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FUTURE MEETINGS

To be held at 'The Peacock', Maiden Lane, London, WC2.

5th April 1975	1879 Provisional overprints. E.L.G. MacArthur.
7th June 1975	...	...	2nd Farouk Issue 1944 - Plate Markings, low values. D. Grover.
2nd August 1975	...	...	To be arranged.
4th October 1975*	...	...	1953 Bar Overprints - Definitive Issues. W.C. Andrews.
6th December 1975	...	...	To be arranged.

* Please note 1953 Bar Overprints by W.C. Andrews
deferred until 4th October due to his absence
abroad earlier in the year.

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The Chairman's Notes

Very early in February I visited Abdallah Mishrick in New York. I was privileged to see him putting together his superlative Second Issue material for the Madrid International in April. I am going to Madrid myself and will write about it later. Whilst in New York, Charles Hass drove in from Jenkinstown, Pennsylvania, and we had a long session together. I was impressed by his meticulous and detailed study of the forged overprints of the First Issue of Sudan. I would draw members attention to his request for material.

Very shortly after my return to London I was most pleasantly surprised by a call from Bill Scheetz of Newark who was due to leave for the United States within two days. It was too late to call together members to meet him, so I visited him in his hotel and showed him my Third Issue 20 para and 1 piastre, plus some selected items from the Forgery Collection. By the way, he is interested in early Great Britain stamps or covers used in Ireland.

David Grover and Ken Brown have visited me, and David took home the Circle Library, including the substantial number of books added to it donated by the late Charles Minett. I must say I have some sympathy for David's good lady, and can only add as consolation that David will most probably be tied to the house for some time, sorting it out.

I had to miss Stampex this year, but am pleased that we were not only represented by John Firebrace, but can congratulate him most heartily on being awarded the Argyll Postal History Salver and Silver Gilt Medal for his display.

Collecting is a hobby with many facets, we all collect differently although our field is the same. I reflect many members disquieting thoughts about some material that is being peddled about nowadays. The integrity of the Circle is paramount and this material, which comes from highly questionable sources, may give rise to the Circle having to give a ruling as to its true philatelic authenticity. I do not disagree as to its being collectable, just so long as its true character is understood and it is accurately described when written up, either in a collection or in a Sale Catalogue.

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REPORT of the 156th Meeting of the Egypt Study Circle, held at 'The Peacock' Maiden Lane, London WC2, on the 1st February 1975.

Our Chairman presided and the following members were present:

R.A.G. Potter, Mrs. B. Hide, P. Andrews, G.P. Green, K.C. Brown, J.A. Grimmer, D.H. Clarke, C.E.H. Defriez, J. Sears.

Apologies were received from those unable to attend.

The Secretary apologised for the late change in venue, due to the 'George' not honouring the booking made. The meeting would begin to-day at 3 p.m. and until then members were free to discuss matters usually left until after the meeting. Members were invited to view a large upstairs room which we were told could be made available for future meetings, and in which we could substitute our own light bulbs for improvement.

The Chairman began the meeting and gave a warm welcome to Mrs. Brenda Hide.

Members having reported favourably on the room available at the 'Peacock' it was agreed that the Secretary should take the necessary steps to ensure its availability for future meetings. It was also agreed that future meetings would begin at 2 p.m..

The Chairman spoke at some length on the present and future of the Circle, and asked for opinions on several points. He stated that members opinions were most important if he was to be able to follow their wishes in the future. He felt gratified at the confidence shown in the Officer's handling of affairs.

Request had been received to consider the possibility of the Circle enlarging its field of studies to include the Sudan. The consensus of opinion was that this was not the appropriate time to consider such a suggestion, but that future plans could perhaps allow for such a feasibility. (For the time being, therefore, our interests in the Sudan are confined to its place as 'Egypt used Abroad' until the issue of the Sudan Camel Series on the 1st March 1898 - Editor).

It was agreed that unless members endorsement was required, any normal business would be reported in the Quarterly Circular and not take up valuable time at meetings.

After tea, part of the Circle's Forgery Collection was circulated, added to by members material which also included some of their unusual items. The display was most impressive and made one think how vulnerable collectors are to the rogue producer. The Chairman stressed the importance of using the expertise of the Circle before making any unusual purchase, otherwise members could find themselves in possession of highly questionable material.

