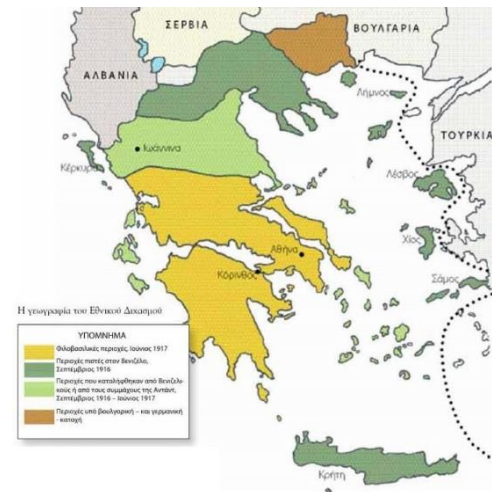


Η Ταχυδρομική χρήση των Ενόσμων Κοινωνικής Πρόνοιας 1.4 – 7.9.1917 (Η επανένωση της Ελλάδας των δύο Κυβερνήσεων)

Η περίοδος του Εθνικού Δικασμού

Ο Εθνικός Δικασμός υπήρξε αποτέλεσμα της βαθιάς διαφωνίας μεταξύ του βασιλιά Κωνσταντίνου Α' της Ελλάδας και του πρωθυπουργού Ελευθερίου Βενιζέλου σχετικά με τη συμμετοχή ή όχι της Ελλάδας στον Α' Παγκόσμιο Πόλεμο (Μέγαλο Πόλεμο).

Τον Οκτώβριο του 1916, ο Βενιζέλος τέθηκε επικεφαλής του Κινήματος Εθνικής Αμύνης και, με τη βοήθεια του Γάλλου στρατηγού Maurice Sarrail, αρχηγού των συμμαχικών δυνάμεων της Αντάντ στο Μακεδονικό Μέτωπο, σχημάτισε την Προσωρινή Κυβέρνηση της Θεσσαλονίκης. Στις 11 Νοεμβρίου 1916, η κυβέρνηση αυτή κήρυξε τον πόλεμο κατά των Κεντρικών Δυνάμεων.



Κατά συνέπεια, η Ελλάδα διαιρέθηκε σε δύο ουσιαστικά «κρατίδια»:

- Το «**κράτος της Θεσσαλονίκης**», που περιλάμβανε τη Μακεδονία, τα νησιά του Αιγαίου και την Κρήτη, υπό την επιρροή των γαλλοβρετανικών δυνάμεων και του Βενιζέλου.
- Το «**κράτος των Αθηνών**», που περιλάμβανε την Ήπειρο, τη Θεσσαλία, τη Στερεά Ελλάδα και την Πελοπόννησο, υπό την εξουσία του βασιλιά Κωνσταντίνου.

Ύστερα από πολύμηνο και σκληρό ναυτικό αποκλεισμό της «βασιλικής» Ελλάδας από τις δυνάμεις της Αντάντ (Δεκέμβριος 1916 - Μάιος 1917), ο Κωνσταντίνος εξαναγκάστηκε σε παραίτηση και αναχώρησε για την Ελβετία στις 1 Ιουνίου 1917. Τον διαδέχθηκε ο δευτερότοκος γιος του, Αλέξανδρος.

Στις 13 Ιουνίου 1917, ο Βενιζέλος επέστρεψε στον Πειραιά και, την επόμενη ημέρα, ορκίστηκε πρωθυπουργός της ενωμένης πλέον Ελλάδας. Στις 15 Ιουνίου 1917, το ενιαίο ελληνικό κράτος κήρυξε τον πόλεμο εναντίον της Γερμανίας και της Βουλγαρίας.

Η Ελλάδα των δύο κρατών το 1917

Τα ένησημα Κοινωνικής Πρόνοιας (Κ.Π.)

Με **Νομοθετικό Διάταγμα της 7ης Μαρτίου 1917** «περί επιβολής ενσήμου κοινωνικής πρόνοιας» (ΦΕΚ 38/7.3.1917), **επιβλήθηκε ειδικό ένησημο κοινωνικής πρόνοιας για την αλληλογραφία εσωτερικού**. Τα έσοδα από το ένησημο αυτό προορίζονταν κυρίως για την ενίσχυση των συσσιτίων του Πατριωτικού Συνδέσμου των Ελληνίδων. Για τον λόγο αυτό, επισημάνθηκαν με την ένδειξη «**Κ.Π.**» και με νέες αξίες, επτά κλάσεις γραμματοσήμων της σειράς του «Ιπτάμενου Ερμή», τρεις κλάσεις της σειράς «Εκστρατεία» καθώς και χαρτόσημα «ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΙΟΙΚΗΣΗ». Στην αλληλογραφία προς εξωτερικό το ένησημο δεν προβλεπόταν, αν έμπαινε ήταν μόνο προς υποστήριξη των σκοπών της ενίσχυσης του Πατριωτικού Συνδέσμου.

Με **Βασιλικό Διάταγμα της 23ης Μαρτίου 1917** (ΦΕΚ 50/23.3.1917) διατάχθηκε η έναρξη εφαρμογής του μέτρου από την **1η Απριλίου 1917**.

Ωστόσο, με το **άρθρο 6 του Νόμου 859/1917** «περί τροποποιήσεως των ταχυδρομικών τελών κ.λπ.» (ΦΕΚ 191/7.9.1917), το ένησημο Κοινωνικής Πρόνοιας καταργήθηκε για την εσωτερική αλληλογραφία. Ακολούθως, με **Βασιλικό Διάταγμα της 17ης Οκτωβρίου 1917** «περί άρσεως εκ της κυκλοφορίας των γραμματοσήμων Κοινωνικής Πρόνοιας» (ΦΕΚ 229Α'/18.10.1917), οι κάτοχοι των καταργημένων γραμματοσήμων όφειλαν να τα ανταλλάξουν στα ταχυδρομικά γραφεία έως τις 30 Νοεμβρίου 1917 (ΦΕΚ 229/18.10.1917).

Τα ένησημα Κοινωνικής Πρόνοιας χρησιμοποιήθηκαν αποκλειστικά από την Κυβέρνηση των Αθηνών και παρέμειναν σε ισχύ για περιορισμένο χρονικό διάστημα, συνολικά 160 ημερών εντός του 1917.

