

Registration markings used in the Hellenic Rural Postal Service

Introduction

The aim of the exhibit is to document the matter of how the Greek rural postmen marked the registered mail.

Constantin Marinos introduced an excellent rural postal service in the Cretan State in 1901. The decree for the Hellenic Rural Service came into force on 19 May, 1911.

In 1911-1912 545 rural routes existed, with 913 in 1939, 1197 in 1999, 658 in 2014 (because of the creation of postal agencies operated by private individuals), and 537 in 2022.

The rural cancellations bear the number of the rural route and, in the case of circle cancellations, also the date. Various changes are possible. The villages served may vary. The base post office (seat) of the route may change, and sometimes several times. Routes may be combined, closed or reopened. There may exist several types of cancellations of the same number, due to the different periods (rural dotted or lozenge, posthorn and EATA-Type) or by loss of the handstamp.

The postman travels from his base through several villages on foot or with different means of transport, and in modern times usually with car or motorcycle. He delivers letters on his route. But he can also accept **registered mail**, among other things. The postage stamps are cancelled with his rural postmark. The registered mail also receives a corresponding registration marking. This may be handwritten, a hand stamp or a registration label.

According to Drakakis, various special rural post labels or cancellations were used. These were not used as official hand stamps, nor made by the Post Directorate, but were probably made on the instructions of the base post office or the rural postman himself. These marks sometimes consisted of the name of the rural postman, his route number or a registered mark with the title "rural post". They vary in style, size and type of lettering but are original registered marks. Sometimes the postman had only a small handstamp with his name and the rest was added by hand, or alternatively everything was done by hand.

Registration (R)-markings used in the Hellenic Rural Postal Service

1. **Handwritten R-markings (most common)**
2. **Mute R-marking of the Base Post Office**
3. **R-marking with the name of the Base Post Office**
4. **Mute R-marking of the rural route**
5. **Specific R-marking of the rural route**
6. **Specific R-marking with the number of the rural route**
7. **R-label with the name of the Base Post Office**

All with very often handwritten additions

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1. Handwritten R-markings

Rural post route **787** seated at **Kolindros** (Pieria) from before 1937 to the late 2000s and at Aiginio Kolindrou (Pieria, renamed from Limpanovo on 9/2/1926) from before 1924 to before 1937



Registered letter with dotted rural cancellation 787 and **handwritten R-marking in one-line, R 22** (registered and

registration number), without sender's address, from ΚΟΛΙΝΔΡΟΣ -8 ΙΟΥΛ. 953 (Kolindros) via ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 9 VII. 195.3 17 (Thessaloniki registered) and ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 10. VII 53. 19 (Athens registered arrival) to ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ 11 VII 53 9 (Anaktora) in violet, addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora

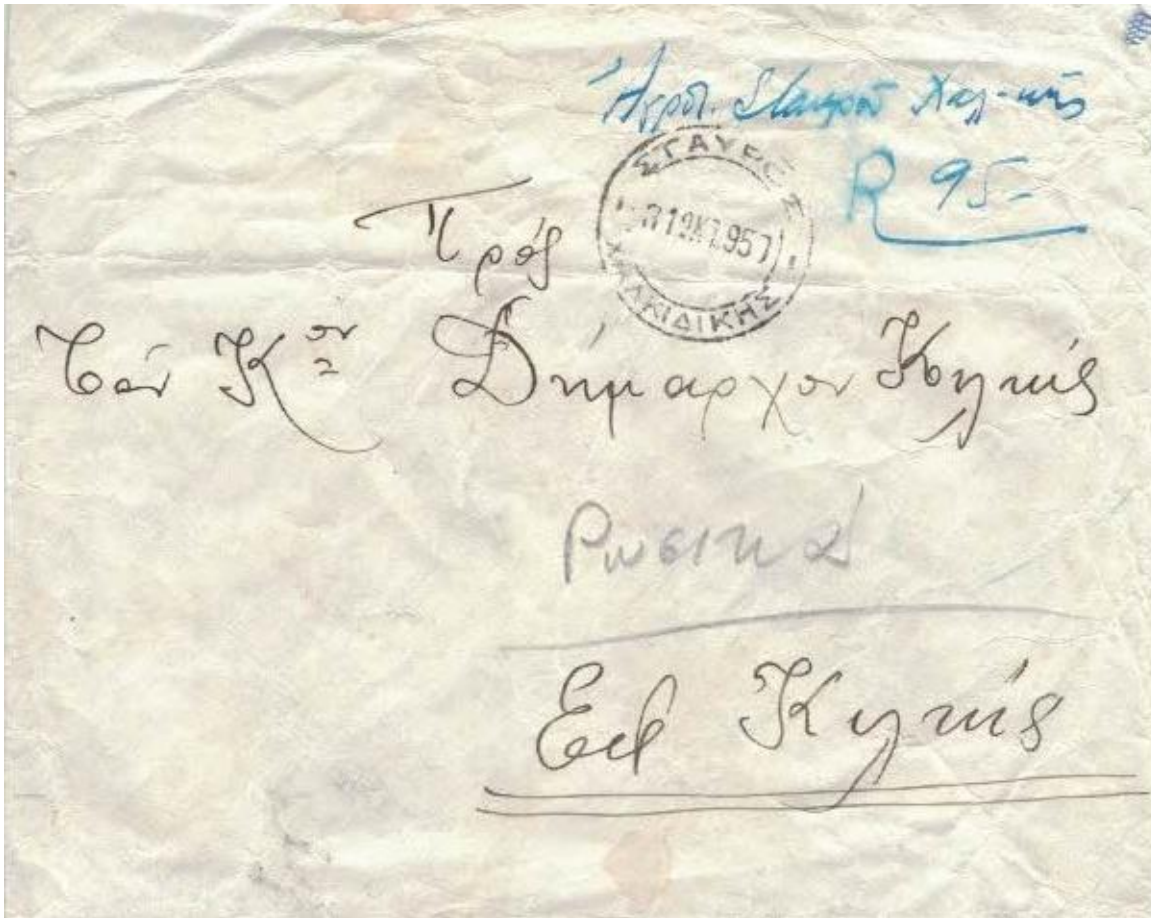
Rural post route **266** seated at **Milies** (Magnisia) from 3/9/1911, moved to Agria (Magnisia) in 2005 and closed 2020 or 2021

Registered letter with dotted rural cancellation 266 and **handwritten R-marking in one-line, Απθ. 91** (registration number), sender's address village of Pinakates, from ΤΗΛ. ΓΡ. ΜΗΛΕΩΝ 21ΜΑΡ.13 (telegraphic postmark Milies) via ΒΟΛΟΣ (ΑΦΙΞΙΣ) 22 ΜΑΡ. 15.12 Ε (Volos arrival), addressed to Athens



1. Handwritten R-markings

Rural post route **591** seated at **Stavros** (Chalcidice) from 6/3/1924 to between 2016 and 2017 (closed) and at Sochos Langada (Chalcidice) before 1920 to 6/3/1924



Registered letter with rural posthorn datestamp 591, 31 X 50 and **handwritten R-marking in two lines**, Αγροτ. Σταυρου Χαλκικής (rural Stavros Chal/dice, Base Post Office's name), R 95 (registered and registration number), sender's address village of Vrasna, from ΣΤΑΥΡΟΣ ΧΑΛΚΙΔΙΚΗΣ 31 ΟΚΤ. 950 (Stavros Chalcidice) via ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ -2 XI 1950 9 (Thessaloniki registered) to ΚΙΛΚΙΣ -2 XI 50 17 (Kilkis), addressed to Kilkis



1. Handwritten R-markings

Rural post route **328** seated at **Istiai** (Evia, renamed from Xirochori to Istaia on 10/9/1913) from 19/9/1911 to the late 2000s



Registered letter with dotted rural cancellation 328 and **handwritten R-marking in two lines**, R 10 (registered and registration number), Ισταίων (Istaia, Base Post Office's name), sender's address village of Moursali (since 1954 renamed to Taxiarchi), from ΙΣΤΑΙΑ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 17. ΙΟΥΝ. 54 (Istaia registered) via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 19 VI 54 18 (Athens registered Arrival) to ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΑ ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 20 VI 54 10 (Vasilika Anaktora arrival), addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora

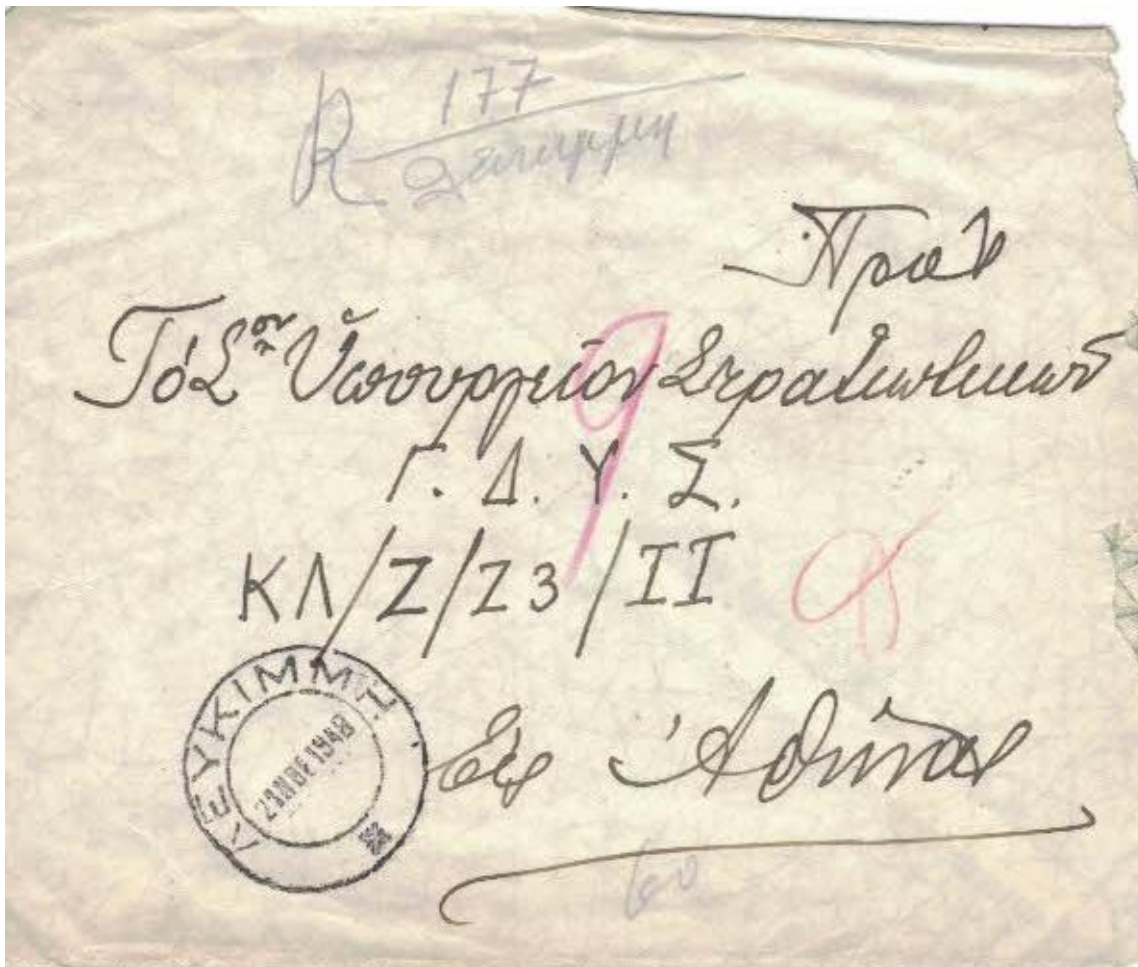
Rural post route **761** seated at **Gefyra** (Thessaloniki) from 1931 or 1932 to 2023

Registered letter with dotted rural cancellation and **handwritten R-marking in three lines**, R 41 (registered and registration number), 761 Αγροτ. Διαν. (route number and rural postman), Γεφυρας (Gefyras, Base Post Office's name), sender's address village of Anthofyto Kilkis, from ΓΕΦΥΡΑ 19 X 53 19 (Gefyra) via ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 20 X 53 11 (Thessaloniki registered) and ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 21 X 53 time not readable (Athens registered arrival) to ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ 21 X 53 15 in violet, addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora



1. Handwritten R-markings

Rural post route **74** seated at **Lefkimmi** (Corfu) from 22/6/1911 to today



Registered letter with dotted rural cancellation 74 and **handwritten R-marking in two lines**, R (registration), 177 (registration number), Λευκίμμη (Lefkimmi) (Base Post Office's name), sender's address village of Perivoli, from ΛΕΥΚΙΜΜΗ 21ΝΟΕ 1948 (Lefkimmi) via ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΞΙΣ) 22. ΝΟΕΜ. 48. 8 Ε. (Kerkyra arrival) to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 26.ΧΙ 48.10 (Athens registered arrival), addressed to Athens



1. Handwritten R-markings

Rural post route **369** seated at **Tropaia** (Arcadia) from 3/3/1912 to today



Registered letter with rural posthorn datestamp 369, 29 IV 58 and **handwritten R-marking in one line**, **Αγρ Τροπαιίων** (rural Tropaia, Base Post Office's name), R 18 (registered and registration number), sender's address village of Kalliani, from ΤΡΟΠΑΙΑ 29 IV 58 19 (Tropaia) via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ -1 V 58.9 (Athens registered arrival) to ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΑ ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ

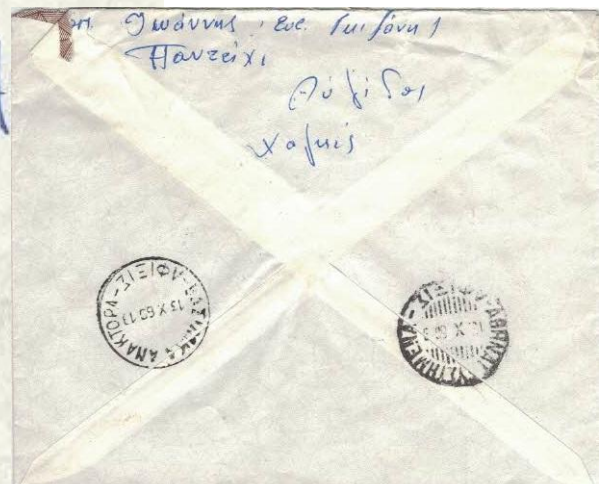


ΑΦΙΞΙΣ -1 V 58 17, addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora

Rural post route **33** seated at **Chalkida** (Evia) from 28/5/1911 to 2016. Parallel to the Greek numbering, a Cretan numbering system existed. The Cretan rural postal route number 33 was seated at Kastelli Mylopotamou (Rethymno) from 1900 to 1905 and at Panormos (Rethymno) from 1905 to at least 1934.



Registered letter with rural posthorn datestamp 33, 10 X 60 and **handwritten R-marking in three lines**, R 70 (registration number) Συστημένον (Systimenon registered in Greek), ο Αγροτική Χαλκίδας, Ευβοίας (rural of Chalkida Evias, Base Post Office's name), sender's address village of Panteichi via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 13 X 60 9 (Athens registered arrival) to ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΑ ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 13 X 60 10, addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora



1. Handwritten R-markings

Rural post route **91** seated at **Granitsa** (Evrytania) from 5/9/1911 to 1996 or 1999



Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 91, 21 IV 62 and **handwritten R-marking in two lines**, Σ 17 (Systimenon registered in Greek registration number), Αγροτ. 91 Γρανίτσας (rural, route number and Granitsa, Base Post Office's name), sender's address village of Topoliana, from ΓΡΑΝΙΤΣΑ 24 ΑΠΡ 1962 via ΚΑΡΠΕΝΙΣΙΟΝ 25 IV 62 21 (Karpenisi) and ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 27 IV 62 9 (Athens registered arrival) to ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΑ ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 28 IV 62 10, addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora



1. Handwritten R-markings

Rural post route **87** seated at **Gavrio** (Andros-Cyclades) from 22/6/1911 moved to Batsi (Andros) in 1929, relocated to Gavrio in mid-1950s and closed in 2018



Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 87, 29 XI 76 and **handwritten R-marking in three lines**, R 42 (registration number) in red, 87 αγροτ. Γαυρίου (route number, rural and Gavrio, Base Post Office's name), in blue, signature and cancellation of the rural post route in blue, sender's address Leonidas Kalogridis,

rural postman, Post-Office Gavrio, from ΓΑΥΠΙΟΝ 29ΝΟΕΜ76 (Gavrio) to ΨΥΧΙΚΟΝ ΠΣΗΥΧΙΚΟΝ -1 ΧΙΙ 76 10, addressed to Palaio Psychiko (made to order)



Rural post route **405** seated at **Methana** (Attiki) from 3/3/1912 to today



Registered cover
with rural
posthorn
datestamp 405,
16 III 81 and
handwritten
boxed R-marking
in three lines, R
(registration), 5
(registration
number), 405
(route number)
Ayp. Δρομ. (rural
route),

MEΘANQN (Methana, Base Post Office 's name) in red, from MEΘANA METHANA 16 III. 81, without sender 's address via AΘHNAI-KENTPON ΔΙΑΛΛΟΓΟΣ 17 III 81-19 (Athens centre distribution) and AΘHNA K. I ATHINAI K. 18 III 81-10 (Athens centre), addressed to Athens (made to order)

1. Handwritten R-markings

Rural post route **85** seated at **Andros** (Cyclades) from 22/6/1911 to today

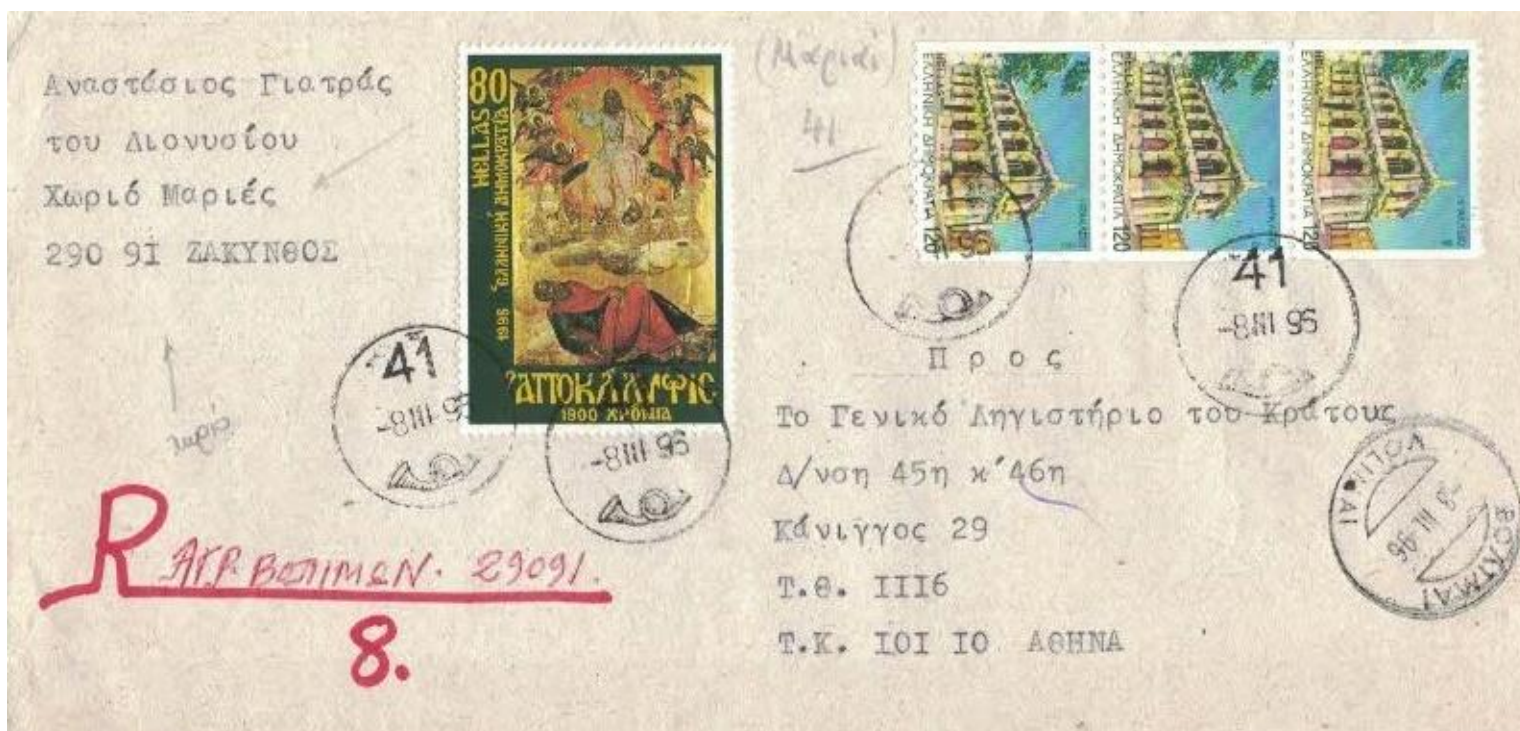


Registered aerogram with rural posthorn datestamp 85, 23 V 80 and **handwritten R-marking in two lines**, ΑΓΡ. ΑΝΔΡΟΥ (rural Andros, Base Post Office's name), Σ αριθ 10 (Systimenon registered in Greek and registration number), from ΑΝΔΡΟΣ ANDROS 23 V 80-10,

addressed to Thessaloniki (made to order)



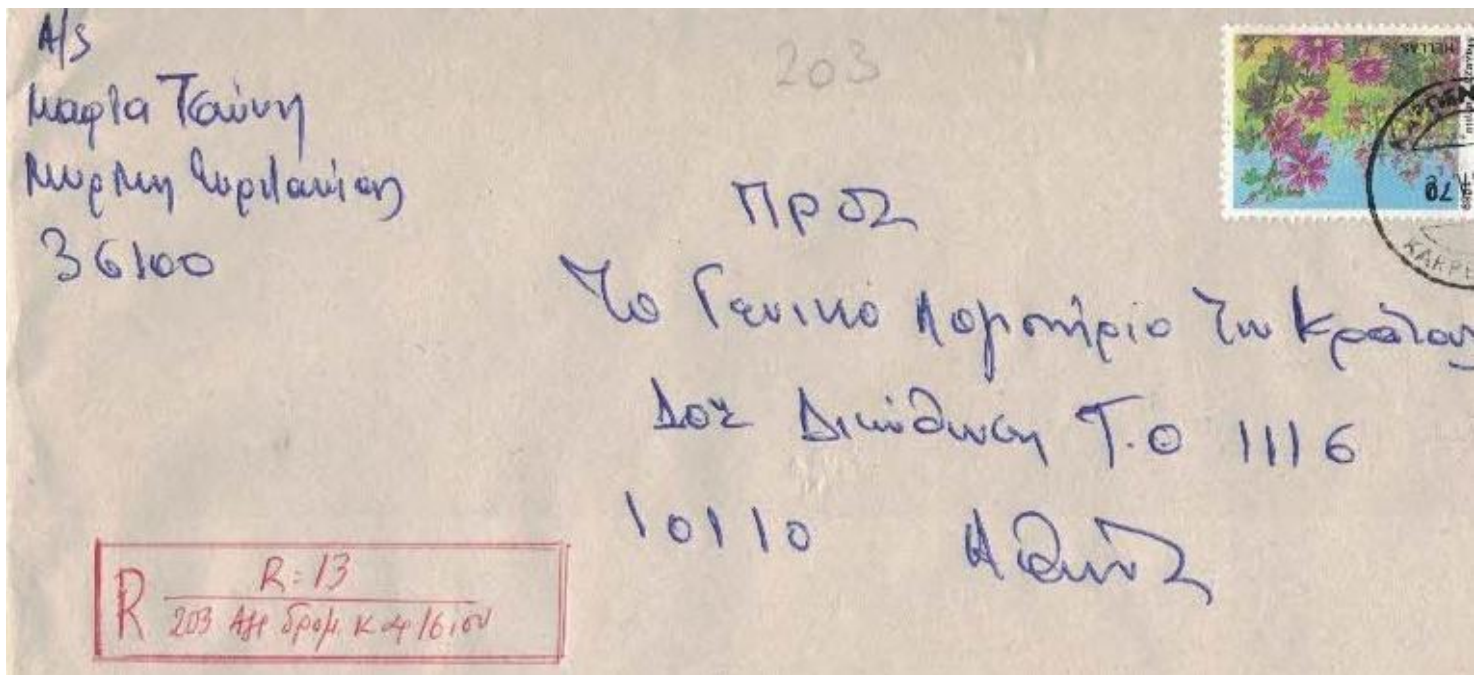
Rural post route **41** seated at **Volimes** (Zakynthos) from 31/7/1956 to between 2005 and 2014, at Zakynthos from 1/6/1911 to 25/10/1930, at Katastari /Zakynthos) from 25/10/1930 to 30/7/1956 and from between 2005 and 2014 to today. Parallel to the Greek numbering, a Cretan numbering system existed. The Cretan rural postal route number 41 was seated at Kastelli Pediados (Heraklion) from 1900 to 1906 and at Limenas Chersonisou (renamed from Chersonisos in 1938) from 1906 to at least 1947.



Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 41, -8 III 96 and **handwritten R-marking in two lines** in red, R ΑΓΡ. ΒΟΛΙΜΩΝ 29091 (registered, rural, Volimes and postal code, Base Post Office's name), 8. (registration number), sender's address village of Mariai, from ΒΟΛΙΜΑΙ VOLIMAI -8 III 96, addressed to Athens

1. Handwritten R-markings

Rural post route **203** seated at **Karpenisi** (Evrytania) from 5/9/1911 to today



Registered cover without rural cancellation and **handwritten boxed R-marking in two lines**, R (registered), R: 13 (registration number), 203 (route number) Αγρ. Δρομ. Καρ/σιον (rural route Karpenisi, Base Post Office's name), in red, sender's address village of Myriki, from ΚΑΡΠΕΝΙΣΙΟΝ KARPENISION 2 V 90 15, addressed to Athens

Rural post route **1** seated at **Alikianos** (Chania) from 1900 to 2021 and at Platania (Chania) from 2021 to today

Registered cover with rural datestamp 1, -8 V 92 with deformed posthorn and **handwritten boxed R-marking in two rows**, R: 5 (registration number) and ΑΔ 1 (rural post route) in red, TAX. ΑΛΙΚΙΑΝΟΥ (Post Office Alikianos, Base Post Office's name) Left of the marking 73005 in red (postal code), sender's address village of Meskla Kydonias, from ΑΛΙΚΙΑΝΟΣ ALIKIANOS -8 V 92, addressed to Athens



1. Handwritten R-markings

Rural post route **215** seated at **Drama** (Drama) from 23/2/1926 to 2015 (closed), at Kerasovon (Aitolokarnania) from 5/9/1911 to 7/7/1912 and at Limin Vatheos (Samos) from before 1921 to 11/4/1922 (closed)

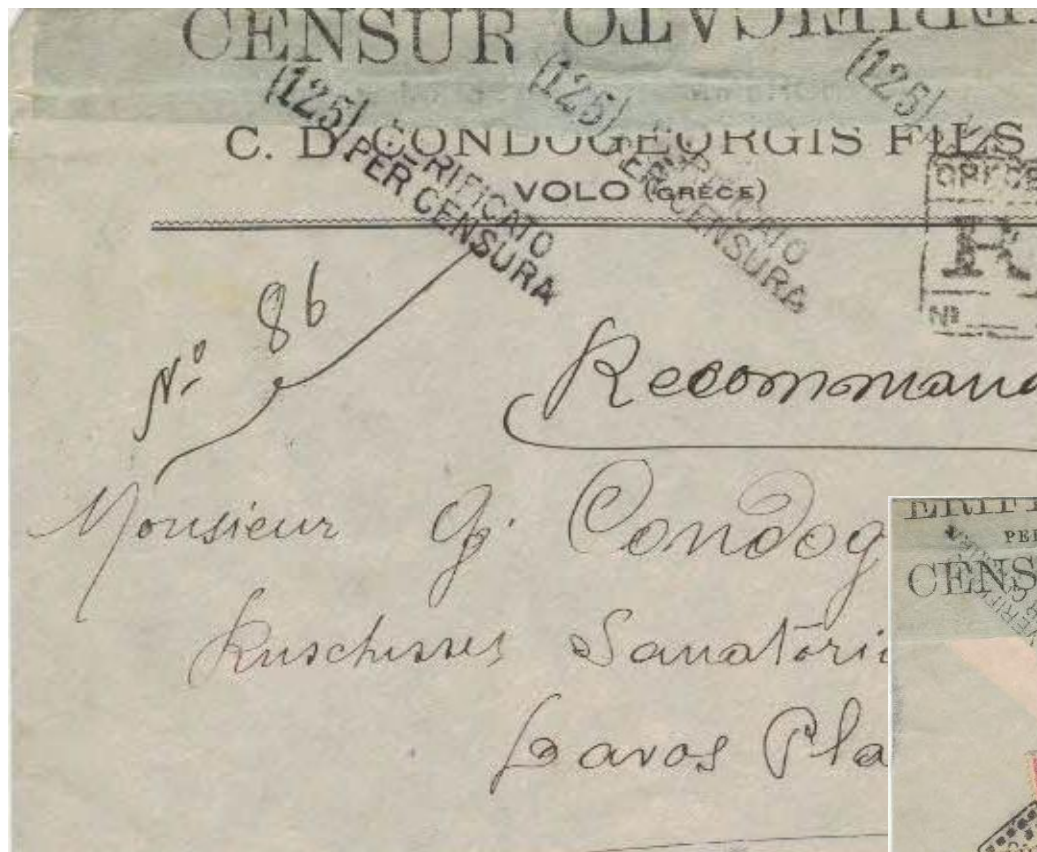


Registered cover with rural datestamp 215, 22 X 81 with deformed posthorn and **handwritten boxed R-marking in two rows**, R 59 (registration number), 215 Ayp. Δρ. (route number and rural post route), sender's address village of Koudounia, from ΔΠΑΜΑ ΔΡΑΜΑ 22 X 81-16 (Base Post Office's name) via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 23 X 81 11 (machine cancellation), addressed to Stuttgart (Germany) R-label Einschreiben aus dem Ausland (registered mail from abroad)



2. Mute R-marking of the Base Post Office

Rural post route **263** seated at **Volos** (Magnisia) from 3/9/1911, moved to Agria (Magnisia) at 1/12/1939, back to Volos up to 14/9/1977 and back to Agria between 2005 and 2014



Registered letter with dotted rural cancellation 263 and **boxed mute R-marking handstamp in three rows**, Grece (Greece), R (registered), № (registration number), № 86 (registration number), Recommand(é) Censor marking (125) Certificato per censura" and censor stripe "Censura certificate", sender's address Volos from ΒΟΛΟΣ (ΑΦΙΞΙΣ) -4 ΑΥΓ 16 10 Π (Volos arrival, Base Post Office's name) to Davos-Platz 1 -1 IX. 16.-6, addressed to Davos



According to Ioannidis the R-marking was used since 1890 (decree of 29.11.1882)

Rural post route **207** seated at **Papparousio** (Evrytania) from 25/8/1922 to 21/3/1928, at Goliani (Evrytania) from 5/9/1911 to 25/8/1922, at Karpenisi (Evrytania) from 21/3/1928 to 16/5/1983, then closed until 1989, at Edessa (Pella) from 1989 to between 2005 and 2014, then closed until 2020 or 2021, at Ampelona (Larisa) from 2020 or 2021 to 2022 and at Tyrnavos (Larisa) from 2022 to today

Registered letter with dotted rural cancellation 207 and **boxed mute R-marking in two lines**, Σ (Systimenon registered in Greek), ΑΡΙΘ. (Arith.) (Number) 81 (registration number), ΓΡΑΜ. (gram), sender's address village of Fidakia, from ΠΑΠΑΡΟΥΣΙ 25 ΙΟΥΛ. 1927 (Paparousi, Base

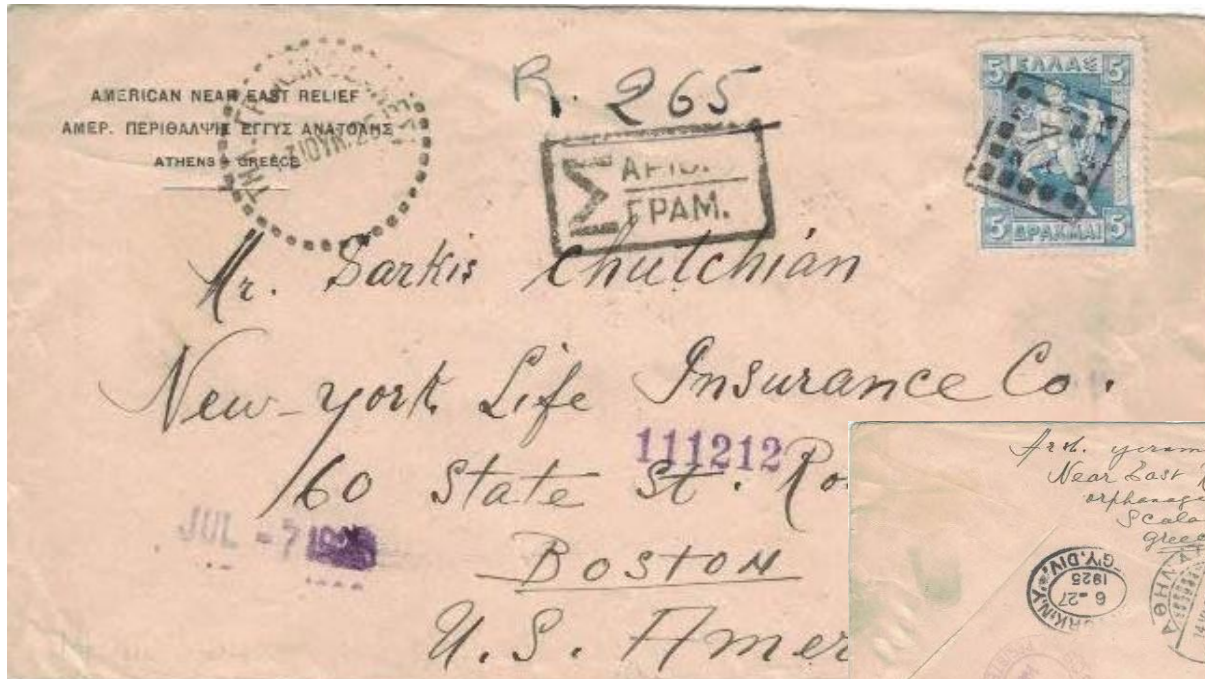


Post Office's name) via ΚΑΡΠΕΝΗΣΙΟΝ 29. ΙΟΥΛ. 1927 Karpenisi) to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤ. ΑΦΙΞ. 30 ΙΥΛ 27-11 (Athens registered arrival), addressed to Athens



2. Mute R-marking of the Base Post Office

Rural post route **14** seated at **Kakosalesi** (Attica) from 5/9/1911 to 14/8/1927, at Avlona (Attica) from 14/8/1927 to 12/3/1940, at Nea Palatia (Attica) from 13/3/1940 to between 2005 and 2014 and then at Oropos (Attica) to today. Parallel to the Greek numbering, a Cretan numbering system existed. The rural postal number 14 was seated at Palaiochora Selinou (Chania) from 1900 to 1912.



Registered letter with dotted rural cancellation 14 and **mute R-marking handstamp in two lines**, Σ (Systimenon registered in Greek), ΑΠΘ. (Arith. Number in Greek), ΓΡΑΜ. (gram) Above the



marking R 265 in black (registration number), sender's address Near East Relief Orphanage at Skala Oropou, from THΛ. ΓΡ. ΚΑΚΟΣΑΛΕΣΙ 13 ΙΟΥΝ 25 (telegraphic postmark Kakosalesi, Base Post Office's name) via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΚΕΝΤΡΙΚΟΝ 14 VI 25 9 Π (Athens centre) and NEW YORK N.Y. REGY DIV. 6-27 1925 To BOSTON MASS: REGISTERED IUN 27 1925 in violet, addressed to Boston (USA)

Rural post route **425** seated at **Potamos** (Island Kythira-Attica) from 21/3/1912 to 31/1/2002 and at Kythira from 1/2/2002 to 2019 (closed)



Registered letter with dotted rural cancellation 425 and **boxed mute R-marking handstamp in two lines**, Σ (Systimenon registered in Greek), ΑΠΘ. (Arith. Number in Greek) 65 handwritten with violet ink (registration number), ΓΡΑΜ. (gram) 4 in violet ink (gram) handwritten in violet ink Above and to the left of the marking: Απθ. 65 (registration number, sender's address village of Kalysperianika, from THΛ. ΓΡ. ΠΟΤΑΜΟΥ 21ΙΟΥΛ. 25 (telegraphic postmark Potamos, Base Post Office's name) via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΚΕΝΤΡΙΚΟΝ 23.VII 25 4 E (Athens centre) and REGISTERED-SYDNEY N.S.W. 25 AU25A, REGISTERED PERTH WEST (ERN AUSTRALIA) 31 AUG 25 to ALBANY -WEST AUST -1 SE 25, addressed to W.A. Albany (Australia)



2. Mute R-marking of the Base Post Office

Rural post route **181** seated at **Megali Lobotina** (Aitolokarnania)(renamed to Ano Chora Nafpaktias on 15/6/1930) from 5/9/1911 to 1999



readable (Athens-centre), MUSKOGEE (OKLA) REG.DIV. MAY 29 1926 in violet and MIAMI FLA REGISTERED JUN 25 1926 in violet to MIAMI FLA (STA A) JUN 25 1926 in violet, addressed to Muskogee-Oklahoma (USA), wrong address, forwarded to Miami (Florida)

Registered letter with dotted rural cancellation 181 and **boxed mute R-marking handstamp in two**, Σ (Systimenon registered in Greek), ΑΡΙΘ. (Arith. number in Greek), ΓΡΑΜ (gram) (unreadable) Boxed marking in one line REGISTERED in violet and 147 (registration number) in blue, sender's address village of Vetolitsa (renamed to Terpsithea), from ΜΕΓ. ΛΟΜΠΟΤΙΝΑ 22 ΙΟΥΝ 1926 (Megali Lobotina, Base Post Office's name) via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΚΕΝΤΡΙΚΟΝ time not



Rural post route **338** seated at **Styra** (Evia) and Nea Styra from 19/9/1911 to 1/3/1914 and from 5/6/1931 to today and at Almyropotamos Karystias (Evia) from 1/3/1914 to 4/6/1931

Registered letter with dotted rural cancellation 338 and **boxed mute R-marking handstamp in two lines**, Σ (Systimenon registered in Greek), ΑΡΙΘ. (Arithm. registration number in Greek) 197 green, ΓΡΑΜ (gram) (mutilated), sender's address village of Raptaiioi, from ΤΗΛ. ΓΡ. ΣΤΥΡΩΝ 28 ΙΟΥΛ 21 (telegraphic postmark Styra, Base Post Office's name) via ΤΗΛ. ΓΡ. ΚΑΡΥΣΤΟΥ 29 ΙΟΥΛ 21 (telegraphic postmark Karystos), addressed to Karystos



2. Mute R-marking of the Base Post Office

Rural post route **104** seated at **Tinos** (Cyclades) from 22/6/1911 to between 2005 and 2014, reopening for few months with seat at Paros



Registered letter with dotted rural cancellation 104 and **boxed mute R-marking handstamp in two lines**, Σ (Systimenon registered in Greek), ΑΡΙΘ. (Arithm. registration number in Greek) ΓΡΑΜ (gram), above the marking: Αρ. 88 and R in a circle, sender's address village of Kalloni Tinos, from ΤΗΝΟΣ 26 ΑΠΡ. 27 (Tinos, Base Post Office's name) to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤ. (Athens centre registered, date not readable), addressed to Athens



Rural post route **332** seated at **Kymi** (Evia) from 19/9/1911 to today



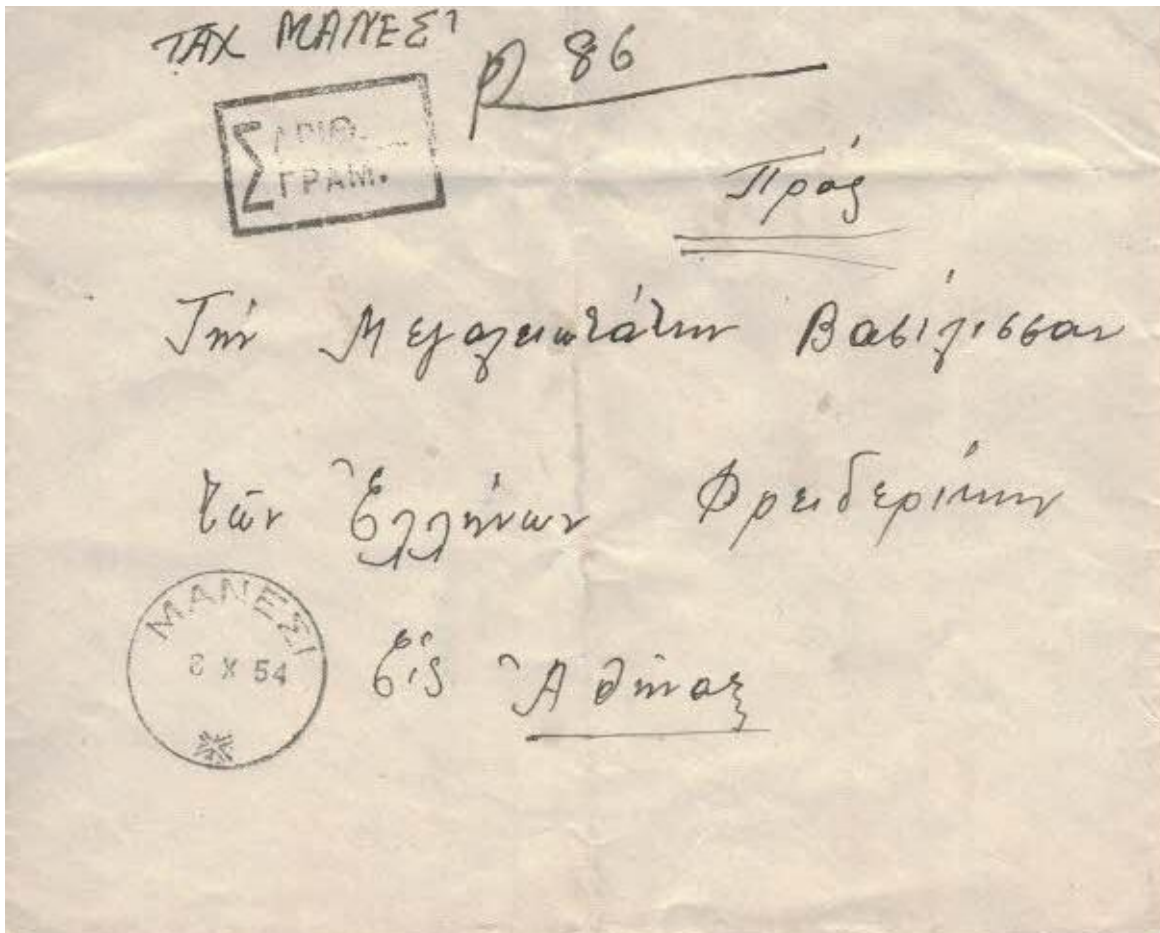
Registered letter with dotted rural cancellation 332 and **boxed mute R-marking handstamp in two lines**, Σ (Systimenon registered in Greek), ΑΡΙΘ. (Arithm. registration number), ΓΡΑΜ (gram) Left of the marking handwritten 40 (registration number) in black, sender's address village of Ano Potamia, from ΚΥΜΗ 22 ΟΚΤ. 40 (Kymi, Base Post Office's name) via



ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 23. X 40.23 (Athens registered arrival) Censor marking and label, NEW YORK N.Y. REG 'Y DIV 12-16 1940, BROOKLYN NY REGISTERED DEC 17 1940 in violet and BROOKLYN N.Y. (not readable) TOUR 3 DEC 17 1940 in violet, addressed to Brooklyn New York (USA)

2. Mute R-marking of the Base Post Office

Rural post route **561** seated at **Manesi** (Achaia) from 9/4/1912 to 15/9/1980, closed from 16/9/1980 to 15/11/1990, at Aigeira (Achaia) from 16/11/1990 to around 2004 and at Akrata-Aigeira (Achaia) from around 2004 to today



Registered letter with rural posthorn datestamp 561, 8 XII 54 and **boxed mute R-marking handstamp in two lines**, Σ (smaller than previous) (Systimenon registered in Greek), ΑΡΙΘ. (Arithm. number in Greek), ΓΡΑΜ (gram) Above the marking TAX MANESI (Post Office Manesi, Base Post Office's name) and right of the marking R 86 (registration number) in black, sender's address village of Asochori Kalavryton, from MANESI 8 X 54 (Manesi, Base Post Office's name, wrong date: it must be XII) to ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΑ ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 10 XII 54 09, addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora



2. Mute R-marking of the Base Post Office

Rural post route **526** seated at **Zacharo** (Ileia) from 9/4/1912 to today



Registered letter with rural posthorn datestamp 526, 30 VII 57 and **boxed mute R-marking handstamp in two lines** Σ (Systimenon registered in Greek), AP. (AR, (registration number) dotted underline to fill in, ΓΡΑΜ (gram) dotted underline to fill in and under the marking 24 (registration

number) ΑΠΟΤΗΚΟΣ ΖΑΧΑΡΩΣ (rural Zacharos, Base Post Office's name), sender's address village of Smerna via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤ. ΑΦΙΞ. - 1 VIII 57 12 (Athens registered arrival) to ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΑ ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 2 VIII 57 12, addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora



Registered letter with rural posthorn

datestamp 526, 29 IV 80 and **the same R-marking handstamp** with dotted underline to fill in 1503 in blue (registration number), ΓΡΑΜ. (gram) underline, no sender's address, from ΖΑΧΑΡΩ ΖΑΧΑΡΟ 28 IV 80 (Base Post Office's name) via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 29 IV 80 16 to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΘΗΝΑΙ Κ. 30 IV 80-10, addressed to Athens (made to order)

2. Mute R-marking of the Base Post Office

Rural post route **661** seated at **Triglia** (Attica) from 15/12/1941, renamed to **Rafina** on 27/6/1956 and closed at 1/4/1991



