

The Greek Post Office of Thessaloniki 1912-1950

Thessaloniki is the second most important city of Greece and the capital of Macedonia. It is built in the inlet of Thermaikos gulf, in the North-Western part of the Aegean Sea. In the past, it had an incessant and agitated history. It was established by Kassandros in 315 B.C., in the beginning of the Hellenistic era. Romans, Franks and Ottomans conquered the city from time to time.

During the Turkish domination, Thessaloniki was one of the most important cities of the Ottoman Empire and the biggest harbor of the Aegean Sea. It was the main city of the Balkan Peninsula therefore it was always an important political, military and economic center. So, inevitably, there was a need for an extensive postal facility at least during the last two centuries of the Turkish domination.

On 26 October in the year 1912 the Greek army entered in Thessaloniki and emancipated it from the Turkish domination. The next day, the Greek post office started its function at the city. On August 1914, the World War I broke out. From the middle of 1915 a big multinational army, of 500.000 soldiers, comprised the "Armée d' Orient". On November 1918 the War finished. Twenty years of peace followed. On September 1939 World War II broke out. On October 1940 Greece was attacked by Italians who were warded off. A German attack followed, and on April 1941 Greece was occupied by the German forces. The preoccupation of Thessaloniki lasted until October 1944. In the end of October of the same year Greek guerillas (EAM - ELAS) entered the city and stayed for a few months. A very hard Civil War follows (1946-1949). From the end of the Civil War and onwards city enjoys a steady period of peace with significant population and economic development.



Thessaloniki view postcard posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 22.9.1920, to France

The exhibit includes in five frames the Greek Post Offices that operated in the city of Thessaloniki and its outskirts from 1912 to 1950.

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We should mention the fact that until 15th February 1923, Greece, in contrast with many other countries et the world, was still using the Julian Calendar and only after 1st March 1923 the Gregorian one. To correspond the first with the second one should add 13 days to the first one.

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Central Post Office - General Services

The Greek Post and Telegraph Office of Thessaloniki were originally housed within the building of the former Ottoman Post Office on Egnatia Street which was occupied by the Greek policy on the morning of 27th October 1912. The first Greek stamps arrived possibly on the 4th November and after that date the Post Office accepted items addressed to Greece and abroad. By the end of March 1913 the Post Office moved to a newly - built establishment on Alexander the Great street (known today as Katouni Street) near the coast. The new building was completed during the Ottoman Administration. After the Great Fire (Aug. 1917), which destroyed the Commercial Center of the town, the Post Office was transferred to the only saved building, on the Liberty Square. After 1930 the Post Office moved to Tsimiski Street.



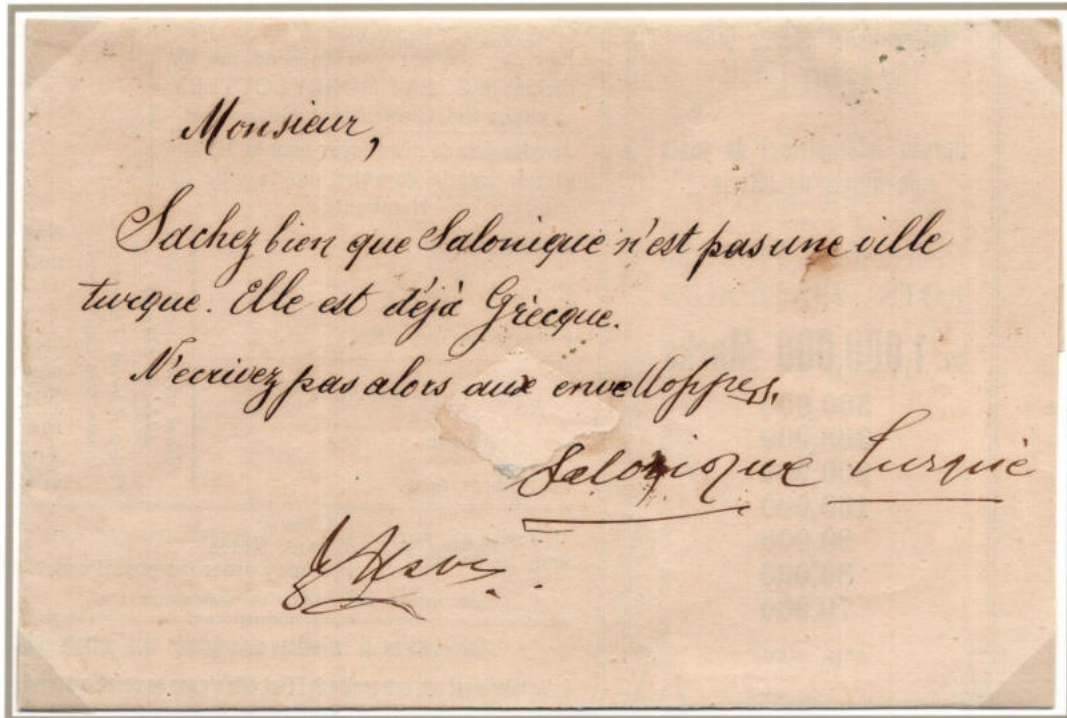
Central Post Office from 1913 to 1917,
on Alexander the Great Street.



Central Post Office from 1917 to 1930,
on Liberty Square.

The Greek Post Office of Thessaloniki 1912-1950

On 26th October 1912 Thessaloniki was liberated from the Turkish occupation. However for quite a long time after its liberation, we come across postal items incoming from abroad upon which the senders either out of ignorance or consciously, address their letters noting "Thessaloniki Turkey" or "Thessaloniki Bulgaria". The Greek Transportation Ministry had issued an order to the Management et the Thessaloniki Post Office to return such items to their senders. The Management though, did not follow this order, and rightly suggested that the recipients of these "offender" letters should notify their respective senders to use the correct address.



Letter sent from Germany to Thessaloniki with dispatch cancellation HAMBOURG 9.12.13. The sender, a Hamburg commercial firm, addressed the letter to Saloniki Turkei. However Thessaloniki had been liberated from Turkey about a year ago. The addressee deleted the words *Saloniki Turkei* and returned the letter to the sender adding in the original text: «**Sir, know that there is no longer a city in Turkey but in Greece. From now on please do not write on the envelope Salonique Turquie**».

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - Thessaloniki



6 December 1912

Letter card with printed 10 Lepta stamps issue 1912, overprinted with "ΣΤΡΑΤ. ΤΑΧΥΔΡ. ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΑΤΕΛΗΣ", posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 6 ΔΕΚΕ 1912 (= 19.12.12) to Athens.

Postal Rate: 10 Lepta for letter card into Greece.

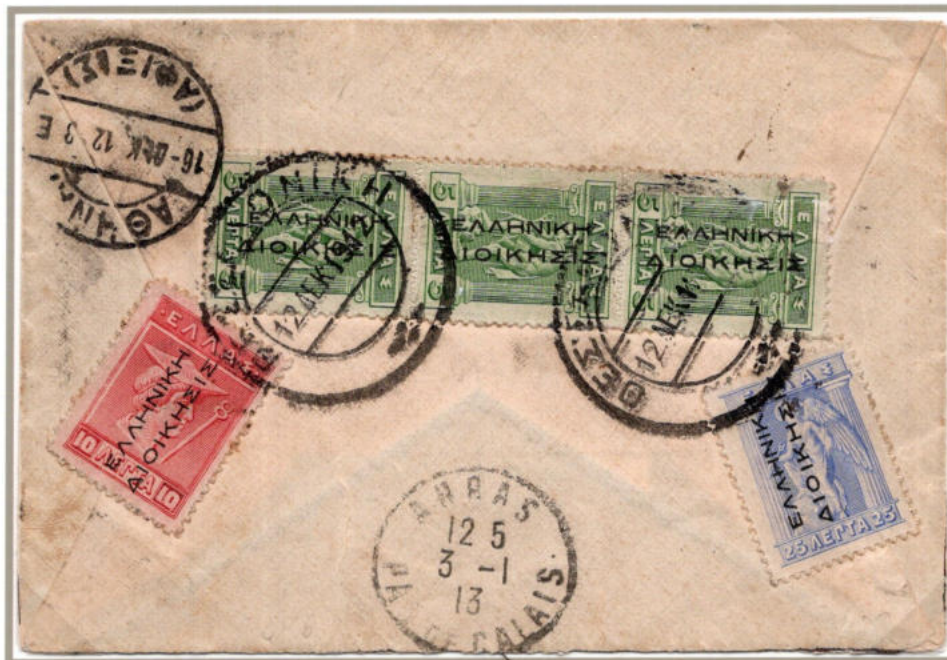


30 December 1912

Cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 30 ΔΕΚ 1912 (= 12.1.13) and franked with 10 Lepta issue 1912 stamps to ΣΥΡΟΣ 5 ΙΑΝ 13 (= 18.1.13).

Postal Rate: 10 Lepta for cover into Greece.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - Thessaloniki



12 December 1912

Registered cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 12 ΔΕΚ 1912 (= 25.12.12) and cancel with R, franked with a strip of 5 Lepta, 10 Lepta and 25 Lepta issue 1912 stamps, via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ (ΑΦΙΞΙΣ) 16 ΔΕΚ 12 (= 29.12.12) to ARRAS PAS DE CALAIS 3.I.13.

Postal Rate: 50 Lepta = 25 Lepta for cover and 25 Lepta for registered to France.



22 December 1912

Registered cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 22 ΔΕΚ 1912 (= 4.1.13), franked with 1 Drs issue 1912 stamps, cancel with "R", via CONSTANTINOPLE - BRITISH POST OFFICE C 10 JA 13 to CONSTATINOPEL DEUTSCHE POST 10.1.13.

Postal Rate: 1 Drs = 75 Lepta for triple weight cover and 25 Lepta for registered to Ottoman Empire.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - Thessaloniki

**28 December 1912**

Registered cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 28 ΔΕΚΕ 12 (= 10.I.13), franked with pair of 25 Lepta issue 1912 stamps, cancel with "R" and "RECOMMANDÉ", with Maritime cancel "PAQUEBOT" (back), via ALEXANDRIA 17.I.13 to BIRKET EL SAB 17.I.13.

Postal Rate: 50 Lepta = 25 Lepta for cover and 25 Lepta for registered to Egypt.

**18 November 1913**

Picture postcard posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 18.11.13 (= 1.12.13), franked with 5 Lepta issue 1912 stamps, with cancel "ΣΤΡΑΤΙΩΤΙΚΟΝ ΤΑΜΕΙΟΝ ΧΙ ΜΕΡΑΡΧΙΑΣ" (= Military Cash of 11th Division - Thessaloniki) to Piraeus.

Postal Rate: 5 Lepta for picture postcard into Greece.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - SALONIQUE



3 Joule 1913

Cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - SALONIQUE 3 ΙΟΥΛ 13 (= 16.7.13) and franked with a strip of 5 Lepta issue 1913 stamps to Athens.

Postal Rate: 10 Lepta for cover into Greece.



12 January 1913

Registered cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - SALONIQUE 12 ΙΑΝ 13 (= 25.1.13), franked with strip of five of 1 Lepta, 20 Lepta and 25 Lepta issue 1912 stamps, with registered label SALONIQUE and cancel "CHARGE", via GLARUS 17.2.13 to ENNENDA 17.2.13.

Postal Rate: 50 Lepta = 25 Lepta for cover and 25 Lepta for registered to Switzerland.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - Thessaloniki

**1 March 1913**

Letter card with printed 10 Lepta stamps issue 1912, overprinted with "ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΙΟΙΚΗΣΙΣ" (Greek Administration) and posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 1 ΜΑΡΤ 13 (= 14.3.13) to Athens.

Postal Rate: 10 Lepta for letter card into Greece.

**1 May 1913**

Cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 1 ΜΑΙ 13 (= 14.5.13), franked with 10 Lepta issue 1912, 5 Lepta and 10 Lepta issue 1913 stamps, via ALEXANDRIA 23.5.13 to SAN STEFANO 23.5.13 Egypt.

Postal Rate: 25 Lepta for letter to Egypt.

**Thessaloniki 1912-50
Central Post Office
General Services**

BANQUE DE COMMERCE ET DE DÉPÔTS
SALONIQUE



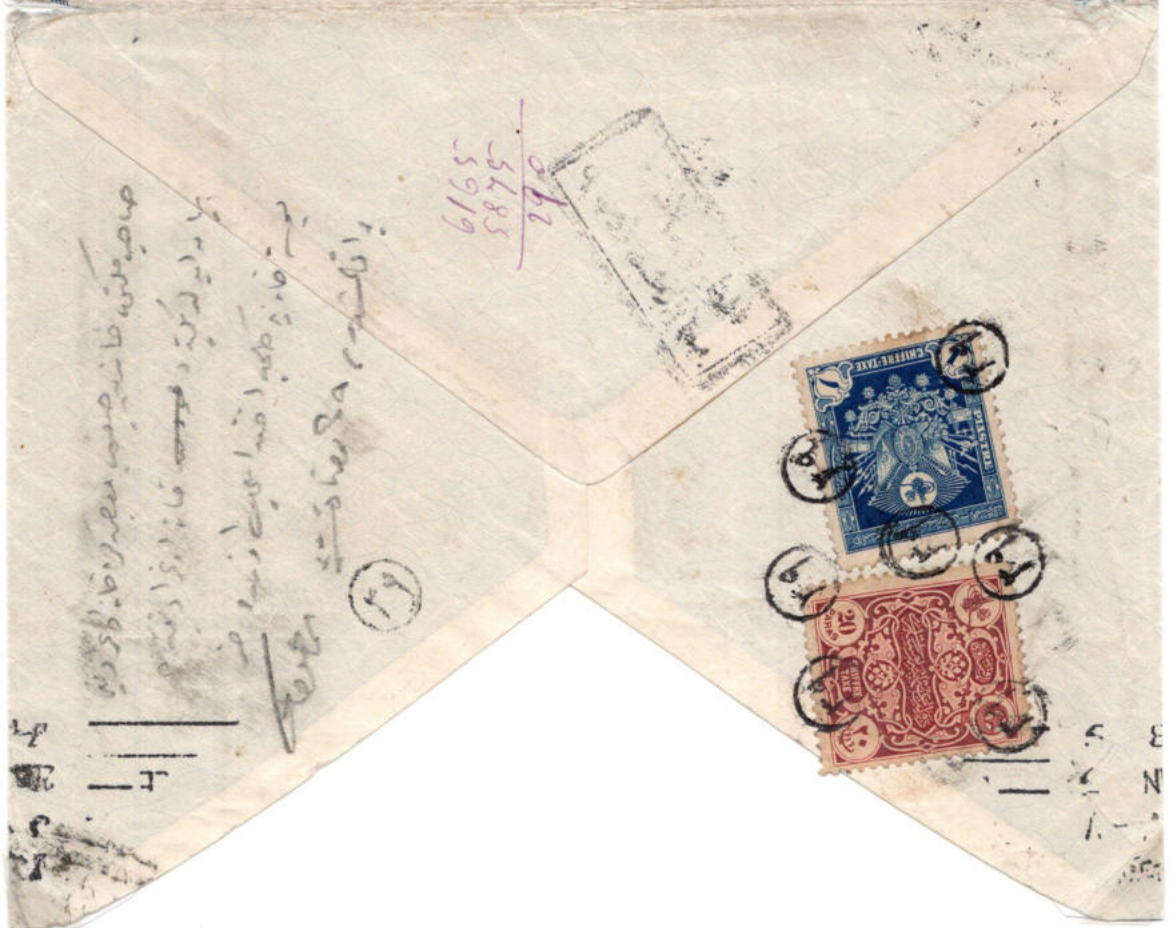
Monsieur **T**
C. Triandaphillides
Pappazoglou Han
Constantinople

