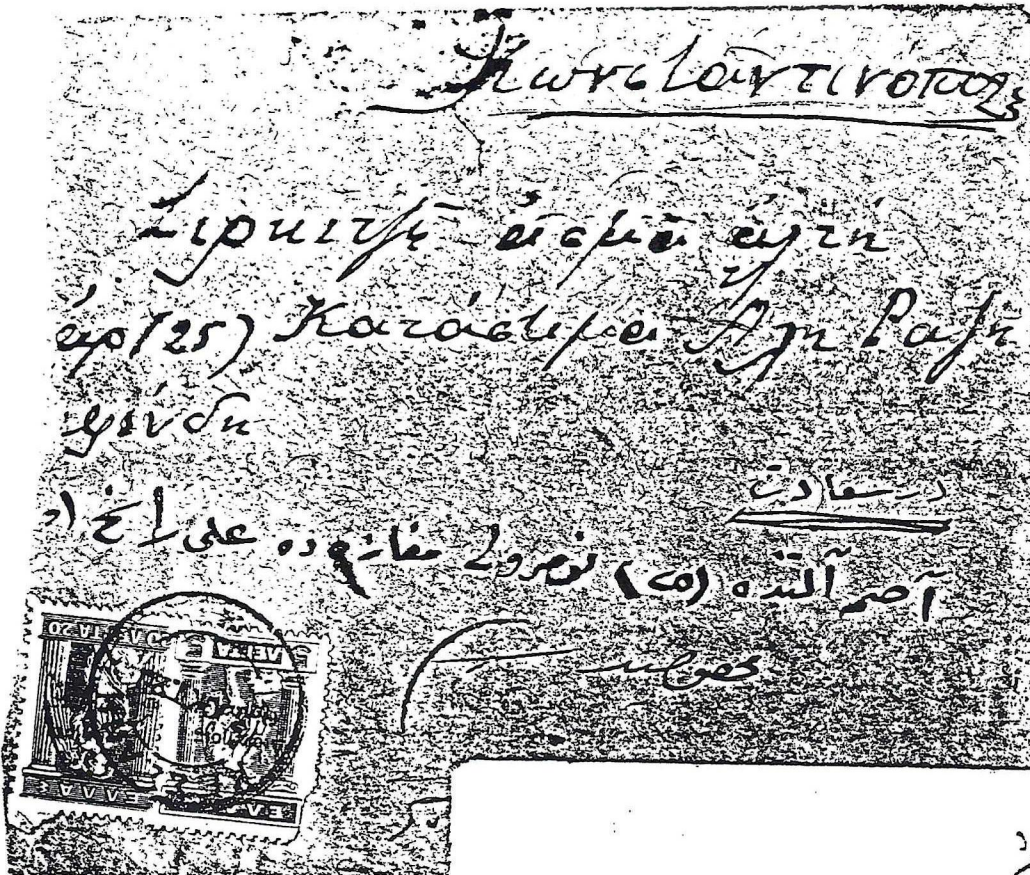


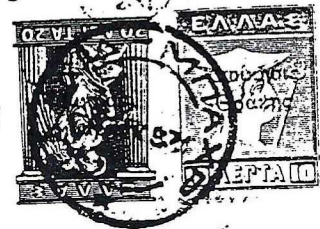
EASTERN THRACE

Kessani
30 October 1920

Kilid-Mpachr
3 December 1921



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41 Σεπτεμβριου 47
Αθηναι



"Administration of Thrace" overprints used on covers from Kessani (Turkish = Kesan) and Kilid-Mpachr (Turkish = Kilitbahir), the latter located near the tip of the Gallipoli Peninsula.

EASTERN THRACE

Makra Gefira
4 October 1921

Malgara
27 February 1921

Muriofiton
1 March 1921

Ορφανόν Κρίνον

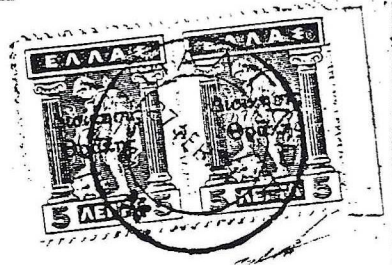
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Σεβαστί μου θείε
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εορτή σου ήχομεθα
ένι πορτα και ήνυχή.

