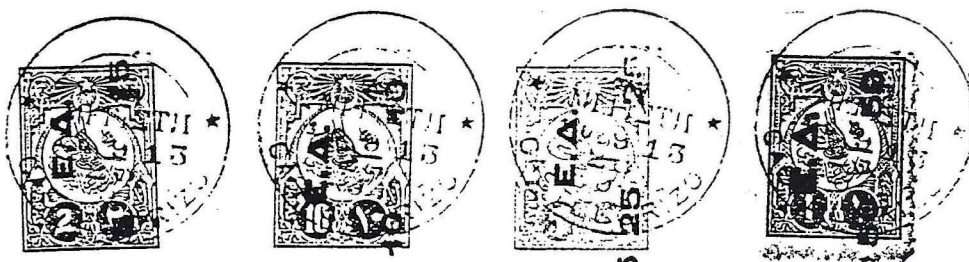
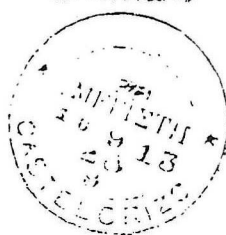


BALKAN WARS

Meyisti
15 September 1913
16 September 1913



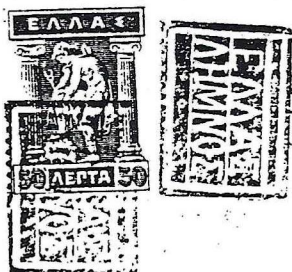
*Προς τὸν Κύριον
Χρῆστον Τιβάνον
Εἰς Λύρον*



A second local issue was prepared for Kastellorizo several months later when some of the Turkish stamps on hand were overprinted "E. D." (Greek Administration) and new values. Registered cover from Meyisti, the principal town on the island, to Rhodes has receiving mark of the Italian post office there of 30 September 1913 on reverse.

