

AEGEAN ISLANDS
Dante Alighieri Airmails

Posta Aerea/Rodi (Egeo)
 26 May 1932
 18 November 1932



RODI (EGEO) N. H. Conte Mario Bachocchi del Turco
 Via dei Bardi 20
TRANSPORTATO PER VIA AEREA
TRANSPORTE PAR AVION



PER VIA AEREA
PAR AVION
 Via Brindisi Aero Espresso Ital.

Mod. 24 R.

PAR AVION
 Per via aerea

RODI (EGEO)
3945



Raccom.

Signor

S. B a y é r,
 Via Ajaccio, 14.

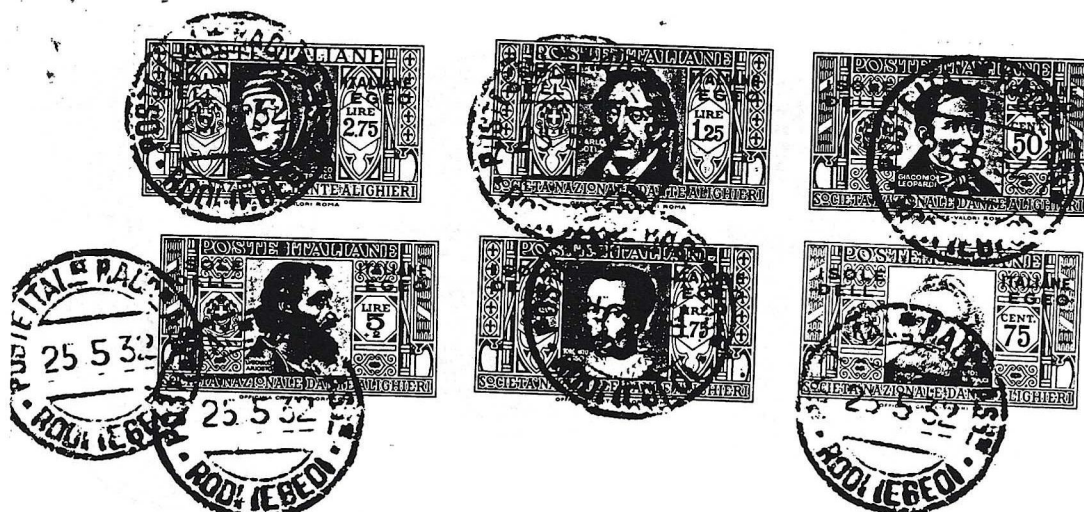
*Dire di all'Italia
 e r. Ave!
 M. M. M.*

TRANSPORTATO PER VIA AEREA R o m a (137)
TRANSPORTE PAR AVION

In addition to the commemoratives for regular postage, six denominations for airmail were overprinted and placed on sale on 1 May 1932. On 9 November 1932, the Lire 100 value was overprinted. These stamps had denominations far above what would normally be needed for postage, so that philatelic covers are what is available to collectors.

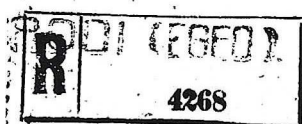
AEGEAN ISLANDS
Dante Alighieri Commemoratives

Poste Ital. Racc. e Ass./Rodi (Egeo)
25 May 1932

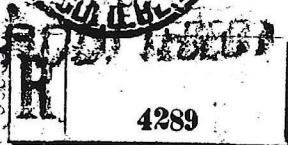
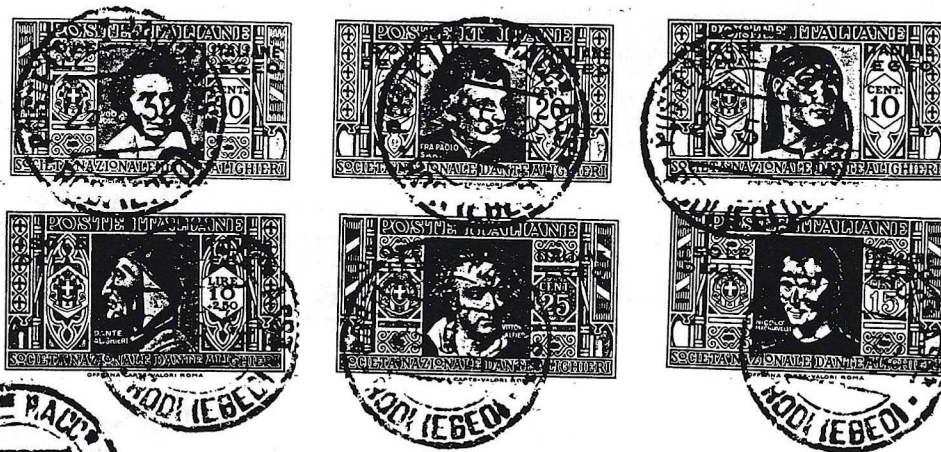


