

VIET-NAM



The first free-franking stamp was issued on May 1, 1958. It was for invalids disabled by war and was used mainly by veterans of the war against the French.

This stamp was distributed quarterly by the Ministry of War Damages to all disabled soldiers. The stamp has no face value, but was valid for a normal letter. Registered letters needed two stamps and additional postage.

The stamp was designed by Bui-Trang-Chuoc. The red badge is the emblem of the disabled veterans.



First Day Cover

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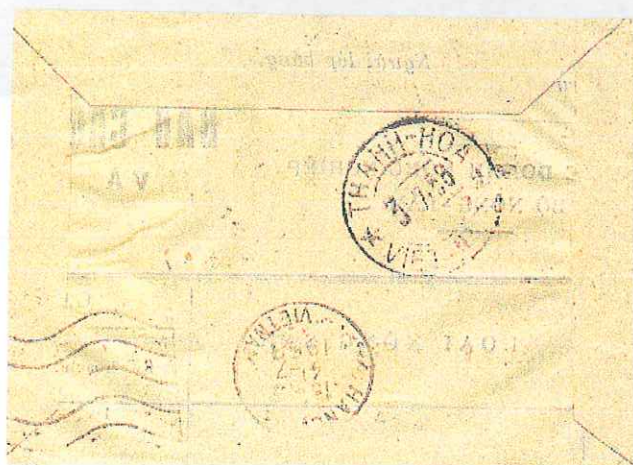
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DISABLED VETERAN STAMPS

May 1, 1958 saw the first free-franking stamp issued. It was for the war disabled invalids and was used mainly by veterans of the war against the French.

This stamp was issued quarterly by the Ministry Of War Damages to all disabled soldiers. The stamp has no face value, but was valid for one standard letter. The red badge is the emblem of the disabled veterans.



This cover, mailed July 2, 1958, from Nong Cong to Hanoi shows a transit from Thanh Hoa on July 3, 1958 and a Ha Noi receiving machine mark of July 4, 1958, on the reverse. The envelope is homemade from a government form.

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The light brown stamp was issued on March 14, 1959, and the other one was issued in 1960. These stamps were issued to invalids in agriculture for their private correspondence, and no value is indicated. The design showing invalids in a rice field was done by Ng. Van Khanh.

July 7, 1960



This variety has the leaves and inscription in the emblem colored instead of white. This variety is listed by Michel.

Michel 31 2.50 Scott n 2-3

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F105-F106 1st 1st



No 11
March 59

NEW ISSUES

No 184-185 / - TRUNG TRAC - TRUNG NHI (The two sisters Trung, national heroines of Vietnam).

This commemorative series includes 2 values :

No 184 : 5 xu or US \$ 0,017 golden yellow and red of "Lille"

No 185 : 8 xu or US \$ 0,0272 raw sienna and vandyke brown

Size : 30 x 50 - Perforations

Date of issue : 14th March 1959 Design by Nguyễn Văn Khánh. - Sheets of 10 and ungummed paper. - Offset by the printing office in Hanoi.

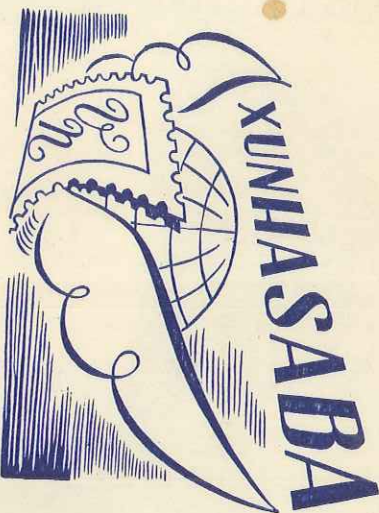
Drawing : No 185 100,000



The stamp shows in the background the two sisters Trung on their loyal elephants leading their foreign aggressors and in the foreground where they threw themselves for the cause.

6/09 #115
100 trucker
Dugout 105 680
Quat 8

32. HAI BA TRUNG, 32
HANOI D. R. VIETNAM



INFORMATION BULLETIN

9 (30)
JULY 1960

*The
Japanese
Stamp*

No 224

HIEN PHAP 1-1-1960
THE NEW CONSTITUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE

The Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications releases on July 7, 1960, a commemorative stamp in honor of the National Assembly to honour



Denomination: 12 xu no 224
Size: 27 × 36 mm for the entire
21 × 32 mm for the design
Colours: yellow, white and fawn
Sheets of 100 on ungummed paper
Date of issue: July 7, 1960
Design by Bui trang Chuoc

6109
680
3100
M3
Part 64 lot
4115
Ruger Sale

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DISABLED VETERAN STAMPS

March 14, 1959 saw the issue of a second design of a stamp to be used by disabled war veterans. The stamp shows two disabled persons (no arms) watering a rice field. They drive a watermill with their legs. This stamp paid the postage on a letter up to 20 grammes, inland. This stamp was a chestnut color, while a re-issue in grey came out on July 7, 1960.

