

Bulgaria.

Turkish postmarks.



Filibe
(Plovdiv)



Kaspichan



Nova Zagora



Roustchouk



Sofia

Bulgaria.

Stamped letter from Turkey, 1867.



Letter to Plovdiv (Filibe / Phillipople) in Bulgaria from a Serbian merchant in Constantinople, 6th July, 1867.

Sent by private courier despite the introduction of a public postal service in the Ottoman Empire in 1863.

Bulgaria.
Copy of the Bulgarian-language news paper "Zornitsa" of
20th October, 1877. Published in Tsarigrad (Constantinople).
Turkish newspaper stamp at lower right.

ЗИНИЦА

ВѢСТНИКЪ.

половина, а за шесть мѣсеца три четверти отъ бѣло междудіе; въ каило и въ кошен-
да сж прѣдплатены и да ся испрацатъ въ полицж, въ групъ, въ каймо и въ латценскы
Американъ Ханъ въ Цариградъ. Извѣстія ся емвствлатъ по 2 гр. на редъ-тѣ.

Б, 20 ОКТОМВРІЙ 1877.

Брой 42.

дать, поучавать и всячески насър-
дчавать войници-тѣ, а войници-тѣ ся
бійтъ. Дано всѣкой Христіанинъ да
стане живъ войнъ, и дано всички-тѣ
Христіани да образувать еднж войскж
прѣдвожданж отъ военачалници на
които главный-тѣ Военачалникъ е сам-
си Иисусъ Христосъ! Тогава свѣтъ-тѣ
много по-лесно щѣше да ся обърне
къмъ Бога.

Има двѣ погрѣшки които трѣбба да
отбѣгнуваме. Първа-та е тѣзи: Нѣкои
Христіани мыслятъ че главна-та рабо-
та въ Божіе-то лозіе е да ся работи
за другы-тѣ, и за това тѣ обръщатъ
очи-тѣ си почти исключительно къмъ
другы-тѣ. Тѣзи погрѣшка е голѣма.
Първо-то лозіе на което ный трѣбба
да работимъ е наше-то си сърдце.
Богъ е земледѣлецъ-тѣ, а ный смы
работници. Въ трудове-тѣ си ный ще
срѣщамы множество неприатели, на
чело на които е Діаволь-тѣ, който е
мждръ, лукавъ и употрѣблява всяка-
квы средства противъ насъ. И едно
отъ главны-тѣ ухыщренія на този врагъ

«УТѢШАВАЙТЕ, УТѢШАВАЙТЕ
ЛЮДИЕ-ТѢ МИ.»

Ис. 40; 1.

Господъ въ Слово-то си ся прѣдста-
вя като утѣшитель на людіе-тѣ си.
Человѣци-тѣ въ всички-тѣ вѣкове на
свѣтъ-тѣ сж намирали въ Бога еднич-
ко-то сигурно прибѣжище за души-
тѣ си. Обѣщанія-та на царіе-тѣ и
князове-тѣ сж бывали много пжти лъ-
жливы въ нужно врѣме, но отъ Божіи-
тѣ обѣщанія никой не е былъ излъганъ
до сега. За ползж-тж на онѣзи които
въ сегашно-то врѣме иматъ нуждъ отъ
утѣхъ, ный ще покажемъ нѣкои отъ
Господни-тѣ утѣшителны думы.

Първо-то, най-важно-то отъ всич-
ко, е че Господъ утѣшава онѣзи кои-
то усѣцатъ дълбоко въ сърдце-та
си че тѣ сж изгубены грѣшници. Гос-
подъ има утѣшителнж думж и за най-
дълбоко потънжлж-тж въ грѣхъ душж.
Сынъ Божій остави славный-тѣ прѣ-
столь на отца си за да спасе тѣкмо
такыва дълбоко потънжлы въ грѣхъ

Bulgaria.

The Tsar Alexander III Museum at Vyalta.



During the war of 1877-1878, the Tsarevitch - the future Tsar Alexander III - commandeered part of the Russian army in Bulgaria, with headquarters at Vyalta, where in 1907 a museum was opened in the Tsar's name.



Bulgaria.

The Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in 1916 and 1985.



Bulgaria.

The first stamps were issued on 1st May, 1879. Designed by G.Y. Kirkov. Printed in typography by the Russian State Printing Works, St Petersburg on laid paper with "ЕЗГБ" sheet watermark. (Initials of the State Printing Works). Perf. 14½x 15. Denominations in U.P.U. currency.



10 centimes stationery card. Printed in St. Petersburg.

Bulgaria.

1879.10 centimes stationery card.



Sofia to Varna, 17th August, 1894. Geometric killer postmark of Sofia. Varna arrival postmark.

Bulgaria.

1879. First issue of revenue stamps. Printing as postage stamps of 1879. Perf. $12\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2}$ With $9\frac{1}{2}$ perf on one side only of stamp at top or bottom.



Bulgaria.

10th June, 1881. New currency of 100 stotinki to 1 Lev. Printing as issue of 1879.



4th December, 1882. New colours. Printing as the issue of 1879.



Bulgaria.

1882 Large Lions issue.

VICE-CONSULAT
DE FRANCE
VARNA



Monsieur
Monsieur Chaput jeune
à La Monnerie, près Chiers
(Puy-de-Dôme)

- Service -
N^o 11.

France

25c stamp paying the Foreign Letter rate introduced on 20th May, 1881 on a cover from Varna to France, 10th July, 1886. 30mm Varna postmark with serif letters and date in vertical format.

Copy of the newspaper Maritsa, published in Plovdiv, 21st October, 1883. Part of Eastern Roumelia stamp at right.

Вѣстникъ „Марича“

Издава се сега дваждѣ въ седмицата
въ Вторникъ и въ Петѣкъ.
Редакцията и Администрацията въ
жестяка се намира въ Печатницата
на Христо Г. Дановъ въ прави-
телствения домъ.

Неплатени писма се неприятели.
Ръкописи назадъ се не връщатъ.

За единъ брой 1 1/2 гр.

Дописки вносници пълното име и
адресътъ на дописвача не се обнародватъ.

Който не желать да имъ се обнародва името
а не се подписватъ подъ дописката си, а само
отдадено писмо до и за редакцията.

