

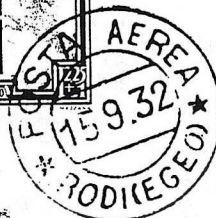
AEGEAN ISLANDS
Garibaldi Airmail & Special Delivery Commemoratives

Posta Aerea/Rodi (Egeo)
15 September 1932
28 August 1932



ISOLE ITALIANE DELL'EGEO CINQUANTENARIO GARIBALDINO

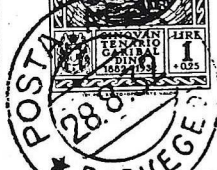
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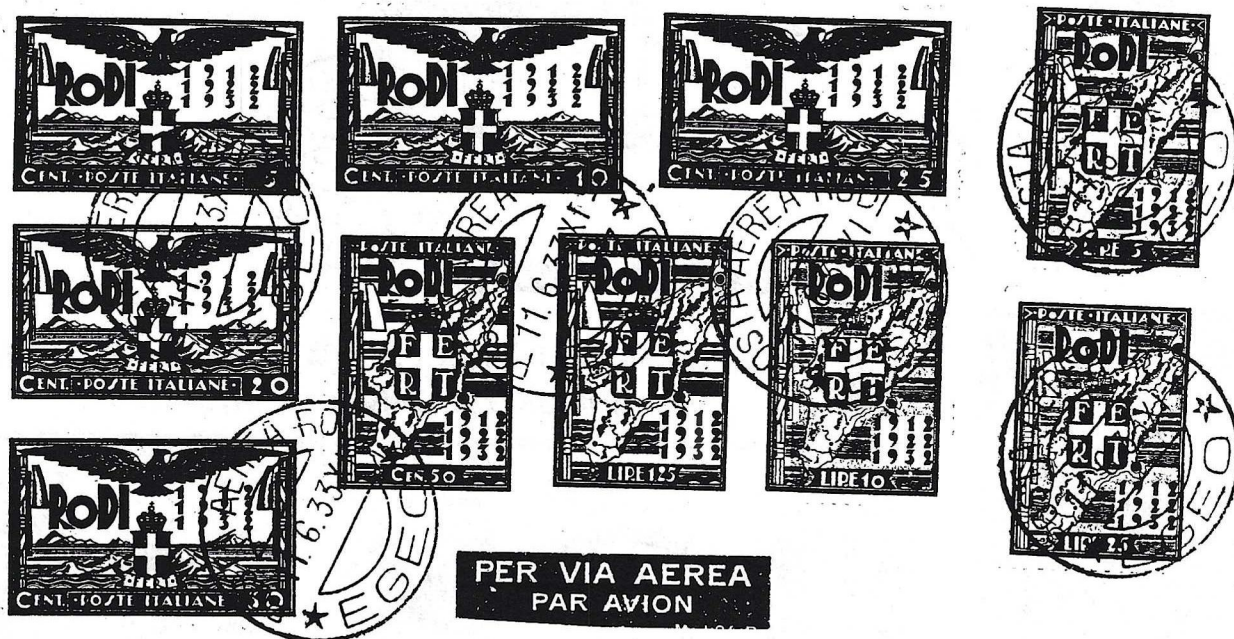
R RODI (EGEO)

AL COMITATO NAZIONALE
Cinquantesenario Garibaldino
ROMA

As was the case with the Ferrucci commemoratives, the regular postage values issued to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the death of Garibaldi were overprinted for each of the individual islands but the airmails (and, in this case, airmail special delivery stamps) were for general use. The printing was 10,000 sets. The covers above were prepared by and addressed to the National Committee for the Garibaldi Anniversary in Rome.

