

# THE POSTAL SYSTEM IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA 1878 - 1919

## Purpose

This exhibit illustrates, by use of contemporary postal history, the evolution of the post marks and the development of the postal system under the 40 years long Austro-Hungarian intervention: Occupation (1878-1908), annexation (1908 - 1918) and post WWI provisional use of both intact and obliterated obsolete B&H postal devices (1918 - 1919).

## Historical Background

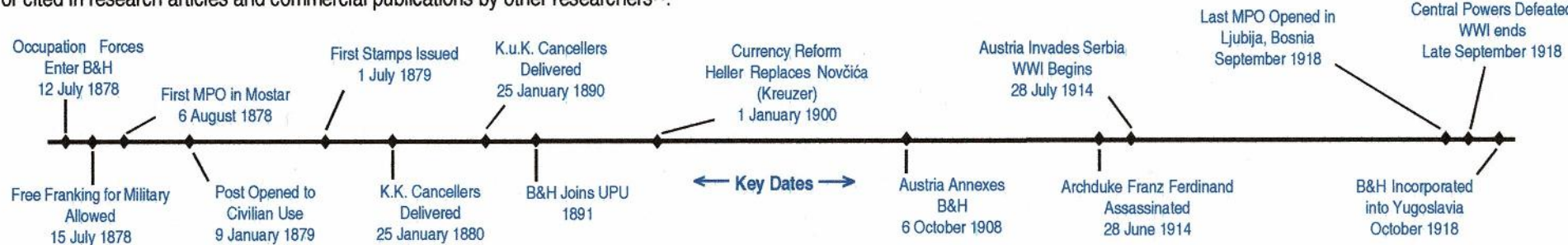
The mostly Serbian Orthodox population of Bosnia-Herzegovina revolted in 1875 against Ottoman Turkish Muslim rule. Military intervention by Serbia, Russia and the Great Powers in June of 1878 resulted in a cessation of hostilities and ultimately the Treaty of Berlin. Article XXV of that treaty authorized Austro-Hungarian forces to institute military administration of the provinces. Following the directive, beginning 12 July, 1878, and only after heavy resistance from Ottoman forces lasting until 20<sup>th</sup> October, the Austro-Hungarian army occupied Bosnia and Herzegovina.

## Scope

Using postal history from the period, this exhibit is a study of marcophily alongside the parallel development and expansion of the military post. Examples of all types of relevant postal services are shown, and post marks from all but three of the permanent Military Post Offices are included.

## Research

Evidence of original research includes discovery of previously unknown cancel types, earliest and latest known use, and the relative rarity of items included in the exhibit. Many of the items shown here have been used as examples or cited in research articles and commercial publications by other researchers<sup>(2)</sup>.



## Plan of the Exhibit

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- D. Unique style WWI Feldpost cancels
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### SECTION 6

- A. Early post WWI provisional use of the old cancellers by the new SHS (Yugoslav) regime

Relative rarity of the postmark<sup>(2a)</sup> or the philatelic significance of each piece is emphasized by single, double or triple (most significant) blue borders. Less rare items are enclosed in black.

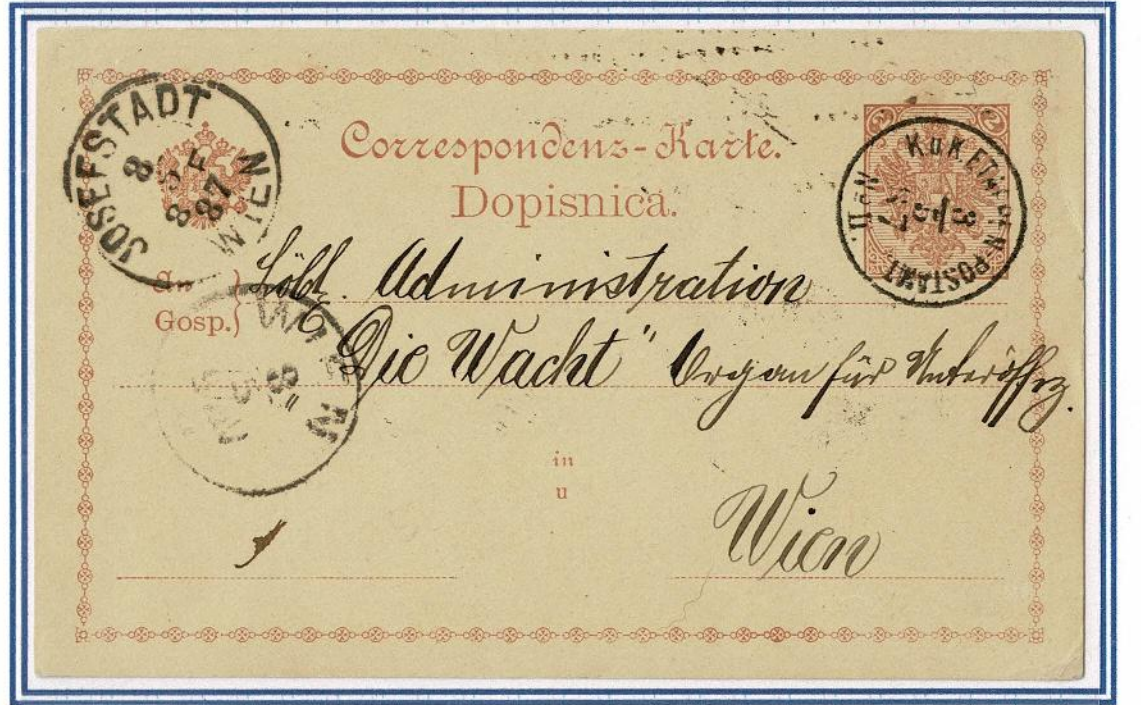
Census unknown.  
Rarely appears in the market  
10 or fewer reported  
5 or fewer reported

## Mobile Post (ETAPPENPOST)

### The First Cancels of the Occupation



1878, Austrian 2 (K)reuzer red-brown Postal Stationery card sent from the Mobile Military Post in SARAJEVO, Bosnia to LOSCH, Mähren. Cancelled K.K. FELDPPOST-EXPOSITUR N° 4 (Type K), 10 September. 15 September LOSCH/LISEN arrival hand stamp at side. One of the earliest known examples, sent just weeks after the establishment of this Mobile Post in Bosnia.



1887, 2(N)ovčić brown Bosnian Postal Stationery card sent from the Mobile Military Post (MPO) in TRNOVO, Sarajevo District, Bosnia to WIEN (VIENNA). Cancelled K.u.K ETAPPEN POSTAMT N° II (Type K4), 3 May 1887. 8 May JOSEFSTADT transit and WIEN arrival hand stamps at side. (This MPO was first opened in DOBOJ, Banjaluka District, Bosnia from 1878 - 1880, then reopened as a Mobile Post in TRNOVO 5 December 1882, becoming a permanent MPO on 21 June 1894).



- The **Austro-Hungarian** forces opened campaign **Mobile Post Offices** immediately on arrival in **Bosnia-Herzegovina**.
- These post offices were for **Military use only** and were under the direction of the **Feldpost Command** and **Intelligence** units of the Second Army.
  - **ETAPPENPOSTAMT** (Campaign Post office Level)
  - **FELDPOST-LEITUNG** (Military Post at Corps level -13th Army Corps).
  - **FELDPOST-EXPOSITUR** (Military Post at Division Level - 18th Infantry).
- Post Offices were numbered in order.
- **Arabic Numbers** were used in Herzegovina.
- **Roman Numerals** were used in Bosnia.
- The first **Mobile PO** was **No. 18** opened at **MOSTAR** on 6 August, 1878.
- All **Mobile PO's** were replaced by permanent post offices beginning 16 November 1879.
- The **FELDPOST-EXPOSITUR**, **FELDPOST-LEITUNG** and **K.u.K. ETAPPEN-POSTAMT** cancels were soon replaced with new cancellers.
- "**K.K. MILITAR POST**" (*Kaiserlich und Koeniglich -Imperial and Royal*) were delivered on 25-27 January 1880 (see Section 2).

Mobile Military Post Cancels



**K.u.K. FELDPST LEITUNG**  
Service at the Corps Level

**Cancel Type K**  
In Use 6 August 1878  
to 25 January 1880 Only



**K.u.K. FELDPST EXPOSITUR**  
Service at the Division Level

1879  
Post N° 8 - GACKO



**K.u.K. ETAPPEN POSTAMT**  
Service at the Mobile Campaign Post Office Level

Post N° 18 - MOSTAR  
9 July 1879



2 January 1880  
Post N° VIII - TRAVNIK



1 March 1880  
Post N° XVI - BJELINA



3 July 1879  
Post N° XXIX-  
LIVNO

Due to the short period of use and high attrition rate, these cancels are the scarcest of any used during the occupation. They are seldom found complete and many are not known on entires. Images of some stamps have been photographically enhanced to better display the cancel.



1879, Feldpost cover mailed from the Military Post in **JABLANICA**, Mostar District, Herzegovina (opened 21 Oct. 1878) to **ROSSBACH**, Böhmen. 4 May **ETAPEN POSTAMT** N°7 cancel (**type K**), front. 7 May **K.u.K. ETAPPEN POSTAMT** N° XXXV (the **MPO** in **SLAVONSKI BROD**, Slovenia, (across the Sava River from Bosnia) and 10 May **ASCH**, Böhmen transit cancels along with 14 May **ROSSBACH** receiving cancel on reverse, scan shown at right. Note use of **Arabic** numbers in Herzegovina Military Post cancels and **Roman** numerals in the **MPO's** in Bosnia.



1879, Feldpost cover sent from the Military Post in **MOSTAR** (opened 13 Aug. 1878) to **ROSSBACH**, Böhmen. 8 August **FELDPOST EXPOSITUR** N°-18 cancel (**type K**, with "N° 18" 13mm long) and straight line **FRANCO** (postage paid), front. 10 August **K.u.K FELDPSTAMT/SERAJEVO** (**Type K** with Antiqua type font, 24mm ring), 14 August **WIEN** and 15 August **ASCH** transit cancels along with **ROSSBACH** arrival hand stamp on reverse, scan shown at left.





1879, letter sent from the Military Mobile Post Office in LIVNO, Travnik District, Bosnia to TRIESTE. Circular K.u.K ETAPPEN-POSTAMT № XXIX cancellation and straight line FRANCO (postage paid) on front. Manuscript "Mit Feldpost" and "Via Courier # 4", in Italian and German, also on front. 3 February TRIESTE receiving hand stamp on reverse, scan shown at right.



1886, 2(N) brown Postal Stationery card sent from the Mobile Military Post in TRNOVO, Sarajevo District, Bosnia to VIENNA. Cancelled 11 January 1886 - K.u.K ETAPPEN POSTAMT № II (Type K4). 16 January WIEN (Hernaier station) arrival hand stamp at top left.

- Section 2 lists and describes postmark types put into use at the regular MPO's between 25 February, 1880 and 1 January, 1900.
- The synopsis illustrates in detail the morphology of each cancel type, the period of use, and, if not in service throughout the Provinces, the towns where they were found.
- Some of the following post marks have been graphically enhanced and enlarged for clarity, with the intent to best portray the cancel type.
- Genuine examples of each type (not necessarily the same as the graphics) are shown nearby.

"K" TYPES - SINGLE RING WITH "K.K."

FORERUNNER - SARAJEVO  
ONLY, 23MM  
1878-80



K.K.PREFACE WITH  
POST NUMBER



INTRODUCED 25 FEB 1880  
IN USE UNTIL 25 JAN 1890



K. K. PREFACE,  
POST NUMBER AND  
DOUBLE CIRCLE

2K1



SARAJEVO ONLY:  
1880-90



ABOVE: Receipt (coupon) section from the left border of Postal Money Orders. LEFT: Cancelled 11 December, 1888, BOSN. KOSTAJNICA. RIGHT: 2 August, 1883, BANJA-LUKA XI (both type K1). Money orders sent home by military personnel comprised a significant portion of the earliest mail.



# Postal Mark Types in use before 1900

SINGLE RING WITH  
K. und K. PREFACE  
AND POST NUMBER

DELIVERED BETWEEN  
14 DEC. 1889 AND 1 JAN.  
1900 AND USED UNTIL  
1912 (VERY RARE THERE-  
AFTER)

K2



1892, Sent from PRAČA, Bosnia to OBER-  
TRATTNACH, Austria. The red 2 Novčić post-  
al stationery card was issued July 1879 and was  
valid from B&H to anywhere in the Empire un-  
til 1-1-1900.



K. und K. PREFACE WITH POST NUM-  
BER DROPPED

USED ONLY IN ILIZDA AND SARA-  
JEVO-FILIALE ON ALL ISSUES AFTER  
1/25/1890. USED UNTIL 1912 (VERY  
RARE THEREAFTER)

K3



1893, Montenegrin 3(P) green  
Postal Stationery card sent to  
SARAJEVO. Card dated 3 March,  
with 11 March SARAJEVO type  
K3 arrival hand stamp, left.



iK2



OUTER CIRCLE CONSISTS OF  
DOTS AND DASHES

USED IN A FEW POST OFFICES  
AFTER 1890, UNTIL ABOUT 1912  
(VERY RARE THEREAFTER)



AS K2 BUT BOX  
STYLE FRAME

SARAJEVO ONLY 1890-1918  
SELDOM SEEN, FOUND  
MOSTLY AS ARRIVAL MARK

KV2



## "P" TYPES - RECTANGLE



P1



K. K. PREFACE WITH  
POST NUMBER

USED IN ONLY A FEW  
POST OFFICES  
1879-1890

P2

K. UND K. PREFACE  
WITH POST NUMBER

USED IN ONLY A FEW POST OFFICES  
1-25-1890 TO 11-11-1918



P3

K. UND K. PREFACE  
WITH POST NUMBER  
DROPPED

USED 10-25-1895  
TO 11-11-1918



uP2

K. und K. PREFACE WITH  
POST NUMBER AND ADDED  
GRILL LINES

DOL. TUZLA ONLY  
1-25-1890 TO 11-11-1918



Items in this section bear postmarks from devices put designed before 1900. Some of these postmarks were in use until the Armistice of 11 November 1918 and beyond. Therefore, examples postmarked later than 1900 may be found.



Postal Mark Types in use before 1900

"O" TYPES - OVAL



O1



K. K. PREFACE  
WITH POST NUM-  
BER

A FEW POST OFFICES ONLY  
11-16-1879 TO 1-24-1890

O2



K. und K. PREF-  
ACE WITH POST  
NUMBER

A FEW POST OFFICES ONLY 1-24-  
1890 TO 11-11-1918



HADŽIĆI



HAN BEGOV



LEVELEZŐ-LAP.



RAMA



JAJCE



"D" TYPES - DOUBLE RINGS



D2



K. und K. PREF-  
ACE WITH POST  
NUMBER

USED 1895 TO 1912, BUT IN USE AT  
A FEW POST OFFICES UNTIL 1919

D3



K. und K. PREF-  
ACE WITHOUT  
POST NUMBER

USED 1895 TO 1912, BUT IN  
USE AT A FEW POST OFFICES  
UNTIL 1919

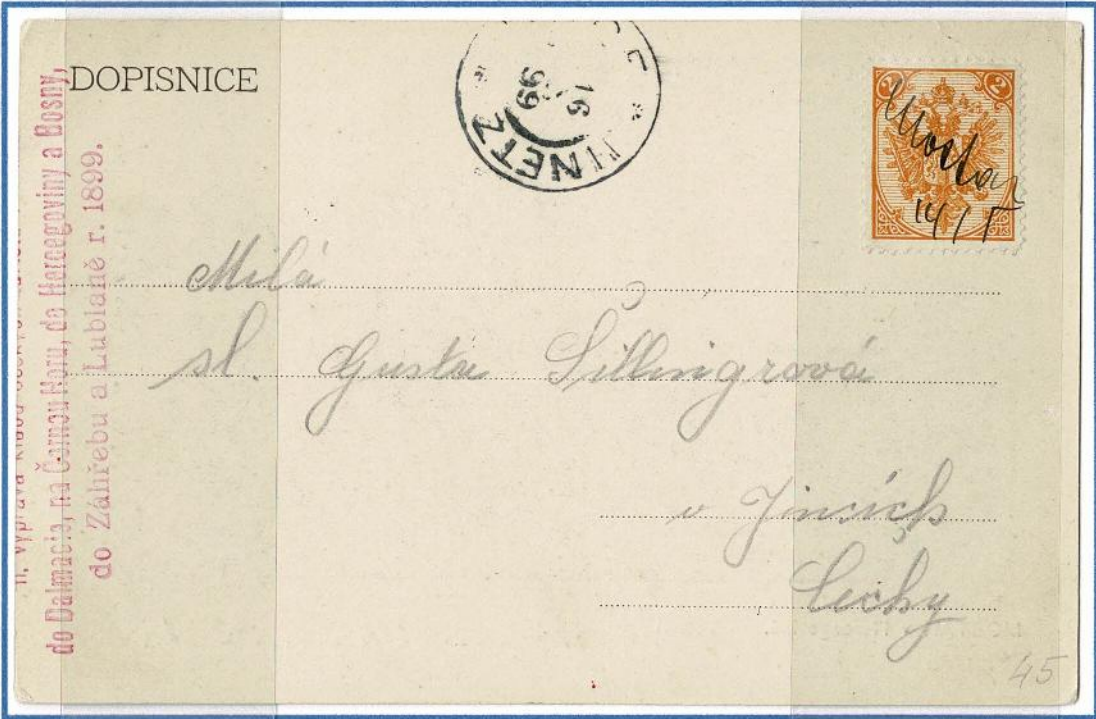


BANJALUKA



Pillauer states: "Together with the normal way of cancelling stamps with postal cancels, the stamps used to be cancelled also by hand, with pen or pencil, by writing the place name and date, or place name only, or date only, or cancelled with crossed lines with or without date".<sup>(1)</sup> These cancels were applied at travelling post and remote locations and can be found with dates up to 1906. After this date, they are very scarce, and most likely the practice was at this point stopped by the postal authorities.

Maritime straight line "COL. VAPORE" hand stamp and manuscript Cancel MOSTAR/12 10 95.



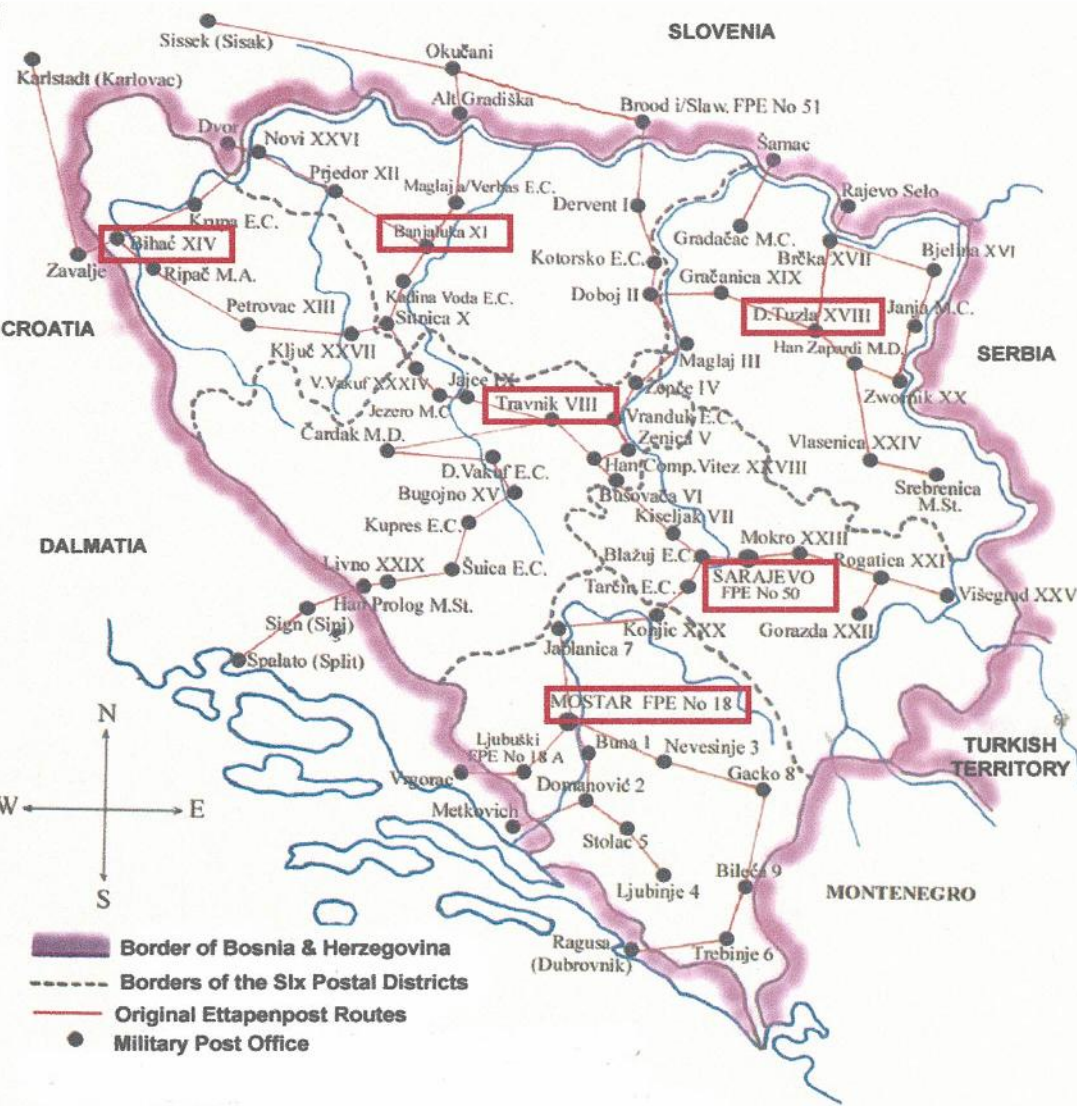
References:  
<sup>(1)</sup>Prirucnik. Postanski Manipulativni Zigovi Bosne I Hercegovine 1878-1918. Pillauer, Zvonimir, 1981, Hrvatski Filatelisticki Savez, Zagreb, Yugoslavia.  
<sup>(2)</sup>Postal History Bosnien Und Herzegowina 1878-1918. Sekelj, Berislav, 2005, Hrvatski Filatelisticki Savez, Zagreb, Croatia. ISBN 953-95064-0-9.  
<sup>(2a)</sup>Based on personal experience, opinion of B. Sekelj, J. Veličković (1925-2012) and polls of other major collectors, availability from specialist dealers, number of times offered, number of bids and prices realized at live and online auctions over the past 20 years.

1899, Post Card sent to JINETZ, Böhmen. Franked with 2(N) yellow 1890 Bosnia second issue, tied by MOSTAR, Herzegovina manuscript cancel of 14 May 1899. 16 May arrival hand stamp at side. Red hand stamp with advertising slogan, left.



Town Cancels in use 1880-1900 Organized by Postal District  
(Post Offices Opened Before 1900)

- At the start of the occupation on 29 July, 1878, the Postal Administration immediately organized the occupied territory into six postal Districts.
- By 9 January of 1879, following Administrative order no. 5117, civilians were allowed limited use of the mail system.
- The first issue of Bosnia and Herzegovina stamps appeared on 1 July, 1879.
- From 16 November, 1879, the Mobile Post offices were converted to permanent Military Post Offices.
- New K.K. (type K1) cancellers were engraved by Theodor Burk in Vienna and delivered to Mobile Posts I-VIII on 25 January, 1880, and two days later to all MPO's.
- These K.K. MILIT. POST cancellers would remain in use until 25 January, 1890, when the new K.u.K. MILIT. POST (type K2) hand stamps were delivered.
- Also on this date, all free franking privileges given to all military personnel, with the exception of those serving in the Sandzak of Novi Pazar, were abolished
- A few of the cancellers shown in this section continued in use until 1918. Most, however, were replaced by the new bridge type cancels (type M) after 1900 (see Section 3).
- The map below shows the six Postal Districts, with the main Military Post Offices boxed in red.



District Map, Bosnia-Herzegovina - 1878

Post Offices in  
DISTRICT  
BANJALUKA

Opening and closing  
dates are noted for each  
Post Office.

The new SLOVENSKA  
HRVATSKA SRPSKA  
(SHS) regime assimilated  
all Post Offices in the  
Provinces that were still  
open as of 27 October,  
1918.

Manuscript



BANJALUKA XI

Opened 20 August 1878

P1



ABOVE: 1899, sent from BANJALUKA to LUGOS, Banat region (today, Romania). Cancelled 30 March (Type P2).

1887, red 2(N) Postal Stationery Card sent from BANJALUKA to PREJEDOR, Bosnia. 2 November (type K1) post mark. 3 November PREJEDOR receiving hand stamp, also type K1, at side.



K2



ABOVE: 1899, red 2(N) Postal Stationery Card sent from RUDOLFSTHAL/BOSN to the Trappist Monks' enclave in BANJALUKA, Bosnia. 28 August (type K2) post mark, with same day BANJALUKA receiving hand stamp (type P2) at side. Postcard was an order for the cheese produced by the Trappists. The holes at bottom were part of the card file system used by most businesses of the period and are often found on commercial mail.



Correspondenz-Karte.

Dopisnica.

№ 2

Bella Grafm Astem

Leoben

Steiermark



1899, Post card sent from **BANJALUKA** to **LEOBEN**, Steiermark, Austria. Postmarked 6 May, 1899 (type P2). **LEOBEN** receiving hand stamp dated 8 May, 1899 at side. Franked 2 (N) yellow 1890 second issue.

Postmarked 14 June, 1903 (type D3 - 16mm Inner Circle and 28mm Outer Circle). Sent from **BANJALUKA** to **SARAJEVO** - receiving stamp (type vD3) dated 15 June, 1903. Arrival time of 10 AM indicated on receiving stamp by 10V (Vormittag). Additional hand stamp, **Diligence (Stage Coach) Station "BOČAC"** in violet. Franked 2(H) grey and 3(H) yellow, new currency issue of 1900.



Дописна карта -- Dopisna karta

CORRESPONDENZ-KARTE

Levelező-Lap -- Carte postale



Frau Josipa Lisch

Wohlgeboren

Sarajevo

CORRESPONDENZ-KARTE. — DOPISNICA.

Frau Josipa Lisch

Wohlgeboren

Wien

III Neustiftgasse 22

I. G. Thür 18

1899, sent from **BANJALUKA** to **VIENNA**, Austria. Franked by 2(N) B&H yellow second issue, tied by 15 September postmark (type D2).

vD3

Dum!

Lofgawfützen Grünlein

Lissa Barta

bri der J. frau Lora Pöckl

Tölz  
bri München.

Type K1 cancel on orange red 4 Novica  
Bosnia Revenue Stamp.

P3



1892, letter sent from **BANJALUKA**, Bosnia to **TÖLZ**, Germany. Postmarked 14 May, 1892, with **manuscript** cancel "14/V BANJALUKA". Franked with B&H first issue red 5(N). Faint **TÖLZ** receiving stamp on reverse dated 18 May, 1892. Inside are original contents - letter and a dried flower.

Manuscript

Correspondenz-Karte.  
Dopisnica.

Lissa Barta

Lissa

Tölz  
bri München.

1898, 2(N) red Postal Stationery Card, sent from **BANJALUKA**, Bosnia to **TÖLZ**, Germany. Tied by 8/10/BANJALUKA/98 **manuscript** cancel. **TÖLZ** arrival hand stamp of 10 October (8-9 AM) at side.



K1



**BOSN. BROD**  
Colon instead of Period  
After MILIT



K2  
**BOS. BROD**



1902, 5(H) green issue of 1900 Postal Stationery card sent from **BOSANSKI BROD**, Bosnia to **DELEMONT**, Switzerland. Up-rated to the 10(H) foreign rate by 2(H) grey and 3(H) orange stamps of 1900 issue, all tied by two strikes of a 4 December **BOS. BROD** cancel (type D3). 7 December, 1902 **DELEMONT** receiving stamp at side. Violet hand stamp of sender - a Plum Products exporter - at left. *Non-Philatelic three color uprated items are quite elusive.*



O2



1895, 2(N) red Postal Stationery card sent from **BOSANSKA DUBICA**, Bosnia to **ZAGREB**. 21 January 1895 **BOS. DUBICA** cancel (type K2), with same day **ZAGREB** receiving stamp at side.

1887, 2(N) red Postal Stationery card sent from **BOSANSKA DUBICA**, Bosnia to **GORZ**, Austria. 27 November 1887 **BOSN. DUBICA** cancel (type K1), with faint **GORZ** receiving stamp at side.

**BOSANSKA DUBICA LI**

Opened 24 January 1883

K2

D3 (14mm/28mm)



**BOS. DUBICA**



K1

D3 (18mm/30mm) —





**BOSANSKA GRADIŠKA LII**

Opened 1 January 1883

K1



1888, red 2(H) Postal Stationery Card sent from **BOSANSKI GRADIŠKA** to **KRAPINA**, (today, Croatia). Tied by 5 November, 1888 **BOSN. GRADIŠKA** postmark (Type K1). 6 November 1888 receiving stamp at side.

K2  
BOS. GRADIŠKA 21 mm



K2  
BOS. GRADIŠKA 23 mm



iK2



D3



K2



1887, 2(N) red Postal Stationery Card, sent from **BOSN. KOSTAJNICA** to **ZAGREB**, Croatia. Tied by 18 August 1887 postmark (type K1). Same day **ZAGREB** arrival hand stamp at side.

**BOSANSKA KOSTAJNICA L**

Opened 1 March 1883

K1



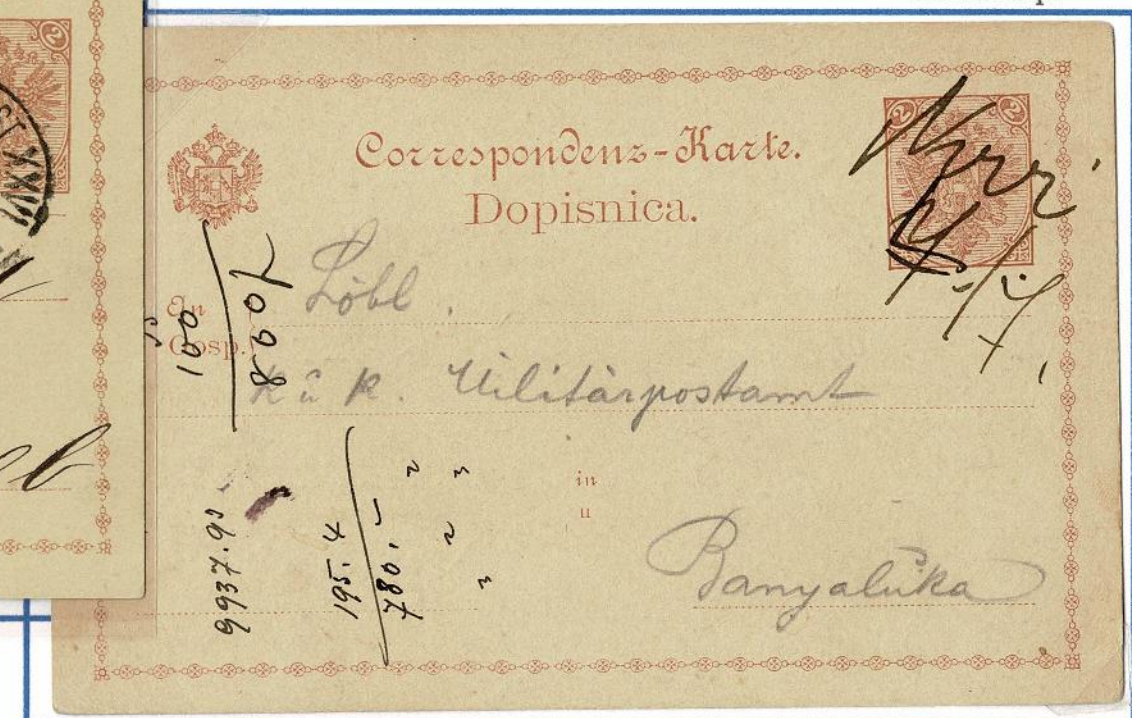
**BOSANSKI NOVI XXVI**

Opened 1878

K1



Manuscript



TOP: 1887, 2(N) red Postal Stationery Card, sent from **BOSANSKI NOVI** to **ZAGREB**, Croatia. Tied by 4 March **NOVI XXVI** (type K1) postmark. **ZAGREB** arrival hand stamp at side. BOTTOM: 1894, same issue Postal Card sent to **BANJALUKA**, Bosnia. Tied by manuscript cancel **NOVI 7/7**.



BOSANSKI NOVI

K2 - BOS. NOVI



D3 (15mm/27mm)



D3 (18mm/28mm)



DERVENTA I

Opened 1 September 1878

iD2



K1



Manuscript



D2 - with period: DERVENT.

iK2



D3 (19mm/30mm)



DOBOJ II

Opened August 1878



D2



1885, 2(N) red Stationery card to BUDAPEST, tied by "K.K.MILIT:POST II DOBOJ" (type K1) cancel, partial BUDAPEST arrival hand stamp at left.

K2 (3mm Letters)



K2 (5mm Letters)



1902, 5(H) blue-green new currency Stationery card to GRAČANICA, tied by manuscript "DOBOJ/17/1/02", same day GRAČANICA arrival hand stamp at left



DOBRLIN LXVI

Opened 15 October 1895

D2



1917, Picture Post Card sent from DOBRLIN, Bosnia to PRAGUE, Czech Territory. Franked with a 10+2(H) lilac red War Charity issue of 1916, tied by 9 February DOBRLIN LXVI cancel (type D2). Violet cache of the military command post in DOBRLIN at side. *Examples of genuine postal usage of this stamp are elusive.*

MAGLAJ A/VERBAS

Open 13 April 1882 to ?

K



KLASNICA

Open From 1 November 1886 to 15 August 1889

K1



*Fewer than 10 strikes* of this cancel are known from this short lived MPO located in a town of only 320 inhabitants.

Unique style K cancel, K.K. BRIEFSAMMLUNG/MAGLAJ A/VERBAS on fragment from an envelope with red wax seal intact on reverse. *Only two strikes are known (both with the same date) from this small facility that was a mail collection stop and never became a full service MPO. Records show that 2 employees and 8 horses staffed this facility that was likely open only a few weeks. A town of similar name, MAGLAJ III, exists on the Bosna River in TUZLA District. Manuscript notation on fragment is not of the period and appears to be from an early researcher.*

PRJEDOR XII

Opened 7 October 1878

iK2



Manuscript



1889, 2(N) red Postal Stationery card mailed to AGRAM (ZAGREB), tied by 13 January PRJEDOR XII cancel (type K1). Zagreb arrival cancel, reverse (not shown).

D3



1908, 5(H) Postal Stationery Card sent from PRJEDOR, Bosnia to SISAK, (today, in Croatia), tied by PRJEDOR cancel of 3 December 1908 (type D3). Arrival stamp of 4 December at side.

K2

(period after PRJEDOR.)



K2

(without period after PRJEDOR)





TESANJ XXXVIII

Opened 10 January 1881



K1

K2



1903, 5(H) green Postal Stationery Card sent to **SISAK**, (today, Croatia), tied by **TESANJ**, Bosnia postmark (**type K2**) of 11 September 1903. September 13 arrival hand stamp at side.

**RUDOLFSTHAL in BOSNIAN LIX**

Opened 15 August 1889



K2



1914, 5(H) green Postal Stationery Card sent to **NAUMBURG (Saale)** Germany, tied by **RUDOLFSTHAL/BOSN.**, Bosnia postmark (**type K2**) of 25 April 1914. 28 April private commercial arrival hand stamp on reverse, scan shown at left.

K2 (BIHAĆ)



Post Offices in  
**DISTRICT  
BIHAĆ**

**BIHAĆ XIV**

Opened 10 October 1878



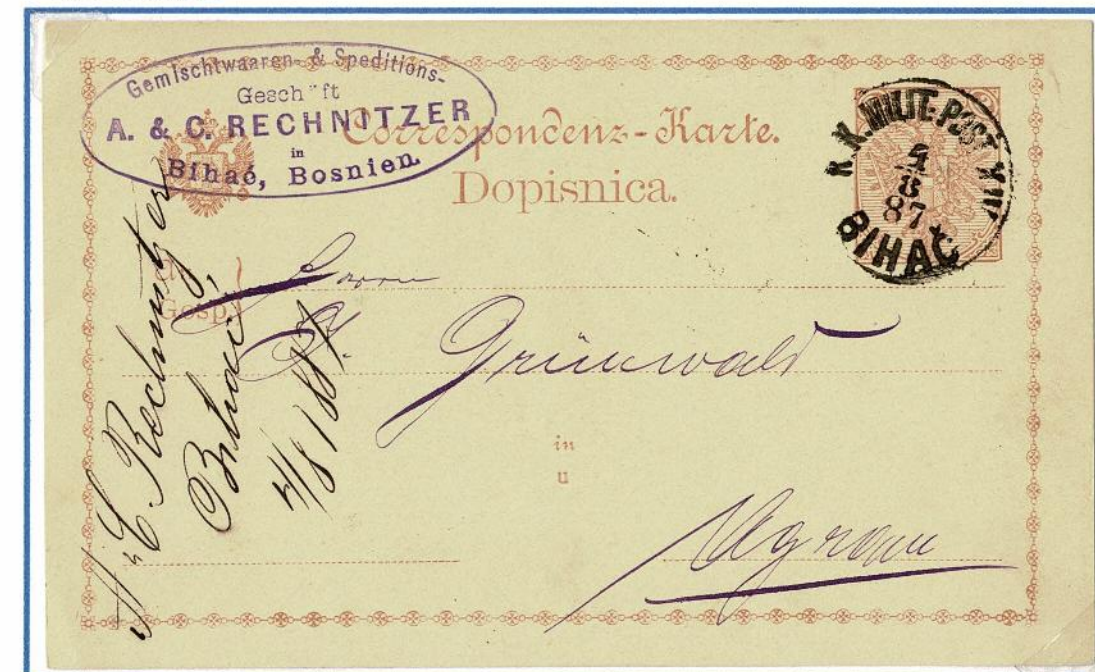
K1 - BIHAĆ

iD2 (BIHAĆ)



**TOP:** 1883, red 2(N) Postal Stationery Card sent from **BIHAĆ** to **VIENNA**, Austria. 17 December (**type K1**) cancel. 20 December **VIENNA** receiving hand stamp at side.

K1 - BIHAĆ



K1 BIHAĆ



**LEFT:** 1887, As Postal Card above, sent to **AGRAM (ZAGREB)**. 4 August cancel (**Type K1**). Violet commercial cachet, top left



KULEN VAKUF XLIX

Opened 1 February 1883

K1



K2



1908, Postcard sent from KULEN VAKUF, Bosnia to KARLOVAC, (now Croatia). Franked by 5(H) green Landscape issue of 1906, tied by KULEN VAKUF postmark of 19 November 1911 (type K2). 22 November KARLOVAC receiving hand stamp at side.

