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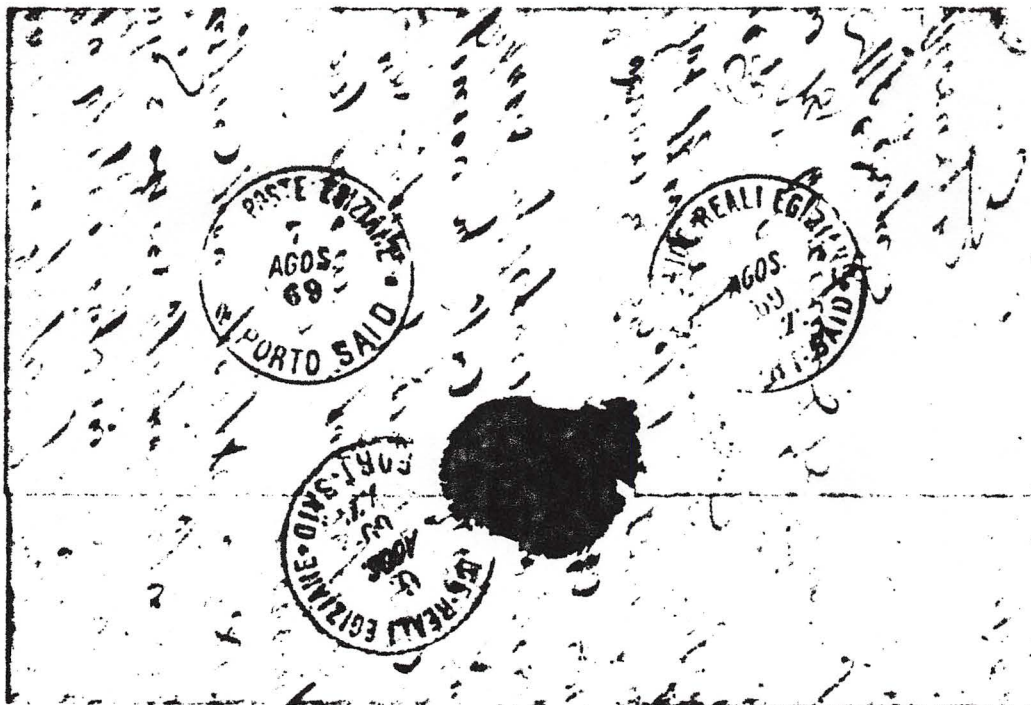
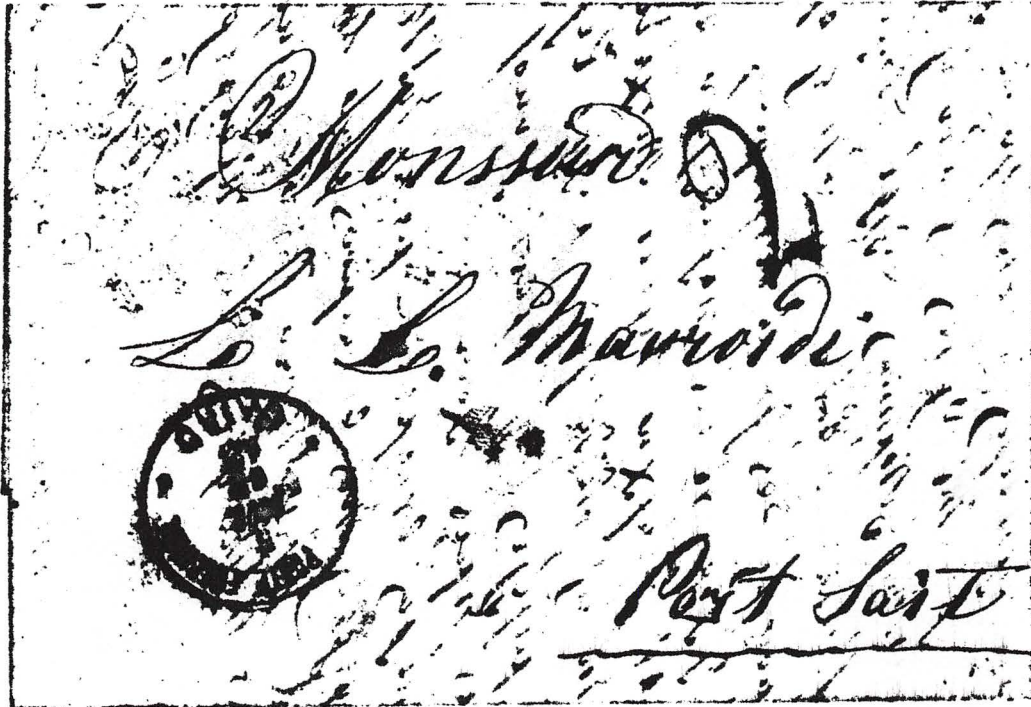
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1978 August 12	General
October 14	"Beginners, Please"

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Sent from Cairo on 5 August 1869 to Port Said.

The obverse, above, shows the hand-struck '2', instructing a charge of double the normal rate of 1 piastre.

On the reverse, below, appears the previously-unrecorded strike of REGIE POSTE EGIZIANE / PORTO SAID with the word "REGIE" excised and dated 7 August 1869.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN . . .

Those of you who regularly attend our bi-monthly meetings must realise how fortunate we have been throughout the years in having members present to lead the main topic of discussion, illustrating the various points with examples from their own collections and with the assistance of items from the collections of other members at the meeting.

I feel that with the passage of time, bearing in mind the break-up of the big collections at auction, coupled with ever-increasing expense of acquiring the "classic" material, we shall eventually reach a stage when we may be hard put to it to persuade members (or indeed to find them), to lead meetings. This may be due to people thinking that what they have would be too "easy" or commonplace, or of no interest to other members.

I think (and I am quite willing to listen to arguments to the contrary) that we must begin to give more attention to the 20th Century. It was with this in mind that I suggested that the meeting of October 14th be entitled "Beginners Please". The intention being to encourage new (or old for that matter) members who have not shown anything before to come along with even as few as 3 or 4 sheets on a particular theme to pass around and discuss. I hope we shall also have a period devoted to members' questions - I am sure that the experts who I hope will also come along will not mind answering.

Please give this matter your careful consideration - if you feel inclined to show, please let me know so I can arrange the meeting in some sort of order. I look forward to hearing from you.

John Sears.

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LETTER from MEMBER

" . . . I must join the queue to give thanks to Ron Potter for the way he has handled the Q.C. even with all his health troubles. I hope he continues on the right track and enjoys good health now he has been able to shed the burden of the Q.C.