За частни обявления се плаща за
единъ петитенъ редъ по два златни гроша.

МАРИ



Година VI.

Пловдивъ, Петѣкъ 21

ПЛОВДИВЪ, 21 Октомврий 1883.

Старо-Загорский прѣдставитель г. Д. Наумовъ
направи оня день въ срѣда своето изтание въ Обла-
стното Събрание относително тарифитѣ за прѣвоз-
ване хранитѣ по „источникѣ жельзници“. Изъ по-
дробнитѣ и прѣврасни объяснения на г. Наумова, как-
то и отъ други допълнителни свѣдѣния и факти
съобщени, както отъ официалната трибуна, така и
отъ нѣкои говорители, станъ ясно, че тия тарифи сж
извънредно тежки и съсипителни за мѣстнитѣ про-
изведения. Управлението на Експлоатацията на тия
жельзници, облъгано на никому неизвѣстия Cahiers
de charge и други конвенции се отнася деспотически
съ всички ония, които иматъ работа за прѣвозва-
ние. У него и тарифата е баснословна, и другитѣ
отношения сж до толкова недобросѣвѣстни, щото не
е чудно, както справедливо забѣлѣжи прѣдставителъ
отъ Изворската коллегия, единъ день потърпѣвшитѣ
и тиранизиранитѣ да не сдържатъ своитѣ чув-
ства и да постѣлятъ тоже „нечовѣшки“ съ самитѣ
релсови ливии. Колкото повече компанията е била
до сега недобросѣвѣстна въ отношенията си къмъ
лицата, имѣющи нуждата ѣ за прѣвозване, толкова
и самото ни правителство е било безпомощно да
порази тая недобросѣвѣстность. Въ резултатъ имали
сми ония присѣрбни явления на постоянно сжжна
тарифа за прѣвозване на дълъгъ по линията Т.-
Пазарджикъ - Търново-Сейменъ, а тая сжжнотия, нато
се е отразявала на продавателната работа у насъ
на хранитѣ, спомогаща е на нѣколко вѣща, щото до

то на тарифитѣ; нѣ то не е могла
ясни причини: защото не е имало
никакви срѣдства да накара компа-
нитѣ и увѣщанията му. Жельзнично
основавано на своитѣ придобити
твърдѣ легално, че то упражня
воето е добило на основание на
съглашения съ правителството.

Сега Областното Събрание
даде на правителството ни едно
поддържане за да бжде по-енергиче
нията си за по-ефтини тарифи.
ще излѣзе отъ това? Нѣ ний не
още да излѣзе вѣщо добро за тия
всѣки день, че имъ се тжичатъ
тереситѣ отъ жельзничнитѣ
такъвъ случай остава да се нап-
дѣвѣ нѣща: 1) да се издадѣтъ
правилици, които да задлѣжаватъ
управления на обезщетения за ре-
териали, морални или на за-
причиняватъ на частнитѣ лица;
сли за направата на една жель-
да свържи Пловдивъ съ Бургазъ.

Читателитѣ ни съ удовольст-
че министрѣтъ на Вѣнчанитѣ
то, Г. Балабановъ, който отъ нѣ
мираше въ С.-Петербургу, е бил
неякъ Императорскъ прѣд-
ставителъ.

Bulgaria:

1884-1885. Stamps of 1881-1882 surcharged with new values by the State Printing Works in Sofia.

1st May, 1884. Typo surcharge.



5th April, 1885. Litho. surcharge.



1st September, 1884. Postage Due. Litho, State Printing Works, Sofia. Lozenge part. 5 to 7½ and compound.



Bulgaria.

1882. Large Lion issue.



From Svishkovo to Plovdiv, 11th June, 1886 at 15st Inland Letter rate, introduced on 20th May, 1881. East Roumelia type arrival postmark of Plovdiv, still in use ten months after the unification of Bulgaria and East Roumelia.

До Т-на Каритина
Т-ръ Рашковъ Димитровъ
Въ Пловдивъ



Bulgaria.

15th August, 1886. Postage Due. Litho in Sofia. Imperforate.



1st January, 1887. Additional definitive value.
Printing as stamps of 1879-1886.



10th October, 1887. Postage Due. Litho in Sofia. Perf. 11/2.



Bulgaria.

1882 Large Lions issue.



5st value used to upgrade a 5st Inland card of 1887 from Plovdiv to Berlin, 31st October, 1890 with 22mm French-only "Bur. Ambul^t / Harmanly - Tsarigrad No 1" TPO postmark on reverse.

Philippopolis 11/10 90
Martin Bürgel - W.
31. 10. 90
Berlin S.W.
Holmann - Strasse 20
PLISSAROVA
31. 10. 90
Martin Bürgel - W.
Berlin S.W.
Holmann - Strasse 20
31. 10. 90

Bulgaria.

1883. Revenue stamps. Values in new currency of 100 stotinki to 1 lev. Printing as 1879 issue on vertically or horizontally laid paper. Perf. 12 x 12½. 10st and 15st also found perf. 9½ at top or bottom of stamp.



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1889. Revenue stamps of 1879 surcharged in Sofia with values in new currency.



Bulgaria.

25th May, 1885. Definitives with values in masculine gender.



