

AERO ESPRESSO ITALIANA

postal use & rates of the first issue



The airmail stamps of the Italian Aeroespresso are the first airmail stamps issued in Greece. The Ministry of Transportation did not approve the printing of a preliminary design on stamps (known as “Sounio”) in three denominations. As a result, at the start of the Brindisi-Athens-Constantinople route, no stamps were available. Initially, correspondence was marked with the rectangular stamp **SURTAXE AÉRIENNE PERÇUE EN NUMERAIRE**, as proof of payment of the airmail fee. The stamps, in values of 2, 3, 5, and 10 drachmas, featured the elegant, minimalist designs of A. Gavalas in pastel colors and were issued on **October 22, 1926**.

The exhibit showcases properly posted items:

- (except for) one philatelic item—a fabricated piece with a fake arrival postmark—to draw the attention of collectors interested in First Flights (2) and a similar but genuine one (5).

- sorted in ascending order by airmail rate (from 2 drachmas to 40 drachmas) and, where applicable, by standard postal rate, covering some of the 6 inland rates periods and **all 5 international rates periods**, to domestic destinations and 14 other countries

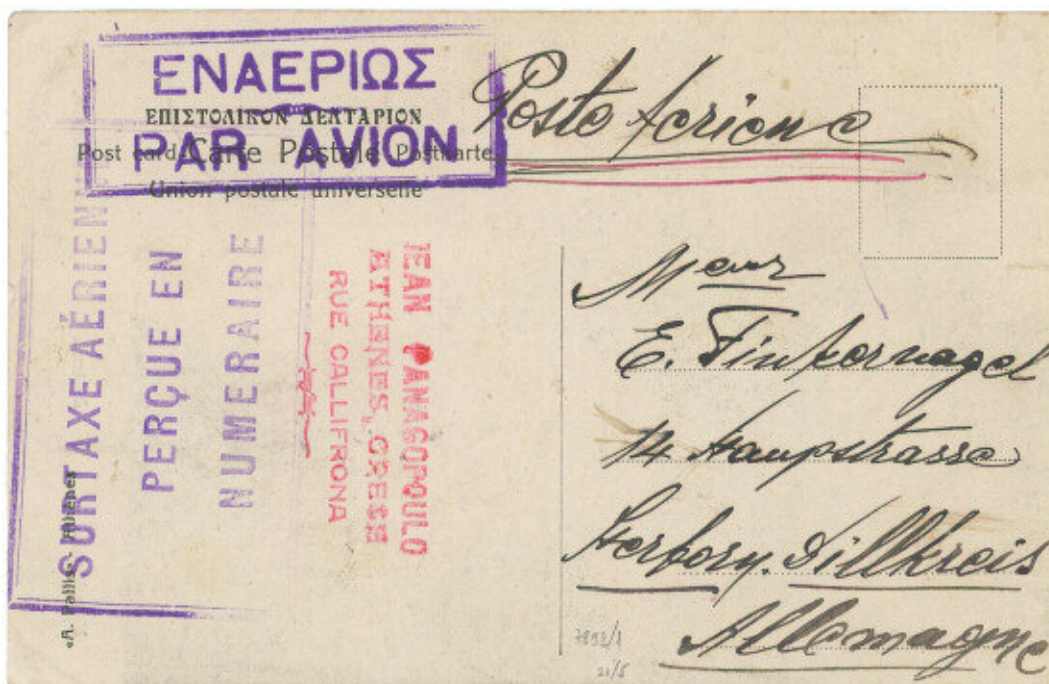
(pages: Egypt: 43, Austria: 8,45,47,48, France: 13,16,18,33, Germany: 1,4,11,19,24,46, Denmark: 11, Switzerland: 17,19, USA: 3,12,24,26,41,42, Italy: 5,8,10,13,15,20,25,30,32,36, Canada: 12, United Kingdom: 16,23,38, Djibouti: 39,40, Romania: 9, Syria: 44, Turkiye: 5,9,14,21,22,35,37) from post offices in cities served by the Aeroespresso route (Athens-Piraeus, Mytilene, Patras, Syros), as well as from other Greek post offices outside the airmail network (Heraklion: 10,11, Tripolis: 12).

- Registered (17-20, 23-26) and Express (36).

- with special dispatch postmarks and markings (33-35).

- and special cases (Return Receipts: 37, insufficient and incorrect fees: 41-48, combined airmail rates for letters handled by a second company: 38-40, use of Aeroespresso stamps on airmail routes served by other airlines).

In red (xy) are the page numbers where the relevant items are found..



**SURTAXE AÉRIENNE
PERÇUE
EN NUMERAIRE**



Picture postcard with postage 1,40δρχ and airmail rate 2δρχ (paid in cash), postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΕΞΩΤΕΡΙΚΟΥ 30.ΑΥΓ.26** (Athens) to **Herborn Dillkreis**, Germany, via **BRINDISI POSTA AEREA 30.8.26**.

Πλαστά φιλοτελικά αντικείμενα

The collection of airmail items, especially the First Flights, was very popular during that period. The demand was such that the items prepared by dealers of the time were not sufficient. As a result, they produced several counterfeits to meet the demand. In this particular issue, I have encountered fake covers from Athens to Constantinople and Brindisi, with genuine predated dispatch postmarks but fake supposed arrival postmarks.



110%



110%

The upper one handstamp ENAΕΡΙΩΣ - PAR AVION (made by Pandelis Drossos) had a different design from the handstamp used by the Postal Service (the lower one). The dealer later used it as a private marking for his airmail correspondence.

60%



1926 (24.10), Athens - Constantinople

Marked with ENAΕΡΙΩΣ - PAR AVION of Pandelis Drossos (rubber)



130%

forged arrival postmark



Counterfeit cover with correct printed matter rate, postage 60λ and airmail fee 38ρχ, postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 24.ΟΚΤ.26** (Athens) to **ΓΑΛΑΤΑ 5 25.10.26**. The bilingual Turkish arrival postmark is forged!

The airmail rates of Aeroespresso

For the transport of mail by Aeroespresso planes, the sender paid the following additional airmail fees, regardless of whether it was domestic or international correspondence:

2δρχ: postcards

3δρχ: newspapers, samples without value, printed matter (per 50gr)

5δρχ: letters (per 20gr)

5δρχ: additional fixed fee for registered mail

From 1929, the airmail fees for **domestic correspondence** in Greece were reduced to **3δρχ: letters (per 15gr)***

* With the new rate of 3δρχ, each weight tier was set at 15g.

Postcards

Postal rate for **Postcard** [1st period, 01.06.1926 - 30.04.1927]

Airmail fee for **Postcard**

Marking **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ - PAR AVION** of Athens (rubber)

1926 (08.12), Athens - Boston, USA, via Brindisi



Postcard of a philatelic dealer (P.I.Drossos), properly posted, with 1,80δρχ postage and 2δρχ airmail fee, postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΕΞΩΤΕΡΙΚΟΥ 8.ΔΕΚ.26** (Athens), sent to **Hyde Park Massachussets** via **BRINDISI TRANSITI POSTE ITALIANE 11.12.26**.

Printed matter - Postcards

Postal rate for **Printed matter** [2nd period, 01.05.1927 - 31.05.1932]

Airmail rate for **Postcard**

Without air marking

FLUGPOST - TELEGRAM

von Patras 19

Ich offeriere Ihnen fest fuer.....	Tage
500/2 Kisten ger. u. entst. Standard Choice Amalias	⊗
500/2 » » » Choice Patras	⊗
500/2 » » » Choice «Zeus» (Golf)	⊗
500/2 » » » Extra «Zeus» «Cleo» (Vestizza)	⊗
500/2 » » » Ausgewählte schattenge- trocknete Vestizza	⊗
kleinbeerige Frucht teurer	⊗
500/8 Kisten ger. u. entst. expressima Sultaninen	⊗
Type Nr.	⊗
cif prompte Verladung	

N. G. CREMIDI

70%

1930 (01.22), Patras - Flensburg, Germany, via Brindisi

N. G. CREMIDI
 CURRANT - SHIPPER
 PATRAS - GRÈCE

CABLE ADDRESS: «KROMO»

CODES USED

ALL STANDARD CODES
& PRIVATES

POST CARD

Firma

Hermann Rosenberg

Moltkestrasse 4

Flensburg
 Germania

Postcard - printed matter (N.G. Cremidi), with 80λ postage and 2δρχ airmail fee, postmark ΠΑΤΡΑΙ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 22.IAN.30 (Patras) sent to **Flensburg** via **Brindisi**.

Printed matter

Postal rate for **Printed matter** [1st period, 01.06.1926 - 30.04.1927]

Airmail fee for **Printed matter**

Marking **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ - PAR AVION** of Athens (rubber)



1926 (10.12), Athens - Constantinople



31%

Printed envelope of a philatelic dealer (P.J. Drossos), philatelically inspired (printed matter rate) but properly posted with the genuine handstamp **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ - PAR AVION**, with 60λ postage and 3δρχ airmail fee, postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΕΞΩΤΕΡΙΚΟΥ 8.ΔΕΚ.26** (Athens), sent to **GALATA (ARRIVE) 10 13.12.26** (misspelled Arrivée) via **STAMBOUL 13.12.26** and **GALATA 5 13.12.26**.

Postal rate for **Printed matter** [5th period, 01.05.1933 - (05.02.1936)]

Airmail fee for **Printed matter**

Label **PER VIA AEREA - PAR AVION** (1st Aeroespresso issue)



Wrapper of printed matter, with 1,60δρχ postage and 3δρχ airmail fee, postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 29.VI.33** (Athens), sent to **Roma**.

