Arad

In 1918 the tide of the war turned against the Central Powers, and Romanian forces began to advance into Transylvania. By the 15th November the Romanian army had reached the line of the Mures River.

With the possibility of further hostilities between the Serbs, the Romanians, and Hungarians, French troops were sent as peace keepers.

On 25th December1918 the Hungarian Army abandoned Arad, and the French Forces arrived in Arad on 30th December 1918.



Picture Post Card from Battonya (Hungary) to Arad

2*2f Harvesters and 2*3f Harvester

CDS - Szeged-Arad TPO 918 Dec 29 N3 / 67

This demonstrates that although Arad was abandoned by the army the railways were still running

Arad

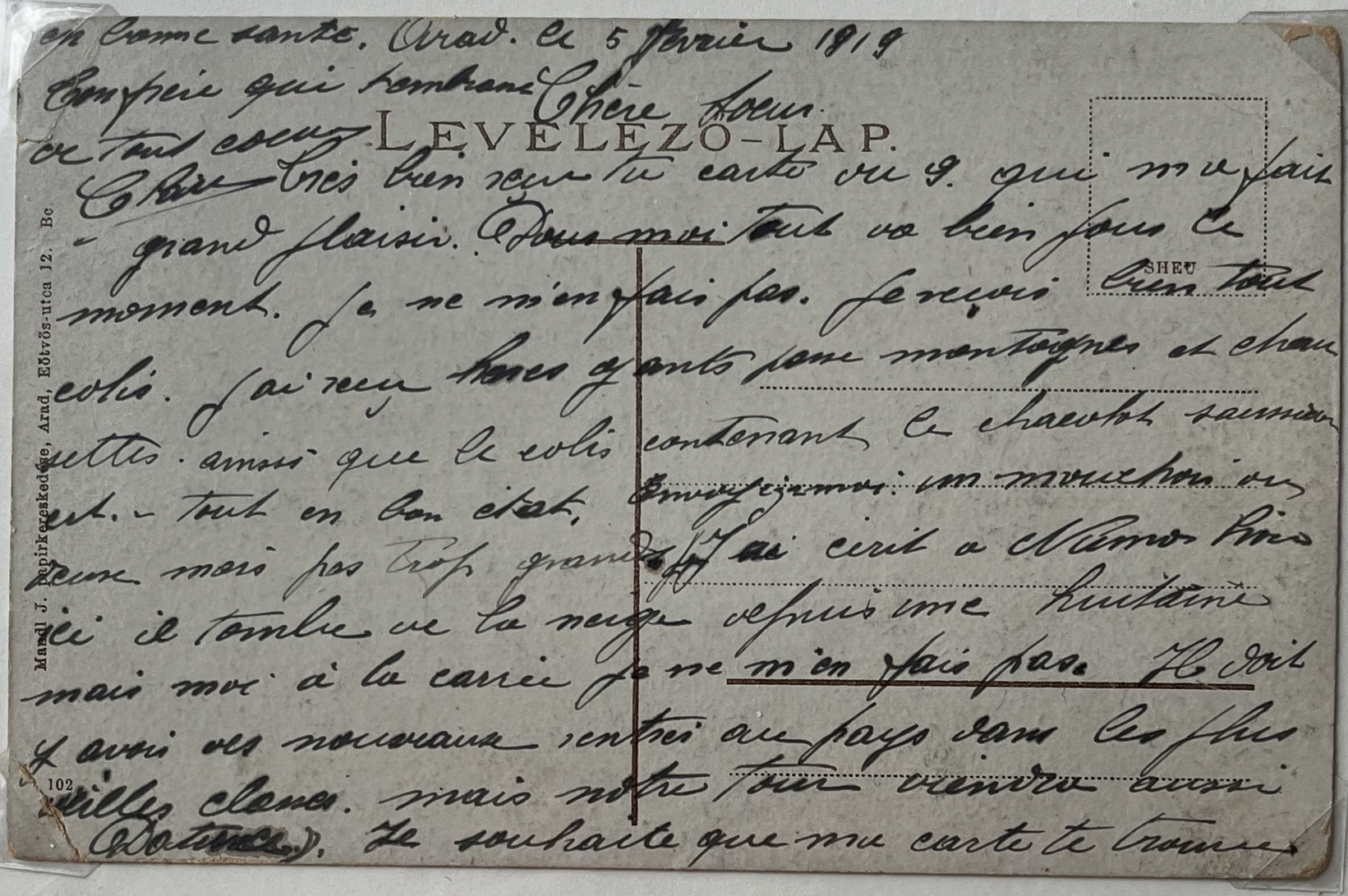


Postage Due Post Card from Arad to Temesvar

6f Harvester

CDS – Arad 919 Jan 28 N12 / C3C

8f postage due (twice the deficiency of 4f) paid for by 5f Harvester and 3f Harvester with “T” Overprint



Picture Post Card of Minorite Cathedral

Manuscript date of 5 February 1919

Written in French so likely to be an item from a soldier in the French Army

Arad



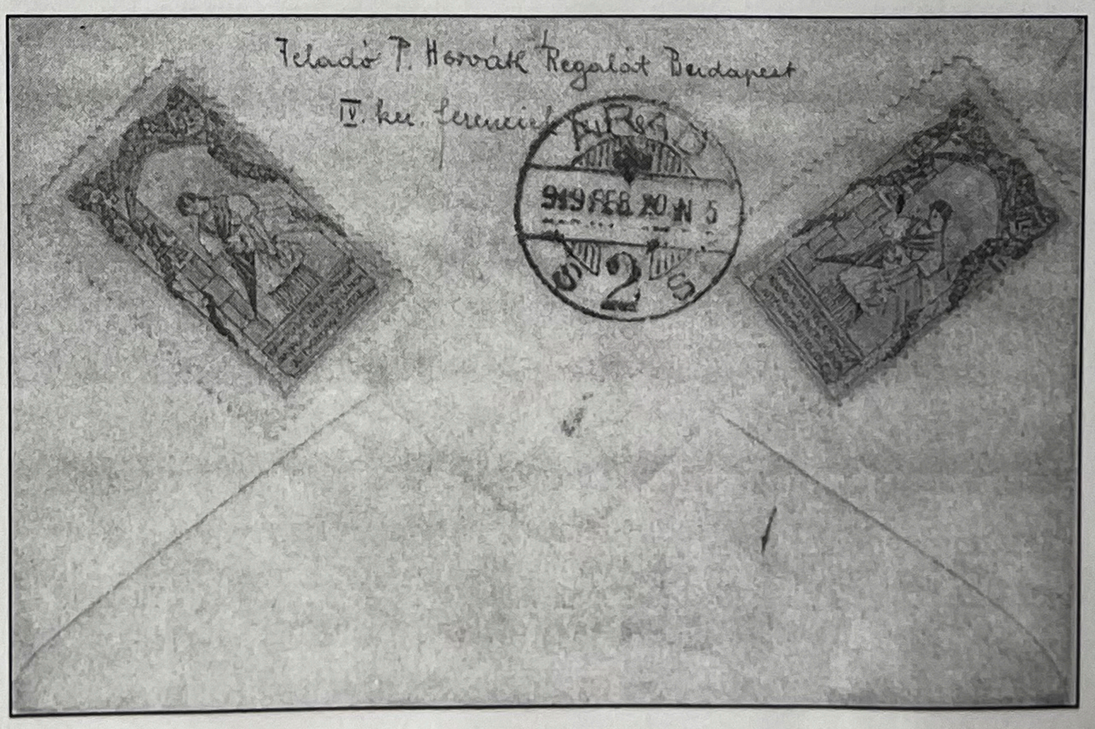
Cover from Budapest to Arad

2*10f Karl with Koztarsasag

CDS - Budapest 919 Feb 19n11 / Leg 419

On Reverse - 2*2f Charity Stamps (katholikus háziasszonyok orszagos szovetsegenek jotekonysagi belyege – National Union of Catholic Housewives)

Arrival CDS - Arad 919 Feb 20 N5 / S 2 S



Arad



PPC from Nagyvarad (Oradea) to Arad

20f Karl

CDS – 919 Feb 14

Manuscript Nagyvarad

At this point Oradea was still under Hungarian Control and obviously postal links were still intact to Arad.

