

# ZARA: THE MOST BEAUTIFUL OF THE REALM

Zara, the ancient Jadera, was the administrative and cultural capital of Dalmatia for two millennia (not a day!) and the various dominations that succeeded it never tarnished its character and its typically Roman, Latin, Venetian, Italian imprint.

In 1409 it definitively became part of the Venetian state, becoming the capital of the "Stato da Mar della Serenissima". With the fall of Venice (1797) it was occupied by Austrian troops. In 1805 it fell into the sphere of influence of France; at first in belonged to the kingdom of Italy and then, since 1809, to the Illyrian Provinces. From 1814 until 4<sup>th</sup> November 1918 Zara was again under Austrian rule; then, according to the clauses of the London Pact, Italy took possession of the city and a large part of the Dalmatian territory.

The Treaty of Rapallo (12<sup>th</sup> November 1920) assigned Italy the only city of Zara and the island of Lagosta, that were annexed by law of 19<sup>th</sup> December 1920, n. 1778. The Italian currency Lira was officially introduced on 20<sup>th</sup> June 1921. The R.D. 54 on 18<sup>th</sup> January 1923 established the province of Zara, that became the 94<sup>th</sup> and smallest province of the kingdom (110 square kilometers). The decree dated 13<sup>th</sup> March 1921 n. 295 declared the Zara province a free-trade zone.

The outbreak of the Second World War and the acquisition of new Yugoslav territories (1941) led to the expansion of the province of Zara and the establishment of the Governorate of Dalmatia.

After 8<sup>th</sup> September 1943 Armistice and the German occupation, Zara became part of the Italian Social Republic with only the council territory. The extreme bombings suffered from November 1943 to October 1944 almost completely destroyed the city. On 30<sup>th</sup> October 1944 the Yugoslav partisans entered the city decreeing the end of the Italian presence in Zara. In 1947 the Peace Treaty will assign "*de jure*" Zara to Yugoslavia.

The collection wants to document the period during that Zara was part of the Kingdom of Italy (from 4<sup>th</sup> November 1918 to 8<sup>th</sup> September 1943), illustrating the evolution of the postal service (letter-mail), with particular attention to the applied rates and to the postal postmarks in use.

#### **Collection plan:**

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#### 1918-1920: the Italian occupation

At 2.30 pm on 4<sup>th</sup> November 1918 the R. Torpedoboat 55 A.S. entered the port in Zara. The Navy Captain De Boccard took possession of the city in the name of Italy.

The city postal service did not suffer any interruption, since known postal documents date back to that date. According to international conventions, the rules and laws of the past regime were maintained in Zara and in occupied Dalmatia. Pending the introduction of the Italian stamps overprinted in "crown cents" (which took place between January and February 1919), Austrian stamps continued to circulate in Zara. The Italian stamps without overprint were used by the soldiers and by the new office "under Italian law". Until August 1921 the circulating currency remained the Austrian Crown, a currency which suffered a considerable devaluation against the Lira. At the post office the ex-Austrian rates continued to be applied (the rate for foreign countries was applied to mail forwards Italy) and, until the introduction of stamps overprinted in cents of crown, the normal Austrian stamps were used. However, due to the strong devaluation of the Austrian Crown, from the second half of 1920 there were strong increases in the applied rates. The set of forms and postmarks were Austrian ones too; from the latter the Slavic toponym was excised starting from December. They were used until March 1925, then replaced by types similar to those used in the kingdom; the stamp used for the registered / insured service is an exception, as the newly supplied "Italian" service has been known since August 1924 and the former Austrian octagonal postmark is still used in 1927.

The post office "under Italian law" opened on 13<sup>th</sup> December 1918 in the city (two other similar post office were opened in Sebenico and Curzola) needs attention: it worked according to the Italian regulations and provided the complete range of postal services, including money services, by applying the rates in force within the kingdom; in fact it was an Italian post office abroad. Also the R. Army and the R. Navy had their own post offices.



Picture postcard sent from Zara on 04<sup>th</sup> november 1918 to Torino. Posted on board, the postmaster affixed its own official straight line mark "R. TORP. 55. A.S." and the postmark of ZADAR / ZARA 4.11.18.





Austrian 8 heller postcard sent from Zara 5<sup>th</sup> November 1918 to Padula (Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>) and then returned to Venaria Reale.

Posted on board, the postmaster affixed its own official straight line mark "R. TORPEDINIERA 55 A.S." and the backdated postmark of ZADAR / ZARA 4.11.18.



Picture postcard sent from Zara on 09<sup>th</sup> november 1918 to Scharding.

Use of Austrian stamps. The postmark has not been chiselled yet.

The Austrian postal rate (10 heller) was applied for picture postcards directed abroad.



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Return receipt sent from Zara on 29<sup>th</sup> November 1918 to Trieste. Use of forms of the past regime (the words "I.R." have been deleted by pencil). Not chiselled postmark.



Postcard of the *Regio Esercito* in free postage sent from Zara on 15<sup>th</sup> December 1918 to Frisanco. The postcard was sent through the Italian post office, opened two days before.

It is the first known date of use of the guller "POSTE ITALIANE ZARA".





Picture postcard sent from Zara on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1919 to Milano through the Italian post office. Franked with Italian stamp according to the Italian rate for abroad. Ex Austrian postmark (excised "Zadar"). Military censor mark "BOLOGNA POSTA ESTERA – CENSURA MILITARE".

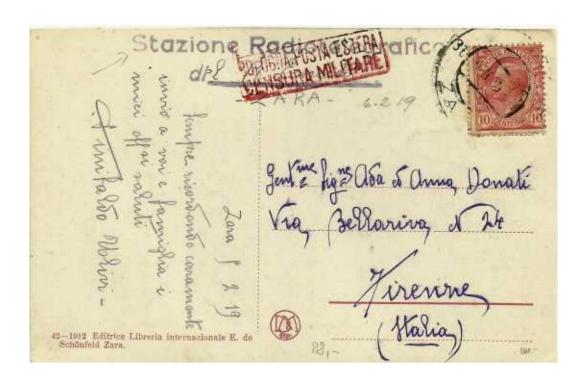


Picture postcard sent from Zara on 29<sup>th</sup> January 1919 to Falconara Marittima.