Registered letter with rural posthorn datestamp 661 27 VI 56 and **boxed mute R-marking handstamp in two lines Σ** (Systimenon registered in Greek), ΑΠΘ. (Arith. number) 47 (registration number) in black, and linear marking

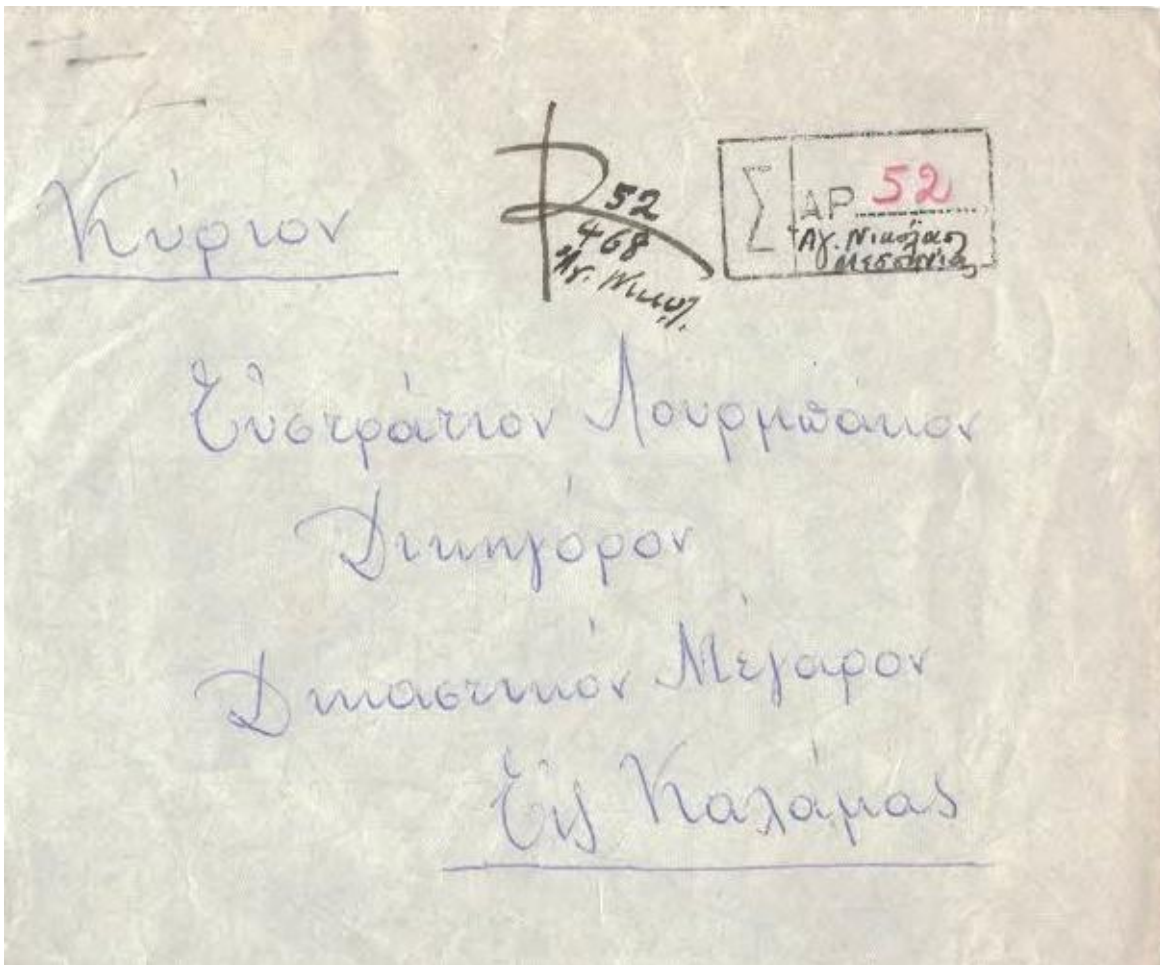
in two lines with Base Post Office's name ΑΓΡΟΤΙΚΟ ΔΙΑΝΟΜΕΥΣ ΤΡΙΓΛΙΑΣ (Rural postman **Triglia**), sender's address village of Daou, from ΤΡΙΓΛΙΑ 27 VI 1956-9 (Triglia) via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ-ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 28 VI 56.15 (Athens registered arrival) to ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΑ ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 28 VI 56 23, addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora



Registered letter with the rural posthorn datestamp 31 I 60 and **R-marking handstamp** but under the marking Ο Αγροτικός Ραφινάς (Rural **Rafina**), sender's address village of Grammatiko, from ΡΑΦΙΝΑ ΑΤΤΙΚΗΣ 31 I 60 (Rafina Attica, Base Post Office's name) via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ-ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 1 II 60 (Athens registered arrival) to ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΑ ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 2 II 60 10, addressed to the same address

2. Mute R-marking of the Base Post Office

Rural post route **468** seated at **Agios Nikolaos** (Messinia, renamed from Selinitza to Agios Nikolaos on 18/5/1956) from 22/8/1934 to between 2005 and 2014 and at Platsa (Lakonia) from 1912 to 21/8/1934



Registered letter with rural posthorn datestamp 468, 14 IV 57 and **boxed mute R-marking handstamp in two columns (27x18 mm)**, Σ (Systimenon registered in Greek), AP (registration number), dotted underline to fill in 52 (registration number) in red and under the dotted underline Αγ. Νικολάος Μεσσηνίας (Agios Nikolaos Messinas, Base Post Office's name) in black.

Left of the marking in three lines R 52 (registration number), 468 (number of the rural post route) and Αγ. Νικολ. (Ag. Nikol.), sender's address village of Pyrgos Lefktrou Selinitza, from ΑΓ. ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΣ ΜΕΣΣΗΝΙΑΣ 25 IV 57 (Agios Nikolaos Messinia, Base Post Office's name) to ΚΑΛΑΜΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 25 IV 57 17 (Kalamata registered), addressed to Kalamas



2. Mute R-marking of the Base Post Office

Rural post route **389** seated at **Moudros** (Lesbos Island) from about 1913 to between 2005 and 2014



Registered letter with rural posthorn datestamp 389, 21 IV 70 and **boxed mute R-marking handstamp in two columns** Σ (S Systimenon registered in Greek), AP (number), dotted underline to fill in 230 (registration number) in blue and under the dotted underline 389 Αγροτ. (389

Rural) in blue, sender's address village of Moudros, addressed to Thessaloniki (made to order)

Rural post route **853** seated at **Tychero** (Evros) from between 1993 and 1994 to 2021, at Episkopi Pediados (Heraklion) from 15/6/1921 to 1/4/1937, at Poros (Heraklion) from 1/4/1937 to unknown date and at Soufli (Evros) from unknown date to between 1993 and 1994



Registered letter with rural posthorn datestamp 853, 1 VIII 95 and **boxed mute R-marking handstamp in two columns** in blue R (registered), N^o, underline to fill in with 88 (registration number) and under the underline 853 ΑΔ (route number and rural route). Under the marking Τυχέρο 68003 (Tychero, Base Post Office's name and postal code) in blue, sender's address: village of Lagyna, addressed to Athens

2. Mute R-marking of the Base Post Office

Rural post route **191** seated at **Kalyves** (Chania) from 15/9/1927 to 2021, at Patiopoulo Chania) from 5/9/1911 to 9/8/1914, at Vamos Chania) from unknown to 14/9/1927 and at Vryses Chania) from 2021 to today



Registered letter with rural posthorn datestamp 191, -3 IX 54 and **mute R-marking handstamp in two columns** R (registered), №, dotted underline to fill in, 100 (registration number) in black, under the dotted underline Καλύβων (Kalyvon) in black, sender's address village of Plaka Apokoronou, from ΚΑΛΥΒΕΣ ΑΠΟΚΟΡΟΝΟΥ -4 XI 54 (Kalyves, Base Post Office's name) via ΧΑΝΙΑ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ -5 ΣΕΠ 54-9 (Chania registered) and ΑΘΗΝΑΙ-ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 5 IX 54 9 (Athens registered arrival) to ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΑ ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ -7 IX 54 08, addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora



2. Mute R-marking of the Base Post Office

Rural post route **952** seated at **Eidomeni** (Kilkis) from 2/1/1931 to 4/10/2002, at Fanos (Kilkis) from unknown date to 31/12/1930 and at Axioupoli (Kilkis) from 4/10/2002 to today



Registered letter with rural dotted cancellation 952 and **boxed mute R-marking handstamp in two columns** R (registered), N^o dotted underline to fill in 51 (registration number) in blue and ΕΙΔΟΜΕΝΗΣ (Eidomeni, Base Post Office's name) in blue, sender's address Katerini (sender must be on the way), from ΕΙΔΟΜΕΝΗ 25 ΙΟΥΛ. 53 (Eidomeni) via



ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 30 VII 1953 10 (Thessaloniki registered) and ΑΘΗΝΑΙ-ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 31 VII 53.9 (Athens registered arrival) to ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ 31 VII 53 13, addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora

Rural post route **478** seated at **Rodovani** (Chania) from 17/7/1963 to between 2005 and 2014, seated at Thasos (Kavala) in an unknown period, at Palaiochora Selinou until 2/7/1921 and at Kantanos from 2/7/1921 to 16/7/1963 and from between 2005 and 2014 to 2020 or 2021 (closed)

Registered letter with rural datestamp 478, 4 IX 97 with deformed posthorn and **boxed mute R-marking handstamp in two columns** R (registered), N^o, dotted underline to fill in 111 (registration number) in red and under the dotted underline 478 ΑΔ ΡΟΔΟΒΑΝΟΥ (number of rural route and Rodovani, Base Post Office's name) in red, sender's address village of Prines, from ΡΟΔΟΒΑΝΙ RODOVANI -4 IX 97, addressed to Athens



2. Mute R-marking of the Base Post Office

Rural post route **32** seated at **Tanagra** (Boeotia) from 1930s to 14/8/1962, before from 1911 to 1930s and at Schimatari (Boeotia) from 15/8/1962 to between 2005 and 2014 (closed)

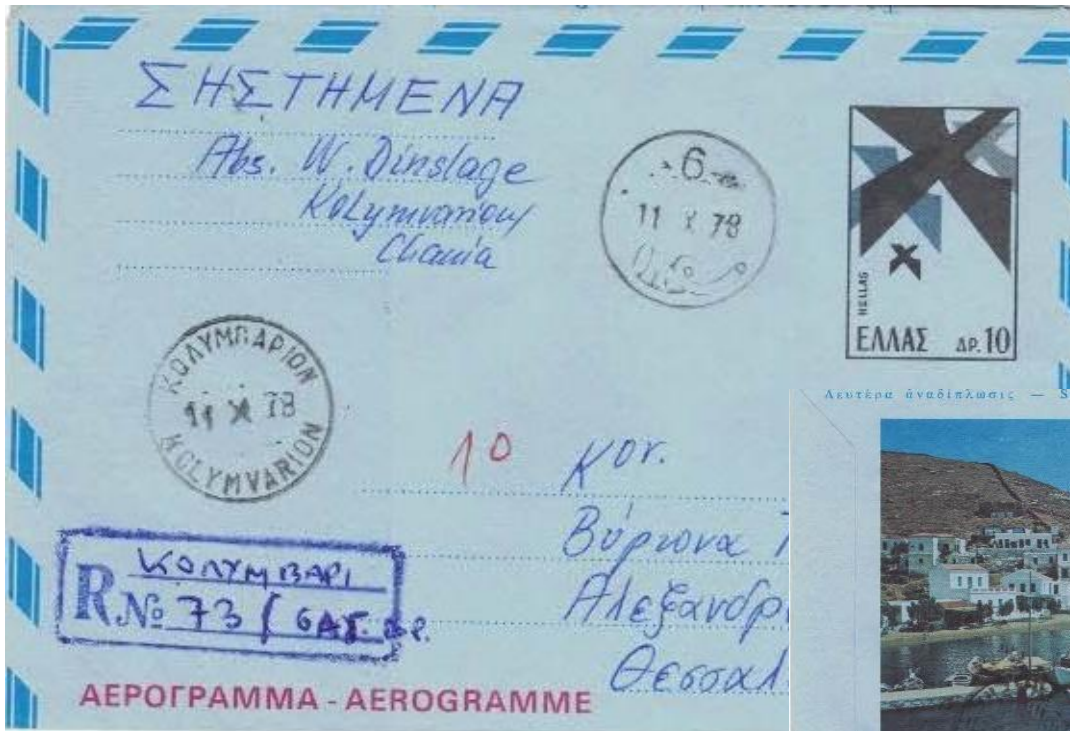


Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 32, 27 IV 55 and boxed mute R-marking handstamp in two lines ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΟΝ (registered), AP (number), 68 (registration number) in black. Under the marking linear marking handstamp in one line Τανάγρα (Tanagra, Base Post Office's name), sender's address village of Asopia, from ΤΑΝΑΓΡΑ 27 IV 55 (Tanagra) via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 28 IV 55 10 (Athens registered arrival) to ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΑ ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 29 IV 55 17, addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora



2. Mute R-marking of the Base Post Office

Rural post Cretan route **6** seated at **Kolymvari** (Chania) from 1901 to 2016 (closed), at Voukolies (Chania) from 1900 to 1901 and at Kissamos (Chania) from 2017 to today. Rural Post Greek numbering at suburbs of Athens from 28/5/1911 to 1917 or 1918

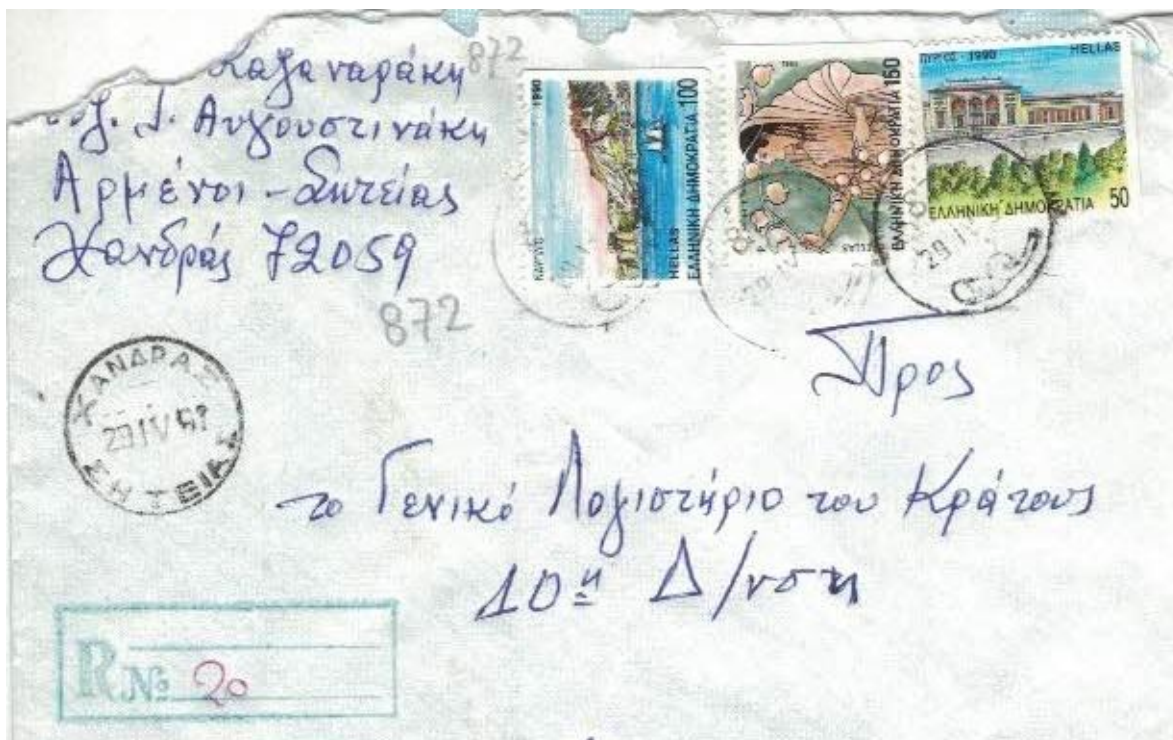


Registered cover with rural datestamp 6, 11 X 78 with deformed posthorn and **boxed mute R-marking handstamp in two lines in blue** R (registered) ΚΟΛΥΜΒΑΡΙ (Kolymvari, Base Post Office's name) in blue, № and underline to fill in 73 (registration number) and 6 Αγ. Δρ. (rural post route number 6) in blue, sender's



address: village of Kolymvari, from ΚΟΛΥΜΒΑΡΙΟΝ ΚΟΛΥΜΒΑΡΙΟΝ 11 X 78, addressed to Thessaloniki (made to order)

Rural post route **872** seated at **Chandras** (Lasithi) from 15/11/1919 to 2016 or 2017, changed to Sitia (Lasithi), closed in 2020 or 2021 and reopened at Paros (Cyclades) in 2021 or 2022 and replaced by the postal agency Paroikia



Registered cover with rural datestamp 872, 29 IV 97 with deformed posthorn and **boxed mute R-marking handstamp in two lines in green** R (registered) № (number) underline to fill in 20 (registration number) in red, sender's address village of Armenoi, from ΧΑΝΔΡΑΣ ΣΗΤΕΙΑΣ 29 IV 97 (Chandras Siteias, Base Post Office's name), addressed to Athens

2. Mute R-marking of the Base Post Office

Rural post route **898** seated at **Askos** (Thessaloniki) from 14/1/1974 to 2001, at Sochos (Thessaloniki) from 26/9/1952 to 13/1/1974 and at Nikiti (Chalkidiki) from 2001 to between 2005 and 2014 (closed)



Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 898, 25 VII 80 and **boxed mute R-marking handstamp in two lines** in red R (registered) underline to fill in 71 (registration number) in blue, ΑΓΡ. (rural), 898 (rural route number) in blue, sender's address village of Anoixia from ΑΣΚΟΣ ASKOS 25 VII 80 (Base Post Office's name)



via ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 25 VII.1980 19 (Thessaloniki registered), addressed to Stuttgart (Germany)

Rural post route **826** seated at **Petra Lesvou** (Lesvos) from before 1922 to between 2005 and 2014 (closed)



Registered cover with dotted rural cancelation 826 and **boxed mute R-marking handstamp in one line, boxed R** in black Left to the marking 42 (registration number) and Πετρα Λεσβου (Petra Lesvou, Base Post Office's name) in black, without sender's address, from ΠΕΤΡΑ 10. X 1954 (Petra Lesvou) via ΜΥΤΙΛΗΝΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 11 X 54 11 (Mytilini registered) to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ-ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 12 X 54 13 (Athens registered arrival), addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora

2. Mute R-marking of the Base Post Office

Rural post route **473** seated at **Spili** (Rethymno) from before 1/11/1948 to 2020 (closed)



(Spili) via ΠΕΘΥΜΝΟΝ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 11 ΙΙΙ. 1958 (Rethymno registered) and ΑΘΗΝΑΙ-ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 12 ΙΙΙ 58 17 (Athens registered arrival) to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 13 ΙΙΙ 58 (not clearly readable), addressed to Athens

Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 473, -9 III 58 and **linear mute R-marking handstamp in one line** in black and right to the marking 12 (registration number), Αγρ. Σπηλι (rural Spili, Base Post Office's name) in blue, sender's address village of Vatos, from ΣΠΗΛΙ 10 III 1958



Rural post route **490** seated at **Aristomenis** (Messinia) from before 9/4/1912 to between 2005 and 2014, closed from between 2005 und 2014 to 2018 and at Petalidi (Messinia) from 2018 to 2020 or 2021 (closed)



Registered cover with
rural posthorn
datestamp 490, -8 V 80
and boxed **mute R-**
marking handstamp in
one line ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ
(registered) and under
the marking 37
(registration number) in
red, no sender's
address, from
ΑΡΙΣΤΟΜΕΝΗΣ
ARISTOMENIS 8 V. 80
(Base Post Office's
name) via ΚΑΛΑΜΑΤΑ
KALAMATA -8 V 89 19
and ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ATHINAI
(Athens) -9 V 80 19 to
ΑΘΗΝΑΙ Κ. ATHINAI Κ.
10 V 80-10 (Athens
centre), addressed to
Athens (made to order)

2. Mute R-marking of the Base Post Office

Rural post route **629** seated at **Zitsa** (Ioannina) from before 1913-1915 to 2/12/2002 (closed)

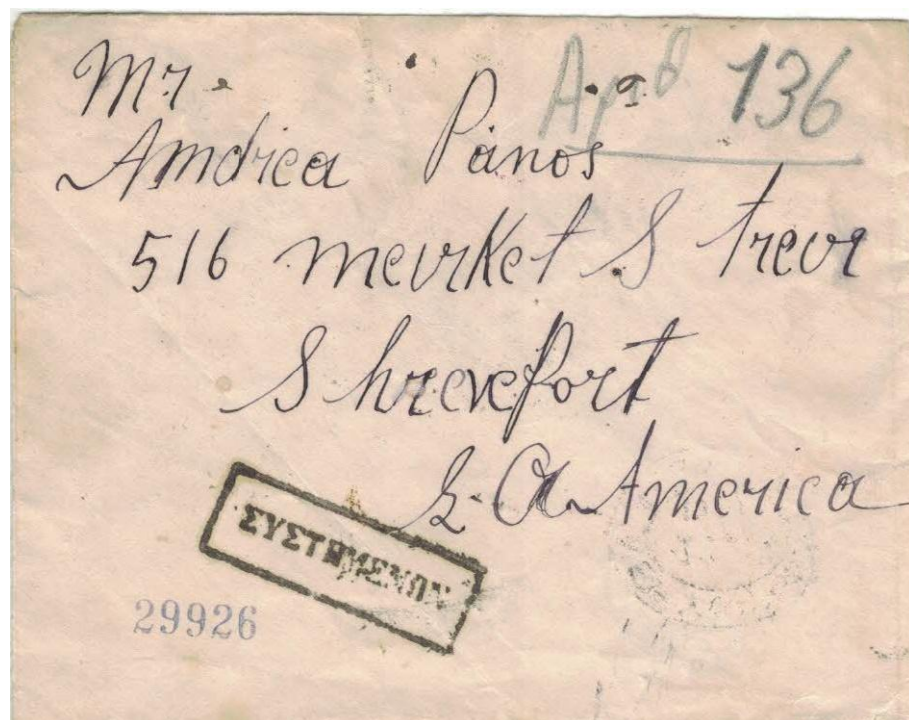


Registered cover with posthorn cancelation 629, 12 V 57 and **linear mute R-marking handstamp in one line** ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΟΝ (registered) Left to the marking R and corner cover R 142 (registration number), Αγ Ζίτσας, not readable (rural Zitsa, Base Post Office's name) and under it **linear handstamp in two lines** Παύλος Κραβάρης Αγροτικό Διανομέας Ζίτσας (Pavlos Kravaris rural postman of Zitsa), sender's address village of Rizo, from ZITSA 12 MAI 57 (Zitsa) via ΙΩΑΝΝΙΝΑ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 13 V 57 17 (Ioannina registered) and ΑΘΗΝΑΙ-ΣΥΣΤ. ΑΦΙΞ. 14 V 57 17 (Athens registered arrival) to ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΑ ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 15 V 57 09, addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora



2. Mute R-marking of the Base Post Office

Rural post route **243** seated at **Agnanta** (Arta) from before 1911 to 2020 (closed)



REGISTERED DEC 28, 1921 in lilac, addressed to Shreveport (USA)

Registered cover with dotted rural cancellation and **boxed mute R-marking handstamp in one line ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΟΝ** (registered) and top right of the letter Αριθ. 136 (Arith. 136, registration number), no sender's address from ΘΛ. ΓΡ. ΑΓΝΑΝΤΩΝ 18 ΝΟΕ 21 (Agnanta, Base Post Office's name) via ΑΡΤΑ 19 ΝΟΕ 21 (Arta), ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΕΙΣ 22. ΝΟΕΜ 21. time not readable (Athens arrival) and NEW YORK N.Y. REG'Y. DIV. 12_24 1921 to SHREVEPORT ...