" Over the years, I have written to members, including officers, and always included a stamped envelope for an answer, but alas, no answer ever arrives. Is it just too much bother to sit down and write, or is it a policy with the Circle members not to help brother members? Also, what happens to all the stamps one sends for these replies? I hope you can find space in a future Q.C. to air this grumble of mine, and perhaps the guilty ones' consciences will prick so hard that it might stir them into action. "

Ron Harris, ESC 182
The Firs, Whepstead, Bury St Edmunds,
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+ + + To judge from correspondence in the Circle Records, particularly from the early days, ESC members are (perhaps were) very active correspondents with each other. Technicalities are discussed in busy correspondence over periods of time and, indeed, this is how a large part of the Circle's research is/was done. ESC members still do this, don't they? - Editor

175th Meeting held 1978, April 8

The Meeting was attended by the President, Professor P.A.S. Smith, Chairman Mr. J. Sears, and Messrs P. Andrews, F.W. Benians, D.H. Clarke, C.E.H. Defriez, G.M. Dorman, J.A. Grimmer, J.S. Horesh, A. Schmidt. There was an apology for absence on behalf of Major E.L.G. MacArthur.

The Chairman confirmed the subject of the June 10th Meeting as "Interpostal Seals", to be led by Mr. A. Schmidt; the Joint Meeting with Sudan Circle would not now take place, but Prof. Peter Smith would show his Egypt used in Sudan material.

A letter from Mr Rudi Jeidel, South Africa, was read. This urged ESC to publish whatever is on hand. (An extract appears below - Editor).

The Secretary, Mr. D.H. Clarke, reported an offer of help with printing from Mr Ken Davis, Rotherham (ESC 148). Mr Davis could assist by procuring Litho printing at a cost to ESC of the materials only. Mr Clarke would discuss problems such as collating, stapling, etc., and report further.

The Secretary raised the problem of unpaid subscriptions, some being more than a year in arrear. The Chairman proposed, and the Meeting agreed, that such members should be sent a polite letter in the first instance.

The President, Prof. Peter Smith, drew attention to the forthcoming display at the Royal Philatelic Society by two ESC Members, Mr T. and Madame N. Kuyas on May 11.

Mr F.W. Benians' book "Egypt Postage Prepaid Military Datestamps 1941-1947" had just been published by National Philatelic Society who were willing to supply copies to ESC at £4, the recommended retail price being £5. After discussion, the Meeting decided that this book would be offered to ESC Members at £4, plus postage.

The display "Postage Due" was given by John Grimmer, this including proofs, covers, forgeries and early hand-struck marks. One cover from the display is illustrated on page 30 of this issue.

Extract from LETTER to the EDITOR . . .

From Mr Rudi Jeidel, ESC 127, Capetown, South Africa.

- " A comment on your editorial relating to the state of the RECORDS. At a Meeting which I was privileged to attend I raised that point and, frankly, I make no apology for repeating myself.
- " A great deal of knowledge has been collected over the years. Many Members have contributed. I remember adding what little I could to Overland Mail and Posta Europea. I believe that the Overland material with particular reference to Waghorn has been worked over by Mr Rowland Hill. While I am aware that there is disagreement with my approach, I still feel very strongly that we should definitely publish whatever is on hand. And when everyone has had his say and added to the fund of knowledge now existing, we may perhaps consider bringing out something in a more elaborate form.
- " Meanwhile I would suggest publication on an inexpensive basis - and to charge all those who are not getting this free as members of the ESC. I am quite sure that many collectors, apart from members of the ESC, will wish to avail themselves of such publications which should be advertised through the philatelic press, etc. "

Study Report: 'THE PROPRIETARY POST OFFICES IN EGYPT' - Part two

Study entrusted to F.W. Benians, ESC No. 123.

UPPER EGYPT

Luxor Hotel, Luxor

Situated on the bank of the river Nile facing Luxor Temple, this Hotel was opened probably in November 1893 and is still in existence. The special Post Office was opened at about the same time, and was closed in April 1909 following the opening of a public post office in the Winter Palace Hotel which belonged to the same company.

Table of Recorded Use - Luxor Hotel - 'H.L.'

serial	diameter in mm	earliest	latest	number recorded	remarks
H.L. 1	30	5 I 94	31 I 01	17	
1 (a)					datestamp in blue
2	27-28	19 II 01	2 III 10	42	
2 (a)		5 I 08	20 II 08	2	datestamp in blue

Winter Palace Hotel, Luxor - 'H.W.'

This hotel was situated to the south of the town facing the river Nile and was opened in November 1905. The special Post Office was opened at about the same time.

H.W. 1	30	- II 06	3 I 08	9	
1 (a)					datestamp in blue
2	30	19 XII 06	- IV 14	23	
2 (a)		10 XII 13			datestamp in blue
3	30-31	6 III 09	29 XI 30	17	
3 (a)		7 I 9	17 III 09		datestamp in blue
4		12 I 22	14 III 37	43	
4 (a)					datestamp in blue
5	30-31	11 MR 26	15 FE 50	13	
5 (a)					datestamp in blue
6	26-27	1 FE 33	12 DE 50	22	
6 (a)					datestamp in blue

