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### Russo-Japanese War 1904-5



Commemorative postcard showing the Japanese High Command at Mukden at the end of the war. Complete in outer wrapper which is rare and normally missing. Commemorative canceller dated 39.4.30 (30 April 1906). H&G 49.





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THIS PICTURE SHOWS THE CELEBRATION OF THE TRIUMPHAL RETURN FROM WAR IN THE MIDDLE AGES. (Some 1200 years ago.)

This picture has been drawn in accordance with the traditions that have come down to us, and on the authority of works treating of the manners and life, as well as, the weapons and utensils of ancient times. The warrior sitting in the centre is the leader or lord; the other, on the right, holding a bow, is his lieutenant; and the third, on the left, serving *saké* or wine to the lord is his *samurai* or personal retainer. The food on a wooden stand, placed before the lord, consisted of dried-chestnuts, dried-*awabi*, and *Kombu* (sea-weed) which it was customary to serve on such an occasion.

### 中古凱旋式圖解

此圖は我國軍禮の古式に倣ひて畫きたるものにして其の典故は専ら有識家の傳説。古武器。繪巻物等出所の確實なるものに據りて聊か作意を加へたり。中央に緋威の鎧。同毛獅嚙の兜を着し唐櫃に夏毛の敷皮をしき白毛の所を踏まへて腰打ちかけたるは主將にして。弓手の方に櫛句の鎧着て滋藤の弓を持ち熊毛の敷皮に座したるは副將とす。馬手の方に折烏帽子に頂頭掛して胸丸を着し銚子を持ちて歸したるは侍なり。主將の前にある供饗には歸陣の時の肴組にして則ち(一)勝栗(二)打蛇(三)昆布の三種及三つ盃を以てす。此酒肴は主將にのみ供し他に相伴なきを法とす。而して出陣の肴には(一)打蛇(二)勝栗(三)昆布の順序を以て配列し「討ちて勝ちて喜ぶ」の祝意を表し凱旋には「勝ちて討てよるこぶ」の祝意を表するものなり。



Wrapper containing two commemorative post cards issued by the Japanese Army in April 1906





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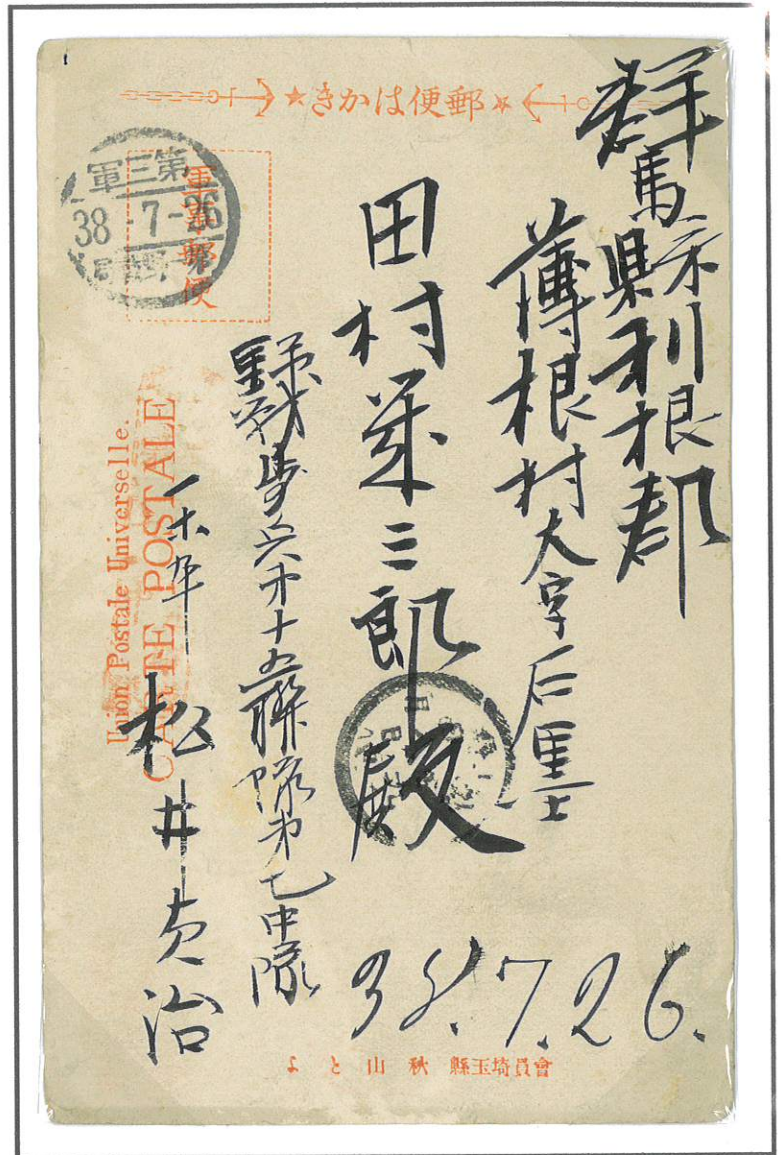
Two commemorative postcards issued by the Japanese Army in April 1906 to mark the end of the Russo-Japan War. Images compare the traditional ceremonies in mediaeval Japan with the same ceremony in 1906. Both cards carry the commemorative postmark of the Triumphant Military Review in Tokyo dated 30 April 1906.



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Commemorative postcard used as a field postcard by a Japanese soldier from Liao Tung to Japan. Card carries canceller of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Army FPO 1 located at Port Arthur, dated 38-7-26 (26<sup>th</sup> July 1905). Sender serving with Yasen Hohei, Dai Jugo Rentai (15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment). Card shows the insignia of the Japanese Women's Red Cross lapel badge together with the Japanese flags.

