

The postal rates of the period July 1921-June 1923

The registered letter rate.

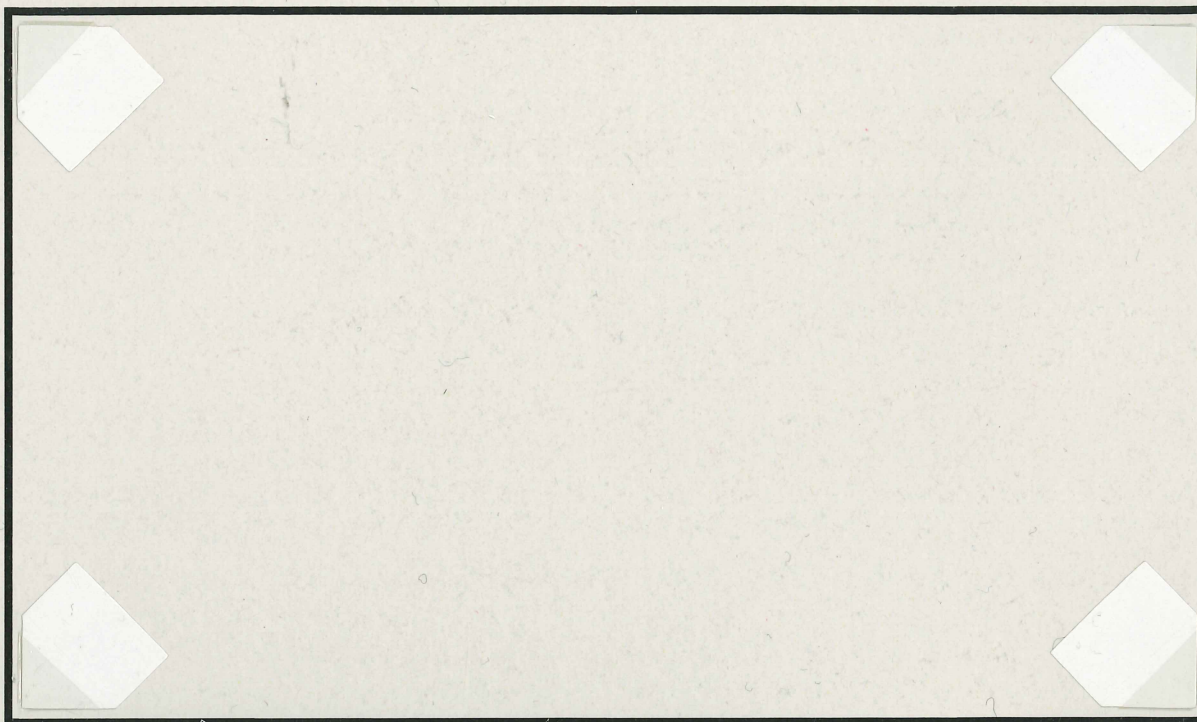


September 13th,
 1921. Registered
 cover from
 Addis Ababa to
 Athens. Franked
 with 12 guerche
 (4 g. letter rate
 abroad + 2
 additional
 weight units
 each 2 g. +
 registration 4 g.).
 Cancelled
 ADDIS-
 ABABA R.P.
 (AA8)
 13.IX.1921. On
 reverse transit
 PORT TAUFIQ
 27.IX.21 and
 ALEXANDRIA
 28.IX.21.

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The November 1908- May 1921 rates: The registered letter rate abroad.

In the period November 1908-May 19021 registration was 2 guerches. The registration was indicated with the letter **R** and hand written registration number until the introduction of registration labels in 1917-1918.



September 10th, 1909.
Registered cover from Addis Ababa to Nairobi. Redirected to London. Franked 4 guerche (letter abroad 2 g. + registration 2 g. **rate 1908-1921**). Franked Addis Ababa (AA1). On front transit Juja 3.10.1909. On reverse transit Mombasa 24.9.1909, Nairobi 30.9.1909, Mombasa 5.10.1909. Arrival London 29.10.1909.

