

Call It Peace
Commission to the Balkans
1919-1921

In Operation Rome 1919

Mourning cover
"military service"
unframed
forward to
"Balkan
commission"
Rome FEB 1919



"ARC Commission to the Balkan States"



Registered
letter 25c
foreign letter
rate 25c
registration.
Uncensored

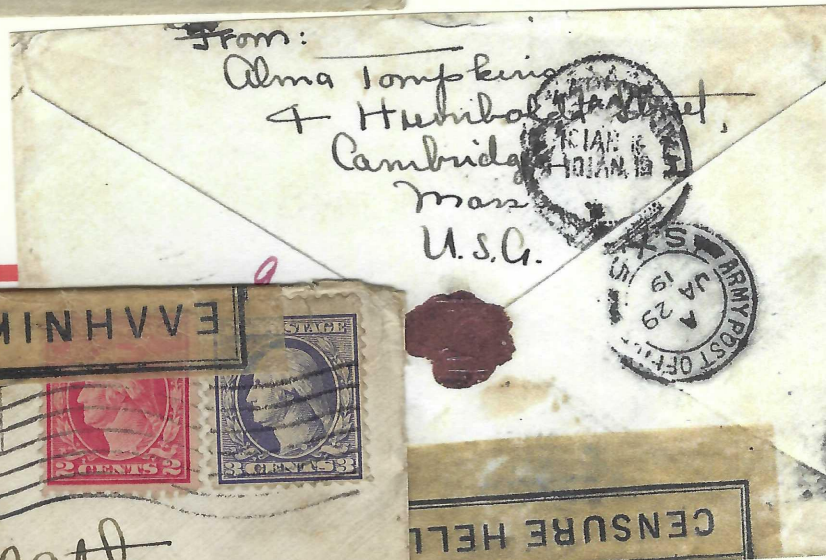
An ARC commission to the Balkan States was created in
December 1918. It operated in Rome in the winter of 1919.

Call It Peace
Commission to Balkans
Salonika

ARC Balkan Entry



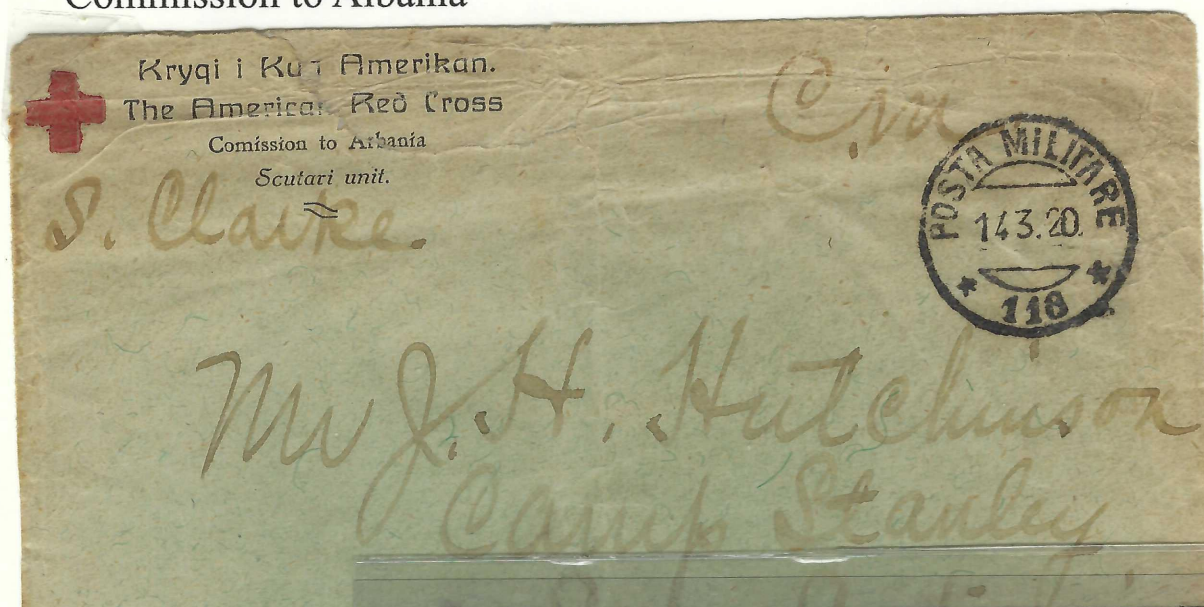
British "APO S.X.16"
and censor mailed
free 10.FE.19.



