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EDITORIAL.

With the present number the " Q.C. " has now made its twelfth appearance and it would seem to be desirable that a decision on the subject of numbering and indexing future issues should now be made.

One method would be to consider the issues appearing in any one year as constituting a Volume but this would be open to the objection that, owing to the small number of issues so included - four a year - the volumes if bound, would be small, binding, unduly costly while the number of indexes would become large making reference a laborious process.

It is felt that a better plan would be to treat twelve issues as a single volume, for the pages to be numbered consecutively through each volume and for an index to appear in the last number of each volume. In addition, in order to facilitate reference during the currency of a volume, it is proposed that a TABLE OF CONTENTS should appear on the front cover of each issue.

At the same time the Editor will be very pleased to hear from any member who has other views on the subject and any suggestions will be carefully considered.

The present issue, completing VOLUME I., contains a complete Index to all the parts so far issued.

Error in " Q.C. " No. XI.

On page 5 of " Q.C. " No. XI a typing error occurred which appears to have escaped notice when the work was checked.

In " VARIETIES UNCHRONICLED, UNCATALOGUED, OR NOT GENERALLY KNOWN "
EGYPT 8 P.T. of 1866 should read EGYPT I P.T. 1866.

Editor.

DE LA RUE DIE PROOFS on glazed cards (1878 - 1906) in the Byam Collection. 7 - 3 - 42.

Issue.	Description.	Date.	State.	Comments. All these proofs are in black except where notified otherwise.
April 1879.	Oval Head Die.	Stamped Oct. 2, 1878.	Stamped BEFORE HARDENING.	Lines in Shoulder run downwards. Measurement of oval 17 mm. horizontal X 13 mm. vertical
Ditto.	10 Paras.	Stamped Nov. 6, 1878.	Stamped BEFORE HARDENING.	General Soft appearance.
Ditto.	10 Paras.	Stamped Nov. 7 1878.	Stamped AFTER HARDENING.	General appearance harder and blacker than above.
25 Jan 1882.	10 Paras.	16.10.81 man- uscript in ink	unmarked	Very clear. The date suggests that a new Plate was made for the 10 para bluish-grey.
1 Jan 1888.	10 Piastres	Stamped 20 OCT 88	Stamped BEFORE HARDENING	This value apparently came into use at the end of the year of issue. Egypt had had no 10 P.T. stamp for the previous 21 years.
1 Jan 1892.	Artists drawing for 3 mill.	MARCH 5.91 in pencil	Head die printed frame design in water colour	In colour of issued stamps with perforated margins drawn in black pencil
ditto.	3 mill.	Stamped 4 MAY 91.	Stamped AFTER HARDENING.	The card bears manuscript E D in red ink. This die proof shows that the artist's drawing was faithfully reproduced.
1902.	3 mill.	Dec 1. 1910 manuscript in ink.	Stamped AFTER STRIKING	This is the same die as used for the 3 mill. of Jan. 1892. The late date on the die proof probably indicates the production of a new plate with control No. 2 for the stamps on chalk surface paper of this much used value.

Issue.	Description.	Date.	State.	Comments. All these proofs are in black except where notified otherwise.
1906.	4 Mill.	Not dated	First state - before retouch to sky - i.e. With central design similar to that of all other stamps of these issues.	On card but cut out with small margins.
ditto.	4 Mill.	Not dated	Second state - Sky cleared by removal of certain lines.	On card but cut with small margins. Above the cleared sky 8 lines of the background have been broken and down the right hand margin of the pyramid the lines have been cut to emphasize its outline.
ditto.	4 Mill.	18 Sep 06 Manuscript in pencil	In colour of the issued stamp. Card unstamped	This is the only coloured De La Rue die-proof of Egypt on record.
Official Stamps 1 Jan 1893	No value expressed	Stamped 31 JUL 89	Stamped BEFORE HARDENING.	The early date on the die proof is evidence that this stamp was contemplated 3½ years before it appeared. The date of issue given in column I is in accordance with E.S.C. Study V (L'O.P. No. 41 page 486) Gibbons gives 1892 as date of
Official overprinted stamps 1 Feb 1907	Overprint only.	Stamped 26 NOV 06	Unmarked.	The perfection of the work as exhibited by the die proof suggests that the die was cut as a single piece and not that the overprint was set up from loose type.

