

EGYPT: De La Rue 3-mill maroon of 1892 (Zeheri No. 38)**UPDATE AND NEW INFORMATION ON LATEST DATE OF USE**

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Firstly, I would like to acknowledge my gratitude and appreciation for the kind response of ESC members to my query on this stamp in Q.C.154 (June 1990). Information, photocopies and donations of the stamps themselves, were generously provided.

As a result, I have been drawn to the following conclusion:-

The 3-mill maroon (Zeheri No. 38), after being resuscitated for use at the 1894 Alexandria Exposition, was apparently never again withdrawn. (Or, at least, post office stocks were allowed to deplete themselves). This stamp, simultaneously with the 3-mill orange (Zeheri No. 39), was used at least until replaced by the new pictorial issue of 1914.

Lars Alund has supplied a very late date of use: ALEXANDRIA F 20 VIII 13. He believes that philatelically-contrived covers exist with even later dates, but does not mention seeing one, however. (Of course, a used stamp off cover cannot with certainty be attributed to local, foreign or philatelic use).

The 3-mill maroon was also used for foreign postage (in combination with other values) to pay the fee to Europe or elsewhere. Photocopies of two covers kindly supplied by Alain Stragier (ESC 241) demonstrate this use. (Illustrated - Editor).

The 3-mill maroon was also used for Parcel Post. A block of 4, used to pay the parcel fee, has several strikes of "ALEXANDRIE - COLIS POSTAUX - 20 NO 97 TIII". The position of the CDS indicates that this block was part of a larger multiple, perhaps a pane or sheet used for postage. (Generously supplied by E. L. G. MacArthur, ESC 125).

It would be interesting to see: the earliest use of the 3-mill orange (Zeheri 39) used in combination with the 3-mill maroon (Zeheri 38) on the same cover! The revised listing of the latest date of use for the 3-mill maroon and the earliest date of use for the 3-mill orange follow on the following pages. Sincere thanks to: Lars Alund (ESC 105), Themis Dacos (ESC 220), Peter Heim (ESC 394), E. L. G. MacArthur (ESC 125), D. S. Peoples (ESC 387), Alain Stragier (ESC 241), and Paul Glyn-Jones (ESC 231)

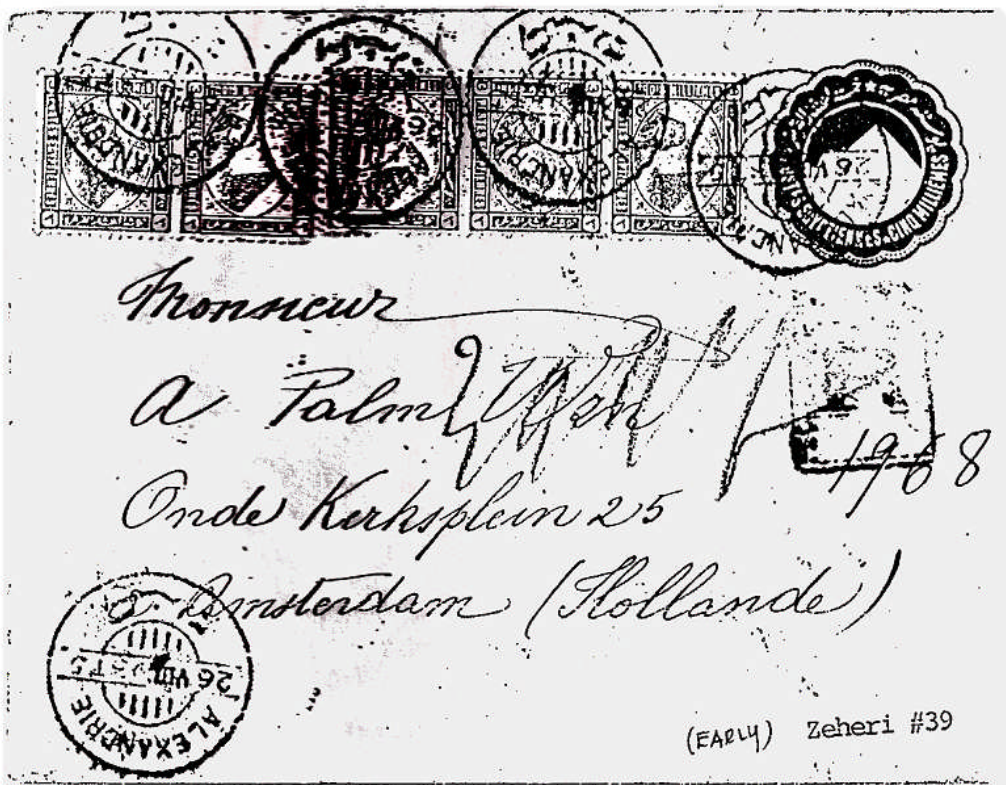
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Editor: congratulations to Paul Calhoun, of U.S.A., on finding an issue, "adopting" it as his own specialisation and reporting his findings in The QC promptly. It seems that there is more of interest in his adoptive issue than at first thought.