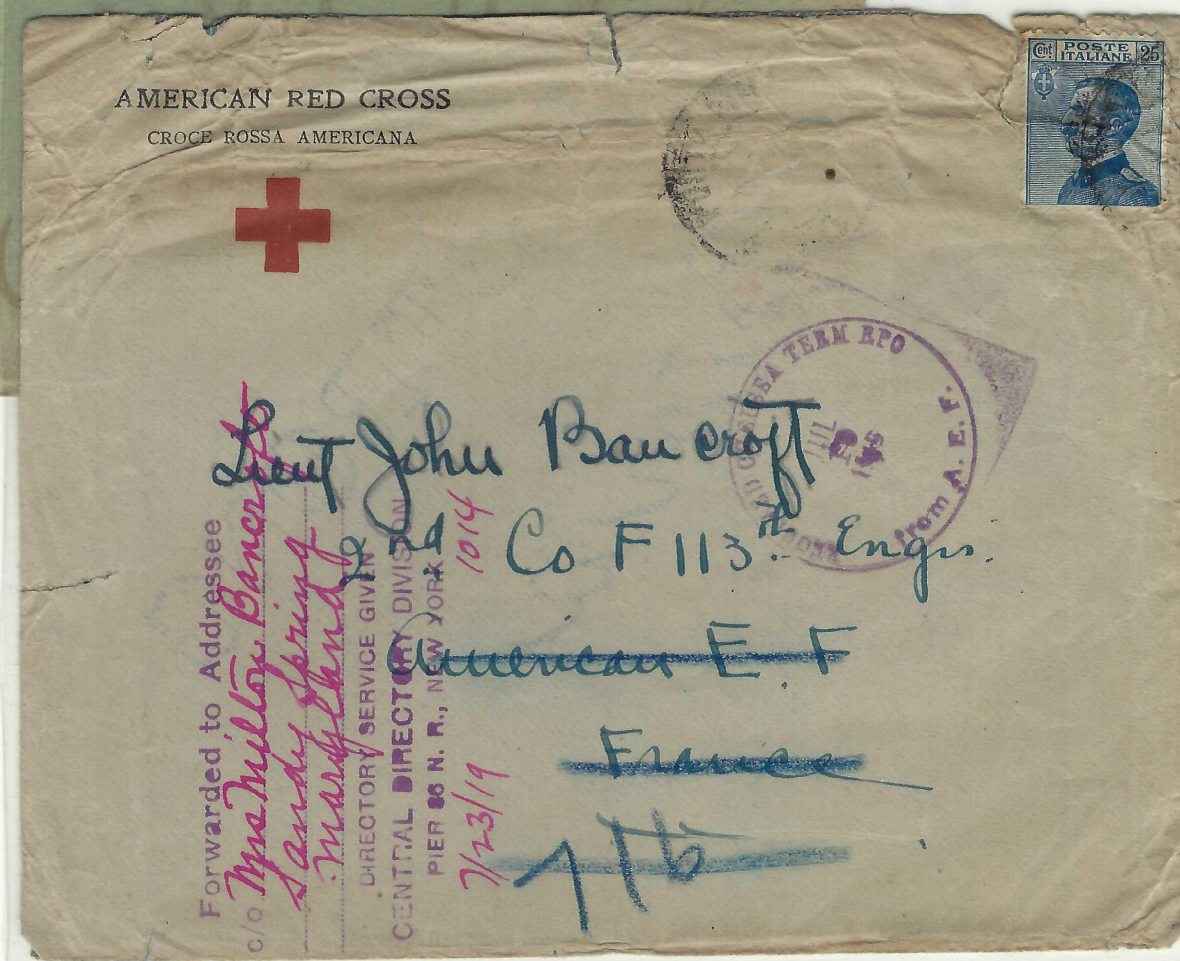
Salonika in April 1919 was briefly the ARC headquarters. Lower Cambridge Mass NOV 29 1918 with Greek censor forwarded "APO S.X.5" JA 29 19 to (ARC) Convalescent Home Cannes. Also faint octagonal British censor. Date of mail is consistent with the wartime ARC mission to Serbia. **RARE.**