INDEX OF THE PHILATELIC LITERATURE OF EGYPT.

By A. S. Mackenzie-Low.

(Continued from Q. C. No. XI.)

OMISSION.

I regret the following article was omitted from PART IV in the Q.C. No. XI.

EGYPT: ITS STAMPS AND POSTS. By R. E. R. Dalwick.

S.C. Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 1914.

Jan 2, 9, 16, Feb. 6 & 20. 1915.

Comments.

The author's description of the printing process of the 1st. issue is inaccurate. He corrected this, however, in subsequent writings. Although this article is not up-to-date in respect of recent research work, there is quite a lot of useful information in it, especially concerning the Official Notices, some of which do not appear in other publications. On this account it is a work worth acquiring.

Another omission is in my comments at the foot of page 4. The essay referred to is No. 1 in Zeheri's catalogue.

PART V. - ADHESIVE STAMPS. GENERAL ISSUES.

EGYPT. THE FIRST ISSUE. (Some Comments and Notes)

By Dr. Emile Diena.

S. C. No. 63. December 26th. 1914. page 87.

VARIETIES UNCHRONICLED, UNCATALOGUED, OR NOT GENERALLY KNOWN. EGYPT 1866.
5 PARAS, RETOUCHE

By A. J. Séfi.

P.J. Of G.M. Feb. 1932. Page 40. Illus.

EGYPT'S FIRST STAMPS. - A SUMMARY. By L. N. & M. Williams.

P.M. Dec 6 1940. pp 296 - 300. Illus.

Comments. This is an interesting and historical account of the introduction of the first adhesive postage stamps of Egypt. Extracts are given from Le Timbrophile of 15 Nov. 1865 containing a description of the proofs of the first issue. The author states " Before the stamps were issued, it would seem that that series of proofs were circulated to various philatelic journals on the Continent ". Extracts from Official Notices and Dr. W. Byam's recent paper on the First Issue bring the article up to date.

THE TYPES OF THE 1867 ISSUE OF EGYPT.

By P. L. Pemberton.

P.J. Of G.B.

April 20, 1910.

Comments. To the author the honour is due of being the first to record the correct order of the four types of each value. The author states that he was fortunate enough to secure a set of the Die proofs which are printed in black on two sheets of unwater-marked paper. These Die proofs are now in the Royal collection of Egypt.

For further study on this issue see article by Dr. W. Byam in L.P. Jan., Feb., and March 1938.

EGYPT. SECOND ISSUE, 1867.

By Dr. W. Byam, O.B.E.

A paper read before the Royal Philatelic Society, London on March 4, 1937.

L.P. Jan., Feb., and March 1938, and L.O.P. No. 37.

Comments. The author in his valuable research work demonstrates the existence of seven stones for the I. P.T. Three states of the first of the two stones for the 10 para, and two stones for the 20 para. Excellent illustrations and diagrams are given of the above values; this, with a full description should enable the student to recognise stamps from the different stones by means of the flaw varieties and retouches. This is the most comprehensive article on the stamps of this issue and should be acquired.

VARIETIES UNCHRONICLED, UNCATALOGUED, OR NOT GENERALLY KNOWN. EGYPT 1867. A VARIETY OF THE 10 Paras mauve.

By A. J. Séfi.

P.J. Of G.B. June 1927.

Comments. The author states his theory of the process by which this extra Arabic character was removed from the die. Illustrations are given of this stamp with and without the extra character, also the four types of the die-proofs of the 10 paras.

VARIETIES UNCHRONICLED, UNCATALOGUED, OR NOT GENERALLY KNOWN. EGYPT., 20 PARAS A CURIOUS VARIETY.

By A. F. Séfi.

