

HFE66	Raayo (Ra'ayo) (mountain) 14°12'/39°00' 2525 m east of Adwa <i>rab</i> (A) hunger, famine; (Som) 1. narrow place; 2. want, desire	14/39	[Gz]
JED01	Rab (area & place) c700 m Railway station 25 km inside Ethiopia. <i>raba</i> (O) age grade 24-32 years of the Oromo <i>gada</i> system, regarded as the senior warriors	10/42	[WO Gu]
JDJ70	Rabal (area), cf Rabel	09/41	[WO]
??	Rabat In 1982 the TPLF negotiated permission by the Afar to operate a base at Rabat in the isolated Magale area. [Young 1997] rabassa: <i>rabbaas</i> (Som) jump /repeatedly/; <i>rabash</i> (Som) trouble, nuisance	../..	[Yo]
JDR10	Rabassa (area) <i>rabbi</i> (O,Som) God	10/41	[WO]
HCF65	Rabbi 05°58'/39°48' 1301 m, cf Rebbi ..	05/39	[WO Gz]
HEU...	Rabea (village) see under Mekele	13/39	[n]
HDU54	Rabel 10°27'/39°42' 2390 m, south-east of Were Ilu	10/39	[Gz]
HDU63	Rabel (Rabel) 10°33'/39°36' 2965 m south-east of Were Ilu (centre in 1964 of Gische wereda) /this Rabel?:/ The first airdrop of relief food was carried out on 13 February 1985 near Rabel, a village situated on a high plateau about 250 km north-east of Addis Abeba. "RRC agreed to the airdrop and gradually became a strong supporter of the operation which utilised a new airdropping technique developed in the United States. The grain was rebagged into double or triple sacks containing 25 kg each and placed on wooden pallets which were dropped from a height of 6 to 10 metres above the ground. No parachutes were used. The RAF planes, making four flights a day, carried 16-17 tonnes, and the Transall planes, which flew three daily flights, eight tonnes on each drop. The technique was called 'heavy free drop' and the drop zones had to be carefully selected to find a level surface and enough manoeuvring space between the hilltops to make the highly precise drops. The drop zones also needed to be sufficiently close to groups of villages so that the grain could be carried to distribution points and to the homes of the famine victims. The operation was called <i>Tesfa</i> ('hope' in Amharic) -- The procedure was very exacting. The pallets, 16 in the RAF plane and eight in the Luftwaffe plane, were pre-positioned on a set of rails fitted with small steel rollers, ready to be pushed out. The plane first made a dry run over the drop zone to be sure everything was in order. Then followed a loop around the plateau and an approach to the drop zone where, at a signal from the pilot, the pallets were pushed out, one on each approach. The crew handling the pallets were secured by attachment to a rail running along the sides of the plane. When the drops had been completed hundreds of people, supervised by RRC officials, rushed down a slope, picked up the bags and carried them to a collection point nearby. Every single grain on the ground as a result of damaged bags was collected. Two Polish helicopters, carrying a British ground party of two or three men and members of an Italian medical team, were the first to fly out each day to select and prepare the drop zone." [Jansson et al 1987 p 40-41] Observers were flown to the area in Polish helicopters to see how British and West German transport planes dropped sacks of grain as famine relief. [UNDRO News, Jan/Feb 1985 p 5] Around 20 January 1990 ENA news agency said that government forces had recaptured Rabel from the TPLF. <i>rable</i> , <i>rablee</i> (Som) jump/ing/ with one's feet together	10/39	[Gz Ad]
JDS92	Rable Mahamoud (area)	10/42	[WO]

JDJ56	Rabo (Gara Rabu) 09°31'/42°09' 2170 m north of Harar	09/42	[Gz WO]
JDJ24	Rabsa 09°15'/42°01' 1825 m, west of Harar	09/42	[Gz]
HDT06	Rachet (Rach'et Wiha) 09°59'/38°59' 2350 m (with church Aregawi), north-east of Fiche	09/38	[AA Gz]
JDC96	Raco, see Reko <i>rada</i> (O) heifer, young cow that has not had any calf		
HDE90	Rada, see under Genet	09/38	[WO]
JDJ12	Radaya (Radaia, B/iv/io?) 09°10'/41°48' 2287 m see under Grawa	09/41	[Gz WO]
JDJ10	Radiba 09°11'/41°38' 1646 m, west of Grawa	09/41	[Gz]
HDF84c	Radza (mountain) circa 08°55'/39°40' (on map of 1901), near the Garibaldi Pass	08/39	[x]
HDC99	Rafiso (mountain) 09°00'/37°30' 2434 m near map code HDD90, east of Gedo	09/37	[Gz]
JEG02	Ragden (Ragdeni) (area) 11°48'/40°00' 987/995 m	11/40	[Gz WO]
HEF64	Ragnena 11°25'/39°44' 1795 m, north of Hayk	11/39	[Gz]
JDB98	Rago 08°58'/41°25' 1236 m, south of Deder	08/41	[Gz]
KCN38	Ragumba (area)	07/45	[WO]
HFF85	Rahali (mountain) 14°19'/39°52' 2245 m east of Adigrat, near the border of Eritrea	14/39	[Gz]
JED13	Rahele 10°58'/42°48' 751 m, on the border of Somalia	10/42	[Gz]
HEE98	Rai Tallet, see Ratelet rai: <i>rai</i> y (T) vision, revelation		
HEM53	Raia, see Raya & JCP38		
KCH58	Raiceno, see Raycheno		
HFE76c	Raio, see Rayo		
JEG82	Rair (mountains) 12°34'/40°00' 801 m	12/40	[Gz]
JCH39	Raitu wereda (centre in 1964 = Tedecha Alem) cf Rayito .. <i>rako</i> (Som) platform, shelf, scaffolding; (O) 1. trouble, inconvenience, hardship, distress, misfortune, disaster; 2. sacrifice of an animal carried out as marriage ceremony; <i>raka</i> (raqa) (O) carcass, carrion	06/41	[Ad]
HBM50	Rako, G. (area)	04/39	[WO]
JDC96	Rako, see Reko <i>rako buri</i> : <i>buri</i> (O) blue-grey root which is boiled & eaten		
JDD80	Rako Buri (area, with well) <i>rallina gobu</i> : <i>gobu</i> (O) 1. prick with a thorn; 2. beat, strike	08/42	[WO]
HCE78	Rallina Gobu (area) 2129 m	06/39	[WO]
	<i>rama</i> (A) heaven: the third of the seven heavens		
HDT47c	Rama On 2 May 1990 a Derg government air raid on Rama at the Wello-Shewa border killed two people. [Africa Watch 1991]	10/39	[x]
HEM54	Rama (area) 2407 m, see under Zobil	12/39	[WO]
HFE93	Rama (Lala, Mai Lala) 14°25'/38°47' 1385 m north of Aksum-Adwa, not far from the border of Eritrea (with sub P.O. under Mekele) (centre in 1964 of Baito Makoe sub-district)	14/38	[Gz Ad Br Po]
1936	Ras Imru had a young man of 22 years by name Yohannes whom he seemed to trust. In the beginning of February 1936 Yohannes had heard that a team of Italian road workers		

were stationed at Rama, at least 50 km behind the war front, so they were not guarded. Yohannes started with about 300 soldiers and by moving about 70 km in darkness they reached Rama at 4 o'clock in the morning. All the about 500 workers were asleep. The wild soldiers of Yohannes shot or cut dead everybody they could hit. Only the engineer was armed and he defended himself and his wife and little daughter like a lion. When he had only three cartridges left, he shot his child, his wife and himself. His local nursemaid was killed by the soldiers.

Some 80 Italian workers had been murdered. The others fled to the forest and escaped, save four of them who were taken prisoners. However, the Gojjam force was also punished because a store of dynamite blew up and killed many of them. When it came to plundering the camp they started quarrelling and shooting each other. Those 95 who were left at the end mutilated the dead men and even the two dead women.

"Everybody loathed what had happened. It was the last time that mutilation occurred on the Ethiopian side of that front."

[H Nyström, *Med S:t Ghiorghis ..*, Sthlm 1937 p 114-115]

1950s In late 1959 injera was baked and distributed as food aid from the Mekane Yesus Church.

1960s A clinic built by the ESIBT Field Activities ("Building College") was handed over to the American Lutheran Mission on 11 December 1965.

The primary school (in Adwa awraja) in 1968 had 118 boys and 58 girls, with 4 teachers.

1970s An elementary school building constructed of concrete elements and with Swedish assistance through ESBU was completed around 1970.

[SIDA 1971]

1990s Situated at 7 km from the Eritrean border, which in the late 1990s becomes closed at sunset. The bridge which was destroyed during the recent war has been reconstructed.