Italian rate for abroad. Sent through the Italian post office.

Military censorship mark "BOLOGNA POSTA ESTERA – CENSURA MILITARE".





Picture postcard sent from Zara on 10<sup>th</sup> February 1919 to Florence.

Italian rate for abroad. Ex Austrian postmark (excised "Zadar").

Military censorship mark "BOLOGNA POSTA ESTERA – CENSURA MILITARE".

Administrative official mark of the "STAZIONE RADIOTELEGRAFICA DEL REGIO ESERCITO".



Austrian 8 heller postcard integrated with 3 heller (rate for abroad, in excess of 1 heller) sent from Zara on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1919 to S. Lorenzo del Pasenatico.

Last days of use of Austrian stamps in Zara. Censor mark of the Military Censorship in Zara.





Registered letter sent from Zara on 14<sup>th</sup> april 1919 to Milano. Sent through the Italian office that applied the new rate for the inland: 25 cent. ordinary letter (every 20 gr.) + 30 cent. for registration fee. Italian registration label and straight line mark, ex Austrian postmark (excised "Zadar").



Postcard of the *Regio Esercito* in free postage sent from Zara on 05<sup>th</sup> May 1919 to Varese through the Military Post Office n. 7.





Picture postcard sent from Zara on 15<sup>th</sup> July 1919 to Bologna through the Military Post Office n. 7. Use of overprinted stamps for Redeemed Lands in rate for abroad.



Picture postcard sent from Zara on 18<sup>th</sup> June 1919 to Seregno through the Military Post Office n. 122. Use of overprinted stamps for Redeemed Lands in postcard rate with date and signature only.





Picture postcard sent from Zara on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1919 to Trieste.

Postcard rate with date and signature only.

Censor mark of the Military Censorship in Zara. Ex Austrian postmark (excised "Zadar").



Postcard (10 cent.) with 5 cent. of integration sent from Zara on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1919 to Massalombarda. The new Italian rate for the inland was applied. Ex Austrian postmark (excised "Zadar").







Insurance letter for L. 10.000 (25.000 Crowns) sent from Zara on 13th September 1919 to Genova.

The postal rate (weight 53 gr. / 25.000 C. insurance) consists of:

Ordinary letter	1 <sup>st</sup> weight 20 gr.: c./c. 20 Every next 20 gr.: c./c. 5	= c./c. 20 = c./c. 10	C. 0,30
Registration fee Insurance	Every 300 C.: 10 c./c.	= 84 ports	C. 0,25 C. 8,40
			C. 8,95





Letter sent from Zara on 10<sup>th</sup> October 1919 to Zagreb.
Rate for abroad (25 c./c. ordinary letter every 20 gr.).
Censor mark of the Military Censorship in Zara. Ex Austrian postmark (excised "Zadar").



Registered letter sent from Zara-Barcagno on 13<sup>th</sup>
November 1919 to
Königgratz.
Excised postmark and
Austrian registration label
with deleted Slavic wording.
Rate for abroad (25 c./c.
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25 c./c. for registration fee).



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Complaint form (Reg. Aff. No. 71 - Claim for irregularity in the intimation by mail, § 356 reg. Aff - IV) "ANSWER" sent from Zara to Trieste on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1919. Official excised oval postmark "UFFICIO POSTALE TELEGRAFICO \* ZARA \*"





Postcard sent from Zara on 27<sup>th</sup> November 1919 to Gratz through the former Austrian civil post office. Rate for foreign countries (rate table kingdom S.H.S.).



Registered letter sent from Zara on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1920 to Firenze. Use of overprinted stamps for Redeemed Lands in rate for inland (20 c./c. ordinary letter every 20 gr. + 25 c./c. for registration fee). Excised postmark and Austrian registration label with deleted Slavic wording.





Picture postcard sent from Zara on 14<sup>th</sup> January 1920 to Macerata through the former Austrian civil office.

Use of overprinted stamps for Redeemed Lands in rate for abroad.



Picture postcard sent from Zara on 24<sup>th</sup> March 1920 to Ancona through the former Austrian civil post office. Use of overprinted stamps for Redeemed Lands in the rate for inland.





Picture postcard sent from Zara on 27<sup>th</sup> March 1920 to Viserba through the former Austrian civil post office.

Use of overprinted stamps for Redeemed Lands in rate for inland.



Postcard sent from Zara on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1920 to Metkovic (Dalmatia) through the former Austrian civil post office.

Former Austrian post card used as support and covered postage stamp with an overprinted value for Redeemed Lands in rate for inland.





"LA DALMAZIA" newspaper sent from Zara on 10<sup>th</sup> October 1920 to Bari. Franked in "newspapers" rate for 2 c./c.





Price list sent from Zara on 5<sup>th</sup> October 1920 to Herlingen. "Prints" rate.

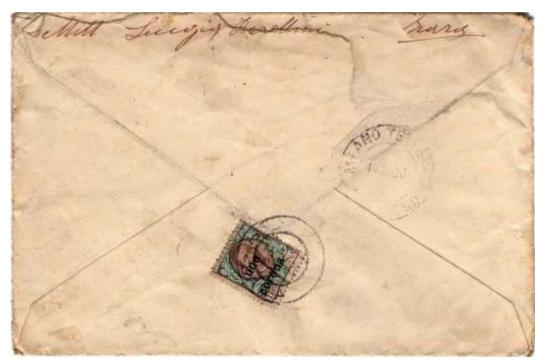


Picture postcard sent from Arbe on 5<sup>th</sup> December 1920 to Fiume, posted in Zara on 6<sup>th</sup> December 1920.

