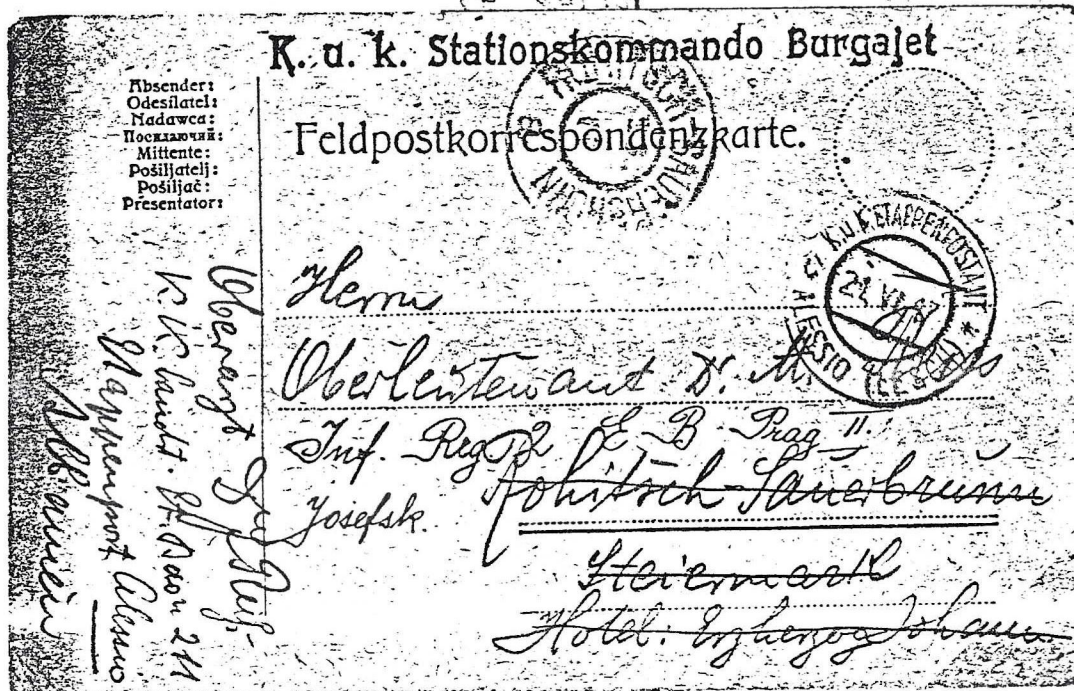
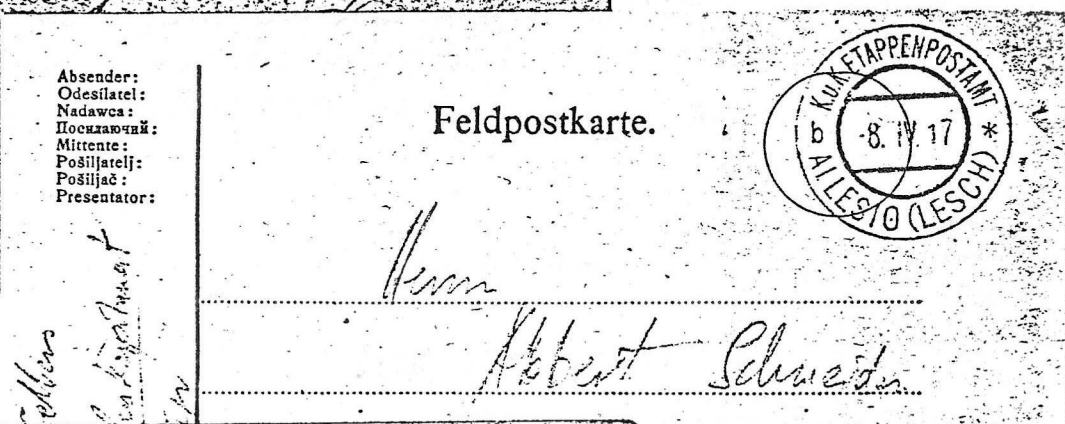
