

THE BRITISH "EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED"

SERVICE IN THE DODECANESE 1912-1931.

The London-based Eastern Telegraph Company had connections with almost the entire world. In Rhodes, it opened in 1870 next to the Turkish telegraph office, but unfortunately no telegrams from the first years of its operation have survived. At the beginning of the 20th century it moved to the Niochori area of the city of Rhodes where some documents were found.

The agency remained in operation during the Italian occupation of the Dodecanese (1st Period 1912-1923) which was the only civilian telegraph service in Rhodes at the time. It continued to operate for a few years during Italian rule (2nd Period 1923-1943). At first the company delivered its telegrams itself to the villages of Rhodes and other islands. Then when the civilian Italian postal service started to operate on 8.6.1912, the telegrams were sent registered by envelopes with Printed trademark of the company, cancelled with the Italian postmarks.

The company's 1st telegraph stamp in oval shape and inscribed "THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY * LIMITED * Dated / STASION RHODES" found in three types with differences in lettering and dimensions and was used during the 1st period and part of the 2nd period until 1931. The company was pressured by the Italian authorities to Italianize its agency, so it replaced its name with the address where the agency was located and made a round stamp in Italian with the homonymous address "RHODES / VIA DEI CONSOLATI 69" (the street of consulates 69) the date was in the center and the only English word that remained was RHODES. Most of the telegrams we find stamped with the personal hand stamps of the telegraph operators which have postal validity such as the Italian director A. Eminian, F. Barmann, A. Zitelli, J. Zitelli.

When the telegraph forms of Rhodes ran out, they used forms of Athens, Piraeus, France and Pera (Istanbul) stamped on the upper right with the indication mark on box and inside the word RHODES.

In the mid-1920s the Italians completed connecting the islands with submarine cables and established an excellent telegraph service. Consequently, in 1931 the company closed the agency in favor of the Italian telegraph office.

COMPANY INVOICE As the islands were under Italian occupation from May 1912, transactions began to be made in Italian Lira and Centesimo, the telegram invoice in the Dodecanese was established by a Decree of the Italian Civil Commissioner (Decreto del Commissario Civile) of the occupying forces.

PERIOD 1912-1926

1. **Telegrams within Italian territory:** The rate was 1L. For the first 15 w. and for each additional word 50c.
- 1.1 **Between the islands (Local tariff):** Similar low rates applied to Italy, as the islands were now considered part of Italian territory.
2. **International Telegrams** (e.g. to London): The rate was around 50-60c. per word.
3. **Within Europe:** Charges for countries like Italy or France were slightly lower, around 25-35c. per word
4. **To the East** (e.g. Egypt, India): Prices skyrocketed. A telegram to Alexandria could cost 1-1.5 L.per word, while to India over 2.5 L.

PERIOD 1926-1930

1. **Simple Domestic:** Minimum Charge of 12 word was (~3,00 L.) each word ~0,25 L.
2. **International rate:** ~1,20 - 1,50 L.

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1. 1ST PERIOD (ITALIAN OCCUPATION 1912-1923)

1.1 Message forms with the printed trademark of the company.

Printed trademark on red and Indication **STATION**.

9.8.1912

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

STATION.

N^o 1177 R.S. ore 9

9 VIII 12

No. 1/En 9 8 12 190

8 20a

REMARKS.

The following **TELEGRAM** Received at

From Roma via "Eastern."

Foreign No. 92 No. of Words 40 Dated 8 Time 8 30pm

To Generale Amelio

Rh

Nro 14505 in considerazione
gravi condizioni salute ostaggi
Mehemet arif & mia
primo segretario dogana
calimnos prefetto Lucca
ne propone rimpatrio
pregola significarmi se

Telegram with 40 words originated from Rome on 8.8.1912 to the commander of the Dodecanese islands General G. Amelio. With protocol number 1177 of the military headquarters on 9.8.1912.

Rate within Italian territory: 1st 15 words 1L. the rest 25 words 25x50c=12,5L Total rate 13,5L.

Content of the telegram:

The Prefecture of Louka proposes the repatriation of a Turkish customs secretary of Kalymnos to Turkey for serious health reasons.



The company's telegraph office
"EASTERN" in 1870



General G. Amelio.

The 1st commander
of the Dodecanese
(7.5.1912 - 14.10.1913).

1.1 Message forms with the printed trademark of the company.

Printed trademark on red and Indication **RHODES STATION**. Message Form Type 5/20

28.10.1914

(Message Forms 5/20.)