Rural post route **809** seated at **Mithymna** (Lesvos) from before 1922 to today

Registered cover with dotted rural cancellation and **boxed mute R-marking handstamp in one line ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΟΝ** (registered) and above the marking Αριθ. 193 (Nr. 193) (registration number), sender's address village of Argennos Mithymnis (Lesvos), from ΜΗΘΥΜΝΑ 26 ΙΧ. 1928 18 (Mithymna Lesvou, Base Post Office's name) to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ



ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ -1 ΙΑΝ. 28 11 (Athens registered), addressed to Athens

2. Mute R-marking of the Base Post Office

Rural post route **512** seated at **Psari** (Messinia) from 9/4/1912 to 3/9/1973 and at Dorio (Messina) from 4/9/1973 to 12/11/2001 (closed)



Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 512, 27 VI 60 and **boxed mute R-marking handstamp in one line** ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΟΝ (registered in Greek) Under the marking R 149 (registration number), 512 αγροτικός (route number and rural) and Ψαρι Τριφ. (Psari Trif. Post-Office and province, Base Post Office's name), sender's address village of Amfithea Trifylias, from ΨΑΡΙ ΤΡΙΦΥΛΙΑΣ 27 VI 60 (Psari Trifylias) via Κ.ΤΡ.-ΠΕΙ. 2Γ 28 VI 60 12 (railway postmark Tripoli-Piraeus) to ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΑ ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 29 VI 60 10, addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora



3. R-marking with the name of the rural route

Rural post route **578** seated at **Efyra** (Ilia) from 9/4/1912 to between 2005 and 2014 (renamed from Delimpali to Efyra on 14/10/1929), at Oinofyta (Boeotia) between 2005 and 2014 and at Schimatari (Boeotia) from at least 2014 to today



27 OKT 1930- (Athens registered) and NEWPORT REGISTERED (date not readable) to SEATTLE (ERM. STA.) WASH. REGISTERED NOV 13 1930 in lilac, addressed to Seattle Wash. (USA)

Registered cover with dotted rural cancellation 578 and **boxed R-marking in two rows and the second row in three columns**, ΕΦΥΡΑ Efyra (Base Post Office's name), Σ (Systimenon registered in Greek), ΓΡ. (gram), ΑΡΙΘ. 26 (registration number) in black, sender's address village of Bali from ΕΦΥΡΑ 24 ΟΚΤ.30 (Efyra) via ΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ



Rural post route **747** seated at **Salamis** (Attica) from 21/10/1947 to today but in between also at Aianteio (Salamis-Attiki) from 1999 to 2001

Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 747, 27 IX 56 and **boxed R-marking in two rows and the second row in three columns**, ΣΑΛΑΜΙΣ (Salamis, Base Post Office's name), Σ (Systimenon registered



in Greek), ΓΡ. (gram) and handwritten A (AGR.) in blue, ΑΡΙΘ. and 8 (registration number) with pencil. Under the marking (Αργ.) (rural) and boxed Αγ. Σαλαμ (rural Salamis) AP 8 (Ar. registration number), sender's address: village of Moulki via ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 29 X 56 12 Π (Piraeus arrival registered), addressed to Pavliani Lamias (Fthiotida, Postal agency under the supervision of Gravia)

3. R-marking with the name of the rural route

Rural post route **761** seated at **Gefyra** (Thessaloniki) from 6/6/1931 to 2020 or 2021, at Agia Paraskevi Mithymnis (Lesvos) from 2020 or 2021 to 22/5/2023 (closed). In 1916 used at an unknown seat in Northern Epirus



time not on the cover (Thessaloniki registered) to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 15. VII 48.17 (Athens registered arrival), addressed to Athens

Registered cover with dotted rural cancellation 761 and **boxed R-marking handstamp in two rows and the second row in three columns** in lilac ΓΕΦΥΡΑ (Gefyra, Base Post Office's name), Σ (Systimenon registered in Greek), ΓΡ. (gram), ΑΠΙΘ. (registration number) 168 in blue, sender's address village of Kastanas Prochom, from ΓΕΦΥΡΑ 11 VII 48 10 (Gefyra) via ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 12 VII 48



Rural post route **59** seated at **Kalamos** (Lefkada) from 22/6/1911 to 14/10/1929, at Mytikas (Aitolioakarnania) from 14/10/1929 to 12/7/1932, at Kalamos, from 12/8/1932 to between 2005 and 2014 (closed) and at Oia (Cyclades) from 2020 or 2021 to today. Parallel to the Greek numbering, a Cretan numbering system existed. The Cretan rural postal route number 59 was seated at Viannos (Lasithi) from 1900 to 1913.



Above the marking: ΑΓΡΟΤΙΚΟΥ (Rural) in blue, sender's address: Post-Office of Kalamos from KALAMOS ITHAKIS -3 II 76 via ΜΥΤΙΚΑΣ/ΜΥΤΙΚΑΣ -4 II 76, ΑΓΡΙΝΙΟΝ ΑΓΡΙΝΙΟΝ -4 II 76 10 and ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ-ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ -5 II 76 21 (Athens arrival registered) to ΨΥΧΙΚΟΝ/PSYCHIKON /6 II 76 10, addressed to Palaia Psychiko (made to order)

Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 59, -3 II 76 and **boxed R-marking handstamp in two rows and the second row in three columns** in blue ΚΑΛΑΜΟΣ (Kalamos, Base Post Office's name), Σ (Systimenon registered in Greek), ΓΡ. (gram), ΑΠΙΘ. (number) and 1 (registration number) in blue.



3. R-marking with the name of the rural route

Rural post route **697** seated at **Epanomi** (Thessaloniki) from 1913 or 1915 to 2020 (closed)



Registered cover with cancellation 697 and **boxed R-marking handstamp in two rows and the second row in three columns** ΕΠΑΝΟΜΗ (Epanomi, Base Post Office's name), R (registered), GR. (gram), N° (number) and 79 with pencil (registration number), sender's address village of Nea Irakleia from ΕΠΑΝΟΜΗ 21 VIII 49 (Epanomi) (time not readable) via ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 22. VIII 49 17 (Thessaloniki registered) to ΠΟΛΥΓΥΡΟΣ 23 VIII 49 12 (Polygyros), addressed to Polygyros



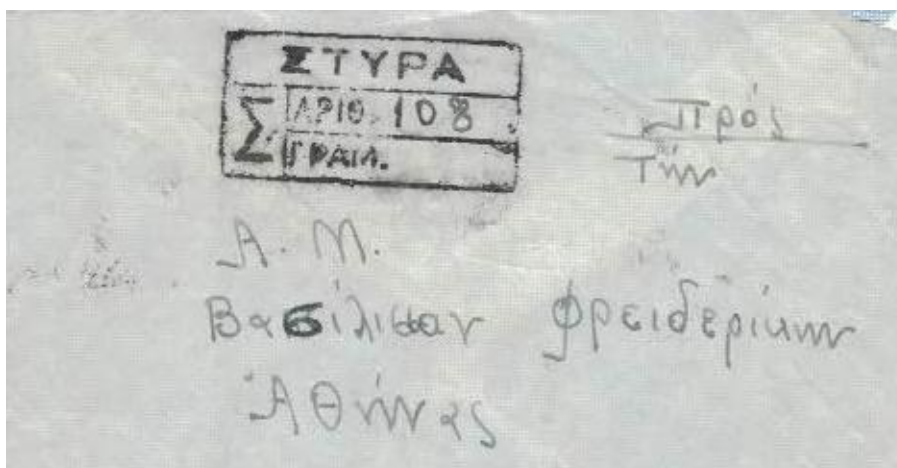
3. R-marking with the name of the rural route

Rural post route **722** seated at **Vatoussa** (Lesvos) from 1913 or 1915 to 14/4/1998, at Antissa (Lesvos) from 14/4/1998 to 2020 (closed) and reopened at Pyrgos (Ilia) from 2021 or 2022 to today



Registered cover with rural datestamp 722, -6 VII 93 with deformed posthorn and **boxed R-marking handstamp in two rows and the second row in three columns** VATOUSSA (Base Post Office's name). R (registered), GR. (gram), N^o, 23 in blue. (registration number) Around the stamp handwritten boxed marking with ΑΔ 722 in red (A.D. = rural post route), sender's address village of Anemotia, from BATOYΣA VATUSA 06.07.93 to Athens

Rural post route **338** seated at **Styra** (Evia) from 19/9/1911 to 1/3/1914, at Almyropotamos (Evia) from 1/3/1914 to 4/6/1931, back to Styra from 5/6/1931 to 9/11/2018, with switching at Nea Styra in this time and at least at Nea Styra to today



108 (registration number) in black, ΓΡΑΜ. (gram), sender's address: village of Zarka (now Zarakes) to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ -1 Ι 54.10 (Athens registered arrival), addressed to Athens



Registered cover with dotted rural cancellation 338 and **boxed R-marking handstamp in two rows and the second row in two columns and the second column in two rows** ΣΤΥΡΑ (Styra, Base Post Office's name), Σ (Systimenon registered in Greek), ΑΡΙΘ.

3. R-marking with the name of the rural route

Rural post route **467** seated at **Areopoli** (Lakonia) from 23/3/1912 to between 2005 and 2014 (closed)



Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 467, 15 V 74 and boxed R-marking handstamp in two rows and the second row in two columns and the second column in two rows AREOPOLIS

(Base Post Office's name), R (registered), N° 130 (registration number) in blue, GRAM, sender's address village of Areopoli, from ΑΡΕΟΠΟΛΙΣ 16 ΜΑΙ 74 (Areopoli) to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 17 V 74 19 (Athens registered arrival), addressed to Athens

Rural post route **486** seated at **Androusa** (Messinia) from 19/4/1912 to between 2005 and 2014, changed to Vrachati (Korinthia) to today



Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 486, 10 V 80 and boxed R-marking handstamp in two rows and the second row in two columns and the second column in two rows ΑΝΔΡΟΥΣΑ (Androusa, Base Post Office's name), Σ (Systimenon registered in Greek), ΑΡΙΘ. 29

(registration number) in blue and ΓΡΑΜ. (gram). Above the marking linear handstamp in one line ΑΓΡΟΤΙΚΟΣ (rural) in blue, no sender's address via ΚΑΛΑΜΑΤΑ ΚΑΛΑΜΑΤΑ 10 V 80 19 and ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 12 V 80 09 (Athens registered arrival) to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ Κ. ΑΘΗΝΑΙ Κ. 12 V 80-10 (Athens centre), addressed to Athens (made to order)

3. R-marking with the name of the rural route

Rural post route 444 seated at Neapolis Voion (Lakonia) from 21/3/1912 to 8/1/2001 (closed)



Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 444, 12 XI 51 and **boxed R-marking handstamp in two rows and the second row in two columns and the second column in two rows** NEAPOLIS BION (Base Post Office's name), R (registered), N° (registration number), GRAM. At the top right of the letter Αγροτικός Νεαπόλης Βοίων (Agrotikos Neapolis Voion) and R 97 (registration number), sender's



address village of Lachi, from ΝΕΑΠΟΛΙΣ (ΒΟΙΩΝ) 17. ΝΟΕ 951 (Neapolis Voion) to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 17. ΧΙ 51 9 (Athens registered arrival), addressed to Athens

Rural post route **739** seated at **Kalimeriani** (Evia) from 19/12/1948 to between 1998 and 2000, at Kymi (Evia) from 11/9/1947 to 18/12/1948 and from between 1998 and 2000 to 2021 (closed)



Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 739, 19 IX 77 and **boxed R-marking handstamp in two rows and the second row in two columns and the second column in two rows** ΚΑΛΗΜΕΡΙΑΝΟΙ (Kalimerianoι, Base Post Office's name), Σ (Systimenon registered in Greek), ΑΡΙΘ. 196 (registration number) in blue ΓΡΑΜ. (gram), sender's address village of Androniani, from ΚΑΛΗΜΕΡΙΑΝΟΙ 19 ΣΕΠ 1977 (Kalimeriani) via ΧΑΛΚΙΣ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 20 IX 77 10 (Chalkida registered), addressed to Stuttgart (Germany)

3. R-marking with the name of the rural route

Rural post route **710** seated at **Tzermiades** (Lasithi) from 1947 to between 2005 and 2014 (closed)



Registered cover with double ring rural posthorn datestamp 710, 20 -9 957 and boxed R-marking handstamp in two rows TZERMIADON (Tzermiades, Base Post Office's name), Σ (Systemenon registered in Greek) ΑΡ. 41 in black (registration number)



Above the marking Αγ. Δρ. 710 (Rural route 710) in black, sender's address village of Marmaketo, from TZERMIADON 20 ΣΕΠ 957 (Tzermiades) via ΗΡΑΚΛΕΙΟΝ 21 ΙΧ 57 12Π (Heraklion) and ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤ. ΑΦΙΞ. 22 ΙΧ 57 09 (Athens registered arrival) to ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΑ ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 23 Χ 57 11, addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora

Rural post route **523** seated at **Krestaina** (Messinia) from 9/4/1912 to today



Registered cover with EATA rural cancellation 523, 17.08.00 and boxed R-marking handstamp in two columns and the second column in two lines. R (registered), 27055 KRESTENA (Krestena, postal code and Base Post Office's name), Αριθ. and underline to fill in (registration number), sender's address Athen to Aroania (made to order)

3. R-marking with the name of the rural route

Rural post route **118** seated at **Makrakomi** (Fthiotida) from 18/8/1911 to today

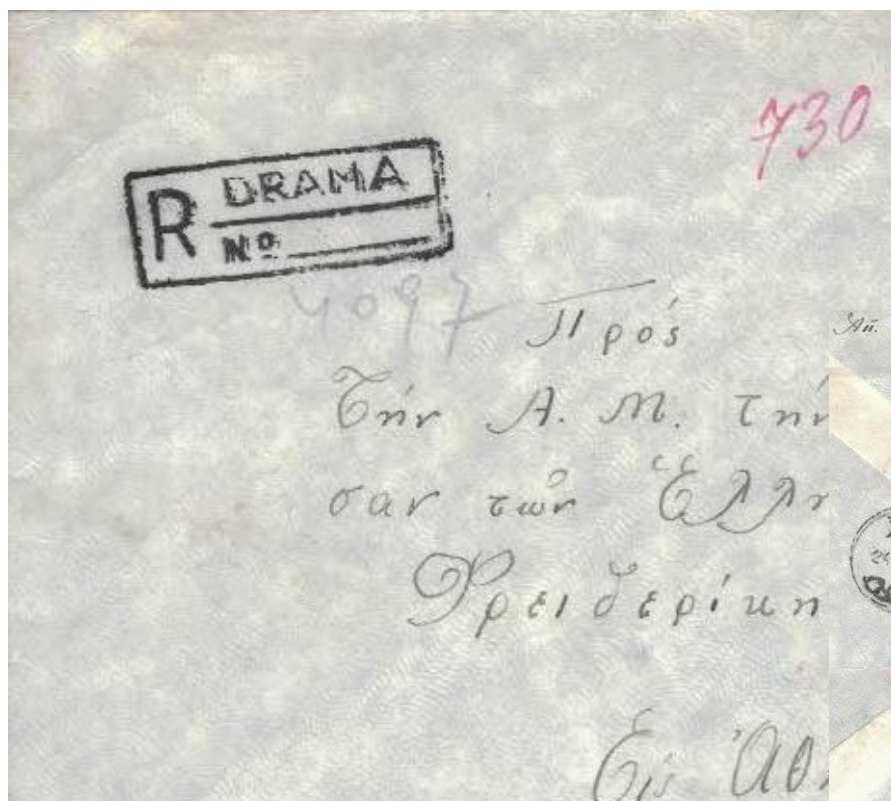


Registered cover with rural datestamp 118, -3 IX 85 with deformed posthorn and **boxed R-marking handstamp in two lines**. R (registered), MAKRAKOMI (Base Post Office's name), N° and underline to fill in 23 (registration number) in blue. Above the marking -App. 118-

(rural and route number), sender's address village of Palaia Giannitsou, addressed to Athens

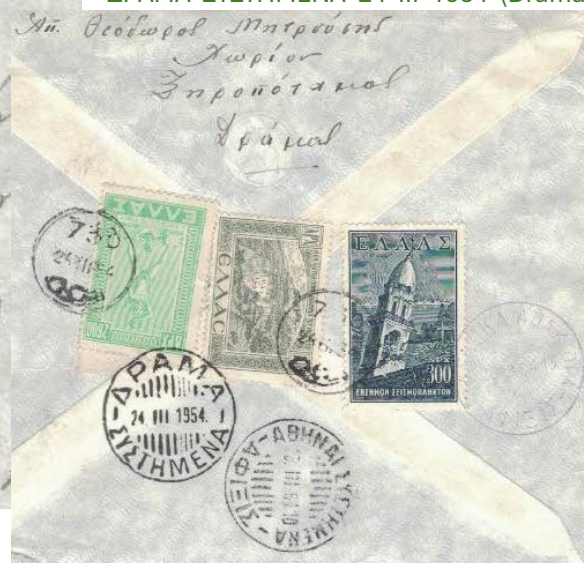


Rural post route **730** seated at **Drama** (Drama) from 1913 to 1/7/2001 (closed)



Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 730, 24 III 54 and **boxed R-marking handstamp in two lines**. R (registered), DRAMA (Base Post Office's name), N° and underline to fill in 730 (route number). Top right of the letter 730 (route number). Top right of the letter 730 (route number).

registered) to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΕΙΣ 25 III 54 10 (Athens registered arrival), addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora



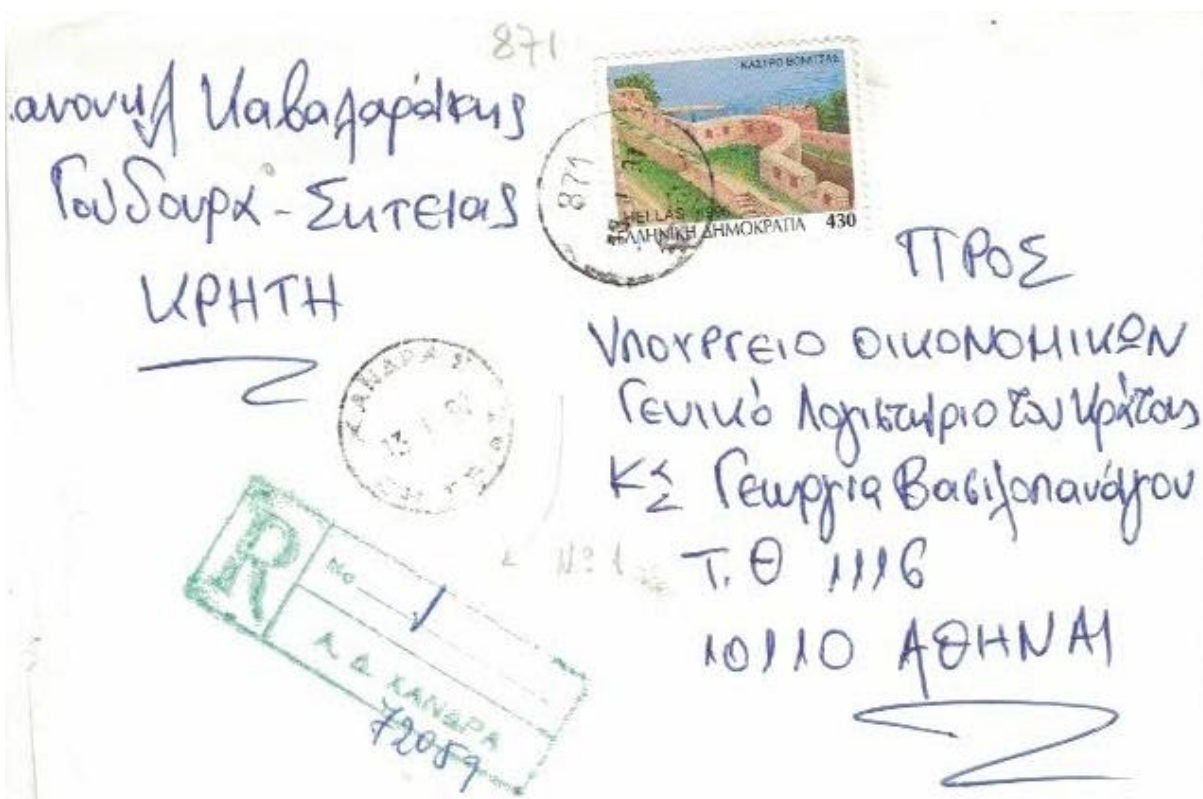
3. R-marking with the name of the rural route

Rural post route **615** seated at **Delvinaki** (Messinia) from at least 15/8/1999 to 17/12/2001, at Vourmpiani (Ioannina) from before 1922 to 16/11/1926, at Pysogianni (Ioannina) from 16/11/1926 to 14/1/1935 and from 11/7/1940 to 4/3/1954, at Molista from 14/1/1935 to 11/7/1940, at Konitsa from 5/3/1954 to 7/1994 and closed from 7/1994 to at least 15/8/1999



Registered cover with EATA rural cancellation 615, 08.09.00 and **boxed R-marking handstamp in two columns and the second column in two rows**. R (registered), ΔΕΛΒΙΝΑΚΙΟΥ (Delvinakiou, Base Post Office's name), №. 2807 in blue (registration number), from ΔΕΛΒΙΝΑΚΙΟΝ DELVINAKION -8 IX 00 to Aroania (made to order)

Rural post route **871** seated at **Chandras** (Lasithi) from 15/11/1919 to between 2005 and 2014 (closed)



Registered cover with rural datestamp 871, 13 I 97 with deformed posthorn and **boxed R-marking handstamp in two columns and the second column in two rows** in green R (registered), № underline to fill in 1 (registration number) in blue, A. Δ. ΧΑΝΔΡΑ (Chandra, rural route and Base Post Office's name), 72059 (postal code) in blue, sender's address village of Goudouras, from ΧΑΝΔΡΑΣ ΣΗΤΕΙΑΣ 13 I 97, addressed to Athens

3. R-marking with the name of the rural route

Rural post route **94** seated at **Amorgos** (Amorgos Island, Cyclades) from 4/2/1920 to between 2005 and 2014, at Langada (Cyclades) from 22/6/1911 to 3/2/1920, closed from 2005 and 2014 and at Symi (Dodecanese) from 1/2021 to today



Registered cover EATA rural cancellation 94, 22.01.99 and **boxed R-marking handstamp in two lines** in blue R (registered) N° underline to fill in 60 (registration number) in black and 84008 AMORΓΟΣ (postal code and Amorgos, Base Post Office's name), from AMORΓΟΣ AMORGOS 22.01.99 to Agioi Apostoli (made to order)

