



Registered cover sent from Bitolia to Salonica where it was backstamped by the FPO 999 postmark. As Serbian stamps were not available, French postage was used.

SERBIAN TROOPS ABROAD

Although the bulk of the Serbian troops that were evacuated from Albanian ports on Allied ships were sent to Corfu, a substantial number went to Metropolitan France and French territories, including Corsica, Algeria and Tunisia. Smaller groups went to Britain and Italy. At the same time, Serbs and other South Slavs that had been members of the Austro-Hungarian forces and were captured on the Eastern Front were separated by the Russians and recruited to fight against their former compatriots.

Fontainebleau
15 November 1916

Rennes
1 October 1917

CORRESPONDANCE MILITAIRE

CARTE POSTALE

FRANCHISE POSTALE

Expédié par *Mitch Mil*
élève serbe au Collège
de Fontainebleau

FRANCHISE POSTALE

L'UNION FAIT LA FORCE

Régiment

Bataillon Escadron

Compagnie Batterie

Secteur Postal N° *Mitch*

Monsieur *M. Věroslav Mitchell*
Lieut-colonel d'infanterie serbe
Dépôt: d'officiers serbes
Mikra - Salonique

Pour la destination à un **Militaire**, consulter l'affiche apposée dans les Bureaux de Poste et Mairies.
à un **Civil**, le Militaire remettra lui-même cette Carte au Vaguemestre.

(grise)

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

FRANCHISE POSTALE

CORRESPONDANCE MILITAIRE

Adressé par *Yovan Savitch*
aumônier de la Base
Russe - Rennes.
Ille et Vilaine. France.

DÉSIGNATIONS
à porter dans l'adresse

Corps d'Armée — Régiment
Bataillon ou Escadron
Compagnie ou Batterie
Section

Au besoin :
État-Major — Quartier général
Service

L'UNION FAIT LA FORCE

Timbre de la Croix-Rouge
facultatif

M. *Věroslav Stancovitch*
prêtre militaire

Secteur Postal N° *Corfou.*

Avis essentiel : 1° Pour la DESTINATION, consulter l'affiche apposée dans les bureaux de poste et les mairies.
2° Les Cartes ne contenant que des nouvelles personnelles seront transmises RAPIDEMENT.

Serbian soldiers in France often used French patriotic postcards for their correspondence with other Serbs, who were mostly in Salonica or on Corfu. Postage was free for this service.



A number of younger Serbs were sent to the Military School in Jausiers. This "Serbian University Battalion" used several different cachets on their mail, of which three are shown on the patriotic cards above.



This cover has a completely different, uncommon type of round cachet of the Serbian Military School in Jausiers.

