

Part 5

13 June 1921

Postal Rate Increase

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Commercial cover to Switzerland

Cancelled

**BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE**

13 June 1921 Code B

Postage 3 d for a Single Rate letter of 1 oz

First Day of the new Postage Rates



Crest
in Deep Blue



British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Commercial cover to Kenadjians

Manchester

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

14 June 1921 Code B

Postage 3 d for a Single Rate letter of 1oz

The Rate had increased to 3d on the 13 June
1921

This cover pays 3 ½ d as the earlier June
covers, 5th to 11th June show

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Commercial cover to Alexandria Egypt

Cancelled

**BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE**

18 June 1921 Code A

Postage 3 d for a Single Rate letter of 1oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Commercial cover to Amsterdam

Holland

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

18 June 1921 Code C

Via Paris 23 June Received 24 June

Postage 3 d for a Single Rate letter of 1oz

Earliest date recorded for Code C



British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Picture Post Card to
Massachusetts USA re-directed to
California – Springfield 22 July & El
Cajon 29 July

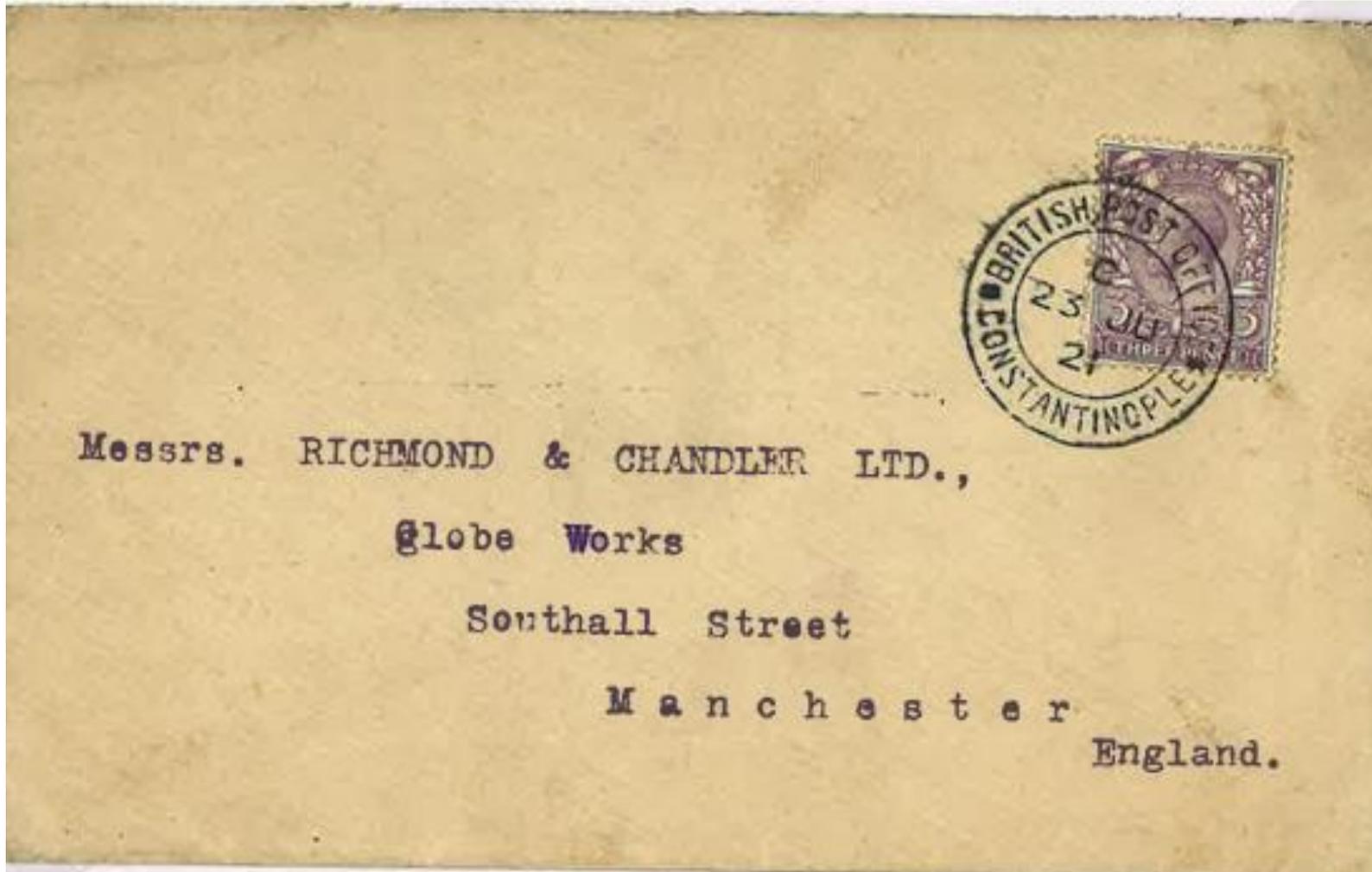
Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

21 June 1921 – Code A

1d Post Card Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Commercial cover to Manchester

Cancelled

**BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE**

23 June 1921 Code C

Postage 3d for a Single Rate letter
of 1oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Commercial cover to Kenadjians

Manchester

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

24 June 1921 Code A

Postage 3 d for a Single Rate letter of 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Commercial cover to London

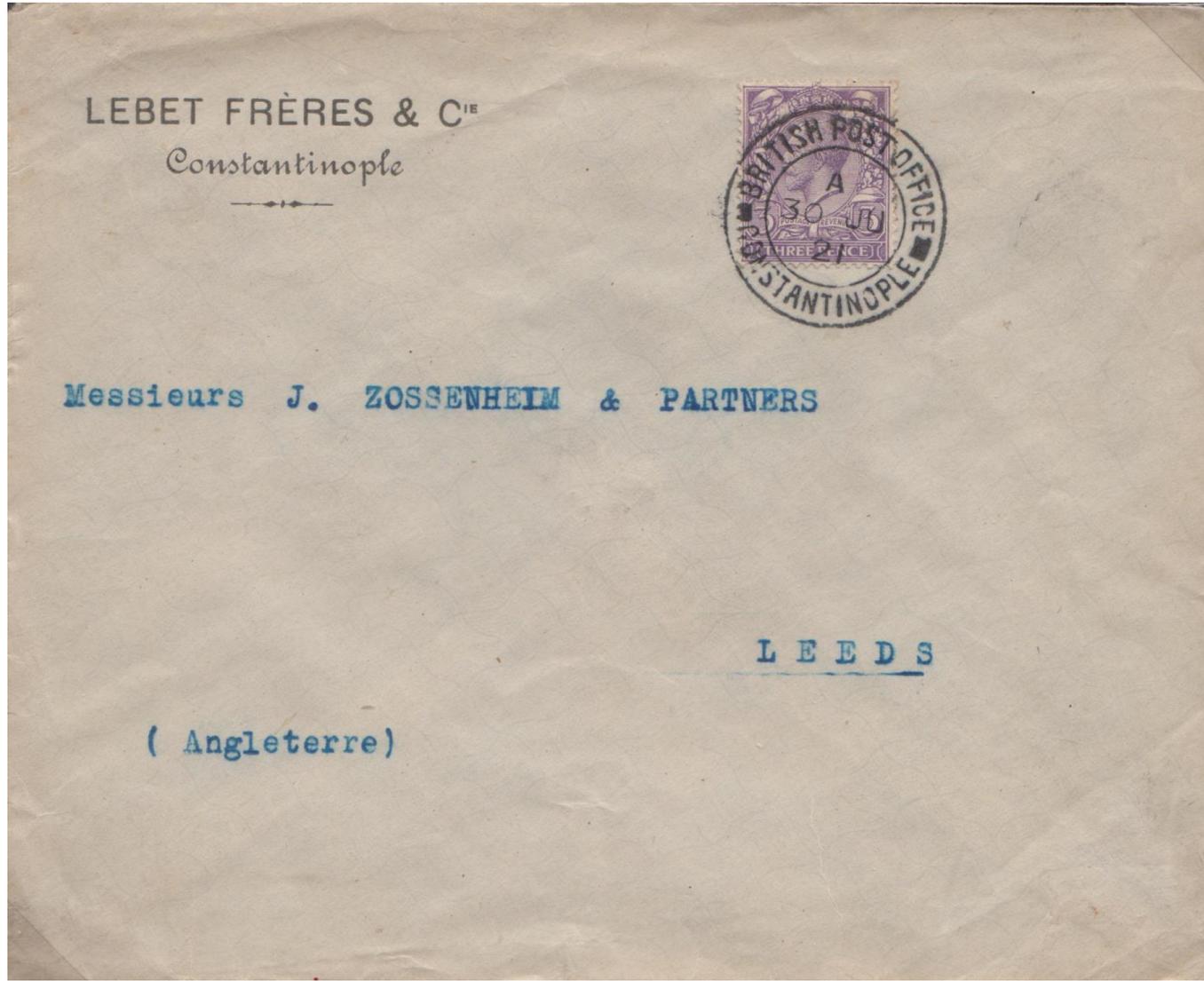
Cancelled

**BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE**

29 June 1921 Code A

Postage 3 d for a Single Rate letter of 1oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1920



Commercial cover to Leeds

Cancelled

**BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE**

30 June 1921 Code A

Postage 3 d for a Single Rate letter of 1oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Cover to London

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

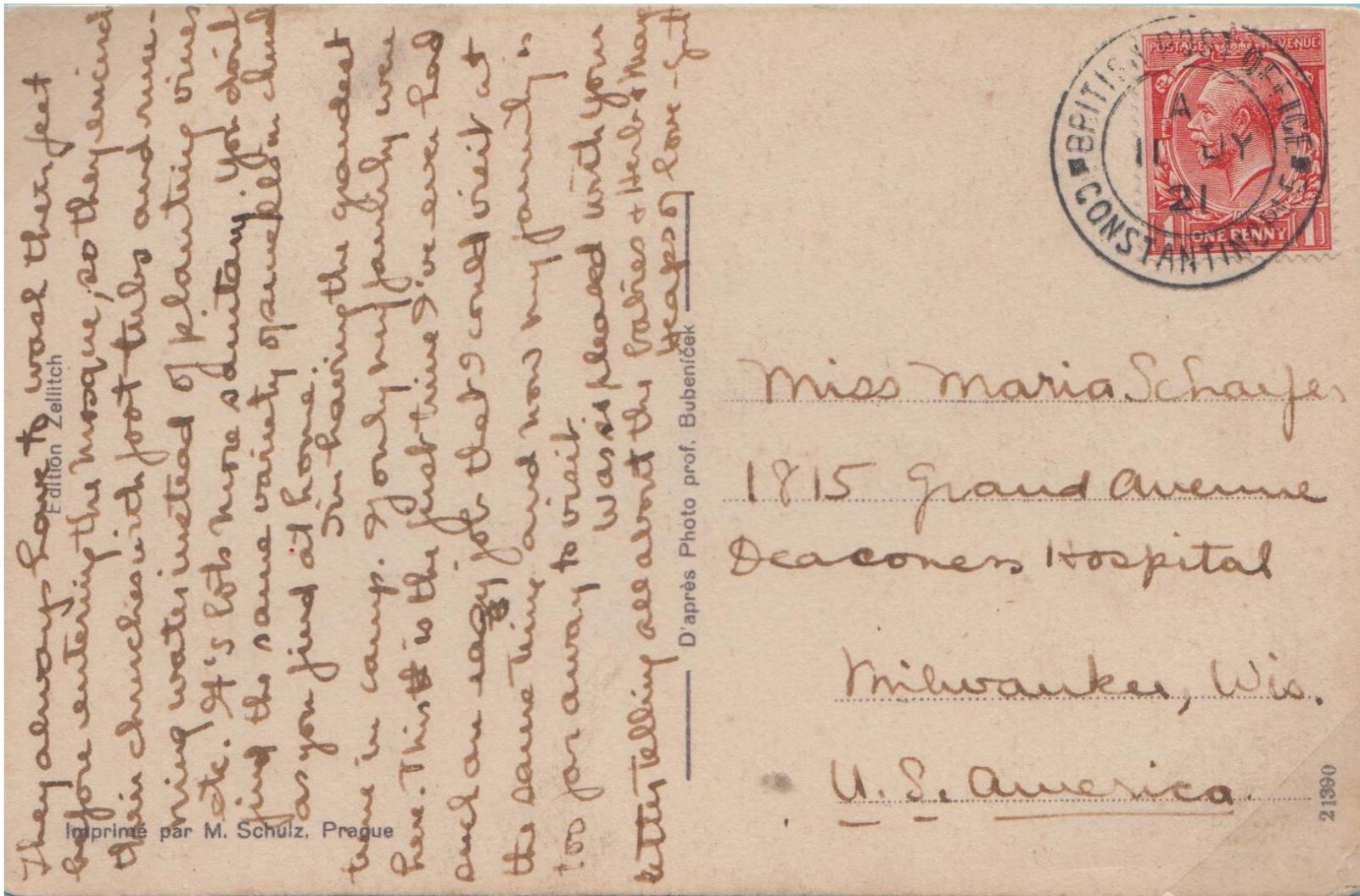
CONSTANTINOPLE

11 July 1921 Code B

Franked ½ d for the

Imprime or Printed Paper Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Picture Post Card to

Milwaukie USA

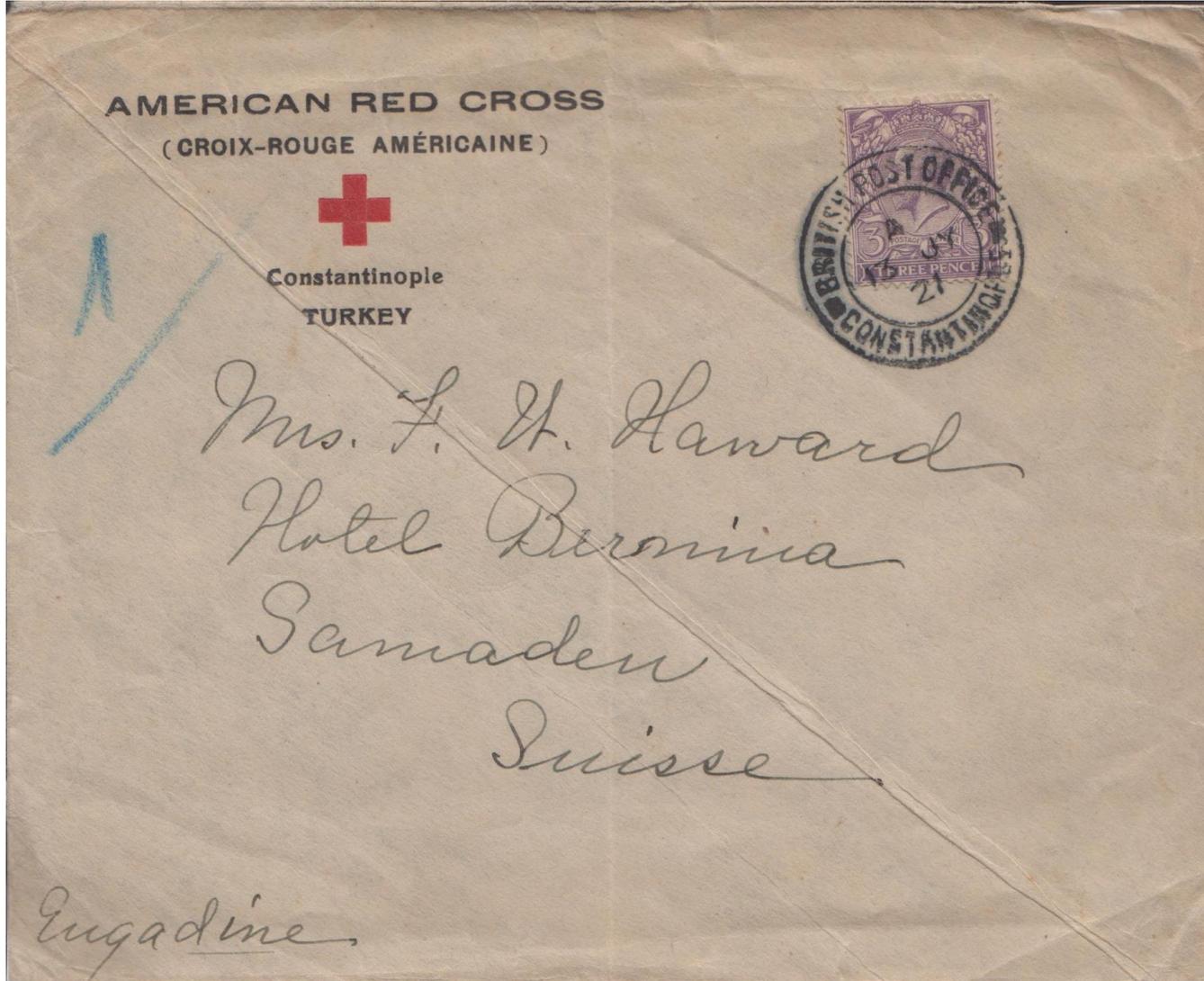
Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

11 July 1921 - Code A

1d Post Card Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Printed AMERICAN RED CROSS cover to

Switzerland

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

13 July 1921 Code A

Postage 3 d for a Single Rate letter of 1 oz



British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Commercial cover to Kenadjians

Manchester

Cancelled

**BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE**

15 July 1921 Code A

Postage 3 d for a Single Rate letter of 1oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Picture Post Card to

Folkestone

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

18 July 1921 – Code A

2d Post Card Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Commercial cover to Belgium

Cancelled

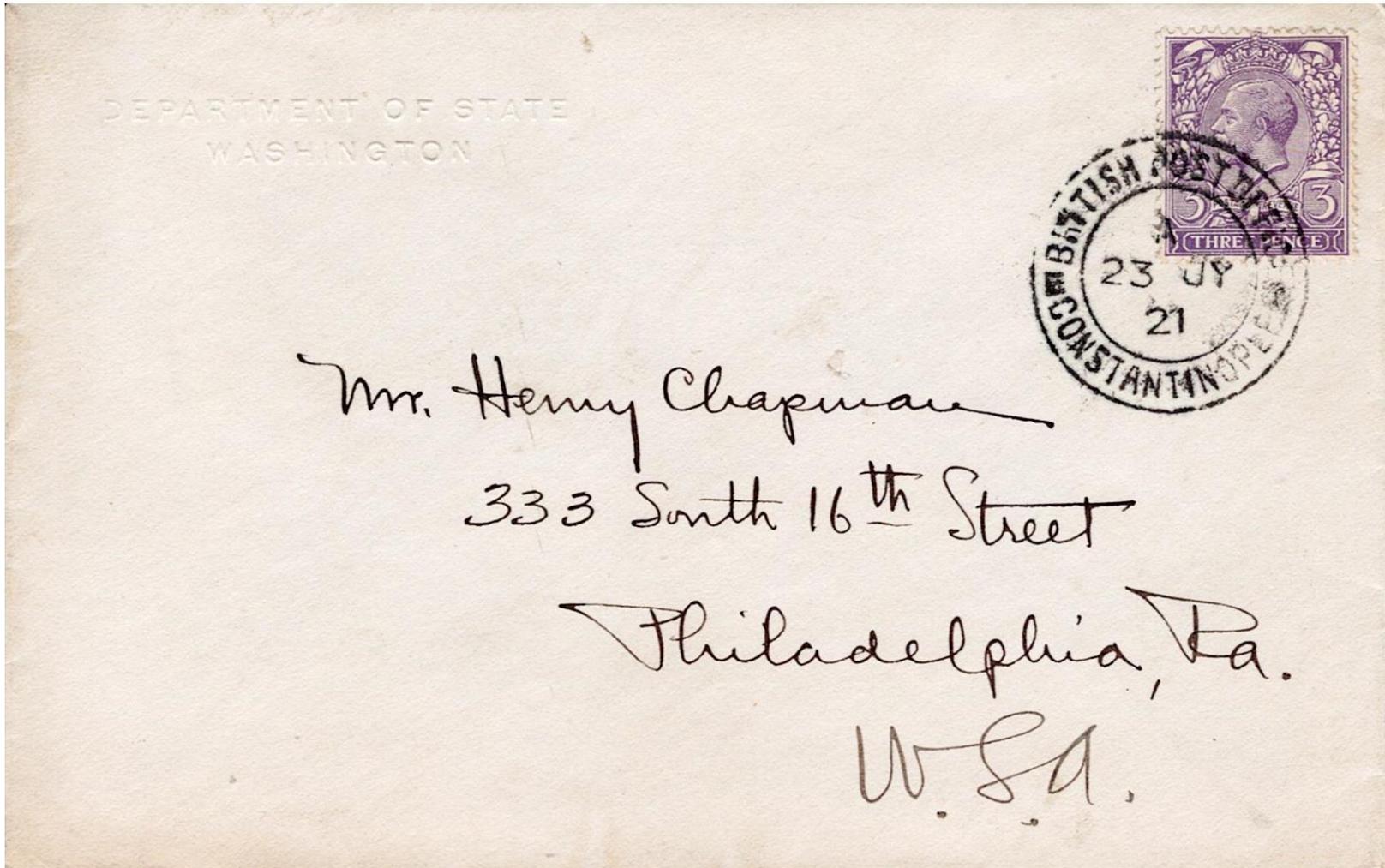
BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

18 July 1921 Code A

Postage 3 d for a Single Rate letter of 1 oz

No receiving cancels

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Cover to Philadelphia USA

Cancelled

**BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE**

23 July 1921 Code A?

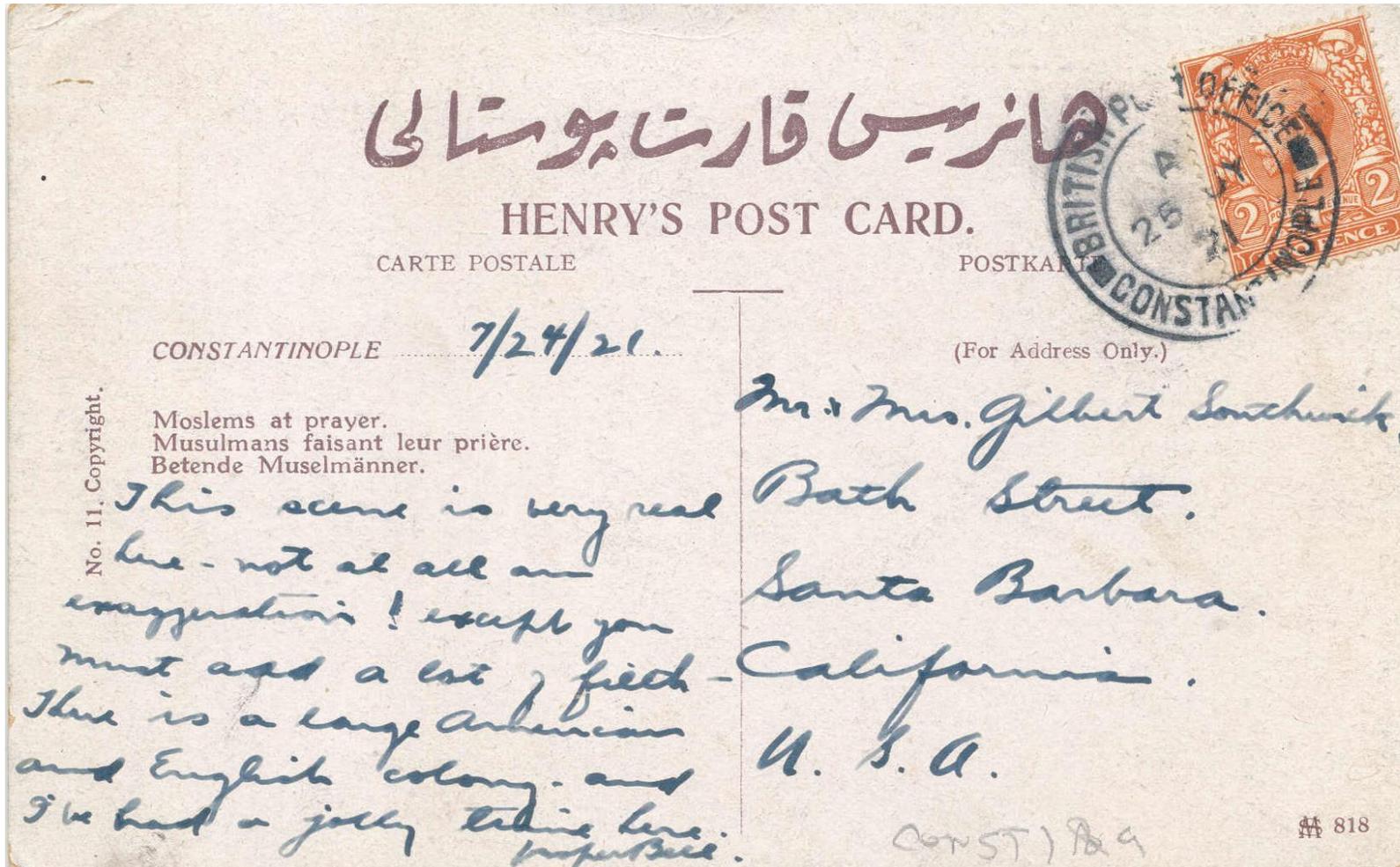
Postage 3 d for a Single Rate
letter of 1oz

No receiving cancels

CSM

Envelope embossed Department of State Washington

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Picture Post Card to Santa Barbara

USA

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

25 July 1921 - Code A

2d Post Card Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Commercial cover to Kenadjians

Manchester

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

26 July 1921 Code A

Postage 3 d for a Single Rate letter of 1oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921

3 August 1921 Cover sent at the 3d Rate

Not seen

5. 3/79. R.P.Wood writes about an Envelope with a pair of KGV Unoverprinted 1½d stamps, with Type 10 cancel of BPO Constantinople, dated 3 August 1921. The envelope is addressed to Rev. Edward Drew, New Jersey, USA; and in the top left hand corner is what I take to be the Sender's name and address, i.e. C.D. Ussher, M.D. Erivan, Armenia. Was mail from Armenia frequently sent through Constantinople in this way at this time. Is it known what route and means would have been employed to convey the letter from Erivan to Constantinople, and were Black Sea shipping routes operating at this time. I assume that political and military conditions in Asia Minor at the time, would have prevented the transit of this form of mail.

**Un Overprinted
Stamps on and off
piece**

ARMY POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

G.B. POSTAGE STAMPS ON SALE FROM FEB. 1919 TO JUNE 1920



DIE I



2/6, 5/-, 10/- BRADBURY WILKINSON SEA-HORSES ALSO ON SALE

Add earliest recorded dates

CIVILIAN POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

G.B. POSTAGE STAMPS ON SALE FROM JULY 1920 TO JULY 1921



DIE 1



2/6, 5/-, 10/- BRADBURY WILKINSON SEAHORSES ALSO ON SALE

Add earliest recorded dates

Currently I record all values apart from the 10d value

Currently
not
checked
for cancels
and dates



CODE 'X'



20 MAY 1919

CODE 'A'



6 APRIL 1919

CODE 'A'



16 (?) MAY 1919

CENSORED H/S NO 6 IN RED

SIZE: 27.5MM

CODE LETTERS: A.B.X



COD A-V

IN USE: MARCH TO

JULY 1919

ARMY POST OFFICE S X 3 – Used on Registered Mail 1 April 1919 to 26 July 1919 – No Code Letter used

14 July 1919 1d x 4 not sufficient to
pay the 4½ d minimum rate.
Unfortunately, we never know if
these ‘fragments are complete



Post War - Constantinople APO (1)

The Army Post Office (APO) was established in Constantinople as part of the support to the British forces occupying the city. It began accepting civilian post on 4th February 1919 and continued to do so until August 1920, by which time the civilian BPO had been reopened. The APO only accounted in sterling and used unoverprinted British stamps and several different cancellation types. Initially it adapted one of its standard cancellations and used the SX3 designation:



2/6d Seahorse with APO SX3
Double Ring Cancellation
13 Nov 1919



10s Seahorse with APO
Double Ring Cancellation 23 Apr 1920
From design, almost certainly SX3 type

Later the cancellation was changed to one that read 'British APO' at the top and 'Constantinople' at the bottom. Code letters were also included:



1/4d Green with British APO
Constantinople Double Ring
Cancellation 1 Sep 1919

Code Letter A



Two 2 1/2d Blue with British APO
Constantinople Double Ring
Cancellation 3 Nov 1919

Code Letter +



2 1/2d Blue with British APO
Constantinople Double Ring
Cancellation 15 Nov 1919

Code Letter A



2/6d Seahorse with British
APO Constantinople Double
Ring Cancellation 1 Apr 1920

Code Letter B



5s Seahorse with British APO
Constantinople Double Ring
Cancellation 20 Mar 1920

Code Letter +



10s Seahorse with British APO
Constantinople Double Ring
Cancellation 20 Feb 1920

Code Letter ?

The APO also served the occupying British forces and cancelled its mail separately



Two 1s Bistre Brown with British APO Single Cancellation 15 Aug 1920

CODE 'B'
18 MAY 1920



3.00 MM BARS

COD
APO

CODE 'B' 27 NOV 1919



3.00 MM BARS

CODE 'B' 3 MAY 1920



2.5 MM BARS

NO CODE 15 JUNE 1920 (15 INVERTED)



2.5 MM BARS

No Code '15'
inverted

15 June
1920

CODE 'B'
14 APRIL 1920



3.00 MM BARS
REG. LABEL TYPE 3

BRITISH ARMY POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

CODE 'A'



26 NOV 1919

2.5 MM BARS

CODE 'A'



26 NOV '19

CODE 'A'

2.5 MM BARS



6 JAN '20

3 MM BARS

CODE 'A'



29 MARCH 1920

3 MM BARS

CODE 'A'



18 NOV 1919

2.5 MM BARS

COD APO

BRITISH ARMY POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

CODE 'B'

18 FEBRUARY 1920



3 MM BARS

CODE 'A' - 7 AUGUST 1919



3 MM BARS

CODE '+' 23 AUGUST 1919



4 MM BARS

EACH CANCEL MADE-UP PRIOR TO ITS USE
(SPACE BARS VARY IN LENGTH)

CODE 'A' 'B' OR '+'
DIAMETER 29 1/4 MM



CODAPO

PERIOD OF USE
JULY 1919 TO SEPT. 1920

COD
APO

BRITISH ARMY POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

CODE '+'

5 MARCH 1920



3 MM BARS

22 SEPT. 1919



3 MM BARS

17 FEBRUARY 1920



4 MM BARS

14 NOV. 1919



3 MM BARS

3 APRIL 1920



4 MM BARS



CODAPO

CODE '+'



28 Nov. 1919

4.5 mm BARS

CODE '+'



2(?) SEPT. 1920(?)

CODE '+'



19 FEB 1920

3 mm BARS

COD APO

11 June 1920

4 June 1920 Code +

Is this the Registered Rate which may have been increased prior to the 13 June 1920

Paid 5 1/2 d =

3d Reg Fee 2 1/2 d 1 oz letter rate

CODE 'B'



17 ? 1920

CODE '+'
(4 mm BARS)



11 JUNE 1920

CODE 'A'
(2.5 mm BARS)



6 MARCH 1920

CODE '+'
(4 mm BARS)



4 JUNE 1920

BRITISH A.P.O / CONSTANTINOPLE



+ / 18 NO / 19



A / 16 AP / 20



B / 26 AP / 20

3 pieces showing 1/2d's postmarked at different dates, each piece with a different code letter.

The piece at left has two different shades.



1/2d + 2 x 1d's on piece, making the 2 1/2d letter rate, postmarked 'B / 14 JU / 20'

BRITISH A.P.O / CONSTANTINOPLE



1½d + 2½d piece
postmarked 'B / 28 NO / 19'
= Letter rate + 1½d over 20gms?



1½d piece postmarked
'B / 13 AP / 20'
?



2d piece dated
'A / 16 AU / 19'
?



4 x ½d + 3 x 1d + 4d + 2d = 11d on piece postmarked '+ / 3 JA / 20' (other values?)
Packet/cover with no evidence of registration? Compensation fee?



Strip of 3+single 2½d blue (2 shades) postmarked 'inverted B / 7 JU / 20'. Registered?
(Inverted 'B' not previously recorded)



Strip of three 9d postmarked '+ / 5 MR / 20'

27 May 1920 – Code A



(C)
24 September
1919 Code A





Code A 11 January 1920



Code + 18 August 1919

BRITISH A.P.O / CONSTANTINOPLE



1/2d pair postmarked
'+ / 2 OC / 19'



4d + 1/2d postmarked
'+ / 13 NO / 19'



1/2d pair postmarked
'+ / 31 DE / 19'



1/2d vertical pair
postmarked '+ / 14 JA / 20'



2/6d postmarked
'+ / 27 FE / 20'



2 1/2d + 2 x 1d
postmarked 'B / 2 AP / 20'



2d + 2 1/2d postmarked
'+ / 26 AP / 20'



2d + 1/2d postmarked
'A / 28 AP / 20'



1d vertical pair
postmarked '+ / 4 JU / 20'



2 1/2d + 2d postmarked
'+ / 9 JU / 20'

CAS

BRITISH A.P.O / CONSTANTINOPLE



1 1/2d + 2 1/2d piece
postmarked 'B / 28 NO / 19'
= Letter rate + 1 1/2d over 20gms?



1 1/2d piece postmarked
'B / 13 AP / 20'
?



2d piece dated
'A / 16 AU / 19'
?



4 x 1/2d + 3 x 1d + 4d + 2d = 11d on piece postmarked '+ / 3 JA / 20' (other values?)
Packet/cover with no evidence of registration? Compensation fee?



Strip of 3+single 2 1/2d blue (2 shades) postmarked 'inverted B / 7 JU / 20'. Registered?
(Inverted 'B' not previously recorded)



Strip of three 9d postmarked '+ / 5 MR / 20'



'A / 9 OC / 19'



'+ / 27 OC / 19'



'A / 31 OC / 19'



'+ / 3 SE / 19'



'B / 4 FE / 20'



'A / 2 MR / 20'



'B / 16 MR / 20'

2½d Blue shown here in a variety of shades (16 different shades are listed to 1920. Ref.7, page 3). Code letters 'A' & 'B' are reported as used at letter rate while '+' is reported used for registered, as shown here (4½d and 5d pieces), and parcel use.

BRITISH A.P.O / CONSTANTINOPLE



**2/6d reddish-brown
postmarked '+ / 19 MR / 20'**



**2/6d pale brown
postmarked '+ / 28 NO / 19'**



**5s rose-carmine
postmarked '+ / 19 FE / 20'**



**Piece with 1s
blocks of 6 and 4 = 10s
postmarked '+ / 5 FE / 20'**



**2/6d pr chocolate-brown
postmarked '+ / 31 MR / 20'**



**6d pr reddish-purple
postmarked '+ / 9 MR / 20'**



2/6d ? brown
postmarked '+ / 23 JA / 20'



2/6d ? brown
postmarked '+ / 31 MR / 20'

Two more apparent different shades of the 2/6d Bradbury Wilkinson printings. Six definite shades have been identified (Ref. No 3, page 3) but there are variations in between which are difficult to define with certainty. Bradbury Wilkinson took over the printing of the 2/6d Seahorses in December 1918 and Series 1, which was a wet printing and thus subject to more variation, was in production until 1926 when it was switched to dry printing for Series 2 and 3.



5s rose-red
Cancelled 'BRITISH.A.P.O /
'B / 10 AU / 20'



2d and 2½d
cancelled 'BRITISH.A.P.O /
'No code letter / 18 AU / 20'

BRITISH POST OFFICE / CONSTANTINOPLE

These double ring cancellers are recorded with code letters - cross, A, B, C (after May 1921, thus scarce), M (scarce), P (telegraph). I (unrecorded see previous page, thus also scarce).



Part cover to London with 2½d pale blue, 1d and 2 x ½d making the registered rate of 4½d cancelled 'A / 18 JA / 21' - 19mm inner. Reduced copy of back shown beneath.



5s rose-carmin
'M / 26 JA / 21'



2/6d chocolate-brown
'B / 16 AP / 21'



2d orange pair + ½d green
'B / 13 MY / 21'



5s rose-red
'M / ?? MY / 21'



5d ochre-brown
'B / 28 MY / 21'



2½d royal blue + 1½d chestnut
'A / 27 MY / 21'

All of the above are 18mm inner except the 2d pair + ½d (registered rate) which is 19mm. The 5d is registered (+ ½d?). The 2½d + 1½d = letter + 20gms. High values presumed parcel.

BRITISH POST OFFICE / CONSTANTINOPLE

It is thought the registration rate changed from 2d to 3d on 1st June 1921 before the letter rate changed on the 14th June 1921 from 2½d to 3d (ref. 2, page 3).



'A / 24 JU / 21'

½d + 2½d = 3d

Thus 3d new letter rate.



'A / 7 JU / 21'

2 x 1d + 2 x 2½d = 7d

Thus 3d registration plus 2½d letter rate plus 1½d over 20 grammes.



'B / 7 JY / 21'

½d + 2½d = 3d

Thus 3d new letter rate.



'B / 7 JY / 21'

1½d + 3 x 3d = 10½d

3d registration plus 3d letter rate plus 4½d = 3 x 20 grammes



'B / 13 JY / 21'

3d letter rate



'C / 22 JY / 21'

3 x 1½d + 2 x 3d = 10½d
3d reg plus 3d letter rate plus 4½d = 3 x 20 grammes.



'B / 27 JY / 21'

3d letter rate
½d overpaid / compensation fee?

CODE '+' 4.0mm BARS

17 NOVEMBER 1920

REGISTERED ENVELOPE RP31



CODBPO



CODE 'B' (SIDWAYS) 4.0mm BARS

9 FEBRUARY 1921



REGISTERED ENVELOPE RP30

CODE 'B' 4.0mm BARS

9 DECEMBER 1920



REGISTERED ENVELOPE RP31

Cancelled
BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

CODE '+'

4.0mm BARS



22 NOVEMBER 1920

CODE '2'

4.0mm BARS



1 — 1921

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE



2 February 1921 Code B

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE



2.5mm BARS



CODE 'B' 8 NOV. 1920

CODE 'B' 28 FEB. 1921



CODE 'B'

11 DECEMBER 1920

4.5mm BARS

TOTAL POSTAGE 4³/₄ - POSSIBLY PARCEL

COBPO

Trace of
Blue line
shows ex
registered
cover

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

CODE 'A'



7 JANUARY 1921



4 DECEMBER 1920



10 JANUARY 1921



18 JANUARY 1921

COBPO - 4.8mm BARS

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

CODE 'A'
(2.5mm BARS)



4 JUNE 1921



2 NOVEMBER 1920

INNER RING 18mm
ORDINARY MAIL



OUTER RING
28mm DIAMETER



INNER RING 19mm
REGISTERED MAIL
* A, B, (C AFTER JUNE '21)

COB890

IN USE 26 SEPT '20 TO 27 SEPT '23

Without traces of the Blue lines, it's impossible to say if a 'fragment' is registered or from a higher franked non-registered cover.

Also, we never know if such as these 'fragments' are complete

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

CODE 'B'



11 — 1921



13 APRIL 1921



21 APRIL 1921



30 MARCH 1921



COB890 - 4.0mm BARS

9 DECEMBER 1920



BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

CODE 'A' - 20 JANUARY 1921



4.00 mm BARS

CODE 'C' - 3(?) AUGUST 1921



4.00 mm BARS

CODE 'B' - 2 APRIL 1921



4.00 mm BARS ?

CODE 'B' - 13 JULY 1921



4.00 mm BARS

CODE 'B' - 10 FEB 21



2.5 mm BARS

CO3 BFO



CODAPO
23 August 1920

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

CODE 'B'



11 - 1921



13 APRIL 1921



21 APRIL 1921



30 MARCH 1921



CO03PO - 4.0mm BARS

9 DECEMBER 1920

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

CODE 'B'



5 NOVEMBER 1920



22 NOVEMBER 1920



22 NOVEMBER 1920



15 MARCH 1921



8 MARCH 1921

CODBPO - 2.5mm BARS

Note

Late Usage

18 August 1921



BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

CODE 'B'



LATE USE OF UNOVERTPRINTED STAMPS

18 AUGUST 1921



27 APRIL 1921



3 MARCH 1921



5 MARCH 1921



15 FEBRUARY 1921

CODBPO - 2.5mm BARS

Double ring cancellors were introduced in late September 1920 at 28mm with either 18mm or 19mm inner circles. The side bars vary in size as they were regularly made up and dismantled.



'B / 2 NO / 20'



'B / 10 NO / 20'



'B / 16 NO / 20'



'I / 17 NO / 20'



'I / 19 NO / 20'



'B / 29 NO / 20'

Showing two 2½d letter rates, two 4½d registered letter rates, a 4d rate = 2½d + 1½d over 20 grammes and a 1/5½d rate heavy letter? Code letter 'I' not previously known. All 18mm inner.

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

CODE 'B'



22 APRIL 1921



30 NOVEMBER 1920



8 FEBRUARY 1921



3 DECEMBER 1920

CODBPO - 4.0MM BARS

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

CODE 'B'

1-1/2 MM BARS



13 DECEMBER 1920

CODE 'B' (SIDEWAYS)

4.0MM BARS



9 FEBRUARY 1921

CODE 'B'

2 1/2 MM BARS



18 MAY 1921

PERFIN "B.C.I."

CODBPO

APO S X 3 First Period when used by the Army Post Office outside the Registration Period April to July 1919

ARMY POST OFFICE / S.X.3



6d strip 3 postmarked 'A / 12 MR / 20'



9d strip 3 postmarked 'A / 22 JA / 20'



**2/6 Bradbury Wilkinson x 2 shades
No code letter / 5 NO / 19**



A / 27 MR / 20



**1d pair on piece
No code letter / 27 DE / 19**

Very early
date of use



APO S X 3 Second Period when 'lent' to the Civilian Post Office



**1s block of 6 and block of 4 postmarked '+ / 3 JA / 20' (both from the same parcel?)
The cross code letter '+' is not recorded used for this particular date stamp.**

BRITISH POST OFFICE / CONSTANTINOPLE 1921

The double ring cancellers, on closer examination, have both varying inner *and* outer circles.

O = Outer circle: I = Inner circle



'B / 5 JA / 21'

O=28mm: I=17.5mm



5s rose-red with part
'BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE'
parcel cancel



'B / 19 JA / 21'

O=28mm: I=18mm



'B / ? FE / 21'

O=28mm: I=17.5mm



'A / 7 FE / 21'

O=28.5mm: I=18mm



'A / 7 FE / 21'

O=28mm: I=18mm



'B / 23 FE / 21'

O=28mm: I=18mm



'B / 14 MR / 21'

O=28mm: I=18mm



'B / 20 AP / 21'

O=28mm: I=18mm



'A / 25 AP / 21'

O=28mm: I=19mm



'A / 30 AP / 21'

O=28.5mm: I=18.25mm



'B / 30 MY / 21'

O=28.5mm: I=18.25mm

The top two rows (bar the 5s) and the bottom row contain 2½d blue letter rates in various shades including a pair indicating a registered letter rate ½d overpaid - also with added 2d orange or deep orange to make up the registered letter rate. The third row has letter rates made up with 2d + ½d or 5 x ½d. The side bars of the cancels here vary from 1.7mm to 4.5mm.

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The new postal rates were implemented on Monday 13th June 1921.

O = Outer circle: I = Inner circle



'B / 25 MY / 21'

O=28mm: I=18mm



2/6d chocolate-brown

'B / 14 JU / 21'

O=28mm: I=17.5mm



'B / 25 JU / 21'

O=28.5mm: I=19mm



'A / 1 JY / 21'

O=28mm: I=19mm



'A / 13 JY / 21'

O=28mm: I=19mm



'B / 16 JY / 21'

O=28mm: I=17.5mm



'B / 19 JY / 21'

O=28mm: I=18mm



'B / 25 JY / 21'

O=28.5mm: I=18.5mm



'A / 26 JY / 21'

O=28mm: I=18mm



'A / 26 JY / 21'

O=28mm: I=18mm



'B / 27 JY / 21'

O=28mm: I=17.5mm



'A / 28 JY / 21'

O=28mm: I=17.5mm



'A / 2 AU / 21'

O=28mm: I=18mm

2½d blue old letter rate. 3d new letter and registration rates. 3 x 3d = 6d registered letter + 3d = 2 x 1½d per 20gms (up to 60gms. Unchanged). 2d inland letter (unchanged). 2/6d parcel?



Code B 25 October 1920

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

PARCEL USAGE

CODE 'B' . 9 SEPT 1920



LOD APO 2.5mm BARS

NO CODE . 30 JULY 1920



LOD APO 3.0mm BARS



Total

6 /- 6d



COA 30

CODE +
2-20



Cancelled

BRITISH A.P.O.
CONSTANTINOPLE

5 March 1920 Code +

Total @ 11/- 3d

Letter Rate

Reg Fee 2d

2 1/2 d 1 oz

87 oz @ 1 1/2 d = 10/- 10 1/2 d

Total

A 5lb 8 oz letter or packet.

Note: Not a Parcel



C – Cancelled CODAPO 23 February 1920
Code +

See next 2 slides

- Block x 6
- Block x 18
- Block x 80
- Strip x 3



Cancelled

BRITISH A.P.O.

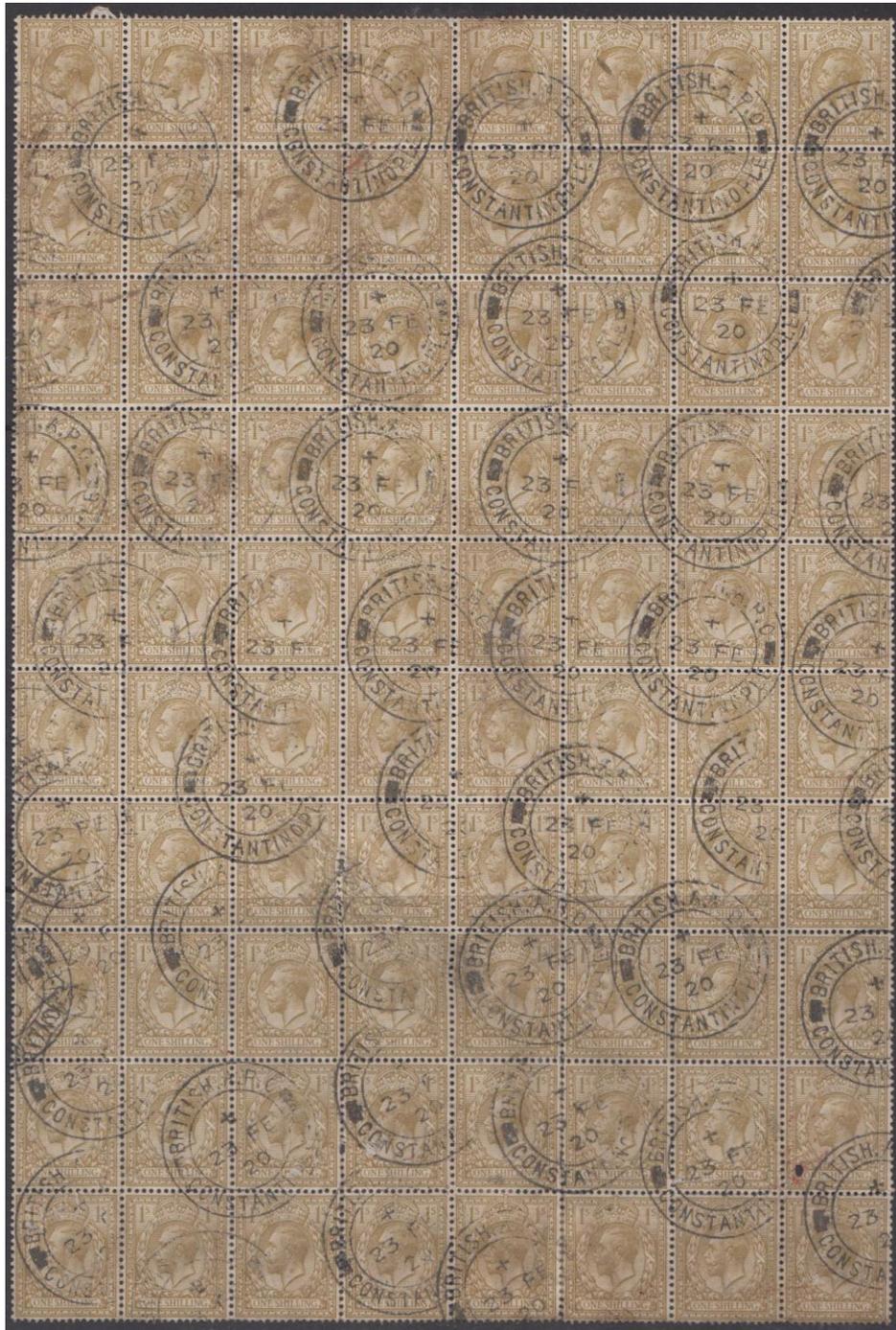
CONSTANTINOPLE

23 February 1920

Code +

Both items





Cancelled

BRITISH A.P.O.

CONSTANTINOPLE

23 February 1920

Code +

80 shillings = 4 pounds

July – August 1920 Period during changeover



**5s rose-red
Cancelled 'BRITISH.A.P.O /'
'B / 10 AU / 20'**



**2d and 2½d
cancelled 'BRITISH.A.P.O /'
'No code letter / 18 AU / 20'**

The use of the 'A.P.O' cancel is here shown used on a 5s Seahorse which would seem to imply the use of the 'B' code letter on parcels with the 'No code letter' again used at the registration rate.

BRITISH POST OFFICE / CONSTANTINOPLE

On the re-opening of the Civilian Post Office in July 1920 the prewar 24mm and 25½mm cancels were brought into use again. They are known used until late September 1920.



'B / 5 AU / 20'



'A / 12 AU / 20'



'B / 25 AU / 20'



'B / 26 AU / 20'



'B / 30 AU / 20'

½d yellow-green and four 2½d blue stamps all used with 25½mm cancellations - letter rate?



10s steel-blue (broken 'S' in 'POSTAGE') with 24mm cancellation '+ / 14 AU / 20' suggesting its use for parcels, at least with a cross. Cancel also known used with a 'B' code letter.

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

CODE 'B'



14 SEPT. 1920

CODE B



4 SEPT 1920

cos 0 25/2

Prewar Cancels

APO S X 3 First Period when used by the Army Post Office outside the Registration Period April to July 1919

ARMY POST OFFICE / S.X.3



6d strip 3 postmarked 'A / 12 MR / 20'



9d strip 3 postmarked 'A / 22 JA / 20'



**2/6 Bradbury Wilkinson x 2 shades
No code letter / 5 NO / 19**



A / 27 MR / 20



**1d pair on piece
No code letter / 27 DE / 19**

Very early
date of use



APO S X 3 Second Period when 'lent' to the Civilian Post Office



**1s block of 6 and block of 4 postmarked '+ / 3 JA / 20' (both from the same parcel?)
The cross code letter '+' is not recorded used for this particular date stamp.**

ARMY POST OFFICE / S.X.3



2 x 1s blocks of 5 + 2 x vertical strips of 3 plus 2 x 6d all postmarked 'A / 22 JA / 20'



1s block of 10 postmarked 'A / 7 FE / 20'



Cancel

CODBPO 1 August 1921 Code B

Total 3/- 3d Parcel ?

