

LEROS
Unoverprinted Italian Postage
Special Overprints

Poste Italiane/Leros (Egeo)
8 August 1912
7 January 1913



Mouley

Antoine S. Lamy
Entrepreneur

Kipco

Arriver 4/8

Alexandrie
Egypte

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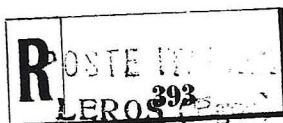


Raccomandata

Igr.



P. H. H. H.



Ulm a/D

Germania

The rubber cds arrived and was placed in service from the end of June 1912 to March 1913. Blue ink was used until early September and purple thereafter. Examples shown are a cover to Egypt and a registered one to Germany, the latter being franked with the special overprints issued on 1 December 1912.

LEROS
Special Overprints

Poste Italiane/Leros (Egeo)
12 September 1914
21 January 1916

Monsieur



Antoine Antonellos

Direttore

M. Antonellos

Antoine Antonellos

Affaire

Spedisce il Sig. Domenico Moramarco



La LEROS



All' Egregio Sig.
Vincenzo Moramarco
fu Giovanni Fosdente
(Bari) Altamura

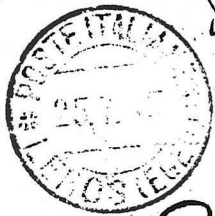
The usual steel cancel was introduced in March 1913 and remained in use in its original form until 1925.

LEROS
Military Mail

Poste Italiane/Leros (Egeo)
25 July 1915

RR. Poste Italiane/Leros (Egeo)
10 December 1916

R. R. POSTE ITALIANE
LEROS
(EGEO)



Spedisci il Sig. D. Moramarco

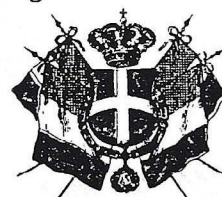
da LEROS (EGEO)

Al Signor
Vincenzo Moramarco
Lu. Giovanni (Esistente)
(Bari) Altamura

Cartolina italiana in franchigia



COMANDO
DEL PRESIDIO MILITARE
LERO (Egeo)



Indirizzo del mittente da riprodurre nelle risposte

Cognome *Moramarco*

Nome *Vincenzo*

Grado *Capitano*

Reggimento *1° Reggimento*

Arma *Artiglieria*

Compagnia *1° Compagnia*

Squadroni *1° Squadroni*

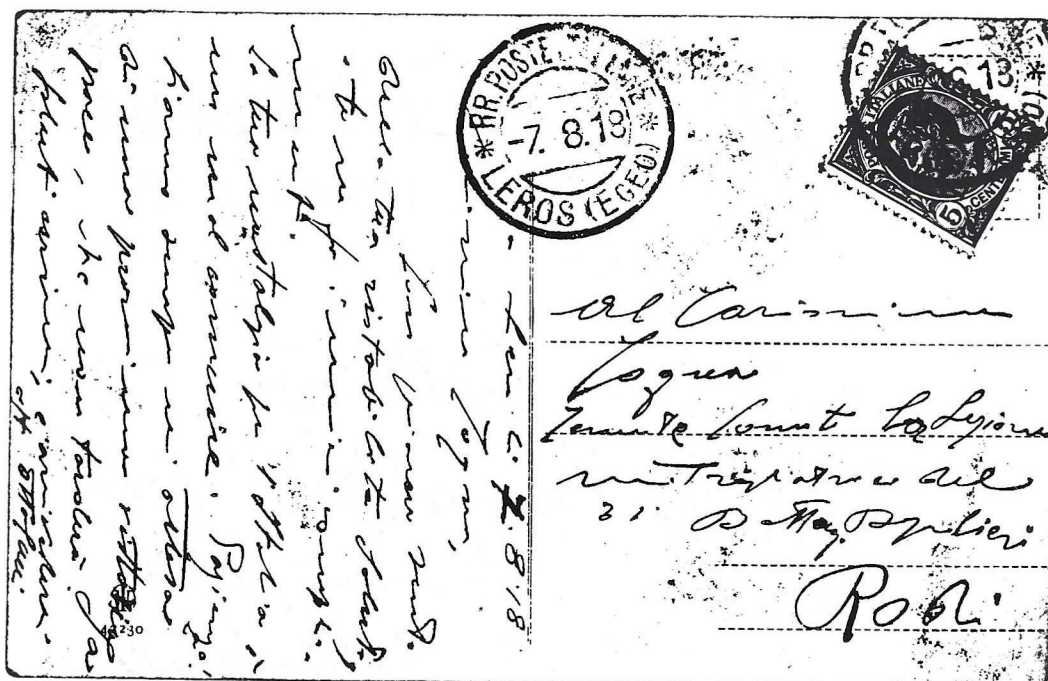
Batteria *1° Batteria*

Riparti speciali *1° Riparti speciali*

Al Signor Moramarco
Lu. Giovanni
Altamura
(Bari)