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Commission to Albania

ARC Scutari and Tirana



Marked "CM"
equivalent to
soldier's mail
Italian "Posta
Militare 116"
14.3.20

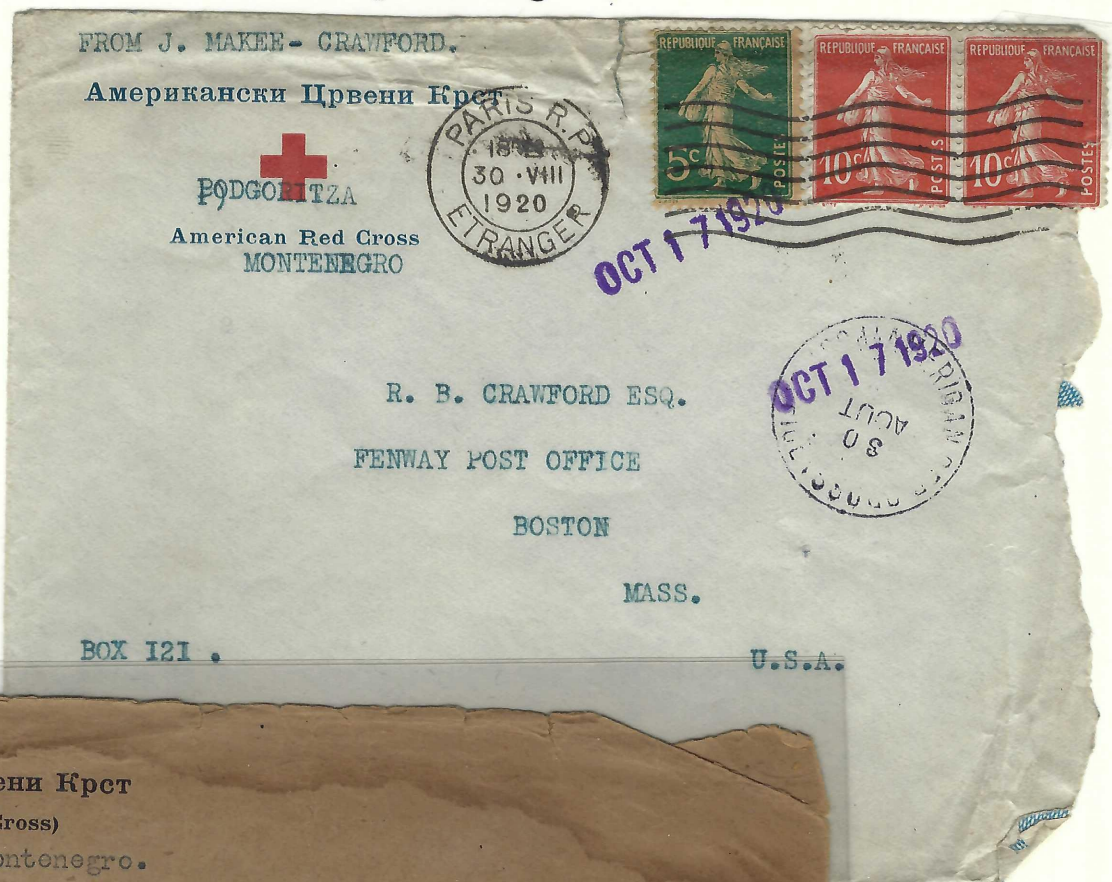


Marked "Tirana"
on reverse 25c
foreign letter rate
"Posta Militare"
rcvr JUL 19 1919.

ARC activities in Albania were centered in Scutari with Albania's largest hospital.
ARC mail was handled through the Italian military post reflecting Italian suzerainty.

