

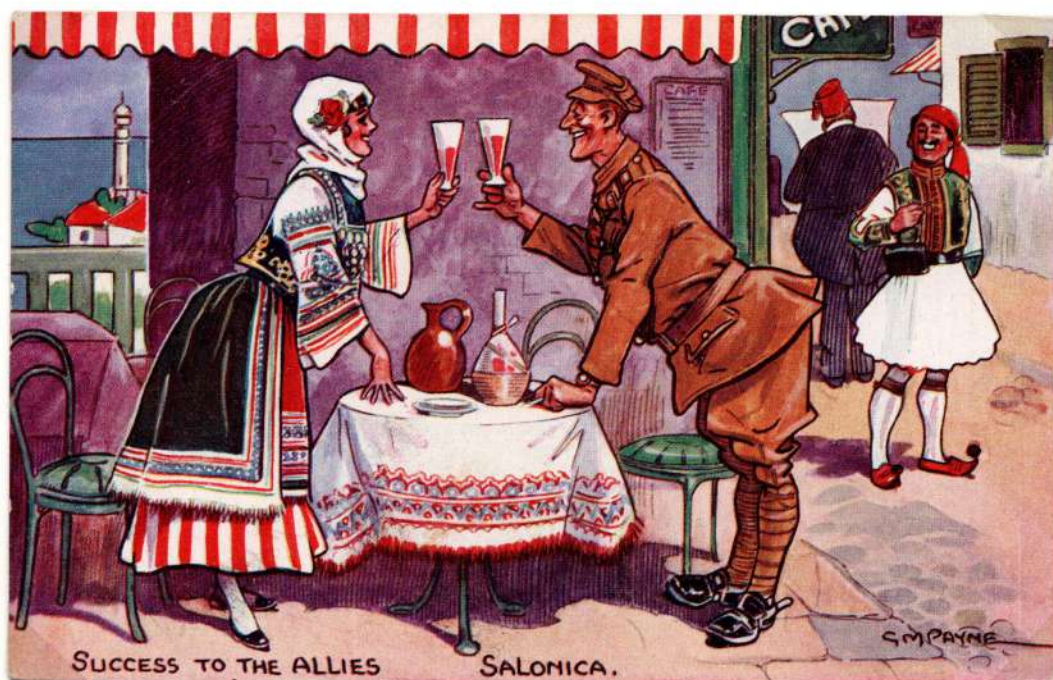
The «Armée d'Orient» on the Macedonian Front 1915-1918

On 28 July 1914, with the declaration of war by Austria-Hungary against Serbia, the World War I broke out. The Serbs resisted the Austrians with great tenacity until the autumn of 1915. On 5 October 1915 they were attacked by the Germans and on the 11th of the same month by the Bulgarians. The war became widespread. The opposing forces were on one side: Germany, Austria-Hungary Bulgaria & Turkey and on the other side: France, Great Britain, Russia, Italy, Serbia and other countries.

With the outbreak of the War, Thessaloniki, due to its special strategic importance, became the major supply Port for the Serbs and the British. On 5 October 1915, the 156th French and 10th British divisions, with a total of 15,000 men, landed from Gallipoli, following a secret agreement with the Greek Prime Minister Eleftherios Venizelos. Their aim was to open the new "Balkan Front" in Central Macedonia, advance towards Serbia through the Axios river valley and assist the defending Serbs. But the Serbs could not withstand the triple attack and were forced to retreat through Albania, only to end up as refugees in Corfu, and Serbia was occupied by the Austrians.

However, with the threat of an invasion of Greece by the German-Bulgarian army, the Allied forces developed a strong bridgehead across Central and Western Macedonia. On 17 November 1915 the number of Anglo-French troops reached 120,000 men. More and more foreign troops continued to arrive in the area around Thessaloniki and gradually a multinational army was formed, which took the name "Armée d'Orient" (Army of the East). By the end of January 1916 the Anglo-French army was consisted of 220,000 men. The French General Maurice Sarrail was placed in charge of all the Allied Forces. At the end of August 1916 the Allied Forces in the area of the Macedonian Front, consisting of French, English, Russians and Italians, amounted to 360,000 men. On 30 August 1916, an uprising took place overthrowing the Royal Court and on 9 October 1916 Eleftherios Venizelos arrived in the city forming a Provisional Government.

On 17 June 1918, the French General Franchet d'Esperey took over as being General in charge. In September 1918, with the participation of the reconstituted Greek Army, it became possible to break the Bulgarian line. A frantic pursuit followed, which led to the capitulation signed in Thessaloniki on 29 September 1918. Turkey signed an armistice at Mudros in Lemnos on 31 October. On 11 November 1918, Germany also signed an armistice and the cessation of all hostilities occurred. The "Army of the East" now gradually began to leave the Macedonian Front.



Cartoonist: Gilbert Morris Payne 1879-1947, British artist

Printed by Gale & Polden Ltd, London, Great Britain
Card No. 1592
Photolithography

Unused

Thessaloniki, "Success to the Allies..."

Greek Evzon Soldier is observing the scene between a young woman from Thessaloniki and an English officer

The exhibit presents moments from the life of the soldiers in the city of Thessaloniki and the Macedonian Front, mainly from a humorous point of view. It consists of illustrated cards with sketches only, mostly satirical, showing the characters and personality of the various soldiers according to their nationality, their various occupations, their way of life, as well as their contacts with the inhabitants of the city from October 1915 to the end of 1918. The sketches are signed by well-known cartoonists of the time. The publishers of these illustrated postcards are of various countries. All were issued during the "Great War" period as it was then WWI called.

The Macedonian Front

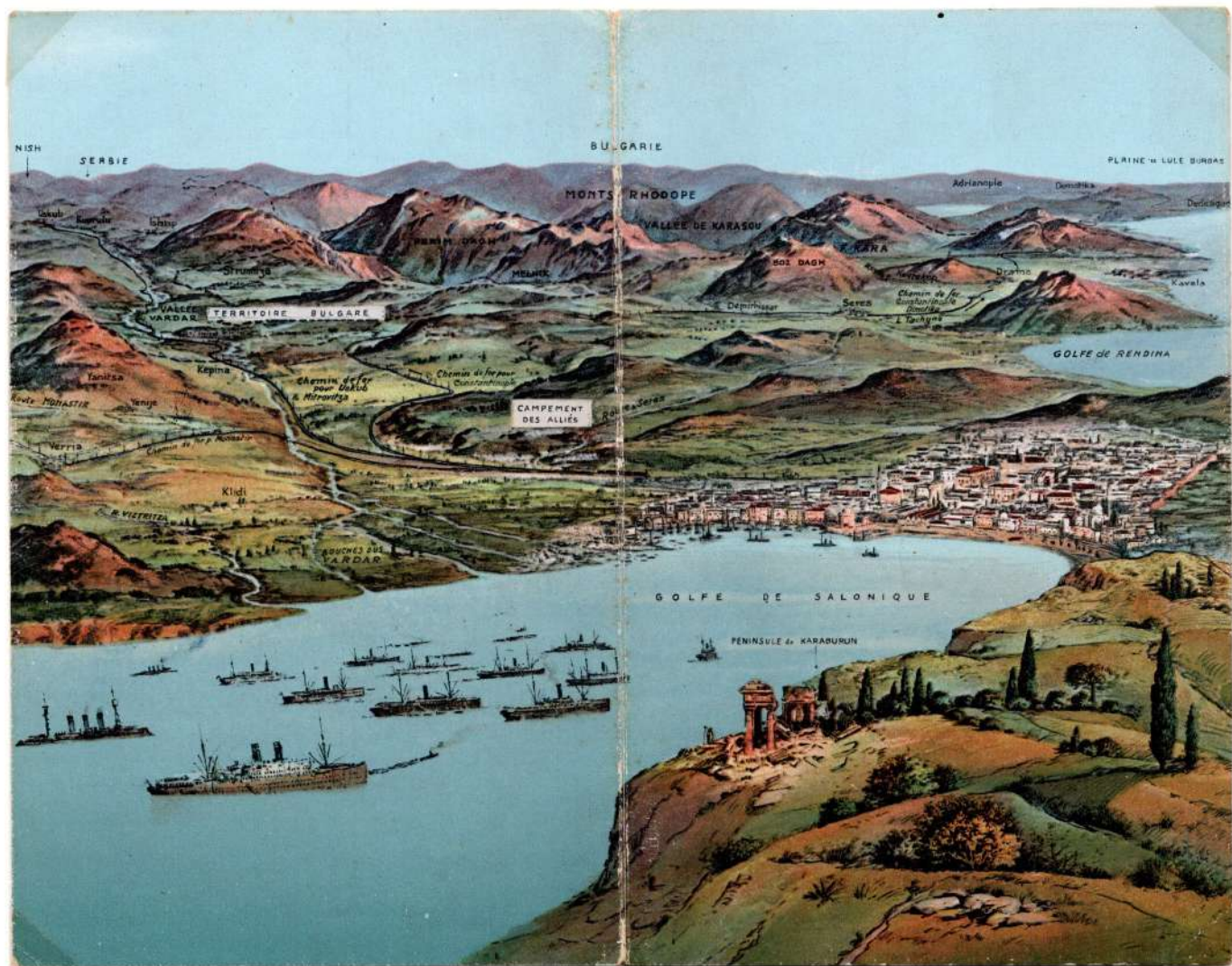


Cartographer: ?

Published by IPA CT, Italy
Card No. 131
Chromolithography

Unused

Map of the area of the Macedonian Front



Panoramic view of the area of the Macedonian Front from the Thermaikos Gulf to the Serbian and Bulgarian borders. Thessaloniki in the foreground. Allied warships can be seen in the Thermaikos Gulf and Allied camps in the western part of the city

Cartoonist: ?, Published by IPA CT Italy, Card No. 162, Chromolithography, Used

The "Adversaries"

The "Adversaries" were on one side the "Triple Consensus" forces known as the "Entente", i.e. France, Great Britain and Russia (later joined by Italy, Serbia, Montenegro, Greece, the United States and Japan) and on the other side the "Central Powers", i.e. Germany and Austria-Hungary (later joined by Bulgaria and Turkey).



Cartoonist: Theodor
Zasche 1862-1922,
Austrian artist

Published by M. Munk,
Wien Austria
Card No. 935
Photolithography

Unused

The European balance 1914

On the left the "Triple Consensus" forces, on the right the "Central Powers"
and in the middle Italy

Cartoonist: ?

Published by A. Macchini
& C, Milano Italy
Photolithography

Unused



On the left "Central Powers": Franz Joseph I (Emperor of the Austro-Hungarian Empire)
& Wilhelm II (Kaiser of the German Empire).

In the middle: Vittorio Emmanuelle III (King of the Italy). In the beginning of the war,
Italy kept a neutral stance and entered into the "Triple Consensus" in April of 1915.

On the right "Triple Consensus": Albert I (King of the Belgium), George V (King of the British
Empire), Raymond Poincare (President of the French Republic)
& Nicholas II (Tsar of the Russian Empire).

The attitude of Greece in regard with the War until August 1916

King Constantine I of Greece was a pro-German. His wife Sophia was the sister of the German Kaiser, William II. As a result, Greece initially took a neutral stance in the war. Prime Minister Eleftherios Venizelos was an Anglophile and negotiated Greece's involvement on the side of the Anglo-French. Germany asked both Venizelos and Constantine for Greece to join the Central Powers with both refusing.

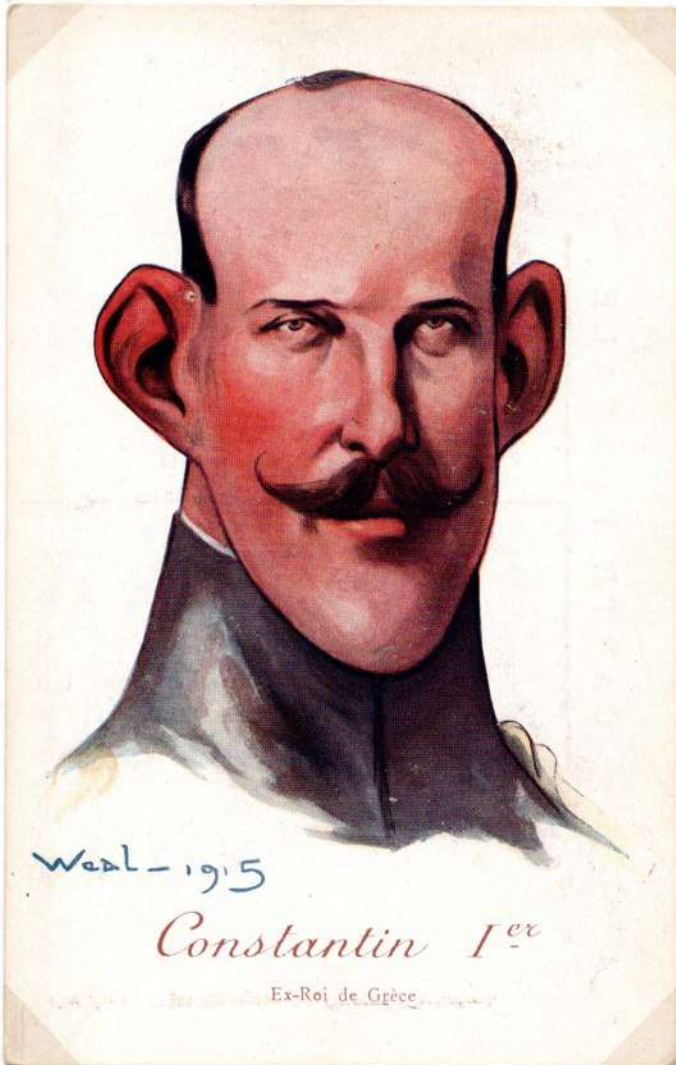
Cartounist: Weal (1878-1962), French artist

