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Cape of Good Hope postage stamp 1853:

[http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/7/7c/Cape Triangular Postage Stamp.jpg/400px-Cape Triangular Postage Stamp.jpg](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/7/7c/Cape_Triangular_Postage_Stamp.jpg/400px-Cape_Triangular_Postage_Stamp.jpg)

Egypt postage stamp 1914:

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Benadir postage stamp: <https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/tPQAAOSwUvheLMRH/s-l500.jpg>

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Organization of this APH paper: we follow a chronological order, and for each series of stamps we start with the collection of Vincent Prange, followed by additional illustrations that could be found online and in some publications. At the end we specifically deal with postmarks used in Italian Somalia until 1941.

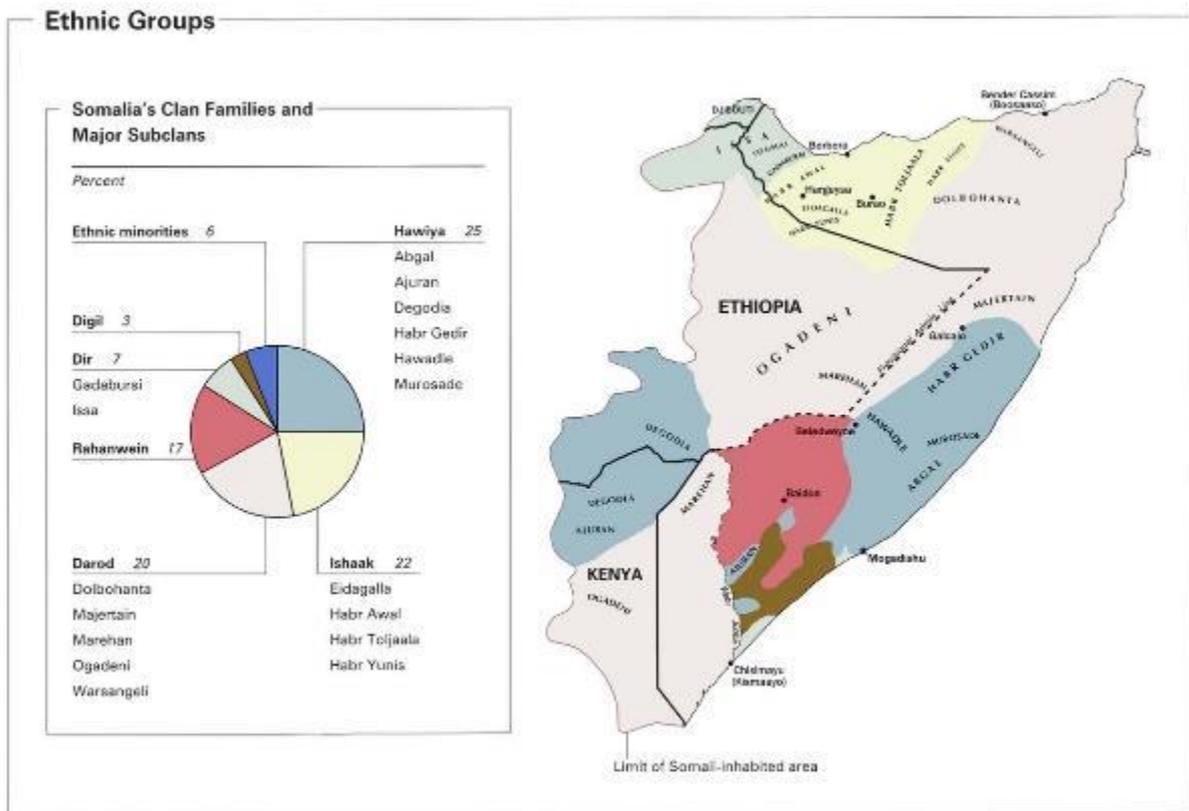
S = Sassone, Catalogo Specializzato dei Francobolli d'Italia e dei Paesi Italiani – 1 (2021),
Somalia pp. 1063-1095

Y = Yvert et Tellier Catalogue : Classiques du Monde (2015)

M = Michel Katalog Nord- und Ostafrika, 2005

1 Introduction and Before 1903

The Somali people live in an area currently divided between Somalia (former Italian Somaliland, and during a brief period also British and then Italian Jubaland/Oltre Giuba), Somaliland (former British Somaliland), Djibouti (former French Somaliland), Ethiopia (the Ogaden region) and Kenya (North-eastern Province, formerly a British colony). There are many different ethnic subgroups.



https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/8/8b/Somalia_ethnic_grps_2002.jpg/1280px-Somalia_ethnic_grps_2002.jpg



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“Italian Somaliland was located in eastern Africa – in the Horn of Africa. In the second part of the 19th century, what would become Italian Somaliland was ruled by a number of Somali sultanates, of which the sultanates of Hobyo and Majerteen were the most important. Along the Benadir Coast a number of cities were ruled by the sultan of Zanzibar. The Benadir Coast was the most northerly extension of the area on the east African mainland – stretching from Mozambique to Somalia – that was ruled by the sultan of Zanzibar.

The Italians first established themselves in the region from the 1870s onwards – the Italian presence gaining momentum in the 1880s. The Italian protectorate of Somaliland was formed in 1889, after treaties of protection had been signed with the sultans of Hobyo and Majerteen in 1888 and 1889 respectively. Also, from 1889, the cities ruled from Zanzibar were leased by the Italians – until 1892 through the British East Africa Company – and put under Italian protection.

The borders of Italian Somaliland were defined – though not mapped out in detail – through treaties with Great Britain and Ethiopia in 1897.

Italian Somaliland was at first administered through chartered companies – from 1895 by the Benadir company, the ‘Societa Anonima Commerciale Italiana del Benadir’. The Benadir company ceded its rights to the Italian government in 1905, upon which the colony of Italian Somaliland was formed. In the same year, the cities leased from the sultan of Zanzibar were annexed by Italy to become part of Italian Somaliland.

Direct Italian rule, at the time, was limited to the Benadir Coast and its hinterland – the rest of Italian Somaliland would not be brought under direct Italian rule until the mid-1920s. In 1926, Italian Jubaland – transferred to Italy by the British in 1925 – was annexed to Italian Somaliland and thus, the final borders of Italian Somaliland were established.

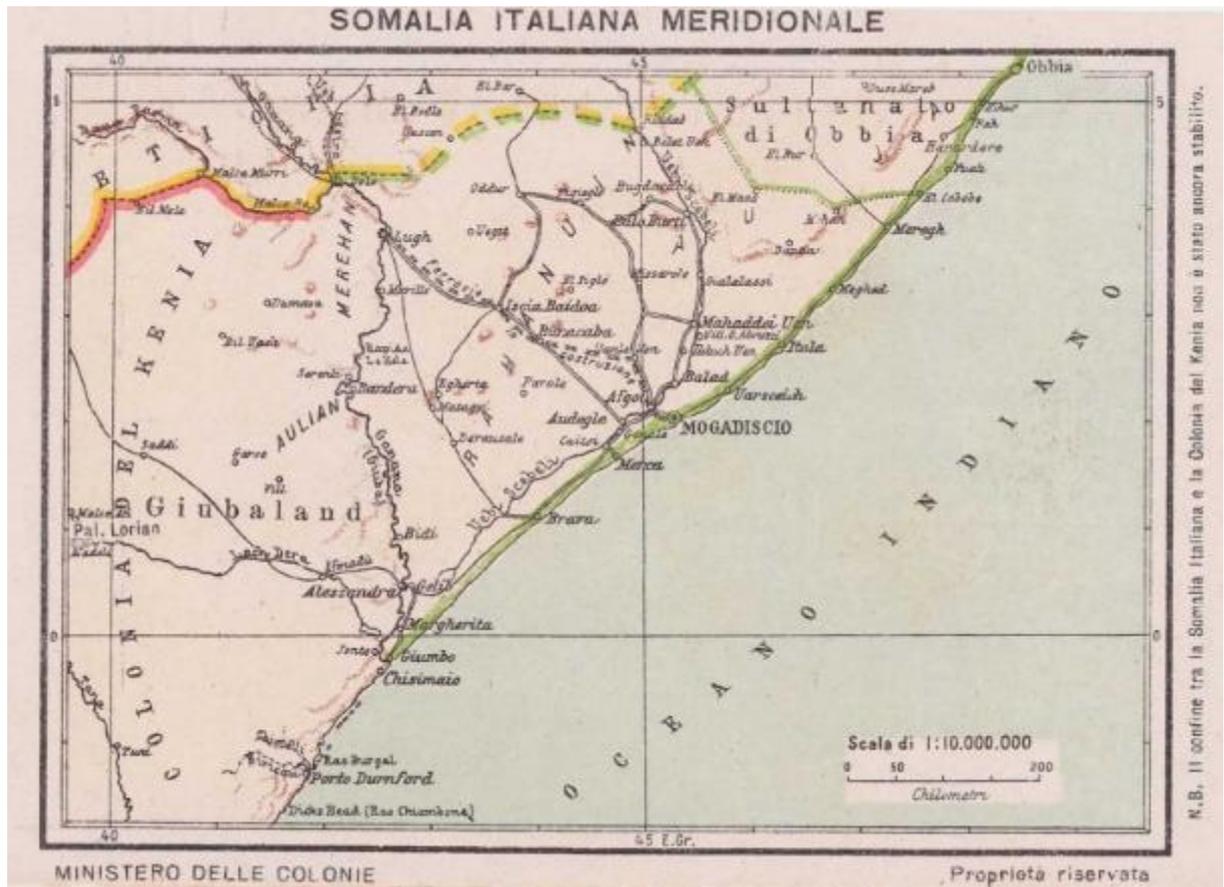
Italian Somaliland, in 1936, was made part of Italian East Africa, that also comprised Italian Eritrea and Italian Ethiopia. During WWII, Italian Somaliland was occupied by the British from 1941 onwards. The British established a military administration and would occupy the country until 1950 when the administration of Somalia was transferred back to Italy as a United Nations trust territory. Italian Somaliland gained independence in 1960 and, subsequently, joined with the former British Somaliland to form the republic of Somalia. Currently, Somalia is a divided country, having to recover from decades of civil war”.

Based on Gerben van Gelder’s defunct stampworld website:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20180606005831/http://www.stampworldhistory.com/stamps-issuing-entities#>

Also see: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_colonial_governors_of_Italian_Somaliland

Early Italian maps of the area:

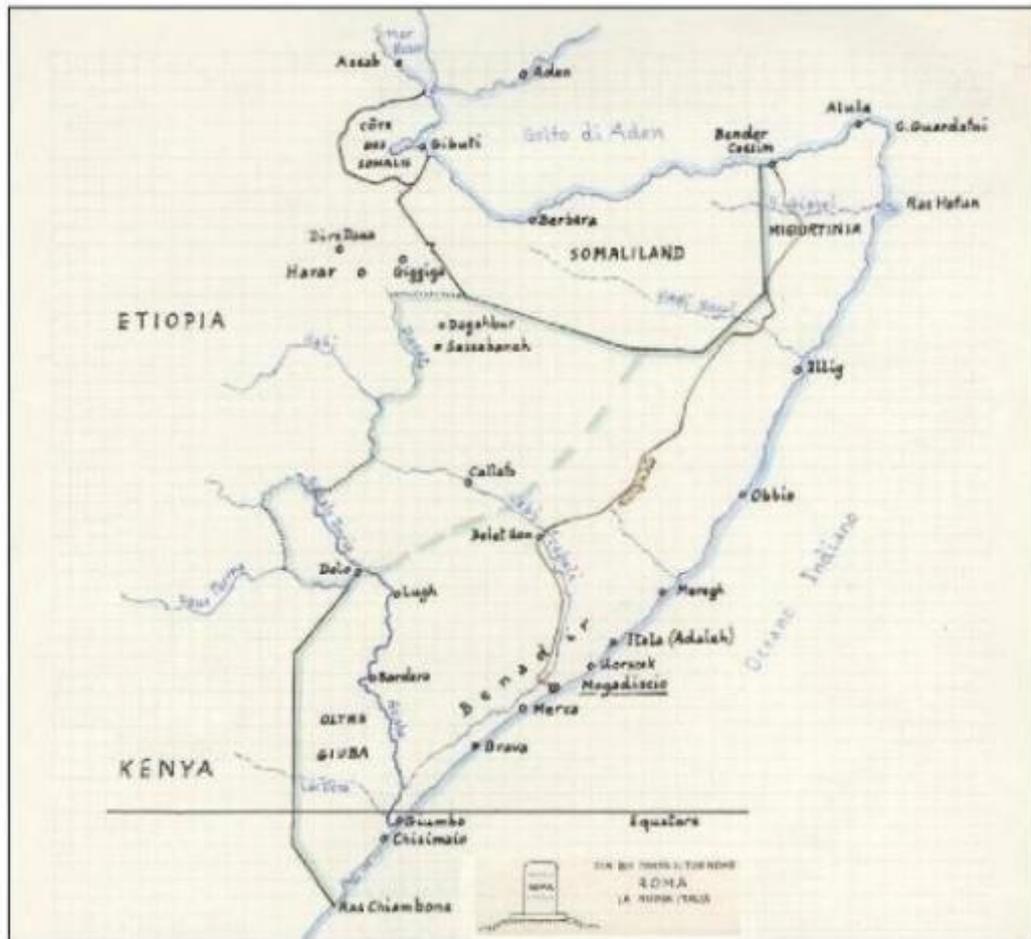


<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=2544&t=1>



On August 12th 1892 the Captain Cecchi signed an treaty with the Sultan of Zanzibar granting to Italy for 25 years the rental of the landings of Uorsoek, Mogadishu, Merca and Brava with their hinterland, which were added to Adaleh (Itala), already occupied since 1891.

Initially, these territories were administered by private companies, the first Filonardi, then the "Società Commerciale Italiana del Benadir" (Benadir Italian Trading Company), on the basis of specific agreements with the State. In 1905 the Italian government took over the direct administration as a colony under the name of "Somalia Italiana".



The name Benadir is nothing but the plural of BENDER, which means landing. The choice of this name becomes clear if one takes into account that, even in 1910, the territory actually controlled by Italy was limited to a strip of southern Somali coast and to the left bank of the river Juba.

2 Somalia as an Italian Colony: 1903-1937

2.1 1903: Benadir: Elephant and Lion

S 1-7 (and varieties): 1b, 2b, 1a, 2a, 2 ½ a, 5a, 10a; Y1-7; M1-7. S: "64 besa = 16 anna = 1 rupia Indiana".

From 1885 onwards the Italians made treaties with local sultans on the northern coast, followed by leasing of ports on the southern coast (known as Benadir or 'Landing Places') in 1892. Italy assumed direct rule after a treaty in 1905. The currency used varied between the local besa (4 besa = 1 anna, 64 besa = 1 rupia, later 100 besa = 1 rupia) and the Italian lira (100 centesimi = 1 lira) 'Benadir' Issue, October 1903. Seven values were issued from 1 besa to 10 anna. <http://www.italianstamps.co.uk/colonies/somalia/index.html>

also see: "I FRANCOBOLLI DEL BENADIR", by Vittorio Sismondo <http://www.afi-roma.it/Pubblicazioni/AngoloRaritaFilateliche/AggiornamentoMarzo2019/NotiziarioAFIn3abAprile2019.pdf>

A Collection Vincent Prange



Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 1



Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 2. Also with a letter to Mogadiscio, posted in Brava, 16.2.1905.

B Additional Illustrations



<https://www.filateliafischer.it/images/catalogo/126/936-126.jpg>: "1903 - Elefante e Leone - Collezione Spanò, n° 1/2, prove dal conio originale stampati in nero su rettangoli di cartoncino gessato giallo di medio spessore, la dentellatura appare ma non c'è in quanto è stato creato uno strano "effetto ottico" con il bianco che incornicia la vignetta, unici. Cert. Enzo Diena (per esteso: " Non mi risulta ne siano in circolazione altri esemplari.").".



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09428/S210528/432.jpg>: "COLONIE - SOMALIA - 1903 - Prova di Macchina - 2 anna (4) bordo foglio - non dentellato senza gomma. (Srl Auction Gallery).



<https://www.filateliafischer.it/images/catalogo/126/935-126.jpg>: "1903 - Elefanti e Leoni - Collezione Spanò, n° 1/7, prove dal conio originale nei colori adottati, rarissimi, unici, a tergo recano parti di un timbro in violetto "Società Anonima Commerciale del Benadir (Somalia Italiana) - L'Amministratore Delegato" e la firma "Carminati", insieme straordinario".



The stamps of Benadir: "Elephant and Lion" issue

The "Società Commerciale Italiana del Benadir" was required by the Convention to establish and maintain at its own cost the postal service. In 1901 she ordered the "Officina Carte Valori" of Turin, on reimbursement of the manufacturing costs, production of stamps with the word Benadir, in seven different denominations.

1901 - Archive tests, not gummed, watermarked



The currency in Somalia, the rupee, was divided into 16 and 64 anna besa. 1 Rupee = 1.68 Italian lire.

The stamps were soon put on sale in Italy for collectors: the series were sold both new and canceled. The canceling on order is easily recognizable by those actually used in colony.



Canceled on order



Real cancellation

Only in October 1903, these stamps were sent to the office of the Universal Postal Union in Berne and declared valid for postal use.



12 ottobre 1903 - African Elephant for values in besa, lion for those in anna. Lying crown Watermark, perf. 14, tipografic printing, sheets of 50 pieces.



The thin paper on which these stamps were printed has been made fragile by the combined action of the gum and the equatorial climate.

The "elephant and lion" stamps, issued by the "Società Commerciale Italiana del Benadir" more for speculative purposes than for actual postal use, with the word "Benadir" and one wrong subject (the somali lion is a different species) had a long life. There were other issues and runs and as many as 8 different overprints so there were a total of 44 values. The series of 1926 was postally valid until after the issuance of the "Pittorica" series in 1932.

The name "Benadir" to locate the new territories under Italian protectorate along the Somali coast was used only from 1901 to July 1905, i.e. during the period when the territories were administered by the "Società Commerciale Italiana del Benadir", although postal cancels with this name can be found until the early months of 1906.





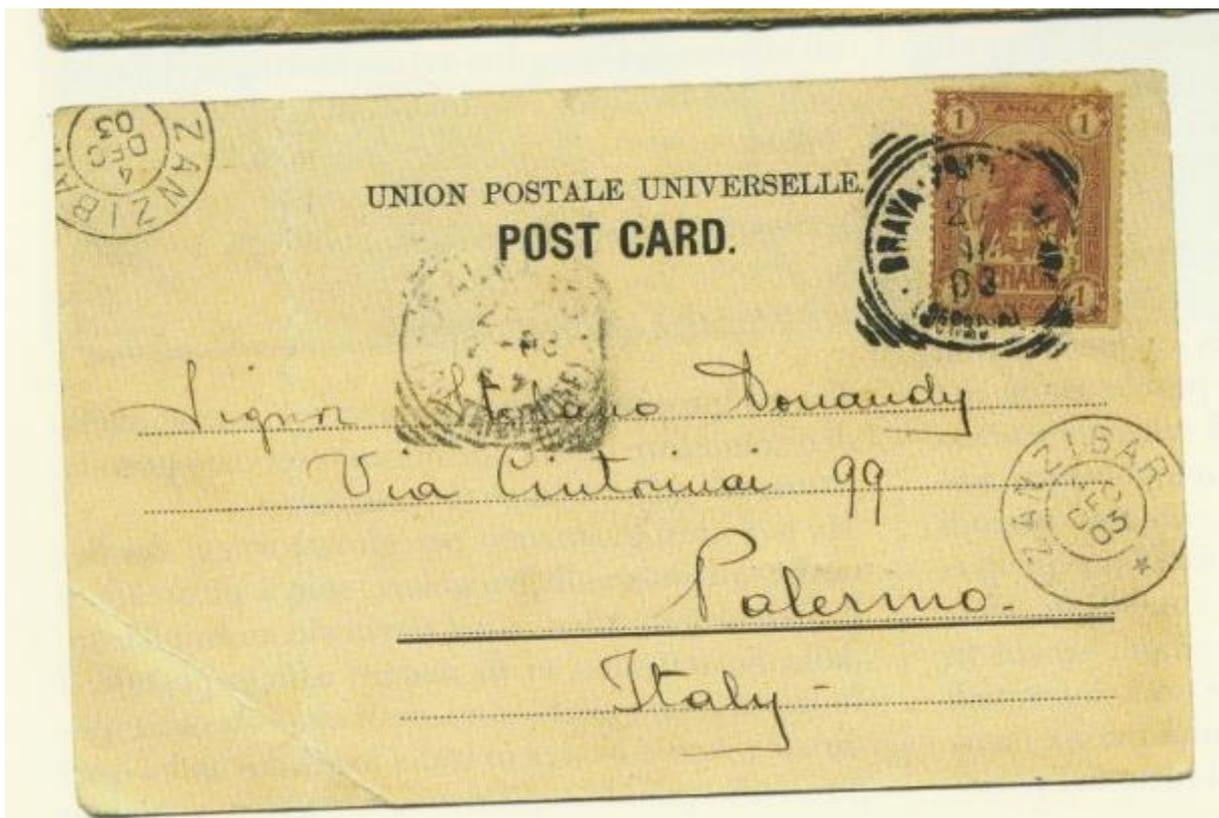
<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09428/S210528/431.jpg>: "Italian Somaliland. Sassone 1/5 + 7; COLONIE - SOMALIA - 1903 - Elefante/Leone (1/5 + 7) - 6 valori - gomma integ". (Srl Auction Gallery).



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/2WgAAOSwwKpdxJ2/s-l1600.jpg>



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=3961&t=1>. Postmark Residenza di Lugh. Somalia Italiana Meridionale, without date.



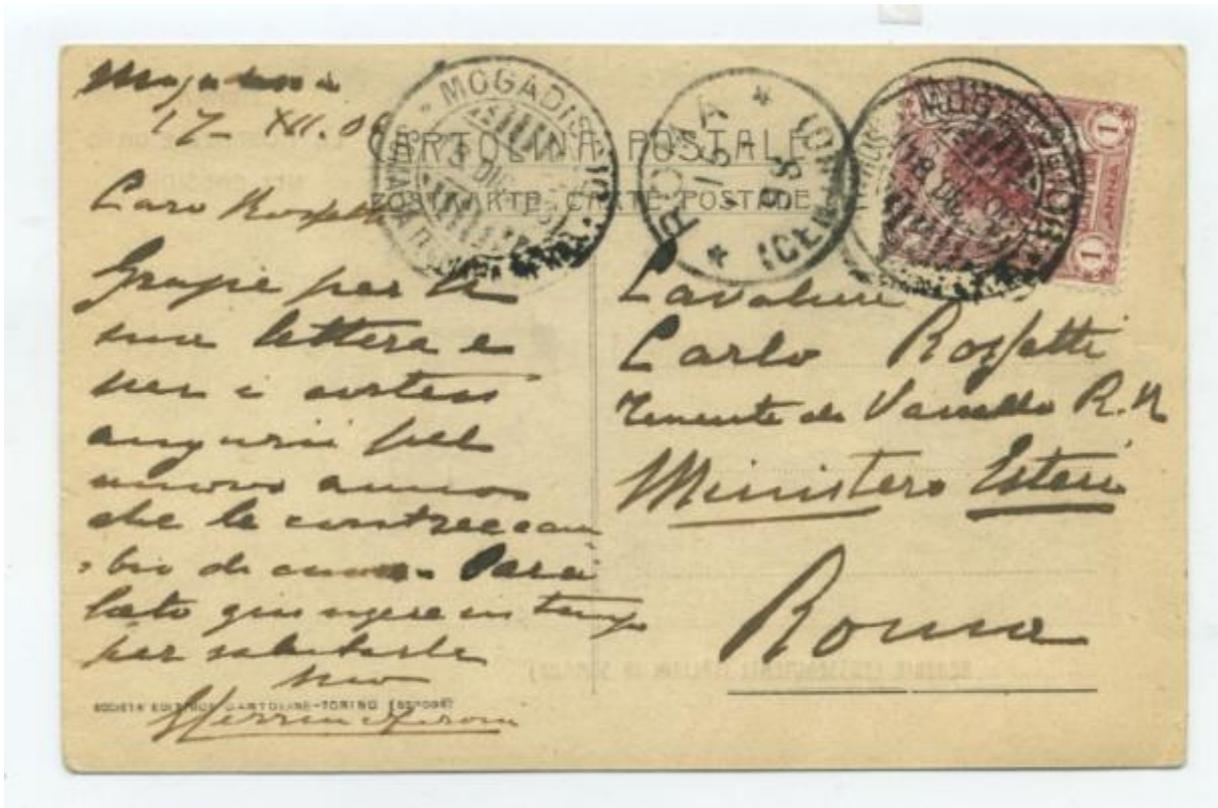
<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=29242&t=1>: "una cartolina da Brava per Palermo, risalente addirittura al 27-11-1903; l'affrancatura e' di 1 anna". Postmark Brava, 1903, and also Postmarks from Zanzibar 1903.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=29245&t=1>: "-una lettera da Brava a Mogadiscio del 26/11/1903 con 2 anna". Postmark Brava, 1903.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=29246&t=1>. Postmark Brava, 1903.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=29254&t=1>. Postmark Mogadiscio, 1903.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=29243&t=1>: "... una raccomandata da Giumbo per Novara del 12-6-1904 con 2 1/2 anna+ 2 anna. Era un periodo di posta chiusa e la lettera e' stata trasportata a Chisimaio e poi a Zanzibar". Postmark Giumbo, 1904.



<https://www.stampboards.com/images/miscr/JhMco4t.jpg>: "Registered letter from GIUMBO, 7 March 1904, franked with a strip of three 2 anna stamps + one 2 besa (second port). On the back, transit postmarks of Zanzibar, 20 March, and Napoli, 5 April. It looks like it was the second registered letter sent from Giumbo post office". Postmark Giumbo, 1904.



https://www.ilpostalista.it/storia_postale/tondor/953.jpg. Postmark Gumbo, 1904.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A00004/S265/6614.jpg>: "Italian Colonies - Somalia 1904 (Nov 27): Registered Picture postcard from Merca to Luzern, forwarded to Zürich, bearing 1903 Elephant & Lion definitives 2 b. green, 1 a. red-brown and 2 a. orange-brown, tied by clear "MERCA PROTET. ITALIANO (BENADIR)" despatch cds with matching registration label alongside. Front shows also

ZANZIBAR transit and Luzern and Zürich arrival cds's (Jan 14).". (Corinphila). Postmark Merca (Benadir), 1904.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=29221>; “-frontespizio di raccomandata da Mogadiscio ad Adi Ugri del 27/12/1904 con 2 anna+ 2 1/2 anna”. Postmark Mogadiscio, 1904.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=29264>. Postmark Mogadiscio, 1904.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=29222>: “-frontespizio di raccomandata del 12/2/1904 da Mogadiscio per Massaua rispedita ad Adi Ugri con 1 anna+ 2 1/2 anna + 5 anna”. Postmark Mogadiscio, 1904.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=32361&t=1>. Postmark Merca, 1904.



<https://www.stampboards.com/images/miscr/milQzRq.jpg>: "Registered letter from Mogadiscio, 22 November 1905 to Rome, 19 December, franked with one 10 anna, two 5 anna, four 2 1/2 anna, two 1 anna and two 1 besa stamps = 32 anna 2 besa (12 ports registered letter). ZANZIBAR ISSUE". Postmark Mogadiscio, 1905.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09475/S12/1951.jpg>: "GIUMBO *SOMALIA ITALIANA MERID. 3 GIU 05
- ann. azz. di Elefante 1 b." (filSam). Postmark Giumbo, 1905.





<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=29257>, and
<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=29256> . Postmark Brava, 1905.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=29255>. Postmark Mogadiscio, 1905?



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=29219>. Postmark Mogadiscio, 1905.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=29238&t=1>: “Cartolina spedita il 30 giugno 1906 da Mogadiscio e diretta a Adi Caiè, in Eritrea, affrancata con un francobollo da 1 anna, pari ai 10 centesimi necessari per una cartolina postale per l’interno. Si tratta della seconda tariffa più comune, censita da Bianchi in 56 esemplari, ma è ugualmente molto interessante dal punto di vista storico postale”. Postmarks Mogadiscio, 1905, and Massaua, Eritrea as well as Adi Caie, Eritrea. Extra remark: “Chi non conosce bene la geografia e la storia del Corno d’Africa potrebbe pensare che la Somalia e l’Eritrea fossero tra loro vicine e ben collegate: in realtà l’unico collegamento possibile era quello marittimo e per questa via la distanza tra Mogadiscio e Massaua è di oltre 3.000 chilometri. In più, a causa monzone, la nostra cartolina giunse al porto eritreo solo il 21 luglio. Il giorno seguente, 22 luglio, la cartolina arrivò all’Asmara, distante poco più di 100 chilometri ma a oltre 2.300 metri sul livello del mare e da lì impiegò ancora sette giorni per coprire i 100 difficili chilometri che separavano la capitale eritrea da Adi Caiè ove si trovava la quarta compagnia del secondo battaglione indigeni comandata dal tenente Andriani. In pratica una missiva tra le due colonie italiane del Corno d’Africa fu recapitata dopo 29 giorni, di più del tempo mediamente necessario per raggiungere qualunque destinazione in Madre Patria”.





<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=29209&t=1>, and <http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=29210&t=1> : “Il documento che più mi ha affascinato è questo sacchetto in stoffa spedito per raccomandata da Mogadiscio il 28 febbraio 1906 e impiegato per inviare a Roma un campione senza valore, per la precisione “2 rasoi usati”. Il plico è affrancato con tre francobolli rispettivamente da 1 besa, 2 besa e 1 anna, per un totale di 1 anna e 3 besa, equivalenti a 18 centesimi. Se ne deduce che i rasoi pesavano tra i 151 e i 200 grammi perché l’affrancatura corrisponde a 4 porti da 2 centesimi più 10 di raccomandazione”. Postmark Mogadiscio, 1906. And: “Immagino sia proprio questo l’unico documento di questo tipo censito da Paolo Bianchi e non stento a credere che esso sia e resterà l’unico esistente. Esaminando bene la busta, si scopre che essa fu “riciclata”: al fronte si nota che le etichette dell’indirizzo e di raccomandazione coprono due bolli tondi di Roma, mentre il francobollo da 2 besa copre il precedente bollo di arrivo a Mogadiscio. Al retro troviamo indicato come mittente colui che al fronte è il destinatario, ma soprattutto troviamo la sequenza di timbri tipica della corrispondenza spedita dall’Italia alla Somalia in periodo di “costa chiusa”: “Aden Reg. OC. 12 05”; “Mombasa Foreign Registration Departure 19 OC 5”, e “Kisimayu E.A. Protectorate 3 NO 1905”. Postmark Kismayu, 1905. Extra remark: “Non troviamo invece traccia di bolli relativi al viaggio di ritorno per l’Italia, ma ciò può spiegarsi qualora il campione fosse stato inviato in un dispaccio chiuso al Console italiano di Aden e da lì a Roma. La mancanza del bollo di arrivo potrebbe dipendere dal fatto che il destinatario lavorava al ministero delle poste”.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=29220>. Postmark Merca, 1906



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=29253>. Postmark Mogadiscio, 1906



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=29265>. Postmark Brava 1906.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=32340&t=1>. Postmark Brava, 1906.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=29247&t=1>. Postmark Mogadiscio, 1906.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=29218> Postmark Gumbo, 1906.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/RugAAOSwx2dYGgEl/s-l1600.jpg>: "SOMALIA 1907 BUSTA NON VIAGGIATA RARO ANNULO VERDE RESIDENZA DI LUGH 1 ANNA". Postmarks Mogadiscio and Residenza di Lugh, 1907.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=31658&t=1>. Postmark Mogadiscio, 1907.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=31659&t=1>. Postmark Merca, 1907.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=29252&t=1>. Postmark Mogadiscio, 1907.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=29223>: “-raccomandata da Mogadiscio a Merca del
28/4/1907 con 10 anna”. Postmarks Mogadiscio and Merca, 1907.



