

The Hotels Study: Latest List of Markings and Dates

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First, an apology: it has been far too long since the Circle had an updated list of this popular study. As its leader, I apologise deeply for the pressures at work which have not allowed me to devote enough time to it. I apologise too to those indefatigable fellow members – too numerous to mention – who have continued to feed me information, with all too little in return.

But all that is about to change. I hope that these data sheets, followed by the Circle meeting in London on November 18, will reinvigorate the Study and in the not too distant future lead to the publication of the book the late Jim Benians and I dreamed of 15 years ago. Please compare this list with your collection and let me know (preferably with photocopies; it really does make an enormous difference to be able to see the example in question) any advances in dates, or new types, or variations on old types.

And that leads to a second apology: it is proving enormously difficult to find skilled artists with the time and patience available to draw new postmark types. So some of the new markings you find here are the result of my efforts to manipulate scans on the faithful home PC. Sometimes successfully, sometimes less so.



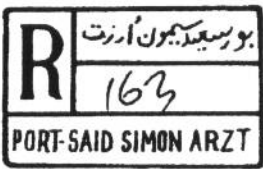
Advances on this listing will be discussed in November, and then republished in the *QC* with, it is to be hoped, some better drawings. All information received will be gratefully acknowledged: I am acutely aware that there are much better collections than my own out there!

To the nitty-gritty... I should say that for security reasons I have avoided illustrating the markings at the correct size. Instead, I have listed (in italic) diameter in millimetres and the distance between the dateslug bars; where known. That said, measuring a circle sometimes battered from use is definitely not a scientific discipline, and discrepancies of up to a millimetre in diameter may be found. I use a circular template rather than measuring the diameter at what I judge to be the widest point.


There are several important points on which I would very much welcome members' help. Here is a list:

1. HC1 has been reworked extensively (see listing). Please take a moment to review your marks.
2. Since we are trying to record ALL registration cachets, I should be grateful for photocopies of any not on the list.
3. If anyone really does have an HSY2 I would be grateful to see it. If not, it will have to be deleted.
4. Some new types and sub-types have come to light, specifically, HSA1a, HTC 11 and 12, perhaps a smaller version of HCA2, as well as HH3, HN8 and HAG1. Any more, or similar, sightings?
5. My dates for the Soldiers and Sailors Institute (HSSI) are meagre. Has anyone more dates?
6. A point of principle: should we include today's machine marks from successor hotels? We include Hilton and Semiramis, both of which stemmed from the original hotel, and also Shepherds, though it is a new hotel. The Aswan Oberoi is on the site of the former Savoy Aswan, and the Semiramis Inter-Continental on that of the former Semiramis, as is the Mena House Oberoi on the site of the old Mena House. Doubtless there are Marriott (ex-Ghesireh) and Sheraton machine marks, and probably a new San Stefano before long.
Should they be in or out?








✓ **Simon Arzt store, Port Said (HSI)**

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Cicurel store, Asyut branch (HCL)

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✓ **Seamen's Home, Alexandria (HSM)**

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 <p>5</p>		<p>Perhaps allied to the Seamen's Home. A single postmark is recorded for the Soldiers and Sailors Institute in Alexandria</p>	 <p>1</p>

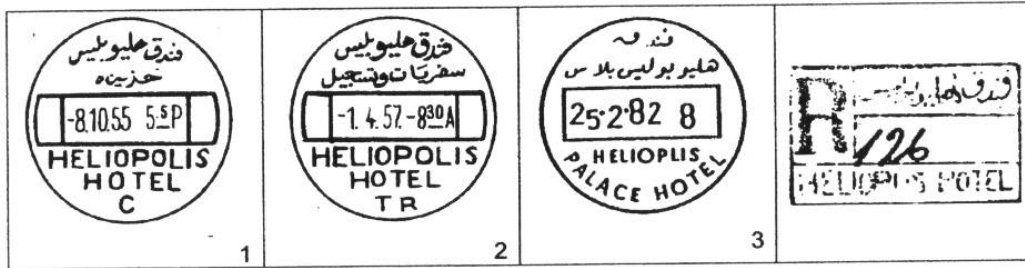
Continental Hotel, Cairo (HC)