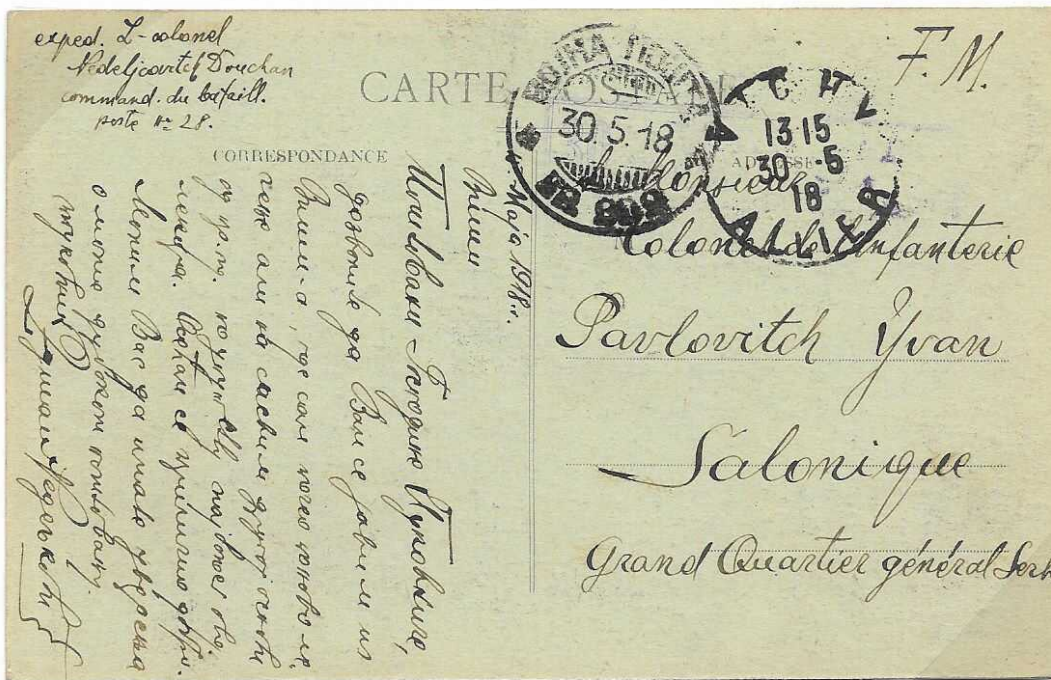
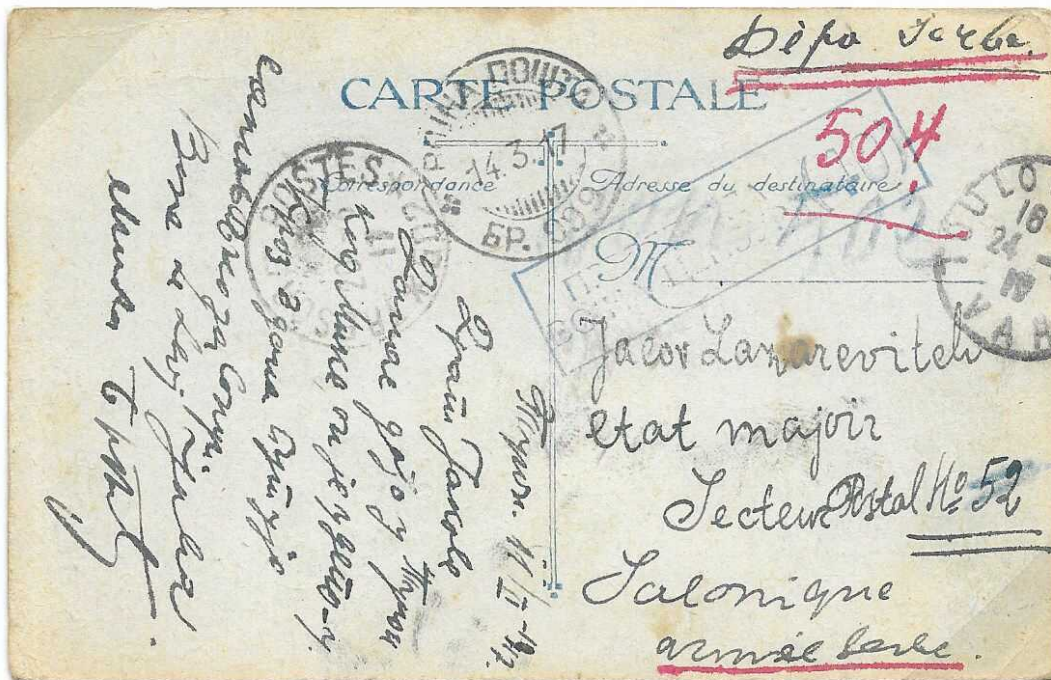
**WORLD WAR I
Troops in France**

Toulon
5 August 1917
24 January 1918



Letter and postcard from the Serbian Military Depot in Toulon sent to Switzerland and Italy. Although this is official mail, it is unclear as to how payment of postage was avoided since addressed to foreign countries. These cachets are very elusive, being the only examples seen by exhibitor.

