

THE LLOYD AUSTRIACO IN THE LEVANT 1837 - 1918

INTRODUCTION

Two years following its foundation in 1835 in Trieste, the Austrian Lloyd evolved into the most significant maritime link between central Europe and the Levant. During the operational lifespan of the Austrian Lloyd (1827-1919) the Levant extended beyond the Austro-Hungarian borders to include Egypt, Syria, Palestine, Lebanon, Israel, Jordan, the Ionian Islands, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey as well as the Balkans (either still part of the Ottoman Empire or not), which were not part of the Austro-Hungarian Imperial territory and thus considered to belong to the “Levant”.

Since its postal contract with the Austrian State in 1837, the Austrian Lloyd was much more than a commercial fleet, it became the mega carrier of passengers, merchandise and correspondence in the East Mediterranean, the Adriatic, the Aegean and the Black Sea. The company started its operation with six ships in 1837 and in 1886 it had surpassed 80 vessels.

To support its vast maritime network, Lloyd established a large number of agencies primarily in the ports where its vessels were calling at. These agencies served as the company’s local centers handling logistics and processing the postal services.

The main agencies in the Levant were established in Constantinople, Smyrne, Rhodes, Syros, Piraeus, Mytilene, Canea, Rethymno, Candia, Alexandria, Aleppo, Alexandretta, Beirut, Burgas, Jaffa, Corfu, Cefalonia, Galatz, Mersin, Ibraila, Varna, Volos, Salonique, Cavala, the Dardanelles, Kustendje, Larnaca, Scio. Minor agencies were established in ports like Tenedos, Cerigo, Cesme, Lagos etc. The demise of the Austrian Lloyd was the direct collapse of the Austro-Hungarian Empire following World War I. In 1919 the company fell under Italian Administration and it was renamed Lloyd Triestino, signaling the end of Austrian Lloyd and the closure of its network of agencies in the Levant.

A local point of interest for scholars of postal history lies in the rich variety of cancellations and handstamps used throughout the Company’s operations, applied at the agencies and on board the Lloyd’s vessels. Such artifacts serve as diagnostic tools for identifying the itineraries, the specific ship and the point of origin of the correspondence. The present exhibit includes the following chapters:

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ALEPPO (Today Haleb Syria)

The Lloyd Agency was opened in 1855 and it was closed in 1862 (see Tchilinghian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Eight Page 91, Edition Keith Tranmer 1976).

Entire Letter dated September 1857, sent from Frankfurt to Aleppo (today Syria, Turquie at that time) stamped upon arrival with the oval sunburst H/S "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO ALEPPO"



ALEPPO

Entire Letter dated March 6, 1856, sent from Alexandretta to Aleppo (today Syria, Turquie at that time) stamped upon arrival with bilingual Arabic "L+A/An Djanibi Postai Nemce Haleb 1855" meaning Lloyd Austriaco of the Austrian Post in Aleppo 1855. One out of the 6 letters incoming to Aleppo known until today stamped with this handstamp.

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ALESSANDRETTE (ISKANDERUN)

The Lloyd Agency of Alexandretta (Alessandretta in Italian) was opened in 1854, closed in 1862 and reopened in 1902 (see Tchilinghirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Eight Page 103, Edition Keith Tranmer 1976)

Entire Letter dated June 12, 1855, sent from Aleppo via Alexandretta and Trieste to London, struck with the bilingual Arabic "L+A/An Djanibi Postai Nemce Haleb 1855". In transit in Alessandretta the sunburst oval AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO ALESSANDRETTE and a framed "PP" also applied. Handwritten voie de Trieste, 7¼ (siblergroschen) in blue ink, noted in Prussia and 1/1 indicating that the recipient had to pay 1 shilling and 1 pence. The bilingual Arabic handstamp was used either as a dispatch or as an arrival H/S for the correspondence between the Lloyd Agencies of Aleppo and Alessandretta.

One out of the seven letters outgoing from Aleppo stamped with the bilingual handstamp and a **UNIQUE** example of letter stamped with both the Aleppo negative and the Alessandretta sunburst oval handstamp. (Illustrated and commented in the Filatelist-Tetkikler 30 May 1957, pages 854-856 Orhan Brandt).



ALESSANDRIA (Alexandria Egypt)

The Lloyd Agency at Alexandria was established in 1843 (see Tchilinghirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Eight Page 47, Edition Keith Tranmer 1976).

Entire letter dated 26-5-1846 sent from Alessandria to Syros, stamped with the oval handstamp "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO Alessandria". Disinfected with vinegar splash. Handwritten in red crayon 20 (i.e. 20 lepta) postal fees paid by the recipient at Syros.



Postal Stationery envelope with printed 1pi Egypt stamp. Sent on January 8, 1888, from Alexandria to Cairo. Struck on dispatch with the handstamp "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRO-UNGARICO/ALESSANDRIA".

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BERUTTI (Today Beirut Lebanon)

The Lloyd Agency was established in 1845 (see Tchilinghirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Eight Page 82, Edition Keith Tranmer 1976)

The Lloyd Agency Entire letter dated October 31st, 1854, sent from Beirut to Constantinople stamped with the oval "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO BERUTTI".



BURGAS

The Lloyd Agency was established in 1854 (see Tchilinghirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Seven Page 525, Edition Austrian Stamp Club of Great Britain 1964).

Entire letter dated December 15, 1857, sent from Burgas to Constantinople stamped with the oval handstamp "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO/Burgas" in blue. **One out of the five letters** stamped with this handstamp known until today.

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BURGAS

Cover of letter dated November 11, 1895, sent from Burgas to Munich, stamped with long oval "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO BURGAS", tied with 25 stotini Bulgarian stamp, cancelled by the cds of Burgas of Nov 11th, 1895. Upon arrival in Munich stamped with the Munich cds of 26 Nov 1895 (verso).



CANDIA

The Lloyd Agency was established in 1858 (see Tchilinghirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Five Page 342, Edition Austrian Stamp Club of GB 1964). Cover of letter sent from Candia (Today Heraklion Crete) via Piraeus to Athens stamped with the oval sunburst handstamp "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO CANDIA". **One out of the six letters** stamped with this handstamp known until today. The cover is also stamped with the Piraeus cds of 24 April 1860 and the Athens cds of 25 April 1860 (verso).

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CANEA

The Lloyd Agency was established in 1837 and it became an official Austrian Postal Agency in 1845 (see Tchilinghirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Five Page 337, Edition The Austrian Stamp Club of Great Britain 1964). Entire letter dated January 26, 1860, sent from Canea (today Chania Crete) to Syros Greece, stamped with the oval handstamp "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO Canea" and upon arrival in Syros with the Syros cds dated January 30, 1860 (verso). Handwritten in red crayon "20" corresponding to the Greek postal fees amounting to 20 lepta payable by the recipient in Syros.



CAVALA

The Lloyd Agency was established in 1856 and it became an official Austrian Postal Agency on Feb 1st, 1858 (see Tchilinghirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Five Page 397, Edition The Austrian Stamp Club of GB 1964). Entire letter dated 17/29 April 1858, sent from Cavala to Constantinople stamped with the oval sunburst handstamp of "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO CAVALLA".

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Reduced copy of
the sunburst
handstamp of the
Lloyd Agency in
Cerigo taken from a
document of the
Agency dated
January 1857

CERIGO (KYTHIRA, ISLAND OF GREECE)

The Lloyd Agency was established in 1854, when the island was part of the Ionian Islands State. Posted letters were neither recorded by Tschillingirian nor seen or mentioned by Del Bianco. The latter writes: *Non e conosciuta in period ionico alcuna letter ache possa essere attribuita ad una attivita postale autonoma (attiva o passive) dell'agenzia Lloydiana di Cerigo.* Meaning: No letter is known during the Ionian period attributed to postal activity (either ingoing or outgoing) of the Austrian Lloyd agency in Cerigo. (Umberto Del Bianco Il Lloyd Austriaco E Gli Annuli Maritimo Dell Austria-Ungheria Volume 3 Rorani Editore Milano 1978 Page 488).

Entire letter dated December 6th, 1858 sent from Cerigo (belonging to the Ionian State at that time, Kythera Greece today) to Trieste, stamped with the sunburst oval handstamp "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO CERIGO", almost completely covered by the black straight-line Let^a arr^{ta} per mare of Trieste, affixed heavily over the previous handstamp. Upon arrival in Trieste, the cds of Trieste applied. The sender of the letter informs the recipient that A.Cavalini (i.e. the Agent of Austrians Lloyd's Agency in Cerigo) sends greetings to the addressee.

This is the only known postal use of the Lloyd's Agency H/S of Cerigo.

The letter is illustrated and commented in OPUS XIII, Ionian Islands 1428-1864 Journeys of unique folded letters. Fascination and realities. Gerasimo Vlachos Pages 19-20 Ed. Académie Européenne de Philatélie.

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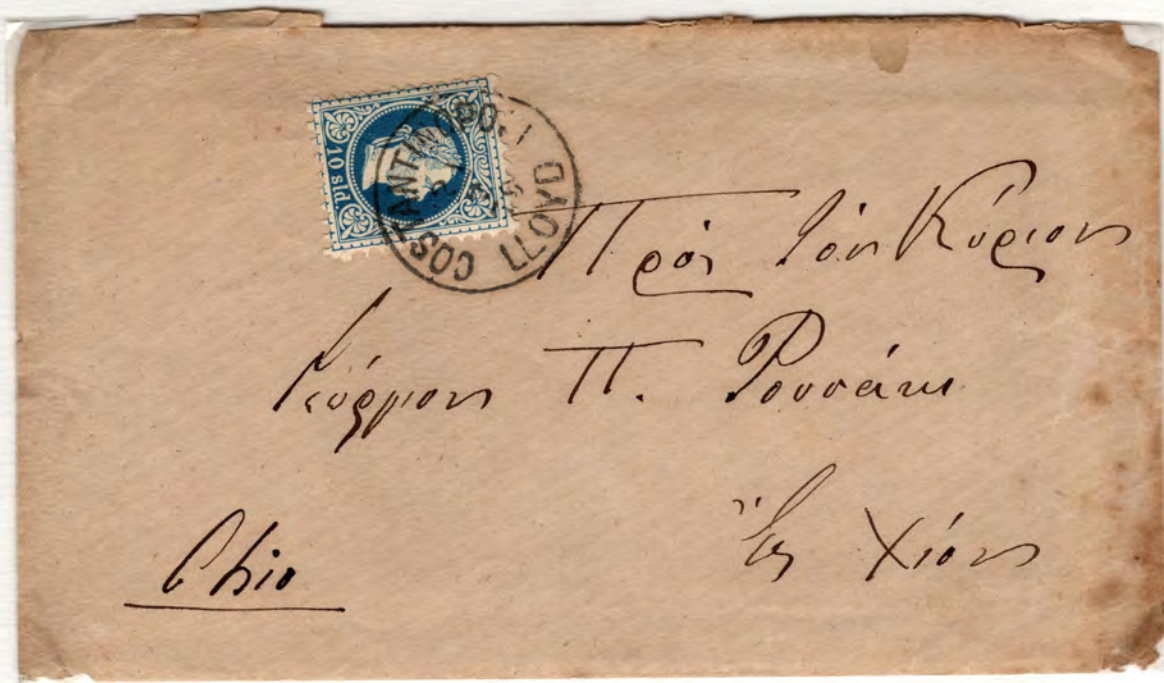
CESME (CHESME TURKEY)

In the year 1851 facilities were provided at Cesme (Cisme in Italian) for posting letters. Prior to this, mail from Cesme could be sent from the Lloyd's office at Chios (see Tchiligirian Stephen Part Eight page 106, Ed. Keith Tranmer 1976).

Entire letter dated 14 June 1882 sent from Cesme via Smyrne to Constantinople tied with 1876 light whiskers 10s blue cancelled by the circular handstamp "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTROUNGARICO CISME". In the reverse it is stamped with the Lloyd's cds of Smyrne "SPED. POST PRESSO LLOYD SMYRNE 18/7/82" and upon arrival in Constantinople with the Lloyd's cds of Constantinople.

One out of the two known ELs bearing the Cesme Lloyd Austroungarico circular handstamp.

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CONSTANTINOPLE

The Lloyd Agency was established in 1837 and opened as an Austrian Post office (see Tchilinghirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Four Page 250, Edition The Austrian Stamp Club of GB 1964).

Cover of Letter dated February 8, 1879 sent from Constantinople to Chios tied with 10 Soldi whisker cancelled with the Constantinople circular date stamp of Lloyd



Entire letter dated July 16th, 1870, sent from Constantinople to Trieste, struck on front with Constantinople cds in black and, on reverse, with the oval sunburst "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO COSPOLI".

