

# Guide to the Postcards and Printed Ephemera Documenting the Italian Occupation of Ethiopia

MS 1898



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1898

**CREATOR:** Yale University. Library. African Collection

**TITLE:** Postcards and printed ephemera documenting the Italian occupation of Ethiopia

**DATES:** 1895-1950

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.5 linear feet (3 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** The materials are in Italian, French, and Spanish.

**SUMMARY:** The collection comprises primarily postcards, most of a racist propaganda nature; several press photographs; and printed ephemera depicting the Italian wars in Ethiopia, as well as present day Somalia and Eritrea. Included are materials relating to the First Italo-Ethiopian War (1895 to 1896) and the Second Italo-Abyssinian War or the Second Italo-Ethiopian War which lasted from October 1935 to May 1936, with the occupation lasting until 1941. The result was the annexation of Ethiopia into Italian East Africa.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

## **Administrative Information**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Purchased by the African Collection Curator and transferred to Manuscripts and Archives, 2007, 2009, 2014.

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### **Conditions Governing Access**

The materials are open for research.

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## **Arrangement**

Materials are arranged as received from vendor.

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### Inventory of Original Accession

b. 1, f. 1-18	<a href="#">Postcards</a> Some post cards contain a handwritten message and are postmarked; the majority are blank.	circa 1935-1943
b. 1, f. 19	French press photographs Includes Emporer Negus of Abyssinia and civilian population of Addis-Abeba.	1930-1936
b. 1, f. 20	<i>Mal d'Africa</i> Magazine with text, photographs, and sketches.	1950

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*1 linear foot (2 boxes)*

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b. 1, f. 1-8b. 2, f. 1-6	Postcards	Circa 1895-1936
b. 2, f. 7-10	Printed ephemera Includes photographs.	Circa 1895-1936

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Italo-Ethiopian War, 1935-1936

### **Geographic Names**

Italian East Africa -- History

### **Genres / Formats**

Postcards