Rural post route **694** seated at **Arnaia** (Chalkidiki), renamed from Liaringova to Arnaia on 19/7/1928, from 1913 or 1915 to between 2005 and 2014 (closed)



Registered cover with rural datestamp 694, -6 V 80 with deformed posthorn and **boxed R-marking handstamp in two lines** in blue R (registered), N° underline to fill in 88 (registration number) in blue, ARNAIAS (Base Post Office's name) Under the marking App. -694- (rural and route number) in blue, no sender's address, from APNAIA ARNAIA 6 V 80, addressed to Athens (made to order)

3. R-marking with the name of the rural route

Rural post route **624** seated at **Asprangeloi** (Ioannina) from 24/10/1967 to 8/1994 (closed), at Bagia Dodonis (renamed to Kipoi Dodonis on 12/3/1928, Ioannina) from 1913 or 1915 to 20/9/1937, at Tsepelovo (Ioannina) from 20/9/1937 to 10/7/1938 and at Kipoi (Ioannina) from 10/7/1938 to 23/10/1967



Registered cover with rural datestamp 624, 12 V 87 with deformed posthorn and **boxed R-marking handstamp in two lines** in blue. R (registered) and underline to fill in 9/624 (registration number and route number) in blue and ΑΣΠΡΑΓΓΕΛΩΝ (Asprangeloi, Base Post Office's name), sender's address village of Asprangeloi, from ΑΣΠΡΑΓΓΕΛΟΙ ASPRANGELOI 12 V 87, addressed to Athens



3. R-marking with the name of the rural route

Rural post route **512** seated at **Dorio** (Messina) from 4/9/1973 to 12/11/2001 (closed) and at Psari (Messinia) from 9/4/1912 to 3/9/1973



Registered cover with rural datestamp 512, 26 IV 90 with deformed posthorn and **boxed R-marking handstamp in two rows and the second row in three columns** DORION (Base Post Office's name), R (registered), ΑΔ 512 (Rural route and route number) in blue and N° 19 (registration number) in blue, sender's address village of Vasiliko Trifylias, from ΔΩΡΙΟΝ DORION 26 IV 90, addressed to Athens

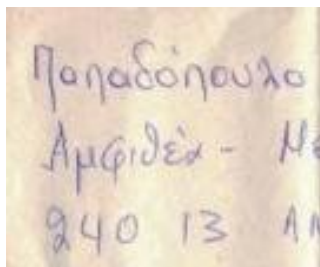
Rural post route **289** seated at **Kalampaka** (Trikala) from 1/6/1982 to between 2005 and 2014 (closed), at Kastanea (Trikala) from 19/9/1911 to 1/9/1912 and from 2/5/1925 to 18/7/1925, at Kranea (Trikala) from 1/9/1912 to 2/5/1925 and from 18/7/1925 to unknown date, at Kleinovos (renamed to Kleinon on 5/8/1963) from before 1935 to 1/9/1967 and at Chrysomilia (Trikala) from 2/9/1967 to 31/5/1982



Registered cover with EATA rural cancellation 289 and **boxed R-marking handstamp in two columns and the second column in two lines in blue** R (registered), GR 42200 KALAMPAKA (Kalampaka, country code, postal code and Base Post Office's name) above 289 Αρ. δρομ. (route number and rural route) and underline to fill in 6 (registration number), sender's address village of Chrysomilia, addressed to Athens

3. R-marking with the name of the rural route

Rural post route **486** seated at **Androusa** (Messinia) from 9/4/1912 to between 2005 and 2014 and at Vrachati (Korinth) to today



Registered cover with rural datestamp 486, 11 VII 96 with deformed posthorn and **boxed R-marking handstamp in two columns and the second column in three lines** R (registered), 24013 ΑΝΔΡΟΥΣΑ (postal code and Base Post Office 's name), GR 24013 ANDRUSA (country code, postal code and Post Office 's name), N° 30 (registration number) in blue. Below the marking 486 Αρ. Δομ (route number and rural route), sender 's address village of Amfithea, from ΑΝΔΡΟΥΣΑ ANDROUSA 11 VII 95, addressed to Athens

3. R-marking with the name of the rural route

Rural post route **703** seated at **Nestorio** (Kastoria) from 1913/1915 to today (renamed from Nestrami to Agios Nestor Kastorias and then to Nestorio)



Registered cover with rural datestamp 703, 21 VIII 95 with deformed posthorn 703 and **R-marking handstamp in one line** R ΝΕΣΤΟΡΙΟ 52051 (registered Nestorio and postal code, Base Post Office 's name), below the marking 8 (Αρε) (registration number and rural), rural posthorn datestamp and the signature of the postman, sender 's address village of Nestorio, from ΝΕΣΤΟΡΙΟΝ 21 VIII 95, addressed to Athens

4. Mute R-marking of the rural route

Rural post route **564** seated at **Kleitoria** (Achaïa) from 9/4/1912 to today (renamed from Mazaiïka to Kato Kleitoria and from Kato Kleitoria to Kleitoria)



Registered cover with rural datestamp 564, 13 IV 89 with deformed posthorn **13 IV 89** and **boxed mute R-marking handstamp of the rural route in two columns and the second column in two rows** in lilac R (registered), ΑΓΡ ΔΡ. (rural route) and 564 (route number) in blue, No 12 (registration number) in blue, sender's address village of Ano Kleitoria, from ΚΛΕΙΤΟΡΙΑ ΚΛΙΤΟΡΙΑ 13 IV 89, addressed to Athens

4. Mute R-marking of the rural route

Rural post route **565** seated at **Kleitoria** (Achaïa) from 5/6/1931 to 2016 or 2017 (renamed from Mazaiïka to Kato Kleitoria and from Kato Kleitoria to Kleitoria on 8/5/1968) and at Filia Kalavryton (Achaïa) from 9/4/1912 to 5/6/1931

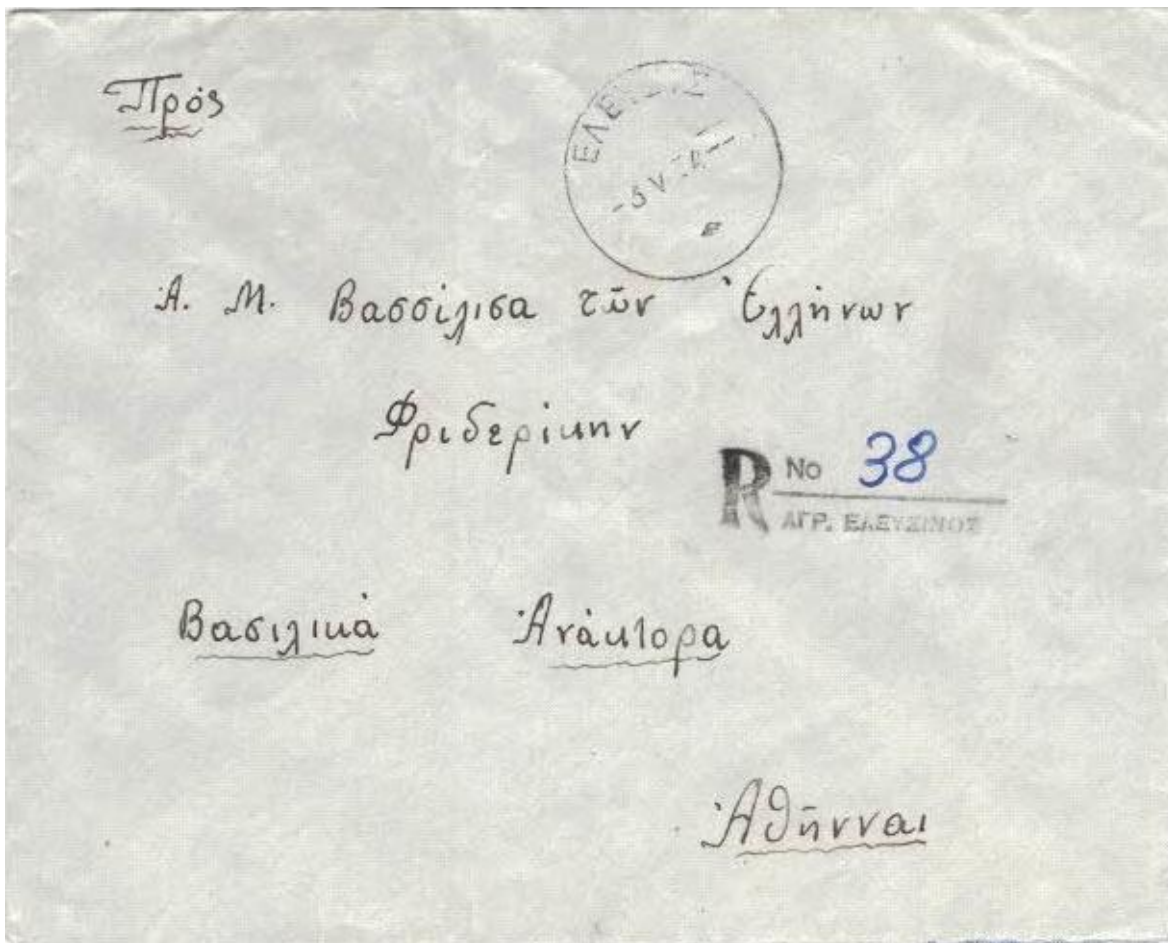


Registered cover with rural datestamp 565, 26 VII 76 with deformed posthorn and **boxed mute R-marking handstamp of the rural route in two columns and the second column divided into two rows** in greenish blue R (registered), Αyp. Δρομ. (rural route) 565 (route number) in blue, No 106 (registration number) in blue, sender's address village of Kleitoria, from ΚΛΕΙΤΟΡΙΑ ΚΛΙΤΟΡΙΑ 26 VII 76, via ΠΑΤΡΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 28 VII 76 21 (Patras arrival) to ΨΥΧΙΚΟΝ PSYCHIKON 30 VII 76 13, addressed to Palaio Psychiko (made to order)



5. Specific R-marking of the rural route

Rural post route **15** seated at **Elefsina** (Attiki) from 28/5/1911 to today. Parallel to the Greek numbering, a Cretan numbering system existed. The rural postal number 15 was seated at Palaiochora Selinou from 1900 to at least 1947.



Registered cover with rural dotted cancellation 15 and **specific R-marking handstamp of the rural route in two lines** in black R (registered), No and underline to fill in with 38 (registration number) in blue, ΑΓΡ. ΕΛΕΥΣΙΝΟΣ (rural Elefsina, Base Post Office's name), sender's address Synoikismos (part of the town of Elefsina), from ΕΛΕΥΣΙΣ -3 V 54 (Elefsis) via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ -4 V 54 9 (Athens registered arrival) to ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΑ ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ -4 V 54 13, addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora



5. Specific R-marking of the rural route

Rural post route **64** seated at **Karousades** (Corfou) from 22/6/1911 to between 2005 and 2014 (closed)

Parallel to the Greek numbering, a Cretan numbering system existed. The rural postal number 64 was seated at Sitia (Lasithi) from 1900 to at least 1939.



Registered cover with dotted rural cancellation 64 and **specific R-marking handstamp of the rural route in two lines** in black. ΑΓΡΟΤΙΚΟ ΚΑΡΟΥΣΑΔΩΝ (rural Karousades, Base Post Office's name), ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΙΟΣ ΚΟΝΤΗΣ (Anastasios Kondis, name of the postman) and above the marking R 156 (registration number) in blue, sender's address: village of Rachtades, from ΚΑΡΟΥΣΑΔΕΣ 13 ΙΟΥΛ 57 via ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 15 VII 57 12 (Kerkyra registered) and ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗ. ΑΦΙΞ. 16 VII 57 09 (Athens registered arrival) to ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΑ ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 16 VII 59 19, addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora



5. Specific R-marking of the rural route

Rural post route **627** seated at **Metsovo** (Ioannina) from 1913 or 1915 to between 2005 and 2014 (closed)



Registered cover with rural datestamp 627, 16 IX 86 with deformed posthorn and boxed specific R-marking handstamp of the rural route in two lines in black R (registered) dotted underline to fill in 66/627 (registration number and route number) in blue, ΑΓΡΟΤΙΚΟΣ ΜΕΤΣΟΒΟΥ (rural Metsovo, Base Post Office's name), sender's address village of Ampelia, from METSOBON 16 IX 86 14 (Metsovo), addressed to Athens

Rural post route **882** seated at **Zangliveri** (Thessaloniki) from 28/9/1952 to 14/10/2002 (closed)

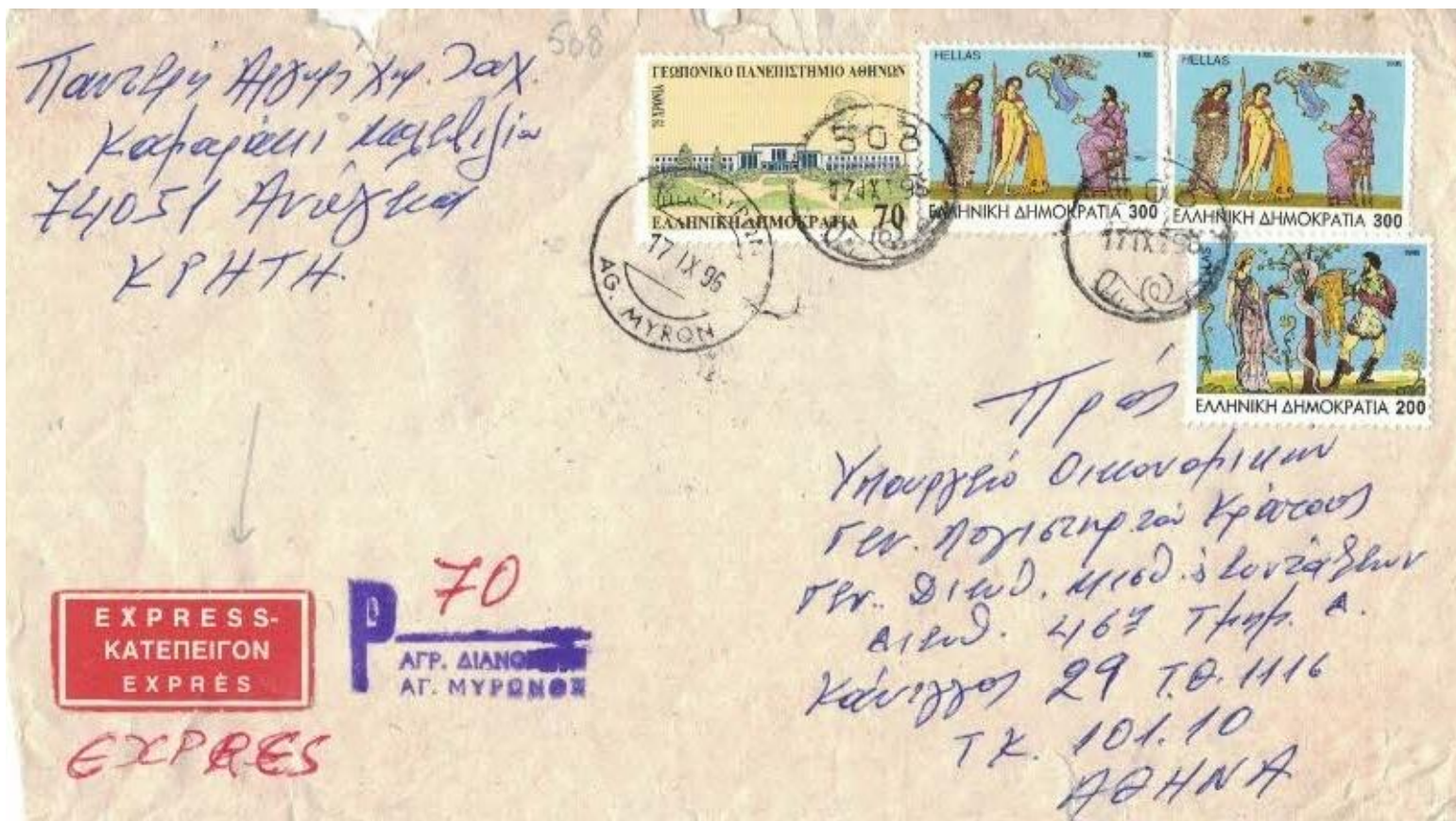


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Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 882, -9 I 79 and boxed specific R-marking handstamp of the rural route in three lines in blue R (registered), dotted underline to fill in 882 (route number) in blue, ΑΓΡΟΤΙΚΟΣ ΖΑΓΚΛΙΒΕΡΙΟΥ (rural Zangliveri, Base Post Office's name) underlined, No, dotted underline to fill in 5 (registration number) in blue and Βαρος (weight) dotted underline to fill in, sender's address village of Wasiloudi, from ΖΑΓΚΛΙΒΕΡΙΟΝ ZAGLIVERION 9 I 79 via ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ -9. I. 1979 23 (Thessaloniki registered), addressed to Münster, Germany

5. Specific R-marking of the rural route

Rural post route **508** seated at **Agios Myronas** (Heraklion) from at least 1950 to 2021, at Gargalianoi (Messinia) from 9/4/1912 to 1/7/1926, closed from 1/7/1926 to about 1950 and at Gazi (Heraklion) from 2021 to today



Registered express cover with rural datestamp 508, 17 IX 96 with deformed posthorn and **specific R-marking handstamp of the rural route in three lines** in violet, **P** (registered instead of R) underline to fill in 70 (registration number) in red, ΑΓΡ. ΔΙΑΝΟΜΕΑΣ (rural postman) and ΑΓ. ΜΥΡΩΝΟΣ (Agios Myronos, Base Post Office's name), sender's address village of Anogeia but sent from Agios Myronas Red label EXPRESS-KATEPEIGON, from ΑΓ. ΜΥΡΩΝ ΑΓ. ΜΥΡΩΝ 17 IX 96 via ΗΡΑΚΛΕΙΟΝ ΚΡΗΤΗΣ IRAKLION KRITIS (Heraklion Crete) 17 IX 96-17 and EXPRESS ATHINA AERODROMIO K.D. 18-09-96 -6 (Athens airport distribution centre) to EXPRESS ATHINAI KENTRO DIALOGIS 18-09-96-7 (Athens distribution centre), addressed to Athens



5. Specific R-marking of the rural route

Rural post route **893** seated at **Kastanies** (Evros) from 1925 to 2/3/1998, at Alexandroupoli (Evros) from unknown date to 1925 and at Prosotsani (Drama) from 3/3/1998 to 1999 or 2000 (closed)



Registered express cover with rural posthorn datestamp 893 26 X 67 and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp of the rural route in three lines** in violet R (registered) and underline to fill 185 (registration number) in blue, ΑΓΡΟΤΙΚΟΣ ΔΙΑΝΟΜΕΥΣ (rural postman) ΚΑΣΤΑΝΕΩΝ (Kastanies, Base Post Office's name), sender's address village of Fylakio, from ΚΑΣΤΑΝΙΕΣ ΕΒΡΟΥ (Kastanies Evros) 26 X 67 Red label ΚΑΤΕΠΕΙΓΟΝ EXPRES and blue label ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ PAR AVION via ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥΠΟΛΙΣ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 28 OKT 67 9 (Alexandroupoli registered), ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ (Thessaloniki registered) 30 X 1967 9, FRANKFURT AM MAIN FLUGHAFEN 6 (Frankfort airport and postal code 6) 31.10.67 23 Circular numeral handstamp 77 and boxed rectangular handstamp 55 of the postmen, to STUTTGART FA1, 7 (postal code 7)-1.11.67-6 boxed handstamp Benachrichtigungszettel (notification slip), addressed to Stuttgart, Germany



5. Specific R-marking of the rural route

Rural post route **115** seated at **Lamia** (Fthiotida) from 31/12/1928 to today and at Lianokladion (Fthiotida) from 18/8/1911 to 31/12/1928



Registered cover with rural postmark datestamp 115, 10 IV 96 and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp of the rural route in three lines** in blue ΑΓΡΟΤΙΚΟ ΔΡΟΜΟΛΟΓΙΟ (rural route), ΛΑΜΙΑΣ (Lamias, Base Post Office's name) 115 (number of the route) in black, R (registered) and = 43 (registration number) in black, sender's address village of Amouri, addressed to Athens

Rural post route **696** seated at **Tyrnavos (Larisa)** from 28/3/1970 to between 2005 and 2014 (closed), at Domeniko (Larisa) from 1911? to 12/6/1929 and at Elassona (Larisa) from 12/6/1929 to 27/3/1970



Registered cover with rural postmark datestamp 696, (date not readable) and **specific R-marking handstamp of the rural route in three lines** in blue R (registered), N° underline to fill 63 in blue (registration number), underline to fill 696 in blue (route number) ΑΓΡΟΤΙΚΟ (rural), ΤΥΡΝΑΒΟΣ (Base Post Office's name), sender's address village of Damasi, addressed to Athens

5. Specific R-marking of the rural route

Rural post route **320** seated at **Mantoudi** (Evia) from 19/9/1911 to today.



Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 320, 29 II 60 and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp of the rural route in two rows** in lilac ΑΓΡΟΤ. ΜΑΝΤΟΥΔΙΟΥ (rural Mantoudi, Base Post Office's name), R (registered) and handwritten 11 (registration number) in blue, sender's address village of Spathari, from ΜΑΝΤΟΥΔΙΟΝ ΕΥΒΟΙΑΣ 29 II 60 (Mantoudi Evia) via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 1. III 60 15 (Athens registered arrival) to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 6 ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 2 III 60 08 (Athens 6 registered), addressed to Athens

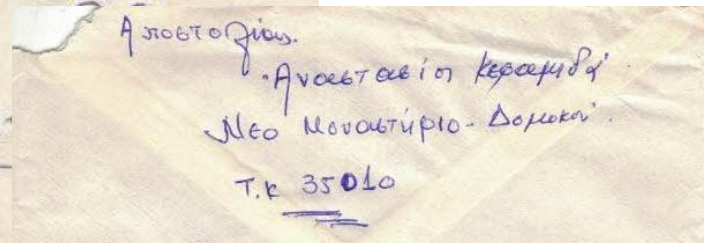


5. Specific R-marking of the rural route

Rural post route **133** seated at **Domokos** (Fthiotida) from 18/8/1911 to today



Registered cover without rural cancellation and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp of the rural route in two rows** in blue R ΑΡΙΘ. (registered and number) 5 (registration number) in blue, ΔΥΡΟΤ. (rural) underline to fill in 133 (route number) in blue ΔΟΜΟΚΟΥ (Domokos, Base Post Office's name), sender's address village of Neo Monastirio, from ΔΟΜΟΚΟΣ DOMOKOS 22 II 90, addressed to Athens



Rural post route **4** seated at **Kissamos** (Chania, old name Kastelli Kissamou) from unknown date to today and from an unknown date to 1912, at Voukolies (Chania) from 1900 to 1901, at Kolymvari (Chania) from 1901 to unknown date and from 1912 to an unknown date. Parallel to the Cretan numbering, a Greek numbering system existed. The Greek rural postal number 4 was seated at suburbs of Athens from 28/5/1911 to 1917 or 1918



Registered cover with rural datestamp 4, 29 IV 83 with deformed posthorn 4 and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp of the rural route in two columns and first column in two lines** in blue ΚΙΣΑΜΟΣ (Kisamos, Base Post Office's name), ΑΓΡΟΤΙΚΟΣ (rural) and underline to fill in, R (registered) and underline to fill in 11 in blue (registration number), 4 (number of the route) in blue, no sender's address, from ΚΙΣΣΑΜΟΣ KISSAMOS 29 IV 83, addressed to Thessaloniki (made to order)

5. Specific R-marking of the rural route

Rural post route **121** seated at **Ypati** (Fthiotida) from 18/8/1911 to between 2005 and 2014, closed and reopened at Afantou (Dodecanese) from 2020 or 2021 to today



Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 121, 20 XII 96 and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp of the rural route in two rows and second row in two lines** in black AGP. (rural) handwritten 121 (route number) in red, R (registered), IPATI (Base Post Office's name) and No underline to fill in 113 (registration number) in red, sender's address village of Ladikou, from ΥΠΑΤΗ ΥΠΑΤΗ 20 XII 98, addressed to Athens

Rural post route **21** seated at **Livadeia** (Boeotia) from 28/5/1911 to unknown date and from 20/7/1972 to 1989 and at Orchomenos (ancient Petromagoula) from unknown date to 19/7/1972 and from 1989 to today. Parallel to the Greek numbering, a Cretan numbering system existed. The Cretan rural postal route number 21 was seated at Chora Sfakion (Chania) from 1900 to at least 13/9/1925



Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 21, 21 VI 80 and **boxed specific R-marking postmark of the rural route in two columns and second column in two rows** in blue R (registered), 4 (registration number) in black, AGP. ΛΕΒΑΔΕΙΑΣ (rural Levadeia, Base Post Office's name), 21 (route number) in black, no sender's address, from ΛΕΒΑΔΕΙΑ LEVADIA 21 VI 80 17 to ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 25 VI 80 9 (Thessaloniki registered), addressed to Thessaloniki (made to order)

5. Specific R-marking of the rural route

Rural post route **494** seated at **Chatzi** (Messinia) from 9/4/1912 to between 2005 and 2014, changed to Vrachati (Korinthia) and closed between 2020 and 2021



Registered cover with rural datestamp 494, 15 V 80 with deformed posthorn and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp of the rural route in two columns and second column in two rows** in lilac R (registered), No and underline to fill in 35 in blue (registration number) ΑΓΠΟΤ. ΧΑΤΖΗ (rural and Chatzi, Base Post Office's name), no sender's address, from

ΧΑΤΖΗ ΜΕΣΣΗΝΙΑΣ -9 V 80 (Chatzi Messina) via ΚΑΛΑΜΑΤΑ ΚΑΛΑΜΑΤΑ 15 V 80 10 to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ Κ. ΑΘΗΝΑΙ Κ. 17 V 80-10 (Athens centre), addressed to Athens (made to order)

Rural post route **741** seated at **Karatoulas** (Ilia) from 3/8/1972 to 2019 or 2020 (closed), at Doukas (Ilia) from 5/1/1939 to 9/2/1969 and at Lalas (Ilia) from 10/2/1969 to 2/8/1972



Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 741, 18 IV 98 (wrong date) and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp of the rural route in two columns and second column in two rows** in violet R (registered), ΑΓΠΟΤ. ΚΑΡΑΤΟΥΛΑΣ 741 (rural of Karatoulas, Base Post Office's name and route number), 16 (registration number) in blue, sender's address municipality of Mouzaki. from ΚΑΡΑΤΟΥΛΑ ΚΑΡΑΤΟΥΛΑ 18.06.98, addressed to Athens

6. Specific R-marking with the number of the rural route

Rural post route **70** seated at **Skripero** (Kerkyra) from 22/6/1911 to 2001 and at Tzavros (Kerkyra) to today
Parallel to the Greek numbering, a Cretan numbering system existed. The rural postal number 70 was seated at Georgioupoli (Chania) from 1900 to 1901 and at Vamos Chanion from 1901 to at least 1953.



Registered cover with rural postmark 70, 19 XII 86 in blue and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in two lines** in blue R (registered), 191 (registration number) in red, ΣΚΡΙΠΕΡΟΥ 70 Α.Δ. (Skripero route number rural route, Post Office and Base Post Office's name) under the marking R = 191 (registration number) in blue and 49083 (postal code) in red, sender's address village of Agros, addressed to Athens

Rural post route **467** seated at **Areopoli** (Lakonia) from 23/3/1912 to between 2005 and 2014 (closed)



Registered cover with rural postmark 467, 4 II 95 with deformed postmark and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in three lines** in violet R (registered), N: and line to fill in -1- in blue (registration number), 467 (route number) ΑΡΕΟΠΟΛΕΩΣ ΑΡΕΟΠΟΛΕΟΣ (Base Post Office's name), sender's address village of Germa, from ΑΡΕΟΠΟΛΙ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΛΙ 4.01.95, addressed to Athens

(registered), N: and line to fill in -1- in blue (registration number), 467 (route number) ΑΡΕΟΠΟΛΕΩΣ ΑΡΕΟΠΟΛΕΟΣ (Base Post Office's name), sender's address village of Germa, from ΑΡΕΟΠΟΛΙ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΛΙ 4.01.95, addressed to Athens

6. Specific R-marking with the number of the rural route

Rural post route **578** seated at **Efyra** (Ilia) from 9/4/1912 to between 2005 and 2014 (renamed from Delimpali on 14/10/1929), at Oinofyta (Boeotia) from between 2005 and 2014 and at Schimatari (Boeotia) from 2014 to today



lilac Σ (Systimenon registered in Greek), ΑΓΡΟΤ. ΕΦΥΡΑΣ 575 (rural Efyra, Base Post Office's name) and route number), handwritten improved in 578 in blue and 52 (registration number) in blue, sender's address village of Agios Dimitrios, from ΕΦΥΡΑ 24 ΑΥΓ 77 (Efyra) via ΠΥΡΓΟΣ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 24 VIII 77 10 (Pyrgos registered) and ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΘΙΞΙΣ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 25 VIII 77 11 (Athens arrival registered), addressed to Stuttgart

Rural post route **879** seated at **Mavrothalassa** (Serres) from 22/2/1973 to between 2005 and 2014 (closed) and at Nigrita (Serres) from 8/9/1919 to 21/2/1973



village of Mavrothalassa, from ΜΑΥΡΟΘΑΛΑΣΣΑ MAVROTHALASSA 20 I. 93 Red label EXPRESS KATEPEIGON EXPRES via THESSALONIKI KENTRO DIALOGIS 21 I 93 -7 to EXPRESS THESSALONIKI 20-01-93-21, addressed to Athens

6. Specific R-marking with the number of the rural route

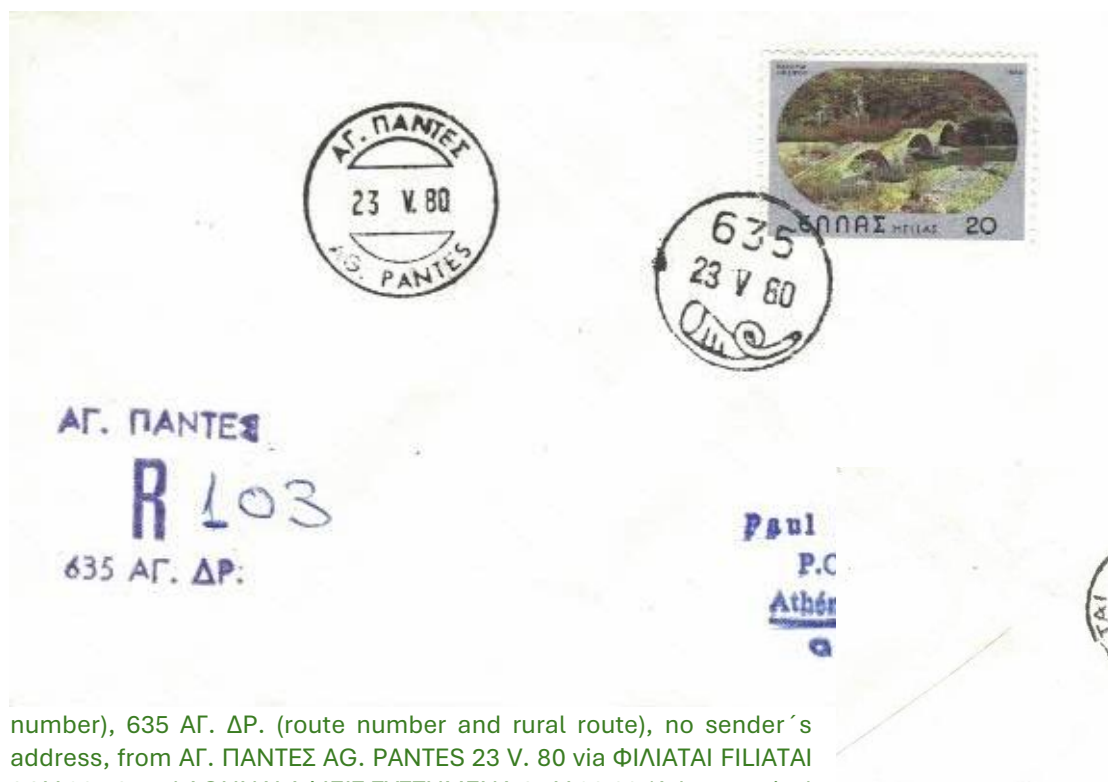
Rural post route **569** seated at **Leivartzi** (Achaïa) from 9/4/1912 to 1998 or 1999, at Aroania (Achaïa) from 1998 or 1999 to between 2005 and 2014 and at Dafni Kalavryton (Achaïa) from between 2005 and 2014 to 2020 or 2021(closed)



Registered cover with rural datestamp 569, 17 VI 96, with deformed posthorn and **linear specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in two lines** in violet, ΑΔ (rural route) 569 (route number), R: (registered) and 39 (registration number) in red, sender's address village of Kerasia, from ΛΙΒΑΡΤΖΙΟΝ LIVARTZION 17 VI 96, addressed to Athens

6. Specific R-marking with the number of the rural route

Rural post route **635** seated for some time at **Agioli Pantes** (Thesprotia), at Filiates (Thesprotia) from 1913 or 1915 to 31/5/1973 and from October 1999 to between 2005 and 2014 (closed),



Registered cover with rural datestamp 635, 23 V 80 with deformed posthorn and linear specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in three lines in blue. AG. ΠΑΝΤΕΣ (Agioli Pantes, Base Post Office's name), R (registered) and 103 in blue (registration

number), 635 AG. ΔΡ. (route number and rural route), no sender's address, from AG. ΠΑΝΤΕΣ AG. ΠΑΝΤΕΣ 23 V. 80 via ΦΙΛΙΑΤΑΙ FILIATAI 24 V 80 12 and ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 27 V 80 09 (Athens arrival registered) to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ Κ. ΑΘΗΝΑΙ Κ. 27 V 80 (Athens centre), addressed to Athens (made to order)

Rural post route **258** seated at **Agia** (Larisa) from 3/9/1911 to between 2005 and 2014 and at Skopelos (Magnisia) from between 2005 and 2014 to today

Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 258, 31 III 81 and linear specific R-marking handstamp with the number

of the rural route in four lines in blue

ΑΓΡΟΤ. ΔΙΑΝ. 258 (rural postman and route number), TAX. ΑΓΙΑΣ (Agia, Base Post Office's name), Σ (Systimenon registered in Greek), ΑΡΙΘ. and 10 (registration number) in black and ΓΡ (gram Weight), no sender's address, from ΑΓΙΑ ΑΓΗΙΑ 31 III 81, addressed to Thessaloniki (made to order)



6. Specific R-marking with the number of the rural route

Rural post route **829** seated at **Rodolivos** (Serres) from 1913 or 1915 to 2/9/1973, and at **Draviskos** (Serres) from 3/9/1973 to July 2001 (closed)



Registered cover with double-ring rural posthorn datestamp 829, 23-7-1953 and **linear specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in three lines in black**. ΡΟΔΟΛΕΙΒΟΥΣ (Rodolivos, Base Post Office's name), R (registered), ΑΓΡΟΤ. 829 (rural and route number),

72 (registration number) in blue. sender's address village of Draviskos, from ΡΟΔΟΛΙΒΟΣ 23 VII 53 10 (Rodolivos) via ΑΛΕΞ/ΛΙΣ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 1Δ 24 VII 53 12 (railway postmark Alexandroupoli-Thessaloniki) and ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 25 VII 53 15 (Athens registered arrival) to ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ 28 VII 53 8, addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora



Registered cover with rural datestamp 829, -7 X 76, with deformed posthorn and **linear specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in three lines in blue**. R (registered), ΔΡΑΒΗΣΚΟΣ (Draviskos, Base Post Office's name), Αγροτικός - 829 (rural and route number), Αριθ. (number), underline to fill in 137 (registration number) in blue, sender's address village of Amfipoli, from ΔΡΑΒΗΣΚΟΣ ΔΡΑΒΙΣΚΟΣ -7 XII 76 (wrong date) via ΣΕΡΡΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ -8 X 76 09 (Serres arrival) and THESSALONIKI RECOMMANDES - AVION 8 X 76 23, linear handstamp in one line ΕΠΙ ΑΠΟΔΕΙΞΕΙ (Avis), addressed to Stuttgart (Germany)



6. Specific R-marking with the number of the rural route

Rural post route **833** seated at **Sidirokastro** (Serres) from 1913 or 1915 to 2016 or 2017 (renamed from Demir Hissar to Sidirokastro in 1920)



Registered cover with rural datestamp 833, 14 III 91, with deformed posthorn and **linear specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in three lines** in blue. 623 00 ΣΙΔ/ΣΤΡΟ ΣΕΡ. (postal code and Sidirokastro Ser., Base Post Office's name), R (registered), -17- (registration number) in blue, 833 ΑΓΡΟΤ. ΔΡΟΜΟΛ. (route number and rural route). Under the marking signature of the postman, sender's address village of Varmvakofito, from SIDIROKASTRON SINTIKIS 14 III 91-14, addressed to Stuttgart (Germany)

Rural post route **596** seated at **S.S. Vardas** (Railway station) (Ileia) from 24/8/1925 to 2020 (renamed from Manolas to S.S. Vardas) (closed in between)

Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 596, 23 X 57 and **linear specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in four lines** in black. TAX. Σ.Σ. ΒΑΡΔΑΣ (Railway station Varda, Base Post Office's name), R (registered), 16 in blue (registration number), 596 ΑΓΡ. ΔΙΑΝΟΜΕΥΣ (route number and rural postman), ΔΗΜ. ΚΟΥΤΡΟΥΛΗΣ (Dim. Koutroulis) (name of the postman), sender's address village of Mazi, from Σ.Σ. ΒΑΡΔΑΣ 24 X 57 via ΠΥΡΓΟΣ/ΠΑΤΡ ΚΙΝ 2Α 24 X 57 17 (railway postmark Pyrgos-Patras) and ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤ. ΑΦΙΞ. 25 X 57 09 (Athens registered arrival) to ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΑ ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 25 X 57 17, addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora



6. Specific R-marking with the number of the rural route

Rural post route **800** seated at **Kato Nevrokopi** (Drama) from 20/9/1960 to 2/1/2002, at Panormos (Rethymno) from 1916? to 14/4/1922 and at Sidironero (Drama) (renamed from Osenitsa on 1/4/1927) from before 1922 to 19/9/1960 and at Prosotsani (Drama) from 2/1/2002 to between 2005 and 2014 (closed)

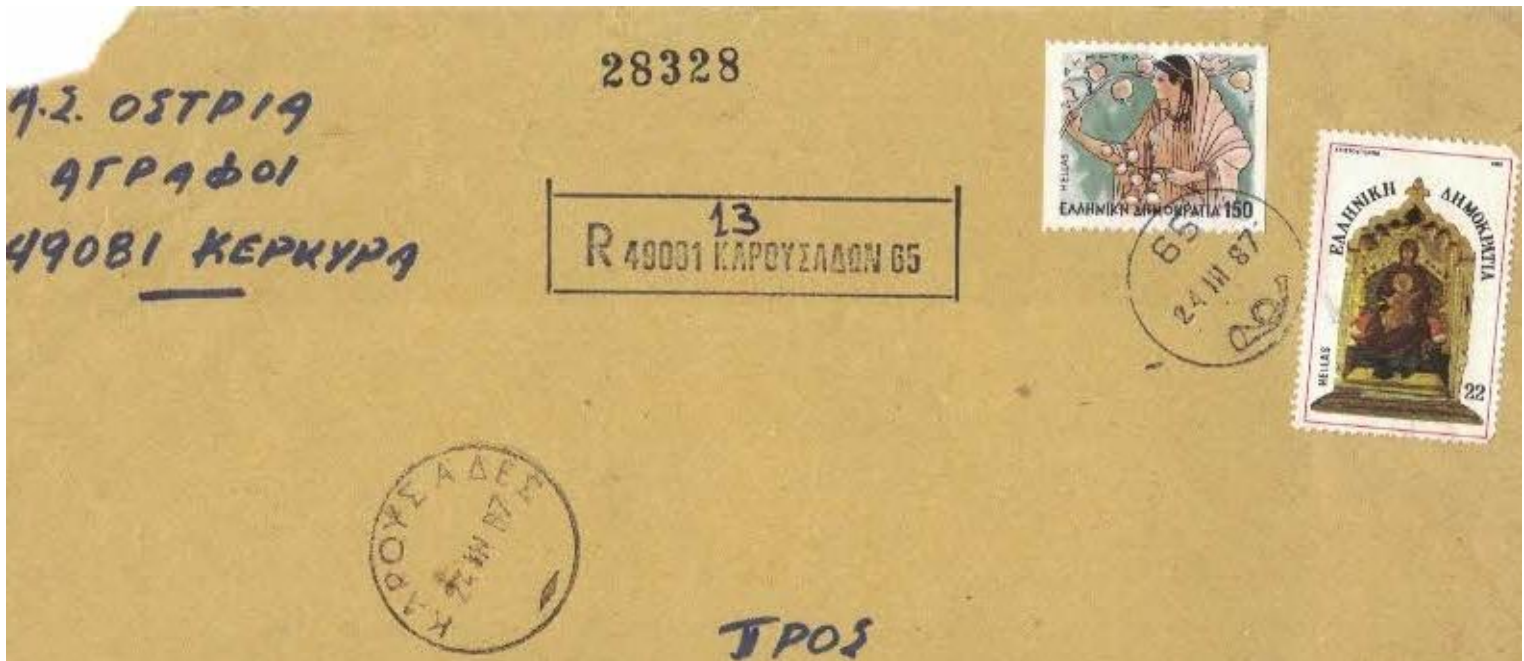


Registered express cover with rural posthorn datestamp 800, 26 VII 95 and **linear specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in three lines** in blue. R (registered), underline to fill in 28 in red (registration number), 800 Αγροτ. Δρομολογίων (route number and rural route, K. Νευροκοπίου (Kato Nevrokopiu, Base Post Office's name) Red label in three lines EXPRESS KATEPEIGON EXPRES, sender's address village of Dasoto via KABAΛA KAVALA 27 VII 95 18 to EXPRES-ATHINA AERODROMIO K.D. 27 07 95 8 (Athens airport distribution centre), addressed to Athens



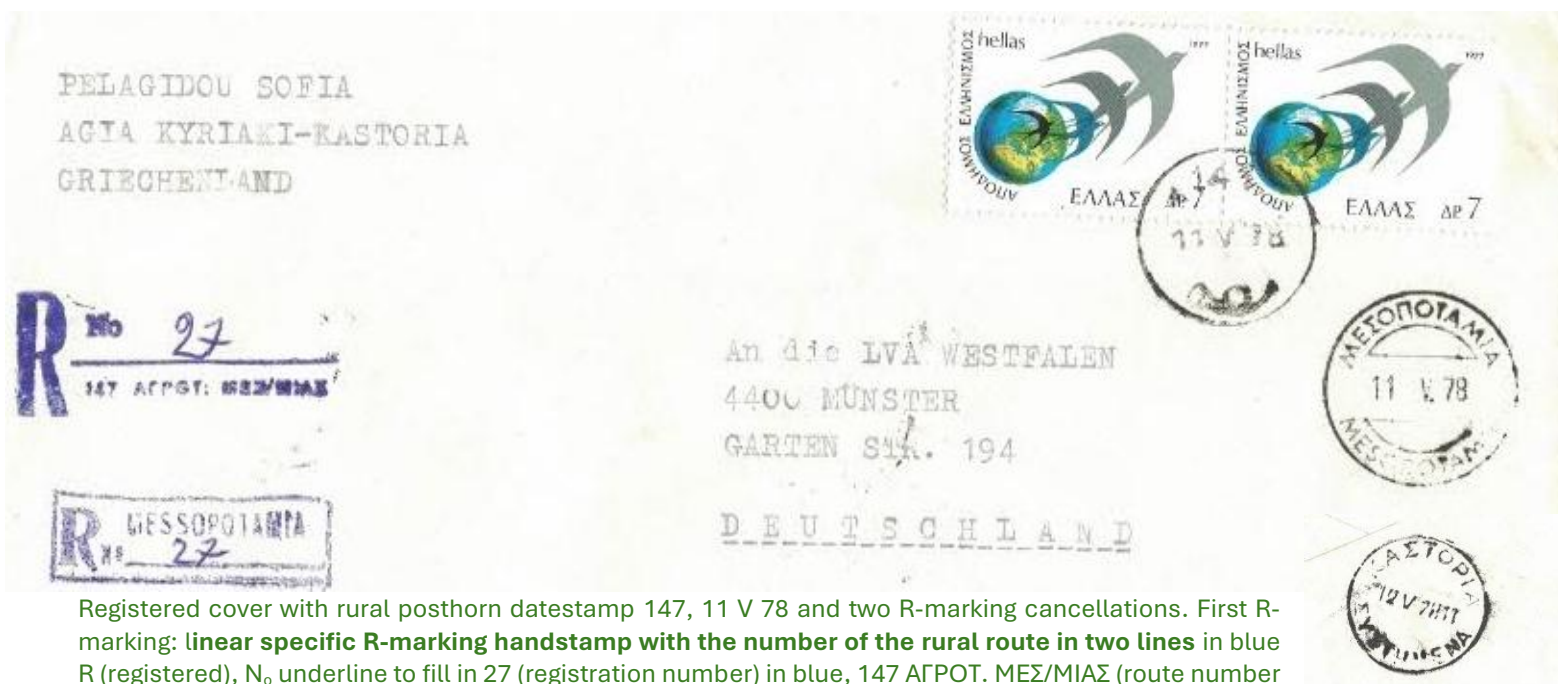
6. Specific R-marking with the number of the rural route

Rural post route **65** seated at **Karousades** (Corfou) from 22/6/1911 to between 2005 and 2014 (closed). Parallel to the Greek numbering, a Cretan numbering system existed. The rural postal number 65 was seated at Sitia (Lasithi) from 1900 to at least 1939



Registered cover with rural postmark datestamp 65, 24 III 87 and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in one line** in black. R 49081 KAPOYΣAΔΩN 65 (registered, postal code, Karousades, Base Post Office's name and route number). Above the Post Office's name 13 (registration number) in blue, sender's address village of Agrafoi, from KAPOYΣAΔEΣ 27 III 97 (Karousades), addressed to Athens

Rural post route **147** seated at **Mesopotamia** (Kastoria) from 11/10/1960 to 1993 or 1994, at Efpalio (Fokida) from 18/8/1911 to 9/8/1914, at Ieropigi (renamed from Kostenetsi on 9/9/1927) from 1914 to 10/10/1960, at Akrites Kastorias from 1993 or 1994 to 2002 (closed), replaced by a postal agency.



