

Postal History of Glyfada 1928-1960's

Glyfada is a seaside suburb and municipality of the South Sector of Athens, located on the Athenian Riviera. It is the largest of the southern suburbs of Athens and extends from the shores of the Saronic Gulf to the foothills of Mount Hymettus. It is about 14 km from the centre of Athens.

During the interwar period Glyfada as a settlement was part of the community of Brahami. After the Asia Minor Catastrophe of 1922, families of Asia Minor settled in the area and from them the districts received their names such as Panionia, Bosphorus and Smyrna. In 1926 it was administratively detached and declared a community.



Map of 1925

Glyfada in the south of Attica & Boeotia's Prefecture

the community of Elliniko.

From the late 1950s the municipality underwent significant changes due to the imminent construction of the international airport at Elliniko. Its population in the decade 1951-1961 increased by 50% and in the following decade by 90%.

In the circular of the Hellenic Post -no. 170256 / 13 May 1925- it is mentioned that the operation of a telephone office in the community of Glyfada, Attica, started on 2 May 1925.

In a Presidential Decree of 7 December 1928 published in Government Gazette 261 A' / 11.12.1928 it is stated that the conversion of the Glyfada Telephone Office into a Post and Telephone Office is approved.

7 December 1928 is the date of the opening of the 3rd Class Post and Telephone Office of the Glyfada Community of the Prefecture of Attica & Boeotia.

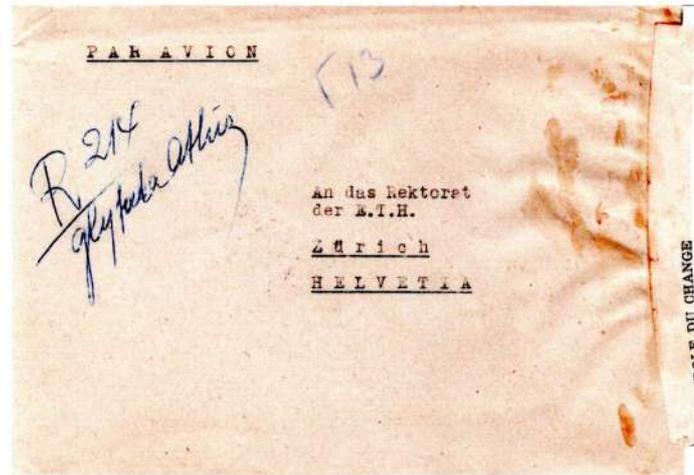
Over the years the population of Glyfada increased and with it the needs of the post office both in terms of staff and the services it had to offer. Thus, with the Circular 69619 of the Hellenic Post Office, where the Ministerial Decision of 23 September 1953 is mentioned, the class of the Glyfada Post Office was changed from 3rd to 2nd.

In the 1928 census, Glyfada had 1,691 permanent residents and was now a rapidly developing area with residences, hotels, baths and cosmopolitan centres that catered mostly to the 10,000 summer holidaymakers. At that time the first individual settlements began to be formed.

In 1943, the community of Glyfada, by a relevant law, was incorporated to the community of Elliniko, forming the new municipality of Evrialis, with its seat in the settlement of Glyfada. After the liberation, in 1944, a new law declared the municipality of Glyfada, as it is today, with the simultaneous reconstitution of

From 1928 to the end of the 1950s the office used only three different types of postmarks

The first type of postmark was put into use on 7 December 1928 and is marked **ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑ ΑΤΤΙΚΟΒΟΙΩΤΙΑΣ**



Airmail registered cover posted from **ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑ ΑΤΤΙΚΟΒΟΙΩΤΙΑΣ 3.6.1949**, with manuscript "R 214 Glyfada Attikis" via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 3.6.1949 to ZURICH 6.6.1949 Switzerland. The cover in central post office of Athens unsealing, controlled & closed with special tape with bilingual indication ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΣΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ - CONTROLE DU CHANGE & was cancelled with cachet Γ' ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΑΘΗΝΑΙ with controller's marking "3" and signature of the Chief Examiner.

