

# THE HELLENIC RURAL POSTAL SERVICE

## 1843 (Municipal Post) - 20th Century

### i. Municipal Postmen (1843 - end of 19th C.)

The postal service for villages without a Post Office began in 1843 (*page 9*). Essentially, it was a collaboration between the Post Office and Local Self-government. Municipalities appointed a municipal employee (selected by the General Directorate of Post Offices) who would collect official and private correspondence from the Municipality and forward it to the serving Post Office, and vice versa.

Each postman had an individual serial number, and most carried a numbered stamp marked "ΔΤ" which, only during the initial period of the this service, was placed on each Municipality's mailbox. Senders or recipients were not charged an additional fee for this service, i.e., for the route to and from the Post Office (unlike in France, where there was a 10-centime fee, known as the "1d").

According to the service's needs, some changes occurred (such as the creation or elimination of Municipal Postman routes, changes to Post Office locations, adjustments in route or delivery frequency). Additional routes were also introduced, especially with the integration of the Ionian Islands.

In 1861, with the introduction of postage stamps, the operation of the service did not change; however, municipal postmen now carried stamps which they would affix to letters (and occasionally cancel).

The service gradually declined, and by the late 19th century, we no longer see Municipal Postman markings on correspondence. The latest date I have encountered is 1888, on an envelope with a Small Head (*page 16*), and there are also Athenian Small Heads with official stamps (*page 9*). At the turn of the century, we still find letters addressed to settlements with the sender's note "*under the care of the Mayor...*".

### ii. Rural Postal Service of Old Greece (≥1911)

In 1911, the Greek Rural Postal Service began operations, establishing 600 routes, and the postal mailmen were equipped with a numbered, dotted, rhomboid cancelation within a frame. Although there was prior experience from the Cretan State, the evidently higher costs did not allow for an immediate order of numbered date stamps with a left-facing posthorn design, which was standardized shortly before World War II (*page 99*). The replacement of the dotted cancelations was only fully completed in 1955!

Due to the service's long operational period, numerous changes occurred across all Greek postal routes.

### iii. Rural Postal Service of Cretan State (1900-1912)

With the establishment of the Cretan Post, the Rural Postal Service was introduced, organized by K. Marinos, the Director of the Greek Postal Service, and it began operating in April 1900. The initiative appears to have been particularly successful.

A total of 79 (+1?) routes operated before the union with Greece, and the rural mailmen were equipped with numbered, dotted, rhomboid cancelations, which were replaced in 1907 with numbered date stamps featuring a right-facing posthorn, a distinctive mark of the Service.

### iv. Rural Postal Service of New Territories (>1913, >1920)

With the various expansions and annexations of Greek territory (such as the Balkan Wars and Western Thrace), many new rural routes were added. Before World War II, there were 999 available route numbers, not including the duplicate numbers from the "Cretan" numbering, which began to be integrated in 1946.

### v. Special Cases & Curiosities

### vi. Rural Postal Service in Temporarily Occupied Areas

A unique and significant chapter in Greek postal history involves the temporary occupations of territories in what is now Albania and Turkey, particularly during the Balkan Wars, as well as in Northern Epirus, the High Commission of Smyrna, and Eastern Thrace.

### vii. Foreign Rural Postal Services in the Helladic Territory

In Greek territory, a rural postal service operated with special postmarks under various administrations: the Ottoman Administration, the Bulgarian (1913-1919, 1941-1944), and the Inter-Allied Administration (Thrace, 1919-1920). Additionally, during the Italian Occupation of the Ionian Islands (with Italian stamps) and Eastern Crete, the service continued to function normally.

! : unique, ! : 2-3 recorded, ! : extremely important

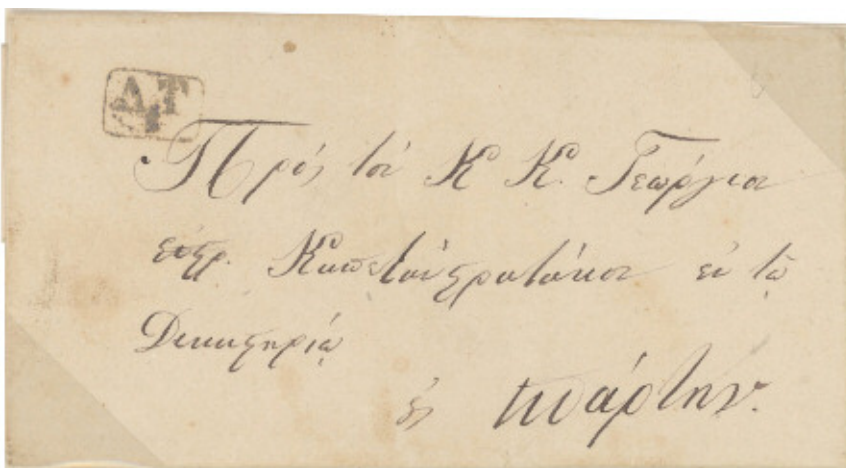
ΔΤ: Municipal Postman  
ΑΔ: Rural Route  
Κ: Numbering System of Crete  
ΜΑ: Numbering System of Asia Minor

# Municipal Postmen Service: Attica & Boiotia

**Municipality of Κρωπία** [Kropia] (inhabitants 3.503, Markopoulo 505)  
Post Office: Αθήναι [Athens]

**ΔΤ 5** [Lavreatiki] on letter from **Μαρκόπουλο** 7.9.1861, to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 8.ΣΕΠΤ.61.**  
Without rate marking

The ΔΤ 4 (Municipality of Kropia) and ΔΤ 5 (Municipality of Lavrion) were likely served by the same postman, which is why we see the stamp of one Municipality used in the correspondence of another.



**Municipality of Ειδυλλία** [Eidyllia] (inhabitants 2.327, Eidyllia 1.334)  
Post Office: Μέγαρο [Megara]



Lyra

**ΔΗΜΟΣ ΕΙΔΥΛΛΙΑΣ (ΔΤ 7)** on letter from Eidyllia 1.8.1884, to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 3.ΑΥΓ.84.**  
Rate 20λ (1st weight tier letter)  
Use of the Municipality's Official Stamp

**Municipality of Ορχομενός** [Orchomenos] (inhabitants 1.650, Petromagoula 340)  
Post Office: Λεβάδεια [Levadia]

**ΔΤ 9** (the digit inverted along the vertical axis) on letter from **Πετρομαγούλα** 27.5.1866, to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 3.ΑΥΓ.84.**  
Rate 20λ (1st weight tier letter)  
Athens Consecutive printings

**Municipality of Αραχόβα** [Arachova] (inhabitants 2.603)  
Post Office: Λεβάδεια [Levadia]  
**ΔΤ 10**



**Municipality of Θήβη** [Thisvi] (inhabitants 2.609, Kakosi 452)  
Post Office: Θήβαι [Thebes]

**ΔΤ 14** on letter from **Κακόςσι** 29.12.1847, to **ΠΑΤΡΑΙ 4.ΙΑΝΟΥ.1848** via **ΘΗΒΑΙ** and **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 2.ΙΑΝΟΥ.1848.**  
Rate 10 lepta







# Municipal Postmen Service: Phthiotis



**Municipality of Φάλαρα** [Phalara] (inhabitants 2.400, Stylis 1.354)  
Post Office: Λαμία [Lamia]

**ΔΤ 30** on letter from *Στυλίας* 15.7.1845, to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** 18.ΙΟΥΛ.1845 via **ΛΑΜΙΑ** 16.ΙΟΥΛ.1845.

Rate 10 lepta

**Municipality of Κρεμαστή Λαρίσης** [Kremasti Larissa] (inhabitants 2.500, Gardiki 832)  
Post Office: Λαμία [Lamia]

**ΔΤ 31** on letter from *Γαρδίκι* 6.8.1862, to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** 11.ΑΥΓ.62 via **ΛΑΜΙΑ** 16.ΙΟΥΛ.1845.

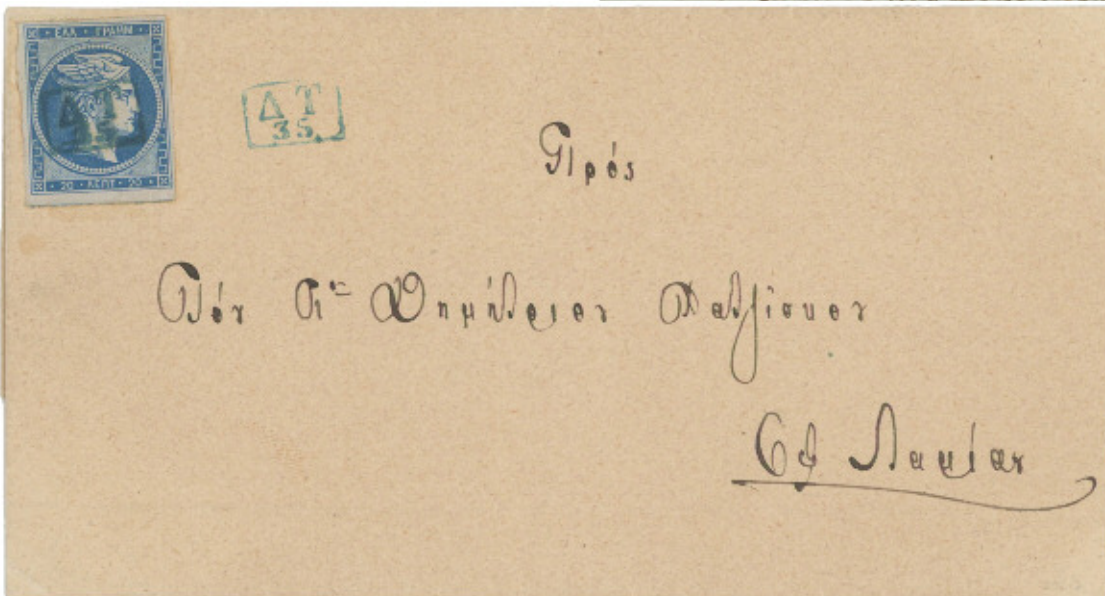
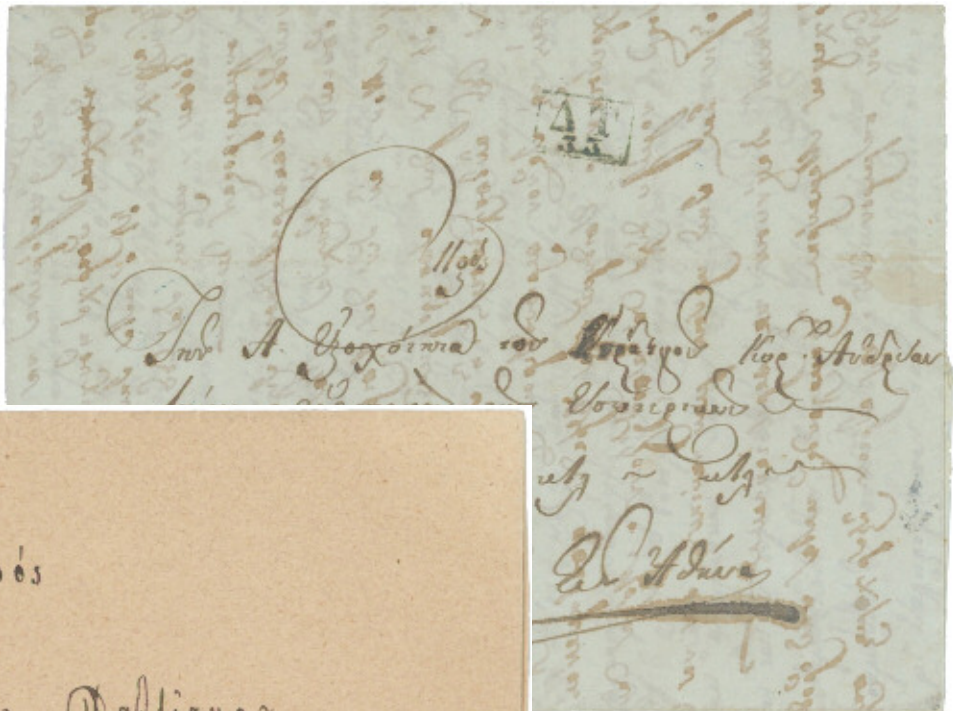
Rate 20λ (1st weight tier letter)  
Athens Fine Provisional printing



**Municipality of Υπάτη** [Hypati] (inhabitants 3.322, Hypati 1389)  
Post Office: Λαμία [Lamia]

**ΔΤ 33** on letter from *Υπάτη* 28.6.1844, to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** 1.ΙΟΥΛ.1844 via **ΛΑΜΙΑ** 1.ΙΟΥΛ.1844.

Rate 10 lepta



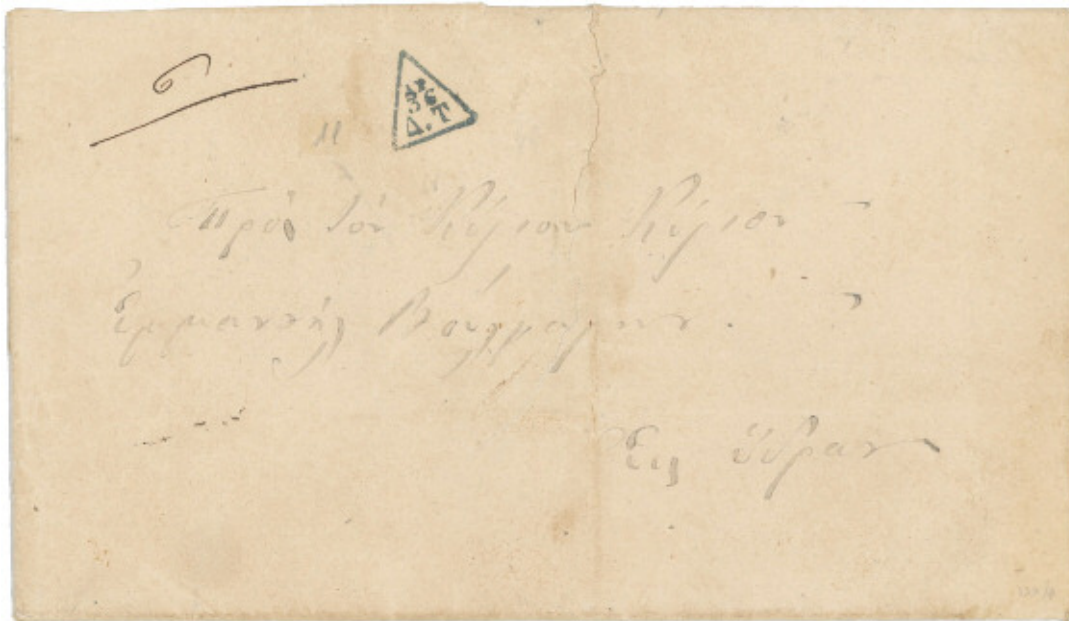
**Municipality of Πτελέα** [Pteleon] (inhabitants 2.167, Sourpi 987)  
Post Office: Λαμία [Lamia]

**ΔΤ 35** on letter from *Σούρη* 6.4.1869, to Λαμία (Lamia).

Rate 20λ (1st weight tier letter)  
Cleaned plates



# Municipal Postmen Service: Phocis



**Municipality of Αμαλιάπολις** [Amaliapolis] (inhabitants 885)  
Post Office: Λαμία [Lamia]

**AP 36 Δ.Τ.** (type 2, triangular) on letter from **Αμαλιάπολις** 22.7.1858, to Ύδρα (Hydra), via **ΛΑΜΙΑ** 24.ΙΟΥΛ.1858, **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** 26.ΙΟΥΛ.1858 and **ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ** 16.ΙΟΥΛ.1858.

Rate 10 lepta

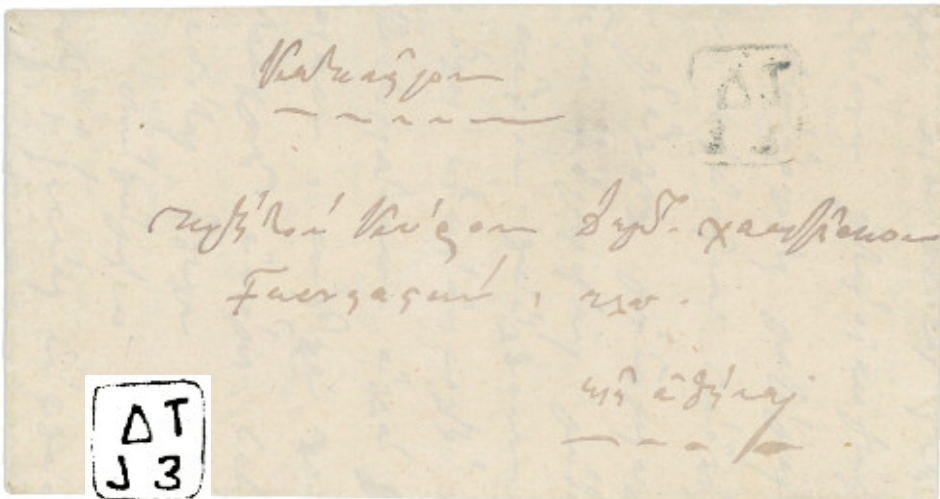
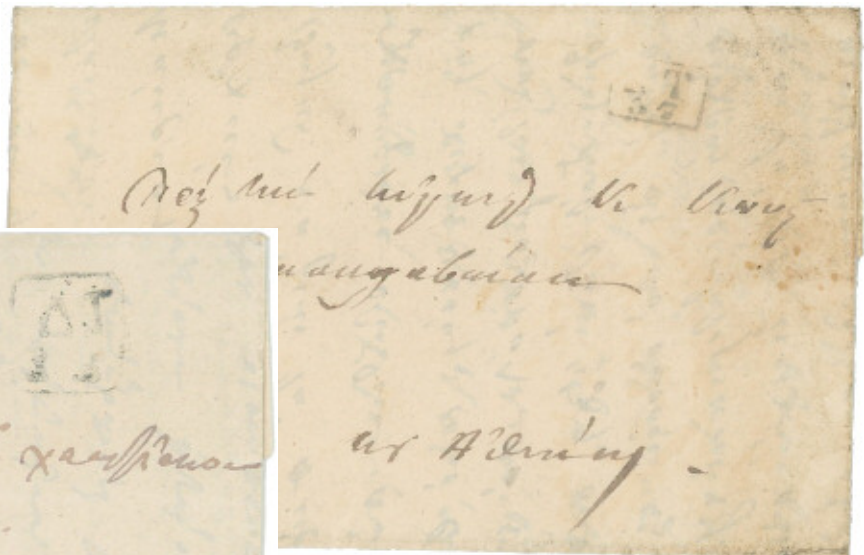


**ΔΤ 36** (type 1) on fragment of cover, with transit **ΛΑΜΙΑ** 24.ΙΟΥΝΙ.1847.

**Municipality of Μακρακώμη** [Makrakomi] (inhabitants 3.986, Varymbopi 203)  
Post Office: Λαμία [Lamia]

**ΔΤ 37** (type 1) on letter from **Βαρνυπόπη** 12.4.1850, to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** 15.ΑΠΡΙΛ.1850 via **ΛΑΜΙΑ** 13.ΑΠΡ.1850.

Rate 10 lepta



**ΔΤ 37** (τύπος 2, κακότεχνος, ανεστραμμένοι αριθμοί) on letter from **Βαρνυπόπη** 14.2.1854, to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** 17.ΦΕΒΡΟΥ.1854 via **ΛΑΜΙΑ** 15.ΦΕΒΡΟΥ.1854.

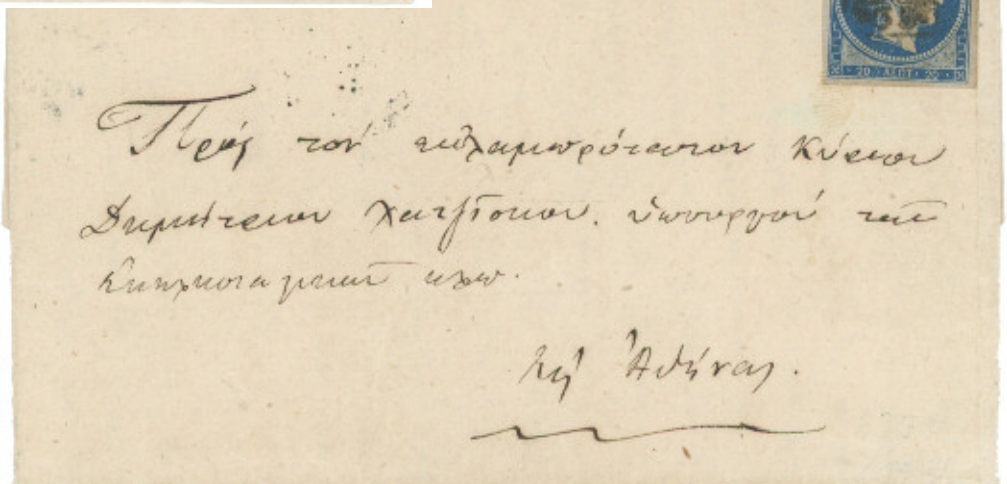
Without rate marking

**Municipality of Τυμφρηστός** [Tymphristos] (inhabitants 3.356)  
Post Office: Λαμία [Lamia]

**ΔΤ 38** on letter from **Κάψη** 4.7.1862, to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** 7.ΙΟΥΛ.62 via **ΛΑΜΙΑ** 5.ΙΟΥΛ.62.

Rate 20λ (1st weight tier letter)

Athens Coarse Provisional printing





# Municipal Postmen Service: Phocis



**Municipality of Κρίσσα** [Krissa] (inhabitants 2.537, Chrysson 967)  
Post Office: **Αμφισσα** [Amphissa]

**ΔΤ 39** on letter from **Χρισσό** 6.9.1866, with dotted **45** to Αταλάντη (Atalanti) via **ΑΜΦΙΣΣΑ** 7.ΣΕΠΤ.66.

Rate 20λ (1st weight tier letter)

Athens Consecutive printings

**Municipality of Αντίκυρα** [Antykyra] (inhabitants 1.754, Desphina 864)  
Post Office: **Αμφισσα** [Amphissa]



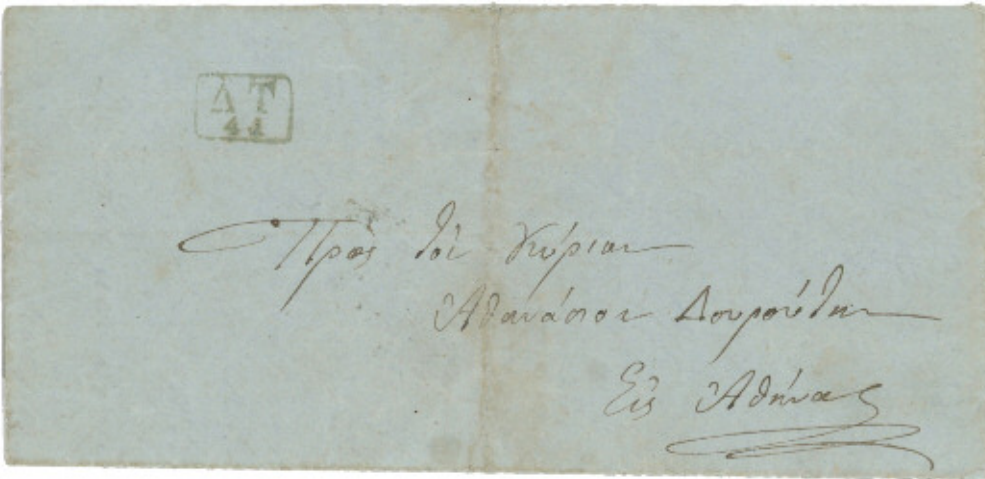
**ΔΤ 40** on letter from **Δεσφίνη** 6.12.1863, to Λαμία (Lamia) via **ΑΜΦΙΣΣΑ** 7.ΔΕΚΕ.63.

Rate 20λ (1st weight tier letter)

Athens Coarse Provisional printing, hand-cut by the postman



**Municipality of Παρνασσός** [Parnassos] (inhabitants 1.442, Topolia 673)  
Post Office: **Αμφισσα** [Amphissa]



**ΔΤ 41** on letter from **Τοπόλια** 12.8.1858, to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** 15.ΑΥΓ.1858 via **ΑΜΦΙΣΣΑ** 12.ΑΥΓ.58.

Without rate marking



**Municipality of Δωριείς** [Dorioes] (inhabitants 4.380)  
Post Office: **Αμφισσα** [Amphissa]

**ΔΤ 42** on fragment of letter from **Τοπόλια** 12.8.1858, to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** 4.ΙΟΥΝ.62 via **ΑΜΦΙΣΣΑ** 2.ΙΟΥΝ.62.

Rate 20λ (1st weight tier letter)

Athens Fine Provisional printing





# Municipal Postmen Service: Phocis



**Municipality of Καλλιόι** [Kallioes] (inhabitants 3.331, Mavrolithari 1.050)  
Post Office: Λοιδωρίκι [Lidoriki]

**ΔΤ 43** on letter from *Μαυρολιθάρι* 8.12.1861, with dotted 47 to Αταλάντη (Atalanti) via ΛΟΙΔΩΡΙΚΙΟΝ 9.ΔΕΚΕ.61.

Rate 20Λ (1st weight tier letter)

Paris print canceled with postman's hand X and dotted 47.

On the back, a handwritten note from the sender:

"Ο Κος Σπυρόπουλος Ταχυδρ. Επιστάτης Αταλάντης παρακαλείται όπως εγχειρήσει το παρόν εγκαίρως και αν υπάρχει παρ' αυτό γράμμα μου να το διευθύνη εις Μαυρολιθάριον. [Mr. Spyropoulos, Postal Supervisor of Atalanti, is kindly requested to deliver this promptly, and if there is a letter for me with him, to forward it to Mavrolithari.]



**Municipality of Ερινέος** [Erineos] (inhabitants 2.173)  
Post Office: Λοιδωρίκι [Lidoriki]

**ΔΤ 45** on official letter from Δήμο Δωριέων (Municipality of Dorioes), to Styliis, via ΛΟΙΔΩΡΙΚΙ and ΔΑΜΙΑ 8.ΜΑΙΟΣ.1853.

Free of charge



**Municipality of Τολοφών** [Tolophon] (inhabitants 2.983, Vitrinitsa 363)  
Post Office: Λοιδωρίκι [Lidoriki]

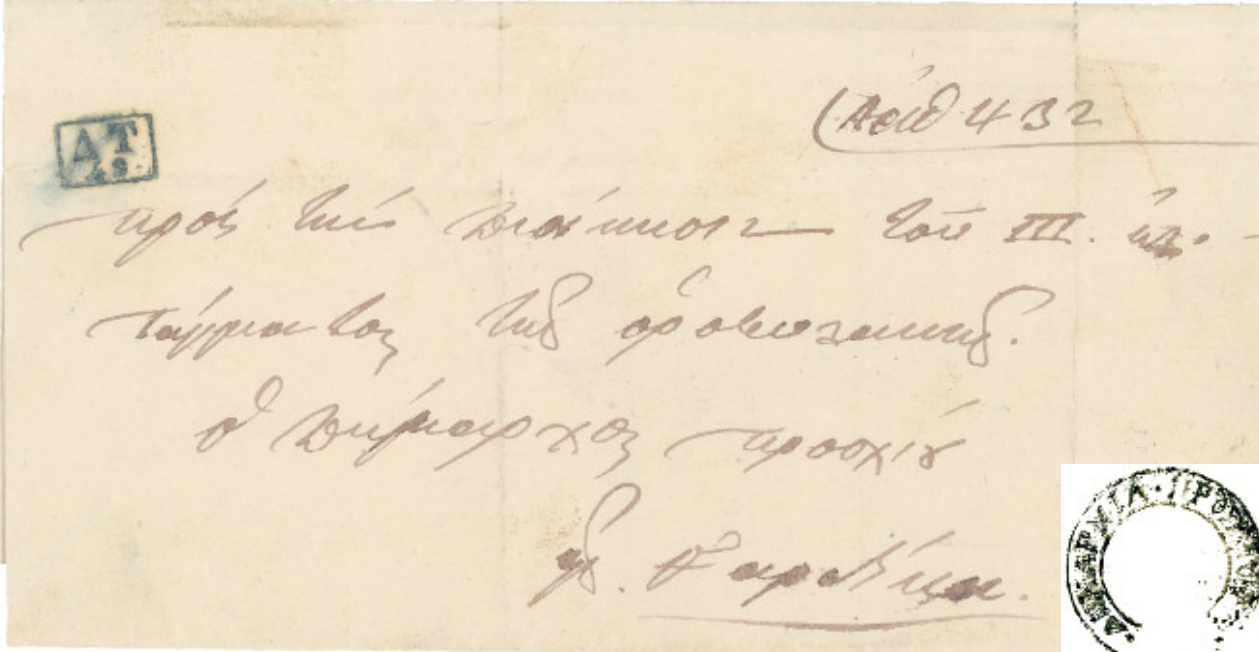
**ΔΤ 46** on letter from *Βυθρηνίτσα* 7.6.1866, to Ναύπακτο (Nafpaktos) via ΛΟΙΔΩΡΙΚΙΟΝ 8.ΙΟΥΝ.66.

Rate 20Λ (1st weight tier letter)

Athens Consecutive printings



# Municipal Postmen Service: Phocis & Evrytania



**Municipality of Πρόσχιον** [Proschion]  
 (inhabitants 3.322, Platanos 787)  
 Post Office: **Ναύπακτος** [Naupaktos]

**ΔΤ 49** (type 1) on letter of the Δήμος Πρόσχιον (έδρα Πλάτανος, Municipality of Proschion, based in Platanos), to Γαρδικί (Gardiki), via **ΝΑΥΠΑΚΤΟΣ, ΚΑΛΛΙΔΡΟΜΗ** (Καρπενήσι - Karpenissi) and **ΛΑΜΙΑ 3.ΝΟΕΜΒ.1846**. Free of charge

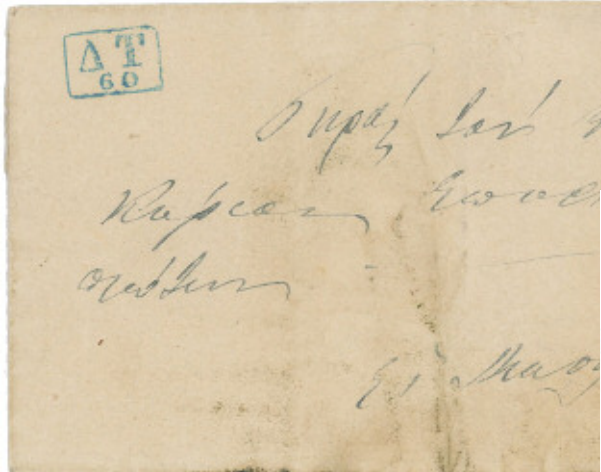


**Municipality of Κτημένιον** [Ktimenion]  
 (inhabitants 4.365, Phourna 790)  
 Post Office: **Καρπενήσι** [Karpenissi]

**ΔΤ 59** on letter from Φουρνά 3.6.1862, with dotted 44 to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 11.ΙΟΥΝ.62** via **ΚΑΡΠΕΝΗΣΙΟΝ 7.ΙΟΥΝ.62**. Rate 20λ (1st weight tier letter) Athens Coarse Provisional printing



**Δήμος Καλλιδρομη** [Kallidromi] (inhabitants 2.735)  
 Post Office: **Καρπενήσι** [Karpenissi]



**ΔΤ 60** on cover of letter to Μεσολόγγι (Mesolonghi), via **ΚΑΡΠΕΝΗΣΙΟΝ 20.ΜΑΡΤ.61**. Without rate marking

**Municipality of Αράκυνθος** [Arakynthos]  
 (inhabitants 2.703)  
 Post Office: **Καρπενήσι** [Karpenissi]

**ΔΤ 61** on letter from **Καρπενήσι 14.1.1862**, to Γαστούνη (Gastouni) via **ΚΑΡΠΕΝΗΣΙΟΝ 14.ΙΑΝ.62**. Postage stamp removed





# Municipal Postmen Service: Cyclades isles & Corinthia



Στάχνα κριθής  
μετά δρεπάνου  
και αστερίσκου  
*Barley ears with a  
sickle and asterisk*

**Municipality of Δρυοπίς [Dryopis]**  
(inhabitants 1.294)  
Post Office: **Κύθνος [Kythnos]**

**ΔΗΜΟΣ ΔΡΥΟΠΙΔΟΣ**  
(ΔΤ 71)

pair of 20Λ SHH

Use of the

Municipality's official handstamp



Μαινάδα  
κρατούσα  
θύρσον και  
χορεύουσα  
*Maenad holding  
a thyrsus and  
dancing*

**Municipality of Άρνη [Arne]**  
(inhabitants 2.769)  
Post Office: **Άνδρος [Andros]**

**ΔΗΜΟΣ ΑΡΝΗΣ**  
(ΔΤ 76)

5Λ LHH

Use of the

Municipality's official handstamp



**Municipality of Γλώσσα [Glossa]**  
(inhabitants 1.278)  
Post Office: **Σκόπελος [Skopelos]**

**ΔΤ 82**

(τύπος 2)

pair of 10Λ Paris print

**Municipality of Σικωνία [Sikyonia]** (inhabitants 3.959, Διμηνίο 300)  
Post Office: **Κόρινθος [Corinth]**

**ΔΤ 89** on letter from **Διμηνίο 9.11.1861**,  
με σικτική 5 προς **ΝΑΥΠΛΙΟΝ 13.ΝΟΕΜ.61**  
μέσω **ΚΟΡΙΝΘΟΣ 11.ΝΟΕΜ.61**.

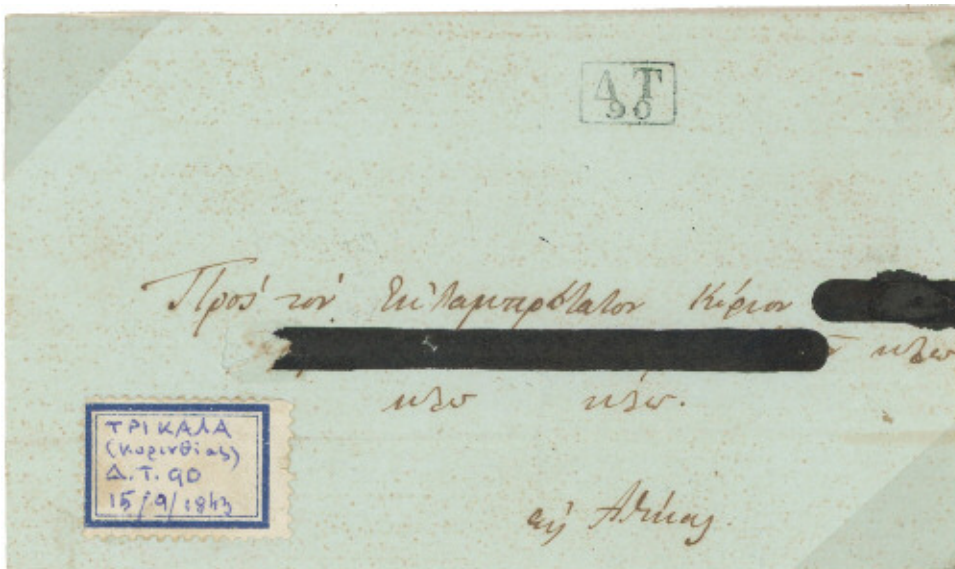
Rate 20Λ (1st weight tier letter)

Paris print

Sender's text:

"Του υπηρέτου μου ασθενήσαντος και μη  
δυναμένου συνεπώς να μεταβεί εις Ναύπλιον  
απεκδέχομαι τον ζητούμενον ακριβή Λ/σμόν σας  
δια του ταχυδρομικού μέσου"

"Since my servant has fallen ill and is therefore unable  
to travel to Nafplion, I am awaiting your requested  
exact account by postal means."



**FIRST YEAR**

OF THE MUNICIPAL POSTMEN SERVICE



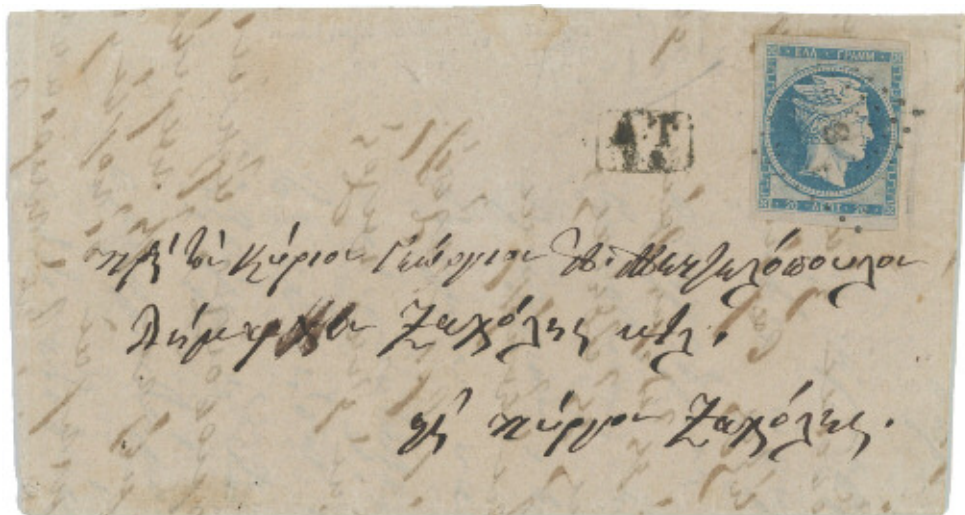
**Municipality of Τρίκαλα [Trikala]** (inhabitants 4.871)  
Post Office: **Κόρινθος [Corinth]**

**ΔΤ 90** on cover of letter to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 15.ΣΕΠΤ.1843** to **ΚΟΡΙΝΘΟΣ**.

Rate 10 lepta



# Municipal Postmen Service: Achaia & Elis



**Municipality of Κλειτορία** [Kleitoria]  
(inhabitants 6.721, Mazeika 550)  
Post Office: Καλάβρυτα [Kalavryta]

**ΔΤ 98** on letter from Μαζείκα 29.11.1861, with dotted 8 to Πύργο Ζαχόλης (Pyrgos of Zacholi, served by ΔΤ 92) μέσω ΚΑΛΑΒΡΥΤΑ 30.ΝΟΕΜ.61.

