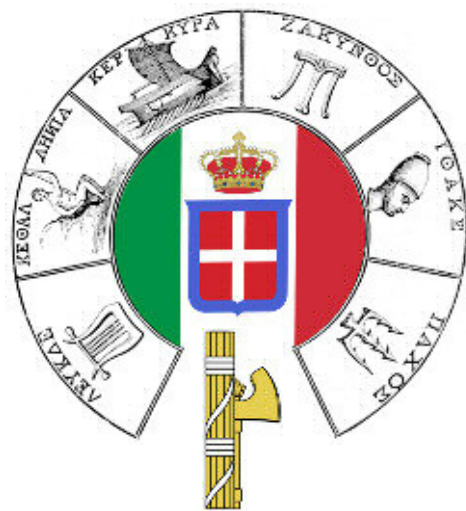


Italian Occupation of the Ionian Islands 1941-1943



The Ionian Islands were occupied by the Italians in the spring of 1941 and remained under their control until Italy's surrender (36), with a unique form of annexation imposed. This regime was applied only to the Ionian Islands, excluding Kythera, which was administered by the occupying forces of the Peloponnese. Lefkada was initially part of mainland Greece (Preveza prefecture, according to Greek administrative divisions) but soon was incorporated into the Ionian Islands.

During the Occupation, the post offices used the existing postal network and Greek postmarks. Most postal offices, including rural postal service, likely remained operational, though items are generally rare due to reduced activity (except those from large cities).

In the initial period, before the arrival from Italy and issuance (August 16 in Corfu, September 1 on the other islands) of Italian stamps and stationery overprinted **SOLE JONIE**, either Greek (4) or locally overprinted Greek stamps and stationery were used (3,5-11). Such local overprints are known from Corfu (6-11), Kefalonia (5), and Ithaca (4), while the Zakynthos overprint (2,29) was largely philatelic, with only the overprinted Charity stamp "Hyghia" (29) being properly used in correspondence.* The Charity stamps supported PTT staff and illustrate the simultaneous use of Italian and Greek stamps (29-31). Limited stamp supplies and possible staff indifference led to the irregular use of fiscal stamps in correspondence (32).

The exhibit highlights the first period (2-11), the use of *Isole Jonie* stamps and stationery in correspondence (12-32), the mail carried by private means (33-36), connections with third countries (37-38), the rural postal service (39-40) and smaller post office postmarks (41-45) and, finally, a study the operation of the censorship and its markings by island (46-80).* *

**The presence of many Italian officers who were philatelists resulted in an abundance of philatelic, and somewhat abusive, overprints on Greek stamps found in the post offices of the islands. These overprints were applied indiscriminately, regardless of whether the stamps could actually be used in correspondence (high-value stamps were mostly absorbed by philatelists). With the right promotion, they became highly sought after in the global philatelic market, prompting some opportunists to produce reprints and fake overprints. The only confirmed authentic items are those found in genuine correspondence, not in philatelic items that were primarily "mailed" to Italy...*

*** The recorded usage dates of censorship stamps are derived from personal collection and research. In Astolfi's book, only the AFFARI CIVILI - ... - CENSURA POSTALE censorship markings are mentioned.*

First period: Local issues

Zante (Zakynthos) occupied on 01.05.1941

I am not aware of citizen correspondence items from the first period; in contrast, there are items sent by Italians who, exceptionally, seemed to use the civil postal service.

The overprint on Greek stamps is of philatelic inspiration and was not used on properly mailed items. Only the overprinted Charity stamp was later used regularly, along with the ISOLE JONIE stamps.



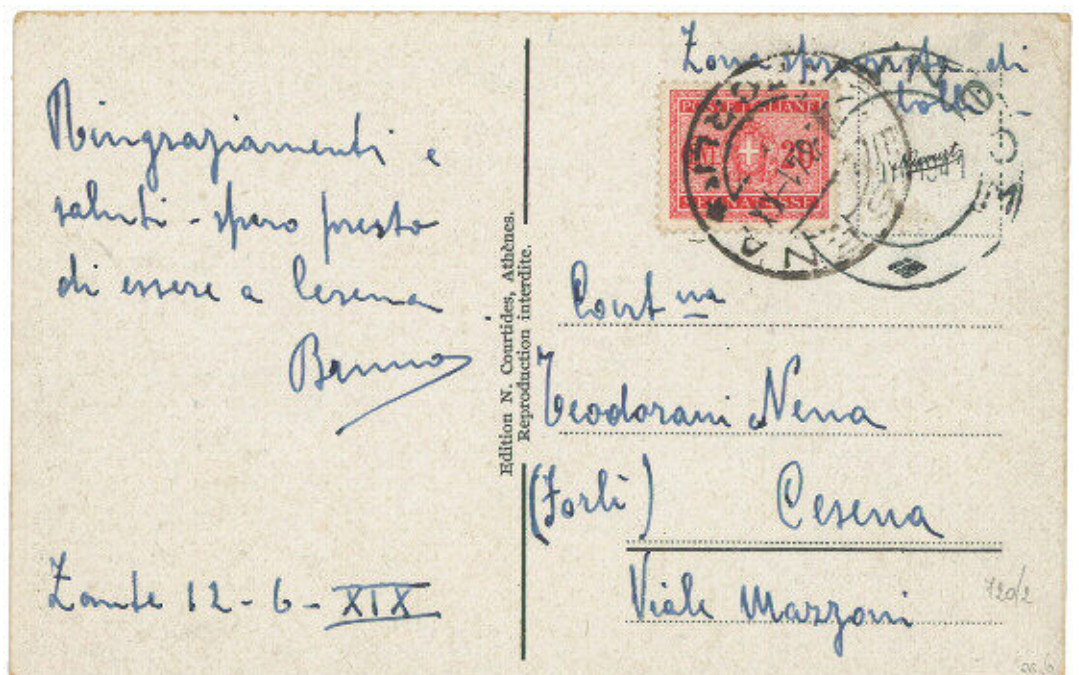
ZAKYNΘΟΣ 15.MAI.1941



Handwritten
Zona sprovvista di francobolli
(Zone without stamps)

Picture postcard, postmark **ZAKYNΘΟΣ 13.MAI.1941** sent to Pola, Italy.

Handwritten
Zona sprovvista di francobolli
(Zone without stamps)



Picture postcard, postmark **ZAKYNΘΟΣ 12.IUN.1941** sent to **CESENA FORLI 21.6.41**, Italy, tying a 20c postage due stamp.

First period: Local issues

Main POSTAL RATES (in drachmas)

(those of the pre-occupation period are applied)

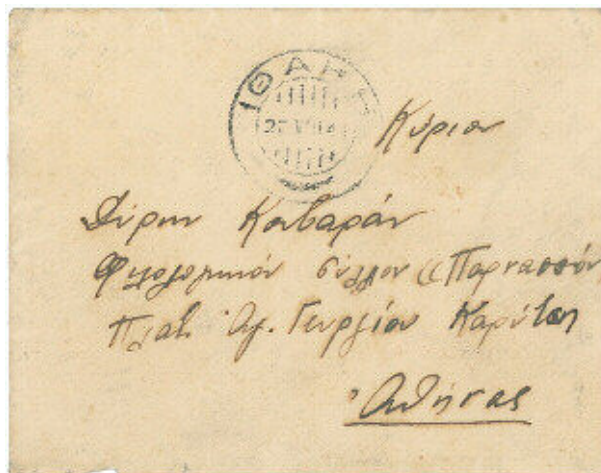
Letters	3,00δρχ	+2,00δρχ/20gr	+0,50 Charity
In town letters	2,00δρχ	+1,00δρχ/20gr	+0,50 Charity
Postcards	2,00δρχ		+0,10 Charity
In town postcards	1,50δρχ		+0,10 Charity
Open letters	3,00δρχ		+0,50 Charity

Ithaca

Occupied on
01.05.1941

The overprint on Greek stamps was applied in May on all denominations found in the Post Office, even though they could not be used in correspondence. In the case of Ithaca, there are a few properly posted items.

**occupazione
Militare Italiana
Isole
Cefalonia e Itaca**



65%



Letter with overprinted 20Λ, 80Λ and 2δρχ "Historical", postmark **IOAKH** 20.VIII.41 sent to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΕΙΣ 25.VII.41** (Athens)

First period: Local issues

Cefalonia

Occupied on
30.04.1941

The overprinted Greek stamps (all denominations available at the Post Office) and postal stationery were reportedly issued on May 15. In addition to the genuine initial overprints, there are newer philatelically inspired overprints that should be considered fake (with mutual accusations between Italian officers and Greek dealers of the time...). As in the case of Ithaca, there are a few properly posted items.

However, the discovery of items with stamps without overprints confirms that the use of overprinted stamps was not mandatory.

Χερσμεύς 20/8/41

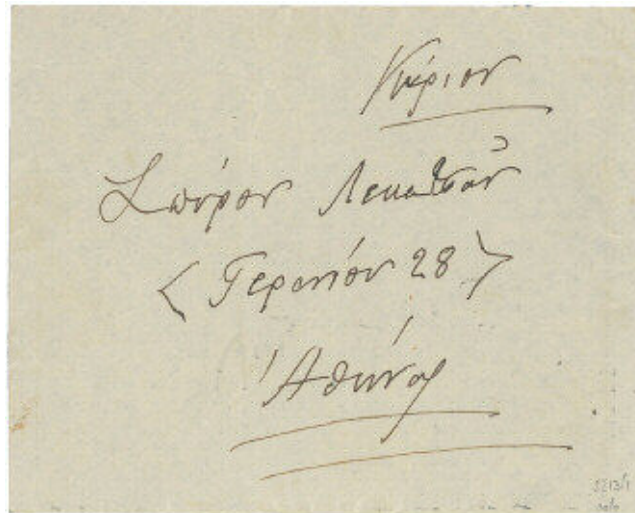
100%



2δρχ "Historical" postal card without overprint, with additional 10L Charity, postmark **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 22.ΑΥΓ.41** (Argostolion), sent to **Patras**. It is likely that the sender from **Κεραμειές 20/8/41** (Kerameies) had in his possession the unoverprinted postal stationery and stamp. Nevertheless, the Italian Administration allowed its processing without issue. Early handwritten censorship **Visto per censura** with grey-black markings **UFFICIO AFFARI CIVILI - PER L' ISOLA DI CEFALONIA** and **IL CONSOLANTE PER GLI AFFARI CIVILI** plus red signature (unique known example to date).

Type 1 Censorship in Cefalonia.

First period: Local issues



70%



Envelope with affixed overprinted 2δρχ Historical and 50λ Charity stamps (which did not cover the postal fee for Athens) that were not accepted since their validity ended on August 31. A 50c ISOLE JONIE stamp was affixed instead, postmark **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 16.ΣΕΠ.41** (Argostolion), sent to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΕΙΣ 25.ΙΧ.41** (Athens). The postal employee circled the overprinted Greek stamps, as required for any invalid stamp.

Without censorship marking.

First period: Local issues

Corfu
occupied on
28.04.1941

The overprinted Greek stamps (all denominations found at the Post Office) and postal stationery were issued on June 5. Due to the higher volume of correspondence from this island compared to the others, many more examples from this period have survived.

For Greece and Italy, the sender paid the domestic rate.



Censor tape 1a

The **VERIFICATO** in black sans-serif characters



Letter franked with overprinted 3δρχ King George II and 50λ Charity, postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 16.ΙΟΥΝ.41** (Corfu) sent to **ΑΓΙΑ ΕΥΦΗΜΙΑ** (Agia Efphimia) via **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 14.ΙΟΥΛ.41** (Argostolion), 29 days of route. With **black** boxed censor marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu, reader's **black (3)** and censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** without **CORFÛ** (type 1a).

First period: Local issues

In practice, the Charity stamp was not always affixed.



Censor tape 1b

The **VERIFICATO** in black serif characters



Letter franked with overprinted 2x50λ + 2δρχ Historical (without Charity stamp), postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 16.ΙΟΥΛ.41** (Corfu), sent to **ΑΓΡΙΝΙΟΝ 23.ΙΟΥΛ.41** (Agrinion), 8 days of route. With violet-gray boxed censor marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu, reader's violet-gray (3) and censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** without **CORFÛ** (type 1b).

First period: Local issues

Some times, the Charity fee was paid by affixing regular stamps.



Letter franked with overprinted 20λ + 7x40λ +50λ Historical (in total 3,50δρχ, the 50λ paid the Charity fee), postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΕΤΟΛΗ) 11.ΑΥΓ.41** (Corfu), sent to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΜΠΕΛΟΚΗΠΟΙ 6 20.VIII.41** (Athens, Ambelokipi), 10 days of route. With violet-grey boxed censor marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu, reader's violet-grey **(3)** and censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** without **CORFÜ** (type 1b).

First period: Local issues

Postal rate for postcards 2δρχ



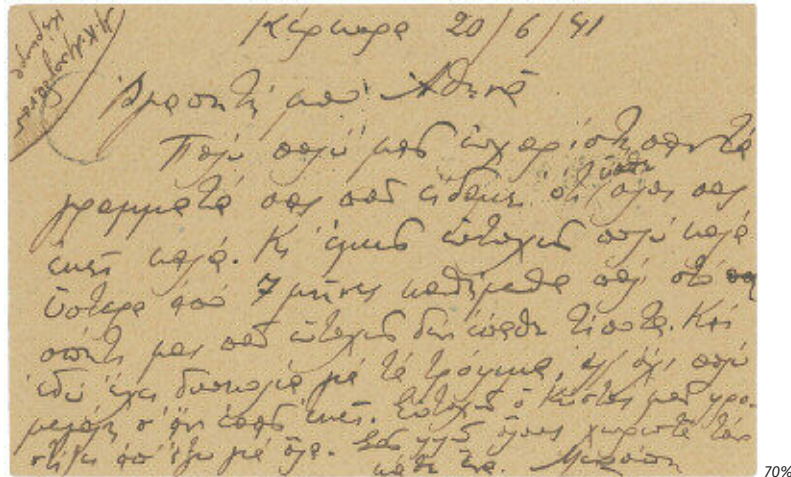
Postcard franked with overprinted 2δρχ Historical, postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 12.ΙΟΥΛ.41** (Corfu, sent to **Napoli, Italy**. With **violet-grey** boxed censor marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu, reader's **violet-grey (3)**.



Postcard franked with overprinted 40λ + 2x80λ Historical + 50λ Charity (in total 2,00δρχ and 50λ Charity fee), postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 4.ΑΥΓ.41** (Corfu), sent to **Athens**. With **violet-grey** boxed censor marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu, reader's **violet-grey (3)**.

First period: Local issues

Use of overprinted postal cards



28px Historical overprinted postal card, with additional overprinted 10Λ Charity, σφραγίδα **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 21.10.1941**, (Corfu) sent to **Athens**. With **black** boxed censor marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu and reader's **black (3)**.

First period: Local issues



10ρχ Landscapes overprinted postal card "ΜΕΤ' ΑΠΑΝΤΗΣΕΩΣ ΠΛΗΡΩΜΕΝΗΣ" (with paid reply), uprated with overprinted 10ρχ King George II and 10Λ Charity, postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΞΤΟΛΗ) 8.ΙΟΥΛ.41** (Corfu), sent to **Patras**. With **black** boxed censor marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu and reader's **black (3)**.



10ρχ Landscapes overprinted postal card "ΑΠΑΝΤΗΣΙΣ" (reply), uprated with overprinted 10ρχ King George II and 10Λ Charity, postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΞΤΟΛΗ) 16.ΙΟΥΝ.41** προς **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 7.ΙΟΥΛ.41**(Corfu), sent to **Patras**. With **black** boxed censor marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu and reader's **black (3)**. Properly posted correspondence between philatelists.

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Mains POSTAL RATES (in Lire)

(Decree dated 12.08.1941)

1 Lira was equivalent to 8 Drachmas

Greece, Italy, Egeo (Dodecanese), Libya, Albania and Montenegro		
Letters	Lire 0,50/15gr	+50λ Charity PTT*
Postcards	Lire 0,30	+50λ Charity PTT*
Postcards (up to 5 words)**	Lire 0,20	
Printed matter	Lire 0,60/600gr	+Lire 0,20/60gr
Newspapers**	Lire 0,10	
Business Documents**	Lire 0,30?/?	+Lire 0,15 & 0,10?/?
Registered		+Lire 1,25
Airmail (per 15gr)		+Lire 0,50
Airmail printed matter (per 50gr)		+Lire 0,50
Express**		+Lire 1,25
Other Countries (Vatican excluded)		
Letters	Lire 1,25/20gr	+Lire 0,75/20gr
Postcards	Lire 0,75	
Printed matter	Lire 1,25/125gr	+Lire 0,25/50gr
Registered**		+Lire 1,50
Airmail (per 20gr)		+Lire 1,00

* during festive periods. From the Christmas holidays of 1942: 1δρχ

* & ** rates not reported in the first Decree

In subsequent decrees, the rates for other postal services would also be published.

Airmail letters to Greece (whether via Rome or Patras) were initially charged domestic rates; however, they were later charged international airmail rates.

Additionally, and specifically in Argostoli, both airmail stamps and revenue stamps were used instead of regular postage stamps.

Postal Exemption



Free of charge official folded printed matter of the Public Treasury of the Civil Affairs Service, with postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 21.ΑΥΤ.42** (Corfu).

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Newspaper wrappers

Rate **10c** for newspapers, postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 11.ΣΕΠ.42** (Corfu), sent to **Triest**.



Postcard up to 5 words

Not reported rate [?] **20c**, on picture postcard (up to 5 words), postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 25.ΝΟΕΜ.41** (Corfu), sent to **Milano**.



Letter

Mourning envelope franked with **25c** (should be **50c**), postmark **ΓΑΪΟΣ (ΠΑΞΟΣ) 1?.ΑΠΡ.42** (Gaios, Paxo) sent to **ΜΑΚΡΥΓΙΑΝΝΗ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ 3. V.42** (Makrygianni, Athens) via **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΞΙΣ) 17.ΑΠΡ.42** (Corfu) and **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 2. V.42** (Athens).

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Airmail postal card via Rome



Postal card **30c** with handwritten notice *Via Roma / Via Aerea*, uprated with airmail stamps **1L** (2x50c), postmark **ΔΗΕΟΥΡΙΟΝ 7 ΔΕΚ. 1942** (Lixouri), sent to Athens, via **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 9 ΔΕΚ. 42** (Argostoli). Censored in Rome, with **black** circular **UFFICIO CENSURA POSTA ESTERA I** and **violet** reader's circular marking **209/I**.

The **1L** corresponds to the international airmail rate.

Printe matter or Business documents?



Envelope franked with **75c**, postmark **ΓΑΪΟΣ (ΠΑΞΟΙ) 10.ΜΑΡ.42** (Gaios, Paxo) sent to Athens via **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΕΙΣ) 18.ΜΑΡ.42** (Corfu). With **blue-violet** boxed censor marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu, reader's **violet-grey (3)** and censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA CORFÛ** (type).