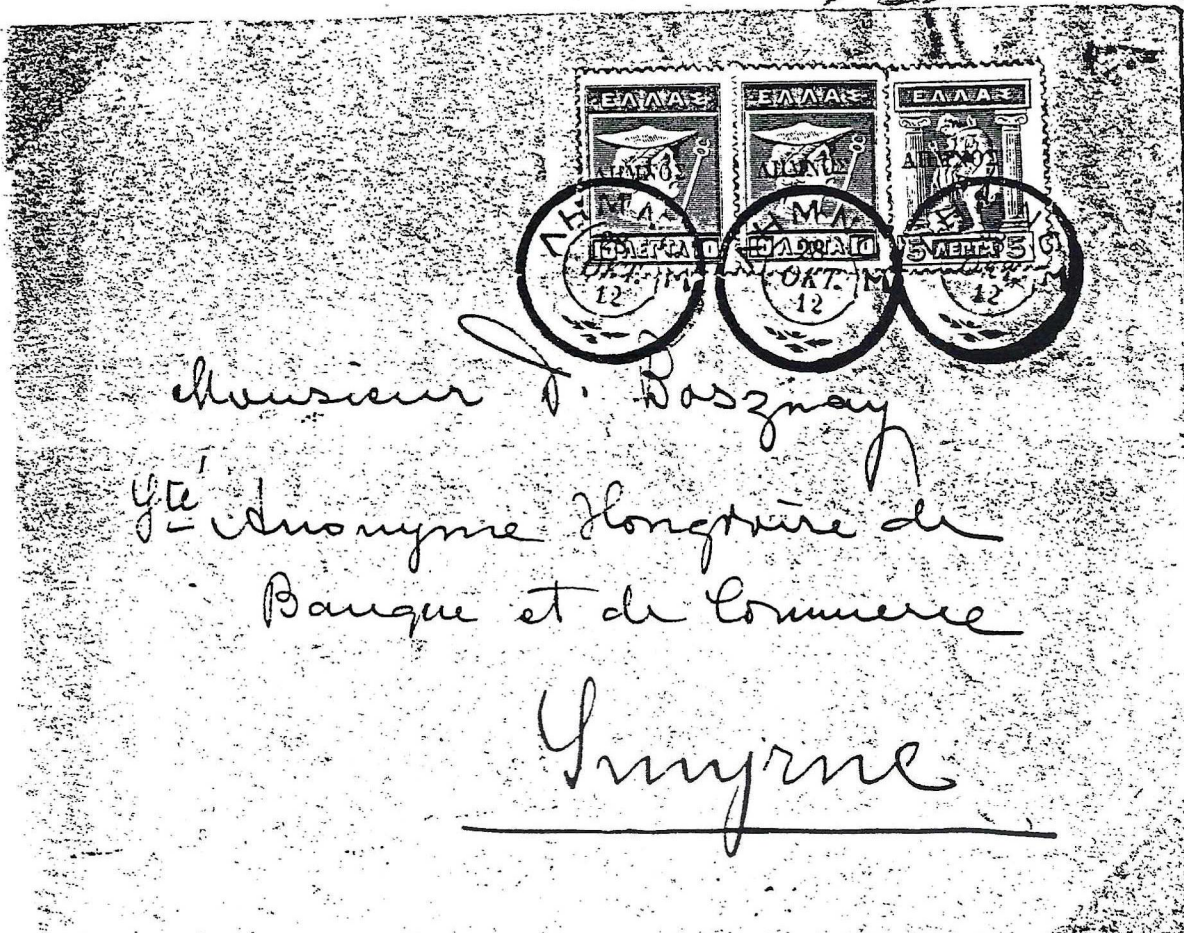
BALKAN WARS

Lemnos
28 October 1912



Kupias

Kalia Koulouropoulou



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Friday

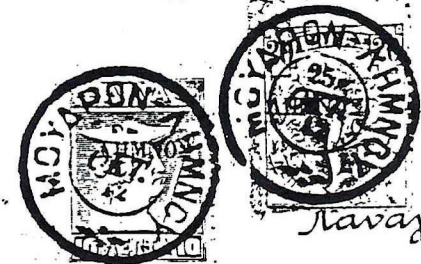
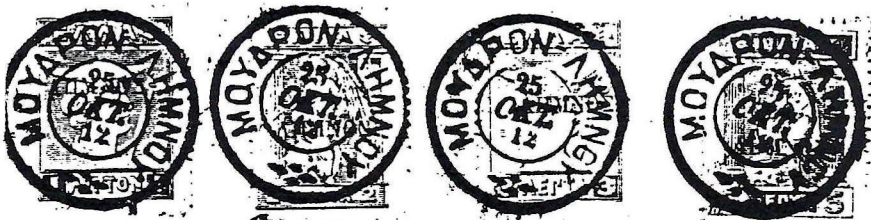
Provisional postmark reading "Greece/Lemnos" is considered to be a very early usage. The issuance of Greek stamps with overprints reading "Lemnos" commenced in late October.

BALKAN WARS

Moudros-Lemnos
25 October 1912

Moudros
16 March 1913

Kastron-Lemnos
27 March 1913



Σιόρνους -

Κύριος

Παναγιώτης Κορνωτών

✓ Αγίου Μάρτι



Λεμνός - 25 Οκτωβρίου 1912

Αλληλογράφον
ΕΛΛΑΣ - ΓΕΝ.
ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΙΚΟΝ ΔΕΛΤΙΟΝ
CARTE POSTALE



Professe
Monsieur



Monsieur

Andréa Paleologo

Kouesna

(Egypte)

John Möller
Stettin
Arminstrasse 12.
Hingans Kessingstr.
Allemagne

Most examples of the Lemnos overprints are cancelled with the Greek cds showing only the name of the island. Thus, examples shown above from the towns of Moudros and Kastron are unusual.

BALKAN WARS

Midilli
9 November 1912

Mytilene
24 November 1912
20 December 1912

The Hon^{ble}

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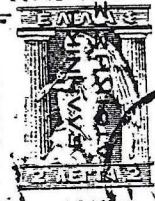
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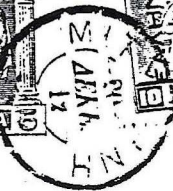
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Κυρία

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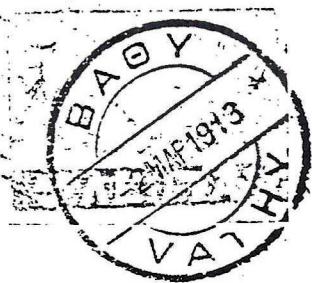


Lupina
Lupina

The military commanders of some of the Aegean Islands prepared their own postage stamps prior to the availability of the "Greek Administration" issue. One such set consisted of Turkish stamps overprinted with "Greek/Occupation/Mytilene" issued on 9 November 1912.

