

QUANG-BA TONKIN

The only postmark recorded for Quang-Ba is in the E1 format. The post office closed in 1932.



POSTMARK TYPE: E1
PERIOD OF USE: 1910-25



POSTAL MARKINGS

QUANG-BA TONKIN 18 MAI 11
HA-GIANG TONKIN 19 MAI 11
LAMBEZELLE FINISTÈRE 29-6 11

REVERSE

QUANG-BA TONKIN 18 MAI 11

QUANG-YEN TONKIN

The first postmark that utilized the hyphenated "QUANG-YEN" spelling was a type B1 device. This postmark was in service for over 35 years.



POSTMARK TYPE: B1
PERIOD OF USE: 1887-1924



POSTAL MARKINGS

QUANG-YEN TONKIN 28 OCT. 93
CORPS EXPRE ANNAM-TONKIN

REVERSE

HAI-PHONG TONKIN 28 OCT. 93
ALAIS GARD 30 NOV 93
BRIOUDE HAUTE LOIRE 30 NOV 93

QUANGYEN TONKIN

When it first opened, the town post office used the hyphenated "QUANG-YEN" spelling. The first postmark that employed the non-hyphenated spelling "QUANGYEN" was a type E2 device. This 1898 example is the earliest known use of Quangyen's type E2 postmark.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1898-1912



POSTAL MARKINGS
CORPS EXP^{RE} TONKIN
QUANGYEN TONKIN 7 SEPT. 98
REVERSE
MARSEILLE DEPART 8 OCT 98
MOSTAGANEM ORAN 10 OCT 98

QUANGYEN
TONKIN

Quangyen's type E2(ch) postmark was the last to use the non-hyphenated "QUANGYEN" spelling.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2(ch)
PERIOD OF USE: 1913-28



POSTAL MARKINGS

QUANGYEN TONKIN 25-7 24
framed R with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

BOURG EN BRESSE AIN 1-8 24
BOURG EN BRESSE AIN 1-9 24

QUANG-YEN TONKIN

Quang-Yen's type G postmark was in service for over 15 years.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1927-44



POSTAL MARKINGS
QUANG-YEN TONKIN 5-3 37

QUANGYEN
TONKIN

This cover represents the only known use of the type G1 Quangyen postmark. A type G1 postmark was previously unrecorded for either of the town's "QUANG-YEN" or the "QUANGYEN" spelling variations.



POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1948



POSTAL MARKINGS
QUANGYEN TONKIN 1-12 48
registration label
REVERSE
HAIPHONG TONKIN 2-12 48

QUANG-YEN
VIET-NAM

A type V postmark is not known from Quang-Yen. Quang-Yen's last recorded postmark was a type W2 device. It was in service for three years.



POSTMARK TYPE: W2
PERIOD OF USE: 1951-53



POSTAL MARKINGS
QUANG-YEN VIET-NAM 28-9 1951
REVERSE
HAI-PHONG VIET-NAM 28-9 1951

QUANG-UYEN
TONKIN

Although it shared a similar name with Quang-Yen, Quang-Uyen was a separate town located Caobang Province. Quang-Uyen's first postmark was a type E1 format.



POSTMARK TYPE: E1
PERIOD OF USE: 1904-29



POSTAL MARKINGS
QUANG-UYEN TONKIN 8 AOUT 06
REVERSE
HAIPHONG TONKIN 8 AOUT 06
LA ROCHELLE CHARENTE INFRE 19-9 06

QUANG-UYEN TONKIN

Quang-Uyen's second and final postmark was in a type G layout. The post office closed in 1946 but no postmarks are known from World War II.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1932-39



POSTAL MARKINGS

QUANG-UYEN TONKIN 6-8 32
airmail label and airmail route handstamp

REVERSE

CAO-BANG TONKIN 6-8 32
HANOI R.P. TONKIN 6-8 32
PARIS-VII R. CLER 22 • VIII 1932

SEPT-PAGODES TONKIN

A principal post office was established at Sept-Pagodes in 1887. The first postmark employed at Sept-Pagodes was a type D1 format device that remained in service for three decades.



POSTMARK TYPE: D1
PERIOD OF USE: 1887-1919



POSTAL MARKINGS
SEPT-PAGODES TONKIN 14 SEPT 06
SHANG-HAI CHINE 28 SEPT 06
TIEN-TSIN CHINE POSTE FRANÇAISE 4 OCT 06

SEPT-PAGODES TONKIN

The second postmark that the Sept-Pagodes post office put into service was a type E2 device. It remained in service for two decades.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1893-1912



POSTAL MARKINGS

SEPT PAGODES TONKIN 12 AVRIL 11
SEPT PAGODES TONKIN 13 AVRIL 11

REVERSE

HONG KONG 16 AP 11
SEATTLE, WASH. MAY, 12 1911

SEPT-PAGODES TONKIN

The final postmark used by the Sept-Pagodes post office was a type G device.
The principal post office closed in 1946 at the beginning of the Franco-Viet War.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1923-43



POSTAL MARKINGS
SEPT PAGODES TONKIN 14-3 40
registration label
REVERSE
HANOI R.P. BIS TONKIN 15-3 40

SOC-GIANG TONKIN

The Soc-Giang post office opened in 1908. Soc-Giang's first postmark was in the type D1 format. The earliest reported use is 1910.



POSTMARK TYPE: D1
PERIOD OF USE: 1910-25



POSTAL MARKINGS

SOC-GIANG TONKIN 8 JUL 10
NGUYEN-BINH TONKIN 11 JUL 10

REVERSE

NGUYEN-BINH TONKIN 11 JUL 10

SOC-GIANG TONKIN

Soc-Giang's last postmark was a type G device. This cover from 1939 is the latest known use of Soc-Giang's type G postmark.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1929-39



POSTAL MARKINGS

SOC-GIANG TONKIN 22-3 39
airmail label

REVERSE

CAO-BANG TONKIN 23-3 39
HA NOI R.P. TONKIN 24-3 39

SONLA TONKIN

The Sonla post office operated during 1890-92 and then was moved to Vanbu during 1892-1904. It reopened at Sonla in 1904. Its first postmark to carry the non-hyphenated "SONLA" spelling was the type D1 format. It was in service for a decade.



POSTMARK TYPE: D1
PERIOD OF USE: 1904-14



POSTAL MARKINGS
SONLA TONKIN 15 AVRIL 05
SAINTES CHARENTE INFRE 31-5 05

SONLA
TONKIN

Sonla's first postmarks used the non-hyphenated "SONLA" spelling. Sonla was the chief town for one of the provinces on the Laotian border. Sonla's type E2 postmark remained in service for nearly two decades.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1906-24