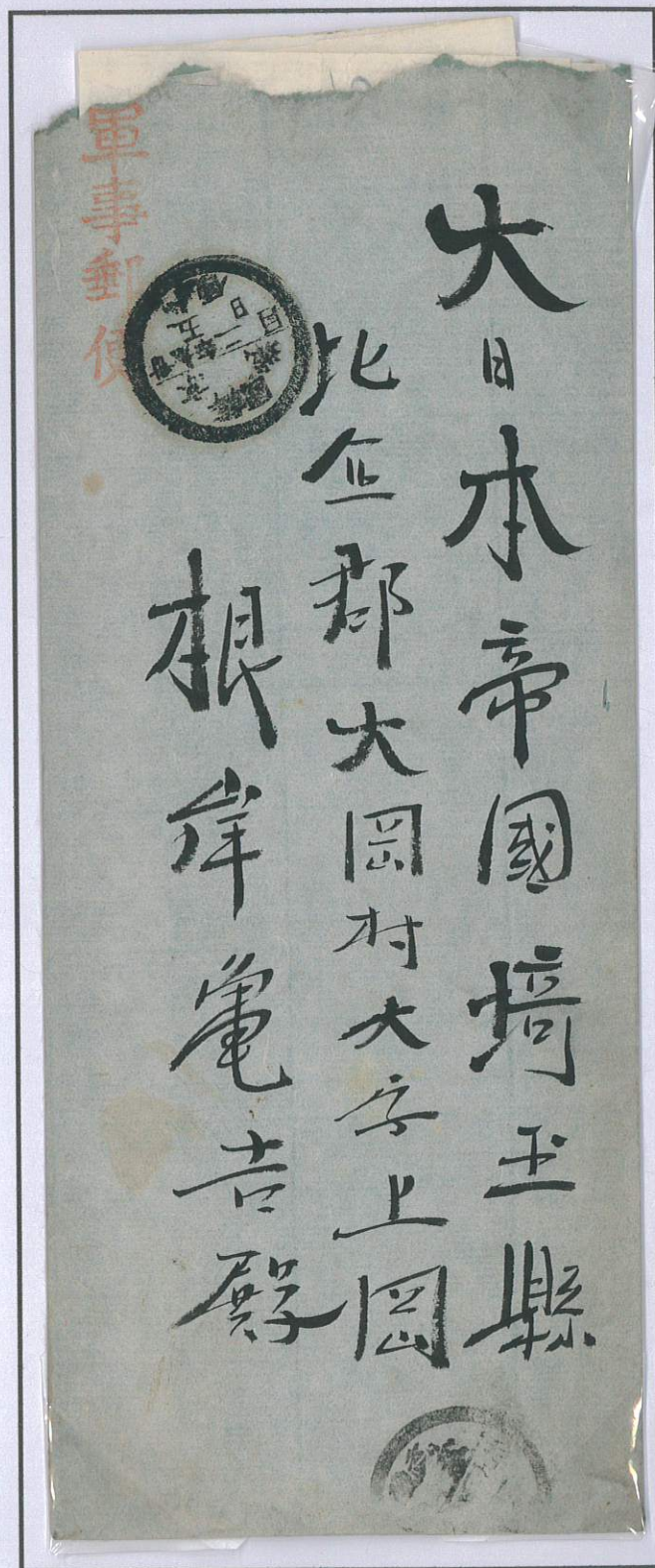




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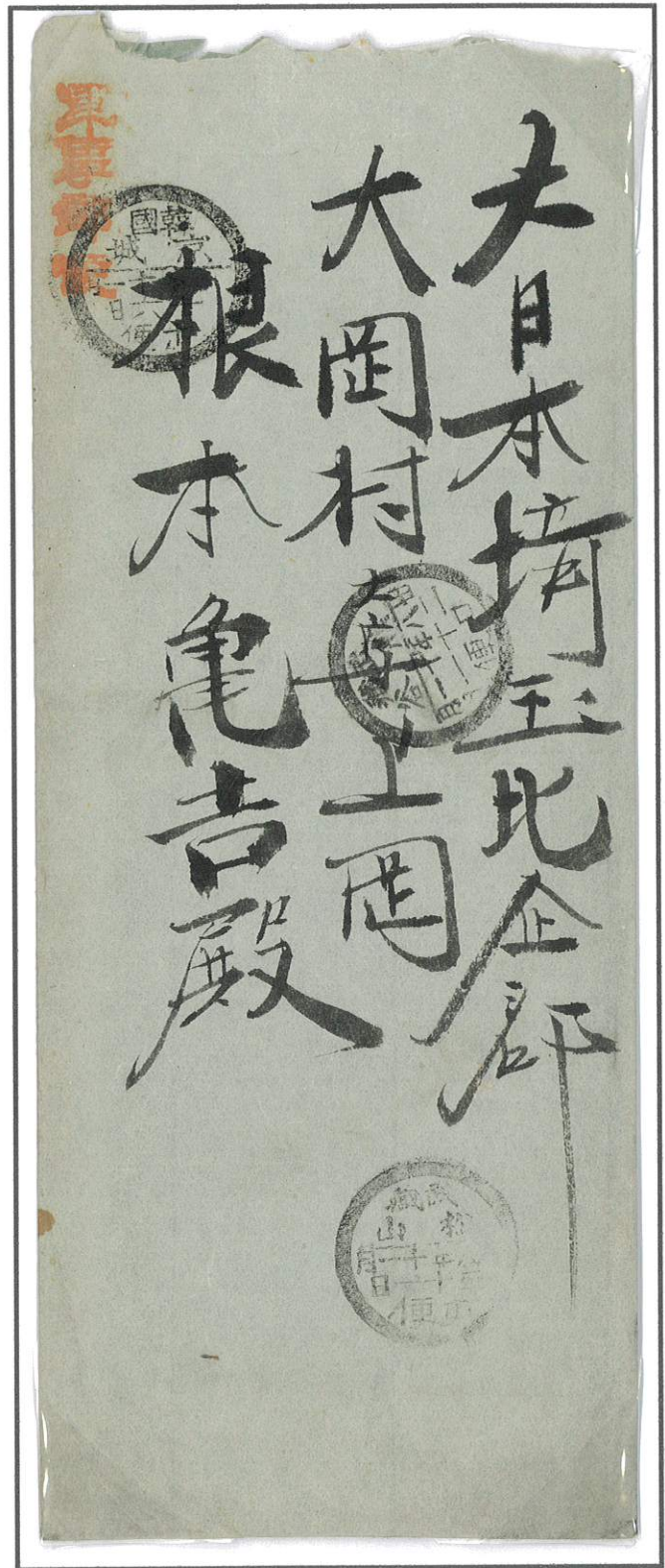
Cover and letter from a soldier serving in the Russo-Japan War. Cover cancelled by Kankoku Keijo (Korea Seoul) cds dated 39.2.5 (5<sup>th</sup> February 1906). Sender's address given as 59<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 2 Company, Koyoken Buntai (Small detachment). Letter includes "Since 3 January I have been sent to Koyo which is 25Km north of Keijo. We are expecting repatriation on 1 April."