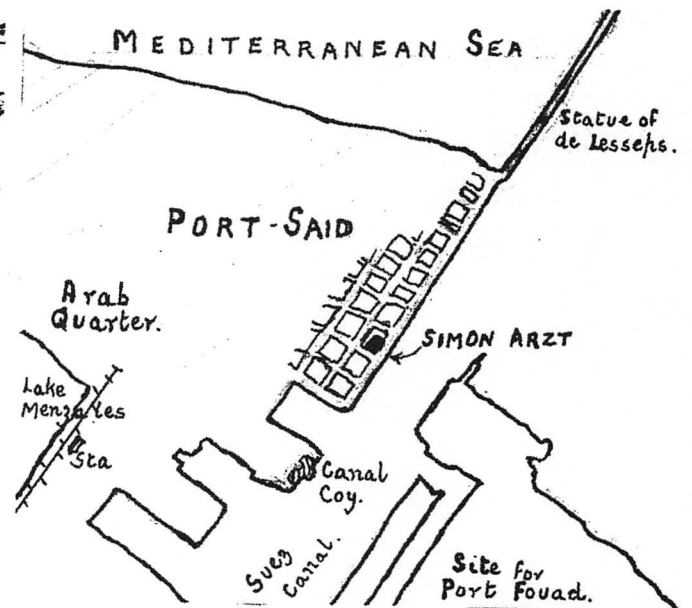
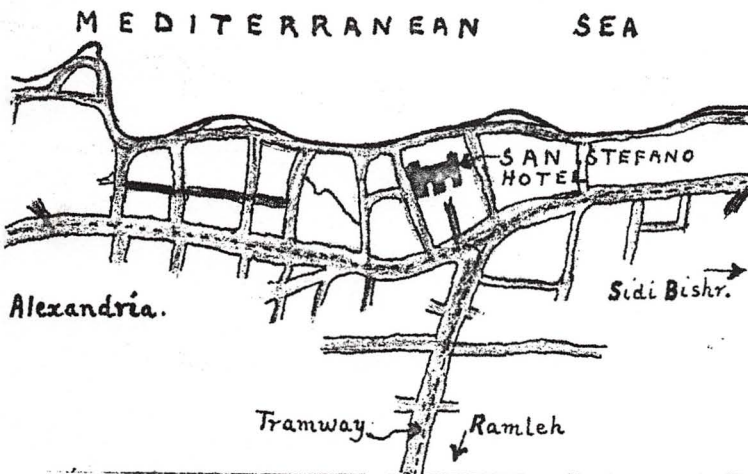
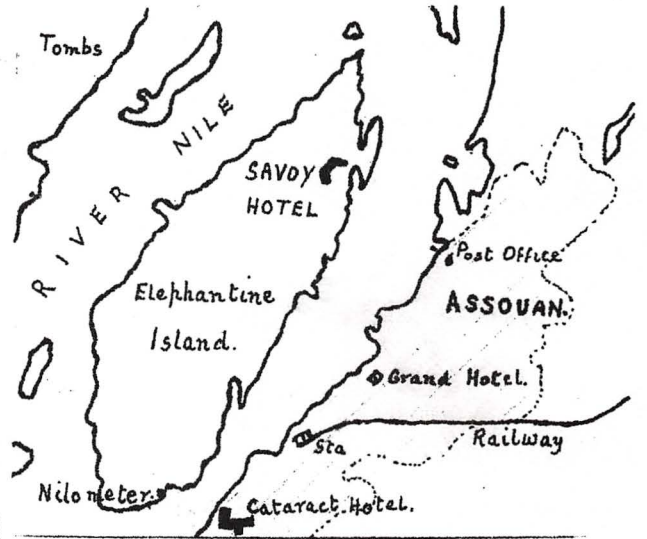
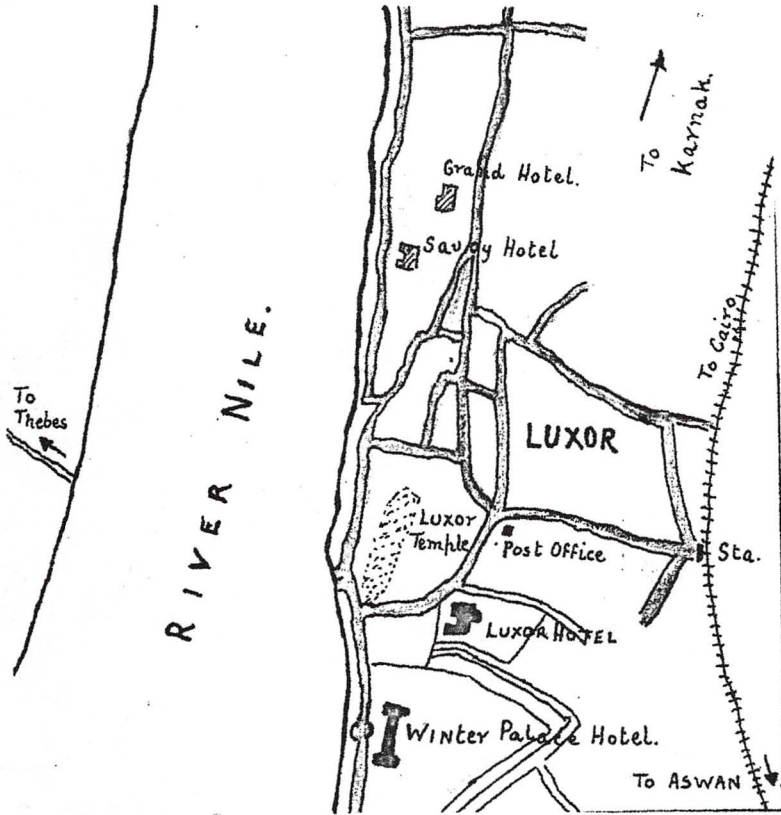
Cataract Hotel, Aswan - 'H.C.'

Situated in a marvellous locality on a promontory south of the town. This hotel was opened in November-December 1900 and the special Post Office was probably opened at the same time.

H.C. 1	28	4 I 01	5 III 14	82	
1 (a)		15 XI 08	22 I 14		datestamp in blue
2	28-29	9 FE 20	26 FE 28	14	
3	28	14 JA 25	21 MR 56	36	
3 (a)					datestamp in blue

PROPRIETARY POST OFFICES IN EGYPT

Maps showing locations of Post Offices dealt with in Part 2



Savoy Hotel, Aswan - 'H.SA.'

This hotel was opened in November-December 1902 and although admirably situated on Elephant Island in the middle of the Nile, did not exist very long since there was no trace of it by the end of 1913. The special Post Office opened Nov-Dec 1902 and closed about April 1913.

H.SA.	1	28-29	22 XII 02	8	I 10	33
	2	28-29	8 III 05	27	II 13	5
	2 (a)		2 II 12	13	II 13	

ALEXANDRIASan Stephano Hotel - 'H.SS.'

Situated on the outskirts of Alexandria not far from the sea. This hotel is likely to have opened in the summer of 1890, and served the summer residents and numerous government functions which followed the Court's transference to Alexandria during the hot season. The special Post Office opened in May 1895 but traces of it are lost after the summer of 1916.

H.SS	1	26	6 VIII 95	--	-- 98	2	
	2	28-29	8 V 96	8	IX 99	13	
	3	28	28 IX 99	8	V 08	28	
	4	27-28	16 IV 08	1	IX 11	11	
	4 (a)		2 VI 08				datestamp in blue
	5	28	6 VII 16	23	VIII 16	3	

TRAVEL AGENCY - Thomas Cook & Son, Cairo - 'H.TC.'

The company's offices were located in an old private palace which had previously housed the British Consulate and was adjacent to Shephard's Hotel. They were opened towards the end of 1894 and continued in existence until 26th July 1952 when they were set on fire during the rebellion.

