



## Mail from the Kingdom of Italy to foreign countries

1879 - 1902

### Historical postal context

On 9 January 1878, day of death of his father King Vittorio Emanuele II, succeeded to the throne Umberto I. The King was considered the symbol of all the problems of the population and he just escaped death two times, in 1878 and 1897 during two unsuccessful attacks, but the third attack, the last, hit the target 29 July 1900 in Monza by the hands of anarchist Gaetano Bresci.

### Purpose

The aim of the exhibit is to illustrate the rates from the Italian Kingdom to the foreign countries, from 1879, when the Universal Postal Union (UPU) was established, to 1902 the end of validity of the stamps issued during the kingdom of Umberto I.

Till to 1879 the rates for abroad were different for every country, so as the weight unities and the fees for all other postal services. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879 the Treaty of the Universal Postal Union, simplified the rates for abroad and unified the weight for each port of 15 grams, dividing in three zones, the letter rates were :

A zone : 25 centesimi for the European countries, Egypt, Persian, Canada, Newfoundland and U.S.A.

B zone : 40 centesimi for the other UPU Countries and non UPU Countries (to 29<sup>th</sup> February 1888).

C zone : 65 centesimi for the non UPU Countries (from 1<sup>st</sup> March 1888).

Different rates were defined also for A, B, C zone for the postcards, printed matter, specimen and manuscripts.

The C zone rates were repealed on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1892 and the "non UPU Countries" rate was made equal the B zone rates.

The B zone rates were repealed on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1899, by the unification of all rates to the foreign.

The exhibit is organized by country and for a better presentation the countries are subdivided in three groups: European Countries, African and Asian Countries and American Countries.

### Structure of the exhibit

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter : Mail to the European Countries 2 - 60

- 1.1 Neighboring Countries : Papal States, San Marino Republic, Principality of Monaco, France, Switzerland, Austro Hungarian Empire.
- 1.2 Countries mainly reached overland : Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Russian Empire, United Kingdom, German Empire, The Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Bulgaria, Romania, Poland, Spain, Portugal.
- 1.3 Countries mainly reached "via mare": Gibraltar, Greece, Malta, Crete, Cyprus, Turkey.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter : Mail to the African and Asian Countries 61 - 92

- 2.1 African and Asian Countries of the Mediterranean Sea : Egypt, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Tripoli of Barbary, Palestine.
- 2.2 African countries of the West coast : German South West Africa, French West Africa, South Africa.
- 2.3 African, Asian and Australian Countries beyond Suez : Eritrean Colony, French Somalia, Zanzibar, German East Africa, La R union, British India, British Burma, Siam, French Indochina, Penang, Sumatra, China, Manchuria, Macao, Japan, Australian Colonies, New Zealand, Fiji Islands.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter : Mail to the American Countries 93 - 120

- 3.1 North American Countries : United States of America, Republic of Hawaii, Canada, Newfoundland, St. Pierre and Miquelon.
- 3.2 Central American Countries : Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Puerto Rico, Nicaragua, Cuba, Trinidad, Suriname, Colombia.
- 3.3 South American Countries of the Atlantic coast : Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina.
- 3.4 South American Countries beyond Panama of the Pacific coast : Peru, Bolivia, Chile.

### Philatelic importance and rarity

Very important are the destinations for : San Marino Republic, Principality of Monaco, Luxembourg, Gibraltar, Crete, Morocco, Palestine, German South West Africa, French West Africa, Zanzibar, German East Africa, La R union, British Burma, Siam, French Indochina, Penang, Sumatra, Manchuria, Macao, Japan, New Zealand, Fiji Islands, El Salvador, Puerto Rico, Suriname, Colombia, Bolivia.

The most important letter of the exhibit is franked with the stamps of 30 centesimi and 2 Lire, the only letter recorded with combined use of these two postage stamps (pag. 33).



Rates of letters addressed to Papal States (Vatican possessions within the city of Rome) were equal to the Italian domestic rates of 20 centesimi for each 15 grams.



29 April 1884. Registered five rate letter from Carovigno (Brindisi) to Rome, prepaid 1,30 Lire to destination.  
Rate 1,30 Lire : 1 Lira five letter rate (20 centesimi for each 15 grams) and 30 centesimi registration fee.



Rates of letters addressed to San Marino Republic were equal to the Italian domestic rates of 20 centesimi for each 15 grams.



29 September 1884, Registered triple rate letter from Rome to San Marino Republic, prepaid 85 centesimi to destination. Rate 85 centesimi : 60 centesimi triple rate letter (20 centesimi for each 15 grams) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



Principality of Monaco joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



22 November 1894. Single rate letter from Genoa to Montecarlo (Monaco Principality), prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone).



17 December 1897. Registered single rate letter from Castelletto to Monaco Principality, prepaid 50 cent. (to A zone). Rate 50 centesimi : 25 centesimi single rate letter and 25 centesimi registration fee.



26 April 1898. Private postcard from Florence to Montecarlo (Monaco Principality), prepaid 10 centesimi (to A zone).



30 September 1899. Private postcard from Venice to France, prepaid 10 centesimi (unified zone).



France joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



17 August 1880. Double rate letter from Genoa to Paris (France), prepaid 50 centesimi (to A zone).



26 January 1885. Registered single rate letter from Turin to Grenoble (France), prepaid 50 centesimi.  
Rate 50 centesimi : 25 centesimi single letter rate (to A zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



22 April 1895. Lettercard by 20 centesimi from Turin to Quesnoy-sur-Deûle (France), through integration with postage stamps of 10 and 20 centesimi (to A zone).



23 July 1882. Registered double rate letter from Castelfiorentino to Allier (France), prepaid 75 centesimi. Rate 75 centesimi : 50 centesimi double letter rate (to A zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



23 July 1897. Registered worthless specimen from Naples to Paris (France), prepaid 50 centesimi.  
Rate 50 centesimi : 25 centesimi worthless specimen of 250 grams (to A zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



5 October 1897. Registered nine rate letter from Spezia to Paris (France), prepaid 2,50 Lire.  
Rate 2,50 Lire : 2,25 Lire nine letter rate (to A zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.





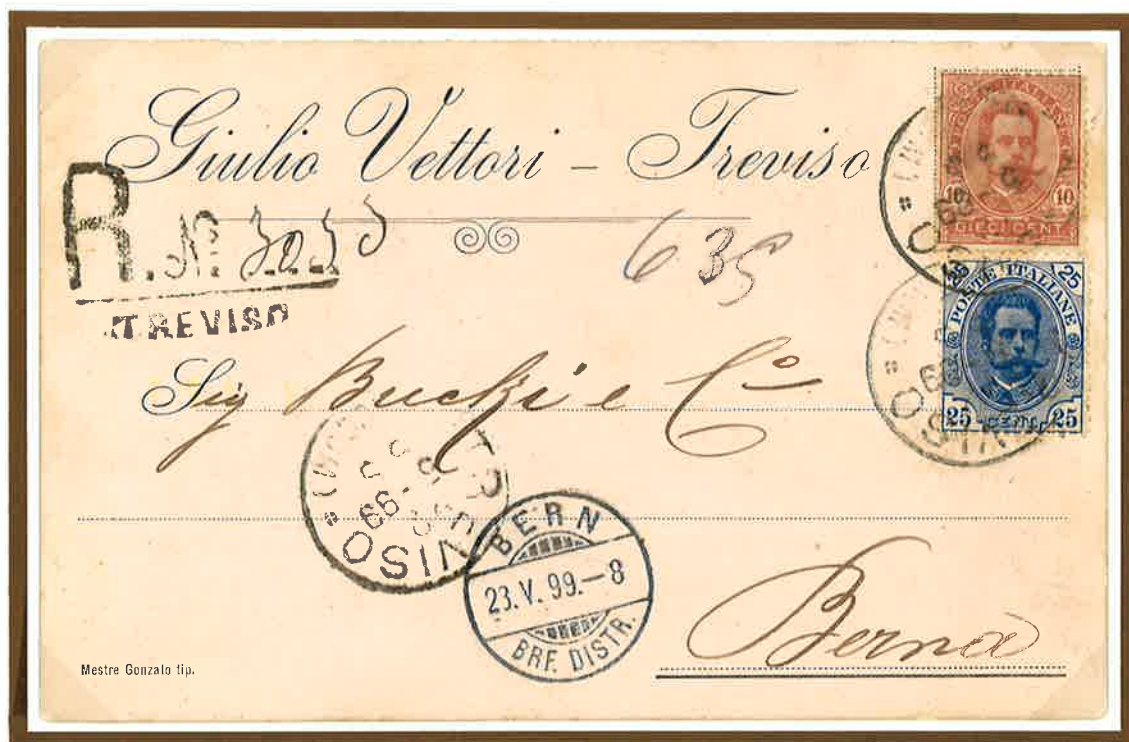
Switzerland joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



18 August 1885. Single rate printed matters from Trani to Zurich (Switzerland), prepaid 5 centesimi (to A zone).



21 April 1879. Single rate letter from Incisa Belbo (now Incisa Scapaccino - Asti) to Lugano (Switzerland), prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone).



22 May 1899. Registered private postcard from Treviso to Bern (Switzerland), prepaid 35 centesimi.  
Rate 35 centesimi : 10 centesimi postcard (unified zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



27 July 1889. Registered triple rate letter from Rome to Lausanne (Switzerland).  
Rate 1 Lira : 75 centesimi triple rate letter (to A zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee,  
prepaid with 1 Lira perforated BN (National Bank in the Kingdom of Italy).



