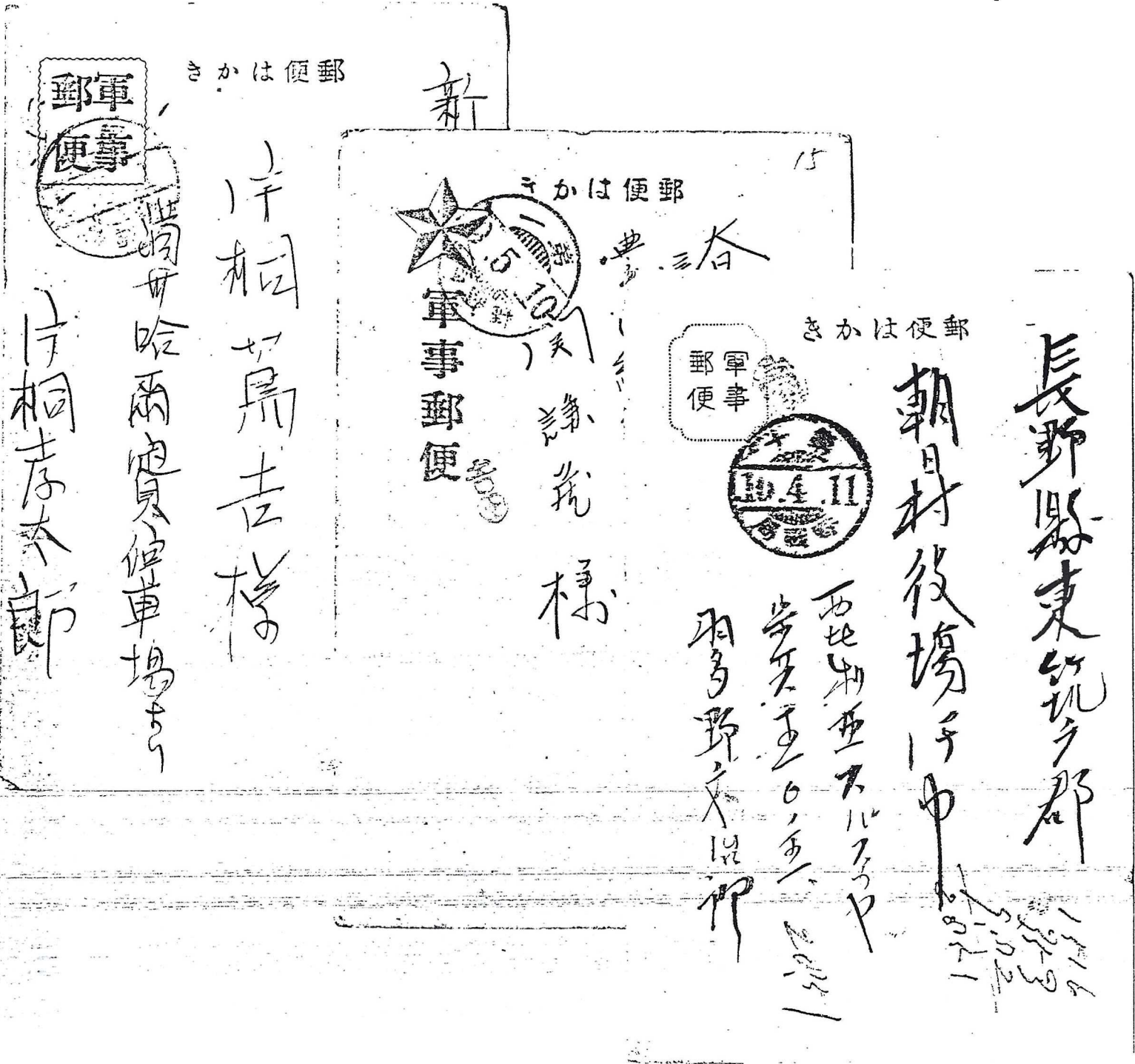
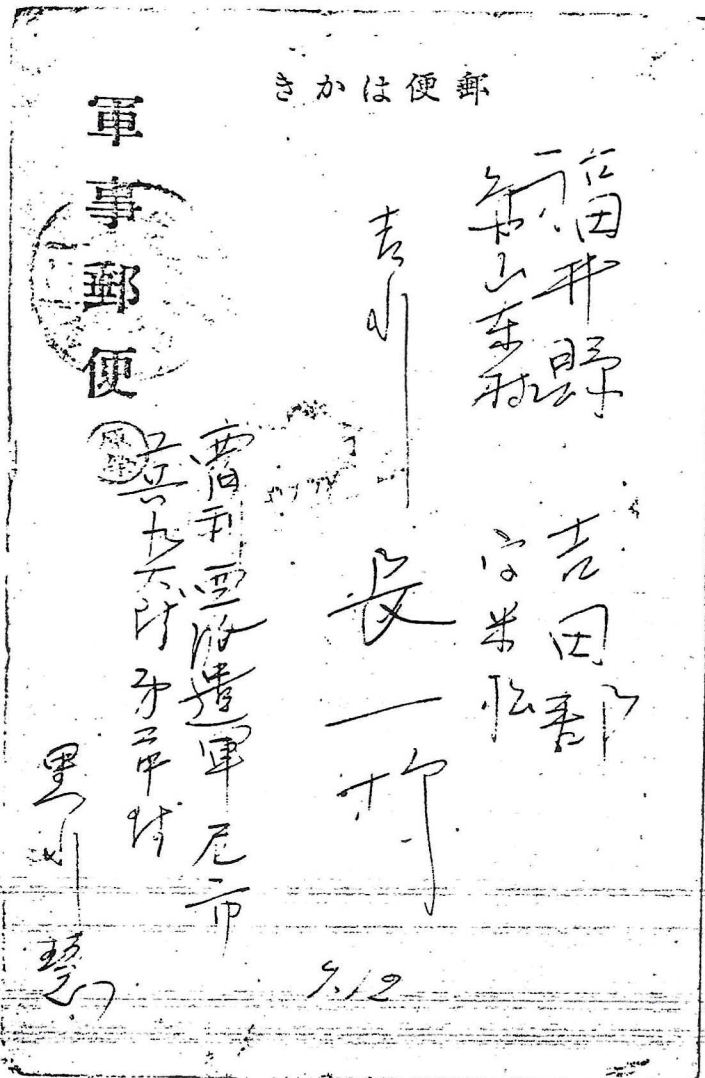