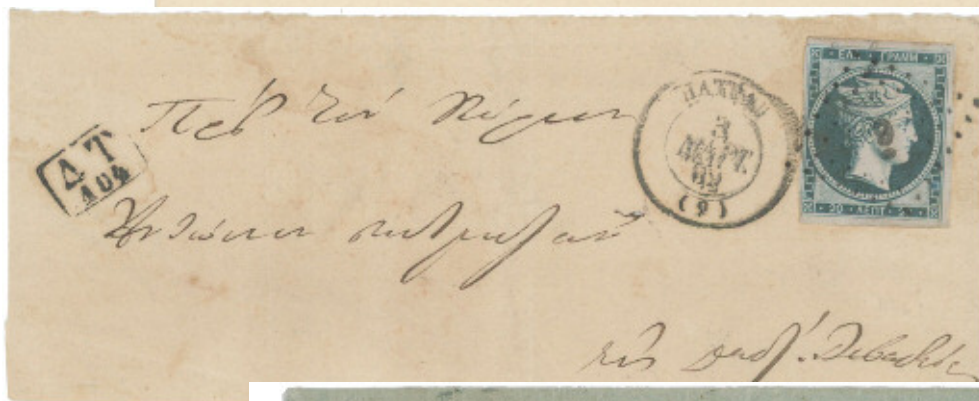
Rate 20λ (1st weight tier letter)  
Paris print



**Municipality of Αροανία** [Aroania]  
(inhabitants 4.771)  
Post Office: Κύναιθα [Kynaetha]



**ΔΤ 99** on cover of a free of charge letter to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 4.ΜΑΡΤ:1844 via ΚΥΝΑΙΘΑ (Καλάβρυτα - Kalavryta).



**ΔΤ 104** on front cover to Δαδί Λεβδείας (Dadi) via ΠΑΤΡΑΙ 3.ΜΑΡΤ.62.

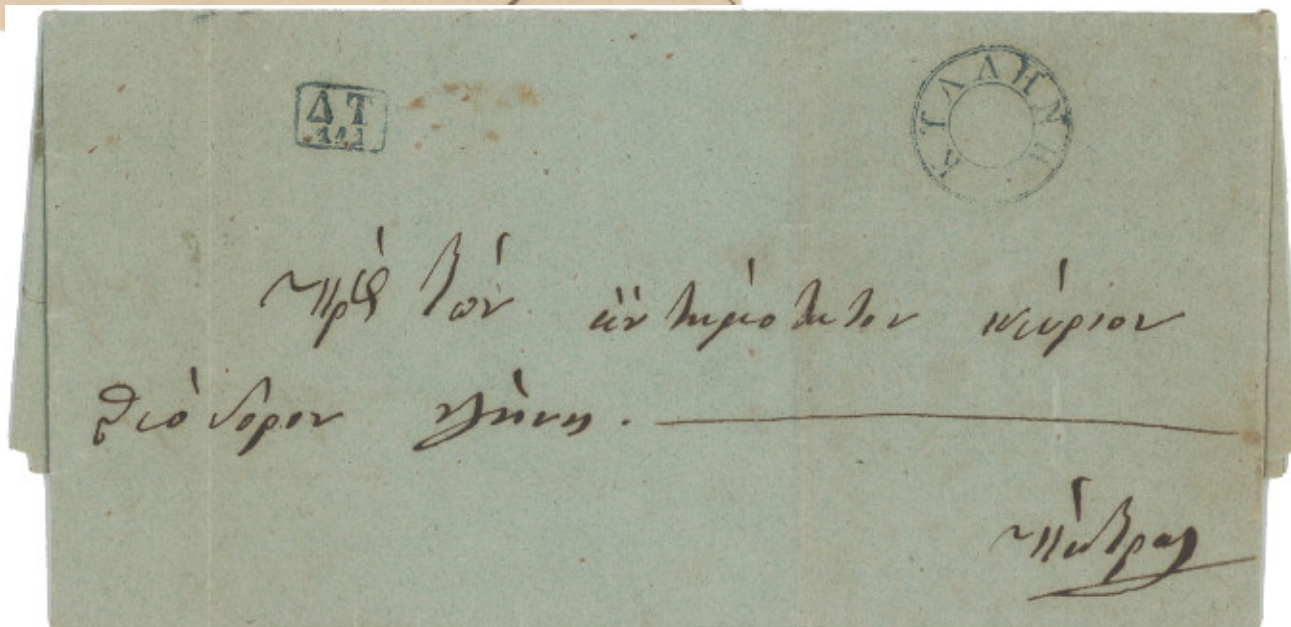
Rate 20λ (1st weight tier letter)  
Paris print

**Municipality of Δύμη** [Dhyme] (inhabitants 5.315)  
Post Office: Πάτρα [Patras]

**Municipality of Μυρτουντία** [Myrtountia] (inhabitants 4.008, Lechaena 964)  
Post Office: Κυλλήνη

**ΔΤ 111** on letter from Δεχανά 28.11.1849, to ΠΑΤΡΑΙ 30.ΝΟΕΜΒ.1849 via ΚΥΛΛΗΝΗ6.

Rate 20λ (2nd weight tier letter)





# Municipal Postmen Service: Arcadia



**Municipality of Τεγέα** [Tegea] (inhabitants 5.096, Piali 285)  
Post Office: Τρίπολη [Tripolis]

**ΔΤ 128** on fragment from Πιαλί (Τεγέα), προς ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 5.ΙΑΝΟΥΑΡ.1845, μέσω ΤΡΙΠΟΛΙΣ 3 ΙΑΝΟΥΑΡ.1845.

**Municipality of Πάρνων** [Parnon] (inhabitants 3.526)  
Post Office: Άστρος [Astros]



**ΔΗΜ. ΠΑΡΝΩΝΟΣ** (ΔΤ 131) on letter from Άγιος Πέτρος 9.12.1861, with dotted 37 to Άργος (Argos) via ΑΣΤΡΟΣ 9.ΔΕΚΕ.61.

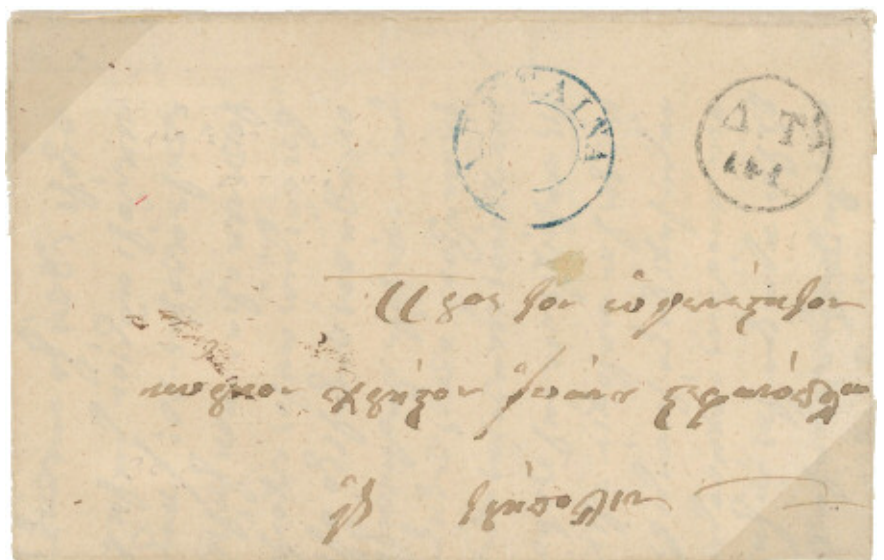
Use of the Municipality's official handstamp  
Rate 20λ (1st weight tier letter) - Paris print



**Municipality of Θεισσία** [Thissoa] (inhabitants 5.422, Zatonua 842)  
Post Office: Καρύταινα [Karytaena]

**ΔΤ 141** (τύπος 2) on letter from Ζάτουνα 14.12.1851, to Τρίπολη (Tripolis), via ΚΑΡΥΤΑΙΝΑ.

Rate 10 lepta





# Municipal Postmen Service: Messenia



**Municipality of Εράνη** [Erane] (inhabitants 2.825, Philiatra 1.562)  
Post Office: **Κυπαρισσία** [Kyparissia]

**ΔΤ 150** on letter from Φιλιατρά 27.9.1851, to ΠΑΤΡΑΙ 8.ΟΚΤΩΜ.1851, via ΚΥΠΑΡΙΣΣΙΑ.

Rate 10 lepta

**Municipality of Πλαταμώνης** [Platamodis] (inhabitants 2.817, Gargalianoe 927)  
Post Office: **Κυπαρισσία** [Kyparissia]

**ΔΤ 151** on letter from Γαργαλιάνοι 2.11.1851, to ΠΑΤΡΑΙ 10.ΝΟΕΜΒ.1851 via ΚΥΠΑΡΙΣΣΙΑ.

Rate 10 lepta

When a Post Office was established in Gargalianoi, postman **ΔΤ 151** began serving the Municipality of Flessiades.



**Municipality of Φλεσσιάς** [Phlessia] (inhabitants 4.799, Ligoudista 458)

Post Office: Γαργαλιάνοι [Gargalianoe]

**ΔΤ 151** on cover of letter from Λιγούδιστα 15.11.1870, to ΠΑΤΡΑΙ 25.ΝΟΕΜ.70 via ΓΑΡΓΑΛΙΑΝΟΙ 19.ΝΟΕΜ.70.

Rate 20λ (1st weight tier letter)

Cleaned plates



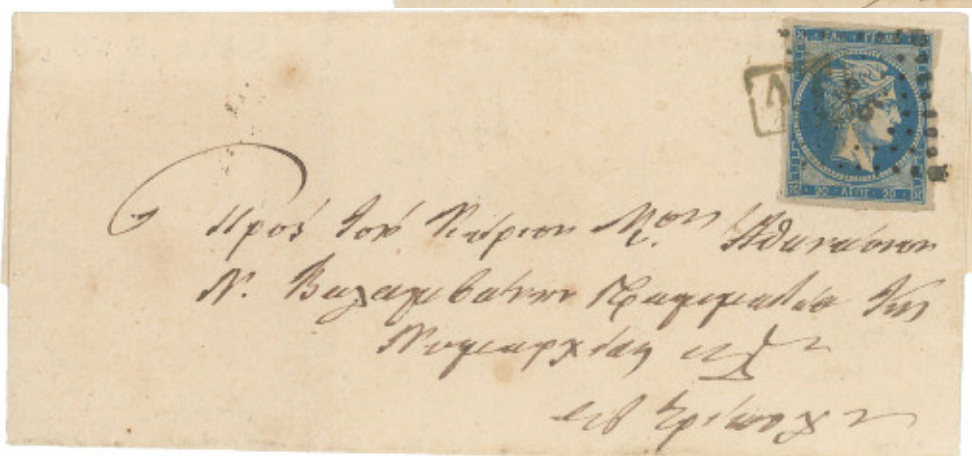
**Municipality of Αυλών** [Avlon] (inhabitants 3.034)

Post Office: **Κυπαρισσία** [Kyparissia]

**ΔΤ 154** on cover of letter with dotted 25, to Τρίπολη (Tripolos) via ΚΥΠΑΡΙΣΣΙΑ 5.ΙΟΥΛ.62.

Rate 20λ (1st weight tier letter)

Athens Fine Provisional printing





# Municipal Postmen Service: Messenia



**Municipality of Αλαγονία** [Alagonia] (inhabitants 3.641)  
Post Office: Καλάμια [Kalamata]

**ΔΤ 160** on cover of letter with dotted 31, to ΓΥΘΕΙΟΝ 24.ΑΠΡ.63, via ΚΑΛΑΜΑΙ 18.ΑΠΡ.63.

Rate 20λ (1st weight tier letter)  
Athens Consecutive printings



**Municipality of Θουρία** [Thouria] (inhabitants 4.682, Thouria 750)  
Post Office: Καλάμια [Kalamata]



**ΔΗΜΟΣ ΘΟΥΡΙΑΣ (ΔΤ 161)** on letter from Θουρία 22.1.1876, with dotted 31, to ΣΥΡΑ 28.ΙΑΝ.76 via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 26.ΙΑΝ.76.

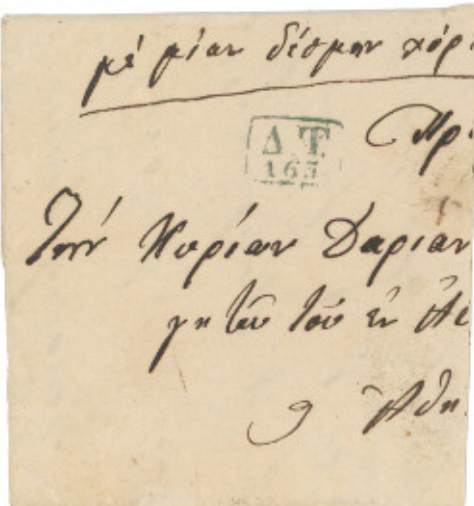
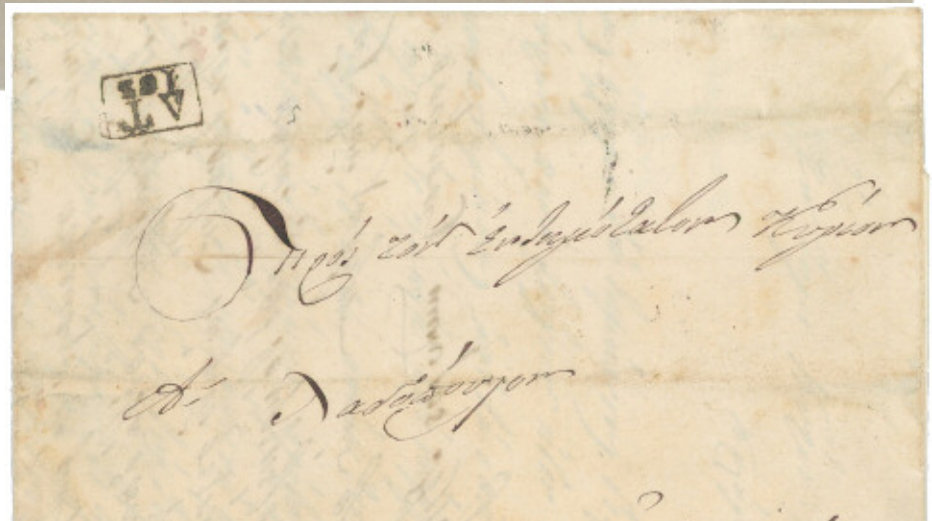
Rate 20λ (1st weight tier letter)  
Postage stamp repaired

**Municipality of Αμφεια** [Amphia] (inhabitants 2.676)  
Post Office: Καλάμια [Kalamata]

**ΔΤ 163** on letter from Καλάμια 11.4.1867, to ΣΥΡΑ 21.ΑΠΡΙΑ.1847 via ΚΑΛΑΜΑΙ 15.ΑΠΡΙΑ.1847 and ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 17.ΑΠΡΙΑ.1847.

Without rate marking

**Municipality of Ιθώμη** (inhabitants 2.753)  
Post Office: Καλάμια



**ΔΤ 165** on fragment of letter to Αθήναι (Athens).  
Rate 10 lepta



**ΔΤ 166** on letter from Χατζή 2.9.1859, to ΚΑΛΑΜΑΙ 3.ΣΕΠΤ.59 via ΝΗΣΙΟΝ 2.ΣΕΠΤ.59.

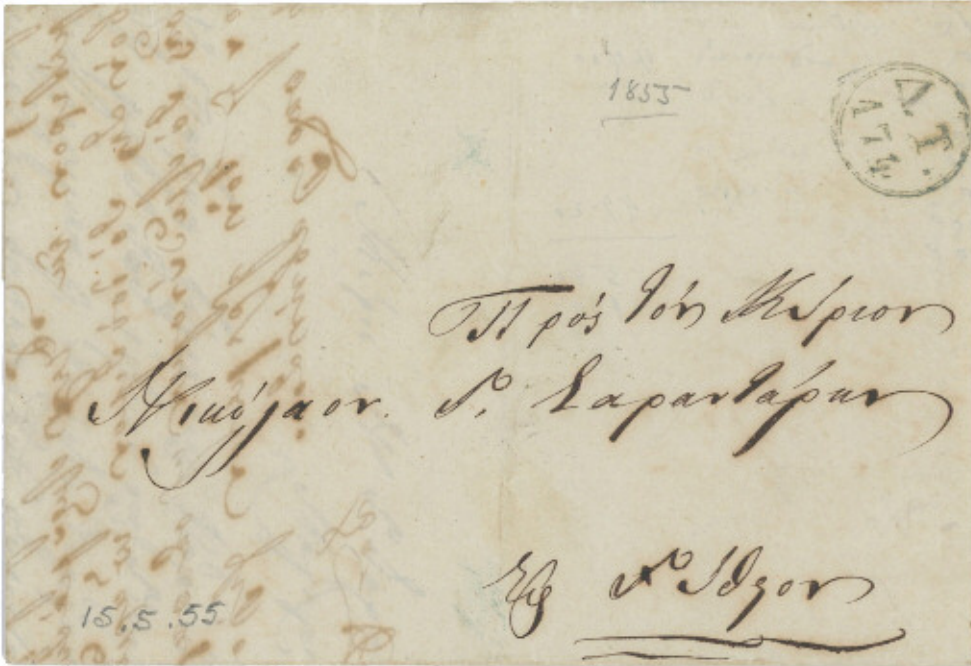
Rate 10 lepta

**Municipality of [Οιχαλία] Βουφράς** [Oechalia-Voupras] (inhabitants 3.719, Chatzi 124)  
Post Office: Νησίον [Nis-sion]





# Municipal Postmen Service: Laconia



**Municipality of Λεύκτρα** [Lefktra] (inhabitants 6.408)  
Post Office: Λιμένι [Limeni]

**ΔΤ 174** (τύπος 2) on letter from Καλάμι 17.5.1855, to ΓΥΘΕΙΟΝ 21.ΜΑΙΟΣ.1855, via ΛΙΜΕΝΙ.

It was not possible to identify the specific location where the letter was written.

Without rate marking

**Municipality of Καστόριον** [Kastorion] (inhabitants 2.470, Kastania 845)  
Post Office: Σπάρτη [Sparta]

**ΔΤ 177** on letter from Καστανιά 27.12.1861, with dotted 32, to Άργος (Argos), via ΣΠΑΡΤΗ 28.ΔΕΚΕ.61.

Rate 20Λ (1st weigh tier letter)

Paris print

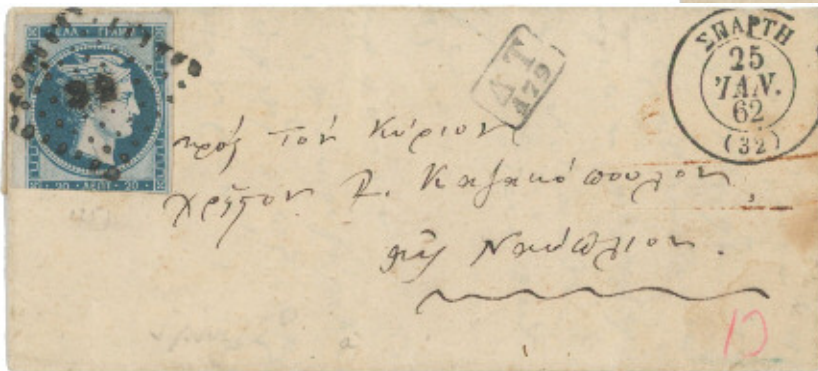


**Municipality of Σελλασία** [Sellasia] (inhabitants 2.310, Vroulia 544)  
Post Office: Σπάρτη [Sparta]

**ΔΤ 179** on letter from Βρουλιά 4.1.1862, με σικυτή 32, to Άργος, via ΣΠΑΡΤΗ 28.ΔΕΚΕ.61.

Rate 20Λ (1st weight tier letter)

Paris print

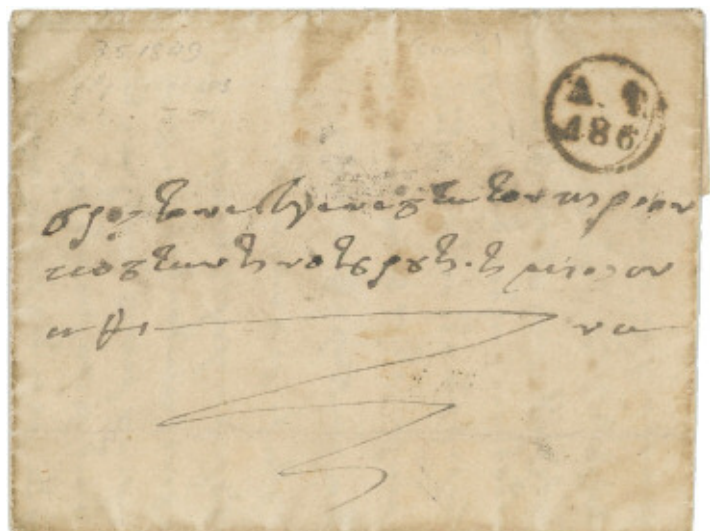


**Municipality of Μελιτινή** [Melitini] (inhabitants 2.249, Agios Nikolaos 335)  
Post Office: Σπάρτη [Sparta]

**ΔΤ 186** (τύπος 2) on letter from Άγιος Νικόλαος 3.5.1849, to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 14.ΜΑΙΟΣ.1849.

Without rate marking

The ΔΤ 185 (Municipality of Pharis), ΔΤ 186 (Municipality of Phellia) and ΔΤ 187 (Municipality of Melitini) were likely served by the same postman, which is why we see the stamp of one Municipality used in the correspondence of another.





# Municipal Postmen Service: New Routes

## Φθιώτιδα (Phthiotis)

**Municipality of Δρυμία** [Drymia] (inhabitants 3.926)  
Post Office: Δραχμάνιον [Drachmanion]



**ΔΤ 200** on letter from **Δαδί 2.7.1876**, to **ΣΥΡΑ 7.ΙΟΥΛ.76**, via **ΔΡΑΧΜΑΝΙΟΝ 2.ΙΟΥΛ.76** and **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 4.ΙΟΥΛ.76**.

Rate 20λ (1st weight tier letter)

*Meshed paper*



**ΔΗΜΑΡΧΕΙΟΝ ΔΡΥΜΙΑΣ**  
**(ΔΤ 200)** on pair of 10λ  
(last printings).

*It was used after the wear or loss of the handstamp ΔΤ 200.*

## Μεσσηνία (Messenia)

**Municipality of ???**

Post Office: Φιλιατρά [Philiatra]



**ΔΤ 204** (νέου τύπου)  
on fragment of a 3rd  
weight tier letter

*Athens Consecutive prints*



**ΔΤ 204** (new type) on cover of letter with dotted **86**, to **ΠΑΤΡΑΙ 28.ΑΠΡ.62**, via **ΦΙΛΙΑΤΡΑ 25.ΑΠΡ.62**.

Rate 20λ (1st weight tier letter)

*Athens Fine Provisional printings*



# Municipal Postmen Service: New Routes

## Ιθάκη (Ithaca)



### ΔΤ 186 (new type)

After the cancellation of route ΔΤ 186 of Sparta, the number was assigned to Ithaca.

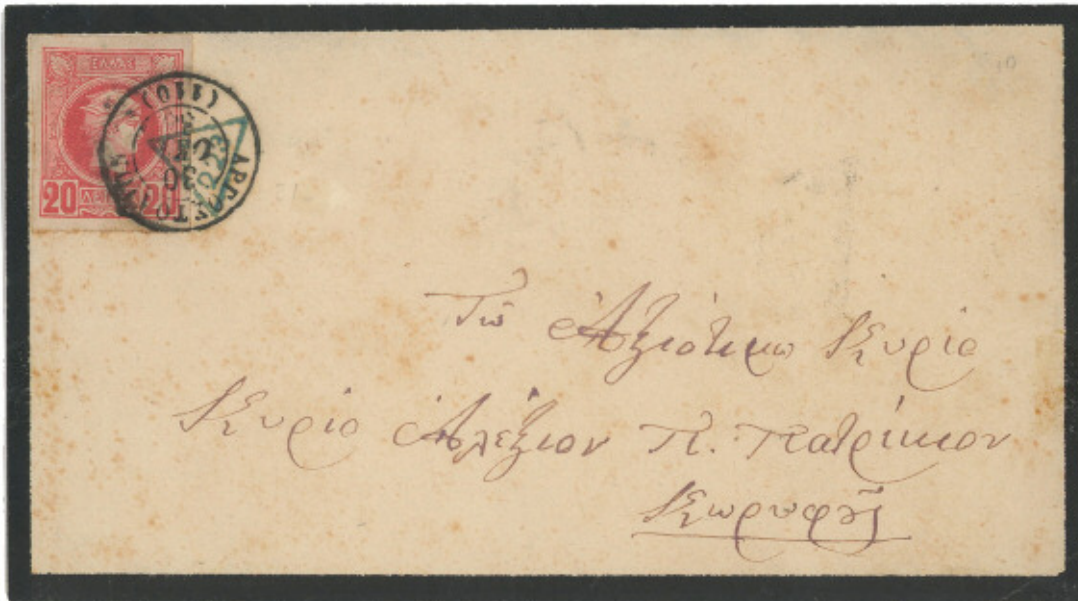
## Κεφαλονιά (Cefalonia)

Post Office: Αργοστόλιον [Argostolion]



**ΔΤ 223 (new type)** on cover of letter with dotted 110, to ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 20.ΣΕΠΤ.70, via ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 19.ΣΕΠΤ.70.

Rate 20λ (1st weight tier letter)  
1870 printing



**ΔΤ 223 (new type)** on front cover of letter to Κέρκυρα (Corfu), via ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 30.ΟΚΤ.88.

Rate 20λ (1st weight tier letter)

*The only Municipal Route (with a ΔΤ handstamp) that we know operated during the period of the Small Hermes Heads usage*

## Φωκίδα (Phocis)

Community of Βουνιχώρα  
[Vounichora]



### ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΣ ΒΕΝΗΧΩΡΑΣ

on cover of letter with part of the contents, without other postal markings, sent to Λεβαδεία (Livadia).

Rate 20λ (1st weight tier letter)





# Municipal Postmen Service: Special Cases

## from Βόλος (Volos)

Post Office: Λαμία [Lamia]



**ΔΤ 30** on letter from Βόλο 4.1.1852, passed from Amaliapolis (disinfection slits) and finally given to the ΔΤ 30 who served Στυλίδες (Stylis). Sent to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 19.ΙΑΝΟΥ.1852 via ΛΑΜΙΑ 17.ΙΑΝΟΥ.1852.

Rate 10 lepta

The most likely scenario is that the letter was transported by a ship that passed through Amaliapoli and ended up in Stylida.



## Registered



**ΔΤ 223** (νέου τύπου) on registered envelope to ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 28.ΙΟΥΝ.87, via ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 25.ΙΟΥΝ.87. Boxed linear **ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΟΝ** (Registered)

Rate 40λ (1st weight tier registered letter)

Unique known registered letter with ΔΤ







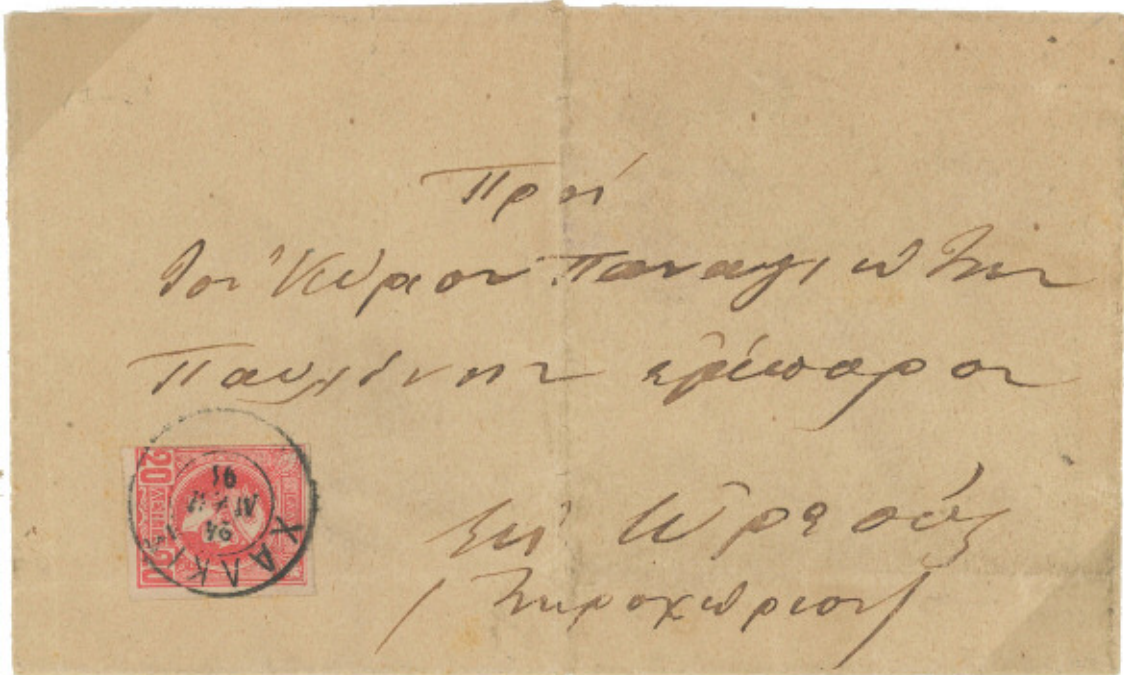
# Municipal Postmen Service: Decline...

By the late 19th century, correspondence had increased, as had the demands of the correspondents.

The Municipal Postmen service did not seem capable of meeting the new needs, and the Postal Directorate proceeded with perhaps the easy but costly solution of establishing new Post Offices. This practice continued until 1909, when the establishment of the Rural Postal Service was legislated, which officially began in 1911.

## Destinations in Villages without a Post Office

Senders addressed their letters either to the nearby Post Offices or to the Mayors (of towns with Post Offices), from where, in some way, the recipient would collect them.



Envelope from ΧΑΛΚΙΣ 24.ΜΑΡΤ.91 (Chalkis), addressed to Oreoe. The sender made sure to note the post office **Ξηροχώριον** (Xirochorion) that served the settlement.



Envelope from ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 25.ΣΕΠΤ.1901 (Athens) addressed to Logkanikos. The sender directed the letter to the **Mayor of Kastorion**.



# Rural Postal Service of Old Greece

The establishment of the rural postal service was enacted by Law 'ΓΥΝ' (18.11.1909), which came into effect on **April 30, 1911**.



Περί ενάρξεως τῆς ἐσχύσε τοῦ νόμου 'ΓΥΝ' (ὑπ' ἀριθ. 3450) περὶ ἀγροτικῆς ταχυδρομικῆς ὑπηρεσίας καὶ ἀγροτικῶν ταχυδρομικῶν διανομέων.

## The First Appointments

- Prefecture of **Attica & Boeotia** (28.05.1911)
- Region of **Ionian islands** (1-22.06.1911)
- Prefecture of **Cyclades** (22.06.1911)
- Rest of **Central Greece** (18.08-03.09.1911)  
including a part of Arta
- Region of **Thessaly** (03-19.09.1911)
- Prefecture of **Euboea** (19.09.1911)
- Region of **Peloponnese** (02.03-24.04.1912).

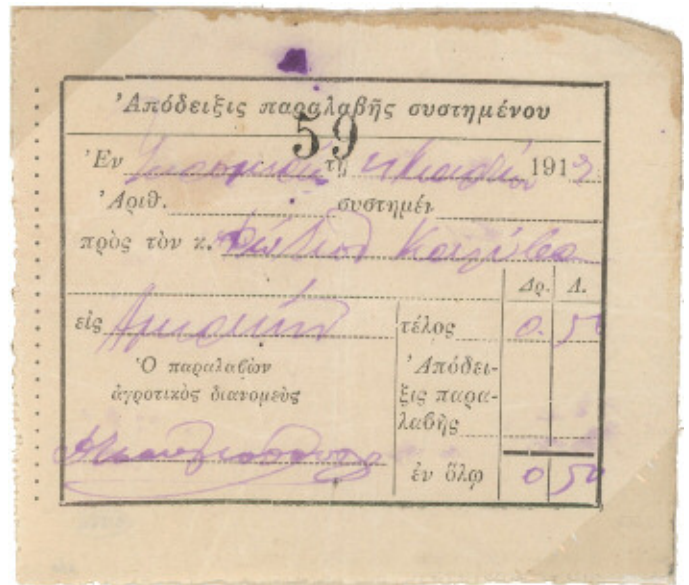
The **numbering** used for these initial routes ranged **from 1 to 600**, though some were discontinued before they even began operating.

For the **new routes** established subsequently, the vacant numbers were initially reused and supplemented with new ones.

### Rural postmen forms...



...with the aim of receiving a gratuity,



...or certifying the deposit of a registered item (1919)!

### AA 1 based in Athens (28.05.1911-12.08.1925)



**Tin Badge for the Caps of Rural Postmen**

...because postal carriers wore uniforms for decades



Picture postcard from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 9.ΜΑΡΤ.21 (Thessaloniki) on 10λ, to **Ψυχικό Αθηνών** (Psychiko of Athens).

10λ, rate for inland postcard



# Rural Postal Service: Attica



**ΑΔ 2** based in **Athens**  
(28.05.1911-11.09.1917)

Picture postcard written in **Π. Φάληρον - πλησίον Αύρας** (Old Phaleron, near Avra), with 10λ addressed to the painter **Sophie Lascaridis** in France.  
10λ, rate for postcard to abroad

**ΑΔ 5 (type 2)**  
based in **Athens**  
(28.05.1911-12.08.1925)



Picture postcard from Serres **ΣΤΡΑΤ. ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΑ 918** 25.ΟΚΤ.18 (ΑΡΟ) addressed to **Σεπόλια** (οδοί Πέτρας & Άργους) [Sepolia, Petras & Argos streets].  
Military, free of charge



**ΑΔ 7** based in **Athens**  
(28.05.1911-11.09.1917)

Picture postcard written at **Άνω Πατήσια** [Ano Patissia], with 3x1λ sent to **Κάτω Πατήσια** [Kato Patissia] which were served by the city postman 116 of Athens  
3λ, rate for in town postcards



# Rural Postal Service: Attica



**ΑΔ 8** (τύπος 2) based in **Athens**  
(28.05.1911-11.09.1917)

Envelope with 2x[5λ] Red Cross stamps, addressed to a soldier in ΣΕΡΡΑΙ 13.ΟΚΤ.15 (Serres).  
*Military, free of charge*



**ΑΔ 10** based in **Athens**  
(28.05.1911-11.09.1917)



Letter card written in **Κιούρκα 19.2.1912** [*Kiourka*] with **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 21.ΦΕΒ.12** sent to **ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ 21.ΦΕΒ.12**

10λ, letter card rate



**ΑΔ 11** based in **Piraeus**  
(28.05.1911-14.03.1915)

Not prepaid envelope from ALEXANDRIA F 21.XII.11 (n.s.) marked **T**, sent to **Νέο Φάληρο** [*New Phaleron*], via **ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ 17.ΔΕΚ.12**. The postage due was paid with 2x25λ, canceled by the rural postman.

50λ, the double of the missing international letter rate.



# Rural Postal Service: Attica

AA 15 based in Elefsis (28.05.1911-...)



AA 12 based in Lavrion (28.05.1911-...)



Picture postcard from Σούνιον (Sounion) with 80λ Landscapes + 80λ Historical & 10λ Charity. The stamps were canceled by the bilingual date stamp of the Tourist Kiosk ΕΟΥΝΙΟΝ-SOUNION 21.VIII.38, which delivered the postcard to the rural postman!  
1,60δρχ, postcard with <5 words rate, to abroad

AA 14 based in Kakosalesi (Nea Palatia) Attica (28.05.1911-...)



Registered envelope with 10λ + 30λ + 180λ lithographic, from Κάλαμος 11.3.24 (Kalamos), via ΤΗΛ.ΓΡ. ΚΑΚΟΣΑΛΕΣΙ 15.ΜΑΡ.24, to Athens.  
80λ (+60λ registration fee), inland letter rate

Wrapper of parcel (newspaper) with 100x10λ Postage Dues (in total 100δρχ!!!), without date, possibly in 1923.

The newspaper used refers to the Italian shelling in Faliro (September 1923, Corfu Incident).

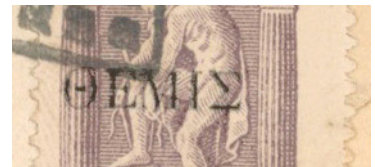


# Rural Postal Service: Boeotia



**ΑΔ 21** new base P.O. **Petromagoula**  
(???-19.07.1972)

Envelope with 30L and 50L overprinted **ΘΕΜΙΣ** sent to Piraeys, via ΠΕΤΡΟΜΑΓΟΥΛΑ 2. MAI. 23 and ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 4. MAI. 23.  
80L inland letter rate (23.4.1923-31.21.1924)



200%

**ΑΔ 22** based in **Distomon**  
(28.05.1911-13.07.1977)



Registered envelope with 5x10L engraved, via ΔΙΣΤΟΜΟΝ 6.ΙΟΥΛ.11, προς GOODING IDAHO to.8.1911. Marking **ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΟΝ**.