Inland letters

The very high airmail fee for domestic letters (**5 drachmas**) discouraged senders from using Aeroespresso, forcing the company in 1929 to reduce it from 5 drachmas to 3 drachmas (by 40%)

Postal rate for **Letters** [4th period, 30.04.1930 - 30.04.1932]

Airmail fee for **Letters** [2nd period, from 1929]

Marking **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ - PAR AVION** of Syros (black, in metal)



65%

1930 (15.09), Syros - Athens



Envelope with 1,50δρχ postage and 3δρχ airmail fee + Red Cross 10λ, postmark **ΣΥΡΟΣ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 15.ΣΕΠ.30** (Syros), sent to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΕΙΣ 15.ΣΕΠ.30** (Athens).

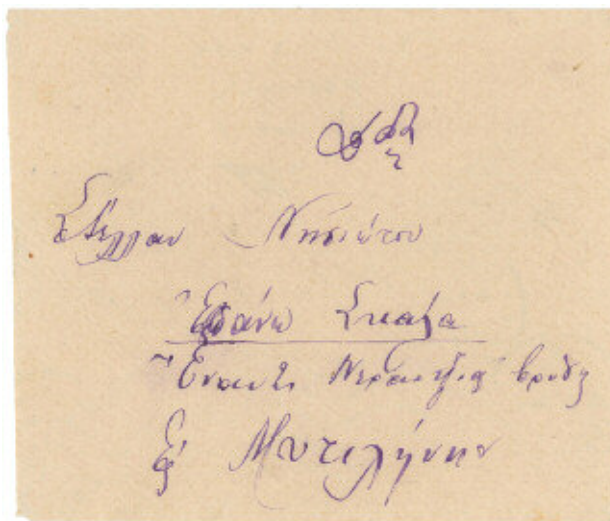
Inland letters

Despite the aforementioned reduction in domestic airmail fees, the increase in airmail correspondence cannot be considered significant.

Postal rate for **Letter** [5th period, 01.05.1932 - 04.04.1933]

Airmail fee for **Letter** [2nd period, from 1929]

Without air marking.



70%

1932 (16.08), Athens - Mytilini



Letter, with 2δρχ postage and 3δρχ airmail fee, postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕ-ΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 16.VIII.32** (Athens), sent to **ΜΥΤΙΛΗΝΗ 17.VIII.32** (Mytilini).

Letters to, or via, Italy

Postal rate for **Letter** [1st period, 01.06.1926 - 30.04.1927]

Airmail fee for **Letter**

Marking **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ - PAR AVION** of Athens (ruvver)

1926 (02.11),
Athens - Roma, Italy,
via Brindisi

Letter, with 3δρχ postage and
5δρχ airmail fee, postmark **TAX.**
ΑΘΗΝΩΝ ΠΑΡΑΡΤ. 12.ΝΟΕΜ.26
(Athens), sent to **ROMA CENTRO**
4.XI.1926 via **BRINDISI POSTA**
AEREA 3.11.26.



1926 (02.12),
Athens - Vienna,
Austria,
via Brindisi

Letter, with 3δρχ postage and
5δρχ aviation fee, postmark
ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΕΣΩΤΕΡΙ-
ΚΟΥ 2.ΔΕΚ.1926 (Athens), sent
to Vienna.

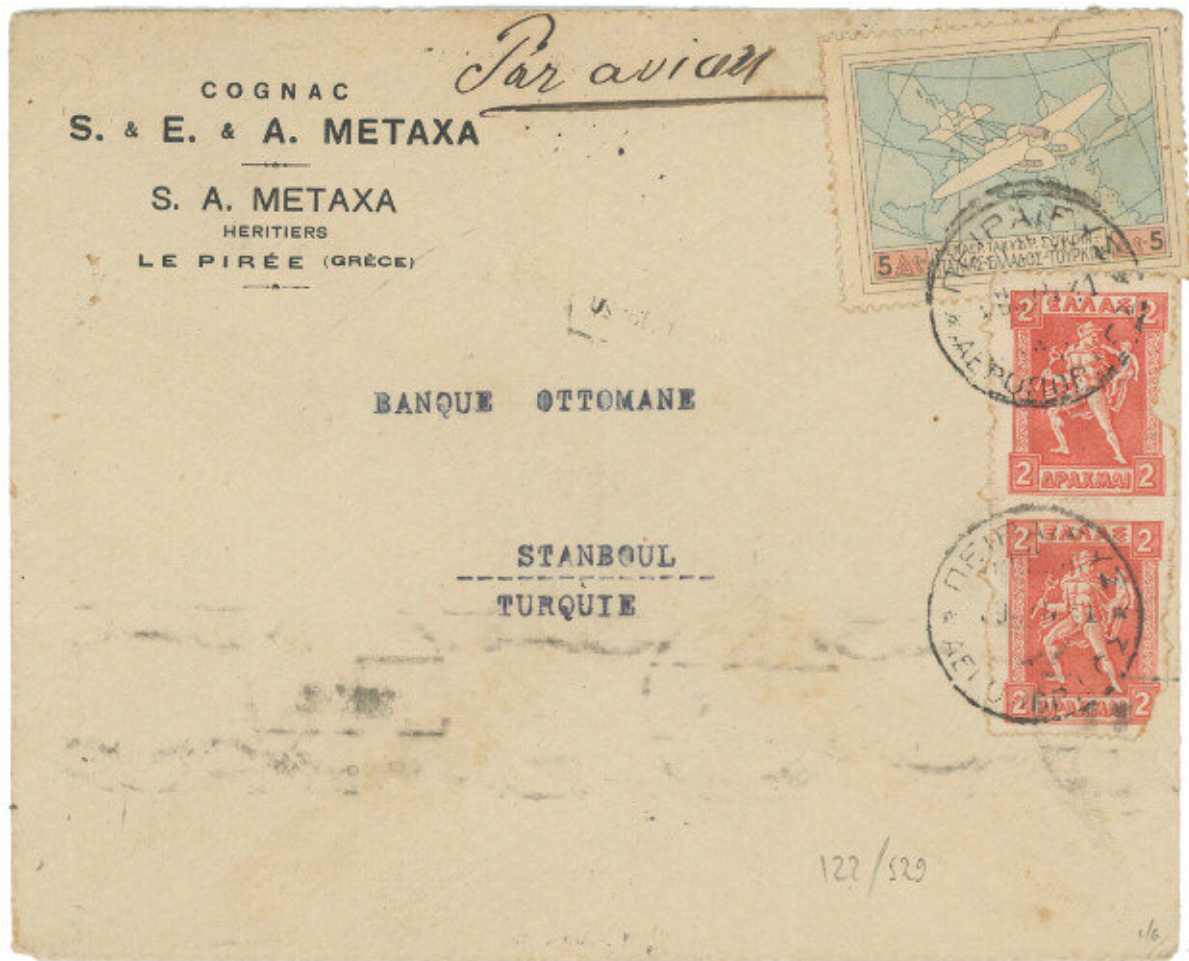
Letters to, or via, Turkiye

Postal rate for **Letter** [2nd period, 01.05.1927 - 31.05.1932]

Airmail fee for **Letter**

1931 (02.11),
Piraeus -
Constantinople, Turkiye

Letter of the Company **COGNAC S. & E. & A. METAXA**, with 4δρχ postage and 5δρχ airmail fee, postmark **ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 19.ΙΟΥΝ.31** (Piraeus), sent to **GALATA ISTANBUL 19.6.31**, via **ISTANBUL 19.6.31**. With sender's handwritten notice *Par Avion*.



1930 (18.08),
Athens - Bucarest,
Romania, via
Constantinople

Letter with 4δρχ postage and 5δρχ airmail fee, postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 18.ΑΥΓ.30** (Athens), sent to **BUCUREȘTI 122.VIII.30** via **BEYOĞLU ISTANBUL 19.8.30**. Typewritten notice *Par Avion*.

Letters to Italy

Postal rate for **Letter** [2nd period, 01.05.1927 - 31.05.1932]
 Airmail fee for **Letter**

1927 (04.11), Heraklion - Roma, via Brindisi



Letter with 4δρχ postage and 5δρχ airmail fee, postmark **ΗΡΑΚΛΕΙΟΝ 4.ΝΟΕ.27** (Heraklion), sent to **ROMA 9.XI.27**, via **BRINDISI POSTA AEREA 8.11.27**. With red handwritten notice **Par Avion** in Heraklion and violet marking **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ - PAR AVION** in Athens (rubber)



