














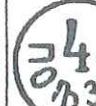









The Poezd and Pochta Postmarks of the "Little Railroads" of St. Petersburg

The Tsarskoe Selo, Warsaw, & Baltic Railroads

The Tsarskoe Selo, Warsaw, and Baltic railroads are known to have Poezd (train) and Pochta (post) marks between 1872-1904, and it was thought that they were used as sorting marks for specific trains. They are not TPO (Traveling Post Office) marks, because they were not applied on the train. It is thought that the **black** marks were for the trains traveling toward St. Petersburg and the **red** traveling from St. Petersburg. Thanks to the works of Manfred Dobin and Ian Baillie, the chart for these marks is located below.

The exhibit will follow closely Mr. Baillie's classification chart which slightly altered the original chart of Mr. Dobin. There is a Series A cancel, but I have never seen one in 30+ years of collecting. Some of these sorting marks are not rare, but they are very hard to find. Some are very rare with only one or two recorded in the literature. **Series B** is usually **black**, and the other Series C, D, E, F, & G are usually **red**. The **Poezd** marks are Series B, C, D, & E. The **Pochta** marks are Series F & G. No one knows why the postmarks were changed from Poezd to Pochta.

						<u>SERIES B</u> Normally black
B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	
						<u>SERIES C</u> Like all subsequent series, normally red
C1	C2	C3	C4			
Presumably does not exist (D1)	Presumably does not exist (D2)	Presumably does not exist (D3)				<u>SERIES D</u> Seemingly unused Series A with times removed
			D4	D5		
						<u>SERIES E</u> fb instead of b
E1	E2	E3	E4	E5		
						<u>SERIES F</u> POCHTA instead of POEZO
F1	F2	F3	F4			
	Presumably does not exist (G2)	Presumably does not exist (G3)				<u>SERIES G</u> As Series F but smaller numbers and larger letters
G1			G4			

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SERIES B, 1872-1904

The most common marks, usually in black. B1, B2, B3 much more prevalent than B4 and B5. Only one known of B6 (not found in this exhibit). There are 209 known examples.



Peterhof to Copenhagen 21-8-1884 with B1 sorting mark, correct 7 Kop letter rate.



Tsarkoe Selo postcard dated 22-3-1896 to St Petersburg, with faded black B1 mark, received S. Petersburg 22-3-1896 at 12 o'clock at the Eksp GorPoch (branch city post)

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UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE. RUSSIE.

ОТКРЫТОЕ ПИСЬМО. — CARTE POSTALE.



В. Царское село.

Учлен. Мавраи Романово

дом. Татьяна

Город. Эльвира Романов.

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

Cancel of St Petersburg City
Post 1, cancel, S. Peterburg
Ist Eksp, dated 5-2-1900, B2
Poezd mark, receiving mark
of Tsarkoe Selo / 3 / Pocht.
Tel.L.Kont (black cancel
from St. Petersburg)

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Mailed from Tsarkoe
Selo / 3 / Pocht.Tel
Kont. dated 6-2-1902,
B2 Poezd mark, received
S.Peterburg Good.Pocht
6-2-1902 at 3 o'clock.



Mailed from Tsarkoe Selo.
S.P.Burg.G. /3/ Pocht.
Tel.Kont. dated 7-12-1901B3
sorting mark, cancel of S
Peterburg / Eksp.Gor.Pocht.
dated 7-12 -1901

