

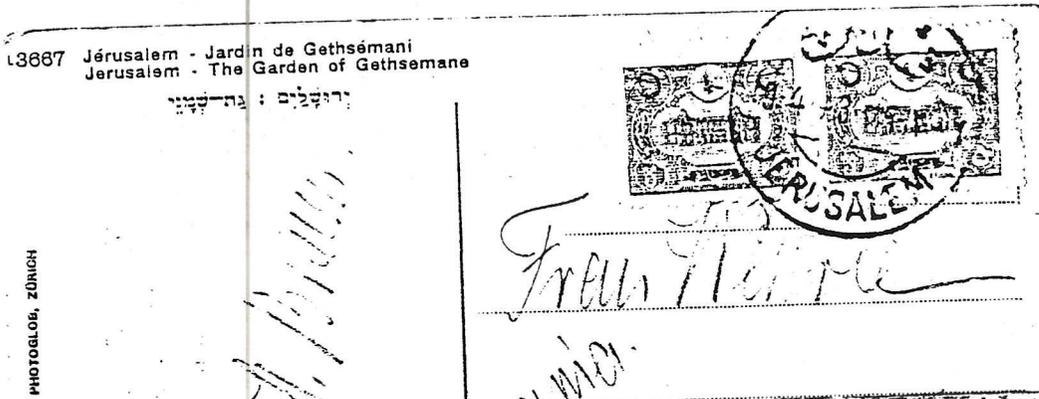
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1900-1917