50L, registered letter to abroad

**ΑΔ 32** based in **Chlemvostarion**  
(28.05.1911-28.10.1911)  
*Possibly his last route*

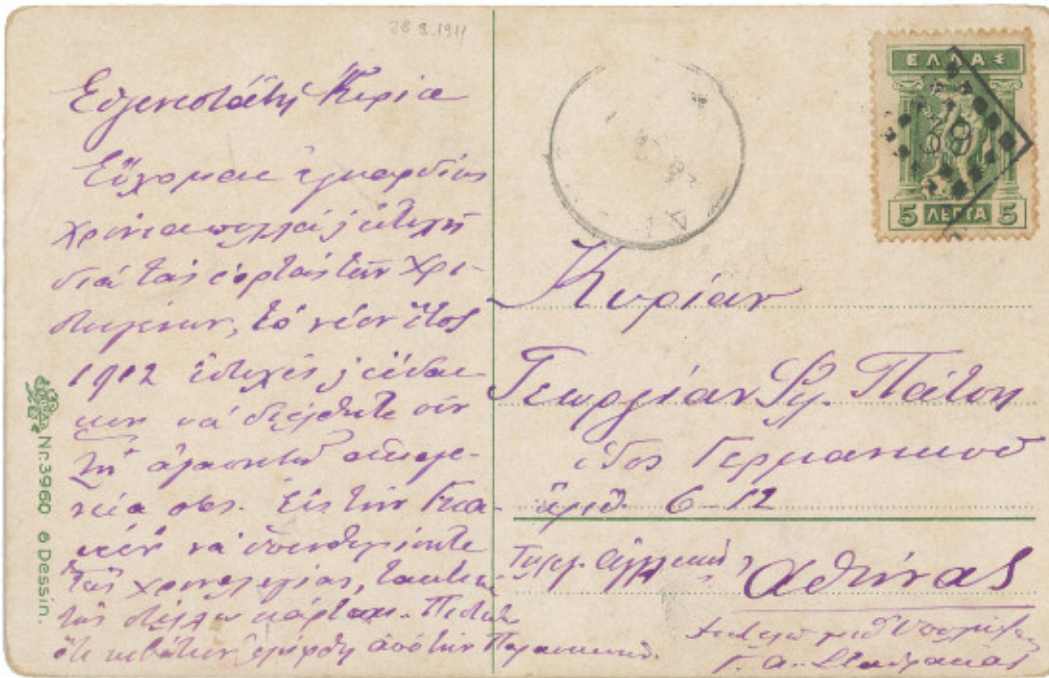


Letter card written in **Σχηματάρι 26.10.1911** [Schimatari] with **ΧΛΕΜΒΟΣΤΑΡΙΟΝ 30.ΟΚΤ.11** to **ΒΟΛΟΣ 1.ΝΟΕ.11**, via **ΘΗΒΑΙ 30.ΟΚΤ.11** & **ΧΑΛΚΙΣ 30.ΟΚΤ.11**

10L, letter card rate



# Rural Postal Service: Ionian Islands (Zante)



**ΑΔ 39** based in **Zakynthos**  
(01.06.1911-06.06.1912)  
**Short Operating Period**

**!** Picture postcard with 5λ lithographic sent to Αθήνα (Athens), via ΖΑΚΥΝΘΟΣ 28.ΣΕΠ.11.  
5λ inland postcard rate

**ΑΔ 40** based in **Zakynthos**  
(28.05.1911-25.10.1930)



Registered cover with 2x25λ lithographic, sent from Γαλάρο [Galáros], via ΖΑΚΥΝΘΟΣ 11.ΙΟΥΛ.18, to SANTA MARIA SEP.13.1918. Passed by the censorship office of Zante, with triangular 24 M.A. (Not opened).  
50λ, registered letter rate to abroad



**ΑΔ 43** based in **Volimae**  
(01.06.1911-25.10.1930)  
**Last month of operation**

Envelope with independence issue stamps, sent from Μαρτές [Maries] to St. Louis USA via ΖΑΚΥΝΘΟΣ 11.ΣΕΠ.1930  
48ρχ, letter rate to abroad



# Rural Postal Service: Ionian Islands (Cefalonia)



**ΑΔ 50** based in **Asprogerakas** (22.06.1911-06.06.1912)  
*Short Operating Period*



Picture postcard with 2λ+3λ **Flying Hermes** to Αθήνα (Athens), via **ΑΣΠΡΟΓΕΡΑΚΑΣ 3.IAN.11.**

5λ inland postcard rate

**ΦΙΣΚΑΡΔΟΝ (ΑΔ 54, τύπος 2)**  
based in **Fiscardon** (22.06.1911-...)

Airmail envelope sent from **Διβόλου** [Divoulou], to Charleston USA. Exchange Control of Athens (circular 6).

The stamps were canceled with the retired **ΦΙΣΚΑΡΔΟΝ** type V, which was given to the rural postman as a temporary solution after the loss of the dotted rural cancelation **54**.

1900δρχ, airmail letter to abroad [?]



**ΑΔ 54 (type 3)**  
based in **Fiscardon** (22.06.1911-...)



*Use of the CLASSIC TYPE I cancelation*

Airmail envelope sent from **Διβόλου** [Divoulou], to Charleston USA, via **ΦΙΣΚΑΡΔΟΝ 15.ΙΟΥΛ.49** and **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 16.VII.49**. Exchange Control in Argostolion.

While the **ΦΙΣΚΑΡΔΟΝ** type V, η Κεντρική Υπηρεσία των ΤΤΤ απέστειλε τη was initially used, the Central TTT Service sent the type I **54** stamp from Aetoliko. It is incorrectly stated in the literature that the official route stamp was lost during the earthquakes of 1953...

1800δρχ, airmail letter to abroad [?]





# Rural Postal Service: Ionian Islands (Ithaca - Calamos)



**ΑΔ 58 (type 2)**  
based in **Stavros, Ithaca**  
(07.06.1924-...)

*Postal Exemption Due to Earthquakes*

Free of charge airmail cover sent from **Ανωγή Ιθάκης** [Anogi], to New York USA, via **ΣΤΑΥΡΟΣ (ΙΘΑΚΗΣ) 24.ΔΕΚ.54** and **ΠΑΤΡΑΣ 28.ΔΕΚ.54** which ties the 4.000δρχ postage stamp. Violet **ΤΑ ΤΑΧ. ΤΕΛΗ ΚΑΤΕΒΛΗΘΗΣΑΝ ΥΠΟ ΤΟΥ ΔΗΜΟΣΙΟΥ - ΝΟΜΟΣ 2745** [The postal fees were paid by the State, Law 2475].

4.000δρχ letter rate to abroad

**ΑΔ 59** based in **Mytikas**  
**Aetolia & Acarnania**  
(14.10.1929-12.07.1932)



Envelope sent from **Κάλαμος 25.09.1930** [Kalamos], via **ΤΗΛ.ΓΡ. ΜΥΤΙΚΑ 26.ΣΕΠ.30** to **ΤΡΙΠΟΛΙΣ 28.ΙΧ.1930**.

1,50δρχ, inland letter rate



**ΑΔ 59** based in **Calamos**  
(12.07.1932-...)

*Restoration of the base to Kalamos P.O., Ithaca*

Envelope sent from **the island Καστός 26[?].5.1940** [Kastos], to **ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ 2.ΜΑΙ.40**, μέσω **ΚΑΛΑΜΟΣ (ΙΘΑΚΗΣ) 27.4.1940**.

3δρχ, inland letter rate plus Charity stamps. 28



# Rural Postal Service: Ionian Islands (Corfu - Paxo)



**ΑΔ 67** based in **Perithia** (22.06.1911-31.05.1957)



Registered envelope from **Λαυκίο [Lafkio]**, to ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΕΙΣ) 26.ΝΟΕΜ.21, via ΠΕΡΙΘΕΙΑ 24.ΝΟΕΜ.21 and ΚΑΡΟΥΣΑΔΕΣ (ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑΣ) 26.ΝΟΕΜ.21.

40λ, inland registered letter rate

**ΑΔ 69** based in **Skriperon** (22.06.1911-...)



Picture postcard with 10λ **Flying Hermes**, via ΣΚΡΙΠΕΡΟΥ 27.10.11 to Paris.

10λ, postcard to abroad rate



**ΑΔ 75** based in **Gaios (Paxo)** (22.06.1911-14.05.1926)

Envelope to Illinois USA, via ΓΑΪΟΣ (ΠΑΞΟΣ) 16.ΣΕΠ.16, and Bolognawhere it was censored: BOLOGNA POSTA ESTERNA / CENSURA MILITARE.

25λ, letter rate to abroad







# Rural Postal Service: Ionian Islands (Lefkas)



**ΑΔ 78 (type 2)** based in **Vlychos?** (!)  
(<16.06.1931-15.10.1972)

Registered envelope to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ  
ΣΥΣΤ. ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 28.VII.30, via ΛΕΥΚΑΣ  
26.VII.30.  
6,10δρχ,  
3rd weight tier inland letter rate



**ΑΔ 78 (τύπος 1)** based in **Katochorion**  
(22.06-1911-???)

Registered cover to DE KALB  
MAR.26.1915, via ΚΑΤΟΧΩΡΙΟΝ  
17.ΦΕΒΡ.15, ΛΕΥΚΑΣ 19.ΦΕΒ.15,  
ΠΑΤΡΑΙ 21.ΦΕΒ.15 and NEW YORK  
3.25.1915.  
25λ, inland letter rate

**ΑΔ 81** based in **Vassiliki**  
(22.06.1911-...)



Letter card written in **Άγιο Πέτρο 29.7.1911** [Agios Petros], to ΠΑΤΡΑΙ 1.ΑΥΤ.11, via ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΗ 31.ΙΟΥΛ.11.  
10λ, letter card rate



# Rural Postal Service: Ionian Islands (Cyclades)

**ΑΔ 87** based in **Gavrion**  
(22.06.1911-23.02.1929)

Postal card 5λ uprated with 5λ engraved, written in **Γαύριον** 15/23.7.1912 [Gavrion - virtual location], to Paris, via **ΤΗΛ.ΓΡ. ΓΑΥΡΙΟΥ** 18.ΙΟΥΛ.12 and **ΣΥΡΟΣ** 19.ΙΟΥΛ.12.  
Postcard rate to abroad



**ΑΔ 94** based in **Langada Amorgos**  
(22.06.1911-04.02.1920)



Letter card 10λ written in **Αιγιάλη** 7.2.1912 [Aegiali], via **ΛΑΓΚΑΔΑ** 6.ΦΕΒΡ.12 to Syros.  
10λ, letter card rate

**ΑΔ 97** based in **Seriphos**  
(22.06.1911-...)

Postcard with 5λ engraved, via **ΣΕΡΙΦΟΣ** 3.ΙΑΝ.12 to Athens.  
5λ, inland postcard rate



**ΑΔ 99** based in **Siphnos**  
(22.06.1911-...)

Envelope with 25λ engraved, to **BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE A MR.** 24.13, via **ΣΙΦΝΟΣ** 6.ΜΑΡ.13.

25λ, letter rate to abroad



# Rural Postal Service: Phthiotis & Phocis

**ΑΔ 126 (type 1)**  
based in **Martinon**  
(18.08.1911-...)

Envelope with 25λ engraved, to San Francisco USA, without any other postal marking. Received in Nov.28th.1913 (v.η.)

Letter to abroad rate



**ΑΔ 126 (type 2)**  
based in **Martinon**  
(18.08.1911-...)

! 5λ postal card written in **Παύλου [Pavlou]**, via **ΤΗΛ.ΓΡ. ΜΑΡΤΙΝΟΥ 2.ΑΥΓ.17, ΑΤΑΛΑΝΤΗ 2.ΑΥΓ.17** and **ΧΑΛΚΙΣ 4.ΑΥΓ.17** to **ΒΟΛΟΣ 6.ΑΥΓ.17**.

Inland postcard rate, with additional charity stamp (April-September 1917)

**ΑΔ 152** based in **Artotini**  
(18.08.1911-19.09.1940)

10λ letter card written in **Νούτσουμβρον 19.7.1916** [Noutsomvron, nowadays Psilo Chorio], via **ΑΡΤΟΤΙΝΗ 20.ΙΟΥΛ.16** and **ΒΟΛΟΣ 24.ΙΟΥΛ.16**, to **Αλμυρό (Almyros)**.

Letter card rate





# Rural Postal Service: Aetolia & Acarnania

**ΑΔ 169**

based in **Berikon** (Drymon)  
(05.09.1911-28.04.1930)

10λ lettercard written in  
**Κοσκινά 14.10.1920** [Koskinas],  
via **ΜΠΕΡΙΚΟΝ 14.ΟΚΤ.20** and  
**ΤΗΛ.ΓΡ. ΚΕΦΑΛΟΒΥΣΣΟΥ**  
14.ΟΚΤ.20, to ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ  
18.ΟΚΤ.20.

Letter card rate



**ΑΔ 183** based in **Megali Lobotina** (Ano Chora, since 1930)  
(05.09.1911-21.11.1949)



Envelope with 10λ ΕΤ & 15λ lithographic, from **Ελατού** [Elatou], via **ΜΕΓ. ΛΟΜΠΟΤΙΚΑ 7.ΙΟΥΝ.19** and Piraeus (censormarking ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ 42 & reader 157), to Detroit Michigan USA.

25λ, letter to abroad

**ΑΔ 186** based in **Amphilochia**  
(05.09.1911-...)

10λ lettercard written in  
**Κρίγγελο 5.8.1912** [Krigelo], via  
**ΑΜΦΙΛΟΧΙΑ (ΚΑΡΒΑΣΣΑΡΑΣ)**  
8.ΑΥΤ.12, to Lefkas.

Letter card rate





# Rural Postal Service: Evrytania



**AD 207** based in **Paparousi**  
(25.08.1922-31.03.1928)

Registered envelope franked with 3,90δρχ (lithographic), from **Φιδάκια** [*Phidakia*], via **ΠΑΠΑΡΟΥΣΙ 28.ΙΑΝ.927**, **ΛΑΜΙΑ 3.ΦΕΒ.27** to **ΧΑΛΚΙΣ 4.ΦΕΒ.27**. The recipient was not found and it was returned to Phidakia, via **ΛΑΜΙΑ 7.ΦΕΒ.1927**, **ΤΗΛ.ΓΡ. ΚΑΡΠΙΝΗΣΙΟΥ 11.ΦΕΒ.27**, **ΚΑΡΠΙΝΗΣΙΟΝ 11.ΦΕΒ.27** and **ΠΑΠΑΡΟΥΣΙ 11.ΦΕΒ.927**.  
3,90δρχ, 2nd weight tier inland registered letter

**AD 213** based in **Kerasovon**  
(Kerasochorion)  
(05.09.1911-...)

Registered cover with 2x25λ lithographic, from **Βίνιανη** [*Viniani*], via **ΚΕΡΑΣΣΟΒΟΝ 6.ΙΟΥΝ.18** and **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 9.ΙΟΥΝ.18** (+ censormarking 22 MA = Not Opened), to **NEW YORK 8.1.18**.

50λ, registered letter to abroad



**AD 233** based in **Proussos**  
(05.09.1911-...)



Registered envelope with 10λ+15λ+25λ lithographic, from **Εσχωχώρα** [*Esochoria*], with boxed **ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΟΝ**, via **ΤΗΛ. ΓΡ. ΠΡΟΥΣΣΟΥ 9.ΣΕΠ.18**, **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 12.ΣΕΠ.18** and **Piraeus** (censor-marking 41 MA = Not Opened), to **BOSTON NOV.26.1918**.

50λ, registered letter to abroad



# Rural Postal Service: Epirus (Arta, old Greece)



**AD 95** based in **Vourgarelion** (03.09.1911-...)

Serial number 95 was initially designated for the routes of the Cyclades; however, it apparently became vacant and was subsequently assigned to the route of Vourgareli

Stamped envelope 3δρχ +50λ charity, from **Τετράκωμον** [Tetrakomon], via **ΒΟΥΡΓΑΡΕΛΙΟΝ 29.II.1939** and **ΑΡΤΑ 2.III.39** to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 3.III.40**.

Inland letter rate

**Date 29.II.1939 instead of 1.III.**

**AD 240** based in **Vourgarelion** (03.09.1911-...)

10λ letter card written in **Βουργαρέλι 27.2.1912** [Vourgareli - virtual location], via **ΑΡΤΑ 30.ΜΑΙ.12**, to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 31.ΜΑΙ.12**.

Letter card rate



**AD 243** based in **Agnanta** (03.09.1911-...)

10λ letter card, uprated with 5λ lithographic, written in **Σχωρέτσανα 1.4.1919** [Schoret-saena], via **ΤΗΛ.ΓΡ. ΑΓΝΑΝΤΩΝ 4.ΑΠΡ.19** and **ΑΡΤΑ 5.ΑΠΡ.19** προς Αθήνα.

15λ letter card rate





# Rural Postal Service: Thessaly (Larissa)



**ΑΔ 245** based in **Larissa**  
(03.09.1911-...)

Εικονογραφημένο επιστολικό δελτάριο με 5λ λιθογραφικό, μέσω **ΛΑΡΙΣΣΑ 21.ΜΑΙ.12** προς Αθήνα.

Τέλος επιστολικού δελταρίου



**ΑΔ 251** based in **Mega Keserli**  
(Sykourion)  
(03.09.1911-...)

**ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΙΟΙΚΗΣΙΣ** stamp

Envelope with 25Λ ΕΔ, via **ΜΕΓΑ ΚΕΣΣΕΡΛΙ 23.ΑΠΡ.15**, to Monrol USA.

Letter rate to abroad



**ΑΔ 254** based in **Rapsani**  
(03.09.1911-...)

**ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΙΟΙΚΗΣΙΣ** stamp

Envelope with 25Λ ΕΔ, via **ΤΗΛ. ΓΡ. ΡΑΨΑΝΗΣ 17.ΣΕΠ.14**, to Illinois USA.

Letter rate to abroad



# Rural Postal Service: Thessaly (Magnaesia)

**ΑΔ 264** based in **Volos**  
(03.09.1911-12.12.1939)



Registered letter with 2x25λ engraved, via **ΒΟΛΟΣ 6.ΑΠΡ.12**, to Filia (Lesvos island), via **ME-TELINO b ÖSTERR. POST 23.IV.12** and **KALONIA 24.4.1912** (Καλλονή).

50λ, registered letter rate to abroad

**ΑΔ 267** based in **Tsagarada**  
(03.09.1911-...)



200%



**Use of revenue stamp ΘΕΜΙΣ !**

Envelope with 25λ engraved, overprinted **ΘΕΜΙΣ** (Lawyers' Professional Tax), via **ΤΗΛ.ΓΡ. ΤΣΑΓΚΑΡΑΔΩΝ 1.ΑΠΡ.19**, to Genève. Examined by the reader **133** of Volos censorship.

Τέλος 25λ, επιστολής εξωτερικού



# Rural Postal Service: Thessaly (Karditsa)

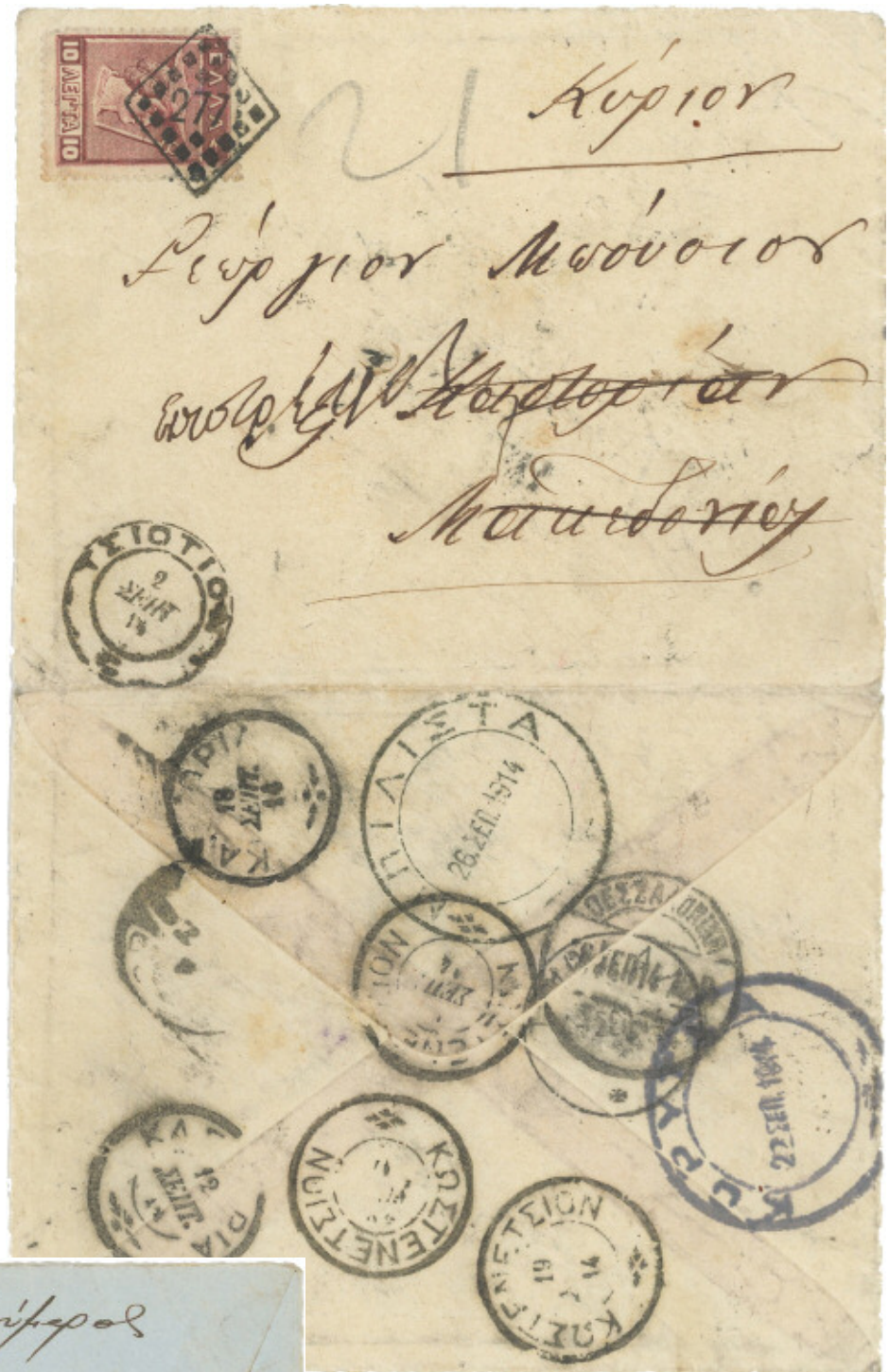
**ΑΔ 277** based in **Tsition** (Pharkadon)  
(19.09.1911-...)

Envelope with 10λ lithographic, addressed to the Deputy **Γεώργιο Μπούσιο**, written in **Τσιτοούλη 3.9.1914 [Tsiotouli]**, via **ΤΣΙΟΤΙΟΝ 2.ΣΕΠΤ.14**, and **ΤΡΙΚΚΑΛΑ 4.ΣΕΠ.14** to **ΚΑΣΤΟΡΙΑ 4.ΣΕΠΤ.14**

The Member of Parliament was not found, and the letter began its journey from place to place:

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 6.ΣΕΠ.14, ΚΑΣΤΟΡΙΑ 12.ΣΕΠΤ.14, ΚΩΣΤΕΝΕΤΣΙΟΝ 13.ΣΕΠΤ.14, ΚΑΣΤΟΡΙΑ 18.ΣΕΠΤ.14, ΚΩΣΤΕΝΕΤΣΙΟΝ 19.ΣΕΠΤ.14, ΚΟΡΥΤΣΑ 22.ΣΕΠΤ.14 [**Ko-rytsa, North Epirus**], ΜΠΙΛΙΤΣΑ 26.ΣΕΠ.14 [**Biglitsa, North Epirus**] και ΚΩΣΤΕΝΕΤΣΙΟΝ 28.ΣΕΠ.14.

Inland letter rate



**ΑΔ 303 (Type 2\*)** based in **Mouzakion**  
(19.09.1911-...)

\*locally produced

Envelope with 450δρχ Annexation of Dodecanese, with additional Charity stamps, from **Δρακότρυπα [Drakotrypa]**, via **ΜΟΥΖΑΚΙΟΝ 1.ΣΕΠ.49**, to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 3.ΙΧ.49**.

2nd weight tier inland letter rate



# Rural Postal Service: Euboea

**ΑΔ 33** based in **Chalkis** (28.05.1911-...)  
 Rural postman 33 served an area in Boeotia  
 but was based in Chalkida!  
 At least four cancelations were used

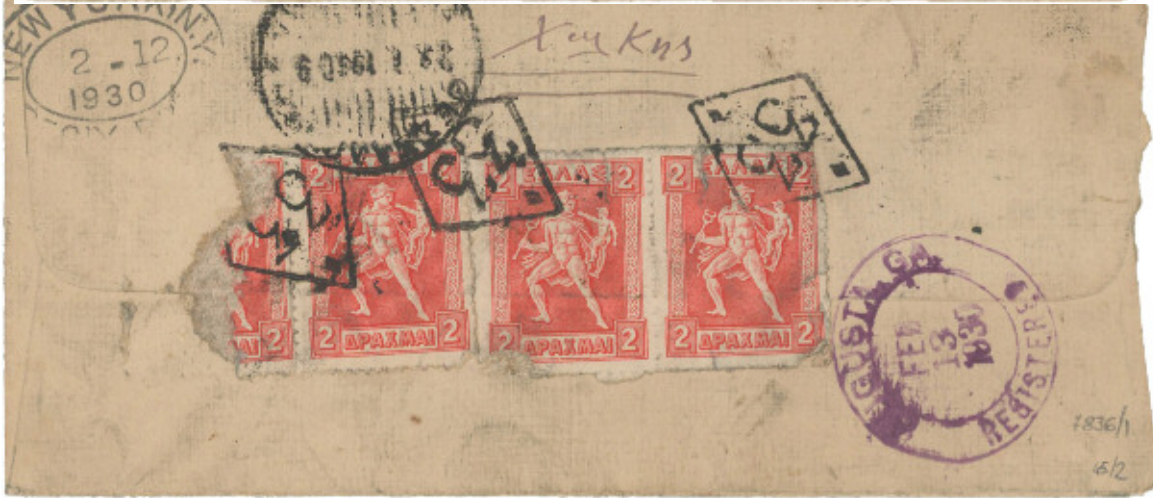


(type 1) Letter card 10λ  
 written in **Δρίτσα 12.4.1915**  
 [Dritsa], via **ΧΑΛΚΙΣ**  
 13.ΑΠΡ.15, to ΠΕΙΡΑΙΑΕΥΣ  
 14.ΑΠΡ.15.

Letter card rate

(type 2) Registered from **Βαθύ**  
**Αυλίδος** [Vathy Avlidos], via  
**ΧΑΛΚΙΣ** 7.ΜΑΙ.28, προς USA.

(type 3) Συστημένη από **Βαθύ**  
**Αυλίδος** [Vathy Avlidos], via  
**ΧΑΛΚΙΣ** 27.ΙΑΝ.30, προς USA



**ΑΔ 323** based in **Limni**  
 (19.09.1911-???)

Route discontinued  
 early, but it is unknown  
 when

Registered cover with  
 2x5λ & 2x10λ engraved,  
 with boxed **ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΟΝ**,  
 via **ΘΗ.ΓΡ. ΔΙΜΝΗΣ**  
 23.ΙΟΥΝ.12, to Athens.

30λ registered  
 inland letter rate





# Rural Postal Service: Euboea

**AD 341** based in **Karystos**  
(19.09.1911-07.03.1912)  
*Short Operating Period*  
*in Karystos*

Picture postcard with 5λ engraved, written in **Μαριάρι**  
**9.1.1912** [Marmari], via  
**ΚΑΡΥΣΤΟΣ 11.IAN.12** to Athens.  
Inland postcard rate



# Rural Postal Service: Peloponnese (Arcadia)

*Send a letter directly to the village because the postal service operates here!*

**AD 344 (type 1)** based in  
**Tripolis** (03.03.1912-...)

Cover with 5λ & 2x10λ engraved, via  
**ΤΡΙΠΟΛΙΣ 26.AIP.12**, and **ΠΑΤΡΑΙ 27.AIP.12**  
to Ontario

Letter to abroad rate  
Sender's first letter via rural service



**AD 344 (type 2)** based in **Tripolis**  
(03.03.1912-...)

Envelope with 25λ engraved, via **ΠΑΤΡΑΙ 8.AYT.12** to Ontario

Letter to abroad rate

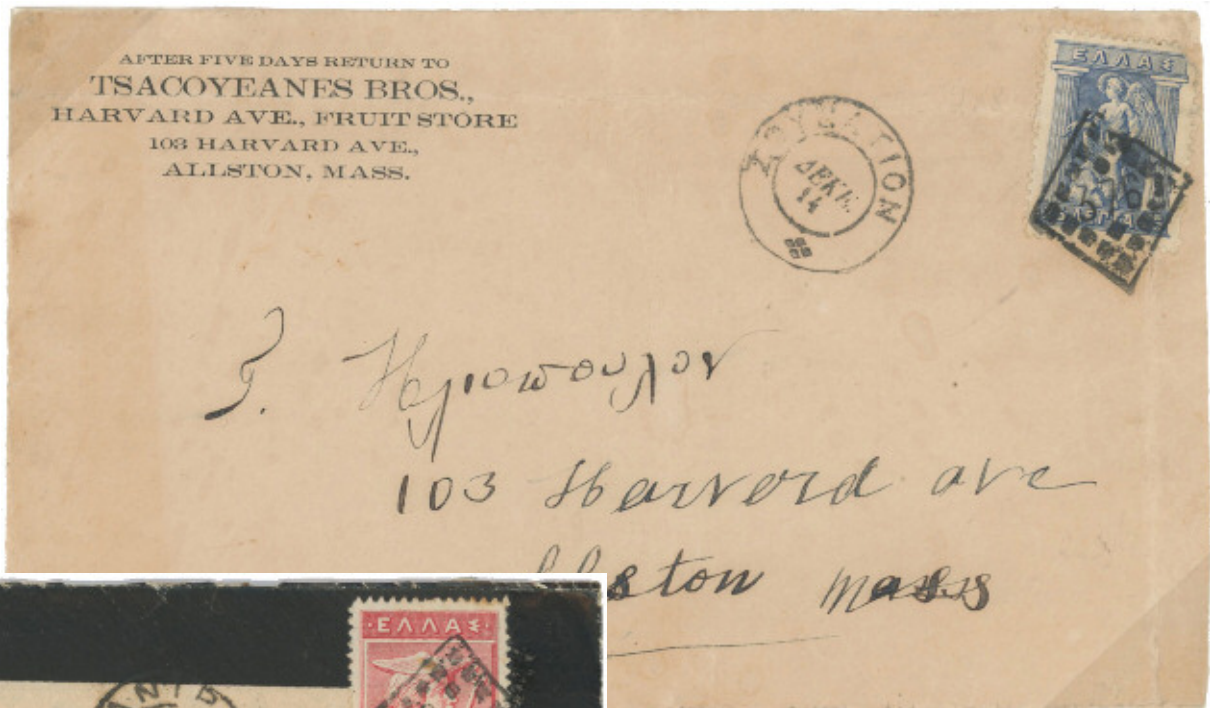
Rural postman 344 lost his numerical  
cancellation within a period of 5-6 months (at  
most), which was then replaced with the one  
shown at left



# Rural Postal Service: Peloponnese (Arcadia)

**ΑΔ 376** based in **Zounation (Zoni)**  
(03.03.1912-8.6.1934)

According to the literature, route 376 appears to be based in Vlachorrafti (serving the Municipality of Gortynos). However, the envelope proves that route 376 was based in **Zounati**. Consequently, the route based in Vlachorrafti is route 377.



Envelope with 25λ lithographic, via ZOYNATION - ΔΕΚΕ.14, to Allston Mass, USA  
Letter to abroad rate



**ΑΔ 346** based in **Kandrevia (Assea)**  
(03.03.1912-31.8.1969)

Envelope with 10λ lithographic, via KANTREBA 9.ΑΥΤ.16, to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 9.ΑΥΤ.16  
Inland letter rate

**ΑΔ 382**  
based in **Agios Andreas**  
(03.03.1912-???)

According to the literature, route 382 appears to be based in Astros (serving the Municipality of Tanias). However, the envelope proves that route 382 operated for a short period, but with its base in **Agios Andreas**, serving the Municipality of Vrasies. It was discontinued very quickly!

Envelope with 10λ engraved, written in **Καστάνιτσα** 9.7.1912 [Kastanitsa], via ΑΓΙΟΣ ΑΝΔΡΕΑΣ 10.ΙΟΥΛ.12 and ΘΛ.ΓΡ. ΑΣΤΡΟΥΣ 11.ΙΟΥΛ.12 to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 12.ΙΟΥΛ.12.

Inland letter rate





# Rural Postal Service: Peloponnese (Argolis & Corinthia)



**AD 388** based in **Nafplion**  
(03.03.1912-...)

Envelope with 5λ + 2x10λ engraved, via **ΝΑΥΠΛΙΟΝ 13.ΜΑΡ.13**, to California, USA

Letter to abroad rate

**AD 403** (type 2) based in **Poros**  
(03.03.1912-...)

Poros (Attica) was administratively part of Argolida at the time of the Rural Service's establishment.

Envelope with 50λ + 1δρχ landscapes & 10λ Red Cross, addressed to **Γαλατά** [Galatas], via **ΠΟΡΟΣ 22.ΑΠΡ.29**. The recipient was unknown; the rural postman noted: "Άγνωστος εις Γαλατά Τροιζινίας, είσος Γαλατά Κορίνθου, Αγροτ. Διανομεύς" [Unknown in Galatas, Trizinia; possibly in Galatas, Corinth] 1,50δρχ, inland letter rate



**AD 417** based in **Dervenion**  
(03.03.1912-...)



Envelope with 3x3λ engraved + 3x2λ + 10λ lithographic, via **ΘΛ. ΓΡ. ΔΕΡΒΕΝΙΟΥ 22.ΙΟΥΝ.16**, sent to **ZÜRICH 24.VII.1916**, via Bologna (censorship)

25λ. letter rate to abroad



# Rural Postal Service: Peloponnese (Laconia)



**AD 436**  
based in **Levetsova** (Κροκεές)  
(21.03.1912-...)

Envelope with 5x5λ lithographic, via **THA.GP. AEBETEONON 14.AYT.15**, to New York, USA

25λ. letter rate to abroad

**AD 456**  
based in **Panitsa** (Myrsini)  
(21.03.1912-???)



Envelope with 3λ engraved +2λ +2x10λ lithographic, via **ΠΑΝΙΤΣΑ 13.ΣΕΠΤ.19** and **ΠΑΤΡΑΙ 16.ΣΕΠ.19** to Newark, New Jersey USA. Triangular **12 MA** (Not Opened) by the Patras' censorship

25λ. letter rate to abroad



**AD 466**  
based in **Pyrgos Oetylon**  
(01.09.1912-05.06.1931)

Not prepaid envelope with circular **T**, via **ΠΥΡΓΟΣ (ΟΙΤΥΛΟΥ) 1.ΑΥΤ.23** and **THA.GP. ΑΡΕΟΠΟΛΕΩΣ 1.ΑΥΤ.23**, to USA  
Postage due 20c, the double of the missing fee (25λ. letter rate to abroad)



# Rural Postal Service: Peloponnese (Messenia - Elis)

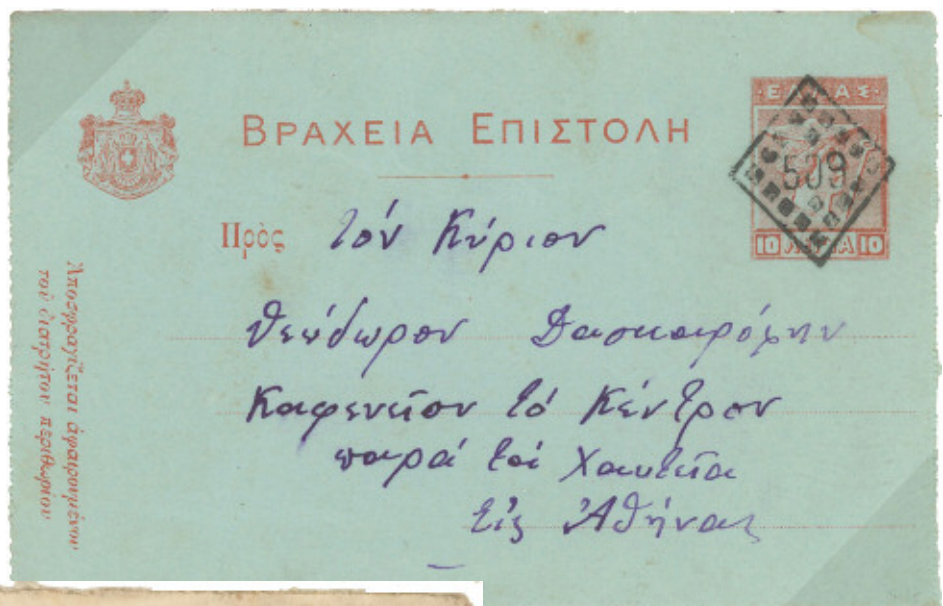


**ΑΔ 488** based in **Meligalas**  
(09.04.1912-...)

Envelope with 5x3λ engraved and 5x2λ lithographic, via **ΤΗΛ.ΓΡ. ΜΕΛΙΓΑΛΑ** --.14, to Kansas City, USA

25λ. Letter rate to abroad

**ΑΔ 509**  
based in **Ligoudista (Chora)**  
(09.04.1912-...)



Letter card 10λ written in **Δηγούδηστα** [Ligoudista], via **ΤΗΛ.ΓΡ. ΛΙΓΟΥΔΙΣΤΗΣ** 4.ΙΟΥΝ.12, to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 5.ΙΟΥΝ.12.

Letter card rate



**ΑΔ 526** based in **Zacharo**  
(09.04.1912-...)

At the time of the Rural Service's establishment, the southern part of today's Elis Prefecture belonged to the Messenia Prefecture

Envelope with 25λ ET, via **ΤΗΛ.ΓΡ. ΖΑΧΑΡΩΣ** 21.ΦΕΒ.17 to Enderlin N.D., USA

25λ. Letter rate to abroad



# Rural Postal Service: Peloponnese (Achaia)



**ΑΔ 529** based in **Patras**  
(09.04.1912-περί το 1960)

Postcard with 5λ lithographic, written in **Βαλατούνα** [Valatouna, nowadays Petroto], to Patras  
Inland postcard rate

**ΑΔ 537**  
based in **Chalandritsa**  
(09.04.1912-...)



Registered cover with 6x5λ +10λ + 2x25λ lithographic, boxed R-marking Σ. ΑΡΙΘ... ΓΡΑΜ..., via ΧΑΛΑΝΔΡΙΤΣΑ 22.ΦΕΒΡ.21 and ΠΑΤΡΑΙ 24.ΦΕΒ.21, to Seattle, USA.  
90λ instead of the correct 1δρχ, registered letter rate to abroad



**ΑΔ 568**  
based in **Strezova (Daphne)**  
(09.04.1912-...)  
Change of name 05.03.1929.

Registered envelope with 3x10λ ET & charity stamp 5λ/40λ ΚΠ, boxed ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΟΝ, to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 18.ΣΕΠ.17. Oval ΓΡΑΦΕΙΟΝ ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑΣ (Censorship Office) upon arrival in Athens.  
30λ, inland registered letter rate



# Rural Postal Service: Peloponnese (Elis)

**ΑΔ 574**  
based in **Gastouni**  
(09.04.1912-...)  
4 different lozenge  
cancelations used  
in 40 years!



(type 1)



(type 2) Small visit card envelope with only 5λ/25λ ΚΠ  
(charity), sent to Patras via ΓΑΣΤΟΥΝΗ 10.ΑΠΡ.17[?]  
5λ, [inland visit card rate]



(type 3)



(type 4)

**ΑΔ 578 (type 2)** based in  
**Delibali (Ephyra)**  
(09.04.1912-...)

Envelope with 5x10λ +  
5x20λ lithographic, via  
**ΔΕΛΗΜΠΑΛΙ 15.ΜΑΡ.1928**,  
προς ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 16.ΜΑΡ.28.  
1,50δρχ, inland letter rate



ΣΤΡΑΤΙΩΤΙΚΗ ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΙΚΗ ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ  
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Διευθύνσις Κιερίας

Τόπος Κιερίας

Σύνταγμα Κιερίας

Δόχος Κιερίας

ή Ήλη Κιερίας

Βαθμός Κιερίας

Όνομα Κιερίας

Διά του παρόντος πληροφοροῦσιν οἱ  
οἰκεῖοι τοῦς Στρατιωτικοῦς περὶ τῆς ὑγιεί-  
ας των, καὶ ζητοῦσι παρ' αὐτῶν σχετικὰς  
πληροφορίας δι' οἰκογενειακὰς ὑποθέσεις  
των, εἰς γλῶσσαν σαφῆ Ἑλληνικὴν, ἄνευ  
λέξεων διαφοροῦμένων ἢ συνθηματικῶν.