The special Post Office opened in November 1894 and ceased on 26th July 1952 at the time of the burning of the palace.

H.TC	1	31	16 X 94	10	I 08	36	
	1 (a)		23 XII 06	30	XII 06	3	After 'T' the date-line figures are in Arabic, i.e. 1, 2, 3, etc.
	2	28	5 IV 03	23	III 09	15	
	3	26	5 IV 09	18	XI 31	23	
	4	28-29	28 VII 32	18	IV 33	2	
	5	33	2 III 35	26	V 51	14	T = Traffic
	6	26	29 XI 24			1	Cash
	7	29	17 I 35	17	I 36	2	Cash
	8	29	-- -- 10	5	I 17	6	Registration & Parcels
	9	29	3 III 16	28	III 31	4	Registration & Parcels
	9 (a)						Datestamp in violet
	10	29-30	24 SE 31	8	NO 47	14	Registration & Parcels
	10 (a)		4 MA 33				Datestamp in azure

H/L



H/W.



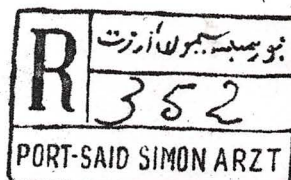
H/A



H/CA.



H/SI



GRAND STORE - Simon Arzt, Port Said - 'H.SI.'

This large store built on the waterfront of Port Said was universally known by the old colonial residents of India and the Far East, and to the other travellers passing through the Canal, where their every need could be supplied.

The special Post Office was probably opened in 1934 for the convenience of these travellers, and also for the locals who made purchases at the store. It was closed for some time at the end of 1956, following the military operations, and was re-opened during 1957.

H.SI	1	27	25	AU	34	24	FE	60	
	1 (a)								Datestamp in purple
	2	28	31	OC	34	17	MR	58	Cash
	2 (a)		4	OC	34				Datestamp in purple

Weak 'M' in 'Simon' - over-inking appears as 'N'

HOTEL REGISTRATION CACHETS

Wording as in cachet	Number in ms	date	Acc	datestamp type
Shepherds Hotel	289	1 - 8 - 03	H.S.	5
	1419	16 X 13	H.S.	7
		24 V 16	"	
	133	13 II 37	H.S.	9
Continental Hotel		15 XII 12	H.C.	4
		8 XII 13	H.C.	8
Continental Savoy	2068	8 X 23	H.C.	9
	517	13 II 24	"	
	1290	10 IV 26	"	
	53	12 I 27	"	
	197	14 I 28	"	
	334	4 I 31	H.C.	10
	991	27 AP 32	H.C.	11
	536	9 MR 33	H.C.	12
	15 MR 49	"		
Luxor Hotel	75	31 - I - 00	H.L.	1
		12 - II 00	"	
Luxor Winter Palace	225	15 DE 30	H.W.	3
Cairo, Cook's Office	146	23 III 09	H.TC.	2
	27	6 2 40	H.TC.	10
	227	8 NO 47	"	
Port Said, Simon Arzt	5	4 JA 40	H.SI.	2
	123	24 FE 40	"	
		25 JA 40	"	
		12 JU 54	"	

During the last decade or so there has been some postal activity from some of the newer hotels, though little has been recorded. There is still much interesting work that can be done, not only by extending where possible the earliest and latest dates of known cancellations, but those of the varieties particularly the use of coloured inks. The whole question of numbering - as with other studies - must be given careful consideration, and to follow a general policy to be adopted by the Egypt Study Circle. For the purpose of this Report the numbers are prefixed by H (Hotel) followed by the capital letter of the name of the hotel. Varieties are numbered a, b, etc.

The Proprietary Post Offices in Egypt - concluded

The recordings of the Registration cachets are still meagre, and the Hotel Postal Stationery, an interesting sideline, still untouched.

It is hoped that this monograph on this study to date will stimulate interest. Your comments, and additions, will be welcomed and duly reported in the Q.C.

F.W. Benians

P L E A S E U S E T H I S P A G E to record your Hotel Cancellations

When complete, please return to: F.W. Benians ESC 123,
27 the Lawns, Tylers Green,
High Wycombe, Bucks HP10 8BH

Hotel name	Datestamp Type	date	Remarks
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HOTEL CACHETS

Hotel name as in the cachet	Datestamp Type	date	Remarks
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I N T E R P O S T A L S E A L S

Reprints from early issues of "The Stamp-Collector's Magazine"

** With Commentary by A. Schmidt ESC 198

We are indebted to Mr M.R. Hewlett, ESC 187, for bringing our attention to some early writings about Interpostals which appeared in the 1867 and 1868 issues of "The Stamp-Collector's Magazine" (published in Bath, England).

These are reprinted below unabridged and each is followed by a commentary by Mr A. Schmidt, ESC 198, the commentary paragraphs being prefixed thus **

From issue dated March 1, 1867

" EGYPT - The large circular stamp, of which we annex a representation (figure 1), is official, and franks the letters, whatever may be their weight, of the postal authorities of the different towns. The upper inscription signifies VICE REGAL POST OF EGYPT, and the central Arabic characters (Bosted Masrieh el mirich), EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT POST: the name of the issuing town is inserted at the foot. These stamps are printed indiscriminately in black on colour, or in colour on white. They are found in violet, dark-blue, grey, green, carmine, yellow, black, &c, are affixed to the flaps of the envelopes, and are obliterated by the receiving office. "

** Commentary by A.S. - A useful reference for the date of issue of Type III Interpostals: clearly it cannot be later than January/February 1867. This does not conflict with the issue date quoted in most of the major catalogues, which is January 1867.

** The last statement in this article " . . are obliterated by the receiving office" is a curious one which is also encountered elsewhere. The facts contradict it. Approximately 95% of cancelled Interpostals bear a cancellation of the same town as that of the Interpostals, i.e. they were cancelled by the despatching office.

From issue dated January 1, 1868

" LIST OF STAMPS FIRST NOTICED IN THE STAMP-COLLECTOR'S MAGAZINE FOR 1867

" This list contains only well-authenticated stamps issued under government sanction in the various countries to which they belong, and includes a few stamps inadvertently omitted from our last year's list.

((Now follows a listing of other countries, A to D - Editor))

" EGYPT ((Description of 2nd Issue, 1867, disregarded - Editor))

OFFICIAL STAMPS - Arabic characters in centre, inscription POSTE VICE REALI EGIZIANE, and name of issuing town in encircling border. Cols imp: circ.