P.J. Of G.B. Sept. 1933. illus.

EGITTO. VARIETA DELL UNA PIASTRA DEL 1867. By Dr. Emilie Diena.

I.C.F. March 1934. pp 48 - 49. Illus.

Comments. The author alludes to the extra character on the I P.T. but gives no satisfactory explanation of its disappearance or significance. For the correct solution of this problem, see article by Dr. W. Byam in L.P. Jan. - March 1938. There is an illustration of the four types of the I P.T.

EGYPT I P.T. 1867 DOUBLE PRINT. By E. F. Hurt.

Q. C. December 1941.

Comments. The author states that he came across a description and illustration of the above variety in an early number of a German philatelic journal. The stamp is on a cover postally used. Particulars are given.

EGYPT. THE THIRD ISSUE. By Sphinx.

S.C. Oct. 4 1913.

Comments. A good description is given of the distinguishing points of the two printing and the settings of the Boulac print. Illustrated.

SOME NOTES ON THE SECOND PENASSON TYPE OF EGYPT. By G. Seymour Thompson.

L.O.P. No. 43. pp. 575 - 577. illus.

THE EGYPTIAN ISSUE OF 1872 - 9. Some notes and a discovery. By H. G. Watson.

P.J. Of G.B. June 1916,. Pp. 80- 82.

Comments. I believe the author is the first to allude to the fact that there were two different dies for the central portion of the design. These dies are clearly described and illustrated by two enlargements of the 1 and 2 P.T. Stamps.

PENASSON ESSAYS (THIRD ISSUE) 1871. By F. A. Smith.

L.O.P. No. 40. pp. 460 - 462. illus.

Comments. This is a good description of the essays for this issue.

EGYPT ESSAYS. AN INTERESTING DISCOVERY. By E. F. Hurt.

Q. C. November 1940.

Comments. This is the essay made by Penasson in 1871 for the 3rd. Issue. The author describes the distinguishing features of the four types. He then states that he had just acquired a set of 10 of these essays on coloured paper reputed to be originals from the archives. A list is given of the colours

EGYPT - THE INVERTED SURCHARGES OF 1879. By Hubert F. Lowe.

S. C. F. No. 782. Feb. 28, 1925.

Comments. The author asserts that some sheets of stamps perf. 12½ received the 5 and 10 para overprint inverted, but all the inverted overprints found on the compound perfs, occur only on stamp No. 164. He states how his opinion is derived. There are some useful notes on the forgeries. There is some page of illustrations, but unfortunately they are badly produced.

EGYPT. 1879 5 P.T. ARTISTS DRAWING. (Illustration with notes)

I.P.R. No. 3 page 36

DIFFERENCES IN THE DIES OF 1879 and 1888 ISSUES.

A.S.M.C. 1896. page 151.

Comments. Differences noted and described of the 5 paras 1879 and the I millième of 1888 with excellent enlarged illustrations of the centre design.

DISCOVERIES IN EGYPT. DE LA RUE ISSUE. By G. Seymour Thompson

S.C. 25th. December 1937 AND L.O.P. No. 36. illus.

THE 2 MILLS ON 3 MILLS ORANGE. OCT. 1915. SHEET WITH PART DOUBLE SURCHARGE.

By F. A. Smith.

L.O.P. No. 31. pp 17 - 18. illus.

EGYPT. ESSAY FOR THE I MILL. 1923. (Illustrated and described)

I.P.R. No. 2 page 21.

THE NEW EGYPTIAN STAMPS. By R. Roberts.

R. Roberts' Monthly List. April 1924.

Comments. The author discusses the printing process and alludes to a retouch on the 20 mill. He says he has seen printings from three stages of the plate of this value.

EGYPT. RETOUCHES ON THE KING FUAD ISSUE OF 1923 - 24. By A. J. Séfi.

P.J. Of G.B. Sept. 1928. pp 174 - 180. Illus.

Comments. In this article the author deals in a comprehensive way with the retouches. About 20 decided retouches are described and less important ones noted. There are three pages of enlarged illustrations. This excellent article should be acquired.

