

SAIGON-PORT
COCHINCHINE

The first postmark for the Saigon Port post office was in the type D2 style. It was replaced in 1891 with type E2 postmarks.



POSTMARK TYPE: D2(fl)
PERIOD OF USE: 1887-91



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON PORT COCHINCHINE 30 DEC 87

LIGNE N PAQ. FR. Nº 8 31 DEC. 87

REVERSE

MALAGA 30) 31 ENE.88

Reçu de

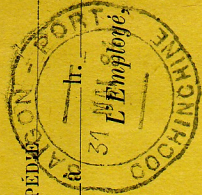
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L'Employé,

TÉLÉGRAMME.

Place du timbre à date, RÉEXPÉDIER

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Indications de service.

Pour Saigon de Chaudes No 270 Mots 28 Dépôt le 28, à 7 h. 40 m. du m
Entreposeur Chaudes à 2 des Cans Ind 25 Saigon

Chaloupe No 1 partie pour Saigon à 11 heures

matin

Janvier 1879. --- Modèle n° 307.

SAIGON-PORT COCHINCHINE

Saigon-Port's undulated type T2 postmark was normally employed on telegrams in the 1880s.



POSTMARK TYPE: T2
PERIOD OF USE: 1882-87

POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-PORT COCHINCHINE
31 MAI 84

SAIGON-PORT
COCHINCHINE

The telegraph postmark was in use for over five years. At the end of its life, the scallops on the outside circle had worn so much that it had the character of a regular circle.



POSTMARK TYPE: T2
PERIOD OF USE: 1882-87



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-PORT COCHINCHINE 31 MAI 87
REVERSE
PARIS 4 (DISTRIBON) 27 JUN 87

SAIGON-PORT
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Like the central post office, the Saigon-Port post office began using the type E2 postmark well before the turn of the century. This example bears the type E2 postmark from its last year of use.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2
PERIOD OF USE: 1891-1912



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-PORT COCHINCHINE 29 DEC 99

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At the same time that Saigon-Port was phasing out the type E2 postmark, it began introducing the type E2(ch) variant in 1912. This registered postmark letter to France is from the postmark's first year of service. It remained in use for over a decade and a half.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2(ch)
PERIOD OF USE: 1912-28



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-PORT COCHINCHINE 6-12 12
framed R with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

RODEZ AVAYRON 31-12 12

SAIGON-PORT
COCHINCHINE

Prior to 1912, Saigon Port's type E2 postmark used abbreviations to indicate the month. After 1912, the type E2(ch) postmark for Saigon Port used numerals to indicate the month.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2(ch)
PERIOD OF USE: 1912-28

POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-PORT COCHINCHINE 27-II 27
framed R with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

LUZERN 2 BRIEFAUSGABE 24.XII.27



SAIGON-PORT
COCHINCHINE

In 1924, Saigon-Port's type E2 (ch) postmark was struck with blue ink on this internal postcard sent to Quinhone, Annam.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2 (ch)
PERIOD OF USE: 1912-28



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-PORT COCHINCHINE 12-4 24

SAIGON KHANHHOI
COCHINCHINE

Opened near Saigon's port on 16 January 1923, Saigon-Khanhhoi was a major post office. Although the post office was renamed Saigon Messageries Maritimes in 1927, the postmark continued to be used for some years afterward.



POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1925-30



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON KHANHHOI COCHINCHINE 21-11 25

SAIGON KHANHHOI
COCHINCHINE

The final year of the type G1 Saigon-Khanhhoi postmark was 1930. Here the postmark was applied after a letter posted on 23 December was held until after the New Year awaiting the airmail connection.



POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1925-30



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 23-12 30
airmail label and framed route handstamp
SAIGON KHANHHOI COCHINCHINE 2-1 30

SAIGON-TANDINH
COCHINCHINE

Saigon-Tandinh was a primary post office that closed and reopened several times. The type E2(ch) postmark was utilized during the initial period of service, which lasted from 1907 to 1934.



POSTMARK TYPE: E2(ch)
PERIOD OF USE: 1914-25



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-TANDINH COCHINCHINE 14-12 26
framed R with manuscript registration number

SAIGON-TANDINH
COCHINCHINE

Saigon-Tandinh's type G postmark was used during each of its periods of operation. Its last reported usage was in 1948.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1928-48



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-TANDINH COCHINCHINE 15-4 38

SAIGON TANDINH
SUD VIET-NAM

For the type V1(t) postmark, the spelling "SAIGON TANDINH" dropped the hyphen for the first time. The short-lived postmark was in service for only two years.