Alessandria	violet	Same device in black on coloured	
Mansura	"	paper :-	
Atfe	deep-blue		
Gedda	bright-blue	Banka	bright-brown
Benhaa	grey	Zagazig	deep-brown
Birket-el-Saat	green	Jauta	deep-blue
Damanhur	"	Birket-el-Sab	reddish-yellow
Zefta	"	Kafer-Zayat	chocolate
Cairo	black	Samanud	green
Jauta	bright-carmine	Zifta	grey
Jbafi-el-Duar	yellow		
Mahalla	"	Same device, but ground formed of	
Jook	red	horizontal lines, Black imp: circ.	
Tanta	rose		
Konstantinopoli	vermillion	Alessandria	rose "

INTERPOSTALS as Reported in 1867/68

** Commentary by A.S. - The Town listing in the first section, from Alessandria to Konstantinopoli, must refer to Type III; and that in the second section, from Benka to Zifta, is probably for Type II.

** The last section, with its single listing of Alessandria, is the intriguing one. If the ". . ground formed of horizontal lines" is an inaccurate description for Type IV or IVA - and it is difficult to think what else it could be - then the issue date of Type IV would be prior to 1868.

From issue dated August 1, 1868.

" THE EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL STAMPS.

" On more than one occasion we have referred to these stamps, but until the present have never been able to give much account of them.

" We are indebted to a correspondent at Alexandria for the ability to give a more detailed description now, though there are many points still to be cleared up.

" The only stamps of which we have hitherto heard, are those bearing the inscription POSTE VICE REALI EGIZIANE, but our correspondent informs us that there was a series emitted anterior to these. We quote his statement :-

" ' Before the 'Vice-royal Egyptian post-office' bore its present name, and belonged to government, it was called Posta Europea, and belonged to a gentleman of the name of Chini. During that time no postage stamps were issued, and the official correspondence was marked by those round stamps on which POSTA EUROPEA is to be read. '

" Of this emission our correspondent sends us two specimens, both printed on coloured paper and generally resembling the government issues hereafter described. The circular inscription reads thus :- AMMINISTRAZIONE DELLA POSTA EUROPEA IN EGITTO; the centre contains the name in three lines.

" Ufficio di Birket-el-Sab, deep-rose
" " Tauta, yellow

" The first of these two is printed much more clearly than the second.

" The stamps of this semi-private series, we are informed, are all rare, and some are very rare. 'Of Cairo' (says our friend) 'I do not believe I could find more than two or three dozen in the whole country.'

" We are not told what are the colours of this series, but the names of the varieties are as follows :

Cairo	Birket-el-Sab
Alessandria	Suez
Damanhour	Damiata
Kafr Zayat	Zefta
Tauta	Mehalla
Zagazig	Samanud
Benha	

" The first series of official stamps issued by the vice-regal post-office, was of the annexed type, which it will be seen is very simple. (Figure 2). The impressions are in black, on coloured porous paper, and comprise the following varieties :

Alessandria	pink	Cairo	green; variety pink
Atfe	deep-yellow	Birket-el-Sab	red-brown
Took	brown	Benka	light-green, yellow-
Zifta	grey	Damiata	yellow ochre
Suez	rose	Abuhomus	pink, light-brown
Damanhour	grey	Kafer-Zayat	deep-brown
Zagasik	light-green	Samanud	bluish-green

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Kafer Duar	deep-blue	Ramle	brown
Galiub	green	Teh-el-Barud	dull-grey

" The second issue constituted, in point of design, a considerable advance on its predecessor. The circles were increased in number, and were more correctly drawn, and the inscription more neatly printed. Moreover, the new issue presented a better appearance from being printed in colour on white paper, and the size was increased. (Figure 3).

" Some of these stamps have such brilliant tints, as, despite their comparative plainness of design, to make them quite attractive, particularly when the peculiar characters of the central inscription is taken into account.

" The varieties are as follows :

Alessandria	marone	Galiub	green
(Jook	pale pink	Benha	grey
(Took	vermilion	Zagazig	light-blue
Cairo	black	(Damanhur	green
Atfe	blue	(Damanhour	"
Tanta	marone	(Abuhomos	marone
(Konstantinopoli	vermilion	(Abuhomus	chocolate
(Costantinopoli	"	Mansura	mauve
Smirne	grey	(Birket-el-Saat	green
Minet-el-Gamp	orange	(Birket-el-Sab	"
(Jeh-el-Barud	vermilion	Kafr-el-Zayat	light-yellow
(Tek-el-Barud	"	Jbafi-el-Dauar	yellow
Porto Said	blue	Damiata	deep-blue
Gedda	grey	Mahalla	orange
Jbafi-Zajat	yellow-ochre	(Samanua	deep-green
Zefta	green	(Samanud	"
Mahallat-Roh	brown	Scibin-el-Anater	brown
Suez	green	Bilbes	yellow

" And in addition, two used by the Chief office, inscribed in the centre DIREZIONE GENERALE, one without any name in the lower part of the border, the other with the word ALESSANDRIA, and both printed in vermilion.

" The third emission is less attractive, but more elaborate than the preceding. In this the centre bears a groundwork of perpendicular lines, and so much of the external border as contains the uniform inscription has a ground of crossed lines, the letters themselves being light and shaded at the edge; this part is also cut off from the rest by a bar at each end, the name of the town below being in thick black letters. This latest series is printed in black on coloured paper. The following are the varieties :-

Alessandria	pink	Mahallet Roh	buff
Cairo	blue, red-brown	Magaga	yellow
Tanta	deep-blue	Minia	blue
Medinet-el-Faium	lilac	Zagazig	green
Desur	grey	Mansura	neutral-brown
Benisueff	grey	Ghisa	blue
Galiub	brown	Uasta	magenta
Massaua	green	Damanhour	light-yellow
Fascne	violet		

" Among the second series, several pairs may be observed bracketed together; the first of each pair shows an error in the spelling.

" We have thought it well to give a detailed list, in fulfilment of our duty as chroniclers, but we do not for a moment suggest the collection of all. Their character and their number both stand in the way of their general acceptance.

INTERPOSTALS as Reported in 1867/68

" These stamps are termed 'official' stamps, and very probably if placed on official letters, would be taken to indicate the nature of such letters, and free them from charge. But we take it that they are also used as a species of seal, and that it is indeed their principal employment to show simply whence comes the packet of letters to which they are affixed. The idea of these stamps was borrowed from the Italian post-office, in which similar labels are used to seal the bags of letters, and it will be in the remembrance of our readers, that a large number of more or less ornamental designs were offered for these stamps, when the emission of a new type was decided on.