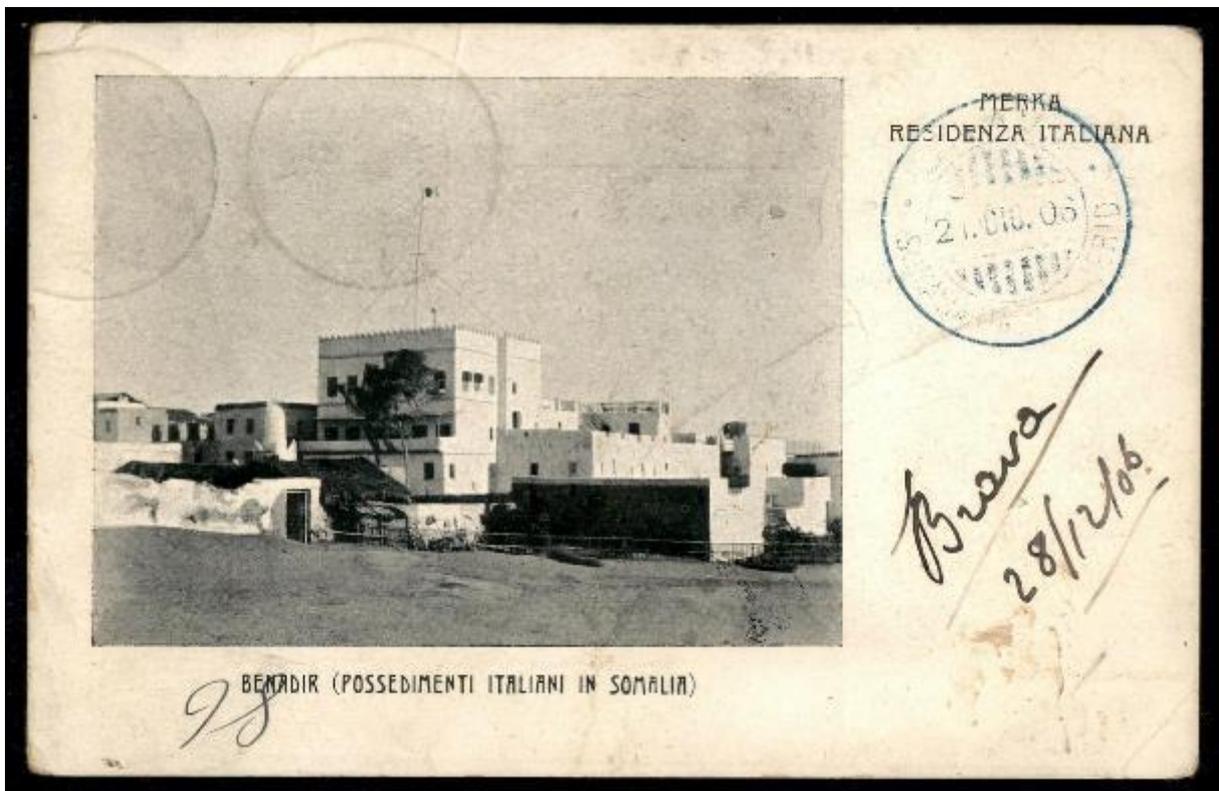
<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=29244&t=1>: “...una lettera piu tarda da Itala nel
marzo 1907 per Mogadiscio; affrancata con 1 anna+2 besa”. Postmarks Itala and Mogadiscio, 1907.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=29217&t=1>. Postmark Merca, 1907. Remark by Riccardo Brodi: "...La tariffa di 10 anna corrispondeva, nel 1907, a 5 porti raccomandati ed è improbabile che quella busta contenesse 75 grammi di documenti".



https://www.picclickimg.com/d/w1600/pict/274811238248_/Regno-Colonie-Somalia-1-Cent-Benadir-1903-Mogadiscio.jpg Postmark Mogadiscio, 1908.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09428/S210528/433a.jpg>: "COLONIE - SOMALIA - Brava (azzurro - P.ti 12) - 2 besa (2) difettoso in angolo (prima dell'uso) + 2 1/2 besa (5) - cartolina raccomandata per Roma del 21.12.08". Postmark Brava (Benadir), 1908.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09475/S12/1953.jpg>: "Merca - 2 cart. + 1 lett. affr. con Leoni ed Elefanti ed ann. di due tipi diversi: 10 c./1 a. (12); 5 c./2 b. + 6 b./10 c./1 a. (11+25); 20 c./2 a. (23)". (filSam). Postmark Merca, 1913.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/H4YAAOSwzaJX-7AZ/s-l1600.jpg> Postmark Afgoi, 1915.

2.2 1906 (1905): Overprints

S 8-9: 15c : 5a and 40c : 10a; Y8+9; M8-9.

Provisional overprinted in Italian currency in Zanzibar. There was a shortage of the commonly used values, and large stocks of the 5 and 10 anna due to restricted postal use. The 10 anna was overprinted Centesimi 40, and the 15c on 5 anna is an extremely rare stamp in mint condition. <http://www.italianstamps.co.uk/colonies/somalia/index.html>

A Collection Vincent Prange



Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p.3, upper part.

B Additional Illustrations



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2179.jpg> (Ferrario). With postmark and overprint not central



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09352/S81/12288.jpg>: "1905 Centesimi 40 on 10a lilac fine used". (81st UPA Auction). With postmark.

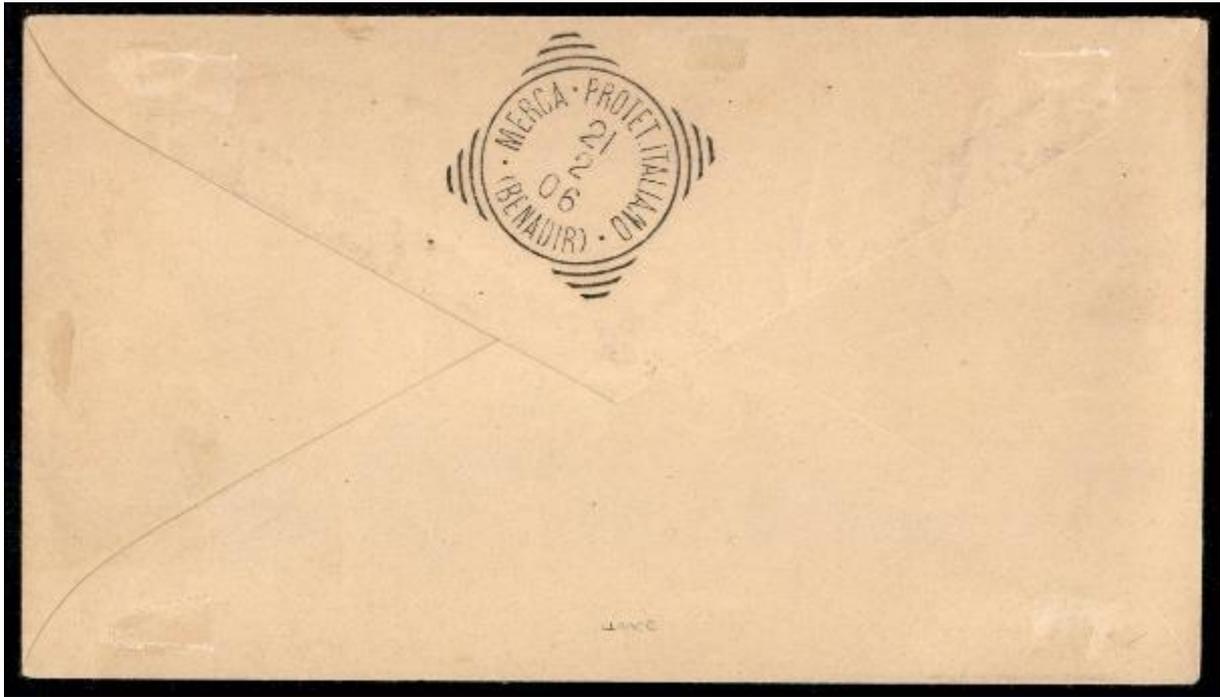
<http://www.italianstamps.co.uk/colonies/somalia/156-500a.jpg>: "40c on 10 anna violet. Sassone 9. Image courtesy of the Italy & Colonies Study Circle". Postmark Merca.





<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09428/S210528/434.jpg>: "COLONIE - SOMALIA - 15 cent su 5 anna (8) - isolato su busta - Brava 16.2.06 - Diena + Bolaffi". (Srl Auction Gallery). Postmarks Brava and Mogadiscio, 1906.





<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09428/S210528/435a.jpg>: "COLONIE - SOMALIA - 40 cent su 10 anna (9) - isolato su busta - Brava 16.2.06". (Srl Auction Gallery). Postmarks Brava and Merca, 1906.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09205/S126/3813.jpg>: "N° 8/9, les 2 valeurs 15 sur 5 et 40 sur 10, obl Mogadiscio 20.2.06, rare, rousseurs. » (François Feldman). Postmark Mogadiscio, 1906.



<https://www.stampboards.com/images/miscr/YNsCVOP.jpg>: «4 ports registered letter from Mogadiscio, 8 May 1906, to Rome, 15 June, franked with a strip of three 15 cents and one 40 cents of the Zanzibar Issue”. Postmark Mogadiscio, 1906.



The "temporary" overprinted stamps of Benadir

With the law of 2 July 1905, the Italian government assumed direct administration of Benadir, under the name "Somalia Italiana Meridionale" (Southern Italian Somalia). The law also introduced the Italian Lira as the official currency.

The subsequent law of April 5, 1908 brought together all the Italian possessions into a single administrative entity which was given the name of "Somalia Italiana".

In addition to the regular stamps, in the period two series of postage due stamps were also issued which, together with the postmarks used by the few offices existing at the time, accurately reflect these changes. "SOMALIA ITALIANA MERIDIONALE" of the early years was soon corrected "SOMALIA ITALIANA".



1906



1909



Meanwhile, the rate for the port of a letter was reduced from 20 to 15 cents (1 ½ anna). Waiting for the regular supply of new stamps from Italy it was necessary to locally overprint some high values, not currently used, to reduce their face value to 15 cents (letter to the interior and Italy) and 40 cents (registered letter for the interior and Italy).

3,000 5 anna and 4,000 10 anna stamps were sent to Zanzibar, where they were overprinted by the Zanzibar Gazette typography

29 December 1905 – stamps of the 1903 series 1903 overprinted in Zanzibar with new values in "centesimi"



13 March 1906 – 2 anna stamp of the 1903 issue, overprinted C. 15 by "Officina Carte Valori" in Turin.



This is the first stamp in the series with altered value in Italian currency, sent to Somalia before the others being the most frequently used. However, the use of remainders of not overprinted stamps continued at the exchange rate of 1 anna = 10 cents. We can therefore find mixed franking of three different issues.

<https://www.stampboards.com/images/miscr/geuEWAi.jpg>
<https://www.stampboards.com/images/miscr/geuEWAi.jpg>

2.3 1906-1916: Overprints

S 10-16 and 23: 2c : 1b; 5c : 2b; 10c : 1a; 15c : 2a; 20c: 2a; 25c: 2 ½ a; 50c : 5a; 1l : 10a (with many varieties); Y10-17; M10-17.

The seven Benadir values were overprinted in Italian currency. On a change of postal rate in 1916 a 20c on 2a replaced the 15c on 2a.

<http://www.italianstamps.co.uk/colonies/somalia/index.html>

A Collection Vincent Prange



Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 3 central part



Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 4, including letter with postmark Mogadiscio.

B Additional illustrations



January 1907 – 1903 stamps (new runs) overprinted with Italian currency values.



To facilitate trade in the Indian Ocean, with the Royal Decree of 28 January 1909 the Italian rupee was introduced, divided into 100 besa. The parity was set at 1 Lira = 60 besa, but it was not deemed necessary to indicate on stamps the value in local currency until the issue of 1922.

In January 1916, the port of a letter was increased to 20 c. and the supply of stamps prepared in Turin for Somalia was lost due to the sinking of the steamship "Java", it was therefore necessary a new local overprint, using stocks of high values of less frequent use.

2 May 1916 – Stamps of the previous series overprinted in Mogadiscio to reduce their value to 5 c. e 20 c.



<https://www.stampboards.com/images/miscr/kSy4BJo.jpg>

Varieties



2c with overprint in centre:

https://www.lacasadelcollezionista.it/website/data/fotocorrelate/vetrina/06/0003722_img0.jpg



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2180.jpg>: "1907 - 2 cent. su 1 b. bruno, Leoni, soprastampato, soprastampa obliqua fortemente spostata a destra, striscia di tre esemplari, il primo solo "C" in soprastampa, gli altri con soprastampa "2 C." (10), nuova, gomma originale integra, perfetta. Bellissima e non catalogata". (Ferrario).



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2185.jpg>: "1907 - 5 cent. su 2 b. verde, Leoni, doppia soprastampa di cui una capovolta (11aa), usato, difettoso. Rarissimo, SOLO TRE ESEMPLARI NOTI." (Ferrario). Postmark Giuba, 1915

With postmarks



https://www.lacasadelcollezionista.it/website/data/fotocorrelate/vetrina/06/0003739_img0.jpg .
With postmarks.



5c: <https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/Rs4AAOSw9lpX0UW9/s-l500.jpg> With postmark Mogadiscio

10c: <https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/AmgAAOSwdlFX0UW-/s-l500.jpg> With postmark Merca
(currently in Lower Shebelle, South Somalia).



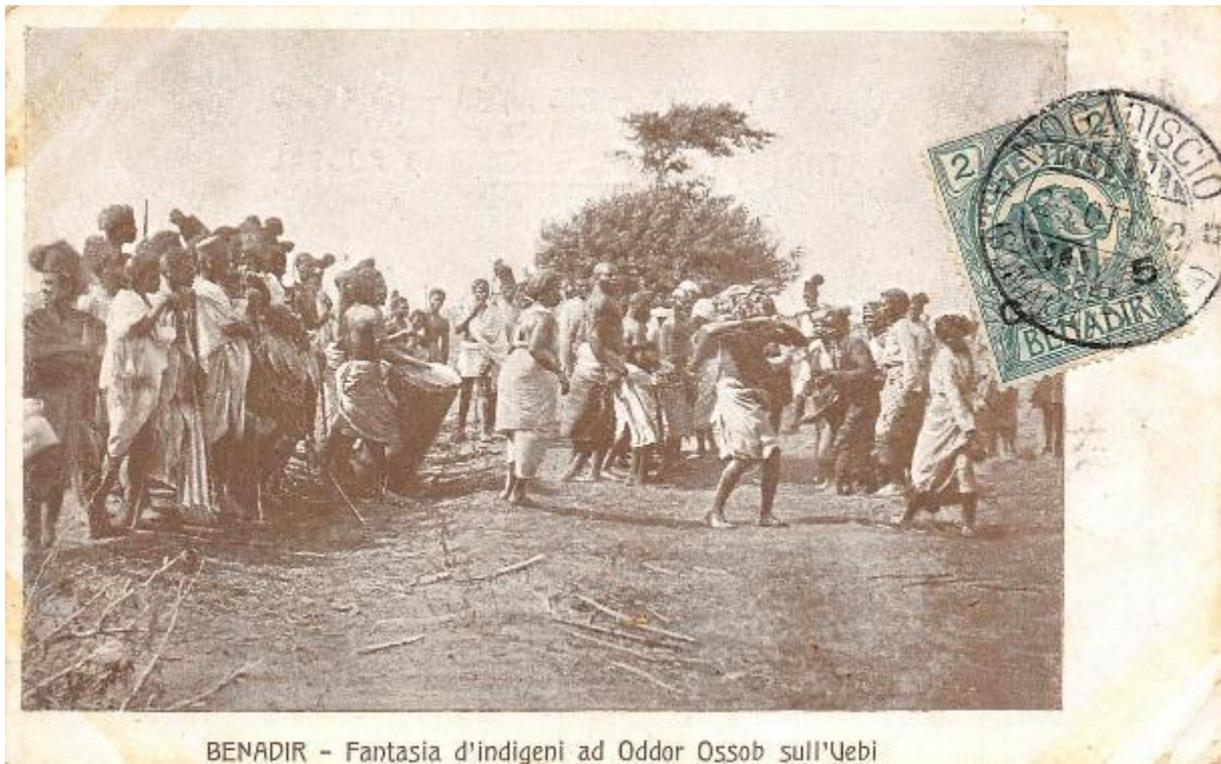
https://www.picclicking.com/d/l400/pict/384268560647_/1910-05-Nov-Somalia-Elefante-C2-Su-1.jpg. Postmark Gumbo, year not visible.



<https://www.stampboards.com/images/miscr/fliml0L.jpg>: „mixed franking. 11 port registered letter from Mogadiscio 20 March 1906, to Roma, 13 April, franked with stamps of three different issues: two 1 besa stamps of 1903 (5 cents), four 40 cent Zanzibar stamps and three 15 cent overprinted stamps issued in 1906”. Postmark Mogadiscio, 1906.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=8821&t=1>, and
<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=8822&t=1>: "... questa fascetta usata per la spedizione di stampe da Merca a Parma. La particolarità è che per qualche motivo i francobolli non furono annullati con il regolamentare bollo dell'ufficio postale bensì a penna su due righe "Merca - 5/9/08", and "L'affrancatura di 14 centesimi è corretta per stampe raccomandate del peso tra 51 e 100 grammi (2 x 2 cent. + 10 cent. raccomandazione). L'autenticità del documento è attestata dalla presenza del bollo "Brindisi (Ambulante) 9.08" in cui stranamente non appare il giorno, che però deve presumibilmente essere il 30, visto che il bollo di arrivo recita "Parma (Raccom.) - 1.10.08...".
Written postmark Merca (1908) on a letter to Italy.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/18EAAOSwoL5Y23YE/s-l1600.jpg>. Postmark Mogadiscio, 1908.

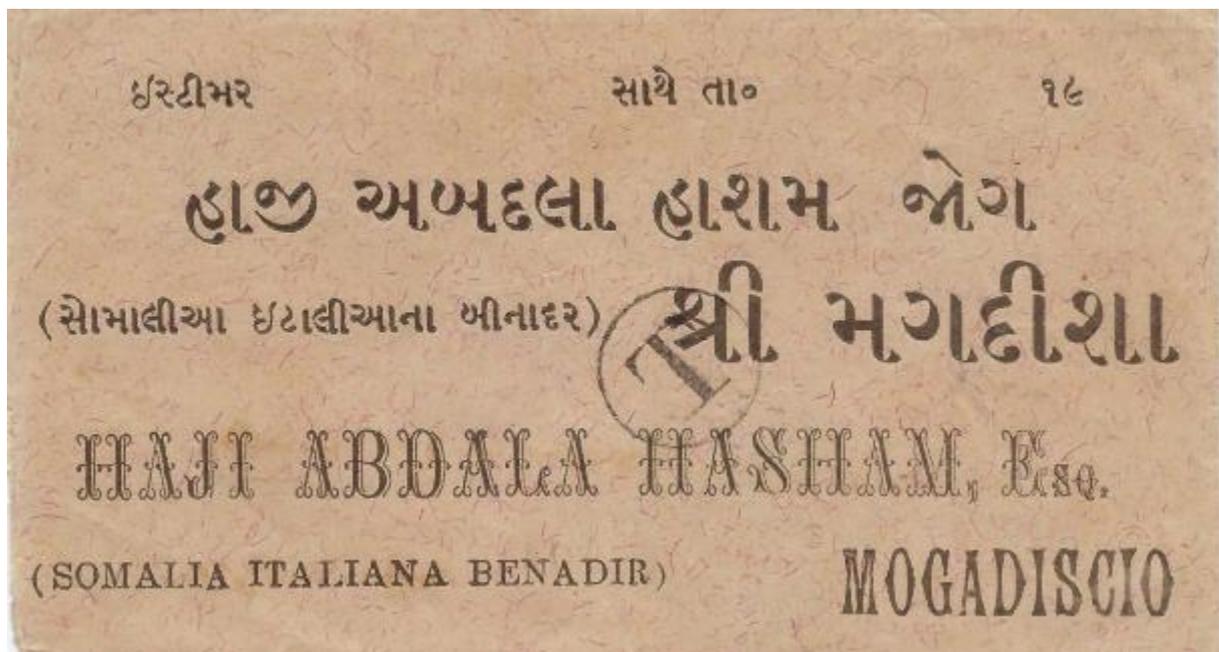


<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=3963>: "Recentemente sono stati ritrovati due nuovi guller che vanno ad aggiungersi a quelli già catalogati per l'ufficio postale di Lugh. Il primo ha la dicitura "Lugh * Somalia Italiana Merid. *", l'altro ha la dicitura "Lugh Ferrandi * Somalia Italiana *". Questi annulli differiscono da quelli noti per l'assenza delle parentesi intorno al nome "Somalia Italiana", oltre ad altri piccoli particolari. Allego due scansioni di questi annulli. Il primo timbro di Lugh (riportato sulla cartolina) è di colore azzurro e differisce da quello già catalogato perchè il nome "SOMALIA ITALIANA MERID." non è tra parentesi. E' noto nei colori azzurro e nero. Prima data nota: 27 aprile 1908, ultima: 19 febbraio 1933. Il timbro noto pubblicato sul volume "L'Italia in Africa Orientale" con la dicitura "Lugh * (Somalia Italiana Merid) * 10 GEN.07" con le parentesi è tratto dal libro "Storia dei Servizi Postali della Somalia Italiana dalle origini al 1941" di Paolo Bianchi. Devo dire però che non ho mai visto questo annullo su una lettera o almeno su frammento, e prego chi ne avesse uno di pubblicarlo sul Forum. Il secondo, sempre privo delle parentesi, non ha inoltre il trattino tra Lugh e Ferrandi. E' noto nei colori violetto e nero. Prima data nota: 17 settembre 1936, ultima: maggio 1940. Infine, anche il disegno del timbro della Residenza (il numero 7) del libro "L'Italia in Africa Orientale" presenta delle piccole differenze rispetto a tutti quelli che conosco su lettera, come si può vedere nella terza immagine allegata. Per poter capire se si tratta di due timbri distinti o di un piccolo errore nel disegno, bisognerebbe trovare una lettera con il timbro 7 (e per il momento non ne ho mai viste!)". Postmark Lugh, 1909.

Also see:



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=2308>





<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09562/S1/3575a.jpg>: "(Somalia) 1909 incoming unfranked cover from Zanzibar bearing circular framed 'T' on front, reverse with C.50 on 5a 'Lion' tied Mogadiscio cds, a fine postage due" (Cover Story Webshop). Postmark Mogadiscio, 1909 on incoming letter from Zanzibar.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2186.jpg>: "1911 - Due cartoline raccomandate affrancate con 15 cent. su 2 a. e una con 5 cent. su 2 b. e 10 cent. su 1 a. (13,11,12), perfetti, tutte spedite da Mogadiscio a Milano. Non comune!" (Ferrario). Postmark Mogadiscio, 1910.



BENADIR - Sigole - Gli Ascari entrano nel Paese

<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/nzkAAOSwA9xfpDc2/s-l1600.jpg>: "1910 SOMALIA BENADIR 5C/2C SU CARTOLINA SIGLE GLI ASCARI ENTRANO NEL PAESE". Postmark Mogadiscio, 1910.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/BRQAAOSw8-Rf4IR3/s-l1600.jpg>: "SOMALIA TIMBRO BRAVA
FRANCOBOLLO BENADIR CARTOLINA ROMA TERME CARACALLA". Postmark Brava, 1911?.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09475/S12/1952.jpg>: "Racc. da Gumbo (Somalia Italiana) 19.7.13 a
Brava con Leone sopr. 15 c./2 a. + 25 c./1 1/2 a.(13/4). Splendida". (filSam). Postmark Gumbo, 1913.



<http://imageshack.us/a/img834/8956/uorscheiksomaliasani.jpg>. Postmark Uorsceik, 1913.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=8314&t=1&sid=81fab81145ff490bb8a566f837750410>

. Postmark Brava, 1913.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/3o8AAOSw0fhXiQdZ/s-l500.jpg>. Postmark Margherita, 1913.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/TWIAAOSwVORXtyHx/s-l500.jpg>. Postmark Brava, 1914.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/~WYAAOSwOyJX-7ZX/s-l500.jpg>: "Frammento ITALIA COLONIE
SOMALIA 1903-07 Elefante e Leone Usato 15 su 2 BARDERA". Postmark Bardera, 1915.



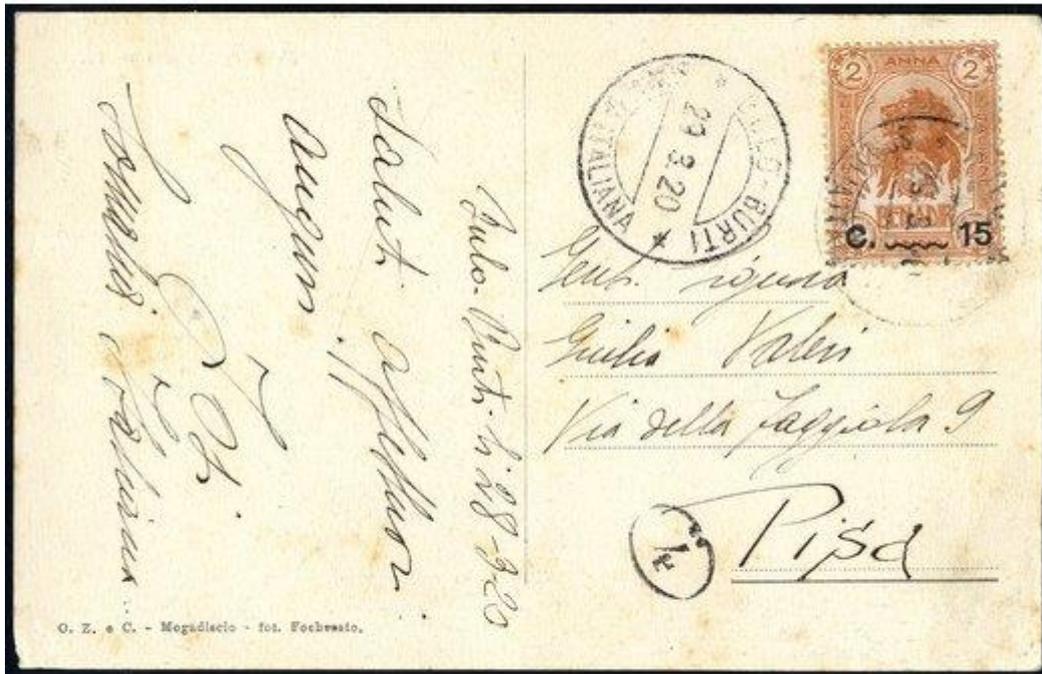
<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/gAMAAOSwoD5gz3zg/s-l1600.jpg>: postmark R. Stazione Vedetta S. Domino, 1916.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/-mgAAOSwh2xX-7kY/s-l1600.jpg> Postmark Aodegle, 1918.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/S~8AAOSw6Axd-Syv/s-11600.jpg>: "SOMALIA ITALIANA-CARTOLINA
DA BRAVA X SONDRIO". Postmark Brava. Postcard Merca, 1920.



[https://shop.viennafil.com/media/image/product/14253/md/1920-15-cent-su-2-anna-arancio-su-
cartolina-da-bulo-burti-2931920-per-pisa-annullo-raro-sass-13_1.jpg](https://shop.viennafil.com/media/image/product/14253/md/1920-15-cent-su-2-anna-arancio-su-cartolina-da-bulo-burti-2931920-per-pisa-annullo-raro-sass-13_1.jpg) Postmark Bullo Burti, 1920.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=3884&t=1>, and
<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=3883&t=1> . Postmark Iscia Baidoa, 1921.



Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 52 upper part. Written postmark B (Bender) Kassim on a local letter to Mogadiscio, 1921.



Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 3 lower part: Postmark Merca, 31.7.1923 on a registered postcard to Sweden.

2.4 1906-'08 Postage Due: 'Somalia Italiana Meridionale' on Italian postage due stamps of 1870- '94.

S Segnatasse 1-11 (with varieties): 5c, 10c, 20c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 1L, 2L, 5L, 10L; Y1-11; M-P 1-11.

Postage Due (Segnatasse). For all the [Italian] colonies, acquiring the Postage Due and Parcel issues is a daunting task, as not only are these items rarely encountered (except for the low values), but they came out in various combinations and styles. For Somalia there are no less than 6 Postage Due sets. First Issue, 1906. Overprinted 'Somalia Italiana Meridionale' (Southern Italian Somalia in English).

<http://www.italianstamps.co.uk/colonies/somalia/index.html>

A Collection Vincent Prange



Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 43 upper part

B Additional illustrations



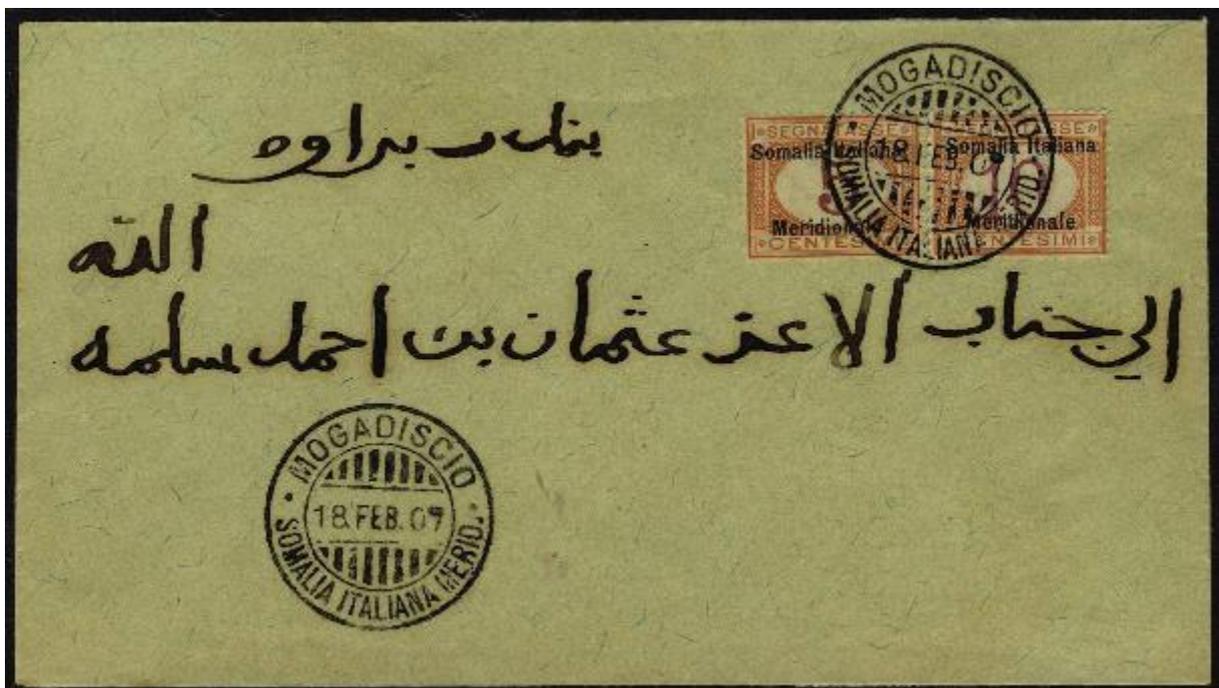
<https://www.partenophil.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Somalia-1-11.jpg>, a.o. postmark Mogadiscio.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09131/S3/387.jpg>: "SOMALIA - Lettera con segnatasse c.5 arancio e carminio soprastampato Somalia Italiana Meridionale (1) da MOGADISCIO 18 GEN.07 per città, anche se di origine filatelica rarissimo l'uso del 5 cent. Isolato". (Gazzera). Postmark Mogadiscio, 1907.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09131/S3/388.jpg>: "SOMALIA - Lettera con segnatasse c.50 arancio e carminio soprastampato Somalia Italiana Meridionale (6) da MOGADISCIO 14 LUG.07 per città, scritte bilingue". (Gazzera). Postmark Mogadiscio, 1907.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09205/S126/3815.jpg>: "N° 1 + 2, 5 et 10 centesimi sur L. obl Mogadiscio 18 feb 07 pour 2 adresse en arabe ». (Francois Feldman). Postmark Mogadiscio, 1907.

2.5 1909 : Postage Due: 'Somalia Italiana' overprints on Italian postage due stamps of 1870-1894. 'Somalia Italiana' on top.

S Segnatasse 12-22: 5c, 10c, 20c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 1L, 2L, 5L, 10L (with varieties); Y-TT 12-22:.; M-P 12-22 overprints: upper side (I) and lower side (II, except 10L = 1920).



Collection Vincent Prange ; Italian Somaliland, p. 43 central part

B Additional Illustrations



5L: <https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09087/E21107/2110700160.jpg>: "1906, Segnatasse 5 L. soprastampa spostata a destra, Sass 10b". (66th Viennafil Auction).

