

ALBANIA
Austro-Hungarian Occupation

Schkodra
13 March 1917

Scutari (Schkodra)
5 February 1918

Tirana
24 November 1917



Scutari was another town with a problem name. When the P.O. was opened initially in September 1916, the Albanian spelling was used. However, Scutari was the name customarily associated with the place, so a new postmark with both versions was placed in service in March 1917.

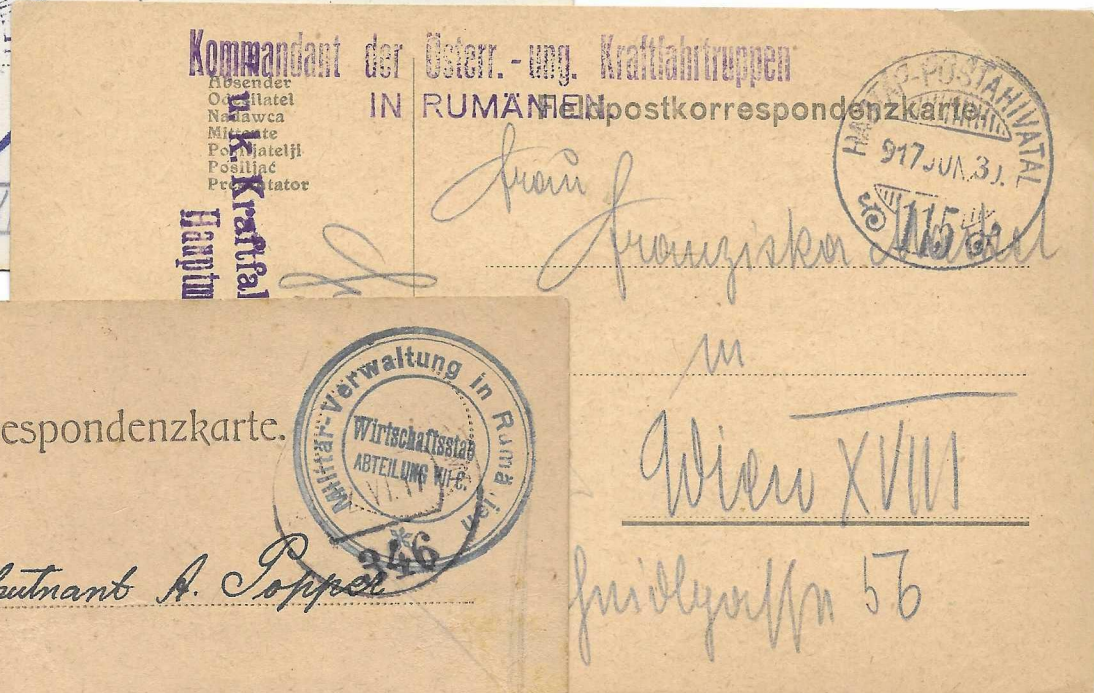
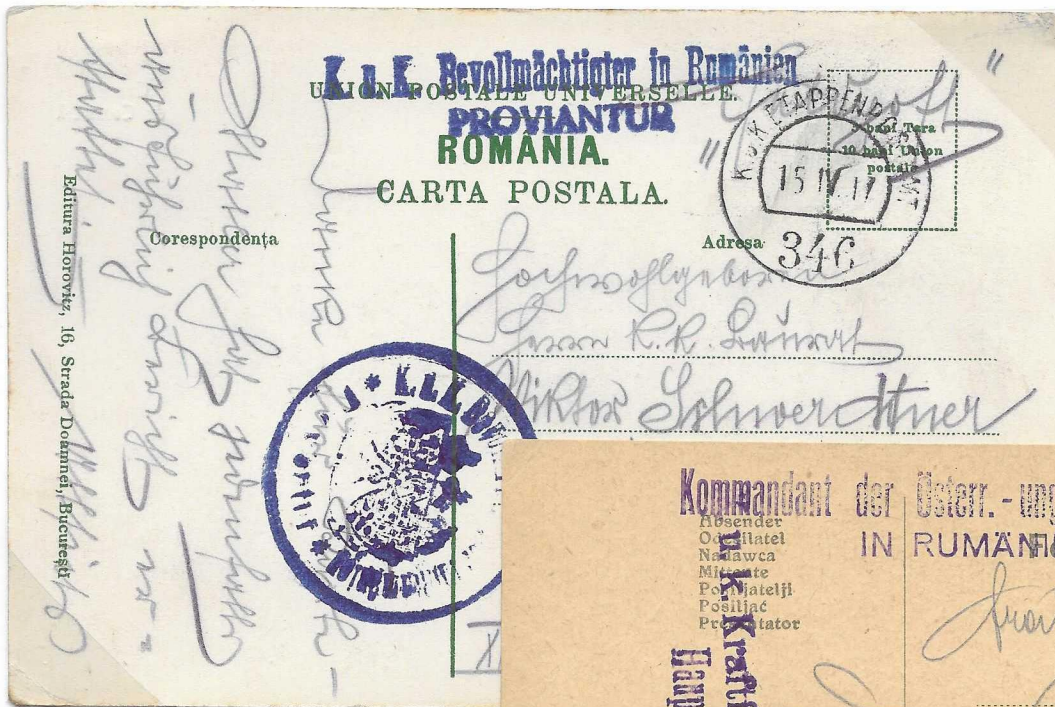
ROMANIA