The grey stamp comes in two printings - first with emblem lettering and details in white, and the second with these colored. This second print is difficult to find and is not reported used, however, a used copy is shown below. *very mint and therefore*



This cover, postmarked April 29, 1959 from Nghe An to Hanoi (backstamped May 1, 1959) is from a center that houses seriously disabled war veterans. The top inscription reads "Wounded Veterans Self-Support Center".

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The DRVN's first military frank stamp was issued on July 15, 1959. The design shows a soldier and a train, and no value is indicated. The stamp was designed by Le Pha.

Scot 44

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MF112 137

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MILITARY FREE FRANK STAMPS

July 15, 1959 saw the issue of the first postage free stamp to be used by soldiers on active duty. The stamp shows a guard in front of a railroad train. The stamp is inscribed "TEM BINH SI" meaning postage free. Two stamps were given to each soldier monthly.

Sent from Ha Dong to Ha Noi from a boyfriend to a girlfriend with the letter intact.

The postmark appears to be April 5, 1964.



Kim Liên

EM THƯỜNG MIỀN !

*Chưa nay về thăm! Dừng lại tại Biên
Giới của Tổ quốc. Rút lui ở Sông Hồng*

*Anh Ba: Nguyễn Khắc Hạo
HT: 8281 HR*



Trần Kim Liên

LỚP SỬ 2B

Trường đại học Sư phạm

HÀ NỘI

XS-Plus.

\$ 25-

Mi M4, nice
cancel, stamp scraped



Beautiful!



Lo-Sy

hai an đường
Ty Khương Linh

See Reverse
A post card!

Ha Nam.

Joe C.

8/02

Atlantic
City



32 HAI BA TRUNG 32
HANOI D.R.-VIETNAM

Télégrams : XUNHASABA — HANOI

INFORMATION
BULLETIN

N° 16

JULY 1959

The Vietnamese Stamp



N° 194

TEM BINH SI
(THE MILITARY - STAMP)
POSTAGE - STAMP

This special series bearing no denomination is released particularly for franking soldiers' letters, so exclusively for the postage of their mail.

Price of a stamp (mint) : 0.051 US \$

Size (of design) 47 × 27, (with border) 51 × 31 — Perforation 11—

Colour : Emerald - green.

Sheets of 100 on ungummed paper.

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The DRVN's second military frank stamp was issued on January 3, 1961. The design shows a mounted frontier guard, and no value is indicated. The stamp was designed by Nguyen Van Khanh.

SC 117 M-5

4-cc 108 #109 0000 85

MF154 1st 107



32, HAI BA TRUNG, 32
HANOI D. R. VIETNAM

Cables : XUNHASABA — HANOI

INFORMATION BULLETIN

N° 1 (35)
FEBRUARY 1961

The Vietnamese Stamp



N° 239

THE MILITARY POSTAGE STAMP

The General Post office of the DRV released on January 3 1961, a military stamp bearing no denomination particularly for franking soldiers' mail. The design shows a frontier-guard with his badge. The legends read : DRV (top) Post office, military-stamp (bottom).

Vertical size 45 × 30. Multicoloured. Sheets of

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This military frank stamp depicting armed forces on a boat was issued on June 15, 1962.

It was designed by Huy Toan. The phrase "TEM BINH SI" means "warrior stamp". This is one of only two military frank stamps show a value, which seems superfluous.

Military frank stamps were supposedly issued quarterly and each qualified recipient got 24 stamps a year.

