

QUANG TCHEOU
INDO-CHINE FRANCAISE

One of the earliest postmarks from Kouang Tcheou Wan only specified the territory without indicating any particular town name.



POSTMARK TYPE: E1
PERIOD OF USE: 1900-03



POSTAL MARKINGS

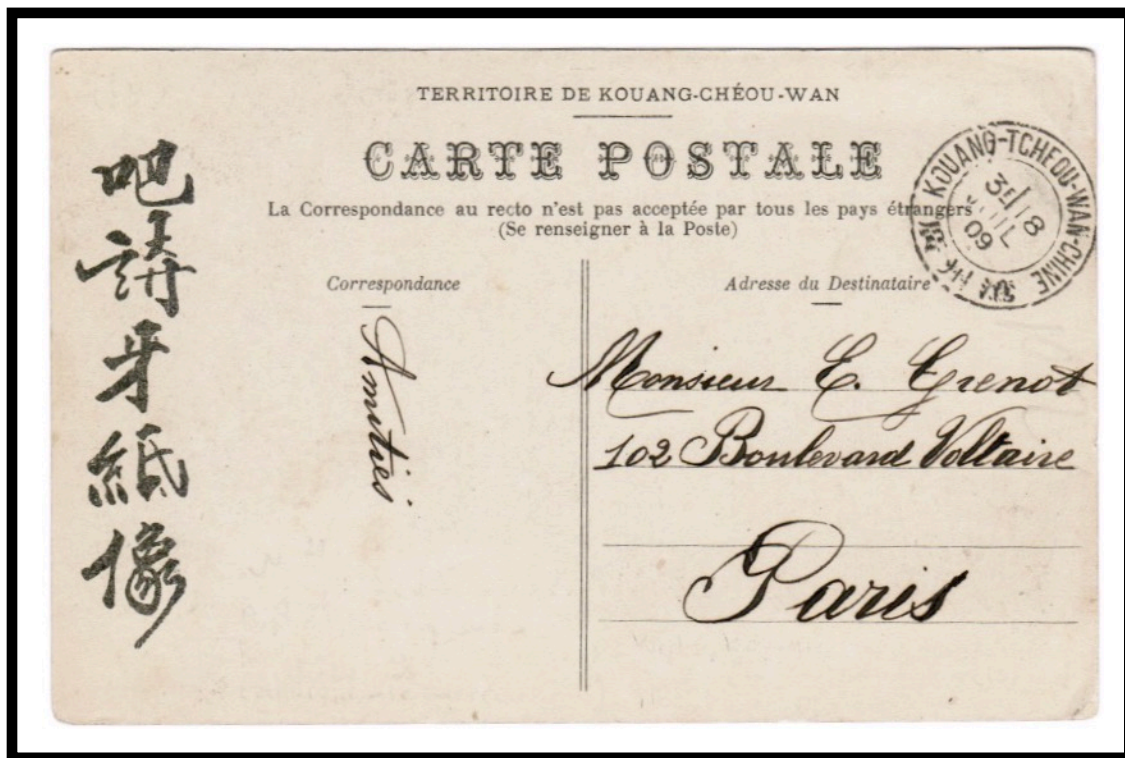
QUANG TCHEOU INDO-CHINE FRANCAISE 30 MARS 03
CORPS EXP. TONKIN LIGNE N.6 7 AVRIL 03

KOUANG-TCHEOU-WAN-CHINE

In 1905, the "INDO-CHINE FRANCAISE" was replaced by Chinese characters at the base of the postmark. The Kouang Cho Wan post office closed in 1910, but still operated telegraph services.



POSTMARK TYPE: E1
PERIOD OF USE: 1905-10



POSTAL MARKINGS
KOUANG-TGHEOU-WAN-CHINE 18 JUIL 09
REVERSE
KOUANG-TGHEOU-WAN-CHINE 18 JUIL 09

KOUANG-TCHEOU-WAN
CHINE

With this Kouang-Tcheou-Wan postmark variation, the word "CHINE" is oriented oppositely from "KOUANG-TCHEOU-WAN."



