

EGYPT STUDY CIRCLE

QUARTERLY CIRCULAR

NOVEMBER 1938

NO. 3.

OFFICIAL MARKINGS.

Since Query 1 appeared in the Quarterly Circular No. 1. 22 specimens of the " GOUVERNEMENTALES " marking have been seen by the Circle, or described by members, and G. Boulad and I. H. Jabes of the C.P.E. have sent us descriptions of their specimens.

We have recorded this marking from the following towns :- ALEXANDRIA, CAIRO, MANSURA, MANFALOUT, SIUT, SUEZ, TANTA, & ZAGAZIG.

The earliest date recorded is 10.DE.81. and the latest 22.DE.94, with the exception of a single specimen from Suez on 4 mill. Postage due of 1889 dated '95

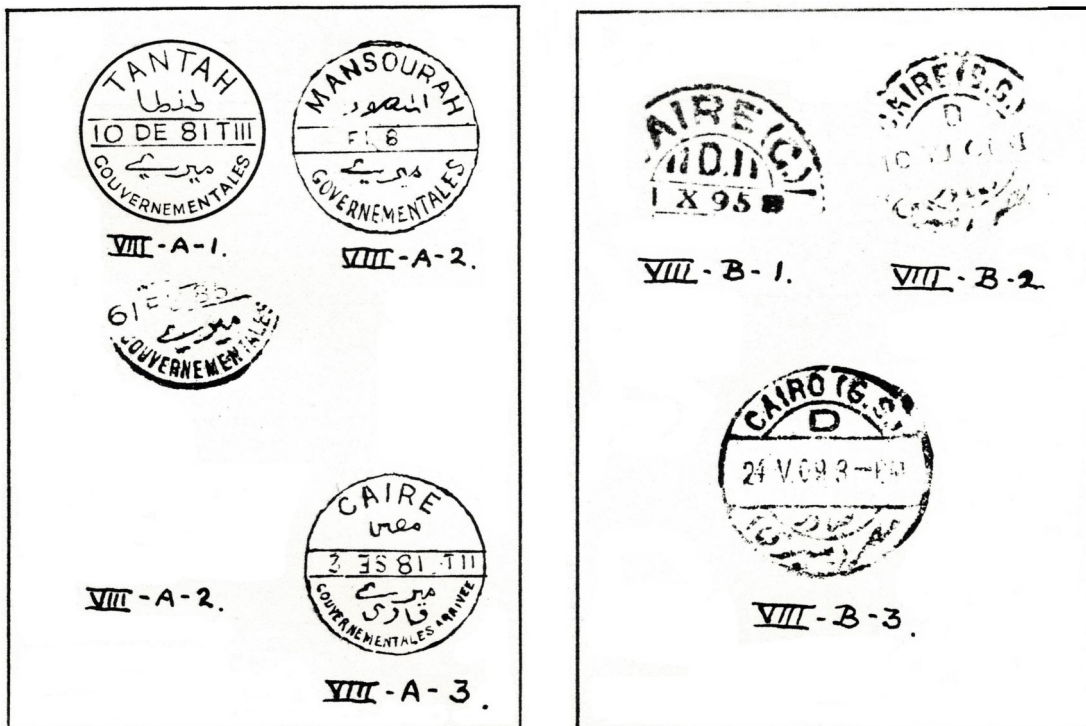
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We have recorded three types of this marking which we illustrate. The Arabic was shown incorrectly drawn in our previous illustration.

Type VIII-A-1. small letters, circle 24.5 m.m.

Type VIII-A-2. larger letters, circle 25.5 m.m.

Type VIII-A-3. inscribed "Gouvernementales Arrivée", circle 24.5 m.m.



These markings were applied to Postage stamps, Postage Due stamps, and Inter - postal seals : the fact that they were applied to the seals would seem to indicate that they were used for Official mail. We have seen them on Interpostals from Alexandria, Cairo and Manfalout.

We have not yet seen a " Gouvernmentales " marking on a cover.

Jean Boulud has brought to our notice a new type ( Type VIII-B. ) of this Official marking bearing the letters ( G ) : ( SAG. ) : and ( G.S. )

Type VII-B-1 (G) meaning "Gouvernementales ".

Type VII-B-2 (SAG) meaning " Service Gouvernementales ".

Type VII-B-3 (G.S.) meaning " Government Service ".