The Romanian Army entered Oradea on 20th April 1919.

Arad

Triple censorship was possible, below is a possibly unique example from March 1919 that has travelled from Timisoara (Temesvar CDS for 19th March 1919) with Serbian Censor Cachet, transited through Arad (French Censor Cachet), then to Cluj where it was censored by the Romanians.

French Censorship in Arad started on 23rd March 1919 so the card is likely to have been delayed until then. This makes this cover possibly the earliest French censor. Also contact between the Romanians and Serbians was not possible without going through territory held by the Hungarians until the 24th March 1919.

This makes this cover possibly the earliest French censor as well as uniquely triple censored



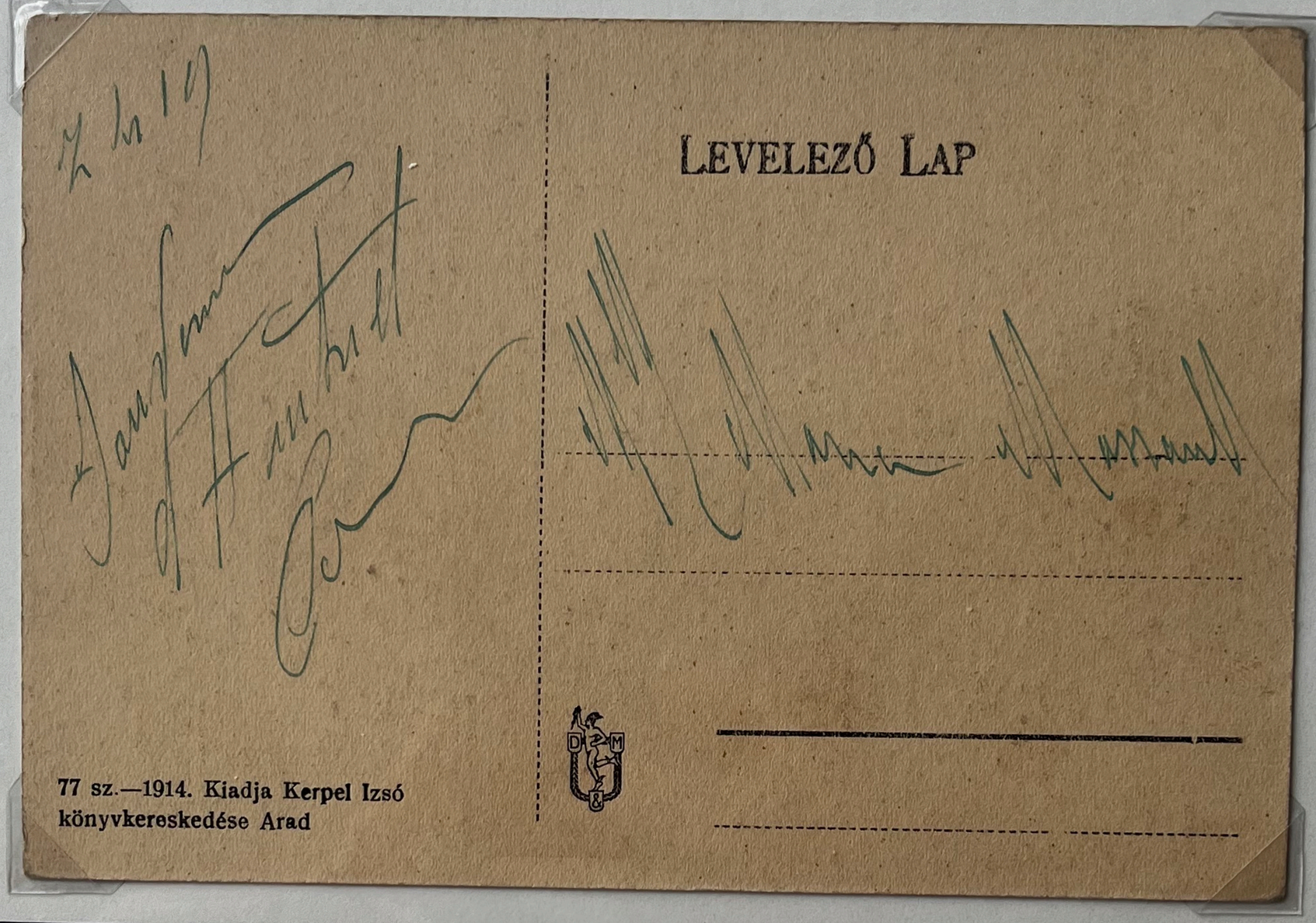
TRIPLE CENSORED PPC FROM TEMESVAR TO CLUJ