27 February 1882. Single rate letter from Antrodoco to Gallery St. Gottardo (Switzerland), underprepaid 20 centesimi and charged 10 centesimi on delivery.



16 February 1899. Registered double rate letter from Bari to Lausanne (Switzerland), prepaid 75 centesimi. Rate 75 centesimi : 50 centesimi double rate letter (unified zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



3 November 1897. Insured double rate letter from Rome to Bern (Switzerland), prepaid 85 centesimi (to A zone), handstamped by Agenzia Postale Privata in Rome. Rate 85 centesimi : 50 centesimi double rate letter, 25 centesimi registration fee and 10 centesimi insured fee.



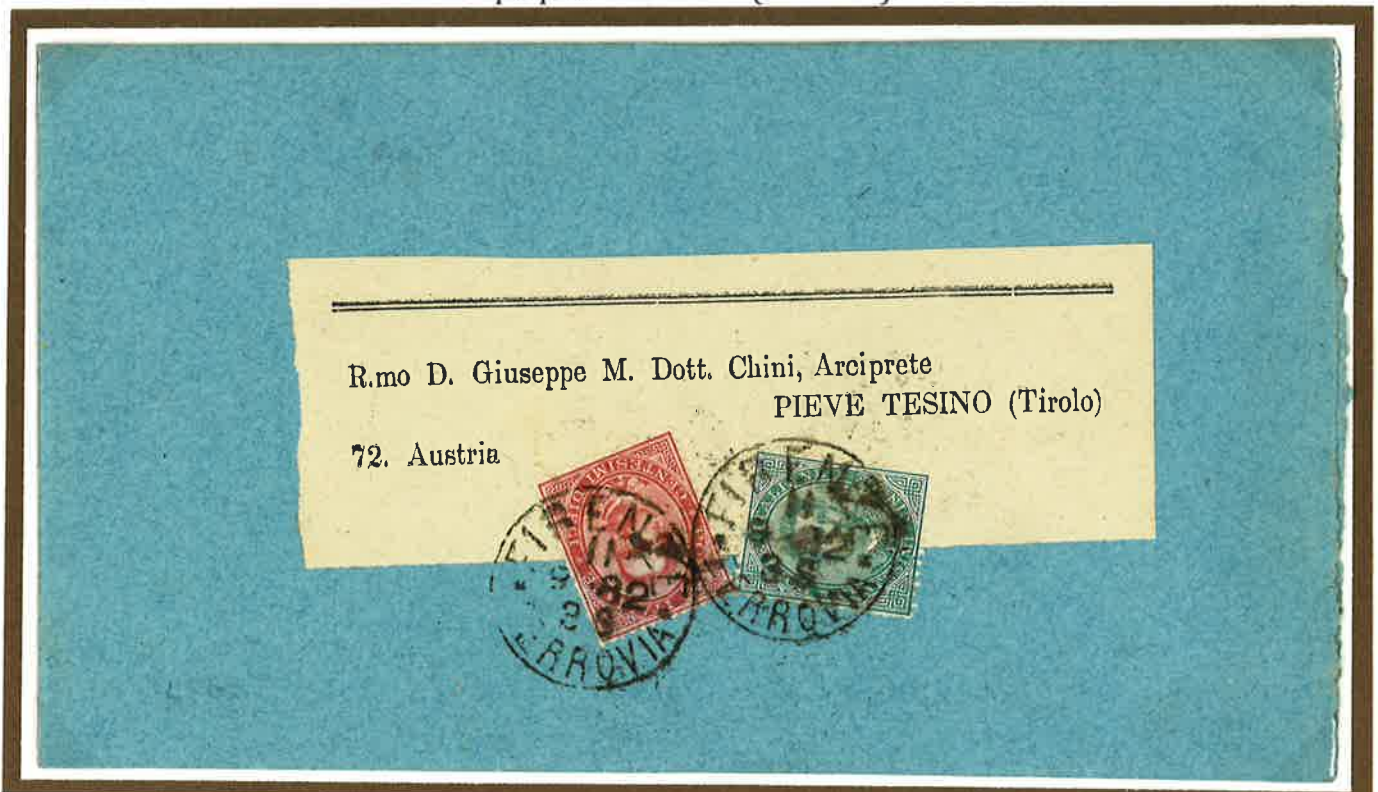
8 February 1898. Insured double rate letter from Sanremo to Appenzell (Switzerland), prepaid 95 cent. (to A zone). Rate 95 centesimi : 50 centesimi double rate letter, 25 centesimi registration fee and 20 centesimi insured fee.



Austro Hungarian Empire joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



22 September 1892. Single rate printed matter from Monsummano to Pola (Austro Hungarian Empire), prepaid 5 centesimi (to A zone).



11 September 1882. Triple rate printed matters from Florence to Pieve Tesino (Austro Hungarian Empire), prepaid 15 centesimi (to A zone).



24 August 1886. Visiting card from Milan to Wien (Austro Hungarian Empire), prepaid 5 centesimi as printed matters (to A zone).



19 June 1899. Triple rate registered letter from Milan to Budapest (Austro Hungarian Empire), prepaid 1 Lira. Rate 1 Lira : 75 centesimi triple letter rate (unified zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



22 September 1893. Single rate letter from Venice to Bisenz (Bzenec - Austro Hungarian Empire), prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone).



3 March 1897. Double rate registered letter from Rome to Prague (Austro Hungarian Empire), prepaid 75 centesimi. Rate 75 centesimi : 50 centesimi double letter rate (to A zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



31 May 1895. Insured double rate letter from Reggio Emilia to Wien (Austro Hungarian Empire), prepaid 25 centesimi Rate 85 centesimi : 50 centesimi double letter rate (to A zone), 25 centesimi registration fee and 10 cent. insured fee.



1 February 1901. Insured triple rate letter from Udine to Budapest (Austro Hungarian Empire), prepaid 1,10 Lire. Rate 1,10 Lire : 75 centesimi triple letter rate (unified zone), 25 centesimi registration fee and 10 centesimi insured fee





In the Italian Kingdom the Express Delivery Service was established on 21 July 1890 in some countries only, like Argentina (partially), Austrian Empire, Belgium, Chile, Denmark (partially), German Empire, Japan, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Holland, Paraguay (partially), Salvador (partially), Serbia, Siam and Switzerland.



31 July 1895. Double rate express letter from Este, near Padua, to Roncegno (Austro Hungarian Empire).  
Rate 80 centesimi : 50 centesimi double letter rate (to A zone) and 30 centesimi express delivery fee.



The handstamp “cambio con l'estero” had set up on 1 July 1889, to number registered and insured mail from abroad with the name of Post Office, date and daily progressive number. These handstamps were used normally on letters from abroad and its use on letters franked by Italian stamps is very unusual. This less effective system was the cause of many time lags at the Mail Transit Offices and was abolished less than two years later, on 1 May 1891.



9 March 1890. Registered letter from Naples to Vienna (Austria).  
Due to the unknown addressee this letter was returned to the sender  
and stamped on the TPO Pontebba - Bologna II as registered letter from abroad.



Norway joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



February 1892. Single rate printed matter from Florence to Christiania (Norway), prepaid 5 centesimi (to A zone).



17 April 1890. Lettercard by 20 centesimi from Catania to Christiania (Norway), through integration with postage stamps of 5 centesimi (to A zone).



Denmark joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



15 April 1898. Single rate printed matter from Pisa to Copenhagen (Denmark), prepaid 5 centesimi (to A zone).



15 April 1896. Single rate letter from Florence to Copenhagen (Denmark), prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone).



Sweden joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



24 August 1882. Single rate letter from Florence to Västerås (Sweden), prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone).



31 May 1883. Registered doubled rate letter from Pescara to Lund (Sweden), prepaid 75 centesimi (to A zone).  
Rate 75 centesimi : 50 centesimi double rate letter and 25 centesimi registration fee.



20 April 1894. Registered lettercard by 20 centesimi through integration with postage stamps of 5 and 25 centesimi. From Naples to Nordmaling (Sweden) where the letter arrived on 26 April and then it was re-addressed to Sundsvall. Rate 50 centesimi : 25 centesimi lettercard (to A zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



29 January 1895. Registered triple rate letter from Modena to Lund (Sweden). Rate 1 Lira : 75 centesimi triple rate letter (to A zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



From 1809 Finland was an autonomous Grand Duchy belonging to the Russian Empire and therefore was subject to the Conventions and the rates stipulated between the Kingdom of Italy and Russian Empire. Russia and then Finland, joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



16 April 1884. Single rate letter from Palermo to Helsinki (Finland - Russian Empire), prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone).



30 December 1899. Registered single rate letter from Florence to Helsinki (Finland - Russian Empire). Rate 50 centesimi : 25 centesimi single letter rate (unified zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



Russian Empire joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



24 August 1882. Double rate letter from Florence to St. Petersburg (Russian Empire), prepaid 50 centesimi (to A zone).



3 September 1901. Single rate letter from Saltino to St. Petersburg (Russian Empire), prepaid 25 centesimi (unified zone).