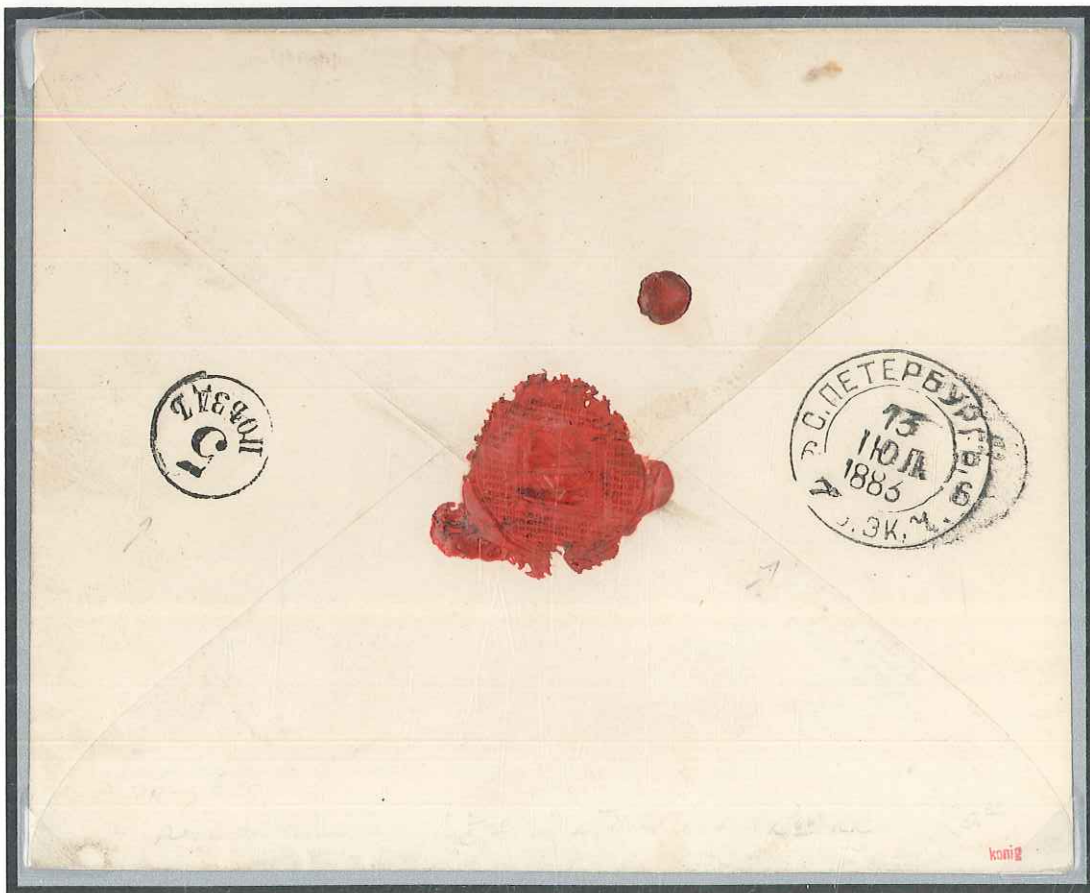


A 7 Kop. stamped envelope
mailed from Lovisa Finland
on 29-6-1901 (new style),
13 day difference between
Julian and Gregorian
calendar. Received S.
Peterburg /6 /Eksp
on 17-6-1901 in violet,
(rare B3 Poezd mark in
violet), also faint Series E
red Pochta sorting mark,
violet receiving mark of
Tsarkoe Selo /3 /Pocht.
Tel.L.Kony. dated
17-6-1901





A 2x weight letter of 14 Kop. from Evlatoiyavap / 1 / Pochtovo. Telegra.Kont. dated 29-7-1898. Recived in St Petersburg with 3 different cancellations on 1-8-1898, B4 sorting mark applied, and received in Tsarkoe Selo / 1 / Poch.Tel.Kont. on 1-8-1898.



Mailed at Tsarkoe Selo 13-7-1883 on 7 Kop. postal stationery, B5 sorting mark, receiving mark of S.Peterburg / 6 / ?. Ek. At 7o'clock on the 13-7-1883.

SERIES C 1876-1894, now 1874

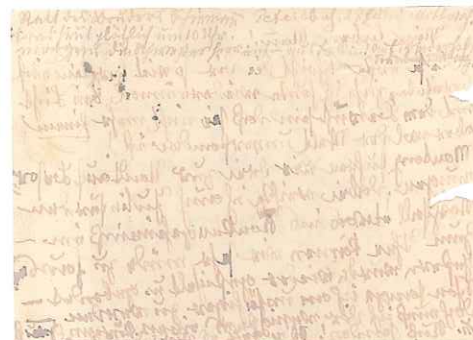
Similar to the B marks, but slightly larger by 1 or 2 mm, and almost always red. C2 & C4 shown here previously unknown. C2 extends the usage period to 1874. 46 marks originally known and now 48.