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Cover and letter from a soldier serving in the Russo-Japan War. Cover cancelled by Kankoku Keijo (Korea Seoul) cds dated 38.11.16 (16<sup>th</sup> November 1905). Sender's address given as 59<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 2 Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon. Letter refers to extreme cold and seeing reindeer, "No problems in serving here and expect repatriation in April but not yet confirmed".





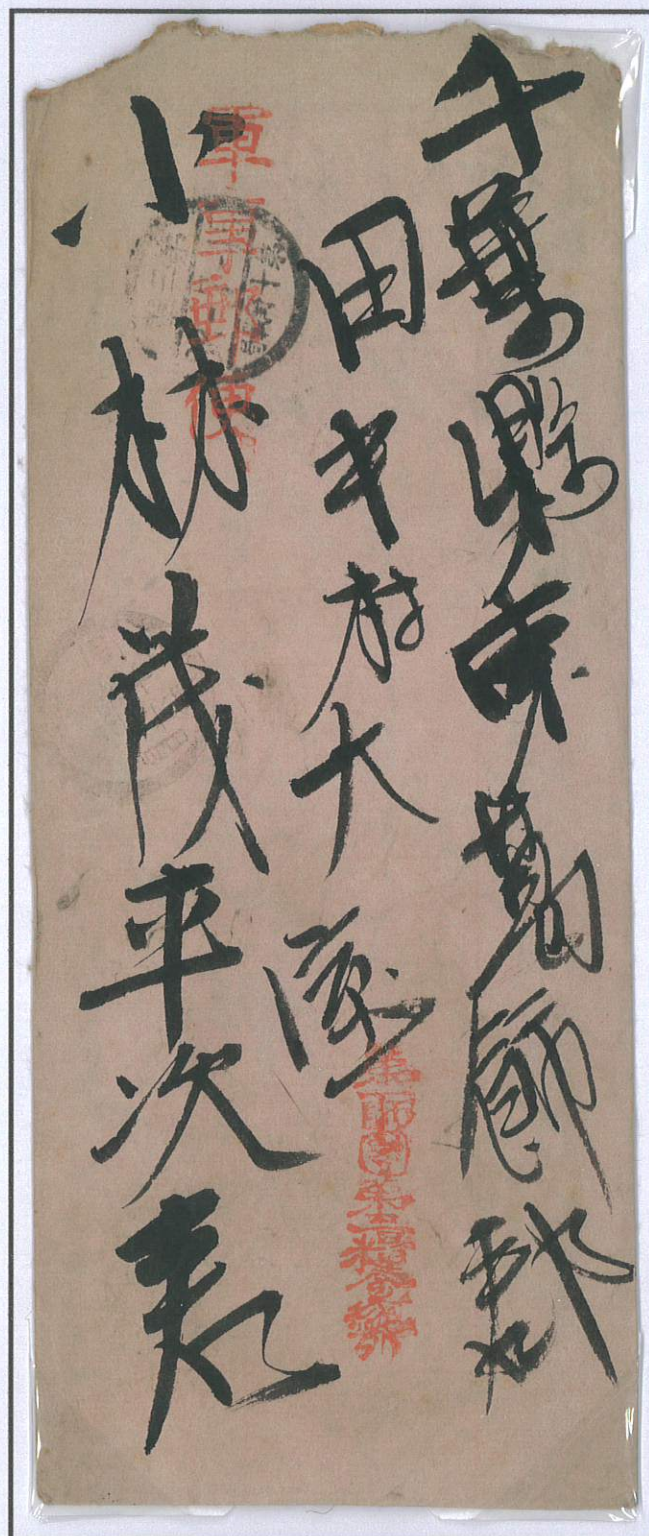
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Cover and letter from a soldier serving in the Russo-Japan War. Cover cancelled by 3<sup>rd</sup> Army Field Office (not FPO) 10 cds dated 38.7.15 (15<sup>th</sup> July 1905). Sender's address given as Shusei (active service), Dai San Gun (3<sup>rd</sup> Army), Dai Ichi Konoe (1<sup>st</sup> GuardsDiv).

The canceller reads Yasen Kyoku (Field Office) and not Yasen Yubin Kyoku (Field Post Office).

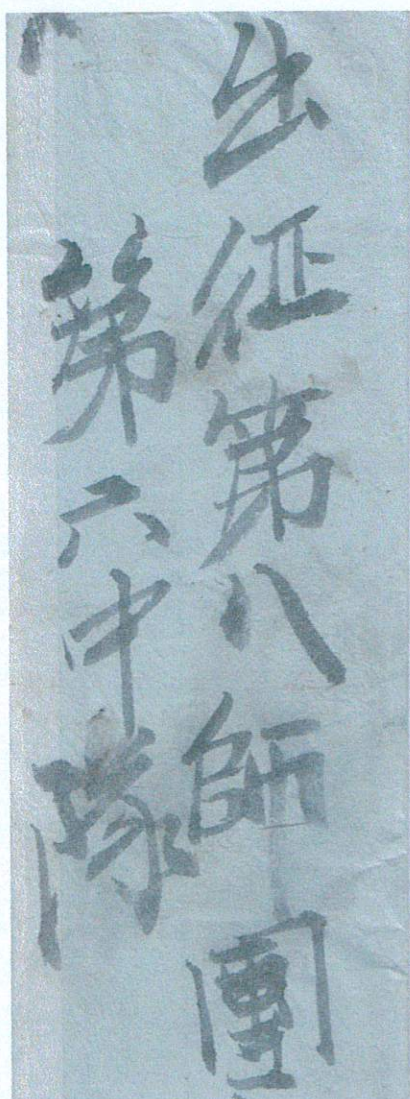
The 3<sup>rd</sup> Army after the fall of Port Arthur moved rapidly northward and in July 1905 were recovering after the battle for Feng t'ien.