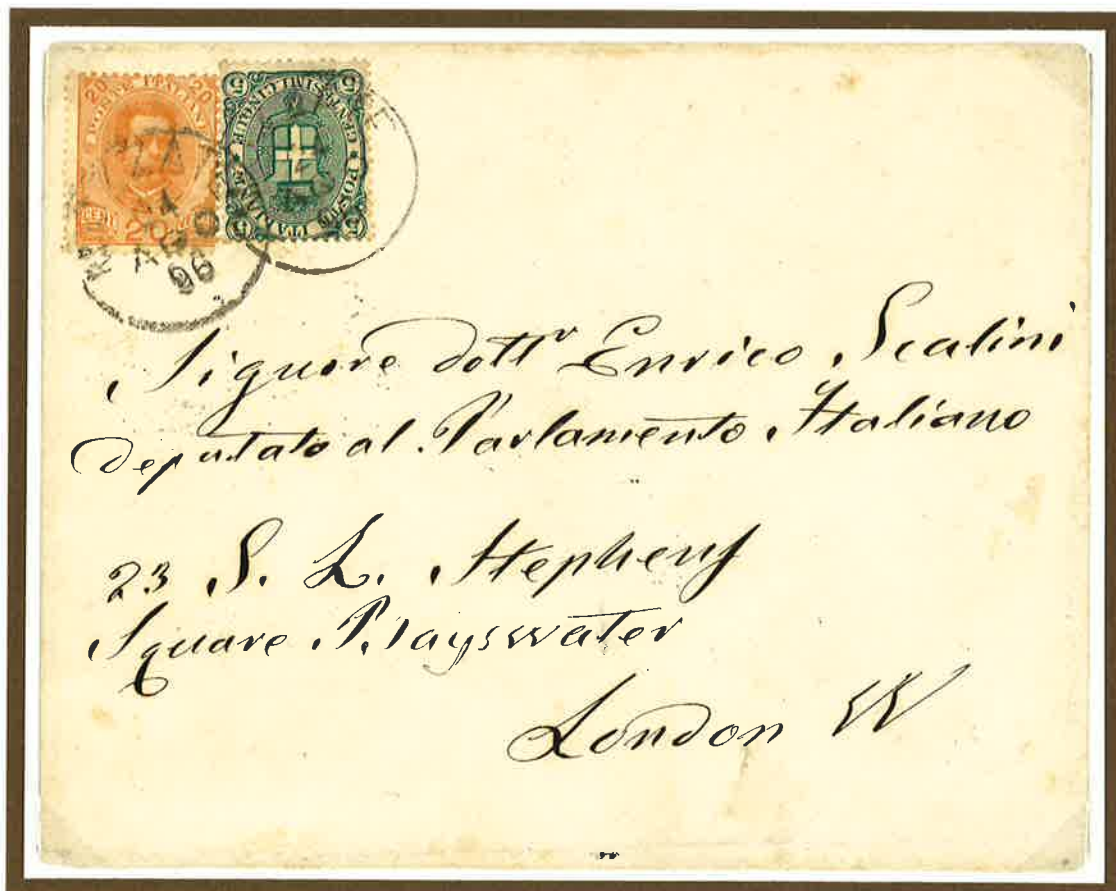




United Kingdom joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



21 March 1898. Single rate Worthless specimen from Leghorn to London (England – United Kingdom), containing asbestos, prepaid 10 centesimi (to A zone).



24 August 1896. Single rate letter to London (England – United Kingdom), prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone).



30 September 1902. Lettercard by 5 centesimi through integration with postage stamps of 20 centesimi from Genoa to London (England – United Kingdom).



20 August 1884. Registered single rate letter from S. Pier d'Arena to London (England – United Kingdom). Rate 50 centesimi : 20 centesimi single rate letter (to A zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



14 August 1895. Single rate letter from Pietra Ligure to Cardiff (Wales-United Kingdom), prepaid 25 cent.(to A zone).



10 August 1899. Registered double rate letter from Pietra Ligure to Newport (Wales - United Kingdom).  
Rate 75 centesimi : 50 centesimi double rate letter (unified zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



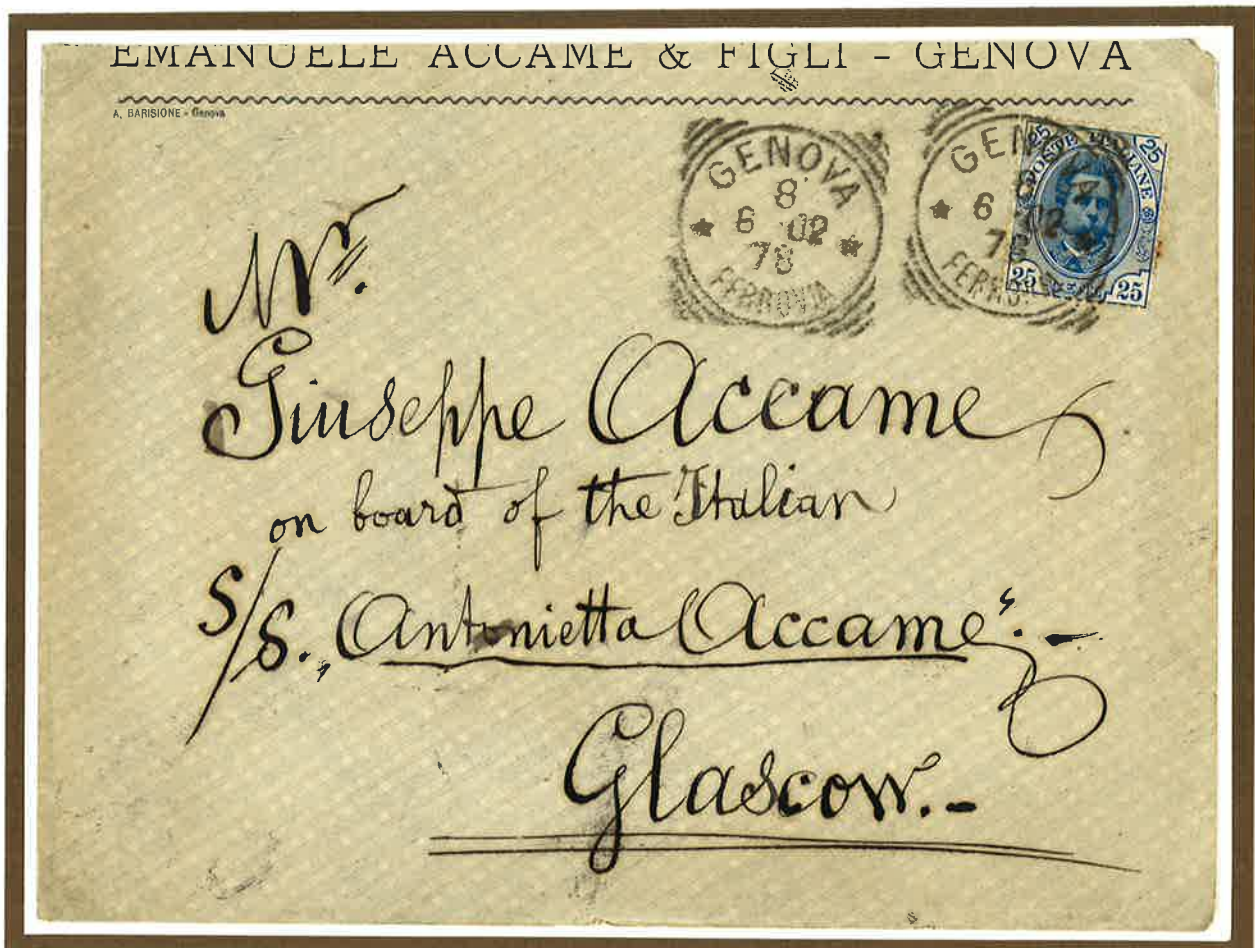
23 December 1887. Visiting card from Cava dei Tirreni to Dublin (Ireland – United Kingdom), prepaid 5 cent.(to A zone). Until 31<sup>st</sup> August 1905 Visiting card was franked as Printed matters, as long as in an open envelope and carried without additional written.



14 April 1880. Single rate letter from Florence to Leighlinbribe (Ireland – United Kingdom), prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone).



5 October 1886. Single rate letter from Cadenabbia to Elie (England – United Kingdom), prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone) and then redirected to Edinburgh (Scotland – United Kingdom).



8 June 1902. Single rate letter from Genoa to Glasgow (Scotland – United Kingdom), prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone).



German Empire joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



9 June 1898. Postcard by 5 centesimi from Syracuse to Leipzig (German Empire), through integration with postage stamps of 5 centesimi (to A zone).



7 March 1899. Picture postcard from Milan to Hof in Bayern (German Empire), prepaid 10 centesimi (unified zone).



17 May 1895. Lettercard by 20 centesimi from Naples to Ravensburg (German Empire), through integration with postage stamps of 5 centesimi (to A zone).



27 April 1886. Double rate letter from Spezia to Magdeburg (German Empire), prepaid 50 centesimi (to A zone).



2 April 1895. Registered single rate letter from Capri to München (German Empire).  
Rate 50 centesimi : 25 centesimi single rate letter (to A zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



19 December 1898. Registered Worthless specimen from Catania to München (German Empire).  
Rate 35 centesimi: 10 centesimi for specimen till to 100 grams (to A zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.





8 May 1888. Registered eight times rate letter from Rome to Aachen (German Empire), prepaid 2,30 Lire (to A zone) with a postage stamp of 30 centesimi and a postage stamps of 2 Lire.