1930 (22.08),
 Mytilini -
 Milano, Italy,
 via Brindisi

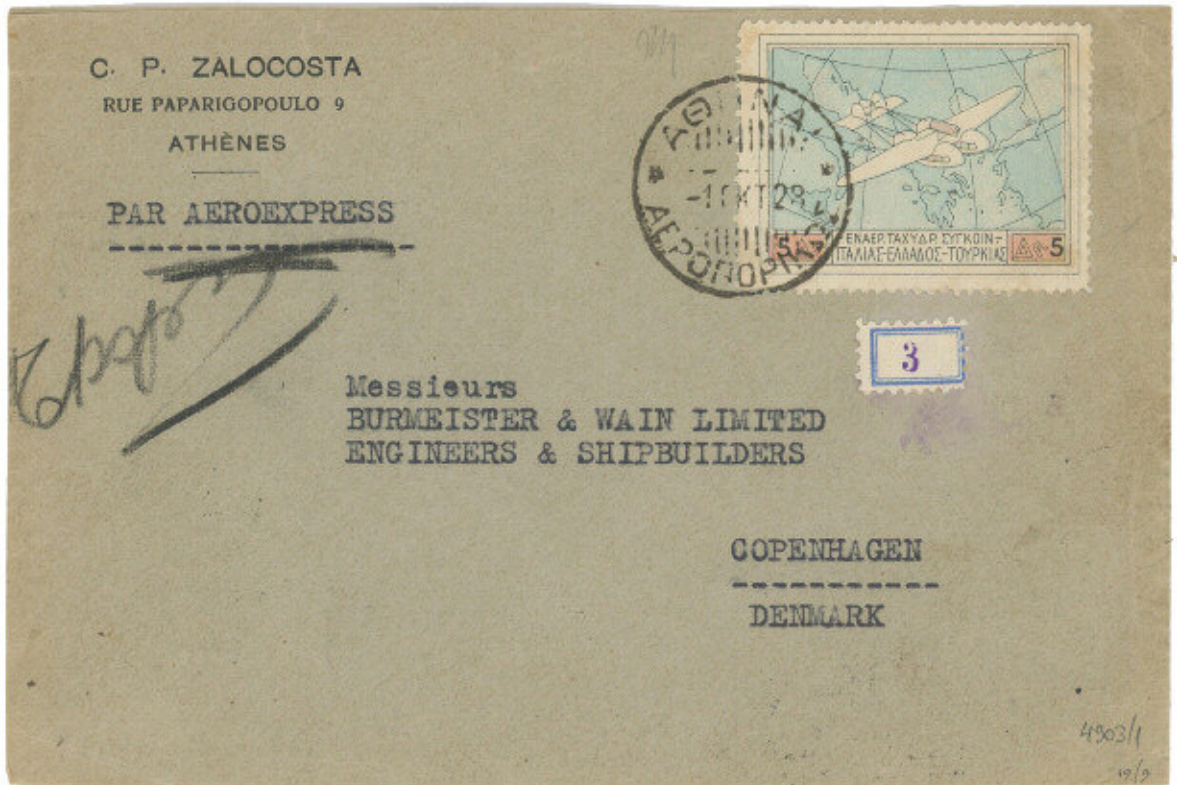
Letter, with 4δρχ postage and 5δρχ airmail fee, postmark **ΜΥΤΙΑΗΝΗ 22.ΑΥΓ.30** (Mytilini), sent to **MILANO 24.VIII.30**, via **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ (ΑΦΙΕΙΣ) 22.ΑΥΓ.30** (Athens) and **BRINDISI POSTA AEREA 23.8.30**. Sender's handwritten notice **Aereo Espresso** and black metal marking **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ - PAR AVION** in Athens.

Letters via Italy

Postal rate for **Letter** [2nd period, 01.05.1927 - 31.05.1932]
 Airmail fee for **Letter**

1928 (01.10),
Athens - Copenhagen,
Denmark, via Brindisi

Letter, with 4δρχ postage and 5δρχ airmail fee, postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 1.ΟΚΤ.28** (Athens), sent to **ΚΟΒΕΝΗΑΒΝ Κ 4.10.28**, via **BRINDISI POSTA AEREA 1.10.28**. With sender's typewritten notice *Par Aeroexpress*.



Mit Luftpost befördert.
 Zweiglufthpostamt
 Berlin Zentralflughafen.

Mit Luftpost
 befördert
Hamburg 1



Free airmail routes Brindisi - Berlin - Hamburg
1929 (03.09), Heraklion - Hamburg, via Brindisi and Berlin!



Letter, with 4δρχ postage and 5δρχ airmail fee, postmark **ΗΡΑΚΛΕΙΟΝ 3.ΣΕΠ.29** (Heraklion), sent to **Hamburg**, via **ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ (ΑΦΕΙΣ) 4.ΣΕΠ.29** (Piraeus), **BRINDISI POSTA AEREA 5.9.29** and **BERLIN ZENTRALFLUGHAVEN 7.9.29**. Blue **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ - PAR AVION** in Athens (rubber). Exceptionally, the letter was transported by air from Brindisi to Berlin and Hamburg. Red stamps **Mit Luftpost befördert Zweiglufthpostamt Berlin Zentralflughpostamt** and **Mit Luftpost befördert Hamburg 1**.

Letters via Italy

Postal rate for **Letter** [2nd period, 01.05.1927 - 31.05.1932]

Airmail fee for **Letter**

1930 (02.04), Patras - Montreal, Canada, via Brindisi



Letter with 4δρχ postage and 5δρχ airmail fee, postmark **ΠΑΤΡΑΙ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 2.ΑΠΡ.30** (Patras), sent to **Montreal, Canada**, via **BRINDISI POSTA AEREA 2.4.30**.

1930 (03.03), Tripolis - Chicago, USA, via Brindisi



Letter, with 4δρχ postage and 5δρχ airmail fee, postmark **ΤΡΙΠΟΛΙΣ 3.ΜΑΡ.30** (Tripolis), sent to **Chicago USA**, via **BRINDISI POSTA AEREA 5.3.30**. Violet marking of Athens **ΕΝΑΕ-ΡΙΩΣ - PAR AVION**.

Letters to, or via, Italy

Postal rate **Letter** [4th period, 01.09.1932 - 30.04.1933]

Airmail fee **Letter**

Marking **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ - PAR AVION** of Athens (metal)

1932 (05.12),
Athens - Genova, Italy,
via Brindisi

Letter, with 76ρχ postage and 56ρχ airmail fee, postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 5.XII.32** (Athens), sent to **GENOVA CENTRO 8.XII.32** via **Brindisi**. Black **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ - PAR AVION**.



1932 (10.10),
Athens - Paris, France,
via Brindisi

Letter, with 76ρχ postage and 56ρχ airmail fee, postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 10.X.32** (Athens), sent to **PARIS XI 13.X.32** via **BRINDISI POSTA AEREA 11.10.32**. Red **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ - PAR AVION**.

Letters to Turkiye

Postal rate for Letter to a country of **Balkan Postal Union** [5th period, 01.05.1933 - 05.02.1936]

Airmail for Letter

Marking **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ - PAR AVION** of Athens (metal)

1933 (03.08), Athens - Constantinople, Turkiye



Letter, with 6δρχ postage, reduced for the countries of the Balkan Postal Union and 5δρχ airmail fee, postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 3.VIII.33** (Athens), sent to **BEYOĞLU 1 ISTANBUL 4.8.1933**, via **ISTANBUL 4.8.1933**. Black **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ - PAR AVION**.

Letters to Italy

Postal rate for **Letter** [5th period, 01.05.1933 - 05.02.1936]

Airmail fee for **Letter**

1933 (13.09), Piraeus - Genova, Italy



Letter, with 8δρξ postage and 5δρξ airmail fee, postmark ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 18.IX.33 (Piraeus), sent to **Genova, Italia**, via **ISTANBUL 4.8.1933**. Without air marking.

Letters via Italy

Postal rate for **Second weight tier** letter [B' περίοδος, 01.05.1927 - 31.05.1932]
 Airmail fee for **Second weight tier** letter

1928 (17.04), Athens - Paris, France, via Brindisi

Letter, with 6,40 δρχ (4δρχ + 2,40δρχ) postage for second weight tier and 10δρχ (2x5δρχ) airmail fee for second weight tier, postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 17.ΑΠΡ.28** (Athens), sent to **Paris, France**, via **BRINDISI POSTA AEREA 17.4.28**. Red sender's handwritten notice **Aero-Espresso**.



1929 (18.09), Patras - Manchester, England, via Brindisi



Letter, with 6,40 δρχ (4δρχ + 2,40δρχ) postage for second weight tier and 10δρχ (2x5δρχ) airmail fee for second weight tier, postmark **ΠΑΤΡΑΙ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 18.ΣΕΠ.29** (Patras), sent to **Manchester, England**, via **BRINDISI POSTA AEREA 18.9.29**. Sender's typewritten notice **By Aero-Express**.

Letters via Italy

Postal rate for **Registered** letter [1st period, 01.06.1926 - 30.04.1927]
 Airmail fee for **Registered** letter

