

GREECE

1849 (May 26) Letter from Nauplion to Athens

Nauplion postmark : Vlastos type II.

Athens receiving mark 26 May 1849. Vlastos type II,



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1857 (December 13) Letter from ΓΥΘΕΙΟΝ (Gytheion), a port
serving Sparta in the Peloponnese.

Mail carried, probably by sea, to ATHENS. Back-stamped Athens 16 Dec 1857.

Destination ΣΥΡΟΣ (SYROS) ; again carried by sea. Date stamp: 18 Dec 1857.



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1862 (April 6) Letter to PATRAS.

Postmark is only partly legible. Date: 6? Patras receiving mark 8 April 62 gives estimate of date of posting.

20 Lepta stamp is probably from the 1st ATHENS "Coarse" printing.



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1871 (January 19) Patras to Athens.

Postage paid by 20 Lepta stamp. Partial Athens receiving mark 22 JAN visible on reverse.



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Letter dated April 5, 1876. The letter was posted on the island of Ithaca (IΘAKH) and was received at its destination on the island of Corfu (KEPKYPA) April 8, 1876.



Postage was paid by one 20 Lepta stamp.

It is likely that this stamp comes from the Athens printing of 1872 - 75.

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1879 (September 9) Letter from PATRAS to LONDON.

Circular hand-stamp (red) : PAID applied on arrival in London 29.9. 79.
30 Lepta stamp from the 1876 Athens issue.



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1881 (March 25) Letter from Zante (Zakinthos) to Argostolion on the island of Cephalonia.

ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ (March 26 81) date stamp is on reverse. Imperforate pair of 10 Lepta stamps (Vlastos # 70).



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1901 Commercial cover from Athens to Deventer, Holland

Posatage of 25 Lepta paid by stamp of 1901 issue.

M. S. SCIAKY ATHÈNES, Grèce.



*Manufacture Royale
de Tapis de Deventer*

à Deventer

Hollande

GREECE

1902 (June 5). Picture postcard supplied by the Greek Post Office.

No provision for any message to be included. Posted in Athens. Destination: Alexandria.

Picture is of one of the royal tombs at Mycenae.

(Value: 10λ. is embossed in top left corner.)



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1905 (May 30) Postmarked : ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ (Cephalonia) and backstamped
ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (Corfu). This mark indicates that Corfu was the forwarding centre for
for mail from the various Ionian Islands. Received in London June 19 1905.

Postage of 25 Lepta paid by 5 stamps of 1901 "Flying Mercury" issue.



To the
Trustees of the Charitable Bequest
of P. A. Vagliano, deceased

Winchester House
50 Old Broad Street
London



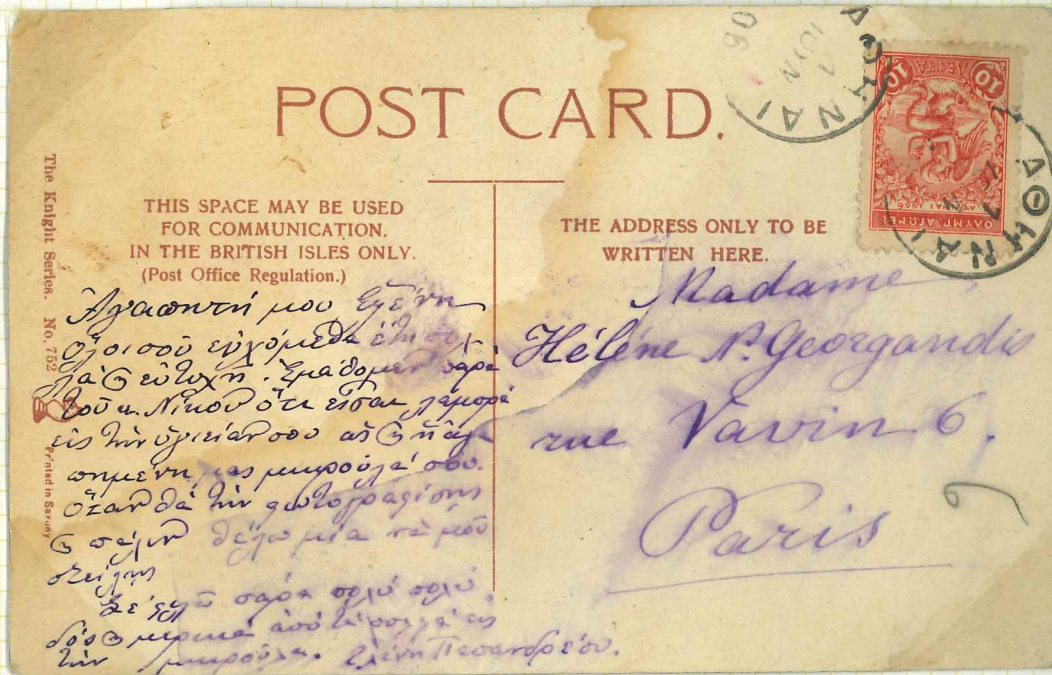
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1906 (June 1)

Post Card from Athens to Paris.

Postage paid by 10 Lepta value of the current (i.e. 1906) Olympic Games series of stamps.

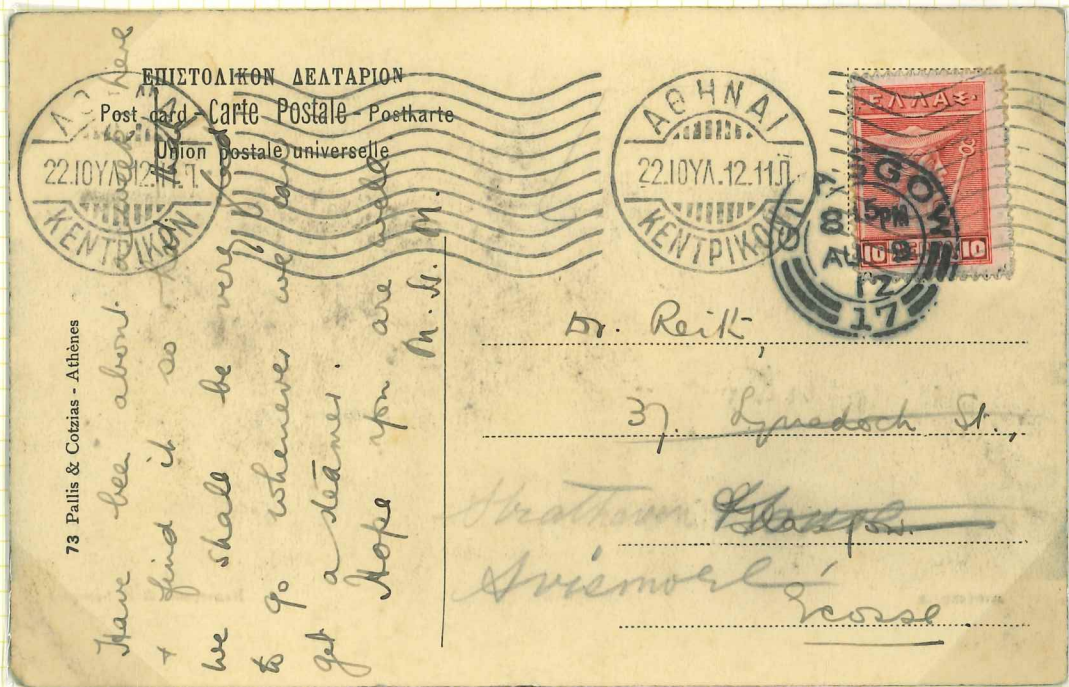
Note that post card was printed in Saxony, but includes P.O. Regulations pertaining to U.K. practice. !



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1912 (July 22) Postcard from Athens to Glasgow. Re-addressed in Glasgow
8 August 1912.

10 Lepta stamp of 1911 engraved issue.



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1916 (February) Picture postcard to G.B.
FIELD POST OFFICE G X = GHQ Salonica. Censored 3 / 158



Ἐνθύμιον Θεσσαλονίκης

Metropolitè Grec
à Salonique

1916 (November)

GREECE
Picture postcard to G.B.

ARMY POST OFFICE SX1 = Monastir Road.

N.B. 'SX' is printed with serifs. Censored 3/4054.

CARTE POSTALE



6.XI.16

My dear Walter.

Everything O.K.

Myself well.

Have only had one
letter from you
up till now, hope
the mails have not
been impeded.

Love to you both
from
the boys on 10.

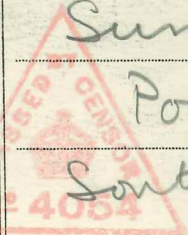
Mrs B.A. Lewis.

Sunnyside

Pontypridd

South Wales

England.
Mrs Lewis



17 - Malinvaud, Gr.-Imp., Limoges-Lyon

SALONIQUE 1916

Arc de Triomphe d'Alexandre le Grand

GREECE

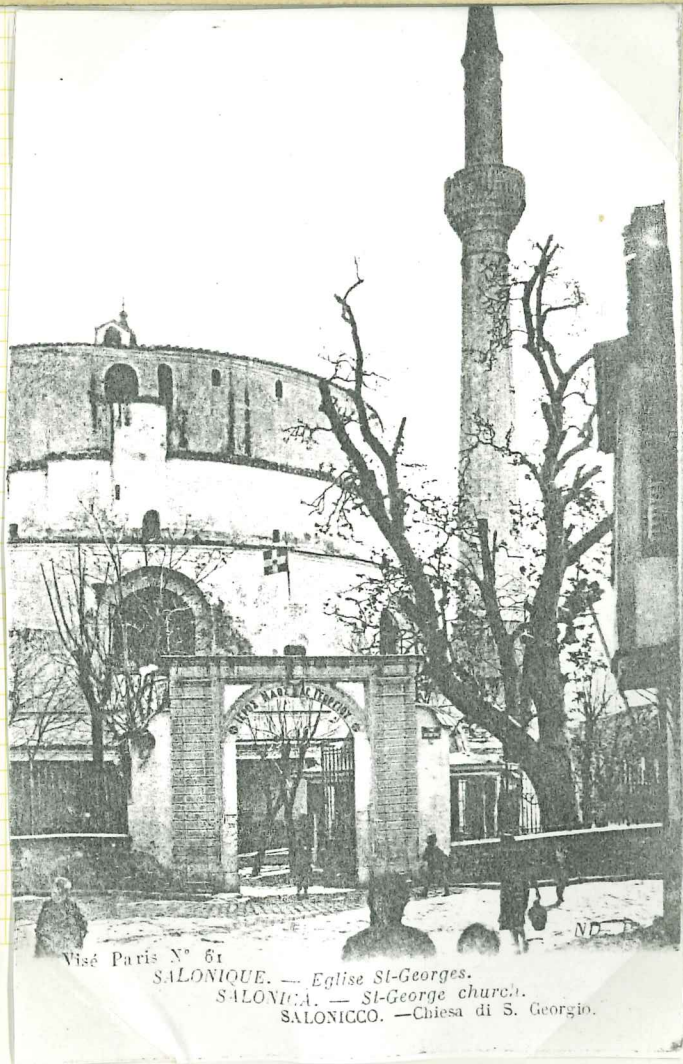
1917 (January 19) YMCA cover to GB : British forces in Northern Greece.

Cancellation: BASE ARMY POST OFFICE + . Censored No. 4238 .
This censor's number assigned to 2/6 London Field Ambulance.