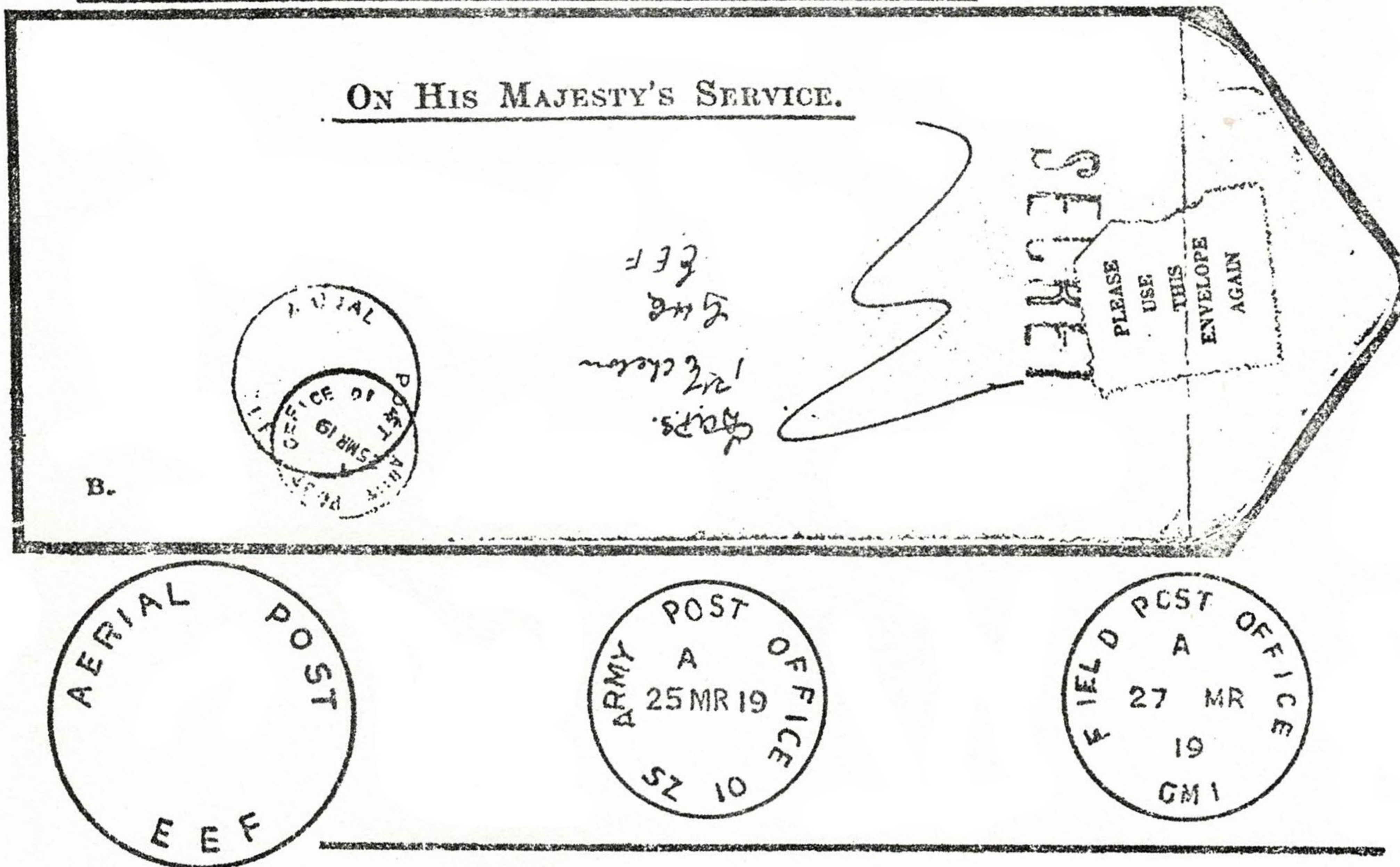
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INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

John Firebrace (ESC No. 71) draws our attention to the following illustration and notes which appears in 'B.A.P.I.P.' Bulletin No. 80 (Autumn 1974), page 13, and which we reproduce with the kind permission of that Association.

EMERGENCY AIR MAIL SERVICE EGYPT-PALESTINE 1919 (Fred F. Blau)



The illustration is of "A notable cover from the Air Mail collection of Mr. Fred F. Blau (Chicago, U.S.A.)."

This cover has all the markings used in the first seventeen days of the service and the address indicates that it was flown from Egypt to Palestine. What distinguishes this cover from any other seen is that it was marked 'SECRET'

The Army postmark is that of SZ 10 which was the advanced Base Army P.O. in Cairo. The letter is addressed to the D.A.P.S. (Director Army Postal Service), 1st Echelon, G.H.Q., E.E.F.. The 1st Echelon Headquarters was situated at Bir Salem near Ramleh. It used the GMI postmark struck on the back of the cover."

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MEMBERSHIP

We welcome the following new members:-

E.S.C. No. 192	V. Andonian	P.O. Box 11093 Oakland California 94611 U.S.A.
193	D. Carew	28 Court Farm Road Hove East Sussex.
194	D. Gulliver	34 Faygate Close Sidley Bexhill, Sussex.

We are pleased to announce the following member has withdrawn his resignation - he will retain his original E.S.C. No.:

151	J.E.O. Hobbs	Helvetia, 16 Blandford Avenue, Whitton, Twickenham, Middlesex.
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THE 1953 BAR OVERPRINTS ON AIRMAIL STAMPS

by

W. C. Andrews (ESC No. 132)

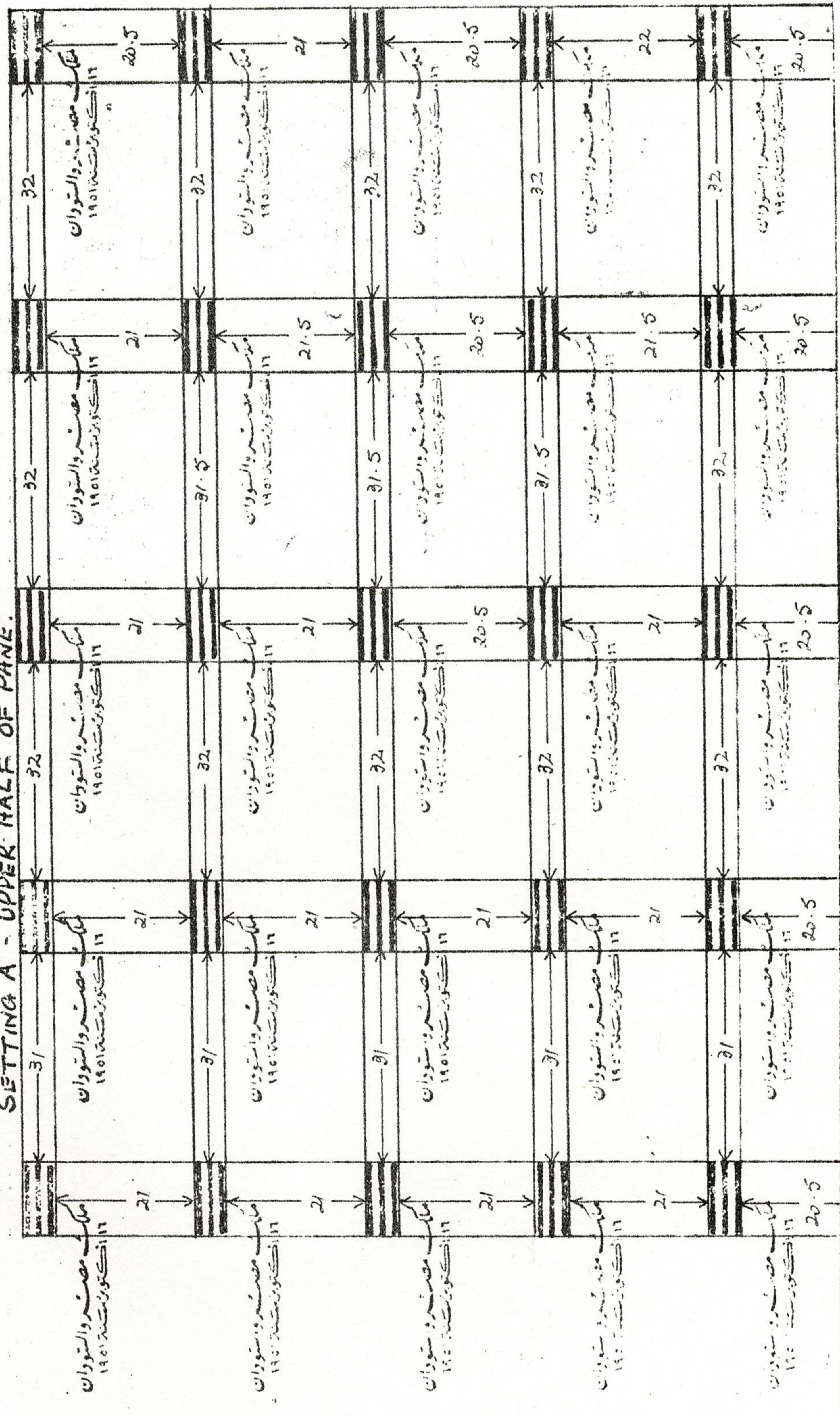
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Pages 124 to 130 illustrate the flaws described in the text on pages 33 to 35 (Volume VIII).