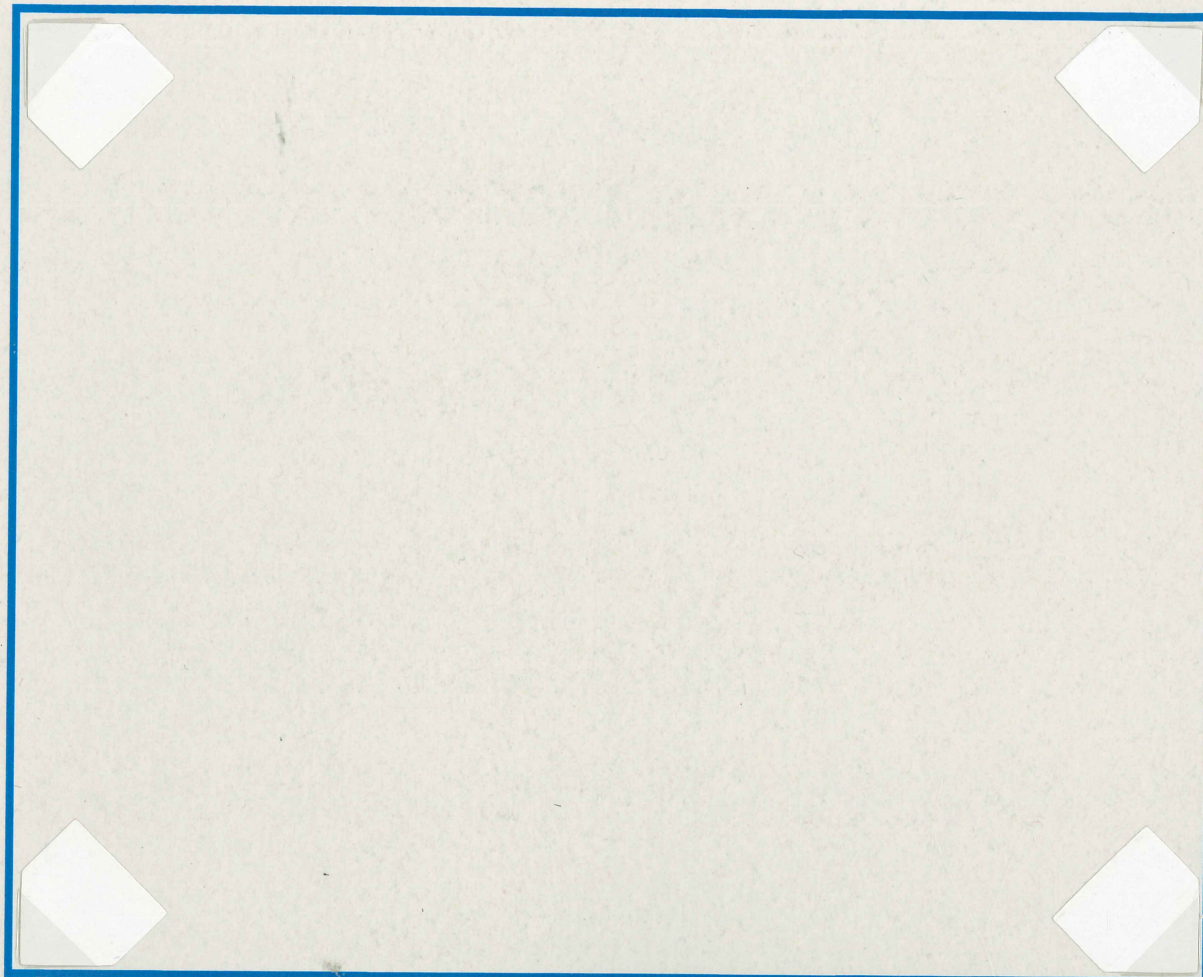


October 14th, 1910. Registered cover from Addis Ababa to Neratovic. Franked with 5 guerche (letter abroad 2 g. + additional weight unit 1 g. + registration 2 g. **rate 1908-1921**) Cancelled Addis Ababa (AA1). On reverse transit Port Taufiq 30.10.1910 and Port Said 31.10.1910.

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The July 1923- June 1930 rates: The open letter rate abroad. The visiting card rate abroad

In the period July 1923-June 1930 open letter rater abroad was 1 guerche, half of letter rate. Visiting cards were franked in this time period as open letter. Later printed matter rate was applied.



July 7th, 1928. Open cover from Addis Ababa to Paris. Franked with 1 guerche (open letter abroad **rate 1923-1930**). Cancelled Addia Ababa (AA8). **A scarce open letter, probably an invoice, abroad.**

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January 3rd, 1925. Visiting card Addis Ababa to Frasné France. Franked with 1guerche (visiting card abroad **rate 1923-1930**). Cancelled Addis Ababa (AA4). On reverse arrival Frasné 21.1.1925.

UPU Rates

The July 1921- June 1923 rates: The registered letter rate.

In the period July 1921-June 1923 external registration tax was increased from 2 to 4 merches



December 30th, 1922. Registered cover from Addis Ababa to Dresden. Franked with 8 guerche (letter abroad 4 g. + registration 4 g. rate 1921-1923). Cancelled Addis Ababa (AA4). Transit Munchen 25.1.1923. On reverse transit Marseille 23.1.1922 and arrival Dresden 26.1.1922.



July 1st, 1922 Registered cover from Addis Ababa to Wien. Franked with 12 guerche (letter abroad 4 g. + two additional weight units each 2 g. + registration 4 g. rate 1921-1923). Cancelled Addis Ababa (AA9). Transit Port Taufiq 11.7.1922.



front of cover reduced to 30%

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The November 1908- May 1921 rates: The letter rate abroad. The printed matter and visiting card rate abroad.

In the period November 1908-May 1921 the letter rate abroad was 2 guerches independently from the destination. Additional weight units paid each 1 guerche. The rate for printed matter and visiting cards was 1 guerche. External registration fee was 2 guerches.



January 11th, 1913.
Cover from Addis
Ababa to Brighton.
Franked with 2
guerche (letter **rate**
1908-1921). Cancelled
Addis Ababa (AA4).

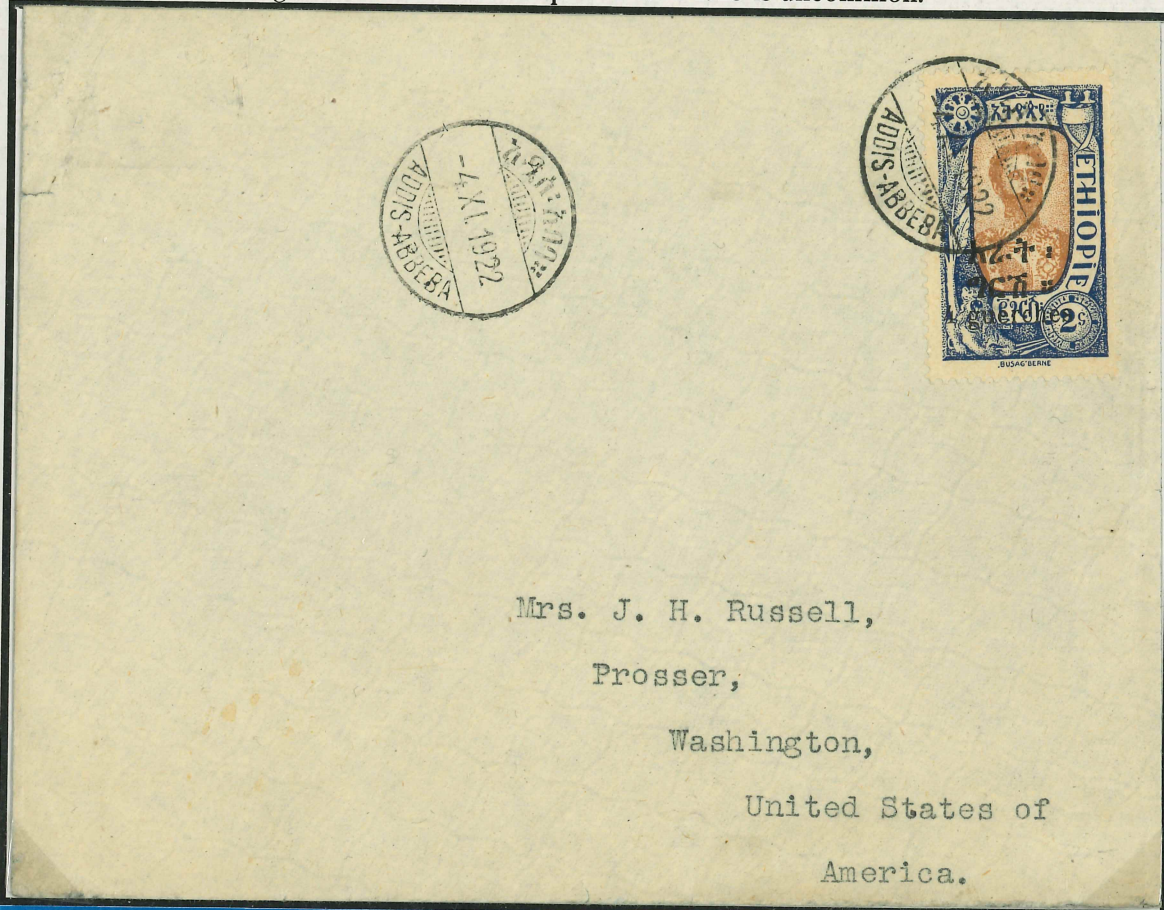


October 7th, 1911. Visiting card from Addis
Ababa to Mazières. Franked with 1 guerche
(visiting card **rate** 1908-1921). Cancelled Addis
Ababa (AA3). On reverse arrival Mazières
27.10. 1911.

UPU Rates

The July 1921- June 1923 rates: The letter rate abroad. The printed matter and open cover rate abroad.