K2 - BOS. KRUPA



BOSANSKA KRUPA XXIII

Opened 1878

K1 —  
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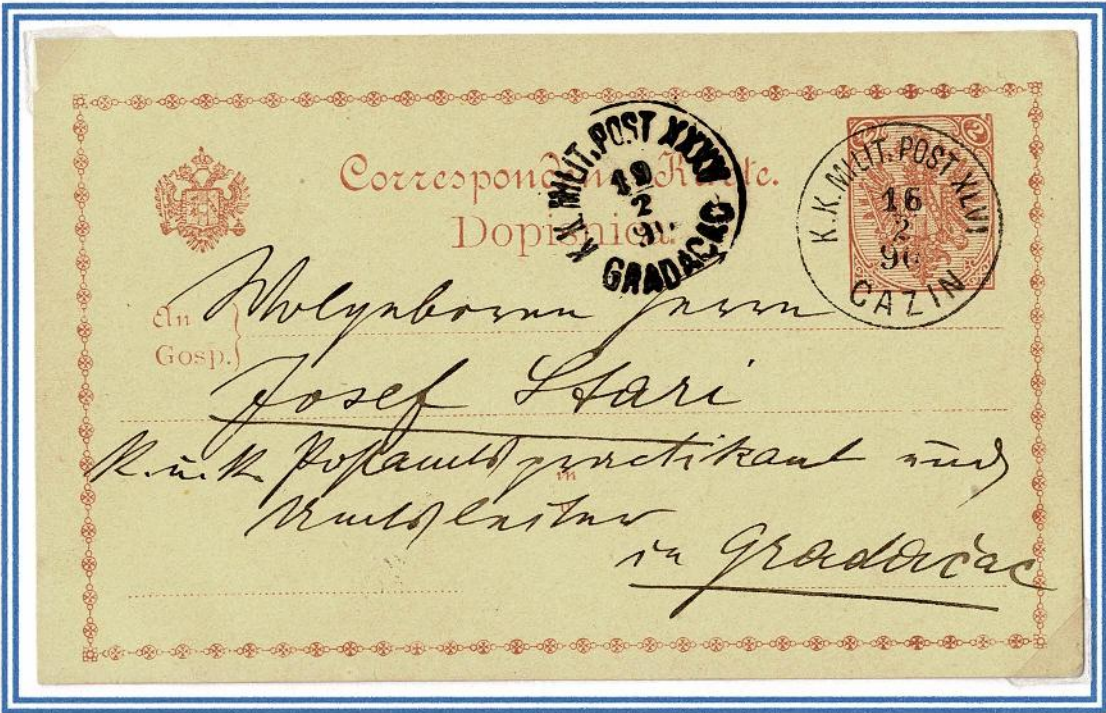
iD2 - BOSN. KRUPA



CAZIN XLVI

Opened 23 May 1882

K1



1890, red 2(N) Postal Stationery Card sent from CAZIN to GRADACAC, Bosnia, 16 February (type K1) cancel. 19 February GRADACAC receiving hand stamp at side. The K1 canceller was to have been removed by 25 January but the new K2 cancellers had not yet arrived.



— K2 —



BOSANSKI PETROVAC XIII

Opened 9 October 1878

K1



D3 (16mm/29mm)



D3 (15mm/26mm)



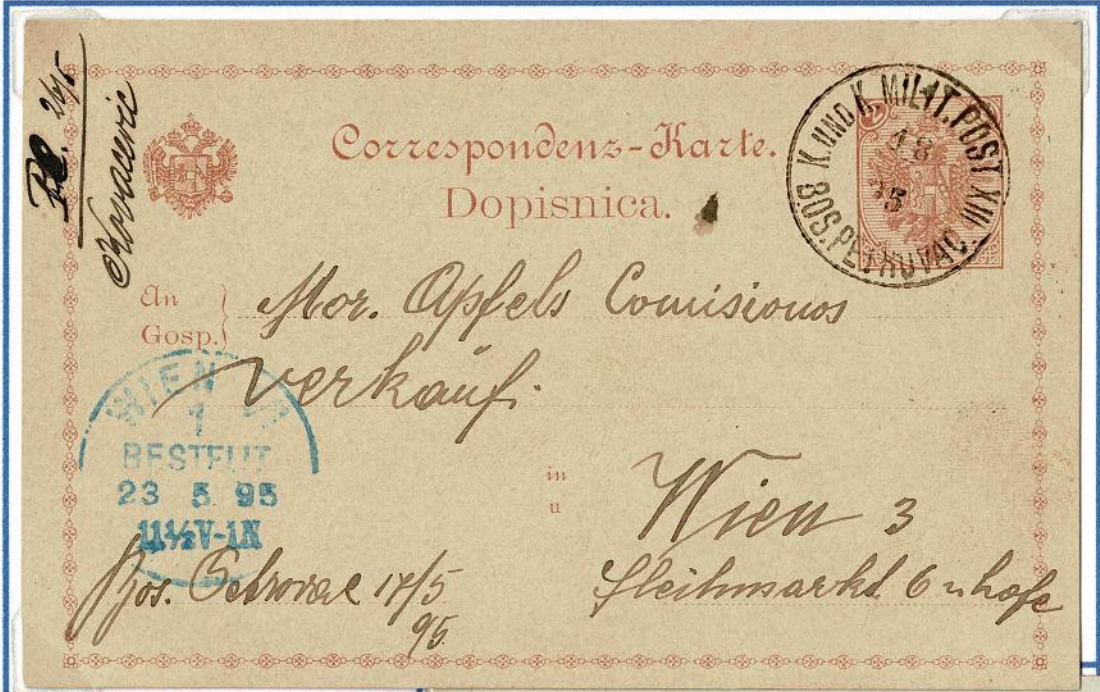
K2





K2

Opened 9 October 1878



LEFT: 1895, red 2(N) Postal Stationery Card sent from BOS. PETROVAC to VIENNA. 18 May cancel (type K2).

K2

Opened 1878



K1



K2



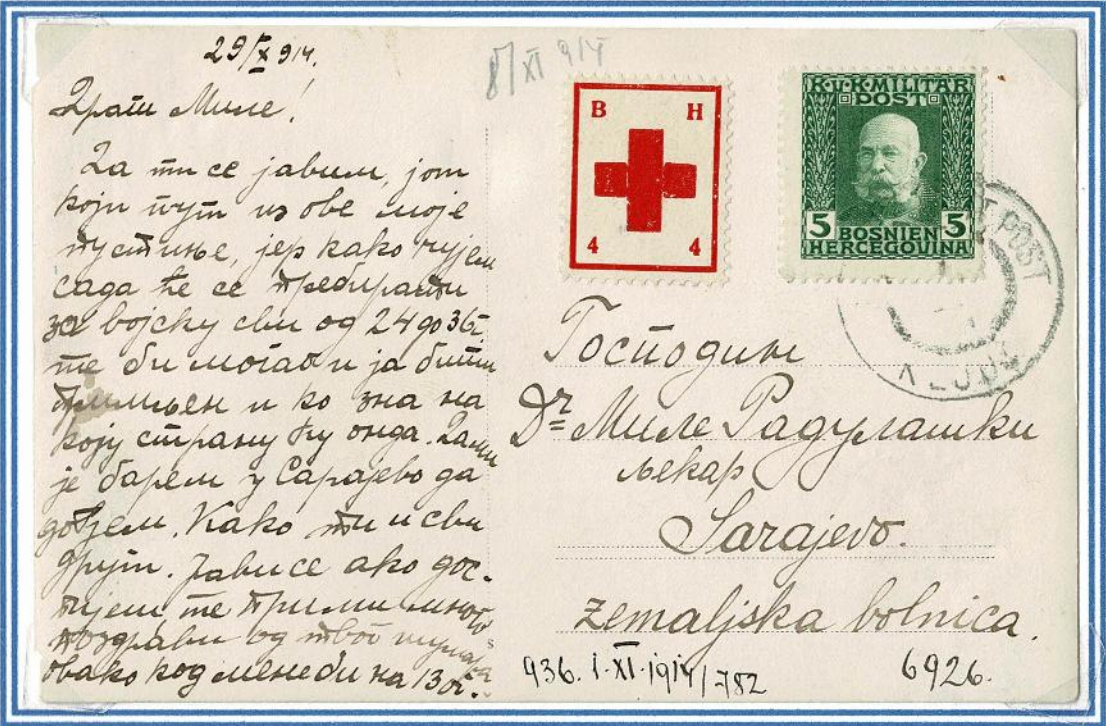
D3

RIGHT: 1910, Picture Post Card sent to DENVER, Colorado. Franked 10(H) red 1906 Landscapes issue to pay international PC rate. 23 Feb BOS. PETROVAC cancel (type K2).



K2

D3



SITNICA X

Open 6 November 1878 to 30 November 1889



This short lived Post Office served a town of only 140 inhabitants.  
The 5(N) first issue Bosnian stamp above left is the rare 13 x 12 perforation variety.

TOP: 1905, green 5(H) Postal Stationery Card sent to VIENNA. 12 December KLJUČ cancel (type K2), blue 13 December VIENNA arrival hand stamp, lower left.

BOTTOM: 1914, Postcard sent from KLJUČ to SARAJEVO both in Bosnia. Franked by 5(H) green Franz Joseph issue of 1912-14, tied by KLJUČ postmark of 8 November (type D3). 4 Heller Bosnia & Herzegovina Red Cross charity label also on front. This label, issued by the Bosnian Red Cross, was not compulsory and was in use only from the beginning of WWI until early 1915. The 1914-15 semi-postal Bosnian stamp issues that were mandatory overshadowed these labels and they are infrequent on cover.



SANSKI MOST XLI

Opened 1 October 1881

K2



1893, bilingual addressed Letter sent from SANSKI MOST, Bosnia to CONSTANTINOPLE, Ottoman Empire. Franked by 10(N) blue B&H issue of 1879 (perforated 11 - one of the least common varieties of this issue) tied by SANSKI MOST postmark of 20 November (type K2) with manuscript "FRCO" (FRANCO - postage paid) at left. 25 November receiving hand stamp of the CONSTANTINOPEL OESTERREICH POST 1 on reverse, scan shown at left. Bosnian postal history to this destination is quite elusive.

K1



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1886, red 2(N) Postal Stationery Card sent from AVTOVAC, Herzegovina to RIVA, Tirol, Austria. Tied by 18 May cancel (type K1).

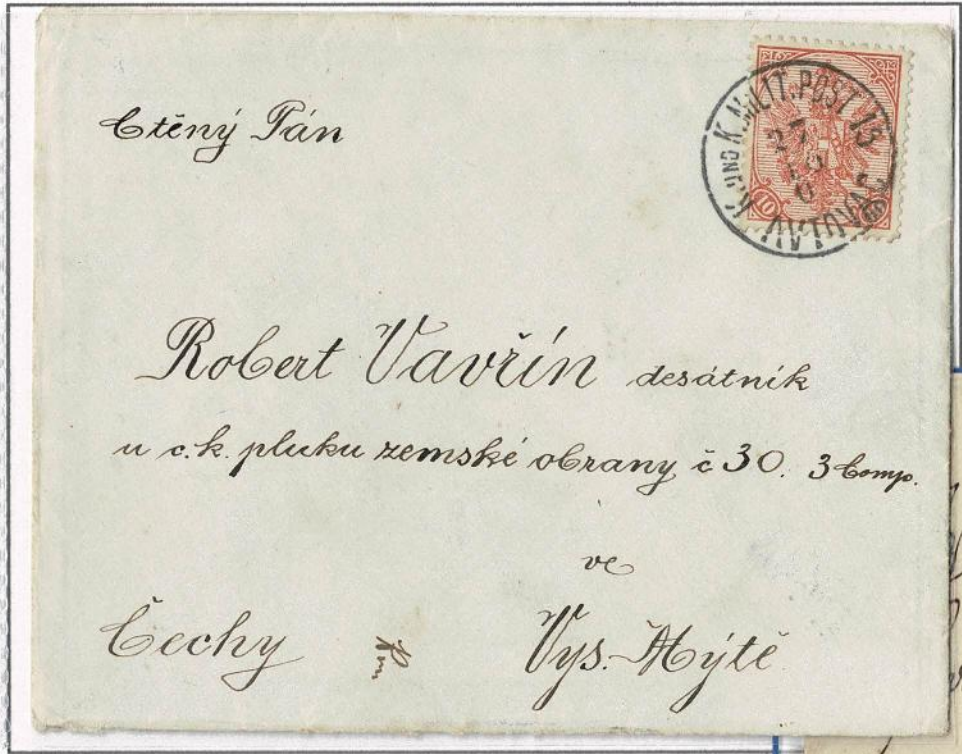
AVTOVAC 15

Opened 10 October 1883

K1

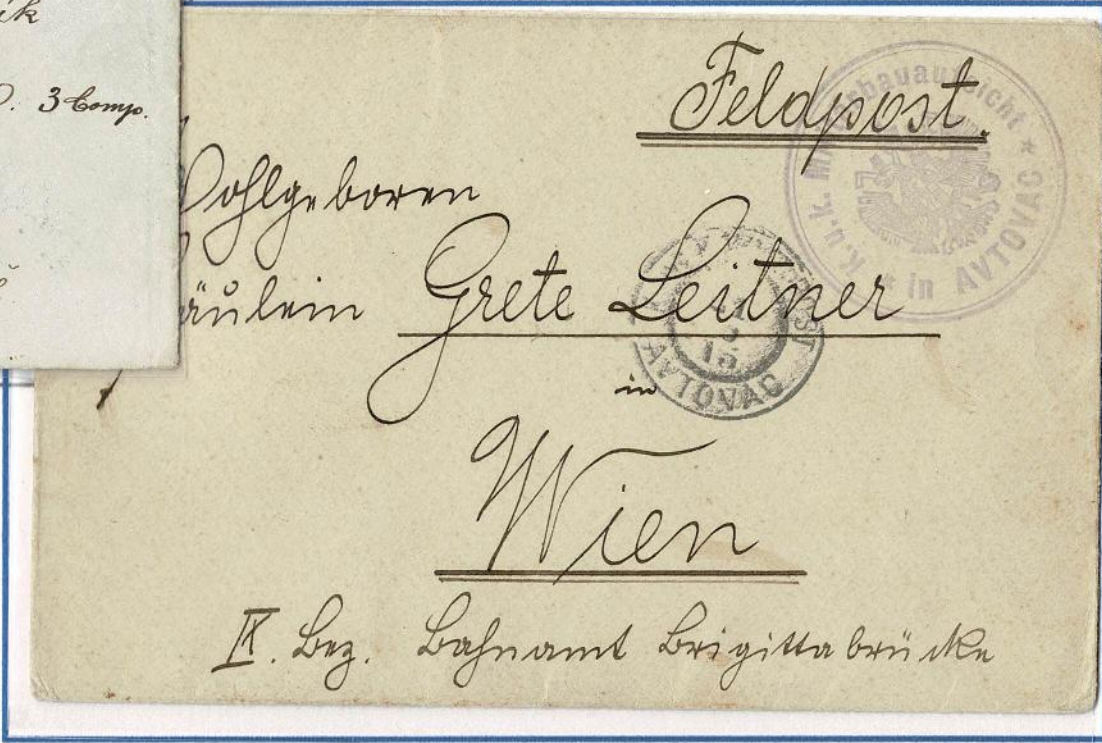


K2



1901, letter sent from AVTOVAC, Herzegovina to VYSOKE MYTE (HOHENMAUTH), Czech territory. Franked by 10(H) new currency issue of 1900, tied by 27 October 1901 AVTOVAC postmark (type K2). 30 October VYSOKE MYTO receiving stamp on reverse.

D3



1915, Feldpost letter sent from AVTOVAC, Herzegovina to VIENNA, Austria. Violet cache of the Military Building Corps, tied by 21 May 1915 AVTOVAC postmark (type D3).



Opened 12 October 1878  
Renamed Bileca 1 November 1911



K2



1883, 2(N) red Postal Stationery Card, sent from **BILEK**, Herzegovina to **FRANKFORT-ON-MAIN**, Germany. Uprated to 5(N) with green 3(N) first issue to pay the postal card rate for foreign destinations, tied by 8 November **BILEK** cancel (**type K1**). 9 November **RAGUSA** (now **DUBROVNIK**, Croatia) transit hand stamp on reverse, scan shown at left. *Uprated Postal Cards are scarce in early Bosnian postal history.*



D3  
(16mm/28mm)



D3  
(17mm/30mm)



1896 , 2(N) red Postal Stationery card. Sent from **BILEK** in Herzegovina to **BRACKEL**, Germany, tied by 23 March **BILEK** cancel (**type D2 with Period**). **BRACKEL**, Dortmund receiving stamp dated 28 March, 1896 at left.

K1

1887, letter sent from **DOMANOVIĆ** to **BUDAPEST**, Hungary. Franked by 5(N) red issue of 1879, tied by 26 July **DOMANOVIĆ** cancel (**type K1**). 26 July **MOSTAR 13** transit and 29 July **BUDAPEST** arrival hand stamps on reverse.

K2



1904 , Postal card sent from **DOMANOVIĆ** to **BUDAPEST**, Hungary. Franked by 5(H) issue of 1900, tied by 5 December **DOMANOVIĆ** 2 cancel (type K2). 6 December 4 PM and 5 PM **BUDAPEST** transit and arrival hand stamps at left.

**FOJNICA b/GACKO 1**

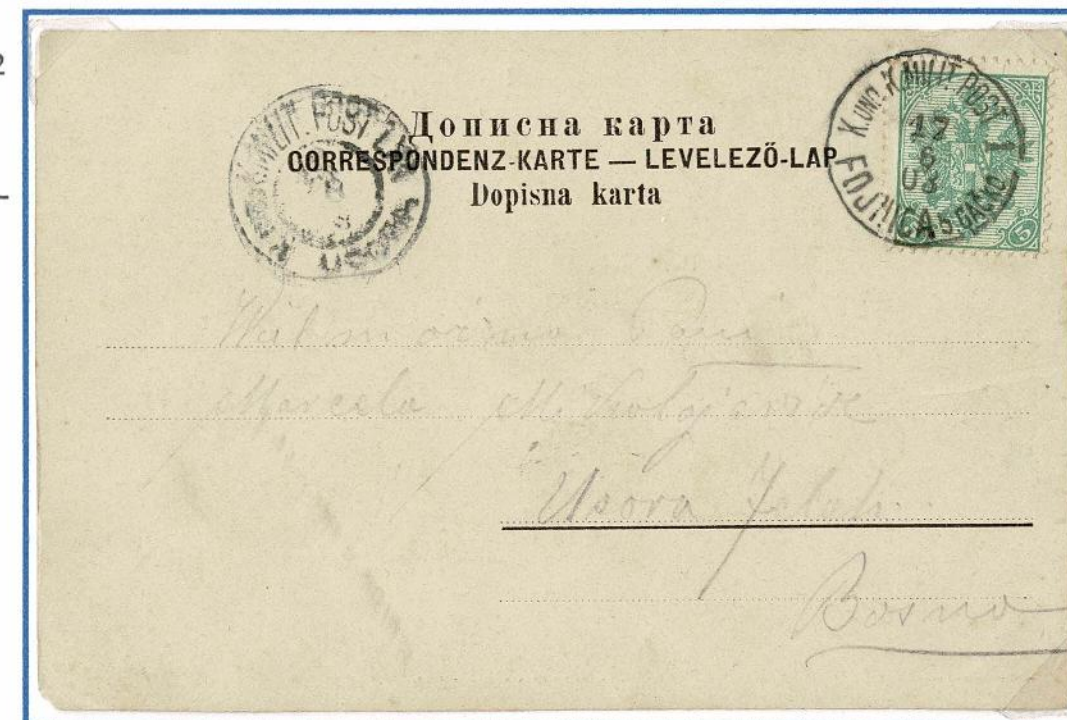
Opened 1 January 1888

FONICA b. GAĆKO

K1



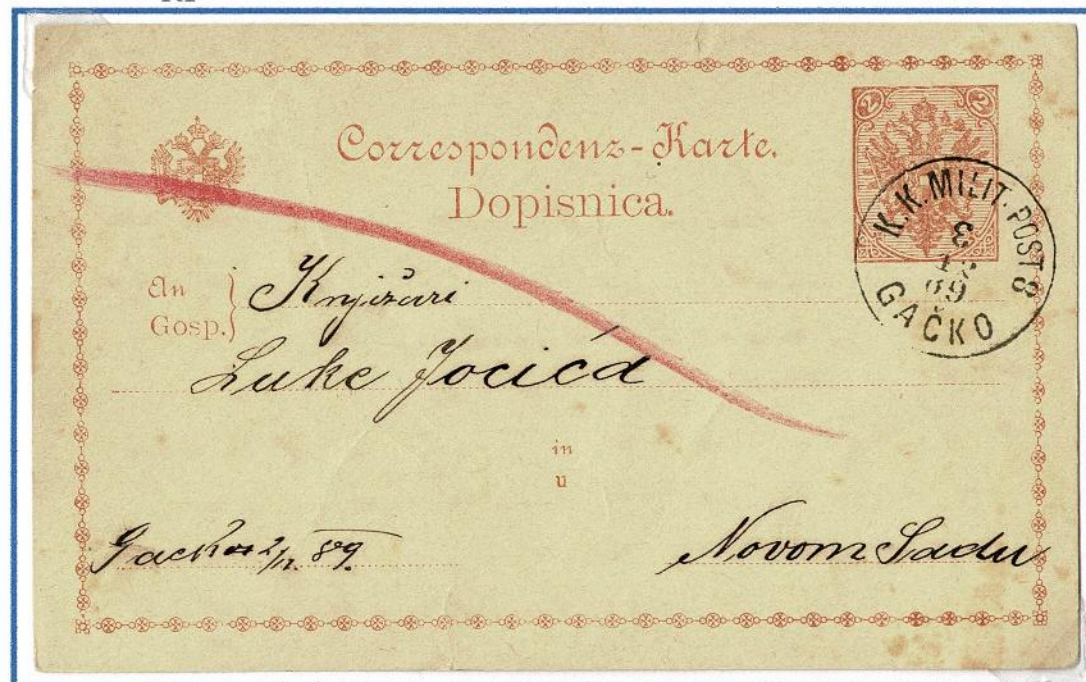
1904 , Postal card sent from FOJNICA b/GACKO to USORA in Bosnia. Franked by 5(H) green issue of 1900, tied by 17 June FOJNICA b. GACKO strike (type K2). 18 June USORA arrival hand stamps at left.





Opened 13 October 1878

K1



1889, 2(N) red Postal Stationery card, sent from GACKO in Herzegovina to NOVOM SADU (NOVI SAD) Austro-Hungarian Territory (now Serbia). Tied by 3 December GACKO 8 cancel (type K1 with accent on C - note inverted "3" in date).

2 October, 1890, sent to FOCA, Bosnia (7 October arrival cancel). Old style type K2 with accent on "C" in GACKO.

K2



1900, Sent to TEMESVAR, Hungary (10 April arrival cancel). New style type K2 cancel without accent on "C" in GACKO.

K1

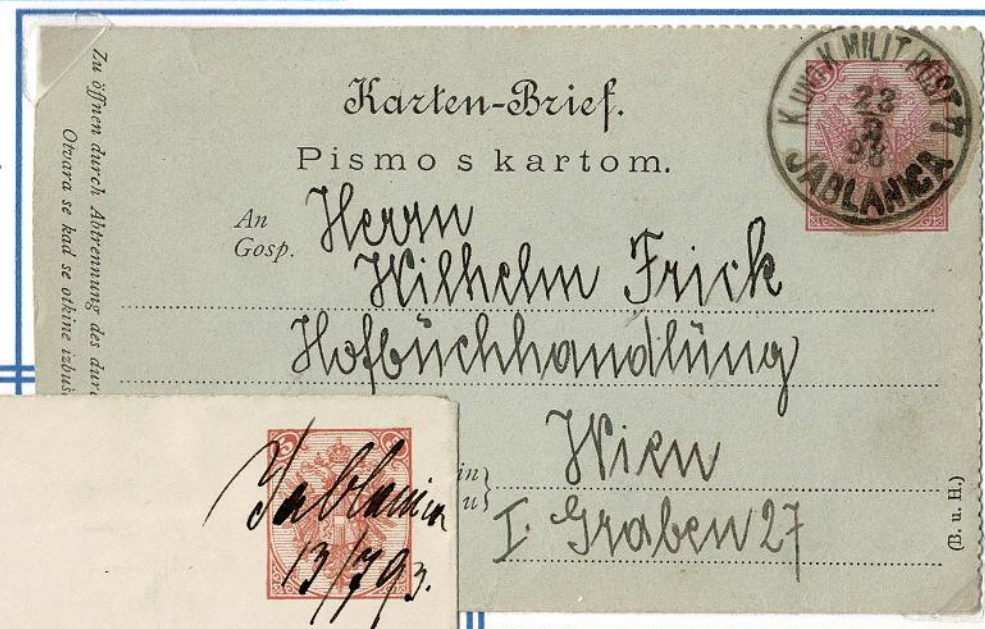
P1,



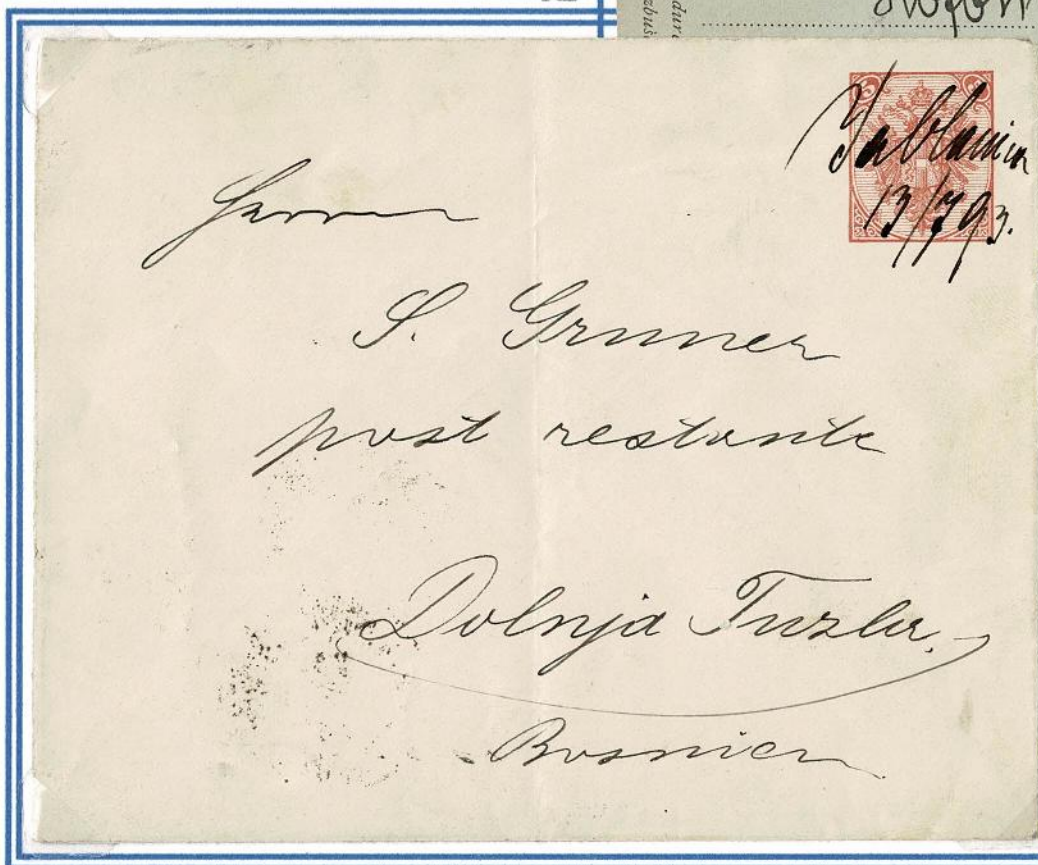
1884, Registered letter sent from JABLANICA, Herzegovina to MUELHAUSEN, Böhmen. Franked by three 5(N) red B&H stamps, issue of 1879, to pay the 5(N) inland rate and 10(N) registered letter fee. Tied by 10 Feb. JABLANICA cancel (type K1), 12 Feb. SARAJEVO transit mark (rare type P1) and 15 Feb. MUELHAUSEN arrival hand stamp, along with third stamp, on reverse. Straight line RECOM and registered #43 on front, top left,.

1898, 5(N) Red Postal Letter Card sent from JABLANICA to VIENNA. 23 September JABLANICA cancel (type K2). VIENNA arrival hand stamp on reverse (not shown).

K2



LEFT: 1893, 5(N) Red Postal Stationery Letter sent from JABLANICA to DOLNJA TUZLA, Bosnia, tied by "JABLANICA/13/7/93" manuscript cancel. 14 July arrival hand stamp (type K2) on reverse, scan shown below.





Opened August 1878 (Renamed Konjic 1 November 1911)

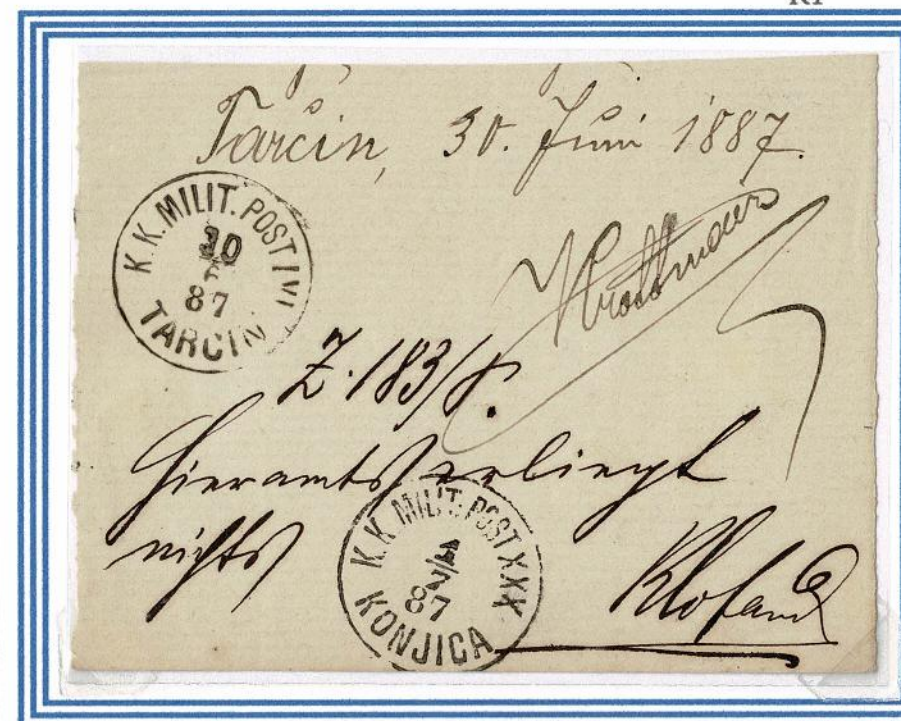
1 September 1886 to 31 August 1889



1915, Post card sent from **KONJIC**, Herzegovina to **TULLN**, Austria. Tied by **KONJIC** postmark of 8 April (type **D2 - KONJIC**). Violet "**KUK Bahnhofkommando KONJIC**" hand stamp at top. Feldpost not recognized (apparently in error) and black "**T**" postage due hand stamp and amount due **10(H)** in manuscript blue crayon at side.



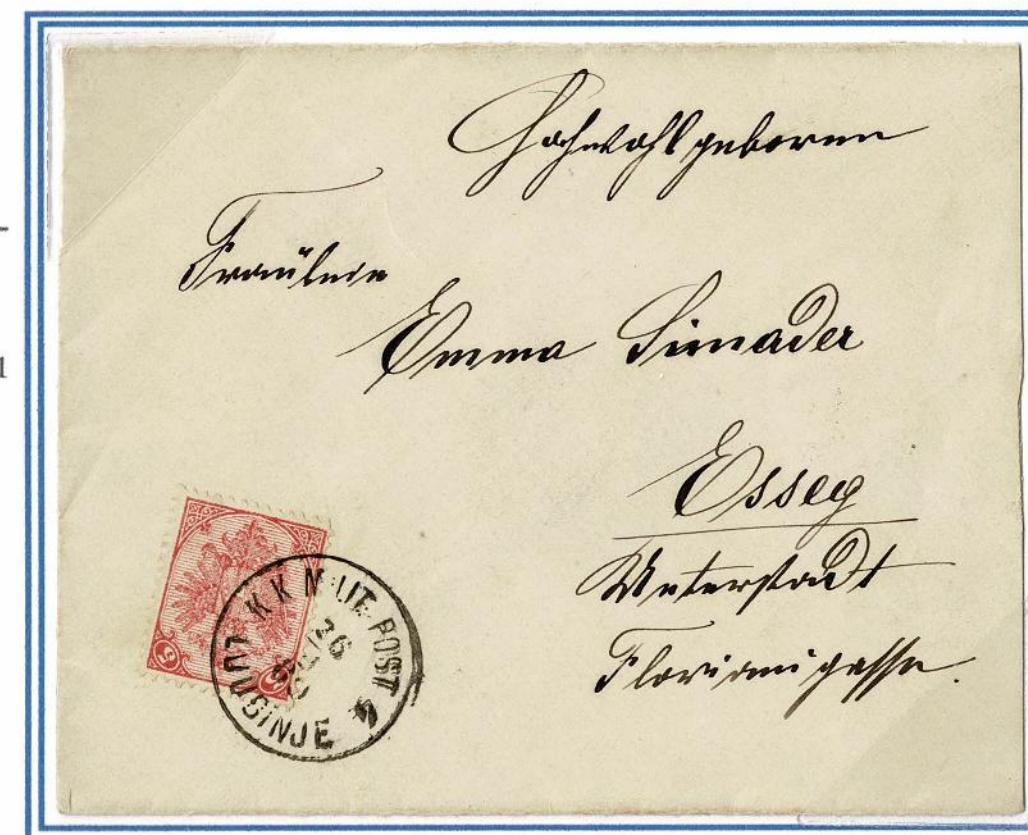
1908, 5(H) green **KARAJAZ Mosque** Postal Stationery Card sent from **KONJIC** to **CONSTANTINOPEL**, Ottoman Empire. Uprated with a 5(H) Landscape definitive issue of 1906 to pay the 10(H) foreign postal card rate. Tied by a **KONJICA** postmark of 17 December (type **K2 - KONJICA**). Violet cache of the Muslim Reading Room, **KONJICA**, 1907, at bottom left.



Letter fragment sent from **TARCIN**, Bosnia on 6 June 1887, arrived at **KONJICA** 1 July. No other example bearing both of these elusive type **K1** cancels is recorded.

**LJUBINJE 4**

Opened 10 October 1878



1889, letter to **OSIJEK**, franked 5(N) rose perf 12.5 of Bosnia first issue of 1879, tied by **LJUBINJE** cancel of 26 January 1889 (type **K1**). Scan of **ESSEK/OSIEK** arrival hand stamp of 30 January on reverse, shown at left.



The Military Post Office at **KORITO**, serving a town of only about 100 inhabitants, was open less than three years. Fewer than 10 cancels from this MPO are known.





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K1

D3

**MOSTAR 13**

Opened 6 August 1878



K1



1881, Letter sent from LJUBINJE, Herzegovina to AULHÜTTEN bei DOBRISCH, Böhmen. Franked 5(N) red 1879 first issue of B&H, tied by LJUBINJE cancel of 11 January (type K1). Transit cancels of STOLAC (Herzegovina) 11 Jan. (type K1), ZADAR (ZARA) 16 Jan., VIENNA, 19 Jan., AULHÜTTEN, 20 Jan. and arrival cancel in DOBRISCH (Böhmen) 21 Jan. Well travelled cover is one of the earliest known from LJUBINJE.

**LJUBUŠKI 12**

Opened 14 August 1878

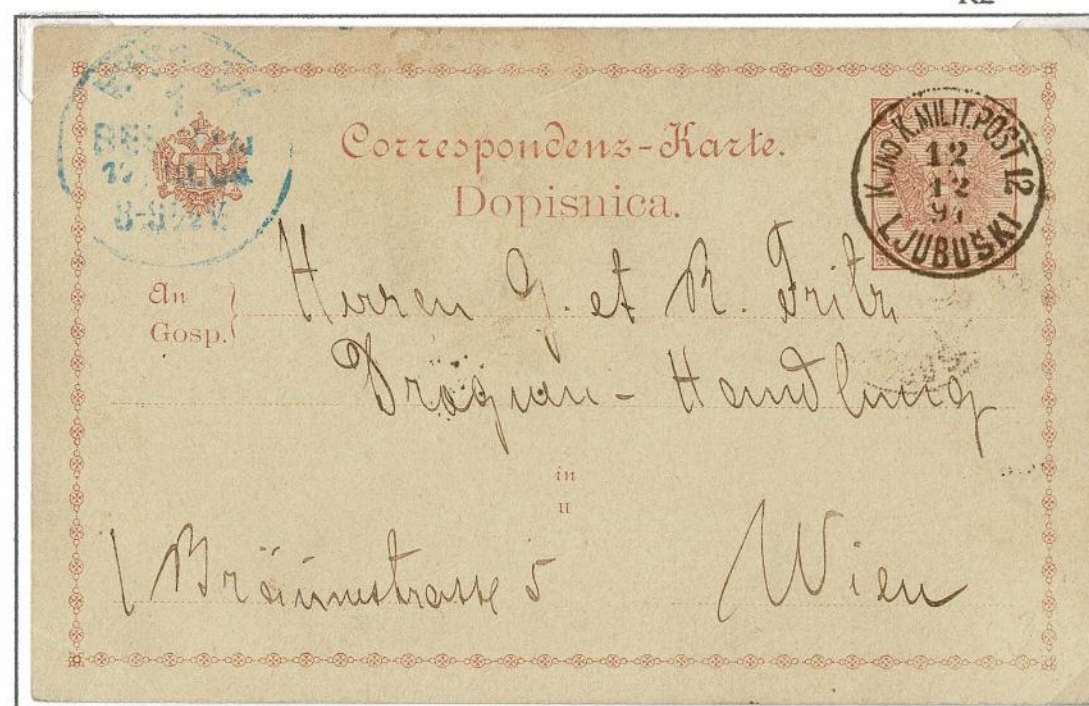
K1



D3



K2



1894, 2(N) red Postal Stationery card. Sent from LJUBUŠKI to VIENNA. 12 December LJUBUSKI 12 cancel (type K2) and blue VIENNA arrival hand stamp at left.

1889, Cover sent to Vienna, Austria. Franked by 5(N) red perf 12 B&H Lithographed Arms first issue of 1879, tied by **Mostar 13**, Herzegovina postmark of 28 July (type K1, large "13"). 1 August arrival hand stamp on reverse, shown above left.

K1



1882, 2(N) red Postal Stationery Card sent to VIENNA, Austria. Tied by **MOSTAR 13** postmark of 4 January 1882 (type K1, small "13"). VIENNA arrival hand stamp at side.



