

Octagonal TPO Cancellations Moscow Region

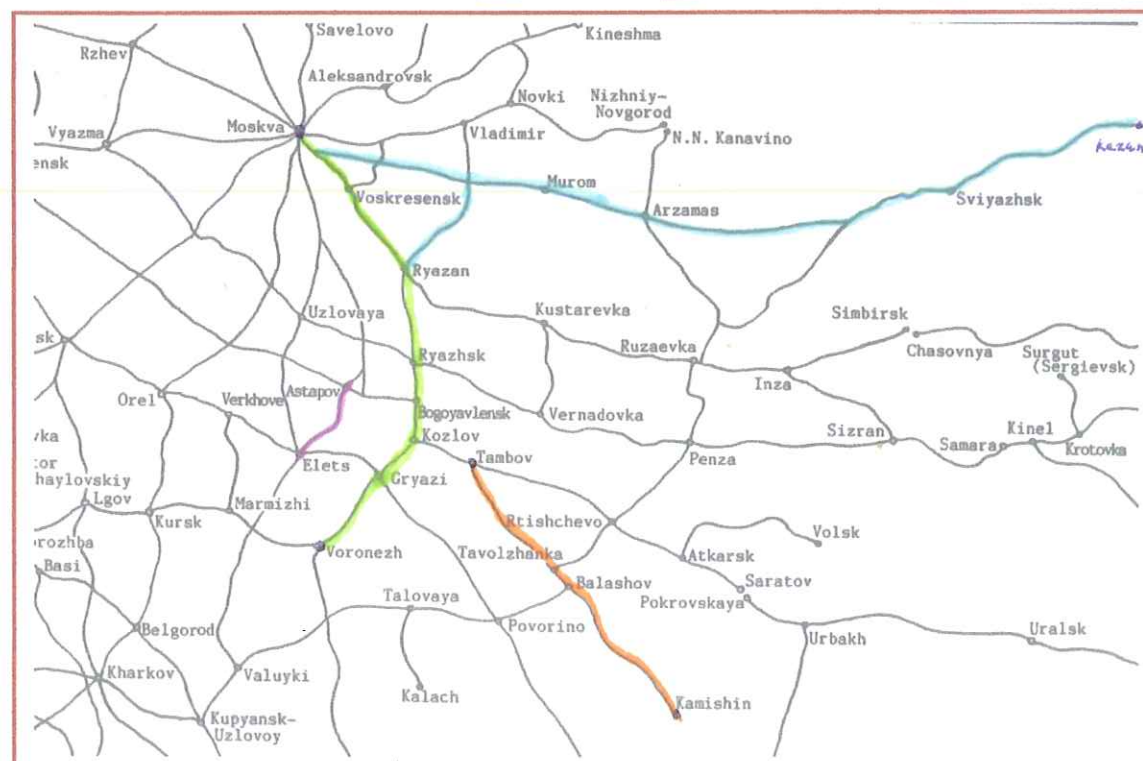
In 1894, two types of octagonal Post Wagon cancellers were issued. One type was for sub-offices on a few busy Railway Traveling Post Offices [TPO's] and included ОТДѢЛЕНИЕ, the second type was issued as the first marking on some newly opened TPO routes. The illustrations of the cancellations and the map are by permission of the authors.¹

This is a study of the octagonal cancellations arranged by TPO number then by Serial number within each. In the Moscow region, only five TPO's used these cancellers: TPO 14 sub-office, TPO 119, TPO 135 & 136, TPO 150. Examples are shown of mail cancelled on the TPO, where it is usual to see a strike on each stamp with one adjacent and, where mail was sorted in transit on the TPO when a single strike is usual. Both inland and foreign mail, inwards and outwards, are included.



Many examples are the **earliest** or **latest** dates and many are not recorded in the literature. **"Recorded"** – earliest and/or latest dates recoded in the principal reference.²
"Known" – earliest or latest date known to the exhibitor through the collection or census data.

Route Locations -- TPO 14 ■ TPO 119 ■ TPO 135 & 136 ■ TPO 150 ■



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TPO-14

An octagonal canceller was issued to the sub-office on this TPO

Voronesh – Moscow from 1869
Koslov – Moscow from 1/7/1900
Voronesh – Moscow from 5/1904



Serial 2.
Recorded 29 XII 1894
Known 29 XII 1894 –
26 XII 1904

Sub-Office Post Wagon
No. 14 serial 2
29 XII 1894 [earliest] on
reply paid postcard to
Wurtemberg Germany,
received 14 Jan 94 [7-8]
reply written and mailed
to sender.