Printed by Artistic, Paris France

Photolithography

No 22

Unused



Constantine I, King of Greece - 1915

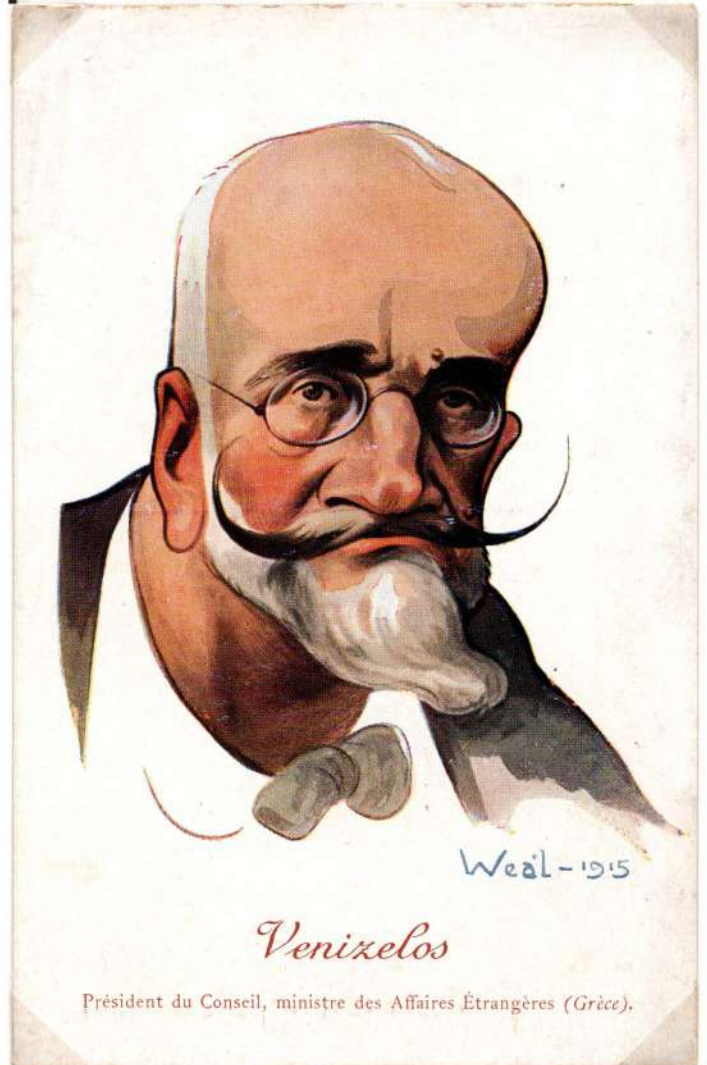
Cartounist: Weal (1878-1962), French artist

Printed by Artistic, Paris France

Photolithography

No 7

Unused



EL. Venizelos, Prime Minister of Greece - 1915

Greece's dilemma and the German Military Mission in Athens

Greece's dilemma was critical. However, immediately after the Bulgarians joined Germany (and later Turkey), Venizelos informed the Anglo-French of Greece's military mobilization against the Bulgarians and considered sending 150,000 Entente troops to Thessaloniki, with the Allies taking this as an excuse to invade Greece. Venizelos submitted a resolution in Parliament for a Greek Military Mission on the country's northern border, which was passed. The next day the King requested that Venizelos' proposal be withdrawn, but Venizelos did not comply. This led to his dismissal from the office of Prime Minister on 24 September 1915, with the King instructing a politician friendly to him to form a Government. Finally, on 5 October 1915, the Allies landed in Thessaloniki without the official permission of Athens, resulting in Greece being formally divided into two parts.

Cartoonist: Emile Dupuis (1866-1942), French artist

Printed by Color, Paris France

Photolithography

No 115

Used 5.7.1916



Hellas !.. Hélas ! avec lequel danser ? GRÈCE
Hellas ! Alas ! with which shall I dance ?

Hellas !.. Hélas ! avec lequel danser ?
 Hellas ! Alas ! with which shall I dance ?
 Greece's dilemma is with whom to side...
 the French or the Germans?

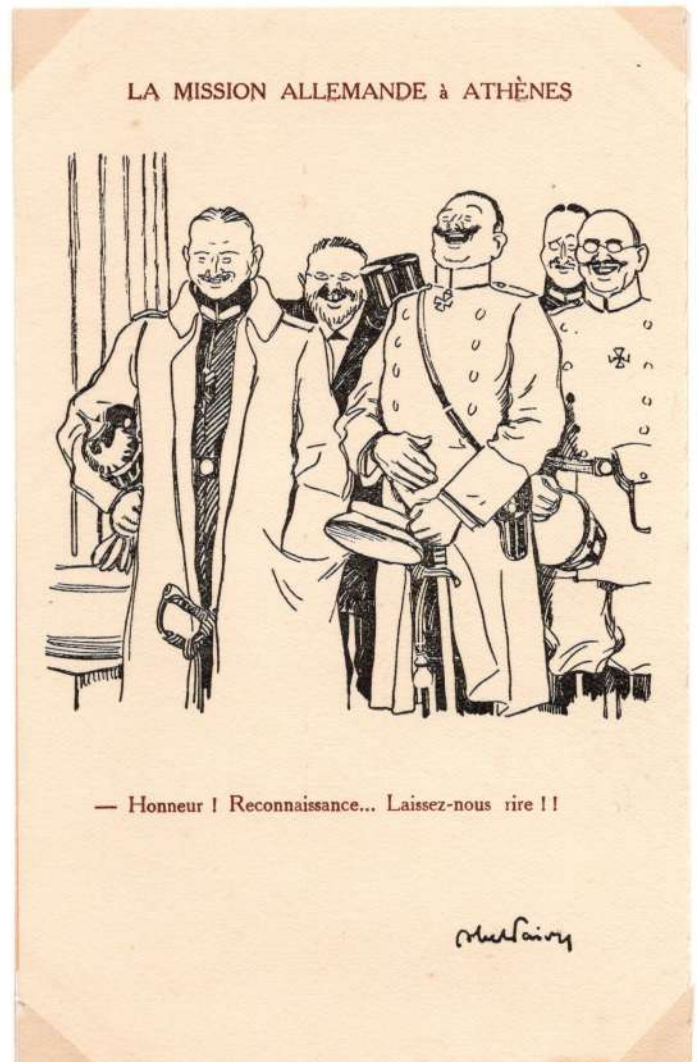
Cartoonist: Abel Faivre (1867-1945), French artist

Published by P.J. Gallais & Cie, Paris France

Chromolithography

No 112

Unused



— Honneur ! Reconnaissance... Laissez-nous rire !!

The German mission in Athens
 Honour! Recognition ... Let us laugh!
 The German military mission in Greece in 1915

The arrival of the troops at the port of Thessaloniki

Thessaloniki is located in the northwestern part of the Aegean Sea, at the Thermaikos Gulf. This port was the main gateway for military units entering the Macedonian Front. The first units to land on 5 October 1915 were the 156th French and 10th British divisions coming from Gallipoli. In the following months tens of thousands of soldiers arrived in the city.

Cartoonist: *Henri Gervese 1880-1959, French artist*

Printed by *Association des Amis des Muses de la Marine - Palais de Chaillot, Paris France*

Card No 67

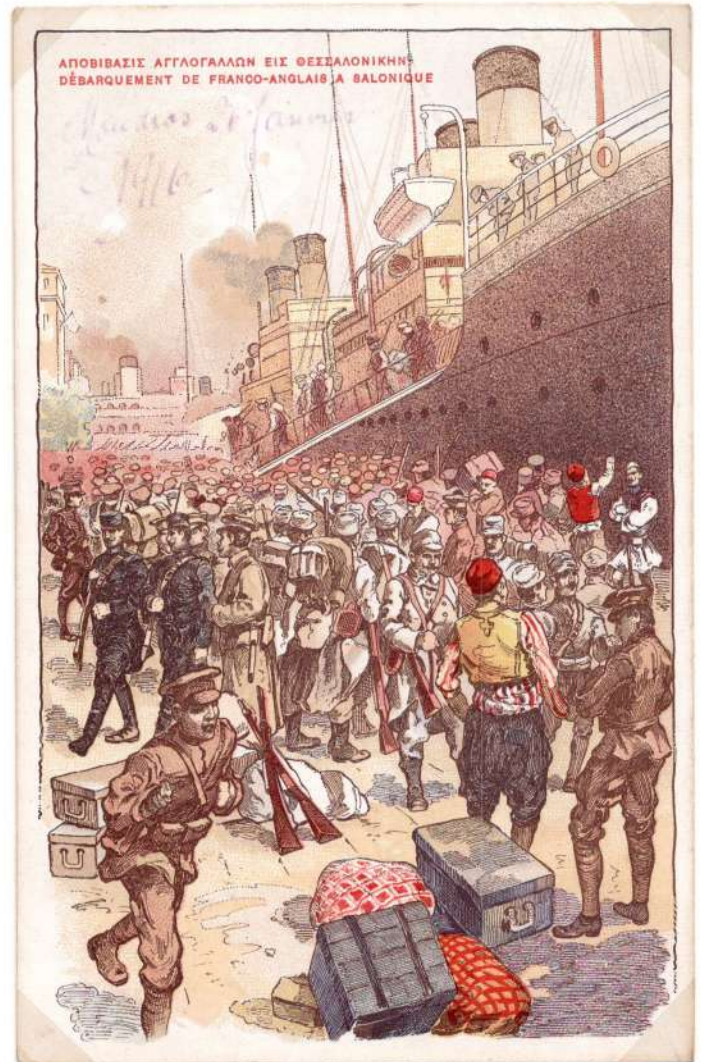
Chromolithography

Unused

Cartoonist: -

Printed by *A. Aspiotis Brothers, Corfu Greece*
Chromolithography

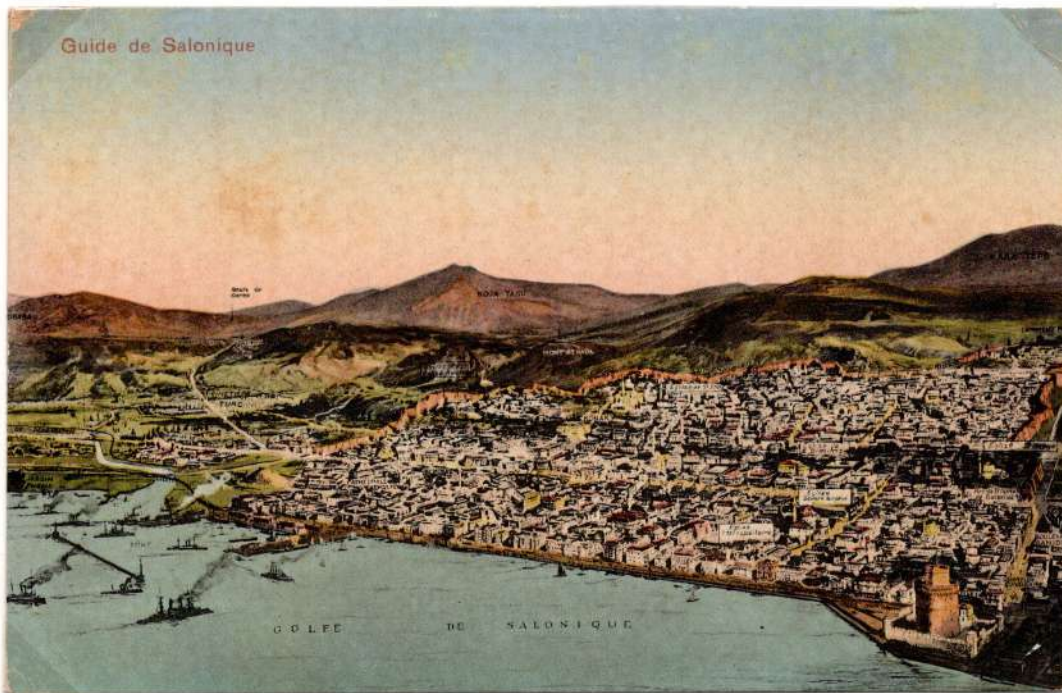
Used 26.1.1916



Landing of "Armeé d' Orient" troops at the port of Thessaloniki

Thessaloniki: The Headquarters of "Armée d' Orient"

Thessaloniki in 1914, just two years after its incorporation into the Greek State, was a multi-ethnic city. It had about 160,000 inhabitants (Greeks, Ottomans, Jews, Armenians, Levantines, etc.). The headquarters of the "Armée d'Orient" was located in the city. Military units of the Army were established not only in the city and its surroundings but also in the surrounding region.



Panoramic view of Thessaloniki, 1915

Cartoonist: ?