NOTES ON THE LATER EGYPTIAN ISSUES. By Hubert F. Lowe.

S.G.M.J. Feb 1930. pp 92 - 93 illus.

Comments. The author gives a brief account of the printing process for the first and second King Fouad issues. Only a few of the retouches are described. Among the illustrations is a very good enlargement of the three types of screen.

EGYPT. 1923 - 24. RETOUCHES AND FLAWS. By Douglas McNeille.

S.G.S.M. Dec. 1937. Jan., March & April 1938.

Reproduced in L.O.P. Nos. 45 & 46. Illustrated.

Comments. The author describes briefly the photogravure process relative to the retouches and flaws. Over 100 retouches and flaws are described, position on sheets and controls being noted. At the end of the article there is a Table of the Controls, stamps showing retouches and material seen, there are a number of illustrations of the retouches. This excellent article should be acquired.

VARIETIES UNCHRONICLED, UNCATALOGUED, OR NOT GENERALLY KNOWN. EGYPT 1927 -28 .
A NEW DIE OF THE 20 MILL VALUE. By A. J. Séfi.

P.J. Of G.B. Feb. 1929. page 35. Illus.

CONTROLS OF THE 1927 - 36 ISSUES OF EGYPT. By Douglas McNeille.

S.G.M.J. Nov. 1935. reproduced in L.O.P. No. 32.

Comments. A useful little article with an up to date check list of the controls. In the reproduced article in the L.O.P. there are additions by the author. Illustrations.

SHADES AND SCREENS OF THE KING FOUAD ISSUE. 1927 - 37.

By F. A. Smith.

L.O.P. No. 45. pp 17 - 19. illus.

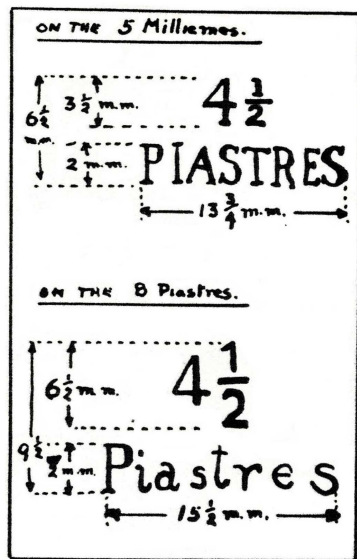
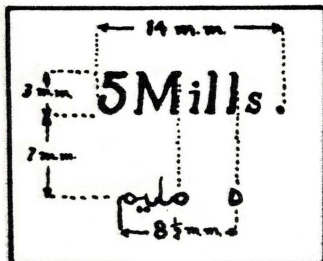
Comments. The Author alludes to the horizontal and diagonal mesh and how they can be classified to the year of printing. A list of the different printings with shades is given.

RECENT HAPPENINGS IN THE SUDAN AND EGYPT.

By Brigadier Glynn Grylls, O.B.E.

Members may be interested in a short record of the provisional issues made in the Sudan since the commencement of hostilities and in a few notes on the effect of a very very large British Army in Egypt on her posts.

SUDAN. 1940.



Following a shortage of 5 Millièmes stamps, a quantity of the 10 millièmes, red and black wmk. mult. S.G., perf. 14, were reduced in value by an overprint in two lines. This is not so easy a little stamp to obtain as one might expect and so far I have not seen a used copy much less one on a cover. Its existence is interesting for in January 1941 the 5 millièmes of the same series, brown and black, was itself subject to a surcharge.

Early in 1941 there assembled in the Sudan many Empire troops on the eve of the Eritrean campaign and a large number of Air Mail letters were coming home at a cost to their writers of 10 pence (4 1/2 P.T.). At first the normal Sudanese stamps were used both in the Sudan and in Eritrea and I have a pleasing cover franked with the 3 P.T., red-brown and blue of 1940 and a 15 millièmes, blue and chestnut, cancelled in an Indian Field Post Office (F.P.O..No. 23), almost certainly in Eritrea.