APO CONSTANTINOPLÉ



24-mr-20 B



20-mA-20 +



27-mr-20 B



31-mr-20 +



25-mar-20
B.



20-fé-20 +



24-mr-20 B



7-AP-20-B



21-fé-20 +



01-AP-20 B



31-mr-20 +

BPO CONSTANTINOPLÉ



18-oct-20
COUÉ M



18-oct-20
COUÉ M



18-oct-20
COUÉ M



6-July-21
COUÉ A

COUÉ C
18-nov 21



5-déc
2+
COUÉ C



5-déc-20
COUÉ C



PARCEL



5-déc-21
COUÉ C



PARCEL CANCEL

A.P.O. 5x3



19-DEC-19. ERO?



10-APR-20.
CODE A.



19-APR-20
CODE A.



2- LINE
BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE



COO-AP0

01-APR-20
CODE B



A.P.O. 31-mk-20- code +



A.P.O.
24-mk-20 code B



A.P.O. 3- July 20 code B
CONSTANTINOPLE



A.P.O. 5x3 19-mk-20
code A.



14 - NOV - 21 CONE A.

BRITISH LEVANT-GEO V 180 Piastres on 10/- Bradbury Wilkinson printing BLOCK OF FOUR with FLAWS NISSEN RE-ENTRIES on 1/1 and 2/2 with FURTHER RE-ENTRY on 2/1. Specialist N71a X 2 & 71ab. Cancelled by s/rings of B.P.O Constantinople. Super block for the specialist. [4] K25



Blk. Constantinople
UNOAS 23 mm cancel

BRITISH LEVANT

BRITISH ARMY POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

CODE +

4mm BARS



26 FEB 1920

CODE 6

3mm BARS



27 MAY (?) 1920

CODE +

4mm BARS



26 MAR 1920

CODE +

4mm BARS



26 FEB 1920

CODE +

4mm BARS



25 FEB 1920

COD APO

BRITISH LEVANT

BRITISH ARMY POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

BAIRD & WILKINSON PRINTING

CODE +

CHOCOLATE BROWN



20 FEB 1920

CODE + (4mm BARS)

PALE BROWN



7 MARCH 1920

PARCEL USAGE

DEC 1919 - 1 SEPT 1920

CODE + (4mm BARS)



20 MAR 1920



COD APO

CODE ? (4mm BARS)



2 ? 1920

CODE + (4.5mm BARS)



19 MARCH 1920

BRITISH LEVANT

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

PARCEL USAGE

CODE +



10 SEPT 1920

TWO HAND STAMPS USED FOR CANCELLATION OF STAMPS



(a) BRITISH P.O. (COS D 24) CODE 'C' } 20 JULY 1920
(b) BRITISH A.P.O. (COD APD) NO CODE }

COS D 24



JULY TO SEPTEMBER
1920

PRE-WAR CANCEL

BRITISH LEVANT

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

CODE '+'



17 JUNE 1920

CODE 'A'



19 APR 20

CODE 'A'



27 MAR 20

CODE '?'



JUN 4 20

CODE 'A'



22 APR 20

PARCEL USAGE

COD A 5X3



USED 260 1919 - AUG 1920

BRITISH LEVANT

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

PARCEL USAGE



COP 23

FOUND ONLY ON 2/6
5/- 8/10/- VALUES



JULY TO OCTOBER
1920(?)

PRE-WAR CANCEL

BRITISH LEVANT

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE



ROSE CARMINE SHADE

COP 24

1st LINE : 44 7/8 mm



2nd LINE : 38 x 4/4 mm

USAGE UNKNOWN (POSSIBLY 'PARCEL' BUT PROBABLY 'TELEGRAPHIC' AS
ONLY FOUND ON 5/- 8/10/- VALUES)

BRITISH LEVANT

BRADBURY WILKINSON PRINTING. ISSUED 1921

TURKISH CURRENCY

OVERPRINTED 'SPECIMEN'



RE-ENTRY UNDER '20'
OF 'POSTAGE'

CHOCOLATE - BROWN



CARMINE - RED



DULL - BLUE

BRITISH CURRENCY



CHOCOLATE - BROWN

400 COPIES OVERPRINTED 'SPECIMEN' ON EACH VALUE FOR DISTRIBUTION
THROUGH THE U.P.U.

BRITISH LEVANT

TURKISH CURRENCY

OVERPRINTED FOR USE IN THE BRITISH POST OFFICE IN CONSTANTINOPLE

ISSUED AUGUST 1921
PRINTED BY HARRISON & SONS



BROWN



YELLOW - BROWN

OVERPRINTED BY SOMERSET
HOUSE
7 1/2 & 15 PIASTRES - 1 ROW OF 12
15 3/4 PIASTRES - 2 ROWS OF 6



TURQUOISE BLUE



BISTRE BROWN



OLIVE BISTRE



'SPECIMEN'
APPROX. 400 COPIES PRODUCED
FOR U.P.U. DISTRIBUTION

RAISED "3" IN FRACTION
Nos 5 & 11 OF ALTERNATE ROWS
(i.e. 2/3, 2/11, 4/3, 4/11, ETC.)



BRITISH LEVANT

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE



COP BRIT



BLACK OR PURPLE

COP BRITISH



BLACK ONLY

PARCEL
CANCELS
(BOTH 27mm DIA.)

USED MARCH/22 - SEPT/22

1921 Onwards

Overprint Period

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Commercial cover to Sweden

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

10 August 1921 Code B

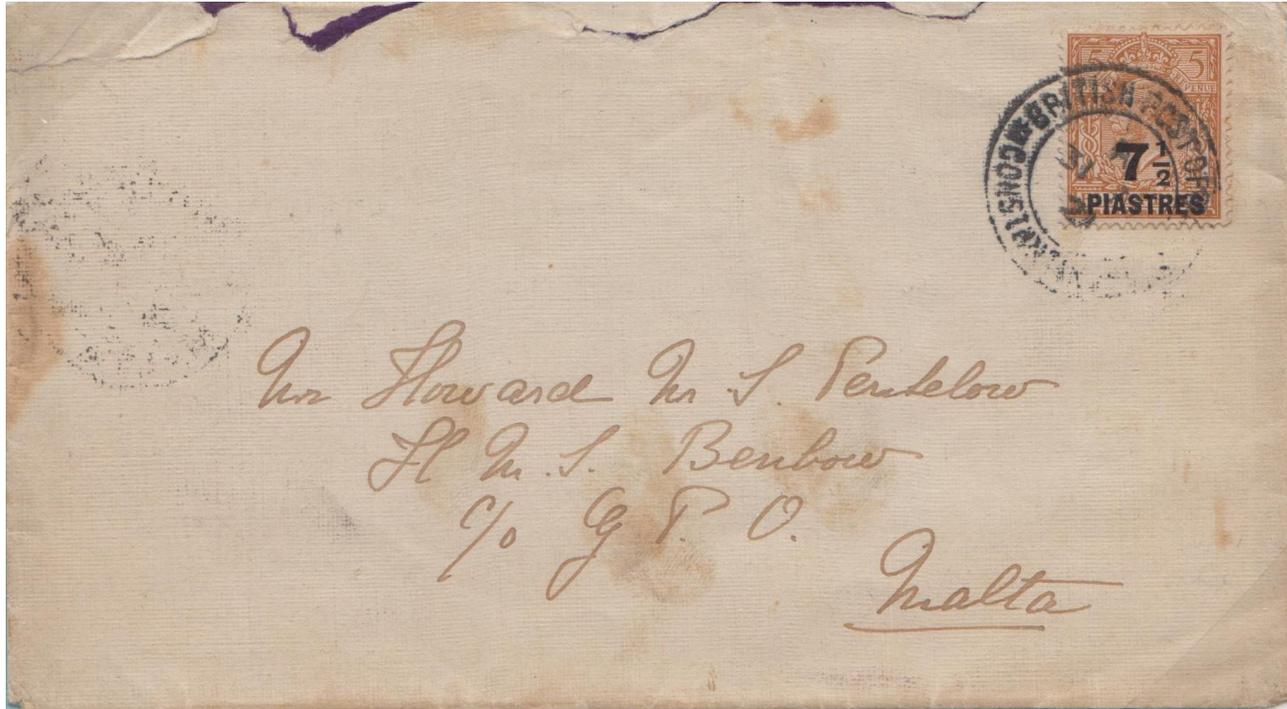
7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

Currently the earliest date of use

Received 18 8 1921



British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Cover to H M S *Benbow*

c/o GPO Malta

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

31 August 1921 Code A

7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

Received in Valetta 6 September

Code 'C' is also recorded in use on this day on Registered mail.

Three hand-stamps were supplied originally.

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



'Fragment' only franked 3d unoverprinted plus
2 x 1 ½ Piastres

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

6 September 1921 Code B

On arrival in London a ½ Postage Due was
affixed, cancelled LONDON S 1.15 pm 12
September 1921

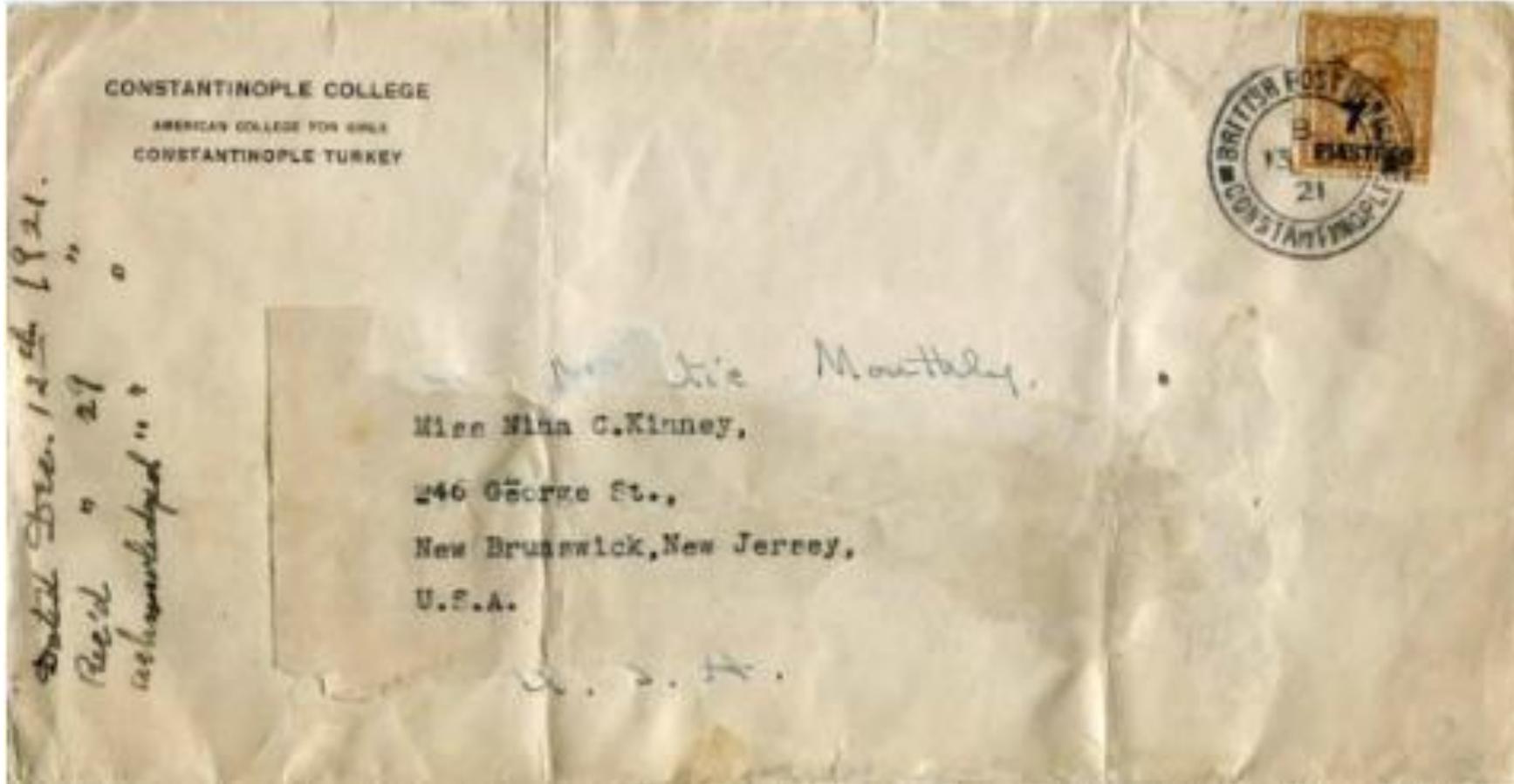
No surviving 'T' present

Believe sender assumed 3d = 4 ½ Piastres + 2 x
1 ½ Piastres would make up the 7 ½ Piastres
letter rate.

Why ½ Postage Due applied?

Note 3d value overprinted 4 ½ Piastres was
issued in August 1921

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Cover to New Brunswick
New Jersey USA

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

13 September 1921 Code B

7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1
oz

Received 29 September
manuscript note

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921

Cover to Basel Switzerland

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

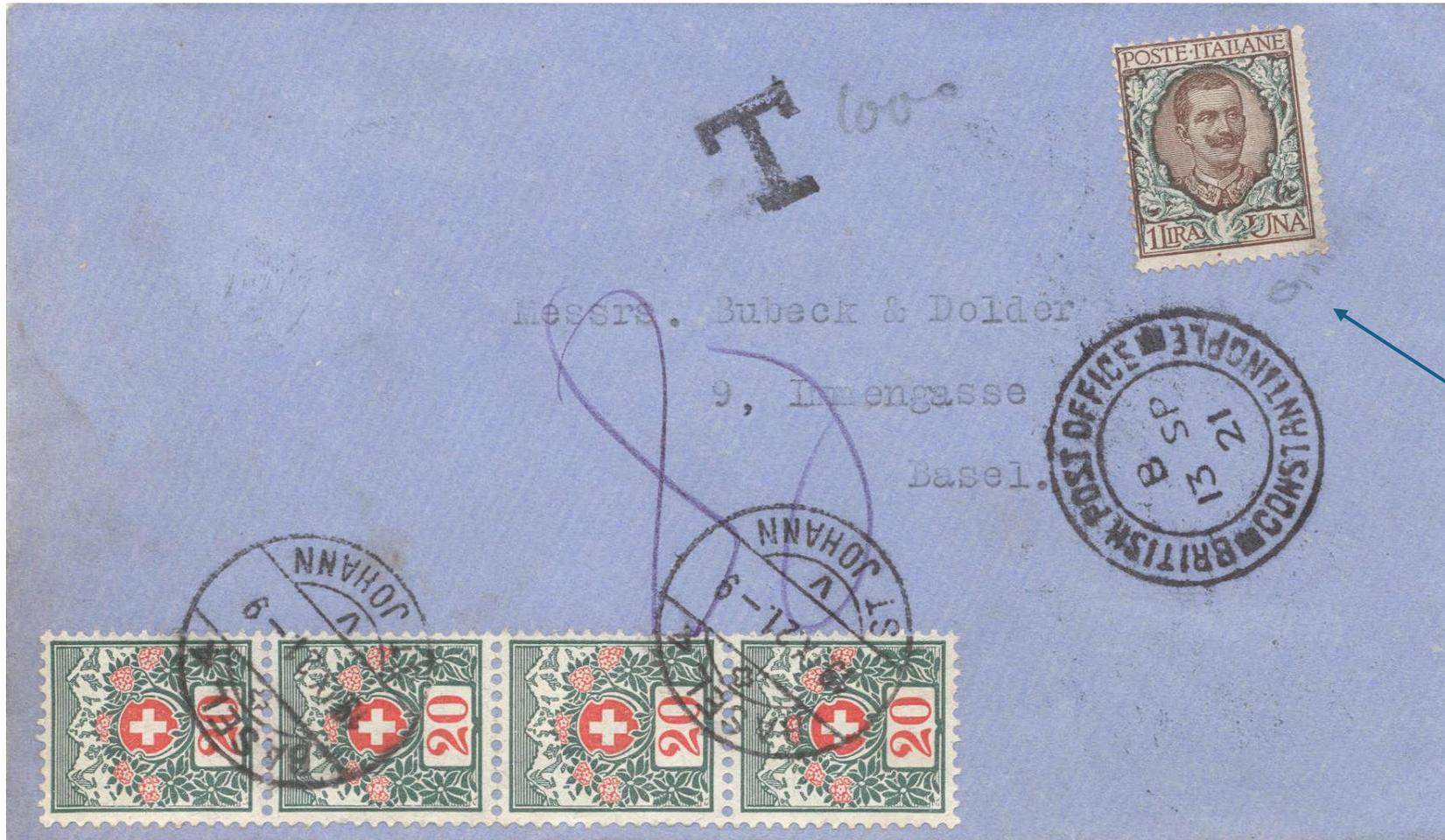
13 September 1921 Code B

Franked with a 1 Lira (Italian) value
for the 1 oz Letter Rate

Stamp was ruled as shown by the
manuscript '0'

'T' Mark with 100 in manuscript
applied to signify postage due.

On arrival 4 x 20 centimes Postage
Dues applied



C A P

Received 19 IX 21

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



1/- plus 3d values Overprinted
LEVANT

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

September 14 1921

Code B

ERD for these values

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Cover to H M S *Benbow*

c/o GPO Malta

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

20 September 1921 Code A

7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

Received 26 September 1921

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921

No. 4.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

A. Taggett Esq.,
6, Ampton Rd.,
Edgbaston,



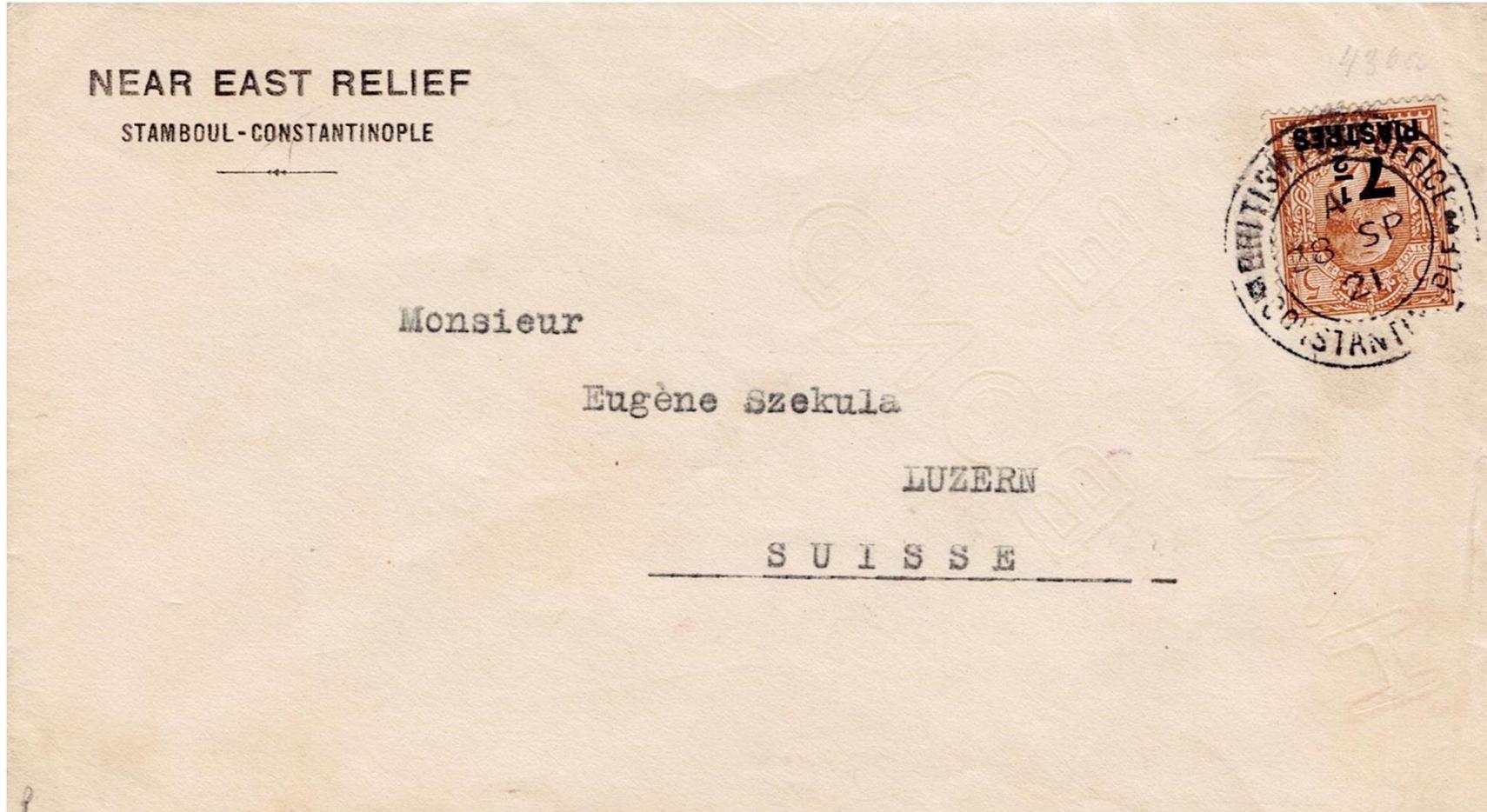
B i r m i n g h a m

E n g l a n d

POST OFFICE.

OHMS Cover to Birmingham cancelled BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE 21 September 1921 Code B
Sent post free and accepted as such

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Printed NEAR EAST RELIEF

cover to Switzerland

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

28 September 1921 Code A

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1
oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



4 ½ Piastres Postal Stationery Card

to

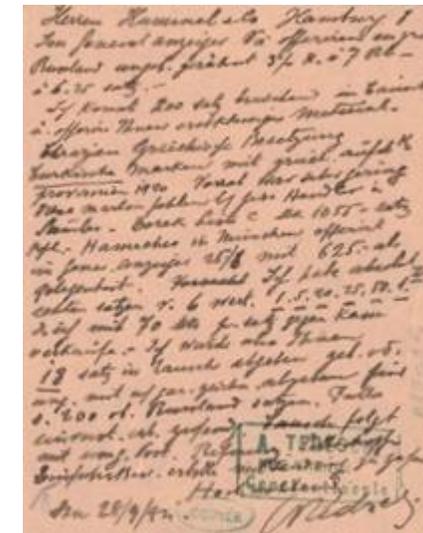
Hamburg Germany

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

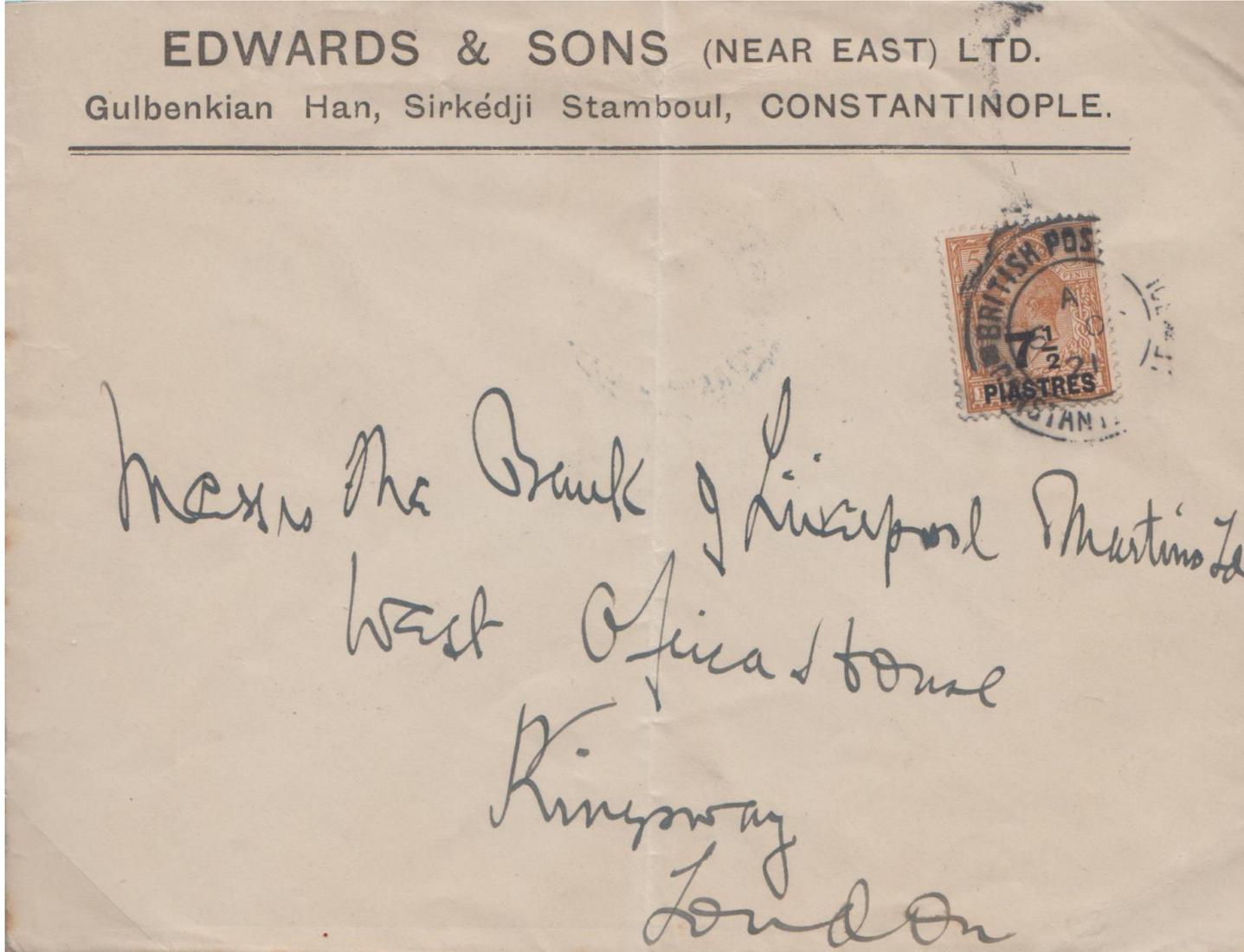
29 September 1921 Code B



C

H & G 24

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Commercial cover to London

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

6 October 1921 Code A

7½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921

Cover to Italy

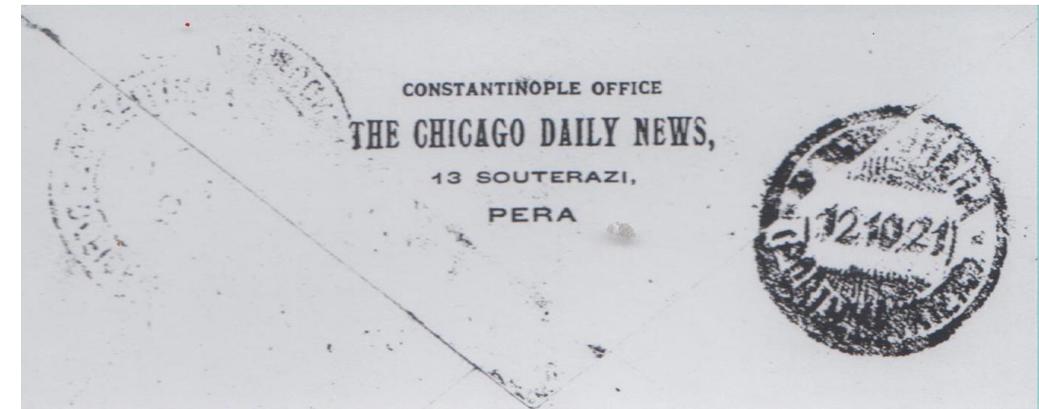
Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

7 October 1921 Code A?

7 ½ Piastres + 3 ¾ Piastres Letter Rate for 2 oz

Received 12 10 21



British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



PPC to Manchester

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

8 October 1921 Code A

4 1/2 Piastres Post Card Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



PPC to Alexandria Egypt

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

12 October 1921 Code C

4 1/2 Piastres Post Card Rate

Received 20 X 21

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921

PPC to Belgium

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

21 October 1921 Code B

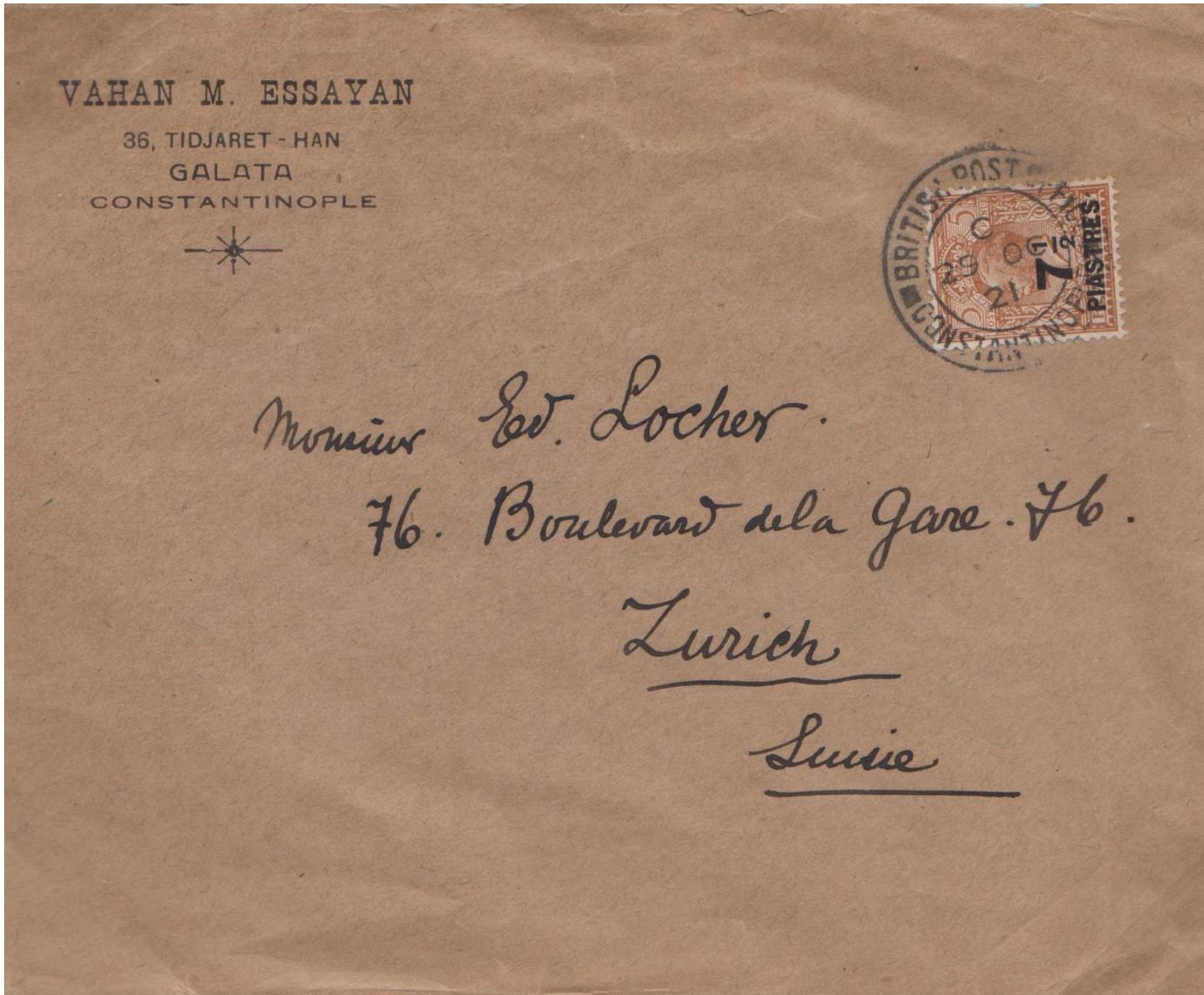
4 ½ Piastres Post Card Rate



Received 27 X 21



British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Commercial cover to Zurich Switzerland

Cancelled

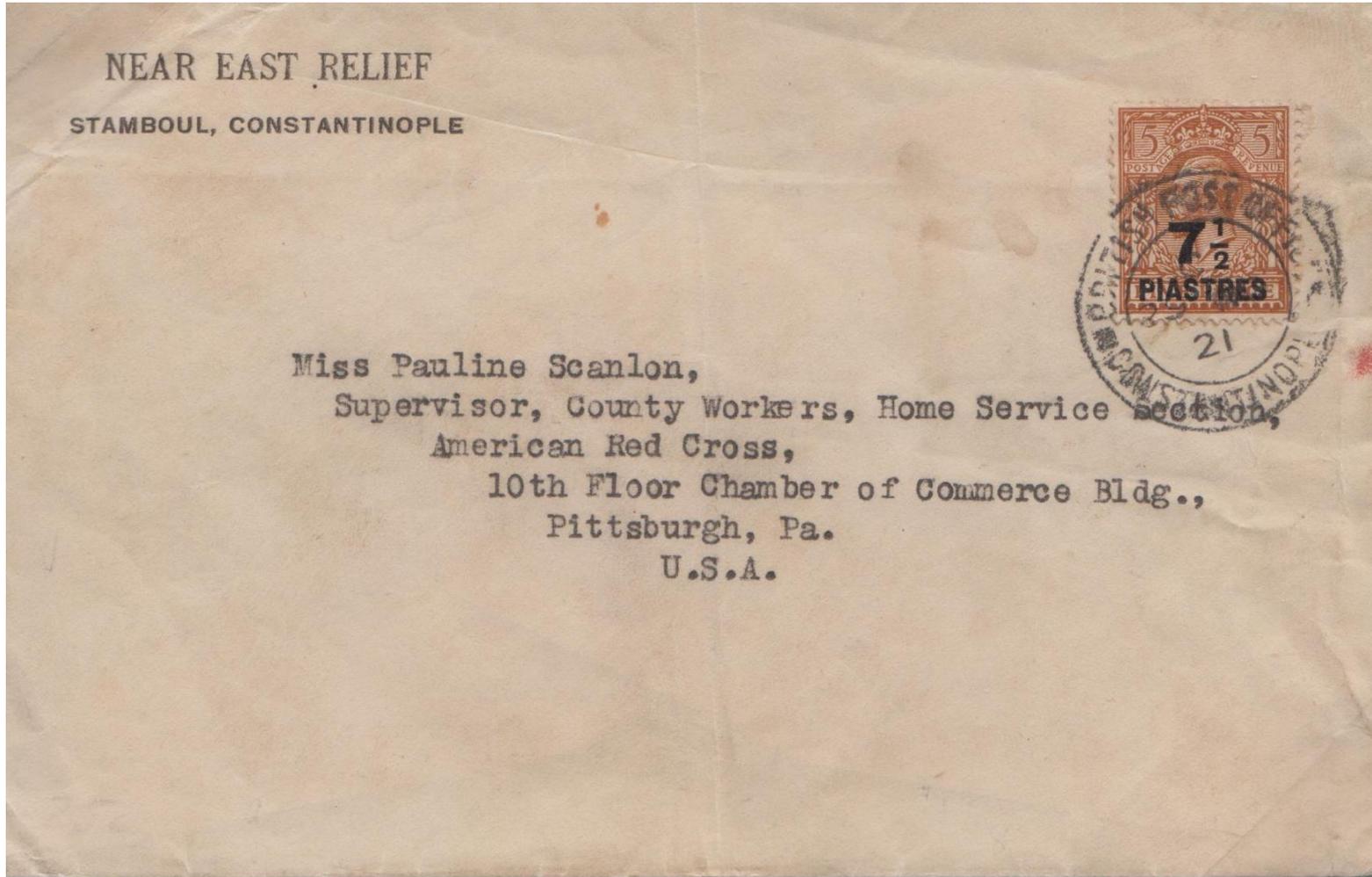
BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

29 October 1921 Code C

7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz



British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Printed 'Near East Relief' cover to

Pittsburgh USA

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

29 October 1921 Code C

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921

Commercial cover to Cairo

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

5 November 1921 Code C

Received 15 VI 21

7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz



British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921

Commercial cover to

London

Cancelled

BRITISH POST
OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

8 November 1921
Code A

7 ½ Piastres Letter
Rate for 1 oz

THE GENERAL MANAGER,

The London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,

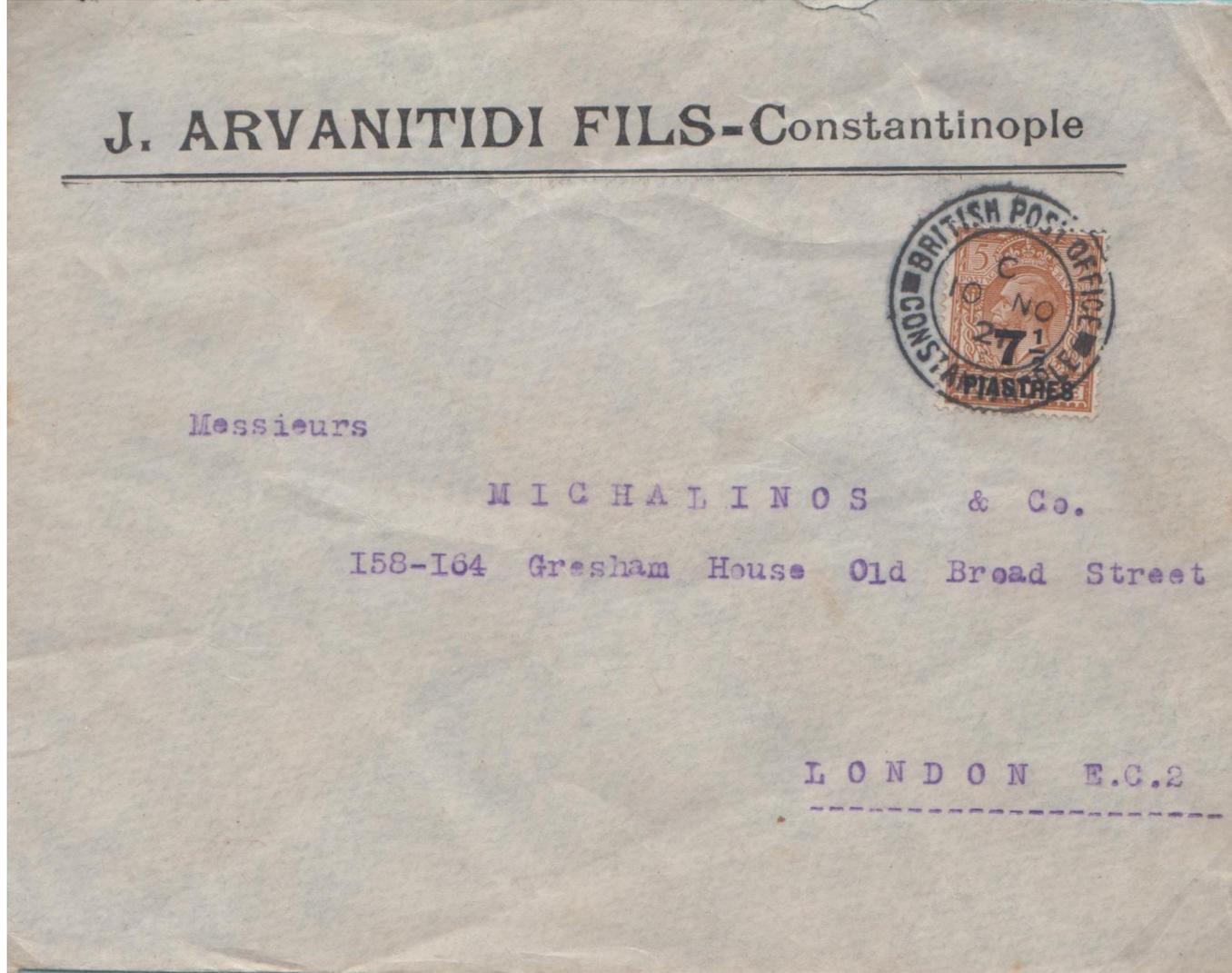
5 & 7, CHANCERY LANE,

ENGLAND.

LONDON, W.C. 2.



British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Commercial cover to London

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

10 November 1921 Code C

7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Cover to Salonica

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

26 November 1921 Code C

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

Made up with 2 x 3 3/4 Piastres

Boxed Hand-stamp

**BRITISH NAVAL BASE
CONSTANTINOPLE**

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921

R Malim reported a cover to H MS *Benbow* care of Base Constantinople dated 16 November 1921 Code ? Paid 7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate.

A second cover dated 13 December 1921 Code? To the same addressee and address paid 4 ½ Piastres. A local Rate?

Both items unseen.

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



PPC to Denmark

Cancelled

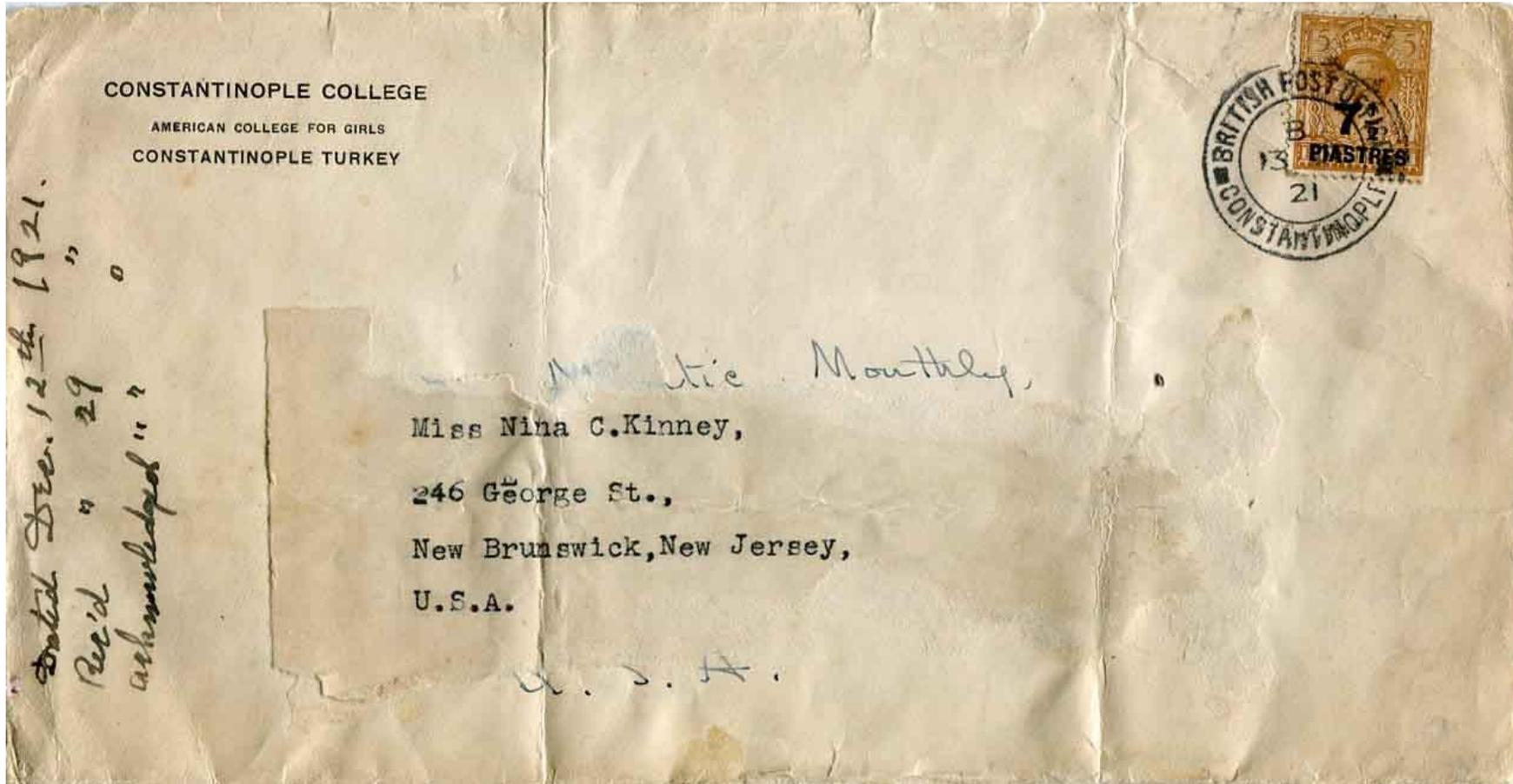
BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

11 December 1921 Code C

4 1/2 Piastres Post Card Rate

Which was made up with 3 x 1 1/2 Piastres

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Commercial Cover to

New Jersey U S A

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

13 December 1921 Code B

7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for
1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Picture Post Card

Unaddressed and hand-stamped **IMPRIME** on reverse
Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

15 December 1921 Code A

30 Paras x 2 paid the Foreign
Printed Paper Rate

Cancelled to Order for one of the many Stamp Dealers active at this time

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921

CARTE POSTALE
POSTKARTE — POST CARD

Côté réservé à l'adresse.



Mr O. J. Elias

Post St.