[Äthiopien 1999 p 372]

2000s Still by December 2002 when 98 Ethiopian civilians were repatriated from Eritrea, they were escorted by delegates of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) inside Eritrea from Adi Quala to the border, and then inside Ethiopia by other ICRC delegates from the border to Rama.

[AddisTribune 2002/12/27]

JEG73	Rama 12°27'/40°03' 776 m	12/40	[Wa Gz]
??	Ramam, with postal agent (sub-post office)	../..	[Po]
JBJS2	Rambala (area)	04/41	[WO]
HFF92	Ramaliye 14°20'/39°36' 2688 m north-east of Adigrat, near the border of Eritrea	14/39	[Gz]
HDF80	Rambutu /Balci/(ch) see under Bollo Selassie	08/39	[WO]
HDM01	Rambutin, see under Shola Gebeya	09/39	[WO]
JCP79	Ramis, river outlet Webi 07°55'/41°34'	07/41	[x]
JDB08	Ramis 08°13'/41°26' 1276 m Valley in the Chercher area with affluents Jaja, Waju, Soka, Lagagaba, Kotu. The Pre-Cambrian rocks show various degrees of metamorphism and habitus. It is possible to distinguish many types of concordant faulted rocks which form zones from northwest to southeast. Lead minerals occur in a small 5 km long valley joining the Ramis river near Wolde Ramis. Graphite schist is found rather south in the Ramis valley, but the graphite content is usually low in the region. The Ramis valley contains among the largest reserves of marble in the Chercher area. [Mineral 1966]	08/41	[Gz Mi]
JCH47	<i>ramo, rammo</i> (O) worm, earthworm, tapeworm, maggot, moth Ramo (Remo) 06°42'/41°23' 1091 m	06/41	[WO Wa Gz LM]

??	Ramoda (valley in Tigray) Texas Africa Exploration Co. have done some studies in the valley. There are quartz veins intersecting the schists. [Mineral 1966]	../..	[Mi]
JDJ53c	Ramsadi (hill) c1200 m, see under Dire Dawa	09/41	[Gu]
??	Rante (within the Gidole mission region) The second course for members to be baptized was completed in Rante in April 1979 as a result of the Norwegian Lutheran Mission working there. Those baptized were 43 in number at that time. [J Hamre, Fra trollkvinne .., Oslo 1982 p 187-190]	../..	[x]
JCH67	Rao (area)	06/41	[WO]
HCL72	Rapetti Concession (Con Rapetti)	07/38	[WO]
HDE82	Rappez, M. (area), see under Sebeta	08/38	[WO]
HDF90	Raratti (with church Maryam), in the Balchi area	08/39	[WO x]
JCB72	Rarchi, see Rorchi		
	<i>rare</i> (O) 1. swamp, bog, pool on a road; reed or other plant in a swamp; 2. wrote /a letter/ <i>Rare</i> , name of a tribe of northern Jimma Oromo		
HEM53	Rare 12°13'/39°37' 1495 m, south of Alamata	12/39	[Gu Gz]
HEM62	Rare 12°23'/39°36' 1449 m, near Alamata	12/39	[Gz]
JDB88	Rare 08°56'/41°25' 1162 m, south of Deder	08/41	[Gz]
JDC37	Rare, see Rari		
JDJ15	Rare 09°10'/42°07' 1838 m, south of Harar	09/42	[Gz]
JDJ15	Rare Ibicha 09°12'/42°07' 1799 m, south of Harar	09/42	[Gz]
HCM87	Rareba 07°05'/39°57' 2590 m, north of Goba	07/39	[Gz]
	<i>rari</i> (O) roll up; return /verbs in the imperative/; <i>raari</i> (Som) species of rice		
JBR73	Rari (area)	05/41	[WO]
JDC37	Rari (Rare) 08°30'/42°14' 989 m, north of Fik rari bosetti: <i>bosetti</i> (O) dirty, sluttish /woman/		
JDH79	Rari Bosetti (area)	09/41	[WO]
HDD70	Rariesa (centre in 1964 of Gamo sub-district)	08/37	[Ad]
JCB72	Rarki, see Rorchi		
	<i>raro</i> (O) untanned skin to put under a saddle or a load or to sit on; (Som) camel's load		
HBL57	Raro, G. (area)	04/39	[WO]
JCS14	Rarrey (area)	07/42	[WO]
	<i>raru</i> (O) adorn, decorate, embellish skin or gourd /the word has several other meanings less likely here/		
JEA74	Raru (area)	11/40	[WO]
	<i>ras</i> (A) 1. cape, promontory; 2. head, Ras /title/, top, ear of corn		
HDU22	Ras 10°10'/39°34' 2901 m, north-west of Molale	10/39	[Gz]
HEJ16	Ras Abay (Ras Abbai, Abbaider) (delta/island) = Abay Dar? A little island, about 800 m across, where the Little Abay divides and then joins again shortly before entering lake Tana. Powell-Cotton was there in the beginning of May 1900. "On this island was a little cluster of herdsmen's huts, built of rushes." [Powell-Cotton 1902 p 275-276]	11/37	[+ WO x]
HES69	Ras Dashen (R. Dejen, R. Dedjen, R. Deshen) (Ras Dascian, R. Degen, Rasdajan) Ethiopia's highest mountain (early data 4543/4620 m)	13/38 13/38	[Ad Po MS x] [Br WO Gu]

MS: 13°19'/38°20' = HES79; Gz: 13°16'/38°24' = HES69, 4319 m

ras dejen: *dejen* (däjän) (A) rear guard

1900s The hunter Powell-Cotton was in the area in June-July 1900 and shot several ibex.

1950s A radiometric reconnaissance flight was made by Towle in 1955 and it included a tour around the top of Ras Dashen.

No anomalous radioactivity was detected.

[Mineral 1966]

At Ras Dashen, highest mountain in Ethiopia, the only cultivated plants are wheat, barley, rye, and flax-seed, and this is at an elevation of about 3,350 m and not at the peak.

[Simoons 1960]

1960s A group of Japanese who had scaled Ras Dashen were received by the Emperor in the capital on 1 June 1966. Similarly, a Polish group was received on 25 February 1969, and 14 Bulgarian alpinists were received on 8 April 1969. The Polish team took about 12,000 still pictures and three short films during their expedition.

[News]

"At 10.30 /on 15 January 1967/ a short, steep climb brought us to a wide pass from which Ras Dashan was visible. It is a most unassuming mountain - merely a long ridge of rock on which one point is slightly higher than the rest - and without a guide one could never pick it out from amongst the many other mountains that here sprawl gloriously against the sky."

"Mike was looking ill, but he doggedly tackled the next lap - a long walk around spur after spur, across sunny slopes of golden turf dotted with two-foot lobelias. (The higher the altitude the lower the lobelia.) Between these level stretches there were a few muscle- and lung-straining climbs and by midday thirst was tormenting me -- Foolishly, I had left my water-bottle in camp, not realising that above river-level all streams would be frozen. (They were a very beautiful sight - gleaming tongues of ice hanging from the mouths of dark caverns near the summit of every mountain.)"

"By one o'clock an exhausting climb had taken us on to the Ras Dashan plateau, where the path skirts the western flank of the summit ridge and swings around to run parallel with the ridge on its southern side, across a wide, bleak plain littered with chunks of rough volcanic rocks. Half-an-hour later the mule was tethered to a stone and we were led off the track towards the established route to the summit. The incline was easy, yet at this height our clamberings over rock-slabs and massive boulders felt strenuous enough, and we spent twenty minutes covering that last half-mile. Then a real climb of some fifty feet took us to the highest point in Ethiopia -- I crawled on to the summit, feeling very like a fly that had just been sprayed with D.D.T."

"Twenty minutes later, when we had decided that Mike must have turned back, Ian suddenly glimpsed him in the distance, wandering away both from us and the mule. No one in a normal state could possibly go astray on that plain, with Ras Dashan to guide them, and as we scrambled down from the summit Mike's gait changed to a wavering stumble - so while Ian went straight to him -- I continued south-west to the pass - unable to repress a selfish joy at being briefly alone with Ras Dashan --"

"As we lost height Mike recovered rapidly, and told us that while wandering on the plain he had 'seen things' and heard voices calling from the wrong direction. I hadn't known that these classic symptoms of mountain-sickness could develop at such a comparatively low altitude."

[Dervla Murphy, In Ethiopia with a mule, 1969 p 110-111 (1994 p 113-115)]

1990s There are three distinct points, and most trekkers head for the one on the left (when starting from the village of Ambikwa). It takes about 2-3 hours to reach from one peak to another of the three.

