

# DODECANESE

## ITALIAN CIVILIAN POST OFFICES 1912 – 1945

The geographical position of the Dodecanese has always triggered the interest of various conquerors. In 1911, the Italian army while fighting the Ottomans in Tripolitania and Cyrenaica (now Libya) in an attempt to prevent them from transferring military troops there, succeeded in the gradual occupation of the islands starting from Astypalaia mid-April, 1912. On May 5, 1912, Italians occupied Rhodes and proceeded with the rest of the islands with Cos being the last to be conquered on May 20, 1912.

**PERIOD I:** 1912 - 1923. The Dodecanese Islands were under *Italian occupation*. Although the Turkish P.O. was no longer in operation, correspondence still continued via foreign P.Os.; even from 5 until 10 May, civilian mail was facilitated by the military naval P.O. and later, by the 6<sup>th</sup> Division P.O. too. Finally, the civilian P.O. was housed where the Turkish P.O. used to be and began operating on June 8, 1912

**PERIOD II:** 1923 - 1943 (Sept.9) After the Treaty of Sevres (10/08/1920), Turkey renounced all claims on Dodecanese and after the Treaty of Lausanne (24/07/1923), the Dodecanese islands became *part of the Italian territory*.

**PERIOD III:** 1943 (Sept.9) -1945 (May 8). On September 9, 1943 they officially but secretly signed the *armistice* between Italy and Allies, which they had agreed on a few day before (September 3) and the civilian P.O. comes under the German military administration.



The classification of the islands was based on their chronological occupation by the Italian forces.

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# 1.STAMPALIA

Ca. 30 miles west of Cos, and at about the same distance from Amorgos. Population: 1.200 was the first island to be occupied by the Italians on April 28, 1912 with the help of cruiser-ships "PISA" and "AMALFI" under Admiral Leone Viale .

The Italian P.O. opened on June 26, 1912, in the seaside village of Chora, today Astypalea, because it was more convenient for transporting correspondence as opposed to the capital of the island, Livadia. During the opening of the P.O. and before the arrival of the normal Italian postmarks three temporary official postmarks were in issue. The handstamps were made onboard the ship "Vulcano" and were used for a **few days**. After them another five postmarks existed until 1943

12.06.1912



Postage free PPC to Milano cancelled with the **1<sup>st</sup>** 3-line temporary violet official postmark enclosed within a rectangular **POSTA / R<sup>e</sup> D'ITALIA / STAMPALIA** and the **2<sup>nd</sup>** circular temporary violet postmark with a Coat of Arms in the center **UFFICIO POSTALE STAMPALIA**

the postcard was posted by the steamship, cancelled on board with the postmark of the ship **SCILLA\* PIROSCAFO POSTALE ITALIANO \* 12 GIU. 12.**

18.07.1912



The P.O. in the first days did not have stamps, since the first came from Italy on 22/09/1912.

The military correspondence was forwarded also by the civilians P.O.

Postage free PPC to Rome, cancelled with the **3<sup>rd</sup>** 3-line temporary violet military postmark enclosed within a rectangular **POSTA MILITARE / R<sup>e</sup> D'ITALIA / STAMPALIA** and the **1<sup>st</sup>** civilian rubber postmark cds **POSTE ITALIANE STAMPALIA (Egeo) 18 LUG. 1912.**

# 1.STAMPALIA

01.08.1912

Arrival mark on reverse  
in Genoa  
on 05.08.1912.

Franked with a 10 c.  
(Type Leoni),  
vertical pair of 15c.  
(Type Michetti)  
Italian stamps.

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1.9.1905-28.2.1913)  
Letter 15c., registration 25c.

*This rubber postmark type  
for ordinary mails is the first  
and issued from 1912-1913  
in all the Dodecanese P.Os.*



Cds **POSTE ITALIANE STAMPALIA (Egeo) -1 AGO.1912**, Period I, ordinary rubber pmk (1<sup>st</sup> type) and registration 2-line marking **R: POSTE ITALIANE / STAMPALIA (Egeo)** on label n° 233.

18.02.1913

30%



Arrived at the Italian P.O.  
of Constantinople  
on 13.MAR.1913

Franked with  
3 X 25c overprinted **Stampalia**  
Italian stamps (type Michetti)

**International rate:**  
(Period 1.10.1907-1920)  
Letter (15g) 25 c.,  
for 2<sup>nd</sup> weight (29g) 25c.  
registration 25 c.,

Cds **POSTE ITALIANE STAMPALIA (Egeo) 18 FEB.1913**, Period I  
The Postmark was altered due to the use of Indian ink and was repaired.

## 2. RHODES ISLAND

### 2.1 Temporary facilitating the military P.O. of the 6<sup>th</sup> Division

The island is situated at the south-eastern end of the Aegean Sea.

Population: estimated at between 38.000 and 40.000 during the Ottoman years.

On May 5, 1912, the town of Rhodes was occupied by the Italian military forces under General Amelio.

Population: Rhodes Town 22.000.

On May 10, 1912, five days after the Italians occupied Rhodes, the military P.O. of the 6<sup>th</sup> Division was established. It opened in the main barracks, where the Archaeological Museum is today.

The mail from the Italian servicemen was free, while the civilian correspondence was accepted only if franked with Italian stamps (until June 7, 1912).

17.05.1912

Arrival mark  
on reverse  
in Linz (Austria)  
on 29.05.1912.

Franked with a 25c.  
Italian stamp  
(Type Michetti)

**International rate:**  
(Period 1907-1920)  
Letter 25c.

The letter was  
posted seven days  
after the military P.O.  
opened.



**General G. Amelio**  
7.5.1912 - 14.10.1913

Cds **POSTE MILITARE 6<sup>A</sup> DIVISIONE 17 MAG 12.** (1<sup>st</sup> Type).

49%



The building where the P.O. of the  
"6A DIVISIONE" was housed. Today it  
houses the Archeological Museum.

PPC franked with a 5c.  
Italian stamp (Type Leoni).

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1.9.1905-28.2.1913)  
Post card with five words 5c.

The Postal Card was posted  
to Venice, five days after  
the military P.O. opened.



Cds **POSTE MILITARE 6<sup>A</sup> DIVISIONE 15 MAG 12.** (1<sup>st</sup> Type).

## 2.2 Rhodes Town civilian P.O.

On June 7, 1912 the Royal Prosecutor announced in writing the opening of a civilian P.O., that was to operate the next day in the ex-Turkish P.O. premises and carry out all postal services. The Italian military administration decided by decree on 10.09.1912 that the postal rates should be the same as those in force in Italy. From 08/06/1912 since 22/09/1912 Italian stamp edition 1901 - 1911 (without an overprint) were used. The P.O. opened on June 8, 1912.

23.07.1912



Arrival mark on reverse in Prato (Italy) on 30.07.1912

Franked with a 40c. Overprinted **Tripoli di Barberia** Italian stamp (Type Michetti) (The sender had bought it from Libya and used it in Rhodes).

**Domestic rate:** (Period 1.9.1905-28.2.1913) Letter (20g.) 15c., registration 25c.



Cds **POSTE ITALIANE RODI (Egeo) 23 LUG 1912**, Period I, ordinary rubber pmk (1<sup>st</sup> type) And registration 2-line mark **R: POSTE ITALIANE / RODI (Egeo)** on label n° 269.

20.06.1912

On a Greek postal card  
Franked with a 5 c. It. Stamp.

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1.9.1905-1913)  
card with 5 words 5cent.

Destination Tripoli  
(Libya were under Italian occupation).

Sender the Rhodian cigarette company cancelled with the private marking **MONOPOLIO-ITALIANO-TABACCHI-RODI**



Cds **POSTE ITALIANE RODI (Egeo) 20 GIU 1912** Period I, The circle of the postmark was altered (15/6/1912 – 30/6/1912).

## 2.2 Rhodes Town civilian P.O.

On 22/09/1912 two Italian stamps (type Michetti), one of 25 cent (edition 1907) and another of 50 cent (edition 1908) were overprinted with "EGEO". In order to compete with the postage rates of Levant foreign P.O.s still existing in Dodecanese, these stamps were sold for 20 and 40 cents accordingly.

18.11.1912



Received on 24.11.1912 in Constantinople from Austria P.O. Arrival mark on reverse

Franked with one 25c and one 50c overprinted **EGEO** Italian stamps (type Michetti)

**International rate:**  
(Period 1907-1921)  
Letter 25c, registration 25c.  
and 2<sup>nd</sup> weight 10c.

The metal pmk (type Guller) is the second of Period I issued 05.09.1912 until 1930 for ordinary mail.  
In our case it was used as registered, because the pmk for registered was issued a few days later.

Cds **POSTE ITALIANE\*RODI (EGEO) 18.11.12** Period I, pmk (2<sup>nd</sup> type) and 2-line registration marking **R: RODI (EGEO) / POATE ITALIANE** on label n° 290.

The Civilian Italian P.O. was housed in the position "Kolona".



June 7, 1912, the Royal Prosecutor announced in writing the opening of a civilian P.O., that was to operate the next day in the ex-Turkish P.O.

## 2.2 Rhodes Town civilian P.O.

15.08.1912

31%



The addressee was a Turkish prisoner in Lucca, Italy  
Arrival on 20.08.1912

Franked with a 40 cent Italian stamp (type Michetti).

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1905-1913)  
Letter 15c., registration 25c.

*In Period I, only this type of postmark stamp was issued 1912 until 1930 for registered letters and only from the P.O. of Rhodes.*

Cds **POSTE ITALIANE RACCE ASSIE RODI (EGEO) 15.8.12.**  
and registration 2-line rubber marking **R: POSTE ITALIANE / RODI (Egeo)** on label n° 389.

On 26.09.1912 Italian stamps of 1901 until 1911 issues were overprinted with the name of each island ("Rodi", "Stampalia" etc.). These stamps were in use up until 1923.

36%

24.06.1913



Arrival in Asmara (Eritrea)  
on 10.07.1913  
via Brindisi 29.06.19

Franked with 5c., 10c. (type Leoni)  
50c. sale price 40c. (type Michetti)  
overprinted with **Rodi** Italian stamps

**Domestic rate:** (Period 1905-1913)  
Letter 15c. registration 25c.  
and second weight 15c.  
(Eritrea was an Italian colony)



Cancelled with the same registration marking (The letter doesn't have registration Label).

## 2.2 Rhodes Town civilian P.O.

At the end of 1915, an increase in postal rates from 15c. to 20c. took place in Italy. The P.O. in Rhodes during this time used Italian stamps of 20c. (without overprint) while waiting to receive the overprint stamps with the new postal rate.

12.08.1917

Franked with a 20c. Italian stamp (Type Floreal) without overprint.

Arrival marking on reverse in Milano on 11.09.1917

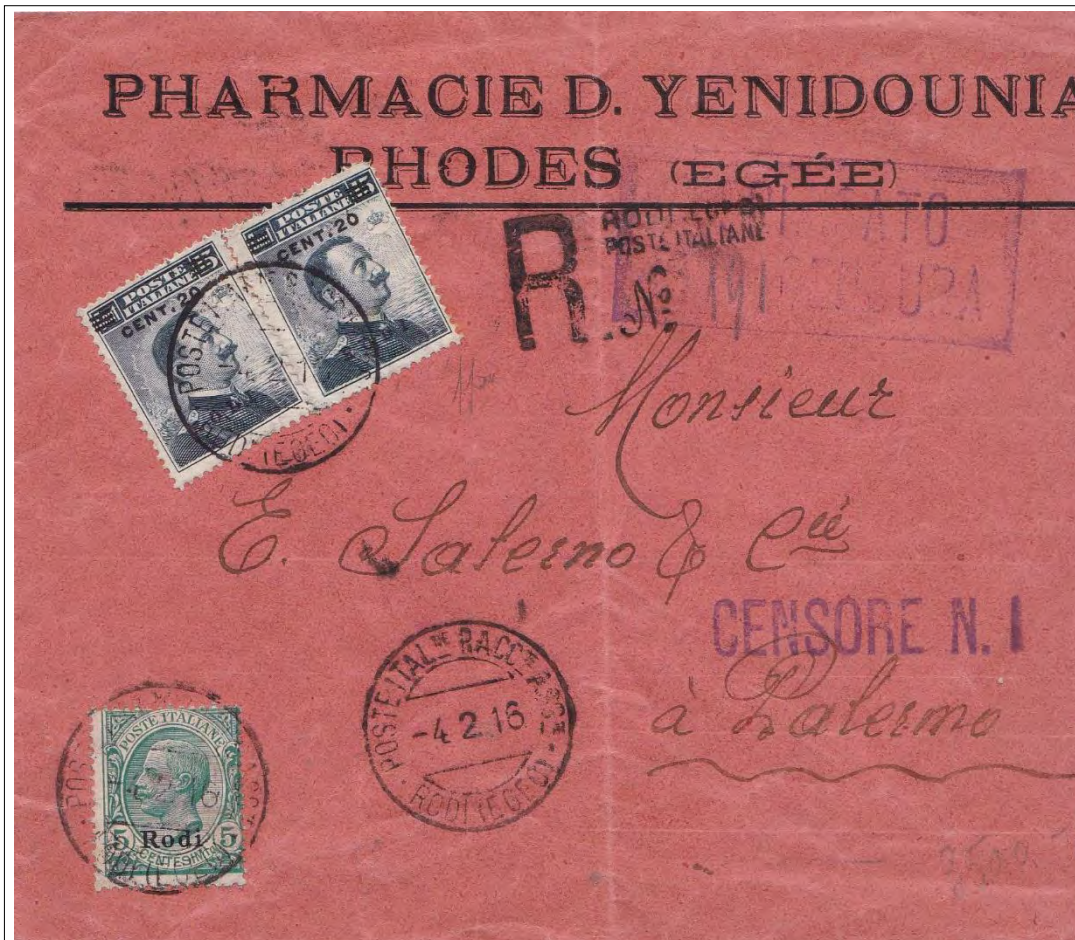
The cover was censored with the 2- line boxed censor mark in red of WW I  
**VERIFICATO PER CENSURA / CENSORE N. 1.**

**Domestic rate:**  
 (Period 1.1.1916-31.7.1918)  
 (New rate) Letter 20c..

Cds **RODI\*(EGEO) 12.8.17**  
 Period I, ordinary pmk (3<sup>rd</sup> type).



04.02.1916



The stamp (type Michetti) overprinted with **CENT.20** new postal rate arrived in Rhodes P.O. on January 1916

Arrival marking on reverse in Palermo on 14.2.1916.

Horizontal pair of Italian (Type Michetti) unwatermarked overprint stamps with "**CENT 20**" (new rate) surcharged "**RODI**" and one 5c. overprinted **Rodi** (Type Leoni).

**Domestic rate:**  
 (Period 1.1.1916-31.7.1918)  
 Letter 20c., Registration 25c.

Censored in Rhodes with the 1-line **CENSORE N.I** and the 2-line inside the rectangular **VERIFICATO / PER CENSURA** violet markings on pair.

Cds **POSTE ITALIANE RACCEASTE ASSITE RODI (EGEO) -4.2.16** Period I, registration pmk and registration marking "R" with serial number N° 191 (C)



## 2.2 Rhodes Town civilian P.O.

With the Treaty of Lausanne in 1923 the Dodecanese became an Italian dominion PERIOD II and stamps were not no longer overprinted. Until 1929, needs were progressively covered by metropolitan stamps. Also, some of the postmarks of Period I were still in use during Period II.

24.08.1928

Arrival mark on reverse in Tortona (Commune of Piemonte) on 31.08.1928 via Brindisi.

### Domestic rate:

Period 16.8.1927-10.2.1933

Letter 50c,

Registration 1,25L

Air mail 50c

Franked with two horizontal pairs of 25c and a single of 1,25L. Italian stamps (type Floreale)

It is the first pmk type of Period I issued 1927-1940 for registered letters and air mails. The capital letter **A** at the bottom of the stamp means Airline (AEREE). From 1926, communication between Rhodes and Italy with seaplanes had begun.



Cds **RACCOMANDATA ASS. RODI EGEO (A) 24.8.28** Period II, (1<sup>st</sup> Register pmk)  
Registration mark (1<sup>st</sup> type 1-line) **RODI EGEO** on label No145.

26.04.1929

31%



Arrived in Naples on 30.04.1929

Franked with one 50c. (type Michetti) and one 1,25L (type Floreale) Italian stamps.

**Domestic rate:**  
Period 1927-1933) :  
Letter 50c.,  
registration 1,25L.

Same pmk stamp as the above letter but different registration mark (2<sup>nd</sup> type 2-line) **RODI EGEO / POSTE ITALIANE** on label No 71.

## 2.2 Rhodes Town civilian P.O.

On May 19, 1929 the first and unique definitive issue of stamps "Pittorica" was in use.

27.11.1929

Marchese Pietro Ricci

Amministrazione delle Poste e dei Telegrafi d'Italia  
Administration des Postes et des Télégraphes d'Italie

AVVISO  
DI RICEVIMENTO DE RÉCEPTION AVIS DI PAGAMENTO DE PAYEMENT

di un (a) *pacchetto* di un vaglia postale della somma di Lire *525* d'un mandat de poste de la somme de Frs. *525*  
inscritto sotto il N. *525* dall'ufficio emesso dall'ufficio di  
enregistré sous le N. *525* au bureau émis par le bureau de  
di *Rodi (Egeo)* il *26-11-1929* sotto il N. *192*  
de *Rodi (Egeo)* le *26-11-1929* e indirizzato a favore del Sig. *Comm. Biliotto, Rodi*  
al Sig. *Comm. Biliotto, Rodi* au profit de M. *Comm. Biliotto, Rodi*  
à M. *Rodi*  
a  
a

Il sottoscritto dichiara che sopra indicato è stato regolarmente  
Le soussigné déclare que *il 26/11/29* susmentionné a été dûment  
il *26/11/29* Bollo dell'ufficio distributore o pagatore  
le *26/11/29*

del destinatario *Il Podestà Rodi* del capo dell'ufficio distributore o pagatore  
du destinataire *Il Podestà Rodi* du chef du bureau distributeur ou payeur

(a) Oggetto raccomandato o di una lettera o di una scatola assicurata o di un pacco postale. — (b) L'oggetto raccomandato o la lettera  
Objet recommandé ou d'une lettre ou d'une boîte assurée ou d'un colis postal. — (c) Consegnato o pagato. — (d) Questo avviso deve essere firmato  
ou la scatola assicurata o il pacco postale o il vaglia postale. Livré ou payé. Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire, ou si les  
dal destinatario, o se i regolamenti del paese di destinazione lo permettono, dal capo dell'ufficio distributore o pagatore; poi essere messo  
réglements du pays de destination le permettent, par le chef du bureau distributeur ou payeur, puis être mis sous enveloppe et envoyé  
in busta e spedito in raccomandazione col primo corriere all'ufficio d'origine dell'oggetto cui si riferisce.  
sous recommandation par le premier courrier au bureau d'origine de l'objet qu'il concerne.

Franked with  
20c. & 30c.  
stamps  
(type Pittorica).

Domestic rate:  
(1927-1933)  
Receipt 50c.

Notice of  
receipt (AR)  
(Avis de  
Reception).

Delivery of  
a parcel to the  
Court House.

Cancelled with  
a registration  
pmk Period I.  
(1<sup>st</sup> type).

29.01.1942

MUNICIPIO DI RODI (Egeo)

Onorevole

MUNICIPIO

Melfi (Potenza)

25c. "Pittorica" stamp.

Domestic rate:  
(Period 1939-1942)  
For municipal mail 25c.

Arrived in Melfi  
(Potenza) on  
11.02.1942.

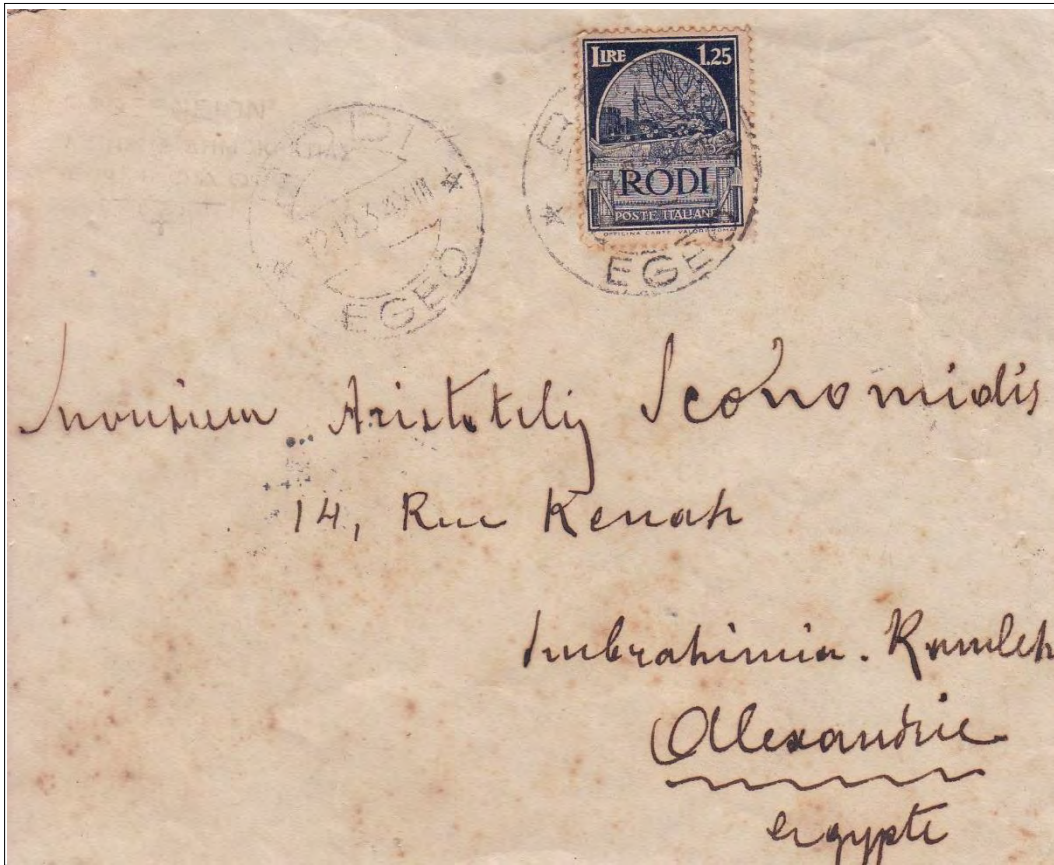
Cancelled with the  
official 3-line marking  
RR. PP / MUNICIPIO di RODI

Entire municipal document cds RODI \* (Egeo) \* 29.1.42, Period II (2<sup>nd</sup> ordinary pmk, issued 1930-1943).

## 2.2 Rhodes Town civilian P.O.

12.12.1934

42%



Seal of the  
Consulate of Greece.

Arrived in Ramleh (Egypt)  
on 14.12.1934 via Alexandria  
on the same day.

**International rate:**  
(Period 1.1.1926-28.2.1935)  
Letter 1.25Lire.

The letter was posted by  
the Greek Consulate  
franked with a 1,<sup>25</sup> Lire stamp  
(type Pittorica).

Cds **RODI \* EGEO \* 12.12.34XIII** Period II ,ordinary pmk (3<sup>rd</sup> type)

11.05.1935



Horizontal pair  
of 25c. stamp  
(type Pittorica).