Enticed by promises of territorial annexation, especially in Transylvania, Romania declared war on Austria-Hungary on 22 August 1916. However, a combined Austrian-Bulgarian-German advance captured Bucharest on 6 December 1916. After the collapse of the Russian front following the Bolshevik Revolution, the eastern part of Romania was occupied by the Central Powers, and it was forced to sign the Treaty of Bucharest on 7 May 1918.

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K.u.K. Etappenpostamt 346
15 April 1917
2 June 1917

Hadtap-Postahivatal 115
30 June 1917



Shown above are examples of Austrian fieldpost cards with cachets of various administrative units in Romania.

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K.u.K. Feldpostamt 299
31 May 1918

K.u.K. Feldpostamt 346
5 April 1918

K.u.K. Hauptfeldpostamt 520
7 January 1917



Unlike most other territories occupied by Austria, the usual Etappenpost system was not established in Romania, reflecting the fact that the area was under the administration of Germany and Bulgaria. Thus, examples of mail from this area need to be identified by unit markings and fieldpost stations, i.e. Braila and Bucharest above.

ROMANIA

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K.u.K. Etappenpostamt 346
14 June 1917
18 October 1917
19 October 1917

Numele: *Sorin*
Gradul: *Lieut.*
Unitatea și subunitatea: *Batalia 10*

Armata de Operațiuni
264
Militärverwaltung in Rumänien
Wirtshaus
K. u. k. Rollkommando

Stampila
de liberă Expediere a
correspondenței

Carte poștală militară

PE ACEASTĂ PARTE
SE SCRIE NUMAI ADRESA

D. *Sorin Lieut. Richter*

ZENSUR
beim k. u. k. Bev.
Feldpos.
in Rum.

Abscender:
Odeslatel:
Nadawca:
Hochdruck:
Mitte:
Postfater:
Positaf:
Presentatori:

Absender:
 Odestatell:
 Nadawca:
 Hoortel:
 Mittente:
 Poststatell:
 Postfak:
 Presentator:

ZENSURIERT
 beim k. k. Bevollmächtigten
 in Rumänien.

K. K. PENNOSTAM
 [2 A. 11]
 346

K. u. k. Abwehrstelle bei der Zentralpolizei
der Militärverwaltung in Rumänien

Frau
Herrn Winklersky
Trag VII
Coenecgasse Nr. 1022

KUKETAPPEPOSTAMT
18 X 17
346

EPA #346 was the principal Austrian military post office in Bucharest. Examples shown are mail of various administrative units including the office for exploitation of crude oil and military police.

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K.u.K. Etappenpostamt 346
7 May 1917
21 December 1917



For payment of postal fees in occupied Romania, the Austrian Feldpost stamps depicting Emperor Karl were overprinted in Romanian currency (bani and lei).