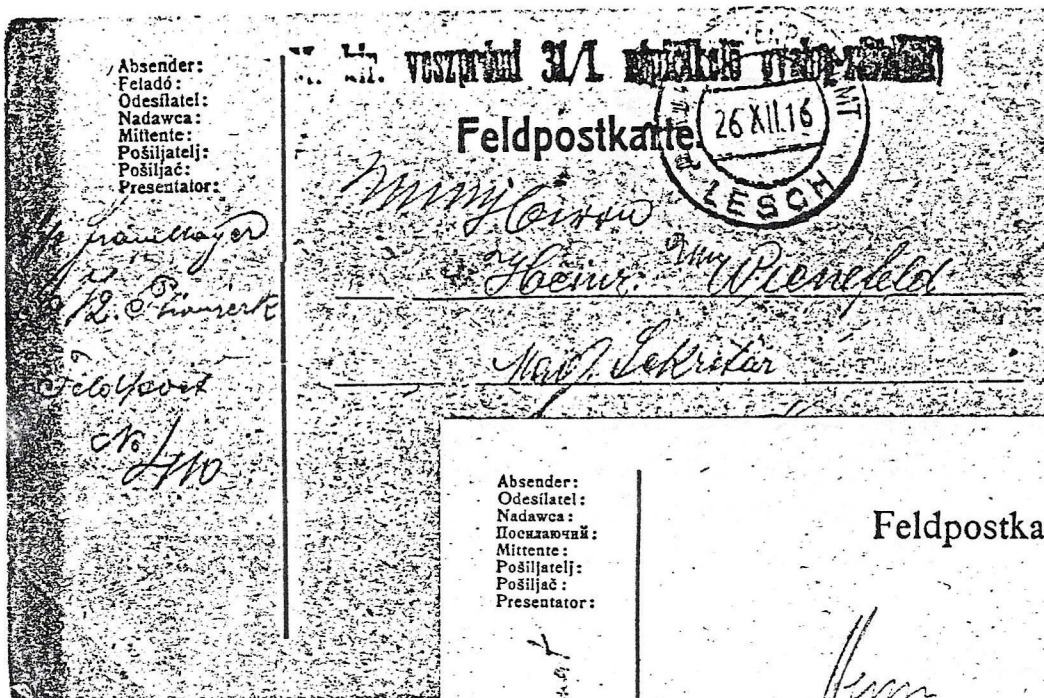