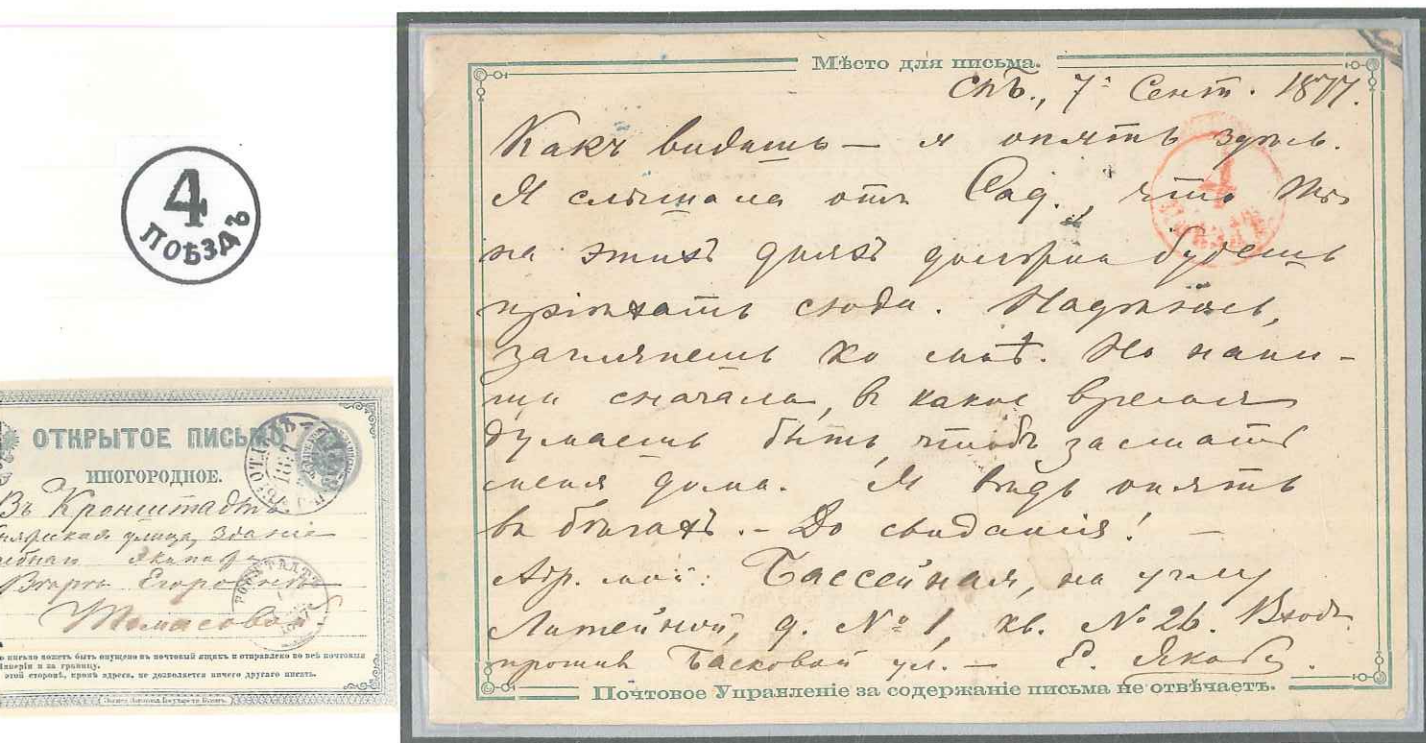
A Finnish postcard from Raisala, Finland dated 2-7-90 (new style), received in S. Peterburg on 19-6-1890 (same day) by the 1. Eksp office, sorting mark C1, receiving mark of Tsarkoe Selo / 2 / Pocht. Tel. Kont date unreadable..



A 10 Kop postal stationery envelope mailed from the Moscow-St Peterburg railroad line No. 1-2, stop 19, on 12-7-1874 serial 3, received S. Peterburg / III / Chasa, sorting mark C2 (earliest known, before 1876 was considered earliest), sent out by 1 Eksp same day, received Tsarkoe Selo 19-7-1874.