Carnarvon

North Wales

Great Britain

PPC to North Wales

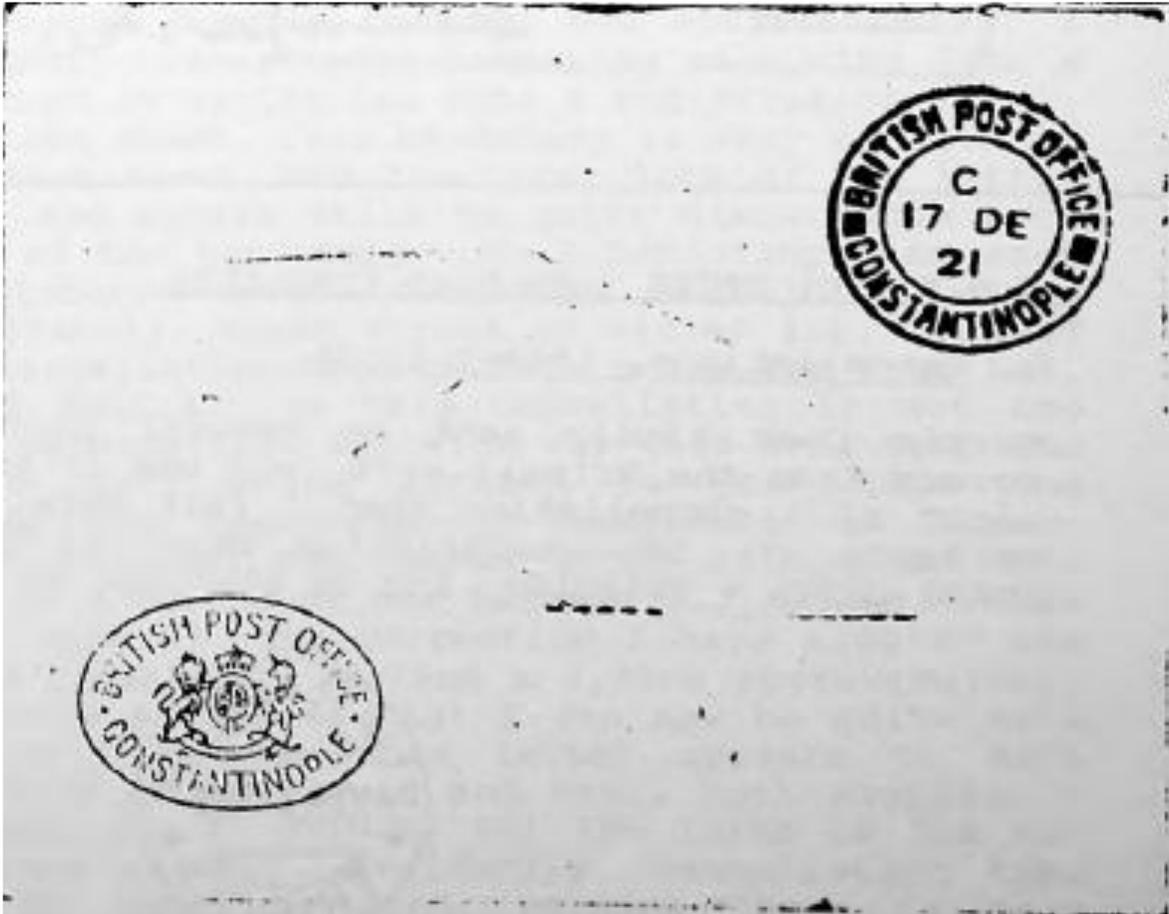
Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

17 December 1921 Code C

4 1/2 Piastres Post Card Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



OHMS ? Cover

Address details cut out

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

17 December 1921 Code C

Sent Post Free

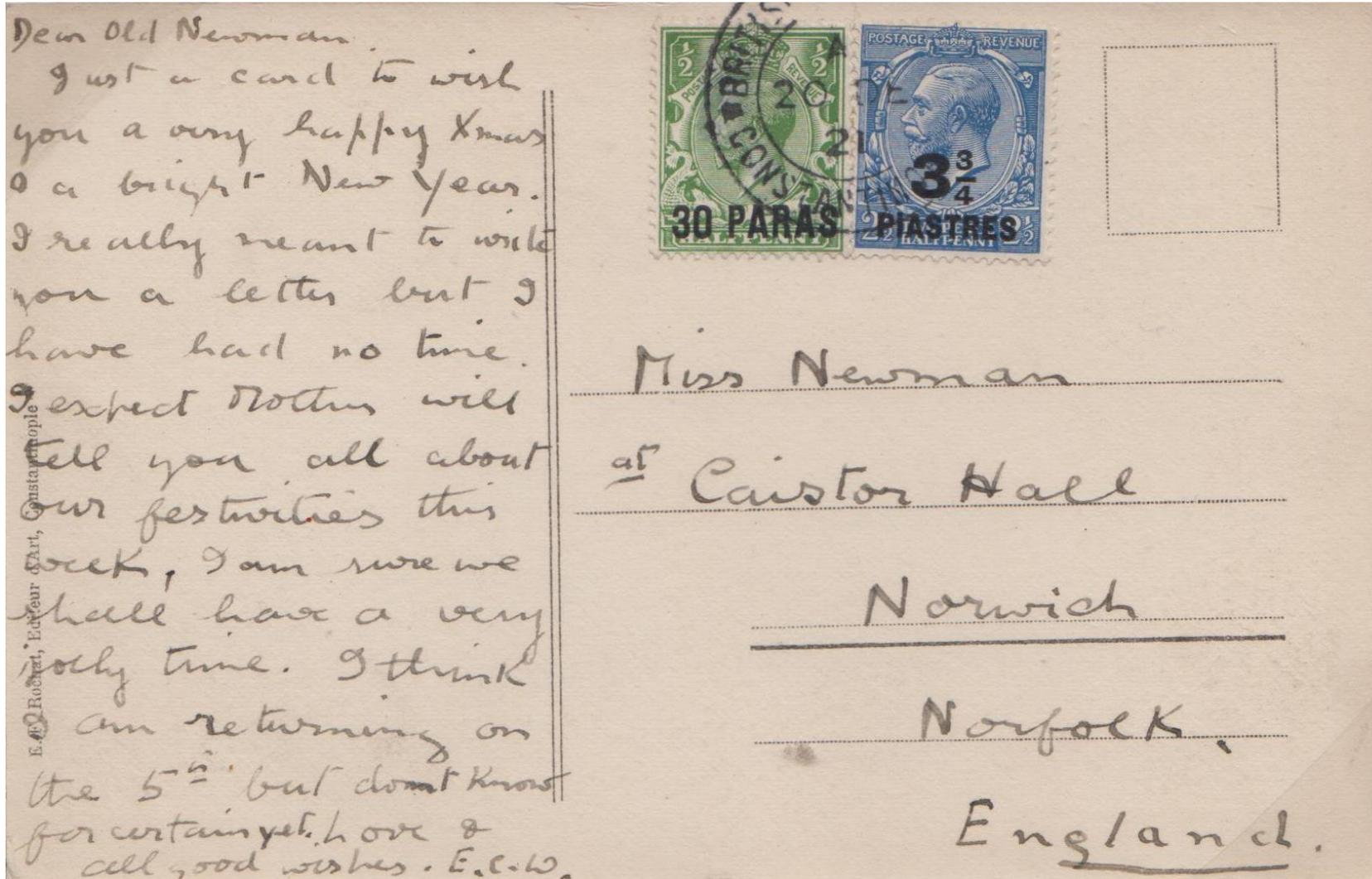
Shows Oval cachet

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

Also shown from a Pre-war
OHMS cover in Bottom Left
corner



British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



PPC to Norfolk England

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

20 December 1921 Code A

4 ½ Piastres Post Card Rate

Which was made up with 1 x 3 ³/₄
Piastres & 1 x 30 Paras

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Commercial Cover to

London

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

22 December 1921 Code C

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Commercial Cover to Leipzig Germany

Cancelled

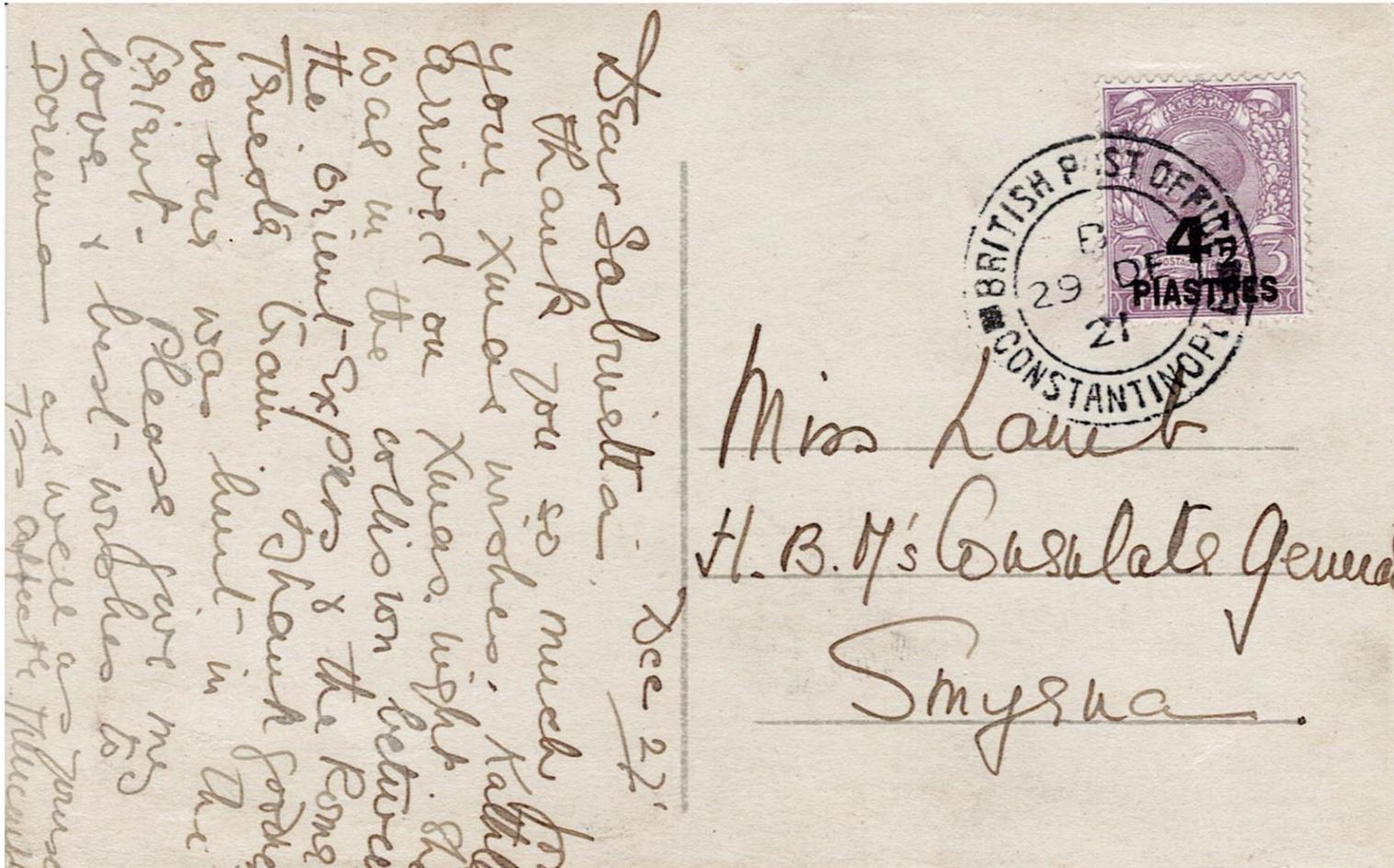
BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPL

23 December 1921 Code C

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Picture Post Card to
Miss Lamb, H.B.M.'s Consulate General
Smyrna

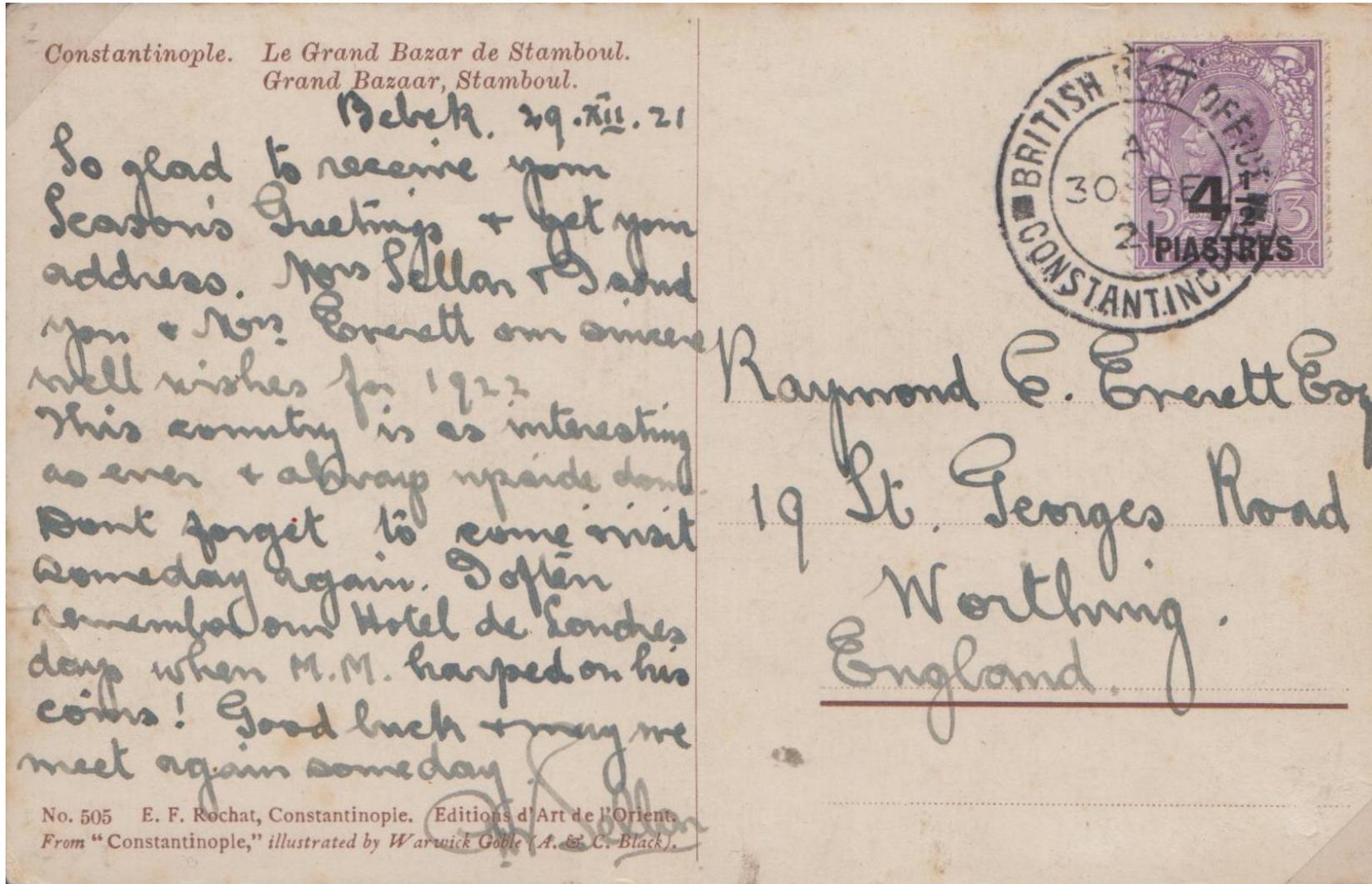
Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

29 December 1921 Code B

4 1/2 Piastres Post Card Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



PPC to Worthing England

Cancelled

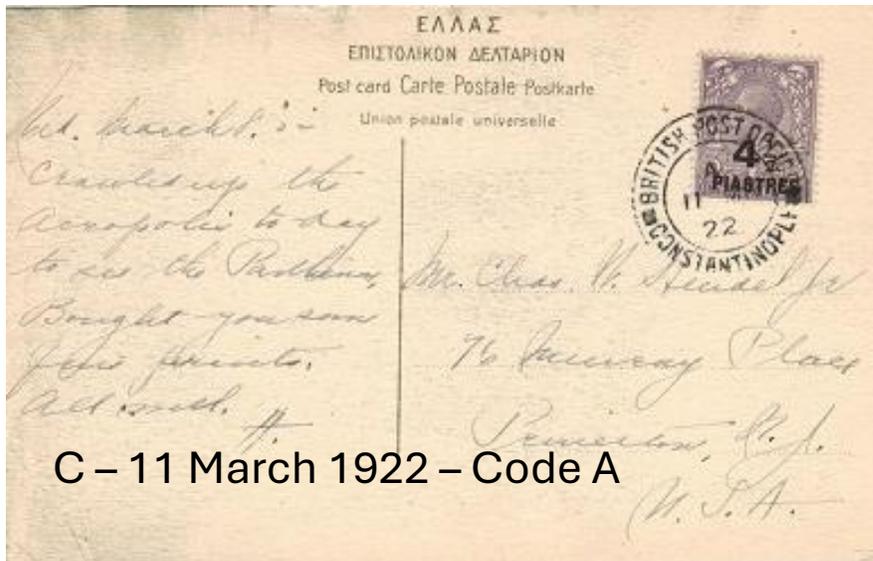
BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

30 December 1921 Code A

4 1/2 Piastres Post Card Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



C – 11 March 1922 – Code A

C – 18 March 1922 – Code C



C – 23 March 1923 – Code C - Over franked by 15 ¾ Pia -
Addressed to French Postal Sector 530 and cancelled
such 25 March 1923

1922

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover to Nottingham

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

5 January 1922 Code A

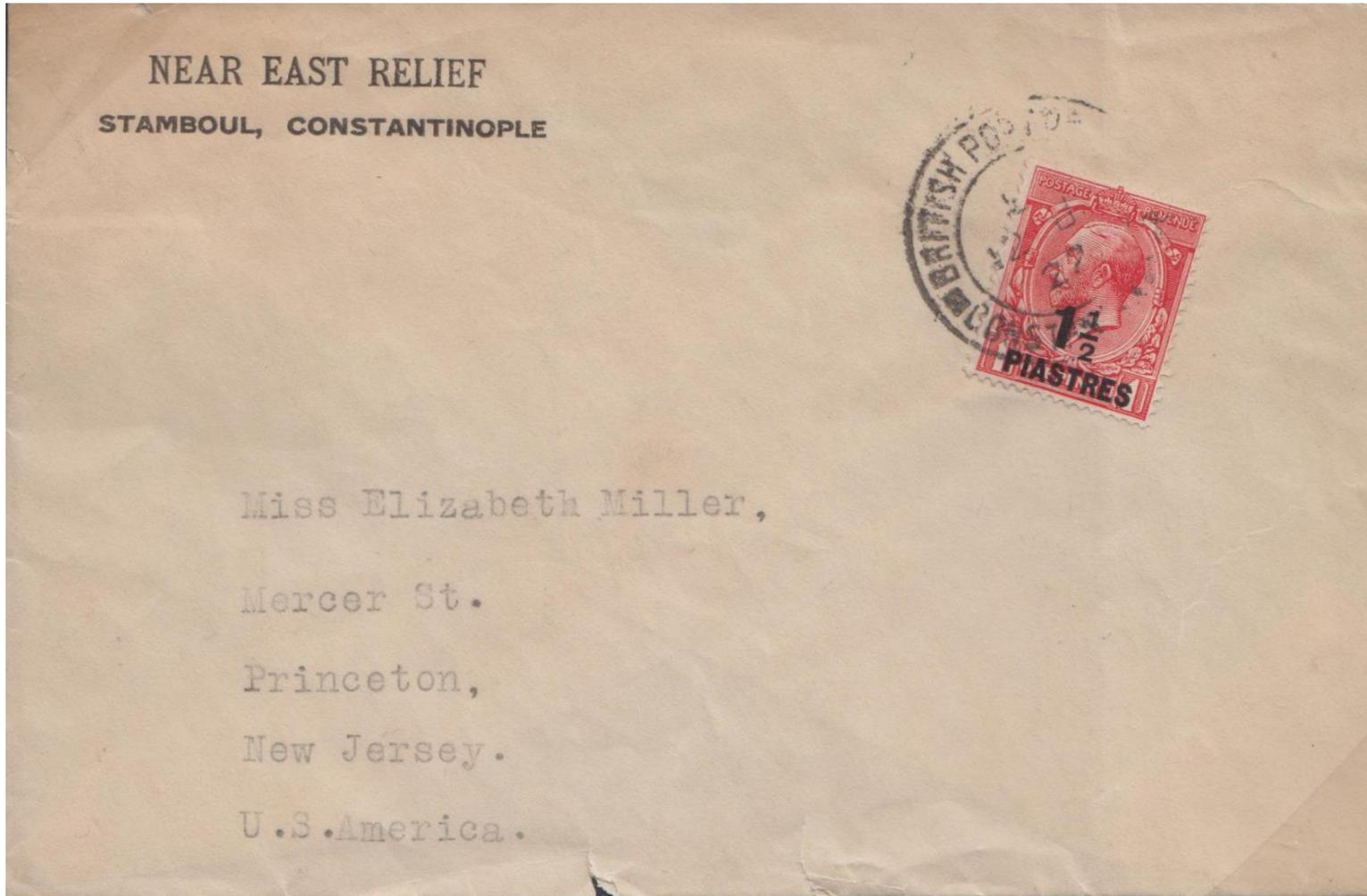
7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

Paid with 2 x 3 ¾ Piastres to make up
the 7 ½ Piastres Rate

The 3 ¾ Piastres didn't equal any of the
first rates but was used as shown here
and also to pay the 2nd and subsequent
rate steps per oz

Note Use of the British P.O. Box system

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Printed cover from the
Near East Relief Stamboul
to New Jersey USA

Cancelled

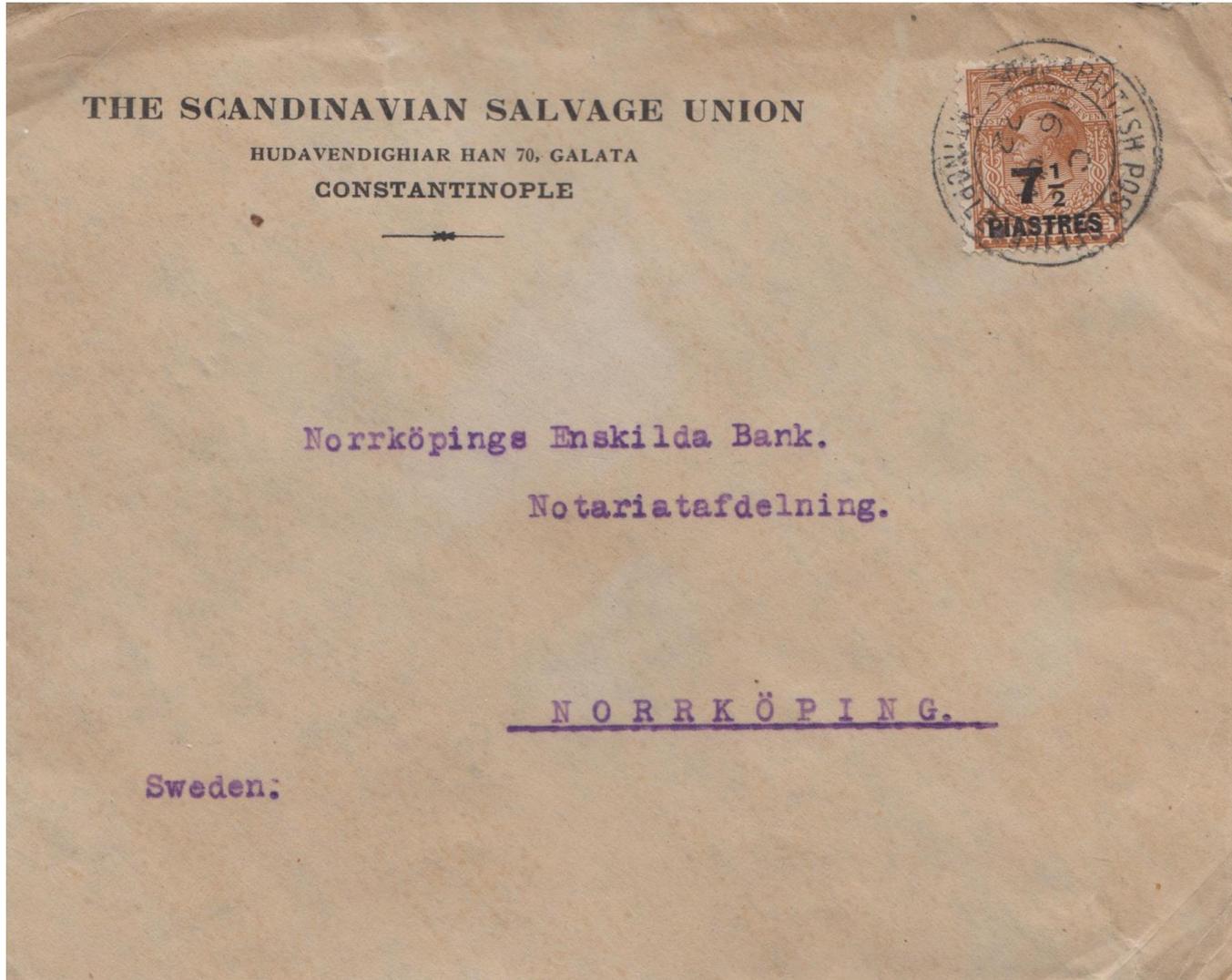
BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

12 January 1922 Code B

1 ½ Piastres Printed Paper
Rate

To qualify for the Printed Paper Rate envelopes had to remain unsealed

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover to Sweden

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

16 January 1922 Code C

7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



4 ½ Piastres Postal Stationery Card

to

Zurich Switzerland

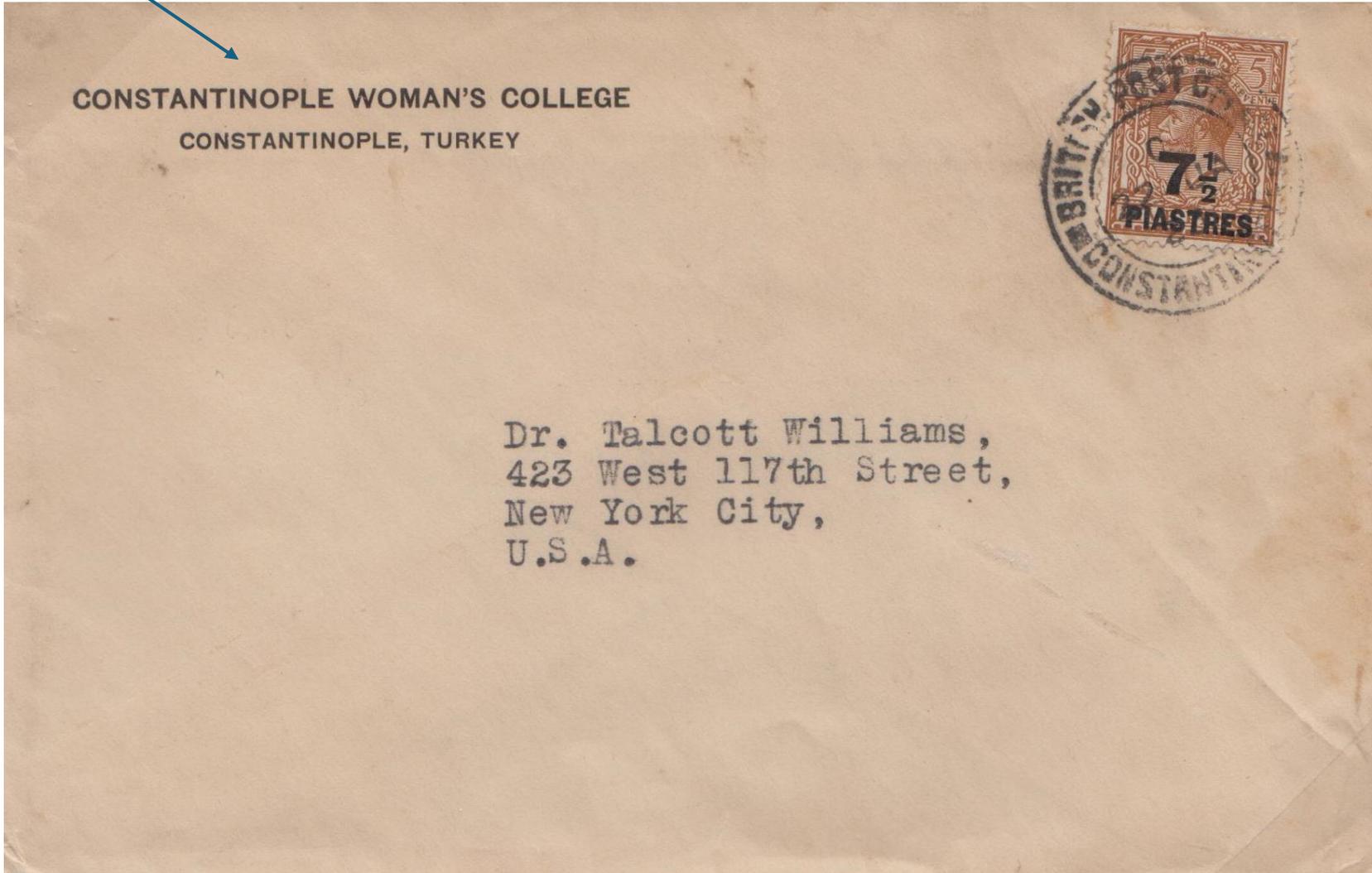
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BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

19 January 1922 Code A

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Commercial cover to

New York USA

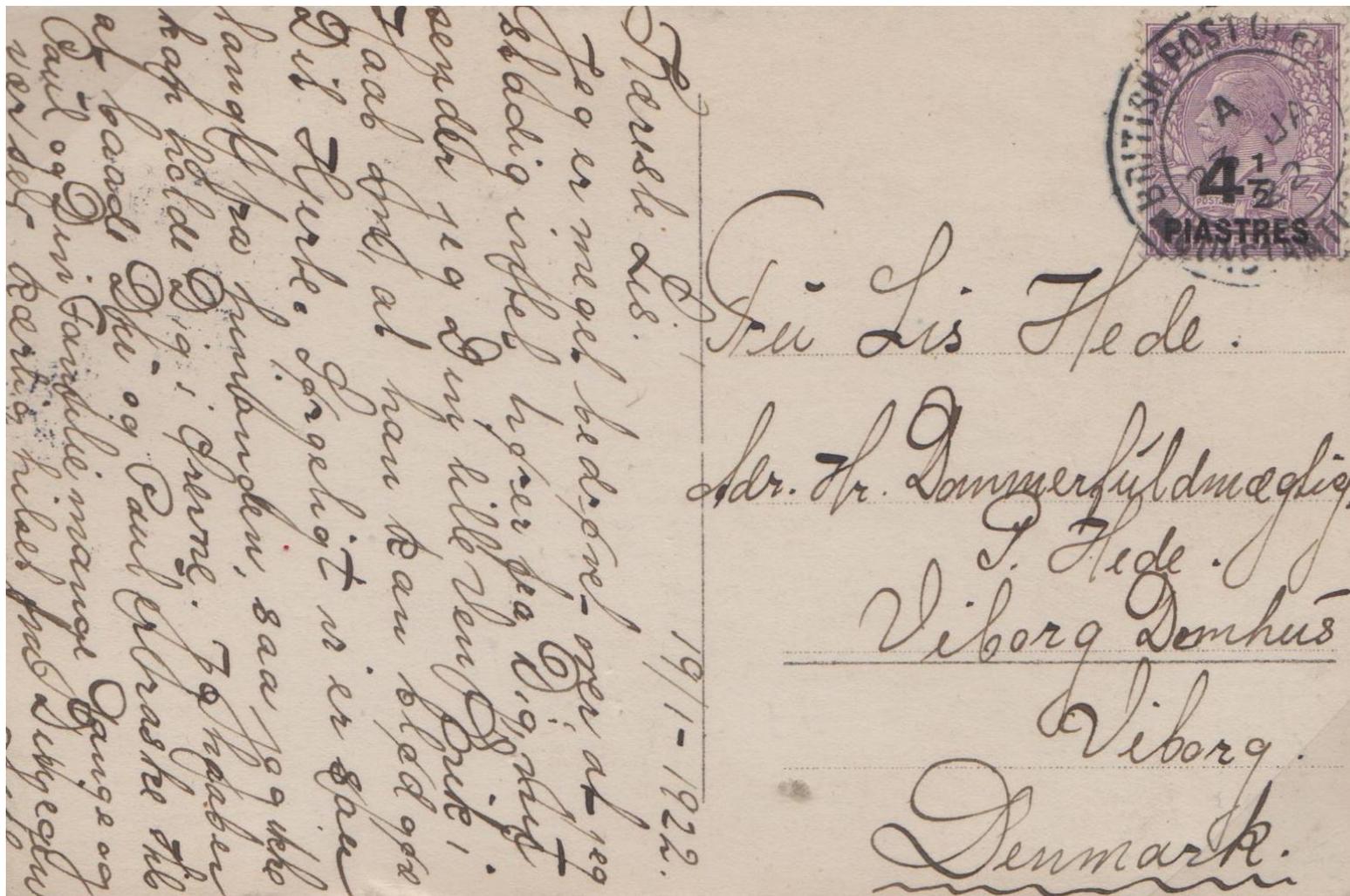
Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

22 January 1922 Code C

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



PPC to Denmark

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

23 January 1922 Code A

4 1/2 Piastres Post Card
Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover to Manchester

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

24 January 1922 Code C

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

Made up using 1 x 4 1/4 Piastres + 2 x 1 1/2 Piastres

Kenadjians Correspondence

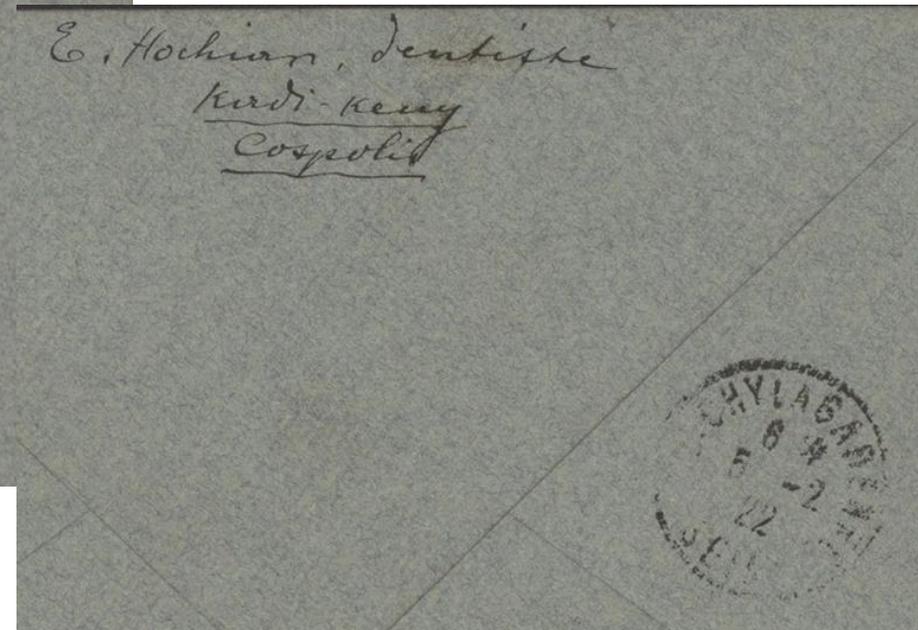
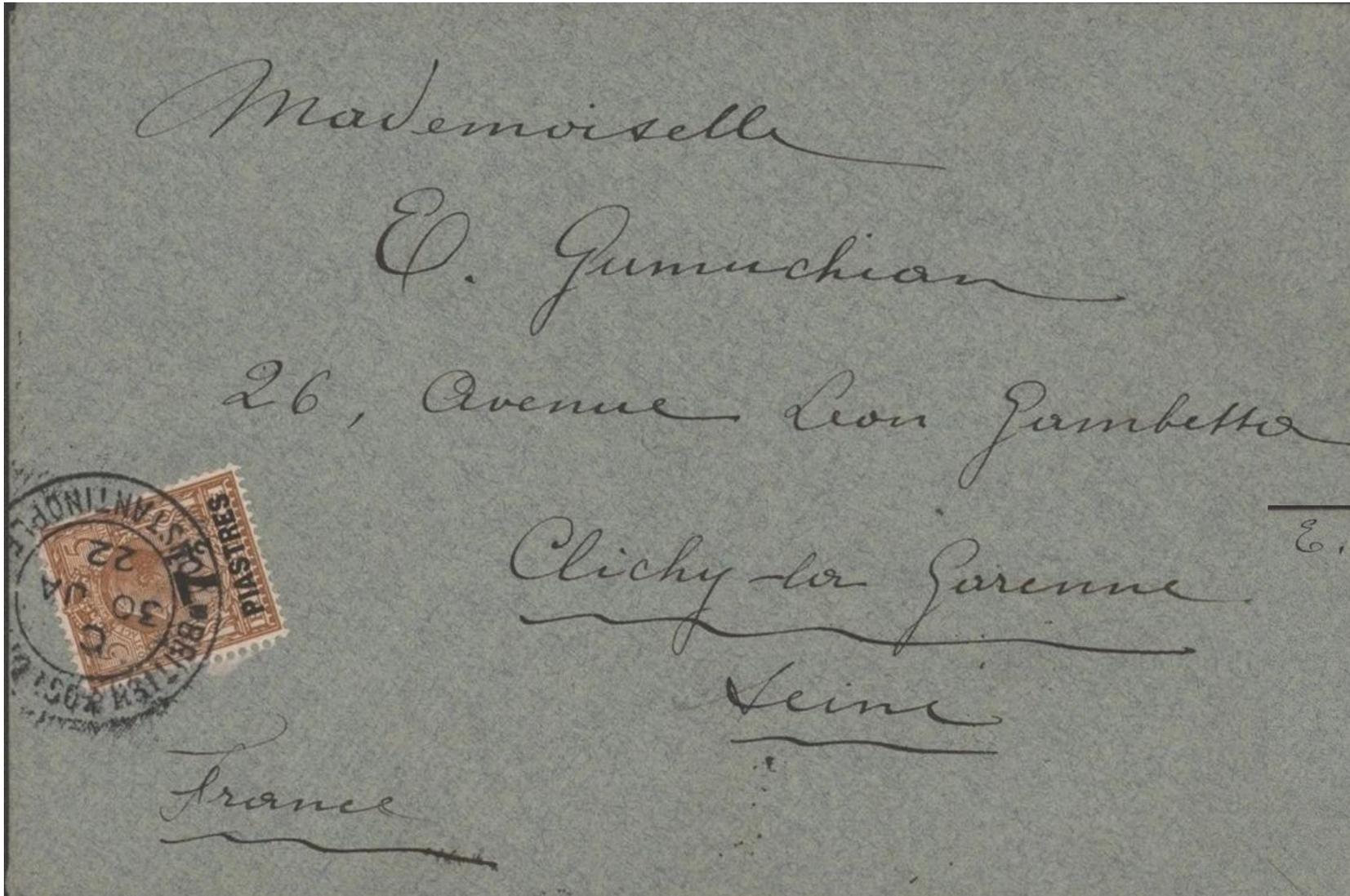
British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922

Commercial cover to France
Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

30 January 1922 Code C

7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz
Received 5 February 1922



British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover to Norway

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

14 February 1922 Code C

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

Made up using 1 x 1 1/2 Piastres & 8 x
30 Paras

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



PPC to the USA

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

11 March 1922 Code A

4 ½ Piastres Post Card Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



PPC to Nice, France

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

14 March 1922 Code A

4 ½ Piastres Post Card Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



PPC to Belgium

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

25 March 1922 Code C

4 ½ Piastres Post Card Rate

Franked 3 ¾ Pia plus 30 paras

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover to Manchester

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

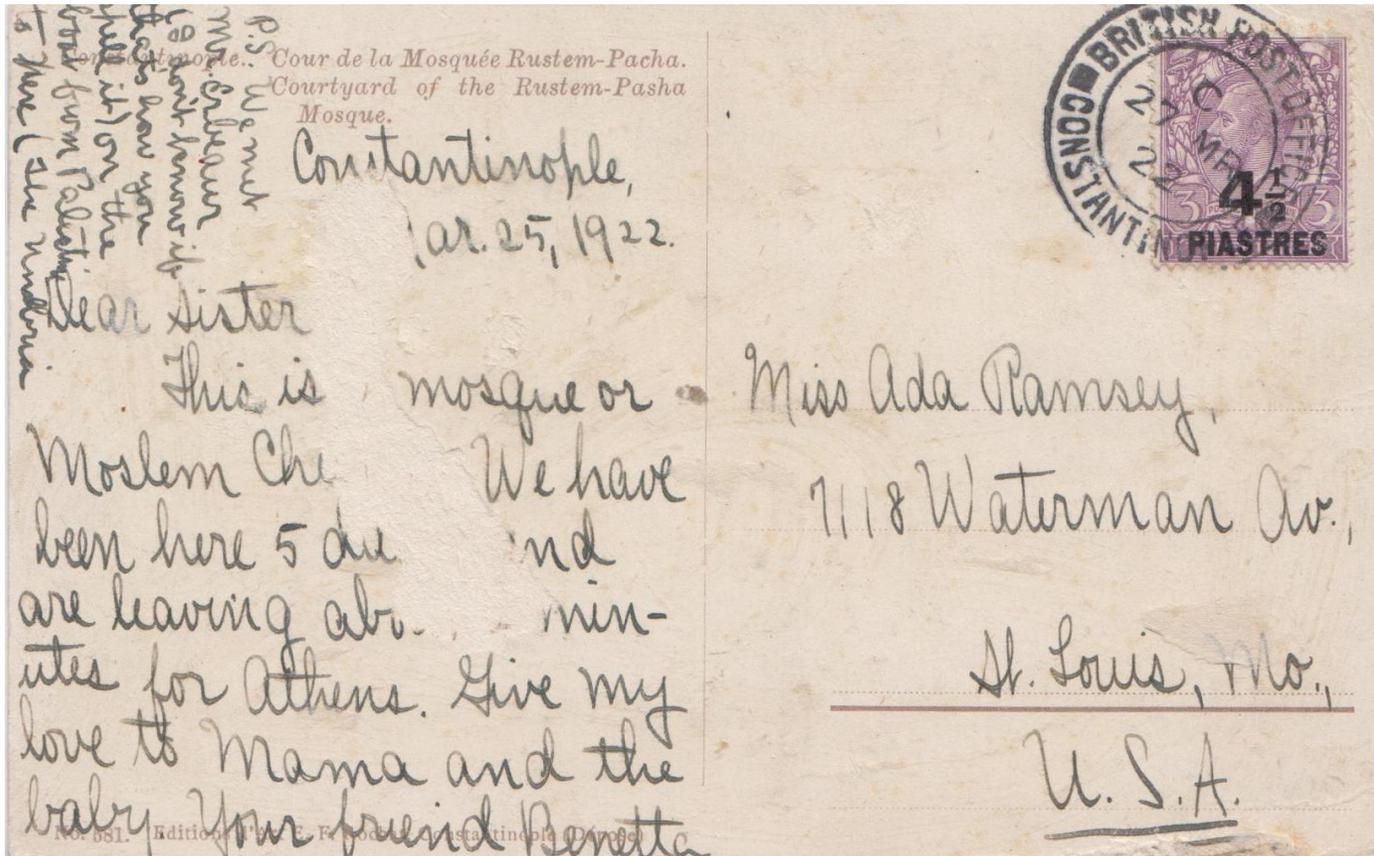
26 March 1922 Code A

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

Made up using 1 x 4 1/4 Piastres + 2 x 1 1/2
Piastres

Kenadjians Correspondence

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



PPC to St Louis, USA

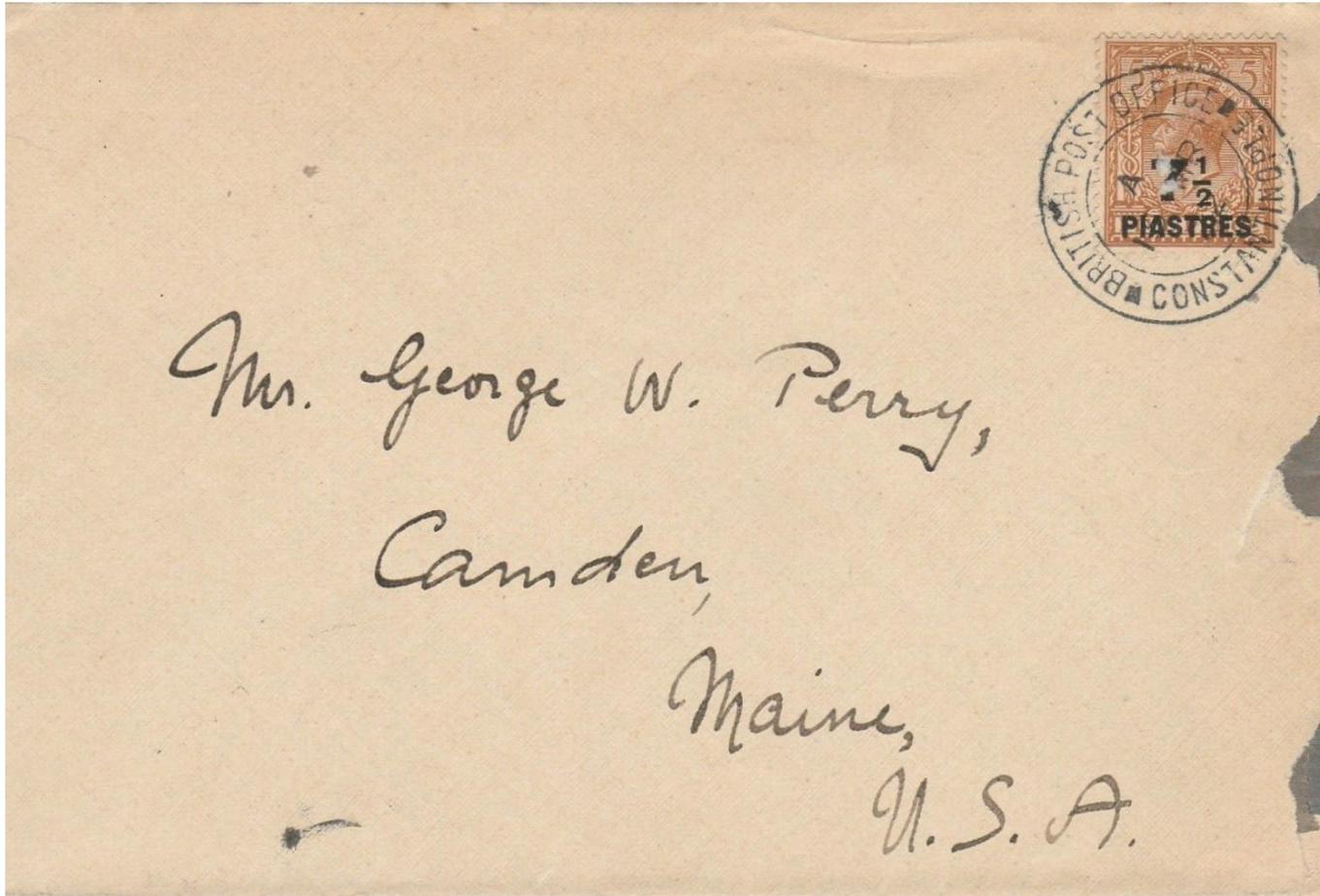
Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

27 March 1922 Code C

4 1/2 Piastres Post Card Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Cover to Maine USA

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

15? March 1922 Code A

7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922

Cover to Geneva Switzerland

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BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

3 April 1922 Code A

7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

Hand-stamp on
Reverse



British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Picture Post Card to

France

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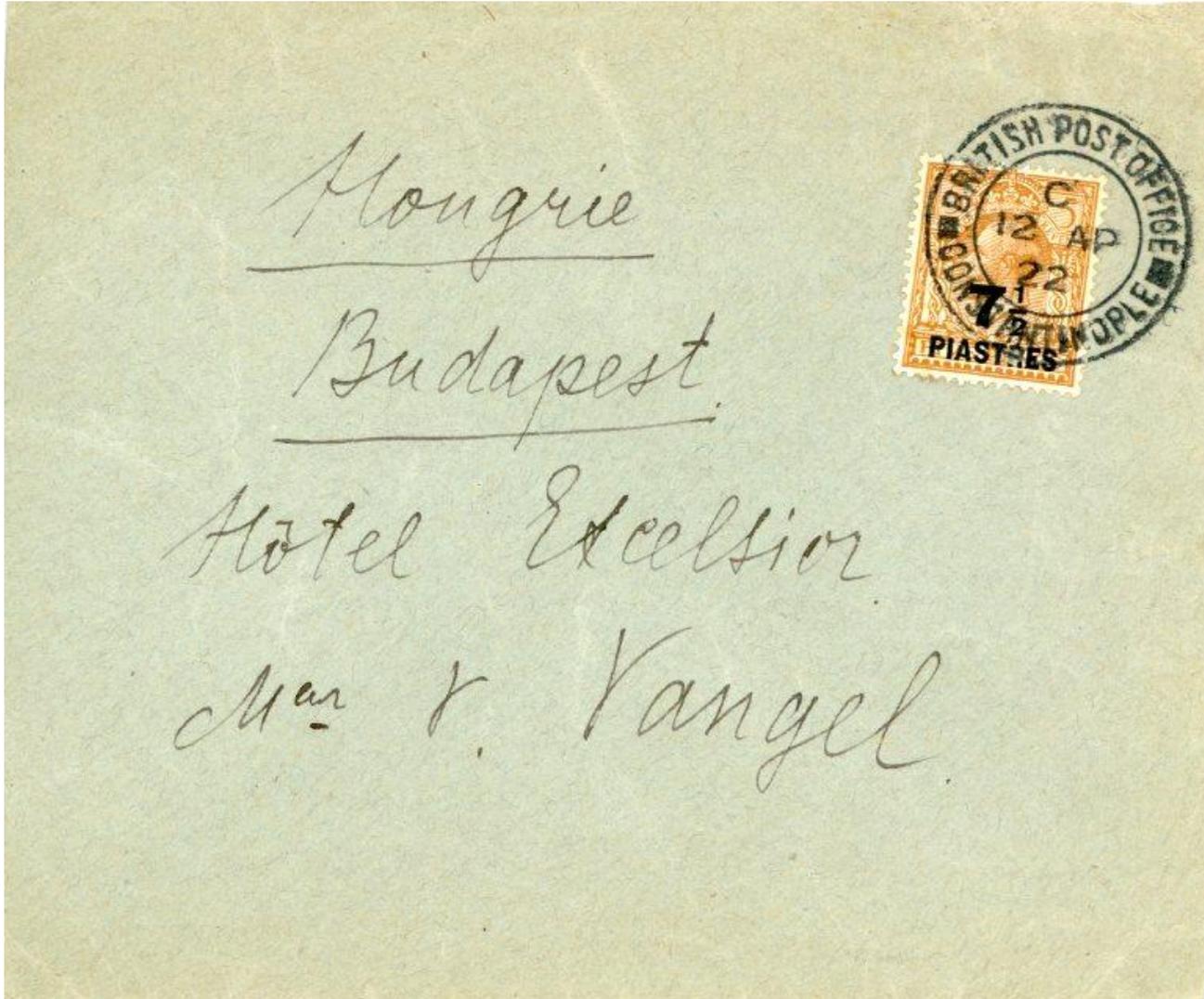
BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

4 April 1922 Code C

Received 10-4-22

4 ½ Piastres Post Card Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover to Budapest Hungary

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BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

12 April 1922 Code C

7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922

ALEXATOS BROTHERS-Constantinople



Messrs. MICHALINOS & Co

158-164 Gresham House
Old Broad Street

L O N D O N . E . C . 2

Commercial cover to London

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BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

22 April 1922 Code B

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Cover to 'Lady Ross' Co, Dublin Ireland

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

24 April 1922 Code C

7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922

CARTE-POSTALE.

24th April. S/Y Meteor

Constantinople is a
wonderful place: we
have been sightseeing
hard for 3 days.
We have had an
interesting cruise.
Love to all.

Lonic & Gray.

J. P.



Mrs. Tanyou.

Greystone

Cleeve Hill

W. Cheltenham

England.