ALBANIA
Austro-Hungarian Occupation

Lesch
26 December 1916

Allesio (Lesch)
8 April 1917

Alessio (Lesch)
21 June 1917



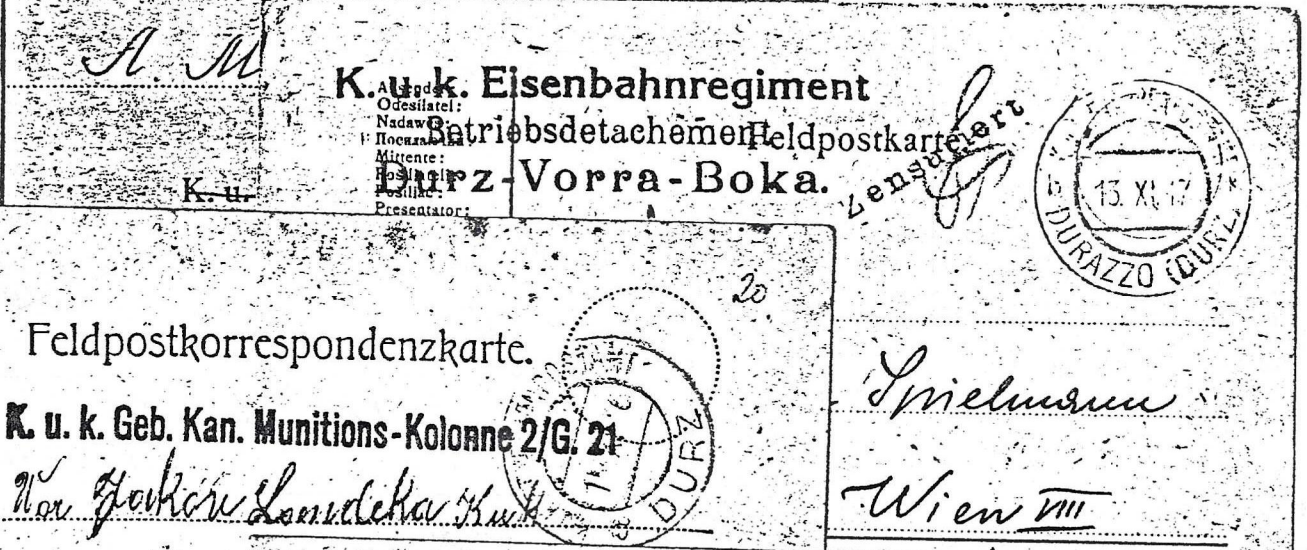
The first Etappenpost office was opened at Scutari in September 1916, followed by Lesch and Elbassan the following month. Eventually twelve such offices were opened in Albania.

The name of Lesch was changed to Alessio in March 1917 but the new cds misspelled the name, so that a revised postmark was introduced a few months later.

Bazar Sjak
3 July 1918

Durz
15 November 1916

Dzuri
29 March 1917



Feldpostkorrespondenzkarte.

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For Father Landeka Kuk

K. u. k. Bezirkskommando Dzików

Feldpostkarte.

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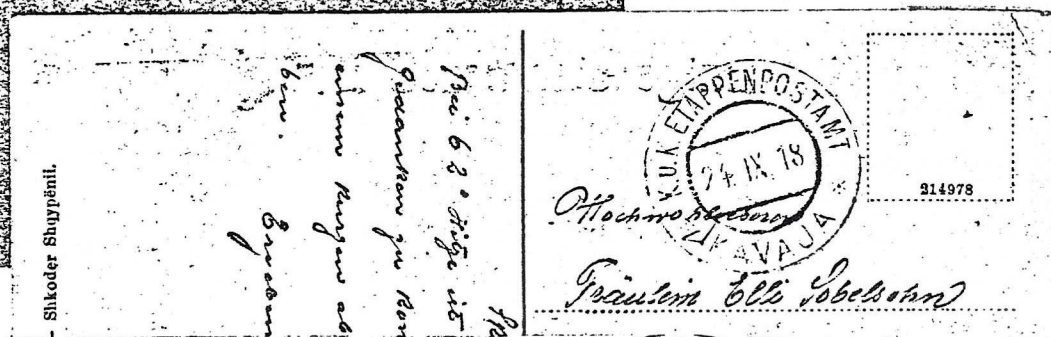
The last Etappenpost office to open in Albania was Bazar Sjak in May 1918; examples of its cds are very elusive. The initial postmark for Durazzo used the Albanian spelling of Durz when the office opened in November 1916. However, in April 1917 a new cds with both names was introduced to avoid confusion.