BALKAN WARS

Vathy
21 February 1913
2 March 1913
6 September 1913



I. XATZHIYANNIS
ΣΑΜΟΣ - ΚΑΡΛΟΒΑΣΙ

J. HADJIYANNIS
SAMOS-CARLOVASSI



ΑΡΙΘ. 610
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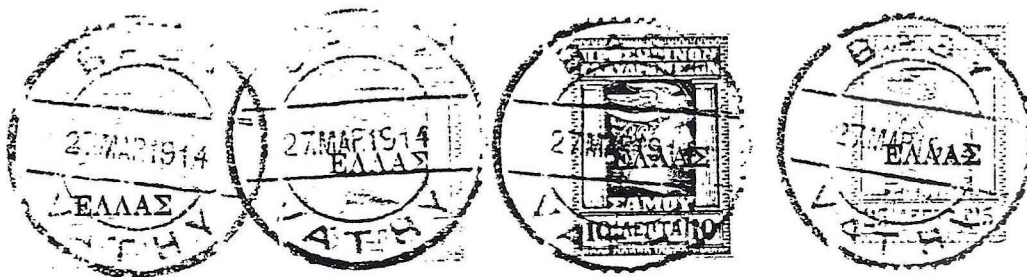
n, E. C.

gland.

The local Greek authorities on Samos provided the most elaborate philatelic record of any of the islands, with three definitive sets (showing a map, a bust of Hermes and an old fortress).

BALKAN WARS

Vathy
22 June 1913
6 September 1913
27 March 1914



Recommandé

2538

Monsieur Richard Borek

Braunschweig

Ath vathy, 5/2/13

Σ 189382
ΓΡΑΜ.

ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΙΚΟΝ

*Monsieur,
Vous avez les
timbres suivants:
1 septon
5 "*



*Mr. Leop. Krovik
4/2, Währingerstr. 50*

Vienne

Les insurgés Samiens après l'armistice au monastère de Aghia Zoni à Vlamari.

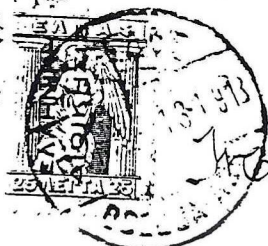


In addition, the local issues produced for the island were then overprinted "Ellas (Greece)" to more fully denote the transfer of sovereignty.

BALKAN WARS

Tenedos
13 January 1913
11 April 1914

RECOMMANDÉE



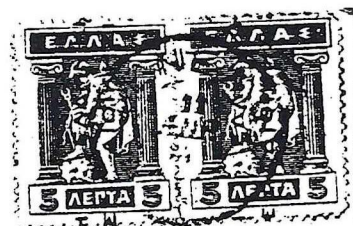
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Monsieur Ernest Gallis
Directeur de la C^{ie} des Lamps
Cantray

Egypte

Kor



Βασίλειος Σαλμάν

26 Απριλίου 1914

Αδελφός

Διάνα Τυρηνή Τραπεζία

There were no special postage stamps for the island of Tenedos. However, the Greek authorities temporarily used a provisional postmark for the town of Bozdja Ada and adding "Greece" in the middle line to denote the transfer of authority. Later, a standard Greek cds was introduced.

BALKAN WARS

Thasos
December 1912
5 January 1913



ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΙΚΟΝ ΔΕΛΤΑΡΙΟΝ
ΔΙΑ ΤΟ ΕΣΩΤΕΡΙΚΟΝ

Επὶ τῆς ἀποστολῆς ταύτης ὑποβάλλεται μόνον ἡ ἐκδοτικὴ



No special postage stamps were issued for the island of Thasos, which lies south of the port of Kavala. However, a straight-line provisional postmark was used in the early period after liberation. Later, a standard Greek cds was introduced, shown above on "Greek Administration" overprinted postal card.

