

Postal Stationery of Greece 1876-1900

On 23 September 1875, King George 1st of Greece signed in Corfu the edit for the first Greek official Postal Stationery. This Postal card was designed by the French engraved Albert Barre, printed in Paris and published in Greece on 10/22 May 1876. It has printed stamp of Large Hermes like all the next issues up to 1900. Until 1900, there have been done four issues from postal cards (printing on sheets of 24 - 4x6), one for postal letter card and one for postal envelopes.

The **purpose** of this exhibit is to show the different types and varieties of the Greek postal cards, letter cards and envelopes. The material in the exhibit spans a period from initial use in 1876 to use after invalidation on 1900.

The **structure** of the exhibit is divided into three stationery types: Postal cards (single and reply), letter cards and envelopes. For each of stationery types, the treatment is chronological.

The **treatment** of the postal stationery will show different prices and printing types, with varieties of paper shades and inks, also postal rates, routes and destinations.

The **Postal Rates** for Postal Stationery in period 1876-1900 were the following:

Postal Rates for	In town	Domestic	International	Period
Postal cards	-	-	15 lepta	10.05.1876 – 30.06.1883
Postal cards	5 lepta	10 lepta	10 lepta	01.07.1883 – 15.06.1900
Postal cards	5 lepta	5 lepta	10 lepta	16.06.1900 – 31.12.1900
Envelope & Letter card	20 lepta	20 lepta	30 lepta	01.07.1894 – 29.05.1900
Envelope & Letter card	20 lepta	20 lepta	25 lepta	30.05.1900 – 31.12.1900



10 lepta postal card green-blue on cream rose rough paper issued in 1895 for domestic use, franked with 10L and 20L Small Hermes Head issued 1890/96. Posted from **ZAKYNTOS 2/14.3.1896** with boxed **ΣΥΕΘΗΜΕΝΟΝ** (registered) No 537, via **MUNCHEN 20.3.96** to **LANGENSALZA 21.3.1896 GERMANY**. **Postal Rate 40 Lepta:** 10 L. for international postal card use and 30 L. for registered to Germany.

The exhibit includes in five frames mint and used copies of «Postal Stationery of Greece» from 1876 to 1900

Exhibit Plan					
Pages	Types	Price	Used	Issued	Printed
2-6	1 st issued Postal cards	15 lepta	International	10.5.1876	Paris, France
7-12	2 nd issued Postal cards	15 lepta	International	1878	Athens, Greece
13-22	3 rd issued Postal cards	5 lepta	In town	1.7.1883	Bruxelles, Belgium
23-29	3 rd issued Postal cards	10 lepta	Domestic	1.7.1883-1888	Bruxelles, Belgium
30-38	3 rd issued Postal cards	10 lepta	International	1.7.1883-1888	Bruxelles, Belgium
39-45	4 th issued Postal cards	5 lepta	In town	11.1890-1898	Athens, Greece
46-55	4 th issued Postal cards	10 lepta	Domestic	1891-1898	Athens, Greece
56-66	4 th issued Postal cards	10 lepta	International	6.1892-1895	Athens, Greece
67-70	Letter card	20 lepta	Domestic	1.7.1894	Athens, Greece
71-79	Postal Envelope	20 lepta	Domestic	1.7.1894	Athens, Greece
80	The Greco-Turkish War of 1897 and Postal Stationery				

Greece during the period under consideration was not still using the Julian Calendar but the Gregorian Calendar. In order to match the former with the latter Calendar is necessary to add 12 days to the former up to 31 December 1899 and 13 days from 1 January 1900.

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1st issued Postal Cards 1876

On 13 October 1875, the Decree signed in Corfu on 23 September 1875 by the King of Greece George I for the issue of postal stationery was published in issue 56/A' of the Government Gazette.

The Hellenic Postal Service had requested Albert Barre to create a typographic plate for printing postal cards, which he accepted. The Chief Engraver used the same medallion mold that had been employed in 1861 for the production of the "Large Hermes Head" stamps to replicate the same image of Hermes on the postal cards. This typographic plate was manufactured under his supervision by the company Charles Deriey, located at 6 & 12 Notre-Dame-des-Champs Street in Paris, using the "galvanoplasty" method. The plate contained twenty-four clichés (4 x 6).

The first Greek postal cards, with a face value of 15 lepta, were printed in Paris on April 13 and 14, 1876 (Gregorian calendar) by the company "J. Clave & Co." on 1,000 sheets. The inscriptions, the frame, and the stamp featuring the Large Hermes Head were colored in Prussian blue. The printing was done on sheets of white, smooth, and glossy paper.

On April 19, 1876, the typographic plate, along with 1,000 printed sheets—each containing twenty-four postal cards—were sent to Athens. The total tirage amounted to 24,000 cards.

They were released in Greece on May 10/22, 1876.



15 lepta postal card issued 1876 for international use, marginal **Essay** with line at right, cut from the sheet of postal cards with scissors.

Two different dies were used to make the printing plate of 24 postal cards. The only difference between them is the length of the line beneath the word CORRESPONDANCE

CARTE-CORRESPONDANCE



Type I: 14.5 mm

Positions in sheet: 5, 7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 24

Error: The word «μονον» without accent

μονον

This errors (without accents) do not occur in a fixed position on the sheet and they were probably caused due to unbalanced pressure of the printing plate.

CARTE-CORRESPONDANCE



Type II: 16 mm

Positions in sheet: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 18 and 23



15 lepta postal card issued 1876 for international use (t. I).
 Posted from **ΕΥΡΑ 3/15.10.1876**, with cancel "PD", via **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 5/17.10.1876** to **MARSEILLE 21.10.1876 FRANCE**.
Postal Rate 15L for international postal card use.



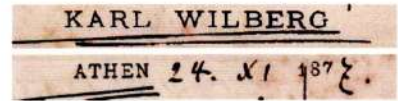
15 lepta postal card issued 1876 for international use (t. II).
 Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 6/18.3.1877**, via **Trieste** to **MARBURG 23.3.1877 GERMANY**.
Postal Rate 15L for international postal card use.



15 lepta postal card issued 1876 for international use (t. II).
 Posted from **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 12/24.5.1877**, with maritime cancel **PIROSCAFI POSTALI AUSTRIACI**, via **BRINDISI 25.5.1877** to **Venetia ITALY**.
Postal Rate 15L for international postal card use.



The earliest private text printed on the back of a postal card is by German bookseller in Athens Carl Wilberg (1829-1882)



15 lepta postal card issued 1876 for international use (t. II).
 Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 12/24.11.1877**, via GREECE MOD. MAR. PARIS 30.11.1877 to **BRUXELLES 1.12.1877 BELGIUM** and **Return to Athens GREECE**.
Postal Rate 15L for international postal card use.



15 lepta postal card issued 1876 for international use (t. II).
 Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 1/13.6.1878** to **GERMANY**.
Postal Rate 15L for international postal card use.



15 lepta postal card issued 1876 for international use (t. I).
 Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 22.7/4.8.1878**, with maritime cancel **PI-ROSCAFI POSTALI ITALIANI** to **AUSGABE - LEIRZIG 10.8. 1878 GERMANY**.
Postal Rate 15L for international postal card use.



15 lepta postal card issued 1876 for international use (t. I).
Posted from **ΣΥΡΑ** 9/21.12.1878, with cancel "PD", via **TRIEST** 26.12.1878, to **WIEN** 28.12.1878 **AUSTRIA**.
Postal Rate 15L for international postal cards use.



15 lepta postal card issued 1876 for international use (t. II).
Posted from **ΙΩΑΚΗ** 24.3/5.4.1879, via **GRECE ST MIGUEL** 2 14.4.1879 to **Paris FRANCE**.
Postal Rate 15L for international postal cards use.



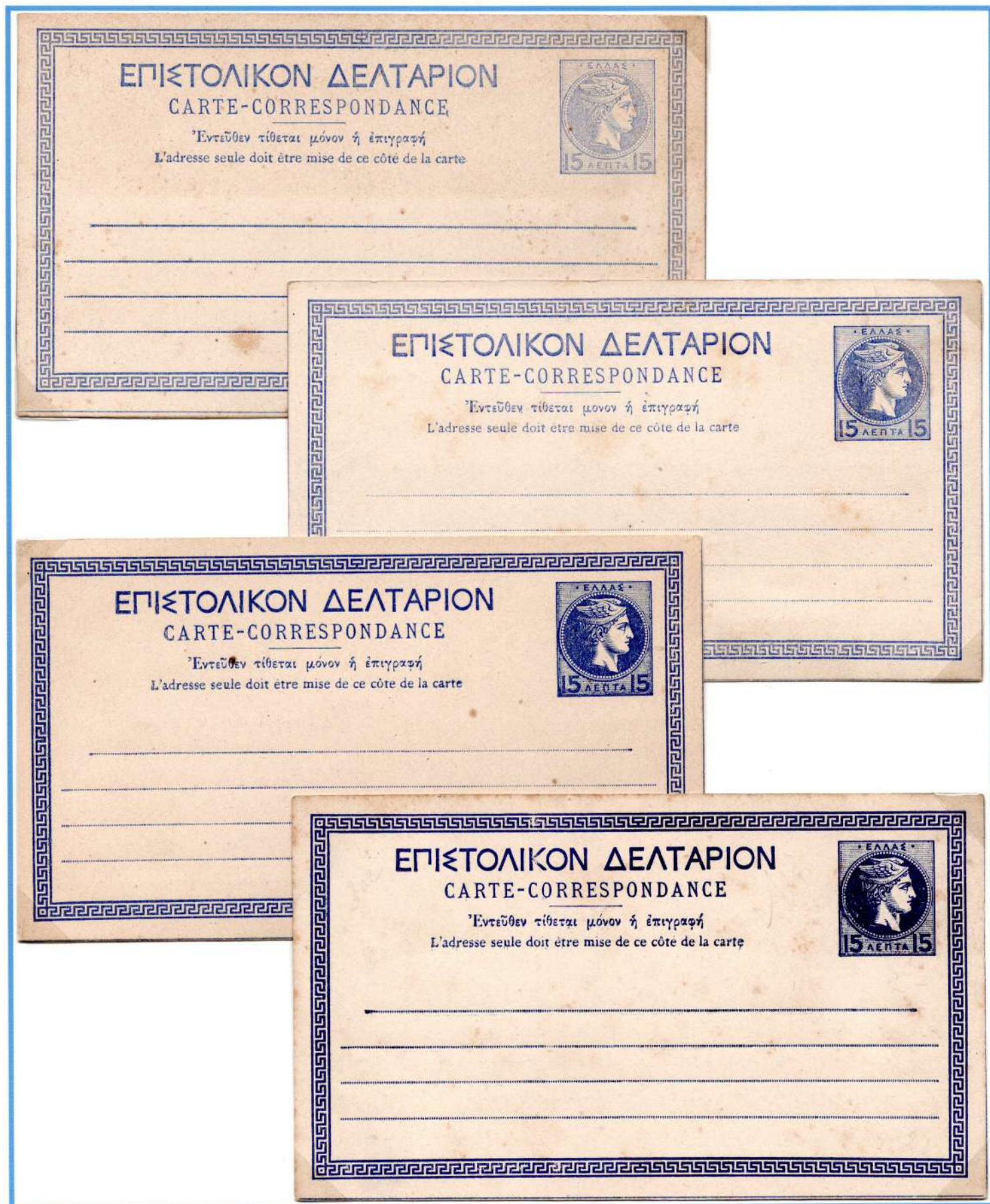
Very late date

15 lepta postal card issued 1876 for international use (t. I).
Posted from **ΜΕΣΣΟΛΟΓΓΙΟΝ** 11/23.5.1883, via **ΠΑΤΡΑΙ** 11/23.5.1883 to **BRUXELLES** 28.5.1883 **BELGIUM**.
Postal Rate 15L for international postal cards use.

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2nd issued Postal Cards 1878

The 2nd issued of postal cards was made in Athens in 1878, after the Paris print postal cards run out, on white rough carton paper. The same plates were used. Over the years the wear and tear of the plates were increased, so the first heavy prints were gradually worsened and became coarse at the end of the period with flaws. They were printed in light to dark ultramarine color.



15 lepta postal cards issued 1878 for international use in different shades



Error: The word «entre» without accent

entre

15 lepta postal card issued 1878 for international use (t. II).
 Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** 1/13.3.1879, via GRECE - ST. MICHEL 2 18.3.1879 France to **Hannover GERMANY**.
Postal Rate 15L for international postal cards use.

Error: The word «μνον», «entre» & «mise» without accent

μνον
 entre mise

15 lepta postal card issued 1878 for international use (t. I).
 Posted from **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ** 24.7/5.8.1879, to **TRIEST** 7.8.1879 **AUSTRIA**.
Postal Rate 15L for international postal cards use.



15 lepta postal card issued 1878 for international use (t. II).
 Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** 8/20.8.1879, with maritime cancel **PIRO-SCAFI POSTALI ITALIANI** to **DRESDEN-ALTST.** 27.8.1879 **GERMANY**.
Postal Rate 15L for international postal cards use.



Error: The word «μονον» & «entre» without accent

μονον
entre

15 lepta postal card issued 1878 for international use (t. II).
Posted from **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 25.3/6.4.1880**, with maritime cancel **PIROSCAFI POSTALI ITALIANI** to **Firenze ITALY**.
Postal Rate 15L for international postal cards use.



15 lepta postal card issued 1878 for international use (t. I).
Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 26.6/8.7.1880**, with maritime cancel **PIROSCAFI POSTALI ITALIANI** to **AUSGABE-LEIPZIG 14.7.1880 GERMANY**.
Postal Rate 15L for international postal cards use.



15 lepta postal card issued 1878 for international use (t. I).
Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 12/24.12.1880**, via **GRECE - ST. MICHEL 2 28.12.1880** to **Paris FRANCE**.
Postal Rate 15L for international postal cards use.



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μονον
etre

15 lepta postal card issued 1878 for international use (t. II).
Posted from **ΣΥΡΑ 23.5/4.6.1881**, via Brindisi Italy to **MARSEILLE 16.6.1881 FRANCE**.
Postal Rate 15L for international postal cards use.

Error: The word «τιθεται» «μονον» & «entre» without accent

τιθεται μονον
etre



15 Lepta postal card issued 1878 for international use (t. II), franked with 20L Large Hermes Head issued 1880 (without control figure back).

Posted from **ΣΥΡΑ 24.9/6.10.1882** with registered number 463 to **Marseille, FRANCE**.