ALBANIA
Austro-Hungarian Occupation

Elbassan
12 February 1917

Kavaja
24 September 1918

Kula Lums
22 October 1916



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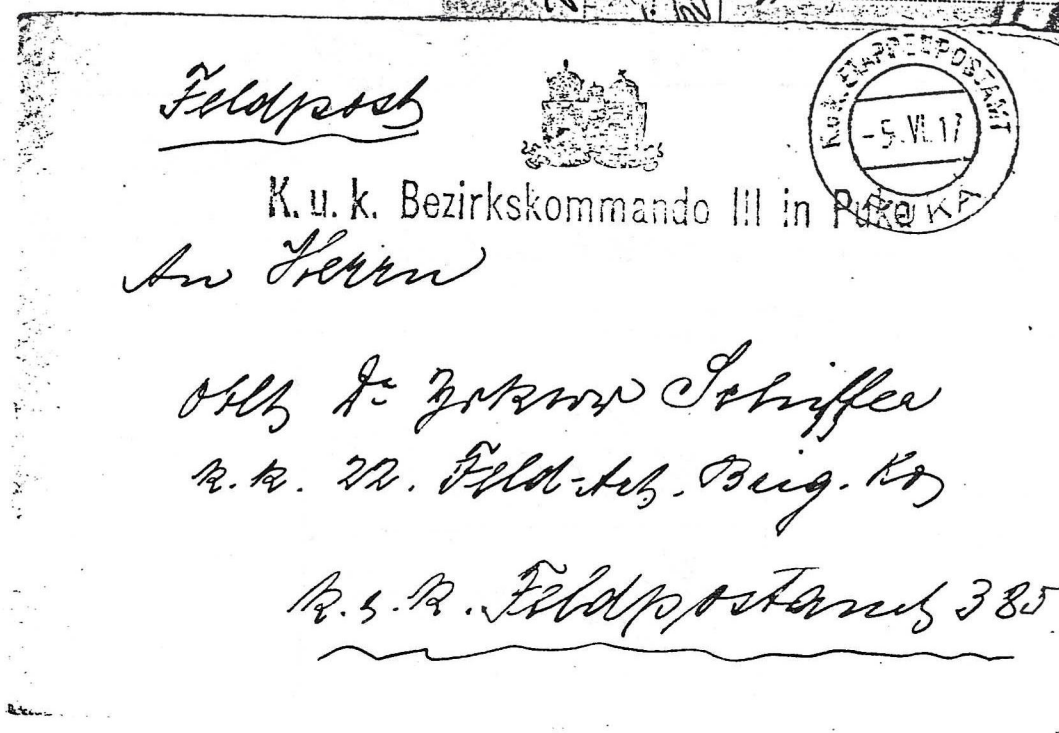
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Kavaja and Kula Lums both opened in November 1917. Note the use of the Kula Lums cds on registered cover to Vienna from a unit of the Austrian Red Cross.



Mamuras was one of the latest Etappenpost offices in Albania to open, with initial operations in March 1918; examples of its postmark are elusive.

ALBANIA
Austro-Hungarian Occupation

Schkodra
13 March 1917

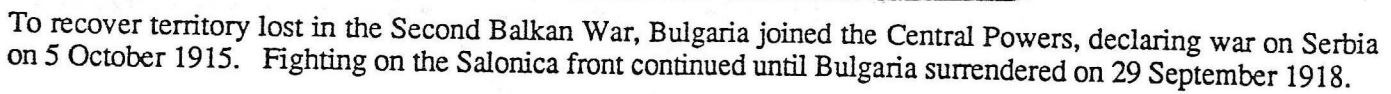
Scutari (Schkodra)
5 February 1918

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.

Field Post
8 June 1917
15 August 1918
27 June 1916



Bulgarian field post material from the wartime period is available in reasonable quantity, so only a few typical examples with unit cachets are included here. Lower card from First Army headquarters is autographed by General Bojadieff, the supreme commander of the Bulgarian Army..

TURKEY
Bulgarian Occupation

Kouleli Bourgas
8 June 1916

Odrin
15 February 1917



As an inducement for joining the Central Powers, Turkey agreed to transfer Adrianople (Odrin) and a small bit of surrounding territory to Bulgaria in the fall of 1915.