BALKAN WARS

Kavalla
27 July 1913

Drama
5 August 1913

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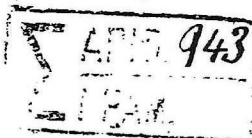
As a result of the Second Balkan War, Greece extended its eastern frontier to the lower Maritsa River, thus including the districts of Drama and Kavalla. The Treaty of Bucharest also confirmed the Greek annexation of various Aegean Islands, including Thasos, Lemnos, Mytilene, Chios, Samos, Ikaria and Crete. Imbros and Tenedos were returned to Turkey.

BALKAN WARS

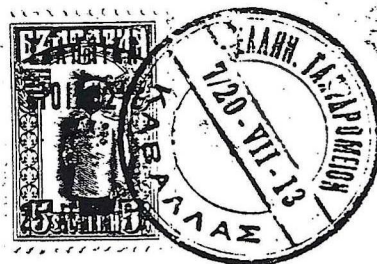
Kavalla
16 July 1913
20 July 1913



Monsieur
Ant. Vassel *for*
Bureau Imp. Ott.
Poste autrichienne



Supreme



Καβάλα
Αρχειοφύλαξ
Ναυπηγείο

A new type of postmark was introduced in Kavalla after the capture of the city from the Bulgarians. The stamp overprinted "Greek Administration/25 lepta" is mentioned in the Michel catalogue as an "illegal" issue but in the confusion of the times, it was accepted -- in this case on a cover backstamped in Piraeus on 11 August.

Dedeagatch
July 1913Gumuldjina
August 1913

In connection with the Second Balkan War, Greek forces occupied all of Western Thrace. In the confusion, provisional stamps were issued for two of the major cities. Cover above is backstamped for arrival at Salonica on 29 July 1913.

BANQUE DE SALONIQUE

I. G. No. 19



Monnien

Paul Amar



M...

Alex Argyropoulos

6 Bz Amalie

Athènes

On 24 July 1914, a new set was issued consisting of Bulgarian stamps overprinted "Greek Administration Dedeagatch" and new values in Greek currency. Upper cover with straight-line cancel is backstamped for arrival in Salonica on 29 July. Lower cover with Greek cds is backstamped in Athens on 3 August 1913.

Σοσιουβλντσε

αριθ. 150

ΔΕΔΕΑΓΑΤΣ

Καθυσταλντσε

Κυβερν

ΠΡΟΣΩΡΙΝΟΝ

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ

ΔΙΟΙΚΗΣΙΣ

ΔΕΔΕΑΓΑΤΣ

40 ΛΕΠΤΑ 40

ΔΕΔΕΑΓΑΤΣ

Ιωάννου Κ. Βασιλείου

Ταλντσε

Ιωάννου

Σοσιουβλντσε

αριθ. 143

ΔΕΔΕΑΓΑΤΣ

Κυβερν

ΔΕΔΕΑΓΑΤΣ

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ΔΕΔΕΑΓΑΤΣ

25 ΛΕΠΤΑ 25

Κυβερν/τιον Καρλαβιτς

Δουβλινου 6

Δια Τ. Σ. Σλαβντσε

Περαια

Two final sets of provisionals were issued for Dedeagatch in September 1913. (Above covers are backstamped for arrival in Janina and Piraeus, respectively, on the 24th.) This issue was in use only briefly in Dedeagatch as the city was returned to Bulgarian authority on 1 October 1913 under the terms of the Treaty of Bucharest.

BALKAN WARS
Naval Mail

Cruiser "G. Averoff"
April 1913



Cover mailed from the Greek cruiser *Georges Averoff* stationed at Lemnos. Franked with 10 lepta in "Lemnos" overprints. Receiving mark of Piraeus dated 20 April 1913. Balkan War naval mail is very unusual.