O2

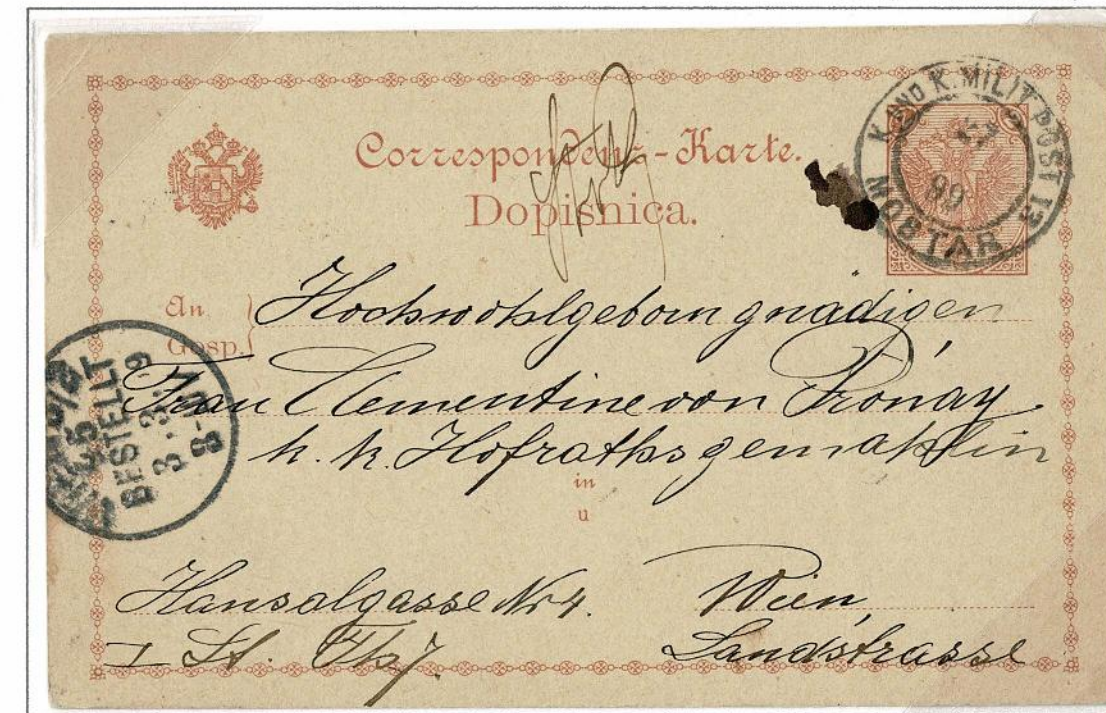
D3 (18mm/29mm)

O2

D2 (18mm/28mm)

P1

P2



1899 Post Card sent to **VIENNA**, Austria. Franked by 2(N) yellow 1890 Bosnian second issue, tied by **MOSTAR** postmark of 16 October, (type O2). 19 October **VIENNA** receiving stamp at side. Card is addressed to **Joseph Barsch**, head **Railway Minister of the Dual Monarchy**.

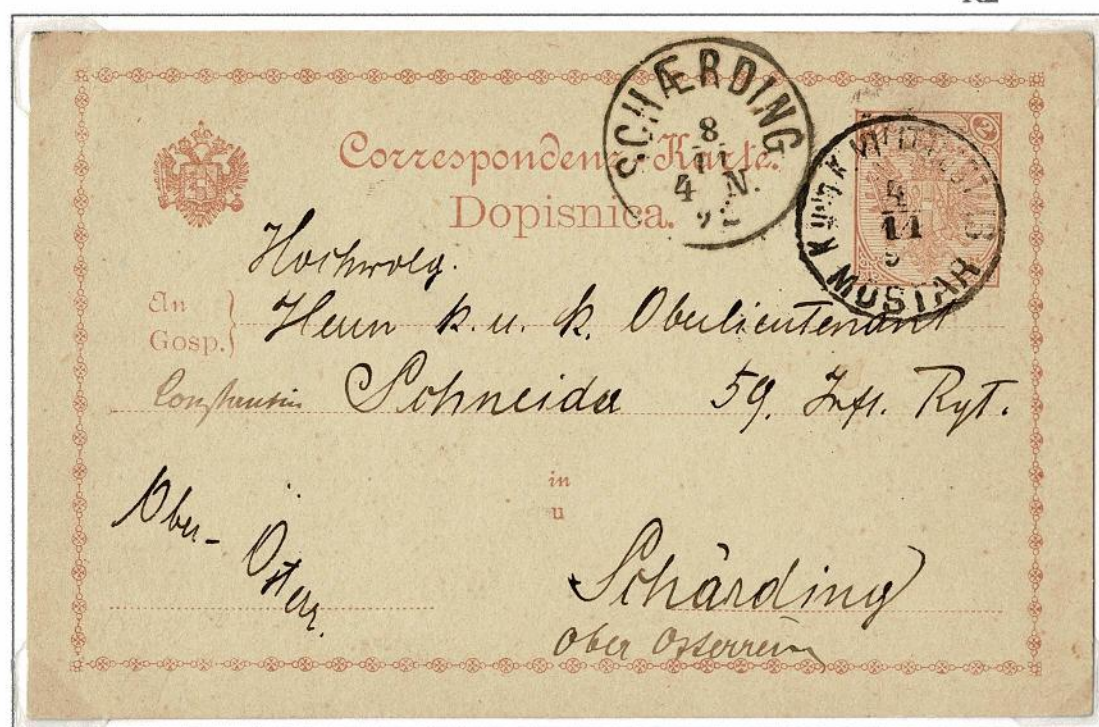
1899, 2(N) Postal Stationery Card sent to **VIENNA**, Austria, tied by **MOSTAR** postmark of 27 February (type D3 - 18mm/29mm). 3 March (8-10 AM) arrival hand stamp at side.

K2

D3 (15mm/27mm)

D3 (15mm/27mm)

D3 (18mm/29mm)



D3 (16mm/30mm)



1909, picture Post Card sent in city. **MOSTAR** postmark of 10 April (type D3 - 15mm/27mm). Franked 2(H)+2(H)+1(H) of the 1906 Landscape issue. Two 2(H) red and two 2(H) blue charity labels - **PROSVJETA** (the Mostar Educational Fund) at left (scarce on mailed items).

1892, 2(N) Postal Stationery Card sent to **SCHAERDING**, Austria. Tied by **MOSTAR** postmark of 4 November 1892 (type K2). 8 November (4 PM) arrival hand stamp at side.



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## NEU BILEK 11

Open from 1 August 1889 to 31 October, 1910  
Opened 1 August 1889 - Closed 31 October 1910

D2



K2

K2



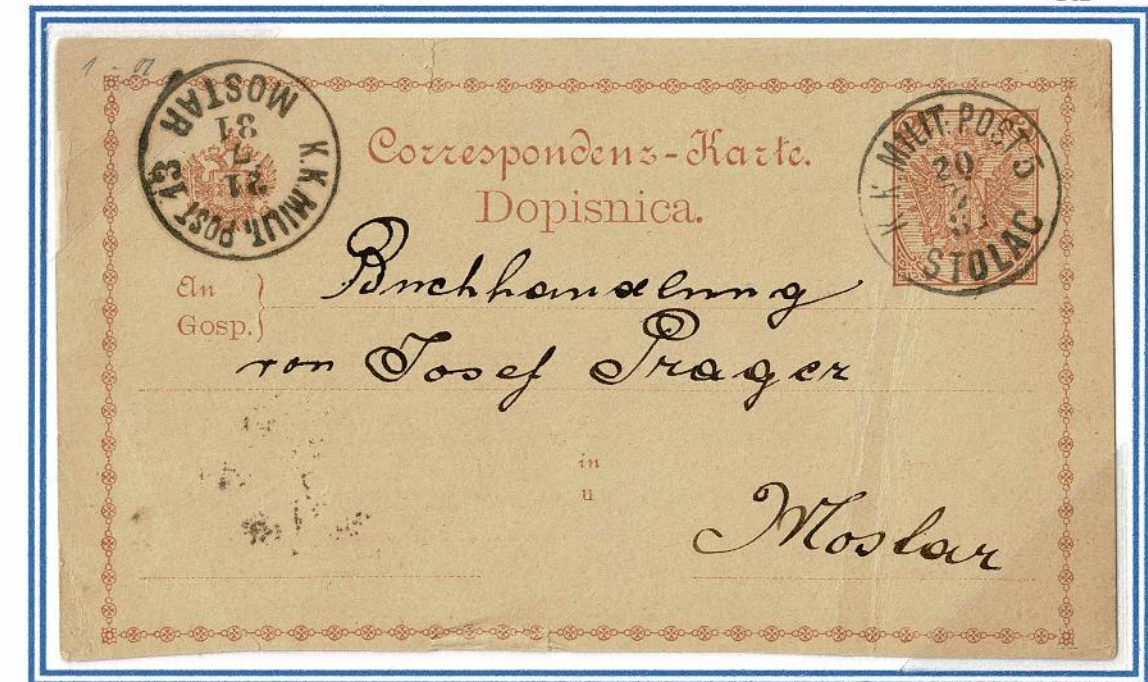
D2



## STOLAC 5

Opened 26 August 1878

K1



1900, Private Post Card sent to SZÉKESFEHÉRVÁR, Hungary. Franked with 5(H) green issue of 1900, tied by NEU BILEK, Herzegovina postmark of 29 July (type K2). Faint SZÉKESFEHÉRVÁR, receiving stamp at side.

1881 Postal Stationery card sent to MOSTAR (21 July type K1 MOSTAR arrival stamp at left), cancelled by 20/7/81 STOLAC type K1 hand stamp (scarce early use).

## NEVESINJE 3

Opened 4 September 1878

K1



K2 - 2mm Gap 3-T



K1



K2 - 3mm Gap 3-T



D2



1905, letter, sent to CASTELNUOVO, Trentino, Italy. Franked by 10(H) B&H issue of 1900 to pay the foreign rate, tied by NEVESINJE, Herzegovina postmark of 12 August, 1905 (type D3 - first used 21 March 1898). 13 August receiving post mark, reverse (not shown).

D3



1892, 2(N) Postal Stationery Card sent to VIENNA, Austria, tied by NEVESINJE 3, Herzegovina postmark of 7 January, 1892 (type K1). 14 January LEOPOLDTSTADT/VIENNA receiving stamp at side.



Open 22 August 1888 to 30 November 1889

The Military Post Office  
at **OSTROŽAC** was  
reopened 16 July, 1916 (see  
Section 3).

Fewer than 5 strikes have  
been reported for this  
cancel.

K1



K1  
(ULOK)



K2  
(ULOK)



Open 5 August 1882 to 1 May 1911



K1 (3.5mm letters)



K1 (4mm letters)



TREBINJE 6

Opened 11 September 1878

K2

1900, Post card sent from **TREBINJE**, Herzegovina to **PISEK**, Böhmen. 11 January **TREBINJE** postmark (type K2 - 1.5mm Gap between "6" and "T" in "POST 6"). 15 January (3 PM) **PISEK** arrival hand stamp at side. Franked 2(N) old currency and 1(H) new currency.\*\*

D3



K2



1913

Very late use of this  
type cancel.

1900, 3(N) green old currency domestic Folded Letter Card sent to **VIENNA**. Up-rated to the new Letter Card rate of 10(H) by a 3(H) yellow orange and 1(H) grey black new currency issue of 1900 and counting old currency as double the new currency at 6(H)\*\*. All are tied by 8 March **TREBINJE** cancel (type K2 - 2.5mm Gap between "6" and "T" in POST).

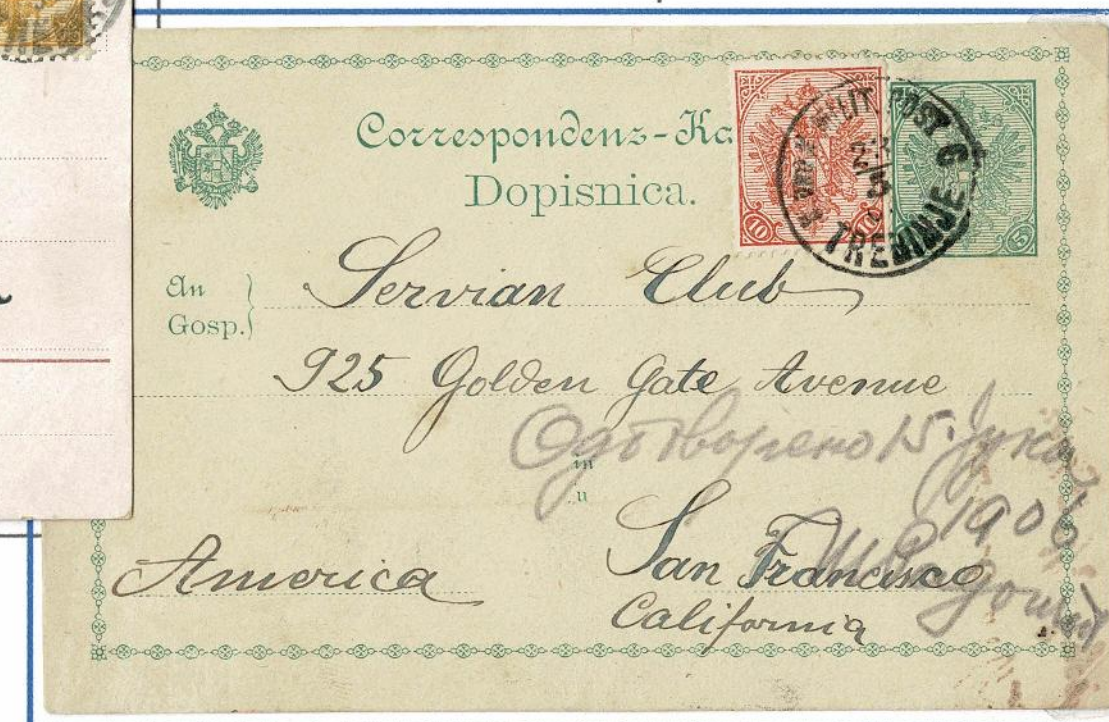


Correspondenz-Karte.  
Dopisnica.



1899, Post card sent from **TREBINJE**, Herzegovina to **TEMESVAR**, Hungary (now Romania). Tied by 22 February **TREBINJE** postmark (type K2 - 1.5mm Gap between "6" and "T" of POST). Franked by 2(N) yellow-orange second issue.

1906, 5(H) green Postal card sent from **TREBINJE** to **SAN FRANCISCO**. Up-rated 10(H) and tied by 23 May **TREBINJE** postmark (type K2 - 1.5mm Gap between "6" and "T" of POST). Sender inquires about whereabouts of relative following the great earthquake.



\*\*Following the currency reform of 1 January, 1900, the Kreuzer (Novčića) was converted to Hellers at half the value of the old Novčića/Kreuzer. The post card rate had increased from 2(N) to 5(H) in accordance with the currency reform. In the Mixed franking shown at top of page, the old 2(N) yellow-orange issue of 1895 counted as 4(H). The 1(H) black new currency issue of 1900 paid the balance. The 1(H) stamp was issued to pay the newspaper rate and is rarely found on normal mail, mostly as a rate make-up stamp. This is an example of one of the earliest known uses. Use of mixed franking was officially allowed up to 31 March, 1900, although later examples are known and are shown in this exhibit.



Opened May 1879

K1



Dated 3 April, 1882, type  
K1 on 1 Novčica red orange  
revenue stamp of 1879.

K2

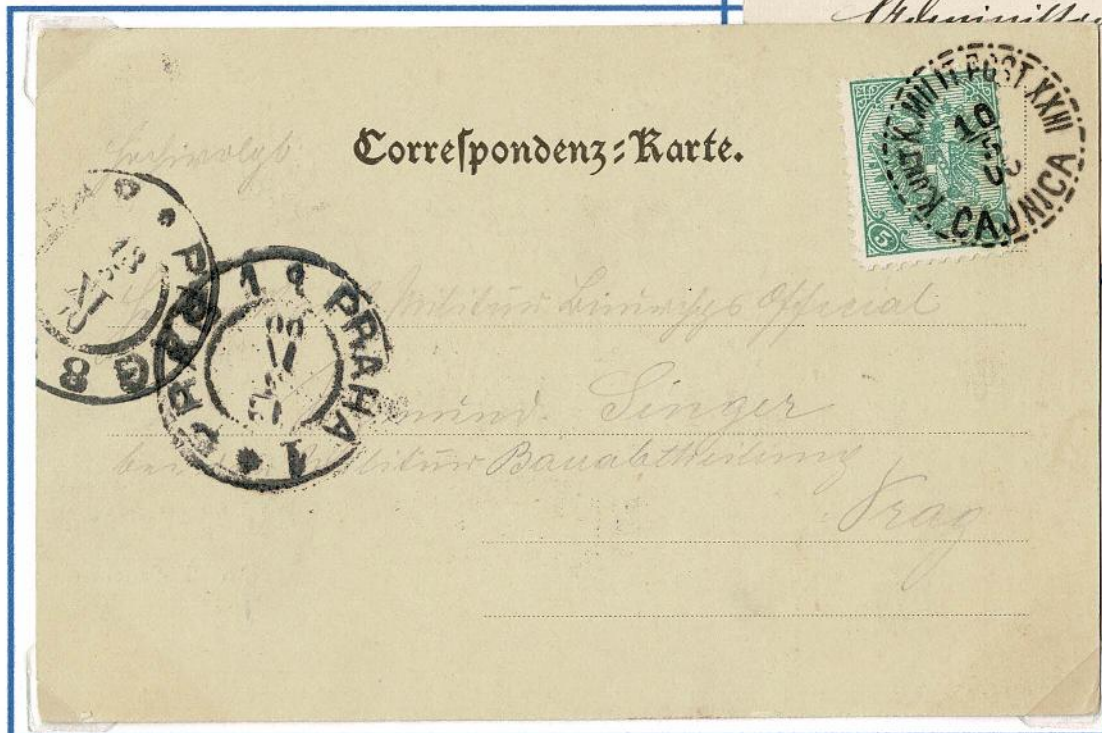


K2 - Accent on first "C"



Type iK2

Outer ring composed of dots and dashes.



# Post Offices in DISTRICT SARAJEVO

**CELEBIČ LXIII**

Opened 21 June 1894

K2



Only one canceller type was used in **CELEBIČ**, a tiny town of 260 inhabitants.

## FOČA XXXVII

Opened 20 October 1880

K2



2mm Space  
K.u.K. - FOČA

5mm Space K.u.K. - FOČA



K2



1900, sent to HAAG, Austria. 21 Dec. FOČA cancel (type K2) and 30 Dec. HAAG arrival hand stamp.

K1





## FOJNICA LVII

Opened 1 August 1886 - Renamed Fonija b. Kiseljak after 1911

K1



D3



K2



1890, 2(N) red Postal stationery card sent from FOJNICA to SARAJEVO, both in Bosnia. Tied by 5 July FOJNICA cancel (type K2). Same day SARAJEVO receiving stamp at side.

## GORAŽDE XXII

Opened 6 November 1878

K1



1889, 2(N) red Postal stationery card sent from GORAŽDE, Bosnia to VIENNA, Austria. Tied by 22 July GORAŽDE cancel (type K1). 26 July VIENNA receiving stamp at side.

## GORAŽDE XXII

K2



1907, 5(H) green Postal stationery card sent from GORAŽDE in Bosnia to OSIEK (Essegg), Slavonia (now Croatia). Postmark (GORAŽDE (type K2 - 27mm) dated 22 December with 24 December OSIEK receiving stamp at side. On reverse, violet hand stamp of K.u.K. Train-Escadron Nr. 48, special Military Escort unit for the rail system (scan shown at left).

K2



D3 - 16mm/26mm



K2



1894, 2(N) red Postal Stationery card sent by a K.u.K. official in, Bosnia to STRASSBURG, Alsace. Tied by 8 [Oct] GORAŽDE XXII cancel (type K2 size 25mm). 13 Oct. STRASSBURG (ELSE) receiving stamp at side. Addressee not found and post card returned 20 October (arrival stamp on reverse). Bilingual Inconnu label applied as well as label advising sender to ask help from the local Police to trace addressee's whereabouts.



iD2 (outer ring dots & dashes)



D2



D2



**Top:** 1910, Picture Postcard, franked by 5(H) deep green stamp from the 1906 Landscape issue, sent from ILIDŽA, Bosnia to PRAGUE, Böhmen. 20 July ILIDŽA postmark (type iD2 - outer ring dots & dashes).

**Bottom:** 1904, letter sent from ILIDŽA, Bosnia to TROPPAU, Silesia, Austria. Postmarked 14 March, (type D2). Arrival hand stamp, TROPPAU, 16 March on reverse (scan shown at left). Franked with 1(H) black, 2(H) grey, 3(H) yellow and 5(H) green new currency issue of 1900 overpaying the letter rate by 1(H).

K1



K2

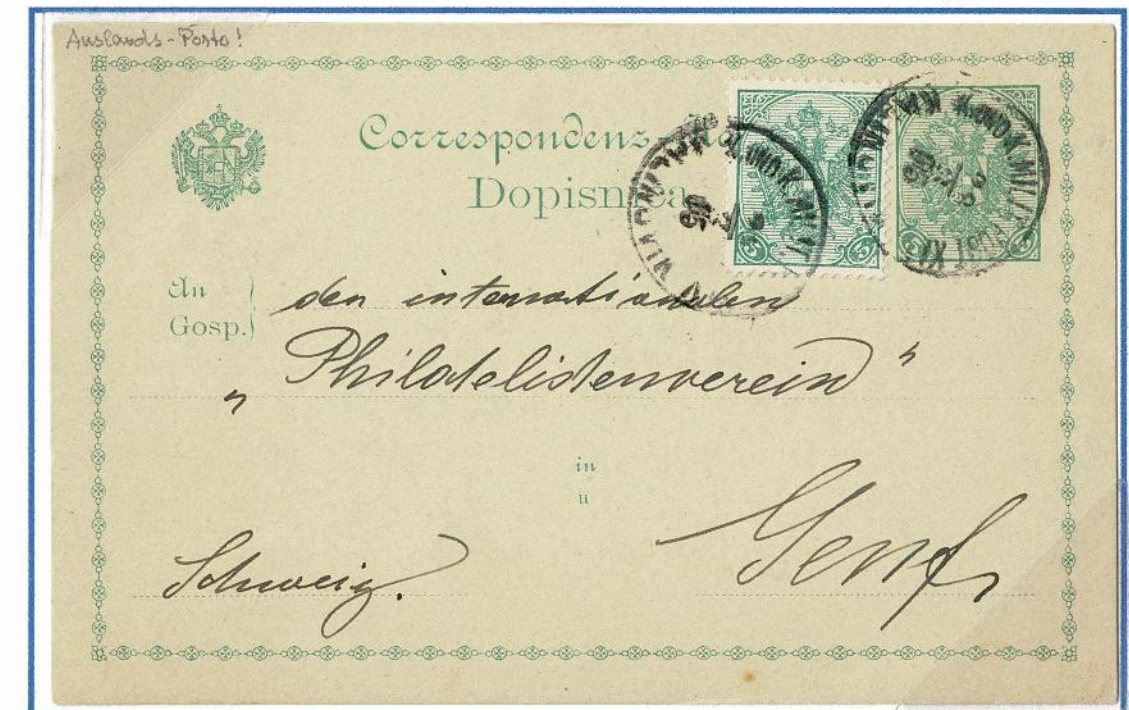


1886, 2(N) red Postal Stationery card from KALINOVIK, Bosnia to FUNF-KIRCHEN (PECS, Hungarian territory - now Serbia). 26 October KALINOVIK cancel (type K1) and 28 Oct. PECS arrival cancel at left.

D3



K2



1905, 5(H) green Postal Card sent from KALINOVIK to GENEVA, Switzerland. Uprated with a 5(H) green Bosnia issue of 1900 to meet the 10(H) foreign destination rate, tied by KALINOVIK postmark of 28 March 1905 (type K2).



KISELJAK VII

Opened August 1878



1896, 5(N) folded letter card sent to SAAZ, Böhmen. Canceled 19 May, KISELJAK (type K2).



PODROMANIJA XXXVI

Opened 1 October 1890



PRAČA XLVII

Opened 10 July 1882



MOKRO XXXVI

Opened March 1880  
Closed 30 September 1890



1888, 2(N) red Postal Stationery card mailed from MOKRO in Bosnia to ZARA (ZADAR), Austrian territory. 29 August MOKRO XXXIV cancel (type K1), 2 September ZARA/ZADAR arrival cancel at left. The MPO at MOKRO was closed and moved to PODROMANIJA 30 September 1890. Fewer than 15 strikes from this short-lived MPO are known.



ABOVE: Type K2, 23 March 1908 on 5(H) green postal stationery card, to Germany. LEFT 1903, private post card sent from PALE to PRAČA, both in Bosnia. 21 Sep. PALE postmark (type D3) and 21 Sep. PRAČA receiving hand stamp (type D3), front. Card is marked "Official Matter - Postage Free", not so recognized, and 10(H) double tax assessed (blue crayon).



K1



1889, 2(N) red Postal Stationery Card sent to **SARAJEVO** from **ROGATICA**, Bosnia. Canceled by **ROGATICA** postmark of 17 July (type K1). 18 JULY **SARAJEVO** arrival hand stamp (type K1) at left.

Opened 19 August 1878

K.u.K. FELD-  
POSTAMT/SARAJEVO  
8/30/79  
Type K (23mm)  
K style shown enhanced,  
below.



K



D3



Manuscript



K1 (SARAJEVO)  
(Period after MILIT.)

O1 (SARAJEVO)



Fragment from 8(H) Money Order form, uprated to 10(H) by a 2(H) revenue stamp from 6th issue (1916) to pay the Money Order fee. The 90(H) Karl stamp pays the additional fees. Few examples of this issue revenue stamp used on piece or entire are known.

1890, 2(N) red Postal Stationery Card sent to **BUDAPEST**, Hungary, tied by **ROGATICA**, Bosnia postmark of 9 November 1890 (type K2). 12 November **BUDAPEST** Main Post Office arrival hand stamp at side.



K2



2K1

D2



1905, Post Card sent to **BUDWEIS**, Böhmen. Franked with 5(H) green 1900 new currency issue, tied by **ROGATICA**, Bosnia postmark of 7 September 1905 (type D2). 10 September arrival hand stamp at side.

1886, 2(N) red Postal Stationery Card sent to **KARLSBAD**, Böhmen. Tied by 19 April **SARAJEVO** postmark (type 2K1 **SARAJEVO**). **KARLSBAD** receiving stamp, 23 April (11 AM) at side.





D3

SARAJEVO 2 - FILIALE - Opened 7 December 1885

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TRNOVO LXII

Opened 21 June 1894

D2

K2

K. und K. MILIT. POST/  
SARAJEVO-FILIALE  
20 July 1910 to VIENNA.K.K.MILIT FILIAL-POSTAMNT -  
28MM  
29 September 1886, SAREJEVO to  
KAUMBERG, Austria

K

1903, 5(H) inland Postal Stationery card sent from TRNOVO to ILIDŽE, both in Bosnia. Cancelled with a 30 December TRNOVO type K2 cancellation. ILIDŽE 31 Dec. arrival hand stamp (type D2) at side.



K2



VAREŠ X

Open 1 September 1891

Manuscript

D3 (16mm/28mm)



K2

TARČIN LVI

Open 10 June 1885  
to 10 April 1892

K1

Strikes are rare from this short lived MPO in a town of 900 inhabitants<sup>(2)</sup>. Fewer than 20 strikes known.

1902, 5(H) Inland Postal Stationery sent from VAREŠ to BERLIN. Cancelled with a 3 December manuscript cancellation. Unusual 5 December BESTELT VOM POSTAMT 11 arrival hand stamp at side.



1891, 2(N) red Postal Stationery Card sent to SARAJEVO. Tied by 18 June TARČIN cancel (type K2). Same day SARAJEVO arrival postmark (type K2) at left.



VIŠEGRAD XXV

Opened 19 August 1878



1907, picture postcard sent Registered Express from VIŠEGRAD, Bosnia to VIENNA, Austria. 25 October 1907 VIŠEGRAD cancellation (type D3 17/30mm). Franked 5(H) deep green (perf 12.5), 5(H) deep green Imperforate marginal pair, 10(H) carmine (perf 12.5) and 45(H) brown-red (perf 9.5), (all from the 1906 B&H Landscape Issue), slightly overpaying the postcard (5H), registered (25H) and express (30H) rates in effect 1/1/1900 to 30/8/1916. Manuscript "Expres" in red crayon and yellow "R" registry label, top.

D3 (17mm/30mm)



D3 (18mm/30mm)



D3 (15mm/26mm)



1882, 2(N) red Postal Stationery Card sent to SARAJEVO. Tied by 28 Dec. VIŠEGRAD XXV cancel (type K1). 30 Dec. SARAJEVO arrival postmark (type K1) at left.

K1

K2



K2



1912, unfranked picture postcard sent from VIŠEGRAD, Bosnia to SARAJEVO. 8 December VIŠEGRAD cancel (type D2), blue manuscript "10h" and black hand stamp "T" indicating postage due (5H postage +5H penalty), front right. Same day receiving cancel and 10(H) first issue postage due stamp on reverse, scan shown cropped at left.

Additional Cancel Varieties Introduced Before 1900

D3  
(16mm/26mm)



D3  
(16mm/30mm)



D3  
Letters 3mm  
Letters 4.5mm



The above examples illustrate some of the varieties of cancels within the major cancel types, such as differences in the sizes of the inner and outer rings, varying size letters in the postmark, punctuation mark variations and others.

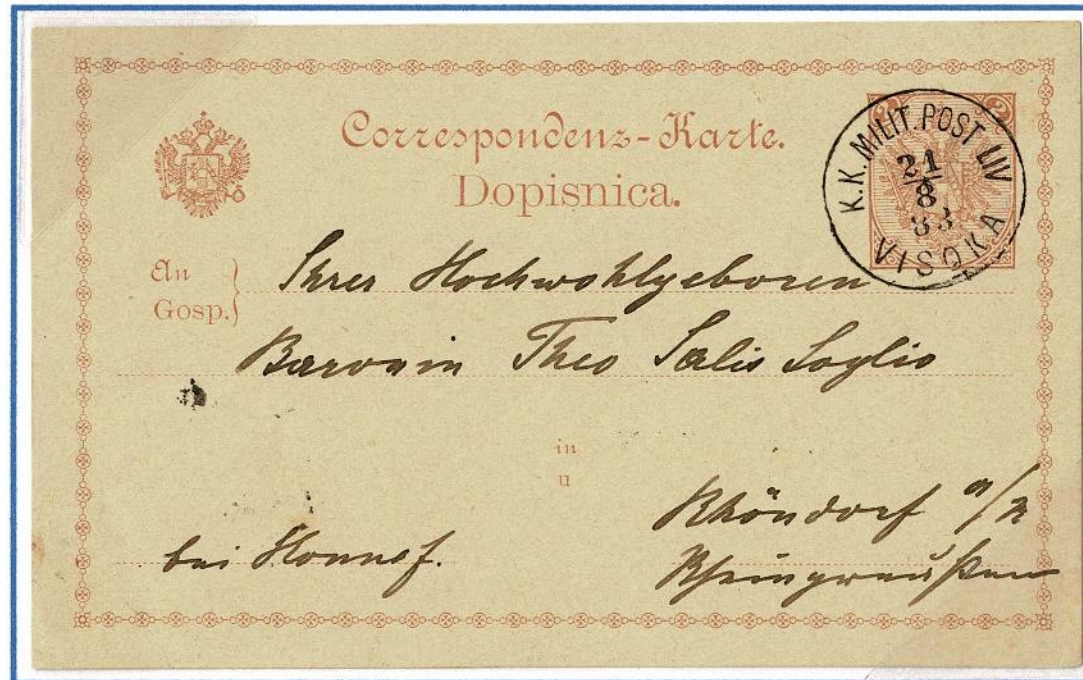


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## VISOKO LIV

Opened 6 October 1882

K1 - VISOKA



1883, 2(N) red local Postal Stationery Card sent to **RHOENDORF**, Germany (near **HONNEF** per manuscript notation at left). Tied by 21 August **VISOKA** cancel (type K1). The correct post card rate to Germany on this date was 5(N) and postage due should have been assessed. The rate for mail to Germany was changed to the conciliatory inland rate 1 January, 1892.

K2  
Late usage.



D2



VISOKO

D2



## Post Offices in DISTRICT TRAVNIK

### BUGOJNO XV

Open 10 October 1878 to 6 July 1879.

Reopened 10 February 1881

D2



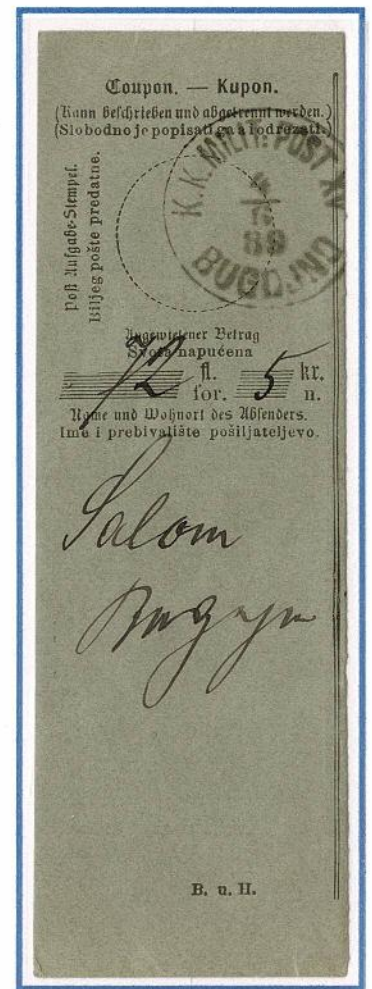
### BUGOJNO XV

K1



1881, folded letter from **BUGOJNO** to **TRIEST**. Franked by red 5(N) issue of 1879, tied by 6 April **BUGOJNO XV** cancel (type K1). 7 April type K1 **LIVNO**, Bosnia transit cancel and two 11 April **TRIEST/TRIESTE** arrival hand stamps on reverse, scan shown at far left. Addressee was a well known businessman of the period.

K1



K2



D2





**BUSOVAČA VI**

Opened August 1878



**PROZOR XL**

Opened 1 August 1881



**GLAMOČ LV**

Opened 15 February 1884



**HAN KUMPA NIJA VITEZ XXXVIII**

Open 1878 to 6 October 1882 (Reopened 1 August 1901)



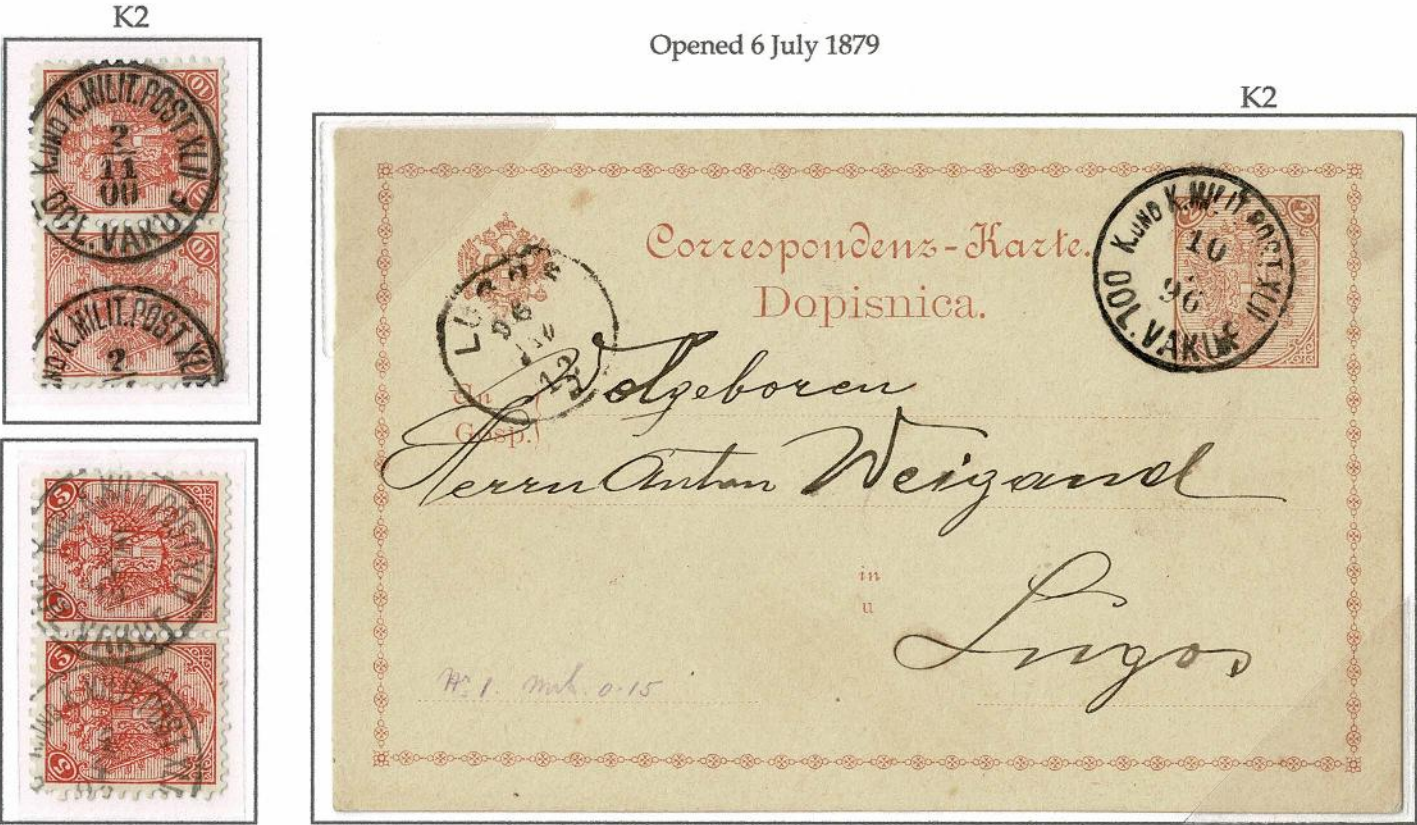
**KUPRES LVI**

Opened 1 July 1893



**DONJI VAKUF XLII**

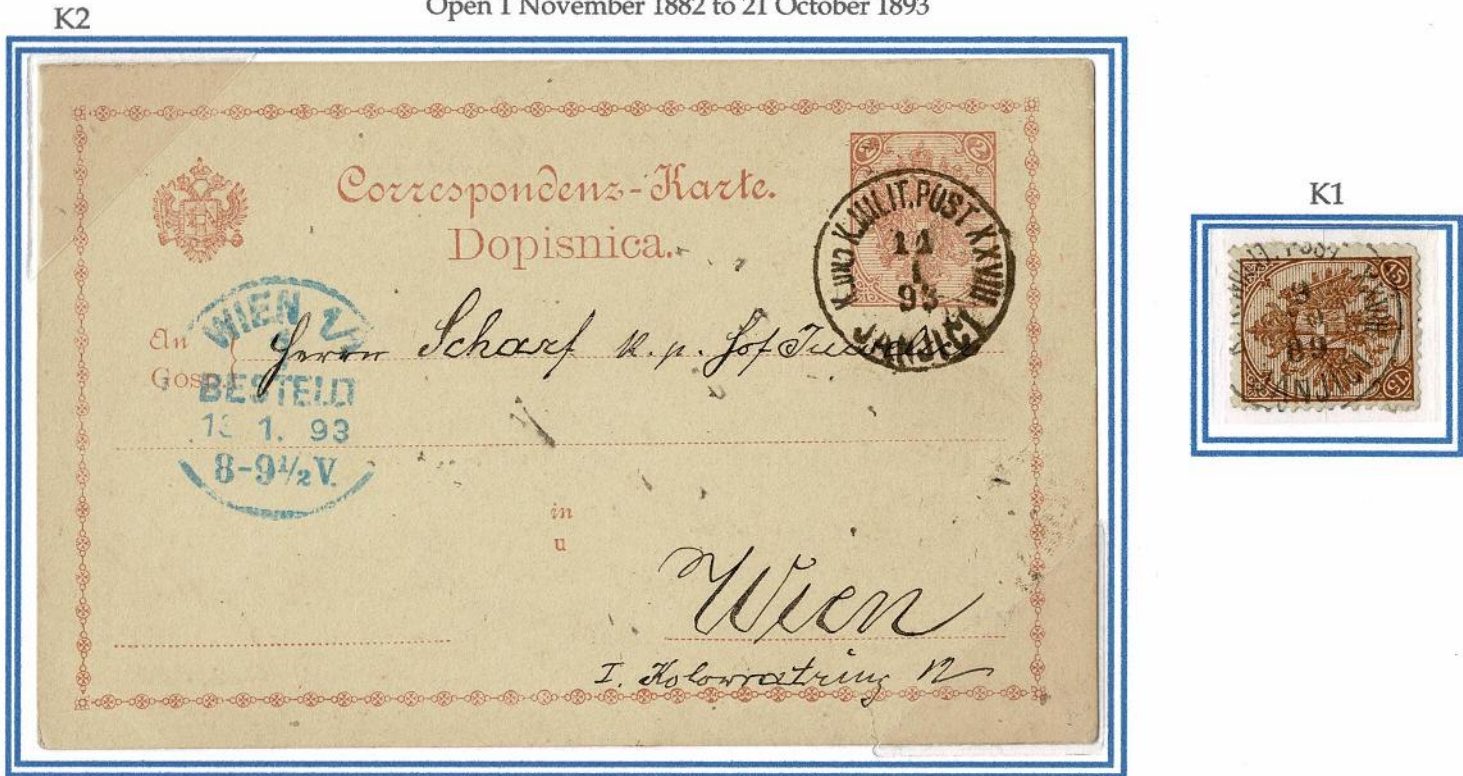
Opened 6 July 1879



1896, 2(N) red Postal Stationery card, sent from **DONJI VAKUF**, Bosnia to **LUGOS** (now in Slovenia). Canceled with a 10 January type K2 **DOL. VAKUF** hand stamp. 12 January **LUGOS** arrival hand stamp at left.

