



EGYPTIAN POSTAL MARKINGS OF 1865 - 1879



THE EGYPT STUDY CIRCLE — STUDY VI (PART ONE)

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## Type Mute-1

Size: 9 x 9 dots

P.O.'s:

Earliest: 1 Jan 66

Colors: blue

Latest: 20th century

x Alessandria	10 Jan 66	{Gans}
x Bairout	? Jly 70	{PASS}
x Benha	1 Jan 66	{Byam}
x Cairo	23 Jly 66	{Byam}
x Costantinopoli	8 May 66	{EH}
x Damiatia	6 Jly 66	{CWM}
x Mansura	9 May 66	{PASS}
/ Suez		
/ Tanta		
x Zagasik	2 Jun 66	{CWM}
x Zifta & Mitg.	16 Jun 66	{Gans}

21 Jan 82 (PRF)

Remarks: This killer, known as the "retta", was ordinarily used to obliterate stamps in early 1866, and later almost exclusively to cancel stamps that were inadvertently left uncanceled at the P.O. of origin. Additionally, stamps of many other countries whose ships visited Egyptian ports are known cancelled with this retta.

## Type Seal-A4

Inscription: "maktab bosta masriya miriya" (official Egyptian post office) at bottom, separated by a curved line from the town name, at top, and the year of the seal's manufacture.

Diameter: 20.5 to 22 x 18.5mm. (oval or round)

Colors: bl, bl-g

P.O.'s:

Earliest: on lpt. 1866

Latest: 7 Jan 75

x Abu Homus (1866)	on IP III	{ASM}	7 Jan 75	{EH}
x Benha (186?)	on IP III	{PASS}		
x Beni Suef (1868)	on 2pt.67	{PASS}		
x al Fashn (1867)	on lpt 67	{LOP 104}	on lpt 75	{QC 64}
x Fayum	on lpt 67	{PRF}		
x Galipoli (1868)(g only)	on lpt 67	{LOP 103}		
x Iskanderiya			on IP IV	{PASS}
x Kantara			on IP IV	{AS}
x Khanak Kilia (1868)(bl & bl-g only)			? Dec 68	{Byam}
x Mahallet Roh	on lpt 66	{PASS}	on IP IV	{DC}
x Mansura (1866)			on IP IV	{PASS}
x Mansura			on IP IV	{?}
x Port Said	on IP III	{ASM}	on IP ?	{AS}
x Tukh (1866)	on IP II	{PASS}	on IP IV	{PASS}

Remarks: "Iskanderiya" = Alexandria. "Khanak Kilia" = Dardanelli. "al Fashn" = Fescne. The dated Mansura seal measures 22 x 20.5mm. and the undated Mansura seal measures 23.5 x 18.5mm.



Abu Homus



Beni Suef



al Fashn



Galipoli



Kantara



Khanak Kilia



Mansura 1866



Port Said



Tukh

Type III-4n Diameter: 22 to 22.5mm. Colors: blue  
 (III-5) P.O's: Earliest: 3 Nov 75 Latest: ? Jun 81

x Damyata	3 Nov 75 (RSB)	13 Dec 79 (PRF)
x Mehalla		24 Nov 77 (GG)
x Smirne (bl)	30 Oct 76 (QC 47)	? Jun 81 (PASS)
x Suez (bl)	3 Aug 76 (PRF)	9 May 80 (PRF)



Remarks: Type III-4n postmark dies were made from type III-2n dies by removing the letters "V.R.".

Type V-3n Diameter: 24mm. Latest: 2 Jun 79  
 (V-4.25) P.O's: Earliest: 17 Mar 76

x Benha	17 Mar 76 (PASS)	2 Jun 79 (RSB)
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Type V-2.1n Diameter: 22.5mm. Latest: 25 Jly 79  
 (V-3.1) P.O's: Earliest: 24 Jan 77

x Alessandria	24 Jan 77 (GBG)	25 Jly 79 (LOP 120)
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Type I-3n Diameter: 27.5mm. Colors: blue  
 (I-3.1) P.O's: Earliest: 29 Mar 77 Latest: 5 Apr 80

x Teh el Baroud	29 Mar 77 (LOP 120)	5 Apr 80(?) (RSB)
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Remarks: The type I-3n postmark die was made from the type I-2.5n die by removing the words "Vice-Real".



Type TPO-1 Diameter: 21mm. Latest: 27 Jan 86  
 P.O's: Earliest: 1 Jan 75

x Ales - Cairo	25 Feb 75 (ESC/R)	19 Feb 80 (GG)
x Cairo - Ales	14 Jan 76 (GG)	7 Jan 78 (PASS)



Remarks: These datestamps are from the first domestic travelling post office (the other early T.P.O. was on a ship that sailed from Alexandria to Constantinople and vice-versa; see page 39), on a train that ran between Alexandria and Cairo. Though rare in any case, more are known as backstamps on covers than on stamps.