PPC to England

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BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

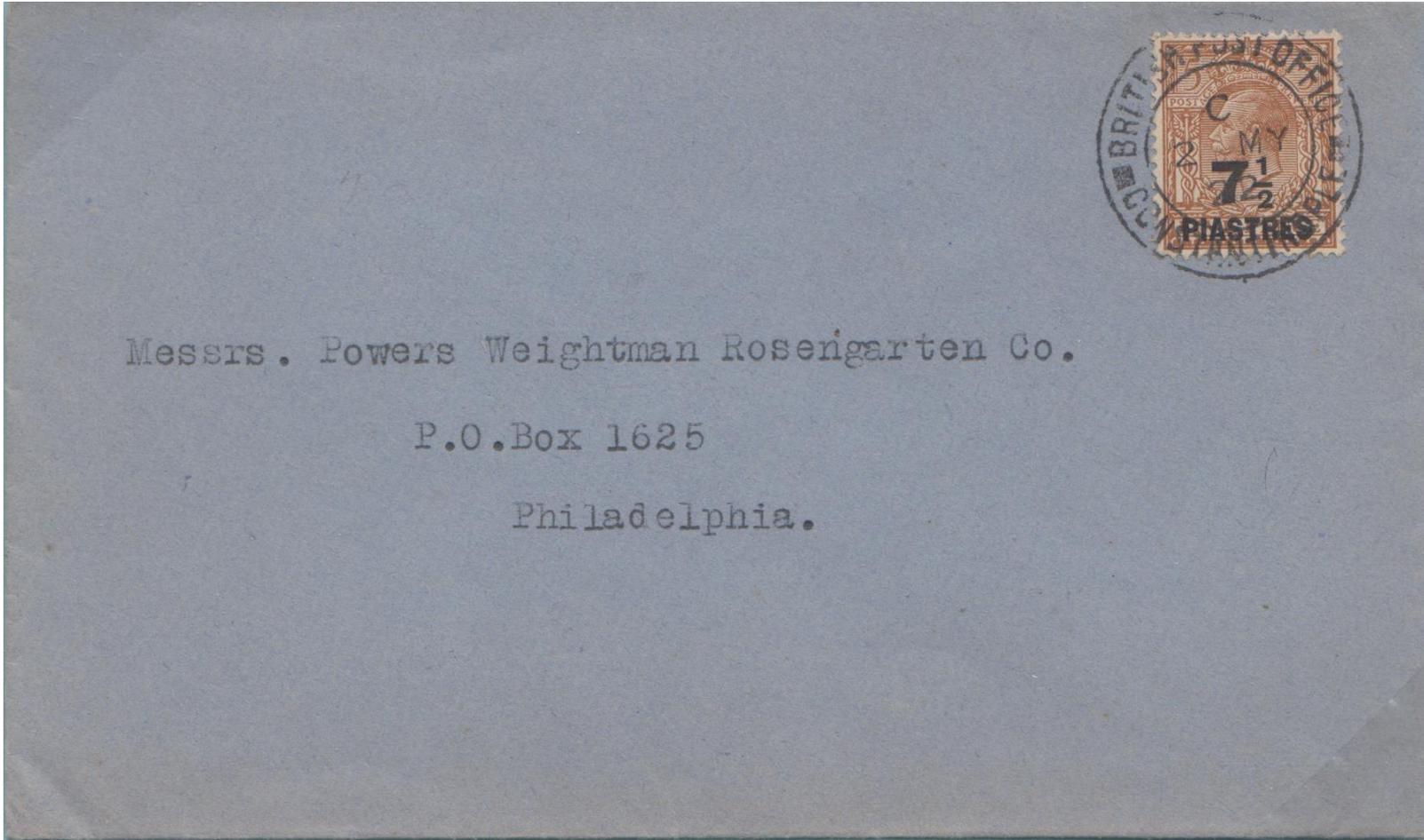
24 April 1922 Code B

4 1/2 Piastres Post Card Rate

Card is datelined 24 April

S/Y (Schooner Yacht) Meteor

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover to Philadelphia
USA

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

2 May 1922 Code C

Franked 7 1/2 Piastres for the 1 oz
Letter Rate



British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover to Waterville, USA

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

3 May 1922 Code C

7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



4 ½ Piastres Postal Stationery Card to

Leipzig Germany

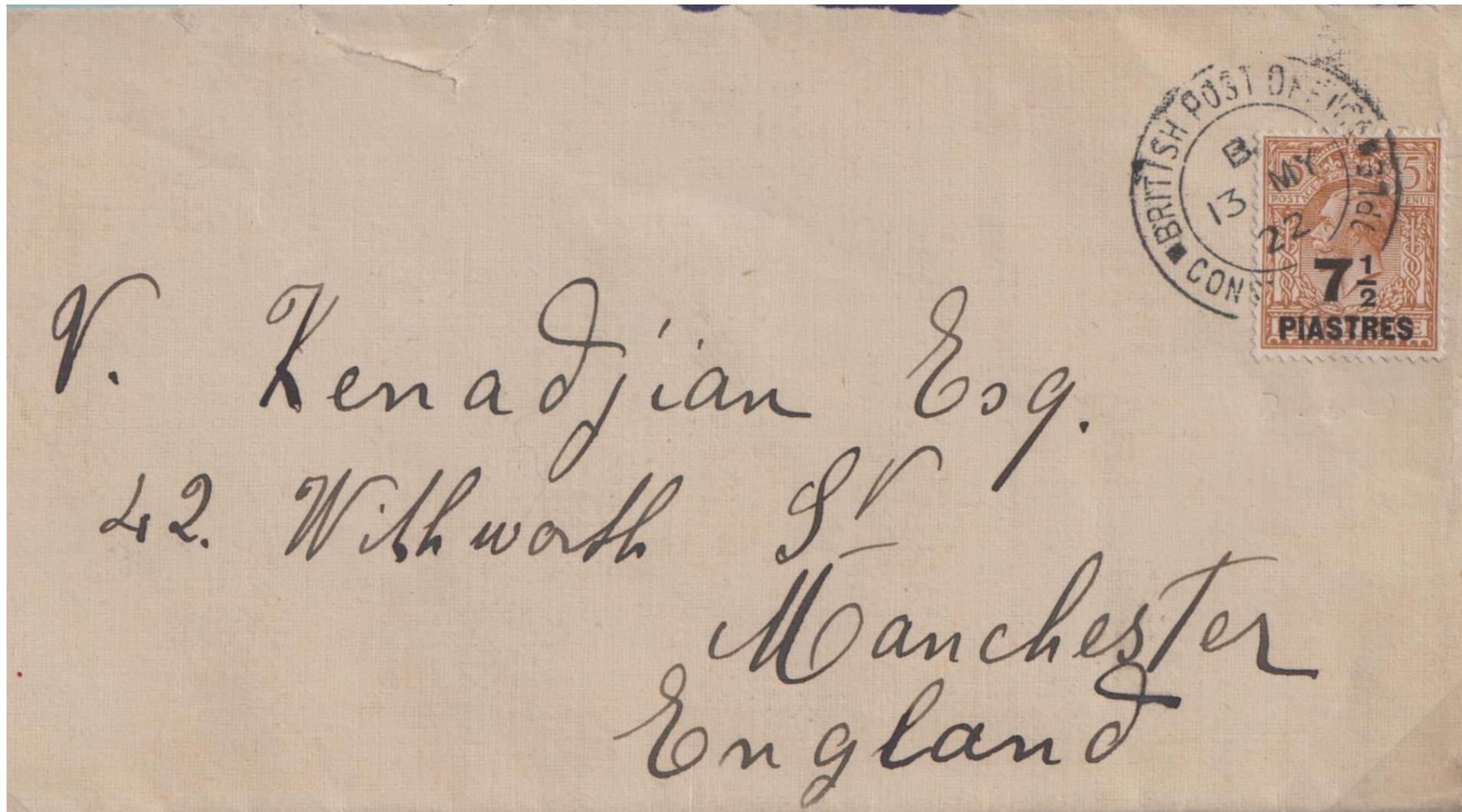
Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

10 May 1922 Code B

Note: 'B' looks very much like an '8'

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover to
Manchester

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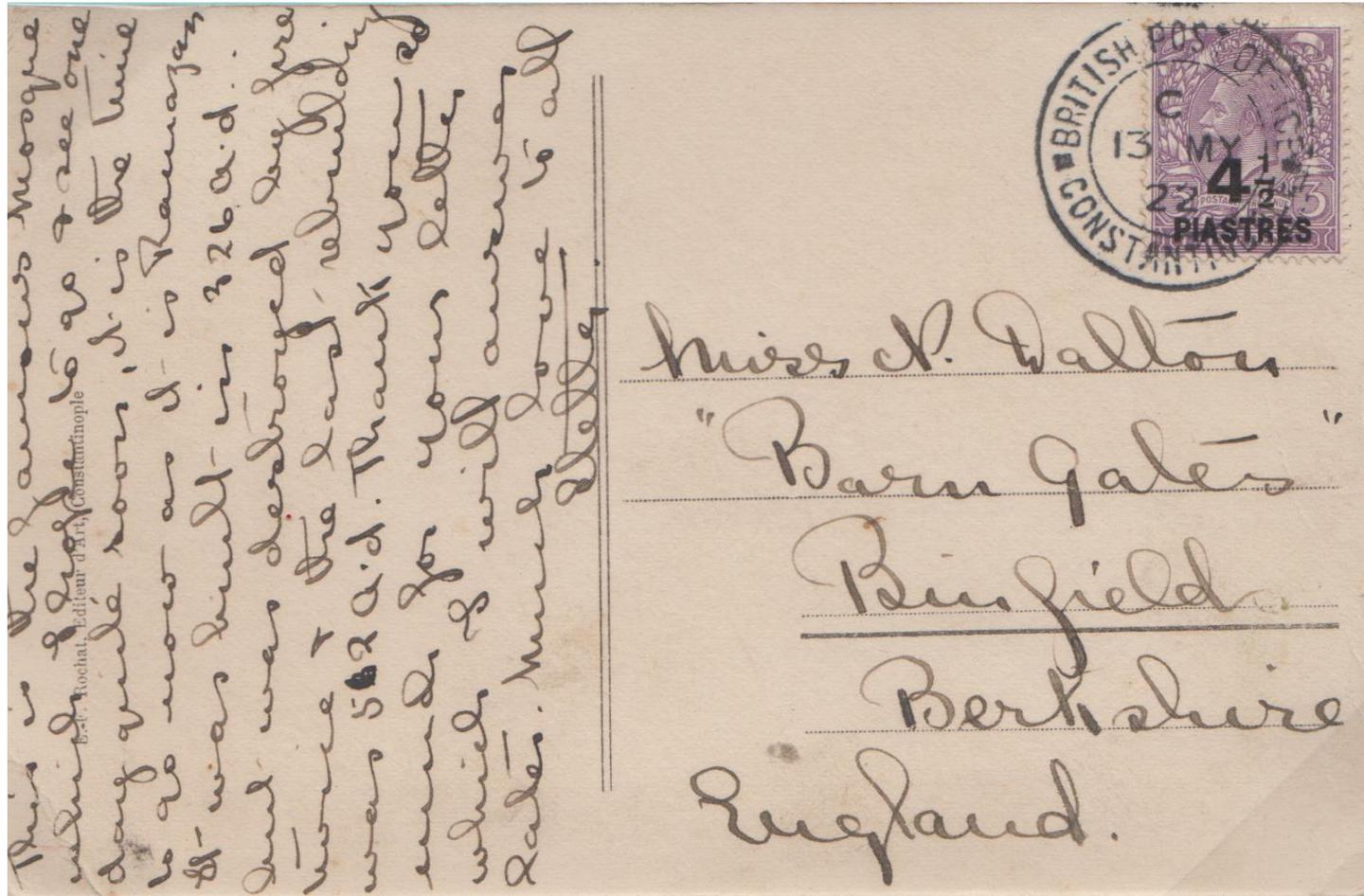
BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

13 May 1922 Code B

7 1/2 Piastres Letter
Rate for 1 oz

Kenadjians
Correspondence

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



PPC to England

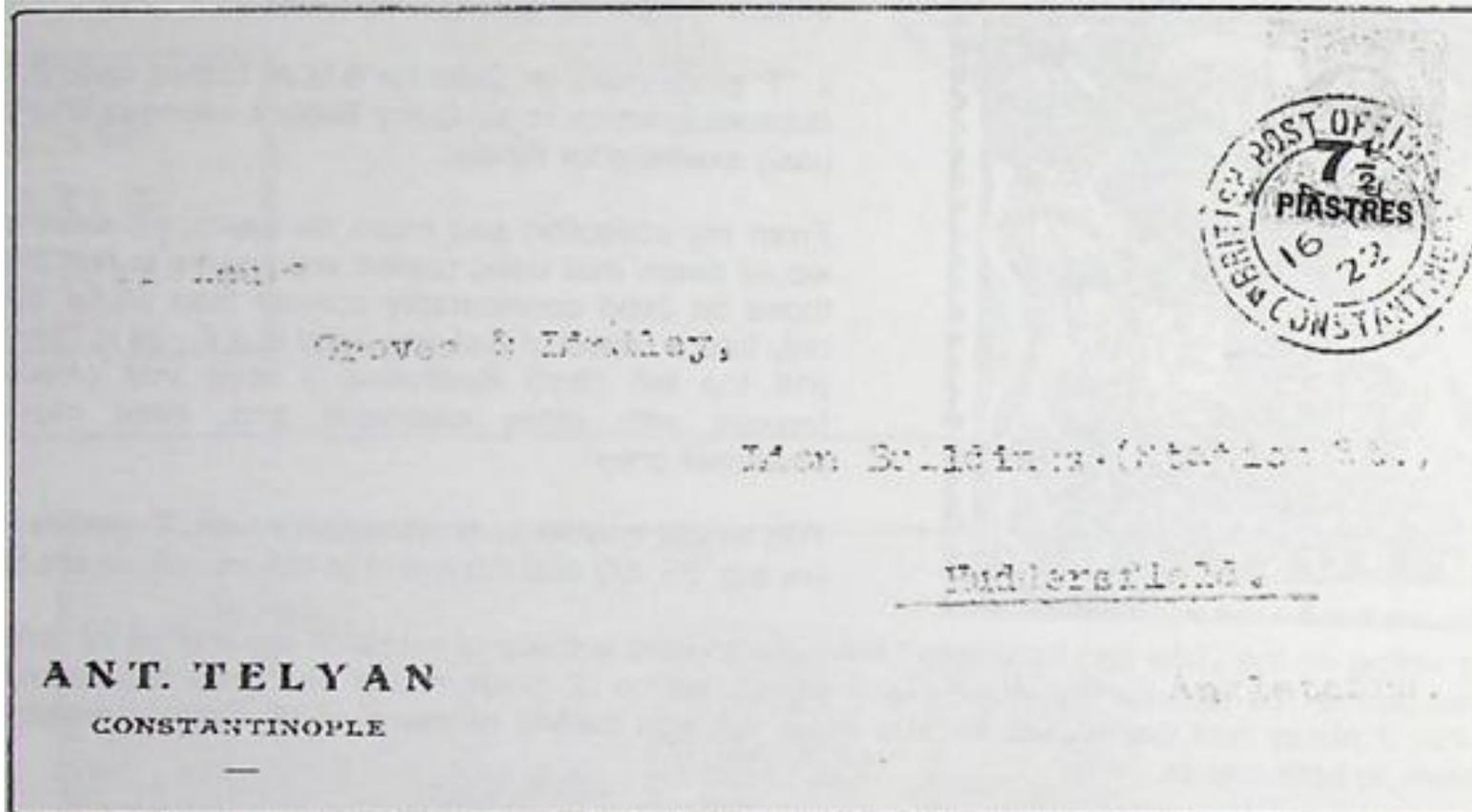
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BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

13 May 1922 Code C

4 1/2 Piastres Post Card Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover to
Groves & Lindsey Huddersfield

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

16 May 1922 Code A

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover to Zurich

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

18 May 1922 Code A

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

Made up with 1 x 4 1/2 Piastres & 2 x 1 1/2
Piastres

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



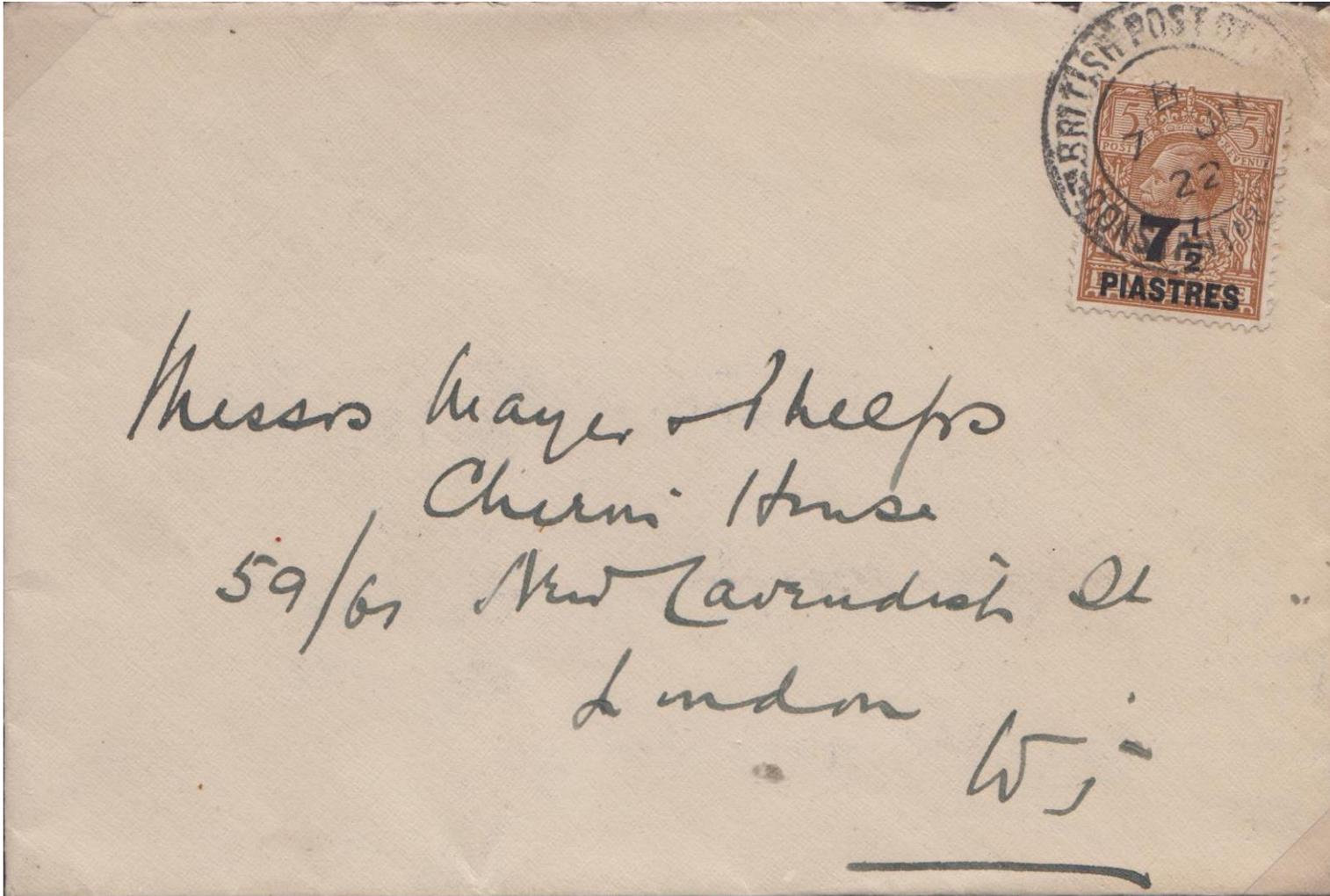
1922 '4 1/2 PIASTRES' on '1 1/2d'
GB stationery postcard with
message addressed to France

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

30 May 1922 Code A

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover to London

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

7 June 1922 Code B

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover to Switzerland

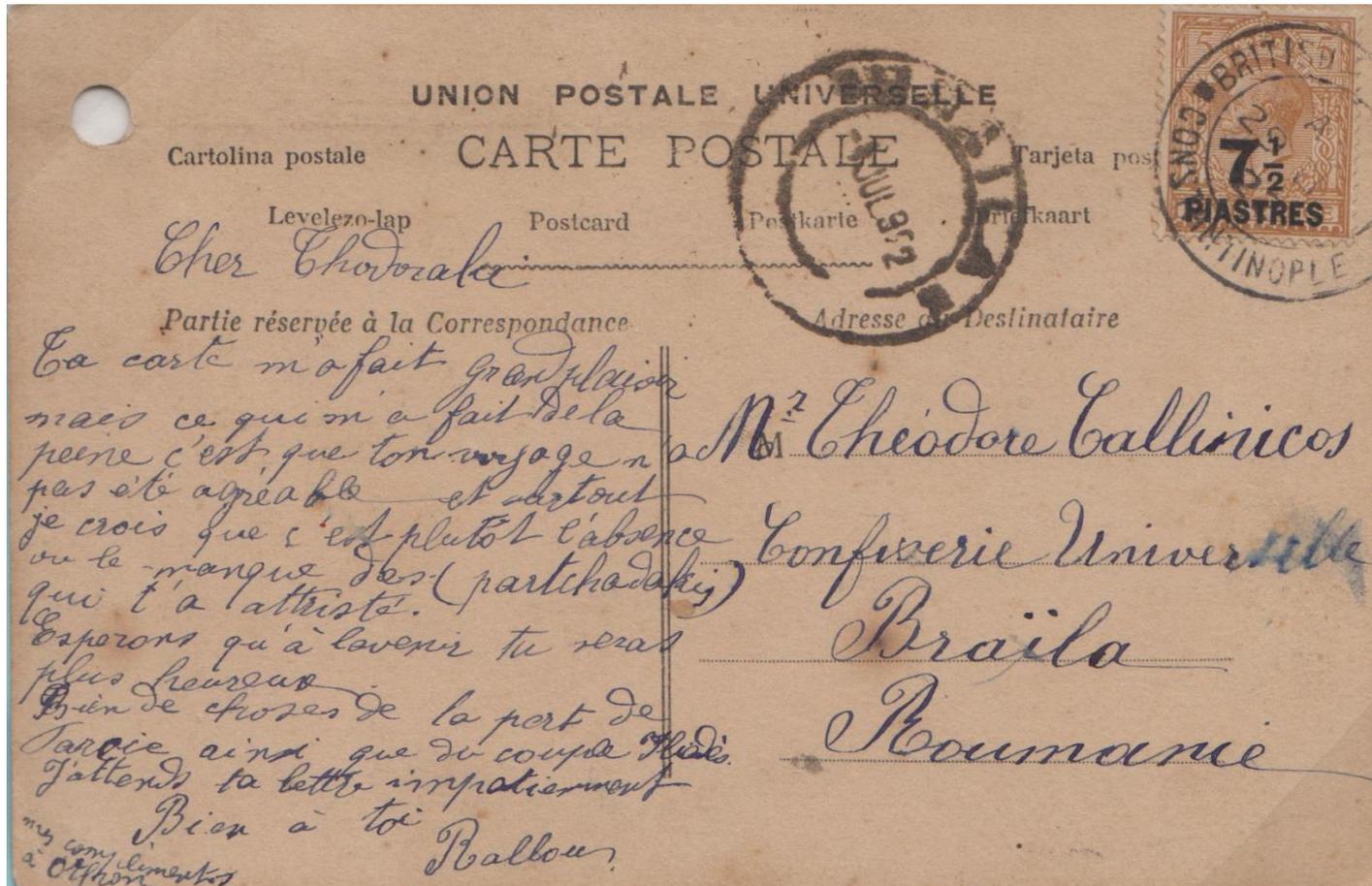
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BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

12 June 1922 Code C

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



PPC to Romania

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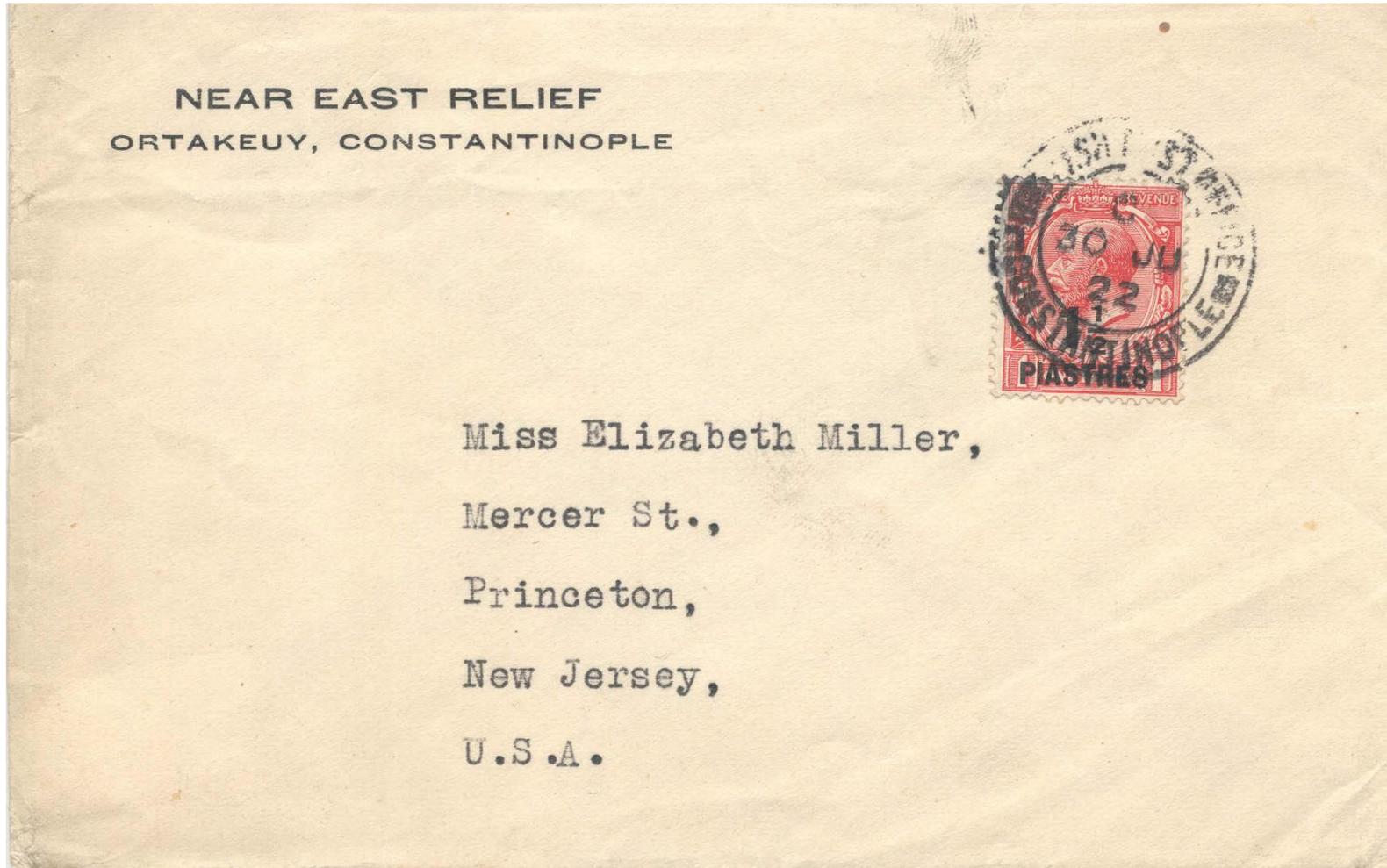
BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

24 June 1922 Code A

4 1/2 Piastres Post Card Rate

Received 9 July 22

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Printed NEAR EAST RELIEF Cover to

New Jersey, USA

Cancelled

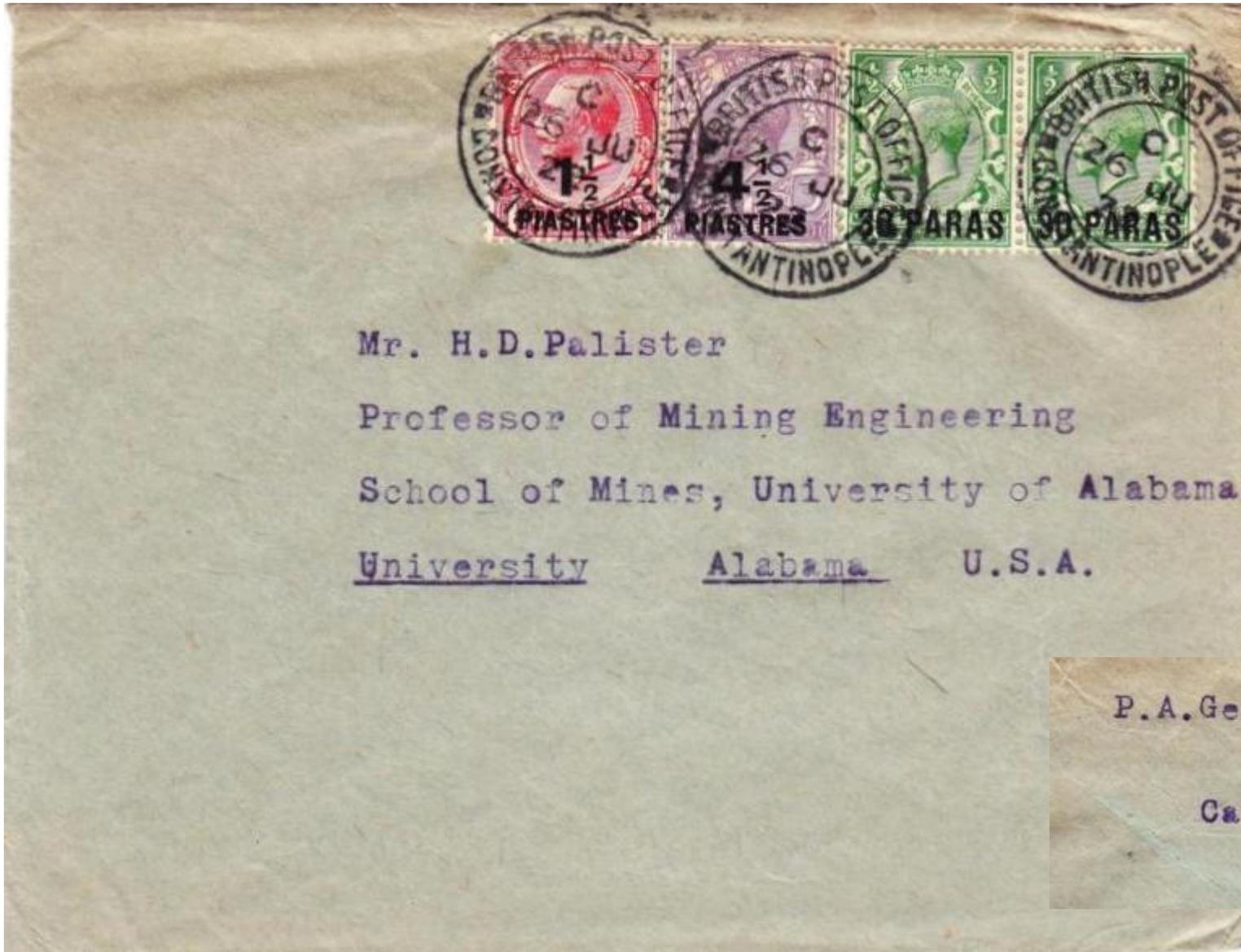
BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

30 June 1922 Code C

Franked 1 ½ Piastres for the
Printed Paper Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Cover to Alabama USA

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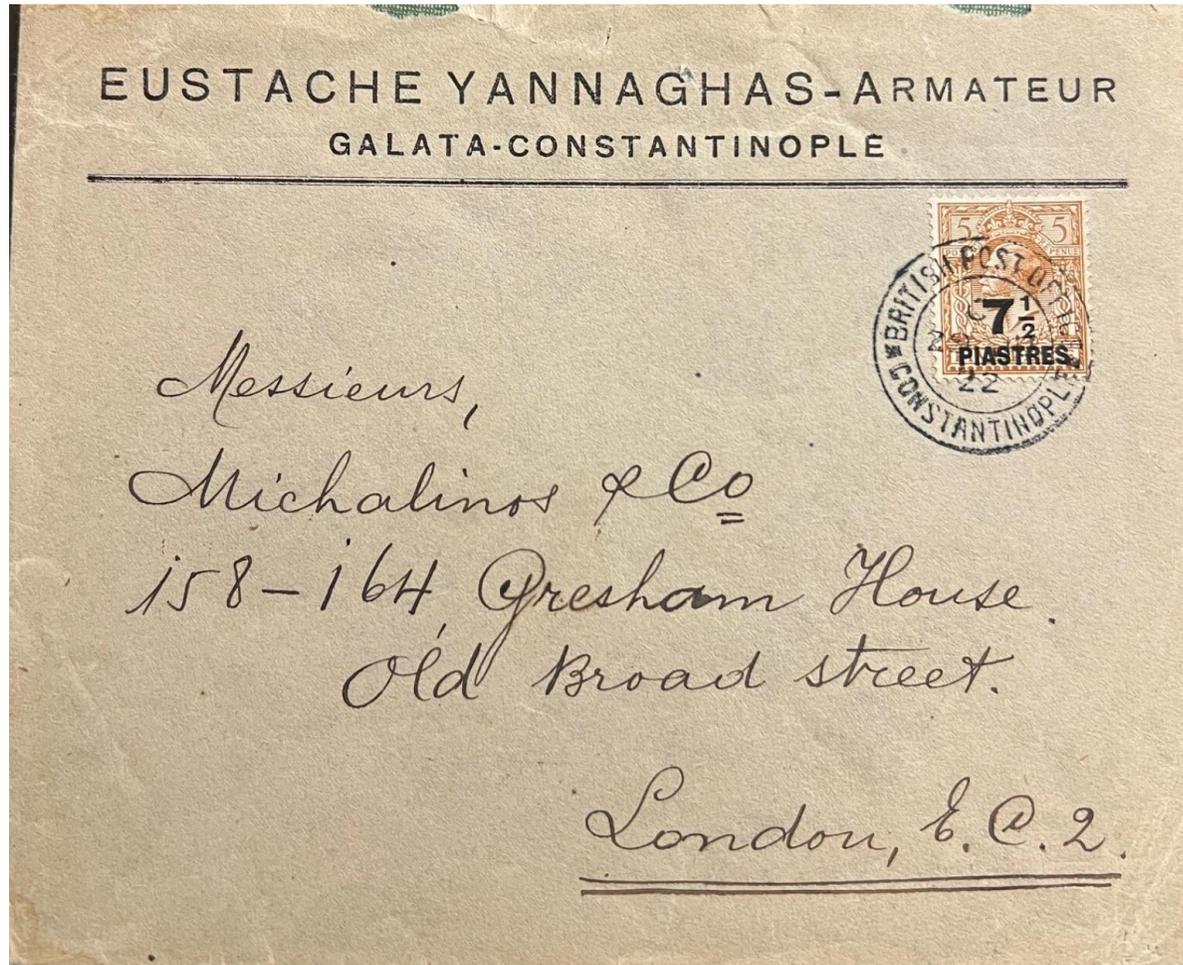
BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

26 June 1922 Code C

Postage paid is 4 ½ Piastres + 1 ½ Pia +
2 x 30 Paras

Letter rate was 7 ½ Pia

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



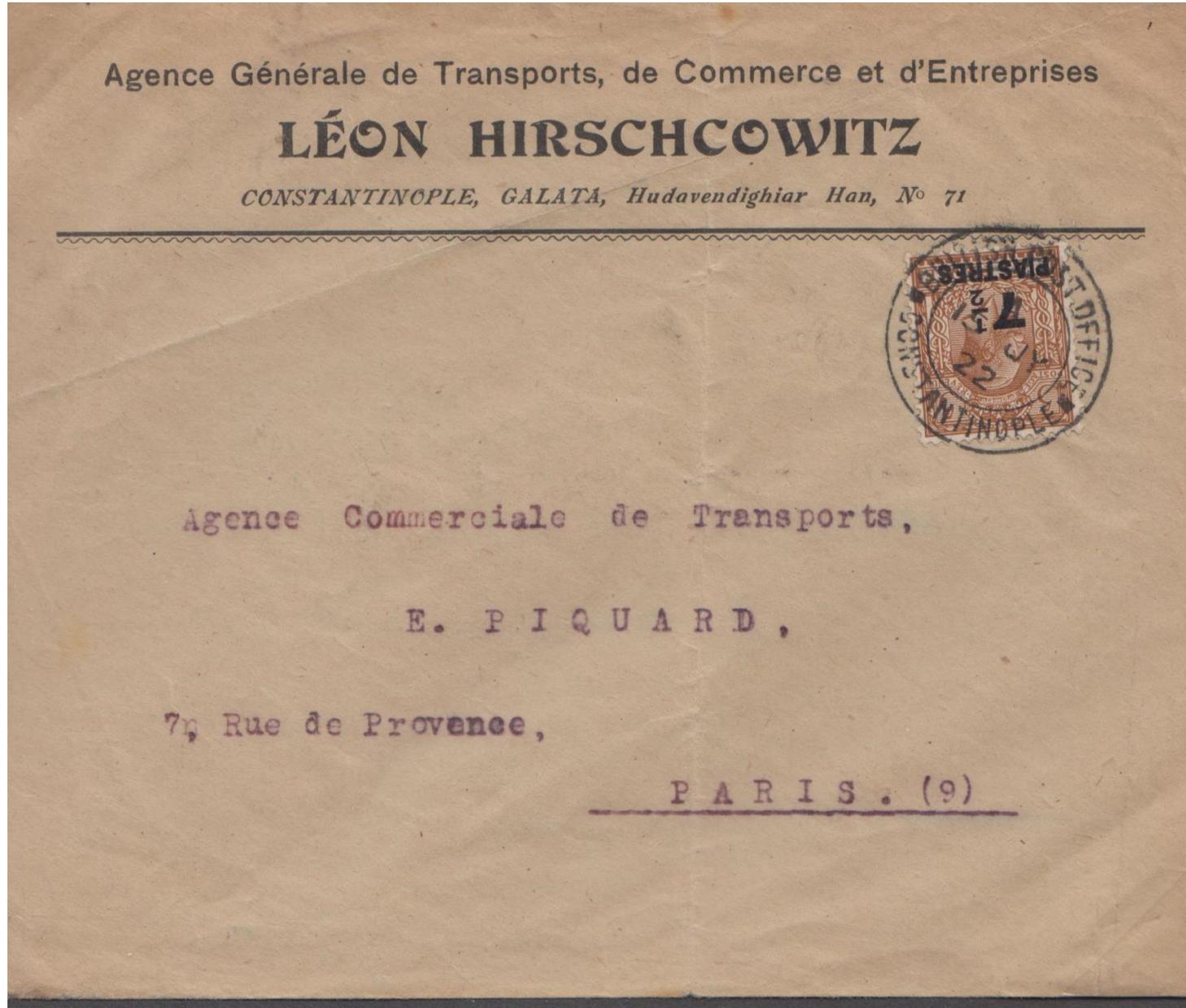
Commercial cover to London
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29 June 1922 Code C

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover to Paris

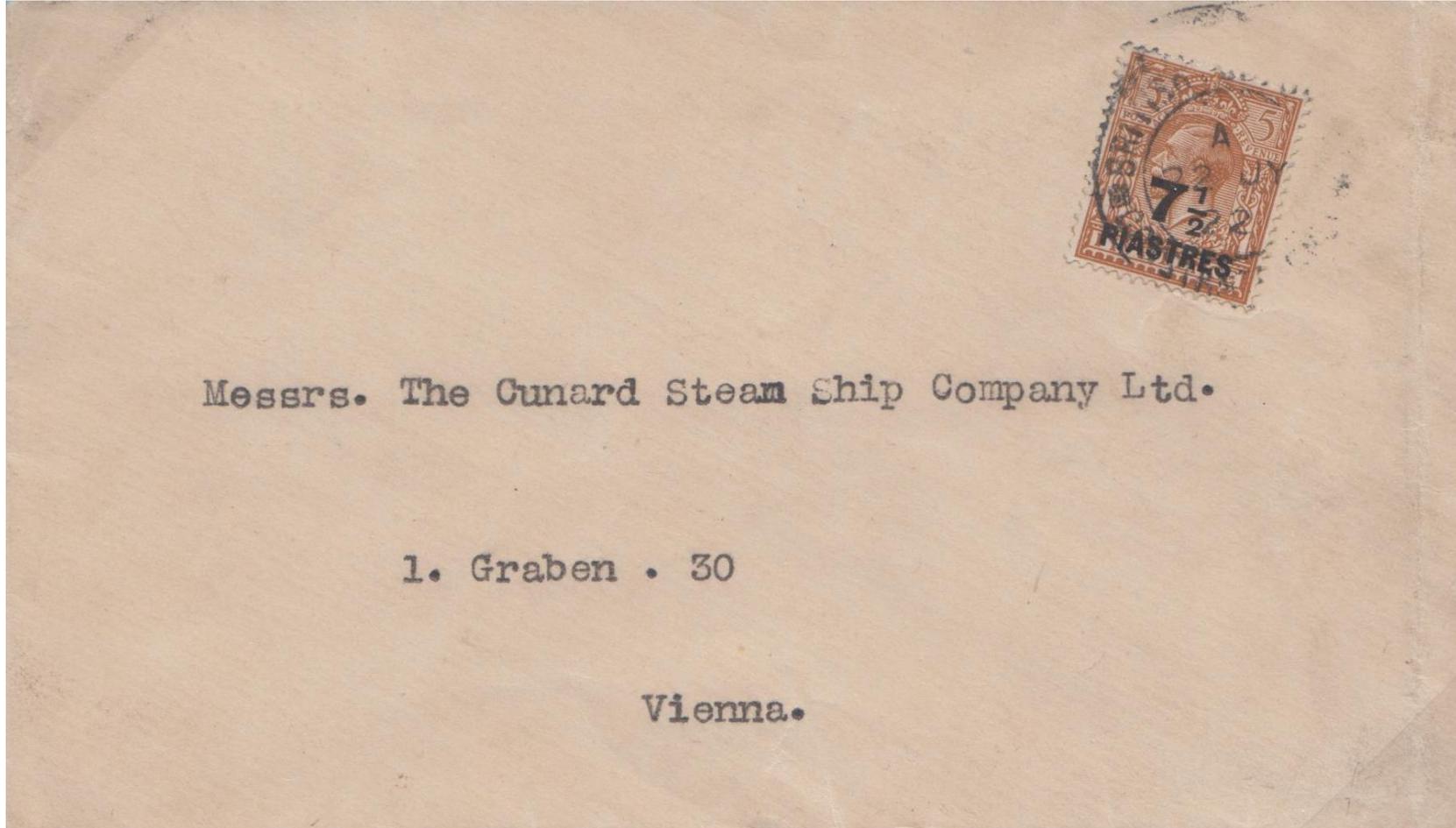
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BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

15 July 1922 Code A

7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover to Vienna

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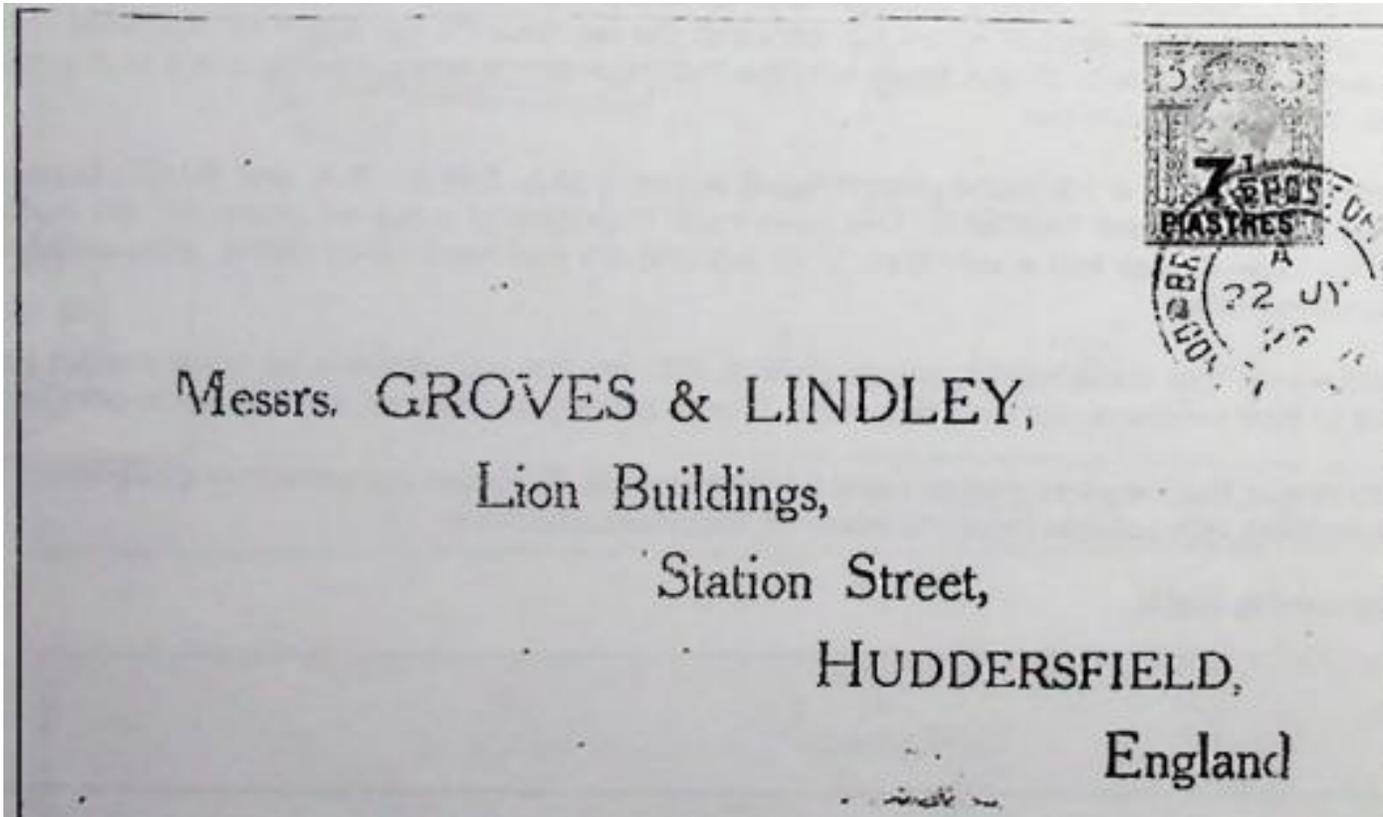
BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

22 July 1922 Code A

7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz



British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover to
Groves & Lindsey Huddersfield

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

22 July 1922 Code A

7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



4 ½ Piastres Postal Stationery Card to

Dresden Germany

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

1 August 1922 Code A

The card has been uprated with the addition of a 30 PARAS value which was not required.

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922

4 ½ Piastres Postal Stationery Card to

Tallin, Estonia

Cancelled

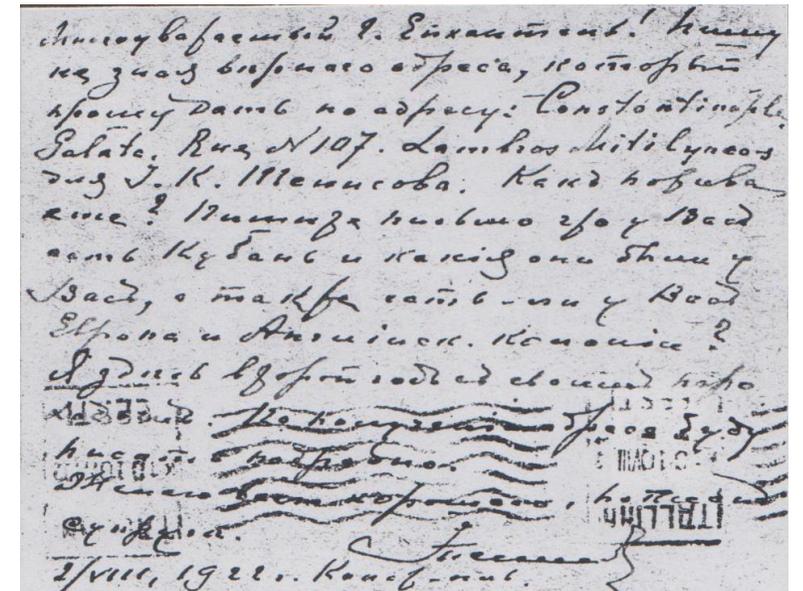
BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

3 August 1922 Code A

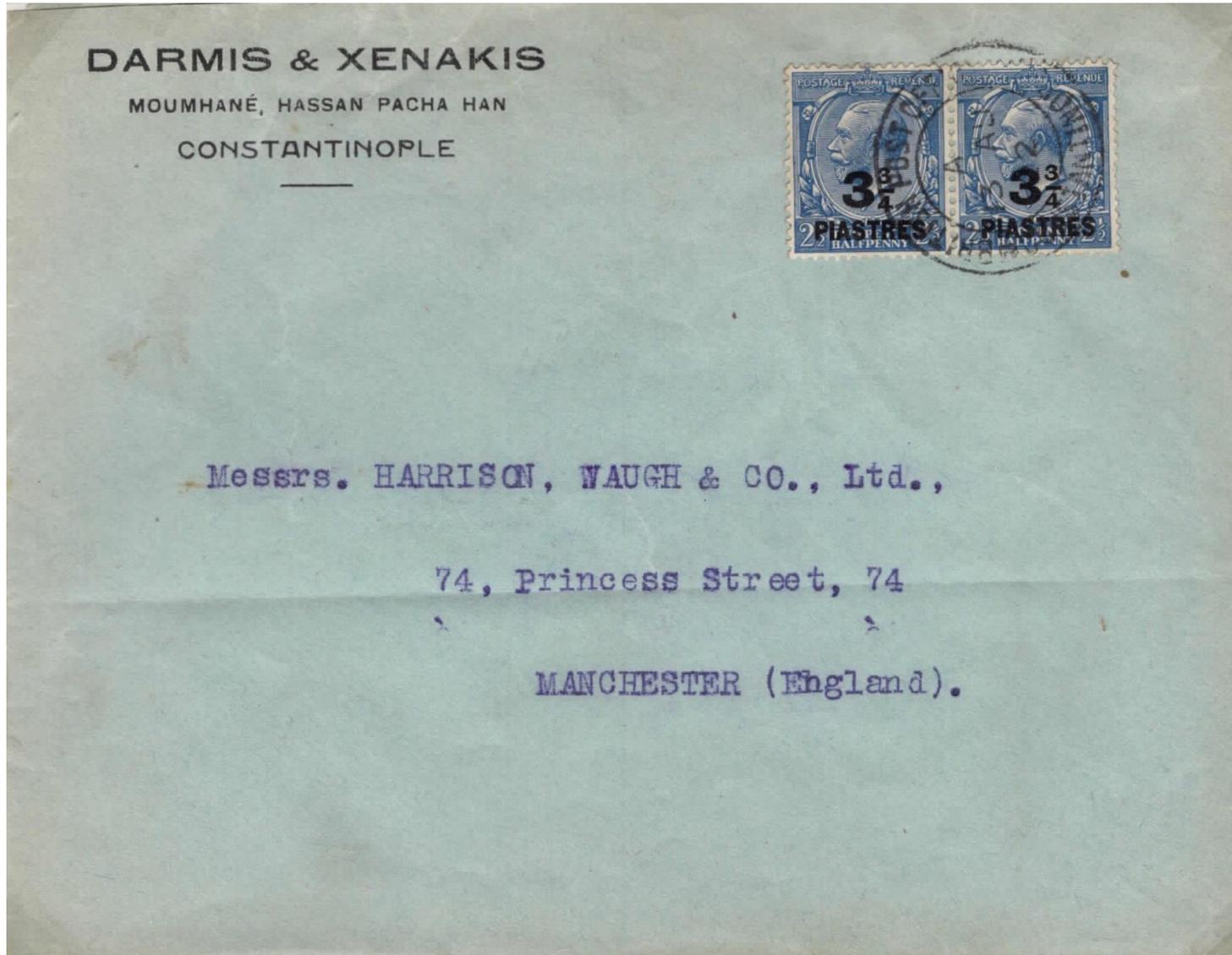
Received 10 Aug?



