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May 7	ESC Meeting at the Exhibition,	2.30-4.30 pm.
May 10	ESC Social Evening at "Tournament" Hotel,	4 - 8 pm
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
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THE FRAMED 'O' INVALIDATION MARKING

Cover No. 3

<u>EGYPT</u>	<u>DUMB POSTAL MARKINGS</u>	<u>POSTAGE DUE</u>
		10.5 x 10 mm.
	1901 ALEXANDRIA	
		
FRENCH "ALEXANDRIE" POSTAL STATIONERY CARD 10 CENTIMES		
STAMP UNCANCELLED BUT  STRUCK TWICE - PENCILLED INITIALS.		
 AND N.P.B. 231 COLLECTED IN E.G.		
(POSTED IN CIVIL POST BOX, NOT FRENCH CONSULAR OFFICE)		
ALEXANDRIE D 13 1 01 IX	ARRIVAL: EASTBOURNE JA 20 01	
CHARGED AS UNPAID - POST-CARD RATE : 4 MILLESIMES = 1d.		

(The illustration of the Mark is a sketch only)

An Album Sheet from the collection of Mr R.A.G.Potter

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E D I T O R I A L . . .

'London 1980' is approaching fast. It will be the biggest and most important international Stamp Exhibition ever to have been staged in the U.K. Egypt Study Circle have been fortunate enough to have been able to book a room at the Exhibition for Wednesday afternoon, 7th May 1980, from 2.30 to 4.30 pm. The room will hold up to 50 people and we hope to have a grand gathering of ESC Members from all over the country and from all over the world. The following Overseas Members hope to visit London for the Exhibition :-

M. Emil Antonini	Switzerland
M. Jean Boulad d'Humieres	Switzerland
Mr Peter R. Feltus	U.S.A.
Mr Rudi Jeidel	South Africa
Mrs Hilda Jeidel	South Africa
Mr David Schaefer	U.S.A.
Mrs Nancy Schaefer	U.S.A.
Prof. Peter Smith	U.S.A.

Please let us know if you are visiting London for 'London 1980', whether you are from overseas, or from the U.K., but are not a regular Meetings attender. (Or is the northern outpost of Egypt collecting in the U.K. located near the proverbial Watford ?).

Another attraction to be provided by Egypt Study Circle on the occasion of the 'London 1980' Exhibition is a Social Event. This will be held at the Tournament Hotel, Kensington, on Saturday, 10th May 1980, from 4 pm to 8 pm. All Members and the ladies will be welcome - but please advise our Chairman how many will attend with you, so that the catering can be organised. Further details will be published in our next issue.

Mention of our next issue, in connection with 'London 1980' is appropriate: the December Meeting of ESC approved your Editor's plan for a BUMPER ISSUE to mark the Exhibition. I hope to produce 40 pages of prime content and there will be a frontispiece in COLOUR ! Let's make this the biggest and best Q.C. ever. I hope to have a contribution from all those who have supplied important material for the Q.C. in the past, as this will ensure the high standard of content which is the real test of a journal. But, additionally, I want to hear from all the other Members: you must have something to tell the rest of us, or some questions you want answered, or just want to start an argument. My deadline is 1st March - so please start NOW !

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REPORT of MEETINGS of EGYPT STUDY CIRCLE, "The Peacock", Maiden Lane, London W.C.2
184th Meeting held on 13th October 1979

Attending were the Chairman, Mr J. Sears, and Messrs M. Abou-Alam, P. Andrews, F.W.Beniens, D.H.Clarke, C.E.H.Defriez, G.P.Green, J.A.Grimmer, E.Hall, Major E.L.G. MacArthur and P.E.Whetter.

The Chairman regretted that, because of the small number of members, other than those who normally attended London meetings, who had intended to attend at Leeds, he had written to all members living locally to Leeds, but only one further member had replied. In consultation with Mr K. Pogson, who was organising the Leeds Provincial Meeting, the Chairman had then abandoned that meeting. Regret was expressed but it was decided to try again in 1980 to hold a Provincial Meeting and Mr Peter Andrews offered to organise it in Birmingham. It was decided that this would be held on Saturday 14th June 1980. There would be no set subject and all members would be asked to bring 20 sheets.

May 1980 Exhibition. The use of a meetings room at the Exhibition had been booked for Wednesday 7th May, 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm. For a social evening, a room had been booked at the Tournament Hotel, Kensington on Saturday 10th May from 4pm to 8 pm. Members and their ladies would be welcomed and members were asked to let the Chairman know how many would attend. Further details of these would be made known later.

Back Numbers of the Q.C. It was reported that the stock had now been collected from the former editor and was in the care of the Librarian, Mr Jim Beniens. These were available for sale to members, price 60p each, plus postage.

Maj. MacArthur offered to have bound two sets of the Q.C., from the latest date previously bound.

Library: Mr Beniens would operate this and would produce a Library List for publication in the Q.C. It was regretted that postal borrowing would not be possible, but members would need to collect and return to the ESC meetings.

The Philatelic Record. It was noted that several of the sections of the Record were in the hands of various Study Leaders. Mr D.H.Clarke had custody of the remaining sections and agreed to be Keeper of the Record. He needed co-operation from Members as to entries to be recorded.

Index. Mr E. Hall agreed to compile an Index to L.O.P. and the Q.C.

Maj. MacArthur reported the death of Mrs Jean Potter, wife of the former editor, a few days earlier. Condolences were expressed to Mr Ron Potter on his sad loss.

Secretary/Treasurer. It was reported that Mr K. Davis had offered to do the work of Treasurer. Appointments of Officers would be dealt with at the December meeting.