Japanese forces were stationed in various parts of Manchuria in connection with the Siberian Intervention. Post card is New Year's greeting from soldier in No.2 Guard Company. Cover is from Communications Company, Manchuria Detached Army.



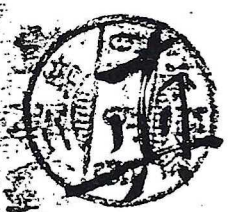
Between 1 April and late July 1919, the 3rd, 7th and 12th Divisions were replaced by the 5th, 16th and 14, Divisions, respectively. Subsequently, the 13th Division was also sent to Siberia. The new divisions were in turn replaced in 1921 by the 9th, 11th and (elements of the) 8th Divisions.

First card above postmarked four days after the writer had left for Japan. Second card has formula imprint on reverse indicating safe arrival in Vladivostok. Third example states "we are due to be replaced today."



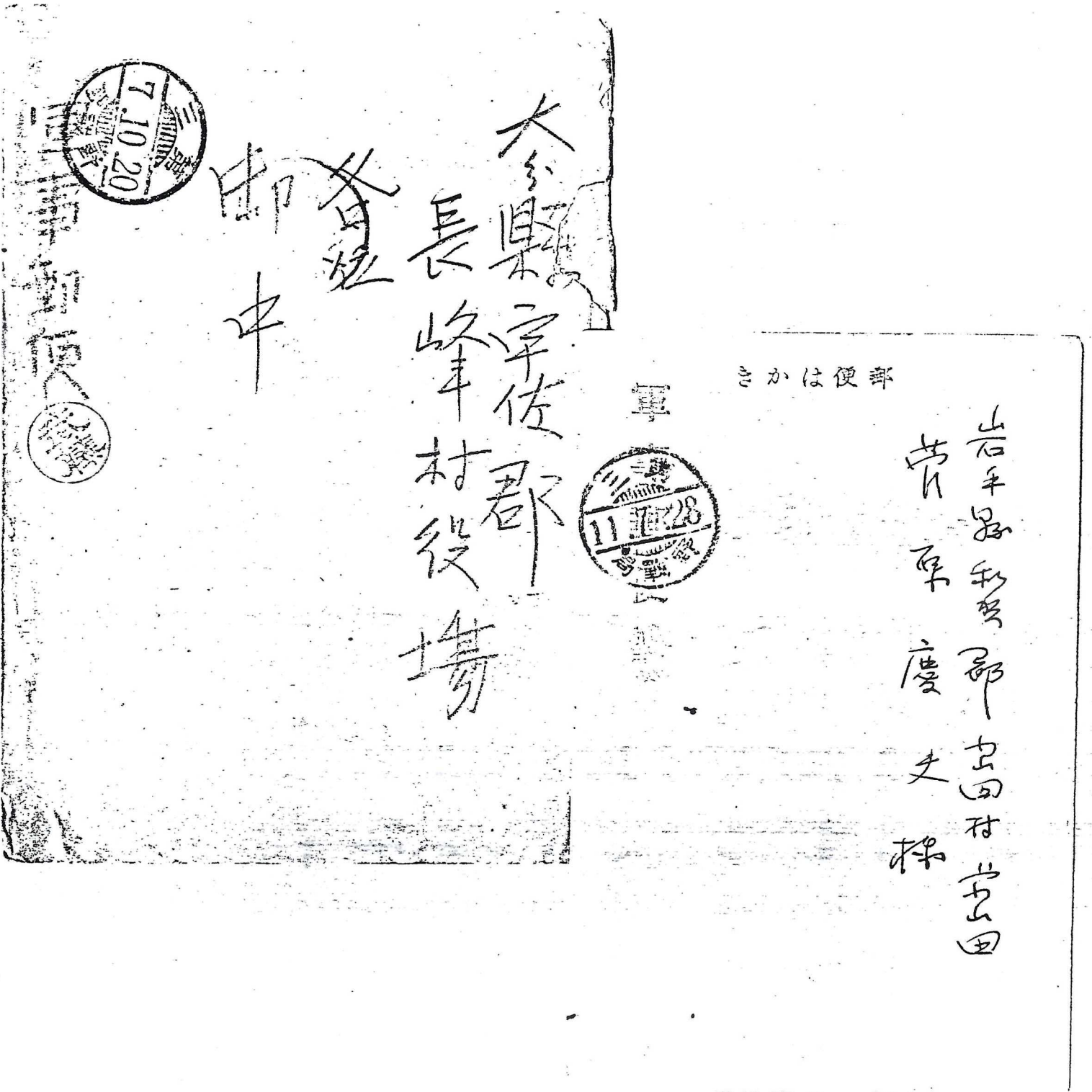
Japanese advances in mainland Siberia ended in March 1919 and a series of pull-backs began in February 1920. Under pressure from the other Allies, withdrawal of Japanese forces began to be seriously considered in July 1921, and was officially announced in June 1922. The first units pulled out on 26 August and evacuation was completed on 24 October 1922.