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Montenegro

ARC Hospital Podgoritza

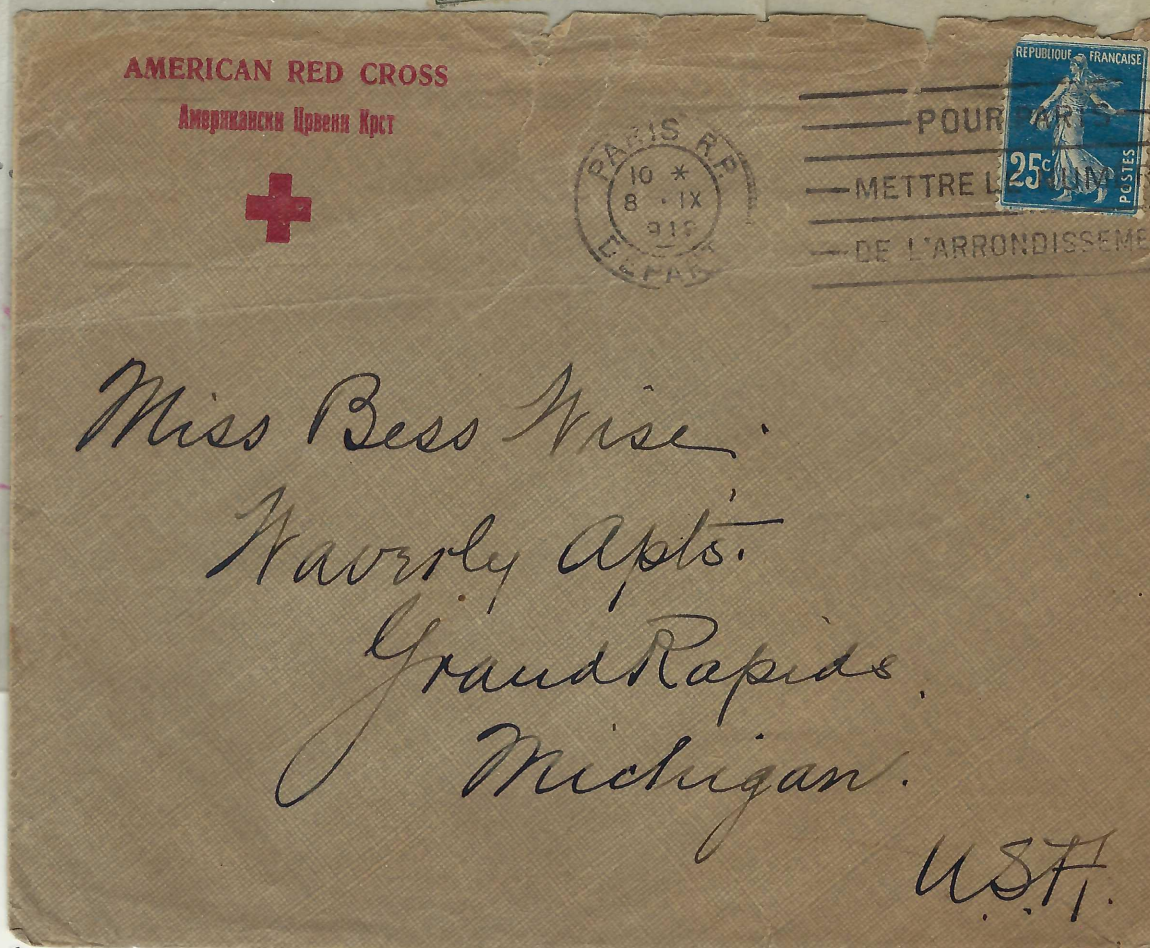
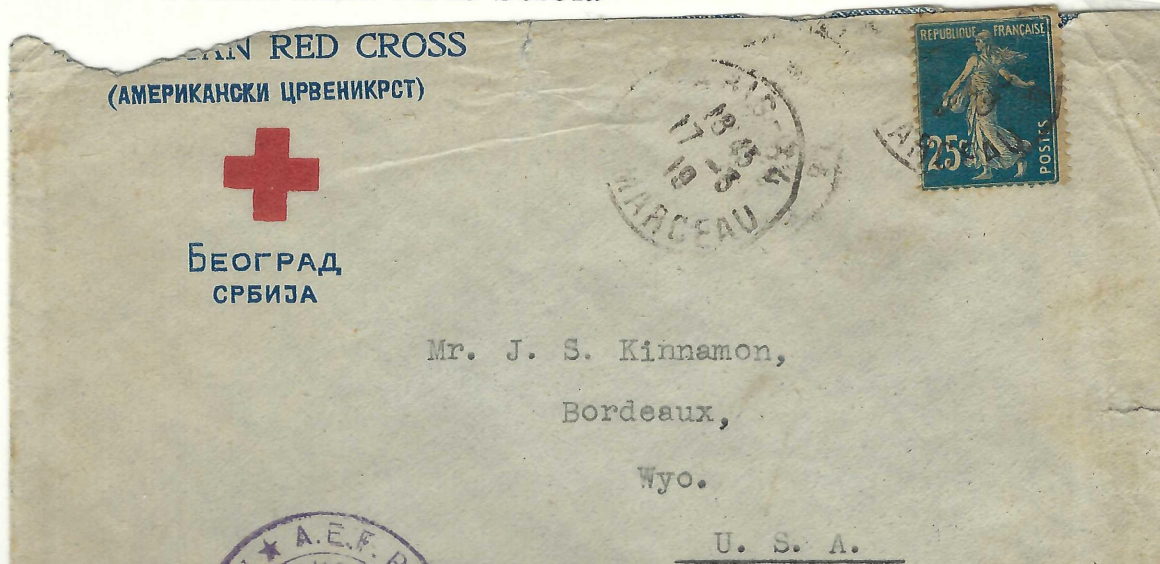


Registered letter
Serbian postage
on reverse
29.1.1921

ARC established a hospital of 60 beds in Podgoritza, the largest city in Montenegro. Two different ARC covers with ARC in Serbian. Upper by ARC courier with ARC Paris PO cancel on 30.AOUT(1920).

Call It Peace
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Serbia

Courier Mail ARC Serbia



ARC mail from Serbia between March to September 1919. Each has French postage.
Upper with APO 702 Mar 14 1919 cancel prior to authorized use of MPES Courier.
Middle Paris Marceau 17-3 19 with AEF Censor consistent with MPES Courier.
Lower PARIS R.P. DEPART 8.IX.1919 is typical for ARC courier but lacks ARC PO cancel.

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Serbia

ARC Dispensary Petrovatz

Marked "Doctors
Mail" via MPES
courier with
distinctive APO 975
cancel AEF censor.
Free franking.
2.APR.1919.
DISCOVERY ITEM

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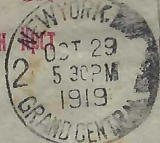
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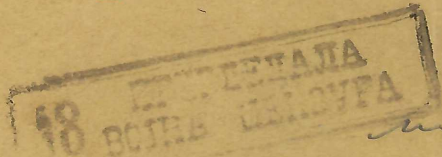
The ARC Commission to Balkans established its headquarters in Belgrade in April 1919. Both of these ARC Serbia envelopes were mailed by an ARC physician Dr, Marjorie Burnham. She established a dispensary in Petrovatz.