ΣΤΡ. ΔΕΛΤ. Τ. ΔΕΛΤΑΡΙΟΝ ΚΟΡΥΝΘΟΥ

**ΑΔ 568**  
based in **Divre (Lambeia)**  
(09.04.1912-...)

Change of name 12.02.1929.

Postal card of the Military  
Postal Service (5λ), via  
**ΔΙΒΡΗ 22.ΔΕΚΕ.16**, present to  
Patras.

5λ, inland postcard rate, (the  
use of the military postcard was  
generally accepted)



# Rural Postal Service: Old Greece, Special cases

**AA 600** based in **Gravia** Phthiotis  
(???) Unrecorder in bibliography



Free of charge picture postcard posted by a French military via **ΤΗΛ.ΓΡ. ΓΡΑΒΙΑΣ 19.ΜΑΙ.18**, to France, with censorship markings **ΓΡΑΦΕΙΟΝ ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑΣ ΓΡΑΒΙΑΣ** (Censorship Office of Gravia), **40 MA** (Not Open) and reader's **287**.

**AA 865** based in **Lower Town of Kyparissia** Messenia  
(???) Unrecorder in bibliography



Registered envelope with 10λ + 2x20λ lithographic, via **ΚΥΠΑΡΙΣΣΙΑ ΚΑΤΩ ΠΟΛΙΣ 5.ΙΑΝ.21** and **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 7.ΙΑΝ.21**, to **LINOPING 5.2.21**.

50λ, first weight tier registered letter to abroad

It is possible that a cancelation with a different number was sent for route 593 of Kyparissia, which was established on 29.08.1919. This has happened with other routes as well.



# Numbering of Rural Routes of the Cretan State

The rural postal service of the Cretan State was organized by K. Marinos, Director of the Greek Postal Service (p. 18), and began operating in April 1900.



The **69** numbers of the first rural postment were allocated to the prefectures as follows:

- Chania:** 1-16
- Sfakia:** 17-22
- Rethymnon:** 23-35
- Heraklion:** 36-52
- Lassithi:** 53-69

The permanent positions increased to **79** before the Union, and around the period of the National Schism, they reached **125** \*.

The dotted cancelations were used from 1900 until 1907, when they were replaced by post horn datestamps.

The Cretan numbering was maintained until **1945**, when a unified national numbering was decided \*\*.

\*For the new routes, old dotted cancelations with existing serial numbers were used

\*\*At that time, the obsolete stamps in the Cretan postal warehouses were sent to Athens

Samples of the dotted Cretan cancelations and the posthorn datestamps are presented, along with some of their unique features during the period of the Cretan State, followed by the first period after the Union with Greece (using "Hellenic Administration" and Campaign stamps, the reintroduction of dotted stamps for new routes, and finally, the replacement of some numbered date stamps (post horn) with dotted lozenge Greek-type cancelations).

## AA K6 Voukolies Chania (01.05.1900-11.05.1901)

Transferred to Kolymbari



"Proof of notification via the Post Office"  
 From the ΕΙΡΗΝΟΔΙΚΕΙΟΝ ΒΟΥΚΟΛΙΩΝ (Voukolies, Justice of the Peace)  
 to a resident of **Δαρμαροχώριον** (Darmarochori)  
 Posted from **ΒΟΥΚΟΛΙΕΣ 11.ΜΑΡΤ.1901**  
 (the office was closed in 1901)



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## i. Dotted cancelations



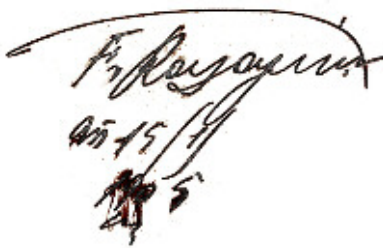
**ΑΔ Κ15 Paleochore** Chania  
(01.05.1900-...)  
New number 188 (after 1946)

Picture postcard from **Βουτάς** (Voutas) via **ΠΑΛΑΙΟΧΩΡΑ** 20.ΟΚΤ.1904, **ΧΑΝΙΑ** 21.ΟΚΤ.1904, **ΠΕΘΥΜΝΟΝ** 21.ΟΚΤ.1904, **ΣΠΗΛΙ** 22.ΟΚΤ.1904 and **ΝΕΥΣ-ΑΜΑΡΙ** 22.ΟΚΤ.1904 to **Μέρανα** (Meronas, settlement that was served by the rural postman 31).

2λ rate for postcards <5 words

**ΑΔ Κ19 Vamos** Sfakia  
(?.?.1901-?.05.1922)

Transferred from Georgioupolis



Picture postcard from **εν Καλαμίο** 15.1.1905 (Kalamion) via **ΒΑΜΟΣ** 19.ΙΑΝ.1905, sent to Kolymvari Kissamou.



**ΑΔ Κ75 Chania**  
(???-???)

**Unknown in bibliography**

This rural route was discontinued, and subsequently, a new route was established in Nefs Amari, Rethymno

Handwritten note: *Υδατος 2/1/5/1907*



Picture postcard from **Καλάμιον** 1/8/1907 (Kalamion), via **ΧΑΝΙΑ** 6.ΑΥΓ.1907, sent to Kolymvari Kissamou.



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**ΑΔ Κ31 Nefs-Amari** Rethymno  
(01.05.1900-...)  
New number 429 (after 1946)

Picture postcard from **Αποδούλου** (Apodoulou), via **NEYS-AMARI** 19.ΜΑΙΟΣ.1906, and **ΡΕΘΥΜΝΟΝ** 19.ΜΑΙΟΣ.1906 to **Χρομοναστήρι** (Chromonastiri, settlement that was served by the rural postmen 23 and/or 25).

**ΑΔ Κ36 Mires** Heraklion  
(10.05.1900-18.05.1935)  
Transferred to **Pompia**

10Α postal card from **Τυμπάκι** 30.3.1905 (Tymbaki), via **ΜΟΙΡΑΙ** 20.ΜΑΡΤ.1905, ΑΓ. ΜΥΡΩΝ 20.ΜΑΡΤ.1906 and **ΗΡΑΚΛΕΙΟΝ** 21.ΜΑΡΤ.1905, to Paris.

10Α, postcard to abroad



**ΑΔ Κ62 Hierapetra** Lassithi  
(01.05.1900-...)  
New number 687 (after 1946)



Picture postcard from **Μάλλες** 1.1.1906 (Mallas), via **ΙΕΡΑΠΕΤΡΑ** 1.ΙΑΝ.1906, to Agiasmenos, Hierapetra.

3λ rate, always inexplicable (in Greece and Crete)...



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Replacement of worn or lost cancelations: New **local productions**.

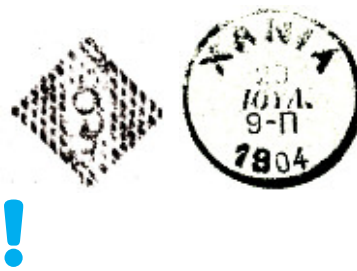
4 local productions: **9, 44, 48** and **65**



Small visit card cover from **Γκαλαγκάδω** [Galangado], via **ΧΑΝΙΑ 29.ΙΟΥΛ.1904**, **ΡΕΘΥΜΝΟΝ 29.ΙΟΥΛ.1904** and **ΚΑΣΤΕΛΛΙ (ΜΥΛΟΠ.) 30.ΙΟΥΛ.1904**, to **Μαργαρίταις** (Margarites).

**ΑΔ Κ9 (type 2)**  
**Χανιά** (01.05.1900-...)

*The item demonstrates the use of the poorly engraved 9 by the rural postman of Chania*

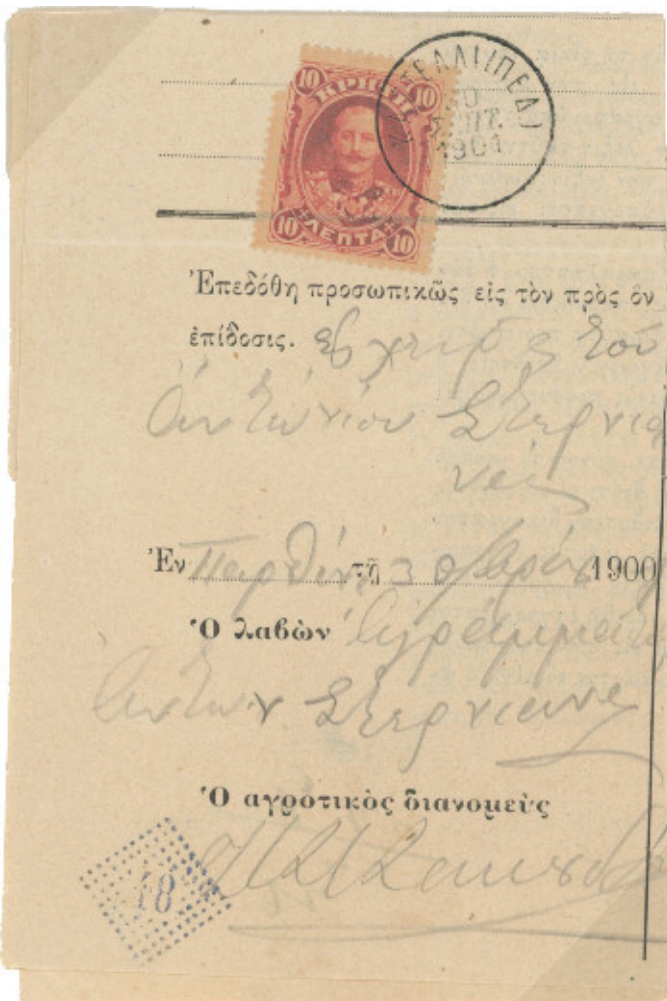


**ΑΔ Κ65 Port of Sitia Lassithi**  
(01.05.1900-...)  
New number 704 (after 1946)



(type 1)

(type 2)



**ΑΔ Κ48 (type 1)**  
**Pyrgos** Heraklion  
(01.05.1900-07.05.1937)  
Discontinued

"Proof of notification via the Post Office", from the ΕΙΡΗΝΟΔΙΚΕΙΟΝ ΚΑΣΤΕΛΛΙΟΥ ΠΕΔΙΑΔΟΣ (Kastelli of Pedia, Justice of the Peace) to a resident of **Παρθενίου** (Parthenion)  
Sent from **ΚΑΣΤΕΛΛΙ (ΠΕΔ.) 30.ΣΕΠΤ. 1901**

**ΑΔ Κ44 (type 1)**  
**Kastelli Pediaos**  
Heraklion  
(01.05.1900-30.05.1930)  
Transferred to Embaros



**ΑΔ Κ44 (τύπος 2)**



"Proof of notification via the Post Office" from the ΕΙΡΗΝΟΔΙΚΕΙΟΝ ΚΑΣΤΕΛΛΙΟΥ ΠΕΔΙΑΔΟΣ (Kastelli of Pedia, Justice of the Peace) to a resident of **Κάτω Κοροτζάνης** (Kato Korotzani).  
Sent from **ΚΑΣΤΕΛΛΙ (ΠΕΔ.) 10.ΑΠΡ.1906**



**ΑΔ Κ48 (type 2)**  
(not reported)

*sketch with all due caution*



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## ii. Numerical datestamps (posthorn)



**ΑΔ Κ2 Alikianos** Chania  
(01.05.1900-02.09.1971)

2.8.1911, picture postcard from **εν Λάκκοις 7.8.911** (Lakkoe), via **ΑΛΙΚΙΑΝΟΣ 8.ΑΥΓ.1911**, to **ΛΑΥΠΙΟΝ 8.ΑΥΓ.1911**, Greece. Should be 5λ, rate, for postcards to Greece

**ΑΔ Κ7 Chania**  
(01.05.1901-29.11.1928)  
Transferred to Gerolakkos



21.10.1907, picture postcard from **εν Στέρνας ?.10.907** (Sternes), via **ΧΑΝΙΑ 22.ΟΚΤ.1907**, to the Prisons of Kalamí.

2λ, printed matter rate



**ΑΔ Κ31**  
**Nefs-Amari** Rethymnon  
(01.05.1901-...)  
New number 429 (after 1946)

**Earliest recorder date**  
for Cretan Rural datestamp (post horn)

18.9.1907, epicture postcard from **Αποδούλου 17.9.1907** (Apoloulos), via **ΝΕΥΣ-ΑΜΑΡΙ 18.ΣΕΠΤ.1907** and **ΧΑΝΙΑ 20.ΣΕΠΤ.1907**, to Kástelli Kissamou.



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**ΑΔ Κ29 Spili** Rethymnon  
(01.05.1900-31.05.1924)  
Transferred to Myrthios

31.10.1911, envelope with 10λ large ΕΛΛΑΣ, via ΣΠΗΛΙ 31.ΟΚΤ.1911 and ΡΕΘΥΜΝΟΝ 31.ΟΚΤ.1911 to ΧΑΝΙΑ 1.ΝΟΕΜ.1911.  
10λ, inland letter rate



**ΑΔ Κ37 Mires** Heraklion  
(01.05.1901-29.11.1928)  
New number 660 (after 1946)

28.3.1909, small visit card envelope **but containing a letter** with 2x10λ small ΕΛΛΑΣ, from Σίβα 26.3.1909, via ΜΟΙΡΑΙ 28.ΜΑΡΤ.1909, to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 2.ΑΠΡ.09.  
20λ rate for letters to Greece (after the Union).



**ΑΔ Κ47 Pyrgos of Monofatsi** Heraklion  
(01.05.1901-...)  
New number 598 (after 1946)

[3].1.1912, picture postcard from Στάργις 1.1.912, via ΠΥΡΓΟΣ (ΜΟΝΟΦ) 4.ΙΑΝ.1912 to Ηρακλιόν.



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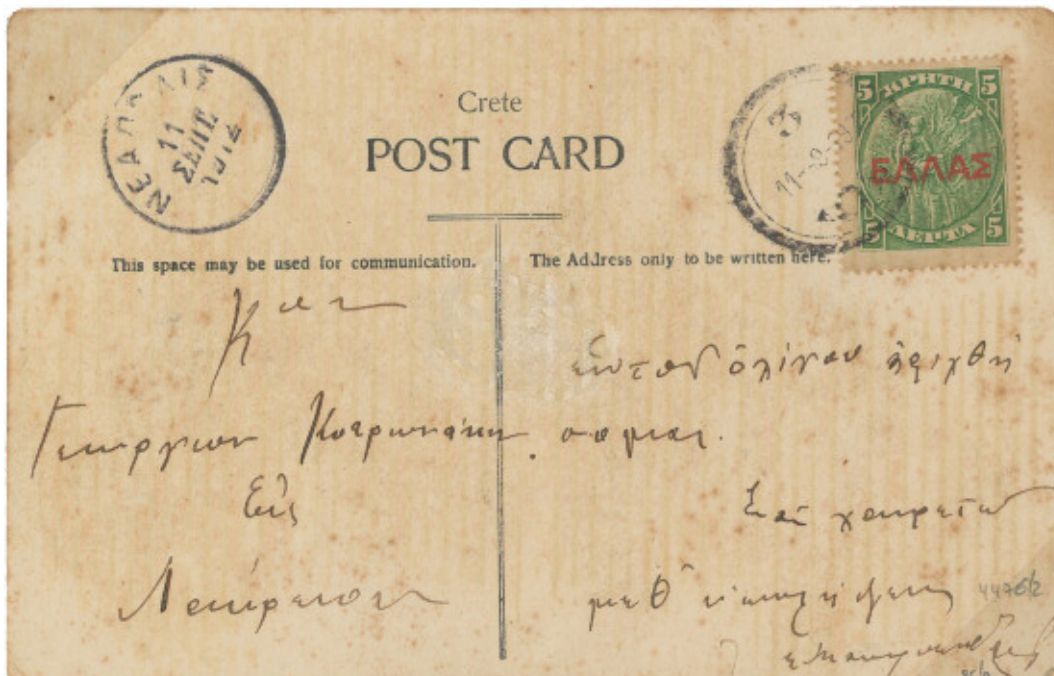
**ΑΔ Κ60 Viannos** Lassithi  
(01.05.1900-...)  
New number 666 (after 1946)

2.11.1910, picture postcard with 2x1λ large ΕΛΛΑΣ, from **Αμυρά** 31.10.910 (Amyra), via **BIANNOΣ** 2.NOEM.1910 to Heraklion.



**ΑΔ Κ72 Panormos** Rethymnon  
(?.?.1905-24.01.1927)  
Transferred to Perama

4.1.1912, picture postcard with 2λ large ΕΛΛΑΣ, from **εν Μαργαρίταις** 29.12.911 (Margarites), via **ΠΑΝΟΡΜΟΣ** 4.IAN.1912 to Rethymnon.



**ΑΔ Κ3 (new)**  
**Neapolis** Lassitho  
(...-...)

New route with a posthorn datstamp different from that of the route with the same number in Alikianos, Chania



11.9.1912, picture postcard, via **ΝΕΑΠΟΛΙΣ** 11.ΣΕΠΤ.1912 to Lavrion, Greece.

5λ rate for postcards to Greece



# Numbering of Rural Routes of the Cretan State

Replacement of worn or lost post horn postmarks: New engravings of numbered date stamps.

5 cases known: **9, 46, 61, 66** and **69**

Some posthorn datestamps were lost or damaged, and the Service replaced them. In fact, for number 61, the old dotted cancellation was temporarily used.

I cannot interpret the second type of number 69, as the first one continued to be used at least until 1948!

From an engraving perspective, the new postmarks are slightly different, with the main characteristic being the different post horn design and the larger date digits. Two of these also have a narrower outer border (numbers 9 and 61). Finally, the unique type of stamps for numbers 78 and 79 features the number 7 with a different, rough local engraving, or rather a correction of it.

**ΑΔ Κ9 Chania**  
(01.05.1900-...)



(type 1)



(type 2)

**ΑΔ Κ46 Pyrgos**  
(01.05.1900-???)

Discontinued



(type 2)

**ΑΔ Κ66 Port of Sitia**  
(01.05.1900-23.11.1919)

transferred to Chandras



(type 1)



(type 2)

**ΑΔ Κ69 Viannos**  
(01.05.1900-23.12.1921)

Transferred to Malles



(type 1)



(type 2)

**ΑΔ Κ61 (type 1) Hierapetra Lassithi** (01.05.1900-23.12.1921)

Transferred to Pachia Ammos



(type 2)

Picture postcard with 2x12 large ΕΛΛΑΣ, from **Μάλλαις** (Malles) to Agiasmenos.

Provisional reuse



(type 1) 8.7.1909, envelope with 10λ Gothic ΕΛΛΑΣ and ΙΕΡΑΠΕΤΡΑ 8.ΙΟΥΛ.1909, to Agios Nikolaos



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iii. Annexation of Crete to Greece (09 December 1912 o.s.)



**ΑΔ Κ23 Rethymnon**

(01.05.1900-...)

New number 459 (after 1945)

**8.12.1912**

**Lasr Day of Cretan State**

7.12.1912, picture postcard with 2x1λ large ΕΛΛΑΣ, from **Πρινέ** (Prine) via **ΡΕΘΥΜΝΟΝ 8.ΔΕΚΕΜ.1912**, to Ardakton

**ΑΔ Κ1**

**Alikianos Chania**

(01.05.1901-...)



**ΑΔ Κ3 (new)**  
**Neapolis Lassithi**

**9.12.1912**

**First Day of  
Annexation to Greece**

At the time of the union, the rural routes with serial numbers 1-79 (plus the newer number 3) were in operation. Subsequently, new routes were established, some of which were unofficial



**ΑΔ Κ79 Pyrgos of Monofatsi Heraklion**  
(???-...)

New number 613 (after 1946)



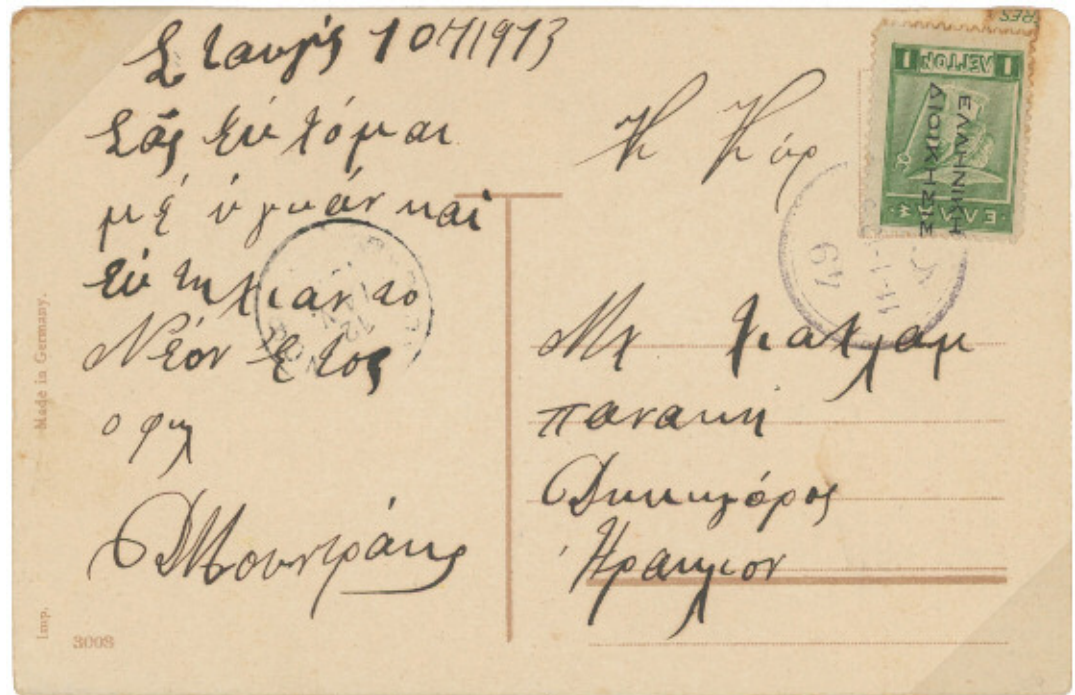
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**ΑΔ Κ36 Mires** Heraklion  
(01.05.1900-...)  
New number 584 (after 1946)

8.8.1913, picture postcard with 1λ + 2λ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΙΟΙΚΗΣΙΣ, via **ΜΟΙΡΑΙ 9.ΑΥΤ.1913** and **T**, to JOHANNESBURG 25.SEP.13 on ½d postage due.  
The franking should be 5 lepta (as printed matter)

**ΑΔ Κ49 Pyrgos of Monofatsi**  
Heraklion  
(01.05.1900-...)  
New number 600 (after 1946)



11.1.1913, picture postcard with 1λ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΙΟΙΚΗΣΙΣ, from **Σταυγίες 10.1.1913** (Stavgies), via ΠΥΡΓΟΣ (ΜΟΝΟΦ.) 12.1.1913 to Heraklion.  
The franking should be 5 lepta (as printed matter)



**ΑΔ Κ78**  
**Neapolis** Lassithi  
(???-27.07.1925)  
Transferred to Kato Phourni

27.2.1915, 10λ letter card, from **Φουρνή** (Phourni), via **ΝΕΑΠΟΛΙΣ 28.ΦΕΒΡ.1915** and **ΗΡΑΚΛΕΙΟΝ 1.ΜΑΡ.15**, to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 3.ΜΑΡ.15.  
Letter card rate.



# Numbering of Rural Routes of the Cretan State

**ΑΔ Κ9 (τύπος 2) Chania**  
(01.05.1900-...)



22.2.1918, envelope with 5x2λ ΕΤ, via **ΧΑΝΙΑ ΠΑΡΑΛΑΒΗ 22.ΦΕΒ.18** and Thessaloniki, to USA.

British commission of French censorship **CONTROLÉ Par L'AUTORITÉ MILITAIRE 6** (for the correspondence to English-speaking countries) in Thessaloniki.

25λ rate for letters to abroad

**ΑΔ Κ37 Mires Heraklion**  
(01.05.1900-...)

New number 660 (after 1946)

26.5.1917, envelope with 10λ lithographic, from **Γέργεση** (Gergeri), via **ΜΟΙΡΑΙ 26.ΜΑΙΟΣ.1917**, **ΗΡΑΚΛΕΙΟΝ 27.ΜΑΪ.17**, to **ΣΤΡΑΤ. ΤΑΧ. ΜΕΤΟΠΙΣΘΕΝ 10.ΙΟΥΝ.17** (Army P.O. in Thessaloniki).

**ΔΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ ΗΡΑΚΛΕΙΟΥ** (Censorship of Heraklion) and **ΚΕΝΤΡΙΚΗ ΣΤΡΑΤΙΩΤΙΚΗ ΔΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ** (Central Military Censorship) in Thessaloniki.

10λ, inland letter rate



**ΑΔ Κ28**

**Spili Rethymnon**

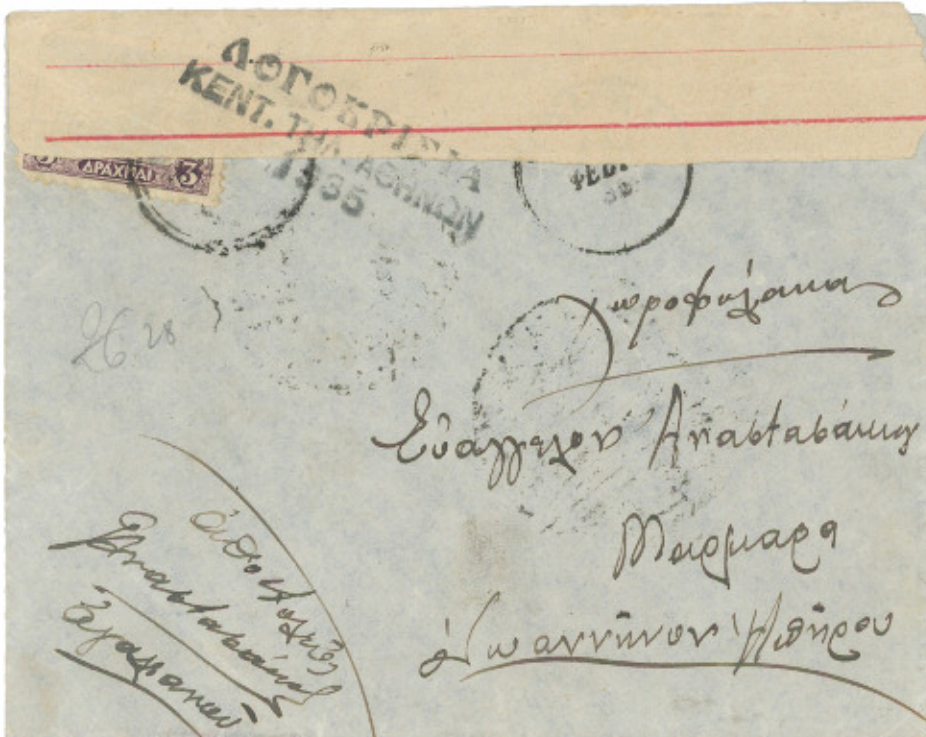
(01.05.1900-...)

New number 492 (after 1946)

28.2.1935, envelope with 3δρχ Landscapes, from **Αγαλιανού** (Agalianos) via **ΣΠΗΛΙ 28.ΦΕΒΡ.35**, **ΡΕΘΥΜΝΗ 1.ΜΑΡ.35** and Athens, to **ΙΩΑΝΝΙΝΑ 17.ΙΙΙ.35**.

**ΔΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ ΚΕΝΤ. ΤΗΛ. ΑΘΗΝΩΝ 1935** because of the **KThe 1936 Movement**.

3δρχ, inland letter rate





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**ΑΔ Κ45 Archanae** Heraklion (?.?.1902-???)

Transferres gtom Kastellion Pediados and then, transferred to Heraklion

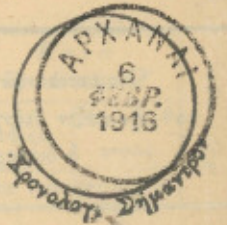
**Α**  
Διεύθυνσις  
των  
Κρητικῶν Ταχυδρομείων

Αρχαίαι

## ΦΥΛΛΟΝ ΠΟΡΕΙΑΣ

Του ἀγροτικού διανομῆος (1)

*Εμψυχοποιδίου*



Γραφεῖον ἐξ οὗ ὀρμᾶται

*Αρχαίαι*

Περιφέρεια πορείας ἀπὸ

*Αρχαίαι* εἰς *Κανλι-Καστελλιον*

Ἡμέρα ἀναχωρήσεως (2)

*Σάββατον*

Ὥρα ἀναχωρήσεως

*9* π. μ. ἢ μ. μ.

Ὄνομασία τοῦ χωρίου, ἐν ᾧ θὰ γείνη  
ἡ θεώρησις τοῦ παρόντος φύλλου

*Κανλι-Καστελλιον*

Ἐν

*Αρχαίαι* τῆς *β'* *2*

1916

Ὁ προϊστάμενος τοῦ ταχυδρ. Γραφείου

*[Handwritten signature]*

Ὁ ἀγροτικός διανομῆος (3)

*Εμψυχοποιδίου*



*Ταχυδρομείον Αρχαίαι  
Γραφεῖον Κανλι-Καστελλιον*

6.2.1915, **Route Sheet** of the rural postman 45, route **Kanli-Kastellion**, with the postmark of **ΑΡΧΑΝΑΙ 6.ΦΕΒΡ.1916**





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## iv. New rural routes, not mentioned

The following period is quite obscure. Rural routes are in operation for which we have no official records; the only evidence comes from mailed items and a few canceled postage stamps I have found over time. The dotted cancellations numbers are: **2, 7, 9, 16, 19, 21, 23, 27, 30, 31, 36, 40, 45, 50, 55, 63, 64, 66, 73, 74, 75, 76**. We should not confuse these dotted cancellations with numbers **1, 3, 10, 18, 52** which during the same period were assigned to town mailmen of the Chania Post Office, or with **12, 61 & 65** which temporarily replaced the lost post horn date stamps.



ΑΔ Κ2 new



ΑΔ Κ7 new



ΑΔ Κ9 new



ΑΔ Κ16 new



ΑΔ Κ21 new

### ΑΔ Κ27 new Pyrgos of Monofatsi Heraklion, subsequently ΑΔ 342

#### reinstatement of the dotted rural cancelation 27.

Before the 1920s, a new route based in Pyrgos of Monofatsi was established. It appears that it did not have approval from Athens and operated without a serial number, though it used the old dotted rural cancelation from the Spili route. Later, in the 1920s, when the base was officially established, it was assigned number **342** in the Greek numbering system.

10λ letter card uprated with 5λ lithographic, from **Γουρνά** (Gourna), via ΠΥΡΓΟΣ (ΜΟΝΟΦ) 28.ΣΕΠΤ.19, ΗΡΑΚΛΕΙΟΝ 29.ΣΕΠΤ.19 and ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΚΕΝΤΡ. ΣΤΡΑΤ. ΤΑΧ., to ΣΤΡΑΤ. ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΑ 911 (Smyrna, Asia Minor)

15λ, inland lettercard



### ΑΔ Κ45 new Archanes Heraklion, subsequently ΑΔ 66

#### reinstatement of the dotted rural cancelation 45.

In early 1917, route **45** (using the post horn), was discontinued, but it appears that almost immediately a new, unapproved route began operating. Chronologically, however, it coincides with the appearance of the dotted Cretan stamp number **45**. It must have been approved in the early 1920s, and a base was established, which was assigned number **66** in the Greek numbering system.



Picture postcard with 2x5λ lithographic, from **Αγίας Παρασκευάς** (Agies Parasaskies). via ΑΡΧΑΝΑΙ 19.ΔΕΚΕΜ.19, to ΙΕΡΑΠΕΙΤΡΑ 21 ΔΕΚΕΜ.19

10λ, inland postcard rate



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AΔ K23 new



AΔ K30 new



AΔ K31 new



AΔ K36 new



AΔ K40 new

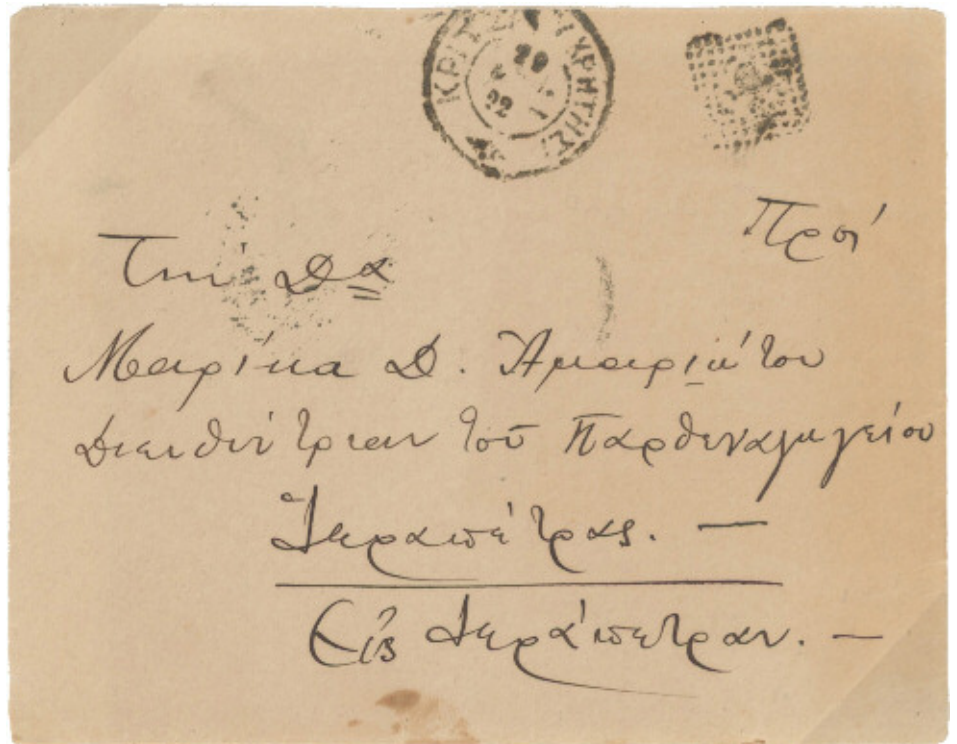


AΔ K50 new

## AΔ K55 new Kritsa Lassithi, subsequently AΔ 925

### reinstatement of the dotted rural cancelation 55.

Around 1917, a new route based in Kritsa was established. It appears that it did not have approval from Athens and operated without a serial number, though it used the old dotted stamp from the Neapolis route. Later, in the 1920s, when the base was officially established, it was assigned number **925** in the Greek numbering system.



Envelope with 20λ lithographic, from **Καλό Χωριό 29.3.1922** (Kalo Chorio) via **ΚΡΙΤΣΑ (ΚΡΗΤΗΣ) 29.ΜΑΡΤ.22** and **ΑΓΙΟΣ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΣ 30.ΜΑΡΤ.22** to **ΙΕΡΑΠΕΤΡΑ 30.ΜΑΡΤ.22**

20λ, inland letter rate

## AΔ K63 (new?) Hierapetra Lassithi ("Phantom" route)



### reinstatement of the dotted rural cancelation 63.

We do not know the reason it was reused. However, posthorn datestamp 63 exists and was used at least until the late 1940s.

It is likely a temporary split of the rural route, with the second postman using the dotted stamp.

10λ letter card updated with 5λ lithographic, from **Κάτω Χωριό 18.9.1919** (Kato Chorio), via **ΙΕΡΑΠΕΤΡΑ 18.ΣΕΠΤ.19** and **ΝΕΑΠΟΛΙΣ 19.ΣΕΠΤ.19**, to Kastelli of Phourni. 15λ, inland letter card rate



# Numbering of Rural Routes of the Cretan State



AΔ K64 new



AΔ K66 new



AΔ K73 new



AΔ K74 new



AΔ K75 new



AΔ K76\* new  
\*possibly the posthorn datestamp had not yet been engraved

AΔ K65 **Siria** Lassithi, see p. 128

*reinstatement of the dotted rural cancelation 12 due to loss.*

**AΔ K12 Voukolies** Chania (20.01.1927-...)



Envelope with 38px Landscapes, via BOYKOLIES 17.AYT.35 and XANIA 17.VIII.35, to AΘHNAI 19.VIII.35  
38px, inland letter rate

**AΔ K19 (new?) Alikianos** Chania ("Phantom" route)



*reinstatement of the dotted rural cancelation 19.*

It is very likely that it was used by rural postmen 2 or 3 of Alikianos, as a replacement for the posthorn datestamp that was lost or destroyed.



Envelope with 2x130δpx/20λ "Chains" and Charity stamp, from Κοντομαρι (Kontomari) via ΑΛΙΚΙΑΝΟΥ 16.IX.46 and XANIA 17.ΣΕΠ.46, to Athens.