Mr Clarke reported two new Members: Mr Maurice V. Taylor and Mr Kenneth M. H. Coleman.

Displays were then given, including New Zealand Forces in World War II, Modern Varieties and stamp booklets, by Mr F.W.Beniens, Mr C.E.H.Defriez, Maj. E.L.G. MacArthur, Mr P.E.Whetter and Mr P. Andrews.

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This issue makes history by having our first SALE. On pages 216 and 206 you will find some excellent material offered by Mr Pip Whetter. Please deal direct with him and remember that, just as with the Sales held by the big Stores at this time of year, the early birds will get the biggest choice.

Many of us were keenly disappointed when the Provincial Meeting for 1979 - the first ever to have been planned by ESC - had to be cancelled. We are therefore all the more delighted to find that there will be a Provincial Meeting in 1980. It will be held in Birmingham on Saturday 14th June 1980 - the normal Meeting date for June. Mr Peter Andrews, a Birmingham resident, but a regular attender of the London Meetings nevertheless, is in charge of organising this event. Full details will be published in our next issue.

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EXPERT COMMITTEE CERTIFICATES issued by Maj. E.L.G. MacArthur - Continued

<u>No.</u>	<u>Year of Issue and Description</u>	<u>Opinion</u>
242	1866 5 pi unused p 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	Genuine
243	1866 5 pi used p 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13	Genuine
244	1866 5 pi unused p 13 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13	Genuine
245	1866 5 pi unused p 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	Genuine
246	1866 5 pi unused p 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x imperf	Genuine
247	1866 5 pi unused p 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	Genuine
248	1866 5 pi unused p 13 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 x 13	Genuine
249	1879 5 para unused provisional p 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ inv. surcharge	Genuine
250	1879 5 para unused provisional p 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ inv. surcharge	Genuine
251	1879 10 para unused provisional p 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ inv. surcharge	Genuine
252	1879 ditto with litho guidelines	Genuine
	(253 cancelled)	
254	1866 2 pi bisected used on entire from Alexandria	Genuine
255	1872 1 pi mint p 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ litho	Genuine
256	1872 1 pi mint p 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ litho	Genuine
257	1872 1 pi mint p 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ litho	Genuine
258	1872 1 pi mint p 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ litho	Genuine
259	1866 5 para used on piece 'La Trombetta' cds Alexandria	Genuine
260	1866 2 pi bisected and used on piece from Alexandria	Genuine
261	1866 2 pi bisected and used on piece from Cairo	Genuine
262	1897 1m Sudan mint inv. ovp	Genuine
263	1875 1 pi used imperforate-between pair	Forged imperforation
264	1922 1m, 15m, mint Crown Ovp red essays	Genuine
265	1922 1m, 15m, mint Crown Ovp red essays	Genuine
266	1922 1m mint Crown Ovp type I inv. ovp	Genuine but clandestine
267	1922 2m mint Crown Ovp type III double ovp	Genuine but clandestine
268	1922 20m mint Crown Ovp type I double ovp	Genuine but clandestine
269	1866 1pi plate proof background design without value inscription, imperf. unwatermarked	Genuine
270	1866 ditto	Genuine
271	1926 5m mint Port Fouad	Genuine
272	1926 5m mint Port Fouad	Genuine
273	1926 10m used Port Fouad	Genuine
274	1948 1m mint Palestine ovp inv.	Genuine
275	1874 20 para used imperf.	Genuine
276	1872 1pi used imperf.	Genuine
277	1952 6m mint block 4 x 2 with K.E. & S. ovp; part ovp on one stamp and missing from another	Genuine
278	1914 2m mint official block of 4 inv. ovp	Genuine
279	1914 2m used official inv. ovp	Genuine
280	1953 2m mint block 3 x 3, double bar ovp	Genuine
281	1914 4m used official ovp misplaced	Genuine
282	1922 3m mint official large hamza	Genuine
283	1922 ditto	Genuine
284	1898 3m/2pi mint P.D. inv. ovp, SG D75a	Genuine
285	1905 3m/2pi mint P.D. inv. ovp SG D76a	Genuine
286	1905 3m/2pi used P.D. inv. ovp SG D76a	Genuine
287	1915 2m/3m essay	Genuine
288	1913 5m mint official inv. commas to right of ovp	Forgery
289	1884 5pi P.D. stone proof in black	Forgery
290	1953 100m mint misplaced bars	Genuine
291	1953 8m mint Air Palestine K.E. & S. 3 bars	All ovp's forged
292	1953 3m mint Air Palestine, K.E. & S. inv. 3 bars	Forged K.E. & S. and Palestine
293	1953 2m used double bars	Genuine
294	1866 1pi used, no stop between 'P E'	Genuine
295	1953 cover with 4m (SG 441), Air 7m (SG 458), double bars used but 7m bars unofficial	Cover genuinely
296	1954 cover with 20m (SG 446) double bars, 8m Air (SG 459), 2m Air (SG 480) double bars, one set misplaced	Genuine
297	1953 1m mint misplaced bars	Genuine
298	1866 1 pi mint block of 4 p 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	Genuine

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by R.A.G. Potter (ESC No. 86)

I have five covers showing the Egyptian version of this marking, and can find no reference to its use in Egypt other than in "L'Orient Philatelique" No. 78, page 347 (Gabriel Boulad ESC 66), No. 83 page 178 (Gabriel Boulad and presumably referring to the same cover), and No. 80 page 506 (Danson ESC 32).

Charles Minett (77) had made some sparse notes which included incomplete details of a further cover in Eric Haffeles' (116) collection.