Because of the devaluation in July 1921 all postal rates were increased. In June 1923 they returned to the previous values. The letter rate abroad was increased from 2 to 4 guerches. Additional weight units were increased from 1 to 2 guerches. The printed matter rate was increased from ½ to 1 guerche. **All mail of the period 1921-1923 is uncommon.**



November 4th, 1922.
Cover from Addis Ababa to Washington. Franked with 4 guerche (letter abroad **rate 1921-1923**). Cancelled Addis Ababa (AA4).



January 3rd, 1922.
Open cover from Addis Ababa to Graz. Franked with 1 guerche (printed matter abroad **rate 1921-1923**). Cancelled Addis Ababa (AA9). On reverse transit Port Tawfiq 14.1.1922 and Port Said 14.1.1922.
External open cover rate is very scarce.

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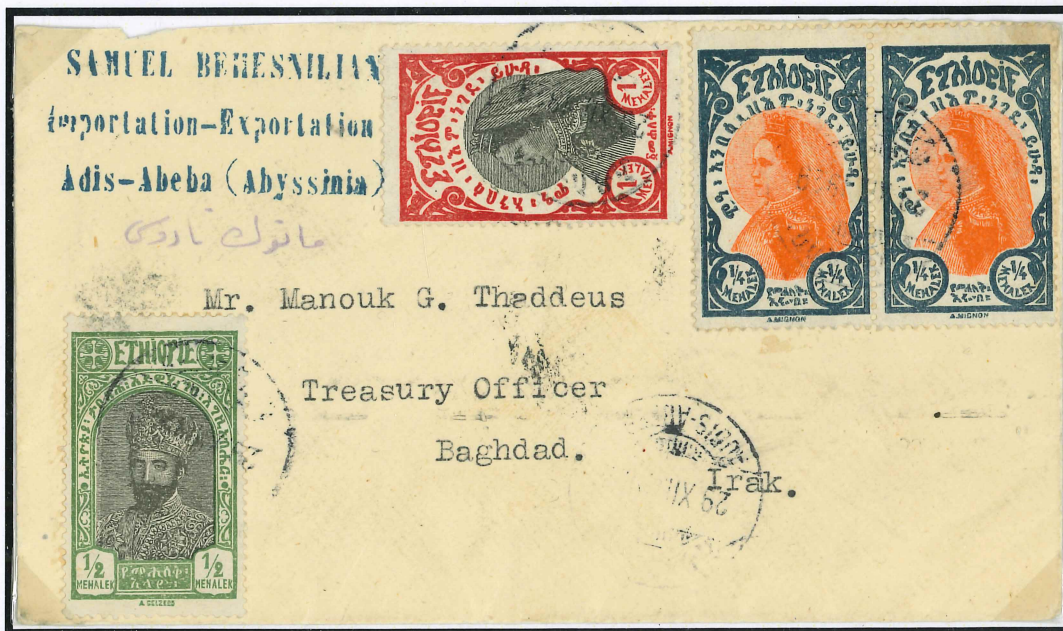
The December 1930- August 1932 rates: The printed matter rate abroad. The postcard rate abroad

From December 1930 the printed matter rate abroad and the postcard rate abroad remained unchanged.



August 3rd, 1931. Printed matter from Addis Ababa to Santa Fe Argentine. Franked with $\frac{3}{4}$ guerche (printed matter abroad rate 1930-1932). Cancelled Addis Ababa (AA11). On reverse arrival Santa Fe 12.9.1931. A scarce destination.

September 6th, 1931. Postcard from Addis Ababa to Helsingfors Finland. Franked with 2 guerche (postcard abroad rate 1930-1932). Cancelled Addis Ababa (AA8). A scarce destination.



December 29th, 1929. Letter from Addis Ababa to Baghdad Iraq. Franked with 2 guerche (letter abroad. **rate 1923-1930**). Cancelled Addis Ababa (AA4). On reverse transit Port Taufiq 11.1.1930 and Port Said 12.1.1930. Arrival Baghdad 15.1.1930.