250δpx, inland letter rate



# Numbering of Rural Routes of the Cretan State

v. Cretan numbering rural routes, using Greek dotted lozenges



**ΑΔ Κ7 (type Ε1) Gerolakkos**  
Chania (29.11.1928-14.08.1937)

Envelope with 3δρχ Landscapes, via ΓΕΡΩΛΑΚΚΟΣ 28.ΜΑΙ.36 and ΧΑΝΙΑ 29.ΜΑΙ.36, to Piraeus.  
3δρχ, inland letter rate

**ΑΔ Κ25 (type Ε1) Rethymnon**  
(01.05.1900-...)  
New number 463 (after 1946)



Registered envelope with 2x25λ + 4x1δρχ Landscapes, from **Περιβόλια** (Perivolía), via **ΡΕΘΥΜΝΟΝ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 4.VIII.1930**, with boxed R-marking ΡΕΘΥΜΝΟΝ Σ...ΑΡ..., to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤ. ΑΦΙΞΙΣ.  
4,50δρχ, inland registered letter



**ΑΔ Κ79 (type Ε1)**  
**Pyrgos of Monofatsi** Heraklion  
(01.05.1900-...)  
New number 613 (after 1946)

Printed matter with 1δρχ Landscapes, from **Χάρακα** (Charakas) via **ΠΥΡΓΟΣ ΘΜΟΝΟΦΑΤΣΙΟΥ 29.XI.34**, to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 4.XII.34.  
1δρχ, inland printed matter rate



# Rural routes of New Territories: Samos

All the rural route numbers assigned were vacant  
(discontinued routes from Old Greece)



**ΑΔ 392**  
Vathy



**ΑΔ 400**  
Carlovasia



**ΑΔ 426**  
Vathy



**ΑΔ 463**  
???

**ΑΔ 39 Mytilinioe**  
(11.04.1922-22.04.1926)  
Old Route of Zakynthos,  
later Vathy of Samos



**ΑΔ 393**  
Carlovasia?



**ΑΔ 215 Carlovasia** (???-11.04.1922)  
Old route of Kerassovon, Evrytania, later Drama (p. 69)



Envelope with 2δρχ Lord Byron, via **ΒΑΘΥ ΣΑΜΟΥ 18.ΣΕΠ.924**, to New London, USA.

2δρχ letter rate to abroad

Envelope with 25λ Campaign 1912-13, via **ΚΑΡΛΟΒΑΣΙΑ 15.ΙΑΝ.1915**, to Beyruth.

25λ, letter rate to abroad



# Rural routes of New Territories: Samos



**AD 392 Vathy**  
(???-23.04.1926)

Envelope with 25λ Campaign 1912-13, via **BAOY-VATHY 18.IAN.1915**, to Youngstown Ohio, USA.

25λ, letter rate to abroad

**AD 400 Carlovassia**  
(???-...)



Envelope with 25λ lithographic, via **ΚΑΡΛΟΒΑΣΙΑ 2.ΝΟΕΜ.1916**, to Modesto California, USA.

Censorship of the Greek Provisional Government (Venizelos) **ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ ΔΗΜΟΣΙΑΣ ΑΣΦΑΛΕΙΑΣ ΣΑΜΟΥ**

on sealing censorship tape **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑΣ**.

25λ, letter rate to abroad



# Rural routes of New Territories: Samos



**ΑΔ 426 Vathy**  
(???-...)

Envelope with 10λ lithographic, with **ΚΑΡΛΟΒΑΣΙΑ 7.ΙΑΝ.1917**, to Vathy (from a village served by the rural postman to its base Post Office!).

Censorship of the Greek Provisional Government (Venizelos) **ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ ΔΗΜΟΣΙΑΣ ΑΣΦΑΛΕΙΑΣ ΣΑΜΟΥ**

on sealing censorship tape ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑΣ.

10λ, inland letter rate

**ΑΔ 489 Carlovasia (???-???)**

Route 489 serves rural settlements of the Post Office Petalidion, Messenia.

It is unexplained how its cancelation ended up in Samos.

Perhaps, when the mistake was realized, route **802** was established in place of route 489 in Karlovasi (September 1921)



Envelope with 25λ Campaign 1912-13, via **ΚΑΡΛΟΒΑΣΙΑ 14.ΔΕΚ.1914**, to Modesto California, USA.

25λ, letter rate to abroad



# Rural routes of New Territories: Macedonia

The first rural route numbers assigned were vacantvacant (discontinued routes from Old Greece)

**ΑΔ 30 Tsotyliion** Kozani (???) Old route of Chlambotsarion, Boeotia



Newspaper ΠΕΛΑΣΓΟΣ ΚΟΡΥΤΣΑΣ (Pelasgos of Korytsa) postaed from ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 8.ΔΕΚ.29 to a resident of **Φετόκης Τσοτυλίου Ανασελίτσας** (village Phetoki, Tsotyli, Anaselitsa). The recipient returned it as unacceptable.

5λ, inland newspaper rate

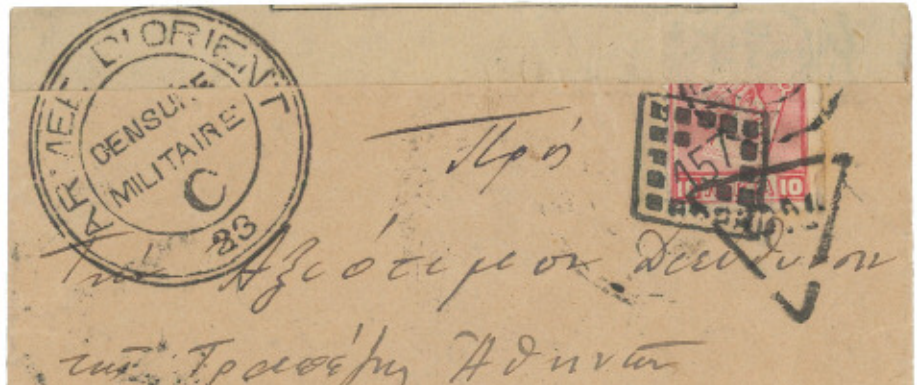
**ΑΔ 157 Zoupanion** (Pentalophos) Kozani (???)

Old route of Gavalou, Aetolia & Acarnania

Envelope with 10λ lithographic, from **Μπόρσια** (Borsia, nowadays Koryphi) via ΖΟΥΠΑΝΙΟΝ, to ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 27.ΔΕΚ.16.

French censorship **ARMEE D'ORIENT CENSURE MILITAIRE 23** on censortape CONTROLE POSTAL MILITAIRE.

10λ, inland letter rate.



**ΑΔ 147 Kostenetsion** (Hieropigi), Kastoria

(???)-18.01-1952)

Old route of Efpalion, Phocis

Envelope with 5λ ET and 10λ Provisional, via **ΚΩΣΤΕΝΕΤΣΙΟΝ 15.3.18**, ΦΛΩΡΙΝΑ 9.5.18 & ΣΤΡΑΤ. ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΑ 908 15.ΜΑΪΟΣ.18, to the *Division of Cretans* (APO 908, redirected to APO 903).

5λ, inland letter rate.



# Rural routes of New Territories: Macedonia

## AA 170 Florina (???)

Old route of Berikon, Aetolia & Acarnania

Letter card 10λ, from **Setina** (*Setina, nowadays Skopos*) via **ΦΛΩΡΙΝΑ 16.3.16**, to Ziria, Achaia.  
Letter card rate



AA 220 Lipsista Kozani (Neapolis Voion) (???)

Envelope with 5λ + 2x10λ lithographic, via **ΛΕΙΨΙΣΤΑ 21.6.18**, to a pro-royalist exile in *Colonie de Précigné, France*.

French censorship **ARMÉE D'ORIENT .ENSURE MILITAIRE & NO** on censorship sealing tape **CONTROLE POSTAL MILITAIRE**.

25λ, letter rate to abroad

## AA 215 Drama

(23.02.1926-...)

Old route of Carlovasia, Samos (σελ. 65)

Envelope with 11x1λ (affixed to secure the envelope) + 8x50λ lithographic, via **ΔΡΑΜΑ 4.ΜΑΙ.27**, **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 5.ΜΑΙ.27**, to Landau, Germany.  
4δρχ, inland letter rate.

The sender worked at the *Refugee Settlement Directorate in Drama*.

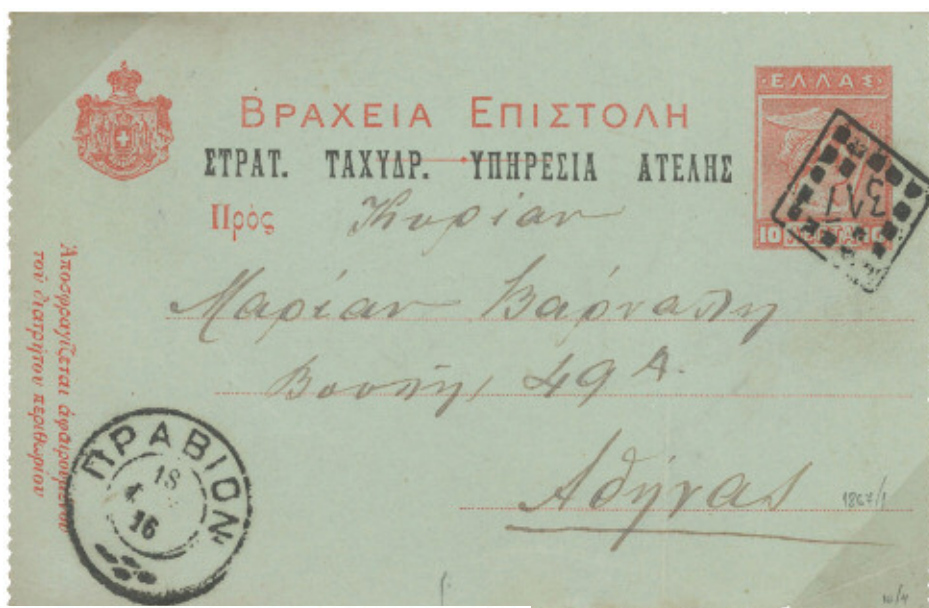




# Rural routes of New Territories: Macedonia

**ΑΔ 317 Pravion** (Eleftheroupolis),  
Cavalla (???)...  
Old rural route of Steni, Euboea

Free of charge military lettercard 10λ  
(overprint **ΣΤΡΑΤ. ΤΑΧΥΔΡ. ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΑΤΕΛΗΣ**) (front only) from **Ελευθέρος Καβάλας 17.2.16** (Eleftheres) via **ΠΡΑΒΙΟΝ 18.ΦΕΒΡ.16**, to Athens.  
Military, exempted of postage  
Sender, the poet **Kostas Varnalis**

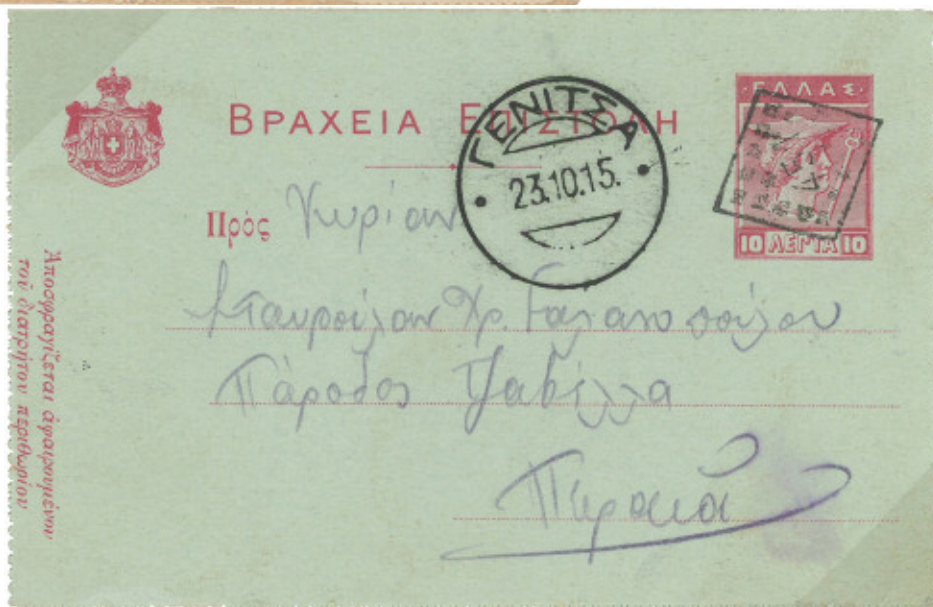


**ΑΔ 411 Valti** (Kassandria),  
Chalkidice

Registered envelope with 6x2λ + 6x3λ Campaign 1912-13, via **ΠΟΛΥΓΥΡΟΣ 29.3.17**, to **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 2.ΑΠΡ.17**.  
French censorship **ARMEE D'ORIENT CENSURE MILITAIRE 19** & **NO** on censortape **CONTROLE POSTAL MILITAIRE. 30λ**, inland registered letter rate.

**ΑΔ 451 Genitsa** (Yannitsa),  
Pella (???)...

Letter card 10λ from **Καραμζά 22.10.15** (Karamza, nowadays Kallipolis) via **ΓΕΝΙΤΣΑ 23.10.15**, to **ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ 28.10.15**.  
Letter card rate





# Rural routes of New Territories: Macedonia

## AD 469 Thessaloniki

(???-23.3.1927)

Transferred to Melissi  
(Melissochori)



Postal card 5λ overprinted ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΙΟΙΚΗΣΙΣ uprated with 5λ Campaign 1912-13, from **Αϊβάτι 5.5.1913** (Ayvati, nowadays Liti) via **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 8.ΜΑΙΟΣ.13**, to Washington, USA.

10λ postcard rate to abroad

"Την μάχην της Καβάλας βεβαίως την εμάθατε. Οι Βούλγαροι έφευγαν σαν τους λαγούς" ["Of course, you heard about the Battle of Kavala. The Bulgarians were fleeing like rabbits."]



## AD 478 Thassos, Cavalla

(???-???)

Route discontinued before 1920, and a new one was established in Palaiochora, Crete.

Patriotic envelope with 10λ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΙΟΙΚΗΣΙΣ, via **ΘΑΣΟΣ 6.ΙΟΥΛ.13**, to **ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ 10.ΙΟΥΛ.13**.

10λ, inland letter rate



## AD 496 (type 2)

Thessaloniki[?]

(???-???)

Reverse only of an envelope with 2x5λ + 15λ lithographic, via **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 20.ΣΕΠ.18**, to Italy.

Italian Commission of the French censorship **ARMEE D'ORIENT CENSURE MILITAIRE** & **NO**, on censorship tape **CONTROLE POSTAL MILITAIRE**.

25λ letter rate to abroad





# Rural routes of New Territories: Macedonia

## ΑΔ 522 Thessaloniki

(???-23.3.1927)

Transferred to Melissi  
(Melissochori)

Postal card 5λ over-  
printed **ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ**  
**ΔΙΟΙΚΗΣΙΣ**, uprated with  
5λ Campaign 1912-13,  
from **Ασβεστοχώριον**  
**24.4.1913** (Asvestochor-  
ion), via **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ**  
**25.ΑΠΡ.13**, to Berlin,  
Germany.

10λ postcard rate to abroad

Sender, Archimandrite  
Neophytos, Preacher of the  
Greek Army



## ΑΔ 527 Soubotskon of Karatzova (Aridea), Pella (???-???)

Envelope with 6x5λ/3λ + 50λ/50λ **ΕΠΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΙΣ 1922**, from **Σαρακίνοβον Βοδενών** (Sarakinovon, nowadays Sarakinos), via **ΣΟΥΜΠΟΤΣΚΟΝ ΜΑΚΕΔΟΝΙΑΣ 17.ΙΟΥΛ.23**, to **ΜΥΤΙΛΗΝΗ 20.ΙΟΥΛ.23**.

80λ, inland letter rate  
(postal rates of 23.4.1923).

## ΑΔ 533 Emborion

(Kozani)

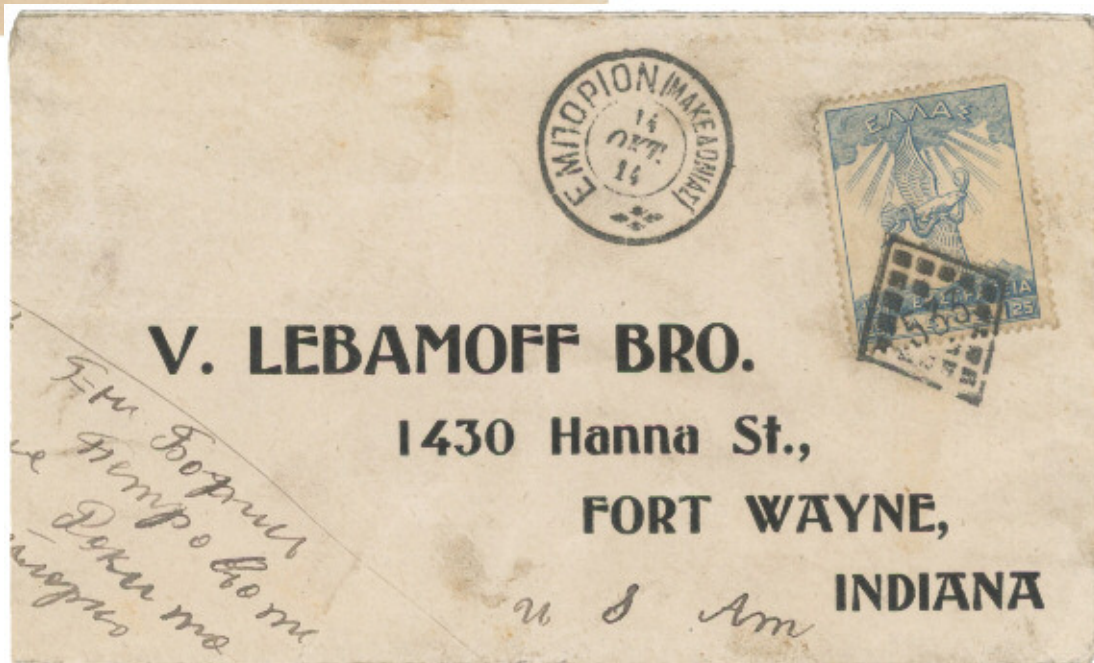
(???-???)

Transferred to Ptolemais



Envelope with 25λ  
Campaign 1912-  
13, via **ΕΜΠΟΡΙΟΝ**  
**(ΜΑΚΕΔΟΝΙΑΣ)**  
**14.ΟΚΤ.14** and  
**ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ**  
**16.ΟΚΤ.14** to Indiana  
USA.

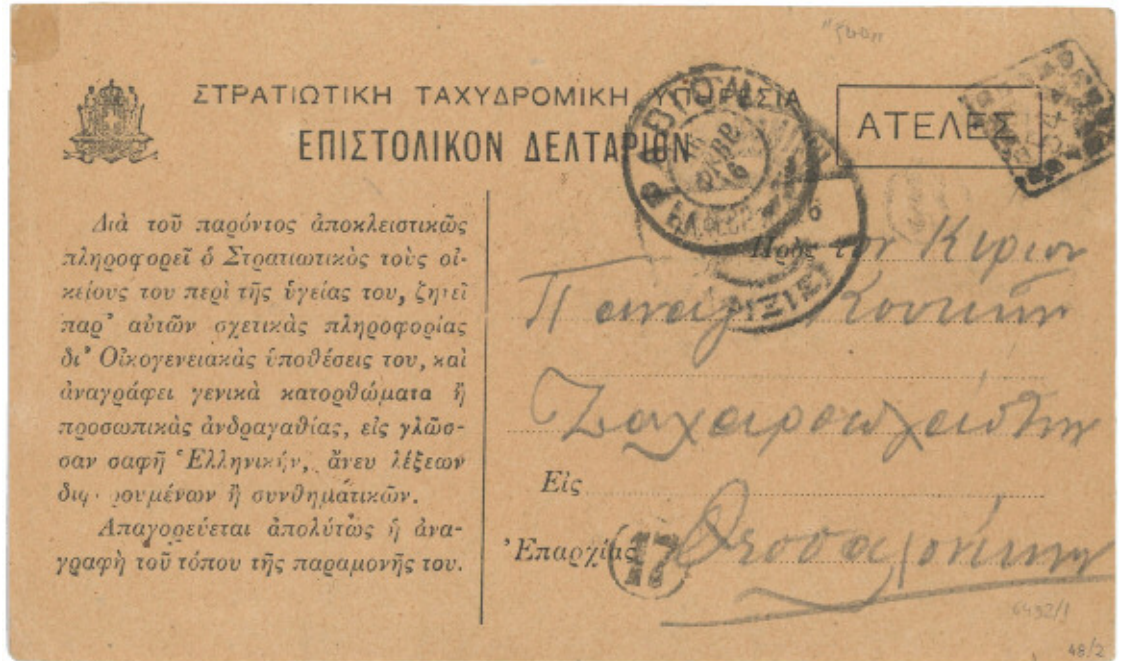
25λ letter rate to abroad





# Rural routes of New Territories: Macedonia

**ΑΔ 540 Pravion** (Eleftheroupolis), Cavalla (???-...)  
Old route of Prosovitsa, Achaia



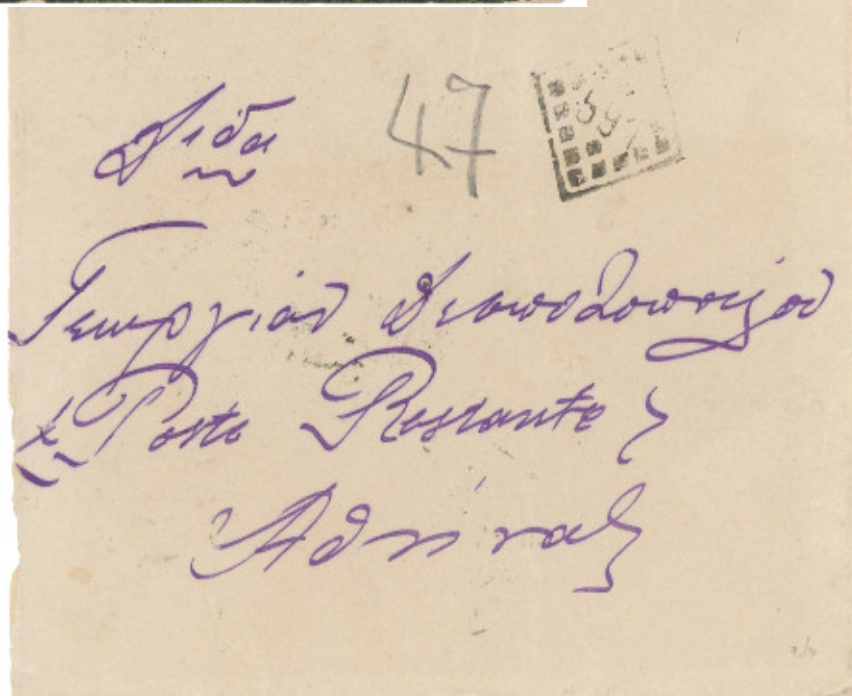
Free of charge military postal card, from **Ποδογόριαννη** (Podogorianni, nowadays Podochori), via **ΠΡΑΒΙΟΝ 16.ΦΕΒΡ.16**, to **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 21.ΦΕΒΡ.16**.



**ΑΔ 560 Klissoura**, Kastoria (???-???)

Picture postcard with 5x2λ Campaign 1912-13 + 5λ Charity, from **?? XII.23.914**, via **ΚΛΕΙΣΟΥΡΑ 30.ΔΕΚ.14** και **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 31.ΔΕΚ.14** to Ploesti Romania.  
10λ, postcard rate to abroad

**ΑΔ 591 Sochos**, Thessaloniki (???-06.03.1924)  
Transferred to Stavros



Envelope with 15λ lithographic, via **ΣΩΧΟΣ 26.ΙΑΝ.20** and **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 27.ΙΑΝ.20**, to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 29.ΙΑΝ.20**.  
15λ inland letter rate



# Rural routes of New Territories: Macedonia

Provisional rubber hand stamp:

**ΑΓΡΟΤΙΚΗ ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΙΚΗ ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΜΑΚΕΔΟΝΙΑΣ - 1 -**

(Rural Postal Service of Macedonia)

the only recorded strikes:



The remaining vacant numbers assigned in Macedonia (discontinued routes from Old Greece)



**ΑΔ 138**  
?



**ΑΔ 219**  
Zagliverion



**ΑΔ 221**  
Polygyros



**ΑΔ 226**  
?



**ΑΔ 348**  
Zagliverion



**ΑΔ 349**  
? later:  
Kato Theodorakion



**ΑΔ 374**  
?



**ΑΔ 394**  
Naousa



**ΑΔ 424**  
Thessaloniki



**ΑΔ 438**  
Genitsa



**ΑΔ 452 (type 1)**  
Katerini



**ΑΔ 454 (type 1)**  
Thessaloniki



**ΑΔ 454 (type 2)**  
Thessaloniki



**ΑΔ 461**  
Verria



**ΑΔ 470**  
Soubotskon



**ΑΔ 492**  
Thessaloniki



**ΑΔ 514**  
?



**ΑΔ 559**  
Klissoura



**ΑΔ 570**  
Langadas



**ΑΔ 592**  
Langadas



**ΑΔ 594**  
Sochos



**ΑΔ 599**  
Tsourchlion



# Rural routes of New Territories: Macedonia

## New rural route numbers for Macedonia (>660, gradually)

The dotted rural cancelations of this group are not found on 'Hellenic Administration' stamps, so we can conclude that they did not reach the Post Offices before 1915.



**ΑΔ 663**  
Polygyros



**ΑΔ 670**  
Vodena



**ΑΔ 688**  
???



**ΑΔ 694**  
Liarigova

### **ΑΔ 684 Kastoria** (???-11.05.1927)

*Transferred to Mesopotamia*

Registered envelope with 9x50Λ lithographic, from *Μεσοποταμία* (Mesopotamia) via **ΚΑΣΤΟΡΙΑ** 21.5.27, to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 24.ΜΑΙ.27.

Franked with 4,50δρχ, 50Λ more than the first weight tier of inland registered letter rate.



**ΑΔ 696**  
Domenikon



### **ΑΔ 685 Grevena** or **Diminitza** (Karperon) (???-???)

*We do not know if it initially operated in Diminitza or was first established in Grevena and later relocated.*

Envelope with 10Λ lithographic and 5x3Λ Campaign 1912-13, via **ΓΡΕΒΕΝΑ** 9.5.16, to CAIRO 7.JU.16

British censorship **PASSED BY CENSOR 14** in Egypt  
25Λ, letter rate to abroad



# Rural routes of New Territories: Macedonia



**AD 723** (type 2)  
Ptolemais, Kozani

**AD 676** Eratyra, Kozani  
(previous name Selitsa)

Envelope with 1δρχ + 2x1.50δρχ Independence issue, via ΕΡΑΤΥΡΑ 7.IAN.1931, to Detroit USA  
4δρχ, letter rate to abroad



**AD 691**  
Konstantzikon, Kozani



**AD 690 Avgerinos** Kozani  
(previous name Konstantzikon)  
(???-23.01.1960)

Envelope with 8δρχ King George II + 2x50λ & 50λ Charity, from Δικνάδες (Liknades), via ΑΥΓΕΡΙΝΟΣ 5.ΜΑΙ.1937 and ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 7.Υ.37, to USA.

Exchange Control of Thessaloniki.

4δρχ, letter rate to abroad

**AD 703 Nestramion**, Kastoria  
(Nestorion) (???-...)

Envelope with 3x1δρχ lithographic (Vienna printing), from Γκρέντση (Grentsi, nowadays Ptelea), via ΝΕΣΤΡΑΜΙΟΝ 28.ΦΕΒ.1927 and ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 1.ΜΑΡ.27, to USA

3δρχ, letter rate to abroad (last month, valid till 31.03.1927)



# Rural routes of New Territories: Macedonia



**ΑΔ 693 Zelenits**  
(Skliathon, Florina (???)...)



5λ postal card stationery up-rated with 10λ lithographic (instead of 5λ), from **Στρέμπενον 25.1.1916** (Strebenon, nowadays Asprogeia), via **ΖΕΛΕΝΙΤΣ 25.IAN.16** and **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 27.IAN.16** to Gara Radomir, Βουλγαρία.

Censored upon arrival in Bulgaria **ЦЕНСУРНА КОМИСИЈА СОФИЈА** (Censorship Commission of Sofia).

Franked with 15λ **instead of 10λ**, postcard rate to abroad

**ΑΔ 702 Nestramion, Kastoria**  
(Nestorion) (???)...

Envelope with 5x40λ lithographic, from **Γιαννοβένη** (Giannoveni, nowadays Giannochori), via **ΝΕΣΤΡΑΜΙΟΝ (ΜΑΚΕΔΟΝΙΑΣ) 14.ΙΟΥΛ.23**, to Careton Ohio, USA.

2δρχ, letter rate to abroad (postal rates valid from 1.1.1923)



**ΑΔ 727 Konomlati** (Makrochori), Kastoria (???)...



Envelope with 5λ lithographic and 2x10λ Provisional Government, from **Ρουλλία** (Roullia, nowadays Kottas) via **ΚΟΝΟΜΛΑΤΙ (ΜΑΚΕΔΟΝΙΑΣ) 17.ΜΑΙΟΣ.19** and **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 23.ΜΑΙ.19**, to Ontario Canada.

Censored in Thessaloniki 25λ, letter rate to abroad



# Rural routes of New Territories: Macedonia



**ΑΔ 787**  
Libanovon



**ΑΔ 824**  
Serres

**ΑΔ 677 Siatista**, Kozani  
(???)

Envelope with 5x1λ Campaign 1912-13 + 10λ ET, from **Παλιόκαστρο** (Paleokastro), via Thessaloniki, sent to a pro-royalist exile in Prison St. Pierre, France

The French oval censorship marks from Thessaloniki, CONTROLÉ 2 & CONTROLÉ 3, lead us to conclude that it was mailed in 1918.

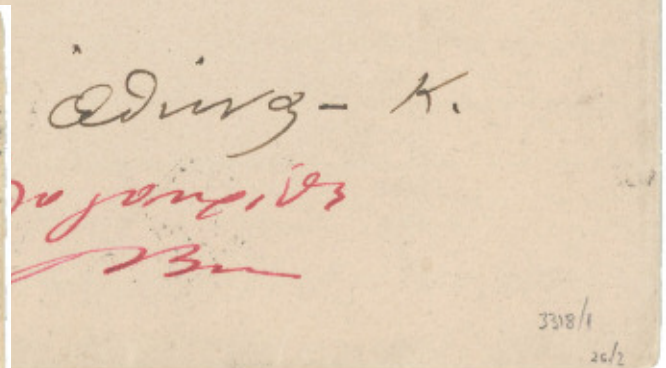
! Franked with 15λ **instead of 25λ**, letter rate to abroad

**ΑΔ 732 Sidirokastron**, Serres  
(previous name Demir-Hissar)  
(???)

Envelope with 3δρχ King George II + 50λ Charity, from **Αχλαδοχώριον** (Achladochorion) via **ΣΙΔΗΡΟΚΑΣΤΡΟΝ** ΕΠΙΤΑΓΑΙ 22.XII.40, to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 26.XII.40.

Handwritten censor marking (of the sender who was a policeman), with signature.

3δρχ, inland letter rate



**ΑΔ 725 Genitsa** (Yannitsa), Pella (Γιαννιτσά)  
(???) 30.03.1930

Transferred to Kouphalia, Thessaloniki

Registered envelope with 1δρχ lithographic and 2x2δρχ Byron, from **Άγιοι Απόστολοι** (Agioi Apostoloi), via **ΓΕΝΙΤΣΑ 16.5.25** (circular marking **R**) and **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 18.MAI.25**, to **СОΦΙΑ-SOPHIA 22.V.925**

5δρχ, registered letter rate to abroad (2.50+2.50, postal rates valid from 1.1.25) 78



# Rural routes of New Territories: Macedonia



**ΑΔ 806 Sorovitch** (Amyntaeo) Florina (???)...

Envelope with 5x5λ provisional Government, via Thessaloniki, sent to a pro-royalist exile in Prison St. Pierre, France

The French oval censorship mark from Thessaloniki CONT. OLÉ 3, lead us to conclude that it was mailed in 1918.

25λ, letter rate to abroad



**ΑΔ 808**  
Libanovon



**ΑΔ 839**  
Thassos



**ΑΔ 838 Thassos** or **Limenaria**, Cavalla (???)...

Envelope with 10λ + 2x20λ lithographic, from Θεολόγος (Theologos), via ΘΑΣΣΟΣ 24.7.21, to Pennsgrove USA.

50λ, 2nd weight tier letter to abroad



Απειροβόγρον Κορυμτζου  
Κόπρεβα.  
Ελλάς Σοβία

Pennsgrove  
America

**ΑΔ [849?] Kato Djoumaya** (Ηράκλεια), Serres (???)

It sometimes happened that registered items were not canceled with the dotted rural cancelations, or that the dotted cancellation had not yet been assigned to the postman

Registered envelope with 10λ lithographic + 30λ engraved, from Κόπρεβα (Kopreva, nowadays Chimarros), canceled with ΚΑΤΩ ΤΣΟΥΜΑΓΙΑ 12?. ΜΑΡΤ.16 (+ boxed ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΟΝ), via ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 14.ΜΑΡΤ.16 and ΛΑΜΙΑ 18.ΜΑΡΤ.16, to ΦΟΥΡΝΑ 20.ΜΑΡΤ.16.

40λ, 2nd weight tier inland registered letter



# Rural routes of New Territories: Macedonia

## ΑΔ 827 Cavalla (???-...):

Several cancelations replacements...



ΑΔ 808  
Sari-Chaban



## ΑΔ 827 (type 2)

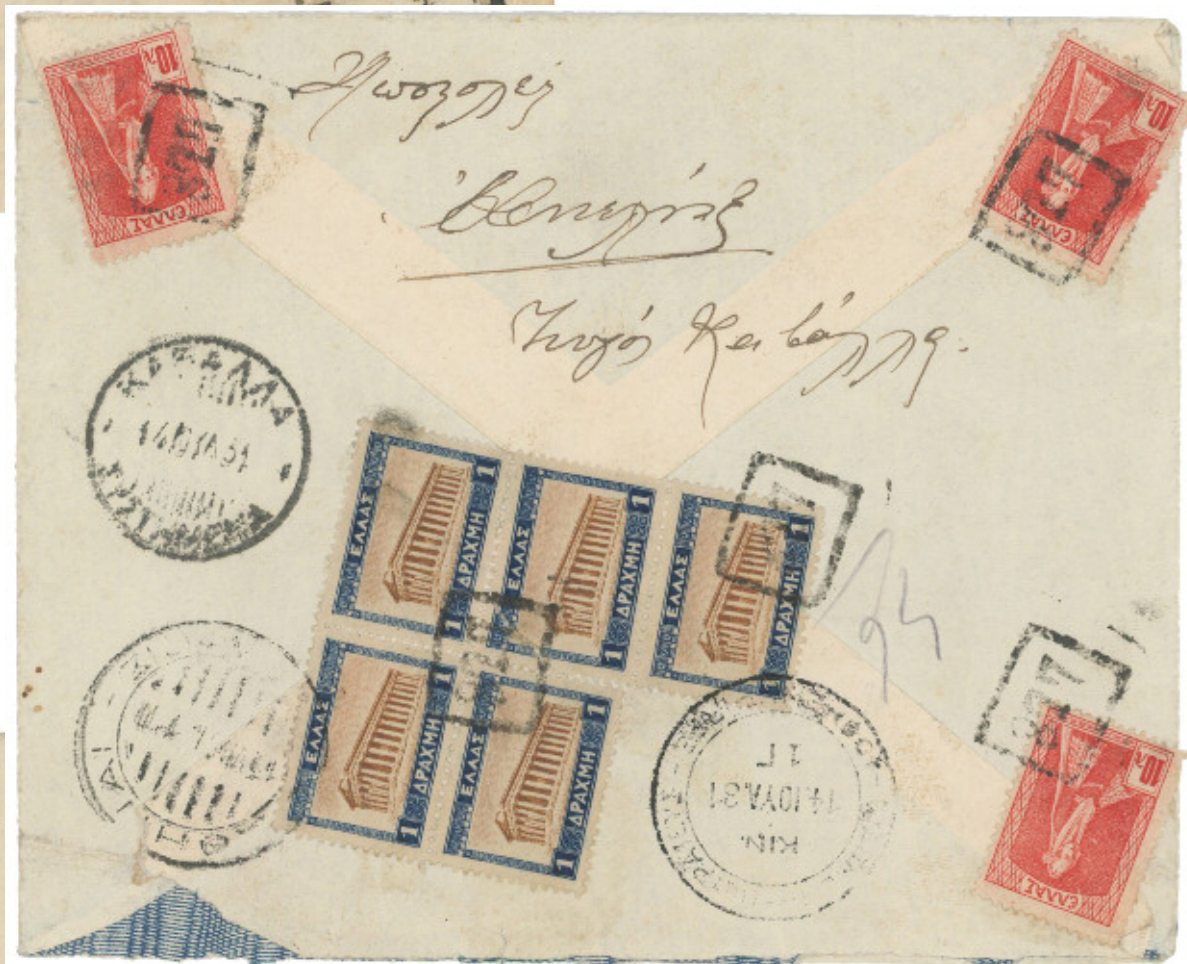
Envelope with 10λ lithographic + 40λ+1δρχ Landscapes, from **Κούρουτου** (Kouroutsoy, nowadays Kryoneri), via **ΚΑΒΑΛΛΑ 6.V.31** and **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ-ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ ΚΙΝ. 1Γ 7.ΜΑΙ.31**, to **ΨΑΧΝΑ 8.ΜΑΙ.31**.

1δρχ, inland letter rate

## ΑΔ 827 (type 3)

Registered envelope with 3x10λ +5xδρχ Landscapes, from **Ζυγός** (Zygos), via **ΚΑΒΑΛΛΑ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 14.ΙΟΥΛ.31** and **ΕΙΔΟΜΕΝΗ-ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ ΚΙΝ. 1Γ 14.ΙΟΥΛ.31**, to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 15.ΙΟΥΛ.31**.