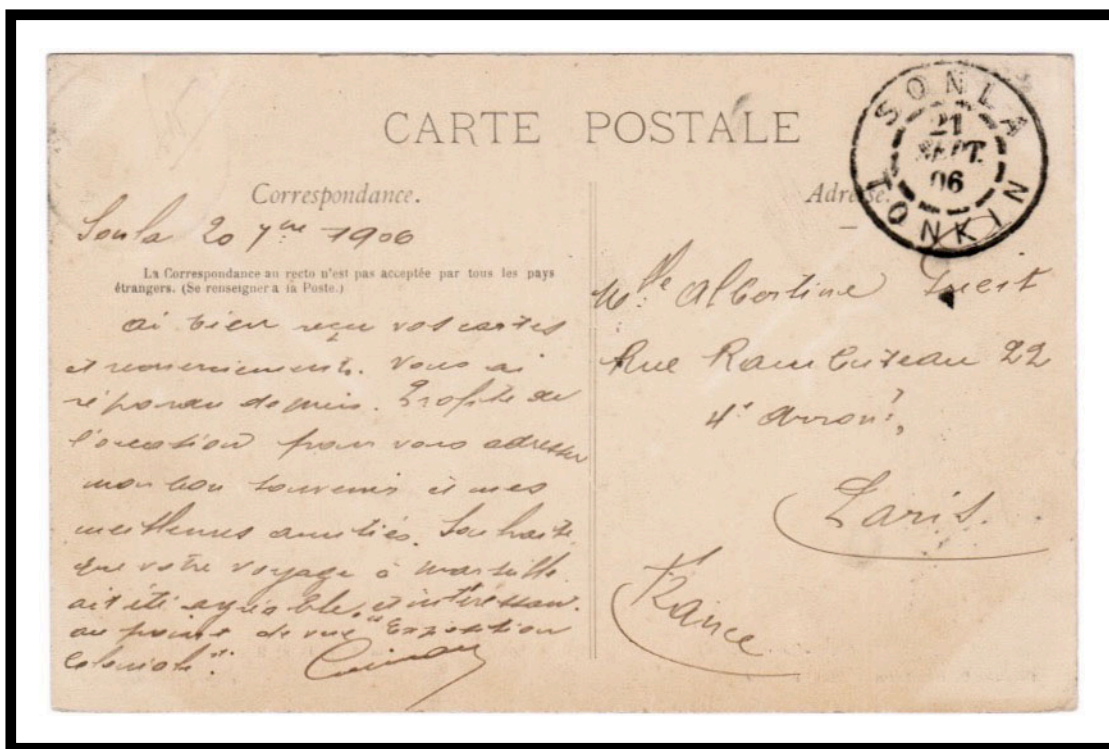
POSTAL MARKINGS
SONLA TONKIN 21 NOV 13
REVERSE
HA NOI TONKIN 26-11 13

SONLA TONKIN

Previously, the earliest known use of Sonla's type E2 postmark was 1913. This example from 1906 now represents the earliest known use of the type E2 postmark.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1906-24



POSTAL MARKINGS
SONLA TONKIN 21 SEPT. 06
REVERSE
SONLA TONKIN 21 SEPT. 06

SONLA
TONKIN

Among the postmarks that used the non-hyphenated "SONLA" spelling, the type G displaced the type E2 starting in 1927. Sonla's type G postmark was employed for a little over a decade.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1927-38



POSTAL MARKINGS

SONLA TONKIN 7-8 36

REVERSE

HANOI R.P. TONKIN 14-8 36

PARIS R.P. AVION 23 • VIII 1936

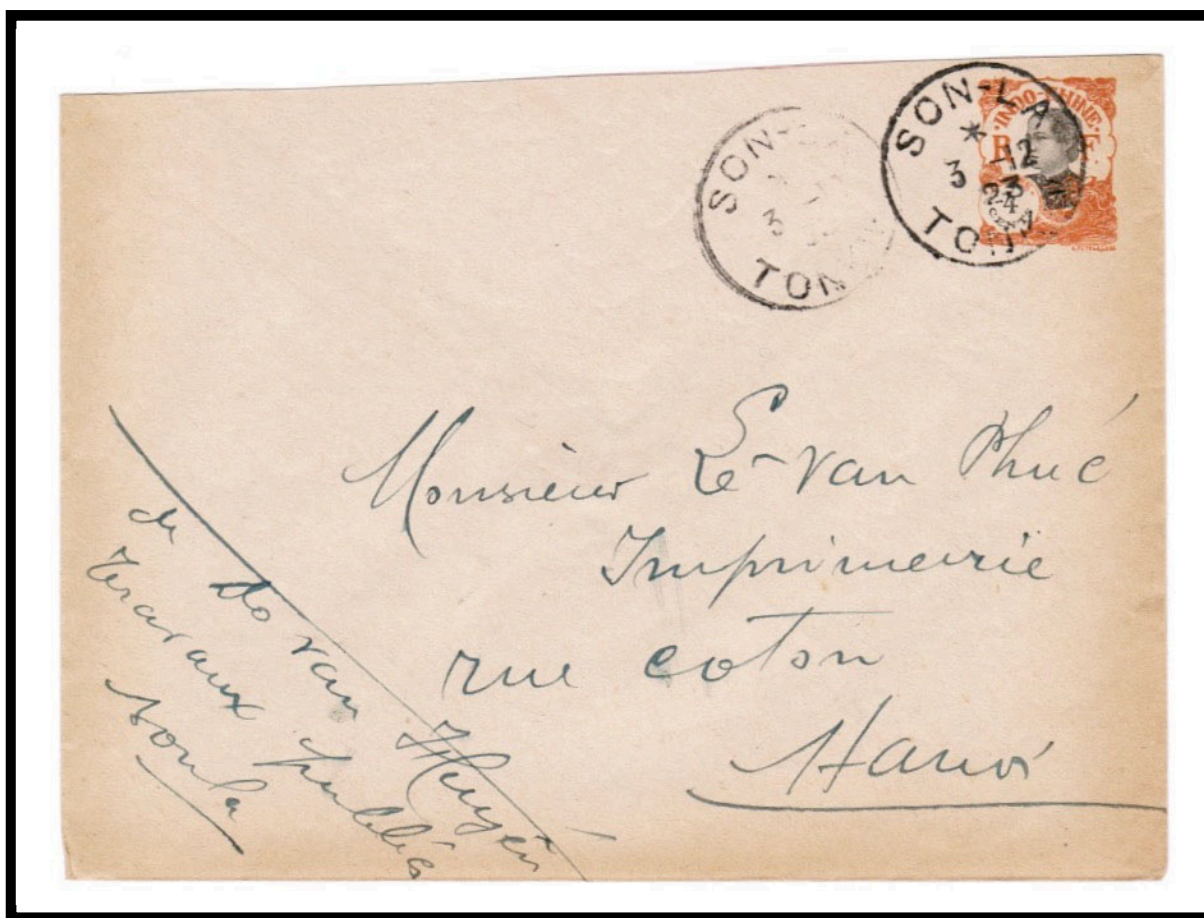
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SON-LA
TONKIN

Son-La used both the hyphenated and non-hyphenated spellings in its type G postmarks. The hyphenated version entered service in 1923 and remained in use for two decades.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1923-43



POSTAL MARKINGS
SON-LA TONKIN 3-12 23
REVERSE
HANOI TONKIN 10-12 23

SON-LA
TONKIN

Son-La's last postmark, the type W2 format, is only known to have been used in 1951.



POSTMARK TYPE: W2
PERIOD OF USE: 1951



POSTAL MARKINGS
SON-LA TONKIN 4-4 1951
REVERSE
HA-NOI VIET-NAM 9-4 1951

SONTAY
TONKIN

The Sontay post office began operations in 1883. The first postmark with the non-hyphenated "SONTAY" spelling was a type D1 device.



POSTMARK TYPE: D1
PERIOD OF USE: 1897-1911



POSTAL MARKINGS
SONTAY TONKIN 21 JANV. 04

SONTAY
TONKIN

The Sontay post office kept its type D2 postmark in service for over a quarter century.