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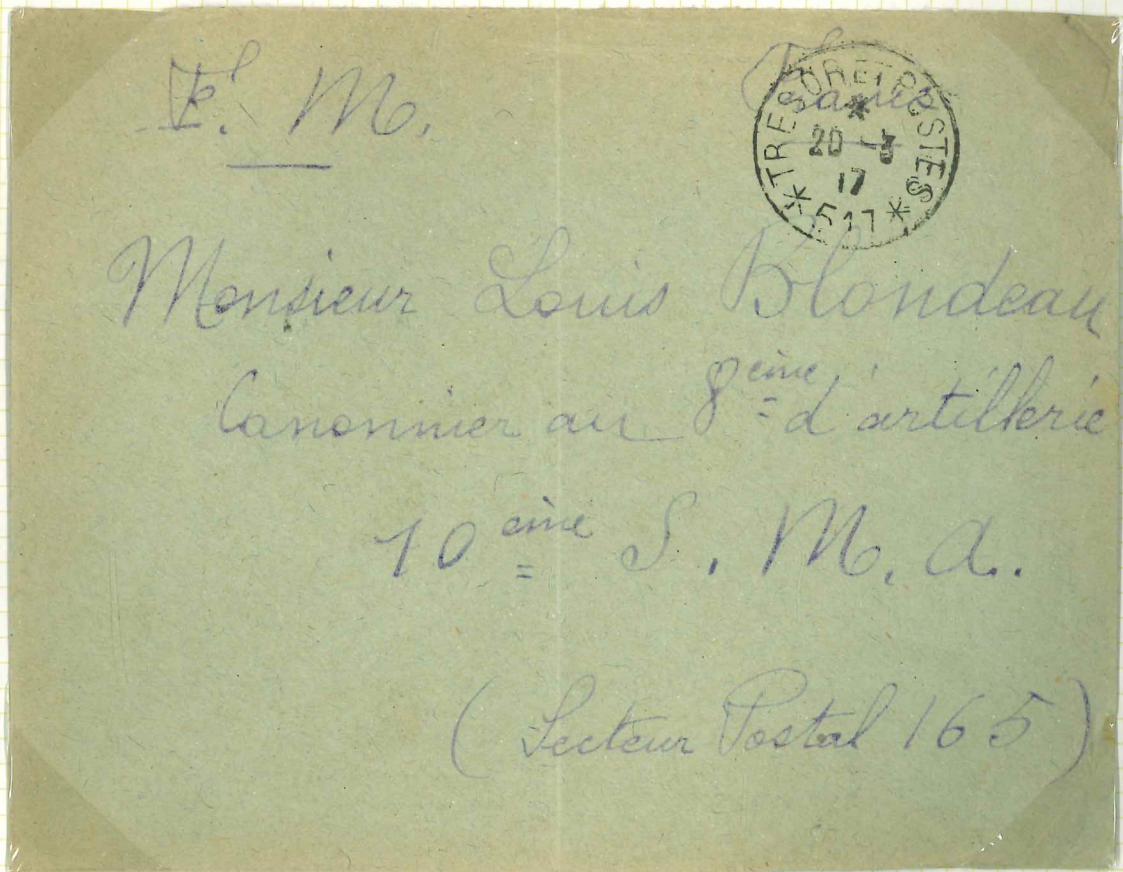
1917 (December) Picture Postcard to G.B.
ARMY POST OFFICE SX 4 (Kalamaria) Censored 104



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20. 3. 1917. French forces in Greece. A letter from a serving soldier, post-marked TRESOR ET POSTES 517. The number 517 refers to a French army post office near Salonica. (Zeitenlick). Addressed to a serving soldier in "Secteur Postal 165".

Sent without a stamp, under privilege given to soldiers on active service. Initials in top left corner may be those of a superior officer.



GREECE

1918 (January 8) Post Card from a soldier on active service in Salonica.

Coloured "Greetings" showing a soldier receiving his ration of Rum!

Post mark: FIELD POST OFFICE T 27. Military Censor : No. 61. This number was allocated to 13 BLACK WATCH.



GREECE

1918 (February 2) Letter from a serving soldier to "No. 36 Stationary Hospital, Mohamydieh, E.E.F., Egypt". Sent without charge. Ms. "O.A.S." at top of cover. Signed Brammall.

Field Post Office 83 was located in Salonica (Dec.1915--7.11.18).

Marked : Passed by Censor No. 203.

On reverse the crest of "The King's Own" can be seen.



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Letter dated 13.3. 18 from a serving member of French Armée Orient . Post mark:
TRESOR ET POSTES 502 A (SALONICA). Addressed to 10 Section de munition
d'Artillerie, SP 135, France.

No stamp was required since the sender was on active service.



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1918 (March)

Picture postcard to G.B.

BASE ARMY POST OFFICE X. CENSORED 7/ 253

We have got plenty of snow
 cold freezing around today, just
 by way of a change!
 What time a picture can today?
 I've just finished at home
 My dear Mother
 29.3.1918.

Miss. Ivy L. Hills.
 417 Spring Bank,
 West.
 Gloucester,
 YORKS.

BASE ARMY POST OFFICE X
 30 MAR 1918
 PASSED BY
 253



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1919(September 16)Letter from Thessalonica to Genoa.

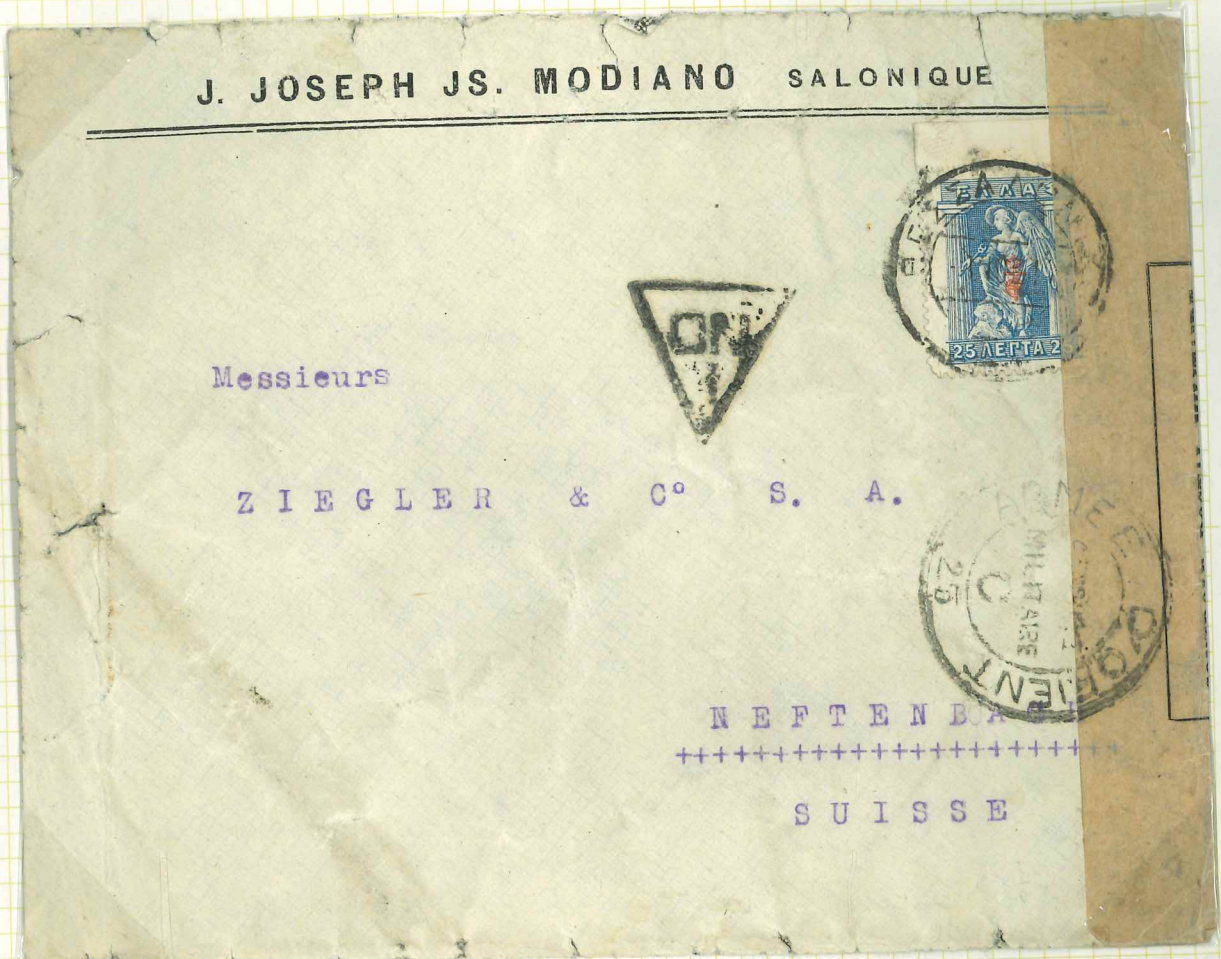
Letter opened by Greek censor and sealed with paper tape.

The 10 Lepta stamps were issued by the Provisional Government which was located in Thessalonica.



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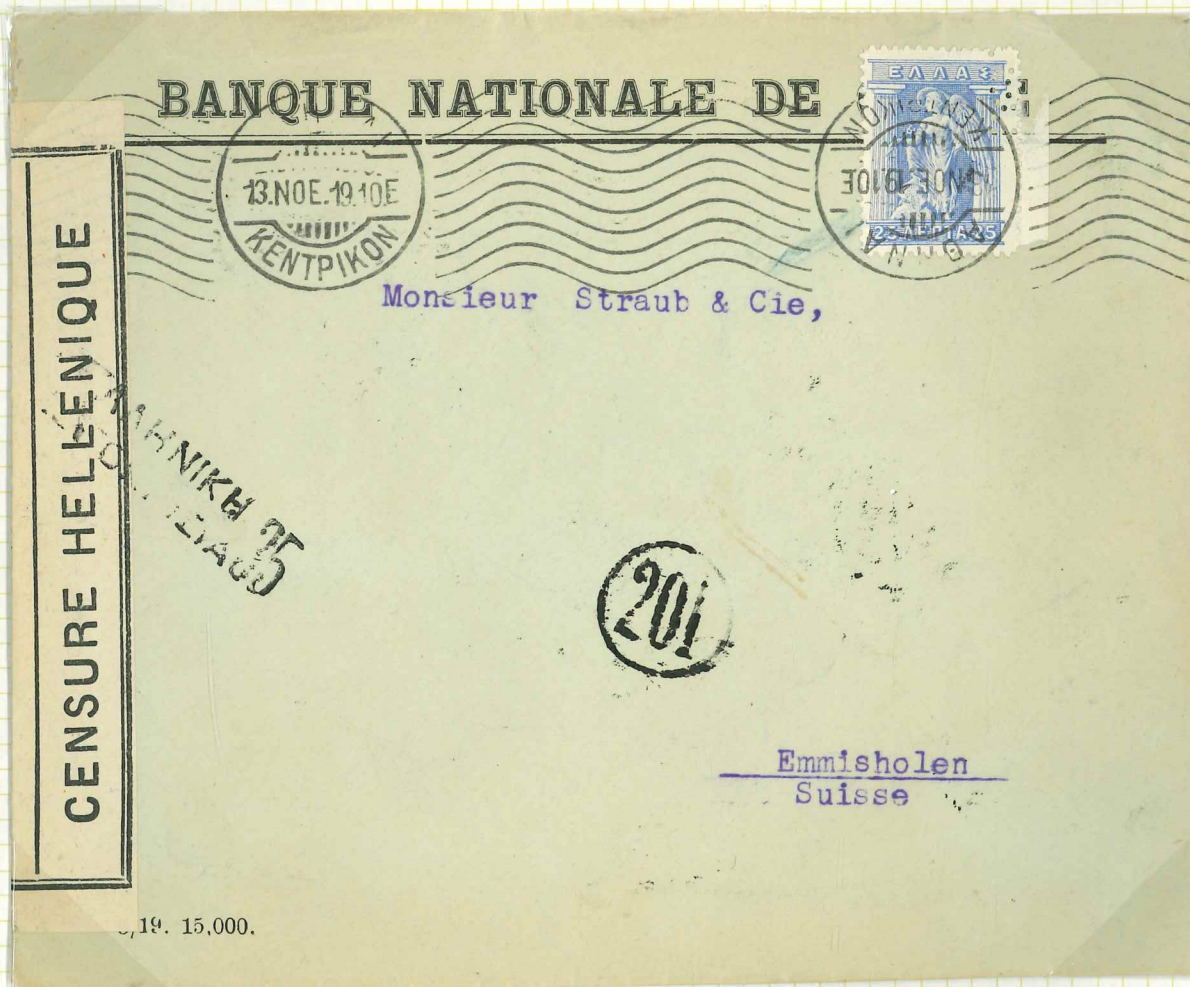
Cover sent from Thessalonika to Neftenbach, Switzerland.
The envelope has been opened by military censors. The paper sealing tape is inscribed "Controle Postale Militaire" and, on the reverse, is supplemented by a clear hand-struck circular imprint: ARMEE D'ORIENT : CENSURE MILITAIRE. An identical, but less clear, impression is found on the front. There is a further note from the military censors on the back. This is a rectangular, two line marking: OUVERT PAR AUTORITE MILITAIRE.