5,30δρχ, 2nd weight tier registered inland letter



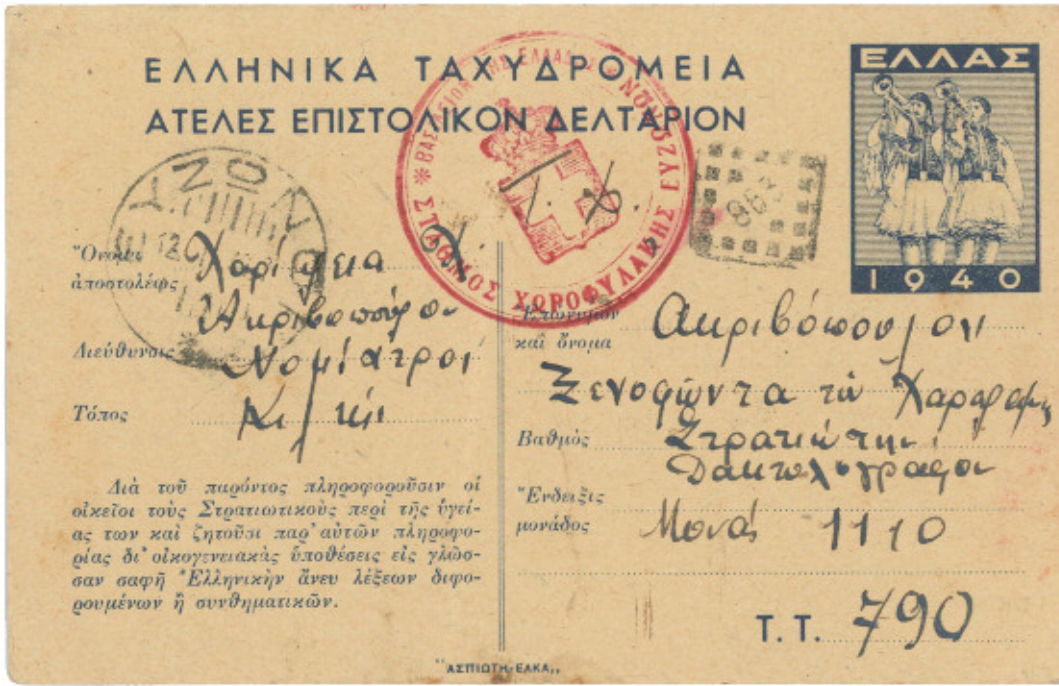
## ΑΔ 827 (type 4)

Envelope with 3δρχ lithographic, from **Ζυγός** (Zygos), canceled with **ΚΑΒΑΛΛΑ 12.IX.33**, to **Αθήνα**.

3δρχ, inland letter rate (rates valid from 05.04.1933)



# Rural routes of New Territories: Macedonia



**ΑΔ 963 Evzonoe** Kilkis  
(???-15.08.1973)

Free of charge official military postal card, sent via **ΕΥΖΩΝΟΙ 12.Ι.41**, to APO 790.

Censorship marking **ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ ΣΤΑΘΜΟΣ ΧΩΡΟΦΥΛΑΚΗΣ ΕΥΖΩΝΩΝ** (Kingdom of Greece, Gerdarmerie Station of Evzonoe)



**ΑΔ 862 (type 2)**

**Galatista** Chalkidice  
(02.05.1920-...)

Transferred from Rezetnikia  
(Agios Prodromos)

Reverse of envelope, with 10x20 cm lithographic, from **Ραβνά** (Ravna, nowadays Marathousa) via **ΓΑΛΑΤΙΣΤΑ 21.ΑΠΡ.-.** 28ρχ, letter rate to abroad (1923-1924)



**ΑΔ 669 or 699 or 966 or 996 Oksilar** (Toxotes), Cavalla  
(???) Unknown in bibliography

One possibility is that a rural route **669 or 699** was established and the wrong lozenge cancellation was sent. Another is that rural cancellations were given to military postal postmen, who, from 1912-13, were serving the settlements in the occupied areas. This would also explain the unusually high serial number of the route (**966 or 996**).

5λ postal card, from **7ος Δόχος 19ου Συντάγματος Πεζικού** (7th Company of the 19th Infantry Regiment) via **ΟΚΤΕΙΛΑΡ 8.ΔΕΚ.15** and **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 10.ΔΕΚ.15**, to Karditsa.

! 5λ, inland postcard rate



# Rural routes of New Territories: Epirus

## New rural route numbers for Epirus (601-660)

The dotted rural cancelations of this group are not found on 'Hellenic Administration' stamps, so we can conclude that they did not reach the Post Offices before 1915.



**AD 602**  
Janina

**AD 635**  
Philiates

**AD 637**  
Plisivitsa (Plaesio)

**AD 638**  
Keramitsa

**AD 644**  
Paramythia

**AD 647**  
Margarition

**AD 610 (type 2)**  
Konitsa, Janina  
(???...)

Envelope with 5x5Λ ET, from **Φραστανά** (Frastana, nowadays Kato Meropi), via **KONITSA ΗΠΕΙΡΟΥ 28.ΙΟΥΝ.918**, ΙΩΑΝΝΙΝΑ and ΠΑΤΠΑΙ, to Detroit Michigan USA & (School Camp Sheridan) 19, AUG.24.18. Censorship BOLOGNA POSTA ESTERA CENSURA MILITARE. 25Λ, letter rate to abroad

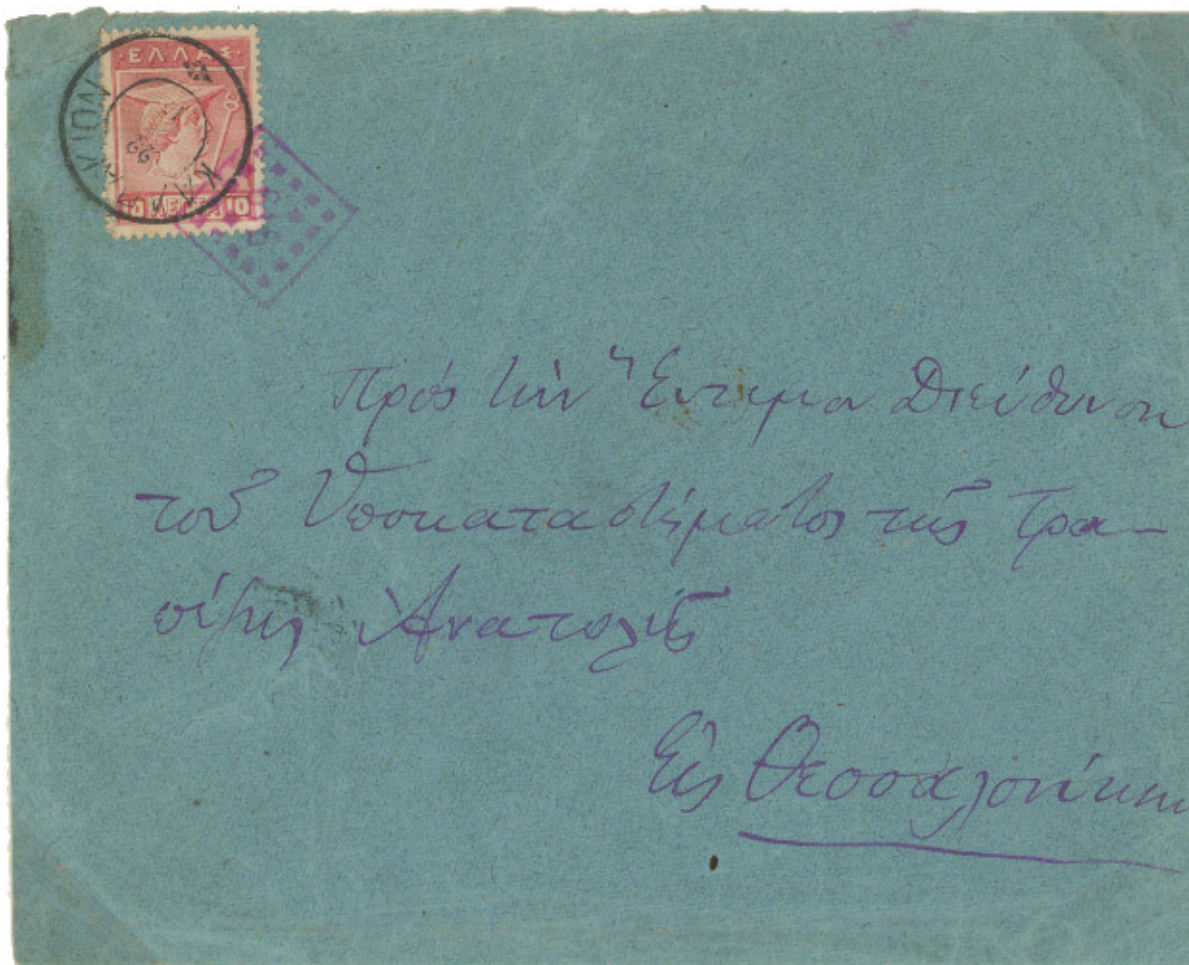


**AD 614 Vourbiani** Janina  
(???-21.06.1940)  
Transferred to Pyrsogianni

Free of charge envelope from **Λισκάτσι** (Liskatsi, nowadays Asimochori), via **ΒΟΥΡΜΠΙΑΝΗ (ΗΠΕΙΡΟΥ) 7.ΦΕΒΡ.20**, to ΣΤΡΑΤ. ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΑ 930 19.ΦΕΒΡ.20. Military postal exemption



# Rural routes of New Territories: Epirus



**ΑΔ 616 Kalpakion**  
Janina  
(???-...)

Discontinued before 1920, with indications that a new one was established in Heraklion, Crete.

Envelope with 10λ lithographic, from **Πάπιγκο** (Papingo), via **ΚΑΛΠΑΚΙΟΝ 22.ΔΕΚ.15**, **ΙΩΑΝΝΙΝΑ 24.ΔΕΚ.15**, προς **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ**.

10λ, inland letter rate



**616**

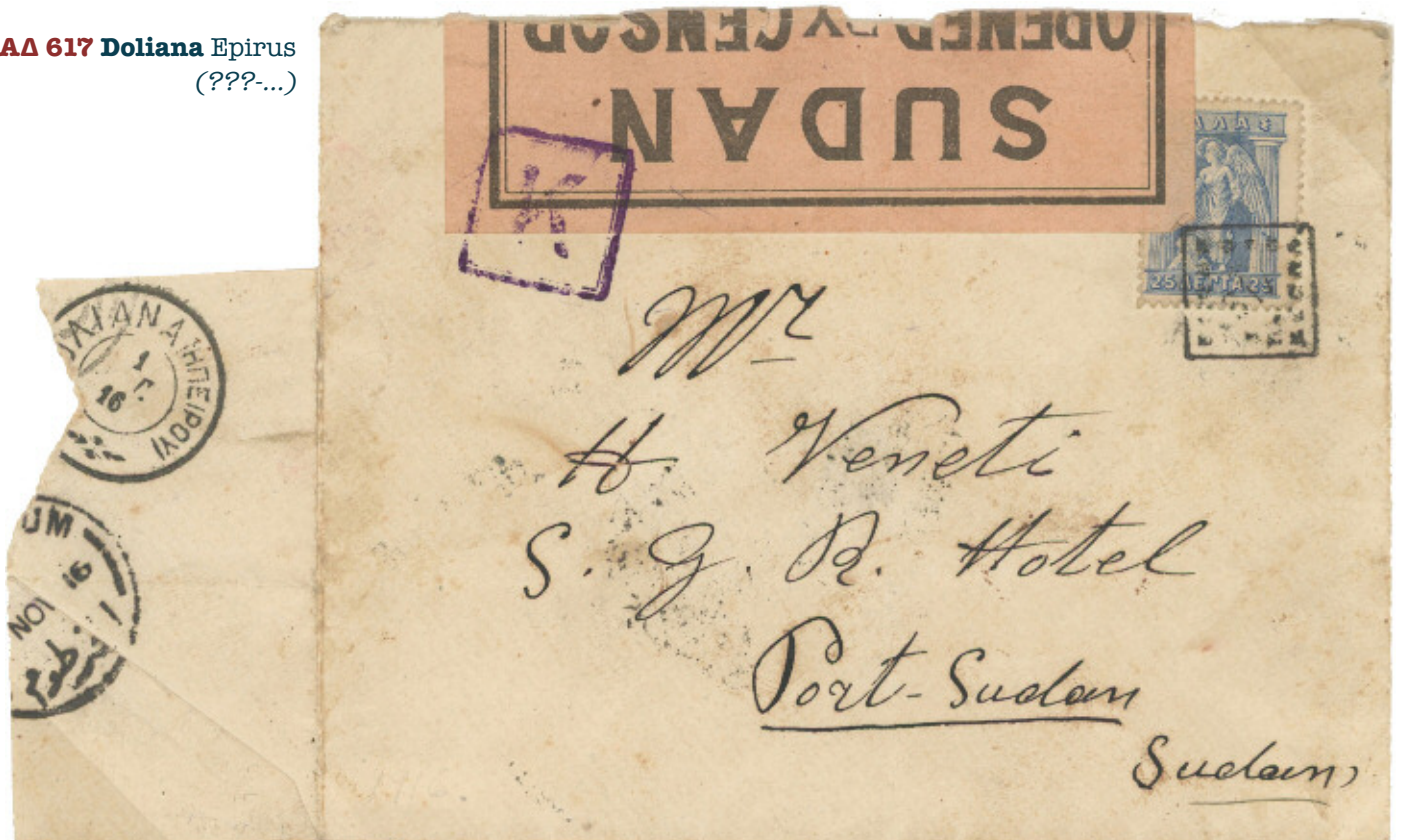
**in purple and black**  
the only recorded strikes



**ΚΑΛΠΑΚΙΟΝ**

**The only recorded strikes**

**ΑΔ 617 Doliana** Epirus  
(???-...)



Envelope (part of the backside missing) with 25λ lithographic, via **ΔΟΛΙΑΝΑ (ΗΠΕΙΡΟΥ) 1.ΟΚΤ.16** and **KHARTOUM - .NOV.16** to Port Sudan.

Censorship marking **K** tying the **SUDAN OPENED BY CENSOR** censorship sealing tape.

25λ, letter rate to abroad.



# Rural routes of New Territories: Epirus

**ΑΔ 618 Voustini** (Pogoniani),  
Janina (???)...

Envelope with 25λ lithographic and Charity label, from **Πόγων** (?) (Pogon), via **ΙΩΑΝΝΙΝΑ** 10.ΑΙΠ.16 and **ALEXANDRIA** V 1.V.16, to **TANTA** A 1.V.16, Egypt.

British oval censorship marking **PASSED BY CENSOR** No 18 in Egypt.

25λ, letter rate to abroad



**ΑΔ 626 Tsepelovon** Janina (???)...

Letter card 10λ updated with 2x5λ lithographic, from **Λεσινίτσα** 26.10.1920 (Lesinitza, nowadays Vrysochori) via **ΤΣΕΠΕΛΟΒΟΝ** 5.ΝΟΕΜ.20 and **ΙΩΑΝΝΙΝΑ** 5.ΝΟΕ.20, to Patras.

20λ, letter card rate  
(postal rates valid from 3.7.1920)

**ΑΔ 622 Dovra** (Asprangeloi),  
Janina (???)...

Envelope with 5x5λ lithographic, from **Βίτσα** (Vitsa) via **ΔΟΒΡΑ** 1.ΟΚΤ.16, **ΙΩΑΝΝΙΝΑ**, **ΠΑΤΡΑΙ** 4.ΟΚΤ.16 and **BOLOGNA POSTA ESTERA ARRIVI ESTERI** 4.4.17, to **WEESEN** 14.IV.17.

The six-month delay is due to the possible withholding of the letter by the Italian censorship **BOLOGNA POSTA ESTERA CENSURA MILITARE**.

25λ, letter rate to abroad

The sender's name, **P. Belojanits**, is particularly interesting, as he signs as **Μπελογιάννης** in another letter. Equally intriguing is the recipient (law firm **Wögel**), who handled matters related to Serbian refugees (acting as intermediaries in correspondence, etc).





# Rural routes of New Territories: Epirus

**ΑΔ 625 Liaskovetsion**  
(Leptokarya), Janina  
(???-19.02.1924)

Reverse of envelope, with  
15x5λ lithographic, sent  
via ΛΙΑΣΚΟΒΕΤΣΙΟΝ  
14.ΑΥΤ.24 (to abroad)



**ΑΔ 627 Metsovon** Janina (???-  
...)



Envelope with 5x2λ + 5x3λ ET  
charity label, via ΜΕΤΣΟΒΟΝ  
24.ΔΕΚ.16, to New York, USA.  
25λ, letter rate to abroad

**ΑΔ 624 Baya** (Kipi), Janina  
(???-20.09.1937)  
Transferred to Tsepelovo



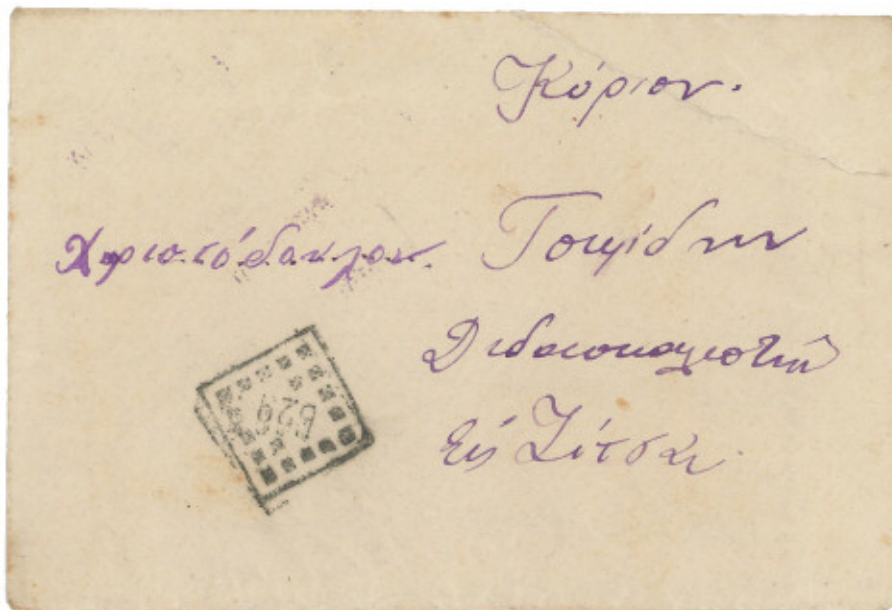
Envelope with 3x5λ lithographic,  
via ΜΠΑΓΙΑ 25.ΣΕΠΤ.19, to  
ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 30.ΣΕΠ.19.

15λ, inland letter rate





# Rural routes of New Territories: Epirus



**AD 629 Zitsa** Janina  
(???)

Envelope with contents but not franked, from **Τσερκοβίστα 16.12.1915** (Tserkovista) to Zitsa.

Perhaps the sender, the 'assistant teacher,' took advantage of a possible acquaintance with the rural postman who did not charge her the 10 lepta fee, or the postman collected the money but never affixed the stamp. The envelope likely never left the Zitsa post office...

**AD 630 Zitsa** Janina  
(???)



Envelope with 10λ ET, via **ZITSA 10.ΔΕΚΕ.15** and **ΙΩΑΝΝΙΝΑ 12.ΔΕΚ.15**, sent to Konitsa.

10λ, inland letter rate



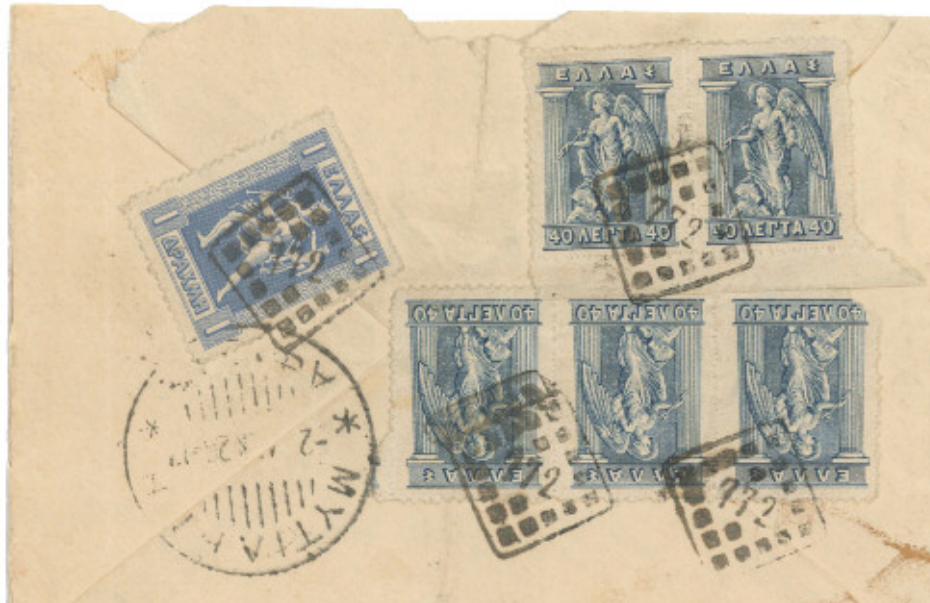
**AD 639 Igoumenitsa** Thesprotia  
(???)

Printed envelope with 3δρχ and Charity, via **ΗΓΟΥΜΕΝΙΤΣΑ 17.ΟΚΤ.39**, to ΠΑΡΑΜΥΘΙΑ. 3δρχ, inland letter rate



# Rural routes of New Territories: Lesvos

New rural route numbers for Lesvos (769-777 & newer)



**ΑΔ 772 Polychnitos**  
(???)

Envelope with 5x40λ + 1δρχ lithographic (Vienna printings), via ΠΟΛΥΧΝΙΤΟΣ 1.ΔΕΚΕ.26 and ΜΥΤΙΑΗΝΗ 2.ΔΕΚ.26, to California USA.  
3δρχ, letter rate to abroad

**ΑΔ 776 (type 1) Mytilini**  
(???)

Envelope with 25λ lithographic from Πύργοι (Θερμής) (Pyrgoe of Thermi) via ΜΥΤΙΑΗΝΗ 4.ΙΟΥΛ.17 and Bologna (Λογοκρισία BOLOGNA POSTA ESTERA CENSURA MILITARE), to New York, USA.

25λ, letter rate to abroad



**ΑΔ 773 Mystegna** (???)  
15.05.1960  
transferred from Mytilini

Envelope with 2x1δρχ lithographic, via ΜΥΣΤΕΓΓΑ (ΔΕΣΒΟΥ) 7.ΔΕΚΕ. and ΜΥΤΙΑΗΝΗ 8.ΔΕΚ. to Baltimore, USA.

2δρχ, letter rate to abroad  
[year 1923 or 1924]



# Rural routes of New Territories: Lesvos

**AA 775 Mytilini** (???-...): It could hold the record...: 7 different cancelations (dotted or not) types 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7





# Rural routes of New Territories: Chios

New rural route numbers for Chios (778-785 & newer)



**ΑΔ 779 (type 1) Chios**  
(???-...)

Picture postcard to **Κάμπος Χίου** (Kambos) from ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 31.ΔΕΚ.20 via ΧΙΟΣ 2.ΙΑΝ.21.

10λ, inland postcard rate + Charity

**ΑΔ 779 (type 2) Chios**  
(???-...)



Postal card 75δρχ/2δρχ (devalues, used as card) with 1000δρχ + 2000δρχ Landscapes, from **Χίος** (virtual address), via ΧΙΟΣ 22.ΑΠΡ.44, to ΚΑΛΛΙΘΕΑ 11.V.44.

German censorship marking **DEUTSCHE ZENSUR CHIOS**.

3000δρχ, inland postcard rate (rate valid: 15.3.44-31.6.44)



**ΑΔ 781**  
**Kalamoti**



**ΑΔ 783**  
**Volissos**

**ΑΔ 782 Volissos**  
(???-31.03.1970)

Transferred to Kardamyla

Envelope with 8δρχ Stadium, via ΧΙΟΣ 30.VII.1936 and ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ 1.VII.36 to Cairo, Egypt.

8δρχ, letter rate to abroad



# Rural routes of New Territories: Crete

New rural route numbers for Crete (vacant, 788-805 & newer)



**ΑΔ 92 (type 1)**  
**Vryses**

**ΑΔ 92 (type 2)**  
**Vryses**

(19.10.1926-...)

Transferred from Vamos

Front of envelope with 3δρχ Landscapes, via **ΒΡΥΣΕΣ ΑΠΟΚΟΡΩΝΟΥ**, to Athens

3δρχ, inland letter rate

The first **posthorn date stamp** in the Greek numbering system. This is evidently a local engraving and production. The one who placed the order likely intended to imitate the two-circle posthorn date stamps of the Cretan State.



**ΑΔ 11**  
**Chora of Sfakia**

**ΑΔ 478 Palaeochora** (???-02.07.1921)

Transferred from Thasos. Transferred to Kandanos



**ΑΔ 191**  
**Vamos**



Picture postcard from **Βουτάς 16.5.1920** (Voutas, n.s.), via **ΠΑΛΑΙΟΧΩΡΑ 5.ΜΑΙΟΣ.20** and **ΧΑΝΙΑ 6.ΜΑΙ.20**, to Paris.

10λ, postcard rate to abroad



**ΑΔ 358**  
**Rethymnon?**



**ΑΔ 792**  
**Kastelli of Kissamos**



**ΑΔ 795**  
**Kastelli of Pedias**



**ΑΔ 798**  
**Nefs-Amari**



**ΑΔ 799**  
**Panormos**



**ΑΔ 800**  
**Panormos**



**ΑΔ 802**  
**Spili**  
Unknown in bibliography



# Rural routes of New Territories: Crete



**ΑΔ 66 (type 1) Archanes**

(???-...)

Old rural route of Perithia, Corfu

"Proof of notification via the Post Office" to **Κανλί Καστέλλι 4.12.22** (Kanli Kastelli) from **ΑΡΧΑΝΑΙ 4.ΔΕΚΕΜ.22**.

10λ, notification rate

**ΑΔ 66 (type 2) Archanes**

(???-...)

Envelope with 80λ lithographic and 10λ + 20λ + 40λ Landscapes, from **Άγιος Βασίλειος 22.1.1941** (Agiος Vassileios), via **ΑΡΧΑΝΑΙ 21.ΣΕΠΤ.31** and **ΗΡΑΚΛΕΙΟΝ 22.ΙΧ.31**, to Corfu.

1,50δρχ, inland letter rate



**ΑΔ 66 (type 3) Archanes**

(???-...)

Free of charge official military postal card from **Άγιος Βασίλειος 22.1.1941** (Agiος Vasileios), via **ΑΡΧΑΝΑΙ 22.ΙΑΝ.41** to **ΑΡΧΑΝΑΙ 972**. The soldier was discharged, and the postcard was forwarded to Corfu.

Censorship marking of **ΛΟΓΟΚΡΕΙΙΑ TAX. ΑΡΧΑΝΩΝ**.

Military postal exemption





# Rural routes of New Territories: Crete

## AD 790 Archanes

(30.07.1916-10.10.1922)

Discontinued, new rural route established in Osenitsa (Sidironero), Drama

"Proof of notification via the Post Office" to **Κάτω Αρχάνες** 4.10.18, from **ΑΡΧΑΝΑΙ** 29.ΣΕΠΤ.18.

10Λ, notification rate



## AD 791 Heraklion

(???.1916-03.05.1961)

Return Receipt, from ΑΓΙΟΣ ΜΥΡΩΝ 12.XI.37 tying a 5δρχ Historical, to ΗΡΑΚΛΕΙΟΝ 19.XI.37.

5δρχ, return receipt rate

## AD 793 Kastelli of Kissamos

(???.1916-20.01.1927)

Transferred to Topolia

Envelope with 10Λ + 20Λ + 50Λ lithographic, via ΚΑΣΤΕΛΛΙ (ΚΙΣΣΑΜΟΥ) 18ΑΥΓ.22 and ΧΑΝΙΑ 20.ΑΥΓ.22, to Bucursti, Romania.

80Λ, letter rate to abroad (rate valid: 19.07/01.12.1922)





# Rural routes of New Territories: Crete

## ΑΔ 796 Kolymparion

(??-1916-20.01.1927)

Transferred to Voukolies

Registered cover with 6x1δρχ lithographic, from **Ζυμβραγού** (Zymvragou), via **ΚΟΛΥΜΠΑΡΙΟΝ 7.ΑΥΓ.1926**, XANIA and NEW YORK 8.25.1926 to WASHINGTON. The recipient did not claim it, and it was returned... **ΚΟΛΥΜΠΑΡΙ 26.ΔΕΚ.1926**.

6δρχ, registered letter rate to abroad



## ΑΔ 801 Tourloti

(??-1916-28.09.1921)

Transferred to Stavrochorion



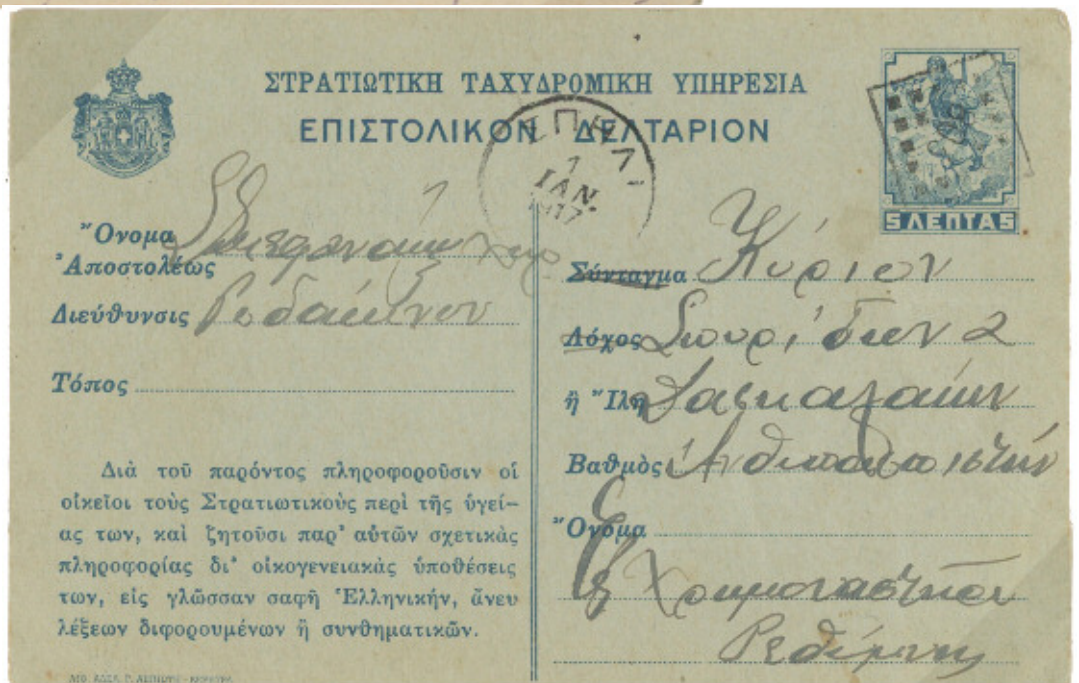
Picture postcard with 10λ ET, from **Μυρσίνη 7.12.1917** (Myrsini) via **ΤΟΥΡΛΩΤΗ 7.ΔΕΚΕΜ.1917**, to Agiasmenos, Hierapetra.

10λ, inland postcard rate (since 07.09.1917)

## ΑΔ 803 Spili

(??-1916-23.01.1921)

Discontinued



5λ official military postal card, from **Ροδάκινον 1.1.1917** (Rodakinon), via **ΣΠΗΛΙ 1.ΙΑΝ.1917**, to Chrononastiri, Rethymno.

5λ, inland postcard rate



# Rural routes of New Territories: Western Thrace

New rural route numbers for Western Thrace (873-...)



**ΑΔ 873**  
Soufli



**ΑΔ 875**  
Dedeagatch



**ΑΔ 874**  
Dedeagatch



**ΑΔ 880**  
Echinos?  
canceled to order



**ΑΔ 889**  
Didymoteichon  
(from *Τοκμάκιοι* (Tokmakeui, nowadays Metaxades))



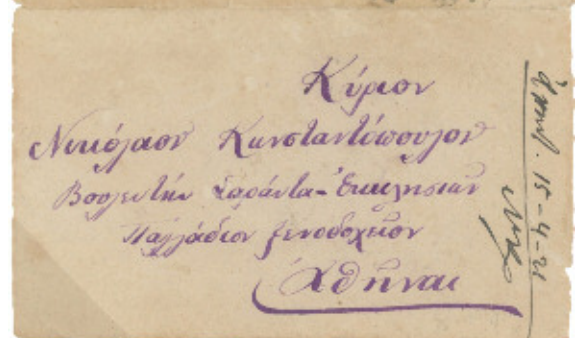
**ΑΔ 895**  
???



**ΑΔ 884 Komotini** (???-???)

Reverse of an envelope with 10x5λ "Διοίκησης Δυτικής Θράκης", from *Μουσελίμκιοι* (Mouselimkeui), obviously sent to Bulgaria, via ΓΚΙΟΥΜΟΥΛΤΖΙΝΑ 31.ΔΕΚ.20 and ΑΔΡΙΑΝΟΥΠΟΛΙΣ 3.ΙΑΝ.21. The recipient had departed, and it was returned to the sender, ΓΚΙΟΥΜΟΥΛΤΖΙΝΑ 1.ΑΠΡ.21, via ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 30.ΜΑΡ.21 50λ letter rate to abroad.

Small visit card cover with 4x5λ "Διοίκησης Δυτικής Θράκης", without any other postmark, sent to Athens. 20λ inland letter rate (probably a letter was included). Addressed to the Deputy of Saranda Ekklissies (Eastern Thrace), Nikolaos Konstantopoulos



**ΑΔ 897 Xanthi?** (???-???)



# Rural routes of New Territories: Western Thrace

## ΑΔ 892 (type 2) Dikaea

(03.11.1930-...)

Transferred from Kastanies



Part of envelope with 1,50δρχ Independence issue, via ΔΙΚΑΙΑ 17.ΜΑΡ.1931 and ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥΠΟΛΙΣ-ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΚΙΝΗΤΟΝ 1Α. 18.ΙΙΙ.31, to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 19.ΜΑΡ.31.

1,50δρχ, inland letter rate

## ΑΔ 906 Ferres

(???-...)

Envelope with 3δρχ Landscapes, from Μικρά Καβησσός 9.2.1935 (Mikra Kavissos), via ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥΠΟΛΙΣ-ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΚΙΝ. 1Β 12.ΦΕΒ.35, to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ?.ΙΙ.35.

3δρχ, inland letter rate



## ΑΔ 910 (type ?) Komotini

(???.?-...)

Envelope with 3δρχ King George II and 50λ Charity, from Πάνδροσον (Pandrosos), to Nea Chalkidon, Athens.

3δρχ, inland letter rate





## Special Cases & Curiosities

### Special Reduced Fee for Military Border Stations



**ΑΔ 824** (type 4)  
Serres (???)

Envelope with 2x5λ Historical, from **Ανω Βροντού** (Ano Vrondou), via **ΣΕΡΡΕΣ** 19.IV.40, to Athens. Handstamp **ΛΟΧΟΣ ΠΡΟΚΑΛΥΨΕΩΣ** (Covering Company).

*Special 10λ rate, for soldiers and officers of Military Border Stations*



**ΑΔ 874** (τύπος 2)  
**Σιδηρόκαστρον**  
Serres  
(???-05.10.1952)

Envelope with 5λ Historical, via **ΣΙΔΗΡΟΝΕΡΟΝ 13.X.39**, to Athens. Handstamp **VII ΣΥΝΟΡΙΑΚΟΣ ΤΟΜΕΥΣ, 3ος ΛΟΧΟΣ** (7th Border Sector, 3rd Company)

*Special 5λ rate, for soldiers and officers of Military Border Stations*



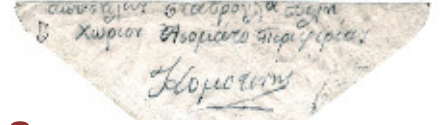
# Special Cases & Curiosities

## Rural correspondence in areas under ΕΑΜ\* control

In this difficult period when the Postal Service also needed to be revived, it is unknown who the postman was who facilitated correspondence...

\*Εθνικό Απελευθερωτικό Μέτωπο  
(National Liberation Front)

### Ασώματος (Asomatos) Κομοτηνί



Envelope from **Ασώματος περιφέρειας Κομοτηνής** (Asomatos, district of Komotini) with a handwritten confirmation of fee payment **Εισεπράχθησαν λέβα 5 ΑΦ** (5 levas were collected).

Most likely, it was transported from Asomatos to Komotini (about 10 km) by a postman who delivered it to the **ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΟΝ ΚΟΜΟΤΗΝΗΣ** (P.O. of Komotini) Via **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 27.III.45** to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΜΠΕΛΟΚΗΠΟΙ 6 7.IV.45**.

Linear **ΕΙΣΠΡΑΚΤΕΟΝ ΤΕΛΟΣ** (Postage Due) marking upon arrival in Athens P.O..

*5λέβα (levas) inland letter rate (not accepted by Athens P.O.).*



Envelope from **Νέος Σκοπός** (Neos Skopos) with a handwritten confirmation of fee payment **Εισεπράχθησαν λέβα 5** (5 levas were collected).

Most likely, it was transported from Neo Skopos to Serres (about 10 km) by a postal postman who delivered it to the **ΤΗΛΕΓΡΑΦΕΙΟΝ ΣΕΡΡΩΝ 15.III.45** (Serres) after first affixing the relevant 5 levas 'stamp' issued by the Serres Post Office. Via **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 16.III.45**, to **ΒΟΛΟΣ 30.III.45**.

*5λέβα (levas) inland letter rate*

### Neos Skopos Serres





# Special Cases & Curiosities

## Dotted Cretan cancelations used in Greece

The Central Service replaced lost or worn stamps with new ones manufactured (engraved) at the 'Electric Workshop of PTT. In some cases, the replacement was done using old postmarks, such as the first-type dotted stamp (number 54, p. 27) or the old Cretan dotted stamps listed below. I believe these postmarks, which were stored in the warehouses of the Cretan Post, arrived in Athens in 1946

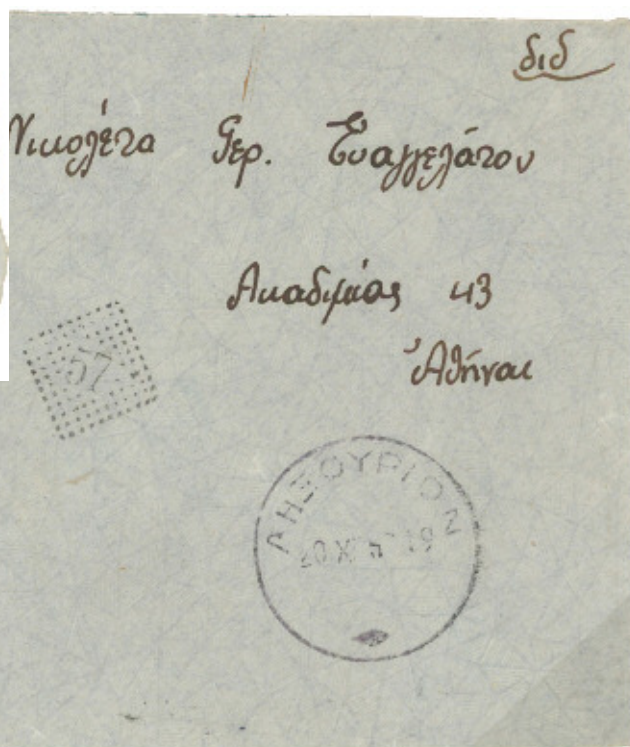


**ΑΔ 23 (type 2) Davlia** Boeotia  
(28.05.1911-19.07.1972)

When the rural postman's dotted cancellation was lost, the Central PTT Service sent the old rural dotted cancellation of Cretan State 23 (Rethymnon).