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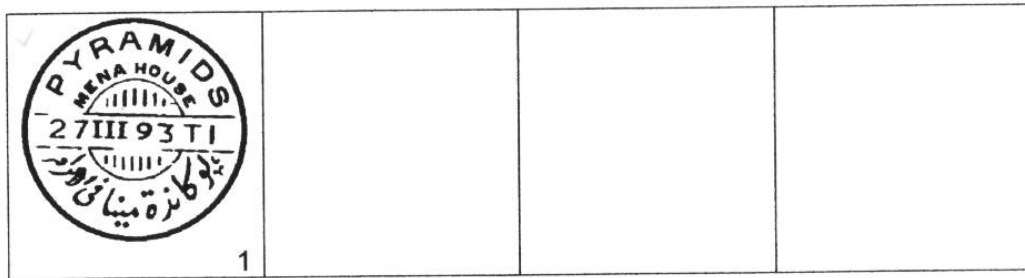
Ghesireh Palace Hotel, Cairo (HG)

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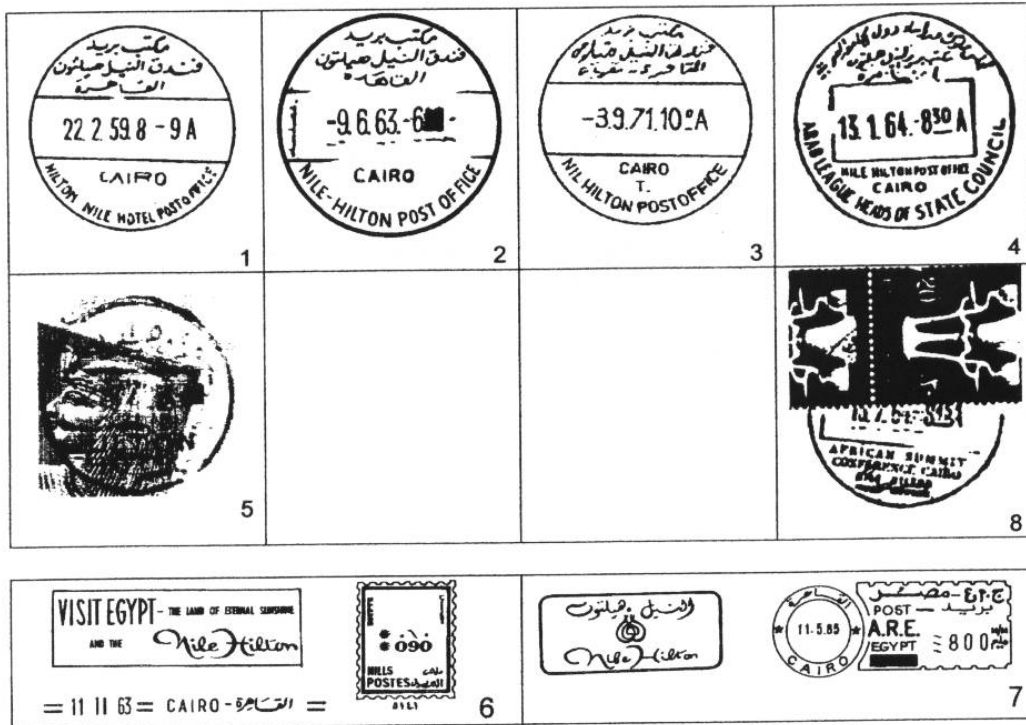
Heliopolis Palace Hotel, Cairo (HH)





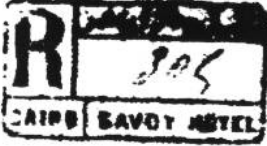
Mena House Hotel, Cairo (HM)










Nile Hilton Hotel, Cairo (HN)



Savoy Hotel, Cairo (HAS)

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✓ **Semiramis Hotel, Cairo (HSE)**

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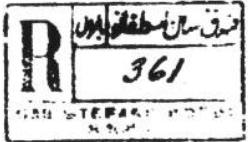
Shepherd's Hotel, Cairo (HS)

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Sheraton Hotel, Cairo (HSH)

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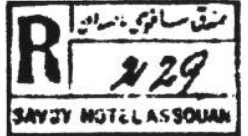
San Stefano Hotel and Casino, Alexandria (HSS)

<p>The original San Stefano HSS1, diam 26mm, has been omitted. There are grave doubts that it ever existed</p>	 <p align="right">2</p>	 <p align="right">3</p>	 <p align="right">4</p>
 <p align="right">5</p>			 <p align="right">Palestine Hotel HP1</p>