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Cover and letter from a soldier serving in the Russo-Japan War. Cover cancelled by 3<sup>rd</sup> Army FPO 1 cds dated 37.10.13 13<sup>th</sup> October 1904). Sender's address given as Shusei (active service), Dai Hachi Shidan (8<sup>th</sup> Division). The 8<sup>th</sup> Division was intended to operate as an independent unit and was entrained to Liao Yang, arriving there on 13<sup>th</sup> October 1904. Mail was processed through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Army FPOs and eventually the 8<sup>th</sup> Div. was absorbed into the 3<sup>rd</sup> Army.



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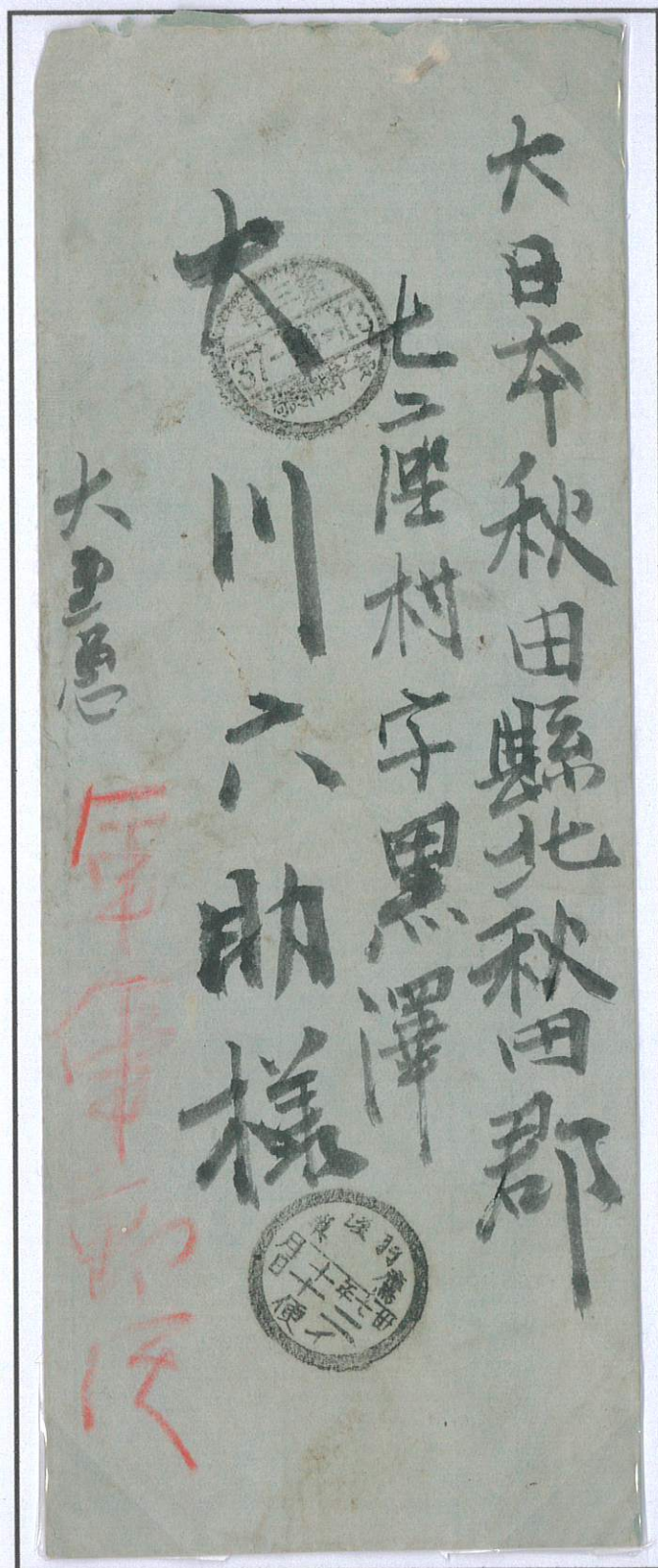