The normal use of this marking is defined in the Universal Postal Union Regulations of 1875 :-

"REGULATION V Section 2. In case postage stamps may be used which are not of any value in the country of origin, no account shall be taken of them. This fact shall be indicated by the figure 'O' placed by the side of the postage stamps."

and would appear in conjunction with the 'T' marking indicating that postage due (Taxe) should be charged. This is illustrated by covers which I have (numbered 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10) and on which the postage due charges have been, or should have been, collected from the addressee. Similarly marked are covers Nos. 1, 5 and 6 but in these cases the 'T' and the framed 'O' have been subsequently cancelled because for one reason or another the Postal Authorities have decided that the stamps should after all be allowed to pay the postage and have, therefore, let the covers through untaxed.

Exceptions to this 'normal use' appear on the covers described by Gabriel Boulad in "L'Orient Philatelique", and the oval has been applied (doubtless in Egypt) as a dumb cancellation on otherwise uncanceled Egyptian stamps on incoming mail - presumably to prevent their re-use in Egypt! (Cover No. 11). Although the 'O' does not appear on the cover (No. 12) addressed to Ramleh-Ibrahimich this cover is relevant to these notes in that it is similar to No. 11, but a retta cancellation has been applied to the previously uncanceled Egyptian stamps on the incoming mail, and this would presumably be the dumb cancellor available at that location (or possibly en route to it?). Indeed the retta may have been the normal cancellation for out-going mail from this location - has anyone a cover from Ramleh-Ibrahimich, or ever seen a circular date stamp or other (rural?) cancellation from there?

Cover No. 4 is extraordinary in that the mark has been used apparently to denote that the French Office (Alexandrie) stamps which had paid the postage to Trieste were unacceptable on the forwarded incoming mail.

Covers 13 and 14 are relevant to this study because the framed 'T' has been used, instead of the 'O' as with the other covers of the same period, to denote that stamps were not valid for postage.

Gabriel Boulad mentions in his article that the use of the framed oval is rare, but I am uncertain as to whether he is referring specifically to its undoubted very rare use to cancel Egyptian stamps on incoming mail. There must be few instances indeed where an attempt has been made to use Egyptian stamps to pay postage from an outside country; with the obvious exception of mail posted through Egyptian Consular Offices abroad, or mail posted on board ships.

It seems to me extraordinary that these framed oval markings should be so scarce in view of their use from at least as early as 1893 (cover No. 1) to as late as 1953; notwithstanding the relative scarcity of Postage Due mail anyway, and the evidence we have that the oval was not always used when it could (or indeed should) have been!

I am anxious to obtain, or at least to receive details of, any other covers showing this 'O' marking - from any countries of the World. I have seen or heard of it from various locations - but in manuscript - and I am left wondering at the moment as to whether Egypt was the only country to use a hand-struck stamps for the device.

In conclusion I would like to thank those who have assisted me in putting these notes together, and especially Peter Smith (74) and Martin Lynes (210).

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An article "International Postage Due and the U.P.U." by E. Keith Parker was published in Stamp Collecting on 29th December 1977, and quotes relevant sections of the Berne Treaty (U.P.U.) effective from 1st July 1875 - viz Article III, Article VI and detailed Regulations III, V and VII.

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There follow descriptions of covers in chronological order, a table and illustrations.

1) Envelope franked with GB 2½d Queen Victoria stamp; addressed to FRANCE, no details of arrival marks if any. Two framed ovals (Minett states 10.25 mms) round stamp, cds SUEZ / 15.XII.93 TI. The two framed ovals have been struck out in blue pencil, and the 'Pleine Mer' marking applied to the stamp. (Early days for 'Pleine Mer' but that is another story!).

It would appear (from Danson's notes) that the framed ovals were applied to indicate improper use of an English stamp in the Egyptian Postal Service, but then the Authorities cancelled the stamp (correct rate to France) with the 'Pleine Mer' mark to show it was a Sea Letter, and then struck out the ovals.

No postage due charged. (LOP 80, page 506, Danson).

2) Postal Stationery post-card of Austrian Levant 20 paras / 5 Kr. Framed Oval(s?), boxed 'T', cds SUEZ / 22.1.97 T2, also cds Alex / A 23. 1. 97 TI

Arrival LONDON JA 28 / 97

Postage Due mark (London) F.B/C 5d

with Aust. Lloyd XLVI in blue

M/script: from S.S. 'GISELA' (Minett note, Eric Haffele collection).

3) Postal Stationery card - France 10 centimes overprinted 'Alexandrie'
Stamp uncanceled.

a) Two framed ovals (10.5 x 10 mms) struck in black, one to the left, the other below, the stamp.

b) Pencilled initials to the left of the stamp (presumably those of the postal clerk who applied the ovals and the following mark (c).

c) Boxed 'T' towards left side of post-card, struck in black.

d) cds ALEXANDRIE / D / 13 I O1 / Arabic, struck in black.

Note: a), b), c) and d) all presumably applied in Alexandria.

e) N.P.B. / 2d struck in black (London).

f) cds EASTBOURNE / 12AM / JA 20 / O1

The charge of 2d represents twice the post-card rate (i.e. 4 milliemes = 1d).

The card was written on the 12th January 1901 from the Hotel Continental Alexandria - the writer had apparently been delayed due to illness of passengers on board ship. He was boarding a steamer on that day bound for Trieste.

This card was presumably posted in an Egyptian Post Box, and not in the French Consular Office, hence the stamp was not acceptable to the Egyptian Postal Authorities and the 'Taxe' markings were applied.

(Potter collection).