Message on above card states "we will be leaving Nikolsk on the 15th, will stay in Vladivostok... and will board ship on 4 October."


 新潟縣北魚沼郡
 川口村
 岩波助藏
 親展

浦潮守備步兵第九
 隊第一中隊
 第五號
 附箋ニ依リ配達ス
 滋賀縣大津郵便局
 年月日
 軍第 局郵便夫

FPO 1 operated at Vladivostok for its entire period of service from 14 August 1918 to 24 October 1922. FPO 2 was located at Nikolsk from 21 August 1918 to 16 September 1922, except for a few weeks at Spasskoye in the latter part of 1918.



Envelope above used at Alekseievsk, where FPO 3 operated from 27 September 1918 to 29 February 1920. Post card used during the period the post office was located at Shkotovo (until closing on 1 October 1922).

FPO 4
7 November 1918
19 May 1919

FPO 5
1 January 1922

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舞鶴軍機

松岡東吉君

浦塩方面先鋒戦郵便局
臨時海軍派遣隊
宛付

白井長教

舞鶴軍機

東

原光利様

きかは便郵

神谷信平様

大宮高河原

後志軍備司令部三和村

北滿洲軍司令部海軍隊

Post card and overprinted lettersheet from FPO 4 during its location at Khabarovsk from 11 September 1918 to 15 October 1920. Lower card from FPO 5 located at Pogranichnaia (11 September 1920 to 9 September 1922).

FPO 6
27 May 1921

FPO 7
24 July 1919
21 August 1921



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地
半
州

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安
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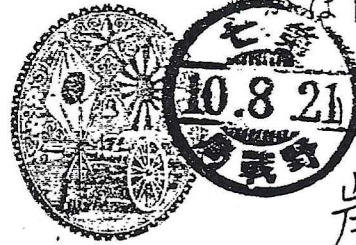
石井
古
屋
河
倉

救済青年軍隊慰問部

田區後遊十町兼地

おはようございます
お返事お待ちしております
お礼申し上げます
山内安土山
石井古屋河倉
喜一敷

神はわれらの避所また力ありや平のちしきの
最ちかき助なり
(聖書)



郵便便

富山縣東砺波郡井波町
山見村
山
庄
作
様

軍事郵便

山田義一郎

西比利亞派遣軍第九師團
歩兵第三十二聯隊第六中隊

Upper post card from FPO 6 located at Razdolnoye from 11 September 1920 to 1 October 1922. YMCA card from FPO 7 at Manchouli (16 September 1918 to 4 October 1922) and lower card from Slovyanka (15 September 1920 to 4 October 1922).