Published by IPA CT, Italy
Card No. 173
Chromolithography

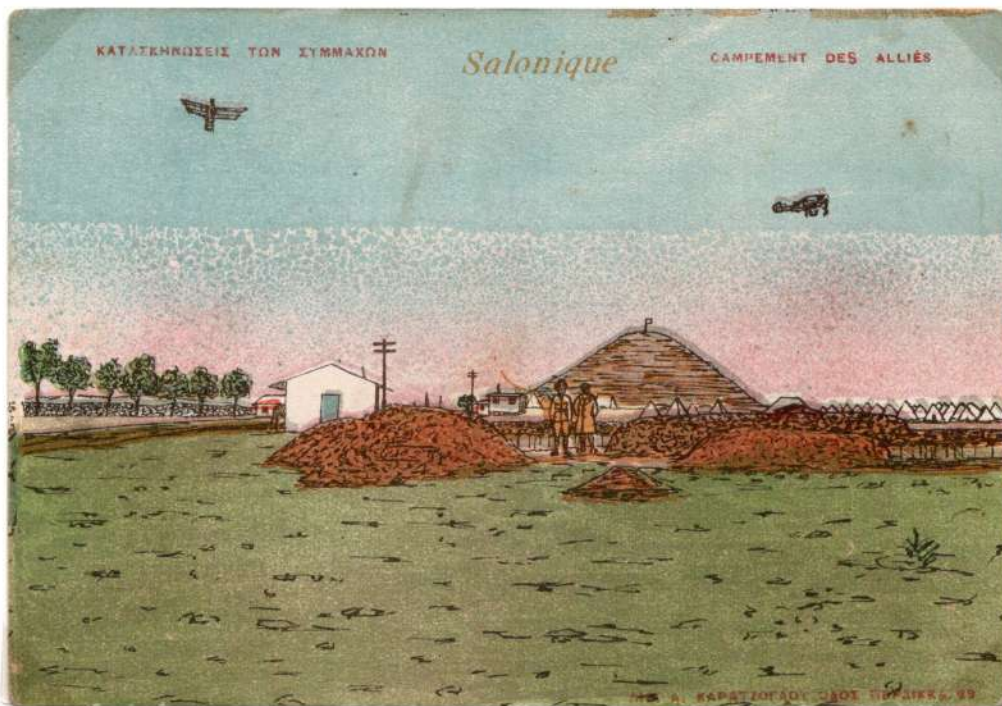
Unused



Cover of a Thessaloniki cards with the flags of the Allied forces, issued in 1918

Places where the "Armée d'Orient" was stationed

The area where the Allied forces were stationed in Macedonia extended from the Greek-Albanian border to the Struma River. Throughout this vast area, there were hundreds of camps (the largest of which were located in the city and the outskirts of Thessaloniki, especially in the area of Zeitenlik), dozens of hospitals and airfields.



Cartoonist: -

Printed by A. Karadjoglou,
Thessaloniki Greece
Chromolithography

Published by A. Platonides,
Thessaloniki Greece

Used 21.9.1917

Thessaloniki - Camps of the Allies

The "entrenched camp" of Thessaloniki

The landing of the first Allied troops in Thessaloniki began in October 1915. On 3 December the French Government ordered to General Sarrail, commander of the "Army of the East", to create the "entrenched camp" of the city. The fortification line started from the Axios River delta and followed the hills north of the city to Lake Koroneia and then to Lake Volvi, ending at the coastal town of Stavros. Its left sector to the north of Thessaloniki was shared by the French while the English extended to the east. The fortifications consisted mainly of campaign constructions, trenches, embankments, shelters and artillery positions. Life for the soldiers in these fortifications was very harsh, especially during the winter months.

On very rare occasions we find postcards in which the Front was blank and it was drawn or painted by the sender (soldier)



photocopy

A signed original pencil sketch depicting soldiers in a trench in Thessaloniki, as indicated by the sketch artist and sender, an English soldier.

Posted: FIELD POST OFFICE 82, JY 10, 1916 (82nd Brigade, 27th Division, Thessaloniki Forces) to England.

The French forces on the "Macedonian Front"

On 5 October 1915, the 156th French division landed in Thessaloniki. Four other divisions followed and by April 1916 the French troops numbered 106,000 men. The area of responsibility of the French Army was the area west of the Axios River and up to the Albanian border. In September 1918 the French had the 30th, 57th, 76th, 122a and 156th metropolitan divisions and the 11th, 16th and 17th colonial divisions. A total of 250,000 men in eight divisions with a total of 87 battalions. But in addition to the land army, airplane flotillas, a naval base as well as the necessary hospitals are created. The last French soldiers left the Front at the end of January 1921.

Cartoonist: Andre Bouchard 1875-? (dit "Drack-oub"),
French artist

Printed by Maison Baconnier, Alger France (at the time)
Chromolithography

Unused



Thessaloniki 1917

French soldier and young Thessaloniki women

Cartoonist: Andre Bouchard 1875-? (dit "Drack-oub"),
French artist

Printed by Maison Baconnier, Alger France (at the time)
Chromolithography

Unused



Thessaloniki 1917

French officer

The French forces on the "Macedonian Front"

Along with the troops from metropolitan France, units manned by soldiers from French colonies in Africa arrived, such as regiments of African hunters, cavalry units composed mainly of Moroccans, and independent units of Zouaves and Senegalese, which were not part of divisions. Of course, the colonial forces could not be without those from the Asian colonies, such as the mixed units from distant Indochina.

Cartoonist: Andre Bouchard 1875-? (dit "Drack-oub"),
French artist

Printed by Maison Baconnier, Alger France (at the time)
Chromolithography

Unused



Thessaloniki 1917
Senegalese soldiers

Cartoonist: Andre Bouchard 1875-? (dit "Drack-oub"),
French artist

Printed by Maison Baconnier, Alger France (at the time)
Chromolithography

Unused



Thessaloniki 1917
Indo-Chinese (Anamite) soldier

The British forces on the "Macedonian Front"

On 5 October 1915 the 10th British Division landed in Thessaloniki. By December 1916 other British divisions would arrive in the city, which would be organised into two army corps. The total number of soldiers exceeded 100,000. Their area of responsibility is the area east-west of the river Axios and up to the river Struma. In September 1918 the British had the 22nd, 26th, 27th and 28th divisions, cavalry detachments and the 228th brigade. A total of 135,000 men in 4 ½ divisions with a total of 40 battalions. The men of these divisions came from all parts of the Commonwealth such as England, Ireland, Canada, New Zealand and India and even from Fiji islands. The last British soldiers left the Front in November 1919.

Cartoonist: Andre Bouchard 1875-? (dit "Drack-oub"),
French artist

Printed by Maison Baconnier, Alger France (at the time)
Chromolithography

Unused



Thessaloniki 1917
English nurse and English officer

Cartoonist: Andre Bouchard 1875-? (dit "Drack-oub"),
French artist

Printed by Maison Baconnier, Alger France (at the time)
Chromolithography

Unused



Thessaloniki 1917
Scottish officer

The Serbian & Russian forces on the "Macedonian Front"

Between 11 April and 30 May 1916, 100,000 men of the Serbian army would arrive in Thessaloniki from Corfu and settle in the area of Vasilika - Galatista - Sedes on the outskirts of the city. The Serbian army will be organized into three army corps with a total of six infantry divisions, a cavalry division, and many auxiliary units. In a short time they were transferred to the front. Their area of responsibility was the area south of the Greek-Serbian border. In September 1918 there were a total of 95,000 men in 6 divisions with a total of 57 battalions. The last Serbs left the Front in May 1919.

Cartoonist: Andre Bouchard 1875-? (dit "Drack-oub"),
French artist

Printed by Maison Baconnier, Alger France (at the time)
Chromolithography - Unused



Thessaloniki 1917
Russian officer

On 30 July 1916 the 2nd and in mid-October the 4th Russian Brigade arrived in Thessaloniki with four regiments and a total strength of 15,000 men but no artillery. These Brigades were placed under the jurisdiction of the 1st Serbian Army and were stationed on the front north of Florina. On 7 July 1917 they formed the 2nd Independent Russian Division which from October was reinforced with an Artillery Brigade and a Battalion of Sappers. The Division came under the Eastern French Army and was stationed in the area between Ohrid and Prespa. In late January 1918 the Russian units were withdrawn from the front.

Cartoonist: Andre Bouchard 1875-? (dit "Drack-oub"),
French artist

Printed by Maison Baconnier, Alger France (at the time)
Chromolithography - Unused



Thessaloniki 1917
Serbian officer

The Italian forces on the "Macedonian Front"

On 11 August 1916 the first units of the 35th Italian Division consisting of the "Sicilia" and "Cagliari" Brigades landed in the port of Thessaloniki, and on 19 October the "Ivrea" Brigade, which were initially transferred to the area of Kroussia - Lake Doirani and later to the Serbo-Bulgarian front in Western Macedonia. Immediately after its arrival in this area, the Division was attached to the 2nd Division Group of the French Army of the East in the Monastir sector. Along with the Division, however, many auxiliary units arrived, which, with the Division's supply station, were established in the area of Zeitenlik on the outskirts of Thessaloniki. In June 1918 another Brigade was added, the "Spezia". In September 1918 the total Italian strength amounted to 45,000 men in 1½ Division with a total of 24 Battalions. The last Italian soldiers left the area of the Macedonian Front in January 1920.

Cartoonist: Andre Bouchard 1875-? (dit "Drack-oub"),
French artist

Printed by Maison Baconnier, Alger France (at the time)
Chromolithography

Unused



Thessaloniki 1917
Italian Officer

Cartoonist: A. Vene 1917, Italian artist

Printed by G. Bielloni

Published by Sezione Cartografica

Posted from Italian Military Post Office POSTA MILITARE
16 20.1.1918 (1.8.17-10.11.18, Italian Forces, Macedonia)



Macedonia 1916-17 - Corpo di Spedizione 35a Divisione
Commemorative issue of the 35th Division for its
participation in the Macedonian Front 1916-1917

The Italian forces on the "Macedonian Front"

The first Unit of the 35th Italian Division to land in Thessaloniki, on 11 August 1916, was the "Sicilia" Brigade, consisting of the 61st and 62nd Infantry Regiments. The Brigade was initially transferred to the front of Kroussia and at the end of 1916 to the area of Monastirio, where it remained until early October 1918. At the end of the same month it was transferred to Thessaloniki. On 1 April 1919 the 35th Division was renamed the "Italian Expeditionary Corps in the East". In June 1919 only the headquarters of the "Sicilia" and "Spezia" Brigades remained in Thessaloniki, which they were located in the camp of Zeitenlik. The last Italian soldiers left the area of the Macedonian Front in January 1920.



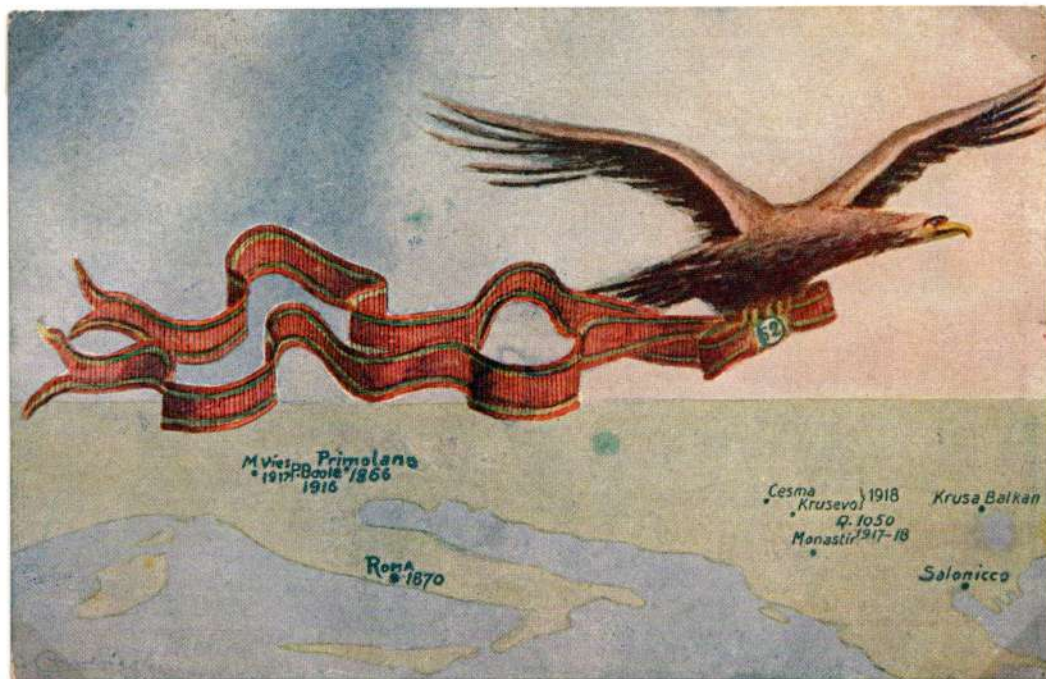
Cartoonist: ?

Printed by Miretti, Milano
Italy
Photolithography

Unused

61st Infantry Regiments - From Italy to Macedonia, 1916

Cartoonist: ?
Printed by Alfieri & Lacroix,
inc. imp., Milano Italy
Photolithography
Unused



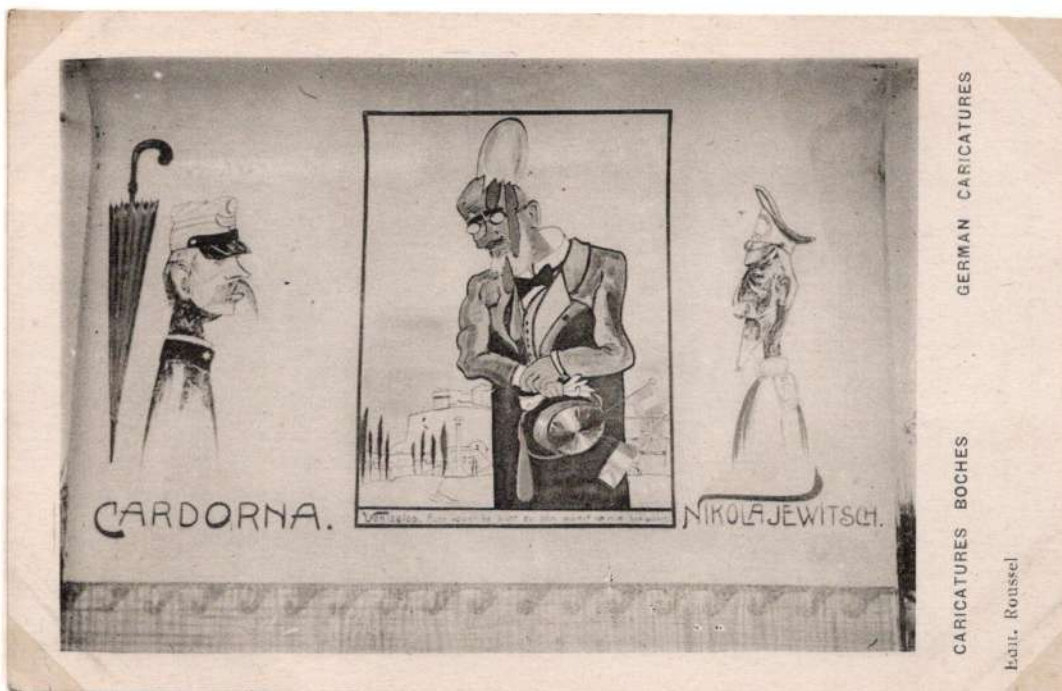
62nd Infantry Regiments - From Italy to Salonico, 1916

Greece's attitude in the war after August 1916

On 30 August 1916 a revolution broke out in Thessaloniki which overthrew the Royal Authority and on 9 October 1916 Eleftherios Venizelos arrived in the city and formed a Provisional Government joining the Allied forces. The government became known as the "Triumvirate" because it was led by El. Venizelos, P. Kountouriotis and P. Daglis. Greece was now practically divided into two States. The "State of Athens" and the "State of Thessaloniki" which officially joined the Allied Forces.