Registered cover with rural postmark datestamp 147, 11 V 78 and two R-marking cancellations. First R-marking: **linear specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in two lines** in blue R (registered), N, underline to fill in 27 (registration number) in blue, 147 ΑΓΡΟΤ. ΜΕΣ/ΜΙΑΣ (route number rural Mes/mias, Post Office and Base Post Office's name) Second marking; **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in two lines** in blue R (registered) MESSOPOTAMIA, 27 (registration number) in blue, sender's address village of Agia Kyriaki, from ΜΕΣΟΠΟΤΑΜΙΑ MESOPOTAMIA 11 V 78 via ΚΑΣΤΟΡΙΑ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 12 V 78 11 (Kastoria registered), addressed to Münster Germany

6. Specific R-marking with the number of the rural route

Rural post route **229** seated at **Agios Vlasios** (Aitolokarnania) from 5/9/1911 to 2020 or 2021, probably temporarily at Orfano (Aitolokarnania) with unknown dates



Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 229, -3 III 69 and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in two lines** in violet Σ (Systimeno registered in Greek), Αριθ., dotted underline to fill in 18 in blue (Arith. route number), Αγρ. 229 Αγ. Βλασίου (rural number 229 Ag. Vlasios, Base Post Office's name), sender's address village of Kyparissos Trichonidos, from ΑΓ. ΒΛΑΣΙΟΣ ΤΡΙΧΟΝΙΔΟΣ -3 III 69 via ΑΓΡΙΝΙΟΝ



ΑΕΡΟΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ -4 III 69 11 (Agrinio by airmail) in lilac to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ ΣΥΣΤΗΜ. -4 III 69 17, addressed to Athens

Rural post route **379** seated at **Leonidi** (Arkadia) from 3/3/1912 to today



Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 379, 18 VII 61 and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in two lines** in black Σ (Systimenon registered in Greek), 379 (rural number), Αρ. (number), dotted underline to fill in 82 (registration number). Under the marking Αγροτ. Λεωνιδιον (rural Leonidi, Base



Post Office's name) in blue, sender's address village of Chouni Kounoupias, from ΛΕΟΝΙΔΙΟΝ 18 ΑΥΓ. 1961 (Leonidion) via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ-ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ (Athens registered arrival) to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ (Athens registered, dates not readable), addressed to Athens

6. Specific R-marking with the number of the rural route

Rural post route **920** seated at **Kitros** (Pieria) from 19/11/1973 to 2/1/2001 (closed) and at Neo Eleftherochori (Pieria), incorporated into the community of Methoni on 7/9/1918) from 1914 to 18/11/1973



Registered cover with rural datestamp 920, 28 II 79 with deformed posthorn and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in two lines** in blue. R (registered), № 15 in blue (registration number), ΑΓΡΟΤ. ΚΙΤΡΟΥΣ 920 (rural Kitros, Base Post Office's name, rural number), sender's address village of Sfendami(on), from ΚΙΤΡΟΣ ΠΙΕΡΙΑΣ 28 II 79 (Kitros) via KATERINI 28 II 79 19, addressed to Stuttgart (Germany)



Rural post route **317** seated at **Eleftheroupoli** (Kavala) from before 1934 to today, in between closed from 1/3/2000 to between 2005 and 2014, and at Steni Dirfyos (Evia) from 19/9/1911 to 9/8/1914



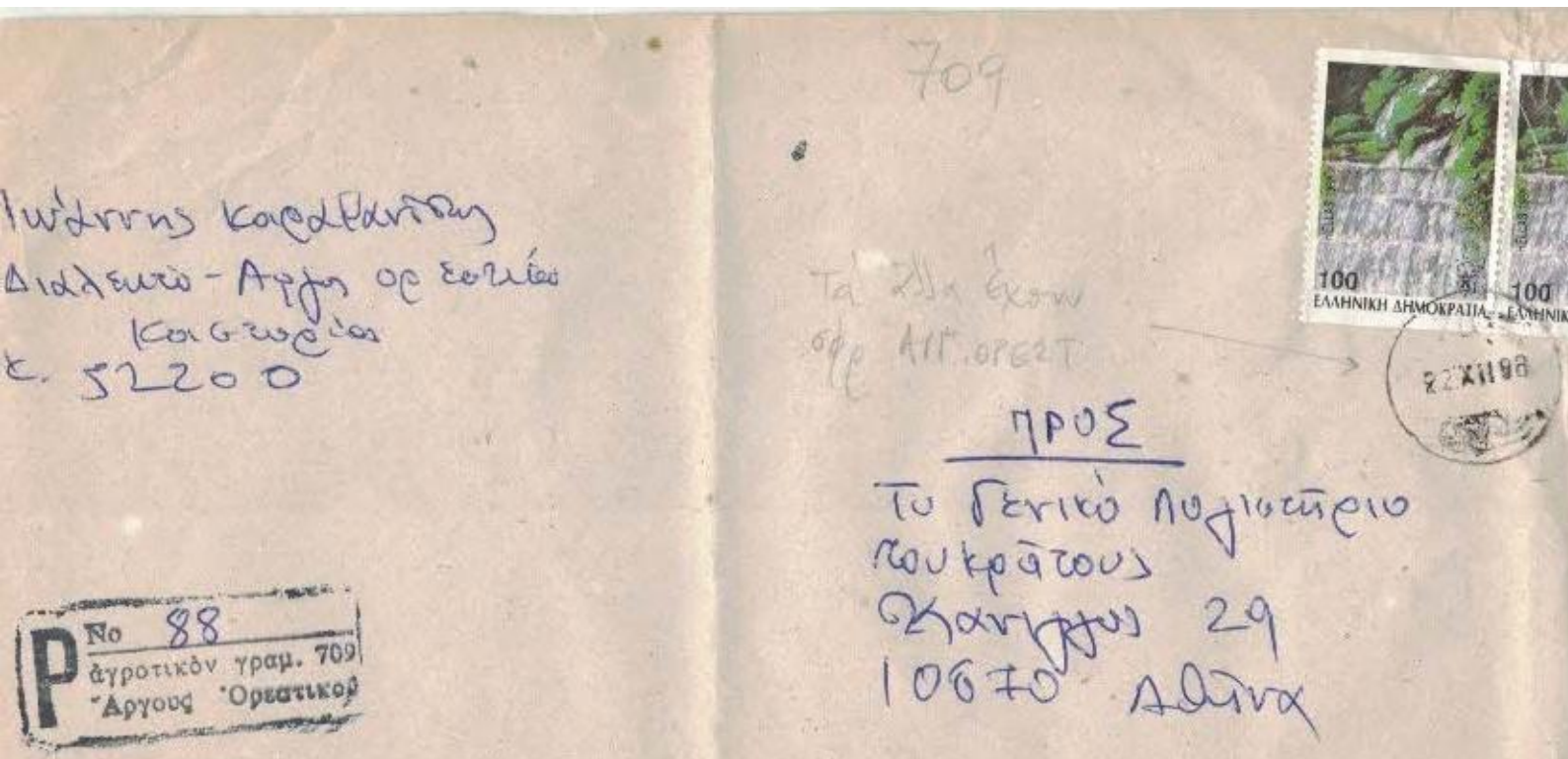
Registered cover with rural datestamp 317, 11 XI 69 with deformed posthorn and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in three lines** in blue R (registered) and № 467 in blue (registration number), ΑΓΡΟΤΙΚΟΣ 317 (rural and route

number), ELEFTHEROUPOLIS (Base Post Office's name), sender's address village of Palaiochori, from ΕΛΕΥΘΕΡΟΥΠΟΛΙΣ 11 XI 69 16 via ΚΑΒΑΛΑ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 12 IX 69 7 (Kavala registered) and ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 12 XI 1969 17 (Thessaloniki registered), addressed to Stuttgart (Germany)



6. Specific R-marking with the number of the rural route

Rural post route **709** seated at **Argos Orestiko** (Kastoria) from 1913 or 1915 to 1/10/1999 (renamed from Chroupista on 9/2/1926) and at Vogatsiko from 1/10/1999 to between 2005 and 2014 (closed)



Registered cover with rural datestamp 709, 22 XII 88, with deformed posthorn and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in three lines** in black. **P** (registered), No and underline to fill in 88 (registration number), in blue, ἀγροτικὸν γραμ. 709 (rural postman and route number) and Ἀργεὺς Ὀρεστικὸς (Argos Orestikou, Base Post Office's name), sender's address village of Dialekto, addressed to Athens



Corrected P (to R), handwritten in blue, sender's address village of Velos, from ΑΡΓΟΣ ΟΡΕΣΤΙΚΟ ARGOS ORESTIKO 26 VII 89 - 14, addressed to Athens

6. Specific R-marking with the number of the rural route

Rural post route **830** seated at **Kalampaki** (Drama) from 3/2/1992 to today and at Doxato (Drama) from 1913 or 1915 to 3/2/1992



Registered cover with rural ELTA datestamp 830, 11.09.00 and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in three lines in blue.** 66031 KALAMPAKI (postal code and Kalampaki, Base Post Office's name), R (registered), 374 in blue (registration number) and 66031 KALAMBAKI,

sender's address Athens, from ΚΑΛΑΜΠΑΚΙ KALAMPAKI 11.09.00, addressed to Aroania (made to order)

Rural post route **371** seated at **Chora Gortynias** (Arkadia) from 3/3/1912 to at least 1988, at Tropaia from 1988 to 31/12/1999 and at Kiato (Corinth) from 1/1/2000 to between 2005 and 2014 (closed)



Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 371, -3 III 89 and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in three lines in lilac.** R (registered), Αριθ. (number) underline to fill in 4 in blue (registration number), ΠΡΑΚΤΟΡΕΙΟ ΧΩΡΑΣ (postal agency Chora, Base Postal agencies name), ΓΟΡΤΥΝΙΑΣ (Gortynias), sender's address village of Chora Arkadias, from ΧΩΡΑ ΓΟΡΤΥΝΙΑΣ (date not readable) via ΤΡΟΠΑΙΑ -3 ΜΑΡ.89

(Tropaia), addressed to Athens. The postal agency Chora Gortynias was supervised by the Post-Office Tropaia.



6. Specific R-marking with the number of the rural route

Rural post route **676** seated at **Eratyra** (Kozani) from 1913 or 1915 to 2017 or 2018 (finally closed) (renamed from Selitsa on 19/7/1928)



Registered cover with rural postmark 676, 12 VIII 86 and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in four lines in blue**. R (registered), No (number), underline to fill 74 in blue (registration number), app.) 675 (route and route number), 50003 (postal code) and Eratupa (Eratyra, Base Post Office's name), sender's address village of Dryovouno, from EPATYPA ERATYRA 12

VIII 86, addressed to Stuttgart (Germany)

Rural post route **841** seated at **Xylokastro** (Corinth) from 31/8/1918 to today



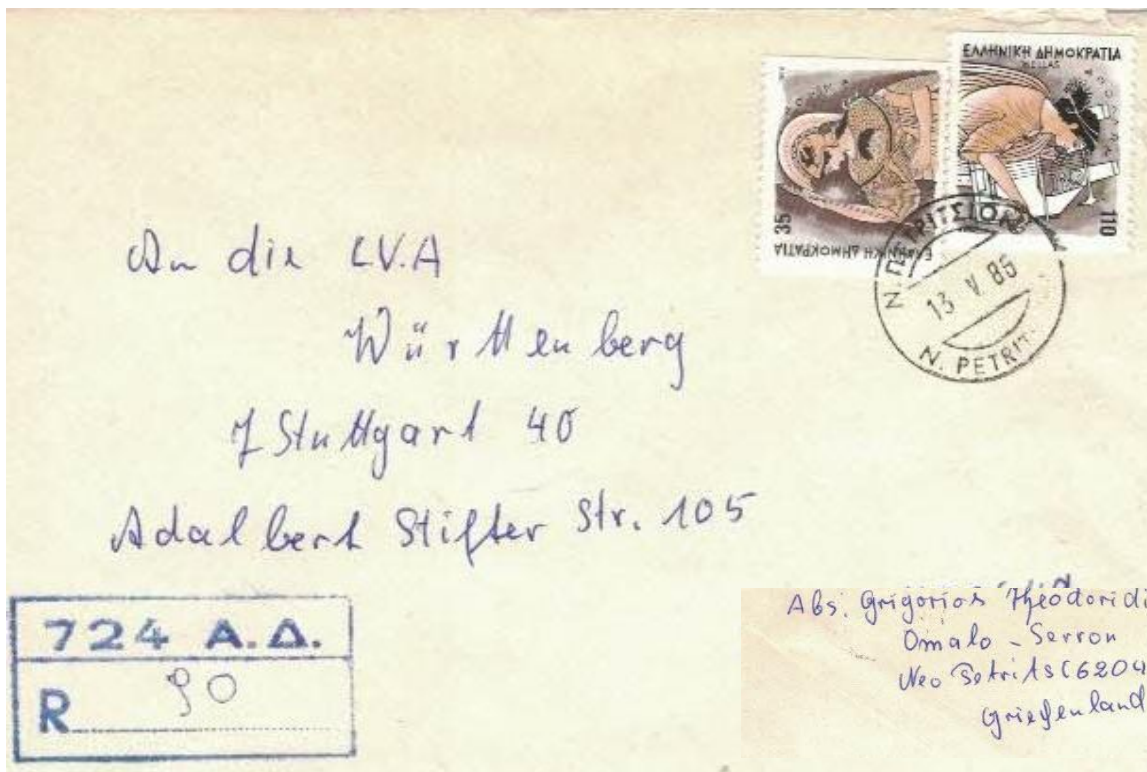
Registered cover with rural postmark 841, 24 VII 76 and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in two rows in blue**. 841 R (rural number and registered) and 3

(registration number) in blue, ΑΓΡΟΤ. ΞΥΛΟΚΑΣΤΡΟΥ (rural Xylokastro, Base Post Office's name) Under the marking linear handstamp in one line ΣΩΤ. Γ. ΜΑΥΡΑΓΑΝΗΣ (Sot. G. Mavraganis) (postman's name) in blue, no sender's address via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΕΙΣ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 28 VII 76 09 (Athens arrival registered) to ΨΥΧΙΚΩΝ PSYCHIKON 29 VII 76 10, addressed to Palaio Psychiko (made to order)



6. Specific R-marking with the number of the rural route

Rural post route **724** seated at **Neo Petritsi** (Serres) from 1913 or 1915 to between 2005 and 2014 (closed)



Registered cover without rural posthorn datestamp and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in two rows in blue**. First row 724 A.Δ. (route number and rural route), second row R (registered), dotted underline to fill in with 90 (registration number) in blue, sender's address village of Omalo Serron, from N. PETRITSION N. PETRITSION 13 V 85, addressed to Stuttgart (Germany)

Rural post route **642** seated at **Paramythia** (Thesprotia) from 1913 or 1915 to 1/4/2003, then closed and then reopened at Filiates (Thesprotia) from 2020 or 2021 to today



Registered cover with rural datestamp 642, 14 VI 83, with deformed posthorn and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in two rows and the first row in two lines in violet**. R, N° underline to fill in with 85 (registration number) in blue, 642 ΑΓΡΟΤΙΚΟΣ (route number and rural) and ΠΑΡΑΜΥΘΙΑΣ (Paramythias, Base Post Office's name), sender's address village of Kallithea Souliou, from ΠΑΡΑΜΥΘΙΑ PARAMYTHIA 13 VI 83-14 via IOANNINA IOANNINA 14 VI 83-17, addressed to Stuttgart (Germany)

6. Specific R-marking with the number of the rural route

Rural post route **384** seated at **Astros** (Arkadia) from at least 1965 to at least 2017 (closed), at Agios Andreas (Arkadia) from 3/3/1912 to 18/2/1914 and at Paralia Astros (Arkadia) from at least 1920 to at least 1962



Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 384, 4 VI 60 and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in two rows and the rows in two lines** in black ΑΓΡΟΤΙΚΟΣ 384 (rural and route number), Παραλιου Αστρους (Paralia Astros, Base Post Office's name), R (registered), N°

underline to fill in 160 (registration number) in blue ΓΡΑΜ. (gram), sender's address village of Astros Kynourias, from ΠΑΡΑΛΙΟΝ ΑΣΤΡΟΥ -4 VI 60 via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ-ΑΦΙΞΙΣ -5 VI 60 15 (Athens registered arrival) to ΑΘΗΝΑΣΙ 6 ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ -6 VI 60 08, addressed to Athens

Rural post route **599** seated at **Agios Georgios** (Grevena) (renamed from Tsourchli to Agios Georgios on 20/1/1927) from before 1928 to 2/3/1983 and at Grevena from 3/3/1983 to at least 1999 (closed)

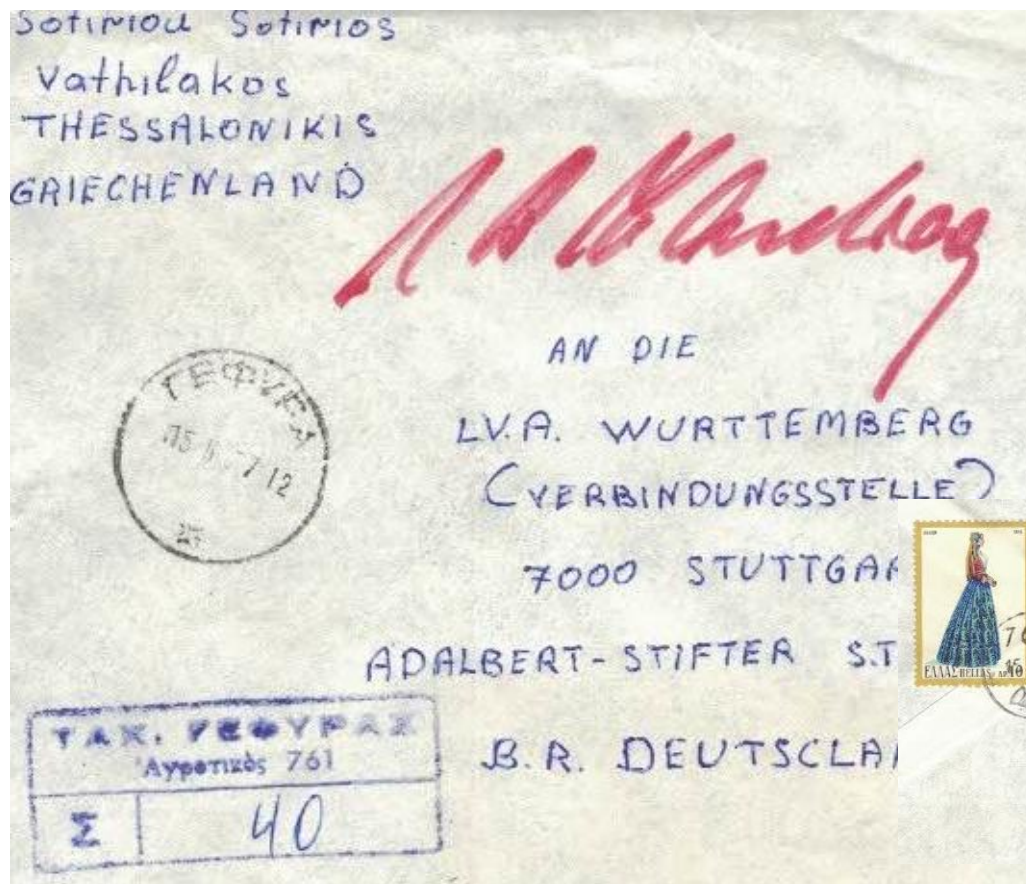


Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 599, -5 XII 68 and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in two rows and the second row in two lines** in violet. ΑΓΡΟΤΙΚΟΣ 599 (rural and route number), R)No (registered) and underline to fill in 59 (registration number) in blue, TAX. ΑΓ. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΥ ΓΡΕΒ. (Ag. Georgios Grevenon, Base Post Office's name) Blue label PAR AVION ΑΕΡΟΠΡΙΚΩΣ, sender's address village of Amygdalea, from ΑΓ. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ ΓΡΕΒΕΝΩΝ -6 XII 68 via ΓΡΕΒΕΝΑ -7 XII 68 12 (Grevena)

and ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ -9 XII 1968 10 (Thessaloniki registered), addressed to Stuttgart (Germany)

6. Specific R-marking with the number of the rural route

Rural post route **761** seated at **Gefyra** (Thessaloniki) from 6/6/1931 to 2020 or 2021, at Agia Paraskevi Mithymnis (Lesvos) from 2020 or 2021 to 22/5/2023 (closed). In 1916 used at an unknown seat in Northern Epirus



Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 761, 15 II 77 and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in two rows, the first row in two lines and the second row in two columns** in blue TAX. ΓΕΦΥΡΑΣ (Gefyras, Base Post Office's name 'Αγροτικός 761 (rural and route number), Σ (Systimenon registered in Greek), 40 (registration number) in blue, sender's address village of Vathylakos, from ΓΕΦΥΡΑ 15 II 77 12 via ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 16 II 1977 11 (Thessaloniki registered), addressed to Stuttgart (Germany)

Rural post route **594** seated at **Sochos** (Thessaloniki) from before 1924 to 2000 and at Megali Panagia (Chalkidiki) from 2001 to between 2005 and 2014 (closed)



Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 594, 10 IV 58 and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in two rows and second row in two columns** in red 594

ΑΓΡΟΤΙΚΟΣ ΣΟΧΟΣ (route number, rural and Sochos, Base Post Office's name), R (registered) and No 8 (registration number) in blue, sender's address village of Arethou(sa), from ΣΟΧΟΣ 11 V 1958 10 via ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 11 V 58 4 M (Thessaloniki registered) and ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 12 V 58 10 (Athens registered arrival) to ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΗ ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 12 V 58 10, addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora

6. Specific R-marking with the number of the rural route

Rural post route **873A** seated at **Ierissos** (Chalkidiki) from 1/6/1974 to today (or closed in 2002), demand-based rural post route due to increased seasonal mail traffic ("summer routes" from 1/6. to 30/9.) with the addition of A to the number



Registered express cover with rural datestamp 873A, 13 VII 79 with deformed posthorn and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in two rows, first row in two lines and second row in two columns in blue.** 873 and handwritten A in blue (route number), TAX. (P.O.), ΔΙΑΝΟΜ. (rural postman), R (registered) and No underline to fill in

231 (registration number) in blue. Red label in two lines KATEPEIFON EXPRES. On the back: marking handstamp Empfänger nicht angetroffen - Benachrichtigung hinterlassen (Recipient not found - leave notification) in red. Marking handstamp Nachsendungsantrag liegt nicht vor (Request for forwarding is not available) in red.