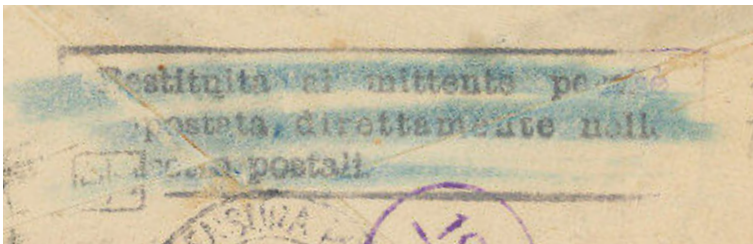
The **75c** postage does not correspond to any recorded rate.

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Postal card via Rome



Postal card 30c with handwritten notice **Via Roma**, postmark **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 22.ΙΟΥΝ.42** (Argostolion), sent to **Athens**. With the handstamp **Restituita al mittente perché ha postata direttamente nella cassette postali**, it was returned to the sender to pay the additional fee of **1.25L** to cover the route via Rome (express fee?). Postmark **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 23.ΙΟΥΝ.42** (Argostolion, next day). Censored in Rome, with **black** circular **UFFICIO CENSURA POSTA ESTERA I** and **violet** reader's circular marking **199/I**.



100%

Restituita al mittente perché ha postata direttamente nella cassette postali.

The letter is returned to the sender because it was dropped directly into the mailbox.

Express airmail letter via Rome



Letter franked with **2,50L** with handwritten notice **Via Roma**, postmark **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 6.ΑΠΡ.42** (Argostolion), sent to **Athens**. With the handstamp **Restituita al mittente perché ha postata direttamente nella cassette postali**, the letter was either returned to the sender, or the postage was deemed correct (letter fee 1.25L + airmail via Rome 1.25L = 2.50L). Censored in Rome, with **black** circular **UFFICIO CENSURA POSTA ESTERA I** and **violet** reader's circular marking **199/I**.

ISOLE JONIE frankings

Express airmail letter via Rome



Letter with postage **2,25L** with handwritten notice **Via Roma**, postmark **ΑΘΗΟΥΠΙΟΝ 14.ΙΟΥΝ.42** (Lixourion), sent to Athens via **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 15.ΙΟΥΝ.42** (Argostolion). Rate: 1,25L + airmail 1,00L = 2,25L. Censored in Rome, with **black circular UFFICIO CENSURA POSTA ESTERA I** and **violet reader's circular marking 199/I**.

Registered letter



Registered letter with postage **1,75L**, postmark **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 19.ΙΑΝ.43** (Argostolion) sent to Athens, via **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ-CORFU 25.JAN.43**. Rate: 50c (paid with airmail stamp) + registration fee 1,25L = 1.75L. Not censored.

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Third weight tier airmail letter

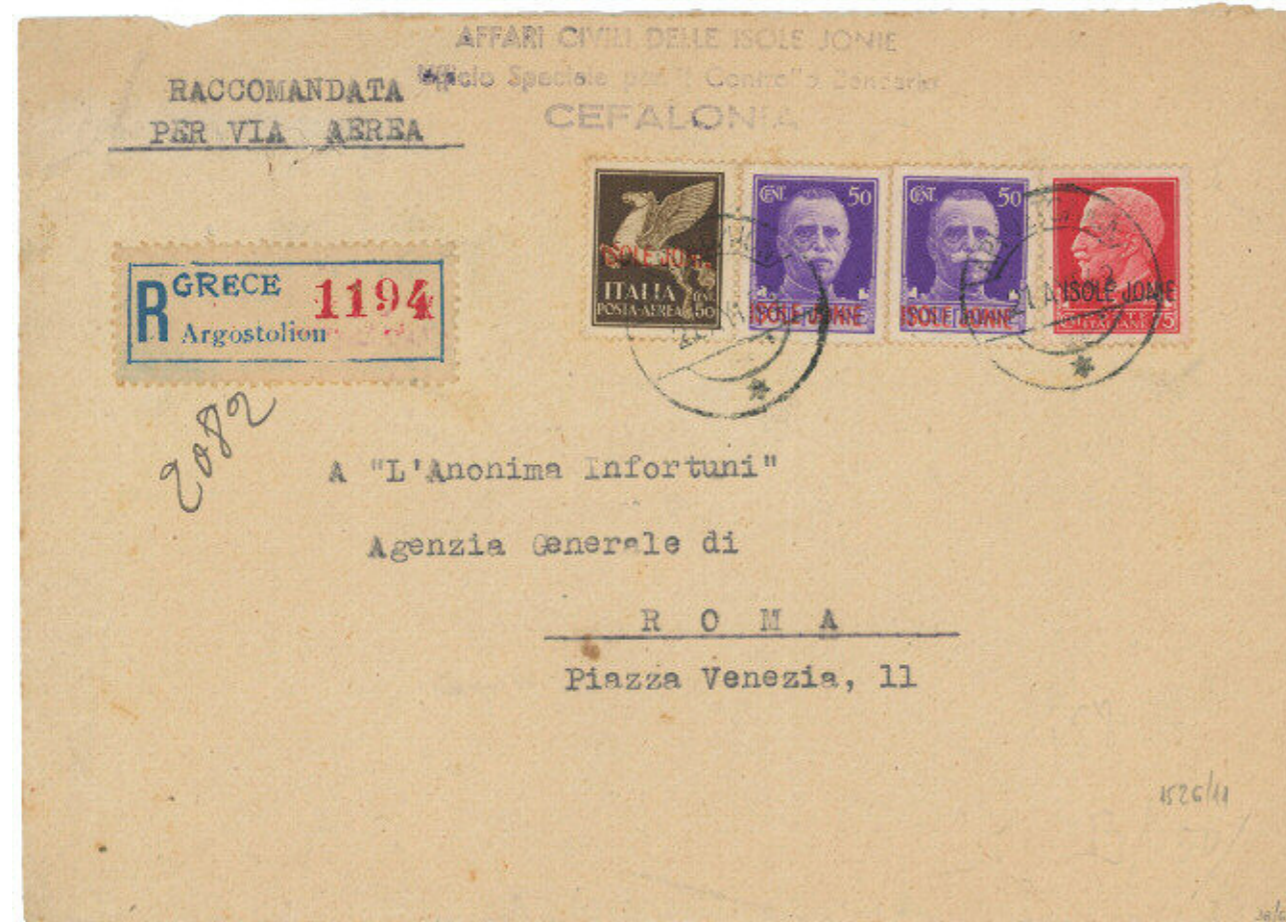


3rd weight tier airmail letter franked with **1,50L** stamps (3x50c) and **1,50L** airmail fee (3x50c), tied with **KEPKYPA (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 9.ΜΑΙ.42** Corfu, sent to **MILANO ARRIVI DISTR. AEREA**. Blue boxed censorship marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu and blue reader's **(3)**. Censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA CORFU** (type 2)



100%

Registered airmail letter



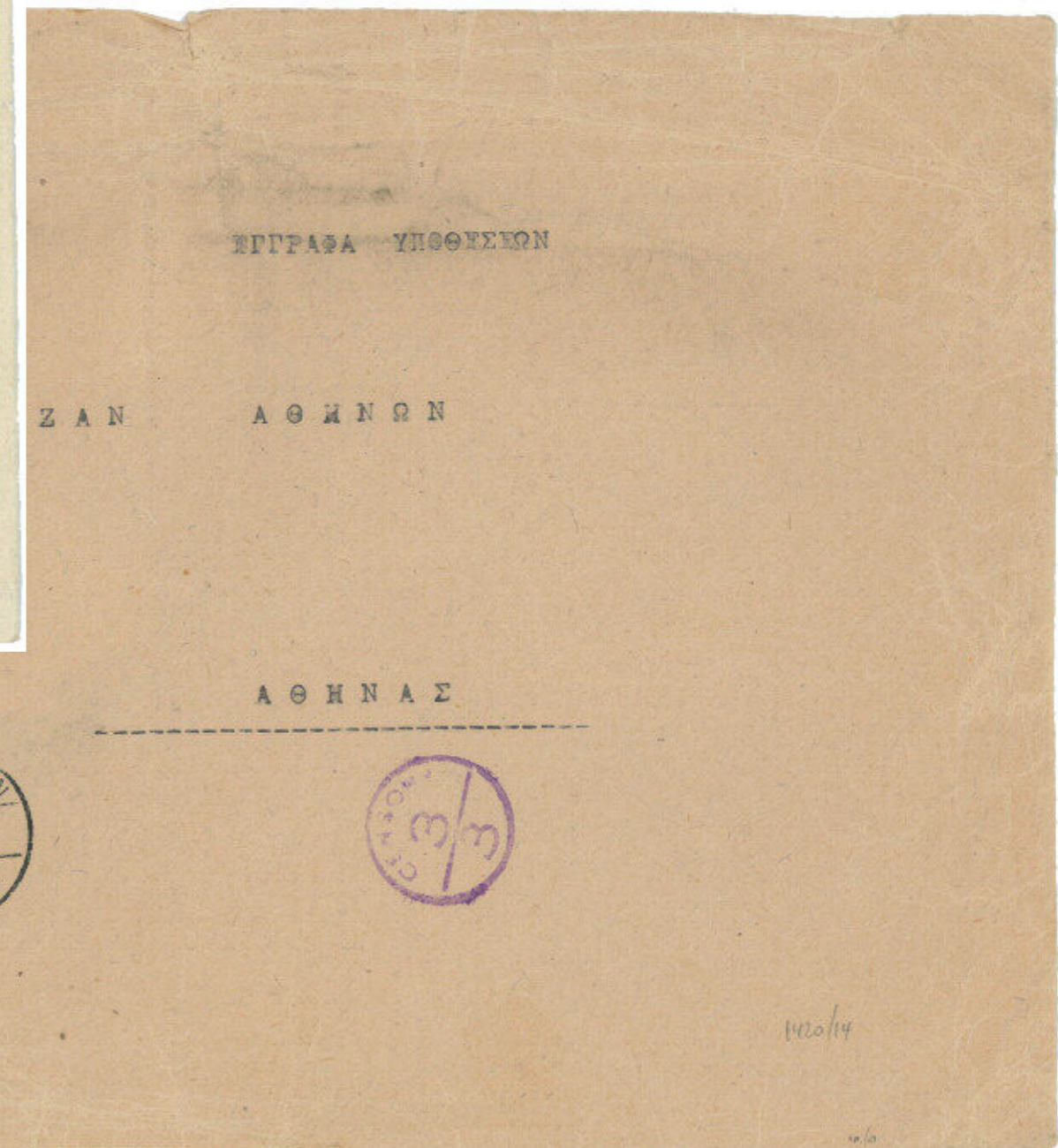
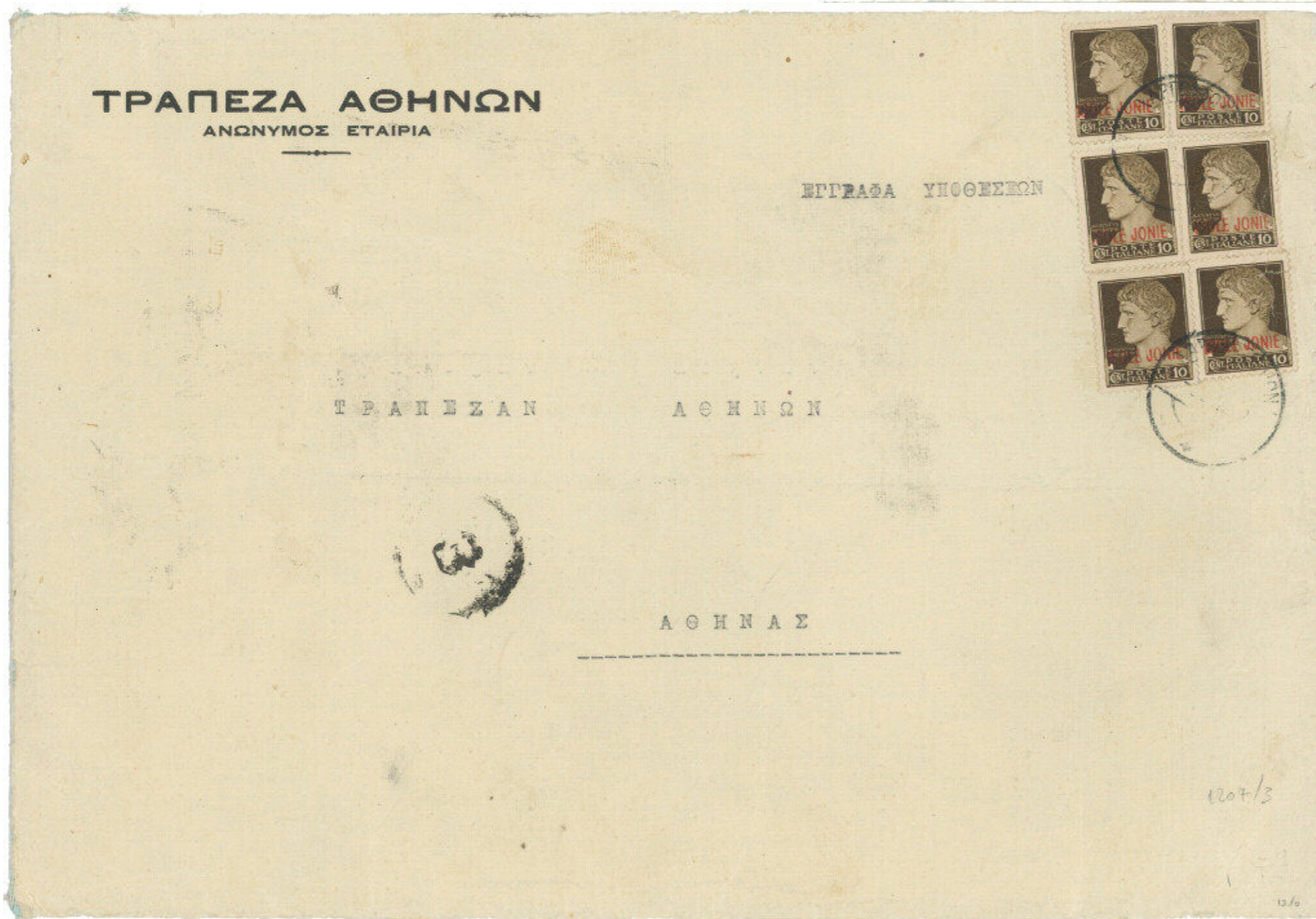
Registered airmail letter franked with **2,25L**, postmark **ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ 21.ΑΥΓ.43** (Argostolion), sent to **Rome**. Rate: 50c, + airmail fee 50c + registration fee 1,25L = 2,25L. Not censored. Sent by the **AFFARI CIVILI DELLE ISOLE JONIE**, Ufficio Speciale per il Controllo Bancario / **CEFALONIA**

Express airmail letter



Express airmail cover franked with **2,25L**, postmark **KEPKYPA (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 8.ΙΟΥΝ.43** (Corfu), addressed to **Rapallo**. Rate: 50c, + airmail fee 50c + express fee 1,25L = 2,25L. Violet circular censorship marking **AFFARI CIVILI - CORFU - CENSURA POSTALE** in Corfu and reader's **CENSORE 3/1**. Censortape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA CORFU** (type 2).

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Business documents, various tiers, and rates

Fees not referenced in the first Decree, I assume the fee for the first weight tier to be 0.30L, with an additional 0.15L for the 2nd-6th weight tiers, and 0.10L from the 7th weight tier onward.

A. Envelope for business documents (4th weight tier), franked with **0,60L** (6x10c), postmark **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 3.ΣΕΠ.42** (Argostolion), sent to **Athens**, via **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΕΙΣ) 11.ΣΕΠ.42** (Corfu). **Black** boxed censorship marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu and **black** reader's **(3)**. Without censortape.

B. Envelope for business documents (8th weight tier), franked with **1,25L** (5x25c), postmark **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 3.ΟΚΤ.42** (Argostolion), sent to **Athens**, via **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΕΙΣ) 18.ΟΚΤ.42** (Corfu). **Violet-grey** boxed censorship marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu. Censortape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA CORFÙ** (type 2).

Γ. Envelope for business documents (1st weight tier), franked with **0,30c**, postmark **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 19.ΙΑΝ.43** (Argostolion), sent to **Athens**, via **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΕΙΣ) 18.ΟΚΤ.42** (Corfu). **Violet** circular censorship marking **AFFARI CIVILI - CORFU - CENSURA POSTALE** in Corfu and reader's **CENSORE 3/1**. Censortape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA CORFÙ** (type 2).

ISOLE JONIE frankings



Letters, various tiers, and rates

A. Fifth (5th) weight tier letter, franked with **2,50L** (25c + 3x75c), postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 24.ΙΟΥΝ.42** (Corfu), sent to **Athens**. **Grey-blue** boxed censorship marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu and **grey-blue** reader's **(3)**. Without censortape.

B. Eighth (8th) weight tier letter, franked with **4,00L** (25c + 3x1,25c), postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 17.ΜΑΪ.42** (Corfu), sent to **Athens**. **Blue** boxed censorship marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu and **blue** reader's **(3)**. Censortape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA CORFÙ** (type 2).

Γ. Eighteenth (18th) weight tier letter, franked with **9,00L** (25c + 10x50c + 3x1,25c), postmark **ΖΑΚΥΝΘΟΣ 14.ΦΕΒ.43** (Zakynthos), sent to **Athens**. **Violet** censorship marking **UFFICIO AFFARI CIVILI PER L' ISOLA DI ZANTE**.

ISOLE JONIE frankings

Registered letter, 23rd weight tier, with Return Receipt

Registered airmail 23rd weight tier letter, with **AR** marking (Return Receipt) and franking **24,75L** (50c + 9x1,25c + 26x50c), postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ ΕΥΕΘΗΜΕΝΑ 5.ΑΥΓ.1943** (Corfu), sent to Athens. The sender paid 50c for the Return Receipt. **Violet** censorship marking **CENSURA POSTELEGRAFICA CIVILE** in Corfu and **violet** reader's **CENSORE 3/8**. Censortape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA CORFU** (type 2).



Registered letter, 12th weight tier

Registered 12th weight tier letter, franked with **7,25L** (50c + 9x75c), postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ ΕΥΕΘΗΜΕΝΑ 7.ΜΑΙ.1943** (Corfu), sent to Athens. **Grey-blue** boxed censorship marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu and **grey-blue** reader's **(3)**. Censortape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA CORFU** (type 2).



ISOLE JONIE frankings

Registered wrapper of tube (letter rate) 35th weight tier

Registered 35th weight tier letter (tube), franked with **18,75L** (16x1,25c), postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ ΕΥΕΤΗΜΕΝΑ 19.ΝΟΕ.1942** (Corfu), sent to Athens. Violet circular censorship marking **AFFARI CIVILI - CORFU - CENSURA POSTALE** in Corfu and reader's **CENSORE 3/3**. Censortape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA CORFU** (type 2).