Card is H & G 24 Huggins CP 77



British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover to Manchester

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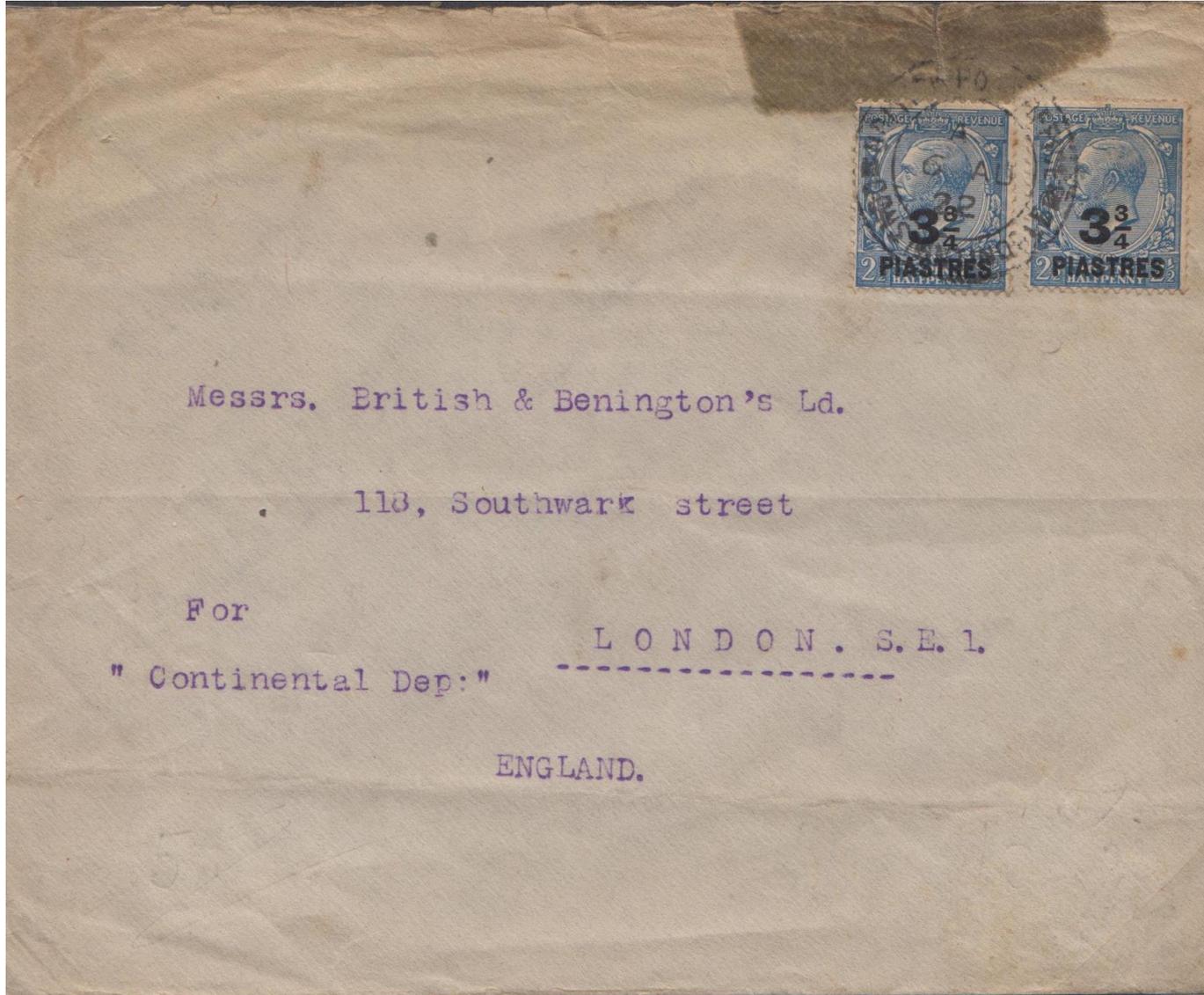
BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

3 August 1922 Code A

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

Paid by 2 x 3 3/4 Piastres

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover to London

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

6 August 1922 Code A

7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

Franked with 2 x 3 ¾ Piastres to make up
the rate



British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover to Sweden

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

9 August 1922 Code A

11 ¹/₄ Piastres Letter Rate for 2 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



4 ½ Piastres Postal Stationery Card to

Kellomaki (Greece)

Cancelled

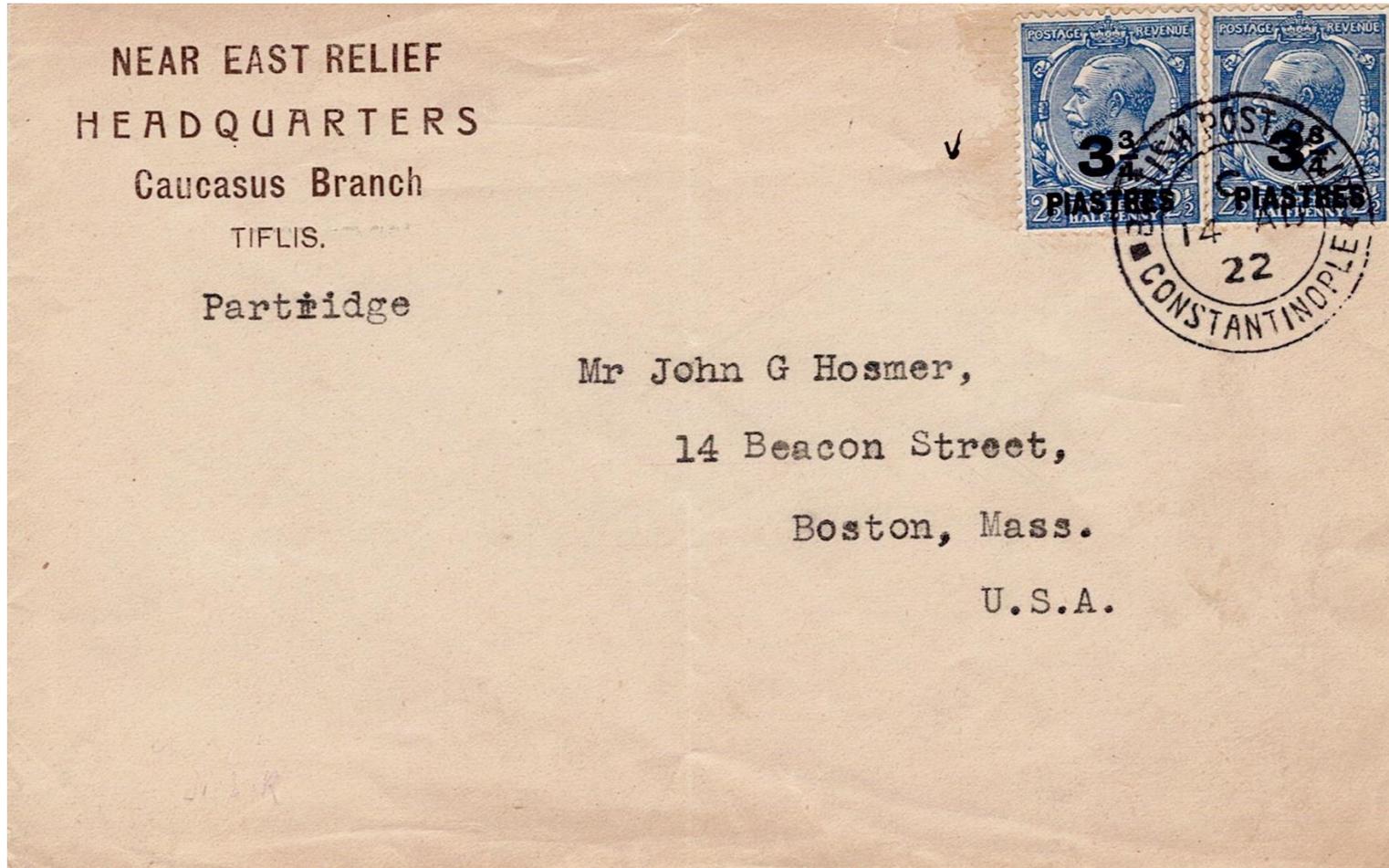
BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

12 August 1922 Code A

Received 22 VIII 22

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Commercial cover to Boston Mass

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

14 August 1922 Code C

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

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4 ½ Piastres Postal Stationery Card to

Nish and redirected

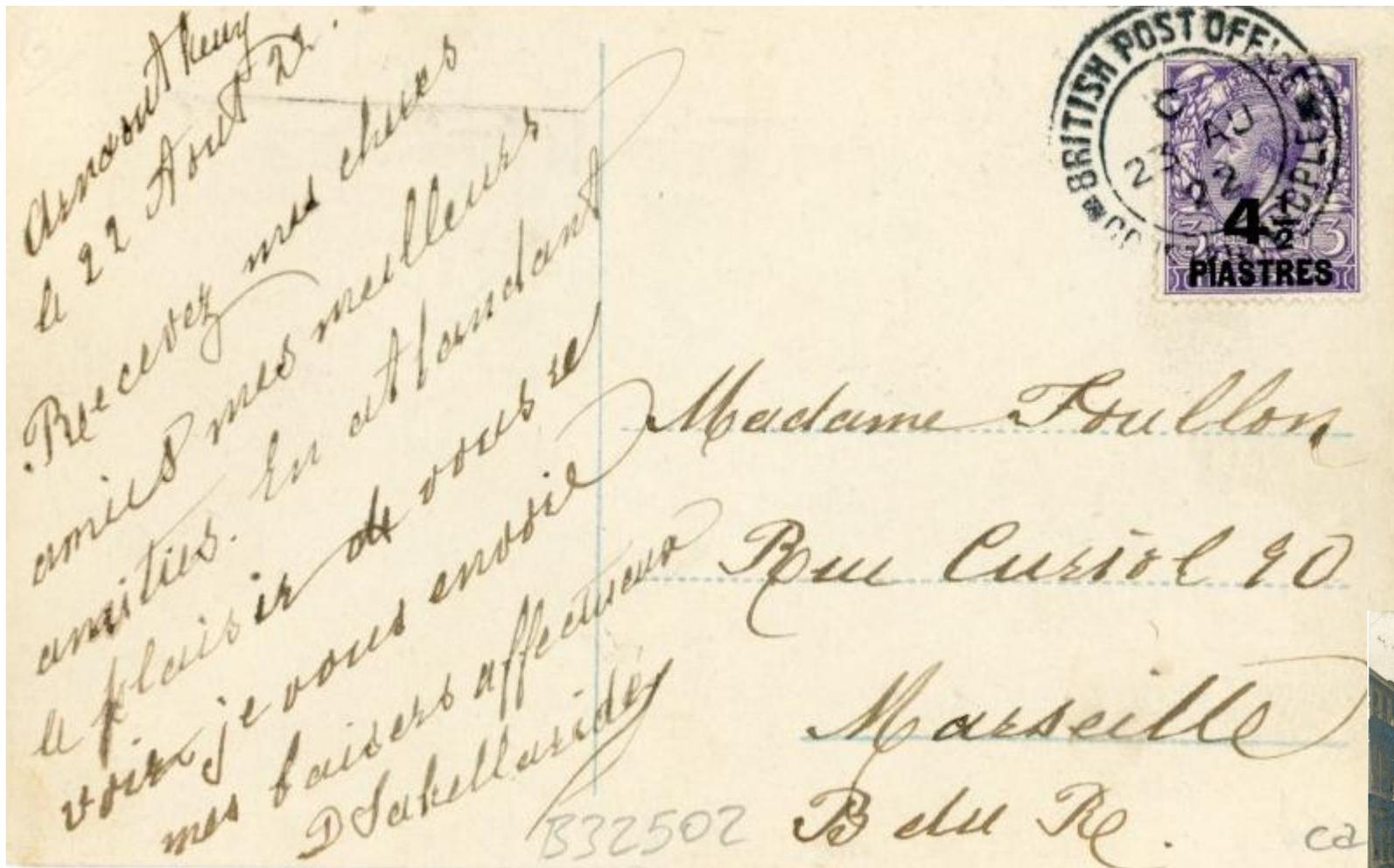
Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

19 August 1922 Code C

Hand-stamp in Black 'Not Called For'?

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



PPC to Marseille France

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPE

23 August 1922 Code C

4 ½ Piastres Post Card Rate



British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922

P.P. 20. F. & O.P.P. 1

POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

Place to which the Parcel is addressed.
*Moscow Fur Trading Co. Ltd.
London*

Route Viâ _____

DECLARATION.

CONTENTS.
The contents should be accurately stated. If they are not, or failure to describe them fully, may result in the parcel being opened and its contents destroyed.

Net Weight Contents		Value as Merchandise		
lb.	oz.	£	s.	d.
			12	-
			11	-
			11	-
			34	-

I hereby declare that the above particulars are correct and that the parcel to which this Declaration relates does not contain any goods prohibited to be exported from the United Kingdom, either by law or by the provisions of the Customs Acts, or that the parcel is destined for other than the following goods, namely:

Foreign & Colonial Parcel Post.
CONSTANTINOPLE (B.P.O.)

Council licence dated _____ 19____.

Signature and Address of Sender:—
*Geoffrey Long, Landau
British Post Office
Constantinople*

Postage _____
Insurance _____
Express Fee _____

Declaration is liable to a penalty of £100 under the provisions of the Customs Acts, if it is found to be false or to be deleted if inapplicable.

No. 28/12 Foxskins
29/11
30/11

No. 1487
CONSTANTINOPLE (B.P.O.)

No. 1486
CONSTANTINOPLE (B.P.O.)

No. 1488
CONSTANTINOPLE (B.P.O.)

Date Stamp: 22 SEP 1922

Parcel Post Receipt Form for 3 parcels sent to
The Moscow Fur Trading Co London
Parcels value declared at £ 11 x 2 and 1 at £12

Cancelled

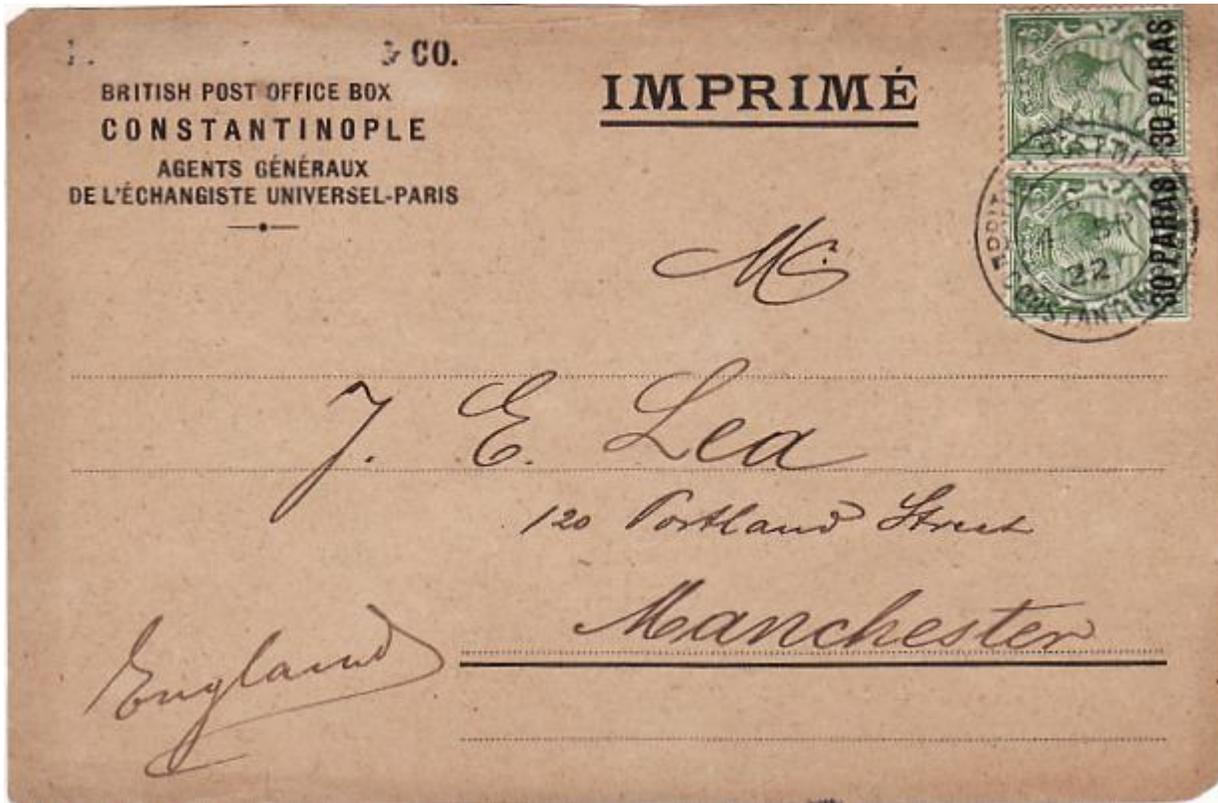
BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

1 September 1922 Code A

Parcels numbered 1486 to 1488

Sender's note No 28 to 30 Fox skins

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



CMW

Commercial Card to J Lea (Stamp Dealer) Manchester

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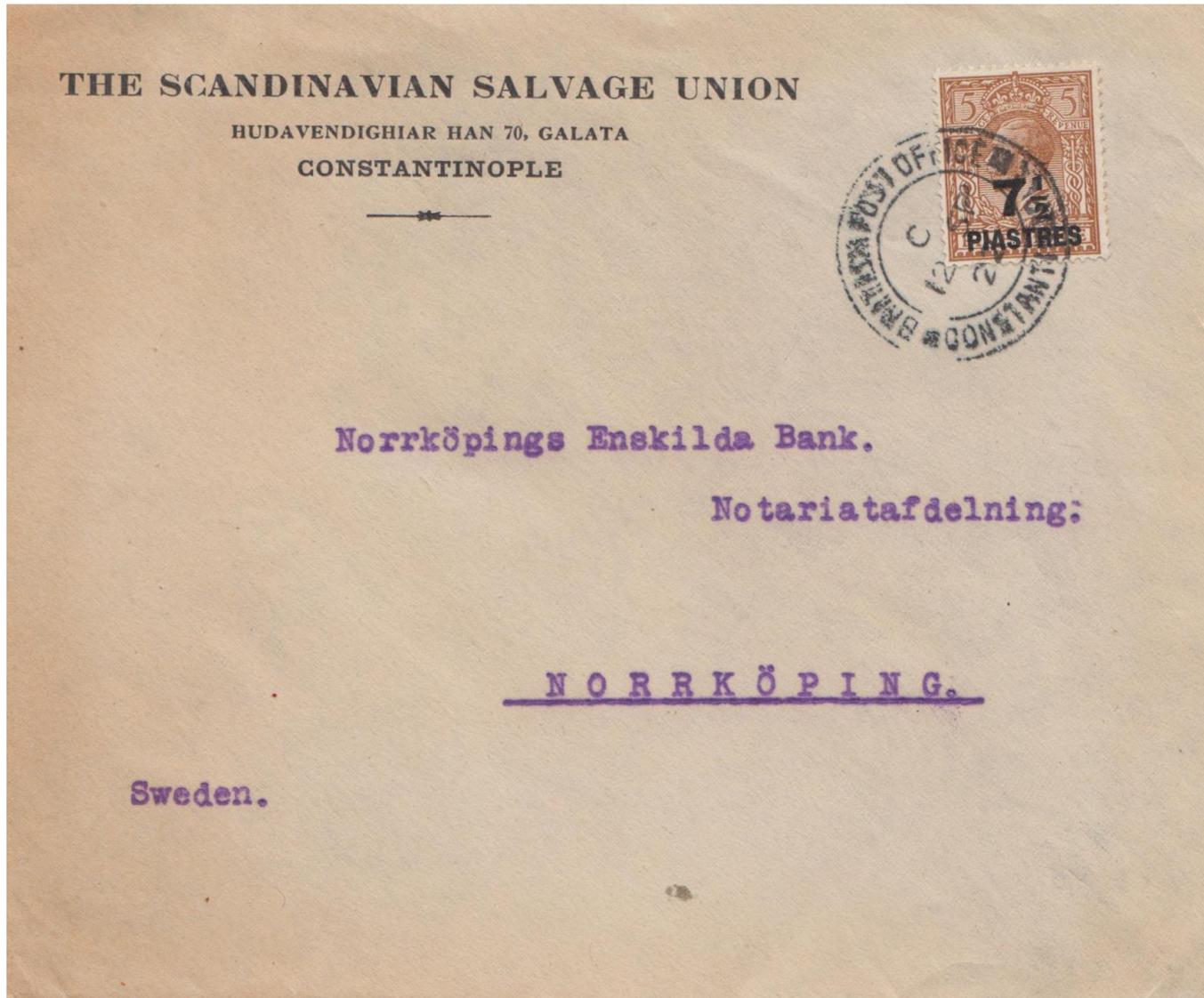
BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

4 September 1922 Code C

60 Paras Imprime Rate

PRIX-COURANT DE GROS Août 1922								
		TURQUIE	Par 10 100			ARMENIE	Par 10 100	
No. Yvert	177-192	oblit.	fr. 300.—	—	No. Yvert	62-64	(3 val compl.)	
	177-189	oblit.	" 35.—	300.—			neuf fr. 11.— 100.—	
	194-198	oblit.	" 35.—	—	GEORGIE			
	(Capit.) 200-205	oblit.	" 170.—	—	Complète, dentelés, neuf	fr. 4.50	40.—	
	207-208	oblit.	" 100.—	—	par mille fr. 300.—			
	208	neuf	" 65.—	—	Complète, non dentelés, neuf	" 5.—	40.—	
P. T. T.	63	différents neufs	" 500.—	—	par mille fr. 350.—			
Armistice.	582-594	neufs	" 1350.—	—	10 kop. à 3 Roubles (8 val.)	" —	30.—	
	8 val. neuf		" 135.—	1200.—	par mille fr. 250.—			
	4 val. neuf		" 25.—	220.—	10 kop. à 1 Rouble (6 val.)	" —	15.—	
Torosina.	595-598	neuf	" 70.—	630.—	par mille fr. 150.—			
	595-597	neuf	" 9.—	70.—	Garde Nationale compl. 9 val. neuf	" 30.—	250.—	
Avènement.	599-616	neuf	" 630.—	—	10 kop.-1 Rouble (6 val.) neuf	" —	—	
	599-611	neuf	" 82.—	750.—	10 kop.-60 kop. (4) neuf	" 8.—	70.—	
Pasquets contenant de timbres. différents					1921, indep. de jurs 3 val. compl. neuf			
NEUFS ET OBLITÉRÉS					2, 3, 5 Rubles			
	50	différents	fr. 25.—	225.—	LEVANT ITALIEN			
	100	"	" 75.—	675.—	I. Emiss.	5 val. compl.	fr. 350.—	—
	150	"	" 125.—	1125.—	I.	" 4 val. (sans 1 Piaster)	" 90.—	825.—
	200	"	" 30.—	—	II.	" 8 val. compl.	" 27.50	250
CILICIE					III.	" 4 val. avec R. 20 Paras	" 120.—	1000.—
No. Yvert	78-86	neuf	" 400.—	—	CRETE (Autonome)			
	78-83	neuf	" 16.—	140.—	30	différents neufs et oblitérés	fr. 45.—	400.—
	11, 32, 40, 44, 50, 51,				Prix en francs français net argent			
	53, 54, 56, 58, 60, 61,				avec commande.			
	63, 64, 64a	neufs	" 100.—	930.—				

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Commercial cover to Sweden

(Front only)

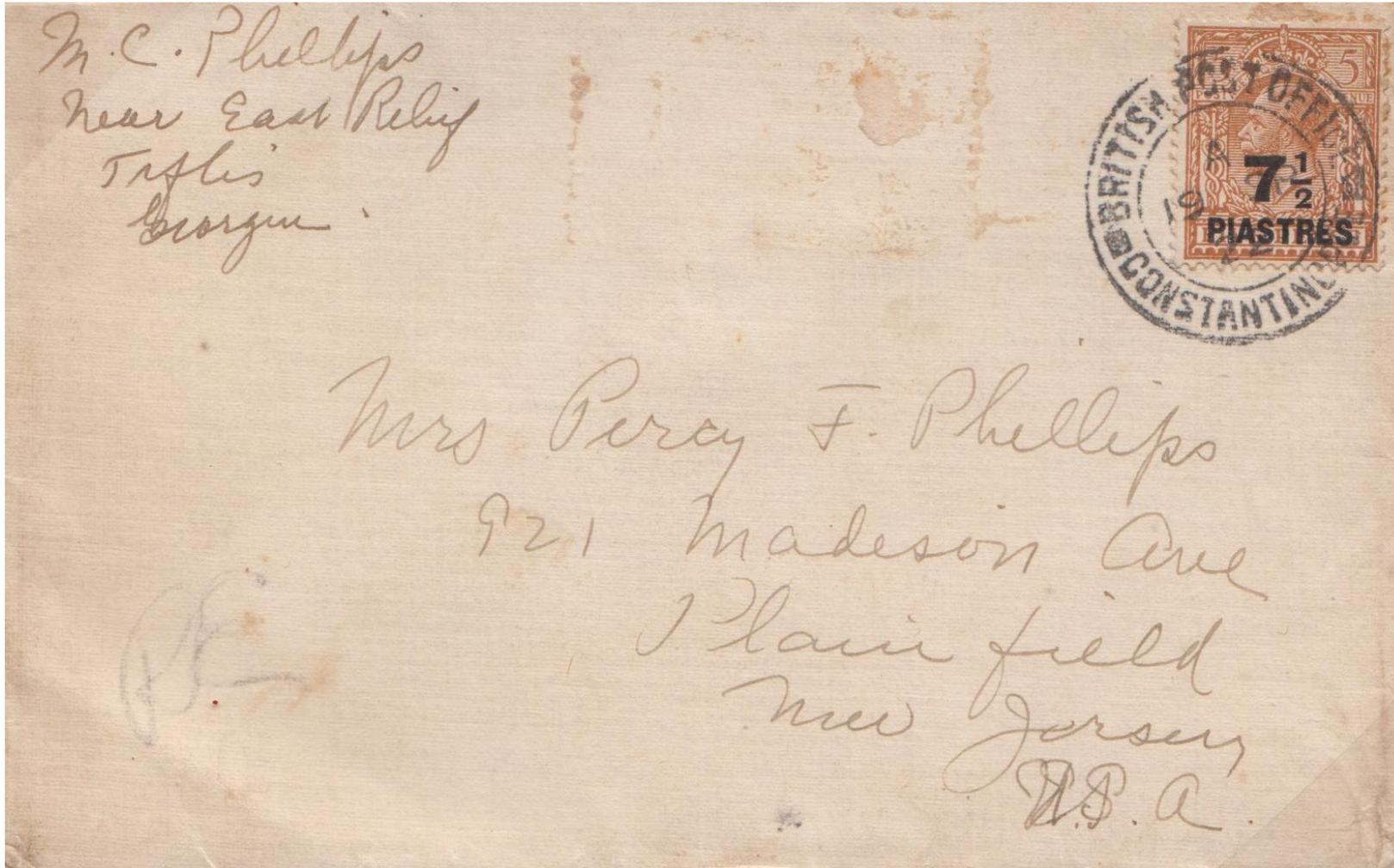
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BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

12 September 1922 Code C

7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Cover to New Jersey USA

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

19 September 1922 Code A

7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1
oz

Sent by a M.C. Phillips.
Near East Relief Tiflis Gorgia

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



PPC to Belgium

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

20 September 1922 Code A

4 1/2 Piastres Post Card Rate

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Cover to Newport Essex

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

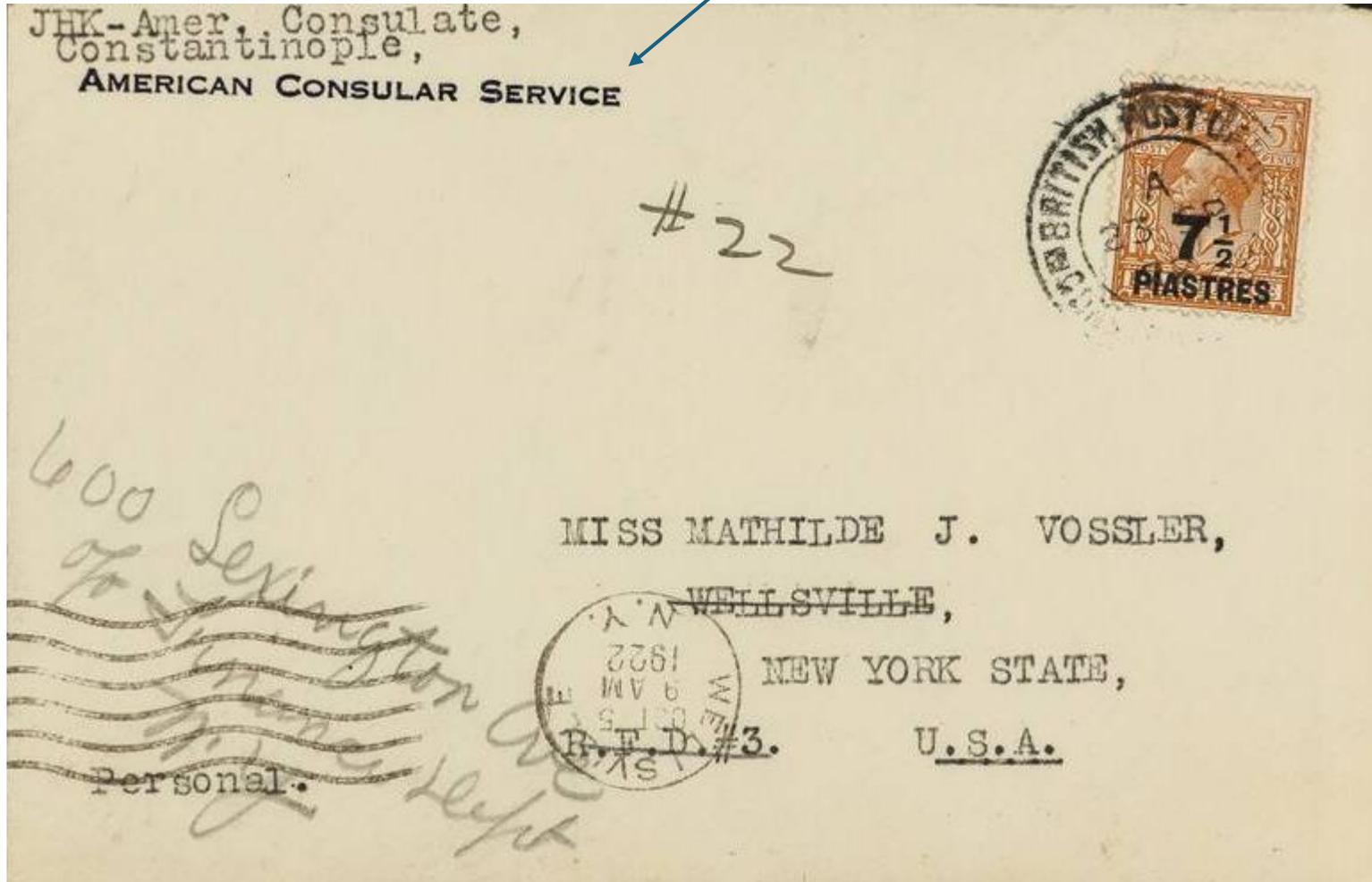
CONSTANTINOPLÉ

22 September 1922 Code A

7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz



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Commercial cover to
Wellsville New York State
USA

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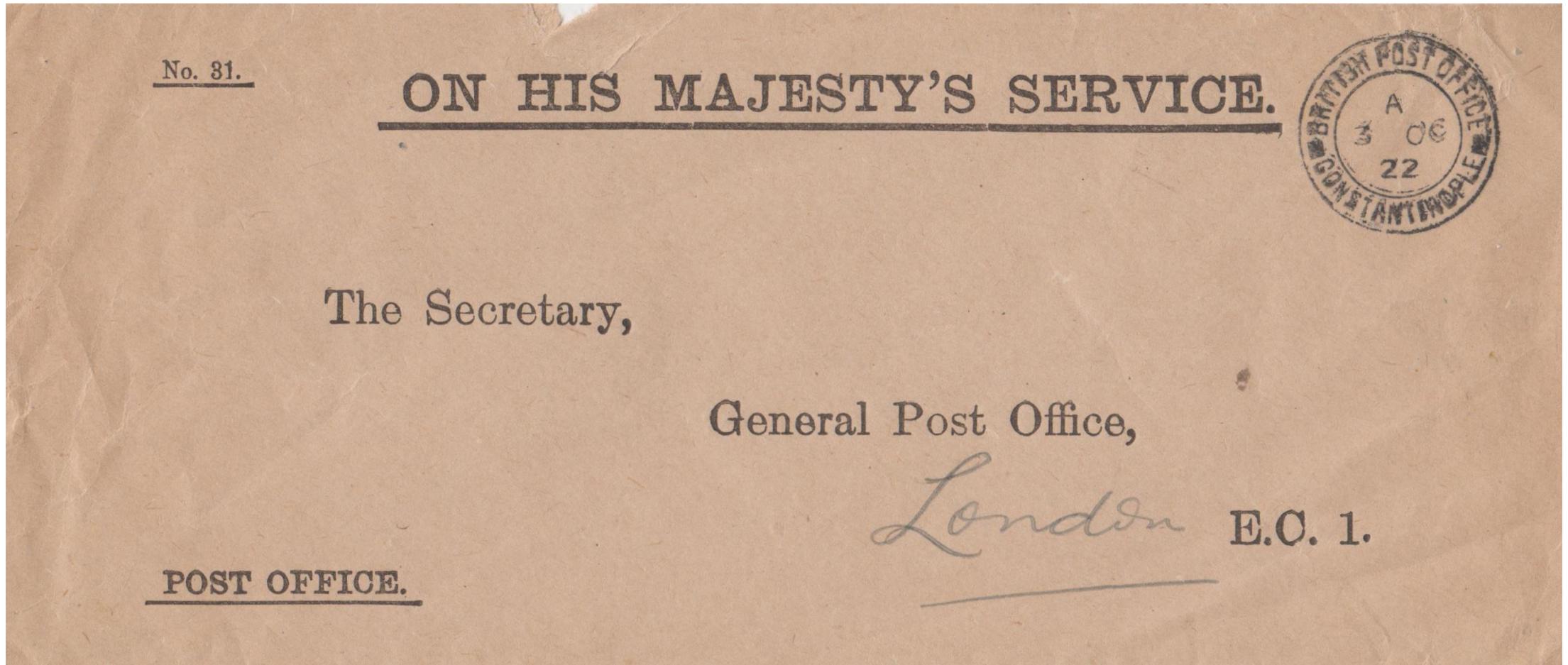
BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

23 September 1922 Code A

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1
oz

Received 5 October 1922

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



OHMS Envelope No 81 to The Secretary, General Post Office , London sent unpaid and not taxed Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

3 October 1922 Code A – No Backstamps

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover to Boston

Mass USA

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

10 October 1922 Code ?

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

Cover was overweight

'T' applied in Constantinople with manuscript
50 c (centimes)

On arrival in New York **Due 10 Cents** in circle
applied with 2 x 5 Cent Pre-cancelled Postage
Dues added signifying the postage to be
collected from addressee

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover to Norway

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

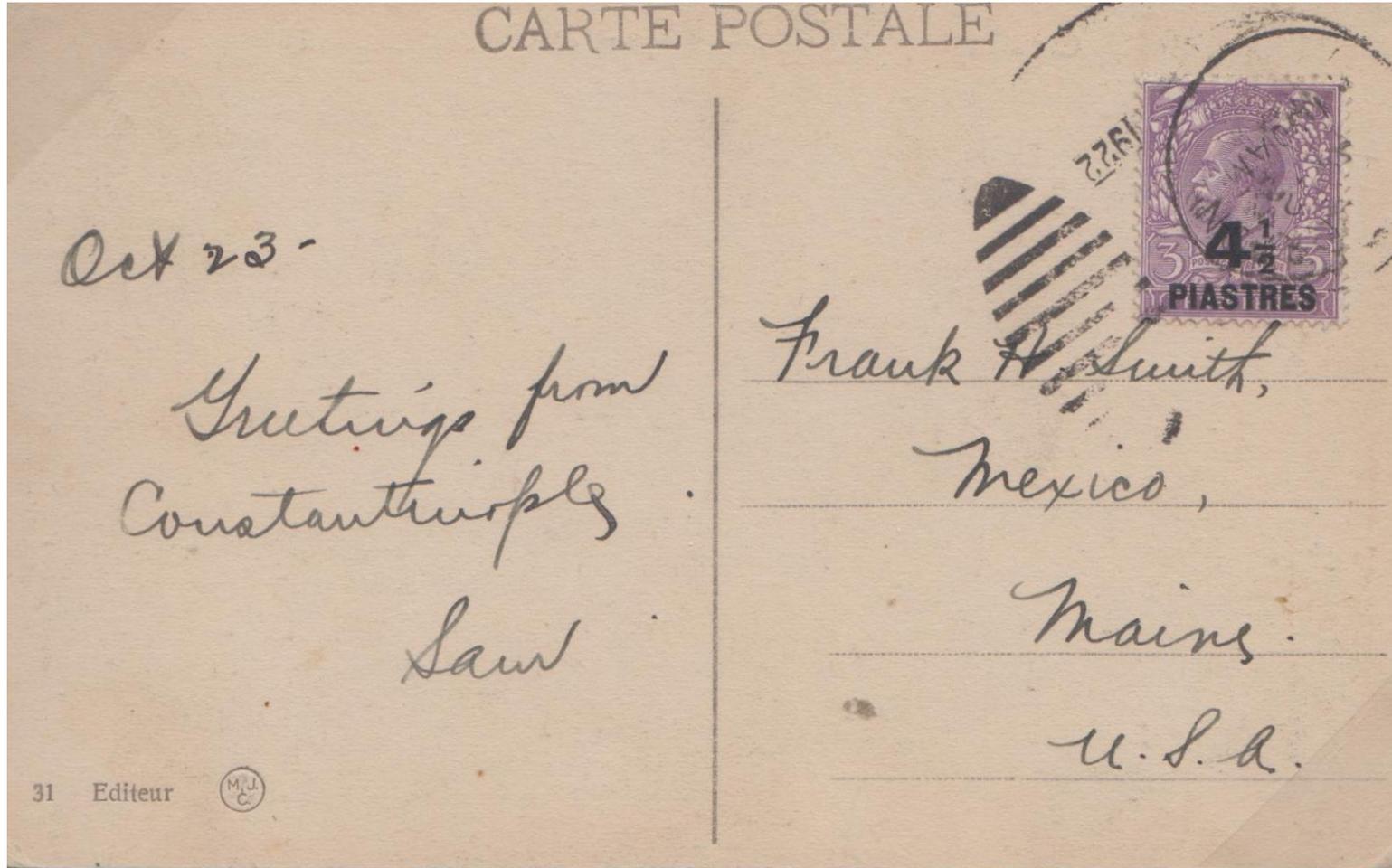
11 October 1922 Code C

7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

Sender shows return address as a BPO Box No 195, this gives some indication of the number of boxes available



British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



PPC to Mexico Mains USA

Cancelled with a partial

US Navy style cancel for 1922

Possibly U S N *Scorpion*

Franked with a 4 1/2 Piastres to pay

the post card rate

Card is datelined Oct 23

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



4 ½ Piastres Postal Stationery Card to

Varna Bulgaria

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

28 October 1922 Code C

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover to the USA

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

29 October 1922 Code A

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover to Germany

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

30 October 1922 Code A

7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

Made up using 1 x 4 ¼ Piastres + 4 x
30 Paras

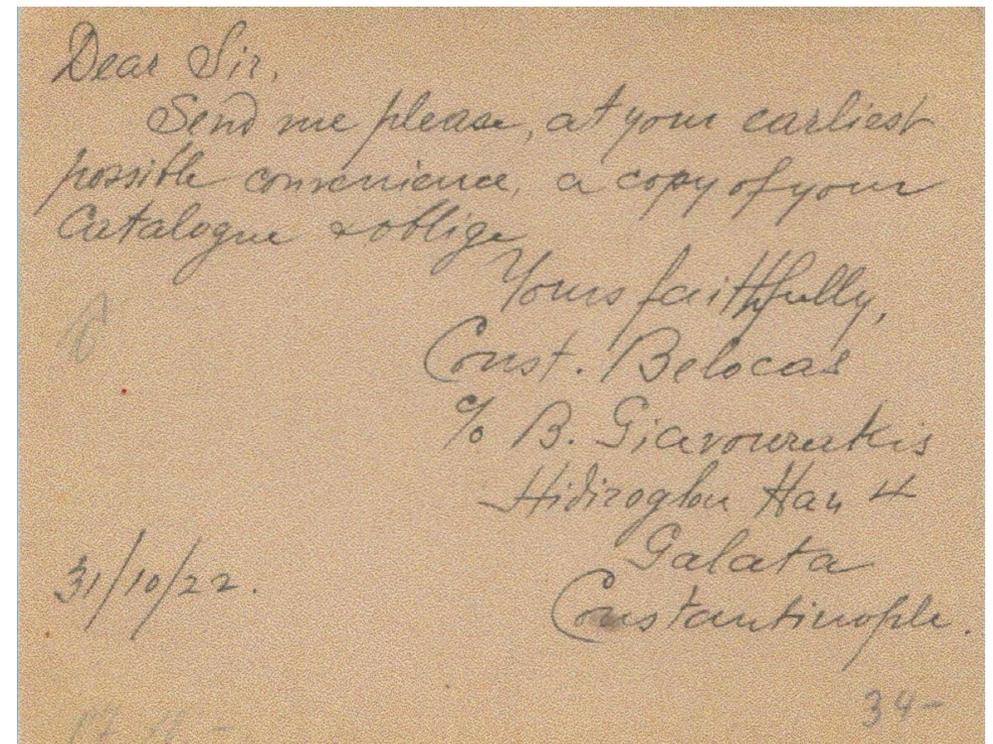
British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922

4 ½ Piastres Postal Stationery Card to Germany

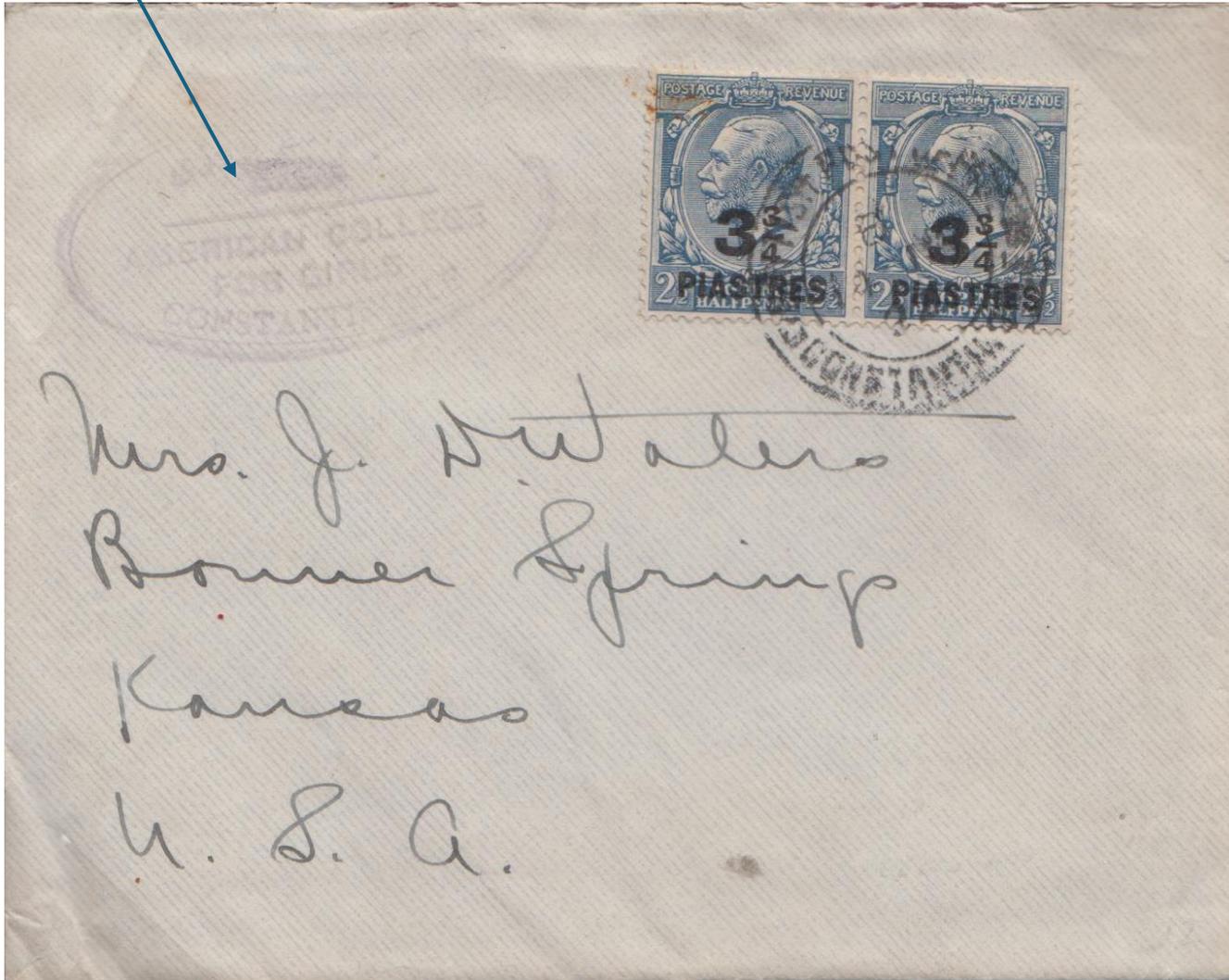
Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

31 October 1922 Code B



British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Cover with enclosed letter to Kansas USA

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

14 November 1922 Code B

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

Made up using 2 x 3 3/4 Piastres

Shows Oval cachet

AMERICAN COLLEGE FOR GIRLS

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



C RAC

Cover to a Miss Le Bouvier Ryde Isle of Wight

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

27 November 1922 Code A

3d was the Letter Rate for 1 oz

Cover was posted unpaid Endorsed in manuscript

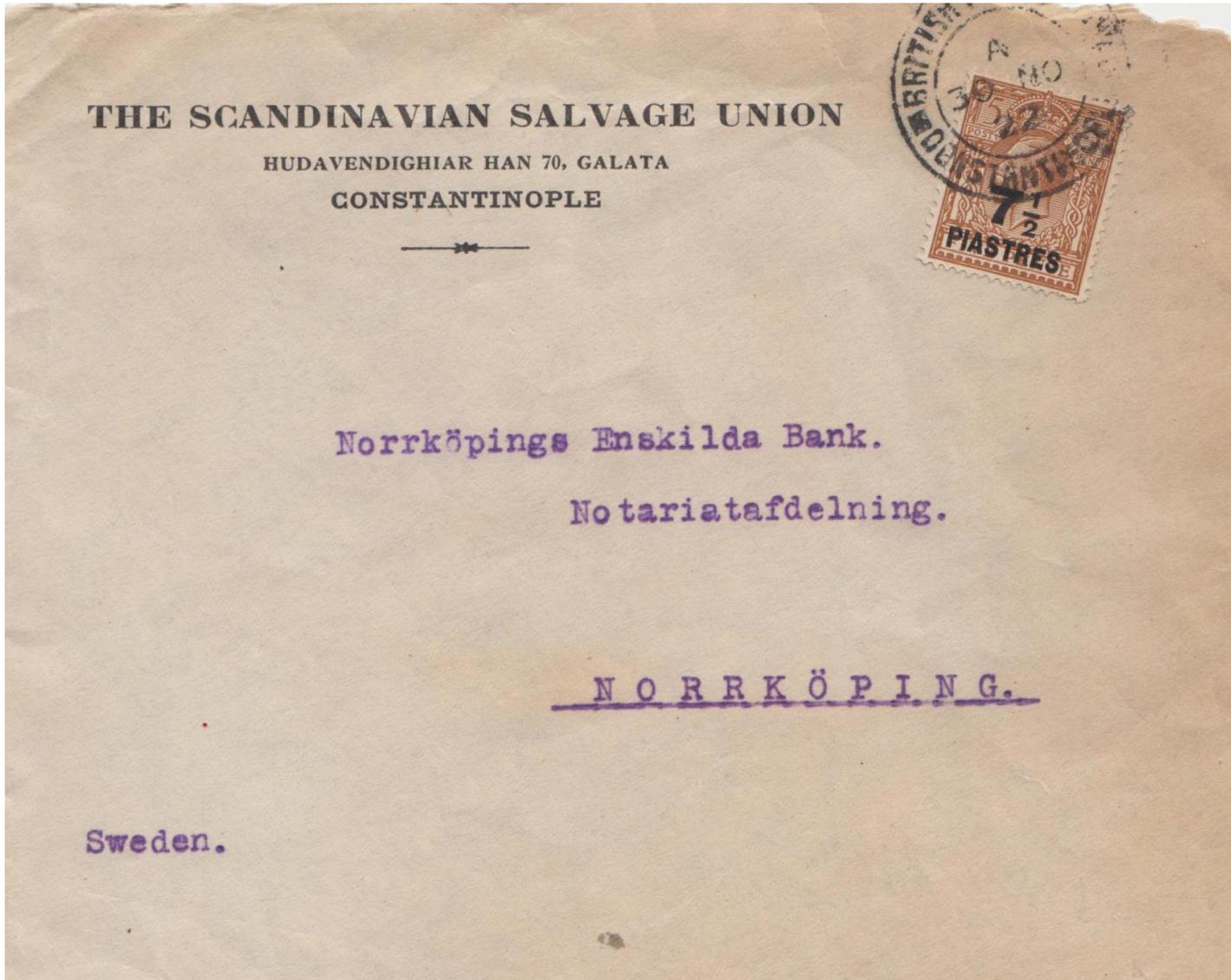
'No stamps available'

'T' Tax mark applied in Constantinople with a manuscript *'1 oz'*

On arrival in London 6d F.B. A mark applied with 2 x 3d Postage Dues to pay the Double Deficiency.

Military mail from troops stationed in Thrace is known for November 1922 endorsed *'No stamps available'* which was sent home by Naval Bag and Taxed 1 ½ d on arrival. I suspect this is of military origin which was passed on to the civilian office.

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover to Sweden

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

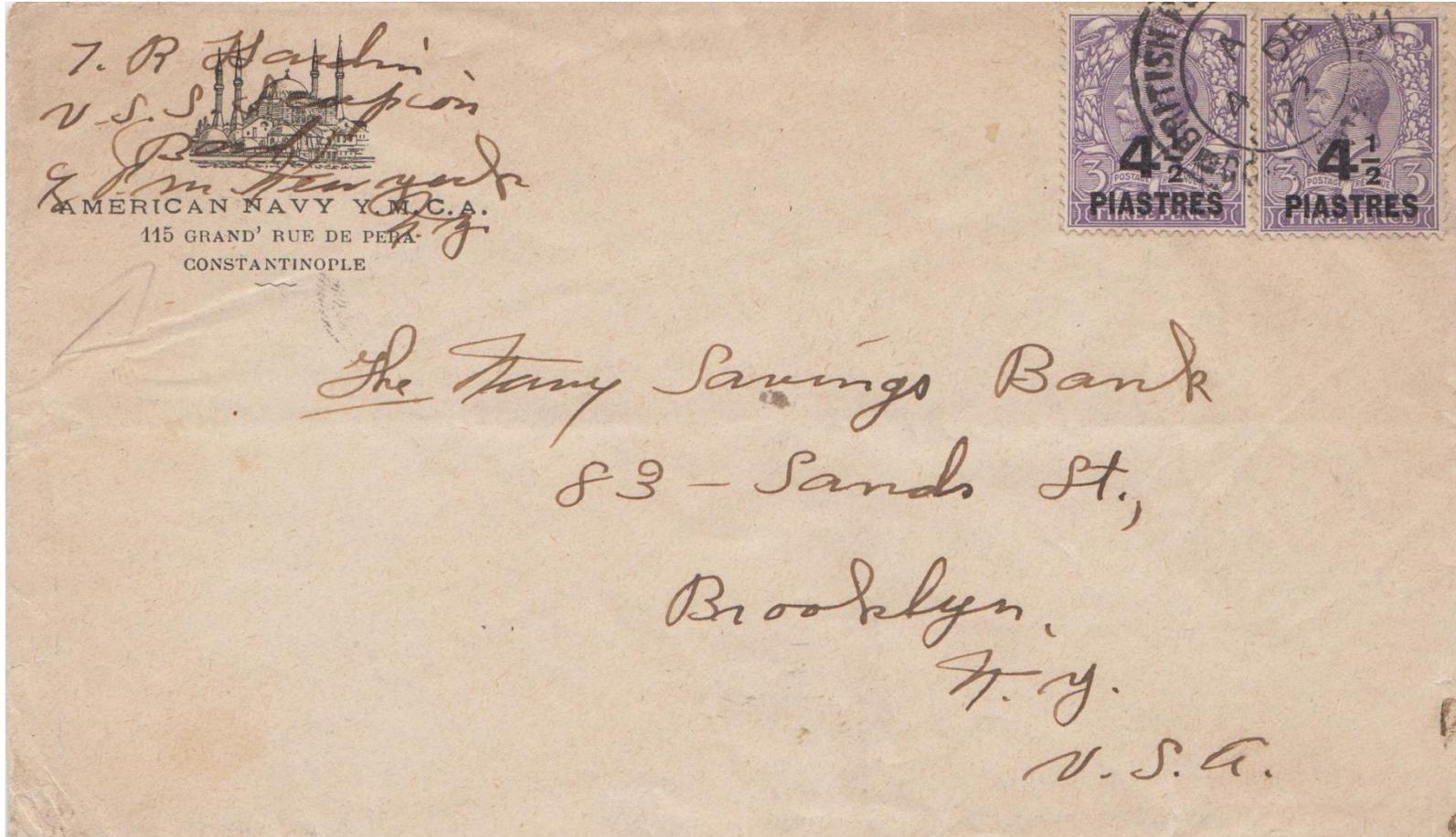
30 November 1922 Code A

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

See cover 12 September 1922

Same correspondence

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Cover to Brooklyn, USA

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

4 December 1922 Code A

Postage paid is $4 \frac{1}{2}$ Piastres \times 2 = 9 Pia

Letter rate was $7 \frac{1}{2}$ Pia

Printed AMERICAN NAVY Y.M.C.A., envelope sent by a crew member of US Ship *Scorpion*; part of the American Fleet based in Turkish waters.