Σόν ήσπαστομον
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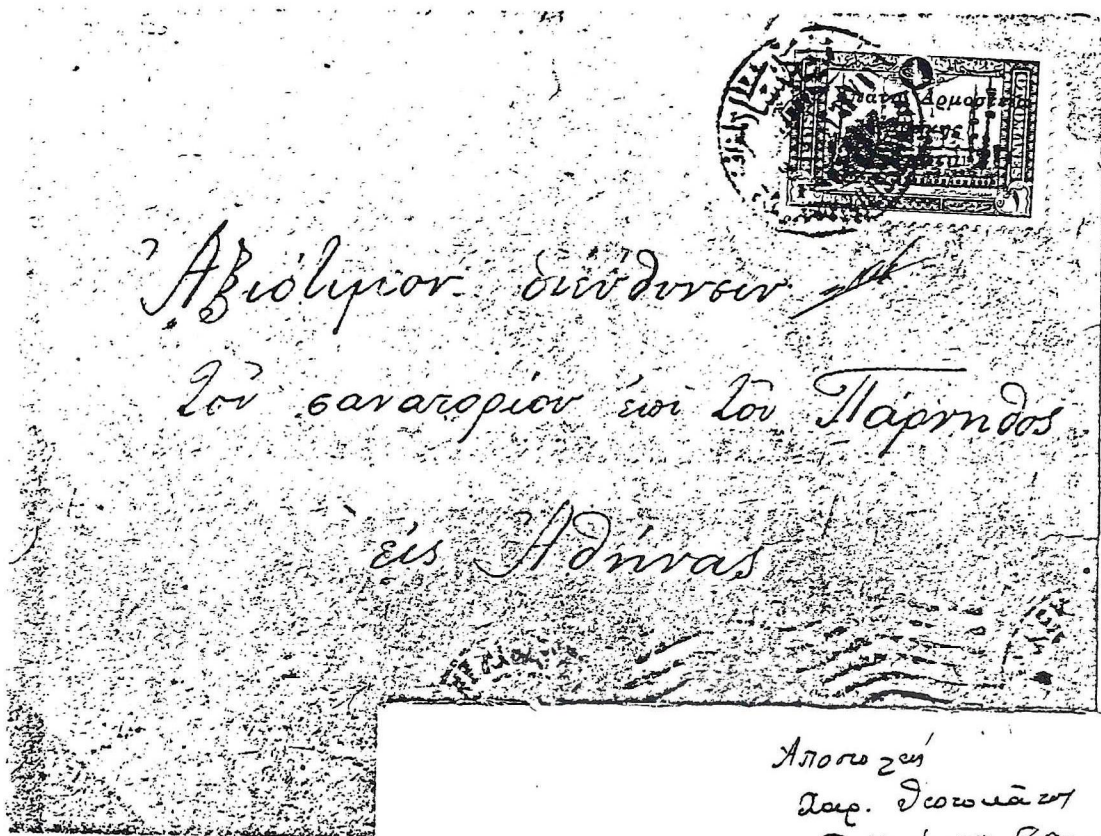
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κ. Εμ. Ανδρεάδη
Αρχαία Πύλη
Εκ Σέρρας.

Overprints used on covers from Makra Gefira (Turkish = Uzunköprü), Malgara (Turkish = Malkara) and Muriofiton (Turkish = Murefte).

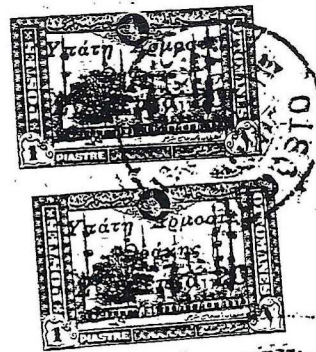
EASTERN THRACE

Kirk-Kilisse
24 August 1920

Rodosto
13 August 1920



Αποστολὴ
ἀπὸ Γεωργίου
Προϊστάμενου καὶ Ραιδεστίου
Ραιδεστίου



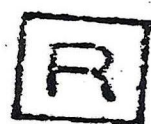
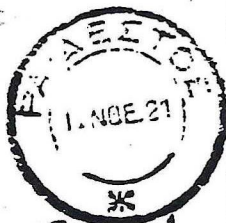
More early usages of Turkish stamps with "Thrace" overprints and old Turkish cancels from Kirkklareli (Greek = Saranta Ekklesia) and Tekirdag (Greek = Raideostos).