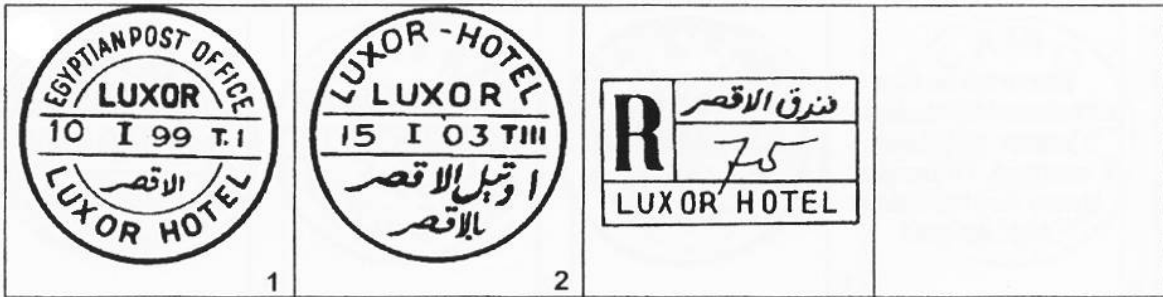
Cataract Hotel, Aswan (HCA)

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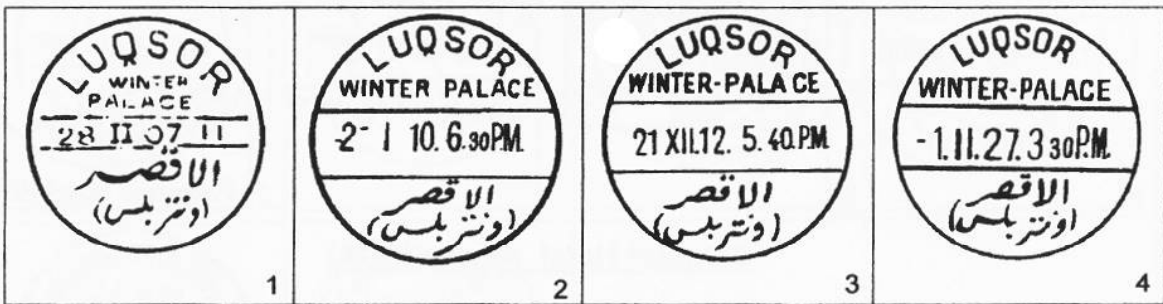
Savoy Hotel, Aswan (HSY)

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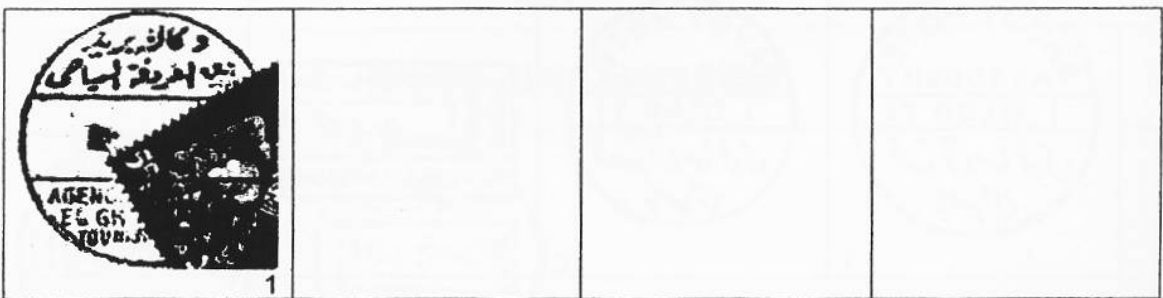
Luxor Hotel, Luxor (HL)



Winter Palace Hotel, Luxor (HW)



Hurghada Tourist Hotel postal agency, Red Sea coast (HGA)



Thomas Cook's Tourist Service, Cairo (HTC)

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Continental Hotel, Cairo (HC)

<i>Cairo/Post Office/Continental Hotel - 30mm dm</i>		HC	bars	month	T / no T
1	[date bars 3.5mm, with T for duty] 12 DE 91 2 FE 02	1	3.5	FE	T
1a	[date bars 5mm, with T for duty] 1 NO 91 3 AV 94	1a	5	FE	T
1b	[date bars 5mm, month Roman, T for duty] 18 I 94 29 I 94	1b	5	II	T
1c	[date bars 3.5mm, no T] 11 FE 97 27 MR 00	1c	3.5	FE	No T
1d	[date bars 3.5mm, month Roman, T for duty] 29 I 94 30 I 00	1d	3.5	II	T
1e	[date bars 3.5mm, month in Roman, no T] 14 I 00 16 I 00	1e	3.5	II	No T

