

# *In This Issue*

The lead-off article in this issue is by **Ed Grabowski**, who covers a different subject from his previous series on Guadeloupe. The new subject, **Indochina Military Mail: 1893–1905** is a complicated yet fascinating study of the many different parts of Indochina that saw French military presence at the end of the eighteenth century. The mail from small towns is notable, along with unusual combinations and different uses of the military mail system.

**Kees Adema** takes a vacation from the Turn und Taxis mail system to tell the story of a very long traveled postcard to a late member of the Collectors Club, Harry Heymans, in **A Simple Card**. Heymans, who escaped from Holland to the Dutch East Indies, left from there to arrive ultimately in New York. The card followed his travels and is an interesting example of modern postal history.

In the early days of postage stamps, a well-organized anti-war movement was in operation in both the United States and Great Britain. Wafers to seal envelopes were available, as outlined by **Chris King** in his article **Peace, Progress and Prosperity: The Early Nineteenth Century Anti-War Movement**. More than the anti-war ideas, the labels and envelopes produced also promoted ocean penny postage and other concepts, with the standardization of postage ultimately taken up by the UPU.

**David Steidley** offers an interesting example of a very frugal correspondent who manages to squeeze the maximum out of a postcard in **Getting Her Penny's Worth**. This article is a part of the "Cover Story" feature, but was just a bit too long to be able to make use of the normal introduction of that feature.

**In the National Postal Museum** offers an example of a research study conducted by **David Straight** in the National Postal Museum. It provides an insight to the facilities and resources available to researchers who would make use of the museum's vast holdings. A unique book was created for use by the Post Office Department after the Civil War, listing the blank forms needed for various Post Office functions. The article fills two pages and left no space for an illustration, so one is provided here of the author with the book.



**On the Cover:** Military mail of late nineteenth century Indochina can be particularly elusive for some small villages. The cover shown is a unique example with a Soctrang circular military datestamp. The unit cachet is on the front and the validating unit cachet, manuscript endorsement and commander's signature are on the reverse.

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## **Program Change**

With regrets, Arturo Martin de Nicolas has found it necessary to withdraw from the program he was to give on October 3, 2007. A substitute program will be given by John Barwis, on "Development of the Philadelphia Exchange Office," making October a choice month for that topic, considering that the October 17 talk by Dwayne Littauer, "U.S.—French Mail Between the Conventions, 1870-74" picks up roughly where John's talk ends.