EASTERN THRACE

Raideostos
11 November 1921

Saranta Ekklesia
11 June 1921

Prodouts Nyrdahl
20. Rue de la Rochefoucauld
Paris
France



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Νύριον

Νικόλαον Νικολαΐδου
Βουρσίνης 4/Σινγρούρ

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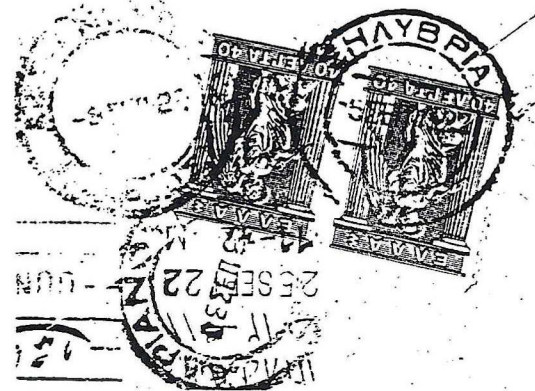
Covers from Raideostos (Turkish = Tekirdag) and Saranta Ekklesia (Turkish = Kirkclareli). Note that the old Ottoman names were Rodosto and Kirk-Kilisse, respectively.

EASTERN THRACE

Sidirochori
21 June 1922

Silivria
5 September 1922

Skopos
5 March 1922

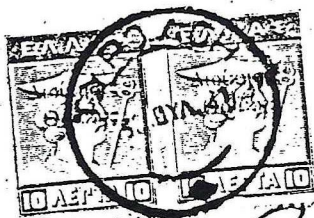


Covers from some of the smallest towns: Sidirochori (Turkish = Demirkoy), Silivria (Silivri) and Skopos (Uskup).

EASTERN THRACE

Tiroloi
30 July 1921

Vrusi
31 May 1921



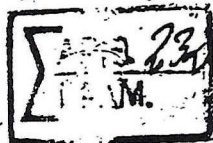
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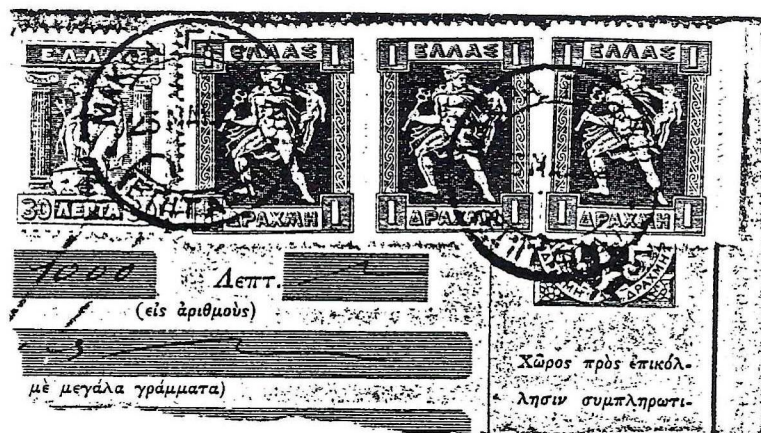
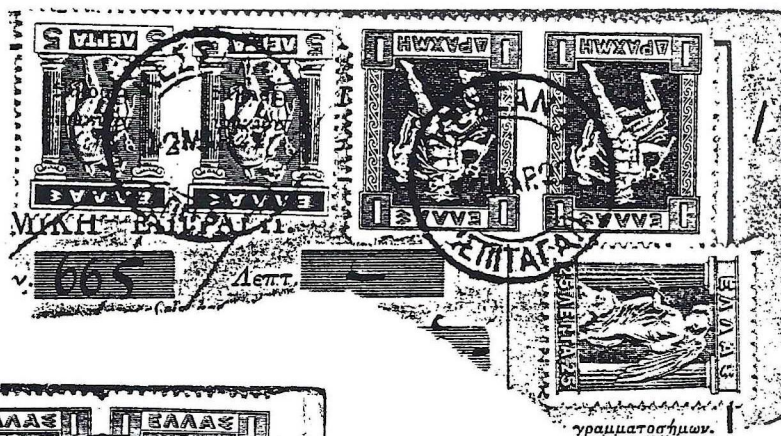
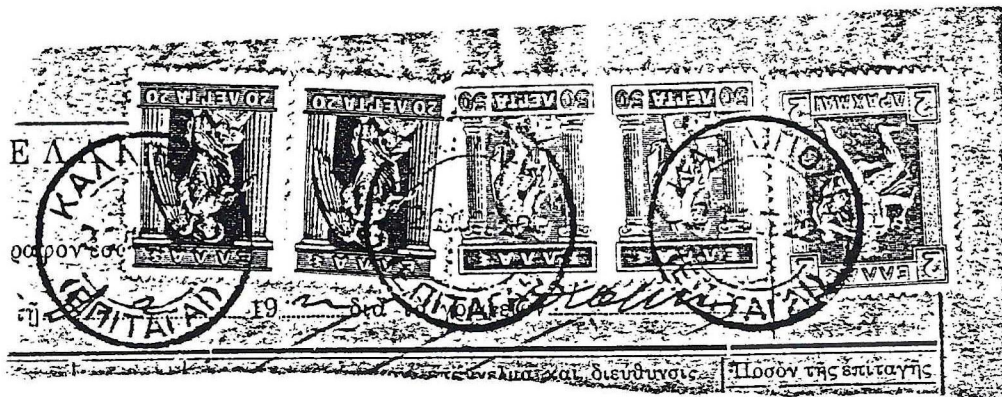
Covers from two additional minor towns: Tiroloi (Turkish = Corlu) and Vrusi (Turkish = Cerkeskoy).