The date stamp is illegible with the exception of Thessalonika. Some inferences may be made about the date. Stamps with the imprint of the Crown +Et. were first used on November 1, 1916. Such "Royalist" issues were for use in those areas which remained under the control of the king. Stamps of the provisional, Venizelist government were issued only on 5 February 1917. Thessalonika came under Provisional Government control on 9 October 1916. Thus we have the anomaly of a "Royalist" stamp being used in Thessalonika which was, at the time of the stamp's first use, under control of the Provisional Government.

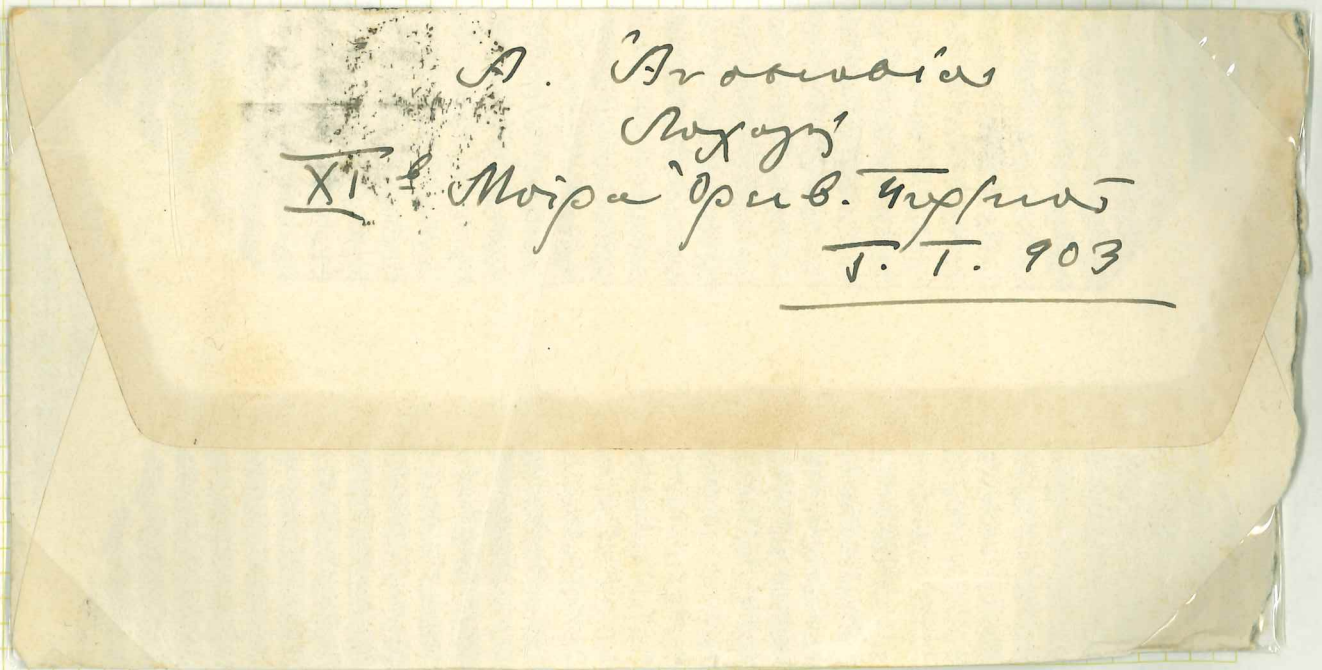
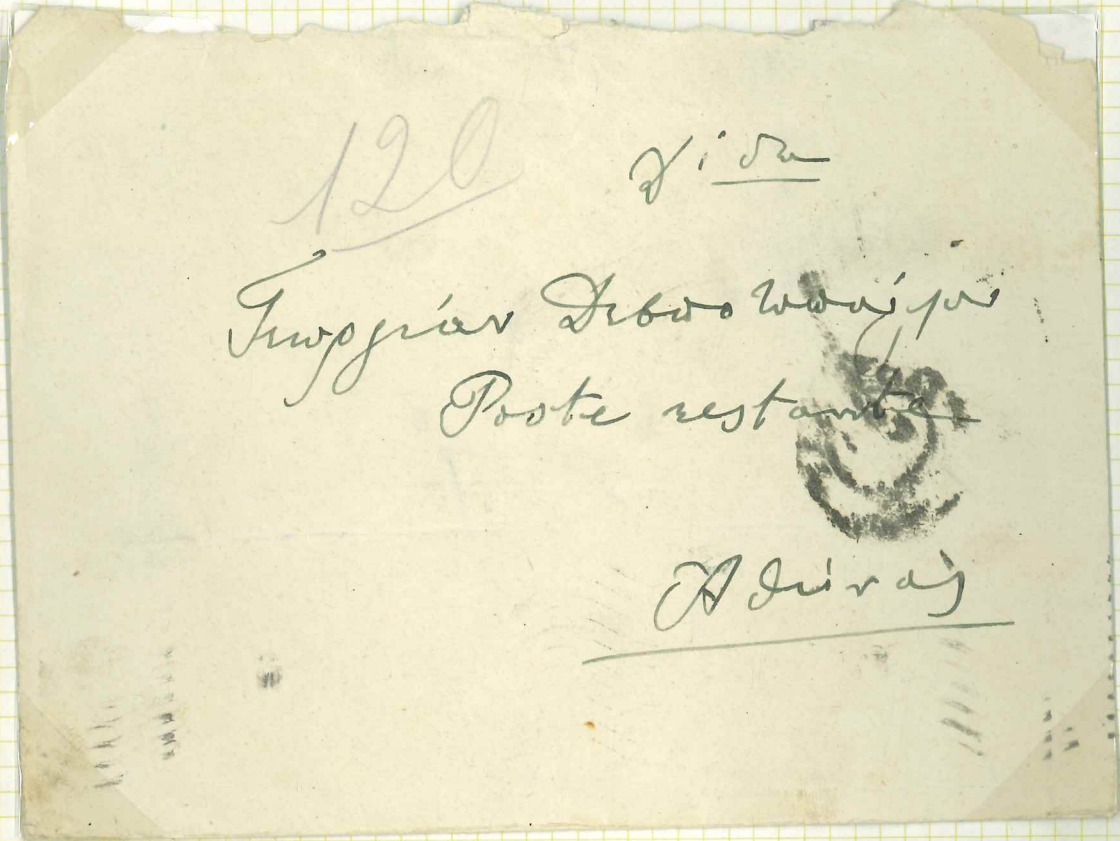
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Cover from Athens to Emmishofen, Switzerland
Letter from the National Bank of Greece was posted in Athens 13 November 1919.
It was received in Emmishofen on December 5, 1919.
The envelope has been opened and resealed by the Greek censor's office. The paper sealing rape has a bilingual inscription : CENSURE HELLENIQUE / ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ. The Greek inscription has also been applied by hand-stamp with the addition of the number 85. (Presumably this was the censor's identification number .) Also on the front there is a small circle surrounding (201).



GREECE

1922 Military Mail. Two covers from the same correspondent. Both are addressed to Athens, one to "Poste restante". The top cover shows the typically smudged military cancellation; the lower cover shows the writer's name, regiment etc. Such information confirms the identification of these letters as mail from a soldier on active duty.



GREECE

1929 (April 25th) Registered air mail cover from Athens to New York.

Endorsed by sender as follows : " 3rd trial flight India - England by Imperial Airways to London".
Back-stamped : Registered London 28 April 29 and New York ,N.Y. Reg'y Div. 5 - 8 - 29.

3rd trial flight India - England.

PAR AVION

**BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION**

*by Imperial Airways
to London.*

Registered in London.



**R ATHENES
3690**



*The R. Hissink Shipaladic Co.
1476 Broadway 1476
New York
USA.*

**P. I. DROSSOS
2 ST. DENYS PLACE
ATHENS (GREECE)**

GREECE

Dodecanese: Rhodes

Commercial cover from Rhodes, 4. 2. 30, to San Francisco, Ca.
Postage is paid by one stamp L1.25 of the 1929 series.
Date stamp shows clearly "Rodi Egeo". There is no receiving mark.

BANCA
SALOMON ALHADEFF FIGLI
FONDATA NEL 1819
RODI (Egeo)



Messrs. BANK OF AMERICA

National Trust and Savings Association

485, California Street, 485

SAN FRANCISCO
(California)

GREECE

1930 (May 6) Letter from Cavalla to Thessalonika.

Stamps are from the 1930 anniversary series to mark centenary of Greek Independence.



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1930 Registered cover from Athens to London.
Postage paid by 2 x Δ4 stamps of 1930 Centenary of Independence issue.

ΕΜΠΟΡΙΚΗ ΑΝΤΙΠΡΟΣΩΠΕΙΑ
ΤΗΣ ΕΝΩΣΕΩΣ
ΤΩΝ ΣΟΒΙΕΤΙΚΩΝ ΣΟΣΙΑΛΙΣΤΙΚΩΝ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΩΝ
ΕΝ ΕΛΛΑΔΙ
ΑΘΗΝΑΙ, ΟΔΟΣ ΠΑΤΗΣΙΩΝ 141.



REPRÉSENTATION COMMERCIALE
DE L'UNION
DES RÉPUBLIQUES SOVIÉTISTES SOCIALISTES
EN GRÈCE
ATHÈNES, RUE PATISSION 141.

England

Recommandée

Bank for Russian Trade Ltd.

U.S.S.R.

N 2095



London E.C.2

58-bb Moorgate

GREECE

Air Mail letter from Patras to New Malden , Surrey.

Note the use of the special Air Mail stamp which was produced for the consortium operating flights between Italy and Greece , and also flights from Greece to Turkey.

The letter has the BRINDISI receiving mark : 4. 2. 31 on the reverse.

That the stamps are all on the front of the envelope suggests that the correspondent may well have been from U. K.

Patras date stamp: 4.(?) .2. 31.



GREECE

1931 (July 10) First Flight from ATHENS to THESSALONIKA by
ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΗ ΣΥΓΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΑ (Hellenic Aerial Communications Company.)
Back-stamped Thessalonika 10. vii. 31.



GREECE

1932 (January 23) First Flight by Imperial Airways from Athens to Cape Town.

Dated : Athens 23.1.32 . Boxed cachet : PAR AVION / ENAEPIQΣ. and slogan to identify the First Flight.

Cape Town receiving mark on reverse: 2. FEB. 32 7.00.PM

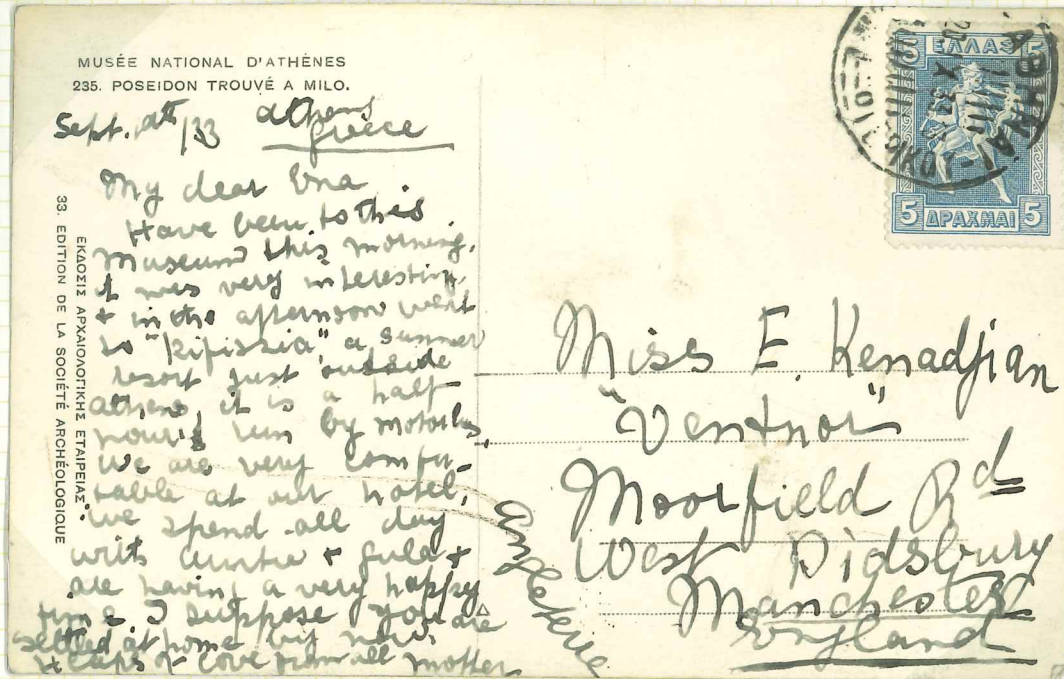
See map facing for the route followed. Intermediate stops are indicated.