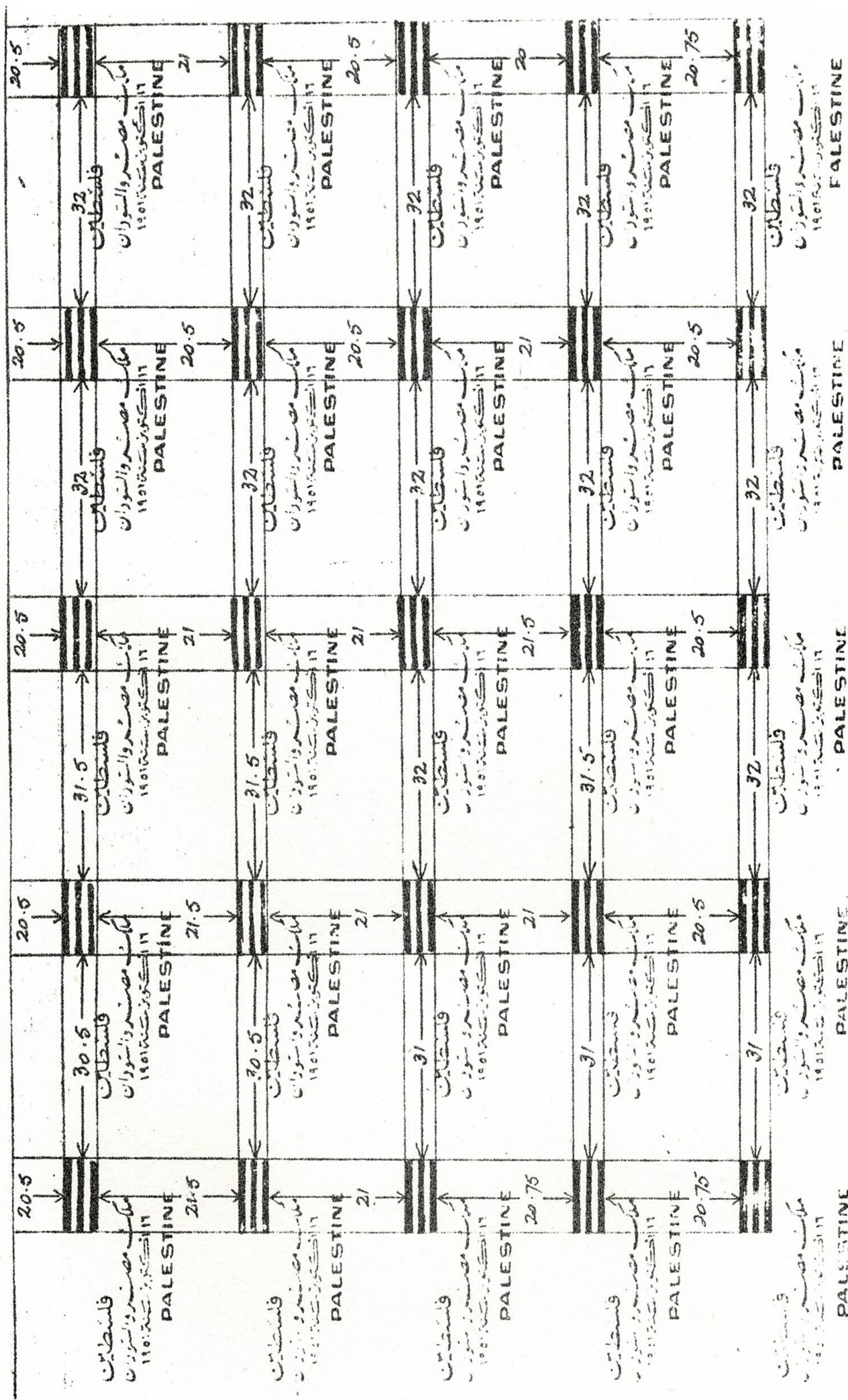
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BAR OVERPRINTS - AIR MAIL. MEASUREMENTS IN MILLIMETRES OF DISTANCES BETWEEN SETS OF BARS
SETTING A - UPPER HALF OF PANE.



