

POSTAL HISTORY OF THE CAUCASIA



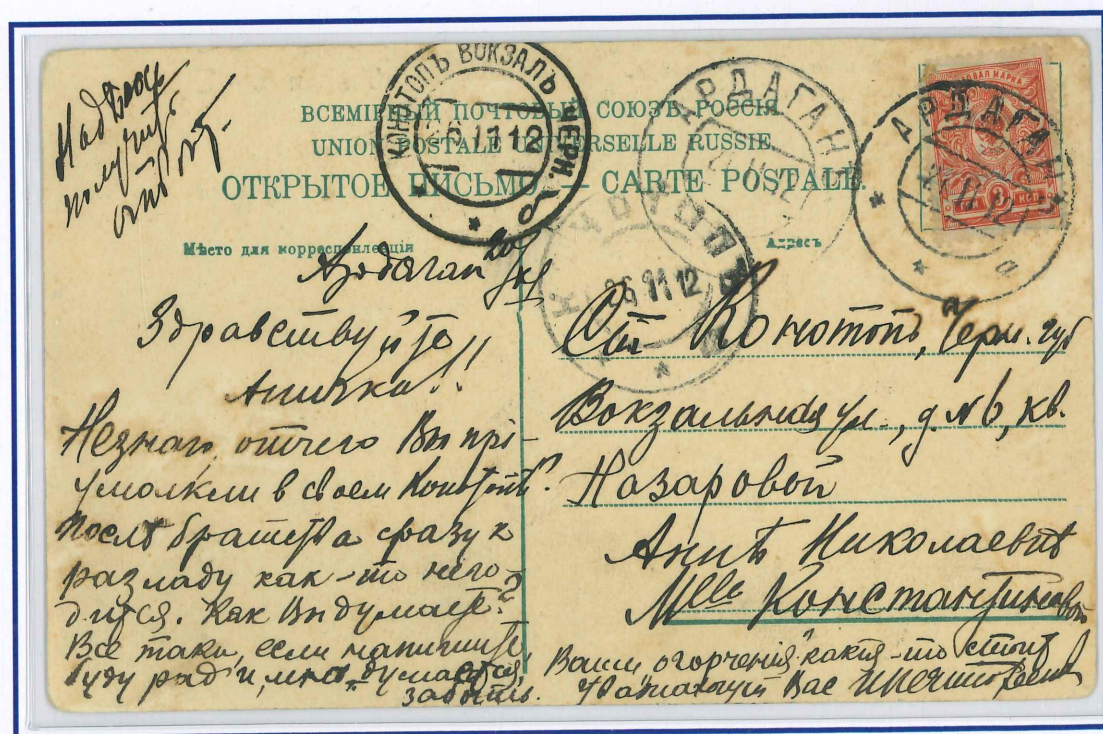
Caucasian Islamic Army



Karakurt was a place in the Kagyzman oblast reached by road from Sary Kamysh and 34 versts from Promezhytochaya. Before WWI it was a permanent station for Russian Army units. A Telegraph Office was functioning at Karakurt in 1889 as it is listed in that category in the 1889 Postal Statistics, though absence of volumes of mail presumes that letters were not handled at that time. By 1893 it had become a Post Telegraph sub office. So far we have only been able to record a single datestamp from Karakurt, that being a double circle type (lower case letter "a") used in 1914 (Type 1).