postage free



SC 101 M-6

ICP # 109 P-85

70 24 14

Michael # 6

Gibson # 0223

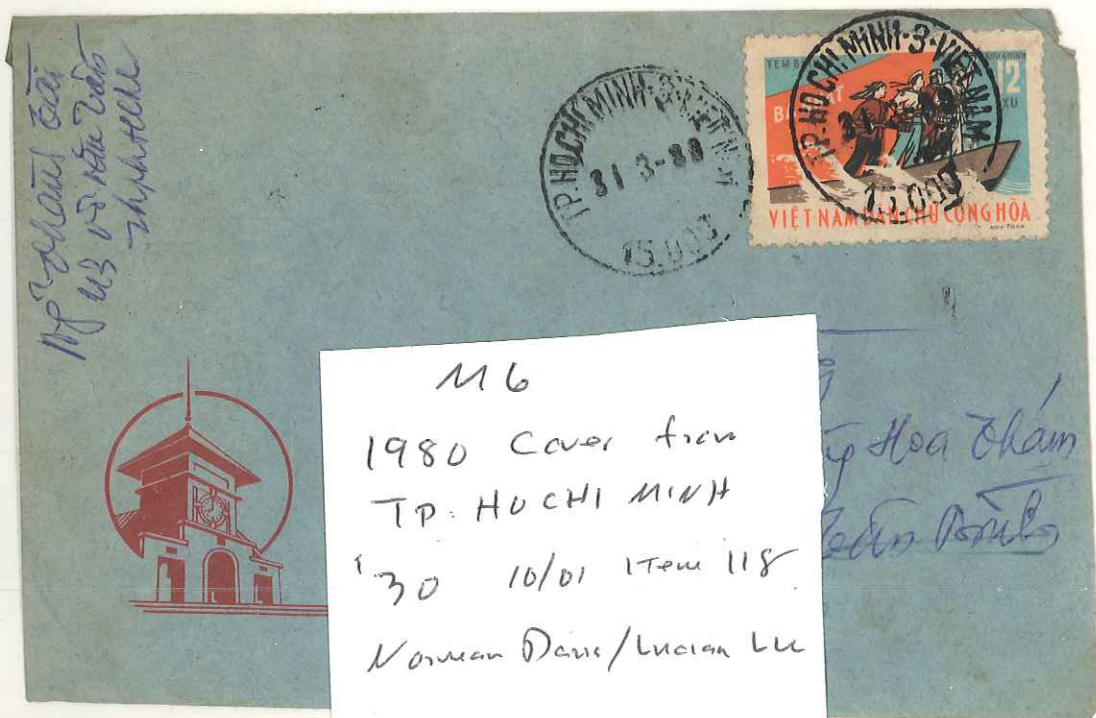
50.

2.00



Backstamped (very clear postmark dated 6 Dec 1964) - PLEASE SEE MY OTHER ITEMS AND YOU CAN COMBINE FOR SHIPPING P&H: USD 1 (normal mail is your own risk -if you want the mail registered, please add USD 1.5) Payment: personal check, money order or paypal; we will ship items when receiving payment.

ebay 1103 '31

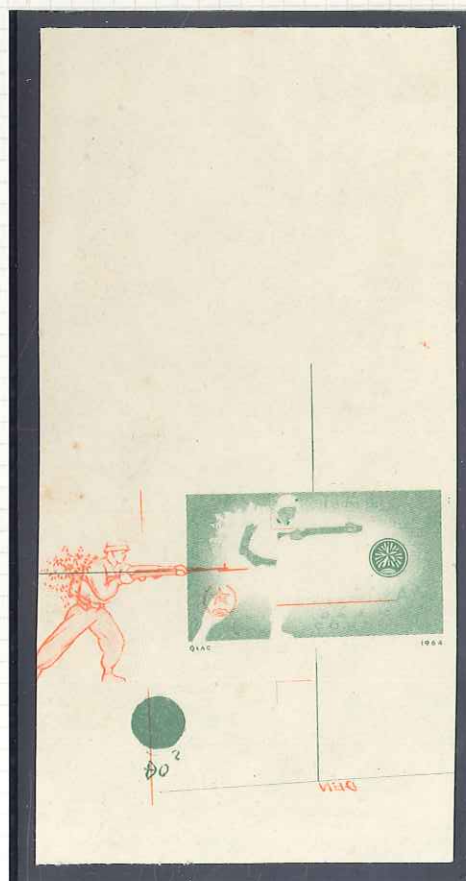


M6
1980 Cover from
TP HO CHI MINH
'30 10/01 Item 118
Norman Davis/Lucian Lu

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This military frank stamp was issued on ^{June} September 20, 1964. It was designed by Quang Lac and depicts a soldier and the army badge.



Proof

1 CB #109 P. 51

SCOTT M8
MICHEL M8 80-
NMF 325 .40

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Proof Signed by Quang Lac, the Stamp's Designer

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These two military frank stamps were issued during 1965. Gibbons states the red stamp was issued on July 1, 1965, but Michel states August, 1965. They both have simply "1965" for the green stamp. Quang Lac designed the stamps.

~~Red 10 August 1965~~
~~Alto-Green 10 August 1965~~

June 24, 1965
 Dec 10, 1965

See NVA
 1945-90
 catalog



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MILITARY FREE FRANK STAMPS

The 1960's began with the renewed effort of North Viet-Nam to attack South Viet-Nam. This is reflected in the themes of the stamps prepared for use by their military. The stamp issued Jan 3, 1961, shows a mounted soldier "defending the borders". The next stamp issued June 15, 1962, begins the theme of aggressiveness, showing a warship and an attack force. On Sept 20, 1964, a stamp showing a soldier with thrusting bayonet was issued, note the foliage camouflage as used by troops operating against South Viet-Nam. A set of two stamps were issued in 1965, showing a soldier jumping an obstacle - a common propaganda theme in the North to show the superiority of the Communist soldier.