Probably franked by district, it was taxed only for the difference (as noted).







Express registered letter sent from Zara on 11<sup>th</sup> December 1920 to Milano.

The new "Dalmatian" rate was applied
(1 crown for ordinary letter every 15 gr. + 2 crown for express and 1 crown for registration fee).

Excised postmark and Austrian registration label with deleted Slavic wording.





tedesco, secolare nemico dell'Italia, è stato sconfitto e l'eroismo dei figli del popolo ha trionfato.

Al teatro Nazionale ha avuto luogo il comizio pro Dalmazia. Oratori: il Com. Roncagli e Forges-Davanzati. Il teatro era gremito in ogni ordine di posti. Dopo il comizio i fascisti si sono dati appuntamento a Piazza Colonna dove sono anche arrivati tentando di entrare in gruppo serrato dentro Montecitorio. Ma, accorse le guardie regie a cavallo, i dimostranti sono stati dispersi senza gravi incidenti.

Il cuore di Roma trova sempre i suoi palpiti profondi di fede e di amore. Chi in Roma spera, sarà da Roma tratto a salvamento.

L'ultima parte della mia lettera è dedicata alla pargoletta Società delle Nazioni la quale ha chiuso la sua assemblea. Finalmente!...

Sabato essa ha continuato la discussione sulla relazione del progetto relativo ai mandati. Lord Robert Cecil, relatore, ha sostenuto fra l'altro che lo Stato Mandatario non tuirebbe una infrazione al trattato di Trianon ai danni dell' Ungheria. Sarà interesse dell'Intesa di vedere come stanno le cose e di richiamare l'attenzione del governo jugoslavo sulle conseguenze di un tale atto.

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Il "Pesti Hirlap" scrive che l'Intesa non
potrà pretendere il rispetto dei trattati da
parte dell'Ungheria quando altri non li
rispettano.

Il "Nemzeti Uysag dice che la proclamazione della repubblica di Baranya colpisce l'Intesa. Un trattato di pace è stato stracciato dalla Jugoslavia più presto che noi si credeva.

Il ministro degli esteri Caky ha dichiarato che il governo non ignora le mene di Jarzi e di Linder a Baranya e che farà passi presso i circali competenti per esigere l'esecuzione del trattato di Trianon anche per quanto riguarda le clausole che stabiliscono lo sgombero immediato di Baranya.

# Si prepara un colpo di Stato in Baviera ?

BERLINO, 22 (c. c.) La "Freiheit" che

"LA DALMAZIA" newspaper sent from Zara on 24<sup>th</sup> December 1920 to Roma. Franked with the new rate for newspapers: 8 c./c.



## 1921-1923: from the annexation to the establishment of the province of Zara

The Treaty of Rapallo (12<sup>th</sup> November 1920) assigned Italy the only city of Zara, the towns of Barcagno, Boccagnazzo, Borgo Erizzo, Malpaga Cerno, Puntamica, Stani and the island of Lagosta and Pelagosa, that were annexed by law of 19<sup>th</sup> December 1920, n. 1778. The Italian currency Lira was officially introduced on 20<sup>th</sup> June 1921; on that date the postal rates and the overprinted stamps valid for Dalmatia ceased to have validity in the city. Four post offices were active: Zara city, Barcagno, Borgo Erizzo and Lagosta. The R.D. 54 on 18<sup>th</sup> January 1923 established the province of Zara, that became the smallest province of the kingdom.



Ordinary letter sent from Zara on 15<sup>th</sup> January 1921 to Trieste. Rate: first port ordinary letter (special rate for Dalmatia).





Registered letter sent from Zara on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1921 to Milano.

The new "Dalmatian" rate was applied
(1 crown for ordinary letter every 15 gr. + 1 crown for registration fee).

Excised postmark and Austrian registration label with deleted Slavic wording.



Ordinary letter sent from Zara on 10<sup>th</sup> February 1921 to Sebenico. Rate: first port ordinary letter (special rate for Dalmatia).





Picture postcard sent from Zara on 28<sup>th</sup> March 1921 to Sebenico.
"Trento/Trieste-Dalmatia" mixed franking.
"Dalmatian" rate for postcards for the interior and Italy.



Letter sent from Zara on 30<sup>th</sup> March 1921 to Cuneo.

"Trento/Trieste-Dalmatia" mixed franking.

"Dalmatian" rate for first port ordinary letters (15 gr.), in excess of 5 c./c.







Registered letter sent from Zara on 23<sup>th</sup> April 1921 to Berlin.

"Dalmatian" rate for abroad\*: C. 1 ordinary letter + C. 1 recommendation.

Excised postmark and Austrian recommendation label with deleted Slavic wording.

Interesting customs labels applied to Freiburg.

<sup>\*</sup> Bulletin PT n° 3/21, last paragraph: "For postal and telegraph services for Abroad the tariffs in force remain, and the taxes to be collected will be calculated in crowns at par multiplied by the coefficient 4", intending for "tariffs in force" the Austrian international ones in force at the end of 1918 multiplied by four.







Registered express letter sent from Zara on 18<sup>th</sup> May 1921 to Venezia.

"Dalmatian" rate: Crown 1 ordinary letter + C. 1 registration fee + C. 2 express delivery right. Excised postmark and Austrian registration label with deleted Slavic wording.





Postcard sent from Zara on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1921 to Hard. The internal Dalmatian rate is applied for postcards.



Postcard sent from Zara on 14<sup>th</sup> May 1921 to Torino. Rate for postcards, in excess of 5 c./c. Interesting text concerning the events that occurred in the first days following the sale of Lissa to the SHS kingdom.





Letter sent from Zara on 11<sup>th</sup> June 1921 to Vienna. Rate for abroad (1 crown - ordinary letter). Austrian chiselled postmark.