" We believe that the Egyptian are put on all official letters emanating from the office whose name they bear; and indeed it is only on the supposition that they are intended to indicate the place of origin of the letters to which they are affixed, that the emission of stamps for each office can be explained. Their number is, as the above list show, considerable. We should ourselves recommend philatelists to remain content with two or three samples of each series."

** Commentary by A.S. - This is a very valuable article, not only because it is so comprehensive, but also because it contains an unequivocal statement about the function of Type I interpostals (Posta Europea). It is therefore important to make an assessment of the accuracy of the information that it contains. I cannot fault any of the basic facts in the article, and the town listings are analysed below.

" . . . the third emission" = Type IV (assumption made on the basis of the illustration but the comments are not affected if the listing includes some Type IVA.

All the town names exist.

One spelling mistake, DESUR for DESUK (probably a typographical error).

Many town names unlisted, which is only to be expected as many P.O.'s appearing in the series were opened at a much later date.

" . . . the second issue" = Type III

All the town names exist, with the possible exception of TEK-EL-BARUD, which is catalogued but which I have never seen.

There are no spelling mistakes, a remarkable achievement !

Some town names are omitted. In two cases, this is because they were issued at a later date than the manuscript for the article, and the same is possibly true of most of the rest.

JSMILIA, JISMAILIA)	the most correct spellings for these towns, and presumably the last to be issued for them. The earliest cancellation I possess is 26 June 68 for TEH-EL-BARUD; and Seymour Blomfield has ? Jun 68 for MINET-EL-GAMH
KAFR-EL-DAUAR)	
MINET-EL-GAMH)	
TEK-EL-BARUD)	

GFDDA

A minor but rare variety, easily missed.

" . . . the first series of official stamps" = Type II

All the town names exist.

One spelling mistake, TEH-EL-BARUD for TEH EL BARUT

A number of town names omitted. All the varieties of any one town name e.g. ATFE; and also MANSURA, MICHALLA and TANTA

" . . . semi-private series" = Type I

All the town names exist, with the possible exception of DAMANHOUR, which has been reported but is of unproven existence.

Quite a number of spelling mistakes. KAFR ZAYAT for KAFER-ZAJAT, ZAGAZIG for ZAGAZIK, ZEFTA for ZIFTA, and MEHALLA for MICHALLA.

Some town names omitted, GALIUT, MANSURA and TANTA (also ATFE, reported but of unproven existence).

INTERPOSTALS as Reported in 1867/68

** The spelling mistakes, the omissions, the absence of paper colours in the listing, all combine to give the impression that in some cases at least the correspondent was relying on information supplied to him rather than on first-hand experience.

** All in all, one must conclude that the correspondent at Alexandria was very well-informed and that the information he provided was substantially correct.

A. Schmidt ESC 198



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

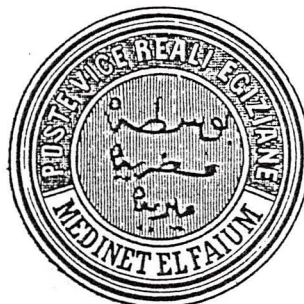


Figure 4

EGYPT STUDY CIRCLE - Accounts of Mr D.H.Clarke as Treasurer

Year to 31 December 1977

		In	Out	Balance
1977				
Jan 1	In hand at bank from last year			£ 261.39
	Expended on Q.C. for 1976		£ 92.00	
	Expended: Postage; BPA sub		9.40	159.99
	Subscriptions received	£ 48.80		208.79
	Expended: Postage, stationery		4.00	204.79
May	Subscriptions received	53.00		257.79
Mar/June	Expended: Postage, stationery		10.00	247.79
June	Subscriptions received	3.39		251.18
	Expended: Q.C. (less sales of Back Numbers)		32.46	218.72
July/Sept	Subscriptions received	50.47		269.19
	Expended: B.P.F. subscription		8.20	260.99
Oct	Expended: Q.C.		59.91	201.08
Dec 31	Balance in hand at year-end			201.08

Note: Odd pence in subscription receipts are due to bank charges on foreign cheques.

D.H.Clarke, ESC165

NEW ISSUES

(all stamps are printed Rotogravure by Postal Printing House, A.R.Egypt)

<u>Commemorative Stamps</u>	<u>SG 1270</u>	<u>SG 1271</u>
Occasion	2nd Anniversary of Oct 6th Battle	War of Oct 1973 International Symposium, Cairo University
Date of issue	6th October 1975	24th October 1975
Designer	Saber Saida	Saber Saida
Design	Egyptian Flag and Tanks	As SG 1270 but with additional text at foot
Denomination	20 mills	20 mills
Sheet	35 stamps	35 stamps
Stamp dimensions	40 x 40 mm	40 x 40 mm
Perforation	11½	11½
Watermark	Multiple Eagle	Multiple Eagle
Quantity printed	?	?

	<u>SG 1272</u>	<u>SG 1273</u>	<u>SG 1274</u>	<u>SG 1275</u>
Occasion	. . . . . U N I T E D N A T I O N S D A Y			
Date of issue	. . . . . 2 4 t h O c t o b e r 1 9 7 5			
Designer	Saber Saida	Lotfy el Sawaf	Lotfy el Sawaf	Saber Saida
Design	Treatment of Schistosomiasis	Wall motif Philae Temple	Refugees	Egyptian woman
Denomination	20 mills	55 mills	30 mills (Air)	110 mills (Air)
Sheet	50 stamps	50 stamps	25 stamps	50 stamps
Stamp dimensions	26 x 43 mm	30 x 50 mm	51 x 42 mm	26 x 43 mm
Perforation	11 x 11½	11	11 x 11½	11 x 11½
Watermark	. . . . . M u l t i p l e E a g l e			
Quantity printed	1,000,000	400,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Supplementary	International Schistosomiasis Conference, Cairo	UNESCO campaign to save Nubian temples	UNRWA	International Womens Year

	<u>SG 1276</u>
Occasion	. . . . . 25th Anniversary of Ein Shams University
Date of issue	. . . . . 1 5 t h N o v e m b e r 1 9 7 5
Designer	. . . . . A . S a l a d i n e
Design	. . . . . U n i v e r s i t y E m b l e m
Denomination	. . . . . 2 0 m i l l s
Sheet	. . . . . 5 0 s t a m p s
Stamp dimensions	. . . . . 2 6 x 4 3 m m
Perforation	. . . . . 1 1 x 1 1 ½
Watermark	. . . . . M u l t i p l e E a g l e
Quantity printed	. . . . . 1 , 5 0 0 , 0 0 0