CDS - Temesvar 919 Mar 19 N1 / B 2 B

Violet Serbian Temesvar Censor Cachet

Reddy Violet Circular French Arad Type 1a Censor Cachet

Violet Straight 2 Line Romanian Censor Cluj Cachet

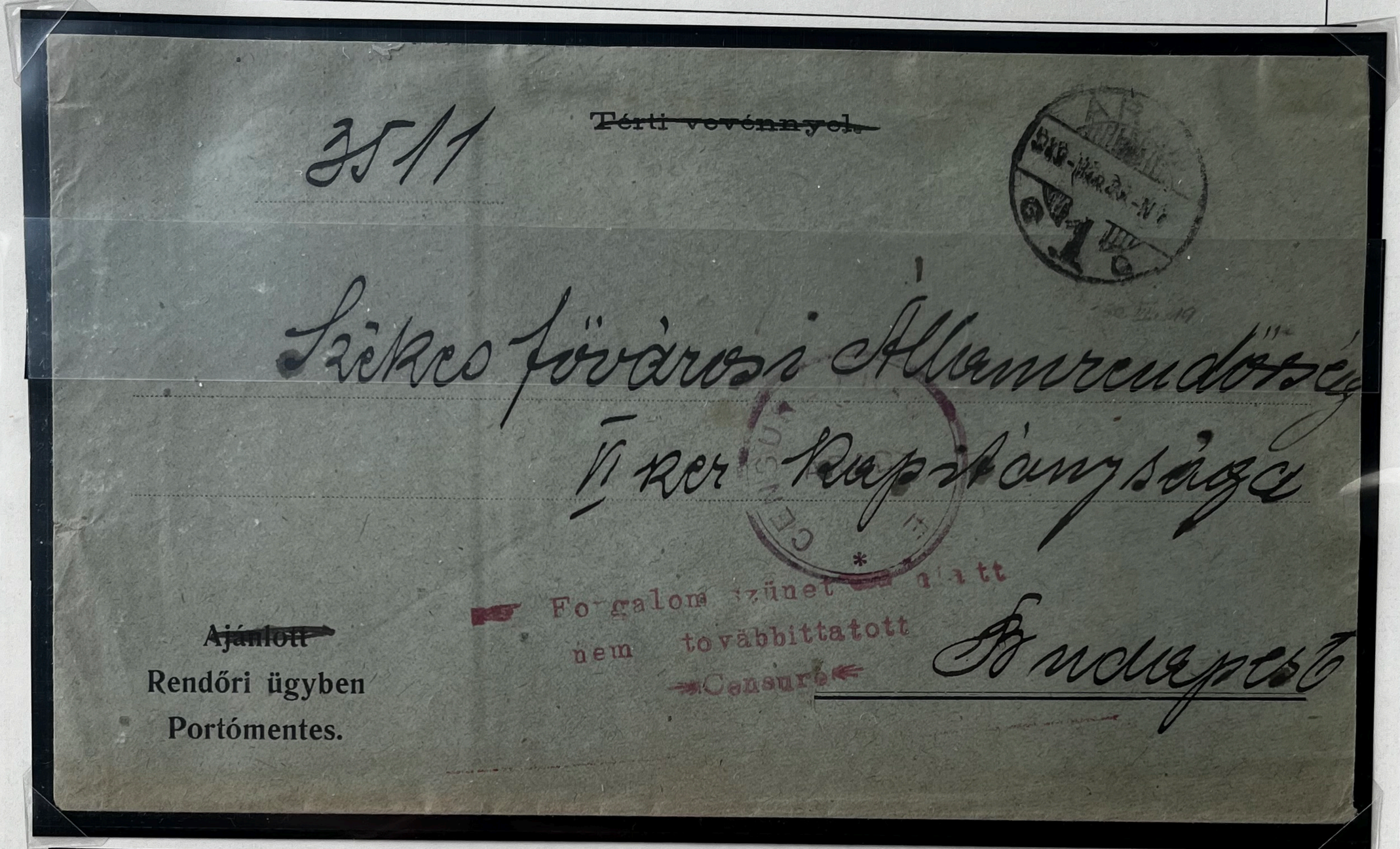


Picture Post Card of Arad Fortress

CDs – Arad 919 Mar 24 N8 / B 1 B

Written in French so likely to be an item from a soldier in the French Army

Arad



Cover from Arad to Budapest

CDS – Arad 919 Mar 30 N6 / G 1 G

Red cachet (Forgalom Szlinet Miatt Nem Tovabbittatott Censure) – Not forwarded during interruption of traffic, censored)

Violet Circular French Arad Type 1a Censor cachet

The addition of the French Censor Cachet indicates that the Red Delayed Cachet was applied by the Hungarian Postal Authorities, and was not a actual censor mark.



PPC of Arad Church from Arad to Versecz

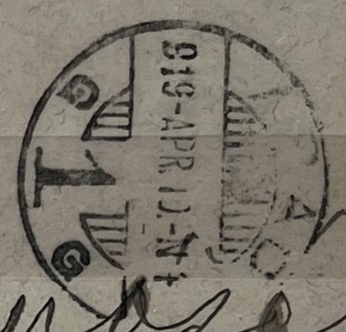
CDS – Arad 919 Apr 3 N4 / G 1 G

No French Censor

Violet Serbian Temesvar Censor cachet

Aradvármegye alispánjától.

ARADI NYOMDA R.T.



Forgalom szünet miatt
nem továbbittatott
Censurè

Large Cover (folded) from Arad to Budapest

The envelope is marked from the Sub-Prefecture of Arad County

CDS – Arad 919 Apr 10 N1 / G 1 G

Red cachet (Forgalom Szlinet Miatt Nem Tovabbittatott Censure) – Not forwarded during interruption of traffic, censored)



PPC from Bravicka (?) to Arad

2*5f Harvester

Manuscript Bravicka and 13/4/1919

Indistinct CDS

Violet Boxed Serbian Censor Cachet

Violet Circular French Arad Type 1a Censor cachet



PPC from Temesvar to Arad

CDS – Temesvar 919 Apr 18 N9 / B 2 B

Circular Violet Serbian Temesvar Censor Cachet

Bright Violet Circular French Arad Type 1a Censor cachet



PPC to Ujarad (probably from Temesvar, based on the partial CDS)

10f Karl

Manuscript date of 10/5/1919

Violet Circular Serbian Temesvar Censor cachet

Bright Violet Circular French Arad Type 1a Censor Cachet

Arad

The Romanians occupied half of the city of Arad on 17th May 1919, this limit being placed on them by the French. A Romanian censorship office was established at this time.

The activities of the 2 censors offices was regulated by decree made by the French Commander on 23rd May 1919 which said "...letters and telegrams coming from or destined to the Romanian occupied zone will be submitted to Romanian censorship control. Letters and telegrams coming from or destined for all other areas will be submitted exclusively to French censorship control. This decree will become effective beginning noon May 25,1919".



Double Censored PPC from Arad to Temesvar

10f Harvester

CDS - Arad 919 Mai 20 N8/ G 2 G

Red Boxed Romanian Arad Type 1 Censor cachet,

Black Circular Serbian Temesvar Censor cachet

VERY UNUSAL DOUBLE CENSORED PPC FROM ARAD TO TIMISOARA ONLY POSSIBLE BETWEEN 17th MAY 1919 AND 25th MAY 1919

UNRECORDED COLOUR

Arad

Csanádvármegye Makó rendezett tanácsu város rendőrkapitányi hivatalától.

191 sz.

Aradváros tekintetes

Rendőrfőkapitányának.

R. Ajánlott Makó 851

15,-

CENZURA ROMÂNĂ ARAD

Hivatalból

ügyben.

Viteldijmentes.

Arad.

1919 okt 28

Censored Registered Cover from Mako (Arad County) to Arad

Envelope and circular marks for the Captain of Police in Mako

Mako Registration label

CDS - Mako 919 Mai 23

Violet Boxed Romanian Arad Type 1 Censor cachet

Arad

The arrangements of 23rd May 1919 which said "...letters and telegrams coming from or destined to the Romanian occupied zone will be submitted to Romanian censorship control. Letters and telegrams coming from or destined for all other areas will be submitted exclusively to French censorship control. This decree will become effective beginning noon May 25,1919".



Censored Postcard from Besztercze (Bistrita) to Wien, Austria

2* 10f Karl
CDS - Besztercze 919 5 27 N6
Black Romanian Bistrita Censor Cachet
Violet Romanian Blaj Censor Cachet with manuscript 5th June 1919
Violet French Arad Type 1b Censor cachet
Wien Arrival CDS 22 / 191X 191X

This cover from Bistrita should have been submitted to the Romanian Censor Office in Arad, but has mistakenly passed through the French Office and has also been censored in Blaj. The exact routing and reasoning for the French and Blaj censor are unknown

UNIQUE DOUBLE ROMANIAN AND FRENCH CENSOR ERROR



PPC of Rome from Rome to Buzias (Timis County)

Manuscript date of 30/5/1919

Indistinct Rome cancel

Red Boxed Italian Censor cachet

Bright Violet Circular French Arad Type 1a Censor cachet



Hungarian Certificate of Delivery for Court Papers from Borosjeno (Ineu, Arad County) to Arad

Indistinct Borosjeno CDS

Manuscript date of June1919

Violet Circular French Arad Type 1b Censor cachet



Hungarian Certificate of Delivery for Court Papers from Borosjeno (Ineu, Arad County) to Arad

CDS - Borosjeno 919 Jun 13 N9 / A

Violet Circular French Arad Type 1b Censor cachet



PPC from Arad to Zalau (Zilah)

5f Harvester and 10f Karl

CDS – Indistinct Arad 919 Jun 2 (?)

Manuscript date of 30/5/1919

Violet Circular French Arad Type 1b Censor cachet



PPC from Versecz to Arad

10f Karl

CDS – Versecz 919 Jun 6

Violet Circular Serbian Censor cachet

Violet Circular French Arad Type 1b Censor cachet

Arad



PPC from Arad to Kolozsvar (Cluj)

5f Harvester and 10f Harvester (Magyar Posta)

CDS – Indistinct Arad 919 Jun ?

Manuscript date of 9/6/1919

Black Boxed Romanian Arad Type 1 Censor Cachet

LATEST KNOWN USE FOR ROMANIAN TYPE 1 CENSOR

UNRECORDED COLOUR

Arad

The arrangements of 23rd May 1919 which said "...letters and telegrams coming from or destined to the Romanian occupied zone will be submitted to Romanian censorship control. Letters and telegrams coming from or destined for all other areas will be submitted exclusively to French censorship control. This decree will become effective beginning noon May 25,1919".