Letter sent from Zara on 19<sup>th</sup> June 1921 to Milano.

It is the last day of validity of the overprinted stamps and of the ''Dalmatian'' rate in Zara.





Postcard sent from Zara on 26<sup>th</sup> July 1921 to Milano.
Use of Italian stamps and application of the Italian internal rate.

A postcard overprinted in cents of a crown,
as the type issued only for Dalmatia, was used as a support.



Letter sent from Zara on 13<sup>th</sup> August 1921 to Milano.
Rate for first port ordinary letter (gr. 15) for the inland.

Note the boxed postmark of the Lukorano Postal Agency (Ugliano island - 3<sup>rd</sup> Dalmatian area).





Registered letter sent from Zara on 9<sup>th</sup> September 1921 to Milano. Rate for first port ordinary letter (gr. 15 - 40 cent.) + registration fee (40 cent.). Austrian excised postmark and new Italian registration label.



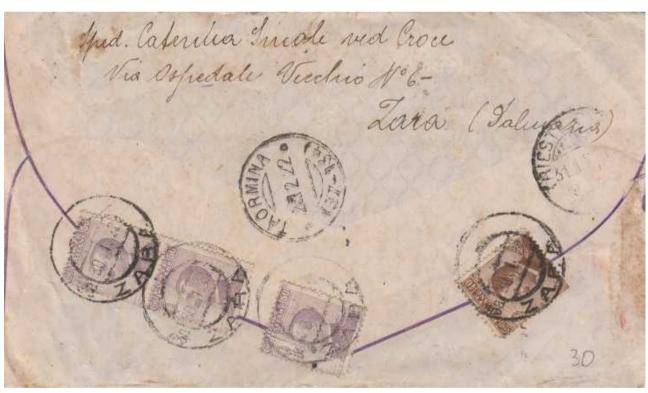
Postcard sent from Zara on 27<sup>th</sup> September 1921 to Milano.

A postcard overprinted in cents of a crown, as the type issued only for Dalmatia, was used as a support.

Franked as a letter according to the internal rate.







Express registered letter sent from Zara on 30<sup>th</sup> January 1922 to Taormina.

Rate: 80 cent. double port + 50 cent. for registration fee + cent. 60 express delivery right.

Austrian excised postmark and new Italian registration label.







Registered letter sent from Zara on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1922 to Vienna. The rate consists of: 80 cent. ordinary letter (up to 20 gr.) + 80 cent. for registration fee. Austrian excised postmark and new Italian registration label.



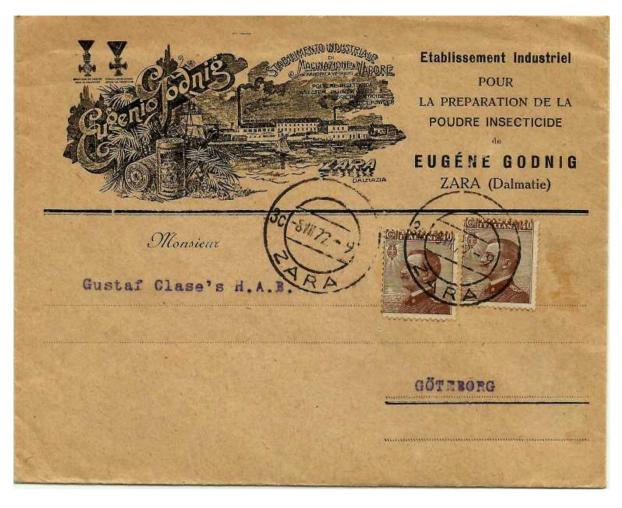


Registered express postcard sent from Zara on 31st January 1922 to Gorizia. The rate consists of: 25 cent. postcard + 60 cent. express + 50 cent. for registration fee. Austrian excised postmark and new Italian registration label.

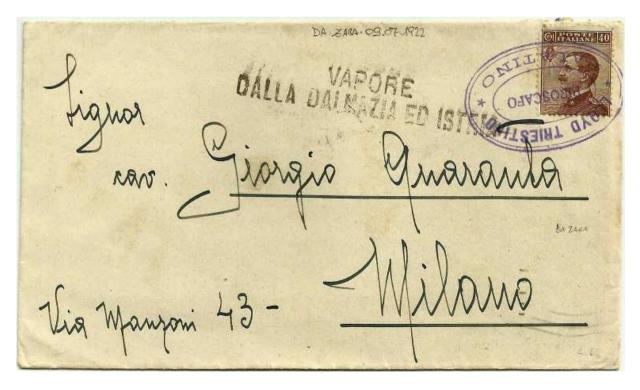


Postcard sent from Borgo Erizzo on 14<sup>th</sup> April 1922 to Petrinja (Kingdom SHS). First days of use of the new Italian-supplied guller "Borgo Erizzo".





First port ordinary letter (up to 20 gr.) sent from Zara on 08<sup>th</sup> July 1922 to Gothenburg.



First port ordinary letter (gr. 15, for the inland) sent from Zara on 09<sup>th</sup> July 1922 to Milan. Posted on board the steam.





Registered letter sent from Zara on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1922 to Porongos (Uruguay)
Rate: cent. 80 ordinary letter for abroad + cent. 80 for registration fee.
Austrian excised postmark and new Italian registration label. *Interesting destination*.



Express registered letter sent from Zara on 8<sup>th</sup> January 1923 to Vienna. Rate: 75 cent. ordinary letter (Portorose Agreement) + 2 Lire express + 1 L. for registration fee.



## 1923-1943: the province of Zara

The R.D. 54 of 18<sup>th</sup> January 1923 established the province of Zara, that became the smallest province of the kingdom. It included Zara, the towns of Barcagno, Boccagnazzo, Borgo Erizzo, Malpaga Cerno, Puntamica, Stani and the island of Lagosta and Pelagosa. Four post offices were active: Zara city, Barcagno, Borgo Erizzo and Lagosta. Lots of postal steamers docked in the port and connected Zara to Ancona, Venezia and other towns. An aerial line (with seaplanes) was also activated. In this period the former Austrian postmarks were replaced and the various "Italian" postmarks supplied over the years were similar to those used in the old provinces.



