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Addis Ababa postcard album,  
EEPA 2008-006, circa 1935

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Eliot Elisofon Photographic Archives, National Museum of African Art
<b>Title:</b>	Addis Ababa postcard album
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1935
<b>Identifier:</b>	EEPA.2008-006
<b>Extent:</b>	48 Postcards (Album; color.)
<b>Language:</b>	Undetermined .
<b>Summary:</b>	This album contains postcards of religious sites and cultural/natural landscapes in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The postcards provide historical views of the city and names of churches and official buildings. The album binding was handmade by an Italian military official during the Ethiopian campaign in 1935-1936 and has a beautifully painted cover with the title Addis Abeba in Italian and Amharic, as well as an Italian coat of arms and official seal.
<b>Container:</b>	Item EEPA.2008-006

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Purchased from Alvin Pettit Productions (Kevin Jackson), 2008.

### Preferred Citation

Addis Ababa postcard album, Eliot Elisofon Photographic Archives, National Museum of African Art, Smithsonian Institution.

### Restrictions

Use of original records requires an appointment. Contact Archives staff for more details.

### Conditions Governing Use

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## Biographical Note

Between October 1935 and May 1936, a brief colonial war was fought between the Ethiopian Empire (also known as Abyssinia) and the Kingdom of Italy. This conflict would become known as the Second Italo--byssinian War (or the Second Italo-Ethiopian War). Italy sought to avenge its losses in the First Italo-Abyssinian War and to unify Italian-held Eritrea and Italian Somaliland by acquiring Ethiopia. The war resulted in the military occupation of Ethiopia and its annexation into the newly created colony of Italian East Africa (Africa Orientale Italiana, or AOI). Although Emperor Haile Selassie I was forced into exile in England, Ethiopia never capitulated or surrendered, and the country was eventually liberated in 1941 by the Allied Forces.

## General

Title provided by EEPA staff.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Types of Materials:

- Albums
- Postcards

### Places:

- Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)
- Africa