2	<i>Grand Continental Hotel/Cairo/Post Office</i> 27/3.5	21 III 00	13 IX 09
3	<i>Grand Continental Hotel/Cairo/Post Office</i> 30/4.5	- - 00 (9 JA 01)	14 AP 10
3a	(month in Roman)	- III 00	19 IV 09
3b	(month Roman, with T)	30 XII 06	9 II 09
4	<i>Continental/Cairo</i> 29/8.5	8 IV 09	11 I 22
4a	(blue)	21 II 16	28 VIII 16
5	<i>Continental-Savoy/Cairo</i> 29/7.5	28 II 22	3 VIII 32
6	<i>Continental/Savoy/Cairo</i> 28/??	VII 32	31 VIII 33
6a	(blue)		4 VI 35
7	<i>Continental Savoy/Cairo</i> 29/8	16 DE 33	21 NO 53
7a	(blue)	4 JU 35	
8	<i>Continental Cairo/Cash</i> 30/9	2 II 10	15 II 22
8a	(blue)	9 III 14	25 II 15
9	<i>Continental Savoy/Cairo/Cash</i> 30/7	18 III 22	30 IX 29
10	<i>Continental-Savoy/Cairo/Cash</i>	4 I 31	
11	<i>Cairo/(Cash)/Continental Savoy</i> 28/8	22 JA 32	27 AP 32
12	<i>(Cairo)/Cash/Continental-Savoy</i> 30/9	5 DE 32	3 JA 54
12a	(violet)	11 OC 33	

Continental and Continental-Savoy Registration cachets

1. Continental			2. Continental-Savoy		
100	16 I 08	HC2	1953	18 V 22	HC9
371	11 II 09	HC3	3268	30 XI 22	HC9
600	12 III 09	HC2	2068	8 VIII 23	HC9
812	14 IV 10	HC4	517	13 II 24	HC9
178	25 I 13	HC4	17	10 II 26	HC9
???	8 XII 13	HC8	22	12 I 27	HC9
97	8 I 14	HC8	53	12 I 27	HC9
98	8 I 14	HC8	135	12 I 27	HC9
99	8 I 14	HC8	141	12 I 27	HC9
1176	18 IV 14	HC8a	193	12 I 27	HC9
776	17 IX 15	HC8	197	14 I 28	HC9
609	25 VI 17	HC8	334	4 I 31	HC10
591	19 VII 17	HC8	731	13 II 31	HC10
1218	8 VII 19	HC8	1139	23 IV 31	HC10
411	9 II 20	HC8	181	22 JA 32	HC11
2617	23 XII 21	HC8	191	27 AP 32	HC11
			991	27 AP 32	HC11
			536	9 MR 33	HC12
			1454	11 OC 33	HC12
			156	22 AP 39	HC11
			5	15 MR 49	HC7
			19	15 MR 49	HC12
			197	4 JL 50	HC12

Ghesireh Palace Hotel, Cairo (HG)

1 *Cairo/Post Office/Ghesireh Palace Hotel 32/4* 26 XII 93 22 XII 08
1a (no T or duty) 18 XII 93 12 II 02
1b (dot between T and duty) 25 III 95 25 I 08
[1* day slug inverted] 4 II 99
[1* T and duty inverted] 3 III 99

Ghesireh Palace Registration cachet

337 9 V 03 Ghezireh/Cairo
?? 25 I 08 HG1b

Heliopolis Palace Hotel, Cairo (HH)

1 *Heliopolis/Hotel/C 35/8* 8 10 55
2 *Heliopolis/Hotel/TR 35/8* 28 12 54 9 3 59
3 *Helioplis Palace Hotel* 25 2 82

Heliopolis Palace Registration cachets

118 25 7 56 HH2
126 28 7 56 HH2

Mena House Hotel, Cairo (HM)

1	<i>Pyramids/Mena House 30/4.5</i>	7 III 92	25 II 95
1a	<i>(no T)</i>	5 III 92	26 III 94

[1* - also reported with T inverted]

Nile Hilton Hotel, Cairo (HN)