Postal Rate 35 Lepta = 15 L. for international postal card use and 20 L. for registered to France.



H.M.S. Zerneracie
(9/10/82) Corfu

15 lepta postal card issued 1878 for international use (t. I).
Postal card send from a sailor of the **H.M.S. "Zerneracie"** anchored at Corfu 9.10.1882 (Ionian Islands).
Posted from **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 28.9/10.10.1882** to **Brighton ENGLAND**.
Postal Rate 15L for international postal cards use.



15 lepta postal card issued 1878 for International use (t. I).
Posted from **KOPINOS 18/30. 10.1882** to **Budapest HUNGARY**
Postal Rate 15L for international postal cards use.

ΚΑΤΑΕΤΗΜΑΤΑ ΑΝΑΓΕΟΥ ΚΟΡΟΜΗΛΙΑ ΕΝ ΑΘΗΝΑΙΣ
Έν Αθήναις τή 11/23 Novemb. 1882

Printed behind with private text from commercial company



15 lepta postal card issued 1878 for international use (type I).
Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 11/23.11.1882**, to **LEIPZIG 29.11.1882 GERMANY**.
Postal Rate 15L for international postal cards use.

Very late date



15 lepta postal card issued 1878 for international use (t. II).
Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 9/21.6.1883** to **BERLIN 28.6.1883 GERMANY**.
Postal Rate 15L for international postal cards use.

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3rd issued Postal Cards 1883

On 9 April 1883 a Decree was published in issue 137/A' of the Government Gazette for the issue of new postal cards.

In accordance to the Decree, on 1 July 1883 new single and double postal cards were issued and circulated. Their design was similar to the previous issue and their printed stamp depicted the Head of Hermes. Very good quality glossy and smooth paper of various shades was used and the printing quality was excellent. They were printed in Brussels Belgium.

Their nominal values were:

1. 5 lepta and 5 lepta + 5 lepta in black for use within the same city
2. 10 lepta and 10 lepta + 10 lepta in blue for use from city to city within the country
3. 10 lepta and 10 lepta + 10 lepta + 10 lepta in red for use abroad

The uneven and much higher consumption of single 10 lepta compared to all other values had led to increased use of double postal cards as singles and to the post office's disregard for whether they were used as intended (i.e. whether those intended for use within the country were actually used for that purpose). Despite the above, they eventually had to be reprinted in Belgium, probably in 1888. The 5 lepta note was not reprinted, and was therefore the first to be printed in Athens in the late 1890.

The Rejected Design

The original design of the inner part of the medallion of the printed stamp on the new postage stamps, to be issued in 1883, was originally similar to that of the previous one issued in 1876, with the vertical head of Hermes. This design was rejected, however, and eventually all postal cards issued from 1883 onwards show the head of Hermes tilted to the left.

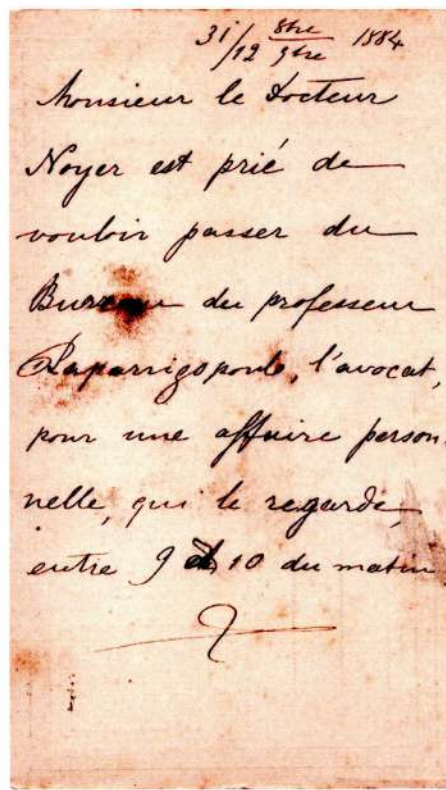


Only the 5 lepta postal cards were printed on a trial basis with the **rejected design**



The Rejected Design was used to print at least two sheets of 24 postal cards, in a different color, which were not officially issued.

A few of the **rejected postal cards**, with the Hermes Head vertical, escaped and were mailed as normal. **To date, only 3 copies are known.**



photocopy



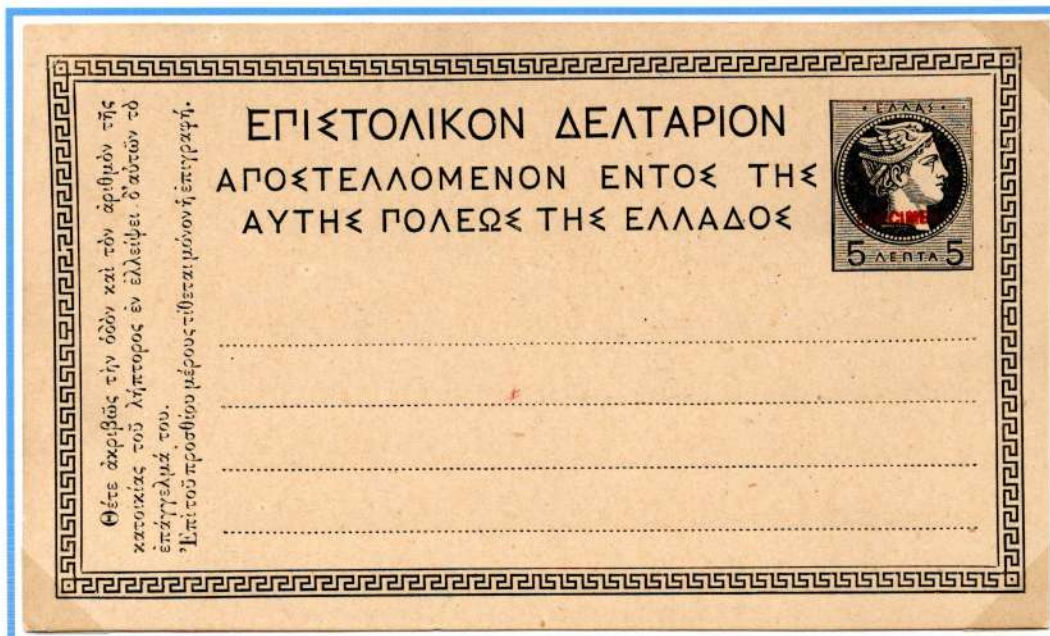
5 lepta rejected postal card posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** 1/13.11.1884, mailed in town **Athens GREECE**.
Postal Rate 5L for postal cards use in town.



5 lepta single postal card black on yellow-cream paper issued 1883 for use in town



5 lepta single postal card greenish black on yellow-cream paper issued 1883 for use in town for use in town



5 lepta single postal card greenish black on yellow-cream paper issued for use in town. Overprinted "SPECIMEN" for the UPU countries catalogue of issued cards.



5 lepta single postal card black, issued 1883 for use in town
 Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** 12/24.10. 1884 mailed in town **Athens GREECE**.
Postal Rate 5L for postal cards use in town.

In very many cases postal cards of 5 lepta, which were just for in town use, were used for domestic or foreign use with an additional 5 lepta postal charge affixed.



5 lepta single postal card greenish black, issued 1883 for use in town, franked with 5L Large Hermes Head issued 1880.
 Posted from **ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ** 12/24. 7.1885 to **ΖΑΚΥΝΘΟΣ** 1/27.7. 1885 **GREECE**.
Postal Rate 10L for domestic postal cards use.



5 lepta single postal card greenish black, issued 1883 for use in town, franked with 5L Large Hermes Head issued 1880.
 Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** 16/28.2. 1886 to **London ENGLAND**.
Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



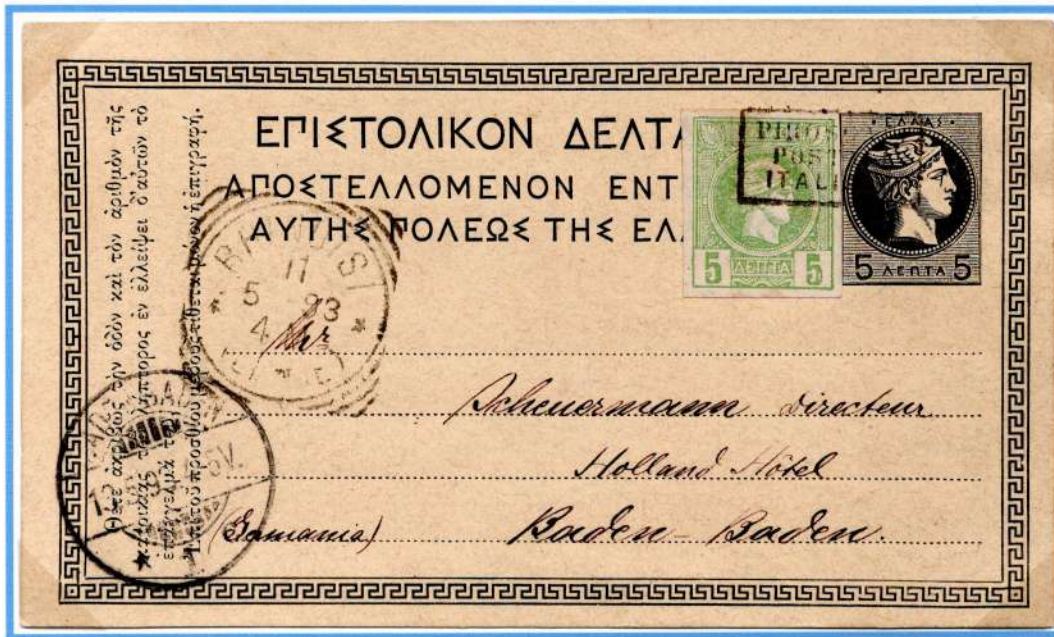
5 lepta single postal card greenish black, issued 1883 for use in town, franked with 5L Large Hermes Head issued 1880. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 12/24.3.1886** to **Kent ENGLAND**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



5 lepta single postal card greenish black, issued 1883 for use in town, franked with 5L Large Hermes Head issued 1880. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 16.8.1886** to **Lamia GREECE**. **Postal Rate 10L** for domestic postal cards use.



5 lepta single postal card greenish black, issued 1883 for use in town. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 7/19.3.1888** with cancel "T" (Taxe) and manuscript "10 (Lepta)" [2x(10L-5L)] to **HAMBURG 24.3.1888 GERMANY**. **Normal Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



Grand Hotel St. George Corfu 10/5/93

5 lepta single postal card greenish black, issued 1883 for use in town, franked with 5L Small Hermes Head Athens printing.

Postal card send from "Grand Hotel St George" **Corfu 10.5.1893.**

Posted with maritime cancel **PIROSCAFO POSTALI ITALIANI**, via **BRINDISI 11.5.1893 Italy** to **BADEN-BADEN 13.5.1893 GERMANY.**

Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



5 lepta single postal card greenish black, issued 1883 for use in town, franked with 1L and 2x2L Small Hermes head Athens printing.

Posted from **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 16/28.12.1894** to **BRUXELLES 31.12.1894 BELGIUM.**

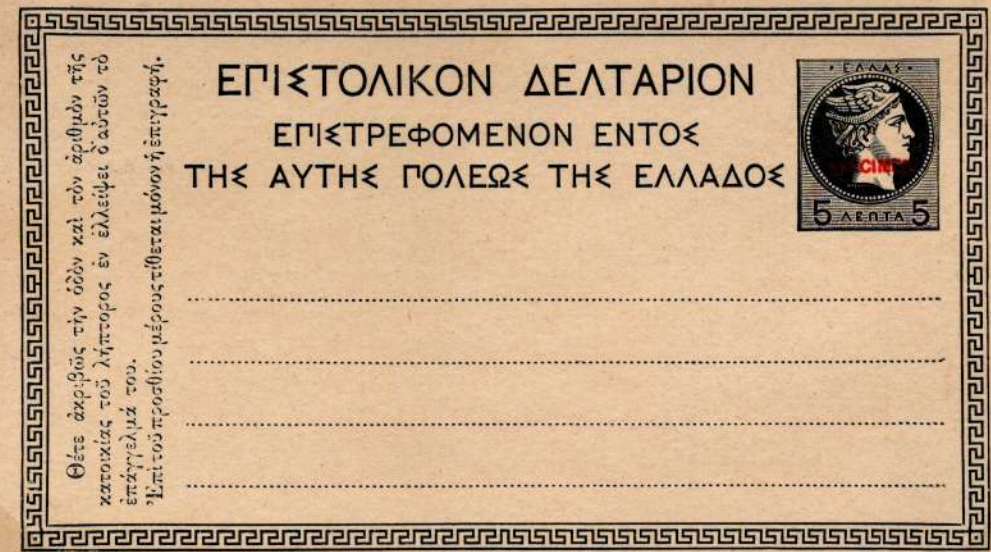
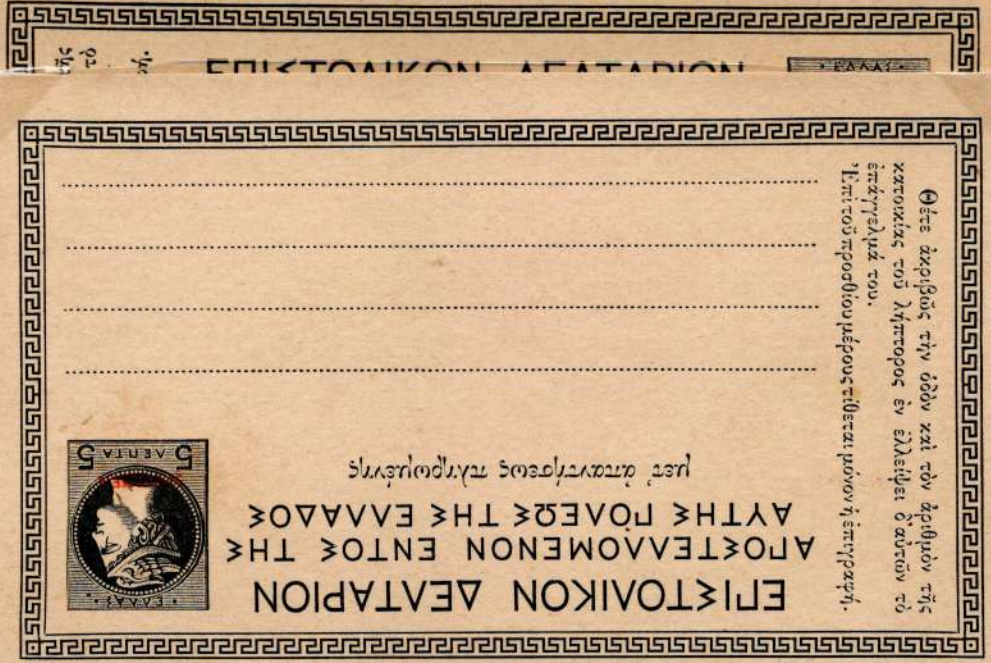
Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



5 lepta single postal card greenish black, issued 1883 for use in town, franked with 1L Small Hermes Head Belgian printing and 2x2L Small Hermes Head Athens printing.

Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 29.10/10.11.1895** to **LEIPZIG 13.11.1895 GERMANY.**

Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



Up: 5 lepta double postal cards, black or greenish black, on smooth and hard yellow-cream carton paper of excellent quality, with very fine printing, issued 1883 for use in town, mint.

Bottom: Same postal cards overprinted "SPECIMEN" for the UPU countries catalogue of issued cards, mint.



5 lepta double postal card greenish black, only **“ΑΠΟΣΤΕΛΟΜΕΝΟΝ ... μετ' απαντήσεως πληρωμένης”** (TO BE FORWARDED ... with paid answer) part, issued in 1883 for use in town. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 30.7/11.8.1889** mailed in town **Athens GREECE** Postal Rate **5L** for postal cards use in town.



5 lepta double postal card greenish black, only **“ΑΠΟΣΤΕΛΟΜΕΝΟΝ ... μετ' απαντήσεως πληρωμένης”** (TO BE FORWARDED ... with paid answer) part, issued 1883 for use in town, franked with 5L Large Hermes Head issued 1880. Posted from **ΚΟΠΙΝΘΟΣ 29.4/11.5.1889** to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 2/14.5.1889 GREECE**. Postal Rate **10L** for domestic postal cards use.



5 lepta double postal card black, only **“ΑΠΟΣΤΕΛΟΜΕΝΟΝ ... μετ' απαντήσεως πληρωμένης”** (TO BE FORWARDED ... with paid answer) part, issued 1883 for use in town, franked with 5L Small Hermes Head Belgian printing issued 1888. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 4/16.12.1890** to **CHEMNITZ 20.12.1890 Saxe**, Bestellt vom Postamt 56 21.12.1890 and **forward back to Berlin GERMANY**. Postal Rate **10L** for international postal card use.



5 lepta double postal card black, only **"ΕΠΙΤΡΕΦΟΜΕΝΟΝ"** (TO BE RETURNED - Answer) part, issued 1883 for use in town, franked with 5L Large Hermes Head issued 1880. Posted from **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 14/26. 2.1885** to **VIENNE 2.3.1885 AUSTRIA.** **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



5 lepta double postal card greenish-black, only **"ΕΠΙΤΡΕΦΟΜΕΝΟΝ"** (TO BE RETURNED - Answer) part, issue 1883 for use in town, franked with 5L Large Hermes Head issued 1880. Posted from **ΠΑΤΡΑΙ 23.9/5.10. 1887** to **DRESDEN 11.10.1887 GERMANY.** **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



5 lepta double postal card black, only **"ΕΠΙΤΡΕΦΟΜΕΝΟΝ"** (TO BE RETURNED - Answer) part, is-sued 1883 for use in town, franked with 5L Small Hermes Head Belgian printing issued 1888. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 15/27.3. 1888** to **Paris FRANCE.** **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



5 lepta double postal card black, only “ΕΠΙΣΤΡΕΦΟΜΕΝΟΝ” (TO BE RETURNED - Answer) part, issued 1883 for use in town, franked with 5L Small Hermes Head Belgian printing issued 1888. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 5/17.8.1888** to **Paris FRANCE**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.

5 lepta double postal card greenish-black, only “ΕΠΙΣΤΡΕΦΟΜΕΝΟΝ” (TO BE RETURNED - Answer) part, issue 1883 for use in town, franked with 5L Small Hermes Head Belgian printing issued 1888. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 18/30.4.1889**, via **CONSTANTINOPLE GALATA ARIVVE 3.5.1889** to **PERA 3.5.1889 TURKEY**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



On rare occasions regular returned in town postal cards are found



5 lepta double postal card greenish-black, only “ΕΠΙΣΤΡΕΦΟΜΕΝΟΝ” (TO BE RETURNED - Answer) part, issued 1883 for use in town. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 9/21.5.1889** mailed in town **Athens GREECE**. **Postal Rate 5L** for postal cards use in town.



10 lepta Hermes Head **INTERIM ESSAY** black on thin paper, for the 10 lepta postal cards of the 1883 Belgian print. This postal cards printed on blue and red color for domestic and international respectively use.
(just one item known, so far)



10 lepta single postal card dull ultramarine on grey-cream issued 1883 & ultramarine on yellow-cream reprinted 1888 for domestic use



10 lepta single postal card ultramarine on grey-cream paper issued 1883 for domestic use and overprinted "SPECIMEN" for the UPU countries catalogue of issued cards



10 lepta single postal card dull ultramarine on grey-cream paper, issued 1883 for domestic use. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** 10/22.10.1884 to **GUATEMALA, Central America**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



10 lepta single postal card dull ultramarine on grey-cream paper, issued in 1883 for domestic use, franked with 5L Large Hermes Head issue 1880. Posted from **ΠΑΤΡΑΙ** 23.12.1884/4.1.1885 to **Brecon ENGLAND**. **Normal Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



Plate Flaw: Broken frame in the middle, at left

10 lepta single postal card dull ultramarine on grey-cream paper, issued in 1883 for domestic use. Posted from **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ** 1/13.1.1885 to **BALTIMORE USA**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



Plate Flaw:
Broken frame in
at left, 5 lines
over "10"

10 lepta single postal card ultramarine on yellow-cream paper, reprint in 1888 for domestic use.

Posted from **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ** 12/24.6.1889 to **KARLSRUHE** 8.7.1889 **GERMANY**.

Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.

Plate Flaw: Broken letters



10 lepta single postal card ultramarine on yellow-cream paper, reprint in 1888 for domestic use. Posted from **ΚΑΛΑΜΑΙ** 22.3/3.4.1890 with manuscript «**Διά του ατμοπλοίου μέσω Πειραιώς**» (with steamship via Piraeus), via ΠΑΤΡΑΙ 23.3/4.4.1890, via Piraeus with steamship to Trieste and arrived to **HIRSAU** 12.4.1890 **GERMANY**.

Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



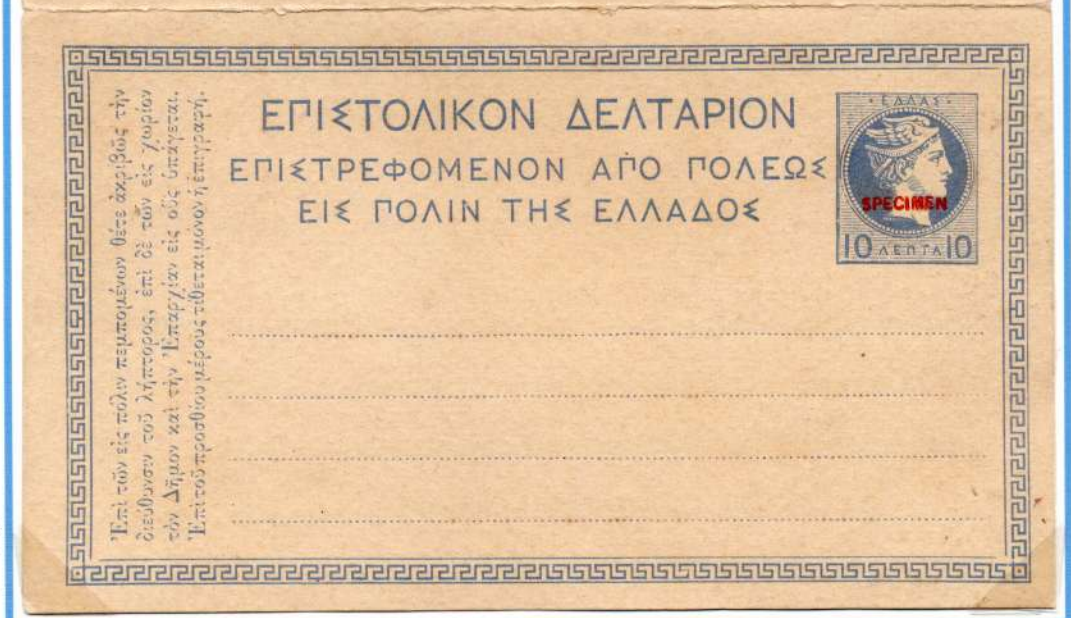
10 lepta single postal card dull ultramarine on grey-cream paper, issued 1883 for domestic use.

Posted from **ΠΑΤΡΑΙ** 4/16.10.1891 to G.P.O. **ADELAIDE S.A.** 17.11.1891 **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**.

Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



10 lepta double postal card, ultramarine, on grey-cream carton paper of excellent quality, with very fine printing, issued 1883 for domestic used, mint.



Same postal card overprinted "SPECIMEN" for the UPU countries catalogue of issued cards, mint.



10 lepta double postal card ultramarine on grey-cream paper, issued 1883 for domestic use
 Posted from **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 29.8/10.9.1884** via Trieste to **MALMO 14.9.1884 SWEDEN**
Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use



10 lepta double postal card ultramarine on grey-cream paper, only **"ΕΠΙΣΤΡΕΦΟΜΕΝΟΝ"** (TO BE RETURNED - Answer) part, issued 1883 for domestic use.
 Posted from **ΠΑΤΡΑΙ 26.3/7.4.1886**, VIA BRINDISI Italy, to **MUNCHEN 11.4.1886 GERMANY**.
Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



10 lepta double postal card ultramarine on grey-cream paper, only "ΑΠΟΣΤΕΛΟΜΕΝΟΝ ... μετ' απαντήσεως πληρωμένης" (TO BE FORWARDED ... with paid answer) part, issued 1883 for domestic use.

Posted from **ΝΑΥΠΑΛΙΟΝ 2/14.3.1892**, via ΠΕΙΡΑΙΑΕΥΣ 3/15.3.-1892, LONDON 9.3.1892 England, NEW YORK 27.3.1892, SYRACUSE 28.3.1892 to **PROVIDENCE USA**.

Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.

Z. VELOUIDIOS. *Minis & Co. 1892*
 Envergez moi si il vous plait etc par la Poste Recommandée.

Printed behind with private text from commercial company



10 lepta double postal card ultramarine on grey-cream paper, only "ΑΠΟΣΤΕΛΟΜΕΝΟΝ ... μετ' απαντήσεως πληρωμένης" (TO BE FORWARDED ... with paid answer) part, issued in 1883 for domestic use.

Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 21.3/2.4.1892** to **Leipzig GERMANY**.

Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



Very late date

Kifissia bei Athen 10/10 99.

10 lepta double postal card ultramarine on grey-cream paper, only "ΑΠΟΣΤΕΛΟΜΕΝΟΝ ... μετ' απαντήσεως πληρωμένης" (TO BE FORWARDED ... with paid answer) part, issued 1883 for domestic use.

Postal card write in **Kifissia 29.5/10.6.1899** & posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 30.5/11.6.1899** to **KORNEUBURG 17.6.1899 AUSTRIA.P**

Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.

In very rare cases, regular return postal cards either from city to city (town to town) within the country or from abroad to Greece.

Πόρος 10/2/93.



*Πόρος 10/2/93.
 φίλοι μου Ανδρία!
 Υπονοούμενοι της εορτής του
 Πάσχα σας ευχόμενοι ε' δια
 μια ανάπαυση σας.
 Δίμενοι μοι δι' αραματων
 εις Αθηναις δια Α' ταχ υπο
 μήκο του ίδιου του κωδικο
 αριθμού της 21^{ης} Δεκεμβρίου 1892
 προορισίας οριζομένης. Σημειω
 άνα μνημείο οριζομένης.
 Τα ονόματά σας εν τη
 διαταγή. Οδός*

10 lepta double postal card ultramarine on grey-cream paper, only “ΕΠΙΣΤΡΕΦΟΜΕΝΟΝ” (TO BE RETURNED – Answer) part, issued 1883 for domestic use. Posted from ΠΟΡΟΣ 10/22.10.1893 to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 10/22.10.1893 GREECE. Postal Rate 10L for reply (answer) domestic postal cards use.

*Reading, 18 April 88.
 H. P. C.*

*Reading, 18 April 88.
 H. P. C.
 My dear friend
 in Birmingham
 I have just received
 your kind letter
 of the 14th inst.
 and am much obliged
 to you for the
 information you
 have given me
 regarding the
 matter of the
 ...
 I will write
 you again
 soon.*



10 lepta double postal card ultramarine on grey-cream paper, only “ΕΠΙΣΤΡΕΦΟΜΕΝΟΝ” (TO BE RETURNED – Answer) part, issued 1883 for domestic use. Posted from READING 18.4.1898 ENGLAND via ΠΑΤΡΑΙ to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ GREECE. (“18” it’s cancel from the postman in Athens) Postal Rate 10L for reply (answer) international postal cards use.



10 lepta single postal card rose to red on cream-grey (1st) & red on grey-blue paper (2nd), issued 1883 for international use
10 lepta single postal card bright red on grey-blue paper (3rd) reprinted 1888 for international use



Same postal cards on cream-grey & grey-blue paper, overprinted "SPECIMEN" for the UPU countries catalogue of issued cards



10 lepta single postal card red on grey-blue paper, issued in 1883 for international use.
 Posted from **AΘΕΟΥΠΙΟΝ 23.11/5.12.1883**, to **PARIS 10.12.1883 FRANCE**.
Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



10 lepta single postal card dull rose on grey-blue paper, issued in 1883 for international use.
 Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 22.3/3.4.1887** to **LONDON 9.4.1887 England** & forward back to **MILANO 17.4.1887 ITALY**.
Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



Plate Flaw:
 White spot in front of eye

10 lepta single postal card red on grey-blue paper, issued in 1883 for international use.
 Posted from **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 2/14.3.1887** to **BERLIN 19.3.1887 GERMANY**.
Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



10 lepta single postal card dull rose on dull cream-grey paper, issued in 1883 for International use
 Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** 9/21.5.1891, via **TABRIZ** 10.6.1891, **TEHERAN** 13.6.1891 to **Ispahan PERSIA (Iran)**.
Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



Plate Flaw:
 Scratch on "A"
 of "ΕΛΛΑΣ"
 & on helmet



10 lepta single postal card rose on grey-blue paper, issued in 1883 for international use.
 Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** 22.5/3.6.1892 to **FREIBERG** 8.6.1892 **GERMANY**.
Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.