2.5a 1907: Essays; stamps not issued

A Collection Vincent Prange



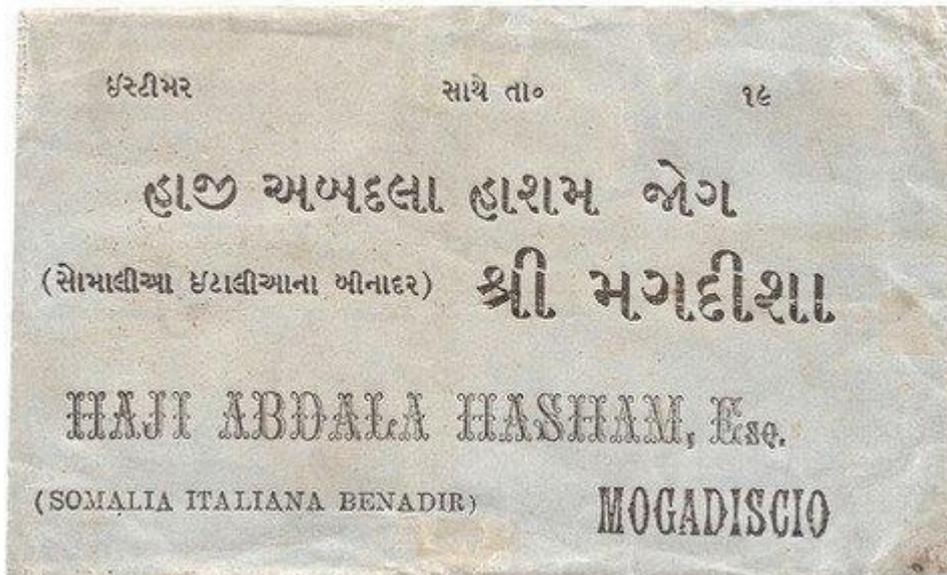
Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 7 upper part

B Additional Illustration

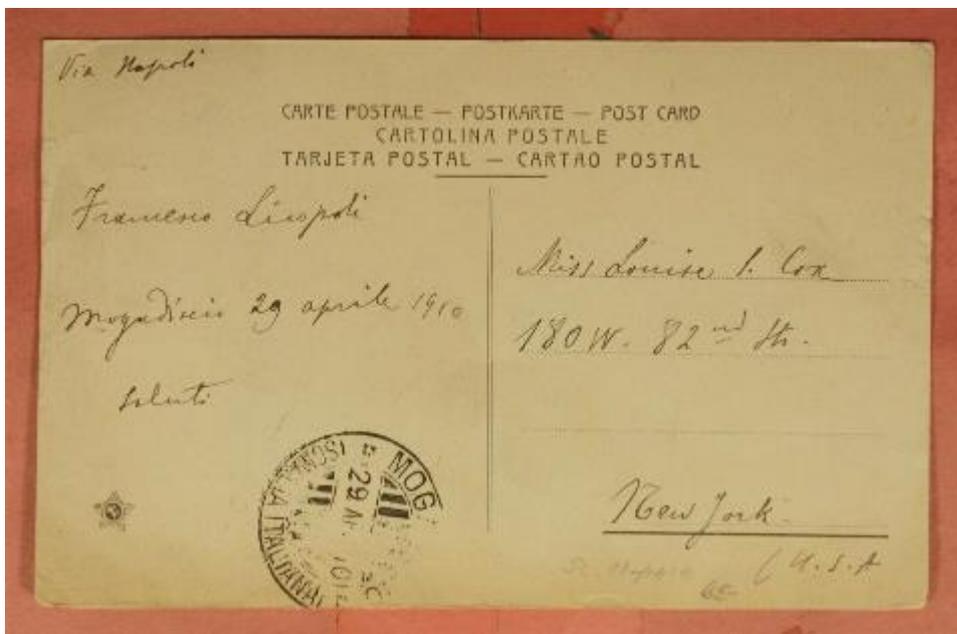
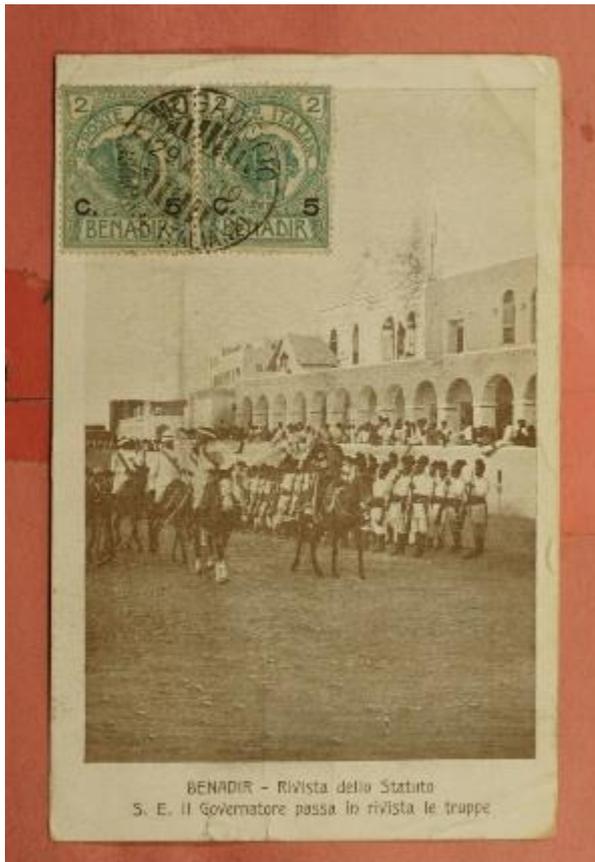


<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09485/S313/2239.jpg>: "ITALIAN SOMALILAND ESSAY - Essay of unknown origin on gummed pelure paper, engraved and printed in blue and red, pictures a leopard". (Eastern Auctions).

2.6 1910-1913: incoming and outgoing covers



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09666/S1/1321.jpg> : "Somalia 1910 Incoming Preprinted Envelope via Deutsch Seepost & Most Probably Sent from Zanzibar Bearing 3½annas KEVII India Adhesives Short-paid Charged 30c Postage Due with 15c on 2annas Somalia Definitives". (Incoming) postmark Mogadiscio, 1910.



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/1910-ITALIAN-SOMALIA-TROOPS-MILITARY-POSTCARD-BENADIR-TO-USA/193388984472?hash=item2d06e1b898:g:00QAAOSwTeRec5sq>: 1910, used military postcard from Mogadiscio to New York, 29 April 1910.

Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 51. Postcards, label and postmark Mogadiscio 16
April 1911.



<http://imageshack.us/a/img341/6259/gilibgiubasomaliainen.jpg>. Postmark Gilib Giuba, 1912.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09476/S1/1308.jpg> From Mogadiscio (Somalia Italiana) to Italy, 1 March 1913.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=7979&t=1&sid=81fab81145ff490bb8a566f837750410>, and

<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=7978&t=1&sid=81fab81145ff490bb8a566f837750410>
: Postmark Lugh, 1913.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=1642&t=1> Postmark Mogadiscio, 1914.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/thumbs/images/g/~WYAAOSwOyJX-7ZX/s-l300.jpg>. Postmark Bardera, 1915.



<http://imageshack.us/a/img715/609/bugdasomaliasani.jpg>. Postmark used in Bugda, 1920.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=2012>. : “ho di recente acquistato ad un'asta on-line una lettera (di cui pubblico la scansione fronte-retro) spedita da Bugda il 3 giugno 1921 e arrivata a Fanano in provincia di Modena il 18 luglio 1921, con l'annullo muto privo del nome della località. Nel libro di Paolo Bianchi sulla Somalia Italiana si legge che questo annullo dovrebbe essere quello usato in precedenza a Missarole e poi scalpellato. Sul recente volume dell'AOI dell'AICPM è riprodotta la stessa immagine dell'annullo del libro di Paolo Bianchi: ma questo disegno presenta la dicitura "Somalia Italiana" senza le parentesi (come infatti aveva l'annullo di Missarole) mentre l'annullo sulla mia lettera ha la dicitura "(Somalia Italiana)" con due parentesi: ma è sicuro che il timbro muto usato a Bugda sia proprio l'annullo di Missarole scalpellato? In ogni caso il disegno dell'annullo sul volume dell'AOI dell'AICPM andrebbe corretto. Infatti nel sito dell'AICPM alla voce "Collezioni - Somalia Italiana di Paolo Bianchi" l'annullo muto riprodotto per Bugda ha le due parentesi (e così pure la lettera presentata nella collezione)”. Postmark used in Bugda, 1921.



<http://imageshack.us/a/img59/3996/somalia002.jpg>. Postmark Uegit, 1921



<http://imageshack.us/a/img689/4521/gioharsomaliainenti.jpg>. Postmark Giohar, 1925.



<http://imageshack.us/a/img525/6687/mereghsomaliamenti.jpg>. Postmark Mergeh. Year unclear.

2.7 1911: Stationary



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/43kAAOSwGOxW~oPU/s-l1600.jpg>: "SOMALIA ITALIANA INTERO CARTOLINA POSTALE 1911 C. 5 + 10 NUOVO FILAGRANO C3 RARA".



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/qtMAAOSwh2xYB4dr/s-l1600.jpg>: "1911 Italia biglietto postale CENT. 5 VERDE SOMALIA ITALIANA FILAGRANO B1 FRESCO".

2.8 1916: Overprints

S 17-18: 5c : 50c : 5c, and 20c : 1l : 10 (with many varieties); Y18-19; M18-19.

To overcome shortages of lower values the 50c on 5 anna and 1 lire on 10 anna were overprinted 5c and 20c respectively in Mogadiscio.

<http://www.italianstamps.co.uk/colonies/somalia/index.html>

A Collection Vincent Prange



Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p 5 upper part; including letter to Rome, with postmark
Mogadiscio 20.7.1916.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2187.jpg>: „1916 - 5 cent. su 50 cent. su 5 a., doppia soprastampa di cui una capovolta, in coppia con il normale (17a), bordo di foglio, gomma originale integra per l'esemplare con la varietà, linguellato l'altro, perfetta. Molto rara, solo pochi esemplari conosciuti“. (Ferrario).



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/4YoAAOxyHlITcNp9/s-l1600.jpg>. Postmark Bardera, 1916.



Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 53. Postcard "Banane della Somalia, with postmark 1932, and letter to Mogadiscio, with postmark Gilei, 11.6.1929.

2.9 1916: Italian stamps of 1915-'16 (Croce Rossa) with 'Somalia' overprint

S 19-22: 10+5c (also inversed), 15+5c., 20+5c (also inversed), and 20 c : 15+5c (with varieties); Y20-23; M20-23.

A Collection Vincent Prange



Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 5, central and lower part

B Additional illustrations



http://www.italianstamps.co.uk/colonies/somalia/s19_a.jpg: " 10c + 5c, normal and inverted overprints, Issued July 1916, Sassone 19 and 19a".



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A00043/E00013/0001301387.jpg>: "10 C. + 5 C. Rotes Kreuz 1916, zentrisch gest. 'Mogadischu'. Eine Marke mit kl. Stockfleck." (Veuskens). Postmark Mogadiscio, 1916.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09621/S12/915.jpg>: „COLONIE ITALIANE - Somalia - 1916 croce rossa, 4 valori soprastampati (N° 19/22)”. (Mazzini). Postmark Mahadei Uen, 15 4 1922.

2.10 1917-1919 (1920?): Parcel stamps; ‘Somalia Italiana’ overprints in black on Italian parcel stamps of 1914-‘22

S Pacchi Postali 1-9: 5c, 10c, 20c, 25c (also inverted), 50c, 1L, 2L, 3L, 4L., (with varieties); Y-CP (1920) 1-9; M-P (1917-1919) 1-9.

A Collection Vincent Prange



Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 38, upper part.

B Additional Illustrations



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2241.jpg>: "PACCHI POSTALI 1917 - 10 cent. Nodo di Savoia, striscia verticale di 10 comprendente le varietà 2baa, 2bb, 2bc, gomma originale

integra, linguella solo sul bordo superiore, perfetta. Splendida e rarissima, insieme probabilmente unico". (Ferrario).



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2242.jpg>: "PACCHI POSTALI 1917 - 25 cent. rosso, doppia soprastampa (4a), nuovo, gomma originale integra, perfetto. Pochissimi esemplari noti" (Ferrario).

2.11 Postmark Tigieglo, 1918



<https://www.picclickimg.com/d/l400/pict/373388971135/Frammento-Di-Lettera-Tigieglo-Somalia-Italiana.jpg>. Postmark Tigieglo Somalia Italiana on stamps of Venezia Giulia.

2.12 1920 Postage Due

S Segnatasse 23-32: 5c, 10c, 20c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 1L, 2L, 5L. (Y and M: see 1909).

Third Postage Due Issue, 1920. Overprinted 'Somalia Italiana' at the bottom (The Second Issue of 1909 has it at the top) <http://www.italianstamps.co.uk/colonies/somalia/index.html>

A Collection Vincent Prange



Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 43 lower part.

B Additional Illustrations



40c: <https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09475/S12/669.jpg>: "Segnatasse Somalia Italiana in basso spostata a sinistra 40 c. (27).". (filSam).



<https://www.partenophil.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Somalia-22-32-us-001.jpg> , a.o.
postmark Mogadiscio.

2.13 1921 Not issued

S 23A-23G: 1b, 2b, 1a, 2a, 2 ½ a, 5a, 10a Non emesso

(not in collection Vincent Prange)



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2188.jpg>: “1921 - Elefanti e Leoni, non emessi (23A/23G),
bordo di foglio, gomma integra, perfetti. Splendidi e rari, in eccellente stato di conservazione.
Tiratura 50 serie”. (Ferrario).

2.14 1921-1923: Parcel stamps; ‘Somalia’ overprints on Italian parcel stamps of 1914-‘22

S Pacchi Postali 15-20: 25c, 50c, 1L, 2L, 3L, 4L (with varieties); Y-CP 10-15; M 1921: 10 and
1923: 11-15.

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<https://www.filateliafischer.it/images/catalogo/125/657-125.jpg>: "Sovr., PP n° 15/20, ottima, molto fresca."



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09528/S20210614/1312.jpg>: "1923 - 25 c. rosso, con tratto tipografico a sinistra di Somalia (15) SPL e non catalogato". (Toselli).

2.15 1923: Parcel stamps; slightly different 'Somalia Italiana' overprints on Italian parcel stamps of 1914-'22

S Pacchi Postali 10-14 (non emessi): 50c, 1L, 2L, 3L, 4L; Y-CP 9A-E: 50c, 1L, 2L, 3L, 4L, with other type of overprint; M -

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<https://www.filateliafischer.it/images/catalogo/126/964-126.jpg>: “Non Emessa, PP n° 10/14, ottima”.

2.16 1922: New overprints of regular postage stamps Benadir with ‘Besa’ and ‘C/Lira’.

S 24-29: 3b : 5c : 2b; 6b : 10c : 1a; 9b : 15c : 2a; 15b: 25c : 2 ½ a; 30b : 50c : 5a; 60b : 1L : 10a (with many varieties); Y 24-29; M24-29.

In 1922 the currency reverted to the Somali besa, with an Italian rupee equal to 100 besa and 60 besa to 1 Italian lira. Just 6 values were overprinted.

<http://www.italianstamps.co.uk/colonies/somalia/index.html>

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November 1916 – New run of 2 anna stamps, overprinted C. 20 in Turin



The Royal Decree n. 252 of September 23, 1920 ordered the issue of stamps to be allocated exclusively to Somalia, using existing types but with the value indicated in Rupees and Besa..

The Ministry of the Colonies ordered Officina Carte Valori in Turin to print **8,000 stamps** each of the first issue, subject to the amendment of the stereotypes by replacing "Benadir" with "Somalia" and the values from anna to besa. For an error of interpretation, O.C.V. printed **8 million sets**, just the same of those of 1906-07, overprinted in the lower part with the value in Lire and Cents.

It was therefore necessary to further overprint the necessary quantity of stamps with values in besa in the upper part...

1 february 1922 – New run of the 1906-07 stamps, overprinted with the corresponding face value in local currency.



The substantial inventories were used, with additional overprinting, for subsequent issues and, in part, for the colony of Eritrea.



The continuous depreciation of the Lira after World War I made it untenable to keep the parity 1 Lira = 60 besa and therefore the postal administration abandoned the Lira, calculating the rates only in Rupees and Besa.

In 1923 there was a new issue with the face value expressed only in local currency, using the stamps printed in the previous year and obliterating the values expressed in Lire.

1 July 1923 – New overprint in local currency and scores to cancel the value in Lire..



The name on the stamps continued to be Benadir, that had nothing to do with the Colony anymore. The first stamps with the exact wording were the special delivery stamps of 1924, but they had very little use.



Official essay of the special delivery stamps - Officina Carte Valori di Torino.



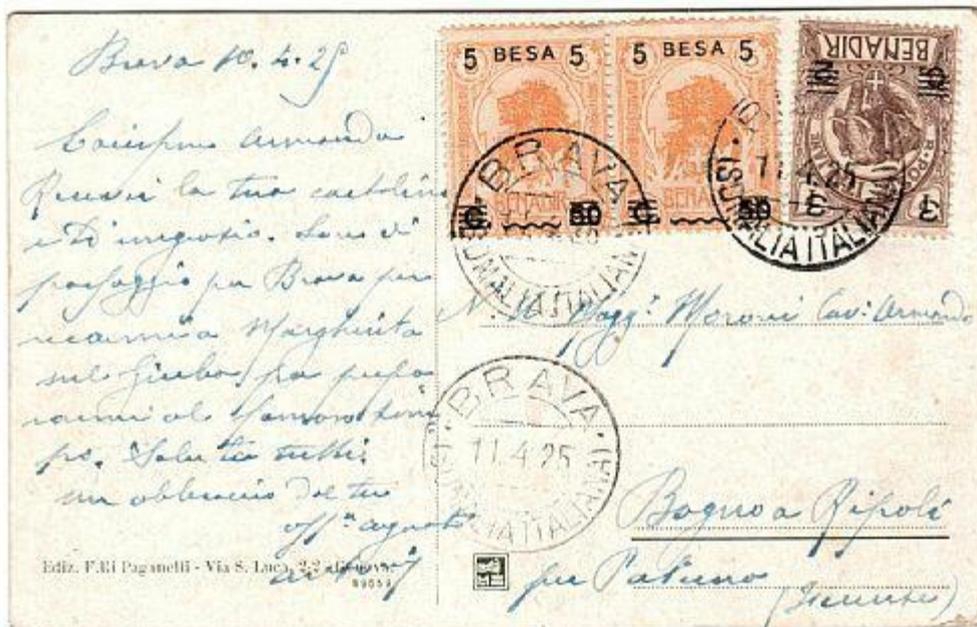
<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2190.jpg>: “1906 - 1 besa su 25 cent. su 2 1/2 a. (42), coppia orizzontale, l'esemplare di destra con la parte alta della soprastampa evanescente, quello di sinistra praticamente mancante, usata, perfetta. Bella varietà non catalogata!”. (Ferrario).



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2189.jpg>: “1922 - 30 b. su 50 cent., doppia soprastampa del valore in besa (28a), usato, perfetto.”. (Ferrario). Postmark Giumbo.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/thumbs/images/g/od4AAOSwLgNfsgS/s-l300.jpg> . Postmark Giabalassi, year unclear.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09475/S12/1950.jpg>: "Cartolina da Brava (Somalia Italiana) 11.4.25 con Elefante 3/2/1 c. + Leone 5 b./50 c., 2 es. (36/7). Splendida.". (filSam). Postmark Brava, 1925.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=7953> And
<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=13633&t=1> : “Annulato”. “La demonetizzazione serviva a rendere un francobollo non più adoperabile come valore bollato e veniva usata per le rimanenze, i fogli scartati alla stampa ecc”.

2.17 1922: Italian stamps of 1921 with ‘Somalia Italiana’ and ‘Besa’

S 30-33: 3b : 5c; 6b: 10c; 9b : 15c; 15b: 25c. (with many varieties); Y 30-33; M30-33.

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<http://www.italianstamps.co.uk/colonies/somalia/s31fe.jpg>: “6b on 10c red. Left: Perf 14; Centre: Perf 14x13¼; Right: Line Perf 13½; Sassone 31, 31f and 31e; Victory Issue, April 1922. In common with all the overprinted Italian Victory issues, not just for Somalia but also Italy, Eritrea and Libya, the bulk were comb perforated by a comb which gave two distinct perforations on the sheet, perforation 14 and the slightly scarcer perforation 14x13¼. In addition some values are to be found which have been line perforated 13½; these are very much rarer and their acquisition requires careful hunting amongst dealers' stocks. Furthermore, the paper used was intended for smaller definitive stamps, so stamps printed over the central gap either have no watermark or, in one case, a small cross instead of the usual crowns”.

2.18 1922: Somalia on Italian stamps Cinquantenario Mazziniano (not issued)

S P1-P3: 25c, 40c, 80c.

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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09425/S1236/2774.jpg>

<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09425/S1236/2774a.jpg>

<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09425/S1236/2774b.jpg> : “SOMALIA, 1922, 25c-80c Mazzini, Overprinted "SOMALIA" (Sassone P1-P3). Mint N.H., deeply rich colors. FINE-VERY FINE. AN EXTRAORDIARILY RARE SET OF THE 1922 MAZZINI SERIES WITH SOMALIA OVERPRINT. ONLY TEN SETS WERE PRINTED. One sheet of 50 of each value was overprinted with an Italian Colony. Ten each were overprinted Cirenaica, Eritrea, (Oltre) Giuba, Somalia, and Tripolitania. They were never put into use”. (Robert A. Siegel).

2.19 1923: New overprints

S 34-44; 2c : 1b; 2b : 2c : 1b; 3b : 2c : 1b (also: double overprint), 6b : 5c : 2b; 5b : 50c : 5a;
18b : 10c : 1a; 20b : 15c : 2a; 25b : 15c : 2a; 30b : 25c : 2 ½ a; 60b : 1L: 10a; 1r : 1L : 10a. (with
many varieties); Y34-44; M34-44

Fifth Overprinted Issue, February 1922. This time all reference to the Italian currency was
obliterated with bars. <http://www.italianstamps.co.uk/colonies/somalia/index.html>

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The postal rates remained unchanged, so that in 1924 the postage of 20 Besa needed to send a letter from Somalia to Italy or to neighboring Eritrea was equivalent to about 2 Lire, while the postage from Italy and Eritrea to Somalia was only 40 cents!

From 1 July 1925 the rupee was finally abandoned and the Italian Lira reintroduced. The R.D. 29 October 1925, however, ruled that the charges were not immediately equated with those of the Kingdom: for example, the simple letter rate (which in the meantime had risen in Italy to 60 cents) was fixed at 1.60 Lire, "to avoid disruption to the colonial budget, except to reduce them in the most propitious moment".

On 29 June 1926, the annexation of the "Oltregiuba" (formerly Jubaland, part of the British territories), where the rates of the kingdom were already applied, put an end to this absurd and the same rates were applied throughout Italian Somalia.

1 March 1926 - Stamps of the 1922 run, already overprinted in cents, with new overprint to delete the original values in Besa and Anna.



To dispose of the huge quantity of stamps printed and overprinted by mistake in 1922, a part was used for the colony of Eritrea, much more populated than Somalia. There were two issues: the first in 1922, with black overprint ERITREA and dashes that delete values in besa and rupees; the second in 1924, with the same overprint in red or blue depending on the face value.





<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09666/S1/3954.jpg>: "Aden 1924 Aden Camp Corner Envelope Sent to Mogadiscio Somalia, with "T" Denoting Short-Paid Charged 20 Besa Definitive Postage Due on Arrival, RARE" (Compustamp). Postmarks Aden Camp and Mogadiscio, 1924.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=1841&t=1>. Postmark Obbia, 1926.

2.20 1920s: Revenue stamps (Marca Bollo)

Introductory note on revenue stamps in Italian East Africa (from

<https://www.revrevd.com/italian-east-africa--italian-colonies-general-issues.html>

“Italian East Africa / Italian Colonies (General issues)

Italy's colonies in Africa comprised two distinct regions - Cyrenaica and Tripolitania in north Africa (known collectively as Italian Libya) and Eritrea and Somalia in east Africa. The independent kingdom of Ethiopia was annexed by Italy on 9 May 1936, and was added to Eritrea and Somalia to form a new colony known as Italian East Africa.

This page covers issues for use throughout the Italian-controlled east African region, either with or without Libya in addition. Stamps are inscribed or overprinted in one of three ways:

Colonie Italiane (=Italian Colonies)

AOI / Africa Orientale Italiana (=Italian East Africa)

Africa Italiana (=Italian Africa)

Separate catalogue sections are currently under construction for the individual territories of Ethiopia, Libya and Somalia. The section for Eritrea can be found [here](#).

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Dates of issue in this chapter are from Unificato except where otherwise stated.

Currency

(1923-41) 100 cents = 1 lira (plural lire)

(1941-46) 100 cents = 1 East African shilling”



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=2069>. See the discussion there, and illustrations of fiscal stamps (marco bollo).



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<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/OygAAOSwo71etqo8/s-l300.jpg>



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/II0AAOSwo15YzXwq/s-l1600.jpg> Fiscal stamps Mogadiscio 21 Feb 1926.

General Duty Revenue / Marca da Bollo



<https://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/published/italian-cols-2.jpg?1611352349> : “R
1/15”



<https://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/published/italian-cols-3.jpg?1611353719> "R16.
1923. Portrait of King Victor Emmanuel III facing to right of stamp. 22 x 38 mm. Inscribed Colonie
Italiane in Italian only. Perf 14. Wmk Two Crowns (sideways).

Note: similar stamps inscribed bilingually in Italian and Arabic were issued in Libya only and will be
listed in the Libya chapter (currently under construction).

R1. 5c mauve

R2. 10c red-orange

R3. 20c blue

R4. 25c grey-black

R5. 40c black

R6. 50c reddish purple

R7. 1l brown

R8. 2l green

R9. 3l olive

R10. 4l orange

R11. 5l grey-black

R12. 10l lake

R13. 20l brown-orange and pale greenish blue

R14. 30l deep blue and rose

R15. 40l blue and pale green

R16. 50l carmine and pale orange

Notes:

1. The inscription on these stamps suggests that they were for general use throughout the Italian colonies, but the Unificato catalogue identifies the 40c and 20l to 50l as issues for Somalia (produced in 1928) and all the other values as issues for Eritrea (in 1923). This attribution is not explained and it is not clear what evidence exists to support this. An example of R7 is known postally used in Somalia (though this may be philatelic) and a pair of R5 is known used in Dire Dawa (Ethiopia). I would be grateful to any reader who can provide further evidence for dates and places of issue.

2. A wide range of shades can be found on this issue.

3. The watermark normally has crowns pointing to right of stamp when seen from the front. The 1l, 3l, 5l and 40l are also recorded with crowns pointing to left.

4. R15 can be found overprinted B.M.A. from the British Military Administration of Tripolitania. This is listed under Libya (British Occupation). Since R1/16 are believed to have been issued only in east Africa, it is not clear how examples of R15 came to be available for the British to overprint in Libya.

2.21 1923: Italian stamps (Propaganda Fide) with overprint 'Somalia Italiana' and 'besa'

S 45-48: 6b : 20c; 13b : 30c; 20b : 50c; 30b : 1L. (with varieties); Y 45-48; M47-50.

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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2191.jpg>: “1923 - 13 b. su 30 cent., Propaganda Fide, coppia verticale non dentellata orizzontalmente (46d), bordo di foglio, gomma integra, residuo di linguella solo sul bordo, perfetta. Molto fresca”. (Ferrario).



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2192.jpg>: “1923 - 13 b. su 30 cent., Propaganda di Fide, coppia orizzontale non dentellata verticalmente (46g), gomma originale, leggerissima traccia di linguella, perfetta”. (Ferrario).

2.22 1923: Italian stamps (Fascist symbols) with overprint ‘Somalia Italiana’ and ‘besa’.

S 49-54: 3b : 10c; 13b : 30c; 20b : 50c; 30b : 1L; 1r : 2L; 3r : 5L; Y49-54; M51-56.

March on Rome Issue, October 1923. This issue, with many fascist symbols, commemorates the first anniversary of Mussolini's march on Rome.

<http://www.italianstamps.co.uk/colonies/somalia/index.html>

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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09352/S82/12072.jpg>: "1923 Fascist March set of 6 very fine cds used". (82d UPA Auction). With postmarks,



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09528/S20210614/1306.jpg>: "1923 - 30 b. su 1 L. azzurro (52) in coppia su busta raccomandata da Mogadiscio (14/1/24) a Valence (Francia) - Bollo di arrivo". (Toselli). Postmark Mogadiscio, 1924.

2.23: 1923: Express letters, Italian stamps of 1922 overprinted with 'Somalia Italiane', and 'besa'.

S Espressi 1-2: 30b : 60c and 60b : 1L20c; Y-E 1-2; M45-46.

Express Stamps. The first issue of 1923 used overprinted Italian stamps. Following the issue of the iconic 'Italia Turrita' design in Libya in 1923, Eritrea and Somalia followed with a similar design in 1924. On conversion to Italian currency the designs were overprinted.

<http://www.italianstamps.co.uk/colonies/somalia/index.html>

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<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/SV4AAOSw5hddWszL/s-l1600.jpg> 60b: 1923 issue, 60 besa on 1,20 lire For International use. Sassone (express) 2.

<http://www.italianstamps.co.uk/colonies/somalia/index.html>



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09621/S12/931.jpg>: „COLONIE ITALIANE - Somalia - 1923 Espressi d'Italia soprastampati” (Mazzini). Postmark Mogadiscio, 1927

Express stamp, never issued?



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09475/S12/663.jpg>: “Espresso 1,25 l. saggio mai adottato sopr. SOMALIA ITALIANA e sopr. azz. diagonale SAGGIO. Lieve piega. AD, Fiecchi”. (FilSam).

2.24 1923: Postage Due: ‘Somalia Italiana’ and ‘besa’ on Italian postage due stamps of 1870-1894

S Segnatasse 33-40: 1b, 2b (also inverted), 3b, 5b, 10b, 20b, 40b, 1r. (with varieties); Y-TT 23-30; M-P 23-30.

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<https://i.ebayimg.com/thumbs/images/g/1LsAAOSwq19XB8Q9/s-l300.jpg> With watermarks shown on back side.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/xY8AAOSw-Jtck47R/s-l1600.jpg> Inverted



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/f~AAAOSwJtJcHQ2y/s-l500.jpg> ; with postmark

2.25 1923: Parcel stamps; 'Somalia (Italiana)' and 'besa/rupie' overprints on Italian parcel stamps of 1914-'22

S Pacchi Postali 21-29: 3b : 5c, 5b : 5c, 10b : 10c, 25b : 25c, 50b : 50c, 1r : 1L, 2r : 2L, 3r : 3L (also inverted), 4r : 4L (and varieties); Y-CP 16-24; M 16-24.

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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2244.jpg>: "PACCHI POSTALI 1923 - Soprastampati in moneta somala (21/29), gomma integra, perfetti" (Ferrario)



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09528/S20210614/1313.jpg> (Toselli).

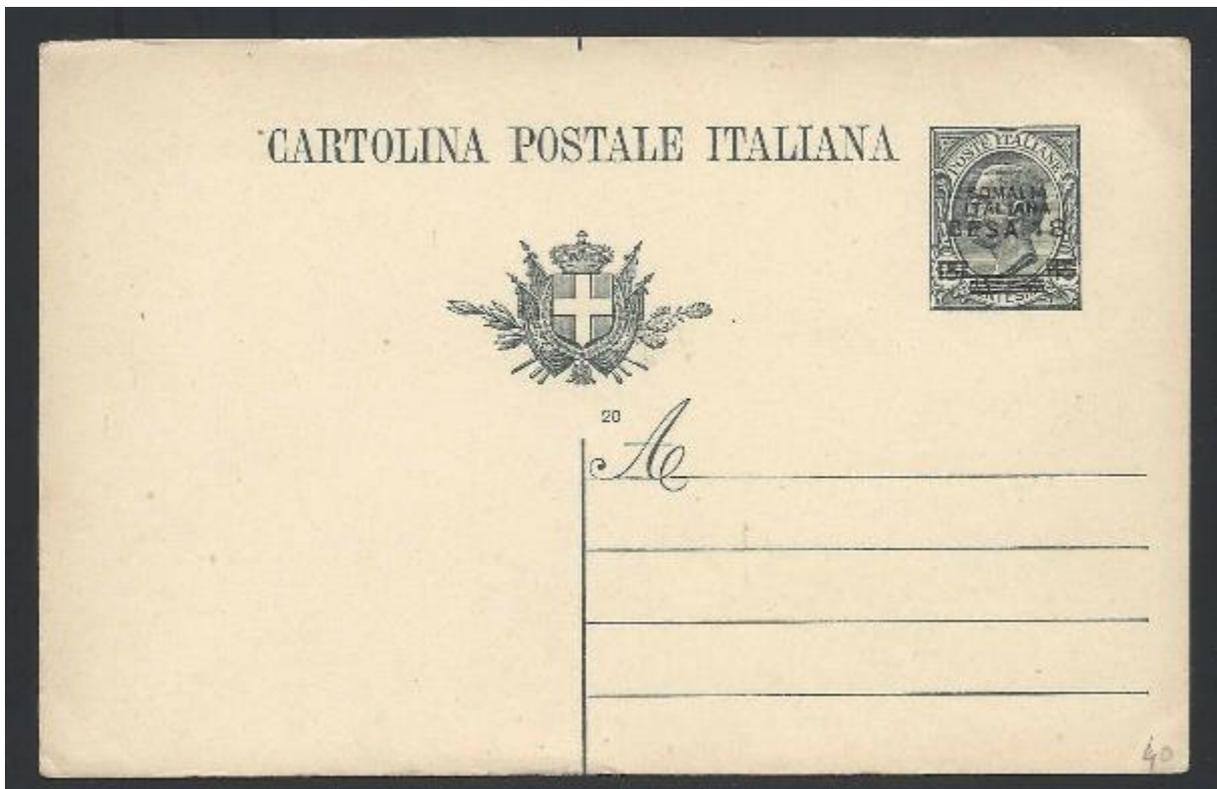


<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09087/E21157/2115700054.jpg>: "1923, 3 r su 3 l. capovolta, gomma integra originale, cert.Avi, Sass.28". (66th Viennafil Auction). Inverted overprint.



https://i0.wp.com/www.filatelianegri.it/wp-content/uploads/Francobolli/Area_IT/Somalia_22-23-24.jpg Postmarks Mogadiscio.