January 1915

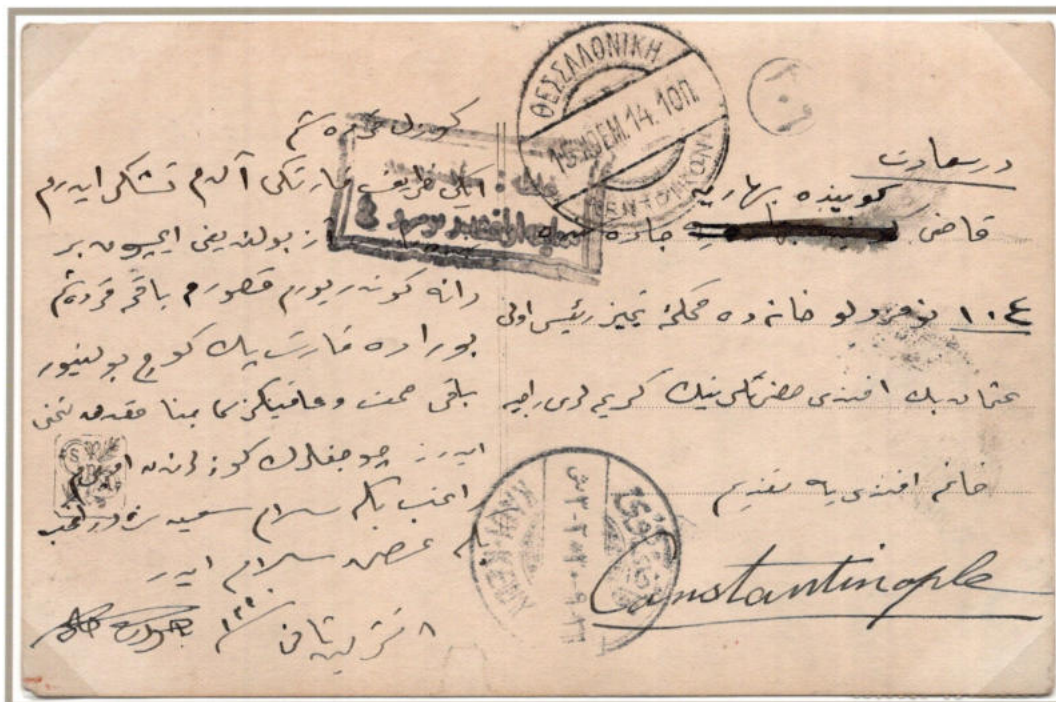
Cover from Thessaloniki & franked with 25 Lepta issue 1913 stamps (normal foreign Postal Rate), but without cancel of Thessaloniki, to CONSTANTIOPLE 20 JANV 1915 Ottoman Empire.

Cancelled on arrival with T (: Taxe) and manuscript Taxe-Postal Rate 50 c (double of regular Postal Rate). Taxed on arrival with 20 Para and 1 Piastre (= 60 Para) issue 1914 ottoman postage due stamps and cancelled with 29 (= 29).

Censorship W.W.I:
"GALATA CENSOR
Examination has been
accomplished"



ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΚΕΝΤΡΙΚΟΝ - Thessaloniki Central Post Office

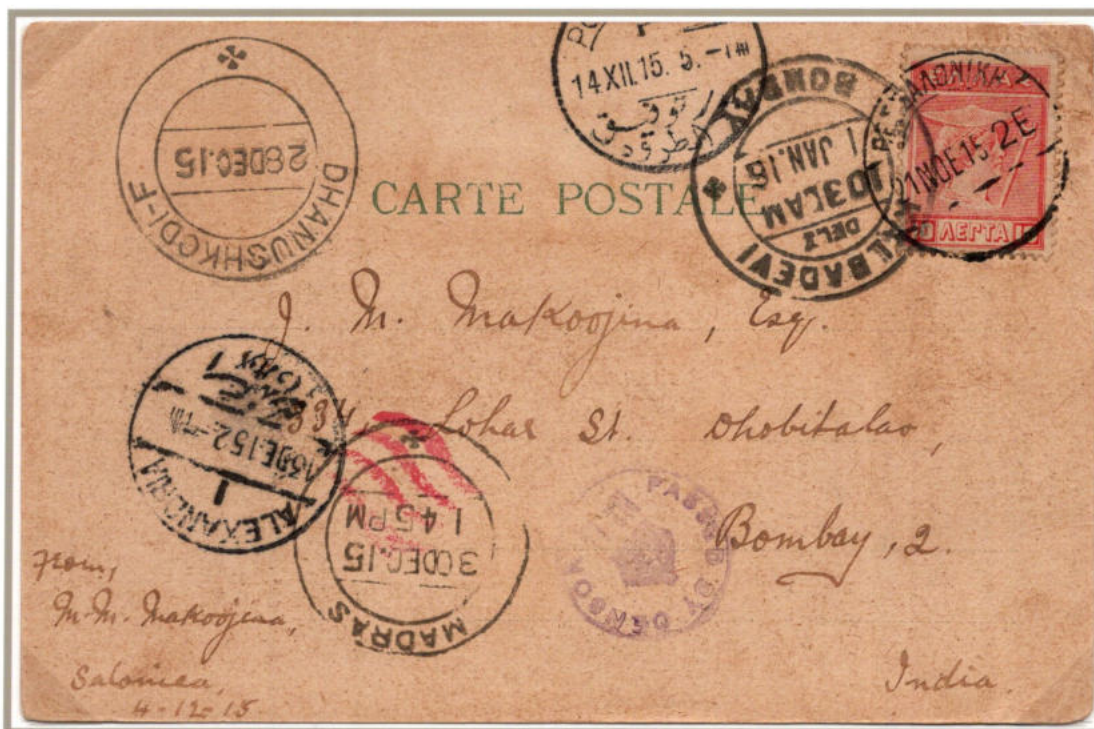


15 November 1914

Picture postcard posted from ΠΙΡΕΒΕΖΑ .. NOEM 14, franked with 2 x 5 Lepta issue 1913 stamps, via ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΚΕΝΤΡΙΚΟΝ 15 NOEM 14 (= 28.11.14) to KADI-KEUY 16.11.14. Censorship on arrival: "GALATA CENSOR - Examination has been accomplished" (W.W.I).

Postal Rate: 10 Lepta for picture postcard to Ottoman Empire.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - Thessaloniki



21 November 1915

Picture postcard posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 21 NOE 15 (= 4.12.15), franked with 10 Lepta stamps issue 1912, via ALEXANDRIA 13 DE 15, PORT-SAID 14.XII.15, DHANUSHKODI-F 28 DEC 15, MADRAS 30 DEC 15 to KALBADEVI BOMBAY 1 JAN 16. With censorship in India "PASSED BY CENSOR No 11".

Postal Rate: 10 Lepta for picture postcard to India.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - Thessaloniki

**3 December 1917**

Letter card with printed 10 Lepta stamps issue 1910, franked with 5 Lepta issue 1916 stamps, posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 3 ΔΕΚ 17 (= 16.12.17), with French censorship "NO" and Greek censorship "8 M.A." to Athens.

Postal Rate: 15 Lepta for letter card into Greece.

**2 May 1918**

Cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 12 ΜΑΙ 18 (= 25.5.18), franked with 10 Lepta issue 1917 and 15 Lepta issue 1918 stamps, with Greek censorship «ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗΣ» A.27 and closed with special tape with bilingual indication «ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ - CENSURE HELLENIQUE», via ALEXANDRIA 11 JUN 18, PORT SAID 12.VI.18 to Bombay. Censorship on arrival "PASSED CENSOR BOMBAY E.P.C."

Postal Rate: 25 Lepta for letter to India.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - Thessaloniki



3 April 1925

Postcard with printed 10 Lepta stamps issue 1911 and franked with 30 Lepta issue 1923 stamps, posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 3.IV.925, to Patrai.

Postal Rate: 40 Lepta for postcard into Greece.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ (ΕΞΩΤ.) - Thessaloniki (Abroad) Expedition



18 May 1926

Cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ (ΕΞΩΤ.) 18 MAI 26, franked with 2 Drs issue 1919 and pair of 25 Lepta issue 1926 stamps, to Frankfurt.

Postal Rate: 2.50 Drs for cover to Germany.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ - Thessaloniki Expedition



17 March 1926

Cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ 17 ΜΑΡΤ 26, franked with 4x20 Lepta and 80 Lepta issue 1923, cancel with "T" and tax manuscript "30". Taxed on arrival with 50 cent issue 1870/74 postage due stamps and cancelled with TRIEST 20.III.26

Postal Rate: 1.60 Drs for cover (normal Postal Rate 2.50 Drs) to Italy.

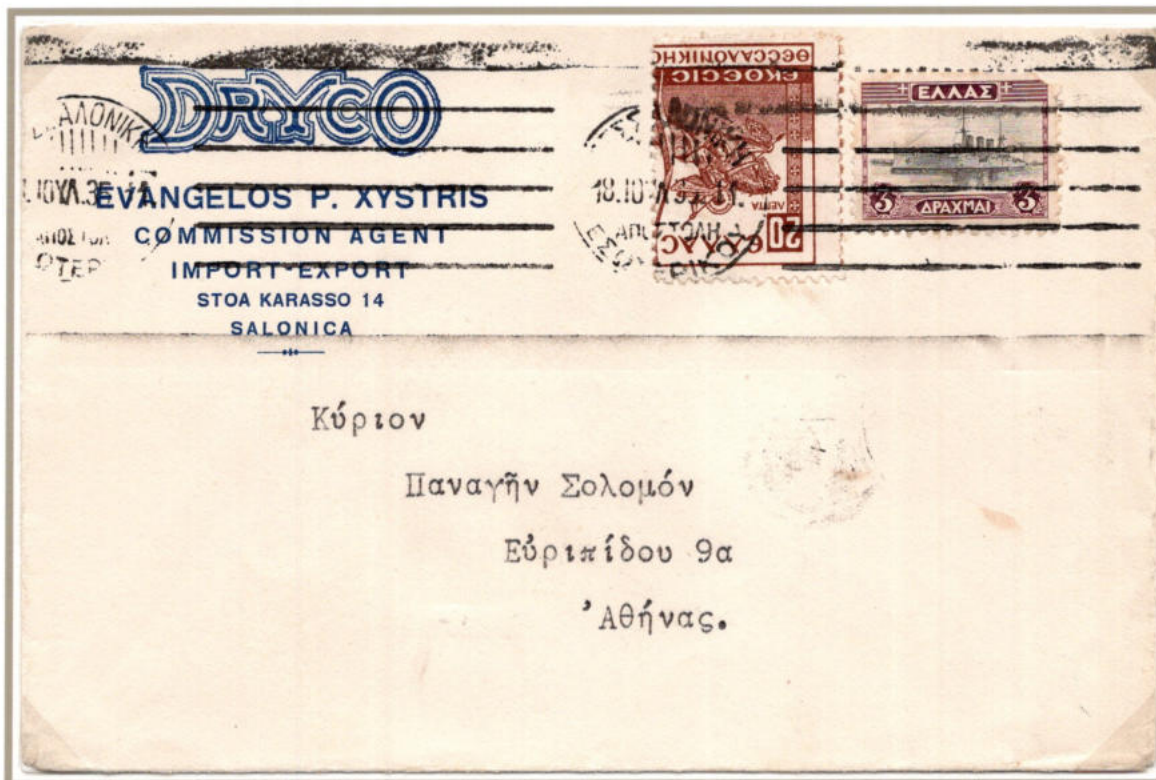


3 October 1932

Cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ 3.X.32, franked with 5 Drs issue 1922 and 2 Drs issue 1932 stamps, to Veles.

Postal Rate: 7 Drs for cover to Yugoslavia.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΕΣΩΤΕΡΙΚΟΥ - Thessaloniki Inland Expedition



18 Joule 1935

Cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΕΣΩΤΕΡΙΚΟΥ 18 ΙΟΥΛ 35, franked with 3 Drs issue 1933 stamps and 20 Lepta issue 1934 charity stamps, to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 19.VII.35.

Postal Rate: 3.20 Drs = 3 Drs for cover and 20 Lepta for Thessaloniki International Fair into Greece.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΕΣΩΤΕΡΙΚΟΥ - Thessaloniki Abroad Expedition



3 May 1935

Cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΕΣΩΤΕΡΙΚΟΥ 3 ΜΑΙ 35, franked with 8 Drs issue 1934 stamps, to Hannover.

Postal Rate: 8 Drs for cover to Germany.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - Thessaloniki

**14 July 1936**

Postcard posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 14.VII.36, franked with pair of 1Drs issue 1933 stamps, to Patrai.