Military mail could be sent free of postage in the World War I period if it was marked with the validating cachet of a military unit. These are from the "Headquarters of the Military Presidio of Leros."

RR. Poste Italiane/Leros (Egeo)
7 August 1918
31 August 1922

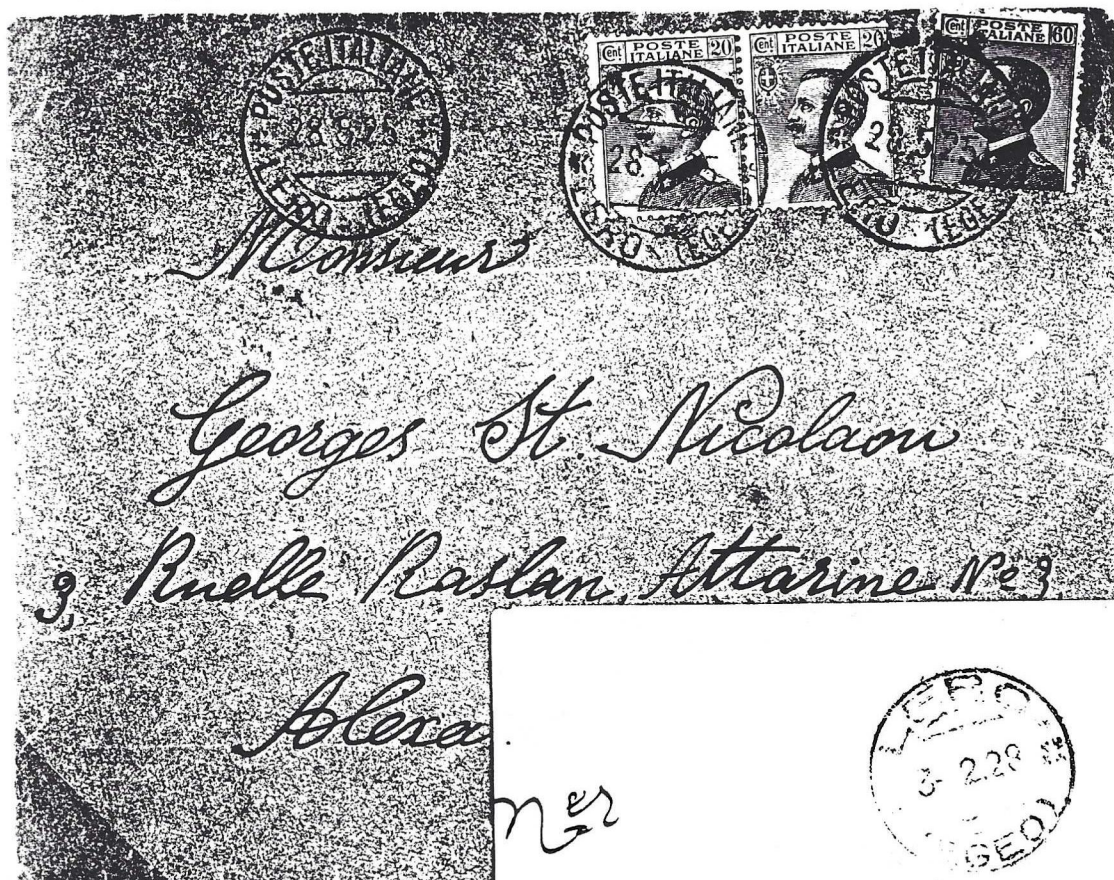


A second type of steel cds with "RR. (Royal)" added was issued in 1914 or 1915. It was used in its original form until 1925, when the authorities decided that the Italian name of the island should be Lero without an "s."