POSTMARK TYPE: E1
PERIOD OF USE: 1905-10



POSTAL MARKINGS
KOUANG-TCHEOU-WAN – CHINE – 8 DEC 05

FORT BAYARD
INDO-CHINE FRANCAISE

The post office at Fort Bayard opened in 1901. Its first postmark was in the type F1 format. At the bottom, the postmark identifies the territory as "INDO-CHINE FRANCAISE."



POSTMARK TYPE: F1
PERIOD OF USE: 1901-05



POSTAL MARKINGS
FORT BAYARD INDO-CHINE FRANCAISE 15 OCT 04

FORT-BAYARD CHINE

When the first type E2 postmarks arrived from France, "INDO" was scratched out from "INDO-CHINE" leaving an unbalanced design.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1905-11



POSTAL MARKINGS
FORT-BAYARD CHINE 23 OCT 07
REVERSE
VICTORIA HONG KONG 1 NOV 07

FORT-BAYARD INDOCHINE

The only Kouang Cho Wan postmark with "INDOCHINE" at the bottom was employed by Fort Bayard from 1910 to 1924.



POSTMARK TYPE: D1
PERIOD OF USE: 1910-24



POSTAL MARKINGS

FORT-BAYARD INDOCHINE 16 JUN 11
boxed R with manuscript registration number
YOKOAMA A MARSEILLE N° 7 30-6 11

FORT-BAYARD INDOCHINE

A variation of the type D1 format employed a number instead of an abbreviation to identify the month in the postmark.



POSTMARK TYPE: D1(ch)
PERIOD OF USE: 1913-23



POSTAL MARKINGS
FORT-BAYARD INDOCHINE 12-2 14

FORT-BAYARD INDOCHINE

Fort Bayard put into service a distinctive variety of the type D1 postmark. The word "INDOCHINE" was positioned as a continuation of "FORT-BAYARD," as opposed to being placed at the base of the postmark. In this case a large star was located at the bottom.



POSTMARK TYPE: D1(variety)
PERIOD OF USE: 1910-24



POSTAL MARKINGS

FORT-BAYARD INDOCHINE 7 NOV. 12
BANAM CAMBODGE 19 MARS 09 (stamp affixed later)

FORTBAYARD
KOUANGTCHEOUWAN

Many spacing variations exist for Fort Bayard's type G postmark. For subtype AD, there are no breaks or hyphens at either top or bottom.



POSTMARK TYPE: G(AD)
PERIOD OF USE: 1933-40



POSTAL MARKINGS

FORTBAYARD KOUANGTCHEOUWAN 27-11 36
registration label

REVERSE

HANOI R.P. TONKIN 4-12 36
PIN L'EMAGY HAUTE SAONE 14-12 36

FORT BAYARD
KOUANGTCHEOUWAN

The earliest use of the variation with a space in "FORT BAYARD" and no space in "KOUANGTCHEOUWAN" is 1927.



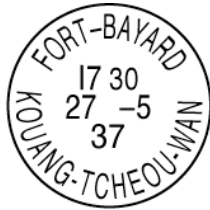
POSTMARK TYPE: G(BD)
PERIOD OF USE: 1927-43



POSTAL MARKINGS
FORT BAYARD KOUANGTCHEOUWAN 9-8 27

FORT-BAYARD
KOUANG-TCHEOU-WAN

With subtype CF of Fort Bayard type G postmark, both "FORT-BAYARD" and "KOUANG-TCHEOU-WAN" are segmented with hyphens.