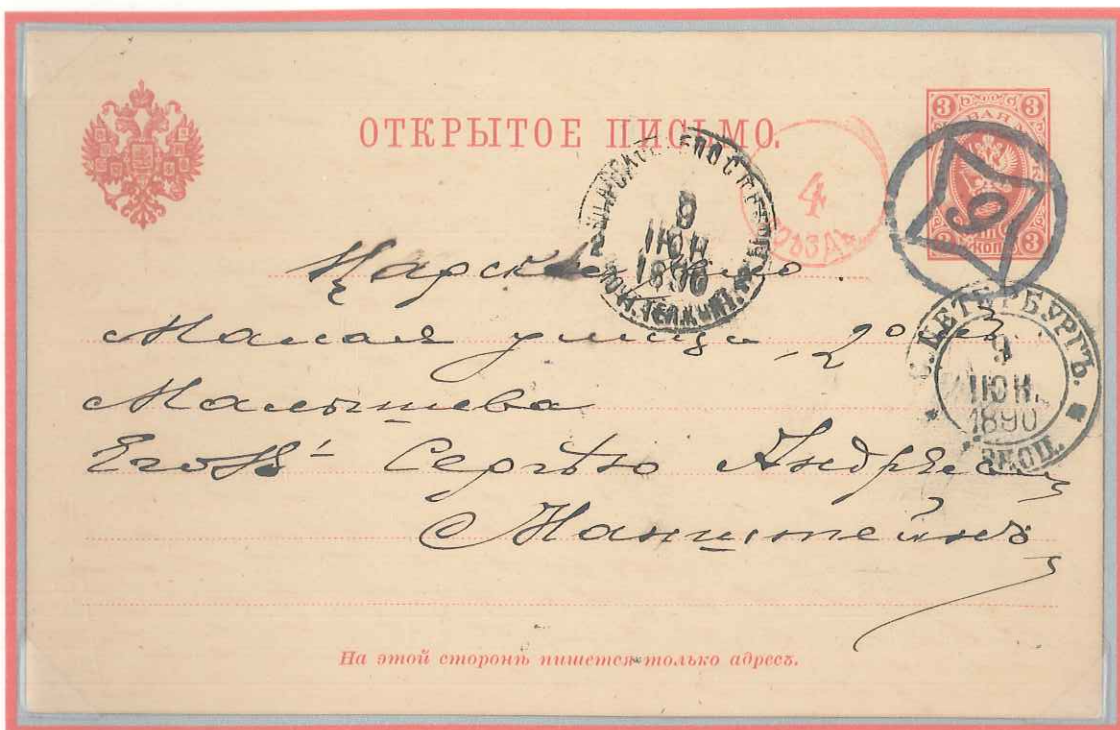
A very interesting 3 Kop. postcard written in German with a mirror to a captain in a military camp near Krasnoe Selo . Mailed from the 7th Otdelenie of St Peterburg (sub office), forwarded by S.Peterburg1 Eksp. 28-6-?, sorting mark C3, receiving mark of Krasno Selo dated 28-6-?.



A 3 Kop. postcard mailed from the 6th OtdelL / S-P Burg (main office) dated 7-9-1877 Goda (city) to Kronshtadt with C4 sorting mark (scarcest) only known in 1877. Ex. FABERGE

SERIES D 1887-1894

Only D4 and D5 are known of this series. Previously known are 4 D4s and 1 D5. I have found an additional D4 and D5 shown below. Now there are 7 known.



A 3 Kopeck printed postcard from the 6th Otdelenie, dispatch cancel of S. Peterburg 1 Eksp. dated 9-6-1890 sorting mark D4 (earliest known usage), received in Tsarko Selo. S.P.Burg. G. /2/ Pocht.Tel Kont. dated 9-6-1890.