LEROS
Unoverprinted Italian Stamps

Poste Italiane/Lero (Egeo)
28 May 1925

Lero/(Egeo)
3 February 1928



Adina S. Nicolaou
Attarin No 3

Alexandria
Egypte

In 1925, there was a campaign to Italianize the names of the islands. In some cases, this meant merely dropping the "s" at the end. In others, the changes were more significant. For Leros, the former adjustment was deemed sufficient, so the "s" was excised from the postmarks -- sometimes not completely. Subsequently, a new cancel was provided (ERD shown above) and used until the end of the Italian period.

LEROS
Airport Branch Office

RR. Poste/R. Aeroporto/Lero
24 March 1928
November 1930

185^a Squadriglia Idrovolanti da Bombardamento



*Deposito a
Lero 24-3-28*

*Famiglio
Abenauto
Largo Petrus alla
Sollute 5
Napoli*

052871 Riprod. vietata

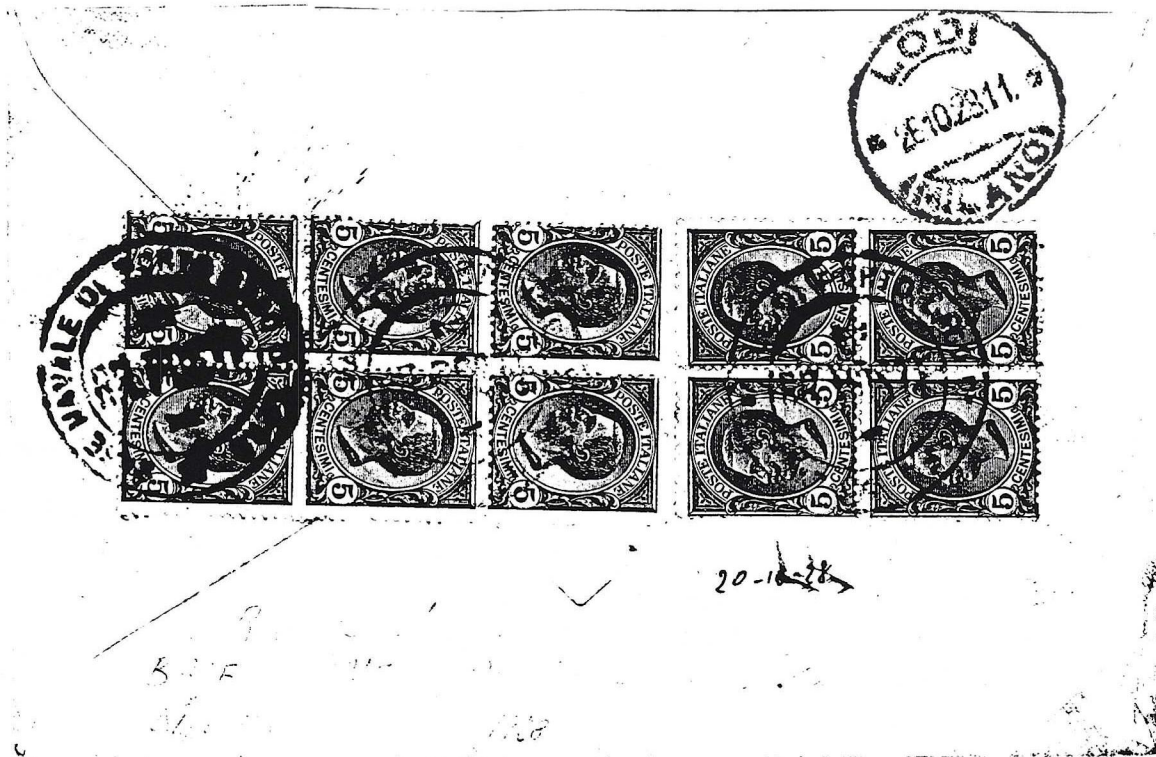
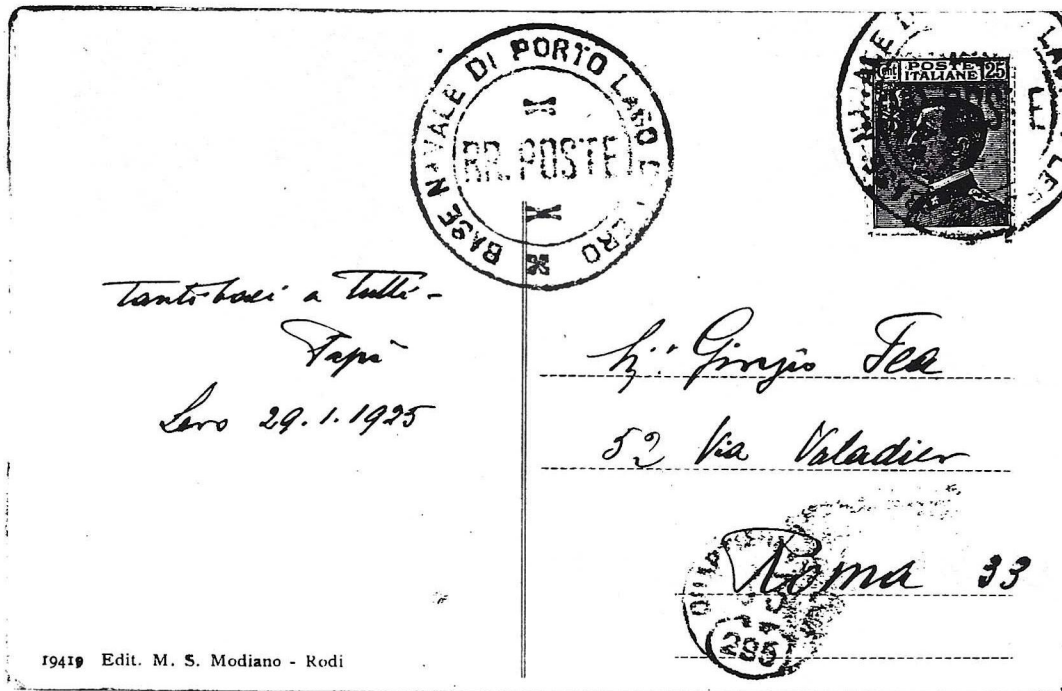
*Martini & C. s.p.a.
Martinielli & C. s.p.a.*