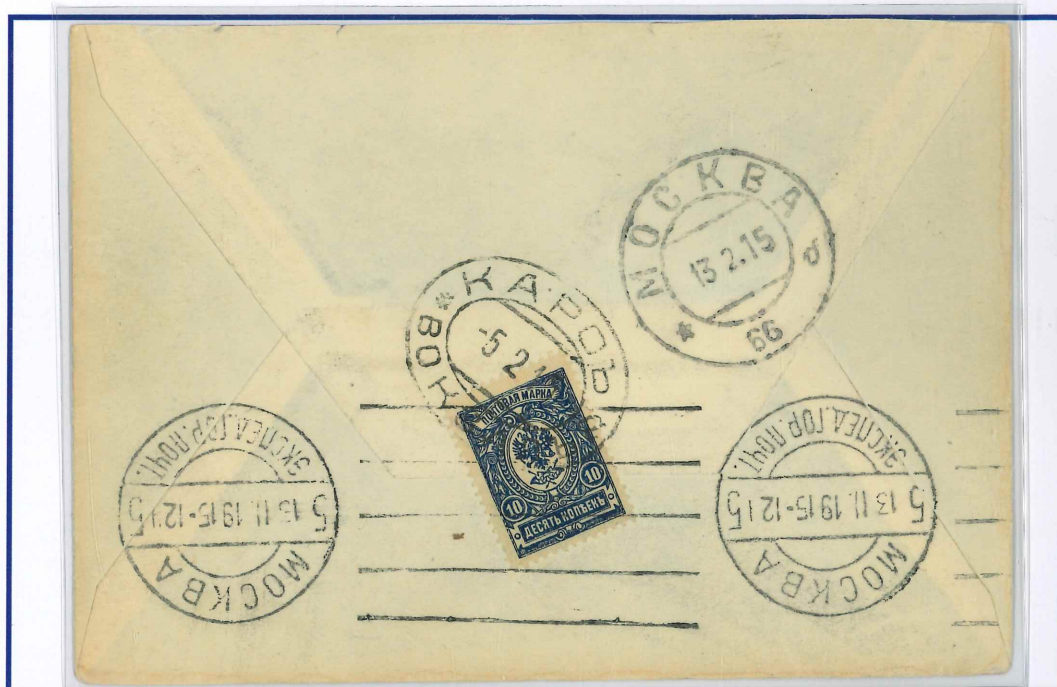
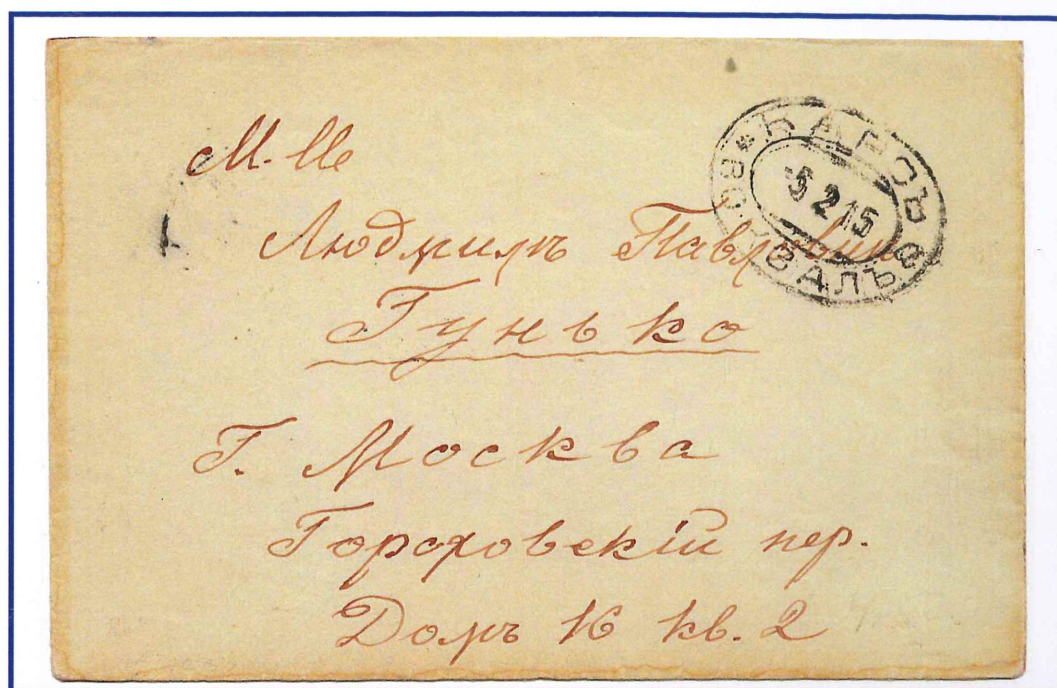
Russian Occupation of Eastern Anatolia



From ARDAHAN to Ukrainian Konotop tied by Russian ARDAHAN "АРДАНАН" Cancellation.