4kop International Reply paid postcard
used to Russia from Wurtemberg 14 Jan 94
[11-12] having been received the same day

Addressed to sender at Moscow-Kasan
Railway Station



Sub-Office TPO 14 Serial 2 26 XII 1904 – latest - from Ryazan 25 XII 1904 to Ryazan 27 XII 1904

Serial 3

Recorded 9 XI 94 – 29 XII 1900



Sub-Office TPO 14
Serial 3 19 VII 1897

sorted St Petersburg
20 VII 1897
transferred to 5th Expd
20 VII for Foreign mail
to Luzern, Switzerland
3 VIII 97

Postcard from Dr Pavlov
advising his new Moscow
address
Overfranked 5 kop

Latest TPO 119 [3]

TPO 119

Bogoyavlensk – Lebedin
from 1/1892
Bogoyavlensk – Elets
from June 1894
Astapovo – Elets from 1/1900
Astapovo – Valyuki
from 1/7/1900

Known 6 VIII 1903
- 28 II 1905



POST CARD.

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE

Елец - Валу́йская ос.д.
Ст. Буди́ково Стара́я Ива́новка
А. П. Дебуди́ков
Mrs. Davidson
Government of Voronezh
Russia

TPO 119 Serial 3 28 II 1905
To Ryazan

TPO 119 Serial 3 6 VII 1903
Dumfries to Voronezh

Note on card reads: "Let me
know if this arrives without
extra charge" 1d paid

Earliest TPO 119 [3]

TPO 135

The Ryazan Railway Post Office opened November 1894
The Kazan Railway Post Office opened February 1900

Ryazan – Kazan from 6/1894
Ryazan – Moscow from 15/10/1912

Serial 1: not recorded – known 29 VII 1907

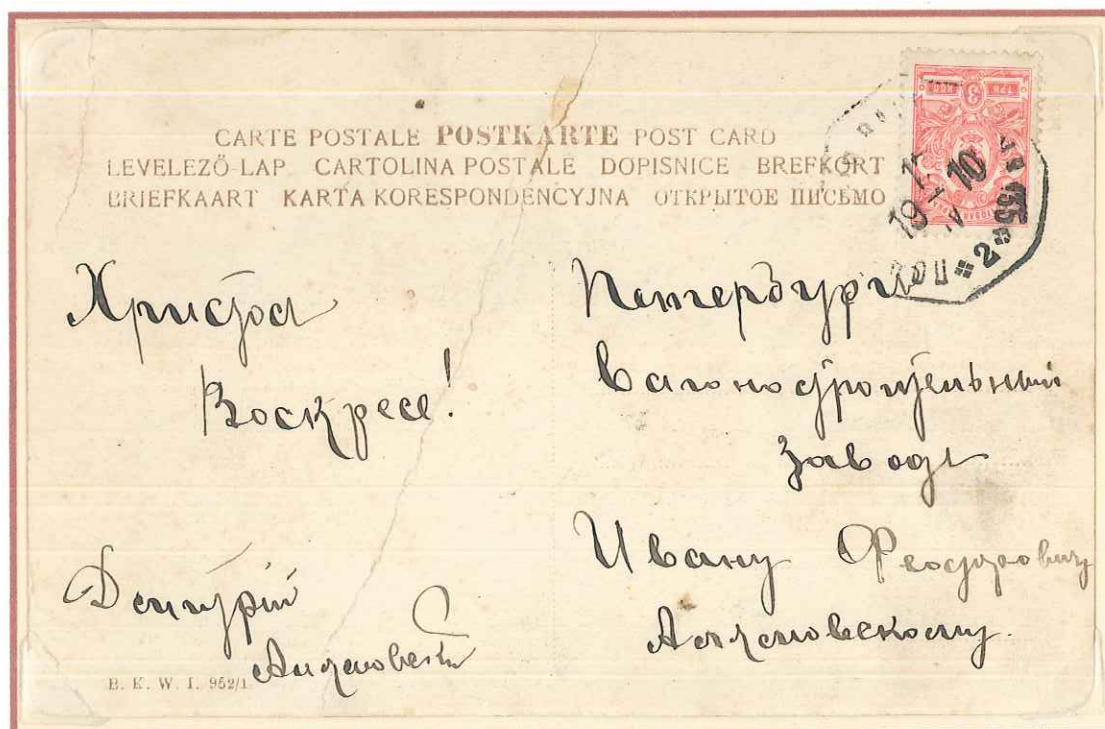
Only example known



Post Wagon No. 135 Serial 1 – 29 VII 1907 to Astasano – no receiving cancel. Postcard issued in Kazan