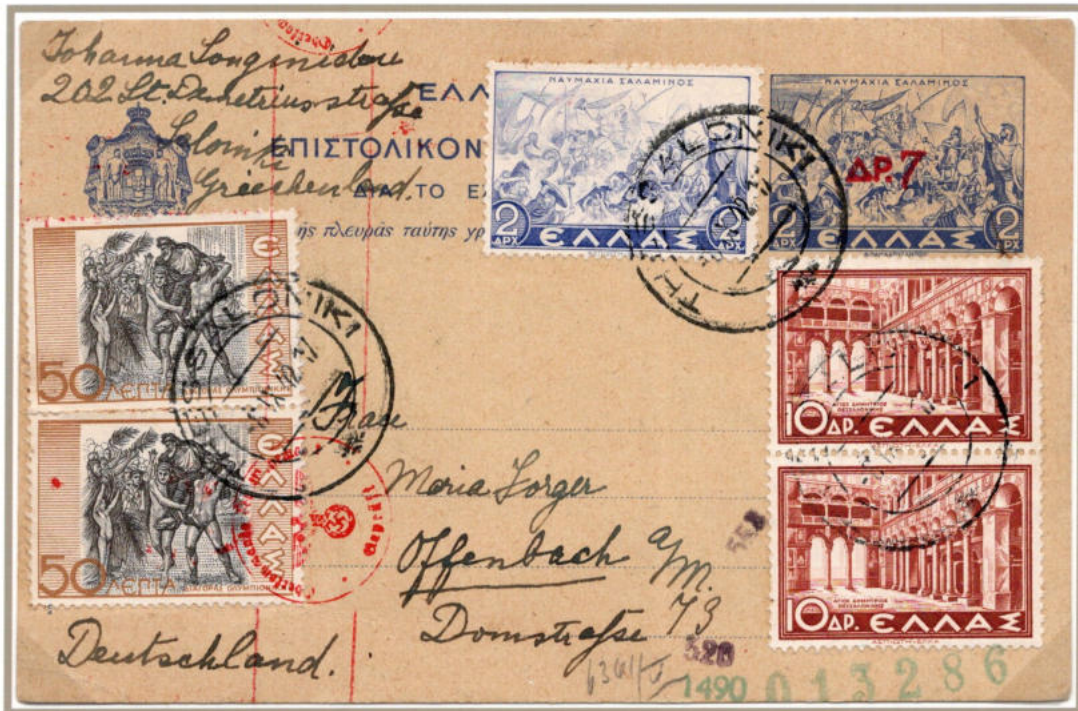
Postal Rate: 2 Drs for postcard into Greece.

**24 February 1939**

Cover posted from THESSALONIKI 24.II.39, franked with pair of 3Drs and 2Drs issue 1937 stamps and pair of 50 Lepta charity stamps issue 1938, to Kraftsdorf.

Postal Rate: 9 Drs = 8 Drs for cover and 1Drs for Social Welfare Fund to Germany.

THESSALONIKI

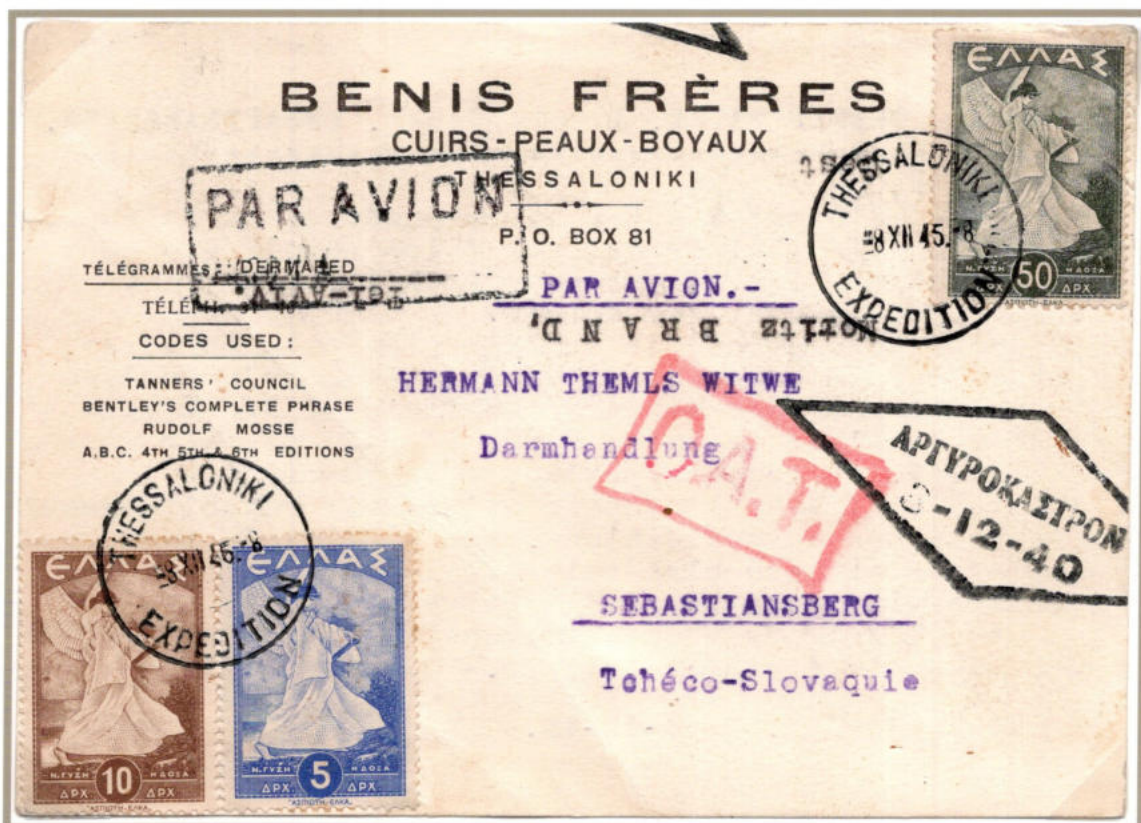


8 September 1942

Postcard with printed 7 Drs stamps issue 1942, franked with a pair of 50 Lepta, 2 Drs and a pair of 10 Drs issue 1937 stamps, posted from THESSALONIKI 8.IX.42, to Germany.

Postal Rate: 30 Drs for postcard to Germany.

THESSALONIKI EXPEDITION



8 December 1945

Cover posted from THESSALONIKI EXPEDITION 8.XII 45, franked with 5, 10 and 50 Drs issue 1945 stamps, with lorenge "ΑΡΓΥΡΟΚΑΣΤΡΟΝ 3-12-40" and red boxed "O.A.T." to Sebastiansberg.

Postal Rate: 60 Drs for cover to Czechoslovakia.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 1 - Thessaloniki 1



29 December 1938

Cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 1 25.XII.38, franked with 3 Drs issue 1937 stamp, 20 Lepta issue 1934, 10 Lepta issue 1935, 50 Lepta issue 1938 all charity stamps, to Athens.

Postal Rate: 3.80 Drs for cover into Greece (3 Drs for cover, 20 Lepta Thessaloniki International Fair Fund, 10 Lepta Postal staff Anti-Tuberculosis Fund and 50 Lepta Social Welfare Fund).

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 2 - Thessaloniki 2



27 November 1946

Airmail cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 2 27.XI.46, franked with 2.000 Drs issue 1946 stamp, to New-York 7 DEC 1946.

Postal Rate: 2.000 Drs for airmail cover to USA (600 Drs for cover and 1.400 Drs for airmail).

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 4 - Thessaloniki 4



15 August 1939

Express cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 4 15.VIII.39 with cancel ΕΠΕΙΓΟΝ (Express), franked with 15 Drs issue 1937 stamps, 20 Lepta issue 1934 and 50 issue 1939 charity stamps, to ΒΟΛΟΣ 15.VIII.39.

Postal Rate: 15.70 Drs for double weight express cover into Greece (5 Drs for double weight cover, 10 Drs for express, 20 Lepta for Thessaloniki International Fair Fund and 50 Lepta Postal staff Anti-Tuberculosis Fund).

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 5 - Thessaloniki 5



10 August 1944

Airpost cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 5 10.VIII.1944, franked with 3x5.000 Drs and 2x25.000 Drs issue 1944 stamps, 5x5.000 Drs issue 1944 charity stamps, to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 12.VIII.1944.

Postal Rate: 90.000 Drs for cover into Greece (50.000 for cover, 15.000 Drs for airpost and 25.000 Drs for Postal staff Anti-Tuberculosis Fund).



25 August 1943

Airpost cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 5 25.VIII.1943, franked with 200 Drs issue 1942 stamps and 2x5 Drs issue 1942 airpost stamp to Athens. The cover on arrival at the central post office of Athens unsealing, controlled and closed with special tape with bilingual indication VERIFICATO PER CENSURA. Cancelled with stamp UFFICIO CENSURA POSTALE ATHEN (Italian censorship).

Postal Rate: 210 Drs for cover into Greece (200 Drs for cover and 100 Drs for airpost).

The Greek Post Office of Thessaloniki 1912-1950

Registered Mail

From the beginning at its establishment, the Thessaloniki Post Office accepted the handling of registered mail. The sender had to pay an extra fee, usually being equal to the 1st scale letter Postal Rate.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - Thessaloniki



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16 June 1915

Registered cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 16 IOYN 15 (=29.6.15), franked with a pair of 25 Lepta issue 1913 stamps, with registered label SALONIQUE, via NEW YORK 22.7.1915 to PHILADELPHIA 23 JUL 1915.

Postal Rate: 50 Lepta = 25 Lepta for cover and 25 lepta for registered to U.S.A.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ - Thessaloniki Registered



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**16 March 1920**

Registered cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 16 ΜΑΡΤ 20 (= 29.3.20), franked with 3 Lepta issue 1911, 3 Lepta issue 1912, 3 Lepta issue 1912, 2x3, 5 and 30 Lepta issue 1916 stamps, with Greek censorship "ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗΣ", via BASEL BRIEFTRÄGER 5.IV.20 to BASEL 19 KLEINHÜNINGEN 6.IV.20.

Postal Rate: 50 Lepta = 25 Lepta for cover and **25 lepta for registered** to Switzerland.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ - Thessaloniki Registered



29 October 1927

Registered cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 29.X.27, franked with 2 Drs issue 1919, 2x50 lepta issue 1927 and 5x1 Drs issue 1927 stamps, with registered label THESSALONIKI (back), via NEUKIRCH 1.11.27 to WEHRSDORF 1.11.27.

Postal Rate: 8 Drs = 4 Drs for cover and 4 Drs for registered to Germany.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ – Thessaloniki Registered



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24 October 1927

Registered cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 24 OKT 27, franked with 2x1 Drs and 2x3 Drs issue 1927 stamps, with registered label THESSALONIKI to BERN 29.X.27.

Postal Rate: 8 Drs = 4 Drs for cover and 4 Drs for registered to Switzerland.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ - Thessaloniki Registered



4 September 1930

Registered cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 4.IX.1930, franked with 8x1 Dr issue 1930 stamps, with registered label THESSALONIKI to NEW YORK REG 17.9.1930.

Postal Rate: 8 Drs = 4 Drs for cover and 4 Drs for registered to USA.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ - Thessaloniki Registered



9 December 1933

Registered cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 9 XII 1933, franked with 1 Drs and a pair of 3 Drs issue 1927 stamps, with registered cancel to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΣΙΣ 11.ΧΙΙ.33.

Postal Rate: 7 Drs = 3 Drs for cover and 4 Drs for registered into Greece.



21 November 1942

Registered cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 21.ΧΙ.42, franked with 4x25 Drs issue 1942 stamps and 1 Dr issue 1942 charity stamps, with registered cancel to ΛΑΡΙΣΣΑ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 24.ΧΙ.42.

Postal Rate: 101 Drs = 50 Drs for cover, 1 Dr for Thessaloniki International Fair Fund and 50 Drs for registered into Greece.

The Greek Post Office of Thessaloniki 1912-1950

Air Mail

The first airmail connection between Thessaloniki and Alexandria (Egypt) established in 1930 which soon developed to cover other countries as well. In 1931 marked the airmail connection between Thessaloniki – Athens for letter carried by air planes the sender had to pay a special extra fee (depending to distance) which, for many years, was paid by the use of special airmail stamps.

Fist Flight ATHENS - THESSALONIKI with S.H.C.A. Air Company



10 July 1931

Airmail cover posted from ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 10.VII.31 (Fist Flight ATHENS - THESSALONIKI with S.H.C.A. Air Company), franked with 50 Lepta and 2 x 1 Drs issue 1927 stamps, with cancel "ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ ΑΕΡΟΠ. ΣΥΓΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΑΣ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗΣ" and "ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ - PAR AVION" to ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 10.VII.31 and with cancel "ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΗ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ".

Postal Rate: 2.50 Drs = 1.50 Drs for cover and 1 Drs for airmail into Greece.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ - Thessaloniki Airmail Expedition



17 September 1931

Airmail cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 17.IX.31, franked with 10 Lepta and 6x40 Lepta issue 1927 stamps, with cancel "ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ - PAR AVION" to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 17.IX.31.

Postal Rate: 2.50 Drs = 1.50 Drs for cover and 1 Drs for airmail into Greece.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ - Thessaloniki Airmail Expedition



12 July 1932

Airmail cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 12.VII.32, franked with 3x5 Drs issue 1922 stamps, with cancel "ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ - PAR AVION" via PARIS GARE DU NORD AVION 13.VII.32 to PARIS R.P. 1 DISTRIB. 14.VII.1932.

Postal Rate: 15 Drs = 5 Drs for cover and 10 Drs for airmail to France.

ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ - PAR AVION



28 May 1947

Registered airmail cover posted from THESSALONIKI RECOMMANDES 28.5.1947, franked with 5.000 Drs issue 1946 stamps, with boxed cancel PAR AVION to NEW YORK REG 3.6.1947. The back side of cover was cancelled with hand stamp «ΗΛΕΧΘΗ» (Controlled) and signature of the censor.

Postal Rate: 5.000 Drs = 600 Drs for cover, 600 Drs for registered 3.800 Drs for airmail to USA.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ - Thessaloniki Airmail Expedition



9 October 1934

Airmail cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 9.X.34, franked with 2x5 Drs issue 1922 stamps, 1 Dr, 2 Dr and 2x5 Drs issue 1935 airpost stamp and 20 lepta charity stamp, with cancel "ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ - PAR AVION" via WIEN 10.X.34 to MUNCHEN 11.10.34.

Postal Rate: 23.20 Drs = 8 Drs for cover, 20 Lepta for Thessaloniki International Fair Fund and 15 Drs for airmail to Germany.

THESSALONIKI AVION



23 July 1947

Airmail cover posted from THESSALONIKI AVION 23.VII.47, franked with 250 Drs issue 1946, 50 Drs, 100 Drs and 500 Drs issue 1947 stamps to Geneve.

Postal Rate: 1.000 Drs = 600 Drs for cover and 400 Drs for airmail to Switzerland.

ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ - PAR AVION



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21 October 1941

Airmail cover posted from THESSALONIKI 21.X.41, franked with 4x2 Drs, 4x50 Lepta issue 1937 stamps and 3x2 Drs issue 1937 airmail stamps, with cancel “ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ - PAR AVION” to Wien.