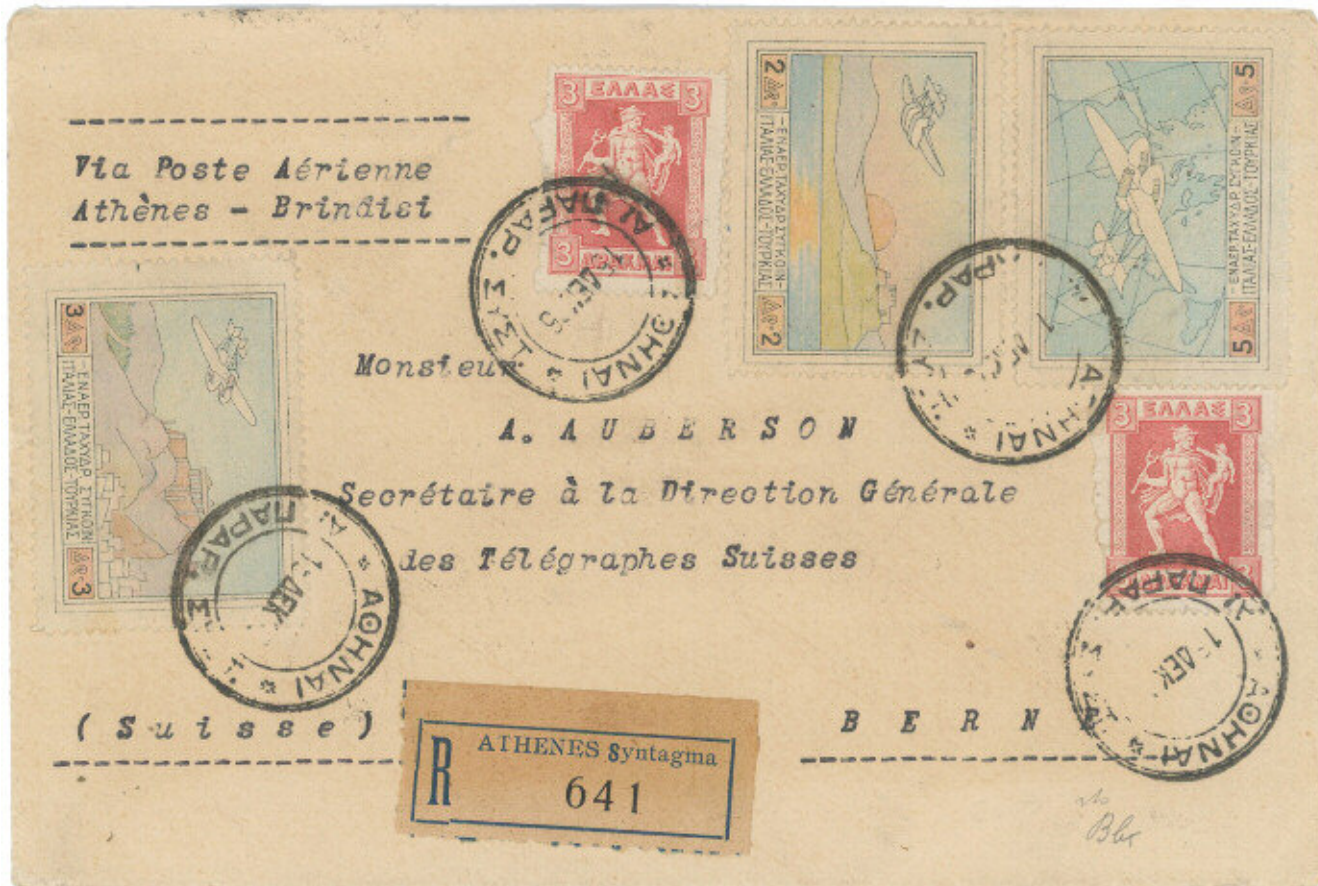
1926 (30.11),
 Athens - Zurich,
 Switzerland, via Brindisi

Letter with 6 δρχ (3δρχ + 3δρχ) postage for registered and 10δρχ (2x5δρχ) airmail fee for registered, postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 30.ΝΟΕ.26** (Athens), sent to **ZÜRICH VIII FÄCHER 12.XII.26**, via **BRINDISI TRANSITI RACCOMAN. 10.12.26, AMB. LECCE-CASTELL. ADR. 59 10.12.26** and **AMB. BOLOGNA MILANO 18 SEZ. B 11.12.26**. Violet **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ - PAR AVION** (rubber).

Properly posted letter (sender P. Drossos)



1926 (15.12), Athens (Syntagma) - Bern, Switzerland, via Brindisi



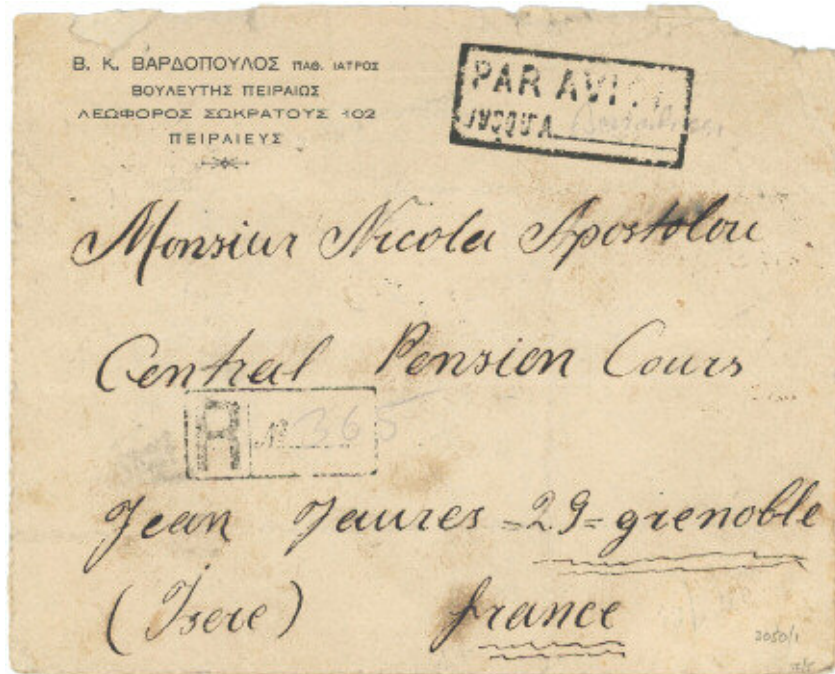
Letter with 6 δρχ (3δρχ + 3δρχ) postage for registered and 10δρχ (2x5δρχ) airmail fee for registered, postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΙ ΠΑΡΑΡ. ΣΥΣΤ. 15.ΔΕΚ.26** (Athens, Syntagma), sent to **BERN 18.XII.26**, via **BRINDISI TRANSITI RACCOMAN. 16.12.26** and **AMB. BOLOGNA MILANO 63 16.12.26**. Sender's typewritten notice **Via Poste Aérienne Athènes-Brindisi**.

Letters via Italy

Postal rate for **Registered** letter [2nd period, 01.05.1927 - 31.05.1932]

Airmail fee for **Registered** letter

Marking **PAR AVION JUSQU'A.....** (metal)



70%

1930 (11.11), Piraeus - Grenoble, France, via France



Letter, with (46ρχ + 46ρχ) postage for registered and 106ρχ (2x58ρχ) airmail fee for registered, postmark ΠΕΙ-ΡΑΙΕΥΣ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 11.ΝΟΕ.30 (Piraeus), sent to GRENoble 12.11.30, via BRINDISI TRANSITI RACCOMAN. 12.11.30, AMB. LECCE-BRINDISI PESCARA 57 (C) 12.11.30 and AMB. PESCARA-MILANO 84 SEZ.B 12.11.30. Marking PAR AVION JUSQU'A... with handwritten *Brindisi*.

Letters via Italy

Postal rate for **Registered** letter [2nd period, 01.05.1927 - 31.05.1932]
 Airmail fee for **Registered** letter



1927 (06.08),
 Athens - Zug, Switzerland,
 via Brindisi

Letter, with 8 δρχ (4δρχ + 4δρχ) postage for registered and 10δρχ (2x5δρχ) airmail fee for registered, postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 6.ΑΥΓ.27** (Athens), sent to **ZUG VII 8.VIII.27**, via **BRINDISI TRANSITI RACCOMAN. 6.8.27, AMB. BOLOGNA-MILANO 63 7.8.27** and **MILANO FERR. RACCOM. SQUADRA I 7.8.27**. Yellow Swiss airmail label **Mit Luftpost / Par avion**.



1928 (11.08),
 Athens - Duisburg,
 Germany, via Brindisi

Letter, with 8 δρχ (4δρχ + 4δρχ) postage for registered and 10δρχ (2x5δρχ) airmail fee for registered, postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 11.ΑΥΓ.28** (Athens), sent to **DUISBURG 16.8.28**, via **BRINDISI POSTA AEREA, FOGGIA-BOLOGNA 12 14.8.28** and **BOLOGNA-TRENTO 15.8.28**.

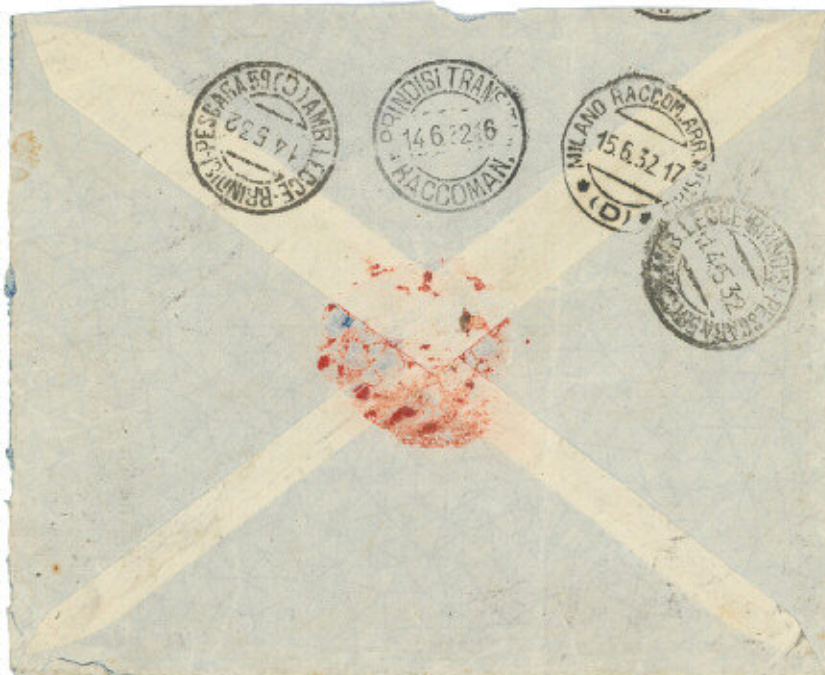
50%

Letters to Italy

Postal rate for **Registered** letter [3rd period, 01.06.1932 - 31.08.1932]

Airmail fee for **Registered** letter

marking **PAR AVION JUSQU'A.....** (metal)



70%

1932 (13.06), Athens - Milano, Italy, via Brindisi



Registered letter, with 10δρχ (5δρχ + 5δρχ) postage and 10δρχ (2x5δρχ) airmail fee (for registered letter), postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ 13.VI.32** (Athens), sent to **MILANO RACCOM. ARR. DISTRIB. (D) 15.6.32**, via **BRINDISI TRANSITI RACCOMAN. 14.6.32** and **AMB. LECCE-BRINDISI PESCARA 59 (C) 15.5.32**. Marking **PAR AVION JUSQU'A...** with handwritten *Brindisi*.