The issue of Sept 20, 1964 used inside of North Viet-Nam, from a unit in the field to Ha-Noi, via Ha-Noi with a Tu-Liem transit marking (see inset). The transit mark is dated Sept 1, 1954, before the date of official issue.

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This military frank stamp was issued on September 10, 1963. It was to be used on disabled soldiers' mail. The design depicting a military medal and the Invalids' Badge was done by Tran Luong.

A similar stamp without the value and with a different design was issued in 1928. 'BUU CHÍNH (Postage)' was changed to 'THƯƠNG BINH' (Invalids' Badge).



The olive color is suited downward.

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ICB #110 P. 114

Scott M7

Nov 15

6., 25

NMF277

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1965 Inscription



1966 Inscription

The year 1978, no exact date of issue is known, saw the use of a new military stamp. It was in the design of the stamp of September 10, 1963, but now without the 12 value denomination. This is a very interesting stamp and extremely scarce.

At first the new stamp with the year 1965 on the left corner was known with the basic color of olive-brown, but this stamp was not used before 1978. Only a short time later this stamp was used with a 1966 inscription in a slightly changed color, now light olive, and with a second print then orange (also with the 1966 inscription). All other colors of this stamp, such as red and green, were not changed. The orange colored stamp also exists imperforate.

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Proofs of Stamp with 1965 Inscription



Front

Reverse Photo



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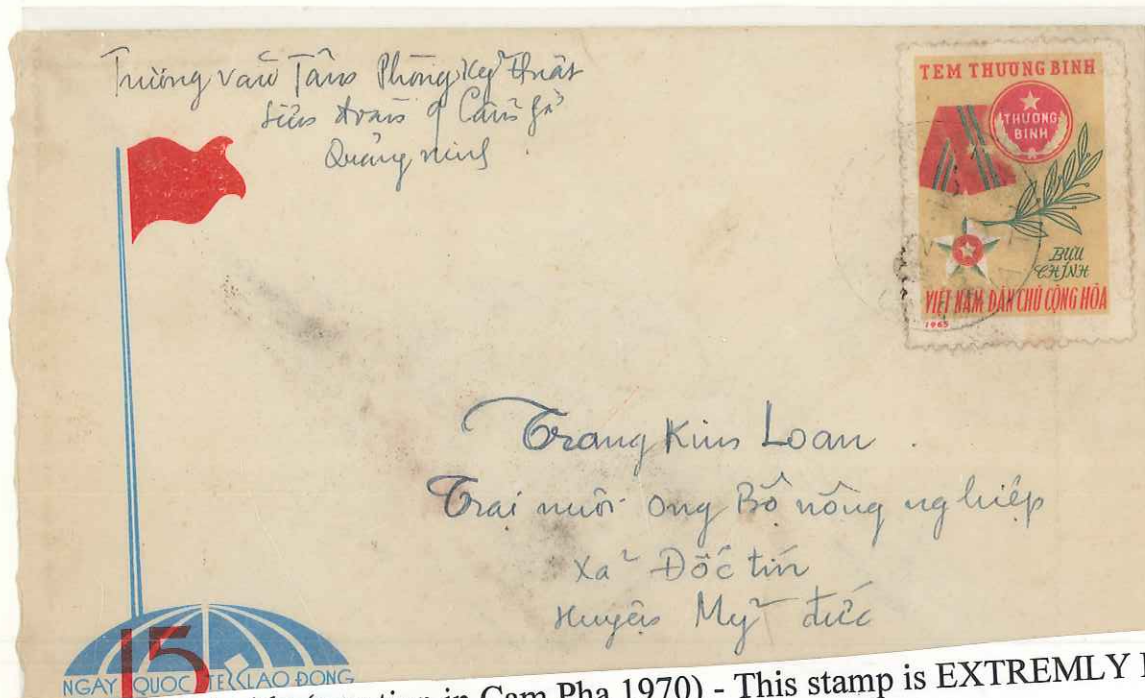
On Sept 10, 1963, a stamp showing the Order Of Disabled Veterans was issued, having a face value of 12 Xu. The stamp was issued free to those qualified to use the free franks. Only one cover, postmarked 30-12-64 has ever been recorded



This stamp was reissued in similar design in 1978 (exact date not know), although the year is not even correct as per the cover below. Three types are know for this issue as follows: At left, dated 1965, perf 11; in middle, dated 1966, rough perf 11; at right, dated 1966, imperf.