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安藤貞久殿

長



封緘書翰

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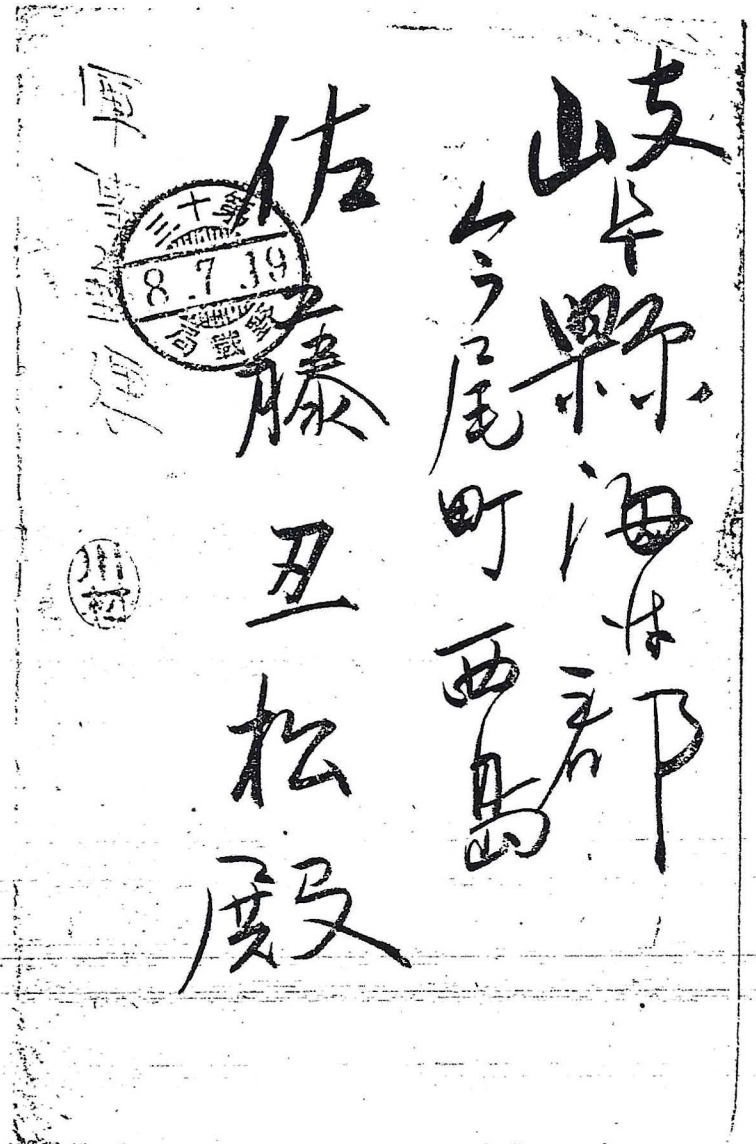
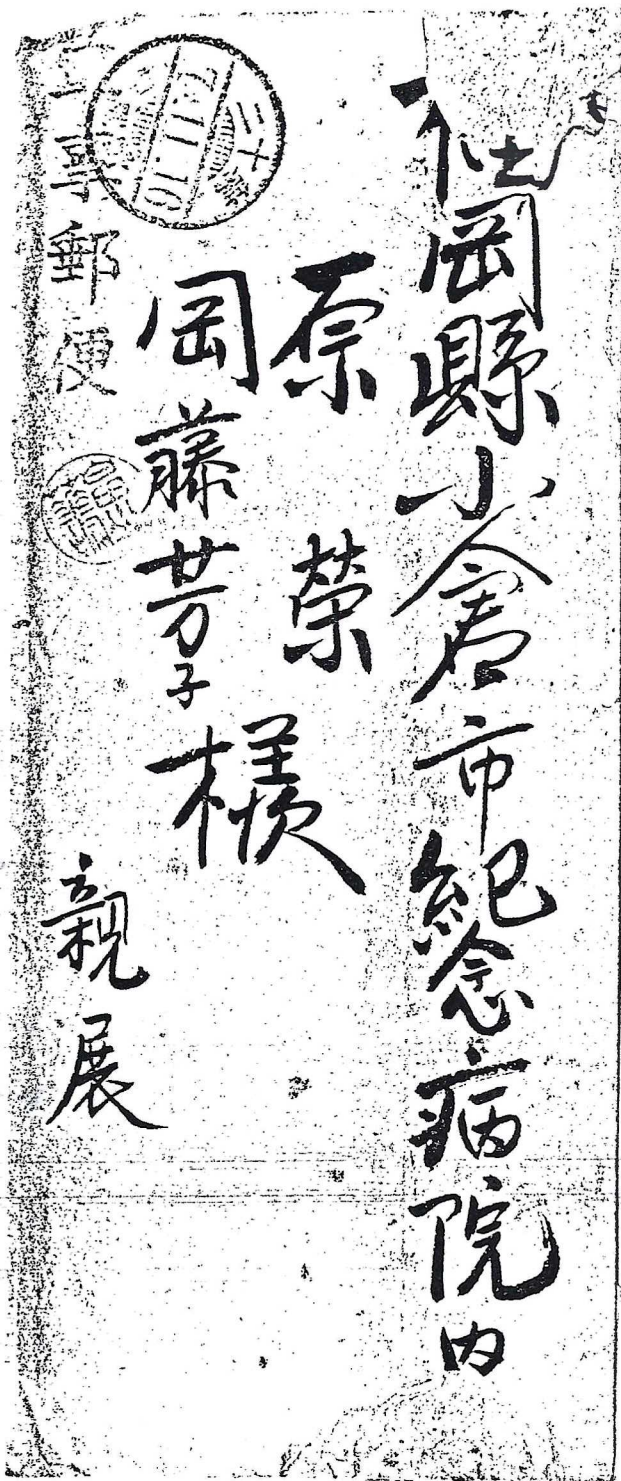