Postal Rates 3100 Drs: 1000 Drs for 1st weight letter, 1500 Drs for registered and 600 Drs for airmail to Switzerland.

At the end of the 1930s the second type of postmark was used, bearing the indication **ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑ**



Picture postcard posted from ΒΟΛΟΣ 26.8.1940 to **ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑ 28.8.1940**
Postal Rates 2 Drs for picture postcard into Greece



Printed matter posted from **ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑ 29.7.1939** to NEW YORK 9.8.1939 USA
Postal Rates 1.60 Drs for printed matter up to 50 gr to USA



Picture postcard send as cover posted from **ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑ 10.10.1955** with special label for Cyprus to New York USA
Postal Rates 3 Drs for 1st weight letter to USA



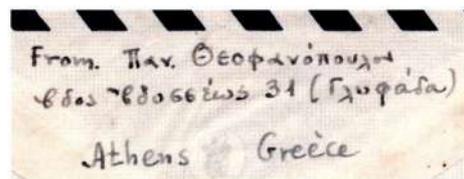
Cover posted from ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ 23.5.1948 to **ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑ 24.5.1948** with manuscript "Ανεπαρκής Διεύθυνσις, ο Διανομέας" (Insufficient Address, the Postman), **ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑ 30.5.1948** & "Επιστρέφεται Αθήνα" (Retour to Athens).
Postal Rates 300 Drs: 250 Drs for 1st weight letter & 50 Drs for Postal staff Welfare Fund into town.



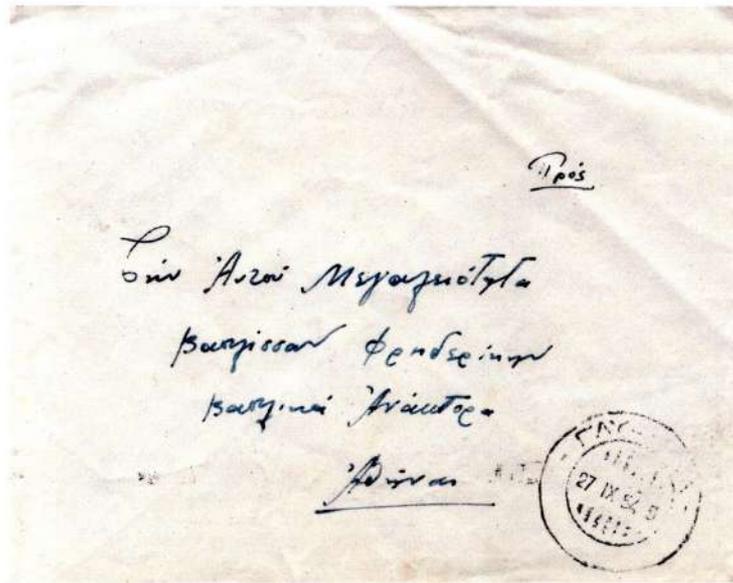
Registered cover from ROYAL CONSULATE GENERAL OF GREECE, KARACHI PAKISTAN, posted from MEREWETHER CLOCTOWER 27.1.1960 via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤ. ΑΦΙΕ. 30.1.1960 to **ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑ 31.1.1960.**

In 1943 the Prefecture of Attica & Boeotia was divided into the Prefectures of Attica and Boeotia.

The indication **ΑΤΤΙΚΟΒΟΙΩΤΙΑΣ** of the first type of postmark was no longer valid. The third type of postmark was identical to the first type of stamp but it only bears the indication **ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑ**



Cover posted from **ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑ 25.11.1956** to LONDON England
Postal Rates 4 Drs for 1st weight letter to England



Cover from Hospital «Asklipieio Voula» with Rural Dotted “903” (Glyfada) & ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑ 27.9.1954 via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 29.9.1954 to «Queen Frederick» ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΑ ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 30.6.1954.

Postal Rates 1200 Drs for 1st weight letter into Greece.