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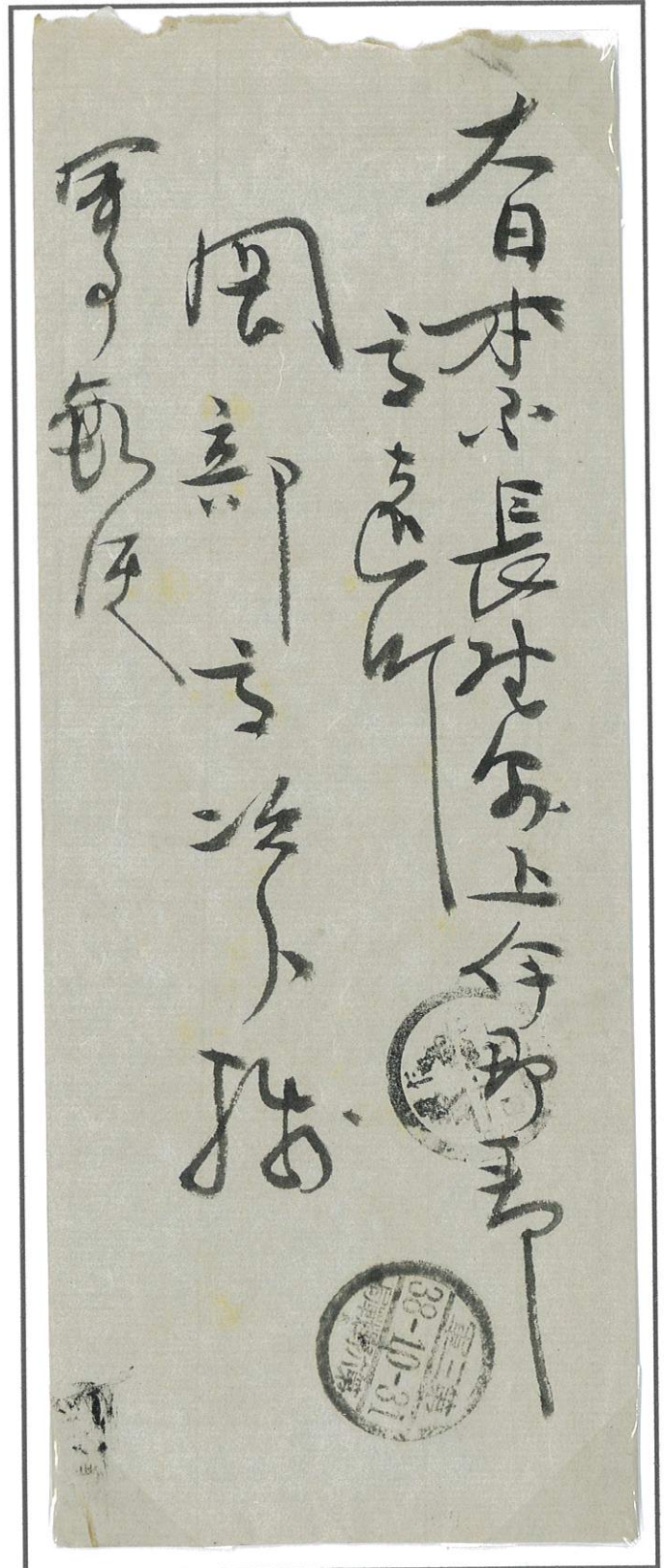
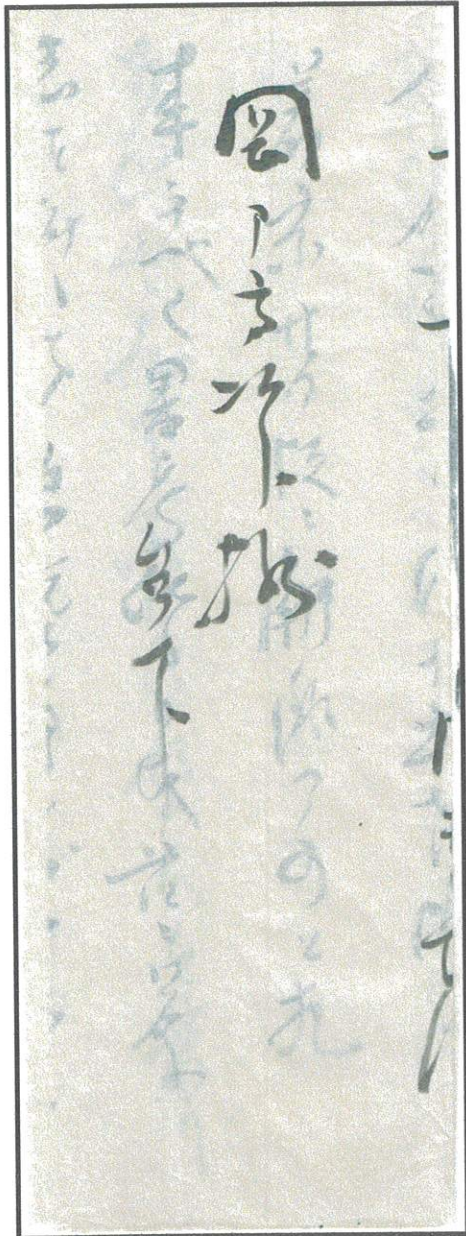
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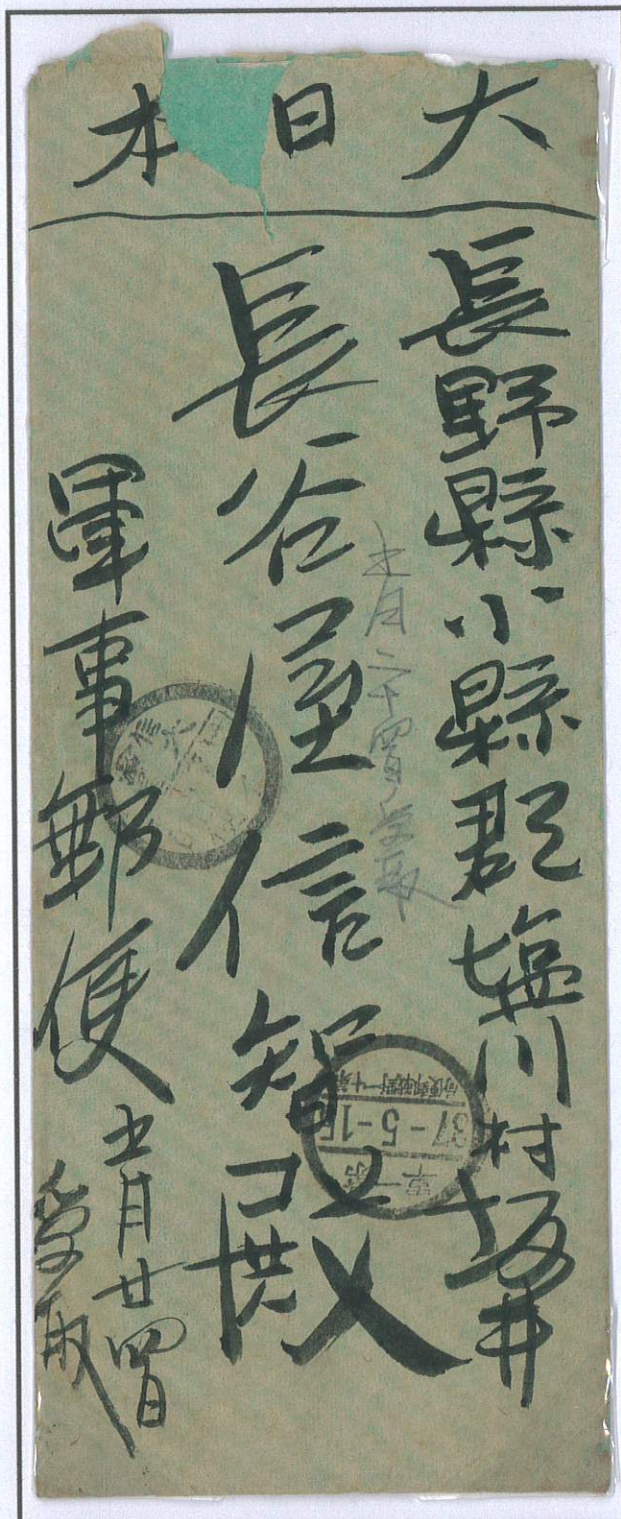
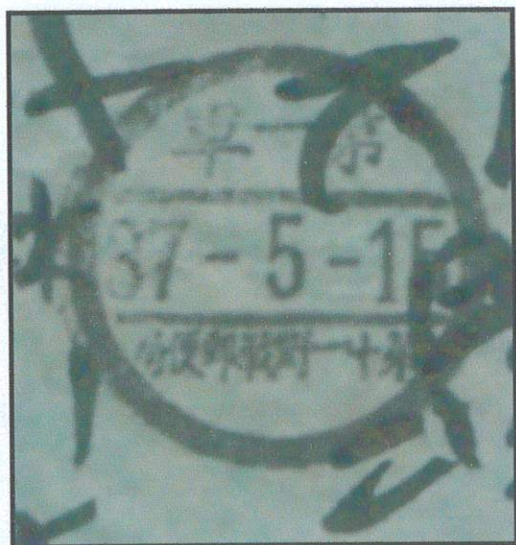
Cover and letter from a soldier serving in the Russo-Japan War. Cover cancelled by 3<sup>rd</sup> Army Field Post Office 6 dated 38-10-3 (3<sup>rd</sup> October 1905). Addressed to Okabe Koujiro in Naganoken. Message includes "...I am leaving Tetsuryo (T'ieh Ling) by train on the third of this month and likely to arrive home around 7<sup>th</sup> of December to be discharged. I will inform you when details are known".





