

New TPO Marking.

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Peter Smith's *The Travelling Post Offices in Egypt* says (p.14): "The Soci t  (des Chemins de Fer de la Basse-Egypte) also ran ferries ... and at Gheit el Nassara, near Damiata, to Port Said, but there is no evidence that they carried a TPO." This TPO is not mentioned in his magisterial book *Egypt - Stamps and Postal History* either.

I have, however, just bought an 1887 1pi envelope with a fine datestamp which seems to prove that such a TPO did indeed exist. The cancel is of Type 8A7, with 11 vertical bars, diameter 21mm and the text: DAMIETTE PORT SAÏD, dated 19 VII 89. The verso carries a Port-Saïd transit mark dated 20 VII 89. As far as I can make out, it was sent to Jaffa.