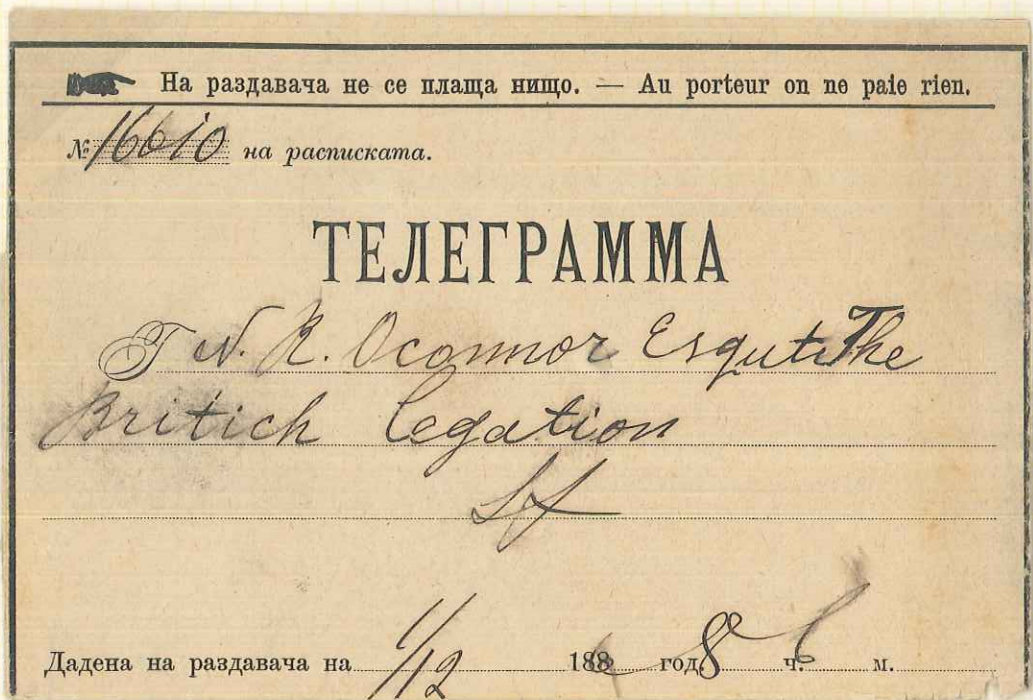
13th August, 1886. Values corrected to feminine gender.



2st with corrected spelling on invitation envelope postmarked in Sofia, 31st December (no year).

Bulgaria.

Telegraph seal.



On telegram to the British Legation in Sofia, 1886.



Bulgaria.

1887. 5st. Inland card with new heading. All printing in light to dark green on white or cream stock.



used from Preslav to Shumen, 1888.



Made up to Foreign Postcard rate with 5st Small Lion and used from Kniazjevo to Germany, 1890.

Bulgaria.

1889-1901. First Small Lions issue. Typo, Government
Printing Works, Paris. Perf. 13 1/2.



26th January, 1892. 30st stamp
of 1891 surcharged 15st in Sofia.



Bulgaria.

1887. 5st Inland cards.



From Bourgas to Varna, 8th August, 1889.



From Aitos to Sofia, 4th August, 1891.

Bulgaria.

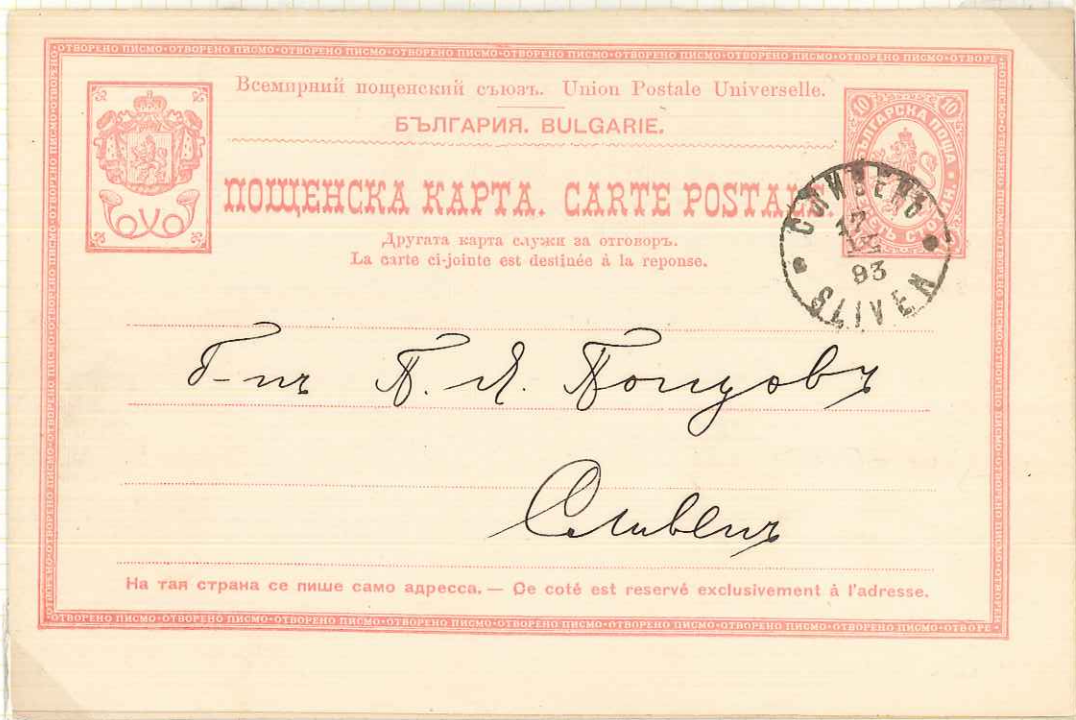
1887. 5st + 5st Inland reply-paid cards.



Address half used from Phillipople / Plovdiv,
12th September, 1887. Redirected from Sofia
(17th September) to Kustendil (18th September).

Bulgaria.

1889. 10st + 10st Foreign reply-paid cards.



Postmark of Sliven, 17th September, 1893. Not postally used.

Bulgaria.

1889. 10st + 10st Foreign Reply-paid cards.
Small Lion design in red on cream stock.



Vidin Duplex postmark of 14th December, 1893 on pair
of cards to Leipzig. Calafat transit postmark on
reverse of 26th December. Unused Reply half attached.

Bulgaria.

1889. 10 st Foreign card. Small Lion design
in red on cream stock.



From Sofia to Brussels, 14th April, 1896.

Bulgaria.

Postal Stationery Essay.



Essay for 10st stationery card. Printed in 1889 by the Austrian State Printing Works, Vienna. Design rejected in favour of small lion design of 1890.

Bulgaria.

1889 10 st. Foreign card.



From Sofia to Russia, 30th November, 1899. Odessa arrival postmark after four days in transit.



From Lovetch to Germany, 25th November, 1903.

Bulgaria.

1889. 10st Foreign cards.



From Kazanluk (1890) and Bourgas (1895) to Constantinople
with arrival postmarks of the Austrian P.O. in Galata.

Bulgaria.

1892-1893 Small Lion issue.



10st stamp pert. 11 1/2 on card from Plovdiv to Austria, 29th November, 1898.



Bulgaria.

Small Lion stationery cards, 1890-1898.
1890. 5th Inland card in green on cream stock.