1	<i>Cairo/Hilton Nile Hotel Post Office 34/10.5</i>	22 2 59	
2	<i>Cairo/Nile-Hilton Post Office 34/10</i>	10 3 59	6 2 65
3	<i>Cairo/T./Nil Hilton Postoffice 34/12</i>	22 2 61	21 7 73
4	<i>Nile Hilton Post Office/Cairo/Arab League Heads of State Council 34/12</i>	13 1 64	
5	<i>Hilton/Hotel 25/7</i>	2 5 74	2 1 76
6	<i>Nile Hilton/Postes length 116</i>	11 II 63	12 IX 65
7	<i>Nile Hilton/Cairo/Postes/A.R.E./Egypte length 121</i>	- 3 77	18 9 85
8	<i>African Summit/Conference Cairo/Nile Hilton/Post Office 34/11</i>	16 7 64	

Savoy Hotel, Cairo (HSA)

1	<i>Cairo/Post-Office/Savoy-Hotel 31/4</i>	24 XII 98	2 XII 99
1a	<i>(no T)</i>	23 XII 98	2 I 99
2	<i>Cairo/Post-Office/Savoy-Hotel 27/4</i>	I XII 99	5 VII 10
3	<i>Cairo/Post-Office/Savoy-Hotel 26/7</i>	6 I 09	- II 13
4	<i>Savoy Hotel/Cairo 26/8</i>	13 III 09	13 II 15

Savoy Hotel Registration cachet

305	15 XII 12	HSA4
357	14 III 13	HSA4

Semiramis Hotel, Cairo (HSE)

1	<i>Semiramis Hotel/Cairo</i> 29/4, Cairo 14mm	2 I 06	5 I 10
2	<i>Semiramis Hotel/Cairo</i> 28/??, Cairo 11mm	4 III 07	12 II 10
3	<i>Semiramis Hotel/Cairo</i> dm 26/8, Cairo 9.5mm	13 III 09	9 IV 10
4	<i>Semiramis Hotel/Cairo/Postes/R.A.U./Egypte</i> 103mm	26 IV 60	2 II 89
4a	(purple)	21 I 67	- IV 88

Semiramis Hotel Registration cachet

112 5 I 10 HSE1

Shepherd's Hotel, Cairo (HS)

1	<i>Cairo/Post Office/Shepherd's Hotel</i> 31/4 [month JA, FE etc]	10 NO 91	10 MA 98
1a	(European figures for duty)	13 MR 92	5 OC 98
1b	(no T)	27 MR 96	26 MR 00
[1*	month slug inverted]	24 DE 91	7 MR 93
2	<i>Cairo/Post Office/Shepherd's Hotel</i> 31/4 [month 1, 2 etc]	27 12 91	15 6 97
[2*	T inverted]	18 3 92	
3	<i>Cairo/Post Office/Shepherd's Hotel</i> 31/4 [month II, VII etc]	25 XII 91	13 VII 98
3a	(no T)	18 II 95	11 XII 98
3b	(T with Arabic figures)	22 I 97	23 II 00
4	<i>Cairo/Post Office/Shepherd's Hotel</i> 28/4	20 II 96	31 I 03
5	<i>Cairo/Post Office/Shepherd's Hotel</i> 30/3.5	12 XI 95	16 IV 09
5a	(no T)	16 II 00	5 III 07
[5*	day slug inverted]	30 IV 04 T1	
6	<i>Shepherd's/Hotel</i> 30/7	25 X 07	27 XI 09
7	<i>Shepherd's Hotel/Cairo</i> 26/8	3 XI 07	17 XII 30
8	<i>Shepherd's Hotel/(Cairo)</i> 27/8	7 DE 31	26 JA 52
9	<i>Shepherd's Hotel Cairo/Cash</i> 26/8.5	7 II 10	8 III 37
9a	(blue)	16 IV 14	
10	<i>Cash/Shepherd's Hotel Cairo</i> 28/8.5	9 III 38	18 III 51
11	<i>Shepherd's Hotel/Cairo/Postes/R.A.U./Egypte</i> length 102mm	28 IV 60	30 IX 85

Shepherd's Registration cachets

43	8 I 00	HS5	???	19 III 19	HS9
107	15 I 01	HS5	1773	13 IX 22	HS7
18	23 II 00	HS3	331	31 I 24	HS9
289	1 VII 03	HS5	561	24 II 27	HS9
712	30 III 07	HS5	122	22 JA 32	HS8
670	4 IV 09	HS7	300	20 JA 38	HS8
1488	5 XI 13	HS7	54	26 JA 38	HS8
1419	16 XI 13	HS7	55	26 JA 38	HS8
100	7 I 14	HS9	135	21 X 42	HS10
537	10 I 14	HS7	720	12 X 44	HS10
???	24 V 16	HS7	258	5 I 49	HS10