2.26 1923: Stationary



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/1ekAAOSwQ3RcZ~Cl/s-l1600.jpg>: “STORIA POSTALE Somalia 1923 Intero Postale 18b su 15c NUOVO”.

2.27 1924: Italian stamps (Manzoni) with overprint ‘Somalia Italiana’ and ‘besa’

S 55-60: 6b : 10c; 9b : 15c; 13b : 30c; 20b : 50c; 30b : 1L; 3r : 5L. (with varieties); Y55-60; M57-62.

50th Anniversary of the Death of A. Manzoni, April 1924. One of the scarcest commemorative stamps of Italy or the Colonies is the 5 lire value of the 1924 Manzoni set. For Italian Somalia and the other colonies (Tripolitania, Cyrenaica and Eritrea) only 3,750 were printed for each, compared with 35,000 for Italy. However, demand is less, so these scarcer colonial stamps catalogue lower in value than that for Italy.

<http://www.italianstamps.co.uk/colonies/somalia/index.html>

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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09087/E21107/2110700165.jpg>: “1924, Manzoni serie prove d'archivio, il 15 c con gomma integra, Sass P11/16 /”. (66th Viennafil Auction).



<https://www.filateliafischer.it/images/catalogo/126/942-126.jpg>: “1924 - Manzoni 1 lira azzurro e nero, n° P59, prova d'archivio con prova di dentellatura al centro, bdf dx, str vert di tre, rara. Cert. Raybaudi (fotocopia del blocco di provenienza).”.



<https://storage.googleapis.com/hipstamp/p/f5e7e337de7e085bc24ea8e9e9262b4c.jpg>: “1924 Alula Somalia Postcard Cover to Florence Italy”. Postmarks Alula, 1924.

2.28 1924: Express letters with Colonie Italiane Poste Somalia: Espresso

S Espressi 3-4: 30b and 60b; Y-E 3-4; M63-64

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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2233.jpg>: “ESPRESSI 1924 - 30 b. e 60 b., prove d'archivio (P3/P4), non dentellate, senza gomma come sempre, perfette”. (Ferrario).



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/QmwAAOSwZVIXulrs/s-l1600.jpg>. Postmark Esperimento Autoposta Mogadiscio – Bender Cassim.

2.29 1924: Mandate stamps: ‘Somalia Italiana’ and ‘besa’ on Italian mandate stamps

S Segnatasse per Vaglia: 1-6 with varieties: 10b : 20c; 20b : 40c; 40b : 50c; 80b : 1L; 1r : 2L; 3r : 3L; Y-M 1-6; M-PA 1-6.

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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2257.jpg>: "SEGNATASSE VAGLIA 1924 - Soprastampati in moneta somala (1/6), gomma integra, perfetti. Molto freschi" (Ferrario).



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09087/E20570/2057000186.jpg>: "Italian Somaliland Postal Order Stamps; 1925, segnatasse per vaglia, 40 b. su 50 c. violetto su vaglia da Baidoa il 17.12., Sass. 3" (Viennafil Auction). Postmark Ischia-Baidoa, 1925.





<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/SmwAAOSwUK9eyEDT/s-l1600.jpg>, and
<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/ob8AAOSweh5eyEDW/s-l1600.jpg> . Postmark Mogadiscio and (Ischia) Baidoa, 1925.



<https://www.collitshop.com/WebRoot/StoreIT5/Shops/131256/5859/0FD9/969F/7FF6/EB85/0A0A/B010/C6E7/1023.jpg>. Postmark Brava, 1926



<https://www.asteap.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/205A-600x644.jpg> Postmark Mogadiscio, 1926.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09087/E20570/2057000181.jpg>: "1926, segnataste per vaglia, 20 b. su 40 c. verde su vaglia da Brava il 12.4., Sass. 2". (66th Viennafil Auction). Postmark Brava.

2.30 1925: Italian stamps (Ano Santo) with overprint 'Somalia Italiana' and 'besa'

S 61-66: 6b + 3b : 20c + 10c; 13b + 6b : 30c + 15c; 15b + 8b : 50c + 25c; 18b + 9b : 60c + 30c;
 30b + 15b : 1L + 50c; 1r + 50c : 5L + 2.50L (with varieties); Y61-66; M65-70.

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2.31 1925-'26: Italian stamps (King's Jubilee) with overprint 'Somalia Italiana'

S67-69 (perf. 11) and S70-72 (perf. 13 ½): 60c, 1L, 1.25L. (with varieties); Y67-69, with two types of perforations (13 ½ and 11); M71-73.

“Royal Jubilee, 1925-6. The stamps of Italy commemorating the King's Jubilee in 1925 come with two perforations, Perf. 11 and Perf. 13½., and have three values: 60c and 1 lire issued in 1925, and 1.25 lire in 1926.

They were also issued with overprints for Cirenaica, Tripolitania, Eritrea, Oltre Giuba (Jubaland) and Somalia, but not all of the 6 types were overprinted for all countries, and indeed some combinations are very rare indeed.

A list of the known colonial varieties is as follows:

- Perf 11
 - 60c: Cirenaica, Tripolitania, Eritrea, Oltre Giuba, Somalia (scarce)
 - 1 lire: Cirenaica, Tripolitania, Eritrea, Oltre Giuba, Somalia
 - 1.25 lire: Cirenaica, Tripolitania (rare), Eritrea, Oltre Giuba, Somalia (rare)
- Perf 13½
 - 60c: Eritrea, Oltre Giuba (rare), Somalia
 - 1 lire: Tripolitania, Eritrea (rare), Oltre Giuba (scarce), Somalia
 - 1.25 lire: Cirenaica (scarce), Tripolitania, Eritrea, Oltre Giuba, Somalia

Those indicated as rare are valued at over a thousand euro, mint or used”.

<http://www.italianstamps.co.uk/colonies/somalia/index.html>

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<http://www.italianstamps.co.uk/colonies/somalia/s67.jpg>: "Somalia Perf 11. Sassone 67".

<http://www.italianstamps.co.uk/colonies/somalia/s70.jpg>: "Somalia Perf 13½. Sassone 70".



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2197.jpg>: "1925 - 1 lira Giubileo, dent. 13 1/2, non dentellato in basso, in coppia con il normale (71b,71), bordo di foglio, gomma originale integra, perfetta. Splendida!" (Ferrario).



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09224/E00127/0012700770c.jpg> (68th Röllli Auction). Postmark Mogadiscio, 1926.

2.32 1926: Stamps of 1903 with overprints C.

S 73-80: 2c : 1b; 5c : 2b; 10c : 1a; 15c : 2a; 20c: 2a; 25c : 2 ½ a; 50c : 5a.; 1L:10a; Y70-77; M74-81.

Sixth Overprinted Issue, March 1926. In 1925 the decision was made to go back to Italian currency. This time all reference to the old currency was obliterated with bars.

<http://www.italianstamps.co.uk/colonies/somalia/index.html>

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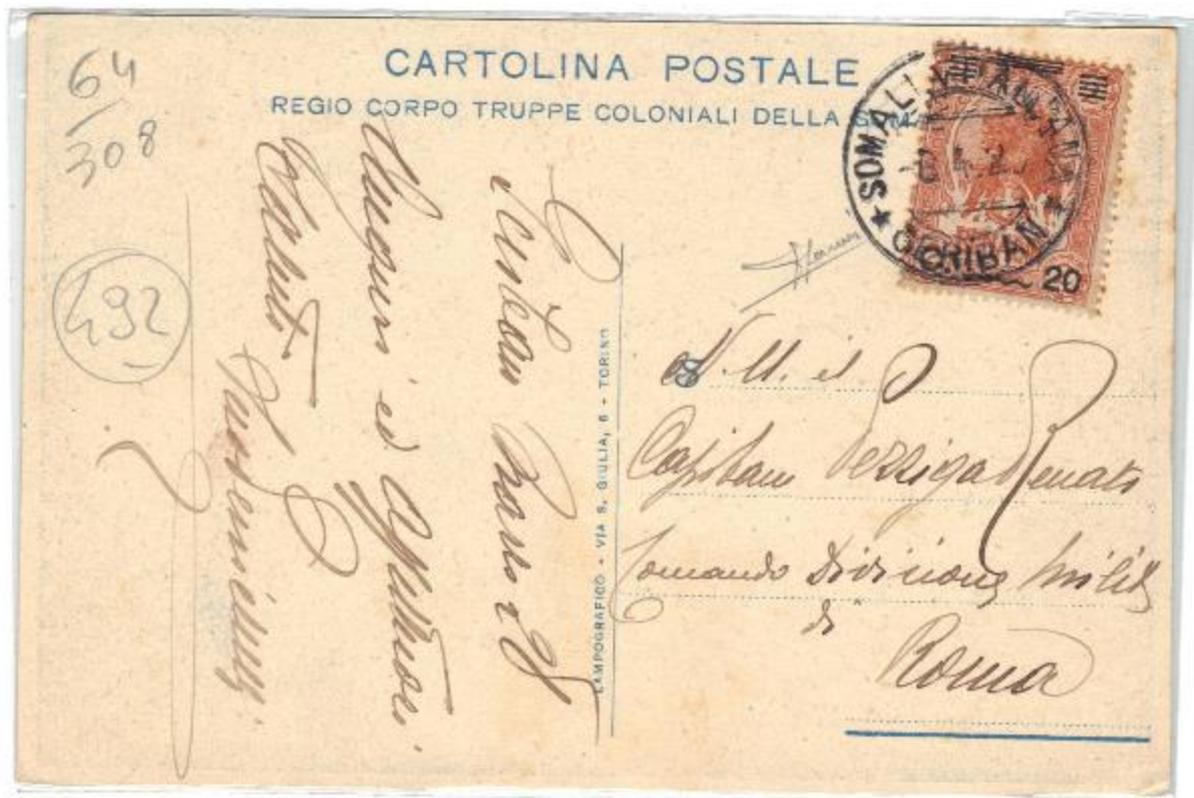
<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09476/S1/318.jpg>



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2199.jpg>: “1926 - 50 cent. su 5 a. giallo arancio, Leoni, solo sbarrette in soprastampa (79e), nuovo, gomma originale integra, perfetto. Splendido e molto raro.” (Ferrario).



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/M54AAOSwMAhgFYoX/s-l225.jpg>. Postmark Afmadu, year?



<http://imageshack.us/a/img541/807/geribansomaliasani.jpg>. Postmark Geriban, 1928?



<http://imageshack.us/a/img715/6940/candalasomaliainenti.jpg> Postmark Candala, 1927





<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A00004/S265/6615.jpg>: "Italian Colonies - Somalia 1927 (May 13): Envelope from Dugiuma to Candala, bearing 1926 Elephant & Lion definitives 10 c. on 1 a. carmine and 50 c. on 5 a. yellow-orange, tied by clear SOMALIA ITALIANA despatch cds with information strike alongside. Reverse with analogue arrival cds (June 15). Interesting and fresh item, paying correctly the 60 c. inland rate" (Corinphila).



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. Postmark Mogadiscio, 1927.



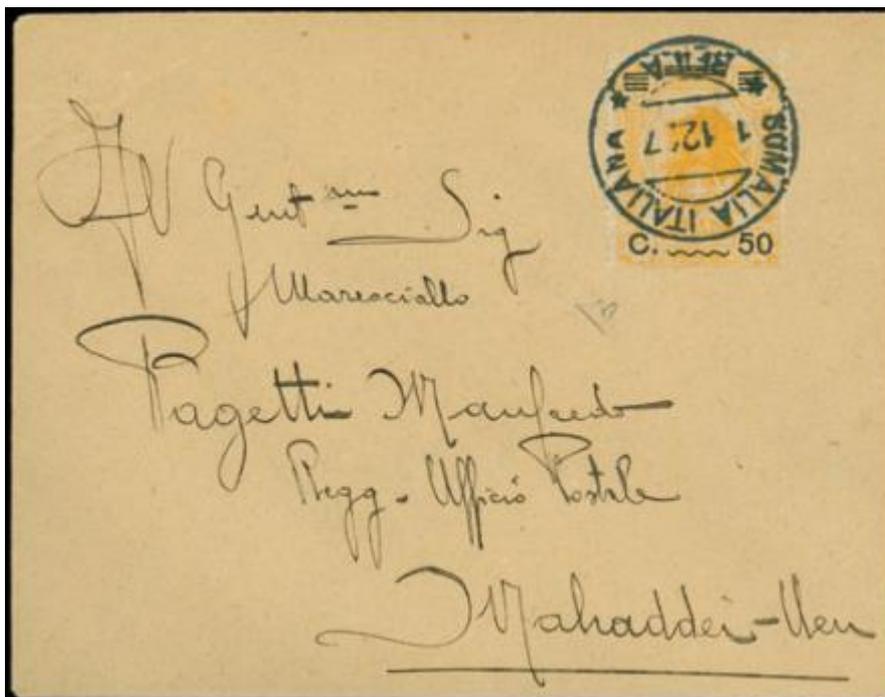
<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=2078>. Postmark Alula, 1927. Also postal use of a fiscal stamp.



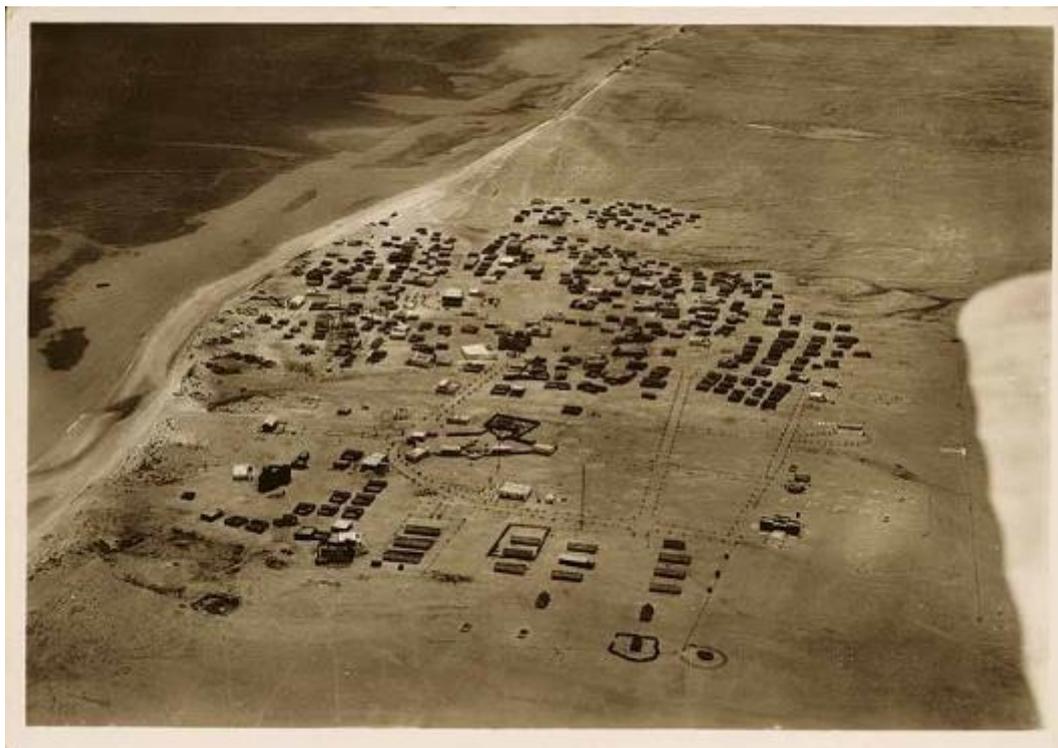
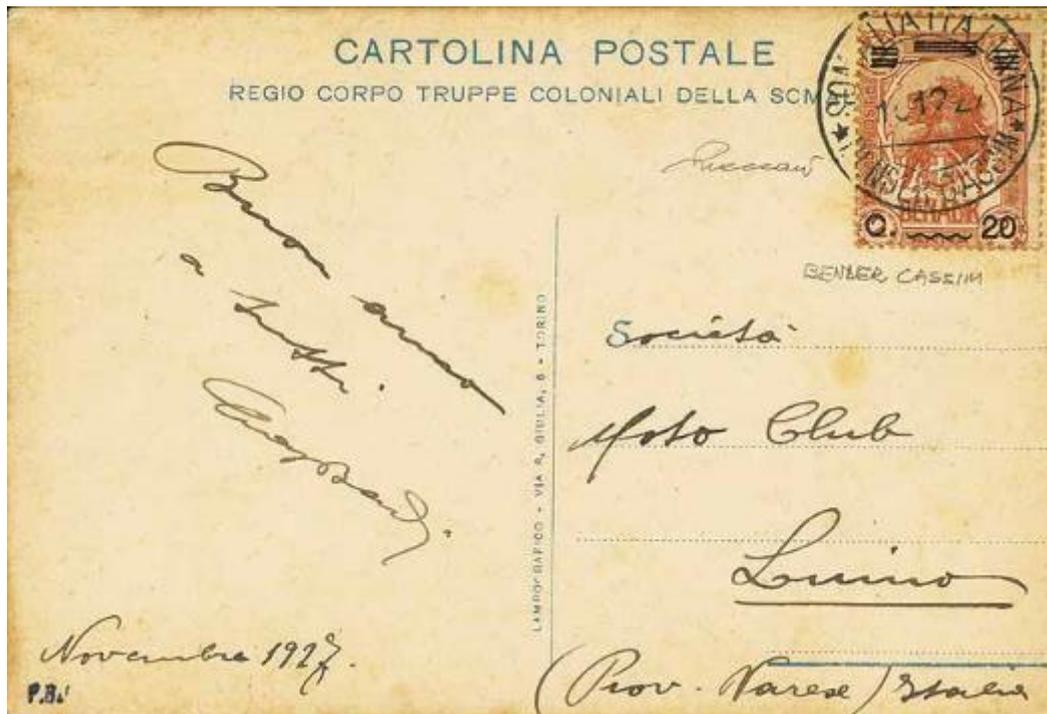
<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09087/E20586/2058600508.jpg>: "...Soprastampati, raccomandata da Mogadiscio 10.2.1927 per Milano affrancata con Sass. 14 + 15 + 16, annullo d' arrivo". (65th Viennafil Auction). Postmark Mogadiscio, 1927.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=9663&t=1>. Postmark Brava, 1927.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=1834>. Postmark Beila, 1927. Also see: <http://forum.aicpm.net/viewtopic.php?f=21&t=2541>



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=20639&sid=be99ed0775bc04b35830e1cd009908e2>,

and

<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=20640&sid=be99ed0775bc04b35830e1cd009908e2>:

“... strada di Mogadiscio con Bender Cassim. Il lotto comprende una cartolina del dicembre 1927 con l'annullo di Bender Cassim: la localita' entro' stabilmente sotto il controllo italiano solo alla fine

dell'ottobre 1925; l'ufficio postale venne aperto nel gennaio 1927 ma i timbri necessari arrivarono solo in ottobre. La cartolina (che e' intestata al Regio Corpo Truppe coloniali della Somalia) e' stata dunque spedita dopo pochi mesi dall'arrivo dei timbri nominativi dell'ufficio", and "E che cosa doveva essere allora questo "porto" ce lo mostra un altro dei pezzi inclusi nel lotto, una foto aerea di Bender Cassim". Postmark Bender Cassim, 1927.



<http://imageshack.us/a/img189/5697/botialasomaliasani.jpg>. Postmark Botiala 1927.



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. Postmark Brava, 1928.



<http://imageshack.us/a/img16/4160/callissomaliainenti.jpg>. Postmark Callis, 1928?.



<http://imageshack.us/a/img252/163/budbudsomaliasani.jpg>. Postmark Bud-Bud, 1928



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=6388&t=1>: "...una lettera del 31 Gennaio 1928 da DUGIUMA (Somalia Italiana) per Torino affrancata con una coppia orizzontale C.25 su 2 1/2 ANNA azzurro, purtroppo l'annullo è impresso in maniera leggera, comunque si tratta di un annullo non comune...". Postmark Dugiuma, 1928.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=20671&sid=be99ed0775bc04b35830e1cd009908e2>

Postmark Bender Cassim, 1929.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=254>. Postmark Bargal, 1929.

2.33 1926: : Italian stamps (Saint Francis of Assisi) with overprint 'Somalia Italiana', and 'Somalia'

S81-85: 20c, 40c, 60c, 1.25L, 5L + 2.50L. (with variety); Y78-82; M82-86.

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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2200.jpg>: "1926 - 5 + 2,50 lire San Francesco, non dentellato in alto (85a), usato, perfetto. Raro" (Ferrario).

2.34 1926: Italian Colonial Institute

S86-91: 5c + 5c; 10c + 5c; 20c + 5c; 40c + 5c; 60c + 5c; 1L + 5c. (with varieties); Y83-88; M87-92

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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2201.jpg>: “1926 - Istituto Coloniale, prove d'archivio non dentellate (P86/P91), bordo di foglio, senza gomma, perfette. Belle!” (Ferrario).



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2202.jpg>: “1926 - 60 cent. Istituto Coloniale, prova d'archivio con dentellatura al centro (P90, nota), bordo di foglio, senza gomma, perfetta. Bella!” (Ferrario).



https://www.picclickimg.com/d/l400/pict/373645022847_/1929-09-Dic-Somalia-C10-Leoni-C.jpg.
Postcard with postmark Mogadiscio, 1929.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/yJsAAOSwLbJdJw8c/s-l1600.jpg>. Letter to Italy, with postmark
Bender Cassim, 1936.

2.35 1926: Postage Due, 'Somalia Italiana' overprint on Italian postage due stamps of 1870-1894 (on top).

S Segnatasse 41-51: 5c, 10c (also inversed), 20c (also inversed), 30c (also inversed), 40c (also inversed), 50c (also inversed), , 60c (also inversed), 1L, 2L, 5L, 10L, the last four in blue, the first seven in orange (and other varieties); Y-TT 31-41; M-P 31-41.

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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09131/S3/390.jpg>: "SOMALIA - 1926 Segnatasse cifre in nero cpl. 11 val. (41/51)" (Gazzera).

Inverted overprints



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09428/S210528/447.jpg>: "COLONIE - SOMALIA - Segnatasse - 1926 - Segnatasse (42a/47a) - soprastampe e cifre capovolte - serie completa - gomma integra". (Srl Auction Gallery).



20c Inverted: <https://live.ferrarioaste.com/pics/imgSmall/1/2703.jpg>

60c inverted: <https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/1DgAAOSw6WleCi5D/s-l300.jpg>



<https://i.ebayimg.com/thumbs/images/g/re4AAOSw~vpaPoB~/s-l300.jpg> Inverted overprint, used, with Postmark Giumbo, 1925.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/X1MAAOSwBfhh127v/s-l500.jpg> Postmark Gelib Giuba, 1930.

2.36 1926: Mandate stamps: 'Somalia Italiana' on Italian mandate stamps

S Segnatasse per vaglia 7-12: 20c, 40c, 50c, 1L, 2L, 3L., with variety; Y-M 7-12; M-PA 7-12.

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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09428/S2106/495.jpg>: "Colonie - Somalia - Segnatasse per Vaglia - 1926 - Soprastampati (7/12) - serie completa - 6 valori - gomma integra". (Srl Auction Gallery).

2.37 1926-'27 (and 1940): Express letters, overprints on 1924 issue

S Espresi 5-6 (1926: 70c: 30b and 2.50L : 60b; with varieties) and 7 (1927, 1.25L : 30b, perf 11, with many varieties), as well as 8 (1940: 1.25 : 30b, perf. 14, with varieties); Y-E 5-7: 70c : 30b; 1.25L : 30b (in two types of perforations); 2.50L : 60b.; M106-107, and M115 A and C.

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1926:



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1927 (perf. 11)



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1940 (Perf. 14)



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Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 36, including postmarks Mogadiscio and Bender Cassim.

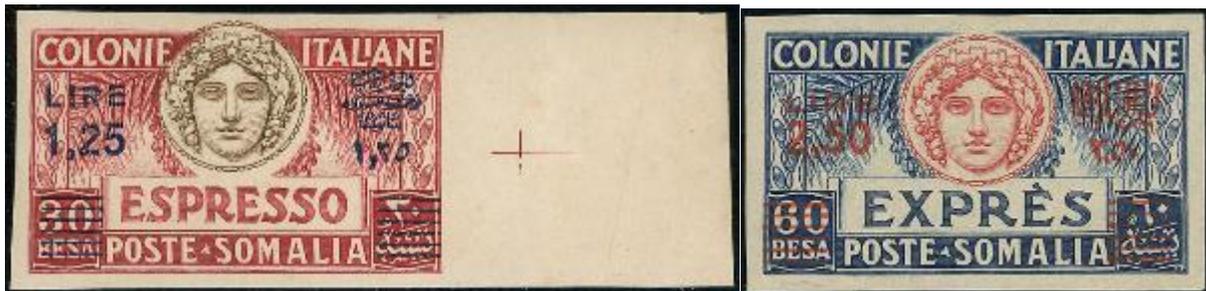
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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09087/E21107/2110700158.jpg>: "1927, Espresso 1,25 su 30 b in coppia orizzontale non dentellata al centro e a destra, Sass 7e". (66th Viennafil Auction).



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/75YAAOSwY-NeH7Kj/s-l1600.jpg> 1926 issue, 2.50 lire on 60b. Sassone (express) 6. <http://www.italianstamps.co.uk/colonies/somalia/index.html> , with postmark.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2236.jpg>: "ESPRESSI 1927 - 1,25 lire su 30 b., non dentellato (7a), bordo di foglio, gomma originale integra, perfetto. Splendido!" (Ferrario).

<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2234.jpg>: "ESPRESSI 1926 - 2,50 lire su 60 b. azzurro e rosso, non dentellato (6c), nuovo, gomma originale integra, perfetto. Molto fresco e raro". (Ferrario).



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2238.jpg>: "ESPRESSI 1927 - 1,25 lire su 30 b., dent. 11, coppia orizzontale, il primo esemplare con dentellatura sinistra fortemente spostata a destra, il secondo non dentellato a destra (7fa,7d), bordo di foglio, gomma integra, perfetta" (Ferrario).



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=20641&sid=be99ed0775bc04b35830e1cd009908e2>:

"L'ancoraggio venne evidentemente migliorato e venne sperimentato nel 1929 il collegamento "autopostale": i timbri relativi sono testimoniati nel lotto da questa cartolina postale". Postmark Mogadiscio, 1929 and 'Esperimento Autostrada Mogadsicio Bender Cassim'. Stationery with additional express stamp.

2.38 1926-'30: Italian stamps (1901-1925) with overprint 'Somalia Italiana'

S 92-104: 2c, 5c, 10c, 20c, 25c, 30c (nr 96A), 60c, 75c, 1L, 1.25L, 2L, 2.50L, 5L, 10L. (with varieties); Y89-101; M93-105, and 142.

1926 Definitive Set. Starting in July 1926, Italian Somalia had a set of the standard Italian definitives issued with the overprint Italian Somalia in small capital letters (the change to Italian currency had taken place the previous year). The key stamp of the mint set is the 75 centesimi. <http://www.italianstamps.co.uk/colonies/somalia/index.html>

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Collection Vincent Prange Italian Somaliland, p. 16 central part.



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Overprinted stamps of Italy (1926-1931)

The need for high values or values not covered by the series "Elephant and Lion" led to the decision to overprint Italian definitive stamps. Ironically, a few months after the issuance of the series commemorating the 25-year reign of Victor Emmanuel III, the choice fell on the series issued on the occasion of his accession to the throne!

Luglio 1926 – Stamps of 1901 (Fioreale) overprinted **SOMALIA ITALIANA**



The new rates established by R.D.L. August 20, 1926 n. 1433 and the gradual exhaustion of stocks of previous stamps necessitated the issuance of more overprinted Italian ordinary values.

February 1927 – Stamps of 1901 (Fioreale), 1906 (Leoni) e 1926 (Michetti) overprinted **SOMALIA ITALIANA**





2c: <https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2205.jpg>: “1927 - 2 cent. Floreale, soprastampa ripetuta sul bordo di foglio (92da), gomma originale integra, linguella sul bordo, perfetto. Raro” (Ferrario).

75c: <https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09087/E21107/2110700154.jpg>: “1926, 75 c coppia orizzontale di cui uno senza soprastampa, firmato G.Bolaffi, Sass 98d”. (66th Viennafil Auction).



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=8899&sid=c812b9d38f1a0a0f84187849315f8e8e>: “A. Besse era un rappresentante di commercio (uno dei suoi clienti principali era la società petrolifera Shell), con sede principale ad Aden e una filiale in Somalia aperta almeno dal 1927. Non credo fosse italiano”. Postmark Mogadiscio, 1927.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=2395&t=1>. See the long explanation/discussion.
Letter to Mogadiscio. Postmark Eil, 1927. And written R: Callis.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2206.jpg>: "1928 - 5 e 10 cent. Leoni, coppia (93/94), evidenti tracce di colla, su cartolina illustrata da Addegie 24/7/1928, indirizzata in Cecoslovacchia ma probabilmente non viaggiata. Raro annullo!" (Ferrario). Postmark Addegie, 1928.



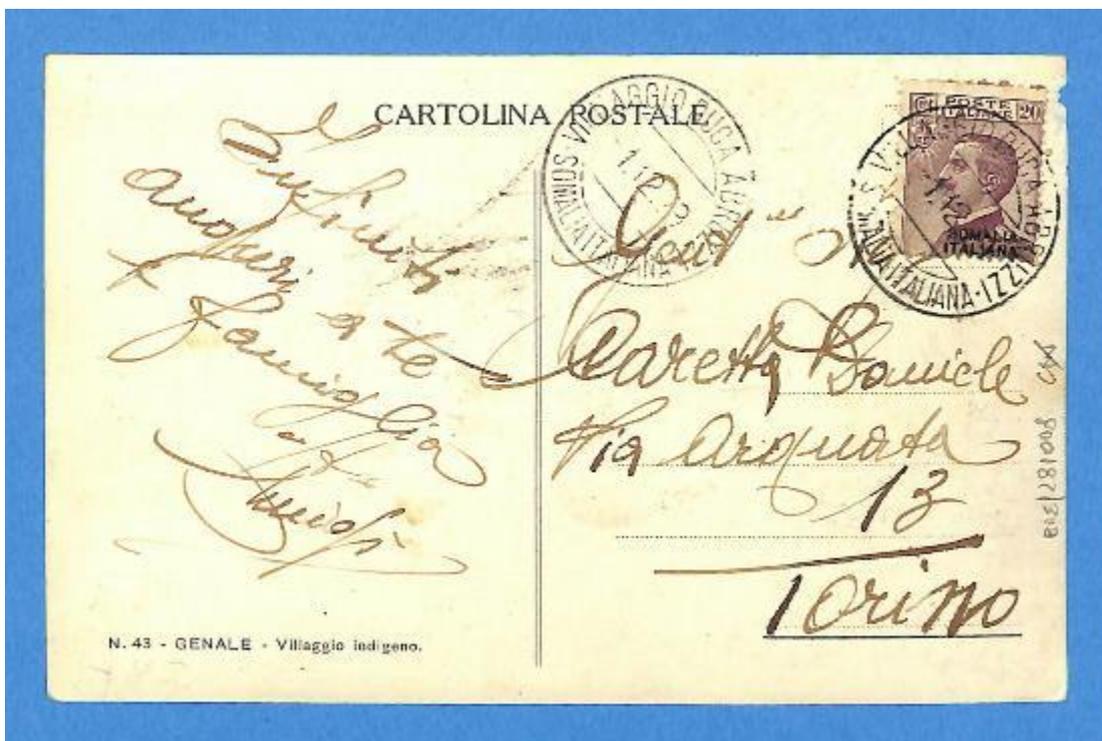
<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=1835&t=1>. Postmark Beila, 1928.



<http://imageshack.us/a/img688/852/bargalsomaliasani.jpg>. Postmark Bargal, 1928.