Postal Form of Accompanying Address (Parcel Bulletin) sent from Zara on 29<sup>th</sup> January 1923 to Ravenna. Valueless form of the Austrian system in force until 1924 in the Dalmatian territories annexed by Italy in 1920.

Declared value Lire 1.000

The applied rate consists of:

R.D.L. 23.11.1921, n° 1824 R.D. 27.01.1921, n° 44	1 <sup>st</sup> weight group for the first 200 L. every next 100 L.	up to 1 kg. L. 1,00 L. 0,50 x 8 }	L. 2,50 L. 5,00
			L. 7.50







Registered letter sent from Zara on 17<sup>th</sup> March 1923 to Prague. Special rate "Portorose Agreement": 75 cent. ordinary letter + Lire 1 for registration fee.





Postal Form of Accompanying Address (Parcel Bulletin) sent from Zara on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1923 to Modena, franked for 2.50 lire according to the special rate reserved for publishing houses (R.D. Feb. 8, 1923, No. 327).

Rate corresponding to the 2nd weight group: over 1 kg. and up to 2 kg.





Letter sent from Zara on 7<sup>th</sup> February 1923 to Schramberg. Rate for first port letter (up to 20 gr.) Directed abroad.



Letter sent from Zara on 7<sup>th</sup> June 1923 to Prague. Special rate "Portorose Agreement": 75 cent.





Registered mail sent from Zara on 28th June 1924 to Roma. Postage-free as directed to the King.



Registered letter sent from Zara on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1924 to Oldenburg. Rate: Lire 1 ordinary letter for abroad + Lire 1 for registration fee.





Illustrated postcard sent by Zara on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1924 to Czechoslovakia. Reduced rate set by Portorose Agreement.





Registered mail sent from Zara on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1924 to Torino. Rate: 50 cent. first port ordinary letter (15 gr.) + 50 cent. for registration fee. *First known date of use of the new Italian postmark.* 

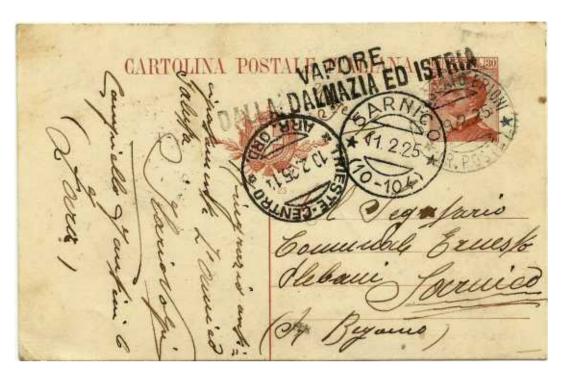






Registered letter sent from Zara on  $03^{rd}$  January 1925 to town. Rate corresponds to a double port ordinary letter (from 16 to 30 gr.) for the district (2 x 25 c.) + registration fee (50 c.).





30 cent. postcard sent from Zara on 09<sup>th</sup> February 1925 to Sarnico. Posted on board the steamer Brioni, it was branded in transit at the port in Trieste with the linear VAPORE DALLA DALMAZIA ED ISTRIA.



Ordinary letter sent from Zara on 10<sup>th</sup> February 1925 to Roma. *Interesting use of an ''advertising'' stamp.* 





Postcard sent from Zara on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1925 to Milano.

Former Austrian post card used as support and covered postage stamp with Italian stamps in rate for inland.



Picture postcard sent by Zara 24<sup>th</sup> march 1925 to Messina. New rate for postcards containing five words of pleasantries. One of the last known dates of use of the former excised Austrian postmark.





Picture postcard sent from Zara on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1925 to Roma.

Postcard rate with date and signature only.

New guller of Italian supply.



Registered letter sent from Zara on 5<sup>th</sup> November 1925 to Bolzano. Rate: printed (10 c.) + registration fee (60 c.)





Picture postcard sent from Lagosta on 30<sup>th</sup> March 1926 to Roma. Rate for picture postcards containing up to five words of pleasantries. New guller of Italian supply.



Postcard sent from Zara-Barcagno on 13<sup>th</sup> July 1927 to Gorizia. New guller of Italian supply.





Letter sent from Zara on 19<sup>th</sup> September 1927 for town. Rate for double port letter inside the district. It's canceled with the last former Austrian postmark still in use in the city.



Picture postcard sent by air from Zara on 27<sup>th</sup> July 1928 to Milano. Rate for picture postcard containing correspondence (30 cent.) forwarded by air mail (50 cent.).





Registered express letter sent from Zara on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1927 to Roma.

Rate: 50 cent. ordinary letter + Lire 1.25 registration fee + Lire 1.25 express delivery right.

It's exceptionally transported by air without any additional applied fee.

"Airmail" blue stamp affixed by the post office.



Express-air mail letter sent from Zara on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1928 to Diano Marina. Rate: 50 cent. ordinary letter + 50 cent. Air mail fee + Lire 1.25 express delivery right.





Picture postcard sent from Zara on 30<sup>th</sup> September 1929 to Roma. Rate for picture postcard containing up to five words of pleasantries. **First days of use of the new postmark**.



Return receipt sent from Zara on 11th November 1929 to town.





Registered Sample without value sent from Zara on  $16^{th}$  August 1929 to Perugia. The rate is as follows: 35 c. worthless sample +60 c. registration fee.



Picture postcard sent from Zara on 13<sup>th</sup> September 1930 to Milano. Note the simultaneous use of two different postmarks (ARRIVI E PARTENZE e POSTA AEREA).