4) Envelope franked with Alexandrie 2 and 5 centimes stamps cancelled
ALEXANDRIE / 7 / MARS / 12 / EGYPTE.

a) framed oval of Cairo


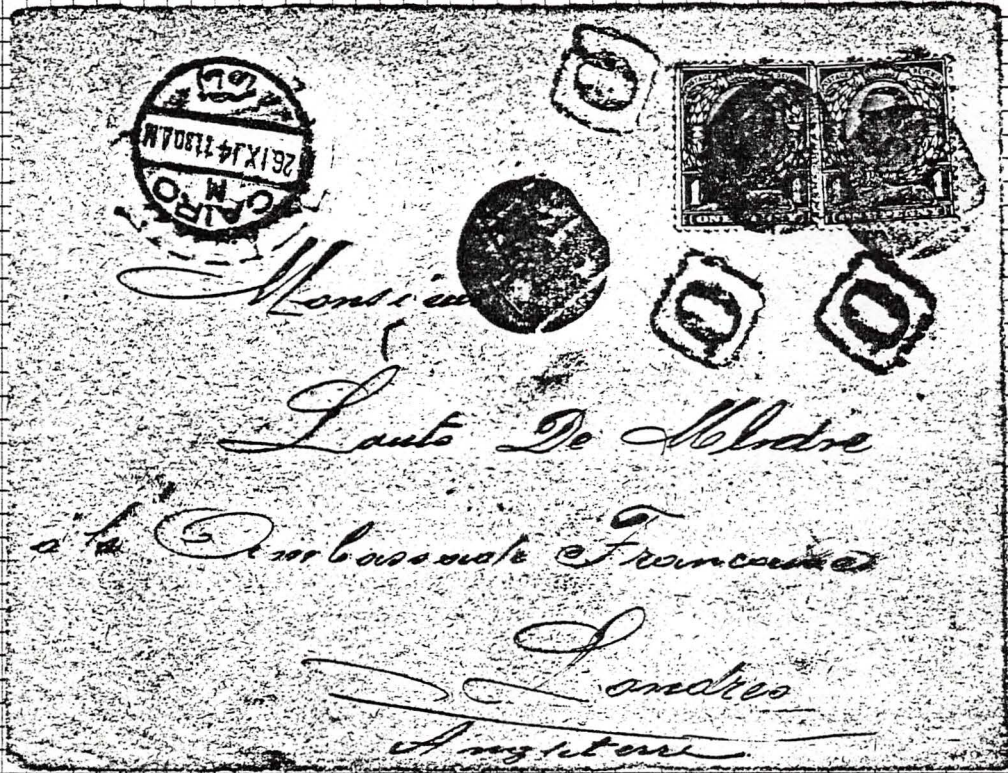

b) pencilled 'T'

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- 4 c) cds CAIRO / 8-III.12 4-P.M. cancelling one piastre Postage Due stamp of Egypt. Addressed to Trieste, but re-directed to Poste Restante, Caire, Egypte.
It would appear that the French Post Office Alexandrie stamps were not acceptable to the Egyptian Postal Authorities on the INCOMING MAIL.
(Peter Smith collection).
- 5) Envelope franked with 2 x GB 1d. KGV stamps, cancelled with a cork cancellation struck in black, one on each stamp.
- a) Three framed ovals (13.5 x 13.5 mms) struck in black. (These ovals are distinctive not only for their larger size but there is a projection at the left of them giving the appearance of a reversed 'Q' - this may be due only to smudging or perhaps damage to the handstamp). One oval is to the left, and one below, each of the adhesives.
- b) Framed 'T' upper centre of envelope, struck in black.
- c) cds CAIRO / M 26.IX.14 11.30 A.M. / Arabic; struck in black.
- Note: a), b) and c) all presumably struck in Cairo.
- d) The framed 'T' and the two stamps have been cancelled with what appears to be a cork cancellation struck in black.
(Where was this applied? London? - to prevent re-use?).
- e) cds LONDON / 3.30 PM / 16 OC / 14 / F.S.15 - backstamp.
This was war-time and presumably the letter was allowed to go through untaxed, although franked with stamps unacceptable to the Egyptian Postal Authorities.
(Potter collection).
- 6) Envelope printed 'from Cox's Shipping Agency Port Said', franked with Indian stamps overprinted 'I.E.F.' - 4 x 3 pies, 2 x $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, and 3 x 1 anna.
The stamps are uncancelled.
- a) Four framed ovals (9.5 x 9 mms) struck in black, two above and two below the stamps.
- b) Boxed 'T' at left of the stamps, struck in black.
- c) cds PORT SAID / B / 8-IV.15. 10.-AM / Arabic; struck in black.
- Note: a), b) and c) all presumably applied in Port Said.
- d) No arrival, or other, markings.
Addressed to Cheshire, England.
This was also war-time and similarly to 5) above the letter was allowed to go through untaxed, although franked with unacceptable stamps.
Indian 1 rupee in 1915 was equivalent to 1s. 4d. so that the 5 annas in stamps = 5d. which would appear to be double the rate required (i.e. 10 milliemes = $2\frac{1}{2}$ d.)
(Potter collection).
- 7) Envelope franked with 10 milliemes 1931 Agriculture and Industrial Exhibition stamp.
Stamp uncancelled.
- a) Two framed ovals (9.5 x 9 mms) struck in black, one to the left and one below the stamp.
- b) Boxed 'T' left and below the stamp, struck in black.
- c) cds Arabic / 17 MA 31. 10-- / PORT-SAID / F struck in black.
- Note: a), b) and c) all presumably applied at Port Said.
- d) 3d. / I.S. / R. struck in black (London).

The FRAMED 'O' MARKINGS - R.A.G.Potter

1914: Gt Britain stamps not accepted as valid.