**JANJICI XXVII**

Open 1 November 1882 to 21 October 1893



1893, 2(N) red Postal Stationery card, sent from **JANJICI** to **VIENNA**. Canceled by 11 January type K2 **JANJICI** hand stamp. Blue 12 January **VIENNA** arrival postmark at left.



K1 - JAICE



D3



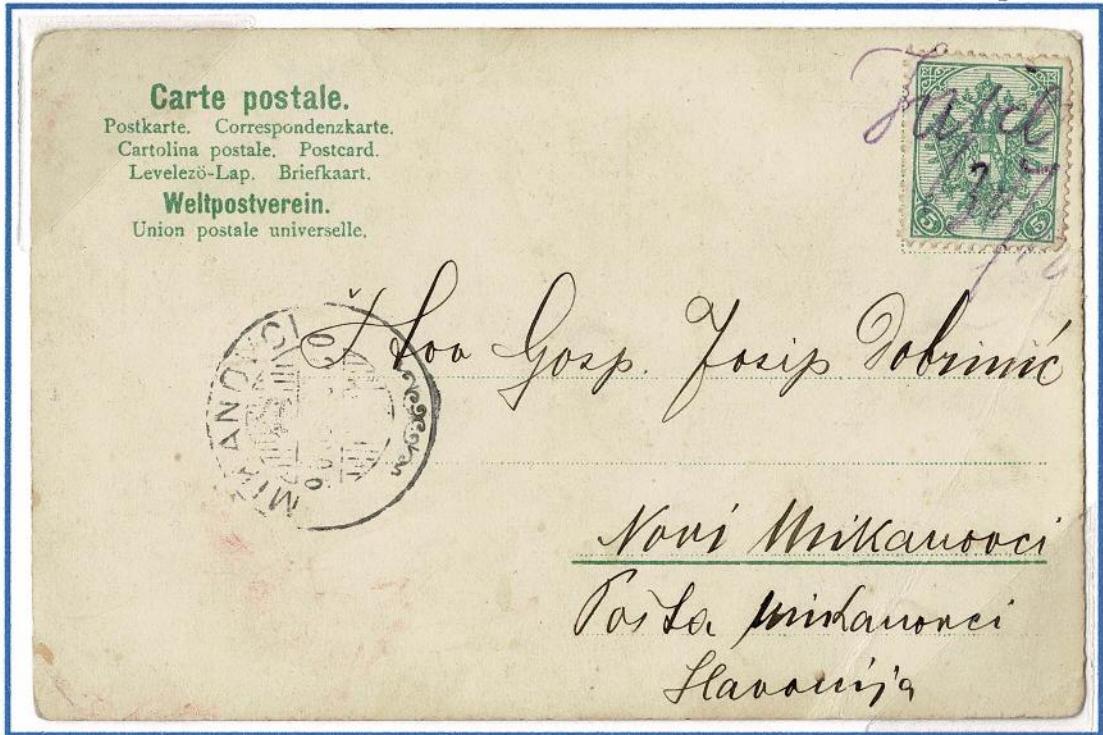
K2 (with period  
after "JAICE")



iK2 (with period  
after "JAICE")



1906, Postcard sent to **NOVI MIKANOCI**, (today, Croatia). Franked by 3(H) B&H issue of 1900, tied by a 30 December JAJCE manuscript postmark. **MIKANOVCI** arrival hand stamp at side (date unreadable). *Manuscript cancels are rarely found after 1906.*<sup>(1)</sup>



K2



1899, Postcard sent to **GRAZ**, Austria. Franked by 2(N) yellow second issue, tied by JAJCE, Bosnia postmark of 8 May (type K2 - without period after "JAICE"). 10 May (7 PM) **GRAZ** arrival hand stamp at side.

22 October 1893

K2



1898, Post card sent from **LAŠVA**, Bosnia to **NUERNBERG**, Germany. Franked by 2(N) yellow second issue of 1890 and tied by **LAŠVA** Christmas Day cancel of 1898 (type K2). 27 December **NUERNBERG** receiving hand stamp and black postal control mark "134" in circle at left. *Mail to Germany was sent at the domestic rate - 2 Novčića.*

K2



K2



1899, Post card sent from **LAŠVA**, Bosnia to **NIEDER KRIEGSTETTEN**, N. Austria. Franked by 2(N) yellow second issue of 1890 and tied by 20 July **LAŠVA** cancel (type K2). 22 July **NIEDER KRIEGSTETTEN** receiving hand stamp at left. *Prior to 1900, the K2 postmark was the only device in use in LAŠVA*



Opened August 1878



Type K1  
27 August 1889 to  
VIENNA.



26 Feb. 1890  
(Late Use)

K2 (4mm Letters)



D3



Type K2 (4mm Letters)  
4 April, 1914: Very late use —  
of this post mark type.



1901, Postcard sent to SARAJEVO. Franked by 5(H) green new currency issue of 1900, laid paper variety, tied by LIVNO postmark of 3 October 1901 (type D2 - with period after "LIVNO"). 4 October (9 PM) SARAJEVO arrival hand stamp at side. Crayon manuscript (bottom left) indicates card is written in the "Serbian Language".



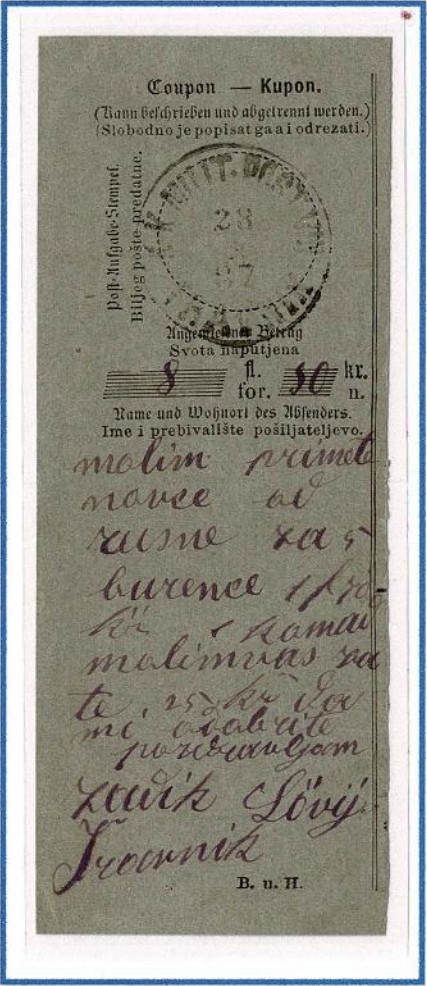
1918, Money Order sent from LIVNO to AREŽIN BRIEG, both in Bosnia. Four 5(H) Franz Joseph issue of 1912 pay the 10(H) postage and 10(H) fee for the 36(K) value of this Money Order (cancelled 11 March - type D3). 20 March AREŽIN BRIEG arrival hand stamp on reverse, shown at left (type M - see Section 3). The Franz Joseph issue of 1912 was demonetized 20 days later on 31 March.



TRAVNIK VIII

Opened August 1878

K1 (single period after "MILIT.")



K2 (19mm "TRAVNIK")



O2



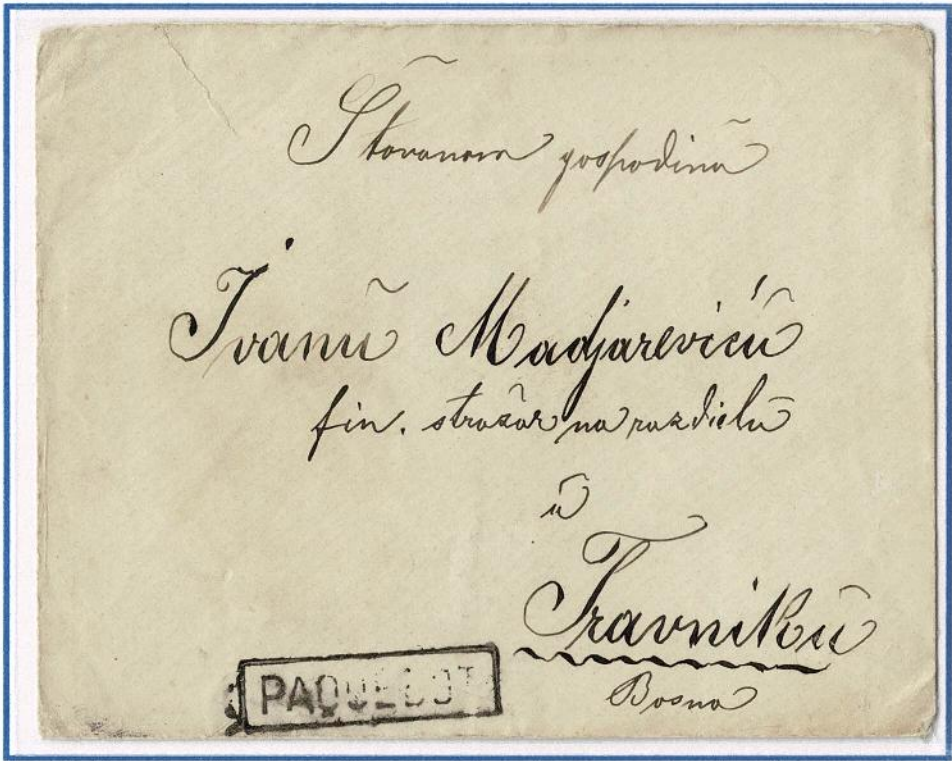
P1



Manuscript

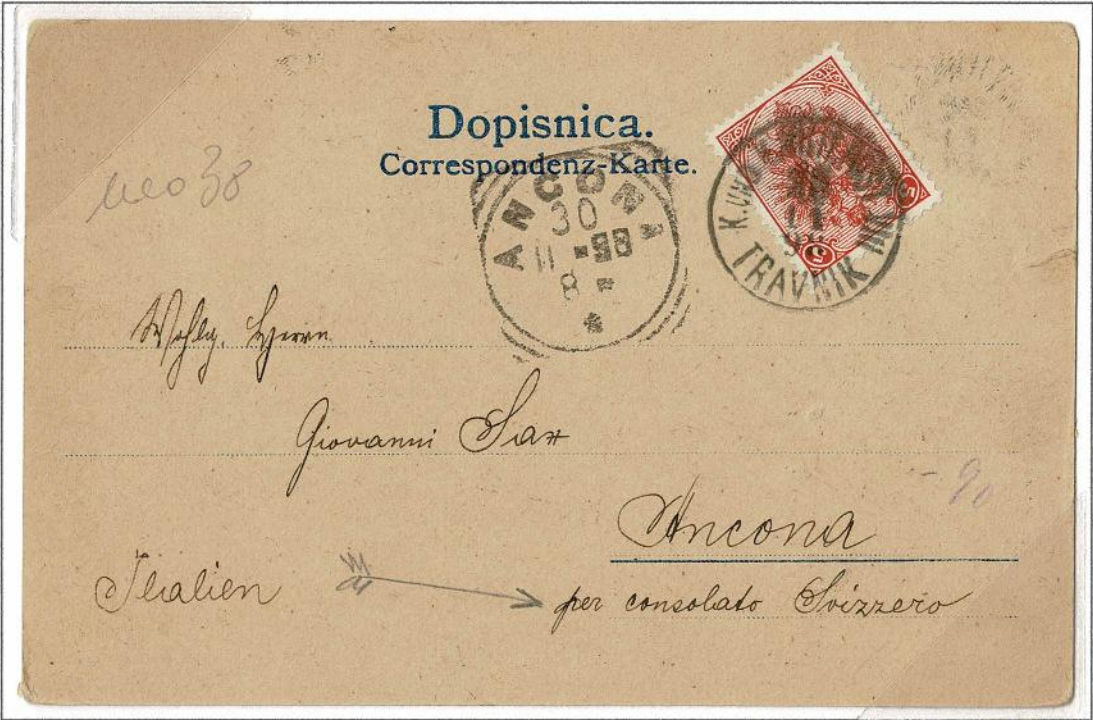


1895, letter sent from FIUME in Austro-Hungarian territory to TRAVNIK, Bosnia. Franked by a 5 Filler red Hungarian definitive stamp of the 1888-98 issue, tied by a 10 October FIUME cancellation, reverse. 16 October 1895 TRAVNIK (type K2 - 19mm "TRAVNIK") receiving hand stamp also on reverse (see scan, below left). Boxed "PAQUEBOT" hand stamp, front.



K2 (19mm "TRAVNIK")

K2 (19mm "TRAVNIK")



1898, Post Card sent to the Swiss Consulate in ANCONA, Italy. Franked by 5(N) red Bosnia second issue stamp, tied by 28 November, 1903 TRAVNIK, Bosnia postmark (type K2 with 18mm "TRAVNIK"). November 30 ANCONA arrival hand stamp at side.

D3 15mm/28mm



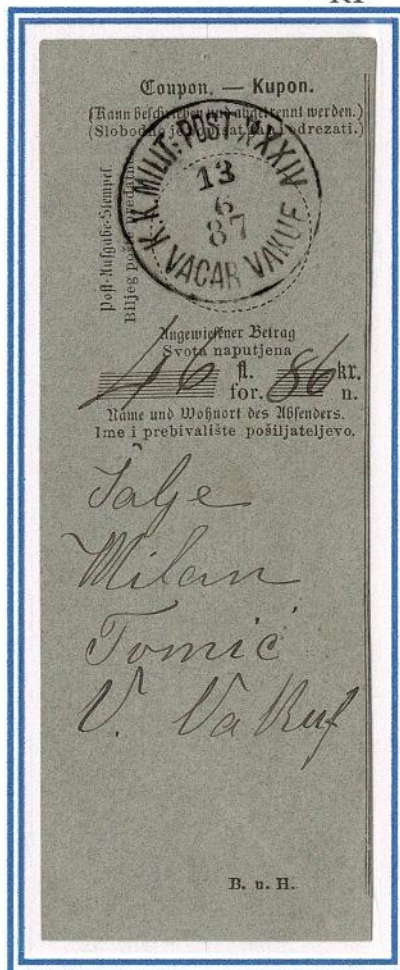
1915 [per message on card], Feldpost Card sent from the Military Hospital in TRAVNIK to KOLIN, Böhmen. Tied by 10 February TRAVNIK, Bosnia postmark (type D3 - 15mm/28mm - one of the most elusive postmarks from this MPO with fewer than 10 known).



## VARCAR VAKUF XXXIV

Opened 1878

K1



Money Order Coupon

K2



1890, 2(N) red Postal Stationery Card sent from **VARKAR VAKUF**, Bosnia to **ZAGREB**, (now Croatia). 16 October **VARKAR VAKUF** cancel (type K2); **ZAGREB** receiving hand stamp, reverse.

K2



## ŽUPANJAC XXXIX

Opened 15 March 1881

K1



K2



## ZENICA V

Opened August 1878

K1



25 Jan 1885, type K1, cancel in blue. Postmarks in blue ink are especially rare - fewer than five known from this MPO.

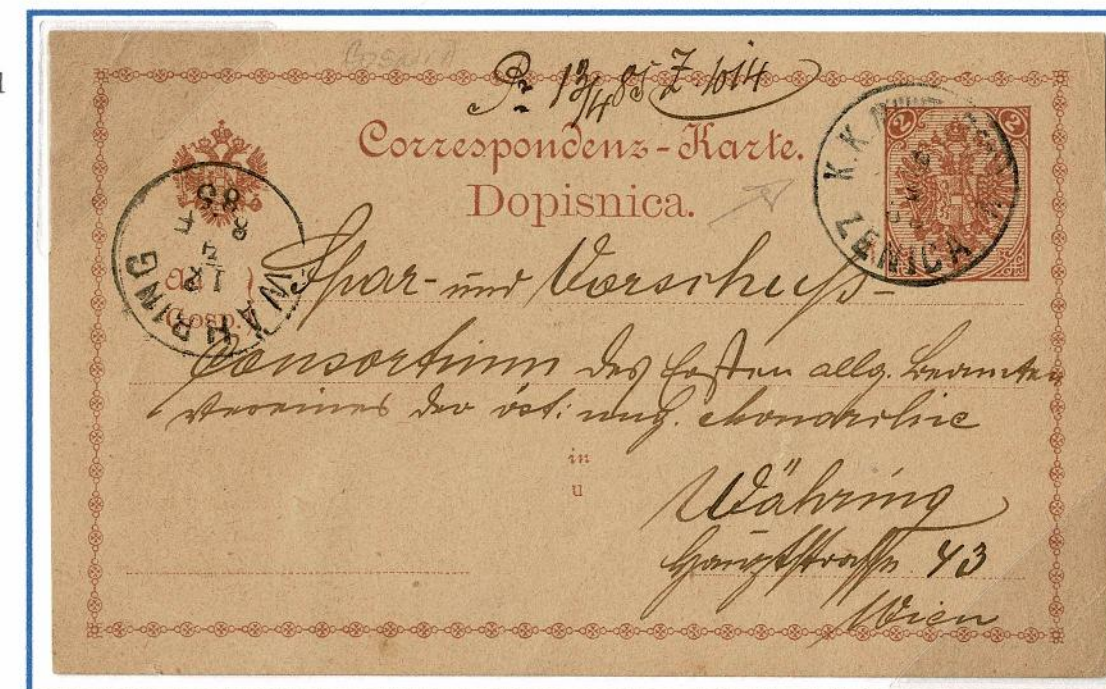
K2 - Narrow gap at sides of "ZENICA"



D2



K1



1885, 2(N) red Postal Stationery Card sent from **ZENICA**, Bosnia to **VIENNA**. Tied by a 12 April **ZENICA** cancel (type K1). Same day **WAHRING STATION** arrival hand stamp at side.

K2



K2

1893, 2(N) red Postal Stationery Card sent from **ZENICA** to **LAŠVA**, both in Bosnia. Tied by a 25 November **ZENICA** cancel (type K2 - wider gap at either side of "ZENICA"). Same day **LAŠVA** arrival hand stamp (type K2) at side.



2 - DISTRICT  
TRAVNIK

ŽEPČE IV

Opened August 1878

BIJELINA XVI

Open August 1878 until 31  
March, 1912.

Post Offices in  
DISTRICT  
TUZLA



The K2 canceller was introduced in ŽEPČE in 1890, and remained in use until 1918



No dot after ŽEPČE  
First day of issue →



1884, 2(N) red Postal Stationery Card, sent from BIJELINA, Bosnia to VIENNA, Austria. Tied by 6 November BIJELINA cancel (type K1). VIENNA transit and arrival hand stamps of 10 November at side.





## BOSANSKI RAČA LVIII

Opened 10 November 1886

D3



D3

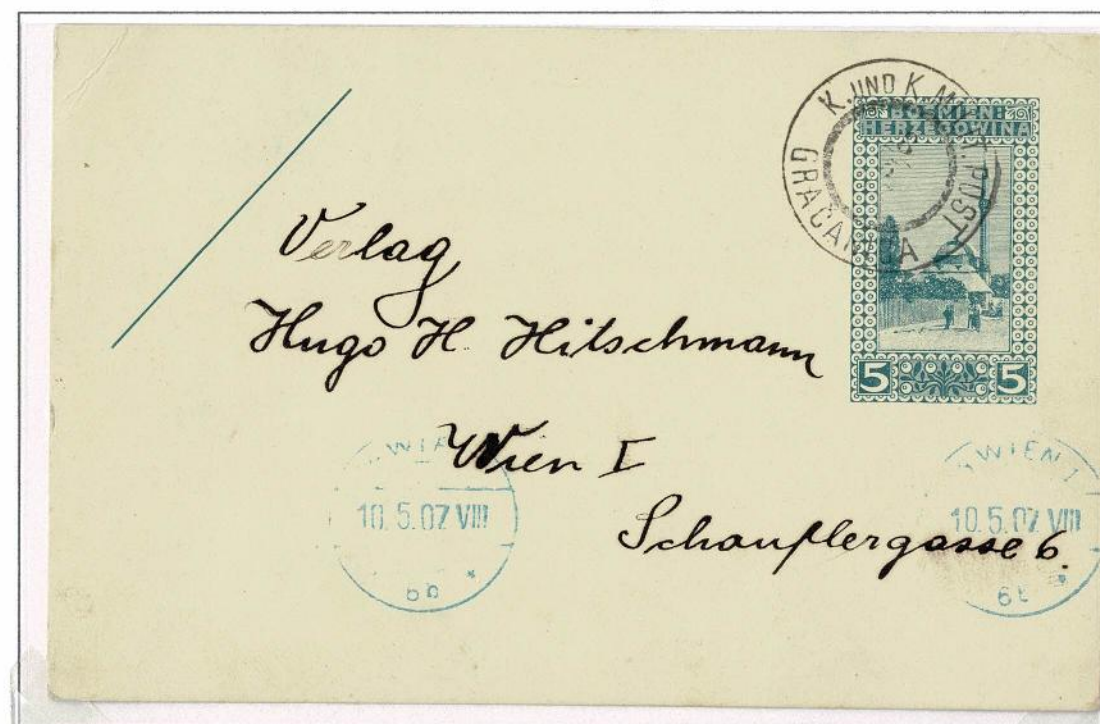


1915, letter sent from **BOSANSKI RAČA** to **NAGYVARAD**, Romania. 28 June **BOS. RAČA** cancel (type D3). Blue military censor cache with red crayon censor's signature at left. 30 June **NAGYVARAD** receiving hand stamp on reverse, scan shown at left. *The 1910 census lists the population of BOS. RAČA as 80.<sup>(2)</sup>*

## GRAČANICA

Opened 10 October 1878

D3



1907, Postcard from **GRAČANICA** 8 May cancel (type D3) to **VIENNA**. Blue 10 May **VIENNA** arrival hand stamp at side.



K2



D2



**BOSN. ŠAMAC**



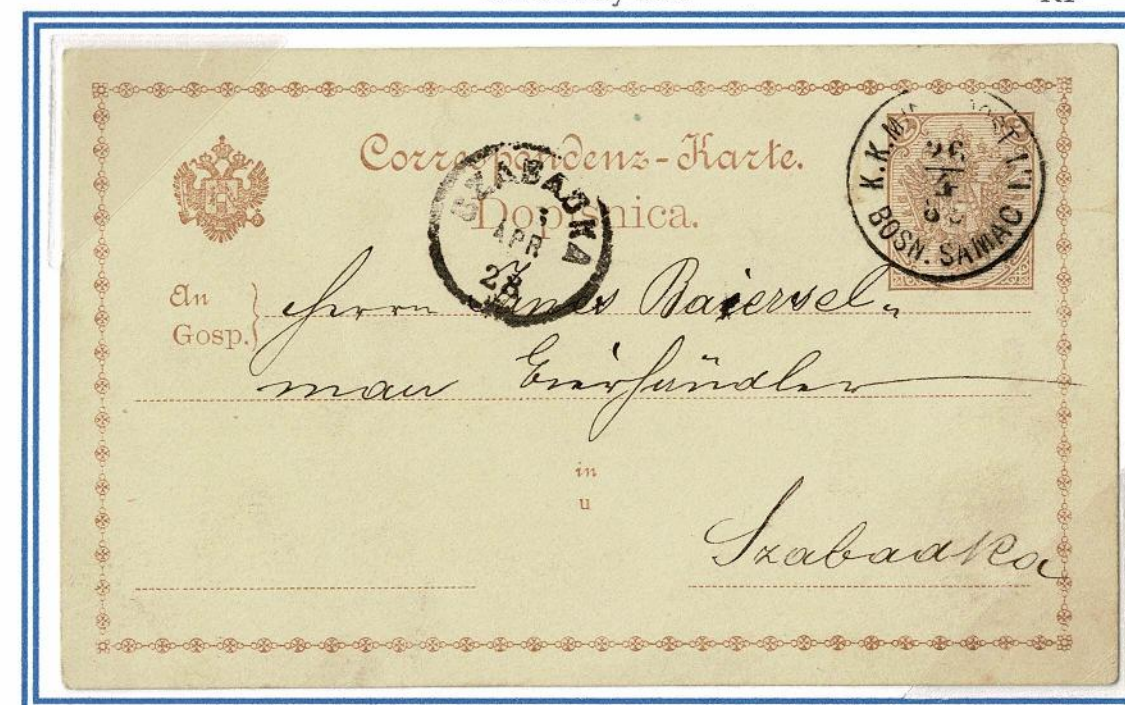
**BOS. ŠAMAC**

K2

## BOSANSKI ŠAMAC LIII

12 February 1883

K1



1886, 2(N) red postal stationery card sent from **BOSANSKI ŠAMAC** in Bosnia to **SABADKA** (now **SUBOTICA** in Serbia). Tied by 26 April **BOSN. ŠAMAC** postmark (type K1). 28 April **SABADKA** receiving stamp at left.

D3 (16mm/30mm)



D3 (14mm/28mm)



D3 (18mm/30mm)

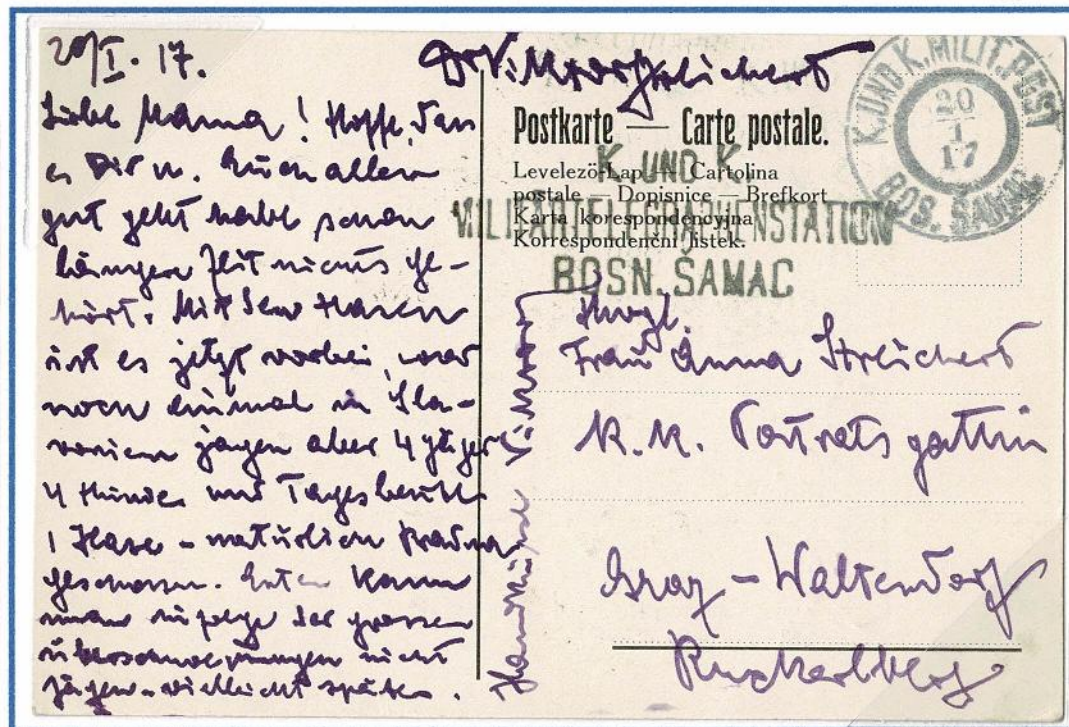




D3 - 14mm/26mm



1917, Private postcard used as Feldpost card, validated by the black straight line cache of the **Military telegraph Station** at top. Sent from **BOSANSKI ŠAMAC** to **GRAZ-WALTENDORF**, Austria. 20 January 1917 postmark (type D3 - 16mm inner ring, 30mm outer ring).



1905, letter sent from **BOSANSKI ŠAMAC** to **TROPFAU**, Hungary (today Austria). Tied by 5 August 1905 postmark (type D3 18mm inner ring, 30mm outer ring). Franked with 1(H) black, 2(H) grey, 3(H) yellow and 5(H) green new currency issue of 1900, overpaying the letter rate by 1(H). August 7 **TROPFAU** receiving hand stamp on reverse.

K1



K1  
(26mm)  
BRČKA



K2

4mm Gap between "B" in  
BRČKA and "K.und K."



K2



K2

3mm Gap between "B" in  
BRČKA and "K.und K."



Opened 27 September 1878 - (changed to **BRČKO** 29 January 1912)



Varieties of the type K1 cancel from **BRČKA**.

**TOP:** 1886, 2(N) red Postal Stationery Card sent from **BRČKA**, Bosnia, to **ST. GALLEN**, Switzerland. Uprated for foreign rate by green 3(N) typographed issue of 1879, tied by 24 August postmark (elusive type K1 - 27mm diameter). 27 August **ST. GALLEN** receiving hand stamp at left.\*

**BOTTOM:** 1884, 2(N) red Postal Stationery Card sent from **BRČKA** Bosnia, to **VIENNA**, Austria). Tied by 11 October postmark (type K1 - 26mm diameter). 14 October **VIENNA** receiving hand stamp at left.

\* Featured on page 222, Sekelj, *POSTAL HISTORY, B&H, 1878 - 1918*





**GRADAČAC XXXV**

2 - DISTRICT  
TUZLA

Opened 1878

K2 - Accent on both "Čs"

K1



D3 (14mm/27mm)



1899, Post Card sent from **GRADAČAC** to **JOHOVA BARA**, Bosnia. Franked by yellow 2(N) Bosnia first issue, tied by 14 December postmark (type K2 - first "C" with accent). Received 15 December at **BOS. ŠAMAC**, the closest Post Office to the tiny village of **JOHOVA BARA** where there were no Postal Facilities.

D3



K2



**KLADANJ XLIV**

Opened 1 April 1882

**MODRIĆ LX**

Opened 10 September 1888

Type K2 - 1905 to PECS, Hungary

K1



**MAGLAJ III**

Opened August 1878

K1 (MAGLAJ a/B)



D3



One of the *earliest* known Manuscript cancels from this MPO



K2



1918, 8(H) green Postal Stationery Card sent from **MAGLAJ** to **TRAVNIK**, both in Bosnia. 31 March — **MAGLAJ** cancel (type D3).





SREBRENICA XLIII

Opened 24 March 1882

K1



K2



DOLNJA TUZLA

P1



Manuscript



Note additional concentric circle VIENNA cancel, Bottom cancel includes station identifier "IV".

DOLNJA TUZLA XVIII

Opened 20 August 1878  
Renamed TUZLA 21 December 1909

uP2

Horizontal Bars Added



D2 (17mm/28mm)



D2 (15mm/26mm)



D3



P2



1885, 2(N) red Postal Stationery Card sent to PECS, Hungary. Canceled 16 August D. TUZLA XVII (type K1). 18 August PECS arrival cancel at left.

1891, 2(N) red Postal Stationery Card sent to CANNSTADT, Germany. Canceled 27 August, DOL. TUZLA (type K2). Although the 5(N) post card rate to Germany was not changed to the domestic rate of 2(N) until 1 January, 1892, it is not uncommon to find short paid items dated before then.



TOP: 1886, 2(N) red Postal Stationery Card sent to VIENNA. 10 November D. TUZLA cancel (type P1). 13 November MARIAHILF/WIEN receiving hand stamp at left.

BOTTOM: 1894, 2(N) red Postal Stationery Card sent to VIENNA. 8 March DOL. TUZLA cancel (type P2). 10 March WIEN 10/1/BESTELLT/S.V. receiving hand stamp at left.



D2



LUKAVAC LXV

Opened 1 March 1895

D2



1897, 2(N) red Postal Stationery Card sent to ROTTEMBERG am NECKAR, Germany. 13 January LUKAVAC cancel (type D2). 21 January ROTTEMBERG am NECKAR receiving hand stamp at left.

VLASENICA XXIV

Opened 6 November 1878

K1



1887, 2(N) red Postal Stationery Card sent to MAGLAI a/B, TUZLA District. 20 December VLASENICA cancel (type K1).

K1



K2



D3



ZVORNIK XX

Opened 6 November 1878

D3



D3 (18mm/30mm)



K2



K1 (ZWORNIK)



D3 (17mm/27mm)



D3



1900, Postal Card sent to PRAGUE, Czech Territory. Franked by 5(H) green issue of 1900, tied by 3 December ZVORNIK cancel (type D3). Blue PRAHA1\*PRAFI/VIII arrival cancel of 12 December at left.

D3





### SECTION 3

## Expansion of the Post 1900 - 1918

- By 1900, ninety-eight Military Post Offices (MPO's) had opened in Bosnia-Herzegovina.
- Beginning in 1900, new postmark devices were introduced that incorporated advances in technology:
  - time of arrival and time of posting insert slugs, changed hourly.
  - automated machine cancels.
- Some new cancellers evolved from the old style cancels, exemplified by subtypes of the "D" cancel.
- Others were completely new such as the "sK3" (machine) and "M" (bridge) types.
  - These new Cancellers are illustrated in Section 3.
- Between 1900 and 1918, sixty-seven additional MPO's were opened.
- Multiple MPO's were opened in the two largest cities of MOSTAR and SARAJEVO.
- All other towns, typically with populations averaging 1500 - 3000, had only one MPO.
- A few MPO's served villages with populations of much less, such as METALKA (pop. 110) and SJETLINA (pop. 85), according to the 1910 Census.
  - References to population are made to illustrate relative volume of mail.<sup>(2)</sup>
- Section 3 features Postal History and Postmarks from these New MPO's.

### New Postal Cancellers Introduced 1900 - 1918<sup>(1,2)</sup>

K. und K. PREFACE - WITHOUT POST NUMBER - STARS ADDED EITHER SIDE OF BRČKA

BRČKA ONLY  
1900 TO 1919

D3\*\*



iD2



K. und K. PREFACE - WITH MILITARY POST NUMBER. OUTER RING OF DOTS AND DASHES

USED ONLY AT BIHAĆ, DERVENTA AND, SHOWN ON POSTAL CARD AT LEFT, ILIDŽA

1900-1918



### NEW POSTAL MARK TYPES

K. und K. PREFACE WITHOUT MILITARY POST NUMBER. OUTER RING OF DOTS AND DASHES

USED ONLY AT BANJALUKA, ROGATICA AND SARAJEVO-LAGER 1900-1918

iD3



OCTAGONAL OUTER RING, ROUND INNER RING, K. und K. PREFACE WITH MILITARY POST NUMBER

USED ONLY AT BRČKA  
1900-1918

8D2



OCTAGONAL OUTER RING, ROUND INNER RING, K. und K. PREFACE WITHOUT MILITARY POST NUMBER

SARAJEVO-FILIALE  
ONLY 1900-1918

8D3



PAD3



K. und K. PREFACE WITHOUT MILITARY POST NUMBER AND POSTAMT (POSTAL COLLECTION SITE) SUFFIX

MOSTAR ONLY  
1906-1918





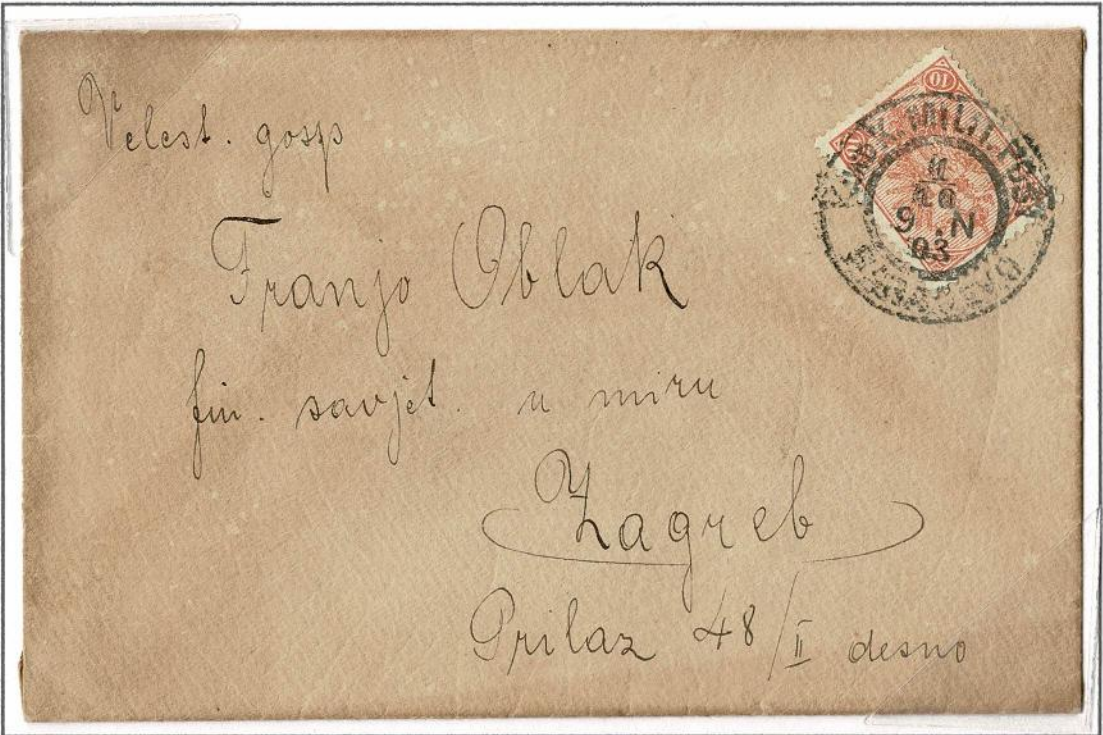
POSTAL MARK TYPES POST 1900

Postmark Type vD3



1904, 5(H) green Postal Stationery card sent to VIENNA, tied by 6 PM, 21 March SARAJEVO postmark (type vD3 - 5mm spacing between "K" (in K.u.K) and "S" in SARAJEVO). Faint 23 March blue VIENNA arrival hand stamp, lower left and boxed purple private receiving stamp, center.

vD3 - 4mm spacing K-S



1903, letter to ZAGREB, Croatia. Franked by 10(H) carmine new currency issue of 1900, tied by 1 October, 1903 (9 PM) postmark (type vD3 with 5mm spacing between K - S).



K. und K. PREFACE WITHOUT POST NUMBER, AND WITH TIME OF POSTING (OR ARRIVAL, IF USED AS SUCH). CODE: V=AM AND N=PM INDICATING THE HOUR IN WHICH THE ITEM WAS PROCESSED.