**Recorded only this letter with combined use of these two postage stamps.**

Rate 2,30 Lire : 2 Lire eight times rate letter (25 centesimi for each 15 grams of weight) and 25 centesimi registration fee (overpaid 5 centesimi), probably caused by confusion with the domestic rate (30 centesimi) compared with foreign rate (25 centesimi).



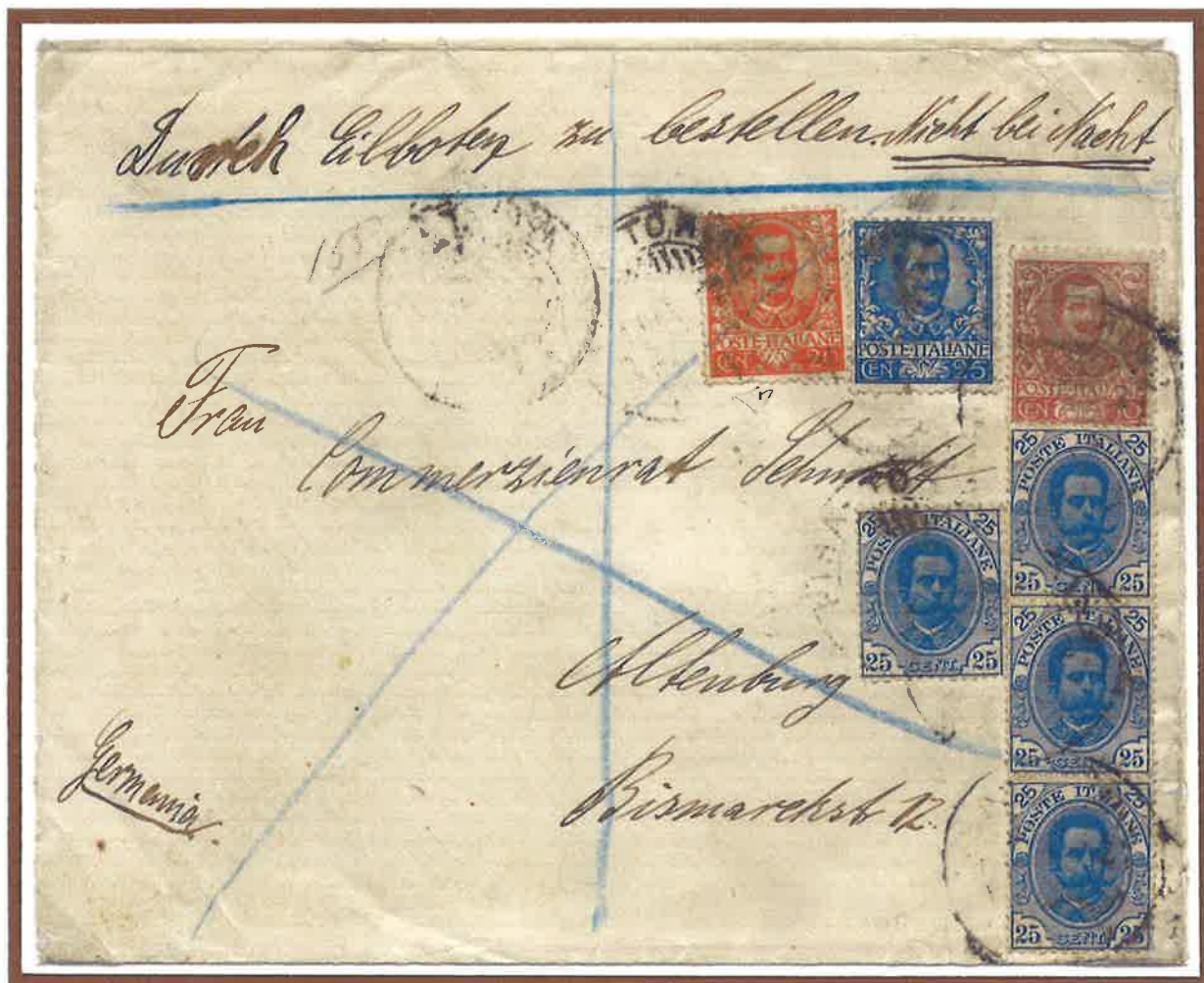
The Cash on Delivery service was established in 1890 for inland and in 1892 for abroad. For inland, the fee was compulsory all prepaid by stamps on the postal object, for abroad this fee was paid deducting the amount by the sum of money paid by addressee, before repayment it to the sender. The postal objects were prepaid for the postal rate, registration fee (eventually insurance) and no more. The "Remboursement" label was compulsory.



20 March 1895. Double rate 5 Liras "Remboursement" letter from Florence to Schmalhof (German Empire). Rate 75 centesimi : 50 centesimi double rate letter (to A zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee (COD service 30 c.).  
Very rare the Cash on Delivery Service of letters for abroad during XIX Century



In the Kingdom of Italy the Express Delivery Service was established on 21 July 1890. The special fee was 25 centesimi for inland and 30 centesimi for abroad. These mails were treated specially and delivered like telegrams, from sunrise till to over the sunset. Sometime the sender writing "delivery by day" or like in this cover : "Durch Eilboten zu bestellen. Nicht bei Nacht" : Express Delivery. Not by Night.



11 March 1902. Five times rate express letter to Altenburg (German Empire),  
mailed to the rail station and cancelled by the Pisa-Torino TPO.  
Rate 1.55 Lire : 1,25 Lire five times rate letter (unified zone) and 30 centesimi express delivery fee.



12 January 1898. Double rate express letter from Ancona to Mainz (German Empire).  
Rate 80 centesimi : 50 centesimi double rate letter (to A zone) and 30 centesimi express delivery fee.



The Netherlands joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



23 October 1898. Picture Postcard from Lake Como to Grafenhaage (The Netherlands), prepaid 10 centesimi (to A zone).



28 March 1896. Single rate letter from Genoa to Amsterdam (The Netherlands), prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone).



23 June 1900. Lettercard by 5 centesimi from Genoa to Amsterdam (The Netherlands), through integration with two postage stamps of 10 centesimi (unified zone).



31 October 1899. Registered single rate letter to Haarlem (The Netherlands), prepaid 50 centesimi (unified zone). Rate 50 centesimi : 25 centesimi single rate letter and 25 centesimi registration fee.



Belgium joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



31 August 1897. Single rate letter to Bruxelles (Belgium), prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone).



15 March 1901. Registered picture postcard from Barlassina to Liege (Belgium), prepaid 35 centesimi (unified zone).  
Rate 35 centesimi : 10 centesimi postcard rate and 25 centesimi registration fee.



3 November 1896. Registered single rate letter from Rome to Gant (Belgium), prepaid 50 centesimi (to A zone).  
Rate 50 centesimi : 25 centesimi single rate letter and 25 centesimi registration fee.



13 September 1895. Insured double rate letter from Sanremo to Ostende (Belgium), prepaid 1,50 Lire (to A zone).  
Rate 1,50 Lire : 50 centesimi double rate letter, 25 centesimi registration fee and 75 centesimi insured fee.





Luxembourg joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



9 August 1899. Picture postcard from Milan to Luxembourg, prepaid 10 centesimi (unified zone).



10 April 1901. Single rate letter from Naples to Luxembourg, prepaid 25 centesimi (unified zone).



Bulgaria joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> July 1879.



29 July 1897. Postcard from Naples to Tran (Bulgaria), prepaid 10 centesimi (to A zone).



21 August 1888. Single rate letter from Ferrara to Rusteink (Bulgaria), prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone).



Romania up to 1878, when became fully independent, was formally part of the Ottoman Empire. Romania joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



6 November 1892. Private postcard from Padua to Bucharest (Romania), prepaid 10 centesimi (to A zone).



31 December 1879. Registered single rate letter from Modena to Transylvania (Romania), prepaid 25 c. (to A zone).  
Rate 50 centesimi : 25 centesimi single rate letter and 25 centesimi registration fee.



Poland up to 1919, when became fully independent, was formally part of the Austro Hungarian Empire, Russian Empire and German Empire.



21 January 1899. Picture postcard from Milan to Gdansk (Poland), prepaid 5 centesimi (unified zone) as printed matters.



2a April 1898. Single rate letter from Milan to Lodz (Poland), prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone).



Spain joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



4 December 1882. Single rate letter from Milan to London (United Kingdom), prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone). The letter was on 7 December successfully re-addressed to Valencia (Spain).



14 January 1898. Registered single rate letter from Rome to Barcelona (Spain), prepaid 50 centesimi (to A zone). Rate 50 centesimi : 25 centesimi single rate letter and 25 centesimi registration fee.