[Lonely planet 2000 p 182]

Ras Dashen is outside the Simen National Park, to the east. [Camerapix]

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A.E. Lovelace, Some notes on the climb of Ras Dashan,

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in Gondar Health Series no 8, 1963, five pages.
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 C Monty, Éthiopie ..., Paris 1968 p 26 wide view;
 G Gerster, Äthiopien, Zürich 1974 pl 158 distant wide view;
 T Pakenham, The mountains of Rasselas, London 1998 (luxury ed.),
 full-page colour photo from 1998 of Simen mountains w Ras Dashen on skyline.
- HCK49 Ras Desta Ber 06°45'/38°23' 1742 m 06/38 [Gz Ad Po]
 (earlier name?), near Yirga Alem
 (sub P.O. under Shashemene)
 (centre in 1964 of Bera sub-district)
 Princess Aida Desta primary school (in Sidama awraja)
 in 1968 had 634 boys and 63 girls, with 10 teachers.
- JDH86 Ras Mittur (recorded in 1841) 09/41 [Ha]
- rasa: *rase* (A) be wet, be damp, be moist;
Rasa, Rassa, a lineage of the Sabbo-Karrayyu-Basu
 of the Borana people
- HDM55c Rasa, see under Ankober 09/39 [Gu]
- JDC76 Rasa 08/42 [WO]
- JDG93 Rasa (Rassa, Raza) (mountain) 09/40 [WO Ne Ha]
- JEA08 Rasa (area) 10/40 [WO n]
- From an excursion in 1985: The road started at Shewa Robit and wound around through
 the hills south-east of Geweha. It was dirt and full of rocks and ruts. We went through an
 area called Rasa where the fields looked rich and full of teff and sorghum, until we
 arrived at the last village of the Amharas. Gradually we descended a gentle slope and
 there in the distance was a great valley - the Rift Valley and land of the Afar.
 [P M Sutton, Ethiopian journal, USA 1986 p 156]
- J.... Rasa Goba sub-district (Rasagoba ..) 10/40 [Ad]
 (centre in 1964 = Borerie)
 The Rasa Goba primary school (in Yifat & Timuga awraja)
 in 1968 had 33 boys and 8 girls in grades 1-2, with one teacher.
- HEL69 Rasan 12°18'/39°16' 2024 m, north-east of Lalibela 12/39 [Gz]
- JDN18 Rasdaza (Razdaza) 10°05'/40°31' 562 m 10/40 [Gz Ne]
 south-west of Gewane on the other side of the Awash
 "We left Magu, and came to the foot of Mounta Ayelu. -- Presently trees began to clothe
 the banks of the river again, and on coming to a large and shady group of them we
 decided to call a halt. The place was known as Rasdaza."
 The travellers hunted hippopotamus in the river and succeeded to shoot three animals. The
 local Danakil were very happy for this. "They now had a greater stock of meat perhaps
 than they had ever had before, for their own rifles and ammunition were practically
 useless."
 Elderly men visited Nesbitt's camp from the opposite bank where they had their huts.
 There was only one woman among the visitors, a daughter of one of the elders. "Her name
 was Aysha, and I wish I could have spoken her language."
 [L M Nesbitt (1934)1955 p 123-125]
- HDL72 *raso* (Som) layer of a stack
 Raso 09°41'/38°37' 2797 m 09/38 [AA Gz]
 (with church), south-west of Fiche
- JEH07 Raso (area) 11/41 [WO]
- HDL72 Raso Gitiye 09°46'/38°36' 3047 m 09/38 [Gz]

	south-west of Fiche		
HDL71	Raso Tembero (R. Tembere) 09°46'/38°34' 2997 m	09/38	[AA Gz]
JDG74	Rassa (hill in Shewa) 09°45'/40°08'	09/40	[n]
??	Rassa (district in Wello) cf Rasa <i>rasul</i> (Arabic) apostle	../..	[n]
HEE98	Ratelet (Rat'elet, Rai Tallet) 11°43'/39°11' 3153 m	11/39	[Gz WO]
	north-east of Bete Hor		
JC...	Ratitu (in Wabe awraja)	07/40?	[x]
	In April 1964 when the local governor led a police force into Ratitu /or Rayitu?/ to collect taxes, fighting broke out in Wabe awraja. There had been reluctance to pay taxes for as long as ten years. On the way the governor's force was surrounded and defeated. [Gilkes 1975 p 214]		
	rau bashir: <i>baashir</i> (Som) give warm welcome when meeting; <i>Baashiir</i> , <i>Basheer</i> , a name for persons		
HEG49	Rau Bashir, J. (hill)	12/35	[WO]
JBR05	Rau Rau (Hrauri) (area)	04/42	[WO]
JC...	Rawa	07/42	[18]
	<i>raya</i> (O) ceremony to bring rain, (A,Arabic) flag, banner; (A) distant country; <i>rayya</i> (O) vanguard army; (A) peasant, usually in a conquered district; <i>Raya</i> , name of a Wello northern Oromo tribe. They are generally Muslims. "The Galla of the eastern highlands -- had accepted Islam as a bulwark against being swamped by Abyssinian nationalism." There was a Muslim block formed in the heart of Christian territory. The Raya and Azebo are not different tribes, they call themselves Raya, but are called Azebo by the Tigreans. There are Raya also in Arussi. The <i>Qadiriyya</i> order of Islam was introduced among the Raya around the 1870s by Sheik Muhammad al-Anni. "The Muslim Yajju and Raya are an unstable element in the process towards unity for they have always been ready to burst out into rebellion, but they constitute provincial problems and are no real danger." [J S Trimmingham, Islam in Ethiopia, 1952 <i>passim</i> especially p 279]		
HEM53	Raya (Raia) (plain)	12/39	[+ WO n]
	At 8 km north of Maychew the Raya pass overlooks the plain from Kobbo in the south to Korbeta in the north. [Aubert 1999 p 183]		
JCP38	Raya (Raia) (area)	07/41	[+ WO]
JEN06	Raya & Azebo awraja 12°40'/40°20'	12/40	[Gz]
	(centre in 1980 = Maychew)		
JEG55	Raya & Kobo awraja (..Kobo, ..Qobbo) 12°15'/40°20'	12/39	[Gz]
	(centre in 1980 = Alamata)		
KCH58	Raycheno (Raiceno)	06/46	[+ WO]
JCB..	Rayito sub-district (-1997-)	06/41	[n]
??	Rayitu (Rayito) (in central Bale) cf Raitu/..	[x]
	Haji Yisihag of Rayitu was one of the Wabe <i>balabats</i> involved in the Bale rebellion 1963- 1970. He had great influence in the eastern part of Bale, though he spent much time in Somalia. [Gilkes 1975 p 215]		
HFE76c	Rayo (Raio) (mountain) 2693 m	14/39	[+ Gu]
	<i>raza</i> (Gondar A) kind of white stork, <i>Ciconia ephippiorrhyncha</i>		
JDG93	Raza, see Rasa		
JDN18	Razdaza, see Rasdaza		

- JEP54 Realu (plain) 13/41 [Ne]
 "On making another detour, we came to a place where the upturned stones had been cemented again by a new lava-flow. This had formed a level floor, out of which the older stones protruded like decaying tombstones, set at all angles. Between these latter we threaded our way, bruising and cutting our elbows and knees against them. The camels suffered far more than we did, for it was terribly difficult for such ungainly animals to pass through the narrow spaces between the stones without coming into contact with them."
 "Presently we came to yet another cliff, which overlooked the Realu Plain, to the south-east of Mount Afdera. The southern flank of the great volcano consisted of five successive steps, pointing to the occurrence of five separate eruptions, each one slightly less copious than the one which preceded it. At the apex was a small truncated cone which looked like a toy placed on that huge massif."
 [L M Nesbitt (1934)1955 p 282]
- HCF03 Reata, see Gara Reata 05/39 [WO]
 HFF63 Reayle (Re'ayle) 14°07'/39°40' 2222 m 14/39 [Gz]
 south-east of Adigrat
- HEK24 *reb* (A) anus, bottom, buttocks; *reeb-* (O) beat
Reb (river) 11°59'/37°54' 11/37 [n]
 flowing into lake Tana at its east shore
 Female traveller around 1960: "I came suddenly on the Reb which was a deep muddy gash in the plain. The bank fell away sharply to the water below which made its way through grey alluvial silt. I stopped the car and went down to test the ground. The bank opposite looked reasonably firm, so climbing back into the car I drove to the edge. We dived sharply off the bank, and, as we ran to the base of the river, the weight of the rear swung the back wheels sharply to the left in a bad skid. With a sickening squelch she sank deep in the wet mud. The wheels began to spin and I was completely stuck!"
 "Half an hour later I had moved most of the cargo out of the vehicle and was completely covered with mud. The Land-Rover was a few inches further down in the mud, and now, on the high bank, a row of boys stood watching me with interest. -- Finally I beckoned the spectators towards me and set about organising a line of workers to bring stones to make a quarry. It would take a day or two and probably use up whatever money I had, but it was my only chance."
 "At this moment two men in a red jeep appeared at the top of the other bank. -- It was an I.H.A. vehicle and the men were making a dash for Gondar to pick up a spare part for a lorry. The driver, a Sudanese, greeted me with a wide grin. 'You are lucky,' he said, 'you might not see a vehicle here for weeks.' -- They put a tow-rope on the Land-Rover and she was out in a matter of minutes.
 [Barbara Toy, In search of Sheba, London 1961 p 168-169]
 Later a helicopter used to carry Barbara to spend a night on the top of the 'prison mountain' Wehni landed near Reb river before the final flight.
 [Toy p 223-224]
- HFE76 *rebbi* (A) cattle breeding; (*räbbi*) rabbi, master
ribbi (A) fertile
 Rebbi Arienni (R. Erienni) (hill/pass) 2243 m 14/39 [Gu n]
 An imposing block of granite jutting up beside the road. It was from here that the Italians began the last stage of their march into Adwa in 1896.
 Just past the peak of Rebbi Arienni is a small valley north of the road. In this valley is the site of Yeha with an important ancient ruin, a 10 km trip.
 [Welcome to Ethiopia, A.A. circa 1965 p 171, 173]
 The track heads off past the foot of an immense basalt peak. After about 3 km the village of Yeha appears, dominated by the ruins of a temple.