POSTMARK TYPE: V1(t)
PERIOD OF USE: 1950-51



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON TANDINH SUD VIET-NAM 28-12 1951
registration label

REVERSE

SAIGON TANDINH SUD VIET-NAM 28-12 1951
SAIGON RP SUD VIET-NAM 29-12 1951

SAIGON MESSAGERIES MARITIMES COCHINCHINE

In 1923, new postmarks appeared with the name "SAIGON MESSAGERIES MARITIMES". The first version of the type F1 format expressed the month with an abbreviation. This postmark is only known from a single year, 1923. It is likely that wear of the very thin lettering resulted in short lifetimes of these postmark devices.



POSTMARK TYPE: F1
PERIOD OF USE: 1923



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON MESSAGERIES MARITIMES COCHINCHINE 20 OCT 23

SAIGON MESSAGERIES MARITIMES
COCHINCHINE

In a variation from the F1 format, numerals rather than letters indicated the month for the type F1(ch) postmark device.



POSTMARK TYPE: F1(ch)
PERIOD OF USE: 1923-24



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON MESSAGERIES MARITIMES COCHINCHINE 22-4 24

SAIGON MESSAGERIES MARITIMES
COCHINCHINE

The type F1 format crammed 37 letters' worth of text into the available space. For this example, a horizontal line separates the time of day from the date.



POSTMARK TYPE: F1(ch)
PERIOD OF USE: 1923-24



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON MESSAGERIES MARITIMES COCHINCHINE 21-3 24
REVERSE
WATTWYL 16.IV.24

SAIGON-MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

One postmark deviated from the usual practice of identifying the colony's name and placed "MARITIMES" at the base of the circular date stamp. The first reported year of use of this postmark was in 1935. Despite having been posted at the port, this mailing was marked for airmail delivery to France.



POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1935-44

POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON MESSAGERIES MARITIMES 16-5 35
Saigon-Marseille route handstamp

REVERSE
MARSEILLE-GARE-AVION BCHES DU RHONE
26 • V 1935

SAIGON-MESSAGERIES-MMES
COCHINCHINE

With this variety of postmark wording, "MARITIMES" was abbreviated as "MMES." The style was utilized for nearly a decade from 1936 to 1944. The Saigon Messageries Maritimes post office was classified as a principal post office meaning that it was authorized to provide all postal services.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1936-44



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-MESSAGERIES-MMES COCHINCHINE 4-3 37

REVERSE

CANTON 13.3.26

SAIGON-MESSAGERIES-MMES
COCHINCHINE

Use of the type G "MMES" postmark continued into World War II. In the case of this registered local letter, the registration label was handstamped with another abbreviation "SAIGON M. MARITIMES" that identified the originating post office.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1936-44



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-MESSAGERIES-MMES COCHINCHINE 2-3 43
registration label
manuscript "franked by sender"

REVERSE

SAIGON CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 2-3 43

SAIGON COMMERCE
COCHINCHINE

Saigon Commerce was a principal post office created around 1927. The type G1 postmark was used over most of the period that the post office served the public.



POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1928-41



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON COMMERCE COCHINCHINE 18-1 36

COCHINCHINE ET CAMBODGE DIRECTION

Like many bureaucratic institutions, the Indochinese postal service underwent a number of reorganizations. At the turn of the century, the North and South had separate postal administrations. This previously unrecorded postmark is from the Cochinchina and Cambodia Postal Administration in Saigon. Effective 1 January 1902, all postal and telegraph services were placed under a single Director,



POSTMARK TYPE: D1
PERIOD OF USE: 1901



POSTAL MARKINGS

COCHINCHINE ET CAMBODGE DIRECTION 27 SEPT. 01

JOURNAUX P.P.
SAIGON

The JOURNAUX P.P. postmark was used for sending periodicals through the mails. The type G1 format was in service for only two years.

Here the JOURNAUX P.P. postmark was applied to a Saigon Sports Club wrapper in 1927.



POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1927-28



POSTAL MARKINGS
JOURNAUX P.P. SAIGON 6-5 27

JOURNAUX P.P.
SAIGON

Nominally, the JOURNAUX P.P. postmark was used for sending periodicals through the mails. Here the postmark was applied to a picture postcard mailed to Paris. The type G1 format was in service for only two years.



POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1927-28



POSTAL MARKINGS
JOURNAUX P.P. SAIGON 16-6 27

JOURNAUX P.P.
SAIGON

The JOURNAUX P.P. SAIGON postmark was the very last French postmark that saw service in Indochina. Used for mailing bands on periodicals, the last year for the type G1 postmark was 1959.



POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1925-59



POSTAL MARKINGS
JOURNAUX P.P. SAIGON 31-10 1959

SAIGON PP.
COCHINCHINE

The "SAIGON PP." postmark was a variation of the newspaper postmarks. Here it was applied to a wrapper addressed to Marseilles in 1930.



POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1930-33



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON PP. COCHINCHINE 20-3 30

SAIGON FOIRE

A temporary post office operated during the Saigon Fair in 1928. Previously unrecorded, the type G1 postmarks were struck with blue ink on this envelope.



POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1928



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON FOIRE COCHINCHINE 16-1 28

SAIGON
FOIRE-EXPOSITION

A temporary post office at the Saigon Fair operated for 3 months from 20 December 1942 until 20 February 1943. The slogan marking accompanying the postmark shows that the fair was open for the first two months of this period.

VISITEZ LA
FOIRE
EXPOSITION
DE SAIGON
20 DEC. 1942
20 JANV. 1943



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1942-43



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON - FOIRE-EXPOSITION 10-12 42
slogan handstamp

SAIGON
FOIRE-EXPOSITION

During its three months of operation, the postmark of the temporary post office was usually used in combination with the slogan marking. Occasionally, it was used like a simple postmark.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1942-43



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON - FOIRE-EXPOSITION 2-1 43
REVERSE
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 3-1 43

RECouvreMENT SAIGON R.P.
COCHINCHINE



POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1948

POSTAL MARKINGS
RECouvreMENT SAIGON
R.P. COCHINCHINE 4-4 48

SAIGON PHILATELIE INDOCHINE

The "Saigon Philatelie" postmark deviated from the norm as it was the first to employ "INDOCHINE" to designate the "region." The earliest known use of this postmark is from 1949.



POSTMARK TYPE: G
PERIOD OF USE: 1949-51



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON PHILATELIE INDOCHINE 10-9 1949

SAIGON PHILATELIE INDOCHINE

The first version of the Saigon Philatelie postmark was unusual because "INDOCHINE" was at the base instead of "COCHINCHINE." Also, the outer ring was rotated clockwise with respect to the date information at the center.



POSTMARK TYPE: W2
PERIOD OF USE: 1951-55



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON PHILATELIE INDOCHINE 24-3 1950

SAIGON PHILATELIE
VIETNAM

The format for Saigon Philatelie's type W2 postmark differs from the norm in that it lacks separators between the city and country names. Posted in July 1952, the Indochinese stamp had been demonetized in April.



POSTMARK TYPE: W2
PERIOD OF USE: 1951-54



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON PHILATELIE VIET-NAM 25-7 1952

SAIGON-POUDRIERE
COCHINCHINE

GOUVERNEMENT GÉNÉRAL DE L'INDOCHINE

D

Centre Radioélectrique de Saigon
exploité par la Compagnie Générale de T. S. F.



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RADIOTÉLÉGRAMME

| Bureau d'Origine | Numéro | Nombre de mots | Date | Heure de dépôt | Adresse : |
|------------------|--------|----------------|------|----------------|----------------------------|
| PARIS | 87 | 46 | 28 | 11.00 | POSTE LABIFOR SAIGON |

Texte :

CONSEIL ADMINISTRATION DECIDE DEVELOPPER MAXIMUM TRAVAUX
PLANTATIONS SELON VOS MOYENS PROGRAMME MINIMUM MILLE DOUZE
CENTS HECTARES POUR CAMPAGNE PROCHAINE AUGMENTATIONS PROGRESSIVES
CAMPAGNES SUIVANTES ADMINISTRATEUR DELEGUE ARRETERA DEFINITIVEMENT
PROGRAMME ARRIVEE SAIGON STOP OCCUPONS RECRUTEMENT PERSONNEL
NOTAMMENT DALLOZ PROBABLEMENT BERTRAND ASSISTANT PLANTATION
COMMUNIQUEZ COMITE CONTROLE

IMPRIMERIE COMMERCIALE L. JAPON, SAIGON



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON POUDDRIERE COCHINCHINE 30-8 28

POSTMARK TYPE: G1
PERIOD OF USE: 1928

SAIGON - RADIO
F.R.S.

N°

Timbre à date



Indications conventionnelles

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|---|----|---|-----|
| Exprès payé | XP | Accusé de réception par poste | PCP |
| Réponse payée | RP | Télégramme restant | TR |
| Télégramme collationné | TC | Télégramme à faire suivre | FS |
| Accusé de réception télégraphique | PC | Poste restante | CP |

Dans les déréches imprimées en caractères romains par l'appareil télégraphique, le premier nombre qui figure après le nom du lieu d'origine est un numéro d'ordre, le second indique le nombre des mots taxés, les autres désignent la date et l'heure de dépôt.

L'Etat n'est soumis à aucune responsabilité à raison du service de la correspondance privée par la voie télégraphique (Loi du 29 novembre 1850, Art. 6).

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GOUVERNEMENT GÉNÉRAL
de l'Indochine
ADMINISTRATION
DES POSTES, DES TÉLÉGRAPHES
ET DES TÉLÉPHONES

Indications de service
Reçu de
A 1208 h
Le télégraphiste.

Pour SAIGON de Shanghai N° 663 Mots 7 Dépôt le 23/4 à 12h 07 m ch
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