Annam is the second of the five Indochinese provinces, located on the eastern coast of the Colony with Cochinchina to the south and Tonkin to the north. The capital was located at the royal city of Hue see postcard from Roon), though, in fact, this province did not have a principal commercial or political center comparable to those at Saigon and Hanoi (Tonkin). French military activities in this province continued until the late 1890's resulting in a small amount of military mail. The mail from Annam is typically from the smaller villages, which are presented in approximate alphabetical order beginning on the next page.

Hue



French community rate letters from Hue in 1897 and 1904, and a government printed matter wrapper which contained the **Bulletin Administratif** from April 1902.



Benthuy Banghoi





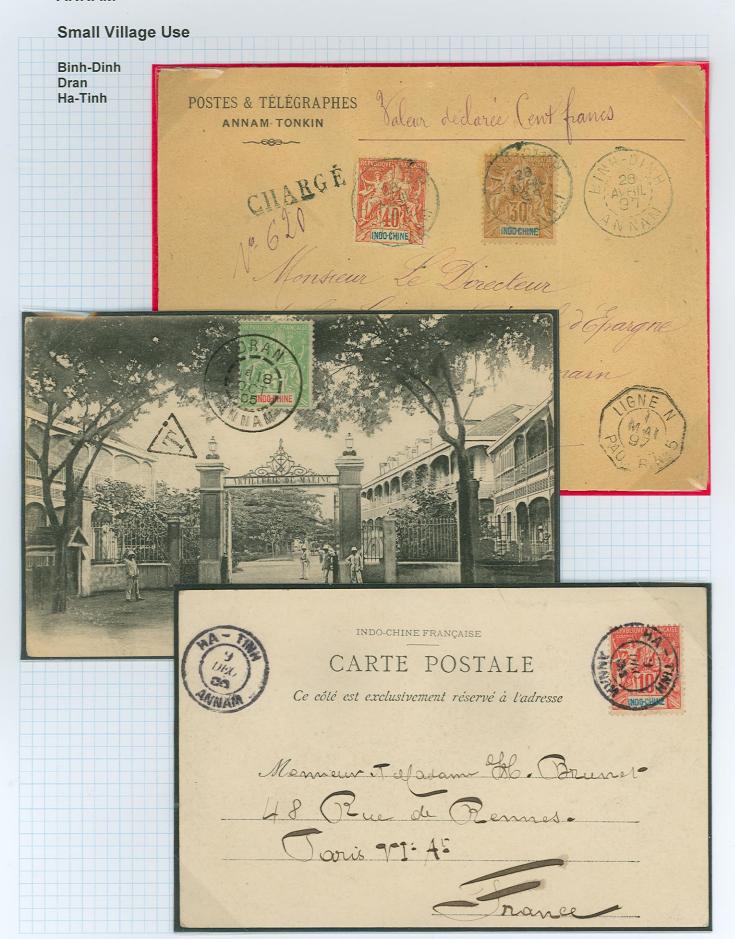
Small Village Use

Cauhai Bongson Cuarao





The postcard from Bongson was sent to Bucharest, Romania via Saigon on May 12, 1905, and that from Cuarao to Constantinople via Singapore, Suez, Alexandria, Constantinople – British Post Office enroute to its destination at the French Post Office in 1904.



Rare declared value letter from the small office at Binh-Dinh prepaying 25c postage, 25c registration and 20c insurance on a declared value of 100F in 1897.



Laoboa Leinchieu





Lethuy





Nhatrang Boite Mobile



French community rate of 15c posted on a postal wagon enroute to the village of Nhatrang in 1901. To indicate that this letter was received by the driver of the wagon, a **BM** handstamp (*Boite* Mobile – Mobile Postal Wagon) inscribed in an oval was applied to the letter before the letter was delivered to the office at Nhatrang. This type of hand stamp is more frequently seen from colonies such as Guadeloupe, Madagascar and Reunion, but rarely from Indochina. This letter was routed through Saigon, and was received in Paris on Jan. 2, 1902.

Small Village Use

Phantiet





Local native letter to Saigon and early 1893 quadruple weight registered letter (1.00F postage + 25c registration) based on a 15c Group Type envelope with 1.15F in Type Dubois stamps used to complete the postage. Letter sent to Captain Noel, a former Colonial military officer who maintained a vigorous correspondence throughout the colonies. Mail to Captain Noel is often colorfully franked, but at the correct prevailing rates.



Registered 1906 letter at the 50c rate from the small village of Quinhone to the small village of Meester-Cornelis in Java. The reverse bears a Batavia transit and a Meester-Cornelis December 6th arrival.









Registered French Community letter (10c + 25c with Grasset issue) from Vinh to Paris on September 10, 1906; 15c French Community rate from Tourane with attempted use of a 10c post card cutout, which was rejected by the post office and charged 10c due on arrival in Paris. Partial credit for the cutout was given, as the letter was not charged 20c due, double the deficiency; and double weight registered letter (50c + 25c) from Tourane on October 28, 1904 to Germany.