Upon arrival in Triest, the Triest oval date stamp applied.

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CONSTANTINOPLE

Entire letter dated July 1845 sent from Constantinople via Piraeus to Athens, stamped with the oval "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO/Constantinopoli" handstamp in black.

Disinfected in Piraeus where it was stamped with the Piraeus Sanitary Office handstamp and the Piraeus circular date stamp of July 3, 1845. (verso)



CORFU

The Lloyd Agency was established in 1837 (see Tchilinghirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Four Page 289, Edition The Austrian Stamp Club of GB 1964).

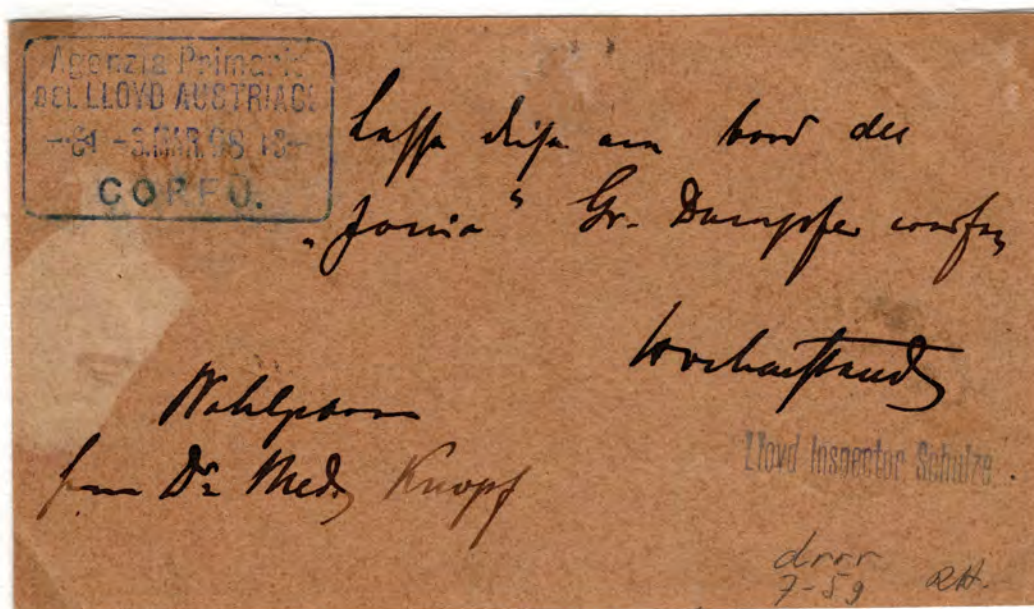
Entire letter dated October 28, 1850, sent from Firenze to Corfu stamped upon arrival to Corfu with the Oval handstamp "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO Corfu" and the cds of the Corfu Ionian Post. Handwritten Postal Rate 5d + 3d (Ionian) to be paid by the recipient. **One out of the five** handstamps of this type of the Lloyd's Agency of Corfu known until today.

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CORFU

Undated cover of letter sent from Corfu to Dresden (Germany), tied with 10 Heller Franz Joseph, cancelled by long oval handstamp "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO CORFU" (Possibly cancelled to order)



CORFU

Postal Stationery stamped with boxed handstamp "AGENZIA PRIMARIO DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO CORFU" and linear Lloyd Inspector Schulze sent to Goldberg. It was stamped upon arrival in Goldberg with the Goldberg cds dated 7 March 1898.

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THE DARDANELLES (Canakkale Turkey)

The Lloyd Agency was established in 1845 taking over from the D.D.S.G. (see Tchilinghirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Eight Page 109, Edition Keith Tranmer 1976).

Entire letter dated Sept 12, 1859, sent from Tenedos to Thessaloniki stamped with the oval sunburst handstamp of "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO DARDANELLI". The Lloyd agency was established at the city of Dardanelles (today Canakkale Turkey) which is located at the narrowest point of the Strait of Gallipoli.

One out of the four letters stamped with this H/S of the Lloyd Dardanelli agency known until today.

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IBRAILA (BRAILA)

The Agency of the Lloyd in Braila opened in the early 1840s (see Tchilinghirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Six Page 480, Edition Austrian Stamp Club of GB 1966). Entire letter dated July 3rd, 1858, sent from Ibraila to Constantinople. Stamped with the oval handstamp "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO Ibraila".



KEFALONIA (Cefalonia)

The office of Lloyd in Cefalonia opened in 1853 (see Tchilinghirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Four Page 288, Edition Austrian Stamp Club of GB 1963). Entire letter dated June 6th, 1854, sent from the Lloyd's Headquarters in Trieste to the Company's Agency in Cefalonia, addressed to the agent thereof namely Ang. Romanos.

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Agentia și Magaziile Lloydului Austriac. Galatzi.

GALATZ

The Austrian Lloyd established an agency in the early 1840s (see Tchilingirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Six Page 451, Edition Austrian Stamp Club of GB 1966). Postcard illustrating the offices and the warehouse of Lloyd Austriaco in Galatz.



Entire letter sent from Galatz to Constantinople dated September 14th, 1852, stamped with oval handstamp "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO Galatz"

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LARNACA

The Lloyd Agency was established in 1837 when the Lloyd's ships started calling at Larnaca. Before 1845 the Syra - Larnaca connection was operating in some sort of infrequent service. After 1845 the Lloyd's vessels were calling at Larnaca twice per month.

Entire letter sent from Larnaca / Cyprus to Syros, dated October 25th, 1846. The letter was stamped with the oval handstamp of the Austrian Lloyd Agency in Larnaca, the two-line handstamp of Larnaca "LARNACA 25OTT" and linear "FRANCA". Upon arrival in Syros it was stamped with the circular postmark of Syros dated October 21st, 1846 (Julian calendar). Handwritten "10" in red crayon indicating the 10 lepta postal fees paid by the recipient for distribution of the letter in Syros.

The letter was carried by the Lloyd's vessel, serving the express line Syra-Larnaca which was connecting Cyprus with the main line Trieste Constantinople. The line continued to operate until 1857 when the line Smyrna-Rhodes-Larnaca-Beirut-Haifa-Jaffa-Alexandria was inaugurated. **One out of the four** ELS known until today, stamped with the oval H/S of Larnaca.

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KUSTENDJE

The ships of Lloyd began to call at Kustendje in 1861 and at that point of time the former DDSG Agency became an Agency of Lloyd Austriaco (see Tchilinghirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Seven Page 489, Edition Austrian Stamp Club of GB 1967).

Entire letter dated Sept 24, 1862, sent from KUSTENDJE to CONSTANTINOPLE. Stamped with the CDS LLOYD AGENZIE KUSTENDJE 24/9 and linear FRANCO. Handwritten "8" in red crayon corresponding to the 8 kreuzer Lloyd's fees.



PORT LAGOS

The shipping agency of the Austrian Lloyd was established at Port Lagos in 1857 (see Tchilinghirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Seven Page 342, Edition Austrian Stamp Club of GB 1967)

Unpaid cover from Marseille to Port Lagos carried by the Austrian Lloyd, obverse showing "IN DEN DARDANELLEN 5/5" transit cds and "T" indicating that postal fees were not paid, as well as "LLOYD AGENZIE LAGOS 5/5" arrival cds.

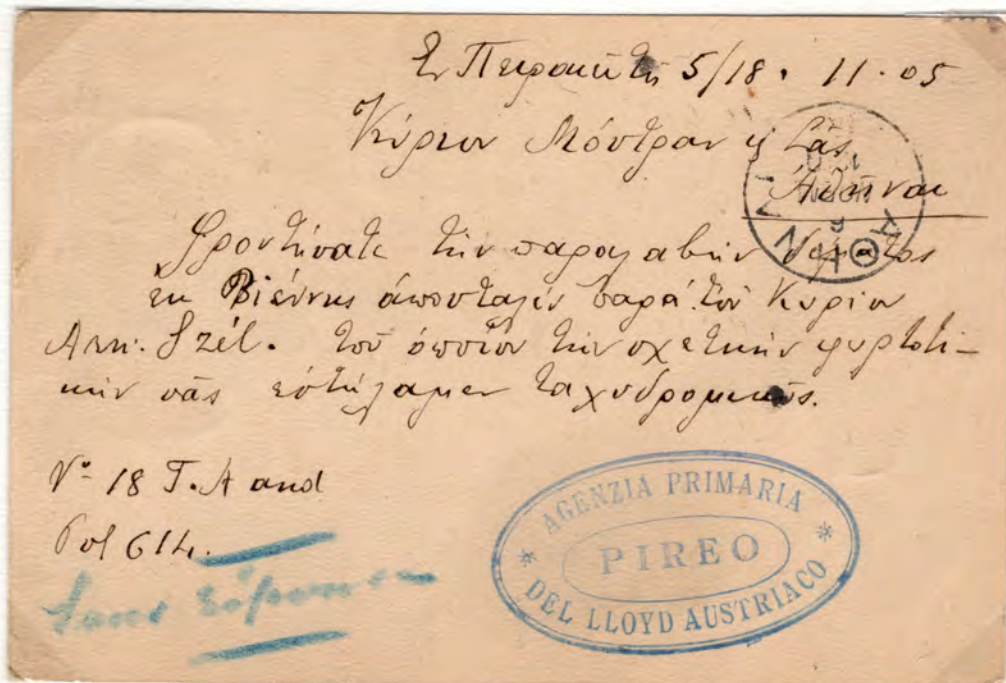
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MERSINA (Mersin Turkey)

The first Lloyd Agency was opened in 1854 according to Mueller (see Die Poststempel auf der Freimarken ausgabe 1867 Vienna 1930).

Entire letter dated February 8, 1859, sent from Mersina to Syra, stamped with the sunburst oval "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO MERSINA" and upon arrival in Syros with the Syros cds, dated Febr. 22, 1859 (verso). Handwritten "30" in red crayon indicating the postal fees of 30 lepta to be paid by the recipient in Syros.



PIRAEUS

The Shipping Agency of the Austrian Lloyd was established in 1837 (see Tchilinghirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Five Page 326, Edition Austrian Stamp Club of GB 1962). Postal Stationery dated November 5, 1905, sent from Pireaus to Athens stamped with large oval AGENZIA PRIMARIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO PIREO and upon arrival in Athens with the Athens cds of Nov. 6th, 1905.

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PIRAEUS

Entire letter dated March 3, 1866, sent from Piraeus to Athens
stamped with small Oval "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO
PIREO"



Postal stationery dated 10-1-1884, sent from Pireo to
Bregenz (Lake of Konstenz), printed stamp 5 soldi
(Franz Joseph). Cancelled with the large oval
handstamp "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO PIREO"

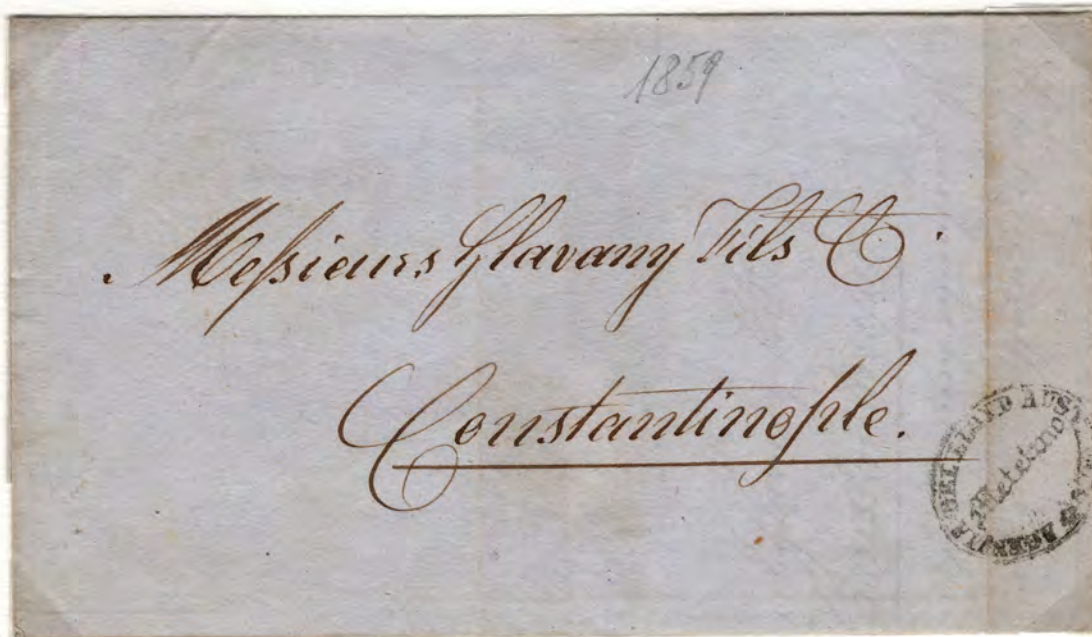
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MYTILENE (LESBOS)

The Lloyd Agency in Mytilene was established in 1851 (see Tchilinghirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Five Page 359, Edition Austrian Stamp Club of GB 1964).