POSTMARK TYPE: D2
PERIOD OF USE: 1902-28



POSTAL MARKINGS

SONTAY TONKIN 30 JUIN 09
framed R with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

HANOI TONKIN 1 JUIL. 09
PARIS XVII DISTRIBUTION 3-8 09

SONTAY
TONKIN

Sontay's type E2(ch) postmark identified the month with a numeral instead of an abbreviation. This was the last postmark that used the non-hyphenated "SONTAY" spelling.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2(ch)
PERIOD OF USE: 1913-28



POSTAL MARKINGS
SONTAY TONKIN 10-10 24
REVERSE
HANOI TONKIN 11-10 24

SON-TAY
TONKIN

The hyphenated spelling, "SON-TAY," reappeared in the 1920s. The post office never reverted to the non-hyphenated spelling.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1927-44



POSTAL MARKINGS

SON-TAY TONKIN 30-1 32
airmail and registration labels
Saigon-Marseille route marking

REVERSE

HANOI R.P. TONKIN 30-1 32
MARSEILLE-GARE BÔCHES DU RHONE 15 • II 1932

TA-LUNG TONKIN

The Ta-Lung post office opened in 1897 and its first postmark, in the type D1 format, is first known in 1898. Ta-Lung's D1 postmark was in service for three decades. Applied here to an Expeditionary Corps cover in 1900, the postmark lacks the year portion of the removable date plug.



POSTMARK TYPE: D1
PERIOD OF USE: 1898-1929



POSTAL MARKINGS
CORPS EXPEDIT^{RE} TONKIN
TA-LUNG TONKIN 11 JUIN (00)

REVERSE

THATKHE TONKIN 12 JUIN 1900
LANG-SON TONKIN 13 JUN 1900

TA-LUNG
TONKIN

Known from the year after the post office opened for business, Ta-Lung's first postmark, a type D1 device, was in service for over three decades.



POSTMARK TYPE: D1
PERIOD OF USE: 1898-1929



POSTAL MARKINGS
TA-LUNG TONKIN 4 AOUT 23
REVERSE
DONGKHE TONKIN 4 AOUT 23
HANOI TONKIN 7-8 23

TA-LUNG TONKIN

Ta-Lung's second and final postmark was a type G device. This example is the last reported use in 1936. The secondary post office at Ta-Lung did not close until ten years later in 1946.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1932-36



POSTAL MARKINGS
TA-LUNG TONKIN 29-7 36
REVERSE
DONGKHE TONKIN 29-7 36
PARIS R.P. AVION 9 • VIII 1936

TAM-DAO
TONKIN

The Tam-Dao post office began operations on 23 September 1908. The first postmark employed by the Tam-Dao post office was a type F2 style with its characteristic separators between the city and colony names.



POSTMARK TYPE: F2
PERIOD OF USE: 1914-25



POSTAL MARKINGS
TAM-DAO TONKIN 10 AOUT 23
REVERSE
HA NOI TONKIN 11-8 23

TAM-DAO TONKIN

Tam-Dao's first postmark was the uncommon type F2 style, which remained in service for a decade. The last year of use for the F2 postmark was 1925.



POSTMARK TYPE: F2
PERIOD OF USE: 1914-25



POSTAL MARKINGS
TAM-DAO TONKIN 22 AOUT 25

TAM-DAO TONKIN

Tam-Dao was a resort town that was most active only several weeks during the year. The second and final postmark used by the Tam-Dao post office was a type G device. It was in service for nearly two decades. The post office ceased operations in 1945.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1926-44



POSTAL MARKINGS

TAM-DAO TONKIN 1-8 33
framed Saigon-Marseille route handstamp

REVERSE

HANOI R.P. TONKIN 1-8 33
CORREIO AEREO 3A RIO DE JANEIRO 25 AGO. 933

THAI-BINH TONKIN

The first postmark that employed the hyphenated spelling “THAI-BINH” was a type D1 format. In 1907, the first experiment at small-scale colonization from North to South was attempted by moving 328 people from Thai-Binh to Cantho, Cochinchina.



POSTMARK TYPE: D1
PERIOD OF USE: 1897-1915



POSTAL MARKINGS
THAI-BINH TONKIN 29 JUIL 09
REVERSE
HANOI TONKIN 29 JUIL 09

THAIBINH
TONKIN

Only a single postmark, the type E2 device, employed the non-hyphenated "THAIBINH" spelling. It was in service for a decade.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1916-25



POSTAL MARKINGS
THAIBINH TONKIN 25 JANV 24

THAI-BINH
TONKIN

Thai-Binh's type G postmark only employed the hyphenated "THAI-BINH" spelling for the town's name. This postmark was in service for over two decades.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1925-45



POSTAL MARKINGS

THAI-BINH TONKIN 18-7 31

REVERSE

HAI-PHONG TONKIN 19-7 31
PARIS XX DISTRIBUTION 24 • VIII 1931

THAI-NGUYEN TONKIN

The Thai-Nguyen post office opened in 1887 and its first postmark was in the type B1 format. Here the B1 postmark was applied to an Expeditionary Corps mailing to France in 1889.



POSTMARK TYPE: B1
PERIOD OF USE: 1887-95



POSTAL MARKINGS
CORPS EXP^{RE} ANNAM-TONKIN
THAI-NGUYEN TONKIN 16 AOUT 89

REVERSE

HA-NOI TONKIN 13 AOUT 89
BAC-NINH TONKIN 17 AOUT 85
SEZANNE MARNE 30 SEPT. 89

THAI-NGUYEN TONKIN

In 1887, military postmarks had not yet appeared at Thai-Nguyen. As a result, this Expeditionary Corps letter received a civilian postmark. Struck with blue ink, this example is from the first year of service for the type B1 postmark. This Expeditionary Corps letter to Paris lacks a military postmark.



POSTMARK TYPE: B1
PERIOD OF USE: 1887-95



POSTAL MARKINGS

THAI-NGUYEN TONKIN 30 AVRIL 87 (blue)

REVERSE

BAC-NINH TONKIN 30 AVRIL 87
PARIS 11 DISTRIB^{ON} 13 JUN 87

THAINGUYEN TONKIN

The first postmark that employed the non-hyphenated spelling "THAINGUYEN" was a type D2 device.



POSTMARK TYPE: D2
PERIOD OF USE: 1898-1910



POSTAL MARKINGS
THAINGUYEN TONKIN 1 SEPT 03
BAC-NINH TONKIN 2 SEPT 03
HA NOI TONKIN 3 SEPT 03
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 9 SEPT 03

THAINGUYEN TONKIN

The D2 format was the first to employ the non-hyphenated "THAINGUYEN" spelling for the town's name. This 1898 cover has the earliest known use of Thainguyen's type D2 postmark.



POSTMARK TYPE: D2
PERIOD OF USE: 1898-1910



POSTAL MARKINGS

CORPS EXP^{RE} ANNAM-TONKIN
THAINGUYEN TONKIN 21 AOUT 98

REVERSE

BAC-NINH TONKIN 24 AOUT 98
HAIPHONG TONKIN 25 AOUT 98
VENDOME LOIR ET CHER 2 OCT 98

THAINGUYEN
TONKIN

The second postmark that used the non-hyphenated spelling was a type E2 device, which was in use for a decade.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1918-27



POSTAL MARKINGS
THAINGUYEN TONKIN 12 JUIL 23
REVERSE
HAIPHONG TONKIN 13-7 23

THAI-NGUYEN TONKIN

The final postmark that utilized the hyphenated spelling “THAI-NGUYEN” spelling was a type G format. Although beds of iron ore had been discovered near Thai-Nguyen, they were never systematically exploited.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1925-46



POSTAL MARKINGS

THAI-NGUYEN TONKIN 10-7 34
framed Saigon-Marseille route handstamp

REVERSE

HANOI R.P. TONKIN 10-7 34
PARIS VIII DISTRIBUTION 23 • VII 1934

THAN BA TONKIN

The Than Ba post office began operations around 1900 and closed when it was transferred to Phutho on 16 March 1906. Than Ba's only postmark was a type E1 device that served its needs during its short period of operations.