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Cover and letter from a soldier serving in the Russo-Japan War. Cover cancelled by 1<sup>st</sup> Army Field Post Office 11 dated 37-5-15 (15<sup>th</sup> May 1904). The earliest mail recorded from FPO 11 is 14<sup>th</sup> May 1904. Cover addressed to Naganoken, Ogatagun, Shiokawamura and arrived on 24 May. Message includes "...I am engaged in transporting food and other supplies to Rokodo Depot in Antoken (Antung)"

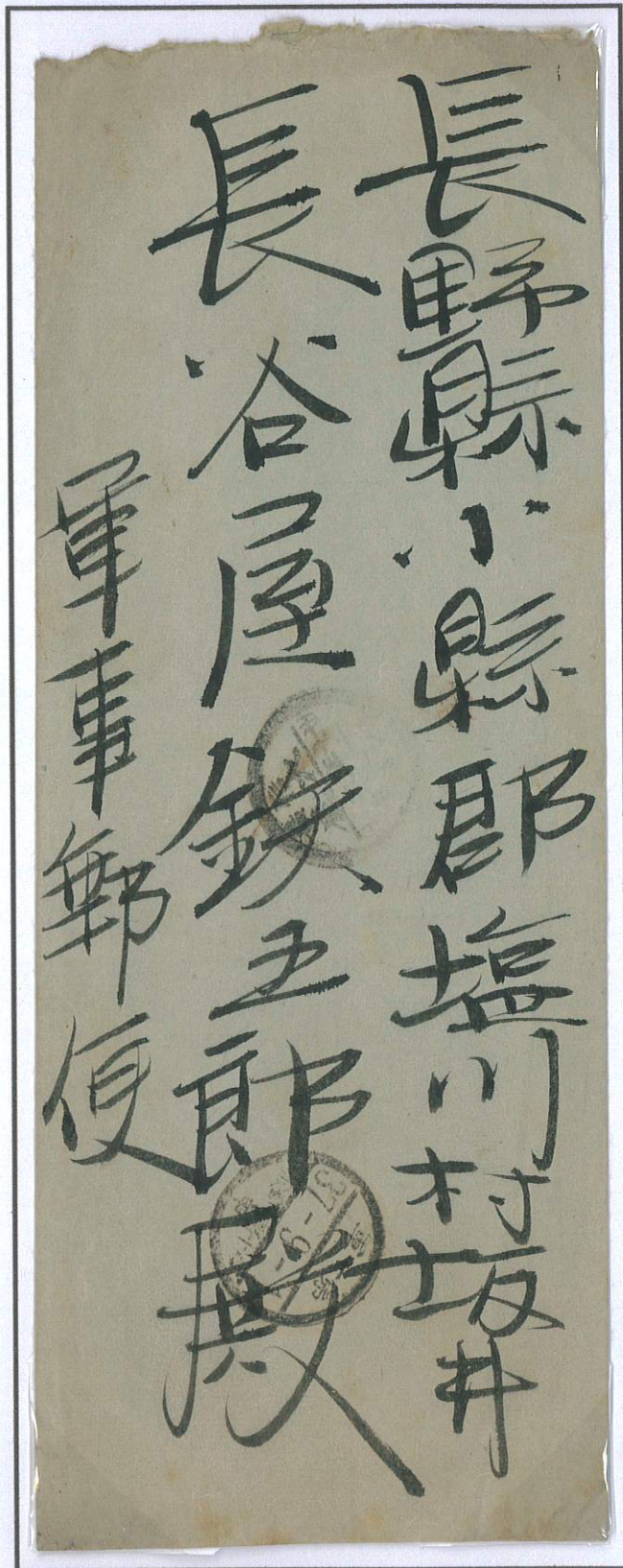
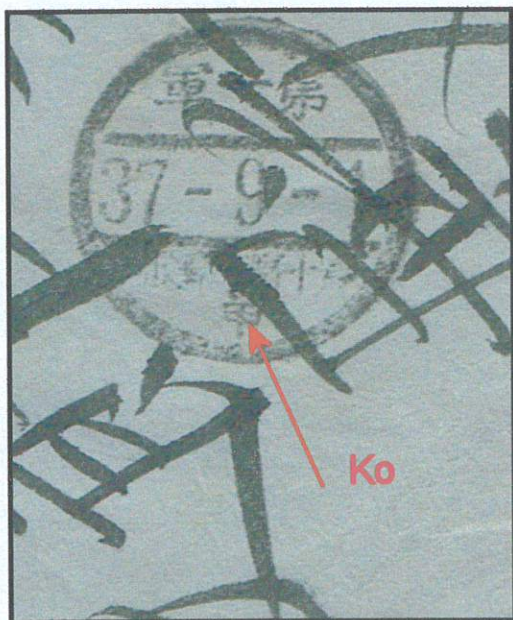