Serial 2: not recorded – known 17 IV 1910

Only example known



Post Wagon No. 135
Serial 2
17 IV 1910
to St Petersburg

No Ryazan or Moscow
transit and no St
Petersburg receiving
cancellation.

Sent closed mail bag
from TPO 135

Serial 3: not recorded – known 24 III 1909

Only example known



Post Wagon No. 135 Serial 3 – 24 III 1909 to Baku received 29 3 09.

No sorting cancellations so sent closed mail bag via Ryazan to Moscow and on TPO to Baku.

– Postcard has Kazan view and endorsed by writer "23/III 09 Kazan"

Serial 5: not recorded – known 5 IV 1894

Only example known and predates TPO to Kazan

10 cent Italian postal card written and mailed from Naples 8 4 94 addressed to Kazan

Received Post Wagon
No. 135 Serial 5
5 IV 1894
received Kazan 8 IV
1894.



Route probably via Railway via Germany to St Petersburg on TPO-4 then TPO-2 to Moscow. Received no transit cancellations so closed mail until TPO 135 from Ryazan towards Kazan. TPO 135 did not reach Kazan until June 1894 so this was carried on the post road, from the then railway terminus, to Kazan.

TPO 136

Kazan - Ryazan from 6/1894
Moscow - Ryazan from 15/10/1912

Serial numbered 1-7 Postal Wagon No 136 Octagonal cancellers

Recorded date range 7 X 1898 to 25 VI 1909. Known date range 23 V 1896 to 15 IV 1910.

Each datestamp was replaced with an oval Kazan 136 Ryazan - earliest recorded date 16 VI 1910.

Serial Number omitted: not recorded - known 23 V 1896

Only example known



Mailed from Ialtsevo Tambov Province 23 V 1896 with Post Wagon No. 136 No Serial - 23 V 1896 mailed to London, no sorting or receiving cancellations. Postcard written "Neudorff" 22 May 1896. Closed mail.