EASTERN THRACE
Money Order Postmarks

Kallipolis
 21 February 1922

Kessani
 12 March 1922

Makra Gefira
 25 May 1922



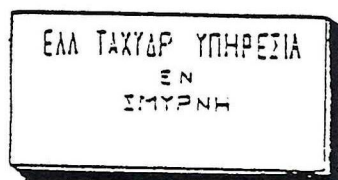
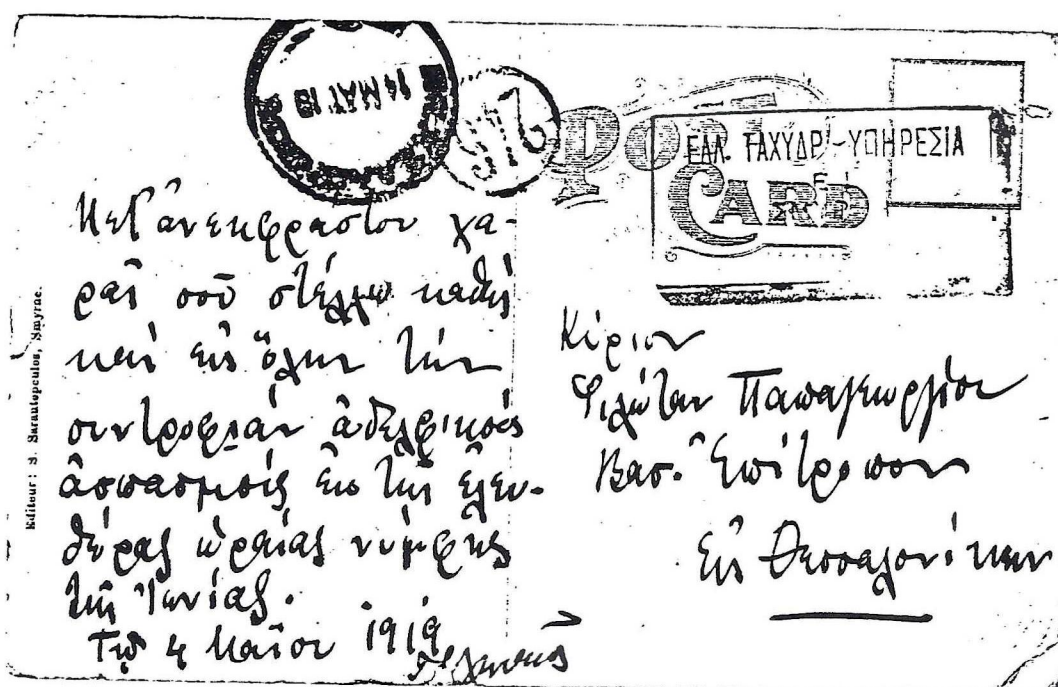
Some of the larger towns had special postmarks inscribed "Epitagai" at the bottom, which were used to cancel the postage on money order receipts.

A few of the larger towns had special postmarks inscribed "Demata" at the bottom, which were used to cancel the postage on parcel cards.