Portugal joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



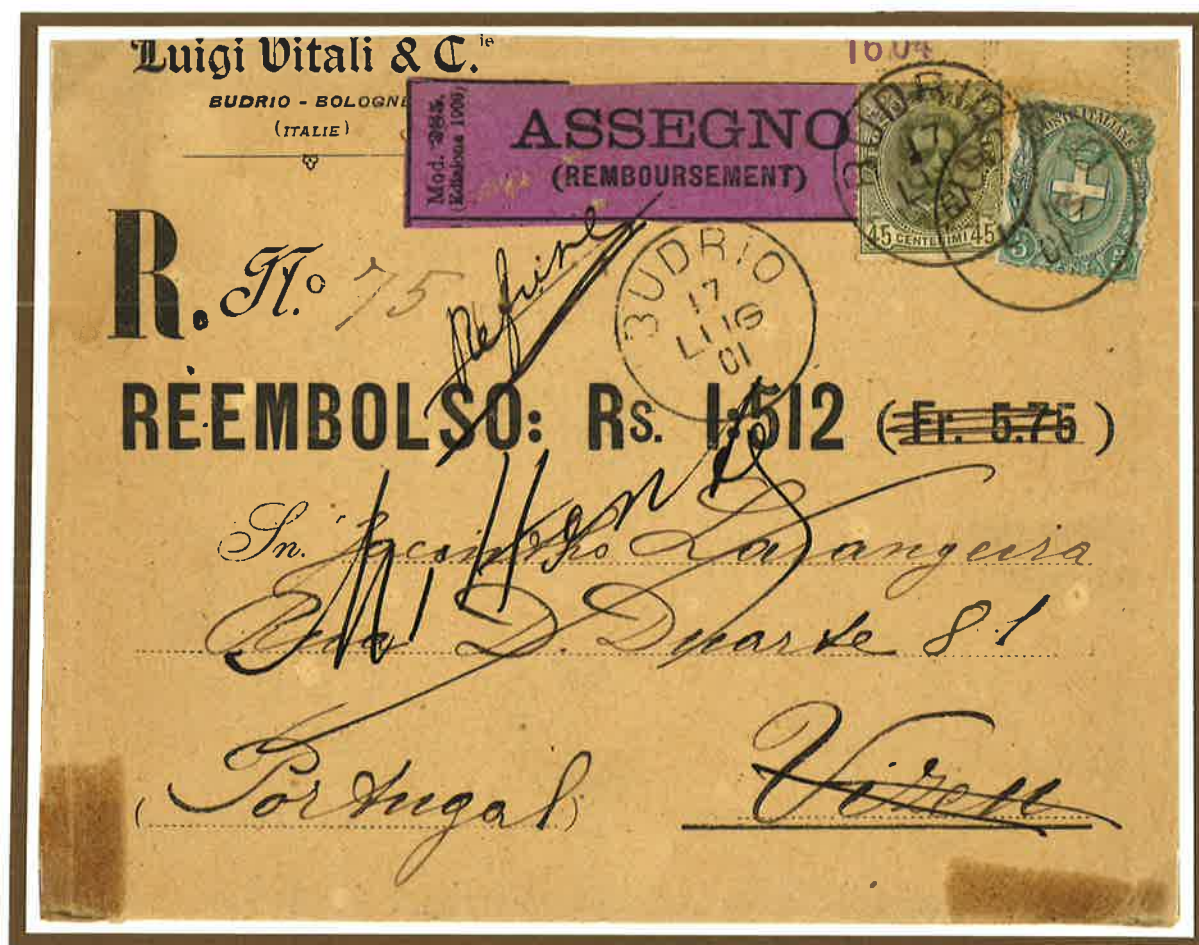
24 July 1900. Picture postcard from Turin to Lisbon (Portugal), prepaid 5 centesimi (unified zone), as printed matters.



12 October 1899. Picture postcard from Milan to Porto (Portugal), prepaid 10 centesimi (unified zone).



7 January 1890. Single rate letter from Genoa to Lisbon (Portugal), prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone).



17 July 1901. Letter 1:512 Reis "Remboursement" from Budrio (Bologna) to Vizeu (Portugal).

The letter arrived to Vizeu on 21 July and subsequently returned to the sender.

Rate 50 centesimi : 25 centesimi single letter rate (unified zone), 25 centesimi registration fee. (COD service 30 c.).



1<sup>st</sup> Chapter : Mail to the European Countries  
1.3 – Countries mainly reached  
"via mare"



Gibraltar

Gibraltar is one of the fourteen British Overseas Territories and joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



21 April 1893. Single rate printed matters from Naples to Gibraltar, prepaid 5 centesimi (to A zone).



4 May 1882. Registered single rate letter from Rome to Gibraltar, prepaid 50 centesimi (to A zone).  
Rate 50 centesimi : 25 centesimi single rate letter and 25 centesimi registration fee.

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Greece

Greece joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



April 1893. Single rate printed matters from Rome to Athens (Greece), prepaid 5 centesimi (to A zone).



8 February 1900. Lettercard by 5 centesimi from Rome to Patras (Greece), through integration with postage stamps of 20 centesimi (unified zone).

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Malta  
(British Colony)

Malta was a British Colony and joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



26 September 1895. Single rate letter from Avola to Malta, prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone).



June 1892. Double rate letter from Rome to Malta, prepaid 50 centesimi (to A zone).



Crete was a territory of the Ottoman Empire, that joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



21 January 1899. Single rate Worthless specimen from Rome to La Canea (Crete), prepaid 5 centesimi (unified zone).



6 November 1898. Single rate letter from Spoleto to La Canea (Crete), prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone).



Cyprus was a territory of the Ottoman Empire, that joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



22 November 1884. Single rate letter from Genoa to Larnaca (Cyprus), prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone). The letter was carried via Brindisi (transit on 23 November) and arrived to Larnaca on 28 November.



1 October 1886. Postcard by 10 centesimi from Florence to Larnaca (Cyprus), (to A zone).



Turkey was a territory of the Ottoman Empire, that joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



11 July 1898. Visiting card from Valle di Pompei to Bugia (Turkey), prepaid 5 centesimi (to A zone) as printed matters.



17 March 1899. Picture Postcard from Prato to Brousse (Turkey), prepaid 10 centesimi (unified zone).



6 September 1895. Double rate letter from Sorrento to Constantinople (Turkey), prepaid 50 centesimi (to A zone).



5 April 1898. Registered single rate letter from Turin to Makrikeuy (Turkey), prepaid 50 centesimi (to A zone).  
Rate 50 centesimi : 25 centesimi single rate letter and 25 centesimi registration fee.



27 May 1898. Registered single rate letter from Naples to Costantinople (Turkey), prepaid 50 centesimi (to A zone).  
Rate 50 centesimi : 25 centesimi single rate letter and 25 centesimi registration fee.



8 July 1889. Four times rate rate letter from Venice to Costantinople (Turkey), prepaid 1 Lira (to A zone).





31 October 1896. Triple rate newspaper from Rome to Bugia, near Izmir (Turkey), prepaid 15 centesimi to A zone (5 centesimi for each 50 grams).



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# AMMINISTRAZIONE DELLE POSTE ITALIANE

(ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES D'ITALIE)

## RICEVUTA DI RITORNO

di un<sup>(a)</sup> *biglietta internazionale*

(b)

per Lire *Centocinquanta*

spedito dall'ufficio di *Andorno*

sotto il N. *54* addì *5 Marzo* 1893

all'indirizzo del *Signor Arcangelo Monillo*

*Hotel Bell'Italia Galata*

a *Costantinopoli* Provincia di *Tricorno*

## AVIS DE RÉCEPTION

d'un<sup>(a)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

enregistré par le bureau de \_\_\_\_\_

sous le N. \_\_\_\_\_ le \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_

adressé à M. \_\_\_\_\_

a \_\_\_\_\_ Pays de \_\_\_\_\_



(a) indicare se di oggetto raccomandato — di lettera assicurata — di pacco postale — di vaglia  
(b) indicare con valore dichiarato, quando sia una lettera assicurata od un pacco.  
(c) indicare la somma in tutte lettere.

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5 March 1893. Acknowledgment of receipt from Andorno Cacciorna, near Biella, to Constantinople (Turkey), prepaid 25 centesimi to A zone.



Egypt was a territory of the Ottoman Empire, that joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



26 February 1889. Registered single rate letter from Rome to Alexandria of Egypt, prepaid 45 centesimi (to A zone).

Rate 45 centesimi : 20 centesimi single rate letter and 25 centesimi registration fee.

Until 31 December 1889 the letter to Alexandria of Egypt was carried at the rate for inland : 20 centesimi.



6 February 1898. Visiting card from Vicenza to Cairo (Egypt), prepaid 5 centesimi (to A zone) as printed matters.



18 August 1897. Single rate letter from Milan to Alexandria of Egypt, prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone).



10 November 1898. Registered single rate letter from Turin to Cairo (Egypt), prepaid 50 centesimi (to A zone).  
Rate 50 centesimi : 25 centesimi single rate letter and 25 centesimi registration fee.



Palestine was a territory of the Ottoman Empire, that joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



18 July 1898. Front of double rate letter from Naples to Jerusalem (Palestine - Ottoman Empire), prepaid 50 centesimi (to A zone).



25 July 1898. Postcard by 10 centesimi from Tivoli to Jaffa (Palestine – Ottoman Empire) to A zone.



Syria was a territory of the Ottoman Empire, that joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



18 March 1896. Single rate letter from Milan to Damascus (Syria - Ottoman Empire), prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone).

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Algeria (France)

Mail addressed to Algeria was rated like the Mail addressed to France, that joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



30 November 1882. Postcard by 10 centesimi from Turin to Philippeville (Algeria), to A zone.



7 September 1893. Single rate letter from Cittadella to Seriana (Algeria), prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone).



Morocco was a Spanish Colony, that joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



2 February 1900. Single rate letter from Spezia to Mazagan (Morocco), prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone).