POSTMARK TYPE: E1
PERIOD OF USE: 1902-04



POSTAL MARKINGS
THAN BA TONKIN 26 NOV. 03
REVERSE
HA NOI TONKIN 28 NOV 03
NOYON OISE 8-1 04

THANH-HOA TONKIN

The Thanh-Hoa post office opened on 25 March 1886. For a short period of two years, it was classified as part of Tonkin. Subsequently, it became a permanent part of Annam. Only a single postmark, a type B1 device, ever represented Thanh-Hoa as a part of Tonkin.



POSTMARK TYPE: B1
PERIOD OF USE: 1887-89



POSTAL MARKINGS

CORPS EXP^{RE} ANNAM-TONKIN (blue)
THANH-HOA TONKIN 13 NOV. (87) (blue)

REVERSE

HAI-PHONG TONKIN 13 NOV. 87

THANH-THUY TONKIN

The Thanh-Thuy post office was in operation from 6 March 1926 through 12 March 1932 and then converted to a telegraph office. This is the only known example of a type E1 postmark from Thanh-Thuy.



POSTMARK TYPE: E1
PERIOD OF USE: 1932

POSTAL MARKINGS
THANH-THUY TONKIN 2 AVRIL 32
REVERSE
HA-GIANG TONKIN 2-4 32
TUYEN-QUANG TONKIN 2-4 32
HAI-PHONG TONKIN 6-4 32
SAMATAN GERS 16-5 32

THAN-MOI
TONKIN

When the post office originally opened, its D1 postmark read "THANH-MOI." In 1895, the town name became "THAN-MOI," which was reflected in a new D1 postmark that remained in service for a decade and a half.



POSTMARK TYPE: D1
PERIOD OF USE: 1895-1910



POSTAL MARKINGS
CORPS EXPEDITIONNAIRE
THAN-MOI TONKIN 27 AOUT 96
REVERSE
HAI-PHONG TONKIN 30 AOUT 96

THAN-MOI TONKIN

The "THAN-MOI" spelling appeared with a type D1 device. It remained in service for a decade and a half. This was the last postmark with the hyphenated spelling. Later postmarks employed the hyphenated "THANMOI" spelling.



POSTMARK TYPE: D1
PERIOD OF USE: 1895-1910



POSTAL MARKINGS
THAN-MOI TONKIN 27 SEPT 05

THAN-POUN
TONKIN

Transferred from Pac-Si in 1902, the post office at Than-Poun used a solitary postmark, a type E1 device.



POSTMARK TYPE: E1
PERIOD OF USE: 1902-28



POSTAL MARKINGS

THAN-POUN TONKIN 15 DEC 03 (blue)
CORPS EXPEDITIONNAIRE TONKIN (blue)

REVERSE

MON-CAY TONKIN 16 DEC 03
HAIPHONG TONKIN 18 DEC 03
AMIENS SOMME 27-1 04

The That-Khe post office operated from 1886 through 1950. Both hyphenated and non-hyphenated spellings of the town's name appeared in the type D2 format. The hyphenated version was phased out when the non-hyphenated postmark was introduced in 1896.



NA-CHAM TONKIN 13 OCT 88
HA-NOI TONKIN 18 OCT. 88
CHAUMONT-PORCIEN ARDENNES 30 NOV. 88

THATKHE
TONKIN

The non-hyphenated "THATKHE" type D1 postmarks appeared in 1899 and remained in service for a decade.



POSTMARK TYPE: D1
PERIOD OF USE: 1899-1910



POSTAL MARKINGS
CORPS EXP^{RE}
THATKHE TONKIN 28 SEPT 01
REVERSE
LANG-SON TONKIN 28 SEPT. 01
PARIS POSTE RESTANTE 6-11 01

THATKHE
TONKIN

The last year that the Thatkhe post office used the type D1 postmark was 1910, a total time in service a little longer than a decade.



POSTMARK TYPE: D1
PERIOD OF USE: 1899-1910



POSTAL MARKINGS
THATKHE TONKIN 7 AVRIL 10
REVERSE
HANOI TONKIN 9 AVRIL 10

THATKHE TONKIN

Type D2 postmarks used both the “THAT-KHE” and “THATKHE” spelling variations. The Thatkhe post office postmarked mail with its type D2 “THATKHE” device for over a quarter of a century.



POSTMARK TYPE: D2
PERIOD OF USE: 1896-24



POSTAL MARKINGS

THATKHE TONKIN 15 SEPT 13

framed AR with manuscript serial number

REVERSE

LANG-SON TONKIN 18-9 13

HAIPHONG TONKIN 19 SEPT 13

THAT-KHE
TONKIN

The final postmark that employed the hyphenated "THAT-KHE" spelling was a type G device.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1924-49



POSTAL MARKINGS
THAT-KHE TONKIN 23-5 29
REVERSE
DONG-DANG TONKIN 24-5 29

THAT-KHE TONKIN

In the postwar era, That-Khe put into service the small diameter (23 1/2 millimeters) type G4 postmark in 1949. The post office closed in 1950.



POSTMARK TYPE: G4
PERIOD OF USE: 1949



POSTAL MARKINGS

THAT-KHE TONKIN 3-3 49
registration label

REVERSE

LANGSON TONKIN 5-3 49
HANOI TONKIN 7-3 49

THUY LOI
TONKIN

This is the first known example of the "THUY LOI" postmark without a hyphen between "THUY" and "LOI."



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1930



POSTAL MARKINGS

THUY LOI TONKIN 20-12 30

REVERSE

HUNG-YEN 20-12 30 7 OCT 28

HA-NOI R.P. TONKIN 21-12 30

DONG-KHE TONKIN 23-12 30

TIEN-YEN
TONKIN

The Tien-Yen post office opened in 1891. The first postmark that employed the hyphenated spelling "TIEN-YEN" was a type E2 device which was in service for over a decade.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1899-1912



POSTAL MARKINGS
TIEN-YEN TONKIN 5 AOUT 03
REVERSE
HAIPHONG TONKIN 5 AOUT 03
ALGER ALGER 10-9 03

TIEN-YEN
TONKIN

The last postmark with the hyphenated spelling of "TIEN-YEN" was a type G format which remained in service for two decades.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1922-42



POSTAL MARKINGS
TIEN-YEN TONKIN 13-11 23
REVERSE
HAIPHONG TONKIN 14-11 23

TINH-TUC
TONKIN

Established as a principal post office on 23 February 1926, Tinh-Tuc only used a single type of postmark, the type G format.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1926-44



POSTAL MARKINGS

TINH-TUC TONKIN 12-12 32
Saigon-Marseille route handstamp

REVERSE

CAO-BANG TONKIN 12-12 32
HA NOI R.P. TONKIN 14-12 32
ANTIBES ALPES M~~MES~~ 27 XII 32

TONG TONKIN

Blue postmarks were sometimes struck on mail that required special handling. By far, registered letters were the most common examples of out-of-the-ordinary mail.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1929-43



POSTAL MARKINGS

TONG TONKIN 11-2 30 (blue)
registration label

REVERSE

HANOI R.P. TONKIN 11-2 30
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 16-2 30
GUSTROW 17.3.30

TRALINH TONKIN

The Tralinh post office operated during 1903-4 and 1911-43. The only known postmark from this post office is a type E1 device. The earliest known use of the postmark is this example from 1912.