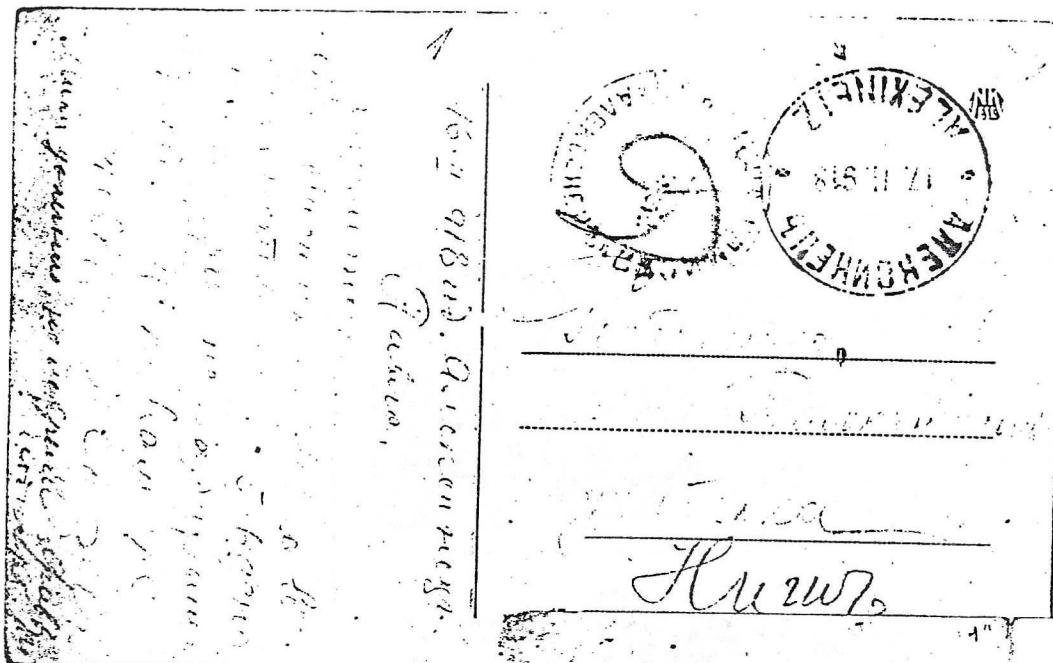
Examples of special services, e.g. money order from Kouleli Bourgas and registered letter from Odrin are scarce.

SERBIA
Bulgarian Occupation

Alexinetz
17 February 1918

Babouchnitza
30 June 1916

Bela Palanka
1 December 1916



With a joint Austro-German force attacking from the north and west as well as the Bulgarians from the east, Serbia was quickly overrun and occupied for the duration of the war. That portion of Serbia lying to the south and east of a line drawn along the Morava River to Aleksinac (Alexinetz) thence southwest to the Albanian border near Prizren was assigned to Bulgaria.

The first of an eventual 90 Bulgarian post offices in the annexed territory were opened at Kriva Palanka and Tsarevo Selo on 24 October 1915. Only Bulgarian postal paper and bilingual Cyrillic-Latin postmarks (photo-copy example shown above) were used in these offices.

SERBIA
Bulgarian Occupation

Bitolia
28 February 1916
29 July 1916



Bitolia was an exception to the general rule about the length of the occupation. It was captured by the Bulgarians on 30 December 1915 but held only until 19 November 1916 when it was retaken by the reconstituted Serbian army moving up from the Allied base at Salonica. However, that was the extent of the Serb advance, and the situation then remained stable until the final phase of the war.

Shown above are both civil and military usages from the Bulgarian occupation period.