Postal Rate: 16 Drs = 10 Drs for cover and 6 Drs for airmail to Austria (Germany).

PAR AVION - VIA CLIPPER - VIA LISBON



16 October 1940

Airmail cover posted from THESSALONIKI 16.X.40, franked with 2 Drs issue 1937 and 6 Drs issue 1940 stamps, 2 Drs and 30Drs issue 1937 airmail stamps, with manuscript "PAR AVION - VIA CLIPPER - VIA LISBON", with Thessaloniki Exchange Control cancel via ATHINAI POSTE AERIENE 16.X.40 to New York.

Postal Rate: 40 Drs = 8 Drs for cover and 32 Drs for airmail to USA.

ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ - PAR AVION



1 February 1946

Registered airmail cover posted from THESSALONIKI RECOMMANDES 1.II.46, without stamps, but with cancel "Taxe Percu Dr. 1.750", via NEW YORK 16.2.1946 to DETROIT 17 FEB 1946.

Postal Rate: 1.750 Drs = 150+100 Dr for double weight cover, 200 Dr for registered & 1.300 Dr for airmail to USA

ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ - PAR AVION



11 September 1944

Airmail cover without stamps (because there weren't any available stamps), but with manuscript note "Τέλος εισπραχθή: Κ. 200, Α. 100, Σύνολο 300" (= Postal Rate payed: normal 200.000 Drs, airmail 100.000 Drs, total 300.000), posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 5 11.IX.44 with PAR AVION label to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 12 ΣΕΠΤ 44.

Postal Rate: 300.000 Drs = 200.000 Drs for cover and **100.000 Drs** for airmail, into Greece.

The Greek Post Office of Thessaloniki 1912-1950

Parcel Post Office

In November 1912, a parcel post sub-office begun to operate occupying the area of the Old Customs-House in the city port.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - Thessaloniki

ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΙΣ
ΤΩΝ
ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΩΝ & ΤΗΛΕΓΡΑΦΩΝ



ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ
ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΙΚΩΝ ΔΕΜΑΤΩΝ ΕΝ
ΤΩ ΕΣΩΤΕΡΙΚΩ

ΔΕΛΤΙΟΝ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗΣ

Προσδιορισμός του δέματος: 3 πακέτα (δέμα, κιβώτιον, κυτίον, κάλαθος κτλ.)

Επιγραφή: Πορτάν Ρωσών
Καρίν Χανάν
Δοροβίτς εις Δοροβίτς

Περιεχόμενον: Κιγάρα

Τῆς 29/7 1916 Υπογραφή και κατοικία του: Προσθαιίδης
Σμαγιά 82

Βάρος εις γραμμάρια 11.400

Αύξων αριθμός ἀρξέως: 1217-18-19
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Χρονολογικόν σφραγιστρών του γραφείου

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ

62289

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ

123270

1916



Χώρος πρὸς ἐπικόλλησιν συμπληρωτικῶν γραμματοσήμων.

ΒΟΗΘΕΙΤΕ ΤΟΝ ΥΠΟ ΤΗΝ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΕΙΑΝ ΤΗΣ Α.Μ.Τ.Η.Σ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣΗΣ ΠΑΤΡΙΩΤΙΚΟΝ ΣΥΝΔΕΣΜΟΝ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΔΩΝ

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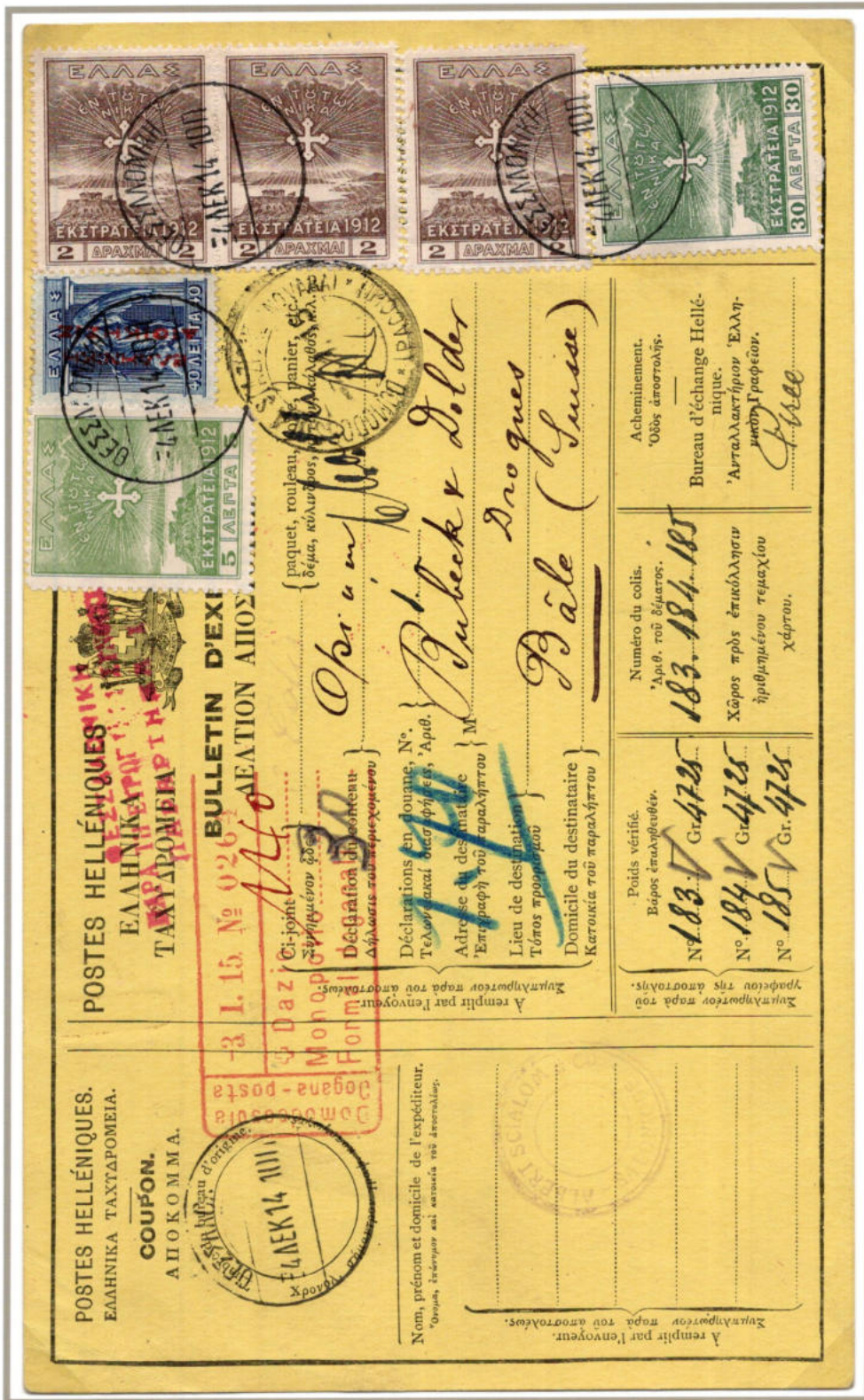
30 Julie 1916

Parcel card form issue 1913 overprinted (1914) with ΑΞΙΑΣ ΛΕΙΠΤΩΝ 5 (= 5 Lepta), posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 30 ΙΟΥΛ 16 (= 12.8.16) and franked with 3 x 5 Lepta issue 1915 charity stamps, to ΣΟΡΟΒΙΤΣ 1 ΑΥΓ 16 (= 14.8.16).

Postal Rate: 20 Lepta for three parcel with cigarettes total weight 11.400 Kgr into Greece.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - Thessaloniki

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΠΑΡΑ ΤΗΝ ΕΥΡΩΠΑΪΚΗ ΣΥΝΟΙΚΙΑ - ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ Ι
Thessaloniki European Quarter, 1st Branch Post Office



4 December 1914

Parcel card issue 1901, with red cancel ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - ΠΑΡΑ ΤΗ ΕΥΡΩΠΑΪΚΗ ΣΥΝΟΙΚΙΑ ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ Ι, posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 4 ΔΕΚ 14 (= 17.12.14), franked with 40 Lepta issue 1912, 5 Lerta, 30 Lepta and strip of three of 2 Drs issue 1913 stamps, via ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ, DOMODOSSOLA STAZIONE NOVARI (RACCHI) 3.I.15 to Bale.

Postal Rate: 6.75 Drs for three parcels with opium total weight 14.175 gr to Switzerland.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΔΕΜΑΤΑ - Thessaloniki Parcels

<p>POSTES HELLENIQUES ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΑ ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΑ</p>	<p>COUPON ΑΠΟΚΟΜΜΑ</p> <p>Timbre du bureau d'origine</p>	<p>Numeros d'enregistrement Αριθμός του δέματος</p>	<p>THESSALONIKI 1401</p>	
<p>Χρονολόγιο αποστολέων ημερησίου καταγωγής</p> <p>22 ΙΟΥΛ 1931 ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ</p>	<p>Nom et domicile de l'expéditeur Όνοματεπώνυμο και διεύθυνση του αποστολέως</p> <p>Sot. Fra'pi Ros Blque Hone Frants de Sigre</p>	<p>Valeur déclarée Δεδηλωμένη αξία</p>	<p>BULLETON AΠΟΣΤΟΛΗΣ ΔΕΛΤΙΟΝ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗΣ</p> <p>№ 2568</p>	
<p>colis δέματος declaracons en douane τελωνειακώς διασφαρισσός</p>	<p>Certificats ou factures Πιστοποιητικά ή τιμολόγια</p>	<p>Montant du remboursement Αντίτιμο</p>	<p>Α Frau Luise Giger Paradies Mettmenstetten Hürich</p>	
<p>Lieu de destination Τόπος προορισμού</p>	<p>Poids Βάρους 92.1000</p>	<p>Droits de douane Τελωνειακά τέλη</p>	<p>Acheminement Όδος άποστολής</p>	
<p>Χρονολ. σημαντερον τελουσιου</p>	<p>(1) Cadre à remplir par le bureau d'origine συμπληρωτέα καράι του γραφείου.</p>	<p>BUREAU D'ÉCHANGE HELLENIQUE DE THESSALONIKI-DOUANE</p>	<p>Ex 5 ΛΕΠΤΑ 5</p>	<p>iane du pays de destination. οστάς της χώρας προορισμού.</p>

22 Julie 1931
Parcel card posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΔΕΜΑΤΑ 22 ΙΟΥΛ 31, franked with 5 Lepta issue 1918, 2x2 Drs issue 1919, 2x25 Drs issue 1922, 2x10 Lepta and 50 Lepta issue 1927 stamps, via Yugoslavia to METTMENSTETTEN 29.7.1931 Zurich.
Postal Rate: 54.95 Drs for parcel with weight 1.600 gr to Switzerland.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΔΕΜΑΤΑ - Thessaloniki Parcels

Υπόδ. 105

ΤΟ ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΟΝ *Κιλκίς*

ΠΡΟΣ ΤΟ ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΟΝ *Κιλκίς*

Χρονολ. σήμαντρον Γραφ. αποστολής

Χρονολ. σήμαντρον Γραφ. αφίξεως

ΦΥΛΛΟΝ
ΣΤΟΛΗΣ ΤΑΧ. ΔΕΜΑΤΩΝ

Αριθμός αποστολής *44*

Χρονολογία *17 10 40*

Σάκκοι

Αύξων αριθμός	Γραφείον παραγωγής	Αριθμός δέματος	Κατηγορία δέματος	Γραφείον προορισμού	Δελτία	Δέματα	Αριθμός σάκκων	Παρατηρήσεις
1	<i>Κιλκίς - 3169</i>	<i>114388</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Κιλκίς</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>		
2	<i>2</i>	<i>114388</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Κιλκίς</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>		

17 October 1940
Bill of goods parcel from Thessaloniki to Kilkis with cancel ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΔΕΜΑΤΑ 17.X.940.

ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗΣ ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΙΚΟΥ ΔΕΜΑΤΟΣ
ΣΤΗΝ ΘΟΥΣ Η ΜΕΤΑ ΔΕΔΗΛΩΜΕΝΗΣ ΑΣΙΑΣ

Αχιλλέα Πελα

Εις *Μούδρα Ρικνός*

Μανδραϊά

Θε/κ τῆ 30 / 10 / 1930

Όνομα αποστολέως *Γ. Παπαϊωάννου*

Αδευθύνου αποστολέως οδός *Κυρρεού* αριθ. *8*

Αι ένας δέμας σπλονται 3 δέματα ονήθη προς τόν αυτόν παραλήτην περιέχοντα τὸ αὐτὸ εἶδος

Χῶρος πρὸς ἐπικόλλησιν τοῦ ἀριθμοῦ τοῦ δέματος	Βάρος εἰς γραμμάρια	Χῶρος πρὸς ἐπικόλλησιν τοῦ ἀριθμοῦ τοῦ δέματος	Βάρος εἰς γραμμάρια	Χῶρος πρὸς ἐπικόλλησιν τοῦ ἀριθμοῦ τοῦ δέματος	Βάρος εἰς γραμμάρια	Χῶρος πρὸς ἐπίτευσιν παχυμοίσι που ἐξ ἰσπανικοῦ κηροῦ σφραγίδος δι' ἧς ἐσφραγίσθη τὸ δέμα μετὰ δεδουλευμένης ἀξίας
<i>50245</i>	<i>5625</i>			<i>31.50</i>		

996
11/10/30
1523

30 October 1930
Parcel card posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΔΕΜΑΤΑ 30 ΟΚΤ 30, franked with 5 Drs issue 1913/23, 50 Lepta and 1 Drs issue 1927 and 25 Drs issue 1930 stamps, via ΚΑΣΤΡΟΝ ΛΗΜΝΟΥ 2 ΝΟΕΜ 30 to ΜΟΥΔΡΟΣ 4.X.1930.
Postal Rate: 31.5 Drs for one parcel weight 5.625 gr into Greece.

MINISTÈRE
DES
POSTES, TÉLÉGRAPHES ET TÉLÉPHONES
HELLENIQUES
ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟΝ Τ. Τ. Τ.