Registered letter sent from Zara on  $2^{nd}$  October 1931 to Livorno. Rate for double port letters (50 + 50 cent. - from 15 to 30 gr.) + registration fee (Lire 1.25).

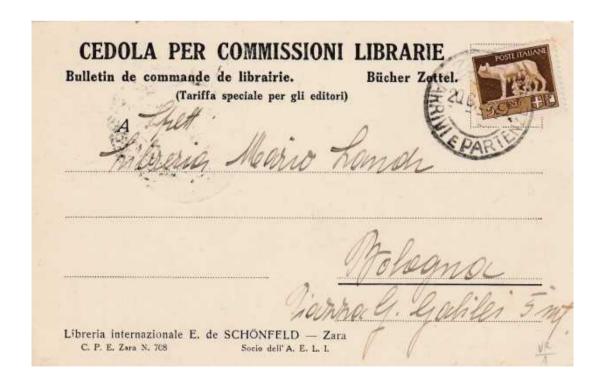


Picture postcard sent by express from Zara 13<sup>th</sup> February 1932 to Bergamo. Rate for picture postcards containing correspondence (30 cent.) + Express delivery (Lire 1.25).



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Picture postcard sent from Zara on 29<sup>th</sup> August 1932 to Trieste. Rate for picture postcards containing correspondence. *Unusual mechanical franking on picture postcards*.



Book commission coupon sent from Zara on 20<sup>th</sup> June 1933 to Bologna. Special rate for publishers (5 c.).







Insured letter for Lire 150/Gold Francs 40.95 sent from Zara on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1933 to Vienna. Special "Portorose Agreement" rate: L. 1 ordinary letter + L. 1.50 recommendation + L. 1.85 insurance fee for every 300 Gold Francs, for a total of L. 4.35. Stamps and seals regularly applied.





Letter sent from Zara on 13<sup>th</sup> April 1934 to Cormons and taxed here for the simple port.

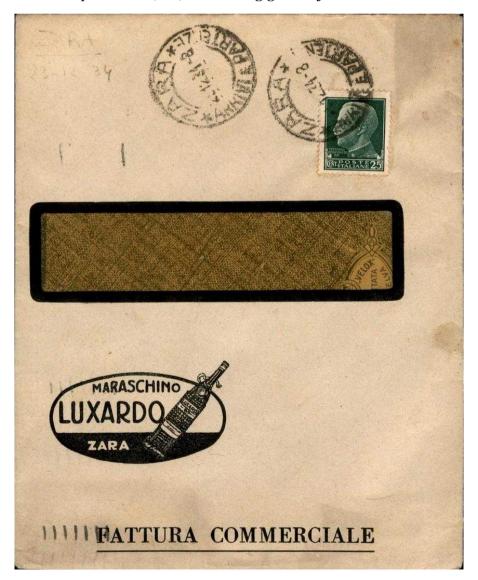


Commercial postcard sent from Zara on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1934 to Bologna. Postcard rate containing correspondence.





Book commission coupon sent from Zara on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1934 to Bologna. Special rate for publishers (5 c.). *Interesting guller of "IDROSCALO CIVILE"*.



Open commercial invoice sent fron Zara on  $21^{\text{st}}$  December 1934 to Milano. Special rate.





Picture postcard sent from Lagosta on 10<sup>th</sup> November 1935 to Borgo Erizzo - Zara. Rate for picture postcards containing correspondence.

Correspondence circulating inside the province.



Picture postcard sent from Zara on 16<sup>th</sup> September 1935 to Roma.

New type of guller.

Postcard rate with 5 words of pleasantries.





Letter sent from Zara on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1936 to Courgnè.
Rate for first port ordinary letters (15 gr.)
New guller of bigger format, with indication of the Fascist Age in the date.



Picture postcard sent fom Zara on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1936 to Susak. Posted on board the Postal Motorboat "Francesco Morosini". Reduced rate (Portorose agreement).





Draft notice from Zara on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1936 to town. Print rates.



Registered letter sent from Zara on 11<sup>st</sup> June 1937 to Venezia. Unusual use of registration label filled in by hand with the name of the town.





Non-stamped letter sent from "UFFICIO POSTALE SPECIALE 4" on 26<sup>th</sup> May 1937 to Zara and here taxed for the single simple port. Rate: ordinary letter



Commercial postcard sent from Zara on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1937 to Ancona. Rate for postcards containing correspondence. *Interesting stamp.* 





Registered manuscripts sent from Zara on 7<sup>th</sup> September 1937 to Bologna. Rate: 60 cent. manuscripts up to 200 grams + 60 cent. registration fee for open correspondence.



Letter sent from Zara on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1937 to Milano. New type of cancellation. Rate for first port letter (15 gr.).





Letter sent from Zara-Barcagno on 09th December 1937 to Bern. New type of cancellation. Rate for first port letter directed abroad (20 gr.).



Picture postcard sent from Zara on 8<sup>th</sup> November 1938 to Venezia. Cancellation of the postal Motorboat "Lorenzo Marcello". Rate for postcards with 5 words of pleasantries.





Letter (print abroad rate) sent from Zara on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1938 to Copenhagen.



Municipal form sent from Zara on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1938 to Strigno. Special rate for correspondence between mayors.





Letter sent from Zara on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1939 to Roma. Rate for first port letters (15 gr.).



Return receipt of registered letter sent from Zara-Borgo Erizzo on 28<sup>th</sup> May 1940 to Tropea. Rate for notices of receipt.





Picture postcard sent from Zara-Barcagno 10<sup>th</sup> August 1940 to Genova. Postcard rate containing correspondence.