Then came two interesting and rare provisionals to be followed in their turn by the use of normal British stamps. The Air Mail rate remained at 10 pence (4 1/2 P.T.).

1941. Provisionals. 4 1/2 P.T. on 4 millièmes brown and black, and on the 8 P.T., green & black.

These are very difficult to obtain in any condition. It took me 5 months to obtain mint delivery off a prepaid order and I have been fortunate enough to

receive two copies of the 4½ P.T., on 8 P.T. on covers, one cancelled by Army Post Office No. 174 on 7-1-41; the other by Indian F.P.O. No. 23 on 23-2-41.

I have received a long series of covers from two members of that expedition and an examination of their dates seems to show that this is the approximate period of the existence of these provisionals.

Commenting upon the overprint on the 5 Millièmes I think the increase in value of an Empire stamp by nine times its face value is an exceptional occurrence. With regard the overprint on the 8 P.T., it is to be noted that in my copies (3) there are slight variations in the figures used in the surcharge.

EGYPT. Here, for the fourth time since Abercromby fought at Alexandria, a great British Force has assembled in the cause of Liberty but it does not appear that its presence has on this occasion resulted in any changes in the Egyptian stamps, nor have any provisionals appeared as yet. No doubt the Government Press in the Survey Department can cope with its job but variations in paper may well appear. The postal rates seem to have been stable up to date. In the organisation of the posts for the British Troops in Egypt, however, some alterations have been made and it would seem that the " Army Post " system has been maintained in the peace time garrison towns. The stamps of H. M. King Farouk continue, 3 and 10 millièmes, but the cancellations have been modified, the place names have gone and a series of letters and numerals taken their place - e.g. E 601 and E 602.

Superimposed on the civil and army post offices lies the normal postal system of a British Army in the field: Here we find British stamps in use cancelled with the normal " Field Post Office " series. The location of such Army Post Offices within the Formations naturally remains a military secret solved only by a chance knowledge connecting the office number with a particularly locality. Members should remember, however, that covers without stamp and with normal civil Egyptian stamps can be found (I have examples) cancelled in these Field Post Offices.

It is also interesting to report that the 10 Millièmes " Army Post " stamp introduced to relieve the cost to the British soldier of his letters home can be found used to carry heavy Official documents. I possess a card dated 30th. Oct. 1939 bearing 25 copies of the 10 Millièmes red of King Fouad vintage in three blocks, which came into my possession directly off the official documents it covered.

Note. The photographs which accompany this article have been taken from drawings of the surcharges and are not to scale. They are merely intended to demonstrate the dimensions of the surcharges

Ed.

M A R K E T J O T T I N G S.

By W. Byam. O.B.E.

To be a guide to the state of the Market " prices realised " are not by themselves sufficient, as condition matters so much when estimating the value of a stamp and, for this reason, I propose to comment on the Lots referred to in even greater detail than I have done hitherto and it is my intention only to allude to items which I have personally studied. Though much material has come up for auction since these jottings were first undertaken, only a comparatively few of the rare pieces have been offered and it would be wrong therefore to assume that the stamps of Egypt are declining in popularity because prices appear to compare unfavourably with those ruling three or four years ago, moreover when rarities have fetched low prices I shrewdly suspect that ignorance on the part of some collectors provides the most likely explanation. To lessen this ignorance should be one of the objects of these notes and it may be hoped that another effect will be to induce specialists of Egypt to study their stamps in greater detail than they have done in the past. There remain many fields for intensive study which could undoubtedly yield absorbing interest and, incidentally, no little financial gain to those with a growing knowledge of their stamps. The Circle, so far, has largely devoted its thoughts and energies to a survey of postal happenings in Egypt and if, as a result, the adhesives themselves seem to be out of favour now is the opportunity for the collector who takes a long view and has the knowledge to profit by his competitors' preoccupation. When we can all meet round the table again and display our collections in happier circumstances let us hope there will be many among us who can proudly show treasures acquired since we last met in friendly conclave and not a few who will have new knowledge to impart as evidence in these grim days.