(Υπόδειγμα αριθ. 52 δις)

RÉCLAMATION
ΑΙΤΗΣΙΣ



Bureau de Salonique
Γραφείον

d'un collet Postal
περι συστημένου
contenant Specialites Pharmaceutique
περιεχομένου
déposé par M Geo. Papadopoulos
καταθέντος υπό του κ. Geo. Papadopoulos
sous le N° 813 au bureau de Salonique
υπ' αριθ. 813 εν τῷ γραφείῳ Salonique Ville 29-6-29
à l'adresse suivante:
ὑπὸ τὴν εἰς ἐπιγραφὴν: Firma Fauth & Co Mannheim - Allemagne

et faisant l'objet d'une demande d'avis de réception

Date 1-12-1929
Χρονολογία

Le chef du bureau d'Origine
Ὁ προϊστάμενος τοῦ γραφείου τῆς καταγωγῆς

Georgidis



L'envoi désigné ci-dessus a été inséré dans la dépêche du bureau d'échange de Salonique

du 29-6-1929
τῆς 29-6-1929
pour le bureau d'échange de Salonique Douaie
διὰ τὸ γραφεῖον Salonique Douaie
il a été inscrit sous le N° 153 d'envoi

du tableau I de la feuille d'avis
τοῦ Α' πίνακος τοῦ φύλλου εἰδοπραξίας
de la liste spéciale
τοῦ εἰδικοῦ καταλόγου

Σημειώσιμον ἐπὶ τοῦ γραφείου τοῦ προορισμοῦ
En cas de distribution
Ἐν ᾧ περιεχόμενον
En cas de non distribution
Ἐν ᾧ δὲν περιεχόμενον

Le soussigné déclare que l'envoi susmentionné a été dûment livré à l'ayant droit le 15.7.1929

Le chef du bureau distributeur
Ὁ προϊστάμενος τοῦ γραφείου τοῦ προορισμοῦ
S.d.P.



Le soussigné déclare que l'envoi susmentionné
est encore en instance au bureau de Salonique
παραμένει ἀνεκδοκίμη ἐν τῷ γραφείῳ τοῦ Salonique
a été renvoyé au bureau d'origine le 190
ἐπιστράφη εἰς τὸ γραφεῖον τῆς καταγωγῆς τῆς 190
a été reexpédié le 190
ἀπιστὴλῃ περιτῆρῳ τῆς 190
n'est pas parvenu au bureau de destination.
δὲν ἀρίκτετο εἰς τὸ γραφεῖον τοῦ προορισμοῦ.

Le chef du bureau distributeur
Ὁ προϊστάμενος τοῦ γραφείου τοῦ προορισμοῦ



a) Lettre échantillon, imprimé etc. | Σημειωθέντα εἶδος ἀποστολῆς
b) Description du contenu autant que possible.
c) Cadre à remplir par l'expéditeur ou par le bureau d'origine
d) Bâter, le cas échéant.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΔΕΜΑΤΑ - Thessaloniki Parcels

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΟΝ - ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΙΚΑ ΔΕΜΑΤΑ - Thessaloniki Customs - Parcel Post

A remplir dans les services intermédiaires
 Συμπληρωστικό από τμήμα διαμεταγωγείων

A remplir dans les services intermédiaires
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 Συμπληρωστικό από τμήμα διαμεταγωγείων

L'envoi désigné d'autre part a été inséré dans
 Το ειρημίνον αντικείμενον περιλήρη εν τω φακέλλω
 du 2-7-1929
 της 9ης
 pour le bureau d'échange de quy squelic
 δια τὸ γραφεῖον

Il a été inscrit sous de N° 161
 Κατηγορίαν, ὑπ' ἀριθ.

ἐπέχη du bureau d'échange de Salonique
 γραφείου

du tableau I de la feuille d'avis
 τοῦ Α' πίνακος τοῦ φύλλου εἰδοποιήσεως
 de la liste spéciale
 τοῦ εἰδικοῦ καταλόγου

Signature
 Ἰπογραφή
[Signature]

Timbre à date

L'envoi désigné d'autre part a été inséré da
 Το ειρημίνον αντικείμενον περιλήρη εν τω φακέλλω
 du 6-7-1929
 της 11ης
 pour le bureau d'échange de Manibor 2
 δια τὸ γραφεῖον

Il a été inscrit sous le N° 49725
 Κατηγορίαν, ὑπ' ἀριθ.

ἐπέχη du bureau d'échange de Manibor 2
 γραφείου

du tableau I de la feuille d'avis
 τοῦ Α' πίνακος τοῦ φύλλου εἰδοποιήσεως
 de la liste spéciale
 τοῦ εἰδικοῦ καταλόγου

Signature
 Ἰπογραφή
[Signature]

Timbre à date

L'envoi désigné d'autre part a été inséré d.
 Το ειρημίνον αντικείμενον περιλήρη εν τω φακέλλω
 du 10 VII 1929
 της 1ης
 pour le bureau d'échange de
 δια τὸ γραφεῖον

Il a été inscrit sous le N° 1/24
 Κατηγορίαν, ὑπ' ἀριθ.

ἐπέχη du bureau d'échange de Maribor 2
 γραφείου

du tableau I de la feuille d'avis
 τοῦ Α' πίνακος τοῦ φύλλου εἰδοποιήσεως
 de la liste speciale
 τοῦ εἰδικοῦ καταλόγου

Signature
 Ἰπογραφή
[Signature]

16. XII. 1931

Timbre à date

photocopy

1 December 1931

A search request of a postal parcel which had been sent from Thessaloniki to Germany and never received by the recipient. Franked with a pair of 20 Lepta, 80 Lepta and 2 Drs issue 1927 stamps. The parcel was posted in the central office of the city on 29.6.1929. Its search begun 1.12.1931 and the search request form followed the same route that the parcel had previously followed (in brackets there are the dates on which the parcel had originally passed through). That is: ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΔΕΜΑΤΑ 1.XII.31 (29.6.29), ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΟΝ - ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΙΚΑ ΔΕΜΑΤΑ 5 ΔΕΚ 31 (2.7.29), DEVDELIDJA 12.XII.31 (6.7.29), MARIBOR 2 BUREAU D' ECHANGE 16.XII.31 (10.7.29) arrival MANHEIM 22.12.31 (15.7.29). According to a statement made by the chief in charge of the arrival office, the parcel had been returned to the origin office of Thessaloniki.

Postal Rate: 8 Drs for a search request of a postal parcel.

The Greek Post Office of Thessaloniki 1912-1950

Post Restante

A poste restante service was available at the Central Post Office of Thessaloniki and this could be used for all mail, irrespective of origin. This mail was subject to additional postage which at first was prepaid by the sender, but after 1930 the additional postage was paid by the recipient on receipt of the mail.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΠΑΡΑΜΟΝΗ - Thessaloniki Poste Restante



30 December 1926

Picture postcard posted from ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 30 ΔΕΚ 26, franked with 1 Drs issue 1916 stamps and 10 Lepta issue 1926 charity stamps to ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΠΑΡΑΜΟΝΗ 3 ΙΑΝ 27.

Postal Rate: 1.10 Drs = 80 Lepta for picture postcard and 20 Lepta for poste restante into Greece. 10 Lepta charity issue for Red Cross Fund.



14 August 1934

Airmail cover posted from ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 14.VIII.34, franked with 1 and 2 Drs issue 1926 stamps and 1 Dr issue 1933 airmail stamps and cancel "PAR AVION" to ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΦΙΣΙΣ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 15.VIII.34, cancel on arrival "ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΗ ΑΦΙΣΙΣ". On arrival franked with 1 Drs issue 1930 postage due stamps and cancel with ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΠΑΡΑΜΟΝΗ 15 ΑΥΓ 34.

Postal Rate: 5 Drs = 3 Dr for cover, 1 Dr for airmail and 1 Dr for poste restante into Greece.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΠΑΡΑΜΟΝΗ - Thessaloniki Poste Restante



4 October 1934

Airmail cover posted from ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 4.Χ.34, franked with 1 and 2 Drs issue 1933 stamps and 1 Drs issue 1933 airmail stamps and cancel "PAR AVION" to ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΦΙΣΙΣ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 5.Χ.34, cancel on arrival "ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΗ ΑΦΙΣΙΣ". On arrival franked with 1 Drs issue 1930 postage due stamps and cancel with ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΠΑΡΑΜΟΝΗ 5 ΟΚΤ 34.

Postal Rate: 5 Drs = 3 Dr for cover, 1 Dr for airmail & **1 Dr for poste restante** into Greece



16 August 1934

Cover from Athens posted from ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 16 ΑΥΓ 1934 (railway pmk), franked with 1 and 2 Dr issue 1933 stamps to ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΦΙΣΙΣ 18.VIII.34. On arrival franked with 1 Dr issue 1930 postage due stamps and cancel with ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΠΑΡΑΜΟΝΗ 19 ΑΥΓ 34.

Postal Rate: 4 Drs = 3 Drs for cover and **1 Drs for poste restante** into Greece.

The Greek Post Office of Thessaloniki 1912-1950

Express mail

It is not fully established when Thessaloniki Post Office started to accept the dispatch of express mail. The sender had to pay an extra fee, usually being equal to the 1st scale letter Postal Rate.



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14 January 1920

Registered and express cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ ΛΕΥΚΟΣ ΠΥΡΓΟΣ 14 ΙΑΝ 1920 (= 27.1.1920), franked with 5 Lepta and pair 25 Lepta issue 1913 and a pair 10 Lepta issue 1917 with cancel "ΕΠΕΙΓΟΝ" (= Express), with Greek censorship «ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗΣ» and closed with special tape with bilingual indication «ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ - CENSURE HELLENIQUE» to ALEXANDRIE 6.2.1920.

Postal Rate: 75 Lepta = 25 Lepta for cover, 25 Lepta for registered and **25 Lepta for express** to Egypt.



22 February 1943

Airmail and express cover posted from THESSALONIKI RECOMMANDES 22.II.43, franked with a pair of 25 Drs and a pair of 75 Drs issue 1942, 2 Drs airport stamps issue 1942 and 1Dr issue 1942 charity stamps, with cancel "ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ - PAR AVION" and "ΚΑΤΕΠΕΙΓΟΝ" (= Express) to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΛΕΒΙΔΟΥ.

Postal Rate: 203 Drs = 100 Drs for cover, **100 Drs for express**, 2 Drs for airmail and 1Dr for Thessaloniki International Fair Fund into Greece.



31 May 1946

Express cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ 31.V.46, franked with 130 Drs and 300 Drs issue 1946/47 stamps and 20/40 Lepta issue 1946 charity stamps, with cancel "ΕΠΕΙΓΟΝ" to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ ... ΙΟΥΝ 1946.

Postal Rate: 430 Drs = 130 Drs for cover and **300 Drs for express** into Greece.



24 August 1944

Express cover posted from THESSALONIKI EXPEDITION 24.VIII.44, franked with 40 x 25.000 Drs issue 1944 stamps, with label EXPRES to Stuttgart.

Postal Rate: 1.000.000 Drs = 500.000 Drs for cover and 500.000 Drs for express to Germany.

The Greek Post Office of Thessaloniki 1912-1950

Avis de reception - Declared value

There were cases in which the sender requested that the respective addressee would sign for the receipt of the item in question. These items could be: registered letters, declared value letters, parcels or even money orders, In such a case the P.O. stamped before the dispatch all the items in question with the special cachet reading "A.R." (= Avis de reception or Acknowledgement of Receipt). The sender paid an extra fee which was the same as the 1st scale letter Postal Rate which was affixed to the special receipt accompanying the item. This receipt was signed by the addressee and subsequently returned to the sender.



25 September 1915

Registered cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 24 ΣΕΠΤ 15 (= 7.10.15), franked with a pair of 25 Lepta issue 1913/27, with registered label and cancel "A.R." to TRIEST.

Postal Rate: 50 Lepta = 25 Lepta for cover and 25 Lepta for registered to Austria.



13 April 1931

Receipt of Avis de Reception posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 13.IV.1931 to ΚΑΤΕΡΙΝΗ 15.IV.1931 and return to ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 17.IV.1931.

Postal Rate: 3 Drs for Avis de Reception into Greece.



11 December 1947

Receipt of Avis de Reception posted from THESSALONIKI RECOMMANDES 11.XII.47
franked with a pair of 500 Drs issue 1946 to CASABLANCA 17.XII.47.

Postal Rate: 1.000 Drs for Avis de Reception to Maroc.



16 May 1949

Receipt of Avis de Reception posted from THESSALONIKI RECOMMANDES 16.V.49
franked 1.000 Drs issue 1947 to CASABLANCA .V.49 and return to ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ
28.IV.1949.

Postal Rate: 1.000 Drs for Avis de Reception to Maroc.

The Greek Post Office of Thessaloniki 1912-1950 Taxed Mail

The office of origin applied the hand stamp "T" (= Taxe) on postal items that were found short-paid. The recipient was obliged to pay the double of the deficiency, which was usually pen-marked by the office of origin.



26 August 1915

Cover posted from ZLATARITZA 21.VIII.15 (= 3.9.15), franked with 15 ct. issue 1911 Bulgarian stamps (as the stamp was insufficient for letter - normal Postal Rate 25 ct.) and tax manuscript "T 20", via SOPHIA 23.VIII.15 (= 5.9.15) to ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 26 ΑΥΓ 15 (= 8.9.15). Taxed on arrival with 20 Lepta issue 1913 postage due stamps and cancelled with ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 26 ΑΥΓ 15 (= 8.9.15).

Normal Postal Rate: 25 ct for cover from Bulgaria to Greece.

Taxe: 20 Lepta = 2 x (25 ct - 15 ct)



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27 November 1918

Cover posted from BORDAUX 16.11.18, franked with 5+10 c issue 1907 French stamps (normal Postal Rate 25 ct.) and tax manuscript "T 0.20" to ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 2.. NOE 18. Taxed on arrival with 20 Lepta issue 1913 postage due stamps and cancelled with ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 27 NOE 18 (= 10.12.18).

Normal Postal Rate: 25 c for cover from France to Greece.

Tax: 20 Lepta = 2 x (25 c - 15 c)



10 August 1919

Letter card with printed 10 Lepta issue 1913, send from Battleship "Spetsai" Nafsathmos (Salamina port) 6.8.19 (=19.8.19) posted from ΑΘΗΝΑΙ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 8 ΑΥΓ 19 (= 21.8.19) and cancel with boxed ΕΙΣΠΡΑΚΤΕΟΝ ΤΕΛΟΣ to Mega Karabournou Thessaloniki ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 10 ΑΥΓ 19 (=23.8.19). Taxed on arrival with 10 Lepta issue 1913 postage due stamps and cancelled with ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 10 ΑΥΓ 19 (=23.8.19).

Normal Postal Rate: 15 Lepta for letter card into Greece.

Taxe: 10 Lepta = 2 x (15 L. - 10 L.)