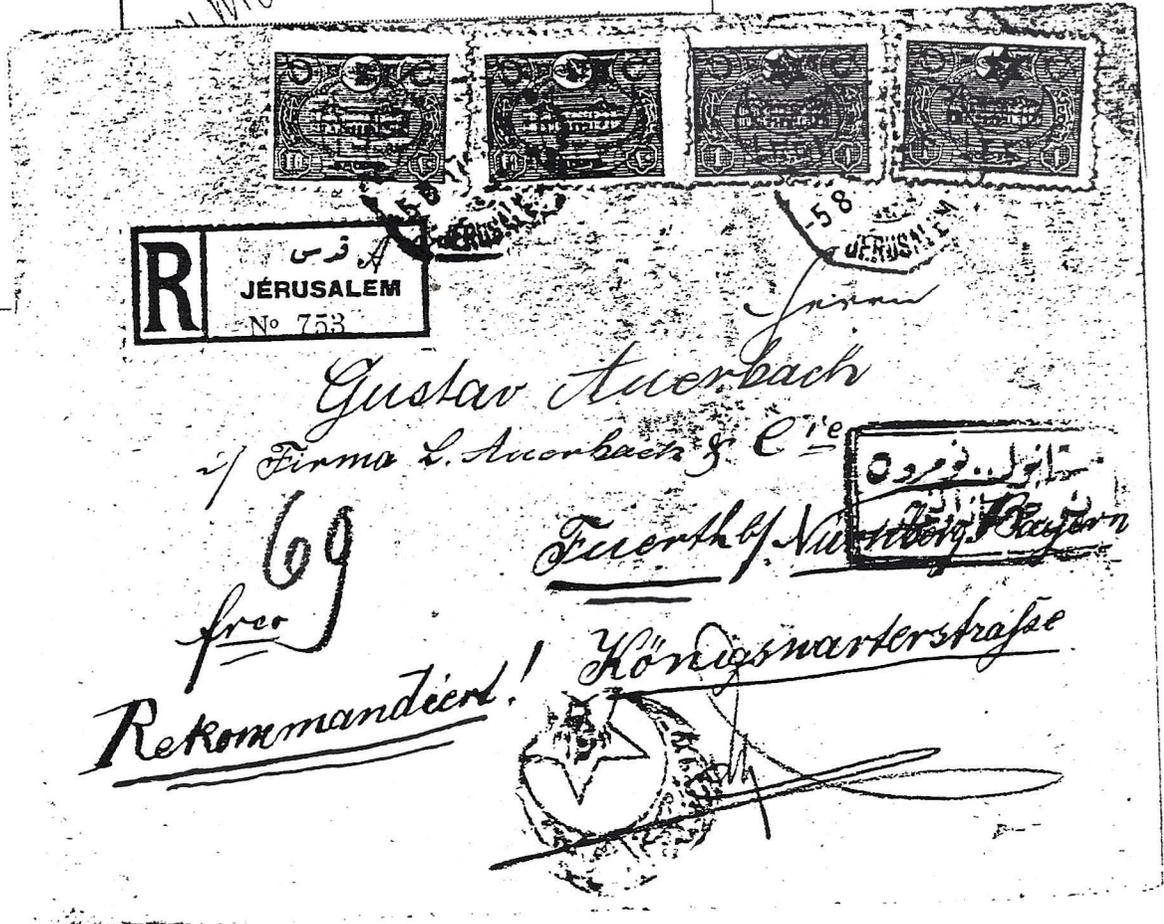
Turkish Administration

The Ottomans came into possession of what was later to be Palestine in 1516. Because of its historical significance and importance to three great religions: Christianity, Islam and Judaism, Jerusalem became a center of attention for pilgrimages, tourism and commerce. Turkish rule lasted until the capture of the city by the Egyptian Expeditionary Force under General Allenby on 9 December 1917. The 1918 campaign cleared the northern part of Palestine, which then became a British mandate under the peace treaty.

Jerusalem



The bilingual cds in double circle was the principal postmark type used in the first decade of the 20th century.



Between 1911 and 1914, a new style of octagonal postmark was introduced and widely used.

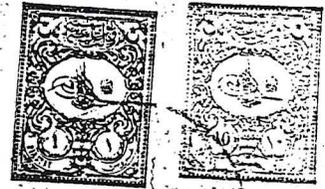
As a center of tourism, a greater variety of postmarks was used in Jerusalem than in any other forerunner city. Presented on the following pages are some of the 20th Century markings from Jerusalem proper, then its branches and postal agencies, followed by those of other post offices in the district.

Jerusalem Quart. Israelite

Altenhaus „Moschab Sekenim“, Jerusalem, Palestina



Wol. glo. Herr Dr. Wallech



Messrs.

Mr. Frenkel & Co.

105. Diamond St.

1436

Stockton Cal.

U. S. America



Because of heavy demand for postal service, the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem had its own branch post office from 1895. with distinctive postmarks. Three major types were used in the period under review, the first without date.

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CARTE POSTALE
 Union Postale Universelle
 POST CARD - WELTPOST-VEREIN
 ПОЧТОВЫЙ КАРТЪ
 1910

Jerusalem. Façade du St. Sepulchre.
 Church of the Sepulchre.
 Grabeskirche.
 Иерусалимъ. Видъ Вост. Храма.

Mad' Vande Kerckel
 B. du château 2
 Gand
 Belgique

(Postmark: JERUSALEM 1910)

Jerusalem (Gare)

Postmark of the branch post office located at the Railway station used on postcard to Belgium.

Suc. Poste N. d. de France

Postmark of the postal agency at the Basilica of Our Lady of France.



Bon souvenir
 Laurent Perrin



Monsieur

Mr. Peter

Mahange

Lou.

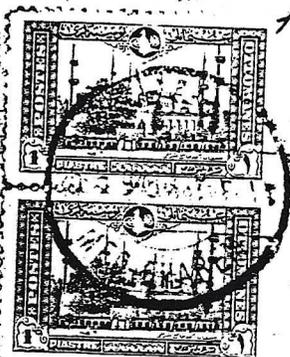
C&W list similar oval postmarks for three postal agencies in Jerusalem: Grand Rue (partial strike only), Mahna Juda and Notre Dame de France. The first and last of these are rated as exceedingly scarce.

Meo-Charem

Registered cover
sent on 25 May
1916 to the Aid
Commission for
Palestine in Vienna,
Austria.