A satirical signed sketch showing El. Venizelos having a Royal Crown, joined by P. Kountouriotis and P. Daglis with whom he formed the "Triumvirate" that established the Provisional Government in Thessaloniki.



Cartoonist: ?

Printed by E. Le Deley,
Paris France

Published by Roussel,
France

Unused

On the left General Luigi Cadorna, Chief of Staff of the Italian Army

On the right Russian General Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaevich of Russia

In the middle El. Venizelos (with the Acropolis as background) is thinking: «Ruhm scheint es nicht zu sein womit ich mich becklegere!» ("Fame doesn't seem to be what I'm lying about!")

The Greek forces on the "Macedonian Front"

In early September 1916, the Army Corps of the National Defence was formed in Thessaloniki and joined the Allied forces. After the change of Regime in June 1917 (King Constantine was exiled and his son Alexander I took the throne) and the assumption of power by the Government of Venizelos in Athens, commenced officially the active participation of Greece in the war and the gradual arrival of additional Forces on the Front. The Greeks had the Divisions of Archipelago, Crete, Serres of the Corps of National Defence and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 3rd, 4th, 9th, 13th, and 14th of the Regular Army. A total of 100,000 men in 10 Divisions with a total of 84 Battalions, which fought until the end of the war on the side of the Allies. After the capitulation in November 1918, they followed the Allied forces to Bulgaria, to Constantinople, but parts of them also participated in the campaign in Meridian Russia.

Cartoonist: Andre Bouchard 1875-? (dit "Drack-oub"),
French artist

Printed by Maison Baconnier, Alger France (at the time)
Chromolithography

Used

Sketch: J. Zouchet, French artist

Printed by Lith. Gattegno, Thessaloniki Greece
Lithography

Published by Union de Femmes de France au profit de ses
aevres

Used, 4.6.1917



Thessaloniki 1917
Greek Evzon Soldier



Thessaloniki, Evzon
Greek Evzon Soldier

The Greek Forces on the "Macedonian Front"

The Army Corps of the National Defence consisted of the Serres Division (formed by conscripts from Macedonia), the Archipelago Division (formed by conscripts from the northern and eastern Aegean islands) and the Crete Division (formed by conscripts from Crete). These regions were friendly to Eleftherios Venizelos (who was originally from Crete) and joined the 'State of Thessaloniki'. The policing of the city was entrusted to a Cretan military police.

Cartoonist: Andre Bouchard 1875-? (dit "Drack-oub"),
French artist

Printed by Maison Baconnier, Alger France (at the time)
Chromolithography

Unused



Thessaloniki 1917
Cretan soldier of the Cretan Division

Sketch: J. Zouchet, French artist

Printed by Lith. Gattegno, Thessaloniki Greece
Lithography

Published by Union de Femmes de France au profit de ses
œuvres

Used, 5.6.1917

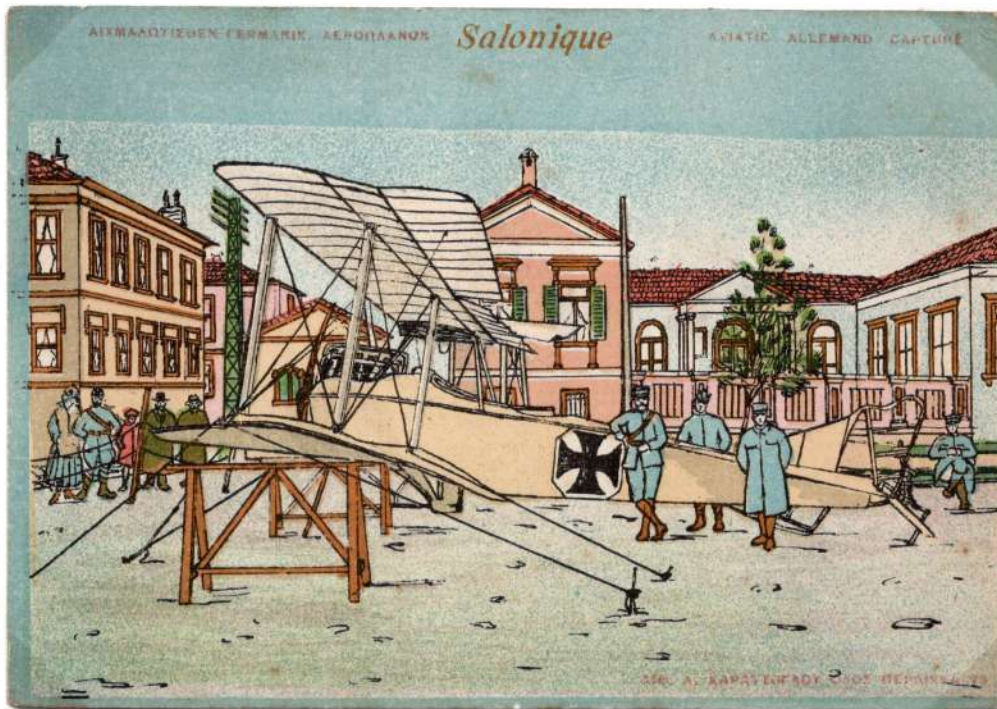


Thessaloniki - Cretan army-police officer

The anti-aircraft defence of Thessaloniki

The city of Thessaloniki was not in direct contact with the Front, so it was not in danger from enemy artillery. But it was at risk from bombing by enemy aircraft and Zeppelins. In order to protect Thessaloniki, a strong anti-aircraft defence was deployed on its outskirts.

In May 1916 a German aircraft of the type "Albatross" was shot down by the Allies on the outskirts of Thessaloniki. Initially, its wreckage was transported to the beach of the White Tower, reassembled, and temporarily exhibited at this site as a trophy. Later the aircraft was moved for permanent display in the area of the Exoches.



Cartoonist: ?

Printed by A. Karadjoglou,
Thessaloniki Greece
Chromolithography

Edition by Platonides,
Thessaloniki Greece

Unused

Thessaloniki, The German aircraft captured in the area of the Exoches

On 5 May 1916, the German Zeppelin LZ-85 was shot down by the Allies in the area of Halastra, a few kilometres outside the city. Its wreckage was transported to the airfield of Mikro Karambournou and from there, on 16 May, on barges in front of the White Tower where its entire skeleton was assembled. For several weeks the townspeople and Allied troops gathered to admire the "monster".

Cartoonist: ?

Printed by A. Karadjoglou,
Thessaloniki Greece
Chromolithography

Edition by Jaques Saul,
Thessaloniki Greece

Used, 15.5.1916



German Zeppelin Exhibition
In front of the White Tower shot down by the Allies in Salonika

The Air Force on the "Macedonian Front"

The First World War was the first armed conflict in which aircraft were widely used. Airplanes began to have military use at the beginning of the war. Initially, they were used mainly for reconnaissance. Pilots and engineers gained experience that led them to develop specialized types, such as fighters, bombers, and attack aircraft.

The main airfields on the "Macedonian Front" were located in Kalamaria (French Air Force Base of the Orhus Air Force), Eukarpia, Mikra, Sedes, Epanomi River (Epaktios seaplane squadron), Gorgopi, Kilkis, Skydra and Arnissa. The French, English, Serbs, Italians, Serbs and Greeks had Air Force.

The flying aces were considered to be "modern knights", and many of them became popular heroes.



*Cartoonist: Ivo
Tijardović (1895-1976),
Croatian artist*

*Published by Cakiovic,
Zagreb Croatia
Card No S.VI-2
Chromolithography*

Unused

In Thessaloniki, Lustre and French air force officer

The daily life of the airmen during the week...

The life of French airmen in Thessaloniki during a week was the subject of seven sketches by French artist Bernard Boutet de Monvel (1881-1949) and were released in a special case.



Cartoonist: Bernard Boutet de Monvel (1881-1949), French artist

Published by Societe des Etablissements MINOT, Paris France

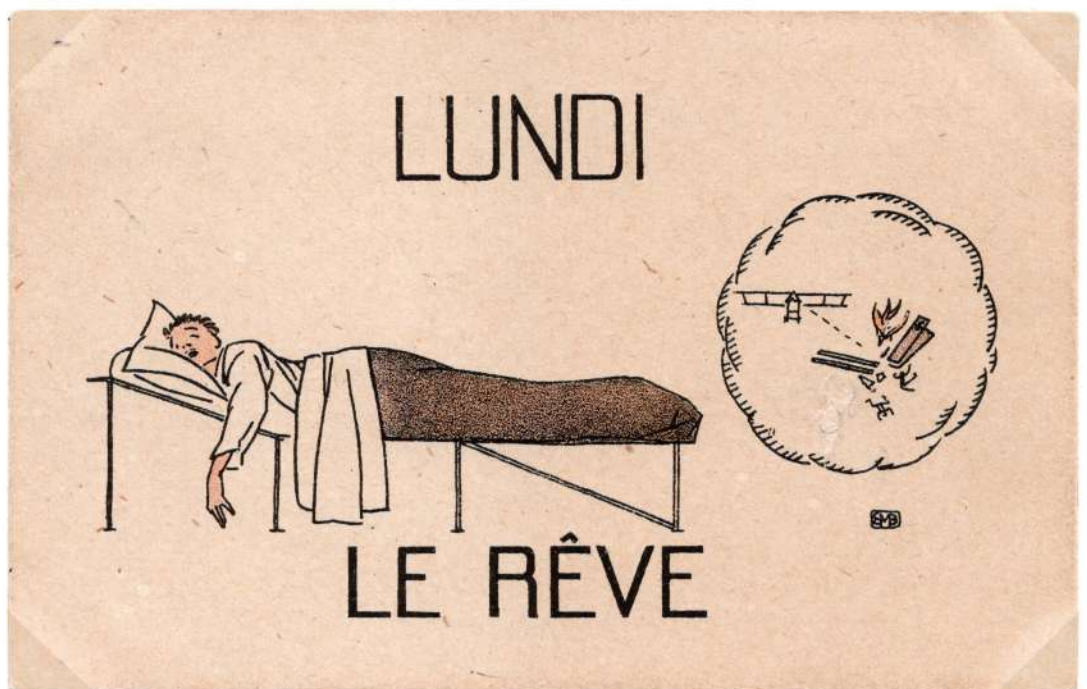
Unused

The special case of the Bernard B. de Monvel card series in Thessaloniki - 1914-19..
Series No2 : The Aviator in Salonika

Cartoonist: Bernard Boutet de Monvel (1881-1949), French artist

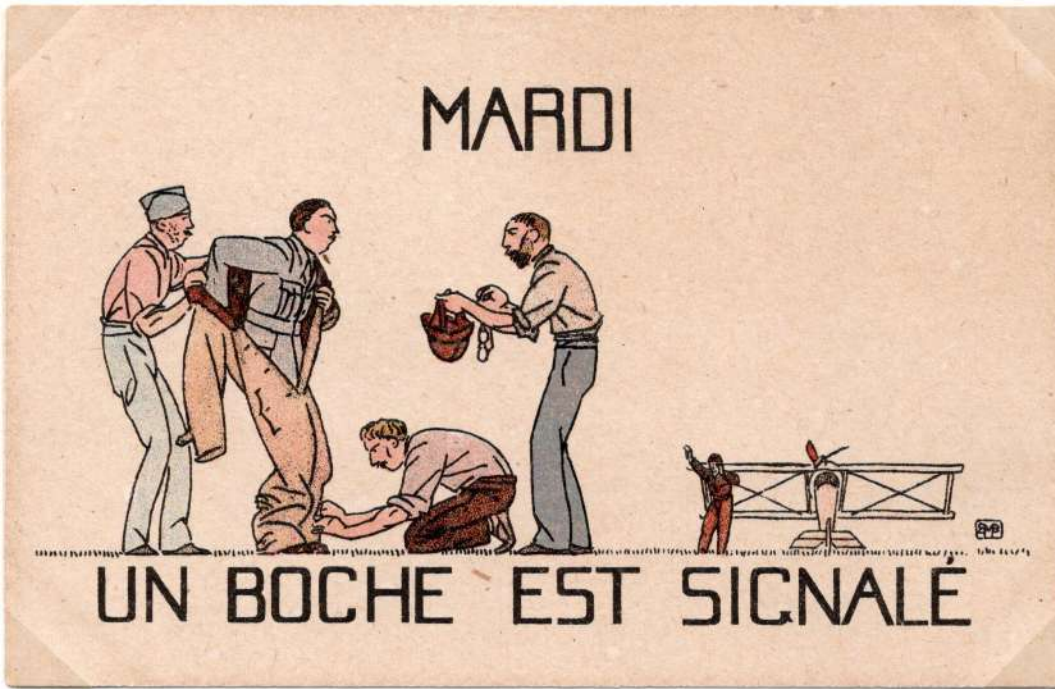
Published by Societe des Etablissements MINOT, Paris France

Unused



Monday - The dream

The daily life of the airmen during the week...



