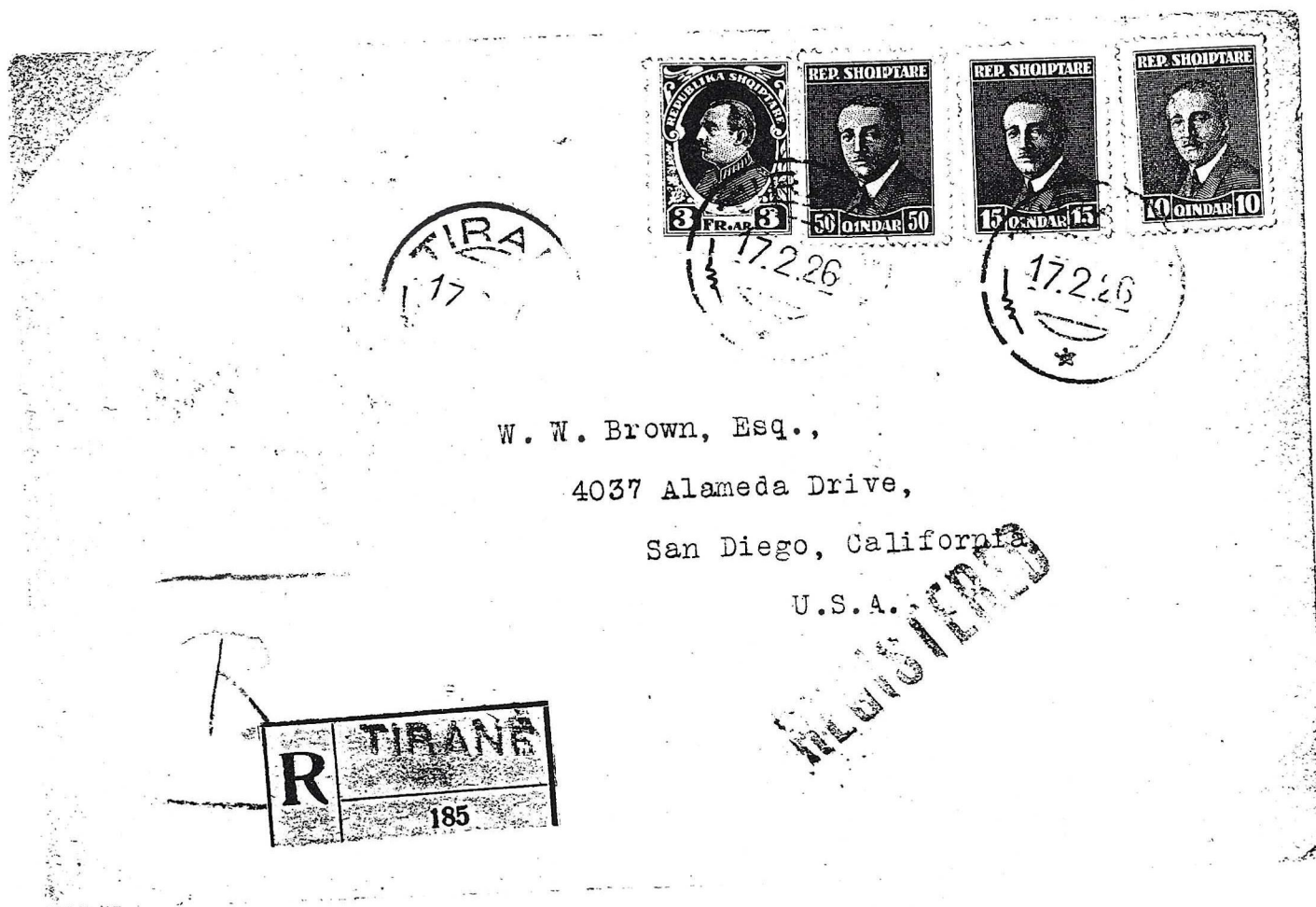


REPUBLIC

Tirane
17 February 1926



Registered cover to California franked with one 3 franga value and three lower denomination stamps.

Pazar/Shkoder
5 April 1927

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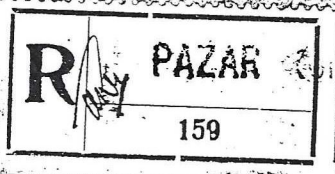


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To commemorate the second anniversary of the inauguration of President Zogu, the portrait series was overprinted with his initials, "A.Z." above a laurel wreath and placed on sale on 1 February 1927.