Ταχυδρομικά τέλη των ενσήμων Κοινωνικής Πρόνοιας

Κατά την εξεταζόμενη περίοδο, το πρόσθετο τέλος υπέρ Κοινωνικής Πρόνοιας διαμορφωνόταν ως εξής:

- Για ταχυδρομικά αντικείμενα με βασικό τέλος μικρότερο των 10 λεπτών: 1 λεπτό.
- Για ταχυδρομικά αντικείμενα με βασικό τέλος ίσο ή μεγαλύτερο των 10 λεπτών: 5 λεπτά.
- Για ταχυδρομικά δέματα με τέλος ίσο ή μικρότερο της 1 δραχμής: 10 λεπτά και αν το βασικό τέλος υπερβαίνει την 1 δραχμή: 30 λεπτά.
- Τα απαλλασσόμενα ταχυδρομικών τελών αντικείμενα απαλλάσσονται και της επιβολής του ενσήμου Κ.Π.

Το παρόν έκθεμα παρουσιάζει, σε χρονολογική διάταξη (κατά το ισχύον στην Ελλάδα Παλαιό Ημερολόγιο) και σε δύο πλαίσια, τη χρήση των ενσήμων Κοινωνικής Πρόνοιας σε ταχυδρομημένα αντικείμενα.

Κατά την υπό εξέταση περίοδο, η Ελλάδα χρησιμοποιούσε το Ιουλιανό (ή παλαιό) ημερολόγιο. Η αντιστοίχιση των αναγραφόμενων ημερομηνιών με το Γρηγοριανό ημερολόγιο προϋποθέτει την προσθήκη δεκατριών (13) ημερών.

1 April 1917. In the shadow of the National Schism, Greece experiences one of the most turbulent moments in its history. Two governments coexist: the royal authority in Athens under King Constantine I, and the Provisional Government of National Defence in Thessaloniki led by Eleftherios Venizelos. At the same time, pressure from the Entente intensifies, foreshadowing the country's course toward active participation in the First World War.

First Day of Issue of Social Welfare Stamps and Their Compulsory Use on Domestic Mail



Letter card with printed 10L stamps, posted from **SPARTI 1.4.1917**
with cancel **"T"(Taxe)** to KIATO Telegraph Office 3.4.1917.

Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for letter card and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**

This letter card was written in Sparta on 31 March 1917 and posted in a mailbox the same day. It was postmarked at the Sparta Post Office on the following day (1 April 1917), which coincided with the **first day of issue of the Social Welfare Stamps**. The letter should have borne a 5 lepta Social Welfare stamp, which was not affixed. Consequently, the post office applied a **"T" (Taxe)** marking and forwarded it to its destination in Kiato, where double the deficiency (10 lepta) was to be collected from the recipient. This charge, however, was not collected—most likely because the Social Welfare stamps had not yet reached.



Picture postcard with 5L "ET" stamps and additional 1L/1L K.Π., posted from **KASTANIA Telegraph Office 5.4.1917** to Athinai

Postal Rate 6 Lepta: 5L for postcard and **1L for Social Welfare Fund**

The 2-lepta stamp in favor of the National Welfare Foundation is not taken into account, as it was not in use during this period



Cover with 10L "ET" stamps and 5L/1L K.Π., posted from **KALAMAI 7.4.1917** to KYPARISSIA (ANO POLIS) 7.4.1917

Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for cover and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**

7-8 April 1917. An Allied conference is held at Saint-Jean-de-Maurienne, attended by the leaders of Britain, France, and Italy. The primary concern of the British and French governments is to resolve the Greek question—seeking the abdication of Constantine, intervention in Thessaly (and possibly Attica), and requisitioning of the Thessalian grain harvest.

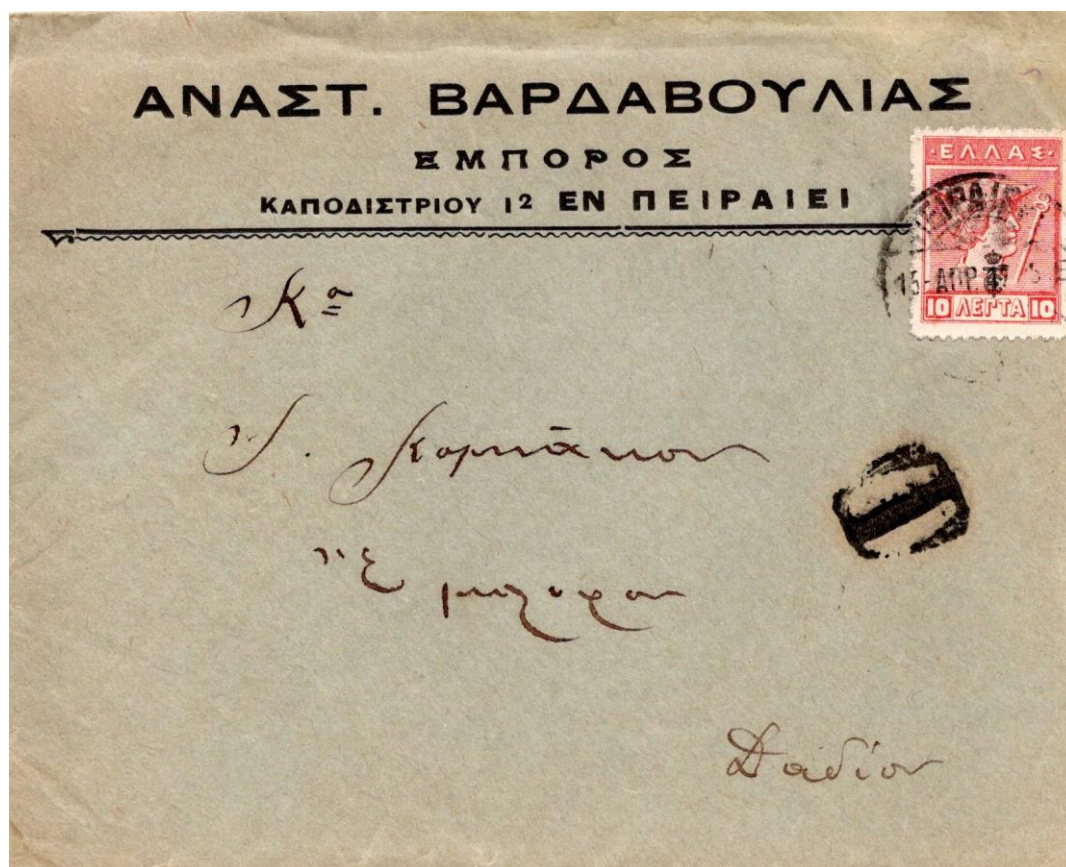
The 1st of the three postal items recorded to date bearing Social Welfare stamps, conveyed via Mobile Post Office



10 λεπτά 14/4/1917

Letter card with printed 10L stamps and additional 5L/1L K.Π., originating from the small village of Vassiliko, Kyparissia, dated 10 April 1917. Conveyed via Mobile Post Office and bearing a Railway Post Office cancellation **KYPARISSIA-ZEVGALATIO 10.4.1917** to PATRAI 11.4.1917.

Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for letter card and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**



Cover with 10L "ET" stamps, posted from **PIRAEUS 15.4.1917** to DADION Telegraph Office 16.4.1917. The postal card was required to bear an additional 1 lepto Social Welfare stamp. As this had not been affixed, the "T" (Taxe) marking was applied, indicating that the recipient had to pay double the amount due as deficient postage. However, this charge was not collected upon arrival.

Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for cover and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**

21 April 1917. King Constantine replaces the Spyridon Lambros government with a new administration under Alexandros Zaimis.



Postal card with printed 5L stamps and 1L/3L K.Π., posted from **PATRAI 17.4.1917** to Athinai.

Postal Rate 6 Lepta: 5L for postal card and **1L for Social Welfare Fund**



Cover with 10L "ET" stamps and 5L/1L K.Π., posted from **NAFPLION 23.4.1917** to ATHINAI 24.4.1917

Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for cover and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**

The only recorded use to date of 80 lepta 'Hellenic Administration' revenue stamps as overprinted Social Welfare stamps

The 2nd of the three postal items recorded to date bearing Social Welfare stamps, conveyed via Mobile Post Office



Cover with 10L "ET" stamps and 5x1L/80L (Revenue stamps) K.II. Conveyed via Mobile Post Office and bearing a Railway Post Office (Mobile) cancellation **ATHINAI-TRIPOLIS 30.4.1917** to ATHINAI 1.5.1917.
Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for letter card and 5L for Social Welfare Fund

1st Correspondence between the 'State of Athens' and the 'State of Thessaloniki'



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Registered cover with 30L "ET" stamps and 5L/ 1L K.II., posted from **PIRAEUS 28.4.1917** to THESSALONIKI .5.1917. Upon arrival, the cover was opened, examined, and resealed with a censorship tape with slogan **CONTRÔLE POSTAL MILITAIRE**. It bears French censorship markings: 'ARMÉE D'ORIENT - CENSURE MILITAIRE 20' and a triangular 'NO' handstamp.

Postal Rate 35 Lepta: 10L for cover, 20 L for registered and 5L for Social Welfare Fund



Cover with 10L "ET" stamps and 5L/20L K.Π., posted from **NAFPLION 1.5.1917** to ATHINAI 1.5.1917

Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for cover and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**



Visit card with 3L "ET" stamps and 1L/3L K.Π., posted from **LARISSA 2.5.1917**
Postal Rate 4 Lepta: 3L for visit card and **1L for Social Welfare Fund**



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ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΙΚΟΝ ΔΕΛΤΑΡΙΟΝ

Όνομα
 Αποστολέως
 Διεύθυνσις
 Τόπος

Διὰ τοῦ παρόντος πληροφοροῦσιν οἱ οἰκεῖοι τοὺς Στρατιωτικοὺς περὶ τῆς ὑγείας των, καὶ ζητοῦσι παρ' αὐτῶν σχετικὰς πληροφορίας δι' οἰκογενειακὰς ὑποθέσεις των, εἰς γλῶσσαν σαφεῆ Ἑλληνικὴν, ἄνευ λέξεων διφοροῦμένων ἢ συνθηματικῶν.

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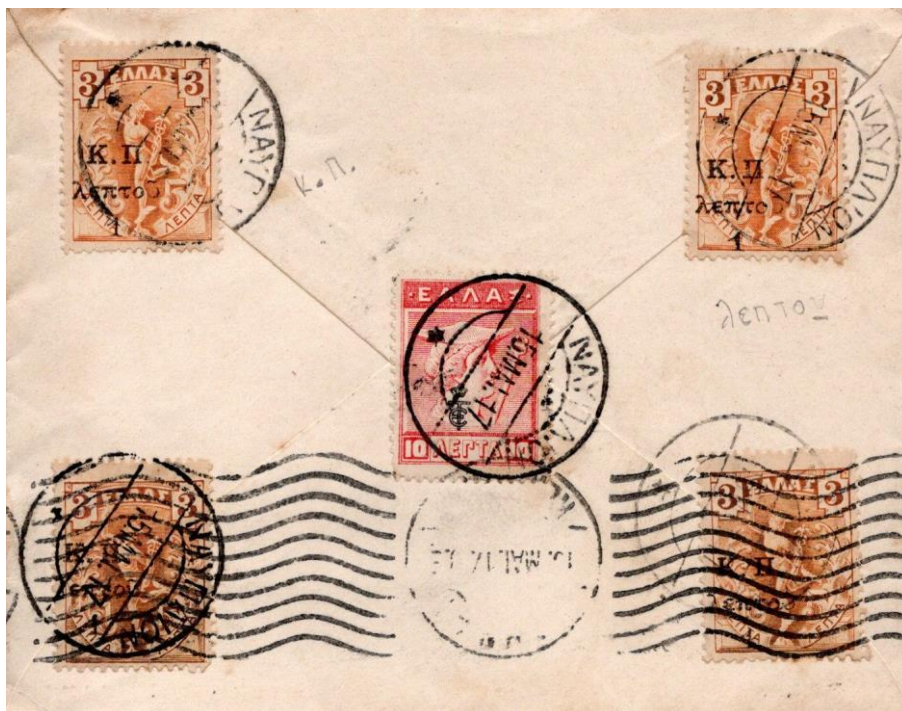


Postal card with printed 5L stamps and additional 1L/3L K.Π., posted from **PATRAI 12.5.1917** to Chalkis.
Postal Rate 6 Lepta: 5L for postal card and **1L for Social Welfare Fund**

15–16 May 1917. The London Conference takes place, attended by French Prime Minister Alexandre Ribot and Minister of War Paul Painlevé, with the Greek question as its sole agenda.