VI UPU time 1908-1936; new postal activities

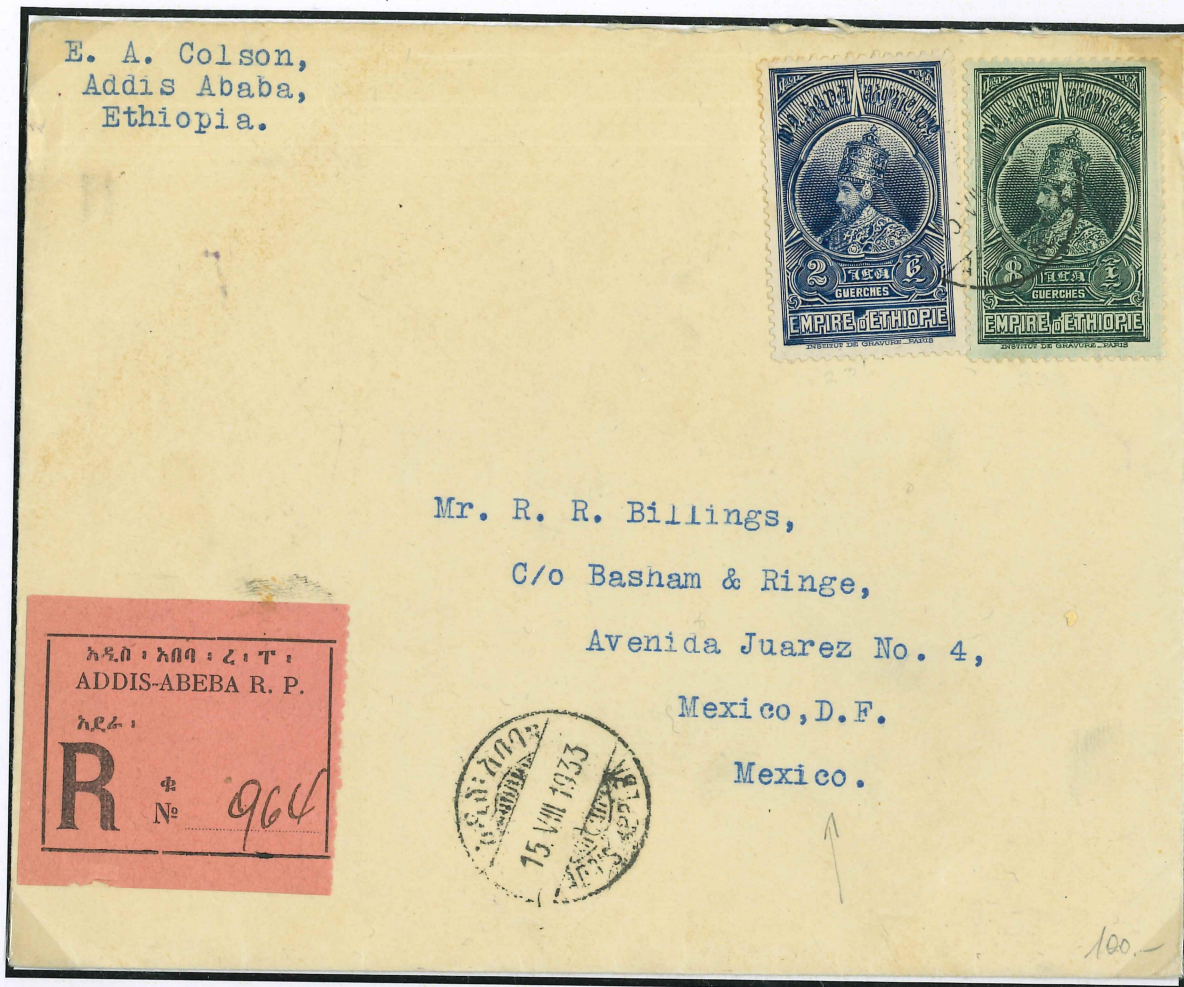
Parcel mail; piece of wrapping



January 4th, 1931. Piece of parcel wrapping from Addis Ababa to Boston USA. Franked with 45 3/8 guerches (28 parcel postweight units of 50 grams each 1½ g + registration 4 g. = 46 g rate 1930-1932; 5/8 g. missing from the piece). Cancelled Addis Ababa (AA8). On arrival 10 cents of USA postage due added for custom charge. Passed free of customs tax. **Less than 5 parcel wrappings reported.**

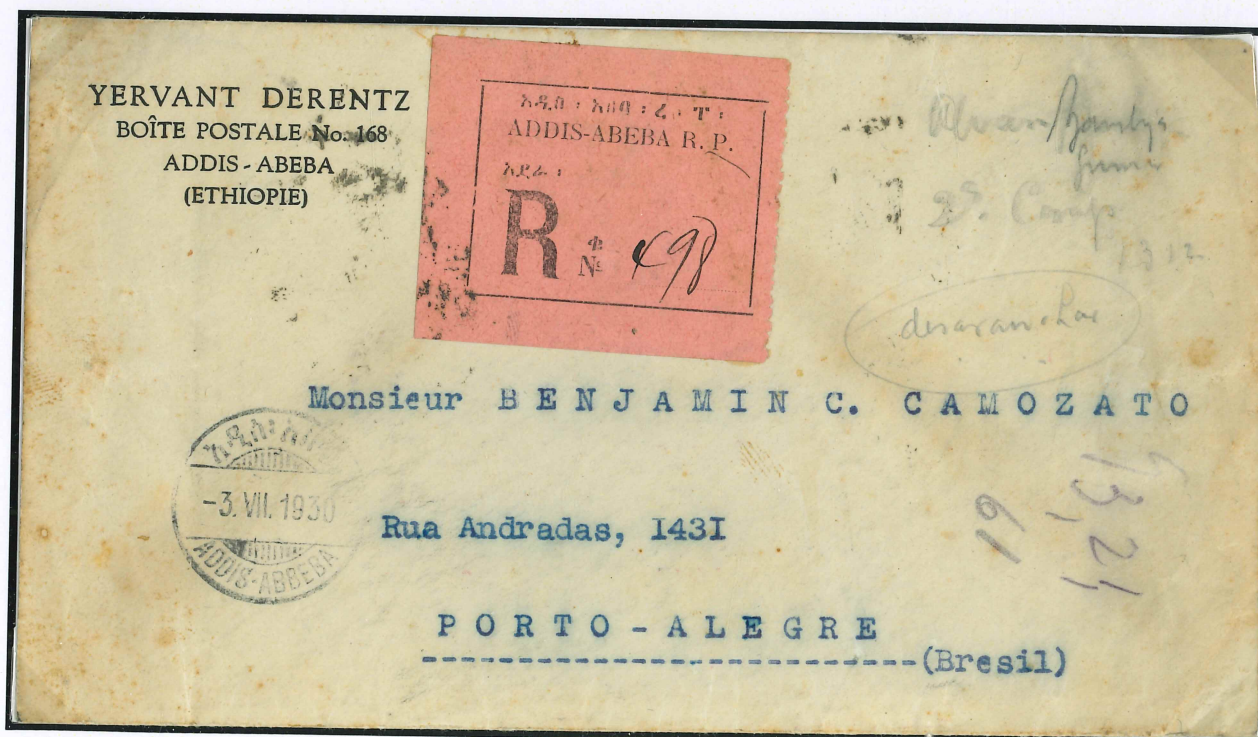
VII UPU time 1908-1936; new destinations all over the world

Mail to America, Mexico, Brazil



August 15th, 1933.
Registered letter from Addis Ababa to Mexico City, Mexico. Franked with 10 guerches (letter abroad 4 g. + registration 6 g. **rate 1932-1936**). Cancelled Addis Ababa (AA12). On reverse arrival Mexico 21.9.1933.

Less than 5 reported items to Mexico.



July 3rd, 1930. Registered cover from Addis Ababa to Porto-Alegre Brazil. Franked on reverse with 6 guerches (letter 1½ g. + additional weight unit 1½g. + registration 3 g. **rate May-November 1930**). Cancelled Addis Ababa (AA12). On reverse arrival Porto-Alegre 11.8.1930.

VII UPU time 1908-1936; new destinations all over the world

Mail to America, Peru, Argentina



February 11th,
1936. Registered
letter from Addis
Ababa to
Arequipa Peru.
Franked with 10
guerches (letter
abroad 4 g. +
registration 6 g.
rate 1932-1936).
Cancelled Addis
Ababa (AA12).
On reverse arrival
Arequipa
20.3.1936.

Less than 10
reported items
to Peru.



March 19th, 1936. Bank cover from Dire Daoua to Cordoba Argentina. Franked with 4 guerches (letter 4 g. **rate 1932-1936**). Cancelled Dire Daoua (DD4). On reverse arrival Cordoba 25.4.1936.



February 17th, 1928. Picture postcard from Addis Ababa to Osaka Japan. Franked with 1 guerche (postcard abroad. **rate 1923-1930**). Cancelled Addis Ababa (AA4B). Arrival Osaka 27.2.1928.