In each case the letter, or letters, appear within brackets after the town name. This type appears to have superseded the " Gouvernementales " marks.

The earliest and latest dates recorded are :-

	<u>Earliest date.</u>	<u>Latest date.</u>
Type VII-B-1	1 - 10 -- 95.	
Type VII-B-2	10 - 1 - 01.	10 - 5 - 01.
Type VII-B-3	14 - 1 - 09.	24 - 5 - 09.

Type VIII-B marking is only known from Alexandria and Cairo, and was supplied to the " No Value " Official stamp.

We have seen type VII-B-2 on cover from Cairo.

The Keeper of the Record will be glad to receive any additional information regarding these markings.

#### CHECK LIST.

#### OF THE PROOFS AND ESSAYS OF SUDAN FROM THE DANSON (D) AND HINDE (H) COLLECTIONS.

Compiled by E.F. HURT who will be pleased if members having further material or additional information will communicate with him.

#### 1898 Issue.

##### Die proofs.

Centre working die with labels still unengraved and scrolls only outlined. Cut down but showing metal round die not cut away and two elongated oval white spaces under such metal on either side. The scrolls round the top and lower labels are outlined in white. (H). Finished die of the centre plate showing that the complete shading of the camel, rider & background has been very considerably reduced. Cut down. (H). Finished die of the frame of the 1 piastre. Cut down. (H).

##### Colour trials.

8 colour trials, imperforate, with the 2 mil. Mounted on a sheet of paper and No. 29 to 36 in manuscript, being part of the original sheet submitted by Messrs De La Rue. These colour trials appear to be printed on thin, hard, unwatermarked paper in the following colours, the first being the centre : Brown & Ultramarine. Purple & Green : Green & Rose red : Yellow & Green : Deep Green & Black : Red Brown & Mauve : Ultramarine & Olive Green : Brown & Olive Green. (D) ex Byram collection. Also of the 2 mils. Value on rather thicker paper, unwatermarked - Rose Red & Olive Green : Pale Red Brown & Black : Deep Green & Purple : Red Brown & Blue : Pale Lilac & Yellow : Yellow & deep Rose : Purple & Olive Green : Slate Grey & Red Brown : All imperforate. (D).

Specimen colour trials. 1 mil—blue and purple, purple and blue, red and purple, rose and brown, perforate, no watermark, overprinted " Specimen " in black rather heavy capitals, horizontally over the lower label, measuring 15½ X 1.75 m. m. (H).

1902 Issue.

Specimen proofs. 5 pi. in issued colour, imperforate, watermarked, with slight traces of gum with " SPECIMEN " in block capitals above lower label, measuring 15 X 1.5 m. m., thin type. (D).

10 pi. in issued colour as above. (D).

5 pi. in issued colour as above, but perf. (D).

Proofs. 2 pi. in issued colour, watermarked, no gum, without " Specimen " (H. & D.)

5 pi. & 10 pi. imperforate, both with sheet margins showing double Jubilee lines, watermarked and with full gum. (? issued stamps ). (H. & D.)

Specimen proofs. 2 pi. In aniline brown, violet and orange, 5 pi. in issued colour, 10 pi. in black and aniline purple, imperforate, watermarked, without gum, with " SPECIMEN " diagonally in N.W. or S.E. corner in very fine block capitals, measuring 15 X 1.5 m.m. (D).

5 pi. perforate on watermarked paper with traces of gum, with horizontal " SPECIMEN " in fine block capitals above lower label 15.75 X 1.5 m.m. (D).

Specimen colour trials. 1 mil. in blue and purple, rose and deep mauve, deep mauve and purple, blue and deep mauve, rose red and brown, purple and blue, grey black and blue green, blue and deep green, deep mauve and deep green. Unwatermarked, perforate, and overprinted " SPECIMEN " in block capitals measuring 15.5 X 1.5 m.m. (D).

Small Camel — 1921.

Proof of the centre on record card without date or state from an apparently very worn die or a very bad print. I think this is the original 1921 die but probably taken at a later date for testing purposes. (D).

Similar proof of the centre but a far better printing on record card without date or state, but with the surface " picked " out to remove certain lines of shading from in front of the camel's forefoot and just behind the two rear feet. In this die the lines of shading between the two spears have also been " picked " out, except for the 3 lower dots, and the two lines by the head of the lower spear. (H).