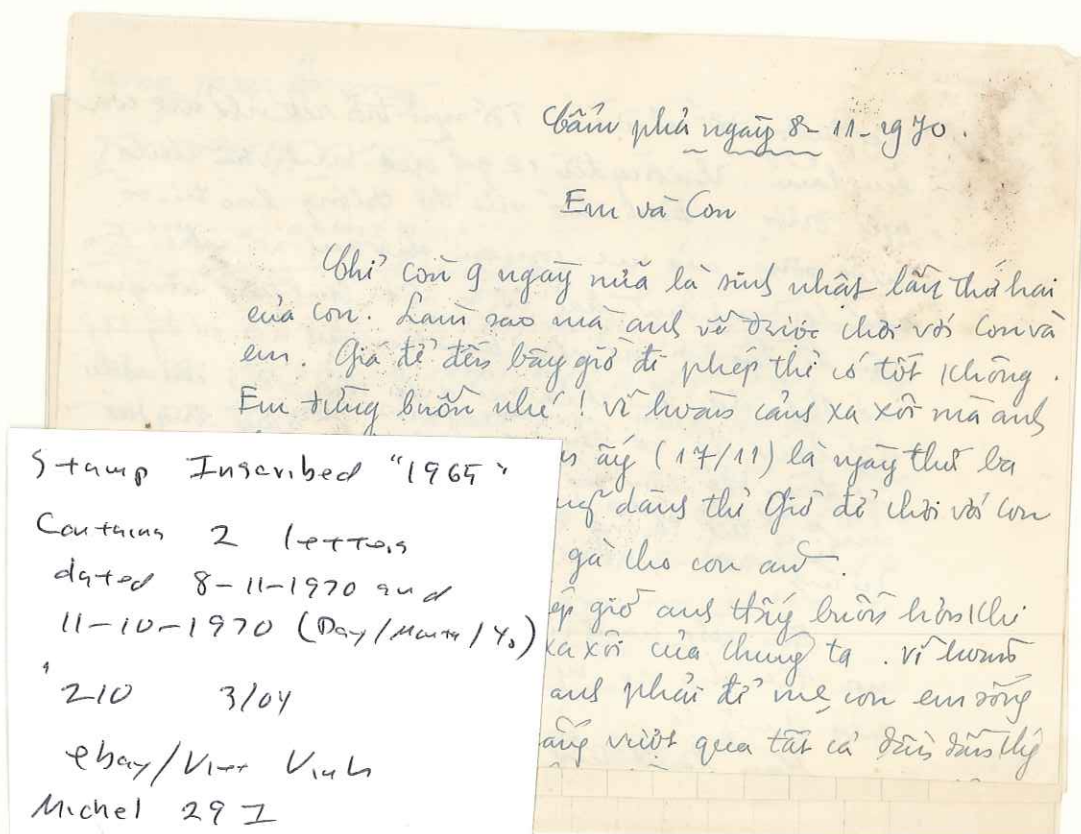


1966, perf 11 type, used from military hospital 13/9/75, to Saigon (3 years before official issue). This is the only known/reported use on cover of any of the reissued types.



With original letter inside (mention in Cam Pha 1970) - This stamp is EXTREMELY RARE stamp 1965) - A MNH stamp is valued at USD 150 and I sold it once

If you have any query, please feel free to contact me at sales@vietnamcollectibles.com



Stamp Inscribed "1965"

Contains 2 letters

dated 8-11-1970 and

11-10-1970 (Day/Month/Year)

210 3/04

Phay/Viet Viet

Michel 297

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This military frank stamp was issued on September 25, 1966. Military frank stamps using designs almost identical to this were issued in 1967 and 1969.



Per Bob Munshower's ebay description:

Pair of very scarce North Viet Nam military frank stamps M11 with selvedge, (two issued per month) first day of issue cancelled September 26, 1966. CTO, no gum as issued.

500 100 + 8/100,

100 109 8 89

Scott M11 10.

NMF447 1.00

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According to the Michel Catalog, this military frank stamp was issued on June 26, 1967. Gibbons, however, lists the date of issue as 1968. The design of this stamp is very similar to the military frank stamp issued on September 25, 1966 except the color is different and more modern equipment is shown.

Issued July 25, 1967 per NVN catalog

*see ICP # 8(16),
ICP # 109 p 89*

*M1 12
Scott M12
NMF 519 12.*

Gửi: Nguyễn Văn, Luyến 54101 KP



Người nhận:

Nguyễn Văn, H. Văn An
26 Lê Thái Tổ

nhận ngày 24-8-68

Hà Nội

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Gửi: Văn, Luyến, 54101 KP.



Người nhận:

Nguyễn Văn, H. Văn An

nhận 27-8-68

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Hà Nội



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MILITARY FREE FRANK STAMPS

The designs featured on the free frank stamps for military personnel went back to showing the defensive nature of the North Vietnamese Armed Forces.

On September 25, 1966, a new stamp without face value was issued showing a militia woman, soldier, antiaircraft missiles (SAMs) and artillery. Jets and ships are in the distance. The color was blue with the year date 1966 in the lower right.

The stamp was reissued on October 10, 1967 in brown with the year date changed to 1967. A third issue, in green and brown with no year date shown was believed issued in 1969. This third issue was not reported until 1991 (*The Indo-China Philatelist*, Vol XXI, Number 5).

