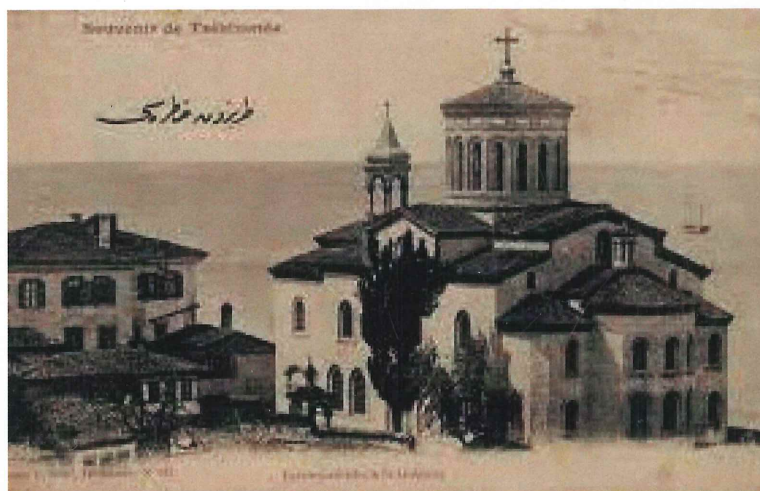


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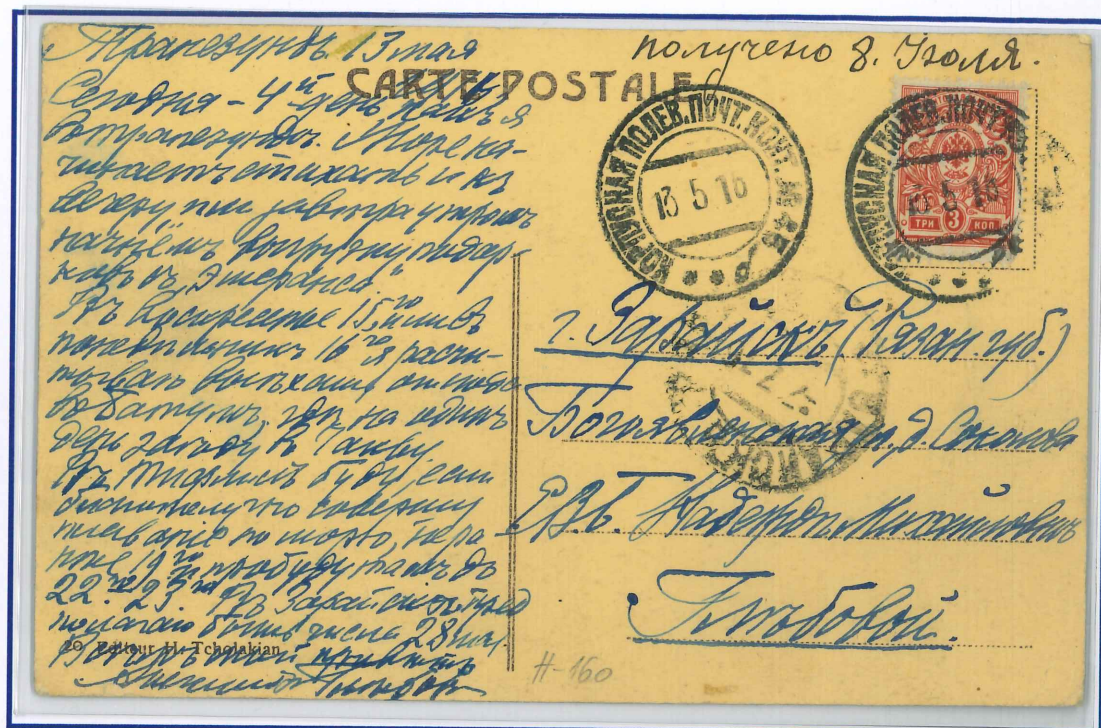


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Postcard sent from Field Post #45, Trapezond (July 20, 1916), to Dobryanka, Chemigov province (August 3, 1916). Free forwarding. Used postmarks: " Polev. Korpusn. Pocht. Kont. 45, serial "e", " Dobryanka Chem. serial "a" ". Military cachet - "489 nexomHblil" Pb16UHCKU6 nO/IK (Infantry Regiment of Rybinsk)".



Field Post Office No. 45 (N.45)

TURKEY TREBIZOND

In March 1915 Reserve FPO No. 117 (which at that time was in Tiflis) was reorganized into a corps FPO for 5th Caucasian Army Corps, which was formed in Batumi. In April 1915, this FPO (without the corresponding Field Telegraph Branch) was transferred with the corps by sea to Odessa and then to Southwestern Front. In May 1915 when the corps HQ was located at Radymno and Nova-Trebyla (Groblya?), the FPO operated for short periods time at Yavorov, Oleshnitse and Gorinets, in that order. It is still unknown what route the FPO took at the end of May and June 1915 during the corps HQ's retreat via Nemirov and Lyubachov. FTB No. 141 operated alongside FPO No. 45 at 5th Caucasian Army Corps, but it was redesignated as FTB No. 45 as late as January 1916 when the corresponding new official cachet and date canceller were received from Minsk. In May and June, FPO No. 45 was still using the date cancellers of Reserve FPO No. 117. In April 1916, FPO and FTB No. 45, together with 5th Caucasian Army Corps, were directed to the Caucasian Army. They operated in the occupied Turkish territory. In August 1916, this FPO opened two branches (at Fola and Khamsi-kei), and later three branches were in operation (at Elleu, Khamsi-kei and Kepri-bashi-khanlari). These branches served the military units of the corps as well as other units attached to them, but the main staff was situated at Trebizond.

Time period: Front: Location:

Apr. 1915 - , SWF Odessa
 May 1915 3A, SWF Yavorov → Gorinets
 June to July 1915 - , NWF [Kovel']
 July 1915 13A, NWF [Vladimir-Vol.]
 Aug. to the beginning of Sep. 1915 10A, WF [Vil'na]
 Sep. to Oct. 1915 7A, SWF [Nikolaev - Kherson]
 Nov. 1915 to Jan. 1916 7A, SWF Alexinets → Kopychintse
 Feb. to Mar. 1916 7A, SWF Volochisk, Tarnograd
 Apr. 1916 CA Batumi
 May to July 1916 CA Trebizond
 Aug. 1916 to Jan. 1918 CA Trebizond, Khamsi-kei, Elleu, Kepri-bashikhanlari

Lazistan sancağı

Merkez: Batum to 1878, Rize from 1878.

By the treaty of Berlin in 1878 the northeastern part of the sandjak had to be ceded to Russia.

Only the southern part became Turkish again in 1921.



BAY 3 25F (1918)



Ottoman time 1918 postcard sent to Istanbul with BATUM 1 All arabic cancellation. RRR

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