From Rowotchouk to Varna, 13th April, 1892.

Bulgaria.

1892-1893. Small Lion printings.



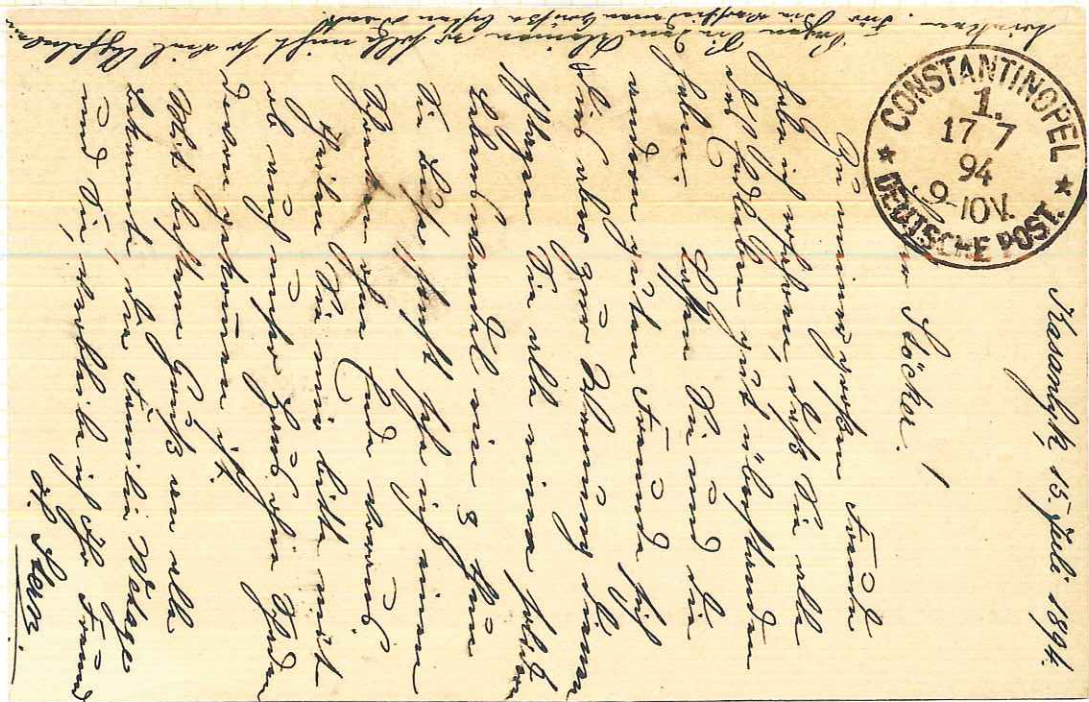
25 st value perf. 10 1/2 on cover from Sofia to Germany.
10th November, 1893. Sofia duplex postmark.

Bulgaria.

Delivery through the Foreign Post Offices in Constantinople.



5st card of 1893 made up to Foreign Postcard rate. From Kazanlik to the German P.O. in Constantinople, 3rd/15th July, 1894. Transit postmark of Austrian P.O. and arrival postmark of German P.O., both on 5th/17th July.



Bulgaria.

1892. Commemorating the Plovdiv Exhibition, held from 15th August to 31st October. 5st card of 1890 overprinted in blue with a view of the Exhibition Building. A post office at the Exhibition used two postmarks, one in French and one in Bulgarian, both struck in blue.



French postmark, dated 1st November, 1892 after the Exhibition closed. Locally addressed in Plovdiv.

Bulgaria.

1892. Plovdiv Exhibition.



Locally addressed in Plovdiv from town post office
and not from the Exhibition post office.

Bulgaria.

1896-1901. Small Lions issue.



Postcard from Roustchouk to Austria, 10th April, 1898. Facsimile on back of 1889 10st stationery card but without value imprint. 10st Small Lion stamp perf. 13.



Bulgaria.

1893. 5st. Inland card. First printing on buff stock. Third line of text measures 46mm.



From Gorna Orehovitzza to Roustchouk, 13th June, 1893.



Made up to Foreign rate with 5st. stamp of the 1889 printing and used from Haskovo to Paris, 27th November, 1894.

Bulgaria.

1893. 5st. Inland card. Second printing on cream stock. Third line of text measures 50mm.



From Belovo to Pazardzhik, 7th March, 1900.



Made up to 10st Foreign rate with 5st. stamp of the 1896 printing and used from Samokov to Paris, 18th May, 1900.

Bulgaria.

1893. Postage Due. Panel with Cyrillic "ZA" redrawn.
Litho in Sofia on thick or thin paper. Perf. 10, 11 or 11½.



1st April, 1894. Postage Due. Larger lettering with figure
& value outlined. Litho on pelure paper. Perf. 11½.



25th October, 1895. 1st surcharge on stamp of 1886.



18th November, 1895. Postage Due. Stamps
of 1886 and 1887 with 30st surcharge.



Bulgaria.

13th March, 1896. Postage Due. Litho. Perf. 13. With
or without Bulgarian Arms sheet watermark.



30th April, 1896. High value definitives. Typo.
Perf. 13. sheet watermark as above.



Bulgaria.

1896-1901. Small Lion design of 1889 reprinted
By the State Printing Works, Sofia. Perf. 12³/₄.



1901. Provisional surcharges on stamps of 1889 and 1896.



Bulgaria.

