

The civil post in the service of army post office in Hungary 1914 - 1918

The word 'military mail' literally means the own postal apparatus of the Armed Forces sent on military exercise, to camps, or war. In addition, however, the field post office does not only provide service to the mobilised troops but also serves as a link between mobilized troops and those remained at "home" and the non-mobile troops, with the civil authorities and the population, in other words – with the "hinterland". Moreover, it also serves as a link with the territory conquered from the enemy. The Field post office is a military unit, and as such is independent from the traditional "civil" post office, although its technical apparatus and function is tightly linked to. The army post office was set up from three postal authorities operating on the territory of the Austrian-Hungarian Monarchy: the Imperial Royal Austrian, Hungarian, and the Royal Military postal authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. We must always take into account that there was only one imperial and royal (K.u.k.) field post office, without any division into Austrian or Hungarian APO or that of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The APOs were represented by cancelling stamps. In one way, Austrian (German) cancelling stamp shape changed significantly during the war – the size of the post office number changed (small or large digit numbers).

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Prologue

Army Main post office

Mail with locality name

Dumb cancellation

Registered letter

Money letter

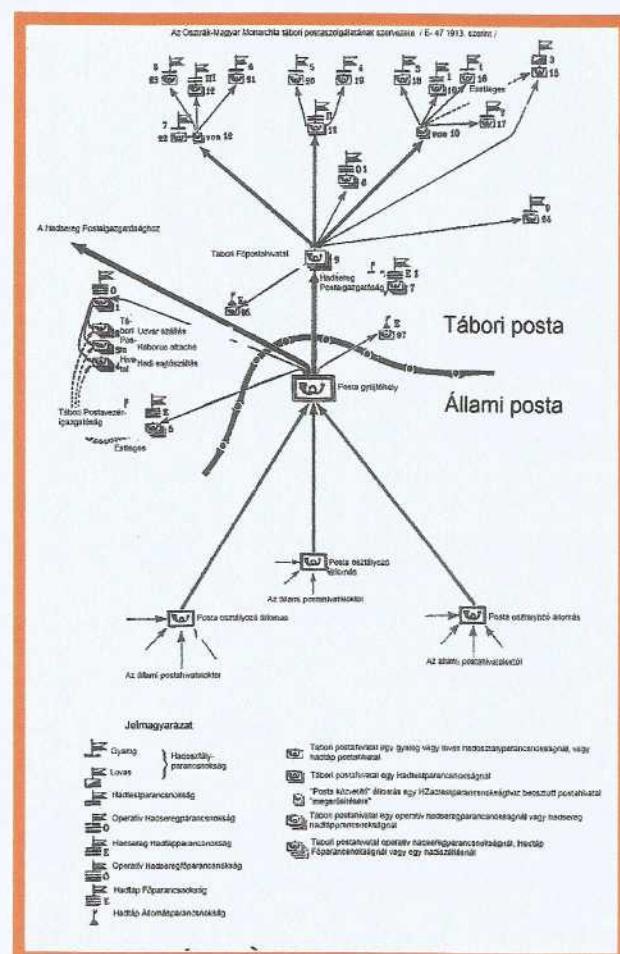
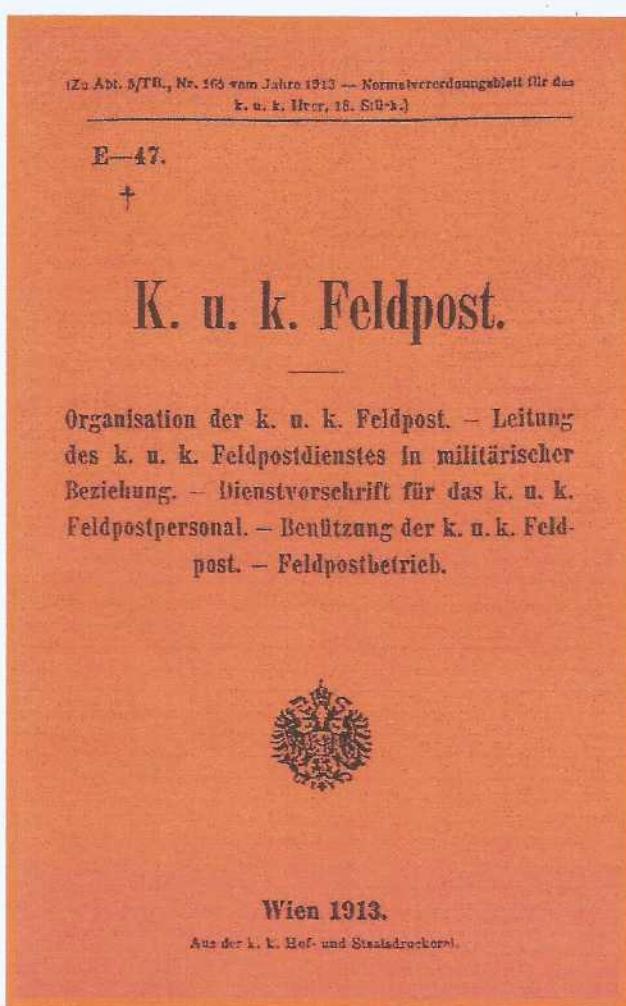
Travelling Post Office – Railway station