Very late date



10 lepta single postal card rose on grey-blue paper, issued in 1883 for international use.
 Posted from **ΠΑΕΟΙ** 21.9/3.10.1896 to **Athens GREECE**. ("18" it's cancel from the postman in Athens)
Postal Rate 10L for domestic postal cards use.



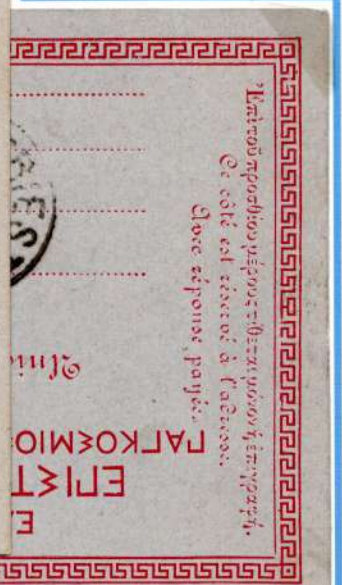
10 lepta double postal card, red, on grey-blue carton paper of excellent quality, with very fine printing, issued 1883 for international used, mint.



Same postal card overprinted "SPECIMEN" for the UPU countries catalogue of issued cards, mint.



10 lepta double postal card red on cream-grey paper, issued in 1883 for international use. Posted from **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 28.8/9.9.1883** to **ALEXANDRIE ARRIVEE 13.9.1883 EGYPT**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



10 lepta double postal card red on grey-blue paper issued in 1883 for international use. Posted from **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 23.4/5.5.1886**, via **TRIEST 8.5.1886** to **LEIPZIG 10.5.1886 GERMANY**. **Postal Rate 10** for international postal cards use.





10 lepta double postal card red on grey-blue paper, only “Réponse” (Answer) part, issued in 1883 for international use. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 17/29.7.1886** to **Westfalen GERMANY**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



10 lepta double postal card red on grey-blue paper, only “Réponse” (Answer) part, issued in 1883 for international use. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 7/19.12.1888** to **JERUSALEM 29.12.1888 SYRIEN (Israel)**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



10 lepta double postal card red on grey-blue paper, only “Avec réponse payée” (With paid answer) part, issued in 1883 for international use. Posted from **ΑΕΥΚΑΕ 2/14.7.1890**, via **ALEXANDRIA 21.7.1890** Egypt, **MONTCENIS A MARCON 27.7.1890** France to **Tanger MOROCCO Africa**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.

In very rare cases, regular return postal cards either from city to city (town to town) within the country or from abroad to Greece.

Θεσσαλονίκη 1η & 2η 85



Θεσσαλονίκη 1η & 2η 85
 Μόνη γράφησι ούκ ουδέποτε
 εβρα τακτα δει εχε δαγμα
 νικησ μεντασισθελν ηδδου
 γαλβουσ το εβρασ αγγα
 αικησε δει υπηχισαν ον
 δεγισα ηνα υπηχισισα
 ηνα δει φα γουαπυμωσ
 δει ον εβρασ αικησ αδου
 γαλβουσ γαλβουμωσ ναλ
 νικησ εβρασ το δειγ
 λυγμωσ

10 lepta double postal card red on cream-grey paper, **only "Réponse" (Answer) part**, issued in 1883 for international use. The postal card was sent from Thessaloniki Turkey (8/20.6.1885) and posted from French Post Office in Thessaloniki with postmark **SALONIQUE TURQUIE 8/20.6.1885** to **ΒΟΛΟΣ 13/25.6.1885 GREECE** (back). In Volos got manuscript indication **"Inconnu" (Unknown) & "Retour" (Return) and sent back to Thessaloniki Turkey**. The postmark ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ 1/13.6.1885 on face is from the other part of postal card that sent from Piraeus Greece to Thessaloniki Turkey. **Has two slits from disinfection which have been made by the Health Office in Piraeus.** **Postal Rate 10L** for Réponse international postal cards use.

Neubrandenburg (Allemagne)
 Cher Monsieur Vallois! 1 oct. 1888

Neubrandenburg (Allemagne)
 Cher Monsieur Vallois! 1 oct. 1888
 Je vous ai reçu votre envoi de cartes
 et j'en suis fort content. Amis! que les
 cartes R. de son côté, je vous prie
 de me les envoyer, je vous prie
 pour vous élever un peu de la peine
 que vous avez prise. Mais je vous prie
 de ne pas les envoyer par l'agence au-
 trichienne, mais comme des lettres
 à peu près cent cartes dans une lettre,
 qui auront un poids de 200 à 250 gr. et
 affranchies par des timbres de 15, 2, 1
 L., que j'attendrai, timbres, français,
 le même que les timbres non timbrés
 de manière que je n'ai pas de déve-
 nantage. Je vous remercierai ce que
 vous aurez de faire pour le port.
 Je vous prie de m'envoyer les cartes
 doubles, je vous prie de m'envoyer avec
 une certaine de m'envoyer, et
 à être dans des lettres affranchies par les
 Nos 112, 111, 110, j'attends votre envoi de
 timbres de même que les timbres postaux
 et les timbres. Les demandés et j'espère
 vous saluer sincèrement, cher Monsieur
 P. K. p. 1.



10 lepta double postal card red on blue paper, **only "Réponse" (Answer) part**, issued in 1883 for international use. Posted from **NEUBRANDENBURG 2.10.1888** Germany, via **TRIEST 4.10.1888** Italy to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 25.9/7.10.1888** GREECE. **Postal Rate 10L** for Réponse international postal cards use.

Postal Stationery of Greece 1876-1900

4th issued Postal Cards 1890-1900

Due to the depletion of the previous postal cards which had been printed in Belgium, it was decided to reprint them in Athens with the same printing plates. Papers of various qualities and colours were used. Due to the inferior quality of the ink used and negligence in cleaning the plates, they show moderate to very heavy printing.

Only single postal cards were printed from the late 1890s to 1898 as postal needs increased.

Their denominations and first/last dates of printing in Athens were:

1. 5 lepta in Black for use within the same city, November 1890 / 1898
2. 10 lepta in shades of Blue for use from city to city within the country, 1891 / 1898
3. 10 lepta in shades of Red for use abroad, June 1892 / 1895

The last date of their official sale and use was 15 June 1900, when they were withdrawn.



5 lepta postal card black on yellow-cream issued in 1890 for in town use, mint.

5 lepta postal card black on very thin (rare) cream paper issued in 1892 for in town use, mint.

5 lepta postal card black on buff paper issued in 1896 for in town use, mint.

5 lepta postal card black on glossy, yellow-brown paper issued in 1898 for in town use, mint.

The earliest recorded date



5 lepta postal card black on yellow-cream paper, issued in 1890 for in town used, franked with 5L Small Hermes Head Athens printing.
Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** 14/26.12.1890 to **ΚΟΡΙΝΘΟΣ** 14/26.12.1890 **GREECE**.
Postal Rate 10L for domestic postal cards us



5 lepta postal card black on yellow-cream paper, issued in 1890 for in town used, franked with 5L Small Hermes Head Athens printing.
Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** 4/16.1.1891 to **LARNACA** 29.1.1891 **CYPRUS**.
Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use



5 lepta postal card black on yellow-cream paper, issued in 1890 for in town used, franked with 5L Small Hermes Head Athens printing.
Posted from **ΠΕΙΡΑΙΑΕΥΣ** 12/24.8.1891, via **ABONADOS** 4.10.1891 to **BUENOS AIRES** 4.10.1891 **ARGENTINA**.
Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



5 lepta postal card black on yellow-cream paper, issued in 1890 for in town used, franked with 1L and 2x2L Small Hermes Head Athens printing. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 15/27.2.1892** to **Marburg GERMANY**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



5 lepta postal card black on yellow-brown paper, issued in 1890 for in town used. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 3/15.5.1892** with cancel "**T**" (Taxe) and manuscript "**10 L**" [2x(10L-5L)] to **Patrai GREECE**. **Normal Postal Rate 10L** for domestic postal cards use.



5 lepta postal card black on very thin (rare) yellow-cream paper, issued in 1892 for in town used, franked with 5L Small Hermes Head Athens printing. Posted from **ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ 21.3/2.4.1892** to **Pasto Cauca COLOMBIA**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



5 lepta postal card on yellow-cream, issued in 1890 for in town used, franked with 5L Small Hermes Head Athens print.

Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 26.3/7.4.1892** via **ALEXANDRIE 8.4.1892**, **SEA POST OFFICE 18.4.1892** to **PORT BOMBAY 20.4.1892 INDIA**, **BOMBAY. G.P.O. DEP. 25.4.1892**, **PORT BOMBAY 26.4.1892**, **BOMBAY DEP. 26.4.1892**, **BOMBAY. G.P.O. DEP. 26.4.1892**, **BOMBAY. G.P.O. DEP. 27.4.1892**, **MARKET BOMBAY 28.4.1892**, **BOMBAY G.P.O. DEP. 29.4.1892**, **D.L.O. BOMBAY 10.5.1892**, **BOMBAY G.F.O. O.F.P. 16.5.1892**, **INCONNU NOT KNOWN** and **Return** to Athens **GREECE**.

Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use posted to India and return to Greece



5 lepta postal card black on yellow-cream, issued in 1890 for in town used, franked with strip of five 1L Small Hermes Head Athens printing.

Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 12/24.7.1895**, via **ΟΔΕΣΣΑ 19/31.7.1895** to **С. ПЕТЕРБУРГЪ 22.7/3.8.1895** **RUSSIA**.

Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



5 lepta postal card black on light yellow-cream paper, issued in 1890 for in town used, franked with 5L Olympic Games stamps issued 1896.

Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 29.5/10.6.1896** to **HAMBURG 16.6.1896** **GERMANY**.

Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



5 lepta postal card black on buff paper, issued in 1896 for in town used, franked with 5L Olympic Games stamp issued 1896. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 30.6/12.7.1896** to **Tripolis GREECE**. **Postal Rate 10L** for domestic postal cards use.



5 lepta postal card black on yellow-cream paper, issued in 1890 for in town used, franked with 1L and pair 2L Olympic Games stamps issued 1896. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 28.11/10.12.1896** to **ZURICH 14.12.1896 SWITZERLAND**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



5 lepta postal card black on yellow-cream paper, issued in 1890 for in town used, franked with 1L and pair 2L Olympic Games stamps issued 1896. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 7/19.2.1897** to **COLCHESTER 24.2.1897 ENGLAND**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



5 lepta postal card black on yellow-cream paper, issued in 1890 for in town used, franked with 1L and pair 2L Olympic Games stamps issued 1896. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** 27.3/8. 4.1897, via **NEW YORK** 24.4.1897 to **SAN DIEGO CAL.** 29.4.1897 **California USA**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



5 lepta postal card black on yellow-cream paper, issued in 1890 for in town used. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** 4/16.5.1898, via **BRUXELLES** 21.5.1898 to **ANVERS** 21.5.1898 **BELGIUM**. The postage fee for international use was 10 lepta. On arrival stamp T(axe) and handwritten note 10 (cent) which is double the missing postage. On arrived affixed 10 cent postage due stamp & canceled with **ANVERS ARRIVE** 22.5.1898. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



5 lepta postal card grey black on cream thin paper, issued in 1890 for in town used, franked with 1L and 2x2L Small Hermes Head Athens printing. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** 20.12.1899/1.1.1900 to **Patrai GREECE**. **Postal Rate 10L** for domestic postal cards use.



5 lepta postal card black on yellow-brown, issued in 1890 for in town used, franked with 1L & 5L Small Hermes Head Athens printing and 2L Olympic Games issue.
 Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 5/17.11.1899** to **CAIRE 20.11.1899**
EGYPT.
Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.