Working die proof of the centre with metal all round but scratched out on the record card partially. The top and bottom label are outlined in white together with the lettering in the top label and this has been partially picked out as a guided to the engraver. The camel is not fully flecked and a good deal of picking has been done in the background, round the camel's head, the spear and rifle, and the whole of the Arabic inscription is picked out but outlined on the die. This appears to be the first state of this die but is undated and without state. (D).

Die proof as last showing all the surrounding metal but with the top and bottom labels completely engraved, the camel finished but the camel's shadow still black, the background heavy and the grass and stones in front of the camel's fore-foot only outlined. There is a pencil note on the record card " 13 - 7 - 20 " presumably July 12th. 1920. (D).

Finished die proof of the centre, dated July 18th, in pencil and with the figure " 2 ". This ide shows, of course, very considerable retouching, as the background is now completed but there is a little picking on the mountain in front of the

Camel to show where additional white spaces are to be made in the die, as in the finished stamp. (D).

Specimen colour proofs on un-watermarked paper. Imperforate proofs of the 1 mil, 2 mil, 3 mil, 4 mil, 5 mil, 10 mil, and 15 mil in issued colours, except that the 15 mil has an olive brown centre. All these are on watermarked paper imperforate, with full gum and overprinted " SPECIMEN " horizontally in fine block capital, measuring 15 X 1.5 m.m. ( H. & D. )

Colour proofs. Colour proofs of the 1 mil, in purple and green, blue and green, brown and blue, rose and violet, green and red, purple and red, on unwatermarked paper, perf. 14, without gum, overprinted " SPECIMEN " horizontally in small block capitals, measuring 15 X 1.5 m.m. (D).

Similar proofs of the 1 mil in purple and red, blue and green, purple and green, blue and red, brown and blue, lilac mauve and brown, with similar " SPECIMEN " overprint, unwatermarked and mostly with gum. ( H ).

Secondary Specimen proofs on watermarked paper, imperforate, with diagonal " SPECIMEN " in small block capitals, measuring 15.5 X 1.5 m.m. - 1 mil black and orange, 2 mil orange and brown, 3 mil aniline mauve and green, 4 mil green and chocolate, 5 mil olive brown and black, 10 mil carmine and black, 15 mil blue and chestnut. (D).

Army Service Specimens. Note. These all have " ARMY - SERVICE " spaced 12 m.m. and The " SPECIMEN " is in serif capitals measuring 17.5 X 1.5 m.m. X 2.5 m.m. vertically reading down.

1 mil Plate 1, 1906, with set-off of Army Service on back, 2 mil, 1906, 3 mil, 1906, 1 pi, 1906, 5 mil, 1906, 2 pi, 1906, 5 pi, 1906, 10 pi, 1906. (D).

1929 Issue.

Die proof of the centre on record card inscribed in manuscript " After Striking " with the date 30/7/29. This is apparently a new die for the 1929 issue and the most noticeable difference is in the camel's head which is far less white about the nostril, this being smaller. The dots of shading between the two spears are also very clear and complete, very different to what they are in the issued stamp of the 1921 issue and the previous dies. There is also more pronounced shading between the rifle and its sling and the shading between the two feet of the camel, which reach forward, is considerably shorter than in the issued stamp of 1932, and the line of shading below the camel's forefoot has been taken out. The word " Khartoun " also appears to have been re-engraved. (D).

( I have a duplicate of Danson's working die proof of the 1921 centre, also dated July 12th. )

Die proof of the centre of the small camel on record card without date or state. This, I should say, is another 1929 die but differs from any of the other dies known. The shading between the camel's foremost feet is very accentuated and much as the 1921 stamp, but the herbage in front of the camel's forefeet is very much more pronounced and there are no white spaces in the mountain on the left at the back. The shading between the rear feet of the camel is also far longer. Query Is this a second die made after the previous one was used for striking and actually used for the issue ?

Postage Dues. Centre and frame of the 2 mil die proofs, cut down, finished. (H). Centre and frame of the 4 mil, finished, both on full record cards and both dated January 25th. 1899. Before Hardening. (D). Imperforate colour trials of the 2 mil without watermark in blue

and mauve rose, and green and violet. On gummed paper. (Hurt)

1897 Issue.  
Postage Due.

Essay of the overprint with " Sudan " at top, spaced 15 m.m on the 2 mil green of Egypt. ( Hurt ).