Serial 1: not recorded -

Known 4 IV 1898 - 12 IX 1908

Post Wagon No. 136 Serial 1

4 IV 1898 [earliest]

to Lemberg

"2" - for TPO-2

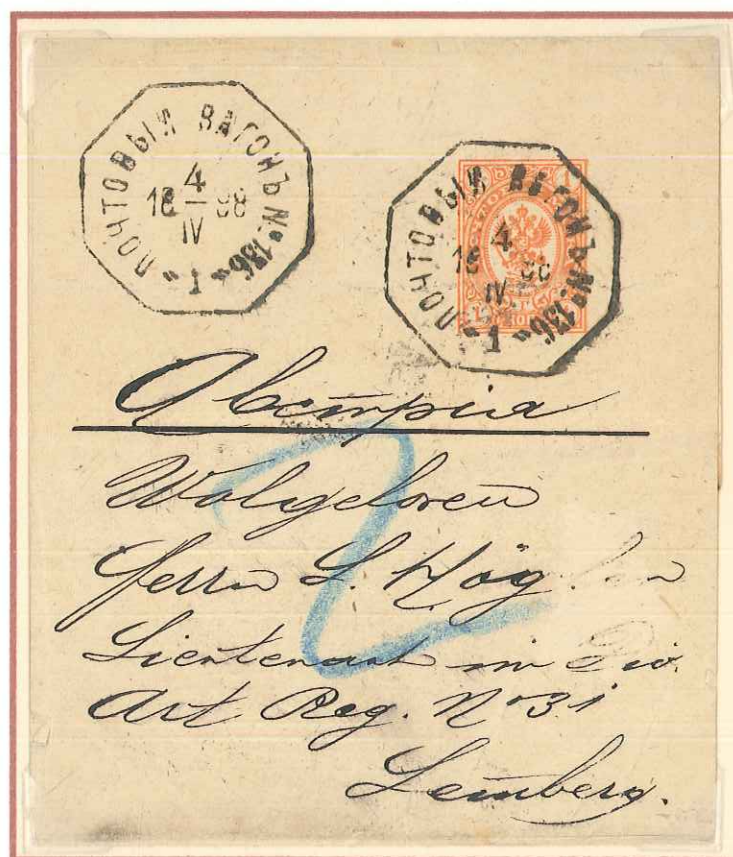
Moscow to St Petersburg

St Petersburg 5th Expd [for foreign mail] receiving cancellation

6 IV 1898

No receiving cancellation. Sent closed mail bag.

1 kop Wrapper correct Printed Matter for <50gm



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Correspondenzkarte. Carte postale. Cartolina postale.
Post card. Weltpostverein. Briefkaart.
Union postale universelle. Unione postale universale.
Karta korespondencyjna. Korespondenční listek.
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РОССІЯ. ОТКРЫТОЕ ПИСЬМО.
Brefkort. Brevkort. Tarjeta postal.



Всѣмъ Высочайшаго
Государя Императора
Величества
Екатерины



Post Wagon No. 136 Serial 1 – 22 VII 1905 addressed to Ekaterinburg received 28 VII 1905

Latest Known

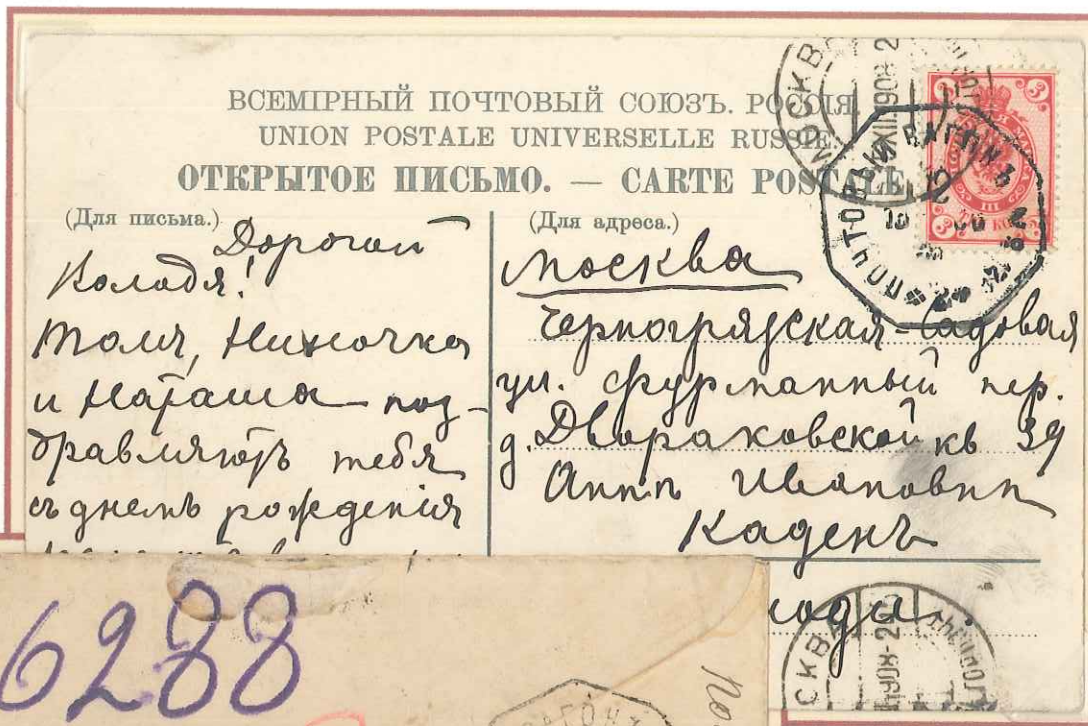


Post Wagon No. 136 Serial 1 – 19 IX 1908, resorted at Moscow – machine cancellation 21 IX 1908. Closed mail bag to Germany – received Leipzig 6 10 08[NS] – 6 days
Written from Kazan 18 Sept 1908

Serial 2:
Recorded 21 IV 1899
to 26 VIII 1905

Known to 21 III 1909

Post Wagon No.
136 Serial 2
12 XII 1908
To Moscow
received machine
cancellation
15 XII 1908