PPC of Nagyvarad from Nagyvarad (Oradea) to Arad

2*10f Harvester (Magyar Posta)

CDS – Nagyvarad 919 Jun 21 N6 / F 2 F

Violet Boxed Romanian Oradea Censor cachet

Violet Circular French Arad Type 1a Censor cachet

This cover from Oradea should have been submitted to the Romanian Censor Office in Arad, but has mistakenly passed through the French Office

UNIQUE CENSOR ERROR



PPC of Arad from Arad to Temesvar

10f Harvester (Magyar Posta)

CDS – Arad 919 Jun 22

Violet Circular French Arad Type 1b Censor cachet

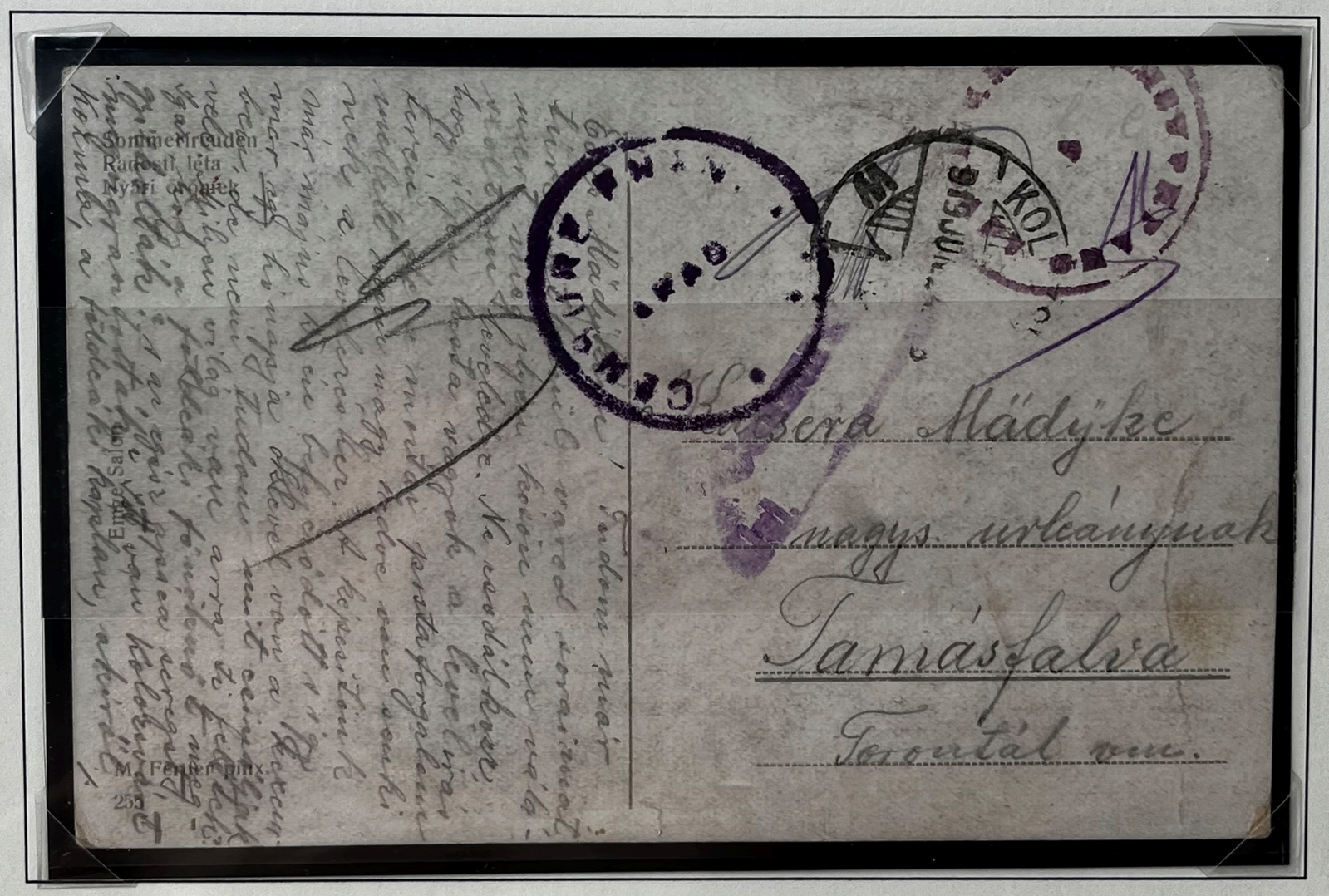
Violet Circular Serbian Temesvar Censor cachet

Arad

The regulations put in place by the French Authorities should have ruled out further tri-party censorship as items to or from Romanian controlled areas should have been passed to the Romanian Censor office.

Below is a rare example from June 1919 that has travelled from Cluj (Indistinct CDS for probably 24th June 1919) with Romanian Censor Cachet, transited through Arad (French Censor Cachet), then transited through Temesvar (Serbian Censor) to arrive at Tamasfalva.

This should have passed through the Romanian censor office in Arad, but has been censored by the French (presumably in error) and a cachet applied and then passed to the Serbian authorities for delivery.



TRIPLE CENSORED PPC FROM CLUJ TO TAMASFALVA

CDS - Kolosvar 919 Jun 24

Violet 2 line Romanian Cluj Censor Cachet

Violet Circular French Arad Type 1b Censor cachet

Violet Circular Serbian Temesvar Censor Cachet

ONLY KNOW EXAMPLE OF TRIPLE CENSORSHIP ERROR



Cover from Borosjeno (Ineu, Arad County) to Arad

10f Harvester (Magyar Posta) and removed stamp crossed out (a sign of invalid use, but not assessed as postage due)

CDS – Borosjeno 919 Jul 2 N9 / A

Black Romanian Arad Type 2 Censor cachet
This is the smaller size cachet (40mm by 15mm)

Arad

French Forces remained in Arad until 18th July 1919, and French Censorship was previously believed to have ended on the 10th July 1919



Picture Postcard, from Kaposvar to Arad

10f Harvester

CDS - Kaposvar 919 Jul 12

Circular French Arad Type 1b Censor Cachet

This postcard is likely to have arrived in Arad the day after it left Kaposvar (in South-West Hungary).

This would make the date of arrival in Arad as 13th July 1919.

LATEST KNOWN USE OF FRENCH CENSOR



Picture Postcard to Arad

10f Harvester

Indistinct CDS

Manuscript Date of 12/7/19

Violet Circular French Arad Type 1b Censor cachet

This postcard is likely to have arrived in Arad the day after it was written

This would make the date of arrival in Arad as 13th July 1919.