Postcard dated April 26, 1902, illustrating the Lloyd office in Mytilene.



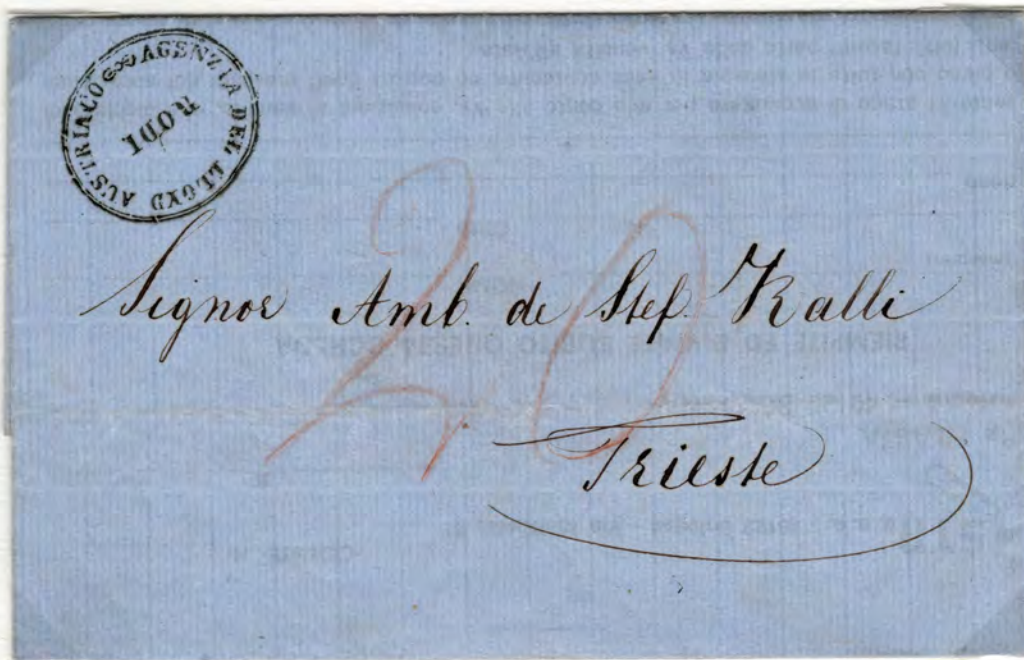
Cover DATED 26 De.1859, sent from Mytilene to Constantinople. Stamped with oval handstamp "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO Metelino".

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RETTIMO (Rethymno Greece)

The Lloyd Agency at Rethymno was established at 1858 (see Tchilingirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Five Page 346, Edition The Austrian Stamp Club of Great Britain 1964). Entire Letter dated 1860, sent from Rettimo (Crete) to Constantinople Stamped with sunburst handstamp "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO RETTIMO". **One out of the four** ELS known until today stamped with this type of Lloyd H/S.



RHODES

The Lloyd Agency was established at 1838 (see Tchilingirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Five Page 363, Edition The Austrian Stamp Club of Great Britain 1964). Entire Letter dated July 10th, 1866 sent from Rhodes to Trieste, stamped with oval handstamp "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO * RODI" in black. Handwritten "20" marking with red crayon denotes in kreuzer the fee to be collected from the recipient.

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RODOSTO (TEKIR-DAGH Turkey)

The Lloyd Agency was established during the 1890s and in 1898 it became an Austrian Postal Agency (see Tchilinghirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Seven Page 547, Edition Austrian Stamp Club of GB 1967).

Postal stationery dated 1897, sent from Rodosto to the USA, with printed stamp overprinted 20 para on 5 Kreuzer, cancelled with oval handstamp "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO RODOSTO".



SAJADA

The Lloyd Agency it is likely to be established in 1858 (see Tchilinghirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Four Page 320, Edition Austrian Stamp Club of GB 1964). Postal card dated 26-1-1904, sent from Sajada to Corfu, tied with 10 Para Turkish stamp cancelled with oval "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO SAJADA".

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SAJADA

Postal Card sent from Sajada to Trieste, tied with 20 para Franz Joseph Stamp, cancelled with boxed handstamp "Agenzia DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO 25 MAR. 1910 SAJADA Epiro"



SALONICCO (THESSALONIKI Greece)

The Lloyd Agency was established in the 1850s and in due course it was recognized as official Austrian Postal Agencies (see Tchilinghirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Five Page 393, Edition Austrian Stamp Club of GB 1964). Entire letter dated 5/17 Febr. 1865, sent from Thessaloniki to Alexandria (Egypt) stamped with the cds "LLOYD AGENZIE SALONICO" and upon arrival in Alexandria with the cds thereof dated 27/2.

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SALONICCO (THESSALONIKI Greece)

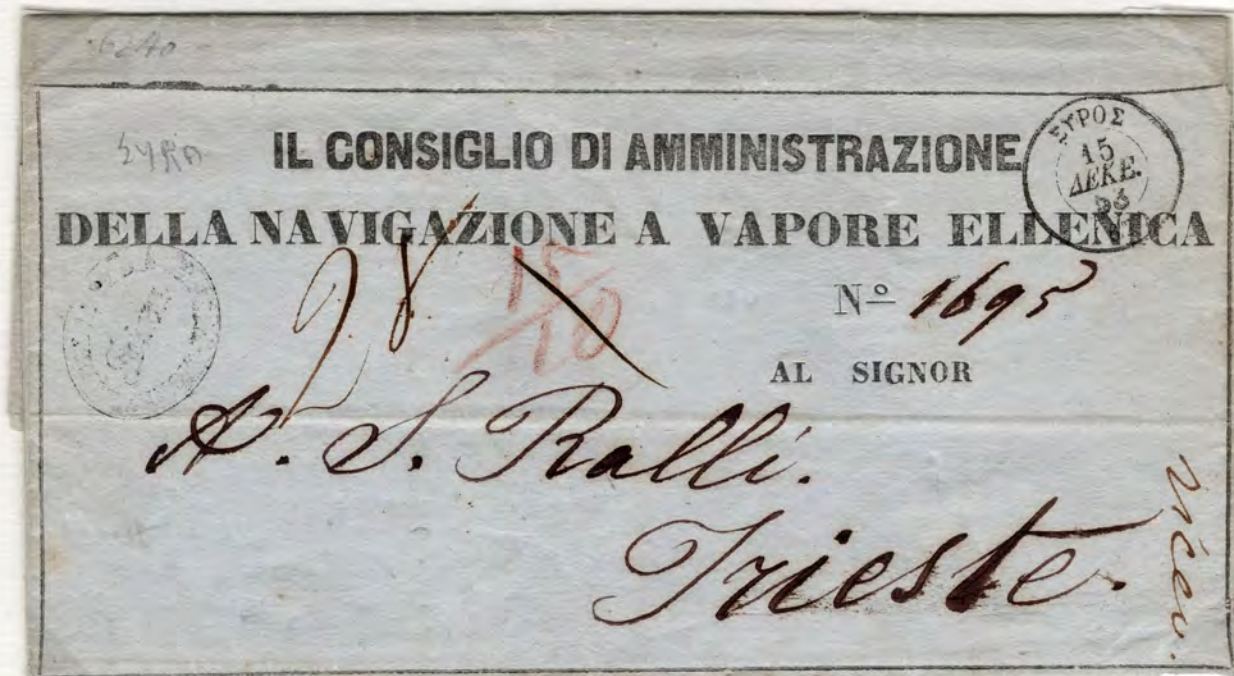
Entire letter dated 5/17 April 1856 sent from Thessaloniki to Syros, stamped with oval handstamp "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO Salonico" and upon arrival in Syros with the cds of Syros dated 12 April 1856 (verso). Handwritten "20" in red crayon indicating the 20 lepta postal fees to be paid by the recipient.



SCIO (CHIOS Greece)

The Austrian Lloyd was established as agency in 1857 and later it was recognized as an official Austrian Post office (see Tchilinghirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Five Page 355, Edition Austrian Stamp Club of GB 1964). Entire letter dated November 11th, 1857, sent from Scio via Piraeus to Athens, stamped with "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO SCIO", transit cds of Piraeus dated Nov 11 1857 (verso) and the Athens cds of the same date (verso)

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SIRA (SYROS Greece)

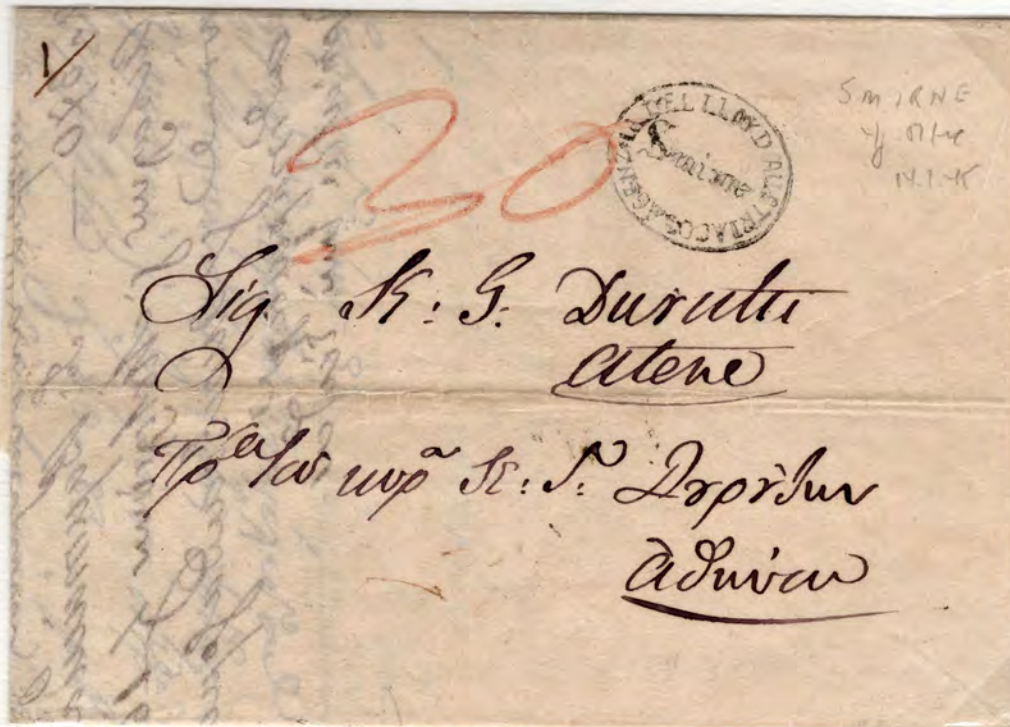
The Lloyd Agency was established in Syros in 1837 and became a terminal station of the Syra Canea Alexandria line. Entire letter dated December 15, 1858, sent from Syros to Trieste stamped with the oval handstamp "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO Sira" and the Greek Post Office's cds of 15 Dec 1858.



SMYRNA (IZMIR Turkey)

The Lloyd Agency was established in Smyrna in 1838 (see Tchilinghirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Eight Page 95, Edition Keith Tranmer 1976). Entire letter dated 1858 sent from Smyrna to Constantinople stamped with oval handstamp "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO SMIRNE"

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SMYRNA

Entire letter dated 14/26 January 1845, sent from Smyrna via Piraeus to Athens, stamped with oval "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO Smirne". In the reverse transit Piraeus cds dated 17 Jan 1845, Athens cds of 17/1/1845 and "ΥΓΕΙΟΝΟΜΕΙΟΝ ΠΕΙΡΑΙΩΣ" (i.e Sanitary Office of Piraeus) demonstrating that the letter had been disinfected. Handwritten "30" (lepta) to be collected by the recipient.