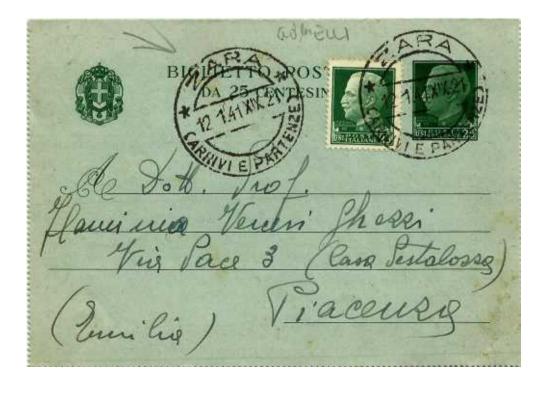


Express letter sent from Zara on  $13^{th}$  August 1940 through the P. M. 141 office to Ancona. Rate: 50 c. ordinary letter + L. 1.25 express. Band and mark of Italian Military Censorship





Express letter by air mail sent from Zara on 09<sup>th</sup> October 1940 to Richmond (U.S.A.). Rate: ordinary air letter for the U.S.A. L. 4 + L. 2.50 express delivery right for abroad.



Lettercard sent from Zara on 12th January 1941 to Piacenza.





Picture letter sent from Zara on 29th March 1941 to Ceneselli.



Picture postcard sent from Zara on 24<sup>th</sup> February 1941 through the P. M. 141 office to the P.M. 22A.





Letter sent from Zara on 31<sup>st</sup> June 1941 to Bischofswerda (Germany).

Rate: ordinary letter for abroad.

Band and marks of German Military Censorship. *Wrong date of postmark: 31<sup>st</sup> June!!* 



Express postcard sent from Zara on 16<sup>th</sup> February 1942 to Roma. Tariff: 30c. (postcard) + 1. 1.25 (express delivery right).





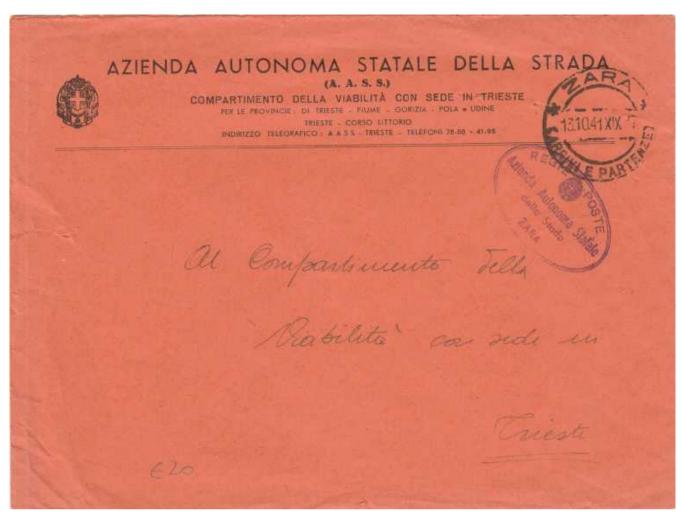


Registered-express-air mail letter sent from Zara on 4<sup>th</sup> September 1941 to Vienna (Germany).

Rate: 1,25 Lire ordinary letter for abroad + 1 L. air mail letter + 2,50 L. express + 1,50 L. registration fee.

Band and marks of German Military Censorship.





Postage free official letter sent from Zara on 13<sup>th</sup> October 1941 to Trieste.

The blue oval mark "REGIE POSTE – Azienda Autonoma Statale della *Stada* – ZARA –"
have got the right to postage free for basic rate letter.



Picture postcard sent from Zara on 17<sup>th</sup> April 1942 to Genova. Postcard rate containing correspondence (30 c.) sent by air mail (50 c.).





Letter sent from Zara on 18<sup>th</sup> October 1941 to Roma. Rate for ordinary letter (50 cent.) sent by air mail (50 cent.).



Letter sent from Zara on 1<sup>st</sup> February 1942 to Novafeltria. Rate for first port ordinary letters (15 gr.).



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Letter (double port, rate inside district) sent from Zara on 17<sup>th</sup> February 1942 for the town.



Letter sent from Zara on  $2^{nd}$  June 1942 to Bondeno. Cancellation of the Military Post Office 141. Rate for ordinary letter.



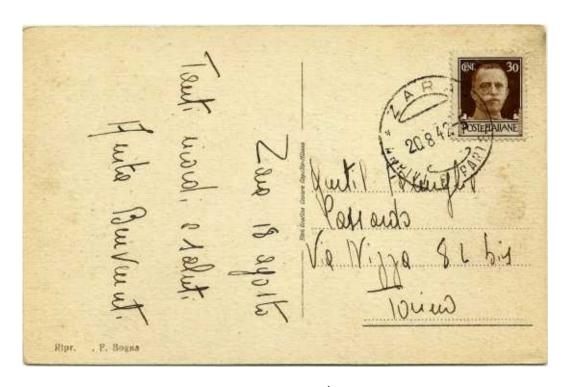


Letter sent from Zara on 20<sup>th</sup> April 1942 for town. Rate by letter inside district.

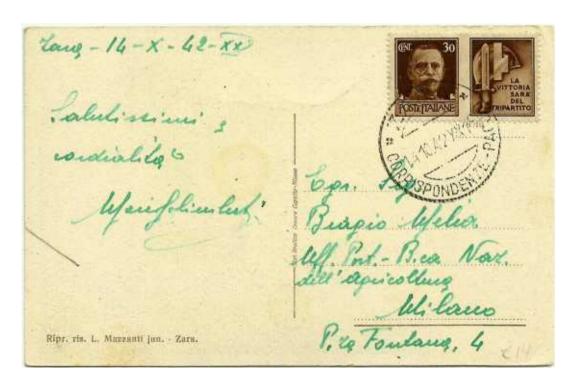


Aerogramme sent from Zara on  $03^{rd}$  August 1942 to Cattaro. Rate for ordinary letter (50 cent.) sent by air mail (50 cent.).