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Serbia

ARC Mail Posted in Serbia

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Американски Црвени Крст



*R. da Silva Thornton
School House*



Serbian 25
Foreign letter rate
8.19.19. Serbian
censor

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*Miss Lillian M. Upson
Dundee
New York
U.S.A.*



RD #4.

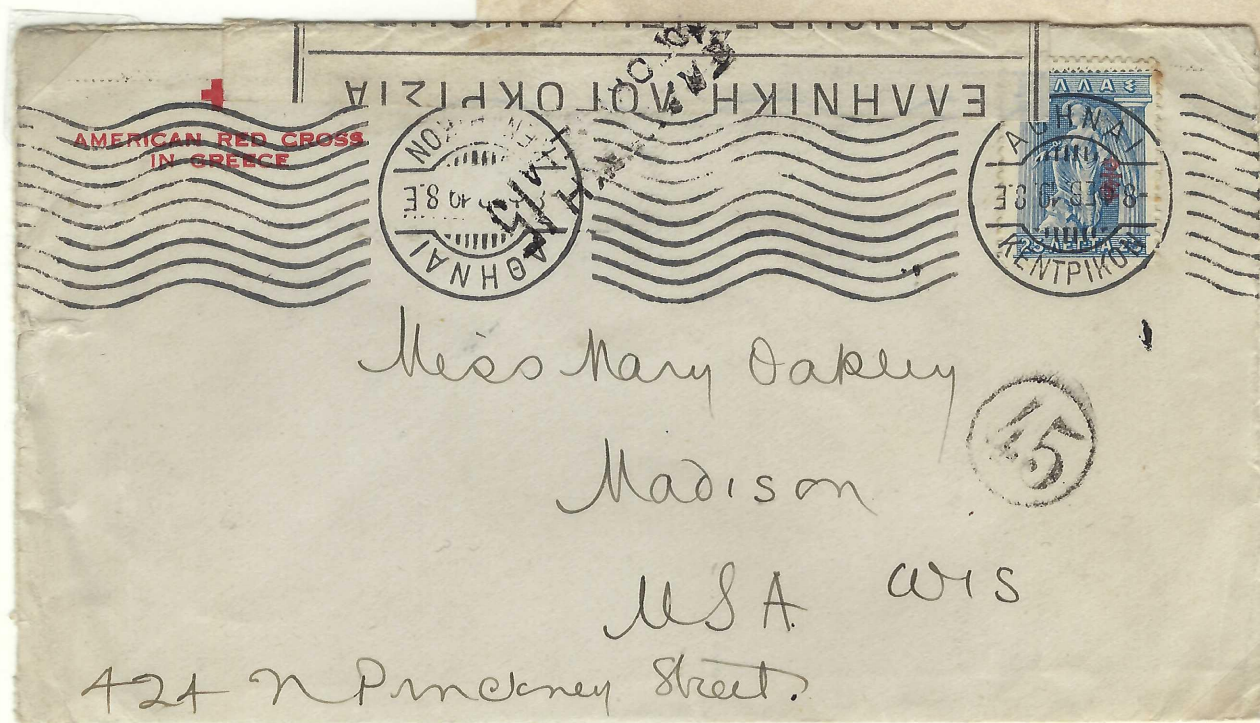
ARC mail with Serbian postage. Lower envelope with illegible cancel with circular "ARC*COMMISSION TO SERBIA" stamp, probably used as censor marking.

Call It Peace
Commission to Balkans
Greece

ARC Mission to Greece



Mailed thru
British APO
and censor
to Jerusalem
JA 10 19
as most
competent
service.



ARC Greece stationery. The lower mailed through the Greek post 8.FEB.19. Greek censor.