SETTING 'A' State II Upper half of pane of 2 millienes
A/47 B/47 A/48

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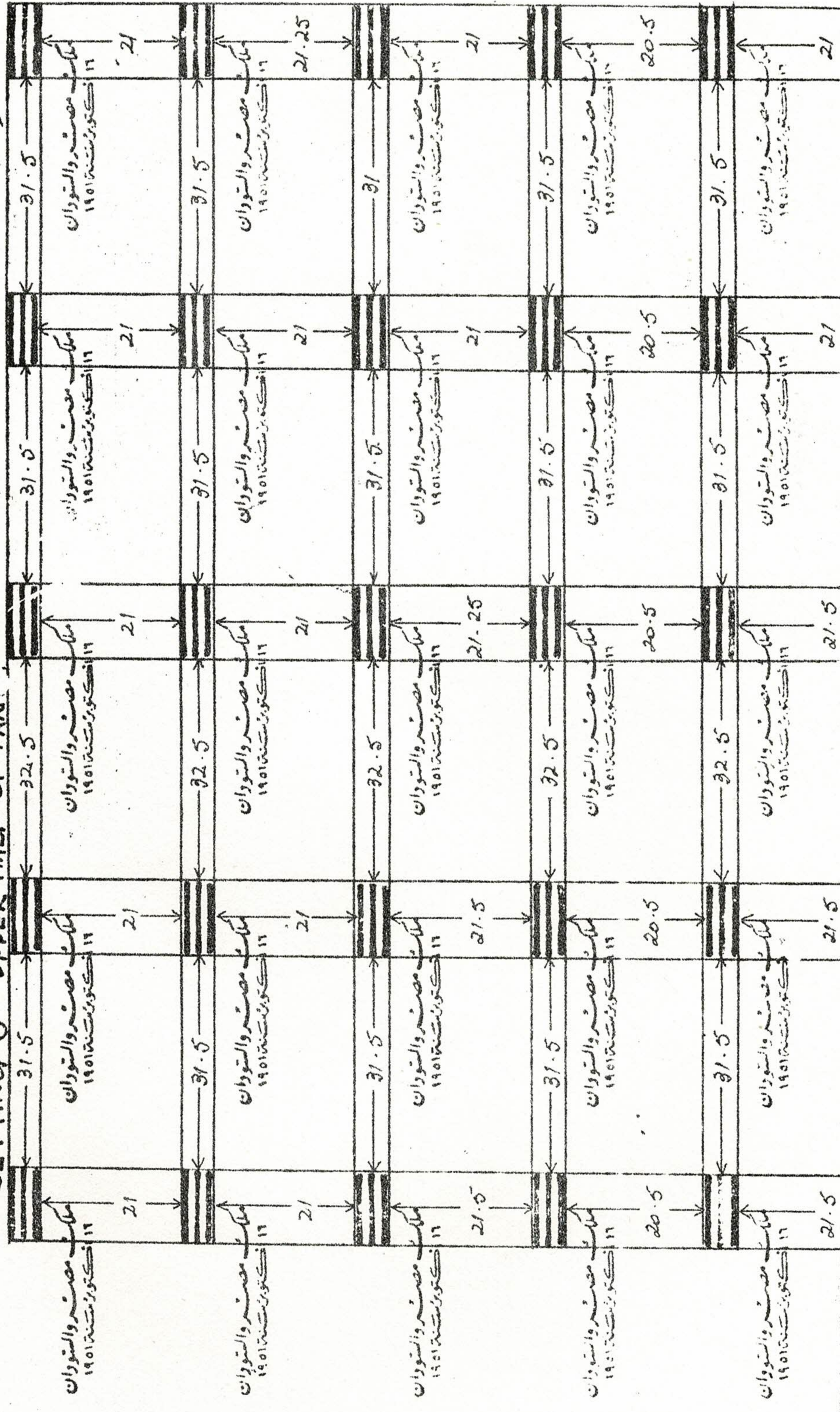


AIR OVERPRINTS - AIR MAIL. MEASUREMENTS IN MILLIMETRES OF DISTANCES BETWEEN SETS OF BARS.
 SETTING A - LOWER HALF OF PANE

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 A/47 B/47

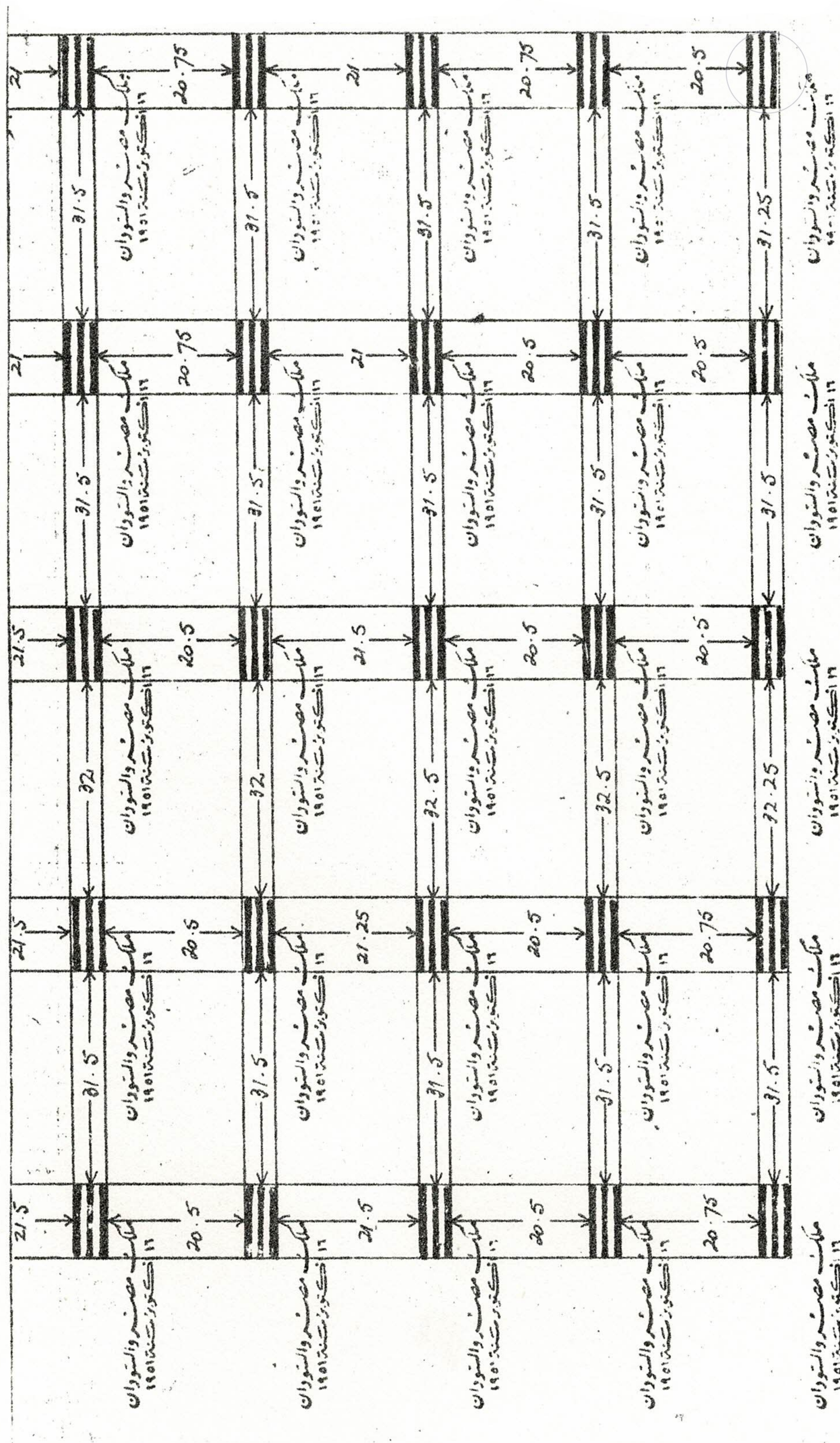
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BAR OVERPRINTS - AIR MAIL. MEASUREMENTS IN MILLIMETRES OF DISTANCES BETWEEN SETS OF BARS
 SETTING B - UPPER HALF OF PAN.