POSTMARK TYPE: E1
PERIOD OF USE: 1912-43



POSTAL MARKINGS
TRALINH TONKIN 9 NOV 12
REVERSE
CAO-BANG TONKIN 10 NOV 12

TRALINH TONKIN

Usually, all postal markings were applied with black ink. In the case of this picture postcard sent as free military mail during World War I, the Tralinh type E1 postmark was applied with blue ink.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1912-43



POSTAL MARKINGS

TRALINH TONKIN 15 MAI 16 (blue)
CAOBANG TONKIN 16-5 16
ISSOIRE VENDOME 4-7 16

TRAI-HUT TONKIN

Trai-Hut's post office began operations in 1891. Its earliest postmark was a type E2 device that remained in service for fifteen years.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1893-1908



POSTAL MARKINGS

CORPS EXPEDITIONNAIRE
TRAI-HUT TONKIN 18 AOUT 97

REVERSE

YEN-BAI TONKIN 20 AOUT 97
HANOI TONKIN 23 AOUT 97
HAIPHONG TONKIN 24 AOUT 97
PARIS 9 DISTRIBUTION 30 SEPT 97
LOULANS L. FORGES H^{TE} SAONE 1 OCT 97

TRAI-HUT TONKIN

On the three-step categorization of primary, secondary and limited capabilities, Trai-Hut was a secondary post office. Its first postmark, a type E2 device, serviced the mails for a decade and a half. The post office ceased operations effective 11 March 1920.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1893-1908



POSTAL MARKINGS

TRAI-HUT TONKIN 22 NOV. 01
YEN-BAY TONKIN 24 NOV 01
HANOI TONKIN 27 NOV 01
COMO 9 1 02

TRINH-THUONG
TONKIN

The secondary post office at Trinh-Thuong opened in 1899 and closed in 1904 when it became a part of the rural postal system. Trinh-Thuong's last postmark was a type F1 device that was in service for only two years until the post office closed.



POSTMARK TYPE: F1
PERIOD OF USE: 1903-04



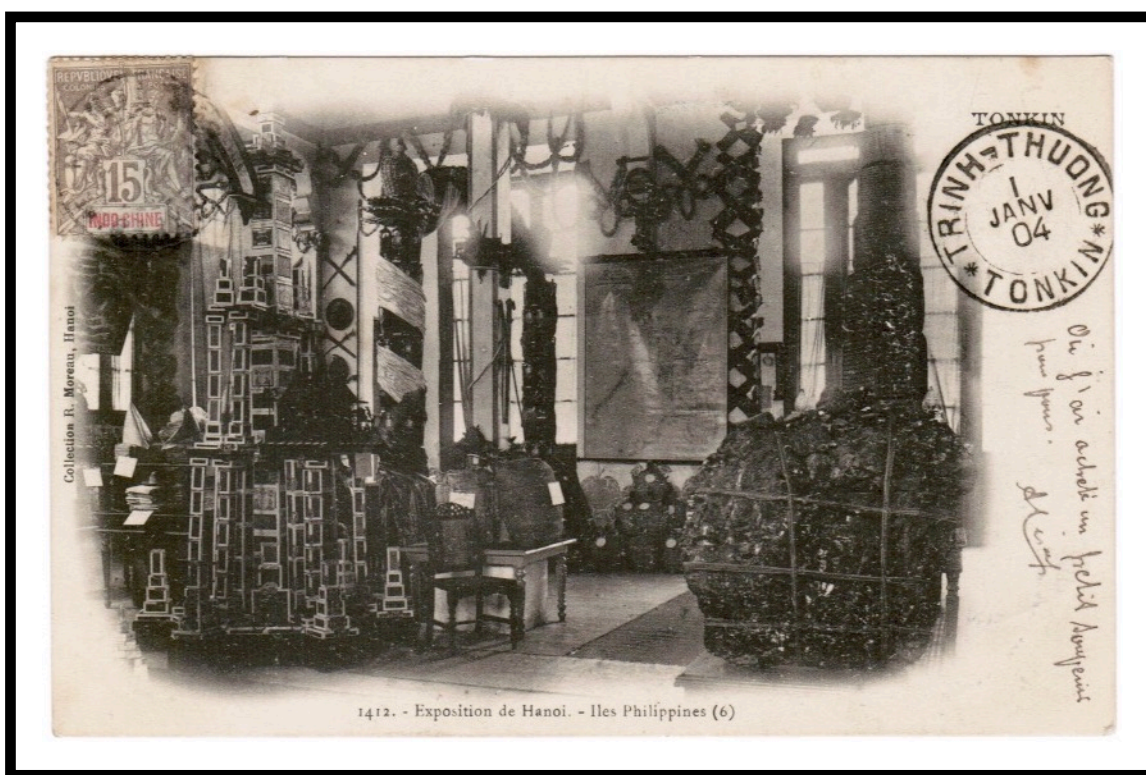
POSTAL MARKINGS
CORPS EXPEDITIONNAIRE TONKIN
TRINH-THUONG TONKIN 17 JANV 04
REVERSE
LAO-KAI TONKIN 18 JANV 04
HAIPHONG TONKIN 24 JANV 04
PARIS 10 DISTRIBUTION 27-2 04

TRINH-THUONG TONKIN

Posted on New Year's Day 1904, this military franchise postcard bears the postmark of Trinh-Thuong, Tonkin. In operation for only a few years, this was Trinh-Thuong's last postmark as the post office converted to a stop within the rural postal system.



POSTMARK TYPE: F1
PERIOD OF USE: 1903-04



POSTAL MARKINGS
TRINH-THUONG TONKIN 1 JANV 04

TRUNG-KHANH-PHU TONKIN

The Trung-Khanh-Phu post office opened in 1899. The earliest known postmark format from the Trung-Khanh-Phu is the type D1 style. This postmark was in service for two decades.



POSTMARK TYPE: D1
PERIOD OF USE: 1910-29



POSTAL MARKINGS
TRUNG-KHANH-PHU TONKIN 3 JANV 24
REVERSE
HA NOI TONKIN 7-1 24

TRUNG-KHANH-PHU
TONKIN

The last postmark for Trung-Khanh-Phu was a type G device. The post office closed at the beginning of the Franco-Viet War in 1946.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1929-43



POSTAL MARKINGS

TRUNG-KHANH-PHU TONKIN 3-4 35
Hanoi-Marseille routing instruction

REVERSE

CAO-BANG TONKIN 3-4 35
HA NOI R.P. TONKIN 4-4 35
PARIS X RUE HIPPOLYTE 15 * IV 1935

TUYEN-QUANG TONKIN

The Tuyen-Quang post office began operating in 1888. Tuyen-Quang's second postmark was a type D1 device which the post office used for a decade.