Now let us turn to the Market and first consider what is the trend in New York, though unfortunately I find it difficult to collect the necessary information. (Perhaps our Editor could persuade one of our members in America to provide us with comments from across the Atlantic together with prices ruling there ?) -- I shall be pleased to see what I can do in this direction. Ed.) ---
On 9th. April 1941. H.R. Harmer sold forty-six lots of Egypt. Eleven of these were of the 1866 issue : 5 para with upright watermark, which is a very scarce stamp indeed, remained unsold but it was a badly torn copy - the estimated value was 50/- : 10 para thirteen used copies used, one imperf, but torn and some poor, realised \$9.50 : 20 para eleven used copies, nearly all off centre as usual, \$9.50. Well centred copies of all stamps of this issue are so rare that they are always worth acquiring at prices up to two-thirds catalogue. The stamps in the other lots were nearly all imperfect in one way or another and, therefore,

the prices they realised are of little interest.

The stamps of 1867 fetched better prices : I P.T. Printing-stone proof in black (Die Variety III) though torn, brought \$ 4.75, or well over £1 : 10 para a used block of four in dull lilac, but faded, from Stone A ; together with 20 para a mint block of four, one stamp thinned and another stained, in yellow-green from Stone B, \$16.60 ; 20 para in the same shade and from the same stone, a mint block of ten, stained in places, \$16.50.

1875 5 para pale brown a used vertical column of three, imperf. horizontally, top stamp slightly tinned, showing a tête-bêche pair, pmk MAGAGA 78, brought \$24 which is a reasonable price for an undoubted rarity, though it must be born in mind that perforation errors of this sort are in the nature of freaks and should not be considered philatelic varieties of the first rank.

The Postage Dues included two lots of proofs in back from the Printing Stones ; 1884 blocks of four of each of the five values and 1888 a similar lot - each fetched \$21, which was cheap as, being in blocks of four, the four types of each stamp were represented and the approximate price was 5/- a stamp.

Except for the two lots of postage due proofs and the 5 para of 1875 the list contained no specimens which I would wish to have included in my collection but as all the lots sold, and many of them at reasonable prices, I think we may conclude that the Market in New York should be considered " active " as far as Egypt is concerned. The residue of the collection, 124 stamps, including 1866 to 5 P.T., fetched \$16 though I had written that one word GUBBINS against the lot before the auction.

Robson Lowe on July 31 st. 1941. sold a fine example of the very rare SUEZ crowned circle in black on entire, for £10 - I have reason to believe this was secured by one of our members and should, therefore be available for inspection and it is to be hoped a photo' of it will find place in our Records.

Also five covers bearing G.B. 2½d. cancelled at Malta and elsewhere in 1882 and in 1883 but bearing British Army P.O. Egypt markings, realised £7. A cover of 1882 bearing 2½d stamp cancelled with rhombus of dots and with the circular French Alexandrie Depart 17 OC. 82 on the front, realised £4-4-0. This was a nice clean piece.

On September 18th. 1941, Robson Lowe's sale catalogue reads :- " Lot 99 Egypt British P.O. 1863 piece bearing Austrian 2 Kr, 3 Kr. And a strip of four 15 Kr. cancelled in Trieste a British 1/-, plate 4, has been stuck over the Austrian stamps and cancelled in transit " BO I " at Alexandria. This fetched £3-15-0 and was well worth it as this is not a true combination piece but an example of a G.B. stamp added for purposes of accountancy. A cover of 1873 from Cairo to U.S.A. bearing G.B. 4d and 6d, cancelled BO I, and the Cairo circular mark in blue went for two guineas, a measure of the rarity of these Cairo covers, which are also of interest as the Cairo P.O. did not cancel stamps though they could be bought at the British Consular Office in Cairo.

EGYPT & SUDAN LOTS AT THE RED CROSS & St. JOHN SALE.

DEC. 30 7 31. 1941 & JAN 1 1942.

NOTES & PRICES REALISED.