Die proof of the 2 mil Postage Due on record card Before hardening, frame only, dated January 25th. 1899.

Military Telegraphs 1898.

Die proofs of the centre and frame of the 1 piastre, cut down. (H).

Air Mail, 1931.

Plate proofs of the centre and frame of the 10 mil, in blue on heavy unwatermarked proof paper. (D).

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PROGRESS REPORT OF THE STUDIES.

By

THE KEEPER OF THE RECORD.

In my report I will endeavour to give a brief account of the progress accomplished by the members responsible for the various studies.

I have twelve studies to deal with which I will take in order.

Study I. The History of the Egyptian Post Offices in Turkey, the Red Sea area, and the Sudan, the stamps used in them and the postal rates and routes. Charles Fox.

This admirable report will be published in the January and March numbers of " L'Orient Philatelique." Charles Fox by his studious researches has contributed largely to the Historical section, and the success of this Report is in a great measure due to his indefatigable work. Illustrations of the postmarks, Tables, and two excellent maps are contained in the Report.

Study II. History of the Foreign Post Offices in Egypt on the lines of Study I. is divided and entrusted as follows :-

French P.O. E. F. Hurt.

The following is a list of alternatives and additions since the preliminary Report was published in the Q.C. No.2.

Alexandria.

Type III.	Latest date 1/3/76.	( Boulad )
Type III-1.	Earliest date 10/10/74.	( Boulad )
Type IV.	Latest date 14/3/76.	( Hinde )
Type VII.	Earliest date 18/3/76.	( Danson )
Type VII-1.	Earliest date 24/12/92.	( Danson )
	Latest date 8/1/89.	( Boulad )
Type VII-2.	Earliest date 18/11/89.	( Boulad )
	Latest date 3/2/00.	( Blomfield )

Insert extra type, i.e. Type VII-3. 21 m.m circle, otherwise similar to Type VII-2 but with wide figures and sloping date. Seen on 1 fr. Olive, Type II 1877. (Boulad) dated 9/6/88. (Boulad)

Type IX-1.	Latest date 9/3/86.	( Blomfield )
Type IX-2.	Earliest date 24/8/88.	( Blomfield )
	Latest date 16/2/36.	( Hinde )
Type IX-3.	Earliest date 13/8/87.	( Blomfield )
	Latest date 31/3/31.	( Boulad )
Type X-3.	Earliest date 10/3/98.	( Danson )
	Latest date 9/4/15.	( Boulad )

Cairo.

Type B.	Latest date 29/12/72.	( Boulad )
Type II.	Earliest date 27/1/71.	( Boulad )

Port Said.

Type I.	Earliest date 27/6/74.	( Danson )
Type II.	Earliest date 10/7/77.	( Hinde )
	Latest date 9/11/84.	( Hinde )
Type IV.	Earliest date 30/9/95.	( Hinde )
	Latest date 6/8/02.	( Hinde )
Type V.	Earliest date 9/6/06.	( Boulad )
	Latest date 22/2/12.	( Hinde )
Type VI.	Earliest date 3/2/04.	( Boulad )
	Latest date 14/5/15.	( Boulad )

Add Typo VII, i.e. Octagonal reading " Port Said " -

Paq. Fr. V.	Boat No. 4. dated 3/10/73	( Danson )
	Boat No. 2. dated 9/4/81.	( Hinde )

Italian P.O. W. Byam

A preliminary report with a comprehensive list of the markings was read and discussed at a meeting of the Circle. There now remains to be completed a list of the stamps used at this office.

British P.O. A. L. Pemberton.

He reports that he has got details and tracings of most of the markings, but there is still a good deal to be done before the Report can be presented to the Circle.

Austrian P.O. F. S. Mumford.

A preliminary report was written some times ago, but it is going to be re-written so as to bring it into line with the Circle's method of classification (" Dated " and " Undated " markings ) and with new photographs will be ready for presentation at a group meeting.

Greek P.O. P. L. Pemberton.

Pemberton informs me that he has been putting together his notes on this Study and hopes to be able to present at the next Circle meeting.

Russian P.O. A. S. Mackenzie-Low.

I have been able to record four different types of the Russian Alexandria

markings. They are inscribed in Russian.

- Type I. Alexandria Agency, R.O.P. and T.
- II. Alexandria Agency.
- III. Port Alexandria.
- IV. Alexandria.