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Mail to Asia, Liban, Aden



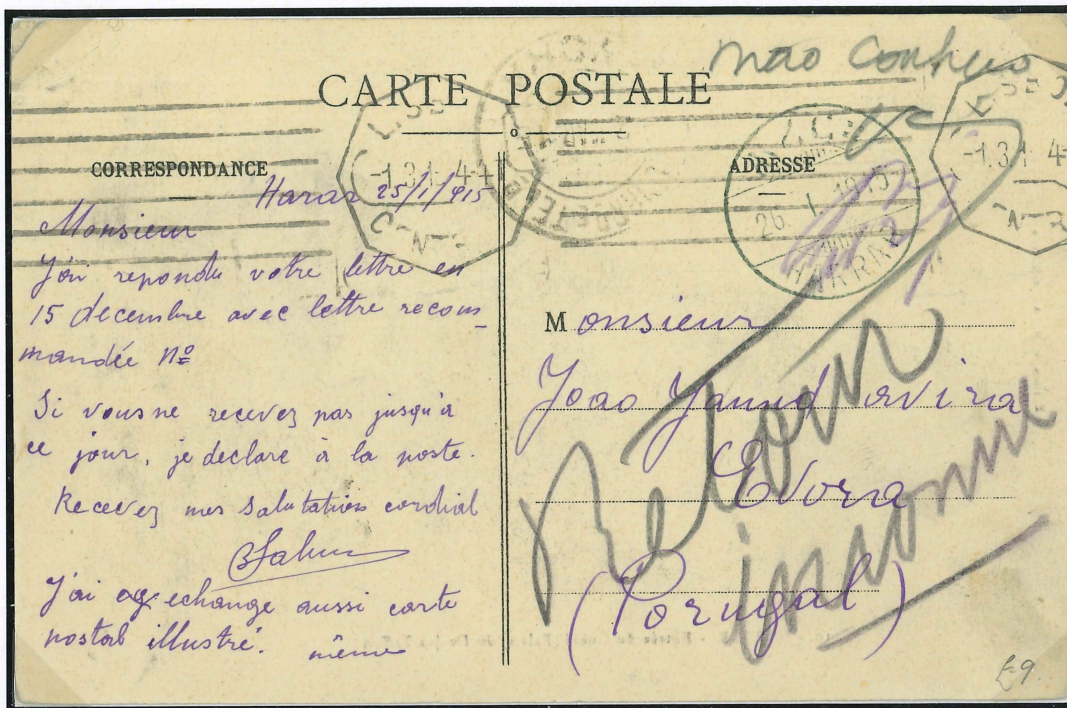
June 28th, 1913. Letter from Addis Ababa to Beyruth Liban. Franked with 2 guerches (letter abroad rate 1908-1921). On reverse transit Port Taufique 11.7.1913 and 14.7.1913. Arrival Beyruth 18.7.1913.



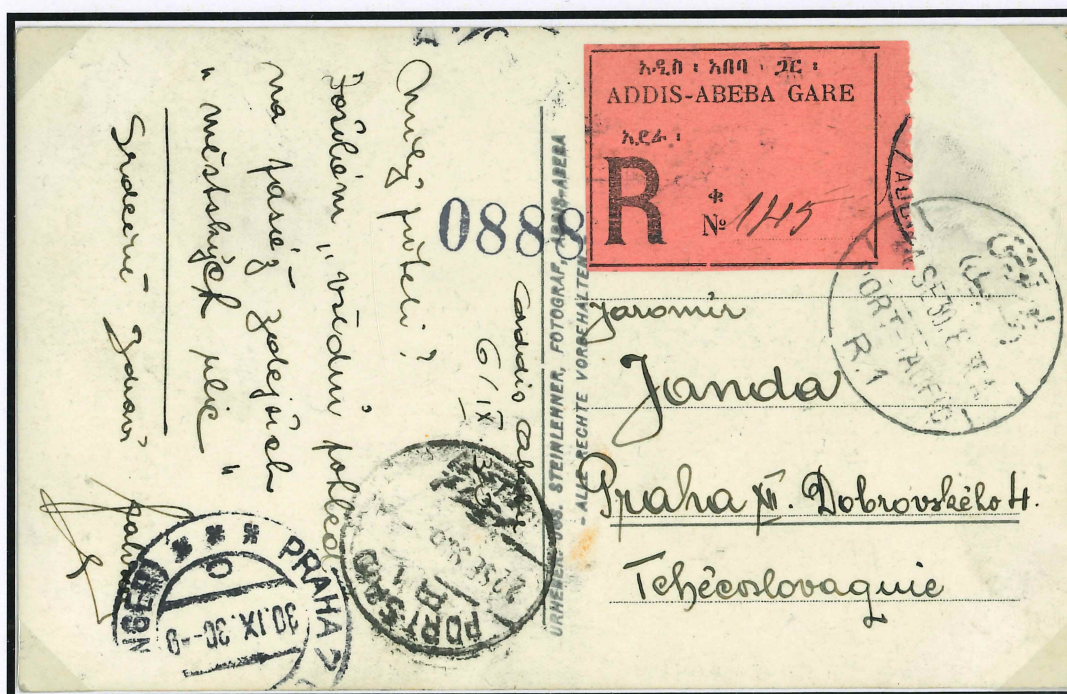
March 8th, 1931. Registered letter from Addis Ababa to Aden. Franked with 21 mehaleks (letter abroad 3 m. + 7 weight units each 2 m. + registration 4 m. rate 1930-32). Cancelled Addis Ababa (AA8). On reverse arrival Aden 22.3.1931.

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Mail to Europe, Portugal, Czechoslovakia



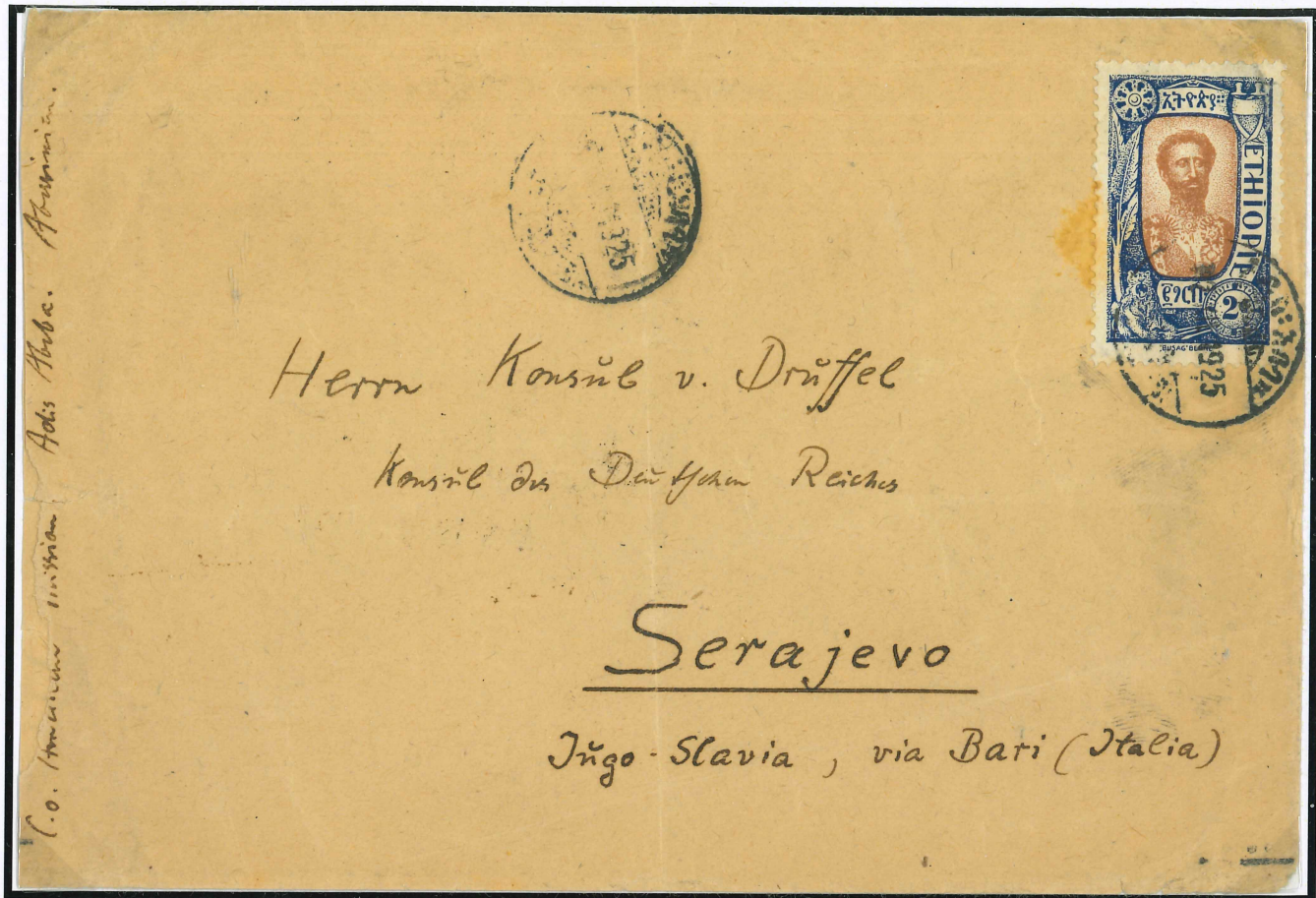
January 26th, 1915. Picture postcard from Harar to Evora Portugal. Franked on front with ½ guerche (postcard abroad rate 1908-1920). Transit Lisbon metermark 1.3.1915. Arrival faint Evora. Returned to sender.