24 December 1925

Cover **without stamps** posted from ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ 22 ΔΕΚ 25, via ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ 24 ΔΕΚ 25 to ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 26 ΔΕΚ 25. Taxed on arrival with 2 Drs issue 1913/23 postage due stamps.

Normal Postal Rate: 1 Drs for cover into Greece.

Taxe: 2 Drs = 2 x (1 Drs - 0 Drs)



25 May 1920

Letter card with printed 10 Lepta issue 1913, posted from ΠΑΒΙΟΝ 21 ΜΑΙ 20 (= 3.6.20) and cancel with "T" to ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ (ΑΦΙΞΙΣ) 25 ΜΑΙ 20 (= 7.6.20). Taxed on arrival with 10 Lepta issue 1913 postage due stamps and cancelled with ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 25 ΜΑΙ 20 (= 7.6.20).

Normal Postal Rate: 15 Lepta for letter card into Greece.

Tax: 10 Lepta = 2 x (15 L. - 10 L.)



17 November 1944

Cover **without stamps** with manuscript "**The postal rates will be paid by the receiver**" posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ 17.ΧΙ.1944 with cancel "ΕΙΣΠΡΑΚΤΕΟΝ ΤΕΛΟΣ ΔΡΑΧ 6" to Athens.

Normal Postal Rate: 3 Drs for cover into Greece.

Taxe: 6 Drs = 2 x (3 Drs - 0 Drs)



2 August 1945

Cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ 2.VII.1945 in town franked with 20 Drs issue 1945 stamps and with cancel "ΕΙΣΠΡΑΚΤΕΟΝ ΤΕΛΟΣ ΔΡΑΧ 4". Taxed 4 x 1 Drs issue 1945 Postal staff Anti-Tuberculosis Fund (charity issue) and cancelled with "ΕΙΣΠΡΑΚΤΕΟΝ ΤΕΛΟΣ" (= Taxe).

Normal Postal Rate: 22Drs – 20Drs for double weight letter in town and 2Drs for Postal staff Anti-Tuberculosis Fund.

Taxe: 4Drs Postal staff Anti-Tuberculosis Fund = 2 x (22 Drs - 20 Drs)

The Greek Post Office of Thessaloniki 1912-1950

Money Orders

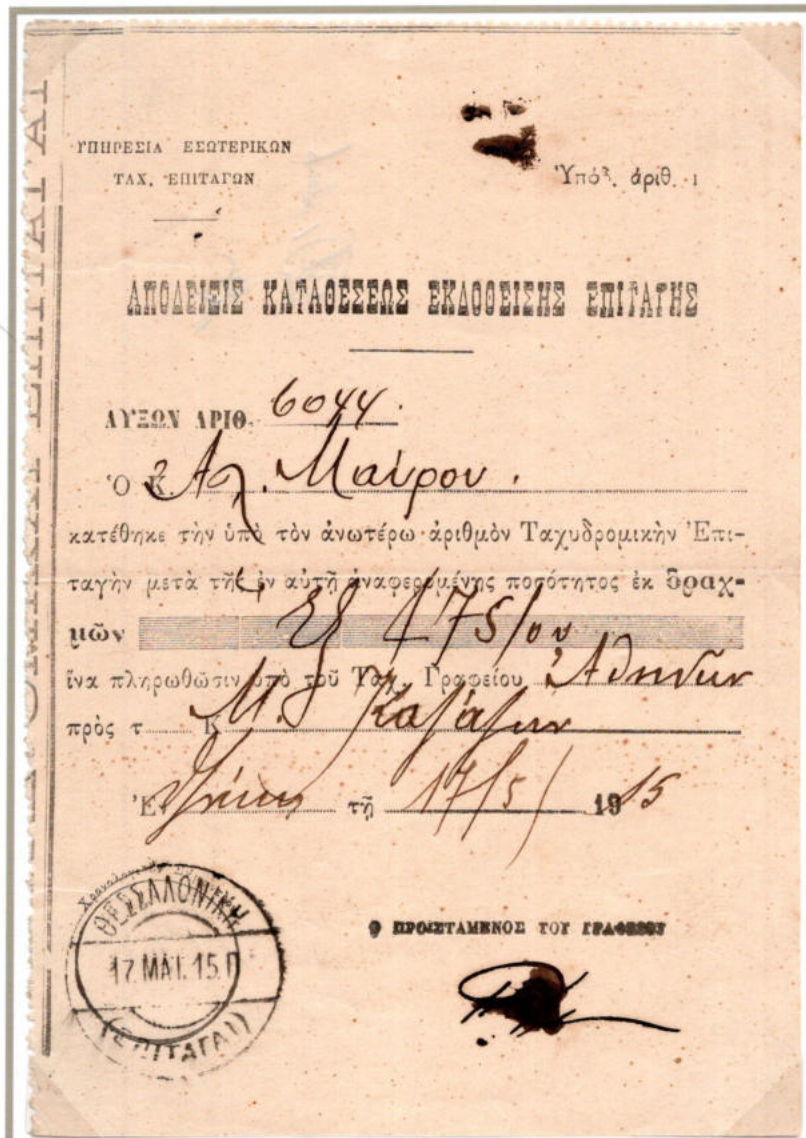
The issue of Money Orders by the Central Thessaloniki Post Office started on 24 January 1913. Till that time it was possible for the holders of Money Orders to cash in their orders.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ (ΕΠΙΤΑΓΑΙ) - Thessaloniki (Money Orders)



19 November 1948

Receipt of Money Order (15.000 Drs from Thessaloniki to Veria) with cancel ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΕΠΙΤΑΓΑΙ 19 NOV 48.



17 May 1915

Receipt of Money Order (475 Drs from Thessaloniki to Athens) with cancel ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ (ΕΠΙΤΑΓΑΙ) 17 MAI 15 (= 30.5.15).

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ (ΕΠΙΤΑΓΑΙ) - Thessaloniki (Money Orders)

ΑΠΟΔΕΙΞΙΣ ΕΚΔΟΣΕΩΣ ΕΠΙΤΑΓΗΣ ΕΣΩΤΕΡΙΚΟΥ

Αριθ. 8109 Κατηγορία

Κατετέθη επιταγή εκ δρ. 6000 λ.

(Όλογραμμο)

Αποστολέας Δ. Μαρκετάκης

Παραλήπτης Δ. Μαρκετάκης

Γραφείον προορισμού Καρδίτσαν

τη 21-3-1941

Ο Ταχ. υπάλληλος

ΕΣΩΤΕΡΙΚΟΝ ΤΑΧ. ΓΡΑΦΕΙΟΝ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗΣ 21.ΙΙΙ.1941

21 Mars 1941

Receipt of Money Order (6.000 Drs from Thessaloniki to Karditsa)
with cancel ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΛΕΥΚΟΣ ΠΥΡΓΟΣ 21.III.1941.

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Αύξων αριθ. 21137

Ο Κ. Δ. Ρεσσαρτζής

κατέθηκε την υπό τον ανωτέρω αριθμόν Ταχυδρομικήν Έπιταγήν μετά της εν αυτή αναφερομένης ποσότητος εκ δραχμών 89

ίνα πληρωθώσιν υπό του Ταχ. Γραφείου

πρός τ. Κ. Αθηνών

28/3/20

Ο προϊστάμενος του Γραφείου

ΕΣΩΤΕΡΙΚΟΝ ΤΑΧ. ΓΡΑΦΕΙΟΝ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗΣ 28 ΜΑΡΤΟΣ 20 (= 10.4.20)

28 Mars 1920

Receipt of Money Order (89 Drs from Thessaloniki to Athinai) with
cancel ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ (ΕΠΙΤΑΓΑΙ) 28 ΜΑΡ 20 (= 10.4.20)

The Greek Post Office of Thessaloniki 1912-1950

Branch Post Offices



In August 1914 two new Branch Post Offices began to operate in Thessaloniki (apart from the Central Post Office).

Branch Post Office I (1st B.P.O. - European Quarter)

Branch Post Office II (2nd B.P.O. - White Tower)

As the years gone by, due to the significant building development and expansion of the city, there has been the need for the establishment of new Branches. Accordingly, in the 1930's besides the Central Post Office, the following Branches were operating in the city

1. Exoches
2. Toumba
3. Railway Station
4. Kalamaria
5. White Tower (former 2nd B.P.O.)
6. Neapoli
7. Sedes Airport

ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ Ι - 1st Branch Post Office - European Quarter



27 August 1914

Postcard with printed 5 lepta issue 1913 and franked with 5 Lepta issue 1913 stamps, posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 27 ΑΥΓ 14 (= 9.9.1914) with line cancel ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ Ι (1st Branch Post Office of European Quarter) to Baskowich.

Postal Rate: 10 Lepta for postcard to Austria.

ΠΑΡΑ ΤΗΝ ΕΥΡΩΠΑΪΚΗ ΣΥΝΟΙΚΙΑ - ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ Ι - European Quarter, 1st Branch Post Office**30 September 1914**

Postcard with printed 10 Lepta stamp issue 1912/13, posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 30 ΣΕΠ 14 (= 13.10.14), with cancel «ΠΑΡΑ ΤΗΝ ΕΥΡΩΠΑΪΚΗ ΣΥΝΟΙΚΙΑ - ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ Ι» to Itrelitz.

Postal Rate: 10 Lepta for postcard to Germany.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ ΕΥΡΩΠΑΪΚΗ ΣΥΝΟΙΚΙΑ

Thessaloniki - Branch Post Office of European Quarter

**4 October 1915**

Registered cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ ΕΥΡΩΠΑΪΚΗ ΣΥΝΟΙΚΙΑ 4 ΟΚΤ 1915, franked with pair 25 Lepta issue 1912 and 5 Lepta issue 1915 charity stamp, with registered label "SALONIQUE", to NEW YORK REG. 9.11.1915.

Postal Rate: 55 Lepta = 25 Lepta for cover, 25 Lepta for registered and 5 Lepta for Women's Patriotic League Fund to USA.

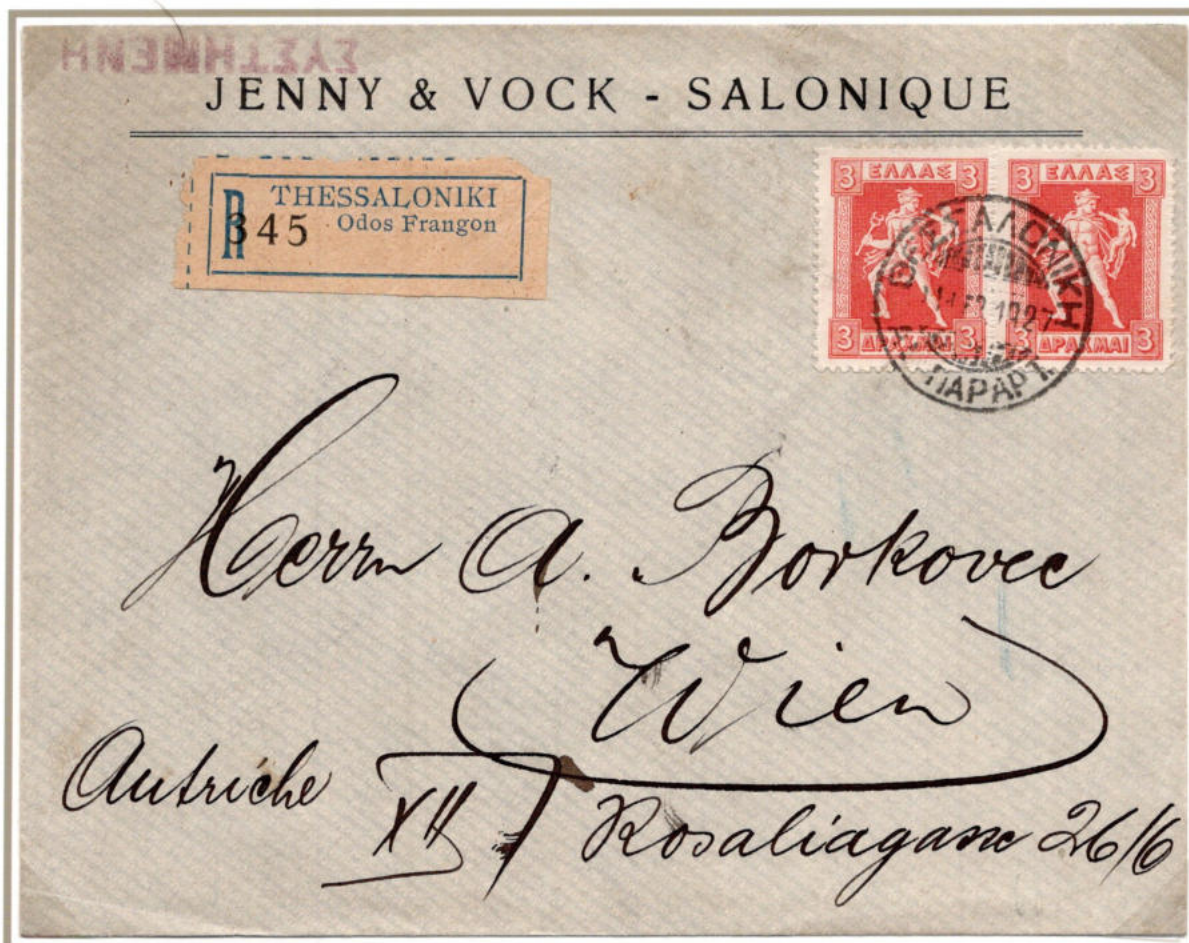
ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ ΕΥΡΩΠΑΪΚΗ ΣΥΝΟΙΚΙΑ
Thessaloniki - Branch Post Office of European Quarter