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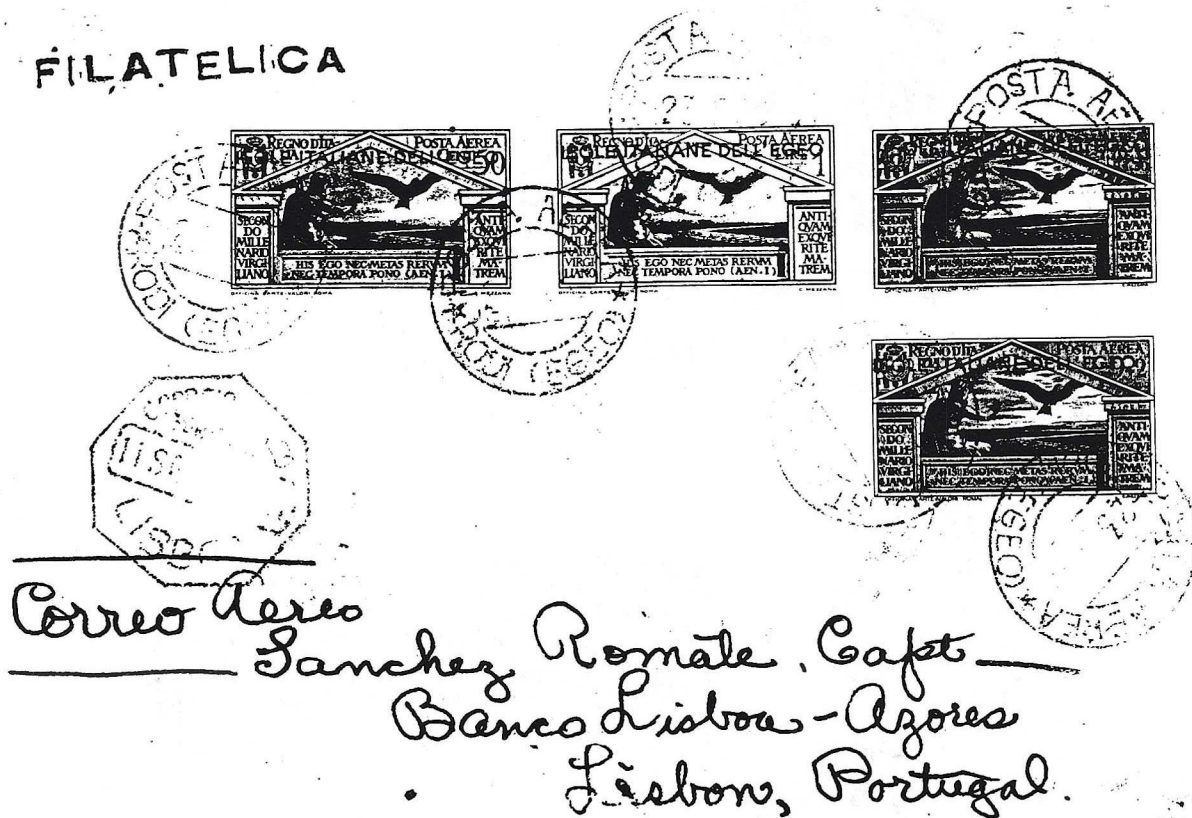
FIRENZE

On 1 May 1932, 12 values of the Italian commemoratives were issued with overprints for use in the Aegean Islands. They are shown here on two registered covers to Florence.