EGYPT	DUMB POSTAL MARKINGS	POSTAGE DUE
		
13.5 x 18.5 mm.		
CAIRO		
		
TWO x 14 G.B STAMPS NOT ACCEPTED FOR POSTAGE.		
	STRUCK THREE TIMES	CORK MARK CANCELLING THE T
12 x 11.5 mm.	T " ONCE	E ALSO APPLIED ON THE 2 STAMPS.
CAIRO M 26. IX / 14 11.20 AM.	LONDON ARRIVAL: 3.30 PM 16 OCT 14 A.S. / 15	TAXI THIS CANCELLED E NOT COLLECTED. (WAR-TIME).

- 7 e) cds READING / 25 MY / 31 / 6 cancelling 3d. postage due stamp.

The charge collected (3d.) represents normal rate (10 milliemes = $2\frac{1}{2}$ d.) to nearest penny above.

The two ovals are joined by a curved pencil line 'ringing' the stamp.

This letter dated 17 May was posted two days after this commemorative stamp was invalidated, hence the stamp unacceptable to the vigilant Egyptian Postal clerk.

(Potter collection).

- 8) Envelope franked with 10 milliemes Fuad 1927 issue, and a bisected 10 milliemes of the same issue.

- a) Framed 'O' beside the bisected stamp.
 b) Framed 'T' struck below stamp.
 c) 2 x 40 centesimi Italian Postage Due stamps cancelled with Italian cds 28 VIII 31.

Addressed to Trieste, Italia.

(Peter Smith collection).

- 9) Envelope with AIR MAIL label and franked with 1 x 5 milliemes Fuad 1927 issue, 1 x 15 milliemes 1936 Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition, and 1 x 1933 8 milliemes Air-Mail stamp.

The 5 and 8 milliemes stamps cancelled with cds, but the 15 milliemes commemorative stamp is uncanceled.

- a) Three pencilled rings below stamp, one framed oval below and to right of stamp struck in black clear of cds below stamp.
 b) Boxed 'T' below stamp, to left of, and also clear of the same cds.
 c) cds Arabic / 15 MA.36. 7.-p. / ALEXANDRIA / DEPART struck in black - one cancelling each of the two stamps, and a third (referred to above) below the commemorative stamp.
 d) $1/40$ in the same indelible pencil used for the 'rings' as a) above.

Note: a), b), c) and d) all presumably applied at Alexandria.

- e) 4d. / I.S. / C. struck in black (London).
 f) cds SALTASH / 15 AM / 20.5.36 / CORNWALL cancelling pair of 2d. GB Postage Due stamps.

The charge 4d. represents only the insufficient postage (the unacceptable 15 milliemes stamp = $3\frac{3}{4}$ d. - to the nearest 1d. above).

$1/40$ Gold Franc = 10d. 40c = 4d.

This letter postmarked 15 May 1936 was posted one day after the commemorative stamp had been invalidated.

(Note: Zeheri catalogue is incorrect, see IOP 28/5/36, page 44).

(Potter collection).

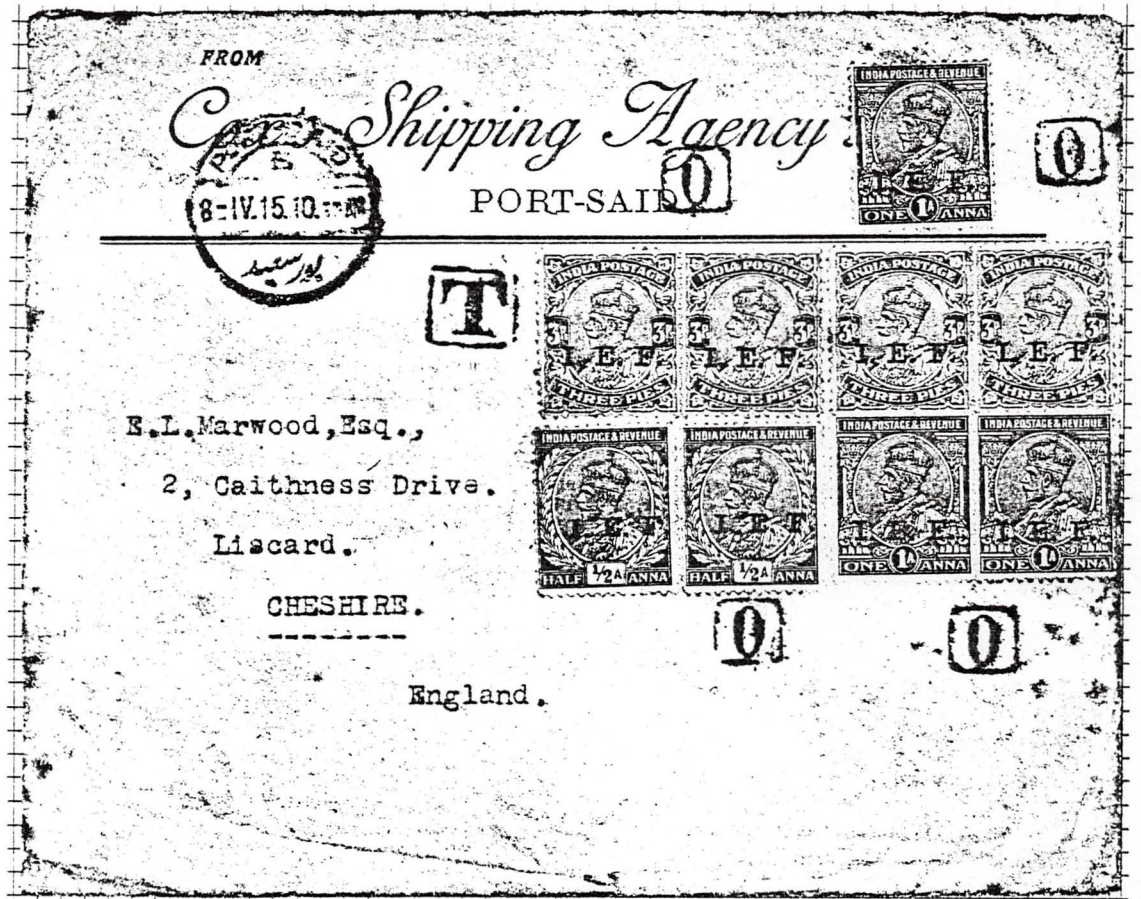
- 10) Envelope franked with GB 3 x $\frac{1}{2}$ d. KGVI stamps.

