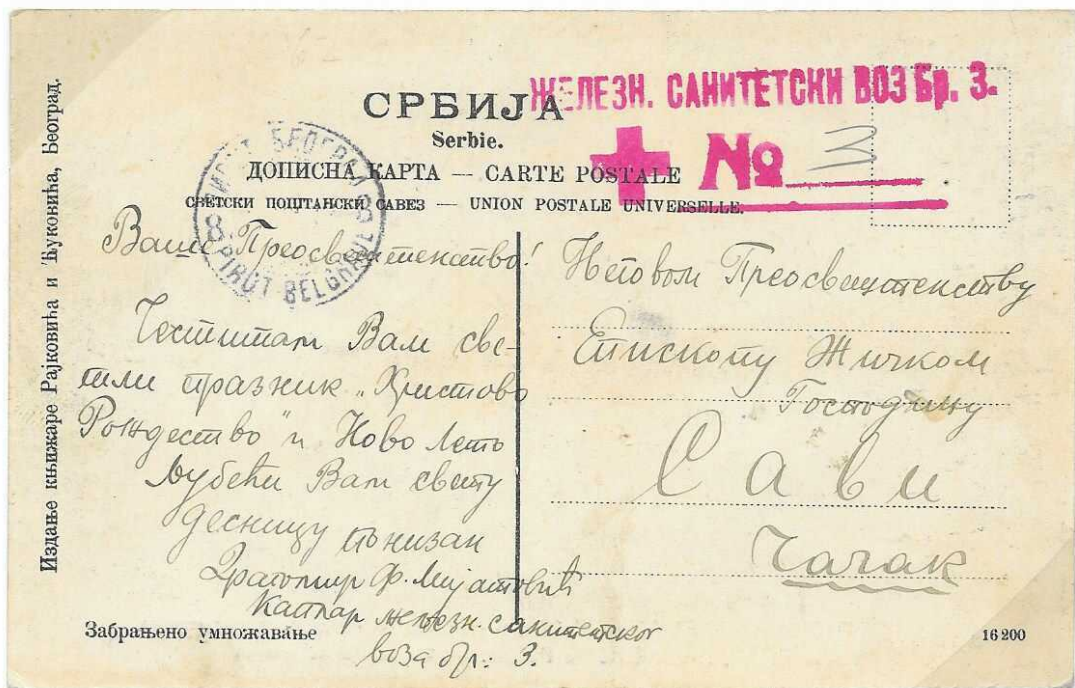


Used From Hospital Train



This card has the cachet of the Hospital Train No. 3 and is postmarked on the TPO that ran between Pirot and Belgrade. Such hospital usage is very unusual, not seen previously by exhibitor.

