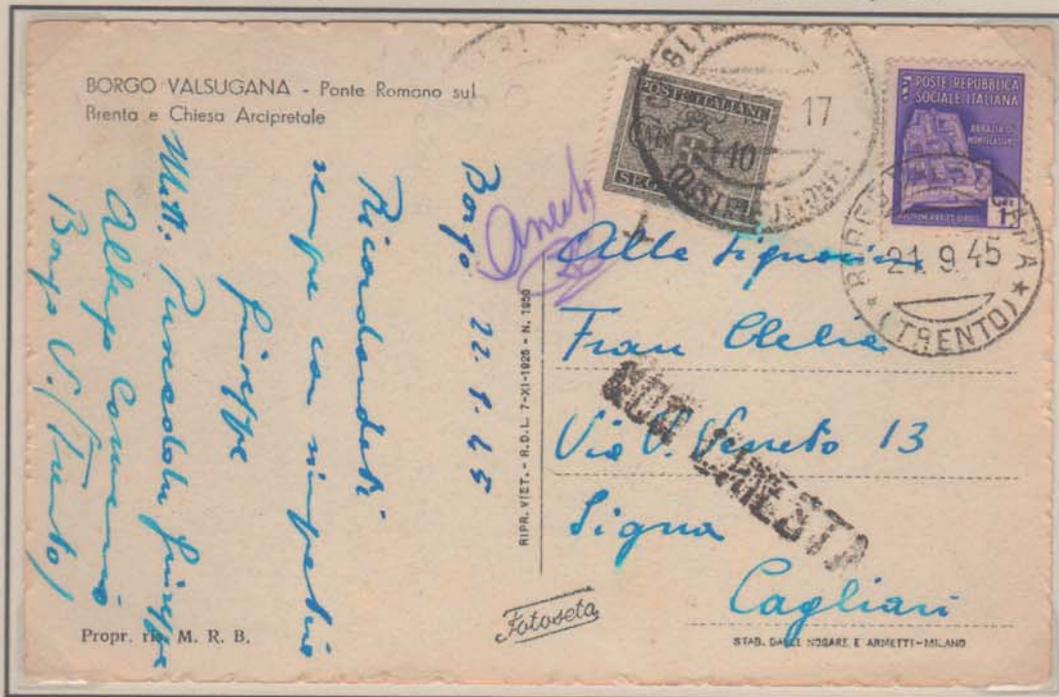
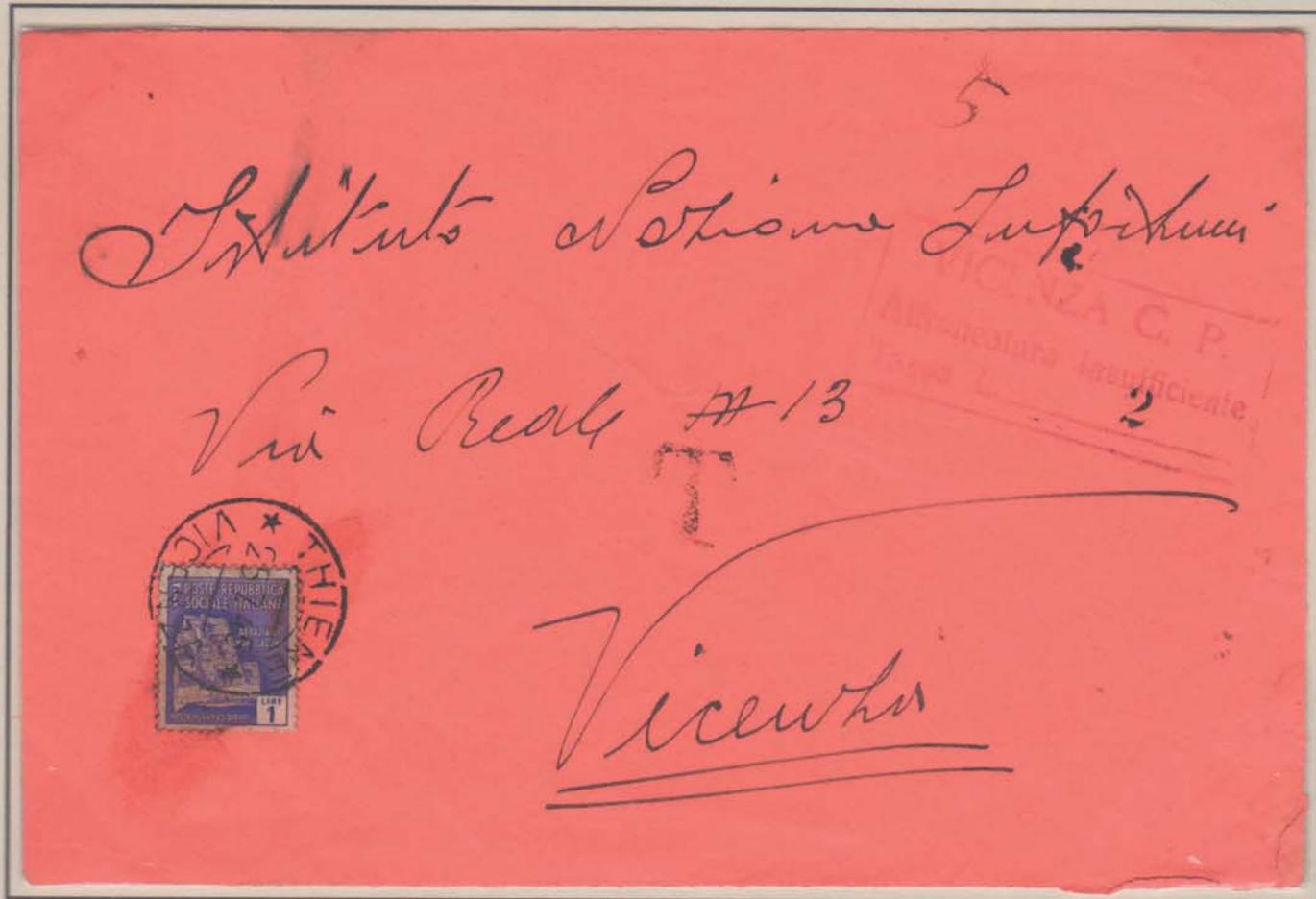


