

### Editor's Comment

Another lovely article from Peter Smith showing various uses of this intriguing provisional which, while plentiful mint and even used, is extremely rare on cover. I have in the last twenty-plus years had the opportunity to bid for one only once, in the Dick Wilson auction at Spinks. I was the under-bidder, with the item selling for two and a half times the starting price.

A few years ago on eBay both the provisional and the bisected 2-mill postage due, used prior to the surcharging, were being offered. The seller pointed out that these were Nahman forgeries and was obviously very erudite on the subject. I bid and was successful, only to find when the items arrived that they had been sold by our own Dick Wilson. Included were two sheets he had listed of these forgeries he had seen, so it seems apt to include them here.



All addressed to Victor Nahman.

The spelling of Field is Feild.

#### REFERENCES (taken from DW)

Peter A. S. Smith, *Egypt, Stamps and Postal History*, James Bendon Ltd., Limassol, Cyprus, 1999. Chapter XXIV

*The Quarterly Circular*, Vol. 5. No. 2, November 1957, p 18 - 21. *Forged Covers of the Sudan Campaign* by Peter A. S. Smith



Richard's list is two years old and I have seen other Nahman covers offered on eBay but without any mention of them being forgeries as I have from "reputable dealers". Some take unkindly to being told so. Some years ago I sent a copy of Peter Smith's article from *QC* Vol 5, No 2 (Nov 1957), to a major auction house, which withdrew the item. It reappeared a couple of auctions later with a "sold as seen" classification!

The Nahmans far exceed the number of genuine covers and my search goes on for a genuine 3-mill on cover from a member of the Egyptian Army.

Census of Nahman Forgeries of 1898 Postage Due Covers

Cover Date	From C.D.S.	Sender	To	Stamps	Markings	Comment	Source
4 AV 98	Halfa	Pte. No. 74 W. Welsh, R.A.	Cairo 18 IV 98	3m on 2pt.	Boxed T Feild No Stamp Obtainable FB	Addressed to Victor Nahman, Esq. Backstamped Cairo.	barneam on eBay 27 June 2003 Also, Auktionhaus Christoph Gartner GmbH & Co. Germany, 27-29 March 2007.
16 MR 98	Merowi	Pte. William Adams	Alexandria (crossed out) to Tanta 12 AV 98	2m. + 2m. Bisect	Boxed T Feild Service No Stamp Obtainable FB	Addressed to Victor Nahman, Esq. Backstamped Tanta.	Phillips Auction, June 2000.
16 MR 98	Merowi	Copl. A. Smith ?	Alexandria (crossed out) to Tanta 12 AV 98	2m. + 2m. Bisect	Boxed T Feild Service No Stamp Obtainable FB ?	Addressed to Victor Nahman, Esq. Probably backstamped Tanta. The image of the cover is not clear, making some of the handwriting undecipherable	abertawel on eBay. 26 March 2002
16 MR 98	Merowi	Copl. 1027 A. Carpenter	Alexandria (crossed out) to Tanta 12 AV 98	2m. + 2m. Bisect	Boxed T Feild Service No Stamp Obtainable FB	Addressed to Victor Nahman, Esq. Probably backstamped Tanta.	lasdesas on eBay 28 April 2002
16 MR 98	Merowi	Pte. M. Martin R.F.	Alexandria (crossed out) to Tanta 12 AV	2m. + 2m. Bisect	Boxed T Feild Service No Stamp Obtainable FB	Addressed to Victor Nahman, Esq. Probably backstamped Tanta. 98	gailsinger on eBay 9 November 2003
30 VII 98	Atbara S.P.S.	Sergt. J. Sainclair R.F.	Alexandria 27 VIII 98	3m on 2pt.	Boxed T. Field Service No Stamp Obtainable F.C.E.	Addressed to Victor Nahman, Esq. Probably backstamped Alexandria. Image of the cover is not too clear thus making some of the handwriting undecipherable.	<i>The Quarterly Circular</i> , Vol. 5. No. 2, November 1957, p 20; QC, Vol. X No. 9 #113, March 1980, p. 251
30 VII 98	Atbara S.P.S.	A. Savage Pte. 247 R.F.	Alexandria 27 VIII 98	3m on 2pt.	Boxed T. Field Service No Stamp Obtainable F.C.E.	Addressed to Victor Nahman, Esq. Backstamped Alexandria.	George Alevizos November 2006 eBay
30 VII 98	Atbara S.P.S.	Pte. Wm. Wizard (?)	Alexandria 27 VIII 98	3m on 2pt.	Boxed T. Field Service No Stamp Obtainable F.C.E.	Addressed to Victor Nahman, Esq. Probably backstamped Alexandria. Did NOT sell.	Heinrich-Kohler Auktion, Wiesbaden, Germany 31 January 2007
3 VIII 98	Darmali	Corpl. G. Lyons	Alexandria 27 VIII 98	3m on 2pt.	Boxed T. Assume handwritten "Field Service No Stamp Obtainable F.C.E." as it is not shown in the photograph.	Addressed to Victor Nahman, Esq. Probably backstamped Alexandria.	Peter A. S. Smith's EGYPT, p.425
3 VIII 98	Darmali	Pte. James Morris ?	Alexandria 27 VIII 98	3m on 2pt.	Boxed T. "Field Service No Stamp Obtainable F.C.E."	Addressed to Victor Nahman, Esq. Backstamped Alexandria	eBay lot 150255743537, auction ending 15 June 2008.
4 AV 98	Haifa	1762 Pte. Wm. Watson ?	Cairo 18 IV 98	3m on 2pt.	Boxed T. Feild Service No Stamp Obtainable FB	Addressed to Victor Nahman, Esq. Probably Backstamped Cairo. The cover did not sell..	David Feldman SA Auction, Zurich, Switzerland 20-25 February 2000
4 AV 98	Haifa	Pte. 967. A. Adams	Cairo 18 IV 98	3m on 2pt	Boxed T. Field Service No Stamp Obtainable FB	Addressed to Victor Nahman, Esq. Backstamped Cairo.	Phillips Auction, June 2000.