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

RHODES STATION.

Clerk's Name. B No. 7 28-10-19

REMARKS. gpd The following TELEGRAM Received at 8.20 am

From Maliye via "Eastern."

Foreign No. 26/20 No. of Words 27 Dated 27 Time 6 40 m.

To Kadiligin 1389 Rumuani
73 Horosun Rados
D. 6 Teprinevel 330 imaredamine
Pajamin hakkindaki mezbata askaf
Mazaretine gonderildigunden oraya
Omucadet olonmaril
Maliye
Kayim

The telegram with 26 words from Maliye (Turkish Ministry of Finance) was a correspondence between this official institution and the Ministry of Foundations. The text on the front page is written in Turkish with Latin letters. This is very uncommon. Most likely because the telegraph officer is not Turkish. The Turkish part is handwritten in old Turkish Rikka type. International rate: 26x0,60c.=15,6L.

27%

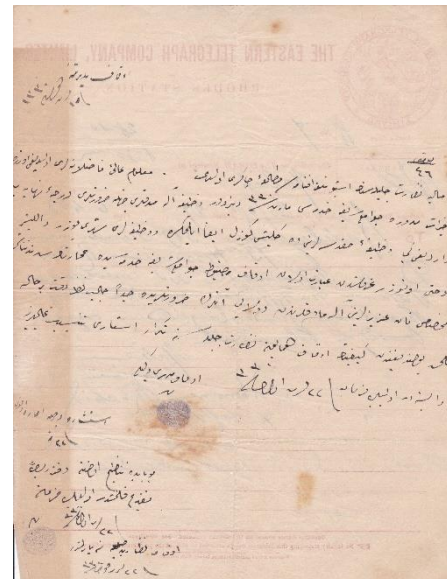
Back side

There is an answer written in accordance with what was written before.
 Upper left corner:

Foundations directorate, 15 October 1914

Text: They sent a document and money. We are waiting for an answer.

-This document captures the administrative challenges in Rhodes during 1912, when the Italian administration (under General Ameglio) was taking control from the Ottoman authorities. Such records are rare because they illustrate how local structures (such as the Evkaf) attempted to function during the transition of sovereignty.



1.1 Message forms with the printed trademark of the company.

Printed trademark on blue and Indication **RHODES STATION** Message Form Type 5/11

1916

(Message Forms 5/11, 12 & 13.)

No. of Telegram 12

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH Co., LTD.,
FORM FOR TELEGRAMS
TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

No. _____ **RHODES STATION.**

Words.	Code.	Charge.		Sent at _____ M.	Head Offices:— ELECTRA HOUSE, FINSBURY PAVEMENT, LONDON, E.C.
		£	s.		
Date.	Instructions.				
					

To Questura Napoli

1968- Proveniente Napoli imbarcatosi clandestinamente
 piroscafo noleggiato Bebe qui giunto Napoli Amaleto di Augusto

Telegram with protocol number 1968 from the military command of Rhodes to Naples.

Text: It refers to a released person who smuggled himself into Rhodes from Naples, sought work as a confectioner, was arrested and the military lawyer of Rhodes asks the competent authority in Naples if there are any commendable acts against this person. The answer to this telegram can be found in (p.6) on 1.7.1916.

The rest of the information (origin, shipments, number of words and date) must be found on the receipt.

11.6.1924

36%



As there was no postal service (Ottoman period) between Rhodes and other villages on the island or from Rhodes to other islands, the telegrams were delivered directly by the Eastern Telegram Company. Then when the civil Italian postal service started to operate on 8.6.1912, telegrams were sent registered by envelopes with Printed trademark of the company, cancelled with the Italian postmarks.

Cds Register pmk of Rhodes P.O. on 11.6.1924 arrival in Syri island of Dodecanese on 13.6.1924.

1.2 Telegraph handstamps of the Company.

43%



PPC from Rhodes 19.6.1913
Cancelled with Italian pmk
Arrival in Syros (Island of Greece)
on 9.6.1913 and cancelled with
Greek pmk.
There are twelve days difference
between the Gregorian and
the Julian calendar.

International rate by the
Italian P.O.: 1907-1921
Rome Agreements of 1906
PPC 10c.
Franked at the correct postage
of e 10c. Italian stamp (type Leoni).