N E W I S S U E S

(all stamps are printed Rotogravure by Postal Printing House, A.R.Egypt)

<u>Commemorative Stamps</u>	<u>SG 1277</u>	<u>SG 1278</u>	<u>SG 1279</u>
Occasion	. . . . . Arab Celebrities		
Date of issue	. . . . . 23rd December 1975		
Designer	. . . . . Lotfy el Sawaf		
Design	Al Kanady (philosopher)	Al Farabi, with lute (composer and philosopher)	Al Biruni, with book (writer and philosopher)
Denomination	20 mills	20 mills	20 mills
Sheet	50 stamps	50 stamps	50 stamps
Stamp dimensions	26 x 43 mm	26 x 43 mm	26 x 43 mm
Perforation	11 x 11½	11 x 11½	11 x 11½
Watermark	. . . . . Multiple Eagle		
Quantity printed	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000

	<u>SG 1280</u>	<u>SG 1281</u>	<u>SG 1282</u>	<u>SG 1283</u>
Occasion	. . . Post Day - Treasurers from the Tomb of Tutankhamun . . .			
Date of Issue	. . . . . 2nd January 1976			
Designer	Saber Saida	Waheeb Farag	Fahima Abd el Azaim	Ibrahim el Torky
Design	Ibex	Lioness	Sacred Cow	Hippopotamus
Denomination	20 mills	30 mills	55 mills	110 mills
Sheet	. . . . . 50 stamps			
Stamp dimensions	. . . . . 30 x 50 mm			
Perforation	. . . . . 11			
Watermark	. . . . . Multiple Eagle			
Quantity printed	1,000,000	400,000	400,000	250,000
Supplementary	Head of an Ibex made of alabaster with real horns	Head of lioness carved in wood	Head of sacred cow in the form of the goddess Hathor	Head of god Horus in form of the Hippopotamus carved in wood

	<u>SG 1284</u>
Occasion	. . . . . Filling of the High Dam Lake
Date of issue	. . . . . 27th January 1976
Designer	. . . . . Saber Saida
Design	. . . . . High Dam and 'Industrial Potential'
Denomination	. . . . . 20 mills
Sheet	. . . . . 50 stamps (10 x 5)
Stamp dimensions	. . . . . 43 x 26 mm
Perforation	. . . . . 11½ x 11
Watermark	. . . . . Multiple Eagle
Quantity printed	. . . . . 1,000,000
Supplementary	Benefits of the dam are - 2 million acres more of cultivatable land, 10 billion K.W.H. electricity generated per year.

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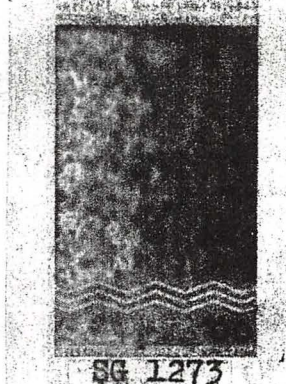
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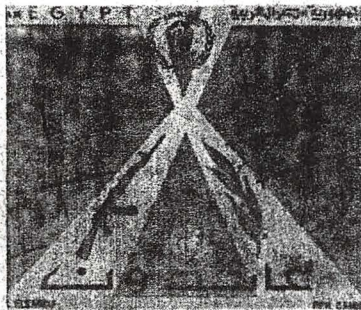
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SG 1272



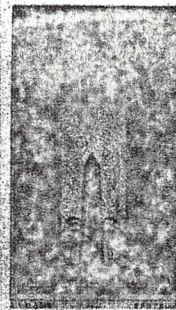
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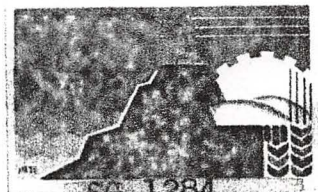
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SG 1279



SG 1284



SG 1280



SG 1281



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SG 1283

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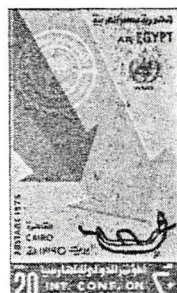
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SG 1270



SG 1271



SG 1272



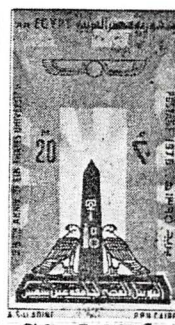
SG 1273



SG 1274



SG 1275



SG 1276



SG 1277



SG 1278



SG 1279



SG 1284



SG 1280



SG 1281



SG 1282



SG 1283

Egypt

Postage Prepaid

Military Datestamps

1941-1947.



F.W. Benians.

Jim Benians is known to his many friends as a dedicated Postal Historian whose work is characterised by a prodigious amount of effort and perseverance.

The principal section of the book is the listing of all the E.P.P.'s (over 150 of them) in Tables of Recorded Use. These show earliest and latest dates, Censors, destinations and explanatory notes, separating the periods of use by different Armed Forces, e.g. British Army, Indian, Australian, South African, New Zealand, R.A.F. All serious collectors of these interesting postmarks will want to check these recorded dates against their own collection and the author asks to be advised of any extensions of dates, or other alterations, so found. He regards this work as an interim publication and he hopes for a response to justify a revised edition in a few years' time.

Even specialists in E.P.P.'s are likely to be glad of the supporting data provided by this book. A useful Introduction is followed by a description of the different E.P.P. types, with illustrations. Other chapters include Patterns of Use, Censorship identification with illustrations, and the workings of the Military Postal Organisation which are usefully set out and illustrated. There are chapters giving the history of use by the various Dominions Forces. Notes on the Airgraph service, and on Postal Rates during the relevant period will be found helpful. Quite remarkable is the number of different adhesives known cancelled by E.P.P.'s, as listed in this book.

The author makes a generous acknowledgement to the people, and the philatelic organisations, who have helped him in producing this book.

The production of the book is well above average and could serve as a model of how to produce inexpensive printing. The format is A4 and there are 148 + 8 pages, including 4 pages of photographs and pages of line drawings. The text is Litho-printed from faultless typing, same-size, and is particularly clear. Concessional price to ESC Members £4 (plus 40p if by post) from F.W. Benians, 27 The Lawns, Tylers Green, High Wycombe, Bucks HP10 8BH, England.