SMYRNA

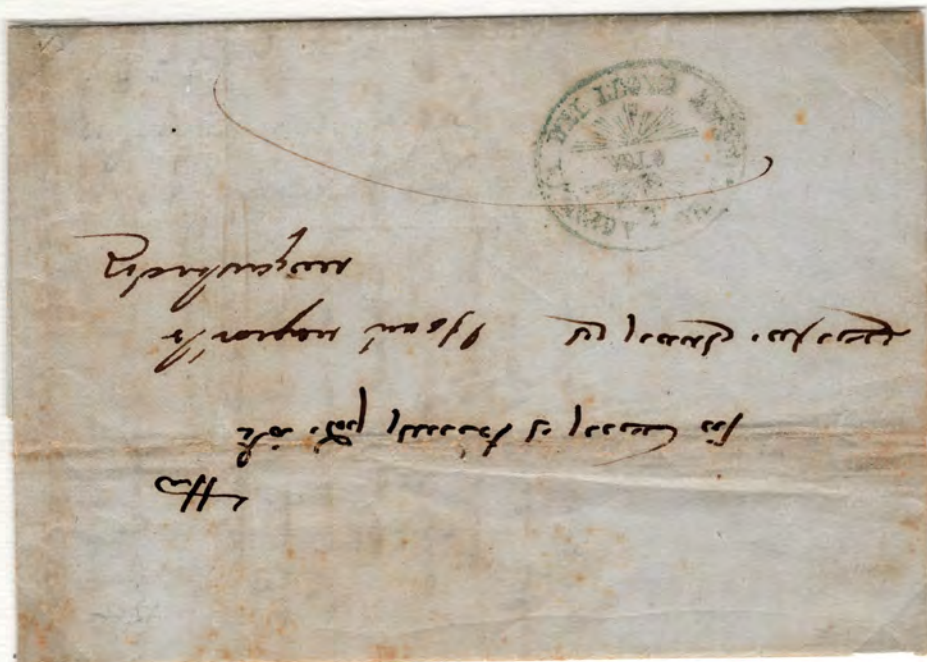
Entire letter dated May 8th, 1869, sent from Smyrna to Genes via Brindisi, tied with 3 sld Lombardo-Venetto and 25 sld Franz-Joseph. Cancelled by "LLOYD AGENZIE SMIRNE 8.5" and "PIROSCAFI POSTALI ITALIANI" to Genes. On back Brndisi transit and "GENOVA MAI 69" cds. stamped with oval handstamp "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO SMIRNE"

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TENEDOS (BOZJA-ADA Turkey)

An Agency of the Lloyd was established in 1837 in the tiny island of Tenedos, serving as an intermediate coaling station, when the first units of the company began operating the line Trieste Constantinople (see Tchilinghirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Five Page 369, Edition Austrian Stamp Club of GB 1964). Entire letter dated 16/28 August 1858, sent from Lemnos via Tenedos to Smyrna, stamped with oval "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO TENEDOS". **One out of the three** ELS stamped with this HS, known until today.



VOLOS

An Agency of the Lloyd was established in 1853 and acted as an official Austrian Postal Agency from the day of Lloyd's establishment (see Tchilinghirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Five Page 395, Edition Austrian Stamp Club of GB 1964). Entire letter dated 1855, sent from Volos to Constantinople stamped with the sunburst handstamp "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO VOLO"

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VARNA

The Austrian Lloyd took the DDSG agency in 1845 and in 1860 it was recognized as an official Austrian Postal Agency (see Tchilinghirian Stephen Austrian Post Offices Abroad Part Seven Page 526, Edition Austrian Stamp Club of GB 1967). Entire letter dated December 16/28, 1857, sent from Varna to Constantinople, stamped with the oval handstamp "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO Varna".



VARNA

Cover from Varna to Constantinople dated 25-2-1871 tied with three 10 Soldi 1867 cancelled with cds "LLOYD AGENZIE VARNA 25/2".

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S/S ARCHIDUCA GIOVANNI Built 1836, Tonnage 349

Entire letter sent from Trieste to Corfu, dated 1 Sept 1837. Handwritten "Col Piroscapo Austriaco Arciduca Giovanni", meaning by the Austrian steamer Arciduca Giovanni which was one out of the six initial vessels of the Austrian Lloyd. The other vessels were: ARCIDUCA LODOVICO, CONTE KOLOWRAT, MAHMUDIEH, BARONE EICHHOFF and PRINCE METTERNICH. 1837 was the first year of the maritime operations of the Lloyd Austriaco. More specifically, on May 16th, 1837, the steamer ARCHIDUCA LODOVICO inaugurated the first line of the company, namely Trieste-Constantinople via Piraeus-Syra-Smyrna.

This is one of the earliest known ELS carried by Lloyd with identification of the particular vessel. Handwritten 27 kr corresponding to the aggregate of Austrian PO and Lloyd's fees. Handwritten in red the Ionian Postal Fees "9" and "2" indicating the weight.

Sept 1st, 1837, was the date of the signing of the first contract between the Austrian Administration and the Lloyd for the carrying by the latter of mail bags against a fixed fee. In that sense, this is a letter carried at the first day of implementation of the said contract.

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S/S MAHMUDIEH - Built 1837 Tonnage 467

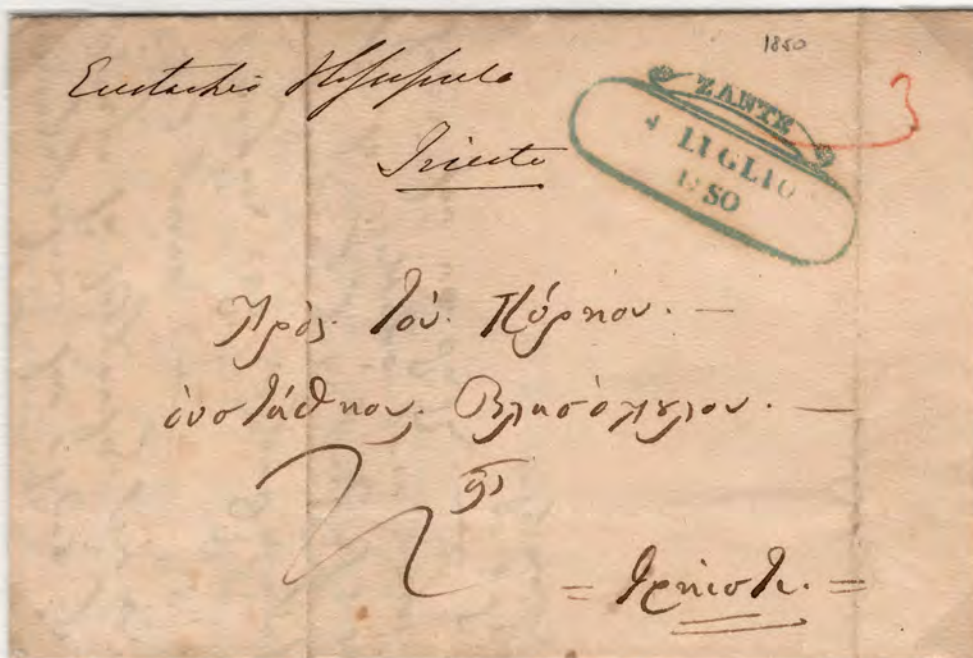
The S/S Mahmudieh was the second vessel of Lloyd engaged in the line Trieste Constantinople and its name was given in honour of the reigning Sultan Mahmud II. Entire letter sent from Trieste to Zante via Corfu dated Oct. 1839, stamped with the cds of Trieste of 16 October 1839, linear "Franco", transit hooked date stamp of Corfu dated October 19, 1839, and upon arrival in Zante with the hooked date stamp thereof. Handwritten 1 ¼ corresponding to the number of pages of the letter and 2/6 indicating the postal fees of Lloyd and of the Ionian Post.



S/S BARON EICHHOFF - Built 1837 Tonnage 361

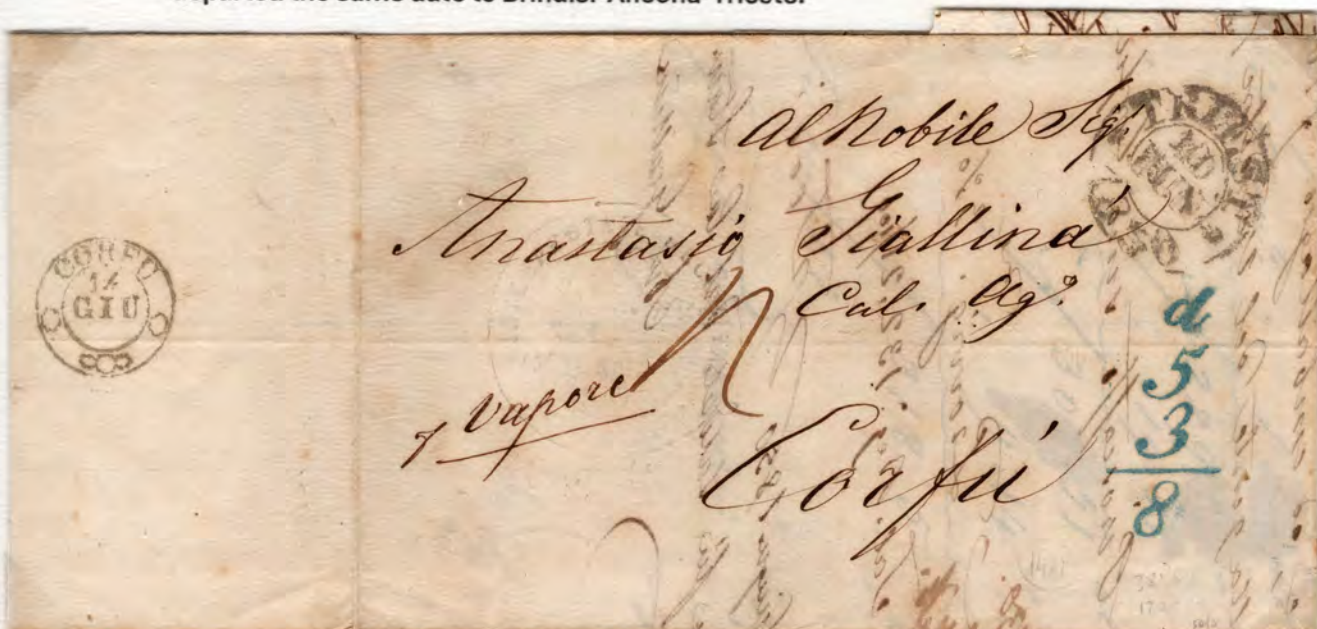
Cover of letter sent from Syros to Trieste. The cover was stamped with the Syros cds dated September 17th, 1842, (corresponding to Sept 29th of the Gregorian Calendar) and upon arrival in Trieste it was stamped with the cds thereof dated 6 OCT 1842. Handwritten "col vapore Baron Eichoff per Trieste" Baron Eichoff was one out of the six vessels that Lloyd had in service at the time of the commencement of its maritime operation.

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S/S FERDINANDO I - Built 1839 Tonnage 450

Entire letter dated 4 July 1850, sent from Zante to Trieste. The letter was stamped with the hooked date stamp of Zante, dated 4 July 1850 and upon arrival in Trieste with the cds thereof (7 July). According to the Official Gazette of the US of the Ionian Islands (Volume No79 July 6th, 1850, page 10) on July 4th the only ship calling at Corfu coming from Zante was the S/S Ferdinando I, which departed the same date to Brindisi-Ancona-Trieste.



S/S ARCIDUCA LUDOVICO - Built 1836 Tonnage 310

Entire letter dated 10/22 June 1850 sent from Trieste to Corfu. The letter was carried by the Lloyd ship "ARCIDUCA LUDOVICO" which arrived at Corfu on June 13 from, Trieste-Brindisi-Ancona (3½ days journey-Trieste 10/6-Corfu 14/6), (Official Gazette of the US of the Ionian Islands No76 3/15-6-1850 Page 18). Handwritten "vapore" and 12 corresponding to the Lloyd's fees of 12 kr that equals to 5 pennies (5d) of the Ionian currency. Handstamp "d 5 3/8" indicating the 5 pennies Lloyd's fees plus 3 pennies the postal rate of the Ionian post resulting to the aggregate of 8 pennies. The letter was stamped with the cds of Trieste and upon arrival in Corfu with the cds thereof (14 June).