Mail agency

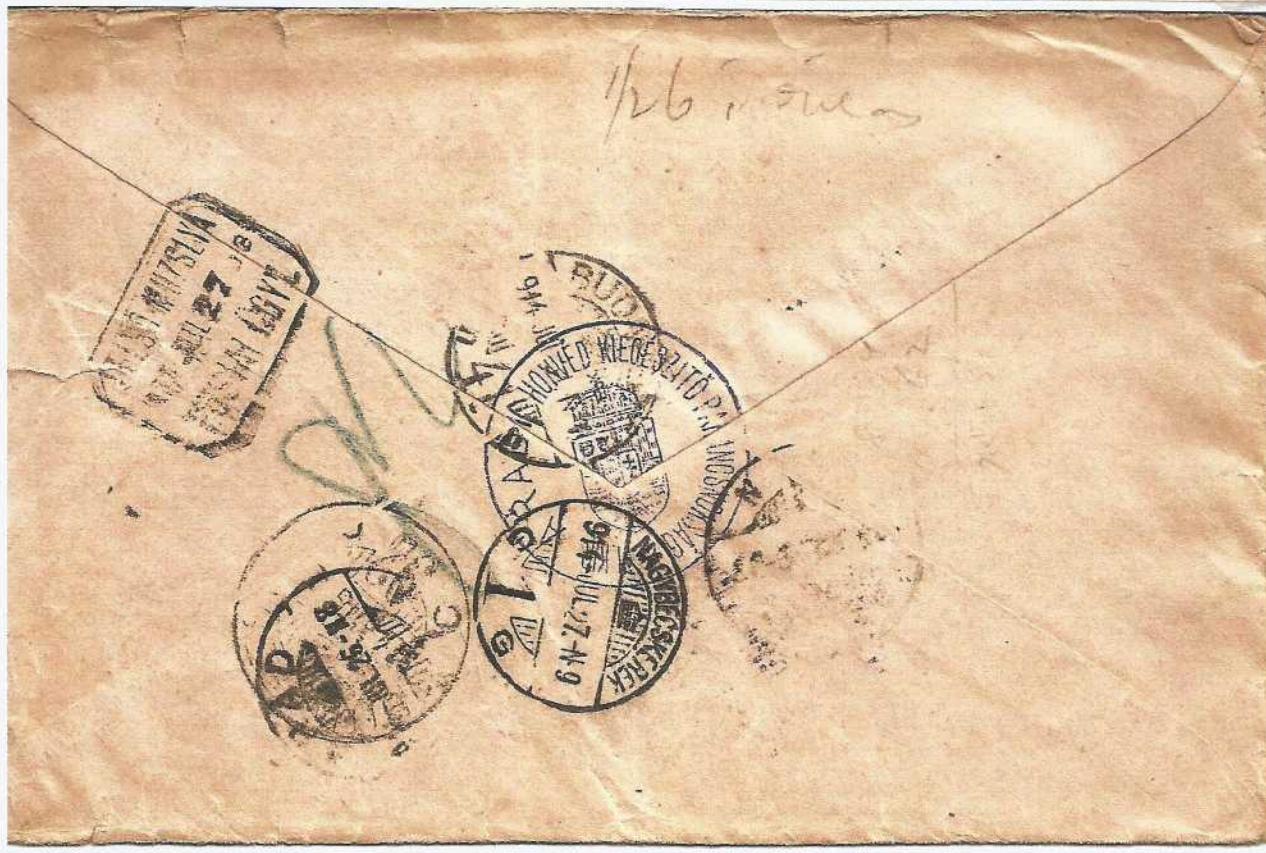