U P D A T A = U P D A T E y o u r D A T A

It is hoped to feature "UPDATA" as a regular series, to enable readers of the Q.C. to bring their own records up to date on a continuous basis. Members submitting contributions should please refer specifically to the past-published data which they wish to update, should use the same notation etc. as contained in the work to be amended and should offer authentication of the new data by indicating whose is the material newly reported, or by whom seen. Significant items should be cleared first with the ESC Member in charge of the corresponding Study -- Editor.

UPDATA 1 - Submitted by A. Schmidt, ESC 198Egyptian Postal Markings: Further Amendments to the 1865-79 Data Sheets

		<u>Earliest</u>	<u>Latest</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Type I-1	GEDDA		30 JUN 73 (ELGM)	
II-2n	DESUK		11 JULY 68 (AS)	
III-2n	FESCNE	28 FEB 74 (ELGM)	(5) FEB 80 (AS)	
	GALIUB		? JUN 79 (AS)	
	MAHALLET-EL-ROH		(7) JAN 80 (AS)	Strike in blue
	MINET-EL-GAMH	(1) JULY 74 (AS)		
	SCIBIN-EL-ANATER		6 M(?)80 (AS)	
III-2.5n	BILBES		? MAY 72 (AS)	
IV-2n	SIUT	*21 FEB 75 (ELGM)		
V-1n	KAFER DAUAR	5 JAN 77 (AS)		
Cas-2	ZAGASIK		25 DEC 79 (ELGM)	

*This should replace the uncertain 20 (?) FEB 75

UPDATA 2 - Submitted by Kenneth D. Knight, ESC 150

Additional Data to the Study of "CIVIL CENSORSHIP IN EGYPT 1948 to date"
 (By Peter Andrews, Q.C. VIII/8, December 1974, Whole Number 92, pp 97-113)

The title of this Study should now be amended to read '1948 to 1974'. The Cairo daily newspaper Al Akhbar reported in its issue for 17 November 1974 that the Egyptian President Anwar Sadat had issued a decree abolishing censorship of mail entering or leaving the country.

Censor Marking Type 6

- (1) Used as method (viii) with type 1 censor marking tying the label :-

New latest use 9 APR 1956 (KDK)
 Additional number 83

- (2) Used as method (viii) with type 2 censor marking tying the label :-

Additional numbers 65, 68 (KDK)

- (3) Unrecorded method of use ? -- The envelope reclosed with a small strip of censor label (type c) tied front and back with type 6, then properly re-sealed with type c label tied each side with type 1. There are no censor marks on the envelope.

Date of use 29 AP 52 (KDK)
 Integral number, type 6 mark 89

U P D A T A (continued)UPDATA 2 (continued)Censor Marking Type 14

New earliest use 18 JUN 54 (KDK)

Note: the example of this in KDK possession has a very faint 'ghost' impression of an Arabic figure inside the central circle. Is this a new Type? Has this hand-stamp been noted with numbers in the centre circle?

Censor Marking Type 21

New earlier use 8 11 59 (KDK)

Censor Marking Type 32

New latest use 26 12 72 (KDK)

Censor Marking Type 37

New number 6

Type 37 mark previously recorded as used only on outgoing mail from Cairo. A cover bearing this mark is in the collection of KDK: this was sent from Alexandria to Manchester. However, as it was routed through Cairo Airport (evidenced by a transit backstamp) the censor mark could have been applied in either Cairo or Alexandria.

Censor Marking Type 38

New number 10 (KDK)

KDK surmises that censorship of this cover took place in Cairo (the only source previously recorded). However, the adhesives are cancelled by a Heliopolis c.d.s.

Unrecorded Censor Mark similar to Type 10

Now designated Type 10-1 (see illustration on page 38).

Kenneth D. Knight has three covers bearing this mark, all of which entered Egypt from abroad (two from Greece, one from Belgium). The mark is found struck in black and blue and was in use from 18 DEC 48 to 15 JUN 49. It is distinguished from Type 10 by additional Arabic characters and by a different arrangement of the two pairs of dots.

Application of Censor Markings.

Type 14 marks are previously recorded as used on outgoing mail only, but Kenneth D. Knight has a cover from Istanbul bearing this mark. It may interest longer-term members of ESC to know that the addressee is the late Gabriel Boulad.

Type 21 marks are previously recorded as used on incoming mail only, but KDK has an example on a cover sent to Nuneaton.

Types 14 and 21 marks should therefore both be added to the list of censor markings used on incoming and outgoing mail.

QUESTION TIME . . .

It is hoped that this also can become a regular series. There is an enormous amount of potential material for such a series, as every one of us has unsolved problems. Many of us have very similar unsolved problems, so that a reply in the Q.C. to one person's enquiry may well satisfy several other members and thus serve a wide field.

A similar series was a feature of the earlier issues of the Q.C. Let's get back to the principle of participating in solving problems which inspired the founders of E.S.C.

So, please, can I have at least one question from every member, with an illustration where possible (a good Xerox copy of a cover will print well; postmarks should be carefully traced in BLACK, and fine detail of varieties in a stamp is best dealt with by a drawing in which there can be exaggeration to emphasize the variety).

And special thanks to Bill Andrews for starting us off. - Editor.

Q. Time 1 - submitted by W.C. Andrews, ESC 132

R.A.F. Airmail Service from Cairo to Baghdad

" This cover (illustrated on page 38) was sent from Abu Qir to Baghdad on 12 April 1923. This intrigued me because, as far as I know, there was no regular Air Mail service at the time. The only information I can find is in 'Stamp Magazine' May 1976, page 58, where in an article on Airmails carried by the Handley Page HP42 aircraft it says - 'Pioneers had already flown from Cairo to India as early as 1919 whilst two years later the RAF established and maintained a successful airmail service from Cairo to Baghdad' (my underline). The cover illustrated must be one of those carried on one of those flights because it went to Baghdad via Cairo and probably emanated from RAF Abu Qir. The Baghdad arrival datestamps are not particularly legible.

" I would appreciate more information on this cover and on the RAF Airmail service. Do we have an expert on this in ESC ? "

Q. Time 2 - submitted by W.C. Andrews, ESC 132

British Forces Seals

" As you know I am interested in British Forces in Egypt Seals. The first two issues, 1932 Postal Seal and 1933 Letter Seal, can both be plated fairly easily by the flaws therein.

" However, the stamps were printed in sheets of 80, being 4 panes of 20 each, and the flaws in each pane of the same issue are not identical.

" Would it be possible to unearth and publish a table showing the flaws which appear on each of the four panes ? John Hobbs in his publication gives the major flaws but does not state the pane on which they appear. "

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MEMO from Editor to Members of ESC - Over to you !

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