2 August 1900. Registered single rate letter from Marina di Pisa to Tanger (Morocco) arrived on 8 August and then re-addressed to the Belgian Congo where arrived on 21 September, where was not unclaimed until 11 February 1901 and was then sent back to the sender at Marina di Pisa, where arrived on 11 March 1901.  
 Rate 50 centesimi : 25 centesimi single letter rate (unified rates) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



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Tunisia

Tunisia was independent but the Bey of Tunisia had to be approved by Constantinople. Mail from Italy were carried at the domestic postal rate with the Italian Post Office in Tunis. Tunisia joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> July 1888.



6 April 1879. Single rate printed matters from Castellammare di Stabia to Tunis (Tunisia), prepaid 5 centesimi (domestic rate).



1 June 1887. Postcard by 10 centesimi from Genoa to Tunis (domestic rate).



10 November 1882. Single rate letter from Leghorn to Susa (Tunisia), prepaid 20 centesimi (domestic rate).



26 August 1896. Registered single rate letter from S. Gimignano to Susa (Tunisia), prepaid 45 centesimi.  
Rate 45 centesimi : 20 centesimi single letter rate (domestic rate) and 25 centesimi registration fee.

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Tripoli of Barbary

Mail from Italy were carried at the domestic postal rate with the Italian Post Office in Tripoli of Barbary.



23 November 1882, Single rate letter from Leghorn to Tripoli of Barbary, prepaid 20 centesimi (domestic postal rate).



Madeira, officially the Autonomous Region of Madeira, is one of the two autonomous regions of Portugal (along with the Azores). It is an archipelago situated in the north Atlantic Ocean, southwest of Portugal.



8 December 1883. Registered double rate letter from Rome to Funchal (Madeira), prepaid 75 centesimi (to A zone).  
Rate 75 centesimi : 50 centesimi double rate letter and 25 centesimi registration fee.



German South-West Africa was a colony of the German Empire corresponding to the modern African state of Namibia; the colony existed from 1884 to 1919 until the defeat of Germany in the First World War.



15 April 1899. Registered single rate letter from Ospedaletti Col di Rodi to Swakopmund, arrived on 29 May and re-addressed to Cape Cross, near Swakopmund (German South West Africa). Rate 50 centesimi: 25 centesimi single letter rate (unified rate) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



French West Africa was part of the French colonial empire and was created on 16 June 1895 following the completion of the French conquest of the West African areas. It initially comprised the French colonies of Ivory Coast, Senegal, French Guinea (current Guinea) and French Sudan (current Mali), while Niger, Mauritania and Alto Volta (current Burkina Faso) were added later. It was placed under the authority of a French governor stationed in Dakar, Senegal, which became the capital of the federation.



27 February 1900. Private postcard from Pisa to Dakar (Senegal – French West Africa), prepaid 10 centesimi (unified zone).



South Africa was a British Colony constituted by a fusion of four different British Colonies : the Cape Colony, the Colony of Natal, the Orange River Colony and the Colony of Transvaal.



31 January 1894. Single rate letter from Rome to Cape Town (Cape Colony - South Africa), prepaid 40 centesimi (to B zone).



January 1899. Single rate letter from Genoa to Ladysmith (Colony of Natal - South Africa), prepaid 25 centesimi (unified zone), to an officer of the British Royal Artillery during the Second Boer War.



5 January 1899. Registered single rate letter from Sondrio to Barberton (Colony of Transvaal – South Africa).  
Rate 50 centesimi: 25 centesimi single letter rate (unified zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



13 September 1899. Registered single rate letter from Rome to Pretoria (Colony of Transvaal – South Africa).  
The letter was unclaimed and refused, then carried to  
**Central Bureau of Refuse** in Rome, where arrived on 24 January 1901.  
Rate 50 centesimi: 25 centesimi single letter rate (unified zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



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Eritrean Colony

In 1890 (Royal Decree n° 6592 of 1<sup>st</sup> January 1890) Eritrea was declared an Italian Colony, with capital Massawa. Mail from Italy to Eritrean Colony was carried with Italian domestic postal rate.



6 November 1900. Single rate letter from Rome to Asmara (Eritrean Colony), prepaid 20 centesimi.



9 April 1899. Registered single rate letter from Milan to Adi Ugri (Eritrean Colony).  
Rate 45 centesimi : 20 centesimi single letter rate (domestic postal rate) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



French Somalia was a possession of the French colonial empire located in the Horn of Africa region, established as a French Colony on 1896 and joined immediately in the Universal Postal Union.



10 March 1901. Single rate letter from Portoferraio (Leghorn), prepaid 25 centesimi (unified rates), carried to Marseille, where it was embarked on a French packet to Djibouti.



Zanzibar was a British protectorate and then formally joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



12 August 1896. Picture postcard from Naples to Zanzibar, prepaid 10 centesimi (to A zone).



3 January 1901. Registered single rate letter from Fontanetto d'Agogna, near Novara to Zanzibar. Rate 50 centesimi : 25 centesimi single letter rate (unified rate) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



German East Africa was a German colony in East Africa, corresponding to the current states of Burundi, Rwanda and Tanganyika (the current Tanzania, excluding the archipelago of Zanzibar already a British protectorate).



19 April 1900. Single rate letter from Rapallo, near Genoa to Dar es Salam (German East Africa), prepaid 25 centesimi (unified zone).



La R union is an island located in the Indian Ocean east of Madagascar and nearby from Mauritius. It is both a region and an overseas department of France.



22 May 1886. Acknowledgment of receipt from Genoa to Saint Denis (Reunion Island), prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone).



British India joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



12 April 1901, Private postcard from Rome to Nagpur (British India), prepaid 10 centesimi (unified zone).



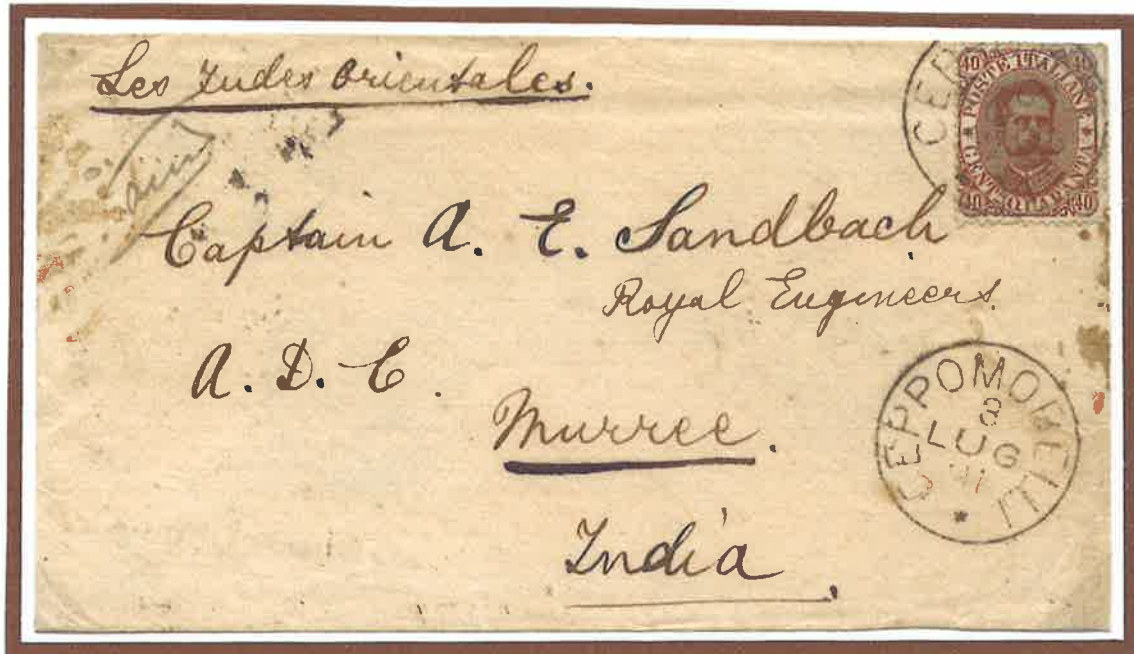
23 November 1889, Picture postcard from Rome to Bombay (British India), prepaid 15 centesimi (to B zone).



20 July 1882. Single rate letter from Padua to Bombay (British India), underpaid 25 centesimi to A zone, but British India was in B zone and the rate required was 40 centesimi. The letter was charged on delivery 2 Annas and 6 Pence as confirmed by the handstamp "OVERLAND POSTAGE DUE" struck in Bombay.



12 July 1882. Registered single rate letter from Padua to Bombay (British India), prepaid 65 centesimi. The letter routed via Brindisi, after transit from Aden arrived to Bombay on 8 August 1882. Rate 65 centesimi : 40 centesimi single letter rate (to B zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



3 July 1891. Single rate letter from Ceppomorelli to Murree (British India), prepaid 40 centesimi (to B zone).  
The letter routed via Brindisi, after transit from Aden and Bombay, arrived to Murree on 23 July 1891.



19 October 1894. Single rate letter from Rome to Naini Tal (British India), prepaid 40 centesimi (to B zone).  
The letter routed via Brindisi, after transit from Aden and Bombay, arrived to Naini Tal on 6 November 1894.





Siam joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> July 1885.



31 March 1885. Single rate letter from Florence to Bangkok (Siam), prepaid 40 centesimi (to B zone).  
The letter routed via Brindisi, after the transit from Suez, Aden and Bombay,  
arrived to Singapore on 8 May 1885 and then carried to Bangkok.