Cds **THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY * LIMITED ***
RHODES 19 JUN.1913/STATION. Oval handstamp on lilac **type A** 38x30mm.
The sender was a Greek from Rhodes and probably worked for the telegraph Co.
For that reason, it was stamped with the company's seal.

Type **A** is **unique** up to the present. The imprint of this pmk is presented as an
example in the bibliographies of G.Zisimatos (1984) and M. Carloni (2006).

Message Form in English with indication **STATION.** Type 5/26

14.02.1921

(Message Form 5/25.)

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Received Message Form.)

Date _____ 19

Local No.	Stn. from	Time	By	Handed Govt	H. M.
166	30	Arrivato il 14 FEB 1921	23		
N. _____		di Prot. _____	Clerk. _____		

TELEGRAM To _____

No. _____ Words _____ Date _____ Time 10

REMARKS

To Regio governo Rhodiegco

TELEGRAM From Palermo

Telegram with 25 words originated from Palermo.

cds **THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY * LIMITED * RHODES 14 FEB.1921 / STATION**

Oval handstamp on lilac **type Aa** 38x30mm.

Rate within Italian territory: 1st 15 words 1L. the rest 10 words 10x0,50c=5L. Total rate 6L.

Type **Aa** is the same as above type **A** with difference only in lettering, is **unique** and is not mentioned in any bibliography.

1.3 Personal hand stamps of the telegraph operators or indication marks on box.

- When the Tel. forms of Rhodes had run out, they used forms of Athens, Piraeus, France and Pera (Constantinople) stamped on the upper right with the indication mark on box and inside the word RHODES.

Message Form in Greek with 2-line indication **ATHENS STATION / ΤΗΛΕΓΡΑΦΕΙΟΝ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ** Type 5/22

1.7.1916

(Message Forms 5/22.)

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED. **ATHENS STATION.**
ΤΗΛΕΓΡΑΦΕΙΟΝ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ.

(Greek Received Form.)

Date } **RHODES** 19
'Ημέρα }

Local No.	Stn. from	Time. H. M.	By A. EMINYAN. 1 JUL 1916 Clerk.	Handed Govt.	H. M.
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TELEGRAM From } **ΤΗΛΕΓΡΑΦΗΜΑ 'Εκ** *Napoli*

No. } 1968
'Αριθ. } 916
Words } 31
Δέξεις }

Date } 1
'Ημέρα }

Time } 12
'Ωρα }

REMARKS } *Stato avvocato Militare*
Παρατηρήσεις }

To } *Stato avvocato Militare*
Προς }

2-line dated personal hand stamp of the telegraph operator **A. EMINYAN / 1 JUL. 1916** on lilac. (director of the Company). Telegram with 31 words originated from Naples.

Also is stamped with lilac **boxed indication mark** in the upper right part writing **RHODES**.

Rate within Italian territory: 1st 15 words 1L. the rest 16 words 16x0,50c=8L. Total rate 9L.

- in this telegram reply the competent authority of Naples to the telegram of Rhodes with protocol no.1968 (p.4 of this exhibit) to the state military attorney that the prisoner at Rhodes had committed no offense at Naples.

Message Form with indication **RHODES STATION.** Type 5/25

17.7.1921

(Message Forms 5/25.)

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED. **RHODES STATION.**

(Received Message Form.)

Date } 19
'Ημέρα }

Local No.	Stn. from	Time. H. M.	By F. BARMANN 17 JUN 21 Clerk.	Handed Govt.	H. M.
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TELEGRAM To } *Cania*

TELEGRAM From } *Cania*

No. } *17*
Words } *7*
Date } *17*
Time } *18, 30*

REMARKS } *Basilio Michalargias*
To } *Basilio Michalargias*
Προς }

2-line dated personal hand stamp of the telegraph operator **F. BARMANN / 17 JUL. 1921** on black.

Telegram with 7 words originated from Cania (Crete).

International rate: 7x0,50c.=3,50L.

1.3 Personal hand stamps of the telegraph operators or indication marks on box.

16.2.1913

Payment receipt with indication

CHIOS STATION

(Chios Greek island, situated
in the northern Aegean Sea),
from Rhodes to Roma,
stamped with blue
indication mark on box with **RHODES**
on 16.2.1913

the sender paid 47,52 Dr.
(10,80 in Italian Lire) for 22 words.

The payment receipt belongs to the
following copy of the telegram
in message form type 5/26.

His destination was
Benedetto law office in Rome.

(Station Books 9/57.)