Cartoonist: *Bernard Boutet de Monvel (1881-1949), French artist*

Published by *Societe des Etablissements MINOT, Paris France*

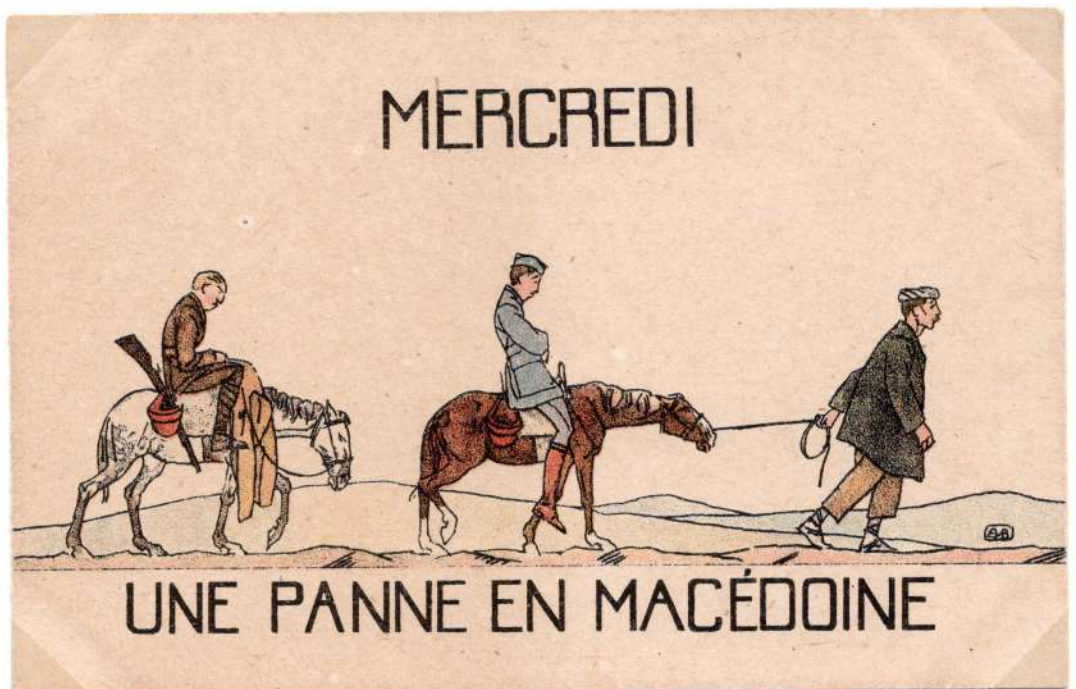
Unused

Tuesday - A boche is reported

Cartoonist: *Bernard Boutet de Monvel (1881-1949), French artist*

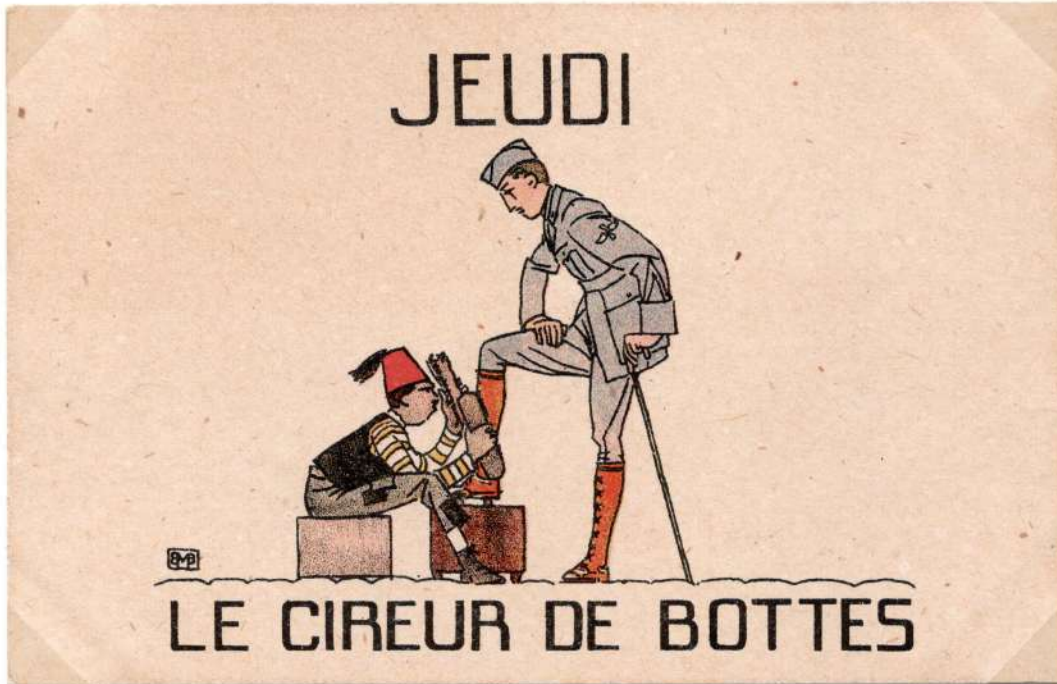
Published by *Societe des Etablissements MINOT, Paris France*

Unused



Wednesday - A breakdown in Macedonia

The daily life of the airmen during the week...



Cartoonist: Bernard
Boutet de Monvel (1881-
1949), French artist

Published by Societe des
Etablissements MINOT,
Paris France

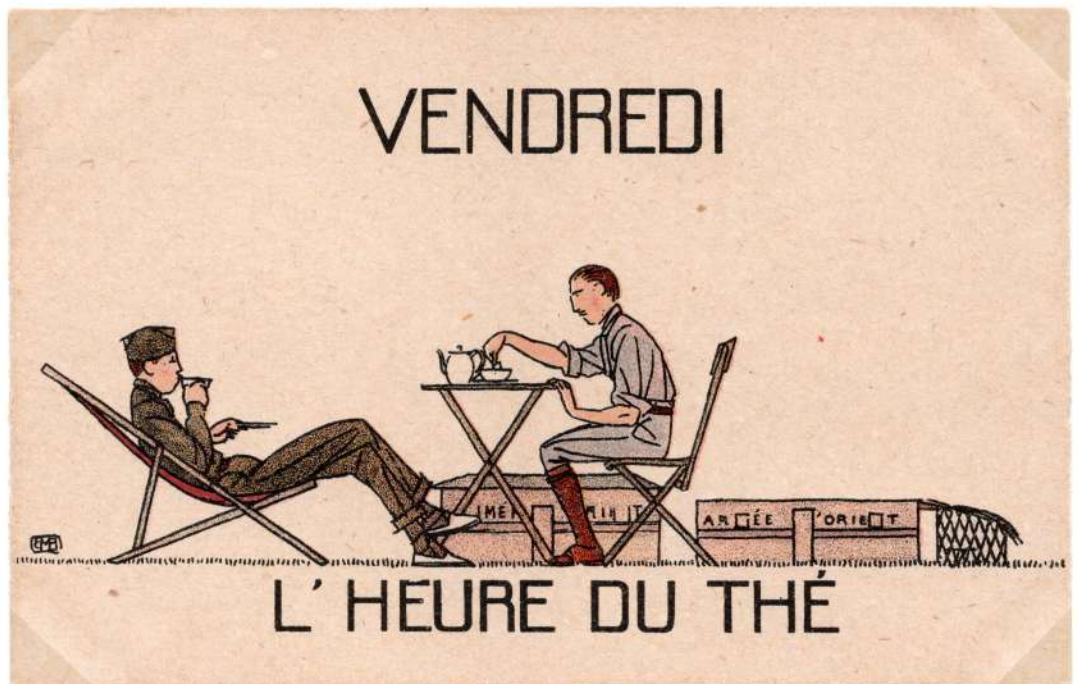
Unused

Thursday - The boot shiner

Cartoonist: Bernard Boutet
de Monvel (1881-1949),
French artist

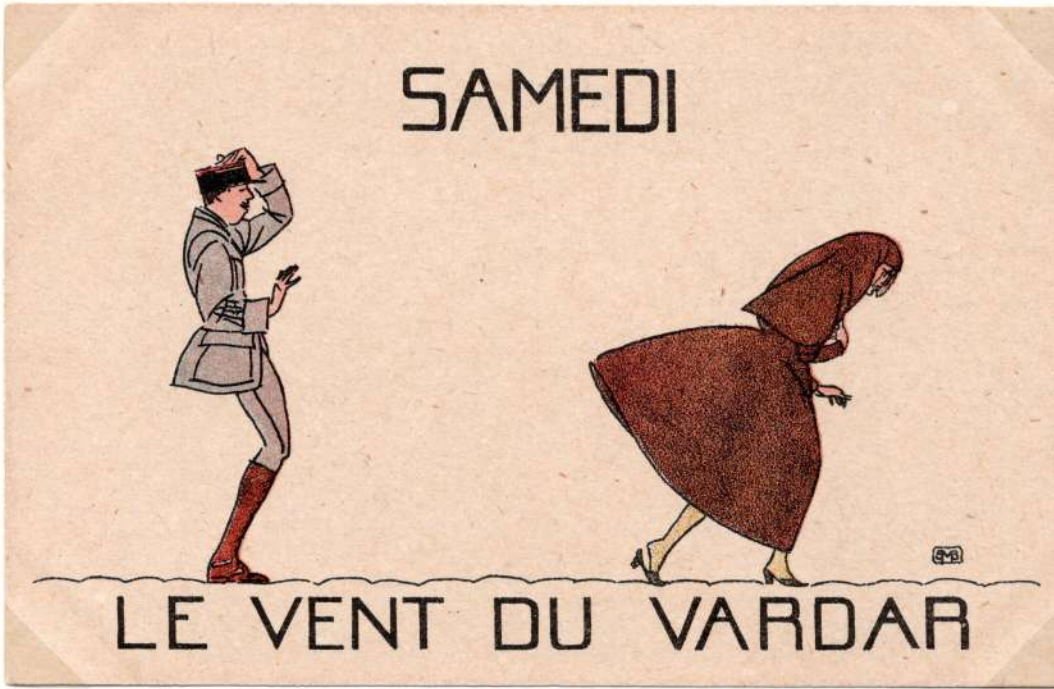
Published by Societe des
Etablissements MINOT,
Paris France

Unused



Friday - Tea time

The daily life of the airmen during the week...



Cartoonist: Bernard
Boutet de Monvel (1881-
1949), French artist

Published by Societe des
Etablissements MINOT,
Paris France

Unused

Saturday - The wind of Vardar

Cartoonist: Bernard Boutet
de Monvel (1881-1949),
French artist

Published by Societe des
Etablissements MINOT,
Paris France

Unused



Sunday - The joys of Thessaloniki

Naval Forces on the "Macedonian Front"

In mid-March 1916 the French opened a Naval Base in the port of Thessaloniki which was also used by the other allies. During the war many of their warships were docked for short or long periods in the port of Thessaloniki.

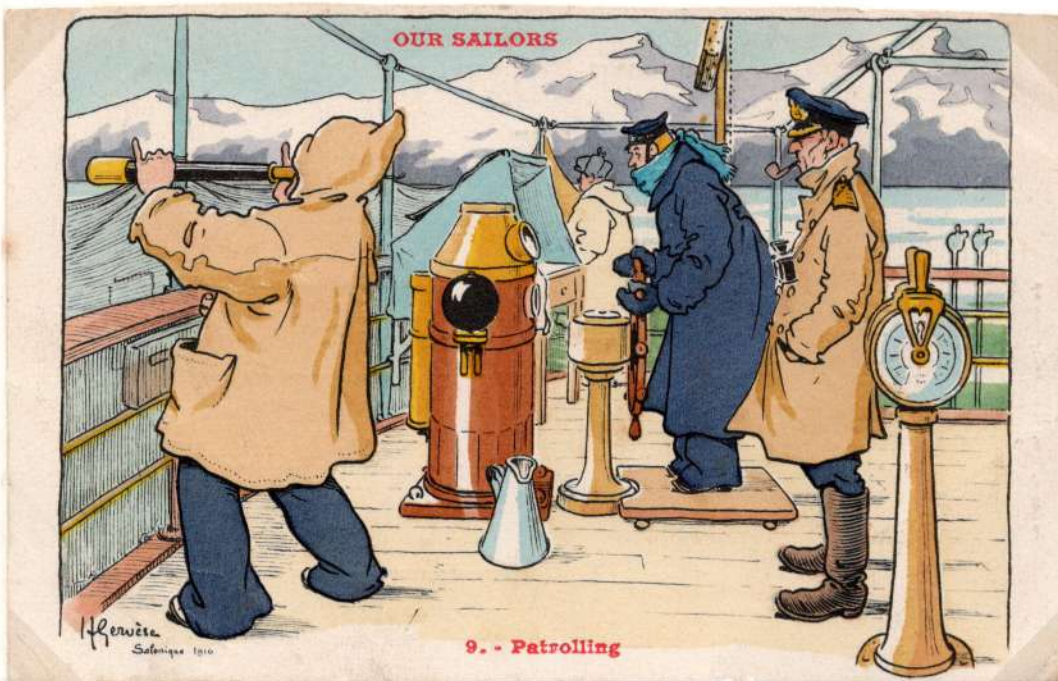
Cartoonist: Andre Bouchard 1875-?
(dit "Drack-oub"), French artist

Printed by Maison Baconnier,
Alger France (at the time)
Chromolithography

Unused



Thessaloniki 1917
French and English sailors



Cartoonist: Henri Gervese
1880-1959, French artist

Printed by Raffaelli,
Toulon France
Card No. 9

Unused

Thessaloniki 1916 - Our sailors on patrol
English warship on patrol in the Thermaikos Gulf and Mount Olympus in the background

Naval Forces on the "Macedonian Front"

The French sailors on their outings in the city of Thessaloniki spent their free time entertaining and socializing with young Thessaloniki women.