Perhaps others of our active members will want to join in with some early and late dates, other uses, destinations, etc. ?

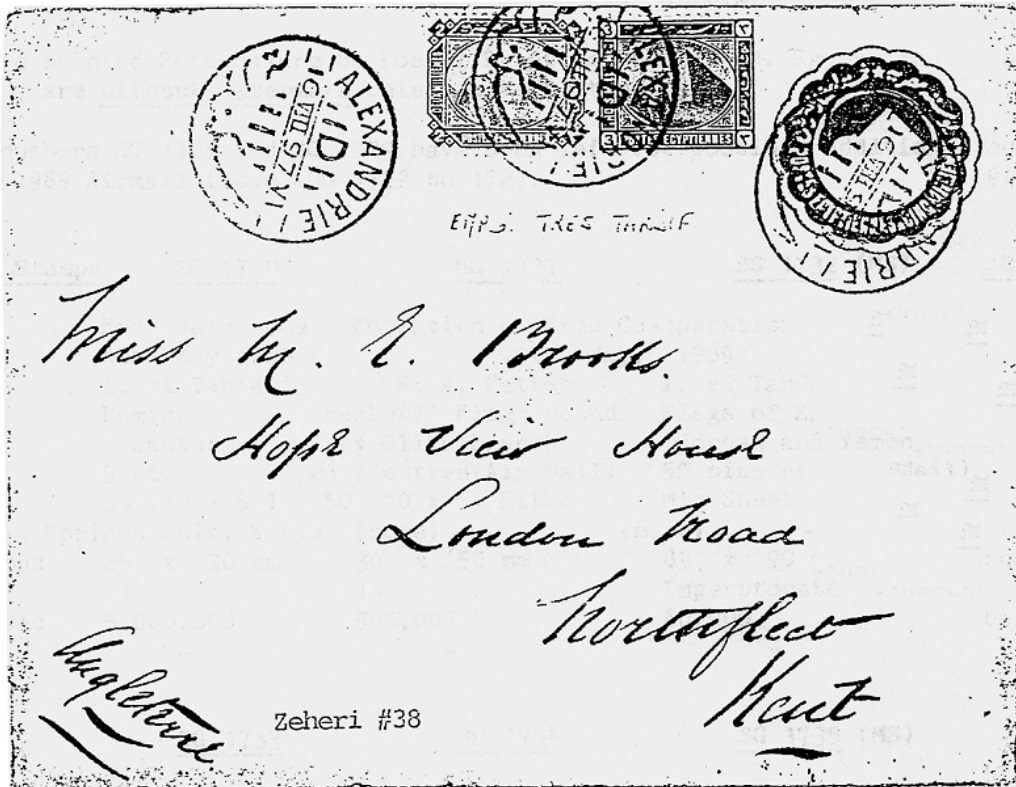
Latest dates of use for the 3-mill MAROON (Zeheri 38) - Revised and Updated