AEGEAN ISLANDS
Anniversary of the Colony Commemoratives

Posta Aerea Rodi/Egeo
11 June 1933



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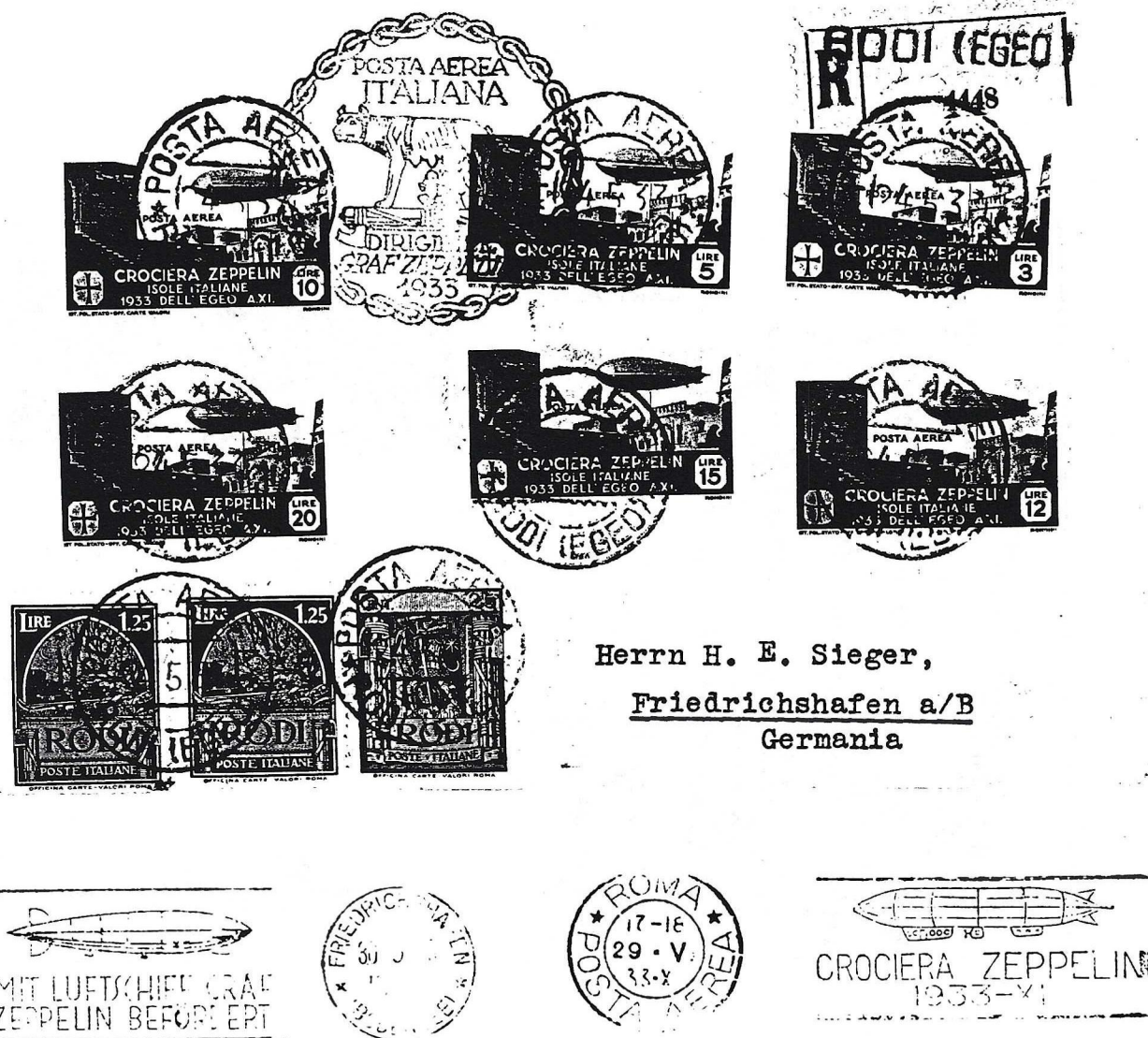
Monsieur
Kopika Petros
ulica 16
Helsingfors.

Gepa 8/11/33

In October 1932 a set of ten stamps was issued to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Italian takeover of the Aegean Islands and the 10th anniversary of the Fascist revolution in Italy. The highest denomination, of which only 2,960 examples were printed, had the extraordinary face value of Lire 25.