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S/S ABBAZIA - Built 1911 Tonnage 3820

Postal card from Lussinpicolo sent to Vienna, tied with a five heller Austrian stamp, cancelled by the cds of the ABBAZIA dated 31-8-1913 (Type LH according to Tchilinghirian classification)



S/S ACHILE Built 1874 Tonnage 1970

Postal stationery sent on board of the ACHILE on its way from Corfu to Patra. Tied with a preprinted 20 para stamp cancelled with the vessel's cds "LLOYD AUSTRIACO I" dated 7/10/1894 (TYPE LB)

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S/S ADELSBERG - Built 1910 Tonnage 1122

Postcard depicting Pontikonissi Corfu sent to Wien. Tied with a 5 heller Franz Joseph stamp cancelled by the cds of the vessel dated 23 Apr. 1912 (Type LF)



S/S AFRICA - Built 1902 Tonnage 4921

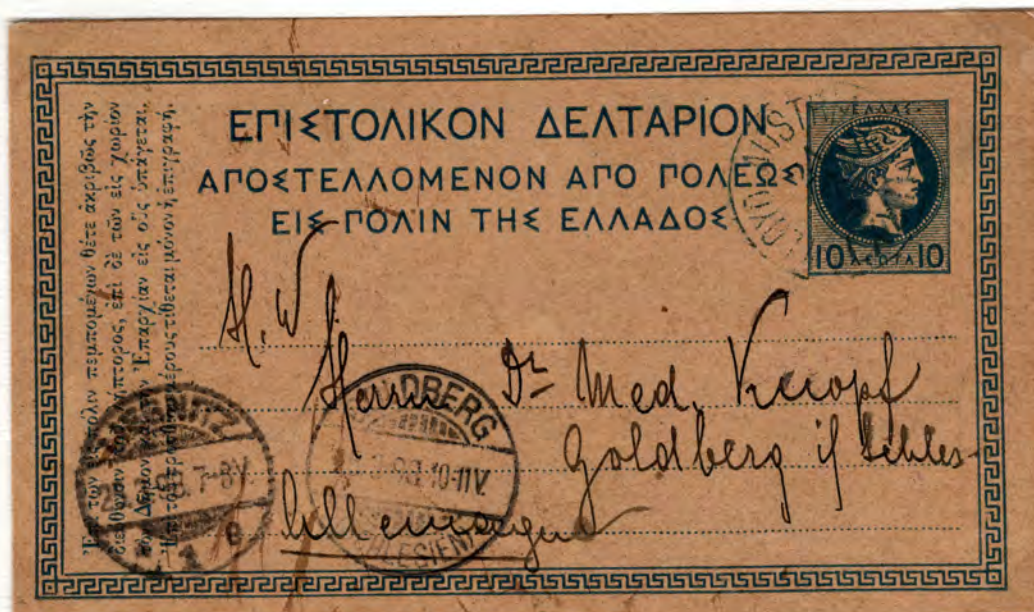
Postcard sent onboard the S/S AFRICA to Trieste thanking the recipient for accompanying the sender to the S/S. Tied with 10 Heller Austrian Stamp cancelled with the vessel's cds of 27/8/1903 (Type LD) (Verso).

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S/S ALBANIEN - Built 1910 Tonnage 1120

Postcard sent to Vienna, dated 1912, depicting LUSSINPICOLO, tied with Austrian stamp 5 heller, cancelled with the vessel's cds "ALBANIEN OSTERR. LLOYD" (Type LF according to Tchilinghirian's Classification). The ALBANIEN was the Lloyd's vessel with the shortest life as it was attacked and sunk by an Italian submarine and sunk in 1916.



S/S ALMISSA - Built 1893 Tonnage 880

Greek Postal Stationery sent from Patra to Goldberg Germany, dated 1898, tied with preprinted Greek stamp 10 Lepta, cancelled with the vessel's h/s "LLOYD AUSTRIACO LXXII" (Type LB). This h/s was used by ALMISSA until its replacement by h/s XLVII. The first name of the vessel was TRIESTE; in 1896 it

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S/S AMPHITRITE Built 1884 Tonnage 3839

Cover of letter sent to Danzig (Germany at that time), tied with two 20 para-Austrian stamps, cancelled with the cds of the vessel "LLOYD AUSTRIACO III 27/1/1895" (Type LB according to Tchilinghirian's Classification).



S/S AMPHITRITE

Postcard tied with 5 heller Austrian stamp, cancelled with the AMPHITRITE's cds "AMPHITRITE OE LLOYD 9/4/1914" (Type LD)

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S/S ARCIDUCHESSA CARLOTTA – Built 1857 Tonnage 1060

Postal Stationery dated 15/8/1890, sent from Cattaro to Malines (Belgium), tied with preprinted Austrian 2 Kreuzer stamp cancelled by the vessel's cds "LLOYD AUSTRO-UNGARICO VI 16/8/1890" (Type LA according to Tchilinghirian's classification). This type of cds was used during the period 1888-1891 when the name of the company was Lloyd Austro-Ungarico. The PS was sent via Trieste (18/8) and Riva (26/8) as evidenced by the corresponding transit handstamp. Upon arrival in Malines, the cds thereof applied together with the circular "10" of the postman and boxed "T" demonstrating that postal fees were not fully paid by the sender. The initial name of the vessel was Archiduchessa Carolina and in 1863 it was renamed Archiduchessa Carlotta.



S/S AURORA – Built 1869 Tonnage 1825

Romanian Postal Stationery dated February 22nd, 1896, sent from Constanza to Athens. Tied with Romanian pre-printed stamp cancelled with the vessels cds "LLOYD AUSTRIACO IX 5/3/96" (Type LB).

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S/S BARON BRUCK – Built 1913 Tonnage 1964

Postcard sent from Sebenico tied with 5 heller Austrian stamp cancelled with the Sebenico P.O. cds and stamped with the vessel's H/S "AUF HOHER SEE AN BORD BARON BRUCK 13 APR 1914" (Type LJ according to Tchilinghirian's classification).



S/S BARON CALL – Built 1904 Tonnage 3104

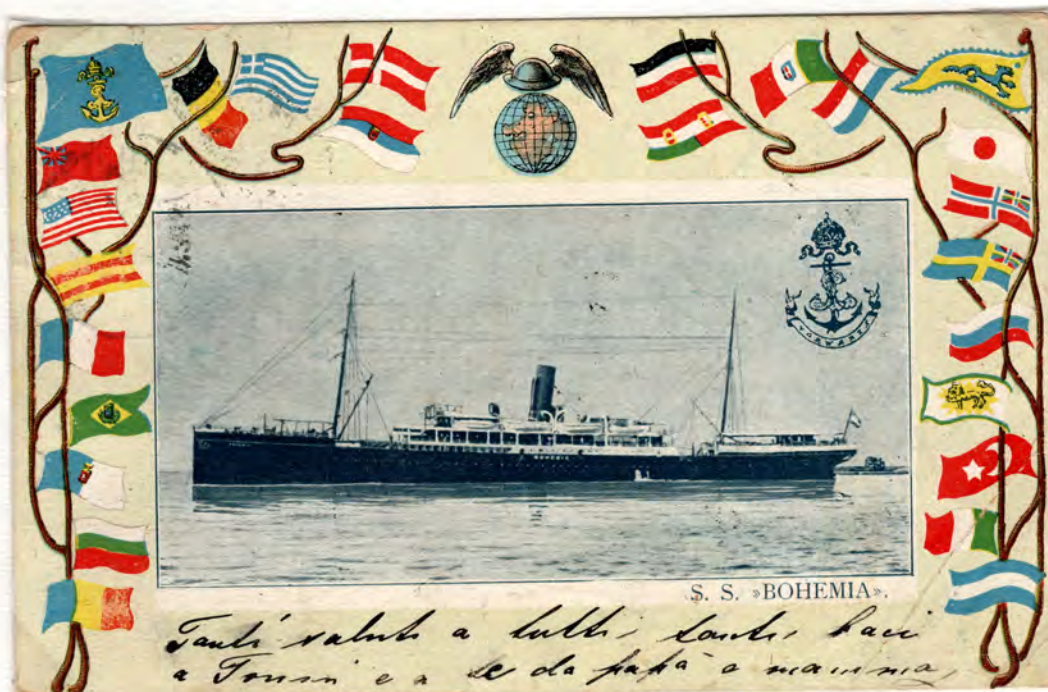
Postcard dated September 5th, 1905, sent from Patra (Greece) to Ravenna tied with 5 lepta flying Hermes Greek stamp, cancelled by the vessel's cds "BARON CALL O.E. LLOYD 6/9/05" (Type LD).

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S/S BERENICE – Built 1882 Tonnage 2650

Postal stationery dated 26 Aug 1894 sent from Patra to Bruneck via Villach Stadt. Preprinted Greek stamp 10 lepta cancelled by the cds of the Berenice vessel “LLOYD AUSTRIACO XI 26/8/94” and stamped with the transit cds of Villach Stadt and upon arrival to Bruneck with the cds thereof.



S/S BOHEMIA – Built 1896 Tonnage 4218

Postcard depicting the S/S Bohemia sent to Trieste tied with two 5 Heller Austrian stamps cancelled by the vessel’s cds “BOHEMIA DE LLOYD 11/9/03” (Type LD) and upon arrival in Trieste with the cds thereof (verso).

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S/S BREGENZ – Built 1908 Tonnage 3905

Greek postcard depicting Aiolou str. in Athens sent to Constantinople, tied with 5 lepta flying Mercury Greek stamp cancelled by the cds of Bregenz vessel “BREGENZ OSTERR.LLOYD 8 V 10” (Type LF according to Tchilinghirian’s classification) and upon arrival in Constantinople stamped by the cds of the local P.O. dated 30 MAY 1910.



S/S BREGENZ

Postcard depicting Corfu, dated 21/6/1910 sent to Sanremo Italy, tied with two 5 heller Austrian stamps cancelled with the cds of Bregenz “BREGENZ OSTERR.LLOYD 21.VI 10” (type LF) and stamped with the oval handstamp “LLOYD AUSTRIACO PIROSCAFO BREGENZ” (Type LC).

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S/S BRIONI – Built 1909 Tonnage 1111

Postcard depicting Lussinpiccolo sent to Ungaria, tied with 5 heller Austrian stamp cancelled by the cds of BRIONI vessel “BRIONI OSTERR.LLOYD 16 VIII 10” (Type LF according to Tchilinghirian’s classification).



S/S BRIONI

Military postal stationery dated March 28th, 1917, sent to Trieste stamped with the cds “KUK FELDPOSTAMT 406 28/1/17” indicating the military post unit of the sender and with the oval “LLOYD AUSTRIACO PIROSCAFO BRIONI”.

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S/S BRUENN

Cover of registered letter from Constantinople to Trieste tied with 2 Piaster Austrian stamp cancelled with the cds of Constantinople dated 14 VII 1914 and label of registration, stamped with oval "LLOYD AUSTRIACO PIROSCAFO BRUENN" (TYPE LC)



S/S BRUENN

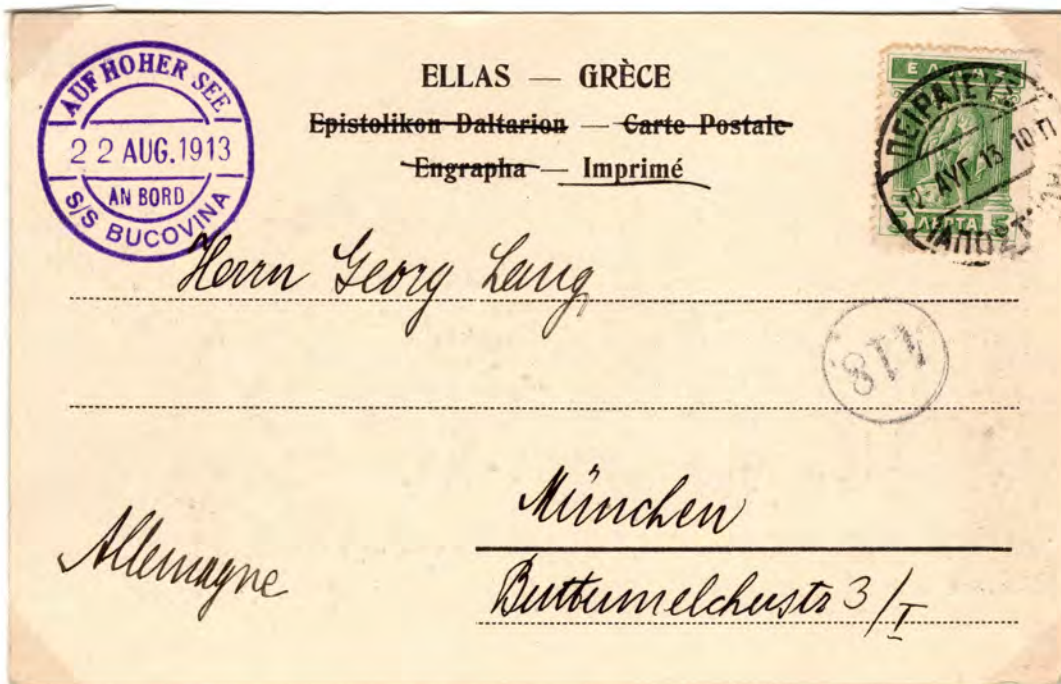
Postcard depicting ACHILLEION - Corfu tied with 5 heller Austrian stamp and stamped with the cds of BRUENN "AUF HOHER SEE ANBORD S/S BRUENN"

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S/S BUCOVINA - Built 1902 Tonnage 2926

Postcard sent from Athens to Vendome-France, tied with 5 Lepta Greek stamp cancelled with the cds of S/S BUCOVINA "BUCOVINA O.E. LLOYD 14/08" (TYPE LD) and upon arrival in Vendome stamped with the cds of the local P.O. dated 24-4-08.