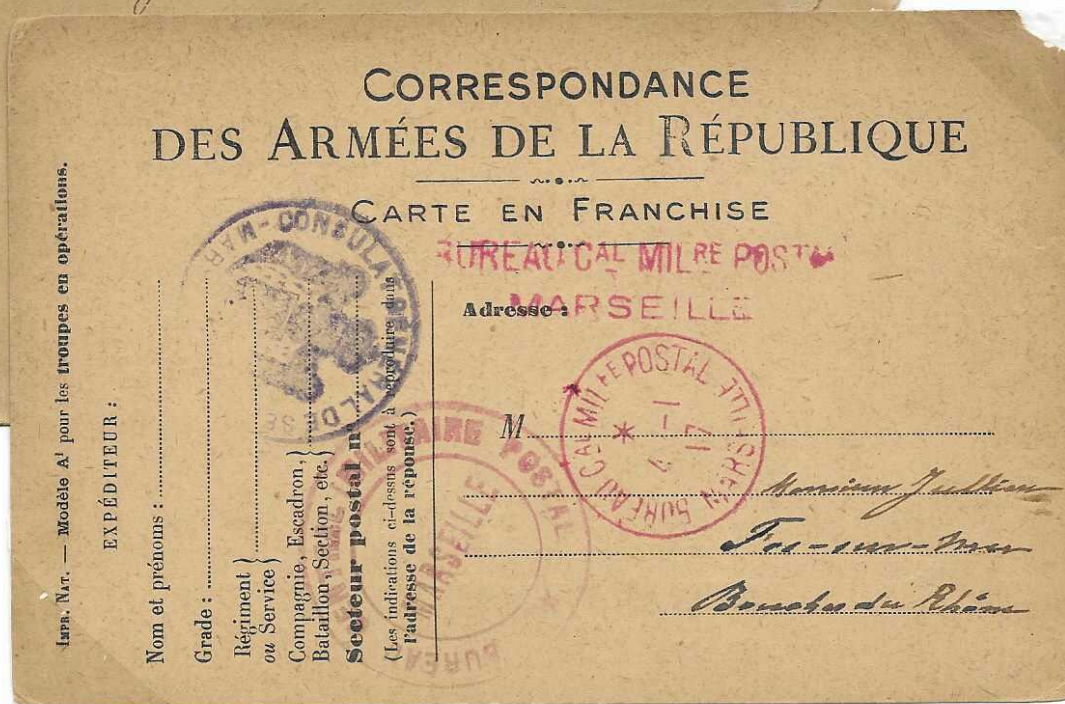
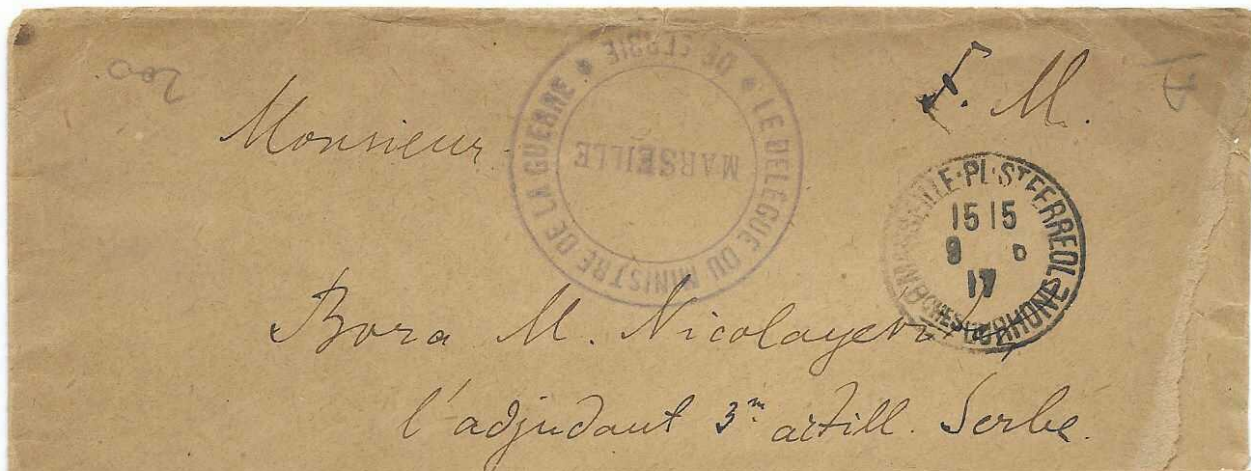




In some cases, the examples shown may be the only ones seen from a particular French location in a large collection of Serbian WWI military mail. This description applies to the card from Vichy shown above.

**WORLD WAR I
Troops in France**

Marseille
4 January 1917
9 June 1917



Mail from Serbian functionaries in Marseille: The Delegate of the Serbian Ministry of War and the Serbian Consulate General. The cover above is addressed to a Serbian soldier in the Alexandra Military Hospital in Monte Carlo.



The Royal Serbian Legation in Paris served as the headquarters of the Commissioner General for the Serb Refugees in France. This cover sent within Paris has the corner card and cachet of the Commissioner. However, the addressee had departed without providing a forwarding address, so the letter was returned.



In the aftermath of the war, some Serbian soldiers remained in France. This cover was sent officially from the "Delegation of the Royal Government of Serbia for the Seriously Wounded," who were still hospitalized at Francheville (Rhône). Sent to the Medical Chief of another hospital at Cuxac-Cabardes. A most unusual usage.