September 17th, 1930. Registered picture postcard from Addis Ababa to Praha Czechoslovakia. Franked on front with 5 guerches (postcard abroad 2 g. + registration 3 g. rate **May-November 1930**). Cancelled Addis Ababa (AA6). Transit Port Said 22.9.1930 and Port Taufiq 24.9.1930. Arrival Praha 30.9.1930.

VII UPU time 1908-1936; new destinations all over the world

Mail to Europe, Yugoslavia, Romania



October 19th, 1935. Letter from Addis Ababa to Sarajevo Yugoslavia. Franked with 2 guerches (letter abroad **rate 1923-1930**). Cancelled Addis Ababa (AA6). On reverse arrival Sarajevo 28.12.5.1935.

Less than 3 items are reported to Yugoslavia.



February 17th 1912. Registered letter from Addis Ababa to Caracal Romania, returned to sender. Franked with 4 guerches (letter abroad 2 g. + registration 2 g. **rate 1908-1921**). Cancelled Addis Ababa (AA5A). On reverse transit Port Taufiq 3.3.1912, Stamboul (Istanbul) 14.3.1912 and 17.3.1912, arrival Caracal ??3.12 and transit on return Port Taufiq 28.3.1912.

VII UPU time 1908-1936; new destinations all over the world

Mail to Europe, Estonia, Finland



April 13th, 1932. Registered letter from Addis Ababa to Olustvere Estonia. Franked with 7 guerches (letter abroad 3 g. + registration 4 g. **rate 1930-1932**). Cancelled Addis Ababa (AA11). On reverse arrival Olustvere 11.5.1932.

The only reported mail to Estonia.



September 6th, 1931.
Postal stationery card from Addis Ababa to Helsinki Finland. Franked with 2 guerches (postcard abroad **rate 1930-1932**). Cancelled Addis Ababa (AA8).

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Mail to Europe, Sweden, Denmark



December 1933. Missionary letter from Nedjo via Lekampte to Göteborg Sweden. Franked with 4 guerches (letter abroad **rate 1932-1936**). Cancelled Lekampte (LK1) 8.12.1933. Pen cancelled by the sender to prevent stealing because the cover travelled by private means from Nedjo to Lekampte. On reverse transit Addis Ababa 15.12.1933.



January 28th, 1935. Open cover from Addis Ababa to Eskebjerg Denmark, redirected to Kobenhagen. Franked with 2 guerches (open letter abroad **rate 1932-1936**). Cancelled Addis Ababa (AA6). Transit Eskebjerg 15.2.1935.

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Mail to Africa, French Sudan, Libya



August 20th, 1933. Registered letter from Addis Ababa to Gao French Sudan. Franked with 10 guerches (letter abroad 4g. + registration 6 g. **rate 1932-1936**). Cancelled Addis Ababa (AA6). On reverse transit Djibouti 22.8.1933 and Bamako 18.9.1933. Arrival Gao 30.9.1933.

Less than 5 reported items to French Sudan.



July 20th, 1912. Picture postcard from Harar to Bengasi Libya. Franked with ½ guerche (postcard abroad **rate 1908-1921**). Cancelled Harar (HR6A). Transit Aden 24.7.1912.

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The November 1908- May 1921 rates: The internal letter rate. Internal letter rate in mail to Djibouti

In the period November 1908-May 1921 the internal letter rate was 1 guerche for each weight unit. It was agreed with the Djibouti postal authorities that mail to Djibouti be franked as Ethiopian internal mail.



November 30th, 1919. Internal cover from Harar to Dire Daoua. Franked with 2 guerche (internal letter 1 g. + additional weight unit 1 g. rate 1908-1921). Cancelled Harar (HR6).



September 25th, 1912. Internal cover from Dire Daoua to Djibouti. Franked with 1 guerche (internal letter 1 g. rate 1908-1921). Cancelled Dire Daoua (DD4). On reverse arrival Djibouti 26.9.1912.

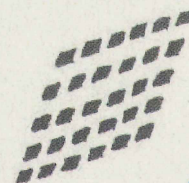
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Some unusual cancellations: The Sudanese Retta dumb canceller. The Kabea Marseille ship canceller.

Stamps on internal mail, which did not get cancellation at departure were cancelled on board or on arrival. "PAQUEBOT" (ship) was the most common of these cancellers. Sudanese Retta was used in Sudan. On Ethiopian mail it is extremely scarce.



October 20th, 1931. Cover from Addis Ababa to Khartoum, redirected Malakal. Franked with 5 guerches (letter abroad 3 g. + additional weight unit 2 g. rate 1930-1932.) On front cancelled Addis Ababa (AA11). Sudanese Retta added to stamps on reverse. Transit Port Taufiq 25.10.1931 and Shella 31.10.1931. On redirection Sudanese airmail tax of 2 piastres was added and cancelled Khartoum 2.11.1931. Arrival Malakal 3.11.1931.



