

## Station Postmarks.

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Following the meeting in May I have redone the sheets containing the Station postmarks. They have been changed considerably by new information passed onto me by various members of the Circle. Some marks have been deleted, as I am not convinced they are different from ones already drawn and many added.

Although my name appears below the title this article is due to the many members who have generously lent me relevant covers from their collection or supplied me with photocopies and drawings. This has ranged in some cases from only a few notes and photocopies up to several sheets of drawings/ photocopies. However small each piece of information is it adds to the story and in most cases each member has a mark exclusive to him self. They therefore should be considered co-authors and include:-

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Could members check their collections and send me photocopies of any marks not recorded or appear to be a little different from those shown, particularly any places not yet recorded as having a station postmark. At this stage I have not given earliest and latest dates to which some members attach some importance, so if members could send me the dates of any of the marks shown I will draw up a table.

Peter Feltus in his publication of 1983 'Egyptian Postal Markings 1865—1879' gives dates for various places for the classic types many of which I do not have illustrations. Where relevant I have designated these simply as Sta. 3 to 7, these numberings are found in Peter Feltus's book and also in Peter Smith's book p505 and correspond to the first five illustrations shown here for Alexandria. This also applies to the St. types as in the fifth illustration for Alexandria and shown as Type IV-2.

Some will note I make no reference to 'types', I have simply tried to illustrate every postmark I have seen that is a station postmark, some members seem to attach great importance to 'typing'. At the May meeting I came armed with various arguments and proposals for 'typing' as given to me over the last few years but time did not permit for this. Inshallah. I have my own views on this which basically come down to why bother as once past the classic period there is hardly any repeatable patterns, each handstamp becoming a different type in its self. On the sheets at the May meeting I had ordered the illustrations by place and then roughly along the lines of the original study but here there is no purposeful order other than place. I rather like the suggestion of organizing them in date order.

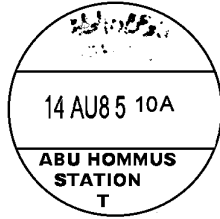
The only article I can find on stations postmarks is from LOP Oct. 1957 p599 by Mazloum and only concerns itself with the Dalla Stazione hand stamps. The status of these station postmarks is Unresolved, Peter Smith in his book states these are from branch post offices at railway stations. However none are mentioned in the Postal Guides suggesting these were outside the normal postal system. Dalla Stazione means from the station so was this a mark used by railway staff who took in mail to hand onto the postal system by way of the TPOs? As later station marks are found with cash, registration etc. in them I would agree with Peter that these are branch or fully functioning post offices. Included are station postmarks from Boat and Coach stations

The illustrations are slightly reduced in size by approximately 10%. Again I have not quoted any ring size, another beloved feature of collectors. Where does one measure the diameter outside edge to outside edge, middle of ring thickness to middle of ring thickness? Measuring some strikes on the same cover can come up with different answers simply depending how much ink was on the first strike and how much was left on subsequent strikes. Was the cancel struck squarely or did it slide on being struck?



Station Postmarks.

Abo Hommus  
أبو حمص



Alexandria  
اسكندريه  
الاسكندريه



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Notes. Alex. 10 & 11 are in the original Bloomfield drawings as being station postmarks because of the letters S. It could however only be designating counter S. Alex 21 & 22 I think are different handstamps. Alex 16 is one of the postmarks having serif letters.

Station Postmarks



27.

Asyut,  
Assiout  
Suit.  
اسيوط



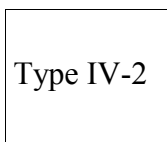
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Type IV-2



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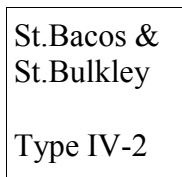
Aswan  
اصوان



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St.Bacos &  
St.Bulkley  
Type IV-2

Banha  
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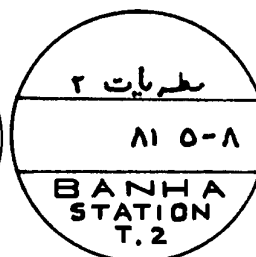
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Notes. Alex 27 to 30 are for the passenger terminal, for the western harbor, in Alexander port. Asyut 7 appeared to have an I between the S & Y can anybody confirm this. Note the treatment of the Arabic H in Banha pmks.