Envelope with 800δρχ Dodecanese and 2x50δρχ/50λ Charity, from **Άγιος Βλάσιος** (Agios Vlasios) via **ΔΑΥΔΕΙΑ 22.1.51**, to Lamia.

800δρχ, inland letter rate

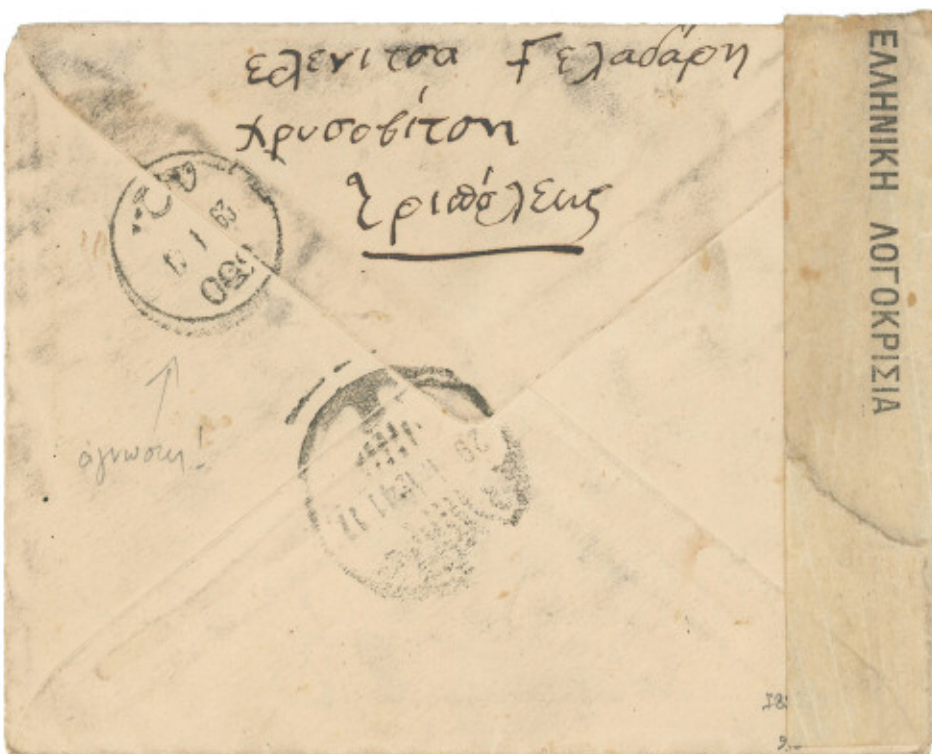


**ΑΔ 57 (type 2) Lixourion** Cefalonia  
(22.06.1911-...)

A similar occurrence happened with route 57, to which the old dotted postmark of the Cretan State, number 57 (Agios Nikolaos), was sent. I have encountered it from mid-1946 until 1954.

Envelope from **Μονοπολάτα** (Monopolata), via **ΑΘΗΟΥΡΙΟΝ 20.ΧΙΙ.53**, to Athens.

Postal exemption due to earthquakes



## Loss of the post horn 350

Few time after the integration of the new Greek Post Horn datestamps, the 350 was lost or worn. It was replaced by a unique locally produced circular marking bearing a post horn!

**ΑΔ 350 (type 1) Tripolis** Arcadia  
(24.09.1936 - 30.06.1950)

Very early date of the Post horn datestamp.

Free of charge censored envelope, with **350 29.Ι.41**, from **Χρυσοβίτην** (Chrysovitsi), via **ΤΡΙΠΟΛΙΣ 29.Ι.1941**, addressed to APO 825.



**ΑΔ 350 (type 2) Tripolis**







# Rural Routes of North Epirus (Balkan Wars)

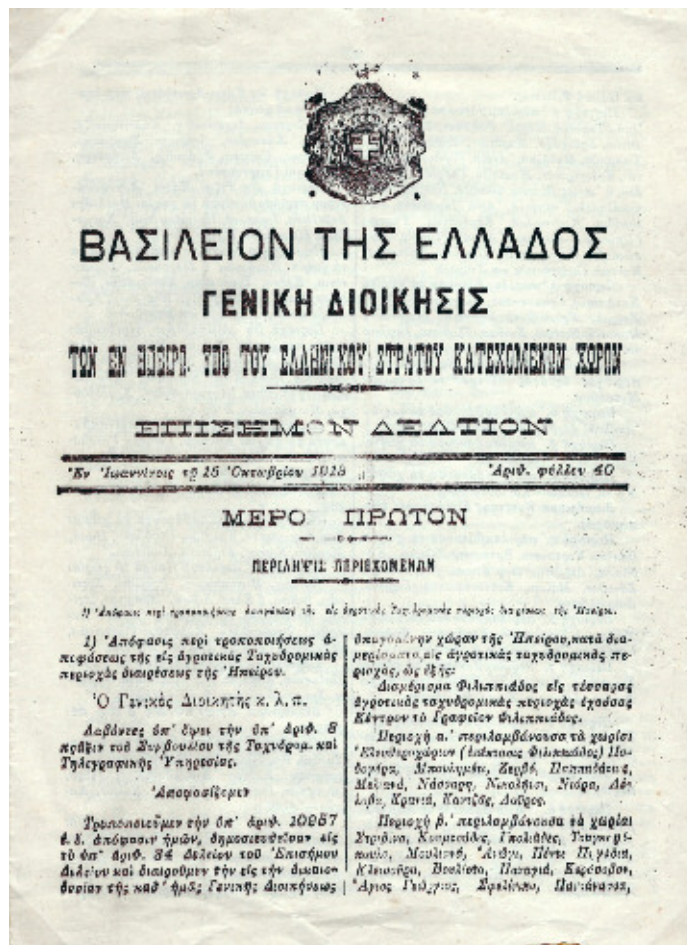
## i. 1912-4: Served by the Military postmen

After the First Balkan War, the Greek Army occupied Northern Epirus. The occupied territories of the Vilayet of Ioannina formed the **General Administration of the territories in Epirus occupied by the Greek Army**. The eastern side of Northern Epirus, that is, the lands that belonged to the Vilayet of Monastir, became part of the **General Administration of Macedonia**.

Northern Epirus was divided into **19 rural postal areas**, which were distributed among the **6 Post Offices** operating in the region:

- ΑΓΙΟΙ ΣΑΡΑΝΤΑ** (Agioli Saranta) 3 areas
- ΑΡΓΥΡΟΚΑΣΤΡΟ** (Argyrokastron) 6 areas
- ΔΕΛΒΙΝΟ** (Delvino) 3 areas
- ΠΡΕΜΕΤΗ** (Premeti) 3 areas
- ΤΕΠΕΛΕΝΙ** (Tepeleni) 2 areas
- ΦΡΑΣΣΑΡΗ** (Frassari) 2 areas

Military Postmen delivered the collected mail to the Post Offices on which they depended



Supplementary decision on the Rural Postal areas of Northern Epirus, signed by the General Administrator **G. Christakis-Zografos**, published in the **ΕΠΙΣΗΜΟΝ ΔΕΛΤΙΟΝ** (Official Bulletin) No 40/15.10.1913.

Exhibitor's Collection

### 1st Rural Postal Area of ΠΡΕΜΕΤΗΣ (Përmet)



Free of charge envelope from **Τόλιαρη 8.7.1913** (Toliari), via **ΠΡΕΜΕΤΗ 8.ΙΟΥΛ.13**, to Athens.

Examined by an officer:

"εθεωρήθη εν Τόλιαρη τη 4 Ιουλίου 1913, ο Διοικητής του Λόχου, α.α. ... Επιλοχίας Πεζικού"

Military Postal exemption



# Rural Routes of North Epirus (1914-1916)

## ii. Establishment of rural routes with Greek numbering

Following an international mandate, Greek troops entered Northern Epirus in November 1914.

The Greek postal service established a number of rural routes that do not appear to have operated before 1916. The dates we encounter range from April to September 1916. The postal directory, known as the '1916 Directory,' lists the Post Offices serving as bases for Rural Postmen, but it does not provide further information (such as routes per office or serial numbers).

Aside from the 16 routes included in the exhibit (**734, 735, 736, 738, 744, 745, 746, 748, 749, 750, 751, 754, 757, 758, 761 et 763**), the number **756** is also known.



**ΑΔ 734**  
**Αργυρόκαστρον**  
 Argyrokastron  
 Gjirokaštër



**ΑΔ 735**  
**Αργυρόκαστρον**  
 Argyrokastron  
 Gjirokaštër

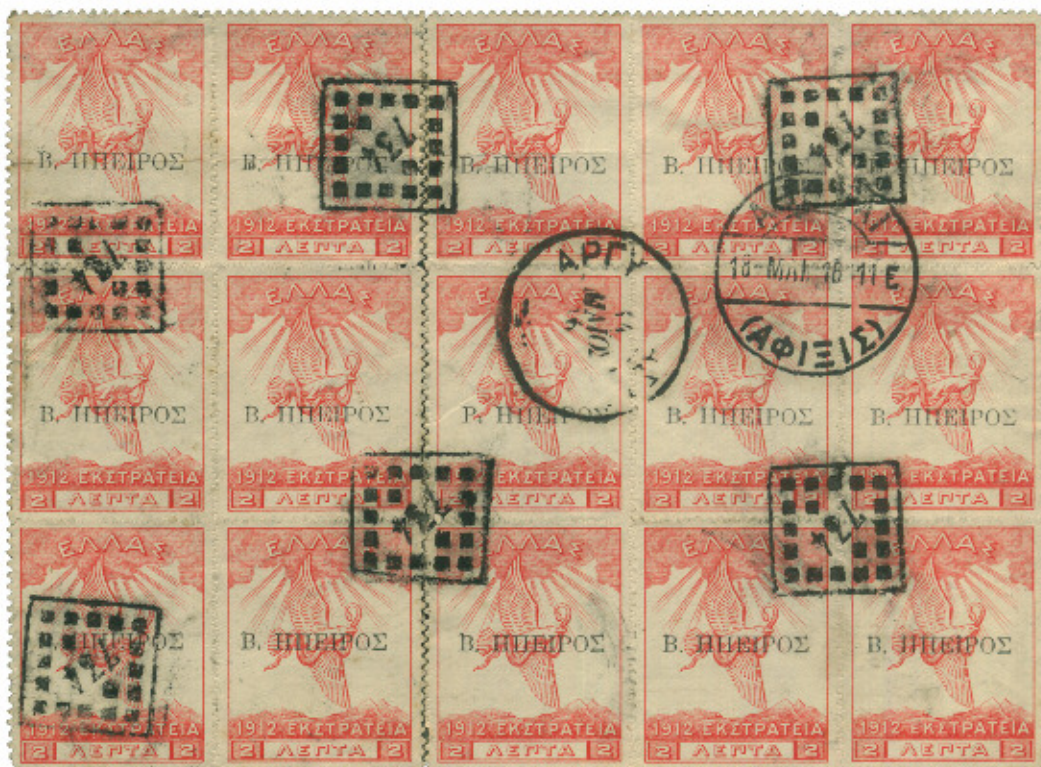


**ΑΔ 736**  
**Αργυρόκαστρον**  
 Argyrokastron  
 Gjirokaštër



**ΑΔ 738**  
**Γεωργουτσάτες**  
 Georgoutsates  
 Jorgucat

### ΑΔ 734 Αργυρόκαστρον, Argyrokastron (Gjirokaštër)



Block of 15x2Λ Β. ΗΠΕΙΡΟΣ, via ΑΡΓΥΡΟΚΑΣΤΡΟΝ 14.ΜΑΙΟΣ.16 (Argyrokastron). Obviously, it comes from the back side of a registered letter to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 18.ΜΑΙ.16

30Λ, inland registered letter rate



# Rural Routes of North Epirus (1914-1916)



**ΑΔ 744**  
**Κορυτσά**  
Korytsa  
Korçë



**ΑΔ 745**  
**Κορυτσά**  
Korytsa  
Korçë



**ΑΔ 746**  
**Κορυτσά**  
Korytsa  
Korçë

**ΑΔ 745 Κορυτσά, Korytsa (Korçë)**



Envelope with 25λ Β. ΗΠΕΙΡΟΣ, via **ΚΟΡΥΤΣΑ 25.ΑΥΓ.16** (Korçë) and Thessaloniki, to Boston USA.

French censor marking of Thessaloniki **ARMEE D'ORIENT CENSURE MILITAIRE** + **NO** and Italian **BOLOGNA POSTA ESTERA CENSURA MILITARE**.

25λ, letter rate to abroad



**ΑΔ 748**  
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**ΑΔ 748**  
?



**ΑΔ 749**  
?



**ΑΔ 749**  
?



# Rural Routes of North Epirus (1914-1916)

## ΑΔ 750 Λιασκοβίκιον, Liaskovikion (Leskovik)



ΑΔ 750  
Λιασκοβίκιον  
Liaskovikion  
Leskovik



Fragment with 25λ Β. ΗΠΕΙΡΟΣ, via ΛΙΑΣΚΟΒΙΚΙΟΝ  
19.ΑΠΡ.1916 (Leskovik), ΙΩΑΝΝΙΝΑ 21.ΑΠΡ.16 and  
ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 26.ΑΠΡ.1916, to ?.

25λ, letter rate to abroad

## ΑΔ 751 Λιασκοβίκιον, Liaskovikion (Leskovik)



ΑΔ 751  
Λιασκοβίκιον  
Liaskovikion  
Leskovik



Envelope with 10λ Β.  
ΗΠΕΙΡΟΣ and Charity la-  
bel, via Liaskovikion[?],  
ΙΩΑΝΝΙΝΑ 28.ΑΠΡ.16,  
to ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ  
5.ΑΠΡ.1916.

10λ, inland letter rate



ΑΔ 754  
?





# Rural Routes of North Epirus (1914-1916)

**ΑΔ 757** Πρεμετή, Premeti (Përmet)



Envelope with 5x5λ Β. ΗΠΕΙΡΟΣ, via ΠΡΕΜΕΤΗ 15.ΙΟΥΛ.16 (Përmet), ΙΩΑΝΝΙΝΑ 17.ΙΟΥΛ.16, ΠΑΤΡΑΙ 19.ΙΟΥΛ.16 and Bologna, to New York, USA.

Italian censorship marking BOLOGNA POSTA ESTERA CENSURA MILITARE  
25λ, letter rate to abroad



**ΑΔ 757**  
Πρεμετή  
Premeti  
Përmet



**ΑΔ 758**  
Πρεμετή [?]  
Premeti  
Përmet



**ΑΔ 761**  
?



**ΑΔ 763**  
?



# Rural Routes of South Albania (1940-1941)

## iii. Served by the Military postmen (without markings)

The Greek Army occupied a large part of southern Albania in November 1940 and established all services

The Greek Postal Service established a small number of Post Offices, anticipating that the remaining settlements would be served by **Military Postmen** who passed through the villages or collected mail that senders placed in the few **mailboxes** that were installed.



Pogradec

Πογραδέτς 2.3.41

2δρχ postal card (without overprint) and 10L Charity ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΙΟΙΚΗΣΙΣ, from **Πογραδέτς 2.3.1941** (Pogradec), via **ΚΟΡΥΤΣΑ 7.III.41** (Korçë), to Athens. **ΔΟΓΟΚΡΗΣΙΑ ΚΟΡΥΤΣΑΣ ΕΛΟΓΟΚΡΗΣΗ 4** (Censorship of Korytsa, 4)

2δρχ, inland postcard rate



Envelope with 3δρχ and 50L Charity overprinted ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΙΟΙΚΗΣΙΣ, from a Gendarm in the Gendarmerie Station in **Βυρμάσι Ερσέκας (Barmasi)**, via **ΚΟΡΥΤΣΑ 22.XII.40** (Korçë), to Athens. **ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΟΓΟΚΡΗΣΙΑ ΚΟΡΥΤΣΑΣ** (Censorship of Korytsa).

3δρχ, inland letter rate



# Rural Route in Imbros (1912-1923)

Imbros was occupied by the Greek Navy in 1912 and remained under Greek control until the revised Treaty of Lausanne (1923)

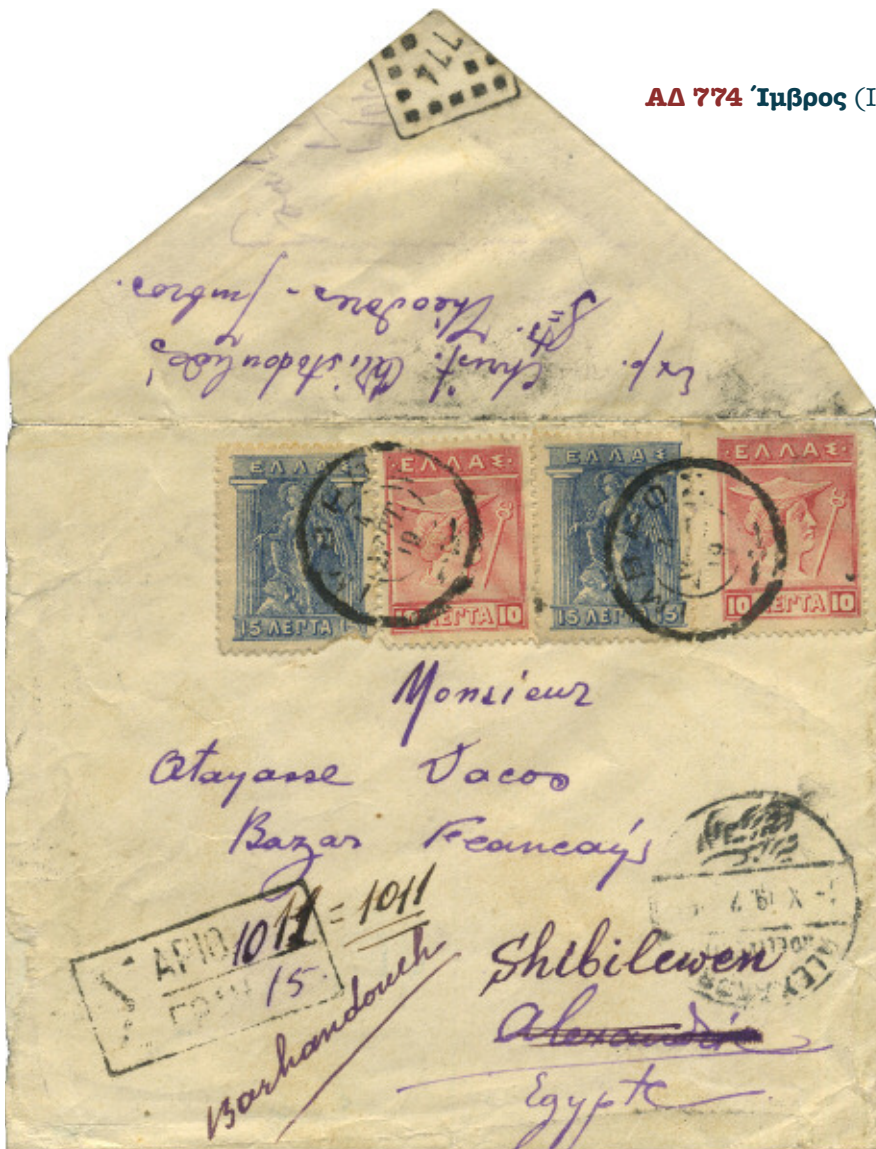
The Greek Postal Service immediately established a Post Office in the town of **Imbros**, and later a second one in **Schoinoudi**. The remaining settlements were served by rural route **774**. The number belongs to the series assigned to the Prefecture of Lesvos (to which Imbros was administratively attached)

Although the postal service for the settlements by the rural postman of Imbros likely began much earlier, the route number and cancellation were not assigned before 1916, as indicated by the numbering of the rural routes in Northern Epirus (numbers <734-763<).



**ΑΔ 774** 'Ιμβρος (Imroz, Gökçeada)

Χρήστος Χριστοδουλίδης  
Αγιοι Θεόδωροι  
'Ιμβρος



Registered envelope with 2x10λ + 2x15λ lithographic, from **Αγιοι Θεόδωροι (Zeytinli)** (Agioli Theodoroi) via **ΙΜΒΡΟΣ 4.ΣΕΠΤ.19** (Imroz, Gökçeada), ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ 16.ΣΕΠ.19, ALEXANDRIA 7.X.19 and SHIBILLAWEN - MIT GHAMR & VV 8.X.19, to SHIBILLAWEN 8.OC.19.

50λ, registered letter rate to abroad

The envelope was handed over to the rural postman, who stamped it at the closure. The postage stamps were canceled (or possibly affixed) in Imbros



# Rural Routes in Asia Minor (1919-1922)

## High Commission of Smyrna and Greek Administration of Smyrna

The first pertains to the period from the occupation of Smyrna until the signing of the Treaty of Sèvres (August 1920). The second, an administrative renaming, refers to the period of Greek responsibility for governing the zone assigned to Greece by the Treaty of Sèvres, as well as the control over Turkish authorities in areas occupied by the Greek army outside this zone.

The Greek postal service began operating immediately in Smyrna, although the stamp appeared toward the end of 1919.

Post offices were gradually established in several towns and settlements, while the rural postal service did not begin until mid-1921. The numbering of the routes of this rural service was independent from that of Greece, with numbers ranging from **1** to **38**, as the Greek Zone operated as an Autonomous State. Apart from those presented below, an envelope with the number 1 and a stamp with the number 14 are known to exist.

### ΑΔ ΜΑ5 Αλή-Αγά (Aliğa)

Περικλής Ζάννος Χ'Τιαννάκης  
Αλή-Αγά Τσιφλίικ



Envelope with 20λ lithographic, from **Αλή Αγά Τσιφλίικ (Aliğa Çiftlik)**, via **ΑΛΗ-ΑΓΑ 22.ΦΕΒ.22 (Aliğa)**, **ΜΑΙΝΕΜΕΝΗ 26.ΦΕΒ.22 (Menemen)** and **ΣΜΥΡΝΗ 27.ΦΕΒ.22 (Izmir)**, to Mytilini.

20λ, inland letter rate



### ΑΔ ΜΑ7 Σεβδίκιοϊ (Seydiköy / Gaziemir)

Μαριγώ Κομπουζή  
Νέος Κολοφών  
Σεβδίκιοϊ

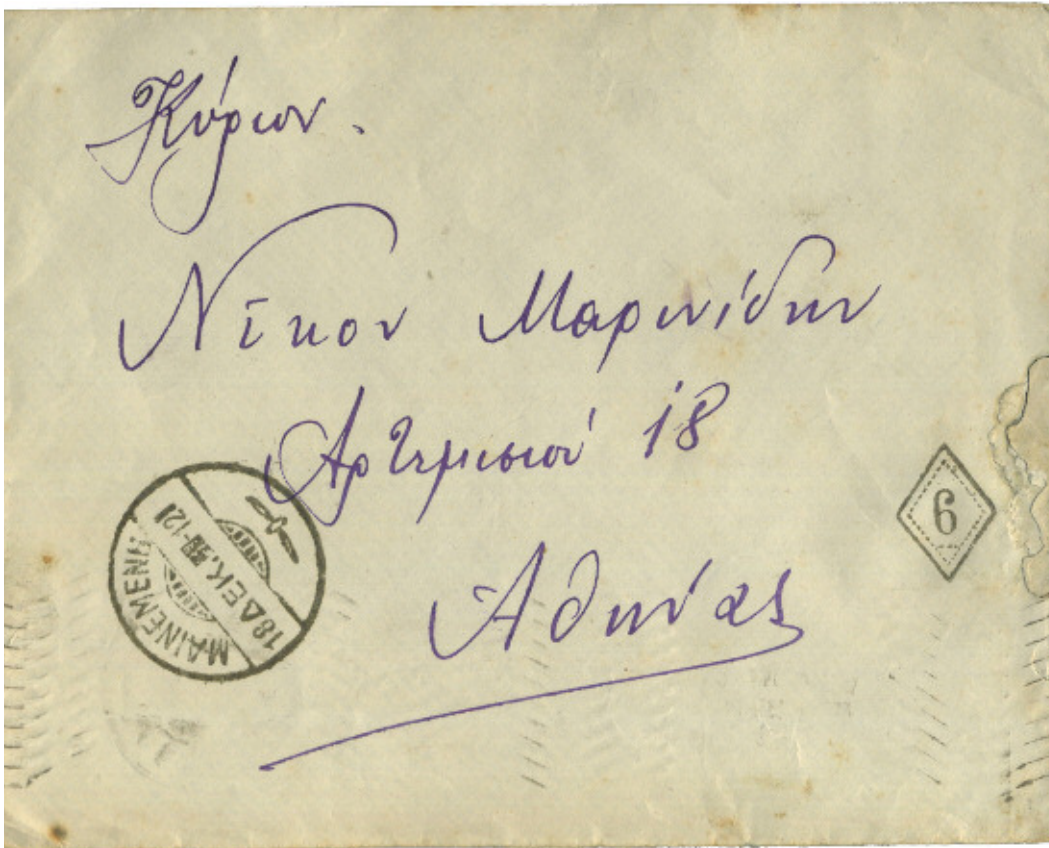


Envelope with 10λ + 2x20λ lithographic and 5λ/50λ Charity label, from **Νέος Κολοφών (Neos Kolophon)** via **ΣΕΒΔΙΚΙΟΪ 2.ΑΠΡ.22 (Seydiköy)** and **ΣΜΥΡΝΗ 3.ΑΠΡ.22 (Izmir)**, to Memphis, USA.

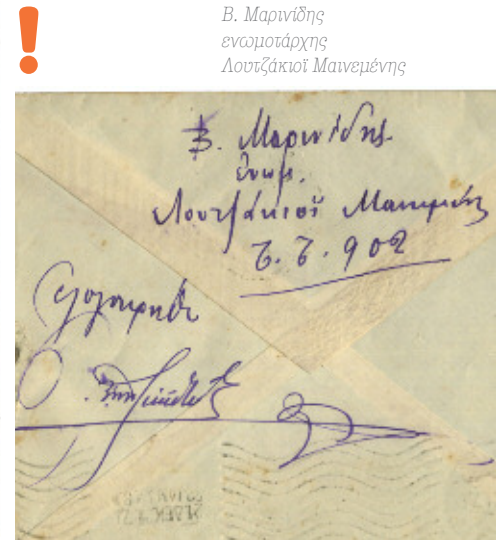
50λ, letter rate to abroad



# Rural Routes in Asia Minor (1919-1922)



**ΑΔ ΜΑ6 (type 1)**  
**Μαινεμένη (Menemen)**



! B. Μαρνιδης  
ενσωμοτάρχης  
Λουτζάκιοι Μαινεμένης

Free of charge envelope sent by a Sergeant of the Gendarmerie from **Λουτζάκιοι (Lucaköy, Olucak)**, via **ΜΑΙΝΕΜΕΝΗ 18.ΔΕΚ.21** (Menemen), to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 21.ΔΕΚ.21.  
Handwritten **ελογοκρήθη** (censored)  
Military Postal Exemption



**ΑΔ ΜΑ6 (type 2)**  
**Μαινεμένη (Menemen)**



! B. Μαρνιδης  
ενσωμοτάρχης  
Αστυνομικός Σταθμάρχης Ουλουτζάκ

Free of charge envelope sent by a Sergeant of the Gendarmerie from **Λουτζάκιοι (Lucaköy, Olucak)**, via **ΜΑΙΝΕΜΕΝΗ 19.ΑΠΡ.22** (Menemen), to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 21.ΑΠΡ.22.  
Handwritten **Ελογοκρήθη, ο Διοικητής του Σταθμού** (Censored, the Commander of the Station)  
Military Postal Exemption



# Rural Routes in Asia Minor (1919-1922)



**ΑΔ ΜΑ15**  
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**ΑΔ ΜΑ19**  
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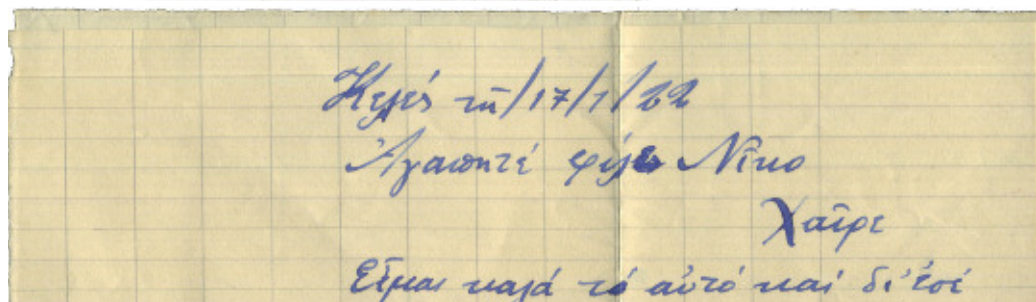


**ΑΔ ΜΑ21**  
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**ΑΔ ΜΑ18**  
**Οδεμήσιον** (Ödemiş)

Χωροφύλαξ  
Αριστείδης Σκλαβουνάκης  
Υπομεραρχία Κέλες



Νίκο είδα εις μίαν  
 ή ένα μίσου και  
 ήν σου και αυτό με  
 α σου χράψω.  
 ήμα παιδιά έδερμίναν  
 ής μαδών μας ήχες  
 ήμα έου τιμοίχια ος  
 ής από τήν ής.



Envelope with 20λ lithographic, sent by a Gendarme, from **Κελές (Keles Çayı)**, via **ΟΔΕΜΗΣΙΟΝ 20.ΙΑΝ.22** (Ödemiş), to his colleague at the Central Gendarmerie Station in Odemision.

The letter was mistakenly sent to **ΣΜΥΡΝΗ 21.ΙΑΝ.21** (Izmir) and was returned to **ΟΔΕΜΗΣΙΟΝ 23.ΙΑΝ.22** (Ödemiş) for delivery.

20λ, inland letter rate



# Rural Routes in Asia Minor (1919-1922)

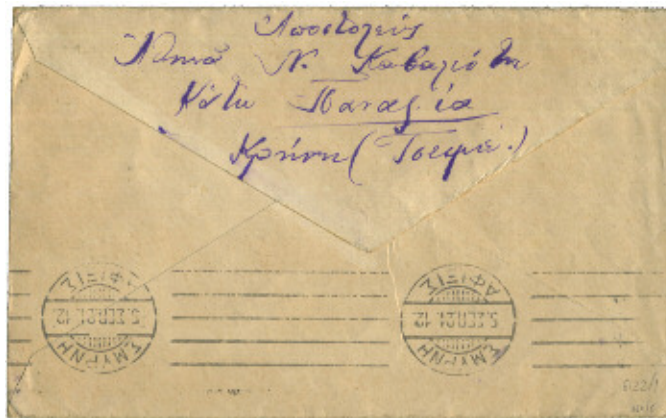


**ΑΔ ΜΑ29**  
?



**ΑΔ ΜΑ34**  
?

affixed to paper afterward



**ΑΔ ΜΑ30 Κρήνη (Çesme)**

Αθηνά Ν. Καβαλιότη  
Κάτω Παναγία  
Κρήνη (Τσεσμέ)



Envelope with 50Λ lithographic and Charity label,  
sent from **Κάτω Παναγία (Çiftlik Mh.)**, via **ΚΡΗΝΗ 2.ΣΕΠ.21 (Çesme)**,  
to her relative in Seattle, USA.

50Λ, letter rate to abroad



# Rural Routes in Asia Minor (1919-1922)

## ΑΔ ΜΑ33 Κίρκαγατς (Kirkağaç)



Envelope with 5x10λ lithographic, sent by a Gendarme from **Σταθμός Κελέμπου (Gelembé)**, via **ΚΙΡΚΑΓΑΤΣ 23.ΦΕΒ.22** (Kirkağaç), to Des Moines, USA.

50λ, letter rate to abroad

## ΑΔ ΜΑ38 Κασαμπάς (Kassaba / Turgutlu)



Large fragment with 6x5λ lithographic (the envelope had obviously 10x5λ = 50λ), sent from **Οργανλή (Urganlı)**, via **ΚΑΣΑΜΠΑΣ 7.ΜΑΡ.22** (Kassaba), **ΣΜΥΡΝΗ ΑΦΙΕΙΣ 9.ΜΑΡ.22** (Izmir), **POSTA MILITARE 171 (Italian P.O. in Smyrna), CONSTANTINOPLE 3.AVRIL.22**, to **SAMSOUN 4 9.4.22**.



# Rural Routes in Eastern Thrace (1920-22)

Eastern Thrace had a large number of villages, while the majority of the population was Greek. According to the book by journalist Dimitrios Svolopoulos on Thrace, 93 rural routes were planned. Their numbers are not mentioned, but the collectible material suggests that the numbering started around 900. At that time, the total available positions (as well as the number of already manufactured cancelations) for all of Greece were 999.



AD 898  
?

canceled to order



AD 903  
?



AD 905  
?



AD 914  
?



AD 904  
?



AD 910  
?

AD 918 Μυριοφύτον (Mürefte)



Θωμάς Κουροβίνης  
Ευδήμιον  
Γανόχωρα Θράκη



Envelope with 5Λ + 2x20Λ 'Διοίκησης Θράκης' and 5Λ Π.Ι.Π. (Charity), from **Ευδήμιον Γανοχώρων (Uçmakdere)**, via **ΜΥΡΙΟΦΥΤΟΝ 18.ΔΕΚ.21** (Mürefte) and **ΑΔΡΙΑΝΟΥΠΟΛΙΣ 21.ΔΕΚ.21** (Edirne), to Cuero Texas, USA.

45Λ instead of the correct 50Λ, letter rate to abroad



# Rural Routes in Eastern Thrace (1920-22)



**ΑΔ 922**

?  
canceled to order



**ΑΔ 925**

?



**ΑΔ 929**

?



**ΑΔ 932**

?



**ΑΔ 933**

?



**ΑΔ 934**

?



**ΑΔ 936**

?



**ΑΔ 937**

?



**ΑΔ 938**

?

## **ΑΔ 919** Μυριοφύτον (Müreftte)

Στυλιανή Θεοφίλου  
Κερασιά Μυριοφύτου  
Νότια Θράκη - Νέα Ελλάδα



Envelope with 50λ lithographic, sent from **Κερασιά (Kirazlı)**, via **ΜΥΡΙΟΦΥΤΟΝ 7.ΜΑΡ.22** (Müreftte), **ΡΑΙΔΕΣΤΟΣ 9.ΜΑΡ.22** (Tekirdağ) and **ΑΔΡΙΑΝΟΥΠΟΛΙΣ 10.ΜΑΡ.22** (Edirne), to Boston, USA.

50λ, letter rate to abroad



# Rural Routes in Eastern Thrace (1920-22)



**ΑΔ 941**  
?



**ΑΔ 942**  
**Κεσσάνη (Kesan)**



**ΑΔ 943**  
?



**ΑΔ 947**  
?



**ΑΔ 949**  
?



**ΑΔ 962**  
?



**ΑΔ 964**  
?



**ΑΔ 971**  
?



**ΑΔ 973**  
**Βρύση (Pinarhisar)**  
 *canceled to order*



**ΑΔ 974**  
**Βρύση (Pinarhisar)**  
 *canceled to order*



**ΑΔ 977**  
?



**ΑΔ 978**  
**Χαριούπολις (Hayrebolu)**  
*(due to color)*



**ΑΔ 979**  
?



**ΑΔ 981**  
?  
 *canceled to order*



**ΑΔ 983**  
?



# Rural routes under Foreign Administrations in Greece

Depending on the organization of their Metropolitan Postal Service, the foreign administrations and occupations in Greek territory either established rural routes or allowed the continuation of the existing Greek rural service. In detail:

## Ottoman Administration:

The well-organized Ottoman Empire had established numerous post offices across its vast territory, essentially placing offices wherever they were truly needed.

In the relevant literature, only one 'mobile route' is mentioned, the one that operated in the Pogoni area of Epirus. Its numbering, specifically number 3, assures us that at least two others were also in operation.

## Bulgarian Administration and Occupation:

In Bulgaria, a 'rural' postal service had been operating since the 19th century, with a network and operation similar to the Greek system. That is, there were foot and horseback carriers who set out from post offices to serve sectors (areas) of villages. During the Bulgarian Administration (1912-1919) or Occupation (1941-1944) of Macedonia and Thrace, when the postal service was, of course, Bulgarian (and used Bulgarian stamps), two types of rural date stamps were employed:

- Period 1912-1919. The stamps displayed only in Bulgarian the information 'Village Post, x Sector, name of the dependent office': С.П. x УЧАСТЪКЪ (С.П. = Селска Пошта)

- Period 1941-1944. The information changed to 'x Sector among villages, name of the dependent office': x М.С. УЧАСТЪКЪ (М.С. = Между Селски).

## Interallied Thrace:

After the Bulgarian defeat in World War I, Bulgarian (Western) Thrace was occupied by the Allies. The Post Offices continued to operate normally, using the Bulgarian postmarks, but the Bulgarian postage stamps were overprinted with THRACE INTERALLIEE (Interallied Thrace) and later THRACE OCCIDENTALE (Western Thrace).

## Italian Administration and Occupation:

During the Italian Occupation and Administration of the Dodecanese (1912-1943), a rural postal service was not established..

During the period of the Italian Occupation of Greece (World War II):

- In the Ionian State (Italian expansionism), the Postal Service, including the Rural Postal Service, continued to operate as before, using the Greek postmarks and cancelations (but with Italian postage stamps),

- In the unique regime of Eastern Crete, the post offices experienced three distinct periods: using Dodecanese stamps with military postal marks, Dodecanese stamps with Greek postmarks and cancelations, and Greek stamps with Greek postmarks and cancelations.

## Ottoman Administration <1912



**PAGON MERKEZ POSTA SEYYAR MUVAZZI Nr 3**  
3rd Ambulant Postman of the Central Post Office of Pogon

Fragment with 1pi 1908  
the only recorded Ottoman rural postal seal  
(there is also an envelope with this imprint)



# Bulgarian Administration & Occupation 1912-1919



**С.П.** = Селска Поща ('Village Post')

## С.П. II УЧАСТЪКЪ ДЕДЕ-АГАЧЪ

Sector II of the 'Village Post' of Dedeagatch (Alexandroupolis)

Picture postcard with 2x5ct από *Μάκρη* 3.6.1915 (n.s.), via **ДЕДЕ-АГАЧЪ - DEDE-AGATCHE** 21.V.915 sent to Paris.