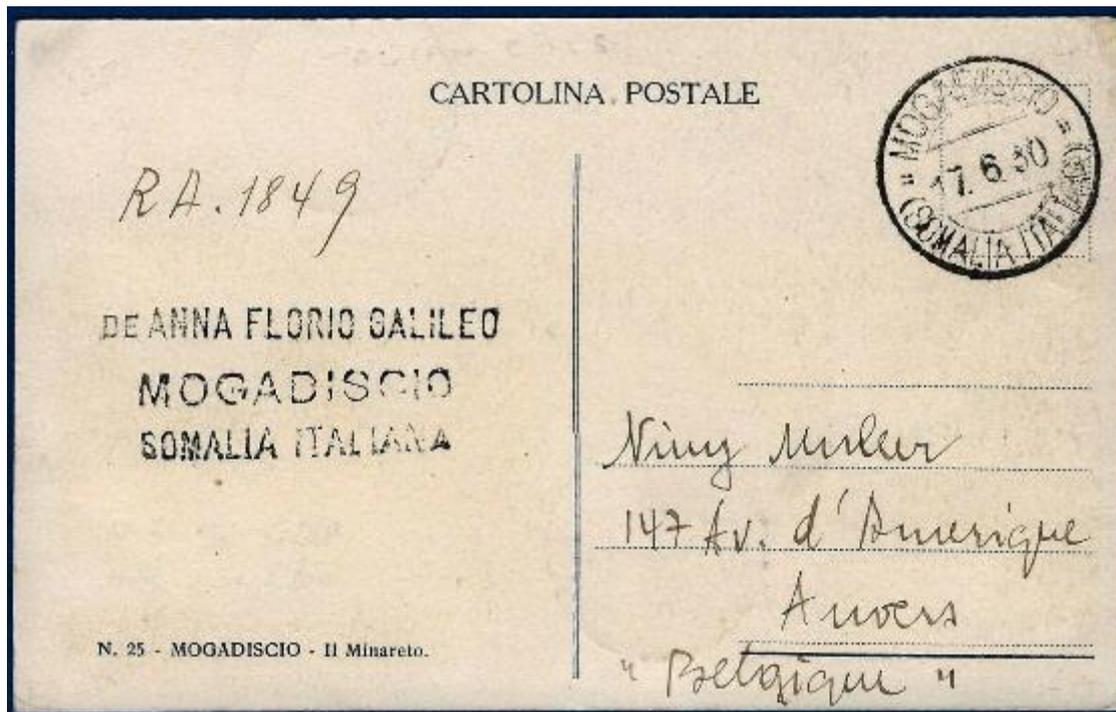
<https://assets.catawiki.nl/assets/2018/12/14/f/5/4/f540df4a-de32-4a4c-b67a-066702c049e4.jpg>:
"Italia - colonie (questioni generali) 1928 - Francobolli di Somalia e Oltre Giuba su lettera filatelica
viaggiata da Mogadiscio a Interlaken – Sassone". Postmark Mogadiscio, 1928.





<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/VNgAAOSwoXZeWSP8/s-11600.jpg>: "VILLAGGIO DUCA ABRUZZI / (SOMALIA ITALIANA) guller su SOMALIA". Postmark Villaggio Duca Abruzzi, 1929.





https://www.picclickimg.com/d/w1600/pict/392273592237_/1930-Somalia-Cartolina-da-Mogadiscio-con.jpg. Postmark Mogadiscio, 1930.



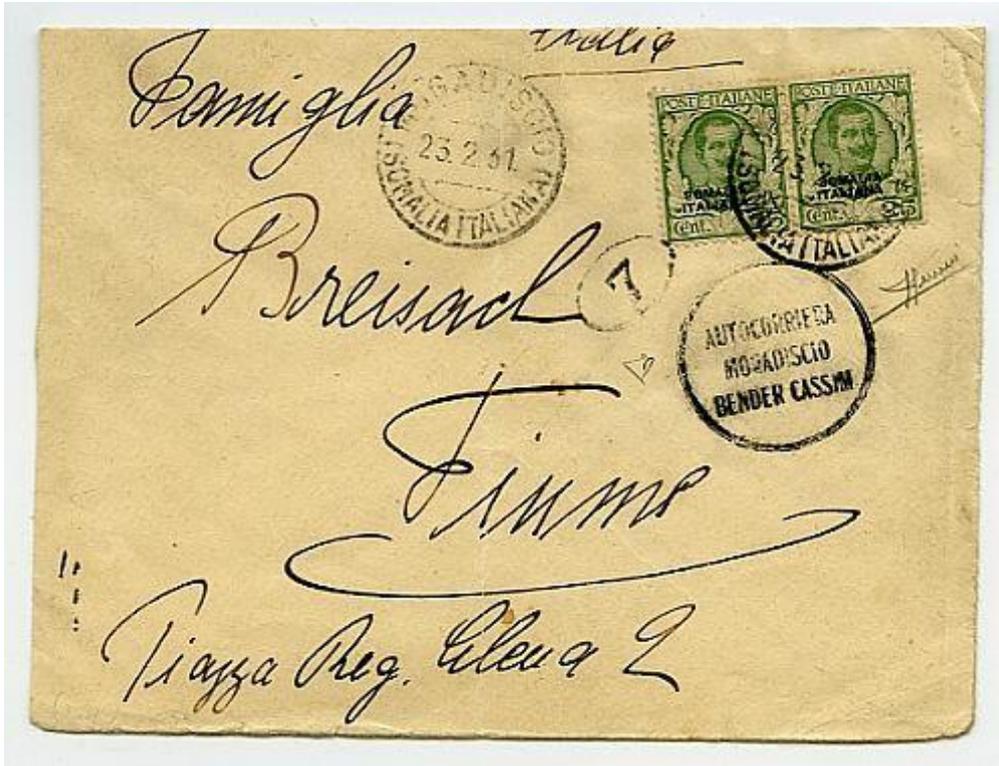
https://www.picclickimg.com/d/l400/pict/392273592237_/1930-Somalia-Cartolina-da-Mogadiscio-con.jpg. Postmark Mogadiscio, 1930.



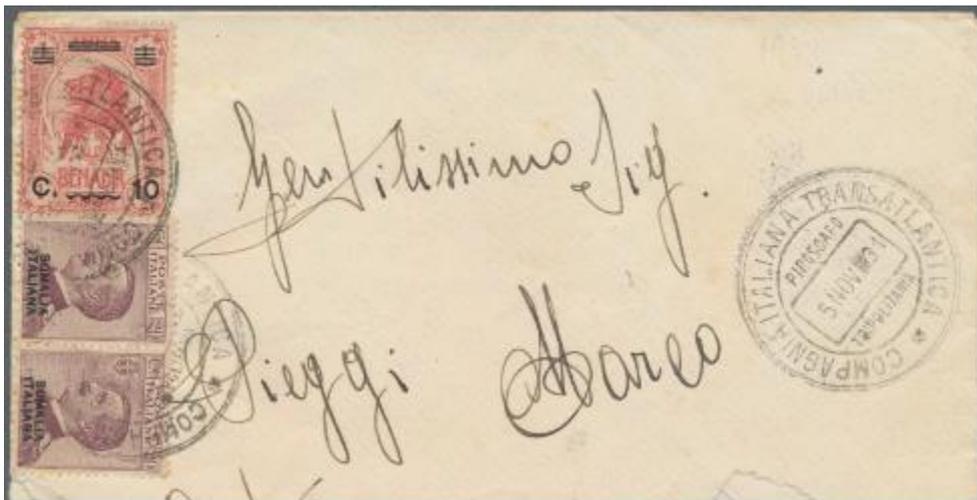
<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2207.jpg>: "1930 - 10 cent. Leoni, 25 cent., quattro esemplari, 1,25 lire Floreale (94,96,100), perfetti, su busta raccomandata da Mogadiscio 4/7/1930 ad Alessandria" (Ferrario). Postmark Mogadiscio, 1930.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/QPkAAOSwF8la8Jq-/s-11600.jpg>. Postmark Autocorriera Mogadiscio Bender Cassim, 1930.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09475/S12/1949.jpg>: "Floreale 25 c., 2 es. (96) su busta da Mogadiscio 23.2.31 a Fiume con bollo circolare "Autocorriera Mogadiscio - Bender Cassim" su fronte. Sor. ED". Postmarks Autocorriera Mogadiscio Bender Cassim, 1931.

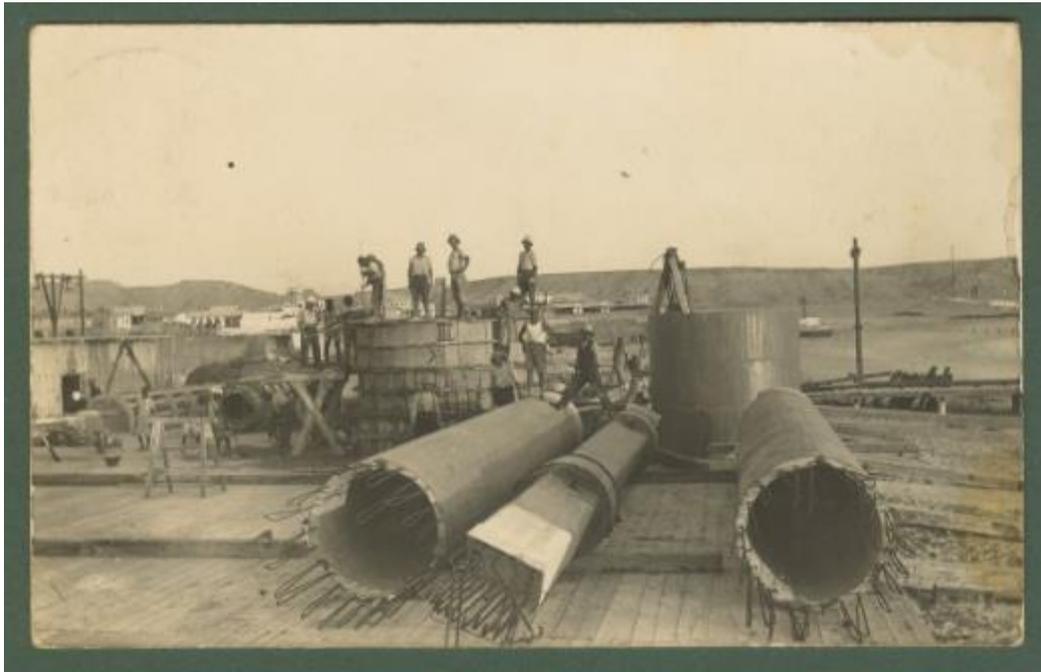


<http://pictures.auktionen-gaertner.de/auction/6362/896362-000000.jpg>. Postmark Compagnia Italiana Transatlantico (5 Nov. 1931).



<https://storage.googleapis.com/hipstamp/p/de903b0f12e18218ab96c64df581a195-800.jpg>
Postmark Hafun, year unclear.





https://www.lacasadelcollezionista.it/website/data/fotocorrelate/vetrina/06/0003268_img0.jpg : “
Colonie. SOMALIA. Cartolina illustrata del 1930 da HAFUN - SOMALIA ITALIANA. Affrancata con cent.
20 violetto xsoprastampato (Sassone n. 95). Francobollo ben dentellato, buona conservazione”.
Postmark Hafun, 1930.

2.39 1926 Stationary



https://www.picclickimg.com/d/l400/pict/203339409822_/cartolina-postale-colonie-somalia-italiana-cent40-1926.jpg

2.40 1926-'31: Parcel stamps of Italy of 1914-'22 with 'Somalia Italiana' overprint in red (and some: black)

S Pacchi Postali 30-42 (in red): 5c, 10c, 20c, 25c, 50c, 1L, 2L, 3L, 4L, 10L, 12L, 15L, 20L.; 43-49 (red; non emessi): 5c, 10c, 20c, 25c, 50c, 1L, 2L., and 50-53 (black overprints): 10L, 12L, 15L, 20L.

Y-CP 25-37 with red overprint: 5c, 10c, 20c, 25c, 50c, 1L, 2L, 3L, 4L, 10L, 12L, 15L, 20L.; M25-37 (a).

Y-CP 34a-37a with black overprint: 10L, 12L, 15L, 20L.; M34b, 35b, 36b, 37b.

Y-CP 37A-G with red, old (1920) overprint : 5c, 10c, 20c, 25c, 50c, 1L, 2L.; M-

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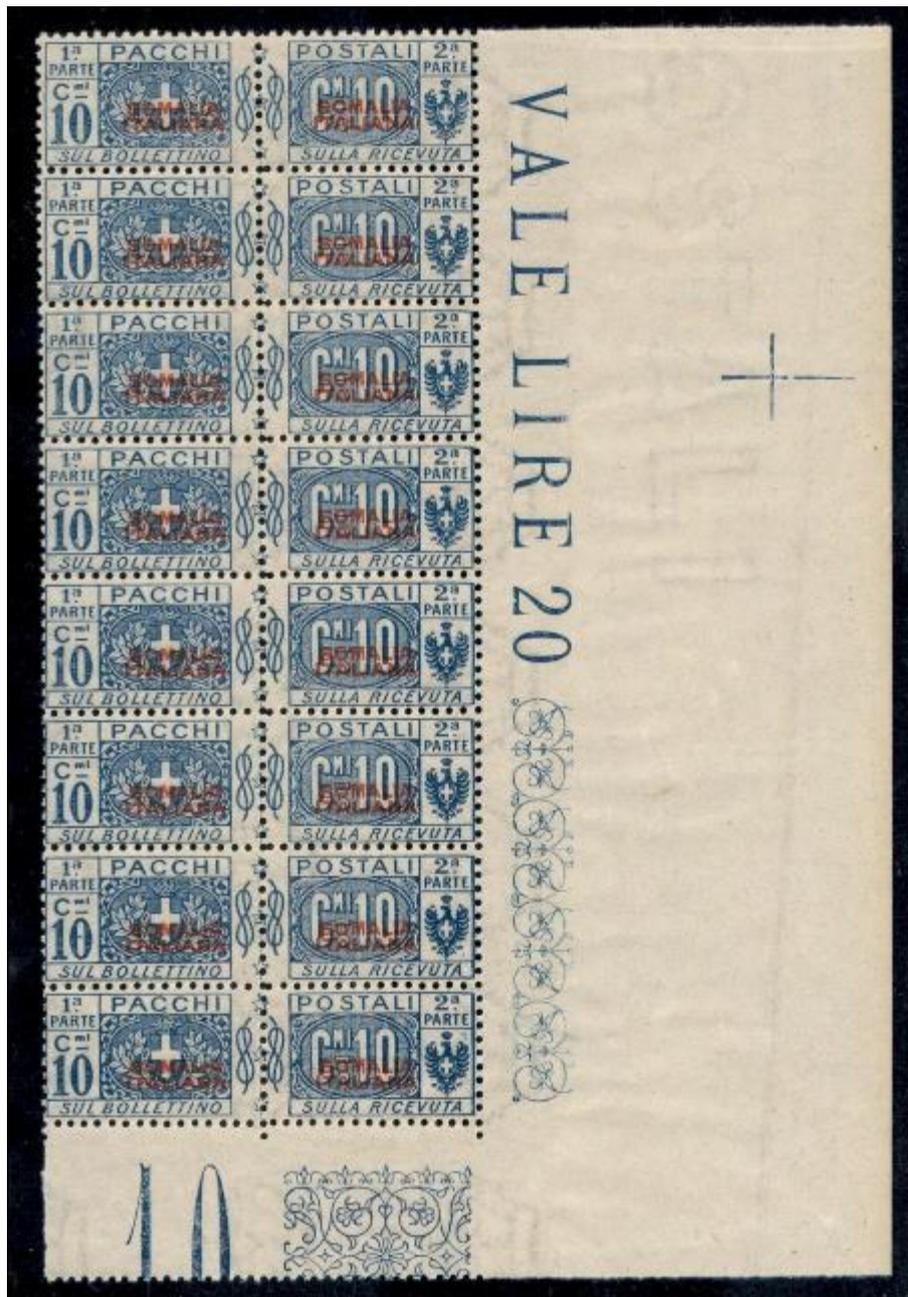


Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland; p. 41: nrs S 43-49 and 50-53. On top: postmark Callis.

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5c: <https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09097/E42015/4201501684.jpg>: “1930, 5 C. braun, mit rotem Aufdruck des Landesnamen, postfrischer senkr. 6er-Streifen, unten mit anhängendem Zwischensteg, tadellose Qualität” (Schlegel).



10c: <https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09428/S210528/445.jpg>: "COLONIE - SOMALIA - Pacchi postali - 1926/1931 - Blocco di otto del 10 cent (44) Non Emesso - angolo di foglio - gomma integra". (Srl Auction Gallery).



50c: <https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09428/S2106/492.jpg>: “Colonie - Somalia - Pacchi Postali - 1926 - Soprastampa in alto - 50 cent (47a) - coppia verticale con doppia soprastampa (una in albino) - gomma integra”. (Srl Auction Gallery).



2L: <https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09528/S20210614/1314.jpg> (Toselli).



10L and 12L: <https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09081/S50/8119b.jpg>



15L and 20L: <https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09081/S50/8119.jpg>: “1930/1931, Italy parcel stamps part set of four 10l. lilac to 20l. brownish violet with red overprint 'SOMALIA ITALIANA' in blocks of eight from upper or lower margins, mint never hinged and very scarce!” (Christoph Gärtner).



<https://www.filsam.com/immagini/foto/37-2853-1.jpg>. Postmark Mahadei Uen , 21 7 1928.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09475/S12/2296.jpg>: "P 19, 2,50 l. Parmeggiani - Somalia Italiana - da Obbia 6.5.29 a Mogadiscio con sezioni di pacchi p. 1 l., 2 es. + 3 l. (35+37). Bello e raro". (filSam). Postmark Obbia, 6.5.1929.

2.41 1927: Italian stamps (Previdenza) with overprint 'Somalia Italiana'

S 105-108: 40c + 20c; 60c + 30c; 1.25L + 60c; 5L + 2.50L.(with varieties), and 107A-108A: 1.25L + 60c and 5L + 2.50 L. non emesis); Y102-105; M108-111.

National Defence (Milizia) Issues. In 1927, 1929 and 1930 there were three successive issues of what are known as the Milizia sets. The Colonies had some of the stamps printed in different colours to those of Italy before being overprinted. In all cases the third set is the most scarce, the top value scarcest, and properly used stamps from the colonies are harder to find than mint. A very few of the 1927 issue 1.25 lire and 5 lire exist with the overprint on stamps with the original Italy colours.

<http://www.italianstamps.co.uk/colonies/somalia/index.html>

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Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 17 upper part



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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2209.jpg>: "1927 - 5 + 2,50 lire azzurro e nero Milizia I, non emesso (108A), gomma originale, leggera traccia di linguella, perfetto e molto fresco" (Ferrario). This is Sassone 108A (non emessi).



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09352/S82/12075.jpg>: “1927 First National Defence set of 4, very fine used”. (82d UPA Auction). Sassone 107. With postmark.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2208.jpg>: “1927 - 1,25 lire + 60 cent. ardesia e nero Milizia I, doppia soprastampa (107a), bordo di foglio, gomma originale integra, perfetto. Bello e raro” (Ferrario).



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09087/E21107/2110700155.jpg>: “1927, Milizia 1,25 l. doppia soprastampa in coppia col normale, Sass 107aa”. (66th Viennafil Auction).

2.42 1927: Italian stamps (Volta) with overprint ‘Somalia Italiana’

S 109-111: 20c, 50c (also double overprint), 1.25L; with many varieties; Y106-108; M112-114.

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Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 18 upper part.



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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09087/E21107/2110700156.jpg>: "1927, Volta 50 c non dentellato in alto con bordo integrale, Sass 110g". (66th Viennafil Auction).



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09087/E21107/2110700157.jpg>: "1927, Volta 50 c non dentellato verticalmente in striscia di 5 angolo di foglio, Sass 110f". (66th Viennafil Auction).



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09352/S82/12076.jpg>: "1927 Volta". (82d UPA Auction). Postmark Mahadei Uen.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/Z4oAAOSwilNeKFw7/s-l1600.jpg>. Postmark Mogadiscio, 1929.

2.42a 1927-1930 Revenue stamps used in Italian East Africa, including Somalia



<https://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/published/italian-cols-4.jpg?1611352360>:
"R21/a, R22/24. 1927-30. Previous [1923] issue surcharged in seriffed font (20c on 25c) or bold sans-serif font (others) with four bars cancelling original face value.

R21. 20c on 25c grey-black (1930)

a. Six cancelling bars

R22. 40c on 50c reddish purple

R23. 80c on 1l brown

R24. 8l on 10l lake

Notes:

1. R21a has three thick bars and three thin bars, and is known in two variants with the thick bars either above or below the thin bars.

2. Note 1 under R1/16 also applies here. Unificato lists R21/a under Eritrea and R22/24 under Somalia but without explanation”.

2.43 1928- '30: Italian stamps (1925-'26) with overprint 'Somalia Italiana'

S 116-118 (1928): 7 ½ c (also double overprint), 50c (brown and black with red overprint), 1.75L., and 139 (1930): 50c (violet with black overprint); Y109-111 and 111A; M120-122 + 143.

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The reduction of tariffs established by R.D.L. August 5, 1927 n. 1416 made necessary new values, in particular 50 cents. the new rate for ordinary mail.

1926 – Italian stamps of 1927-28 (Parmeggiani) overprinted **SOMALIA ITALIANA**



1930 – New colour for the Parmeggiani 50 cents and new value of the Michetti series overprinted **SOMALIA ITALIANA**



1931 – Stamps of the Italian "Imperiale" series overprinted **SOMALIA ITALIANA**



From 1918 to 1931, 20 commemorative series were also issued for Somalia for a total of 99 pieces, including some semi-postal stamps. For brevity, only the most significant value is shown for each series.





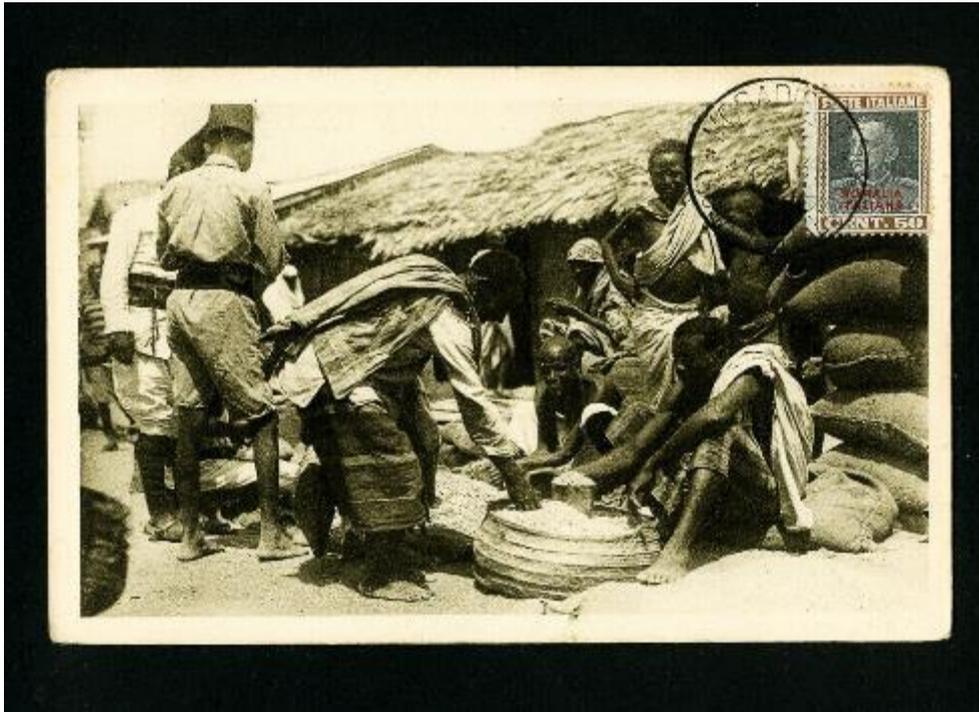
Most of these stamps was sold to collectors at the Philatelic Office in Rome, new or Canceled To Order, and had little or no use in Somalia. Used on non-philatelic mail were the Red Cross and King's Jubilee series, the low values of March on Rome and St. Francis series, the Volta and Prince Umberto Wedding series, the low values of Colonial Agricultural Institute and Saint Anthony series.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2211.jpg>: “1928 - 7 1/2 cent. Parmeggiani, doppia soprastampa di cui una fortemente spostata a sinistra (116aa), gomma originale, impercettibile traccia di linguella, perfetto” (Ferrario).



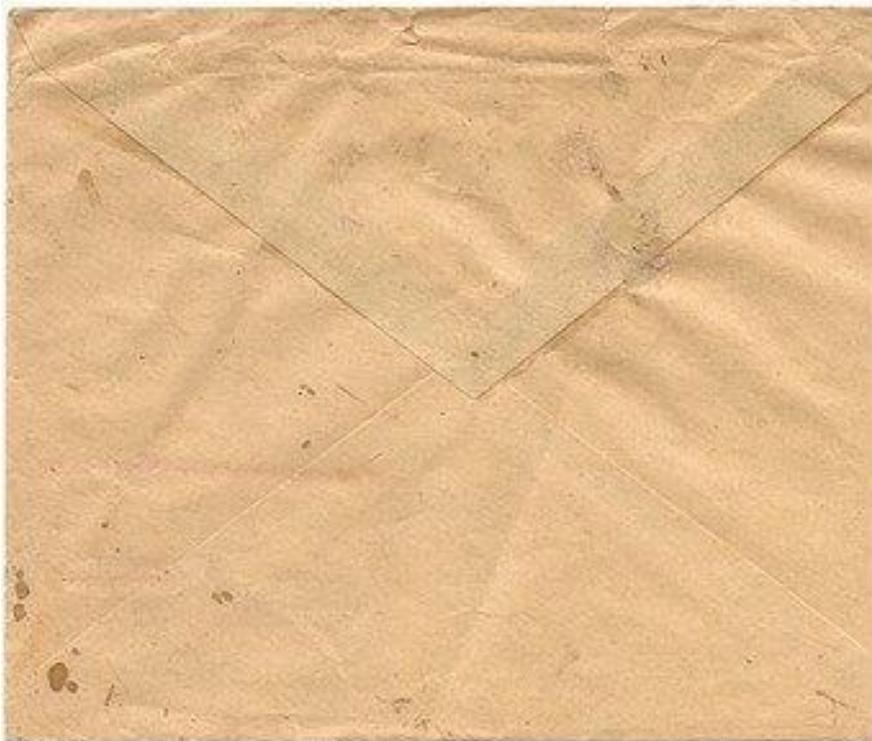
https://www.cibafil.com/62129-large_default/somalia-italiana-1930-tipo-parmeeggiani-50c-lilla-usato-su-frammento.jpg. Postmark Villaggio Duca Abruzzi, 1930.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/CVIAAOSwnO5cuNAb/s-l1600.jpg>: postcard of Mogadiscio, year unclear.



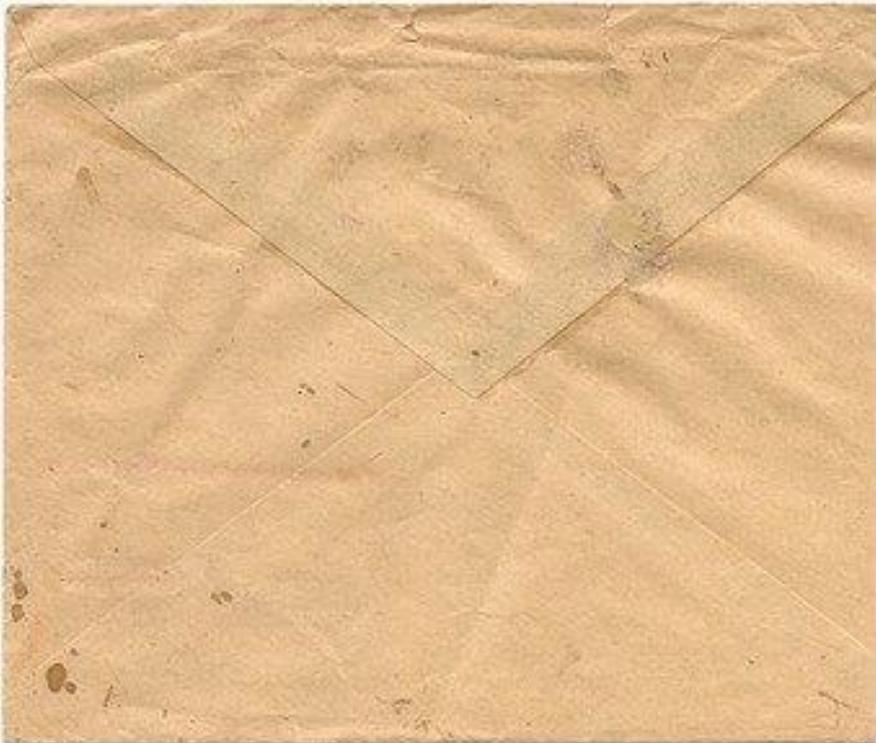
<http://imageshack.us/a/img89/9660/gallacaiosomaliasanica.jpg>. Postmark Gallacchio, 1928.



<https://www.compustamp.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/products-2-6957.jpg>. Postmark Afgoi, 1930.



<http://imageshack.us/a/img801/4008/gelibgiubasomaliasani.jpg>. Postmark Gelib Giuba, 1930.



<https://www.compustamp.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/products-2-6957.jpg>. Postmark Afgoi, 1930.



Ebay. Postmark Autoposta Mogadiscio – Bender Cassim.

2.44 1928: 40th anniversary of Italian African Society

S 112-115: 20c + 5c; 30c + 5c; 50c + 10c; 1.25L + 20c. (with varieties); Y112-115; M116-119.

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2.45 1928- '41: Italian parcel stamps of 1927- '39 with 'Somalia Italiana' overprints

S Pacchi Postali 54-71: 1926: 5c, 10c, 25c, 30c, 50c, 60c, 1L, 2L, 3L, 4L, 10L, 20L (with varieties); 1930: 3L, 4L (in red; with varieties); 1931: 25c, 1L, 2L (in black, with varieties), and 1937: 5c (in red, with varieties); Y37H (5c), 37K (10c), 38 (25c, two types of overprints), 30 (30c), 39A (50c), 40 (60c), 41 (1L, two types of overprints), 42 (2L, two types of overprints), 43 (3L, two types of overprint colours), 44 (4L, two types of overprint colours), 45 (10L), 46 (20L); M38-49, and 50-52.

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The 1931 and 1937 issues: 5c, 25c, 1L, 2L:

<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A00043/E00007/0000705639.jpg>: "Paketmarken 1928 mit Aufdruck in Type I. (rechtsbündig), dazu noch Mi.-Nr. 50., jew. sauber ungebraucht".



50c with overprint in upper part: <https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09475/S12/665.jpg>: „Pacchi p. 50 c. sopr. spostata in alto (58ca) bordo di foglio in basso. Rarità“ (filSam).



10L with overprint in upper part: <https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09087/E21107/2110700162.jpg>: "1928, Pacchi 10 L. soprastampa fortemente spostata in alto, cert. Caffaz, Sass 64ca". (66th Viennafil Auction).

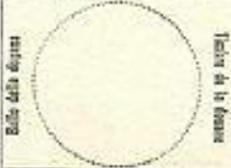


4L double overprint: <https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09087/E21157/2115700057.jpg>: "1928/41, Pacchi, 4 L. doppia soprastampa di cui una capovolta, gomma integra originale, cert.Avi, Sass.63b. (66th Viennafil Auction).

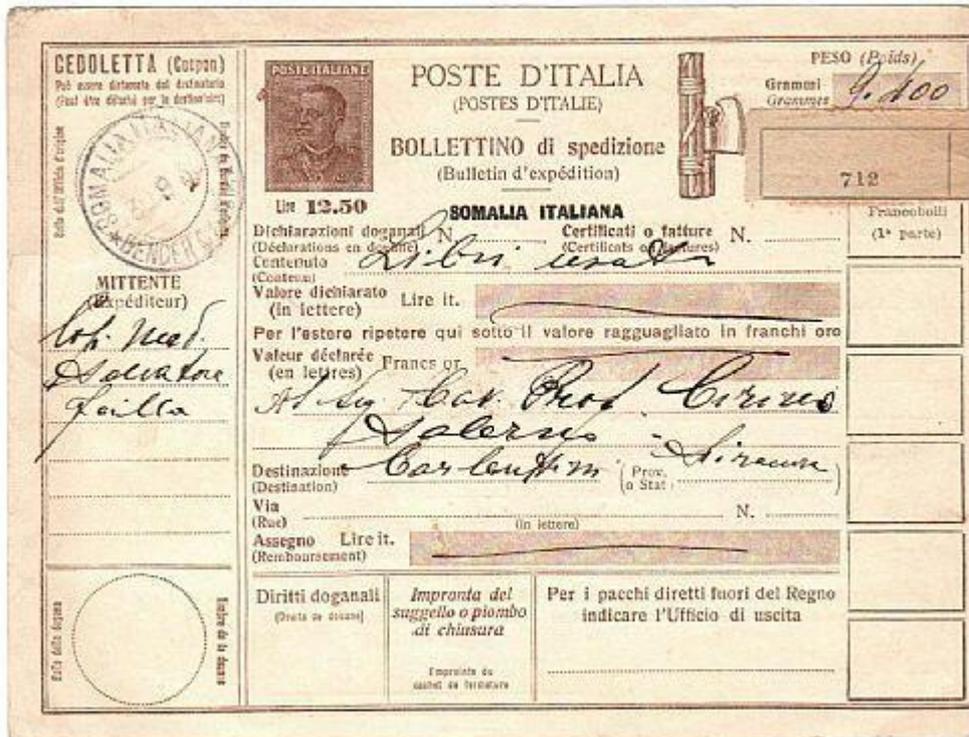


1L + 2L: <https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09352/S82/12077.jpg> (UPA Auction). Postmark Sliten, 1931 on 1 L.