25 October 1914

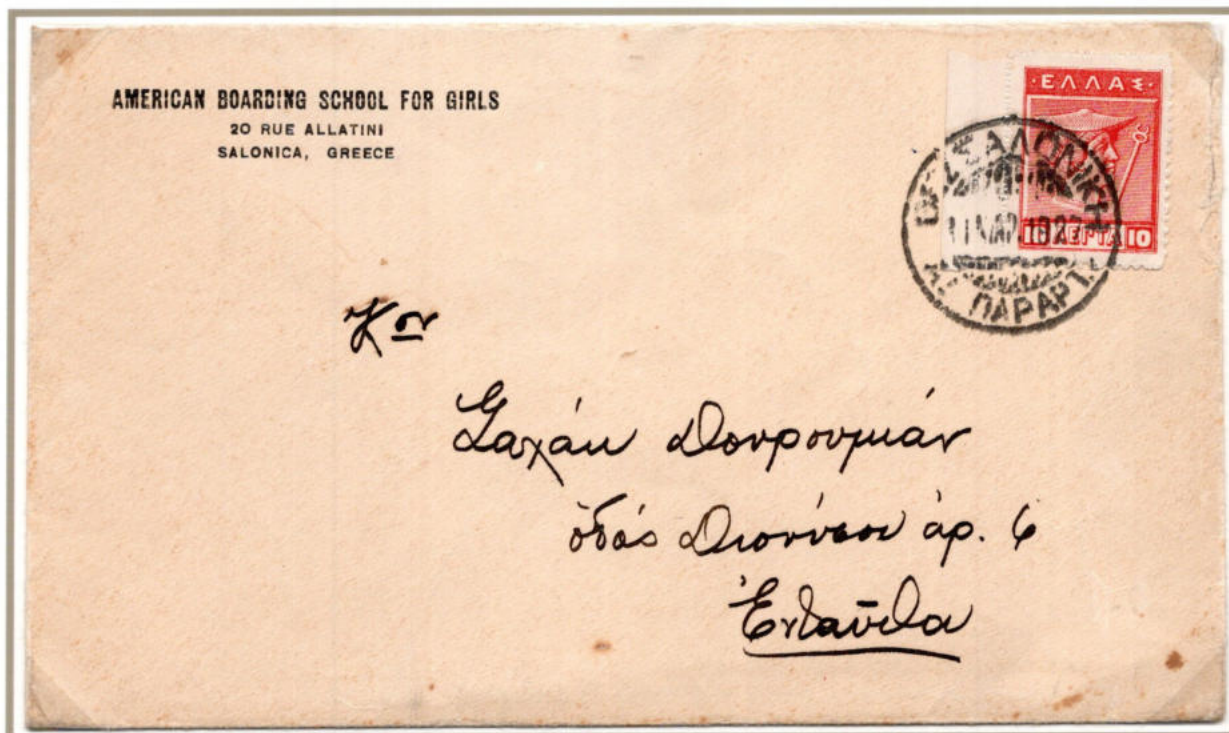
Postal stationery with printed 5 Lepta stamp issue 1912/13, posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ ΕΥΡΩΠΑΪΚΗ ΣΥΝΟΙΚΙΑ 25 ΟΚΤ 14 (= 7.11.14) to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΣΙΣ 27 ΟΚΤ 14
Postal Rate: 5 Lepta for postcard into Greece.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ Α' ΠΑΡΑΡΤ. - Thessaloniki, 1st Branch Post Office



31 March 1927

Registered cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ Α' ΠΑΡΑΡΤ. 31 ΜΑΡΤ 1927, franked with pair 3 Drs issue 1922 stamp, with registered label "THESSALONIKI Odos Frangon" (1st Branch P. O.), to Wien.
Postal Rate: 6 Drs = 3Drs for cover and 3Drs for registered to Austria.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ Α' ΠΑΡΑΡΤ. - Thessaloniki, 1st Branch Post Office

11 March 1926

Printed matter posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ Α' ΠΑΡΑΡΤ. 11 ΜΑΡΤ 1926 franked with 10 lepta issue 1913-27 stamps, into Thessaloniki.

Postal Rate: 10 Lepta for printed matter inside the city.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ Α' ΤΑΧ. ΤΗΛ. ΠΑΡΑΡΤ. - Thessaloniki, 1st Branch Post and Telegraph Office

29 January 1921

Registered cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ Α' ΤΑΧ. ΤΗΛ. ΠΑΡΑΡΤ. 29 ΙΑΝ 21 (= 11.2.21), franked with 3x25 lepta issue 1913 stamp, with registered label "SALONIQUE ANNEXE 1" (1st Branch P. O.), to PARIS 17.2.21.

Postal Rate: 75 Lepta = 25+25 Lepta for double weight cover and 25 Lepta for registered to France.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ ΛΕΥΚΟΣ ΠΥΡΓΟΣ

Thessaloniki, White Tower Branch Post Office (2nd Branch Post Office)**30 November 1915**

Picture postcard posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ ΛΕΥΚΟΣ ΠΥΡΓΟΣ 30 NOE 15 (= 13.12.15), franked with 10 Lepta issue 1912 stamp to Jura St Claude.

Postal Rate: 10 Lepta for picture postcard to France**7 January 1923**

Registered cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ ΛΕΥΚΟΣ ΠΥΡΓΟΣ 7 ΙΑΝ 23 (= 20.1.1923), franked with 4 x 50 Lepta issue 1918 & 2 Drs issue 1919 stamps via MILANO FERROVIA RACCOM. 25 GEN 23 to VERONA RACCOMANDATA 26.1.23.

Postal Rate: 4 Drs = 2 Drs for cover and 2 Drs for registered to Italy.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ ΛΕΥΚΟΣ ΠΥΡΓΟΣ

Thessaloniki, White Tower Branch Post Office (2nd Branch Post Office)**29 July 1915**

Letter card with 10 Lepta printed stamp issue 1913 posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ ΛΕΥΚΟΣ ΠΥΡΓΟΣ 29 ΙΟΥΛ 15 (= 11.8.1915), to ΑΙΚΑΤΕΡΙΝΗ ΙΟΥΛ 15.

Postal Rate: 10 Lepta for letter card into Greece.**24 February 1926**Registered cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 24 ΦΕΒΡ 26 with registered label "THESSALONIKI Annexe II" (2nd Branch P. O.), franked with 5 Drs issue 1922 to NEW YORK REG. 10.3.1926.**Postal Rate: 5 Drs** = 2.50 Drs for cover and 2.50 Drs for registered to USA.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ ΛΕΥΚΟΣ ΠΥΡΓΟΣ

Thessaloniki, White Tower Branch Post Office (2nd Branch Post Office)

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**3 January 1920**

Registered cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ ΛΕΥΚΟΣ ΠΥΡΓΟΣ 3 ΙΑΝ 20 (= 16.1.20), franked with 25 Lepta issue 1913, 3 x 10 Lepta issue 1917 stamps and 2 x 2 Lepta issue 1914 charity stamps, via NEW YORK REG. 17.2.1920, WASHINGTON 19 FEB 1920 to BIRMINGHAM 21 FEB 1920.

Postal Rate: 59 Lepta (normal Postal Rate 54 Lepta) = 25 Lepta for cover, 25 Lepta for registered and 4 Lepta for National Welfare Foundation Fund to USA.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 2 (ΤΟΥΜΠΑ) - Thessaloniki 2 (Toumba)



5 January 1941

Postal Stationery with printed 2 Dr stamps issue 1939 and franked with 10 Lepta issue 1939 charity stamps. Posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 2 (ΤΟΥΜΠΑ) 5.1.1941 with THESSALONIKI CENSORSHIP 95 to Volos.

Postal Rate: 2.10 Drs = 2 Drs for PS and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund into Greece.



18 June 1936

Registered cover with registered label THESSALONIKI II TOUMPA (Annexe), posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 2 - ΤΟΥΜΠΑ 18.VI.36, franked with 2 Drs issue 1933, 10x50 Lepta issue 1935, 20 Lepta issue 1934 charity stamps, via ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 18.VI.1936 to ΒΟΛΟΣ ΣΥΣΤ. ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 19.VI.36.

Postal Rate: 7.20 Drs = 3 Drs for cover, 4 Drs for registered and 20 Lepta for Thessaloniki International Fair Fund into Greece.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 2 (ΤΟΥΜΠΑ) - Thessaloniki 2 (Toumba)

ΑΠΟΔΕΙΞΙΣ ΚΑΤΑΘΕΣΕΩΣ ΤΑΧ. ΔΕΜΑΤΟΣ ΥΠΟΔ. 12

Ποσόν άντικατ. . . . δρα.

ΚΑΤΗΓΟΡΙΑ:

Ποσόν δεδηλ. αξίας *

ΑΡΙΘΜΟΣ <i>442</i>	ΒΑΡΟΣ ΕΙΣ ΓΡΑΜΜΑΡΙΑ <i>2.150</i>	ΠΕΡΙΕΧΟΜΕΝΟΝ <i>Γλυκόμελο</i>
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ΠΑΡΑΛΗΠΤΗΣ: *Γ. Μωυσιάδης αρ. 100*

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΕΥΣ *Δ. Μωυσιάδης*

Είς *Κεΐρον*

Επιβλήθησαν τέλη δραχ. *22*

τῆ *18/8/40* 193

Ο ταχ. υπάλληλος *[Signature]*

745-283)38-600.000

18 August 1940

Receipt of parcel with sweetly weight 2.150 gr from Thessaloniki to Syros with cancel
ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 2 (ΤΟΥΜΠΑ) 18.VIII.40

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - ΤΟΥΜΠΑ - Thessaloniki Toumba

**11 September 1929**

Cover posted from CETE HERAULT 5.IX.29, via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 9 ΣΕΠΤ. 29, ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 11 ΣΕΠΤ. 29 to ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - ΤΟΥΜΠΑ 11 ΣΕΠΤ. 29.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 3 - ΣΙΑ. ΣΤΑΘΜΟΣ - Thessaloniki 3 - Railway Station

αφ. αρ. 24/164 2462

ΔΕΛΤΙΟΝ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗΣ ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΙΚΟΥ ΔΕΜΑΤΟΣ
ΣΥΝΗΘΟΥΣ Η ΜΕΤΑ ΔΕΔΗΛΩΜΕΝΗΣ ΑΞΙΑΣ

Κυρία Ειρήνη Α Μαυρίνη
 Εως Μαριάμ 2 Παθυσίων
 Εις Αθήνας
 Περιλαμβάνον Παινήθεια Καπέλα

Δεδηλωμένη αξία [redacted]

Εν Αθηνών τῆ 24 1930

Όνοματεπώνυμον αποστολέως Καλλιόπη Μαυρίνη
 Διεύθυνσις αποστολέως οδὸς Νέος Λοκισμός Αμαρυγίων

Δι' ενός δελτίου στέλλονται 3 δέματα συνήθη πρὸς τὸν αὐτὸν παραλήπτην περιέχοντα τὸ αὐτὸ εἶδος

Χῶρος πρὸς ἐπικόλλησιν τοῦ ἀριθμοῦ τοῦ δέματος	Βάρος γραμμάρια	Χῶρος πρὸς ἐπικόλλησιν τοῦ ἀριθμοῦ τοῦ δέματος	Βάρος γραμμάρια	Χῶρος πρὸς ἐπικόλλησιν τοῦ ἀριθμοῦ τοῦ δέματος	Βάρος γραμμάρια	Χῶρος πρὸς ἐπίθεσιν πανομοιότυπου ἐξ ἰσπανικοῦ κηροῦ σφραγίδος δι' ἧς ἐσφραγίσθη τὸ δέμα μετὰ δεδηλωμένης ἀξίας
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Συμπληρωτέον πρὸς τοὺς ἀποστολέως

Συμπληρωτέον πρὸς τοὺς παραλήπτην

Χῶρος πρὸς ἐπικόλλησιν τοῦ ἀριθμοῦ τοῦ δέματος

Χῶρος πρὸς ἐπίθεσιν πανομοιότυπου ἐξ ἰσπανικοῦ κηροῦ σφραγίδος δι' ἧς ἐσφραγίσθη τὸ δέμα μετὰ δεδηλωμένης ἀξίας

1830 ΕΛΛΑΣ 1930
 15 AP
 24 NOE 30
 24 NOE 30
 150 AP
 150 AP

24 November 1930

Parcel card posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 3 - ΣΙΑ. ΣΤΑΘΜΟΣ 24 NOE 1930, franked with 1.5 Dr, 2 Drs and 15 Drs issue 1930 stamps, via ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 25.11.1930 to ΠΑΤΗΣΙΑ 29 NOE 30.

Postal Rate: 18.50 Drs for parcel weight 2.390 gr with shoes into Greece.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - ΣΙΔΗΡΟΔΡ. ΣΤΑΘΜΟΣ - Thessaloniki - Railway Station



24 January 1937

Postal Stationery with printed 2.40 Drs issue 1931 (answer part) and franked with 2 Drs issue 1933, 50 Lepta issue 1935 stamps and 2x50 Lepta issue 1937 charity stamps. Posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - ΣΙΔΗΡΟΔΡ. ΣΤΑΘΜΟΣ 24.1.37 with Thessaloniki Exchange Control cancel to Dusseldorf.

Postal Rate: 5.90 Drs = 4.90 Drs for PS. (normal rate 5 Drs) & 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to Germany.

ΘΕΣΣ/ΝΙΚΗ - ΣΙΔ. ΣΤΑΘΜΟΣ - ΕΠΙΤΑΓΑΙ - Thessaloniki - Railway Station - Money Order



15 January 1940

Airmail cover posted from ΘΕΣΣ/ΝΙΚΗ - ΣΙΔ. ΣΤΑΘΜΟΣ - ΕΠΙΤΑΓΑΙ 15.1.40, franked with 8 Drs issue 1937, 1Dr issue 1939 charity and 1Dr+7Drs issue 1937 airpost stamps with Exchange control cachet to Germany.

Postal Rate: 17 Drs = 8 Drs for cover, 8 Drs for airmail and 1Dr for Social Welfare Fund to Germany.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 4 - ΚΑΛΑΜΑΡΙΑ - Thessaloniki 4 - Kalamaria



19 September 1947

Visiting card posted from ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ .. ΙΧ.47 and franked with a pair of 50 Drs issue 1947 stamps, via ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 18.ΙΧ.47 to ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 4 - ΚΑΛΑΜΑΡΙΑ 19.ΙΧ.47.

Postal Rate: 100 Drs for visit card into Greece.