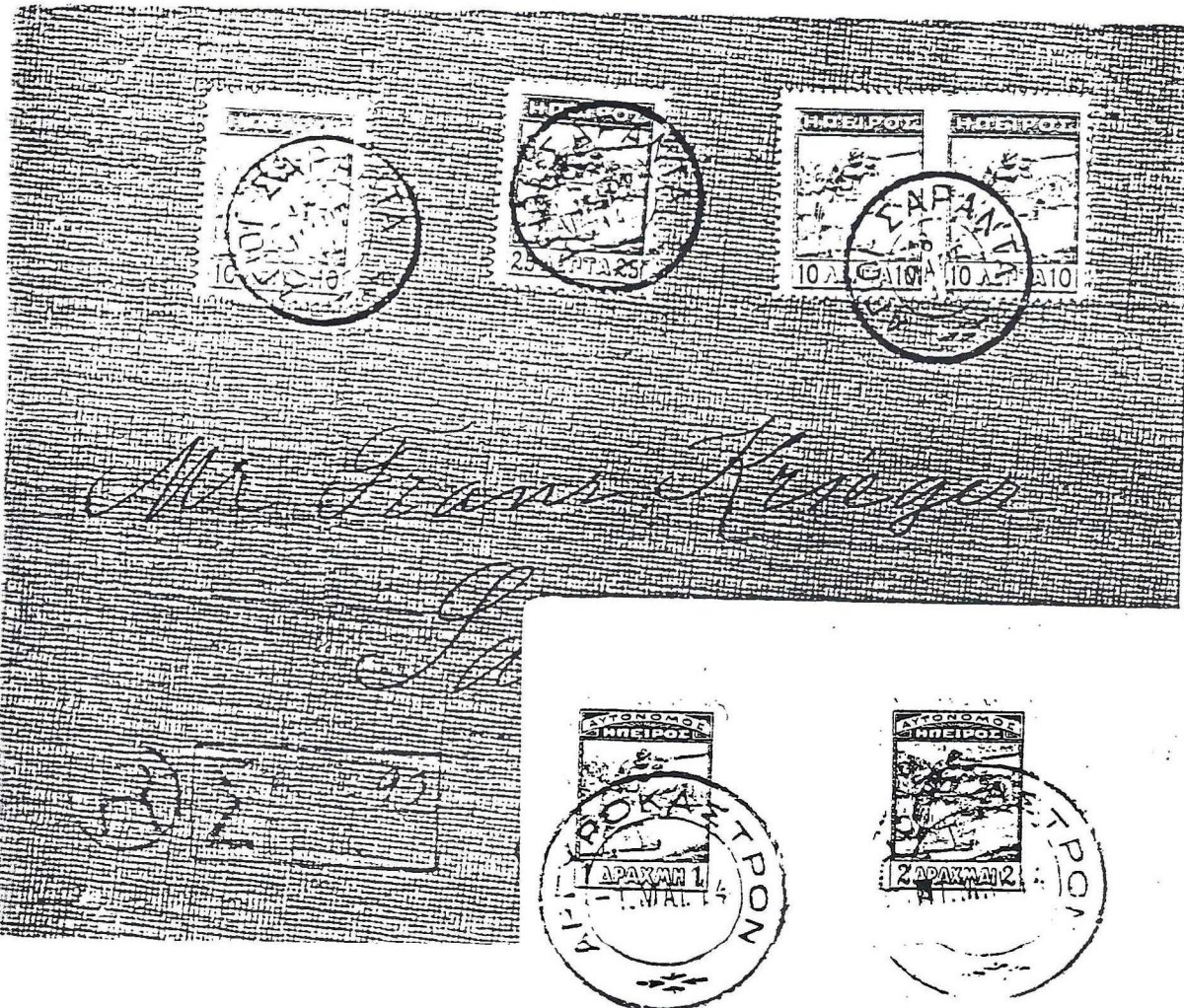
EPIRUS

Although the European Powers forced the withdrawal of the Greek army from northern Epirus in December 1913, the ethnic Greek inhabitants did not wish to become a part of Albania. As a result, on 17 February 1914 the Autonomous Republic of Epirus was proclaimed.

Autonomous Republic

Ayii Saranda
18 March 1914

Argyrocastro
1 May 1914



Σ ΑΠΘ. 365
 ΓΡΑΜ.