ISOLE JONIE frankings

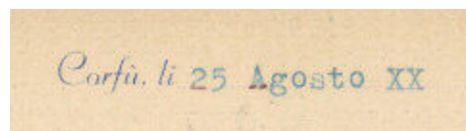
Envelope stationery sent as registered by airmail



80%

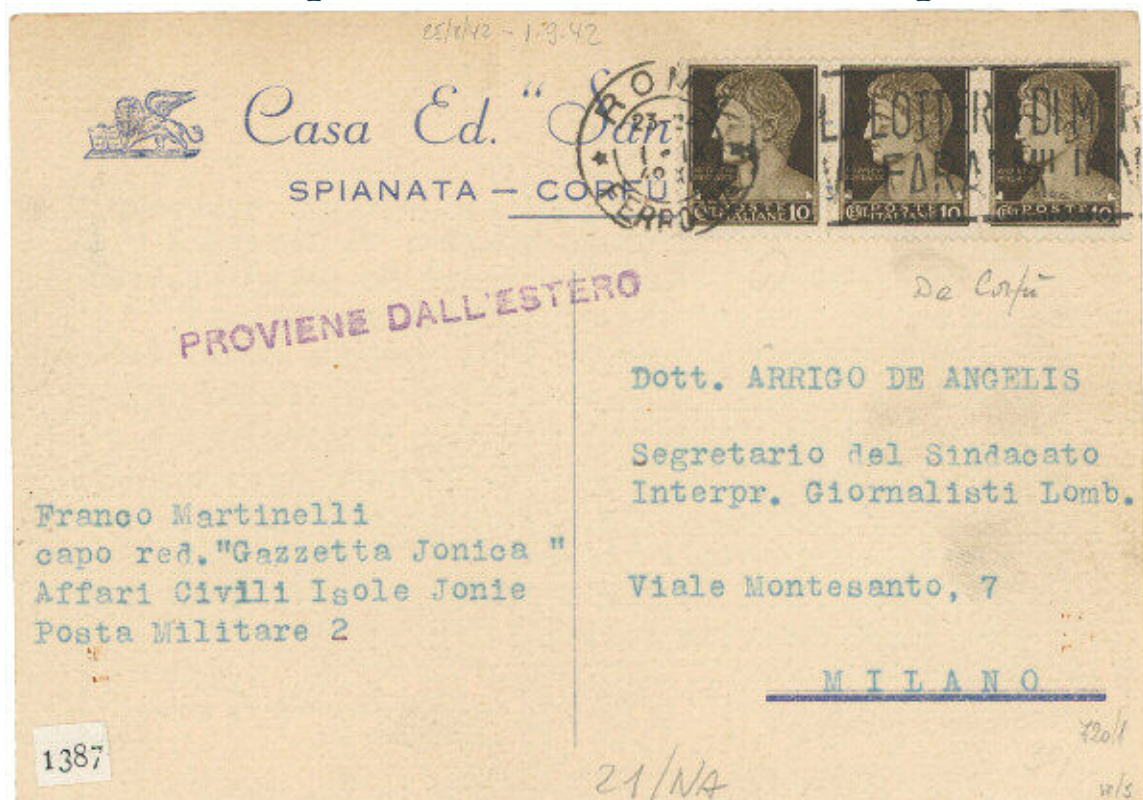
Devalued envelope with label **UFFICIO AFFARI CIVILI DELLE ISOLE JONIE CORFU** affixed on the printed Greek stamps. Postage **2,25L**, postmark **KEPKYPA EYETH-MENA 31.MAI.1943** (Corfu), sent to **Rome**. Rate: 50c + airmail fee 50c + registration 1,25L.

These envelopes were used by various Departments of the Italian Civil Administration.



100%

Commercial postcard with Italian stamps



Business postcard sent from Corfu (August 25) from the Editor-in-Chief of the newspaper **Gazzetta Jonica**, with Italian franking **30c**, postmark **ROMA FERROVIA 1.IX.42** sent to **Milano**. Postage: 30c (postcard rate). I am not sure if the stamp **PROVIENE DALL'ESTERO** (originates from abroad) was used by the Post Office.

ISOLE JONIE frankings

Postage Dues (to be collected)

Greece - Ionia (Corfu)



Postal card 7δρχ/2δρχ uprated with 3x6δρχ Historical tied with postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ 25.ΦΕΒ.43** (Athens), with linear **ΕΙΣΠΡΑΚΤΕΟΝ ΤΕΛΟΣ** (postage to be collected). The Greek rate from 01.02.1943 was 75δρχ, therefore, $\frac{2}{3}$ of the postard rate (30c) were missing, that is **20c**. So the recipient had to pay the double, **40c**. The **10c + 30c** were tied with **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΣΙΣ) 10.ΜΑΡ.43**. Violet censorship handstamp **AFFARI CIVILI - CORFU - CENSURA POSTALE** in Corfu and reader **CENSORE 3/1**.

Corfu - Argostoli - Corfu



Postcard franked with **25c** (instead of 30c) and Charity stamp **50Λ/10Λ**, tied with **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 17.ΑΠΡ.42** (Corfu), with boxed **ΕΙΣΠΡΑΚΤΕΟΝ ΤΕΛΟΣ ΔΡΑΧ. 0,10c ΔΕΠΤ** (postage due) sent to Argostoli. The recipient was not found, and the postcard was returned to the sender, who had to pay double the missing fee, therefore **10c**. The **10c** was tied with **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 18.ΑΥΓ.42** (Corfu). Gray-blue censorship marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu and reader **(3)**.

ISOLE JONIE frankings

Additional Charity fees

Zante (Zakynthos)



Letter franked with **0,50L** and **50L** charity stamp overprinted **OCCUPAZIONE MILITARE DI ZANTE 1-5-XIX**, tied with **ZAKYNTOS 15.IAN.42** (Zante), sent to Athens via **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΕΙΣ) 7.ΦΕΒ.42** (Corfu). Violet censorship marking **UFFICIO CENSURA Z82P** (type 2) in Zante and violet reader **(3)** in Corfu.

Zante (Zakynthos)



Letter franked with **0,50L** and Charity stamp **50L/10L**, tied with **ZAKYNTOS 17.II.42** (Zante), sent to **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΕΙΣ) 28.ΦΕΒ.42** (Corfu). Violet censorship marking **UFFICIO CENSURA Z82P** (type 2) in Zante and violet reader **(3)** in Corfu.

ISOLE JONIE frankings

Additional Charity fees

Corfu



Letter franked with **0,50L** and Charity stamp **50L**, postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 22.ΙΑΝ.42** (Corfu), sent to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 22.Ι.42** (Athens). **Violet** boxed censorship marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu and **violet** reader's **(3)**. Censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA CORFÛ** (type 2).

Corfu



Letter franked with **0,50L** and Charity stamps **5x10L**, tied with **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 29.ΔΕΚ.41** (Corfu) sent to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 22.Ι.42** (Athens). **Violet** boxed censorship marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu and **violet** reader's **(3)**. Censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA CORFÛ** (type 2).

ISOLE JONIE frankings

Additional Charity fees

Corfu



Corfu



Postal card VINCEREMO **0,30L** and Charity stamps **2x50L/10L**, postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 4.ΙΑΝ.43** (Corfu) sent to Athens. Violet Corfu reader's handstamp **2**.

Registered letter franked with **1,75L** (50c + 1,25L registrations) and Charity stamps **2x50L/10L**, tied with **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 4.ΦΕΒ.43** (Corfu), sent to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΝΕΑΠΟΛΙΣ 7 17.ΙΙ.43** (Athens). Violet circular censorship marking **AFFARI CIVILI - CORFU - CENSURA POSTALE** in Corfu and reader's **CENSORE 3/3**. Censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA CORFÙ** (type 2).

Corfu



Letter franked with **0,50L** and Charity stamps **2x50L/10L**, tied with **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 24.ΔΕΚ.42** (Corfu), sent to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 9.Ι.43** (Athens). Rate: 50c. Violet circular censorship marking **AFFARI CIVILI - CORFU - CENSURA POSTALE** in Corfu. Censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA CORFÙ** (type 2).

ISOLE JONIE frankings

Revenue stamps instead of postage stamps: Met in Cefalonia

Keramies



Three revenue stamps **BOLLO Dr.3/20c** (total 60c or 9δρχ instead the correct fee of 50c) affixed on letter, postmark **THA. ΓΡ. ΚΕΡΑΜΕΙΩΝ 13.ΝΟΕ.42** (telegraphic office of Keramies), sent to **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 21.ΝΟΕ.42** (Argostolion). Without censor markings.

Argostolion



Revenue stamp **BOLLO 50c**, affixed on letter, postmark **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 28.ΙΟΥΛ.43** (Argostolion), sent to **Athens**. Without censor markings.

Mail carried by private means

Lixouri - Athens



55%

Letter with **50c** not canceled. The letter was to be carried by a passenger, so the sender submitted it to the local military authority for censorship. Handstamp **VII BATTAGLIONE AUTOMOBILE CC. RR. MOBILITATO - DISTACCAMENTO DI LIXOURI (Gefalonia) Verificato per censure II Ten. COMANDANTE (Bianco Fel...) 18.8.43**. Without a postal stamp, it was transported from Lixouri to Athens.



Paxo - Corfou, then by Post



Postal card **30c** carried by a passenger from **ΓΑΪΟΣ (ΠΑΞΟΣ) 19.ΦΕΒ.43** (Gaios, Paxo) to **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΘΕΙΣ) 23.ΦΕΒ.43** (Corfu). Handstamp **IL MARESCIALLO CAPO COMANDANTE (Francesco da Tona)**. Violet circular censorship marking **AFFARI CIVILI - CORFU - CENSURA POSTALE** in Corfu and reader's **CENSORE 3/8**. It was then forwarded by the Postal Service.

Another possibility is that Commander da Tona censored the postal card

Mail carried by private means

Paxo - Corfou, then by Post



50%

Letter with **50c**, postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 22.ΑΠΡ.42** (Corfu). The letter was to be carried by a passenger, so the sender submitted it to the local military authority for censorship. Typewritten **NUCLEO CC. RR. DI GAIOS / VERIFICATA ne autorizzato l' inoltro** and handstamp **IL BRIGADIERE A PIEDI / COMANDANTE LA STAZIONE (Rinfoschi Nello)**. It was then forwarded by the Postal Service to **ΜΑΚΡΥΤΙΑΝΝΗ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ 3. V. 42** (Makrygianni of Athens), via **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 2. V. 42** (Athens).



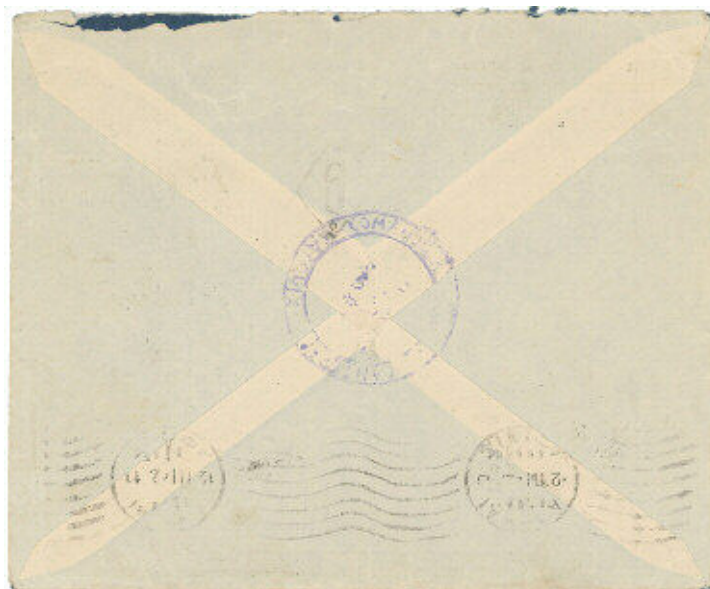
Paxo - Corfou by military means, then by Post



Postal card **30c** carried by a military from **Παξοί 8.6.1942** (Paxo). Handstamp **COMANDO STAZIONE CARABINIERI REALLE - IL MARESCIALLO Comandante la Stazione (Vincenzo Maimone)**. The carrier submitted it to the Military Post Office in Corfu **POSTA MILITARE N. 2 16.6.42** which sent it the same day to **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΞΙΣ) 16.ΙΟΥΝ.42** (Corfu). Violet circular reader's handstamp **(3)**. Arrival postmark **ΜΑΚΡΥΤΙΑΝΝΗ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 22. VI. 42** (Makrygianni of Athens).

Mail carried by private means

Argostoli - Patras, then by Post



60%

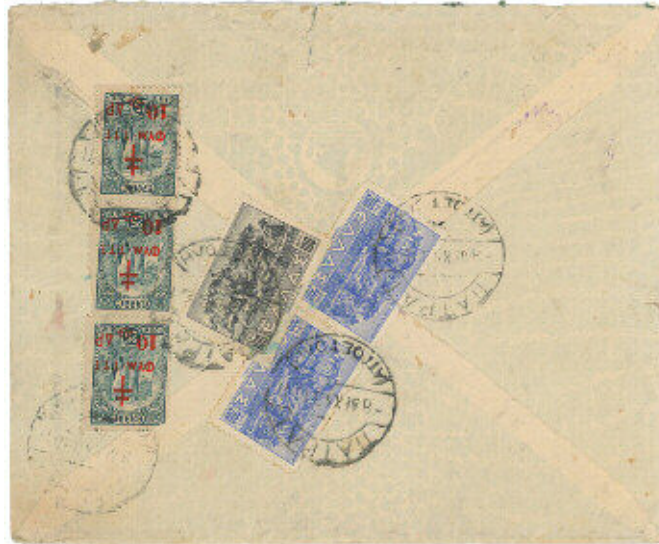


Letter of first weight tier franked with **0,50L**. Because it would be carried by a passenger, the sender presented it to the Argostoli Censorship, which canceled the stamp with its boxed two-lines **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** marking in **blue-violet**. On reverse, the envelope was stamped with **COMANDO 17e REGIE FANTERIA "ACQUI" / VERIFICATO PER CENSURA**. The passenger carried it to **Patras** and delivered it to the Post Office, paying the postage of 7δρχ (fees effective from January 1, 1942), postmark **ΠΑΤΡΑΙ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 9.ΜΑΡ.42** (Patras). Arrival in Athens **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 12.ΙΙΙ.42**.

Mail carried by private means

Corfu - Patras, then by Post

Mailed 6 days before the Italian Armistice, it remained at the Corfu Post Office.
The sender took and forwarded it privately to Patras



Registered letter (weight <20gr) with postage **3,75L**, postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 3.ΣΕΠ.43**, six days before the Italian Armistice. The rate does not match those in the table on page. **1,25L** paid for the letter, **1,50L** for the registration fee and **1,00L** for the airmail fee. Censored, with **violet** reader's handstamp **2** (d=19mm). Obviously, during those difficult days, it remained at the Corfu Post Office and was likely sought by the sender, who, after retrieving it, arranged for it to be sent by a passenger to **Patras**. There it was franked with 500δρχ (postal rates valid from 10.11.1943) and 3x10δρχ/25λ PTT Charity, all tied with **ΠΑΤΡΑΙ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 8.ΔΕΚ.43** (Patras). Addressed to Athens.

Correspondence with Third Countries

France

First weight tier letter franked with **2,25L**, tied with **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΕΤΟ-ΛΗ) 30.ΑΥΓ.43** (Corfu) sent to **France**. Postal rate: 1,25L + airmail fee 1L. **Violet** circular censorship marking **CENSURA POSTELEGRAFIC CIVILE** in Corfu and reader's **CENSORE 3/8**. Censortape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA CORFÙ** (type 2). Censored again in Rome, with **violet** circular **UFFICIO CENSURA POSTA ESTERA III** and **violet** reader's circular marking **209/III** as well as in Germany (various markings and censortape).



Switzerland



First weight tier letter franked with **1,25L**, postmark **ΑΠΟΕΤΟΛΙΟΝ 16.ΙΑΝ.43** (Argostolion), sent to **Geneva, Switzerland**. Rate: 1,25L for third countries. Without censorship marking in the Ionian islands, it has been censored in Rome, with **violet** circular **UFFICIO CENSURA POSTA ESTERA I** and **violet** reader's circular marking **375/I**.

Correspondence with Third Countries

Germany

First weight tier letter franked with **2,25L**, postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 24.ΦΕΒ.42** (Corfu), sent to **Munich, Germany**. Postal rate: 1,25L + airmail fee 1L. Without censorship marking in the Ionian islands. Censored in Rome, with, **violet** censor's **87/I** and in Germany with various small handstamps and **violet** **Geprüft Oberkommando der Wermacht** tying a censortape.



Ethiopia



Free of charge cover sent by a Greek of Ethiopia having a P.O. Box in Addis Abeba. With a British octagonal censor marking **PASSED N/7**, it was sent to **ΛΗΘΕΟΥΠΙΟΝ 16.ΦΕΒ.43** (Lixourion) via **Rome** and **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 12.ΦΕΒ.43** (Argostolion). **Black** circular censormarking in Rome **UFFICIO CENSURA POSTA ESTERA I** and **violet** reader's **78/I**. Small **violet** circular reader's marking **2** (Argostoli).

Rural postal service

56, Argostoli, Cefalonia



Letter with dotted rural **56** and **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 24.ΝΟΕ.42** (Argostoli), franked with **0,50L**, sent to **Larissa** and **Athens**, via **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΕΙΣ) 22.ΔΕΚ.42** (Corfu). Small **violet** circular reader's marking **2** (Argostoli).

64, Karousades, Corfu



Letter with dotted rural **64** and **ΚΑΡΟΥΣΑΔΕΣ 28.ΙΑΝ.42** (Karousades) franked with **1,00L** (postage 50c + airmail fee 50c) sent to **Athens**, via **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΕΙΣ) 2.ΦΕΒ.42** (Corfu). **Violet** boxed censorship marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu and **violet** reader's **(3)**. Censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA CORFU** (type 2).

Rural postal service

65, Karousades, Corfu



Letter with dotted rural **65** and **ΚΑΡΟΥΣΑΔΕΣ 6.ΔΕΚ.41** franked with **0,50L** sent to **Piræus**, via **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΕΙΣ) 22.ΔΕΚ.41** (Corfu). **Violet** boxed censorship marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu and **violet** reader's **(3)**. Censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA CORFU** (type 2).

79, Karya, Lefkas



Letter with dotted rural **79** and **ΚΑΡΥΑ ΛΕΥΚΑΔΟΣ 5.Χ.41** (Karya) franked with **0,50L** sent to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΕΙΣ 19.Χ.41** (Athens), via **ΛΕΥΚΑΣ** (Lefkas) and **ΤΗΛ.ΓΡ. ΒΟΝΙΤΣΗΣ ?.ΟΚΤ.41** (Vonitsa, Telegraphic office). Without censorship.