ASIA MINOR

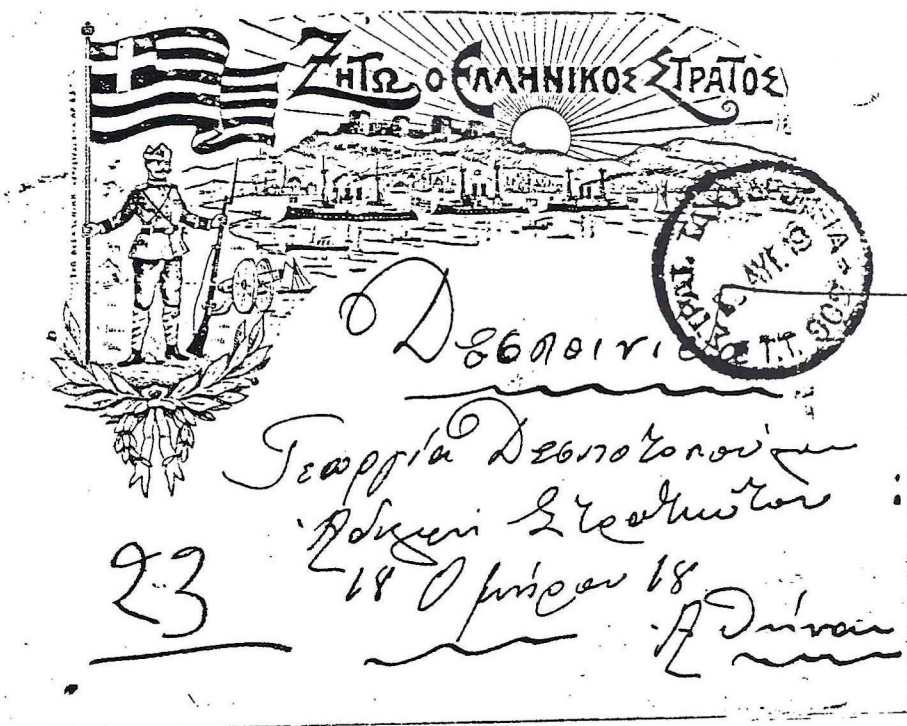
Driven by the desire to bring as many Greek-populated communities as possible under the Hellenic crown, Greece claimed the western portion of Anatolia in the peace negotiations. Encouraged by Britain and France, who wished to permanently weaken Turkey, a Greek expeditionary force landed at Smyrna on 2 May 1919 and took possession of the surrounding area, which was formally allotted to Greece under the Treaty of Sevres signed by the Ottoman government on 10 August 1920. However, in the following year the Greek army advanced much further to the east than originally contemplated. Thus, its supply line became overextended, and the troops were highly vulnerable to a Turkish counterattack. When it came, the ensuing Greek retreat turned into a rout. Eventually, the remaining forces were evacuated from the Erythrai Peninsula on 16 September 1922.