SARAJEVO ONLY  
1906-1918

Postmark Type PA D4

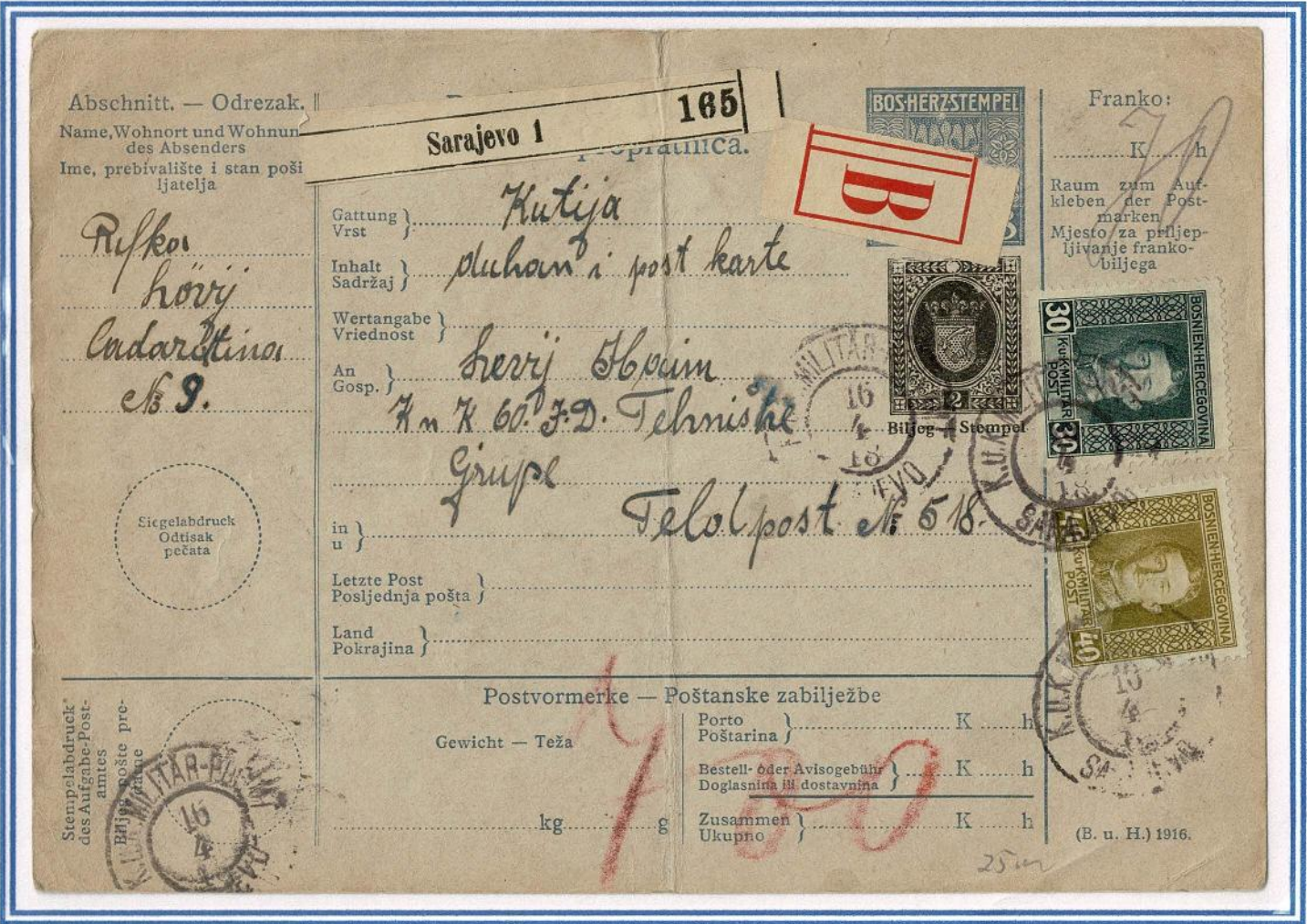
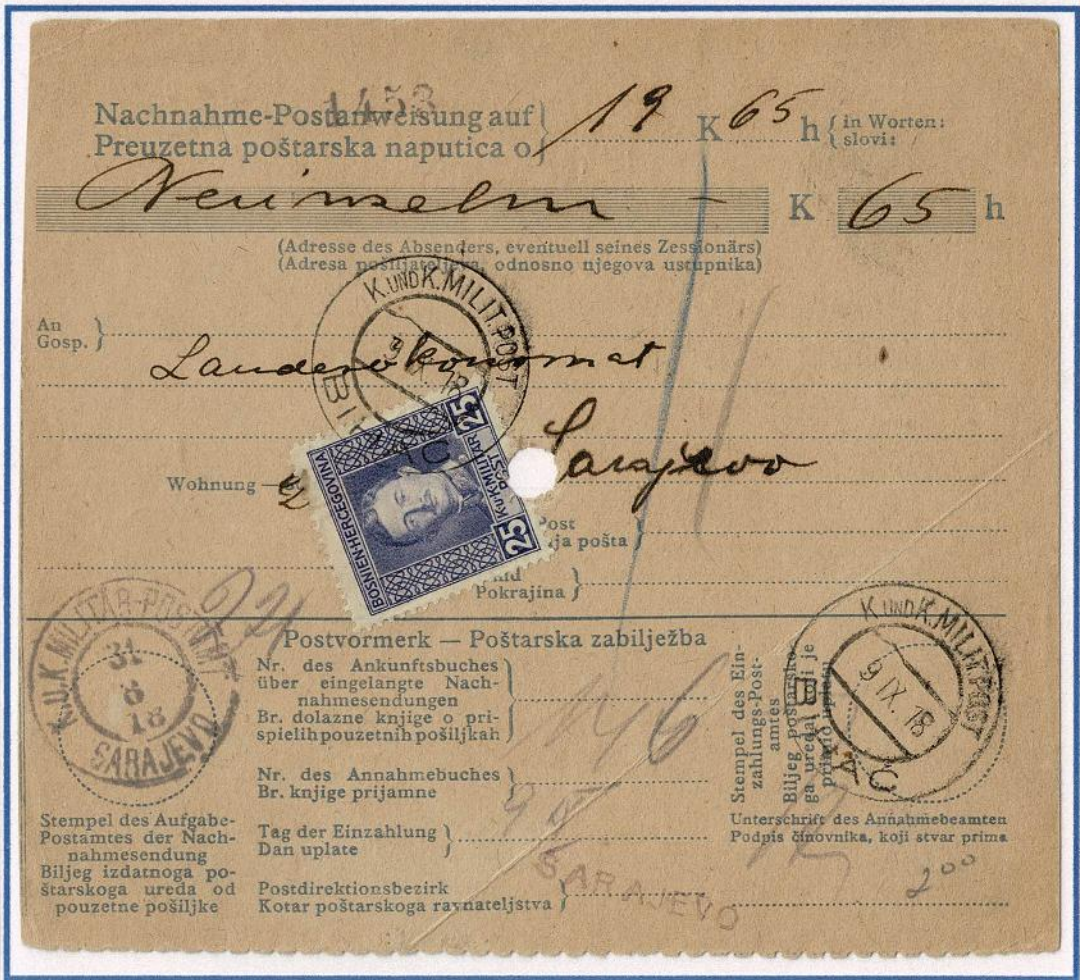
K.U.K. PREFACE AND POSTAMT  
WITHOUT MILITARY POST NUMBER

SARAJEVO ONLY;  
1906-1918



RIGHT: 1918, Money Order, cancelled by SARAJEVO (type PAD4) to BIHAĆ (type M - arrival cancel, far right)

BELOW: 8(H) parcel card with 2(H) black surcharge sent from SARAJEVO 1 (type PAD4) to Feldpost 518. Surcharged MO form was issued May, 1917 and few complete specimens survive.





sK3

POSTAL MARK TYPES POST 1900

Commemorative Cancellations

THE FIRST MACHINE  
CANCEL IN BOSNIA



SARAJEVO ONLY; 1906-18  
INCLUDES TIME OF POSTING (UN-  
KNOWN AS ARRIVAL POST MARK)

Commemorative cancellations were issued on four occasions:

- Visit of Franz Joseph to Bosnia, 27 May to 4 June, 1910.
- 80th Birthday of Franz Joseph, 18 August, 1910.
- Trade Fair in **BRČKO**, 10-30 September, 1912.
- Third anniversary of the death of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and Sophie Chotek, 28 June, 1917.

These cancels differed from normal cancels only in that they were applied with red ink. In all, 14 post offices provided these cancels. All except **SARAJEVO**, where a few new cancellers were built, merely changed the ink color for the specified time. Records show that postal patrons in **SARAJEVO** could pay an extra fee to obtain the red cancel. Examples are shown here and others can be found throughout the exhibit. Owing to the short duration of issue, they are all rare.

BOSANSKI BROD type Ma



Discovery copy - previously only type Mb known in red.

DOBOJ type D2



SARAJEVO 1 type Mo



Previously Unlisted

ZENICA type Mc\*



Previously Unlisted



15(H) - perforated 11.5 variety



Philatelic cover, under franked by 2(H). SARAJEVO 1 June, 1910 cancel, type PAD4.

SARAJEVO-LAGER type D3



Previously Unlisted

SARAJEVO 1 type Mh



**TOP:** 1915, Picture Postcard used as Feldpost. Sent from **SARAJEVO** to **SZEGED**, Hungarian territory. 13 July cancel, 7-8 PM posting (type sK3). Violet cachet of the Military Intelligence unit in **SARAJEVO**, top right.

**BOTTOM:** 1916, Postal Stationery Card sent to **DRESDEN**, redirected to **PROBSTHEIDA** (in **LEIPZIG**, Germany). Tied by type sK3 cancel of 4 May, 7-8 PM posting. Violet cachet of the Military Censor in **SARAJEVO**, top right, and faint circular control stamp, "13", top left.



POSTAL MARK TYPES POST 1900

"M" Types - Two Rings and Horizontal Center Bars

- So called **Window Cancels** were used to cancel mail at the post office window.
- Many MPO's had **only one** device in service.
- The **larger** the MPO, the **greater** the number of **unique** devices in use.
- Largest MPO's (SARAJEVO, MOSTAR) had up to 29 unique devices in service.
- Unique cancellers are **distinguished** by added **letters or symbols** to the right and left of the date.
  - These include **a, b, c, o, \*, +**, and others.
- Below, the **basic "M"** design is shown, surrounded by a number of examples of typical varieties.

DOUBLE RING, K. und K. PREFACE WITHOUT POST NUMBER. DATE INSIDE HORIZONTAL BARS

Mb



USED ON ALL ISSUES 1900-1918. USED EXCLUSIVELY AT POST OFFICES OPENED AFTER 1909

Mc



M



M\*\*



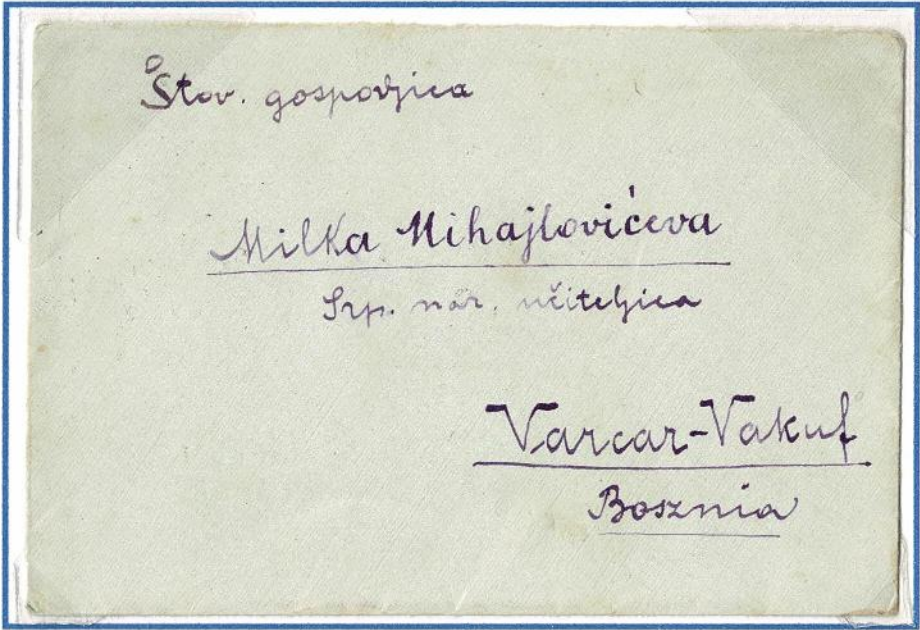
Mk+ (red)



Moo



M



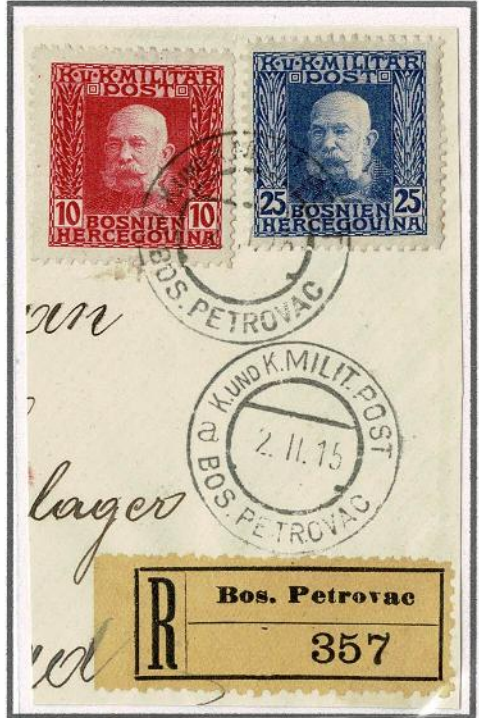
1911, letter sent from Hungary to **VARKAR VAKUF**, Bosnia. Franked on reverse with a Hungarian 10(Filler) red Turul definitive issue of 1908-13, tied by 15 March 1911 cancel. 17 March **VARKAR VAKUF** receiving hand stamp (type M) on reverse (scan shown at left).

Ma



1916, 5(H) green Postal Stationery Card sent Registered from **DOBOJ**, Bosnia to **IGALO**, Dalmatia. Uprated by 30(H) orange-red Emperor Franz Joseph definitive issue of 1912 to overpay the Registered Letter fee of 25(H), tied by 25 May 1916 **DOBOJ** cancel (type Ma). Examples of single on cover use of this stamp are quite elusive - the stamp was issued to pay the Express Mail rate in effect through 20 May, 1916 when this rate was doubled to 60(H).

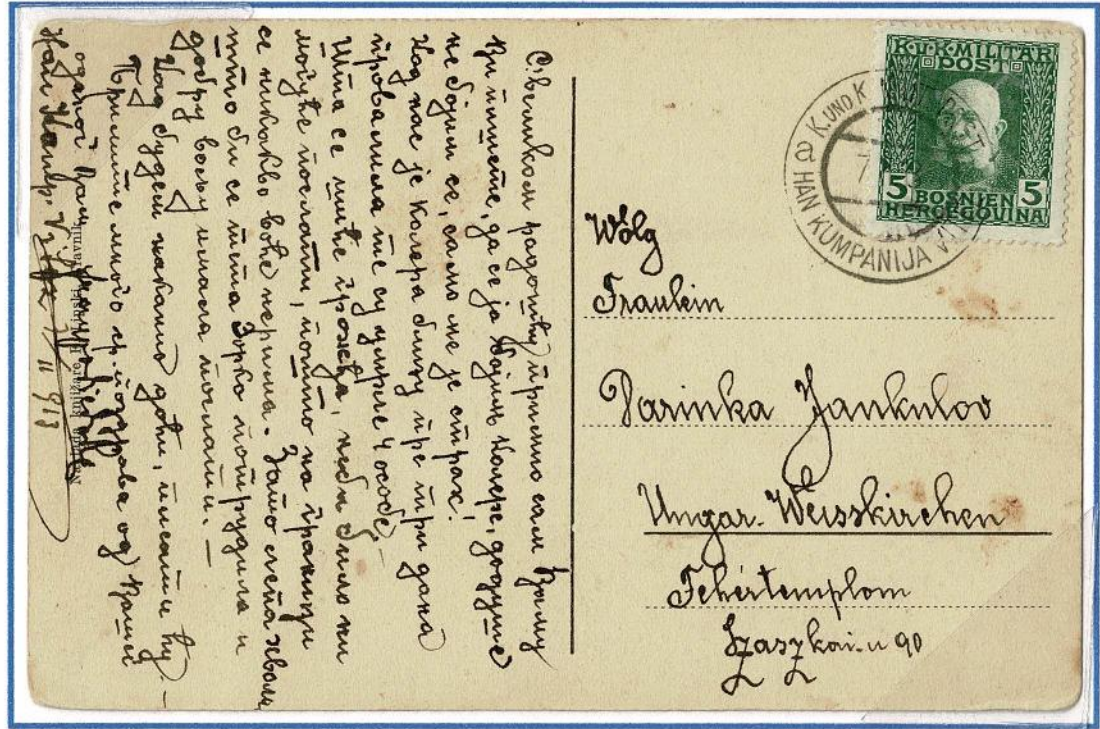
1915, fragment from registered letter, franked with 10(H) letter rate and 25(H) registered fee. Yellow Registered label R 357 at bottom.



Ma



Ma



1913, HAN KUMPA NIJA VITEZ to WEISSKIRCHEN, Hungary (today, BELA CRKVA in Serbia). 7 February cancel (type Ma)

Mb



1918, 8(H) Postal Stationery Card sent from DOL. TUZLA, Bosnia to ZAGREB, Croatia. Uprated with the previously demonetized 2(H) violet Jubilee issue of 1910, overprinted in red, "1918", to meet the new post card rate of 10(H) effective 1 September, 1918 (this stamp was overprinted solely for this purpose). Tied by 15 September TUZLA cancel (type Mb - 19mm inner circle and 29mm outer circle). The overprinted stamp was in use only 71 days.

Mb



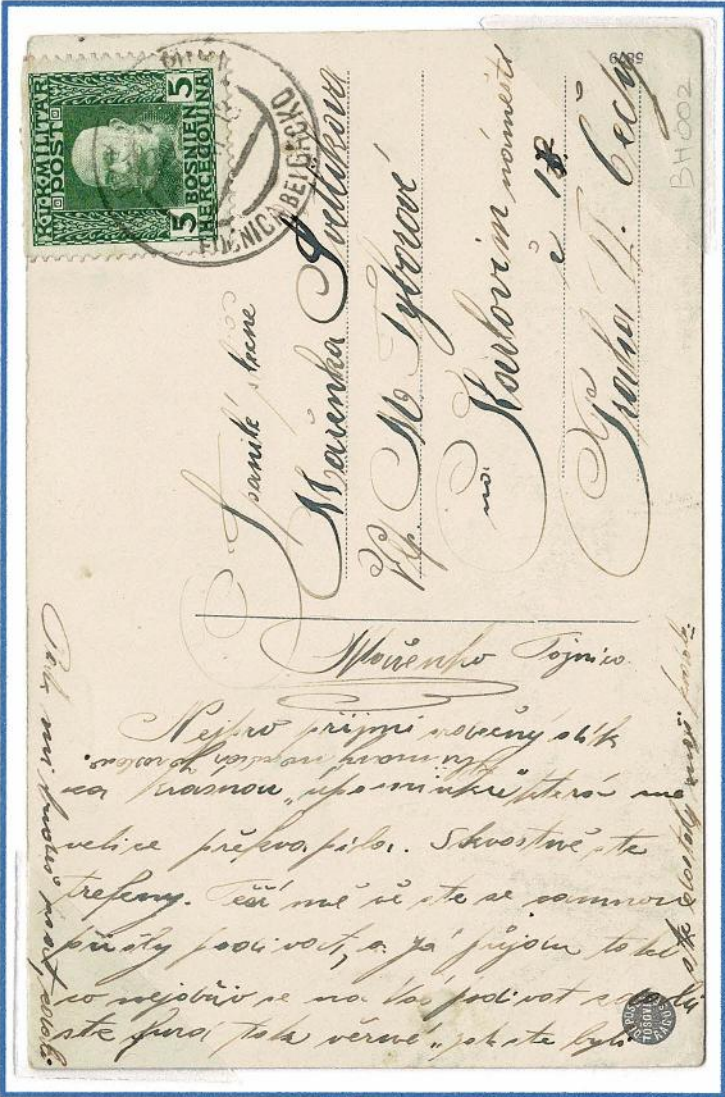
Registered letter, postmarked DERVENTA 9 September 1916 (type Mb), sent to EXIN, Germany. EXIN receiving stamp 6-7 AM, 13 September 1916 on reverse. Yellow Registered Letter label R 614, bottom, along with violet Telegraph and Post Office Collection Place and DERVENTA Military Censor hand stamps, top. Franked with three each 5(H) + 2(H) green and 10(H) + 2(H) magenta semi-postal stamps of 1916, correctly paying the 30(H) registry fee and 15(H) letter rate (in effect 1.9.1916 - 31.8.1918). Genuine non-philatelic use of these stamps is quite rare, especially in multiples - fewer than 30 are known.

BELOW: Stamps of the Kaiser Karl issue of 1917 along with 4(H) B&H Charity label, postmarked KAKANJ Bosnia, (type Mb), 19 March 1918. Very late use of this 1914 War Charity label. Moreover, these labels were by regulation not allowed to be tied by any cancels.



Mb

M



1913, FOJNICA BEI GACKO, Herzegovina to KARLOVY, Böhmen. 2 November cancel (type M). With a 1910 population of 370, one type M canceller was sufficient.<sup>(2)</sup>

Mbo



BOS. PETROVAC



Mao

POSTAL MARK TYPES -POST 1900 - TYPE "M" AND VARIETIES



1915, Picture Post Card sent to **BIJELJINA**, Bosnia. Franked 5(H) by green Franz Joseph issue of 1912, tied by **GRADAČAC** postmark (type **Mao**), dated 11 May, 1915. .

1915, Picture Post Card sent to **FIUME**, Austro-Hungarian territory. 10 May **DOBRLIN** cancel (type **M\*\***). 11 May **FIUME** arrival cancel struck on 5(H) green Landscape issue of 1906, over printed in red, **1914/7 Heller** for use as semi-postal issue of 1 Nov. 1914.



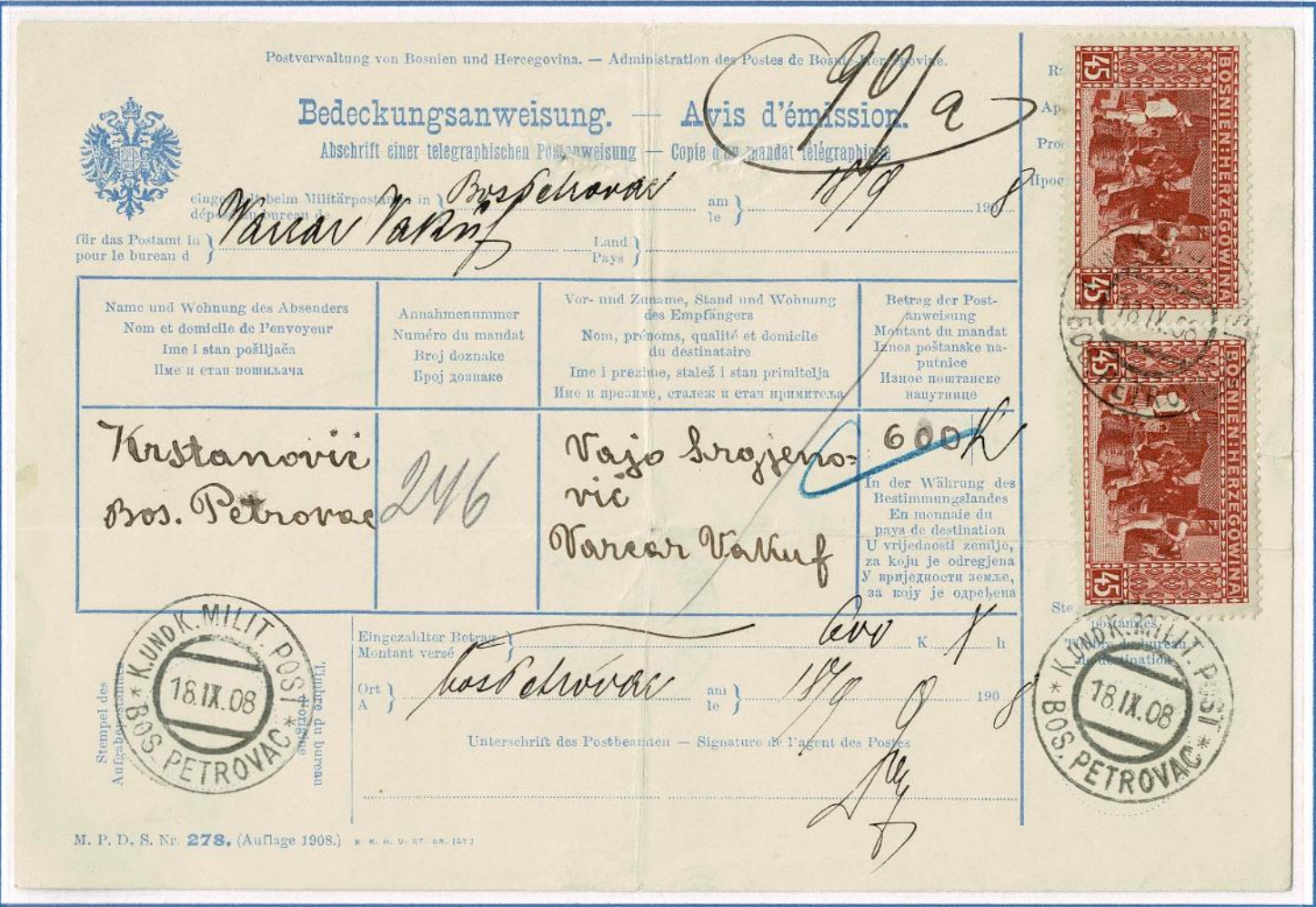
M\*\*

Mco



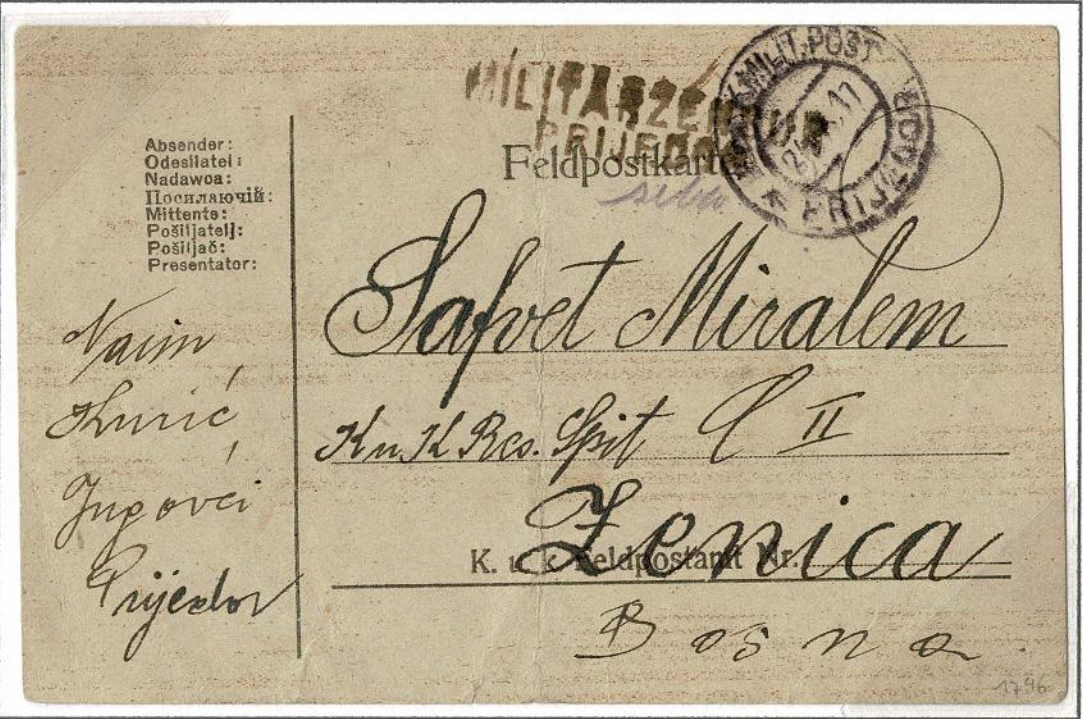
1915, letter sent from **NEVISENJE**, Herzegovina, to **SIKLOS**, Baranya District, Hungary (today, Romania). 17 Sep. **SIKLOS** arrival cancel, reverse. Purple cache of the Field Hospital in **NEVISINJE**, top. Cancelled 12 September, 1915. Cancel type is **Mco**, recently discovered and the only known example of this type from **NEVISINJE**.

1908, Money Order sent from **BOSANSKI PETROVAC** to **VARCAR VAKUF**, both in Bosnia. Franked by two 45(H) 1906 Landscape issue postage stamps to pay the 90(H) Money Order fees. Cancelled by three strikes of 18 September **BOS. PETROVAC** hand stamp (type **M\*\***).



M\*\*

M\*



1917, censored Feldpostcard sent from **PRIJEDOR** to **ZENICA**, both in Bosnia. 25 October cancel (type **M\***).



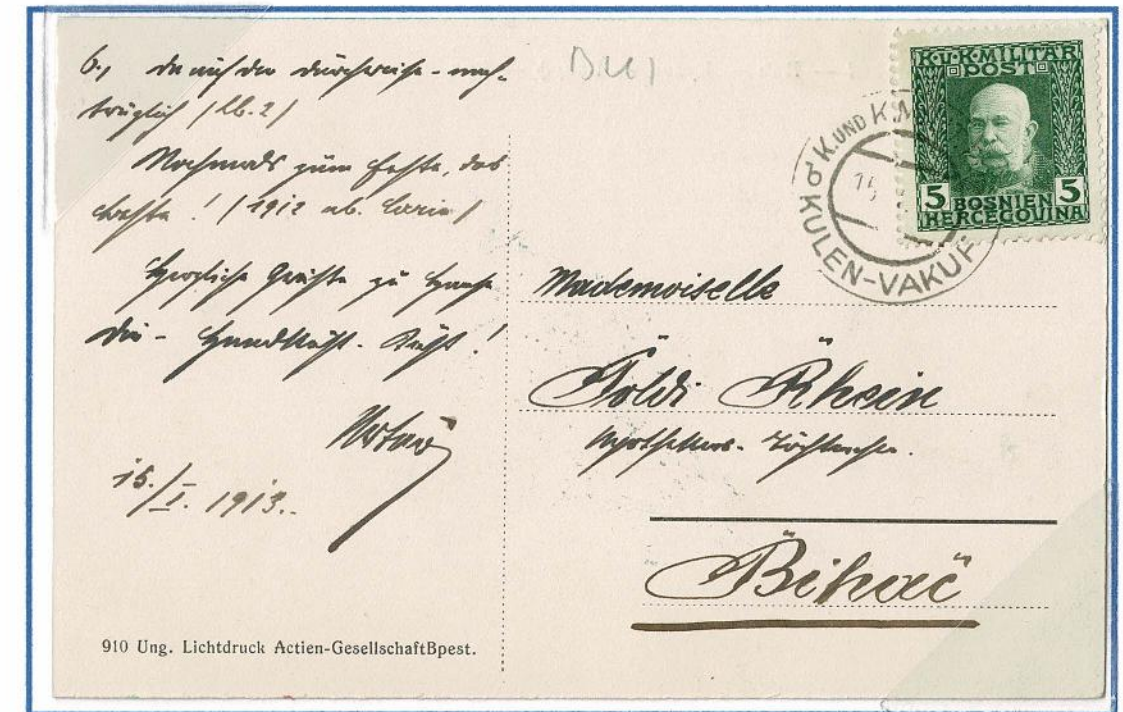
Mc

8(H) Parcel Card sent from **BIJELINA** to **BUDAPEST**. Postmarked 13 July 1912 (type Mc). **BUDAPEST** receiving stamp of 15 July 1912 on reverse. Franked with 40(H) orange and 30(H) green stamps from the Landscapes issue of 1906 to pay the 70(H) freight and insured value, noted in blue crayon at top right).



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Mb



1913, Post Card sent to **BIHAĆ**. 15 January **KULEN-VAKUF** cancel (type Mb)

Mc

1914, Picture Post Card sent from **MOSTAR** to **VIENNA**. Franked with a 5(H) Franz Joseph issue of 1912 and postmarked 25 September **MOSTAR 1** (type Mco). Rarely used initialed and dated red censor cache, top center and 4(H) private issue Bosnia Red Cross Charity label, bottom center. This charity label was in use for only a few weeks in 1914 and was superseded by the 1912 Landscape issue that was overprinted in red for use as a semi-postal in 1914.



Mco

Mc



1914, Feldpost Card sent to **ST. GALLEN**, Switzerland. Tied by **FOÇA** postmark (type Mc), dated 1 September 1914. Free franking only valid on domestic mail and thus not recognized by Swiss Post. Black "T" hand stamp, right, and 20(S) Swiss Postage Due Stamp, left, applied to collect double rate penalty. 10 September receiving stamp at side. Purple **K.U.K. INFANTRY REGIMENT No. 35** hand stamp at top.



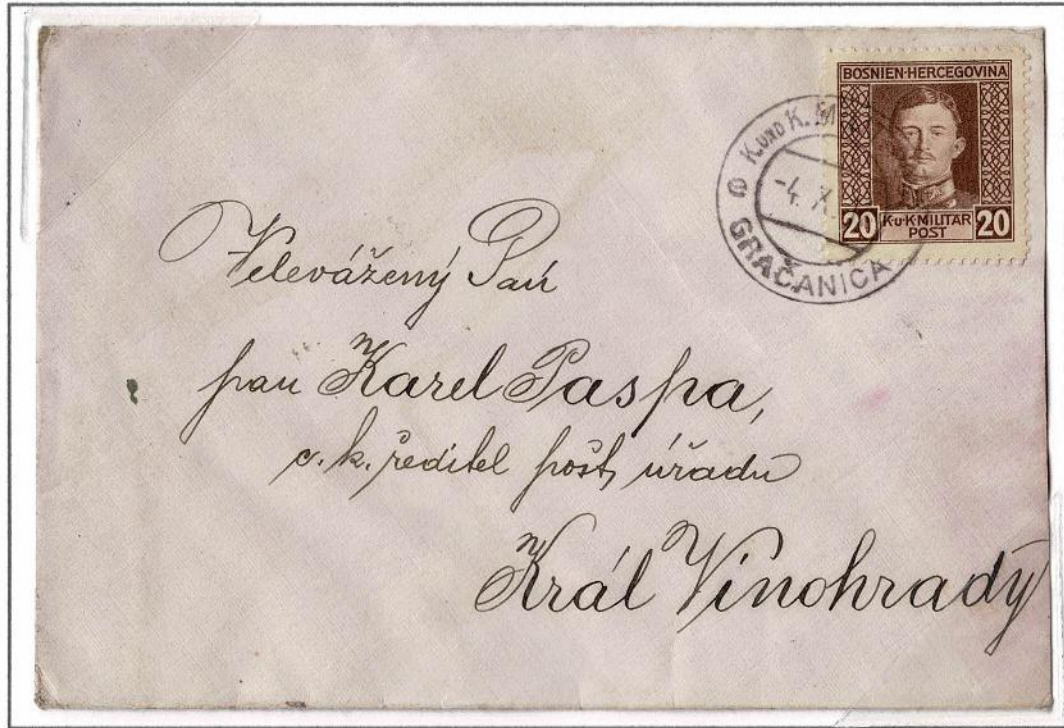
Ma



Mg



Md



Me



Me



Me

1918, two green 8(H) Postal Stationery cards sent from PRIJEDOR, Banjaluka District, Bosnia to VIENNA. Both are uprated by previously demonetized blue 2(H) Franz Joseph issue of 1912, overprinted in red "1918", as a make-up rate stamp to meet the 10(H) postal card rate effective 1 September 1918. This rate was valid only 71 days, when the end of WWI saw all Austrian post offices in Bosnia/Herzegovina assimilated by the SHS (Yugoslav) regime. Both cards postmarked 1 October (type Me). Violet cachet of K.K. SCHUTZENREGIMENT No. 18, topmost, and black cachet MILITARZENSUR/PRIJEDOR, lower postal card.



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ZAVIDOVIĆI

BOSNIA  
Opened 10 September 1900

D3 (15mm/28mm)  
(ZAVIDOVIĆ)



D3 (15mm/26mm)  
(ZAVIDOVIĆ)



M\* (ZAVIDOVIĆI)



M (ZAVIDOVIĆ)



Ma (ZAVIDOVIĆ)



Mc (ZAVIDOVIĆI)



ČAPLJINA

HERZEGOVINA  
Opened 1 October 1900

D3 (15mm/27mm)



M



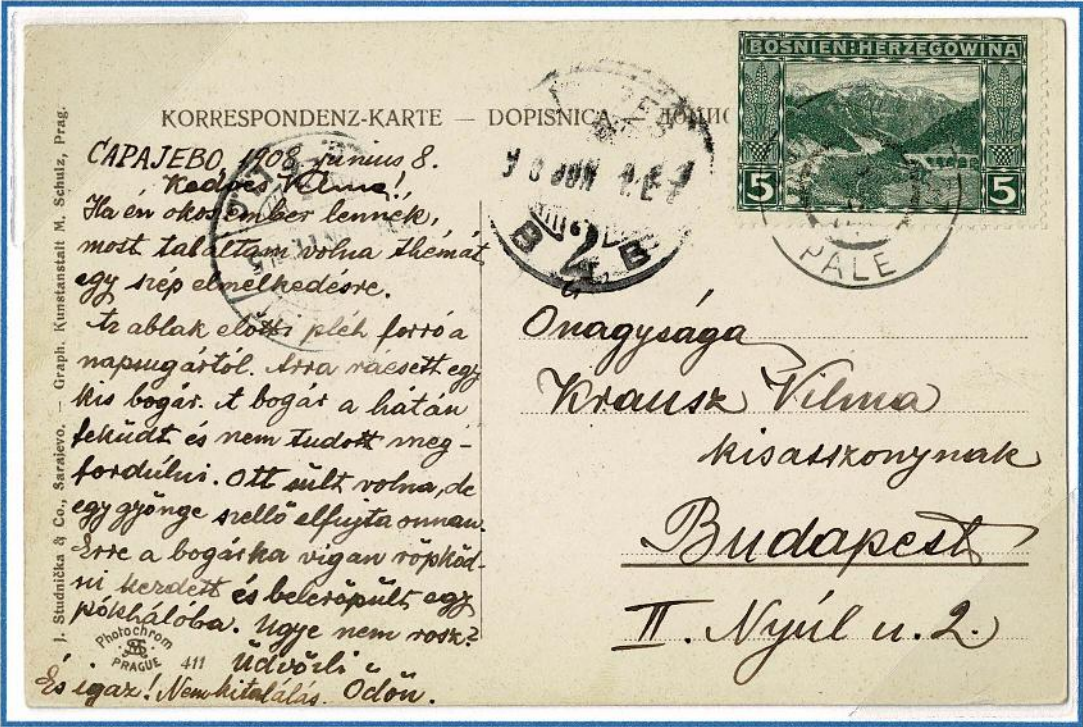
PALE

BOSNIA  
Opened 20 December 1902

D3 (16mm/27mm)



D3 (18mm/27mm)



1908, Post card sent from PALE, Bosnia to BUDAPEST, Hungary. Franked 5(H) green Pictorial issue of 1906, tied by 8 June 1908 PALE cancel (type D3 16mm/27mm). Hungarian TPO cancel and BUDAPEST same day arrival hand stamps at side. There were only two types of canceller in use in PALE.