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K.u.K. Etappenpostamt 346
6 August 1918



A second set denominated in Romanian currency was issued in March 1918. Examples on insured value cover sent to Achtyrka in Charkov Province of occupied Ukraine, where it was backstamped for receipt on 22 August. The use of this series on covers, even philatelically-inspired ones, is highly unusual.

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K.u.K. Etappenpostamt 261
5 August 1917

K.u.K. Hauptfeldpostamt 520
12 November 1917

K.u.K. Feldpostamt 456
March 1918

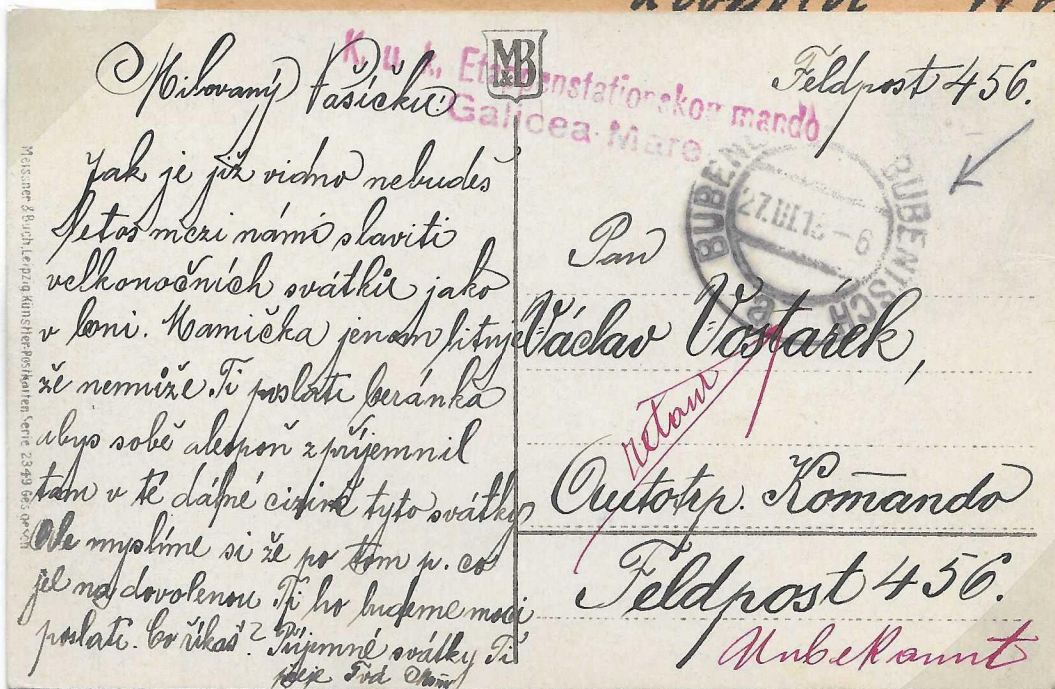


K. K. Ball Kadets
KOMMANDANTUR-LANDWIRT, DRĂGĂȘANI

Seem

K. K. Tschoff

Leonard Wanier



Feldpost 571
K. K.

Examples of military mail sent from Dragasani and Focsani. Galicea-Mare marking placed on inbound post card to FPO 456, where addressee was unknown.

ROMANIA
Austro-Hungarian Occupation

K.u.K. Etappenpostamt 346
3 June 1917
18 August 1917

K.u.K. Feldpostamt 299
17 September 1918

Armata de Operațiuni

Carte poștală militară

PE ACEASTĂ PARTE
SE SCRIE NUMAI ADRESA

Stampila
de liberă Expediere a
Correspondenței

K.u.K. TELEGRAPHEN-
BETRIEBSABTEILUNG
für Ostrumänien

Numele:
Grădul:
Unitatea și subunitatea:

D. *Heinrich Förster.*

Militärverwaltung
in Rumänien
Wirtschaftsstab
Abt. XIV

Brief-
Stempel

Verwaltung in Rumänien

ETAPPENPOSTAMT
13. VII. 17
346

Frau Gertr. v. Pauts

Land
Ungarn.