Bolletino de Spedizione

CEDOLETTA (Coupon) Può essere distaccata dal destinatario (Peut être détaché par le destinataire)	POSTE ITALIANE  POSTE D'ITALIA (POSTES D'ITALIE) BOLLETTINO di spedizione (Bulletin d'expédition) Lire 2.50 SOMALIA ITALIANA	PESO (Poids) Grammi 1.000 Grammes CHISIMAIA 680	Francobolli (1 ^a parte)
MITTENTE (Expéditeur) <i>S. G. Sammarino</i> <i>Chisimaia</i>	Contenuto (Contenu) <i>due Bouteille Medicin</i> Valore dichiarato Lire it. _____ (in lettere) Per l'estero ripetere qui sotto il valore ragguagliato in franchi oro Valeur déclarée Francs or _____ (en lettres)		
	Destinazione (Destination) <i>Mogadiscio</i> <small>rov. lo Stato</small> Via (Rue) _____ N. _____ Assegno Lire it. _____ (Remboursement)		
Bollo della dogana 	Diritti doganali (Droits de douane) Impronta del suggello o piombo di chiusura Impronta da usare da fermata	Per i pacchi diretti fuori del Regno indicare l'Ufficio di uscita	

<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09475/S13/2297.jpg>: "P 19, 2,50 l. Parmeggiani - Somalia Italiana - da Chisimaio 30.4.29 a Mogadiscio. Raro" (Filatelia Sammarinese Public Auction). Postmark Chisimaio, 1930.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09475/S13/2300.jpg>: "P 22, 12,50 l. Parmeggiani - da Bender Cassim * Somalia Italiana * 30.9.30. Raro. Colla" (Filatelia Sammarinese Public Auction). Postmark Bender Cassim, 1930.

2.46 1929: Italian stamps (Previdenza) with overprint 'Somalia Italiana'

S 119-122: 30c + 10c; 50c + 20c; 1.25L + 50c; 5L + 2.50L., as well as P4-P7 (proofs, not issued): 30c + 10c, 50c + 20c, 1.25L + 50c, and 5L + 2L. (with variety); Y116-119; M123-126.

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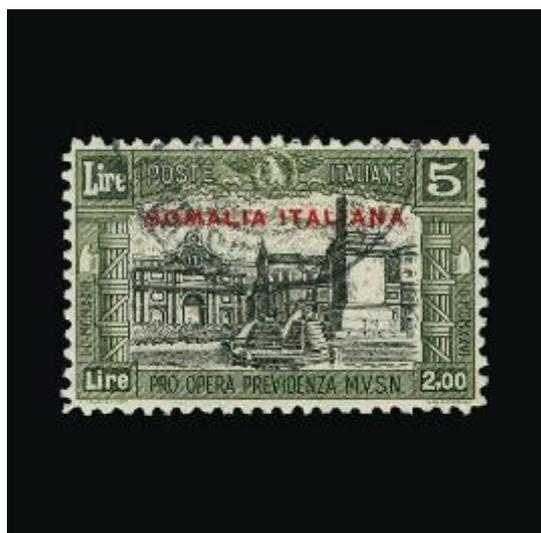


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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09087/E21123/2112300082.jpg>: "1929, Milizia II con soprastampa di saggio del tipo grande adottato per l'emissione Milizia I, serie completa di quattro valori, nuovi con gomma originale integra, tiratura 50 serie; cert. ED e timbrino A.Bolaffi (Sass. P4-P7". (66th Viennafil). These are the proofs Sassnone P4-P7.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09352/S82/12078.jpg>: "1929 2nd national Defence set of 4, superb used". (82d UPA Auction). With postmark.

2.47 1929: Italian stamps (Monte Cassino) with overprint 'Somalia Italiana'

S 123-129: 20c, 25c, 50c + 10c, 75c + 15c, 1.25L + 25c, 5L + 1L, 10L + 2L.(with some varieties);
Y120-126; M127-133.

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2.48 1930: Italian stamps (Royal wedding) with overprint 'Somalia Italiana'

S 130-132: 20c, 50c + 10c, 1.25L + 25c: Y127-129; M134-136.

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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09475/S12/1954.jpg>: "Cart. da Villaggio Duca Abruzzi (Somalia Italiana) 15.7.30 a San Pellegrino con Leone sopr. 10 c./1 a. + Nozze 20 c. (75-130)". (filSam). Postmark Villaggio Duca Abruzzi, 1930.

2.49 1930: Italian stamps (Ferrucci) with overprint 'Somalia Italiana'

S 133-137: 20c, 25c, 50c, 1.25L, 5L + 2L.; Y130-134; M137-141

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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09428/S2106/486.jpg>: "Colonie - Somalia - 1930 - Saggi - Ferrucci (133/137) - serie completa - gomma integra". (Srl Auction Gallery).

2.50 1930: Italian stamps (Previdenza) with overprint 'Somalia Italiana'

S 140-143: 30c + 10c; 50c + 10c; 1.25L + 30c; 5L + 1.50L. (with varieties); Y135-138; M144-147

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<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/y9UAAOSw5ENbrPGM/s-l1600.jpg>. Postmark Uanle Uen 2/10/1930 and arrival stamp Sddis Abeba 29 10 1930, with the complete series.

2.51 1930: Italian Agricultural Colonial Society

S144-148: 50c + 20c; 1.25L + 20c; 1.75L + 20c; 2.55L + 50c; 5L + 1L.; Y139-143; M148-152.

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2.52 1930: Italian stamps (Virgilius) with overprint 'Somalia'

S 149-157: 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 50c, 75c, 1.25L, 5L + 1.50L, 10L + 2.50L. (with variety); Y144-152; M153-161.

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2.53 1931: Italian stamps (Saint Anthony) with overprint 'Somalia'

S: 158-164: 20c, 25c, 30c, 50c, 75c, 1.25L, 5L + 2.50L (with varieties); Y153-159; M162-168.

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<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/BKgAAOSwvH5dRt9N/s-l1600.jpg>, with postmark.

<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09352/S82/12080.jpg>: "1931 St Anthony of Padua set of 7 superb used". (82d UPA Auction), with postmark.

2.54 1931 Italian stamps (1929-'30) with overprint 'Somalia Italiana'

S 165-166: 25c and 50c (with varieties); Y160-161; M169-170.

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Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 16 lower part; registered letter to Basel, Switzerland, with postmark Mogadiscio, 23.1.1932.

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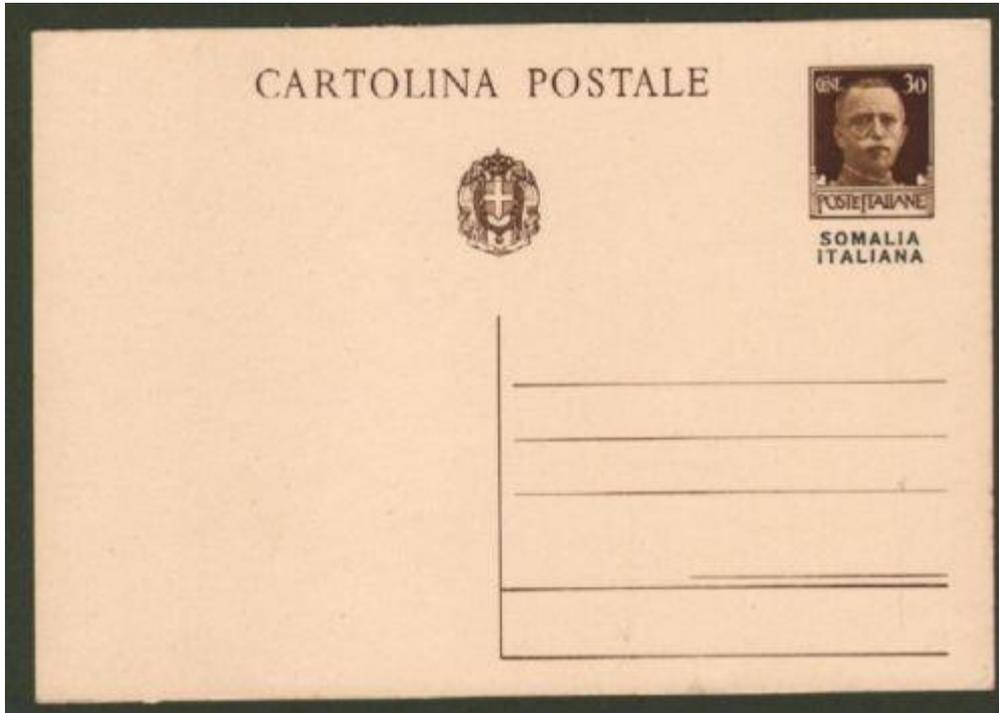


<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=7845&t=1&sid=81fab81145ff490bb8a566f837750410>
: "Lettera da Obbia 2.11.31 a Mogadiscio, affrancata con un esemplare del 50 centesimi "Imperiale" soprastampato Somalia Italiana. In questo caso il numero augurale è 8648. Anche questa non è più in mio possesso: se non ricordo male adesso è di un postino che l'ha presa per se anziché consegnarla". Postmark Obbia, 1931.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/GCkAAOSw-0xYYns-/s-1500.jpg> Letter to the USA, sent from Mogadiscio 3.2. 1931, with 2x 25c and 50c.

2.55 Stationary



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/PhgAAOSwA4dWM5AQ/s-1500.jpg>: "SOMALIA ITALIANA Cartolina postale da cent.30 bruno tipo imperiale soprastampata".

2.55a 1931: Revenue stamps used in Italian East Africa



<https://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/published/italian-cols-5.jpg?1611352746R31/48>: "R31/48. 1931. As 1923 issue but portrait of King Victor Emmanuel III facing to left of stamp. Wmk Two Crowns (sideways). Perf 14.

R31. 5c mauve

R32. 10c red-orange

R33. 20c blue

R34. 25c slate

R35. 40c black

R36. 50c reddish purple

R37. 80c greenish grey

R38. 1l brown

R39. 2l green

R40. 3l olive

R41. 4l orange

R42. 5l grey-black

R43. 8l deep blue-green

R44. 10l lake

R45. 20l brown-orange and pale greenish blue

R46. 30l deep blue and rose

R47. 40l blue and pale green

R48. 50l carmine and pale orange

Notes:

1. Note 1 under R1/16 also applies here. Unificato lists the 40c, 80c, 8l and 20l to 50l under Somalia and all the other values under Eritrea, though no explanation is given for this. Many values of the set are known used in Ethiopia, which was annexed by Italy in 1936.

2. A wide range of shades can be found on this issue. An example of R46 exists in what seems to be the colour of the 40l but this is probably a colour changeling.

3. The watermark normally has crowns pointing to right of stamp when seen from the front. The 10l, 20l and 30l are also recorded with crowns pointing to left.

4. R46 can be found overprinted B.M.A. from the British Military Administration of Tripolitania. This is listed under Libya (British Occupation). Since R31/48 are believed to have been issued only in east Africa, it is not clear how examples of R46 came to be available for the British to overprint in Libya”.

2.56 1932-'37: new series

S: 167-184 (with varieties), and second emission with other perforation 213-229 (with varieties): 5c, 7 ½ c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 50c, 75c, 1.25L, 1.75L, 2L, 2.55L, 5L, 10L, 20L, 25L; Y162-179; M171-188 (two, three or four types of perforations).

Pictorial Definitives, These were first issued in 1932 with perforation 12, and were then reissued from 1935 with perforation 14. For the second set the 2.55 lire and 20 lire values are particularly scarce, with the 20 lire being catalogued at several thousand euros. 13 of the 18 values in this set are known with mixed perforations, either 12x14 or 14x12. The 50c and 1.25 lire are known with both. <http://www.italianstamps.co.uk/colonies/somalia/index.html>

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Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 25



Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 26



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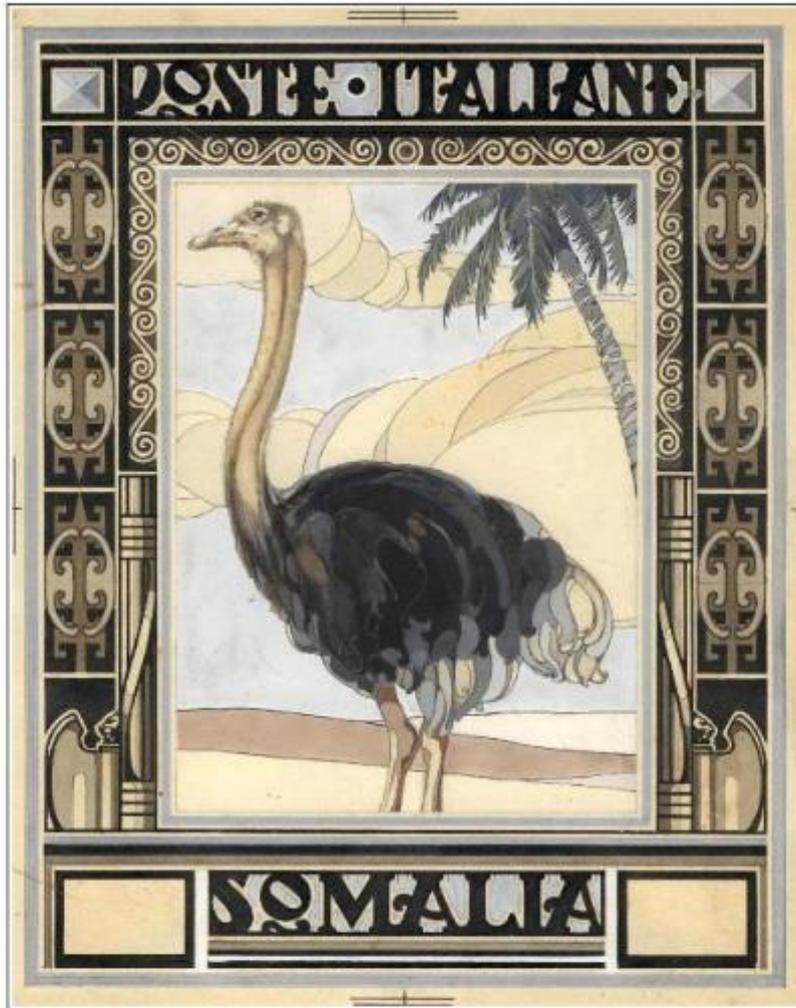
Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 47, with postcard "Somalia Ex Britannica" (1940?) and postcard to Basel, Switzerland, sent from Chisimaio 2.11.1935.

B Additional illustrations



The first issue of the definitive "Pittorica" series

Since a long time the issuance of a definitive series dedicated specifically to Somalia was demanded and, in 1929, the Governor Guido Comi asked to Piero Franco, a painter living in Mogadiscio, to prepare the sketches for these stamps, with subjects representative of the reality in Somalia.



*One of the eight original sketches, made by the painter Piero Franco Mogadiscio in 1931.
It was adopted, in monochrome, for the L. 2.55 slate and L. 5 carmine*

<https://www.stampboards.com/images/miscr/PeclNNz.jpg>



However it was only in 1932 that series was actually issued and was quickly named "pittorica" (pictorial). At the end of the same year all the previous stamps were declared invalid for postage franking, although in some cases both "Elephant and Lion" of 1926 and of Italy overprinted stamps of 1926-27 were used as late as 1936.



Another original sketch, adopted for the L. 10 violet

It can be seen that the face values are the same as the Italian "Imperial" series of 1929, because the same rates of the Kingdom were in force in the colony, as established by the RDL August 5, 1927. Only the 50 lire was not included because it was completely superfluous to the needs of the time in Somalia.

An integration of tariffs took place November 20, 1935, with the establishment of the Air Mail service, whose cost was fixed at 50 cents for every 5 grams "Internal Colony and Empire" (not yet declared and however limited to Somalia and Eritrea) and 1 Lira for every 5 grams "Italian and Northern Italian colonies" 6 times greater than the rate of 50 cents per 15 grams in force in Italy and Libya.

The "pittorica" series * did not include the value of 1 Lira and, until the issue of the special series for airmail, rates were equalized using combinations of other values.

The RDL October 28, 1938 increased, starting from January 12, 1939, the main rates for ordinary relations between the AOI and the metropolitan area, which remained unchanged until the defeat in WW II and the loss of the empire.

<https://www.stampboards.com/images/miscr/9osMkfo.jpg>: " I'm very proud to own these two beautiful pieces of art. I knew of their existence and who owned them since many years, but only recently I decided that I absolutely had to have them. It was a long war of nerves at a difficult bargaining but, at the end, I got them. It was a little bit expensive but, should I admit, I would have paid even more! When they are not on exhibition, I have them framed and hung to the wall in my studio and anybody coming appreciates them and asks some information about my stamp collection". Posted by "Ingegné" on Stampboards, between 2014 and 2019.



*The production of the new stamps was entrusted with **Officina Carte Valori** institute of Rome's State Mint that, based on sketches by Piero Franco, prepared the engravings and carried out numerous tests of print and colour, like these of the 7 ½ cents stamps shown on this page, printed on chalked, unwatermarked and unperforated paper.*

***Rotogravure printing was chosen**, more economical for large runs and also adopted by the ordinary series of the kingdom, using the new Goebel's machines of the Printing Office.*

The drawing was reproduced 60 times on photogravure printing cylinders and the procedure was carried out with extreme precision. To date no defects or varieties are known.



The new stamps were printed in monochrome, but the rotogravure printing allowed, with a slight modification of the original drawings, to get different shades of color with only one pass through the printing machine.

*Since it was decided that the subject of the 7 ½ cents stamp, the **Francesco Crispi** lighthouse at Cape Guardafui, was to be used also for the 5, 10 and 15 cents values, **the tests were carried out in a wide range of colours.***



*The stamps were of a different size than those normally produced by the Printing Office, so **the perforation was performed with a 12-gauge linear perforator***

The use of this system, which very easily generates mistakes, caused a generally poor centering, many varieties of perforation and a considerable heterogeneity in the actual sizes of the stamps.

The four issued stamps in their final color.





Tests were carried out Also for the other stamps, as these for the 5 Lire, which were mounted on perforated paper, then on a cardboard, to be approved October 21, 1931 (the year IX of the Fascist Era). The test was intended also for the 2.55 Lire stamp, that also depicted the ostrich



The final colours of the two stamps as issued

Finally, **on January 7, 1932, the Royal Decree N. 68 was issued** "authorizing the issuance of the "pictorial" series "Given that of our Colonies only Somalia is devoid of its own special stamps"

As usual, some specimens bearing the overprint "SAGGIO" were prepared for documentation purposes and to be sent to the Universal Postal Union

Specimen of cent. 50 on watermarked ungummed paper overprinted SAGGIO

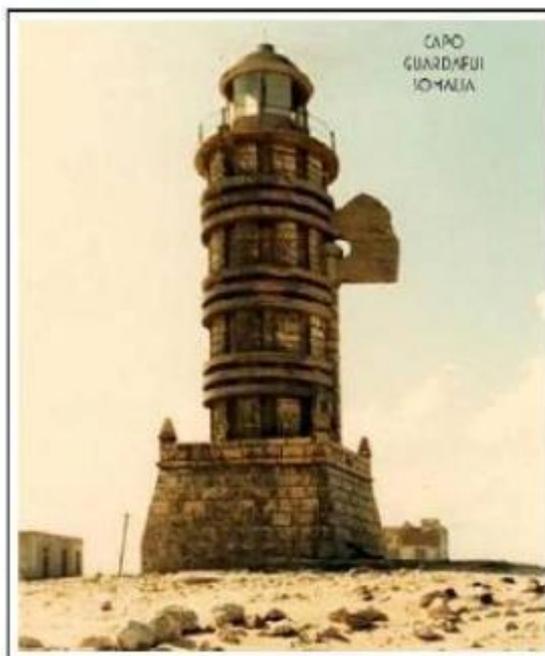
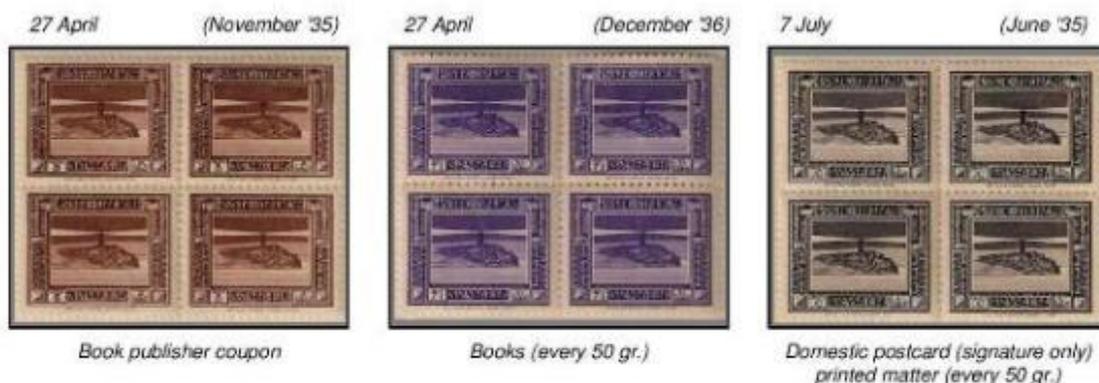


There are no known data about the issued quantity of the different values. What is certain is that, as it had happened before, the real needs of post offices in Somalia were not taken into account. So they were supplied with an exuberant amount of values of between 5 and 35 cents, which were used to pay the higher rates with multiple stampings

The 2 and 5 lire values began to be regularly used at the end of 1935, with the advent of airmail, and the denominations of 10, 20 and 25 lire remained unused until the impressive development of AOI (Italian East Africa), that involved the shipment by air mail of bulky envelopes..



1st March- 7th July 1932 – Various local subjects, gravure printing, crown watermark, perforated 12, sheets of 60 specimens, the values are expressed in Italian and Arabic.
 For each value in the upper left corner the date of issue is shown. To the right the date on which the corresponding value of the second emission was distributed. At the bottom the rates each stamp was intended for.



Lighthouse known as "Faro Littorio" entitled to Francesco Crispi at Cap Guardafui, near the entrance of the Aden gulf . It still exists but was abandoned..



1 March (April '35)



*Domestic postcard up to five words
and business cards*

1 March (April '35)



*Letter or lettercard within
the district or to military men
and commercial invoices*

27 April (April '35)



*Domestic postcard and manuscripts
within the district (up to gr. 15)*

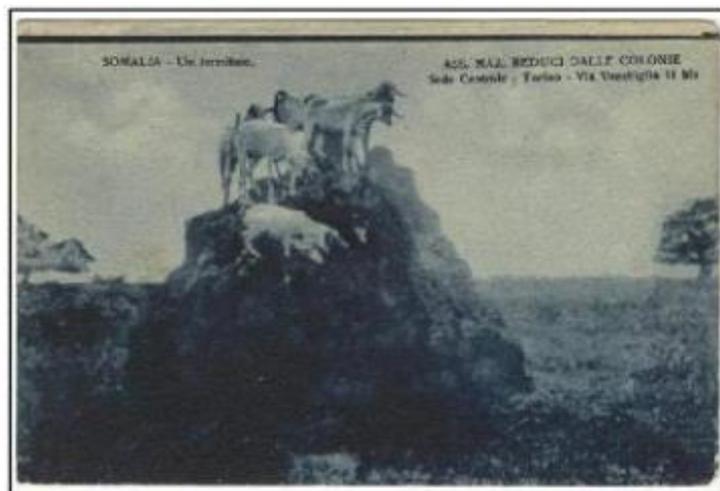


Mnara Tower in Mogadiscio: ancient lighthouse built by arabs in the 12th century



The new built Somalia Governor's residence in Mogadiscio

<https://www.stampboards.com/images/miscr/e1DCE9q.jpg>



The stamp depicts a "Dubat" (soldier of the border irregular troops) next to a termite mound, to make a better understanding of its exceptional size.



Ostrich (Strutius molybdophanes)



27 April

(April 37)

A curiosity

To pay tribute to the sponsor of the Pittorica series, the painter Piero Franco inserted the monogram of the Governor Guido Corni in the frieze and corner of this stamp and of the 25 lire.



Make change value



Hippopotamus (*Hippopotamus Amphibius*)



27 April (December '37)



Make change value



Cudu antelope (Strepticeros Cudu)



7 July (December '37)



Make change value



Somali Lion (*Felis Leo Somalensis*)

The 10, 20 and 25 Lire values, were used with some frequency only when, after the war against Ethiopia and the territories of Italian East Africa were organized, regular domestic and to Italy air mail services were instituted, used in a massive way. The air mail rate was 50 cents for every 5 grams for the AOI interior and 1 lira to Italy and North Africa.

In those years, however, and anyway in all offices outside Somalia that used the Pittorica stamps, the second issue was already distributed. My research shows that very few postal documents were franked with the high values of the first issue before 1937 and that those franked with 10, 20 and 25 Lire stamps are probably less than those franked with the same values of the second issue, perforated 14.

<https://www.stampboards.com/images/miscr/jLt6brz.jpg>



Varieties and curiosities of the first "pittorica" issue

The supply of stamps sent to Somalia in 1932 was probably printed in one print run for each value, except the 25 cent., the only one for which I found three color varieties.



As I mentioned in the previous pages, the linear perforation is very inaccurate and therefore the size of the stamp can deviate substantially from the nominal value of 31,5 x 25,4 mm.



mm 31,2 x 25,1



mm 33,1 x 25,7

The availability of stamps with wide margins lends itself to dangerous re-perforations, to obtain high-valued mixed perforations, or uncatalogued varieties. Usually such forgeries can be recognized because the diameter of the re-perforated holes is greater than that of the genuine stamps.

Some sheets of various denominations of this series, whose perforation was incomplete, were passed again into perforating machine, but sometimes in a different gauge 14 instead of 12. There were then various combinations of mixed perforation. This work was carried out with extreme care, so that I have not yet tracked down any partially imperforate stamp.



7 1/2 cent. Perf. 12 x 14



<https://www.stampboards.com/images/miscr/shBo8Le.jpg>



Complete sheet of 60 7 1/2 cent. stamps, perforated 12 x 14



<https://www.stampboards.com/images/miscr/m0bywNa.jpg>



Large block of 34 20 cent. stamps, perforated 12 vertically and alternatively 12 and 14 in horizontally



<https://www.stampboards.com/images/miscr/G0Ag5lh.jpg>



Complete sheet of 60 25 cent. stamps, perforated 14 x 12



<https://www.stampboards.com/images/misc/LSCiev.jpg>



Complete sheet of 60 50 cent. stamps, perforated 12 x 14



<https://www.stampboards.com/images/miscr/Gwf5Q7S.jpg> (these and all earlier stampboard posts posted by "Ingegné", between 2014 and 2019).



<https://www.filatelifischer.it/images/catalogo/126/950-126.jpg>: "Pittorica Paesaggi e Animali, n° 167 + 174/5 + 178 + 181/2, 6 v. con sovr "SAGGIO" in rosso o in azzurro, i violetti (50 c. e 10 L.) sg, integri gli altri 4, rari, occasione. 6 Cert. Chiav (per ogni singolo val.)."



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2223.jpg>: “1935/38 - Pittorica, dent. 14, serie completa (213/230), usati, perfetti.” (Ferrario). Various postmarks.



20c: <https://www.filateliafischer.it/images/catalogo/126/951-126.jpg>. Postmark Mogadiscio.

1.70L: <https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/NplAAOSwPCVX3GZ6/s-I500.jpg>



<https://www.filateliafischer.it/images/catalogo/126/957-126.jpg>: “1938 - Pittorica 5 Lire - Collezione Spanò, Struzzo, ex collezione Merano, n° 227, spettacolare insieme, 18 diverse prove di colore, 17 non adottate, su supporto dentellato, applicate su cartoncino rigido, molto bello e rarissimo, unico”. Color proofs.



<https://www.filateliafischer.it/images/catalogo/126/960-126.jpg>: "1938 - Pittorica 25 Lire - Collezione Spanò, Leone, ex collezione Merano, n° 230, d. 14, spettacolare insieme, 18 prove di colore, 17 non adottate, su supporto dentellato, applicate su cartoncino rigido, molto bello e unico". Color proofs.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/~AIAAMXQSnVRaPdD/s-l1600.jpg>: "1933 BAIDOA/SOMALIA ITALIANA guller 01.11.38 su SOMALIA c.50 ISOLATO". Postmark Baidoa, 1933.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=7843&t=1&sid=81fab81145ff490bb8a566f837750410>
: "Lettera da Obbia, 1.6.33, a Mogadiscio affrancata con una striscia di 5 esemplari da 10 centesimi della prima emissione della pittorica. All'epoca (e ancora per molti decenni) non esisteva una forma scritta della lingua somala per cui chi sapeva scrivere usava l'arabo. Era però obbligatorio che destinatario e destinazione fossero scritti in caratteri latini. Chi li conosceva lo faceva personalmente, altrimenti provvedeva l'ufficiale postale. Da notare che quasi sempre, sotto l'indirizzo, veniva scritto il numero 8442, considerato di buon augurio perch{ la missiva giungesse a destinazione preso e bene. Anche il testo dell'indirizzo conteneva alcune diciture particolari, che vedremo quando troverò una busta con l'indirizzo scritto interamente in caratteri latini". Postmark Obbia, 1933.



<https://www.compustamp.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/products-10-5292.jpg>. Postmark Belet Uen, 1933



Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 50. Postmark Francesco Crispi, Piroscalo (steamer) Poste Italiane, 9.2.1933.



Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 49. Letters sent to Italy, one by steamer Italo-Somala and one by steamer Trieste.



Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 48. Letter sent to Mogadiscio, one by steamer Lloyd Triestino (and postcard with lions).



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/kKAAAOSw~BhbF-AT/s-l1600.jpg>: "... VILLAGGIO DUCA ABRUZZI / (SOMALIA ITALIANA) guller su SOMALIA". Postmark Villaggio Duca Abruzzi, 1934.



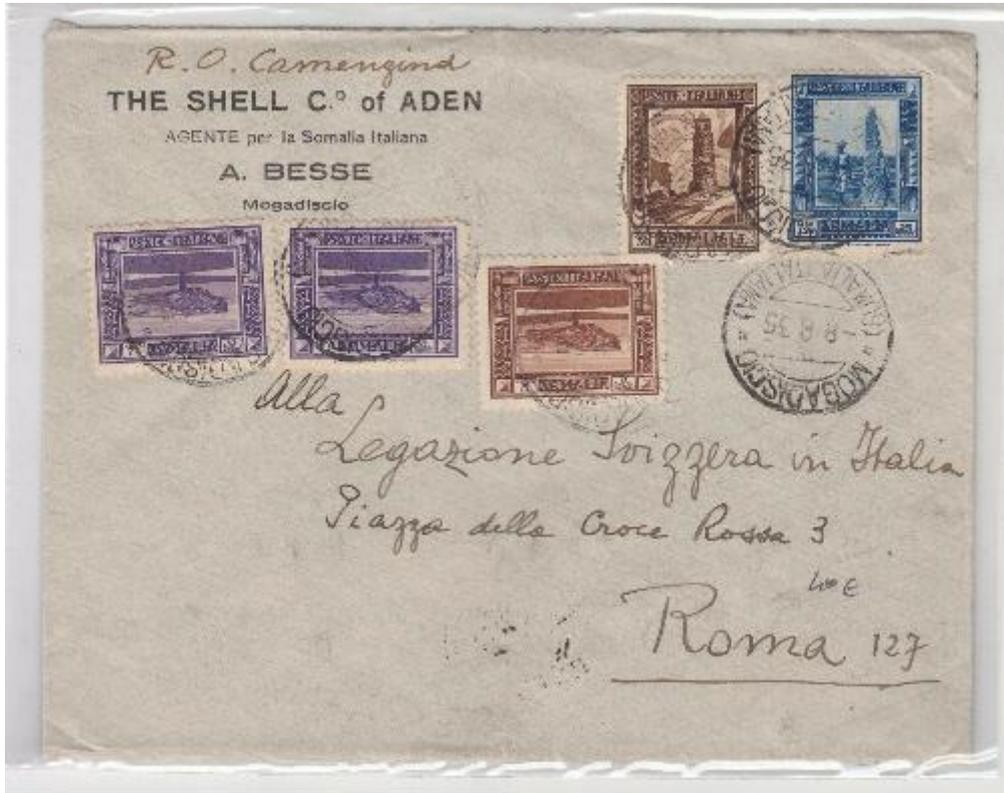
<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=7878&t=1> Registered letter to Mogadiscio. Postmark Afmadu. 1934.



<https://storage.googleapis.com/hipstamp/p/3cde3561ac1a8d4f7f7891c463574c70.jpg>: "SOMALIA - POSTAL HISTORY - COVER from MERCA 1934 – LIGHTHOUSES". Postmark Merca, 1934.



https://shop.viennafil.com/media/image/product/13677/lg/1954-lettera-aerea-da-mogadiscio-il-31854-per-lavagna-affrancata-per-120-s-qualche-strappetto-nella-busta-sass-6-11_1.jpg. Postmark Mogadiscio, 1934.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/Y0gAAOSwGdhZnwj3/s-l1600.jpg> Postmark Mogadiscio (8.8.1935).