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



PPC to Belgium

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

4 December 1922 Code A

4 1/2 Piastres Post Card Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



PPC to Copenhagen Denmark

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

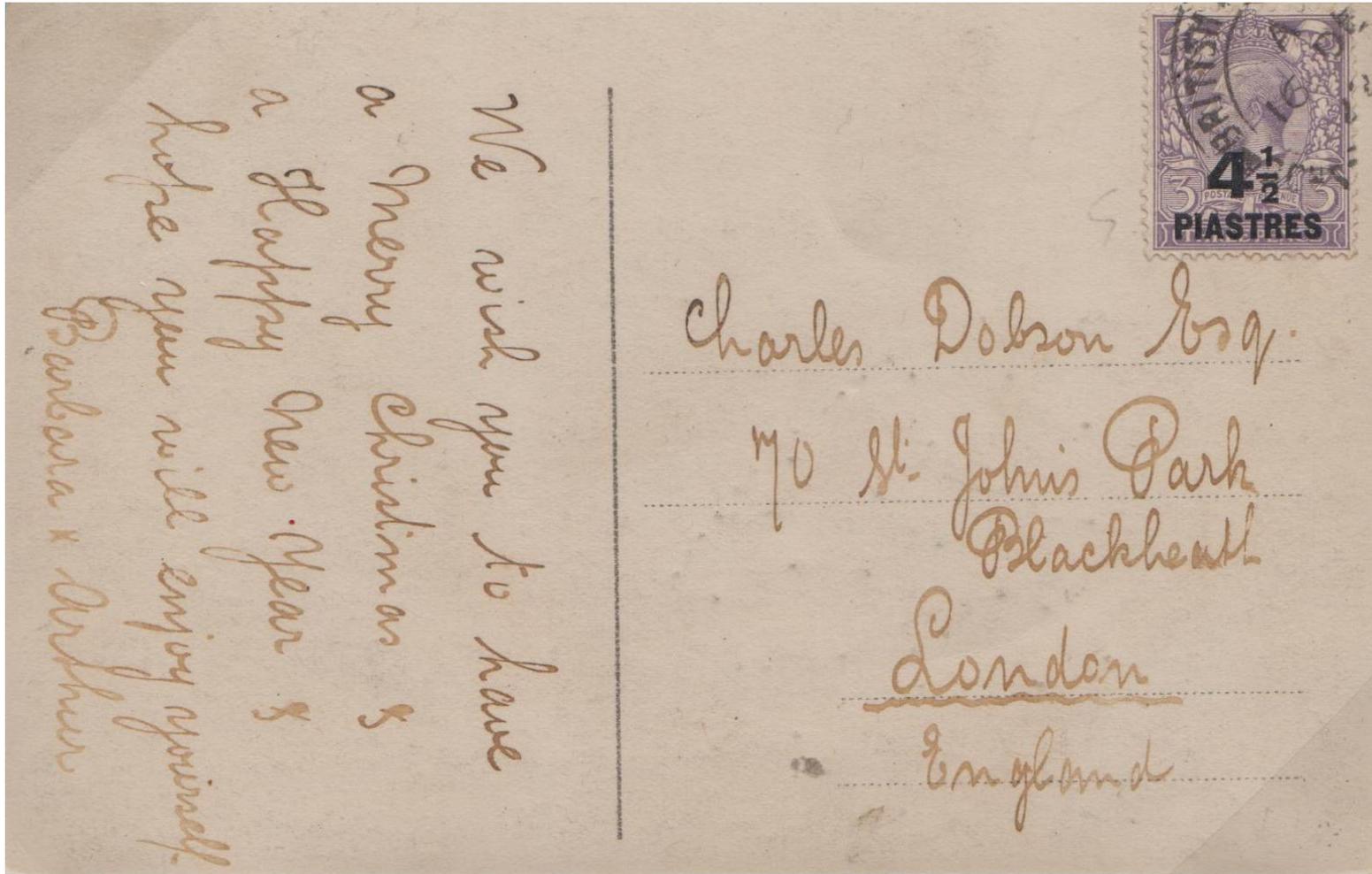
CONSTANTINOPLE

13 December 1922 Code C

4 ½ Piastres Post Card Rate

Made up with a 3 ¾ Piastre & 1 x 30
Paras

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



PPC to London

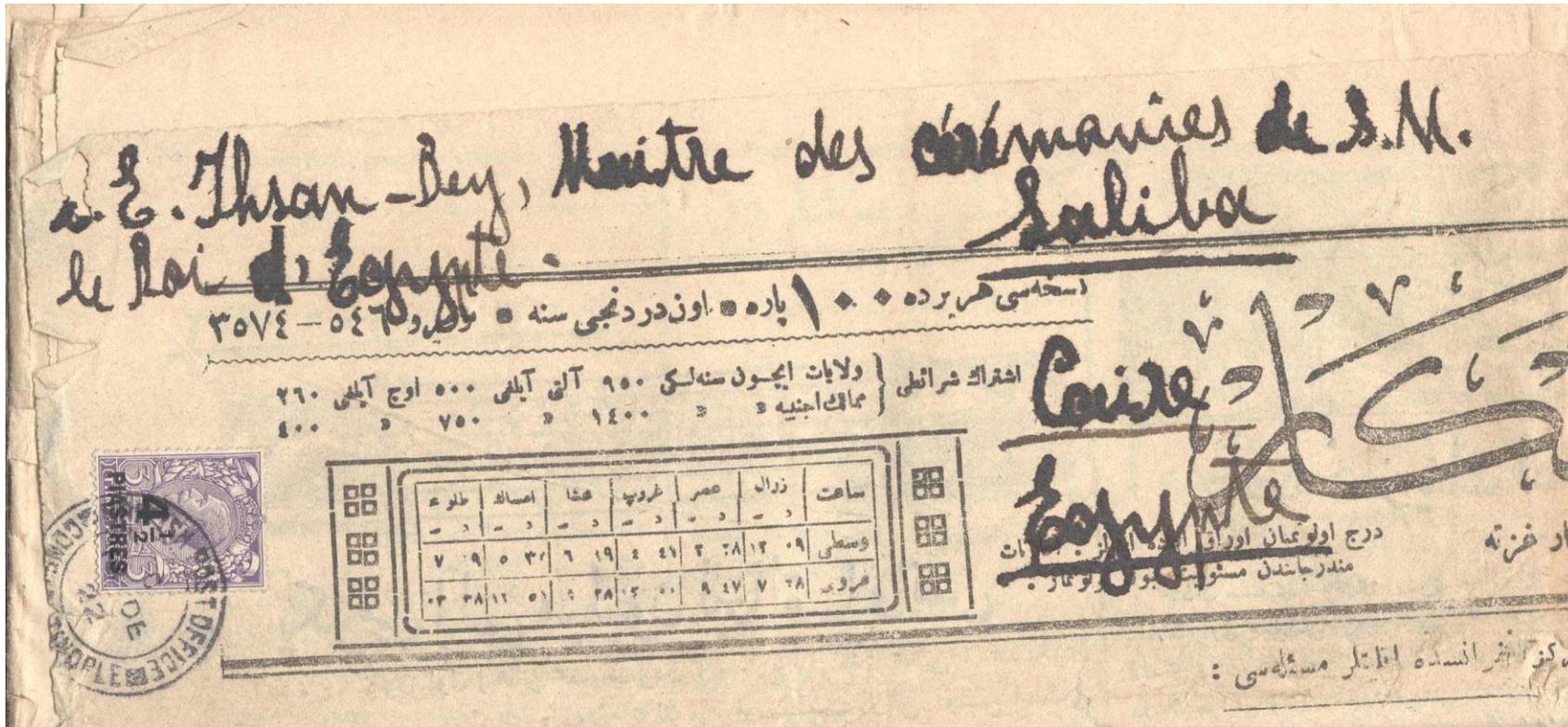
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BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

16 December 1922 Code A

4 ½ Piastres Post Card Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



Newspaper Wrapper to Cairo,

Egypt

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

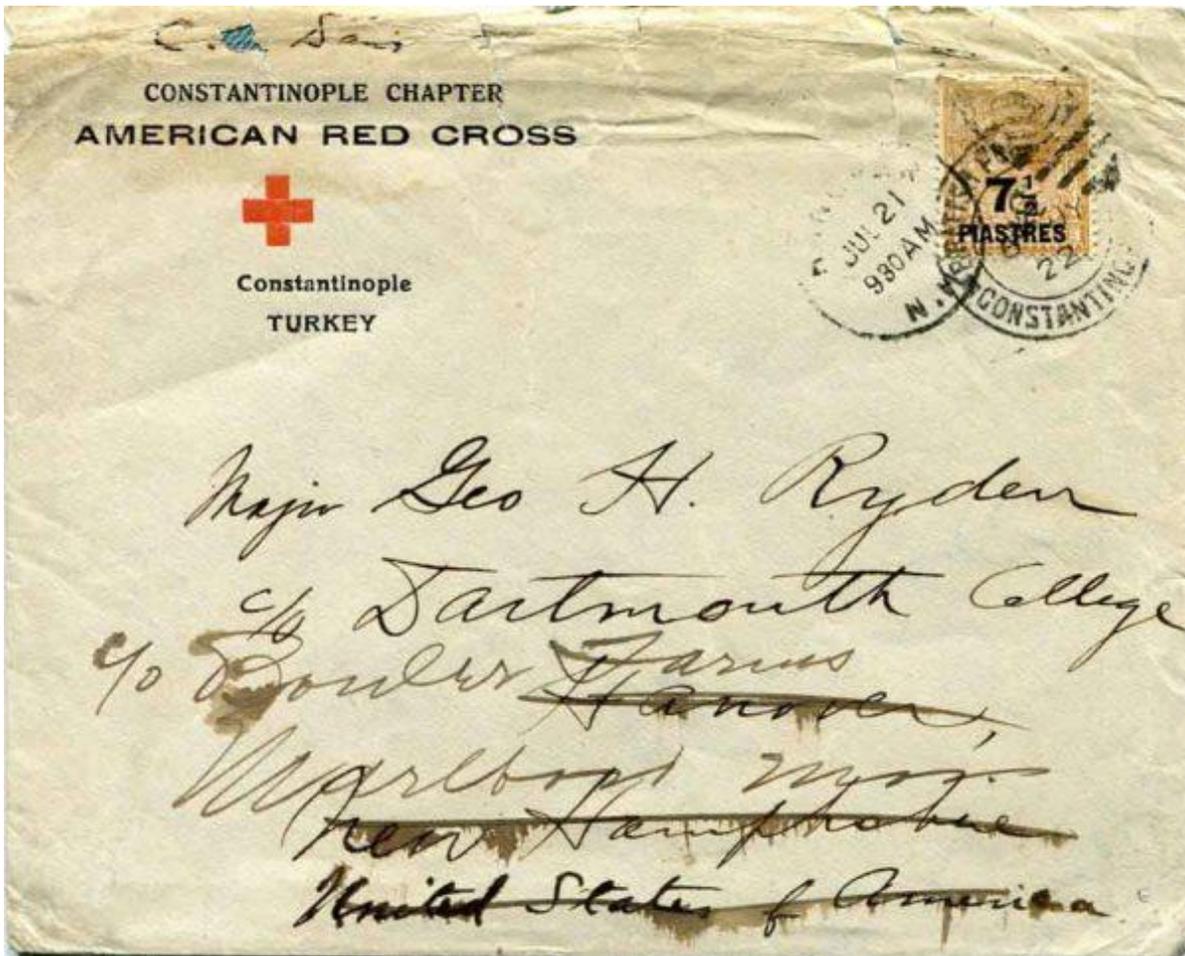
18 December 1922 Code C

4 ½ Piastres Post Card Rate

Or a 3rd step Printed Paper Rate

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British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922

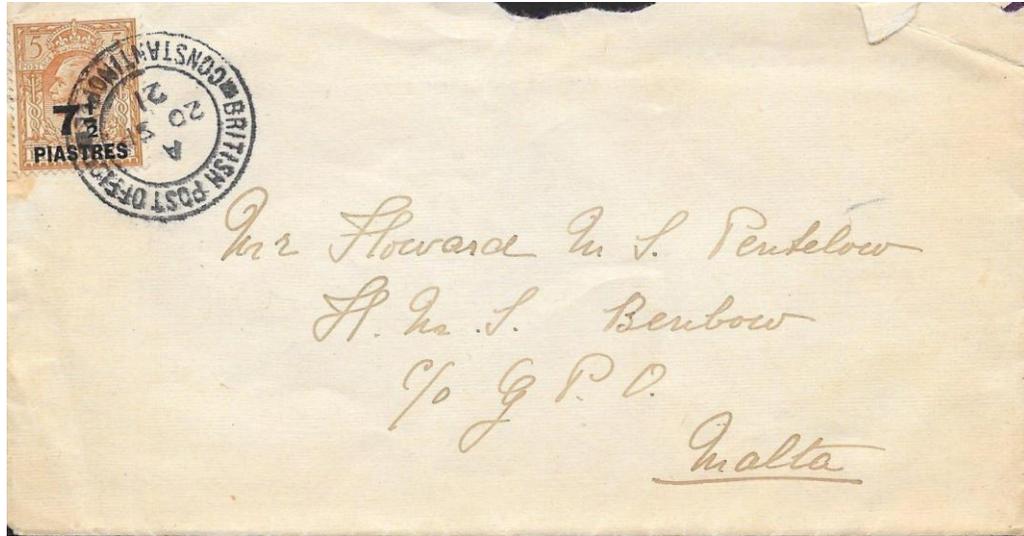


British Levant: 1922 (6 July). American Red Cross Constantinople imprinted cover to United States franked with 7 1/2pi Turkish currency surcharged on 5d KGV stamp tied by dispatch dates-tamp and 21 July arrival cds. Redirected on arrival. Reverse no postal markings.

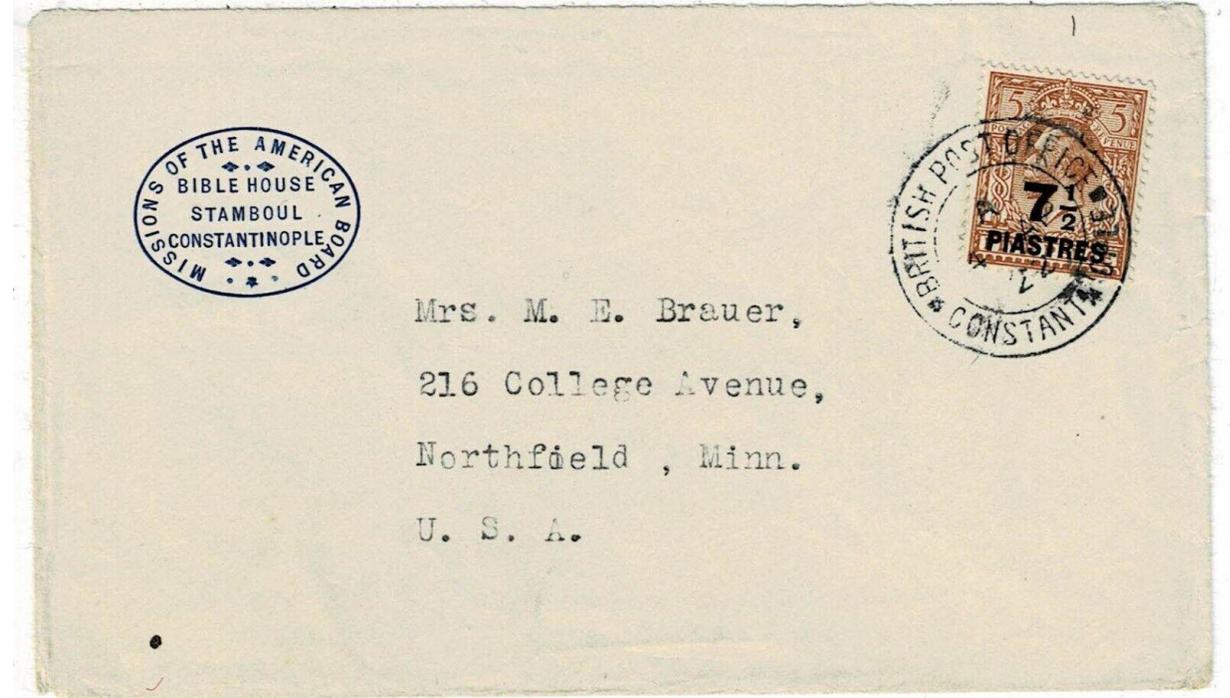
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Constantinople Chapter AMERICAN RED CROSS printed envelope

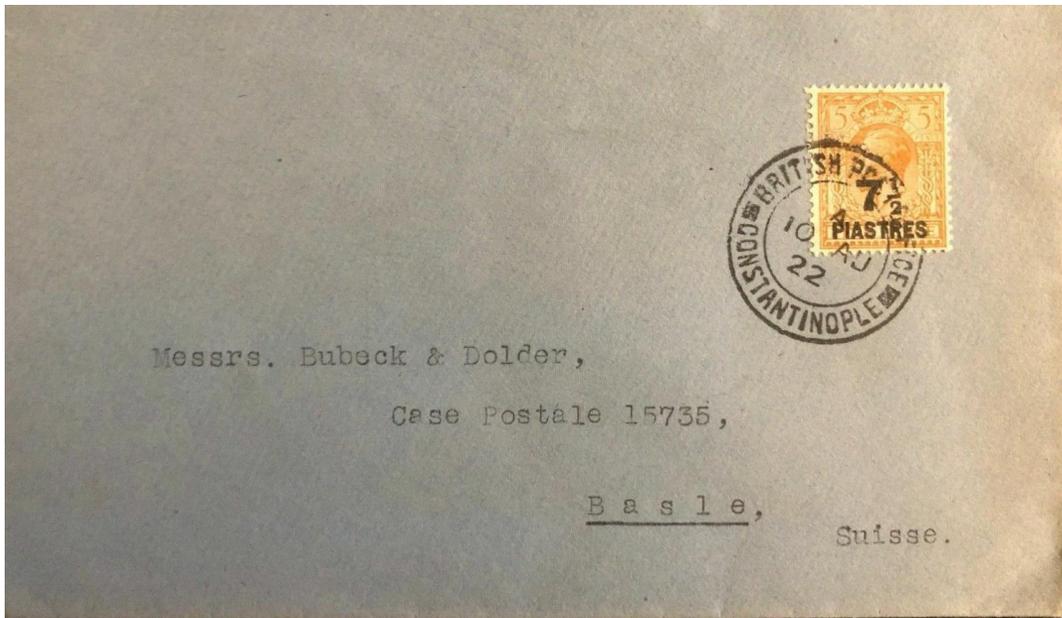
British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1921



C 20 September 1921 – Code A – Rec, Malta 26 9
21



C – 4 April 1922 – Code A



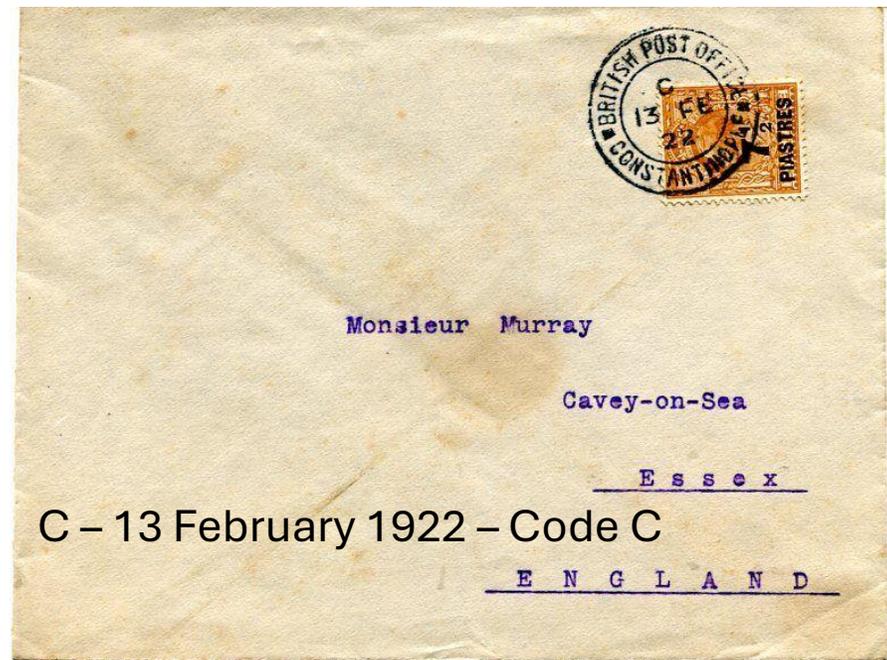
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C - 22 December 1922 - Code C - No B/s



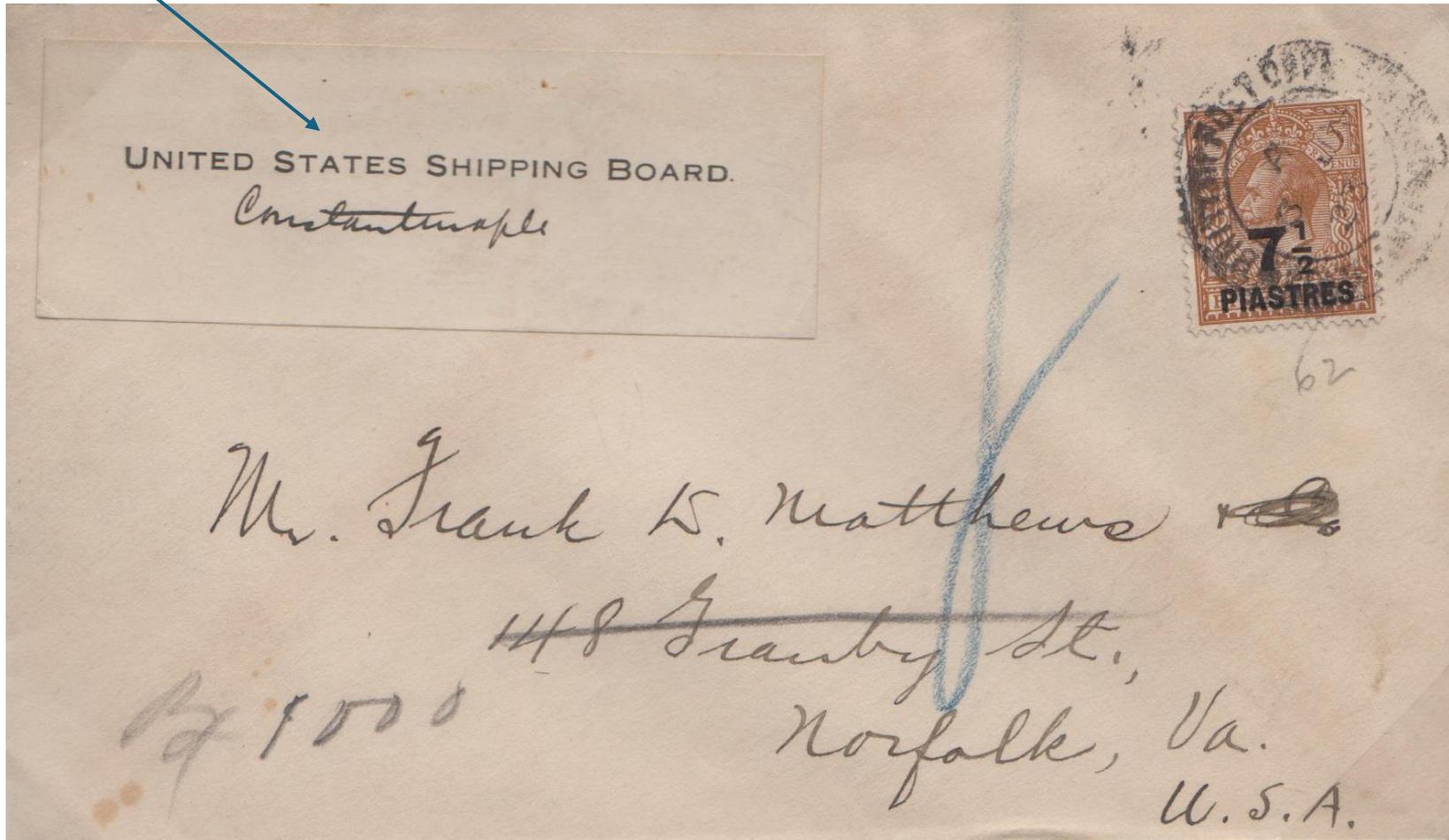
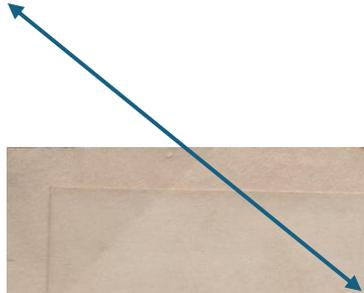
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1923

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Commercial cover to

Norfolk Va USA

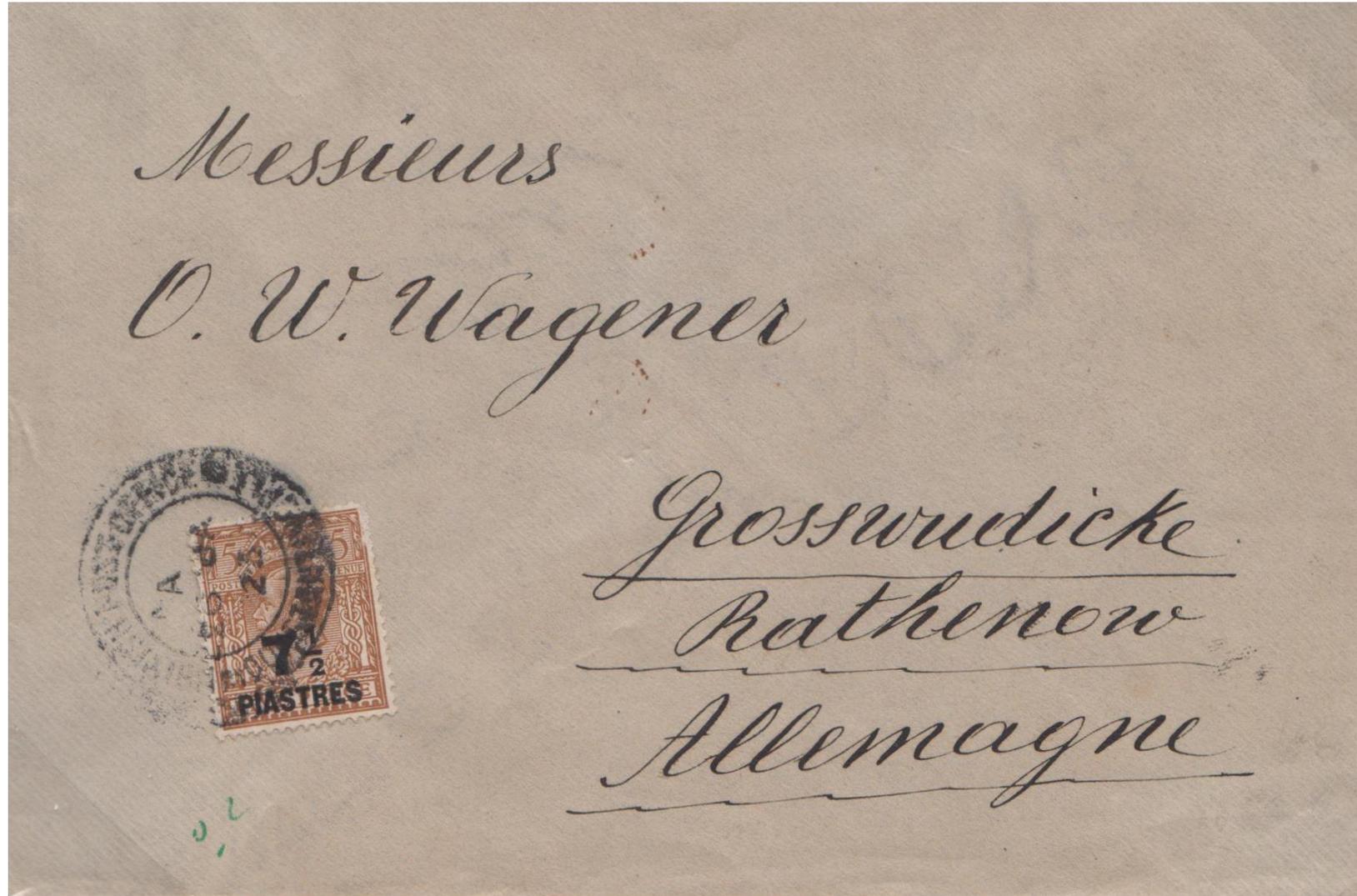
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BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

6 January 1923 Code A

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate
for 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Commercial cover to Germany

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

26 January 1923 Code A

7 ½ Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923

Austrian Postal Stationery Post Card

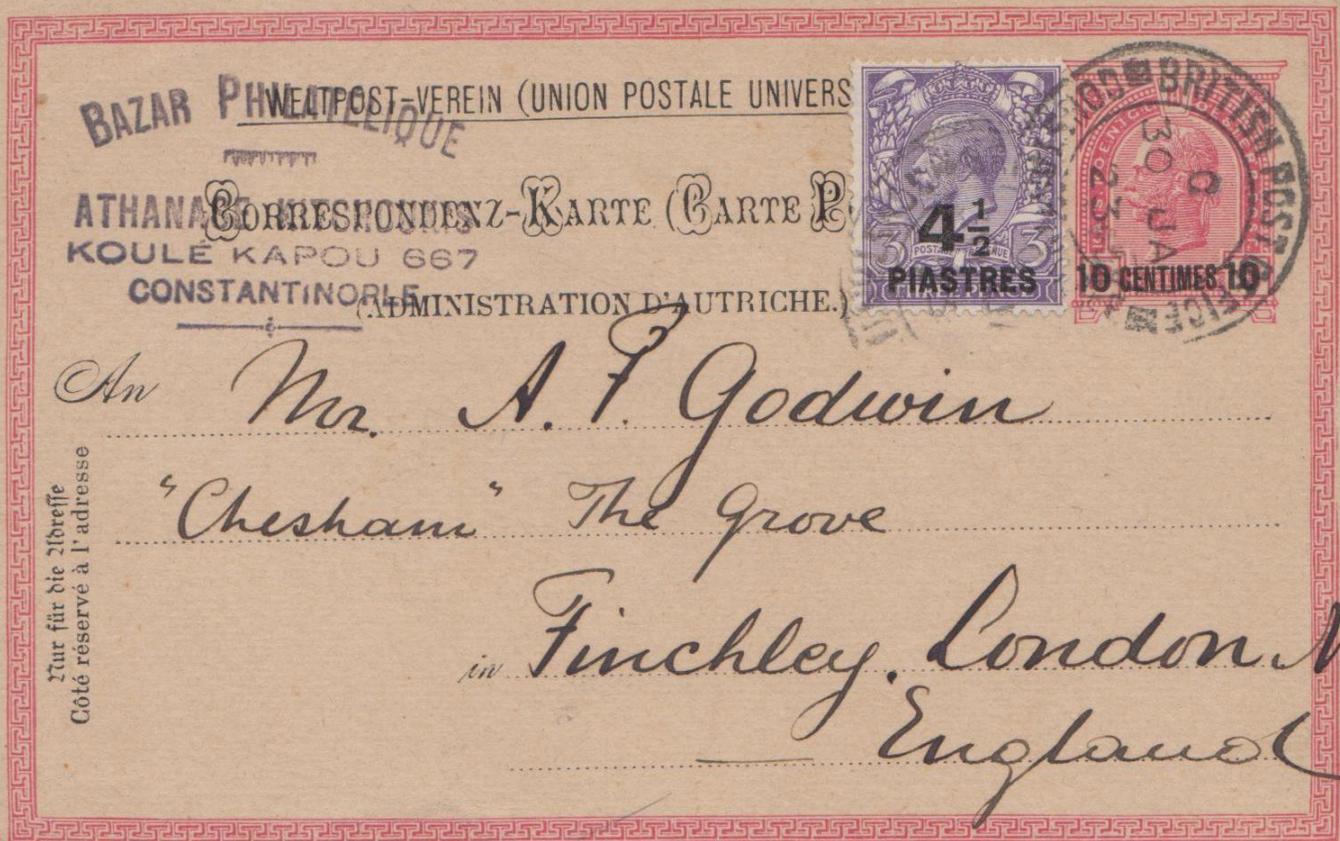
To London

Cancelled

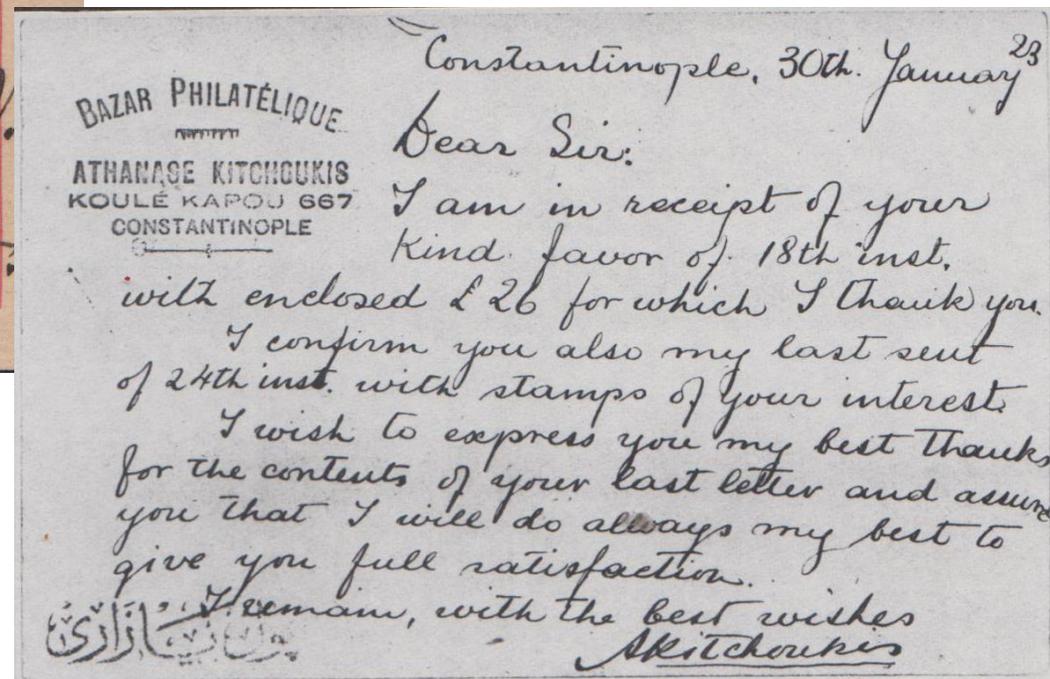
BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPL

30 January 1923 Code C

4 ½ Piastres Post Card Rate



Interesting message from a stamp dealer



British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Commercial cover to Manchester

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

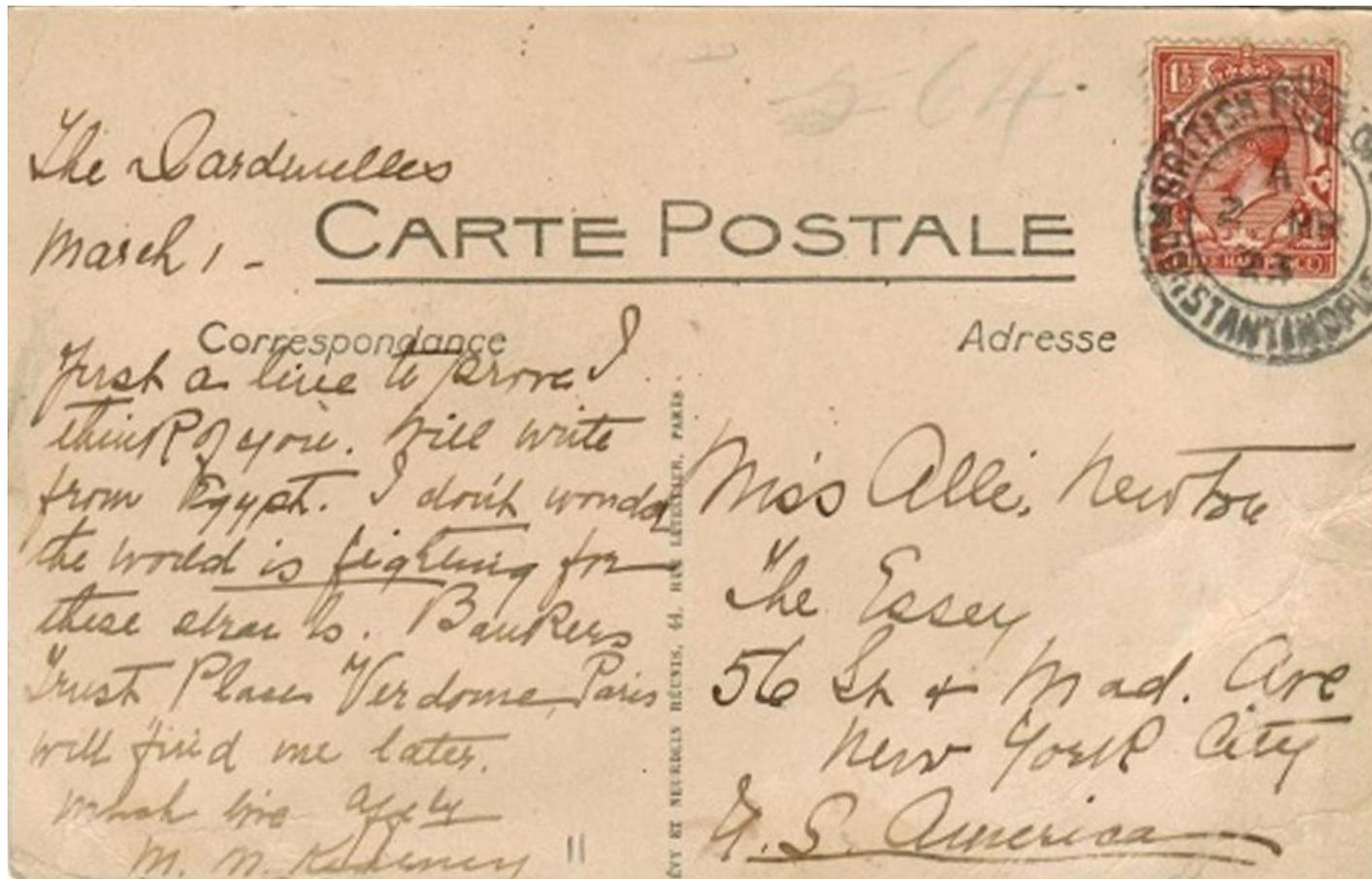
2 March 1923 Code A

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz



Senders Hand-stamp in Blue

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Picture Postcard to New York USA

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

2 March 1923

Code A

Postage paid 1 ½ d which was accepted

Postcard Rate was 4 ½ Pia

C

Dated 'The Dardanelles, March 1'

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923

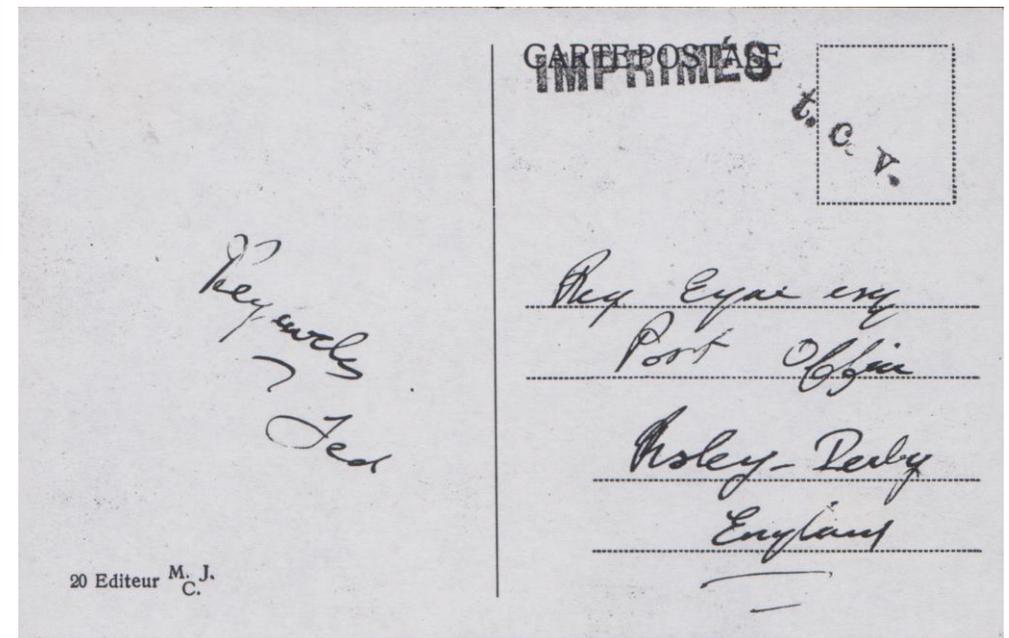


PPC to Derby England
Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

6 March 1923 Code C

2 x 30 Paras = 1 ½ Piastres Printed
Paper Rate



British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Asks for copy of catalogue in English or French, See card dated 31 October 1922

4 ½ Piastres Postal Stationery Card to Germany

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

6 March 1923 Code C

Received 12 - 3 - 23

Dear Sirs,
Send me please, at your earliest possible convenience, a copy of your Catalogue (in English or French) of your shoe repairing plant machinery, at the address of :
Const. Belocas
Hidiroglou Han 4
Galata
Constantinople.
5/3/23.

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



PPC to Hamburg Germany

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

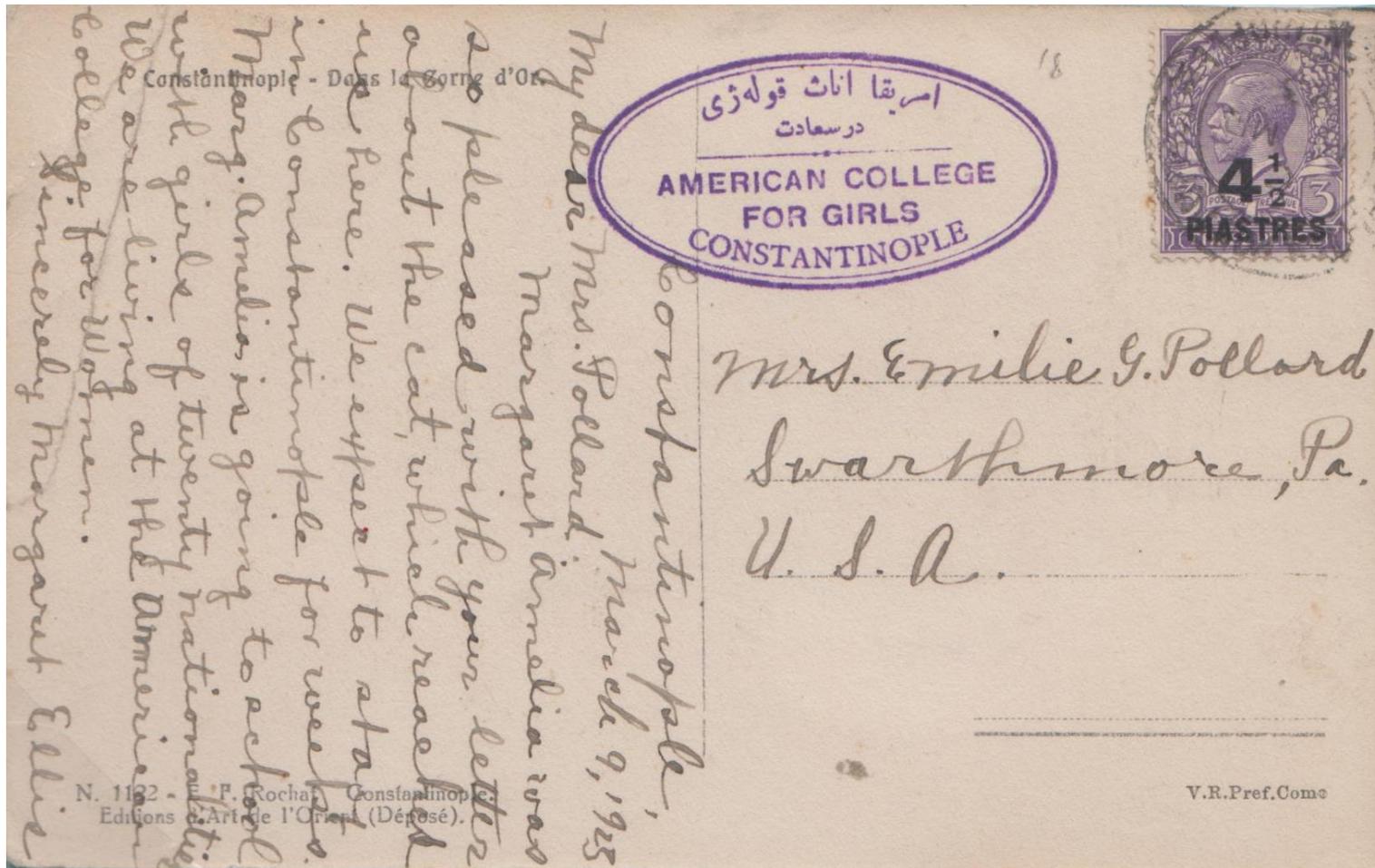
CONSTANTINOPLE

6 March 1923 Code A

Franked with 1 ½ Piastres + 4 x 30 Paras
to make up the correct 4 ½ Piastres Post
Card Rate

This card and the previous slide show that both
Codes A and C were in use on this date.