**Domestic rate:**  
Period  
(11.2.1933-30.6.1940)  
Letter 50c.

Arrival mark  
on reverse in Milan  
on 17.5.1935.

Cancelled with the same postmark type as above with variation only in lettering.

## 2.2 Rhodes Town civilian P.O.

09.06.1938

Franked with  
50c and  
1,25L Italian stamps  
(Type Pittorica).

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1933-1940)  
Letter 50c.,  
Registration 1,25L.

Arrival marks  
on reverse in Roma  
on 13.6.1938  
via Brindisi.

This pmk was  
for Register and  
insurance letters  
of Period II (2<sup>nd</sup> type).



cds **RACCOMANDATE . ASSICURATE . RODI \* EGEO \* -9.6.38XVI**  
Registration 1-line marking R: RODI (EGEO) on label n° 3697.

05.11.1941



International Reply Coupon from  
Cologne (Germany) cds **KÖLN 15.10.41**

**International rate:**  
(Period 31.3.1935-31.8.1944) 2.50 L.  
used in Rhodes and cancelled  
with the register postmark  
of Period II (2<sup>nd</sup> type) on 05.11.1941

06.02.1941

Receipt of a registered letter  
cancelled with the same postmark



## 2.2.1 Postage Due

09.05.1915



**International rate:**  
(Period 1907-1921)  
Letter 25c.

Posted from  
Port Said (Egypt)  
at 29.04.1915  
franked with a 5 m.stamp.

The cover is censored  
by the British P.O.

Arrived in Rhodes  
on 09.05.1915.  
Cancelled with the  
ods **RODI\*(EGEO)-9.5.15**  
ordinary postmark  
of Period I, (3<sup>rd</sup> type  
issued 1913-1930).

The addressee paid the post-remainder with Italian tax stamps (edition 1903) of 5c. and 20c.

29%

20.12.1935



Arrived in Rhodes  
on 20.12.1935

**International rate:**  
(Period 1935-1939)  
Letter 1.25L.

Posted from Djibouti  
on 05.12.1935  
via Port Said 10.12.1935  
franked with  
four DJ stamps 2,3 F.  
approximately Italian 1L.

The recipient paid the  
post-remainder with 25c.  
stamp (type Pittorica).

Cancelled with the  
register pmk Period II  
2<sup>nd</sup> type.

## 2.2.1 Postage Due

In 1934, the first postage due stamps were issued exclusively for the Dodecanese.

30.12.1942

Domestic rate:  
1940-1943  
Military letter 25c.

5c. Italian stamp  
and the  
Post-remainder  
20c. Franked  
with a horizontal  
pair of 10c.  
on red Rhodian  
tax stamps.

Cancelled with  
the ordinary pmk  
(2<sup>nd</sup> type) of  
Period II.



Military P.O. (car storage) to the National Fascist Institute for Occupational Accidents Insurance - Rhodes Office.

20.12.1942



Domestic rate:  
(Period 1940-1943)  
within the district 25c.

5c. stamp (Type Pittirica)  
the post-remainder 20c.  
franked with a 20c green  
Rhodian tax stamp.

Cancelled with the cds  
**I ANNADI \* RODI EGEO**  
**20.12.42XVI**  
Period II, ordinary pmk.

The letter was posted from  
the Carabinieri station  
of village Jenadi  
(South Rhodes)  
to the National Fascist  
Institute of Rhodes.

## 2.2.2 Official Postage Free Markings

Each government agency was supplied with a special oval official Postage free marking so that official documents could be mailed free or at a reduced rate.

26.1.1940



Oval violet Postage free marking **REGIE POSTE / SEZIONE DI R. TESORERIA PROVINCIALE DI RODI**

The cover belongs to the Department of Rhodes Treasury of the Italian Bank sent to Lindos.

The addressee has been charged with the value of the postmark stamps because the cover has been insured for the amount of 200 Lire. A special mark stamp to the left has the inscription

*"Charged at the expense of the addressee, issue 146, Inspection of Communication 1927".*

Franked at the correct rate of 2.55L by a pair of 1.25L and one of 5c. "Pittorica" stamps

**Domestic rate:** (Period 11.2.1933-1.7.1940) Letter (15g.) (within the district) 25c., Second weight (19g.) 25c.

Registration 1.25L, Insurance 80c.

03.08.1935



Arrived to Castelbarona (Avellino) on 07.08.1935.

Entire official document cancelled with the oval violet Postage free 4-line marking.

**R.R. POSTE / GOVERNO / DELLE ISOLE ITALIANI / DELL' EGEO**  
(Government of Italian Islands of the Aegean).

## 2.2.2 Official Postage Free Markings

25.01.1940



Entire municipal document from Cos to Rhodes with a 10c. "Pittorica" stamp (**Domestic reduced rate: within the district**) cancelled with Cos ordinary postmark. After for the final destination to Cattavia (Village of Rhodes) tied the Postage free 3-line oval municipal violet marking with a coat of Arms on top **RR .PP / MUNICIPIO / di RODI** and a 5 c. "Pittorica" stamp (**Domestic reduced rate: within the district**) over franked of the first stamp cancelled with Rhodes postmark on (02/02/1940).

27.04.1942



Entire municipal document from Rhodes to Catania, cancelled with an oval 3-line postage free black marking without the coat of Arms on top **RR .PP / MUNICIPIO / di RODI** Franked with a 25c. "Pittorica" stamp **Domestic reduced rate for municipal documents: (Period 1940-9.9.1943).**



## 2.2.3 Air Mail Service

In 1930, two air mail postmarks were in use and Italian air mail stamps were issued (1926-1928)

02.08.1937

42%



Panoramic view of the Old Town and the harbor "Kolona", 1930.

**International rate:**  
(Period 31.3.1935-28.2.1939)  
Postcard 75c., Air mail 2L.

PPC to Geneva /Switzerland  
franked with two of 1L. air mail  
stamps and one of 75c. (type Virgil).

Cds **POSTA AEREA\*RODI (EGEO) 2.8.37**. Period II, Air mail pmk (1<sup>st</sup> type)

36%



28.04.1938



Social welfare  
horizontal pair  
of 10c.

Arrived in Siena  
on 3.5.1938

Franked with 50c.  
(Pittorica stamp),  
Espresso  
stamp 1,25L.

The express  
stamp intended  
exclusively for  
the Dodecanese

**Domestic rate:**  
Period 1933-1940  
Letter 50c  
Espresso 1,25L

cds **POSTA AEREA\*RODI\*EGEO 28.4.38**. Period II, Air mail pmk (2<sup>nd</sup> type)  
The letter is cancelled with the 1-line marking **ESPRESSO**.

## 2.2.4 Telegram Service

*In the 1920s, the 6th Division completed the connection of all the islands with a submarine cable so that the Radio Telegraph and the wireless telegraph could operate.  
The military telegrams also served civilians.*

18.04.1921



Cds **R. STAZIONE R. T. RODI 18 APR 1921**  
Radiotelegraphic pmk type A  
Royal Radiotelegraphic Station – Rhodes.

35%



*The Italian civilian telegraphic service started to operate in Rhodes P.O. in 1924 without the necessary hand stamp being ready and so for a few months the office temporarily used the postmark stamp of the postal messenger that had the inscription **MESSAGGERE** and which had been introduced in 1913.*

01.04.1925

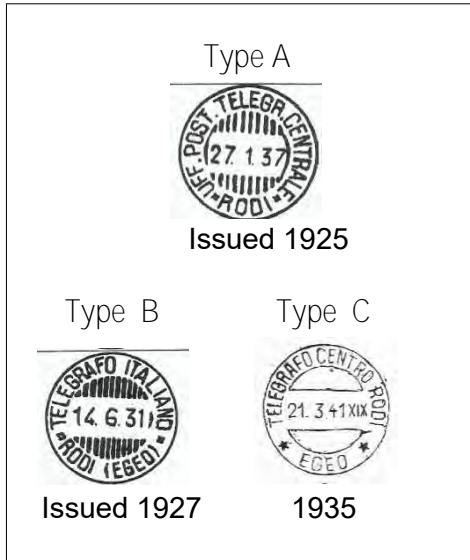
Telegram with 26 words originated from Grosseto with arrival Cds **MESSAGGERE POSTALE RODI (ISOLE) 1.4.25**, pmk type of Period I. (Postmark intended for regular mail among the islands which was transferred by a special employee).

**Rate:** (Period 1913-1930) for one word was about 35c.  
Total paid 26x0,35=9,1L.



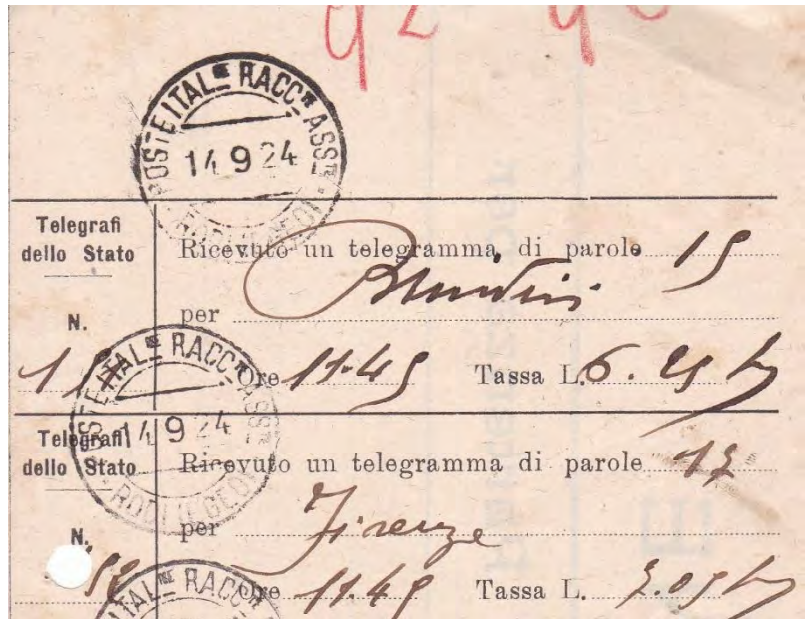
## 2.2.4 Telegram Service

### Telegram postmark types Period II 1923-1943



Type A was issued until 1940 for all Dodecanese islands and at the same time, it also cancelled letters. Type B and C were issued only by the P.O. of Rhodes Town.

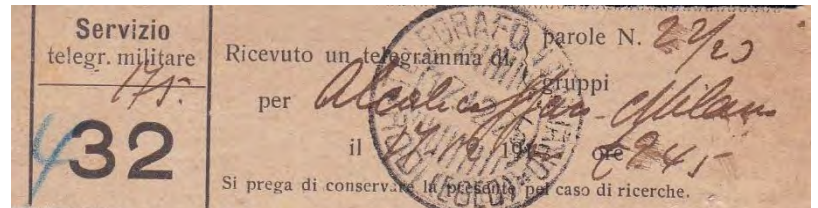
14.9.1924



Two telegram payment receipts, 1<sup>st</sup> with 19 words paid 6,29 L. and the 2<sup>nd</sup> 17 words paid 7,09 L. Cancelled with the register pmk of period I.

The rate for one word was about 40 cents.

17.12.1925



Telegram payment receipt of 22 words paid 9,45 L. telegram pmk Type B.

21.12.1934

(Mod. 30 Teleg.)

zioni di urgenza

N. 110 di recapito - Rimesso al fattorino - ad ore 1230

UFFICIO TELEGRAFICO di

UFFICIO TELEGR. CENTRALE RODI

Governo

uffa.

o devono essere completate dal mittente.

LE l'ora della consegna del telegramma

itardo nella consegna.

19

uffito N.

Ricevente

ARCHIVIO

DESTINAZIONE	PROVENIENZA	NUM.	PAROLE	DATA DELLA PRESENTAZIONE		VIA E INDICAZIONI EVENTUALI D'UFFICIO
				Giorno e mese	Ore e minuti	

Telegram with 17 words originated from Leros (S. Marina) with arrival Cds UFF. POST. TELEGR. CENTRALE \* RODI 21.12.34. Telegram pmk type A. Rate: (Period 1930-1935) for one word was about 45c. total paid (17x0,45c.=7,65L.).

2.2.4 Telegram Service

29.01.1926



Commander of the Dodecanese islands  
**Conte Cesare Maria De Vecchi**  
 Nov.1936-27.11.1940



Telegram with 41 words originated from Grosso (Torino) with arrival  
 Cds **TELEGRAFO ITALIANO\*RODI (EGEO) 29.1.26** (pmk type B)  
**Rate:** (Period 1923-1930) for one word was about 40c.total paid (41x0,40c=16,4L.).

13.05.1940

G. 245

**GOVERNO DELLE ISOLE ITALIANE DELL' EGEO**

**TELEGRAMMA**

STAZIONE RADIOTELEGRAFICA di _____ Destinazione _____ Provenienza _____	Indicazione d'urgenza _____ Spedito _____ 19 _____ ore alla Stazione R. T. di _____ Numero parole _____	DATA DELLA PRESENTAZIONE <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width: 25%;">Giorno</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Mese</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Ore</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Minuti</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">13</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">16</td> <td style="text-align: center;">12</td> </tr> </table> VIA _____	Giorno	Mese	Ore	Minuti	13	5	16	12
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19414 Questa Società Commerciale est incaricata dall'Ufficio approvvigionamenti governativo di acquistare quintali 2500 riso (.) Prego provvedere urgente assegnazione (.) Governatore De Vecchi di Val Cismon <i>De Vecchi</i>										

Telegram with 34 words originated from Milan with arrival  
 Cds **TELEGRAFO CENTRO RODI \* EGEO 13.5.40 XVI** (pmk type C)  
**Rate:** (Period 1939-1942) for one word was about 50c.total paid (34x0,50c=17L.)  
 The telegram has been signed by the commander of the Dodecanese islands **De Vecchi** (1936-1940).

## 2.2.5 Postal Parcel Service

01.07.1912

Mod. 293. (Ediz. 1906)

**VALORE DICHIARATO**  
(VALEUR DÉCLARÉE)

Numero del Pacco

122 POSTE ITALIANE

Si spedisce un ..... (involto, cassetta, cestino, rotolo, pacco)

Valore dichiarato Lire Lire cento (L.100) Cent. ....

Dichiarazione del contenuto Orologio D'oro

Assegno ..... Lire .....

Nome, cognome, qualità del destinatario Alla Signora Lenzi Maria

Via S. Maria Pellic. 42.1.

Luogo di destinazione San Barbire Prov<sup>a</sup> di Spezia

Domicilio del destinatario .....

Nome, cognome, condizione e domicilio del mittente Il m. maestro falegname Lenzi - Arturo S. mare Amalfi,

Impronta del suggello col ..... (obbligatorio per chi .....)

Da riempirsi dall'ufficio speditore

Peso del Pacco	Tasse riscosse	Lire	Ot.	Ufficio che deve distribuire il pacco
Grammi	per trasporto . . . . .	60		
<u>260.</u>	„ assicurazione . . . . .			
	„ assegno . . . . .			
	„ pacco ingombrante . . . . .			Prov <sup>a</sup> di .....
	Totale			

Il francobollo impresso qui sopra e quelli aggiunti devono essere annullati col bollo dell'ufficio speditore.

Parcel postal card (edition 1906 with pink label for declared value)  
With a printed stamp of 60 cent "PACCHI POSTALI" (Parcel Service)

**Domestic rate:** (Period 1.4.1904-30.6.1916) Ordinary parcel 260g. 60c.,  
Insurance for 100L 10c, franked extra with a 10c Italian stamp (type Leoni) total rate 70c.  
(The package contained a gold watch).

Cds **POSTE ITALIANE RODI (Egeo) -1 LUG 1912** (first postmark of Period I)  
Arrival mark on reverse in Amalfi at 12.07.1912

These Italian parcel postal cards were used from 08/06/1912 until 22/09/1912 for about **4 months**.

27.02.1922

Part of an insured parcel with  
two vertical stripes of 4 X 10L.  
on fabric  
Italian (type Floreale) stamps  
(total rate 80 Lire!),  
cancelled with the register postmark  
of Period I  
and registration 2-line marking on label

The use of the 10 Lire stamp  
in the Dodecanese  
is **a unique item** postally up to today.



## 2.2.5 Postal Parcel Service

16.12.1933

The weight difference of the parcel was covered by **Italian parcel stamps** in horizontal pairs of an identical format, issued until 1934.

The **left stamp** of the pair was supposed to be affixed on the parcel and the right stamp the sender receipt cancelled with the parcel cds pmk.



**POSTE ITALIANE PACCHI \* RODI (EGEO)**

This pmk was the only type for parcel post use, issued in 1924.

**Left part** of a parcel card from Rhodes to Belgium on 29.11.1933 with printed cost stamp of 12,50 L. franked with parcel Italian stamps of 10c, 25c, 4L. (The parcel contained figs).

**International rate:** (Period 1932-1933) for 5 until 10Kg was 12,50 L. plus, abroad tax 4,35L (total rate 16,85L.)

**Right parts of the parcel cards (Receipt for the sender).**

From Rhodes to Milano with printed cost of 7.<sup>50</sup> L. (11/12/1928) franked with two parcel Italian stamps of 4 Lire and 1 Lire. Cancelled with the parcel Cds **POSTE ITALIANE PACCHI \* RODI (EGEO) 11.12.28.**

**Domestic rate:** Period 1928-1932 for 5 until 10Kg. was 12.50L. correct rate 7,5+5=12,50L.

from Rhodes to Naples with printed cost of **2,50L.** (19.02.1939) franked with four parcel Dodecanese stamps of 10L., 4L., 1L. and 50c. (In 1934 stamps, specially issued for the Dodecanese, intended for parcel post use) Cancelled with the parcel Cds **POSTE ITALIANE PACCHI RODI (EGEO) 19.2.39.**

**Domestic rate:** Period 1936-1940 for 15 until 20Kg was 18L. correct rate 2,5+15,5=18L.

## 2.2.6 Postal Money Order Service

12.03.1925

Postal money order for 100Lire from Rhodes  
franked with two special  
Italian stamps (Vaglia) 1L.+ 20c.

**Domestic rate:** (Period 1924-1940)  
For (75L. to 100L.) = 1,20Lire

Only one Money order Postmark  
Existed in the Period I, issued 05.09.1912  
c/s

**POSTE ITALNE VAGLIA RISP<sup>M</sup> \*RODI (EGEO) 12.3.25**  
code number of Rhodes (70/35).

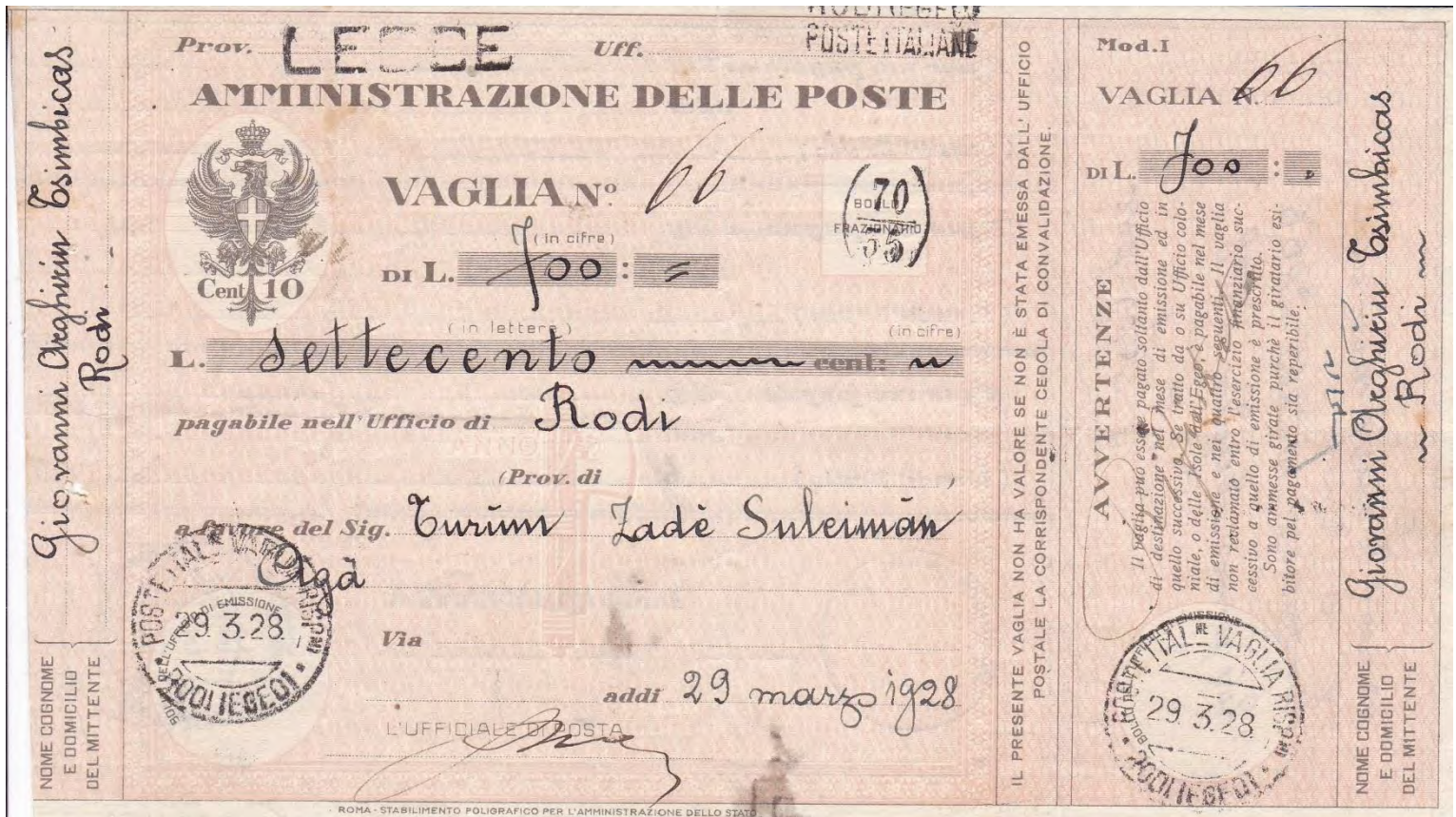
Register 2-line marking  
**RODI(EGEO) / POSTE ITALIANE**

Arrival in Cormons at 23.03.1925

**LECCE** mark indicates that Rhodes  
main post office had come under  
this province of Italy.



29.03.1928



Check of 700 Lire from the central P.O. of Rhodes cancelled with the  
same money order pmk stamp and the code number of Rhodes as the above M.O.

## 2.2.6 Postal Money Order Service

11.07.1920

N° 29

UFFICIO DELL'UFFICIO DI PARTENZA

Lire 2

COMUNICAZIONI  
del mittente pel destinatario

Segue a tergo

UFFICIO DI VAGLIA N° 29  
11.7.21  
RODI EGEO

Ricevuta  
del vaglia (1)  
di Lire (2) due

a favore del Sig. M. M. M. M.

a M. M. M. M.

per conto del Sig. M. M. M. M.

L'Ufficiale di Posta

(1) Ordinario o telegrafico.  
(2) Somma in tutte lettere.

29.12.1937

Amministrazione delle Poste e dei Telegrafi  
Servizio dei conti correnti postali

Ricevuta di un versamento  
di L. 10

Lire dieci  
in lettere

eseguito da T. E. M. I.