POSTMARK TYPE: D1
PERIOD OF USE: 1898-1908



POSTAL MARKINGS
TUYEN-QUANG TONKIN 5 MAI 04
REVERSE
TUYEN-QUANG TONKIN 5 MAI 04

TUYEN-QUANG TONKIN

Put into service at the same time as the type D1 postmark, the type E2 postmark remained in use for a somewhat longer time.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1898-1912



POSTAL MARKINGS

TUYEN-QUANG TONKIN 13 NOV 11
HANOI TONKIN 15 NOV 11
5 PARIS-R.P. 5 DISTRIBON 19 DEC 12

REVERSE

TUYEN-QUANG TONKIN 13 NOV 11

TUYEN-QUANG TONKIN

The type E2(ch) variation of the E2 postmark employed numerals exclusively to identify the month within the date (e.g., 4-4 14 in lieu of 4 AVRIL 14).



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



POSTAL MARKINGS
TUYEN-QUANG TONKIN 4-4 14
REVERSE
TUYEN-QUANG TONKIN 4-4 14

TUYEN-QUANG TONKIN

Tuyen-Quang's type G postmark saw service for over two decades. The post office closed in 1946 with the onset of the Franco-Viet War.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1924-44



POSTAL MARKINGS
TUYEN-QUANG TONKIN 5-5 38
REVERSE
HA NOI R.P. TONKIN 5-5 38

TUYENQUANG
TONKIN

A type E2 device was the first postmark that made use of the non-hyphenated "TUYENQUANG" spelling. Tuyenquang's E2 postmark remained in service for two decades.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1908-28



POSTAL MARKINGS

TUYEN-QUANG TONKIN 2 SEPT. 22
framed R with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

HAIPHONG TONKIN 4 SEPT 22
YOKOAMA A MARSEILLE N^o 2 9-9 22

UONG-BI
TONKIN

The Uong-Bi post office opened on 30 November 1920. The earliest recorded postmark for this post office is a type G1 device.



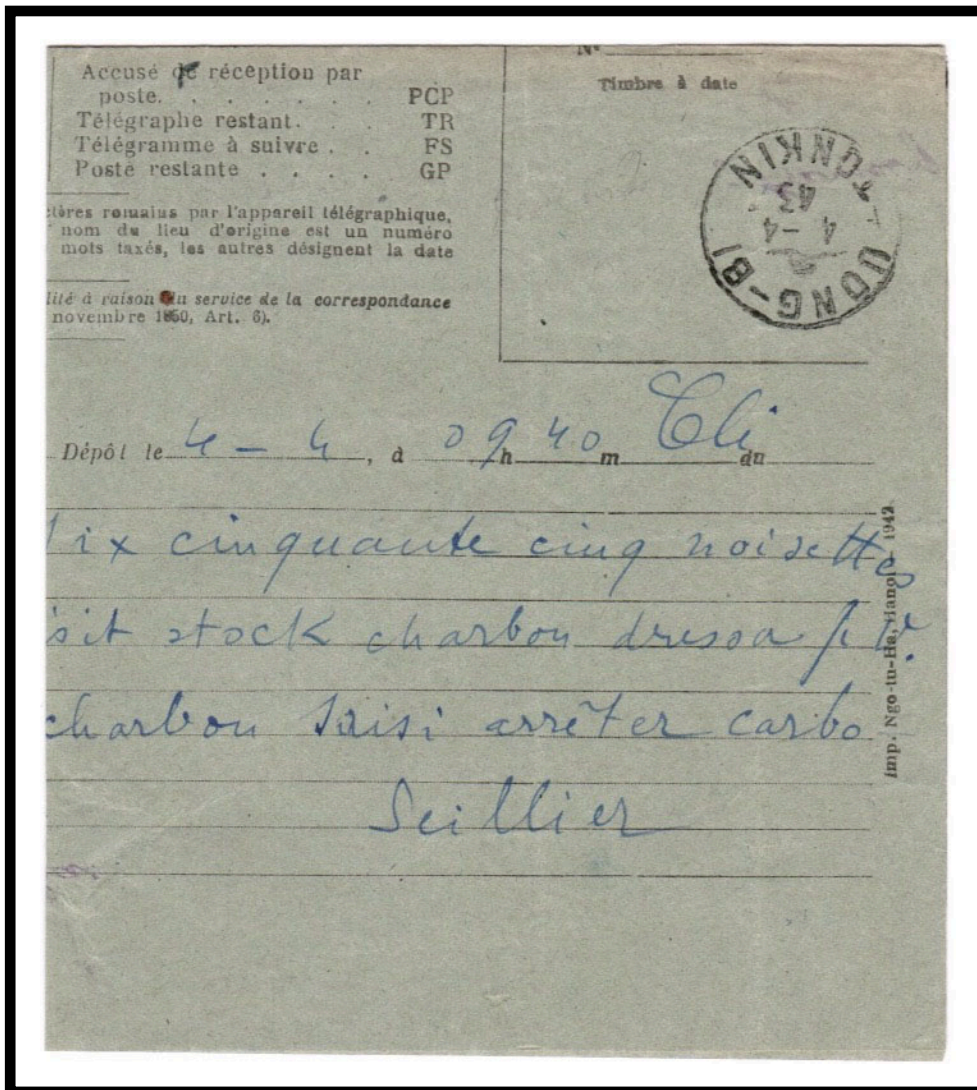
POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1924-32



POSTAL MARKINGS
UONG-BI TONKIN 10-10 30
REVERSE
HAI-PHONG TONKIN 11-10 30

UONG-BI TONKIN

The last postmark employing the hyphenated "UONG-BI" spelling was in the type G format. Previously, the latest use of Uong-Bi's type G postmark was recorded as 1940. This example on a telegram in 1943 is now the latest known use.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1933-43

UONGBI
TONKIN

The only postmark format that ever employed the non-hyphenated "UONGBI" spelling was type G device. It was in service for a decade. The Uongbi post office closed in 1945 at the end of World War II.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1934-43