Hilfskommission 1915 für Palästina

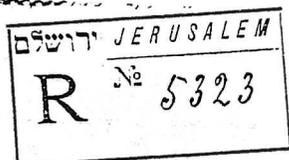


IV Frankenberggasse 14

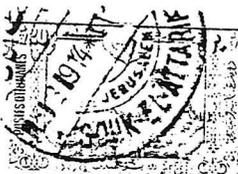


Wien IV

Österreich

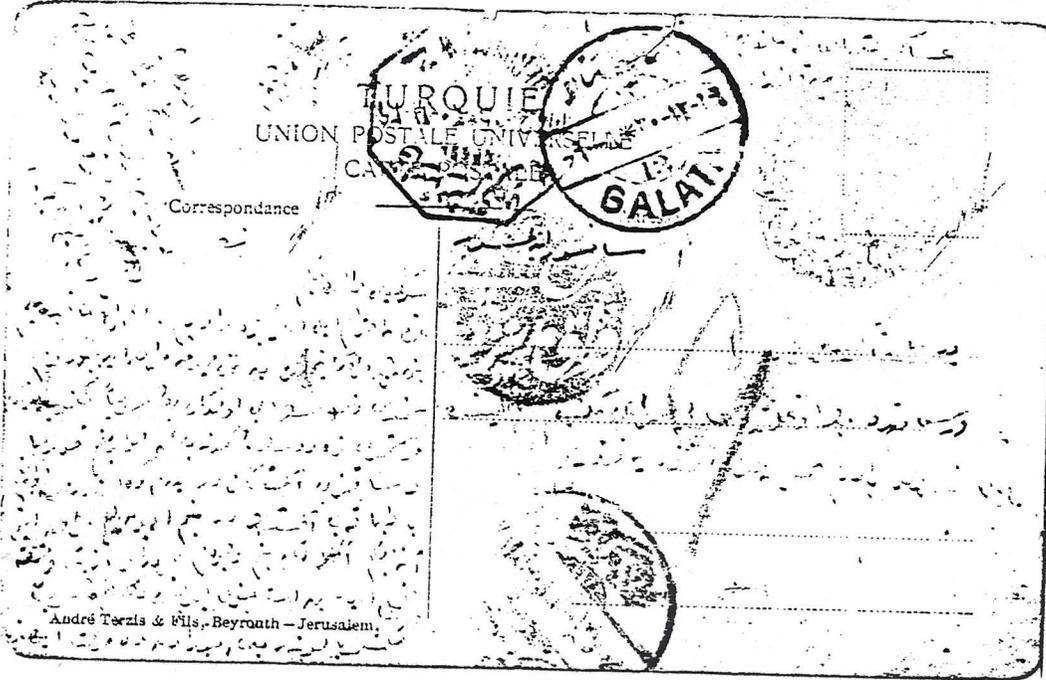


Souk-el-Attarin



There are two other Jerusalem branch post offices of Jewish interest: the first on Mea-Scherim Street in the northwest part of the city and the other at the Souk el Attarin (Spice Market). (The latter is ranked by C&W as one of the most elusive Ottoman postmarks of Palestine.)

Military Mail



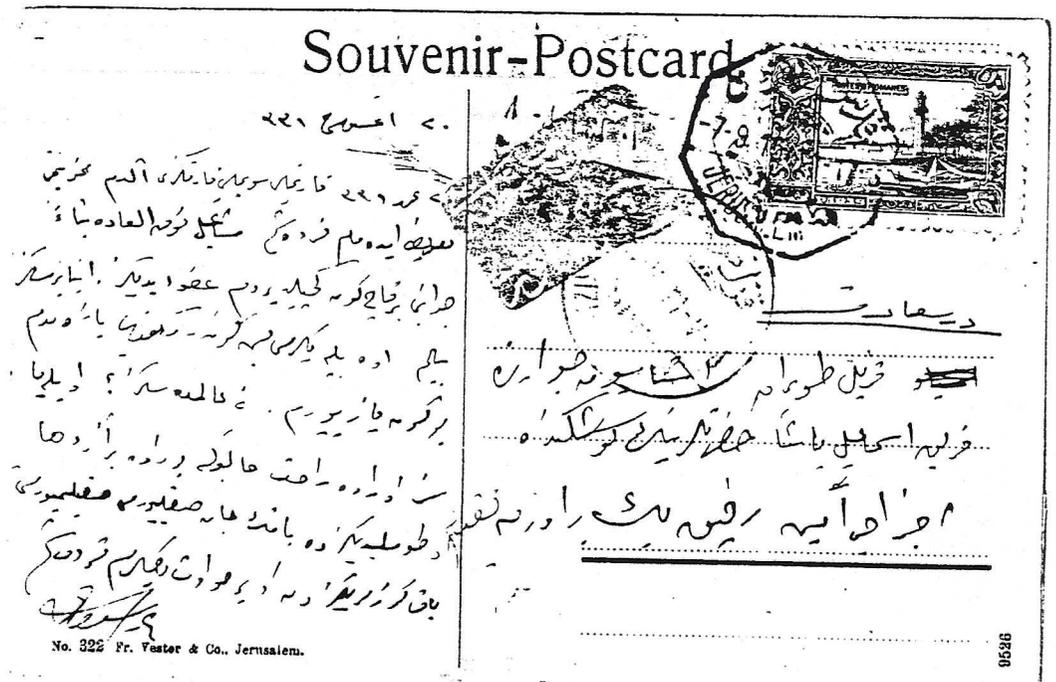
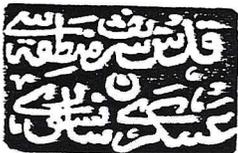
Jerusalem 2