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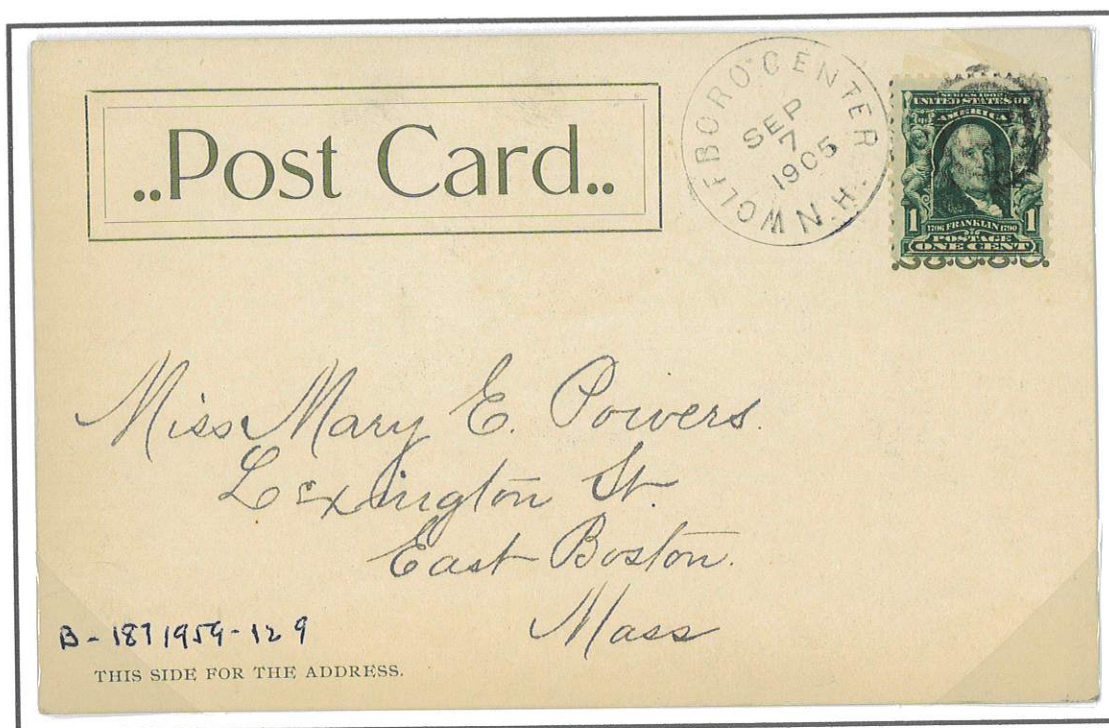
Cover and letter from a soldier serving in the Russo-Japan War. Cover cancelled by 1<sup>st</sup> Army Field Post Office 10 Ko dated 37-9-1 (1<sup>st</sup> September 1904). The 'Ko' indicates a sub-office of the field post office, established as a mail collection point for soldiers in action and staffed by a non-postal officer.

10Ko open May to October 1904 at Liao Yang.

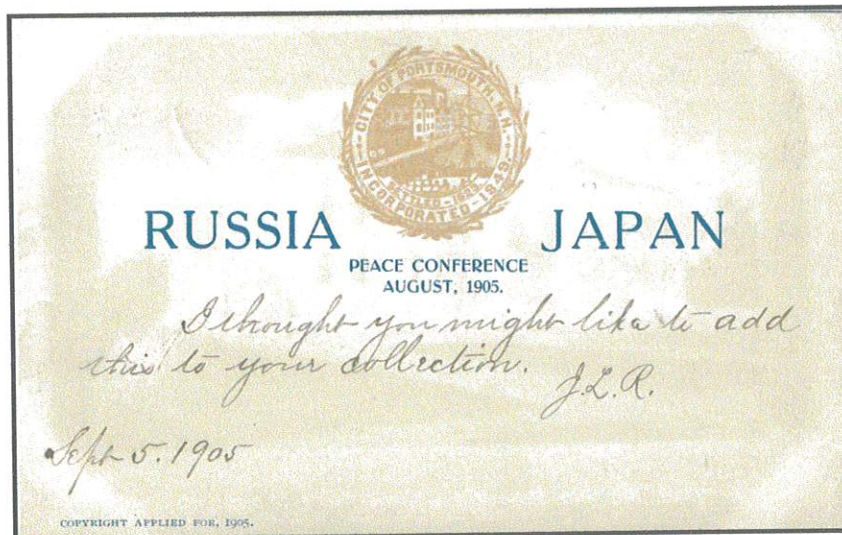




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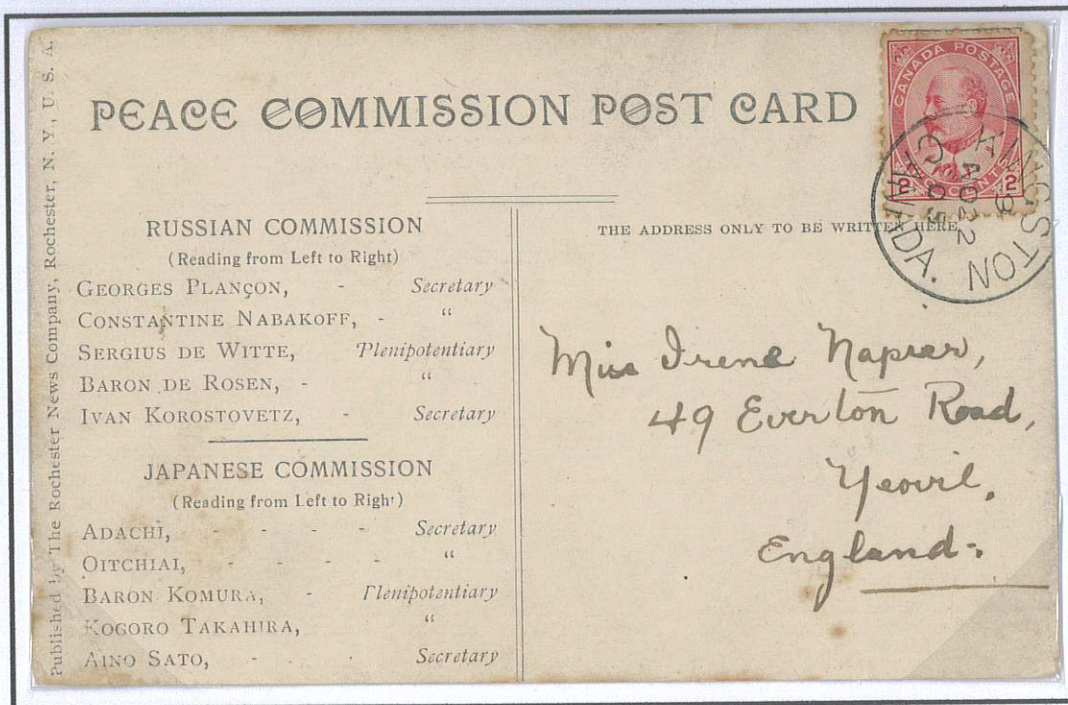
Commemorative (Official?) postcard issued at the time of the Peace Conference at Portsmouth Navy Yard that negotiated the end of the Russo-Japanese War. Dated by the sender on the day that the Treaty was signed, and posted two days later in Wolfeboro 40 miles from Portsmouth N.H.