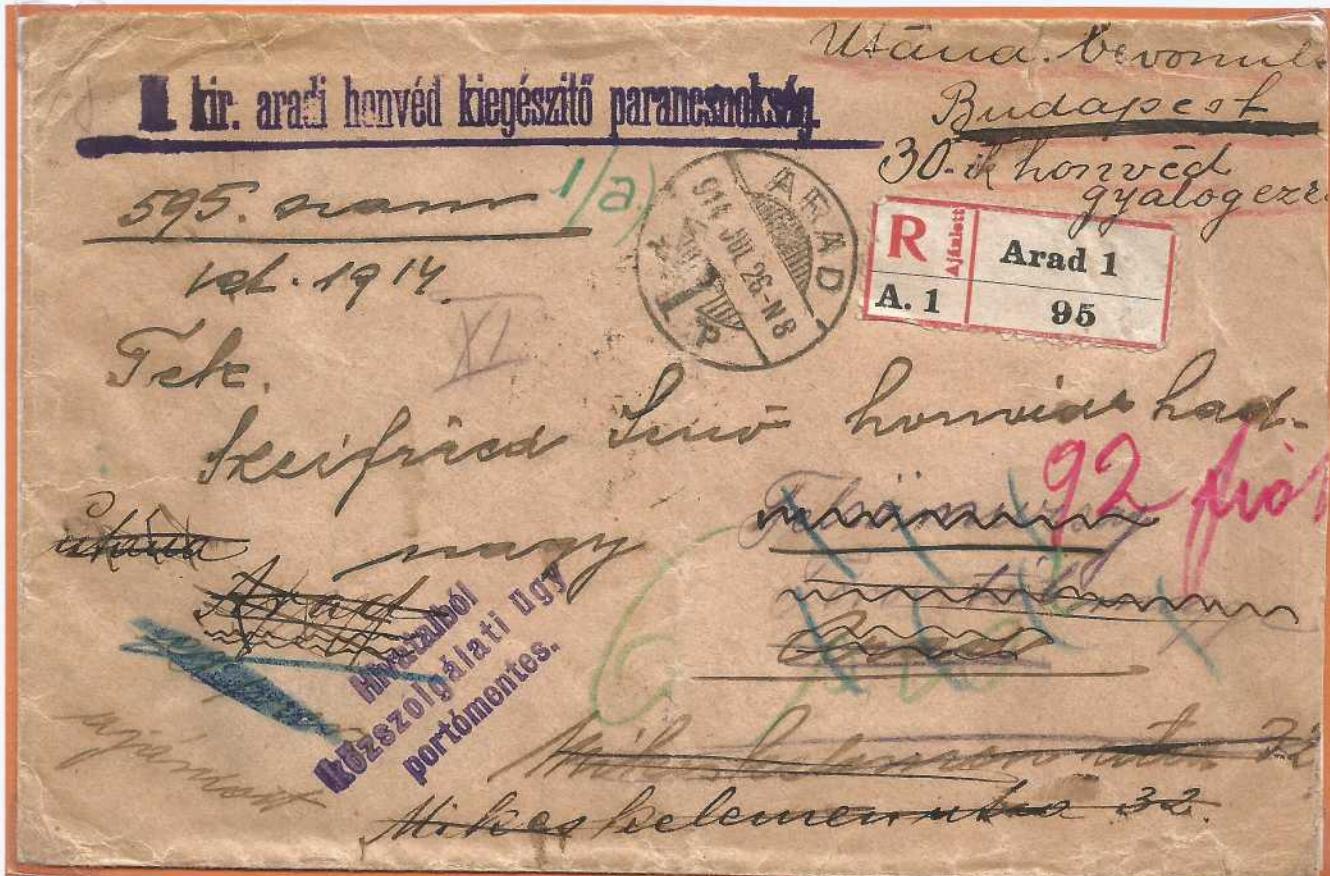
Returned letter