AEGEAN ISLANDS
Virgil Airmail Commemoratives

Posta Aerea/Rodi (Egeo)
 23 May 1933

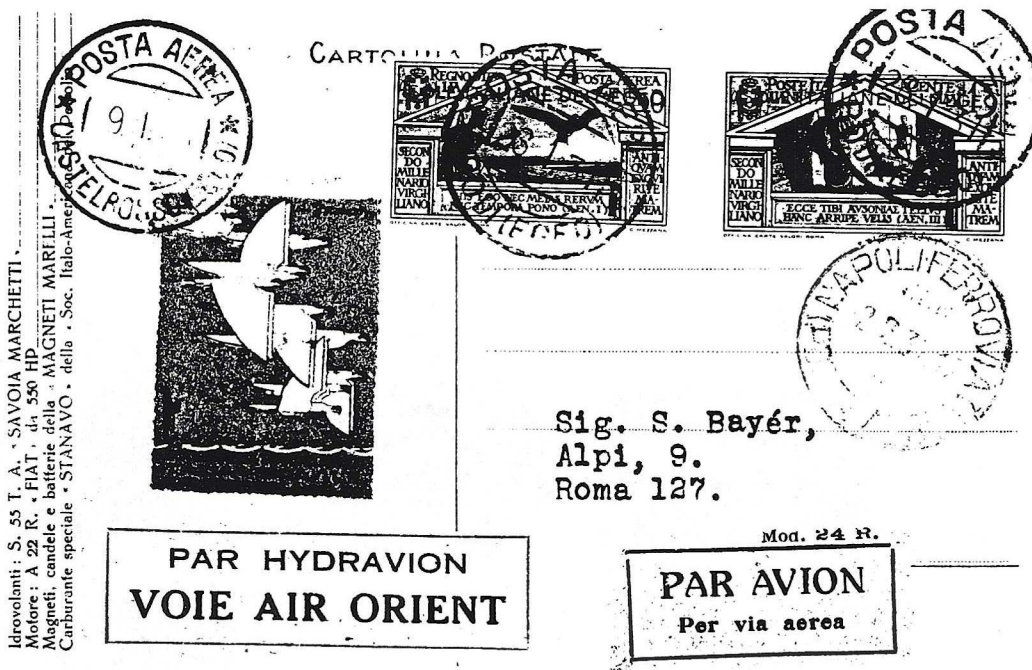
FILATELICA



Italian stamps commemorating the bimillenary of the birth of Virgil were overprinted for use in the Aegean and placed on sale on 1 December 1930. Four values were inscribed "airmail" and issued in a quantity of 20,000 sets.

AEGEAN ISLANDS
Virgil Commemoratives

Posta Aerea/Rodi (Egeo)
 28 January 1931



Italian stamps commemorating the bimillenary of the birth of Virgil were overprinted for use in the Aegean and placed on sale on 1 December 1930. Two of the regular issues were used on the above patriotic postcards to Rome.

AEGEAN ISLANDS
Eucharistic Congress Commemoratives

Rodi/(Egeo)
 17 September 1931

Poste Italiane/Rodi (Egeo)
 30 October 1931



Ilmo
Rev. Colonnello Gilberto de Marinis
dei Carabinieri Reali

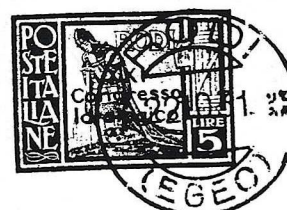
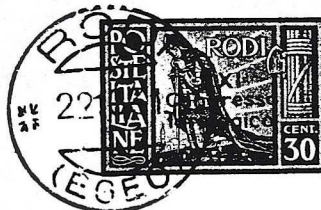
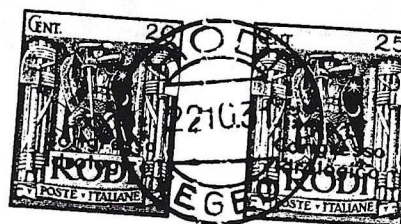
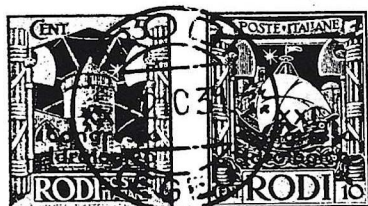


Via Cardinal de Luca
n° 22
ROMA

On 16 September 1931, another set of seven commemorative overprints was issued for the Aegean Islands to honor the Italian Eucharistic Congress held on Rhodes.

AEGEAN ISLANDS
Hydrological Congress Commemoratives

Rodi/(Egeo)
 10 October 1931



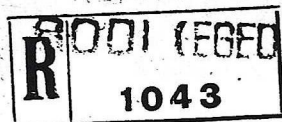
Pregiata S.A.