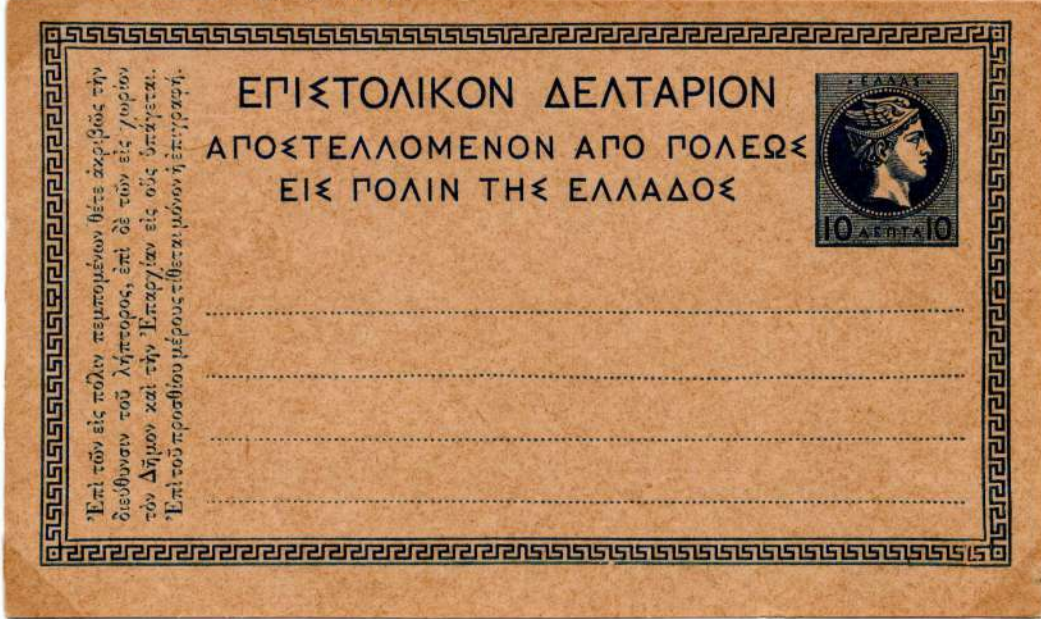
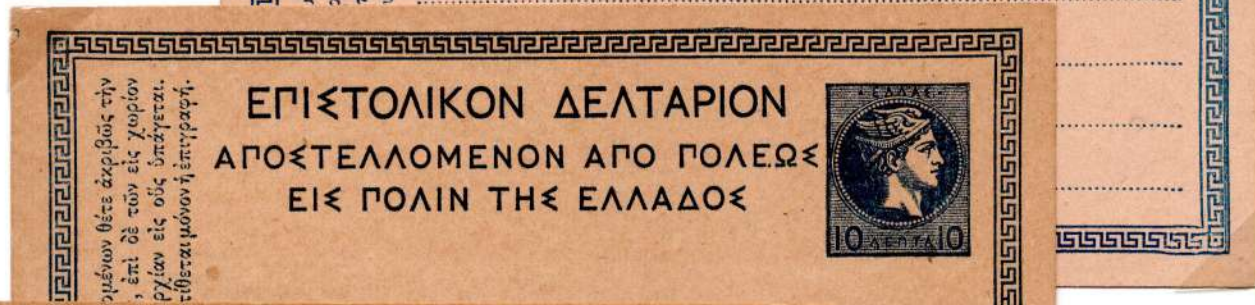
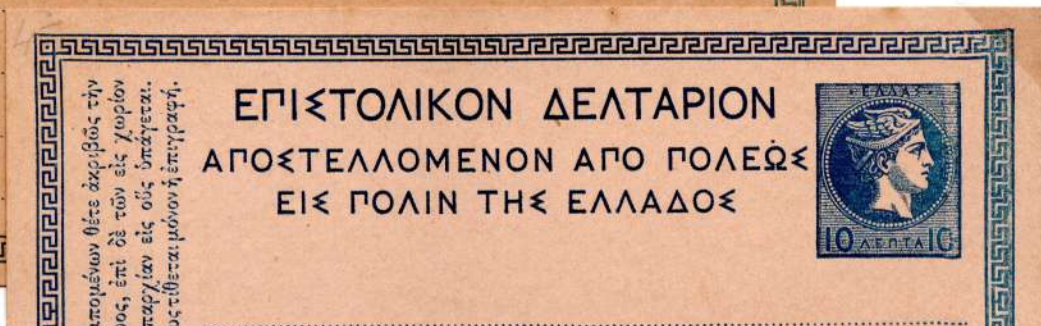
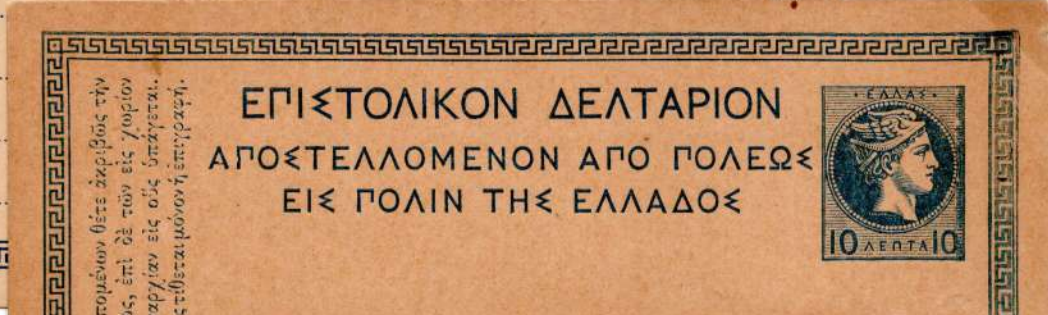
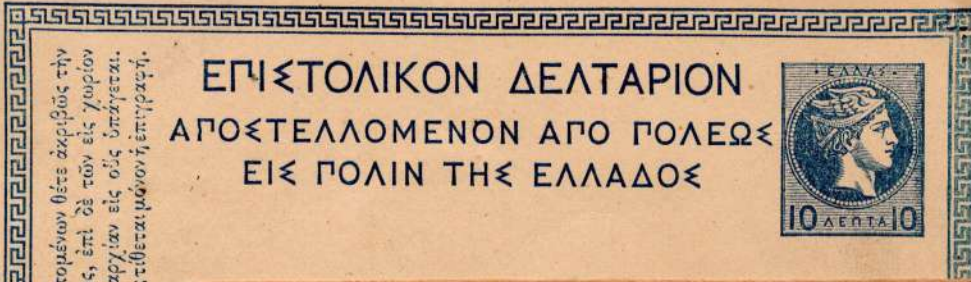
5 lepta postal card grey black on glossy yellow-brown paper, issued in 1898 for in town used, franked with 5x1L Small Hermes Head Athens printing.
 Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 21.12.1899** / **2.1.1900** to **ZITTAU 6.1.1900**
GERMANY.
Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



Very late date



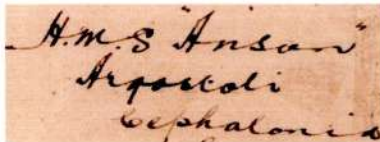
5 lepta postal card grey black on glossy yellow-brown paper, issued in 1898 for in town used, franked with 5L Small Hermes Head Athens printing.
 Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 5/17.6.1900** to **ΒΟΛΟΣ 7/19.6.1900**
GREECE.
Postal Rate 10L for domestic postal cards use.



10 lepta postal card blue (shades) on yellow-cream smooth paper, issued in 1891 for domestic use, mint.
 10 lepta postal card blue (shades) on deep buff smooth paper issued in 1891 for domestic use, mint.
 10 lepta postal card blue (shades) on pinkish cream smooth paper, issued in 1891 for domestic use, mint.
 10 lepta postal card blue (shades) on cream rose rough paper, issued in 1895 for domestic use, mint.
 10 lepta postal card blue (shades) on glossy, pale yellow-brown paper issued in 1898 for domestic use, mint.



10 lepta postal card blue on yellow-cream smooth paper, issued in 1891 for domestic use. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 10/22.9.1891**, via **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 11/23.9.-1891** to **DRESDEN 28.9.1891 GERMANY**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



10 lepta postal card light blue on light cream smooth paper, issued in 1891 for domestic use. Postal card send from a sailor of the **H.M.S. "Anson"** anchored at Argostoli Cefalonia Ionian Islands. Posted from **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 26.11/8.12.1893** to **Kent ENGLAND**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.

H.M.S. Anson was a British Battleship launched in 1886 and sold in 1909. In September 1893 she was transferred to the Mediterranean, where she served until January 1900



10 lepta postal card blue on pinkish cream smooth paper, issued in 1891 for domestic use. Postal card write in **Patra 28.11/10.12.1893** with railway postmark **ΑΘΗΝΩΝ-ΠΑΤΡΩΝ 28.11/10.12.1893** to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 28.11/10.12.1893 GREECE**. **Postal Rate 10L** for domestic postal cards use.



10 lepta postal card blue on deep buff smooth paper issued in 1891 for domestic use
 Postal card send from Maritime Agencies in **Lefkada Ionian Islands** with cancel **ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΑΤΜΟΠΛΟΙΑ Ν.Μ. ΑΘΑΝΑΣΟΥΛΗΣ - ΠΡΑΚΤΟΡΕΙΟΝ ΛΕΥΚΑΔΟΣ** (Hellenic Steam Navigation N. M. Athanasoulis - Agency Lefkadas) to **Athens GREECE**.
Postal Rate 10L for domestic postal cards use.

Error: Due to extensive usage, (continuous printing), the printing plate began to show damage starting from December 1894 until February 1896, when it seems that the defect was repaired. The same thing happens between the end of 1897 & the end of 1898.



17 octobre 94
 10 lepta postal card blue on deep buff smooth paper, issued in 1891 for domestic use. Postal card write on ship (Dec 17, 1894) and cancel with **PLEINE MER**.
 Posted from **ΚΕΡΚΥΠΑ 19/31. 12.1894**, via **ALEXANDRIE 6.1.-95** to **ZAGAZIZ 6.1.1895 EGYPT**.
Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



10 lepta postal card blue on pinkish cream smooth paper, issued in 1891 for domestic use.
 Posted from **ΚΕΡΚΥΠΑ 22.12.1893/3.1.1894**, via **MONTCE-NIS A MACON 5.1.94 France, PARIS ETRANGER 6.1.1894** to **BUENOS AIRES 28.1.1894 ARGENTINA**.
Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



Corfu

10 lepta postal card blue on cream rose rough paper issued in 1891 for domestic use.

Postal card write in **Corfu** without expedition postmark & send with Austrian steamship "Hungaria", postmark **LLOYD AUSTRIACO XXIX 19.4.1894** to **Luton ENGLAND**.

Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.

(Austrian Lloyd Steamship XXIX was the **S.S. Hungaria**, 1976 tons built 1869, served between 1888 and 1910 on various lines to the Levant).

H.M.S. "Hood"
Volos
8/6/94.

10 lepta postal card blue on cream rose rough paper, issued in 1891 for domestic use.

Postal card send from a sailor of the **H.M.S. "Hood"** anchored at Volos Thessaly.

Posted from **ΒΟΛΟΣ 27.5/8.6. 1894** to **ENGLAND**.

Postal Rate: 10L for international postal cards use.

H.M.S. Hood was a modified Royal Sovereign-class pre-dreadnought battleship built for the Royal Navy in the early 1890s and was scuttled in late 1914. Belonged to the Mediterranean Fleet based in Malta from 3 July 1893 to 29 April 1900)



10 lepta postal card blue on cream rose rough paper issued in 1895 for domestic use.

Posted from **NEON ΦΑΛΗΡΟΝ 15/27.2.1895**, via **ΟΔΕΣΣΑ 22. 2/6.3.1895** to **ΠΕΤΕΡΒΟΥΡΓΪ 25. 2/9.3.1895** **RUSSIA**.

Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



s. Ararat. Syra. March 7/95

10 lepta postal card blue on cream rose smooth paper, issued in 1895 for domestic use. Postal card write from a sailor of the S/S "Ararat" anchored at Port of Syra (Syros) 7.3.1895. Posted from **ΕΥΡΟΣ 24.2/8.3.1895** via CAIRE 15.3.1895 to **CAIRO POST OFFICE SHEPHERD HOTEL 15.3.1895 EGYPT**, with boxed cancel "**NON RÉCLAMÉ**", CAIRO POST OFFICE SHEPHERD HOTEL 21.5.1895 and boxed cancel "**BUREAU DES REBUTS EGYPT 1.6.1895**" (Waste Office, Egypt). **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



10 lepta postal card blue on cream rose smooth paper, issued in 1895 for domestic use. Posted from **ΔΕΥΚΑΣ 22.8/9.9.1895**, via LONDON 11.9.1895 England to **DURBAN NATAL 6.10.1895 SOUTH AFRICA**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards usu.



Patras. 1.10.1895

10 lepta postal card blue on deep buff smooth paper, issued in 1891 for domestic use. Postal card write in **Patra 1.10.1895** without expedition postmark, and send with Italian steamship "Principo Amedeo", maritime postmark **PRINCIPE AMEDEO PIROSCAFO POSTALI ITALIANO 1.10.1895** to **BERLIN 5. 10.1895 GERMANY**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



10 lepta postal card blue on pinkish cream smooth paper, issued in 1895 for domestic use. Posted from **ZAKYNΘΟΣ 23.1/4.2.1896** via PARIS ETRANGER 11.2.1896 France to **ROSARIO 10.3.1896 ARENTINA**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.

Patras 8/11

10 lepta postal card green blue on cream rose rough paper (damage of the printing plate on the right side of the card), issued in 1895 for domestic use. Postal card write in **Patra 8.6.1896** with railway postmark **ΠΑΤΡΩΝ-ΑΘΗΝΩΝ 28.5/9.6.1896**, via ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ 28.5/9.6.1896 to **KREUTH 16.6.1896 GERMANY**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



10 lepta postal card blue on cream rose rough paper issued in 1895 for domestic use, franked with 5L Olympic Games stamps issued 1896. Posted from **AIGINA 4/16/4.1897** via ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ 4/16.4.1897 to **BERLIN 23.4.1897 GERMANY**. **Normal Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



10 lepta postal card green blue on yellow-brown and glossy paper, issued in 1898 for domestic use. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 25.12.1897/6.1.1898**, via ALEXANDRIE 9.1.1898 Egypt, SEA POST OFFICE 17.1.1898, via Bombay to **KAMPTEE 24.1.1898 INDIA**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



10 lepta postal card green blue on yellow-brown and glossy paper, issued in 1898 for domestic use franked with 2x5L Small Hermes Head Athens printing. Posted from **ΣΥΡΟΣ 18.2/2.3.1898** to **OMB 9.3.1898 DENMARK**. **Normal Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



A. P. BRAZZAFOLL
PATRASSO

10 lepta postal card green blue on yellow-brown and glossy paper, issued in 1898 for domestic use. Postal card write in **Patra** without expedition postmark & send with Austrian steamship "Metchovich", postmark **LLOYD AUSTRIACO LXXI 24.3.1898** to **GOLDBERG 27.3.1898 GERMANY**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use. (Austrian Lloyd Steamship LXXI was the **S.S. Metchovich**, 880 tons built 1893, served until 1909 on Dalmatian lines).

A board da "Daphne", - En Na de Corfu, 23 avril 1898



10 lepta postal card green blue on yellow-brown and glossy paper, issued in 1898 for domestic use.

Postal card write in **Kerkyra 23. 4.1898** without expedition postmark, and send with Austrian steamship "Daphne", postmark **LLOYD AUSTRIACO XVIII 24. 4.1898** to **NAMUR STATION 26. 4.1898 BELGIUM.**

Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.

(Austrian Lloyd Steamship XVIII was the **S.S. Daphne**, 1951 tons built 1881, withdrawn February 1907. Ser-ved between 1888 and 1907 mainly on the slow lines to the Levant and the Black Sea).

Corfu, Nov 30.

10 lepta postal card green blue on yellow-brown and glossy paper, issued in 1898 for domestic use.

Postal card write in **Corfu 30. 11/12.12.1898** without expedition postmark, and send with Italian steamship "Scilla", maritime postmark **SCILLA PIROSCAFO POSTALI ITALIANO .12. 1898** to **Constantinople TURKEY.**

Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



10 lepta postal card green blue on yellow-brown and glossy paper, issued in 1898 for domestic use.

Posted from **KEPKYPA 15/27. 12.1899**, via **SEA POST OFFICE 8.1.1900** to **Calcutta INDIA.**

Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



10 lepta postal card green blue on yellow-brown and glossy paper, issued in 1898 for domestic use, franked with 10L & 20L Small Hermes Head.

Posted from ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ 5/18.2.1900, boxed R (registered) N° 100 & also registered receipt attached back, to WIEN 21.2.1900 AUSTRIA. Label "Unbekannt Inconnu" & boxed "ADRESSAT MIT HILFE DES CENTRAL MELDUNG - AMTES IN WIEN NICHT ERMITTELT" & Retour to ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ 18.2/2.3. 1900 GREECE.