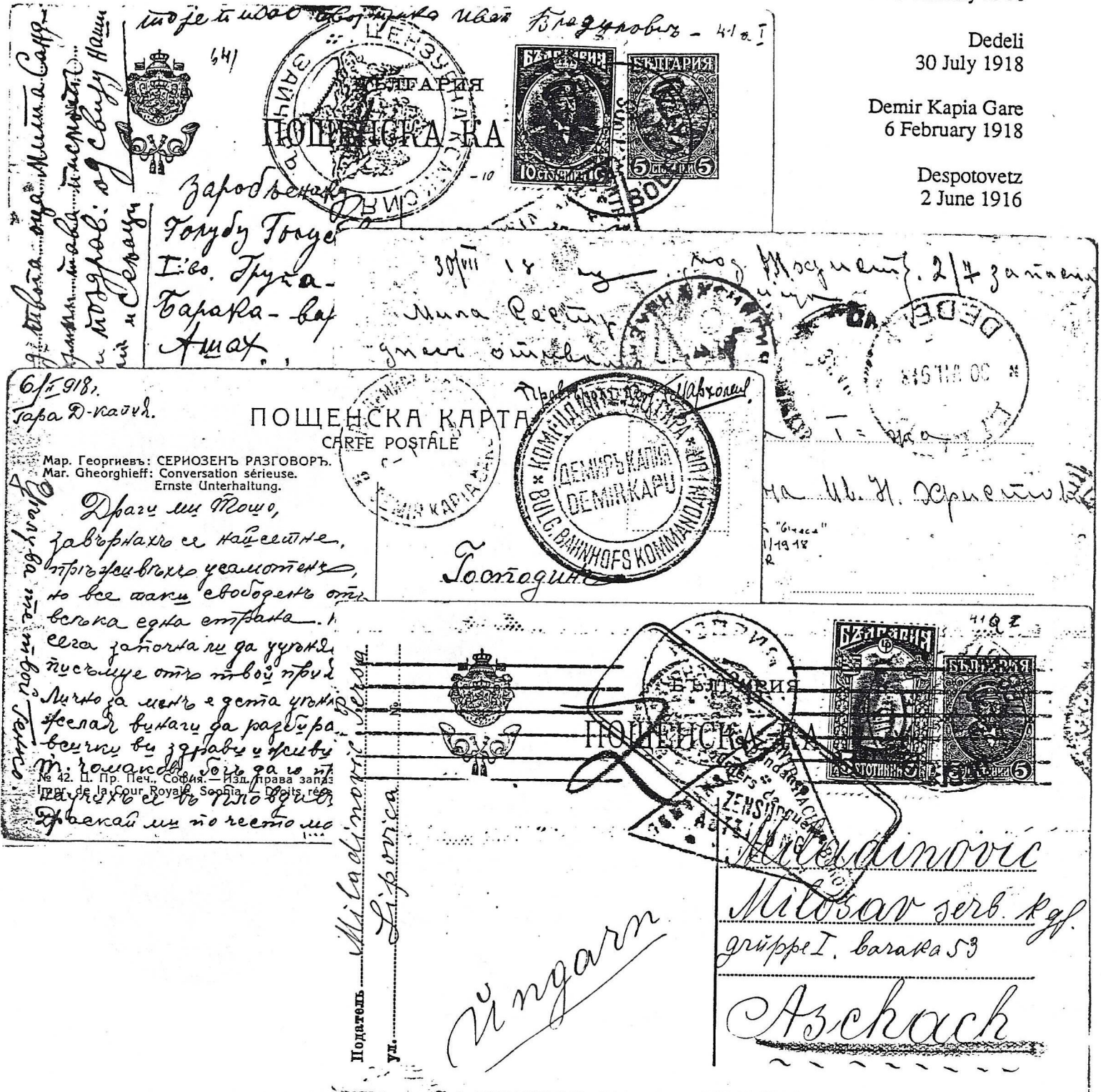
SERBIA
Bulgarian Occupation

Bolevatz
25 January 1916

Dedeli
30 July 1918

Demir Kapia Gare
6 February 1918

Despotovetz
2 June 1916



The Demir Kapia postmark shown above is an unrecorded type used at the railway station. It is accompanied by a Cyrillic-German unit marking of the "Bulgarian Railway Headquarters."