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1933 (September 29) Postcard from Athens to Manchester.

5 Dr. stamp of 1913 series was used. Vlastos indicates that this series ended in 1923. Doubtless stocks were held in individual post offices after that date.



MUSÉE NATIONAL D'ATHÈNES
235. POSEIDON TROUVÉ A MILO.

Sept. 29/33 Athens Greece

My dear Una
Have been to this
Museum this morning.
It was very interesting.
In the afternoon went
to "Rifissia" a summer
resort just outside
Athens. It is a half-
hour run by motor.
We are very comfort-
able at our hotel.
We spend all day
with Auntie + Julia +
are having a very happy
time. I suppose you are
settled at home but never
miss our love from all mother

33 ΕΚΔΟΣΙΣ ΑΡΧΑΙΟΛΟΓΙΚΗΣ ΕΤΑΙΡΕΙΑΣ
ΕΔΙΤΗΡΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΤΑΙΡΕΙΑΣ ΑΡΧΑΙΟΛΟΓΙΚΗΣ ΕΡΕΥΝΗΣ ΚΑΙ ΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΟΝΙΚΗΣ ΕΚΔΟΣΕΩΣ



Miss E. Kenadjian
"Ventnor"
Moorfield Rd
West Didsbury
Manchester
England

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GREECE

September 20th 1933. Registered Air Mail cover from Athens to BUXTON, Derbyshire.

Athens registration R5904. On reverse is the transit mark Thessalonika 21. IX 33. Oval registration markings: "Registered 26. Sep. 33 BUXTON Derbyshire".

Note 2 labels indicating Air Mail: ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ PAR AVION / VIA SALONIQUE and ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ / ΔΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗΣ ΕΤΑΙΡΙΑΣ / ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΝ ΣΥΓΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΩΝ Α.Ε. Note also 2 purple hand-stamps, one of which adds JUSQU' A Salonique (Salonique is in written form.)



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8.12. 34 Air Mail letter from Athens to Bordeaux. Stamps are from the 1933 official Government issue.



GREECE

28. 12. 1934. Postal Staff Anti- Tuberculosis Fund (without ΕΛΛΑΣ inscription)

Lithographically printed by Aspioti- Elka, Kerkyra. Without watermark. Perforation: 13.



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AIR MAIL. Letter postmarked ΔΗΜΗΤΣΑΝΑ (Demetsana), date illegible.

Envelope shows ATHENS 25. 4. 35 back-stamp. The letter was brought to Athens for onward transmission by AIR MAIL. Stamps from 1933 "Government Issue", to the value of 18 D., have been affixed. A further 8D. has been paid by a 5D. value from 1913-21 issue, and 3 D. value from the 1927-35 series produced by the First Republic.



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1935 Registered Air Cover from Legation Royale De Yougoslavie, Athens.

Postage 2 x 15 Δ . P. 11 1/2 . Athens Postmark & Registration 7.9.35. LEIPZIG receiving mark 9.9.35. Large red wax seal on reverse: 'Arms Legation Royale de Yougoslvie-Athenes'

LEGATION ROYALE DE VOUGOSLAVIE
Athènes

PAR AVION



Firma

RUDOLF KIESEWETTER

Excelsior-Werk



Recommandée
Par avion

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LEIPZIG

Gutenbergs tr. 7.

Allemagne.

30.-

GREECE

1935 Registered cover from the Athens Embassy of Belgium addressed to the Belgian embassy in Warsaw. Red wax seal on reverse.

LÉGATION DE BELGIQUE

RECOMMANDÉE

Son Excellence

Le Vicomte Jacques Davignon

Ministre de Belgique

V A R S O V I E

Pologne



GREECE

1936 (May 20)

Registered cover from Athens to West Didsbury, Manchester.
Overpayment noted on left front of envelope. Stamps from the issue to mark the Restoration of the Monarchy. The overprinting gives the date of the referendum: 3 November 1935.
Registration cachet: GRECE 923 ATHINAI "Centrale".



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1937 issue of Postal Stationery : royal portraits obliterated during the king's exile. Revised value of ΔP. 15 printed and cancelled. New, increased value of ΔP. 10.000 surcharged.



GREECE

1937

Issue of King George : Postal Stationery

Value / cost of the envelope is indicated in top left corner : 9 Drachmae.



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13. V. 37

Thessalonika to Nottingham.

Postage : 15. Δ + 1 Δ Charity Tax. 2 Δ + 5Δ stamps of current mythological issue;
8Δ 1934 Athens Stadium.

Boxed "BY AIR MAIL / PAR AVION" and ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ / PAR AVION label.



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Air Mail letter from PATRAS, dated 1. 7. 37, to ELTHAM, Kent.

Routed via Athens whose receiving mark 1.7.37 is also shown. In Athens the letter was opened, examined and resealed by the Currency Control examiner whose circular handstamp, struck in purple, can be seen on the front. On the reverse of the envelope can be seen the London, 3 July 37, receiving mark.



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1937 : Commercial correspondence from L. M. Manolakis , Santorin (Grèce)
to their representatives in Alexandria, Egypt.

On the front may be seen clearly the purple, circular hand stamp of the Currency Control.

On the reverse a PEIRAEUS cancellation ,date uncertain, can be detected. Also visible is the mark , in
Arabic script, of the Egyptian post office.

Again note the use of stamps as a kind of seal for the envelope. Note also the compulsory "Charity Stamps".



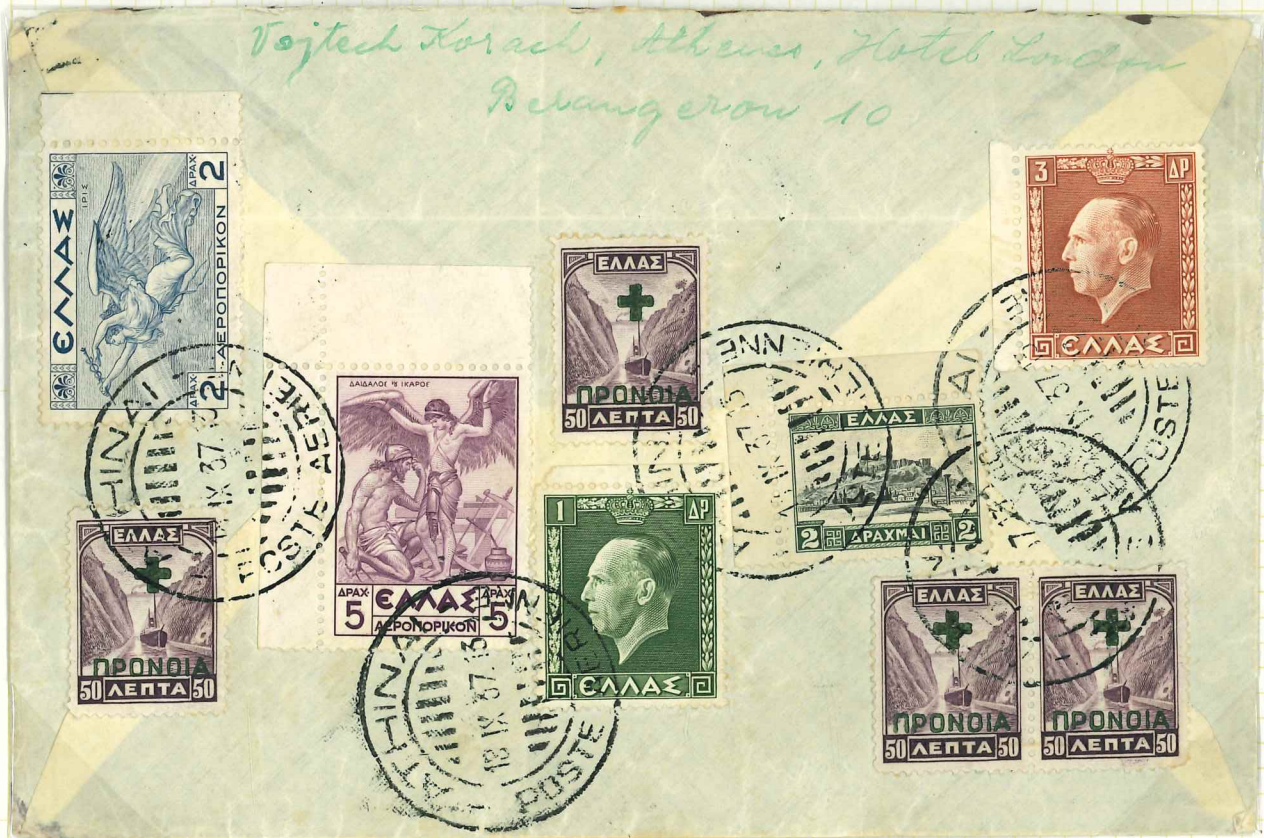
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Air Mail letter from ATHENS, 12.9.37 (Poste Aerie) to PRAGUE.

Note the variety of stamps: some from the Republic, including those bearing a "Charity" surcharge, and two from the current George II issue.

Currency control examiner's stamp is clearly visible on front.

Another example of stamps being used as informal seals for the envelope. There are none on front!



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1937 (December 1) AIR MAIL letter from Athens to Princeton, New Jersey.

Postage of 15 D. was paid by current AIR MAIL (7 D.) and 7D value from the "Historical Series" of 1937. Two mandatory Charity stamps have been demanded also. Currency control marking is shown on the front.

The sender's address is noted on the reverse : The Gennadeion, Athens. The Library of The American School of Classical Studies in Athens is named Gennadion.

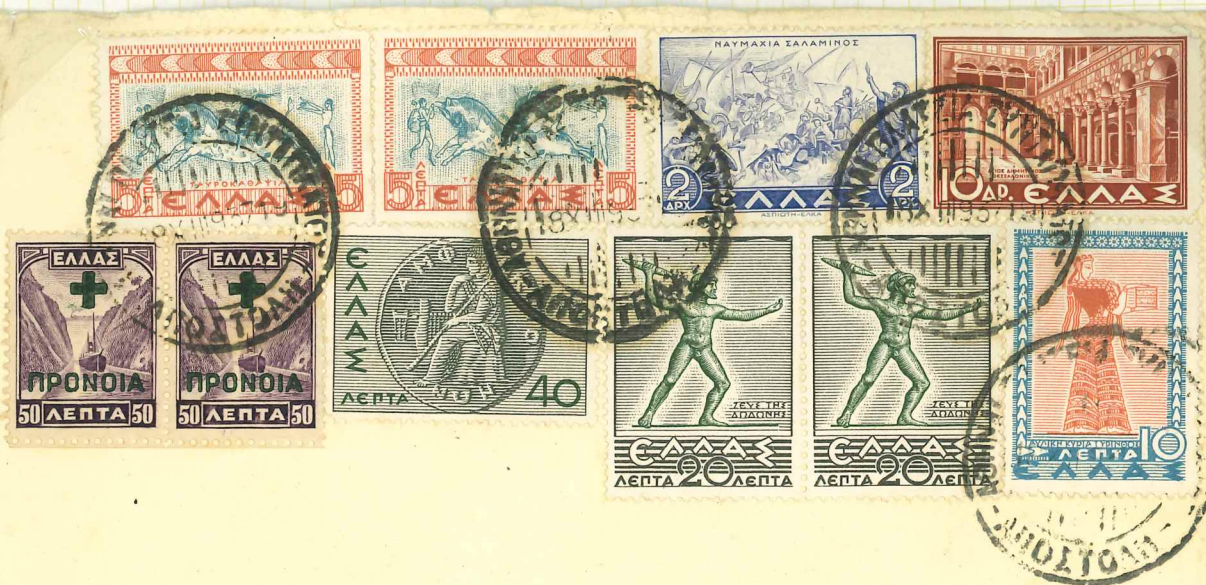


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Letter from Athens, dated 18. 12(?) 1937, to Bath.