By A. S. Mackenzie-Low.

LOT II. SUDAN : 1885, Siege of Khartoum, Egyptian £1 note issued by Gordon Pasha and bearing his autographed signature and impression from his private seal. 1887, An autographed letter from General Kitchener to Slatin Pasha's sister written in French from the Government House at Suakin : " I am able to send you enclosed a letter from your brother which has reached me by the hands of an Arab named Mustafa whom I sent specially to bring me news of him " ; with the envelope bearing a pair of Egyptian I P.T. stamps. Also the actual envelope made from a piece of his garment (bearing six 5 mill.) which contained Slatin's letter to his sister written when he was a prisoner in the Dervish camp and smuggled to Kitchener at Sawakin where it was stamped and forwarded to Vienna. 1894 , an Egyptian envelope used in Sawakin which contained a letter from Father Joseph Ohrwalder after his escape from the Dervishes ; addressed to Slatin's brother. 1928, a letter from Slatin mentioning his enclosure of the letter and three envelopes described above.

The collection of great historical interest to students and collectors of Egypt and Sudan realised £100. It was a gift by Dr. Byam in memory of his son Lawrence Byam of the Fleet Air Arm reported missing on active service July 29th. 1941, now presumed killed.

EGYPT. LOT 92. 1926. Agricultural Exhibition set and three 1926 surcharged stamps, mint. Cat 28/3. Val 20/-. Fetched 25/-

LOT 152. 1938. King's Birthday £1 mint. Cat 65/-. Val 45/- Fetched £4.

LOT 862. AIR MAIL. 1938, Worlds record long distance non-stop flight to Australia. Flown cover carried on R.A.F. " Wellesley " bomber bearing Egyptian stamp dated Nov. 5. and Australian stamp dated Nov. 7th. The cover bears the official cachet of the R.A.F. unit. This very rare cover fetched £14. the valuations being £30.

POSTAL HISTORY.

LOT 967. 1839. Cover from Calcutta to London via Bombay with the oval " Care of Mr Waghorn Suez ". A fine cover with a number of hand-stamped transit marks. This fetched £12-10. 10/- above valuation.

LOT 968. A fine cover of 1847 from India to Milan and the forwarded to Frankfurt marked in M.S. " through Waghorn's Agency - Calcutta Paid ", and with oval " Egyptian Transit Company - Suez " cachet in blue of which only six examples are known. There are a number of fine transit markings including the French P.O. Alexandria, type III, dated 30-5-47. This cover left India on 19 April 1847 and the date of arrival at Milan was 20 June 1847. Valued at £15 it realised only £8. This is surprising considered that it is rarer than the " care of Mr. Waghorn Suez " covers.

LOT 969. A cover dated 1873 from Suez to Paris bearing G.B. 4d and 6d cancelled B O 2 fetched 40/-.

- LOT 970. A superb cover dated 1874 from Beyrout to Lyons franked with 4d. cancelled G O 6 and a pair of French 80 c cancelled 5080 by the P.O. at Alexandria realised £6-10. The Auctioneer's estimate had been £3-10.
- LOT 1059. A fine cover from Macao to Lisbon with the very rare crown circle type (D) " PAGO EN MACAO " (only one other example record -ed) British date stamp for Macao and the very rare Portuguese ship marking " POR ALEXANDRIA " in frame. Val. £15 - £20. This realised £ 24.

CAMPAIGN COVER. LOT 831. NAPOLEONIC WARS : 1801 " O.H.B.M.S. " wrapper (spilt at folds) addressed " To his Highness YOUSOUF PACHA " franked "Keith" and containing a fine signed letter from Admiral Lord Keith on board H.M.S. Foudroyant in the Bay of Aboukir, announcing the death at the Battle of Alexandria of Sir Ralph Abercrombie ; fine Arabic seal, trans. " H.E. Lord Keith ". This historic Naval letter was purchased by Stanley Gibbons for £8-10.