SETTING 'B' State II Upper Half of pane of 2 millimetres
 A/47 B/47

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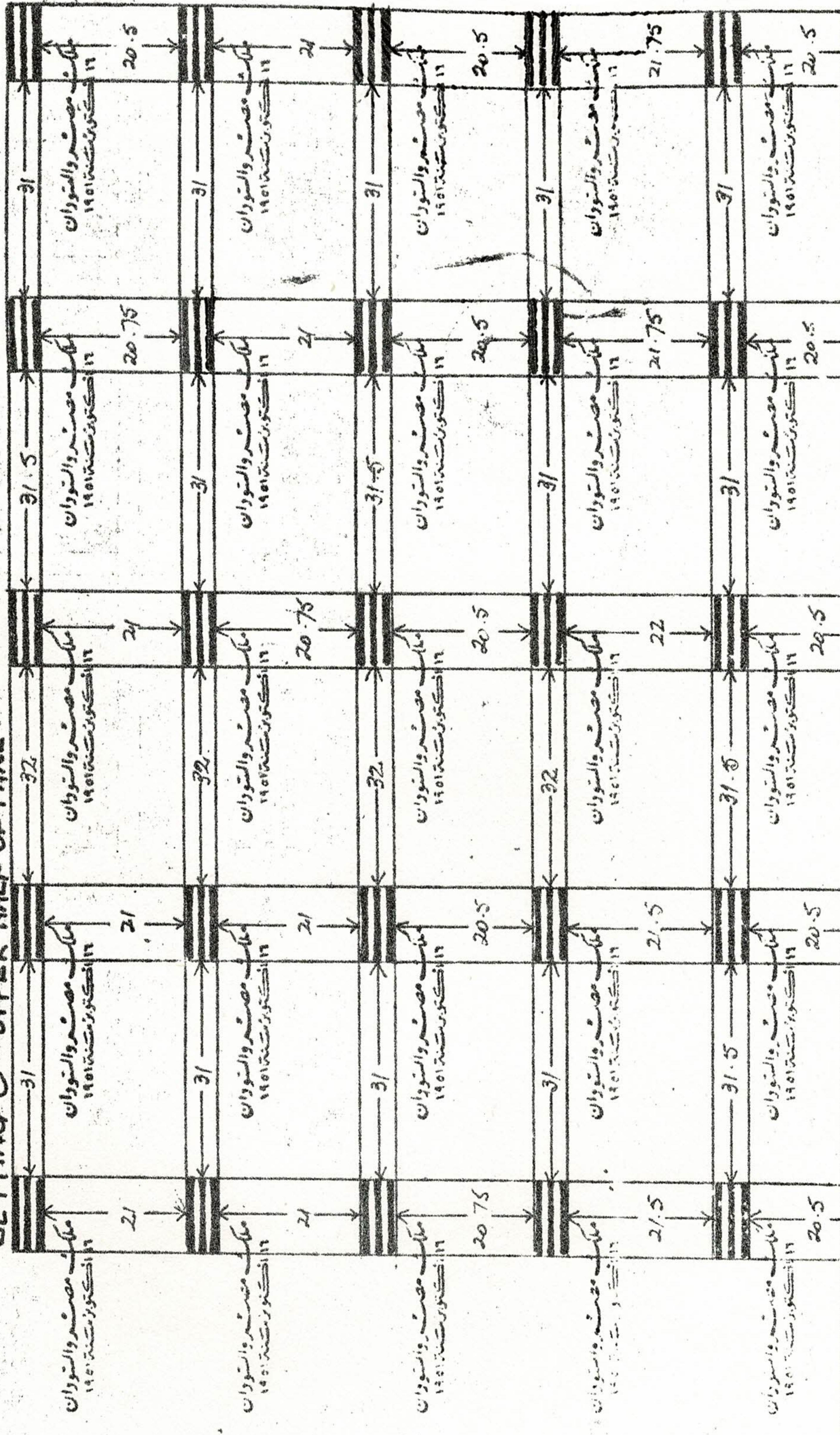
ALL OVERPRINTS - AIR MAIL MEASUREMENTS IN MILLIMETRES OF DISTANCES BETWEEN SETS OF BAR:
 SETTING B - LOWER HALF OF PANE.