Tabacchi Egeo Manifattura Italiana  
sul c/c N° 3-25355  
SEDE DI RODI (Egeo)

intestato a Opera Pia Orfanelli dell'Immacolata Concezione  
Corso Genova, 4 - MILANO

Addi 29 DIC. 1937

Bollo lineare dell'ufficio accettante  
RODI EGEO

Cassa di L. 115

N. 60

Bollo a data  
dell'ufficio  
accettante  
29.12.37

L'Ufficiale di Posta

La presente ricevuta non è valida se non porta nell'apposito spazio  
cartellino numerato

Receipt of remittance cancelled with the M.O. pmk of Period II, (1<sup>st</sup> type issued 1930).

19.11.1941

UFF. RODI-EGEO

Ricevuta  
del Vaglia N. 29  
di L. 10

pagabile a Bolzano  
a favore di Francesco  
Baccin

TASSA 040

Bollo dell'Ufficio  
VAGLIA N° 29  
L'UFF. DI POSTA  
RODI EGEO

02.03.1942

Mod. I  
VAGLIA N. 29  
di L. 1.266

AVVERTENZE  
Il vaglia può essere pagato soltanto dall'Ufficio di destinazione nel mese di emissione ed in quello successivo. Se tratto da o su Ufficio col quale, o delle Isole dell'Egeo, è pagabile nel mese di emissione e nei quattro seguenti. Il vaglia non reclamato entro l'esercizio finanziario successivo a quello di emissione è prescritto.  
Sono ammesse girate purché il giratario esibisca per pagamento sia reperibile

Bollo dell'Ufficio di emissione  
VAGLIA N° 29  
RODI EGEO

NOME COGNOME  
E DOMICILIO  
DEL MITTENTE  
Giorgio Anichini  
Circo Marato 4, 26-06-04

Receipts of a remittance and a part of postal cheque cancelled with the M.O. pmk of Period II, (2<sup>nd</sup> type issued 1930).



## 2.2.7 Special postmarks issued only from Rhodes P.O.

06.08.1931



Thermal springs of Kallitea

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 16.8.1927-11.2.1933)  
For PPC with five words 10c.

Franked at the correct rate of 10c. stamp (type Pittorica)

Destination Roma.

cds **TERME DI CALITEA RODI (EGEO) 6.8.31** (commemorative postmark)

**Calitea-Terme** The Thermal springs have been reoperating in Kalitheia since 1927. The 21st Hydrological Congress was held there on September 25, 1930. A temporary P.O. opened and, a special commemorative postmark was used only for the occasion which stopped on 15.11.1931

05.01.1941



50c. stamp (type Pittorica) and 50c (type Airpost).

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1.7.1940-9.9.1943)  
Letter 50c, Air mail 50c.

Arrival mark on reverse in Roma on 10.01.1941

Cover is sealed with censor tape and cancelled with lilac censor mark  
**Verificato per censura - D**

Cds **DIREZ. SERVIZI POSTALI ED ELETTRICI DELL'EGEO - RODI - 5.1.41 XIX.**  
Special postmark belonged to the Management of the Postal and Electricity Services of the Aegean, Rhodes.

2.2.7 Special postmarks issued only from Rhodes P.O.

03.03.1943

Franked with a 1 Lire Italian air post stamp.

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1.7.1940-9..9.1943)  
Letter 50c, Air mail 50c.

Cancelled with the censor mark **LIBERO CORSO** means "Free Transmission" which (This item will not be censored).

Arrival mark on revers in Roma on 5.3.1943.

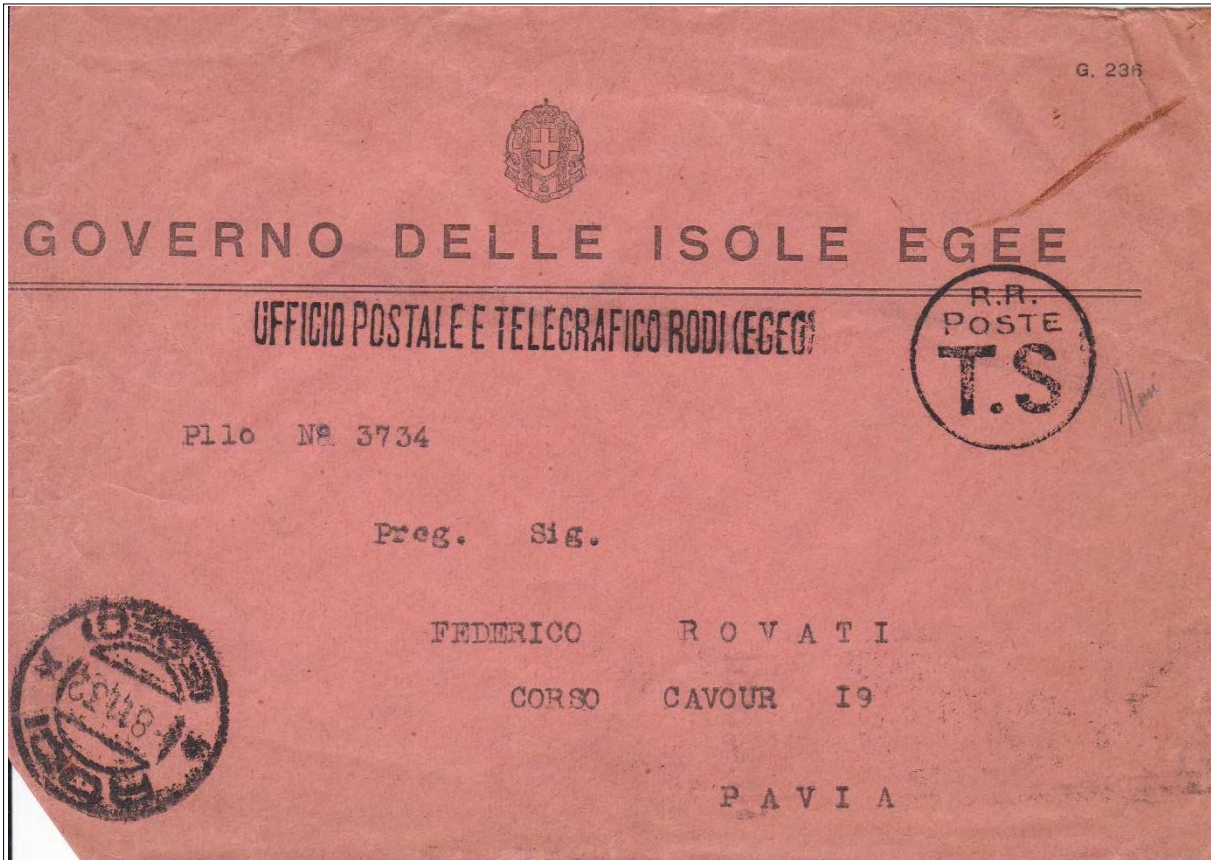


cds **TITOLARE RODI (EGEO) -3.3.43**

The special postmark belonged to the "Head-Postmaster" of Rhodes-Aegean.

08.11.1932

25%



Arrived in Pavia on 14.11.1932.

Cancelled with the 3-line single-circle postmark "R.R. /POSTE /T.S." (C)

This special postmark was postage free. The receiver would not pay for the stamp missing.

## 2.2.8 Postal Cards

On March 29, 1936 three postal cards sized 148x110 mm. were issued which had a printed stamp "Maltese Cross" and "RODI", value of 30 cents on the right. Royal Coat of Arms in the center and different designs on the left – all inscribed "ISOLE ITALIANE DELL' EGEO". Typographic printing on ivory carton.

P.C (type 1) "RODI"

Marina the door of entry to the Garrison of Rhodes

13.04.1939

### Domestic rate:

(Period 11.2.1933-30.6.1940)

Card 30c.,

Open Registration 60c.

Franked by correct value of stamps

30c. printed stamp and

horizontal pair of 30c.

(Type Pittorica).

38%



Arrived to T.E.M.I.  
(Cigarette Company)  
on 15.04.1939.

From Fascist National Institute with A.R. marking (Avis de Reception), notice of receipt. cds **RACCOMANDATE. ASSICURATE. RODI \* EGEO 13.4.39XVI** registration 1-line marking **RODI (EGEO)** on label n° 1609.

P.C (type 2) "COO" Medical Emblem

01.05.1943



**Domestic rate:** (Period 1940-9.9.1943) Cart postal 30c.  
Civilians Cos P.O. cds **COO \* (EGEO) -1.5.43**. Destination Barletta (Italy).  
Censored with the general military mark **CENSURA \* MILITARE**.

## 2.2.8 Postal Cards

P.C (type 3) "LERO" Chivalry Cannon

28.11.1939

Domestic rate:  
(Period 1933-1940)  
Cart postal 30c.



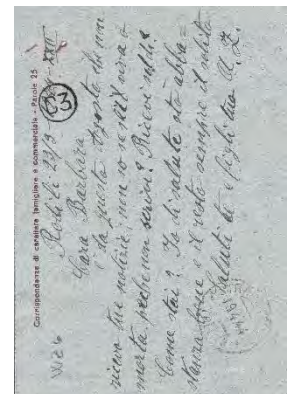
Postal card from Leros (Porto Lago)  
Arrival pmk in Suzzara (Italy)  
on 02.12.1939.

Cds LERO PORTO LAGO\*(EGEO) 28.11.39XVII postmark type of Period II.

After the Armistice between Italy and the Allies on 03/09/1943 on February 29, 1944, the Germans approved the printing of a postal card with printed stamp value of 30 cent for the Italian citizens of Rhodes. Every Italian citizen was entitled to two cards a month, Period III.

P.C (type 1 with paid answer)

24.03.1944



35%

Franked with 50 c. Air mail stamp

Domestic rate:  
(Period 1940-1944)  
Card 30c., Air post 50c.

Arrival mark on reverse in Trento (Italy)  
on 19.04.1944.

Cds POSTA AEREA\*RODI (EGEO) 24.3.44 (Air mail pmk of Period II).  
The card was censored by German censor marks.

## 2.2.9 Authorized Private Delivery

Banks and large commercial establishments preferred to deliver letters to their customers by private messengers to ensure immediate transmission. This practice though was prohibited in many countries as it is seen as trespassing of the postal monopoly. The Italian administration decided in 1928 that this private delivery to the cities should be subject to a 10c postage. From 1 July 1928, all letters were to bear special stamps issued for this purpose by the Italian Post and bearing the inscription "Poste Italiane-Recapito Autorizzato" instead of 25c. if it was mailed normally. In Rhodes the decree was implemented since 1930 without the special stamps (As for the other Italian colonies). probably because the volume of privately delivered mail was not substantial enough to justify it. The Dodecanese stamps of 10c or pair of 5c "Pittorica" issue 1929 were used. Companies had to cancel mail with their own markings. Some of them for economic reasons used entire folded letters

15.12.1929



10 cent "Pittorica" stamp, private pmk **COMPAGNIA AGRICOLA INDUSTRIALE S.A. – RODI** (Agricultural Industrial Company S.A. Rhodes).

09.10.1929



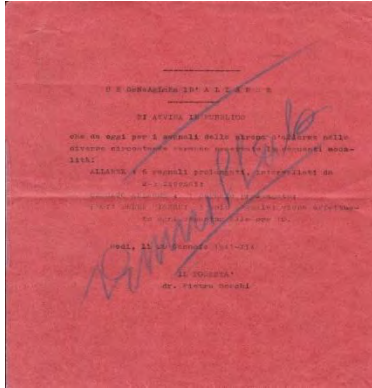
Banco di Roma		LISTA DI VERSAMENTI DEL	
FILIALE DI		ASSICURI	
La S. V. è invitata a pagare regolarmente alla Cassa del Banco di Roma non più tardi del giorno		L'importo dei versamenti deve essere	
Il Banco di Roma declina ogni responsabilità per i danni di qualsiasi natura, i deterioramenti, i furti, ecc., che per qualunque causa le merci, oggetti dei documenti amministrativi depositati nel luogo per il quale è istituito o dove fosse eventualmente trasportati, dovessero subire.		Il Banco di Roma non è responsabile della merce stessa se non dalla spesa richiesta degli interessi.	
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10 cent "Pittorica" stamp

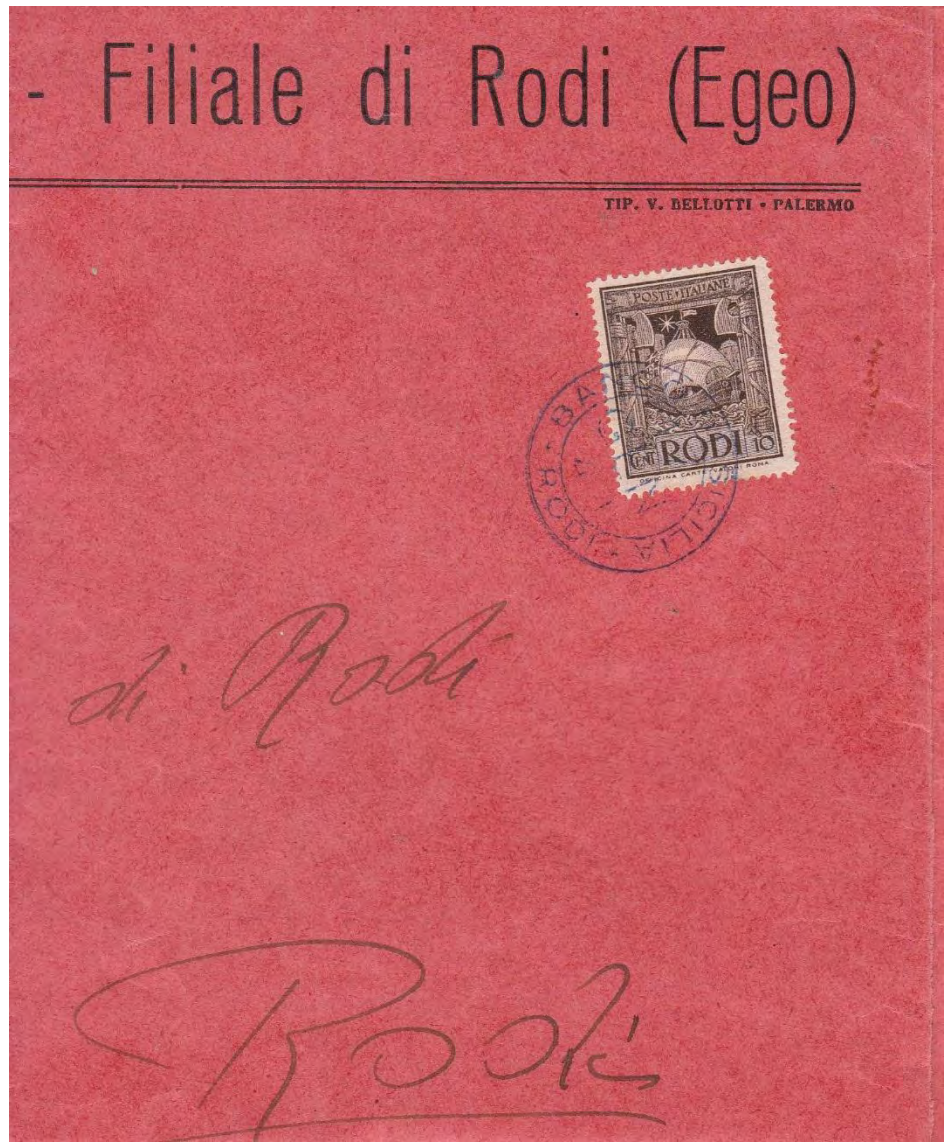
Private pmk **BANCO DI ROMA - FILIALE DI RODI (EGEO)** (Bank of Rome)

Cancelled with the 10 c. "Pittorica" stamp private pmk **BANCO DI SICILIA \* RODI** (Bank of Sicily).

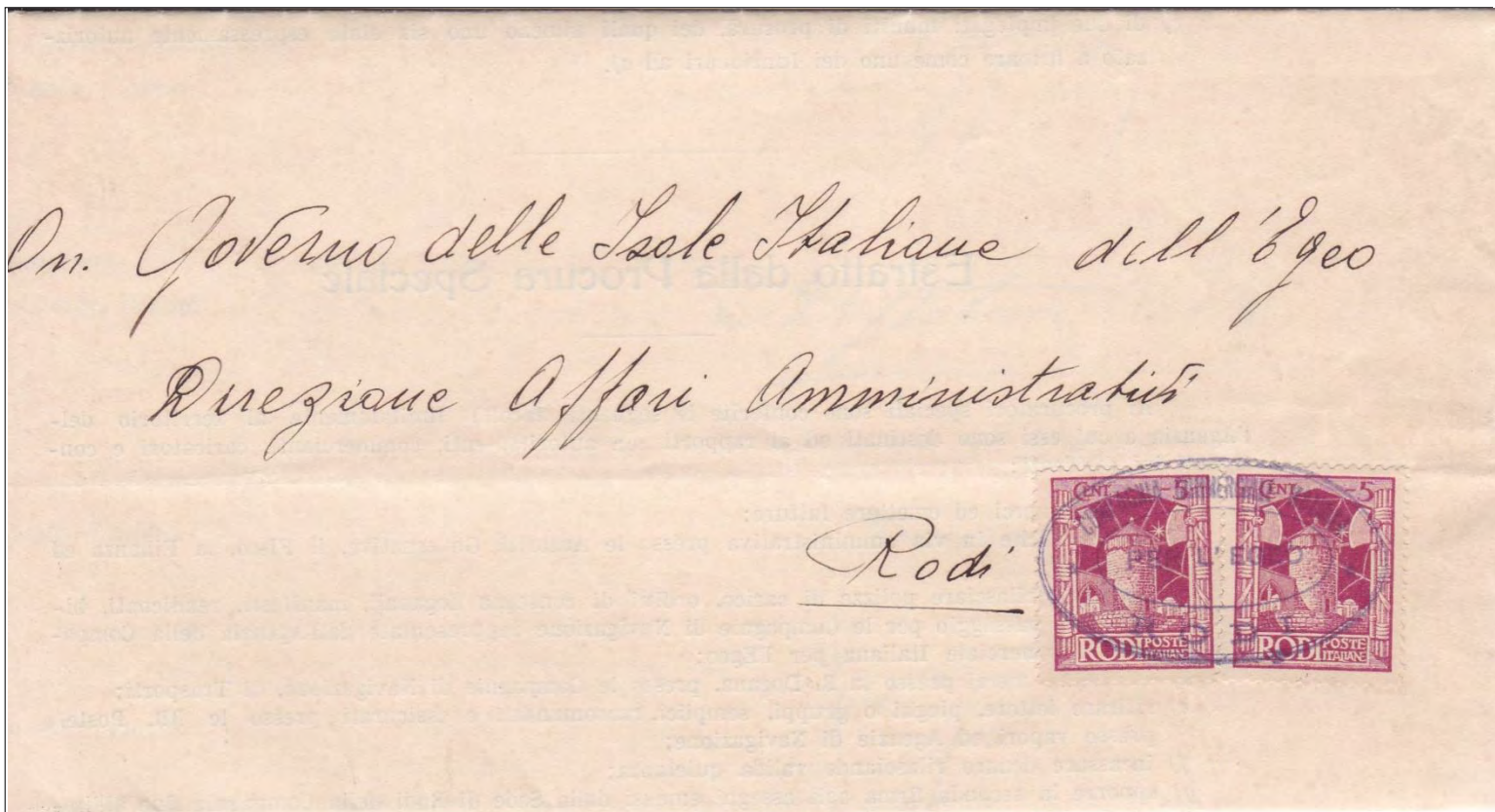
30%



Entire folded letter.

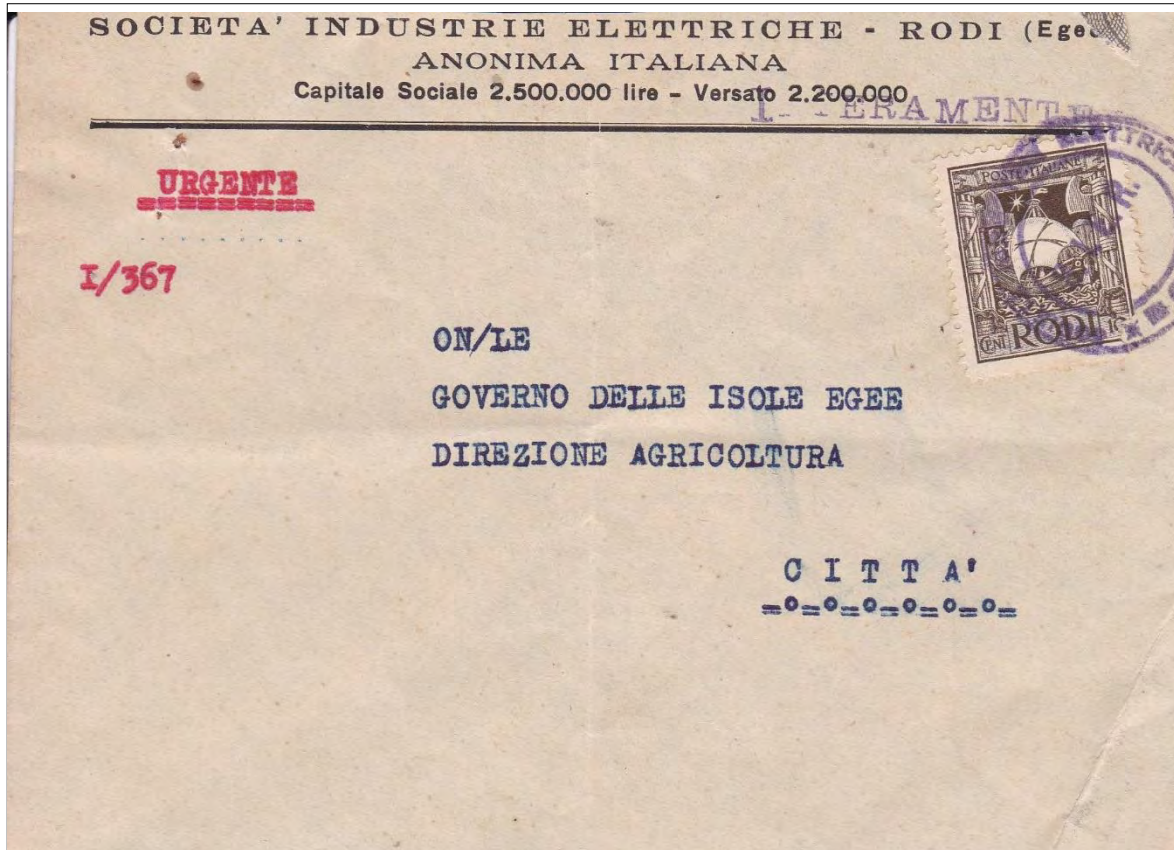


07.10.1932



Entire folded letter franked with a horizontal pair of 5 c. "Pittorica" stamps. Private pmk **COMPAGNIA COMMERCIALE ITALIANA-PER L'EGEO-RODI** (Italian Commercial Company-for the Aegean Rhodes).