REPUBLIC

Tirane
9 May 1928

Valeur: Cinqante francs or. 50~

S.H.

Herr Major

N^o 789 -

g. 25.



Gustav Scheiger



Charge



50frs

Graz, I -

Ballhausgasse 3/IV.

Use of the 50 qindar and 1 franga values on a value declared (for 50 gold francs) insured letter to Austria.

REPUBLIC

Tirane
16 April 1927

Durres
28 January 1928

Valent: 150 frs. m.
Herrn *21/4*
55.-
Gustav Scheiger



ZEF ECKER
DURAZZO, (ALBANIA)

Valent declared for m. 150

Herrn

Oskar Grauer



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Feiberstrasse 60

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Use of the 2 and 3 franga values on individual value declared (for 150 gold francs) insured letters to Austria.

KINGDOM

President Ahmed Zogu felt sufficiently in control of the political situation that when a new Constituent Assembly was elected on 25 August 1928, he had it proclaim Albania a Kingdom on 1 September 1928, with himself as the monarch, known as King Zog I. He was to rule for a little over 10 years until the Italian invasion in 1939.

Recommandé:

Shkoder
13 July 1929

Tirane
29 April 1929

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Deutsche Gesandtschaft,



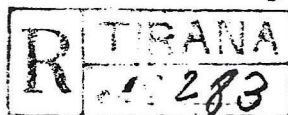
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Nr. _____

Monsieur

Moritz Grunberg

2 By Glockengasse



Glockengasse

Wien (Autriche)

As there were large quantities of the Paris stamps on hand, it was deemed prudent to overprint these "Kingdom of Albania" for regular use rather than spend the money for a new set. These are believed to have been issued in late November 1928, but the quantity overprinted is unrecorded. The above registered covers, one to the German Embassy in Tirana, are franked with some of the low values of the set.

KINGDOM

Durres
23 February 1930



Two copies of the 1 franga high value used on a value-declared (for 200 gold francs) insured letter sent to Bad Liebenwerda, Germany.

KINGDOM

Tirane
18 May 1930



Example of the 2 franga high value used on a parcel address card to Skopje, Jugoslavia. A very unusual usage.

KINGDOM

Tirane
31 May 1930

No. 266.
g. 82.
Valeur: 100 (cent) francs or.

S.H.

Herrn Major a.D.



Gustav von Scheiger

Austria.

Graz, I.

Chargé.

Ballhausgasse 3/III.

Example of the 3 franga high value used on a value-declared (for 100 gold francs) insured letter to Austria.