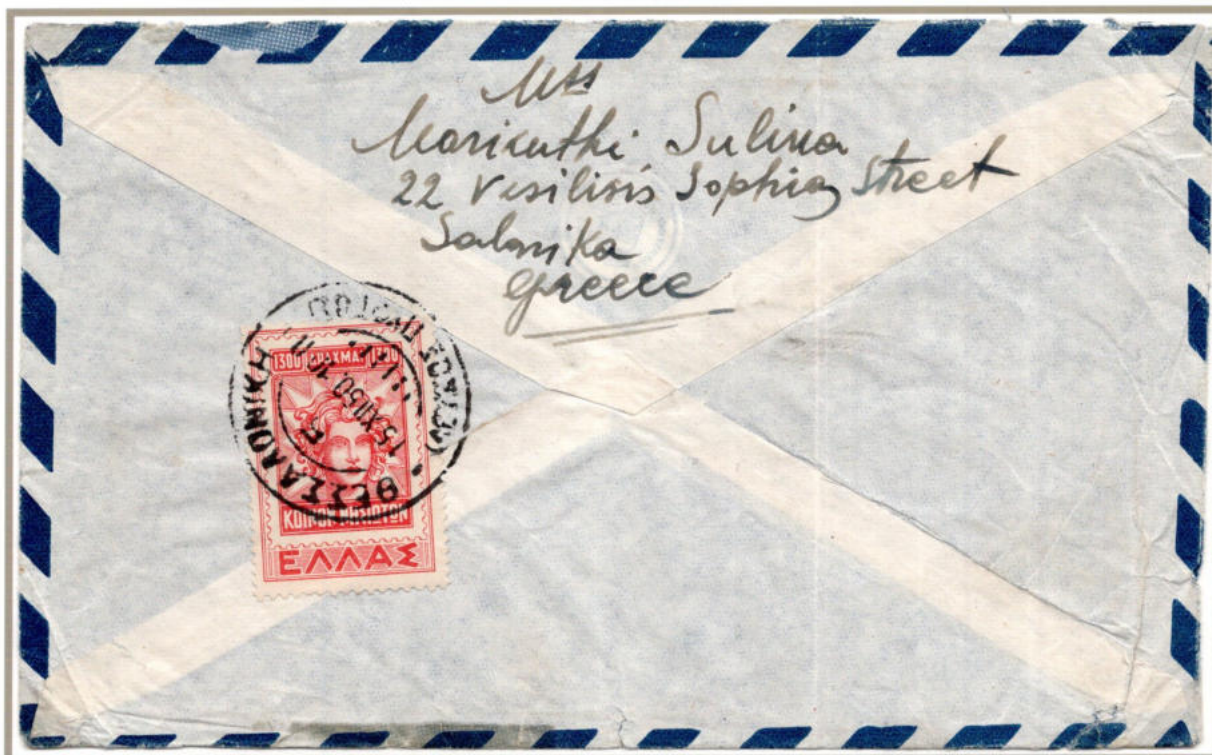


15 February 1944

Airmail cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 4 - ΚΑΛΑΜΑΡΙΑ 15.ΙΙ.44, franked with 100 Drs and 2x200 Drs issue 1942 stamps, 4x25 Drs issue 1943 airpost stamps via ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 15.ΙΙ.44 to Athens.

Postal Rate: 600 Drs = 500 Drs for cover and 100 Drs for airmail into Greece.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 5 (ΛΕΥΚΟΣ ΠΥΡΓΟΣ) - Thessaloniki 5 (White Tower)



15 December 1950

Airmail cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 5 (ΛΕΥΚΟΣ ΠΥΡΓΟΣ) 15.XII.50 and franked with 1300 Drs issue 1950 stamp, to Ohio.

Postal Rate: 1.300 Drs for cover to USA.



5 January 1949

Airmail cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΛΕΥΚΟΣ ΠΥΡΓΟΣ 5.1.1949, franked with 50 Drs & 2x500 Drs issue 1947 stamps & 50 Drs issue 1946, 2x50 Drs issue 1948 charity stamps, via ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 5.1.1949 to Athens.

Postal Rate: 1.200 Drs = 750 Drs for double weight cover, 300 Drs for airmail, 50 Drs for Postal staff Welfare Fund and 100 Drs for Restoration of Thessaloniki Monuments Fund into Greece.

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 6 (ΝΕΑΠΟΛΙΣ) - Thessaloniki 6 (Neapolis)



3 March 1950

Airmail registered cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 6 (ΝΕΑΠΟΛΙΣ) 3.3.50, franked with 6 x 50 Drs, 500 Drs and 3 x 1.000 Drs issue 1947 with boxed THESSALONIKI 6 R to USA.

The cover unsealing, controlled & closed with special tape with bilingual indication ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΣΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ - CONTROLE DU CHANGE & was cancelled with cachet ΕΞΗΛΕΧΘΗ ΥΠΟ ΤΗΣ ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ (Controlled by the Committee of the National Currency Protection - Thessaloniki) and control number "8"

Postal Rate: 3.800 Drs = 1.000 Drs for cover, 1.500 Drs for registered and 1.300 Drs for airmail to USA.

ΑΕΡΟΔΡΟΜΙΟΝ ΣΕΔΕΣ ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗΣ 7 - Airport Sedes Thessaloniki 7



21 January 1937

Receipt of Money Order (1.500 Drs from Thessaloniki to Syros) with cancel ΑΕΡΟΔΡΟΜΙΟΝ ΣΕΔΕΣ ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗΣ 7 21.1.1937.

The Greek Post Office of Thessaloniki 1912-1950

Censorship of Civilian Correspondence

French Postal Censorship during W.W. I

On 5th October 1915 the first allied forces (French and British) landed at Thessaloniki. Then gradually built a multinational army which was called "Armée d' Orient". On 3rd June 1916, Commander in Chief General Sarrail, exhibiting strict rule, set the city into Martial Law. At the same time, the French Military authorities started to impose postal control and censorship of the incoming and outgoing mail which lasted until the end of the war.

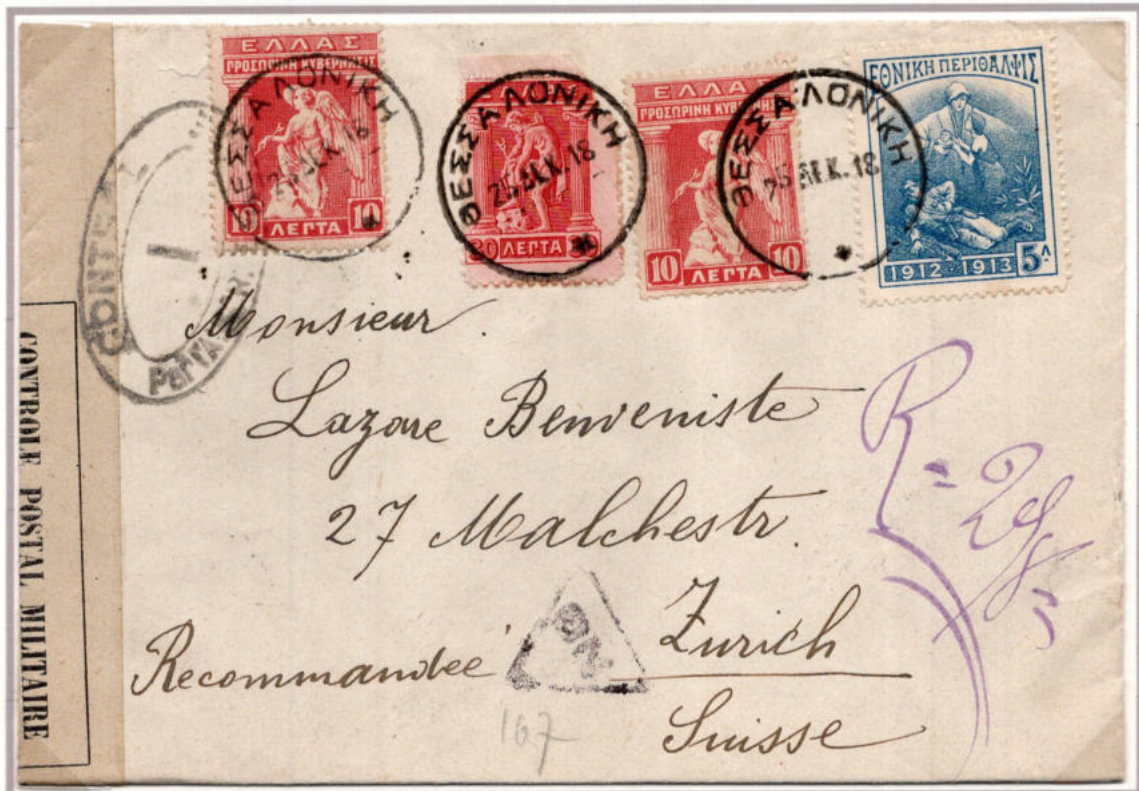
ARMEE D' ORIENT - CENSURE MILITAIRE



6 October 1916

Registered letter card with printed 10 lepta stamps issue 1910 and franked with 25 Lepta issue 1912 stamps from Thessaloniki to Switzerland via France. Posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 6 ΟΚΤ 16 (= 19.10.16), with French censorship "ARMEE D' ORIENT - CENSURE MILITAIRE 21", "NO" (Non Ouverte) and censorship label "CONTROLE POSTAL MILITAIRE", to Marseille. New censorship cancels with "OUVERT Par l' AUTORITE MILITAIRE 303" (censorship for letters from Greece) and new censorship label "CONTROLE POSTAL MILITAIRE". Cancell with MARSEILLE GARE CENTRALISATEUR 10.11.16 and new censorship cancels SAISI PAR AUTORITE MILITAIRE. Final arrival after 5 months in LAUSANNE 18.III.17.

Postal Rate: 35 Lepta = 10 Lepta for letter card and 25 Lepta for registered to Switzerland.



25 December 1918

Registered cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 25 ΔΕΚ 18 (= 7.1.19), franked with 30 Lepta issue 1911, 2x10 Lepta issue 1917 stamps, and 5Lepta charity stamp issue 1914, with French censorship "CONTROLE Par l' AUTORITE MILITAIRE 1", "NO" and closed with special tape with indication "CONTROLE POSTAL MILITAIRE" to ZURICH 13.II.1919.

Postal Rate: 55 Lepta = 25 Lepta for letter, 25 Lepta for registered and 5 Lepta for National Welfare Foundation Fund to France.



12 December 1916

Cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 12 ΔΕΚ 16 (= 25.12.16), franked with 25 Lepta issue 1912 stamps, with French censorship "ARMÉE D' ORIENT - CENSURE MILITAIRE 25", "NO" and closed with special tape with indication "CONTROLE POSTAL MILITAIRE" to Paris.

Postal Rate: 25 Lepta for letter to France.

Greek Postal Censorship during W. W. I

In the period 1918-19 the Greek Post Office which was operating in the city imposed postal control and censorship of the incoming and outgoing civil mail.

ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗΣ - Censorship of Thessaloniki



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6 September 1919

Registered cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 6 ΣΕΠ 19 (= 19.9.19), franked with 6x5 Lepta and 3x15 Lepta issue 1918 stamps, with Greek censorship «ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗΣ» and closed with special tape with bilingual indication «ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ - CENSURE HELLENIQUE» to BASEL 2.X.19.

Postal Rate: 75 Lepta = 50 Lepta for double weigh letter and 25 Lepta for registered to Switzerland.

Greek Postal Censorship 1936

Dictatorship was imposed in Greece by I. Metaxas on 4 August 1936. During the first months all political correspondence which passed through the post office of Thessaloniki was subject to censorship.

ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑΣ - Censorship Service



6 August 1936

Postal stationery with printed 1.50 Drs issue 1927 and franked with 2 Drs issue 1933, posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 6.VIII.36, with censorship «ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑΣ» to Beograd.

Postal Rate: 3 Drs (normal rate 5 Drs) for postal stationery to Yugoslavia.

Greek Postal Censorship 1940-41

During the Hellenic - Italian War (October 1940 - April 1941) all outgoing mail, as well as the incoming from abroad mail was being censored by the Thessaloniki Post Office.

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ - GREEK CENSORSHIP



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15 February 1941

Registered envelope with printed stamps 1 Drs + 8 Drs issue 1939, franked with 4x2 Drs issue 1937 stamps posted from THESSALONIKI RECOMMANDES 15.II.41, with cancel "During the censorship inside the letter were found 30 CHF". The letter was closed with special tape with indication «ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ» and was sent to BERN 20.11.1941.

Postal Rate: 17 Drs = 8 Drs for envelope, 8 Drs for registered and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to Switzerland

ΣΤΡΑΤΙΩΤΙΚΗ ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ - Military Censorship of Thessaloniki



7 November 1940

Cover posted from ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ 7.XI.41, franked with 3 Drs issue 1937 stamps and 50 Lepta issue 1939 charity stamps, with censorship «ΣΤΡΑΤΙΩΤΙΚΗ ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ 51», closed with special tape with indication «ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗΣ - CENSURE DE THESSALONIKI» to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΝΕΑΠΟΛΙΣ 14.XI.40.

Postal Rate: 3.50 Drs = 3 Drs for cover 50 Lepta for Social Welfare Fund into Greece.



25 December 1940

Cover posted from THESSALONIKI 25.XII.40, franked with 2 Drs issue 1937, 6 Drs issue 1940 stamps and 50 Lepta issue 1939 charity stamps, with censorship «ΣΤΡΑΤΙΩΤΙΚΗ ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ 93», closed with special tape with indication «ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ» to New York.

Postal Rate: 8.50 Drs (normal rate 9 Drs) = 8 Drs for cover and 50 Lepta (instead of 1 Drs) for Social Welfare Fund to USA.

Greek Guerillas Postal Censorship – Thessaloniki December 1944 - January 1945

At the end of October 1944 the German troops evacuated Thessaloniki and the guerillas of E.Λ.Α.Σ. (Greek Popular Liberation Army - Guerillas Army during the German occupation) took over the city. While in power they censored all incoming and outgoing mail. They left the city at 14 January 1945.

ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ ΕΛΑΣ - Censorship ELAS

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**December 1944**

Cover posted from ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ 28 ΝΟΕ 44, franked with 2x50L and 2 Drs issue 1944 stamps to ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΦΙΞΙΣΧΙΙ.44. On arrival the cover opened, read and closed with simple paper band and cancelled with ELAS censorship "ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ ΕΛΑΣ".

Postal Rate: 3 Drs for cover into Greece.

Greek Postal Censorship 1945

In the first year after the liberation of the city from the German Occupation all incoming and outgoing mail was censored by the Thessaloniki Post Office.

ΕΛ. ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ - Greek Censor



4 April 1945

Postal stationery with printed 2 Drs issue 1941 stamp (it was not in circulation this period) franked with 5 Drs and 10 Drs issue 1944 stamps, posted from THESSALONIKI EXPEDITION 4.IV.45, with censorship «ΕΛ. ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ - GREEK CENSOR 230» to East Lynn with U.S. CENSORSHIP - EXAMINED By Censor 8436.

Postal Rate: 15 Drs for postal stationery to USA.



14 August 1945

Postal stationery with printed 5 Drs issue 1939 stamp (it was not in circulation this period) franked with pair 5 Drs issue 1944 stamps, posted from THESSALONIKI EXPEDITION 14.VIII.45, with censorship «ΕΛ. ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ - GREEK CENSOR 281» to Claremont California.

Postal Rate: 10 Drs (normal rate 15 Drs) for postal stationery to USA.