D3



SARAJEVO 3 - LAGER

BOSNIA  
Opened 1 July 1902

iD3



All Post Offices that were still open were assimilated by the new SHS (proto Yugoslav) Regime on 27 October 1918.

1904, picture Postcard to NOGRAD, Hungary. Franked by 5(H) green issue of 1900. Tied by SARAJEVO-LAGER, Bosnia postmark (type D3) of 17 July 1904. 19 July NOGRAD, Véroczé County receiving stamp at side.



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**VELIKA KLADUŠA**  
BOSNIA  
Opened 16 June 1907



1910, strip of three stamps from the 1906 Landscape series, cancelled 22 July **VELIKA KLADUŠA** (type Ma). The 6(H) stamp is a mixed perforation variety. Perforations measure, starting at the top, clockwise - 10.5 x 12.5 x 12.5 x 10.5 - a very elusive combination not often seen on piece.



Mb



D3



D3

M



Ma



1912, letter sent from **VELIKA KLADUŠA**, Bosnia to **ZAGREB**. Franked on reverse with 10(H) carmine postage stamp from the 1906 Bosnia Pictorial issue. 28 October **VELIKA KLADUŠA** cancellation (type Ma) on both reverse and front along with manuscript "Franco" (postage paid), bottom left. Indistinct **ZAGREB** receiving hand stamp, also on reverse.

**UVAC**  
BOSNIA  
Open 21 March 1903 to 30 June 1906  
Reopened 21 January 1908



ABOVE:1916, Picture Post Card from **UVAC** to **RADNICE**, Böhmen. Canceled 17 April, type M. Violet Military Censor cache at side. 1910 population of **UVAC** - 230.<sup>(2)</sup>



M



Ma



KREKA

BOSNIA

Opened 15 January 1903

Mao



Earliest known use



1918, Money Order from KREKA to BIJELJINA, both in Bosnia. Cancelled by two strikes of 28 September KREKA hand stamp (type Mao).



1906, 5(H) green Inland Postal Stationery card sent from ODŽAK in Bosnia (1910 population - 2500<sup>(2)</sup>) to DERVENTA, Bosnia. 28 December ODŽAK cancel (type D3) with 4 January DERVENTA arrival hand stamp, top left.

D3

ODŽAK

BOSNIA

Opened 1 October 1906

Ma



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KOTOR VAROŠ

BOSNIA

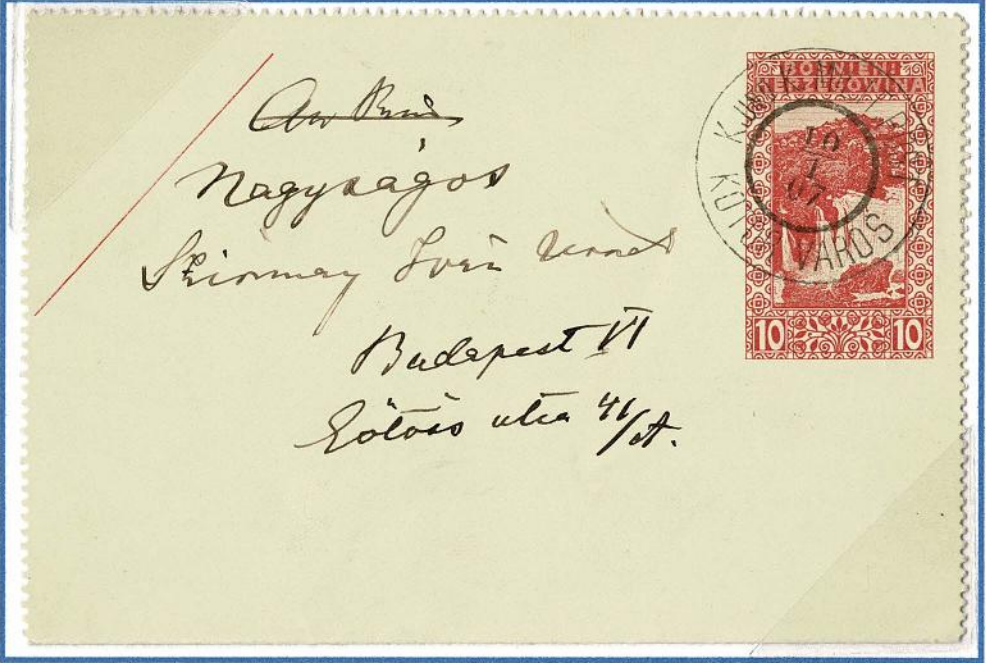
Opened 1 March 1905

D3



1910, 10(H) red folded letter card sent from KOTOR VAROŠ in Bosnia to BUDAPEST. 10 January KOTOR VAROŠ cancel (type D3) with 11 January BUDAPEST arrival hand stamp on reverse.

M



JANJA

BOSNIA

Opened 16 February 1909



M

Ma



GORNJI VAKUF

BOSNIA

Opened 1 April 1907

Ma



D3





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M\*\*



ABOVE: 1916, Picture Post Card to KLEINSTEINACH (by HAßFURT) Germany. 8 June DRVAR cancel (type M\*\*).

RIGHT: 1912, Letter sent from DRVAR, Bosnia to ZURICH, Switzerland. Franked by 50(H) blue and 5(H) green postage stamps of the 1912 Franz Joseph issue, tied by a 1 December postmark (type M). The 55(H) would slightly overpay the double weight foreign destination of 25(H) each 15 grams. More likely, it was sent at the printed matter rate of 5(H) per 50 grams, paying for up to 550 grams weight, explaining the large size of this unusual letter. 7 December arrival cancel, reverse.

DRVAR

BOSNIA

Opened 16 June 1908

Mc



M



ORAŠJE

BOSNIA

Opened 1 November 1908

D3



1916, letter sent Express from ORAŠJE, Tuzla District, Bosnia to PRAGUE. Franked by a 40(H) stamp from the Franz Joseph issue of 1912 to correctly pay the 30(H) Express and 10(H) first weight step rate within the Empire. Tied by ORAŠJE cancel type D3.

D3





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### VARDIŠTE

BOSNIA

Opened 13 October 1908

M\*\*



M\*\*

M\*\*



### METALKA

BOSNIA

Opened 1 November 1908

### KOZARAC

BOSNIA

Opened 16 October 1907

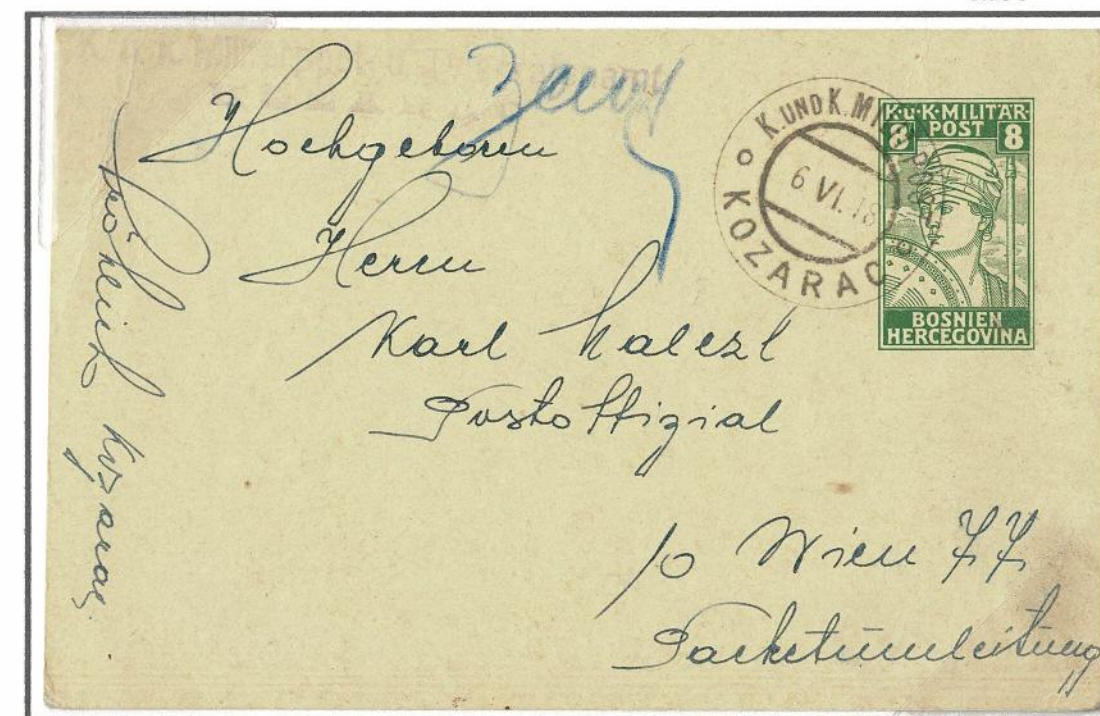
D3

D3



1911, privately printed Advertising Postcard sent from KOZARAC, Bosnia to HUMPOLETZ, Böhmen. Marked as "DRUCKSACHE" (printed matter) and franked by 5(H) green Landscape issue of 1906 to pay this rate to foreign destinations. KOZARAC postmark of 11 March (type D3). Fewer than 20 postcards in this style are known from B&H.

Moo

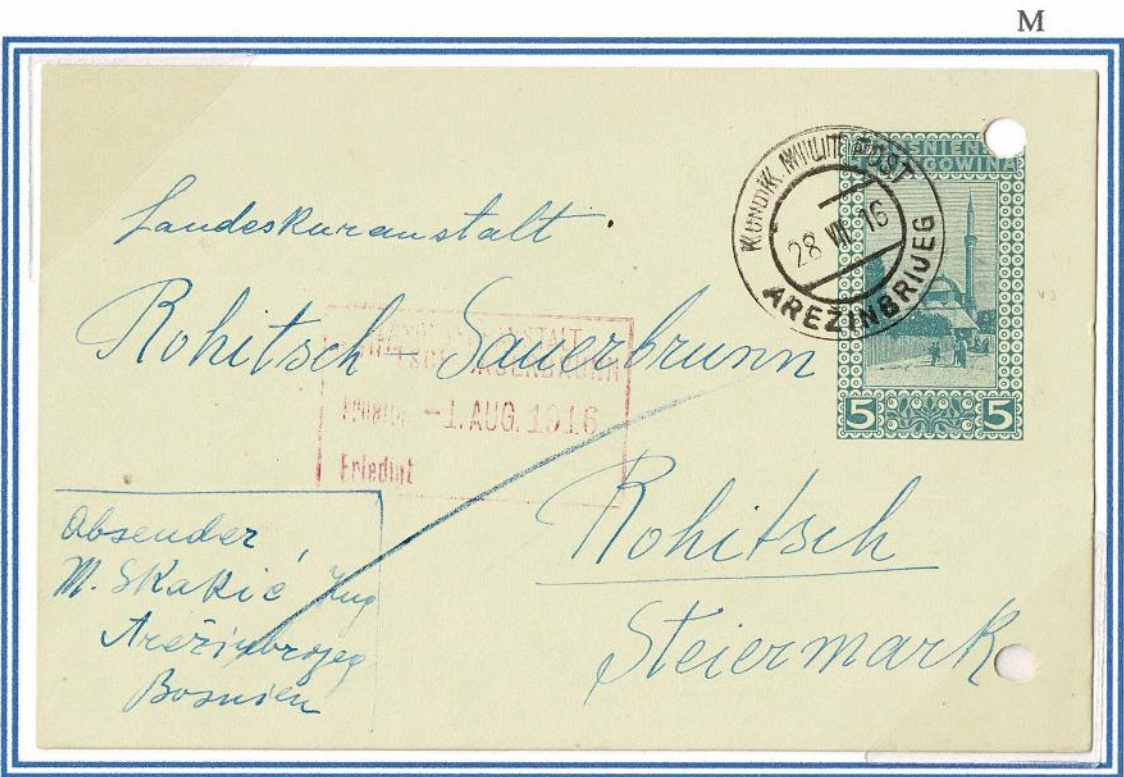


1918, 8(H) green Postal Stationery card sent from KOZARAC to VIENNA. Tied by KOZARAC postmark of 6 June (type Moo). Faint hand stamp of censor in KOZARAC at top along with censor's initials in blue crayon. Card sent through Feldpost. The post card rate in effect was 10(H) and postage due would have otherwise been assessed.



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**AREŽIN BRIJEG**  
BOSNIA  
Opened 1 January 1910



1916, 5(H) green Postal Stationery Card sent from **AREŽIN BRIJEG**, Travnik District, Bosnia, to **ROHITSCH**, Austria. 28 July cancel (**type M**). The 1910 census reports the population of **AREŽIN BRIJEG** as 290.<sup>(2)</sup>

**GABELA**  
HERZEGOVINA  
Opened 16 July 1910



**SARAJEVO 4 - LANDESBANK**  
BOSNIA  
Opened 1 April 1910



1911, 5(H) green Postal Stationery card sent from **TESANJ** to the state bank in **SARAJEVO**, tied by a 16 January 1911 **TESANJ** postmark (**type K2**), same day **SARAJEVO-LANDESBANK** arrival stamp (**type Mb**), redirected to another address and next day **SARAJEVO** arrival hand stamp (**type Ma**) applied.

**VAREŠ WERK**  
BOSNIA  
Opened 16 March 1910



15 December 1917, 10(H) red Landscapes issue Folded letter card uprated to the 15(H) Inland rate then in effect, sent to **FALKENAU**, Austria. **VAREŠ-WERK** postmark (**type M**). Soldiers 4(H) War Relief charity label, lower left.





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**KAKANJ**  
BOSNIA  
Opened 1 July 1910

Mb



Black 2(H) make-up rate surcharge on 8(H) parcel card issued 17 May, 1917 - in use 2 months before 10(H) card issued.

Ma



1917, 21 November (type Ma) commercial cover from OŠTRELJ to VIENNA, Franked by three 5(H) green Franz Joseph issue of 1912, paying the correct tariff for normal letters within the Empire.

M



**SARAJEVO 3**  
BOSNIA  
Opened 1 December 1910

M



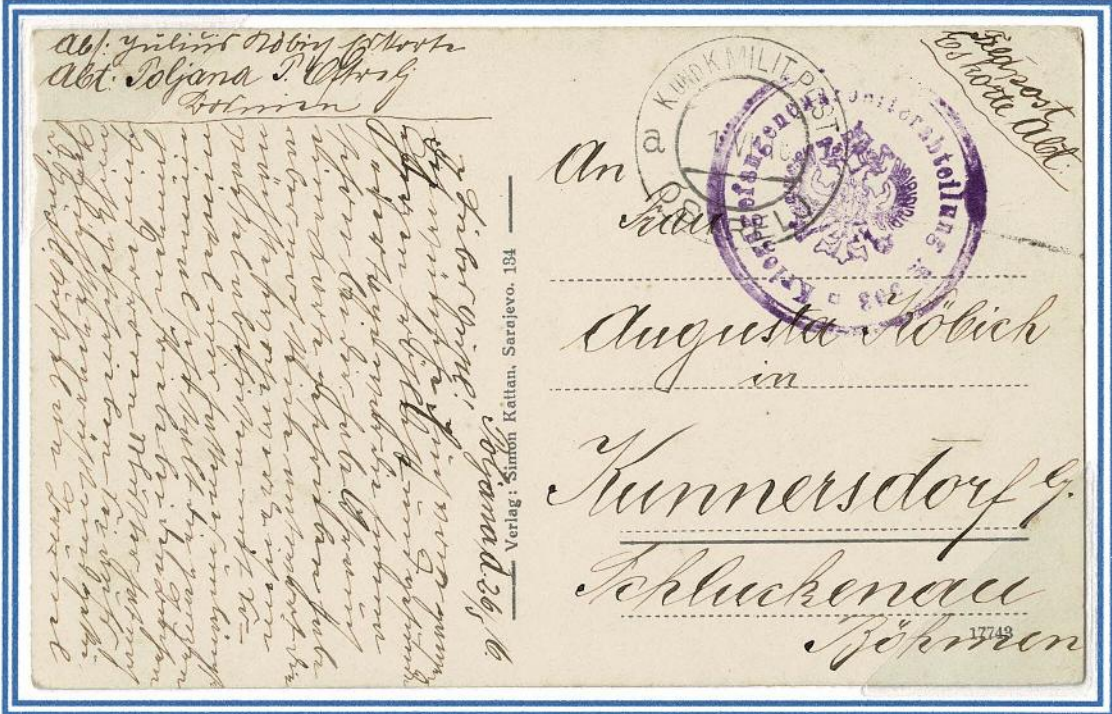
1914, 5(H) green Postal Stationery card with *privately applied Portofrei overprint* sent to VIENNA, Austria. Tied by SARAJEVO 3, Bosnia postmark (type M) of 15 October 1914, with purple Feldpost administrative cachet at side. The Portofrei overprint converted the 5(H) Postal Stationery Card into a Feldpost Card - in very short supply at the onset of WWI. They were in use only briefly, most are philatelic, and genuine postal use is rare.

**OŠTRELJ**  
BOSNIA  
Opened 16 July 1910

Ma



Ma



1916, picture post card sent from OŠTRELJ, Bosnia to KENNERSDORF, Böhmen. I June OŠTRELJ cancel (type Ma), violet cachet of the Royal POW Headquarters at side.



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SARAJEVO 5

BOSNIA  
Opened 1 December 1910

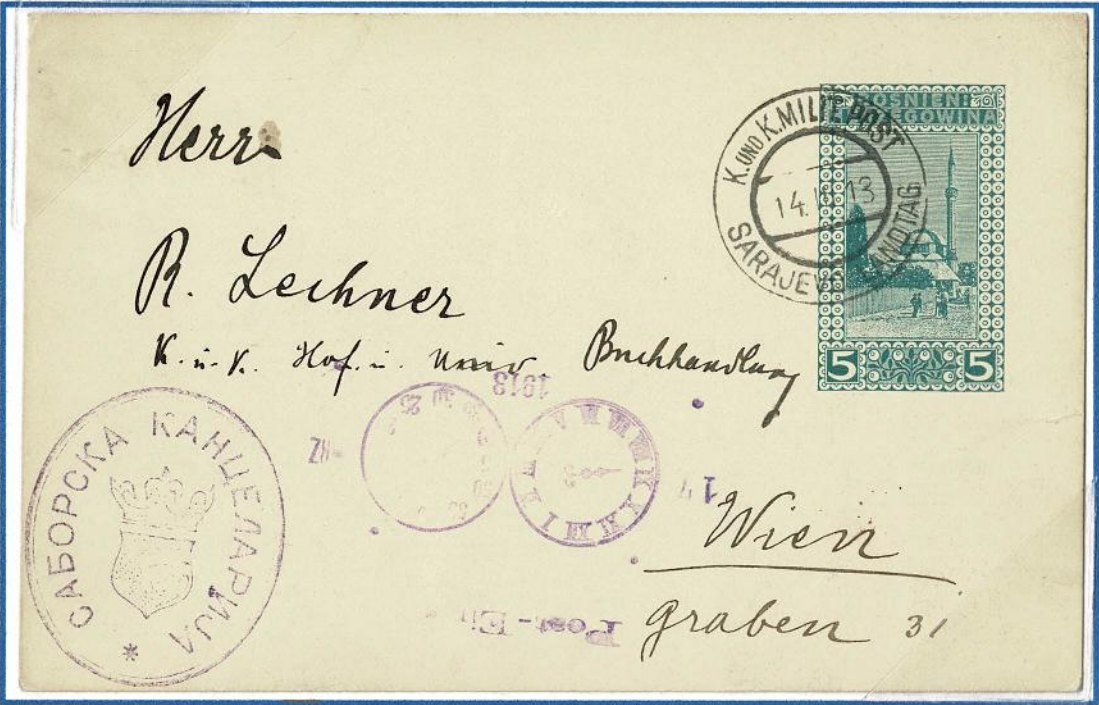
Ma



SARAJEVO 5 LANDTAG

BOSNIA  
Opened 1 November 1910

M



1913, 5(H) green Postal Stationery card sent to VIENNA, Austria. Tied by SARAJEVO-LANDTAG (Country Day), Bosnia postmark (type M) of 14 March, 1913. Purple stylized VIENNA time of arrival hand stamps, center, and purple cachet of the Bosnian Parliamentary Office (in Cyrillic) at left.

SARAJEVO 1

BOSNIA  
Opened 1 December 1910

Mio

M4



M4s\*

Note K.u.K instead of K. und K.  
Used only at SARAJEVO 1 and  
DUVNO

Mko



Mf



M4s\*



1914, reverse of mourning cover sent 25 April (cancel Type Mio) to FOJNICA BEI KISELJAK, Bosnia. Franked by 10(H) carmine Emperor Franz Joseph issue of 1912.

Mco



Type Mg - 9 May 1917.  
First day of issue.





1915, Postcard to VIENNA, Austria. Franked 7(H) on 5(H) deep green semi-postal overprint issue of 1914, tied by SARAJEVO 1, Bosnia postmark (type sK3) of 20 December 1915 (7-8 PM). Only 100,000 of the 1906 5(H) Landscape stamp, specially selected for condition, were overprinted for this issue.



1915, 5(H) green Postal Stationery card of 1900 issue, sent to BERLIN. Up-rated to the foreign destination rate of 10(H) with 2(H) blue and 3(H) red brown Franz Joseph issue of 1912. Tied by 18 November SARAJEVO 1 postmark. Red SARAJEVO censor hand stamp, center. Pencil notation on reverse of 27 November BERLIN arrival. Censored commercial mail is scarce from this period.

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SARAJEVO 1  
BOSNIA  
Opened 1 December 1910

1917, Registered picture Post Card to SKUTARI, Albania, then under Central Powers occupation. Franked by 10(H)+2(H) magenta semi-postal issue of 1916 along with 10(H)+2(H) olive brown and 15(H)+2(H) carmine rose issue of 1917, properly paying the 10(H) postage and 25(H) registration fee. Tied by SARAJEVO 1, Bosnia postmark (type Mo - broken "o" variety) of 13 May 1917. Proper use of these semi-postal stamps on cover is uncommon. The olive brown shade variety of the 1917 issue is especially elusive.



1918, oversize envelope sent to TRAVNIK, Bosnia. Although the normal Inland rate for a printed matter up to 2 Kg was 3(H), this cover is franked by a Bosnia 1916 issue 5(H) deep green Special Handling stamp, tied by 11 June, 1918 SARAJEVO 1 postmark (type Mdo). Purple "DRUCKSACHE." (printed matter) hand stamp at lower left. Returned to sender for insufficient address. TRAVNIK receiving stamp of 12 June on reverse (shown below). The 2(H) and 5(H) Special Handling stamps were issued to pay the fee for Special Handling (expedited delivery) on printed matter. The Inland printed matter rate (up to 2 Kg) was 3(H). Quick delivery required an additional 2(H) fee. Normally, payment would require 3(H) in regular postage stamp(s) and a 2(H) Special Handling stamp. However, in this case, The 5(H) total fee paid by the Special Handling stamp was tolerated by the post. This exhibitor has only seen one other example of this stamp properly used to pay the printed matter expedited delivery rate (certificate accompanies).





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SARAJEVO 2  
BOSNIA  
Opened 21 January 1911

MEI

ALIPAŠIN MOST  
BOSNIA  
Opened 1 March 1911

Ma



1912, 8(H) blue "Sword" pack card sent from SARAJEVO to BROD, Slavonia. Additional franking by two 35(H) slate Landscape issue of 1906 stamps to pay the 2kg, 200g weight and 20(K) valuation (light pencil notation, top right).

Ma



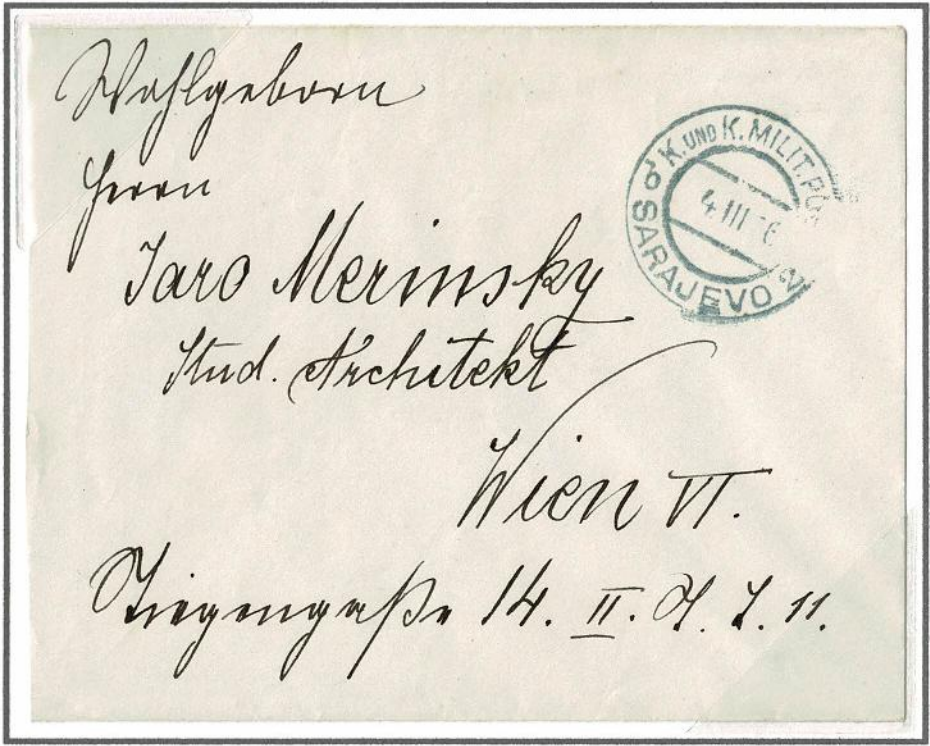
MEII



BOSANSKI KOBAŠ  
BOSNIA  
Opened 16 February 1911

Mb

Mb



1916, Letter to VIENNA, Austria. Franked 10(H) using two 7(H) surcharge on 5(H) deep green semi-postal issue of 1916 in a vertical pair on reverse (scan shown right), tied by SARAJEVO 2, Bosnia postmark (type Mb) of 4 March 1916.



Mb

Ma



1916, picture post card sent to MATTSEE, Austria redirected to an address in VIENNA. Cancelled ALIPAŠIN MOST, 7 July (type Ma). 1910 population - 200.<sup>(2)</sup>

Ma and Mb



Two different cancel types on one item is very unusual.

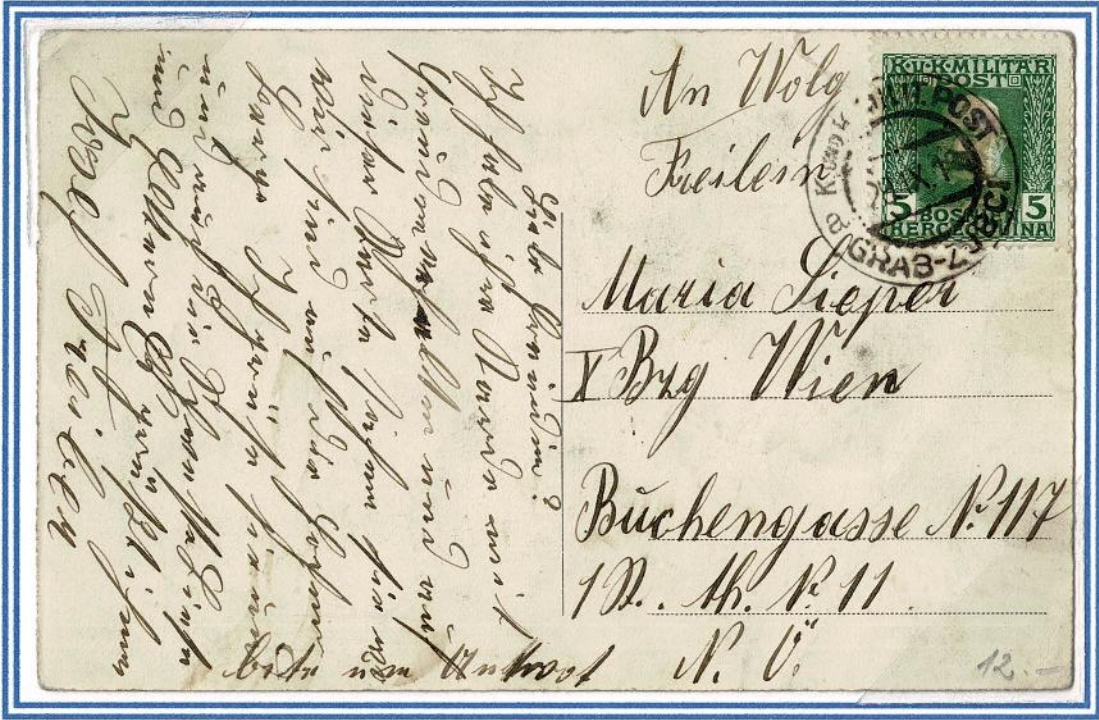


GRAB-ZUBCI

HERZGOVINA

Opened 16 November 1911

Ma



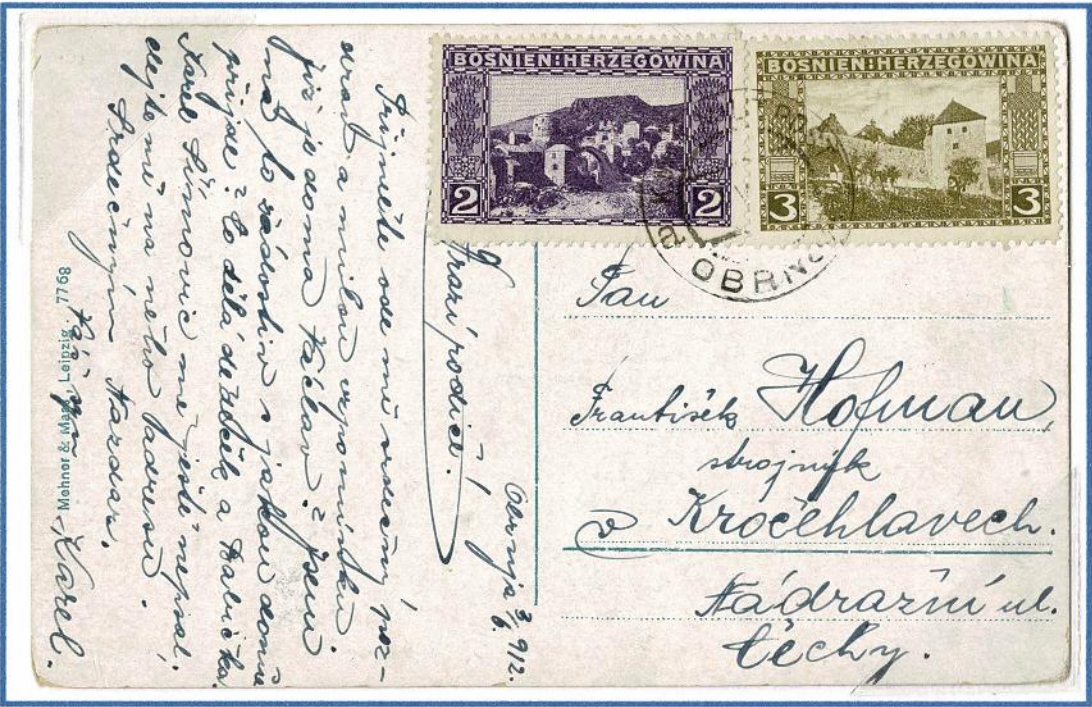
1913, Picture Post Card sent to VIENNA, Austria. Franked by 5(H) deep green Franz Joseph issue of 1912, tied by 29 September GRAB-ZUBCI postmark (type Ma).

OBRNJA

HERZEGOVINA

Opened 2 May 1911

Ma



1912, picture Postcard from OBRNJA, Herzegovina to KROCÉHLAVECH, Czechy. Franked by 2(H) violet and 3(H) olive stamps of the 1906 Landscape issue. 3 June, 1912 postmark, (type Ma). 1910 population - 200. (2)

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PURAČIĆ

BOSNIA

Opened 2 January 1911

Ma



Mb



OTOKA

BOSNIA

Opened 2 January 1911

M



BOSANSKI SVINJAR

BOSNIA

Opened 16 February 1911

Ma



1916, 5(H) Inland Postal Stationery Card, uprated to 8(H) by 3(H) Franz Joseph issue of 1912. Sent from BOS. SVINJAR, Herzegovina to BOS. GRADIŠKA, Bosnia. 31 October BOS. SVINJAR hand stamp (type Ma) at right and indistinct black Military cachet at left.



Mb

Mb



1917, Feldpost Card sent from STARI MAJDAN to BUDAPEST. 5 March STARI MAJDAN hand stamp (type Mb) at right and violet Feldpost cachet at left.

STARI MAJDAN

BOSNIA

Opened 16 June 1911



Ma



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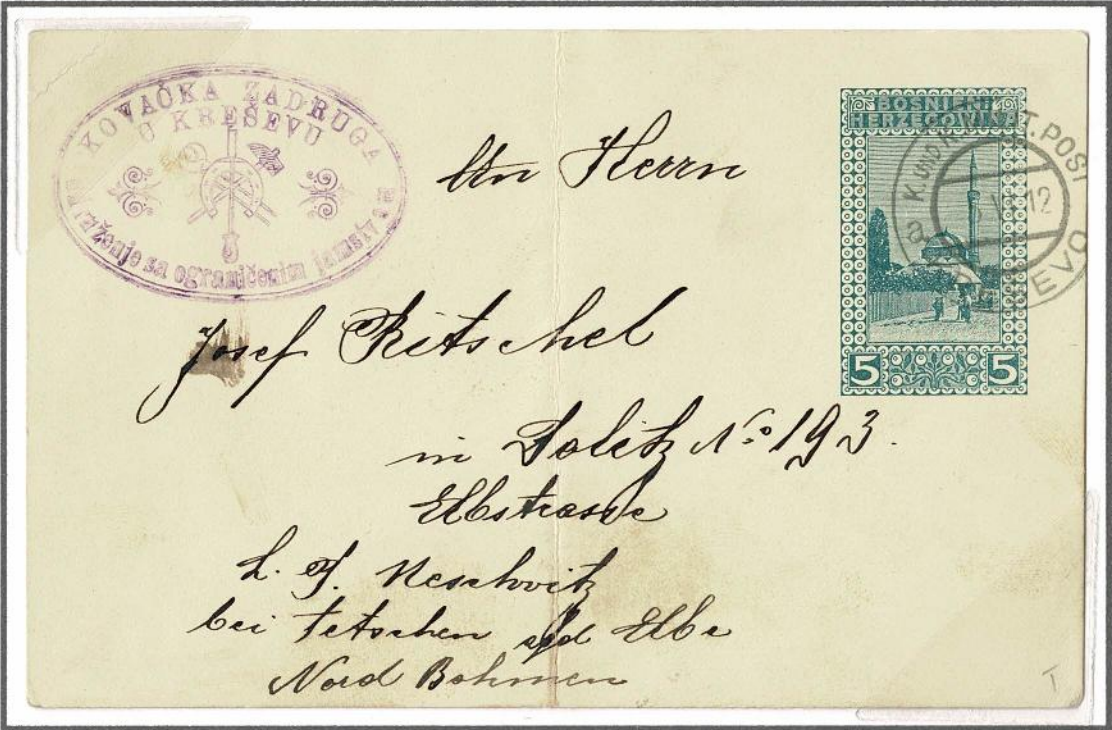
Mb

KREŠEVO

BOSNIA

Opened 1 August 1911

Ma



1912, Green 5(H) Postal card sent from KREŠOVO, Bosnia to ELBA in North Böhmen. Tied by KREŠEVO, postmark of 5 June 1912 (type Ma). Violet "Blacksmith Association" cachet at top left.

DRINJAČA

BOSNIA

Opened 1 August 1911

Mb



1915, unusual folded Feldpost Stationery letter (opens to four times the folded size) sent from HAN PJESAK, Bosnia to BUDAPEST. Tied by 6 September 1915 HAN PJESAK cancel (type Mb). Violet Military Employee's Department No 8 cachet at side. 1910 population - 80<sup>(2)</sup>

ŠIROKI BRIJEG

HERZEGOVINA

Opened 1 November 1911

Ma



HAN PJESAK

BOSNIA

Opened 1 November 1911

Mb



Ma



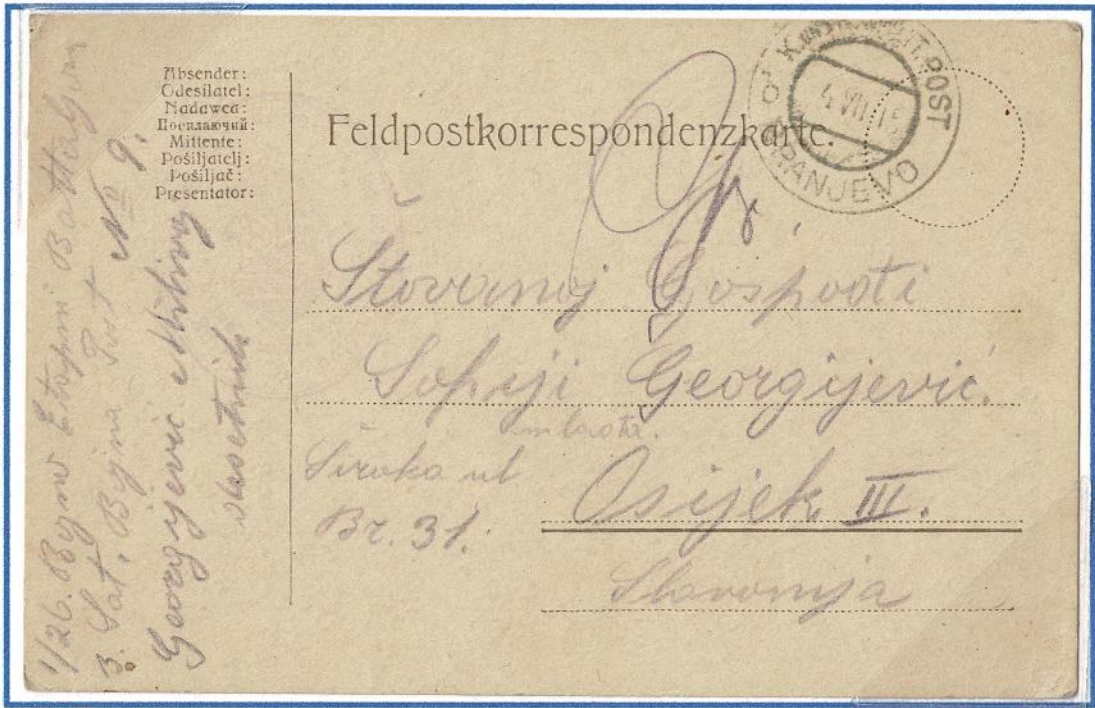


BRANJEVO

BOSNIA

Opened 1 November 1911

Mb



1915, Feldpost card sent by a Serbian Soldier in Austrian **Mobile Battalion 3** to a family member in **OSIJEK**, Slavonia (now Croatia). Faint violet Military Command cachet, top left, and censor's initials in crayon alongside. 4 July **BRANJEVO** postmark (type Mb). 1910 population of **BRANJEVO** - 180 inhabitants.<sup>(2)</sup>

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Ma



SARAJEVO 6

BOSNIA

Opened 15 June 1912

Mc



1918, Postcard to **BUDAPEST**, Hungary. Franked 10(H) orange brown Kaiser Karl issue of 1917, tied by **SARAJEVO 6** postmark (type Mc) of 1 August 1918.