KINGDOM

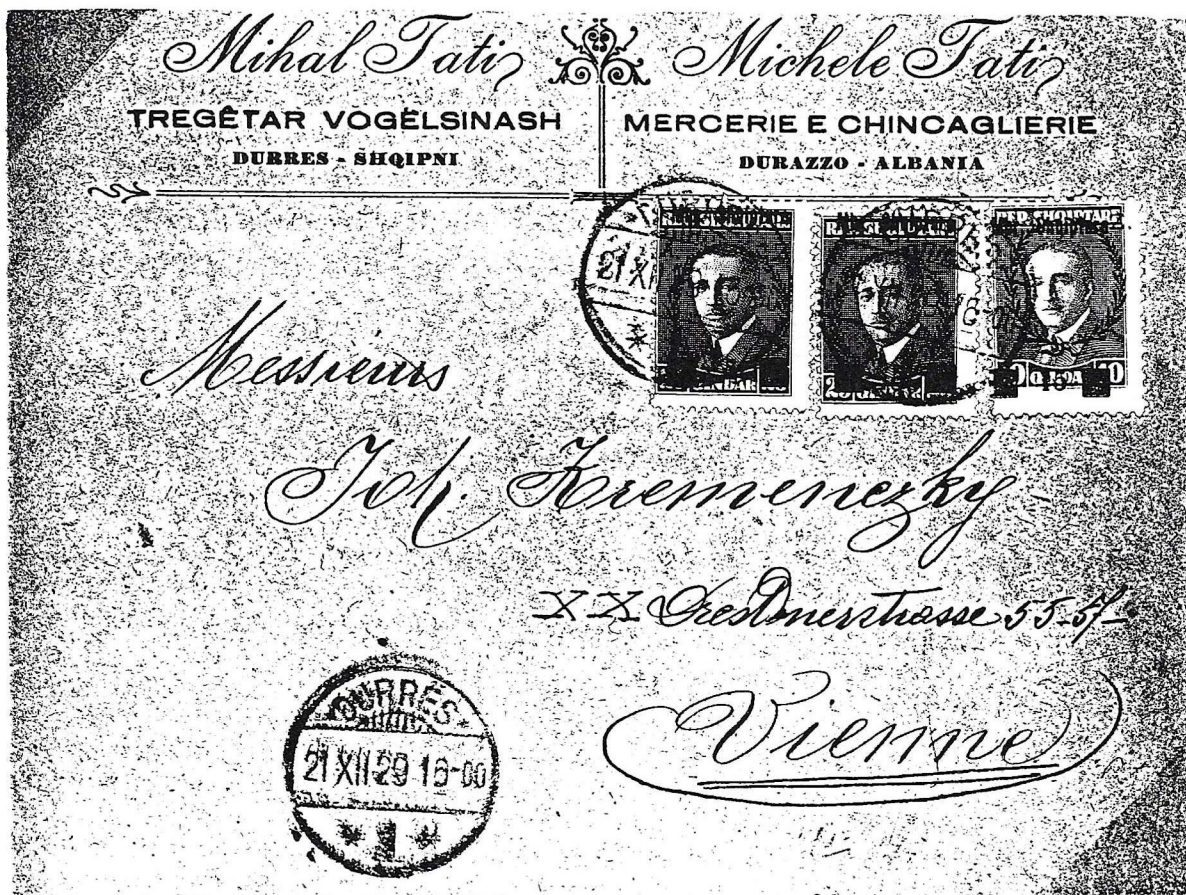
Tirane
1 December 1929



Small quantities of the earlier airmails remained in the post office stocks, so it was decided to overprint them "Kingdom of Albania" in the same manner as the regular issue. Approximately 1,000 sets so overprinted were issued on 1 December 1929, and they are shown used here on a first day cover flown to Vione. These stamps are very elusive on cover.

KINGDOM

Durres
21 December 1929



In due course, supplies of some of the values ran short. Thus, in 1929 the earlier President Zogu commemoratives were further overprinted "Albanian Kingdom" and surcharged with new denominations.

KINGDOM

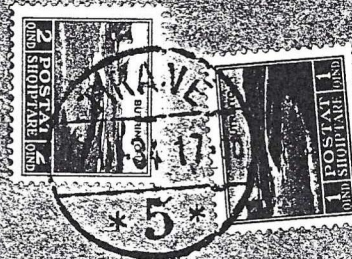
Tirane
27 March 1934

Ishem
9 January 1931



ROYAUME D'ALBANIE

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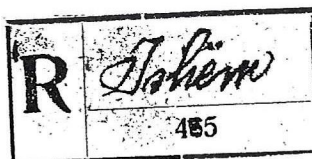
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Alland II



Austria



On 1 September 1930 an attractive new pictorial set produced at the state printing works in Rome was issued. Shown here are some of the low values: the 1 and 2 qind. paying the printed matter rate to Germany and 5 and 10 qind. stamps (plus others on the reverse) franking a registered letter to Austria.