SETTING 'B' State II Lower half of pane of 2 milliemes
 A/47 B/47

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AIR OVERPRINTS - AIR MAIL. MEASUREMENTS IN MILLIMETRES OF DISTANCES BETWEEN SETS OF PAIR

SETTING C - UPPER HALF OF PANE



SETTING 'C' State II Upper half of pane of 2 millimetres
A/47 B/47

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ملاك مصفر والسودان ١٩٥١
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OVERPRINTS - AIR MAIL. MEASUREMENTS IN MILLIMETRES OF DISTANCES BETWEEN SETS OF BARS
SETTING C - LOWER HALF OF PANE.

SETTING 'C' State II Lower half of pane of 2 milliemes
A/47 B/47

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SETTING 'A' State I



SETTING 'A' State II All flaws in State I still present.



SETTING 'A' State IIa All above flaws still present.

Many bars distorted and becoming thick at ends, particularly the middle bars of Nos. 27, 29, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39, 41 and 43. (See illustration of half pane on page).

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SETTING 'B' State I



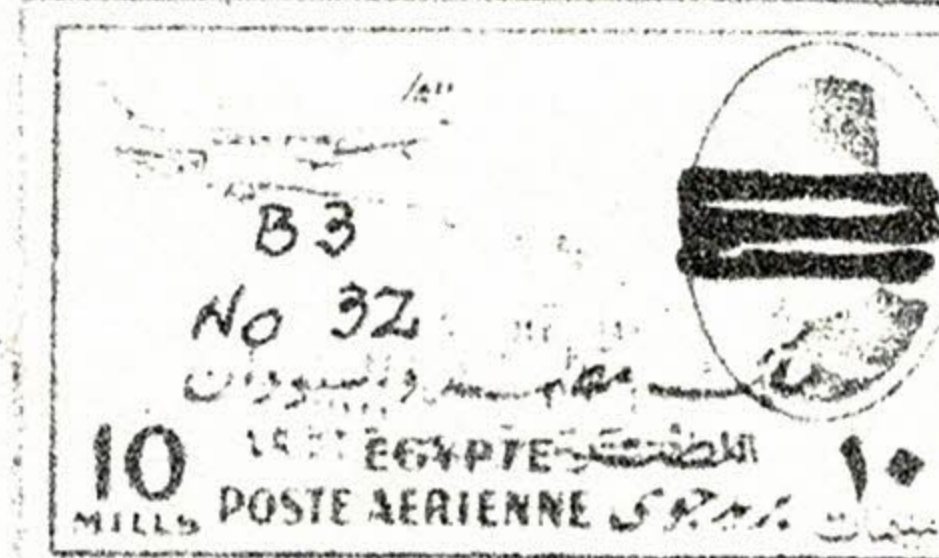
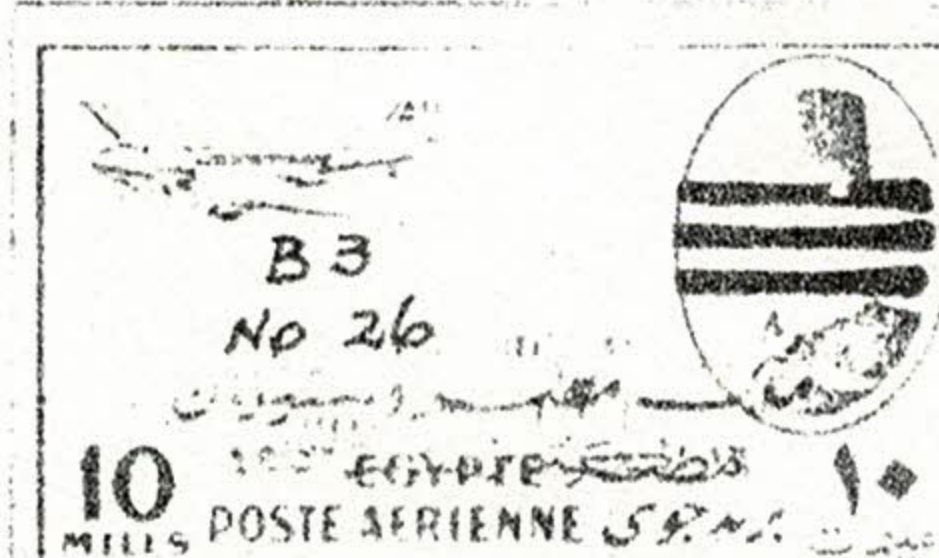
SETTING 'B' State II

All flaws in State I still present.



SETTING 'B' State III

All above flaws still present.



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SETTING 'B' State IV All above flaws still present.

In this state most of the bars are worn and pointed or jagged at the ends, as the two stamps illustrated below.



More pronounced flaws are illustrated below and include the following in addition to those listed on page 34:

- 18 Top bar bent upwards at right.
- 21 Hole at left end of centre bar.
- 25 Top bar bent upwards at left.