## 2.2.9 Authorized Private Delivery



Cover with a 10c. "Pittorica" stamp, private pmk **SOCIETA INDUSTRIE ELETTRICHE – RODI, S.I.E.R** (Electricity Industrial Company)

09.10.1929

25%



Entire folder letter

10c. "Pittorica" stamp, private pmk  
**COMPAGNIA DI ASSICURAZIONE "LLOYD ITALICO & L' ANCORA,,AGENZIA GENERALE RODI**  
(Insurance Company Marking)

## 2.1.10 Armistice (Italian-German, Period III).

After the Armistice between Italy and the Allies on 03/09/1943 the civilian P.O.s of Dodecanese comes under the German military administration and from any used postmark had fascist year, was removed and the date-stamps continued to be used in this altered until the end of the British period.

01.11.1943

28%



On arrival sealed with sensor tape overprinted 2-line mark **VERIFICATO/PER CENSURA** and cancelled with the lilac military sensor mark **CENSURA MILITARE DI GUERRA**

Franked with 20c., 30c., 50c. and 1,25L. stamps (type Pittorica) and one 1,25L. stamp (type express).

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1.7.1940-1.10.1944)  
Letter 50c.,  
express mail 1,25L  
1-line mark on red **EXPRESSO**  
Registration 1,25L, and  
Air mail 50c. blue label  
from the air company  
**LITTORIA**

The cover was posted from Rhodes to the commune Craveggia (Valley in the Lepontine Alps)  
Cds **RODI\*EGEO -1.11.43** (3<sup>rd</sup> type of Period II, removed the fascist year).

18.03.1944

Censored postage free entire municipal document from Rhodes to the village St. Marco (45 miles south of Rhodes Town) cancelled with the

cds **RODI\*EGEO 18.3.44**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> type of Period II, removed the fascist year)

and the official 3-line oval postage free mark on lilac  
**RR.PP. / MUNICIPIO / di RODI**





## 2.3 Rhodian Villages

With the declaration of World War I, Italy consolidated its position in the Dodecanese. In 1914, twenty-two post offices were first established in villages in Rhodes.

Three more villages established post offices after 1930

**Psithos**, 12 miles SW of Rhodes Town, is the place where the Italians scored on May 17, 1912, under General Ameglio, a decisive victory over the Turkish defenders of the island, and compelled them to surrender. Population: 460

The P.O. opened in 1914, where two types of postmarks existed.

43%

12.01.1917



The three Turkish Governors of Rhodes imprisoned, in Psithos.

PPC franked with 5c. overprinted **Rodi** stamp (Type Leoni).

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1916-31.7.1918)  
cart with five words 5c.

Destination Civitanova (Italy).

cds **R.R. POSTE ITALIANE \*PSITHOS (RODI EGEO) 12.1.17**, pmk type of Period I.

The pmk which started with RR, was issued in 1914 only for the villages of Dodecanese.



**Apollakia**, 35 miles south of Rhodes Town. Population: 400

The P.O. opened in 1914 where only one type of postmark existed.

02.01.1915



Franked with 5c. overprinted **Rodi** stamp (type Leoni).

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1913-1916)  
within the district 5c.

Destination : Iannadi  
(another village of Rhodes)..

cds **RR.POSTE ITALIANE \*APOLLAKIA\* (RODI EGEO) 2-1.15**, pmh type of Period I.

## 2.3 Rhodian Villages

**Aphandos**, a very important locality, 10 miles south of Rhodes town. Population: 1.600

*P.O. has been in operation since 1914. Two types of postmarks existed.*

31.12.1916



Official Postage Free cover from Afando (Carabinieri station) to Rhodes.  
cds RR. POSTE ITALIANE \*APHANDOS (RODI EGEO) 31.12.16, pmk type of Period I.

**San Benedetto**, renamed Kolympia after the annexation of the Dodecanese to Greece in 1947.

*The postal service was forwarded from P.O. of Afandou.*

14.05.1942



Postage free entire municipal document with a round (ink) pmk **MUNICIPIO DI S.BENEDETTO\*RODI (Egeo)** to Rhodes.  
*Up to today **unique** on normally posted item.*

## 2.3 Rhodian Villages

**Alaerma**, a village in the center of the island, 26 miles south of Rhodes Town. Population: 425

The P.O. opened in 1914. Only one postmark existed.

22.03.1918

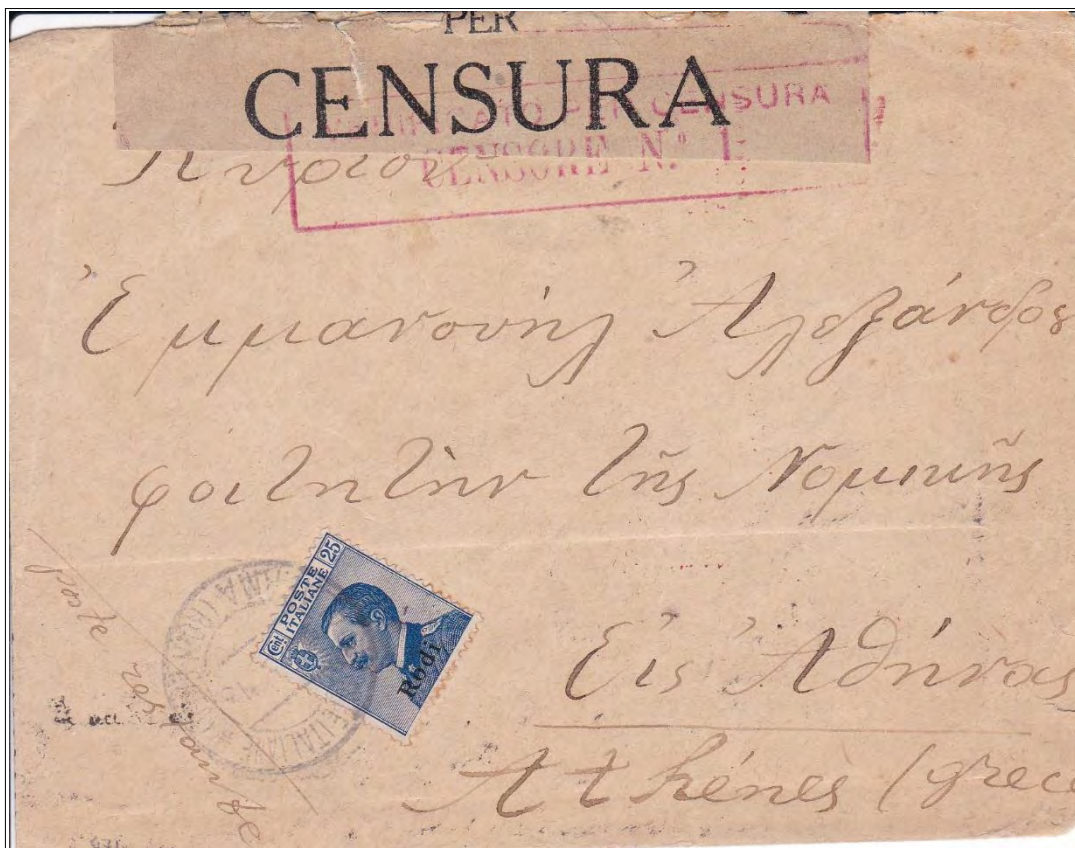


Arrival mark on reverse in Athens (Greece) on 29.03.1918.

25c. overprinted Rodi Italian stamp (type Michetti)

**International rate:**  
(Period 1.10.1907-1921) Letter 25c.

The cover was sealed with a censor tape and canceled with the 2-line boxed censor mark in red of WWI  
**VERIFICATO PER CENSURA / CENSORE N. 1.**



cds **POSTE ITALIANE\*ALAERMA (RODI.EGEO) 22.3.18**, pmk type of Period I (2<sup>nd</sup> type).

**Apollona** 8 miles north of Alaerma. Population: 620

The P.O. opened after 1930.  
Only one postmark type existed

06.01.1941



Arrival mark on reverse in Altamonte (Calabria) on 12.01.1941.

Franked with 50c. "Pittorica" stamp.

**Domestic Rate:**  
(Period 1.7.1940-1943) Letter 50c.

The cover was sealed with a censor tape and canceled with the boxed censor mark of WW II, (1) on blue.

cds **APOLLONA\*RODI\* (EGEO)-6.1.41X**  
pmk type of Period II.

## 2.3 Rhodian Villages

Most Post Offices were installed at the Carabinieri stations or the local military administrations "Presidio", so that the correspondence of the citizens could easily be controlled.

**Archangelos**, one of the most important localities in the island, 15 miles south of Rhodes Town. Population: 1.400

The P.O. opened in 1914. Two postmarks existed

11.09.1917



cds RR.POSTE ITALIANE \*ARCHANGELO(S) (RODI EGEO) 11.9.1917, pmk type of Period I.



10 c. overprinted **Rodi**  
Italian stamp (type Leoni).

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1914-1916)  
Directed to military 10c.

Posted to the 73rd Infantry Regiment.

Also bearing the official marking  
"PRESIDIO"  
(Local military Command of the village).

33%



Franked with 12 X 20c. and  
2 X 5c. stamps (type Pittorica).

Arrival marks on reverse  
in Buenos Aires, Argentina  
on 02.11.1929 via Brindisi.

**International rate:**  
(Period 1926-1.7.1930)  
Letter 1,25L, Registration 1,25L.

After the 1920s, the "S" from  
the name ARCHANGELO(S)  
of the postmark was omitted,  
so that it would resemble  
a name of Italian origin.



12.10.1929

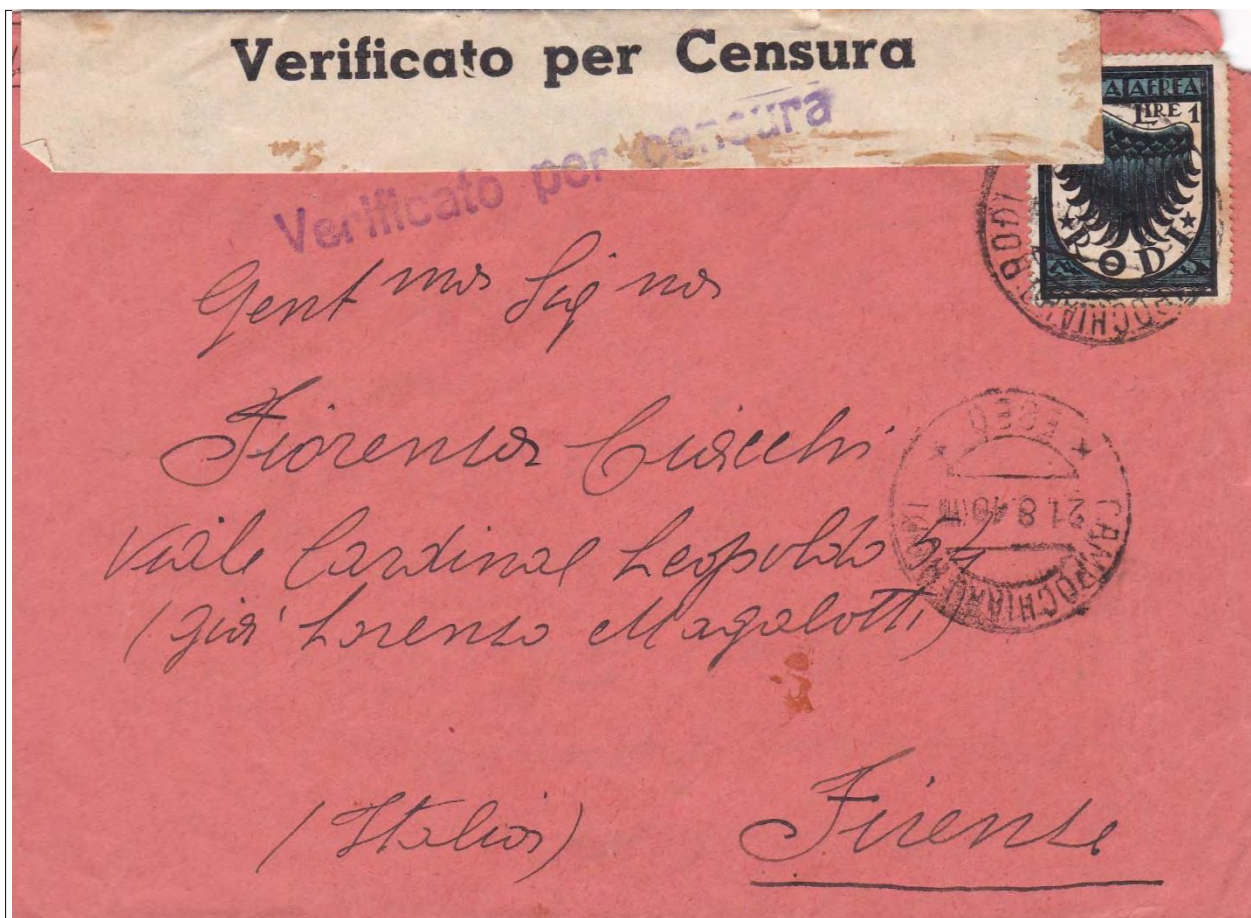
cds RR.POSTE ITALIANE ARCHANGELO (RODI EGEO) 12.10.29, pmk type of Period II.  
Registration 1-line marking R: RODI (EGEO) on label n° 2933.

## 2.3 Rhodian Villages

**Campochiaro**, was built in 1930 by loggers of the Italian Tyrol. This area inhabited exclusively by Italians, was selected during the Second World War as the site of a training camp for Italian units held in readiness for operations in the Aegean area. In 1947, the village was renamed Eleoussa.

The P.O. opened in 1935 only one postmark type existed.

21.08.1940



Arrival mark  
on reverse  
in Florence  
on 23.8.1940

Franked with  
air stamp of 1L..

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1940-1943)  
Letter 50c.,  
Air mail 50c.

The cover was  
sealed with censor  
tape and canceled  
with the lilac 1- line  
censor mark of WWII  
**Verificato per censura.**

Cds **CAMPOCHIARO RODI \* EGEO \* 21.8.40 XXI**, pmk type of Period II.

**Cattavia** is situated 45 miles south of Rhodes Town where the Italians built a military airfield in the 1930s. Population: 600

It was as one of the five localities where the Italians opened a Receiving Office (Collettoria Postale) in 1914.



Air stamp of 1L.

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1933-1940)  
Letter 50c., Air mail 50c.

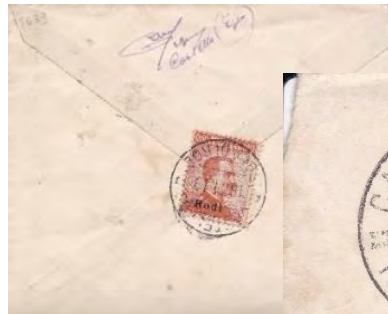
Arrival mark on reverse  
in Genoa on 06.10.1938

Cds **RR.POSTE ITALIANE \*CATTAVIA (RODI EGEO) -3.10.38**, Only one pmk type existed until 1943.

## 2.3 Rhodian Villages

**Castellos** 27 miles south of Rhodes Town. The presence of a castle of the Knights may be the reason why the Italians selected this insignificant locality as the site of one of their two first postal establishments in the interior of the island, in 1912. Population: 570

The first Receiving Office (*Collettoria Postale*) opened on September 6, 1912 and closed on October 31, but was reopened in January, 1914 and remained in service until 1947. In 1947, the village was renamed Kritinia after the annexation of Dodecanese to Greece. The P.O. opened in 1914. Two postmarks existed.



45%

Franked with 20c. overprinted **Rodi** stamp (type Michetti).

**New Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1916-1919)  
Letter 20c.  
Destination Piza.



16.11.1919

Cds **CASTELLOS \* ISOLA DI RODI 16.11.19** pmk type of Period I.  
This postmark type existed only in Castelllos and Lindos.

15.11.1930



Two stamps one 10c. and one 50c. (type Pittorica).

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1927-1930)  
Letter 60c.

Destination Roma arrival mark on reverse on 20.11.1930.

After the 1920s, the "S" from the name CASTELLO(S) of the postmark was omitted, so that it would resemble a name of Italian origin.

cds **RR. POSTE ITALIANE CASTELLO (RODI EGEO) 15.11.30**, pmk type of Period II.

## 2.3 Rhodian Villages

**Cremasti, 7 miles from Rhodes Town on the north-ern high road. Population: 1400**

The P.O. opened in 1914. There was not much correspondence because the inhabitants preferred the central P.O. of Rhodes, for quicker transmission. Only one pmk existed.

29.08.1917

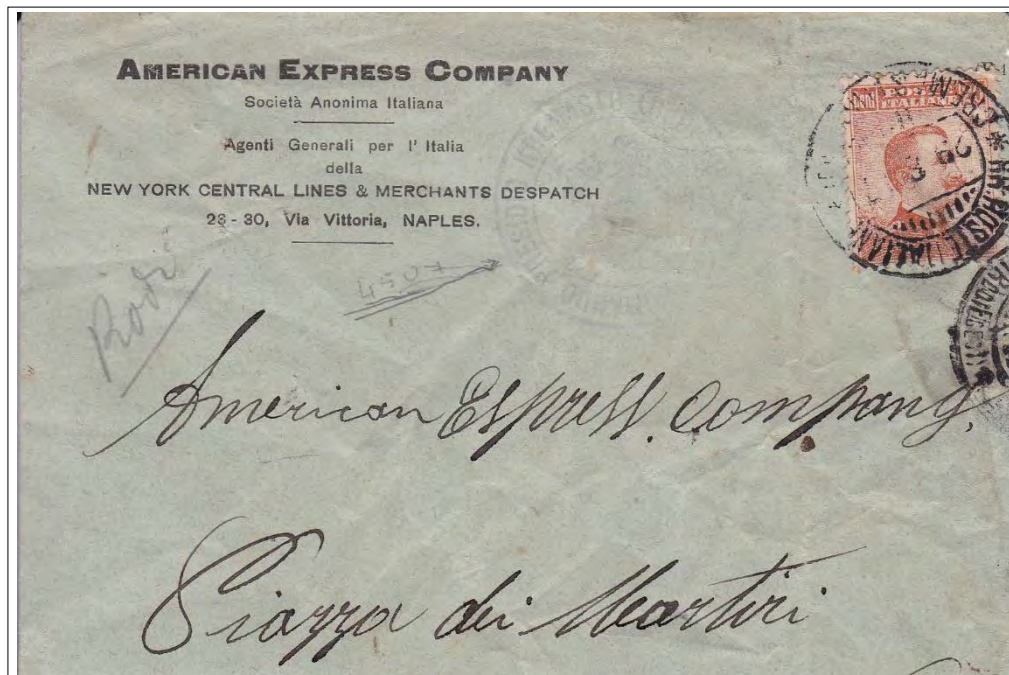
Franked with 20 c.  
Italian stamp (type Michetti).

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1.12.1916-31.7.1918)  
Letter 20c. (New rate).

Arrival mark on reverse  
in Naples on 24.09.1917.

Also bearing the official  
marking "Presidio"  
(local military Command  
of the village Cremasti).

The postmark stamp  
of the village  
is up to today unique  
on normally posted item.



Cds RR.POSTE ITALIANE \*CREMASTI (RODI EGEO) 29.8.17.

**Cosckino, 5 miles south of Rhodes-Town, vegetable producing centre.  
Mixed population of Greeks and Turks ca. 1100.**



30.12.1929

P.O. opened in 1914  
(only one pmk existed).

Franked with 5c., 10c., 25c.  
and 5L. "Pittorica" stamps .

Arrival mark on reverse  
in Naples on 4.1.1930.

**Domestic rate:** (Period  
16.08.1927-11.02.1933)  
Letter 50c.,  
registration 1,25L  
The sender paid more  
postage just in case.

The registration 1-line mark  
on label **RODI (EGEO)**,  
was cancelled with the  
register pmk of Period I.

Only the P.O. of Rhodes  
had registered markings.

Cds "RR.POSTE ITALIANE \*COSCKINO (RODI EGEO)" 30.12.29

## 2.3 Rhodian Villages

**Embona, 25 miles SW of Rhodes Town. Main product wine. Population: 870.**

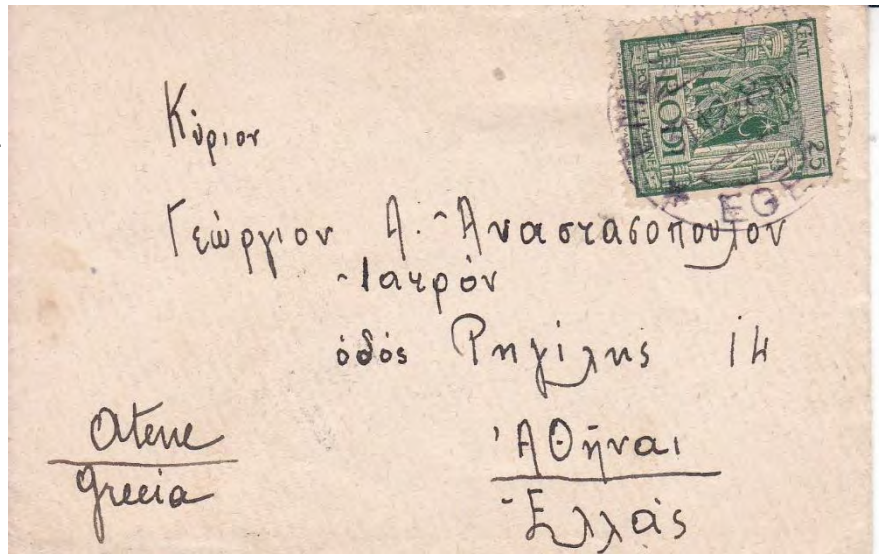
*The P.O. opened in 1935. Only one postmark existed.*

**11.02.1938**

Franked with 25c. stamp (type Pittorica).

**International rate:**  
(period 1939-1943)  
Letter small  
like card 25c.

Arrival mark  
on reverse in Athens  
on 16.2.1938.



cds **EMBONA RODI \* EGEO 11.2.38 XVI**

**Fanes, 17 miles SW of Rhodes Town. Population: 440**

*The P.O. opened in 1914. Two types of postmarks existed.*

**15.03.1925**

35%



Arrived in Athens  
on 21.03.1925.

Two 50 cent Italian stamps  
(type Michetti).