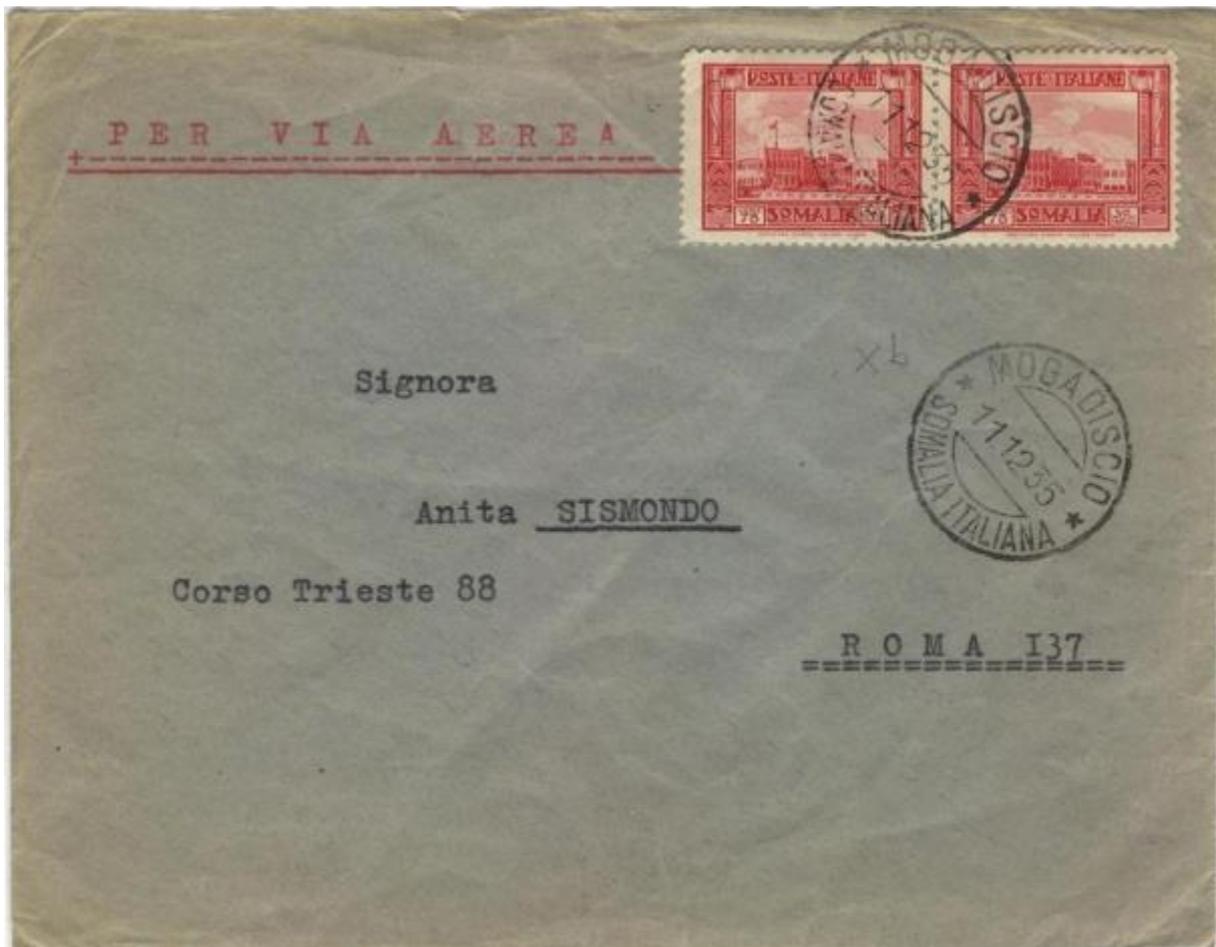
<https://collezionetobelli.it/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/B-29.jpg>: "B 29 Somalia 1,75 lire orange on envelope from Rocca Littorio 25.12.35 to Piove di Sacco -5.1.36. Cancellation unknown to Cravato-Salvaggi & Macrelli. SPL condition. Signed S. Sorani. Only two [known]". Postmark Rocca Littorio, 1935.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2216.jpg>: "1935 - 50 cent. Pittorica (175), perfetto, su lettera da Mogadiscio 21/8/1935 a Milano, rispedita a Vienna previa riaffrancatura con due valori da 50 cent. Imperiale (Regno 251). Bella affrancatura mista di rispedizione Somalia/Regno, impreziosita dall'uso di valori gemelli" (Ferrario). Postmark Mogadiscio 1935.



https://www.picclickimg.com/d/w1600/pict/124431713086_/1939-ISCIA-BAIDOA-SOMALIA-ITALIANA-guller-del-021235-su-SOMALIA.jpg. Postmark Iscia Baidoa, 1935.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=1499&t=1>: "Lettera per via aerea da Mogadiscio 11.12.35 a Roma - affrancata con 2 x 75 c Somalia". Postmark Mogadiscio, 1935.

These stamps have also been used a lot after 1935 in the various parts of Italian East Africa, including Somalia: see the APH paper about AOI.

2.57 1933 Special flight Roma Mogadiscio

Not mentioned in any of the catalogues

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<http://forum.aicpm.net/viewtopic.php?f=21&t=2630>: "...on ebay I found three letters, of course never traveled, two of which from the "Rome-Mogadishu extra-rapid air link" and one prepared for the return flight, on which these "stamps" are applied, and never sent. ITALY 1933 FLIGHT ROMA-MOGADISCIO SOMALIA AIR COVER". And "Dalla prima busta, si dovrebbe supporre che in tutta l'operazione possa essere stato coinvolto l'aviatore Francis Lombardi, che già aveva effettuato un volo in Somalia nel febbraio del 1930 (il "Raid delle colonie" in cui trasportò corrispondenza in corso particolare) e che avrebbe poi effettuato il volo sperimentale in occasione della visita del re in Somalia nel novembre del 1934. Nella sua biografia non c'è però alcun accenno a questo presunto "collegamento aereo extra-rapido". The last covers seem to have fake stamps.



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=2182&t=1>



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=2183&t=1>



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=2184&t=1>



<http://forum.aicpm.net/download/file.php?id=2181>

2.57a 1933-1939: Passport / Passaporto stamps used in Italian East Africa, including Somalia



<https://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/published/italian-cols-15.jpg?1611352870>:

“P1/6 (P1/4 images from Unificato)

1933-39. Passport stamps of Italy inscribed Passaporto Vidimazione (P1/2) or Atti Esteri Passaporti (P4/6), overprinted COLONIE ITALIANE or surcharged also.

P1. 2l red-brown

P2. 3l on 2l red-brown

P4. 20l deep brown

P5. 40l blue-green

P6. 100l green

Note: Unificato lists all these stamps under Libya though the inscription suggests they could have been used in all the Colonies. Unificato also lists a 10l green similar to P1 but I have not seen this”.

2.58 1934: Letter to the Governor of Italian Somalia



https://italiacoloniale.files.wordpress.com/2017/04/1934_ala-littoria_francobolli_roma_mogadiscio_lombardi-2.jpg With incoming postmark Mogadiscio Posta Aerea Speciale 11.11.1934.

2.59 1934 (May): Italian Somali stamps with overprint Duca degli Abruzzi

S: 185-192: 10c, 25c, 50c, 1.25L, 5L, 10L, 20L, 25L; Y180-187; M189-196.

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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09476/S1/320.jpg>

2.60 1934 (17 October): Colonial Art Exhibition in Naples: normal mail and airmail

S: 193-198 and A1-A6 (with varieties): : 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, 60c, 1.25L, and 25c, 50c, 75c, 80c, 1L, 2L; Y188-193 and Y-A 1-6.; M197-202 and M203-208.

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Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p 29. The page also includes a postcard with a stamp from Italian Eritrea.

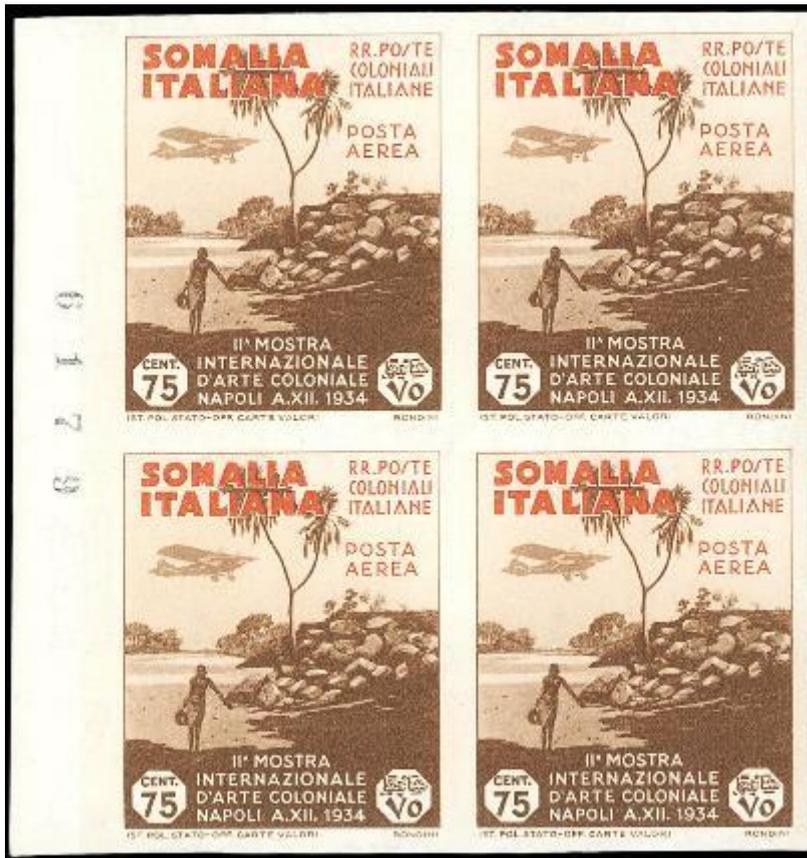


Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 30. Registered letter to Basel, Switzerland, with a postmark Mogadiscio 1.3. 1935.

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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09087/E20750/2075000003.jpg>: "1934, Arte Coloniale, 50 cent. posta aerea con soprastampa "SAGGIO", nuovo (Sass. A2)".



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2227.jpg>: "POSTA AEREA 1934 - 75 cent. Arte Coloniale, non dentellato (3a), eccezionale blocco di quattro, bordo di foglio, gomma originale, integra per i due esemplari inferiori, perfetto. Molto raro!" (Ferrario).



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/YdEAAOSwnBlc46Jx/s-11600.jpg> With postmarks Mogadiscio.



https://www.picclickimg.com/d/w1600/pict/294112814267/_SOMALIA-ITALIANA-MOSTRA-ARTE-COLONIALE-L-125.jpg. Postmark Mogadiscio, on a letter to Rome, 11.11.1934.



https://italiacoloniale.files.wordpress.com/2017/04/1934_ala-littoria_francobolli_roma_mogadiscio_lombardi-3.jpg?w=300. Postmark Mogadiscio on a letter to Rome, 12.11.1934.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09476/S1/1320.jpg> Postmarks Mogadiscio on a letter to Berlin (back side), 20.11.1934.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A00012/S1030/12133.jpg>: "Colonial Exhibition 1934, cpl. 12 values on highly attractive registered letter, MOGADISCIO 27.11.34 to Lugano in Switzerland, arrival 18.12.34 on reverse" (Ulrich Felzman). Postmarks Mogadiscio on a letter to Switzerland, 27.11.1934.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09224/E00127/0012700770d.jpg> (68th Rölli Auction). Postmark Mogadiscio on a letter to Switzerland, 23.1.1935.

2.61 1934: Servizio Aereo Speciale

S Servizio Aereo 2: 25c (also with 1943 instead of 1934, and other varieties, and additional non-issued stamps); Y-A 6A; M-D 2. (not issued: M III-VII: 30c, 30c, 30c, 30L, 30L).

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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A00004/S265/1322.jpg>: "Somalia Servizio Aereo 1934: Italian Somalia Airmail stamp 25 c. indigo & blue orange ovpt. "11 NOV. 1934 XIII SERVIZIO AEREO SPECIALE" in unmounted og. condition." (Corinphila).



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09401/S22/2232.jpg>: "SERVIZIO AEREO 1934 - 25 cent. soprastampa capovolta (2b), nuovo, gomma originale, lieve traccia di linguella, perfetto" (Ferrario).



https://www.philasearch.com/de/i_9495_10071/3580_Italienisch_Somaliland_Flugpostmarken/9495-A62-1195.html?set_sprache=de&treparent=CO-3580%2CDEGRP-3&breadcrumbId=1584862473.1208&row_nr=1: "1934 - Servizio aereo speciale 25 c. coppia orizzontale con affrancatura complementare di Egitto su raccomandata dell' 11 novembre - Cert. Bolaffi e Diena". Postmark R. Nave Gorizia in Italy (now Slovenia), and Port Said Egypt, 1934.

2.62 1934: Special flight Mogadiscio-Rome

S Posta Aerea 7-16: 25c+ 10c; 50c + 10c; 75c + 15c; 80c + 15c; 1L +20c; 2L + 20c, 3L + 25c, 5L + 25c, 10L + 30c.; Y-A 7-16; M209-218

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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09081/S50/114d.jpg>: "1934, Postal Flight Rome - Mogadiscio, complete set of 10 values and the service stamp in mnh blocks of four with overprint "SAGGIO" (specimen), rare!" (Christoph Gärtner).



<https://laserinvest.bidinside.com/pics/imgBig/15/193.jpg> Postmark Mogadiscio 1934.





<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09087/E21130/2113000045.jpg>: "1934, raccomandata di posta aerea del 7.11.1934 da Roma a Mogadiscio, affrancata con la serie completa del volo "ROMA-MOGADISCIO" annullati con il bollo speciale "ROMA POSTA AEREA SPECIALE, 9.11.34.XIII" ed inoltre con 50 c. violetto e 1,25 L. azzurro dell'emissione "Medaglie al valore militare", annullati con il bollo di Roma Ferrovia del 7.11.1934, a lato il bollo speciale del volo, rispedita successivamente al mittente; cert. Sorani (Sass. 371, 373, A83-88)" (66th Viennafil Live Auction). Postmark Mogadiscio, 1934.

2.63 1934 Service

S Servizio Aereo 1: 25L+2; M-D 1. See Collection Vincent Prange 2.62.

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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09097/E42015/4201503028.jpg>: “1934, 25 L. braunkarmin, die Flugpostmarke in anderer Farbe, mit Aufdruck einer Krone und "SERVIZIO DI STATO", postfrischer Einzelwert mit schrägem Aufdruck "SAGGIO", farbfrisch und gut gezähnt, rückseitig kleiner getönter Punkt“ (Schlegel).

<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09528/S20210614/1309.jpg>: “1934 - Coroncina (PAS1) SPL” (Toselli).



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09529/S120/415.jpg>: “1934 - SOMALIA - Coroncina (PAS 1) SPL su aerogramma da Mogadiscio (13/11/34) a Roma - Bollo di arrivo” (Toselli). Postmark Mogadiscio, 1934.

2.64 1934: Postage Due with ‘Somalia Italiana’ overprints on Italian postage due stamps of 1934.

S: Segnatasse 52-64 (with varieties): 5c, 10c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 1L, 2L, 5L, 10L, 20L;
Y-TT 42-54; M-P 42-54.

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<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/tDoAAOSwZW5aBgfl/s-l1600.jpg> ; with postmarks.

2.65 1935: Military postcards

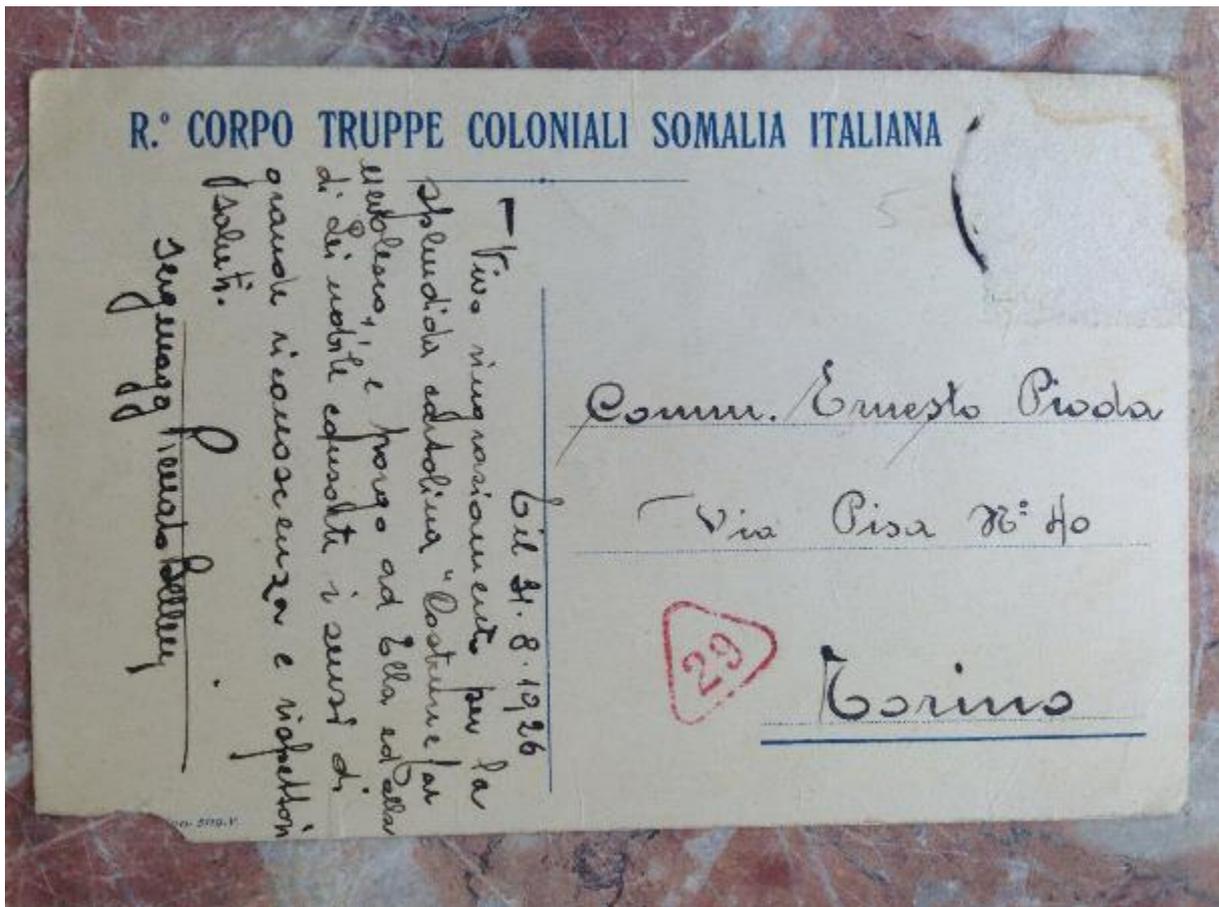
From Lugh Ferrandi to Switzerland



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/bJsAAOSw2ylauRSR/s-l1600.jpg>: "POSTA MILITARE SOMALIA
CARTOLINA 1935 FRANCHIGIA LUGH FERRANDI TASSATA SVIZZERA". Postmark Lugh Ferrandi, 1935.

From Italian Somaliland to Torino





<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/bYoAAOSwcllepBMj/s-l1600.jpg>: "RARA CARTOLINA MILITARE ASCARI REGIO CORPO TRUPPE COLONIALI SOMALIA ITALIANA".

2.66 1935: Visit of the Italian King

S199-212: 5c + 5c; 7 ½ c + 7 ½ c; 15c + 10c; 20c + 10c; 25c + 10c; 30c + 10c; 50c + 10c; 75c + 15c; 1.25L + 15c; 1.75L + 25c; 2.75L + 25c; 5L + 1L; 10L + 1.80L; 25L + 2.75L. (with variety); Y194-207; M219-232.

Royal Visit. In 1934 King Victor Emmanuel III visited Italian Somalia. The opportunity was taken on 1st January 1935 to issue a long set of 14 stamps all of the same design except for the top value, which is not only much larger but also had the high face value of 25 lire plus 2.75 lire surcharge. 10,000 sets were printed, with more of the lower values.

<http://www.italianstamps.co.uk/colonies/somalia/index.html>

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View of Chisimaio



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A00004/S265/6617.jpg>: "Italian Colonies - Somalia 1935 (Feb 25): Registered Envelope from Chisimaio to Genova, bearing 1935 (Jan) Visita del Re in Somalia 25 + 2.75 l. brown & brown-red, tied by clear CHISIMAIO SOMALIA ITALIANA despatch cds with information strike and matching registration label alongside. Reverse with Napoli transit and arrival cds's (March 20). An extremely rare usage on cover, presumably unique. Cert. Sorani (1992) Sassone not listed on cover" (Corinphila). Postmark Chisimaio, 1935. Also see APS 46, Jubaland.

2.67 1936: Airmail

S Posta Aerea 21-26: 25c, 50c, 60c, 75c, 1L, 1.50L, 2L, 3L, 5L, 10L. (with variety); Y-A 18-27; M233-242.

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Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 37.



Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 52 lower part. Postmark Itala, 6.12.1937 on a local letter to Mogadiscio.



Collection Vincent Prange; Italian Somaliland, p. 54; Postcard and postmark Villaggio Duca Abruzzi, 16.10.1937.

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2.68 1936 Posta Aerea

S-PA 27-28: 50c, and 2L; Y: -; M I and II

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<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/dygAAOSwAKpcueF5/s-l1600.jpg>: "Unissued".

2.69 1938: Stationary



https://www.italiacolleziona.com/11249-thickbox_default/-interi-postali-colonie-italiane-somalia-1938-b3-imperiale-25-c-verde-formato-grande-con-soprast-somalia-italiana-cert-biondi-ca.jpg: “

Interi Postali - Colonie Italiane - Somalia - 1938 - B3 - Imperiale 25 c. verde formato grande con soprast. "Somalia Italiana"”.

2.70 1939-1941: Somalia Italiana on Recapito Autorizzato

S Recapito Autorizzato: 1939: 10c (varieties), and 1941 (non emesso): 10c (varieties); 1Y-E 8; M-G 1 (three types of overprints).

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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09528/S20210614/1310.jpg>: "1939 - 10 c. bruno (1)" (Toselli).

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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09087/E21123/2112300043.jpg>: "939, recapito autorizzato 10 c. bruno soprastampato "SOMALIA/ITALIANA" in alto, blocco di 25 esemplari angolo di foglio, nuovi con gomma originale integra (Sass. rec. 1)". (66th Viennafil Auction).

2.71 Some postcards in the collection of Vincent Prange



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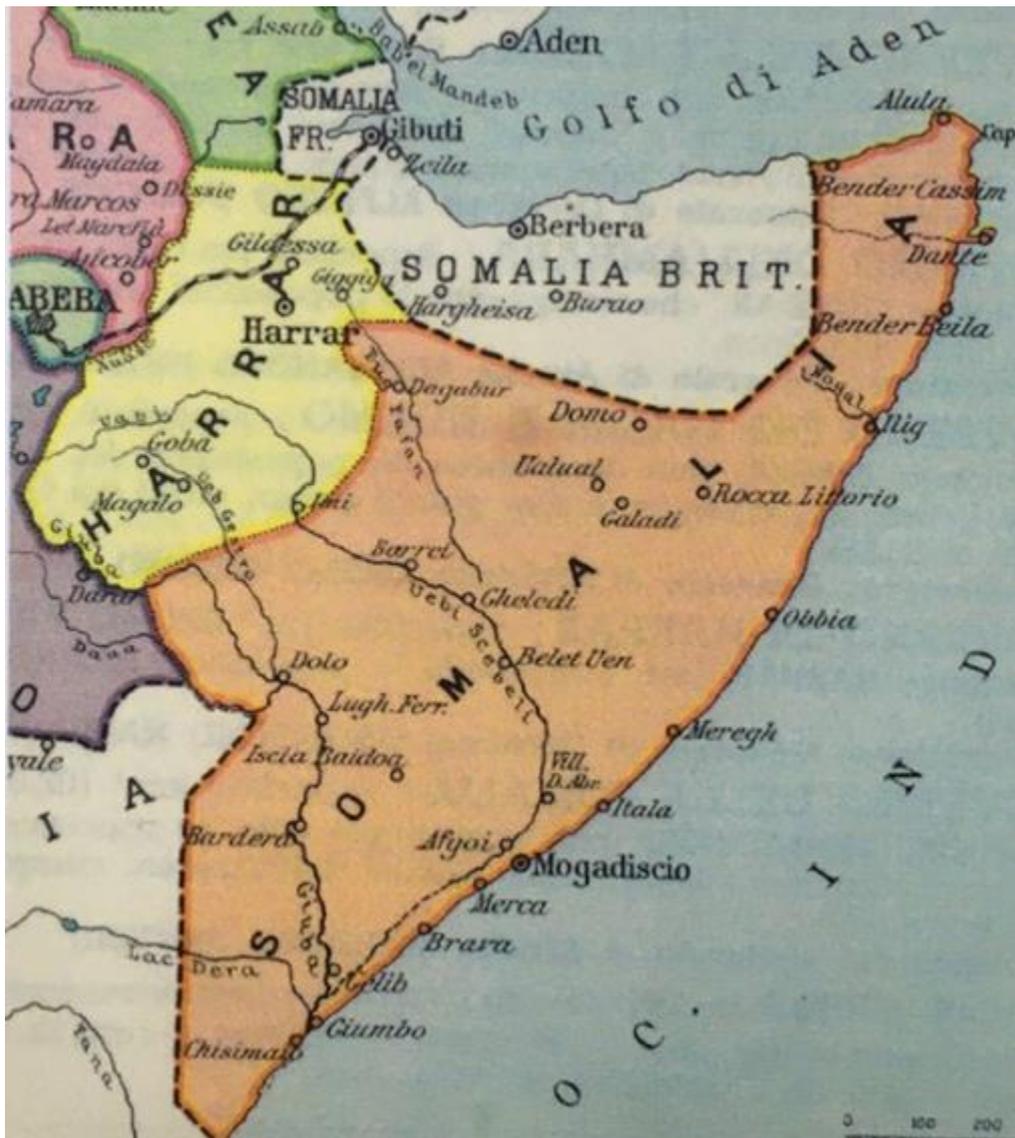
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3 Italian Somaliland as part of Italian East Africa, 1936-1941

Much more can be found in APH 55, about Italian East Africa

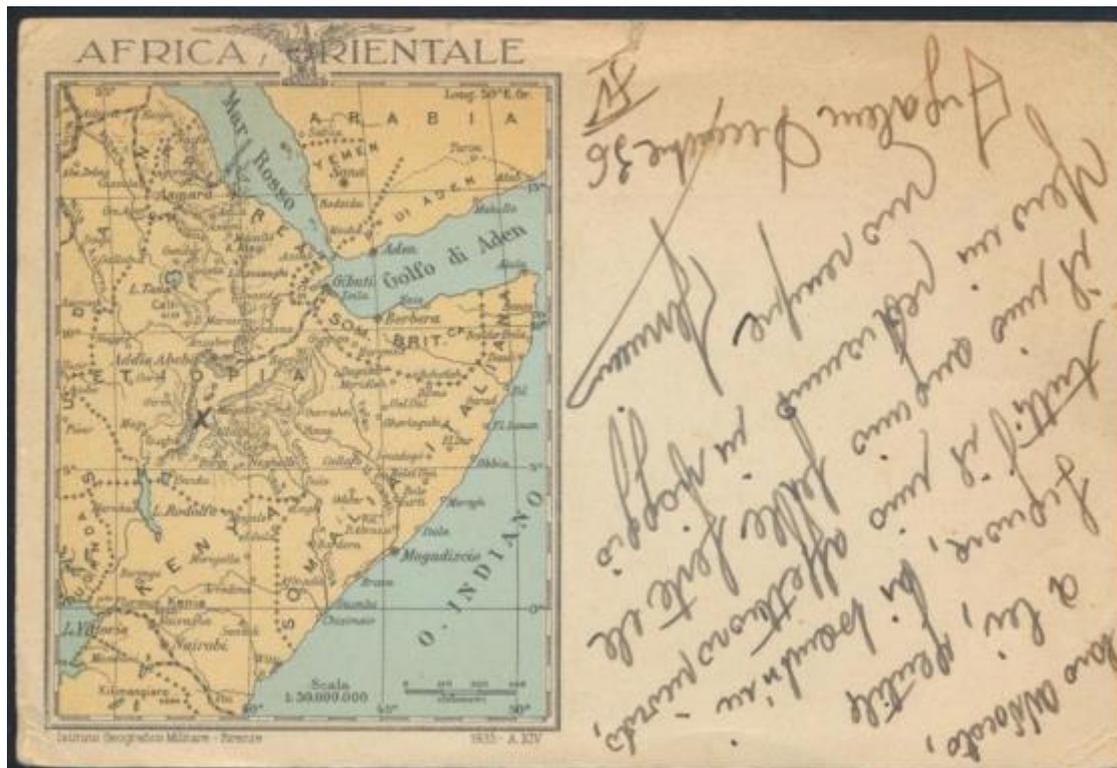
3.1 Introduction

After the occupation of Ethiopia by Italian troops in 1935, Italian Somaliland, together with Eritrea and 'Etiopia' became part of Italian East Africa. Postage stamps of Somalia and Eritrea could be used in all areas, and in 1936 stamps were made for 'Etiopia', that could also be used in Somalia and Eritrea. In 1938, and until the British occupation of the Italian areas in East Africa in 1941, stamps were made for Italian East Africa (AOI) as a whole. But these could be combined with stamps of Somalia, Eritrea and/or Etiopia. In 1938 'Somalia' became a separate 'governatorato', together with Harrar, Galla e Sidama, Scioa, Amara, and Eritrea. This 'Somalia' was bigger than Italian Somaliland before 1938.



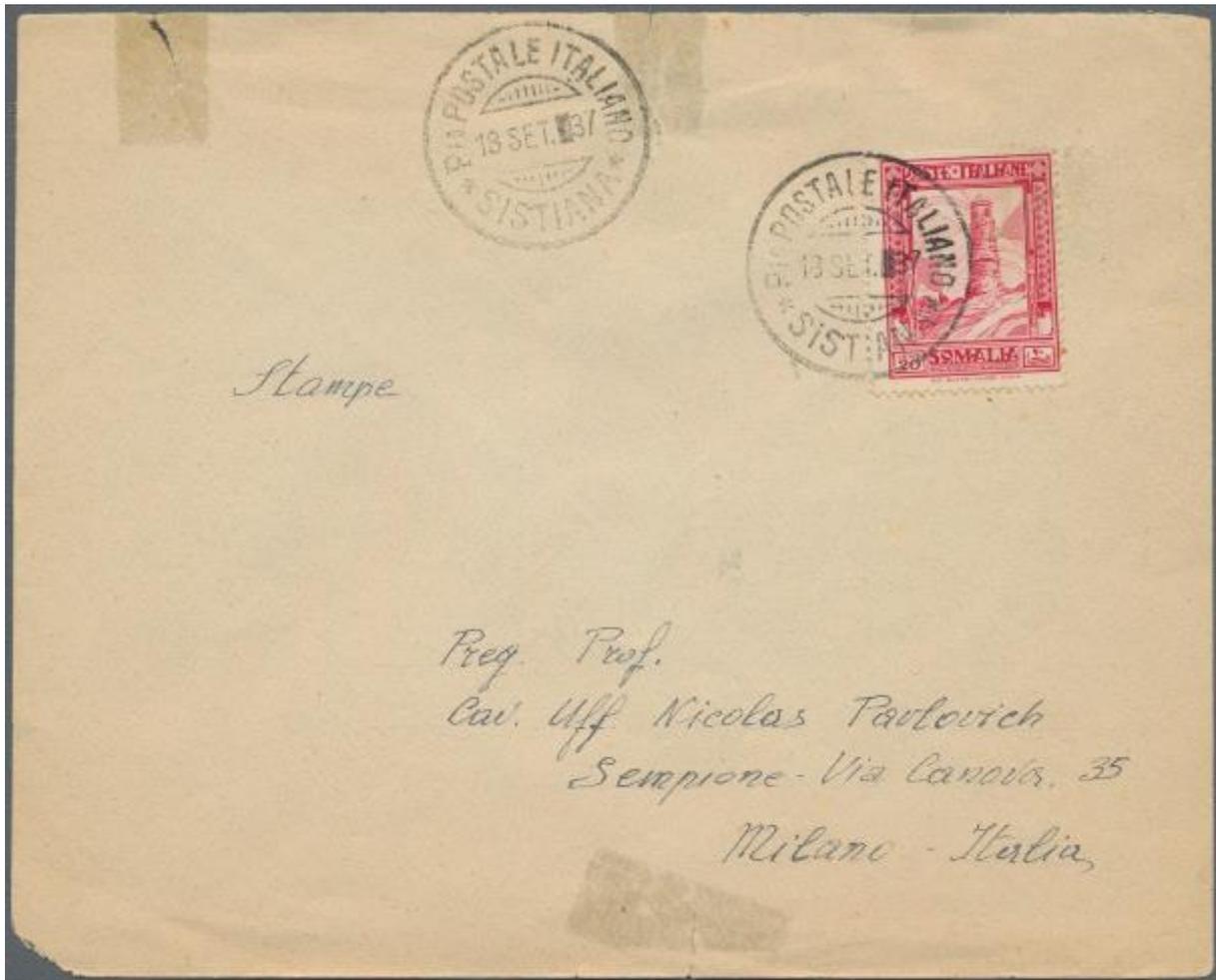
Source: Vincent Prange: 'De geschiedenis van Somalia AFIS', Filitalia 17/1, February 2014, p. 2.