It was in 1985 Gibbons (NMF 579) (in 1979) 1979-80 Michael

and with modern equipment shown in the design.



Mi 11

Mi 12

Mi 16

Anh. Phạm xuân Hoàng #1. 658.178 JA 01.



Chị em
Phạm Thuý - Vui
của hàng Lương Thực Văn Mỹ.
Nguyễn Thái Hân.
Nam Hà

20.7.71



Mi 16

Green/Brown 1969 issue, used inside North Viet-Nam from military address to civilian address. With indistinct box cancel and Hai-Hau CDS on reverse with manuscript docketing (see inset).

This is the only reported cover. There are two mint copies known plus one damaged used copy.
(see reverse)

Chanh-Hien H.T. 647.318 JA01



GỬI EM: Nguyễn Thị Nức
Đầu tiên - Hoa - long
yên - phong
Hoa - bắc



FM. Kim Hoàn



KHÔNG CÓ GÌ
QUÝ HƠN
ĐỘC LẬP
TỰ DO

2.9.1970

Gửi anh.

Bùi Ngọc Khuân

680 636 JH 23

680 636 JH 23

Người Gửi: Hình bán Thường

H.T. 1471-T.M.



Người nhận
Hình thơ Liên thôn Thọ:
Xã Kầm Loo Huyện Lục Ngạn
Tỉnh Hà Bắc.



Michel portofrei. #16 on cover sent 1969, missing
one flap in back, extremely rare.

Lucian Lu 5/06

\$ 250

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This military frank stamp was issued on October 10, 1967. It was designed by Huy Khanh and depicts the "Star" Badge of the People's Army.



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This card shows four unique handpainted essays that are different than the issued stamp. The card was signed by Tran Huy Khanh who designed the final issued stamp.

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Trần Huy Khánh

This card shows two unique handpainted essays that are different than the issued stamp.

The card is signed by Trần Huy Khánh who designed the final issued stamp.

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Tran Huy Khanh

Handpainted Artist's Essay Drawings Signed by Tran Huy Khanh

Ngô. Sĩ. Long: K.C: HT: 1405206



Người gửi: **Thúy Hạnh**
103. Đồng Nhân
Hà Nội

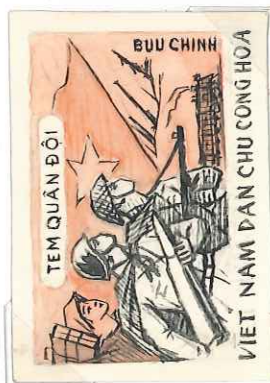
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This military frank stamp was issued on November 10, 1968.
It was designed by Huy Khanh.



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Huy Khanh

Handpainted Artist's Essay Drawings signed by Tran Huy Khanh, the designer of the issued stamp.

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MILITARY FREE FRANK STAMPS

A new free frank stamp was released October 10, 1967. The main feature is the red circle with the yellow star (military hat emblem) while the rest of the design shows the three branches of the armed forces.

Another stamp was issued on November 10, 1968, showing a defensive and an offensive member of the armed forces (artillery and infantry).

The small homemade cover with the "hat emblem" stamp has a faint red Quang Binh double circle military cancel and is addressed to Hanoi.



The lilac colored stamp is tied by a Hanoi machine cancel (civilian) and has a 19-12-70 CDS on the reverse from Vinh-Yen. While there is no military return address (or any return address) this is a military cover as the authorities were very strict about these stamps usage.

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This stamp is a franchise stamp for use by disabled soldiers. The stamp was designed by Huy Khanh and it depicts the invalid soldier's badge.

The date of issue of this stamp is not certain. ^{November 15, 1969} The press release in STAMPS said March of 1971. Gibbons says February of 1971. Michel says 1969 which is the year on the stamp which probably means the stamp was printed in 1969.



Overprinted "TEM NOI BO"

VERY RARE in color (see ICB #3 p 408)

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Imperforate Proof with Positional Marks

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DISABLED VETERAN STAMPS

The last stamps issued by North Viet-Nam for use by disabled veterans came out July 27, 1973. One stamp featured a veteran (amputee) operating a piece of machinery while the other stamp showed children welcoming home a returning veteran. The second stamp, as well as an issue of 1969 showing an "invalid insignia" were generally never put to use by disabled veterans. All known covers are philatelic. The "amputee machinist" issue, however, did see actual use as shown below.



Disabled veteran stamp used from Hanoi, 25-5-75, to Saigon. Docketing shows receipt 30-5-75. Cover was mailed about three weeks after the fall of Saigon to the communists. Note "Mien Nam" in the address, referring to the occupied south.