Postal Rate 40 Lepta = 10 L. for international postal card use and 30 L. for registered to Austria.



10 lepta postal card green blue on pale yellow-brown and glossy paper, issued in 1898 for domestic use.

Postal card write in Patra 15/27.2.1900 without expedition postmark, and send with Italian steamship "Peloro", maritime postmark PELORO PIROSCAFO POSTALI ITALIANO 27.2.1900 to ANVERS 3.3.1900 BELGIUM.

Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



Very late date



10 lepta postal card green blue on deep yellow-brown and glossy paper, issued in 1898 for domestic use.

Posted from ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 19/31.7.1900, to Asuncion PARAGUAY.

Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.

On 1893-95 in some case 10 lepta single postal cards (for domestic use), printed on the glossy paper was **water-marked «ΧΑΡΤΗΣ ΔΗΜΟΣΙΑΣ ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑΣ»** (PAPER for PUBLIC SERVICES) with letters 36 mm tall.



Error: Due to extensive usage, (continuous printing), the printing plate began to show damage starting from December 1894 until February 1896, when it seems that the defect was repaired. The same thing happens between the end of 1897 & the end of 1898.

10 lepta postal card blue on glossy yellow-brown **watermarked paper**, issued in 1893 for domestic use, mint.

10 lepta postal card blue on glossy yellow-brown **watermarked paper**, issued in 1893 for domestic use.

Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 12/24.7.1893** via **PARIS** to **DOURDAN 2.8.1893 FRANCE**.

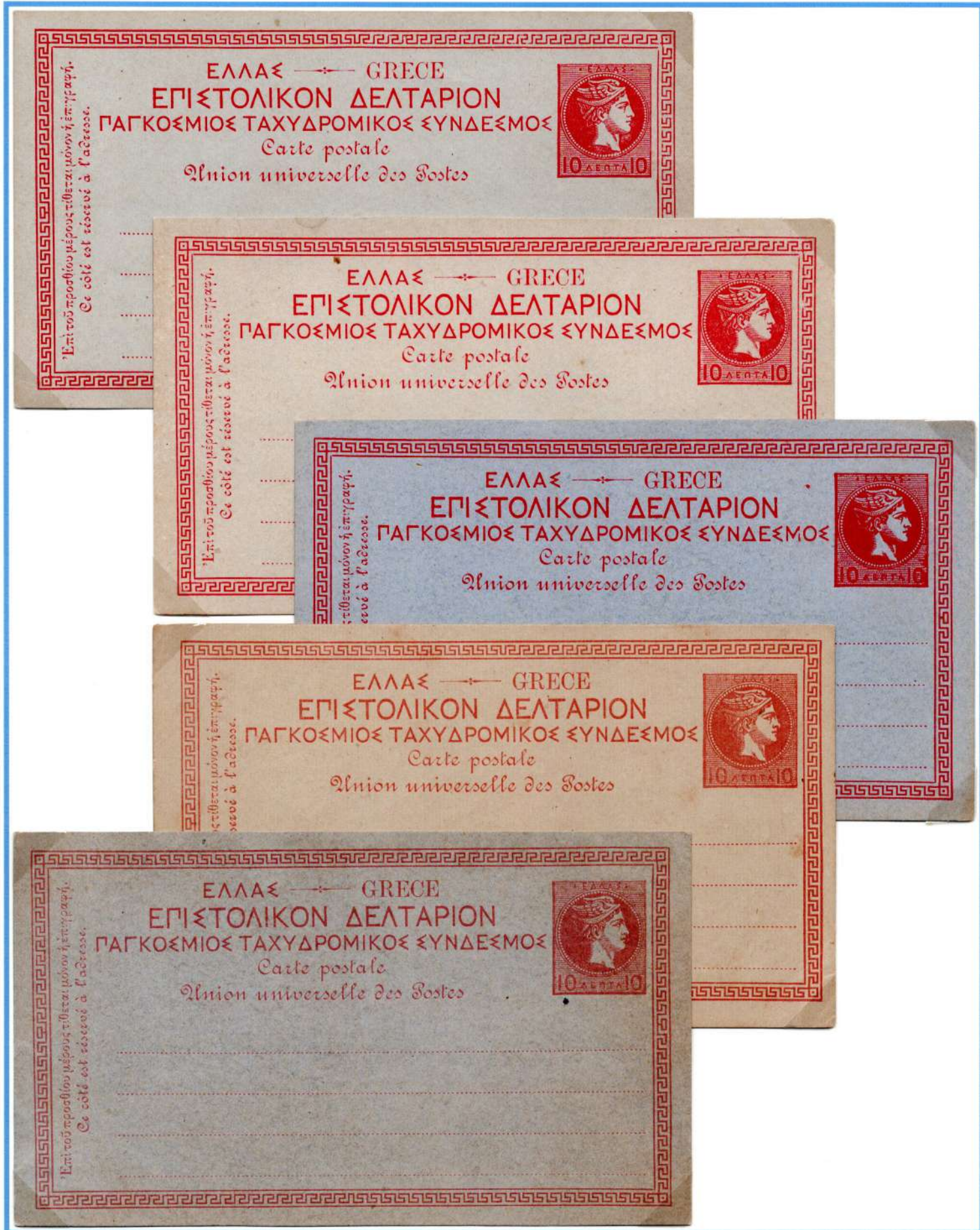
Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



10 lepta postal card blue on glossy yellow-brown **watermarked paper**, issued in 1893 for domestic use.

Posted from **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 6/18.10.1893** to **WIEN 21.10.1896 AUSTRIA**.

Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



10 lepta postal card red on grey-blue paper issued in 1892 for international use, mint.
 10 lepta postal card red on green-blue paper issued in 1892 for international use, mint.
 10 lepta postal card red on blue paper issued in 1893 for international use, mint.
 10 lepta postal card lilac-red on green-blue paper issued in 1895 for international use, mint.
 10 lepta postal card lilac-red on dark blue paper issued in 1895 for international use, mint.

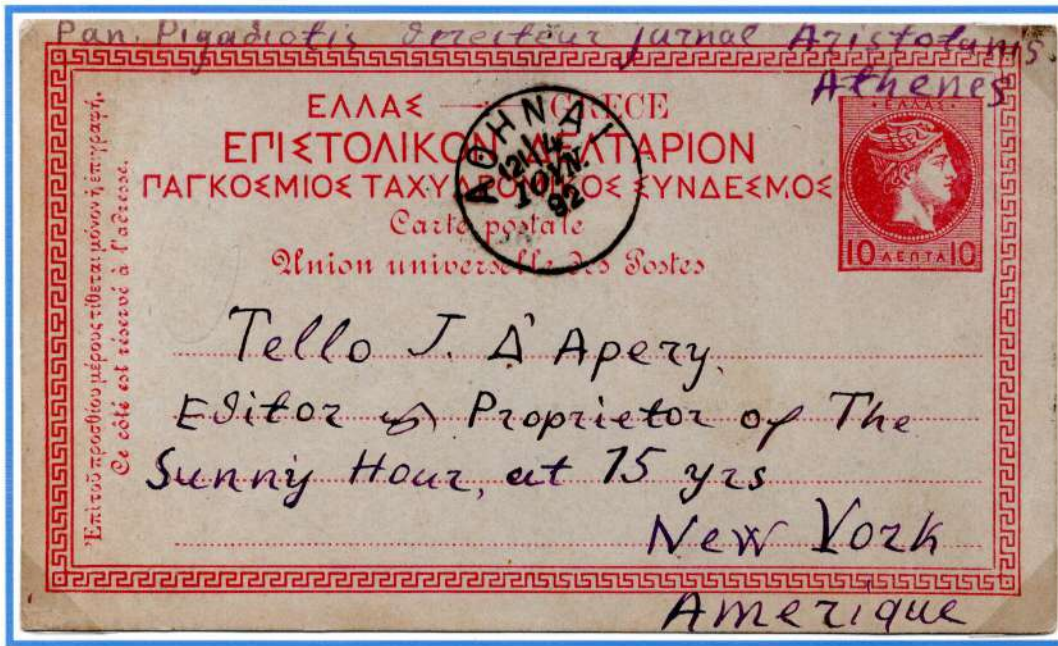


Plate Flaw:
White spot in front of eye

Very early use

10 lepta postal card red on green-blue paper, issued in 1892 for international use.
Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 4/16.6.1892 (Very early use)**, to **NEW YORK 30.5.1892 USA**.
Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.

ἐπιγραφή.

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Corfou, le 9 Jhe 1892.

10 lepta postal card red on grey-blue paper, issued in 1892 for international use.
Postal card write in **Corfou 9.11.1892** without expedition postmark, send with steamship and cancel with maritime postmark **PIROSCAFO POSTALI ITALIANI**, to **MONSUMMANO 11.11.1892 ITALY**.
Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



10 lepta postal card red on grey-green paper, issued in 1892 for international use.
Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 25.2/9.3.1893**, via SEA POST 21.3.1893 to **BOMBAY 27.3.1893 INDIA**.
Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



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Corinth, 29/4/93.

10 lepta postal card red on light blue paper, issued in 1893 for international use.

Postal card write in **Corinthos 29.4.1893**, without expedition postmark, send with steamship cancel with maritime postmark **VAPORE DAL LEVANTE** and via Trieste to **COLN 5.5.1893 GERMANY**.

Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.

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10 lepta postal card red on grey-blue paper, issued in 1892 for international use

Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 29.5/10.6.1893**, via **LONDON 16.6.1893**, to **CORREOS MONTEVIDEO 15.7.1893 REPÚBLICA ORIENTAL DEL URUGUAY**.

Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



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Without "i" in the word "επιγραφή"

10 lepta postal card red on grey-blue paper, issued in 1892 for international use, franked with 10L Small Hermes Head Athens printing.

Posted from **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 20.8/1.9.1893** to **MARINE CASINO PO-LA 4.9.1893 AUSTRIA**.

Normal Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



British stamp with **BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE 12.3.1894** and then stamped it with "T" (Taxe), as the correct international rate for postal cards was 1 Penny and forwarded the postal card to its destination. At the destination the postal card received an arrival cancellation **HAMBURG EIMSBÜTTEL 16.3.1894 GERMANY**.

Muen 10/3 1894

10 lepta postal card red on grey-blue paper, issued in 1892 for international use.

This postal card was bought in Athens, it is written in German and sent from father to his son in Germany. The text is dated **Athen 10.3.1894** without expedition postmark. The sender travelled by steamship to Constantinople - Istanbul, Turkey carrying with him the postal card. In Constantinople affixed a British ½ penny QV stamp, issued in 1887 which was the domestic postal rate for a postal card and dropped it in a British Post mailbox. The Post crossed with a fountain pen the printed stamp of the postal card as had no value and cancelled the



10 lepta postal card red on grey-blue paper, issued in 1892 for international use.

Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 29.4/11.5.1894** to **BATAVIA 3.6.1895 Java, DUTCH EAST INDIES**.

Postal Rate **10L** for international postal cards use.



10 lepta postal card red on grey-blue paper, issued in 1892 for international use.

Postal card send from Maritime Agencies **NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA * FLORIO RUBATTINO * AGENZIA DEL PIREO** and posted from **ΠΕΙΡΑΙΑΙΕΥΣ 10/22.1.1895** to **Pireaus GREECE**.

Normal Postal Rate **5L** for postal cards use in town



10 lepta postal card lilac-red on blue paper, issued in 1895 for international use.

Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 17/29.4.1895**, via **ALEXANDRIE 5.5.1895 Egypt**, **SEA POST OFFICE 8.5.1895**, to **CHAKAI 21.5.1895 Calcutta INDIA**.

Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use

Patrai 6. III. 96.

10 lepta postal card lilac-red on blue paper, issued in 1895 for international use.

Postal card write in **Patrai 6.3.1896**, without expedition postmark, and send with Austrian steamship "Ceres", postmark **LOYD AUSTRIACO XIV 7.3.1896** to **Firenze ITALY**.

Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.

(Austrian Lloyd Steamship XIV was the **S.S. Ceres**, 1830 tons built 1867 & served between 1888 and 1902 on the slow line to the Levant).



10 lepta postal card lilac-red on blue paper, issued in 1895 for international use.

Postal card posted on board. The vessel confirmed by message, "I send you by the Austrian Lloyd mer Vorwaerts the Cartouches No. 12...". He's got postmark **LOYD AUSTRIACO LXX 2.10.1896** via **NICOSIA CYPRUS 7.10.1896** to Larnaca Cyprus.

Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.

(Austrian Lloyd Steamship LXX was the **S.S. Vorwaerts (II)**, 2380 tons built 1878 & had served first on the line to India, and later to secondary lines to the Levant).





Corfu 27 Maggio 1896

10 lepta postal card lilac-red on blue paper, issued in 1895 for international use. Postal card write in **Corfu 27.5.1896** without expedition postmark, and send with Italian steamship "Cardidi", maritime postmark **CARDIDI PIROSCAFO POSTALI ITALIANO 27.5.1896** to **ANCONA 29.5.1896 ITALY**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.

10 lepta postal card lilac-red on green-blue paper, issued in 1895 for international use. Posted from **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 15/27.6.1896**, to **MORSCHIWIL 30.6.1896 SWITZERLAND**. The recipient was not found and was sent via **BESTELT VOM POSTAMT 19 2.7.1896 (Berlin)** to **KOENIGS-BERG 3.7.1896 Germany**. The recipient was not found again & was **sent back** via **BESTELTVOM POSTAMT 7 21.7.1896 (Berlin)** Germany to **Corfu GREECE**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



10 lepta postal card very dark lilac dull printing on grey-cream paper, issued in 1895 for international use. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 6/18.1.1897** to **T.P.O. NATAL 20.2.1897 SOUTH AFRICA**. **Postal Rate 10L** for international postal cards use.



10 Lepta postal card lilac-red on grey-cream paper, issued in 1895 for international use, franked with 25L Small Hermes Head issued 1890/96. (25 Lepta violet stamps sold for 30 Lepta copper money). Posted from **AΘΗΝΑΙ 3 23.9/5.10.1897** with registered label GRÈCE ATHÈNES N° 339, via PARIS 9.10.1897 to **CERTIFICA-DO B.A. (Buenos Aires) 31.10.1897, ARGENTINA.**
Postal Rate 40 Lepta = 10 L. for international postal card use & 30 L. for registered to Argentina.