SUTORINA

HERZEGOVINA

Opened 1 May 1912

Ma



1912, picture Post Card dated 11 September, sent from **SARAJEVO** to **SUTORINA**, Herzegovina. 15 September **SUTORINA** arrival cancel (type Ma). Card is written entirely in Cyrillic.

VITINA

HERZEGOVINA

Opened 1 March 1911

Ma



Ma



Mb





MOSTAR 1

HERZEGOVINA

Opened 16 November 1912

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MOSTAR 2

HERZEGOVINA

Opened 16 November 1912

1914, Picture Postcard sent to VIENNA. 13 August MOSTAR 1 cancel (Type Mdo).

Mdo



Mco



1915, Picture Post Card used for Feldpost, sent from MOSTAR 1, to BAJA, Hungary. MOSTAR 1 cancel of 8 November 1914 (type Mco). Violet Hungarian Military unit cachet at side.

Mbo



MOSTAR 1 and MOSTAR 2 were the second and third MPO's to open in MOSTAR.

Mao



Ma



KRNJEUŠA

BOSNIA

Opened 1 December 1912

Ma



Postally used specimens of the 1916-18 postage due stamps are elusive.

Mao



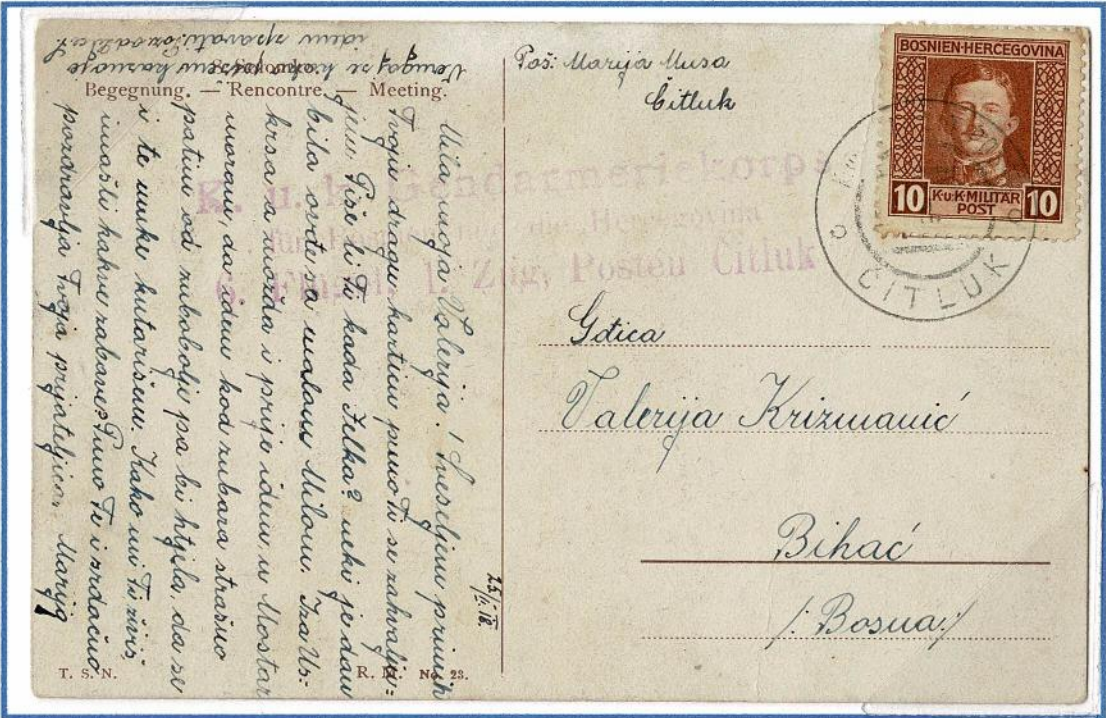
Above: 20 October, 1918. Dated just one week before the postal system was assimilated by the SHS Regime.

ČITLUK

HERZEGOVINA

Opened 1 December 1912

Moo



1918, Postcard sent from KRNJEUŠA to BANJALUKA, both in Bosnia. Franked with two 5(H) green Emperor Karl issue of 1917, tied by KRNJEUŠA postmark of 19 June (type Ma).

1918, Postcard postmarked 25 February (type Moo). Sent from ČITLUK to BIHAĆ, Bosnia. Franked with a 10(H) red brown Emperor Karl issue of 1917. Violet "K.u.K. Gendarmen-iekorps" (Military Police) hand stamp at side.



**LASTVA**  
HERZEGOVINA  
Opened 1 February 1913

Mao



1910 population of LASTVA - 370<sup>(2)</sup>

**TURBE**  
BOSNIA  
Opened 12 March 1913

Moo



1910 population of TURBE - 100<sup>(2)</sup>

**PAZARIĆ**  
BOSNIA  
Opened 1 March 1913



1916, 5(H) Inland Postal Stationery Card, uprated with 5(H) green Franz Joseph issue of 1912 to pay the 10(H) new Post Card rate effective 1 October, 1916. Sent from **PAZARIĆ** to **SARAJEVO**, tied by **PAZARIĆ** cancel of 5 November (type Moo).

1918, 8(H) Postal Stationery Card, uprated with 2(H) vermilion Special Handling issue of 1916 to pay the 10(H) Post Card rate effective 1 January, 1918. Sent from **PAZARIĆ** to **BASEL**, Switzerland. Tied by 18 December (type Moo) **PAZARIĆ** cancel. 2 January 1919 manuscript receiving note on reverse. The postal system was by this date under the control of the SHS Regime. However, some remote villages unaffected by the war continued business as usual for some months. This example from **PAZARIĆ** is likely unique.

Moo



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**BREZOVO POLJE**  
BOSNIA  
Opened 1 February 1913

Moo



1915, Postcard sent from **BREZOVO POLJE** in Bosnia to **NEVESINJE** in Herzegovina. Franked with 5(H) deep green Landscape issue of 1906, surcharged 7(H) in red for semi-postal issue of 1915. Postmarked 31 October (type Moo).

Moo



1917, Feldpost card used for private mail sent from **BREZOVO POLJE** to Germany. Franked with 10(H) 1916 Bosnia Invalids semi-postal issue, cancelled 19 February (type Moo). Black boxed censor hand stamp at left. The volume of non-philatelic mail genuinely used with a single of this 10(H) stamp was quite small.



**SJETLINA**

BOSNIA

Opened 16 September 1913



**SJETLINE** (type Mao)  
1910 Population - 85<sup>(2)</sup>

**RAVNO**

HERZEGOVINA

Opened 4 November 1913



— Moo  
|



**ZAVALA**

HERZEGOVINA

Opened 1 September 1914



Ma

**FRANZJOSEFSFELD**

BOSNIA

Opened 17 October 1913

Moo

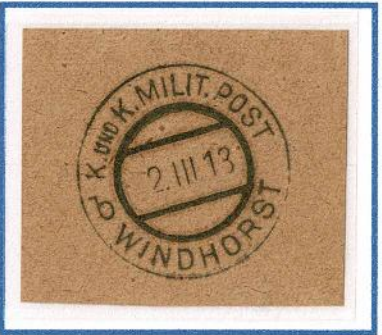


**WINDHORST**

BOSNIA

Opened 1 March 1913

Mb



Ma



**BRATUNAC**

BOSNIA

1 January 1914

Moo



**PLANA**

HERZEGOVINA

Opened 8 May 1914



Moo

1914, 8(H) Inland Postal card sent from **PLANA** in **MOSTAR** District to **VIENNA**. Tied by 8 June **PLANA** cancel (type **Moo**). Company receiving hand stamp on reverse. Commercial mail commonly used a card file system using a two hole punch at bottom.

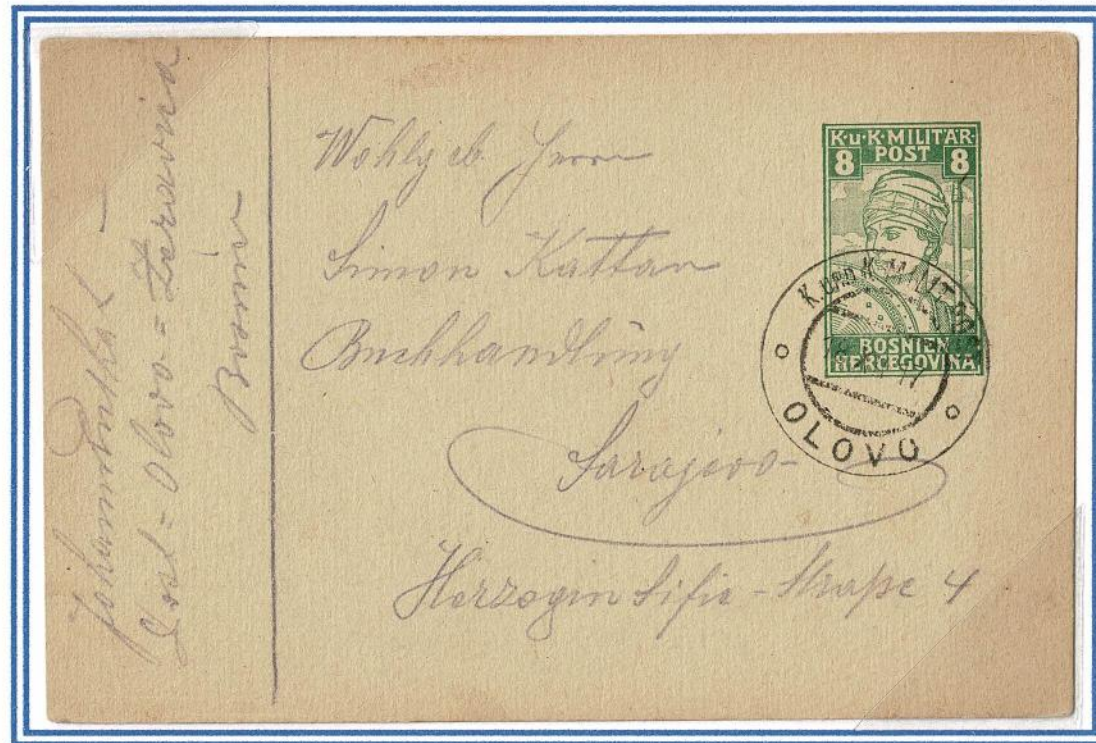
The population of **PLANA** was 470 in 1910.<sup>(2)</sup>

1914, 8(H) Parcel Card documenting goods sent from **BRATUNAC**, Bosnia to **CSÉPA**, Hungary. Franked with two 60(H) maroon and one 40(H) violet of the Franz Joseph issue of 1912-14, paying 80(H) freight (on 18.6 Kilos) and 80(H) insurance (purple crayon "80/80" at top). Tied by 20 November **BRATUNAC** cancel (type **Moo**). 28 November **CSEPA** receiving hand stamp on reverse, scan shown top right. **BRATUNAC** 37 parcel card label, at top.



## SARAJEVO 7

Mao

**OLOVO**

BOSNIA

1917, 8(H) green Postal card sent from **OLOVO** in the **TUZLA** District, to **SARAJEVO** both in Bosnia. **OLOVO** cancel of 18 December (type **Moo**). *The population of OLOVO was 800 in 1910.*<sup>(2)</sup>



These three commemorative cancels, **type Mao**, dated on the third anniversary of the assassination of the Arch Duke and Duchess, Ferdinand and Sophie, *are not previously known in red.*

**SARAJEVO 7** was the eighth, smallest and last MPO opened in SARAJEVO.



Moo

## LUŠCI PALANKA

BOSNIA

Opened 20 May 1914



Mao

*This cancel type from LUŠCI PALANKA is previously unknown and not listed in any reference source. The cancel date of 16 May, 1914 is 4 days prior to the official opening date and is the earliest known use.*



Ma

**DUVNO**

BOSNIA

Opened 28 December 1916



## JEZERO

BOSNIA

Opened 10 October 1918

M

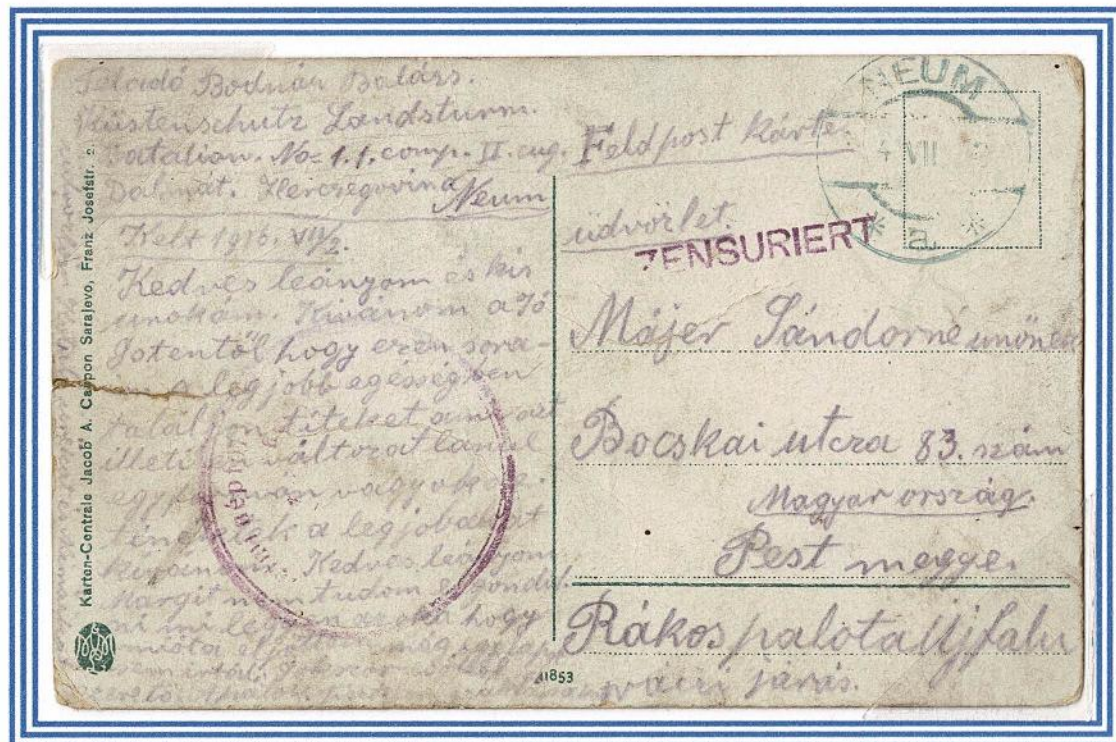
Postal money order in the amount of 277(K), 93(H) to a recipient in **SARAJEVO**. Money Order fees paid by two 25(H) Emperor Karl issue of 1917. Cancelled 6 September, 1918 (type M4a - type used only at DUVNO and SARAJEVO 1) The DUVNO post office, renamed from ŽUPANJAC by Ministerial order 7.602 of 5 December, 1916, *was open less than 18 months..*

**JEZERO** was the last MPO to open, This cancel (**type M**) is dated 2 November 1918, just 9 days before the Armistice. This is the only example of a JEZERO postmark seen by this exhibitor.



# OFFICES IN THE TURKISH TERRITORIES OF NEUM AND THE SANDZAK OF NOVI PAZAR

Section 4a



1916, Feldpost Card sent from NEUM to PEST, Hungary, tied by a 4 July 1916 greenish blue NEUM cancellation (type Ma). Circular violet Feldpost and censor's cachets at side.



1892, 2(N) red postal stationery card, sent from SARAJEVO to MOSTAR. Adresse not found and redirected to METKOVIĆ. 1 April SARAJEVO and 4 April METKOVIĆ cancels at top.

Section 4b

## NEUM

Opened 1879

NEUM was for a time the town that gave Bosnia and Herzegovina access to the Adriatic. Although the B&H Military Post Office established at NEUM provided a link to the Austrian Post Offices in METKOVIĆ and OSLJE, all outside of the provinces, NEUM soon lost its importance to the larger and more accessible port at METKOVIĆ.



## FELDPST EXPOSITUR of the SANDZAK of NOVI PAZAR 1879-1908

After the Treaty of Berlin, the towns of PRIBOJ, PLEVELJE and PRIJEPOLE remained in Turkish territory. These three small towns are located in the region between Serbia and Montenegro to the east of SARAJEVO in Bosnia (blue circle on map). The Austrian military opened Telegraph and Post Offices in the Fall of 1879, while leaving the political administration of the region to Ottoman officials. These Post Offices are therefore considered as part of Bosnian postal history. The Austro-Hungarian annexation of Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1908 required that the Sandzak be returned to Turkey, and the MPO's were immediately closed. Austria quickly reoccupied the Sandzak at the outbreak of WWI, but it was no longer under the postal administration of Bosnia.

### PLEVELJE FPE 1

Opened 29 September 1879 to 28 October 1908



1881, 27 October, letter sent from PLEVELJE to VIENNA. FRANCO (post paid) hand stamp at top (this hand stamp was required on Feldpost mail from this region). FPE (Feldpost-Expositur) No.1 cancel at side. 29 Oct. SARAJEVO transit and 2 November VIENNA receiving hand stamps on reverse (scan shown at left). This same FPE cancel was also used in SARAJEVO Aug-Dec. 1878, then transferred to PLEVELJE.

K2 (No. 1)



K2 (N. 1)



D4



D



Ma

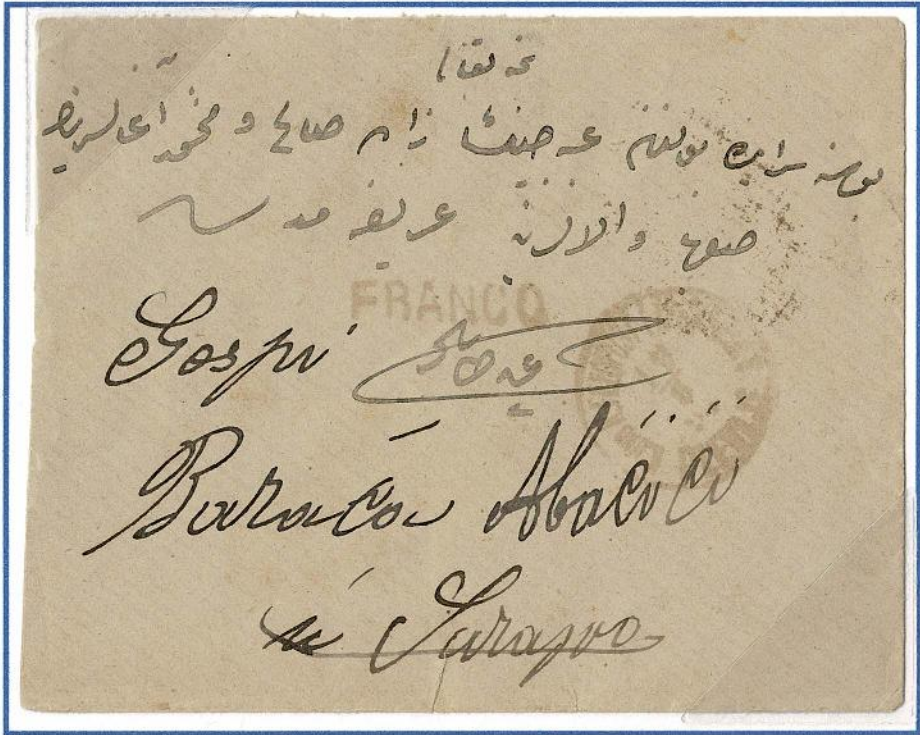


Mb





PLEVELJE FPE 1



1894, letter sent from PLEVELJE, Sandzak of Novi Pazar, to SARAJEVO in Bosnia. Straight line "FRANCO" (postage paid) hand stamp and faint 19 August 1894 PLEVELJE cancellation (type K2), front. Feldpost status not recognized and 5(N) red Bosnia first issue of 1879 applied, tied by a 21 August SARAJEVO receiving hand stamp.

PRIBOJ FPE 1 b

Open 15 September 1879 to 27 October 1908

K1 (1<sup>b</sup>)



K2 (N.1B)



PRIJEPOLJE FPE 1 A

Open 15 September 1879 to 27 October 1908

Ma



PLEVELJE FPE 1

K1 (1B)



K2



Section 5- Special Cancels  
Auxiliary Post Office Cancels



1906, Feldpost Stationery card sent from PLEVELJE, to STERNBERG in Moravia. Tied by a 1906 PLEVELJE cancellation (type D). Boxed "FRANCO" hand stamp at right.



1915, Parcel card sent 26 Sep. from POZSONY Hungary to a soldier in KOZLUK, Bosnia. 9 Oct. rectangular KOZLUK Ablage MPO arrival hand stamp on reverse, scan above. Soldier could not be located and parcel returned. ZVORNIK 30 Sep. and 6 Oct. transit and 16 Oct. POZSONY arrival cancels, all on reverse.



- The first Auxiliary (Ablage) MPO was opened at WINDHORST 1 October 1907.
- Ablage facilities offered limited services and generally were little more than drop points for mail that was carried to nearby permanent MPO's for processing.
- Ablage Post Offices were mostly opened in villages too small or remote for MPO's.
- Rubber hand stamps with a rectangular cache reading K. und K. MILITARPOST ABLAGE, dated or undated, were applied to mailed items, but not normally as a cancel on the stamp(s) (LOŽNICA and LJEŠNICA were exceptions).
- All Ablage cancels are especially rare.



1914, letter sent Registered and Express from LOŽNICA to SARAJEVO. Franked 72(H) from 1912 issue to overpay by 1(H), the 10(H) letter rate, 25(H) Registered rate, 30(H) Express rate and seldom seen 6(H) remote location fee (in effect to 10 October, 1916). 2 Dec. LOŽNICA cancel, front, and 12 Dec. SARAJEVO arrival hand stamp on reverse.



LOŽNICA

## Special Cancels

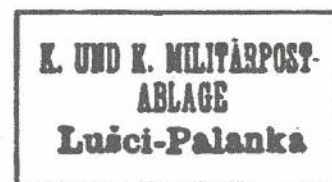
### Section 5a - Ablage (Auxiliary) Military Postal Facilities

#### Two Types of Ablage (Auxiliary) Military Post Cancels

With Date



Without Date



PETROVOSELO



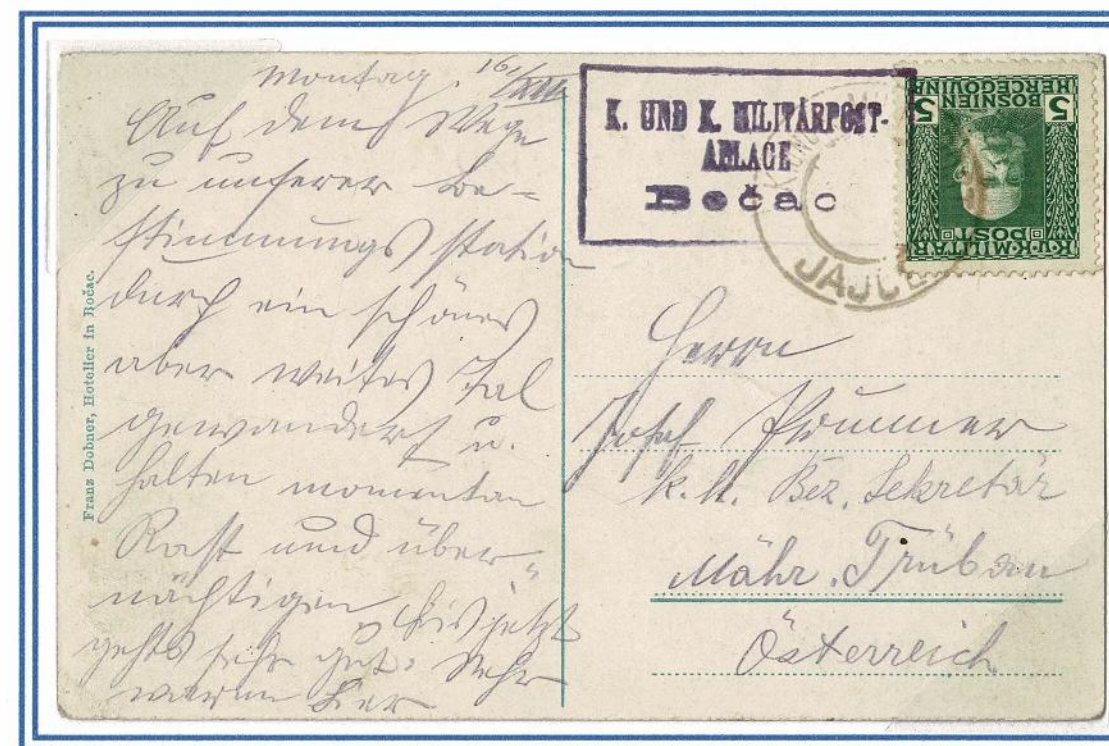
LJEŠNICA



For just under three weeks beginning in late November, 1914, Austrian forces from Bosnia captured and occupied the Serbian towns of LOŽNICA and LJEŠNICA, just across the north east border of Bosnia. During this brief period, post offices were opened and supplied with current Bosnian stamps. The cancelling device was the Ablage style and was used temporarily while waiting for the normal type M canceller. However, the Austrian forces were redeployed to the Eastern Front and Serbia recaptured the area.

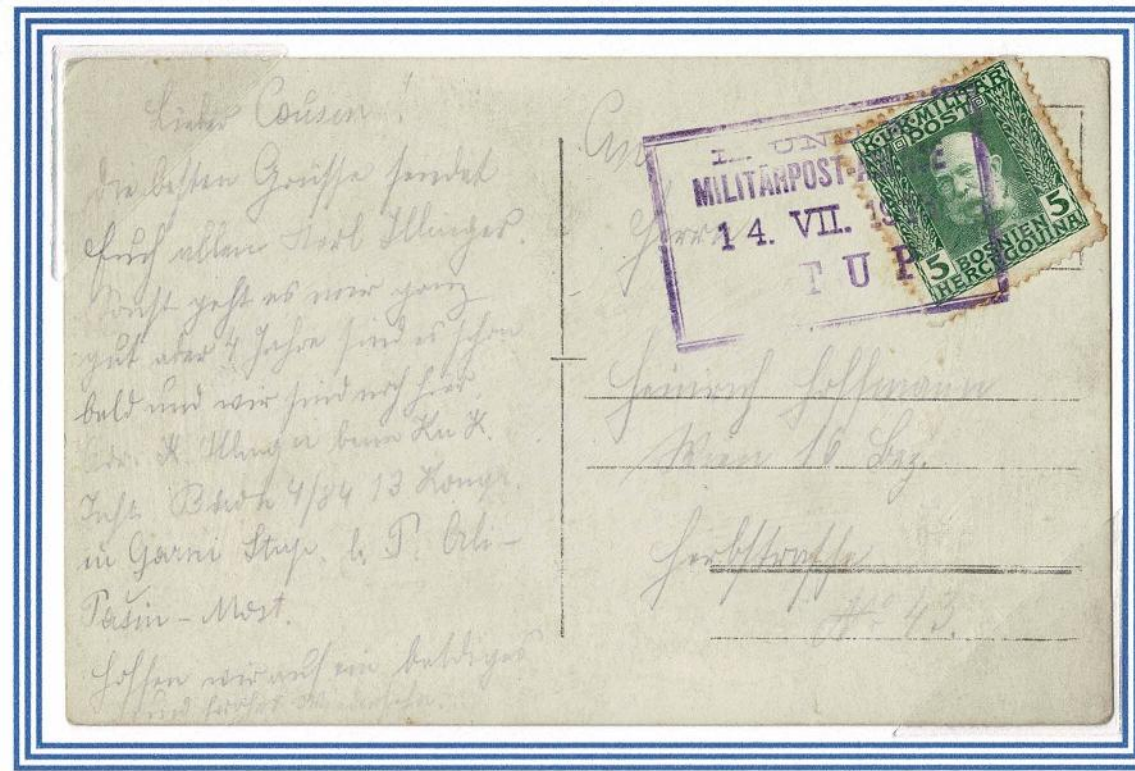


1908, 5(H) Postal Stationery Card sent from WINDHORST, Bosnia to BERLIN. Violet WINDHORST Ablage hand stamp, 3 December BOS. GRADISKA cancel (type K2) and 7 December BERLIN arrival cancel, front.

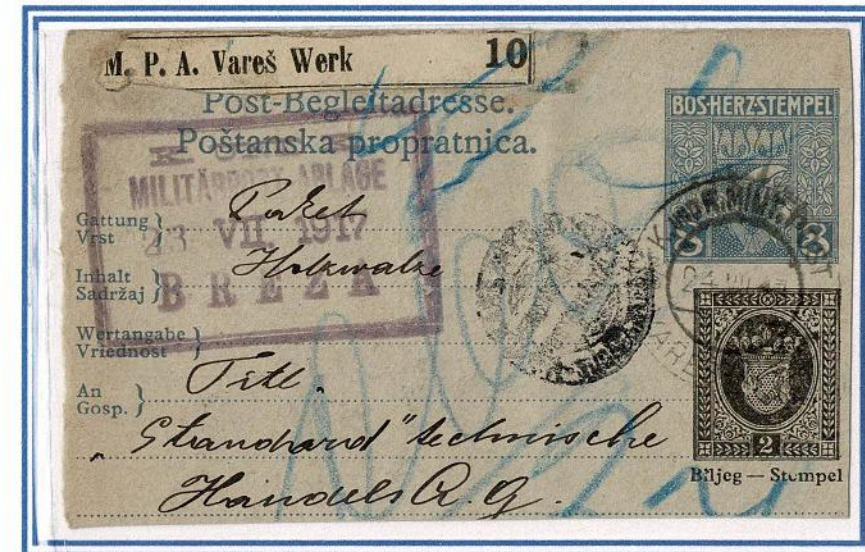


1912, Post Card dated Monday, 16 December. Sent from BOČAC, Bosnia to MÄHREN TRÜBAU, Czech part of Empire. Tied by a BOČAC Ablage (Auxiliary) cancellation, and an undated JAJCE hand stamp (type D3). Franked with a 5(H) green Franz Josef issue of 1912.





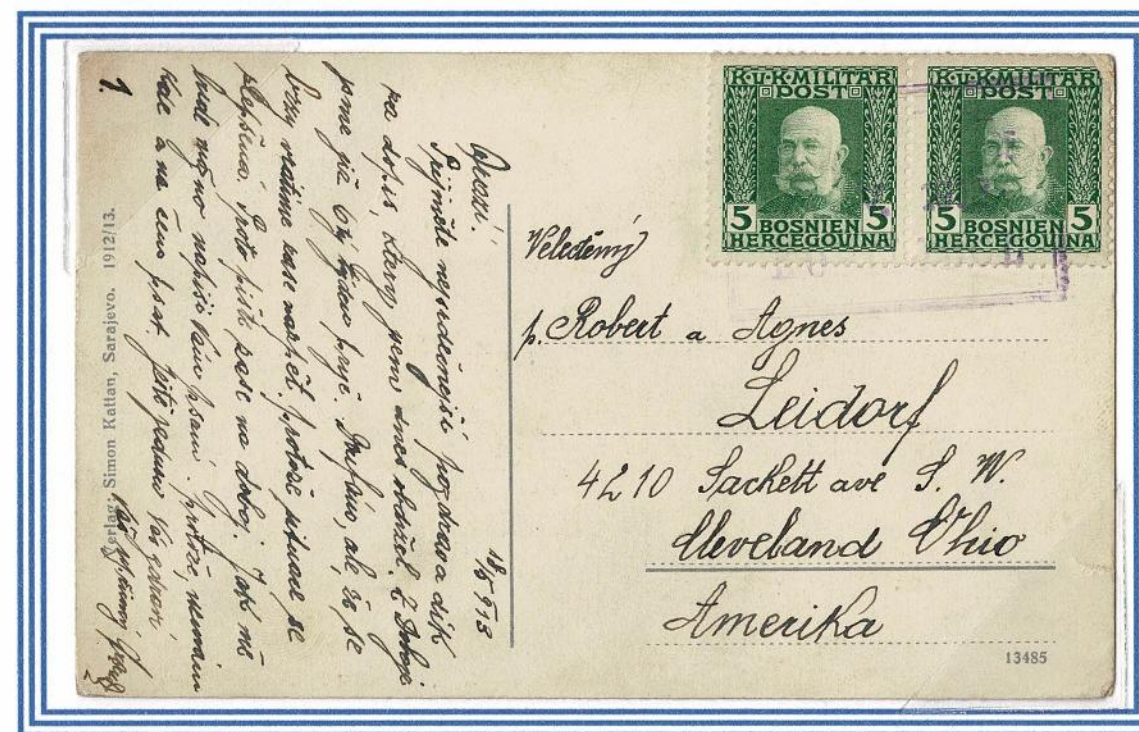
1915, picture Post Card dated 14 July. Sent from STUP, Bosnia to Austria. Franked by 5(H) green Franz Joseph issue of 1912, tied by a dated STUP Ablage (Auxiliary) post office cancellation. Fewer than 15 strikes of this cancel are known.



1917, 8(H) + 2(H) Postal Parcel Card sent from BREZA, to VAREŠ WERK, both in Bosnia. Cancelled 23 July by a dated BREZA Ablage (Auxiliary) post office cancellation. Next day VAREŠ WERK arrival cancel, (type Mo), at right, and Turkish type transit hand stamp at center.



1909, Post Card sent from the Schutzhaus in TREBEVIĆ to ILIDŽA, Bosnia. Franked by 5(H) green 1906 pictorial issue tied by 24 July SHUTZHAUS/TREBEVIĆ and SARAJEVO cancels. The Schutzhaus was a favorite mountain retreat from which two postmark types are known. This cancel is unlike any other used in Bosnia and this site is considered to be an auxiliary post office. All mail with this cancel also bears a SARAJEVO postal cancel.



1913, picture Post Card sent from KOBILJDOL, Bosnia to CLEVELAND, Ohio, USA. Franked by two 5(H) green Franz Joseph issue of 1912, tied by a 18 May KOBILJDOL Ablage post office cancellation - the only known specimen sent from KOBILJDOL to the USA.

The closest full service MPO to STUP and KOBILJDOL above is ILIDŽA and mail from these locations would have been processed there. In both cases, the stamps were already cancelled and no further post marks were applied, despite the rules.

## SLATINA ILIDŽE





Military Railway (Traveling) Post Cancels

- Railways were in regular use by 1879.
- Manuscript or regular post cancels were used before TPO cancellers were introduced in 1890.
- Cancellers were of the same style as those of the regular post.
- Only normal mail that did not require special handling (Express, Registered) could be posted.
- Railway Cancels show the start and finish of the route and sometimes the Train (ZUG) number

D types



K types



Manuscript "BHF"  
(Bahnhof)



M types



- ..... Boundaries of Postal Districts
- Railway/TPO Routes
- Railway Station

SARAJEVO - BOSANSKI BROD

K

Hand stamp Delivered 4 January 1890



BELOW: Post card sent to PRAGUE (PRAHA) Czech Territory. Franking by 5(H) Bosnia issue of 1906. Cancelled K.u.K. BAHNPOST II/SARAJEVO-BOS.BROD112 hand stamp (type M).

M



ABOVE: 1900, Postal Card, sent from the SARAJEVO-BOS. BROD Railway Post Office to ZAGREB, Croatia. Franked with a 5(H) green new currency issue of 1900, tied by a 10 January 1900 Railway cancellation (type K - Zug N° I). Arrival hand stamp of 11 January (7 PM) at side. Cancel type shown, top right.

BANJALUKA - DOBERLIN

Hand Stamps known from January 1902

Manuscript



BANJALUKA BAHNHOF, dated 30 Nov, 1882. Earliest known manuscript cancel from this line. Signature of Post Conductor at bottom.

TESLIC-DOBOJ

First Known Use - 1908



Type D  
ZUG/TESLIC-DOBOJ

BRČKO - VINKOVCI

First Known Use of Hand Stamp - 1899

Manuscript



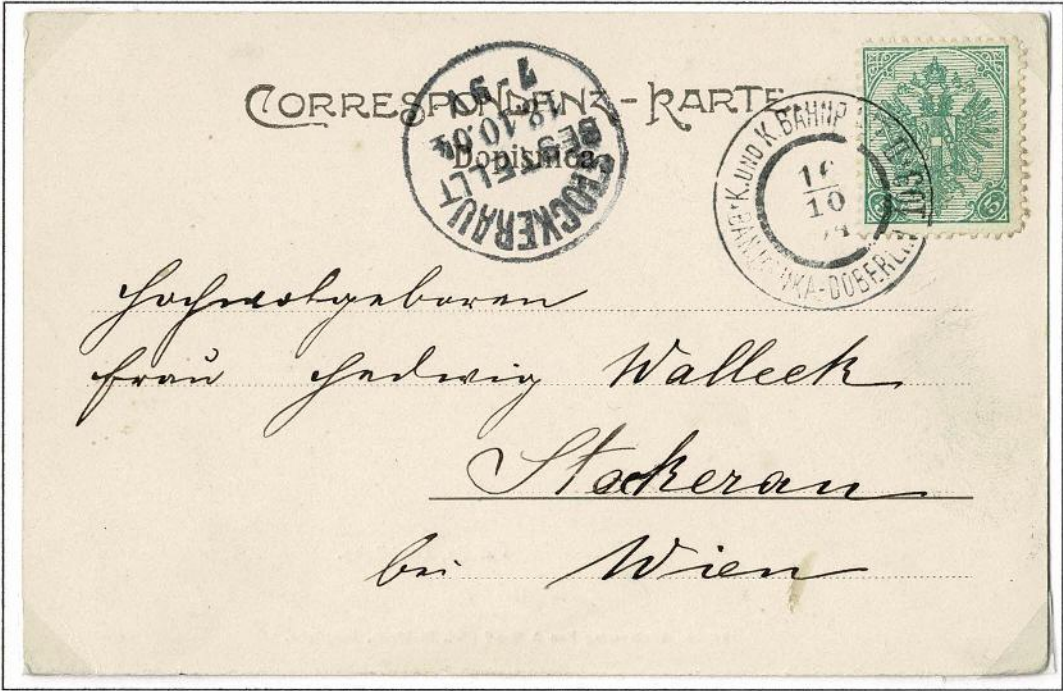
GUNJA-BRČKA  
GUNJA is a stop on this line



BANJALUKA - DOBERLIN

Hand Stamps known from January 1902

Type D - BANJALUKA-DOBERLIN 103



DOBERLIN - ZAGRAB

1904, letter sent to HORGEN, Switzerland. Franked by a single 25(H) blue stamp from the B&H issue of 1/1/1900 to pay the correct foreign letter rate. Cancelled 6 November (note inverted date slug) DOBERLIN-ZAGRAB/A-304-A (type M). 7 November HORGEN arrival hand stamp on reverse. This elusive strike along with 5 additional varieties (ZAGRAB-DOBERLIN/A-304-A, , /B-304-B etc) are the *only* Hungarian style cancels ever used in B&H 1878-1918.