3.2 1936: Postcard for the Italian armed forces in Italian East Africa



<https://www.ma-shops.nl/nahues/item.php?id=115233>

3.3 1937: Postage stamps of Italian Somaliland, used in Italy



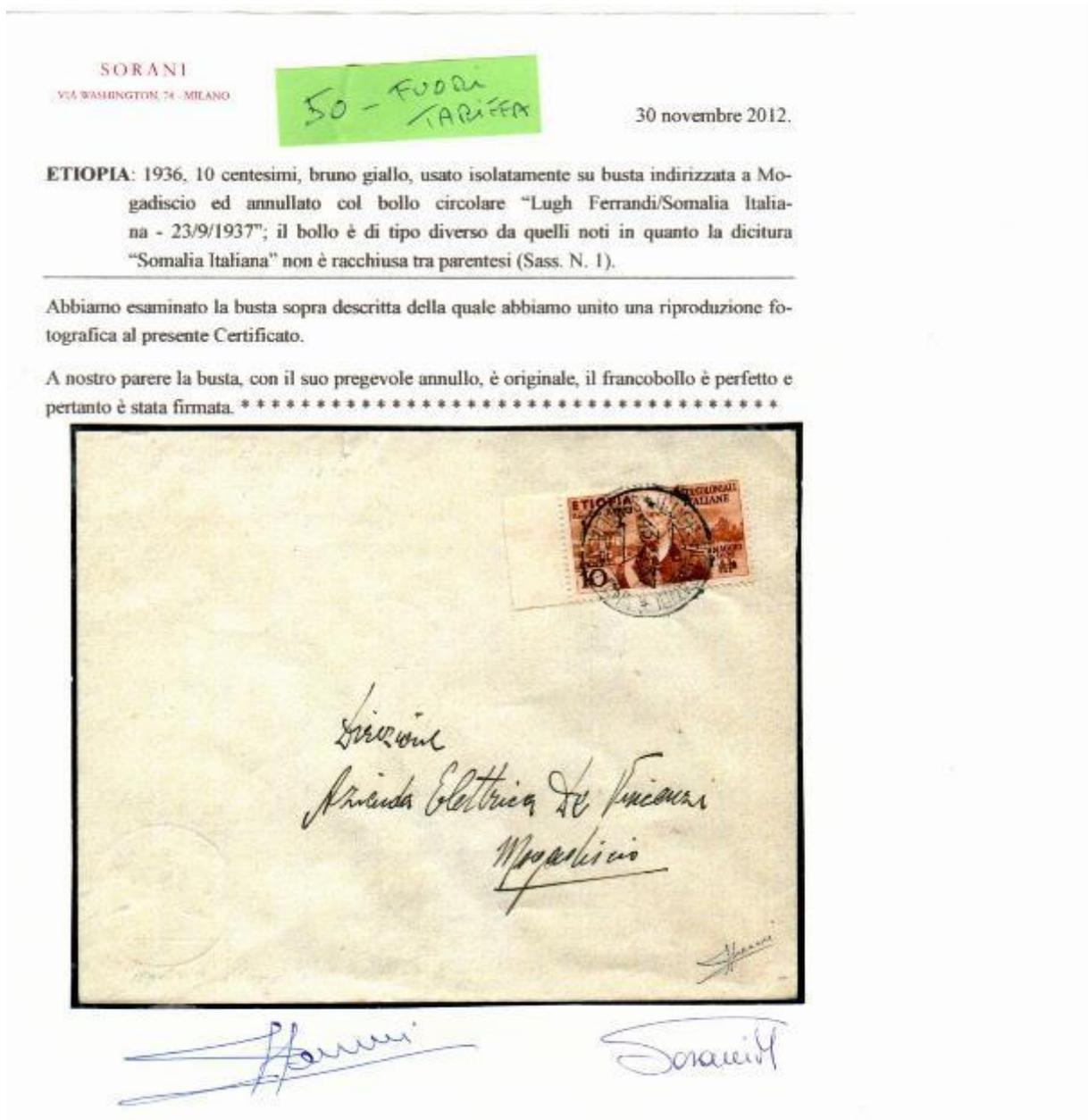
<http://pictures.auktionen-gaertner.de/auction/6362/896362-000004.jpg> Postmark Sistiana (in Italy!).
1937.

3.4 1936: Italian occupation of Ethiopia. Sometimes used in Italian Somaliland as well:

Ethiopia Y 1-7: 10c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 50c, 75c, 1.25L; S:



<http://morawino-stamps.com/sklep/5080-thickbox/kolonie-wloskie-etiofia-1-7.jpg>



<https://collezionebelloni.it/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/B-19.jpg> Postmark Lugh Ferrandi; letter to Mogadiscio, 1937.

3.5 1938-1940: Postage stamps of Africa Orientale Italiana used in Italian Somaliland

Mixed franking with stamps from Somalia and from AOI series



Filitalia 21/1, February 2018, p. 4: the 2c stamp was meant for braille mail, but was hardly ever used for that purpose. In fact, it was often used as seal stickers on backsides of letters, like this one sent from Somalia in 1939. Letter was probably sent from Mogadiscio, in 1939. Stamps from AOI and Somalia.

Other examples: see APH 55: AOI.

Mixed franking with postage stamps of Italian Ethiopia and AOI



<https://collezionebelli.it/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/B-24.jpg>: "B 24 Etiopia 1,25 lire grey blue (7)+ AOI 7« cent. deep lilac (3) horizontal pair, + 10 cent. Olive brown (4), on envelope by air mail from Mogadiscio 27.6.1938 to Firenze. Cancellation unknown and inedite, (type 13, but diverse). Good condition. Very rare tricolour postage stamp for air-port 1,50 lire.". Postmark Mogadiscio, 1938. Stamps from AOI and Etiopia.

Other examples: see APH AOI.

Stamps of AOI, used in Somalia



<https://collezionealtobelli.it/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/B-31.jpg>: “B 31 AOI 7« cent deep lilac on illustrated card- post for Army-Forces, in superfluous port?s excess, from Villaggio Duca degli Abruzzi 13.11.938 to Mogadiscio 17.11.1938. Cancelled with blueink-pad postmark VILLAGGIO TP DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI and handwritten date.”. Postmark Villaggio Duca degli Abruzzi (Somalia Italiana), 1938. AOI stamp.



<https://filateliadesimoni.com/wp-content/uploads/imported/8/1938-AFRICA-ORIENTALE-ITALIANA-n-22-coppia-su-cartolina-per-Milano-222399808938.JPG> Postmark Somalia Italiana (rest unclear, probably Mogadiscio), 1938. AOI stamps.

Other examples: see APH AOI.

3.6 1938: Letter from Amministrazione delle Poste e dei Telegrafi



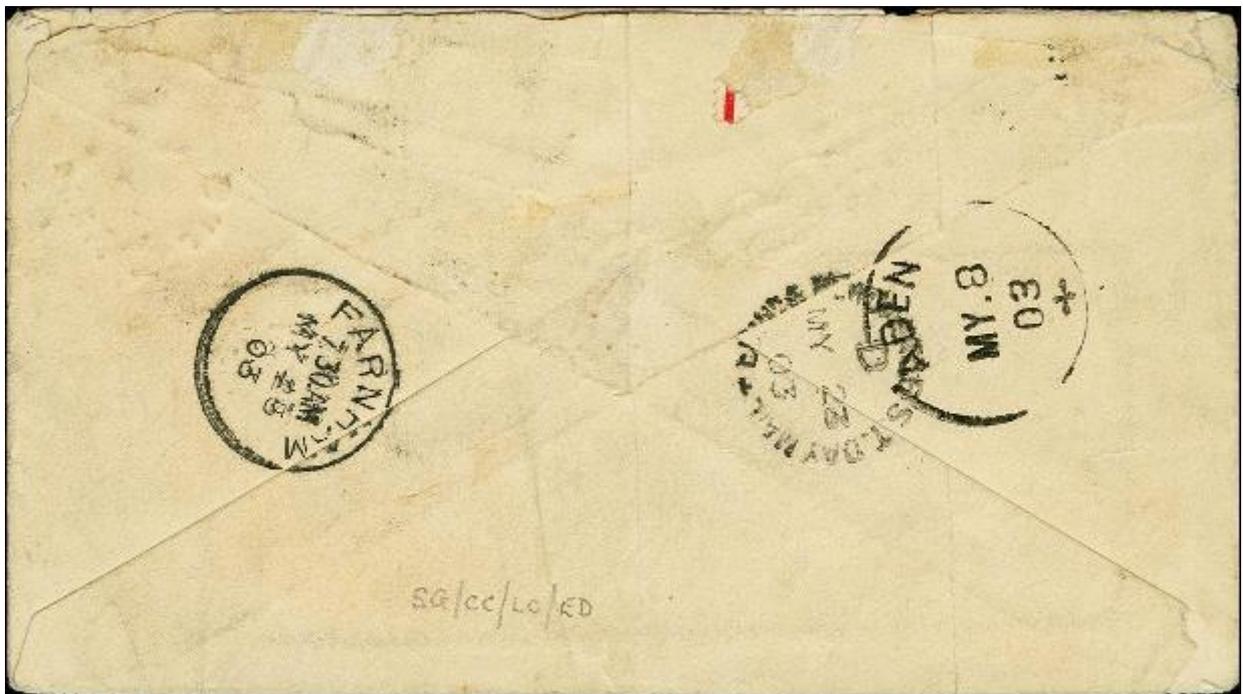
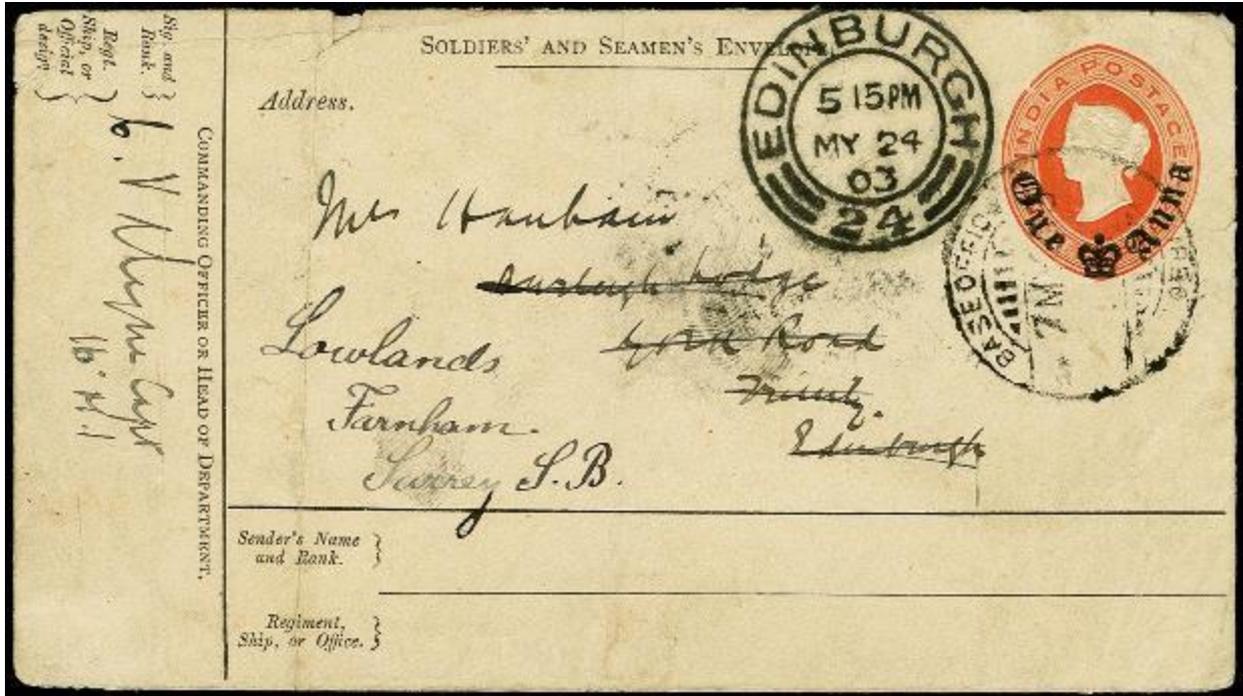
<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/Tp0AAOSwPhdVLOFq/s-l1600.jpg>: "1938 ISCIA-BAIDOA/SOMALIA ITALIANA del 09.08.38 su BUSTA DELLE POSTE". Postmark Ischia (Baidoa)

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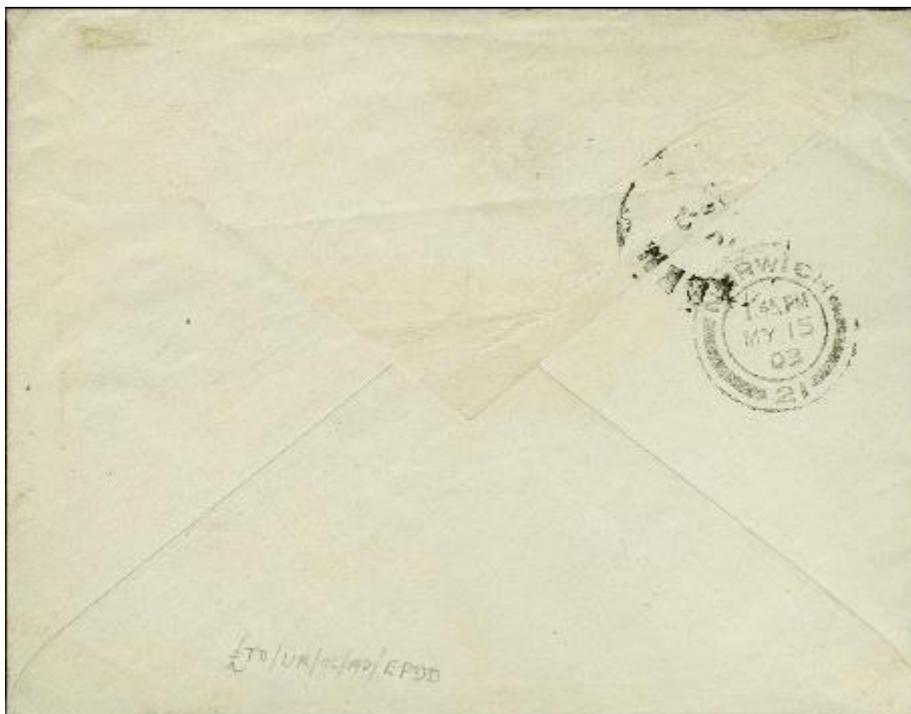
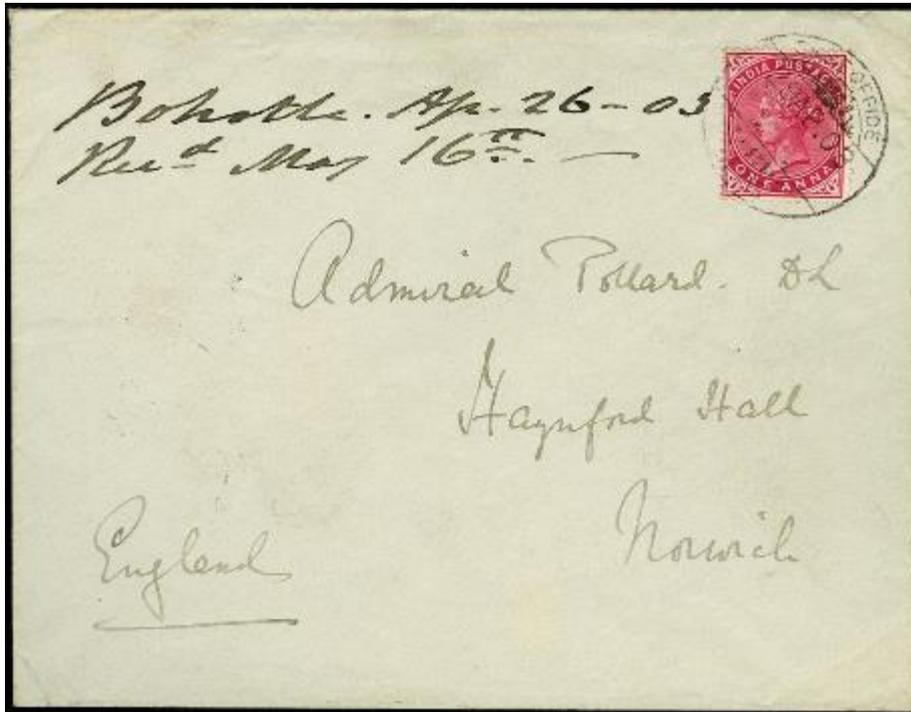
<https://d1stvyu4yyf2jr.cloudfront.net/modules/auctions/17/pics/big/57341b17dfb42bdb4f4efc004c8fa738549e288b.jpg> . Postmark Base Office OBBIA, 1903: "1903 Registered Cover to Calcutta, 1899 ONEANNA on 2a6p Victoria uprated with ½a Victoria pair plus 3p KE VII block on back side, all cancelled/ tied by BASE OFFICE OBBIA 7 FE 03 cancels, nice strike of boxed "R / BASE OFFICE / OBBIA" registry handstamp, Calcutta G.P.O. 22 FE 13 arrival plus few some indistinct transit backstamps, an insignificant bit of aging, Very Fine cover sporting the only recorded example of the Obbia registration marking. The British appointed Brigadier Manning as Commander of the SFF in Nov 1902 as part of a greater effort to put down the Mahdist threat and additionally an agreement was reached with the Italians for the use of their port of Obbia in order to block the insurgents from the

east. Additional troops arrived there on 22 Feb 1903 and a special base military post office was opened at Obbia from 19 Jan to 16 April 1903 when it was moved to Barbera”.



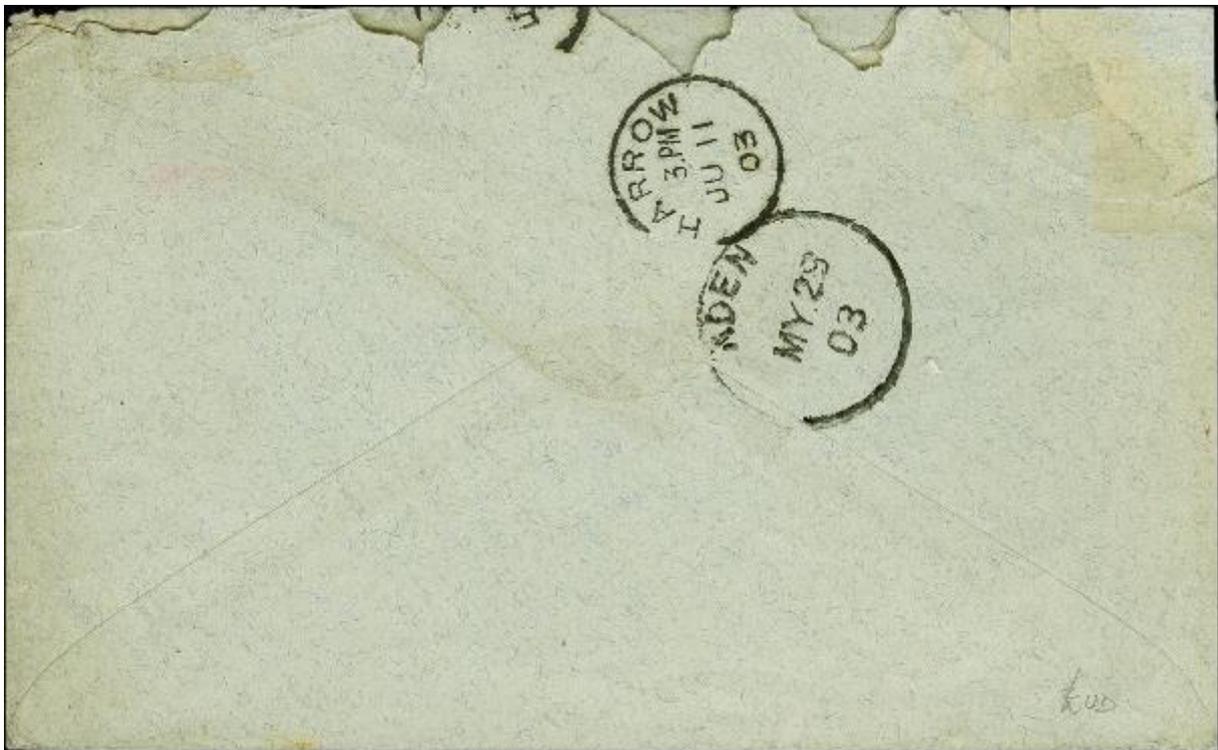
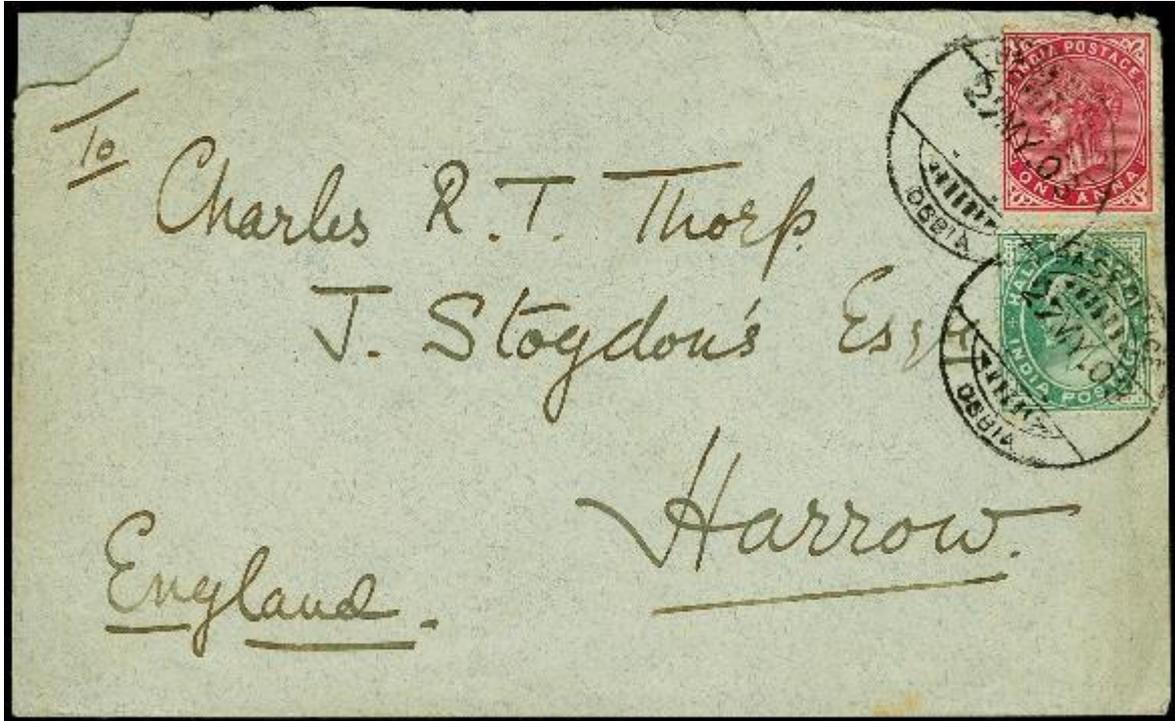
<https://d1stvyu4yyf2jr.cloudfront.net/modules/auctions/17/pics/small/8b928188275e1d574d36b0e769f0638be0349a13.jpg>: "1903 "SOLDIER'S AND SEAMEN'S ENVELOPE" Cover to Scotland, 1895 1a on 9p Victoria envelope cancelled by "BASEOFFICE OBBIA" 7 May 1903 cds with a bold Edinburgh MY 24 03 arrival cds alongside, backstamped Aden MY 8 03, Farnham MY 25 03, cover open two sides and with a central vertical fold and another vertical fold/ 2cm break at left side, still Fine. The base at

Obbia closed on 16 April 1903 and the postal personnel moved to Barbera where they opened for business on the 20th. The Obbia cancelling device was used until the replacement Barbera canceller arrived on 1 June. This cover was sent by Capt. C.V. Lyne of the 16th Madras Infantry during this transition period.



<https://d1stvyu4yyf2jr.cloudfront.net/modules/auctions/17/pics/big/ec5c0990ace627e83a73af187be049201807efd2.jpg>: "BASE POST OFFICE OBBIA 29 AP 03 cds ties India Victoria 1a on cover to

England, ms "Bohotle Apr 26 03/ Rec'd May16th", backstamped Aden MY 2, Norwich MY 15 03, Very Fine use of the Obbia canceller in Barbera during the 7-week transition period; cover sent by Capt J.W.H. Pollard of the Royal Scots Fusiliers".



<https://d1stvyu4yyf2jr.cloudfront.net/modules/auctions/17/pics/big/3a3cbc25887bb9d280cac1f2ac30ff20f77ad677.jpg>: "BASE POST OFFICE OBBIA 27 MAY 03 cds ties India Victoria 1a, KEVII ½a on

cover to England, backstamped Aden MY 2p, HArrow JU 11 03, cover bit roughly iopened at top and with some wrinkling along left edge, still Very Fine use of the Obbia canceller in Barbera during the 7-week transition period; cover sent by Capt H.W.B. Thorp of the Yorkshire Light Infantry..”

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5.1: Sources

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https://italiacoloniale.files.wordpress.com/2015/04/elenco_stazioni-radiotelegrafiche_somalia-italiana_1927.jpg

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<https://italiacoloniale.files.wordpress.com/2015/04/servizi-postali-ed-elettrici-in-somalia.jpg?w=584>

5.2: Postmarks in Somalia on the AICPM website:

<http://forum.aicpm.net/viewtopic.php?f=50&t=2681>

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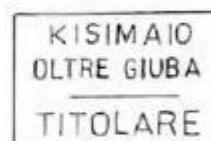
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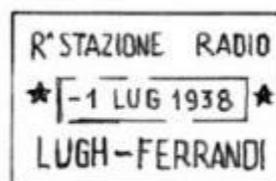
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5.3: Postmarks illustrated in this APH 48, and in APH 55

Name	In existence	In APH 47	In APH 55
		1903-1936	1936-1941
Afgoi/Afgui	1909-1941	2.1, 2.38, 2.43, 5.2	3.2, 5.2
Afmadú (Oltre Giuba in '25-'26)	1925-1941	2.32, 2.56, 5.2	3.2, 5.2
Allesanda		5.2	
Alula / Alilla	1917-1941	2.27, 2.32, 5.2	3.2
Aodegle	1911-1929	2.3, 2.38, 5.2	
Baidoa or Ischia Baidoa	1913-1941	2.3, 2.29, 2.38, 2.56, 3.6, 5.2	3.2, 5.2
Balad	1910-1929 + 1932-1941	5.2	3.2, 5.2
Bardera	1905-1941	2.3, 2.6, 2.8, 5.2	3.2, 5.2
Barire	1908-1911	5.2	
Bargal	1927-1929	2.32, 2.38, 5.2	
Belet Uen (first Gigliei)	1926-1941	2.56, 5.2	3.2, 5.2
Benderbeila or Beila	1927-1930	2.32, 2.38, 5.2	
Bender Cassim (or Kassim)	1927-1932 + 1935-1941	2.3, 2.32, 2.34, 2.37, 2.45, 5.2	3.2, 5.2
Bender Meraio	1927	5.2	
Bidi	1912-1917	5.2	
Botiala	1927	2.32, 5.2	
Brava	1903-1941	2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.16, 2.29, 2.32, 5.2	3.2, 5.2
Budbud or Bud Bud	1926-1928	2.32, 5.2	
Bugda	1915-1928	2.6, 5.2	
Buloburti	1915-1941	2.3, 5.2	3.2, 5.2
Buracaba or Bur Hacaba	1913-1941	5.2	3.2, 5.2
Callafo	1937-1930	5.2	3.2, 5.2
Callis	1927-1930	2.32, 2.40, 5.2	
Candala	1927-1930	2.32, 5.2	
Capoguardafui		5.2	
Chisimaio (Oltre Giuba 1925-'26; see APH 46)	1925-1941	2.45, 2.66, 5.2	3.2, 5.2
Colundi (later Villaggio Duca d'Abbruzi).	1923	5.2	
Compagnia Italiana Transatlantico		2.38	
Dagabur in Etiopia	1937-1941	5.2	3.2, 5.2
Dagame(do)	1937-1940	5.2	5.2
Danane	1909-1917	5.2	
Dante (was: Hafun)	1933-1941	5.2	5.2
Dinsor	1923-1932	5.2	
Dole / Dolo	1925-1929 + 1937-1941	5.2	3.2, 5.2
Dugiume	1926-1928	2.32, 5.2	
Eil	1926-1941	2.38, 5.2	5.2
El Bur	1927-1940	5.2	5.2
Francesco Crispi (Piroscafo / steamer Poste Italiane)	(1933)	2.56	

Gabredarre / Gebrederre (Etiopia)	1937-1941	5.2	3.2, 5.2
Gallacchio (later Rocca Littoria)	1926-1936	2.38, 5.2	5.2
Gallafo = Callafo		5.2	
Garbahare	1925-1927	5.2	
Garoé or Gardo	1924	5.2	
Gelib Giuba (also Gilib Giuba)	1906-1941	2.3, 2.6, 2.35, 2.43, 2.56, 5.2	3.2, 5.2
Genale	1925	5.2	
Geriban	1927-1928	2.32, 5.2	
Gezira	1909-1910	5.2	
Giabalassi. Or Giala Sassi (later Pietro Verri)	1921-1926	2.16, 5.2	
Giglei (later Belet Uen)	1926-1937?	2.8, 5.2	3.2, 5.2
Giohar (later Villaggio Duca d'Abruzzi; first Colundi)	1924	2.6, 5.2	
Gislei (later Belet Uen)	1925-'26	5.2	
Giumbo	1903-1940	2.1, 2.3, 2.16, 2.35, 5.2	
Gobuin (in Oltre Giuba 1925-1926)	1905-1928	5.2	
Gode (see Mustahil)		5.2	
Gorrahei	1937	5.2	3.2, 5.2
Hafun (later Hordio, and Dante)	1923-1932 (and 1933-1941)	2.38, 5.2	5.2
Harardere	1926-1930	5.2	
Hordio (was Hafun, later Dante)	1925-1930	5.2	5.2
Iredami	1927	2.32, 2.33, 5.2	
Ischia Baidoa see Baidoa		5.2	
Itala	1905-1941	2.1, 2.67, 5.2	5.2
Italo-Somala (steamer)	Ca 1933	2.56	
Lamascillindi (in Etiopia)		5.2	
Lloyd Triestino (steamer)	Ca 1933	2.56	
Lugh (Ferrandi)	1905-1941	2.1, 2.3, 2.6, 2.65, 5.2	3.2, 5.2
Mahadei Uen	1912-1937	2.9, 2.42, 5.2	5.2
Margherita	1909-1928	2.3, 5.2	3.2
Merca	1903-1941	2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.56, 5.2	3.2, 5.2
Meregh	1909-1929	2.6, 5.2	
Mogadiscio	1903-1941	2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 2.8, 2.9, 2.12, 2.22, 2.23, 2.25, 2.29, 2.31, 2.32, 2.34, 2.37, 2.38, 2.40, 2.42, 2.43, 2.54, 2.56, 2.60, 2.62, 2.63, 3.5, 5.2	2.2, 3.2, 5.2
Mogadiscio - Bender Cassim (road)	1929-1931	2.28, 2.37, 2.38, 2.43, 5.2	
Mustahil (Gode)	1937	5.2	3.2, 5.2
Nil		5.2	
Obbia	1909-1919 + 1925-1941	2.19, 5.2	3.2, 5.2
Obbia; British post office	1903	4, 5.2	

Oddur	1915-1936	5.2	3.2, 5.2
Pietro Verri (was Giabalassi)	1926	5.2	
Rocca Littoria (was Gallacchio)	1935-1941	2.56, 5.2	3.2, 5.2
R. Nave Gorizia		2.61	
R. Stazione Vedetta S. Domino		2.3	
Sassabanech / Sassabanegh	1937	5.2	3.2, 5.2
Serenli (in Oltre Giuba)	1925-1926	5.2	
Sliten		2.45	
Somalia Italiana (and no other indication)		2.32	
Tigieglo	1915-1923 + 1925-1929	2.11, 5.2	
Tohen	1927-1936	5.2	5.2
Trieste (steamer)	Ca 1933	2.56	
Uanle Uen	1912-1917 + 1921-1929 (1930?)	2.50, 5.2	
Uarder / Uarderé in Etiopia		5.2	
Uegit	1916-1923 + 1932-1938	2.6, 5.2	5.2
Uorsceik	1909-1917	2.3, 5.2	
Villaggio Duca (degli) Abruzzi, was Giohar)	1922-1941	2.21, 2.38, 2.43, 2.48, 2.56, 3.5, 5.2	3.2, 5.2
Vittorio d'Africa	1931-1941	5.2	3.2, 5.2

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