Total postal charges amount to 13Δ which is increased by the further imposition of two "Charity" stamps of 50 Lepta each.

Note also the handstamp of the Currency Control at the bottom right corner.



Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Guy,

Grove Lea,

Lansdown Road,

BATH,

Angleterre.



GREECE

AIR MAIL from Piraeus to London.

Postmark is illegible. Air mail stamps on cover were issued in 1935; the 8 Dr. view of the Olympic Stadium was issued in 1934 and finally the overprinted Charity stamps appeared first in 1937. The date of the letter cannot be earlier than 1937. The Currency Control Examiner's mark in lower right corner may even argue for a date in 1938,



GREECE

1938 (July 19)

Air mail from Athens to Leicester.

Postage in the amount of 15 Dr. paid by 8 Dr. (Stadium) stamp of 1934

And 7Dr. air mail stamp from 1937 issue.

VALENTIN INSELBERG

ATHEN

BY AIRMAIL

ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΟΣ
ΠΑΡ ΑΥΙΟΝ



THE British United Shoe Machinery Co. Ltd.

Union Works, Belgrave Road,

Foreign Department

L e i c e s t e r

ENGLAND

GREECE

1938 (November 8) Letter from Athens to Manchester.

Note the three 50 Lepta stamps overprinted as Charity issues. One red overprint is inverted. These stamps and the 80 Lepta value are from the 1927 series. The 50 Dr. stamp is part of the 1933 Republic issue. Finally there is the 1 Dr. value from 1937.

This cover well illustrates the frugal ways of the Greek Post Office! Old stocks must be pressed into service.



GREECE

1938 (June 19) Athens (Kifissia) to Canterbury.

Note the addition of 2 " Charity " stamps affixed to this envelope. They are Postage Due stamps which have been overprinted with 50 Lepta value.
Note also manuscript "AIRMAIL" instruction.



GREECE

G. GREGORIADES FRÈRES
THESSALONIKI



MESSIEURS

RUSTON & HORNSBY LTD
ENGINEERS



LINCOLN
ENGLAND

Commercial correspondence from Thessalonika to Lincoln.

Date is illegible on the cancellation but the combination of stamps means that it could have been posted no earlier than 1937 when the George II portraits were first used.

Probably the letter was posted in 1938, before hostilities broke out but in a period when there was currency control. Note the purple circular stamp applied to the front of the letter.

GREECE

18. VII. 38

ATHENS - RUGBY, ENGLAND

Postage in the amount of 22 Δ. paid by 7 Δ x 2 Air Mail stamps from 1937 series;
5 Δ from 1937-8 historical issue and 3 Δ from 1937 King George issue.
50 Λ x 2 Charity stamps.
MS PAR AVION. Circular hand-stamp of currency examiner.



N. T. Sinclair
2. Southfield
Horton Crescent
Rugby - Warwickshire



PAR AVION

ANGLETERRE

GREECE

1938 Airmail cover from Athens to London. Addressee : Swiss Bank Corporation.
Note Currency Control sticker: bi-lingual, Greek/French.
Stamps: 2Dr. and 5Dr. airmail from 1937 issue; 8Dr. value from 1934 and
ΠΡΟΝΟΙΑ overprint from 1937-38 issue.



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Registered letter from PATRAS to KITCHENER, ONTARIO, dated 12 April 1939.

Note the currency examiner's handstamp (purple) on the front. On the reverse can be seen the paper sealing tape with an inscription in Greek and French to show that the packet had been opened and sealed by officials of the government.

Two circular receiving marks for Kitchener, April 27 1939, are clearly visible on the reverse. Montreal, as the port of entry, has its receiving mark 26 April 1939.

The stamps used on this cover represent the issue from the Republic (1D. air mail of 1933;) "Charity" stamps of 1939 issue (whose use was obligatory) and two from 1938.

PATRAS is given in French on the registration label.



GREECE

1939 (December 23) Cover from Athens to Bolton.

Front of the cover shows circular "Currency Control" hand stamp. MS. "PAR AVION".
Reverse (shown) carries the stamps. 3 Air Mail stamps from the current mythological series;
2 Charity stamps 50 Lepta each ; 1 stamp for 8 Δ.

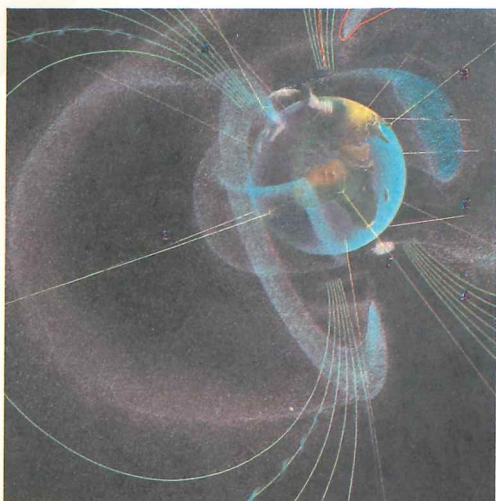


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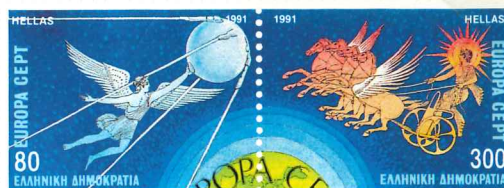
20. 5. 1991

Europa Issue

Litho. Perforation : 11.5. Also horizontally imperforate. Stamp height 27 mm. Perforation: 12.5.



ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΑ ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΑ
ΠΡΩΤΗ ΗΜΕΡΑ ΚΥΚΛΟΦΟΡΙΑΣ



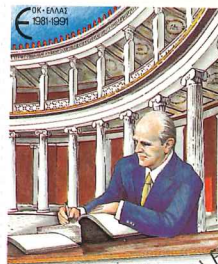
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9. 12. 1991 10th. Anniversary of Greek membership in the E.E.C.

Litho. Perforation :12.75 x 13.75.



ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΑ ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΑ
ΠΡΩΤΗ ΗΜΕΡΑ ΚΥΚΛΟΦΟΡΙΑΣ



ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ
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ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ
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ΑΘΗΝΑΙ
9.12.1991

GREECE

Athanasios Arvanit
11 Terpsikoris Str.,
Holargos 15562,
Athens,
Greece.

1991 Registered cover from Piraeus to Lancaster. "EXPRESS" applied
by hand-stamp.
Postage paid by 6 stamps of current "Mediterranean Games" issue; 10th Anniversary of Greek membership of
EEC series and 2 stamps from 1990 series of Prefectural Capitals.



The Graduate Admissions Office,
Lancaster University,
Lancaster. LA1 4YW,
United Kingdom.



EXPRESS

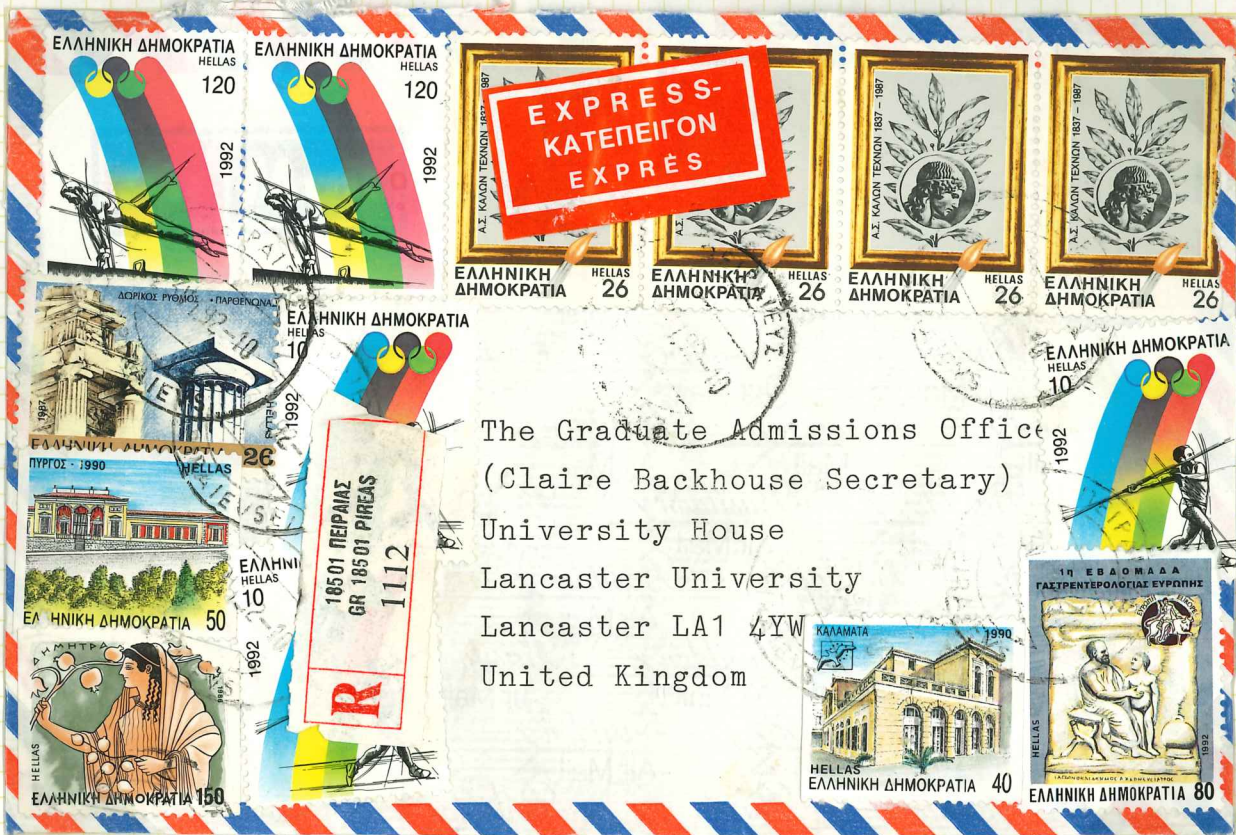


GREECE

1992 Letter to Lancaster University. Registered at Piraeus Post Office

Registration # 1112. Note also "EXPRESS" label applied to front of envelope.

Postage paid by stamps from 1990,91 and 92 issues.



GREECE

17. 7. 1992

"Macedonia was and is Greek"

Litho. Perforation : 12.5.

On this cover notice the slogan cancellation which is printed in English. Presumably this was done to reach a wider public. The history of the modern Greek state has been one of struggle to claim and possess those territories which, in the distant past, were considered Greek. In that connection it is worth noting that in the 4th century B.C., in the Athens of Demosthenes, Macedonia was not considered to be truly part of Greece. The conquests of Philip and Alexander, however, soon changed that perspective!

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*Dr. Amanda BRADBURY
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GREECE

4.9.79 Air Mail letter from Athens to London.

Stamps are from the 1979 issue commemorating Greece's signing of the Treaty of Accession to the European Community.



GREECE

Letter from German consulate in Patras , dated 6. 6. 40, to the consul at the German Embassy in Athens. Note the hand-written portions of the address are in Greek. An example of Teutonic thoroughness ?



GREECE

1940 Air mail cover from Athens to BERLIN.

On front is the circular Greek control marking. On reverse can be seen the Wehrmacht Geöffnet label code "g" (Wien) tied by red Wehrmacht seal.



GREECE

1941 (June) Flown commercial cover from Rhodes to Milan.
Cancelled "POSTA AEREA RODI " 29. 6. 41. Unframed " VERIFICATO PER CENSURA "
Milan receiving mark 2. 7. 41 on reverse.



GREECE

German military postcard of the 1943 issue. Address side is blank. On reverse (see below) 3 stamps of the Greek Airmail series from 1943 have been affixed. Cancellations were applied at P.O. in Syntagma Square, Athens, June 1 1944. Is this a philatelic souvenir? Germans were driven out of Greece in October 1944.