Smyrna
14 May 1919

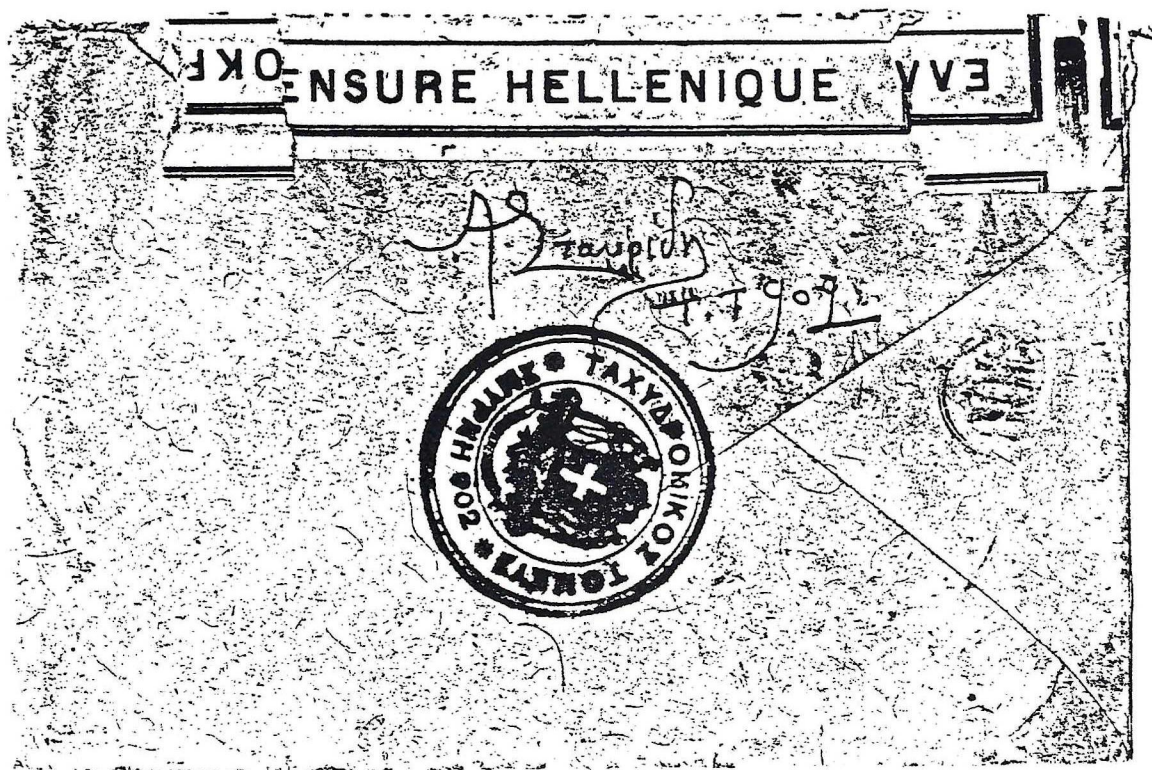


Undated rectangular boxed postmark for military mail reads "Greek Post Office/in/Smyrna." It was used only during the first two months of the Asia Minor campaign.

A military postal service was immediately available for the expeditionary corps in Anatolia. The postcard shown above is an extremely early usage of this service, being datelined only two days after the landing. Receiving mark is 14 May at Salonica.



Patriotic envelope inscribed "Long Live the Greek Army" with scene of warships in Smyrna harbor.



The Greek army in Asia Minor spent the summer of 1919 consolidating its position in the area around Smyrna. The military postal agency at the army headquarters was designated as field post office 902. The typical postmark and cachet of this agency are shown on the covers above.

ASIA MINOR

FPO 902

28 August 1919

10 December 1919

23 May 1920

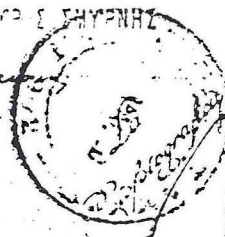
Received 20 March 1920

Q. Zhang Jun

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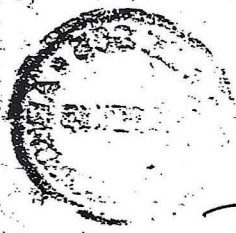


ADDRESS ONLY

Να δώσω
ἐγχείρησιν
Μαρίου Περόδασμαχαι

Неисполн.
Несудебно
Кружок

26. To: W. H. H. H. H.



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James L. Jeff

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As the headquarters for all military activity in Asia Minor, a wide variety of units were stationed in Smyrna and used FPO 902. Above examples show unit cachets of "Military Court," "Commisariat of the Garrison" and "Greek Red Cross Mission," all with Smyrna location specifically designated.

Air Force Mail
23 April 1920
6 August 1922

POST CARD

Εξουσιέ' μου λαοῦ

ἡδ' ὡς ἀντανασταῖς μου ὁ Χρῖστος
αὐτοῦ ἐξείκησ' ἐπακούει.

Εὐχαριστοῦμαι πάντοτε

Εὐχ. εἰς πάντα

Ἰωάννης Γρηγόριος

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Special Airpostals
Spain M.C.
T. T. 902