Letter card with printed 10L stamps and additional 5L/20L K.Π., posted from **KALAMAI 12.5.1917** to PATRAI 13.5.1917.
Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for letter card and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**



Cover with 10L "ET" stamps and 5x1L/3L K.Π., posted from **NAFPLION 15.5.1917** to ATHINAI 15.5.1917
Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for 1st weight cover and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**

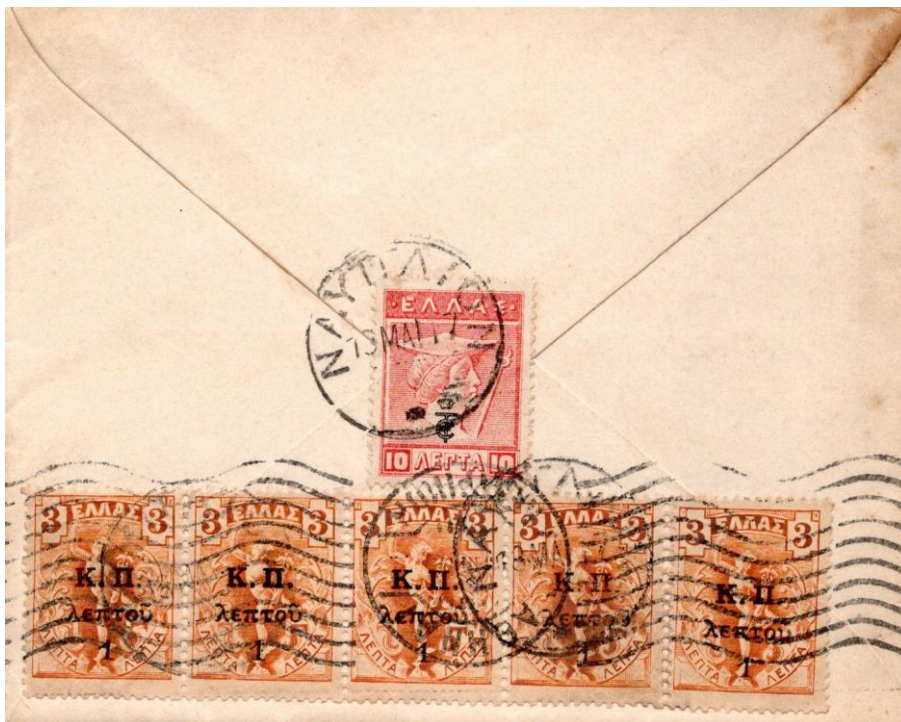


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Cover with 10L "ET" stamps and 1L/3L K.II. (instead of 5L K.II.), missing 4L K.II. posted from **AMALIOS 18.5.1917** (the letter does not bear any stamp indicating payment of the missing fee), to ATHINAI 18.5.1917

Normal Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for cover and
5L for Social Welfare Fund



Cover with 10L "ET" stamps and strip of 5 1L/3L K.II., posted from **NAFLION 18.5.1917** to ATHINAI 18.5.1917

Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for cover and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**

23 May 1917. The Allied High Commissioner, Charles Jonnart, arrives at Keratsini



Postal card with printed 5L stamps and additional 1L/3L K.P.,
posted from **ATHINAI 23.5.1917** to CHALKIS 24.5.1917.

Postal Rate 6 Lepta: 5L for postal card and **1L for Social Welfare Fund**

**The 3rd of the three postal items recorded to date bearing Social Welfare stamps,
conveyed via Mobile Post Office.**

The only recorded impression of this cancel known to date



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Postcard (The Grand Hotel of the Baths at Ypati with 5L "ET" stamps and additional 1L/3L K.P., originating from the Ypati,
dated 23 May 1917. Conveyed via Mobile Post Office and bearing a Railway Post Office cancellation **MOBILE POST**
ATHINON-LARISSIS 24.5.1917 to Athinai

Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for letter card and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**

29 May 1917. Allied forces invade Thessaly and proceed to occupy the Isthmus, while a detachment lands at Piraeus. Jonnart delivers an ultimatum to Zaimis demanding the immediate abdication of King Constantine



Postal card with printed 5L stamps and additional 1L/3L K.Π., posted from **AG. GEORGIOS (NEMEAS) Telegraph Office 29.5.1917** to PATRAI 29.5.1917.
Postal Rate 6 Lepta: 5L for postal card and **1L for Social Welfare Fund**

30 May 1917. Abdication of King Constantine. Alexander Is Sworn in as King of Greece



Cover with 10L "ET" stamps and 5L/20L K.Π., posted from **NAFPLION 30.5.1917** to ATHINAI 1.6.1917
Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for cover and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**

1 June 1917. Constantine departs Greece for exile in Switzerland

**The only recorded item to date bearing a Social Welfare stamp,
sent from the small village of VALTESSINIKOS, Arcadia**



Εν Αγρίδι, Εν 28 Μαΐου 1917



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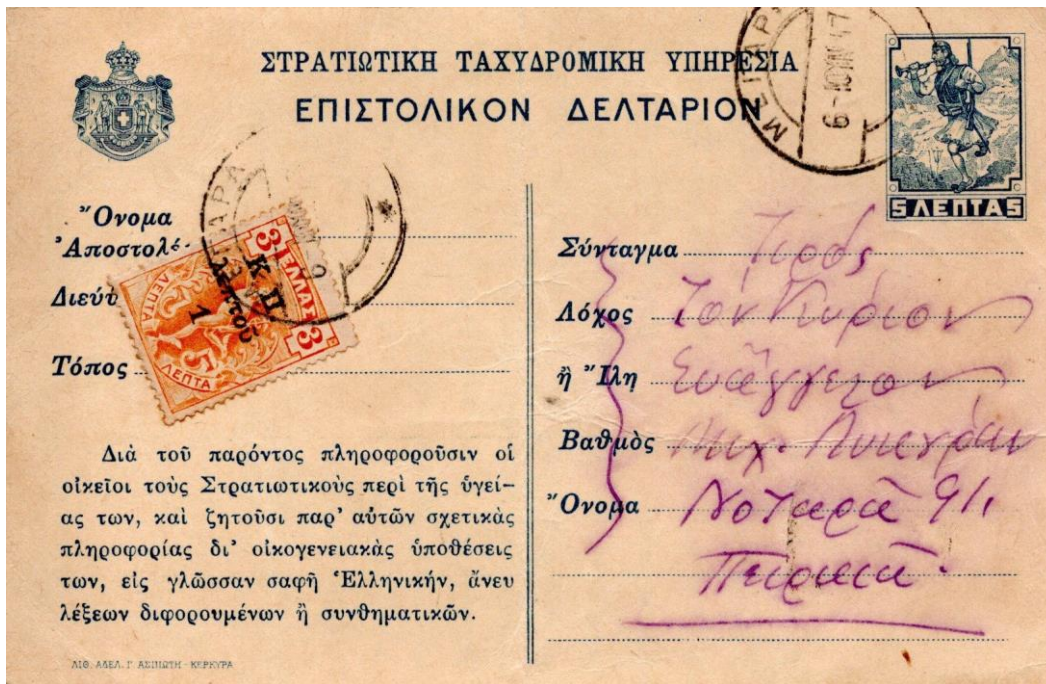
Cover written in very small village "Agridi, Arcadia" with 10L "ET" stamps and 5L/20L K.Π., posted from **375** (Valteassinikos Rural cancel) and **VALTESSINIKOS 1.6.1917** via TRIPOLIS 3.6.1917 to ATHINAI 3.6.1917

Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for cover and 5L for Social Welfare Fund



Cover with 10L "ET" stamps and 5L/20L K.Π., from "Hotel Royal" **Athens 4.6.1917** (with handwritten cancellation of the stamps) to PATRAI 4.6.1917

Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for cover and 5L for Social Welfare Fund



Postal card with printed 5L stamps and additional 1L/3L K.II., posted from **MEGARA** 6.6.1917 to PIRAEUS 7.6.1917.