	[Aubert 1999 p 200]		
??	Rebne Gebeya	../..	[Po]
	With sub-post office using spelling REBNE GEBAYA on its postmark.		
JCM25	Rebrebti Dhobo (waterhole)	06/44	[MS Wa]
HDE62	Rebto (Rebeto) (village) 08°43'/38°38' 2124 m	08/38	[Gz x]
	Rebto (with church Gebriel), south of Sebeta		
	<i>rebu</i> (O) 1. go, run; 2. make wet /rain/; 3. beat, hit with stick;		
HDD45	Rebu (Geno) 08°32'/38°02' 2293 m	08/38	[Gz WO]
	WO has Geno at map code HDD36		
	<i>rebui</i> (T), <i>rebu</i> (räbu'u) (A) Wednesday; <i>gebeya</i> (A) market		
HDL33	Rebui Gebeya (Rebu'i G.) 09°20'/38°42' 2556 m	09/38	[AA Gz]
	(Rebu G.) (with church Giyorgis), north of Sululta, cf Rob ..		
HED84	Rebui Gebeya (Rebu'i G.) 11°36'/37°57' 2473 m	11/37	[Gz]
	/this one?/: Rebui Gebeya primary school (in Debre Markos awraja)		
	in 1968 had 130 boys and 13 girls in grades 1-3, with 3 teachers.		
HDT05	Recha 10°02'/38°54' 2019 m	10/38	[Gz]
	south-east of Addis Derra		
HCS17	Reckami (Reccami) (area) 2146 m	07/38	[+ WO]
KDA43	Redab Hurshe (area)	08/45	[WO]
JDF60	Redabaros (area)	08/44	[WO]
JDF46	Redabgele (area)	08/44	[WO]
KDA23	Redabhare (area)	08/45	[WO]
KDA52	Redabkhatamo (area)	08/45	[WO]
HDC10	Reggi, see Rejji		
	<i>regreg</i> (A) marsh		
??	Rehayda (mountain in Tigray)	../..	[n]
JDK52	Rehoble 09°32'/42°42' 1816 m, north-west of Jijiga	09/42	[Gz]
JDE65	Reibet Aieiu, see Reybet Ayeyu		
JDD18	Reibet Muran, see Reybet Muran		
JCU23	Reid Abdair (Rejd A.) 07°25'/44°38' 845 m	07/44	[WO Gz]
	reid ugaz: <i>ugaas</i> (Som) chief, king, sultan		
JCU42	Reid Ugaz (R. Ugas) 07°38'/44°32' 937 m	07/44	[WO Gz]
JEN66	Reindass, see Rendas		
HFE76	Reiyu (Re'iyu)	14/39	[Ad]
	(centre in 1964 of Gendebeta sub-district)		
	<i>reji</i> (A) 1. kind of shrub or small tree, Vernonia auriculifera; 2. assistant, helper;		
	<i>rejji</i> , <i>raji</i> (O) kind of shrub or small tree, Myrica salicifolia;		
	<i>Reju</i> , name of a group of Oromo known from the 1600s		
HCE35	Reji 05°42'/38°54' 1801 m	05/38	[Gz Mi]
	river valley in Sidamo, south-west of Kibre Mengist, cf Riji		
	The Italian COMINA is said to have made systematic explorations (before World War II)		
	in the middle Reji, the old left affluent of the Mormora. Reji Creek and Laga Dembi		
	Creek have been exploited for gold by handwork. Together they have a length of 16 km.		
	A gneiss alignment dominates the Bore basin from Shakiso to the Reji area.		
	[Mineral 1966]		
HDC10	Reji (Reggi) (mountain) 2175 m	08/36	[+ WO]
HDK49	Reji 09°27'/38°20' 2607 m	09/38	[AA Gz]
HDL44	Reji 09°25'/38°51' 2601 m	09/38	[AA Gz]
	midway between Sululta and Fiche		
H....	Rejze sub-district	10/38	[Ad]
	(centre in 1964 = Mengistu Kidane Mihret)		

GDE15	Rek Ngor (Nikau)	08/33	[WO]
JDC83	Reko 08°56'/41°56' 1610 m, south-west of Grawa	08/41	[Gz]
JDC96	Reko (Raco, Rako) 08°58'/42°12' 1581 m south of Harar	08/42	[Gz]
HDE63	Reku (village) rel bar: <i>baar</i> (Som) peak; <i>bar</i> (Som) livestock /further meanings, see at Bar Abir/	08/38	[x]
GDD38	Rel Bar	08/33	[WO]
HDT25	Rema 10°16'/38°54' 1939 m, east of Addis Derra	10/38	[Gz]
HDT36	Rema 10°18'/38°59' 1789 m north-east of Addis Derra	10/38	[Gz]
HEJ09	Remha Medhane Alem, same as Rima see below (ancient monastery on island, known from late 1400s) Probably in 1419, Yeshaq made a grant to the Tana island monastery of Rémha Mädhané Aläm. It spelled out the tribute due from six named lands. They paid tribute in the form of salt and wheat. [Crummey 2000 p 41] The island is not on the usual route for visitors. The monastery was founded by a brother of Yishaq (1414-1429) and was renovated by Ras Gugsa in the late 1800s. A Chinese porcelain vase is said to contain the entrails of Emperor Serse Dengel (1563-1597). [Äthiopien 1999 p 261]	11/37	[20]
JCH47	Remo, see Ramo		
JCS89	Renda 07°59'/43°21' 924 m, east of Degeh Medo	07/43	[WO Gz]
JEN66	Rendas (Reindass) (with waterhole) 960 m	13/40	[LM WO]
JCK62	Rendo (well) <i>renfachu</i> (O) to forget; <i>renfate</i> (O) forgetfulness	06/42	[MS WO]
HES27	Renfatz 12°54'/38°08' 1669 m	12/38	[WO Gz]
GCT71	Renguall (Rengual) 07°53'/33°34' 302 m	07/33	[Gz]
JCD75	Renwena (Renuena) (area)	06/42	[+ WO]
GD...	Repa Odo (in Kelem awraja) A private school in 1968 had 121 boys and 19 girls in grades 1-4, with one teacher.	08/34?	[Ad]
HDE02	Repe (Rep'e) 08°13'/38°37' 1918 m (with churches Kidane Mihret and Medhane Alem) north-west of lake Ziway	08/38	[Gz]
HDE93	Repi (Räp'i, Repy) (village) A legal notice done 31 October 1945 says that the limit of the city of Addis Abeba runs across the Senga Meda Plain to the 10th kilometre stone at Repy on the Jimma road.	08/38	[x]
HDU96	Reqqe, see Rike <i>rer, reer</i> (Som) family, household; home; ethnic group, sub-tribe, tribe, clan, nationality, the offspring of a common ancestor by whose name the <i>rer</i> is known		
JCS11	Rer Amadbn (area)	07/42	[WO]
KCP40	Rer Beydiyan (Rer Beidian) (area)	07/45	[+ WO]
JDC89	Rer Chihil (Rer Chilil) 08°57'/42°28' 1471 m rer dalal: <i>dalal</i> (Som) countries, nations	08/42	[Gz WO]
JCM73	Rer Dalal (wide area)	07/44	[WO]
JCS86	Rer Dut (area)	08/43	[WO]
JCT13	Rer Elm (area) rer kabilli: <i>kabelli, kibilli</i> (Som) bat /flying animal/	07/43	[WO]