WORLD WAR I
Diplomatic Mail

Paris
6 October 1916

Geneva
9 September 1919

LÉGATION ROYALE DE SERBIE EN FRANCE

COMMISSAIRE GÉNÉRAL DU GOUVERNEMENT ROYAL
POUR LES RÉFUGIÉS SERBES EN FRANCE

PARIS (XVI^e)
12, RUE LÉONCE-REYNAUD

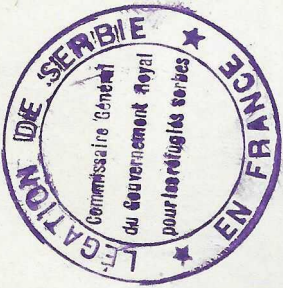


AU

Ministère de l'Intérieur

H. V.

Place Beauvegru.



CONSULAT GÉNÉRAL DE SERBIE
GENÈVE

CONSULAT GÉNÉRAL DU ROYAUME
DES SERBES, CROATES ET SLOVÈNES

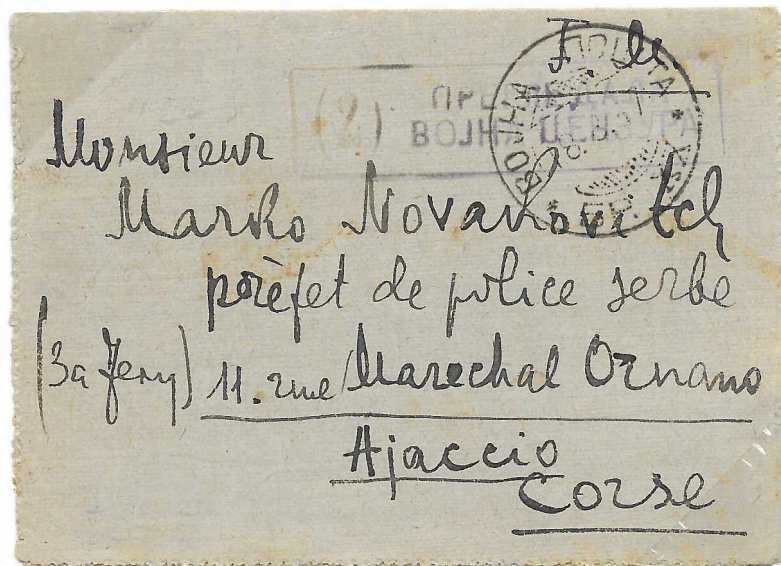
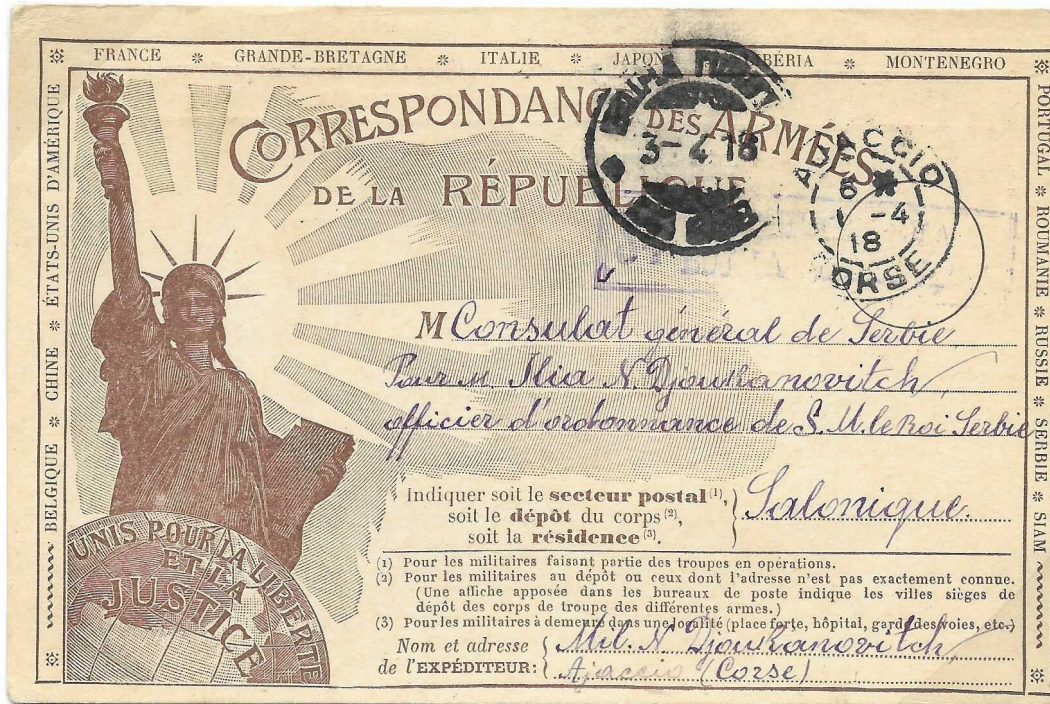