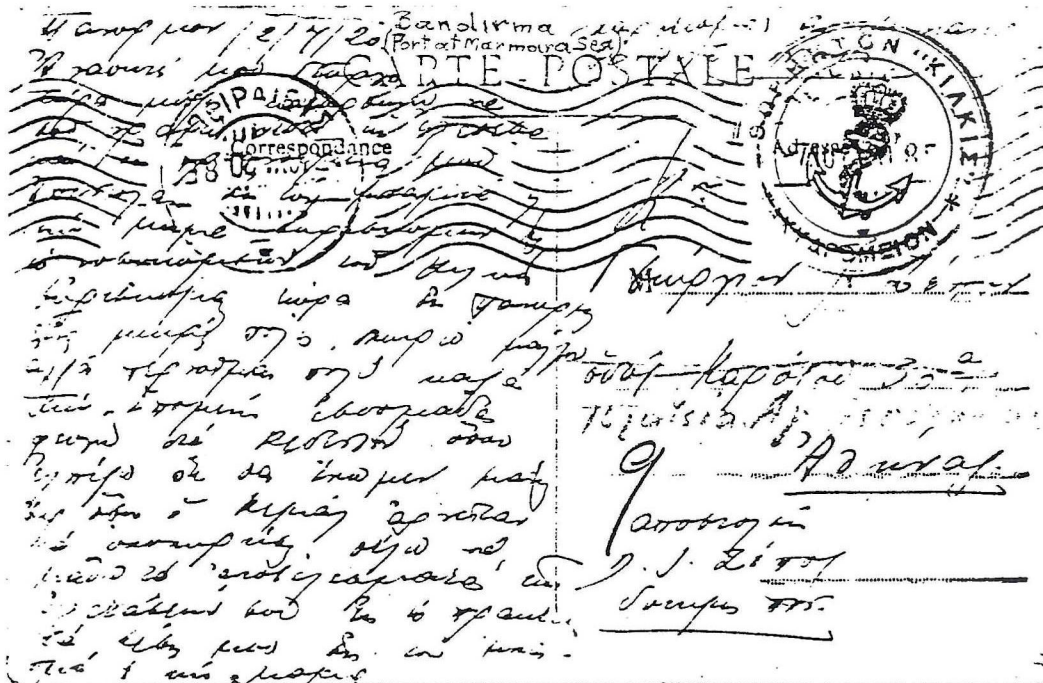


Very few covers indicating origination from air force units have been recorded from the Asia Minor campaign, so that examples are highly prized by aviation collectors.

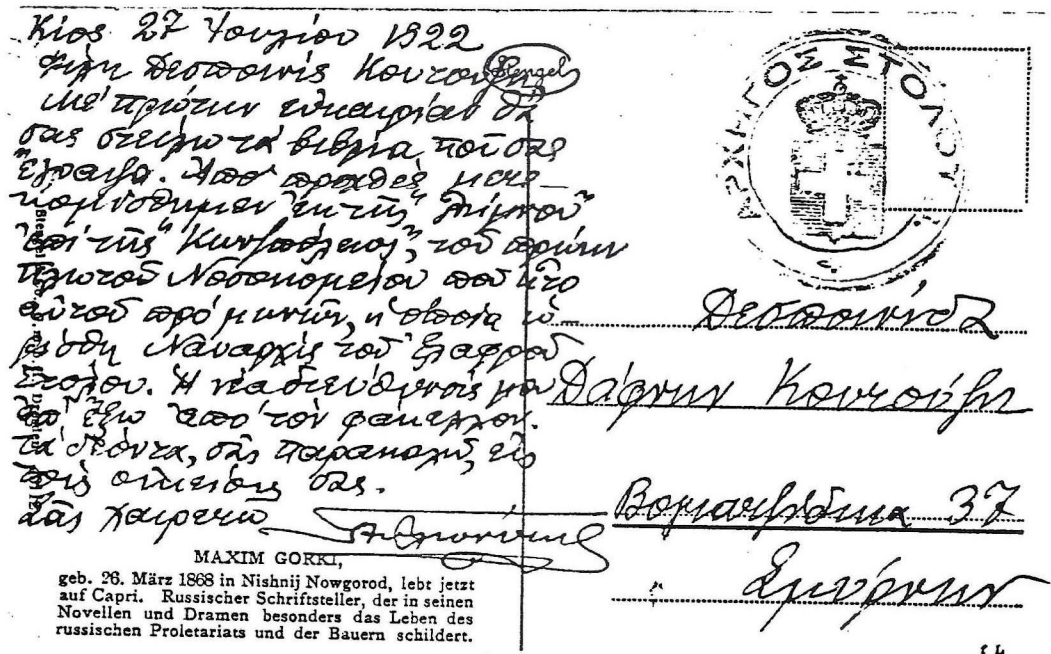
ASIA MINOR

Naval Mail
2 July 1920
27 June 1922

From HHMS Kilkis - datelined at Panormos (Bandirma)



From "Chief of Fleet" - datelined at Kios (Izmit)