Call It Peace
Mission to Turkey

ARC Mail Constantinople Allies Post

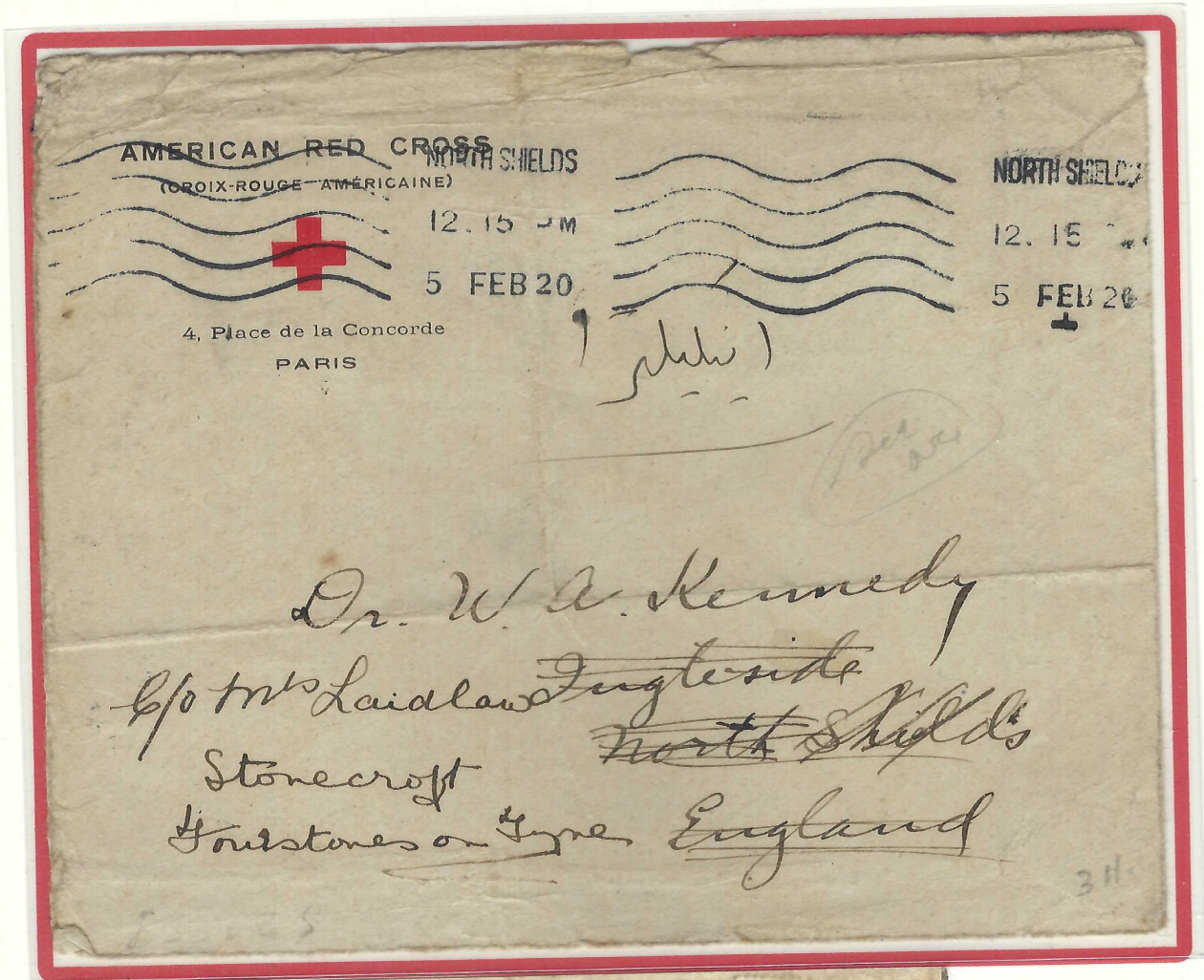
50 centesemi
foreign letter rate
via Italian post
Trieste 24.3.20.
Trieste censor.



ARC mission in Turkey was focused on the refugee populations in SE Europe and aid to Southern Russia. Mail was handled by Allied military post.
Lower ARC Constantinople French postage and military "TRESORS et POSTES 506" 20-10 20.

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Mission to Turkey

ARC Mail Celicie
Armenian Refugees



Rare "Territories
Ennemis Occupes
Zone-Nord-(Cilicie)
Tarsus Censure" mark

ARC Paris envelope posted in Tarsus, Cilicie 13-1-20 using overprinted Ottoman stamps. The addressee Dr. W A Kennedy served as the lead League of Nations observer to Turkey on Armenian refugees. **RARE.**

Call It Peace
Mission to Turkey
Support for Refugees

ARC Support for Russian Refugees

"Poste Italiana
Constantinople"
9.12.21 registered
express second
weight foreign
letter



British 5d KGV
surcharged 7/2
piastres. "British
field post
Constantinople
6.JUY.22"

Mission ends. Chapter carries on.

Upper envelope addressed to General GK Mannerheim, head of the Finnish Red Cross. Lower ARC Constantinople Chapter envelope to Maj. George Ryder, head of the ARC South Russia unit. Citing a lack of funds, the Mission closed, leaving the Chapter to distribute aid to 50,000+ Russian refugees.

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Mission Mail Enroute

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COMMISSION TO PALESTINE



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Mrs. P. B. Millikin

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COMMISSION TO PALESTINE



No.

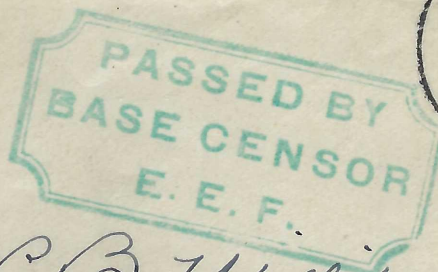
red.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS



