

# THE BLACK SEA & CASPIAN SEA STEAMER CANCELLATIONS

## BATUM – KUTAIK No. 11

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8 February 1904 (Julian calendar)

Batum Kutais 11 Pocht. Tel. Kont. (Post Office) – c.d.s cancel to England  
+ 'T' in circle (tax mark) + '2d I. S. B.' – postage due mark applied in the United Kingdom  
Receiver cancel: Wigan – ? March 1904 c.d.s.

Written 4th February 1904 (Gregorian calendar), which reads:

"To let you know that I have landed. Russian cab & cabby – fine aint it – yours Arthur"

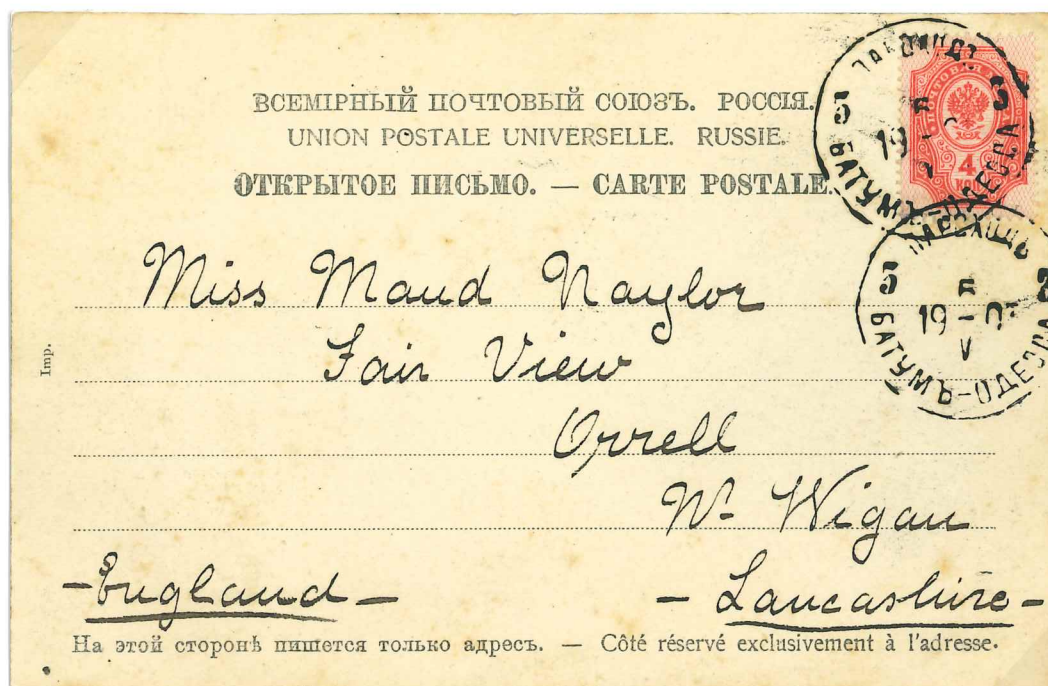


Titled: Russian Types

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Russia Ship Mail Type: 4 'PARAKHOD' – BATUM – ODESSA No. 5

Foreign Post Card Rate: 4 kop.

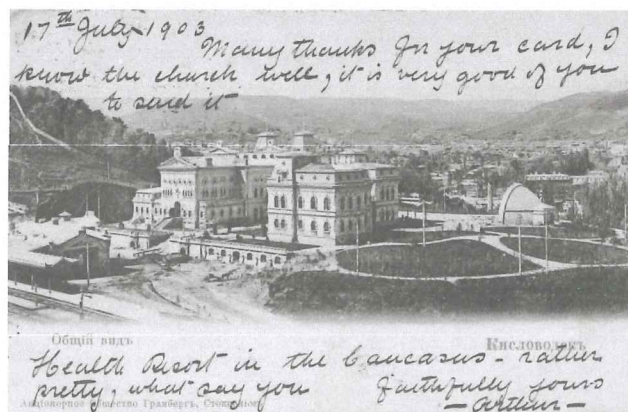


5 May 1903 (Julian calendar)

'PAROKHOD' 5 (narrow '5' numeral) – BATUM – ODESSA – c.d.s cancel to England  
Cancelled 1 day after being written

Postcard sent from onboard a steam mail boat sailing westbound on the Batum – Odessa route, written 17th July 1903 (Gregorian calendar), which reads: "Many thanks for your card, I know the church well, it is very good of you to send it. Health resort in the Caucasus – rather pretty, what say you. faithfully yours Arthur"

**NOTE:** The postmark shows the month as being 'V', most probably the two slugs 'II' in the month line are missing or have not printed. The correct line should have read - 'VII', or the postal clerk may have incorrectly set the handstamp before the postcard was cancelled.



