starting in 1863.

A military postmark and the framed "PD" handstamp attest to the fact that this mailing qualified for the reduced military rate of 20 centimes

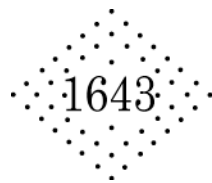
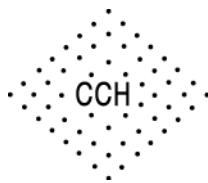


### POSTAL MARKINGS

COR. D. ARM. BIEN-HOA 30 OCT. 65  
CCN2 lozenge  
framed PD (red)

## Eagles Use of 10 centimes

While postmarks provided information about the time and place of posting, postage stamps were canceled with CCH lozenge to prevent their reuse. If stamps escaped cancellation at the origin, they were sometimes canceled during transit as in the case of this letter with the number 1643 lozenge.



### POSTAL MARKINGS

CORR. D. ARMEES SAIGON 30 NOV. 64 (blue)

CCH and 1643 lozenges

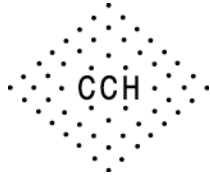
"PD" in rectangle (red)

### REVERSE

GENTILLY (60) 3 JANV. 65

## Eagles Use of 10 centimes

Postage for a second step (7½ to 15 grams) letter posted at the military rate from Saigon to Paris in 1868 was paid with a strip of four 10-centime Eagle stamps. The reverse bears a circular cachet with the inscription “Inspection de Tan-An Cochinchine” surrounding an imperial eagle. Transit time was approximately six weeks.



### POSTAL MARKINGS

CORR. D. ARMEES SAIGON 27 OCT. 68

CCH lozenge

PD in rectangle (red)

### REVERSE

COCHINCHINE SAIGON 28 OCT. 68

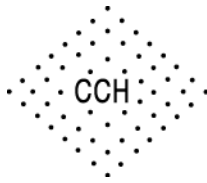
PARIS (60) 5 DEC. 68



# Eagles

## Use of 10 and 40 centimes

From 1862 through 1871, the civilian letter rate was 50 centimes. As no 50-centime stamp was issued as part of the Eagles series, senders typically used combinations of lower values to compose the required postage.



### POSTAL MARKINGS

COCHINCHINE SAIGON 14 JANV. 66 (blue)

CCH lozenge

"PD" in rectangle (red)

COL. F. V. SUEZ PAQ. F. AMB. MARS. 20 JANV. 66 (ochre)

### REVERSE

CETTE A BORDEAUX 26 FEVR. 66

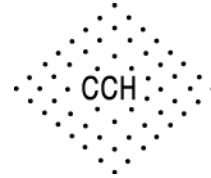
AUCH (31) 26 FEVR. 66

MARGIAG (31) 27 FEVR. 66

Eagles  
Use of 10 and 40 centimes

The same postage rates applied to France and her colonies. In this case, 50 centimes worth of postage was accepted for a letter posted from Saigon to Saint Denis, Reunion in 1867.

PD



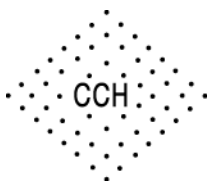
POSTAL MARKINGS  
COCHINCHINE SAIGON 29 SEPT. 67  
CCH lozenge  
"PD" in rectangle (red)



# Eagles

## Use of 10, 20 and 40 centimes

Effective 1 January 1864, postage rates were adjusted by the nationality of the ship carrying the mail. Franked letters sent to France via English ships were charged 70 centimes per 10 grams. Here the three color franking for a mailing in 1868 was composed of single examples of 10, 20 and 40-centime Eagles.



### POSTAL MARKINGS

COCHINCHINE SAIGON 11 SEPT. 68

CCH lozenge

"PD" in rectangle (red)

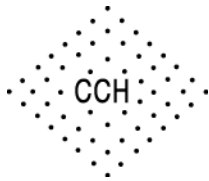
COL. FR. V.S. P. AN. AMB. MARS. 20 OCT. 68 (ochre)

### REVERSE

CETTE A BORDEAUX A 31 OCT.

Eagles  
Use of 10 and 40 centimes

When new postage rates were put into effect on 1 January 1864, the basic weight step was 10 grams. Regular letters were charged 70 centimes for transit on English ships. Postage for this example of a double-weight letter was paid with two 10-centime stamps and three 40-centime Eagle stamps.