AEGEAN ISLANDS
Graf Zeppelin Airmails

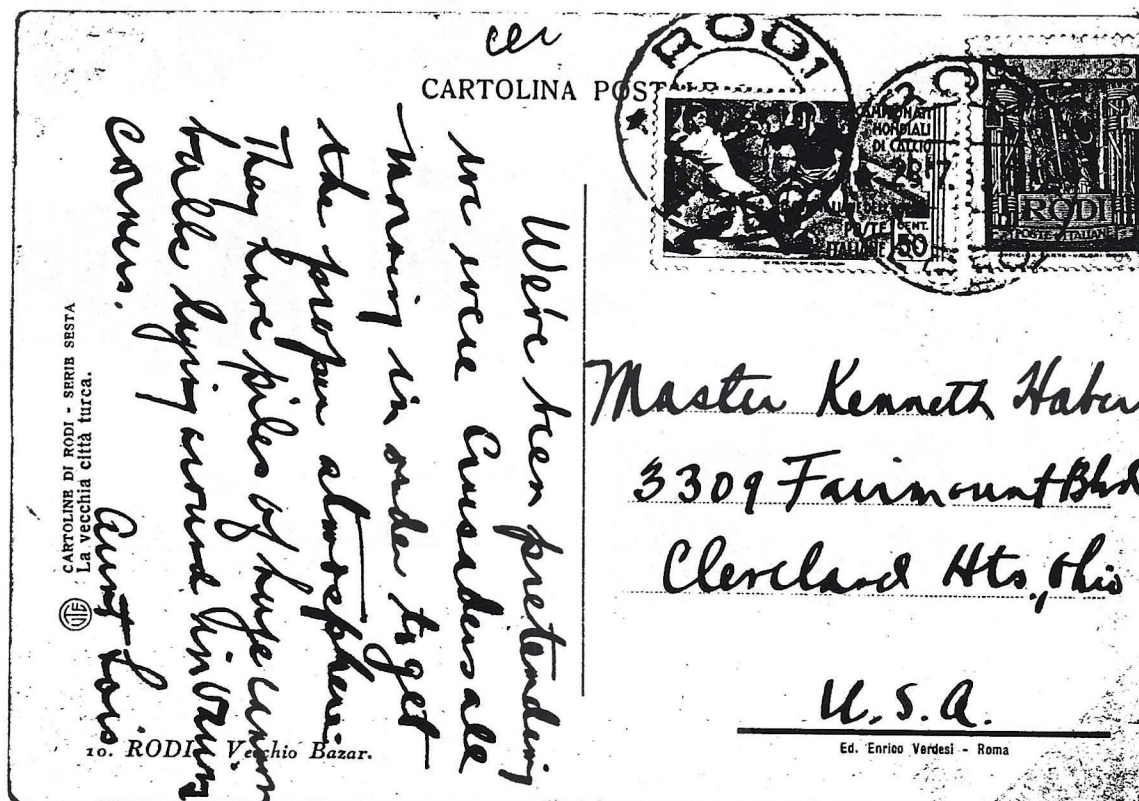
Rodi/(Egeo)
24 May 1933



On 12 May 1933, six airmail stamps depicting the Graf Zeppelin over Rhodes were issued in a quantity of 10,000 sets. This philatelic cover was flown from Rome to Friedrichshafen on the Zeppelin with appropriate backstamps on 29 and 30 May.

AEGEAN ISLANDS
Soccer World Championship Commemorative

Rodi /Egeo
23 July 1935



On 15 June 1934, Italian stamps issued to commemorate the Soccer World Championship were overprinted for use in the Aegean Islands. Commercial use of these stamps is unusual.

AEGEAN ISLANDS
Military Gold Medal of Honor Commemoratives

Posta Aerea/Rodi (Egeo)
 31 January 1935



Italian airmails and airmail special delivery stamps commemorating the centenary of the military gold medal of honor were overprinted for use in the Aegean and placed on sale on 1 January 1935.

AEGEAN ISLANDS
Augustus Caesar Commemoratives

Rodi/Egeo
 6 September 1938



Rev. Lorenzo Andolfi

35 ESSEX S

(U.S.A.)



*Padre
 Andolfi*

Lawrence, Mass.

*Rev. Padre
 P. Lorenzo Andolfi
 35 Essex Street
 (U.S.A.)
 Lawrence, Mass.*

Italian stamps commemorating the bimillenary of Augustus Caesar were overprinted for use in the Aegean and placed on sale on 10 May 1938.