Postcard sent from Kars (May 23, 1915) to Orenburg (June 6, 1915).
 Free forwarding.
 Used postmarks:
 "Kars, serial "a"
 "Orenburg, serial "a"
 Military cachet - "197 Peshaya Penzenskaya Druzhina".



kars gare 1915

EASTERN ANATOLIAN CAUCASUS RAILWAYS DURING THE RUSSIAN BUSINESS

During the 1877 war, Russia gained much land to the west, including the Kars fortress against the Ottomans. Kars; It was considered a strategic fortress to control access to the Caucasus from Anatolia. In line with this, as part of the strategic railway policy, Russia built a line between Kars Tbilisi. This line was extended to Sarikamish, where the de facto border between Russia and the Ottoman Empire was accepted. The railway line proved its worth during World War II: Russia was able to resist the Ottomans who had attacked Sarikamış through these lines and 16 counter-attacked on February 1916 to win Erzurum. 750mm was built to provide the supply of a wide decovil line Sarikamisha. This line has passed Erzurum about 50 km to the west.

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FANTASTIC ITEM! EXHIBITION QUALITY!! UNLISTED POSTMARK!

POSTCARD SENT 16 Sept 1914 (in the beginning of WW1) FROM FIELD TRAVELLING HOSPITAL #490 through FPO#116 to TIFLIS.

This FPO postmark cancel with serial letter "b" is one of the RARIEST postmarks of Russian Field Post in Armenia and Turkey! Previously unlisted!

For additional info please see the page from comprehensive catalogue A.Epstein & A.Vinokurov "The Russian Field Post 1914-1918" (Rossica Society of Russian Philately, USA 2009) in picture gallery.

Also in left upper corner is manuscript marking in Russian "Adress: Caucasian Army, Field Travelling Hospital#490"

Text of the message have a private character (probably from husband to his wife)

Figure 25 on page 50).