**International rate:**  
(Period 1923-1925)  
Letter 1 Lire.

cds **RR.POSTE ITALIANE \*FANES 15.3.25, pmk type of Period I.**

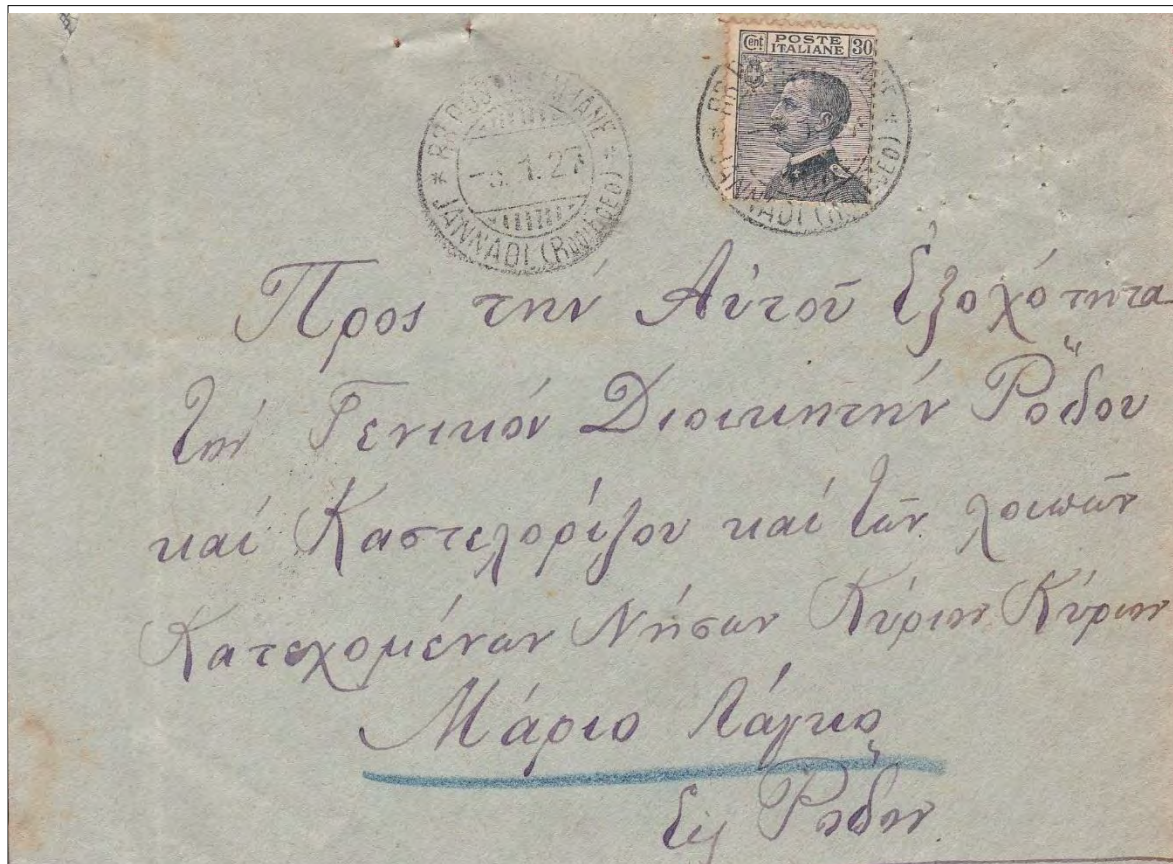


## 2.3 Rhodian Villages

**Jannadi**, 33 miles south of Rhodes Town. Population: 650

The P.O. opened in 1914. Two postmarks existed.

06.01.1927



The letter is addressed to **Mario Lago** Military commander of the Dodecanese islands 1922-1936.

Franked with 30 c. Italian stamp (type Michetti).

**Domestic rate:** (Period 1.9.1929-21.6.1927) within the district, Letter 30c.

Cds RR. POSTE ITALIANE \*JANNADI (RODI EGEO)-6.1.27 pmk type of Period I.  
Arrival mark on reverse in Rhodes on 08.01.1927

19.04.1942



Entire municipal postage free document.

Arrived in Lindos on 20.04.1942.

Cds I ANNADI \* RODI EGEO 19.4.42XVI, pmk type of Period II.

## 2.3 Rhodian Villages

**Lindos**, 26 miles south-east of Rhodes Town is the most famous locality in the island. Its history begins 3000 years ago, when it was one of the three capitals of the Dorians, and the main port. Population: 1000

An Italian Receiving Office "Colletoria Postale" was in operation from 6 September 1912 until 3 November 1912 and then reopened December 1913. Two postmarks existed.

04.08.1917



The oval administrative postmark of the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry unit in Lindos indicates that the P.O. was run by the military commander and not the Carabineers.



cds **LINDOS\*ISOLA DI RODI\*-4.8.17**, pmk type of Period I and 2-line registration marking **R: LINDOS / ISOLA DI RODI** on label n° 387.

Franked with vertical pair of 25c overprinted Rodi stamps (type Michetti)

**Domestic rate:** (Period 1.12.1916-31.7.1918), Letter 20c., transport to Rhodes 5c., Registration 25c.

Arrival marks on reverse in Caserta (Italy) on 10.08.1917 via Rhodes 05.08.1917.

11.05.1929

cds

**RR. POSTE ITALIANE \* LINDO (RODI EGEO) 11.5.29**

Pmk type of Period II.

After the 1920s, the "S" from the name LINDO(S) of the postmark stamp was omitted, so that it would resemble a name of Italian origin.

Franked with 1,25L.  
Italian "Floreale" stamp.

**International rate:**  
(Period 1926-1935)  
Letter 1,<sup>25</sup> L.

Arrival marks on reverse  
in Paris on 17.05.1929  
via Rhodes 12.05.1929.



## 2.3 Rhodian Villages

Lardos, 4 miles of Lindos. Population: 370

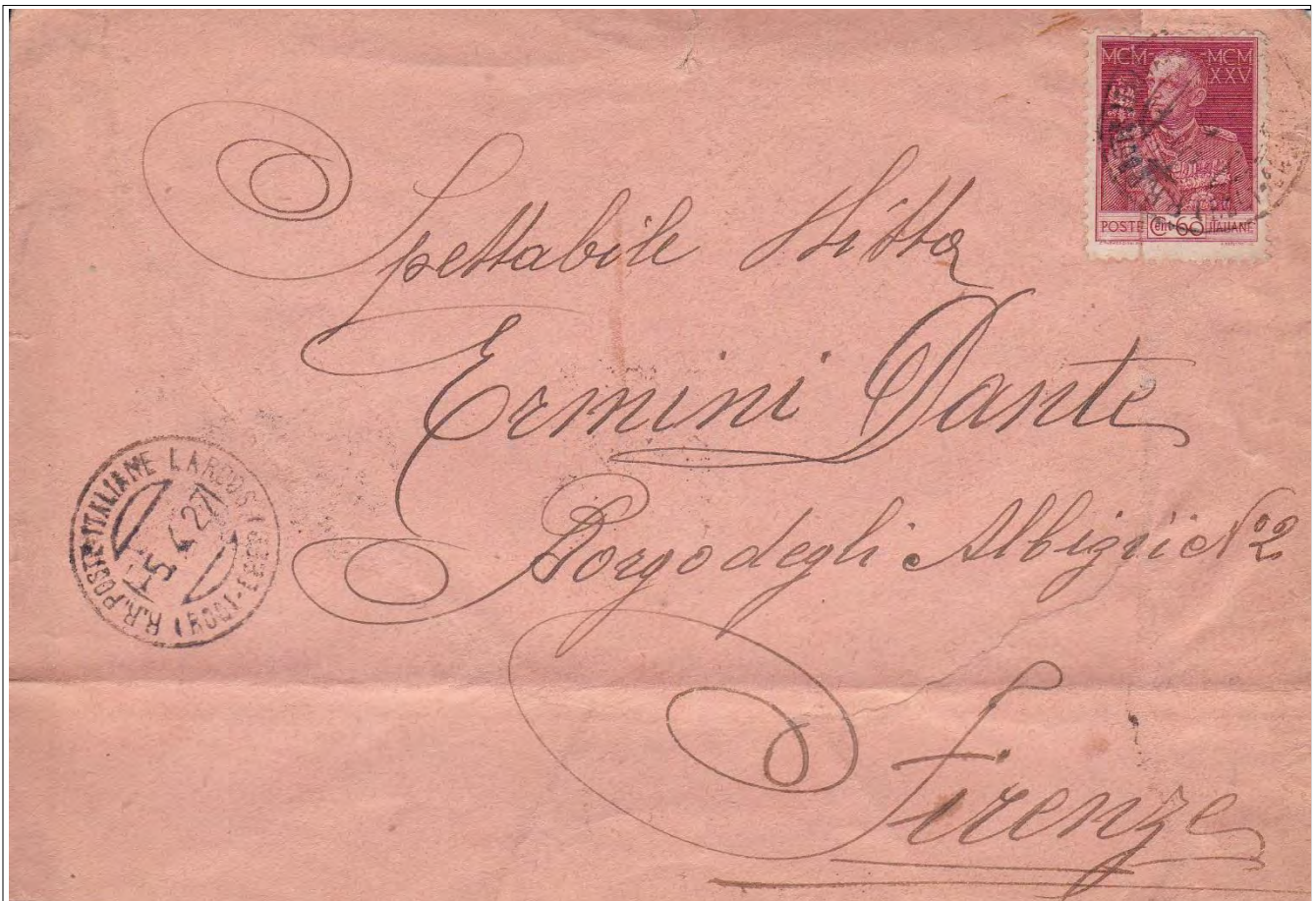
05.04.1927

The P.O. opened in 1916, one postmark existed. Issued until 1943.

**Domestic rate:**  
Period  
1926-1927  
Letter 60c.

Franked with  
60c. It. Stamp  
(Type Jubilee  
of King  
Emanuele III).

Arrival  
in Florence  
on 10.04.1927  
via Rhodes  
07.04.1927.



Cds RR. POSTE ITALIANE LARDOS (RODI-EGEO) -5.4.27

**Maritza**, 9 miles south of Rhodes Town, and 4 miles inland from Cremasti (village) is the site of the main commercial airport of the island. Population: 650.

28.02.1941

The P.O. opened in 1914. Two pmk types existed.

Postage free  
Municipal doc.  
from Pastida via  
Marizza  
to Rhodes.

Arrived in  
Rhodes on  
30.02.1941.

*Pastida (village) postal service was forwarded from P.O. of Marizza.*



cds MARIZZA-RODI \* EGEO 28.2.41. This postmark type of Period II exists only in Marizza village.

## 2.3 Rhodian Villages

**Malona**, 4 miles south of Archangelos, an active agricultural center. Population: 1.200

The P.O. opened in 1914. Two postmarks existed.

19.06.1914



View from the bay of Malona village.

PPC cancelled with the official postage free mark  
**R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA\*  
 COMANDO DI BRIGATA**  
 (R. FINANCE POLICE \*  
 BRIGADE COMMAND).

Arrived in Castellòs  
 (another village of Rhodes west  
 of the island) on 21.(5).1914  
 (Error on the month the  
 correct one is 6).

Cds **R.R. POSTE ITALIANE \*MALONA (RODI EGEO) 19.6.14**, pmk type of Period I.  
 This stamp is up to today unique on normally posted item.  
 It was replaced by the end of 1917 omitting the "RR".

02.03.1924

RHODES  
 ISLAND

RhodesTown  
 Marizza  
 Malona  
 Lardos



Horizontal pair of two 55c.  
 stamps overprinted with a  
 new rate of **Cent. 50**.

**International rate:**  
 (Period 1923-1925),  
 Letter 1 Lire.

cds **POSTE ITALIANE \*MALONA (RODI EGEO) 2-3.24** new postmark  
 This postmark was in use up to the end of the Italian Occupation.

Arrival mark on reverse  
 in U.S.A on 17.3.1924.

## 2.3 Rhodian Villages

**Monolithos**, 37 miles SW of Rhodes Town, facing the island of Chalki, was one of the more important localities in the island during the Italian years. Population: 450.

An Italian Receiving Office (Collettoria Postale) was opened in 1914. Two postmark types existed.

12.07.1921



Franked with a 40 c. overprinted **Rodi** stamp (sale price 35c.) and one of 20 c.

Arrived in Modena on 19.07.1921  
via Rhodes on 14.07.1921.

**Domestic rate:** (Period 1.4.1920-1921)  
Letter 25c., Registration 30c.

cds **RR.POSTE ITALIANE \*MONOLITHOS (RODI EGEO) 12.7.21**, pmk type of Period I.  
and the registration 2-line marking **MONOLITHOS / ISOLA DI RODI** on label (C).

07.04.01940



Entire municipal document from Monolitho to Rhodes (07/04/1940) cancelled with  
the official postage free 3-line oval marking **RR. PP. / Municipio di Monolito / RODI**  
cds **MONOLITO\*RODI EGEO -7.4.40XVII**, pmk type of Period II.  
Arrived in the Rhodian town hall on 8.4.1940.

## 2.3 Rhodian Villages

**Peveragno**, The village was colonized by Italian fruit farmers in approximately 1930. There were the farms of "Societa Frutticola" (Fruit Company) of Rhodes. In 1943, Peveragno was renamed "Kalamonas".

The local P.O. opened in 1935. Only one postmark existed.

15.05.1935



Arrival mark on reverse in Genoa on 17.05.1939.

Franked with a vertical pair of 30c. "Pittorica" stamps and one 50c. air stamp.

**Domesstic rate:**  
(Period 11.2.1933-1940)  
Letter 60c., Air mail 50c.

Cds PEVERAGNO RODIO RODI \* EGEO 15.5.39XVII.

**Platania**, 18 miles SW of Rhodes Town. Population: 130 only.

10.02.1930

36%



The P.O. opened in 1914.  
Only one postmark existed.

Arrival mark on reverse in Genoa on 22.2.1930  
via Rhodes on 12.2.1930.

Franked with a 10c., horizontal pair of 20c. "Pittorica" stamps and a 50c. Italian air stamp.

**Domaestic rate:**  
Period (1927-1933)  
Letter 50c., air mail 50c.



Cds R.R. POSTE ITALIANE \*PLATANIA (RODIO EGEO) 10.2.30.

## 2.3 Rhodian Villages

**Salakos**, in Italian Salaco, 20 miles SW of Rhodes town. Population: 580.

The P.O. opened in 1914. Two postmark types existed.

23.01.1916



PPC franked with a 5 c. overprinted **Rodi** stamp (type Leoni).

**Domestic rate:** (Period 1916) postal card within the district 5c.

Destination Archangelos (another village of Rhodes).

cds **R.R. POSTE ITALIANE \*SALAKOS (RODI EGEO) 23.1.16**, pmk type of Period I.

**Siana**, 28 miles SW of Rhods Town and 3 miles north of Monolithos. Population: 470.

45%

14.10.1924

The P.O. opened in 1914. Only one postmark existed.

Franked with a 20c. And a horizontal pair of 50 c. Italian stamps (type "Michetti").

**International rate:** (Period 1923-1925) Letter 1,20 Lire.

On arrival cancelled with a Machine publicity postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑ 19 ΟΚΤ 24 9Π** and the slogan on reverse.



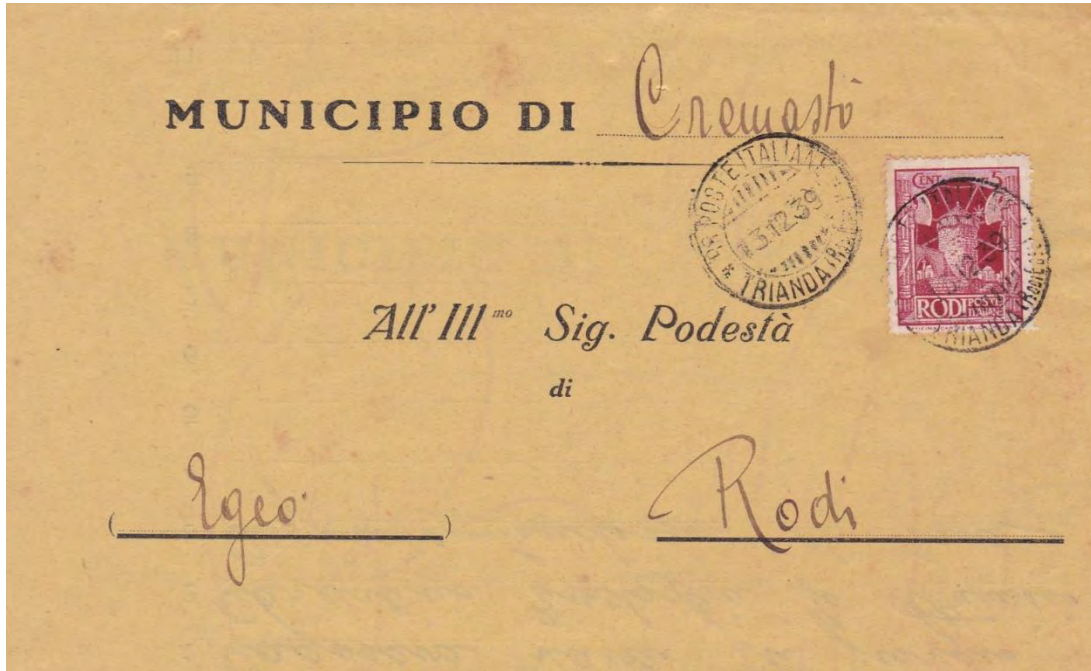
Cds **R.R. POSTE ITALIANE \*SIANA (RODI EGEO) 14.10.24**

## 2.3 Rhodian Villages

**Trianda**, 5 miles of Rhodes Town. It ranks next to Rhodes as the most populous locality in the island (2.000 inhabitants), and its market is the most active in the area.

The P.O. opened in 1914. Only one postmark existed.

13.12.1939



Entire municipal document with a 5 c. stamp (type Pittorica).

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1933-1939)  
5c. for correspondence of Mayors.

Cds R.R. POSTE ITALIANE \*TRIANDA (RODI E GEO) 13.12.39.

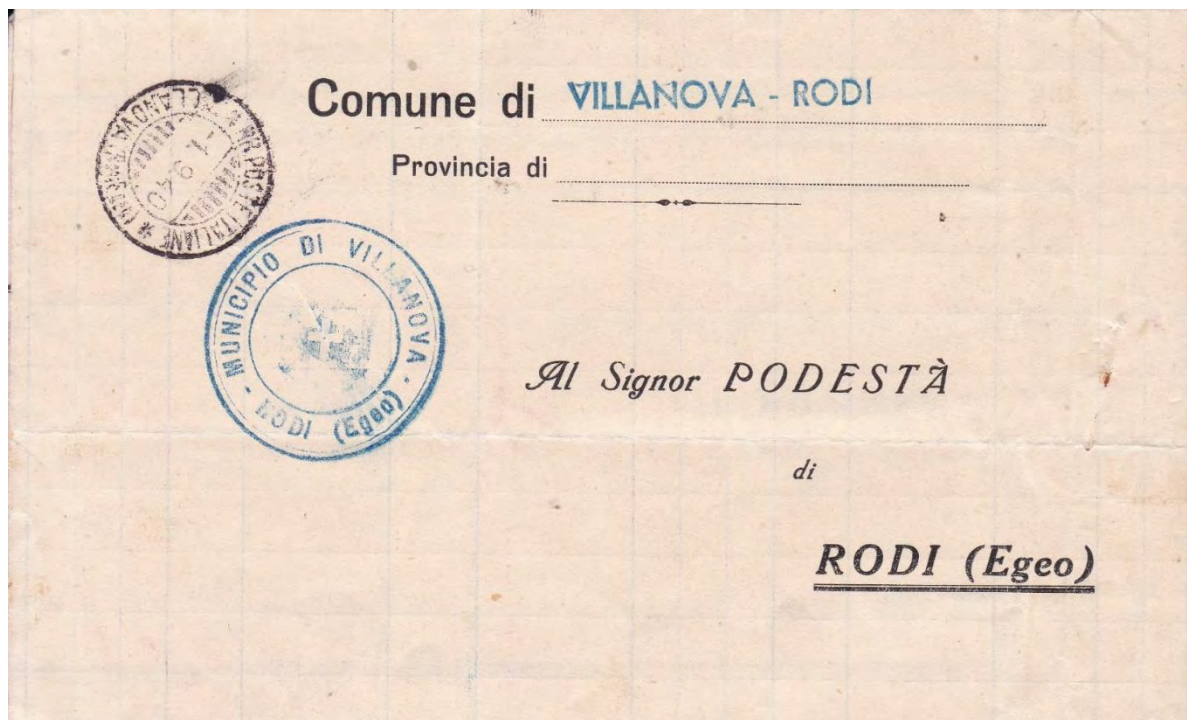
**Villanova**, 9 miles SW of Rhodes Town, was named after the fortress built by the Grand Master Villeneuve in 1345. Following the end of the Italian Occupation in the Dodecanese, it was renamed Paradeisi after the prominent mountain there. Population: 1.150

01.09.1940

The P.O. opened in 1914.  
Only one pmk existed.

Postage free entire municipal document from Villanova to Rhodes.

Cancelled with the official marking on blue  
**MUNICIPIO DI VILLANOVA-RODI (Egeo).**



cds R.R. POSTE ITALIANE \*VILLANOVA (RODI E GEO) -1.9.40.



### 3. CHALKI (KALKI)

It is situated 6 miles north of the western coast of Rhodes, Population: 1.750.  
The island was occupied with the help of *cruiser ship* "DUCA DI GENOVA" on May 8, 1912.

The P.O. opened on July 20, 1912 at the little port of SCALA. Three postmarks existed.

13.10.1912



cds **POSTE ITALIANE KARKI (Egeo) 13 OTT 1912**, rubber pmk type of Period I.

40%



Cancelled with the bilingual  
Official municipal marking  
**MUNICIPIO  
DELL' ISOLA DI HALKI (EGEO) /  
ΔΗΜΑΡΧΙΑ ΧΑΛΚΗΣ.**

PPC to Torino franked with a 1c. and  
a horizontal pair of 2c Italian stamps  
(type Floreal) and a 5 c. (type Leoni).

**Domestic rate** (1.9.1905-28.2.1913)  
correspondence of municipalities 10 c.

10.02.1913



Franked with a  
50c. overprinted Italian stamp  
with **Karki** (type Michetti).

**International rate :**  
(Period 1907-1920)  
Letter 25c., Registration 25c.

Arrival marks on reverse  
in Hannover (Germany)  
on 28.2.1913  
via Rhodes 13.2.1913.

cds **POSTE ITALIANE KARKI (Egeo) 10 FEB 1913**, pmk type of Period I.  
and the rubber 2-line registration marking **R: POSTE ITALIANE / KARKI (Egeo)** on label n° 223.



### 3. CHALKI (KALKI)

45%

12.05.1924



Waxed seals with  
"POSTE ITALIANE"

Arrived in Milan on 25.5.1924  
via Rhodes 15.5.1924.

Franked with one 25 and  
three 50 c. overprinted **Rodi**  
stamps (type Michetti).

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1924-16.3.1925)  
Letter (15g) 50 c.,  
2<sup>nd</sup> weight (15g.-30g) 50c.  
Insurance for 90 L.=75 c.  
(Until 200 L. was 75 c.).

cds **POSTE ITALIANE\*KALKI (EGEO) 12.5.24**, pmk type of Period I.  
Registration 1-line marking **KALKI (EGEO)** on insured label A n° 333 (2<sup>nd</sup> type).

12.05.1936



Registered official postage-free cover from Calchi to Rhodes, cds **CALCHI \* (EGEO) 12.5.36**, pmk type of Period II.  
and registration 1-line marking on label with the money order code number of the island (**70/40 CALCKI (EGEO)**) (3<sup>rd</sup> type).

## 4. KALYMNOS

The island is situated between Leros (1 mile to the north) and Cos (8 miles to the south). Population: 25.000 in 1912. It was occupied by Italy on May 12, 1912 with the help of *cruiser ships* "R.N.PISA" and "R.N. SAN MARCO", under the vice admiral Ernesto Presbitero. It is world famous for its sponge fishing.

The P.O. opened on July 1, 1912 at the main town Chora. Until 1943, seven types of postmarks existed.

30.07.1912



5 c. Italian stamps (type Leoni) in horizontal strip of three.

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1.9.1905-28.2.1913), Letter 15 c.