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Picture Postcard to the USA

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

9 March 1923

Code A

Postcard Rate was 4 1/2 Pia

See PPC 11 June 1923

My Dear Mrs Pollard, Margaret Amelia was so pleased with your letter about the cat, which reached us here. We expect to stay in Constantinople for weeks. Mary Amelia is going to a school with girls of twenty nationalities. We are living at the American college for women

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923

Picture Postcard to Denmark

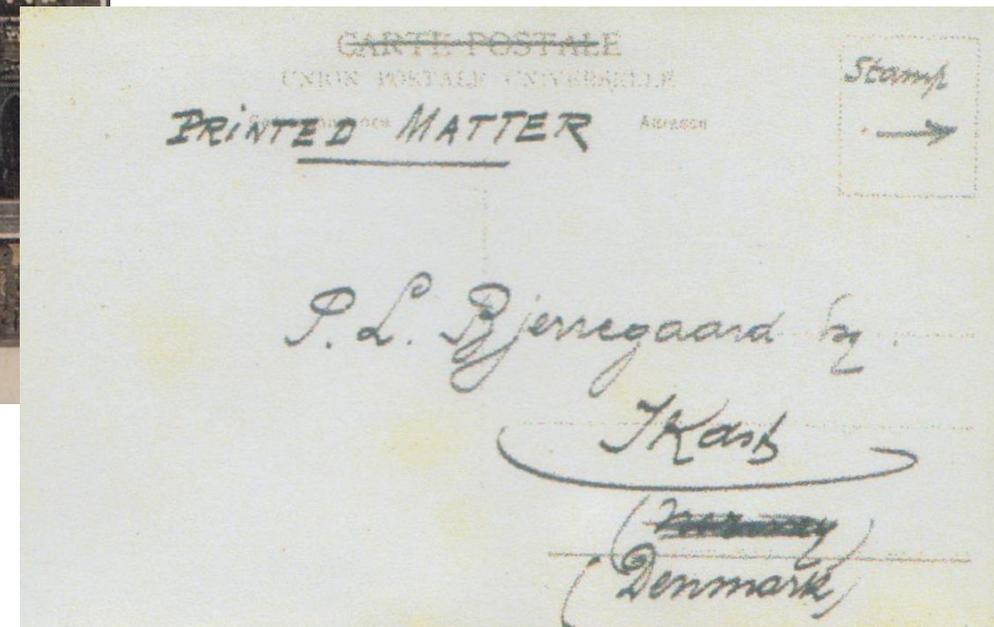
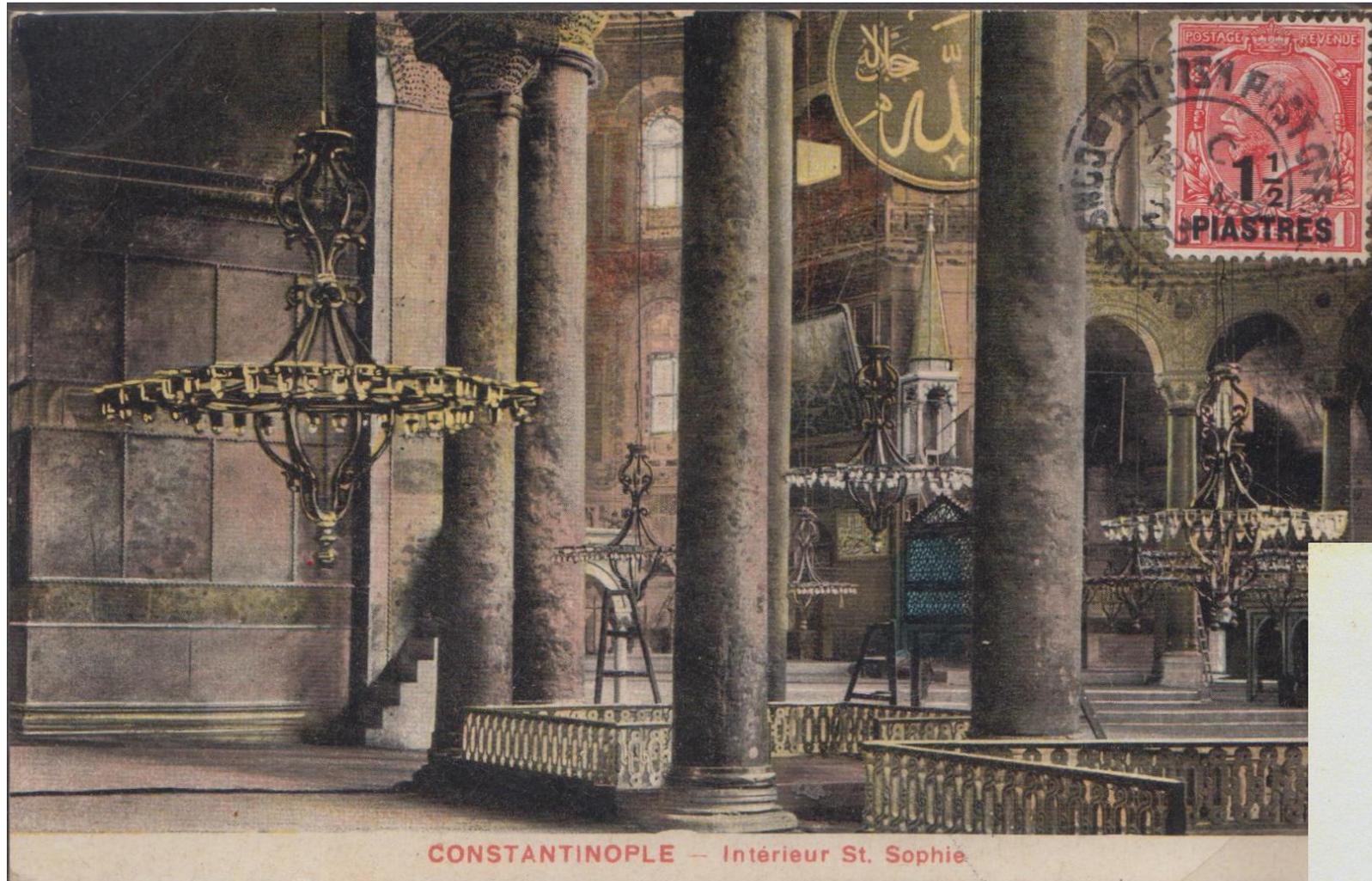
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BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

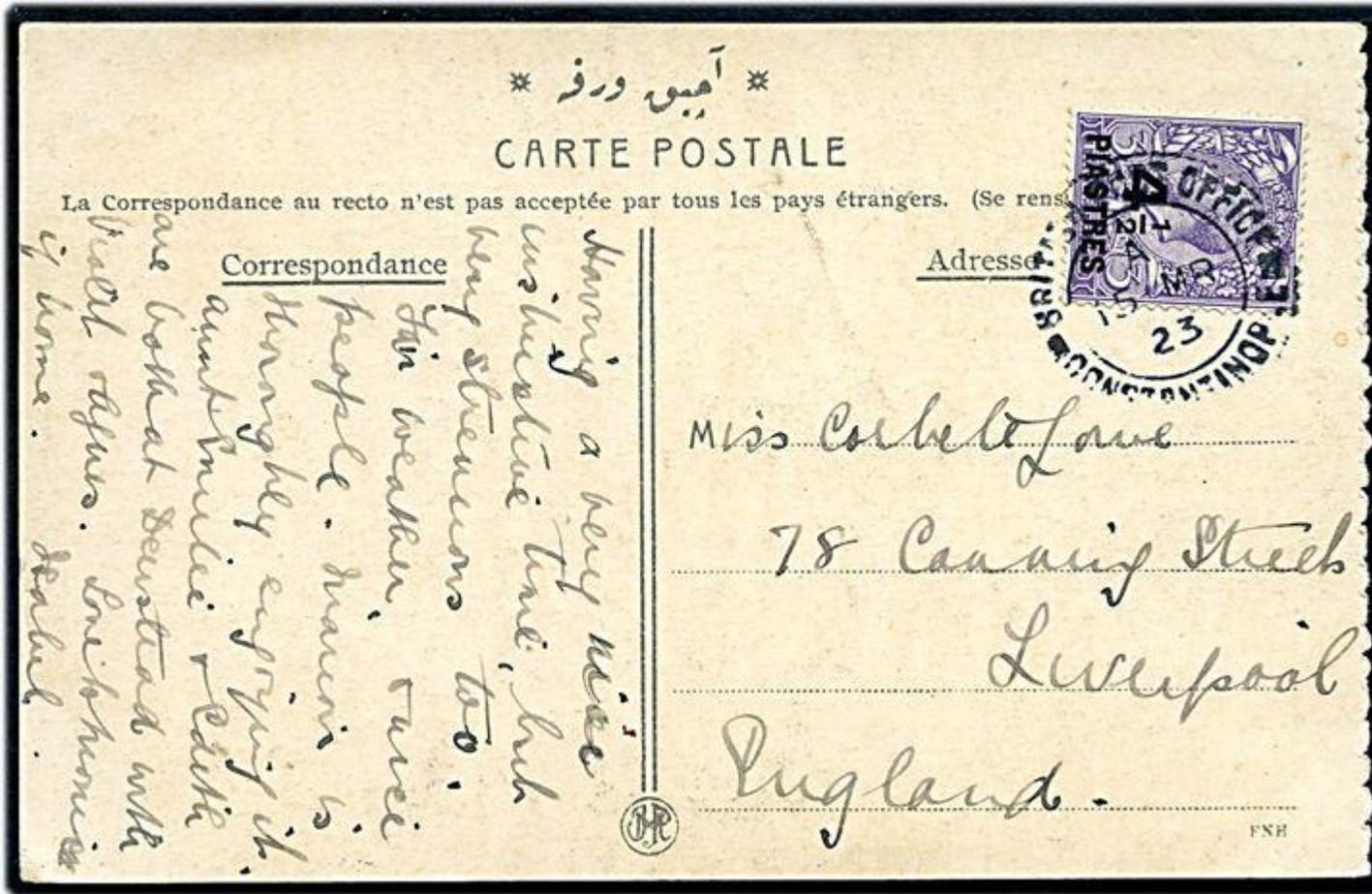
12 March 1923

Code C



Endorsed 'PRINTED MATTER' Sent at the 1 ½ Piastres Printed Paper Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Picture Postcard to Liverpool

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

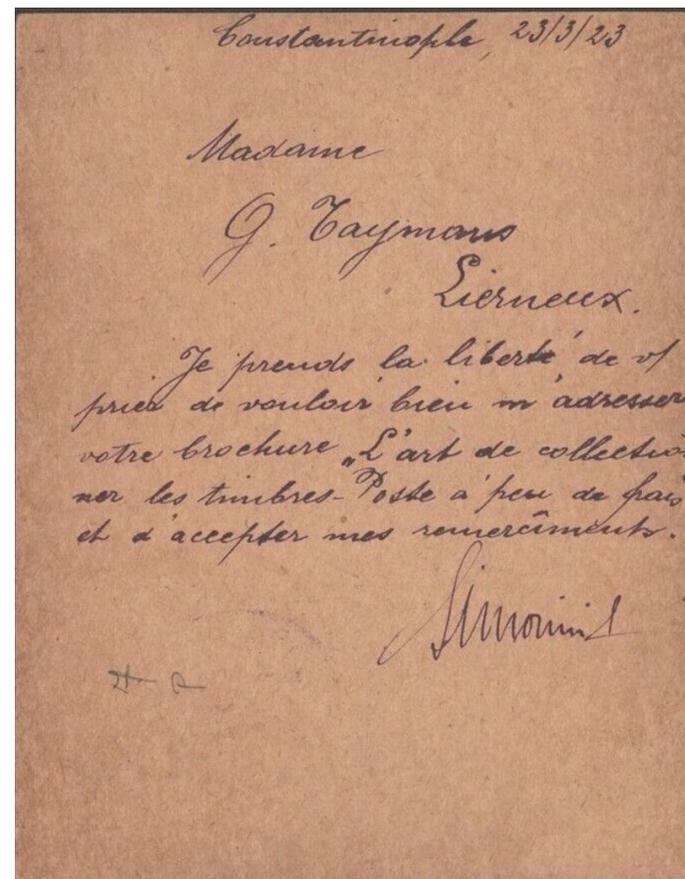
CONSTANTINOPLE

15 March 1923

Code A

Postcard Rate was 4 ½ Pia

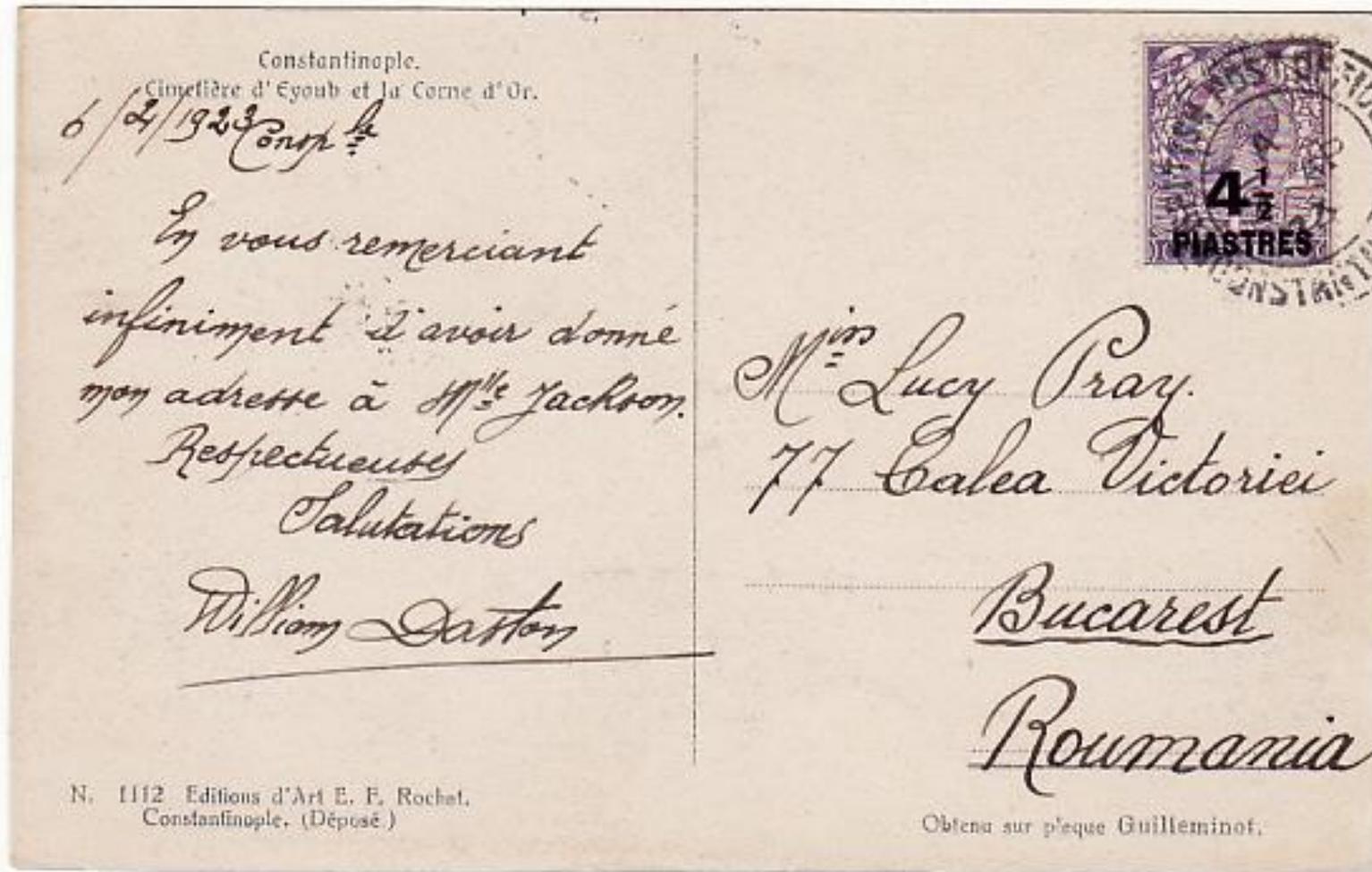
British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



4 1/2 Piastres Postal Stationery Card to Belgium cancelled BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

24 March 1923 Code A

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



PPC to Rumania

Cancelled

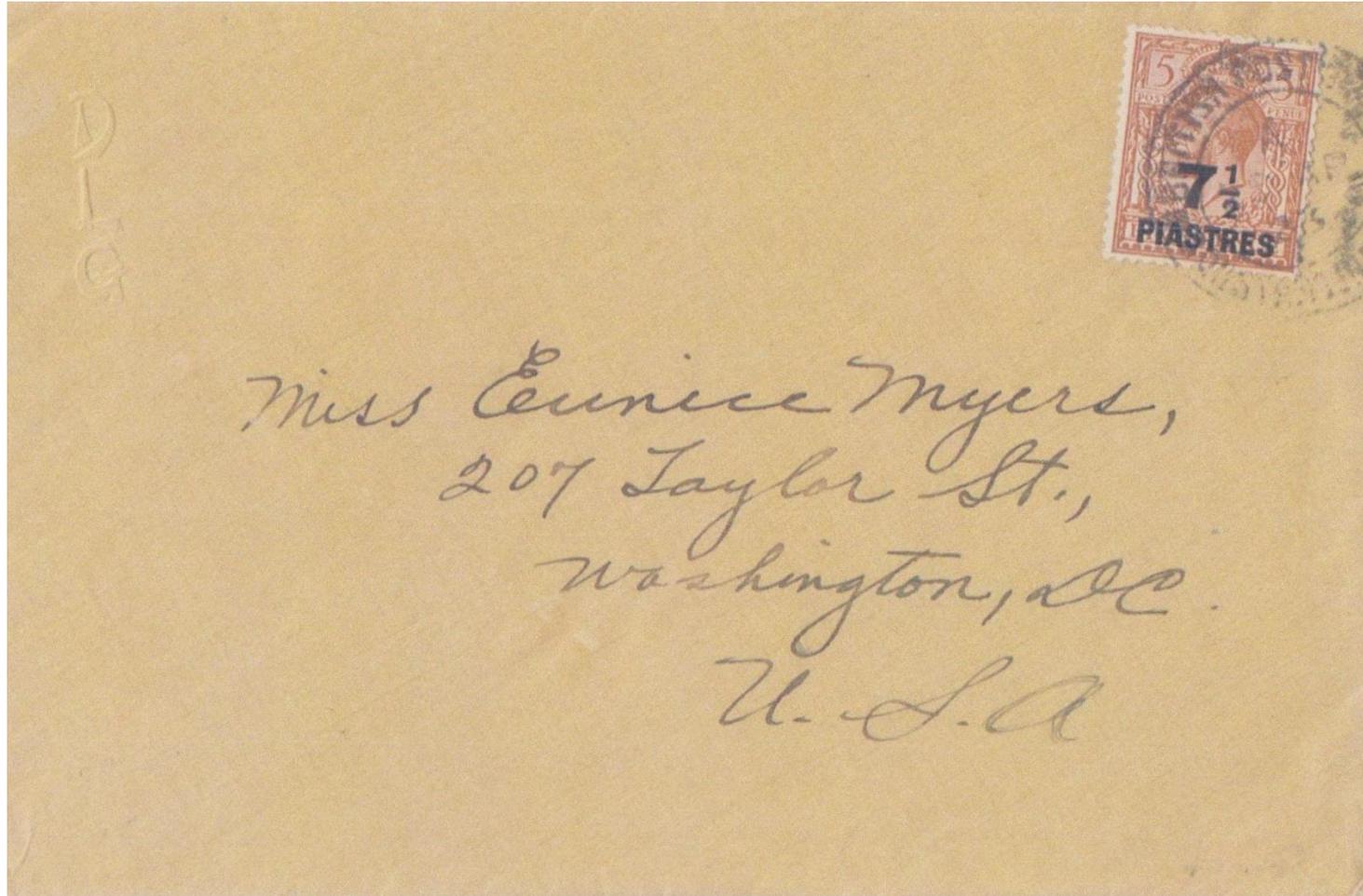
BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

6 April 1923 Code A

4 1/2 Piastres Post Card Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Cover to Washington D C

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

24 April 1923 Code A

7 1/2 Piastres 1 oz Letter Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Picture Postcard to Wien
Austria

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

3 May 1923 Code C

Postcard Rate was 4 1/2 Pia



British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Picture Postcard to New Hampshire

USA

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

11 June 1923

Code A

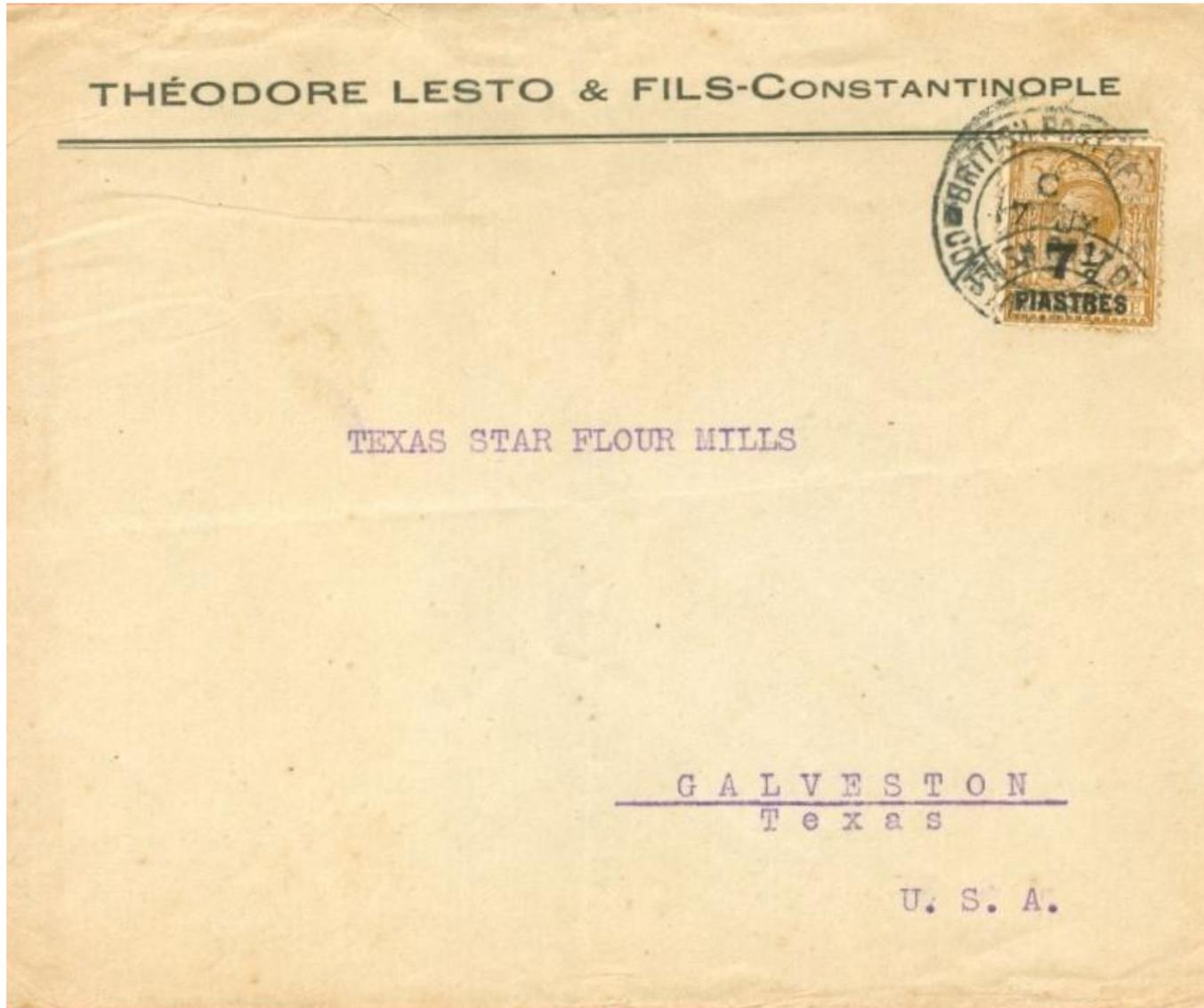
Postcard Rate was 4 1/2 Pia

C

Shows the oval cachet

AMERICAN COLLEGE FOR GIRLS CONSTANTINOPLE

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Cover to Galveston Texas USA

Cancelled

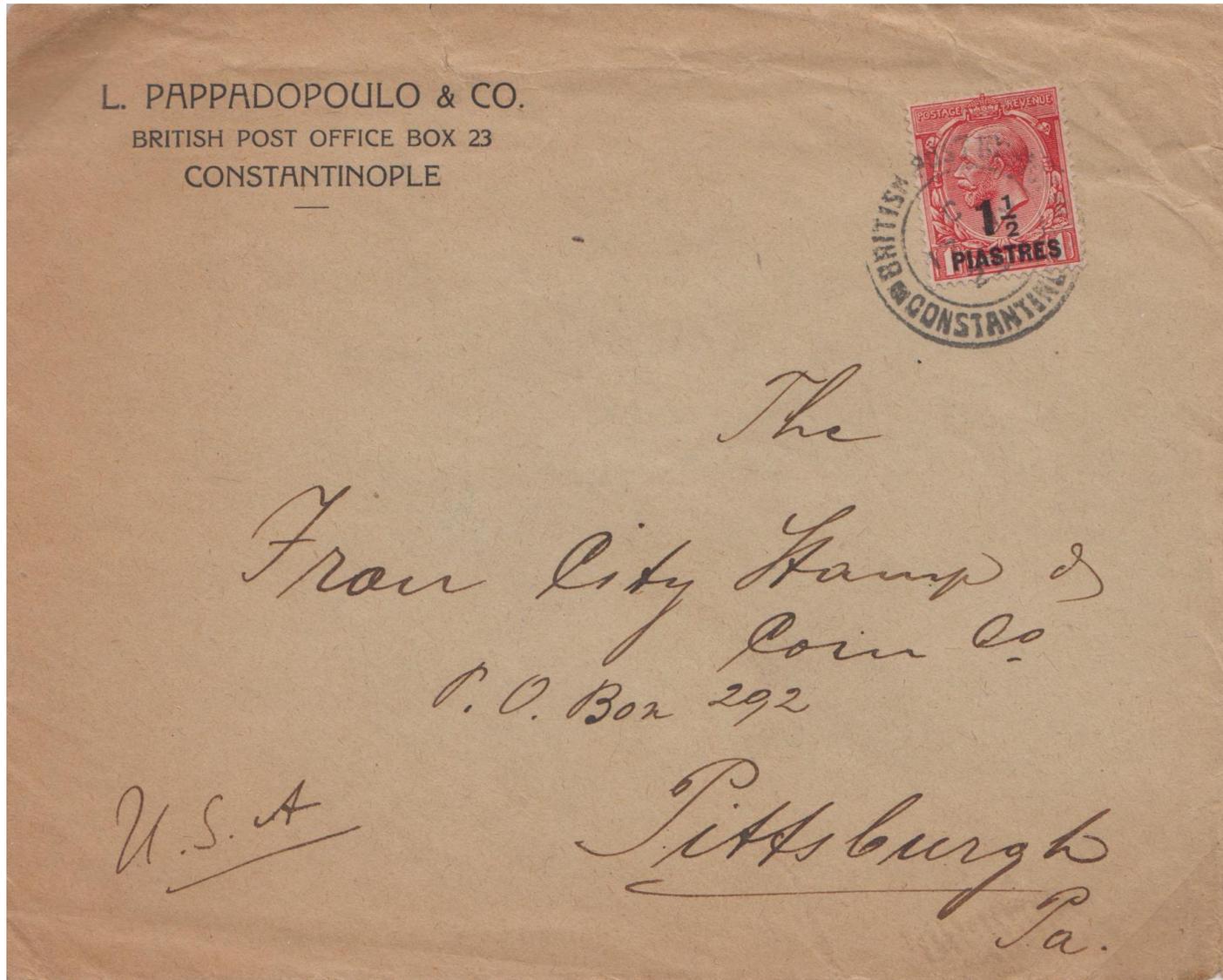
BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

7 July 1923? Code C

7 ½ Piastres 1 oz Letter Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Cover to Pittsburgh PA USA

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

17 July 1923 Code C

1 1/2 Piastres Printed Paper Rate

Shows Dropped 'P' in Piastres

Setting 1 Row 1/1 – 7/1 etc

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Cover to Ohio USA

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

19 July 1923 Code C

1 ½ Piastres Printed Paper Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Picture Postcard

To France

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

19 July 1923

Code C

Postcard Rate was 4 1/2 Pia

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Picture Postcard to Richmond Virginia USA

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

24 July 1923

Code A

Postcard Rate was 4 1/2 Pia

Postage paid is 3 3/4 Piastres

'T' Tax mark applied in Constantinople

CAP

Card is datelined Aleppo (Syria) 7/17/23

On arrival in New York Hand-stamped Due 6 CENTS
in Circle applied and 3 x 2 Cents Postage Dues

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Cover to Dresden Germany

Cancelled

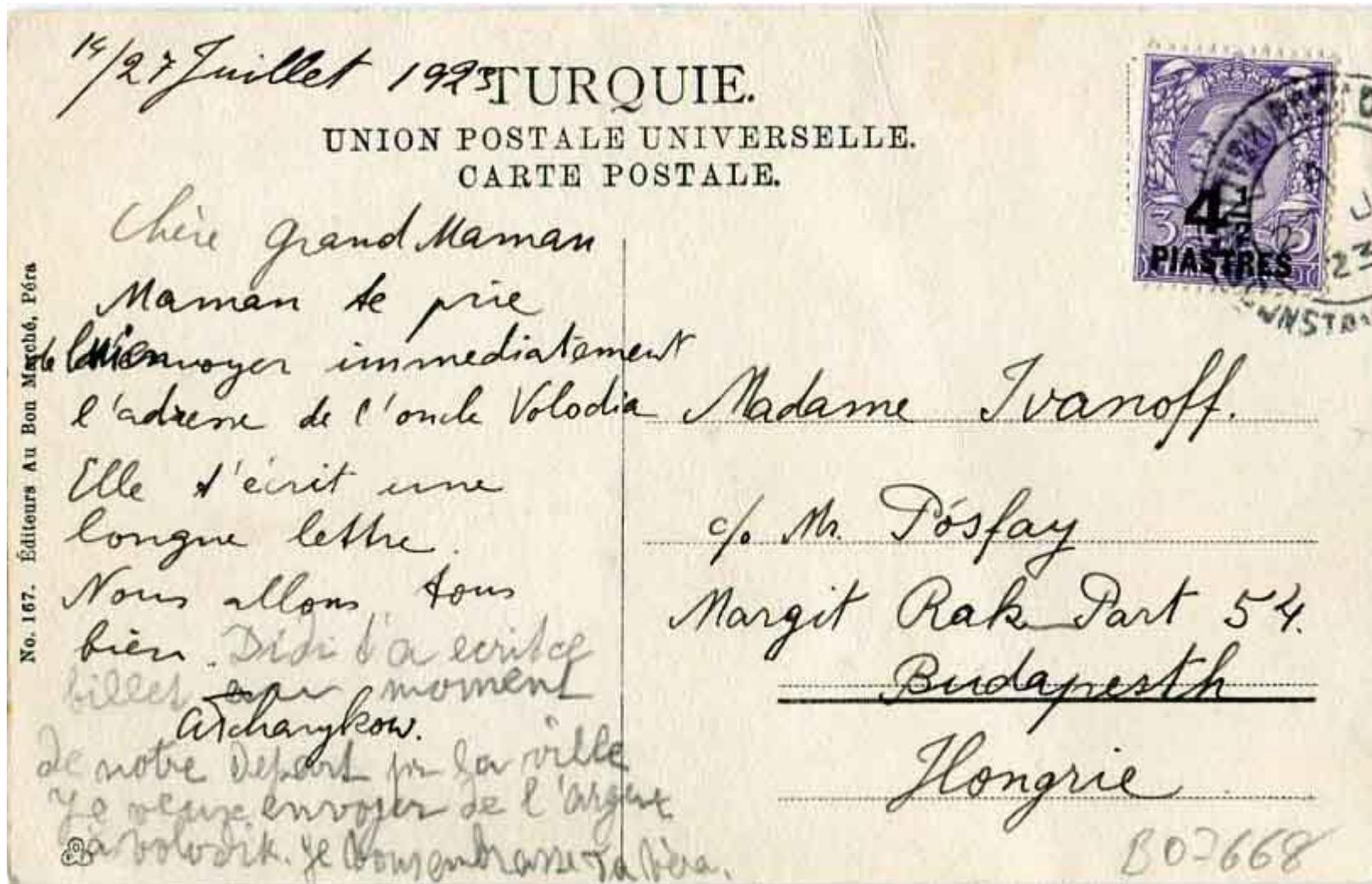
BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

26 July 1923 Code C

7 1/2 Piastres 1 oz Letter Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Picture Postcard to Hungary

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

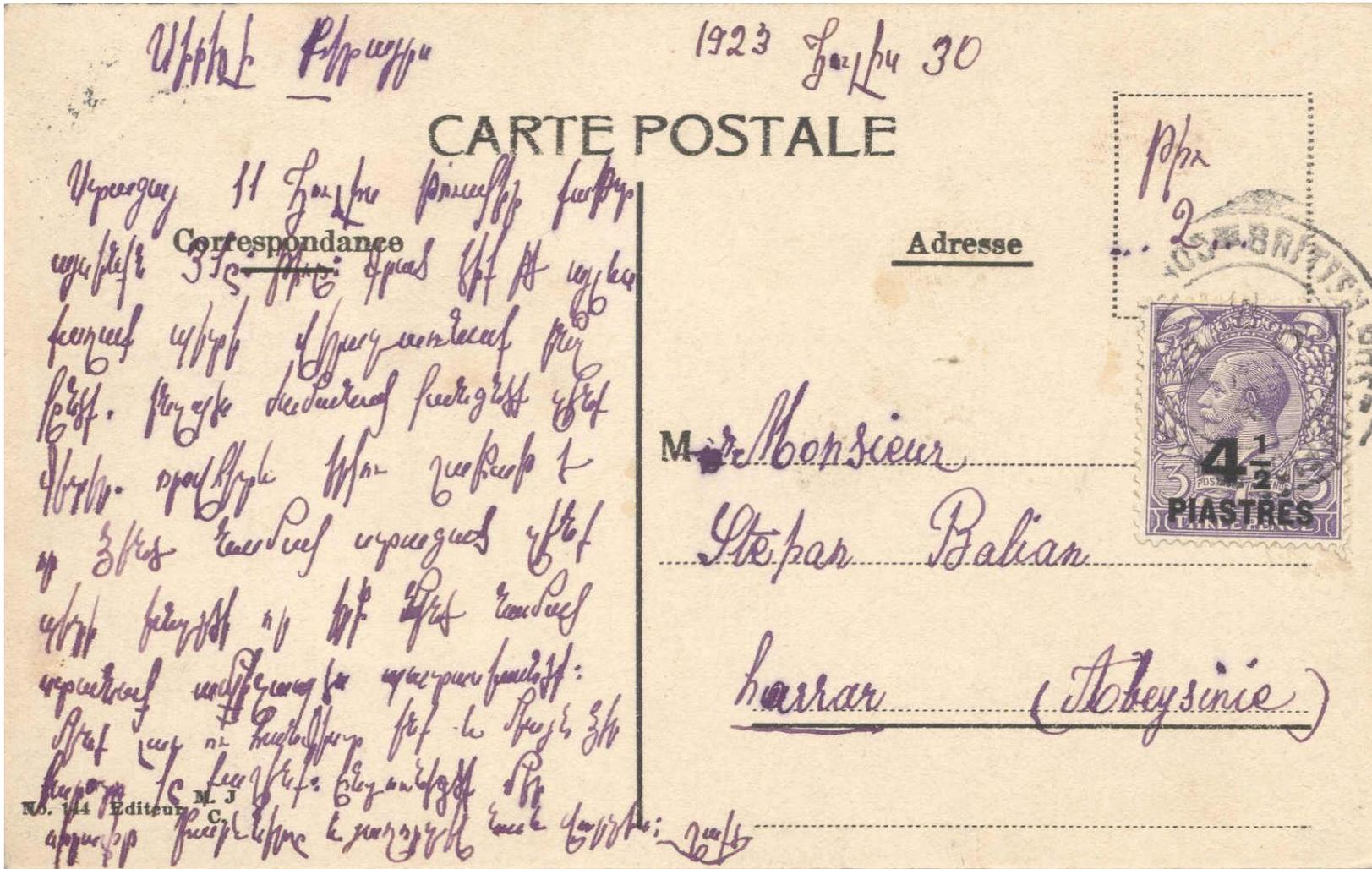
CONSTANTINOPLE

27 July 1923 Code C

Postcard Rate was 4 1/2 Pia



British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Picture Postcard to France

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

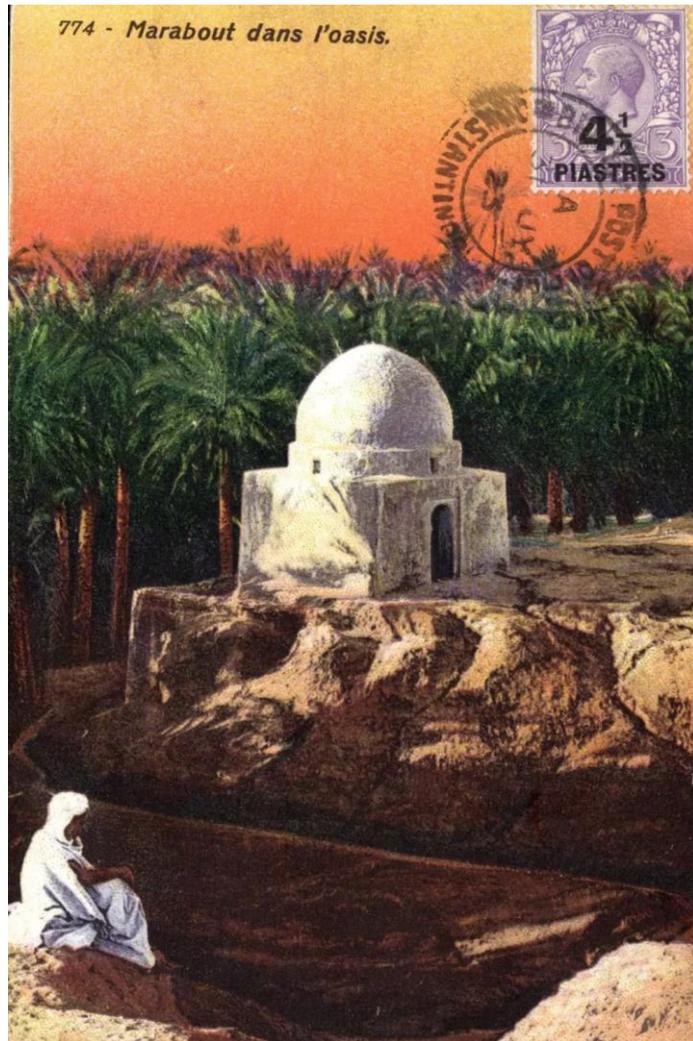
CONSTANTINOPLE

30 July 1923

Code C

Postcard Rate was 4 1/2 Pia

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Copy

Picture Postcard franked on the picture side

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

31 July 1923

Code A

Postcard Rate was 4 ½ Pia

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Cut down cover to Boston Mass USA

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

7 August 1923 Code C

7 ½ Piastres 1 oz Letter Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Commercial cover to Boston USA

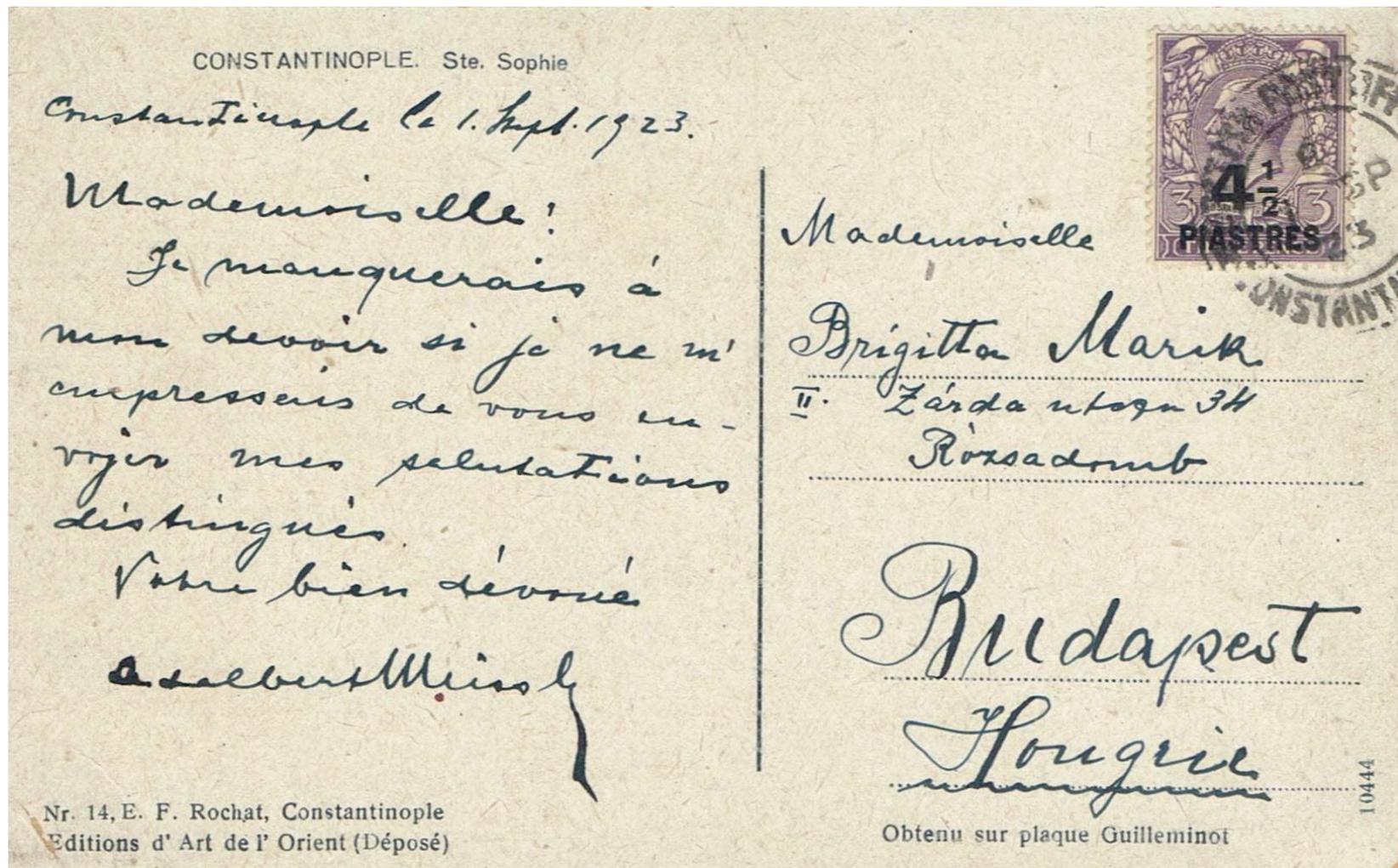
Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

18 August 1923 Code C

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Picture Postcard to

Budapest

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE

CONSTANTINOPLE

1 September 1923

Code B

Postcard Rate was 4 1/2 Pia

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



4 ½ Piastres Postal Stationery Card to London cancelled
BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

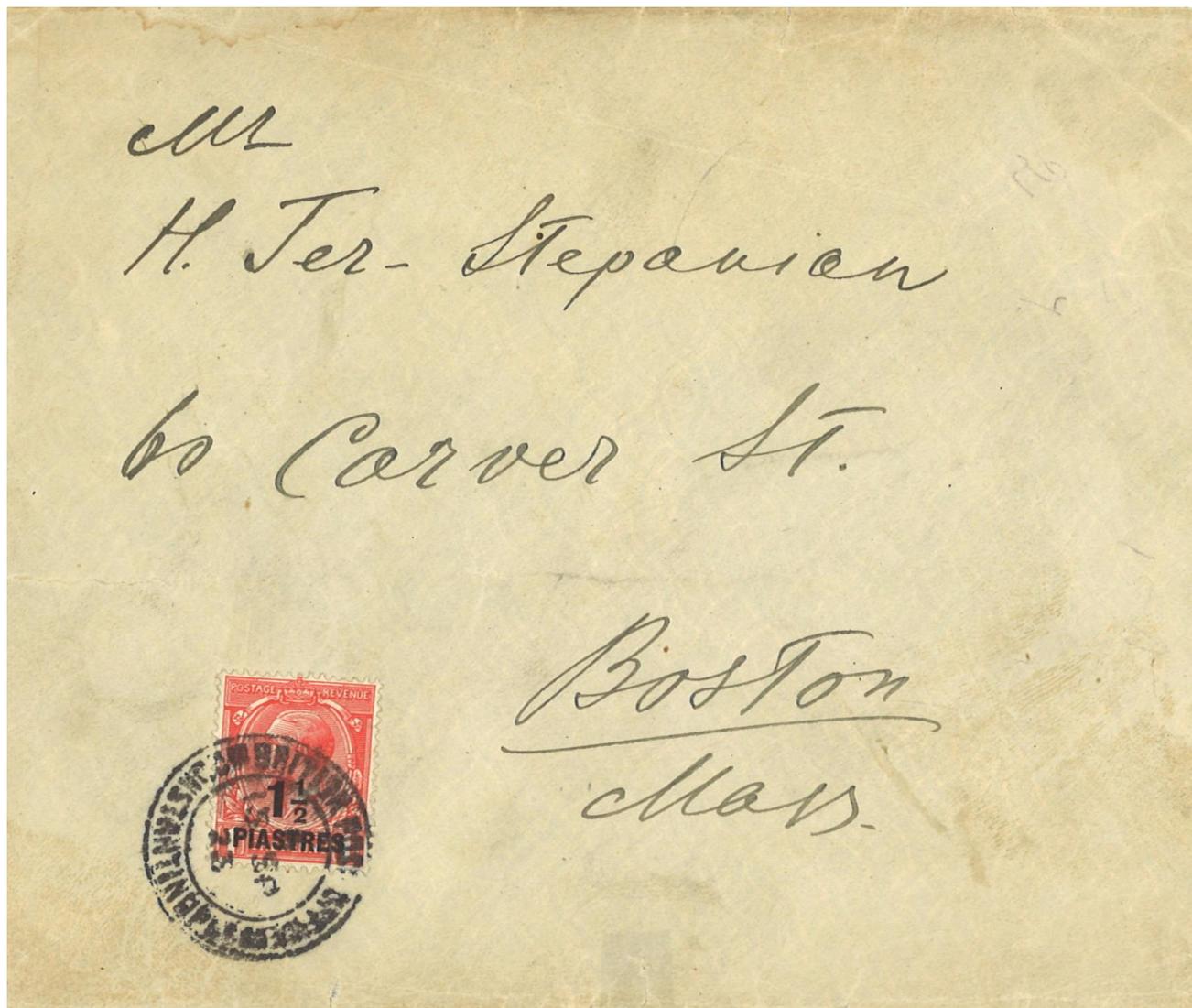
10 September 1923 Code A - Card is H & G 23

Dateline C/ple 10/IX 23

As the P.O. will close here of the 24th please
address my letters

C/ple 10/IX/23
As the P.O. will close here
of the 24th please address
me after the 17th to
{ Crif Pasha Han N°1
Rue Tourna
Sourp Agop Panchaldi
C/ple
I got on the 7th Lucy's letter
of the 2nd. I sent her a
card giving her my address, but
perhaps (as she has changed her
address) she has not received it.
I wrote to you a little
while ago.
No special news all well
Yours
J. H. H.

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Commercial cover to Boston USA

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

15 September 1923 Code C?

1 ½ Piastres Printed Paper Rate

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



A Philatelic 'creation' addressed to

British Post Office Galata

Endorsed 'P. Restante'

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

19 September 1923 Code C

Franked with the four lowest values,
total is 10 ¼ Piastres

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Commercial cover to

Berlin Germany

Cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

23 September 1923 Code A

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1923



Cover to Athens Greece

Cancelled

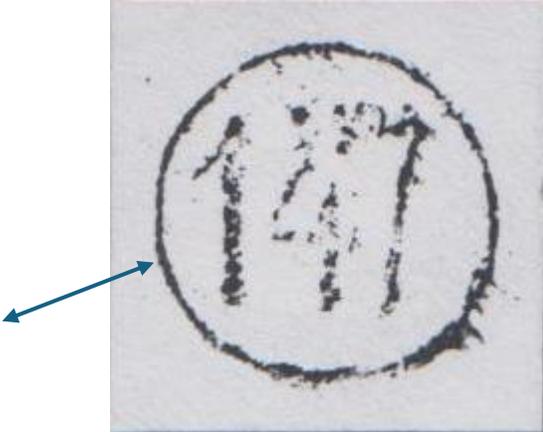
BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

10 ??? 1923 Code B

7 1/2 Piastres Letter Rate for 1 oz

Made up with 2 x 3 3/4 Piastres

Hand-stamp on reverse. Delivery round No?



BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE

BRITISH C.O.D. POSTAL SLIP SHOWING CHARGES DUE ON DELIVERY

TURKISH 2 1/2A P.I.A STAMPS STAMP APPLIED TO PAY POSTAL DUTIES

CODE 'A' 7 FEB 1923

On Date of Receipt Date Stamp

The duties are to be levied on the delivery of all such charges, except Trade Charges (C.O.D.), must be denoted by Postage Due Labels affixed to the parcel and date stamped before delivery.

Charges for Redirection, etc. (including any Parcel Postage)	Posta
Quantity of Registered Goods	3
Trade Charges (C.O.D.)	
C.O.D. Delivery Fee	109
Minimum Customs Duty	
Post Office Fee for Customs Clearance	18 m
Total	130 m

* Not exceeding 25 gms. for amounts over 25 gms. form P. & C.P.P. must be used.
WL 3088 1185 125.000(16) 3/31 1908/23

GUMMED BACK

CDD BPO 3 MM BARS

Incoming Mail

Incoming Mail



Incoming cover from Cardiff 19 December 1921

3d Letter Rate

Addressed 'Poste Restante' C/o British Post Office, Galata, Constantinople

Where was the Post Office Located



Received 26 December 1921
CODBPO Code A Christmas Card enclosure



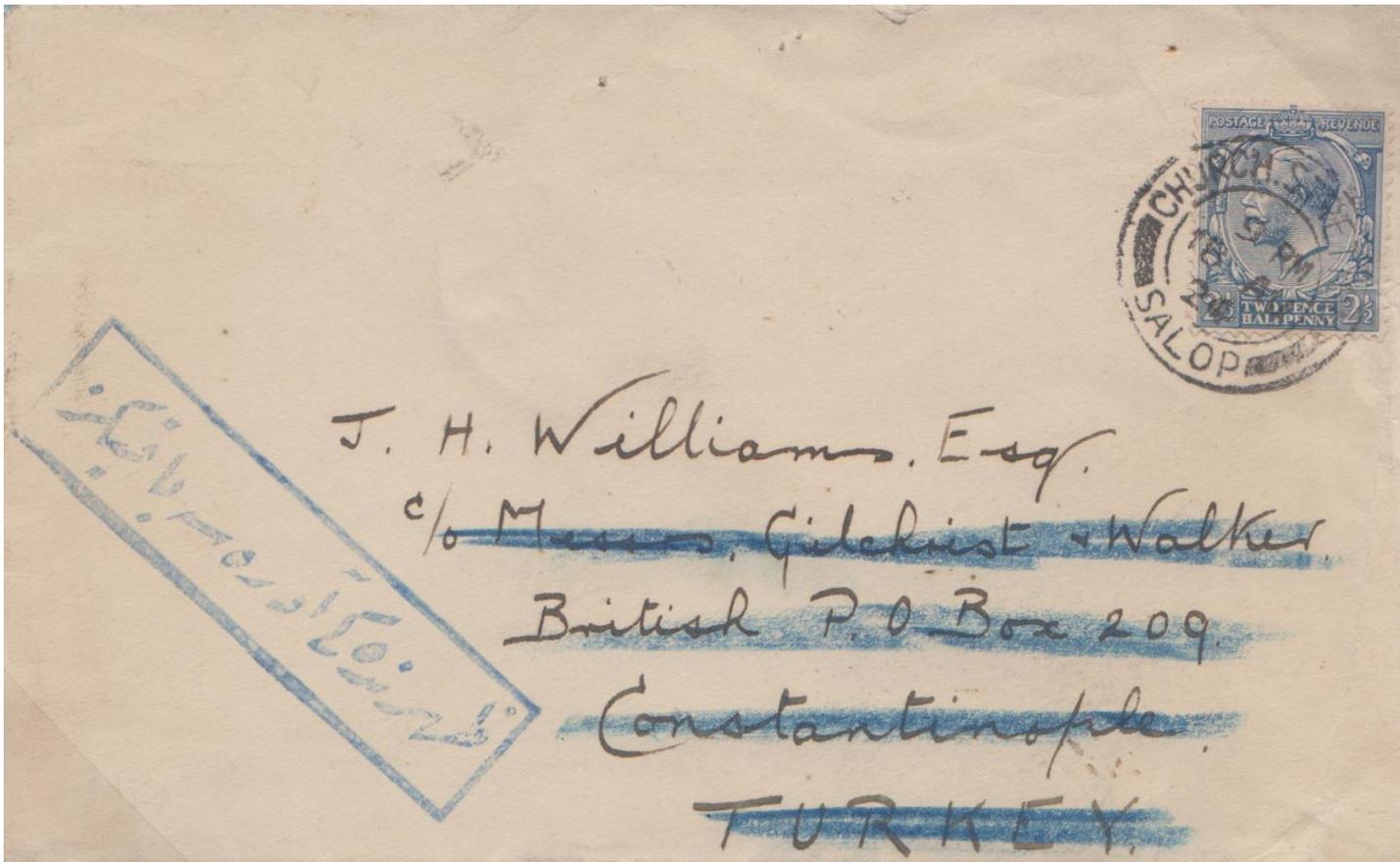
Cover addressed to a Mr J.H. Williams Esq
C/o Messer's Gilchrist & Walker British PO Box 209
Constantinople, Turkey

Cover was posted on the 18th August 1924 from Church Stretton, Salop.

Postage paid was 2 ½ d Foreign letter rate.

The British Post Office had closed in September 1923 and the letter was returned to sender as shown.

Back-stamp of Turkish PO Stamboul 10th September 1924.



Incoming Mail

After the closure

The End of an era.

1857 - 1923



Paquebot

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Cover to the USA

cancelled

BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

11 August 1922 – Code A

scarce "Paquebot" handstamp
alongside (

Hosking 1304 rated 'D' – rare, only
recorded used in 1922.

Postage paid 1 ½ d

British Post Office Constantinople Re-Introduction of Civilian Mail 1922



Commercial cover (front) to Alexandria
Egypt

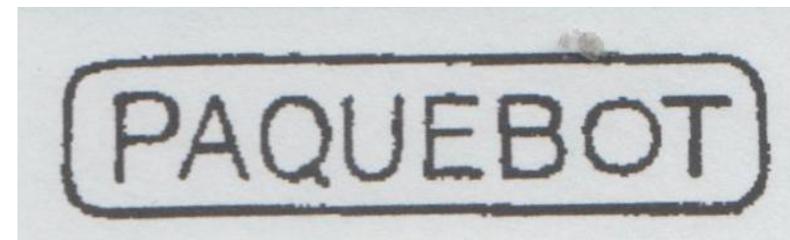
Cancelled

PAQUEBOT

Back-stamped Alexandria

17 November 1922

Franked 7 1/2 Piastres for the 1 oz Letter Rate



Studd A107

Military Mail

Military Mail 1923



Picture Post Card to Portsmouth

Sent Home in the Naval Bag and cancelled in London on arrival

RECEIVED FROM H.M.SHIPS

Cancel is undated

Postage paid is 1 ½ d

Card is datelined 23/8/23 Buyuk Dere and message refers to leaving for home today.