AEGEAN ISLANDS
Giotto Commemoratives

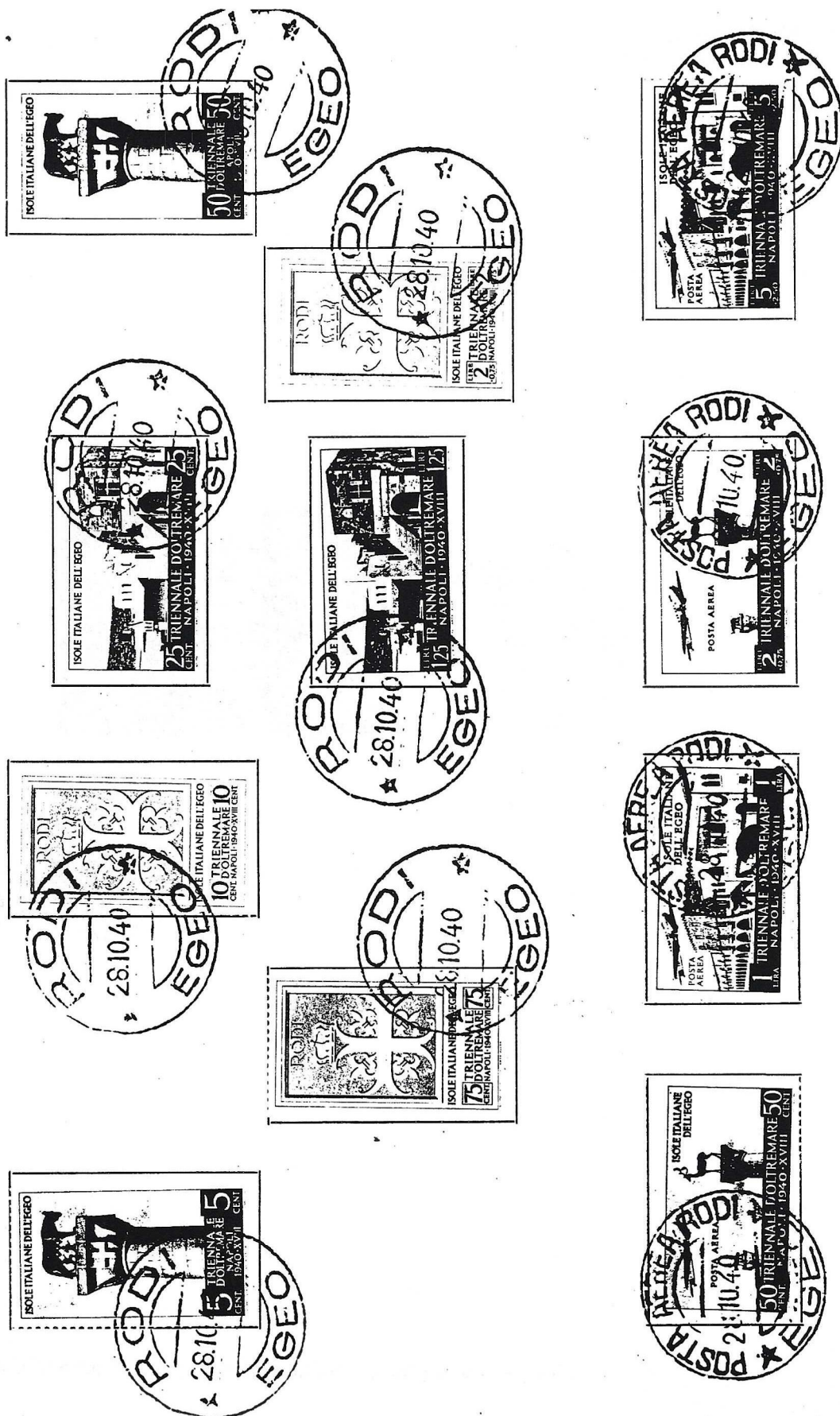
Rodi/Egeo
15 November 1938



PATSY CURCIO
1730-62nd STREET
Brooklyn 4, N. Y.

On 20 August 1938 the two values of the set for the 600th anniversary of the birth of Giotto were overprinted for use in the Aegean.