Registered Letter
from Bolshoi-Vyass
23 X 1901 transit
Saransk 25 X 1901
and Post Wagon 136
No. 2 - 25 X 1901.
Received in Odessa
29 X 1901. "6288"
Stamps lost in transit
"c" applied in red
and no postage due

Post Wagon No. 136
Serial 2
21 III 1909

Latest Known

Mailed to Anistetten,
Austria.
No sorting, transit
or receiving
cancellations.
Closed mail



Serial 3: Not Recorded - Known 15 X 1898 to 17 XI 1905



7 kop letter-card from
Syumsi-Mozhginskaya
Vitebsk 13 Oct 1898

Transit Kazan 15 X 1898
and Post Wagon No.
136 Serial 3 - 15 X 1898
[Earliest Known].

Received St Petersburg
19 Oct 1898.

Upated 7 kop
envelope with
Post Wagon 136
No. 3 - 30 IX 1902
[one of 3 known]

to Chaux-de-Fonds
Switzerland, received
18 X 02.



Post Wagon No. 136
Serial 3 - 17 XI 1905

Latest Known

Received Glasgow
Dec 14 05 [NS] 15 days

1 kop, 2 kop, 7 kop arms
stamps on back each
cancelled Post Wagon
No. 136 Serial 3

Messrs. STEVEN BROS.,

10 KING STREET, City,

GLASGOW.

Amman



Not recorded Known 25 XI 1901 to 30 VIII 1906

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Mademoiselle Marguerite Mescher
Celestin Nicole & Co
Le Claux de Fonds

На этой стороне пишется только адрес. — Côté réservé exclusivement à l'adresse.
Puisse

Closed mail. 4 kop stationary postcard for foreign addresses.

30/III 1906

Открытое письмо. — Carte Postale

ВСЕМИРНЫЙ ПОЧТОВЫЙ СОЮЗЪ. РОССИЯ.

Место для корреспонденции.

Адресъ.

Госпо... С. В. Б.

Анны Ивановны

мне Столпик

С. Петербург.

Полтавская 6 и 2.

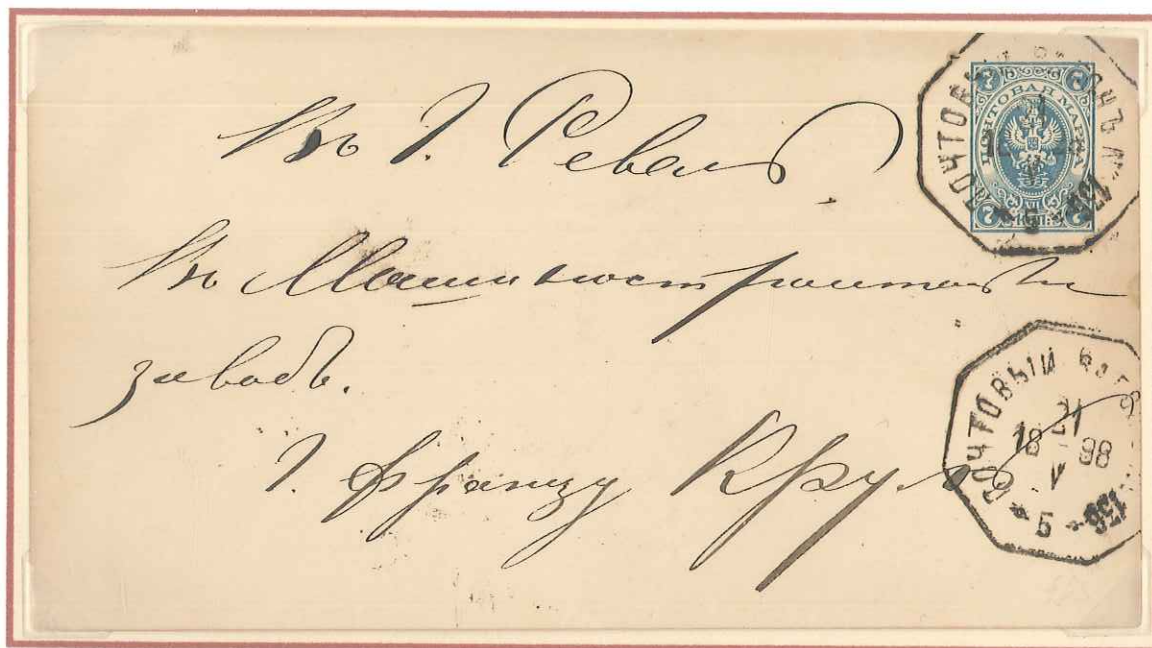
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Closed mail bag from **TPO 136**. Ryazan picture postcard.