- a) 6 x manuscript 'O's round the pair, and 4 x manuscript 'O's round the single stamp below.
 b) Framed 'T' struck as usual away from the stamps.
 c) cds 10.OC.53 5.30-- / PORT SAID / T
 d) $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. / I.S. / K. handstruck (London).
 e) cds MANCHESTER / 24 OC / 53 / P.B. cancelling $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. GB postage due stamp.

Stamps not acceptable to the Egyptian Postal Authorities and postage due duly charged, and collected from the addressee.

(Peter Smith collection).

1915: India stamps overprinted I.E.F. not accepted as valid



Cover No. 6

R.A.G.Potter Collection

1936: Egypt Commemorative (out of date by one day!) - not accepted



Cover No. 9

R.A.G.Potter Collection

- 11) Envelope addressed to Alexandria from Beyrouth franked with :-
- Lebanon 2 x 3 PT.
 France 3 x 25c.
 Egypt 1 and 3 milliemes 1927 issue, and 4 milliemes 1923 issue
- a) The Lebanese and French stamps have been cancelled with cds BIR.AMB / MARITIN / 26 APR 39 / CONSTANTA / ALEXANDRIA (i.e Rumanian Maritime Cancel).
- b) The Egyptian stamps (left uncanceled) have had a framed oval struck ON each of them.

Gabriel Boulad in his notes states that he does not understand why the French stamps have been accepted and not the Egyptian - but I would point out that no postage due has been charged, which seems to lend weight to my suggestions in the text.

See: 'LOP' 78, page 346, illustration on page 347.
 'LOP' 83, page 178 also refers. (Gabriel Boulad).

- 12) Envelope addressed to Ramleh-Ibrahimich franked with :-
- Lebanon 5 PT.
 France 4 x 25c.
 Egypt pair of 2 milliemes, and a 4 milliemes, 1937 issue.
- a) The Lebanese and French stamps have been cancelled similarly to 11) above.
- b) The Egyptian stamps have had a retta struck ON them.

See 'LOP' 78, page 346, illustration on page 347.

(Gabriel Boulad).

- 13) Envelope franked with 5 milliemes 1931 Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition stamp.

No framed 'O' used BUT stamp uncanceled and :-

- a) Framed 'T' struck three times round stamp
 b) cds 21.AU.31 2.30 P/CAIRO / ?
 c) cds 22.AU.31 6- A / PORT SAID TRAFFIC cancelling 2 x 5 milliemes postage due stamps of Egypt.

Addressed to Port Said.

The commemorative stamp was invalidated 15th May 1931.

(Peter Smith collection).

- 14) Envelope franked with 5 cents U.S.A. commemorative, addressed to England.

No framed 'O' used BUT stamp uncanceled and :-

- a) Framed 'T' struck below stamp
 b) cds 28 AP. 50 6.14P / T / PORT SAID

A ship letter from SS "BROOKLYN HEIGHTS", 'POSTED ON THE HIGH SEAS' from a U.S.A. address, posted in transit.

No postage due in fact charged.

(Potter collection).

 R.A.G. Potter, ESC No. 86
 (May 1979)

WAGHORN AND THE HATED RIVAL - Continued

beat Hill & all his Passengers by coming over the Desert in our Mail Coach with four Greys. "

Suddenly one feels very very sorry for Waghorn: he tried so hard and had so much energy and belief in himself.

F. Rowland Hill

E G Y P T - FRAMED 'O' MARKINGS - TABLE OF RECORDED USE - R. A. G. POTTER

Reference	Date	Applied at	Cover franked with	Addressed to	Correct Rate	(O) used to denote	Subsequent markings and Remarks
1 LOP 80, p 506 (Danson coll)	15.XII.93 TI	Suez 10.25mm	GB 2½d	France	10 mills (2½d.)	stamp not valid	(O) struck out; accepted as Sea Mail "Pleine Mer"
2 Minett note (Haffele coll)	22.1.97 T2 A 23.1.97 T1	Suez ? Alex ?	Aust. Levant 20 pa/5Kr postal staty p-card	England	4m (1d)p-c (2½d letter)	do.	5d postage due charged. London
3 Potter coll.	13.1.01 IV	Alexandria 10.5 x10mm	France o'p Alexandrie 10c p.s. postcard	Eastbourne England	4 mills (1d.)	do.	2d. charged, England.
4 P.A.S.Smith coll.	7 Mars 12 8 Mars 12	Cairo	Alexandrie 2c, 5c.	Trieste		do.	Letter forwarded from Trieste back to Cairo. postage due 1 PT charged on incoming mail at Cairo
5 Potter coll.	26.IX.14 11.30 AM	Cairo 13½x13½mm	GB 2 x 1d.	London England	10 mills (2½d.)	do.	'T' and stamps struck out with "cork" cancel
6 Potter coll.	8.IV.15 10- AM	Port Said 9½x9mms	India o'ptd I.E.F. 4x3pies, 2 x ½ anna 3 x 1 anna	Cheshire England	10 mills (2½d.)	do.	Tax not collected, markings and stamps not cancelled.
7 Potter coll.	17.MA.31 10-	Port Said 9½x9mms	Egypt 10 mills Agr. Ex. (invalidated 15 May 31)	Reading England	10 mills (2½d.)	do.	3d. charged, England
8 P.A.S.Smith coll.	24.AU.31 9-P	Alexandria	Egypt 10m Fuad 1927 + bisected ditto	Trieste Italy		½ stamp invalid	80 centesimi collected, Italy
9 Potter coll.	15.MA.36 7-P	Alexandria 9.75 x 9.5 mms	Egypt: 5m Fuad 8m Air 15m Agric Exh (the last invalidated 14 March 1936)	Saltash England	28 mills (7d.)	15m stamp invalid	4d. charged, England