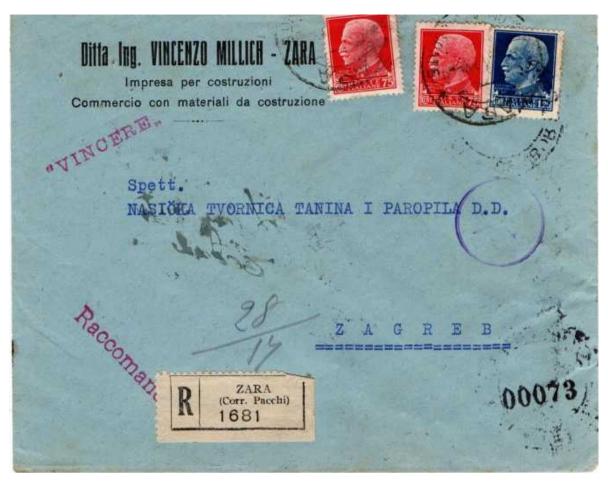


Picture postcard sent from Zara on 20<sup>th</sup> August 1942 to Torino. Rate paid by 30 cent. instead of 20 cent. (postcard up to 5 words of pleasantries).



Picture postcard sent from Zara on 14<sup>th</sup> October 1942 to Milano. Rate paid by 30 cent. instead of 20 cent. (postcard up to 5 words of pleasantries).







Registered letter sent from Zara on 4<sup>th</sup> September 1942 to Zagreb. Rate: 1,25 Lire ordinary letter for abroad + 1,50 L. registration fee. Band and marks of Italian Military Censorship.





Letter sent by air mail from Zara on 15<sup>th</sup> October 1942 to Milano. Tare: 50 cent. ordinary first port letter + 50 cent. air additional fee.



Letter sent from Zara on 16<sup>th</sup> January 1943 to Villanova sul Clisi.

Reduced rate for correspondence among mayors.

Red mechanical postage from the Municipality of Zara



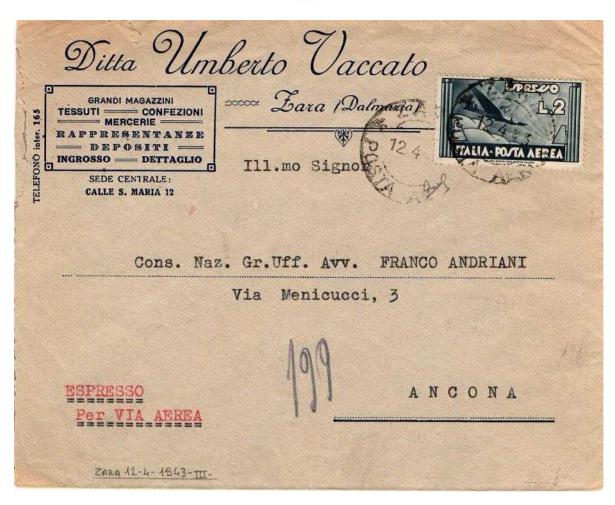
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Return receipt sent from Zara on 27<sup>th</sup> February 1943 to Trieste. Use of the old guller "DISTRIBUZIONE".

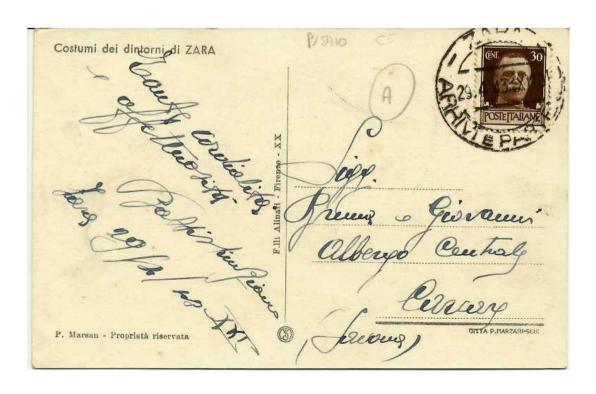


Aerogramme sent from Zara on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1943 to Roma. Rate for ordinary first port letter (50 c.) transported by air mail (50 c.).





Express air mail letter sent from Zara on 14<sup>th</sup> April 1943 to Ancona. Special rate: 50 c. ordinary letter + L. 1.25 express + 25 c. reduced airmail for express fee.



Picture postcard sent from Zara on 29th April 1943 to Savona.





Postage free official letter sent from Zara on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1943 to Padova. The blue oval mark "R.R. P.P. Compagnia Istruzione Agenti P.S. – ZARA –" have got the right to postage free for basic rate letter.



Postcard for the Armed Forces in free postage sent from Zara on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1943 to Pola.





Express air mail letter sent from Zara on 28<sup>th</sup> May 1943 to Macerata. Special rate: 50 c. ordinary letter + L. 1.25 express + 25 c. reduced airmail for express fee. Band and mark of Italian Military Censorship



Postcard for the Armed Forces in free postage sent from Zara on 11<sup>th</sup> June 1943 to Bologna. Postmark of the Military Post Office 141





Letter sent from Zara on 15<sup>th</sup> June 1943 to Cattaro. Rate for first port ordinary letters (15 gr.).



Ordinary first port letter sent from Zara-Borgo Erizzo on 15<sup>th</sup> June 1943 to Padova. Blue double circle "AMM.NE OSPEDALE PROVINCIALE \* PRINCIPE DI PIEMONTE \* ZARA"





Postcard sent from Zara on 21st June 1943 to Trieste.



Ordinary first port letter sent from Zara on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1943 to Sussa. Band and marks of Italian Military Censorship.





Air mail letter sent from Zara on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1943 to Vignanello. Rate: ordinary first port letter (50 c.) + air additional fee (50 c.).



Air mail letter sent from Zara on 9<sup>th</sup> August 1943 to Baone. Rate: ordinary first port letter (50 c.) + air additional fee (50 c.). *Unusual guller, last Italian supply.*