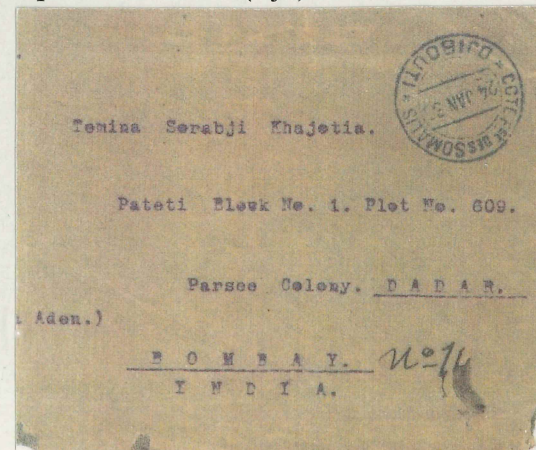
Sudanese Retta canceller (SR1) used 1930's



January 1936. Cover from Ethiopia to Bombay. Franked with 4 guerches (letter abroad rate 1932-1936). Escaped cancellation at departure. Undated PAQUEBOT postmark added on board of the ship. On front transit Djibouti 24.1.1935. Arrival Bombay 8.2.1935.

PAQUEBOT

Paquebot cancellor (DJ4) used 1931- 1936

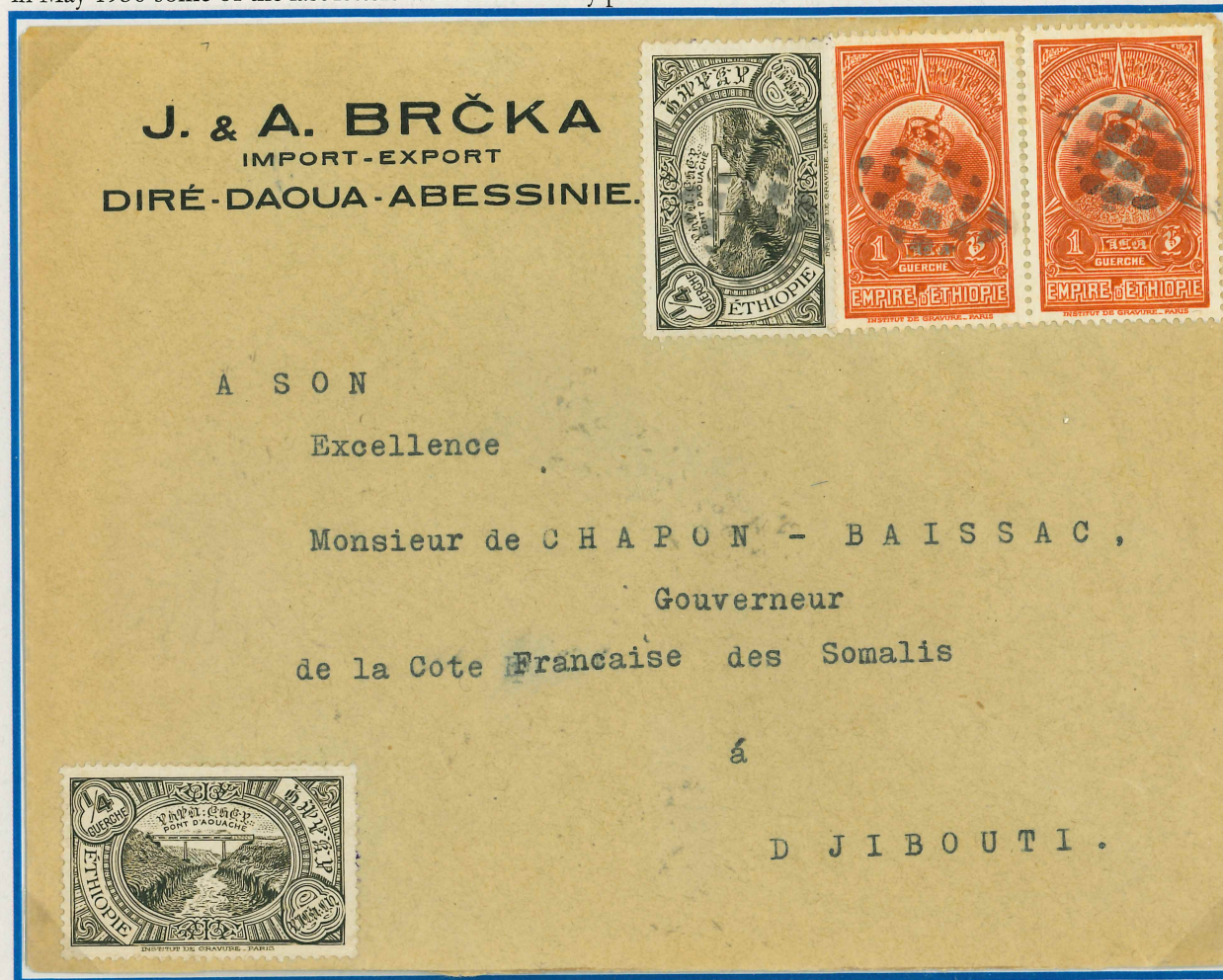


front of the cover reduced to 45%

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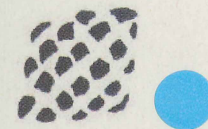
Some unusual cancellations: The Djibouti cork canceller. The pen cancellation.

In Djibouti a cork canceller was used to cancel mail that had escaped cancellation at departure. Just before the closing of Ethiopian posts in May 1936 some of the last letters were cancelled by pen.



June 1931-August 1932. Cover from Dire Daoua to Djibouti. Franked with 2½ guerche (internal letter 1½ g. + additional weight unit 1 g. rate 1930-1932) Cancelled on arrival with cork canceller. On the basis of franking and the stamps used the cover should have been sent in the above mentioned time interval.

Less than 5 cork cancelled items from Ethiopia known.