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This stamp is a franchise stamp for use by disabled veterans. It was issued on April 30, 1971. It was designed by Huy Khanh and depicts a disabled soldier with a baby with the invalid soldiers' badge on the right.

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DISABLED VETERAN STAMPS

CTOs RECALLED FOR USE

On April 30, 1971, a stamp showing a disabled soldier holding a child was released. Disabled vets were allowed two free letters per month from the "rehabilitation centers" where they lived and were cared for. In reality, the government frowned on the disabled writing letters, as they feared it would dishearten the able bodied and slow the war effort.

Nearly all of the stamps were cancelled-to-order and sent to Eastern Bloc nations to help pay for the war aid. The stamps that were still in the vaults of Hanoi were taken out in 1980-81 during a shortage of military stamps because of the very large number of troops involved in Cambodia.

The CTO stamps were distributed and allowed to be used. Note the cover below: there is a visible cancel on the upper left corner of the stamp. Usage is from Cambodia and appears to be a disabled vet resettled into the occupied border area of Cambodia.

The stamp shows the red badge inscribed "Thuong Binh", the emblem of the disabled veterans.



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Oct 30, 1971
The date of issue of this military frank stamp is ~~not~~ certain. The press release in STAMPS said March of 1971. Gibbons says February 15, 1971 and Michel says February 12, 1970.

The stamp depicts the hero Nguyen Van Be (1945 - 1965) attacking a US Army tank.

Scotl m17

See 108 109 page 89

NMF 648 - 75

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The brown military frank stamp was issued on October 30, 1971. The green stamp was issued in August of 1972. Both stamps depict Nguyen Viet Xuan and an anti-aircraft gun.



Color Proof

Color Proof 28.

See 108 109 8052 90

Scott 118, ?
NMF 677-78 5.

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MILITARY FREE FRANK STAMPS

PEOPLE'S HERO STAMPS

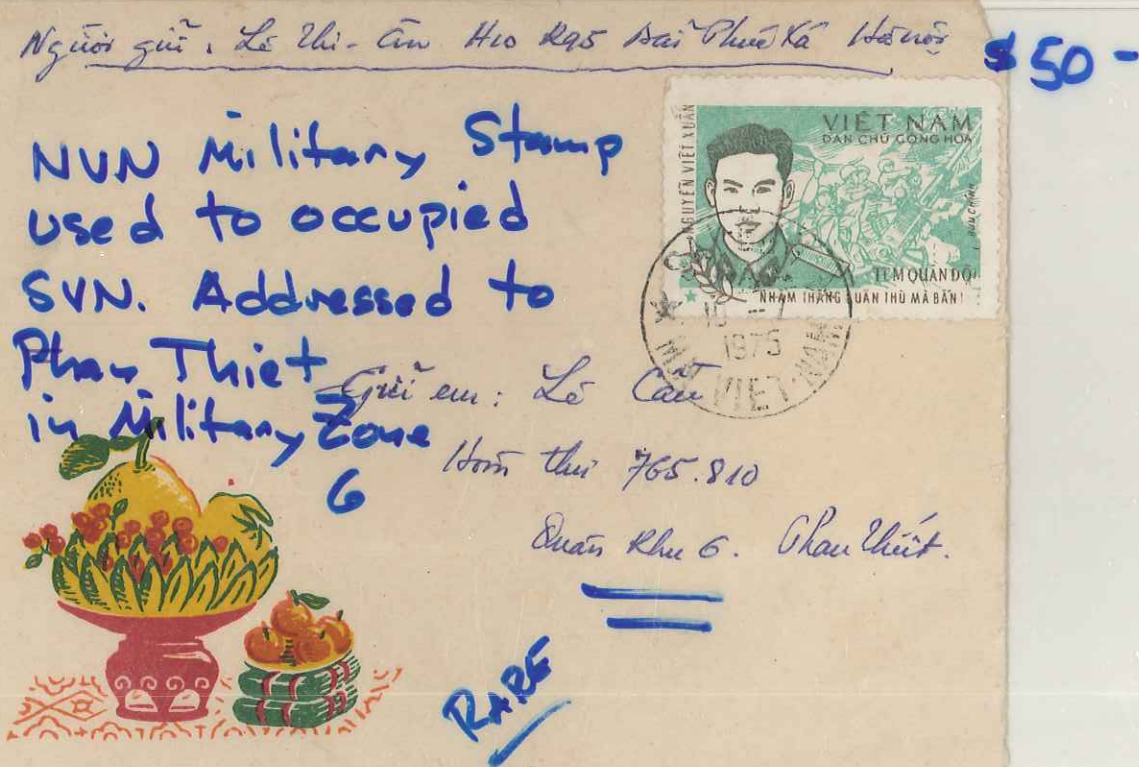
This set was issued during 1970 to 1972 and consisted of three stamps in two designs.

