

RODI
Psithos Branch Office

RR. Poste Italiane/Psithos (Rodi Egeo)
14 January 1917

CORPO D'OCCUPAZIONE
DELL'Egeo



Saluto e auguri



*Allo C/ra
Dott. Bianca Ando
Via Baffano Crono 8
Milano*

*Miss Mante.
Hochschule
Cognitoren 84. Jan
D. 11. 1917*



*Signorina
Sign. Maria Graf: Gaba
Via Riquersanti 17
Napoli*

The Psithos branch office opened in 1914 and its postmark was used in this form until the 1920s.

RODI
Salakos Branch Office

RR. Poste Italiane/Salakos (Rodi Egeo)
3 May 1922

Salaco
8 May 1942



Spett.le Ditta
Dante Crivine
Via Borgo degli Arbizi 11
Firenze



Salakos was located 20 miles SW of Rhodes Town near Monte Profeto. Its branch post office was opened in the 1914 and operated until the end of the Italian period. Its first postmark was used until the early 1920s when the final "s" was removed. An Italianized version spelled "Salaco" came into use in the 1930s. Tchilinghirian states that commercial covers "must be rated rare."

RODI
Terme di Calitea Branch Office
Trianda Branch Office

Terme di Calitea/Rodi (Egeo)
29 November 1937

RR. Poste Italiane/Trianda (Rodi Egeo)
13 January 1941



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COMUNE



SAN VITO DEI NORMANNI

"Terme di Calitea" translates to "Baths of Calitea" which relates to a spa built by the Italians on the southern coast and opened in 1930; only a single postmark is reported. The Trianda branch was located 5 miles SW of Rhodes town and opened in 1914. Only one postmark was used, and Tchilinghirian reports only a few philatelic covers seen. This example is on an unfranked official folded letter.

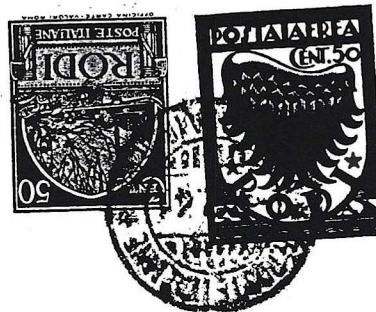
RODI
Villanova Branch Office

RR. Poste Italiane/Villanova (Rodi Egeo)
4 February 1941

Lipson
from Oliveri

Via Sessoriana 1

VERITÀ PER GENOVA Roma



This branch, located 9 miles SW of Rhodes Town, was opened in 1914 and operated throughout the Italian period. Only one postmark was used, and it is considered very elusive.

SCARPANTO

This island was sometimes known as Carpathos and is located about midway between Rhodes and Crete. Although it was the second largest of the Dodecanese with 118 square miles, it was underdeveloped. The population in 1912 was about 11,000 which was widely scattered about the island, with only about 500 inhabitants in the administrative center if Pigadia. Italian warships under Admiral Viale arrived on 12 May 1912 and took control of the island.

Poste Italiane Scarpantos, (Egeo)
1912



Poste Italiane/Scarpanto (Egeo)
4 August 1912

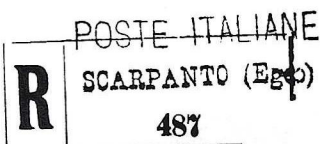


An undated postal marking inscribed "Scarpantos" was sent from Rhodes, but no examples of its use on actual mail have been recorded. However, it is possible to obtain cto examples on Italian stamps.

The standard rubber cds arrived in August 1912 and was used until March 1913. **The cover shown (the probable ERD) was sent to the extraordinary destination of Ethiopia.** Backstamped in transit at Alexandria and Port Taufiq, Egypt on 9 August and for arrival at Dire-Daoua on 20 August 1912.

SCARPANTO
"EGEO" Overprint
Special Overprints

Poste Italiane/Scarpanto (Egeo)
18 December 1912
26 January 1913



Ag. in is. Mussini

ΕΜΜΑΝΟΥΗΛ Η. ΜΑΤΣΑΚΗΣ — ΚΑΡΠΑΘΟΣ



1392



*Standard oil Company
Ottoman post office Box n° 282*

Smyrna

The "Egeo" overprints were valid in the outlying islands as well as unoverprinted Italian stamps. The special overprints for Scarpanto were placed on sale on 1 December 1912.

