

BACLIEU COCHINCHINE

The post office at Bac Lieu opened in 1884. Its first known postmark was a type E2 device. Bac Lieu 's type E2 postmark remained in use for nearly three decades at the turn of the century.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1891-1919



POSTAL MARKINGS
BACLIEU COCHINCHINE 4 AVRIL 10
REVERSE
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 5 AVRIL 10
8 PARIS 8 DISTRIB^{ON} 3 MAI 10

BACLIEU COCHINCHINE

A variation in Baclieu's type E2 postmark used numerals rather than an abbreviation to represent the month in the central date.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2(ch)
PERIOD OF USE: 1913-25



POSTAL MARKINGS

BACLIEU COCHINCHINE 7-10 19

REVERSE

CANTHO COCHINCHINE 8-10 19

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 8-10 19

KOTTAIYUR 29 OCT. 19

BACLIEU
COCHINCHINE

Baclieu's type E2 postmarks were supplanted by type G postmarks in the 1920s. Baclieu's type G postmark was in service for over two decades.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1923-46



POSTAL MARKINGS
BACLIEU COCHINCHINE 9-6 32
REVERSE
KULIPIRAT 23 JUN. 32
KURIVIKONDANPATTI PUDUKOTAH 24 JUN. 32

BACLIEU COCHINCHINE

The type G1 postmark, with the separators between the town and colony name, was in service as late as 1948. This is the latest known example of Baclicu's type G1 postmark.



POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1937-48



POSTAL MARKINGS
BACLIEU COCHINCHINE 24-12 48
registration label
REVERSE
SAIGON R.P. COCHINCHINE 29-12 49

BADONG COCHINCHINE

Although the Badong post office opened in 1899, its earliest known postmark is the type E2 device from a decade later. This postmark remained in service for over two decades.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1909-31



POSTAL MARKINGS

BADONG COCHINCHINE 26 AOUT 21

REVERSE

TRAVINH COCHINCHINE 26-8 21

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 27-8 21

PARIS-RP 8 DISTRIBUTION 10 OCTO 21

BAIXAU
COCHINCHINE

Of its several spellings, "BAIXAU" was the final spelling under the period of French control. Its last postmark was a type G device.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1937-43



POSTAL MARKINGS
BAIXAU COCHINCHINE 17-11 30
registration label
REVERSE
CAN-THO COCHINCHINE 18-11 30

BAKE
COCHINCHINE

The secondary post office at Bake began operations in 1882 and was transferred to Tambinh on 6 November 1918. Bake's only postmark was a type E2 and this is the earliest recorded example.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1895-98



POSTAL MARKINGS
BAKE COCHINCHINE 25 JANV 95

BARIA
COCHINCHINE

The post office at Baria commenced operating in 1863. Baria's type E2 postmark was extremely long lived. Entering service in 1895, it stayed in use for three decades.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1895-1925



POSTAL MARKINGS
BARIA COCHINCHINE 18 JUIL 11
REVERSE
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 19 JUIL 11
CONLIEGE JURA 17-8 11

BARIA
COCHINCHINE

Overlapping the period when Baria used the type E2 postmark was the period of the type E2(ch) postmark. Instead of an abbreviation for the month, the postmark date used a numeral.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2(ch)
PERIOD OF USE: 1913-24



POSTAL MARKINGS
BARIA COCHINCHINE 11-2 14
REVERSE
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 11-2 14

BARIA
COCHINCHINE

In 1924, the Baria post office replaced the type E2 postmarks with type G postmarks which were to remain in use for a quarter century.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1924-48



POSTAL MARKINGS
BARIA COCHINCHINE 1-8 31
REVERSE
KUTHALUR RAMNAD 16 AUG. 31

BARIA
SUD VIET-NAM

Baria's last postmark that cancelled French Indochinese stamps was a type V1 device. Much later Baria became known as Phouc-Le.