The French Indochina was a French Colony that included Tonkin, Annam, Cochinchina (regions that are today the Vietnam), the territories that are now Laos and Cambodia, joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



11 February 1901. Picture Postcard from Bologna to Hanoi - Tonkin (French Indochina), prepaid 10 centesimi (unified zone).  
The Picture Postcard was routed via London and arrived to Hanoi - Tonkin on 21 March 1901.



British Colonies joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



30 December 1889. Single rate letter from Milan to Penang (today Malaysia), prepaid 40 centesimi (to B zone).  
The letter routed via Brindisi after transit from Columbus, arrived to Penang on 30 January 1890.



British Burma joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



27 December 1890. Registered single rate letter from Novara to Rangoon (British Burma). The letter routed via Brindisi, after the transit from Suez, Aden and Bombay, arrived to Rangoon on 17 January 1891. The letter was not delivered to the addressee and then on 28 March come back to the sender, where arrived on 12 April 1891.

Rate 65 centesimi : 40 centesimi single rate letter (to B zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



China joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> March 1914.



15 September 1895. Double rate printed matters from Messina to Shanghai (China), prepaid 10 centesimi (to B zone).



28 October 1901. Registered picture postcard from Rimini to Shanghai (China). Rate 35 centesimi : 10 centesimi postcard (unified zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



30 January 1901. Registered double rate letter from Florence to Harbin (Manchuria).  
After the transit from Brindisi on 1 February and Shanghai on 15 March, arrived at destination on 15 April.  
Rate 75 centesimi : 50 centesimi double rate letter (unified rate) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



Dutch Colonies joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



15 February 1890. Postcard by 10 centesimi from Genoa to Medan, Sumatra Islands (currently in Indonesia).



31 December 1893. Single rate letter from Turin to Padang, Sumatra Islands (currently in Indonesia), underpaid 25 centesimi to A zone, but Sumatra was in B zone and the rate required was 40 centesimi.



Japan joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



21 July 1901. Picture Postcard from Formigine to Kobe (Japan), prepaid 10 centesimi (unified zone).



26 January 1880. Single rate letter from Turin to Yokohama (Japan), prepaid 40 centesimi (to B zone).  
The letter routed via Brindisi, after transit from Alexandria, Suez, Galle and Hong Kong arrived to Yokohama on 16 March 1880.





28 March 1894. Postcard by 10 centesimi from Rome to Macao (Portuguese Colony), to B zone.



Australian Colonies joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> October 1891.



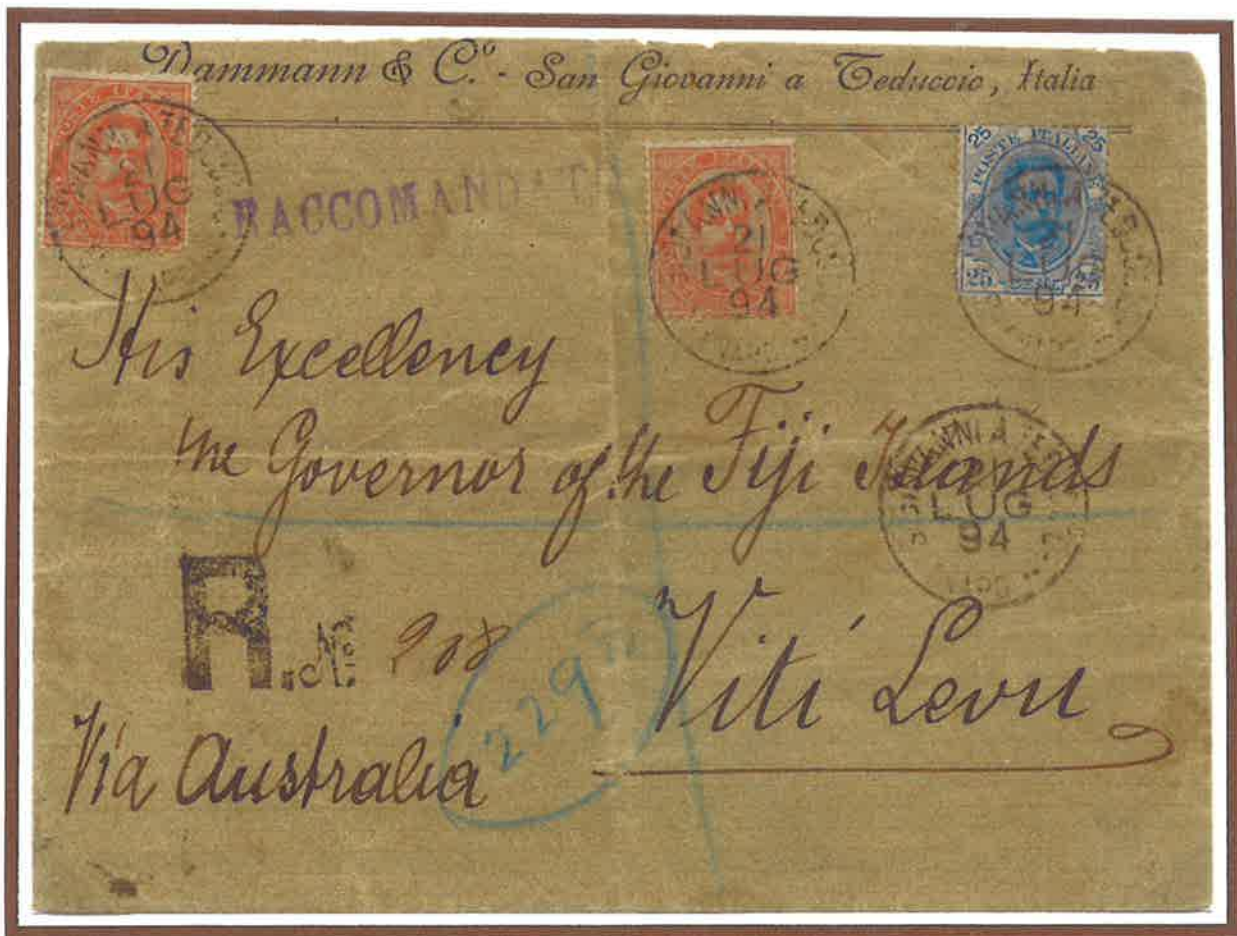
26 December 1889. Picture postcard from Rome to Cooktown (Queensland), prepaid 10 centesimi and fined on delivery 1'/1 as unpaid letter.



July 1897. Single rate letter from Naples to Leichhardt - Sydney (New South Wales), prepaid 25 centesimi.



25 March 1897. Registered single rate letter from Pisa to Auckland (New Zealand), prepaid 50 centesimi.  
Rate 50 centesimi : 25 centesimi single rate letter and 25 centesimi registration fee.



21 July 1894. Registered single rate letter from S. Giovanni a Teduccio, near Naples, to Viti Levu (Fiji Islands).  
Rate 65 centesimi : 40 centesimi single rate letter (to B zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



U.S.A. joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



28 July 1896. Single rate printed matters from Milan to New York (U.S.A.), prepaid 5 centesimi (to A zone).



12 February 1896. Private Postcard from Catanzaro to New York (U.S.A.), prepaid 10 centesimi (to A zone).



13 December 1901. Single rate letter from Milan to Boston (U.S.A.), prepaid 25 centesimi (unified zone).



18 December 1888. Double rate letter from Florence to Cambridge (U.S.A.), prepaid 50 centesimi (to A zone).



May 1891. Triple rate letter from Maiori (Salerno) to Middlesborough (U.S.A.), prepaid 75 centesimi (to A zone).



9 April 1894. Registered single rate letter from Treviso to Raritan – New York (U.S.A.), prepaid 50 centesimi.  
Rate 50 centesimi : 25 centesimi single rate letter (to A zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



Republic of Hawaii was in effect from 1894 to 1898.



26 February 1896. Single rate letter from Genoa to Honolulu (Republic of Hawaii), prepaid 25 centesimi. The letter after the transit from New York and San Francisco, arrived to Honolulu on 28 March 1896.





Canada joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



March 1886. Registered double rate letter from Genoa to Toronto (Canada), prepaid 75 centesimi.  
Rate 75 centesimi : 50 centesimi double rate letter (to A zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



5 May 1895. Registered single rate letter from Rome to Milwaukee (U.S.A.), prepaid 50 centesimi (to A zone) and then redirected to Walkerton (Ontario - Canada). Rate 50 centesimi : 25 centesimi single rate letter (to A zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



15 February 1900. Single rate letter from Rome to Toronto (Canada), prepaid 25 centesimi (unified zone).



Newfoundland joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



5 June 1895. Single rate letter from Venice to Newfoundland, prepaid 25 centesimi (to A zone).



St. Pierre and Miquelon joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



28 April 1891. Single rate printed matters from Naples to Miquelon Island, prepaid 5 centesimi (to A zone).



Mexico joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



16 June 1891. Single rate letter from Vibonati, near Salerno to Jlitta (Mexico), prepaid 40 centesimi (to B zone).



El Salvador joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



26 December 1895. Registered double rate letter from Venice to Santiago de Maria (El Salvador).  
Rate 1,05 Lire : 80 centesimi double letter rate (to B Zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