Station Postmarks.

Cairo  
 Caire  
 القاهرة

Type 2  
 Type 4  
 Type 5  
 Type 6



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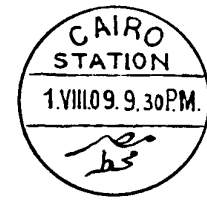
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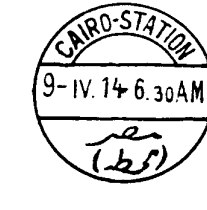
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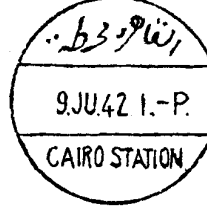
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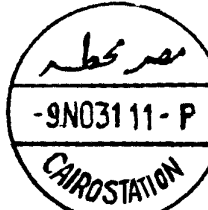
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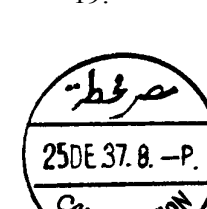
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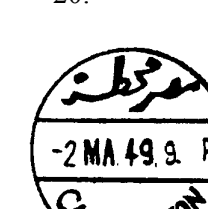
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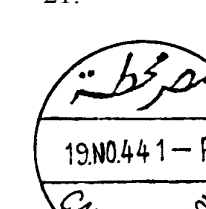
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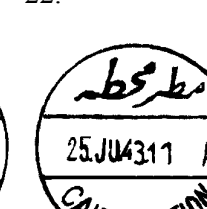
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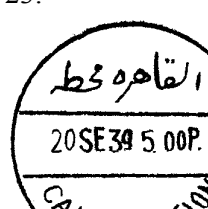
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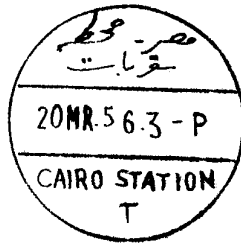
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Notes. Cairo 22 the spelling in the postmark 'statian' is portrayed correctly. I have seen two examples of it.

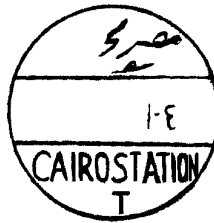
Station Postmarks.



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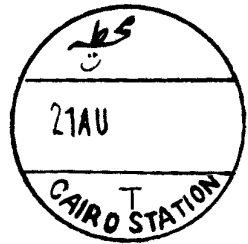
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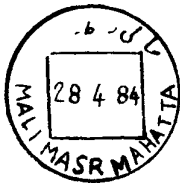
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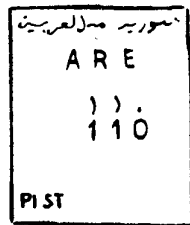
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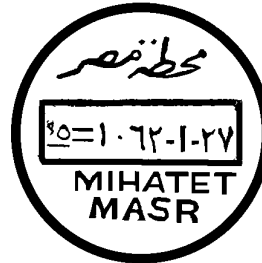
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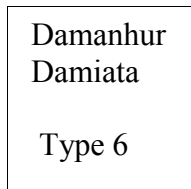
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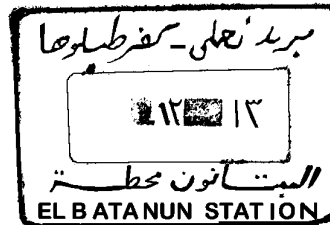
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El Batanun  
بتانون



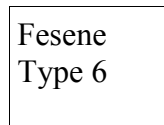
Faiyum  
الفوم



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St. Fleming



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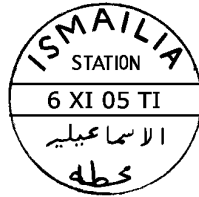
Ismailia  
الاسماعيلية



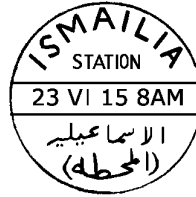
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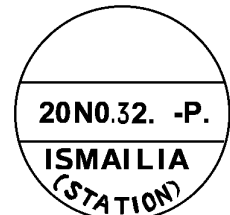
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Notes. Cairo 43 Midan el Tahrir—Liberation Square is the major bus terminal for buses to Alex.

Station Postmarks.