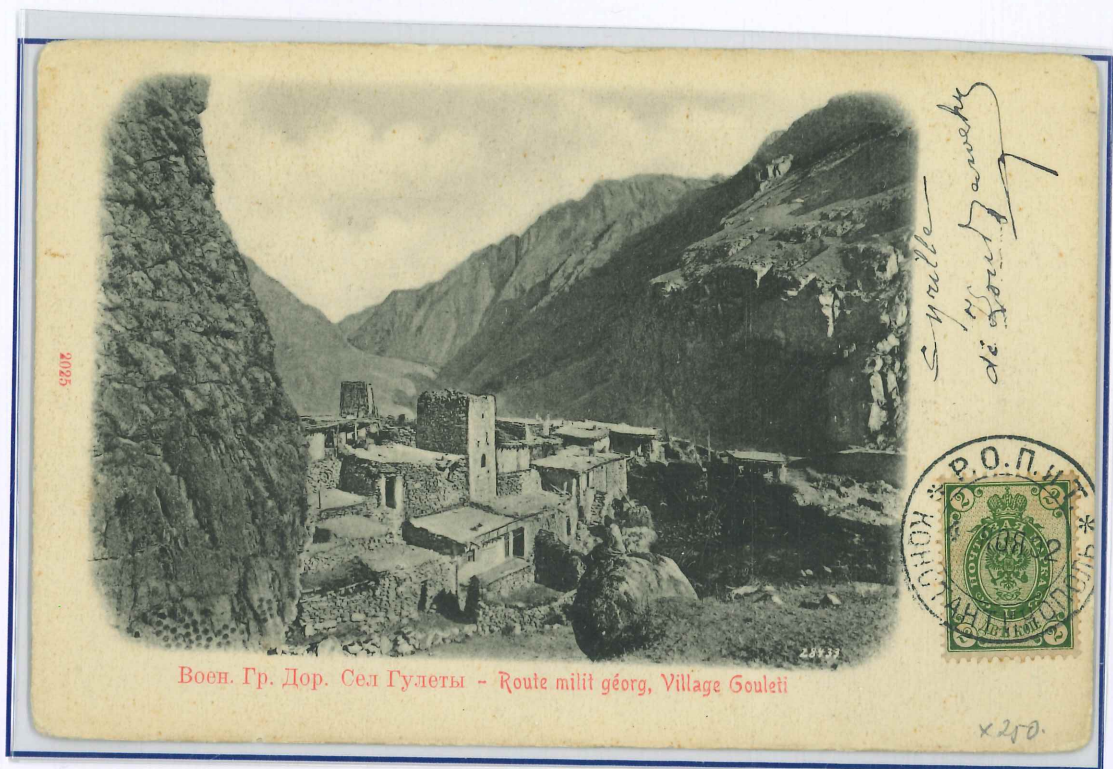
Field Post Office No. 116

(N.116)

Formed in Tiflis as a reserve FPO and attached to Kagyzman Force. In December 1914 and January 1915, it was the central field post establishment in the Kara-kilisa – Bayaset line-of-communications section. In March and April 1915 this FPO supported 4th Caucasian Army Corps, which was being formed up at that time, and then it was reorganized into Corps FPO No. 44 (q.v.).

Reserve FTB No. 116 was kept in reserve at Tiflis up to December 1915, but later, having been upgraded to a Field Telegraph Office, it operated in Resht and Kazvin, Persia with Kazvin Force.

Time period:	Front:	Location:
Sep. to Oct. 1914	CA	Kagyzman
Oct. to Nov. 1914	CA	Arzap
Nov. 1914 to Jan. 1915	CA	Kara-kilisa
Jan. to Mar. 1915	CA	Igdyr