Although the oval handstamp of the Royal Post serving the airport was intended to serve as a franchise marking for members of the air force, it was also used by convenience to cancel stamps on the mail of civilian airport workers and travelers from the 1920s until about 1932. Very unusual thus.

LEROS
Naval Base Branch Office

Base Navale di Porto Lago di Lero
29 January 1925
20 October 1928



This marking inscribed "Naval Base of Porto Lago of Lero" with "Royal Posts" in the center was used as a cancel on mail between 1925 and 1931. Examples shown here on a picture postcard to Rome and on cover to Lodi.

LEROS
Naval Base Branch Office

Base Navale/Porto Lago
9 January 1932
3 February 1932

Manoscritti aperti -

Manoscritti aperti



Scuola Reale per

Corrispondenza

Via Arno n. 44

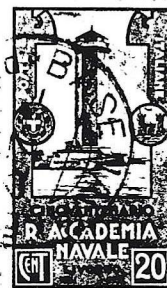
1932

Esclusiva della Casa Belforte - Livorno

Signor Avvocato

Gioacchino Saraceni

Via Crescenzo 103



R. ACCADEMIA NAVALE - LIVORNO

*I cutters degli allievi nel porticciolo
di S. Leopoldo.*

R O M A

Fot. Miniati - Riproduzione vietata

The first standard cancel for the "Naval Base/Porto Lago" was introduced in 1932 but used only until the opening of the civil post office a few months later.

LEROS
Naval Base Branch Office

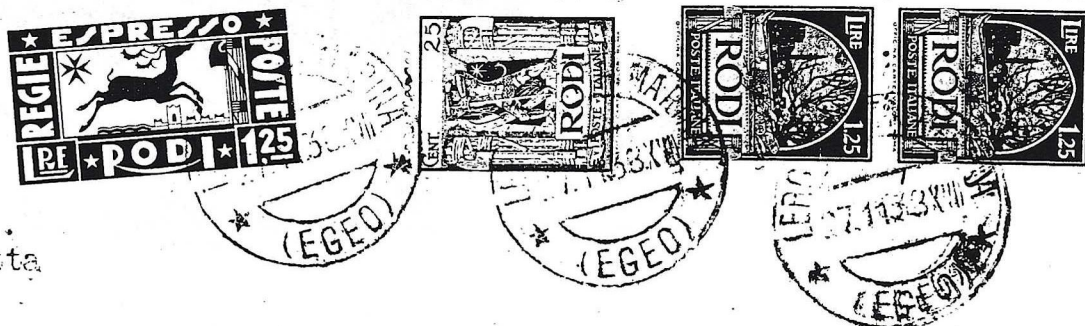
Lero Porto Lago /(Egeo)
30 June 1936
23 June 1933



The civil post office at Porto Lago was opened in late 1932. It had both a standard postmark (upper cover) and ones for special services (as on lower cover for registered and insured mail). These remained in use into the 1940s.