At the beginning of the 1960s new types of postmarks were made for use
ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ



Proof of registered receipt from ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 15.5.63 to **ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ 17.5.1963**
 Postal Rates 3.50 Drs for proof of registered receipt into Greece

In 1968 the first endless machine cancellation was given for use in the Glyfada office
ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑ - GLYPHADA (Glyfada)



Airmail cover from **ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑ 1.10.1968** to New York USA
 Postal Rates 6 Drs for 1st weight airmail letter to USA

Two rural postmen, numbers 762 and 903, were operating from the Glyfada office

The Rural Post Routes "**762**" was first established in Glyfada on 9.3.1932. It is unknown when this route was discontinued, but it was certainly in use at least until 1954. Two types of Rural dotted postmarks were used.

762 type I



Issue 1933

762 type II



Issue 1937

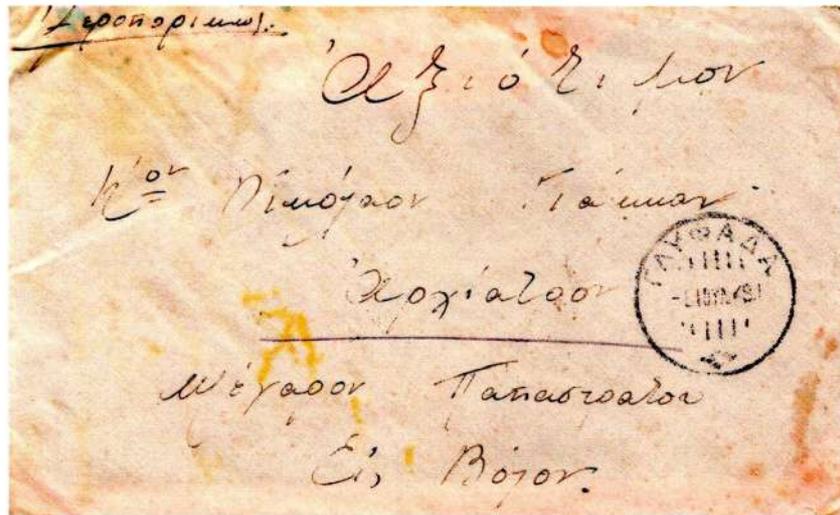


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Rural Postal Services

The Rural Post Routes "903" originally operated in Eastern Thrace during the period 1920-1922. On 6.12.1923 it was established in Paleo Faliro. It was transferred to Glyfada on 16.3.1932. It is unknown the exact date that this route was abolished, but it was certainly in use at least until 1956.

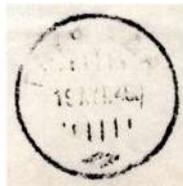


Airmail cover from Hospital «Asklipieio Voula» with Rural Dotted "903" (Glyfada) & ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑ 8.7.1948 via ΒΟΛΟΣ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 8.7.1948 to 904 Α' Σ.Τ.Γ. ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 9.7.1948.
Postal Rates 650 Drs: 450 Drs for 1st weight letter, 100 Drs for airmail, 50 Drs for Postal staff Welfare Fund & 50 Drs for Restoration of Thessaloniki Monuments Fund into Greece.



Cover from Hospital «Asklipieio Voula» with Rural Dotted "903" (Glyfada) & ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑ 16.10.1952 via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 17.10.1952 to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΕΚ 2 ΕΠΙΤΑΓΑΙ 17.10.1952.

Postal Rates 600 Drs for 1st weight letter into town.