The Eastern Telegraph Company, Ltd.

CHIOS STATION,

No. **29640**

Station to Rome

22 Benedetto 10.80

Received Drachmas 47.52

R

Waterlow & Sons Limited, Printers, London Wall, London.

(Message Forms 5/26.)

The Eastern Telegraph Company, Lim^d. | Local No. _____ | RHODES Station

Transmitting Form.	Inst. No.	Received		190	Inst. No.	Transmitted		190
	Stn. from	Time.	By	Clerk.	Stn. to	Time.	By	Clerk
		h. m.				h. m.		
		" m.				" m.		

Station To _____ From _____

Foreign No. _____ No. of wds. _____ Date _____ Time _____ m.

Remarks _____

To Name Avvocato di BenedettoAddress Via Pierluigi da Palestrina - Roma

Per deferenza l'assiguarla il 22
corrente vivio causa a 1° marzo.

Saluti: _____

1.3 Personal hand stamps of the telegraph operators or indication marks on box

Message Form in Greek with

2-line indication **ATHENS STATION / ΤΗΛΕΓΡΑΦΕΙΟΝ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ** Type 5/22

21.6.1916

(Message Forms 5/22.)

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED. **ATHENS STATION.**
ΤΗΛΕΓΡΑΦΕΙΟΝ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ.

(Greek Received Form.)

Date } 21
 Ημέρα } 19

Local No. 23 Stn. from Cn Time. 26 P. By Clerk. Handed Govt. H. M.

TELEGRAM From } Grottaferrata
 ΤΗΛΕΓΡΑΦΗΜΑ Έκ } 30

No. } 1948
 Αριθ. } 21.6.916 Words } 30 Date } 21 Time } 17.35

REMARKS }
 Παρατηρήσεις }
 To } E. Avvocato Militare
 Προς } Rodi Eyo

Stamped with blue Indication mark on box with **RHODES** dated **21.6.1916**.

Telegram with 30 words originated Grottaferrata (Commune of Rome).

Rate within Italian territory: 1st 15 words 1L. the rest 15 words 15x0,50c=7,5L. Total rate 8,50L.Message Form with indication **STATION** Type 5/25

2.9.1916

(Message Forms 5/25.)

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED. **RHODES STATION.**

(Received Message Form.)

Date ... 19

Copy

Local No. 22 Stn. from Cn Time. 3 P. By Clerk. Handed Govt. H. M.

TELEGRAM To TELEGRAM From Salonica

No. Words 12 Date 31 Time 7 pm

REMARKS

To Sigrivos Petridis Rodi

Stamped with blue Indication mark on box with **RHODES** dated **2.9.1916**.

Telegram with 12 words originated from Salonica International rate: 12x0,50c.=6L.

1.3 Personal hand stamps of the telegraph operators or indication marks on box.

Message Form in English with indication **STATION**. Type 5/25

20.08.1917

(Message Forms 5/25.)

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Received Message Form.)

STATION. **RHODES**

Date **20** 1917

Local No. 342	Stn. from 12	Time. H. 12 M. 17	By [Signature]	Handed Govt. [Signature]	H. [Signature] M. [Signature]
			Clerk.		

TELEGRAM To _____

TELEGRAM From **Italia**

No. _____ Words **11** Date **20** Time **10.20 am**

REMARKS

To **General Elia Vittorio**

Stamped with blue Indication mark on box with **RHODES** dated **20.8.1917**.Congratulatory telegram with 11 words from the Duchess of Aosta Princess Hélène of Orléans (1817-1951) to the Gen. **Vittorio Elia 1917-1919** commander of the Dodecanese.Rate within Italian territory: 1st 15 words 1L.Message Form in English with indication **STATION**. Type 5/25

21.06.1919

(Message Forms 5/25.)

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Received Message Form.)

STATION. **RHODES**

Date **21** 1919

Local No. 4866	Stn. from 919	Time. H. 12 M. 55	By [Signature]	Handed Govt. [Signature]	H. [Signature] M. [Signature]
			Clerk.		

TELEGRAM To _____

TELEGRAM From _____

No. **23** Words **49** Date **21** Time **9**

REMARKS

To **Consulat Grece**

Votre 169th Minister instruction publique n'a donne aucun ordre

Official Telegram with 49 words originated from Greek consulate of Rhodes on 21.6.1919 (without any other indication) to the Commissioner for the Administration of the Islands of Rhodes, with protocol number 4860 on the back side. 29.6.1919.