Serial 5: Recorded 10 IV 1904

Known 21 V 1898 – 11 XI 1909



Post Wagon No. 136 Serial 5 – 21 V 1898 [earliest known]
To Revel received 25 V 1898. Closed mail.

Post Wagon 136
No. 5 – 28 VI 1903
[one of 4 known]

to Kursk received
Kursk Railway
Station 1 VII 1903
Closed Mail



Post Wagon No. 136
Serial 5 – 11 XI 1909

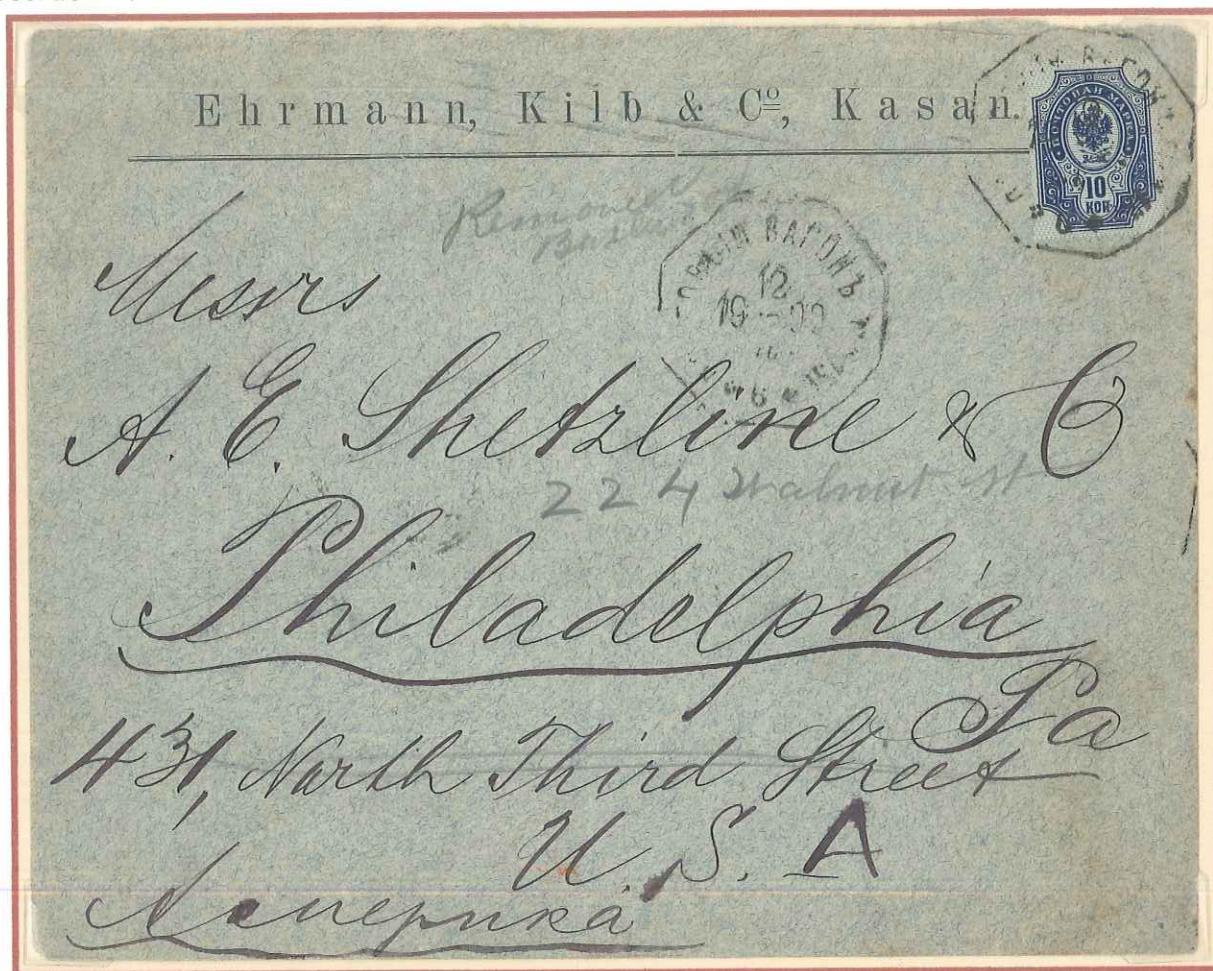
Latest Known

Addressed to Moscow
received 12 XI 1909



Serial 6:

Not recorded Known 12 VII 1900 to 15 IV 1910



Post Wagon No. 136 Serial 6 – 12 VII 1900 [earliest known] from Kazan, sorted St Petersburg 15 VII 1900.
New York Aug 9 1900, to Philadelphia Aug 12 1900 and redirected. Correct 10 kop foreign letter.



Post Wagon No. 136
Serial 6 – 11 IX 1900
[one of 4 known]

Sorted St Petersburg
5th Expd 14 IX 1900

To Siege, Belgium,
received Sept 20-21 1900
49 in hexagon – Belgium
sorting marking

Closed mail bag from
St Petersburg.



Post Wagon No. 136 Serial 6 – 3 VI 1902 [one of 4 known] mailed to Libava [Libau] received 7 VI 1902
No transit sorting cancellations - closed mail from TPO 136.

Latest Known



Post Wagon No. 136 Serial 6 – 15 IV 1910. Easter card mailed to Karlovka no transit or receiving cancellations. Closed mail bag from TPO 136.

Serial 7:

Recorded 7 X 1898
to 25 VI 1909

Known 5 VIII 1897

Post Wagon No.

136 - Serial 7

5 VIII 1897

Earliest Known
sorted

St Petersburg

8 VIII 1897

received Margate

Aug 23 97



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A. Carey, Esq.

J. & Melbert, 10, Crescent

Margate

Kent

England.



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Monsieur J. Collard
M. Stephani
à Siege - Belgique

Фототипія Шереръ, Набоholzъ и Ко., Москва.



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Post Wagon 136
Serial No. 7
9 IX 1900.

To Siege, Belgium.

Sorted Moscow IV
Expd 10 IX 1900
Closed mail to
Belgium with 50 in
hexagon sorting mark



Post Wagon No. 136
Serial 7
6 VIII 1901

to Krasnoslobodsk
received 8 VIII 1906

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г. Краснослободскъ

Менделеевой губернии

Судовное Управление

г. Высокогороднаго Матвѣя Васильевича

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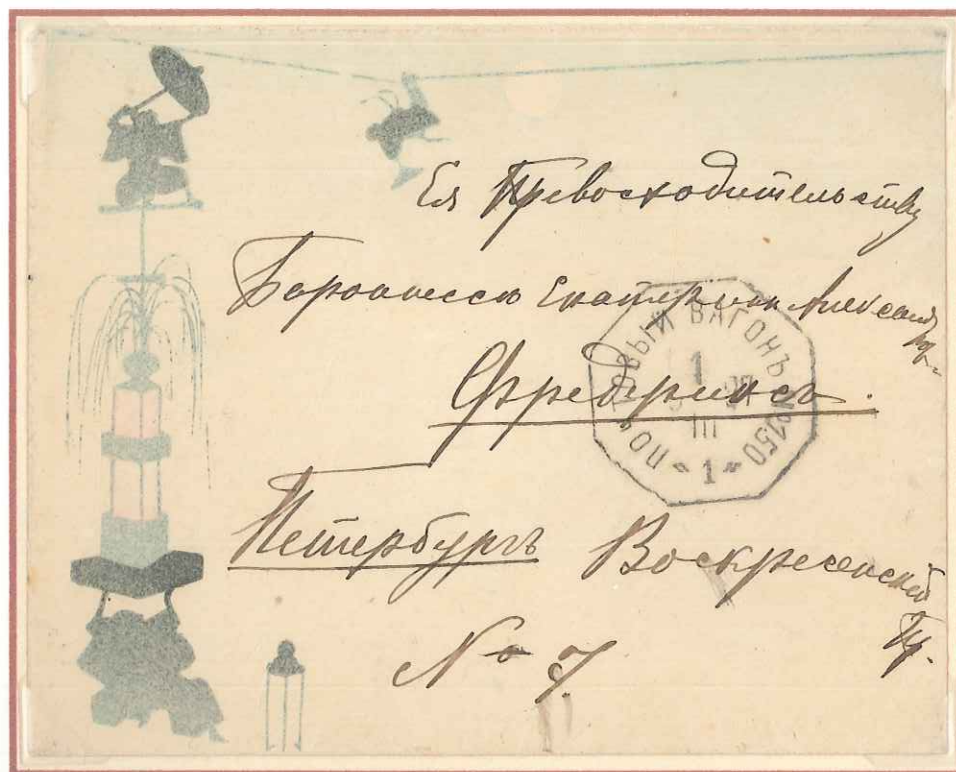