COMMISSION TO PALESTINE

C. Millikin



*Per direct packed
by Sp Santa Cruz*

Mrs. P. B. Millikin

The Cecil

Baltimore

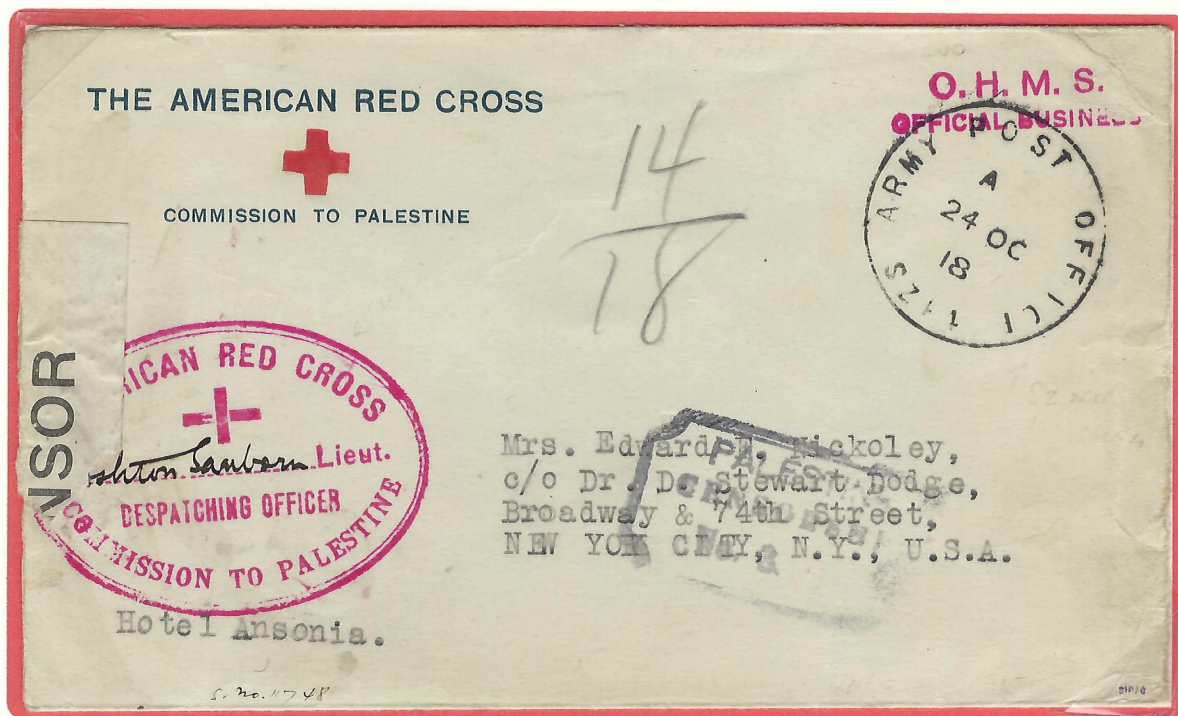
Maryland, U.S.A.

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The ARC Commission for Palestine sailed from New York on March 13 1918.
Captain Millikin's letters trace their journey via Durban, Lourenco Marques (Maputo),
Colombo, to arrival at Port Said June 11 1918. All mail with British censor marks.

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ARC Official and Registered Mail