Postal Rate 6 Lepta: 5L for postal card and 1L for Social Welfare Fund



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Cover with 10L "ET" stamps and 5L/1Dr K.II., posted from **PIRAEUS** 11.6.1917 via VATHY 2.7.1917 to Karlovassi Samos. Upon arrival, the cover was opened, examined, and resealed with a censorship tape ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ ΣΑΜΟΥ - CENSURE DE SAMOS and censorship markings ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ ΔΗΜΟΣΙΑΣ ΑΣΦΑΛΕΙΑΣ ΣΑΜΟΥ (Public Security Censorship of Samos).

Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for cover and 5L for Social Welfare Fund

13 June 1917. The Alexandros Zaimis government resigns and Eleftherios Venizelos arrives in Piraeus

**The only recorded item to date bearing a Social Welfare stamp,
sent from the small village of KANTREVA, Arcadia**



Cover with 10L "ET" stamps and 5L/20L K.Π., posted from
KANTREVA 13.6.1917 to ATHINAI 14.6.1917
Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for cover and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**



Cover with 10L "ET" stamps and 5L/1Dr K.Π., posted from
EDIPSOS LOUTRA 24.6.1917 to KERKYRA 4.7.1917
Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for cover and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**



Letter card with printed 10L stamps and additional 5L/20L K.Π., posted from **NISSION MESSINIAS 18.6.1917** to CHIOS 22.6.1917

Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for letter card and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**



Postal card with printed 5L stamps and additional 1L/3L K.Π., posted from **PIRAEUS 29.6.1917** via LEVADIA 29.6.1917 to Arachova Viotias. **Postal Rate 6 Lepta:** 5L for postal card and **1L for Social Welfare Fund**



Letter card with printed 10L stamps and additional 5L/20L K.Π., posted from **PYRGOS ELIAS 28.6.1917** to PATRAI 28.6.1917

Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for letter card and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**



Letter card with printed 10L stamps and additional 5L/20L K.Π., posted from **NISION MESSINIAS 3.7.1917** to ATHINAI 5.7.1917

Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for letter card and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**

The 1st of the two parcel cards recorded to date bearing Social Welfare stamps, dispatched from Corfu



Parcel postal card with a face value of 5 lepta (boxed cancel), with additional 45L "ET" stamps and 2x5L/10L K.Π., with label «ΠΑΡΑΔΟΤΕΟΝ ΚΑΤ' ΟΙΚΟΝ» (homework assignment), posted from **KERKYRA 5.7.1917** to Athinai.

Postal Rate 60 Lepta: 30L for parcel until 1 Kg, 20L for homework assignment and **10L for Social Welfare Fund**

(Government Gazette, Issue 382/A, 17 December 1914)

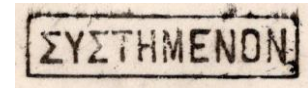


Postal card with printed 10L stamps and additional 1L/3L K.II.
(instead of 5L K.II.), posted from **GALAXIDION Telegraph Office**
8.7.1917 to ARACHOVA (BOEOTIAS) Telegraph Office 11.7.1917
Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for postal card and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**



Local cover with 5L "ET" stamps and 5L/1Dr K.II. (instead of 1L K.II.),
posted from **ATHINAI 11.7.1917** to ATHINAI 11.7.1917
Postal Rate 6 Lepta: 5L for local letter and **1L for Social Welfare Fund**

12 July 1917. Parliament reconvenes—the so-called “Lazarus Parliament,” as it revives the assembly originally elected on 31 May 1915



photocopy

Registered cover with 30L “ET” stamps and 5L/20L K.Π., posted from **LARISSA 13.7.1917** to PIRAEUS 15.7.1917
Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for cover, 20L for registered and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**

2nd Correspondence between the ‘State of Athens’ and the ‘State of Thessaloniki’



Cover with 10L “ET” stamps and 5L/20L K.Π., posted from **ATHINAI 15.7.1917** to THESSALONIKI 17.7.1917. Upon arrival, the cover was opened, examined, and resealed with a censorship tape with slogan CONTROLE POSTAL MILITAIRE. It bears French censorship markings: ‘ARMÉE D’ORIENT - CENSURE MILITAIRE 15’ and a triangular ‘NO’ handstamp.

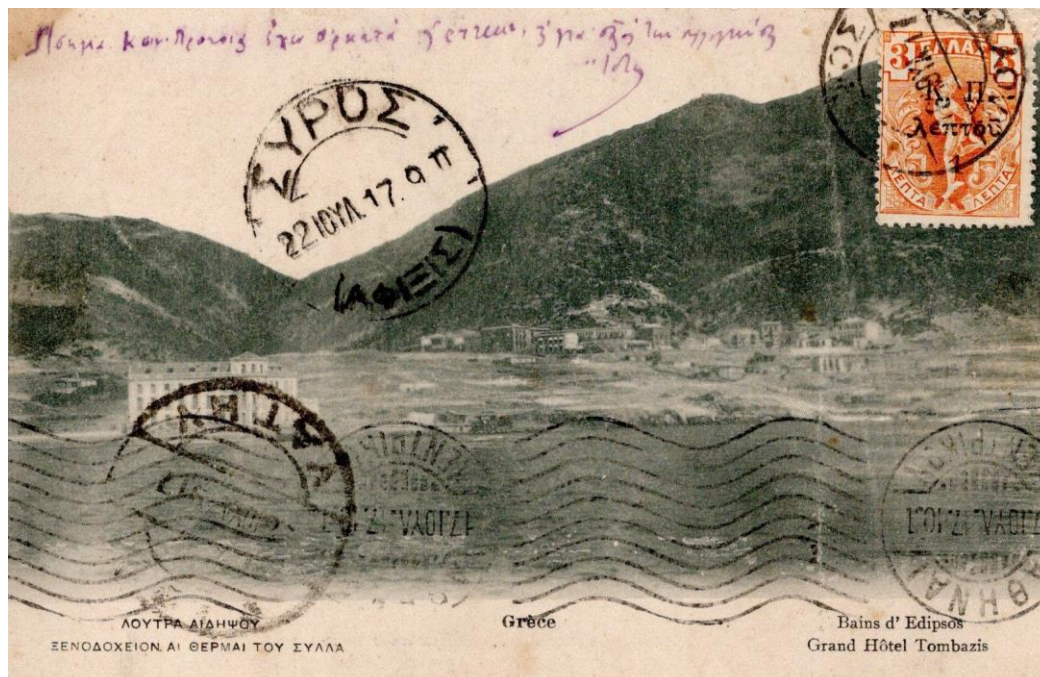
Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for cover and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**

The only recorded item to date bearing a Social Welfare stamp,
sent from the small village of DIVRI, Elis



Postal card with printed 5L stamps and additional 1L/3L K.II.,
posted from **DIVRI 6.7.1917** to PATRAI 17.7.1917.