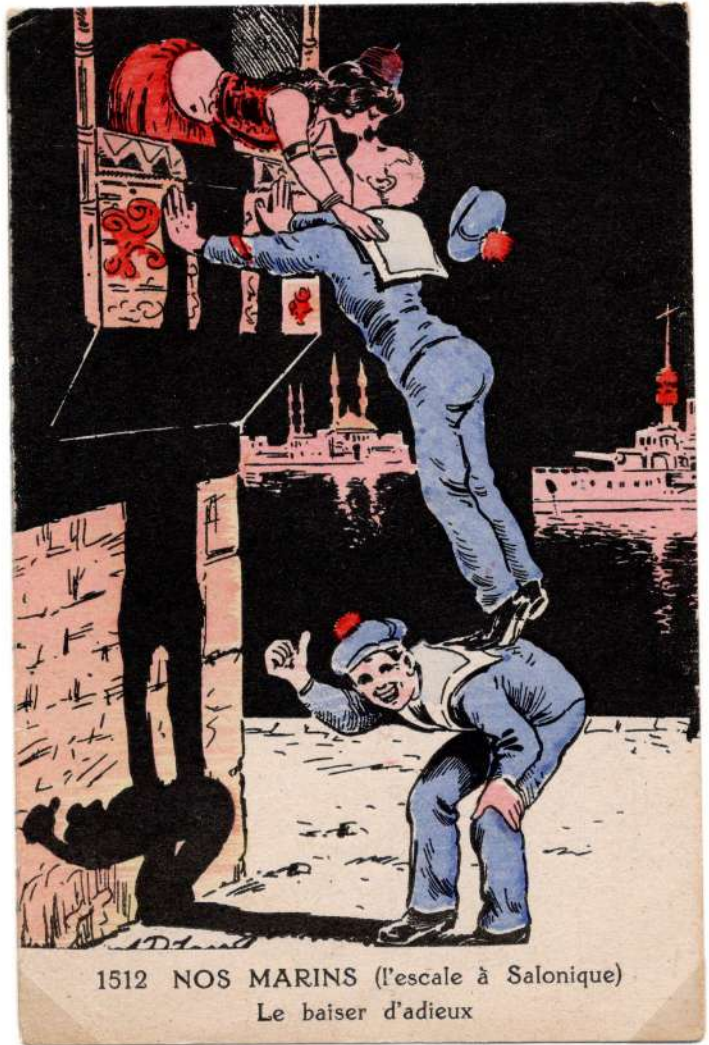
Cartoonist: ?

Printed by Fabrication Française

Card No 1512

Chromolithography

Unused



1512 NOS MARINS (l'escale à Salonique)
Le baiser d'adieux

Our Marines (the stopover in Thessaloniki)
The kiss of farewell



La-bas, comme à Toulon, nos marins ne s'en font pas!

Cartoonist: Tru Ordin,
1916, artist

Printed by Guionie et Cie,
Toulouse France

Unused

In Thessaloniki - There, like in Toulon. Our sailors don't have a bad time!
French sailors and young Thessalonians at the entrance of the White Tower garden,
where a theatre, summer cinema, café and restaurant were operating.

The Allied troops and the inhabitants of the city

Soldiers from all the Allied forces, realistically drawn with typical types of Thessaloniki residents, were the subject of nine signed sketches by the French artist Goyet.



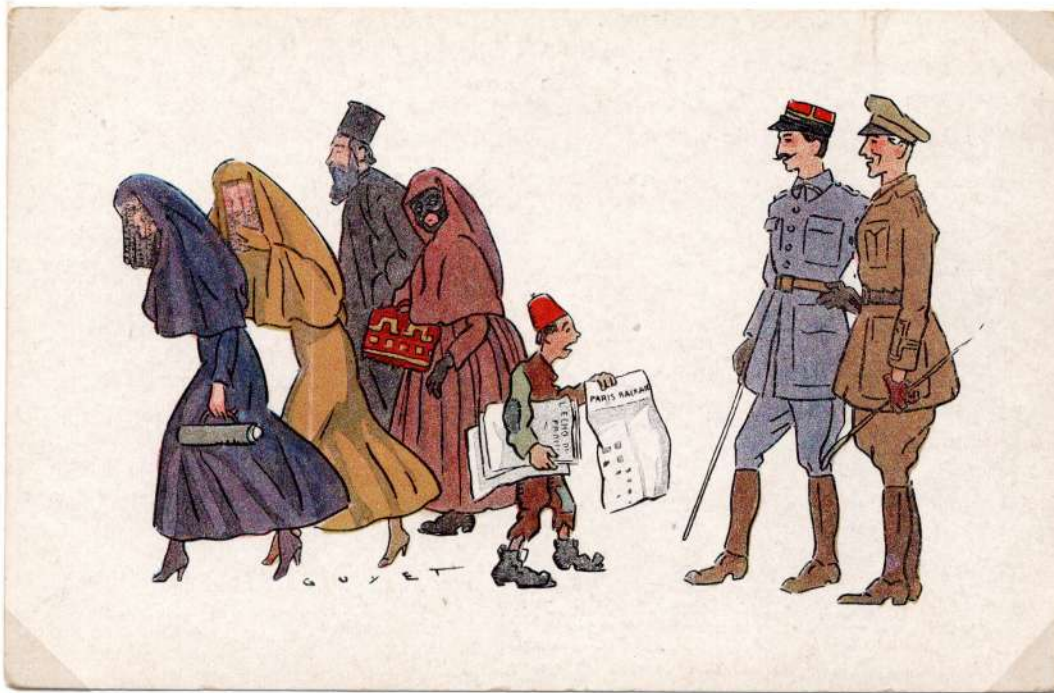
Cartoonist: Goyet, French artist

Published by Parisiana,
Paris France
Card No. 258
Chromolithography

Unused

*A porter carries boxes of supplies of the "Armeé d'Orient"
(A.O. - Army of the East) in the port of Thessaloniki*

The Allied troops and the inhabitants of the city



Cartoonist: Goyet, French artist

Published by Parisiana,
Paris France
Card No. 258
Chromolithography

Unused

French and English officers with an Orthodox priest and women of Thessaloniki

Cartoonist: Goyet, French artist

Published by Parisiana,
Paris France
Card No. 235
Chromolithography

Unused



Greek soldier with military nurses, orthodox priest and Jewish inhabitants of the city

The Allied troops and the inhabitants of the city



Cartoonist: Goyet, French artist

Published by Parisiana,
Paris France
Card No. 251
Chromolithography

Used

Senegalese soldier, English nurses, English officer, Indo-Chinese soldier
with Dervisi and a resident of the town

Cartoonist: Goyet, French artist

Published by Parisiana,
Paris France
Card No. 257
Chromolithography

Unused



Italian soldiers, Serbian officers and an English sailor
with Jewish residents of the town and a young lemonade vendor

The Allied troops and the inhabitants of the city



Cartoonist: Goyet, French artist

Published by Parisiana,
Paris France
Card No. 254
Chromolithography

Unused

Serbian officer, Cretan gendarme and Jewish inhabitants of the town

Cartoonist: Goyet, French artist

Published by Parisiana,
Paris France
Card No. 252
Chromolithography

Unused



Indian and Serbian officers, English soldier
and a French sailor with a Jewish porter and a young lusty

The Allied troops and the inhabitants of the city



Cartoonist: Goyet, French artist

Published by Parisiana,
Paris France
Card No. 250
Chromolithography

Used

French soldier with villagers from the outskirts of the city

Cartoonist: Goyet, French artist

Published by Parisiana,
Paris France
Card No. 253
Chromolithography

Unused



English officer with villagers from the outskirts of the city

Contacts between the Allied troops and the inhabitants of the city

The Allied troops and their contacts with the inhabitants of Thessaloniki were the subject of ten signed sketches by the French artist Jeanne Thil (1887-1968)



Cartoonist: J. Thil 1887-1968, French artist

Printed & Published by E. Le Deley, Paris France Chromolithography

Unused

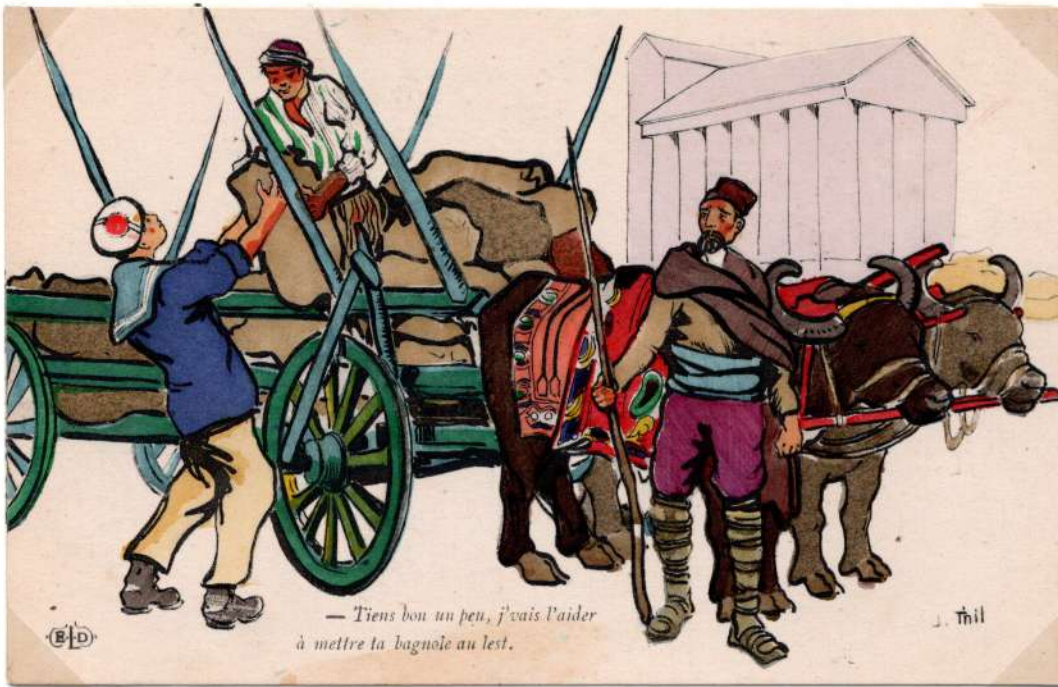
Good deal, the price of this freight !

Cartoonist: J. Thil 1887-1968, French artist
Printed & Published by E. Le Deley, Paris France Chromolithography
Unused



Beware my old "Porpoise", the navy alone has the right to visit neutrals

Contacts between the Allied troops and the inhabitants of the city



Cartoonist: J. Thil 1887-1968, French artist

Printed & Published by E. Le Deley, Paris France Chromolithography

Unused

I'll help him add ballast to your car

Cartoonist: J. Thil 1887-1968, French artist
Printed & Published by E. Le Deley, Paris France Chromolithography
Unused



— Li matelot content de naviguer aussi comme ça !

Li the sailor is happy to sail like that !

Contacts between the Allied troops and the inhabitants of the city



Cartoonist: J. Thil 1887-1968, French artist

Printed & Published by E. Le Deley, Paris France Chromolithography

Unused

Well, it's not just the bridge that's a brick !

Cartoonist: J. Thil 1887-1968, French artist
Printed & Published by E. Le Deley, Paris France Chromolithography
Unused



You speak my old Cabillot, if only they were on board

Contacts between the Allied troops and the inhabitants of the city



Cartoonist: J. Thil 1887-1968, French artist

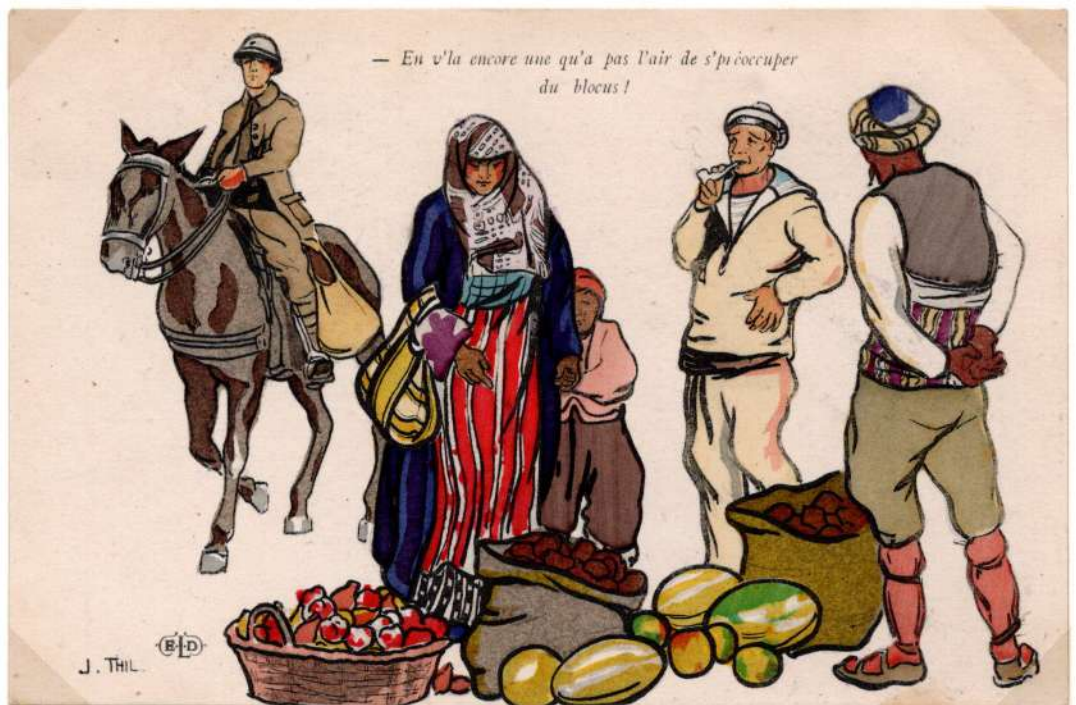
Printed & Published by E. Le Deley, Paris France Chromolithography

Used

The chores of an Owl

Cartoonist: J. Thil 1887-1968, French artist
Printed & Published by E. Le Deley, Paris France Chromolithography

Unused



Here's another one who doesn't seem to be worried about the blockade

Contacts between the Allied troops and the inhabitants of the city



Cartoonist: J. Thil 1887-1968, French artist

Printed & Published by E. Le Deley, Paris France Chromolithography

Unused

Ben, my old funny pal, what a nice breeze !
Fortunately !