POSTMARK TYPE: G(CF)
PERIOD OF USE: 1925-39



POSTAL MARKINGS

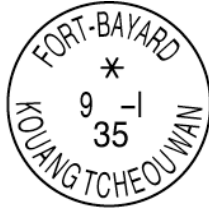
FORT-BAYARD KOUANG-TCHEOU-WAN 27-5 37
airmail label

REVERSE

HAIPHONG TONKIN 1-6 37
HANOI R.P. TONKIN 1-6 37
PARIS VIII DISTRIBUTION 12 • VI 1937

FORT-BAYARD
KOUANGTCHEOUWAN

One of the two postmarks with the hyphenated spelling of "FORT-BAYARD," subtype CE was employed the spaced version for the territory's name "KOUNG TCHEOU WAN," without hyphens. Its first known year of use was 1935.



POSTMARK TYPE: G(CE)
PERIOD OF USE: 1935-40



POSTAL MARKINGS
FORT-BAYARD KOUANG TCHEOU WAN 9-1 35
REVERSE
CAMBRIDGE A MASS. FEB 11 1935

FORT-BAYARD KOUANGTCHEOUWAN

The final postmark employed at Fort Bayard was in a type G1 format using diamonds to separate the words in the outer ring. This postmark subtype used its own unique combination of spellings: "FORT-BAYARD" at the top and "KOUANGTCHEOUWAN" at the base. It first appeared early in World War II, in 1941.



POSTMARK TYPE: G1(CD)
PERIOD OF USE: 1941-43



POSTAL MARKINGS

FORT-BAYARD KOUANGTCHEOUWAN 12-11 41
framed "NOT OPENED BY CENSOR"

REVERSE

VICTORIA HONG KONG 14 NO 41
VICTORIA HONG KONG 15 NO 41

FORT-BAYARD TONKIN

Although Kouang Cho wan had been administratively placed under Tonkin government, the territory's postmarks never indicated the association except for this lone example. The first year of use of the short-lived postmark with "TONKIN" at the base was 1925.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1925-26



POSTAL MARKINGS
FORT-BAYARD TONKIN 4-7 25
REVERSE
HAIPHONG TONKIN 8-2 25
SARZEAU MORIBAN 10-8 25

POTSI
INDO-CHINE FRANCAISE

Potsi's first recorded postmark was a type E1 device with "INDO-CHINE FRANCAISE" at the base. The postmark was in service for only two years in 1903-04.



POSTMARK TYPE: E1
PERIOD OF USE: 1903-04



POSTAL MARKINGS

POTSI INDO-CHINE FRANCAISE 26 MAI 04
QUANG TCHEOU INDO-CHINE FRANCAISE 26 MAI 04
DELLYS ALGER 12 JUIL 04

REVERSE

POTSI INDO-CHINE FRANCAISE 26 MAI 04

TCHE KAM
KOUANG TCHEOU WAN

Like the postmarks of Fort Bayard, Tchekam's postmarks exhibited several spelling varieties. With this postmark variety, both "TCHE KAM" and "KOUANG TCHEOU WAN" exhibit spaces in the text.



POSTMARK TYPE: G(BE)
PERIOD OF USE: 1927-42



POSTAL MARKINGS

TCHE KAM KOUANG TCHEOU WAN 14-1 39

"Found in the Box" handstamp
T in triangle postage due marking

REVERSE

TCHE KAM KOUANG TCHEOU WAN 14-1 39
VICTORIA HONG KONG 16 JA 39

TCHE KAM KOUANG TCHEOU WAN

With this postmark variety, "TCHEKAM" lacks spaces while "KOUANG TCHEOU WAN" exhibits spaces. This example is the latest known use of a Kouang Cho Wan postmark.



POSTMARK TYPE: G(AE)
PERIOD OF USE: 1927-42

POSTAL MARKINGS

TCHE KAM KOUANG TCHEOU WAN 4-8 42
airmail label

REVERSE

FORT BAYARD KOUANGTCHEOUWAN 5-8 42

TCHE KAM KOUANG TCHEOU WAN

Bisects of stamps are known used on covers from Tchekam. They were unauthorized and unnecessary and must be regarded as purely philatelic. Crude forgeries of the Tchekam postmark were applied to bisected stamps on pieces to create "collectible" specimens.



Forgeries



Forgery



Genuine