ISOLE ITALIANE DELL'EGEO
I^a Mostra Triennale d'Oltremare - Napoli - 1940



**AEGEAN ISLANDS
Military Mail**

Posta Militare/N. 550
12 December 1940

Posta Militare/Nro. 550
29 July 1940



Lettera Famiglia

Emilio St Bonzanigo

Lettera

DEPOSITO R. A. 1.551

Al Podestà del Comune

Ufficio Militare



Lecco

p. (Comune)

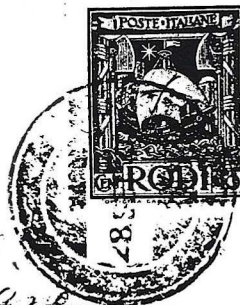
During World War II, fieldpost office 550 was assigned to Rhodes Town, although mail from other islands was processed there as well. A number of similar but slightly different cancels were used, of which two variations are shown above. The 50 cent. airmail surcharge was paid on the upper example, while the lower cover with the cachet of a unit stationed at the Calato Airport was sent free by surface mail.

**AEGEAN ISLANDS
Military Mail**

28 September 1940
28 May 1941
20 December 1941

Lero (Egeo) - Piazza Nikita P. Russo

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di
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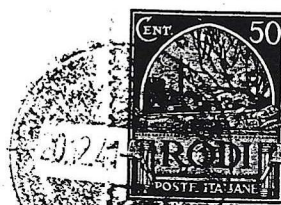


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Allo Signor
Giovanni Russo

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di Corgetti Loreggi



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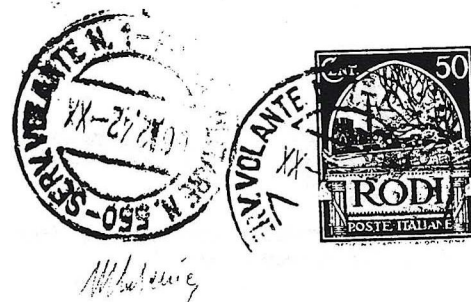
Handwritten:
Via Salitaria N° 8
Napoli

Mute postmarks with all of the inscriptions blacked out except for the date were supplied to the training camp at Campochiaro in the second half of 1940 and used to cancel military mail sent by the troops. Some of these were then taken along when the units were sent to other parts of Rhodes or to the outer islands, but the locations were not revealed. Three different varieties are shown here.

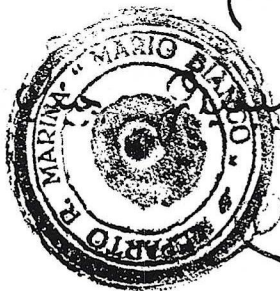
AEGEAN ISLANDS
Military Mail

Posta Militare N.550 - Serv. Volante N.1
6 February 1942

Posta Militare N.550 - Serv. Volante N.2
19 March 1943



PER VIA AEREA
PAR AVION



Dear Sirs
Signori Prosci
Generale Carbonaro
Carbonara
di Bari

One other type of military marking was used in the Aegean. It had the fieldpost number 550 but was inscribed "Servicio Volante (Mobile Service)" and number 1 or 2. It is believed that these were used by postal units that collected mail from outlying units. In fact, the lower example has the cachet of the Royal Navy Ship *Mario Bianco* which presumably served this purpose.



GOVERNO DELLE ISOLE ITALIANE DELL'EGEO

A. Blasetti - Roma

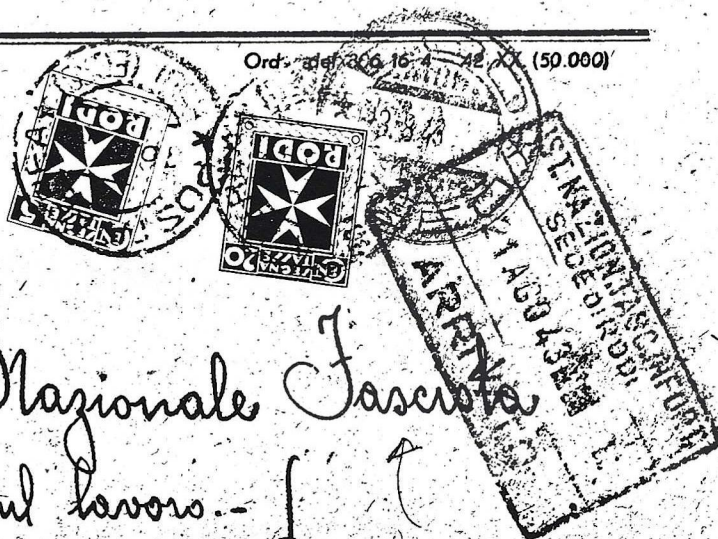
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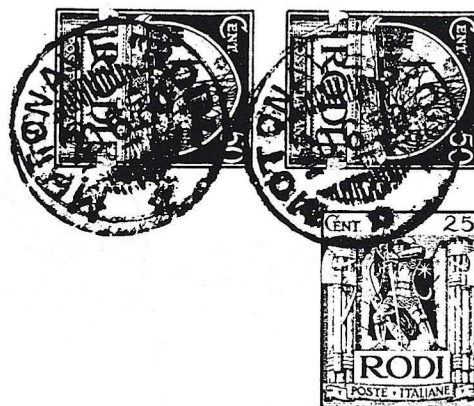
Rodi