LATEST KNOWN USE OF FRENCH CENSOR

Arad

The 10th July 1919 saw the Arad Post Office pass into Romanian Control, and the whole city became Romanian controlled on the 12th July 1919. They continued to subject correspondence to censorship
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Picture Postcard from Arad to Marosvásárhely (Turgu Mures)

2* 10f Harvester

Indistinct CDS

Manuscript date of 16th July 1919

Romanian Arad Type 2 Censor cachet
This is the larger size cachet (46mm by 18mm)

Arad



10f PSC from Szeged to Arad

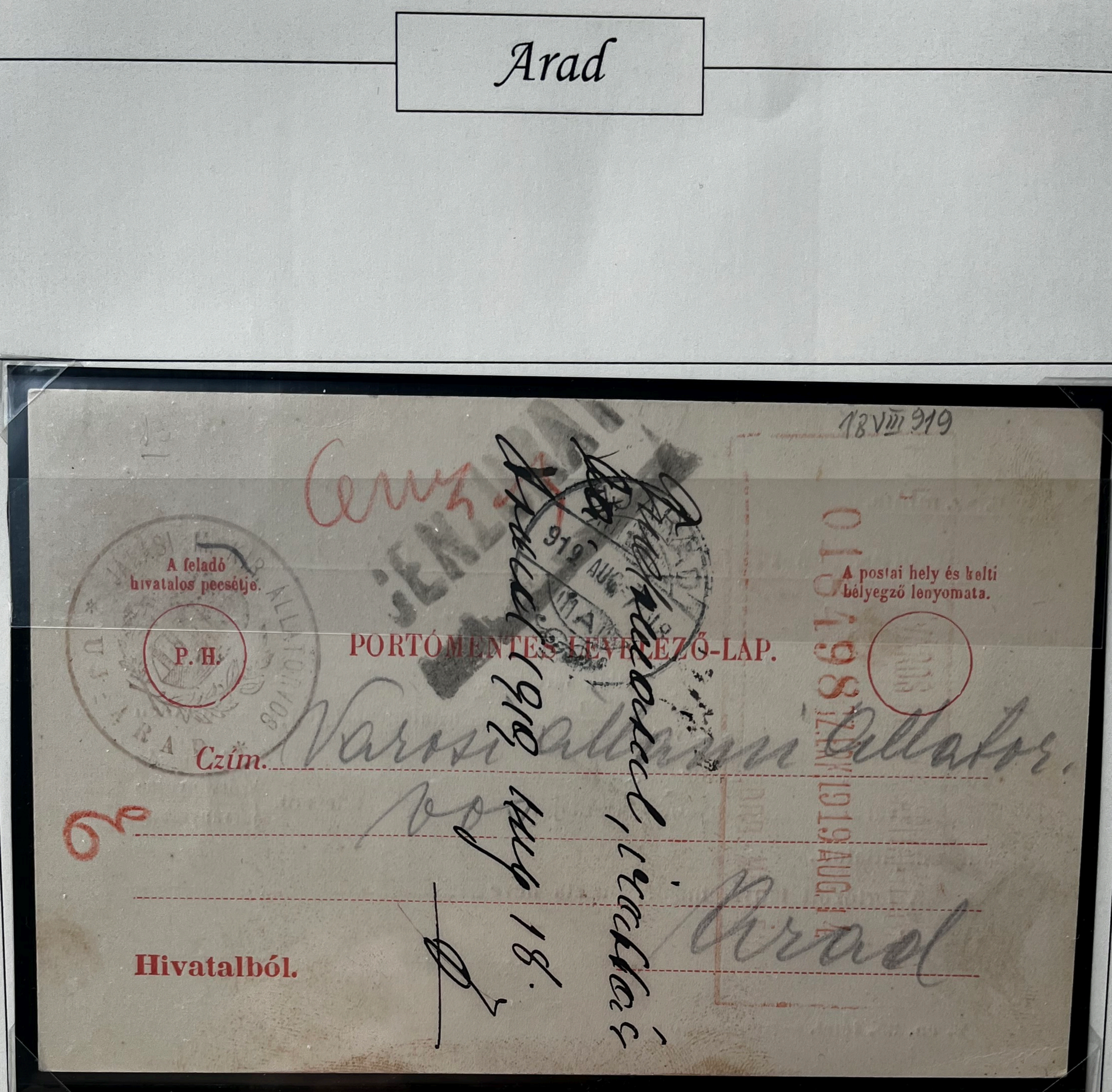
Indistinct CDS - Szeged 919 Jul ?

Manuscript date of 25/7/1919

Underpaid by 10f so 20f postage due added

Arrival CDS – Arad 919 Aug 3 N8 / L 2 L

Black Romanian Arad Type 2 Censor cachet
This is the smaller size cachet (40mm by 15mm)