The dates I have recorded are from 1868 to 1874. These are all on covers from Latakia and Beyrout to Alexandria with the exception of one on small piece, and carry the stamps of the Russian Levant.

Owing to the lack of reliable information and material I have been unable to make much progress with this study.

Study III. The History of the Canal Zone including the Egyptian Government Offices, and the Canal Company's stamps, their use, and the forgeries of the same.  
G. R. Worthington-Wilmer in collaboration with Jean Boulad.

Considerable progress has been made by Worthington-Wilmer on the section dealing with the Suez Canal stamps, and the forgeries; he has contributed much original work.

The remainder of the report is being undertaken by Jean Boulad, and deals with the Construction of the Suez Canal, the private postal service of the Canal Company, the Egyptian Government Service in the Canal Zone, etc. The first portion of his report has been received.

Study IV. Pre-stamp Egyptian Postal History in the XIX Century and the Posta Europea - A. S. Mackenzie-Low.

Since the publication of my Progress Report in the Q.C. No. 1., I have made a number of additions to the Posta Europea markings, and Jean Boulad has submitted valuable information on the Overland routes which I hope soon to present at Circle meetings. This information may possibly be transferred to Study II. ( British P.O. )

Study V. The History of the carriage of Egyptian Official Postal matter and the use of Interpostal Labels. Douglas McNeille.

This Report has been circulated and returned to Douglas McNeille with an account of the early Official Markings which should be included in the Report. The Interpostal Labels will not be described or classified in this Report.

Study VI. The Postal Markings of Egypt in the XX Century. R. Seymour Blomfield.

The Second Interim Report was discussed at the Ful; Circle meeting on October 22nd. And again at a Group meeting on November 19th. In this Report 32 new types and sub-types have been described and illustrated. It will now be circulated to all members before being submitted for publication.

Study VII. The Postal Markings of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan from 1896 on the lines of study VI. W. C. Hinde and a sub-group of the Circle.

At a Group meeting on September 10th. this Study was opened by Hinde and Danson. They produced a long series of drawings and descriptions of the postmarks. The final classification of the Types has not yet been decided upon. G. L. Hearn showed a cover from Merowi to Cairo, bearing on the front pairs of the 2 and 3 mils of the 1897 issue, obliterated with the Merowi Star and Crescent type postmark dated 5 No. 96. On the reverse are transit and arrival marks : Halfa 9-XI-97 and Cairo 16-XI-97, which is conclusive evidence that the Merowi postmark bears a wrong year date. The Circle is of the opinion that all Merowi postmarks dated 96 are errors of this description.



In conclusion I take this opportunity of thanking all the members responsible for the Studies for keeping me informed of the progress they have made in their respective studies.

The Grange.  
Old Town,  
BEXHILL-ON-SEA.

A. S. Mackenzie-Low  
Keeper of the Record.

21 November 1938.

MEETINGS OF THE CIRCLE.

- May 14th. 1938. A Group meeting was held at 92 Harley Street, London. W.1. when four members attended and completed the consideration of Charles Fox's Report on Study I.
- September 10th. 1938. A Group meeting was held at the residence of Captain G. L. Hearn, " Corey's Mount ", Stevenage, Herts and was attended by The Chairman, G.L.Hearn ( elected chairman for the meeting ), E.L.Angeloglou, D.B.Armstrong, Laurence Byam ( Guest ), J.R. Danson, W.C.Hinde, E.F.Hurt, F.S.Mumford, P.L.Pemberton, F.S. Sillitoe, and R.J.C.Thompson. A few of the members, taking advantage of the sunshine, travelled from London by cars, but the majority made the journey by train to Hitchin station where they were met and conveyed to Corey's Mount by car. The party assembled on the lawn and, there being many keen gardeners present, a tour of the gardens was the first item on the programme. On taking the chair at the meeting Captain Hearn referred to the loss the Circle had sustained by the passing of Hubert F. Lowe and the members stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect. Study VII " The Postal Markings of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan from 1896 " was then opened by Hinde and Danson. Reference was made to a copy of Sudan ( S.G. 154 A ) showing the note of exclamation inverted, submitted by Stanford Cade for expertisation at the June meeting, when members of the Circle expressed the opinion that the overprint was genuine and indicated a hitherto unknown state of the setting. After further consideration at this meeting, it was decided to expunge the minute of 12-VI-1938 and to consider the specimen a forgery. After tea, a display of Sudan was given by the members and the meeting broke up with a hearty vote of thanks to Captain Hearn for taking the chair and to Captain & Mrs Hearn for their kindly hospitality that afternoon.
- October 22nd. 1938. A meeting of the Full Circle was held at 92 Harley Street, London. W.1. and was attended by The Chairman, D.B.Armstrong, J.J.Bramble, G.Grylls, J.R. Danson, W.C.Hinde, E.F.Hurt, A.S. Mackenzie-Low, A.L.Pemberton and G. R. Worthington-Wilmer. The period before tea was devoted to Seymour Blomfield's Second Interim Report on Study VI. After tea Mackenzie-Low gave a display of Egyptian forgeries, which was supplemented by Byam, Danson and Hurt.
- November 19th. 1938. A Group meeting was held at 92 Harley Street, London. W.1. and was attended by The Chairman, D.B.Armstrong, G.Grylls, A.S. Mackenzie-Low, A.L.Pemberton and W.C.Hinde. Most of the afternoon was devoted to Seymour Blomfield's 2nd. Report on Study VI. This Report is now ready for circulation. Some interesting

