

1914, Feb 10
Double-headed Eagle, Skull and Crossbones Design
imperf, unwatermarked, without gum, blue control mark

These stamps
are most likely
forgeries



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As the fledgling nation began, a series of four local stamps were issued in Chimarra on Feb 1914, featuring a double-headed eagle along with a skull and crossbones. The inscription on the stamps translates as: "Greek Autonomous Epirus - Freedom or Death - Defend our Country". Hand stamped, they were issued with a blue oval control mark. Inside the control mark are the Greek letters "SP", which stand for Spiromilios, the commander at Chimarra. Only a small number of these stamps were issued and are rare and expensive. The "Chimarra Issues" have been extensively reprinted and counterfeited, so all copies should be considered fake unless properly expertised.

1914, Mar 2
Argyrokaastro Issues

Ottoman Empire Stamps , surcharged "AUTONOMOUS EPIRUS" with new denominations in Greek currency

1d on 2-
1/2pi

4A

2d on 2-
1/2pi

4B

5d on 25pi

4C

5d on 50pi

4D

4l on 5pa

4E



4F

1l on 20pa
"oval O"

4G

10l on
20pa
"round O"

4H

20l on 1pi

4I

25l on 1pi

4J



4K



4L

1d on 5pi

4M

2d on 5pi

4N

5d on 10pi

4O

5d on 10pa

4P

5d on 20pa

4Q

5d on 1pi

4R

5d on 50pi

4S

5l on 10pa

4T

10l on
20pa
"oval O"

4U

10l on
20pa
"round O"

4V

20l on 1pi

4W

25l on 1pi

4X

40l on 2pi

4Y

80l on 2pi

4Z

5d on 10pa

4AA

5d on 20pa

4BB

5d on 1pi

4CC

30l on 2pa

4DD

50l on 2pa
on 5pa

4EE

30l on 2pa

4FF

50l on 2pa

4GG

March 1914
Provisional Government Issues
Infantry and Rifle Design
serrate roulette 13-1/2, litho



5 mint / cancelled



6 mint / cancelled



7 mint / cancelled



8 mint / cancelled



9 mint / cancelled



10 mint / cancelled



11 mint / cancelled



**5D gray
green**

12 mint / cancelled

The provisional government's first definitive stamps came out in February, March and April 1914. The set of eight stamps depicted an infantryman aiming a rifle while others look on. The 10 lepta and 25 lepta values were inscribed only with ΗΠΕΙΡΟΣ (these were released in February), while the others read ΑΥΤΟΝΟΜΟΣ ΗΠΕΙΡΟΣ (these were released in March with the exception of the 5 drachma, which came out in April). The set was printed by the firm Gerasimos Aspiotis Bros. of Corfu, which was also responsible for printing many Greek stamps. Instead of regular perforation a serrate roulette was used. Serrate roulettes superficially resemble perforation, but are distinguished by angled cuts rather than round holes.

1914, Aug 28
Provisional Government Issues
Flag of Epirus Design
serrate roulette 13-1/2, litho



15 mint / cancelled



16 mint / cancelled



17 mint / cancelled



18 mint / cancelled



19 mint / cancelled



20 mint / cancelled



21 mint / cancelled



22 mint / cancelled

1914, Sep 25
Koritsa Issue

This Epirus Flag design was modified to include "KORUTSA" at Koritsa, for the 25l and 50l values



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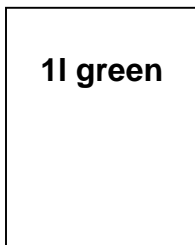
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1914, Aug 24

Chimarra Issues – Stamps of Greece, overprinted "Greek/1914/Chimarra" in black

Perf 11 ½, 2l and 3l engraved, others litho

Black monogram reads "SS" for S. Spiromilios. Counterfeits are plentiful



1l green

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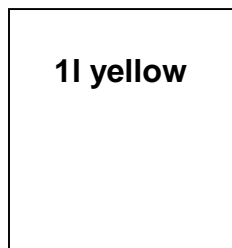


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1914, Oct

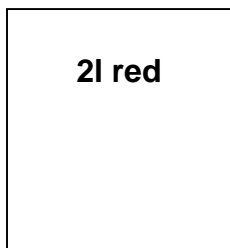
Chimarra Issues – King Constantine I Design

These stamps were printed by Papachrysanthou, Athens. The watermark "PARCHIMINE JOHANNOT" appears on some of the stamps in the set



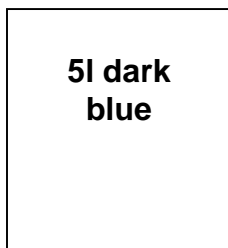
1l yellow

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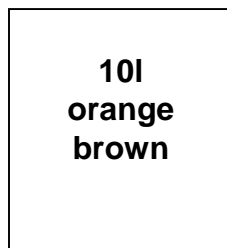
2l red

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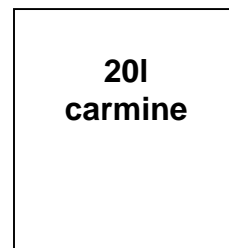
5l dark blue

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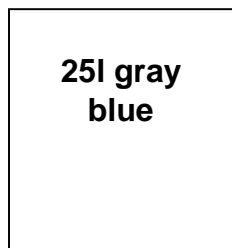
10l orange brown

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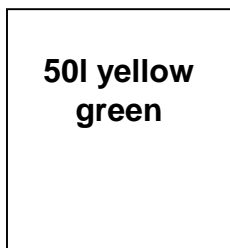
20l carmine

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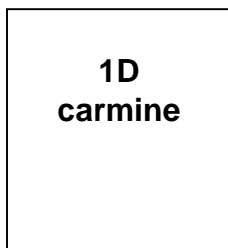
25l gray blue

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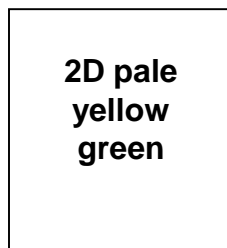
50l yellow green

33A



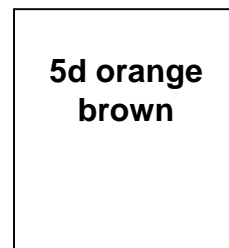
1D carmine

33B



2D pale yellow green

33C



5d orange brown

33D

1914, Sept
Moschopolis Issues – Coat of Arms and Ancient Epirot Coins and Medals designs
perf 14 ½, engraved

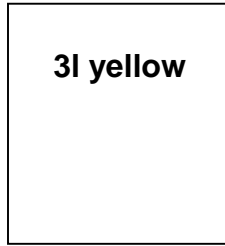
Local, unofficial issues from the town of Moschopolis (today Voskopoje).



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3l yellow

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44b
yellow brown



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50



51



52



53
gray green and red brown



53b
blue green and brownish red



54
olive and yellow brown



54b
blue gray and yellow brown



55
orange and blue



55b
red and blue



56
violet and black



56b
brown violet and black

Propaganda Issues

Five additional designs are known to have been produced in 1914, but the evidence of their postal usage is uncertain; they were likely issued for publicity and propaganda purposes.