Abfender:

Dienstgrad:

Vor- und Zuname:

Seldpostnummer:

(Bezeichnung des Truppenteils verboten. Als Dienstgrad nicht Schütze, Pionier, Flieger usw. angeben, sondern nur Soldat, Gefreiter, Leutnant usw.)

Feldpost

An

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in

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„Es ist gänzlich unwichtig, ob wir leben, aber notwendig ist, daß unser Volk lebt, daß Deutschland lebt.“
(Adolf Hitler am 1. 9. 39)

Strasse, Hausnummer, Gebäudeteil, Stadtwort oder Postschloßfachnummer

Ⓜ (5. 48) Δ Fp 50 Din A 6



GREECE

1945 (December 21) Air Mail cover franked with President Roosevelt commemorative set.

The address was applied by means of a hand-stamp. Translated, the address is that of a bank officer in Athens!! ENTAYΘA means "here or local".

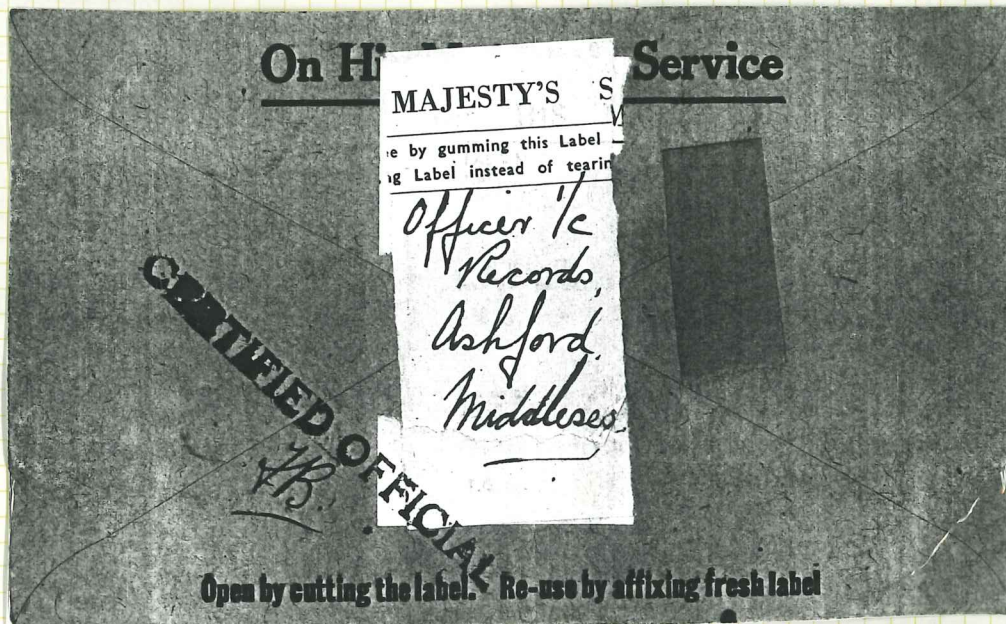
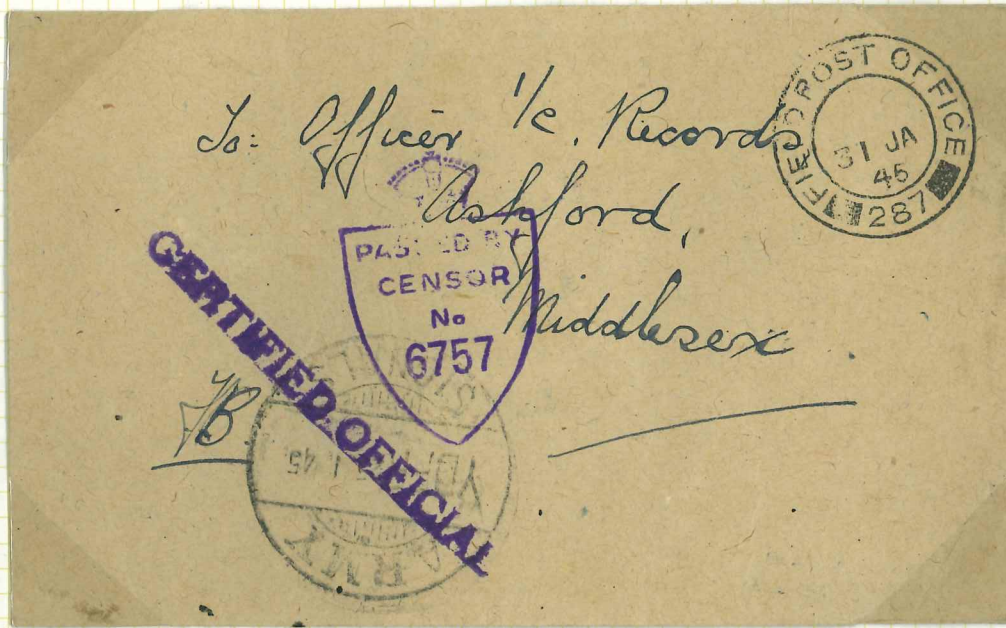


GREECE

1945 (January 31) cover addressed to Ashford, Middlesex.

FIELD POST OFFICE 287 cancellation. Unframed "CERTIFIED OFFICIAL." Cancellation ARMY / YDFR / SIGNALS and British Army crowned shield censor No. 6757. Reverse (see below) shows the CERTIFIED OFFICIAL marking and the official's initials.

British forces were in Greece after the liberation. When civil war broke out , ELAS (Greek People's Liberation Army) tried to drive the British troops out of the country. The fighting was brief. A truce was ratified in February 1945.

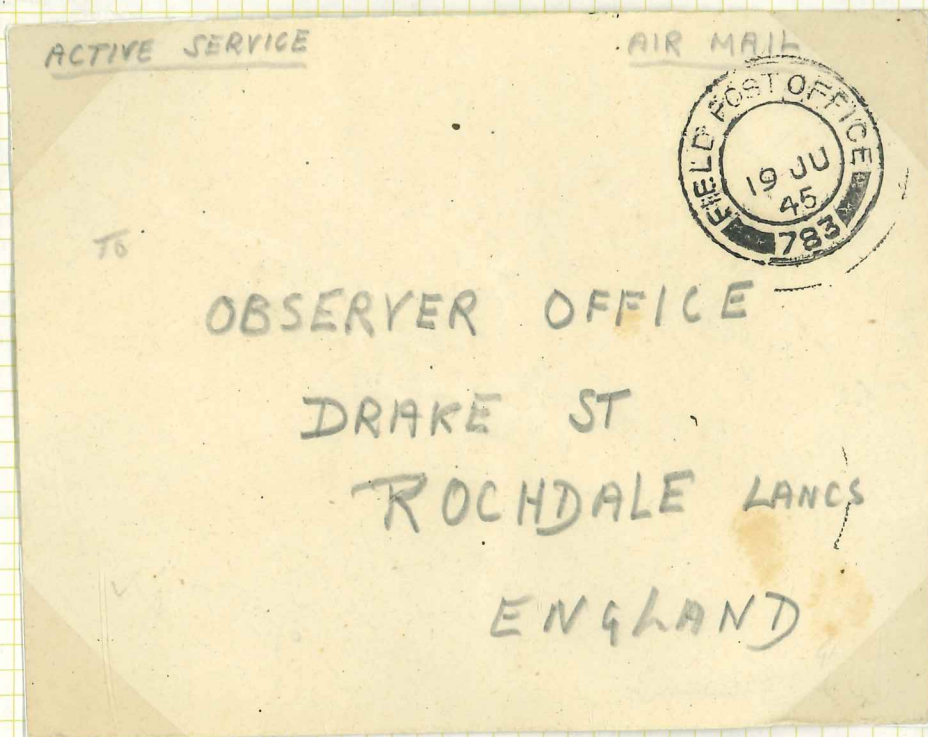


GREECE

1945 (June 19th) F.P.O. 783.
Ms ACTIVE SERVICE, AIR MAIL. Free franking.

F.P.O. 783, one of a number allotted to Army Post Office S433, was located in Athens. It opened in mid-November 1944 and continued in use until end of June 1946.

E.L.A.S. - Greek People's Army of Liberation (Communist) attempted to seize control of Athens on 3rd December 1944. Fighting, at times severe, continued until a cease-fire which took effect early 15th January 1945. The British army continued to be responsible for relief and rehabilitation work until 1st April 1945 when U.N.R.R.A. Took over, after which the number of British troops was gradually reduced.



GREECE

1945 (July 31) Cover from Greece to London.

FIELD POST OFFICE 783 was used by British military personnel in Greece after WW.II, and during the ensuing civil war in Greece.

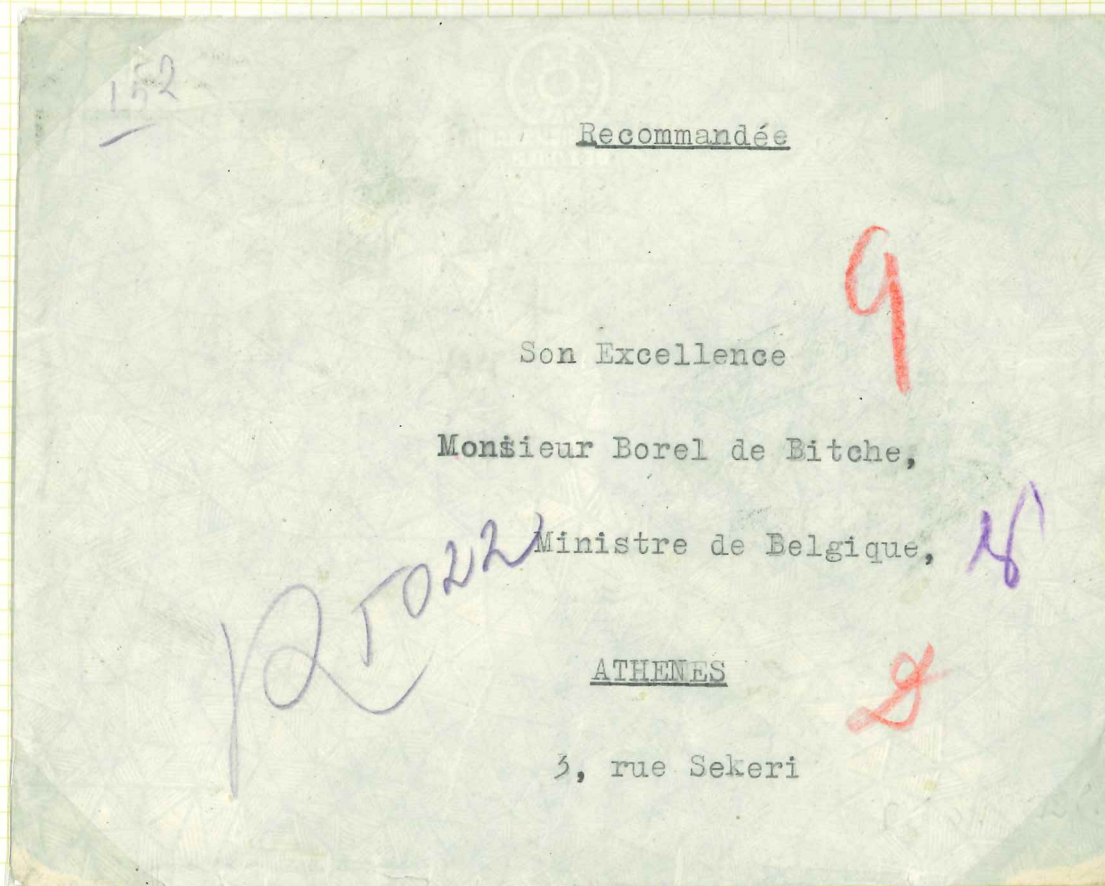
Ms. notation : O. A.S. = "On Active Service". Letter sent free of charge.

O. A. S.

To/ The Catholic Truth Society.
28. A. Ashley Place.
London S. W. 1.
England.