Absender:
Odesilatel:
Nadawca:
Посылающий:
Mittente:
Posiljatelj:
Posiljač:
Presentator:

Zensurieren

K.u.K. Feldpostkarte.

K.u.K. Feldpostamt
17. IX. 18
Schwarzen Meer Stelle

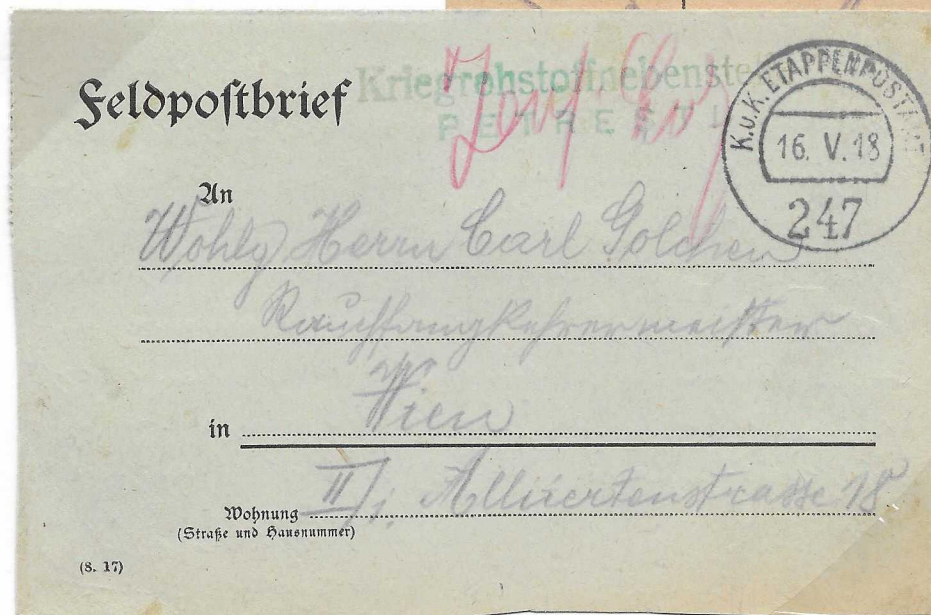
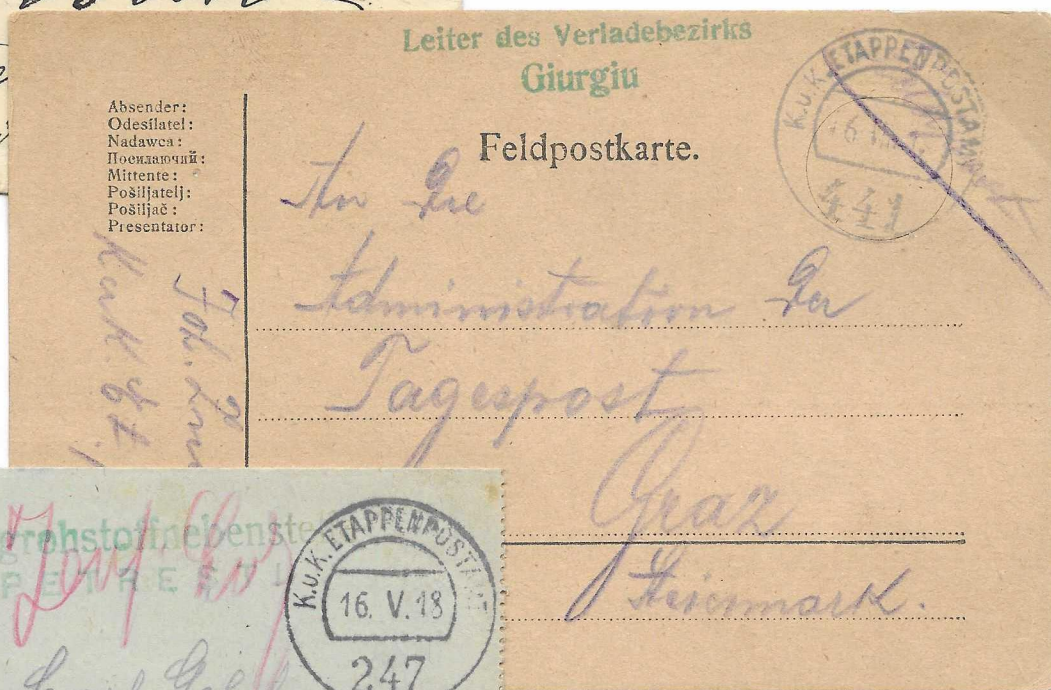
Wohnig
Gen. Adolf Bensch
Gen. d. Naturanbahn A.G.
Wien
Likunjan N. 1