The first stamp was issued February 12, 1970. It showed a portrait of Nguyen Van Be, a people's hero called "the tank cracker". Born 1945 and died in action 1965. The stamp background shows Be holding a landmine over his head before throwing it at an APC and troops.

On October 30, 1971, a second design featuring Nguyen Viet Xuan and his air defense crew in action was issued in lilac rose. The same design in green was released in August, 1972. Many gun crews and their leaders were killed after Jane Fonda sat behind an anti-aircraft gun, in Hanoi, aiming at US planes in July 1972.



This set saw little postal use and served mainly as a propaganda tool. Many were brought out after 1975 and used in the liberated areas, as on this local cover.



Chú Thanh Bình:

Hòm thư: 202.404.5B17

31
12/24

Kính gửi Bà:

Chú Quân Đoàn
An Mỹ - Đại Thắng
Phước Xuyên
1 Tân Tây.



TUYEN

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It appears these two military frank stamps were issued on January 17, 1974, the date on the first day cover. Both the new issue announcement in Linn's and Gibbons simply state January of 1974. Michel states December 22, 1973. Although the stamps have no denomination, their franking value was equivalent to 12 xu each. They were printed in panes of 100, but different denominations. Red → 2 panes of 50, Blue → 4 panes of 25.

The top two stamps and the stamps on the first day cover are perforated 11 as stated in the catalogs. However, the other two stamps are perforated 12½ which may be a later printing. This variety is supposed to be quite scarce.



LINDNER

TIẾN LÊN GIÀNH THẮNG LỢI LỚN



TEM QUÂN ĐỘI

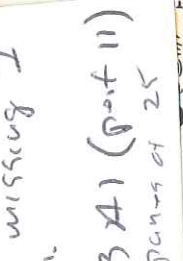
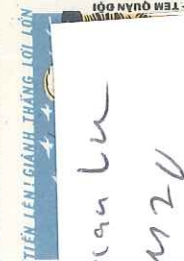
BƯU CHÍNH

VIỆT NAM DÂN CHỦ CỘNG HÒA

Bản vẽ của

Phạm Đình Xương

chữ I



5/07 Lucan Lu
'100 M2U
Position 15 missing 'I'
of "TIEN"
Michael 23 A1 (port 11)
Sherry 100 = 4 Janes at 25





M 22 '25 7/10
Ebay / yellowblue cicode
This is 1/2 pane
Sheet 100 = 2 pane of 50



SCOTT M20
Mi # 23
8/09 ebay
\$5



SCOTT M22
\$7 5/10
ebay



Ng: Nguyễn Đức Cường, Thống nhất, Yên Hòa, Kaula



Chân gửi Chau:

Nguyễn Đức Hòa.

107/22 Đường 3 tháng 2

Thành Phố Hồ Chí Minh.



TIẾN LÊN! GIÀNH THẮNG LỢI LỚN



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Proof with Positional Marks



This military franchise stamp was issued on May 19, 1975. It bears the same design as the December, 1973 military franchise stamp except this one is smaller, is red instead of blue, and this one is inscribed "BUU CHINH" instead of "TEM QUAN DOI".

Printed in sheets of 100 (10x10) with one pane per sheet.



PH

930 Regas 3/03

Michel Mil 25

ECV

20-

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U

XF

VF

F

AVE

S/S

BK(Book)

CV

PS

FDC

PPC

SH

1975, May 109, charging

50056

soldier, 2 color varieties

LOT# 1749

basic stamp not in Scott Cat.



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MILITARY FREE FRANK STAMPS

From 1973 until the liberation of the South, all military free frank issues featured the "People's Offensive" theme, i.e., bayonet and tank charges. The first issue was Dec 23, 1973, and had two stamps, one blue showing a bayonet charge and a red/bronze stamp featuring a tank. The bayonet charge was reissued May 19, 1975 (after liberation) in red.

The "tank" stamp had two printings, one in perf 11 (on cover) and a second in perf 12.5 (mint single).

Trinh-xuan-Loi Ht 7896 Vinh Yên



Gu'i: Ông Trinh Xuân-Côn

Can' Bồ Văn hoà

51-53 phố Ngô Quyền

HA NỘI



The 1975 "bayonet charge" reissue used on an ugly, dirty cover. However, this cover is from the troops that liberated the former US Navy base at Cam Ranh Bay. The postmark is the provisional mark, M.N. Viet-Nam, 8-11-75, used in the south until normal cancels were obtained.



1976 Military Cover Hanoi To
Saigon, w/ "Voters go Vote"
cachet. Fantastic letter
from soldier talks about
working in Laos for 2 months.

No MAIL RECEIVED IN LAOS
WHOLE TIME. Expects transfer
soon because of army reorganization.
"Will return to Laos next Tuesday
for 15 days"

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Fake First Day Cover



Hanoi postmarks did not use numerical postal codes in 1973.