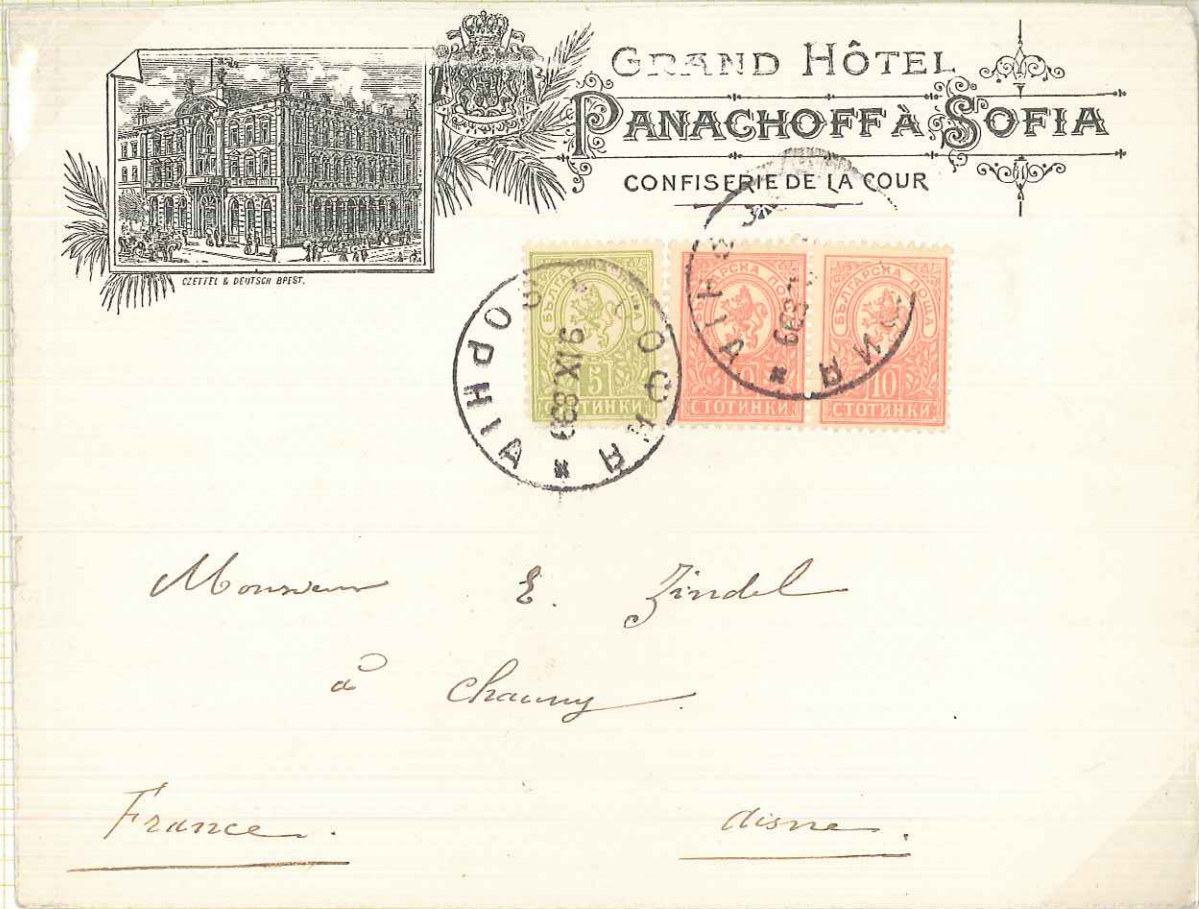
1896-1901. Small Lions issue.



From Nikopol to Sofia, 13th August, 1899 at 30st Registered letter rate. with oblong "PREPORUCHENO" ("REGISTERED") boxed cachet. Arrival postmark of Sofia of 15th August on reverse.

Bulgaria.

1896-1901 Small Lion issue.



From Sofia to France, 9th September, 1899 at 25st Foreign Letter rate. Arrival postmark of 13th/25th September on reverse after four days in transit.

Bulgaria.

Sofia postcard posted in Serbia.



"Gruss aus Sofia" card to Adrianople posted from Nish Station, 7th July, 1899. "Constantinople-Galata Arrivees" transit postmark, 9th July. Part Adrianople arrival postmark of 10th July.



Bulgaria.

20th April, 1901. 25th anniversary of the uprising against the Turks. Typo, State Printing Works, Sofia. Perf. 13. Five types of each value, repeated throughout the sheet.



Philatelic cover locally addressed in Stara Zagora on day of issue.

Bulgaria.

5 types of the 1901 15st Cherrywood Cannon stamp.

Type 1



Type 2



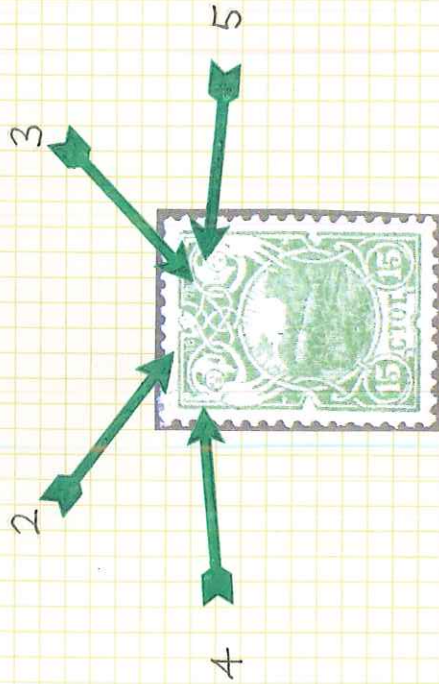
Type 3



Type 4



Type 5



Cliché types of 10st stamp

1. By exclusion
2. White spot to right of 8
3. Flaw between 6 and circle
4. Large white spot below 8
5. White spot under 1 of 1876

Bulgaria.

5 types of the 1901 5st Cherrywood Cannon stamp.

Type 1



Type 2



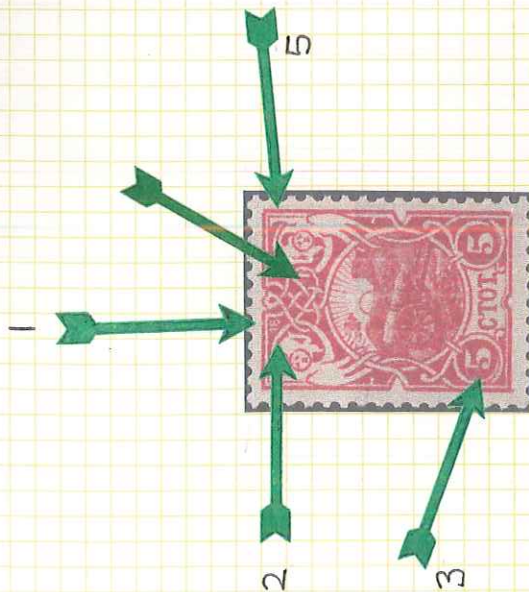
Type 3



Type 4



Type 5



Cliché types of 5st stamp

1. Frame break above 8 of 1876
2. White dot below 8 of 1876
3. Red dot below left-hand 5
4. Flaw in lattice above sun
5. Frame broken near top right



Types 1 to 4.