LEROS
Santa Marina Branch Office

Lero Santa Marina/(Egeo)
27 November 1938
19 October 1940



Spett. Ditta

Ing. GUSTAVO DUFOR & FIGLI



Preg.mo Signor

Dott. CASTIS Parisi

"ISTITUTO CARL

Monteverde-Nuovo

VERIFICATO PER CENSURA

ROMA

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Santa Marina was the name the Italians gave to the residential town that grew up around Alinda Bay. The post office at Santa Marina opened in early 1934. It had both a standard postmark (upper cover) and ones for special services (as on lower cover airmail). These remained in use into the 1940s.

LEROS
 Santa Marina Branch Office
 Aegean Islands Overprinted Commemoratives

Posta Aerea Lero Santa Marina/(Egeo)
 29 August 1938



The use of Aegean Islands general issue commemoratives from anywhere but Rhodes is unusual. To be used from a branch office on Leros is even more so, even if philatelically prepared.

LEROS
Semaphore Station Branch Office

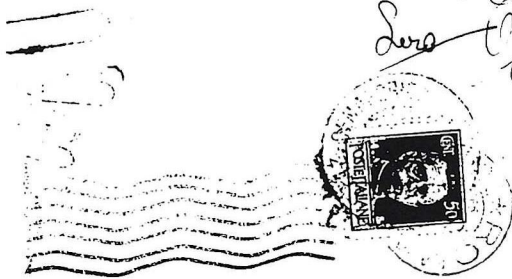
R. Staz. Semaforico Leros (Egeo)
16 March 1931

Iskuto Sande Rimite per.

Corrispondenza.

Iskuto Via Aero. P.H.
Roma

Sped. S.C. Borrelli Sorune
Base Aerea a
Castellazzo
Lero Egeo



This cover (franked with a 50 cent. stamp on reverse) has a cancel of the "Royal Semaphore Station Leros" not previously recorded in the literature.

LEROS
Military Mail

Sommergibili
12 November 1939
8 October 1940



STAZIONE SOMMERGIBILI
LERO



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VIA Tevere 44

RAMA

Covers from the Submarine Station on Leros. Note unusual use of 5th Submarine Group cds on the lower cover. It was received at fieldpost office 550 on Rhodes two days later.

LIPSO

The smallest of the Dodecanese, Lipso was only 7 square miles in area and had a population of 560 in 1912. It was located about 7 miles north of Leros and about the same distance east of Patmos. There was no Turkish garrison, and the island was taken over by the Italians when the destroyer *Nembo* arrived on 12 May 1912. The Greek inhabitants were largely illiterate so little mail originated on Lipso other than that generated by philatelists.

Poste Italiane/Lipso (Egeo)
17 February 1913



The first postmark was the usual rubber cds, which was in use from 2 August 1912 until March 1913.

LIPSO
Special Overprints

Poste Italiane/Lipso (Egeo)
28 November 1921

RACCOMANDATA



10² Arturo F. Letti

MARANELLO
(Modena)

The steel cds for Lipso was used from March 1913 until the late 1920s.

LIPSO
Military Mail

Poste Italiane/Lipso (Egeo)
15 March 1916
4 December 1916

Comando Stazione Carab. RR. di Lipso

Sp. v. v. al bollo

Italia



Mamma

Cartolina postale italiana in franchigia

Corrispondenza del R. Eser.

Indirizzo del mittente da riprodurre nelle risposte

Cognome

Colli Attilio

Nome

Maceriallo Maggiore

Grado

Reggimento

Carabinieri Reali

Arma

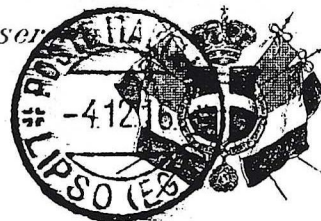
Compagnia

Squadron

Batteria

Riparti speciali

LIPSO-EGEO



*All' Ill. mo Signore
Dottor Giovanni Ortolani
Medico Chirurgo*

Sudo
(Prov. di Ravenna)

Military cover and fieldpost card with unit cachets of the "Headquarters Station of the Royal Carabinieri of Lipso" and the "Military Presidio Headquarters of Lipso."