BALKAN WAR  
Military Mail

Alexandrovo  
2 June 1913

Katchanik  
8 March 1913

Kumanovo  
9 February 1913

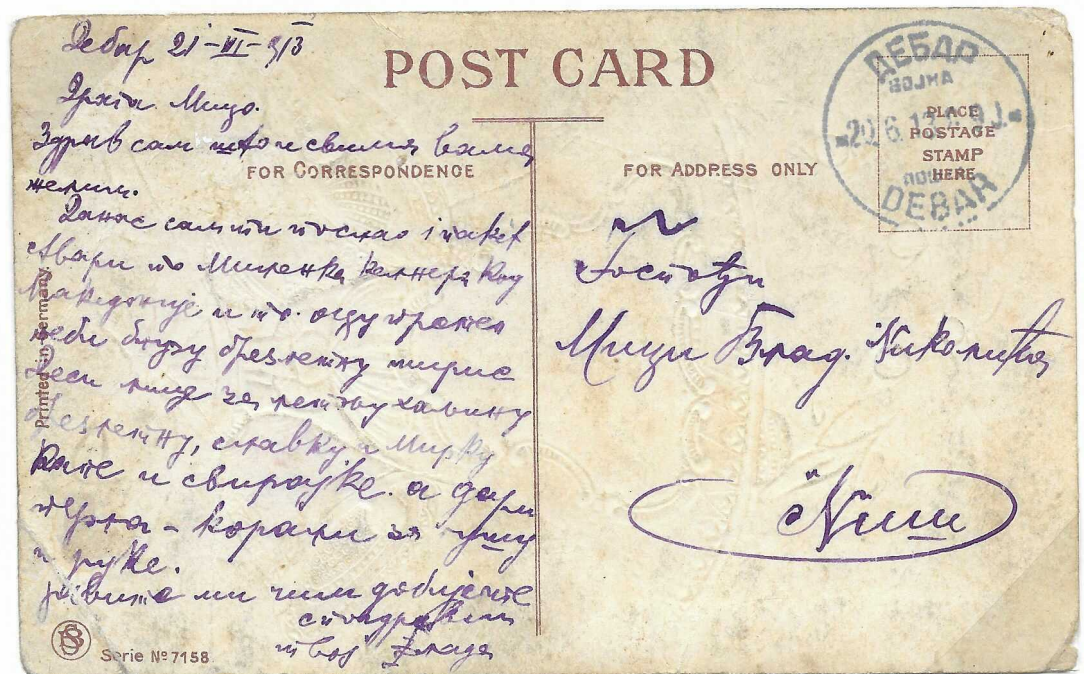


Provisional postmarks used in the newly annexed territories during the period of the First and Second Balkan Wars in 1913. Struck in violet and with indecipherable letters in the dark areas above and below the dates. The marking of Alexandrovo is considered especially elusive, with only two examples recorded.

BALKAN WAR  
Military Postmarks

Bitolj  
29 March 1913

Debar  
2 June 1913



Once the fighting ended and the situation stabilized, new postmarks were issued in 26 towns in the territory annexed to Serbia (all of which are represented in the exhibit, including the extremely elusive Katchanik). They were bilingually inscribed (in Serbian and French) with the names and also had "Military Post" in Serbian inserted around the date. These markings were used on both civil and military mail.

**BALKAN WAR**  
**Military Postmarks**

Djevdjelija  
2 January 1913

Ferizovic  
4 June 1913

Regnum omnino et ex vray  
at vray vrayan e vrayan.

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*Donicyn*  
Donicyn  
Kovil. M. Cincapan Dubca

*Harizaba za 6/13*  
Beograd.

iz om. Konichan  
Mun. Cincapan uba ko 17/1913  
iz el tany's,



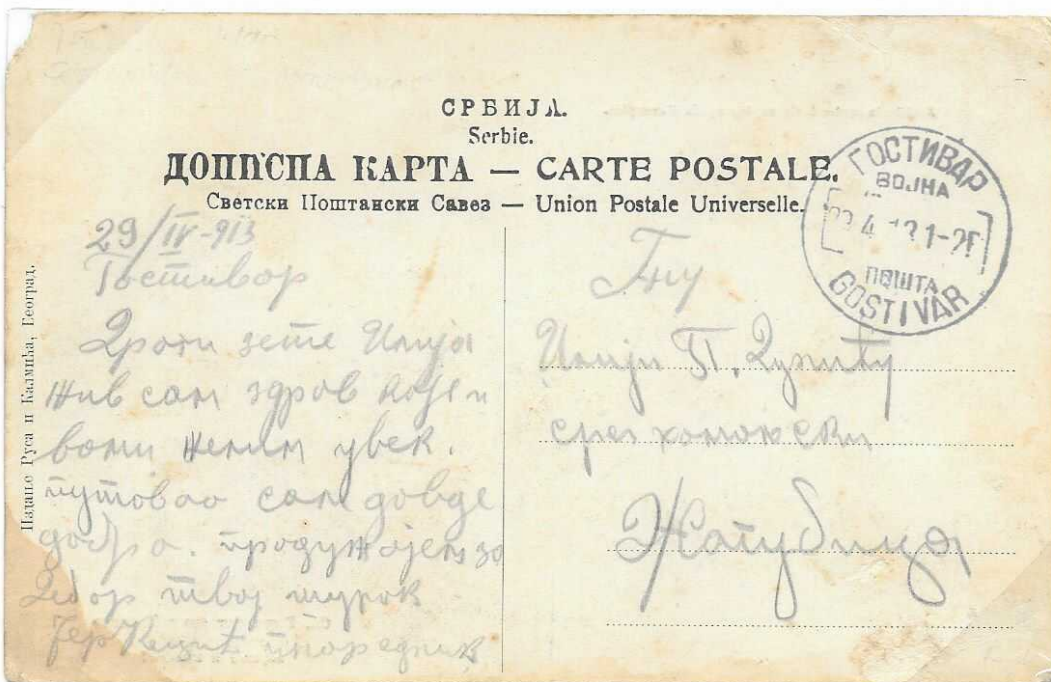
4 Juna 1913  
Granicava  
Pravim mrtvo  
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u obo vray vray vray vray  
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Ca Bojunita