Negative seal of the 4th Army HQ in Jerusalem on postcard sent to Galata (Istanbul) in February 1915.

Blue seal reads Field Inspection Directorate and is one of only three examples known.

Jerusalem 5

Purple seal (negative rectangle) signifying military censorship at Jerusalem. A very scarce marking.



No. 322 Fr. Vester & Co., Jerusalem.

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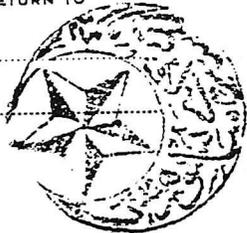
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JERUSALEM DISTRICT

Bireh (Palestine)

Bethleem

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO



5 Stamford St

JOHN AUDI

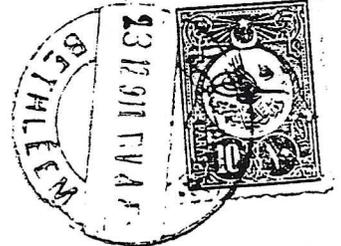
~~72 GREEN STREET~~



*مكتب اعدادي
بئر السبع
البريد
البريد
البريد*

A Bethlehem of Jerusalem.

Bon Samaritain



*Rev. Fr. Godfrey Schilling
O. F. M.*

mt. St. Sepulchre

Weltpost-Verein

Union Postale Universelle

Carte Postale — Postkarte.



G. L. Ring

Concord N.H.

U.S.A.

2 So. Main St

Washington D.C.

U.S.A.



Postmarks from towns located in the district around Jerusalem are often grouped with those of Jerusalem proper. The marking of Bireh is one of the most elusive in Palestine. Bon Samaritain, somewhat surprisingly, is found relatively frequently -- usually on postcards mailed from the Inn of the Good Samaritan by tourists.

WELTPOST-VEREIN
Union Postale Universelle
Jericho
Carte Postale — Postkarte.



JERUSALEM DISTRICT
Jericho

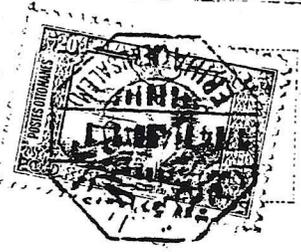
Mrs. G. Lindner

Eriha (Jerusalem)

Österreich



Souvenir Postcard



Edition: Fr. Vester & Co. No. 338

*Thank you
I am not
very fond of
Jericho - beautiful
Jericho*



*Melissa Sicker
Castellene
Kauwork
Middle
East*

Halil-ul-Rahman



Other towns in the Jerusalem District included Eriha (Jericho) and Halil-ul-Rahman (Hebron).

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Acre

The primary port of
northern Palestine
was Acre (Akkia).

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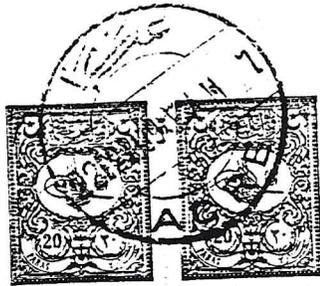
Monsieur

Mr. Wady Metawar

à l'Institut agricole de

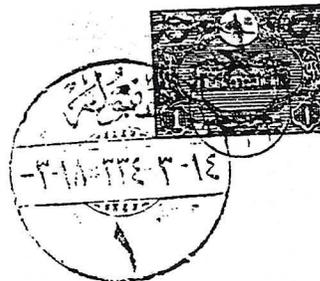
Beauvais (Oise.)

France.