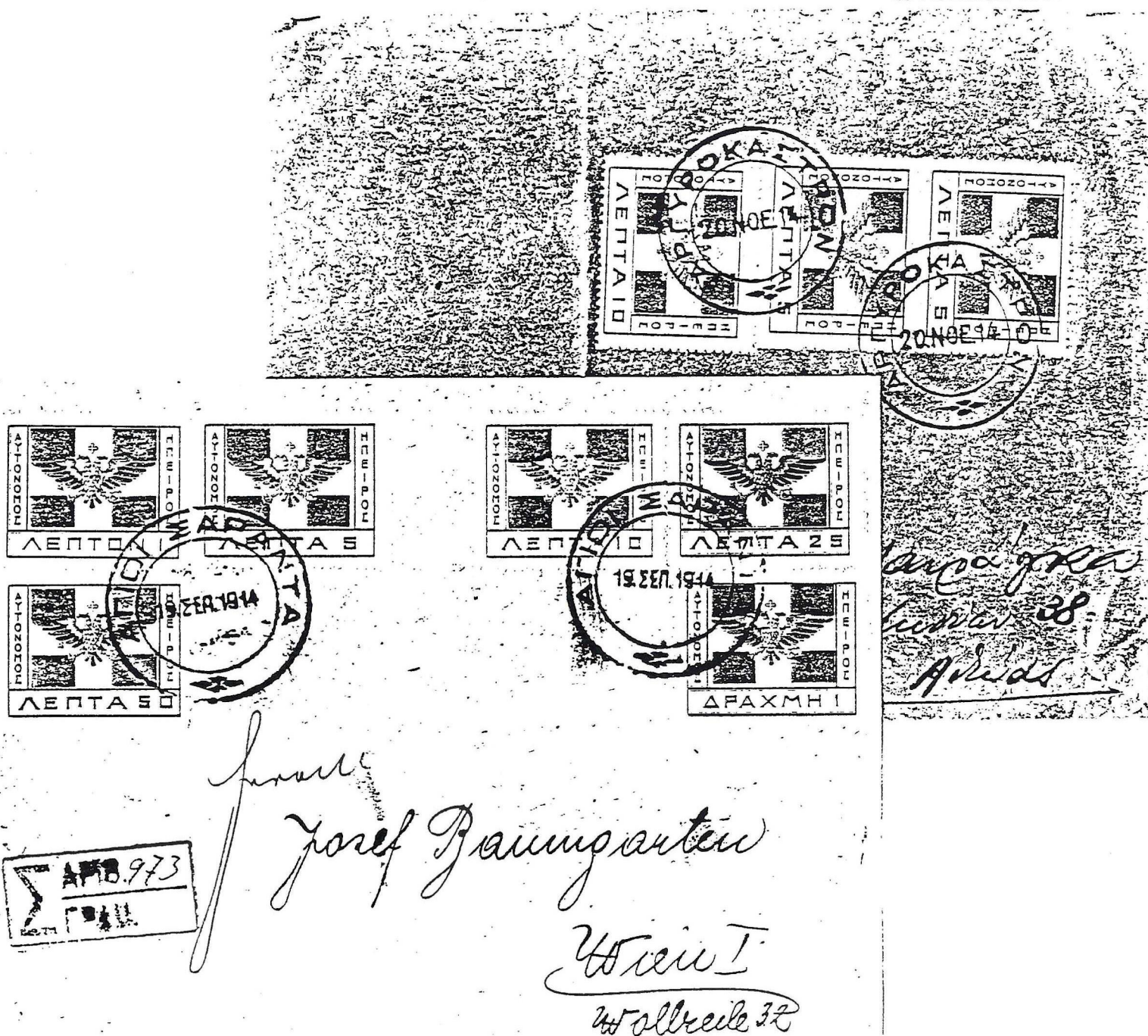
Kupor
 Myrtingi J. N. L. Kupor
 Taximor Vassilopoulos
 Vassilopoulos

On 5 March, the first two stamps, inscribed "Epirus," were placed on sale, augmented by six additional denominations inscribed "Autonomous Epirus" three weeks later.

EPIRUS
Autonomous Republic

Ayii Saranda
19 September 1914

Argyrokastro
20 November 1914



A second official issue, depicting the flag of the Autonomous Republic, was placed on sale on 28 August 1914. This set had a short life because World War I had broken out and the Allies were fearful of an advance southward by the Central Powers. Thus, they invited the Greek army to return to southern Albania in December 1914. This change led to the replacement of the Republic's stamps by an overprinted Greek issue.