- SUDAN. LOT 333. 1935 Gordon set used & fine some duplicates with coloured postmarks fetched £4-15.
- LOT 334. Ditto. 10, 20, 50 P.T. Used and fine. Cat 70/- Fetched £4-5.
- LOT 335. 1935. Air Mail, 15m. On 10m. Three stamps with misplaced surcharges on registered cover (1940). Cat 3/-. Fetched 21/-
- LOT 336. 1938. Air Mail. 3 on 3½P.T., 3 on 7½ P.T. and 5 on 10 P.T. all the rare perf 11¼ X 12½ mint. Not priced in S.G. Catalogue. Val. £15. Fetched £12-10.
- LOT 1906. An envelope addressed by Gordon Pasha in 1874 to " General Stanton, C.B. H.M. Consul General, Cairo, " with circular dated postmark KARTUM on the front. This brought £ 4-5.

SUDAN STAMPS, " PALM TREE ISSUE ".

Provisional War Time Issue.

By E. L. Angeloglou.

Owing to difficulties of delivery and to abnormal consumption for Air Mail purposes, the overprinting of three denominations of current stamps has been necessary in the last twelve months.

These difficulties have been aggravated by damage to Messrs De la Rue's factory and consequently an urgent supplementary supply was necessary from some other source.

Time was extremely limited and enquiries were made with a view to overprinting some existing stamps for the more urgent requirements and for the more leisurely consideration of a design for the remainder. For the latter a Camel design was proposed and samples were submitted. As an alternative, and in case the reproduction from such a small original were difficult, the cover of one of the new stamp

booklets (not yet registered) was also included.

A wire was subsequently received stating that a design based on the stamp booklet cover was in hand and offering surprisingly early delivery if this design were accepted.

In these circumstances there was little option and the design having been received by air mail and approved, an initial order was placed for 100,000 each of the 15 mills, 3 piastres & 4 piastres.

The design portrays a scene at Moghrem with palm trees and native boats in the foreground and Tuti Island in the background.

Subsequently other values were ordered so that the set is now composed of fifteen stamps, as the Camel set. They were printed in two colours by offset lithography on unwatermarked paper, without control number, the values being :-

1,2,3,4,5,10 & 15 mills.

These stamps are of small size and are printed in sheets of 120.

2,3,4,5,6,8, 10 & 20 piastres.

These stamps are of large size and are printed in sheets of 80.

NUMBERS PRINTED.

1,2,3,4 & 4 mills.			
1,2,3,4 & 4 mills.	50,000 of each.	2 piastres	50,000
5 mills.	2,000,000	3 piastres	300,000
10 mills.	30,000	4 piastres	104,000
15 mills.	400,000	5,6,8 & 10 piastres	20,000 each
		20 piastres	10,000

The stamps have been printed by the Nasik Security Press, Bombay and they are to be considered as a provisional issue as the Sudan Postal Administration intends to keep and continue using the " Camel " type.

BRITISH AIRWAYS SERVICES BETWEEN CAIRO & TEHRAN.

The following appears in the February issue of the Gibbons Stamp Monthly :-

EGYPT. It was reported on November 16th that British Airways are operating a service between Cairo & Tehran in Iran, employing the Lockheed Lodestar aero planes made available under the Lease & Lend Act. The plane that opened the service was ferried across the South Atlantic and Africa by pilots of Pan-American Airways. For the present the service is weekly, but it may become more frequent. The air journey between Cairo & Teheran occupies seven hours as against six days by surface transport, thus speeding up communications and adding a new link with Russia.

EGYPT. First Issue. Dr. W. Byam has sent me, for distribution to any members who may care to have them, a number of sets of the diagrams illustrating the make-up of the sheets for the 5, 10, & 20 para and the 10 piastres of the first issue. These diagrams illustrated a paper on this issue read by Dr. Byam before the Royal Philatelic Society on January 29th. 1931. The paper being subsequently published by the London Philatelist in March, April & May 1931. Will any member who desires a set kindly let me know and enclose a remittance of 6 pence to cover postage and packing.

F. S. Mumford.

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