POSTMARK TYPE: V1
PERIOD OF USE: 1949-51



POSTAL MARKINGS
BARIA SUD VIET-NAM 6-3 1950
REVERSE
SAIGON R.P. SUD VIET-NAM 8-3 1950

BATRI COCHINCHINE

The first postmark to use the “BATRI” spelling instead of the “BAOTRI” spelling was a type E2 device in 1907. It was to remain in service for over two decades. This is the earliest known example of Batri’s type E2 postmark.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1907-30



POSTAL MARKINGS
BATRI COCHINCHINE 13 DEC 07

BATRI
COCHINCHINE

Batri's last postmark was in the type G format. The post office at Batri closed in 1945 at the end of World War II.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1928-44



POSTAL MARKINGS

BATRI COCHINCHINE 4-9 39
registration label

COMMISSION C censor handstamp

REVERSE

BENTRE COCHINCHINE 4-9 39
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 5-9 39

BENCAT COCHINCHINE

Bencat's secondary post office eventually became a rural post office. Bencat's final postmark was a type G device. Here the postmark was struck with blue ink.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1928-44



POSTAL MARKINGS

BENCAT COCHINCHINE 6-10 33 (blue)
framed Saigon-Marseille route marking

REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 6-10 33

BENCAT COCHINCHINE

This is the discovery example of Bancat's type G1 postmark. In this case, the removable central date plug was rotated with respect to the text around the outer circle.



POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1949



POSTAL MARKINGS

BENCAT COCHINCHINE 19-3 1949
airmail label

REVERSE

THUDAUMOT COCHINCHINE 19-3 1949
SAIGON R.P. COCHINCHINE 22-6 1949

BEN-SUC COCHINCHINE

This cover is the discovery example Ben-Suc's type G postmark. The post office apparently only operated during the period around World War II.



POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1939



POSTAL MARKINGS

BEN-SUC COCHINCHINE 13-12 39

REVERSE

THU DAUMOT COCHINCHINE 13-12 39

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 13-12 39

GUEMENE S/ SCORFF 25-12 39

BENTRE COCHINCHINE

Bentre, the chief town of Bentre Province, put its type E2 postmark into service before the turn of the century. It served the Bentre post office for nearly four decades.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1890-1928



POSTAL MARKINGS
BENTRE COCHINCHINE 27 JUIL 95
REVERSE
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 28 JUIL 95

BENTRE
COCHINCHINE

Bentre's type E2 postmark changed over its long life. The date was changed using removable plugs. With this example, the year portion of the plug had been replaced with a blank.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1890-1928



POSTAL MARKINGS
BENTRE COCHINCHINE 16 DEC
REVERSE
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 16 DEC 10

BENTRE
COCHINCHINE

Bentre's type E2 postmark changed over its four decades of use. This example from the final year of use exhibits thicker lines and lettering. Also, larger numerals were employed to indicate the year. This example is from the last year of use.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1890-1928



POSTAL MARKINGS
BENTRE COCHINCHINE 22 MARS 28
REVERSE
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 23-3 28

BENTRE
COCHINCHINE

Bentre's type E2 devices were replaced with type G postmarks which served the post office up through the World War II era.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1928-48



POSTAL MARKINGS
BENTRE COCHINCHINE 26-12-36
REVERSE
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 2612 36
PONDICHERRY 31 DEC. 36

BENTRE
COCHINCHINE

Unlike the usual way of indicating the month with a numeral, the G(I) postmark used letters or an abbreviation. Bentre's type G(I) postmark is only known from a single year, 1927.



POSTMARK TYPE: G(I)
PERIOD OF USE: 1927



POSTAL MARKINGS
BENTRE COCHINCHINE 22 AVRIL 27
REVERSE
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 23-4 27

BENTRE
COCHINCHINE

During World War II, Bentre put a type G1 postmark into service. Its first year of use was 1939.



POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1939-45



POSTAL MARKINGS
BENTRE COCHINCHINE 7-12 39
airmail label

BEN-TRE COCHINCHINE

A hyphenated version of the type G postmark ("BEN-TRE") appeared in 1949. This cover is the first recorded example of the postmark with the hyphenated spelling.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1949



POSTAL MARKINGS
BEN-TRE COCHINCHINE 1-6 1949
REVERSE
SAIGON R.P. COCHINCHINE 2-6 1949

BENTRE COCHINCHINE

The type G4 postmark is characterized by squat lettering and its 26-millimeter diameter boundary. Bentre was one of the few towns in Cochinchina that adopted the type G4 format, albeit for only a short time.



POSTMARK TYPE: G4
PERIOD OF USE: 1948-49



POSTAL MARKINGS
BENTRE COCHINCHINE 27-7 48
airmail label
REVERSE
SAIGON R.P. COCHINCHINE 29-7 48

BENTRE COCHINCHINE

The earliest known use of Bentre's type G4 postmark is this example from 1948.



POSTMARK TYPE: G4
PERIOD OF USE: 1948-49



POSTAL MARKINGS
BENTRE COCHINCHINE 16-7 48

BENTRE
SUD VIETNAM

When the political instabilities following World War II gave rise to new designations for the various territorial regions of Indochina, the Bentre post office put into service in 1949 postmarks that identified Bentre as part of "SUD VIET-NAM." This is the earliest known example of Bentre's type V1 postmark.



POSTMARK TYPE: V1
PERIOD OF USE: 1949-52



POSTAL MARKINGS
BENTRE SUD VIET-NAM 15-11 1949
REVERSE
CANTHO COCHINCHINE 10-11 1949

BENTRE A
COCHINCHINE

Postal business at Bentre seemingly warranted an auxiliary post office, "BENTRE A." Evidently, it was short lived as the postmark is only known for one year, 1930.



POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1930



POSTAL MARKINGS

BENTRE A COCHINCHINE 14-10 30

REVERSE

BENTRE COCHINCHINE 14-10 30

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 14-10 30

COCHINCHINE
BIEN-HOA

One of the early post offices in Indochina, the Bien-Hoa post office opened for business in 1865. Its first postmark remained in service for two decades. This example, with the hyphenated spelling, is the latest known use of the type A postmark.



POSTMARK TYPE: A
PERIOD OF USE: 1864-85



POSTAL MARKINGS
COCHINCHINE BIEN-HOA 25 NOV. 85
MODANE A PARIS 27 DEC. 85 (red)
REVERSE
SAIGON COCHINCHINE 25 NOV. 85

BIENHOA
COCHINCHINE

Bienhoa was the principal town in Bienhoa Province. Its post office used the type E2 postmark for two decades.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1892-1912



POSTAL MARKINGS
BIENHOA COCHINCHINE 27 MARS 06
BORDEAUX GIRONDE 25-4 06

BIENHOA
COCHINCHINE

Type G postmarks displaced the type E2 postmarks beginning in 1927. This is the earliest known example of Bienhoa's type G postmark.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1927-49



POSTAL MARKINGS
BIENHOA COCHINCHINE 5-3 27
REVERSE
KOTTAIYUR 16 MAR. 27

BIENHOA
COCHINCHINE

Bienhoa's type G postmark was in use for two decades through the 1940s.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1927-49



POSTAL MARKINGS
BIENHOA COCHINCHINE 16-4 39

BIENHOA
SUD VIET-NAM

Entering service in 1950, Bienhoa's type V1 postmark was utilized for only three years. It was the first postmark after independence.



POSTMARK TYPE: V1
PERIOD OF USE: 1950-52



POSTAL MARKINGS
BIENHOA SUD VIET-NAM 6-4 1950
REVERSE
BIENHOA SUD VIET-NAM 6-4 1950

BUDOP
COCHINCHINE

Budop's type G postmark remained in service for over a decade. It was last recorded during World War II. The Budop post office closed sometime after 1955.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1933-45



POSTAL MARKINGS

BUDOP COCHINCHINE 21-8 36

airmail label

framed Saigon-Marseille routing instruction

REVERSE

MARSEILLE-GARE-AVION B^{CHES} DU RHONE 30 • VIII 1933