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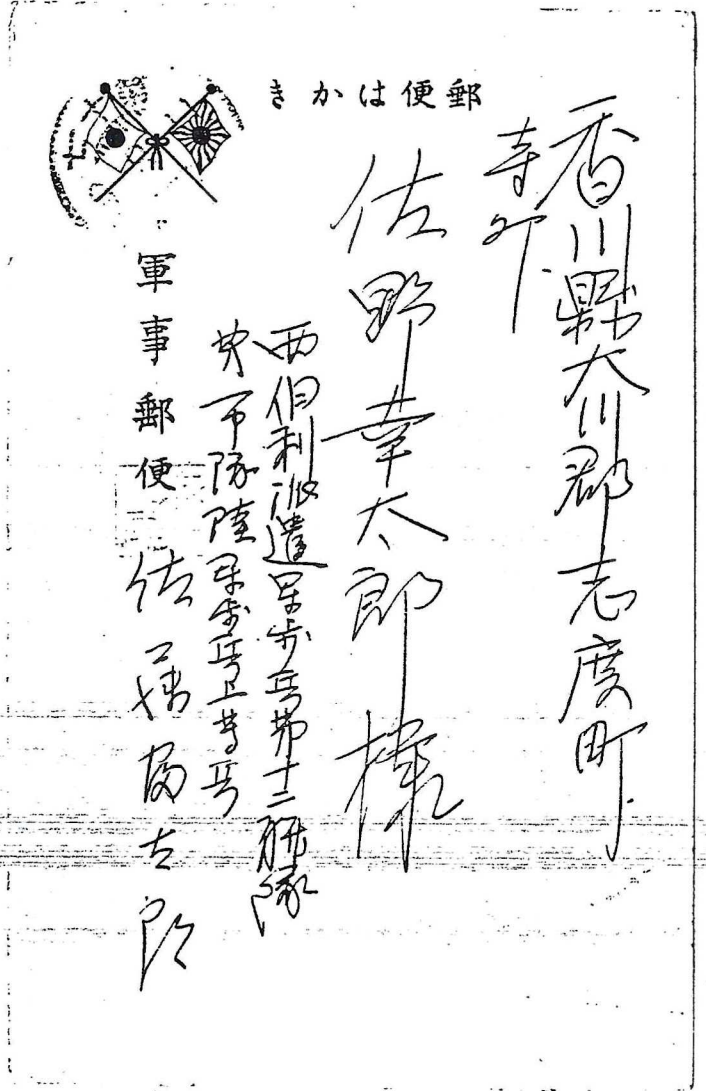
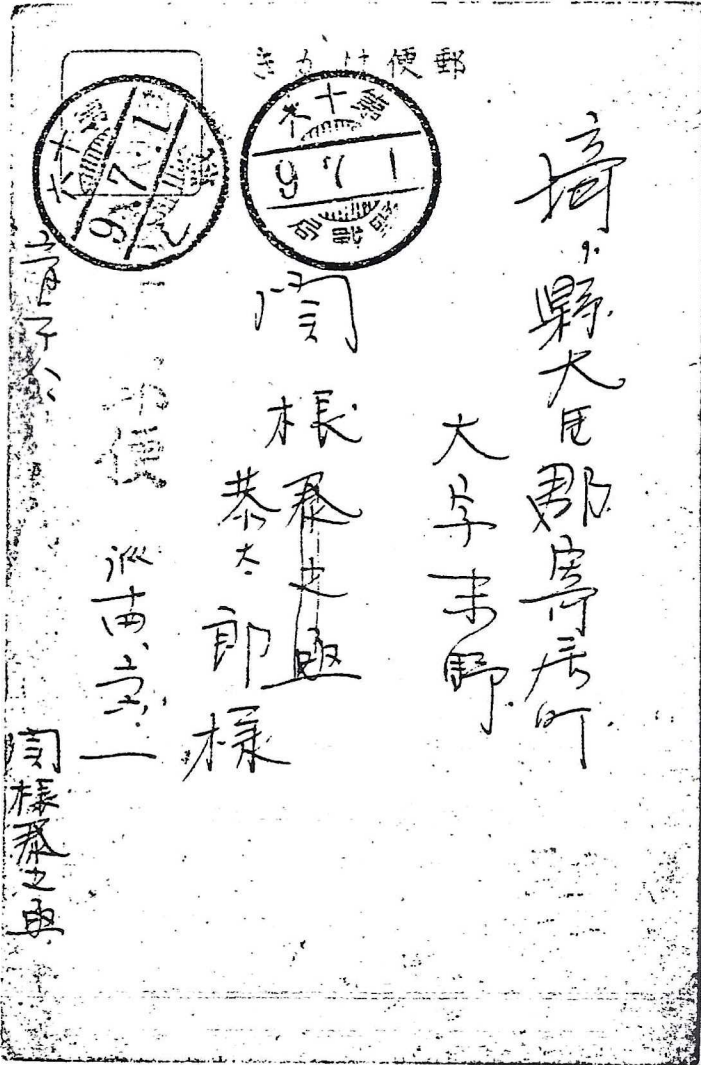
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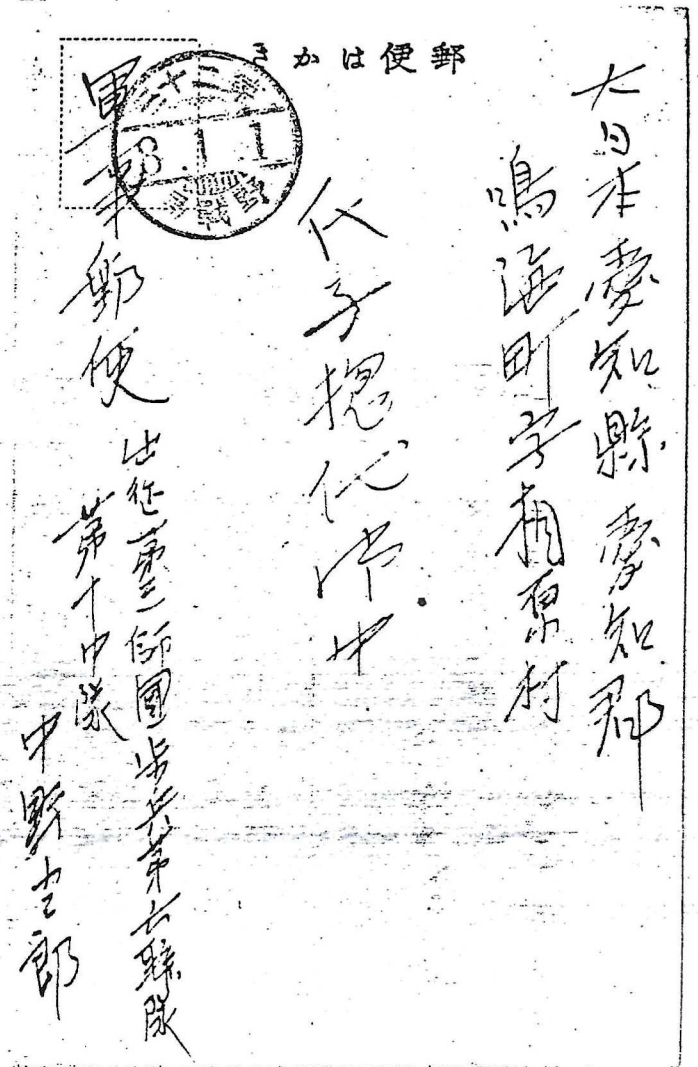
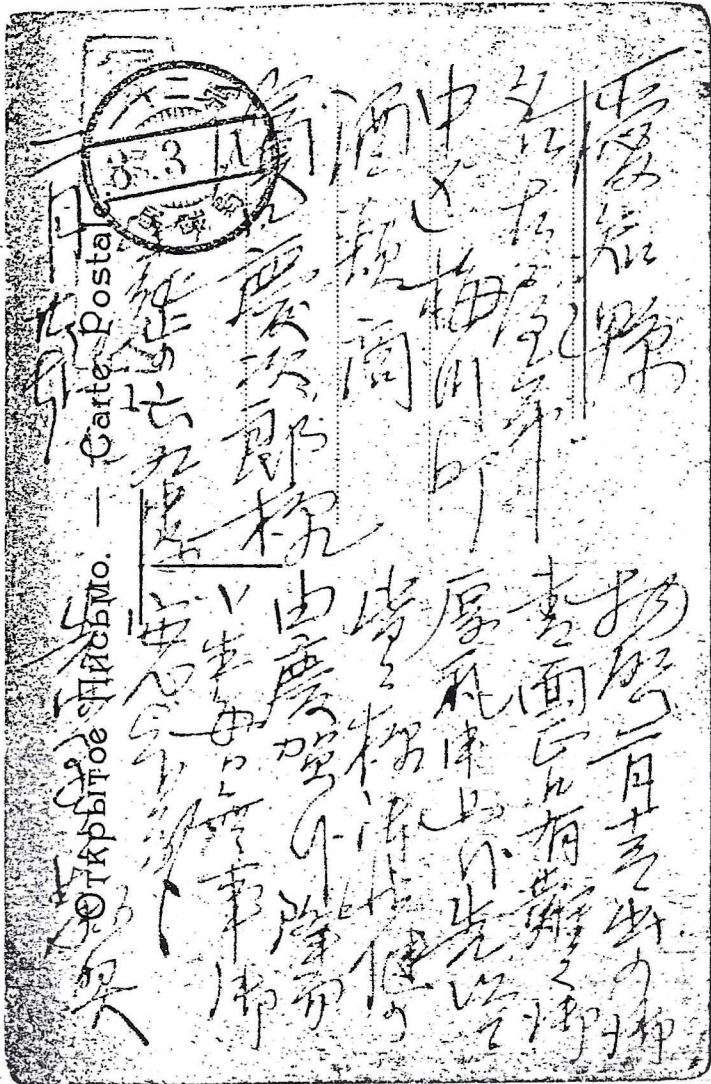
Upper post card from FPO 10 located at Spasskoye from 21 September 1919 to 1 September 1922. Middle card from FPO 11 at Ushumun (28 October 1918 to 17 April 1919) and lower card from I-mien-po (11 December 1920 to 10 September 1922).