Monsieur Zdelar,
Tension Val Vert

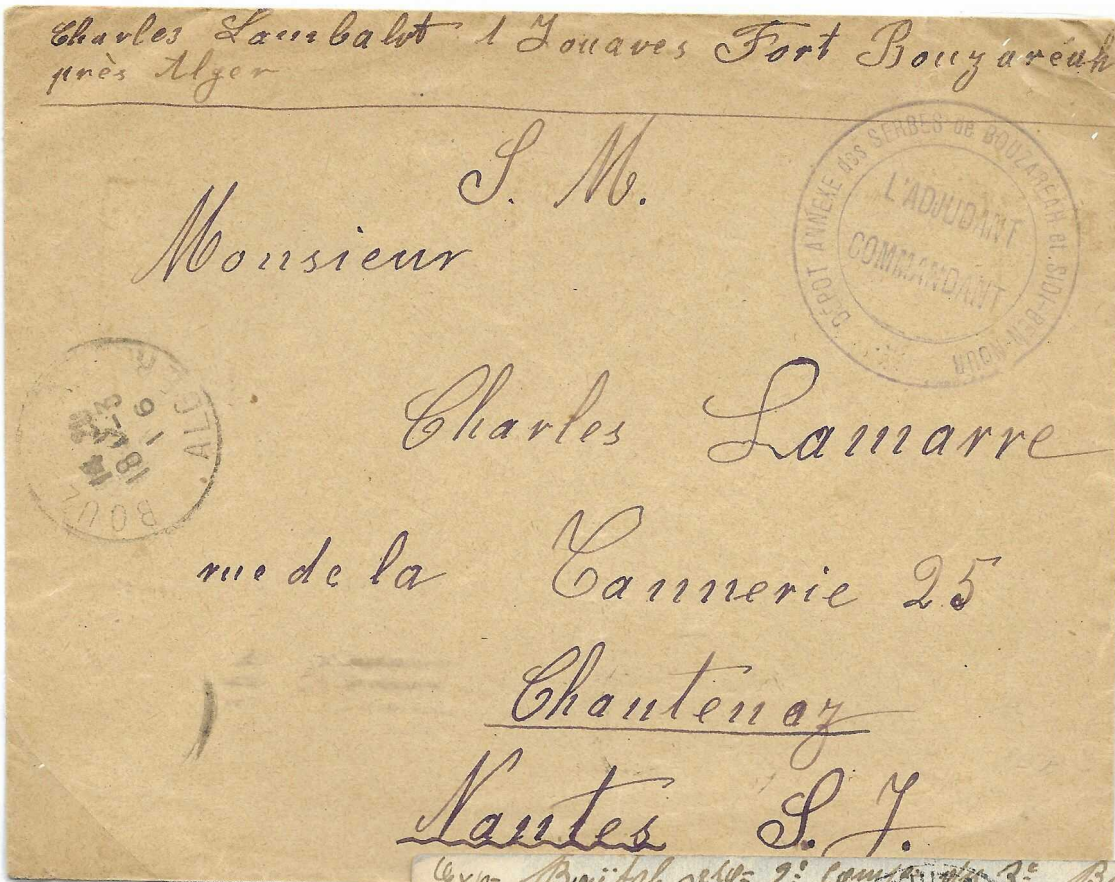
R Genève 11 rue du Stand
N° 552

La Rossiaz
Lausanne

Upper cover from the Commissioner General for Serbian refugees in the Serbian Legation in France during WWI. Lower example of an imprinted envelope of the General Consulate of Serbia in Geneva modified by a rubber stamp to reflect the change to the General Consulate of the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes.



Other Serbians went to the French Island of Corsica. Examples shown represent both outbound and inbound mail.



As with other French territories, some of the evacuated Serbian soldiers were sent to Algeria, thus relieving French garrison troops for service on the Western Front. Both outbound and inbound examples are shown.

**WORLD WAR I
Troops in Tunisia**

Mogrine
10 April 1916

Bizerte
21 September 1918

CARTE POSTALE

CORRESPONDANCE

9/27 - IV/1916.