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FRAMED 'O' MARKINGS

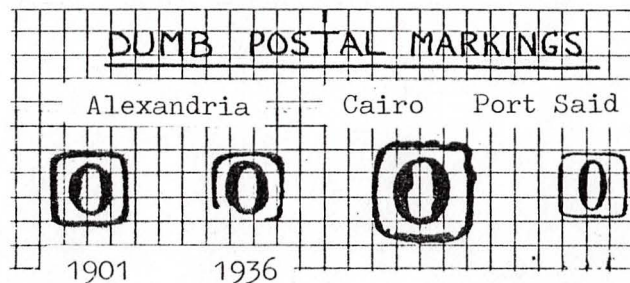
TABLE OF RECORDED USE

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Reference	Date	Applied at	Cover franked with	Addressed to	Correct Rate	(O) used to denote	Subsequent markings and Remarks
10 P.A.S.Smith coll.	10 OC 53 3 ? ?	Port Said O's in ms	GB 3 x 1/2d. KGVI	Manchester England			Stamps not valid 1 1/2d. collected, England
11* LOP 83 p. 178 LOP 78 p. 347 (G. Boulad)	26 APR 39 27 APR 39	Alexandria	Lebanon 2 x 3 PT France 3 x 25 c. Egypt 1m, 3m, 4m	Rumanian Maritime cancel to Alexandria			To cancel Egyptian stamps on <u>INCOMING</u> mail
12** LOP 78 p. 347	26 APR 39	Ramleh- Ibrahimich Egypt	Lebanon 5 PT France 4 x 25 c. Egypt 2 x 2m, 4m	ditto			<u>Retta</u> used to cancel Egyptian stamps on <u>incoming</u> mail
13** P.A.S.Smith coll.	22 AU 31 6-A 21 AU 31 2.30P	Cairo	Egypt 5 mills Agric. Exhib.	Port Said			'T's surrounding stamp and 10 mills postage due collected, Egypt
14** Potter coll.	28.AP.50 6 ¹⁴ P/T	Port Said	U.S.A. 5 cents commemorative	England			'T' below stamp. Ship Letter SS "BROOKLYN HEIGHTS" 'POSTED ON THE HIGH SEAS' No charge made.

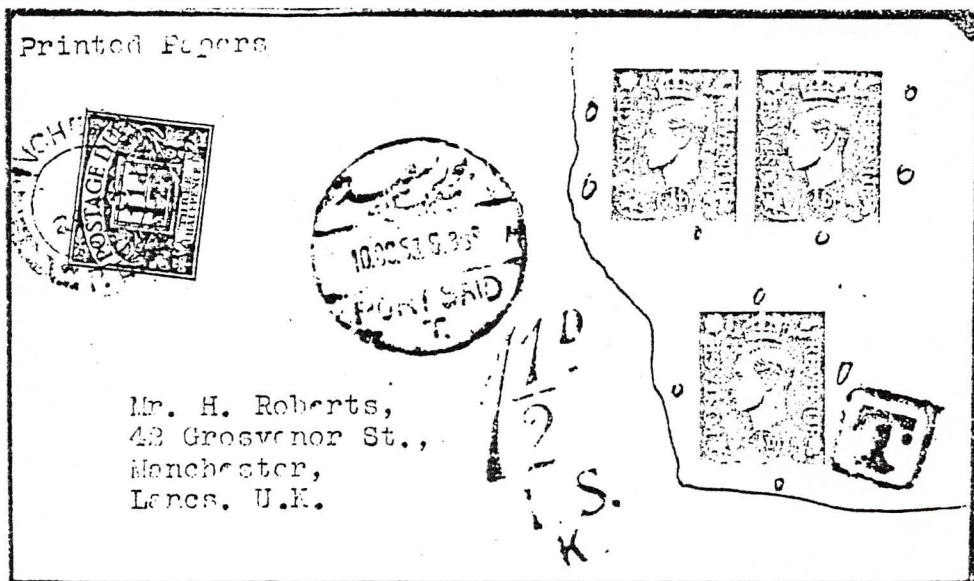
Note* Cover No. 11 shows 'improper' use of the device

Note** Covers Nos. 12 to 14 are relevant to the study, although not showing the device.



The Framed 'O' markings illustrated here are accurate tracings of the actual hand-struck marks.