Cartoonist: J. Thil 1887-1968, French artist
Printed & Published by E. Le Deley, Paris France Chromolithography

Used



The boarding of neutrals.

The Allied troops and the city's petty traders

Three signed sketches by the artist J. Zouchel depict foreign soldiers and small businessmen in Thessaloniki. Two editions were made for each: one in English and one in French. In each of them the same sketches are in black and white as well as in color.



Cartoonist: J. Touchel,
French artist

Published by Bourgeois
Aine, Paris France

Unused

French soldier and lustre (French - black and white)

Cartoonist: J. Touchel,
French artist

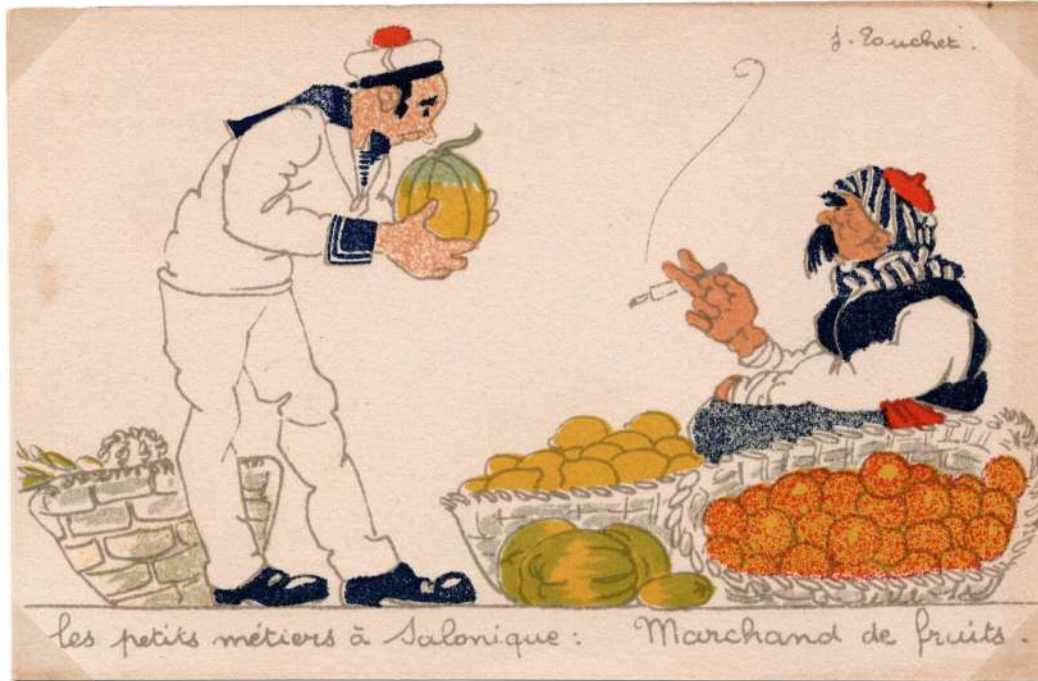
Published by Bourgeois
Aine, Paris France

Unused



French soldier and lustre (French - colored)

The Allied troops and the city's petty traders



Cartoonist: J. Touchel,
French artist

Published by Bourgeois
Aine, Paris France

Unused

French sailor and fruit seller (French - colored)

Cartoonist: J. Touchel,
French artist

Published by Bourgeois
Aine, Paris France

Unused



Greek Evzon Soldier and money-changer (English - colored)

The Allied troops and their "naughty" encounters...

Scenes from the daily life of foreign soldiers and their "naughty" dealings with the female inhabitants of Thessaloniki were the subject of ten signed sketches by the Italian-born artist Mario Pezilla, who lived in France.



Cartoonist: Mario Pezilla,
Italian artist who worked
in Paris France

Printed & Published by E.
Le Deley, Paris France
Chromolithography

Used 19.2.1919

Thessaloniki - Re-training of the elderly walker

Cartoonist: Mario Pezilla,
Italian artist who worked
in Paris France

Printed & Published by E.
Le Deley, Paris France
Chromolithography

Unused



Thessaloniki - Group of Macedonian girls

The Allied troops and their "naughty" encounters...



Cartoonist: Mario Pezilla,
Italian artist who worked
in Paris France

Printed & Published by E.
Le Deley, Paris France
Chromolithography

Used

Thessaloniki - The History of the "Fessi" cup

Cartoonist: Mario Pezilla,
Italian artist who worked
in Paris France

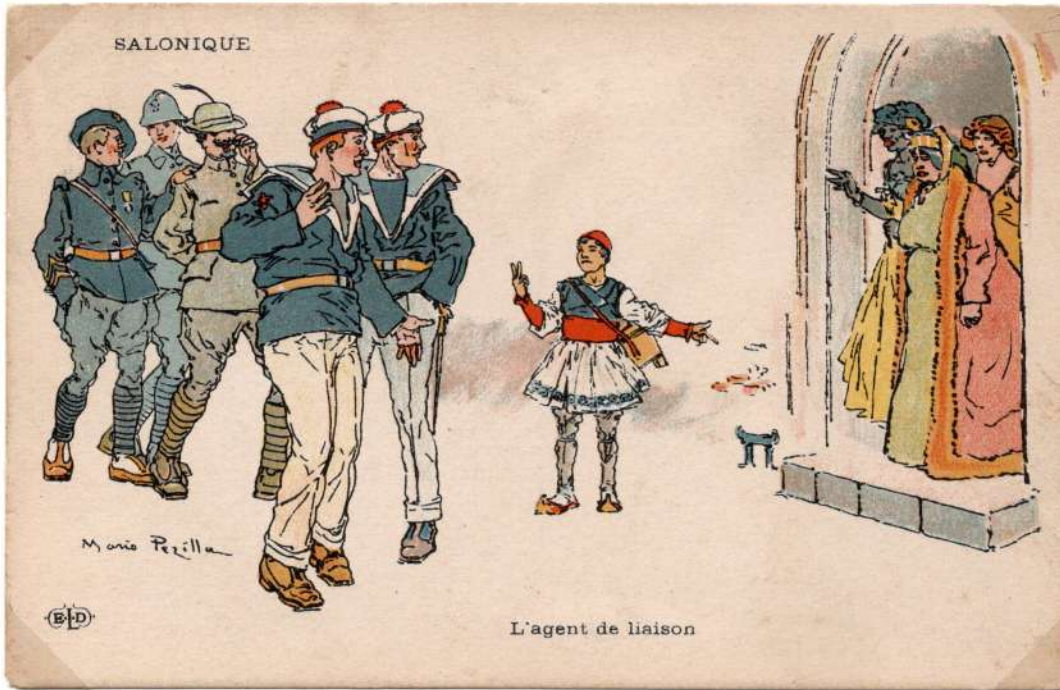
Printed & Published by E.
Le Deley, Paris France
Chromolithography

Used 20.2.1919



Thessaloniki - The arrested "Balloon"

The Allied troops and their "naughty" encounters...



Cartoonist: Mario Pezilla, Italian artist who worked in Paris France

Printed & Published by E. Le Deley, Paris France Chromolithography

Unused

Thessaloniki - The go-between

Cartoonist: Mario Pezilla, Italian artist who worked in Paris France

Printed & Published by E. Le Deley, Paris France Chromolithography

Used 8.3.1919



Thessaloniki - A young girl finds a "gold vein"

The Allied troops and their "naughty" encounters...



Cartoonist: Mario Pezilla,
Italian artist who worked
in Paris France

Printed & Published by E.
Le Deley, Paris France
Chromolithography

Unused

Thessaloniki - Vendors of fresh water and love

Cartoonist: Mario Pezilla,
Italian artist who worked
in Paris France

Printed & Published by E.
Le Deley, Paris France
Chromolithography

Used 19.2.1919

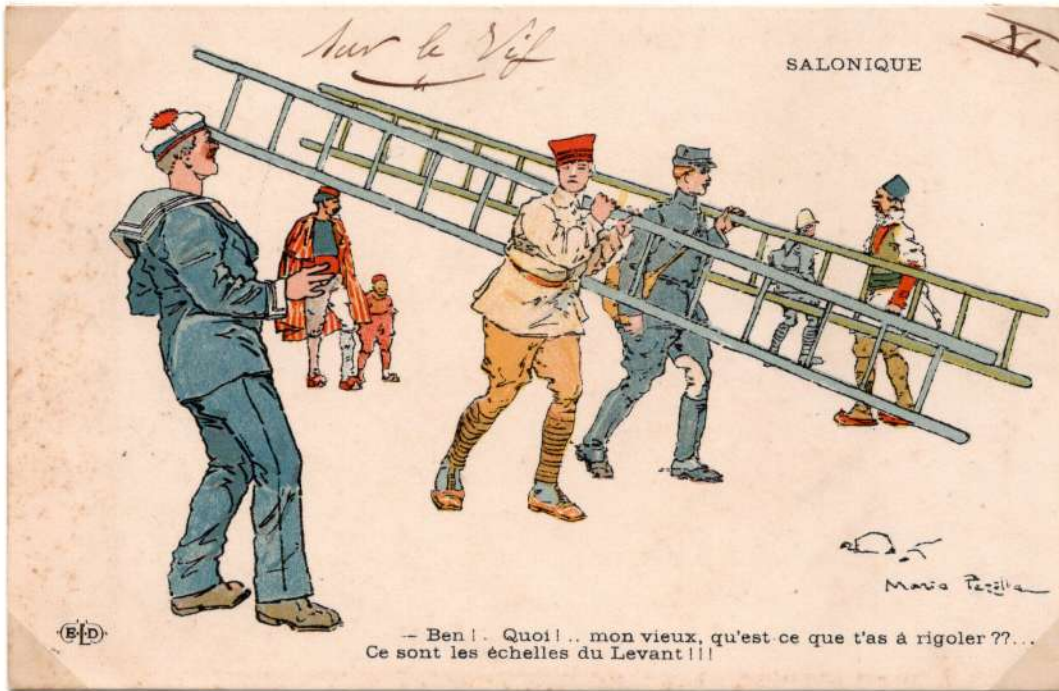


Thessaloniki - The Telegraphists

Elle : Ce serait gentil, ayant le même métier on se marierait...

Lui: Qui, mais voilà moi j'suis dans les "sans fil" et j'en veux pas a la patte.

The Allied troops and their "naughty" encounters...



Cartoonist: Mario Pezilla,
Italian artist who worked
in Paris France

Printed & Published by E.
Le Deley, Paris France
Chromolithography

Used 22.2.1919

Thessaloniki - Oriental ladders

Ben !. Quoi !.. mon vieux, qu'est ce que t'as a rigoler ??... Ce sont les echelles du Levant !!!

Cartoonist: Mario Pezilla,
Italian artist who worked
in Paris France

Printed & Published by E.
Le Deley, Paris France
Chromolithography

Used 20.2.1919



Thessaloniki - Certificate in Agriculture with Merit

- Ah ! Tu as sauvé un convoi de blé ! Et qu'est ce qu'on t'a donné ? la Croix de guerre ??...

- Non, le Merite agricole.

Health and care on the "Macedonian Front"

One of the major hygiene problems that the soldiers faced was lice and in order to deal with them, various pharmaceutical preparations were circulated.