International rate: 49x0,50c.=24,50L.

2. 2ND PERIOD (ITALIAN TERRITORY 1923-1943) part of the period until 1931.

2.1 Telegraph handstamps of the Company.

Message Form in Greek with 2-line indication mark **PIRAEUS STATION / ΤΗΛΕΓΡΑΦΕΙΟΝ ΠΕΙΡΑΙΩΣ** Type 5/22.

2.10.1927

(Message Forms 5/22)

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LTD. **PIRÆUS STATION.**
ΤΗΛΕΓΡΑΦΕΙΟΝ ΠΕΙΡΑΙΩΣ.

(Greek Received Form) Date } 19
'Ημέρα }

Local No.	Stn. from	Time. H. M.	Clerk's Name.	Handed Govt.	H. M.
2001 as	13/40				13/40

TELEGRAM From } *Athens*
 ΤΗΛΕΓΡΑΦΗΜΑ 'Εκ }

No } Words } Date } Time } REMARKS }
 'Αριθ. } Δέξεις } 'Ημέρα } "Ωρα } Παρατηρήσεις }

To } *Masse pour Roycean*
 'Επὶ } *Rhodes*

Telegram with 8 words originated from Athens

cds **THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY * LIMITED * RHODES 2 OCT.1927 / STATION**

Oval handstamp on lilac **type Ab** 37x27mm.

International rate: 8x1,20L.=9,60 L.

Type **Ab** is **unique** up to the present. The imprint of this pmk is presented as an example in the bibliographies of G.Zisimatos (1984) and M. Carloni (2006).

Handwritten notice,
signed by the director
(A. Eminyan)
of the company who
also acted as
telegraph operator.

cds **THE EASTERN
TELEGRAPH COMPANY
* LIMITED * RHODES
18 NOV.1927 / STATIO
handstamp type Ab.**

Handstamp
types A, Aa (p.5)
and **Ab** (p.6) are the same
with different sizes
and lettering.

No

per i quali detto telegramma abbia
transitato, e che sempre tali pratiche
subiscono ritardi non lievi, quest'Ufficio
si fa premura di scrivere alla
Direzione Divisionaria con preghiera
di sollecitare e fornire gli
schiarimenti richiesti.

Con distinta osservanza
Il Direttore della "Eastern"

A. Eminyan

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY
RHODES
18 NOV. 1927
STATION
LIMITED

2.1 Telegraph handstamps of the Company.

Message Form in Greek with 2-line indication mark **PIRAEUS STATION / ΤΗΛΕΓΡΑΦΕΙΟΝ ΠΕΙΡΑΙΩΣ** Type 5/22.

12.4.1930

(Message Forms 5/22.)

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LTD. **PIRAEUS STATION.**
(Greek Received Form.) **ΤΗΛΕΓΡΑΦΕΙΟΝ ΠΕΙΡΑΙΩΣ.**

Date } 5 19
 Ημέρα }

Local No. 3008	Stn. from As	Time. H. M. 17.39	Clerk's Name. 83	Handed Govt.
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TELEGRAM From } Paris
 ΤΗΛΕΓΡΑΦΗΜΑ 'Εκ }

No. } 4 Words } 4 Date } 13.15 Time } 13.15
 'Αριθ. } Λέξεις } Ημέρα } Ωρα }

To } Masse
 'Επὶ } Rhodes.

REMARKS } Handed Eastern
 Παρατηρήσεις } 14.30

Prevoys out

Telegram with 4 words originated from Paris cds **RHODES * 69 VIA DEI CONSOLATI * 12 APR. 30**
 Round handstamp on lilac type **B** 40mm. **International rate: 4x1,20L.=4,80 L.**

The company was pressured by the Italian authorities to Italianize its agency, so it replaced its name with the address where the agency was located and made a round stamp in Italian with the homonymous address "VIA DEI CONSOLATI, 69 RHODES" and the only English word that remained was RHODES.

32%

Types **A** (p.5), **Ab** (p.10) and **B** (p.11), of the company's hand stamps are **unique**, whose imprints is presented as an example in the bibliographies of G.Zisimatos (1984) and M. Carloni (2006). Presented from my exhibit.



Staff of the Eastern telegraph company in Pera, Constantinople in 1922.

27.5.1928

Payment receipt with indication **ATHENS STATION** on 27.5.1928 from Rhodes to Alexandria (The word Athens was removed with a pencil and replaced by the word Rodi "Rhodes" In handwriting). The sender paid 38 Dr. for 26 words

(Station Books 9/57.)