KINGDOM

Shkoder
13 December 1936

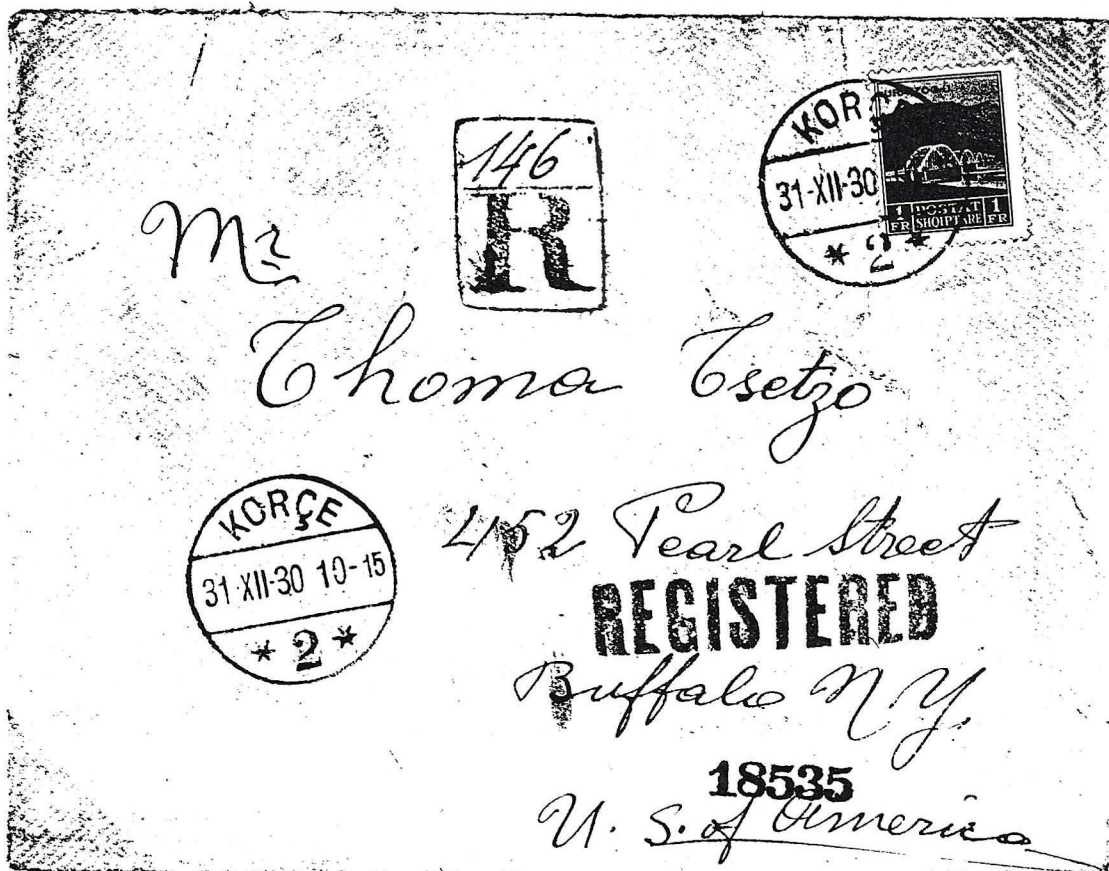
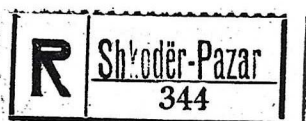