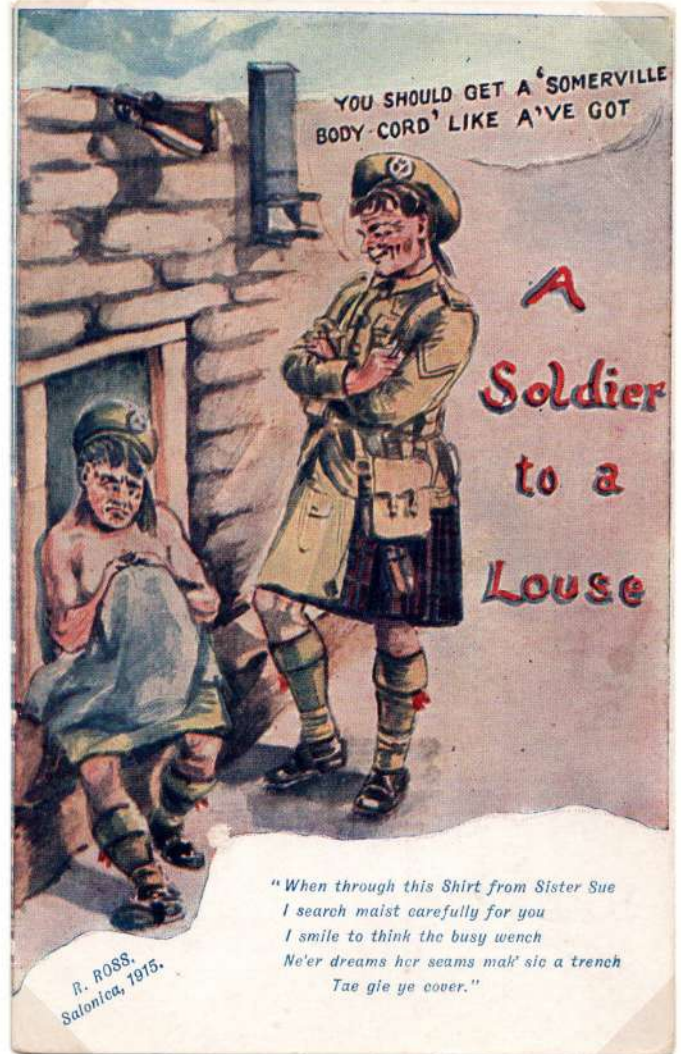
A leaflet issued by the company 'Somerville's Asiatic Body Cords, G. Somerville, Chemist, Edinburg' advertising its pharmaceutical formulation against lice.

It depicts a healthy soldier recommending to a fellow soldier who has lice to buy this formulation.

Cartoonist: R. Ross, British artist

Published by G. Somerville,
Edinburg, Scotland
Photolithography

Unused



Thessaloniki 1915 - A Scottish soldier to a louse:
You should get a "Somerville Body-Cord" like a've got.

The Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC) is a specialist corps in the British Army which provides medical services to all Army personnel and their families, in war and in peace. Parts troops of the 32nd Division of the Royal Army Medical Corps were in Thessaloniki in 1917.



Cartoonist: "Ideas", UK

Published by REXO
Photocard

Unused

32 M.A.C. (32 Division, Medical Army Corps)
"Wishing you Merry Christmas from Salonica" 1917

Wishes from the Front...

The British forces, especially for their troops in Thessaloniki and on the "Macedonian Front", issued Christmas and New Year greeting cards that were used to send wishes from soldiers to their families. All of them are marked BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCES OF SALONICA - WITH BEST WISHES FOR XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.



Cartoonist: ?
 Published by ?
 Chromolithography
 Used, BAPO X, Salonica Army, Dec 1916



Cartoonist: ?
 Published by ?
 Lithography
 Used, Thessaloniki 8.1.1917



Cartoonist: P.P.
 Published by ?
 Lithography
 Unused

Wishes from the Front...

In late 1917 the British Forces issued another card with wishes from the Balkans for Christmas. It was circulated at the front in Thessaloniki and was used to send wishes from soldiers to their beloved ones.

The war on the "Macedonian Front" formally ended on 11 November 1918 but the Allied forces did not immediately withdraw. The British Forces, true to tradition, released another card with wishes from Thessaloniki for Christmas 1918.

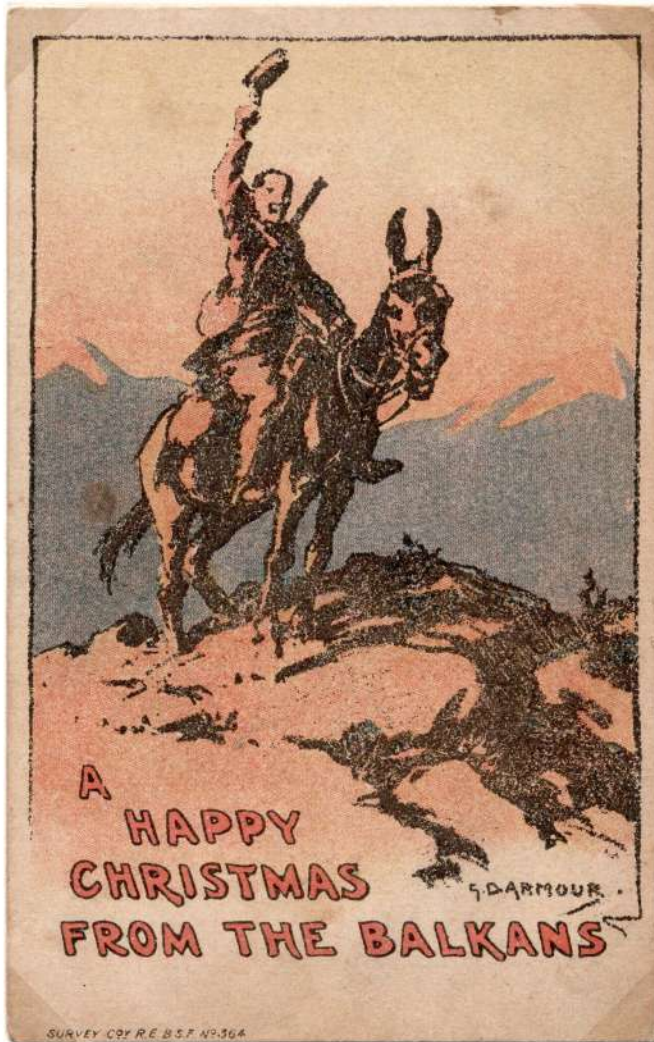
Cartoonist: S. Darmour, British artist

Printed by Survey Coy. R.E.B.S.F.

Card No. 364

Letterpress

Used



English soldier on a mule in the mountains of Macedonia sending his wishes...

A Happy Christmas from the Balkans

Cartoonist: ?

Published by ?

Photolithography

Used

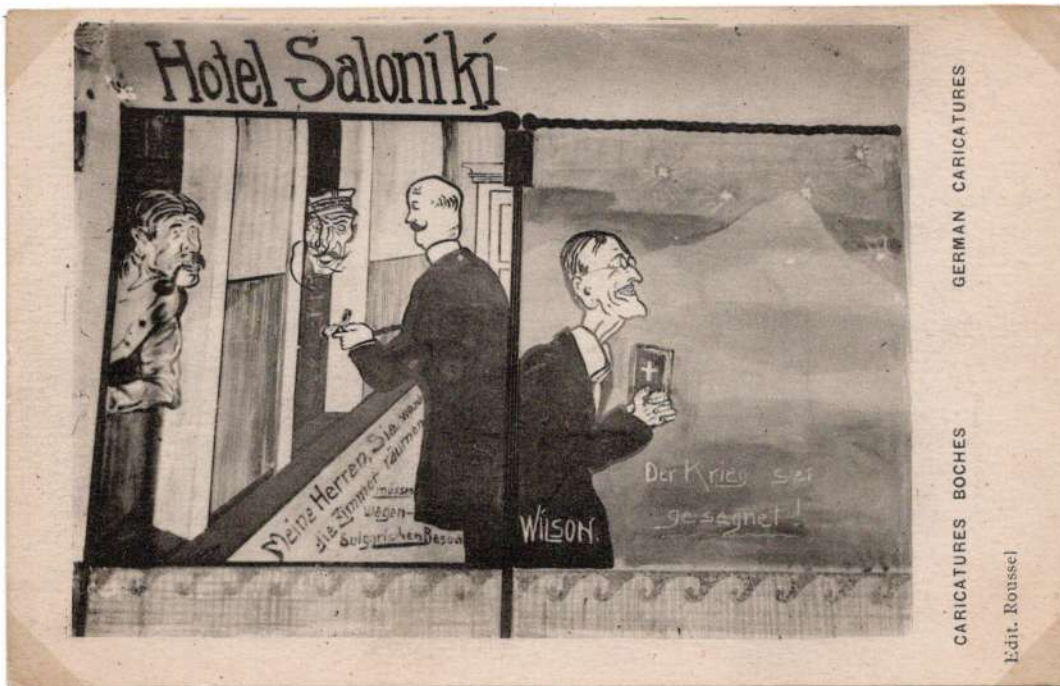


English officer doing his laundry and sending his wishes...

Xmas 1918, Salonica Army

The "false dream" of Bulgaria & "Hotel Saloniki"

Bulgaria was defeated in the Second Balkan War of 1913 and the Bulgarian Government believed that Serbia was in control of territories that rightfully belonged to them. The "Central Powers" promised that if Bulgaria joined their camp, and after their victory, they would cede the disputed territories of Serbia as well as Macedonia that the Bulgarians had always wanted, so that they could have an exit point to the Aegean Sea. They could also claim the possessions lost in the Balkan Wars, should Greece eventually enter the war on the side of the Entente against them (as it did). On September 6, 1915, King Ferdinand of Bulgaria signed a secret agreement with Germany and the Ottoman Empire, and on September 22, 1915, Bulgaria declared conscription. The attack on Serbia followed on 14 October, as previously agreed, striking a final blow against the Serbs. They then easily occupied the entire Greek territory east of the Struma River. The Bulgarians expected a victory for the "Central Powers" to annex the entire Central and Eastern Macedonia, including Thessaloniki. This regime lasted until the early autumn of 1918. But unfortunately for them their dream was not realized. In September 1918, with the participation of the reconstituted Greek Army, it was possible to break the Bulgarian line. A frantic pursuit followed, which led to their defeat and the capitulation signed in Thessaloniki on 29 September 1918.



Cartoonist: ?

Printed by E. Le Deley,
Paris France

Published by Roussel,
France

Used

The delta consists of two sections.

- The left shows the city of Thessaloniki as a hotel called "Hotel Saloniki" with Allied troops as occupants. The hotel manager informs them that "Meine Herren, Sie werde die Zimmer raumen - müssen wegen bulgarisihen Besuch" (Gentlemen, you will have to vacate the rooms because of Bulgarian visitors).
- On the right it depicts American President T.W. Wilson holding a Bible and exclaiming "Der Krieg sei gesegnet !" (May the War be blessed !).

The prisoners and the end of the war!

Opposing soldiers captured as prisoners of war were taken to camps mainly in the Bechcinar area in the western part of Thessaloniki that was controlled by the British. Ordinary POW soldiers were often used for various public works.

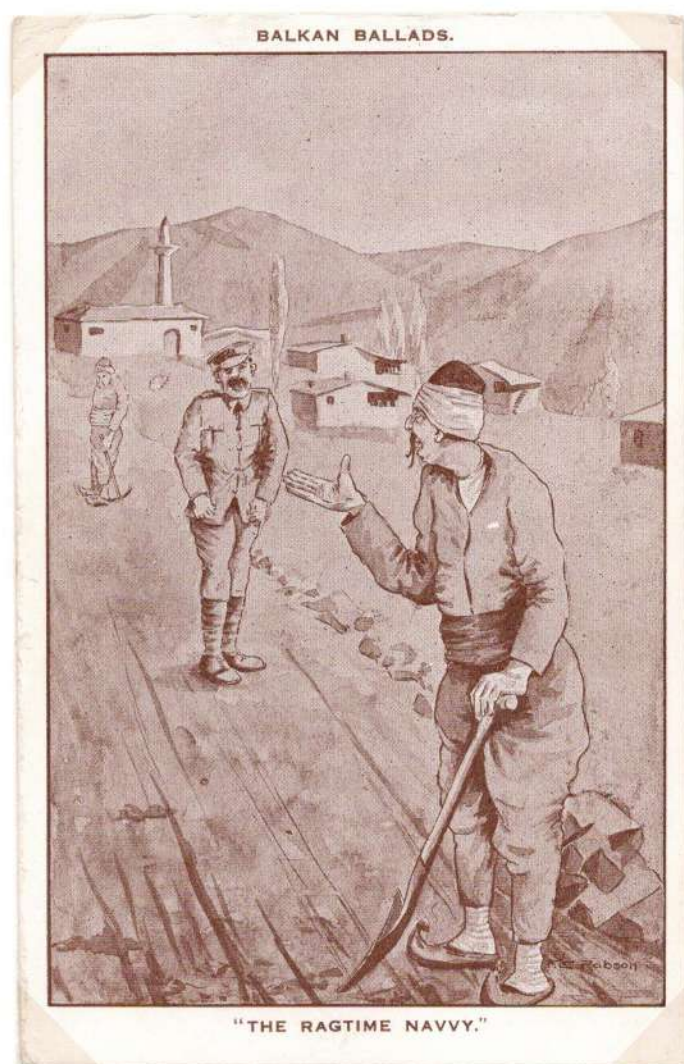
In September 1918, with the participation of the reconstituted Greek Army, after fierce fighting, it was possible to break the Bulgarian line on the Macedonian Front. A frantic pursuit followed, which led to the capitulation signed in Thessaloniki on 29 September 1918. Turkey signed an armistice at Mudros in Lemnos on 31 October. On 11 November 1918, Germany also signed an armistice and a cessation of hostilities took place.

The British Forces, to commemorate the event, issued a humorous Christmas greeting card at the end of 1918, which also saluted the end of the war. This card was circulated at the Thessaloniki Front and was used to send the pleasant news of the end of the war and soldiers' Christmas wishes to their beloved ones.

Cartoonist: F.C. Robson, British artist

Published by ?
Letterpress

Used



Balkan Ballads - "The Ragtime Navy"

Turkish prisoners of war working in construction roads under the supervision of an English soldier

Cartoonist: ?

Printed by 8th Field Survey Coy. R.E., UK

Card No 529

Chromolithography

Unused



Finish Johnny!

Greetings from the Salonika Army, Xmas 1918

An English soldier holds a Turkish officer in his right hand and a Bulgarian officer in his left hand and declares the end of the War and the Victory of the Allies...