Postal Rate 6 Lepta: 5L for postal card and **1L for Social Welfare Fund**



Postcard (Edipsos Baths - 'Thermes of Sylla' Hotel) with 5L "ET" stamps and 1L/3L K.II.,
posted from **EDIPSOS LOUTRA 16.7.1917** via ATHINAI 17.7.1917, SYROS 22.7.1917
with British boxed censorship "CENSORED", VATHY 28.7.1917 to Karlovassi Samos.

Postal Rate 6 Lepta: 5L for postal card and **1L for Social Welfare Fund**



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22 July 1917. King Alexander is formally sworn in during a ceremonial session of Parliament, where he delivers the Royal Address prepared by the Prime Minister.



Cover with 10L "ET" stamps and 5x1L/3L K.II., posted from **KIATON Telegraph Office 22.7.1917** via ATHINAI 23.7.1917 to KIOURKA 24.7.1917.

Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for cover and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**

The use of Social Welfare stamps was not provided for in international correspondence



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Registered cover with 50L "ET" stamps and strip of 5 1L/3L K.II., posted from **332** (Konistres Evia, Rural cancel) and **KYMI 19.7.1917** via ATHINAI 21.7.1917 to LARNACA 20.8.1917 Cyprus.

Postal Rate 50 Lepta: 25L for cover and 25L for registered to Cyprus.

The only recorded letter to date bearing the use of a Social Welfare stamp as a postage due fee



photocopy

Cover with 10L "ET" stamps and 4x1L/3L K.Π., posted from **KIATON Telegraph Office 23.7.1917** with boxed cancel ΕΙΣΠΡΑΚΤΕΟΝ ΤΕΛΟΣ (Postage Due - because as the 1-lepton Social Welfare stamp is missing), via ATHINAI 24.7.1917 to KIOURKA 25.7.1917. Upon arrival, 2x1 lepton Social Welfare stamps were affixed, double the missing postage and canceled with KIOURKA 25.7.1917.

Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for cover and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**

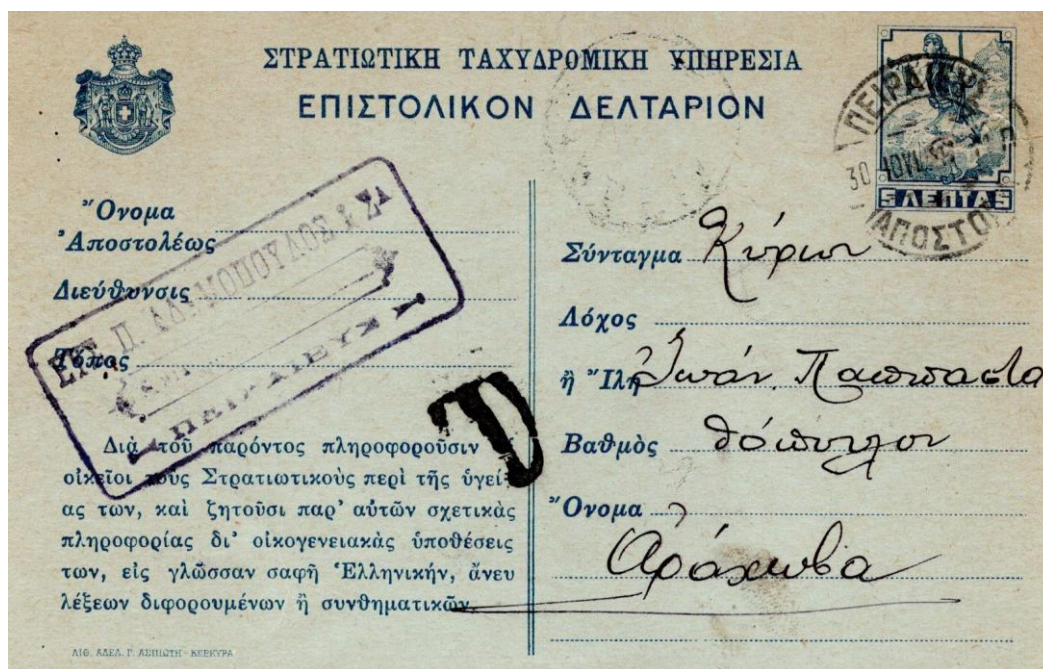


Cover with 10L "ET" stamps and 5L/1Dr K.Π., posted from **PIRAEUS 26.7.1917** to KYPARISSIA (ANO POLIS) 28.7.1917
Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for cover and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**



Cover with 10L "ET" stamps and 5L/20L K.Π., posted from
CHALKIS 27.7.1917 to ATHINAI 27.7.1917.

Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for cover and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**