Cementifera

34 Via Pagano Doria

GENOVA.

(I T A L I A)



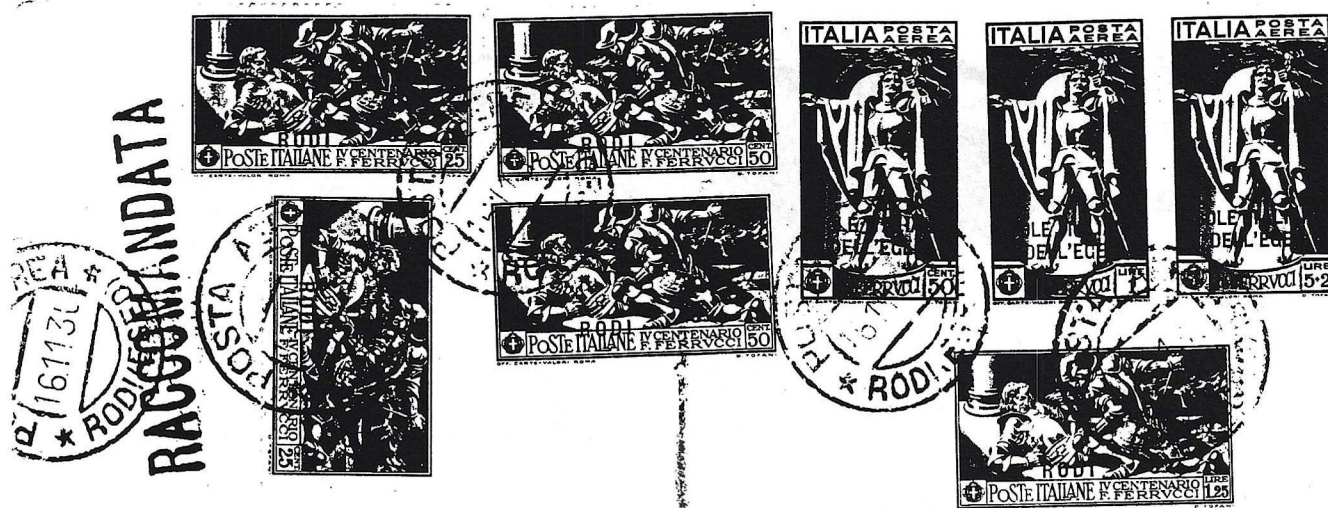
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The second commemorative set for the Aegean islands was issued in honor of the 21st Hydrological Congress held in Rhodes Town. In this case, the 1929 definitives inscribed "Rodi" were suitably overprinted and placed on sale on 25 September 1930.

AEGEAN ISLANDS GENERAL ISSUES

With a few exceptions, beginning in mid-1929 and lasting through the end of the Italian period in 1943, stamps were issued for the colony as a whole rather than for each specific island -- even though most of them were inscribed "Rhodes." Examples of these stamps will be shown chronologically in this final section of the exhibit. A number of these sets included stamps with high face value. However, because the need for large denomination postage was extremely limited in the islands, collectors can generally find such stamps only on philatelically-inspired covers.

Posta Aerea/Rodi (Egeo)
16 November 1930

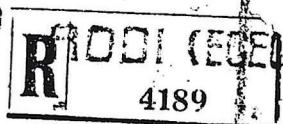


Mr. R. E. R. DALWICK

20 Elgin Rd. South

(England)

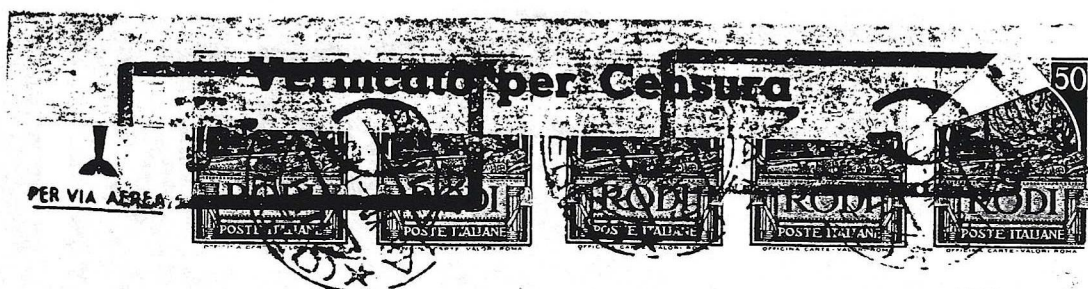
BOURNMOUTH



Italian stamps commemorating the 400th anniversary of the death of Francesco Ferrucci were overprinted for use in the Aegean and issued on 20 October 1930 in a quantity of 12,000 sets. The regular postage stamps were overprinted for each of the islands, e.g. Rodi above, but the overprints on the three airmails read "Italian Aegean Islands" and could be used in any of them.