Post Offices of Cefalonia

Assos



Letter sent by an Italian military, with **ΑΣΣΟΣ ΚΕΦΑΛΛΗΝΙΑΣ 27.ΜΑΡ.42** tying a **50c** ISOLE JONIE postage stamp, sent to **SQUILLACE 13.4.42**, via **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 27.ΜΑΡ.42** (Argostolion) and **POSTA MILITARE 82 3.4.42** (Patras). Italian censorship markings in Italy.

Enosis



Letter with **ΕΝΩΣΙΣ 25.ΙΟΥΛ.43** (Enosis), tying a **50c**, sent to **Athens**, via **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 29.ΙΟΥΛ.43** (Argostolion). Small **violet** reader's circular marking **2** of Argostoli, on censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** (tape similar to the one used in Corfu, but without CORFÜ, see [page 73](#)).

Post Offices of Cefalonia

Keramies (using the datestamp for the Telegraphic Service)



Letter with telegraphic datestamp **ΘΗ.ΓΡ. ΚΕΡΑΜΕΙΩΝ 3.ΝΟΕ.41** (Keramies) tying a **5c**, sent to **ΝΕΟΝ ΦΑΛΗΡΩΝ 10.ΔΕΚ.41** (Neon Phaliron), via **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 4.ΝΟΕ.41** (Argostoli) Censorship marking **COMANDO 17^e REGIE FANTERIA "ACQUI" / VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** (Argostoli). Underfranked, without any Postage Due marking (5c instead of 50c).

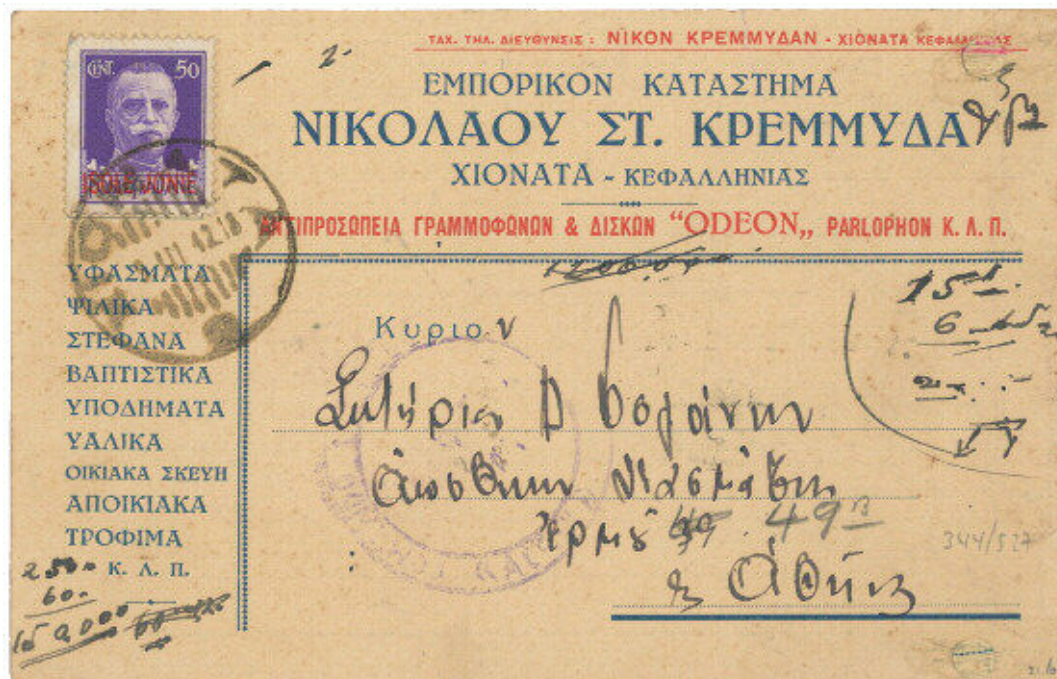
Sami



Letter with two different postmarks **ΣΑΜΗ 21.ΑΠΡ.42** & **ΣΑΜΗ 28.4.1942** (Sami) tying a **50c**, sent to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 20.Υ.42** (Athens), via **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 2.ΜΑΙ.42** (Argostolion) and **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 11.ΜΑΙ.42** (Corfu). Grey-blue boxed censorship marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu and grey-blue reader's **(3)**. Censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA CORFŪ** (type 2).

Post Offices of Cefalonia

Chionata



Letter with **XIONATA 5.III.42** tying a **50c**, sent to **Athens**, via **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 11.ΜΑΡ.42** (Argostolion). Censorship marking **COMANDO 17e REGIE FANTERIA "ACQU" / VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Argostoli.

Stavros, Ithaca



Airmail letter franked with **2,75L** (overfranked), tied with **ΣΤΑΥΡΟΣ ΙΘΑΚΗΣ 9.ΜΑΙ.42** (Stavros of Ithaca), sent to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΕΙΣ 26.V.42** (Athens), via **ΙΘΑΚΗ 10.V.42** (Ithace) and **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 16.ΜΑΙ.42** (Argostolion).

Post Offices of Corfu

Gastourion



Letter with **ΓΑΣΤΟΥΡΙΟΝ (ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑΣ) 21.11.43** (Gastourion), franked with **0,50L**, sent to **Αθήνα** (Athens), via **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΕΙΣ) 25.ΦΕΒ.43** (Corfu). Small **violet** circular reader's marking **2** of Corfu.

Corfu Criminal Prisons

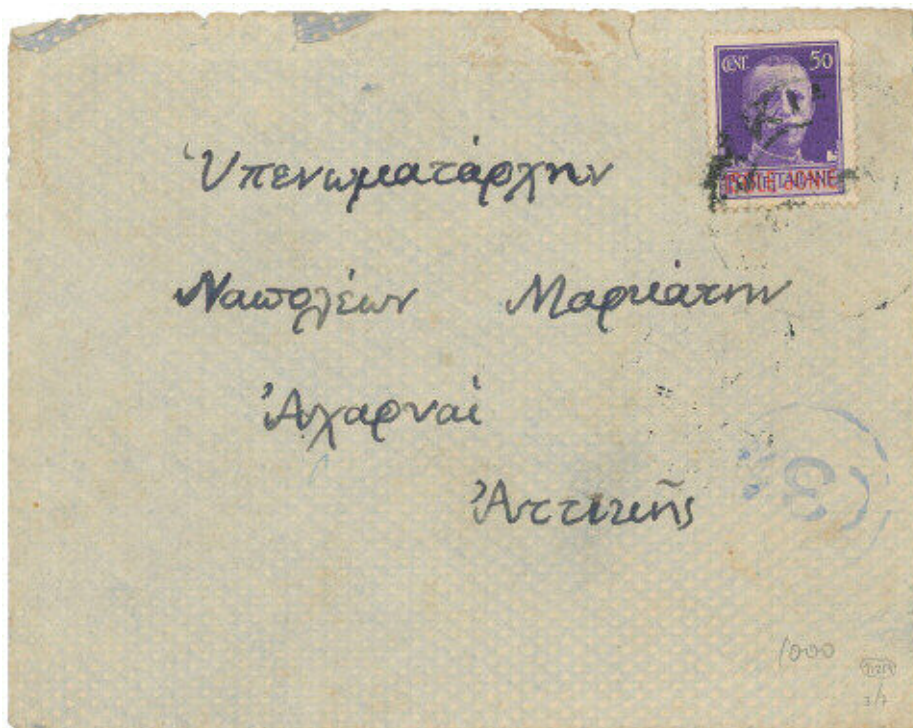


Postal card **30c** sent from **ΕΓΚΛΗΜΑΤΙΚΑΙ ΦΥΛΑΚΑΙ ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑΣ** (Corfu Criminal Prisons, administrative handstamp in violet), with postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 23.ΜΑΙ.42** (Corfu), sent to **Patras**.

In the previous period, a Postal Agency operated within the Prisons. It may have closed or ceased using its postmark, if, of course, it had one.

Post Offices of Corfu

Lefkimmi



Letter with **ΛΕΥΚΙΜΜΗ 29.ΜΑΙ.42** (Lefkimmi) tying a **0,50L**, sent to **Αχαρνές** (Acharnes, Attica), via **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΘΕΙΣ) 31.ΜΑΙ.42**. **Grey-violet** circular reader's marking (**3**) of Corfu.

Lefkimmi (datestamp for the Telegraphic Service)



Registered letter with **ΤΗΛ.ΓΡ. ΛΕΥΚΙΜΜΗΣ 10.ΙΟΥΝ.43** (telegraphic office of Lefkinni), sent to **ΧΑΛΚΙΣ 5.ΒΙΙ.43** (Chalkis). **Violet** circular censor marking **AFFARI CIVILI - CORFU - CENSURA POSTALE** in Corfu and reader's **CENSORE 3/8**. Censortape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA CORFÙ** (type 2).

Censorship Offices: Corfu

Corfu was the capital of the Italian-occupied Ionian Islands. It is evident that it also served as the headquarters of the Censorship Office. Most of the mail passed through here, where it was either inspected or simply marked with the stamps used.

I have encountered six censorship markings and six reader's markings [(3), 2, 3/1, 3/3, 3/5, 3/8]. The initial sealing tapes used bore the phrase VERIFICATO PER CENSURA, but from autumn 1941, new tapes were printed with the addition of the word CORFÙ (types 1a & 1b and 2).

Type 1 grey-black

(16.06.1941-08.08.1942)

Initially in **grey-black**,

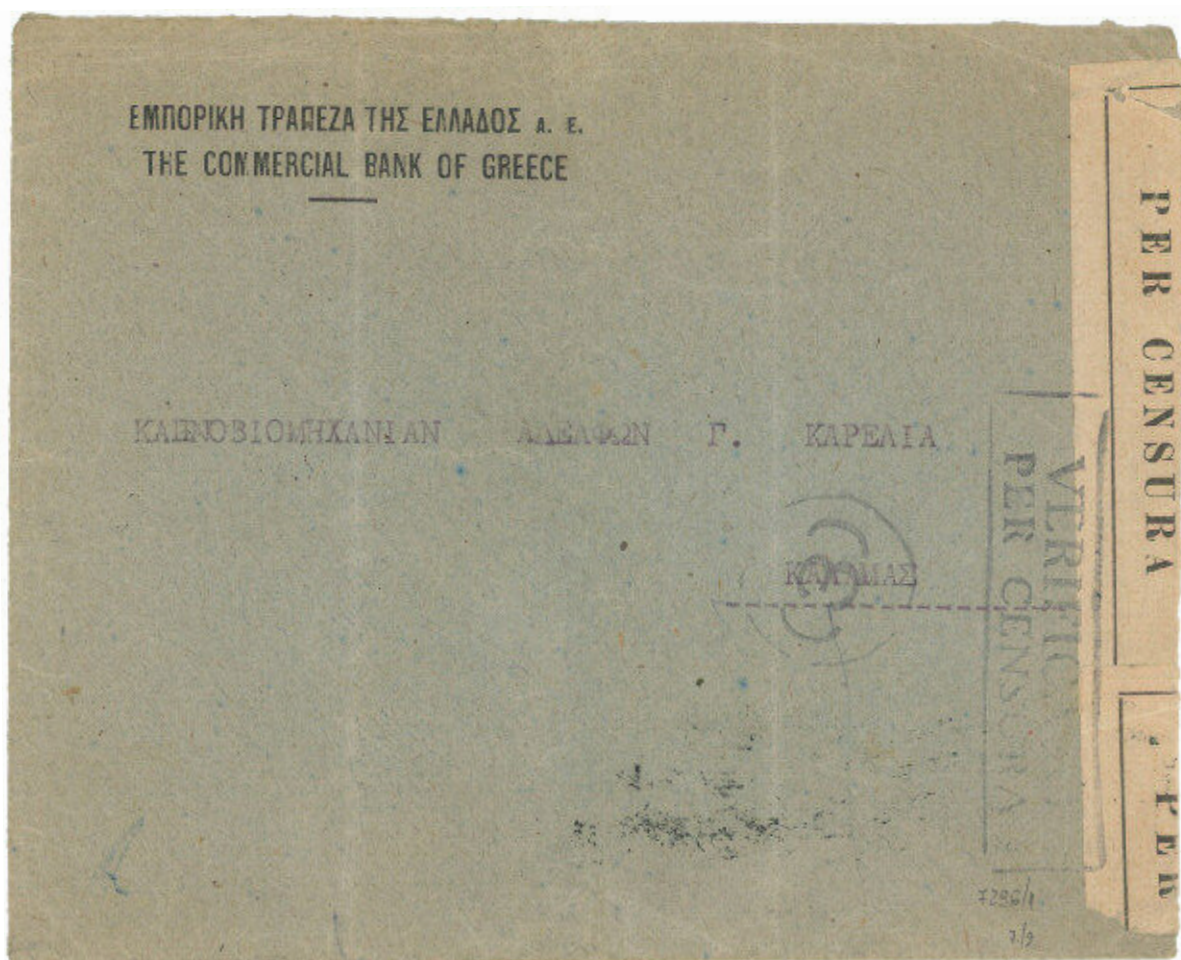
from October 1941 in **violet**,

May-June 1942 in blue & **grey-blue**,

August 1942 in **black**,

October 1942 in **grey-violet**.

See also pages: 6-11, 13-14, 17-24, 28, 30, 39, 40, 42.



Reader (3)

it always accompanies Type 1, in the same colors

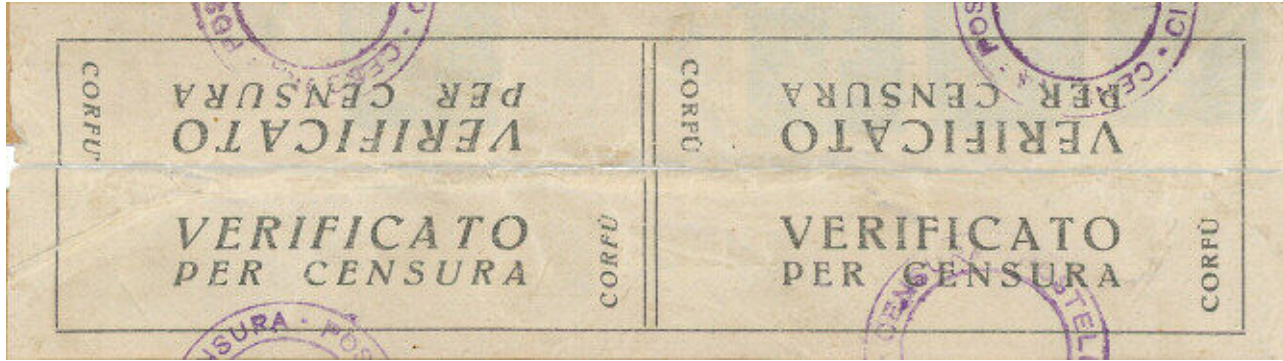
Letter with 50c, postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 7.ΣΕΠ.41** (Corfu), sent to **ΚΑΛΑΜΑΙ 18.ΣΕΠ.41** (Kalamata). **Grey-black** boxed censorship marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu and **grey-black** reader's **(3)**. Censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** (type 1b).

Censorship Offices: Corfu

Type 1 violet

(16.06.1941-08.08.1942)

October 1941 - May 1942 και October 1942 in violet



Censor tape 2

format 47x170mm,

with double text in a frame, one in

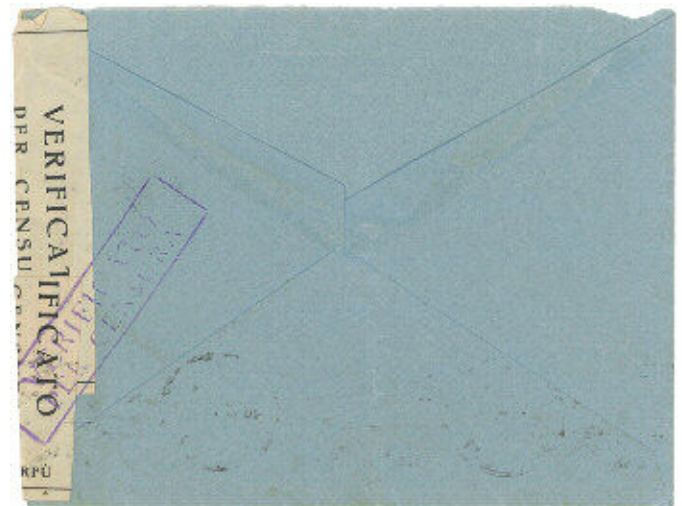
upright and the other in italic

letters. It was cut in half to secure

the opened letters. Very rarely, on

large envelopes, it is found intact

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60%



Letter with 50c, postmark **KEP-KYPA 1.NOEM.41** (Corfu), sent to **Ano Trikala Corinthia** via **AΘΗΝΑΙ 19.XI.41** (Athens). Violet boxed censorship marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu and violet reader's **(3)**. Censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** (type 2).

Censorship Offices: Corfu

Type 1 blue

(16.06.1941-08.08.1942)

May-June 1942 in blue



65%



Airmail letter franked with **2,25L** (letter 1.25L and 1,00L airmail fee), postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ 4.ΙΟΥΝ.42** (Corfu), sent to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 17.VI.42** (Athens), via **Rome**. **Blue** boxed censorship marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu and **blue** reader's **(3)**. Censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** (type 2). Airmail correspondence passed through Rome, where it was censored, with markings **UFFICIO CENSURA POSTA ESTERA** and **199/I**.

Τύπος 1 μαύρο

(16.06.1941-08.08.1942)

Αύγουστος 1942 σε μαύρο



70%



Registered letter franked with **1,75L** (letter 50c + registration fee 1.25L), postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ ΕΥΕΤΗΜΕΝΑ 5.ΑΥΓ.42** (Corfu), sent to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΕΙΣ ΕΥΕΤΗΜ. 28.VIII.42** (Athens). **Black** boxed censorship marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu and **black** reader's **(3)**. Censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** (type 2).

Censorship Offices: Corfu

During this period, censor marking (3) was no longer used,
and fractional markings were introduced
CENSORE 3/1, CENSORE 3/3, CENSORE 3/5 και CENSORE 3/8.

Type 1a black

(26.10.1942-27.12.1942)

October 1942 in **black**

November-December 1942 in **grey-violet**

Type 1a is slightly different from Type 1,
characterized by the intact 'C' in the second line,
which is worn in Type 1.



70%



Registered letter franked with **5,50L** (letter 1,25 + wnd weight 0,75 + registration fee 1,50 + airmail fee for 2nd weighr tier 2,00), postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 26.ΟΚΤ.42** (Corfu), sent to **ΜΑΚΡΥΓΙΑΝΝΗ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 11.ΧΙ.42** (Makrygianni, Athens). **Black** boxed censorship marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Corfu and **black** reader's **(3)**. Censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** (type 2). Airmail correspondence passed through Rome, where it was censored, with markings **UFFICIO CENSURA POSTA ESTERA** and **199/I**.