Afula

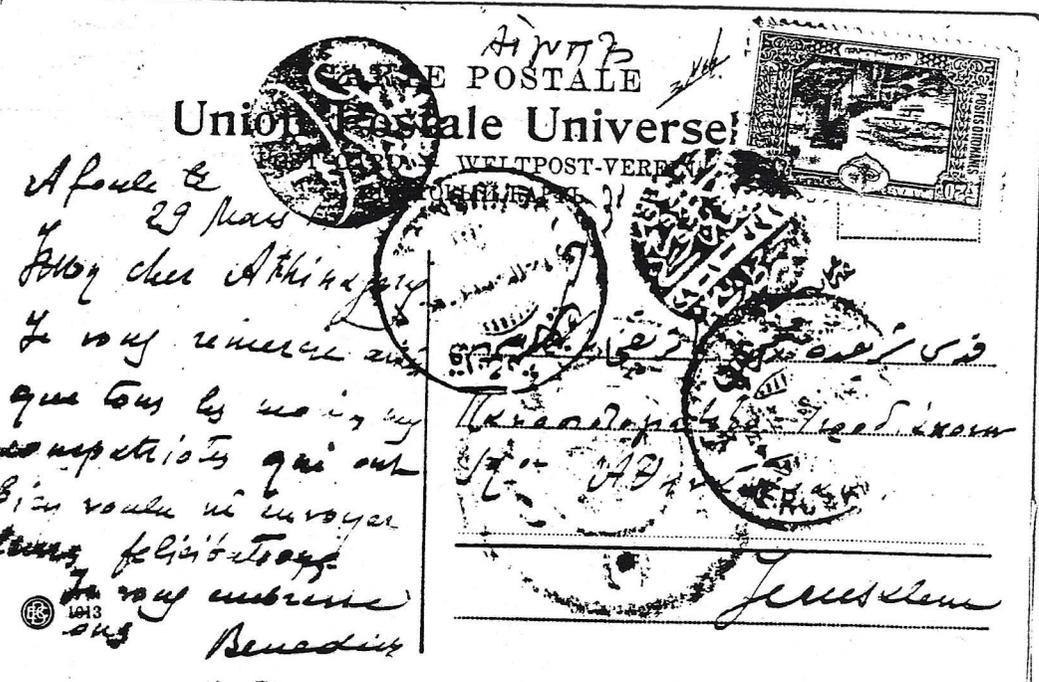
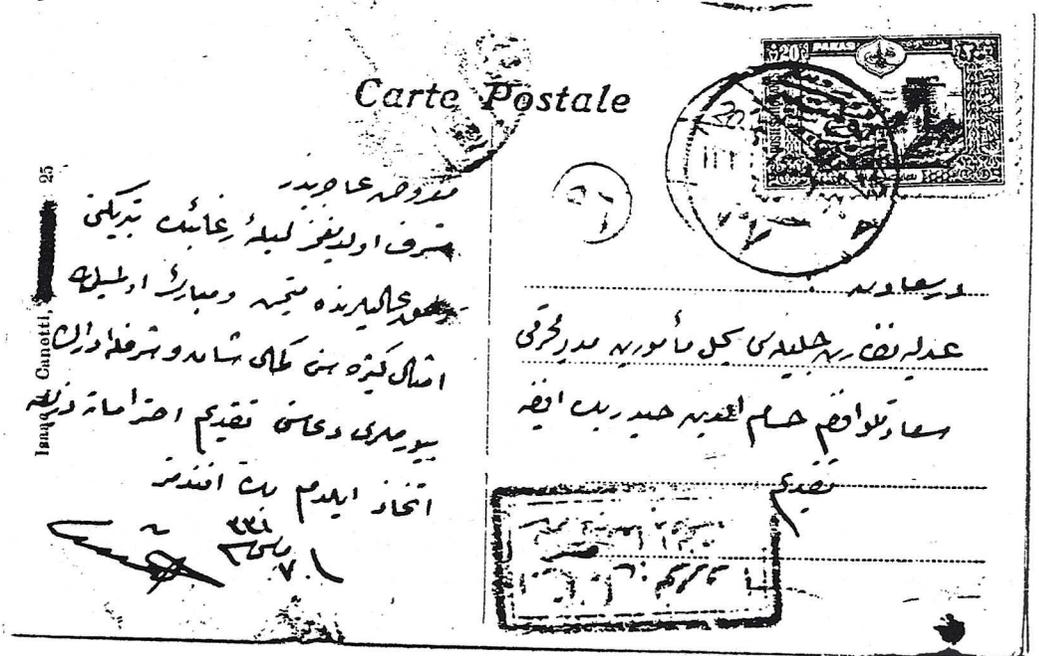
Only the all-Arabic
postmark is recorded
for Afula, being used
for an 18-month period
in 1916-1917.