Letters to Turkiye

Postal rate for **Second weight tier** letter [4th period, 01.09.1932 - 30.04.1933]

Airmail fee for **Second weight tier** letter

Marking **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ - PAR AVION** of Athens (metal)



70%

1933 (28.02), Athens (Syntagma) - Constantinople



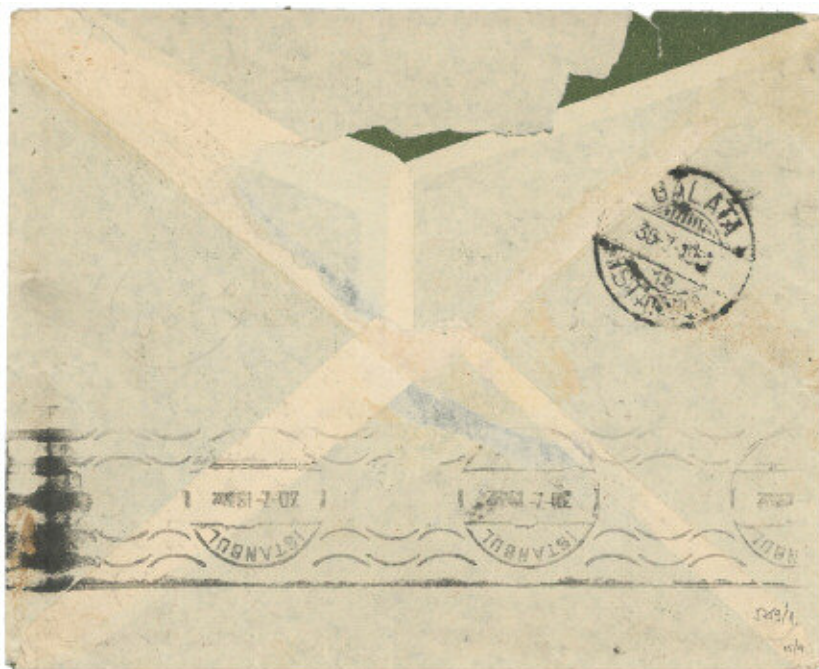
Letter, with 11,20 δρχ (7δρχ + 4,20δρχ) postage for second weight tier and 10δρχ (2x5δρχ) airmail fee for second weight tier, postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΠΛΑΤΕΙΑ ΣΥΝΤΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ 28.11.33** (Athens), sent to **ΓΑΛΑΤΑ 47 ΙΣΤΑΝΒΟΥΛ 2.3.1933** and **ΓΑΛΑΤΑ 19 ΙΣΤΑΝΒΟΥΛ 2.3.1933**, via **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 28.11.33** and **ΙΣΤΑΝΒΟΥΛ 1.3.1933**. Black metal marking **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ - PAR AVION**.

Letters to Turkiye

Postal rate for **Third weight tier** letter [3rd period, 01.06.1932 - 31.08.1932]

Airmail fee for **Third weight tier** letter

Marking **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ - PAR AVION** of Athens (rubber)



70%

1932 (29.07), Athens - Constantinople



Letter, with 115ρχ (55ρχ + 2x35ρχ) postage for third weight tier and 155ρχ (3x55ρχ) airmail fee for second weight tier, postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 29.VII.32** (Athens), sent to **GALATA 12 ISTANBUL 30.7.1932**, via **ISTANBUL 30.7.1932**. Violet marking **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ - PAR AVION** (metal).

Letters via Italy

Postal rate for **Second weight tier registered letter** [2nd period, 01.05.1927 - 31.05.1932]
 Airmail fee **Second weight tier registered letter**

1929 (09.11), Patras - Manchester, England, via Brindisi



70%

Letter with postage 10,50 δρχ instead of 10,40δρχ (4δρχ + 2,40δρχ), postal rate for a second weight tier registered letter and 15δρχ (2x5δρχ +5δρχ) airmail fee for second weight tier registered letter, postmark ΠΑΤΡΑΙ (ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ) 9.ΝΟΕ.29 (Patras), sent to Manchester, via BRINDISI TRANSITI RACCOMAN. 9.11.29, LECCE-FOGGIA 57 (E) 9.11.29, AMB. BOLOGNA-MILANO 32 10.11.29 and AMB. TORINO-MODANE (C) 10.11.28.

1930 (04.02), Athens (Syntagma) - New York, via Brindisi



70%



Letter with postage 10,40δρχ (4δρχ + 2,40δρχ) for a second weight tier registered letter and 15δρχ (2x5δρχ +5δρχ) airmail fee for second weight tier registered letter, postmark ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΠΛΑΤΕΙΑ ΣΥΝΤΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 4.ΦΕΒ.30 (Athens, Syntagma), sent to NEW YORK REG'Y. DIV. 2.19.1930, via BRINDISI TRANSITI RACCOMAN. 5.2.30, AMB. LECCE-BRINDISI-PESCARA 59 (E) 5.2.30 and TORINO FERR. AMERICA (RACC. PART.) 7.2.30.

Επιστολές προς ή μέσω Ιταλίας

Postal rate for **Second weight tier registered letter** [3rd period, 01.06.1932 - 31.08.1932]
 Airmail fee **Second weight tier registered letter**
 Air marking **PAR AVION JUSQU'A.....** (metal)

1932 (23.06), Piraeus - Milano, via Brindisi



70%

Letter with postage 13δρχ instead of 13,20δρχ (5δρχ+3,20δρχ +5δρχ), postal rate for a second weight tier registered letter and 15δρχ (2x5δρχ +5δρχ) airmail fee for second weight tier registered letter, postmark ΠΕΙΡΑΙΑΕΥΣ ΣΥΣΤ. ΑΠΟΣΤ. 23.VI.32 (Piraeus), sent to MILANO RACCOM. ARR. DISTRIBUT. (D) 25.6.32, via BRINDISI TRANSITI RACCOMAN. 24.6.32. Air marking (metal) PAR AVION JUSQU'A... with handwritten Brindisi.

1928 (21.05), Athens - New York, USA, via Brindisi

Postal rate for **Third weight tier registered letter** [2nd period, 01.05.1927 - 31.05.1932]
 Airmail fee **Third weight tier registered letter**



70%



Letter with postage 13,50δρχ instead of 12,80 (4δρχ + 2x2,40δρχ + 4δρχ), postal rate for a third weight tier registered letter and 20δρχ (3x5δρχ +5δρχ) airmail fee for third weight tier registered letter, postmark ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 21.ΜΑΙ.28 (Athens), sent to NEW YORK REG'Y. DIV. 6.1.1928, via TORINO FERR. AMERICA (RACC. PART.) 23.5.28.

Inland letters

Postal rate for **Fourth weight tier letter** [4th period, 01.05.1932 - 04.04.1933 (per 20g)]
Airmail fee for **Επιστολής Sixth weight tier letter** [2nd period, from 1929, per 15g]
Air marking **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ - PAR AVION** of Athens (metal)

1932 (19.08), Athens - Mytilini



Front of envelope, rated 5δρα (**fourth weight tier**: 4x20gr = 80gr) as noted in the upper left corner and 18δρα (6x3δρα) airmail fee (**sixth weight tier**: 6x15gr = 90gr), postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 19.VIII.32** (Athens), sent to **Μυτιλήνη** (Mytilini). If our assumption is correct, the fee overrides the weight tier (20gr instead of 15gr) mentioned by Prange (p. 85) Black **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ - PAR AVION**.

Letters to Italy

Postal rate for **Sixth weight tier letter** [4th period, 01.09.1932 - 30.04.1933]
Airmail fee for **Επιστολής Sixth weight tier letter**
Without air marking



1932 (21.11), Athens - Roma, Italy, via Brindisi

60%



Large envelope (letter), with 28δρχ postage (7δρχ + 5x4,20δρχ) and 30δρχ airmail fee (6x5δρχ), postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΠΛΑΤΕΙΑ ΣΥΝΤΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ 21.11.32** (Athens, Syntagma), sent to **ROMA ARRIVI E DISTRIB. 24.11.32**, via **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 21.11.32** (Athens).