Censorship Offices: Corfu

Type 1a grey-violet (+ Type 2)

(26.10.1942-27.12.1942)

November-December 1942 in grey-violet



Postal card 30c, postmark ΠΑΪΟΣ (ΠΑΪΟΙ) 17.ΔΕΚ.42 (PAXO), sent to Athens, via ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΞΙΣ) 27.ΔΕΚ.42 (Corfu). Violet boxed censorship marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA**. Also violet **AFFARI CIVILI - CORFU - CENSURA POSTALE** in Corfu.

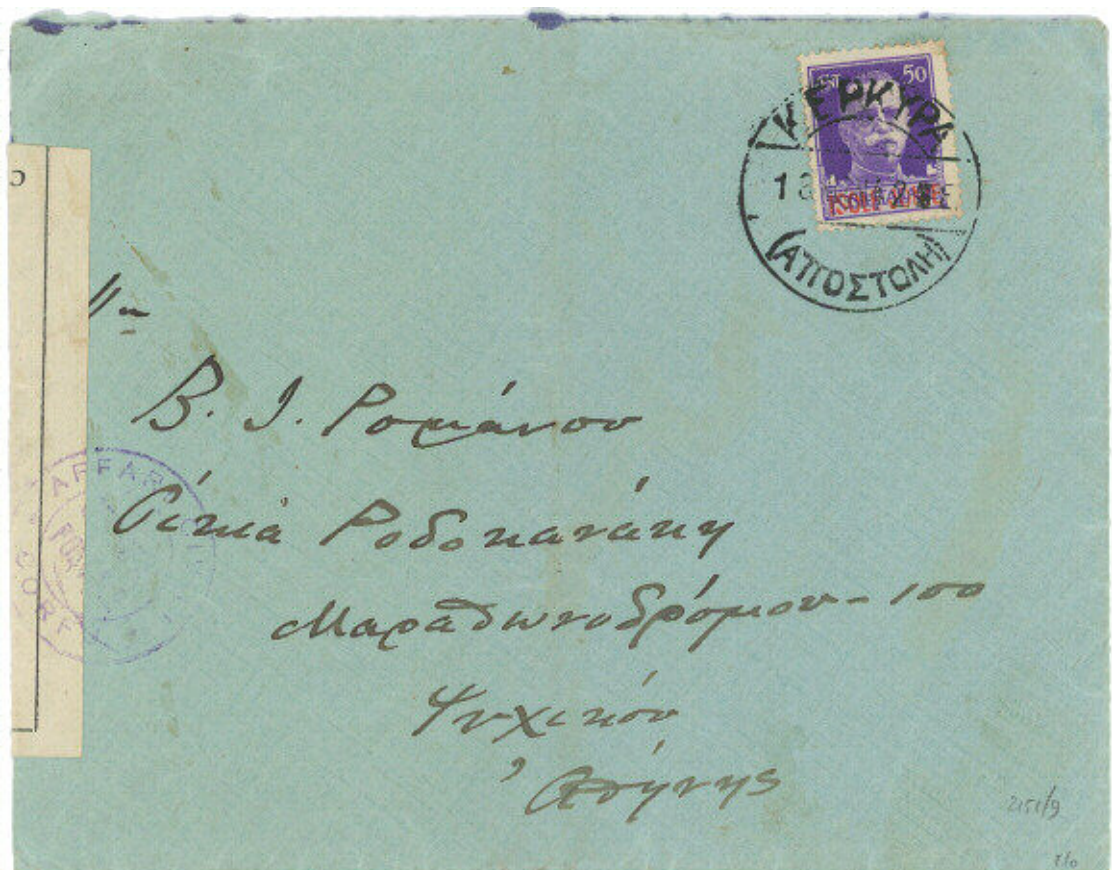
Unusual combination of the two μαρκινγ (types 1a and 2); there is a slight possibility that the rectangular one was used in Paxos

Type 2 violet

(18.11.1942-19.07.1943)

met only in violet

See also pages: 18, 25, 26, 28, 31, 33 and 45



Letter with 50c, postmark ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 18.ΝΟΕΜ.42 (Corfu), sent to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΨΥΧΙΚΟΝ (Athens Psychikon). Violet **AFFARI CIVILI - CORFU - CENSURA POSTALE** in Corfu. Censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** (type 2).

Censorship Offices: Corfu

Type 2 violet
(18.11.1942-19.07.1943)
met only in violet



Reader 3/1
d= 21mm
(09.01.1943-
10.07.1943)



Reader 3/3
d= 22mm
(26.10.1942-
29.06.1943)



70%

Letter with 50c, postmark ΓΑΪΟΣ (ΠΑΞΟΣ) 19.ΙΟΥΛ.43 (Paxo), sent to ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ (ΑΦΙΕΙΣ) 18.ΑΥΓ.43 (Piraeus), via ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΕΙΣ) 19.ΙΟΥΛ.43 (Corfu). Violet **AFFARI CIVILI - CORFU - CENSURA POSTALE** in Corfu and reader's **CENSORE 3/1**. Censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** (type 2).



Express registered letter with 300δρχ (100δρχ letter + 100δρχ registration fee + 100δρχ express fee), postmark ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΕΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 5.ΑΠΡ.43 (Athens), sent to ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ CORFOU ? .ΑΥΡ.43 (Corfu). Violet **AFFARI CIVILI - CORFU - CENSURA POSTALE** in Corfu and reader's **CENSORE 3/3**. Censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** (type 2).

Censorship Offices: Corfu

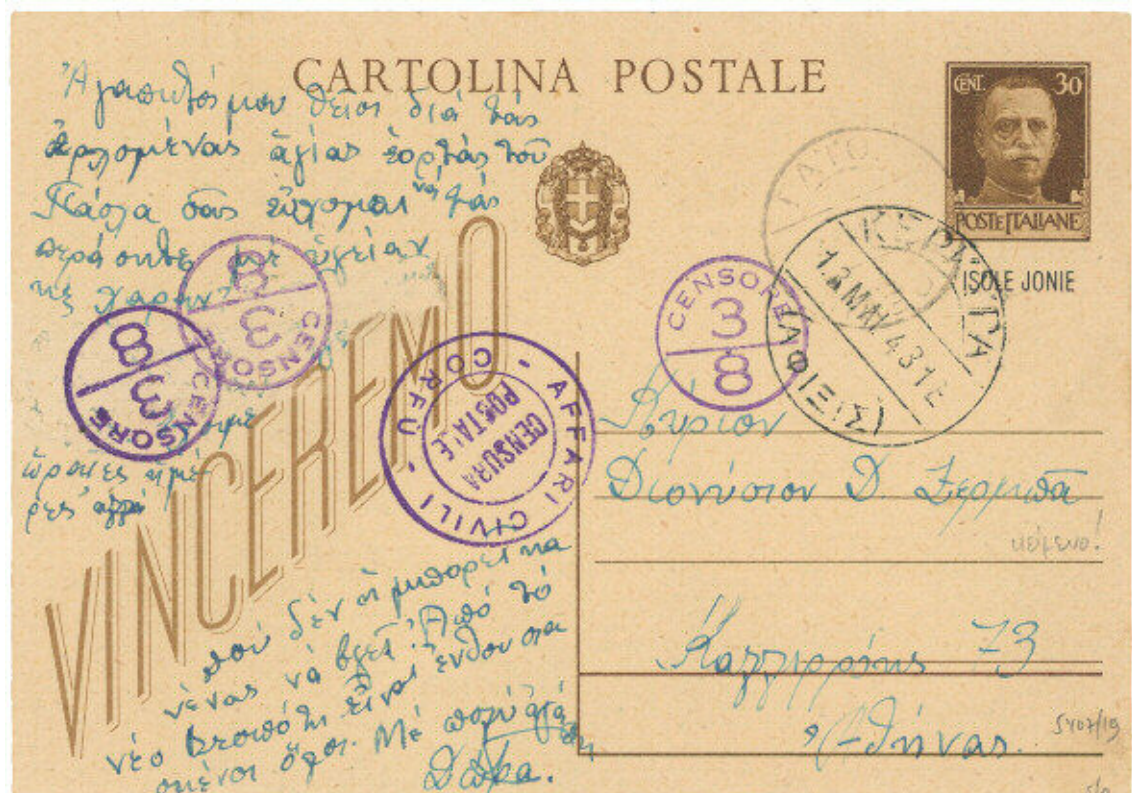
Type 2 violet
(18.11.1942-19.07.1943)
met only in violet



Reader 3/8
d= 20mm
(03.05.1943-
30.08.1943)



Registered letter with 200δρχ (100δρχ letter + 100δρχ registration fee) & 10δρχ Charity, postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 3.ΜΑΪ.43** (Athens), sent to **ΚΕΡΚΥΠΑ CORFOU 14.ΜΑΪ.43** (Corfu). Violet **AFFARI CIVILI - CORFU - CENSURA POSTALE** in Corfu and reader's **CENSORE 3/8**. Censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** (type 2).



Postal card 30c, postmark **ΓΑΪΟΣ (ΠΑΦΟΣ) 23.ΜΑΪ.43** (Paxos), sent to Athens, via **ΚΕΡΚΥΠΑ (ΑΦΙΕΙΣ) 13.ΜΑΪ.42** (Corfu). Violet **AFFARI CIVILI - CORFU - CENSURA POSTALE** in Corfu and reader's **CENSORE 3/8**. On the left side, the censor scratched out a sentence and stamped the spot twice with his seal!

Censorship Offices: Corfu

Type 2 violet
(18.11.1942-19.07.1943)
met only in violet



65%



Airmail letter *Via Aerea Via Patrasso* franked with **2,25L** (letter 1,25 + airmail fee 1L), postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΙΟ-ΕΤΟΛΗ) 13.ΜΑΙ.43** (Corfu), sent to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΘΕΙΕ 23.V.943** (Athens), via **ΠΑΤΡΑΙ 2.V.43** (Patras). **Violet AFFARI CIVILI - CORFU - CENSURA POSTALE** in Corfu and reader's **CENSORE 3/1**. Censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** (type 2).



60%

Type 3 violet
(05-08/09.09.1943)
met only in violet
See also pages: 23, 24 and 37

Airmail letter franked with **3,75L** (letter 1,25 + airmail fee 1L + registration fee 1,50), postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ ΕΥΕΘΜΕΝΑ 11.ΑΥΤ.42** (Corfu), sent to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΘΗΣΕΙΟΝ 17.VIII.943** (Athens, Thiseion). **Violet** censorship marking **CENSURA POSTELEGRAFICA CIVILE** in Corfu and reader's **CENSORE 3/8**. Censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** (type 2).



Censorship Offices: Corfu

Type 3 violet
(05-08/09.09.1943)
met only in violet

See also pages: 23, 24, 37 and 53



Reader 3/5
d= 19mm
(09.09.1943)



60%



Airmail cover franked with **2,25L** (letter 1,25 + airmail fee 1L), postmark **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 9.ΣΕΠ.42** (Athens), sent to **Paleon Phaliron**. Violet censorship marking **CENSURA POSTELEGRAFICA CIVILE** in Corfu and the scarce reader's **CENSORE 3/5**. Censor tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** (type 2).

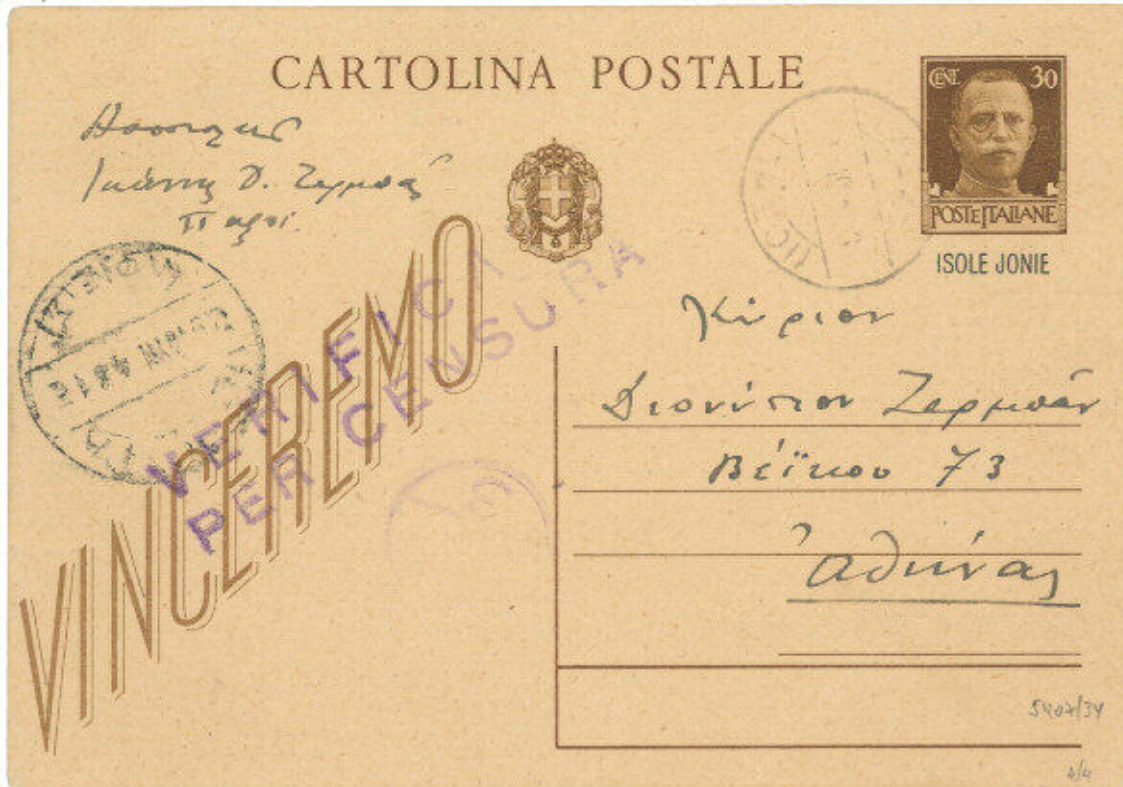
Censorship Offices: Corfu

Type 4 violet

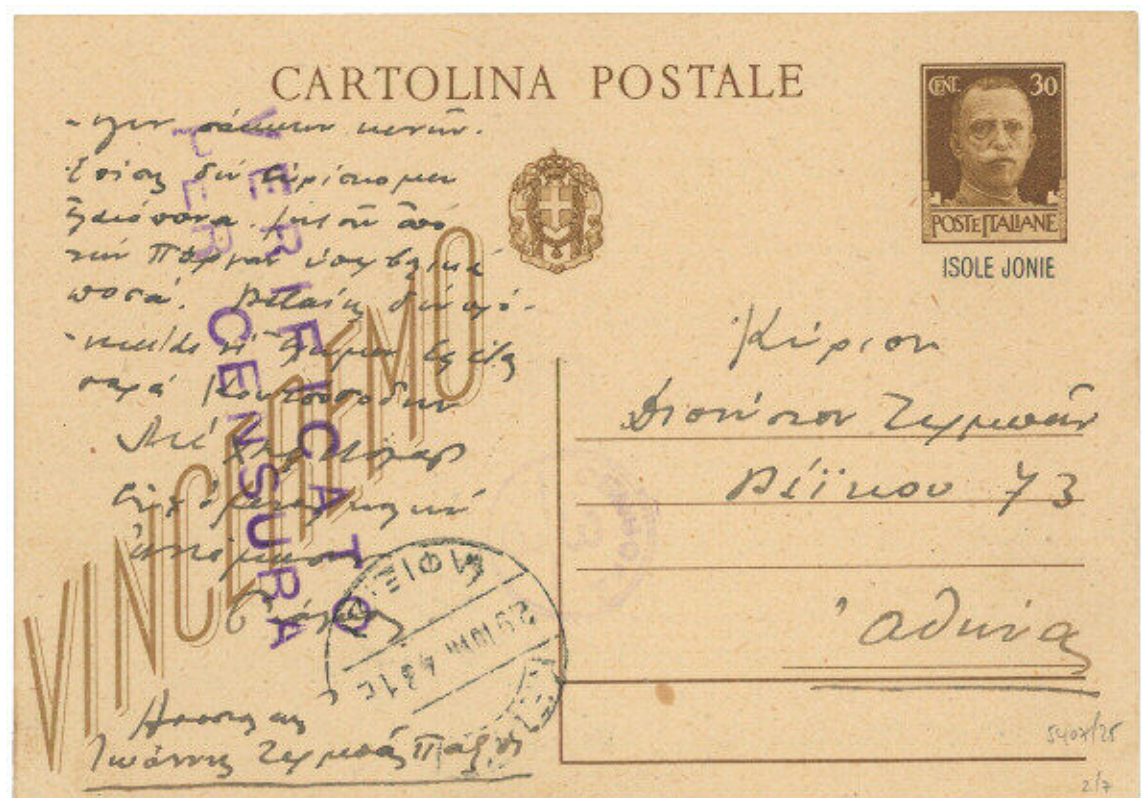
(29.06.1943)

The only items I met

There is a possibility that it is a censorship marking used in Paxos.



Postal card 30c written at Paxo 29.05.1943, postmark ΓΑΪΟΣ (ΠΑΞΟΙ) 1.ΙΟΥΝ.43 (Paxo), sent via ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 29.ΙΟΥΝ.43 (Corfu) to Athens. Violet censorship marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA**, in Corfu, and reader's **CENSORE 3/3**. The postal card arrived in Corfu after 30 days.