SCARPANTO
Special Overprints

Poste Italiane/Scarpanto (Egeo)
17 May 1913



*Sig. Antonio Scarpa
Messina*

The steel cds for Scarpanto was received in March 1913 and remained in use until the mid-1930s.

SCARPANTO
Military Mail

Poste Italiane/Scarpanto (Egeo)
15 March 1914
21 October 1915

Poste franchigia

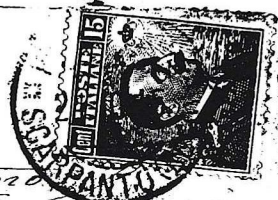


*St. Presidio
Signore Bucci Dott. Luigi
Via Forte Vecchia n. 3*



Ferrara

*Spedite il Presidio per P. R. R.
Di Comandante Scarpanto (Egeo)*



*St. Presidio
Signore
Bucci Dott. Luigi
Studio via Forte Vecchia n. 3*

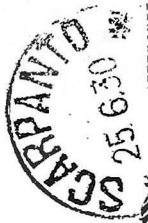


*Ferrara
(Città degli Ebrei)*

Covers with the cachets of "Headquarters of the Military Presidio/Scarpanto" and the "Lieutenancy Headquarters of Scarpanto." (It is unclear as to why the latter military cover was franked with a stamp during wartime.)

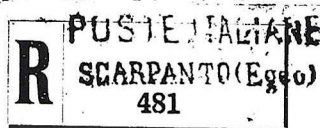
SCARPANTO
 Rodi Definitive
 Special Overprints on Commemoratives

Scarpanto/(Egeo)
 25 June 1930
 15 November 1930



*Mister
 Nicola Sofilon
 2660 San Baouno ave*

RACCOMANDATA



N. H.

Lott.



~~SPIGNO (Lanferrato)~~

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Varazzs

Only one postmark was used on Scarpanto from 1926 through the early 1940s. Examples shown here were used on a registered cover to California and a cover with the Francesco Ferrucci commemoratives overprinted for the island.

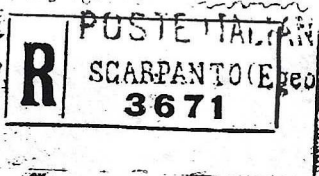
SCARPANTO
General Aegean Islands Commemoratives

Poste Italiane/Scarpanto (Egeo)
19 August 1932



American Consular Service

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Athens

Grecia

Italian stamps commemorating Dante Alighieri were overprinted for use in the Aegean and placed on sale in May 1932. Commercial usage of these stamps -- in this case from Scarpanto to the American Consulate in Athens -- is very unusual.

SCARPANTO
Special Overprints on Commemoratives

Poste Italiane/Scarpanto (Egeo)
6 November 1936



Late use of "Poste Italiane" postmark on picture postcard to Chicago. It is franked with two values of the Garibaldi commemorative stamps.

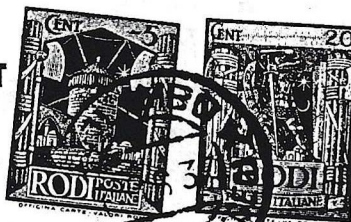
SCARPANTO
Messocorio Branch Office
Olimbo Branch Office

Messocorio/Isola di Scarpanto (Egeo)

Olimbo/(Scarpanto Egeo)
26 June 1937



CARTE POST



LE PULMOSENUM BAILLY

15, Rue de Rome

PARIS-VIII'