SARAJEVO - GRUZ (DUBROVNIK)

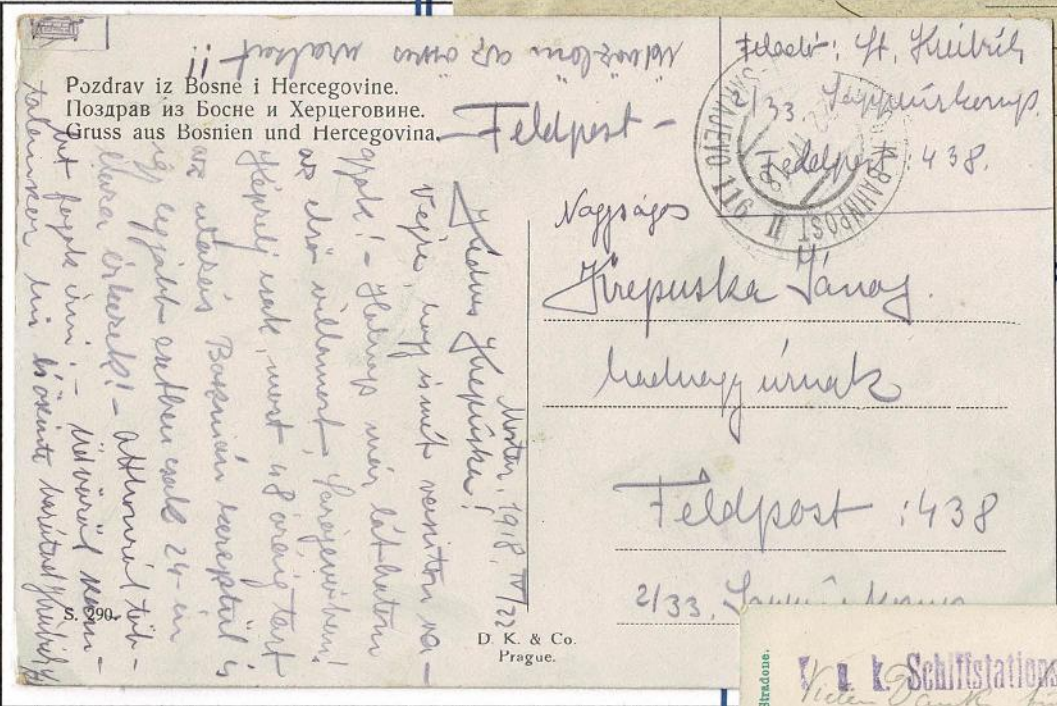
Hand stamp Delivered August 1899

M



1910, 5(H) green Postal Stationery Card, posted on the SARAJEVO-GRVOSA TPO (at the railway station at USKOPLJE, Herzegovina) to ILIDŽE, Bosnia. Tied by a 7 July 1910 Railway cancellation (type "M" - K.u.K BAHNPOST II/SARAJEVO-GRVOSA 109). ILIDŽE arrival hand stamp of 9 July at side (type iD2). Red straight line USKOPLJE hand stamp on reverse, shown at left, applied at posting and *not previously reported*.

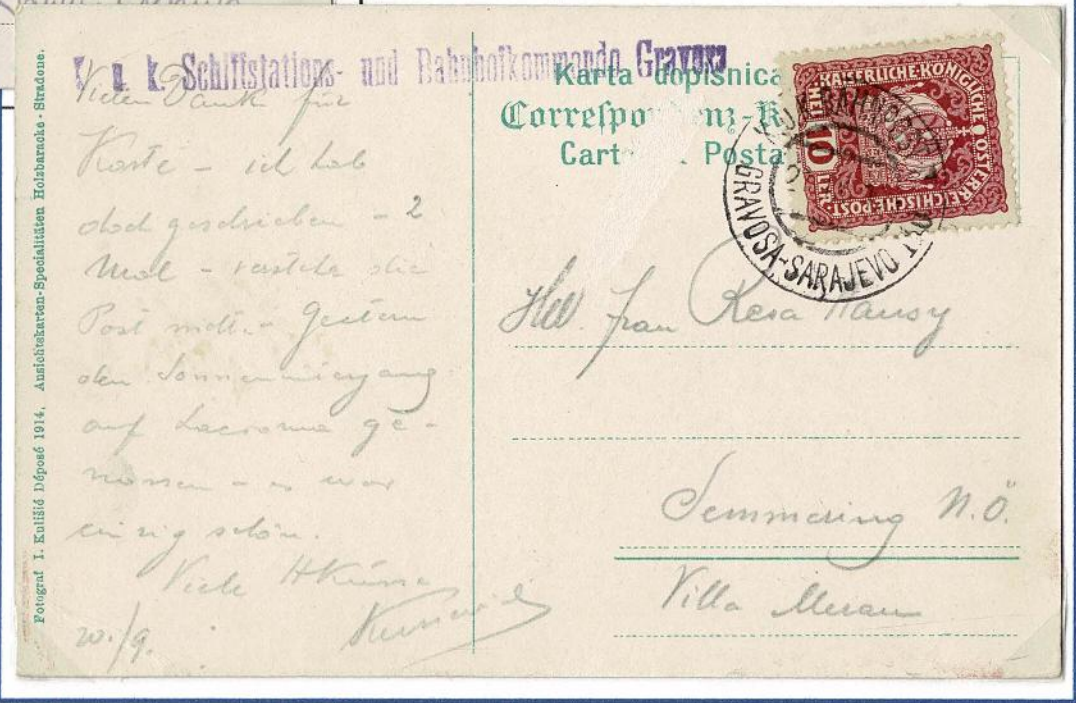
M



LEFT: Picture Post card used as Feldpost card sent to Feldpost 438. Cancelled 22 April, 1918 with type "M" K.u.K. BAHN-POST II/GRVOSA-SARAJEVO 116 hand stamp.

M

RIGHT: Picture Post card sent to SEMMLING, Northern Austria. Violet cachet of the GRAVOSA military Railway Command at top. Unusual franking by 10(H) Austrian definitive issue of 1916 (*applied in GRAVOSA, Austrian Territory*). Cancelled K.u.K. BAHNPOST II/GRVOSA-SARAJEVO 110, 27 September 1917 (type M).





SARAJEVO - BUGOJNO

First Hand stamp Delivered 8 October 1907

uM



Type uM, with added scrolls above and below date bridge.

1915, Feldpost letter posted at the SARAJEVO-BUGOJNO Railway Post Office to BUDAPEST, Hungary. Tied by a 20 December Railway cancellation (type uM - K. U. K. BAHNPOST II/BUGOJNO - SARAJEVO 108) example shown above, enhanced. Red Feldpost "Military Construction Unit N<sup>o</sup>. 8/b.-h. 1" cachet at side.



BRČKO - VINKOVCI - First Use 1899

D



1902, postcard, sent to Austria. Franked 5(H) green New Currency issue of 1900. Tied by a 25 June Railway cancellation MIL. POST-CONDUCTEUR/BRČKA BHF (type D). KREMS <sup>1</sup>/<sub>D</sub> DONAU arrival hand stamp of 27 June at side.

D



TUZLA - DOBOJ

First Hand stamp Delivered 31 December 1895

Type D - DOL. TUZLA

ZUG/D. TUZLA  
Type D

K. und K. BAHNPOST II/  
DOL. TUZLA-DOBOJ 105



1909, letter sent to ZAGREB, Croatia. Cancelled 13 October MIL. POST-CONDUCTEUR/BRČKA BHF (type D). Not franked, and 20(H) double letter rate penalty postage due assessed. Manuscript "T" and "20h" along with 20(H) Hungarian Postage Due issue of 1908-10, tied by ZAGREB/1 cancel (date unreadable) at left.



TUZLA - BOS. BROD

First Date of Use Unknown

Moo



Post card franked by 5(H) green Bosnia Franz Joseph issue of 1912 cancelled K. und K. BAHNPOST II/TUZLA-BOS. BROD 105 (type Moo) on 31 December, 1912. Card sent to NEUTITSCHHEIM, then redirected to VIENNA, both in Austria.

VAREŠ - PODLUGOVI

Hand Stamp Delivered in 1906



1906, 5(H) green Postal Stationery card sent to LANDECK, Tirol, Austria. Tied by ZUG/VAREŠ-PODLUGOVI cancel of 11 September (Type D). LANDECK arrival hand stamp of 14 Sep. at side.

D

D



Sent to VIENNA, 8(H) Postal Stationery card. ZUG/VAREŠ-PODLUGOVI type D cancel - date of postmark illegible; Postcard dated 4 January 1917.

The rate in this period for prepaid postal stationery was 8(H) anywhere within the Empire. A postcard or an old rate postal stationery card (as the middle example above) required 10(H).



Sent to GRATZ, Austria, franked 5(H) Franz Joseph issue of 1912, cancelled 27 August, 1913, ZUG/VAREŠ-PODLUGOVI type D.



Sent to VIENNA, 5(H) Mosque type Postal Stationery card, uprated with 5(H) Franz Joseph issue of 1912, sender boarded train at at BREZA, Bosnia. ZUG/VAREŠ-PODLUGOVI type D. Date of postmark illegible; Postcard dated 12 April, 1917.



Special Cancellations on Postal Money Orders and Packages

- Special Cancels were used at the Money Order desk on Money Orders, certain Packages and Postal Savings forms.
- These cancels were used only in the larger towns of BRČKO, DOL. TUZLA, MOSTAR, SARAJEVO and TRAVNIK.



- Cash sent in an insured letter was processed through the "GEL DANWEISUNG" Department.
- All cash sent through the mail eventually passed through SARAJEVO and all "GEL DANWEISUNG" money orders will have, in addition to other cancels, a SARAJEVO cancel.



- Money Order remittance cards could be purchased over the counter at any MPO.
- The paid sum would then be given by the receiving Post Office to the recipient.
- In this case, only the remittance form travelled through the Postal System.
- These remittance forms were handled by the "POSTANWEISUNG" Department and received POSTANWEISUNG cancels.



ANNAHME  
Point of Acceptance

AUSZAHLUNG  
Point of Disbursement

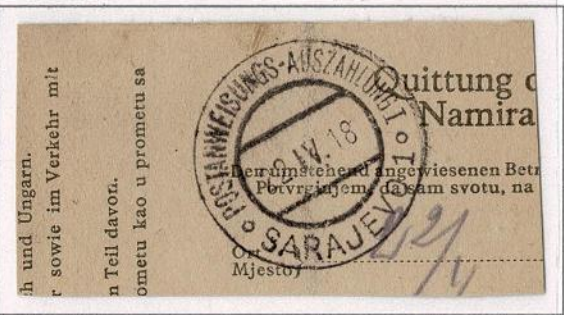


MOSTAR



EINZAHLUNG - Point of Origin

Moo



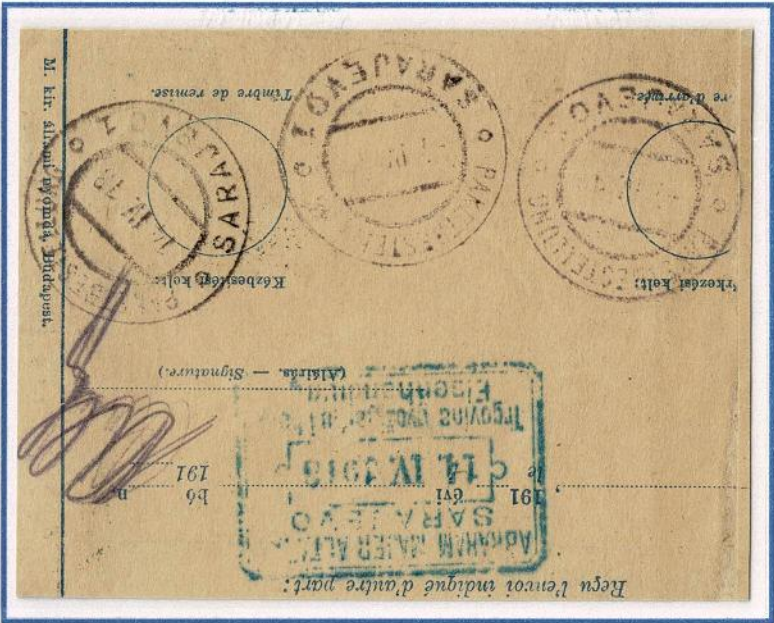
GEL DANWEISUNG-ANKUNFT  
Money Letter Arrival



KV



Moo



The "PAKETBESTELLUNG" cancel, used only at SARAJEVO 1, was applied to notification cards mailed to announce the arrival of a package to be picked up at the Post Office.

LEFT: Fragment of Package Notification card, multiple PAKETBESTELLUNG cancels of 14 April, 1918 and green boxed private arrival hand stamp of the Abraham Majer Company with same date.

TRAVNIK



DOL. TUZLA



GEL DANWEISUNG



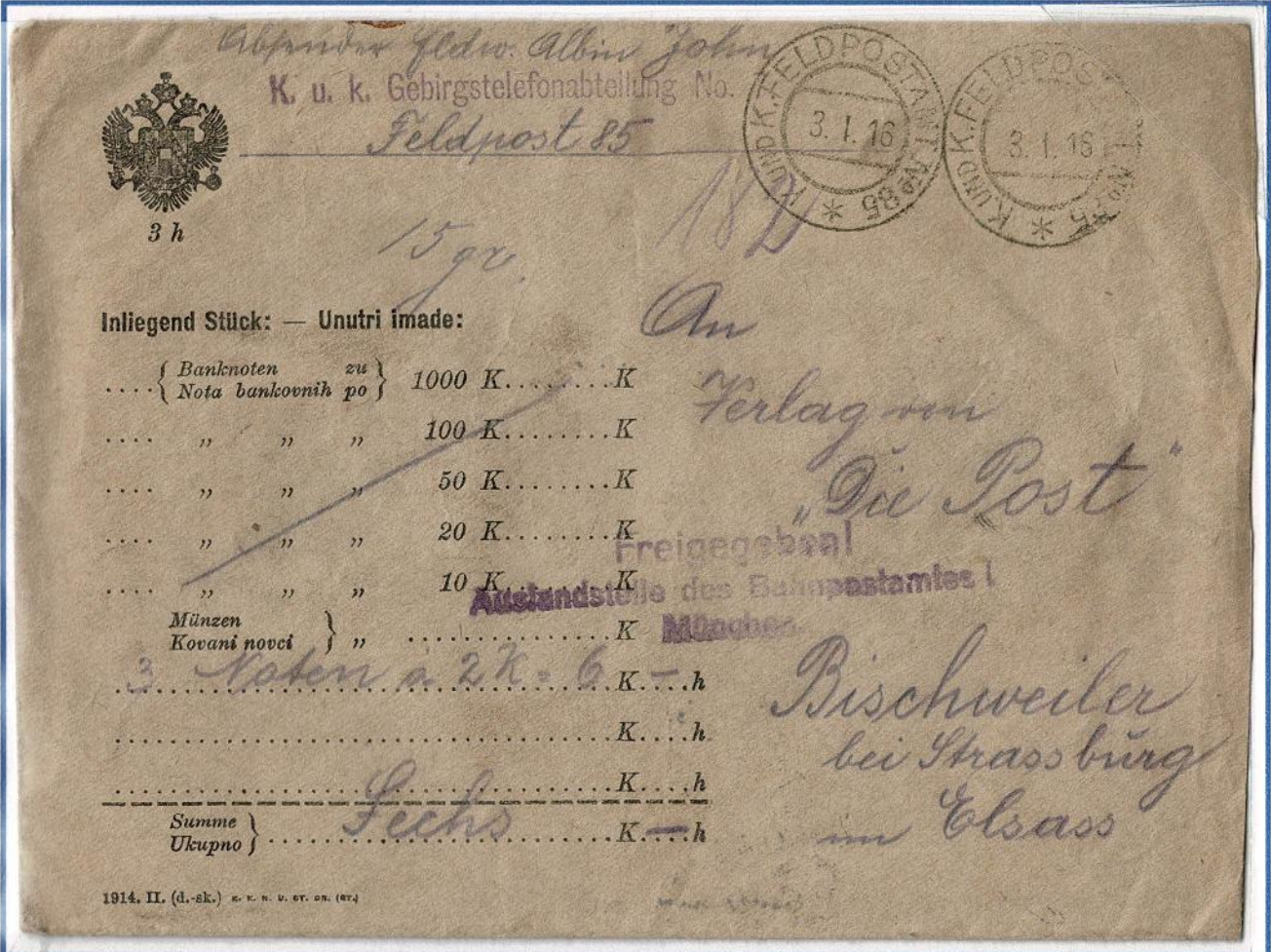


Feldpost Cancels Unique to BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA During WWI

- At the start of WWI, some Military Units deployed in Bosnia and Herzegovina were issued a canceller distinct from those used elsewhere by the Austro-Hungarian forces: K.und.K FELDPOSTAMT N° XX, where XX was the post number.
- This cancel was the typical type M hand stamp as previously described.
- There were 15 such Feldpost Units, known as the Mountain Brigades, with PO's opened July - Sep. 1914.<sup>(2)</sup>
- Since little fighting ever took place in B&H, most of these units were deployed to other fronts by mid 1916.
- Examples of these Feldpost cancels are quite rare, due to the very short duration they were in use.



7th Mountain Brigade  
(FELDPOST N° 85)



1916, Insured Money Letter (containing 2K 6H) sent from Feldpost N° 85 (the 7<sup>th</sup> Mountain Brigade) to BISCHWEILER, Germany on 3 January 1916. Violet cache "Released to Railway Post" at bottom. 7 January receiving strike along with violet cache and wax seal of the 7th Mountain Telegraph Unit on reverse, scan shown at left. Franked with overprinted 60(H) maroon Franz Joseph Austrian Military stamp of 1915 (overprinted Bosnia issue of 1912). Money Letters were not sent postage free.

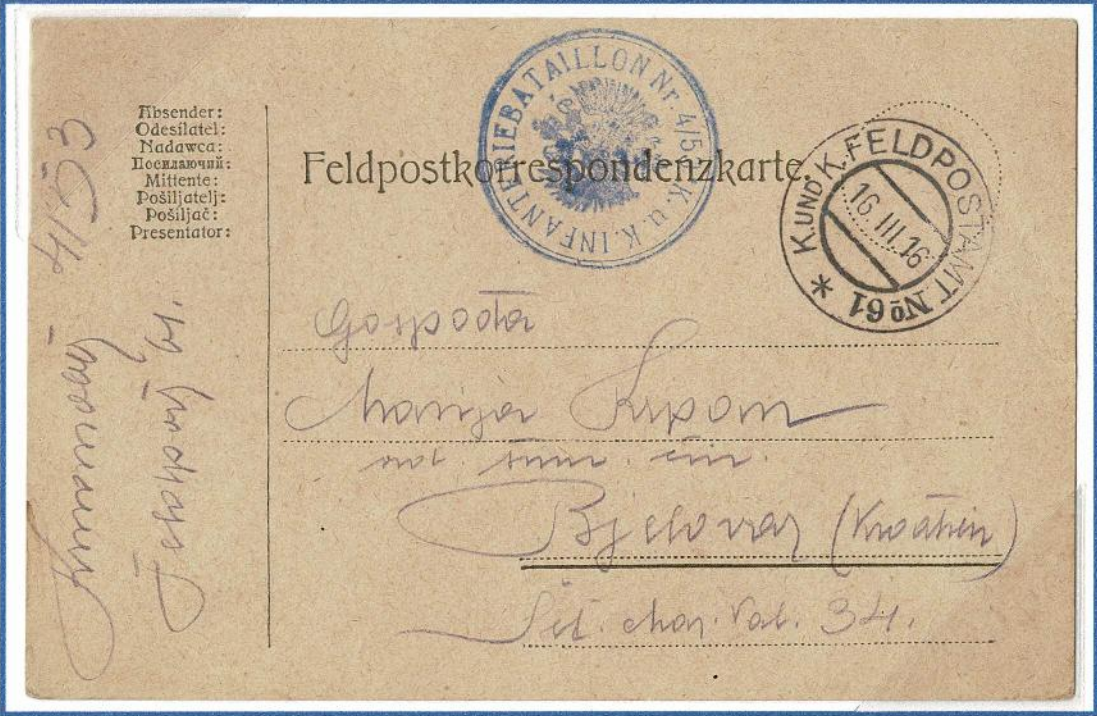


8th Mountain Brigade  
(FELDPOST N° 61)



11th Mountain Brigade  
(FELDPOST N° 113)

1916, Feldpost N°. 113, the 11<sup>th</sup> Mountain Brigade. Feldpost card sent to VIENNA 5 July, bearing the cachet of the Infantry Regiment of Gustav, King of Sweden. Fewer than 10 strikes from this Feldpost unit are known.



1916, Feldpost N°. 61, the 8<sup>th</sup> Mountain Brigade Sent to BIJELOVAR, (today Croatia). 16 March cancel (small "o" in "N°" variety, and K.u.K. Infanteree Battalion No. 4/5 cachet, at top.



Section 5d 1914, Post card sent from FELDPOST N° 34 (9<sup>th</sup> Mountain Brigade) to VIENNA, Austria, feldpost postmark dated 28 October (one of the earliest known). Violet cachet of the 3rd Batallion, 7<sup>th</sup> Mountain Brigade at side.



9<sup>th</sup> Mountain Brigade

12<sup>th</sup> Mountain Brigade



1915, original Picture Post Card sent from FELDPOST N° 69 (the 12<sup>th</sup> Mountain Brigade) to VIENNA, postmarked 1 September. Violet cachet of the K.u.K. Inf. Reg. N° 93/3/XIII Marsch Kon P and censor's hand stamp ZENSURIERT at top.

1915, Post Card sent from FELDPOST N° 45 (the 6<sup>th</sup> Mountain Brigade) to PLOSKA, Bukovina District in Poland, postmarked 28 September. Violet cachet of the K.u.K. Inf. Reg. N° 81 censor's hand stamp at top.



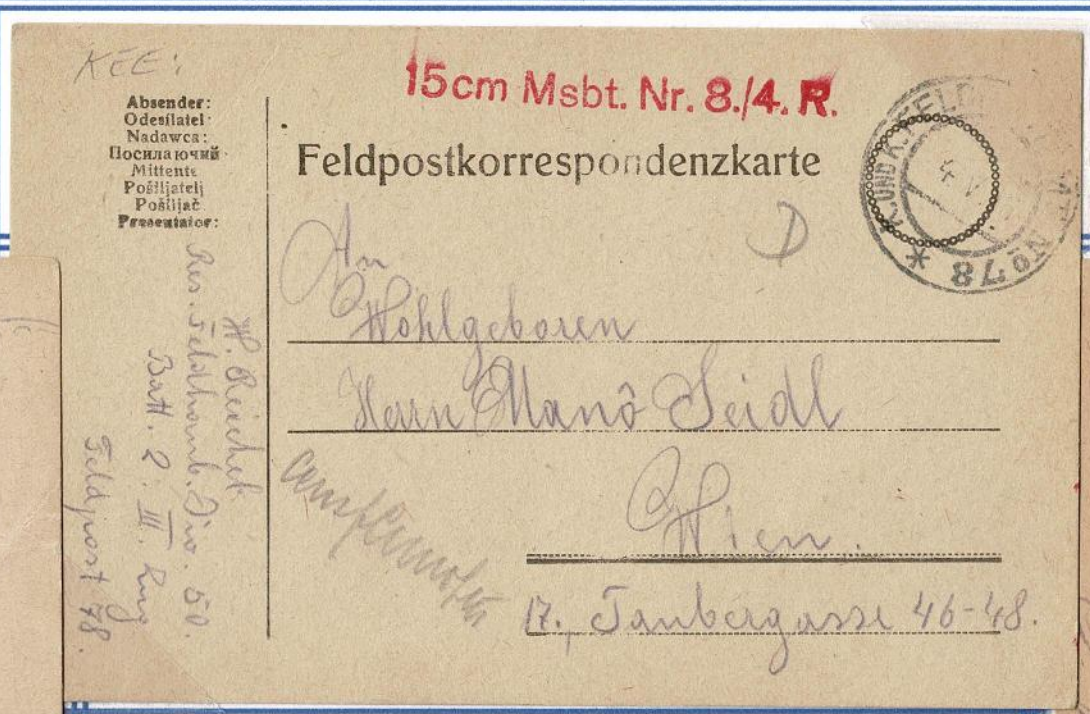
6<sup>th</sup> Mountain Brigade

1915, Feldpost Card sent from FELDPOST N° 88 (the 13<sup>th</sup> Mountain Brigade) to SZEGED, Hungary, postmarked 8 May. Violet cachet of the Brig.Mun.Park 13/GebKan Mun Kol Nr 4G& and very unusual red censor's hand stamp, "Mangels Sprachen - Kenntnis nicht/zensuriert" (No Knowledge of Language - Cannot Censor) at center.



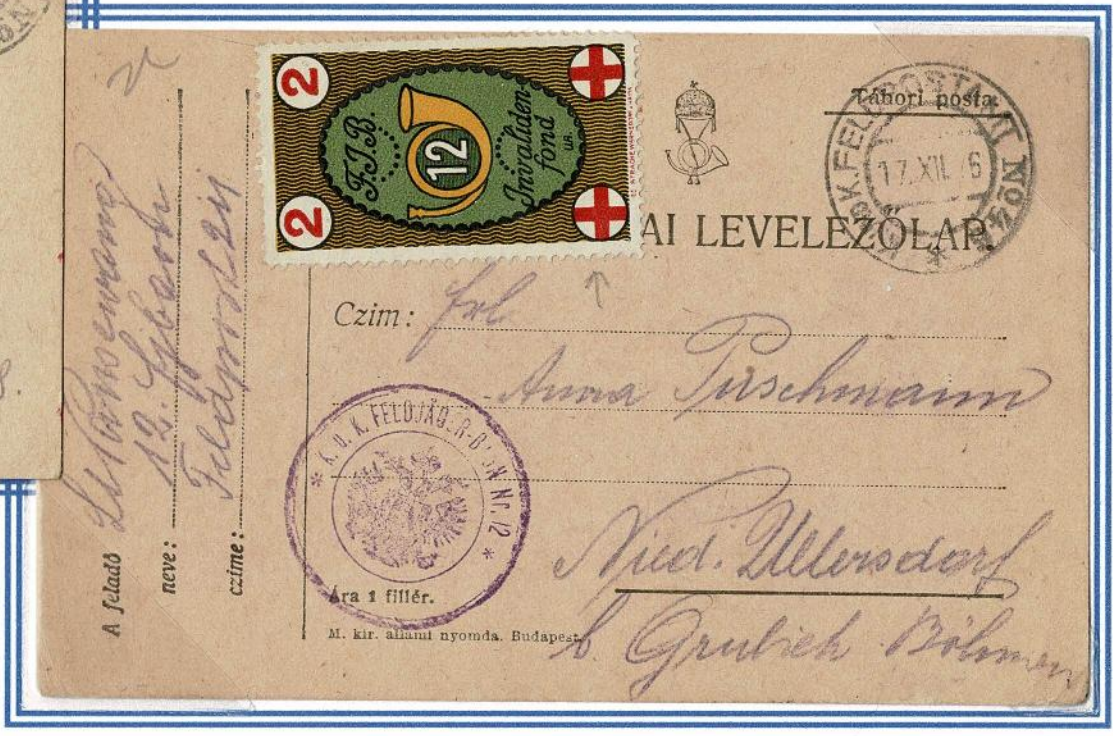
13<sup>th</sup> Mountain Brigade

3<sup>rd</sup> Mountain Brigade



1916, Feldpost Card sent from FELDPOST N° 78 (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mountain Brigade) to VIENNA, postmarked 5 May. Red cachet of the 15cm Msbt. Nr. 8/4. R. at top serves as censor.

1916, Feldpost Card sent from FELDPOST N° 46 (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mountain Brigade) to Bohemia. 2(H) Red Cross charity label, top. Violet cachet of the K.u.K. FELDJAGER BOSN Nr. 12 (Army Hunters in Bosnia), bottom.



2<sup>nd</sup> Mountain Brigade



Feldpost Cancels Unique to BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA During WWI

- In addition to the Mountain Brigades, there were 39 regular Austrian and 12 Hungarian Feldpost units known to have been in B&H at the onset of WWI.<sup>(2)</sup>
- The cancels from these units, except for a few exceptions (example below), were of the same basic type in use by all other Austro-Hungarian Feldpost units.

FELDPOST Nr. 309



1914, Money Letter containing 35(K) in cash, sent from FELDPOST 309 to RISANO, Cattaro (Kotor - today in Croatia). Franked by 2x2(H) and 35(H) stamps of the Franz Joseph issue of 1912, and 5(H)+10(H) Bosnia postage due stamps of 1904 (rare use as regular postage) to pay the postage and money order fees (pencilled notation "54h", top left and "38gr", top right). Cancelled by three strikes of K.u.K Feldpost/1. XI. 1914/Nr. 309. This canceller was used exclusively in B&H. Fewer than 5 examples of this strike are known.

Section 5e

1895, printed 5(Kr) violet on yellowish paper Telegram Receipt for telegram number "751", a thirteen word telegram sent 21 December to UJVIDEK (today NOVI SAD in Serbia). Tied by two handstamps in blue - "K.K. MILITARY TELEG. HAUPTSTATION/SARAJEVO".

Cancels of the Military Telegraph Offices



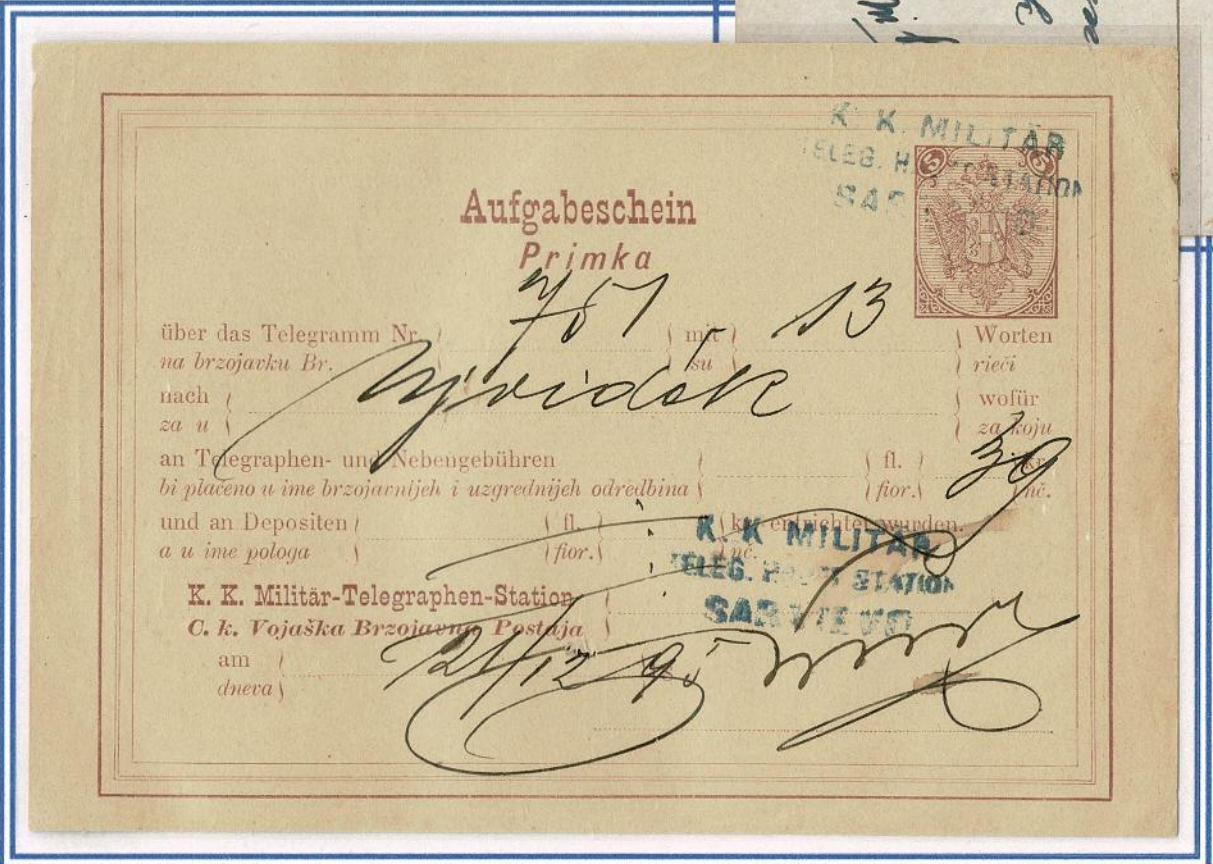
VITINA, Herzegovina

1914, Picture Postcard sent to ZALAZENTMIHALY, Hungary. 16 November TUZLA MP cancel (type Ma), also with violet hand stamp of the TUZLA Military Postal and Telegraph station.

1915, Picture Postcard sent to ZALAZENTMIHALY, Hungary. 1 April TRAVNIK MP cancel (type Mb), also with black hand stamp of the TRAVNIK Military Postal and Telegraph Station.



BELOW: Cancel from the telegraph station at LUŠCI PALANKA, opened 20 May, 1914. Fewer than 10 of these strikes are recorded.





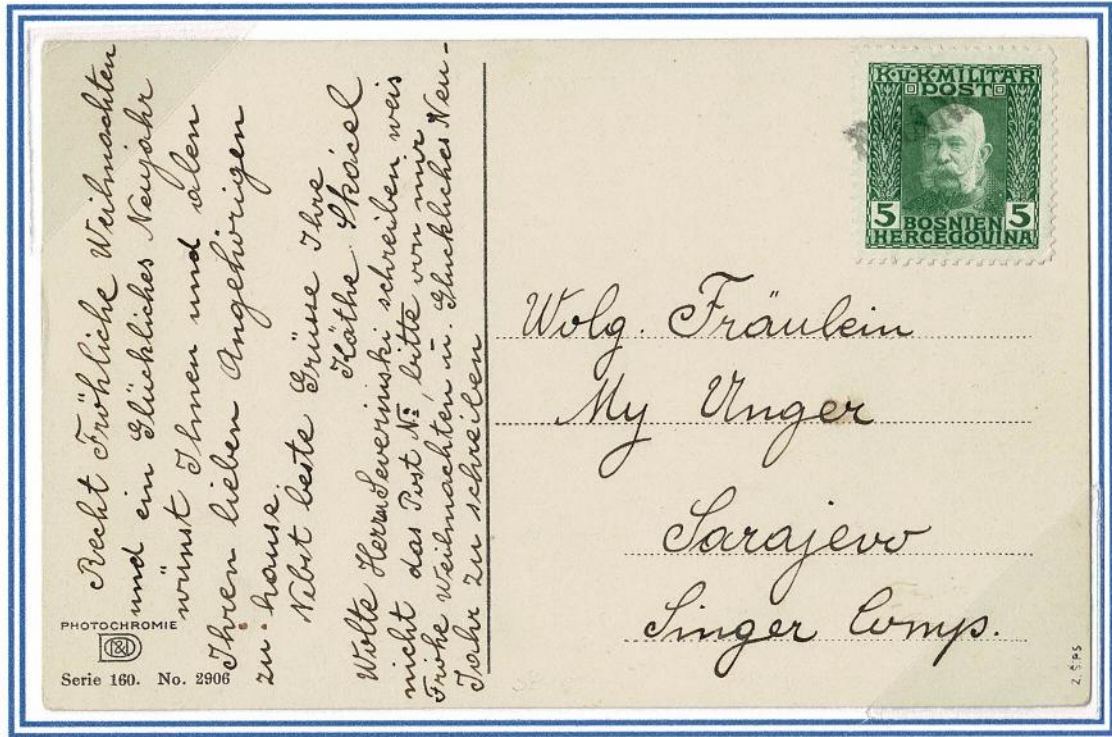
"FRANCO" & "FRANKO" Mute Cancellations

- The "FRANCO" postmark was normally used to indicate postage has been pre-paid.
- At the start of WWI, FRANCO or FRANKO was applied to mail sent by Austrian soldiers of the 5th and 6th Army in the BRČKO, BJELINA and BREZOVO POLJE postal regions awaiting orders to invade Serbia.
- Austrian war-time rules required the dateless, mute postmark and forbade town names and dates in the cancellation.



5(H) green Postal Stationery Card, undated, with mute "FRANKO" postmark, sent to PAYERBACH, Austria. Signed on front by Military Censor. This type II "FRANKO" hand stamp was used only in BREZEVO POLJE and JANJA between July, 1914 and 15 March, 1915.

Type I "FRANCO"



Type I "FRANCO" hand stamps were used in BRČKO and BIJELINA between 15 August and 12 December, 1914. This hand stamp is found only on the 1912 Franz Joseph issue, on Feldpost cards and on Postal Stationery in use at the time.

Post WWI Use of BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA Military Cancels 1918 - 1919

- At the conclusion of WWI, the infrastructure in Bosnia-Herzegovina was largely intact as little fighting had taken place in the territories.
- On 27<sup>th</sup> October, 1918, the former Austro-Hungarian Postal Facilities were assimilated into the newly formed Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes - the so called SHS Regime (Srpska, Hrvatska & Slovenska).
- A Directive was issued by the SHS to remove the existing stocks of Bosnian stamps to SARAJEVO where they were validated by a special overprint.
- The Directive also included instructions that, due to lack of a suitable substitute, existing cancellers were to be used *after the offending "K.u.K. MILITAR POST" had been removed*.
- Because of the difficult task and lack of precision tools, this Directive was followed only sporadically.
- Section 6 ends the Exhibit with Postal History demonstrating the use of Bosnia-Herzegovina cancellers by the new Regime after the fall of the Empire.



1919, "12x" on 10(H) blue "Sword" Parcel Card, overprinted in Cyrillic, "DRZAVA/SHS" at top, and "BOSNIA I HERZEGOVINA" at bottom, sent from DRVAR, Bosnia to ZAGREB. Franked with three 3(K) Bosnia postage due stamps overprinted in red for use as *Provisional Regular Postage Stamps* to pay the additional 8.90(K) fee for a 16 KG parcel valued at 1,000(K). Cancelled by a mutilated DRVAR MILITAR POST canceller dated 24 September. *Genuine on cover use of these high value stamps is extremely elusive.*



Post WWI Use of BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA Military Cancels



1919, Post Card sent Registered and Express from the SARAJEVO 1 Post Office to VIENNA. Franked by 2(K) violet 1910 Bosnia issue overprinted 10(K), the highest value of the first set of Provisional SHS overprints for Bosnia. Canceled by a 24 Aug. SARAJEVO 1 mutilated hand stamp (Type Ma\*). Registered R588 and Express labels, boxed censor cachet and 26 Aug. VIENNA arrival cancel, front. Although this item is philatelic (actual fee was 1.75(K)), genuine used examples of this stamp on cover are extremely elusive - fewer than 5 known.



1919, registered letter sent from BOS. KRUPA, Bosnia to OLMUTZ, Mähren. Franked on reverse 5(H) green and 45(H) red brown overprinted 1910 B&H issue of 1910, correctly paying the 25(H) foreign letter rate and 25(H) registration fee. Address side of letter scanned at 1/2 scale and shown above, right. Canceled 1 January 1919 by intact BOS. KRUPA canceller, type Mao. Yellow registered letter label, R 54, front.



1919, Registered Letter sent from TUZLA, Bosnia to FIUME. Franked 45(K) red brown first issue Provisional overprint to correctly pay the 20(K) Letter and 25(K) Registered rates. Canceled 6 Jan. with an intact DOL. TUZLA hand stamp (type Mc). Registered Label R913, Control Mark "C", manuscript "Preporučeno" (Registered), front. FIUME arrival cancel on reverse.



The Postal Rate shown above was in effect only from 1 September, 1918 to 1 July, 1919. All Postal History from this period is rare



1919, 8(H) green Bosnian Postal Stationery card, overprinted and uprated to 10(H). Sent from USORA to SJETLINA. Canceled 13 January with intact USORA (type Moo).

1919, 10(H) overprinted and uprated 14(H) blue "Sword" parcel card documenting goods sent to ZAGREB. Franked 5(K) by two overprinted 2(K) B&H stamps from the 1906 Landscape issue, and two 50(H) stamps of the 1919 SHS Kingdom issue. Canceled 5 December with a mutilated type P SARAJEVO device.