According to Rasic, Despotovac (Despotovetz) was the final Bulgarian post office to open in Serbia. However, the above example is five weeks before his opening date.

Ghiliani
23 June 1916

Chopinovy poslední akordy.
Chopins letzte Akkorde.
Les derniers accords de Chopin.
Akkordi Chopina.

Госпожица Пиколлина

918. Фернандо
(Албанид)

Mut. Co.

Quero a ver mais

ЦЕНЗУРНА КОМИТЕТЪ
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Войнички

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The Drenovo railway station postmark is one of three such markings listed in the literature. All are extremely elusive. The Ferizovo post office is unlisted in the literature; the field post card shown here has censor mark of Prishtina and transit mark of Nisch, both in occupied Macedonia.

The registered cover above from Golubac was mailed to Vienna by an Austrian military liaison officer serving with the Bulgarian forces.

SERBIA
Bulgarian Occupation

Jabare
30 January 1918

Katchanik
3 January 1917

Kavadartzi
11 May 1918



17 зр.
Жагалника на Моравската областна
Военна Инспекция



г-р. Глигор

Kotchane
24 April 1916



As typical, these post offices operated from November-December 1915 until the end of the war in the fall of 1918.

SERBIA

Bulgarian Occupation

Koumanovo
10 June 1916

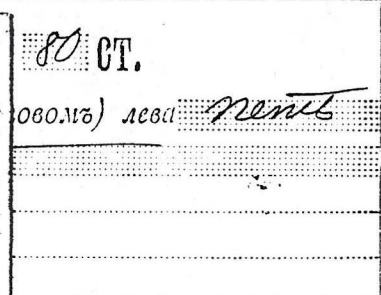
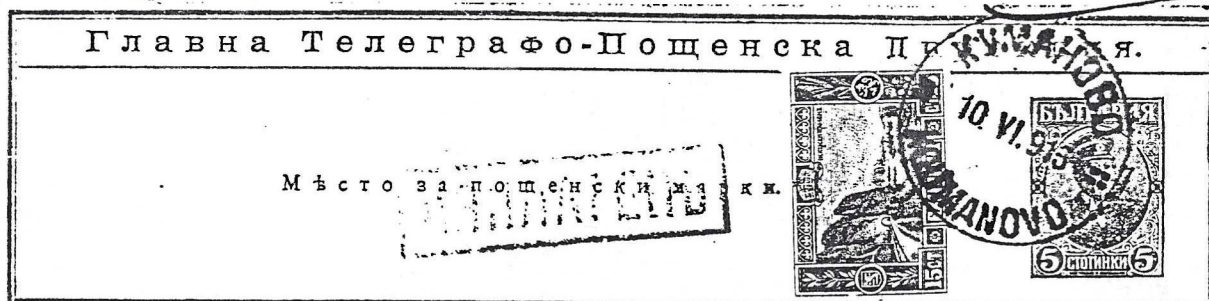
Kralevo-Selo
28 June 1916

Kratovo
16 October 1917

Lebine
2 June 1916



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SERBIA
Bulgarian Occupation

Leskovetz-Morawa
24 June 1916

Maidenpek
10 May 1916

Mina-Bor
10 October 1917

Negotine-Vardar
4 May 1916

Всемиренъ пощенски съюзъ — България
Union postale universelle — Bulgarie

Пощенска карта — Carte postale

Другата карта служи за отговоръ
La carte ci-jointe est destinée à la réponse



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Л. ☒ СТ.

(словомъ) лева *два*



Подателъ *Д-р. Маназов*
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поща *д. Маназов*
полкъ *д. Маназов*
ротъ *д. Маназов*
транспортъ *д. Маназов*
болница, лазаретъ *д. Маназов*
ескадронъ (батарея) *д. Маназов*



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ПОЩЕНСКА КАРТА



До *Господину*
Димитра Г. Ганчева
ул. Царь Борисъ 32

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