Bulgaria.

1901. Provisional surcharges on Small Lion stamps.



From Kaloter to Sofia, 23rd August, 1901.



From Sofia to Vienna, 6th May, 1901.

Bulgaria.

1st October, 1901. Definitive issue with head of Prince Ferdinand. Typo by Cartographic Bureau of Russian War Department, St Petersburg. Perf. 12½.



1905. 1 lev value redrawn. No serif at top of "1".



Bulgaria.

1901. 2 leva stamp. Printed in sheets of 100,
in four panes of 25 stamps (5 x 5).



Bulgaria.

1901 definitive issue.



From Sofia to Tarnovo, 16th November, 1905,
with Sofia - Varna No 2 T.P.O. postmark.

Bulgaria.

Millenary of Bulgarian Kingdom



Commemorative labels showing rulers of Bulgaria, 907-1907 on card locally addressed in Sofia from Sofia No 14 office, 3rd May, 1907.

Bulgaria.

10st Foreign Postcard rate.



From a Mobile Village Post Office, 20th July, 1908
via Trojan and Sofia to Austria-Hungary.

Note Trojan postmark still with vertical date.

Bulgaria.

25st Registered Letter rate.

On 4th February, 1906 the rate for a letter up to 15g went down to 10st. Registration remained 15st.



From Trevena to Zlataritzza, 17th January, 1907 at 25st rate. Boxed "Principaute de Bulgarie" registration mark. Postmarks on back of Drenovo, Elena and Zlataritzza.



Bulgaria.

50st Foreign Registered Letter rate.



From Roustchouk to Austria, 6th September, 1902 at 50 st Foreign Registered Letter rate. "Principaute de Bulgarie" boxed registration cachet. Three days in transit.

Bulgaria.

1901-1905. Postage Due. Typo in Sofia. Part. 11½.



Card from Germany charged 10st postage due
on arrival in Sofia, 4th July, 1904.

Bulgaria.

1901-1904 Postage Due stamps.



30st stamp on underpaid cover from Berlin to Sofia, 25th November, 1913.

Bulgaria.

The Tsar Ferdinand stationery cards of 1901-1911.
Imprint with picture of Tsar Ferdinand used for the
St Petersburg definitive stamps of 1st October, 1901.



The first issue in 1901 comprised 5st Inland and
10st Foreign cards and Inland and Foreign Reply
Paid cards, all printed on medium cream stock.

Bulgaria.

1901. 5st card in dark green on buff stock.



Type II. From Plovdiv to Sofia, 6th February, 1903.

Bulgaria.

1901. 10st Foreign card in rose on ivory stock.



Sofia to United States, 20th May, 1902.



Plovdiv to France, 10th July, 1902.

Bulgaria.

1901. 10st + 10st Foreign Reply cards. Rose on ivory stock.



Address list from Sofia to Germany, 28th April, 1908.

Bulgaria.

1902. 5st card printed on thick stock. Heading measures 27mm and footnote 49mm.



From Sofia to Varna, 30th July, 1903. 1 day in transit.

Bulgaria.

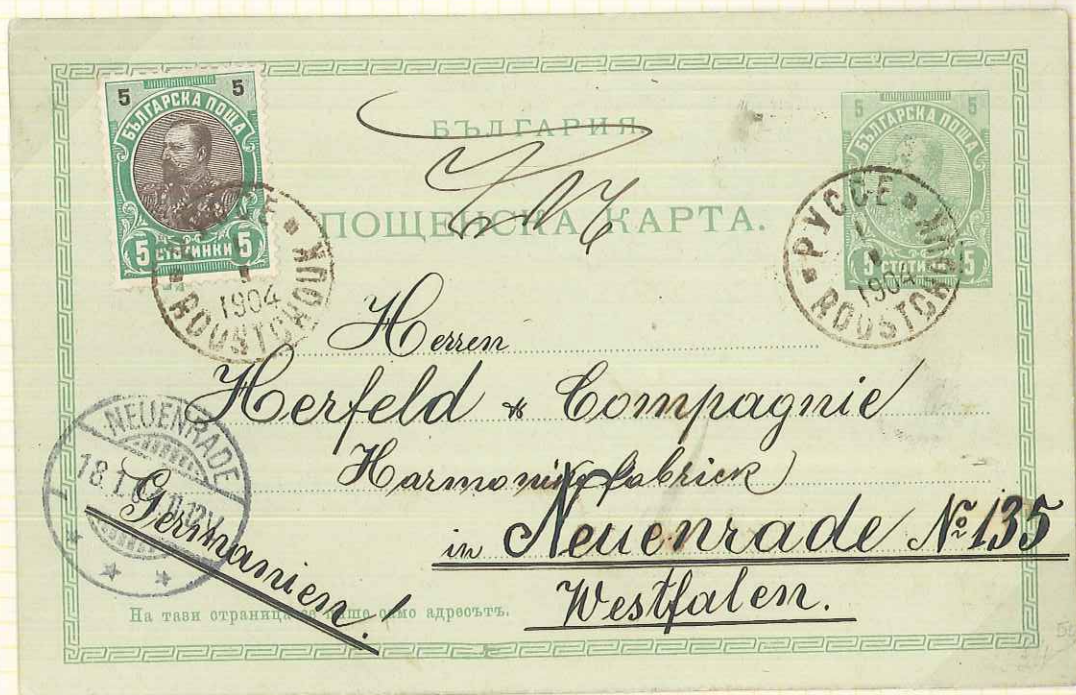
1903. 5st card in green on thin pale green stock.



Type II. Sofia to Tivnovo, 18th July, 1903.

Bulgaria.