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TPO 150

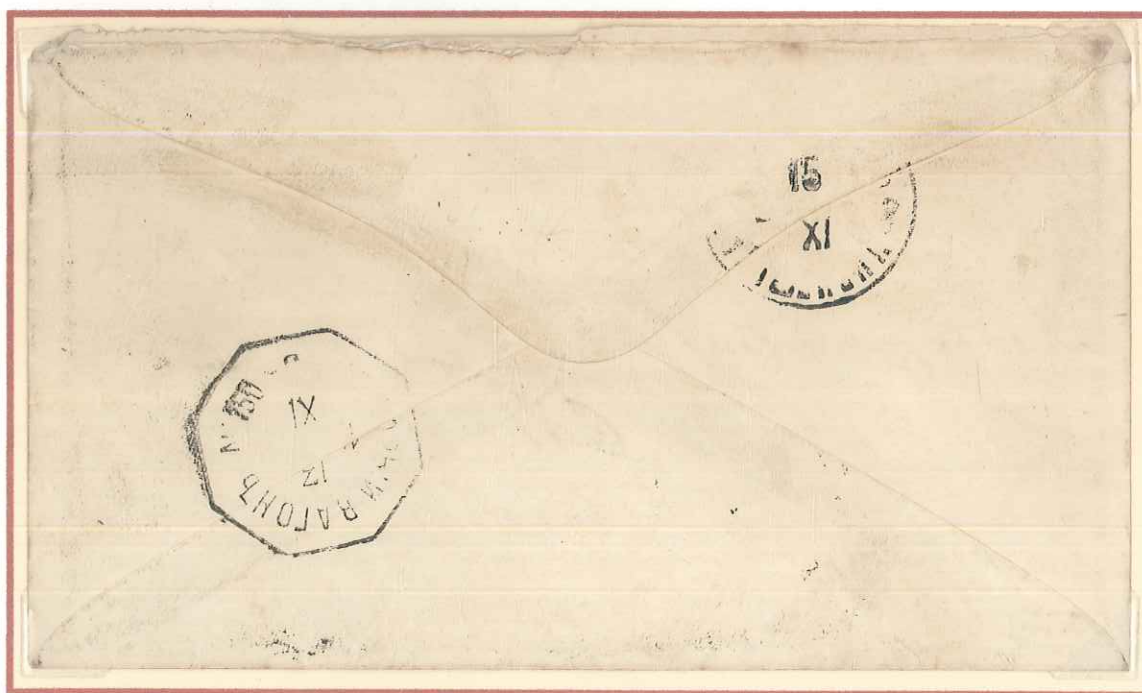
Serial 1: not recorded - Known 1 III 1897

Tambov – Kamishin 12/1894
Tambov – Balashov from 1895
Tambov - Kamishin from 1899



Post Wagon 150 serial 1 – I III 1897 [earliest known] on envelope with 7 kop on reverse to St Petersburg 3 III 97

Serial 3: not recorded – Known 13 XI 1901 – 21 IV 1905



7 kop stamped envelope from Samolovskaya Saratov Province, Balashov County 13 Nov 1901 with Post Wagon 150 serial 3 – 13 XI 1901 [earliest known] to Kharvov received 15 XI 1901.



3 kop post card from Balashov Saratov Province 12 III 1903 with Post Wagon 150 serial 3 - 13 II 1903 [one of 3 known] addressed to Thorn Germany – received 29.1.03. No sorting or transit cancellations. Written “Balaschow 11/24 January 1903” Endorsed by recipient “29 January” – 5 days



Post Wagon 150 serial 3 - 21 IV 1905 [latest known] to St Petersburg City Post - received 23 IV 1905