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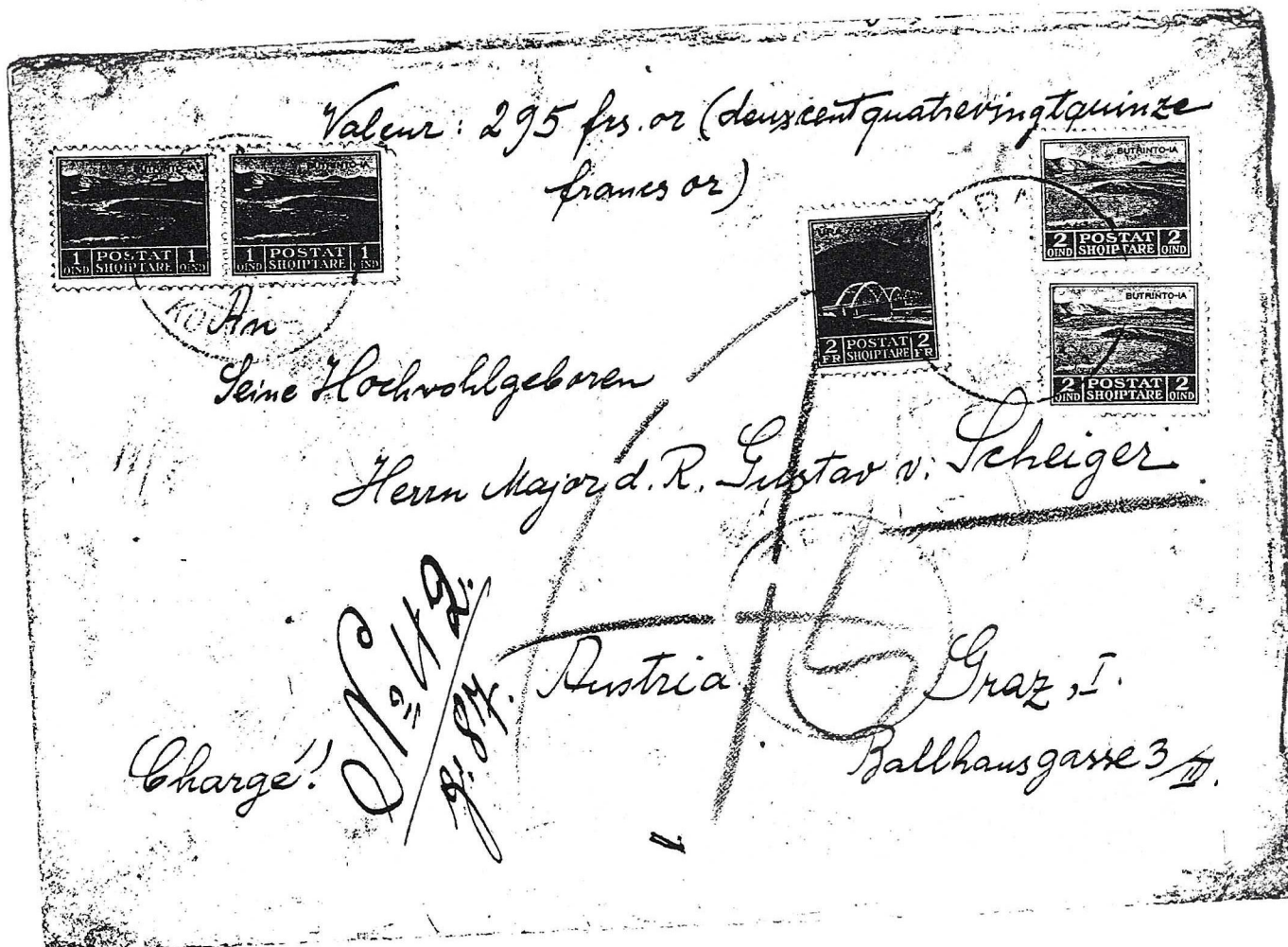
B i e l e f e l d
Germania