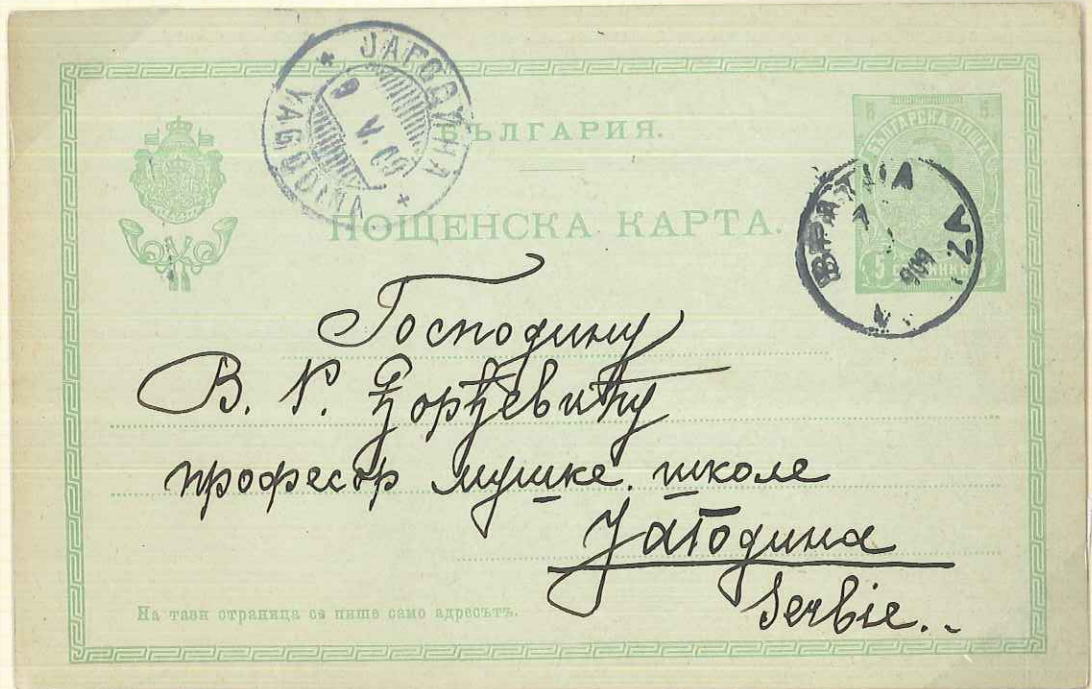
1903. 5st card. Heading measures 28mm and footnote 50mm.



Made up to Foreign rate. From Roustchouk to Germany, New Years Day, 1904.

Bulgaria.

1908. 5st card. Heading measures 29mm and footnote is 50mm long with 3mm between imprint and border.



From Vratsa to Jagodina in Serbia, 7th May, 1909 at 5st concessional rate.

Bulgaria.

1908. 10st Foreign card reprinted on greenish to light blue stock. Footnote measures 98mm



Sofia No 14 to Germany, 13th July, 1911.

Bulgaria.

1908. 10st Foreign card of 1903 with footnote altered to 98mm.



From Roustchouk to Germany, 14th August, 1908.



From Sofia No 14 to Germany, 12th January, 1909.

Bulgaria.

1908: 10se Foreign card with 98 mm footnote.



Sofia to Germany, 23rd February, 1909.

Bulgaria.

1909. 5st card. Type I with imprint 3.5mm from border.



Made up to 10st Foreign rate. From Haskovo to
Dedeagatch in Turkish Thrace, 13th September, 1911.

Bulgaria.

1910. 5st card with imprint 5.5mm from border.



Up-rated to 10st rate. From Vidin to Paris, 18th June, 1911.

Bulgaria.

1910. 5st card. Space between imprint and border increased to 5.5mm. Footnote measures 50mm with or without a full stop.



Made up to 10st Foreign rate. From Sofia to Germany, 25th April, 1912. Footnote with full stop.

Bulgaria.

29th August, 1902. 25th anniversary of the Battle of Shipka Pass.
Litho, Austro-Hungarian State Printing Works, Budapest. Perf. 11½.
Two types of each of the three values.

Type 1.



Curved serif
to "5".



Uncoloured flaw
to SW of "1902"



Broken outer frame
line in right vertical
inscription by "BPH."

Type 2.



Straight serif
to "5".



No flaw



Outer frame
unbroken.

Bulgaria.

29th August, 1902. 25th anniversary of the Battle of Shipka Pass.

Type 1

Right vertical
frame broken



Type 2

Frame not
broken



Forgery

Detail blurred
at NW corner



Cyrillic-only Sofia
postmark of early 1900's.



Bulgaria.

29th August, 1902. 25th anniversary of the Battle of Shipka Pass.

Type 1

Curved serif
to "5"



Type 2

White flaw to
SW of "1902"



Straight serif
to "5"



No flaw



Bulgaria.

1902 Shipka Pass issue.



5st value (Type 1) on card with postmarks of Sheino and Chipka / Shipka, both dated 15th September, 1902. Picture on reverse of Count Nikolai Ignatiev, Russian diplomat and advocate of Bulgarian independence.

портретъ на А. Т. Минаковъ, Кавказъ



Bulgaria.

1902 Shipka Pass issue.



5st stamp (Type 1) on card from Shipka, 19th September, 1902 to Tatar Pazardzhik via Plovdiv with panoramic view of the Russian church at Shipka inside folding card.

Bulgaria.

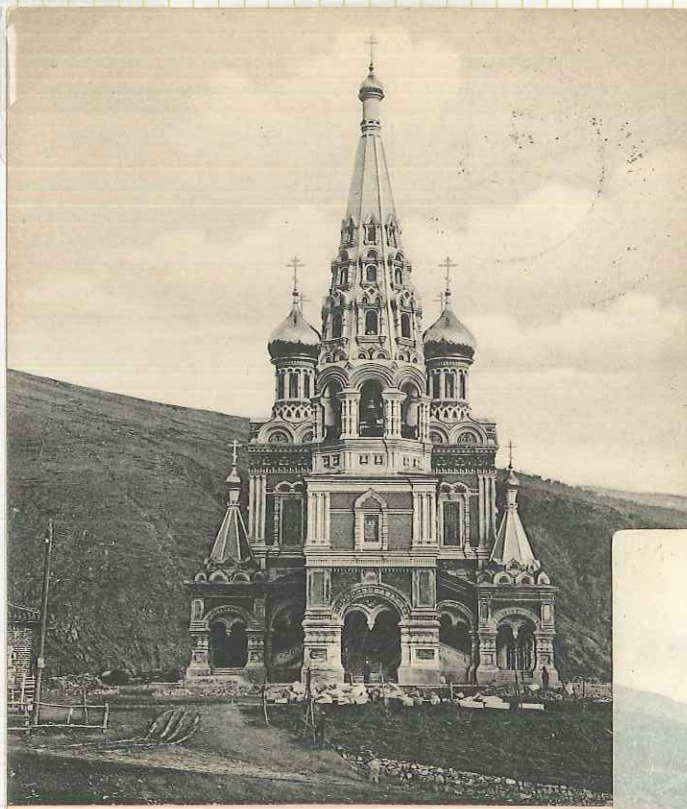
1902 Shipka Pass issue.