Letters to Italy

Postal rate for **Eighth weight tier** letter [4th period, 01.09.1932 - 30.04.1933]
Airmail fee for **Επιστολής Eighth weight tier** letter
Without air marking

1932 (17.10), Athens - Roma, Italy, via Brindisi



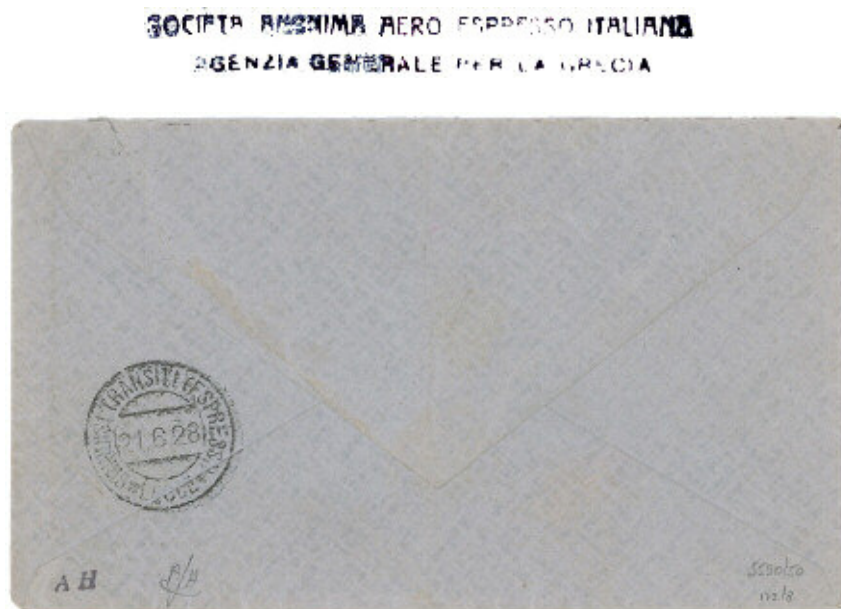
Large envelope (letter), with 36,40δρχ postage (7δρχ + 7x4,20δρχ) and 40δρχ airmail fee (8x5δρχ), postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΠΛΑΤΕΙΑ ΣΥΝΤΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ 17.X.32** (Athens, Syntagma), sent to **ROMA ARRIVI E DISTRIB. 19.10.32**, via **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 17.X.32** and **BRINDISI POSTA AEREA 18.10.32**.

60%

Special dispatch postmarks & markings

Postal rate for **Letter** [2nd period, 01.05.1927 - 31.05.1932]

Airmail fee for **Letter**



70%

1928 (21.06), Athens - Paris, France, via Brindisi



Letter, with 4δpx postage and 5δpx airmail fee, canceled with the handstamp of the General Agency of the Aeroespresso in Greece **SOCIETA ANONIMA AERO ESPRESSO ITALIANA - AGENZIA GENERALE PER LA GRECIA** in violet, sent to Paris via **BRINDISI TRANSITI (ESPRESSI) LECCE 21.6.28**.

Another item from the same correspondence is known, with arrival the following week (28.6.28). The sender was likely working at the Athens Agency.

Special dispatch postmarks & markings

Postal rate for **Letter** [2nd period, 01.05.1927 - 31.05.1932]

Airmail fee for **Letter**



150%



70%

1930 (26.03), Phaleron - Halle, Germany, via Brindisi



Letter, with 4δρχ postage and 5δρχ airmail fee, tied with the datestamp **ΑΕΡΟ ΕΣΠΡΕΣΣΟ ΙΤΑΛΙΑΝΑ ΥΔΡΟΣΚΑΛΑ ΦΑΛΗΡΟΥ 26.ΜΑΡ.1930** in violet, sent to **Halle, Germany**, via **BRINDISI POSTA AEREA 27.3.30**.

I am aware of another item with the Aeroespresso Seaplane Base at Phaleron datestamp.

Special dispatch postmarks & markings

Postal rate for **Letter** [2nd period, 01.05.1927 - 31.05.1932]
 Airmail fee for **Letter**

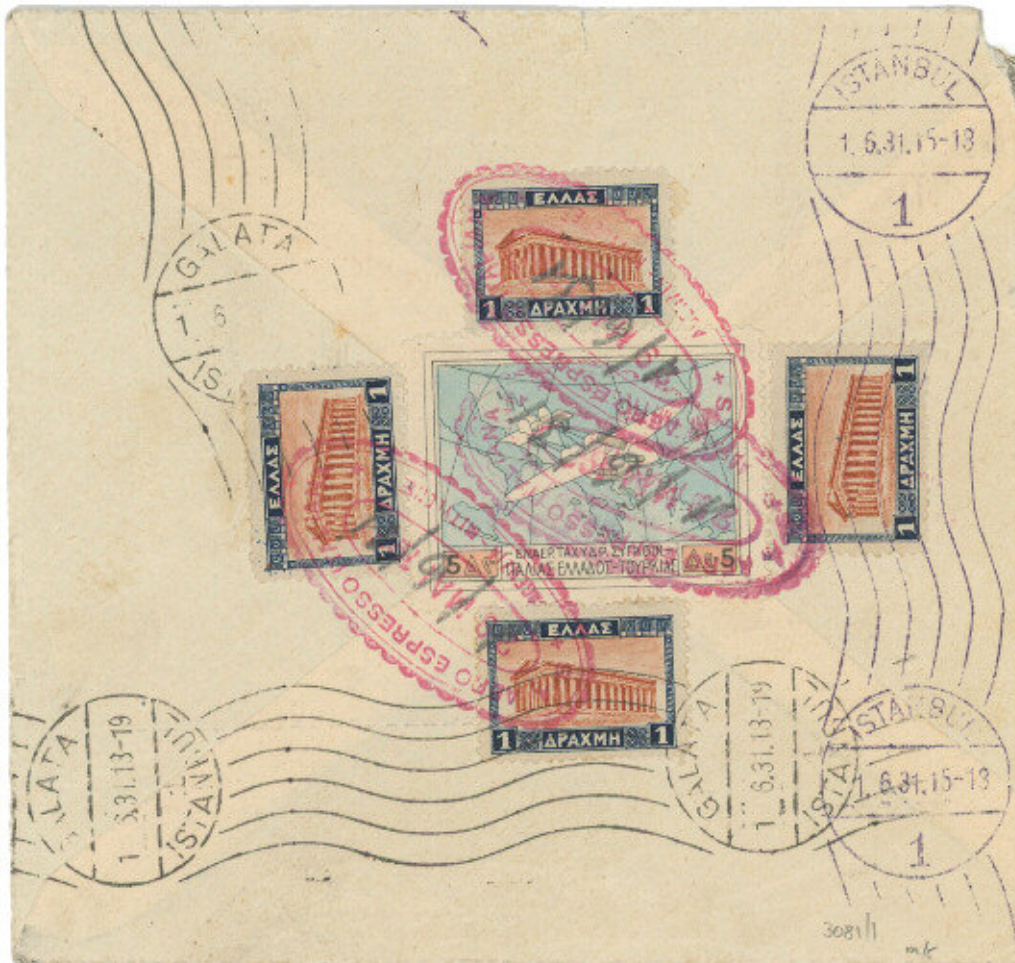


150%



70%

1931 (01.06), Mytilini - Constantinople



Letter, with 46px postage and 56px airmail fee, tied with the oval datestamp of the agency, **AEREO ESPRESSO ITALIANA * AGENZIA - MITYLENE * 29.MAI.1931** in red color, date corrected in pencil **1/6/31**, sent to **GALATA 1 ISTANBUL 1.6.31**, via **ISTANBUL 1 1.6.31**.

UNIQUE known item!

Special cases: Express Mail

Postal rate for **Express letter** [2nd period, 01.05.1927 - 31.05.1932]

Airmail fee for **Letter**

The Express mail was not subject to a higher airmail fee.



70%

1931 (03.07), Athens - Triest, Italy, via Brindisi

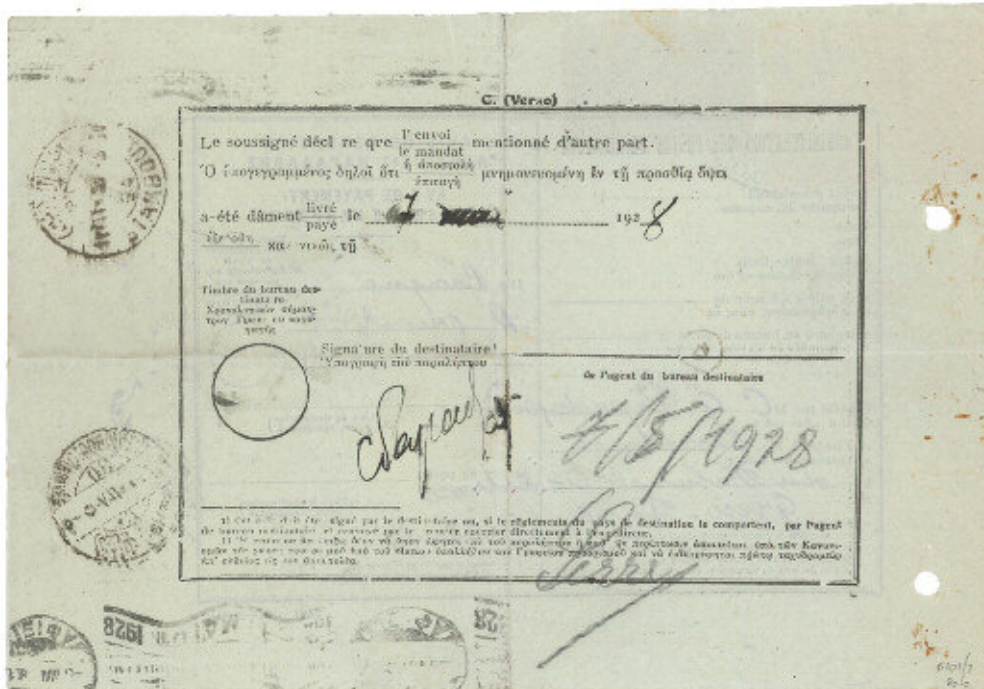


Letter, with 4δρχ postage, 8δρχ express fee και 5δρχ airmail fee, postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΕΡΟΠ. ΣΥΣΤ. 3.ΙΟΥΛ.1931**, (Athens), sent to **TRIESTE ESPRESSI 5.7.31**, via **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 3.VII.31**, **BRINDISI POSTA AEREA 3.7.31**, **AMB. GALLIPOLI-BARI 76-D 3.7.31**, **MESS. BARI-ROMA 163 3 3.7.31** and **AMB. VENEZIA-BOLOGNA 185 4.7.31**.