Lower card sent from Braila, the headquarters of the Black Sea Shipping Office (Schwarzen Meer Stelle).

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K.u.K. Etappenpostamt 441
16 August 1918
17 October 1918

K.u.K. Etappenpostamt 247
16 May 1918



Examples of military mail sent from Giurgiu and Petresti. Registered cover from agent of the Danube Steam Navigation Company at Giurgiu to Vienna is highly unusual.

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Hadtap-Postahivatal 115
4 April 1917



K.u.K. Etappenpostamt 263
2 October 1917

K.u.K. Etappenpostamt 347
30 October 1918



Der k. u. k. Delegierte des öst. ung. Bevollmächtigten
bei der Militärverwaltung in Rumänien

Exh. Nro. _____

An das

Friedensbureau

Zu Händen des Herrn Dr. Byck

in

Bern

Munonenweg 12

98,634.

Examples of military mail sent from units stationed in Caracal, Corabia and Craiova.

ROMANIA
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K.u.K. Etappenpostamt 264
31 August 1918

K.u.K. Feldpostamt 411
6 July 1918

K.u.K. Feldpostamt 299
12 May 1918

K. u. k. Schiffsstationskommando

RENI.

Feldpostkarte.

Absender:
Odesilatel:
Nadawca:
Mittente:
Pošiljatelj
Pošiljač:
Presenter:



Auskunftstelle des k. u. k. konsularischen Vertreters in Ploesti.
A cs. és kir. konzuli képviselő tudakozó hivatala Ploestiben.
K. u. k. Etappenpost 264. Cs. és kir. hadfápposta 264.

Zahl:
Szám: 5700/918.

R^{Nº} 2530



Abs.:

Vakutun Breuer
Ing. Ref.
der Gr. Off. 411
Feldpost 411

Ersatz- und Austauschsammlung

Rimnicul-Sarat
Feldpostkarte



An

Die Verwaltung
Der Arbeiter-Zeitung
Wien V.
Rechte Wienzeile 94.

Military mail sent from Ploesti, Rimnicul-Sarat and Reni.

ROMANIA
Austro-Hungarian Occupation

K.u.K. Feldpostamt 394
12 October 1918

Hadtap-Postahivatal 449
6 August 1917

Orsova
3 March 1917



Tábori posta. Feldpostamt Nr. 272

A feladó neve és lakása: Nagy S.

A küldemény neve: *Postkarte*

A küldemény tartalma: *Postkarte*

Czím: *Schiller*
Hien 11
Gronagap 6

Rendeltetés hely:

Utcza, házszám:

Utolsó posta:

Franko K f

Frankojegyek

K.u.K. FELDPOST 2K 2K

K.u.K. FELDPOST 20 20

A vastagon bekerített részt a feladó tartozik kitölteni.

K.u.K. Kontrollkommission Verciorova

Abender: *Abt. J. J. J. J.*

Orsova 917 MAR 3 - N 11

Verclorova

Czím: *Baron*
Brno
Sporobauka

Handwritten note on the left:
28/11/17
Jede Jeden Notend 3
monatliche 3000

Handwritten note on the right:
57. Hutterer G., Orsova.

Examples of military mail sent from Targoviste, Turnu Severin and Verclorova. The parcel address card sent from the former location is highly unusual.

ITALY

In the hope of acquiring territory in the Trentino, Venezia Giulia and Dalmatia, Italy declared war on Austria-Hungary on 23 May 1915. As the Austrians were heavily engaged against the Russians in Galicia and preparing their second invasion of Serbia, they conducted essentially a defensive struggle against the Italians for three years in the Tyrolian Alps and the Isonzo River valley.