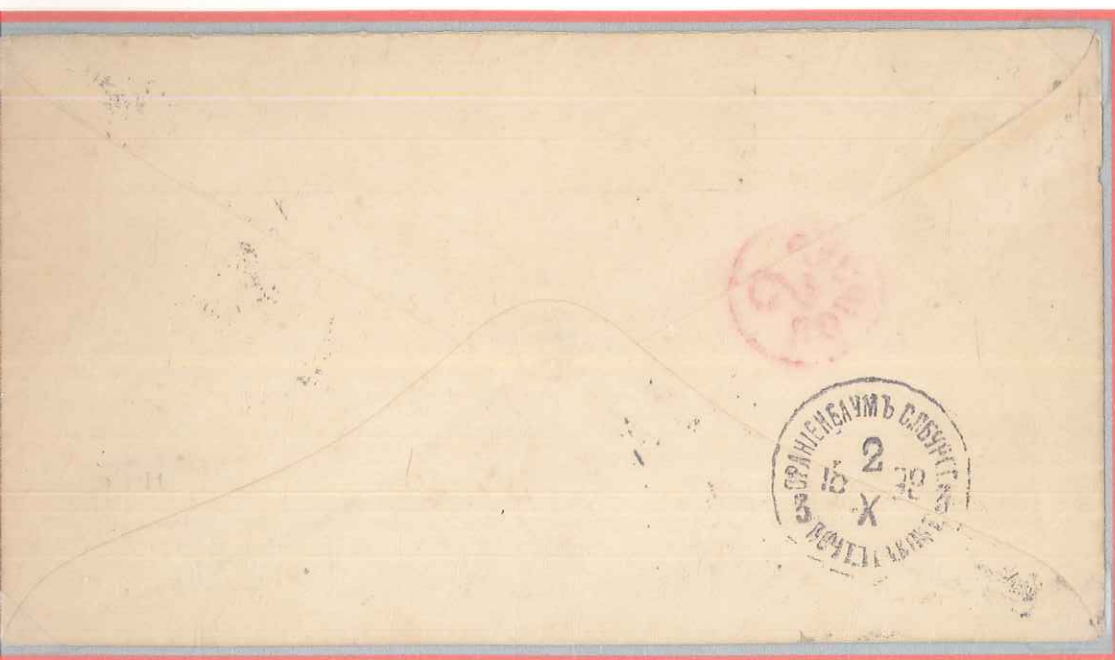
A 5 Kopeck printed postcard from the 1st Otdelenie, dispatched by the S. Peterburg 2/1 Eksp. dated 20-5-1992, sorting mark D5, (latest of 2 known) received in Kronshtadt. S.P.Burg. G./4/ Pocht.Tel.Kont. dated 21-5-1892

SERIES E 1894-1899 now 1892

Another rare series of which the E4 is rare and E5 is the rarest. All except E1 shown here are previously unknown. E2 below extends usage to 1892.



A printed 3 Kop. postcard
mail from Vilmanstrand
inland dated 26-4-1895, (New
style) received S. Peterburg Eksp.
dated 15-4-1895 (old style), E1
sorting mark, dispatch mark of the
S. Peterburg 1 Eksp dated 15-4-
1895, receiving mark of Pavlovsk
S.P. Burg. G/3/ Pocht. Tel.
Kont. dated 15-4-1895.



A 7 Kop. postal stationery envelope
from the 1st Otdelenie, dispatched
from S. Peterburg/1/ Eksp. on 2-10-
1892, faded sorting mark E2
(earliest known, extends usage to
1892), received Oranienbaum
S.P. Burg /3/Pocht. Tel. Kont. dated
2-10-1892

Many Russian collectors believe that the black sorting marks meant that the letter or postcard was traveling toward St Peterburg, and the red was traveling away from St Petersburg. There are too few sorting marks known to draw any conclusions at this time, but from the samples seen so far in my exhibit and below, they can go both ways.