Postal card 30c written at Paxo 13.06.1943, without the postmark of Paxo, via ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 29.ΙΟΥΝ.43 (Corfu) to Athens. Violet censorship marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA**, in Corfu, and reader's **CENSORE 3/3**. The postal card arrived in Corfu after 17 days

Censorship Offices: Corfu

Use of other marking

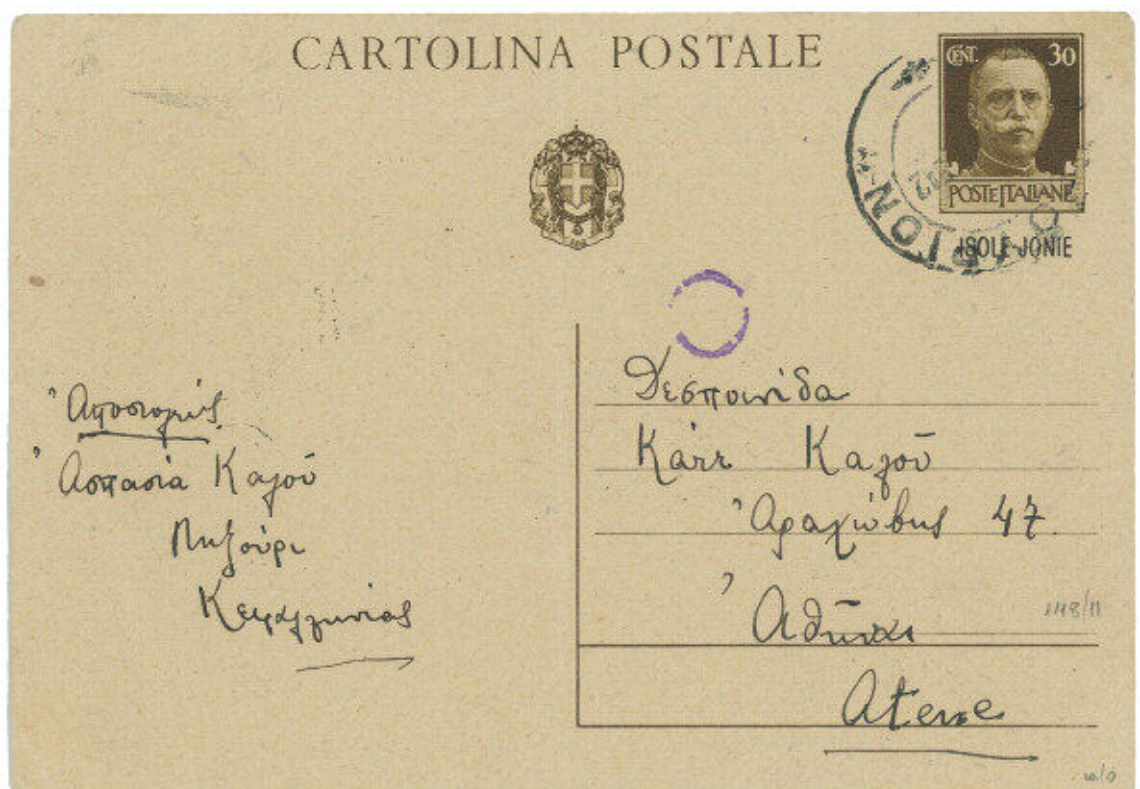
Small circle (d= 10mm) in violet
(28.08.1942-02-09-1942)

I am convinced that this is the imprint of the neck of the handstamp's handle (from which the bronze element of censor (3)'s stamp has been detached). According to the material I have studied, this marking has not been seen since August 1942.



Greek postal card 7δρχ/2δρχ with postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΠΛΑΤΕΙΑ ΣΥΝΤΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ 14.VIII.42** (Athens, Syntagma), sent to **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΕΙΣ) 28.ΑΥΓ.42** (Corfu). **Violet** imprint of a metallic object **○** used by the censorship (d= 10mm).

Χρησιμοποιείται και στη διαβατική αλληλογραφία.



Postal card 30c from **ΛΗΞΟΥΡΙΟΝ 20.ΙΟΥΛ.42** (Lixourion) sent to **Athens**, via **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 31.ΙΟΥΛ.42** (Argostolion) and **Corfu**, with **violet** imprint of a metallic object **○** used by the censorship (d= 10mm).

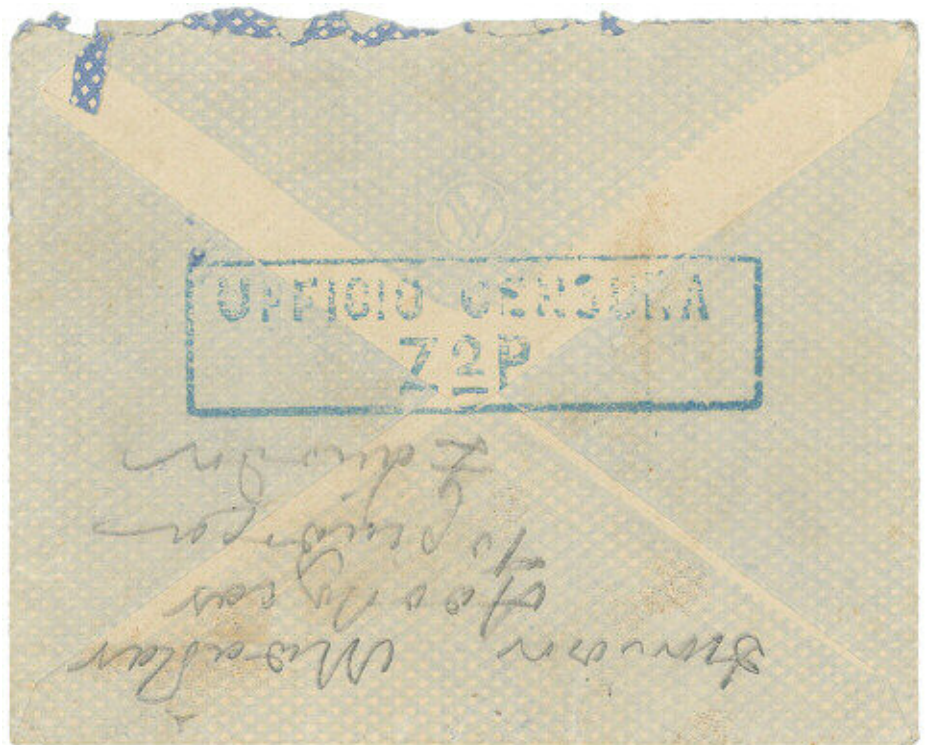
Censorship Offices: Zante

I have encountered six censorship markings used in Zakynthos, as well as five readers' handstamps. The readers' handstamps marked the text they read, meaning they are found only on postal cards and not on envelopes (they marked the contained letters). Censorship tapes were rarely used. As a rule, all correspondence from Zakynthos was censored locally. At times, correspondence from Zakynthos to Greece passed through Corfu.

Type 1 blue
 (13.09.1941-11.12.1941)
 In blue color, rarely in violet



Letter with 50c, postmark **ZAKYNTOS 13.ΣΕΠ.41** (Zante), sent to **Patras**. **Blue** censorship marking **UFFICIO CENSURA Z2P** in Zante.



Letter with 50c, postmark **ZAKYNTOS 9.ΟΚΤ.41** (Zante), sent to **ΠΑΤΡΑΙ 13.Χ.41** (Patras). **Blue** censorship marking **UFFICIO CENSURA Z2P** in Zante. Censored again in **Patras**. **Violet** circular **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA - ΔΟΓΟΚΡΕΙΑ 11a ARMATA**. Censorship tape **ΕΛΟΓΟΚΡΕΙΑ - VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** (Patras).

Censorship Offices: Zante

Initially, two poorly made readers' markings, numbers 1 and 2, are encountered

Type 1 blue

(13.09.1941-11.12.1941)

Initially in blue color, then in violet

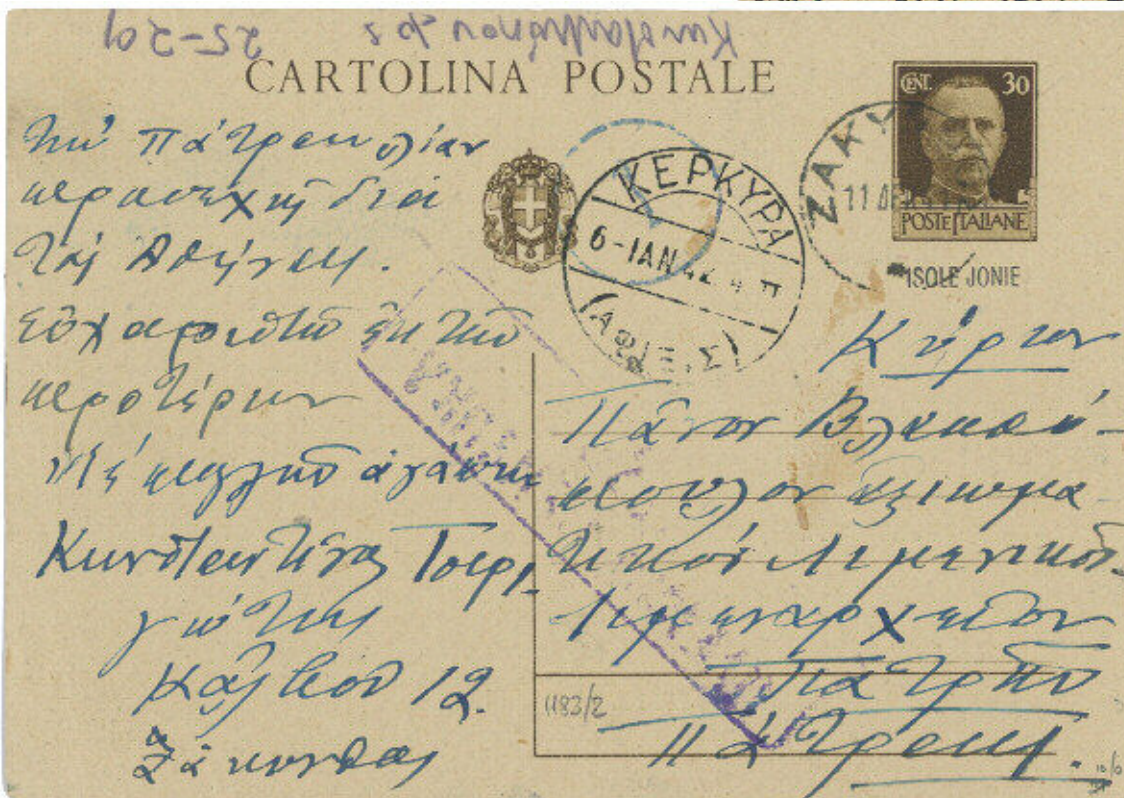
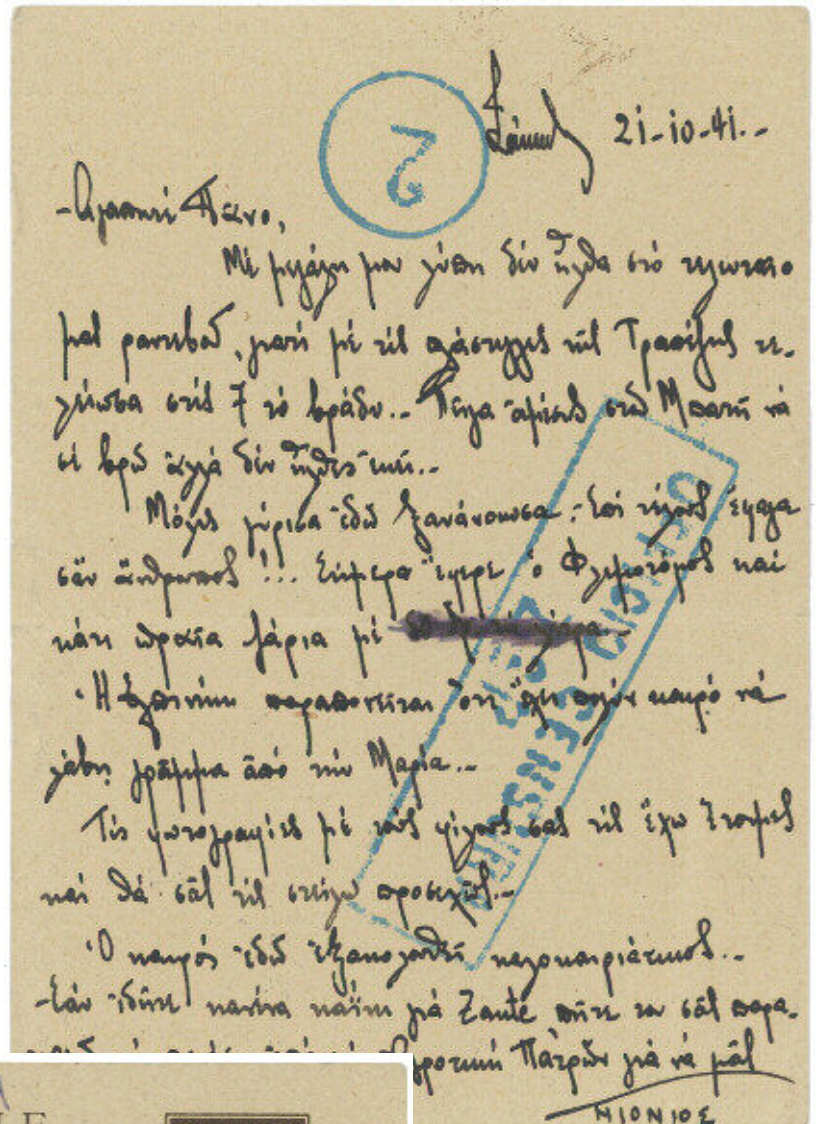
Reader 2 (poorly made)

The poorly made readers' markings are met: 23.10.1941-21.12.1942



60%

Postal card 30c, from **ZAKYNOOS 23.OKT.41** (Zante) to **Patras**. **Blue** censorship marking **UFFICIO CENSURA Z2P** in Zante and reader's **2**. **One word crossed out!**



Postal card 30c, from **ZAKYNOOS 11.ΔΕΚ.41** (Zante), sent to Patras via **KEPKYPA (ΑΦΙΕΙΣ) 6.1AN.42** (Corfu). **Violet** censorship marking **UFFICIO CENSURA Z2P** in Zante and reader's **1** in blue.

Censorship Offices: Zante

Type 2 blue

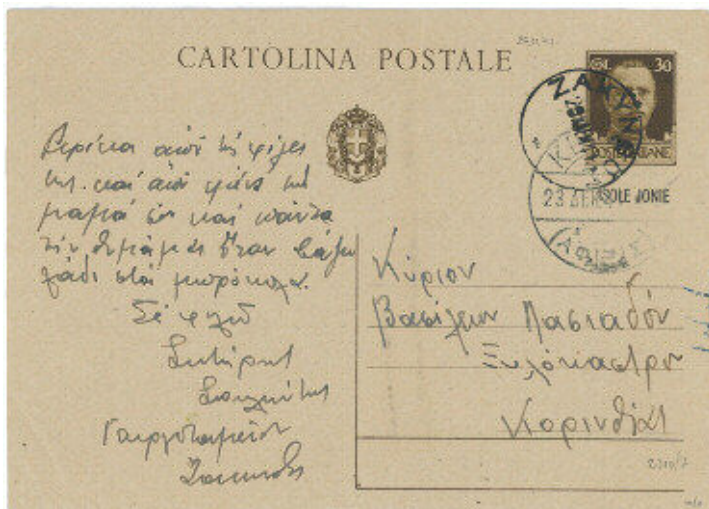
(26.11.1941-20.11.1942) [see also page 29]

Initially in blue color, then in violet

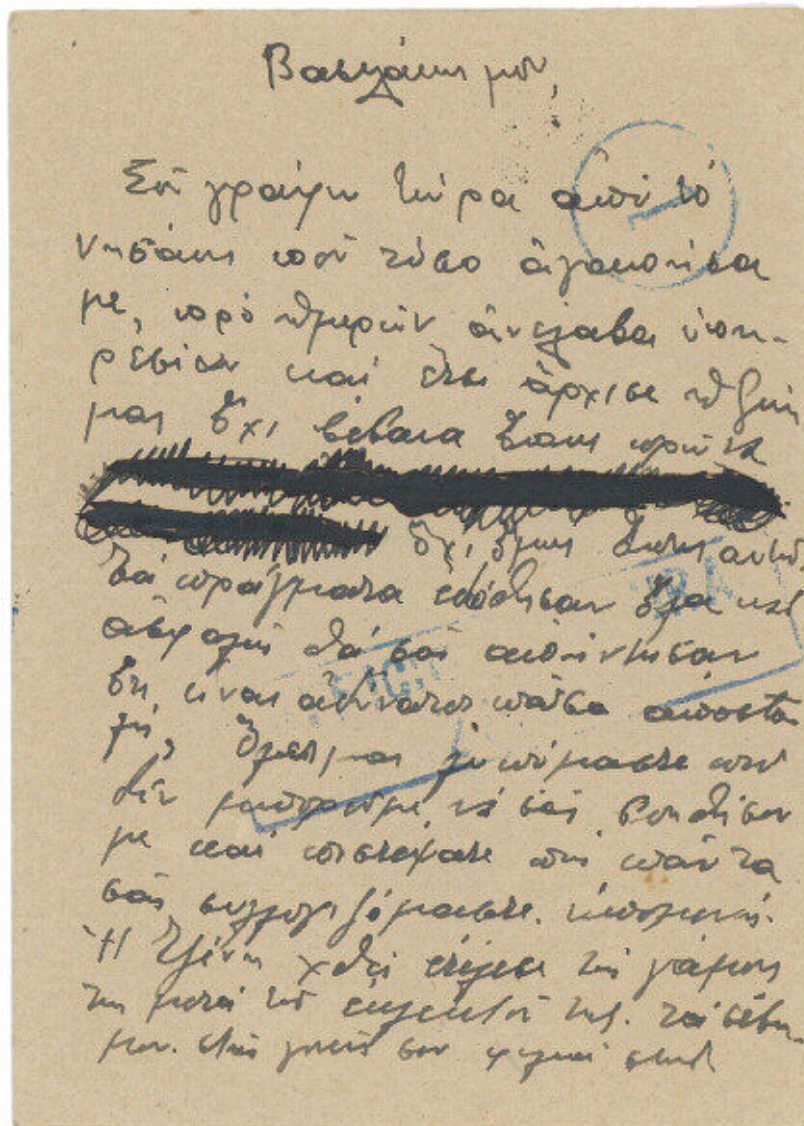
Reader 1 (poorly made)

The poorly made readers' markings are met:

23.10.1941-21.12.1942



63%
Postal card 30c, from **ZAKYNTHOS 26.NOEM.41** (Zante) sent to **Xylokastron of Corinthia. 1.**
Διαγραμμένες λέξεις! Blue censorship marking **UFFICIO CENSURA Z82P** in Zante and reader's **1. Some words crossed out!**



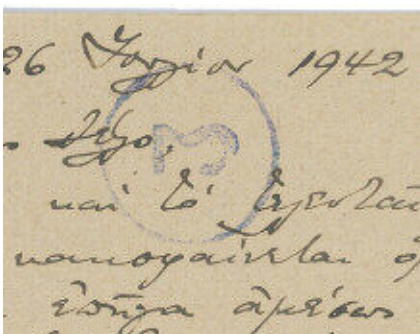
Type 2 violet (28.11.1941-20.11.1942)

Reader 3

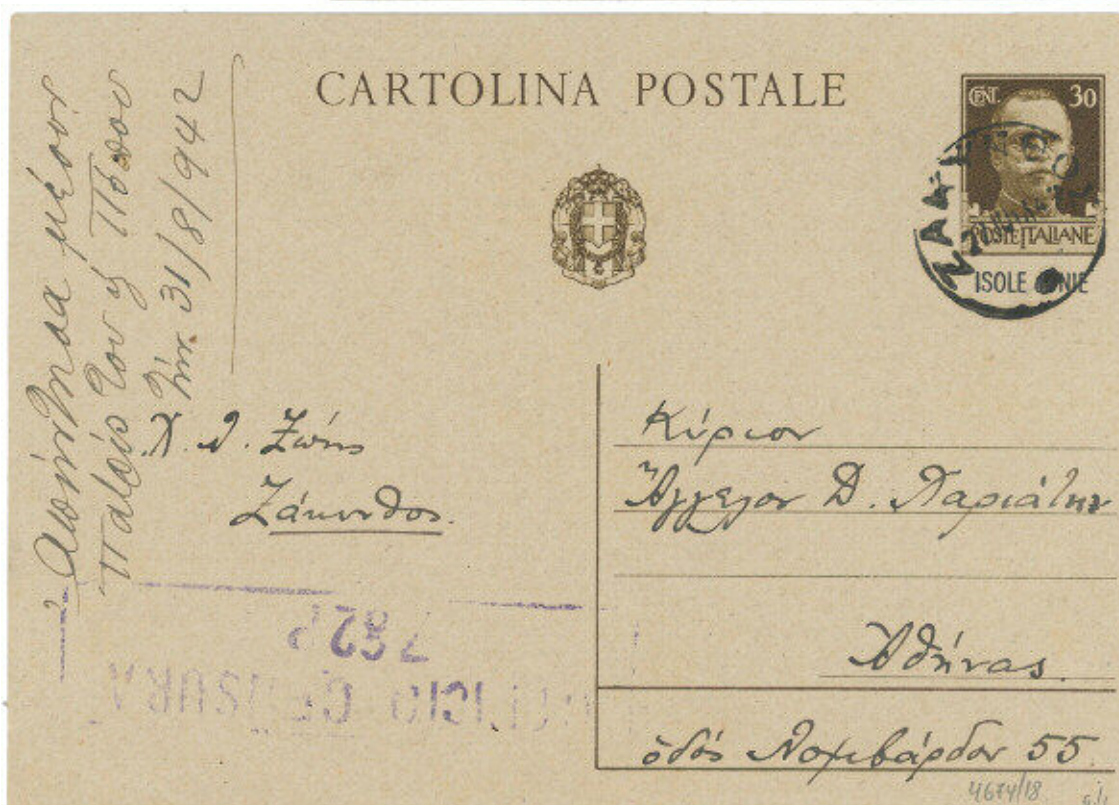
(poorly made)

First appearance:

27.07.1942



100%
Postal card 30c, from **ZAKYNTHOS 27.ΙΟΥΛ.42** (Zante), sent to **Athens via ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΕΙΣ) 7.ΦΕΒ.42** (Corfu). **Violet** censorship marking **UFFICIO CENSURA Z82P** in Zante and reader's **2**. Also passed through the Corfu Censorship Office (circular violet reader's marking **(3)**).