There were postage due stamps prepared for the Aegean, but they are seldom seen on cover. However, the circumstances surrounding their use here are unusual. This is an official envelope with the corner card of the Government of the Aegean Islands and the cachet of a government office on Cos. It was addressed to the National Fascist Institute in Rhodes Town. Upon arrival at the Rhodes post office, 25 cent. postage due was assessed and the appropriate stamps affixed. Interestingly, all of this occurred just a few weeks before Italy surrendered to the Allies and the Aegean Islands were taken over by the Germans.

AEGEAN ISLANDS
Dodecanese Ship Mail

Motonave "Rodi"
20 June 1930



Signore

Anna Maria E Desi

Via Khediviale

Rue Imam El Dine

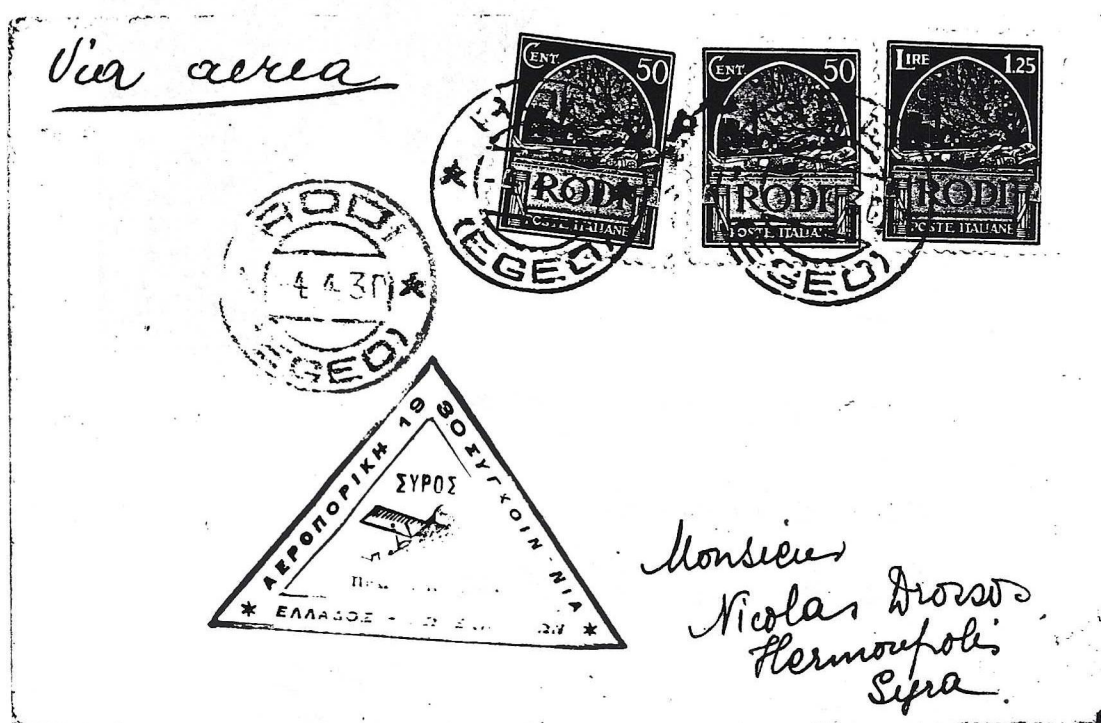
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Cairo

Because the colony consisted entirely of islands, there was considerable traffic on ships of various sizes and types some of which had on-board postal facilities. This cover mailed on the Motorship *Rodi* to an addressee in Cairo, where it was backstamped for arrival on 22 June 1930.