Anercangry  
Naxman u Rom  
Za Kuvay  
Beograd



Covers with the "Military Post" markings from the smaller villages are exceedingly elusive for the most part.



Note that the cds for Gostivar differs from the standard military markings in that the date is enclosed in a "box" and has no stars at the side.

Scarcest of the Military Postmarks

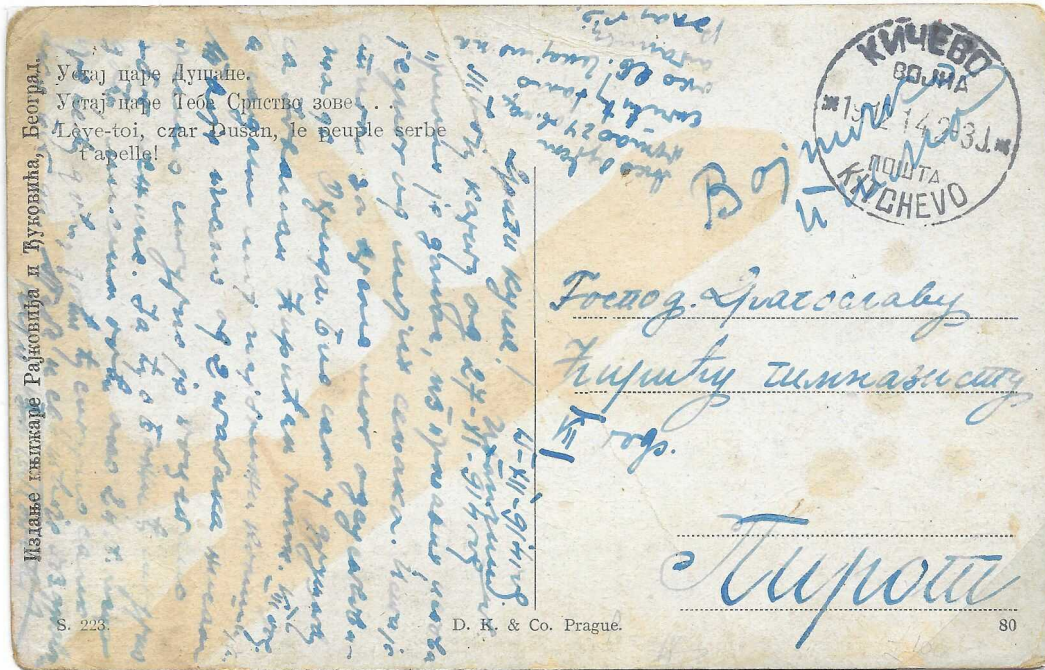


Katchanik is the most elusive of the 26 town postmarks introduced during the Balkan War, with fewer than five examples having been reported. It is highly sought after by Serbian specialists.

**BALKAN WAR  
Military Postmarks**

Kichevo  
19 December 1914

Kratovo  
24 August 1915



In some towns, such as Kratovo, the Balkan War military cancels were never replaced with civil versions and continued to be used until the retreat from Serbia in late 1915.



Mitrovica is in the area that is now Kosovo and was annexed to Serbia even though it was heavily populated by ethnic Albanians. This was one of the unfortunate decisions to come out of the settlement at the end of the Balkan Wars.





Ohrid is a small town situated on the lake of the same name that was the subject of dispute over ownership between Albania, Bulgaria and Serbia. (Today it is in the Republic of Macedonia.)