Examples of the 50 qind. and 1 franga values used on commercial registered covers to Germany and the U.S.

KINGDOM

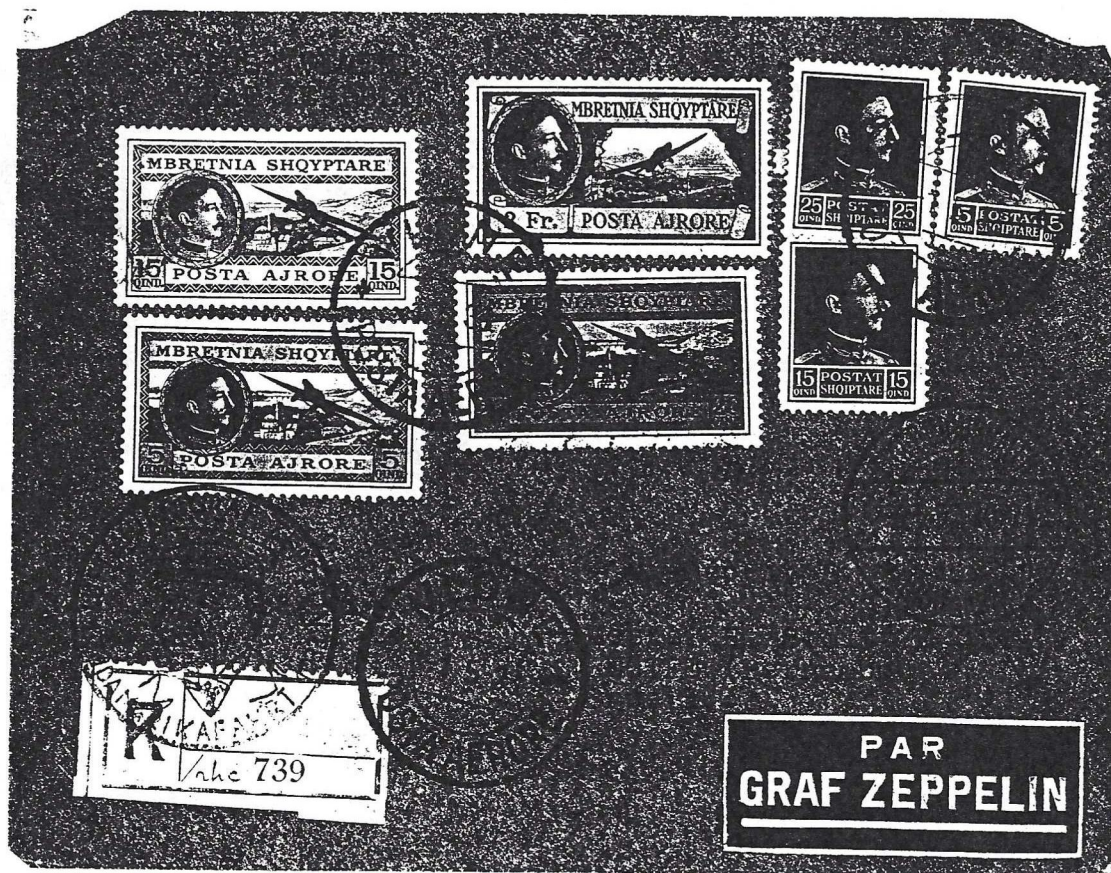
Tirane
12 October 1931



The 2 franga value (plus other denominations, including 45 qind. on the reverse) used to send a value-declared insured letter to Graz.

KINGDOM

Vlone
1 May 1933



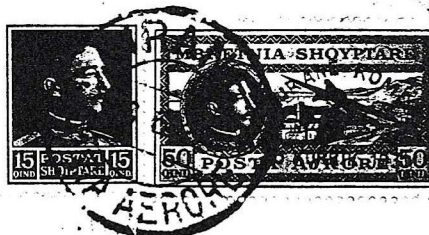
Pictorial airmail stamps were issued 8 October 1930. This cover with four of the airmails plus other stamps went via Milan (3 May) and Friedrichshafen (6 May) and was flown to Brazil on the first South American Flight of the Graf Zeppelin, arriving in Pernambuco on 9 May.

KINGDOM

Tirane
18 June 1932
6 August 1931

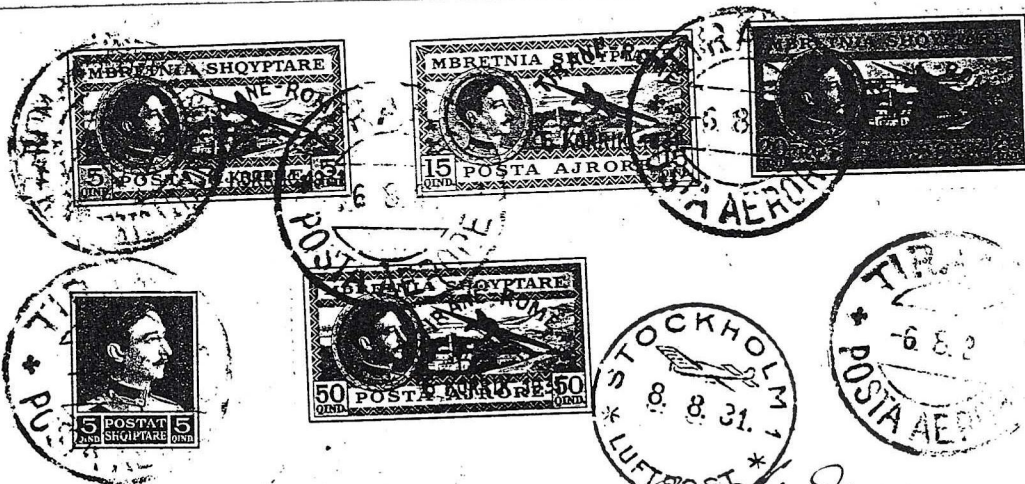


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Tirana - Roma - Torino*



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M. J. Lindman

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The following year, the airmail stamps were overprinted for the first flight from Tirana to Rome on 6 August 1931. The lower cover was flown on this flight and subsequently forwarded via Berlin and Stockholm to the addressee in a small town in Sweden.

KINGDOM

Shkoder
28 December 1934



As the final act in the time period being studied, a set of overprints commemorating the tenth anniversary of the restoration of legitimate government was issued. Fewer than 3,000 sets were printed, and commercial usage is never seen. Thus, this registered cover front to Yugoslavia comes as close to legitimate usage as can be found.