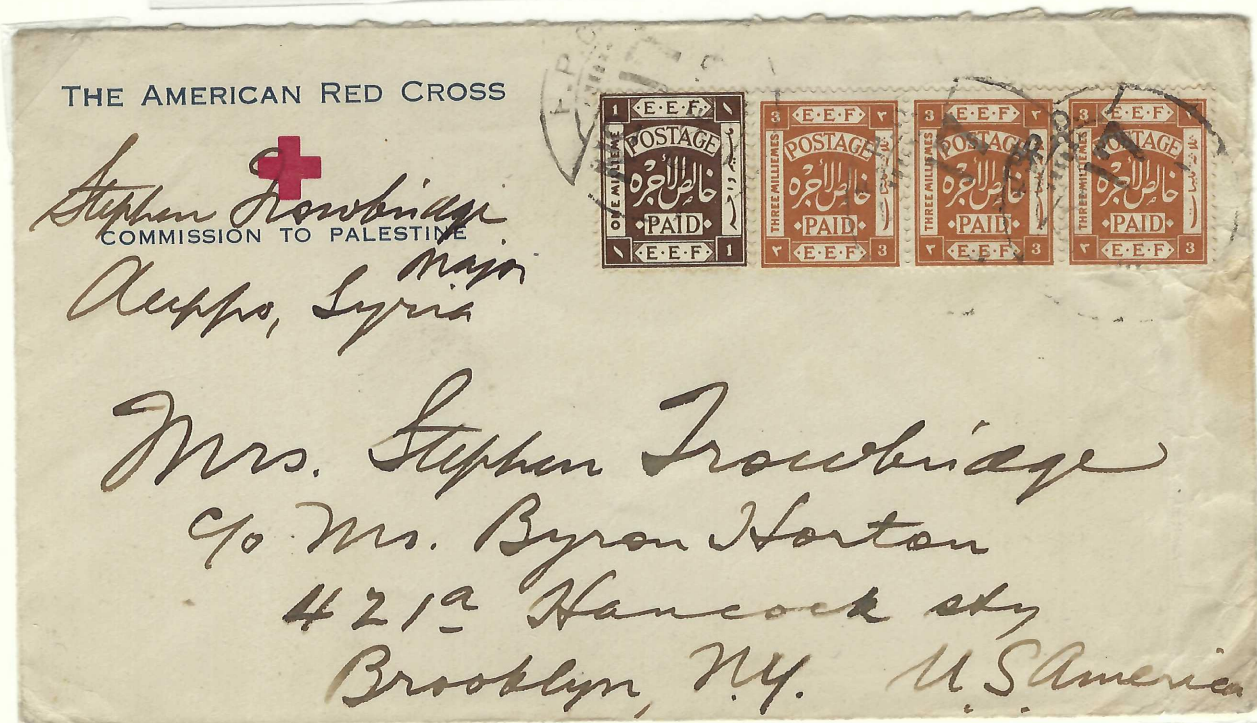


. Upper envelope stamped "O.H.M.S. Official Business" unfranked. The "O.H.M.S." and the oval "ARC Dispatching Officer." **NEITHER RECORDED** in the literature. The lower sent registered by the same officer. Palestine censor no. 6 and 2 respectively. All ARC mailed used the established British military postal system.

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Commission to Palestine
Expanded Mission

New ARC Locations

Both letters
10 milliemes
foreign letter
rate. Left
"OETA-EEF
Jerusalem"
Lower from
Aleppo
"FPO No. 17"



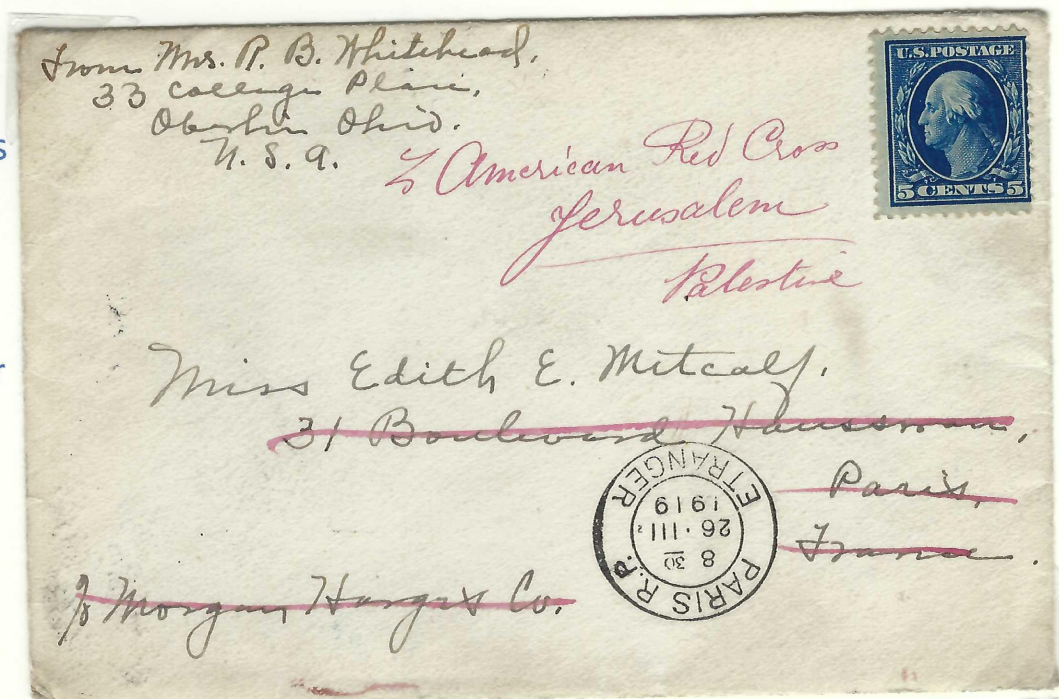
The area of ARC support extended from Port Said to Syria and beyond. Upper envelope "ARC Commission to Palestine and the Near East" provides the address of its Cairo office. Lower from Aleppo Syria.

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Expanded Mission

ARC Workers Forwarded Mail



Rate difference reflects
change in status from
ARC member to
unaffiliated status.
3c domestic rate
concessionary vs 5c
standard foreign letter
rate



With the expanded mission, additional workers were called forward in early 1919, from the shrinking ARC mission in France. Two forwarded letters. Upper forwarded from Base Hospital 9 Chateauroux. The second thru the Morgan Harjes Co. Both transit Port Said to Jerusalem.

Call It Peace
Commission to Palestine
End of Mission

ACRNE
ARC Successor

COMMISSION TO PALESTINE & THE NEAR EAST
Syrian Orphanage
JERUSALEM.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
Successor to
A. C. R. N. E.

*Mr. J. H. [unclear]
[unclear]
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The ARC decided that relief work in Palestine was beyond its capacity and that the Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief was the better agent. Congress incorporated it as "American Committee for Relief in the Near East" (ACRNE). It took over ARC functions, facilities and supplies July 1st 1919. An ACRNE modified ARC envelope from 1920.