AEGEAN ISLANDS
First Flight to Syros

Rodi/(Egeo)
4 April 1930



The Aeroespresso company was developing routes for airmail to various points on the European mainland. This cover (one of 45 flown) was on the first flight from Rhodes to Syros, Greece. Backstamped on the same day.

AEGEAN ISLANDS
From the Governor of the Aegean Islands

Direz. Servizi Postale ed Elettrici dell'Egeo Rodi/Egeo
21 August 1938



*Al Governatore
delle
Isole Italiane dell'Egeo*

Rodi, 15 Agosto 1938-XVI

Prof. Raffaele Corso
presso Editore Romeo Prampolini
CATANIA

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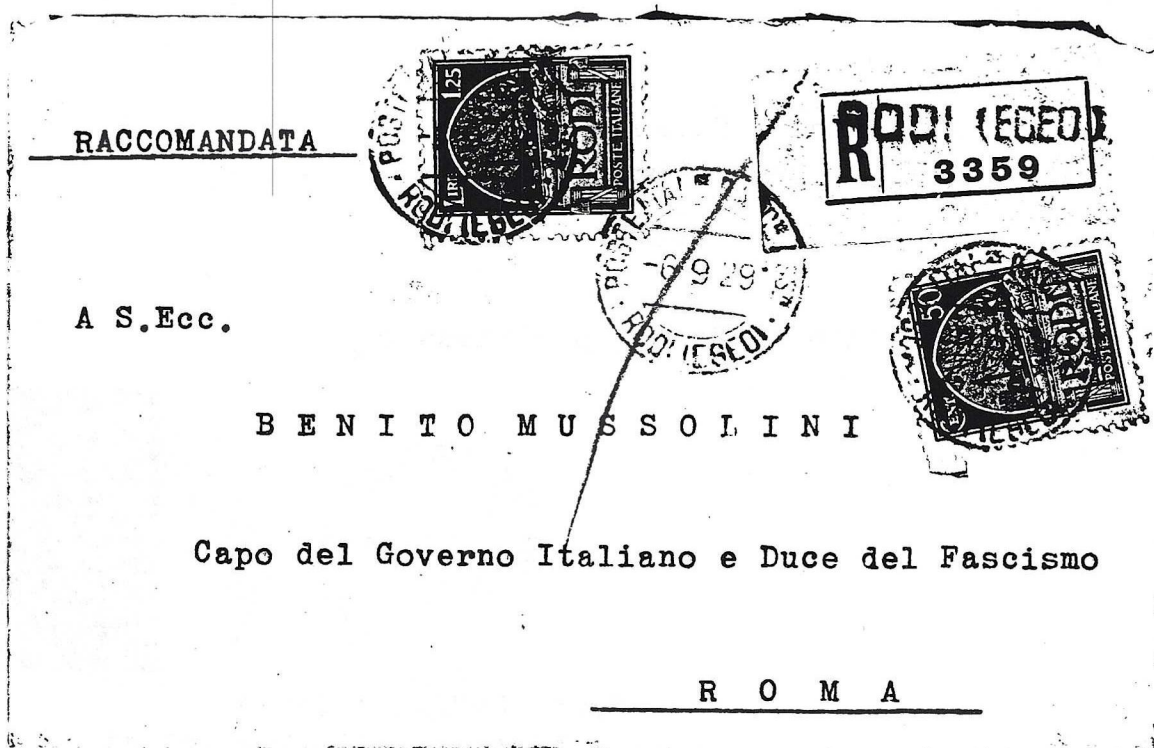
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This cover was used to send a letter on official stationery from the Governor of the Italian Aegean Islands to a Professor Corso in Catania, Sicily.

AEGEAN ISLANDS
To the Premier of the Government

Poste Ital. Racc. Ass./Rodi (Egeo)
6 September 1929



Cover from Rhodes addressed to "Benito Mussolini, Head of the Italian Government and Leader of Fascism."