Parcels

Postage due



Prologue



Registered letter cover to FELSÖMUZSALY mailed at ARAD 914.JUL.26 Arrived to NAGYBECSEKEREK 914.JUL.27 and the same day to FELSÖ MUZSLYA POSTAI ÜGYNÖKSÉG 914.JUL.27. . Sent to BUDAPEST 4 914. JUL.31. He joined the Army in BUDAPEST the Infantry Regiments No. 30. . In the meantime – while this letter search for the addressee –by the way- the war declaration sent to the Serbs the Big War broke out in 28. Juny 1914..

Army Main postoffice

K. u. k. Armeoberkommando.

Generalfeldpostdirektion.

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Post- und Telegraphendirektion



Budapest

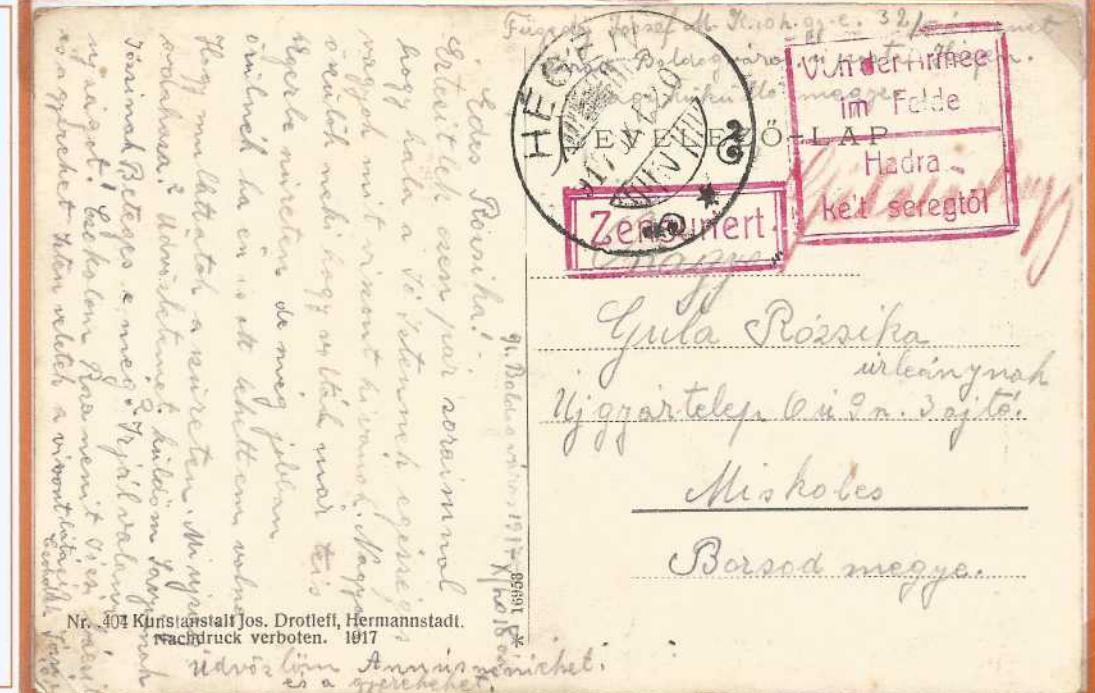
Official registered letter of Army General Management of Post to BUDAPEST mailed at K.u.k.
Feldpostamt 51 1. 1. 17. Arriving postmark on the reverse side of the letter BUDAPEST 917.JAN.2.

Mail with locality name

*Field post card to
OROSZVÁR mailed at
KuK.FELDPOSTAMT319
.31.III.15. Arriving
postmark OROSZVÁR
915.ÁPR.6.Hand
censorship and troop
cancellation. Her Royal
Highness was the wife of
Rudolf and later was the
wife of Count Lónyay.*



Absender
Odeslatel
Nadawca:
Досылающий:
Mittente
Pošiljalatelj
Pošiljač:
Presentator:

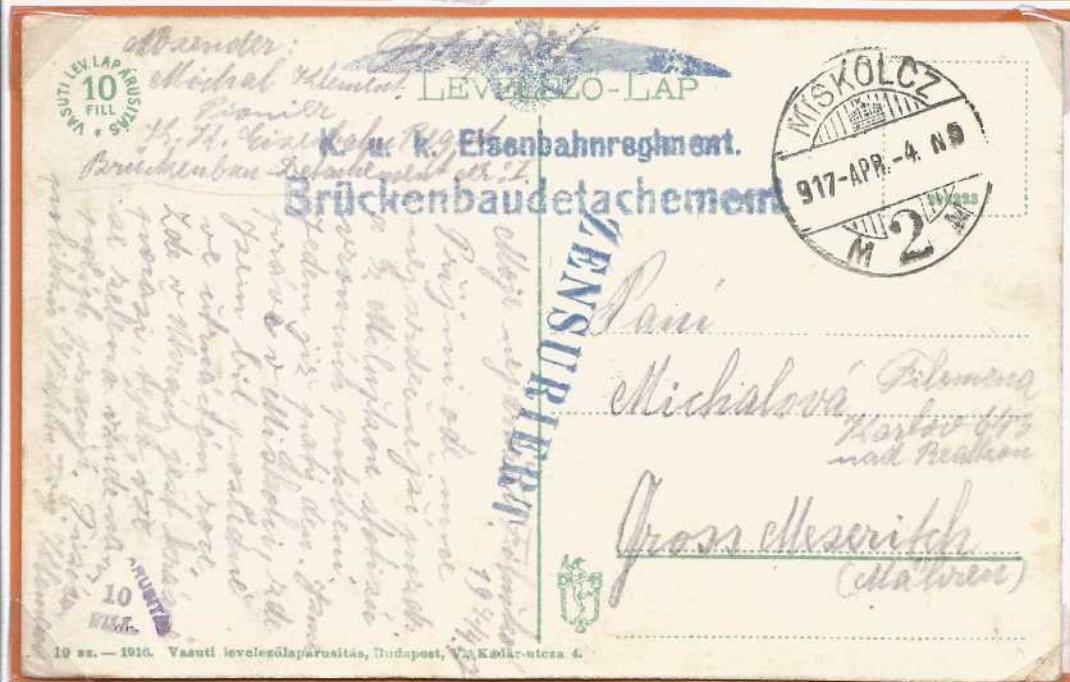


Mail with locality name

Field post card from
BUDAPEST 915.SEP.2.
and returned by the Field
post office No. 111,
915.SEP. 19. with the
remark *Abgangig*
(Missed in action).



Picture postcard mailed in
MISKOLCZ 2 917.ÁPR.4.



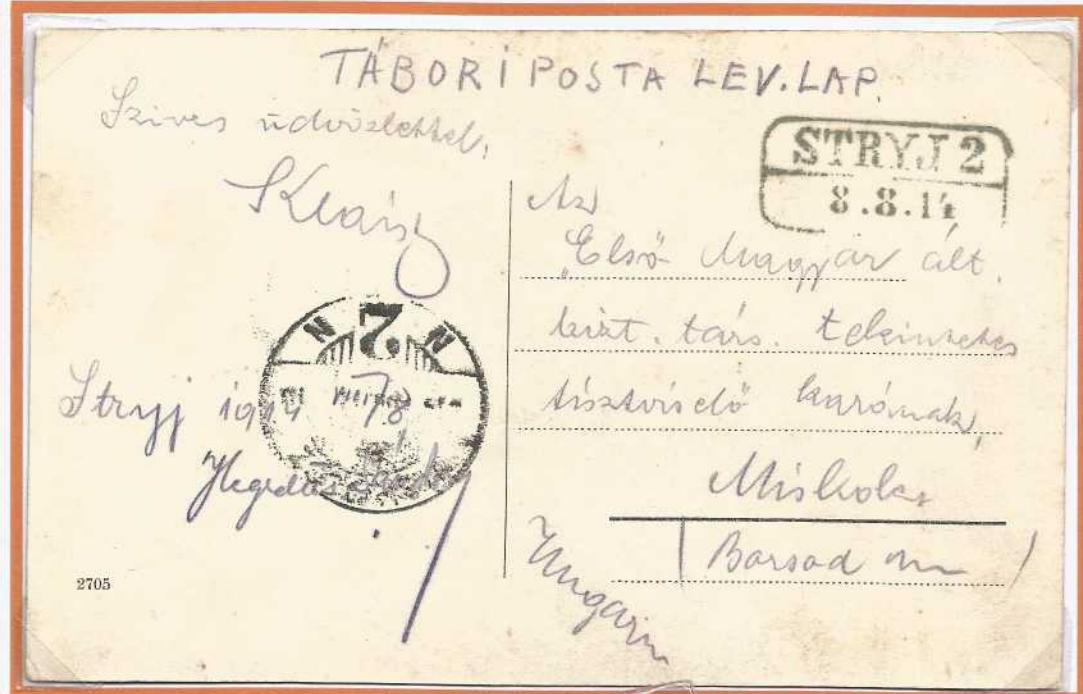
Field post card mailed in
DÉBRECZEN 916.NOV. 7.

Oval postmark „Kuk
Materialsammelstelle
Debreczen.”



Mail with locality name

Picture postcard mailed by field post office to MSKOLC mailed STRYJ 2 8.8.14. Arriving cancellation MISKOLCZ 2 date unreadable.



Austro-Hungarian field post card to BAJA mailed at KuK ETAPPENSTAMT BELGRÁD 2.III.18. Arriving postmark BAJA 918.MÁR.4. Censorship Belgrád.



Mail with locality name

Field post card mailed
TŐKETEREDES
ZEMPLÉN VM
914.SEP.28.



Field post card mailed in
ZBORÓ SÁROS VM 917,
MÁR. 25.