Use after the War, taxed correspondence

The RSI stamps were allowed until the end of 1945, depending on the province. The two documents here show taxation for the missing amount, meaning the RSI stamp was counted for its full value. Rate schedule is the Regency schedule of 1 April, valid in Northern Italy from 1 July 1945



Postcard from Borgo Valsugana (Trento) to Cagliari, island of Sardinia. Franked 1 L second set. The rate for postcard was 1.2 L. Taxed 40c for double missing amount. Not asked for, and returned. DATE: 21 September 1945 ARRIVAL: 29 September 1945



Letter from Thiene to Vicenza. Franked 1 L second set. Rate for letter was 2 L. Taxed 2 L for double missing amount. The postage due was noted by a special rectangular postmark without stamps. The RSI stamps were kept valid because of lack of replacement. Same problem seems to have extended to postage due stamps, as well. DATE: 25 July 1945 ARRIVAL: 26 July 1945

Late Uses of Express Stamp in the North



Express cover (repaired at left border) from Brescello to Parma. Franked pair of 1L and block of four of 1.25 for total of 7L per the rate schedule of South. Lower Northern rates were valid until October, which would have only required 3.5L. DATE: 18 July 1945



Express cover from Padova to Verona. Franked 3.5L according the Northern schedule, with two express 1.25L, one second set 50C, and one "Wolf of Bari" 50C stamp. The latter was issued in South. Their uses in North, although valid, are very scarce and unusual.

DATE: 11 September 1945

Multiple of 1.25 Lire in Regency Period. Extended validity



Registered letter, large envelope. Franked 9 Lire, from Mestre (Venice) to Verona. Shows 1.25L block of six from second set. Despite increasing rates and more frequent use, multiples of 1.25 Lire remain uncommon even after the end of RSI.

DATE: 26 July 1945

ARRIVAL: 15 30 July 1945



Registered return receipt card from Verona to San Pietro in Cariano. Franked 7 Lire, all with RSI stamps: pair of 3L second set, and a 1L from another RSI issue. DATE: 15 July 1945 ARRIVAL: 24 July 1945



Registered letter from Torviscosa to Venice. sent to a military convalescent hospital, returned with a note saying "this hospital does not exist any more". Franked 7 Lire, all with second set stamps: Pair of 3L and one 1L. DATE: 16 August 1945 MILANO TRANSIT: 26 August 1945 VENICE ARRIVAL: 11 September 1945 AT TORVISCOSA: 14 September 1945