10ct, postcard rate to abroad



## С.П. III УЧАСТЪКЪ ГЪМЮРДЖИНА

Sector III of the 'Village Post' of Gumurdjina (Komotini)

Postal card 5ct from *Κοζλυ-Κιβιρ* 27.VIII.915 (Kozlu-Kibir, nowadays *Αρριανά/Arriana*), to **ΒΑΡΝΑ-VARNA** 28.VIII.915

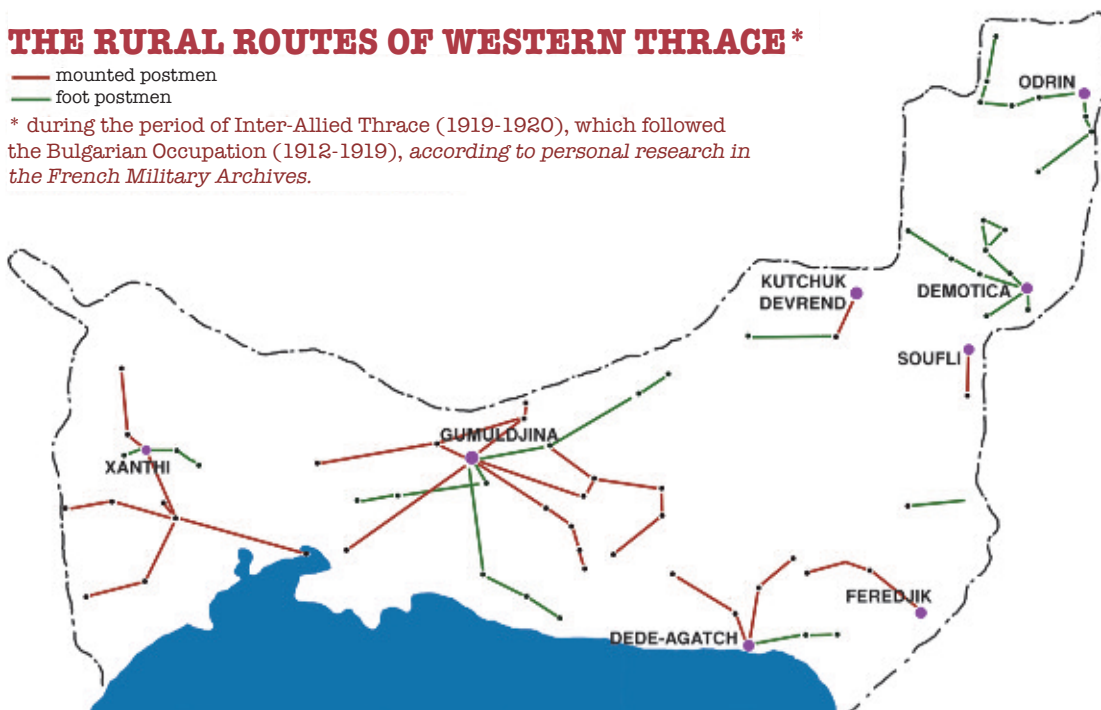
5ct, inland postcard rate



## THE RURAL ROUTES OF WESTERN THRACE \*

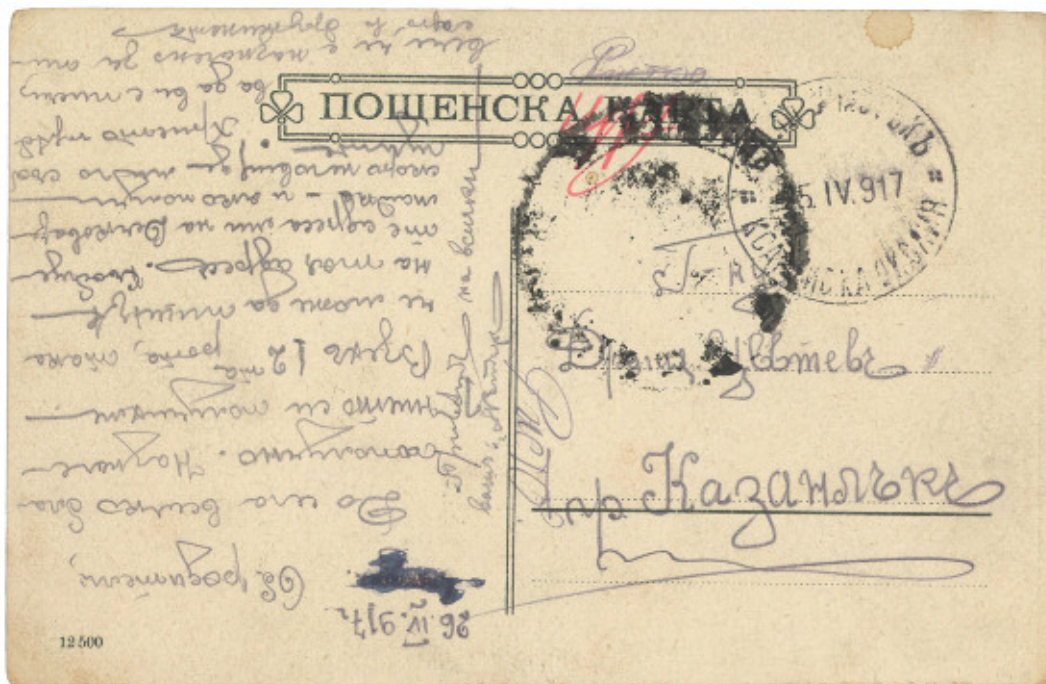
- mounted postmen
- foot postmen

\* during the period of Inter-Allied Thrace (1919-1920), which followed the Bulgarian Occupation (1912-1919), according to personal research in the French Military Archives.





# Bulgarian Administration & Occupation 1912-1919



## С.П. III УЧАСТЪКЪ КСАНТИСКА ОКОЛНЯ

Sector III of the 'Village Post' of surroundings of Xanthi

Free of charge postcard С.П. III УЧАСТЪКЪ КСАНТИСКА ОКОЛНЯ 25.IV.917 from ----- (~~crossed out by censorship~~), via Xanthi (censorship: ЦЕНЗУРНА КОМИСИЯ ВЪ. КСАНТИ) to Казанлъкъ (Kazanlik).

Military postal exemption

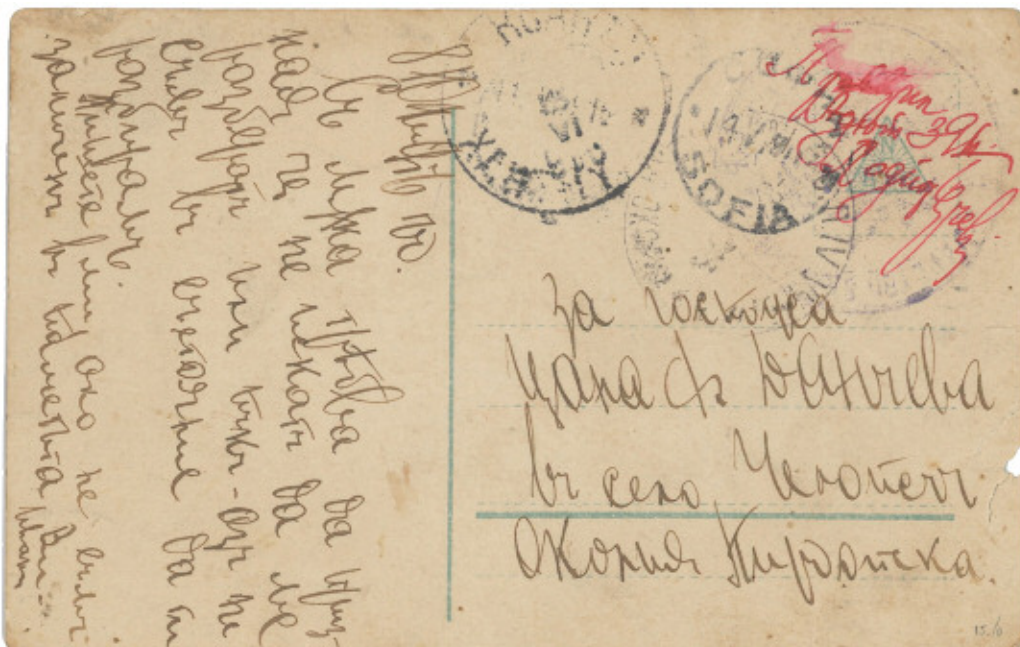


## С.П. IV УЧАСТЪКЪ КСАНТИСКА ОКОЛНЯ

Sector IV of the 'Village Post' of surroundings of Xanthi

Free of charge postcard С.П. IV УЧАСТЪКЪ КСАНТИСКА ОКОЛНЯ 8.VIII.18, via КСАНТИ-ХАИТНУ 11.VII.918 (censorship: ЦЕНЗУРНА КОМИСИЯ ВЪ. КСАНТИ) to Челотен.

Military postal exemption



# Protectorfate of Interallied Thrace 1919-1920



## С.П. II УЧАСТЪКЪ ГЮМЮРДЖИНА

Sector II of the 'Village Post' of Gumurdjina (Komotini)



## С.П. VII УЧАСТЪКЪ ГЮМЮРДЖИНА

Sector VII of the 'Village Post' of Gumurdjina (Komotini)

Only cancellations to order of rural postmen' postmarks are known from this period



# Bulgarian Administration & Occupation 1941-1944

**М.С.** = Между Селски (Between Villages)



**II М.С. УЧАСТЪКЪ ДЕМИРЪ-ХИСАРЪ** Sector II of the Post between Villages of Demir-Hissar (Sidirokastron)

Registered cover with 2x4Л from **Гара Порой** (Railway Station of Poroi), canceled with **II М.С. УЧАСТЪКЪ ДЕМИРЪ-ХИСАРЪ 1.III.44** and registration marking **В ДЕМИРЪ-ХИСАРЪ / DEMIR-HISSAR** sent to Sofia.

4Л, inland registered letter rate



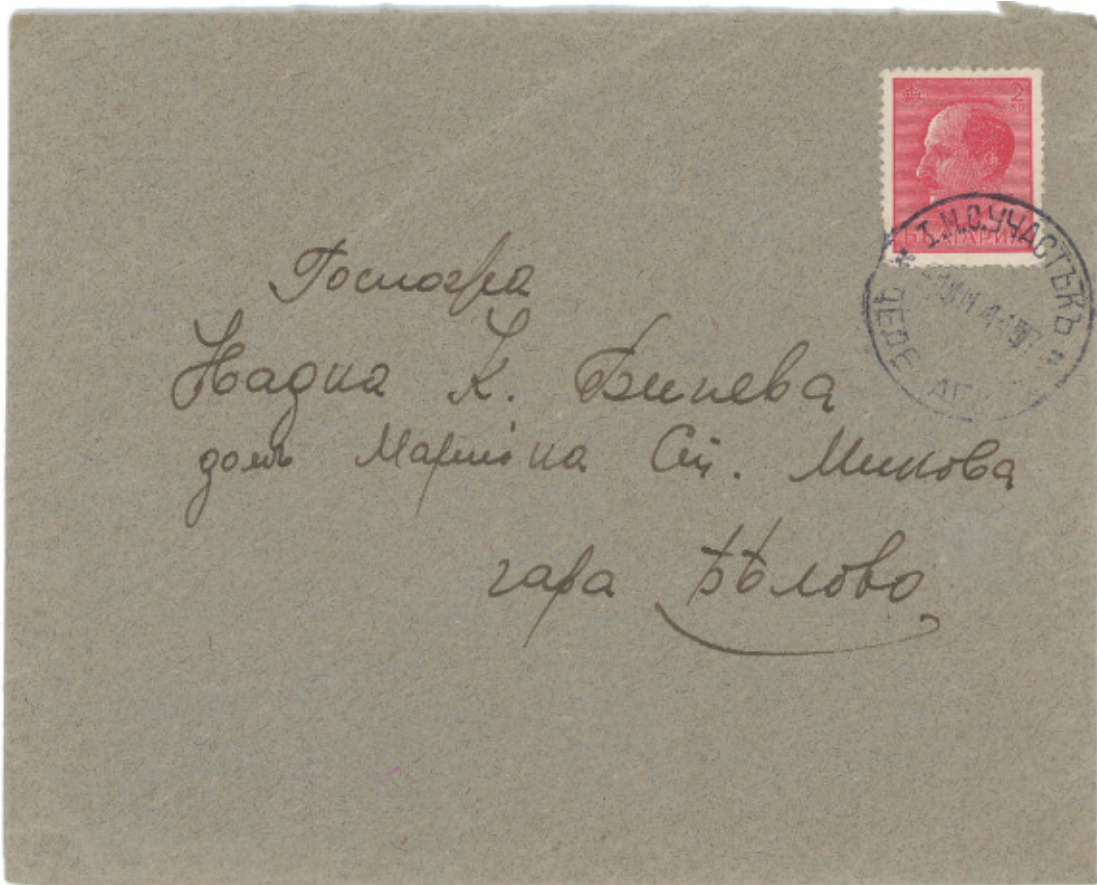
I am convinced that this specific rural postmark was not used by a rural carrier in Cavalla, but by the Cavalla post office. None of the 4 letters in my collection indicate that they originate from, or are addressed to, a village in the area.

**I М.С. УЧАСТЪКЪ КАВАЛА** Sector I of the Post between Villages of Cavalla

Envelope with 1Л + 4x2Л, canceled with **I М.С. УЧАСТЪКЪ КАВАЛА 24.VII.44**, to a Greek in a Labor Camp in Vienna. German Censorship upon entry into Germany.

9Л, letter rate to abroad



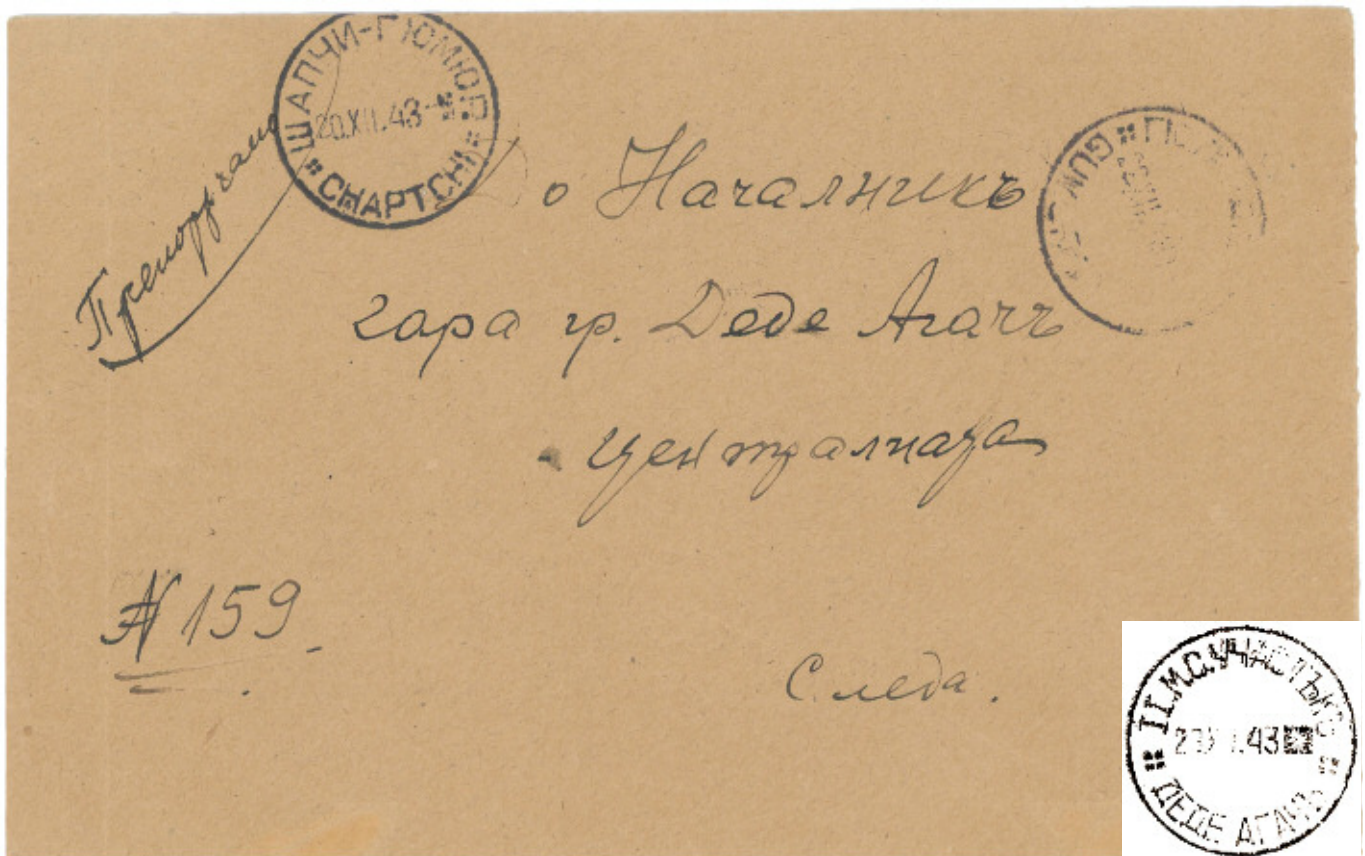


**I М.С. УЧАСТЪКЪ ДЕДЕ-АГАЧЪ**

*Sector I of the Post between Villages of Dede-Agatch (Alexandroupolis)*

Envelope with 2Л, canceled with I М.С. УЧАСТЪКЪ ДЕДЕ-АГАЧЪ 1.III.44 to БЕЛОВО-BELOVO 5.III.44.

2Л, inland letter rate



**II М.С. УЧАСТЪКЪ ДЕДЕ-АГАЧЪ** *Sector II of the Post between Villages of Dede-Agatch (Alexandroupolis)*

Free of charge official registered envelope, from ШАПЧИ-ГЮМЮР - СНАРТЧИ 20.XII.43 (Sappes), via II М.С. УЧАСТЪКЪ ДЕДЕ-АГАЧЪ 23.XII.43 to the Railway Station of Dede-Agatch.

Official correspondence exemption.



# Italian Occupation of Ionian Islands: Kerkyra (CORFU)



**ΑΔ 65**  
**Karousades**  
on Italian postage stamp



**ΑΔ 69**  
**Skriperon**



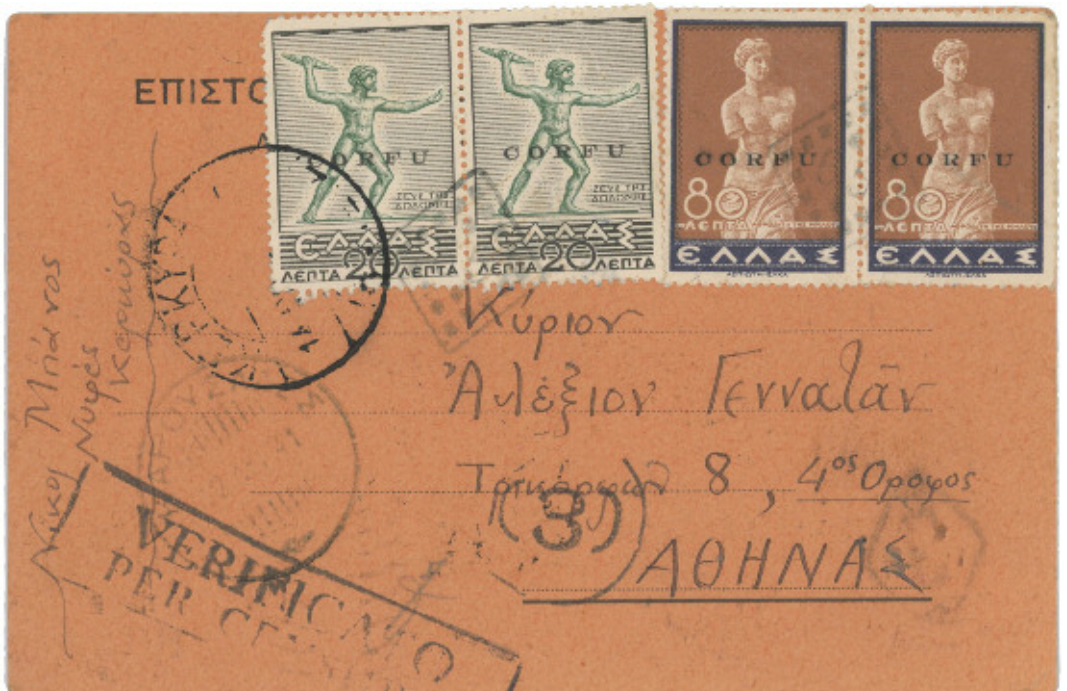
**ΑΔ 70**  
**Skriperon**  
on fragment of a Return Receipt



**ΑΔ 64** Karousades

! Envelope with 3x20λ + 3x80λ **CORFU** from *Ραχτάδες* (Rachtades) via **ΚΑΡΟΥΣΑΔΕΣ 11.ΑΥΓ.41** and **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 14.ΑΥΓ.41** to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 19.VIII.41**.  
Censorship **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** and reader (3), on censorship tape with regular letters (type 1b).  
*3δρχ*, inland letter rate (to Greece)

**ΑΔ 65** Karousades



Postcard with 2x20λ + 2x80λ **CORFU** from *Νυφές* 8.8.41 (Nyphes), μέσω **ΚΑΡΟΥΣΑΔΕΣ 11.ΑΥΓ.41** and **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 13.ΑΥΓ.41** to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 26.VIII.41**.

Censorship **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** and reader (3).

*2δρχ*, inland postcard rate (to Greece)



# Italian Occupation of Ionian Islands: Kerkyra

## ΑΔ 60 Kerkyra

Envelope with 2x25c **ISOLE JONIE** from **Γιαννάδες** (Giannades), via **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 3.ΑΥΓ.42** και **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΞΙΣ) 4.ΑΥΓ.42** to Athens.

Examined by the censor reader (3).

50c, inland letter rate (to Greece)



## ΑΔ 64 Karousades

Airmail registered envelope with 25c + 2x1.25L + 2x50c Posta Aerea **ISOLE JONIE**, from **Ραχτάδες** (Rachtades), via **ΚΑΡΟΥΣΑΔΕΣ 15.ΝΟΕ.42**, Κέρκυρα and Roma, to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΛΕΒΙΔΟΥ ? ΔΕΚ.42.

Censorship **AFFARI CIVILI CORFU CENSURA POSTALE** and reader 1, and in Roma, with **UFFICIO CENSURA POSTALE** and reader 209/I.

2.75L, letter to abroad (to Greece via Italy), registration fee 1.50L and 1L airmail fee.

## ΑΔ 70 Skriperon

Envelope with 50c **ISOLE JONIE** from **Ασπιωτάδες** (Aspiotades), via **ΣΚΡΙΠΕΡΟΝ 21.Ⅶ.1942** and **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 27.ΙΟΥΛ.42** to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 2.Ⅷ.42.

Examined by the censor reader (3).

50c, inland letter rate (to Greece)





# Italian Occupation of Ionian Islands: Kerkyra & Cefalonia



**ΑΔ 71 (type 2)**  
**Kastellanoe** (Corfu)

**!**  
Postal card 30c **IOLE JONIE**, from **Άγιος Προκόπιος 15.10.42** (Agios Prokopios), via **ΚΑΣΤΕΛΛΑΝΟΙ 1[6]. ΟΚΤ.42** and **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΕΙΣ) 23.ΟΚΤ.42**, to Kallithea of Athens.  
Examined by the censor reader (3).

30c, inland postcard rate (to Greece)



**ΑΔ 44**  
**Argostolion** (Cefalonia)



**ΑΔ 56**  
**Argostolion** (Cefalonia)

Rural cancellations on genuine mailed items or on postage stamps overprinted **Occupazione Militare Italiana isole Cefalonia e Itaca** are extremely rare. A few envelopes with the rural dotted lozenge cancellation **47** are of philatelic inspiration...

**ΑΔ 48**  
**Asprogerakas**  
(Cefalonia)

Envelope with 50c **IOLE JONIE**, via **ΤΗΛ.ΓΡ. ΑΣΠΡΟΓΕΡΑΚΟΣ 29.ΜΑΙ.43** and **ΑΡΙΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 1.VI.43**, to **ΜΑΚΡΥΓΙΑΝΝΗ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ 25.VII.43**.

Without censor markings.

50c, inland letter rate (to Greece)





# Italian Occupation of Ionian Islands: Cefalonia & Lefkas



**AA 51 Sami** (Cefalonia)

! Envelope with 20+30c **ISOLE JONIE**, via **ΣΑΜΗ 1.ΝΟΕΜ.** and **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 4.ΝΟΕΜ.41**, to Athens.  
 Censor marking **COMANDO 17<sup>o</sup> REGIE FANTERIA -«ACQUI»- VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** (Cefalonia).

50c, inland letter rate (to Greece)

**AA 56 (type 3)**  
**Argostolion** (Cefalonia)



Envelope with 50c **ISOLE JONIE** from **Θηναία** (Thinaea), via **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 18.ΣΕΠ.41**, to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΜΠΕΛΟΚΗΠΟΙ 8.Χ.41**.  
 Without censor markings.

50c, inland letter rate (to Greece)



**AA 79 Karya** (Lefkas)

! Envelope with 50c **ISOLE JONIE** from **Εγκλουβή 10.11.41** (Englouvi), via **ΚΑΡΥΑ ΛΕΥΚΑΔΟΣ 9.IX.41** [instead of XI], to Athens.

Censored and the examiner sealed the envelope with the Greek label **ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΑ ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΑ / POSTES HELLENIQUES**, unknown use by the Italian Censorship!

50c, inland letter rate (to Greece)



# Italian Occupation of Ionian Islands: Lefkas & Zakynthos



**ΑΔ 80 Karya** (Lefkas)

Envelope with 5x10c **ISOLE JONIE**, from **Λαζαράτα 16.12.41** (Lazarata), via **ΚΑΡΥΑ ΛΕΥΚΑΔΟΣ [17].XII.41** and **ΛΕΥΚΑΣ ? .XII.41**, to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 6.I.42**.

Without censor markings.

50c, inland letter rate (to Greece)

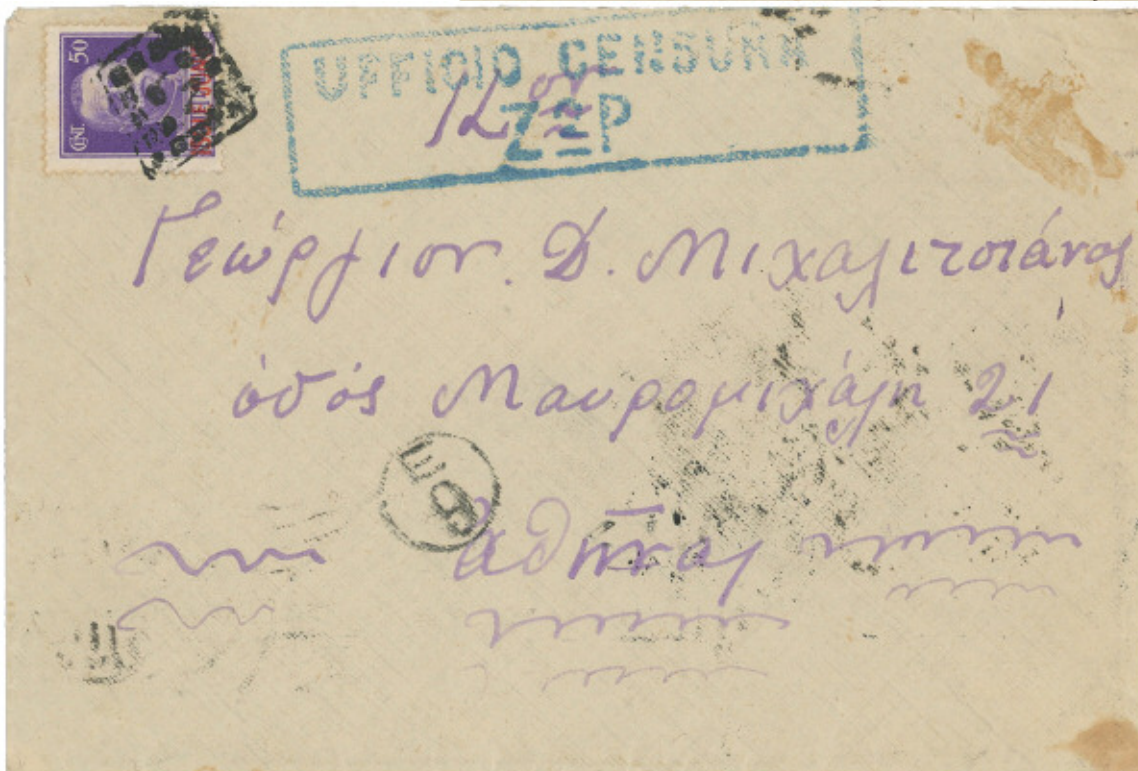
**ΑΔ 36 (type 2)**  
**Zakynthos**



Registered envelope with 50c + 1.75L **ISOLE JONIE**, from **Άνω Γερακάρη** (Ano Gerakari), via **ΖΑΚΥΝΘΟΣ 2.ΙΟΥΛ.42**, **ΠΥΡΓΟΣ 18.VII.42**, **ΣΠΑΡΤΗ 24.ΙΟΥΛ.42** and **ΜΟΛΔΑΟΙ 24.ΙΟΥΛ.42**, to **ΚΡΟΚΕΑΙ 25.ΙΟΥΛ.42**.

Censor marking **UFFICIO CENSURA Z82P** (Zakynthos).

1,75L, inland registered letter (registration fee: 1,25L)



**ΑΔ 41 Katastarion**  
(Zakynthos)

Envelope with 50c **ISOLE JONIE**, from **Βολίμες** (Volimes), via **ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΡΙΟΝ 7.ΟΚΤ.41** and **ΖΑΚΥΝΘΟΣ 8.ΟΚΤ.41**, to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 15.X.41**.

Censorship **UFFICIO CENSURA Z8P** (Zakynthos).

Athens town postman **E9**.

50c, inland letter rate (to Greece)

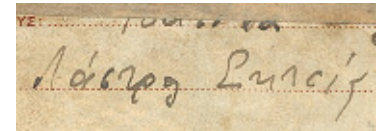


# Italian Occupation of Eastern Crete (Lassithi)



During the first period of the Italian occupation of Eastern Crete, letters were not allowed to be stamped with Greek postmarks, only with the **POSTA MILITARE 550**.

**ΑΔ [Κ67] Tourloti**



Printed envelope with 3δρχ +50λ Charity, from **Δάστρος** (Lastros), with Italian military postmark **POSTA MILITARE No 550 22.7.41**, sent to Athens via Rhodes.

Censor marking **С3** of Rhodes, on sealing tape *Verificato per Censura*.

3δρχ, inland letter rate

During the second period, postage stamps (Italian or Rodi) were not canceled with Greek postmarks, only with **ΑΓΙΟΣ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΣ ΚΡΗΤΗΣ**, which was the primary Post Office of the Prefecture.

It is possible that the other offices were not supplied with stamps.

**ΑΔ [Κ63] Hierapetra**



Airmail registered envelope airmail (all **RODI**), from **Βαϊνιά** (Vainia) and via **ΙΕΡΑΠΕΤΡΑ 16.X.41** (Base P.O. of the Rural postman) it arrived at Agios Nikolaos on **24.X.41**. Stamps canceled with **ΑΓΙΟΣ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΣ ΚΡΗΤΗΣ 25.X.41**, via **POSTA AEREA RODI EGEO 30.10.41**, **BRINDISI TRANSIT RACOMMANDATE 11.11.41**, to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 27.XI.41**.

Censored, with reader's **2** on the sealing tape, in Agios Nikolaos.

2.50L (1.25 letter rate to abroad, 1.25 registration fee) and 50c airmail fee.





# Italian Occupation of Eastern Crete (Lassithi)

During the **third period**, Rodi stamps or Italian metropolitan postage stamps were used and were regularly canceled by rural cancelations and Post Offices postmarks.



**ΑΔ 925**  
**Kritsa**

Envelope submitted to the post office open, with 1.25L and 2x50L Charity, from **Πρίνα Μεραμβέλου** (Prina), via **ΤΑΧ. ΤΑΜΙΕΥΤΗΡΙΟΝ ΚΡΗΤΣΑΣ 2.1.42** and **ΑΓΙΟΣ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΣ 2.1.42**, to Athens.

Censor marking **C6** of Rhodes, without censor tape.

1.25L, letter rate to abroad (+ Charity during the holiday season)

During the **fourth period**, Greek postage stamps were used and were regularly canceled by rural cancelations and Post Offices postmarks.

During the Occupation period, postal ink was scarce, and the strikes are always faint or have blotches from the drying of the ink.

There is an inconsistency with Greek postal rates.

**ΑΔ [Κ63]**  
**Hierapetra**

Envelope with 10δρχ, from **Κάτω Χωριό** (Kato Chorio), via **ΙΕΡΑΠΕΤΡΑ 27.V.42**, to **ΜΑΚΡΥΤΙΑΝΝΗ ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 11.VI.42**.

The rural postman was also responsible for verifying the sender's ID: **Βεβαιούται η ταυτότης του αποστολέως, ο Διανομέυς** [The identity of the sender is certified, the postman].

Censor marking **2** in Agios Nikolaos, with ceiling tape.

10δρχ inland letter rate (postal rates valid from 20.9.1941). The two latest Greek rate schedules (1.1.1942 & 15.5.1942) were disregarded because the Italian Administration did not follow them





# Italian Occupation of Eastern Crete (Lassithi)

Λαϊναερόμα τη 10/11/42

**ΑΠΕΛΥΜΑΝΘΗ**

Εν Νοσηλευτηρίω τη...

Ο Απολυμαντής

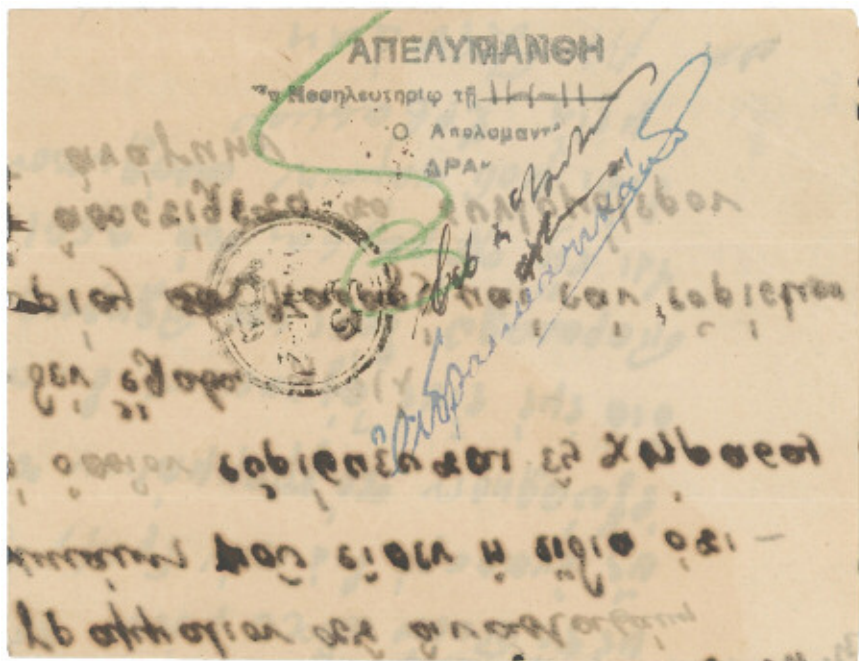
ΔΡΑΚ

*Α. Γραμματικάκης*

During the Italian-German occupation, the occupiers never set foot on Spinalonga. As a result, they did not confiscate the radios, and the residents could listen to the Cairo and London broadcasts. The director of the **Disinfection Station**, A. Grammatikakis, would copy down the news and keep the residents informed.



**ΑΔ Κ53**  
**Αγιος Νικολαος**



Letter written at the **Νοσηλευτήριο Αγίου Παντελεήμων 14.11** (Saint Panteleimon Infirmary), with handstamps **ΑΠΕΛΥΜΑΝΘΗ, Εν Νοσηλευτηρίω τη..., Ο Απολυμαντής** [Disinfected, At the Infirmary on..., The Disinfectant] and **Α. Γραμματικάκης** [A. Grammatikakis].

Rural postman post horn datestamp **53 14.11.1942**



# Italian & German Occupation of Eastern Crete (Lassithi)

**ΑΔ Κ65 (type 4)**  
Sitia

Postal card 2δρχ, uprated with 6δρχ, from **Ζάκρο 16.6.42** (Zakros), via **ΣΗΤΕΙΑ 19.VI.1942**, to ΧΙΟΣ 3.VII.1942.

The rural postman was also responsible for verifying the sender's ID: **Βεβαιούται η ταυτότης του αποστολέως, ο Διανομέης** [The identity of the sender is certified, the postman].  
Censorship marking **2** in Agios Nikolaos.

8δρχ inland postcard rate (instead of the correct 7δρχ, postal rates of 15.05.1942)



[loss of dotted **65** -type 4], use of **ΣΗΤΕΙΑ** postmark (type 5)

Devalued postal card with 2x25δρχ + 50δρχ + 200δρχ + charity 3x10δρχ/5λ, canceled with **ΣΗΤΕΙΑ 19.VI.1943**, from **Ζάκρο 26.12.43** (Zakros), to ΧΙΟΣ ???.1943.

The rural postman was also responsible for verifying the sender's ID: **Βεβαιούται η ταυτότης** [The identity is certified].

300δρχ, inland postcard rate (postal rates of 10.11.1943)

**ΑΔ Κ65 (type 6 - posthorn)**  
Sitia

It's impressive that during the occupation, a new posthorn datestamp was manufactured by the PTT Electric Workshop in Athens!

Devalued postal card with 100δρχ + 200δρχ, from **Ζάκρο 8.2.44** (Zakros), via **ΣΗΤΕΙΑ 18.II.1944**, to Chios.

The rural postman was also responsible for verifying the sender's ID: **Βεβαιούται η ταυτότης αποστολέως** [The identity of the sender is certified].

German censorship **DEUTSCHE ZENSUR CHIOS** upon arrival.

300δρχ, inland postcard rate (postal rates of 10.11.1943)