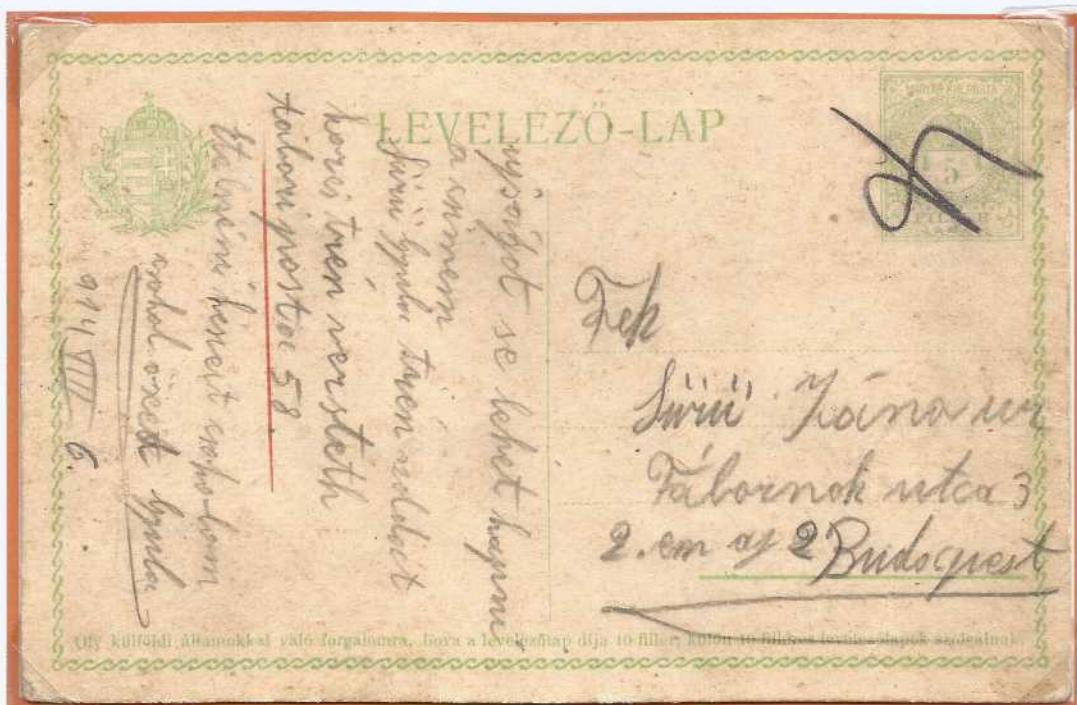


Pictire post card mailed in
 Field post office
435a.917.VII. 17. Arriving
 post mark **CSORVÁS**
917.JUL.21. (Hungary
 Békés County).



Dumb cancellation

Mailed at the Field post office No.58. Text translation :"Dear Brother, we have come on the 3rd (1914. Augusts 3.)from Pest but not to Csepel ,approx. 300 km from Pest, but not allowed to write, where we are ... In the text mentioned field post No. 58. is with the Army Corps IV. (Budapest) moved to the Serbian front. Hand franking were used.



Mailed at Field post office No. 40. Text translation: „Dear Mummy, let me report, that our journey has commenced at noon Sunday in one hour and finished at the frontier of Bosnia on Tuesday 6 in the morning ... These lines are written in the cart of peasant transporting foods. „The referred 40. field post office was in the 5. Army. For franking they used the „FRANCO“ stamps as dumb stamp in Bosznia.

*Postcard to Kunhegyesre.
Mailed at field post office
No. 84. Censorship at
Újvidék.*



Travelling Post Office – Railway station

Mailed in the train
FRANCENFESTE-
MARBURG 23 21.VIII.14.

(1914.AUG. 21) Arriving
postmark ALVÁCZA
914.AUG. 26.

Text translation „Now we cross Tyrol where we transport only guess....”



A feladó { *neve* :
* *czíme* :



TÁBORI POSTAI LEVELEZŐ

Czim:

Ára: 1 fillér.