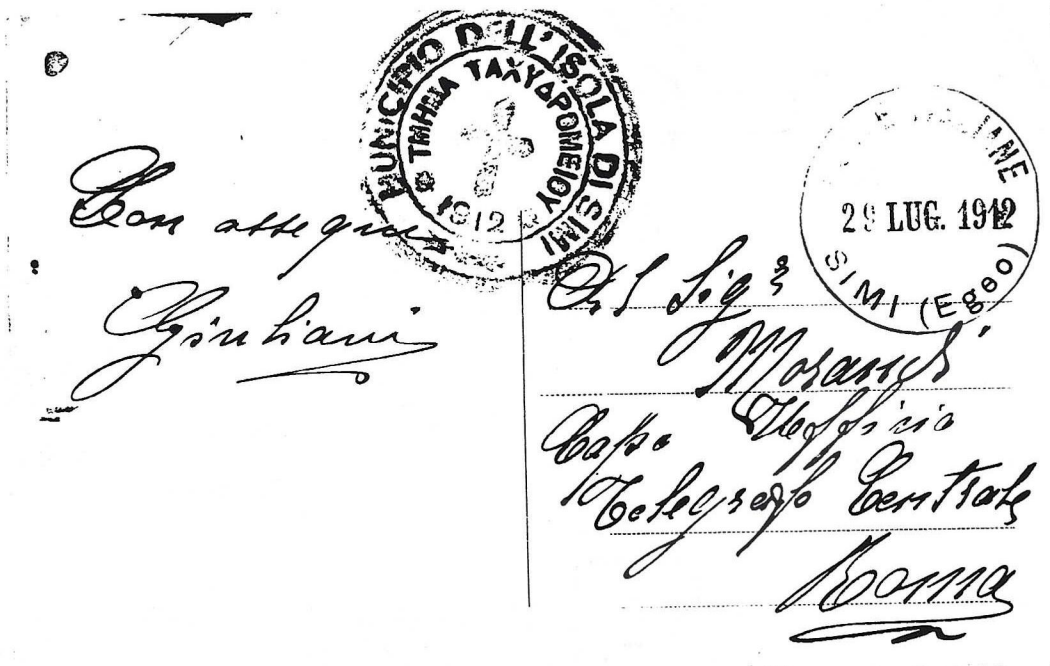
Examples of the postal markings are known from two branch offices on Scarpanto but only a small number of cancels on loose stamps per Tchilinghirian. Thus, the above cover from Olimbo is the only one recorded.

SIMI

This island is one of the smaller members of the group, consisting of 25 square miles in area. It is located about 15 miles north of Rhodes and had a population of about 23,000 in 1912. The Italian warship *Pegaso* arrived on 19 May 1912 and took possession of the island.

Municipio dell' Isola di Simi
1912

Poste Italiane/Simi (Egeo)
29 July 1912



An undated marking inscribed "Municipality of the Island of Simi" in Italian and "Post Office Division" in Greek was used in the last days of May 1912 and the first week or so of June to cancel mail. It is possible to obtain cto examples on Italian stamps and on covers.

The standard rubber cds arrived on 9 June 1912 and was used until March or April 1913.

SIMI
Unoverprinted Italian Stamps
Special Overprints

Poste Italiane/Simi (Egeo)
23 June 1912
28 December 1912



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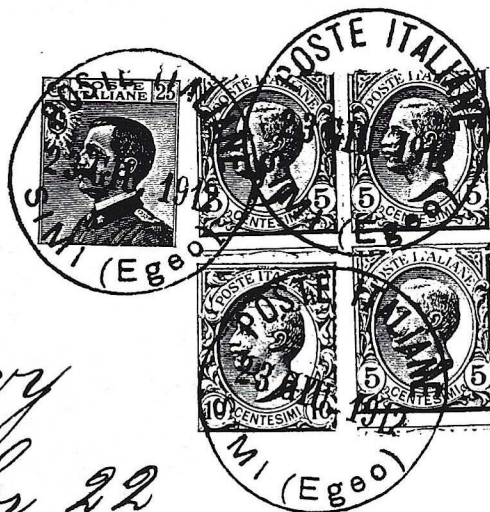
Monsieur

L. Levy

22. Rue Taylor 22



Paris



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Sig.ª Nelda Pensa R.

Via Tortona 11



(Italia)

MILANO



Unoverprinted Italian stamps were used at first, as shown on the upper registered cover to Paris. Officially, the "Simi" overprints were issued 1 December 1912. However, the lower cover is dated several days earlier, possibly by lack of diligence by the postal clerk during the holiday season. Backstamped for receipt in Milan on 11 January.

SIMI
Military Mail

Poste Italiane/Symi (Egeo)
24 December 1913



Picture postcard sent free of postage by a member of the Royal Carabinieri to Rhodes and forwarded to Cos. Note the use of both circular and oval unit cachets.



In the early 1920s when the special overprints for the individual islands were being phased out, covers with mixed franking of these with unoverprinted Italian stamps can be found. This example was sent to Ismailia, Egypt.