Town	Postmark date	Description	Comment
ALEXANDRIA	20 VIII 13	On single stamp	Donated by Lars Alund who believes that much later dates of use exist, philatelically inspired.
BENI MAZAR	28 DEC 92 (or 99?)	On single stamp	Peter Heim donation
CAIRE D	-- V (or IV) 96 TXIII?	On single stamp	-
PORT SAID	21 VIII 93	On vertical pair	-
PORT SAID ?	-- VIII 97	On single stamp	Only Arabic part of C.D.S. partially
PORT TAWFIK	10 JU 97 T1	On vertical pair	On my last report I gave the date aseither 1892 or 1902. I now know it could not be earlier than 1897, as the Port Tawfik post office was not opened until that year. (See L'Orient Philatelique No. 123, "Plein Mer & Paquebot", by Jean Boulad d'Humieres).
PARCEL POST USE			
ALEXANDRIE	20 NO 97 THH		On block of 4 Used to pay the parcel fee. Probably X part of a larger multiple (pane or sheet).
FOREIGN USE ON COVER			
ALEXANDRIE D	16 VIII 97 VI	On 5 milliemes stamped envelope with two mill stamp for a total of 10 milliemes postage to England	
ALEXANDRIE	23 IX 99	On 2 milliemes stamped envelope with 1 millieme and 5 milliemes for a total of 12 milliemes registered postage to Germany	
ALEXANDRIE	26 VIII 93 T5	Multiple of 5 x 3-mill orange (vertical strip of 3 and vertical pair) on 5 milliemes stamped envelope for total registered postage of 20 mills to Holland (Stragier colln).	
CAIRE D	18 XI 93	Single stamp (Lars Alund Donation)	
MANSOURA	-- 94 T111	Single Stamp (Dacos Collection)	
PORT SAID	--- 93	Single stanp	
PORT SAID	10 IV 94	Single stamp (earliest,clear CDS)	
RAS EL TIN (Alexandrie)	-- II 95 TV1	single stamp	

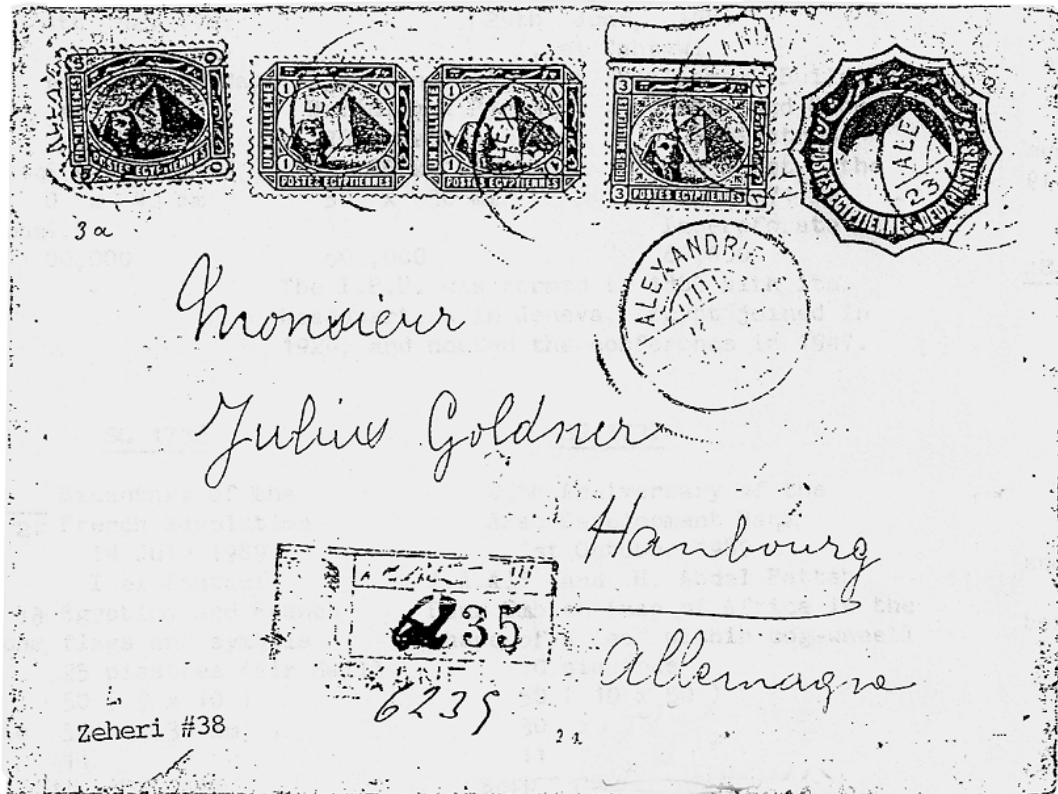


1893 3-mill Orange
5 stamps used 26.8.1897
(month of issue)

(EARLY) Zeheri #39



3-mills maroon (Z.38) + 2-mills adhesive & 5-mills embossed. 16 Aug. 1897 to England (previous owner's message: used very late')



Registered to Germany with 3-mills maroon (Zeh. 38) 2-pi. and other adhesives producing total of 3-pi. Used 23 September 1899

Backstamp