Tábori posta-



*Field post card to
BUDAPEST.Mailed at
KASSA-BUDAPEST 9A
irain 914.AUG.23. Text
translation „ Dear
Mummy and Dad The
direction is changing.
Kisses and many
greetings to everybody.. ”*

*Field post card to
PRAGUE. Mailed at
PÉCZEL railway station.*



Postal agency

*Field post card to
CSENGERÚJFALU
mailed*

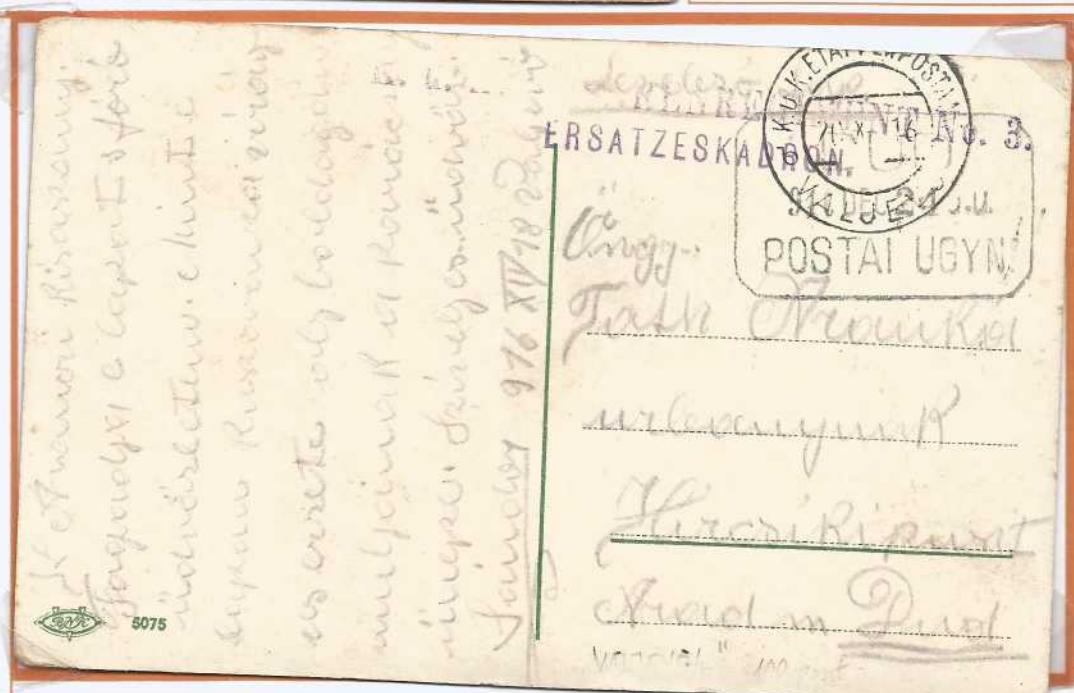
K UND K FELDPOSTAMT
No. 85 30 VIII 14 Arrived to
CSENGER, and than
CSENGERÚJFALU
914.SEP.6.POSTAI ÜGYN.



*Field post card to
NAGYKINIZS mailed
TÁBORI POSTAHIVATAL 70
916JAN19 Arrived to
NAGYKINIZS 916.JAN25
POSTAI ÚGYN. The field post
office in this time was at Honvéd
Infantry Division No. 39.*



*Picture post card to
HIRCSIKI PUSZTA mailed
at KuK
ETAPPENPOSTAMT
VALJEVO 20.XII.16.
Arrived to HIRSCI...
916.DEC.24 POSTAI ÜGYN.
The troops were in the
invaded Serbia. Troop
cancellation.*



Returned mail

Letter mailed in RIMASZOMBAT

914.NOV.5.

The second beleguare of Przemysl returned.
On the reverse side of letter the correct
franking.



A felado { neve: Kalmári Károly
cím: Rimaszombat



TÁBORI POSTAI LEVELEZŐ-LAP

Cím: Kalmári János szamivá alkint
Geniediktum 16% nej felkelő munkás
csapott I. Demalen unbestellbar

Ára: 1 fillér.