Covers were shown from J.R.Danson's collection and the status of the Interpostals was discussed.

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FORTHCOMING ARRANGEMENTS.

Will members kindly make a note of the following dates :-

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| January 28th. 1939. | Annual General meeting.  |
| February 4th. 1939. | Joint meeting with the Russian Study Circle to consider the Russian P.O.s in Egypt. As the accommodation is limited, it is proposed to issue invitations to this meeting only to those especially interested. Will members who desire to be present kindly notify the Secretary by January 21st. |
| March 18th. 1939.   | Full Circle meeting.   |
| May 20th. 1939.     | Full Circle meeting.   |

These four meetings will be held at 92 Harley Street, London. W.1.

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CAMBRIDGE CONGRESS.

Papers were read by The Chairman on " Study Circles " and by E. F. Hurt on " The Local Posts and their importance in Philately & Postal History " .

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CONGRATULATIONS.

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| To | The Chairman         | on obtaining a special award - Bronze Statuette of St. George - for his " Egypt " at the Prague Exhibition.  |
| To | B. McGowan           | on obtaining a bronze medal for his " Chilean War stamps " at the Prague Exhibition.   |
| To | Henry Whittaker      | on obtaining a number of awards, including the Grand Award of the Exhibition - a silver punch bowl - at the Pacific International Philatelic Exhibition.   |
| To | E. F. Hurt           | on winning the Congress Cup at Cambridge for his paper on " The Local Posts and their importance in Philately and Postal History " .   |
| To | R. Seymour Blomfield | on his latest venture. Mackenzie-Low has received a letter from him, in which eh says :- " I am going to be married next Saturday to Miss Matilda Krechniak of Chicago - Our romance has something of a philatelic flavour. Miss Krechniak's brother |

is a philatelist, and lives about 60 miles from here. I met her when she was visiting him last summer.

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OBITUARY.

HUBERT F. LOWE.

We deeply regret to have to record the death on June 14th. 1938 of Hubert Lowe at the age of 77.

He was one of our founder members of the Egypt Study Circle and a regular attendant at our meetings, to which he contributed several displays from his collection of Egypt.

He took a keen interest in the work of the Circle, and was most helpful furthering our Studies. His extensive knowledge and interest in the stamps of the third issue of Egypt will be remembered by all. To him we owe the recognition of the exact perforation gauges employed.

He was of a kind and generous disposition and will be greatly missed.

We offer our sincere sympathies to his family.

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NEW MEMBER.

42. (C.) IBRAHIM CHAFER. sous-chef comptable, Sucrerie d'Armante, Haute Egypte.

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QUERY SECTION.

Query No. 3. ( Q.C. No. 2. )

We have received the following from G. Seymour Thompson.

" The Rural Service cancellations are usually double-Barelled and so are " Route " or " T.P.O. " They usually start with an established P.O. and are hyphened on to some unknown e.g. Tima-Rayas, Tantah-Atamsieh. There is a P.O. at QUDDABA which is no doubt the solution to the query. Why don't you consult me in these matter ? "

We do consult him but it is through the pages of our Q.C. that we do so.