E1



B1



A letter with a 7 Kop. stamped envelope mailed from the 4th Otdelenie in St Petersburg, dispatch mark of S. Petersburg ? dated 23-2-1898, sorting mark of B1 in black and E1 in red.. Not unknown, but scarce, receiving mark of Tsarko Selo/ 1 /Pocht.Tel.Kont. dated 23-2-1898



A 7 Kop. postal stationery envelope cancelled from Hamina Finland dated 25-10-1895 (new style), received by the S.Peterburg 8. Eksp. dated 14-10-1895 (old style), E3 sorting mark, dispatched by the S.Peterburg / 1 / 1. Ek. dated 14-10-1895, arrival mark of ? unreadable dated 14-10-1895



A Finnish postcard with a 3 Kop. stamp cancelled from Viborg Finland dated 20-6-1900 (new style) , received with violet cancel at S.Peterburg / 8 / Ek. on 8-6-1900 (old style), E4 sorting mark (very rare, only example known). Unreadable receiving mark

SERIES F POCHTA 1900-1904

All examples of Series F shown here were previously unknown. 19 originally known and now there are 27



A 3 kop. stamp on a postcard mailed at the 5th Otdelenie, S. Peterburg I Ekp. Dated 15-11-1900, sorting mark F1, dispatched in red from S. Peterburg/ 2 /1 Eksp, no receiving mark, but sent to Krasno Selo.



A 3 Kop printed postcard mailed from Helsingfors * Helsinki Finland dated 14-7-1902, sorting mark faded F2, receiving mark of Krasno Selo / 1 / Pocht. rest unreadable dated 2-7-1902



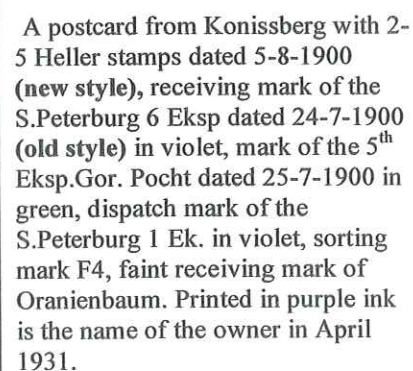
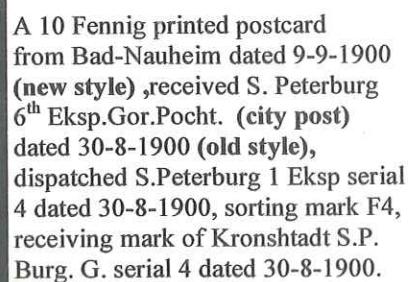
postcard with a 3 Kop. stamp,
creasable violet cancel, dispatch
mark in violet of S. Peterburg I
sp. dated 1-11-1900, sorting
mark F3, receiving mark of
Tsarko Selo. S.P. Burg /7/
cht.Tel.Kont. dated 1-11-1900.



postcard with a 3 Kop. stamp
cancelled S.Peterburg
dated 30-11-1903, a F3
sorting mark in violet (latest date of
known), receiving mark of Tsarko
Selo SPB serial v dated 1-12-1903.



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SERIES G 1901-1903

Originally only 1 known, but I found 2 previously unknown G1s



A 3 Kopek. stamped postcard mailed from Yassentuka Tersk.Obl./ 1 / Pocht.Tel.Kont. on 3-6-1902, S.Peterburg/ 3 /Eksp.Gor.Pocht. dated 6-6-1902, sorting mark G1, received in Peterhof S.P.Burg. G. dated 7-6-1902



A 3 Kopek. stamped postcard mailed from the 15th Otdelenie of St. Petersburg, received S.Peterburg 1 Ek. serial 9 dated 23-6-1903, dispatch S.Peterburg / 2 / 1 Eksp in faded red dated 24-6-1903, sorting mark G1, received Baltic Station Strglelna / 1 /Pocht.Tel.Kont. dated 24-6-1903

Originally 5 were known, but 3 previously unknown G4s were found



A 3 kop. stamped postcard from Riga/ 2 /Pocht.Kontora dated 27-6-1902, received S.Peterburg / 6 /Eksp.Gor. Pocht., sorting mark G4, receiving mark of Peterhof/ 1 /Pocht. Tel.Kont.



A 3 Kop. stamp postcard from Kiev/ 50 /Pochotor. Kontora. dated 11-7-1902, S.Peterburg 1Eksp. dated 14-7-1902, sorting mark G4, receiving mark of Pavlovsk/ 2 /Pocht.Tel. ont.



A postcard with a 10 Heller stamp from Cranz Austria dated 10-7-1903, S.Peterburg No.3 6 Eksp. dated 29-6-1903, Sorting mark G4, receiving mark, St Strglelna dated 29-6-1903