## THE POSTAL HISTORY OF THE ERITREAN CAMPAIGN AND ITS SUBSEQUENT OCCUPATION, 1939-1945

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British F.P.O.s of Egyptian Origin

There were two of these :—

M.P.O. E.603. The first record I have of this is January 7th, 1941, on a letter posted at Gedaref, when it was with the 9th Brigade, 5th Division. It was at Gallabat on February 1st, and at Tessenei from February 10th to March 10th, 1941. It moved to Keren on March 11th, and was in Asmara with the 9th Brigade during April and May 1941.

M.P.O. E.604. The earliest cancellation seen was dated February 1st, 1941, when it was at Tessenei. This village fell on January 18th, 1941. It functioned here and along the L. of C. up to Agordat throughout 1941 and 1942. In Frazer's collection there is a cover with a 25piastre Sudan stamp cancelled by this M.P.O. dated April 10th, 1943, and with an Egyptian circular seal type censor stamp number "28"