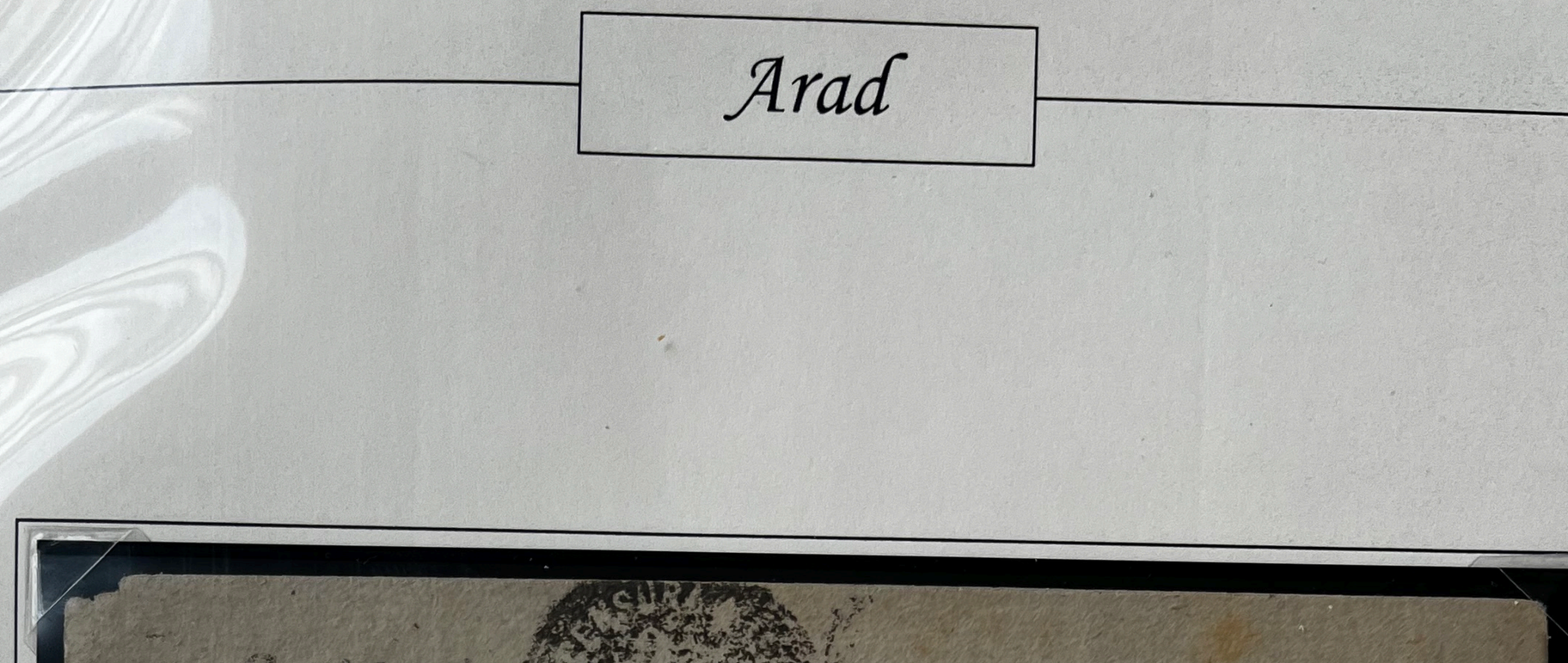


Notification of Infectious Animal Disease Form from Ujarad to Arad

CDS – Ujarad 919 Aug 7

Black Romanian Arad Type 3a Censor cachet

UNRECORDED COLOUR



POW Card from Italy to Arad

Manuscript date of 9/8/19

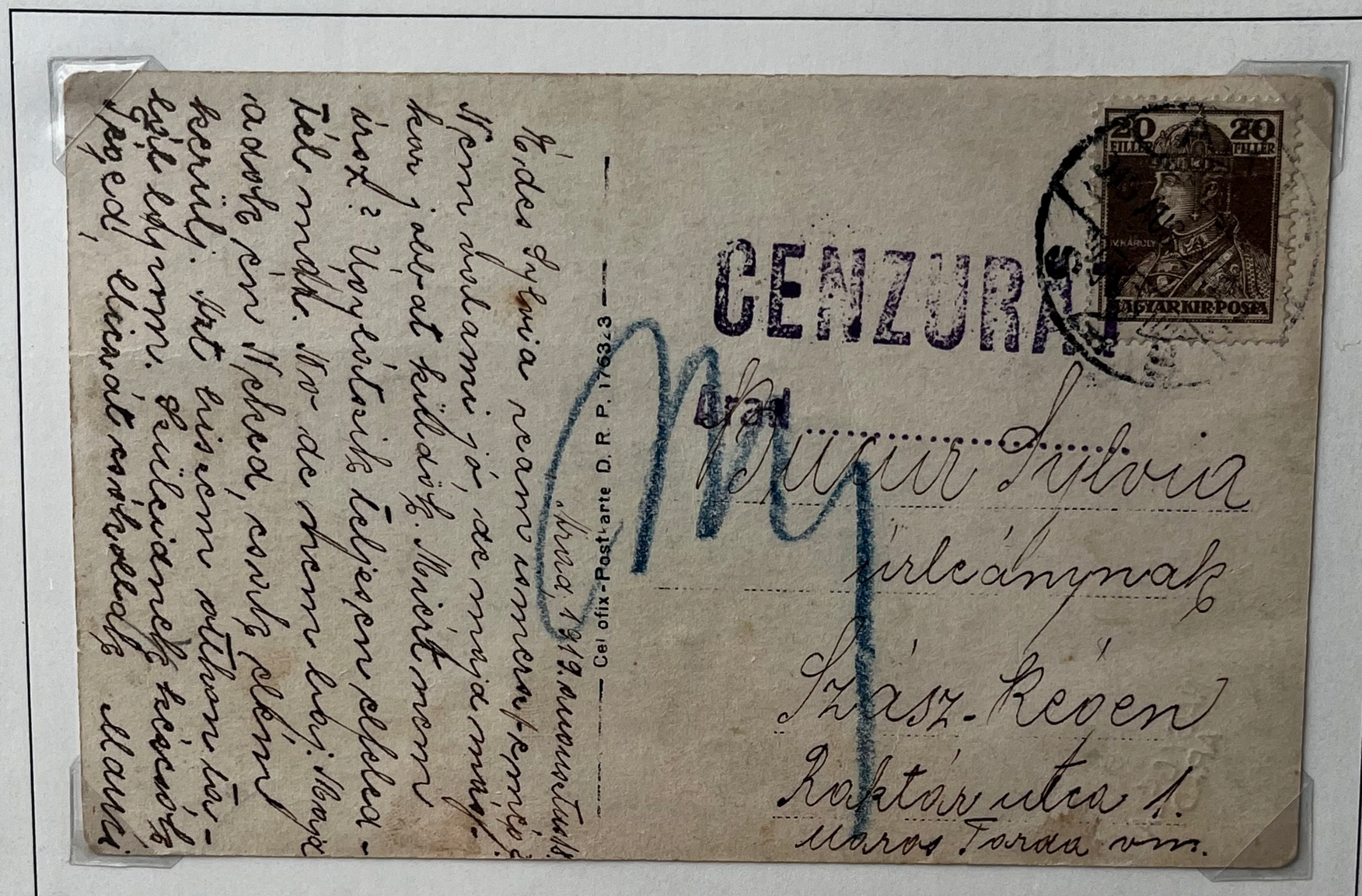
Manuscript departure from Cassino, via Trieste

Circular Italian cachet (probably censor)

Circular Romanian Censor cachet (negative type)

No explanation as to why this appears to have been routed to Bucharest

Arad



Picture Postcard from Arad to Szasz Kesen

20f Karl

CDS – Arad 919 Aug 21

Violet Romanian Arad Type 3a Censor cachet



Picture Postcard from Arad to Pecska (Pecica, Arad County)

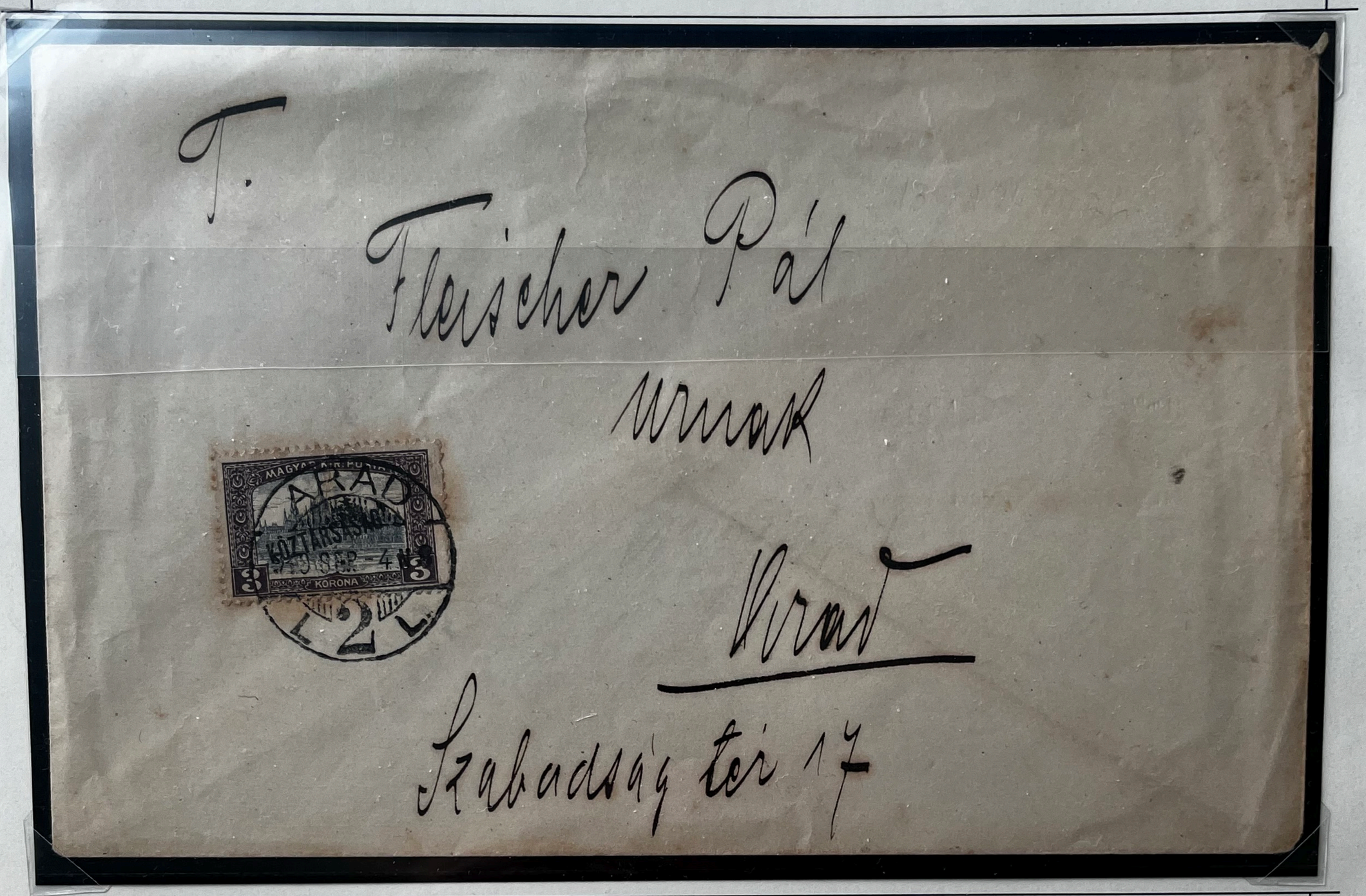
2* 10f Harvester

Indistinct CDS for 919 Aug 23

Manuscript date of 22/8/1919

Violet Romanian Arad Type 3a Censor cachet

Arad



Cover locally sent in Arad

3k Parliament with Koztarsasag

CDS – Arad 919 Sep 4 N8 / L 2 L

Indistinct Arrival CDS on reverse



Picture Postcard of Arad to Kolozsvar (Cluj) from Arad

2* 5b PTT overprints

CDS – Arad 919 Sep 17

Indistinct Arrival CDS

Violet Romanian Arad Type 3c Censor cachet

FIRST USE OF ROMANIAN STAMPS IN ARAD



Hungarian Certificate of Delivery for Court Papers from Zarandnadas (Nadas, Arad County) to Arad