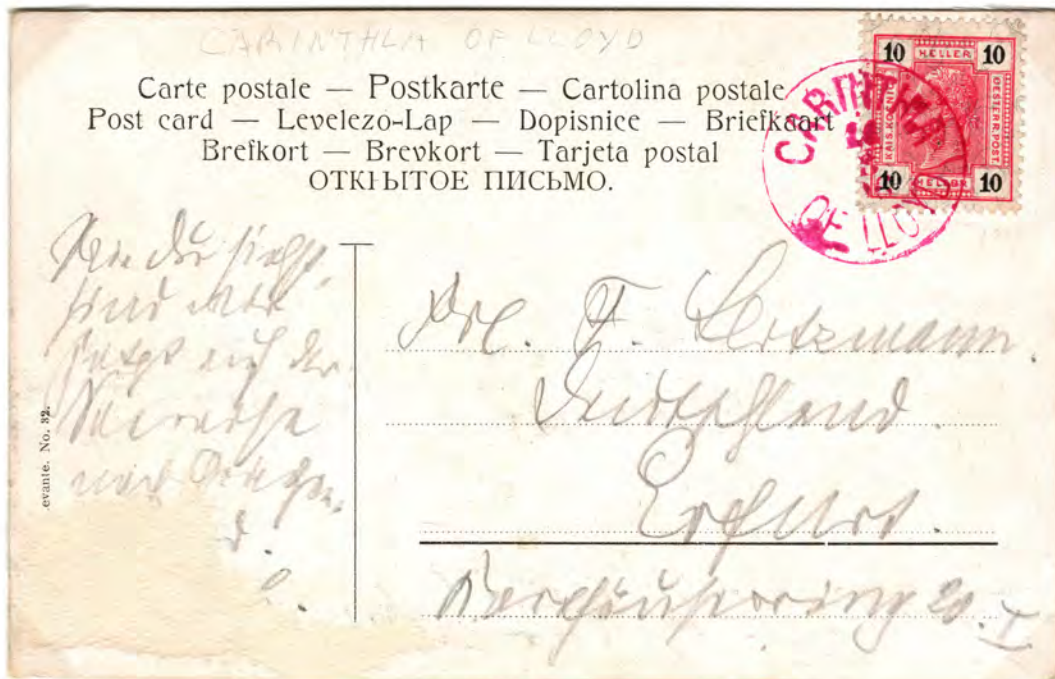


Postcard sent from Piraeus Greece to Munich tied with 5 lepta Greek stamp cancelled with the cds of Piraeus P.O. dated August 12, 1913, and stamped with the vessel's cds "AUF HOHER SEE AN BORD S/S BUCOVINA 22 AUG 1913" (TYPE LJ)

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S/S CALYPSO - Built 1873 Tonnage 1702
Postal stationery dated May 6th, 1896 with preprinted Austrian Levant stamp
1 PIASTER, cancelled with H/S "LLOYD AUSTRIACO XII 6/5/96" (Type LB).



S/S CARINTHIA - Built 1900 Tonnage 2931
Postcard tied with 10 HELLER Austrin Levant stamp cancelled with the vessel's
H/S "CARINTHIA O.E. LLOYD" Type LD.

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S/S CARNIOLIA - Built 1900 Tonnage 2940

Cover dated 15 Sept 1901 sent to Tupadlich via Brindisi, tied with 3 Austrian 20 Para Levant stamps cancelled by the vessel's H/S "LLOYD AUSTRIACO XXXVI 15/9/01" (Type LB)



S/S CERES - Built Tonnage

Postcard tied with UN MILIEME Egyptian stamp cancelled by the vessel's H/S "LLOYD AUSTRIACO XIV 5/10/98" (Type LB)

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S/S CLEOPATRA - Built 1895 Tonnage 4015

Cover of letter, dated 14-11-1898, tied with two 20Para/5kr Austrian Levant stamps, cancelled by the H/S "LLOYD AUSTRIACO IV 14/11" (Type LB)



S/S DALMATIA - Built 1903 Tonnage 3104

Cover of letter dated 20 July 1913 sent from Alexandria to Graz tied with two 5 heller Austrian stamps, cancelled by the vessel's H/S "DALMATIA OSTERR. LLOYD 20 VII 13" (Type LF)."

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S/S DANAE - Built 1879 Tonnage 1320

Postcard dated April 5, 1898, sent from Sebenico to Knim, tied with 2 kreuzer Austrian Levant stamp, cancelled by the vessel's H/S "LLOYD AUSTRIACO XVI 5/4/98", stamped with cds of Sebenico of 6 April 1898 and arrival cds of Knim.



S/S DANUBIO - Built 1866 Tonnage 820

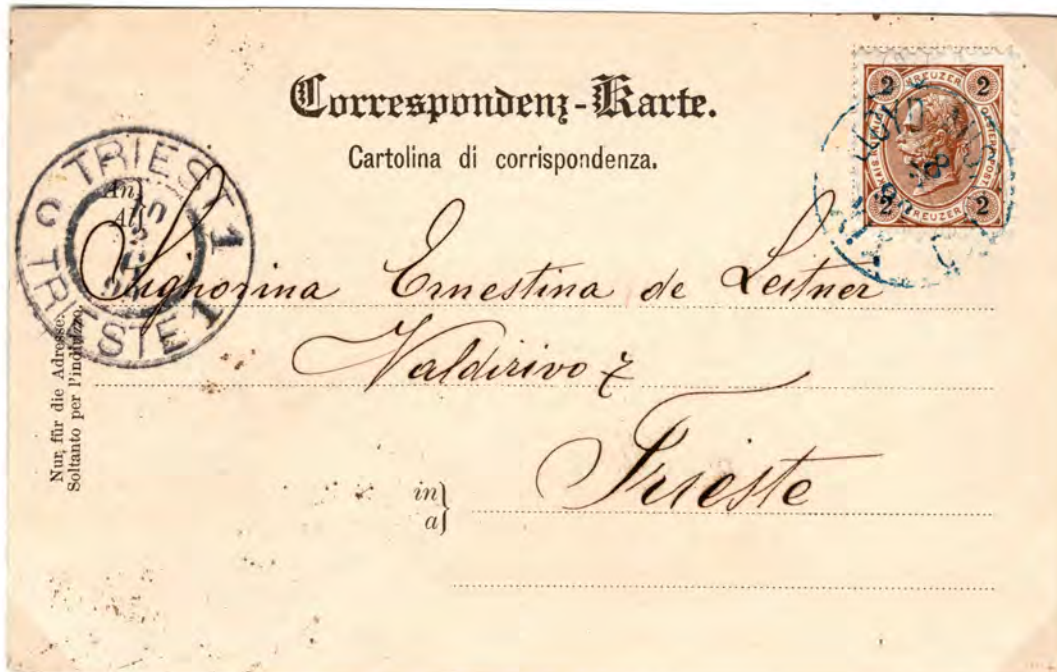
Cover of letter dated December 21st, 1895, sent from Lissa to Trieste, tied with 5 heller Austrian Levant stamp, cancelled by the vessel's cds "LLOYD AUSTRIACO XVII 21/12/95 and upon arrival in Trieste with

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S/S DAPHNE - Built 1881 Tonnage 1951

Postal stationery dated May 1st, 1893, preprinted 5 Heller Austrian stamp cancelled by the vessel's H/S "LLOYD AUSTRIACO XVIII 1/5/93" (TYPE LB), written on board of the vessel sent to Berlin. It is also stamped with the oval H/S "LLOYD AUSTRIACO PIROSCAFO DAPHNE" and with the post stamp of Berlin upon arrival.



S/S DELFINO - Built 1874 Tonnage 752

Postcard dated 8 February 1899, sent from Zara to Trieste, tied with Austrian Levant stamp 2 kreuzer, cancelled by the vessel's H/S "LLOYD AUSTRIACO XIX 8/2/99" (Type LB) and upon arrival in Trieste, stamped with the postal cds thereof.

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S/S DIANA
Built 1866-Tonnage 1730

Cover letter dated 10/11/1892, posted in the Romanian office, Kustendje (Constanza). Transferred the next day to the Diana, operating in the slow line to the Levant, stamped by "LLOYD AUSTRIACO XX 11/11/02" (Type LB), sent to Constantinople.



S/S ELEKTRA
Built 1884 - Tonnage 3193

Cover letter dated 10 July 1900, sent to Larnaca, tied with Russian stamp cancelled by the vessel's H/S "LLOYD AUSTRIACO XXI 10/7/00" (Type LB).

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S/S ESPERO - Built 1869 Tonnage 1825

Greek Postal Stationery dated 27 May 1898, sent from Patras to Trieste, tied with 20 para Austrian Levant stamp, cancelled by the vessel's H/S "LLOYD AUSTRIACO XXII 27/5/98" (Type LB).



S/S EUTERPE - Built 1886 Tonnage 2270

Greek Postal Stationery dated March 24, 1895, preprinted 10 Lepta Greek Stamp, cancelled by the H/S "LLOYD AUSTRIACO XXIV 28/3/95" (Type LB), written on board of the vessel "on the way from Brindisi to Patras", addressed to the USA.

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S/S GALATEA - Built 1871 Tonnage 1352

Italian Postcard dated 5/6/1900, sent from Miramare Castle to Lussinpiccolo, tied with 10 Heller Austrian stamp, cancelled by the vessel's H/S "LLOYD AUSTRIACO XXVII 5/6/00" (TYPE LB) and upon arrival in Lussinpiccolo stamped with the postal cds thereof.



Cover of letter dated 20/1/1902, sent to Teoda (Dalmatia), tied with 10 Heller Austrian Levant stamp, cancelled by the vessel's H/S "GALATEA OE LLOYD 20/1/02" (Type LD). Upon arrival in Teoda it was stamped with the postal cds thereof (verso)

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S/S GRAF WURMBRAND- Built 1895 Tonnage 952

Cover of letter dated 18 May 1902, sent to Montenegro, tied with 10 Heller Austrian Levant stamp, cancelled by the vessel's H/S "GRAF WURMBRAND OE LLOYD 18/5/02" (Type LD).



S/S HABSBURG- Built 1895 Tonnage 4014

Postal stationery July 1897, sent from Cairo to Giessen, tied with three Egyptian stamps, cancelled by the vessel's H/S "LLOYD AUSTRIACO XLII 13/7/97" (Type LB).

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S/S HELOUAN - Built 1911 Tonnage 7367

Postcard sent from the steamer Helouan to France tied with 10 Heller Austrian stamp, cancelled with the Trieste-Alexandria cds, dated October 1913 and stamped with the vessel's cds "AUF HOHER SEE 11 OKT.1913 AN BORD S/S HELOUAN" (Type LJ).



S/S HUNGARIA - Built 1869 Tonnage 1976

Postal stationery sent to Vienna, preprinted Austrian Levant stamp (1 Piaster) cancelled by the vessel's cds "LLOYD AUSTRIACO XXIX" (Type LB) and stamped with "LLOYD AUSTRIACO PIROSCAFO HUNGARIA" (Type LC).

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S/S IMPERATOR - Built 1886 Tonnage 4140

Cover of letter sent from Port Said to Seeshaupt tied with 25 Heller Austrian Levant stamp, cancelled by the vessel's cds "IMPERATOR OE LLOYD 8/9/06" (Type LD) and upon arrival in Seeshaupt with the cds thereof (verso).



S/S IMPERATRIX - Built 1888 Tonnage 4140

Cover of letter sent to the USA tied with a couple of Austrian Levant stamps (10 Hellers) cancelled by the vessel's cds "IMPERATRIX OE LLOYD 1/02" (Type LD) and upon arrival in New York stamped with the cds thereof (verso).