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FPO 27

Picture postcard mailed from the FPO of the 27th Division on 20 May 1915, when it was located near Afula.



FPO 33

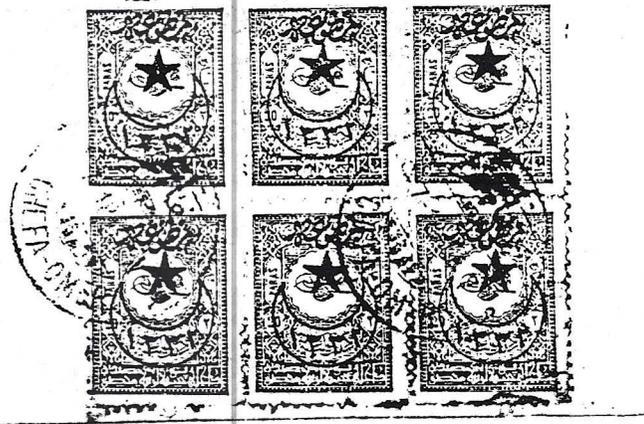
Card sent to the Greek Orthodox Patriarch in Jerusalem from a medical officer on 29 March 1915. Stamp is cancelled by a round negative unit marking of the 8th Division Medical HQ, while the seal to the upper left is the postmark of the FPO, then located at Afula.

NORTHERN PALESTINE

Bissan



Chefa Omer



Rosch-Pinah

Fr. Nömie Benarie
 N. Benarie H
 71, Wilmersdorf strasse, 71
 Charlottenburg
 bei Frau Altenow Berlin
Deutschland

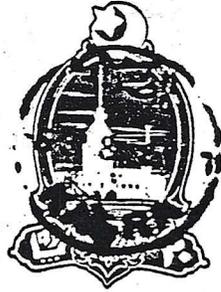


The postmarks of Bissan, Chefa Omer and Rosch Pinah are all ranked as being among the scarcest examples of the Palestine forerunners.

هیلنا غرابورواکا
نازareth
Nazareth

عزلة الالهيه

القدس الشريف



Rabbi Samuel Solant
and Rabbi E. D. Rabinowitz Tumen
Jerusalem

FPO 92

Cover mailed from an officer in the Yilderim (Lightning) Army Group, which was stationed in Nazareth, to Istanbul on 25 June 1918.



12-7-124-7-12
92

رسالت :

بشكواته ، ولده حسن ، قوه غول
توانعه و پدر محترم وطنه با شاکه خبره
عصه و تقیم

القدس الشريف

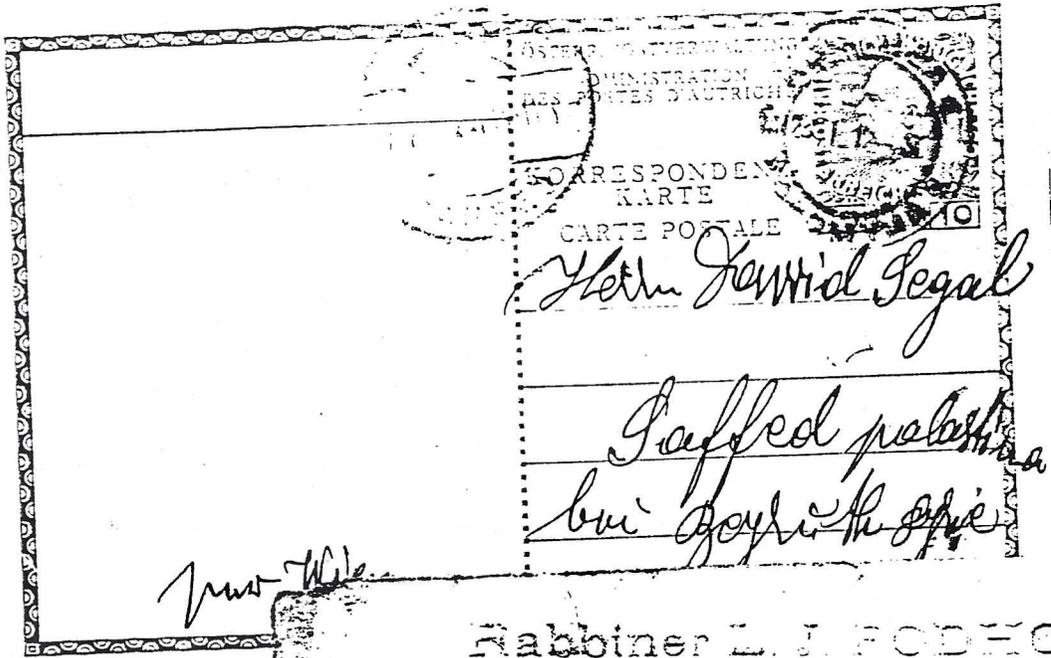
Nazareth was the headquarters for the Yilderim Group, which was a Turkish military unit under German leadership. It attempted unsuccessfully to defend Palestine from the Egyptian Expeditionary Force. Nazareth was captured by the EEF on 20 September 1918.