CDS Zarandnadas 919 Sep 25

Violet Romanian Arad Type 3a Censor cachet

Arad



Registered Cover with Mixed Stamps Locally Sent in Arad

5f Harvester with Koztarsasag, 25f Karl, 40b Romanian definitive

CDS - Arad 919 Sep 29 N3 / P 1 P

Arrival CDS - On Reverse Arad 919 Sep 30 N9 / C 2 C

On the 1st July 1919 The exchange between the currency changed from 1:1 to 2 Hungarian Florint to 1 Romanian Bani Therefore the payment for the cover is 55b.

This is the correct payment for registered (25b) second weight level (between 20g and 40g – 30b)

Very Unusual correct use of mixed franking



Cover with Mixed Stamps Locally Sent in Arad

2f Harvester, 3f Harvester, 15f Harvester, 40b definitive with PTT overprint

CDS - Arad 919 Sep 29 N3 / P 1 P

Arrival CDS - On Reverse 919 Sep 30 N9 / C 2 C

~~LAST~~ USE OF HUNGARIAN STAMPS IN ARAD

NOW SEEN 2/10/19.



Hungarian Certificate of Delivery for Court Papers from Borosjeno (Ineu, Arad County) to Arad

CDS – Borosjeno 919 Okt 1 N9 / A

Violet Romanian Arad Type 3c Censor cachet

Arad



Postal Stationary Card from Arad to Helyben

8f on card and 5f Harvester added. Due to the exchange rate of 2f=1b, this is equivalent to 6.5b (13f). Correct rate was 10b, so 3.5b underpaid so 7b due to be paid Manuscript under stamps used to pay the due rate.

CDS – Arad / 919 Okt 2 n9 / G 1 G.

Violet Romanian Arad Type 3c Censor cachet with manuscript date of 3rd October

Postage Due paid with 5b and Pair of 1b all with 1919 overprint of King Ferdinand's Monogram and a manuscript T tying the 3 stamps to the cover

AN INTERESTING CENSORED COVER WITH POSTAGE DUE PAID BY ROMANIAN PROVISIONAL POSTAGE DUE STAMPS

NEW LAST KNOWN USE OF HUNGARIAN STAMPS IN ARAD



Hungarian Certificate of Delivery for Court Papers from Borosjeno (Ineu, Arad County) to Arad

CDS Borosjeno 919 Okt 4 N9 / A

Violet Romanian Arad Type 3a Censor cachet

Arad


Szám.....

Kézbesítési vevény.

ARAD 919 OKT. 11 N 9 C 3 C

CENZURAT Oradea-Mare

A királyi törvényszéknek / járásbíróságnak

CENZURAT Arad 13/X

Oradea Mare

Hivatalból kézbesítési ügyben portómentes.

NAGY-VÁRADI ÍTÉLŐTÁBLA.

Hungarian Certificate of Delivery for Court Papers from Arad to Oradea

CDS – Arad 919 Okt 11 N9 / C 3 C

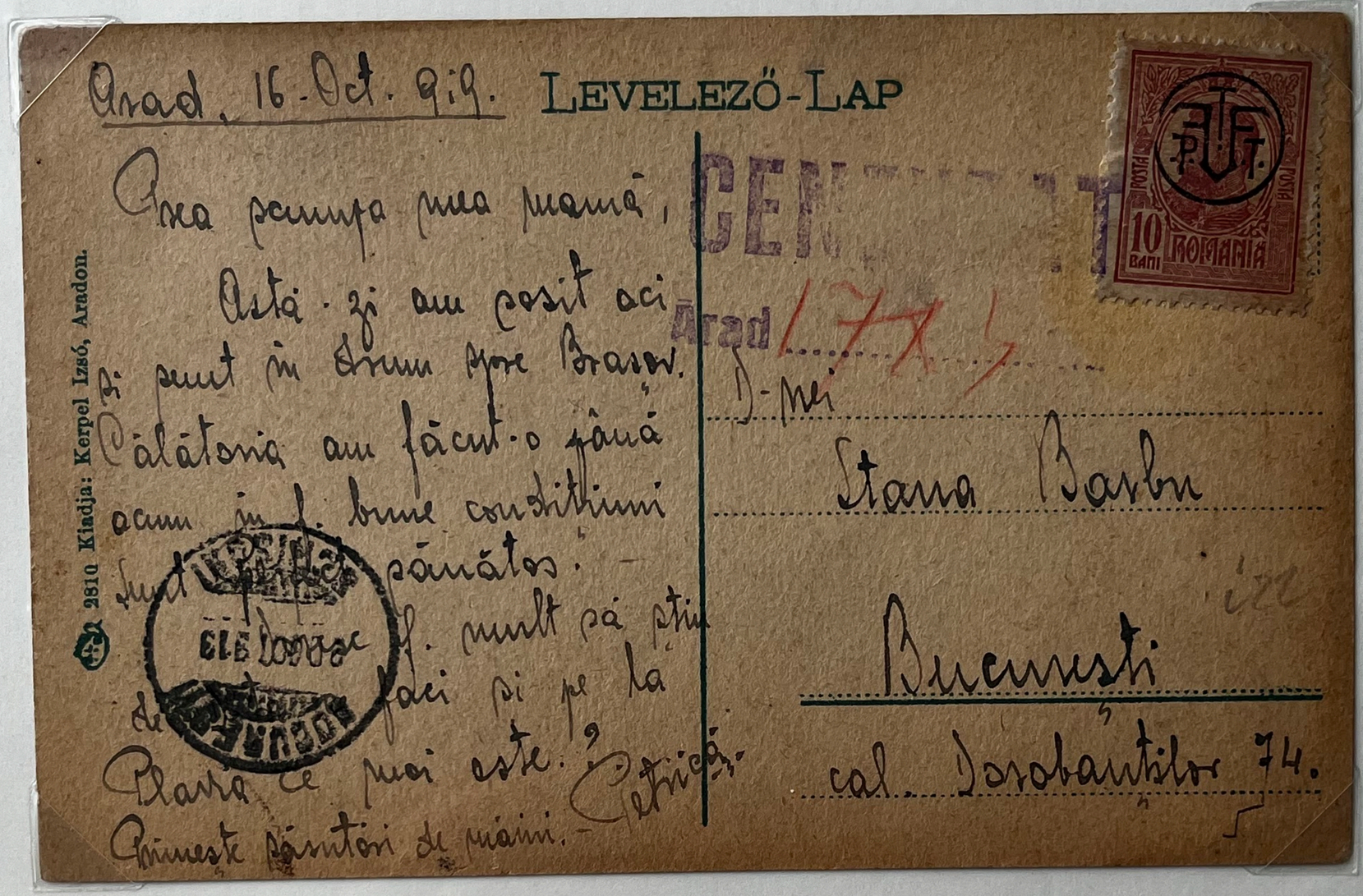
Violet Romanian Arad Type 3a Censor cachet

Violet Romanian Oradea Censor cachet

Arrival CDS (on reverse) – Nagyvarad 919 Okt 13 N9 / F 1 F

Violet cachet for Nagy-Varadi itelotabla (Oradea Court of Appeal)

There were no regulations by the Romanian Authorities requiring censorship at the arrival offices as well as the departure offices, but double censoring does occur



Picture Postcard of Arad from Arad to Bucharest

10b PTT overprint

Manuscript date of 16/10/19

Violet Romanian Arad Type 3a Censor cachet

Arrival CDS – Bucuresti 20 Oct 919

Arad



Registered Cover (Front only) from Bokszeg (Arad County) to Austria

50b Definitive paying 25b rate and 25b registration fee

Bokszeg Registration Label

CDS – Bokszeg 919 Nov 17 / N

Violet Romanian Arad Type 3d Censor cachet

Arad



Registered Cover from Herkulesfurdo (Baile Herculane, Caraș-Severin County) to Germany

6*15f War Charity, 2*2f Harvester, 6f Harvester

With the exchange rate of 2:1, this 100f equates to 50b, the international registered letter rate for Romania at this time.