Destination Maria della Versa (Pavia Italy).

cds **POSTE ITALIANE KALIMNO (Egeo) 30 LUG 1912**, rubber pmk type of Period I.

35%

01.10.1913



Arrived in Altamura (Italy) on 10.10.1913 via Brindisi.

**Post office wax seals**  
**POSTE ITALIANE \* KALYMNO (EGEO)**  
with coat of arms on flap.  
(Excellent condition).

Franked

with

two 15 c. and one 25 c. Italian overprinted **Calimno** stamps (type Michetti).

**Domestic rate:** (Period 1913 -1916)  
Letter(15g.) 15c. handwritten gr.19 on top left extra 5c., Registration 25 c. and Insurance for 300Lire 10 c. (Total rate 55 cent).



Cds **POSTE ITALIANE \*KALYMNO(EGEO) -1.10.13**, pmk type of period I. registration 2-line marking **POSTE ITALIANE / KALIMNO (Egeo)** on insurance label A n° 369.

## 4. KALYMNOS

24.11.1925

**BOLLETTINO PER LA SPEDIZIONE**

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Allegati N° 3

Spedite un pacco (uno, due, tre involti, cesti, cassette, rotoli, ecc.)

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con valore dichiarato di Lire 1,00 Cent.

da consegnarsi al Sig. M. Maerillof

dimorante a Constantinopoli Prov. di Constantinopoli

via Jerumen Djiler n° 68 Galata

Ufficio che deve distribuire il pacco Constantinopoli (Prov. di Constantinopoli)

Spazio riservato all'applicazione del cartellino di cui è diretto in uffici italiani fuori del Regno.

Stampa: **RR. POSTE ITALIANE \*KALYMNNO (EGEO) -3.11.25**

Delivery parcel postal card with printed cost of 1 L.

Packet weight 4800 gr. with sponges from Kalymnos to Constantinople (Turkey).

Franked with seven special Italian parcel stamps vertical strip of 2L. one of 1L. and one of 50c. (Total value 15,50 L.)

**International rate:** (Period 1924-1927) (3kg.- 5kg.) 16 L. double fare for abroad.

Arrival bilingual mark on reverse in Galata (Constantinople) on 14.12.1925. by the France P.O.

cds **RR.POSTE ITALIANE \*KALYMNNO (EGEO) -3.11.25**, pmk type of Period I. and 1-line registration marking **KALIMNO (EGEO)** on label n° 826.

28.12.1925

Part of postal money order sent from Kalymnos franked with two special M.O. Italian stamps (Vaglia) of 3 L. each.

**Domestic rate:** (Period 1.5.1924 – 30.6.1940) For 200L was 2L. and each 100L. 50c. This means that the M.O was over 1.000 L.!

addi 28/12 25

UFFICIALE DI POSTA

N° d'arrivo 3

Stampa: **RR. POSTE ITALIANE \*KALYMNNO (EGEO) 28.12.25**

cds **RR. POSTE ITALIANE \*KALYMNNO (EGEO) 28.12.25**.

**The only known** up to today example, franked with two pieces of the 3 Lire postal order stamps (Vaglia). (C)

## 5. Casos

It is situated 5 miles to the east from Scarpato . Population: 1.750. The island was occupied on May 12, 1912 with the help of *battle-ship* "REGINA ELENA", and *destroyer-ship* "ALPINO".

The P.O. opened on July 21, 1912 at the main port Ophrys. Three types of postmarks existed.

06.03.1913

Arrival marks on reverse in Ulm (Germany) on 25.3.1913 via Rhodes 17.3.1913.

Franked with five 2c. overprinted Italian stamps with **Caso** and one of them with **Cos**, (type Floral). Vertical pair of 5c.(type Leoni) and one 50c. (type Michetti) overprinted with **Caso**.

### International rate:

Period 1907-1920)  
Letter 25c., Registration 25c.  
Transportation fee from another country 20c.

For the time span of 20 days (1.3.1913-20.3.1913) the mark for registered mail was missing because it had been damaged and was sent for repair so the registration is handwritten (*Racomandata*), and the label with n° 65 was without marking.

cds **POSTE ITALIANE CASO**  
(Egeo) -6 MAR. 1913,  
rubber pmk type of Period I.



14.06.1913

23%



Arrival in Palermo on 23.6.1913

Franked with two 10c. (type Leoni) and one overprinted with **Caso** 40c stamps (type Michetti)

### Domestic rate

(Period 1905-1.3.1913):  
Letter 15c. Registration 25c.  
Insurance for each 300 L. 10c.  
Major force 5c. (on view side) and 5c. extra weight (gr. 22).

cds  
**POSTE ITALIANE CASOS**  
(Egeo) 14.6.13,  
Pmk type of Period I.  
registration 2-line marking  
**POSTE ITALIANE / CASO** (Egeo)  
on insurance label A n° 51.

## 6. NISIROS

Is situated 9 miles south off of Cos and is known for its volcano. Population 3.200. It was occupied on May 12, 1912 with the help of battleship "ROMA" and cruiser "PISA".

The Italian P.O. opened on July 21 at the main port Mandraki.  
Until 1943 five types of postmarks existed.

17.6.1912



32%



The cover is posted via Rhodes Cds **POSTE ITALIANE RODI (EGEO) 17 GUL. 1912**  
 Pmk type of Period I.  
 Arrived to (a prisoner of war) in Salerno on 25.6.1912.

Franked at the correct **domestic rate** of 15c. with Italian stamp (type Michetti)

**Temporary** negative double-circle local handmade postmark without date, **MUNICIPIO DI NISIROS-POSTA 1912** used only for a **few days** (12<sup>th</sup> May-20July).

Very important official marking **COMMISSIONE PER PRICIONERI DI GUERA-MINISTERO GUERRA** (Ministry commission for prisoners of war)

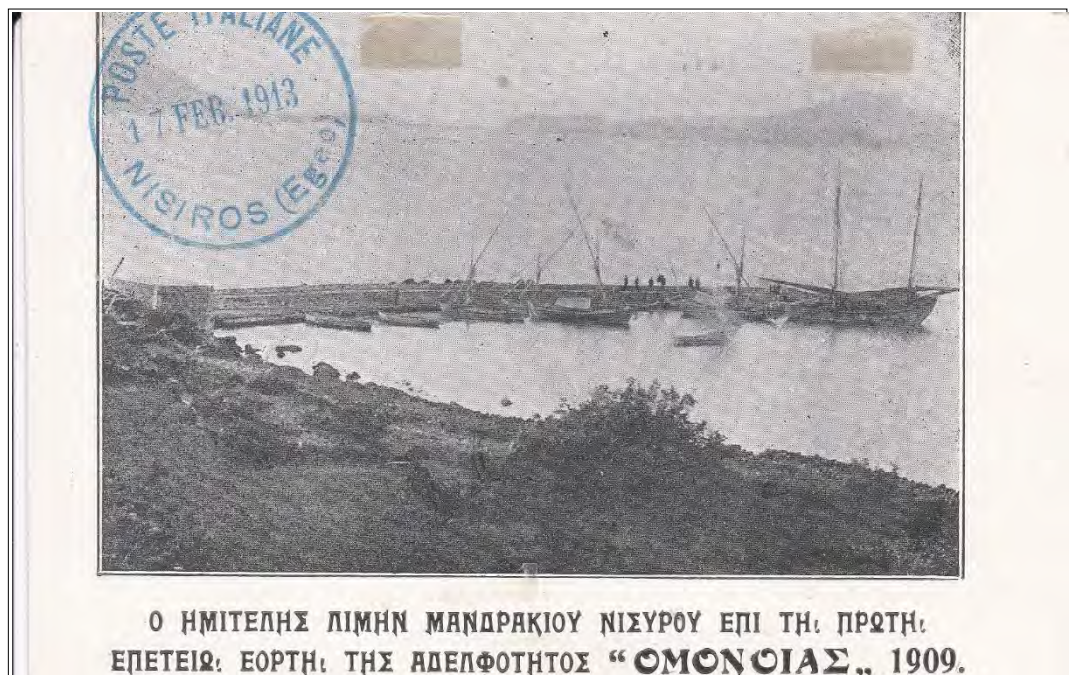
39%



Greek PPC franked with 5c. overprinted **Nisiros** stamp

**Domestic rate:**  
 (Period 1905-1.3.1913)  
 Card (reply paid) 5c.  
 Destination Rome.

17.02.1913



cds **POSTE ITALIANE NISIROS (Egeo) 17 FEB.1913**, rubber pmk type oo Period I.

## 6. NISEROS

13.04.1922

37%



Arrived in Florence  
on 03.05.1922  
via Rhodes 22.04.1922.

Franked with  
two 60c, two 20c Italian  
stamps (type Michetti)  
and one 5c (type Leoni)

**Domestic rate:**  
Period 1.2.1922-31.12.1922  
Letter 40c, Registration 50c,  
Insurance for (200L=75c).  
The cover was insured for  
90,20L.  
Total rate 1,65 Lire.

cds **POSTE ITALIANE\*NISEROS (EGEO) 13.4.22**, pmk of Period I (2<sup>nd</sup> type).  
Registration 1-line marking **NISEROS** on insured label **A** with n° 303.

39%

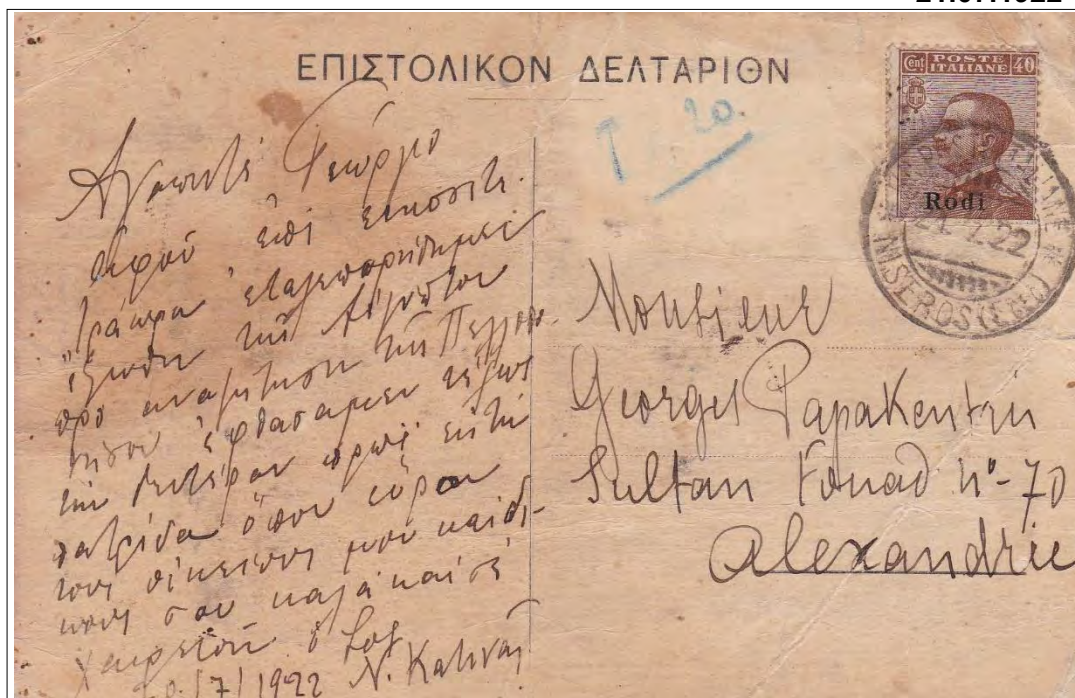
21.07.1922



Arrived in Alexandria (Egypt)  
on 29.07.1922.

Postal card  
franked with 40 c.  
overprinted **Rodi** Italian  
stamp (type Michetti)  
(sale price 30c.)

**International rate:**  
(1922-1923):Postal card 50c,  
The hand written inscription  
"T 20" denoted that  
the addressee in Egypt  
paid postage due 20c.



cds **RR. POSTE ITALIANE \*NISEROS (EGEO) 21.7.22**, pmk of Period I (3<sup>rd</sup> type)

## 6. NISIROS

10.07.1941

Arrival mark on reverse  
in U.S.A on 22.7.1941.

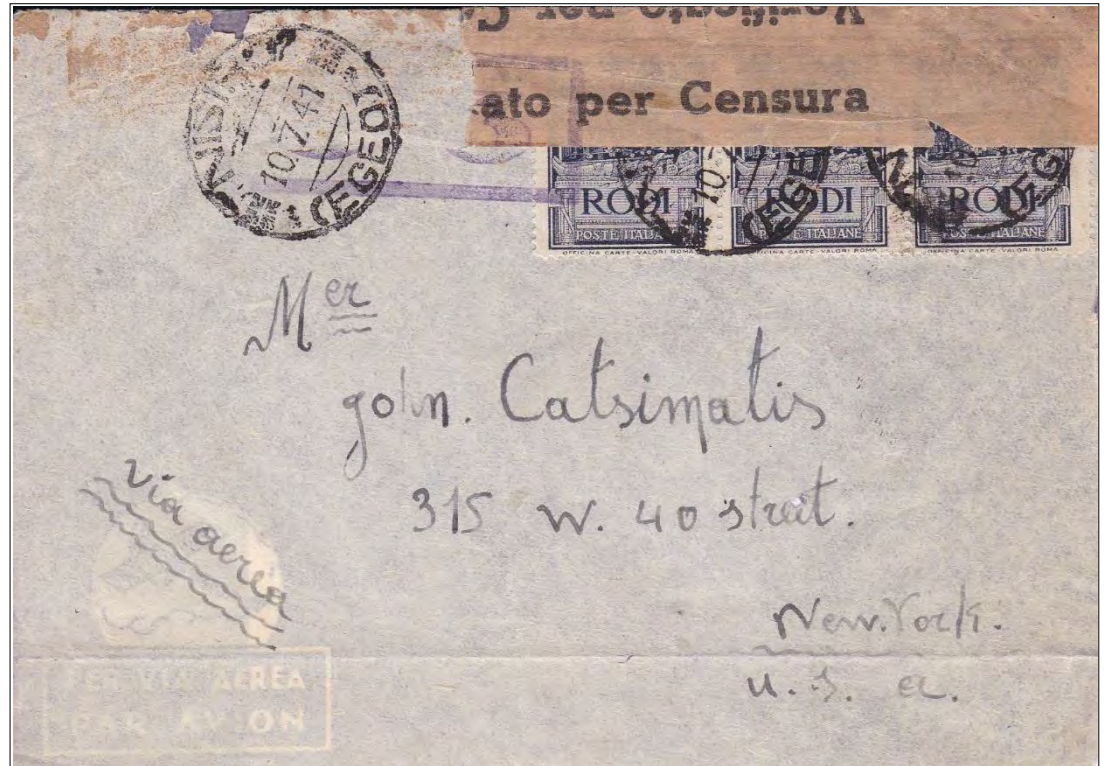
Franked with a horizontal strip  
of 3, 1.<sup>25</sup> Lire  
stamps (type Pittorica).

**International rate to America:**  
Period 1939-1943)  
Letter 1.<sup>25</sup> L, Air mail 2.<sup>50</sup> L.

The cover was  
sealed with a censor tape  
and cancelled with lilac  
censor mark, boxed with **C/3**.

cds

**NISIRO \* (EGEO) 10.7.41,**  
pmk of Period II and  
was the **last postmark type**  
of the Italian Era.



### 6.1 Nisiros village

Palos 2 miles east of Mandraki (Main Town) was the emplacement  
of the hot springs of Nisiros, and had two Thermal Establishments.  
In 1912, the small Thermal named "Hippocrates", belonged to Dr. Pantelides.

The P.O. opened on August 1, 1913, by the Carabinieri. Only one pmk existed.



26.07.1914



Arrived in Constantinople on  
02.08.1914 via Nisiros 27.07.1914.

Franked with  
25c. overprinted **Nisiros**  
Italian stamp (type Michetti).

**International rate:**  
(Period 1.10.1907-1.2.1921)  
Letter 25 cent.

cds RR. POSTE ITALIANE \*PALUS (NISEROS EGEO) 26.7.14, pmk type of Period I.



## 7. SCARPANTO (CARPATHOS)

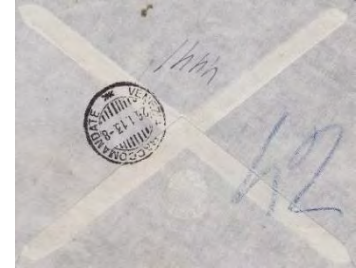
Is the second largest island in the Dodecanese. Situated about half-way between Rhodes and Crete. The island was occupied on May 12, 1912 with the help of *battleship* "R.N. VITTORIO EMANUELE". Its total population did not exceed 11.000 by 1912.

The P.O. opened on July 1, 1912 in the main port "Pigadia", having only 500 inhabitants. Until 1943, three types of postmarks existed.

09.01.1913



38%



Arrived in Venice on 25.1.1913

The hand written inscription "42" denoted the total weight in grams

### Domestic rate

(Period 1.9.1905-28.2.1913)

Letter(20gr.) 15c. registration 25c, for extra second weigh (22gr) 15c.

Franked with one 5 c., one 10 c. (type Leoni), and one 50 c. (type Michetti) overprinted **Scarpanto** Italian stamps, (Sale price for the 50 c. stamp was 40 c.).

cds **POSTE ITALIANE SCARPANTO (Egeo) 9 GEN. 1913**, rubber pmk type of Period I. 2-line registration rubber marking **R: POSTE ITALIANE / SCARPANTO (Egeo)** on label n° 321.



Arrival mark on reverse in Ferrara on 14.9.1915.

Franked with 5 and 10 c. overprinted **Scarpanto** stamps (type Leoni)

### Domestic rate:

(Period 1.3.1913-1915) Letter 15c.

06.09.1915



cds **POSTE ITALIANE\*SCARPANTO(EGEO) -6.9.15**, Metal pmk 2<sup>nd</sup> type of Period I. and the official marking **COMANDO TENENZA**.

# 7. SCARPANTO

17.10.1925



28.11.1921

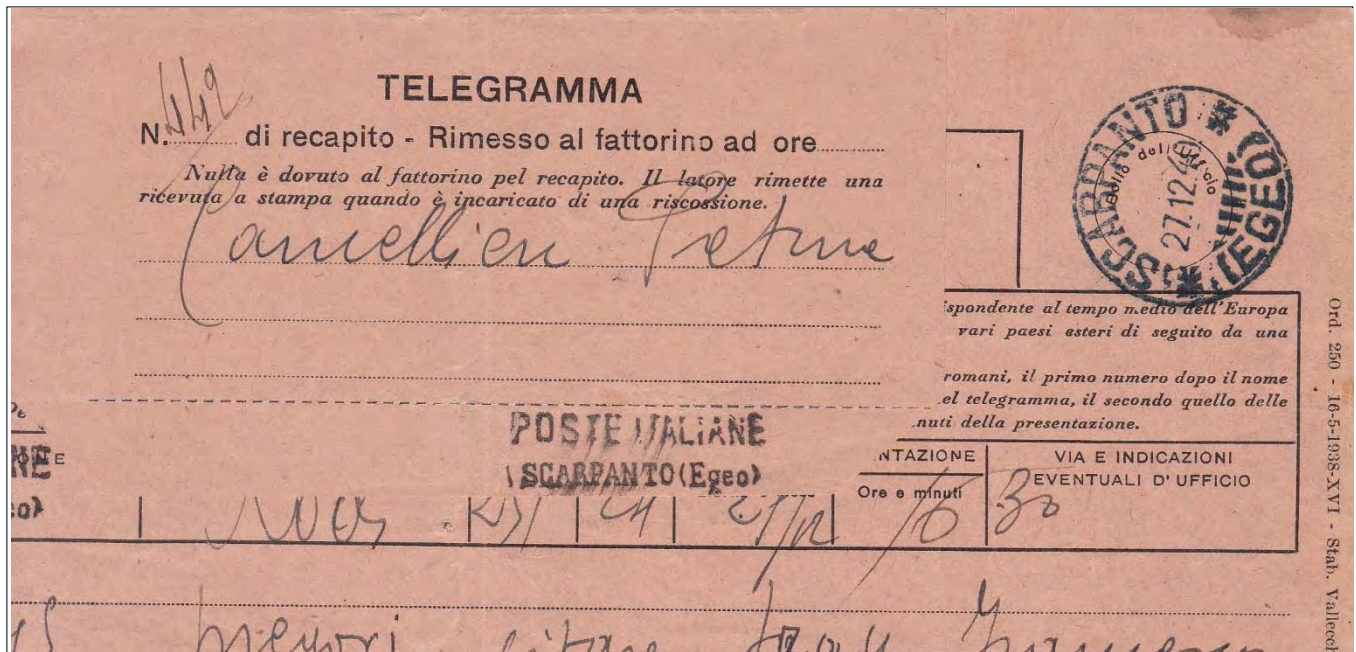


Postal money order 60,30 Lire Arrived in Naples on 14.11.25  
**Domestic rate:** 1.5.1924 – 30.6.1940  
 For 50L until 75L = 1.20L.  
 for that it is franked with special M.O.  
 Italian stamps (Vaglia) of horizontal pair of 50c & one 20c  
 Cds **POSTE ITALIANE\*SCARPANTO (Egeo) 17.10.25**  
 And the M.O. code number of Scarpanto (70/41).

Part of a postal cheque, of 100L.  
 with a brief note  
 from sender to recipient

The LECCE mark indicates that Scarpanto main P.O. had come under this province of Italy

27.12.1940



Telegram with 24 words originated from Rhodes with arrival cds "**SCARPANTO\*(Egeo) 27.12.40**, pmk type of Period II.  
 and registration 2-line marking. **POSTE ITALIANE / SCARPANTO (Egeo)**.  
**Rate:** (Period 1939-1942) for one word was about 50c.total paid 12L.

## 7.1 SCARPANTO Villages

**Aperi** 8 miles north of Pigadia. Population: 1.100

The P.O. opened after 1930. Only one postmark existed.

05.07.1943



33%



Arrived in Athens on 16.5.1943.

Franked with a strip of 5, 50c. Italian stamps.

**International rate:**  
(Period 1939-9.9.1943)  
Letter 1,25 L., Air mail 1,25 L.

cds **APERI SCARPANTO \* EGEO 7.5.43XVI.**

The cover is sealed with a censor tape and cancelled with a black censor mark **C/6**.

**Messocorio** 18 miles north of Pigadia. Population: 500

The P.O. opened after 1930.  
Only one postmark existed.

37%

03.09.1942



Destination Athens

Horizontal pair of 50c.  
Italian stamps (type Imperial),  
one 25c. (type Pittorica).

**International rate:**  
(Period 1939-9.9.1943)  
Letter 1.25 Lire.

The cover is sealed with a censor  
tape and cancelled with a lilac  
censor mark **C/6** on circle.

cds **MESSOCORIO \* ISOLA DI SCARPANTO (EGEO) -3.9.42.**

## 7.1 SCARPANTO Villages

**Olimbo** The village seems to be an anachronic remainder of the old Dorian "independent: village-states. It is build up on the precipitous west coast of the island. Population 1100.

The P.O. opened after 1930. Only one postmark type existed.

07.08.1941



cds OLIMBO \* (SCARPANTO EGEO) 7.8.41.