Драги брате,
Ја ти сугласно доћи
рађом најпре маме,
да поведе раче рата
за Нрб, јер за њихме ме
не преферише ни једна
дета. Зато је, мојара бу
сугласно доћи. Моја дитавар
да грати маме, јер на таа ма
немо се чако види. Моја
Много те љубави. Љубави

ADRESSE

Monsieur
Jovan Mirlitch.
Rue des Héros 18/I

*Le commandant Ognof Mirlitch
La Hella (Tunis)*

CORRESPONDANCE MILITAIRE Sans affranchir

Monsieur Coan Jovanitch étudiant
Nom et prénoms { Hôtel Suisse
du destinataire { Bizerte
Grade ou emploi { 18/9

° Régiment _____ à _____
° Bataillon _____ par _____
° Escadron _____
° Compagnie _____
° Serpentier _____

BIZERTE
18/9
TUNISIE

Ajaccio
(Corse)

vertes écrites par les familles aux militaires que des nouvelles personnelles seront transmettent.
armées ou contenant d'autres indications que indiquées ci-dessus peuvent subir certains

CARTE POSTALE

B. M. Jovanitch, suit
P. br 38

Ljubomir Maroj
ancien maréchal
16 vorarski escadron

Bizerte

ПРЕГЛЕДАЛА
ВОЈНА ЦЕНЗУРА (82)

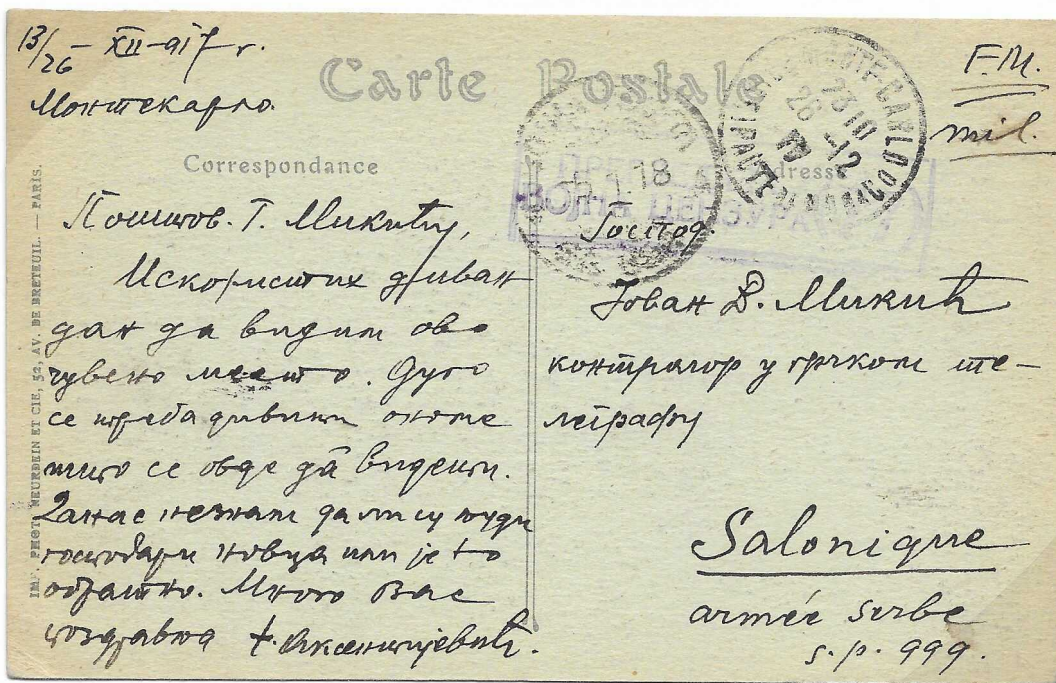
Some of the evacuated Serbian soldiers were sent to Tunisia, where they relieved French garrison troops for service on the Western Front. Ordinary military cards and letters were free of postage. Both outbound and inbound examples are shown.

**WORLD WAR I
Troops in Tunisia**

Bizerte
15 May 1917
31 July 1918



Registered mail from the Serbian forces is seldom seen, as postage had to be paid for this service. Upper cover sent by a Lieutenant Colonel in Bizerte to a Major on the Salonica front. Lower cover to Switzerland shows use of a special postmark reading "Serbian Military Posts/Bizerte," of which only five examples are recorded.



A few wounded Serbian soldiers were sent to the hospitals in Monaco. Upper postcard to Switzerland (with Monegasque stamp missing) has cachet of the Alexandra Military Hospital in Monte Carlo.