“The peace was ratified last midnight, and we expect our destination to be Malta.”

Controls etc

This section is at a very early stage of development March 2026

Shows Mainly what I've seen and recorded

British Levant KGV 1919-1923

18 $\frac{3}{4}$ PIASTRES on 1s bistré



Block with Control R21

Plate 1d with cut under S on stamp 20/1
with perforation type ie

The overprint forme was made from clichés of 24 in two rows of 12
with constant variety 'raised 3 in fraction' in position 11 of row 2 of cliché

Another constant variety 'short bar in fraction' occurs in position 12 on rows 4 and 14 only
suggesting that the overprint forme was 120 set in 10 rows of 12 and the overprinting was done
in two operations



Block of 8
with both varieties on row 4
and raised 3 variety on row 2



Block of 4
with both varieties on lower row



Block of 4
with 'raised 3' variety on upper row

Via email Tony Stanford
26 02 2024



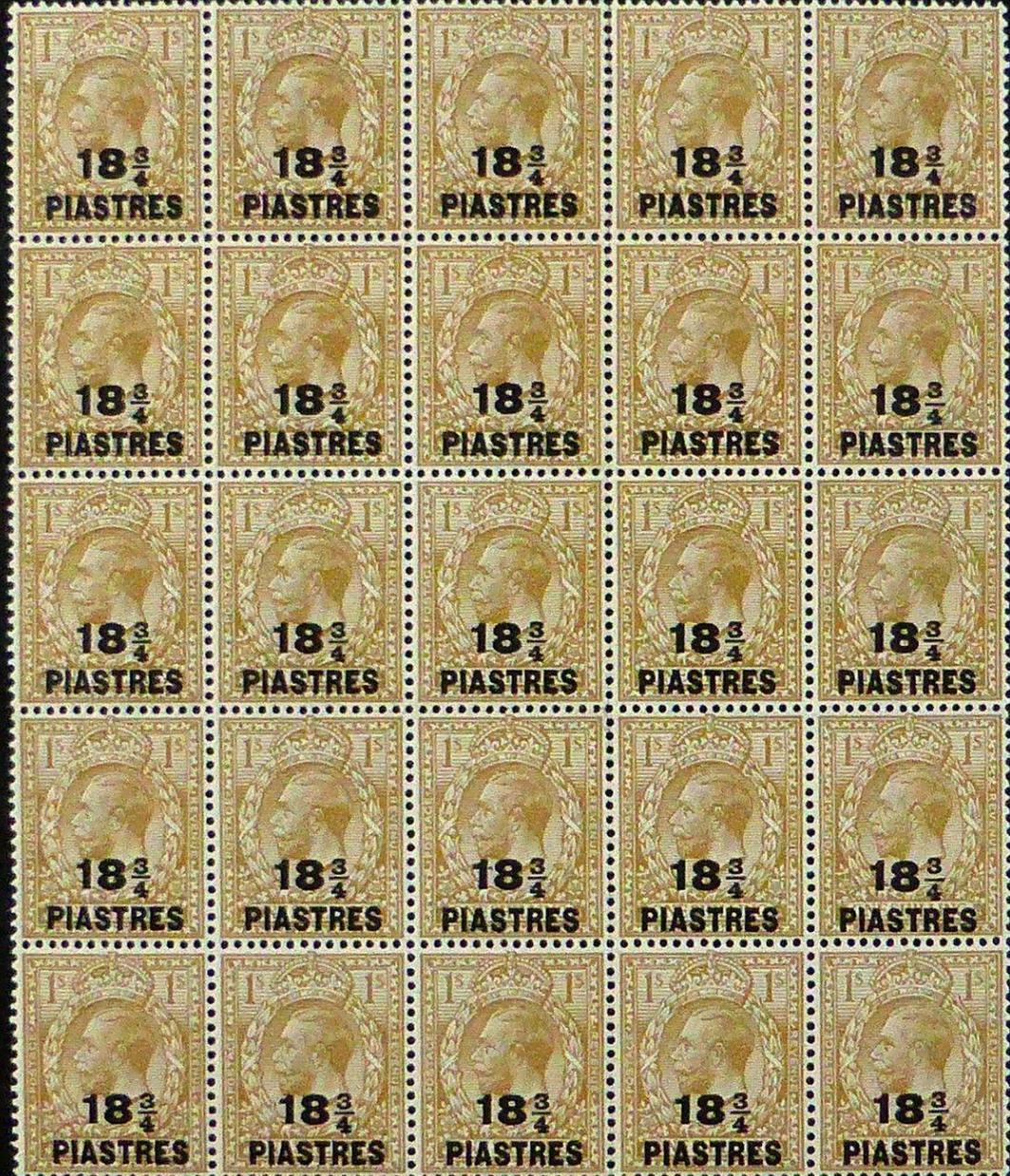
Plate line marking



1921 Issue Plate mark ?

C





*British Levant 1921
S.G. 47 Block of 25 U/P
Showing wide spacing
Variety and 1000 Right.
2nd & 4th Stamp UNCAT.*

1921 18 3/4p on 1/- olive brown mint block of 25 showing the RAISED 3 IN FRACTION on Row 2/5 and 4/5. SG 47.





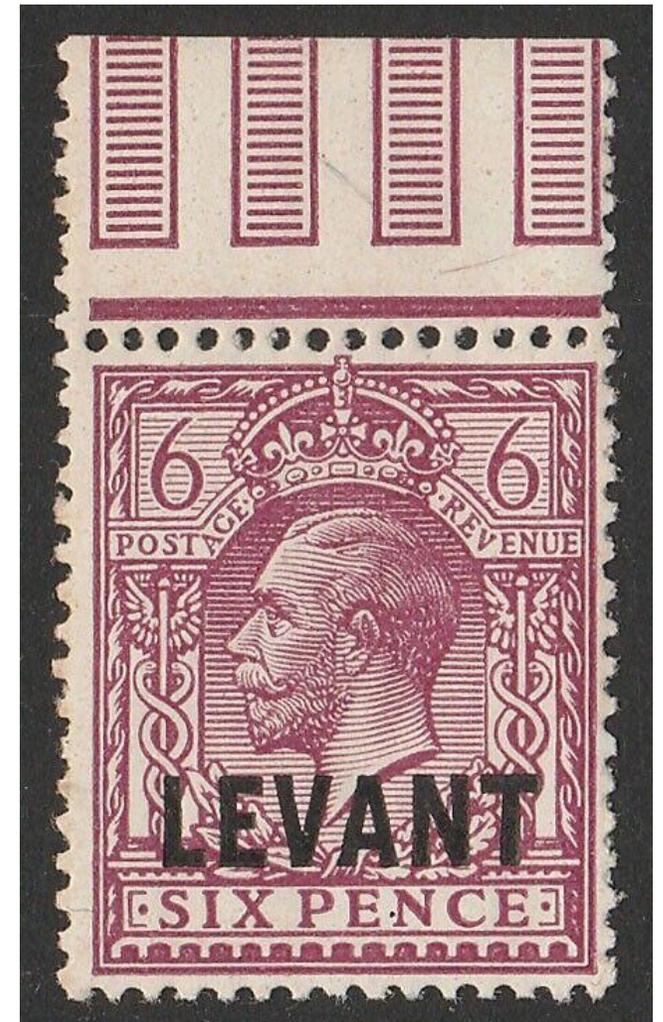
R 21





C

Fraction Bar Flaws/Varieties



1921 LEVANT opt KGV 6d
dull purple on chalked paper.
VF fresh top marginal MNH.



Postbox

British Levant controls (2011/2, p.47).

In response for images of elusive Levant controls, Paul Stephens has submitted 1s (SG L23) with control "R21", perf "pp", L2 "D5" with two different perforators (not mentioned in the GBOS study paper), "ie" and "ep". For L13 A11 he thinks only a perf margin exists and doubts the narrow control. Paul also sent scans of control blocks for Salonica overprints on 3d and 6d (below), not hitherto illustrated in The Overprinter. Has anybody got images of the controls for 2d and 4d please?



Control D5 ei, plate 9, with plug repair under 20/12



Control D5 ep block of six in scarlet, probably plate 27, the only example so far recorded



No. 58765

The British Philatelic Association, Limited
EXPERT COMMITTEE

446, STRAND,
LONDON, W.C.2. 1967

*The Committee is of the opinion that the
British Levant 1921 30 par on 1d green with
surcharge inverted, unused block of four with
original gum is genuine, but of unknown status.*

W. J. ...
...



*This opinion is given subject to the conditions
printed on the back thereof.*

The Seahorses High Values



C - CODAPO 31 March 1920 Code +



C

L = 1 Ap 20

Code B

R = 20 Mr 20

Code +



C

Code A – 14 November 1921 Joined '45' on stamp 2
Trace of margin at left



C Code A – 14 November 1921 Joined
'45' both stamps ex Column 2



C - CODAPO 19 March 1920 Code +



Straight Line BRITISH POST OFFICE
CONSTANTINOPLE

c





C – 22 March 1922 – Code M



Undated Parcel Cancel – Alan Deverell's web site



2/6d ? brown
postmarked '+ / 23 JA / 20'



2/6d ? brown
postmarked '+ / 31 MR / 20'

Two more apparent different shades of the 2/6d Bradbury Wilkinson printings. Six definite shades have been identified (Ref. No 3, page 3) but there are variations in between which are difficult to define with certainty. Bradbury Wilkinson took over the printing of the 2/6d Seahorses in December 1918 and Series 1, which was a wet printing and thus subject to more variation, was in production until 1926 when it was switched to dry printing for Series 2 and 3.



Joined Figures

Column 2



Alan Deverell's
website



Not plated

Position Row 5/1 to
6/2 all 3 Blocks

Joined
Figures 4 & 5
Column 2
Constant



Alan Deverell's
website





Described as Row 1/1 Nissan re-entry

Alan Deverell's
website



Re-touch to Postage Row 2/1



Cancelled Single Ring March 11, 1922, Code C
Day/Month reversed



Cancelled CODBPO 6 Nov 1922
Code C



CAS Single Ring COS 0 25? Code 8 JY 28 No Year



Small '0' in 180 ?



BRENNAN re-entry (row 7/1, prominent doubling of vertical lines at upper right), in addition on **Ribbed paper**. SG 50 var

BRITISH LEVANT 1921 KGV 2/6 Seahorse, overprinted '45 PIASTRES', Bradbury printing. Lower left corner block of six, apparently should be showing the joined figures variety on column two although only apparent on the lower stamp. In addition, major re-entry (row 10/2) and dropped 'R' and 'S' on all three left stamps. Superb and fresh unmounted. A lovely and most unusual multiple. SG 48, 48a and vars



GB 2s6d Seahorse pair used in Constantinople, sold for £197 on eBay.co.uk, December 2021.

C – 24 December 1919 – Code + Early Date



BRITISH LEVANT 1921 KGV 10/- Seahorse, Bradbury printing. Upper left corner vertical pair, upper stamp showing the major **NISSEN** re-entry (row 1/1, prominent doubling of horizontal lines at right). Very fine used cancelled 'BRITISH POST OFFICE / CONSTANTINOPLE / 29 AP 21'. Very scarce. SG Z187

Alan Deverell's
website



British Levant 1921 KGV 45pi on 2s6d chocolate-brown "Seahorses" from the Bradbury Wilkinson printing. An, u/m never hinged NE corner copy showing the MAJOR RE-ENTRY TO SHIELD variety. Row 1/4 Plate 2/4L. Listed in GB Specialised catalogue as N65g. SG 48 var.



C – Position R10 S 4



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EXPERT COMMITTEE

No: 79,157

10th January, 2012

The Committee is of the opinion that the

BRITISH LEVANT: 1921 180pi surcharge (as Type 12) on
Bradbury Wilkinson "Seahorse" 10s dull grey-blue, Major
Re-Entry, Plate 1/3L, Pos.R.1/1 (SG50 var, G.B Spec No.
N71 (2)a), unused, with large part original gum, is genuine.



Just in

Anders Clark

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Meeting of 13 MAY 1992

In the OPINION of The EXPERT COMMITTEE the item
described as

British Levant: 1921 S.G. No. L24
2s6d chocolate brown
overprint as type (L1) - but
rarity: "Waker" re-entry
unused is genuine.

Observations



Anders
Chairman

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British Levant KGV 1919-1923

The 10s 'Seahorse' with the 180 Piastres surcharge has major varieties on the stamp itself



Nissen re-entry on row 1 / column 1



Major re-entry on row 2 / column 1



Marks above 'E' of 'TEN'
Row 2 / column 4

The surcharge has the variety dropped 'S' in PIASTRES
Column 4 row not identified



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Cancelled

CODBPO

13 September
1921

Code A

M. BASSA
CONSTANTINOPLE



Cancelled

COBPO

19 September 1921

Code B

Same sender as
previous piece

Overprint period

Used Multiples



Copy Code C Date ? - Code A - 2 August 1922



C - Code C - 12 November 1921

C



13 August 1921 Code C

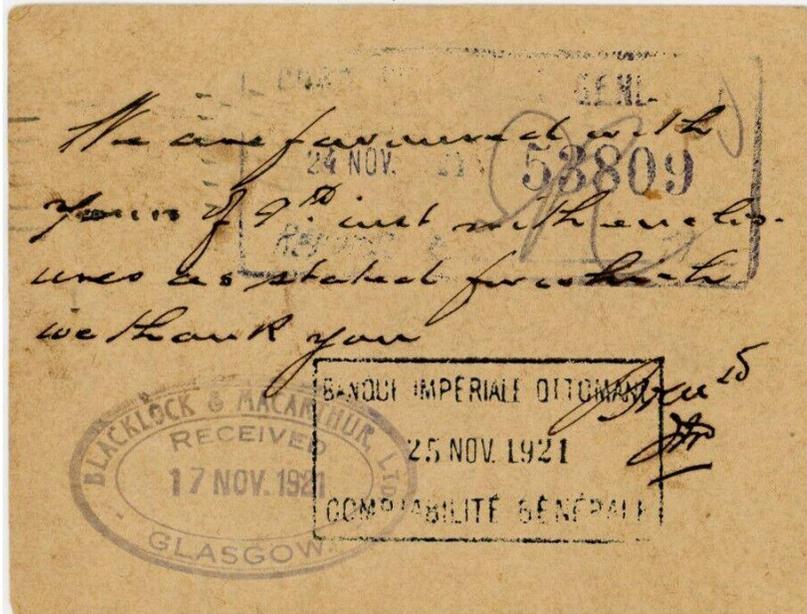


Incoming Mail

1d Postal Stationery Post Card which was been uprated with a ½ d value to the Imperial Otterman Bank Constantinople

Sent from Glasgow and cancelled 17 November 1921

Received by addressee 25 November





INLAND, FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAL RATES

Rates in Force on and after Midnight 12th—13th June, 1921

INLAND POST.

Letter Rate (unchanged).

Not exceeding 3 oz. in weight	2d.
For every additional 1 oz. or fraction of 1 oz.	1d.

Postcard Rate.

For every postcard	1½d.
.. .. . reply postcard	3d.

Printed Paper Rate.

Not exceeding 2 oz. in weight	1d.
For each additional 2 oz. or fraction of 2 oz. up to 2 lb.	½d.

Newspaper Rate (unchanged).

One penny for every copy not exceeding 6 oz. in weight, with a further charge of one halfpenny for every additional 6 oz. or fraction of 6 oz.

Parcel Rate (unchanged).

Not exceeding 2 lb. in weight	9d.
Exceeding 2 lb. but not exceeding 5 lb. in weight	1/-
.. .. . 5 lb. 3 lb.	1/3
.. .. . 8 lb. 11 lb.	1/6

Registration Fee.

For every article registered	3d.
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The fees for insurance have been raised by adding 1d. at each point of the scale.

Advice of Delivery of Registered Postal Packets.

For every article	3d.
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Blind Literature Rate.

Not exceeding 1 lb. in weight	1d.
Exceeding 1 lb. but not exceeding 5 lb.	1d.
.. .. . 5 lb. 6½ lb.	2d.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL POST.

Letters.

(1) For the British Empire, the United States of America, Tangier, and H.M. Forces serving abroad:—

For first oz.	3d.
For each additional oz.	1½d.

(2) For all other places abroad:—

For first oz.	3d.
For each additional oz.	1½d.

Postcards 1½d.

Reply Postcards 3d.

Printed Papers 1d. per 2 oz.

Commercial Papers.

For every 2 oz.	1d.
with a minimum charge of 3d.	

Samples.

For every 2 oz.	1d.
with a minimum charge of 3d.	

Registration fee 3d.

Advice of delivery of Registered Articles 3d.

Insurance Fee.

5d. for first £12. 2d. for each additional £12.

Insured Boxes.—Postage.

For every 2 oz.	2d.
with a minimum charge of 6d.	

Express Delivery Fee 6d.

Blind Literature Rate.

1d. per lb. up to 6½ lb., with a maximum of 3d.

Canadian Magazine Post No charge.

Reduced copy of British Post Office issue of list of new postal rates put into force on 13th June 1921. Of course as Turkey is a foreign country 'Letters / (1)' does not apply. Increases were introduced by the Government 'to meet the anticipated deficit on the Post Office services for the current year' although some remained unchanged (.....)

**Known UPU
And Specimen
Material**

UPU Material

DESCRIPTION

British Levant: 1911-13 “LEVANT” overprint on K.G.V 1/2d. (2, Crown or Cypher watermark) and 1d. and 1913-14 Turkish Currency overprints set affixed on ledger sheet fragments with sans-serif “SPECIMEN” overprint in violet as applied by Tunisia in its capacity as a receiving authority. S.G. L14-15, L16-17 and 34-40 (5).

B.P.A. certificate (2015) for the full ledger sheet. (9) Photo.

Grosvenor Auction 157 Lot No 1220



Pre-War



Alan Deverell's
website 03/2024

BRITISH LEVANT 1921 KGV 30pa. to 18½pa. plus, Bradbury Wilkinson 2/6, 5/- and 10/- 'Seahorses' surcharged in Turkish currency. Set of ten, either horizontal or vertical strips of three, the top four values only handstamped 'SPECIMEN' (Type GB26) and affixed to large piece plus smaller of ledger card ex. the Madagascar Archive, cancelled with their usual large red circular 'POSTES ET TELEGRAPHES / MADAGASCAR / COLLECTION DE BERNE' cachets. Lovely and **UNIQUE**. SG 41s-50s

Levant



UPU Tunisia

Ex The Tunisia archives

Full 1921 Sets with Low values overprinted SPECIMEN at an angle.

Received from James Bendon 06/03/3024



Specimen
GB 26

Alan
Deverell'
s website

Specimen
GB 26

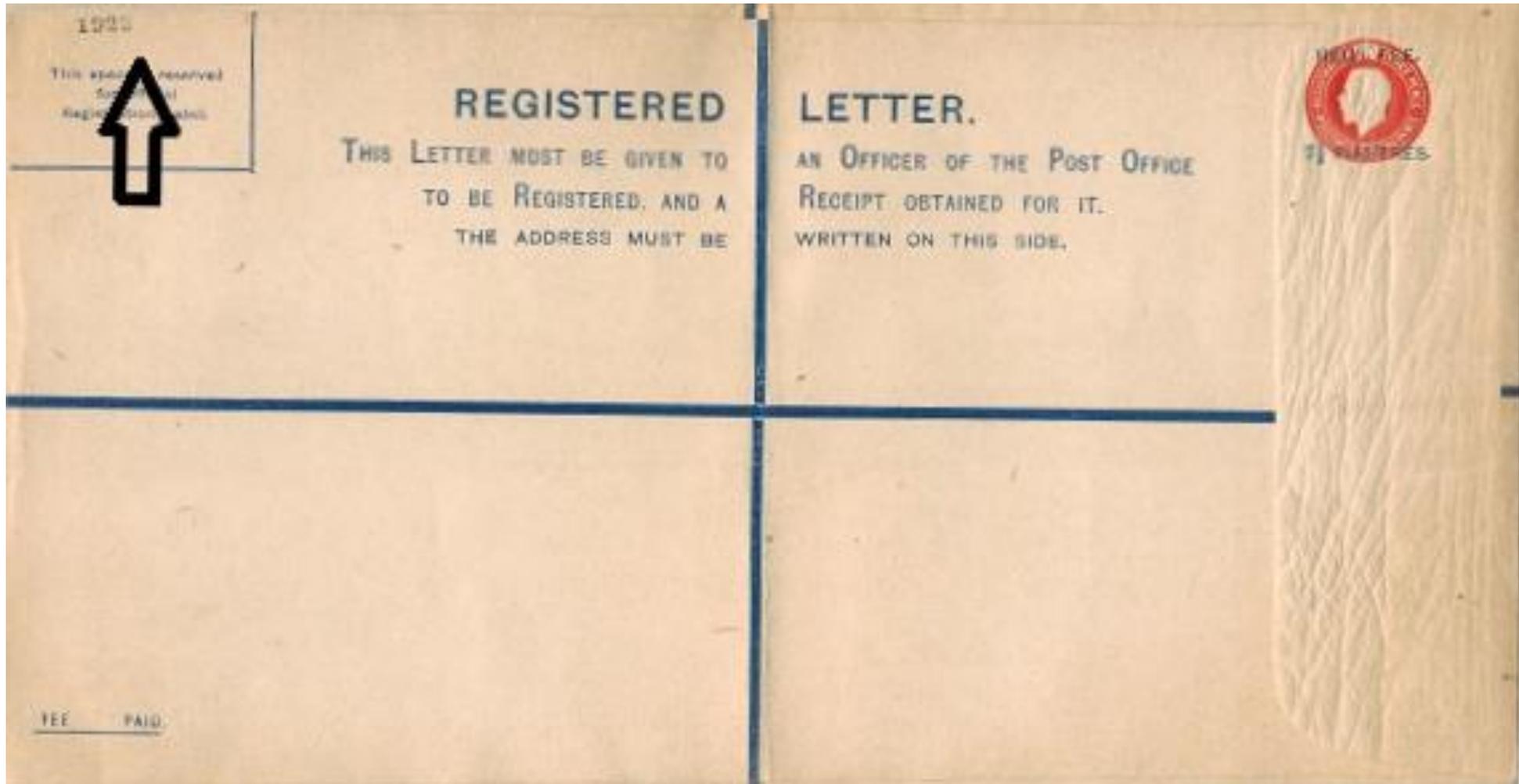


Major Re-entry Row 1/4

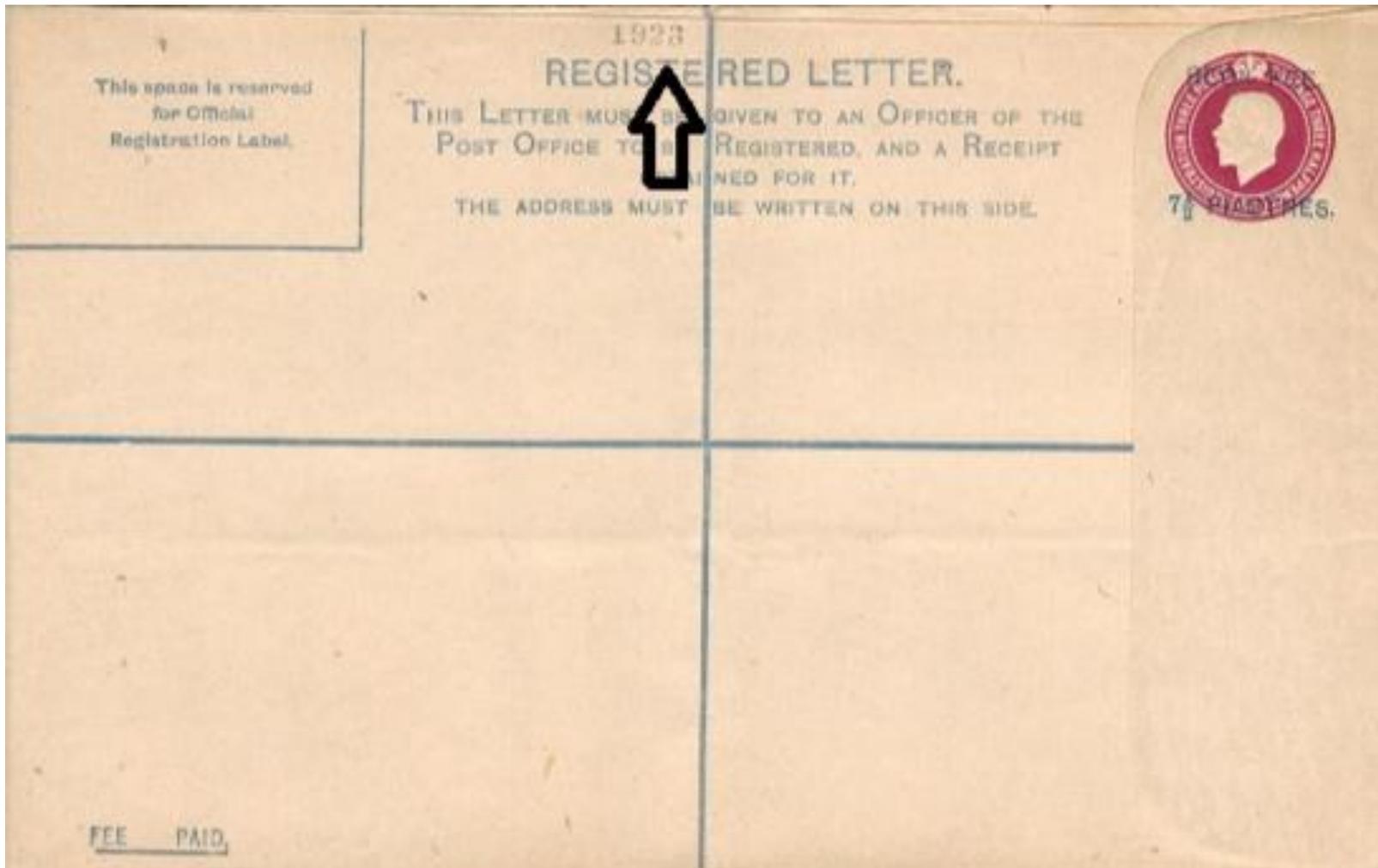


Early Date

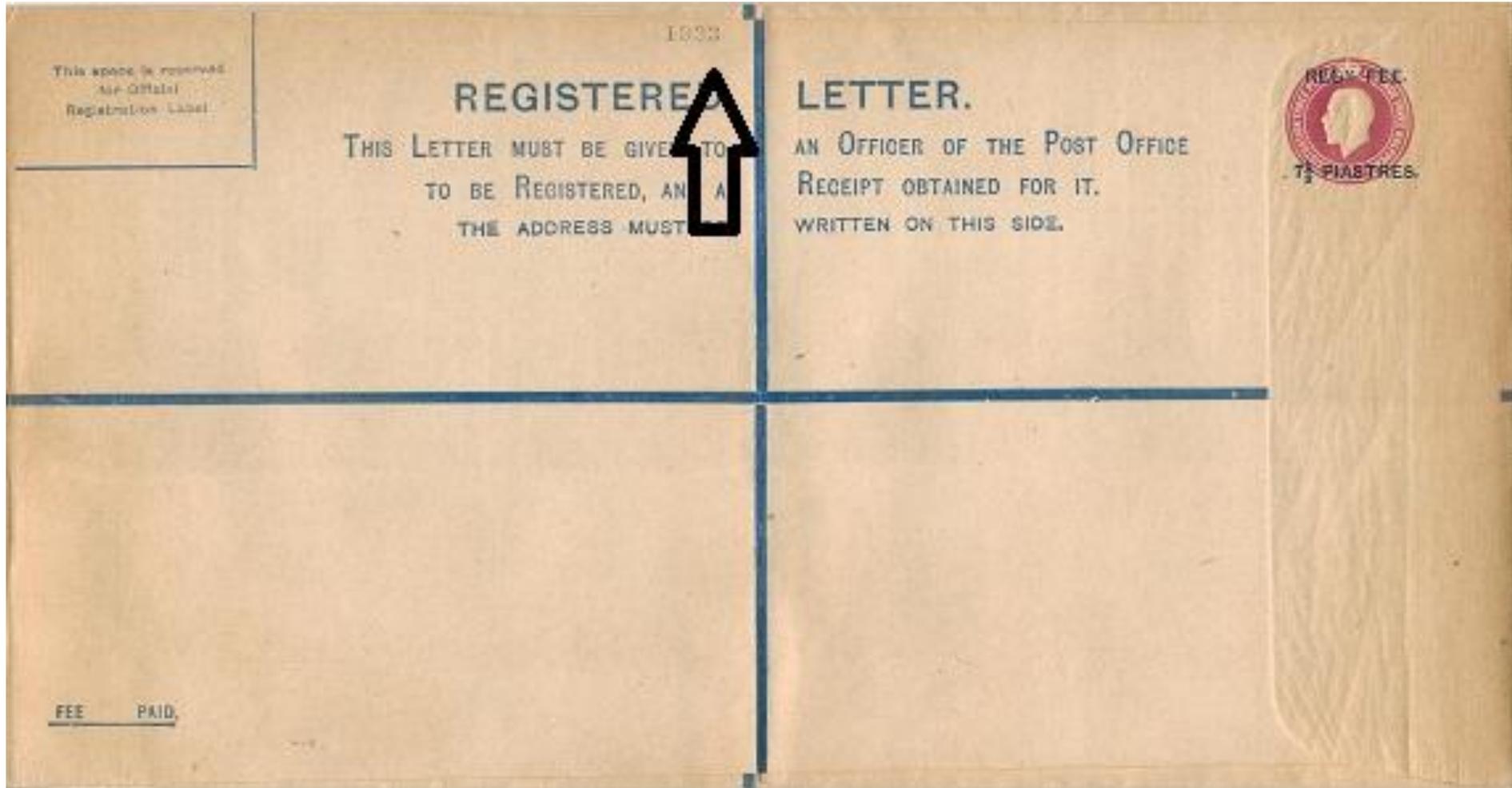
25 August 1921



1921 7 1/2p on 5d orange registered postal stationery envelope (size K) in unused condition (folded vertically through centre and ironed out) showing the 'G.P.' initials under flap. Ex archives stamped '1922' at top edge. A scarce size. H&G 20c.



1922 7 1/2p on 4 1/2d claret registered postal stationery (size H) envelope in unused condition (vertical centre fold ironed out) with 'M.Q.' initials under flap and ex archives having been stamped '1923' at top edge. Scarce thus. H&G 21b.



1922 7 1/2p on 4 1/2d claret registered postal stationery (size K) envelope in unused condition (vertical centre fold ironed out) with 'J.Q.' initials under flap and ex archives having been stamped '1923' at top edge. Scarce thus. H&G 21c.

**This Final section contains articles from the
Overprinter etc and is still a Work in Progress .**

British Levant sheets**Black Proofs**

11.07.11	EVII	1Pi
28.02.12	EVII	1Pi
20.07.11	EVII	30Pa
16.02.12	EVII	2Pi
19.02.12	EVII	4Pi
17.05.12	EVII	5Pi
21.04.11	EVII	12Pi
09.05.12	EVII	24Pi
14.02.13	EVII	24Pi
23.08.11	and 07.02.12	LEVANT EVII
21.02.13	GV	1 1/4Pi
15.02.13	GV	1 3/4Pi

Registration sheets

15.07.21	30Pa	/	1/2d
18.07.21	1 1/2Pi	/	1d
29.07.21	3 3/4Pi	/	2 1/2d
26.07.21	4 1/2Pi	/	3d
20.07.21	7 1/2Pi	/	5d
03.08.21	15Pi	/	10d
02.08.21	18 3/4Pi	/	1s
22.07.21	45Pi	/	2s 6d
23.07.21	90Pi	/	5s
25.07.21	180Pi	/	10s
07.09.21	Levant 2 3 4		6d
	(no 1s in index)		
10.09.21	Levant		2s6d

Following a visit to a London dealer who had several sets of the 1921 Turkish currency issues on offer, careful study turned up an example of the 90 PIASTRES on 5/- seahorses stamp with surcharge double -one albino. The illustration provided here shows the extent of the misplacement of the second 'albino' surcharge. It is most noticeable to the left of the 9 of 90, but is seen quite well elsewhere too. Perhaps being an 'in line' variety of albino, rather than one of the raised or lowered types explains why it has not been discovered previously, after all it's been well over 70 years since they were first issued! SG 49 (a) perhaps ??

SURCHARGE DOUBLE, ONE ALBINO.

90 PIASTRES



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BRITISH LEVANT SEAHORSE - 90 piastres on 5/-, VARIETY SURCHARGE DOUBLE ONE ALBINO. I can now confirm that after sending the only known example to Gibbons, I have been informed that the next edition of the Part One Catalogue will include this variety, listed as SG 49a.

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	<u>To 12th June 1921</u>	<u>From 13th June 1921</u>
First 20 grammes	2½d.	3d.
Second 20 grammes	4d.	4½d.
Third 20 grammes	5½d.	6d.

Third rate and higher rates
not found so far

Table 2 Registered Mails at UPU Rates

	<u>To 12th June 1921</u>	<u>From 13th June 1921</u>
First 20 grammes	4½d.	6d.
Second 20 grammes	6d.	7½d.
Third 20 grammes	7½d.	9d.
Fourth 20 grammes	9d.	10½d.
Fifth 20 grammes	10½d.	1s.
Sixth 20 grammes	1s.	1s. 1½d.
Seventh 20 grammes	1s. 1½d.	1s. 3d.
Eighth 20 grammes	1s. 3d.	1s. 4½d.

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Table 6 (fables 2 and 4) Registered Mails first weight phis each increase UPU To Isi June 1920 1st .lune 1920 to 12th June 1921 From 13th June 1921 4'/id. + 17id. 4'/id. + 1'/ad 6d. + l'/id. Imperial 3'Ad. + Id. 4d. 4d. + l'/id. + 1'/ad. In Tables 5 and 6 I have again underlined examples of the Imperial Rates I have seen. The UPU rates are common enough up to 12th June 1921 with the exception of over weight ordinary mails which are scarce. However, use of the 2l/zd. double weight ordinary rate (asterisked above) may be concealed inside the single weight UPU 2'/2d. rate in the period to 1st June 1920. Example of Imperial Rate prior to 1st June 1920 (A.P.O.) 25 MR 20 6'/2d. Registered to London Rate for 4 ounces - see Table 4 I (stamps: 2d. x 3, Id. 2d. x 2) have preferred this example as evidence of the rate rather than three examples of an apparent 5d. rate paid by pairs of 2Vid. dated 1 NO 19 to London, 22 NO 19 and 26 NO 19 both to Zossenheim Leeds, which merely seem to me to be overpayments of the 4 Ad. UPU rate: as does a cover dated 5 MY 21 to London paid with a pair of 2 Ad. and 2d. stamps. One further Registered cover AU 25 19 also pays 7d. to Manchester by 2Ad. pair on 2d. black Registered Envelope - I think this is the same overpayment this time by the 6d. rate although it might be the 6Ad. Imperial Rate. Irritatingly there is a 6Ad. rate to Amsterdam (1 NO 19) which looks like the Imperial Rate and might have been passed in error Examples of Imperial Rate 1st June 1920 onwards Ordinary Letter Rate 7 JU 21 23 JU 21 3'/id. 3'/id. Registered Letter Rate 13 JU 20 8 JU 21 21 JU 21 8 AU 21 4d. 8'/id. lOd. to Cairo to Asheville N.C.; to Liverpool to London to Portsmouth 11'/id. to London (2 ounces) U.S.A. (1 ounce) (4 ounces) - although marked "5 ozs" (5 ounces) - although marked "6 ozs" (6 ounces) - although marked "5 ozs" So far I know of no covers in this period which do not conform either to the UPU or to Imperial Rates as I have interpreted them. However, UPU rate covers for the short period from June 13th to mid August 1921 are not easy either. My collection consists of: Ordinary at UPU Rate JU 29 21 JY 21 21 AU 1 21 3d. 4'/id. 3d. Registered at UPU Rate to London to London JY 20 21 6d. to London to Philadelphi

In the second week of August 1921 the Overprinted Rates came into force and the UPU Imperial Sterling Rates were made illegal. A cover DE 13 21 to London stamped unoverprinted 21/zd. x 2 is disallowed and taxed 100 centimes i.e. (IVI pi or) 5d. twice. The British Post Office considered that 3d. twice (i.e. the foreign postage rate due) was enough charge - 5d. had been (mis-) paid so only 1d. postage due was levied. Odd covers mainly of a philatelic nature pay odd rates in Turkish currency. One ordinary cover to U.S.A. JA 24 22 pays 101/^ piastres (by seven 11/z piastre stamps) instead of the ordinary mail 20 gramme rate of 7 1/2 piastres + 3% piastres. Postscript: We ought to mention the Smyrna Post Office (reopened in March 1919), which throughout used the 1918-20 UPU rates right up to September 1922, even ignoring the increases in June 1921. Perhaps mail from 13 JU 21 was treated as paid at some Imperial Rates. However, my two covers for September 1922 both show departures from these rates: 2 SP 22 5 SP 22 Registered to Norfolk on a 5d. orange Registered Envelope without further stamp. Ordinary to Leeds 3d. - the correct UPU rate Other curiosities not listed in the Study Paper pp. 26, 27 are: 1 OC 20 29 AP 22 Registered to Leeds pays 4d. the Imperial Rate Letter (but ? Printed Paper Rate) to Rosario Argentina a non Imperial destination pays 21/4d

Next is a nice block of the 30 Paras overprinted on the 1/2d and issued in the Constantinople post office after the war. There is a flaw on the overprint on R17/12. I have enlarged the flaw for easier viewing.



As can be seen the P of PARAS has been broken and is displaced to the left.

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/ 74 Andy HAWTHORN

Another item is the 4 1/2 Piastres on 3d also issued in the Constantinople post office after the war. This block is from plate 11, shown by the markings under R20/8. The study paper lists control S22 perforate as unknown either 8a or 11. This piece shows that plate 11 was definitely used.



Referring to Overprinter 3/06, I congratulate Andy Hawthorn on being able to plate the 4½ Piastre 3d. The S 22 perf is a particularly difficult stamp in my experience. It is readily distinguishable because of its very deep shade - a very deep violet and now we have its plating.

My collection consists of a control block and a single used copy dated 31.AU.23 - note the very late date. I also have a control strip of 3 of a bluish violet shade S 22 imperf, readily distinguishable in shade from the earlier Q 21 imperf plate 6a in lavender violet (7a in Nat. Post. Mus.) and the R 21 imperf plate 7a in dull violet.

The interesting thing is that the two S 22 controls are quite different. The second 2 of the control being high in relation to the first 2 in the imperf control and markedly lower in the perf control.

I think we can safely say that the bluish violet S 22 imperf control is plate 8a.

4½ Piastres/3d. Try as I might I can find no flaw on my copy of the control S22 perf. Not constant I think, but as we seem to know of only three copies perhaps mine is the rarity! My earlier note inverted the description of the positioning of the 22. As Marius' illustration on p.20 shows, on pl. 11 the second is higher and has a small nick on the right hand side. I should have added that we can also plate the S22 imperf. On the 3d LEVANT SG L19, which is plate 8a like the surcharged one.

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R Malim

Overprinter No 153 Page 97 R Malim

Note also that Tony Stanford writes on the opening of Smyrna in March 1919 where 1,000 sets (ie over 4 sheets) of overprinted stamps were held that included KEVII issues such as 30PA, 2½ PI, 2PI, 12 and 24PI plus 2d LEVANT. I believe this to be very significant, as I am sure Andy Hawthorn will explain in due course.

Finally I was very interested in Richard's comments on the GV 3d overprinted 4½ PI control S 22

I have an S 22 perf control single in the deep violet shade, here illustrated.

I bought it not realising its scarcity but rather for a huge flaw around the King's eye. Perversely, as can be seen, my S 22 control has the second 2 higher than the first.

As varieties on the values above 1½d are rare I wonder if mine is constant.



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Marius WLODARCZYK

YET ANOTHER HAWKINS COVER

by Tony SIMMONDS

Further to this investigation I have found a cover on eBay that shows the address of Herbert Hawkins to have originally been '4 Vigo Street, London, SW', which was printed or handstamped on the cover. This has been crossed through and '63 Nightingale Lane, (London) W' added in the same inimitable handwriting mentioned in previous articles. It is cancelled with 'ARMY POST OFFICE / S.X.1' code 'A' dated '10 MR 18' and has an octagonal boxed 'PASSED BY CENSOR / crown / No. 428' censor.

There is a vertical pair of E VII 2 PIASTRES and a strip of four G V 1½ PIASTRE on the front of the cover with a block of six (3x2) G V 1d red redrawn lion stamps (SG L15), with right selvage, on the back. The only variety of note is in the strip of 1½ PIASTRE where the far left hand stamp has a raised 'E' and fraction bar shifted to the left.

The items shown by Andy Hawthorn in edition 4/2006 page 93 includes a piece showing an E VII 1½ PIASTRE with, coincidentally, exactly the same variety as mentioned above for the G V 1½ PIASTRE. The postcard is a reply half of a reply paid post card which is how HMH got the TSINGTAU postmarks.



Cancelled Army Post Office S X 1

10 August 1918

Censor 7 / 428

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LEVANT

KG V SEAHORSES - LEVANT OVERPRINTS

by Bryan KEARSLEY

Congratulations to Andy Hawthorn for finding a file on British Levant. Seven years ago, when I asked if such a file existed, I was told none could be found,

Although we now know how many sheets were destroyed sometime in the autumn of 1924, we still remain ignorant of how many were actually printed. What was produced initially is known, but not what was done subsequently. This second print run involved both 2/6d (Levant and 45 Piastres), and unknown to me, a large quantity of 5/- (90 Piastres) as well.

I doubt, though, if it would have involved the 10/- (180 Piastres) denomination. As with other Agencies, this high value experienced the least demand, and given the amount printed originally, I am sure there remained sufficient stock to satisfy the foreseeable needs,

I suspect the second overprint run was carried out sometime during the late summer of 1922, before 2/6d (late 3 State 2 had been printed, but shortly after the 5/- Plate ½ fourth printing had been completed. This consignment was probably despatched either during the closing months of 1922 or the early months of 1923.

Given the turmoil Turkey was in at that time, and judging by the considerable amount of material that was eventually destroyed, I suspect the second print run probably matched the first, save for the 10/-. I doubt if any in authority at that time thought that the Constantinople office would be forced to close within a year.

If these assumptions are correct, then I would estimate the quantity sold to be around 1,700 sheets. (The vast majority of these would have been to the Philatelic Trade.) This revised figure is about 30% than I had originally shown in the book. How I have arrived at this new total is shown below.

LEVANT

Estimated Number of Good Sheets (40 set) printed and sold

	1 st PRINTING *	ESTIMATED 2 nd PRINTING	TOTAL PRINTED	TOTAL STOCK DESTROYED #	ESTIMATED QUANTITY SOLD
Levant 2/6d	231	244	475	195	280
45 Piastre (2/6d)	634	634	1,268	634	634
90 Piastre (5/-)	636	635	1,271	848	423
180 Piastres (10/-)	634	-	634	264	370
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					1,707

SOURCES : P.O. Stores Dept. Stamp Section * Nov '21 (Post 52/569), # jan '24 & B.J.K. estimates.

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A plea for help!

I have been endeavouring to write a paper on the sales numbers of the issues supplied to Constantinople in 1921-3, and would like some help. My problem is this: some 40 years ago I bought at a provincial auction a substantial lot of controls. It has dawned on me that I have seldom-to-never seen some of them offered for sale or in collections since, which might indicate that they must be rarer than was first thought.

The controls which are pre 1922 are for the most part thought to be easier than the later ones and it is on these that I want to concentrate and need help. Would you please let me know (anonymously if you like, though no names will be revealed in my essay) how many copies of these you have seen: (i = imperf, p= perf control)

- 1½ piastres on 1d: T22i, V23i, V23p
- 3¾ piastres on 2½d: The Prussian Blue R21p is scarce, and found used between September and December 1922. However there is a slightly darker ultramarine shade used in 1923 which looks like a different order. Sampson's auction catalogue listed an S22 which could be it: I have never seen a copy
- 4½ piastres on 3d: S22i plate 8a bluish violet and S22p plate 11 very deep violet
- 7½ piastres on 5d: S22i, T22i and T22p
- 15 piastres on 10d: In the middle of 1923 a very deep turquoise shade appears – control unknown

The "LEVANT" set

- 2d: I think there ought to be an S22 or T22 control
- 3d: S22i exists and I think S22p should exist as well as well as the shade seems the same as the 4½ piastre one
- 4d: plate 1e apparently exists but I have never seen a control
- 6d: I think the P.20i purple is difficult, but S.21i and T.22i are seldom seen
- 1s: S22i and S22p

Postcards

How many commercially used copies of the 4½ + 4½ piastres brown Reply Paid exist?
How many unused and used copies of the 4½ piastres on 1d red exist?

Registered envelopes

7½ piastres on 5d orange: there seem to be no printings with a code letter later than MP (December 1921). However some size K were remaindered. How many now exist used?
I have recorded size G and H with MP code and size K with EP

7½ piastres on 4½d claret: while mint seem to be obtainable, it would be nice to have a list of ones known.

So far I record:

- Size F: code AR
- Size G: KQ, LQ, MQ, AR, BR, CR
- Size H: LQ, MQ, AR
- Size K: JQ

So far no copies of sizes F and K have been found used, and one battered copy of size H

I would like details of all copies of these envelopes

Many thanks in advance, but it is fun to find lurking in one's collection of these quite neglected issues a howling rarity or two (or three....), so please write in to me at malim@btinternet.com or to our editor by post.

British Levant control images sought**John Gledhill**

Thanks to several members of the GBOS I have now got images of a substantial proportion of the recorded Levant controls, though (as Richard Malim's article on the previous page suggests) others may exist. If any readers have images of the following please post/email them to me, so that the "proving archive" can be completed for the Levant issues. This is just about the controls, not the plates.

L2	1d	E6p	reported in GBOS study paper 2 (p.52), not seen elsewhere
L13	1d	A11e	wide control, ditto narrow control. In GBOS study paper 3 p.2), neither seen elsewhere. I have a picture of one with "perf" margin, unlisted in the study paper, and wonder if "imperf" in GBOS study paper was a typo
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British Levant monthly requirements in 1921

Mariusz Włodarczyk

The second time monthly stamp requirements are mentioned in the BPMA correspondence after the original notes on 18 September 1911 (see Andy Hawthorn in *The Overprinter* 2009/3) is on 21 June 1921. The figures are not given in sterling as before but in sheets per month at Constantinople.

Face Value	Sheets
30 paras	70
1½ piastre	200
3¾ piastre	100
4½ piastre	15
7½ piastre	450
15 piastre	90
18¾ piastre	30
45 piastre	20 * 40
90 piastre	20 * 40
180 piastre	15 * 40

I have been unable to locate a figure for the "LEVANT" overprinted usage, not surprising as the earliest known date ("EKD") in GBOS Study Paper No.4 by Richard Malim is in October 1921. There are just figures for the 1924 destruction.

A further note on 9 January 1922 states that prewar ½d and 1d (profile head) "LEVANT" overprints are to continue on sale, the rest that were in London in January 1915 were to be destroyed during the month. A separate article on what was destroyed will be included in a future edition of *The Overprinter*.

A plea for help!

I have been endeavouring to write a paper on the sales numbers of the issues supplied to Constantinople in 1921-3, and would like some help. My problem is this: some 40 years ago I bought at a provincial auction a substantial lot of controls. It has dawned on me that I have seldom-to-never seen some of them offered for sale or in collections since, which might indicate that they must be rarer than was first thought.

The controls which are pre 1922 are for the most part thought to be easier than the later ones and it is on these that I want to concentrate and need help. Would you please let me know (anonymously if you like, though no names will be revealed in my essay) how many copies of these you have seen:

(i = imperf, p = perf control)

- 1½ piastres on 1d: T22i, V23i, V23p
- 3¾ piastres on 2½d: The Prussian Blue R21p is scarce, and found used between September and December 1922. However there is a slightly darker ultramarine shade used in 1923 which looks like a different order. Sampson's auction catalogue listed an S22 which could be it: I have never seen a copy
- 4½ piastres on 3d: S22i plate 8a bluish violet and S22p plate 11 very deep violet
- 7½ piastres on 5d: S22i, T22i and T22p
- 15 piastres on 10d: In the middle of 1923 a very deep turquoise shade appears – control unknown

The "LEVANT" set

- 2d: I think there ought to be an S22 or T22 control
- 3d: S22i exists and I think S22p should exist as well as the shade seems the same as the 4½ piastre one
- 4d: plate 1e apparently exists but I have never seen a control
- 6d: I think the P.20i purple is difficult, but S.21i and T.22i are seldom seen
- 1s: S22i and S22p

Postcards

How many commercially used copies of the 4½ + 4½ piastres brown Reply Paid exist?
How many unused and used copies of the 4½ piastres on 1d red exist?

Registered envelopes

7½ piastres on 5d orange: there seem to be no printings with a code letter later than MP (December 1921). However some size K were remaindered. How many now exist used?
I have recorded size G and H with MP code and size K with EP

7½ piastres on 4½d claret: while mint seem to be obtainable, it would be nice to have a list of ones known.

So far I record:

- Size F: code AR
- Size G: KQ, LQ, MQ, AR, BR, CR
- Size H: LQ, MQ, AR
- Size K: JQ

So far no copies of sizes F and K have been found used, and one battered copy of size H

I would like details of all copies of these envelopes

Many thanks in advance, but it is fun to find lurking in one's collection of these quite neglected issues a howling rarity or two (or three...), so please write in to me at malim@btinternet.com or to our editor by post.

British Levant control images sought**John Gledhill**

Thanks to several members of the GBOS I have now got images of a substantial proportion of the recorded Levant controls, though (as Richard Malim's article on the previous page suggests) others may exist. If any readers have images of the following please post/email them to me, so that the "proving archive" can be completed for the Levant issues. This is just about the controls, not the plates.

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3d	192	4½p / 3d	470	Size K	785
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British Levant stamps destroyed in London

Marius Wlodarczyk

Some destruction figures for the King George V stamps may be useful in conjunction with my article on average sales of King George V issues in 1921 ("BPMA correspondence ...", The Overprinter 2011/4, p.103).

Stamps	(sheets)	Envelopes	
30 Paras	559	Size F	1,928
1 Piastre	2,720	Size G	2,331
1¼ Piastre	Not given	Size H	346
1¾ Piastre	Not given	Size H2	690
4 Piastre	176 @ 120	Size K	393
5 Piastre	305 @ 120	Size L	1,028
		Size M	2,331
Postcards			
Foreign	13,680	Wrappers	9,935
Foreign reply	2,760		

Prewar issues destroyed January 1922

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Amendment to SG catalogue: Oil Rivers, SG5a deleted

Hugh Jefferies has kindly brought to my attention that the Oil Rivers overprint on 5d "die I", SG 5a, was deleted from the catalogue, this being in the light of the article about it in The Overprinter 2008/4. Thank you Hugh.