Sheraton Hotel, Cairo (HSH)

1	Post/Cairo Sheraton [dm 25/inner circle dm 15]	8 12 70	8 5 72
2	Sheraton Hotel 25/7.5	17 11 74	22 3 78

San Stefano Hotel and Casino, Alexandria (HSS)

1	(DELETED)		
2	San Stefano/Hotel 29/4	4 VI 95	8 V 99
3	San Stefano/Hotel 28/3.5	8 V 99	28 V 08
4	San Stefano/Hotel 28/7.5	16 IV 08	- IX 11
4a	(blue-black)	2 VI 08	6 VII 08
[4* OHHS use]		6 IX 08	27 IV 10
5	San Stefano/Hotel 28/8	6 VII 16	29 VIII 16

San Stefano Registration cachets**1. San Stefano Hotel/Ramle**

361 17 IX 01 HSS3

2. San Stefano Hotel

235 6 VII 11 HSS4

Palestine Hotel, Alexandria (HP)

1	Poste/Conference au Sommet/Hotel Palestine 34/13	5 9 64
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Cataract Hotel, Aswan (HCA)

1	Cataract Hotel, Assouan 28/4	4 I 01	5 III 14
1a	(blue)	6 III 07	20 III 14
1b	(with T)	11 II 01	15 I 12
1c	(blue with T)	15 XII 09	- XII 15
2	Cataract Hotel/Aswan 29/7	9 FE 20	26 FE 28
3	Cataract Hotel/Aswan 28/8	17 DE 24	21 MR 56
3a	(blue)	21 JA 33	17 FE 33

Cataract Registration cachets

210	19 II 03	HCA1
422	25 II 11	HCA1b
41	1 XI 11 (blue)	HCA1a
70	2 FE 21	HCA2
169	5 MR 21	HCA2

Savoy Hotel, Aswan (HSY)

1	Savoy Hotel/Assouan 28/4	8 II 01	16 II 14
1a	(blue)	14 II 14	15 III 14
1b	(no T)	15 II 05	3 III 09
2	Savoy Hotel/Assouan	27 I 05	27 II 13
2a	(blue)	1 I 12	18 II 14

Savoy Aswan Registration cachets

139	15 II 05	HSY1b
2129	1 II 10	HSY1
399	15 III 13 (blue)	HSY1b

Luxor Hotel, Luxor (HL)

1	Egyptian Post Office/Luxor/Luxor Hotel 30/4	- XII 93	3 II 01
1a	(blue)		
2	Luxor-Hotel/Luxor 28/4	10 II 01	2 III 10
2a	(blue)	4 I 08	19 III 10

Luxor Hotel Registration cachets

195	5 II 94	HL1
75	31 1 00	HL1
???	11 II 00	HL1
89	4 I 05	HL2

Winter Palace Hotel, Luxor (HW)

1	<i>Luqsor/Winter/Palace</i> 30/4	- II 06	12 III 10
1a	(blue)	4 I 05	4 I 08
2	<i>Luqsor/Winter Palace</i> 30/8	19 XII 06	IV 14
2a	(blue)	25 I 08	23 II 21
3	<i>Luqsor/Winter Palace</i> 30/7	6 III 09	8 II 31
3a	(blue)	6 III 08	3 II 23
4	<i>Luqsor/Winter Palace</i> 30/7	12 I 22	14 III 37
4a	(blue)	12 II 22	7 III 23
5	<i>Winter Palace/Luqsor</i> 30/8	- FE 26	14 MR 54
5a	(blue)	2 JA 30	31 JA 33
6	<i>Winter Palace/Luqsor</i> 26/8	1 FE 33	22 FE 54
6a	(blue)	9 JA 45	23 MR 49

Winter Palace Registration cachets

744	7 III 23	HW4a	453	2 JA 30	HW5a
839	14 III 23	HW4a	1192	27 FE 31	(nil)
673	26 JA 27	HW5	521	31 JA 33	HW5a
938	9 FE 27	HW5	760	7 III 33	HW4a
363	17 DE 28	HW5	678	1 MR 35	HW5
225	15 DE 30	HW3 & 5	???	9 FE 39	HW6