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S/S JUNO (2) - Built 1865 Tonnage 1700

The S/S Juno was built in 1865 and it was named Austria. In 1901 it was renamed JUNO and remained in service until 1906. Postcard tied with 10 Lepta preprinted Greek stamp, cancelled by the vessel's H/S "JUNO O.E. LLOYD 20/12/02" (Type LD) sent from Athens to Firenze.



S/S JUPITER (2) - Built 1864 Tonnage 1768

Cover tied with 25 Lepta Greek stamp cancelled by the vessel's cds "JUPITER O.E. LLOYD 7/1/09" (Type LD), sent from Patras to Vienna.

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S/S KOERBER - Built 1903 Tonnage 5325

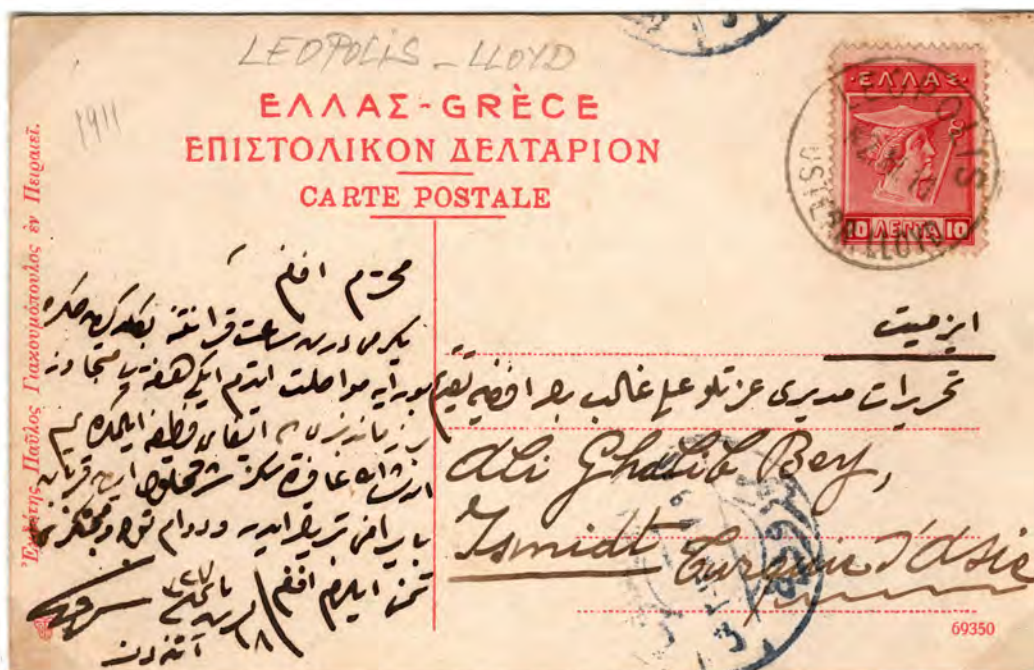
Cover sent to Vienna tied with 25 Heller Austrian Levant stamp, cancelled by the vessel's cds "KOERBER OE LLOYD 3/12/04" (Type LD) and upon arrival in Vienna stamped with the cds of the P.O. thereof.



S/S LEDA - Built 1880 Tonnage 1378

Cover sent to Fiume tied with a couple of 5 Heller Austrian stamp cancelled by the vessel's cds "LEDA O.E. LLOYD 2/9/04" (Type LD) and upon arrival in Fiume stamped with the cds of the P.O. thereof.

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S/S LEOPOLIS - Built 1909 Tonnage 3804

Postcard sent from Athens to Turkey (Asia Minor) tied with 10 Lepta Greek stamp cancelled by the vessel's H/S "LEOPOLIS OSTERR. LLOYD 2.11.11" (Type LF).



S/S MARIA TERESA (Former Titania) - Built 1883 Tonnage 3073

Postcard dated 11 October 1907, sent from Brindisi to Nazareth, tied with 10 Heller Austrian stamp, cancelled by the H/S of the vessel "MARIA TERESA OE LLOYD 11/10/07" (Type LD) stamped with the cds of Caifa, dated 16/10/07.

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S/S MINERVA - Built 1865 Tonnage 1750

Postcard sent from Brindisi to Vienna tied with 20 Para Austrian Levant stamp, cancelled by the vessel's H/S "LLOYD AUSTRIACO XLIV 10/01" (Type LB). Upon arrival in Vienna stamped with the cds thereof. The XLIV H/S was used by the S/S Najade until 1897 when the ship was deleted from Lloyd's records. As from 1898 the Minerva changed the number of its H/S from XLIII to XLIV.



S/S NIOBE - Built 1879 Tonnage 1348

Postcard sent from Pola to Patzau tied with 2 Heller Austrian Levant stamp cancelled by the vessel's H/S "LLOYD AUSTRIACO XLVII 3/98" and upon arrival in Patzau stamped with the cds thereof.

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S/S ORESTE - Built 1867 Tonnage 930

Cover sent from Sebenico to Krems via Zadar, tied with 2 Kreuzer Austrian Levant stamps, cancelled by the vessel's H/S "LLOYD AUSTRIACO XLVIII 13/5/98" (Type LB), stamped at ZADAR (15-5-98) and upon arrival in KREMS with the cds thereof (17-5-98).



S/S PALACKY

Built 1907 Tonnage 3890
Postcard sent from the vessel to Amarousion (Greece) tied with two 5 Heller Austrian stamps cancelled by the vessel's H/S "PALACKY OSTERR. LLOYD 29.7.11" (Type LF) and upon arrival in Amarousion stamped with the cds thereof dated 29 July 1911.

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S/S SELENE - Built 1881 Tonnage 1360

Postcard sent from Canea (Crete) via Trieste, tied with Ottoman stamp, cancelled by bilingual cds of Hania, stamped with the ship's cds "LLOYD AUSTRIACO LVI 21/3/98" (Type LB) and upon arrival in Trieste with the cds thereof.



S/S SELENE - Built 1881 Tonnage 1360

Cover sent to Trieste, tied with 1 Piaster Austrian Levant stamp cancelled by the ship's cds "SELENE OE LLOYD 2/6/03" (Type LD).

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S/S SEMIRAMIS - Built 1895 Tonnage 4017

Postcard dated 11/5/1903, sent to Lugano, tied with 10 Heller Austrian Levant stamp, cancelled by the ship's cds "SEMIRAMIS O.E. LLOYD 11/5/03" and upon arrival in Lugano with the cds thereof.



S/S STAMBUL (3) - Built 1910 Tonnage 3817
Postcard sent from Corfu to Firenze tied with four Greek stamps, cancelled by the ship's cds STAMBUL 13 XI 11" (Type LF) and upon arrival in Firenze stamped with the cds thereof.

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S/S STAMBUL - Built 1910 Tonnage 3817

Postcard depicting S/S STAMBUL sent to Graz-Austria, tied with 5 Heller Austrian stamp, cancelled by the cds of the ship "STAMBUL OSTERR LLOYD 5 III 14" (Type LF) and stamped with the cds type LJ "AUF HOHHER SEE 1 MARZ 1914 AN BORD S/S STAMBUL"



S/S STYRIA - Built 1902 Tonnage 2771

Cover sent to Monaco, tied with 25 Lepta Greek stamp, cancelled by the cds of the ship "STYRIA OE LLOYD 21/10/05" (Type LD).

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S/S STYRIA - Built 1902 Tonnage 2771

Postcard SENT FROM THE SHIP TO Vienna, tied with 10 Heller Austrian stamp, cancelled by the ship's cds "STYRIA OSTERR.LLOYD 1 IX 13" (Type LG).



S/S STYRIA - Built 1902 Tonnage 2771

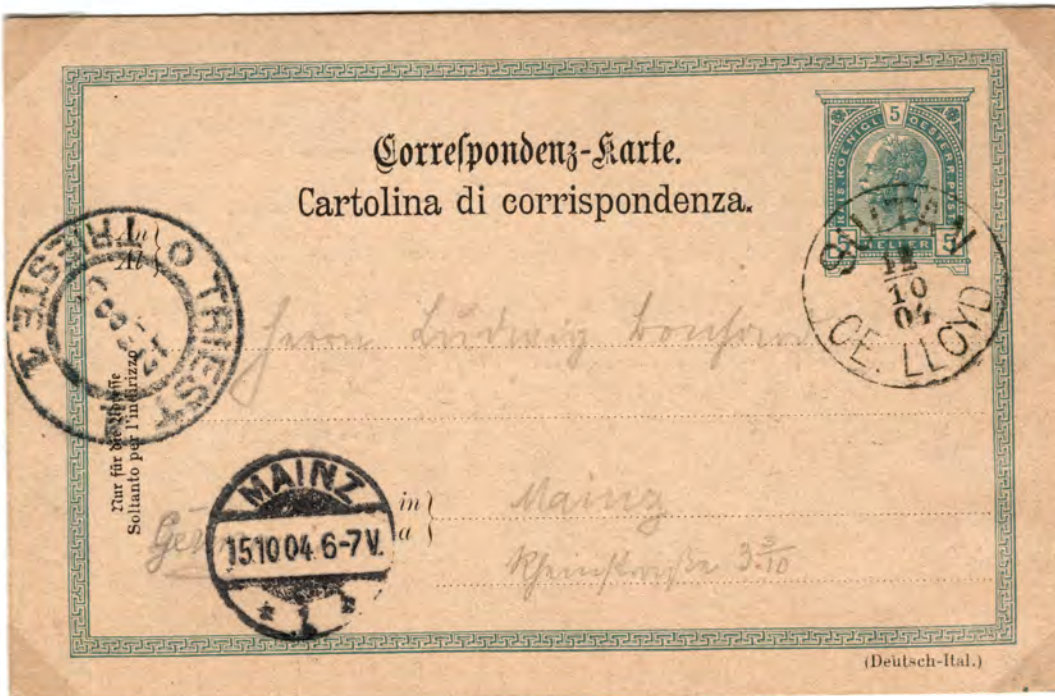
Postcard depicting the ship STYRIA titled "Vapeur Interallie" demonstrating the surrendering thereof by the French Government that took place in 1919. In 1923 the ship was transferred to LLOYD TRIESTINO and it was renamed GIANICOLO.

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S/S SULTAN - Built 1864 Tonnage 745

Postal stationery dated 25/6/94, sent from Zara to Torino, tied with preprinted Austrian stamp cancelled by the ship's cds "LLOYD AUSTRIACO LVIII 25/6/94" (Type LB).



S/S SULTAN - Built 1864 Tonnage 745

Postal stationery dated 12/10/04, sent on board the ship SULTAN to Mainz via Trieste, tied with preprinted Austrian stamp, cancelled by the ship's cds "SULTAN OE LLOYD 13/10/04". The PS was also stamped with the transit cds of Trieste and upon arrival in Mainz with the cds thereof.

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S/S STEBE - Built 1873

Tonnage 1835

Cover sent from Lixuri (Cephalonia-Greece) to Trieste, tied with two Greek stamps (20 and 10 lepta small Hermes heads) cancelled by the cds of the ship "LLOYD AUSTRIACO LIX 16/12/99" and upon arrival in Trieste with two cds thereof one indicating the payment of postal fees and the second the arrival thereof.



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S/S THALIA - Built 1886 Tonnage 2371

Postcard sent from Corfu to New York, tied with five Greek stamps, cancelled by the cds of the Corfu P.O. dated 8 Febr 14 (corresponding to 21 Febr. 1914 of the Gregorian Calendar). The postcard was also stamped with the H/S Thalia's cds "AUF HOHER SEE 1 MARZ 1914 AN BORD S/S THALIA" (Type LJ).



S/S THETIS - Built 1870
Tonnage 1135

Cover sent to Dubrovnik, tied with Austrian 10 Heller stamp, cancelled by the ship's cds "LLOYD AUSTRIACO LXI 26/12/00" and upon arrival in Ragusa with the cds thereof.

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S/S THISBE - Built 1883 Tonnage 2863

Postal stationery addressed to Trieste, tied with preprinted Austrian stamp, cancelled by the ship's cds "LLOYD AUSTRIACO LXII 18/9/92" (Type LB). After the withdraw of Thisbe in 1894, the LXII H/S was given to S/S Graf Wurbrand.



S/S TIBISCO - Built 1866 Tonnage 862

Postal stationery dated 13 May 1890, sent from Zara to Germany tied with preprinted 2kr Austrian stamp, cancelled by the cds of the ship "LLOYD AUSTRO-UNGARICO LXIII 13/5/90" (Type LA)

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S/S TIBISCO - Built 1866 Tonnage 862

Postal stationery dated 8/9/1893, sent from Sebenico to Vienne, tied with preprinted Austrian stamp, cancelled by the cds of the vessel "LLOYD AUSTRIACO LXIII 8/9/93" (Type LB).