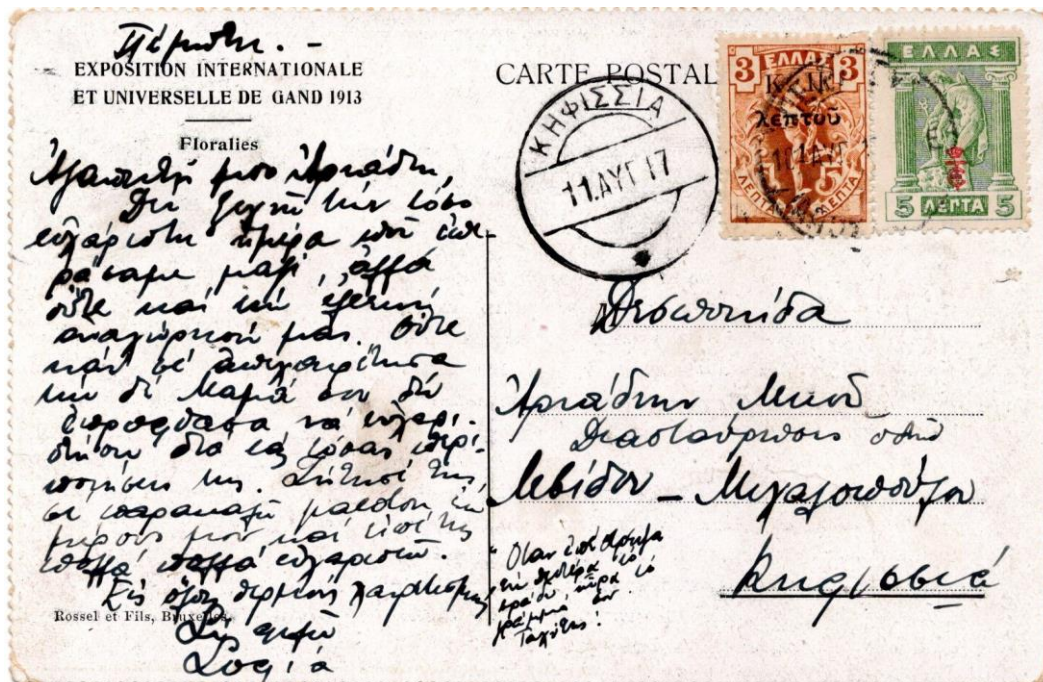


Postal card with printed 5L stamps posted from **PIRAEUS 30.7.1917** to Arachova.
 The postal card was required to bear an additional 1 lepto Social Welfare stamp.

As this had not been affixed, the **"T" (Taxe)** marking was applied, indicating
 that the recipient had to pay double the amount due as deficient postage.

However, this charge was not collected upon arrival.

Postal Rate 6 Lepta: 5L for postal card and **1L for Social Welfare Fund**



Picture postcard with 5L "ET" stamps and 1L/3L K.Π., posted from
PIRAEUS 11.8.1917 *to Kifissia.*
Postal Rate 6 Lepta: *5L for postcard and 1L for Social Welfare Fund*



Postal card with printed 5L stamps and additional 1L/3L K.II., posted from **ARGOS 11.8.1917** via KORINTHOS 14.8.1917, EGION 16.8.1917 to Tripia Egion.
Postal Rate 6 Lepta: 5L for postal card and **1L for Social Welfare Fund**

13 August 1917. Venizelos closes the parliamentary session with a lengthy address, invoking historical memory and strengthening the morale of a now unified Greece, securing a vote of confidence



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Picture postcard (Kifissia - Penteli Quarries) with 5L "ET" stamps and 1L/3L K.II., posted from **KIFISSIA 13.8.1917** with oval Censorship ΓΡΑΦΕΙΟΝ ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑΣ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ (Athens Censorship Office), to Patrai.

Postal Rate 6 Lepta: 5L for postcard and **1L for Social Welfare Fund**

The only recorded use to date of 10 lepta 'Hellenic Administration' revenue stamps as overprinted Social Welfare stamps

The only recorded item to date bearing a Social Welfare stamp, sent from the small village of DOMVRENA, Boeotia



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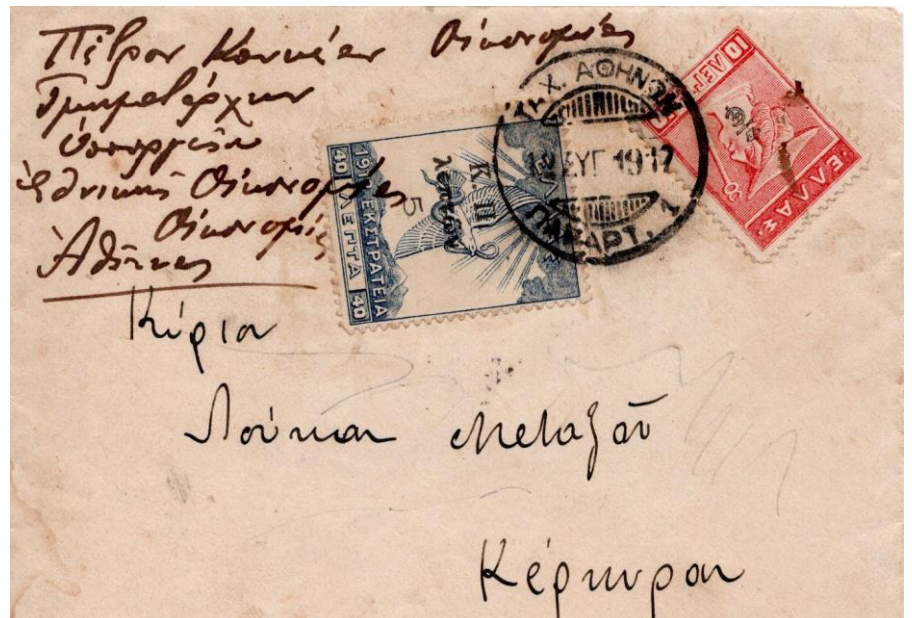
Registered cover with 30L "ET" stamps and 5L/10L (Revenue stamps) K.II., posted from **24** (Domvrena Thivai, Rural cancel) and **DOMVRENA 16.8.1917** via ATHINAI 18.8.1917 to PIRAEUS 18.8.1917

Postal Rate 25 Lepta: 10L for cover, 20L for registered and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**



Letter card with printed 10L stamps and additional 5L/40L K.II., posted from **ATHINAI 14.8.1917** to LEVADIA 15.8.1917

Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for letter card and 5L for Social Welfare Fund



Cover with 10L "ET" stamps and 5L/40L K.II., posted from **ATHINAI 12.8.1917** to KERKYRA 20.8.1917.

Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for cover and 5L for Social Welfare Fund



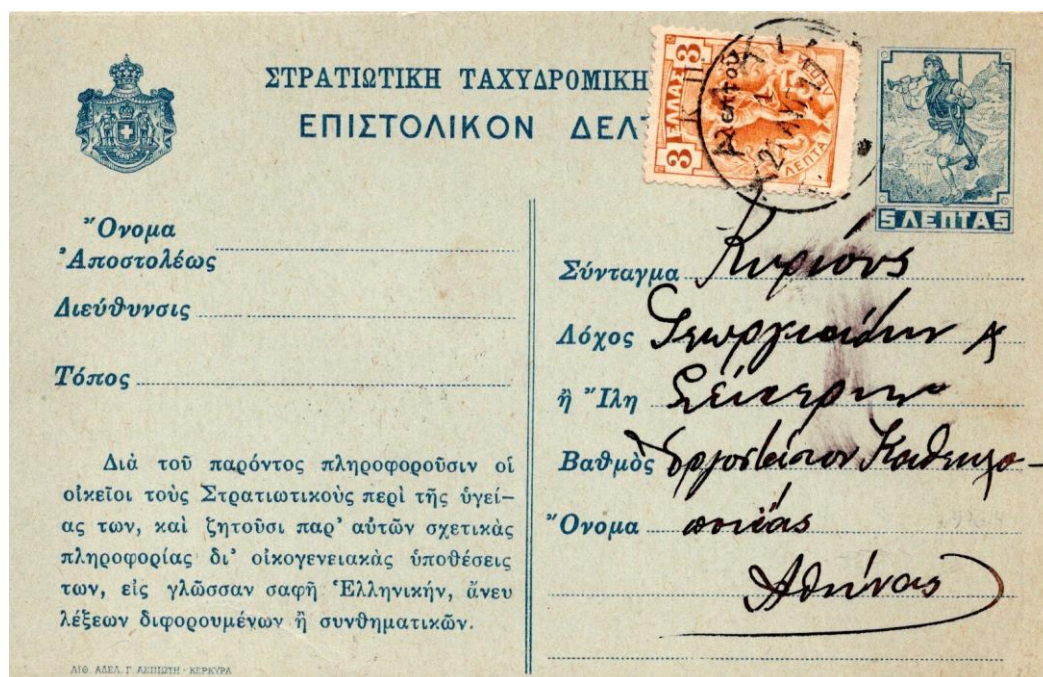
Letter card with printed 10L stamps and additional 5L/20L K.II., posted from **RAPSANI Telegraph Office 17.8.1917** to Karditsa Thessaly.

Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for letter card and 5L for Social Welfare Fund

The only recorded item to date bearing a Social Welfare stamp,
sent from the small village of VERSITSION, Achaea



Cover with 10L "ET" stamps and 5L/40L K.II., posted from **VERSITSION**
21.8.1917 via KALAVRYTA Telegraph Office 21.8.1917
to SOPOTOU Telegraph Office 22.8.1917
Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for cover and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**



Postal card with printed 5L stamps and additional 1L/3L K.II.,
posted from **CHALKIS 21.8.1917** to Athinaí
Postal Rate 6 Lepta: 5L for postal card and **1L for Social Welfare Fund**



Cover with 10L "ET" stamps and 5L/40L K.II., posted from **PATRAI** 22.8.1917 to Piraeus.

Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for cover and 5L for Social Welfare Fund



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Registered cover with 30L "ET" stamps and 5L/40L K.II., posted from **ATHINAI** 28.8.1917 to KARLOVASSIA 5.9.1917 Samos. Upon arrival, the cover was opened, examined, and resealed with a censorship tape ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ ΣΑΜΟΥ - CENSURE DE SAMOS and censorship markings ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ ΔΗΜΟΣΙΑΣ ΑΣΦΑΛΕΙΑΣ ΣΑΜΟΥ (Public Security Censorship of Samos).

Postal Rate 35 Lepta: 10L for cover, 20L for registered and 5L for Social Welfare Fund





Cover with 10L "ET" stamps and 5L/40L K.Π., posted from
ATHINAI 29.8.1917 to Nafplion.
 Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for cover and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**

The 2nd of the two parcel cards recorded to date bearing Social Welfare stamps, dispatched from Corfu



Parcel postal card with a
 face value of 5 lepta
 (boxed cancel) / 1Dr with
 additional 35L "ET"
 stamps and 2x5L/10L
 K.Π., posted from
KERKYRA 31.8.1917 to
 Athinai.

Postal Rate 50 Lepta:
 40L for parcel until 2 Kg
 and **10L for Social Welfare Fund**

(Government Gazette, Is-
 sue 382/A, 17 December
 1914)



Letter card with printed 10L stamps and additional 5L/1Dr K.Π.,
posted from **KALAMAI 2.9.1918** to TRIPOLIS 3.9.1918.

Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for letter card and
5L for Social Welfare Fund



Cover with 10L "ET" stamps and 5L/1Dr K.Π., posted from
LAMIA 3.9.1918 to ATHINAI 4.9.1918.

Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for cover and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**



Picture postcard with 5L engraved stamps and 5L/50L K.II. (instead of 1L K.II.), posted from **PATRAI 4.9.1917** to Athinai.

Normal Postal Rate 6 Lepta: 5L for postcard and **1L for Social Welfare Fund**

7 September 1914. Final day of circulation for the Social Welfare stamps and of their mandatory use on domestic mail. Holders were required to exchange them for regular postage stamps of equal value at post offices by 30 November 1917.



Cover with 10L "ET" stamps and 5L/20L K.II., posted from **NAFPLION 7.9.1918** to ATHINAI 8.9.1918.

Postal Rate 15 Lepta: 10L for cover and **5L for Social Welfare Fund**

The postal use of welfare stamps after their abolition September 1917

From **8 September 1917** onward, although the affixing of Social Welfare stamps to mail was no longer compulsory, their use continued to be encountered for a considerable period thereafter

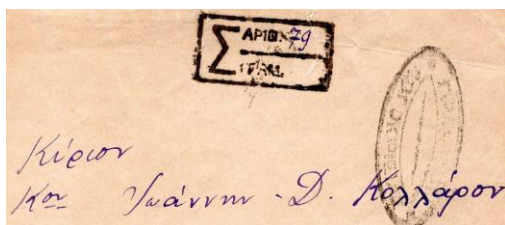


Picture postcard with 10L "ET" stamps and additional 5L/25L K.II. (their use had been discontinued), posted from **PIRAEUS 11.9.1917** to EDIPSOS LOUTRA 14.9.1917.
Postal Rate 10 Lepta for postcard

Occasionally, Social Welfare stamps were used postally as regular postage stamps



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Registered cover with 30L "ET" stamps and strip of 5 1L/2L K.II. (Use as regular postage stamps), posted from **PLATANA SKOPELOU 14.9.1918** with Censorship cancel ΓΡΑΦΕΙΟΝ ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑΣ (Censorship Office) ο ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 20.9.1918.
Postal Rate 35 Lepta: 10L for cover and 20L for registered

The postal use of welfare stamps after their abolition September 1917



Postal card with printed 5L stamps and additional 1L/3L K.Π. (their use had been discontinued), posted from **PYLOS Telegraph Office 16.9.1917** (the postal card does not bear any stamp indicating payment of the missing fee), to KALAMAI 17.9.1917.

Normal Postal Rate 10 Lepta for postal card

Occasionally, Social Welfare stamps were used postally as regular postage stamps



Cover with 10L "ET" stamps and 5L/50L K.Π. (their use had been discontinued), posted from **ATHINAI 18.9.1917** to Karlovassi Samos. Upon arrival, the cover was opened, examined, and resealed with a censorship tape ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ ΣΑΜΟΥ - CENSURE DE SAMOS and censorship markings ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ ΔΗΜΟΣΙΑΣ ΑΣΦΑΛΕΙΑΣ ΣΑΜΟΥ (Public Security Censorship of Samos).

Postal Rate 15 Lepta for cover