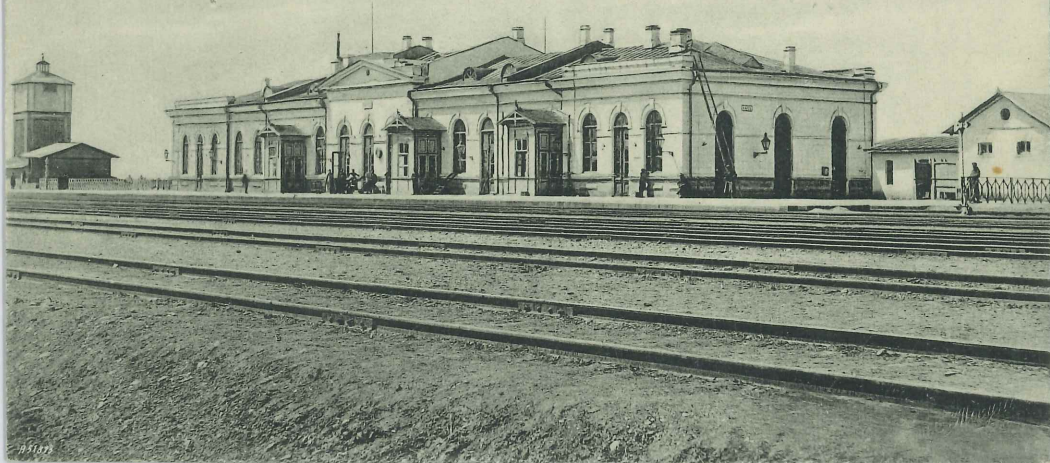


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KARS 1912

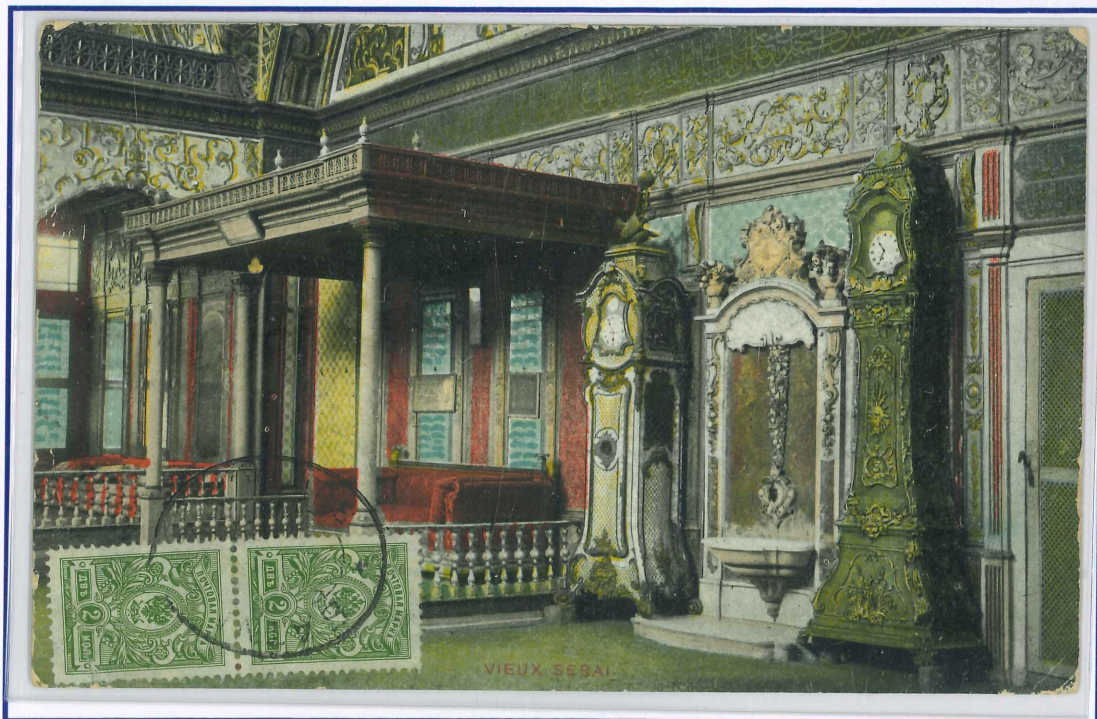
Карсъ. Вокзалъ. - Kars. Gare.