Long envelope from FPO 12 located at Blagoveshchensk from 12 October 1918 to 2 March 1920. Shorter envelope used from FPO 13 at Zeya (20 May 1919 to 16 February 1920).



Upper card from FPO 16 located at Bikin from 9 June to 28 July 1920. Lower card used from FPO 17 at Razdolnoye (1 June to 1 September 1920).



Upper card from FPO 21 located at Nerchinsk from 21 October 1918 to 5 August 1920. Lower card used from FPO 23 at Oloviannaia (27 October 1918 to 18 October 1920).

FPO 24
8 December 1918

FPO 25
11 June 1919

FPO 28
1 January 1920



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吉田良平殿
青年会長

霜利母スレエテ
軍用通信所
牧村久三郎

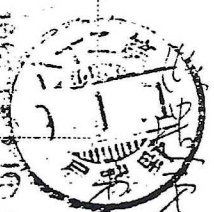


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高橋

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石村軍曹殿
高崎市
新島野

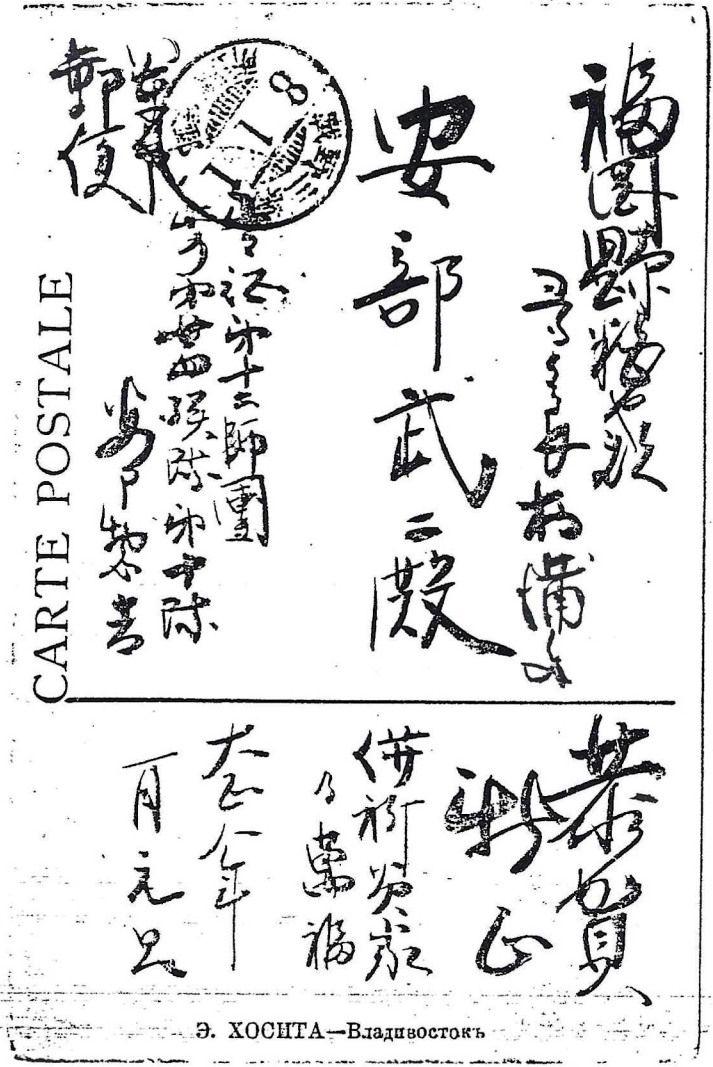
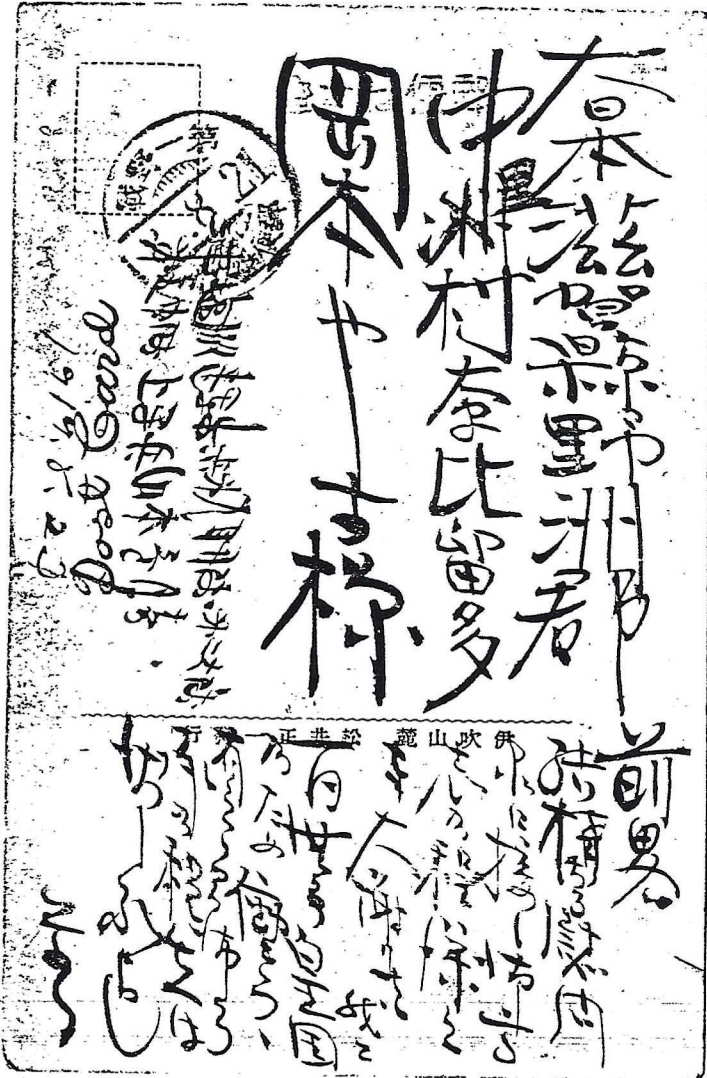
大正九年
一月九日
賀
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Lettersheet from FPO 24 located at Sretensk from 31 October 1918 to 18 July 1920. Post cards used from FPO 25 at Pogranichnaia (2 November 1918 - 25 May 1920) and FPO 28 at Zavitsinsk (28 May 1919 - 12 March 1920).

Relay FPO 1
21 August 1919

Relay FPO 3
1 January 1919



Relay Station FPOs were first used in the Russo-Japanese War at locations in between widely separated regular FPOs. In Siberia, fourteen such markings were authorized, for use, numbered from 1 to 11 and 21 to 23. Most of these were used in a single location for a short time and, thus, are rather elusive to find; Rasmussen records examples for nine of the stations.

Upper card used from Relay FPO 1 at Spasskoye from 14 December 1918 to 20 September 1919. Lower card used from Relay FPO 3 at Bikin from 14 September 1918 to 1 April 1920.