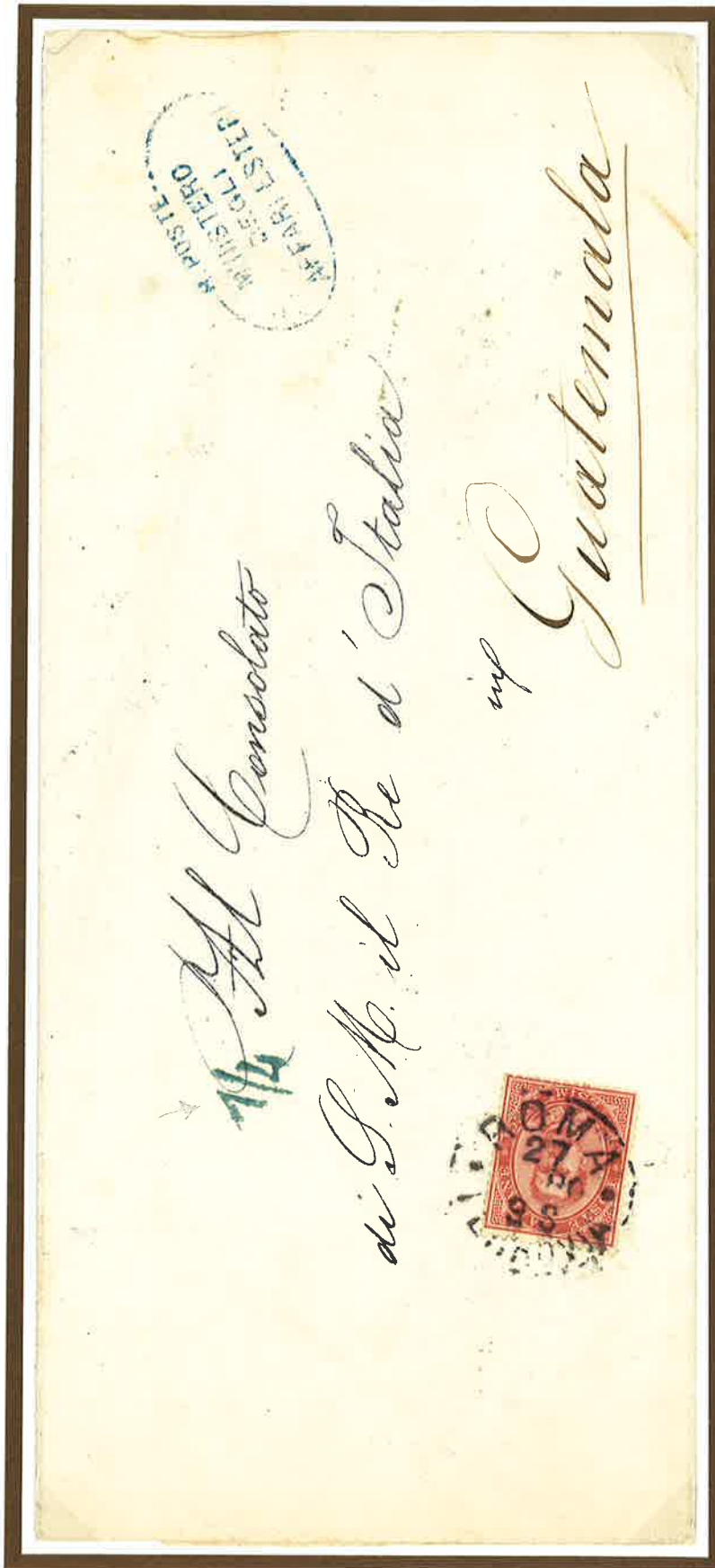
Guatemala joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> August 1881.



26 December 1891. Single rate letter from Palermo to Guatemala, prepaid 40 centesimi (to B Zone).



1 April 1891. Registered single rate letter from Diano Marina to Guatemala.  
Rate 65 centesimi : 40 centesimi single letter rate (to B Zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



27 April 1880. Single rate printed matters from Rome to Guatemala, prepaid 10 centesimi (to B zone).





Puerto Rico joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



10 December 1901. Registered single rate letter from Reggio Calabria to Puerto Rico, prepaid 50 centesimi.  
Rate 50 centesimi : 25 centesimi single letter rate (unified zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



Nicaragua joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> May 1882, while Trinidad since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



26 December 1901. Private Postcard from Genoa to Port of Spain (Trinidad), prepaid 10 centesimi (unified zone).



28 October 1885. Single rate letter from Neive, near Cuneo to Managua (Nicaragua), prepaid 40 centesimi (to B zone).



Cuba joined in the Universal Postal Union since 4<sup>th</sup> October 1902.



12 November 1892. Postcard by 10 centesimi from Modena to Havana (Cuba), through integration with postage stamp of 5 centesimi (to B zone).



18 December 1892. Registered single rate letter from Modena to Havana (Cuba), prepaid 65 centesimi.

Rate 65 centesimi : 40 centesimi single letter rate (to C Zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.

The C zone rates were repealed on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1892 and the "non UPU Countries" rate was made equal the B zone rates.



Suriname joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879, while Colombia since 1<sup>st</sup> July 1881.



9 April 1898. Picture Postcard from Rome to Paramaribo (Suriname), prepaid 10 centesimi (to B zone).



6 October 1893. Postcard by 10 centesimi from Leghorn to Fuquene (Colombia), through integration with postage stamps of 5 centesimi (to B zone).  
The correct rate of 15 centesimi was changed on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1893 and decreased to 10 centesimi.



Brazil joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



7 May 1898. Private Postcard from Florence to Sao Paulo (Brazil), prepaid 10 centesimi (to B zone).



12 June 1883. Single rate printed matters from Verona to Cuiabá (Brazil), prepaid 10 centesimi (to B zone).



12 October 1895. Single rate letter from Varese to Corumbá (Brazil), prepaid 40 centesimi (to B zone).



31 March 1892. Registered five times rate letter from Genoa to Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), prepaid 2,25 Lire (to B zone).  
Rate 2,25 Lire : 2 Lire five times rate letter (to B zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



8 August 1893. Registered letter from Longarone to Nossa Senhora do Desterro, currently Florianopolis (Brazil), prepaid 65 centesimi, (to B zone).

The addressee was unknown and the letter was refused and carried to Longarone, after the transit from the **Central Bureau of Refuse** in Rome.  
Rate 65 centesimi : 40 centesimi single rate letter (to B zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.







Uruguay joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> July 1880.



6 March 1880. Registered letter from Desenzano sul Lago to Florida (Uruguay), prepaid 65 centesimi, (to C zone). The C zone rate was in effect on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1892 and the “non UPU Countries” rate was made equal the B zone rate. The letter was refused by the addressee (Rechazada por el recipiente) and rejected (Devuelta) to Desenzano sul Lago, after the transit from the **Central Bureau of Refuse** in Rome. Rate 65 centesimi : 40 centesimi single rate letter (to C zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



2 September 1889. Postcard by 10 centesimi from Florence to Montevideo (Uruguay), through integration with postage stamps of 5 centesimi (to B zone).



17 July 1884. Single rate letter from Meta (Naples) to Montevideo (Uruguay), prepaid 40 centesimi (to B zone).



31 December 1899. Single rate letter from Piedimulera to Colon - Montevideo (Uruguay), prepaid 25 centesimi, (unified zone).

The letter was wrongly carried to Colon (Panama) where it arrived on 30 January 1900 and then readdressed to Uruguay (after Rio de Janeiro transit) where it arrived on 5 April 1900.



Argentina joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.



17 July 1891. Registered single rate letter from Gropello Cairoli to Buenos Aires, prepaid 65 centesimi (to B zone).  
 Rate 65 centesimi : 40 centesimi single rate letter (to B zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.



23 May 1888. Acknowledgment of receipt from Pellio di Sopra to Buenos Aires (Argentina), prepaid 25 centesimi.



3 February 1895. Single rate letter from Genoa to Bahia Blanca (Argentina), prepaid 40 centesimi (to B zone).



15 April 1901. Single rate letter from Palermo to Buenos Aires (Argentina), prepaid 25 centesimi (unified zone).



Peru joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879, while Bolivia since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1886.



3 December 1887. Single rate letter from S. Margherita Ligure to Tacna (Peru), prepaid 40 centesimi (to B zone).



20 September 1890. Registered single rate letter from Rome to Santa Cruz (Bolivia), prepaid 65 centesimi.

Rate 65 centesimi : 40 centesimi single rate letter (to B zone) and 25 centesimi registration fee.

The addressee was dead (handwritten on reverse Décédé – Fallecido) and on 13 December the letter was carried to the sender. Upon arrival in Italy (Genoa) on 22 February the handstamp “cambio con l'estero” was struck.

These handstamps were used from 1<sup>st</sup> July 1889 normally on letters from abroad and its use on letters franked by Italian stamps is very unusual. This less effective system was the cause of many time lags at the Mail Transit Offices and was abolished less than two years later, on 1 May 1891.

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beyond Panama of the Pacific coast



Chile

Chile joined in the Universal Postal Union since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1881.



10 April 1892. Double rate letter from Rome to Santiago (Chile), underpaid 40 centesimi as single rate letter to B zone, but the rate required was 80 centesimi. The letter was fined on delivery 16 centavos as confirmed by the handstamp "SANTIAGO 16 Cs MULTADA" struck in Santiago.



21 June 1885. Double rate letter from Rome to Copiapò and then Santiago (Chile), prepaid 80 centesimi (to B zone).



4 February 1887. Triple rate letter from Rome to Santiago (Chile), prepaid 1,20 Lire (to B zone).