JDK43	Rer Kabilli (Rer Cabilli) rer sayd: <i>sayid</i> (Som) leader	09/42	[+ WO]
KCG93	Rer Sayd (Rer Said)	07/45	[+ WO]
HDF15	Reribero 08°17'39°49' 2791 m	08/39	[Gz]
JEB85	Reru 11°37'41°12' 367 m, west of Asaita <i>resa</i> (A) corpse; <i>ressa</i> (rässa) (A) forget	11/41	[Gz]
??	Resa	09/37	[Gu]
HEJ06	Resta Maryam (Resta Mariam)	11/37	[+ Ch]
??	Retmet (river) Bids were invited in December 1984 for construction of a Retmet river bridge.	../..	[x]
??	Retwa (historical place known from the 1400s) The Muslims under Säbr ad-Din's brother Muhammäd, with Harb Jansh, a defector from the Christian side, in the 1410s attacked the imperial Ethiopian forces in Retwa. The Emperor's commander and many other Christian leaders fell in battle. Säbr ad-Din ruled the district for some time. [Pankhurst 1997]	../..	[Pa]
JDE65	Reybet Ayeyu (Reibet Aieiu) (area)	08/43	[+ WO]
JDD18	Reybet Muran (Reibet Muran) (area)	08/43	[+ WO]
HDS68	Rezhim Girar 10°31'38°19' 2412 m, north of Bichena (same as <i>rejim grar</i> = long/tall acacia in Amharic?)	10/38	[Gz]
	<i>rib</i> (A) buttocks /colloquial/; <i>ras</i> (A) head, cape, promontory; <i>raas</i> (Som) dwelling; family, household		
HEK21	Rib (Rib Ras, Reb, Irb) estuary at 11°59'37°34' River with its outlet in eastern lake Tana. "Our next camp /April 1933/ was at the estuary of the Rib River. We found that the lake was extremely shallow with a floor gradually shelving away from the land, and a mile out we were punting in four feet of water. Fogara villagers cultivate some of the land at the lake-level. -- Along the shore-line there was a broad belt of maize, which is sown on the damp ground as the lake recedes." "The Rib brings down quantities of dark sand, and we passed banks of it deposited on the lake shore. The river bar, 600 yards out in the lake, is a semicircle, and parties of travellers with loaded donkeys were passing round it instead of crossing the river. It made a firm sandy road covered by two feet of water --" "Two miles up the Rib there is a <i>tankwa</i> port on one of the most important trade routes for lake traffic. Merchants of Ifag, a small town near by, load bars of rock-salt at the village. - - We had met several fleets of as many as a dozen <i>tankwas</i> loaded with salt-bars on this route. They follow the coast at first and then strike across the open water to Zegi. On the return journey the cargo would be Zegi coffee --" "Not many years ago this was the route much used by slave-traders, who brought their victims openly from Southern Abyssinia, crossed the Blue Nile at the ford below Gumr Market, used the returning salt <i>tankwas</i> to take them over Lake Tana, then went to Ifag and from there to the Danakil deserts with the caravans engaged in the salt trade, and from the Red Sea coast by dhow to Arabia. -- In the last few years this and other slave-trade roads have been closely watched by specially appointed Abyssinian officials -- and it is doubtful whether at the present time the routes are used for any but legitimate trade." "Fifteen miles /24 km/ from the estuary the Rib is crossed by a masonry bridge that carries the old royal road from Gondar to Debra Tabor. -- the similarity between its style of architecture and that of Portuguese bridges in the country leaves little doubt that it was built by the Jesuit Fathers or the artisan that accompanied them --" [R E Cheesman, Lake Tana & the Blue Nile, London 1936 p 184-186]	11/37	[Ch WO Gz]
HE...	Rib sub-district (centre in 1964 = Bambiko)	12/37	[Ad]

	<i>riba</i> (O) forest		
KCA58	Ribadleh 05°57'/45°32' 377 m	05/45	[WO Gz]
HDB56	Ribi 08°38'/36°14' 1865 m, north-west of Bedele	08/36	[Gz]
HEM31	Ricac Mariam, see Rikak Maryam		
HDU95	Ricchie (Ricchia), see Jaraniyo		
HCM83	Riccio, see Wege		
HDL88	Richeccia, see Rikecha		
HDJ87	Richiccio, see Rikicho		
HBUS5	Ridderu (mountain) 04°49'/39°50' 1326 m south-east of Negele	04/39	[WO Gz]
JCN89	Rido (Gara Rito) (mountain) Rido 08°03'/40°36' 1624/1937 m, near map code JCN98	08/40	[Gz WO]
HDD23	Rifenchir (Rifench'ir) 08°23'/37°52' 1828 m north of Welkite	08/37	[Gz]
HDT01	Rifenti 09°36'/37°03' 2553 m north-west of Shambu	09/38	[AA Gz]
HDT01	Rifenti 09°59'/38°34' 2071 m north-east of Tulu Milki	09/38	[Gz]
	<i>rifensa, rifeensa</i> (O) hair, fur, horsehair, mane		
HDB60	Rifenza (area)	08/35	[WO]
JDD47	Rigatte (area)	08/43	[WO]
HDG17c	Riji Chekorsa sub-district, cf Reji (centre in 1964 = Muklemi)	09/35	[Ad]
	<i>rika</i> (O) 1. (rika, riiqa) granary; 2. (riqa) ladder		
HEM31	Rikak Maryam (Ricac Mariam) see under Muja	12/39	[+ WO]
	rike: <i>rik</i> (riq) (A) thatched grain store; <i>Rike</i> , an Oromo tribe		
HDU96	Rike (Ricchie, Ricchia, Reqqe, Rikke, Riqqe, Rik) (market near main road) 1451 m, in Yifat & Temuga awraja, see also Jaraniyo Within a radius of 10 km there are at km 4S Kashim (Cascim) (village) 1424 m 10S Mofa (village) 10SW Chefa (Chaffa, Ciafa, Ciaffa) (plain) 8N Aratu (village)	10/39	[LM WO Gu x]
1930s	Important market. Italian <i>Vice Residenza</i> . [Guida 1938]		
1960s	The primary school in 1968 had 45 boys and 21 girls in grades 1-5, with 3 teachers.		
H...	Rike (in Kalu awraja)	10/40	[n]
pict	A Dejene, Environment, famine ..., USA (Lynne Rienner) 1990 p 81 example of agroforestry with cereals on terraces and coffee & fruit trees on hill		
HDL78	Rikicha (Richeccia) 09°42'/39°10' 2591 m see under Deneba <i>rikicha</i> (O) suspension bridge constructed with lianes /and any wooden bridge?/	09/39	[Gz WO]
HDJ87	Rikicho (Richiccio) (area)	09/37	[+ WO]
HEL39	Rikiy (Rik'iy) 12°02'/39°17' 2920 m, east of Lalibela	12/39	[Gz]
	<i>rim</i> (A) 1. ecclesiastical fief, land around a church, assigned to those who serve it; (T) share; (riim) (A) horned wild animal		
HEC47	Rim (area) 2130 m	11/37	[WO]
HEC47	Rim 11°19'/37°12' 2096 m, east of Dangila Rim (with fort, and church Maryam to the south-west)	11/37	[WO Gz]