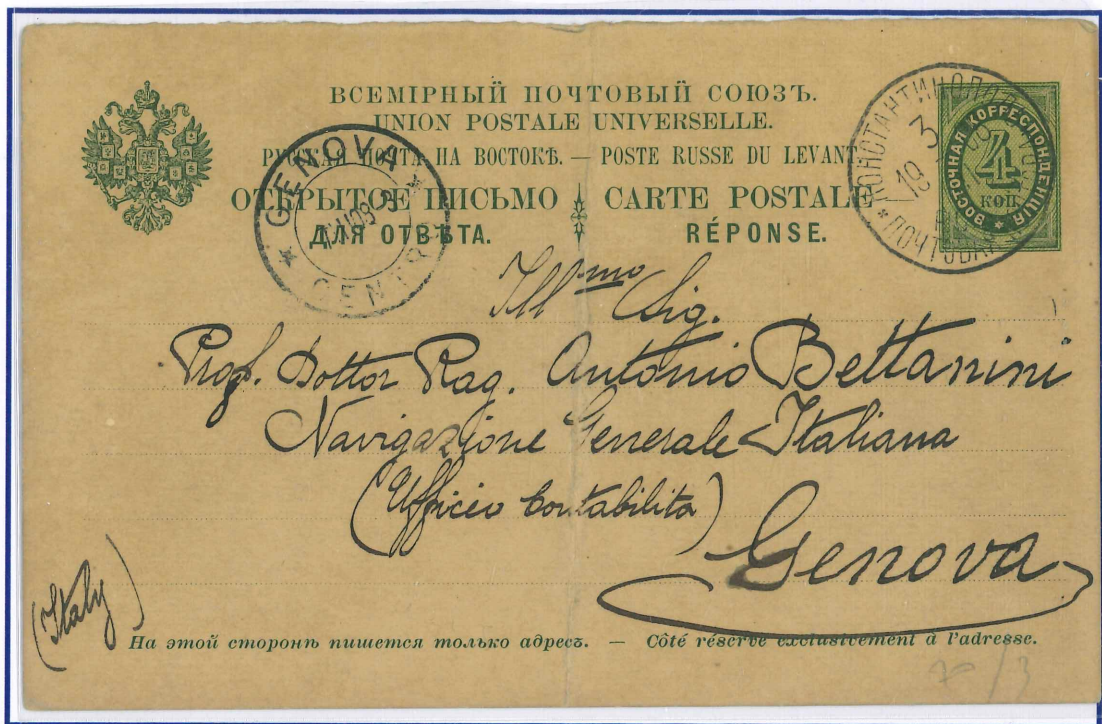
FROM KARS



BATUM 1905



BATUM BOKSANA GARE



ARMENIA Russia ERIVAN Gubernia KAMARLU ARTASHAT
rare cancel postcard 1908



Turkey-Armenia

KARS

Rare Postcard Postcard 1910 from Railways Post Office Station of Kars

КАРСКИЙ ЖЕЛЕЗНО ДОРОЖНИЙ ПОЧТОВЫЙ ОФИС

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POSTCARD SENT FROM ACTIVE ARMY to ACTIVE ARMY!

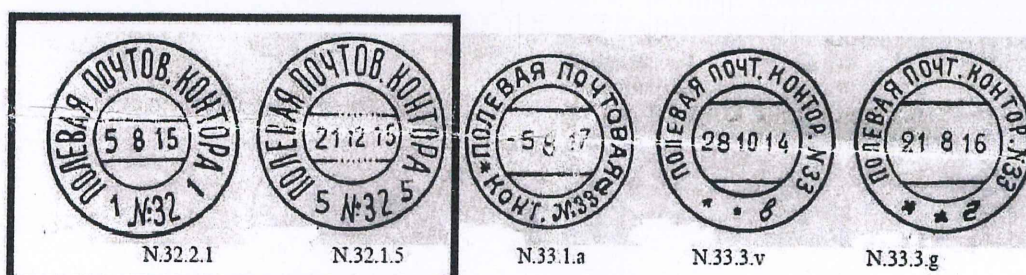
FROM FPO#31 (corps FPO for 1st TURKESTAN Army Corps operated at that moment in Poland and Belarus) to FPO#32 (corps FPO for 2nd TURKESTAN Army corps operated in that moment at Caucasian Front - in Armenia (Kars, Olty) and later in Erzerum, Baiburt etc in Turkey).