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED. **ATHENS STATION.**

No. 801 27658 27-5-1928 157

Received for telegram to Leo Comitegit Alexandria

the sum of Drachmas 38-

FOR THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

W. & S. Ltd.

Message Form with indication **PERA STATION** (Constantinople). Type 5/25

25.2.1923

(Message Forms 5/25.)

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED. PERA STATION.

(Received Message Form.)

Date _____

Local No.	Stn. from	Time. H. M.	By A. ZITELLI 25.FEB23 Clerk.	Handed Govt.	H. M.
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TELEGRAM To _____ TELEGRAM From San Francisco

No. _____ Words 32 Date 25 Time 9.30 am

REMARKS _____

To Rp22 Cante Circle Rhodes

Informazioni data e somma che Michele D Thomas
pago corte credito per causa signora maria fallai
rapporto importante telegrafico
subito risposto pagata

2-line dated personal hand stamp of the telegraph operator **A. ZITELLI / 25 FEB 23** on black.
Telegram with 32 words originated from San Francisco. International rate: 32x1,20L.=38,4L.

Message Form with indication **RHODES STATION** . Type 5/25

1.3.1923

(Message Forms 5/25.)

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED. RHODES STATION.

(Received Message Form.)

Date _____ 19

Local No.	Stn. from	Time. H. M.	By A. ZITELLI -1.MAR23 Clerk.	Handed Govt.	H. M.
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TELEGRAM To _____ TELEGRAM From San Francisco

No. _____ Words 29 Date 1 Time 9.35 am

REMARKS _____

To Rp25 Governatore Rhodes

Arrivato il 1 MAR. 1923

Handed Govt. 1796 di Prot. 2/5

Categ. _____

2-line dated personal hand stamp of the telegraph operator **A. ZITELLI / -1.MAR 23** on black.
Telegram with 29 words originated from San Francisco. International rate: 29x1,20=34,8L.

2.2 Personal hand stamps of the telegraph operators or indication marks on box.

Message Form with indication **RHODES STATION**. Type 5/25

4.9.1924

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED. RHODES STATION.

(Received Message Form.)

Local No. 18	Stn. from In	Time. 20/30	Date 4 SEP. 24	Clerk. JAMES ZITELLI	Arrivato il 6 SEP. 1924	N. 1991	Handed 20/6	Govt. M.
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TELEGRAM To _____ TELEGRAM From Cania
 No. _____ Words 22 Date 4 Time 19
 REMARKS Rps
 To Rps Regio Governatore Rodi

Pregasi voler telegrafare se
Ybrahim Gervish capetan
Cretese stabilito cos da ventennio
e iscritto anagrafe e protetto
italiano
Italconsul

2-line dated personal hand stamp of the telegraph operator **JAMES ZITELLI / -4.SEP. 24** on black.

Telegram with 22 words originated from Cania (Crete).

International rate: 22x1,20L.=26,4L.

27.9.1924

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED. (Station Books 2/25.)
 RHODES STATION.
 No. 928 20381 27-9 19 24
1039
 Received for telegram to
Fonderie Veraci
Firenze
P 25 the sum of Pts. 43 60
FOR THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.
 W. & S. Ltd.

Payment receipt from Rhodes to Florence with indication mark on black **RHODES STATION** on 27.9.1924
 for 25 words the sender paid 43,60 Drachmas.

2.2 Personal hand stamps of the telegraph operators or indication marks on box.

Message Form with indication **RHODES STATION**. Type 5/25

1.11.1929

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Message Forms 5/25.)
RHODES STATION.

(Received Message Form.)

Local No. 28	Stn. from Q	Time H. 20.6 M.	By A. ZITELLI -1 NOV 29 Clerk.	Handed Govt.	H. M.
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TELEGRAM To _____ TELEGRAM From Paris poNo. _____ Words 38 Date 1 Time 14.15REMARKS HE DWTo Charles Masse Rhodes
Laurium engagea pour parler nouvelle2-line dated personal hand stamp of the telegraph operator **A. ZITELLI / -1.NOV 29** on black.
Telegram with 38 words originated from Paris

International rate: 38x1,20L.=45,5L.

France Message Form with indication **BUREAU DE RHODES (RHODES OFFICE)**. Type 5/25

2.2.1930

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Message Forms 5/25.)
BUREAU DE RHODES.