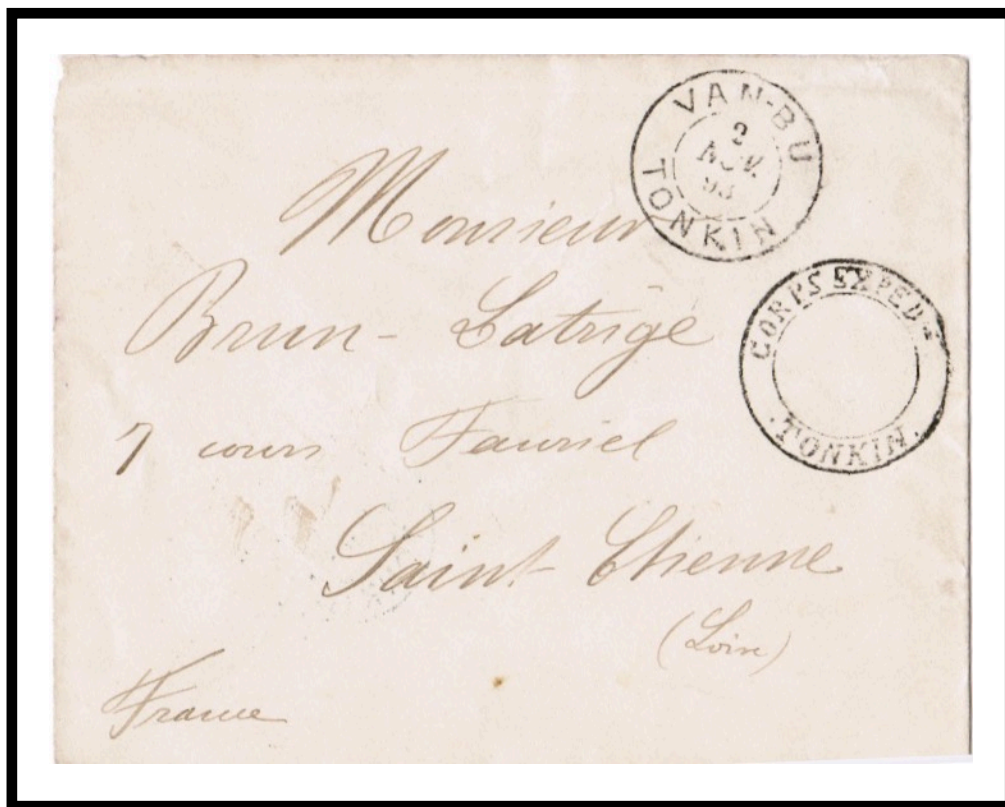
POSTAL MARKINGS
UONGBI TONKIN 29-2 40
REVERSE
HAIPHONG TONKIN 29-2 40

VAN-BU
TONKIN

The post office at Van-Bu opened in 1892 but only operated until 1904 when the post office was transferred to Sonla. A type E2 postmark served the post office's needs during its entire period of operations of about a decade.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1893-1902



POSTAL MARKINGS

VAN-BU TONKIN 2 NOV. 93
CORPS EXPED^{RE} TONKIN

REVERSE

CHOCO TONKIN 7 NOV. 93
SON-TAY TONKIN 10 NOV. 93
HA-NOI TONKIN 11 NOV. 93

VANDINH
TONKIN

Vandinh's post office was operational during two separate periods: 1915-19 and 1921-46. The first postmark for the Vandinh post office was in the type E1 format. The first recoded year of use was 1924.



POSTMARK TYPE: E1
PERIOD OF USE: 1924-28



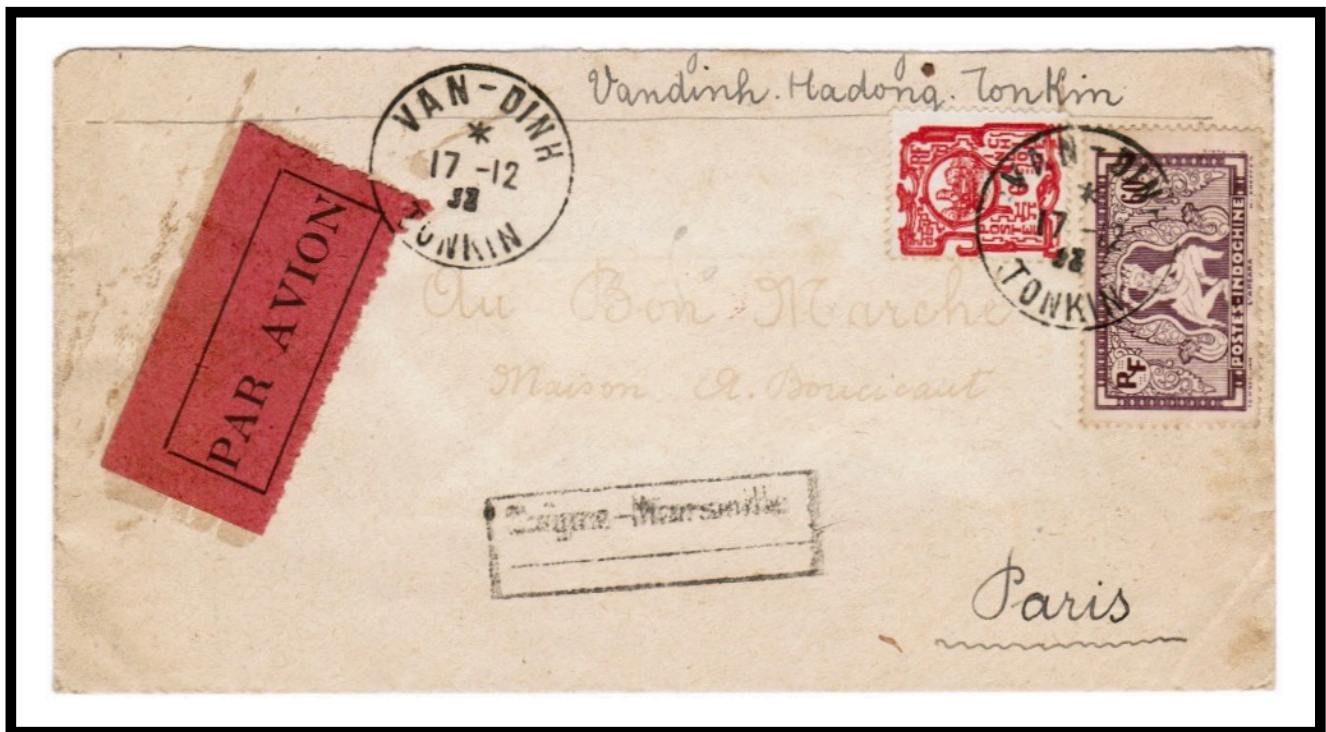
POSTAL MARKINGS
VANDINH TONKIN 21 JANV 24
REVERSE
HANOI TONKIN 22-1 24

VAN-DINH TONKIN

Only a single postmark, a type G device, used the hyphenated "VAN-DINH" spelling. The post office ceased operating in 1946.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1929-44



POSTAL MARKINGS

VAN-DINH TONKIN 17-12 32
airmail label and Saigon-Marseille routing handstamp

REVERSE

HANOI R.P. TONKIN 17-12 32
MARSEILLE-GARE-AVION BCHES DU RHONE 2 • I 1932

VANLINH
TONKIN

The Vanlinh post office opened in 1900 but soon closed in 1904, though it later reopened in 1907. Vanlinh's first postmark was in the type E2 format. Unlike typical postmarks of the period, the year was indicated with four digits to celebrate the new century.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1900-02



POSTAL MARKINGS
VANLINH TONKIN 10 NOV. 1900

VANLINH
TONKIN

The post office at Vanlinh operated as a secondary post office from 1907 through 1 October 1928. During this period, the office's primary postmark was a type F2 device. Its final year of recorded use was 1920.



POSTMARK TYPE: F2
PERIOD OF USE: 1913-20



POSTAL MARKINGS
VANLINH TONKIN 27 AVRIL 20
REVERSE
HANOI TONKIN 27-4 20

VAN-LINH
TONKIN

Only a single postmark employed the hyphenated "VAN-LINH" spelling. The last year of service for this version of the type G postmark was 1930.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1929-30



POSTAL MARKINGS

VAN-LINH TONKIN 9-7 30

REVERSE

HA-NOI R.P. TONKIN 9-7 30

DONG-MO TONKIN 9-7 30

HAIDUONG TONKIN 10-7 30

VANLY
TONKIN

Vanly was a rural post office that transitioned to a principal post office. Vanly's first postmark was a type F2 device and was the only one to use the non-hyphenated "VANLY" spelling.



POSTMARK TYPE: F2
PERIOD OF USE: 1910-24



POSTAL MARKINGS
VANLY TONKIN 29 SEPT 23
REVERSE
NAM DINH TONKIN 30-9 23
HA NOI TONKIN 31-9 23

VAN-LY
TONKIN

The only postmark that ever used the hyphenated "VAN-LY" spelling was a type G device. This example from 1926 is the earliest known use of Van-Ly's type G postmark.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1926-44



POSTAL MARKINGS
VAN-LY TONKIN 1-8 26
REVERSE
HA NOI TONKIN 2-8 26

VAN-YEN
TONKIN

The first postmark that employed the hyphenated "VAN-YEN" spelling was a type D1 device. The Van-Yen post office kept this postmark in service for three decades.