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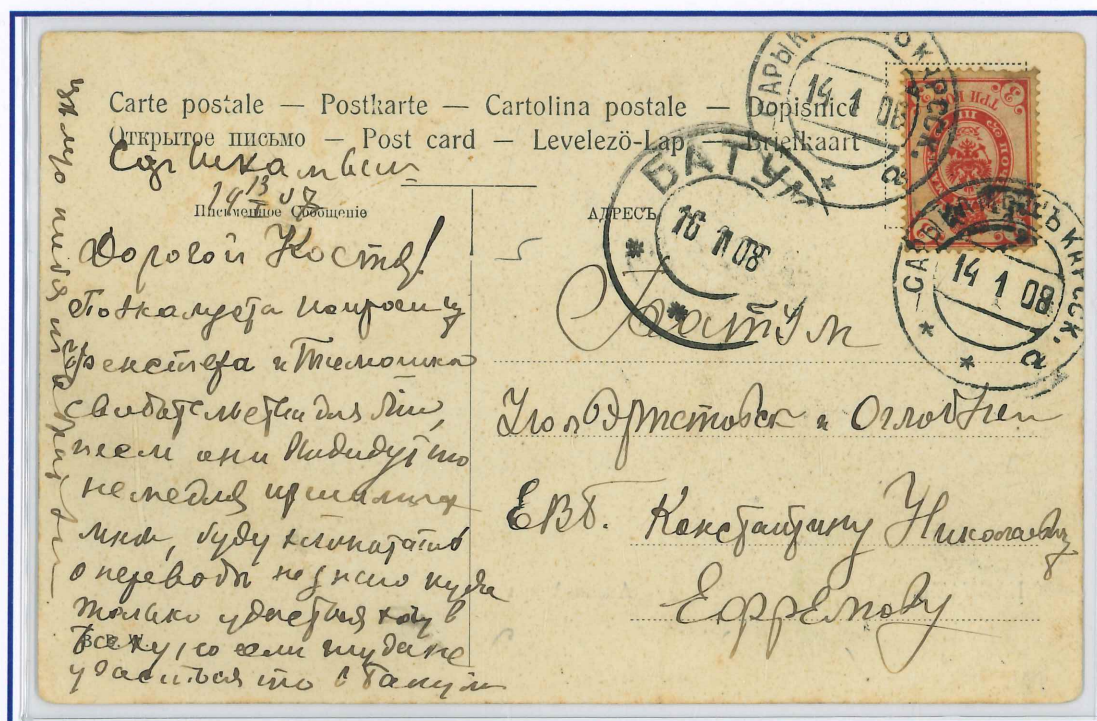
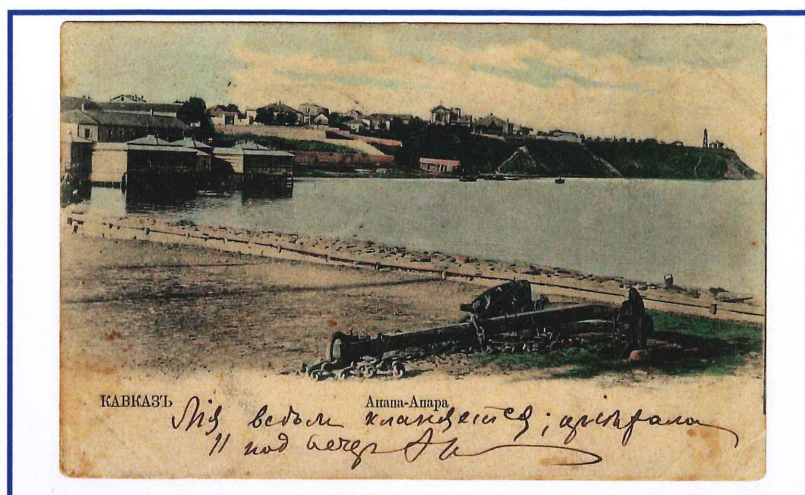
All CORRESPONDENCE from FPO to FPO is EXTREMELY RARE!!!



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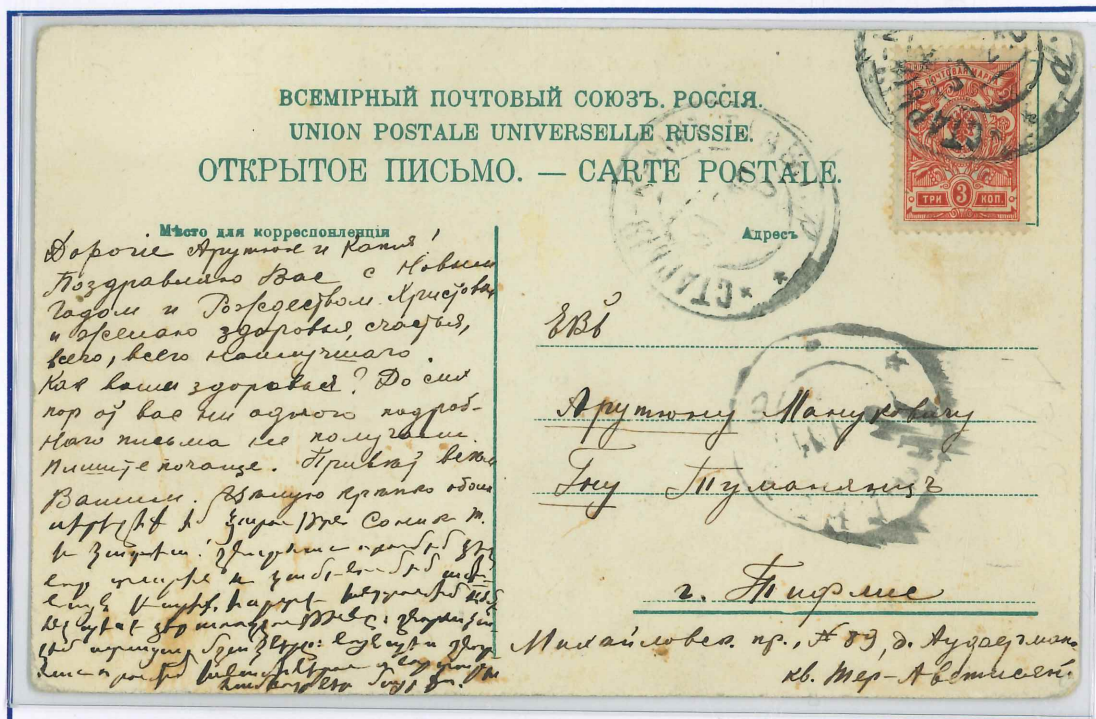