Kafr El Zaiyat  
كفر الزيات



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Luqxor  
Lquxor  
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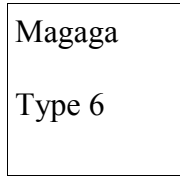
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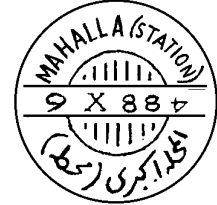
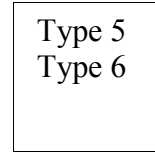
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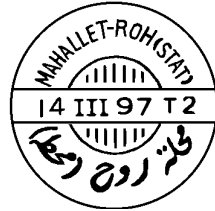


Mehalla  
Mahalla  
المحله



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Mahallet-Roh  
المحله روح



1.

Mansoura  
Mansura  
المنصوره



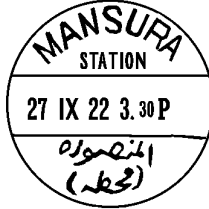
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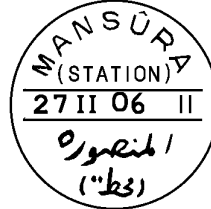
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Notes. Luqxor 4 & 6 have the letters U & Q transposed.

## Station PostMarks

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Minya  
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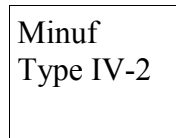
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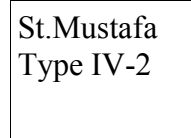
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Minuf  
Type IV-2



St. Mustafa  
Type IV-2

Post Said  
بور سعيد



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3.

Qallin  
قلين



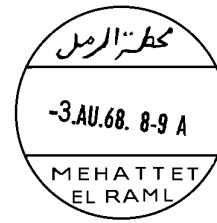
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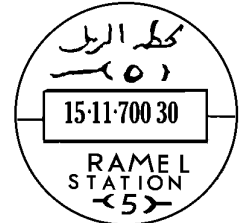


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Ramel  
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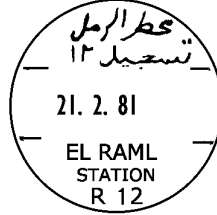
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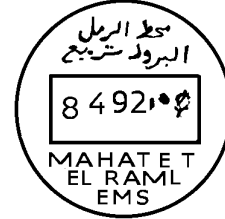
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Samanud  
Type 6

San Stefano  
سن سفانو



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Scebin El Kom  
Type 6

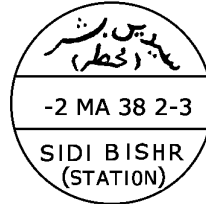
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Type VI-2

Shibin  
شبين



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سيدي بشر



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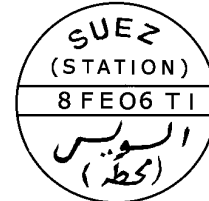
Suez  
السويس



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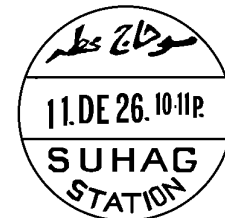
Suhag  
سوحاج  
سو هاج



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Notes. Ramleh 11 is also an EMS mark.

Station Postmarks

Tanta  
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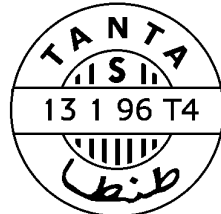
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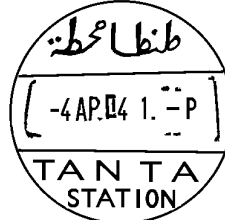
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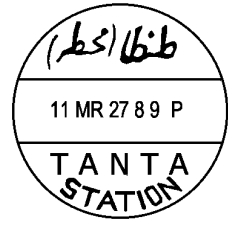
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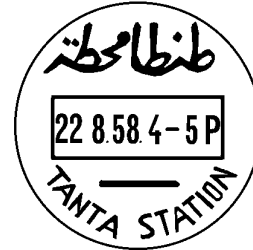
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Wasta  
الوسطى

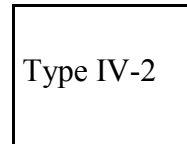


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2.

Zagazig  
الزقازيق



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Notes. Tanta 6 may not be a station pmk as other then the letter S there is no other indications to it being so.