Coordinates would give map code HEC56

	<i>rima, rimaa</i> (O) pregnant; <i>rimma</i> (O) termite		
HD...	Rima (Riema) (centre in 1964 of Weremu & Wajitu wereda)	09/38	[+ Ad]
HEJ09	Rima (island in lake Tana) The church also described above as Remha Medhane Alem. March 1933: "-- fifteen minutes' rowing brought us to the island of Rima, 300 yards in diameter and 20 feet high. On it stands another church of /Medhane Alem/. A book called <i>The History of Mary</i> states that it was founded in the reign of Isaac I by his brother Aba Nom, and rebuilt by Ras Gugsu -- Another volume, entitled <i>Monograph of Walatta Petros</i> , is probably unique. Walatta Petros, a nun, was tortured and chained up by the Emperor Susenyos -- because she refused to abjure the faith of her fathers and to take Mass as the Roman Catholics did. Her persecution ended when Fasiladas came to the throne -- Her coffin is in the Holy of Holies in Rima Church where she used to pary -- The bones of the Emperor Sarsa Dengel, Aba Nom, Abuna Bertlomaos, and the father of Walatta Petros, are also in the Holy of Holies at Rima. In the Kidist the bones of several nobles lie in massive coffins which are tree-trunks hollowed out." Cheesman describes the stone bells, some pictures with European traits, and a tall wooden cross leaning against the wall, with a well-painted life-size figure of Christ. "We were next shown a blue-and-white jar, several feet high, of Chinese porcelain, I think, which had been used to bring the entrails of the Emperor Sarsa Dengel from Sennar. He had died /1597/ of fever while fighting -- in the country now known as the Sudan -- On leaving Rima we were rowed across the water to the mainland and spent the night below Gugebi, a volcanic hill with lava-cores exposed --" [Cheesman 1936 p 168-170] On a promontory is the church of Tima Yohannis.	11/37	[Ch Gu]
pict	R E Cheesman, Lake Tana .., London 1936 p 161 <i>tankwas</i> leaving island.		
HEJ09	Rima Yohannes (R. Johannis, R. Iohannes) (church)	11/37	[+ Ch Gu]
HDE18	Rime 08°18'/39°10' 1785 m midway between Nazret and lake Ziway	08/39	[Gz]
JDA07	Rimietti (area)	08/40	[WO]
JBP22	Ringi (Ringhi) 04°43'/40°54' 750 m	04/40	[Gz]
KCP01	Rio Gudut, see Bio Gudut		
HCM64	Rira (village) 06°54'/39°42' 3915 m south-west of Goba	06/39	[WO Gu Gz Br]
HDD77	Risinji (Risingi)	08/38	[+ WO]
JCN89	Rito (Gara Rito), see Rido		
HDC70	Rob Gebaya, see Nunu <i>rob gebeya</i> (A) Wednesday market		
GDF46	Rob Gebeya 08°35'/34°55' 1524 m east of Dembidolo, cf Irob .., Rebui ..	08/34	[Gz]
HDJ13	Rob Gebeya 09°09'/36°55' 1969 m, north of Sire	09/36	[Gz]
HDJ55	Rob Gebeya (Abbaia Garo) 09°31'/37°07' 2374 m near Shambu	09/37	[Gz]
??	Rob Gebeya (visiting postman under D. Markos)	../..	[Po]
	<i>roba, rooba</i> (O) rain		
H CJ93	Roba, see Shuda		
H CJ94	Roba 07°09'/37°00' 1776 m, west of Waka	07/36	[WO Gz]
JDJ45	Roba 09°30'/42°06' 2188 m, north of Harar roba butta: <i>buta, butta</i> (O) end of an eight year cycle in the <i>gada</i> system	09/42	[Gz]

- JCH50 Roba Butta 06°49'/40°46' 1506 m, see under Megalo 06/40 [WO Gz]
 ?? Roba Kazi (in Tigray) ../.. [Yo]
 A conference attended by 550 priests was held near Roba Kazi in 1984. It did much to consolidate support for the TPLF from the priesthood. Delegates agreed to reduce the large number of holy days celebrated, and also to establish an Ethiopian Orthodox Church secretariat in the liberated territories.
 [Young 1997]
- HEE16 Robat 10°59'/39°01' 3300 m 10/39 [Gz]
robbi (O) skin disease which usually affects the head or the hands /ringworm?/
- JDH46 Robbi, G. (area), cf Robi 09/41 [WO]
 Robbi Mariam, 2600 m 10/37 [Gu]
- ?? Robbo (plain) ../.. [x]
 During Menilek's war against the king of Kaffa, one Kenyazmach Gamachew was commander at one point (he had recently been a prisoner in Kaffa). To make an attack by the enemy more difficult Gamachew ordered that trees should be burnt to give much thick smoke. They burnt date palms from the plain of Robbo.
 [H de Monfreid, Ménélik tel qu'il fut, Paris 1954 p 238]
- robe, roobe* (O) it rained
- HCM78c Robe 06/40 [x]
 A kind of twin city of Goba, which is at a distance of 14 km while Goba airport is at 7 km. Market on Thursdays.
- HC... Robe (in Fasil/Fassile awraja) 06/40? [Ad]
 The primary school in 1968 had 315 boys and 66 girls, with 8 teachers.
 The junior secondary school had 24 male students and 1 female in grade 7, with two teachers.
- HCU73 **Robe** (Robi) MS: 07°38'/39°52' = HCU45, 2435 m 07/39 [Gz Po WO Gu]
 Gz: 07°52'/39°38' = HCU73, 2448 m
 Centre at least 1969-1980 of Ticho awraja.
 Within a radius of 10 km there are at km
 8E Daru (village)
 6S Azama (mountain) 2439 m
 8SW Azazera (village) 2227 m
 7NE Tullu Shato (T. Sciato) (hill) 2560 m
 The town of Robe lies on the main Goba road 25 km past Dinsho and 13 km before Goba itself. It is a large town with adequate facilities, but strangely subdued and nondescript, straggling for a couple of kilometres along a eucalyptus-lined main road. There are few compelling reasons to stay in Robe, unless perhaps you are heading to Sof Omar.
 [Bradt 1995(1998)]
- 1960s The Negus Sahle Selassie primary school (in Ticho awraja) in 1968 had 479 boys and 152 girls, with 10 teachers.
 /this Robe?/: An elementary school building constructed of concrete elements and with Swedish assistance through ESBU was completed around 1970.
 [SIDA 1971]
- 1970s With sub-post office using spelling ARUSI ROBE in its postmark, and with petrol filling stations of Shell and Total (-1978-).
- 1980s Population about 11,300 in 1984.
- 1990s There is a Bekele Molla and a variety of other hotels at Robe. The road to the Sof Omar caves is easy to find - it goes from the only traffic circle in Robe - just ask the direction to Goro /about 60 km east/.
 [John Graham in AddisTribune 2000/01/06]
 Finding transport out of Robe towards Dodola can be difficult as most buses come from Goba and will be full when they pass through Robe.

The Bekele Mola Hotel is, for once, well signposted on the Goba side of town. Another above-average hotel - I'm told it's called the Metaforak Hotel but there are no signposts to confirm this - has rooms with private cold showers and toilet. If asking for it by name proves unproductive, it's on the Dinsho side of town. Otherwise, there's the usual selection of mostly anonymous dollar-a-night affairs.

[Bradt 1995(1998) p 196-197 with town plan sketch]

[Aubert 1999 has an area map on p 78]

With police station. Airport is nearby in Goba.

The Teacher Training Institute for Bale used Oromo as language in the 1990s.

Population 21,138 in 1993 (estimate) and about 26,500 in 2001.

HDL67	Robe 09°36'/39°08' 2584 m	09/39	[Gz]
JCG82	Robe (Robe Bali, Robi) 07°00'/40°00' 2517 m MS coordinates would give map code JCG72. Fast-growing town with post office. In Mendeyo awraja, centre in 1964 of Robe wereda.	07/40	[MS Ca Po x]

robele: *robale* (O) name of one of ten *gada* sets, recorded as a son's name earlier than year 1600

JCG82	Robe sub-district? (-1997-)	07/40	[n]
JCG82	Robe wereda, in southernmost Ticho awraja (-1964-2000-)	07/40	[x 20]
HDL30	Robele 09°19'/38°27' 2796 m	09/38	[AA Gz]
??	Robgeweh (corruption of Rob Gebeya?) After fording the Dabus river, Avenstrup's caravan around 1930 continued to Robgeweh and Kujur. "The road was one single bottomless quagmire with steep mountains on both sides." At some places there was grass up to a height of 7 metres. Avenstrup had to be guided by his compass while riding. [W Avenstrup, På djungelstigar, Sthlm 1956 p 113]	../..	[x]

robi, roobi (O) 1. hippo, *Hippopotamus amphibius*; 2. Wednesday; 3. rain

HCK96	Robi 07°09'/38°06' 1690 m /this Robi?:/ With Italian <i>Residenza</i> in the 1930s. [Guida 1938] /this Robi?:/ The provincial road from Robi to Ginir across the Webi Shebele was built in 1966 by the Highway Authority. /Robi Arussi?:/ Population 3,430 as counted in 1967.	07/38	[Gz]
HCU81	Robi 08°03'/39°26' 3014 m	08/39	[Gz]
HDK38	Robi 09°22'/38°19' 2532 m	09/38	[AA Gz]
HDK48	Robi (area)	09/38	[WO]
HDL76	Robi, stream at 09°45'/39°01'	09/39	[n]
HDU06	Robi 10°00'/39°54' 1233 m south-east of Molale, at the main road to Dessie /Robi Shewa?:/ Population 3,635 as counted in 1967.	10/39	[Gz]
HDU07	Robi (bridge) 1215 m	09/39	[Gu]
HDU07	Robi (area) stream at 10°00'/39°59'	09/39	[Gu]

An east-west area at Robi river was one of the about fifteen most important cotton production areas in Ethiopia (except Eritrea) in the 1950s.

"After crossing the Robi River (226 km from A.A.) the road comes to the small village of Robi and then passes a prison. On Mondays a market is held just off the road at 269 kms. A deserted field the other six days of the week, on market day it is swarming with thousands of people."

[Welcome to Ethiopia, A.A. circa 1965 p 63]

/which Robi?:/ In a survey 1960-61 there were seen in a Saturday market about

150 cattle.