On the front: marking handstamp Zur Briefzustellung (for letter delivery) in red, sender's address village of Ouranopoli, from ΙΕΡΙΣΣΟΣ 13.VII.1979 11 (Ierissos) via DÜSSELDORF FLUGHAFEN 4 15.7.79 12 (Düsseldorf Airport Germany postal code) and MUENSTER 1 4400 16.-7.79-6 (Muenster and postal code), addressed to Muenster (Germany) (made to order)



6. Specific R-marking with the number of the rural route

Rural post route **522** seated at **Asvestochori** (Thessaloniki) from 30/12/1925 to 2016 or 2017 (closed) and at Thessaloniki from 16/3/1913 to 30/12/1925



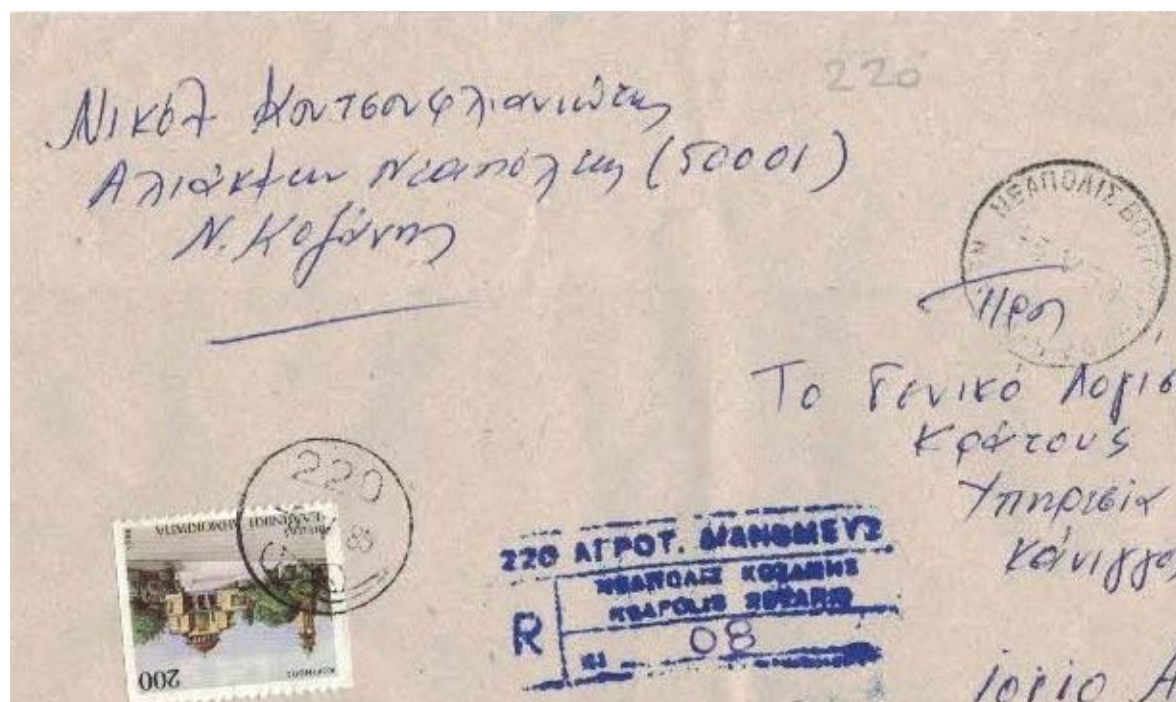
Registered cover with rural postmark 522, 14 XI 55 and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in two rows, second row in two columns, second column in two rows and second row in two columns** in lilac 522 AF POT. ΔΙΑΝΟΜΕΥΣ (route number and rural postman), R (registered), ΑΣΒΕΣΤΟΧΩΡΙΟΥ (Asvestochori, Base Post Office's name AP. (number), N° 451 (registration number) in black, sender's address Nosokomeio Sanatorio Asvestochori

(hospital and sanatorium Asvestochori, now G. Papanikolaou General Regional Hospital), from ΑΣΒΕΣΤΟΧΩΡΙΟΝ 14 ΝΟΕΜ 5-Ε. (Asvestochori) via ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ ΣΥΣΤΗΜ. ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 15 ΧΙ 55 7 Π (Thessaloniki arrival registered by air) to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ-ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 15 ΧΙ 55 15 (Athens registered arrival), addressed to Athens



6. Specific R-marking with the number of the rural route

Rural post route **220** seated at **Neapolis Voiou** (Kozani) (renamed from Leipsista on 11/9/1928) from before 1933 to 2021 or 2022 and then at Tsotili (Kozani) to today



Registered cover with rural datestamp 220, - 5 V 89, with deformed posthorn and boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in two rows, second row in two columns, second column in two rows and first row in two lines in blue. 220 AGPOT. DIANOMEYS (route number and rural

postman), R (registered), ΝΕΑΠΟΛΙΣ ΚΟΖΑΝΗΣ NEAPOLIS KOZANIS (Base Post Office's name), N° underline to fill in 08 (registration number) in blue, sender's address village of Aliakmon, from ΝΕΑΠΟΛΙΣ ΒΟΙΩΝ NEAPOLIS VION 5 V 89, addressed to Athens

Rural post route **901** seated at **Gefyra** (Thessaloniki) from about 10/9/1952 to between 2005 and 2014 (closed)



Registered cover with rural ELTA datestamp 901, 16.08.95 and boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in three rows in blue. R- (registered) and 296 (registration number) in blue, ΑΓΡΟΤΙΚΟΣ 901 (rural and route number), ΓΕΦΥΡΑ (Gefyra, Base Post Office's name), sender's address village of Agchialos, addressed to Athens

6. Specific R-marking with the number of the rural route

Rural post route **400** seated at **Karlovasi** (Samos) from about 1914 to between 2005 and 2014 (closed)



Registered cover with rural datestamp 400, 31 VII 96, with deformed posthorn and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in three rows and the third row in two columns** in blue. 832 00 ΚΑΡΛΟΒΑΣΙ (postal code and Karlovasi, Base Post Office´s name), ΑΓΡΟΤΙΚΟΣ 400 (rural and route number) R (registered) 110 (registration number) in blue, sender´s address town of Karlovasi, from ΚΑΡΛΟΒΑΣΙ ΚΑΡΛΟΒΑΣΙ 31 VII 96, addressed to Athens

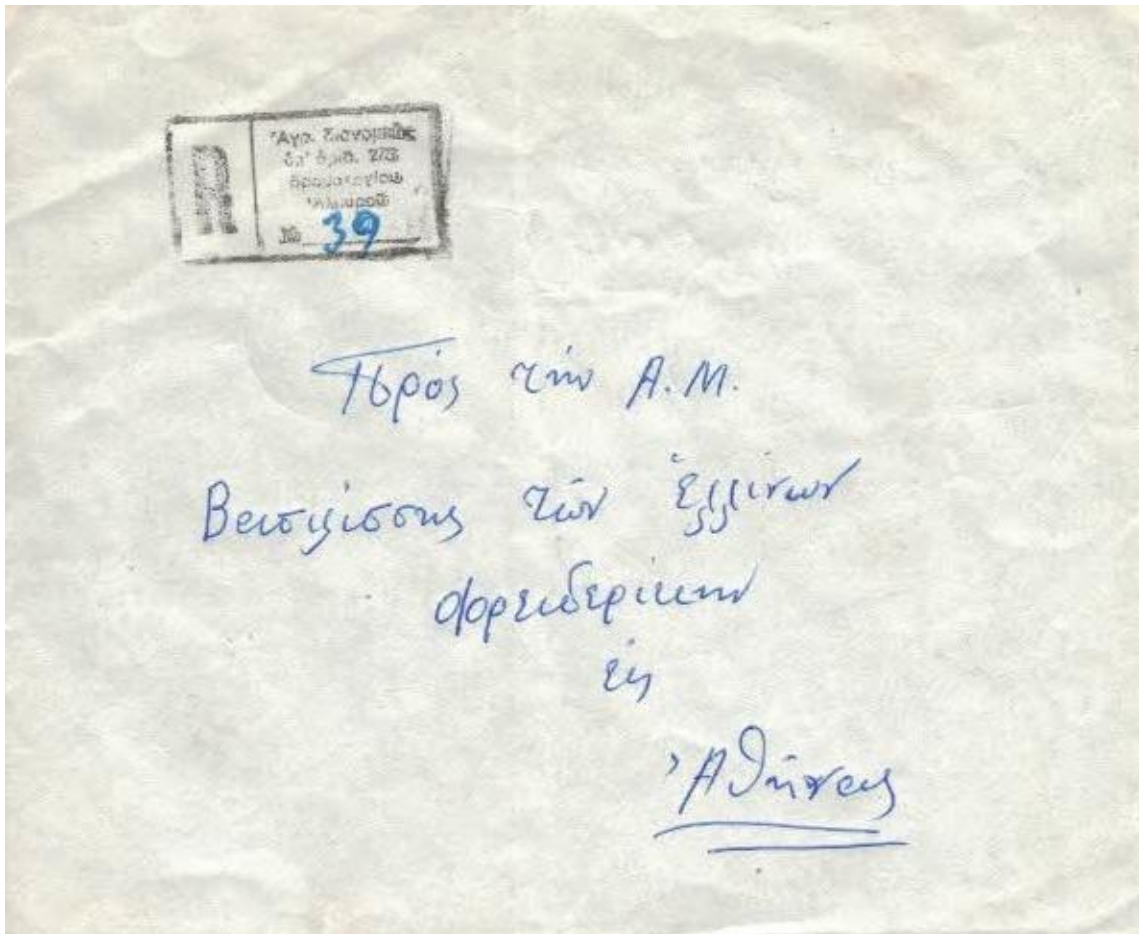
Rural post route **501** at **Pylos** (Messinia) from 2/7/1973 to today and at Methoni Pylias from 9/4/1912 to 1/7/1973



Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 501, 8 III 95 and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in two columns and the second column in two rows** in violet R (registered), №: 14 (registration number) in blue and A.Δ. 501 (rural route and route number). Left of the marking in one line R-14 (registered and registration number) in blue, sender's address village of Mesochori, from ΠΥΛΟΣ PYLOS 8 III 95, addressed to Athens

6. Specific R-marking with the number of the rural route

Rural post route **273** seated at **Almyros** (Magnisa) from unknown date to between 2005 and 2014, reopened at Chalki (Dodecanese) from between 2020 and 2021 to today and at Nea Anchialos (Magnisia) from 3/9/1911 to unknown date



Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 273, 7 XII 58 and **boxed specific R-marking** with the number of the rural route in two columns and the second column in five lines in black. R (registered), Αγρ. διανομείς (rural postman), υπ' αριθ. 273 (under the number - route number), δρομολογίου (post route), Αλμυρού (Almiros, Base Post Office's name) and Νό dotted underline to fill in with 39 (registration number) in blue, sender's address village of Tsouγκρια

via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 8 XII 58 17 (Athens registered arrival) to ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΑ ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 8 XII 58 (time not readable), addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora



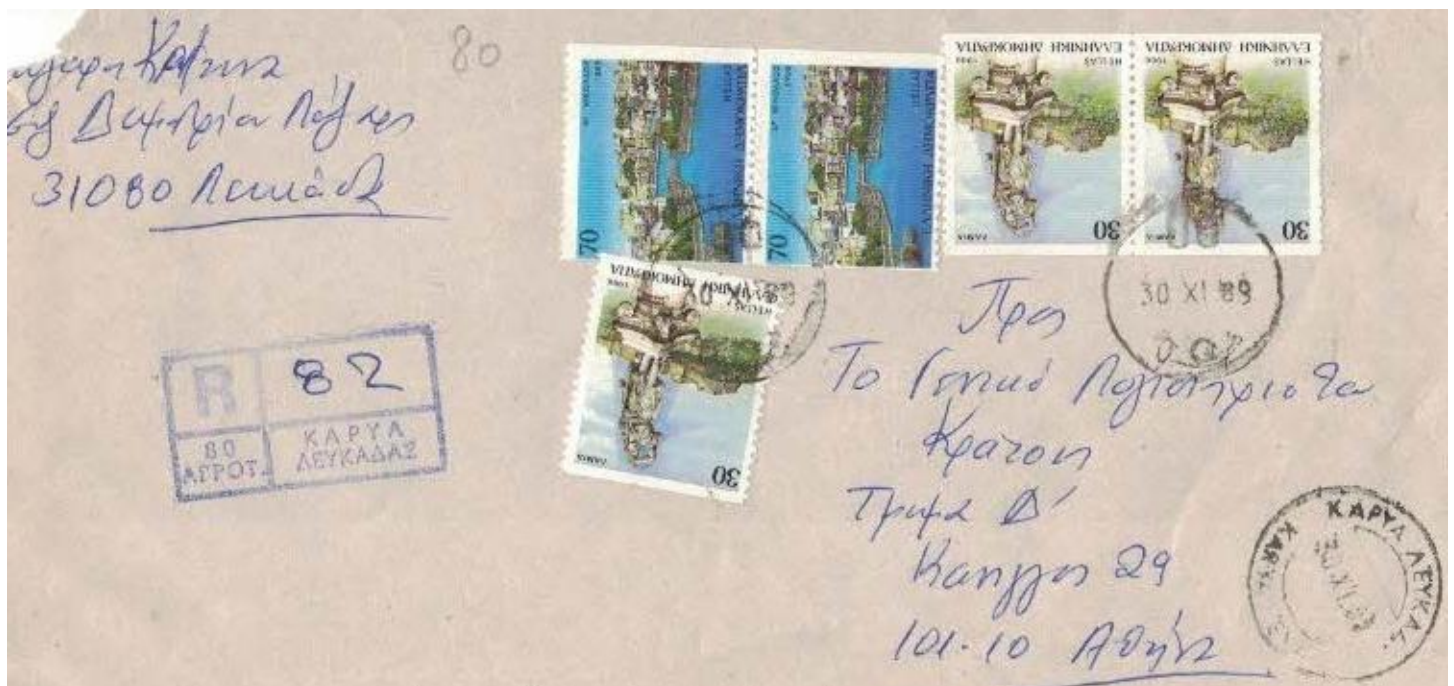
6. Specific R-marking with the number of the rural route

Rural post route **452** seated at **Katerini** (Pieria) (renamed from Aikaterini in about 1935) from 1913 to 27/3/2003 (closed)

Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 452, 27 VIII 76 and boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in two columns and the second column in two rows in blue. R (registered), №: 103 (registration number) in blue ΑΓΡ. ΚΑΤΕΡΙΝΗΣ 452 (rural route, Katerini and route number, Base Post Office's name), sender's address village of Lagorachi, from KATEPINH 27 VII 76 12 (Katerini, wrong date) via THESSALONIKI RECOMMANDES AVION 28 VIII 76-9, addressed to Stuttgart (Germany)



Rural post route **80** seated at **Karya** (Lefkada) from 28/5/1929 to 1/4/2002 (closed), at Lazarata (Lefkada) from 28/9/1911 to 28/5/1929 and at Patra (Achaia) from between 2005 and 2014 to today



Registered cover with rural posthorn datestamp 80, 30 XI 89 and boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in two columns, both columns in two rows and the lower row in two lines in blue. R (registered), 80 (route number) ΑΓΡΟΤ. (rural), 82 (registration number) in blue, ΚΑΡΥΑ (Karya, Base Post Office's name), ΛΕΥΚΑΔΑΣ (Lefkada), sender's address no location specified, from ΚΑΡΥΑ ΛΕΥΚΑΔ. ΚΑΡΥΑ ΛΕΥΚΑΔ. 30 XI 89, addressed to Athens

6. Specific R-marking with the number of the rural route

Rural post route **759** at **Tsotili** (Kozani) from 2/1/1976 to between 2005 and 2014, at Pentalofos (Kozani) from 22/6/1931 to 1/1/1976 and at Evopos (Kilkis) from 2020 or 2021 to today



Registered cover with rural datestamp 759, 23.08.95, with deformed posthorn and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in two columns and the second column in two rows and the second row in two lines** in blue. R (registered), N°, underline to fill in with 42 (registration number) in blue, 759 ΑΓΡΟΤΙΚΟΣ (route number and rural) ΤΣΟΤΙΛΙΟΥ (Tsotili, Base Post Office's name), sender's address village of Zoni, from ΤΣΟΤΙΛΙΟΝ TSOTILION 23 VIII 95-14, addressed to Athens

Rural post route **514** at **Dafnes Temenous** (Irakleio) from about 1947 to between 2005 and 2014 (closed) and at Sidirokastro (Messinia) from 9/4/1912 to 9/8/1914



Registered cover with rural datestamp 514, 5 I 96, with deformed posthorn and **boxed specific R-marking handstamp with the number of the rural route in two columns and the second column in two rows and the second row in two lines** in violet. R (registered), 1 (registration number) in blue, 514 ΑΓΡ. ΔΡΟΜ. (route number and rural route) 700 11 ΔΑΦΝΕΣ ΤΕΜ. (postal code, Dafnes Temenos, Base Post Office's name). Under the marking handwritten Σ=1 (Systimenon registered in Greek and registration number) in blue, sender's address community of Temenous, addressed to Athens

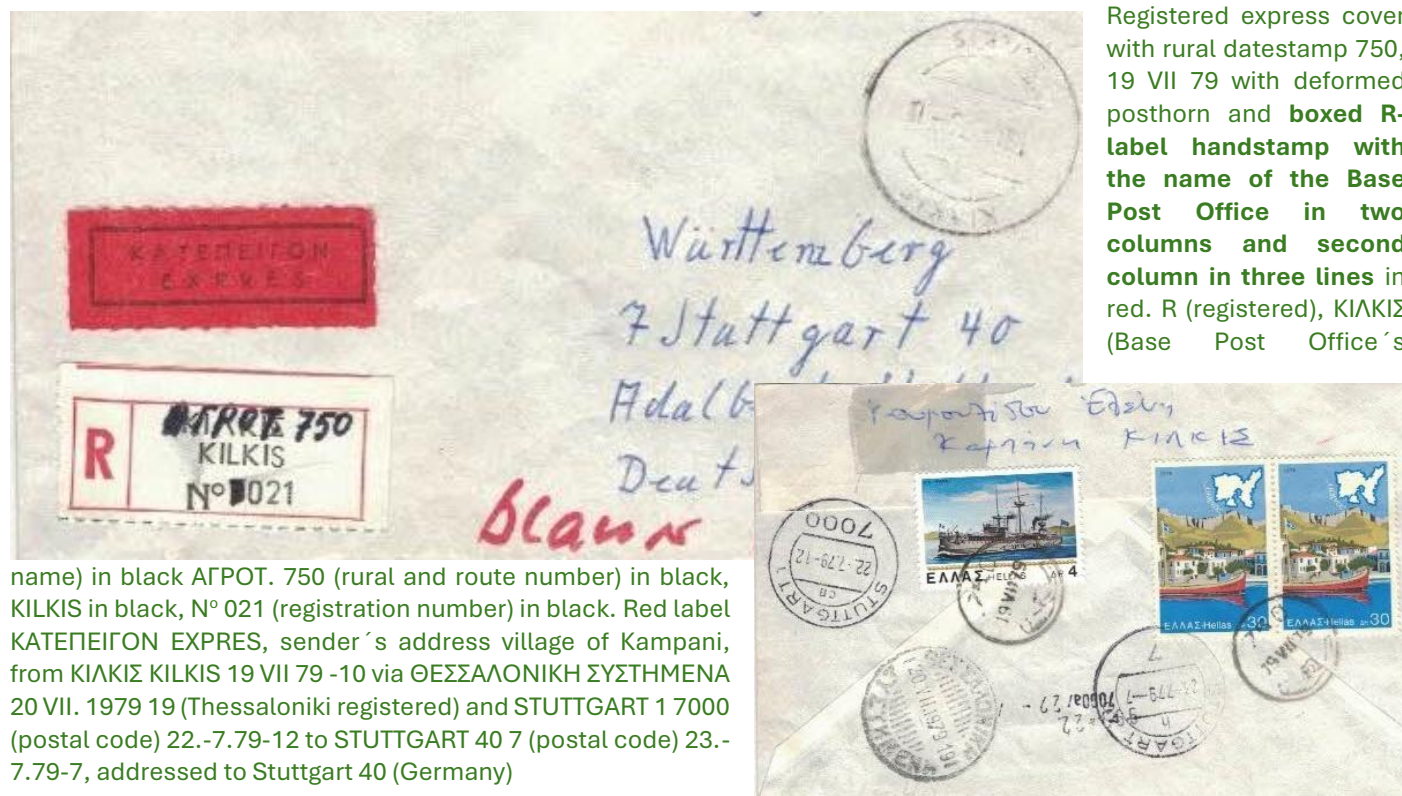
7. R-label with the name of the base Post Office

Rural post route **93** seated at **Amorgos** (Amorgos Island, Cyclades) from 22/6/1911 to today



Registered and free on charge cover without cancellations and **R-label in four lines** in red ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΗ (Systimenon registered in Greek), R (registered), No, 122 in black (registration number), Α.Δ. 93 (rural route and route number) 84008 ΑΜΟΡΓΟΣ (postal code Amorgos, Base Post Office's name), sender's address community of Katapola (with the seal of the community in blue), addressed to Athens

Rural post route **750** seated at **Kilkis** (Kilkis) from 11/2/1939 to 2021 (closed) and at Xylopoli (Kilkis) from 31/12/1928 to 11/2/1939 In 1916 used at Liaskovikio (Leskovik) (Argyrokastro) in Northern Epirus



name) in black ΑΓΡΟΤ. 750 (rural and route number) in black, KILKIS in black, N° 021 (registration number) in black. Red label ΚΑΤΕΠΕΙΓΟΝ EXPRES, sender's address village of Kampani, from ΚΙΛΚΙΣ KILKIS 19 VII 79 -10 via ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 20 VII. 1979 19 (Thessaloniki registered) and STUTTGART 1 7000 (postal code) 22.-7.79-12 to STUTTGART 40 7 (postal code) 23.-7.79-7, addressed to Stuttgart 40 (Germany)

7. R-label with the name of the base Post Office

Rural post route **805** seated at **Agia Varvara** (Irakleio) from 29/8/1918 to 1999 or 2001 (closed)

Registered cover with rural ELTA datestamp 805, 09.09.99 and **boxed R-label with the name of the Base Post Office in two columns and second column in three lines** in red R (registered), ΑΓ. ΒΑΡΒΑΡΑ ΜΟΝΟΦ. (Base Post Office 's name) in blue, ΑΓ. VARVARA ΜΟΝΟΦ. in blue and 945 (registration number) in black, no sender 's address, from ΑΓ. ΒΑΡΒΑΡΑ Μ. -9.09.99, Label of the German Post R 04 2911 9797 7DE Deutsche Post, R, Übergabe Einschreiben (Recommandé) GRK 912-668-300, addressed to Lörrach (Germany) (made to order), provided by Klaus Krepp



Rural post route **349** seated at **Vathi** (Kilkis) from 1/9/1972 to 2/3/1998, at Kilkis from 3/3/1998 to between 2018 and 2019 and at Kato Theodoraki from 2/6/1925 to 31/8/1972



Registered cover with rural datestamp 349, 25 VIII 87 with deformed posthorn and **R-label with the name of the Base Post Office in two lines VATHI KILKIS** (Base Post Office 's name) in black, № 014 (registration number) in red (PAR AVION) in black, no sender 's address, from KILKIS 24 VIII 87, addressed to Rottweil (Germany) (made to order). provided by Klaus Krepp