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K.u.K. Feldpostamt 188
25 May 1916

K.u.K. Feldpostamt 489
12 December 1917

K.u. K. Feldpostamt 192
5 May 1918



Cards shown above (one a captured Italian type) are examples of fieldpost usage from the Italian front.

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K.u.K. Feldpostamt 239
6 September 1918

K.u.K. Feldpostamt 297
20 September 1918

2 h

Feldpostamt Nr. 239		16 ESSE	Raum zum Aufkleben der Briefmarken
Gattung <i>1 Paket.</i>	Inhalt <i>ben. Kleider in Posen</i>		
An <i>from</i>			
in <i>Norbert Schütz in Wupp</i> <i>Wuppfabrik</i>			
Straße, Hausnummer			
Letzte Post (Land) <i>Simmental</i>			
Die stark umrahmten Teile sind vom Absender auszufüllen.			
Gewicht <i>7</i> kg <i>—</i> g	Postleitvermerk Gattung <i>Rippe</i> Inhalt <i>Longy affric</i>		
An <i>Franz</i>			
in <i>Lubin Pächler</i>			
Straße, Hausnummer <i>Verloren</i>			
Letzte Post (Land) <i>1/2 G. Kinn - Brunngraben</i>			
Die stark umrahmten Teile sind vom Absender auszufüllen.			
Gewicht <i>7</i> kg <i>500</i> g	Postleitvermerk		

K. U. K. FELDPOST		Feldpostamt Nr. 297		16 ESSE
Gattung <i>Rippe</i>		Inhalt <i>Longy affric</i>		
An <i>Franz</i>				
in <i>Lubin Pächler</i>				
Straße, Hausnummer <i>Verloren</i>				
Letzte Post (Land) <i>1/2 G. Kinn - Brunngraben</i>				
Die stark umrahmten Teile sind vom Absender auszufüllen.				
Gewicht <i>7</i> kg <i>500</i> g		Postleitvermerk		
Summe				

When the situation in the Balkans had stabilized and Russia was no longer a threat in the East, attention could be focused on the Italian front. Strengthened by an infusion of German forces, the Austro-Hungarians inflicted a disastrous defeat on the Italians at Caporetto on 24 October 1917. As a result, the front was shifted 125 km. into Italian territory, and the advance was not halted until it reached the Piave River, just 30 km. from Venice.

For use in the nearly two dozen captured Italian towns, on 1 June 1918 the Austrians issued a set of the Feldpost stamps depicting Emperor Karl overprinted with denominations in Italian currency.

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Ampezzo in Venetien
6 August 1918

Auronzo
15 October 1918



Feldpostamt Nr. <i>Auronzo</i> 292		Raum zum Aufkleben der Briefmarken
K. U. K. FELDPOST FELDPOSTBEGLEITADRESSE		
Gattung <i>Paket</i>	Inhalt <i>Kleiderstücke</i>	 Gebühren K. h Summe K. h
An <i>Frau Rosalia Derkits</i>		
in <i>in Schallidorf No 10</i>		
Straße, Hausnummer <i>Post Turta St Michael</i>		
Letzte Post (Land) <i>was megye Ungarn</i>		
Die stark umrahmten Teile sind vom Absender auszufüllen.		
Gewicht <i>4 500</i> kg g	Postleitvermerk	