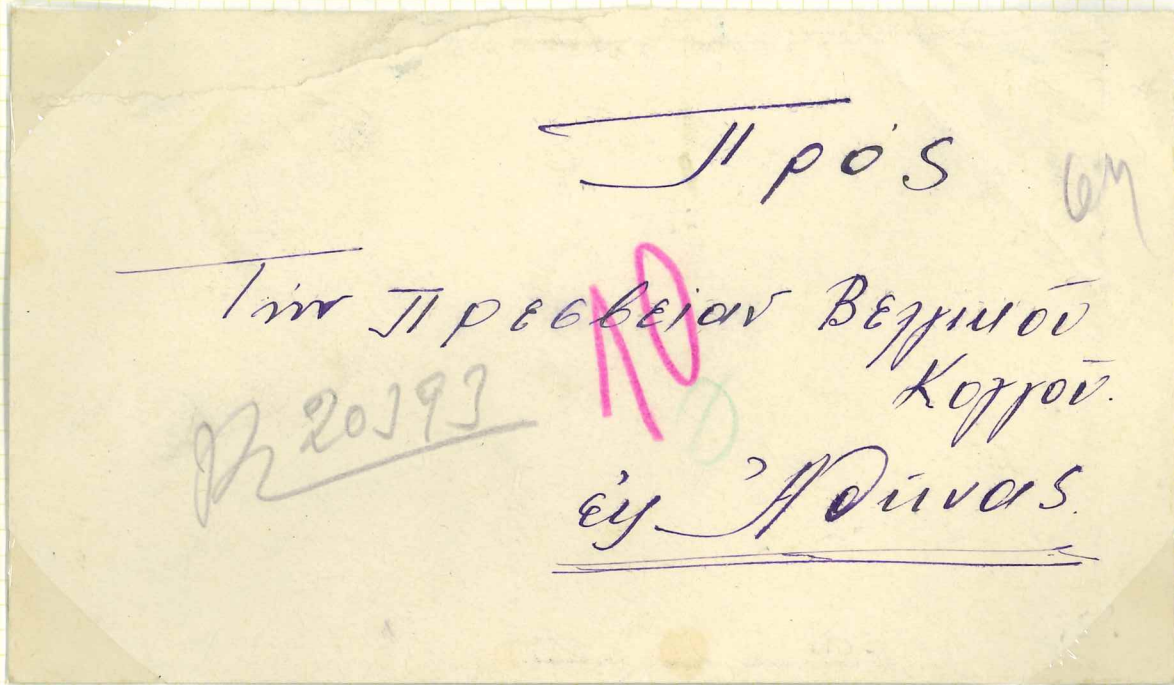
GREECE



Registered letter, dated 28. 1. 46 , from Thessalonika. It was received in Athens 30. 1. 46.
Postage of 152 Dr. was paid by two stamps of 60 Dr , one of 30 Dr, (all of these are from the
Roosevelt memorial series) and a Charity stamp for 2 Dr.

Recommandée : letter writer has chosen to use French, the traditional language of European diplomacy.
Note the hand-written Registration number and also the other marks in coloured pencil.

GREECE



Registered letter from Thessalonika, dated 15. 4. 46.

Received in Athens 16. 4. 46.

Postage was paid by one 300 Dr. value of the Venizelos issue, one 30 Dr. of the Roosevelt series and one 20 Dr. charity stamp.

As was customary, the stamps were used to seal the envelope.

Note the address: To the Embassy of the Belgian Congo.!

Registration number written in indelible pencil.

Three other notations on the front of the envelope.

GREECE



Letter from Thessalonika to the Belgian Embassy, Athens.

Postmark : 4. 7. 46.

As was customary the letter is sealed by stamps affixed on the reverse of the envelope (50 Dr.

"Chains" and 20 Dr overprinted Charity stamp).

On the front of the envelope can be seen the expected variety of issues for this period.

The hand-written address is typical of one who is not too accustomed to writing formal letters.

Thus the underlined heading is not an instruction to the Post Office, as might be supposed, but is instead an honorific form of address to the Ambassador.

GREECE



A commercial cover from a business in Piraeus.
The letter was addressed to the Trade Attaché at the Belgian Embassy.
On an otherwise unremarkable cover it is interesting to note the hand-written demand for additional postage.
The customary Charity stamp is missing.

21. 17. 46.

GREECE



Letter postmarked PATRAS, 26 September 1946.

Address is written in French but, on the reverse, the sender gives her address as Patras, Griechenland!
Stamps: 20 Lepta value from 1937 series overprinted as 200 Dr. (new). "Chains" overprint. Mandatory charity issue also included.

GREECE



Son Excellence

Monsieur

HENRY BOREL DE BITCHE

Envoye Extraordinaire et Ministre Plenipotentiair
Legation de Belgique

Rue Herodes Atticus II

EN VILLE

Cellar s. a.
KRIEZOTOU 1
ATHENS

Stamps of 1937 series were overprinted 1.9.1946, the date of the referendum on restoring the monarchy.
Revised value is printed in circle: 50Dr.(new).
Charity stamp of 1939 issue also overprinted with new value.
Postmark is only partially legible. Athens local mail delivery . 1946?
Possibly this cover , addressed so respectfully, came from the wine merchant who supplied the embassy.

On the reverse can be noted a control mark:

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GREECE

AIR MAIL from Athens to Liverpool. The date stamps are difficult to decipher. Three stamps are overprinted with "Chains", displaying new values. Thus we find 1000Dr. , the original cost, is replaced by 20 Dr, and another stamp, originally 30Lepta now appears surcharged as 300 Dr. The final stamp, commemorating the 10th anniversary of the death of P. Tsaldaris, was issued 15th. November 1946. The date of posting must be after that date.



GREECE



Airmail : addressed to Son Excellence, Monsieur le Ministre de Belgique, Legation Belge , Athens.

Dated 23.11.46 at Thessalonika and received in Athens 24.11. 46.

Note variety of issues on this cover.

1937 80 Lepta value is overprinted with "Chains" and a value of 300 Dr. (new).

1942 25000 Dr. is also revalued as 50 Dr. (new) and also overprinted with "Chains"

1940 50 Lepta charity issue is re-issued with a value of 50 Dr. (new).

GREECE

1947 (April 1) Letter from Rhodes to Cannes, France.

Postage in the amount of 20 Δ paid by 2 stamps from the 1944 'Landscapes' issue overprinted with a revised value. That is, 10 drachmas instead of 2000. Further overprint identifies the stamps as part of the 'Chains' series.

Note also the silver imprint :ΣΔΔ = Greek Military Administration. On orders from the military, stamps of 10/2000 Δ were issued with this silver imprint. This value was valid for both domestic and foreign (surface) mail. The stamps went on sale at a price of 100 (old) Δ. or 5 Liras (Italian currency was still widely used in the Dodecanese.

2. 4. 47. Red ΣΔΔ. appeared on issues for the Dodecanese. Such issues had the authority of the Post Office rather than the military.

CALOMENI FRÈRES

COMMISSION - REPRÉSENTATION - CONSIGNATION

RHODES (Mer Egée)

PAR AVION

Monsieur LUCAS PAPAZIAN

Palais des Dunes

Boulevard de la Croisette

CANNES A.M.

France



GREECE



Letter from Athens to a Dr J. A. Kronsten, 77 Eaton Place London S.W. 1. England.

The postmark is difficult to decipher, but it seems to be ? . 4. 48.

The date stamp indicates that the letter was carried by air mail but there is no indication on the front.

Postage charges of 1600 Dr. were paid by a stamp from the 1947/8 Victory issue (1000 Dr.) and one of 600 Dr. series of 1947 commemorating the restoration of the Dodecanese to Greek control.

Contrast the face value of these stamps (1600) with the previous letter to the same address (100 Dr only.)

During the period of the Civil War in Greece inflation was rampant.

GREECE

1947 (September 28) AIR MAIL from Rhodes to ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (Corfu).
Registered letter # 7380. On reverse the Athens transit marking
29.IX.47 can be seen.

Stamps are those overprinted for the Greek military occupation of the
Dodecanese. Note the black and silver overprinting on the two 10
Δ. values.

Mandatory charity stamp (Δ.50) green does not carry the Σ.Δ.Δ.
inscription.

Mourning issue has the date 1.9.46 of the referendum on restoration
of the monarchy in addition to Σ.Δ.Δ.



GREECE



Air Mail letter from Rethymnon, Crete, to London.
Address is hand-written in block letters. GREEK RED CROSS 70 WIMPOLE STREET, LONDON - W. 1.
Date of posting appears to be 30 August 1947.
Letter is sealed, as so often, by stamps across the flap. The stamps are from the 1946/47 "Chains" overprinted series.

GREECE



Airmail : Legation de Belgique, Athènes.

Marked Urgent in script and by a postal cachet.

From Thessalonika, dated 29. 9.47

The address of sender suggests that the Belgian embassy in Athens was replenishing its supply of wine glasses after the rigours of the occupation!

Note mandatory use of the "Charity" stamp.

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GREECE



1947 Air Mail letter from Athens to London.
Addressed to a Dr. J.A. Kronsten, 77 Eaton Place, London S. W. 1 England.
Note the combination of stamps: the "Chains" from 1946 and the "Victory" stamp of 1947.
Cancellation shows POSTE AERIENNE but there is no similar declaration on front.

GREECE

1948 Air Mail cover from Athens to Marchinelle lez-Charleroi, Belgium.

1000 Δρ. value from 1947 Victory issue; 500 Δρ. and 100 Δρ. values from 1951 Dodecanese commemorative series.



Monsieur

ED. ROUSSEAU X

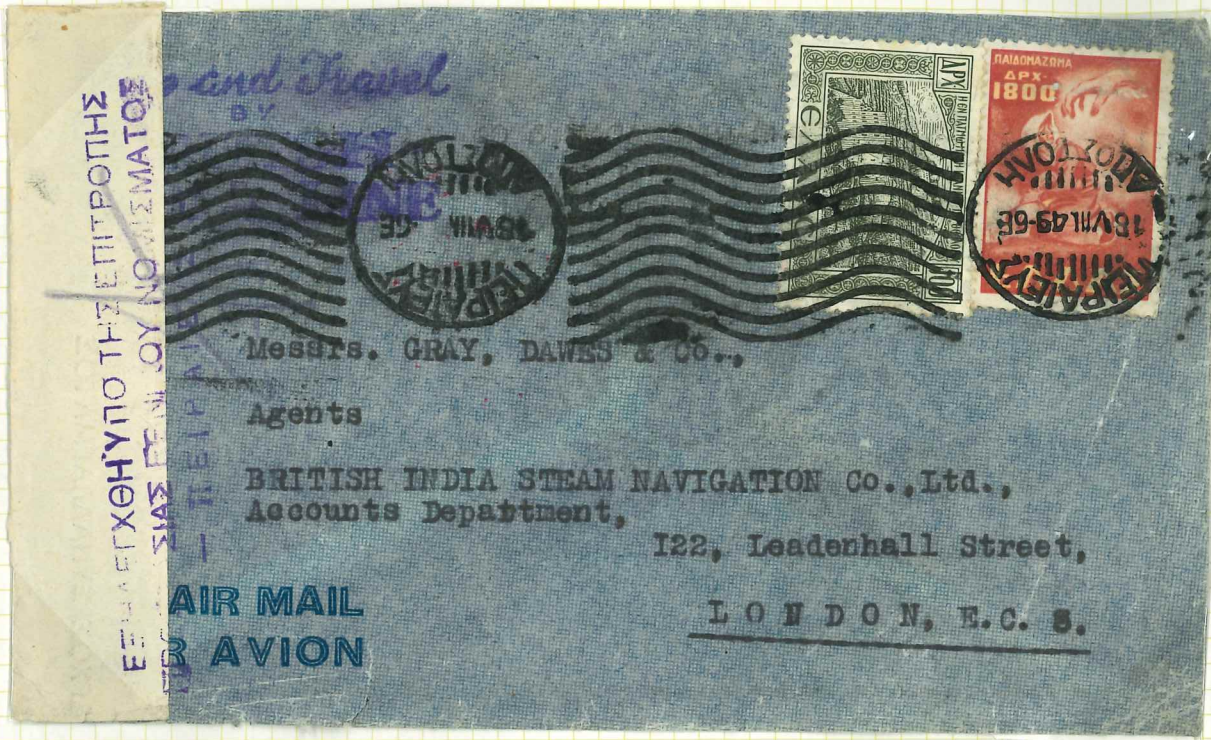
23, Rue Destrée.