Special cases: Return Receipt

Postal rate for **Return Receipt** [2nd period, 01.05.1927 - 31.05.1932]

Airmail fee for **Απόδειξης Παραλαβής (Letter)**



1928 (04.05),
Athens - Constantinople

Return Receipt (Form 42/24.2.26), with 4δρχ postage and 5δρχ airmail fee, postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 4.ΜΑΪ.28**, (Athens), sent to **STAMBOUL 94 [28.5.6]**, via **STAMBOUL (ARRIVÉE) [28.5.5]**. Returned to the sender, machine postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΕΙΞΙΣ 9.ΜΑΪ.28**.

I am aware of another item.

At that time, the stamps for the return Receipt of Delivery were affixed to the form rather than the item being sent.

60%



Special cases: Two airmail fees

Postal rate for **Letter** [2nd period, 01.05.1927 - 31.05.1932]

1st airmail fee **Aeroespresso**, for **Letter**

2nd airmail fee **Imperial Airways**, for **Second weight tier letter** (per 10g)



1930 (22.07), Mytilini - South Devon, England,
via Athens and Brindisi



Letter of 20g, with 4δρχ postage, 6δρχ airmail fee for **Imperial Airways** (2x3δρχ, 3δρχ/10g, paid with regular stamp) and 5δρχ* airmail fee for Aeroespresso, postmark **ΜΥΤΙΛΗΝΗ 22.ΙΟΥΛ.30** (Mytilini), sent to **South Devon**, via **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΕΙΣ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 22.ΒΙΙ.30** (Athens) and **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 22.ΒΙΙ.30**. Metal markings **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ PAR AVION** in black and **PAR AVION JUSQU'A...**, in violet with handwritten **London** written in black indelible pencil. Both air-markingd must have been used in Mytilene; the second one is not mentioned in the literature (κατάλογος Hellas, τόμος IV).

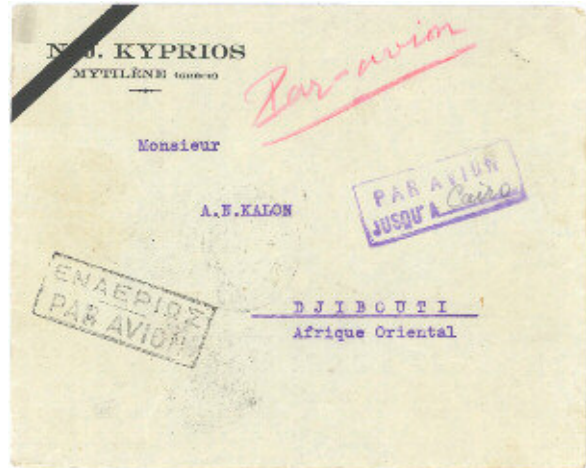
*The Aeroespresso route (Mytilene-Athens) should have been charged 3 drachmas instead of 5 drachmas (domestic rate). Either the postal clerk made an error (see also pages 39-40), or the charge was 5 drachmas, considering it as an item bound for abroad.

Special cases: Two airmail fees

Postal rate **Letter** [Γ' περίοδος, 01.06.1932 - 31.08.1932]

Airmail fee **Aeroespresso** for **Letter** (per 20g)

Airmail fee **Imperial Airways** for **first & second weight tier Letter** (per 10g)



50%

1932 (08.06), Mytilini - Djibouti, French Somaliland, via Athens and Cairo



Letter 20g, with 56ρχ postage, 76ρχ airmail fee for **Imperial Airways** (2x3,506ρχ, 3,506ρχ* /10g, paid with postage stamps) and 56ρχ postage fee for Aeroespresso, postmark **ΜΥΤΙΛΗΝΗ 8.ΙΟΥΝ.32** (Mytilini), sent to **Djibouti**, via **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΕΙΣ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 9.VI.32**, **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 9.VI.32** (Athens), **CAIRO PAR AVION 10.JU.32** and **PORT SAID 11.JUN.32**. Metal marking **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ PAR AVION** in black and rubber **PAR AVION JUSQU' A...**, in violet with handwritten **Cairo** written with indelible pencil. Both markings must have been used in Mytilene; the second one is not mentioned in the literature (catalogue Hellas, volume IV).

*In the literature (Tiberius), the mentioned airmail fee for Imperial Airways to Cairo is 2.50 drachmas per 10g. I believe that this particular letter was 20g, and I assume the fee was calculated at 3.50 drachmas per 10g



50%

Letter 10g, with 56ρχ postage, 146ρχ airmail fee for **Imperial Airways** (8 or 146ρχ* /10g, paid with postage stamps) and 56ρχ postage fee for Aeroespresso, postmark **ΜΥΤΙΛΗΝΗ 28.ΙΟΥΛ.32** (Mytilini), sent to **Djibouti**, via **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΕΙΣ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 28.VII.32**, **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 28.VII.32** (Athens), **DODOMA 4.AU.1932** and **DARESSALAM 6.AU.32**. Metal marking **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ PAR AVION** in black and rubber **PAR AVION JUSQU' A...**, in violet with handwritten **Dodoma** written with indelible pencil. Both markings must have been used in Mytilene; the second one is not mentioned in the literature (catalogue Hellas, volume IV).

In the literature (Tiberius), the mentioned airmail fee for Imperial Airways to Dodoma is 8 drachmas per 10g (and 14 drachmas per 10g from 08.08.1932). I believe that this particular letter was 10g, and I assume the fee was calculated at 14 drachmas per 10g (incorrect date by Tiberius). Alternatively, it was 20g, and the fee was calculated at 7 drachmas per 10g.

1932 (28.07), Mytilini - Djibouti, French Somaliland, via Athens and Dodoma (Tanganyika)



50%

1932 (04.08), Mytilini - Djibouti, French Somaliland, via Athens and Dodoma (Tanganyika)

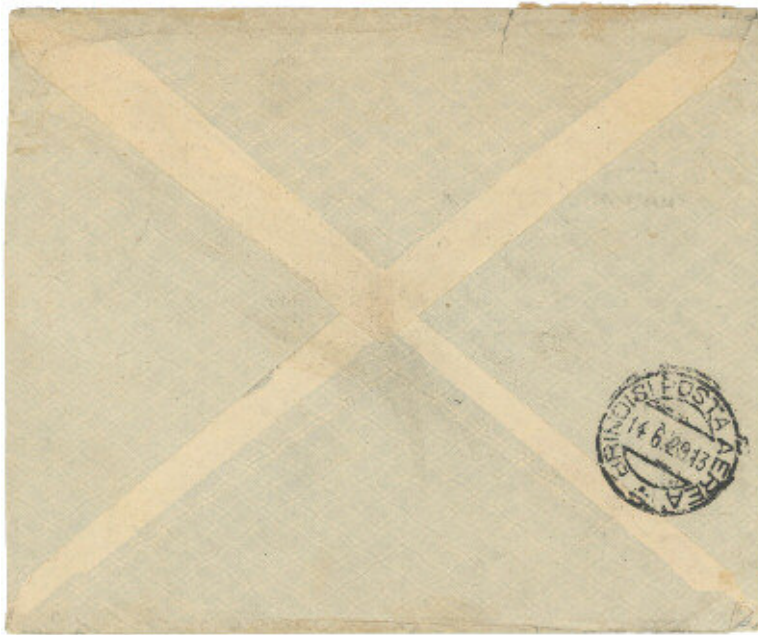
Letter 10g, with 56ρχ postage, 146ρχ airmail fee for **Imperial Airways** (8 or 146ρχ* /10g, paid with postage stamps) and 56ρχ postage fee for Aeroespresso, postmark **ΜΥΤΙΛΗΝΗ 4.ΑΥΓ.32** (Mytilini), sent to **DJIBOUTI COTE Fse DES SOMALIS 25.AOU.32**, via **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΕΙΣ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 4.VIII.32**, **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 4.VIII.32**, **DODOMA 11.AU.1932** and **DARESSALAM 13.AU.32**. Metal marking **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ PAR AVION** in black.

*In the literature (Tiberius), the mentioned airmail fee for Imperial Airways to Dodoma is 14 drachmas per 10g from 08.08.1932. If this information is correct, this is the **first weekly flight** on which this fee is applied.

Special cases: Postage Due

Postal rate for **Letter (not Prepaid)** [2nd period, 01.05.1927 - 31.05.1932]

Airmail fee for **Letter**



65%

1929 (13.06), Athens - Cleveland, USA, via Brindisi



Letter with postal rate not prepaid (4δρχ) and 5δρχ airmail fee, postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΠΛΑΤΕΙΑ ΣΥΝΤΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ 13.ΙΟΥΝ.29** (Athens, Syntagma), sent to **Cleveland Ohio, USA**, via **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 14.ΙΟΥΝ.29, BRINDISI POSTA AEREA 14.6.29** (It traveled normally by air from Athens to Brindisi) and **New York**. For the missing standard fee, the letter was marked with a black circular **T** and handwritten **C50** (50 centimes). In New York, a duplex postmark **NEW YORK N.Y. DUE 10 CENTS** was applied and the recipient paid with a pre-stamped 10c, pmk **CLEVELAND OHIO**.