Censorship Offices: Zante

Type 2 violet

(28.11.1941-20.11.1942)

Initially in blue color, then in violet



70%



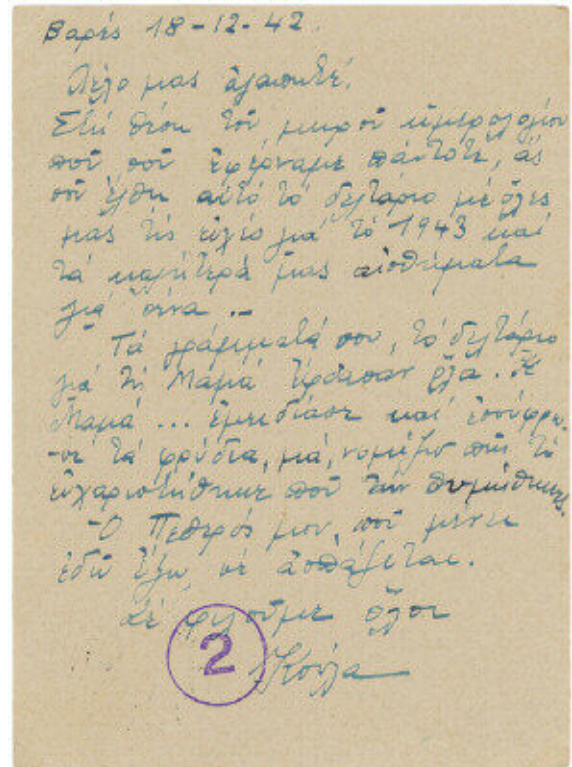
Registered letter franked with **1,75L** (letter 0,50, registration fee 1,25), postmark **ZAKYNTHOS EY-ETHMENA 5.X.42** (Zante), sent to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΕΥΕΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΕΙΣ 10.X.42** (Athens). **Violet** censorship marking **UFFICIO CENSURA 282P** in Zante. Censorship tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** (with sparse typesetting).

Censorship Offices: Zante

During the period when types 3 and 4 of Zakynthos censorship were established, the small reader's stamps also appeared.

Type 3 violet
(18.12.1942)

Reader 2



70%



Postal card 30c, from **ZAKYNΘΟΣ 18.ΔΕΚ.42** (Zante), sent to **Athens**. **Violet** circular censorship marking **AFFARI CIVILI - ZANTE / CENSURA POSTALE** in Zante and reader **2**.

I am not aware of any other imprint of this censor marking!

Censorship Offices: Zante

Type 4 violet
(15.12.1942-01.08.1943)

Reader 3 (poorly made)

Lauro 12 Septembris 1943
 Nioyngae...
 [Circled number 3 in the left margin]

[Handwritten text in a cursive script, likely Italian or a related language.]

70%



Postal card 30c, from ZAKYNGOOS 15.ΔΕΚ.42 (Zante), sent to Athens. Violet censorship marking in two lines **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Zante and reader 3.

Censorship Offices: Zante

Type 4 violet
(15.12.1942-01.08.1943)

Reader 1



Postal card 30c, from **ZAKYNΘΟΣ 20.ΔΕΚ.42** (Zante), sent to **Athens**. Violet censorship marking in two lines **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Zante and reader **1**.



Postal card 30c **VINCEREMO**, from **ZAKYNΘΟΣ 01.ΑΥΤ.43** (Zante), sent to **Athens**. Violet censorship marking in two lines **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Zante and reader **1**.

Censorship Offices: Zante

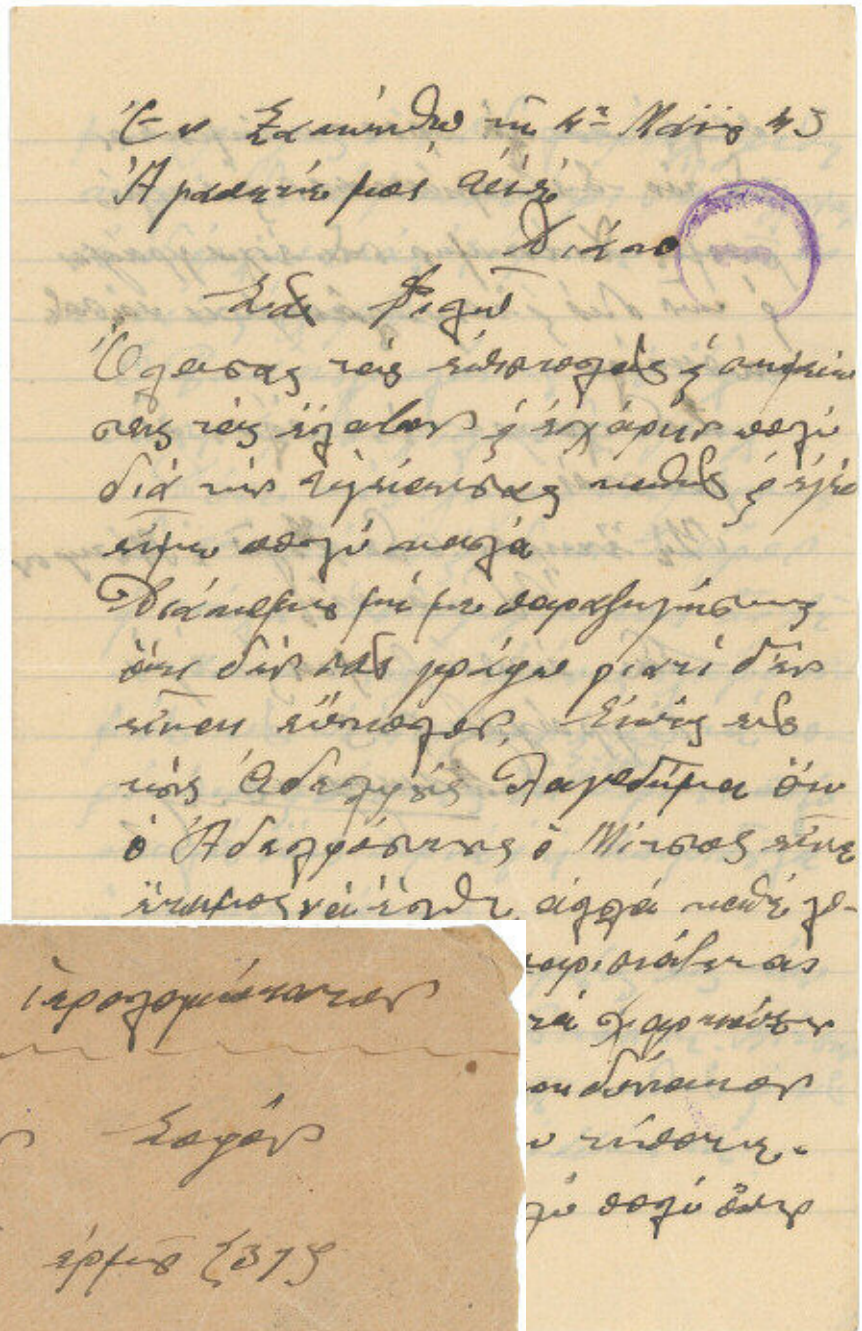
As mentioned on the introductory page of Zakynthos Censorship (page 57), the readers marked the text they read with their numbered markings, meaning the strikes are found only on postal cards and not on envelopes. In the case of envelopes, they marked the enclosed letters.

Type 4 violet
(15.12.1942-01.08.1943)

Reader 1



70%



Letter with 50c, from **ZAKYNOOS 5.MAI.43** (Zante), sent to **Athens**. Violet censorship marking in two lines **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Zante and reader's marking **1** on the text.

Censorship Offices: Zante

Type 5 violet
 (26.08.1943-01.09.1943)
 Reader 1

Zante 20 Adyitlu 1943
 Dijo pas agyagantli,
 Eja duxpa di bylajoi
 av di 25 Noylu. Dii uaplas
 ee' agyagantli di, dii lala
 naja av agas. Vapantiam di
 di agas di'ees por. Lav agy-
 ga in di 20 Maib, 20 Noylu, 20
 Noylu, 20 Noylu vai 25 Adyitlu.
 Lav agyaga di' agyagantli va ya-
 bair avo di u. Transyaga, av'le
 agyaga mala pura. Tairus va
 upatiam av'le agyaga av'le li
 av'le por, in Noylu. Tairus
 va upatiam di' di agyaga di
 av'le agyaga. - di agyaga di
 av'le agyaga av'le di av'le por va
 av'le. Tairus di ualagabair di
 av'le 'fihya agyagantli pas.
 Tairus di' av'le, av'le di' av'le
 non' ee' agyagantli av'le - av'le.
 di' av'le agyagantli pe
 av'le. di' di' av'le di' av'le.
 di' av'le av'le va' ee' agyagantli.
 M. M. M.

70%



Postal card 30c VINCEREMO, postmark **ZAKYNΘΟΣ 01.ΣΕΠΤ.43** (Zante), sent to Athens. Violet boxed in two lines censorship marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA / ΕΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΗ** in Zante and reader's small circular **1**.

Censorship Offices: Zante

Apart from the marking that appear to have been used by the Censorship Office, censorship was also carried out by the Civil Affairs Office of the island of Zakynthos, which also had and used censorship tapes.

Without an accompanying reader's marking.

Type 6 violet
(18.09.1942-11.02.1943)



150%



Letter (front of envelope) franked with 50c, postmark **ZAKYNGOOS 10.IAN.43** (Zante), sent to **AθHNAI EYETHMENA AΦEIE 10.X.42** (Athens). Violet censorship marking **UFFICIO AFFARI CIVILI PER L' ISOLA DI ZANTE**. Censorship tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA**.



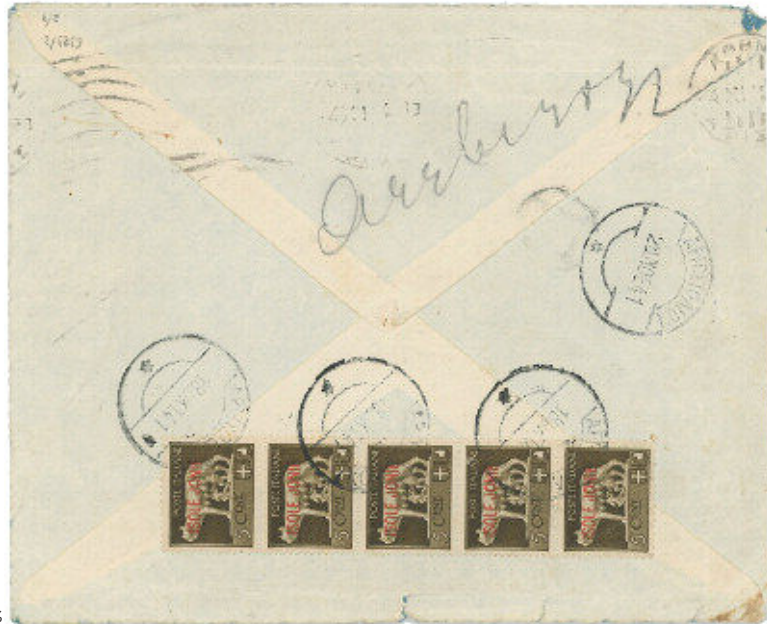
Seventeenth (17th) weight tier registered letter, franked with **8.75L** (2x50c + 7x1,25L), from **ZAKYNGOOS EYETHMENA 10.IX.1942** (Zante), sent to **AθHNAI EYETHMENA AΦEIE 10.X.42** (Athens). Violet censorship marking **UFFICIO AFFARI CIVILI PER L' ISOLA DI ZANTE**. Censorship tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA**.

Censorship Offices: Cefalonia

The censorship office of Cefalonia was based in the capital, Argostolion.

Type 1 black [see page 4]

Type 2 violet
(01.11.1941-09.03.1942)
[see also pages 42, 43]



Letter bearing 10x5c, sent from **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 18.ΟΚΤ.41** (Argostolion) to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 4.ΧΙ.41** (Athens). **Violet** two-circles military handstamp used provisionally as censorship marking **COMANDO 17e REGIE FANTERIA "ACQUA" / VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Argostolion. The recipient, the well-known stamp dealer *Dimitrios Zerlentis*, had passed away, so the envelope was returned **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 29.ΝΟΕ.41** (Argostolion).

Censorship Offices: Cefalonia

Type 2 violet
(01.11.1941-09.03.1942)

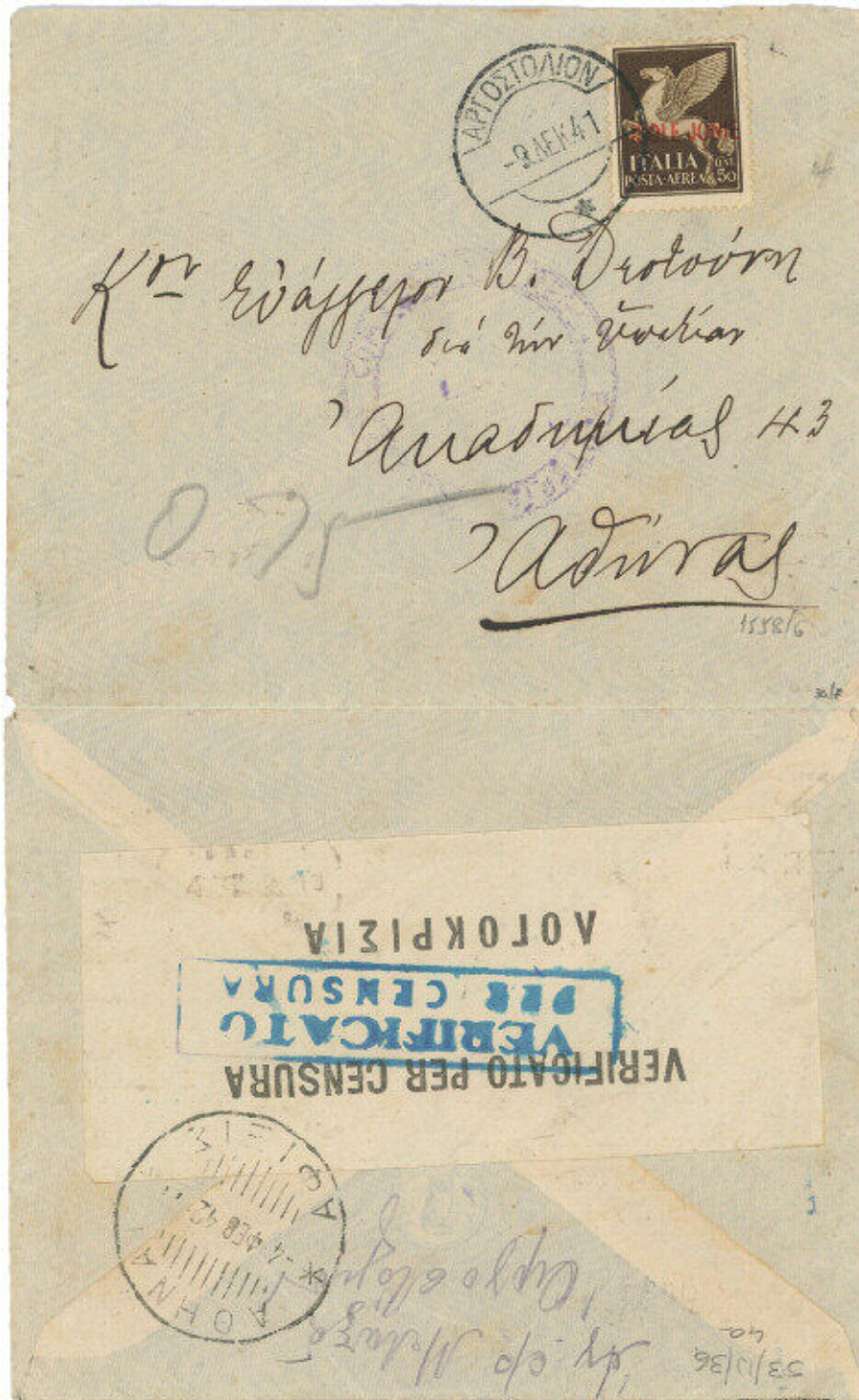


Letter bearing an airmail 50c (instead of regular postage stamp), sent from **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 5.ΝΟΕ.41** (Argostolion) to **Athens**. **Violet** two-circles **military handstamp** used provisionally as censorship marking **COMANDO 17e REGIE FANTERIA "ACQUI" / VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Argostolion.