10 lepta postal card lilac-red on grey-cream paper, issued in 1895 for international use. Posted from **AΘΗΝΑΙ 24.6/6.7.1897** to **Puerto-Principe CUBA.**
Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.



10 lepta postal card lilac-red on grey-cream paper, issued in 1895 for international use. Posted from **ΑΛΥΠΙΟΝ 19/31.12.1898** to **AΘΗΝΑΙ 19/31.12.1898 GREECE.**
Postal Rate 10L for domestic postal cards use.

On 1893-95 in some case 10 lepta single postal cards (for international use), printed on the carton paper was **watermarked «ΧΑΡΤΗΣ ΔΗΜΟΕΙΑΣ ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑΣ»** (PAPER for PUBLIC SERVICES) with letters 36 mm tall.



10 lepta postal card **watermarked paper** red on blue issued 1893, lilac-red on green-blue & lilac-red on blue issued 1895



10 lepta postal card red on blue **watermarked paper**, issued in 1893 for international use.
 Posted from **AΘΗΝΑΙ 4/16.11.1894** to **LONDON 24.11.1894 ENGLAND**.
Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.

4rd issued postal cards with added private print (repiquage) back

Grand Hôtel St Georges. Corfou

Handwritten German text:
 Brief für Herrn Metzger
 Herrn Rother sind wir...
 Bollmann & Co...
 etc. etc. wunderbar...
 etc. etc. etc.

EODOHE D CAZZIMANDI SYRA

1/17 June

ΕΥΡΩΠΑΪΚΟΝ ΒΙΒΛΙΟΧΑΡΤΟΤΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΙΚΟΝ ΚΑΤΑΣΤΗΜΑ «Ο ΚΑΔΜΟΣ» ΑΝΑΡΕΟΥ Β. ΠΑΣΧΑ
 Ερ Πάτρις τῆς 6. Ἰουλίου 1892
 μετ' αὐτὸν τὸ β. γράμ. ἐν ἴσχυρι, ἵνα τὸ β. ἐπιπέται

PIERRE GREGOROPULO, NÉGOCIANT EN PAPIERS ETC. — ATHÈNES
 Athènes le 3 Septembre 1894.
 Monsieur l'Administrateur

Εν Ἀθήναις, τὴν 1. Σεπτεμβρίου 1894
 Ἐπιθετὸν Ἰ. Σαῦρα - Θεσσαλονίκη
 Ἐὰν εἶτε ἐπέστειλετε εἰς τὴν Ἰουλίαν
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 εἰς τὸν ἀριθμὸν 27 Ἰουλίου 1894 ἀπὸ τῆς
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 3ης τοῦ ἀριθμοῦ 1496 ἀπὸ 3.75
 2ος ἀποδείξεως 72 : 120.
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 Sp. G.

Κύριε,
 καλεῖσθε νὰ παρουσιάσητε πρὸς τὸν Ἰσχυρὸν Γραμματικὸν
 τὴν εἰς χεῖρας σας
 φορτωτικὴν ὅπως παραλάβητε τὰ ἐν αὐτῇ ἀναγε-
 μενὰ ἀποδείξεωσιν ἀπὸ τῆς ἀρχαίας ἀποδείξεως ἀπὸ τῆς
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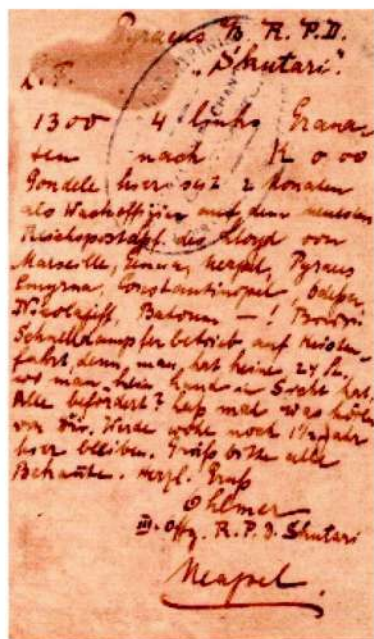
On 16 June 1900 issued new postal card. The printed stamps on these cards depict the Flying Mercury by Giovanni Bologna. Postal cards of previous issues (in private hands) were exchanged in the Post Offices with new cards of equivalent value until 31 July 1900.

In very rare cases, postal cards have been found to have been properly mailed after their withdrawal on 15 June 1900.



5 lepta postal card black on yellow-cream paper, issued in 1890 for in town used, franked with 5L Small Hermes Head Athens printing. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 27.11/9.12.1900** to **MONTEPELLIER 17.12.1900 FRANCE**. Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.

The latest known instance of proper use of a postal card to date is in late September 1906



10 lepta postal card blue on yellow-brown & glossy paper, issued in 1898 for domestic use. Postal card send from a sailor of the ship "R.P.D. Skoutari" anchored at Piraeus. Oval cancel: "Carambinis - General Ship Chandlers & Contractor - Piraeus". Posted from **ΠΕΙΡΑΙΑΕΥΣ 27.9/9.10.1906** and send to an Officer Aspirant at **S.M.S. "Mars" KIEL 14.10.1906 GERMANY**. Postal Rate 10L for international postal cards use.

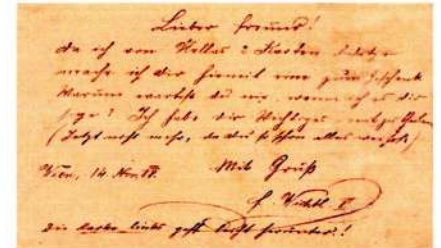
(S.M.S. Mars it was a German gunnery training ship in the end of 19th century).

Postal Stationery of Greece 1876-1900

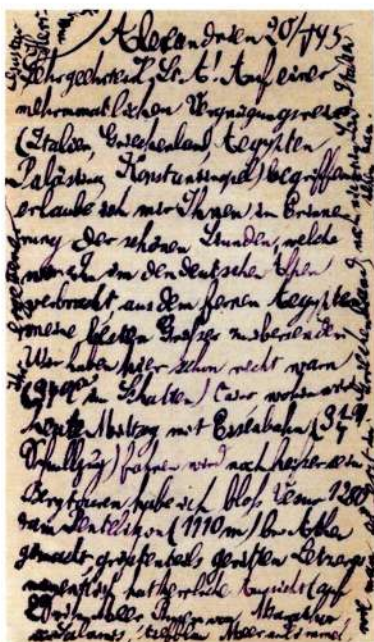
Use of Greek Postal Cards as Simple Postcards in Foreign Countries

Postal cards were generally valid for sending only within Greece or from Greece to foreign countries. However, there was one exception. In 1883, double postal cards were issued. One part of these cards was for sending a message, and the second part was intended for a reply from a foreign country to Greece. In general, Greek postal cards had no validity and could not be used within a foreign country or between foreign countries unless the appropriate postal fee was affixed, in which case they could be used as simple postcards.

In rare instances, Greek postal cards were used in foreign countries as simple postcards



10 lepta double postal card ultramarine on grey-cream paper, only “ΑΠΟΣΤΕΛΟΜΕΝΟΝ ... μετ’ απαντήσεως πληρωμένης” (TO BE FORWARDED ... with paid answer) part, issued 1883 for domestic use. **The postal card was used as a simple postcard within Austria.** It was franked with 2 kr Austrian stamp issue 1883 (the postal rate for local postcard use). Posted from **LANDSTRASSE WIEN 19 NOV 88 AUSTRIA** to III Bez. Lagergasse Wien.



10 Lepta postal card lilac-red on grey-cream paper, issued in 1895 for international use. **The postal card was used as a simple postcard send from Egypt to Germany.** It was franked with 5 mils Egyptian stamps issue 1888 (the international postal rate for postcards). Posted from **ALEXANDRIE 20 V 1895 EGYPT** to **REGENSBURG 25 MAI 1895 GERMANY.**

Postal Stationery of Greece 1876-1900

Postal Letter Card 1894

On 2 April 1891, a law on the printing of postal letter cards was published in the 94/A' issue of the Government Gazette. This was followed by the publication of two newer laws, on 17 August 1891, sheet 227/A' and 5 February 1892, sheet 55/A' of the Government Gazette, on the issue of three postal letter cards with denominations of 10, 20 and 25 lepta and their technical characteristics. In the end, only one class was issued.

On 10 June 1894, a law was published in the 63/B' issue of the Government Gazette for the issue of a single type of postal letter card with a denomination of 20 lepta printed in Athens.

The inside was white while the outside was found in two colours grey-blue & blue. The printed 20 lepta stamp was only sufficient for domestic use, and if the postal letter card was mailed abroad, the additional postage would have to be affixed. The Post Office's selling price was 22 lepta.

The date of issue was set for 1 July 1894. It was in circulation until 11 December 1900. Stock in the hands of private individuals could be replaced with new ones bearing a printed Flying Mercury stamp by the end of 1900.



20 lepta letter card on grey-blue paper



20 lepta letter card on blue paper



The earliest recorded date

Letter card send from U.S. Vice Consulate in Zante (Ionian Islands) to U.S. Consulate in Liege Belgium and write inside:

"...This letter card has only just been issued..."

20 lepta letter card on grey-blue paper issued 1894 for domestic use.

Posted from ΠΑΤΡΑΙ 10/22.7.1894, via MONTCENIS A MACON 27.7.1894 France to LIEGE 28.7.1894 BELGIUM. Normal postal Rate 30L for international letter card use.



20 Lepta letter card on blue paper issued 1894 for domestic use, franked with 3x1L, 2L & 5L Small Hermes Head Athens printing.

Posted from ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 13/25.7.1894 to LOUVAIN 28.7.1894 BELGIUM.

Postal Rate 30L for international letter card use.



20 Lepta letter card on blue paper issued 1894 for domestic use, franked with 1L, 2x2L and 5L Small Hermes Head Athens printing.

Posted from ΑΟΗΝΑΙ 22.3/3.4.1895 to DRESDEN 8.4.1895 GERMANY.

Postal Rate 30L for international letter card use



20 Lepta letter card on blue paper issued 1894 for domestic use, franked with 10L Small Hermes Head Athens printing.
 Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 17/29. 12.1894** to **ALEXANDRIE 6. 1.1895 EGYPT**.
Postal Rate 30L for international letter card use.



20 Lepta letter card on blue paper issued 1894 for domestic use, franked with 10L Small Hermes Head Athens printing.
 Posted from **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 31.3/12.4.1895** to **FRANKFURT 17.4.1895 GERMANY**.
Postal Rate 30L for international letter card use.



20 Lepta letter card on blue paper issued 1894 for domestic use, franked with 5x10L Olympic Games stamps issued 1896.
 Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 12/24.5.1896** with registered label **R GREECE ATHENES** to **AMIENS 29.5.1896 FRANCE**.
Postal Rate 60L: 30L for international letter card use and **30L** for registered.



20 Lepta letter card on blue paper issued 1894 for domestic use, franked with 10L Olympic Games stamp issued 1896.

Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 12/24.5.1896** to **HAMBURG 28.5.1896 GERMANY.**

Postal Rate 30L for international letter card use.



20 Lepta letter card red on grey-blue paper issued 1894 for domestic use.

Posted from **ΜΕΣΣΟΛΟΓΓΙΟΝ 5/17.11.1898** to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 5 6/18.11.1898 GREECE.**

Postal Rate 20L for domestic letter card use.



20 Lepta letter card on grey-blue paper issued 1894 for domestic use, franked with 5L Small Hermes Head Athens printing.

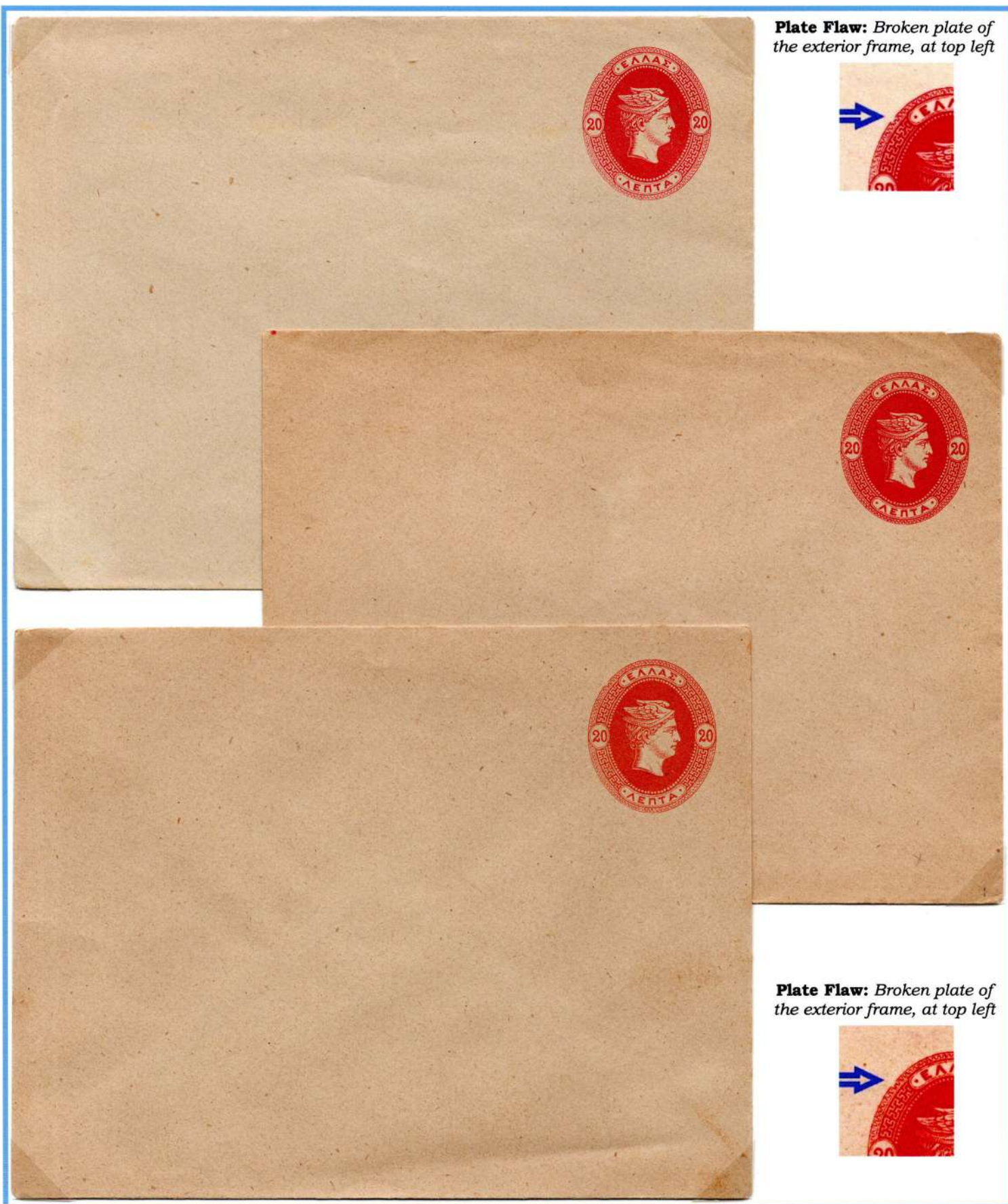
Posted from **ΠΑΤΡΑΙ 29.7/11.8.1900** to **BERLIN 15.8.1900 GERMANY.**

Postal Rate 25L for international letter card use.