(Formule d'arrivée.)

No. local. 16	Reçu de J	Heure H. 19.12 M.	Par A. ZITELLI -2 FEB 30 L'employé	Remis au Gouvernement.	H. M.
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TELEGRAMME Pour _____ TELEGRAMME De Paris poNo. _____ Mots 11 Date 2 Heure 16

INDICATIONS SPECIALES

A Charles Masse Rhodes
Ecrivimes sante bonne
cables votre affaires
Marchent embrassons2-line dated personal hand stamp of the telegraph operator **A. ZITELLI / -2.FEB 30** on black.
Telegram with 11 words originated from Paris

International rate: 11x1,20L.=13,2L.

(2/23)

Comune

The Eastern Telegraph Company Limited.
Rhodes Station.

29 Maggio 1926

No.

Dir. Direzione Municipale
Rhodes,

Si prega la S. V. di voler
permettere di intornare e
bianchire l'Ufficio telegrafico
della Eastern sito in via dei
Consolati N° 69.

Con distinta osservanza
Il Dir. della Eastern

A. Eminian

1818
PROTOCOLLO

1818
29/5/26
Data



Request for repair of the company's building signed by the manager A. Eminian at the new address where the company was renamed to **RHODES * 69 VIA DEI CONSOLATI** to the Municipality with protocol number 1818 on 29.5.1926 of Rhodes. The document is franked with an Italian overprinted revenues stamp cancelled handwriting by the municipal employee with Rodi di 29.5.26.

(This type of revenues stamp is overprinted at the top with **R. GOVERNO DI RODI** and on bottom **DEBITO PUBBLICO / OTTOMANO** of **1 PIASTRA** (Ottoman money) was used when the military administration was replaced in the Dodecanese in 1920 by the political administration in 1921 by the Conte Alessandro De Bosdari 7th Commander of the Dodecanese 1921-1922.
-The office of the Public Ottoman Debt was subordinated to it.)

2.2 Personal hand stamps of the telegraph operators or indication marks on box.

France Message Form with indication **BUREAU DE RHODES** (RHODES OFFICE). Type 5/25

20.9.1931

(Message Forms 5/25)

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

BUREAU DE RHODES.

(Formule d'arrivée)

Date 20-9-31 1931

No. local.	Reçu de	Heure H. M.	Par	Remis au Gouvernement.	H.	M.
<u>23</u>	<u>Ca</u>	<u>2/37</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>			
			L'employé			

TELEGRAMME Pour _____ TELEGRAMME De Metallurgische

No. _____ Mots 1 Date 20 Heure 10 37

Transmis



Telegram with 9 words originated from Belgian Congo (notify) on 20.9.1931.

International rate: 9x1,50L.=13,5L. (each word was about 1,50L! from Africa).

Franked with e 3 Lire revenues stamp (During the second period 1922-1943 the Dodecanese were Italian territories, so the revenues stamps used were Italian) and cancelled with the criminal court of Rhodes mark.

(The recipient needed it as evidence in court).

*-This telegram was one of the last from the company.*Printed trademark on blue and Indication **PERA / STATION** (Constantinople).Message Form Type 5/15c stamped with lilac boxed indication mark on the top with **RHODES**.

(Message Forms 5/15c.)

Il est recommandé de faire collationner tous les télégrammes importants. Taxe supplémentaire pour le collationnement quart de taxe.

All important Telegrams should be repeated. Quarter Rates extra charged for Repetition.

N°	Montant des taxes.
No.	Charges
Mots :	
Words :	
Date :	
Date :	
Heure :	
Time :	

Mentions de Service. Via

A : Nom du destinataire : _____

To : Receiver's Name : M A S B

RHODES PERA STATION.

Afin d'éviter les erreurs il est important d'écrire lisiblement.

To prevent mistakes attention is called to the importance of Legible Writing.

Transmis à :
Transmitted To :
Date :
Date :



25.6.1928

4.3.1923

The Eastern Telegraph Company, Ltd

PERA STATION.

No. 118

Station to Thessalonica S. Francisco

Received Ps. [Signature]

The telegram was sent from France on 25.6.1928.
 The text and the date are typewritten; therefore,
 the number of words and the time are not indicated.
 These elements should have been written only
 on the payment receipt.

Proof of receipt of a telegram from Eastern Co. of Rhodes
 The form is from Pera (Constantinople) dated 4.3.1923.