Hurghada Tourist Hotel postal agency (HAG)

1	<i>Agence Postale/ElGhardaqa/Tourist Hotel</i>	(20 5 67)
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Thomas Cook's Tourist Service, Cairo (HTC)

1	<i>Post Office/Cairo/Cook's Tourist Service</i> 30/4	20 XI 93	13 II 07
1a	(Duty in European figures)	XI 95	7 XI 07
2	<i>Post Office/Cairo/Cook's Tourist Service</i> 28/4	8 XI 02	23 III 09
3	<i>Cook's Post Office/Cairo</i> 26/8	5 IV 09	18 XI 31
4	<i>Cairo/Cook's Post Office</i> 28/7	28 VII 32	8 VII 33
5	<i>Cairo/T/Cook's Post Office</i> 32/9	2 III 38	26 V 51

6	<i>Cook's Post Office/Cash</i> 26/7	8 VI 23	29 XI 24
6a	(violet)	24 XII 28	20 I 30
7	<i>Cairo/Cash/Cook's Post Office</i> 29/7.5	15 VII 33	16 III 40
7a	(violet)	3 VII 33	
8	<i>Cook's Office/Cairo/R.P.</i> 30/7.5	23 II 10	- XI 19
8a	(violet)		7 VIII 15
9	<i>Cook's Office/Cairo/R.P.</i> 29/	3 III 16	15 X 32
9a	(violet)		11 IX 29
10	<i>Cook (Cairo)/R. & P.</i> 29/8.5	24 SE 31	8 NO 47
10a	(azure)	4 MA 33	31 OC 33
11	<i>Cairo/Cash/Cook's Post Office</i> 27/7	17 DE ??	20 JA 38
12	<i>Cook (Cairo)/ R. & P.</i> 28/8	21 JA 32	

Thomas Cook Registration cachets

195	7 XI 07	HTC1a
146	23 II 09	HTC2
941	9 XII 15	HTC8
89	21 JA 32	HTC12
912	15 X 32	HTC9
27	5 II 40	HTC5
1049	4 MR 44	HTC10
2071	26 SE 45	HTC10
227	8 NO 47	HTC10
492	-5 MA 48	HTC10

Simon Arzt store, Port Said (HSI)

1	<i>Port-Said/Simon Arzt</i> 28/7.5	22 NO 34	24 FE 60
1a	(violet)	24 SE 34	20 OC 34
2	<i>Port-Said/Simon Arzt/(Caisse)</i> 28/7.5	31 OC 34	4 MR 57
2a	(violet)	24 SE 34	31 OC 34

Simon Arzt Registration cachets

85	8 AP 37	HSI1	33	14 SE 38	HSI2
52	20 AP 37	HSI1	352	28 DE 39	HSI2
131	30 AP 37	HSI1	5	4 JA 40	HSI2
88	19 SE 37	HSI1	???	25 JA 40	HSI2
163	2 OC 37	HSI2	123	24 FE 40	HSI2
89	22 NO 37	HSI1	40	3 MA 40	HSI2
90	22 NO 37	HSI1	205	13 MA 47	HSI1
283	20 FE 38	HSI1	89	12 JU 54	HSI2
104	26 FE 38	HSI2			

Cicurel store, Asyut (HCL)

1	<i>Cicurel/Asyut Branch 27/9</i>	24 OC 36	-3 AP 44
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Seamen's Home, Alexandria (HSM)

1	<i>Alexandria/(Port)/Seamen's Home 28/4</i>	29 IV 06	20 IV 14
2	<i>Alexandria/Seamen's Home 26/6.5</i>	14 VII 09	16 III 20
3	<i>Alexandria/Seamen's Home 28/7.5</i>	24 XI 19	13 IV 30
4	<i>Alexandria/Seamen's Home 29/5.9</i>	22 II 31	27 IV 34
5	<i>Seamen's Home 27/8</i>	9 AP 32	19 JL 55

Seamen's Home Registration cachets

3	1 I 24	HSM3
186	1 XI 28	HSM3
33	12 II 29	HSM3
182	14 VII 29	HSM3
43	22 II 31	HSM4
43	22 II 31	HSM4

Soldiers and Sailors Institute, Alexandria (HSSI)

1	<i>Soldiers & Sailors Institute/Alexandria</i>	28 JL 16	27 JL 17
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