S/S TIROL - Built 1901 Tonnage 2923

Cover sent to Krakow (Galicia), tied with four Austrian 10 para stamps, cancelled by the ship's cds "TIROL OE LLOYD 5/9/07" (Type LD) and upon arrival in Krakow stamped with the cds thereof (verso).

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S/S URANO (former Berenice) - Built 1882 Tonnage 2650

The S/S Berenice was renamed Urano in 1900. Postcard depicting S/S URANO sent from Canea (Crete) to Austria, tied with 10 Lepta Greek stamp cancelled by the cds of Canea, dated 14 March 1914.



S/S URANO¹ Built 1869 Tonnage 1830

Greek Postal stationery sent to Berlin, tied with preprinted 10 lepta Greek stamp cancelled by the cds of the ship "LLOYD AUSTRIACO LXVII 8/5/97" (Type LB) and upon arrival in Berlin with the cds thereof.

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S/S VESTA - Built 1869 Tonnage 1820

Postcard sent from Cavala to Trieste, tied with the ship's cds "LLOYD AUSTRIACO LXIX 31/1/99" (Type LB) and upon arrival in Trieste with the cds thereof.



S/S VORWARTS (2) - Built 1878 Tonnage 2380

Postal stationery dated May 30, 1893, sent from Alexandria (Egypt) to Germany, tied with preprinted 20 Para Austrian Levant stamp, cancelled by the ship's cds "LLOYD AUSTRIACO LXX 29/5/93" (Type LB) and upon arrival in Germany with the cds thereof.

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S/S VORWARTS (2) - Built 1878 Tonnage 2380

Postcard sent from Athens to Trieste, tied with 10 Heller stamp, cancelled by the ship's cds "VORWARTS 20 7 02 OE LLOYD" (Type LD) and upon arrival in Trieste with the cds thereof.



S/S WIEN (3) - Built 1911 Tonnage 7357

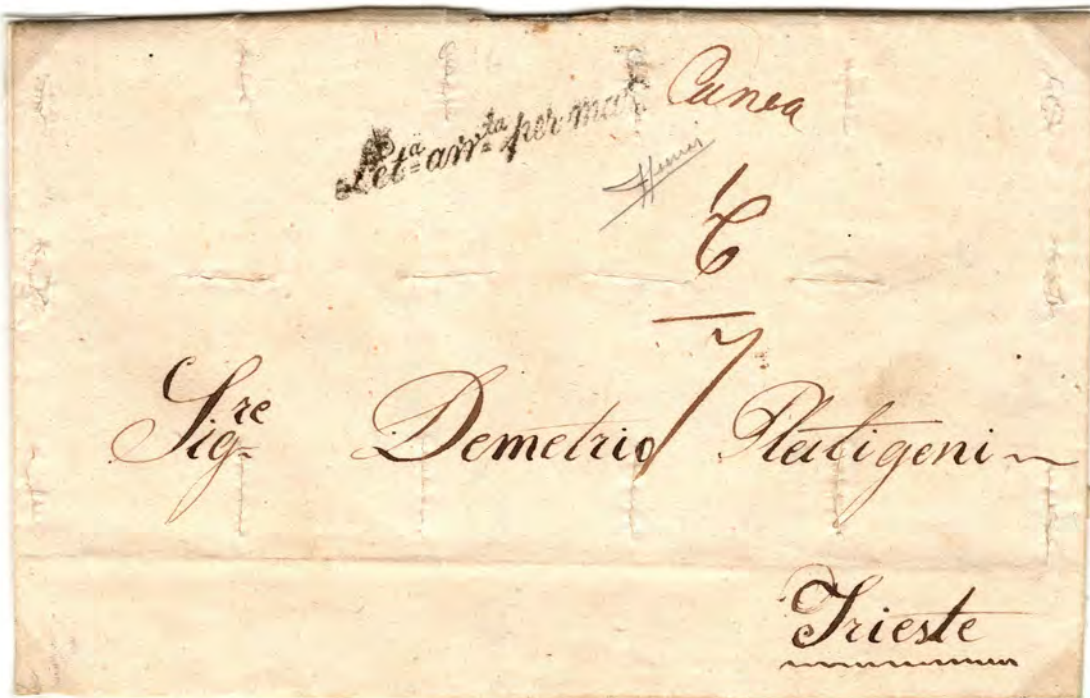
Postcard sent from Alexandria to Trieste, stamped by the ship's cds "AUF HOHER SEE ANBORD S/S WIEN 22 SEP 1913", tied with 5 Heller Austrian stamp cancelled by the Triest Alexandria cds (verso).

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LINE TRIESTE – CONSTANTINOPLE (Inaugurated in 1837)

via Ancona-Corfu-Patras-Piraeus-Syra-Smirna. Entire letter, dated December 20, 1840/January 2nd, 1841, sent from Ancona to Nauplion (Greece) via Patras. The call at Ancona was dropped after July 1845.



LINE SYRA – ALEXANDRIA via Canea.

At Syra the line was connected to the Lloyd's ships arriving from Trieste and Constantinople for transshipment of passengers and mail. Entire letter dated 5/17 May 1843 sent from Canea (Crete) via Syra to Trieste. Upon arrival in Trieste the letter was stamped with linear "Leta Arrta per Mare". Handwritten postal fees 1 plus 6.

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LINE SYRA-CANEA-RETHYMNO-CANDIA

The Syra-Canea-Alexandria line was discontinued in 1848 and thus this line maintained a regular link between Crete and the line Trieste-Constantinople.

Entire letter dated 15/27 May 1850 sent from Canea to Trieste via Syros where the transshipment to the line Trieste-Constantinople was effected. Stamped with the two lines H/S "CANEIA MAG 27" and "FRANCA" and upon arrival in Trieste with the cds thereof.



LINE TRIESTE - SMYRNA (Inaugurated 1857)

via Ancona – Molfetta – Brindisi – Corfu – Ithaca Cover, dated 6/17 February 1869, sent from Corfu to Gallipoli via Brindisi. The letter was tied with 3 20lepta and 2 5lepta, Greek large Hermes stamps cancelled with the numeral H/S 106 of Corfu and stamped with the cds thereof dated Feb 6th, 1869, and boxed PIROSCAFI POSTALI AUSTRIACI. The letter was carried by the Lloyd's S/S operating the line TRIESTE – SMYRNA calling in Corfu and Brindisi.

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TRIESTE – ALEXANDRIA (Inaugurated in 1848)

The initial itinerary was Trieste-Corfu-Alexandria and in 1870 Corfu was replaced by a call at Brindisi when the Italian railway reached Brindisi.

Entire letter dated May 19th, 1864, sent from Trieste to Alexandria, stamped with oval “COL VAPORE DA TRIESTE” applied in Alexandria.



TRIESTE – ALEXANDRIA EXPRESS LINE (As modified in 1870)

The itinerary after 1870 was Trieste-Brindisi-Alexandria. Postcard sent from Alexandria to Trieste, dated 26/3/1914, tied with Egyptian stamp cancelled by the cds “ALEXANDRIEN-TRIEST 26. III. 14”.

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EXPRESS LINE CONSTANTINOPLE-SMYRNA-ALEXANDRIA (1853-1914)
Postcard dated 5 April 1902 from Mersina to Berlin via Alexandria and Smyrna. The H/S "COL VAP DA ALESS" applied in Smyrna and cancelled the 20para adhesive.



EXPRESS LINE CONSTANTINOPLE-SMYRNA-ALEXANDRIA
Cover sent from Beirut to England via Alexandria, tied with pair 1883 Arms 5 soldi, cancelled by oval H/S "COL VAPORE DA BERUTTI" applied in Constantinople. The cover was also stamped with the cds of Alexandria (9.7.87) and upon arrival in Stockholm with the cds thereof (15.7.87).

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SYRIAN COAST LINE (Inaugurated 1845)

Created in 1845 with the itinerary Trieste-Corfu-Syra-Rhodes-Larnaca-Beirut-Alexandria. Entire letter dated March 27, 1851, sent from Beirut to Syra, stamped with oval "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO BERUTTI".



SYRIAN COAST LINE

Itinerary: Trieste-Corfu-Syra-Rhodes-Larnaca-Beirut-Alexandria.
Entire letter dated August 1st, 1855 sent from Rhodes to Syros, stamped with oval H/S "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO RODI" and upon arrival in Syros with the cds thereof dated 7 August 1855.

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CONSTANTINOPLE – VARNA Express line

Entire letter dated 30 August 1848 sent from Varna to Constantinople, stamped with the oval H/S “AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO Varna”, received by the addressee on 31 August 1848 (as handwritten).



CONSTANTINOPLE – VARNA Express line

Cover from Constantinople via Varna to France (Lyon), dated June 23rd, 1874, upon arrival in Lyon stamped with the cds thereof dated 30 June 1874.

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THESSALIAN LINE

It was created in 1853 with the itinerary: Constantinople-Gallipoli-Dardanelles-Salonica-Carriza-Volos-Stylis. Split in 1857 into the following lines:

1. Constantinople-Gallipoli-Dardanelles-Salonica and
2. Constantinople-Dardanelles-Lagos-Cavalla-Volos.

Cover of letter dated 1859 sent from Cavalla to Constantinople stamped with oval sunburst H/S "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO CAVALLA".



CONSTANTINOPLE - GALATZ LINE

Inaugurated in 1845 with itinerary Constantinopole - Burgas - Varna - Sulina - Tulcea - Galatz - Braila.

Entire letter dated 7/19-4-1856 sent from Galatz to Constantinople stamped with oval H/S "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO Galatz"

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EXPRESS LINE TRIESTE – CORFU (Inaugurated 1873)

Itinerary Trieste – Budua – Corfu. Initially the itinerary was including Lussinpiccolo, Zara, Spalato, Sebenico, Gravosa but gradually the intermediary ports were dropped. Entire letter dated August 18, 1873, sent from Corfu to Lussinpiccolo, stamped with the cds "SCHIFFS POSTAMT 4 Corfu 18 8 73" and upon arrival in Lussinpiccolo with the cds thereof.



LINE TO GREECE (Inaugurated 1853)

Trieste-Ancona-Brindisi-Gorfu-Argostoli-Zante-Patras-Lepanto-Vostizza-Loutraki. Entire letter, dated December 13th, 1856 (1 Dec. according to the Julian calendar), sent from Itaca via Zante to Patras. Handwritten "By the Austrian" (steamer) "Via Zante" demonstrating that the letter was sent to Zante by private means and therefrom to Patras by the Lloyd's steamer. Stamped with the hooked Ionian post stamp of Itaka, the transit cds of Zante and upon arrival in Patras with the cds thereof (verso).

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Trieste – Constantinople slow line

With itinerary Trieste-Corfu-Syra-Piraeus-Nauplion-Chios-Chesme-Smyrna-Mytilene-Cape Baba-Tenedos-Dardanelles-Gallipoli-Constantinople.

Entire letter dated 10 August 1844 posted from Odecca via Constantinopoli where the oval H/S “AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO Constantinopoli” applied. The entire letter in Corfu was stamped with hooked H/S “CORFU*31 AGOST 1844” and upon arrival in Cefalonia the Ionian hooked H/S “CEFALONIA*6 SETTEBRE 1844” applied (verso).



Trieste – Constantinople slow line as modified in 1853

In 1853 the itinerary was modified as follows: Trieste-Corfu-Zante-Cerigo-Piraeus-Syra-Chios-Chesme-Smyrna-Mytilene-Cape Baba-Tenedos- Dardanelles -Gallipoli-Constantinople. Entire letter dated April 7, 1853, sent from Odecca via Constantinopoli where the oval “AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO Constantinopoli” applied and upon arrival in Zante the H/S of the Ionian Post applied.

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LINE CONSTANTINOPLE – TREBIZOND

This itinerary was inherited from DDSG in 1845. The full itinerary in 1857 was Constantinople-Ineboli-Sinope-Trebizond-Batum. Cover of letter dated 2 May 1847 sent from Trebizond via Constantinople to Vienna and from there to Trieste, tied with 5 and 10 Soldi Austrian stamps, cancelled by the cds of the Austrian Post of Trebizond and upon arrival in Constantinople and in Vienna stamped with the cds



LINE CONSTANTINOPLE – TREBIZOND

Cover sent from Ineboli to Vienna, tied with 1 Piaster/10kr Austrian stamp, cancelled by the cds of Austrian P.O. of Ineboli via Constantinople to Vienna.