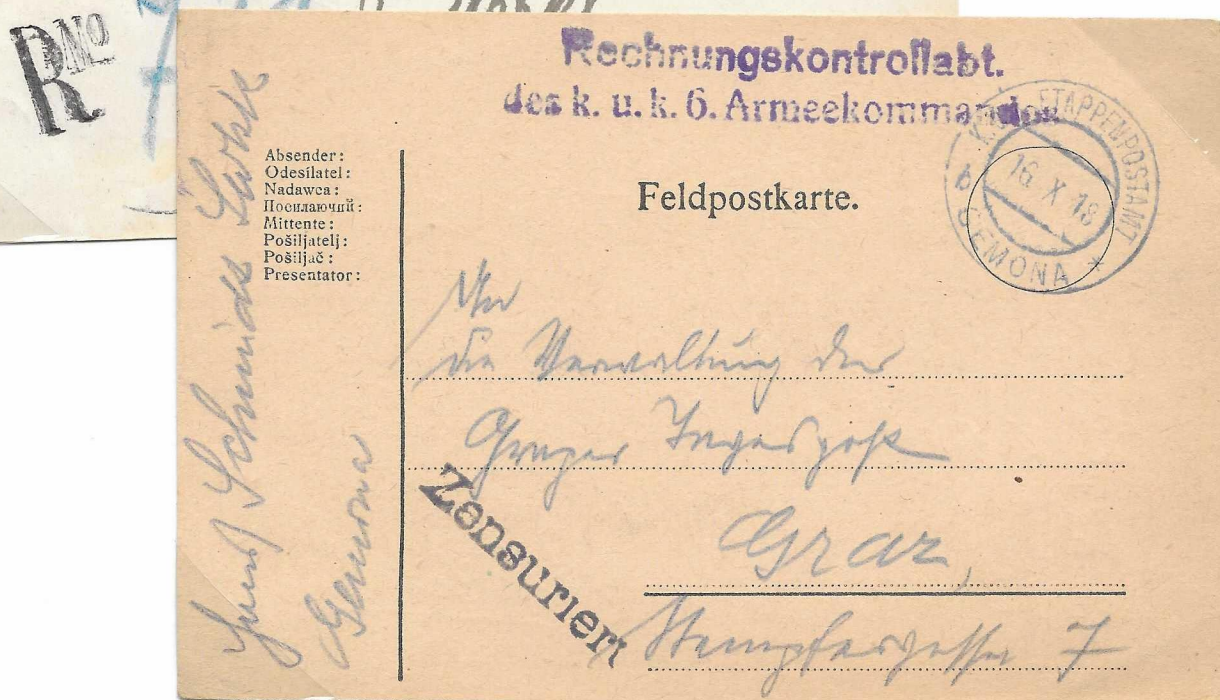
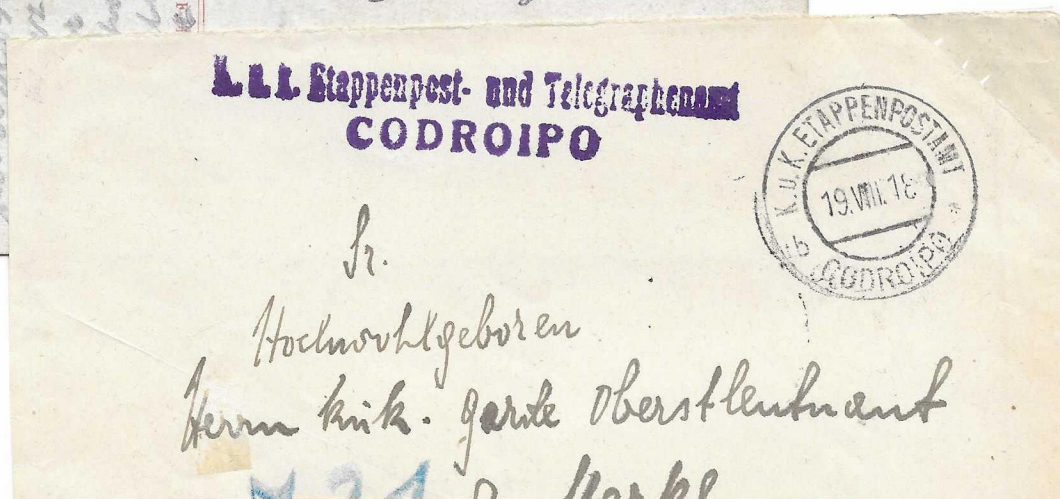
The first Etappenpost offices in Italy opened in December 1917 at six locations. Ampezzo in Venetien and Auronzo (shown above) both opened in February 1918.

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Cividale del Friuli
30 July 1918

Codroipo
19 August 1918

Gemona
16 October 1918



Gemona was among the first Etappenpost offices to open in Italy in December 1917. Cividale and Codroipo both opened in February 1918.