STAMPALIA
Rodi Definitives

Stampalia/(Egeo)
11 June 1941



Carlo Palatiano

532 9 ave

New York

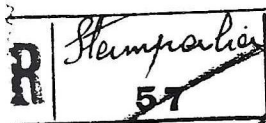


The final Italian postmark for Stampalia was larger than normal with lettering to match. Also, there were vertical bars in the segments above and below the date. Used only during wartime and rated as "rare" in Tchilinghirian.

STAMPALIA
Special Overprints on Commemoratives
Rodi Definitives

Poste Italiane/Stampalia (Egeo)
1 November 1930
14 April 1934

RACCOMANDA



N. H. Conte Dott.

~~STAMPALIA~~ (Rodi)

A. G. OLDENQUIST
1556 Jonquil Ter.
Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A.



Mr. J. G. Oldenquist
1556 Jonquil Ter.
Chicago Ill
U. S. A.



Examples of standard Stampalia postmark that was used from 1913 to 1940. The lower cover was sent as printed matter (unsealed) at 75 centesimi instead of letter rate of 1.25 lire.

STAMPALIA
Unoverprinted Italian Stamps

Poste Italiane/Stampalia (Egeo)
3 July 1924

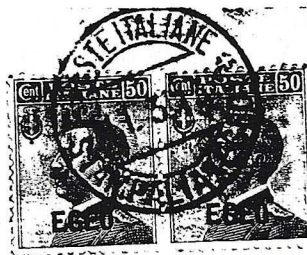
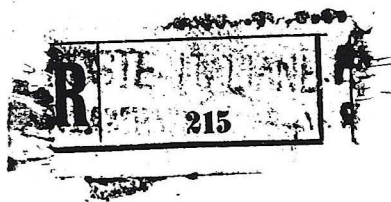
Stampalia (Egeo) e Castello dei Querini



Use of surcharged Italian stamps (with added Stampalia overprint as a souvenir) on a picture postcard sent by a tourist to Milan.

STAMPALIA
"EGEO" Overprints
Special Overprints

Poste Italiane/Stampalia (Egeo)
11 March 1913
20 March 1914



Signor E. I. R A V E L



N A P O L I

Piazza Carolina n. 2-4



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F. Dahmann
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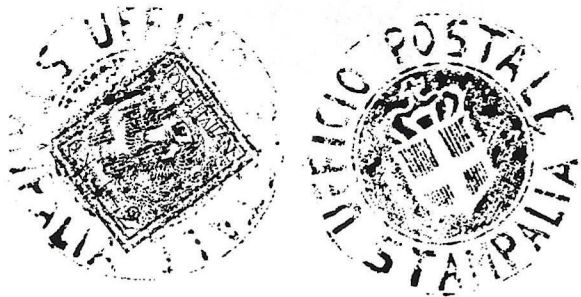
The general overprints for the Aegean Islands as well as the special "Stampalia" overprints were used for postage on the island. The latter were introduced on 1 December 1912. The steel cds was in service from 1913 until 1940.

STAMPALIA

This island is actually a member of the Cyclades Group rather than one of the 12 members of the Dodecanese. Thus, it is located about 30 miles west of Cos. Stampalia has an area of 44 square miles but a population of only 1,200 in 1912, mostly living in the main village of Livadia. On 28 April 1912, the Italian naval division under Admiral Presbitero landed marines at the small port of Scalo and took possession of the island.

Ufficio Postale/Stampalia
1912

Poste Italiane/Stampalia (Egeo)
27 July 1912



Spregit
Sig. Umberto Tallagraft
Capo Ufficio Postale Egeo
Napoli Corfù

A temporary undated marking inscribed "Post Office/Stampalia" was produced on the warship *Vulcano* and used to cancel Italian stamps from late April into June 1912. Subsequently, the usual rubber cds was placed in service starting on 26 June.