CDS – Herkulesfurdo 919 Dec 12 N3 / B

Violet Romanian Arad Type 3d Censor cachet

Arrival CDS on Reverse – Markneukirchen 29.12.19

Unusual as it appears to have been censored in transit , rather than the closer Romanian censors in Lugos or Timisoara



Hungarian Certificate of Delivery for Court Papers from Doroszlofalva (Draut, Arad County) to Arad

CDS – Doroszlofalva 919 Dec 13

Red Romanian Arad Type 3d Censor cachet

UNRECORDED COLOUR



Hungarian Certificate of Delivery for Court Papers from Feltot (Taut, Arad County) to Borosjeno (Ineu, Arad County)

CDS – Feltot 919 Dec 24 N8

Reddy - Violet Romanian Arad Type 3d Censor cachet

UNRECORDED COLOUR



Hungarian Certificate of Delivery for Court Papers from to Somoskeszi (Somosches, Arad County) to Borosjeno (Ineu, Arad County)

Manuscript date of 24/12/1919

Violet Romanian Arad Type 3d Censor cachet



Picture Postcard Locally sent in Arad

10b PTT overprint

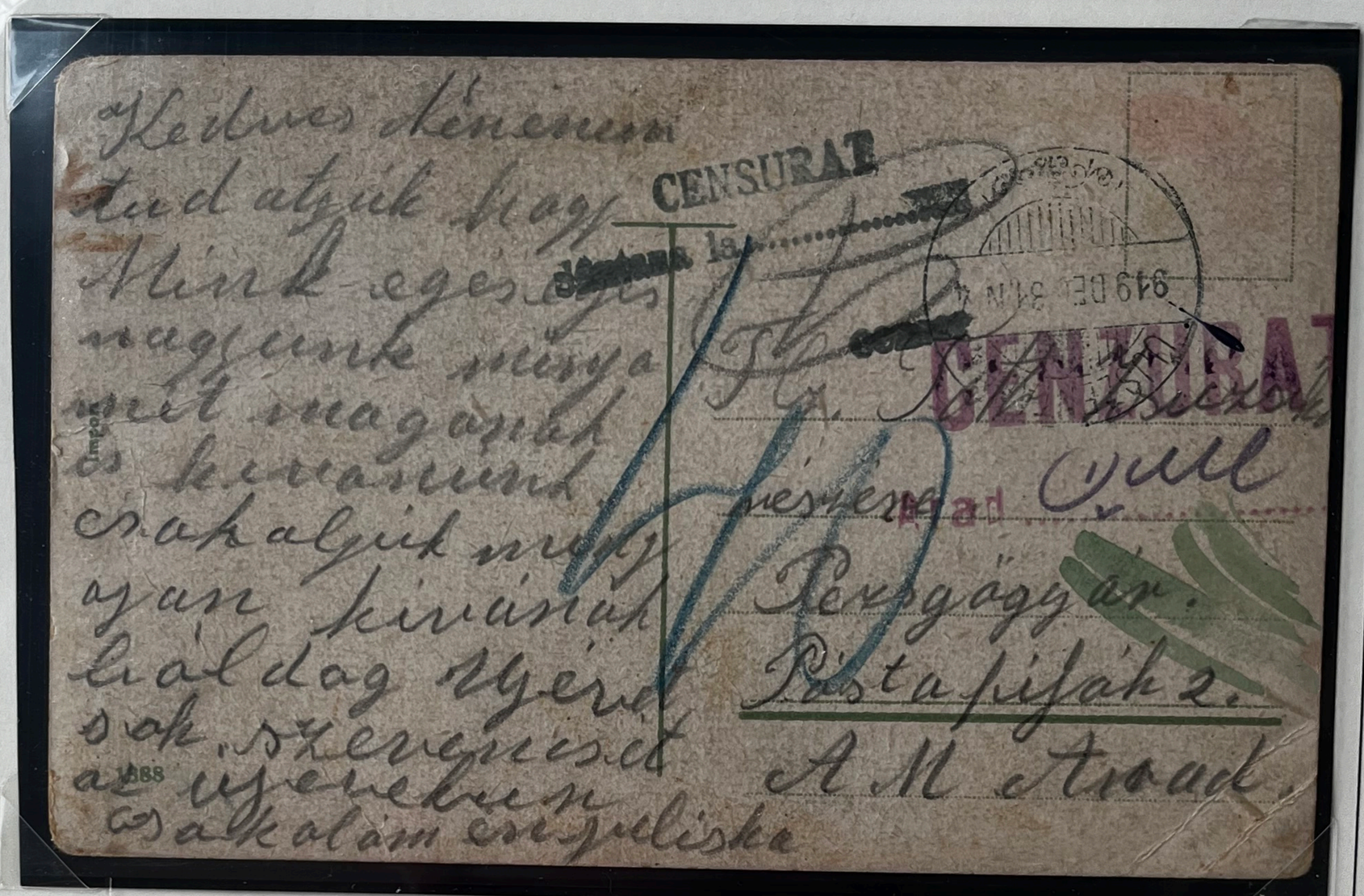
Manuscript Date of 30/12/19

Sent from a member of the 6th Vanatori Regiment

Indistinct Arad CDS

Red Romanian Arad Type 3a Censor cachet

UNRECORDED COLOUR



Picture Postcard from Santana to Arad

CDS - Ujszentarna 919 Dec 31 N4

Assessed with manuscript 40f postage due

Black 2-line Romanian Santana censor cachet – “Censurat / Santana la …..”

Violet Romanian Arad Type 3d Censor Cachet

Unrecorded Santana Censor Cachet (see also p92)

Previously censorship in Santana was only seen in April 1920
Earliest known date



Hungarian Certificate of Delivery for Court Papers from Zarandnadas (Nadas, Arad County) to Borosjeno (Ineu, Arad County)

CDS Zarandnadas 10 Jan 20

Din oficiu scutit de porto (Romanian) cachet – Official, post free

Red Romanian Arad Type 3d Censor cachet

UNRECORDED COLOUR

This is the first used of a modified Hungarian Canceller in Nadas that reads dd mmm yy. The original cancellers read yyy mmm dd.

This is also the first use of a Romanian language cachet in Arad County (“Scutit de Porto”)

Arad



Picture Postcard from Arad to Hodany (Timis County)

CDS – Arad 920 Jan 11

Red Romanian Arad Type 3d Censor cachet

UNRECORDED COLOUR

Arad



Cover Locally used in Arad

20f Harvester with Magyar Posta and 2f Express both with Oradea Overprint.

CDS – Arad 19 Jan 920 N11 / K 1 K

Violet Romanian Arad Type 4 Censor cachet

CDS Arad 20 Jan 920 N11 / K I K on reverse.

This is the first used of a modified Hungarian Canceller in Arad that reads dd mmm yy. The original cancellers reads yyy mmm dd