Titled: Kislovodsk

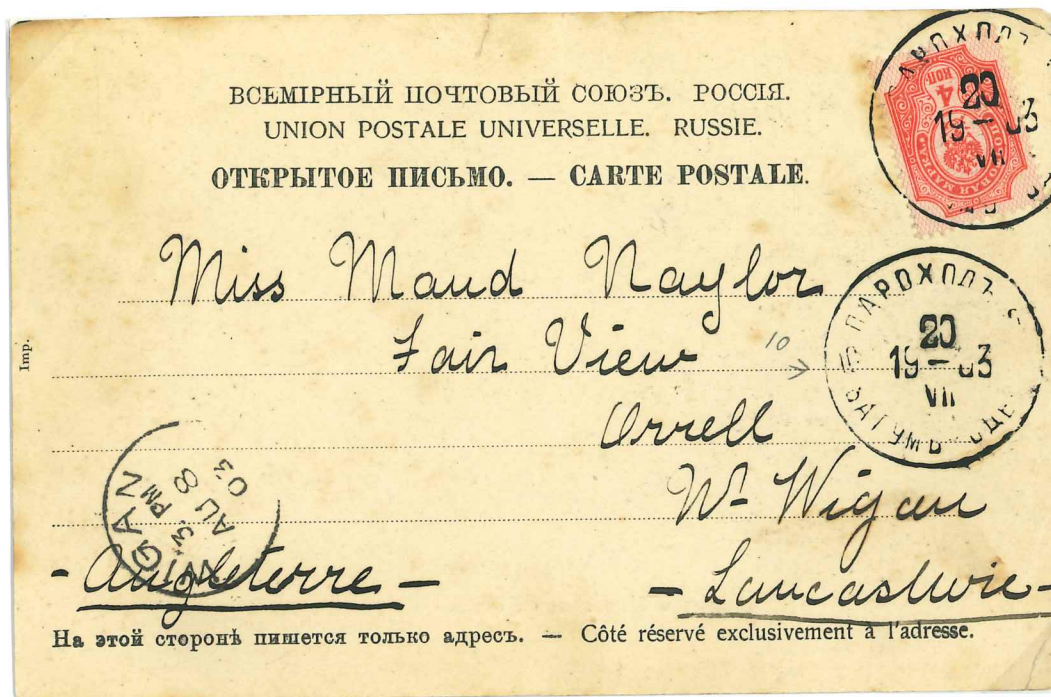
'Kislovodsk' is a spa city in Stavropol Krai, Russia, in the North Caucasus region of Russia which is located between the Black and Caspian Seas.



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Russia Ship Mail Type: 4 'PARAKHOD' – BATUM – ODESSA No. 10

Foreign Post Card Rate: 4 kop.



20 July 1903 (Julian calendar)

'PAROKHOD' 10 – BATUM – ODESSA – c.d.s cancel to England – Backstamped: Wigan – 8 August 1903  
Cancelled two days after being written

Postcard sent from onboard a steamer mail boat sailing westbound on the Batum – Odessa route,  
written 31st July 1903 (Julian calendar), which reads: "A Georgian Military road in the Caucasus.  
Has your tennis started yet – yours faithfully Arthur"



Titled: Essentuki

'Essentuki' possesses cold alkaline springs

# THE BLACK SEA & CASPIAN SEA STEAMER CANCELLATIONS

Russia Ship Mail Type: 4 'PARAKHOD' – BATUM – ODESSA No. 4

Foreign Post Card Rate: 4 kop.



3 August 1903 (Julian calendar)

'PAROKHOD' 4 – BATUM – ODESSA – c.d.s cancel to England

Cancelled two days after being written

Postcard sent from onboard a steam mail boat sailing westbound on the Batum – Odessa route, written 14th August 1903 (Gregorian calendar), which reads: "Many thanks for your pretty card, it is kind of you to send it (very). Sevastople – rather nice place. How do you like it – yours Arthur"

NOTE: The postmark shows the month as being 'VIII'. The correct line should have read 'VII', the postal clerk may have incorrectly set the handstamp before the postcard was cancelled



Titled: Crimea- Sevastopol

'Crimea' is a major land mass on the northern coast of the Black Sea that is almost completely surrounded by water.

The peninsula is located south of the Ukrainian region of Kherson and west of the Russian region of Kuban.



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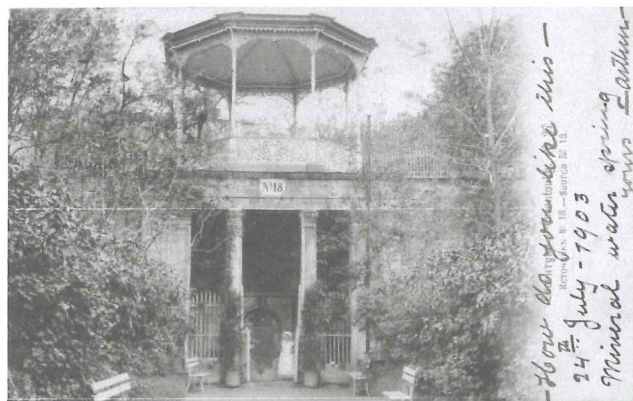
13 August 1903 ( Julian calendar)

'PAROKHOD' 5 – BATUM – ODESSA – c.d.s cancel to England

Cancelled two days after being written

Postcard sent from onboard a steam mail boat sailing westbound on the Batum – Odessa route, written 24th July 1903 (Gregorian calendar), which reads: "How do you like this – mineral water spring yours Arthur"

NOTE: One of the postmarks show the month as being 'VIII', but this is a blurred impression struck by the postal clerk. The other postmark shows the correct month 'VII'



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24 August 1903 (Julian calendar)

'PAROKHOD' 5 – BATUM – ODESSA – c.d.s cancel to England

Cancelled two days after being written

Postcard sent from onboard a steam mail boat sailing westbound on the Batum – Odessa route,  
written 4th September 1903 (Gregorian calendar), which reads:

"Mount Elbrus the highest peak in the Caucasus range, jolly cold here you know,  
snow capped all the year round – faithfully yours Arthur"



Titled: Mount Elbrus

'Mount Elbrus' is a dormant volcano located in the western Caucasus mountains, in Kabardino-Balkaria and Karachay – Cherkessia of Russia, near the border with Georgia.