Priboj  
4 December 1912

Prjepolje  
7 February 1913

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**ПОТВРДА ПРИЈЕМА**  
ЗА ПОШТАНСКУ ПОШИЛЈКУ

Број 46

Предмет: { писмо упут-  
ница пакет } препорука  
                  { груп и т. д. } писмо

Вредност \_\_\_\_\_

Доплата \_\_\_\_\_

Тежина \_\_\_\_\_ кр. \_\_\_\_\_ гр. \_\_\_\_\_ знак печата \_\_\_\_\_

Прималац Систу Стевановићу  
Санджакуману

Место опредељења Скопје

Наплаћена такса: \_\_\_\_\_

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Priboj and Prjepolje are in the part of the Sandjak of Novi Bazar annexed to Serbia following the Balkan Wars. The Priboj cds is shown used on a receipt for a registered letter to Skopje.



Note that the cds for Prilip -- a very elusive marking -- has a box around the area containing the date, and the inscription "Military Post" is in white letters on a black background, the only such example among the military cancels of this period.



Examples of "Military Post" cancels for Prizren (in Kosovo) and for Radoviste are among the most elusive.

**BALKAN WAR**  
**Military Postmarks**

Skoplje  
19 August 1913

Stip  
3 January 1915



The Skoplje cover from a British relief worker has a "Headquarters" military cds as well as the town marking. Payment of the 25 para international letter rate was required.



Examples of registered mail from military post offices, as Syenitza above, must be considered very elusive.

**BALKAN WAR**  
**Military Postmarks**

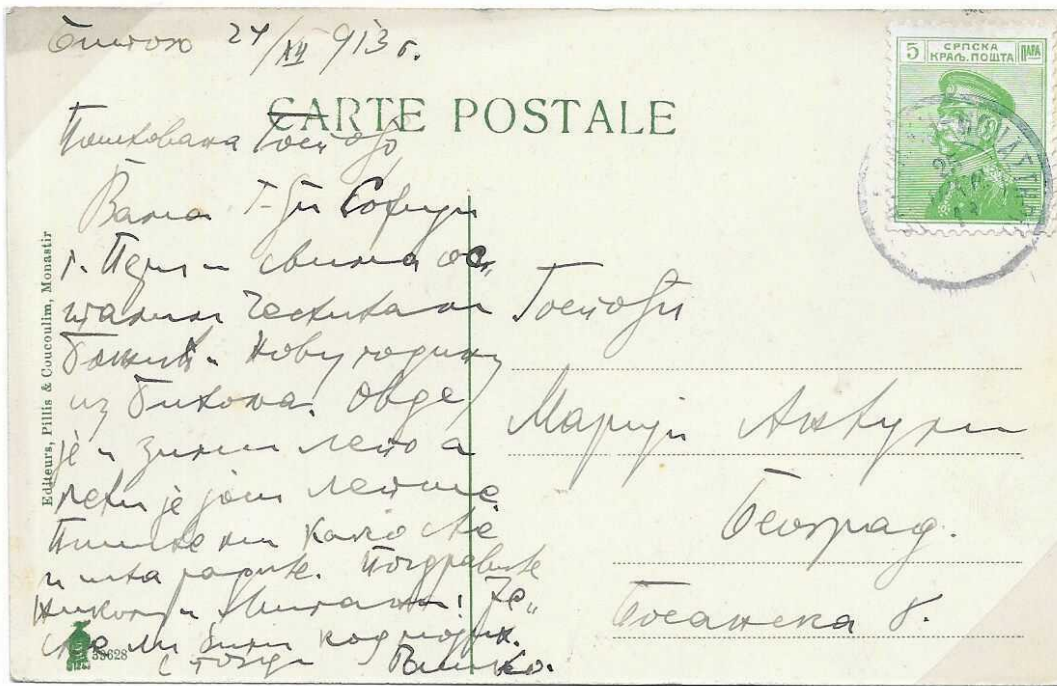
Vucitrn  
20 January 1914

Weles  
22 May 1913



The fieldpost card from Weles to Zagreb (then in Hungary) was not entitled to the military free frank and was assessed postage due of 10 filler by the Hungarians. Registered cover from Vucitrn is a very unusual usage.

Greek Railway Post Office in Serbia



Picture postcard of Monastir in Serbian annexed area and sent to Belgrade. It was franked with Serbian postage, but then postmarked with the extremely elusive Greek TPO cds, which was in use only from August to December 1913. Only two or three examples of this marking are recorded.