Censorship Offices: Cefalonia

Type 2 violet
(01.11.1941-09.03.1942)

Type 3 blue, grey-blue, violet-grey
[see also [page 35](#)]
(09.12.1941-18.09.1942)
In blue



Letter bearing an airmail 50c (instead of regular postage stamp), sent from **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 5.ΝΟΕ.41** (Argostolion) to Athens. Violet two-circles military handstamp used provisionally as censorship marking **COMANDO 17e REGIE FANTERIA "ACQUI" / VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in Argostolion. The opened envelope was secured with the locally produced censorship tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA / ΔΟΤΟΚΡΗΣΙΑ**, and the boxed censorship marking in two lines **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in blue.

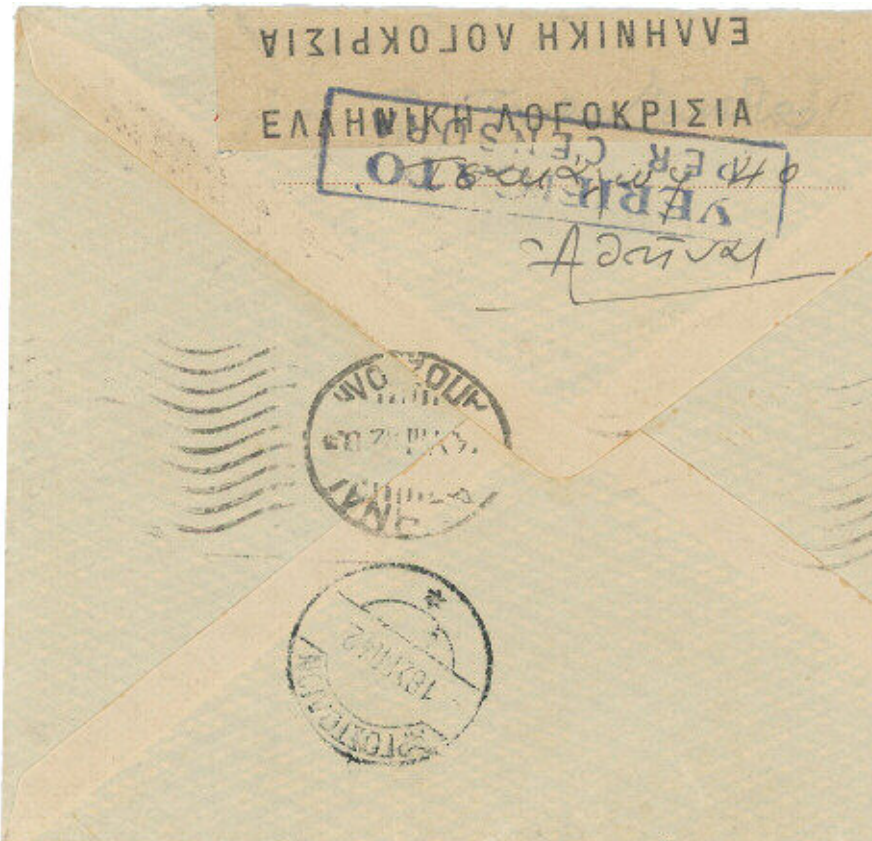
Censorship Offices: Cefalonia

Type 3 blue, grey-blue, violet-grey
(09.12.1941-18.09.1942)



70%

Letter with 2δρχ +5δρχ, from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ** 20.IV.42 (Athens), sent to **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ** 23.MAI.42 (Argostolion), boxed censorship marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in grey-blue, in Argostolion. The opened envelope was secured with the Greek censorship tape **ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΛΟΓΟΚΡΗΣΙΑ**.



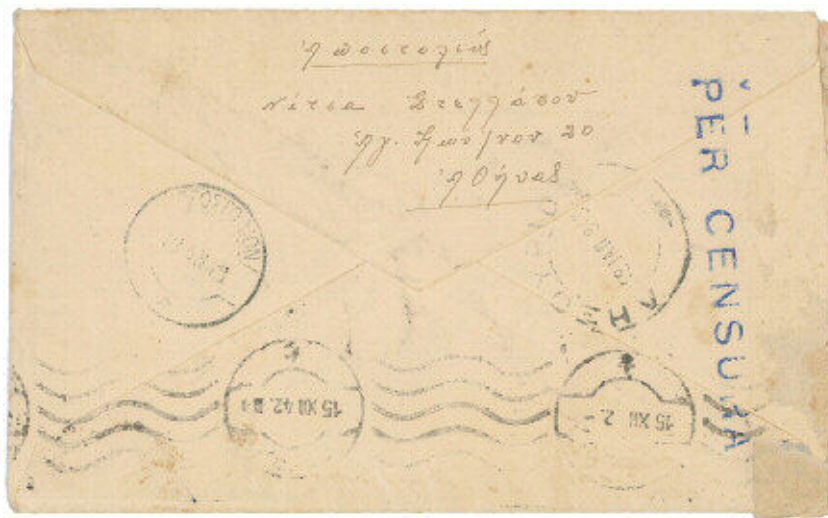
60%

Envelope stationery 15δρχ/3δρχ +50λ, from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ** 4.VIII.42 (Athens), sent to **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ** 18.ΣΕΠ.42 (Argostoli) boxed censorship marking **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** in violet-grey, in Argostolion. The opened envelope was secured with the Greek censorship tape **ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΛΟΓΟΚΡΗΣΙΑ**.

Censorship Offices: Cefalonia

Type 4 violet, violet-black AFFARI CIVILI CEFALONIA
(18.01-1943-30.03-1943)

Type 5 blue, violet
(18.01-1943-18.08.1943)



Letter with 2x50δρχ, sent from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** (Athens) to **ΛΙΞΟΥΡΙΟΝ 19.ΙΑΝ.43** (Lixourion), via **ΠΑΤΡΑΙ 15.ΧΙΙ.42** (Patras) and **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 18.ΙΑΝ.43** (Argostolion). Blue two-lines **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** and violet two-circle **AFFARI CIVILI - CEFALONIA / CENSURA POSTALE**, both used in Argostoli. The opened envelope was secured with the Greek censorship tape **ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ**.

Censorship Offices: Cefalonia

Type 4 violet, violet-black
(18.01-1943-30.03-1943)



Letter franked with 50c, from **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 1.ΜΑΡ.43** (Argostolion) to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 11.Υ.43** (Athens), via **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΕΙΕ) 30.ΑΠΡ.43** (Corfu). **Violet-black** two-circle **AFFARI CIVILI - CEFALONIA / CENSURA POSTALE**, in Argostolion. Small circular **violet** reader's marking **2**.

The opened envelope was secured with censorship tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** with regular characters (tape similar to the one used in Corfu, but without CORFÜ, see also page 41).



70%

Registered letter franked with **1,75L** (letter 50c + registration fee 1,25L), from **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 20.ΜΑΡ.43** (Argostolion) to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΜΙΕΛΟΚΗΠΙΟΙ 6 8.Υ.43** (Athens). **Violet-black** two-circle **AFFARI CIVILI - CEFALONIA / CENSURA POSTALE**, in Argostolion. Small circular **violet** reader's marking **2**. The opened envelope was secured with censorship tape **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** with characters **in italics** (tape similar to the one used in Corfu, but without CORFÜ).



Censorship Offices: Cefalonia

Type 5 violet
(18.01-1943-18.08-1943)



Postal card 30c VINCEREMO updated with 2x50c airmail stamps, from **ΛΗΘΟΥΡΙΟΝ** 14.ΙΟΥΝ.43 (Lixourion) to Athens, via **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ** 16.ΙΟΥΝ.43 (Argostolion) and **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ** (ΑΦΙΕΙΣ) 20.ΙΟΥΝ.43 (Corfu). Violet two-lines **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** and small violet reader's marking **2**.



Postal card 30c VINCEREMO, sent from **ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ** 18.ΑΥΓ.43 (Argostolion) to Athens **PER CENSURA** and small violet reader's marking **1**.

Censorship Offices: Cefalonia

Use of other markings

a. Postmark of Argostoli



Postal card 30c VINCEREMO, canceled with ΔΗΘΟΥΡΙΟΝ 13.ΑΠΡ.43 (Lixourion), sent to Athens, via ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 19.ΑΠΡ.43 (Argostolion, in violet) and ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΕΙΣ) 29.ΑΠΡ.43 (Corfu). Small violet reader's marking 2.

The color of the Argostoli postmark likely indicates its use in the Censorship Office.



Letter franked with 1,00L (airmail), sent from ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ 19.ΙΟΥΝ.43 (Argostolion) to ΑΘΗΝΑ 29.VI.43 (Athens) via ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΕΙΣ) 29.ΙΟΥΝ.43 (Corfu). Small violet reader's marking 2.

The opened envelope was secured with the censorship tape VERIFICATO PER CENSURA (old censorship tape of Corfu, type 1a, see page 5).



Letter franked with 2,25L (letter 1,25 + airmail fee 1), from ΔΗΘΟΥΡΙΟΝ 24.ΑΥΤ.43, (Lixourion), via ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ ? .ΑΥΤ.43 (Argostolion) to Athens. Small violet reader's marking 1. Censorship tape VERIFICATO PER CENSURA with characters in italic.

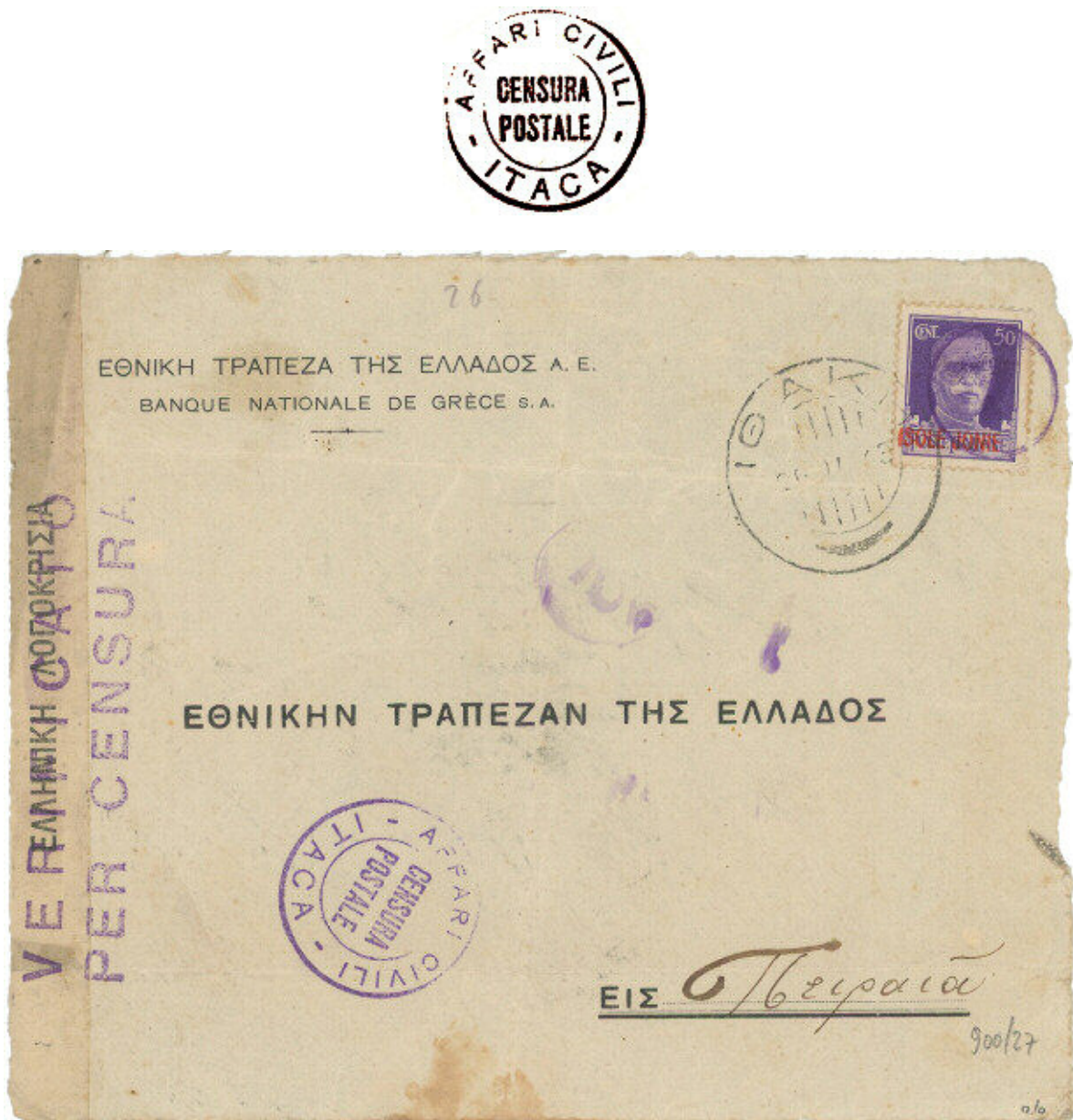
Censorship Offices: Ithaca

I have encountered only one censorship marking; the rest of the correspondence passed through the censorship services either of Cefalonia or Corfu.

Type 1 violet

(20.02.1943)

Reader 1



Letter (front of envelope) franked with 50c, postmark **ΙΘΑΚΗ 20.ΙΙ.43** (Ithaca), sent to **Piræus**. **Violet** two-circle **AFFARI CIVILI - ITACA / CENSURA POSTALE**, in Ithaca, examined a second time in Argostolion (Cefalonia) with **VERIFICATO PER CENSURA** and reader's marking **2**. The opened envelope was secured with the **Greek** censorship tape **ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ**.

Censorship Offices: Santa Maura

I have encountered two censorship markings. The rest of the correspondence either went directly to the mainland coasts of Greece (Preveza or Vonitsa, where it was rarely censored) or was forwarded to Corfu, where it was inspected or marked by censorship.

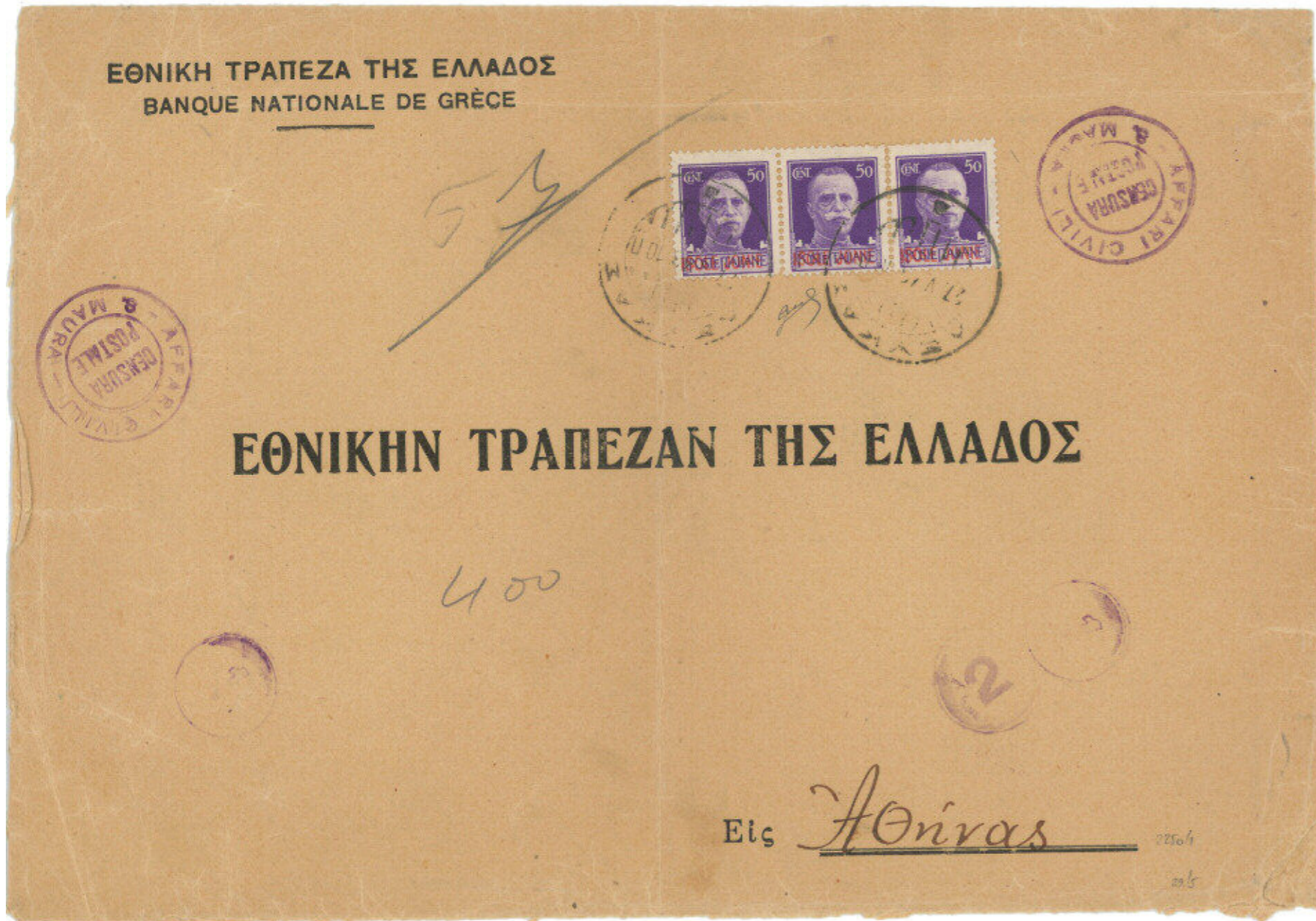
Type 1 violet
(15.12.1942-01.08.1943)
Reader 1



Registered letter, franked with **1,75L** (letter 50c + registration fee 1,25), postmark **ΛΕΥΚΑΣ 18.1.43** (Lefkas), sent to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΕΙΣ 13.11.43** (Athens). **Violet** two-circle **AFFARI CIVILI - ITACA / CENSURA POSTALE**, in Ithaca and reader's marking **1**. The opened envelope was secured with the locally produced censorship tape **ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ / VERIFICATO PER CENSURA**, with decorative elements and a double line.

Censorship Offices: Santa Maura

Type 1 violet
(15.12.1942-01.08.1943)
Readers **1 & 2**



Third weight tier letter franked with **1.50L** (3x50c), postmark **ΛΕΥΚΑΣ 27.V.43** (Lefkas), sent to **Athens** via **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙ-ΕΙΣ) 17.ΙΟΥΝ.43** (Corfu). Violet two-circle **AFFARI CIVILI - ITACA / CENSURA POSTALE**, in Ithaca and reader's marking **1** and **2**. Without censorship tape.

Censorship Offices: Santa Maura

Type 2 violet
(30.06.1943)
Reader 2



65%



100%



Business documents envelope franked with **1.00L** (2x50c), postmark **ΛΕΥΚΑΔΑ 30.VI.43** (Lefkas), sent to **Athens** via **ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (ΑΦΙΕΙΣ) 10.ΙΟΥΛ.43** Corfu. **Violet** marking of **military censorship COMMISSIONE CENSURA POSTA MILITARE 2** and reader's **2**. The opened envelope was secured with the locally produced censorship tape **ΕΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΘΗ / VERIFICATO PER CENSURA**, with decorative elements and a double line.