The Emperor visited the Robi prison farm in late June 1961 when he was travelling to inspect damages and relief work after earth tremors in the Kara Kore and Majete areas. [Ethiopian Herald]

/this Robi?:/ A prison farm at Robi in Arsi provided facilities for about 850 prisoners in the 1980s.

- HD... Robi (in Yifat & Timuga awraja) 10/40 [Ad]
The primary school in 1968 had 208 boys and 91 girls, with 5 teachers.
- HDL56 Robi Meda (R. Mieda) (plain), cf Mieta Robi 09/39 [+ WO]
see under Webera
- robit* (A) fourth generation of a union between a slave woman and a free-born Ethiopian
- HDU17 **Robit** (Shewa Robit, "Shah Robit") 10/39 [MS Br Po x]
By going 4 km along a track from Shewa Robit and then walking for about 40 minutes one can reach the locality Gozie, where there is a mosque built of masonry.
- 1960s The 1967 telephone directory gives six numbers, of which one for the prison and one for Virginia Tobacco experimental & processing station. Those on personal names are for Belayhun W/Amanuel, Gabre Yelem Wossen, Teshome Armidie, Wagaye Kelile.
- 1970s With sub-post office and petrol filling station of Agip (-1978-).
- 1980s Population about 9,800 in 1984.
June 1985: "Shah Robit is a one-street town of ramshackle adobes. The hotel we visited was made of mud with straw on a wood frame, walls stuccoed or painted, roof of corrugated iron. Doorways were small and crooked but there was electricity, a refrigerator and a shower. Children and chickens roamed everywhere. -- Except for the people, this could have been India or Egypt or Colombia or Bolivia."
[P M Sutton, Ethiopian journal, USA 1986 p 62]
- 1990s Population about 14,300 in 1994 and about 17,600 in 2001.
Some of the Argobba ethnic group are said to live there around 1990.
Robit and Debre Sina are both significant towns, but Debre Sina looks the more interesting of the two.
[Bradt 1995(1998)]
Robit has a colourful market on Wednesdays, attended by people as far away as 50 km. Passing over the Robit river, the road /towards Debre Sina/ gradually ascends from the Rift Valley floor, through cultivated areas where sorghum, maize, cotton, and tobacco are grown.
[Camerapix 1995 p 118-119]
- HEJ18 Robit 11°55'/37°20' 11/37 [MS]
(on Dek island in lake Tana?)
- HEJ68 Robit (town) 12°21'/37°22' 1827 m, north of Gorgora 12/37 [Gz]
- HEM23 **Robit** (Welo Robit) 12°01'/39°38' 1823 m 12/39 [Gz Po Ad]
(sub-post office under Dessie)
(centre in 1964 of Kalim sub-district)
/This Robit?:/ Population 939 as counted in 1967.
The primary school (in Raya & Kobo awraja) in 1968 had 61 boys and 24 girls, with two teachers.
After having crossed the bridge over the Alehuwa torrent, the road reaches the Gobiye pass from where it descends to the village of Robit.
Next you come to Kobbo.
[Aubert 1999]
- robley: *rooble* (Som) rain man /mostly used as a male name/
- JBU93 Robley (Roblei) 05/44 [+ WO]
- HBR67 Roca, see Roka

JCG17	Roca Gurati, see Roka Gurati		
HFK08	Rocabaita, see Adi Saka		
JDB94	Rochelle, see Rukelle		
JCR33	Roco, see Roko		
JFB15	Roda 13°42'/41°10' 718 m mountain half inside Eritrea Limestone dominates in the Roda mountains. [Mineral 1966] Roda (also a town in eastern Harar region?)	13/41	[WO Ne Mi Gz]
JBU73	<i>rog</i> (Som) remove, unload, open up, turn over; <i>ad</i> (Som) you Rog Ad (waterhole) 340 m <i>roga</i> (O) 1. social level in the <i>gada</i> system; 2. arrangement, form, order; 3. external or internal corner, edge of surface, end /of speech/, seam	05/44	[WO]
HDD22	Rogda 08°23'/37°43' 1661 m, north-west of Welkite <i>roge</i> (A) sponge	08/37	[Gz]
HDC55	Roge 08°36'/37°05' 1789 m, north-east of Koma	08/37	[Gz]
HDD80	Roge (Rogi, Rogghie, G.) (hill) 1789 m	08/37	[+ x WO]
HD...	Roge (Rogge, Roggié) (historical) Roge lay on the slopes of Mount Yerer and was for about 1800-1875 the principal market for slaves. Alamanni stated that it had a population of about 10,000 mainly traders, and that annual sales of coffee were 30,000-40,000 kg. [Journal of Ethiopian Studies vol II 1964 no 2 p 46] A. Cecchi estimated in the 1870s that 3,000-4,000 slaves a year were sold at Rogge. The Rosen expedition of Germans passed there in early February 1905 and saw the ruins with several remains of stone walls. When they mounted the plateau they could see as far as Addis Abeba, to where they were headed. [F Rosen, Eine deutsche ... Leipzig 1907 p 166]	08/38	[x 18]
HDE51	Roge (Uorce) 08°38'/38°33' 2273 m south-west of Sebeta	08/38	[Gz]
HDE80	Roge 08°56'/38°30' 2230 m, west of Sebeta	08/38	[Gz]
HDF60	Roge (Roghe)	08/39	[+ WO]
HD...	Roge (Roga) "The residence of Dejazmach Demissew is in Leka in the town of Deseta, which was recently built. It used to be in the nearby town of Roga. Both the one and the other are located on the heights of the mountain ridge that stretches along the right bank of the Didessa. This mountain ridge is partly covered with forest. -- Roga has about 1,500 inhabitants." [A Bulatovich 1897]	09/36?	[18]
HDJ47	Roge 09°26'/37°15' 2225 m, south-east of Shambu	09/37	[Gz]
HDK69	Roge 09°38'/38°24' 1644 m, south of Tulu Milki	09/38	[AA Gz]
HDK78	Roge 09°45'/38°19' 2294 m south of Tulu Milki, waterfalls nearby	09/38	[AA Gz]
HDK80	Roge (Roghe, Roggie)	09/37	[+ WO 18]
HDL23	Roge 09°17'/38°45' 2559 m, north of Sululta	09/38	[AA Gz]
HDL76	Roge (Rogghe, Arogi) 09°44'/39°02' 2515 m east of Fiche, see under Webera roge chore: <i>chore</i> (O) mother	09/39	[AA Gz]
HDF30	Roge Chore (Rogghe Ciorre) <i>rogge</i> (O) unmarried girl's tonsure-like hair style	08/39	[LM WO]
HDK69	Rogge (Rogghe) (area)	09/38	[+ WO]
HDB68	Rogghe (Rogghie) (mountain) 08°45'/36°29' 2336 m west of Arjo	08/36	[Gz]

- HDD35 Rogghie, see Shuna
HDD81 Rogghie, see Bola Rogghie
- HDE25 Rogucha (Roghuccia) 08/38 [+ WO]
HCR64 Rogya (Roghia) (pass) 07/36 [+ WO]
HEL27 Roha (mountain) = old name of Lalibela 12/38 [Gu]
HF... Rohabaita 14/38 [18]
Area at the left bank of Mareb river at about 14°40'N.
Mansfield Parkyns arrived there in the beginning of October 1843 and stayed for nine months. Coming from the south they passed a village called Inda Maryam from its church /same as HFK07?/. They passed several other villages and remains of villages. For water, these depended on wells dug in the sand of dried-up watercourses. The principal villages were HF... Tokulimni, HFD78 Adi Nebried (A. Nebrit) and HF... Mai Chena. When approaching the Mareb valley they climbed a very steep hill. "Near the top of it we found a pretty little hamlet, called Addy Harisho, where we were hospitably and comfortably lodged by the lay-dean and chief of the district, Apha-Memher Waddy-Hil."
[M Parkyns, Life in Abyssinia, vol I, London 1853 p 257-259]
"Rohabaita is a small district or province belonging to the Church, but in some measure dependent on the chief of Addy-Abo. It consists principally of a cluster of hills, bounded on the eastern side by the valley of the Mareb, on the west by Addy-Abo, south by Médevai /HFD97 Medebay/, and north by the country of the hostile Shangalla. The villages are built principally near the summits of the hills, from fear of the sudden attacks of their enemies, and of the fatal malaria which at certain seasons of the year prevails in the low valleys. -- A few acres of millet are sometimes cultivated on the mountain tops near the villages, but in quantity very insufficient for the wants of the population. The low plains -- are therefore employed for this purpose."
Parkyns was offered by Dejazmach Lemma "the government of Rohabaita and another neighbouring district" and would have been very willing to try such a position, but as he left Ethiopia before it could start, nothing came out of the offer.
[Parkyns p 263-265]
- roka* (roqa) (A,O) kinds of shrub or medium tree, Tamarindus indica, Trichilia roka; tamarind has a compact rounded crown with drooping branches that reach near to the ground;
rokaa (roqaa) (O) rancid, rotten, bad /food/
- ?? Roka (stream west of Dabus) ../. [x]
The Sandvik expedition around 1930 found traces of much gold washing at the Roka, not far from what was called 'Copper Camp' on a British map. They knew of the mining activities of the Englishman Digby a little after year 1900. Digby was said to have left via Roseires with 200 porters carrying samples of ore.
[P Sandvik, I Etiopia efter gull, Oslo 1935 p 43]
- HBR67 Roka (Roca) 05°09'/37°19' 1350 m 05/37 [+ WO Gz]
JCG17 Roka Gurati (Roca Gurati) (area) 06/40 [+ WO]
HFK08 Rokabayba, see Adi Saka
roke (roqe) (A) marsh, mire
- HDH75 Roke Dima (Rok'e D., Roqe Dima) 09/36 [Gz]
09°44'/36°10' 1300 m
roko (A,O) Tamarindus indica as *roka* above;
rooko (Som) refusal, prohibition
- JCR33 Roko (Roco) 07°32'/41°52' 578, 1179 m 07/41 [Gz WO 18]
- JDH22 Roma Boru 09°14'/40°52' 1506 m, east of Mieso 09/40 [Gz]
HDE76 Romagna d'Etiopia ex Babicef, see Migra
HEU.. Romanet (village & waterfalls), see under Mekele 13/39 [n]
a few kilometers from Mekele