M. kir. állami nyomda, Budapest.



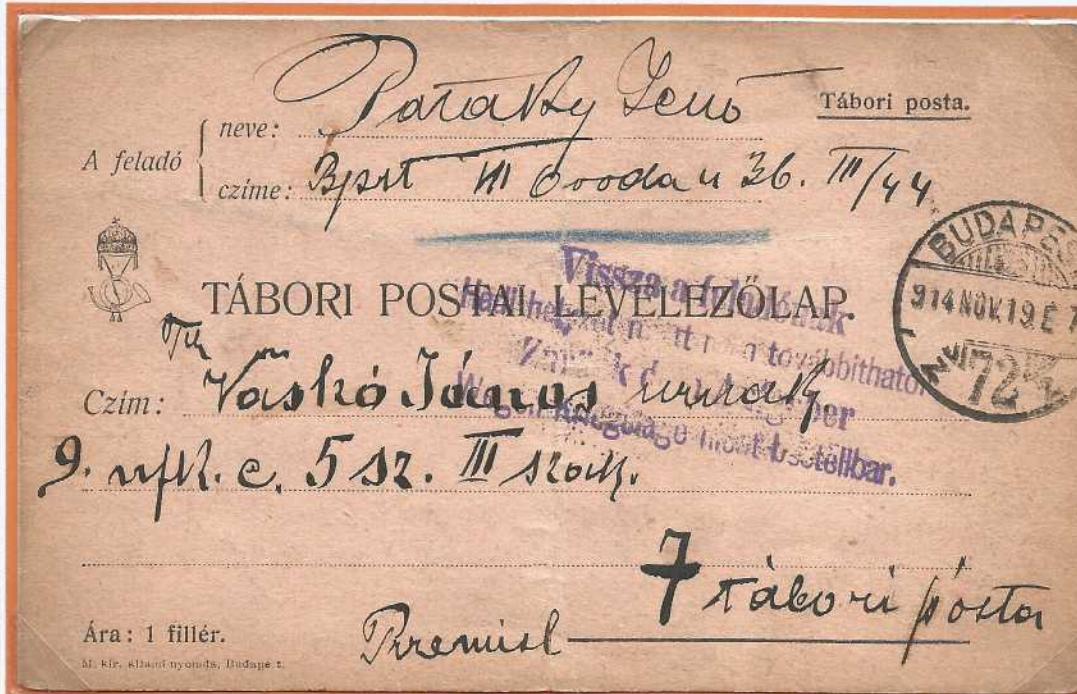
Field post card mailed in
BUDAPEST NOV.19.
Returned by thr Hungarian Mail
on account of the second
belaguer of Przemysl.

Post card (10 fillér) to
LONDON a POW. Mailed at
NAGYBÁNYA 915.FEB 8. The
Vienna and Budapest censorship
is missing. British censorship
and british returning. Returned
to Nagybánya (Hungary).



Returned mail

Hungarian field post card
mailed in BUDAPEST 914.
NOV.14 Returned on account
of the second belaguer of
Przemyl..



Field post card mailed in
BUDAPEST NOV.19.
Returned by the Hungarian Mai.
on account of the second
belaguer of Przemysl.

Hungarian field post card
mailed in BUDAPEST
915.FEB.28. Returned the
sender for franking.



Registered letter



Registered Hungarian field post card to NAGYVÁRAD mailed at ÓBECSE 916, MÁJ. 6.



Registered letter cover to BUDAPEST mailed at BALASSA GYARMAT 916.NOV.24. Arriving postmark BUDAPEST 916.NOV.25 in the reverse side of the cover,



Money letter to TEMESVÁR mailed at TÁBORI POSTAHIVATAL 60 914.AUG20. The letter has a correct franking, but do not contains the insurance fee. Arriving postmark TEMESVÁR 2 914. AUG 22.



Money letter to MISKOLC mailed at KUK ETAPPENPOSTAMT 346 12.IX.17. Correcir franking.

Parcels



Field post parcels to GYŐR mailed at **KuK FELDPOSTAMT 240** Arrived to **GYŐR** 918.OKT.21. The field post No. 240 in this time operated in OGYESSZA.



Field post parcel to KEMENCE mailed at **KuK FELDPOSTAMT 346** 9.XII.17. The field post No. 346. in this time operated in Romania.

Postage due

Picture postcard
mailed to
Budapest as a
field post card.

Text
translation:
„Travelling to
the operation
territory”



Abs. Toll francs Kuk Clav. no Post
Feldpost 458

Damascus XI/24. 9/17.
Bodlog Karacsongt
és Ujevel Kivinoh
minyajoknak

T. fer



Kath. Schulverein, Wien J. Stephan 126

Absender:
Odesiatel:
Nadawca:
Mittente:
Pošiljatelj:
Pošiljač:
Presentator:

Feldpost
Kepir:
Hilbert Erzsike
irányzatnak
Liptószentmiklós
Kásut utca
(Ungarn)

Picture postcard mailed in
Damascus and postage due
at.

Liptószentmiklós What
thought the postmaster in
Liptószentmiklós how the card
reached him?

Field post card to Szarvas.

Mailed at ILONKA

916.SEP.5. Postai

Ügynökség.

Censorship in

ČERNOWITZ.

In these days the censor
office of ČERNOWITZ
operated in

MÁRAMAROSSZIGET

because BUKOVINA was
unde Russian invasion.

Postage due at SZARVAS.

Feldpostkorrespondenzkarte.

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Feldpostkorrespondenzkarte.
II. K. MILITARZENSOF
ČERNOWITZ