Djibouti cork cancellor (DJ3) used 1926-1932

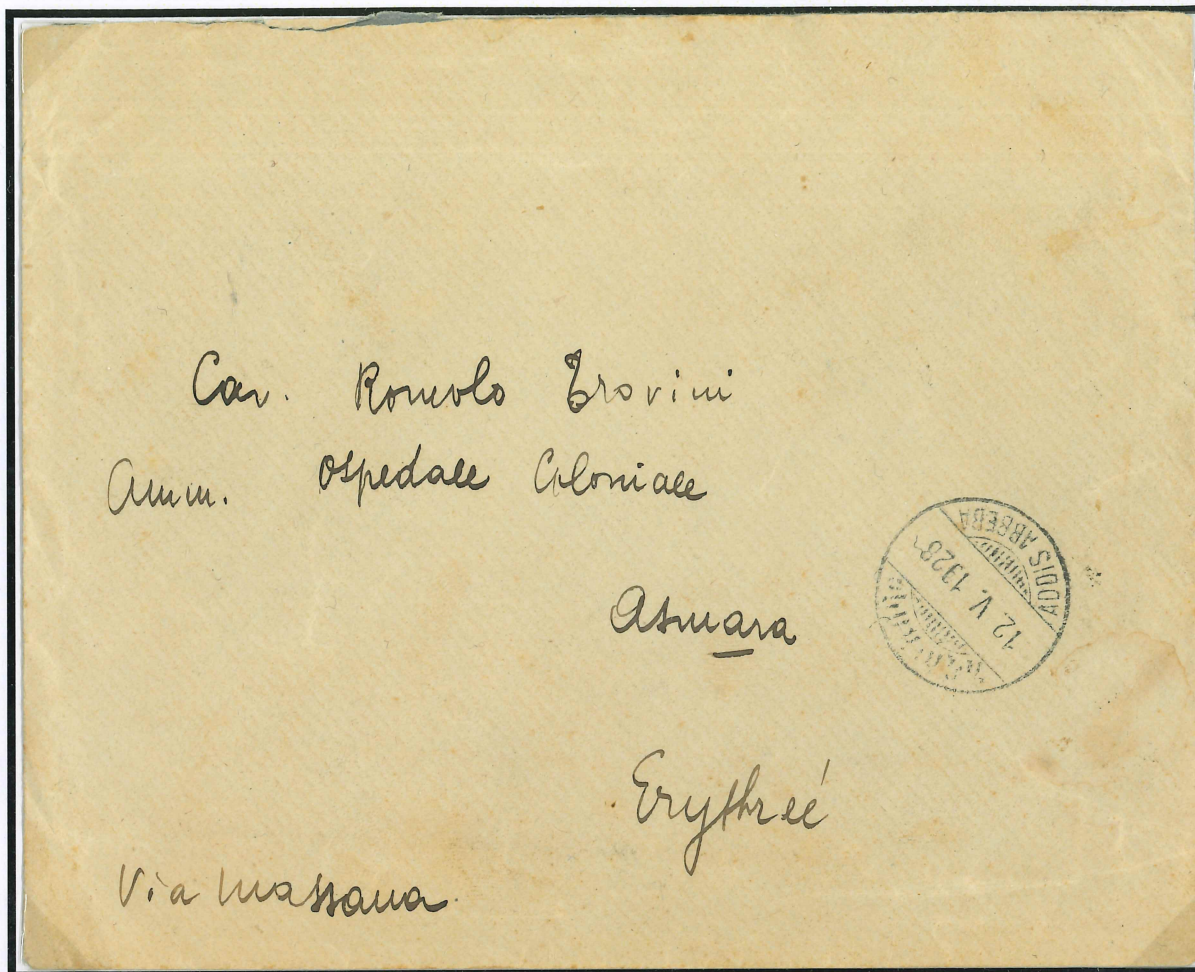
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April- May 1936. Cover from Dire Daoua to Gretzenbach Switzerland. Franked with 4 guerche (letter abroad rate 1932-1936). Cancelled by pen undated. On reverse arrival Gretzenbach 19.5.1936.

VII UPU time 1908-1936; new destinations all over the world

Mail to Africa, Eritrea, Italian Somaliland



May 12th, 1928. Letter from Addis Ababa to Asmara Eritrea. Franked on reverse with 2 guerches (letter abroad rate 1923-1930). Cancelled Addis Ababa (AA4). On reverse transit Aden 21.5.1928. Arrival Asmara 29.5.1928.

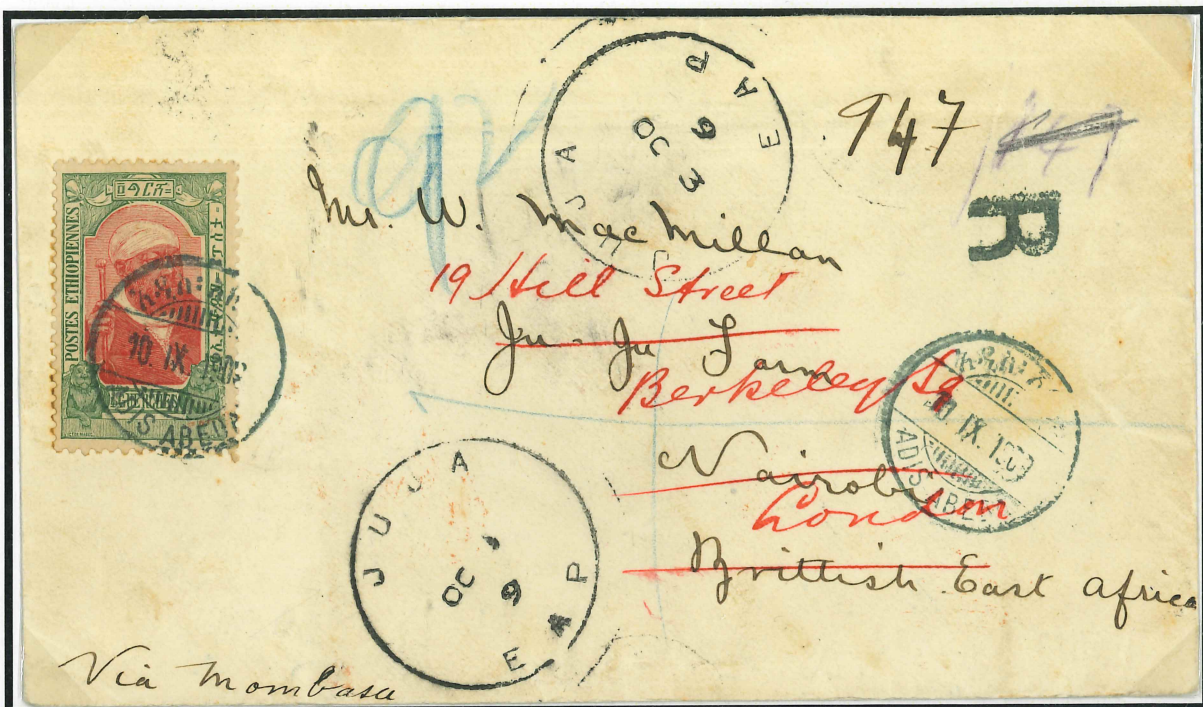


January 6th, 1932 (hand written date inside and on front). Hotel stationery cover from Addis Ababa to Mogadisho Italian Somaliland. Franked with 3 guerches (letter abroad rate 1930-1932). Cancellation unreadable.

One of two reported hotel stationery covers. Less than 5 reported items to Italian Somaliland.

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Mail to Africa, Kenya, Belgium Congo



September 10th, 1909. Registered letter from Addis Ababa to Nairobi Kenya, redirected to London. Franked with 4 guerches (letter abroad 2 g. + registration 2 g. **rate 1908-1921**). Cancelled Addis Ababa (AA1). R is registration mark, hand written 947 is a registration number. On front transit Juja 3.10.1909. On reverse transit Mombasa 24.9.1909, Nairobi 30.9.1909, Mombasa 5.10.1909. Arrival London 29.10.1909. **The earliest reported mail to Kenya.**



March 4th, 1933. Registered letter from Addis Ababa to Costermansville Belgium Congo. Franked with 10 guerches, 8 guerches on reverse (letter abroad 4 g. + registration 6 g. **rate 1932-1936**). Cancelled Addis Ababa (AA12). On reverse transit Aden 12.3.1933, Mombasa 19.3.1933 and Dar es Salam 23.3.1933. Arrival Costermansville 31.3.1933.