SIMI
Unoverprinted Italian Stamp
Rodi Definitive

Simi/(Egeo)
1 December 1928
7 June 1934



Mr. A. POLYZOPOULOS,

26, Block 3, Fishwharf,

ANGÉLIDIS & CYPREOU - SYMI (MER EGÉE)



AMERICAN EXPRESS Co. Inc.

65, Broadway

NEW YORK ., N.Y.

U. S. A.

A standard postmark was provided for Simi, where it was used from 1925 to 1943. The examples above were used to England and the United States.

SIMI
Special Overprint
Rodi Overprints

Simi (Egeo)/(70-36)
11 January 1920
1 April 1924

ANGELIDIS & CYPRÉOU - SYMI (EGÉE)



Monsieur, P. J. Bellaart J^e



MICHEL CALAFATAS ET FILS, Symi-Egée



Comptoir Général de Comm^{er}ce et d'Exportation
Franco-Américain

4 Rue de la république 4



Marseille
France

One special type of postmark was inscribed "Simi (Egeo)" at the top of the circle and had the post office code number "70-36" at the bottom. The upper cover was sent to The Netherlands and backstamped for arrival in Gouda on 29 January 1920. The lower cover was franked with "Rodi" overprints and sent to France. It was backstamped for receipt at Marseille on 20 April 1924.

SIMI
Special Overprints on Commemoratives

Simi/(Egeo)
28 August 1932

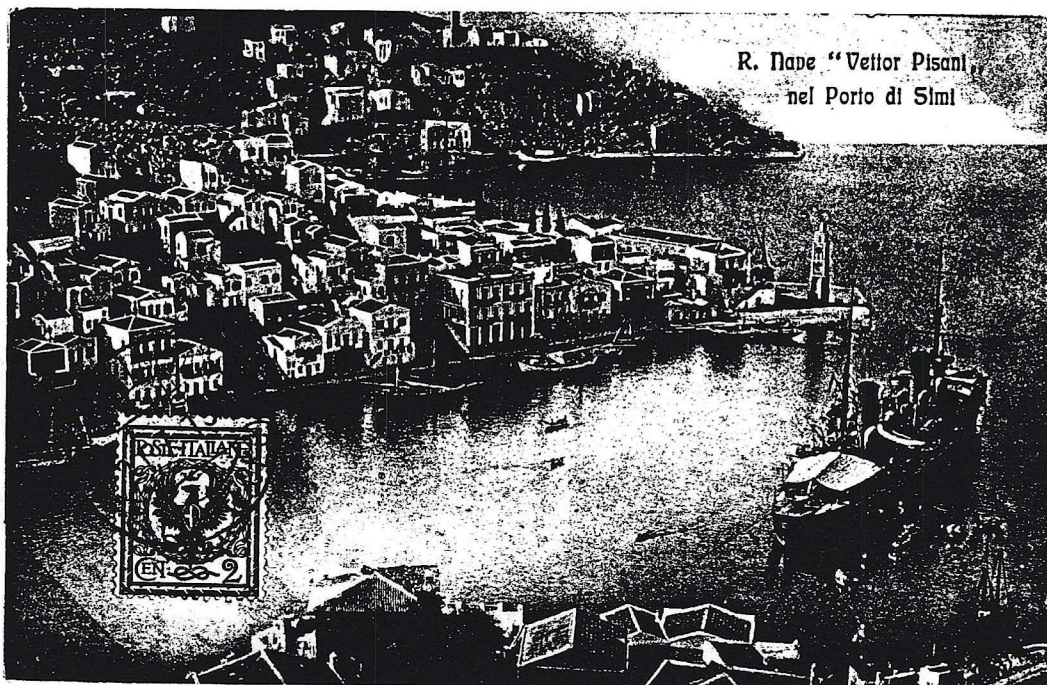


AL COMITATO LOMBARDO
Cinquantenario Garibaldino
ROMA

Standard Simi postmark used on first day cover of the Garibaldi commemoratives. Prepared by and sent to the National Committee for the 50th Anniversary of the death of Garibaldi. Backstamped in Rome the following day.

SIMI
Special Overprints

Poste Italiane/Symi (Egeo)
21 July 1913
25 February 1914



The new steel cds was placed in service in March 1913 and remained in use until 1925 or later. Shown here on a picture postcard of the warship *Vettor Pisani* in the port of Simi and on a registered cover to Germany.