POSTAL MARKINGS

COCHINCHINE SAIGON 15 FEVR. 66

CCH lozenge

"PD" in rectangle (red)

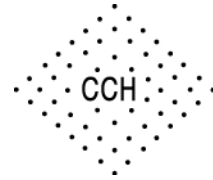
COL. FRA. V. SUEZ AMB. 2 MARS 66 (ochre)

REVERSE

CETTE A BORDEAUX 26 MARS 66

## Eagles Use of 20 centimes

Because the military letter rate to France was 20 centimes from 1862 to 1871, the 20-centime Eagle was commonly put into service on soldiers' mail. The rate was only applicable to letters carried on French ships. This cover was clearly marked "voie française" at the upper left.



### POSTAL MARKINGS

CORR. D. ARMEES SAIGON 1 JANV. 67

CCH lozenge

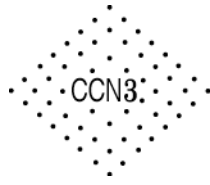
"PD" in rectangle (red)

REVERSE

CETTE A BORDEAUX A 31 OCT.

## Eagles Use of 20 centimes

Outside of Saigon, post offices used coded lozenges that corresponded to specific areas. Lozenge CCN3 served Mytho from 1864 through 1875. The CCH lozenge was used concurrently with the CCN3 lozenge during a portion of this time period.



### POSTAL MARKINGS

CORR. D. ARMEES MY-THO 18 JANV. 67

CCH lozenge

"PD" in rectangle (red)

### REVERSE

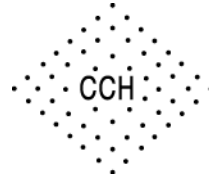
COCHINCHINE SAIGON 26 JANV. 67

MARSEILLE 1 (12) 5 MARS 67

CAMPLILE (19) 7 MARS 67

Eagles  
Use of 20 centimes

Postage for a double weight letter (10-20 grams) military letter was paid with two 20-centime Eagle stamps. The framed "PD" certified that the correct postage had been affixed to the mailing.



POSTAL MARKINGS

CORR. D. ARMEES SAIGON 9 OCT. 72

CCH lozenge

"PD" in rectangle

REVERSE

ST AMOUR (33) 13 NOV. 72

Eagles  
Use of 20 centimes  
Letter

COCHINCHINE

Suyou le 9 octobre 1872

Direction

des Indes.

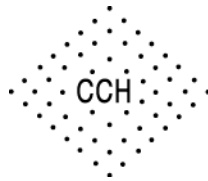
CABINET

du Directeur.

Toutte bonne et aimable  
lettre, mon cher oncle, a  
trouvé un converti. Mais  
cause les choses ont bien changé  
de tournure depuis mes dernières  
nouvelles. — L'Amiral Dupré  
revient, toutes les idées que  
j'avais soutenues triomphent au  
Ministère, les mécontents  
rentrent dans leur coquille  
et j'espère bien que le moment  
de la revanche complète n'est  
pas éloigné. Le Directeur de  
l'Intérieur est de plus en plus  
mal, mais il se cramponne,  
en bon chrétien j'enrais désirer  
son rétablissement, mais au fond  
est-ce bien cela que j'souhaite ?  
— Le projet d'organisation des  
Inspecteurs des affaires Indigènes,  
va faire incessamment l'objet  
d'un Décret, et dans cinq ans  
j'aurais peut-être joué en  
paix de mes 8000 francs de

Eagles  
Use of 40 centimes

Even though the letter rate to France was 50 centimes in 1869, this letter franked a single 40-centime Eagle escaped citation for underpayment of postage.



POSTAL MARKINGS

COCHINCHINE SAIGON 15 FEVR. 66

CCH lozenge

"PD" in rectangle

REVERSE

1307 (20) 1 AOUT 69

GRANCEY-LE-CHATEAU (20) 2 AOUT 69

## Eagles Use of 80 centimes

An 80-centime Eagle paid the postage for a commercial letter posted from Saigon to Port Louis, Mauritius in 1868. Inside, the folded letter is datelined 29 March 1868.

The sender provided the routing instruction "Messageries Imperiales" so that the mailing would be transported from the Far East by French ship rather than the more expensive option via a British ship.



### POSTAL MARKINGS

COCHINCHINE SAIGON 4 AVRIL 68

CCH lozenge

PD in rectangle (red)

REVERSE

MAURITIUS MY 12 68



## Eagles Use of 80 centimes

A block of four 80-centime Eagles vastly overpaid the local letter rate in 1879. A postmark with primitive spellings ("TONG-KIN" and "HAI-PHUNG") canceled the stamps. Created in 1876 when the Haiphong post office first opened, this device was quickly replaced with ones having more modern spellings. However, when the newer postmarking devices had worn out, the older postmark was temporarily put back into service during April and May of 1879.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
TONG-KIN HAI-PHUNG 31 MAI 79