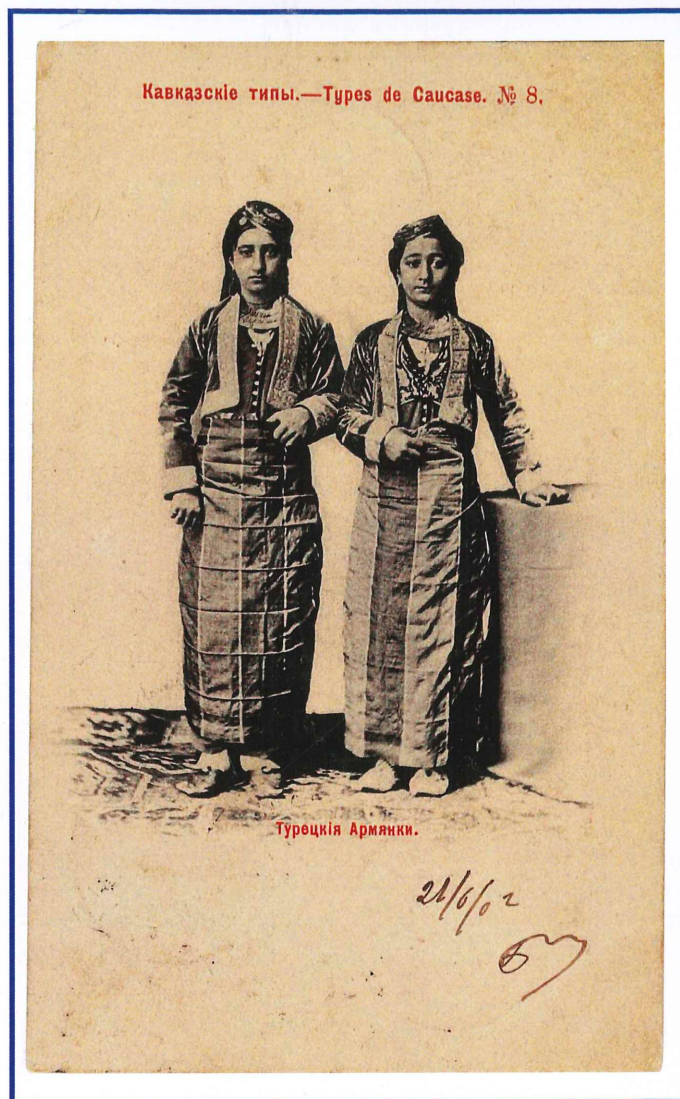
SARIKAMIŞ PC Sent to
BATUM 1908



Tsar Nicolas II and TSarine in Moscow 1898 from SiMbirSk
 Oulianovsk Kars to Cuba Used 1902 Red Cross










TURKISH ARMENIAN WOMEN




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