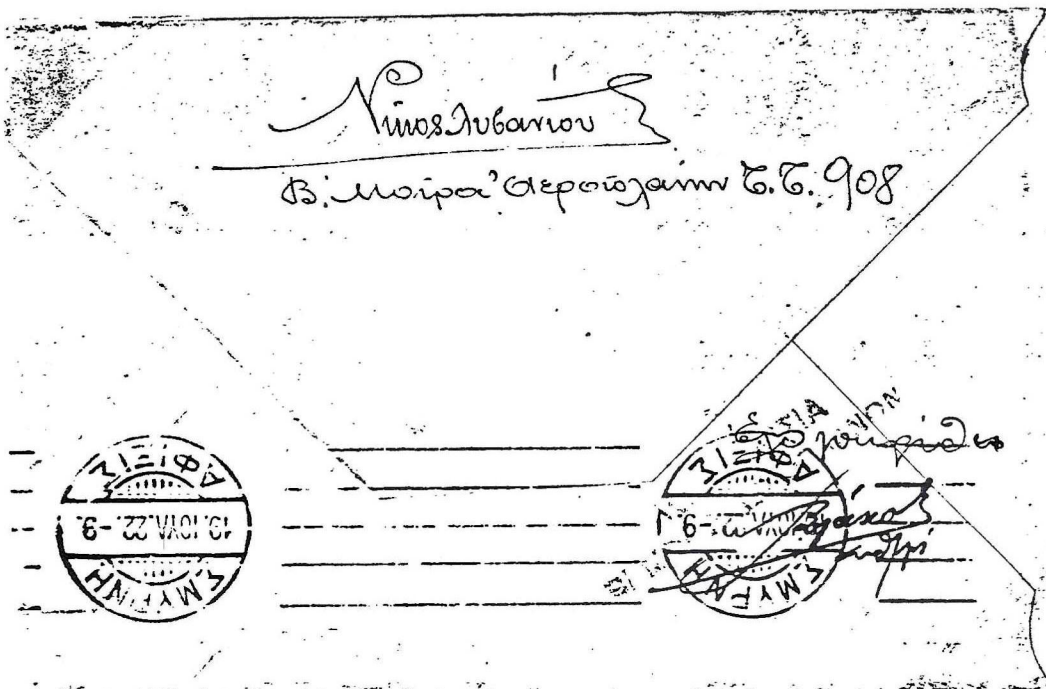
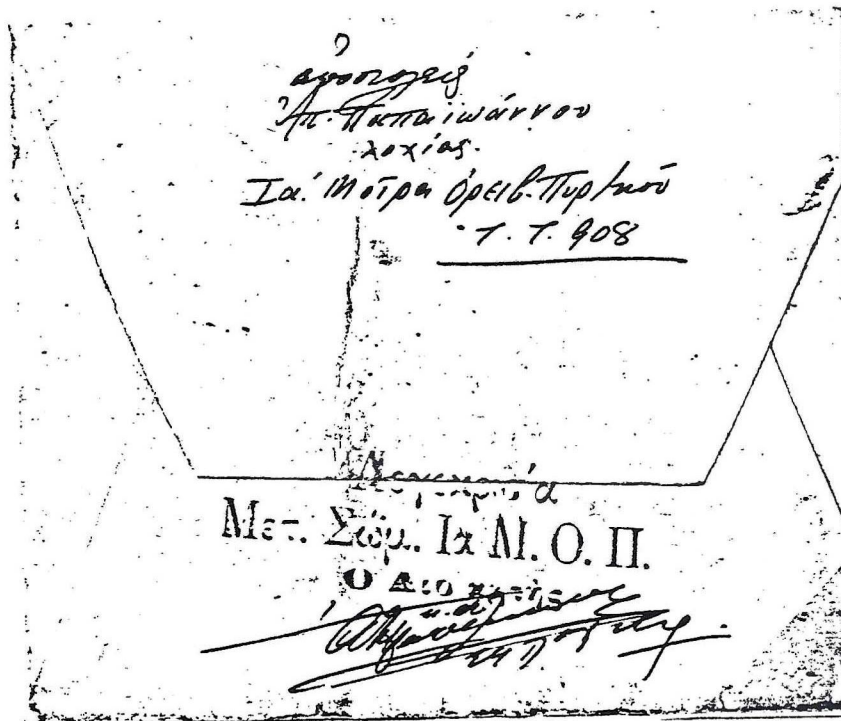


Examples of naval mail from the Asia Minor campaign are elusive as Turkey did not have any warships involved.

ASIA MINOR
Unit Censor Markings

FPO 908
1 October 1919

FPO 908
16 July 1922



Censor markings of specific units are very unusual. Upper cover from FPO 908 (Smyrna suburbs) to FPO 903 (Acharion) has three-line censor marking "1st Mountain Artillery Group." Lower cover from FPO 908 (at Paradhissi airfield between Smyrna and Sivrihisar) to Smyrna has two-line censorship of the "B Aviation Unit."

ASIA MINOR
Censorship Labels

Panormos
Smyrne



Censorship labels with designated locations were also used on occasion, but rarely so based on the very limited number seen by exhibitor. Examples above are from Panormos and Smyrne, the latter bilingual Greek/French. The example from Panormos also has a censor cachet reading "Greek Military Censor" as on the label, that was used to cancel the stamps.

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Letter from a Turkish POW in Kioutahia camp to Constantinople. The Large circular marking says "Military Censorship Kioutahia/S.D.K." Single line black marking reads "Aichmalotos (Prisoner)."