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Commemorative postcard showing the members of the Peace Commission that negotiated the end of the Russo-Japanese War in 1905. Treaty signed 5 September 1905 at Portsmouth Navy Yard under the auspices of President Theodore Roosevelt.





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Stampless card from a Russian soldier during the Russo-Japanese War. Card carries the cachet of the 219 Reserve Battalion, No. 730 Echelon and a strike of the Irkutsk – Krasnoyarsk Post Vagon 198 dated 11.1.05. The card is numbered as the third in a sequence and begins part way through a sentence:

*"days, and if they will not send us further right away, and there is a good chance that they would, we will have to wait for the others who are a long way behind. My Brigade has advanced a long way, and keeps moving without any definite direction. No orders are coming, therefore it is necessary to move and make decisions at our own risk independently. I am keeping only one hope, in God and fate."*

The card is endorsed "HQ 1<sup>st</sup> Manchurian Army" and has a pencilled "D.Ts" Russian censor's mark. Arrival at Morshansk 19.1.05.





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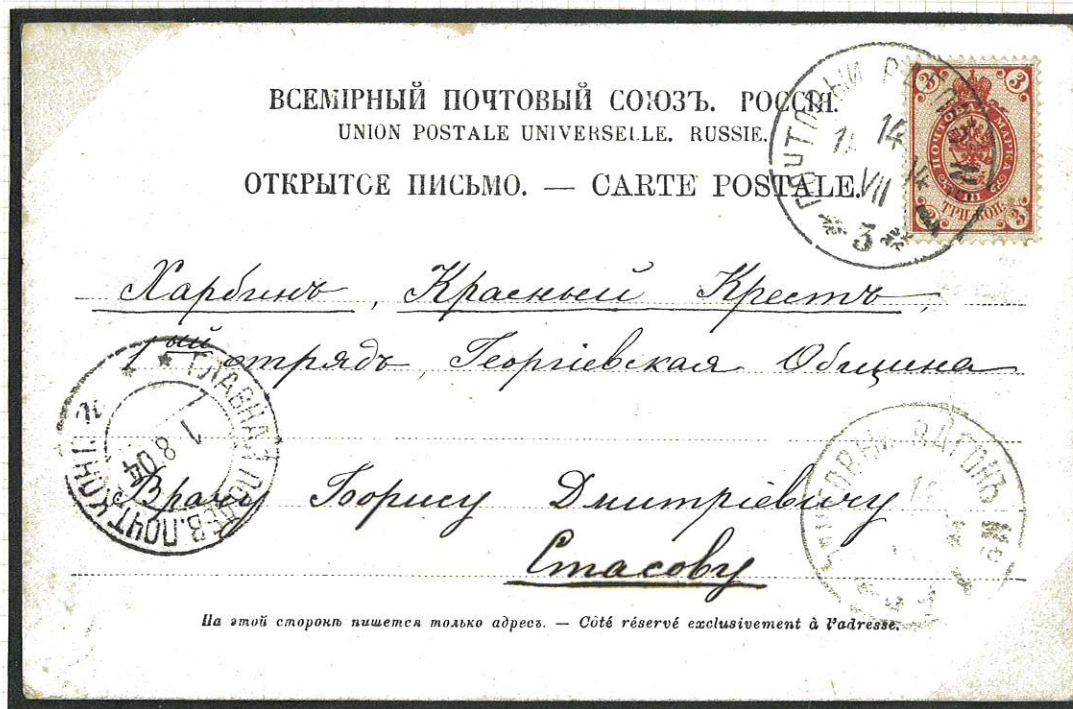
Red Cross cover from a Russian soldier in Harbin, to St. Petersburg. The Red Cross cachet reads: "Management of the General Delegate of the Red Cross of the Operational Army for letters". The canceller is that of the Kharbin TPO dated 3.12.1904. There is an arrival stamp of St. Petersburg dated 23.12.1904. Carried by Trans-Siberian Railway.











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Picture-card addressed to a Red Cross unit at HARBIN, MANCHURIA,  
3k stamp cancelled POSTAL WAGON No. 1 (3) 14 VII 1904, Received

HEAD FIELD POST OFFICE 'k' 1 8 04

N.B. Head Field Post Office was situated at Harbin.

The Postal Wagon (T.P.O.) cancel with large numeral '1' in unrecorded.





1905 RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR

Picture-card to STARAYA RUSSA, Russia, sent at soldiers' post-free rate from

FIELD POST OFFICE 1st ARMY CORPS/1 21 V 1905



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Registered cover from St. Petersburg London carrying a full set of the Russian Postal Fiscal stamps issued in 1905 to raise funds for the orphans of Russian soldiers killed in the Russ-Japanese War. St. Petersburg despatch 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1905, transit mark of S.W.D.O. April 21<sup>st</sup> and Putney Registered oval dated April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