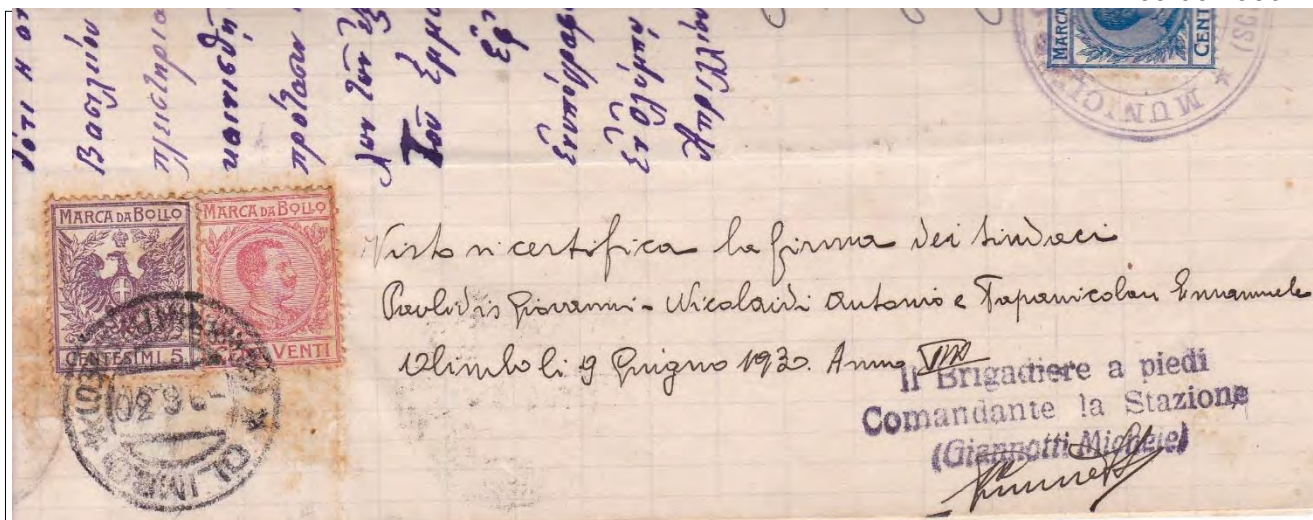
Arrival in Rhodes on 16.8.1941.

Franked with 50c. stamp (type Pittorica).

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1940-9.9.1943)  
Letter 50c.

Censored in Rhodes P.O.  
with the 1-line mark  
**Verificato per censura.**

09.06.1930



Entire municipal document from **Olimbo** (09/06/1930) with revenues Metropolitan Italy stamps, Issued between 1905-1929 and cancelled with a postmark stamp of the P.O. of the village.

**Finichi**, a little harbour in the south-west part of the island, 14 miles ca. west of Pigadia.

P.O. opened in the 1930s using only one postmark type.

22.06.1937

Strip of four 25c. "Pittorica" stamps cancelled with part of the very rare postmark Period II.  
cgs **FINICHI SCARPANTO \* EGEO 22.6.37XV**  
Probably it was for a **Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1933-1940) Letter 50c, Air mail 50c.



## 8. PISCOPI (TILOS)

Is situated half-way between Nisiros and Chalki. Population: 2.000 in 1912.  
The island was occupied on May 12, 1912 with the help of battle-ships "ROMA" and "NAPOLI".

The P.O. opened on August 7, 1912. In the main village Megalo Chorio and until 1943 three postmarks types existed. The island was renamed **Tilos** (1947).

07.12.1912



Franked with 5c. (type Leoni), 15c. and 25c. (type Michetti) overprinted **PiscoPI** Italian stamps (Sale price for the 25c. was 20c.)

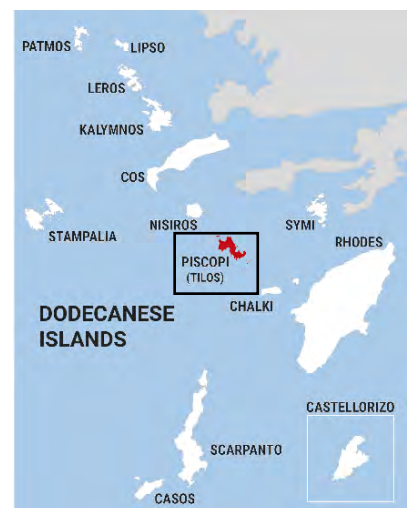
**Domestic rate:** (Period 1.9.1905-1.3.1913) Letter 15c., registration 25c.

cds **POSTE ITALIANE PISCOPI (Egeo) 7-DIC.1912**, rubber pmk type of Period I.

and registration 2-line marking **R: POSTE ITALIANE / PISCOPI (Egeo)** on label n° 115. Arrived in Roma on 30.12.1912.



22.05.1913



Stationary letter card to Savona printed stamp of 20 cent "Floreale" overprinted with **15c.**

**Domestic rate:** (period 1.3.1913-31.12.1915) Card 10c., business cards 0,5c.

cds **POSTE ITALIANE\*PISCOPI (Egeo) 22.5.13**, 2<sup>nd</sup> pmk type of Period I.

## 9. LIPSOS

Is 7 miles north of Leros, and at about the same distance east of Patmos. Population: 560 in 1912.  
The island was occupied on May 12, 1912 with the help of *destroyer ship* "NEMBO".

The P.O. opened on July 21, 1912. In the main town Lipsi. Three postmark types existed until 1943.

02.11.1912



Franked with a 1c.  
Horizontal pair of 2c.  
Italian stamps (type floreale),  
one 5c. vertical pair and a  
single of 10c, (type Leoni)

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1.9.1905-1.3.1913)  
Letter 15c. Registration 25c.

Arrival mark on reverse  
in Milan on 19.11.1912

cds **POSTE ITALIANE LIPSO (Egeo) 2-NOV.1912**, rubber pmk of Period I.  
and a registration 2-line rubber marking **R: POSTE ITALIANE / LIPSO (Egeo)** on label n° 55.

33%

05.03.1941



Part of a censor tape.  
Arrived in Milano on 13.03.1941  
via Rhodes 08.03.1941.

Postal card with a printed  
stamp of 30 cent and a  
vertical pair of 30c. stamps  
(type Pittorica).

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1.7.1940-31.9.1944)  
Postal Card 30c.,  
Registration 60c.  
(Open correspondence).



cds **LISSO \* (EGEO) \* -5.3.41**, pmk type of Period I.  
and registration 1-line marking **R: LISO (EGEO)** on label n° 1647. (C)

## 10. PATMOS

Is at the north-western end of the Dodecanese and acquired its fame as the place where the Apostle St. John the Evangelist wrote the Apocalypse. Population 3.000 in 1912. The island was occupied on May 12, 1912 with the help of *cruiser-ship* "AMALFI".

The P.O. opened on July 21, 1912 in the main town, Patmos or Hora.  
Until the end of 1943 four types of postmarks existed.

21.08.1912



Franked with one 10 c. stamp (Type Leoni), and a horizontal pair of 15c. (Type Michetti).

**International rate:**  
(Period 1.10.1907-31.1.1921)  
Letter 20c., Registration 20c.

Arrival marks on reverse in Ismaïlia (Egypt) on 29.8.1912 via Rhodes 22.12.1912.

cds **POSTE ITALIANE PATMOS (Egeo) 21 AGO.1912**, rubber pmk type of Period I. and the registration 2-line rubber marking **R: POSTE ITALIANE / PATMOS (Egeo)** o label n° 73.

30%

27.12.1914



Arrived in Roma on 4.1.1915 via Lecce 3.1.1915.

Franked with Three 5 c. stamps (type Leoni) and one 25 c. (type Michetti).

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1.9.1905-1.3.1913)  
Letter 15c., Registration 25c.



cds **POSTE ITALIANE PATMOS (Egeo) 27.12.14**, metal pmk 2<sup>nd</sup> type of Period I. and the registration 2-line rubber marking **R: POSTE ITALIANE / PATMOS (Egeo)** o label n° 445.

## 10. PATMOS

31.05.1922

30%



Arrival marks with wax seals in Florence on 21.6.1922 via Rhodes 13.6.1922.

Franked with one 5c. one 10c. (type Leoni), a horizontal pair of 25c. and horizontal pair of overprinted **Rodi** 50c. (type Michetti) Italian stamps.

**Domestic rate:** (1922) Letter 40c., Registration 50c., Insurance until 200Lire=75c. total rate 1,65L.

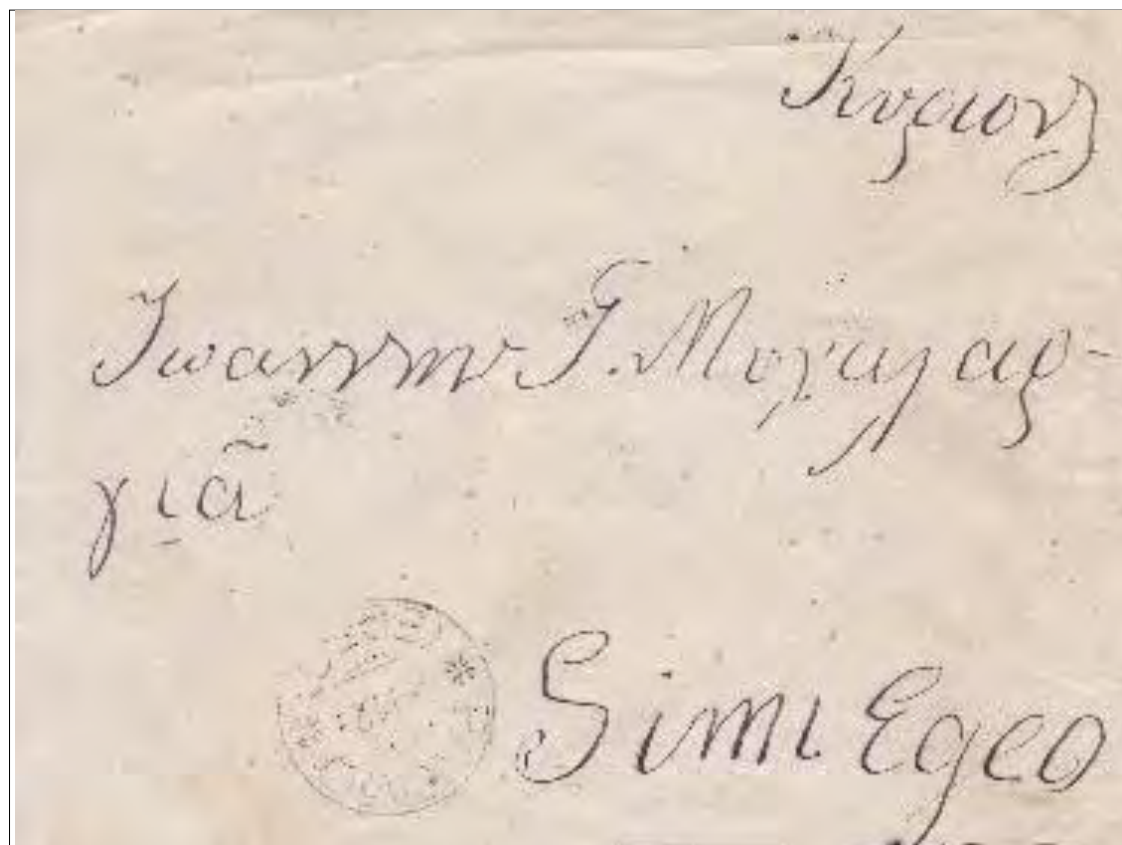
cds **POSTE ITALIANE \* PATMO (EGEO) 31.5.22**, pmk type of Period II.

and registration 2-line marking **POSTE ITALIANE / PATMO (EGEO)** on insured label **A n° 399**

This Postmark was from the Period I, after the 1920s (Period II) the "S" from the name **PATMO(S)** was omitted, so that it would resemble a name of an Italian origin

03.11.1923

33%



Franked with a five horizontal pair of 5c. (type Leoni) Italian stamps.

**Domestic rate:** (1923) Letter 50c

Destination to Symi

cds **PATMO \* (EGEO) 3-11.23**, pmk type of Period II (4<sup>th</sup> type).



# 11. LEROS

Is an island at the southeastern part of the Aegean in the Dodecanese, and northwest of Kalymnos. Population 7.500 in 1912. It was occupied on May 12, 1912 with the help of *cruiser-ships* "R.N.SAN MARCO" and "AMALFI".

The main town of Leros in 1912 with the name Marina and a population of about 3,800 inhabitants was located on the south part of Alinda Bay. The P.O. was the only one that opened in June 1912 closed in 1932 when the Porto-lago and Santa Marina Post Offices opened.



19.08.1912



31 %



Arrived in Port Said on 28.08.1912 via Piraeus, Alexandria at 28.08.1912.

Franked with a Strip of five 5c. Italian stamps (Type Leoni).

**International rate:**  
(Period 1907-1921), Letter 25c.

cds **POSTE ITALIANE LEROS (Egeo) 19 AGO. 1912**, rubber pmk type of Period I.

03.05.1917



Arrival mark on reverse in Rome on 2.6.1917

Franked with a 15c. overprinted Italian stamp with "CENT 20" (new rate) surcharged "LEROS" (Type Michetti).

**Domestic new rate:**  
(1916-1918) Letter 20c.

cds **RR. POSTE ITALIANE\*LEROS(EGEO) -3.5.17**  
Pmk type of Period I, (2<sup>nd</sup> type).

Also bearing the official marking of the "Presidio" (local military command).

# 11. LEROS

30%

03.01.1922



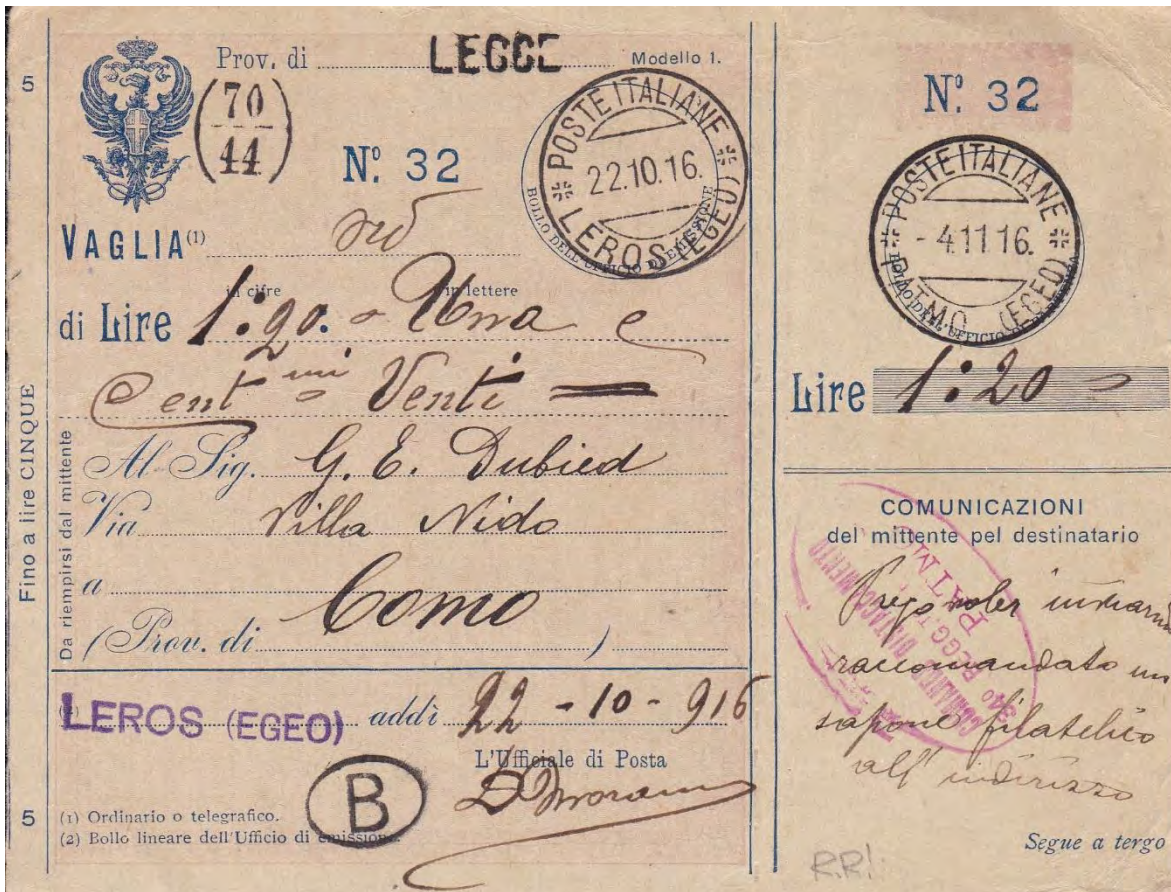
Arrived in Cairo on 19.01.1922 via Piraeus 16.12.21. There was a chronological difference between Greece and Italy (Greece used the Julian Calendar until 1923).

Franked with a horizontal pair of 50c. (Type Michetti) one 5c. and one 15c. overprinted with **Rodi** (Type Leoni) Italian stamps

**International rate:**  
(Period 1.2.1921-1.2.1922)  
Letter 60 c. Registration 60 c.

cds **POSTE ITALIANE\*LEROS (EGEO) -3.1.22**, pmk type of Period I. and a registration 1-line marking **LERO** on label R n° 11.

# 22.10.1916



Complete P.O (Money order) of Period I.

Issued in LEROS on 22.10.16. cancelled with the postmark of Leros and the M.O. code number of the island (70/44).

It is not clear why it arrived in Patmos on 4.11.16, where it was stamped also, with the military stamp of the sender.

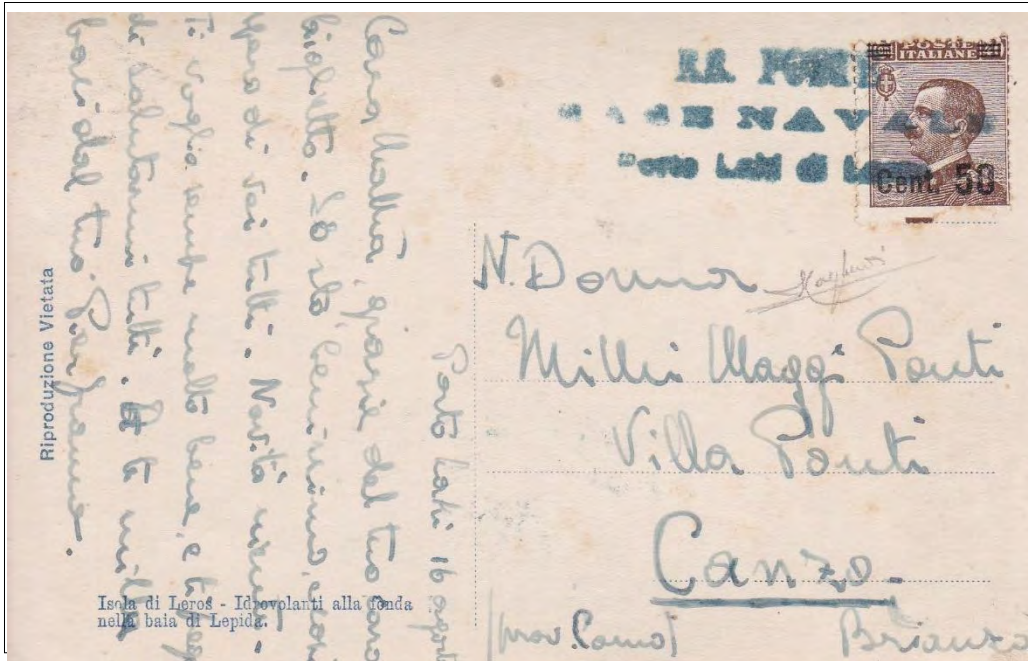
I believe that this M.O. has never left Patmos.

## 11.1 LEROS Villages

Bay Lakki In the early twenties, due to the affluence of workers, technicians and employees were involved in the construction of the naval base and the **Porto Lago** village was founded.

The post office that opened during this period served military as well as civilian mail. Five postmark types existed.

16.08.1924



PPC to Canzo (Como). Cancelled with the 3- line military rubber postmark  
**RR. POSTE / BASE NAVALE / Porto Laki di Leros.**



37%



Naval station for seaplanes

Franked with a 40c. stamp overprinted **Cent 50.** new rate (type Michetti).

**Domestic rate:** (1924)  
Postcard 30 c.,  
Military (Naval station) 20 c.

*These postmark types existed only in Porto Lago.*

41 %

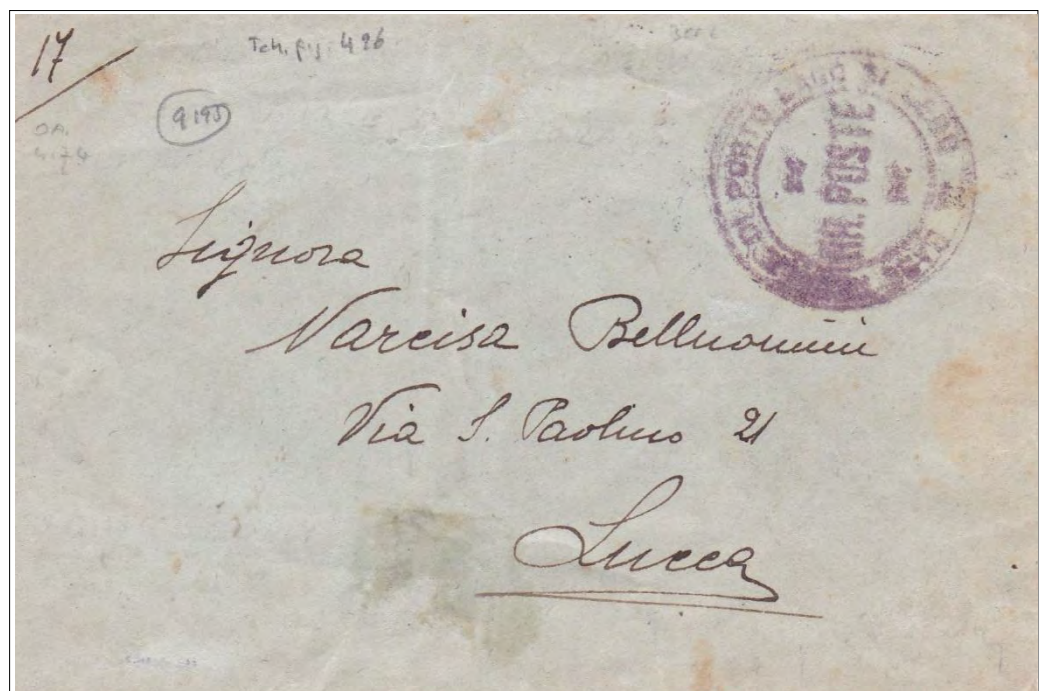
1924



Franked with Ten 5 c. Italian stamps (type Leoni).

**Domestic rate:** (1924)  
Letter 50 c.

Destination Lucca (Italy).



Military pmk **BASE NAVALE DI PORTO LAGO DI LERO \*RR. POSTE.** (Naval station).

## 11.1 LEROS Villages

### Porto Lago

In 1932, the official civilian P.O. was founded and was supplied with a set of Date-stamp types for Air mail, register and insured mail and for money order. These postmark types were issued only in Leros and this shows the size of the correspondence and the geostrategic position of the island.