Postal Stationery of Greece 1876-1900

Postal Envelopes 1894

In the same issues of the Government Gazette concerning the issue of postal letter cards, the issue of four postal envelopes with denominations of 10, 20, 25 and 40 lepta was mentioned. Eventually only the 20 lepta class was issued and printed in Athens for domestic use, on greenish and brown-cream paper. For overseas mailing the additional postage would have to be affixed. The Post Office's selling price was 21½ lepta. The date of issue was set for July 1, 1894. It was in circulation until the late 1900s.



20 lepta postal envelopes: I. Red on greenish paper, II. Red on brown-cream paper, III. Red-orange on brown-cream paper



20 Lepta postal envelope red on greenish paper issued 1894 for domestic use, franked with 5x1L, 5L, 10L and 20L Small Hermes Head stamps Athens printing. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 20. 10/1.11.1894** to **LONDON 13.11.1894 ENGLAND**. **Postal rate 60L**: 30L for international envelope use and 30L for registered.



20 Lepta postal envelope red on greenish paper issued 1894 for domestic use, franked with 2x5L and 10L Small Hermes Head stamps Athens printing. Posted from **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 10/ 22.12.1894** to **Athens GREECE**. **Postal rate 40L**: 20L for domestic envelope use and 20L for registered.



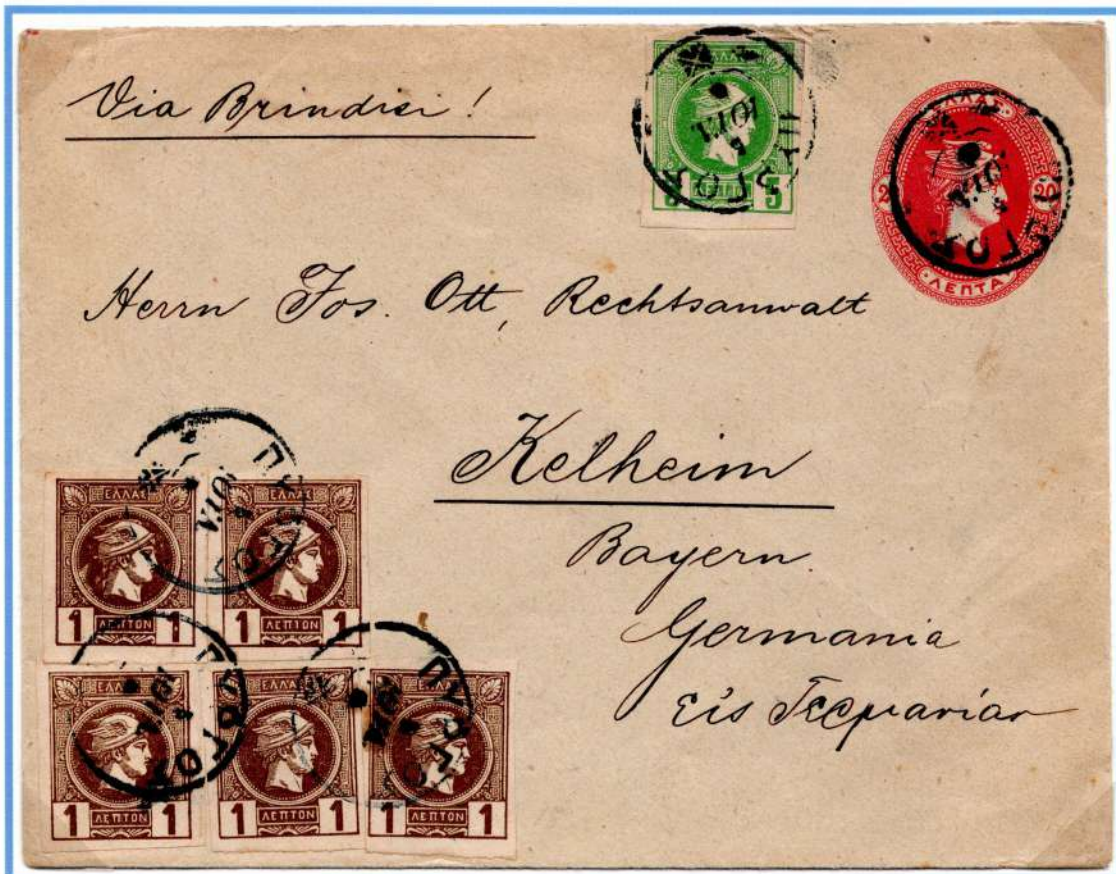
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20 lepta postal envelope red on greenish paper issued 1894 for domestic use, franked with 10x5L (pairs & strips of 3 imperforate in the middle) & pair 10L with displaced perforation Small Hermes Head stamps Athens printing. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 1/13.2.1896**, with registered label ATHENES to **BERLIN 18.2.1896 GERMANY**. **Postal Rate 90L** = 60L for double weight international envelope use and 30L for registered.



20 Lepta postal envelope red on greenish paper issued 1894 for domestic use, franked with 2L in two blocks of 10 Small Hermes Head stamps Athens printing, 40L Small Hermes Head Athens printing and 50L Small Hermes Head Belgian printing. Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** 16/28.11.189(5) with registered label ATHENES to **London ENGLAND**. **Postal Rate 150L** = 120L for forth weight international envelope use and 30L for registered.



20 lepta postal envelope red on greenish paper issued 1894 for domestic use, franked with 5x1L and 5L Small Hermes Head stamps Athens printing.

Posted from ΠΥΡΓΟΣ 5/17.7.1895, via ΠΑΤΡΑΙ 5/17.7.1895, Brindisi Italy to KEIHEIM 22.7.1895 GERMANY.

Postal Rate 30L for international envelope use.



20 Lepta postal envelope red on greenish paper issued 1894 for domestic use, franked with pair 1L and 2 pairs 2L Olympic Games stamps issued 1896.

Posted from ΖΑΚΥΝΘΟΣ 28.12.1896/9.1.1897, via ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 29.12.1896/10.1.1897 to TRIESTE 12.1.1897 ITALY

Postal rate 30L for international envelope use.



20 Lepta postal envelope red on brown-cream paper issued 1894 for domestic use, franked with strip of five 2L Olympic Games stamps issued 1896. Posted from **AΘΗΝΑΙ 16/28.5.1897** to **FRIEDEBER 1.6.1897 GERMANY**. **Postal rate 30L** for international envelope use.



20 Lepta postal envelope red-orange on brown-cream paper issued 1894 for domestic use, franked with 10L & pair of 25L Small Hermes Head Athens printing. (25 lepta violet stamps sold for 30 Lepta copper money) Posted from **AΘΗΝΑΙ 28.7/9.8.1898**, to **LONDON 13.8.1898 ENGLAND**. **Postal rate 90L**: 60L for double weight international envelope use and 30L for registered.



20 Lepta postal envelope red on brown-cream paper issued 1894 for domestic use, franked with strip of five 1L Small Hermes Head Athens printing.

Posted from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 20.11/2.12.1898**, via BUCCURESCI CURSA 7.12.1898 to **ΓΑΛΑΤΙ 8.12.1898 ROMANIA**.

Postal rate **25L** (instead of 30L) for international envelope use.



20 Lepta postal envelope red on greenish paper issued 1894 for domestic use.

Posted from **ΛΕΒΑΔΕΙΑ 21.1/2.2.1899** with boxed cancel «**ΠΛΗΡ. ΑΝΕΠΑΡΚΗΣ**» (Insufficient Payment) via **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 22.1/3.2.1899** Greece to **Ρ.Ο.Π.Π. ΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΙ 25.1/6.2.1899** (Russian Post Office in Thessaloniki) **TURKEY**.

Normal postal rate **30L** for international envelope use.



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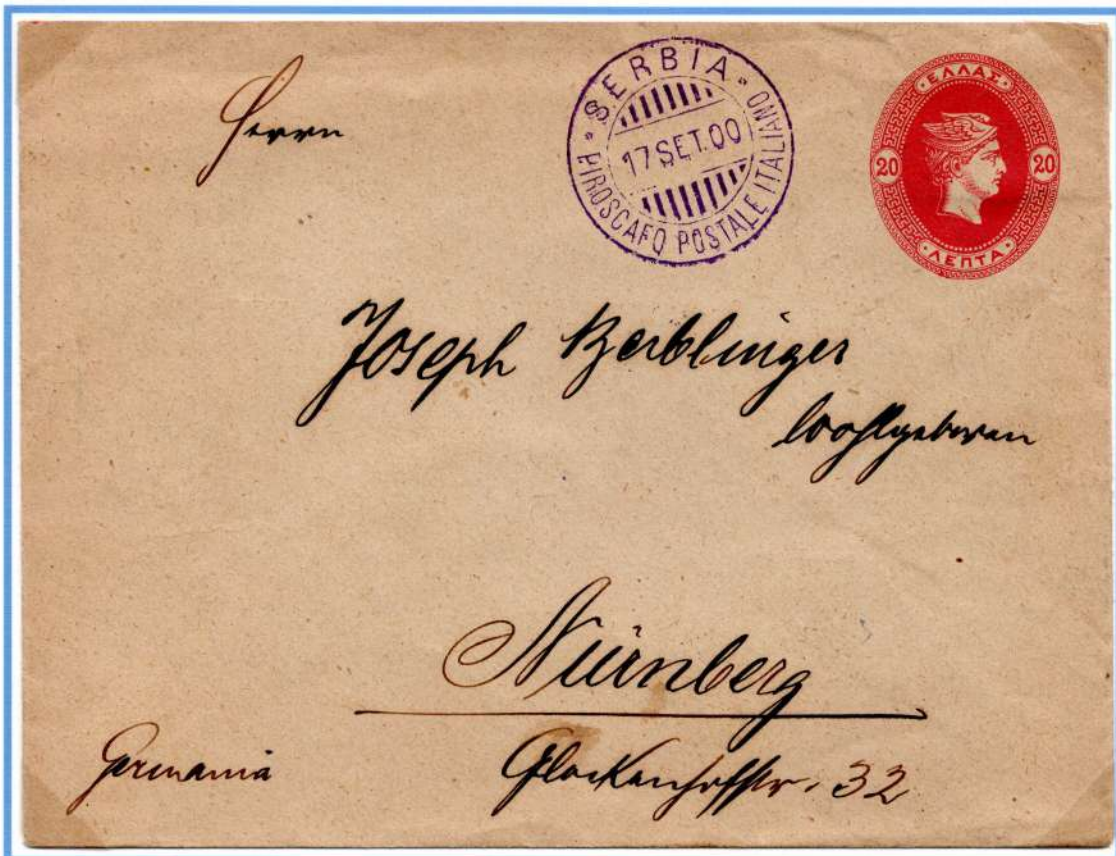


20 Lepta postal envelope red on greenish paper issued 1894 for domestic use, franked with 40L Small Hermes Head Athens printing. Posted from **EYPOΣ 10/22.5.1899**, with cancel "R" to **LONDON 27.5.1899 ENGLAND**. **Postal rate 60L:** 30L for international envelope use and 30L for registered.



20 Lepta postal envelope red on greenish paper issued 1894 for domestic use, franked with 40L Small Hermes Head stamp Athens printing. Posted from **AHEOYPION 25.11/7.12.1898** with boxed "GRECE R" & **EYETHMENON (Registered)** via **LONDON 14.12.1898 England**, **NEW YORK 22.12.1898 USA**, with registered label **NEW YORK to CURACAO 30.12.1898 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES**.

Postal rate 60L: 30L for international envelope use and 30L for registered.



20 Lepta postal envelope red on greenish paper issued 1894 for domestic use. The additional stamps of 5 lepta have been removed. The postal envelope was mailed aboard the Italian steamship "Serbia" and cancelled with maritime postmark **SERBIA PIROSCAFO POSTALI ITALIANO 17.9.1900** to **NUERNEBERG 19.9.1900 GERMANY**. **Postal rate 25L** for international envelope use.

Plate Flaw: Broken plate of the exterior frame, at top left



Very late date

20 Lepta postal envelope red on greenish paper issued 1894 for domestic use, franked with 5L Small Hermes Head stamp Athens printing. Posted from **AΘΗΝΑΙ 30.9/12.10.1900** to Beirut **SYRIA** (now Lebanon) and posted again to **CAIRO 25.10.1900 EGYPT**. **Postal rate 25L** for international envelope use.

The Greco-Turkish War (8/20.4.1897-8/20.5.1897) and Postal Stationery

Hostilities began on 6/18 April 1897. After some minor successes at the beginning of the war, the Greek Army was forced to make a disorderly retreat, with the result that a large number of postal material, including Olympic stamps and postal stationery that could be used, fell into the hands of the Turkish Administration. The Postal Administration, fearing that all these looted values would be illegally circulated in Greece at the same time as the rest, to the financial detriment of the Greek Post Office, sent a telegram on 16/28 April 1897 to the post offices with an order to stamp with an Administrative Cancellation all existing stocks, including the postal stationery. This order expired on 6/18 May 1897.

As was the case with every order of this kind, it was executed in different ways by the local postal officials. In some places large quantities were stamped by the Authorities, in others only a few. As a result, very few items with such Administrative Cancellations have been found to date and very few Public Treasury cancellations have been found.

As far as postal stationery are concerned, they are very rarely found with such cancellations. To date only one postal letter card, five postal envelopes and a few more postal cards are known.



Just one item known, so far

*20 lepta postal letter card bearing the administrative control cachet **TAMEION EYPOY** (Treasuries of Syros)*



*20 lepta postal envelopes bearing the administrative control cachet **TAMEION KALABRYPSΩN** (Treasuries of Kalavrita)*