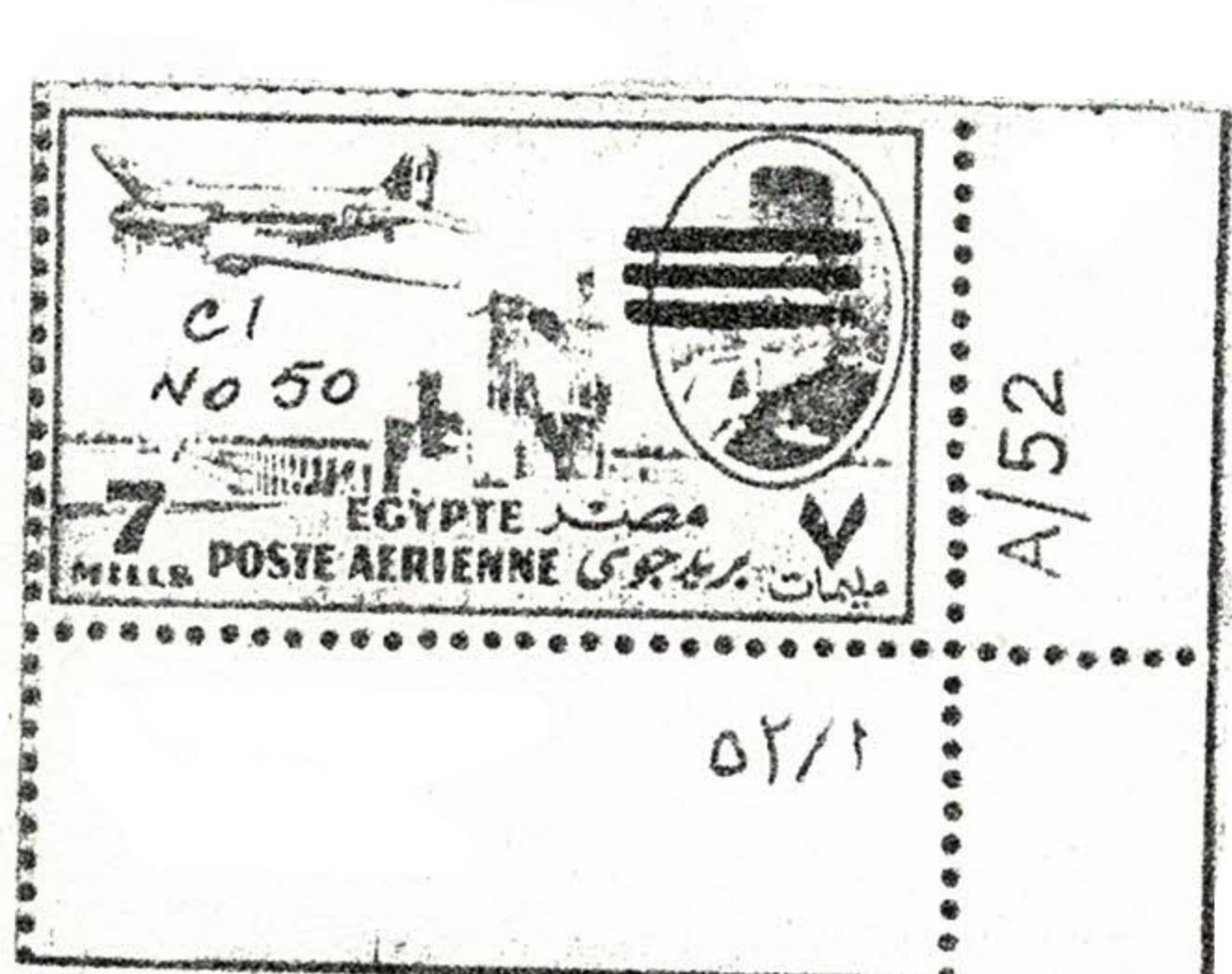
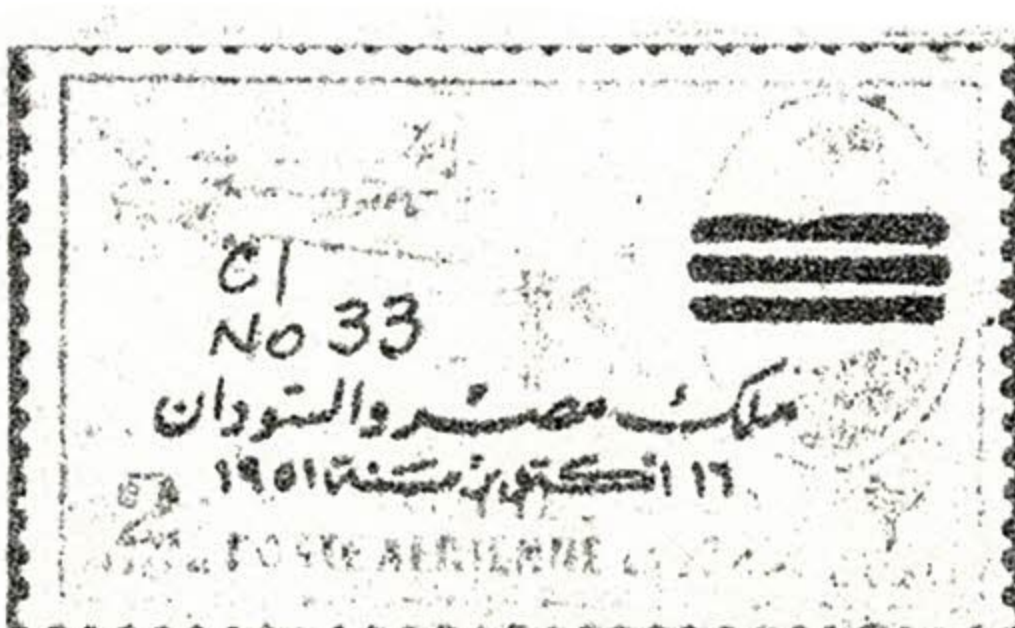


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SETTING 'C' State I

In addition to stamps listed on page 34 is the following:

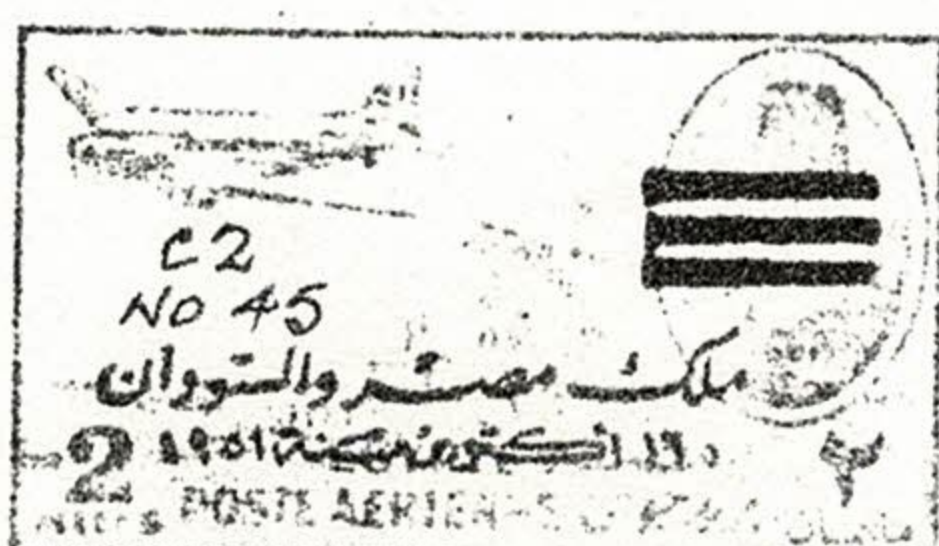
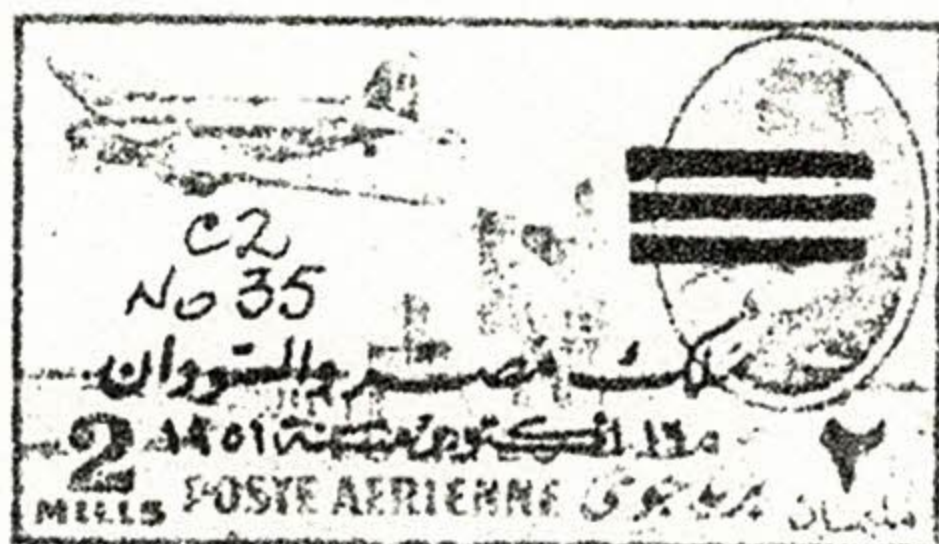
16 Notch in top bar at top left corner.



SETTING 'C'State II

All flaws in State I still present.

Many substituted bars in this setting wearing to square ends and spreading to join adjacent bars particularly nos: 35, 40, 43 and 45.

SETTING 'C'State III

Surface of whole plate scraped or rubbed down causing bars to become very thick and dark and erasing most of the previous flaws except those which are shown below. Several new prominent flaws occur at this state.

In addition to stamps listed on page 35 are the following:

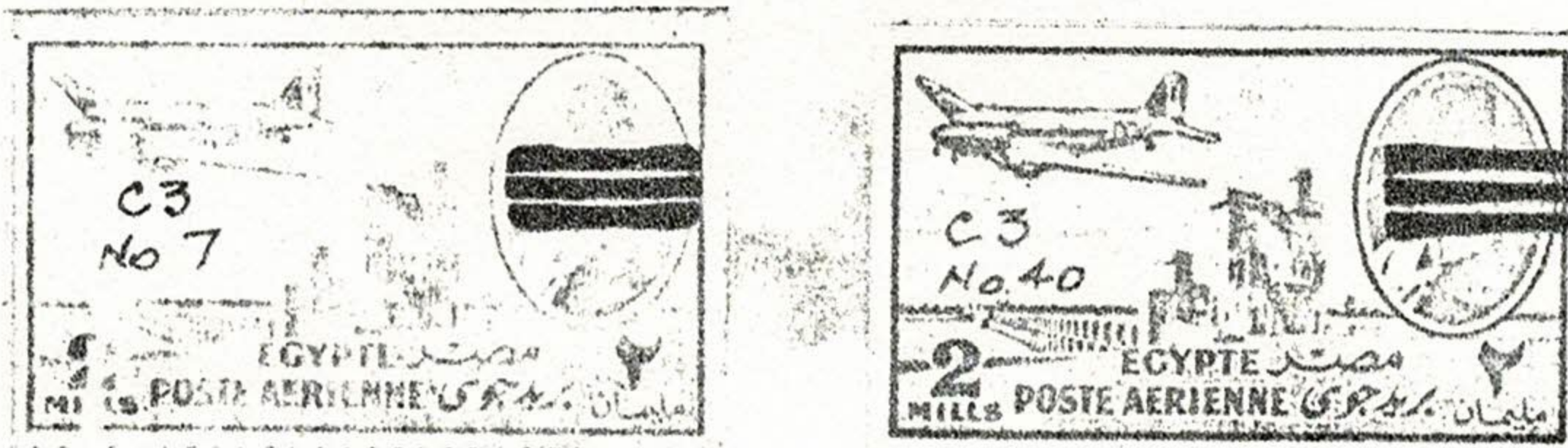
- 27 Hook forming under right end of centre bar.
- 39a and 39b Bars thick and spreading at ends to join as in 39b in later printings.
- 44a and 44b Bars thick and spreading at ends to join as in 44b in later printings.
- 50 Bars thin except at left end where they are thick and bent inwards.

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SETTING 'C' State III continued

The great majority of these bars are distorted and of unequal thickness throughout their length. Many are squared off at one end and taper to normal size at the other, others are thick at each end and narrower in the centre



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SETTING 'C' State IV

Having seen only four positional blocks of this state only positively identified flaws are shown. Undoubtedly there are other flaws of the magnitude of those shown.

In addition to stamps listed on page 35 are the following:

- 20 Right end of centre bar bent downwards: Right ends of centre and bottom bars forming hooks.
- 24 Top bar curved at right end. Notch in top left corner of centre bar, right end bent and forming hook. Bottom bar very narrow at right end.
- 25 All bars deformed at right end. Centre bar pointed at left end.
- 44 Thick bars joining at right end. Notch in right end of centre bar.
- 45 Bars short: 10 mms. instead of normal 11 mms.



This completes the illustrations, but further items relevant to this study will be published in the future. (See also Volume VIII No. 3 page 35).

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