Relay FPO 8
20 May 1919

Relay FPO 9
20 March 1920

大分縣字部長峰村

字清水

原田庄太郎殿



軍事郵便

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岐阜縣羽島郡

川島村渡島

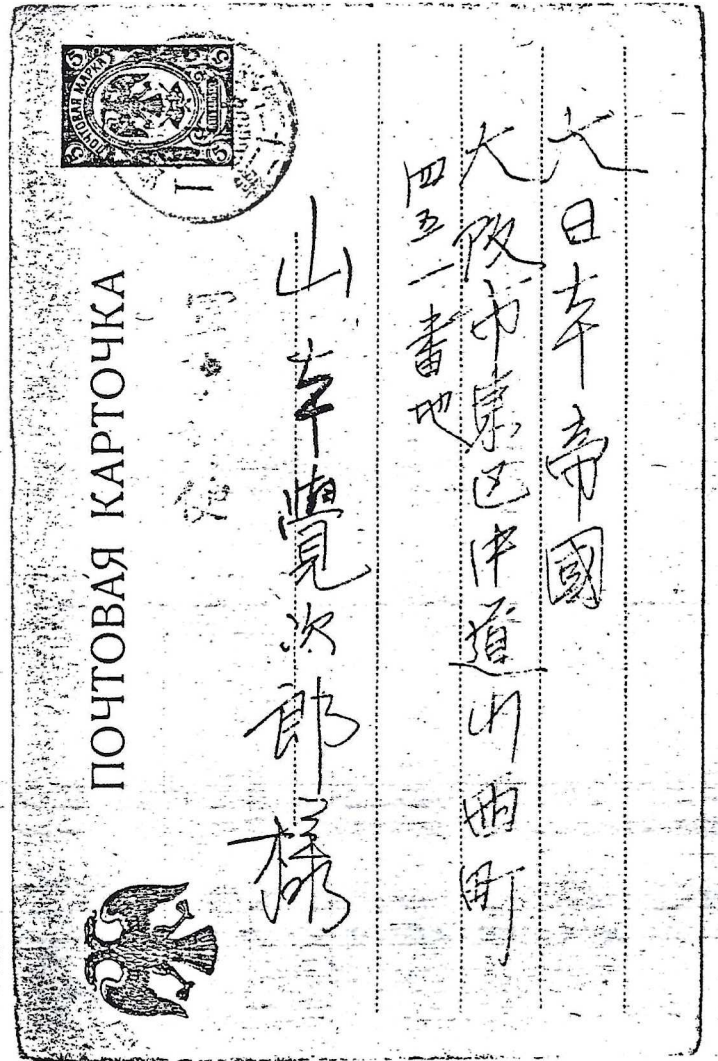
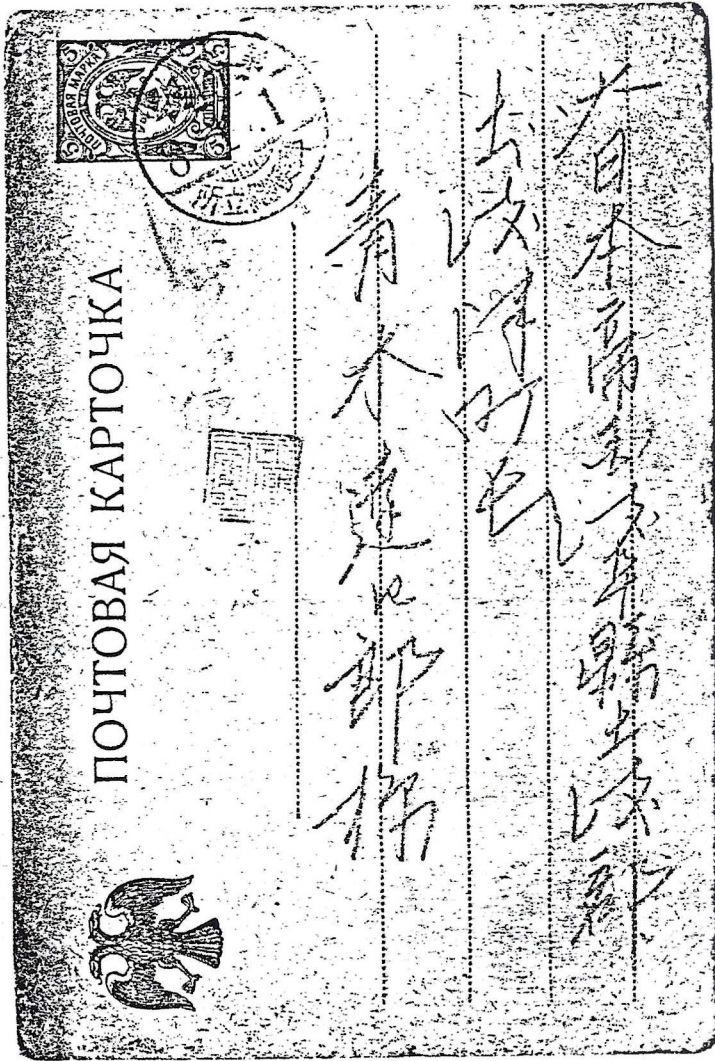
川島清七殿方

1! 漱清浪友



南羽島蘇里浪浪家
中島氏

Cover used from Relay FPO 8 at Ushumun from 17 April 1919 to 4 January 1920. Post card used from Relay FPO 9 at Novokievsk from 28 April 1919 to 28 February 1921.



Upper card used from Relay FPO 21 at Mogocho from 1 November 1918 to 25 April 1919. Lower card used from Relay FPO 22 at Karymskaia from 28 October 1918 to 16 August 1920.