19.02.1936



35%



Arrived in Siena on 23.2.1936.

Vertical strip of 3,  
50c. Italian stamps  
(Type Imperial).

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 11.2.1933-1.7.1940),  
Letter 50c.,  
Air Mail by A.O.I 1L.

Cds **LERO PORTO LAGO\***  
**(EGEO) 19.2.36XIV.**

27%



Arrived in Pola (Bologna)  
on 27.2.1935 via Bologna  
and via Rhodes 20.2.1935.

Franked with  
50c, 1,25L (type Pittorica)  
Plus the 50c air post stamp.

**Domestic rate:**  
(11.2.1933-1.7.1940)  
Letter 50c., Air mail 50c.  
and Registration 1,25L.

cds **LERO PORTO LAGO**  
**(EGEO)\*POSTA AEREA**  
**18.2.35XIII.**

cds **LERO PORTO LAGO**  
**(EGEO)\*RACCOM.**  
**ASSICURATE 18.2.35XIII.**  
This two pmk types were  
issued only In Porto Lago.

18.02.1935



Registration 2-line marking R: **LERO PORTO LAGO / (EGEO)** on label n° 2221.

## 11.1 LEROS Villages

**Santa Marina** is the name given by the Italians to the modern residential town which gradually took shape during the 1920s and 1930s along the western and northern shores of Alinda Bay, north of the "Marina" pier of the mediaeval town of Leros.

A modern Post office attending to all categories of postal business, was opened in the first months of 1934 (or earlier), and was supplied a set of date-stamps similar to those issued to Porto-Lago.

09.09.1934



Franked with a horizontal pair and a single of 50c. stamps (type Pittorica).

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1933-1940)  
Letter 25c  
(within the administrative district at the same island),  
Registration 1.25L.

cds **LERO SANTA MARINA \* (EGEO) \* -9.9.34XVI**, ordinary pmk type of the village.  
Registration 2-line marking R: **POSTE ITALIANE / LERO (EGEO)** on label n° 2965.

30%



Arrived in Milan on 17.11.1937  
via Rhodes 10.11.1937.

Franked with  
50c., 80c., 1L. air stamps  
and one 30c. (type Pittorica).

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1933-1940)  
Letter 50 c., Registration  
1.25 L. Air mail 50 c.  
and for the (first 100g)  
second weight 35c.

08.11.1937



cds **"POSTA AEREA LERO SANTA MARINA \* (EGEO) -8.11.37XVI**, Air mail pmk of the village.  
Registration 2-line marking R: **POSTE ITALIANE / LERO (EGEO)** on label with n° 2879.

## 11.2 LEROS Airport

As no civilian P.O. had yet been opened, the area of Levitha southern by Porto Lago was selected at the end of the 1920s for building Leros airport named '**R. AEROPORTO GIOVANNI ROSSINI**'. Many Italian workers and technicians moved there. The Command of the airport took care of forwarding their mail, cancelling the postage stamps on the letters with an oval franchise postmark. This unusual procedure continued for some years and even after 1932 when the Porto Lago P.O. opened.

25.06.1931



Franked with a 10c. stamp (type Pittorica).

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 16.8.1927-11.2.1933)  
PPC only signature and date 10c.

Arrived in Naples on 30.6.1931.

Canceled with the oval 3-line violet marking of the Airport (type A)  
**REGIE POSTALE COMANDO AEROPORTO / DI / LERO (EGEO)**.  
cds **POSTE ITALIANE\*LERO (EGEO) 25.6.31**, ordinary pmk type of Period II.  
And the official mark in violet **AEROPORTO DI LERO (EGEO)\*COMANDO**.

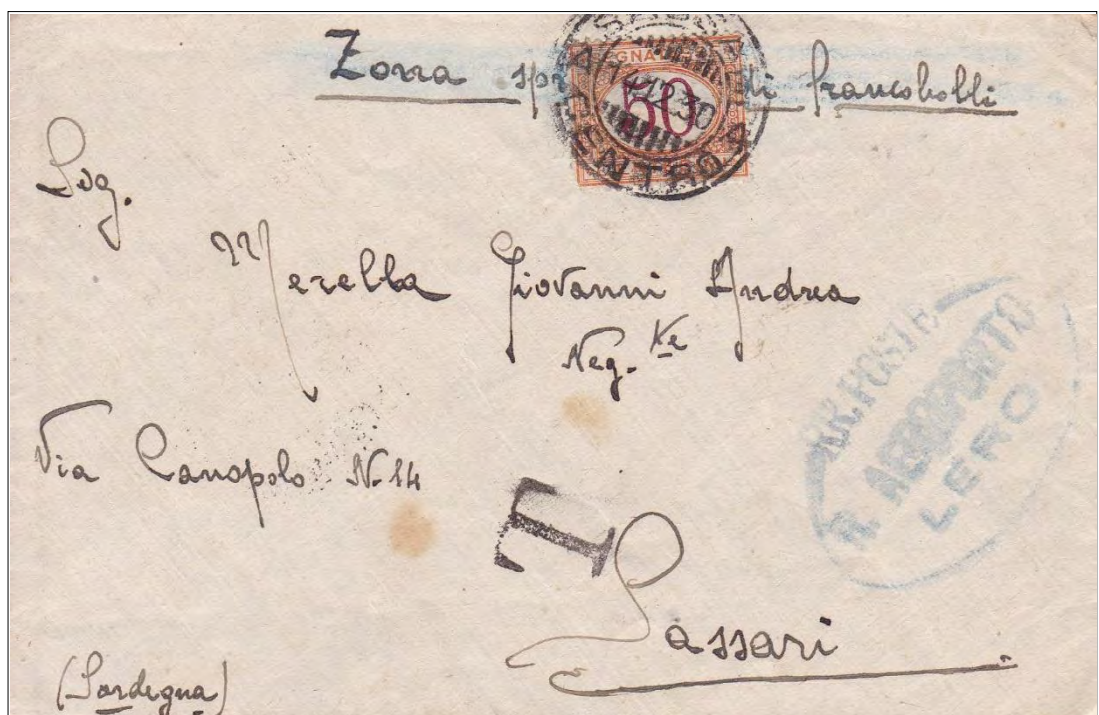
06.12.1930

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1927-1931):  
Letter 50c.

Franked with the 50c, postage due Italian stamp.

The addressee paid 50c. for the postage due on arrival (14/12/1930)..

Cover from Leros to Sassari (Sardinia) arrival  
cds **SASSARI\*CENTRO**  
**14.12.30.**



canceled with oval airport official marking (type B) **RR. POSTE / R. AEROPORTO / LERO**.

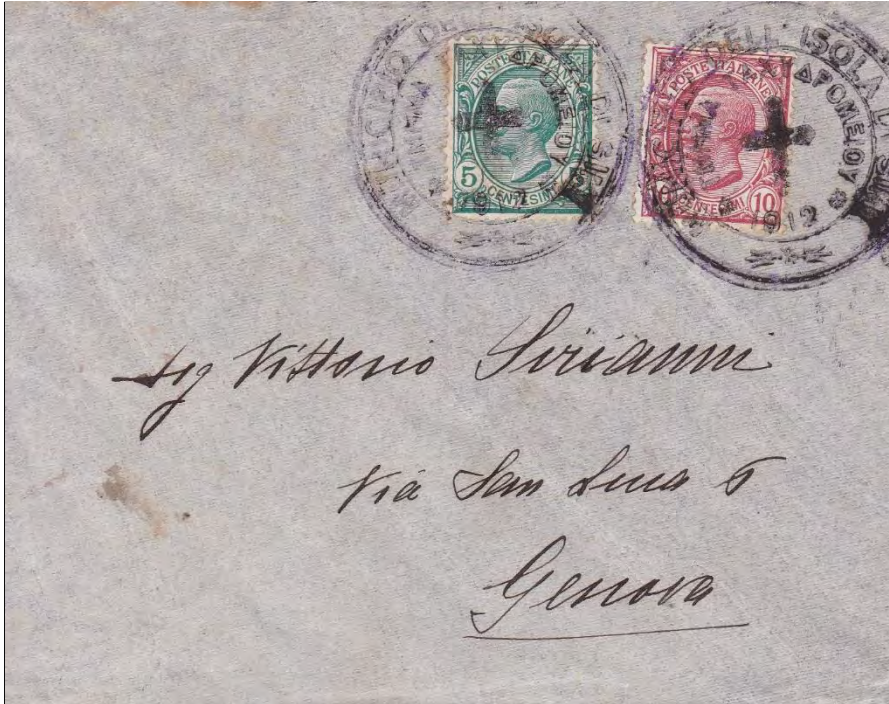
## 12. SYMI

15 miles north of Rhodes and 4 miles from Asia Minor. Its population still exceeded 23,000 in 1912 and its inhabitants derived a significant income from the Sea. Symi was occupied on May 19, 1912 with the help of the *torpedo ship* "PEGASO".



During the first weeks of occupation, the postal service on Symi was operated by the municipal authorities. The P.O. opened on June 9, 1912. Five postmark types existed.

01.06.1912



On reverse the transfer to Genoa on 6.6.1912 was made by the 6th Division of Rhodes cancelled with the military marking cds **POSTA MILITARE\*6<sup>A</sup> DIVISIONE 1.GIU.12.**

Civilian Postal service was forwarded by the military P.O. until June 7, 1912, but this letter was one of the last because the next day the civilian P.O. opened.

Franked with a 40 c. Italian stamp (type Michetti).

**Domestic rate:** (Period 1905-1913) Letter 15c.

Cancelled with the very rare bilingual **Temporary** municipal postmark on black **MUNICIPIO DELL' ISOLA DI SIMI – TMHMA TAXYΔΠΟΜΕΙΟΥ\*1912.** Used only for 20 days (19<sup>th</sup> May - 9<sup>th</sup> June).

06.09.1912

Franked with a 40 c. Italian stamp (type Michetti)

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1905-1913)  
Letter 15c.  
Registration 25c.

Arrival mark on reverse in Milan on 29.9.1912.

Registration 2-line rubber marking

R: **POSTE ITALIANE / SIMI (Egeo)** on label n° 275.



cds **POSTE ITALIANE SIMI (Egeo) 6.SET.1912**, rubber pmk type of Period I.

## 12. SYMI

27%

29.04.1913



Arrival in Malta on  
12.5.1913  
via Syracuse.

Franked with a  
5c (type Leoni) and a  
40c. (sale price 35c.)  
overprinted **Simi**  
stamp (type Michetti).

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1913-1915):  
Letter 15c.,  
Registration 25c.

Registration 2-line  
rubber marking  
**R: POSTE ITALIANE /**  
**SIMI (Egeo)** on label n° 33.



cds **POSTE ITALIANE\*SYMI (EGEO) 29.4.13**, 2<sup>nd</sup> pmk type of Period I.

17.09.1930

N. 234 di recapito - Rimesso al fattorino - ad ore \_\_\_\_\_

*Michalonia*

(Mod. 30 Teleg.)

UFFICIO TELEGRAFICO  
di  
*SIMI (EGEO)*

essere completate dal mittente.  
ora della consegna del telegram-

indicazioni, il destinatario perde il diritto a reclamare in caso di ritardo nella consegna.

19 ore  
Ricevente *ch*

ONE	PROVENIENZA	NUM.	PAROLE	DATA DELLA PRESENTAZIONE		VIA E INDICAZIONI EVENTUALI D'UFFICIO
				Giorno e mese	Ore e minuti	
	<i>Castello</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>40</i>

Telegram with 29 words originated from Castelrosso (Castellorizo) a small island of Dodecanese  
with arrival cds **SIMI (EGEO) - (70 -36) 17.9.30**.

This postmark type with the code number existed only in Symi in 1920s.  
and registration 1-line marking **SYMI (EGEO)**

**Rate:** (Period 1930-1942) for one word was about 40c. total paid 11.6 L.



## 12. SYMI

33%

05.09.1940



Arrival mark on reverse in Milan on 20.9.1940.

Franked with a horizontal pair of 50c. stamps (type Pittorica)

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 1940-9.9.1943)  
Letter 50c., Air mail 50c.

The air mail label is bilingual (French and Italian).



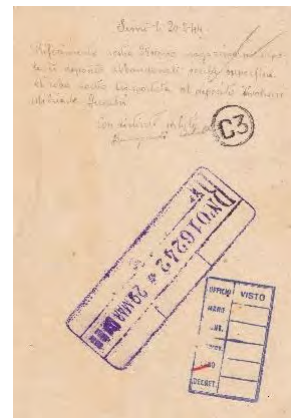
cds **SIMI \* (EGEO) -5.9.40**, 3<sup>rd</sup> pmk type of Period II.

23.02.1944

38%



Cancelled with the negative cds **SIMI - EGEO 23.2.1944**,



Postal card with a printed stamp of 30c.

**Correct domestic rate:**  
(Period 1943-1945):  
Postcards 30c.  
(Within the district).

The card was censored in Rhodes by the German P.O.

After the bombardment of the P. O. on 12.10.1943 all previous postmarks were lost so a negative postmark was made urgently in Rhodes.

The postmark was used after the Armistice between Italy and the Allies on 1943, (Italian-German occupation, Period III).

### 13. COS

One of the largest islands of Dodecanese, lies between Calymnos (8 miles to the north) and Nisiros (13 miles to the south). Population: 16.000 in 1912 and the main port, was also named Cos. The island was the birthplace of Hippocrates, the greatest physician of ancient Greece. Cos was the **last** occupied island on May 20, 1912 with the help of *battle-ship* "R.N. NAPOLI".

A 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Lieutenant was appointed to handle the postal service which began operating immediately. Thus, unlike other smaller islands, an Italian P.O. office began to function in Cos immediately after the occupation, without an interim municipal postal service. A civilian Postmaster took charge of the P.O. on June 10, 1912. Until 1943 six postmark types existed.

12.06.1912

35%



Arrived in Smyrna on 22.06.1912 by the Austrian P.O.

Franked with a horizontal pair of 25 c. Italian stamps (Type Michetti).

**International rate:**  
(Period 1907 – 1921)  
Letter 25c.,  
Registration 25c.

Registration 2-line rubber marking (1<sup>st</sup> type)  
**R: POSTE ITALIANE**  
**KOS (Egeo)** on label n°9.

cds **POSTE ITALIANE KOS (Egeo) 12 GIU. 1912**, rubber pmk 1<sup>st</sup> type of Period I.

28.03.1913



33%

Arrived in Naples cancelled with a register postmark stamp on 3.4.1913

Franked with a 5c. (type Leoni), 25c. and 50c. overprinted Cos stamps (type Michetti)  
(Sale price respectively 20 and 40c.)

**Domestic rate:** (period 1913-1915)  
Letter 15c., Registration 25c.  
Express 25c. (In the beginning ordinary stamps were used).

Registration 1-line marking **R. N° 373**.  
The letter was sent as an express.



cds **KOS\*(EGEO) 28.3.13**, 2<sup>nd</sup> pmk type of Period I.

# 13. COS

29.12.1925



Postal Money Order of 771,80 Lire.

**Domestic rate:**

(Period 1.5.1924 – 30.6.1940)  
 For 200L was 2L and each 100L 50c.)  
 So it is franked with special M.O.  
 Italian stamps (Vaglia) of 2L + 3L.

Cds **KOS\*29.12.25\*(EGEO)**,  
 and the code number of Cos (**70/37**).  
 Arrived in Milan on 12.1.1926.

The **LECCE** mark indicates that  
 Cos main P.O. had  
 come under this province of Italy.



29.10.1921

39%



Arrival in Seattle Washington  
 U.S. on 26.11.1921  
 via Chicago 22.11.1921.

Franked with a  
 20c. (type Michetti)  
 and a 1L. (type Floreale)  
 Italian stamps.

**International rate:**  
 (Period 1921-1922)  
 Letter 60c., Registration 60c.

cds **R.POSTE ITALIANE KOS (EGEO) 29.10.21**, 3<sup>rd</sup> pmk type of period I.  
 Registration 2-line marking (second type) **R: POSTE ITALIANE / KOS (EGEO)** on label n° 87.

13. COS

18.07.1927

30%



Arrived in Genova on 29.7.1927 via Roma.

The envelope bears the seal of the national fascist party of Cos **PARTITO NASIONALE FASCISTA FASCIO DI COO** on the back side and was sent by a highly confidential person.

Franked with one 1,<sup>25</sup>L. Italian express stamp, one 1,<sup>25</sup>L. (Type Floreale) and one 60 c. (Type Michetti).

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 21.6.1927-10.2.1933)  
Letter 60c, Registration 1.25L and Express mail 1.25L.

cds **COO\*UFFICIO POSTALE TELEGRAFICO 18.7.27**, telegram pmk of Period II (cancelled also ordinary mails) and register 1-line marking (3<sup>rd</sup> type) **R: COO** on label n° 107.



35%

09.01.1939

Arrival in Milano on 13.1.1936.

Franked with a 1,<sup>25</sup>L. (Type Pittorica) and a 50 c. Italian stamp (Type Imperiale).

**Domestic rate:**  
(1933 -1940)  
Letter 50c,  
Registration 1,25L.

Registration 1-line marking (4<sup>th</sup> type)

**R: COO (EGEO)**  
on label n° 3231.

Cover was send by Royal Customs of Cos **R.DOGANA di COO (Egeo)**.



cds **COO \* (EGEO) -9.1.36XIVI**, 4<sup>th</sup> pmk type of Period II.

### 13.1 COS Villages

**Antimachia (Antimakia)** 15 miles west of Cos-Town in the center of the island. Population 1.800 in 1912

The P.O. opened on March 7, 1914 and was operated by the commander of the local Carabinieri station.  
Two postmark types existed until 1943.

30.05.1915



cds RR. POSTE ITALIANE \*ANTIMAKIA (KOS EGEO) 30.5.15, 1<sup>st</sup> pmk type of Period I.  
Registration 2-line marking R: ANTIMAKIA / ISOLA DI COS on label n° 301

31%



Arrived in USA (Philadelphia) on 11.06.1915 via Rhodes 03.06.1915.

The cover is sealed with censorship tape and a manuscript n° 5 of the censors.

Two 25c. overprinted with Cos Italian stamps.

**International rate:**  
(Period 1.10.1907-1921):  
Letter 25 c., Registration 25 c.



**Cardamena** little port on the southern coast, 3<sup>1/2</sup> miles south of Antimachia.  
Population:1.300 in 1912

The postal station opened in 1914 and was run by Guardia di Finanza (tax office).  
Only one postmark existed after 1930

14.01.1943



Entire postage free municipal document from Cardamena to Rhodes

Cancelled also with the official mark  
**MUNICIPIO DI CARDAMENA (Coo).**

cds CARDAMENA\*(EGEO) 14.1.43XVII, pmk type of Period II.

## 13.1 COS Villages

**Pili** an important up-hill village in the center of the island, 9 miles west of Cos-Town. Population 1900

*P.O. opened in the 1930s and only one postmark type existed.*

12.10.1934

PPC to Hamburg (Germany).  
Franked with the 5 c., 20 c.,  
and 50 c.  
stamps (type Pittorica).

### International rate:

(Period 1.1.1926-31.3.1935)

Post Card 75 cent.

Cds

**PILI – COO \* (EGEO) 12.10.34 XI.**

### Unique

*known up to today postal item.*



**Cefalo** 10 miles west of Antimachia.  
Population: 1.400 in 1912

*The station operated from 1914 until 1945 and was run by the Carabinieri using only one type of postmark after 1930.*

26.07.1942



cds **COO\*(EGEO) 26.7.42**, pmk type of Period II.



50 cent "Pittorica" stamp  
Cancelled with a part of the  
cds **CEFALO-COO \* (EGEO)**.

### Correct domestic rate:

(Period 1933-1940) Letter 50c.

Entire postage free municipal document  
from Cefalo to Rhodes at 30.7.1942  
cancelled with the official marking  
**MUNICIPIO DI CEFALO \* COO-EGEO**.

**Masticari** on the north coast of the island, 7 miles N.E. of Cefalos. Population: 600 in 1912

*The P.O. opened after 1914.*

*It used only one postmark stamp  
which was in existence during the 1930s.*

Horizontal pair of 25c. stamps (type Pittorica).

Correct domestic rate: (Period 1933-1940) Letter 50c.

Part of the cds **MASTICARI COO\*EGEO 14.10.40XX**.



## 14. CASTELLORIZO

A very small island, situated 2 miles off the coast of Asia Minor, some 70 miles off Rhodes. Despite its tiny size, this islet had a population of ca. 11.000 by 1900, nearly all residing in the only town, Megisti. Castellorizo was awarded to Italy at the Treaty of Sevres (10 August, 1920) and its formal transfer from French to Italian rule took place on March 1, 1921.

The local postal establishment became an Italian P.O. as from that day. Five types of postmarks existed.

15.03.1921



Franked with a two 2c. (type Floreal), 5c. and 10c. (type Leoni), 15c., 20c., 25c., 50c. (t. Michetti) overprinted **Rodi** temporary stamps until the sets of stamps for Castellorizo were issued.

**International rate**  
(Period 1921-1922):  
Letter 60., Registration 60c.

Arrival marks on reverse in Paris at 29.4.1921 via Torino 27.4.1921 and via Rhodes 9.4.1921.



28%

Cancelled with the **emergency temporary** postmark without date **CASTELLORIZO \*POSTALE ITALIANE** which was constructed for the opening of the P.O. Its use lasted for a few weeks (until May 1, 1921) since Rome delayed providing the office with postmarks. It looks like philatelic production but the letter is posted with the correct international rate.

The registration label is without marking because it had not yet been supplied.

(The inhabitants were excited and franked the letters with stamps of Rhodes. The temporary postmark is more common than its short life would suggest, although very scarce on legitimate commercial letters). (C).

2(?) .07.1922

34%



PPC from Castellorizo to Milan  
Franked with the 5c. overprinted **CASTELROSSO** Stamp (type Leoni).

**Domestic rate**  
(Period 1921-1922):  
Cart postal 5c. only address.



cds **POSTE ITALIANE\*CASTELLORIZZO (ISOLA) 2?.7.22**, metal pmk 1<sup>st</sup> type (Guller).

# 14. CASTELLORIZO

28.07.1927



Arrived in Peio (Trento) Italy on 5.8.1927 via Rhodes 29.7.1927.

Franked with a block of six Italian stamps (type Michetti) overprinted with a new rate **Cent 7<sup>1/2</sup>** on 85c., two of 30c (type St. Francis), one of 20c (Alessandro Volta) one of 60c (Vittorio Emanuele)

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 21.6.1927-11.2.1933)  
Letter 60c.,  
Registration 1.25 L.  
Correct rate total 1.85 L.

Registration 2-line marking  
**R: CASTELROSSO / EGEO**  
on label n° 89.

cds **POSTE ITALIANE CASTELROSSO \*EGEO 28.7.27**, pmk type of Period II.  
*This type of postmark exists only in Castellorosso.*

03.02.1932



Horizontal pair of 25c. (type Pittorica) and one 50c. air mail (Type Leoni) stamps.

**Domestic rate:**  
(Period 16.8.1927-1933)  
Letter 50c., Air mail 50c.  
Correct rate 1L.

Arrival mark on reverse in Lastra a Signa (Florence) on 12.2.1932

cds **CASTELROSSO (EGEO) \* POSTA AEREA -3.2.32**. The P.O. was supplemented with air mail pmk.