POSTMARK TYPE: D1
PERIOD OF USE: 1898-1929



POSTAL MARKINGS
VAN-YEN TONKIN 29 JANV 24

VIETTRI TONKIN

Viettri's post office began operations in 1885. Its earliest postmark was type D1 device, which was put into service in 1887. The latest known use of this postmark was in 1906.



POSTMARK TYPE: D1
PERIOD OF USE: 1887-1906



POSTAL MARKINGS
VIETTRI TONKIN 8 JUIN 06

A circular postmark from Hanoi, Vietnam. The text "VIETRI" is curved along the top inner edge, and "HANOI" is curved along the bottom inner edge. In the center, the date "16 JANV 01" is printed.

POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1900-24



VIETTRI TONKIN 16 NOV 01
 HANOI TONKIN 16 JANV 01
 LE MANS SARTHE 25 FEVR 01

VIETTRI
TONKIN

Viettri's type E2(ch) cancellation was in service for over 15 years. The type E2(ch) postmark's last year of use was 1928.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2(ch)
PERIOD OF USE: 1913-28



POSTAL MARKINGS

VIETTRI TONKIN 5-5 28
framed R with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

HAI-PHONG TONKIN 5-5 28
LUZERN 2 BRIEFAUSGABE 11.VI.28

VIET-TRI
TONKIN

The only postmark that ever employed the hyphenated "VIET-TRI" spelling was a type G device. This postmark first appeared in 1930 and was the last postmark used at Viettri.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1930-44



POSTAL MARKINGS
VIET-TRI TONKIN 20-5 30
REVERSE
HAI-PHONG TONKIN 20-5 30

VIET TRI
TONKIN

Previously unrecorded, the "VIET TRI" spelling variety with an internal space is only known in the type G format used in 1935.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1935



POSTAL MARKINGS
VIET TRI TONKIN 4-10 35
REVERSE
HANOI R.P. TONKIN 4-10 35

VINH-THUY
TONKIN

The Vinh-Thuy post office opened in 1897. Vinh-Thuy's first postmark was the type D1 format which was in accord with the typical layout of the time.



POSTMARK TYPE: D1
PERIOD OF USE: 1899-1911



POSTAL MARKINGS

VINH-THUY TONKIN 8 MARS 01
CORPS EXPÉDITION TONKIN

REVERSE

TUYEN-QUANG TONKIN 10 MARS 01
GRENOBLE ISERE 22 AVR 01

VINH-THUY
TONKIN

At the turn of the century many post offices elected to represent the year with four digits as "1900." Perhaps postal clerks were unable to come up with the desired numerals and elected to delete the year completely from the removable date plug from this Vinh-Thuy postmark applied at the end of 1900.



POSTMARK TYPE: D1
PERIOD OF USE: 1900-11



POSTAL MARKINGS
CORPS EXPEDITRE TONKIN
VINH-THUY TONKIN 4 EC (00)

REVERSE

TUYEN-QUANG TONKIN 7 DEC 1900
HA NOI TONKIN 10 DEC 1900

VINH-YEN
TONKIN

The Vinh-Yen post office began operations in 1889. The first postmark with the hyphenated "VINH-YEN" spelling was type E1 device. The postmark remained in service for nearly two decades.



POSTMARK TYPE: E1
PERIOD OF USE: 1902-19



POSTAL MARKINGS

VINH-YEN TONKIN 24 MARS 09
HA NOI TONKIN 24 MARS 09

REVERSE

VINH-YEN TONKIN 24 MARS 09

VINH-YEN
TONKIN

The last postmark employed by the Vinh-Yen post office was a type G device. The post office ceased operations in 1946 with the outbreak of the Franco-Viet War.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1922-43



POSTAL MARKINGS
VINH-YEN TONKIN 16-7 23
framed R with manuscript registration number
REVERSE
HANOI TONKIN 17-7 23

VINHYEN
TONKIN

The sole postmark that utilized the non-hyphenated "VINHYEN" spelling was a type E2(ch) device.



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



POSTAL MARKINGS
VINHYEN TONKIN 27-2 14
REVERSE
HANOI TONKIN 27-2 14
HAIPHONG TONKIN 27-2 14

XIN-MAN TONKIN

Opening in 1911, Xin-Man's first postmark was a type E1 device. It remained in service for fifteen years. The post office closed on 12 March 1932 but reopened during the period 1940-46.



POSTMARK TYPE: E1
PERIOD OF USE: 1911-26



POSTAL MARKINGS
XIN-MAN TONKIN 3 JANV 25
REVERSE
PAKHA TONKIN 4 JANV 25
HANOI-D TONKIN 6-1 25
YENBAY TONKIN 7-1 25

YENBAY
TONKIN

The Yenbay post office began operating in 1889. The first postmark that utilized the non-hyphenated spelling "YENBAY" spelling was a type D1 device.



POSTMARK TYPE: E1
PERIOD OF USE: 1903-11



POSTAL MARKINGS
YENBAY TONKIN 25 SEPT. 04
TAMATAVE MADAGASCAR 16 NOV 04

YENBAY
TONKIN

Yenbay's E1 postmark was in service at the beginning of the century for almost a decade. The E1 postmark was removed from service in 1911.



POSTMARK TYPE: E1
PERIOD OF USE: 1903-11



POSTAL MARKINGS
YENBAY TONKIN 24 FEVR 11
REVERSE
PARIS 9 DISTRIBUTION 28-3 11

YEN-BAI
TONKIN

The only postmark that employed the "YEN-BAI" spelling was a type E2 device. It was the post office's first postmark. All later postmarks used "YENBAY" or "YEN-BAY."



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1890-1917



POSTAL MARKINGS

YEN-BAI TONKIN 3 DEC 96
CORPS EXPEDITIONNAIRE

REVERSE

HANOI TONKIN 6 DEC 96

YENBAY
TONKIN

The last postmark that employed the non-hyphenated "YENBAY" spelling was a type E2(ch) device.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2(ch)
PERIOD OF USE: 1922-29



POSTAL MARKINGS
YENBAY TONKIN 15-1 25

YEN-BAY
TONKIN

Yen-Bay's type G1 postmark was in service for only a few years. This example from 1938 is the latest known use of Yen-Bay's type G postmark.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1935-38



POSTAL MARKINGS
YEN-BAY TONKIN 1-3 38
REVERSE
HANOI R.P. TONKIN 2-3 38

YEN-BAV
TONKIN

For Yen-Bay's type G1 postmark, the final letter appears as a "V" rather than a "Y."
This example is the latest know use from 1939.



POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1923-39



POSTAL MARKINGS
YEN-BAV TONKIN 5-1 39
REVERSE
HANOI R.P. TONKIN 6-1 39
PARIS R.P 1 DISTRIBUTION 14 • I 1939

YEN-BINH-XA
TONKIN

The Yen-Binh-Xa post office opened on 16 April 1907. Its first postmark was a type E2 device and this example from 1913 is the earliest known use of the postmark.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1913-24



POSTAL MARKINGS
YEN-BINH-XA TONKIN 28 FEVR 13
REVERSE
BAOHA TONKIN 1-3 13