Card commemorating 25 years of Bulgarian independence. Portraits of Tsars Alexander II and Nicholas I of Russia and Ferdinand of Bulgaria. View of the Russian Memorial Church at Shipka.

Bulgaria.

Postcard views of the Russian Church at Shipka.



РУСКИ МАНАСТИРЪ НА ШИПКА.

*Модерке,
Ний пристигнахме малко по-рано
и радно тук. Възглед добър. М
страна на мизерия. Село све зр
нами сь сивъ и е много студено
цалу вамъ тебъ и Георги.
С. Швардича 28/1/ 1902 г. Мария*



Руски манастир при Шипка

Bulgaria.

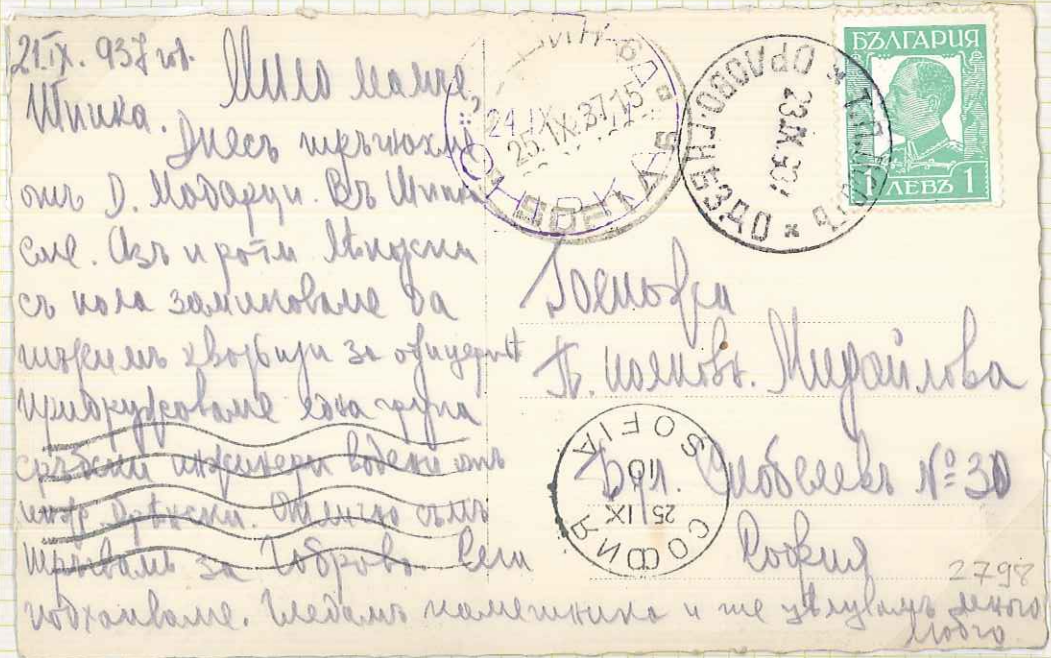
Commemorating the opening of the Shipka Pass
Independence Memorial on Stoletov Mountain,
26th August, 1934. Commemorative postmark.



Postmark reading "Telegraph and Post Office,
Eagle's Nest near Shipka" on 2 leva stamp
of 1934 issue showing the memorial.

Bulgaria.

Eagle's Nest Post Office, Shipka.



29mm single circle postmark "T.P. POST/ORLOVO GNEZDO" on postcard to Sofia, 23rd September, 1937. Arrival postmark of Sofia No 5 Post Office. View on reverse of the Independence Memorial at Shipka Pass.



Bulgaria.

1960. 16 st stationery envelope with view of Independence Monument on Stoletov Mountain. Sold for 20st.



Гр. (б.) София гр. ст. №.....
Ул. № мр. "Славейков" 11/11
окръг
Получава: Редакция в-к
"Народна Култура"
Подател: гр. (с.).....

From Pazardzhik to Sofia, 30th July, 1960.

Bulgaria.

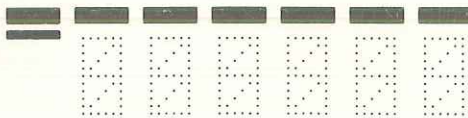
Bulgarian participation in the Soviet Space Programme in 1988 was given the operational name "Shipka-88" in memory of the Battle of Shipka Pass. The Soviet Union issued a stamp and a commemorative postmark.



Куда — _____

Кому — _____

Индекс предприятия связи и адрес отправителя



Пишите индекс предприятия связи места назначения

Soyuz TM-5 transported to the Mir Orbital Station a Soviet / Bulgarian crew comprising Cosmonauts A.Y.Solovyev, V.P.Savinykh and A.P.Aleksandrov (Bulgarian) to conduct joint research and experiments with Cosmonauts V.G.Titov and M.K.Manarov. Due to the Soyuz 33 failure, Bulgaria was the only East European ally of the Soviet Union not to have had a citizen visit the station. The Bulgarian Aleksandr Aleksandrov (endlessly confused with the contemporary Soviet cosmonaut of the same name) used 2000 Kg of equipment delivered by Progress freighters to perform 46 experiments in the " Shipka " programme during his stay, at the end of which the crew left aboard TM-4, leaving the fresh TM-5 as station lifeboat. The chronology was as follows :

TM-5 launched from Baikonur Cosmodrome	7 th June, 1988
Docked with Mir Orbital Station (Aft Port)	9 th June
TM_4 undocked	17 th June
Landed 202 Km from Dzhezkazgan, Kazakhstan	17 th June
TM-5 to Mir Forward Port	18 th June

Commemorative covers were postmarked 7th June, 1988 at the Star City Post Office.