Marchinelle lez-Charleroi
Belgique



GREECE

Air Mail from Peiraeus to London 18. 8. 49



Posted during the Civil War in Greece, this commercial letter was opened by the examiners of the Currency Control. Note the paper sealing tape with the name of that agency. Examiner's identification is shown by a red circular stamp enclosing the number 10.

GREECE

A final pair of Civil War commercial covers showing the characteristic marks of the Greek Post Office: extremely heavy cancellations and other marks.



GREECE

Letter from Athens to Frankfurt/Main U.S. Zone Germany

Date is uncertain 3. ? 50?

Since the U.P.U. 75th anniversary stamp ($\Delta 1000$), issued May 1 1950, is included, the letter cannot be earlier than May 1950.

On reverse is indistinct censor / currency control marking.



GREECE

7. 11. 1951 Letter from Red Cross in Athens to Geneva. This letter was sent at the end of the Civil War in Greece. Address shows that it concerned prisoners of war.

AIR Mail (in red) Two handstamps applied on the front : one Greek and the other French = "RED CROSS". Ms numerals 28867.



GREECE

Letter dated 11. 2. 53 from Athens to Hawick.
Cancellation alone indicates that the letter was sent by Air Mail.
Slogan beside date requests that correspondents write the address clearly!
Postage was paid by a stamp from the series marking restoration of Dodecanese to Greece (Δ. 200) - 1950 - and one from 1949 series commemorating the abduction of Greek children (Δ. 1800).



GREECE

1954 Air Mail cover from Athens to Oldenzaal, Holland.

On reverse is the date of arrival: 10 June 1954

Stamps from Ancient Art series I of 1954; 400 Δρ. from 1951 Dodecanese Commemorative issue.



BASIL PASCALIDES
19, CAPNICAREAS ST.
ATHENS, GREECE



Messrs, A. Molkenboer,

N.V. Koninklijke
Oldenzaalsche Stoomweverij,
v.h.j.H. Molkenboer Jr.

OLDENZAAL

HOLLAND

GREECE

AIR MAIL

Letter dated 29. 10. 54 from Thessalonika to Hawick. Postage amounts to the huge figure of Δ 2500. In 1954 the currency was revalued. In the present instance it seems that existing stocks of stamps have been used to meet the required postage.



GREECE

20. 8. 1955 Issue to mark "Pythagorean Congress".

This stamp illustrates the famous Pythagorean Theorem concerning right angled triangles.



GREECE

ΑΕΡΟΠΟΙΚΙΩΝ
BY AIR MAIL



Messrs.

Melroses Ltd.,

51 to 57 Couper Street,

Leith, Edinburgh 6.

SCOTLAND

AIR MAIL : Athens to Edinburgh
6. 8. 56

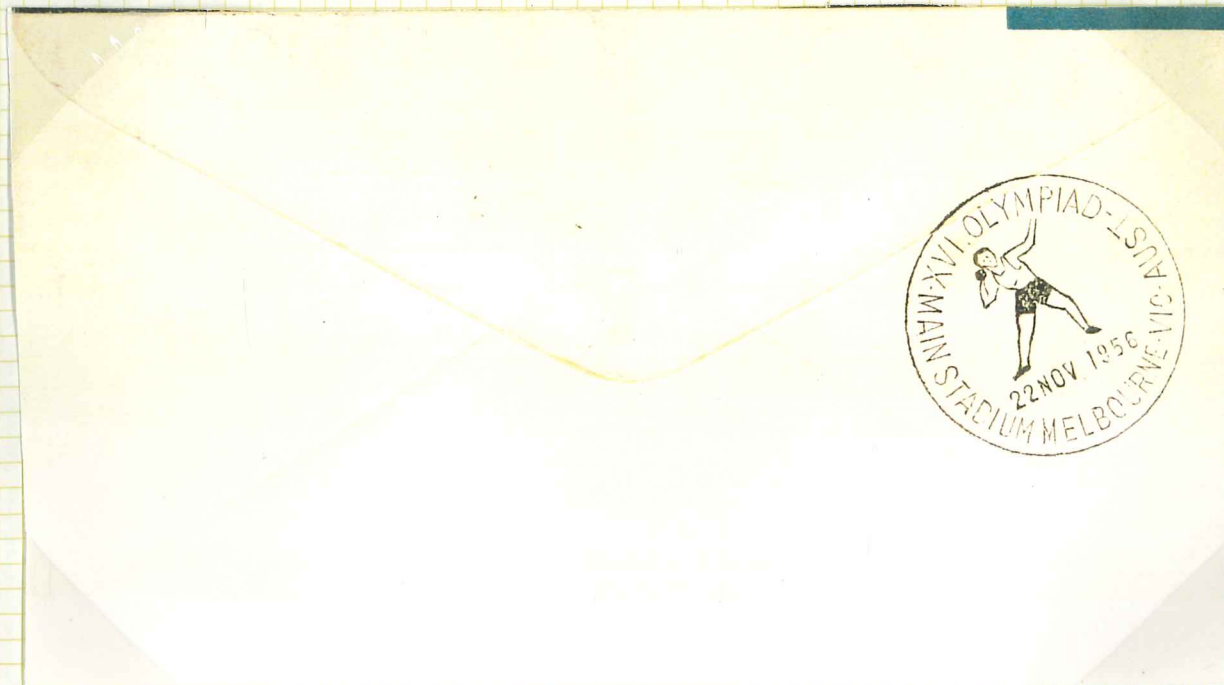
GREECE

1956 (November 2) Air Mail from Olympia to Sydney, Australia.

"Olympic Torch Flight" via Qantas (Australia's Overseas Airline). Cancellation shows Torch-bearer.

On reverse is the cancellation for the Olympic Games in Melbourne. Here the date is 22 November 1956.

XVI OLYMPIAD : MAIN STADIUM MELBOURNE VIC AUST.



GREECE

AIR MAIL

Letter addressed to Messrs Michael Naim & Co. Ltd, Kirkcaldy, Scotland. Typed instruction: Air-mail.

Applied by hand-stamp is a two line instruction ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ

PAR AVION

Date of post-mark : 5. 1. 57 Athens



GREECE

AIR MAIL : Athens to Edinburgh
2. 4. 58

ΑΕΡΟΠΟΙΚΟΣ
BY AIR MAIL

VICTOR B. CAPPALOS
IMPORTATIONS — REPRESENTATIONS
21 V. 81 RUE. ETOU 104 ATHÈNES, G R E C E



Messrs.
Macdonald and Muir Ltd.,
Queen's Dock-Leith
EDINBURGH 6
Scotland

GREECE

AIR MAIL

Letter dated 21. 3. 61 from Peiraeus to London.

Postage of Δ 5.50 paid by 2 stamps from the current Tourist Publicity issue.



GREECE

20. 12. 1961 Centenary of the First Greek Stamps.
Litho by Aspioti-Elka. Watermark: Crown. Perforation: 13 x 13.75.

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GREECE

AIR MAIL : Athens to Leith
23. 8. 63

JOHN PEIRAKOGLU

9, OMONIA SQUARE - ATHENS (101)

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Messrs.
HIGHLAND QUEEN SCOTCH WHISKY
Macdonald & Muir Ltd. Distillers
Leith
S C O T L A N D

AIR MAIL

GREECE

AIR MAIL : Athens to Leith
22. 1. 64

KAROLIAS - KALIGAS
7th ALEXANDROU SOUFRON STREET
ATHENS, T. 134 - GREECE
22 1 6423



ΑΕΡΟΠΟΙΚΟΣ
BY AIR MAIL

MACDONALD & MUTIR . LTD.
Queens Dock Leith

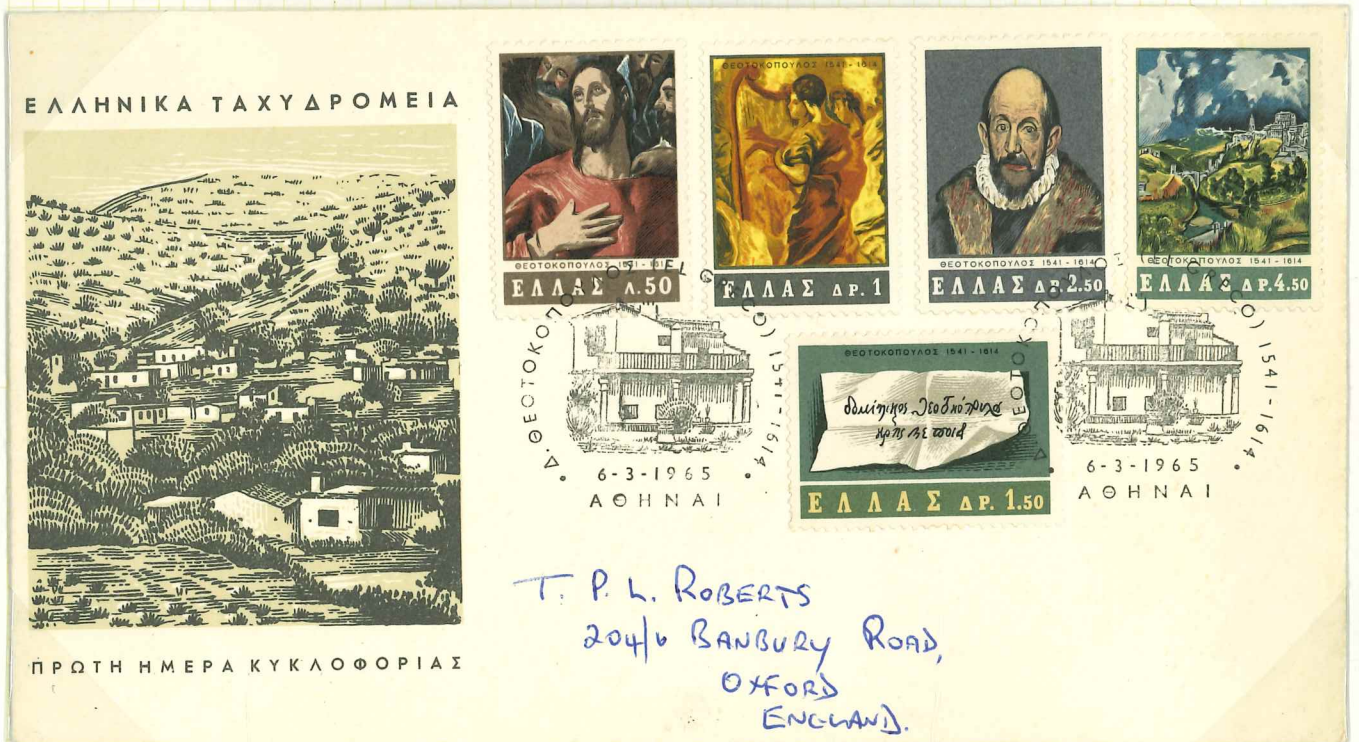
EDINBURGH 6

SCOTLAND

GREECE

6. 3. 1965 350th Anniversary of the Death of D. Theotokopoulos (El Greco)

Litho: Aspioti-Elka. Watermark: Crown. Perforation 12.25 x 13.75.



GREECE

17. 10. 67 Letter from Athens to Lancaster.
Postage of 4 D. paid by stamps from 1967 issues.



Mr. R.M. Baron,
44, Gloucester Avenue,
Lancaster,
Lancs.,
England.



GREECE

1971 Printed post card from the series of 1937 /38. Female figure represents "Glory " of Greece. A stamp from 1971 series commemorating the struggle for Greek independence was also applied. Note the special memorial hand-stamp applied in Heraklion, Crete, June 17 1971.

On the reverse is a Peiraeus cancellation with the slogan ΕΛΛΑΣ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ ΧΡΙΣΤΙΑΝΩΝ. During the period of the military Junta much stress was laid on the Christian nature of Greece as contrasted with its old overlord and enemy Turkey.



GREECE

1971 Printed post card from the series of 1945. Female figure represents "Glory" of Greece. A stamp from 1971 series commemorating the struggle for Greek independence was also applied. Note the special memorial hand-stamp applied in Heraklion, Crete, June 17 1971.



GREECE

? VIII. 72 Letter to Lancaster.

Postage paid by stamps of 1972 Munich Olympic series; 1972 Mythological series; 1972 National Costumes and 1970 Labours of Hercules series.



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Lancaster, Lancashire.
England.