Special cases: Postage Due

Insufficiently paid postal rate **Second weight tier letter** [2nd period, 01.05.1927 - 31.05.1932]
 Insufficiently paid airmail fee **Second weight tier letter**

Δια της συνήθους οδοῦ δι' ανεπάρκειαν
 αεροπορικοῦ τέλους

 Par voie ordinaire pour
 affranchissement aérien insuffisant



60%

1928 (14.12), Athens - New Jersey, USA, surface mail



Second weight tier letter with insufficiently prepaid postal rate (46ρχ instead of 6.40δρχ), the same for the airmail fee (56ρχ instead of 10δρχ), postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΠΛΑΤΕΙΑ ΣΥΝΤΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ 14.ΔΕΚ.28** (Athens, Syntagma), forwarded by surface mail to **New Jersey, USA**, via **New York**. For the missing postal rate, the letter was marked with a black circular stamp **T** and handwritten **30c or** (0,50 gold francs). In New York, a duplex postmark **NEW YORK N.Y. DUE 6 CENTS** was applied and the recipient paid with pre-stamped stamps 1c + 5c. Due to the insufficiency of the airmail fee, it was marked with a black metal handstamp **PAR VOIE ORDINAIRE** and the rubber one **Δια της συνήθους οδοῦ δι' ανεπάρκειαν αεροπορικοῦ τέλους / Par voie ordinaire pour affranchissement aérien insuffisant** (By ordinary route due to insufficient airmail postage) in violet.

Special cases: Postage Due

Postal rate for **Letter (not Prepaid)** [2nd period, 01.05.1927 - 31.05.1932]

Airmail fee **Second weight tier letter**

Δια της συνήθους οδοῦ δι' ανεπάρκειαν
αεροπορικοῦ τέλους
Par voie ordinaire pour
affranchissement aérien insuffisant



65%

1930 (21.09), Piraeus - Alexandria, Egypt, sent by ship



Second weight tier letter [?], with both the postal rate (6.40δρχ), and the airmail fee unpaid (Aerospesso stamps could not prepay the airmail fee for Imperial Airways), postmark **ΠΕΙΡΑΙΑΙΟΥΣ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ 21.IX.1930** (Piraeus), sent to **ALEXANDRIE 24.SEP.30**. For the missing standard fee, the letter was marked with a black circular **T** handstamp, but no fee was collected from the recipient. It was also stamped with the rubber handstamp of Piraeus **Δια της συνήθους οδοῦ δι' ανεπάρκειαν αεροπορικοῦ τέλους / Par voie ordinaire pour affranchissement aérien insuffisant** in black*. It was obviously sent by surface mail, as there was no direct connection to Egypt, nor does it bear a Brindisi transit postmark.

*In the literature (Hellas, volume 4), it is not mentioned in black.

Special cases: Postage Due

Insufficiently paid postal rate for **Letter** [5th period, 01.05.1933 - 05.02.1936]
 Airmail fee for **Letter** (incorrect use of Aeroespresso stamps)

ΔΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΣΥΝΗΘΟΥΣ ΟΔΟΥ ΔΙ' ΑΝΕ-
 ΠΑΡΚΕΙΑΝ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΟΥ ΤΕΛΟΥΣ
 PAR VOIE ORDINAIRE POUR L'AFFRAN-
 CHISSEMENT AERIEN INSUFFISANT



65%

1933 (06.07), Thessaloniki - Damas, Syria



First weight tier letter with insufficiently paid postal rate (26ρχ instead of 86ρχ) and airmail fee paid with Aeroespresso stamps (instead of regular stamps), postmark **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 6.VII.33** (Thessaloniki), sent to **DAMAS R.P. 2 13.7.33**, via **BEYROUTH R.P. 12.VII.33**. For the missing postal fee, the letter was marked with a **T** and a handwritten red **0,40**, but no fee was collected from the recipient. Although the Aeroespresso stamps were canceled with Thessaloniki's date stamp, they were marked as invalid (red box with two Os). Double stamping with Thessaloniki's metal stamp **ΔΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΣΥΝΗΘΟΥΣ ΟΔΟΥ ΔΙ' ΑΝΕΠΑΡΚΕΙΑΝ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΟΥ ΤΕΛΟΥΣ / PAR VOIE ORDINAIRE POUR AFFRANCHISSEMENT AERIEN INSUFFISANT** in violet*.

*In the literature (Hellas, volume 4), it is mentioned only in red.

Special cases: Incorrect fees

Postal rate for **Letter** [2nd period, 01.05.1927 - 31.05.1932]
Insufficiently paid airmail fee for **Letter**



70%

1929 (27.06), Piraeus - Vienna, Austria, via Brindisi



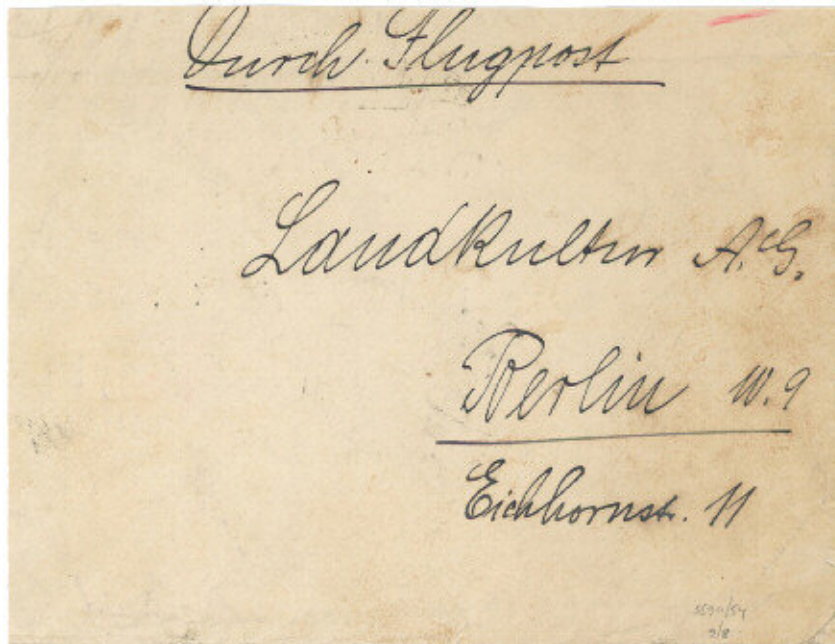
Letter with postal fee 4δρχ and insufficiently paid airmail rate (3δρχ instead of 5δρχ), blue postmark **ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 27.ΝΟΕ.29** (Piraeus), sent to **2/1 WIEN 27 4b 29.XI.29**, via **BRINDISI POSTA AEREA 27.11.29**. The missing airmail fee went unnoticed, and the letter was sent as usual.

Special cases: Incorrect fees

Insufficiently paid postal rate for **Letter** [2nd period, 01.05.1927 - 31.05.1932]

Insufficiently paid airmail fee for **Letter**

Airmail fee **Lufthansa** for **First weight tier letter** (per 10g)



1930 (04.09), Athens - Berlin, Germany, by surface mail



Letter with insufficiently prepaid postal rate (2,30δρχ instead of 4δρχ) and unacceptable airmail stamps (6δρχ, paid with Aeroespresso stamps), postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΕΞΩΤΕΡΙΚΟΥ 4.IX.1930** (Athens), sent to **BERLIN W 9a 7.9.30**, via **BERLIN C 12 6.9.30**. The missing postal fee went unnoticed, and the letter was mailed without any charge to the recipient.

Special cases: Incorrect fees

Postal rate for **??? weight tier letter** [3rd period, 01.06.1932 - 31.08.1932]

Airmail fee **Aeroespresso** for **??? weight tier Letter** (per 20gr)

Airmail fee **Imperial Airways** for **??? weight tier Letter** (per 10g)

1932 (27.06), Athens - Vienna, Austria, via Brindisi



A letter exceeding the first weight tier (as indicated by the worn envelope), franked with 7,50δρχ stamps και 10δρχ Aeroespresso stamps, postmark **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 27.VI.32** (Athens), sent to **13/1 WIEN 89 5f 1.VII.32**, via **BRINDISI POSTA AEREA 28.6.32**, **T.A. WIEN 76 30.VI.32** and **13/1 WIEN 89 Pb 30.VI.32**. Rubber marking **PAR AVION JUSQU'A...**, in violet and handwritten **Brindisi** with pencil.

Apparently, the Aeroespresso fee of 10 drachmas (second weight tier, up to 40g) was correct, which is why it was forwarded by the Company. The fee of 7.50 drachmas is unexplained, as for a second-tier letter, 8.20 drachmas should have been affixed, whereas if it were "Business Documents" (though not marked on the envelope), 5 drachmas should have been affixed.



The two letters were mailed **on the same day** by the same sender to the same recipient.

It reminds us of the 19th-century practice of copying important letters and mailing them via two different routes.

I am unaware if separate mailboxes existed for airmail, depending on which company the sender wished to use.

Notably, the letter via Brindisi was marked with the **PAR AVION / JUSQU' A**, airmail stamp, while the one sent directly to Vienna was marked with the rubber **ΕΝΑΕΡΙΩΣ / PAR AVION**.

It's remarkable that the clerk who handled them didn't check the fees...



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1932 (27.06), Athens - Vienna, Austria, direct flight



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The letter, although irregularly stamped, was successfully transported by air directly to Vienna!



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