HEF63	Rombaba	11/39	[WO]
??	Romsa, village in the Mega region	../..	[x]
	There was repeatedly no harvest in 1972-1974. Seed for sowing, paid for by Norwegian funds, was distributed, and in about 80% of the cases there were reasonable harvests again.		
	[G Filseth, Jorden brenner, Oslo 1974 p 143]		
GDE14	Romyeri	08/33	[WO]
	<i>ronke</i> (ronqe) (A) marsh		
JDA59c	Ronkecha	08/40	[Wa]
JDA27	Ropeyns 08°23'/40°30' 1544 m, south-east of Mechara	08/40	[Gz]
HC...	Roppi (Ropi) (centre in 1964 of Kenchie sub-district)	07/38	[Ad x]
	In a survey 1960-61 there were seen at a Monday market about 450 cattle. The primary school (in Haykoch & Butajira awraja) in 1968 had 81 boys and 19 girls in grades 1-4, with one(!) teacher.		
JCB72	Rorchi (Rarchi, Rarki) 06°09'/40°56' 1039 m	06/40	[Gz WO]
	roro: <i>rorro</i> (O) harassment		
JBR17	Roro 04°39'/42°17' 236 m	04/42	[WO Gz]
JEN78	Rorom (Rorum) (wide area)	13/40	[WO Ne]
	"-- we had, immediately ahead of us, five waterless marches, in order to cross the deserts called Hedaitoli and Olelailo-Hela, parts of the immense region known as Rorum, which extended to the north-west. We therefore had the prospect of at least twenty-five hours of forced marches, through those deserts."		
	[L M Nesbitt (1934)1955 p 289]		
JEP81	Rorom (plain)	13/40	[WO]
??	Rosha (visiting postman under Jimma)	../..	[Po]
	<i>roso</i> (O) /said of hair:/ wavy and hanging down		
HDL72	Roso 09°46'/38°37' 3205 m, south-west of Fiche	09/38	[AA Gz]
JDB40	Routecha, see Ijegale		
HEC99	Royut, see Zegye		
HBS60	Rua 05°09'/37°34' 998 m, south of Jarso	05/37	[18 WO Gz]
HFE08	Ruaksa Giyorgis (Ru'aksa G.) (church)	13/39	[Gz]
	13°36'/39°14', east of Abiy Adi		
HFK17	Rubayta 14°39'/38°13' 1398 m	14/38	[Gz]
	near the border of Eritrea		
JDH98	Rubenani (recorded in 1841)	09/41	[Ha]
JCP90	Rucheccia, see Rukecha		
JDJ28	Rucheisa, see Rukeysa		
JDB94	Ruchelle, see Rukelle		
HDL09	Ruchi (Rucci)	09/39	[+ WO]
JDB41	Ruckessa (Rucchessa) (area)	08/40	[+ WO]
	rucketti: <i>rukuttu</i> (O) tool or implement for "threshing" straw		
	/to be used in beds/		
JDA38	Rucketti (Rucchetti) (area)	08/40	[WO]
HFE69	Rudd Abba Mamas (Endabbamas)	14/39	[x]
	(with rock-hewn church) see under Nebelet		
	<i>rufa, ruufa</i> (O) clothes for elders and dignitaries		
HDL17	Rufa (Rufy) (mountain area) 09°10'/39°08'	09/39	[WO Gu Gz]
	Rufa (with church Abo at 09°14' to the north), east of Sendafa		
HDL27	Rufa Maryam (church) 09°17'/39°06'	09/39	[Gz]
	north-east of Sendafa		
HDL25	Rufa sub-district (centre in 1964 = Bura)	09/38	[Ad]

HCR03	Rufael (Anchano, Anciano, Oletsho) 07°19'/36°53' 1737 m, south of Jimma	07/36	[Gz LM WO Gu]
HEK52	Rufael 12°18'/37°41' 2489 m east of northernmost lake Tana	12/37	[Gz]
HEL63	Rufael 12°23'/38°43' 1915 m	12/38	[Gz]
HEL73	Rufael 12°25'/38°42' 2538 m	12/38	[Gz]
HDL16	Rufi, see Berek		
	<i>ruga</i> (A) trap for animals such as leopard		
HCT04	Ruga (farm) 07°19'/38°49', north-east of Shashemene	07/38	[Gz]
HE...	Ruga (visiting postman under Dessie) The primary school (in Dessie awraja) in 1968 had 198 boys and 20 girls, with 6 teachers.	11/39?	[Ad Po]
HE...	Rugga sub-district (centre in 1964 = Tulu Gedero)	11/39	[Ad]
	<i>ruk</i> (ruq) (A) distant, far away; <i>ruka</i> (language?) tamarind; <i>rukka</i> (O) very dense; <i>jibri</i> (Shewa O) cotton plant, <i>Gossypium herbaceum</i>		
JCG36c	Ruka Jibri (Ruca Gibri) (waterhole), cf Roka Halting-place near a tamarind and springs of the stream Jarti, with clear water but also with leeches. In the valley of Ruka there are plenty of termite hills.	06/40	[+ Gu]
JDK37	Ruke 09°21'/43°10' 1808 m, east of Jijiga rukecha: <i>rukkachu</i> (ruqqachuu) (O) very dense /crop/	09/43	[Gz]
JCP90	Rukecha (Rucheccia) (area)	08/40	[+ WO]
JDJ13	Rukecha 09°09'/41°53' 2021 m, near Grawa	09/41	[Gz]
JDB94	Rukelle (Ruchelle, Rochelle) (stream & area) An affluent of the Galeti in the Chercher area, with Pre-Cambrian rocks. A galena impregnation of the crystalline limestone of the valley has been found (galena is a mineral containing lead). Deposits of magnesium-rich carbonate are known in this and other valleys. It also has among the largest reserves of marble in the Chercher area, cf Ramis. [Mineral 1966]	08/41	[+ WO Mi]
JDJ28	Rukenyis (Rukenys) 09°17'/42°21' 1524 m east of Harar <i>rukesa</i> (O) kind of tree, <i>Combretum molle</i>	09/42	[Gz]
J....	Rukessa (Ruchessa) (village) Village of Oromo shepherds, with cattle, camels, mules and donkeys.	../40	[+ Gu]
JCP90	Rukeysa 08°04'/40°43' 1481 m	08/40	[Gz]
JDB21	Rukeysa 08°24'/40°51' 1550 m	08/40	[Gz]
JDB41	Rukeysa (Ruchessa) 08°35'/40°52' 1707 m	08/40	[Gz WO]
JDJ28	Rukeysa (Ruchessa) (area), see under Funyan Bira	09/42	[+ WO]
JDA47	Rukeyti 08°32'/40°27' 1662 m south-east of Mechara	08/40	[Gz]
HDS62	Ruobgebaia, see Gedamayt Rebui Gebeya		
HDK09	Rushe 09°04'/38°19' 2244 m see under Addis Alem rusa: <i>rusa</i> (ruusaa) (O) rice	09/38	[AA Gz]
HBU41	Russa (Gebel Russa) (mountain) 04°54'/39°23' 897 m south-west of Negele	04/39	[Gz WO]
HFF62	Ruus Dur (Ru'usu Dur) 14°10'/39°37' (with church Aba Solama), south-east of Adigrat	14/39	[Gz]
HDU96	Ryke, see Jaraniyo		