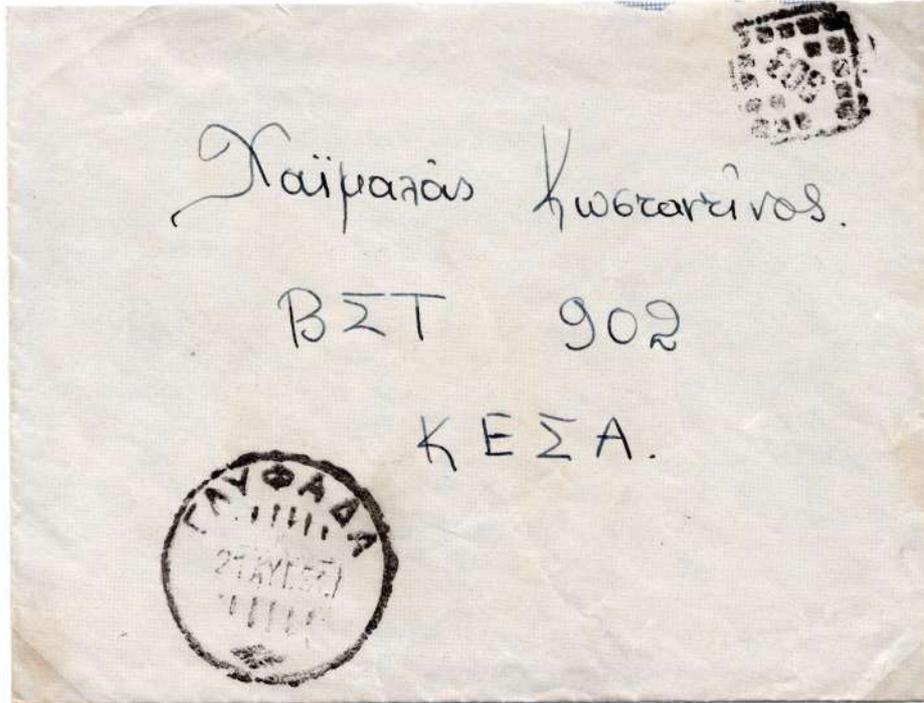
Cover from Asklipieio Voula with Rural Dotted "903" (Glyfada) & ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑ 19.8.1946 to Skopelos Islands, Thessaly.

Postal Rates 270 Drs: 250 Drs for 1st weight letter & 20 Drs for Postal staff Welfare Fund into Greece.



Registered cover from Asklepiaio Voula with manuscript "R 4 Γλυφάδα", with Rural Dotted "903" (Glyfada) & **ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑ 28.1.1947** to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 29.1.1947.

Postal Rates 450 Drs: 150 Drs for 1st weight letter, 250 Drs for registered & 50 Drs for Postal staff Welfare Fund into town.



Postage exempt cover from Vouliagmeni with Rural Dotted "903" (Glyfada) & **ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑ 21.8.1951** to B.Σ.Τ. 902 ΚΕΣΑ (Base Military Post Office 902, Athens)



Postage exempt cover from Vouliagmeni with Rural Dotted "903" (Glyfada) & **ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑ 27.7.1952** to B.Σ.Τ. 902 ΚΕΣΑ (Base Military Post Office 902, Athens)



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*Cover from Voula with Rural Dotted "903" (Glyfada) & **ΓΛΥΦΑ-ΔΑ 29.8.1939** to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΘΗΣΕΙΟΝ 30.8.1939.
Postal Rates 2,50 Drs: 2 Drs for 1st weight letter & 50 Lepta for Postal staff Welfare Fund into town.*

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Glyfada, Civil Censorship 1940-41

On 28 October 1940 the Greek-Italian war began. In the first days of November 1940, civil postal censorship was established in all the major cities of the country, in post offices or police headquarters or police stations. Mail was censored on dispatch or, in the case of mail from abroad, on arrival.

Civil censorship continued throughout the war and ended with the occupation of Athens on 27 April 1941.

A censorship office was operated at the Glyfada Post Office and used a single type of stamp with the words **ΛΟΓΟΚΡΗΣΙΑ ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑΣ** and the censor's number in the centre.

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Γλυφάδα



Postage exempt cover from Glyfada with pmk **ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑ 21.2.1941** with civil censorship **ΛΟΓΟΚΡΗΣΙΑ ΓΛΥΦΑΔΑΣ 4** to «Σ.9 Μοίρα Αυτοκινήτων – Ομάς Διοικήσεως Τ.Τ. 652» (S.9 Car Squadron Command Group, Postal Sector 652 B', Regulating Centre)