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Saffed



ms. Mik.

Rabbiner L. J. FODFORZER
in SAFFED (Palestina)

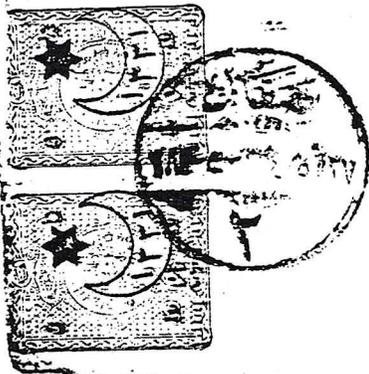
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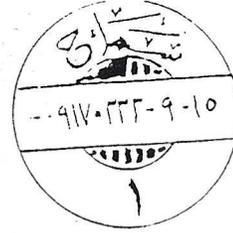
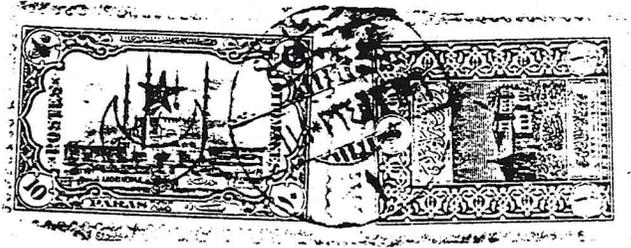
Eduard Deutsch

Wien

VII Neubaug. 10



Saffed was a town in Upper Galilee. Its double-circle marking is shown above struck in violet on an inbound postal card from Kolomea. The all-Arabic postmark below is rated as extremely scarce.



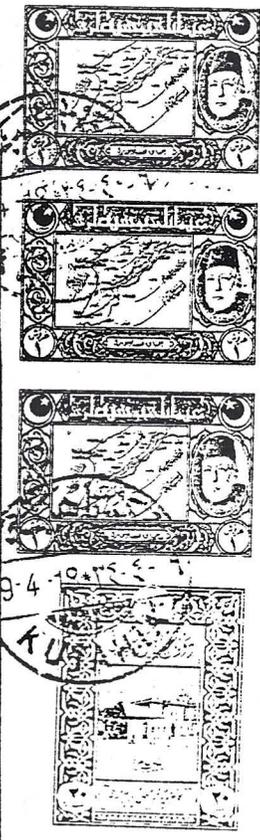
دولت عثمانیه پوستلری
پوسته حواله نامدهسی

رقم ایله
یاره

یا لکنز

مورداسی
مرسل الیه آدرسی
مرسل اسم و آدرسی
اجتهبی آلان
مخرج مرکزاسی

یازی ایله مقدری
غروش
تنظیم تاریخی
حواله نامه نومروسی



موروده نومروسی

مورد مرکزینک تاریخ مهری

بومهر حواله نامه نك مرکزیه ورودنده
در عقب وضع ایندیلیدر

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سنة 1337

Samah was a small village located at the southern end of the Sea of Galilee. Its only postmark (all-Arabic) was unlisted in Pollack or C&W and is listed but not depicted in Steichele. This cds was used for only a few months. Marking on piece is dated 17 February 1918 and that on inbound money order form is dated 2 May 1918 -- four weeks after the previous latest recorded date.