GB KGVI stamps marked as invalid by 'O' in MANUSCRIPT



Cover No. 10

P.A.S.Smith Collection

NEW ISSUES - 1971 - by C. E. H. Defriez



Zeh. 569



Zeh. 570/3



Zeh. 574



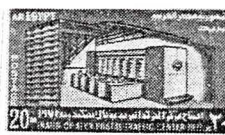
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Zeh. 576



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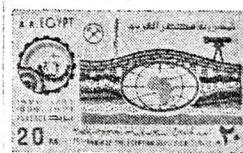
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Zeh. 579



Zeh. 580



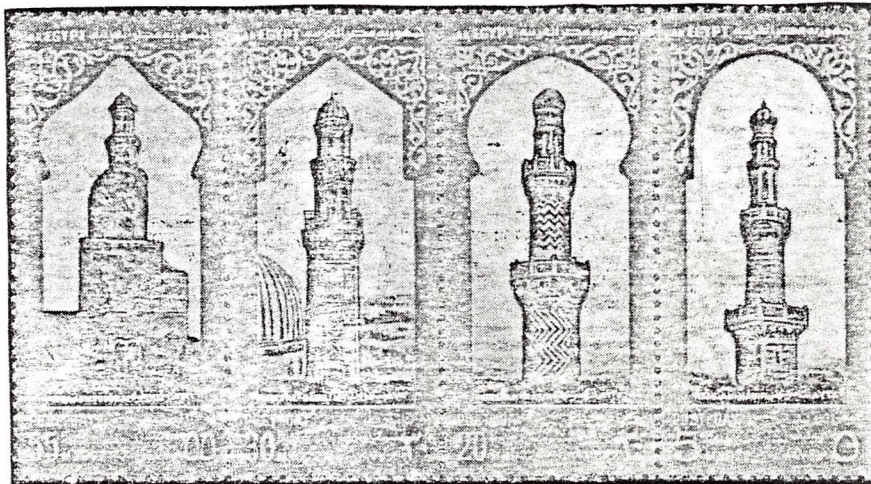
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Zeh. 582/4



Zeh. 585



Zeh. 589

Zeh. 588

Zeh. 587

Zeh. 586

NEW ISSUES by C. E. H. Defriez

(all stamps are printed Rotogravure by Postal Printing House, A.R.Egypt, and with watermark Multiple Eagle unless noted otherwise)

NOTE: this series will bridge from 1971 (from the last date covered by the 1972 edition of the Zeheri Catalogue) to 1974 (the commencement of the coverage by the "Q.C." of New Issues). These stamps are listed by Zeheri numbers only.

Commemorative Stamps

Zeh. 569

Occasion	Confederation of Arab Republics
Date of issue	28th September 1971
Design	Federal links
Denomination	20 mills
Sheet	50 (5 x 10)
Stamp dimensions	43 x 26 mm
Perforation	11½ x 11
Quantity printed	1,000,000
Supplementary	The Federation of Arab Republics, consisting of Egypt, Libya and Syria was created in September 1971 and came into formal existence on 1st January 1972

	<u>Zeh. 570</u>	<u>Zeh. 571</u>	<u>Zeh. 572</u>	<u>Zeh. 573</u>
Occasion	1st Anniversary of President Nasser's death			
Date of issue	. . . . . 28th September 1971			
Design	. . . . . Portrait of President Nasser			
Denomination	5 mills	20 mills	30 mills	55 mills
Sheet	. . . . . 50 (10 x 5) of each			
Stamp Dimensions	. . . . . 26 x 43 mm each			
Perforation	. . . . . 11 x 11½ each			
Quantity printed	3,000,000	3,000,000	500,000	500,000

	<u>Zeh. 574</u>	<u>Zeh. 575</u>	<u>Zeh. 576</u>
Occasion	. . . . United Nations Day		
Date of issue	. . . . 24th October 1971		
Design	Princess and Child (Statue)	Four colours of race, and symbol	Partly submerged temple pillar
Denomination	5 mills	20 mills	55 mills
Sheet	50 (10 x 5)	50 (5 x 10)	50 (10 x 5)
Stamp dimensions	11 x 11½	11½ x 11	11½
Quantity printed	1,000,000	1,000,000	500,000
Supplementary	22nd Anniversary of U.N.I.C.E.F.	Racial Equality Year	25th Anniversary of U.N.E.S.C.O.

F O R S A L E by Mr P.E.Whetter - continued from page 216

STATIONERY	Envelope H & G 24	Used	£ 1.00
	Registered Envelope H & G 3 (C3)	"	6.00
	Airmail 80m H & G 6	Mint	1.00
	" 115m H & G 8	"	1.00
GAZA	1948 1m to £E 1 set of 19	"	3.50*
	2m to 200m Air set of 12	"	1.25*

BUYERS - please deal direct with Mr Whetter (address on page 216)

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<u>Commemorative Stamps</u>	<u>Zeh. 577</u>	<u>Zeh. 578</u>
Occasion	Blood Donors	Inauguration of Postal Traffic Centre, Alexandria
Date of issue	24th October 1971	31st October 1971
Design	'Blood Saves Lives' (donor giving blood)	The Postal Traffic Centre Building
Denomination	20 mills	20 mills
Sheet	50 (10 x 5)	50 (5 x 10)
Stamp dimensions	26 x 43 mm	43 x 26 mm
Perforation	11 x 11½	11½ x 11
Quantity printed	1,500,000	1,000,000
Supplementary	-	The building is equipped with the most modern systems for sorting, transportation and delivery

	<u>Zeh 579</u>	<u>Zeh 580</u>
Occasion	Ramadan Festival	75th Death Anniversary of Abdallah El Nadim (Poet)
Date of issue	13th November 1971	14th November 1971
Design	Sunflower	Abdallah El Nadim
Denomination	5 mills	20 mills
Sheet	100 (10 x 10)	50 (10 x 5)
Stamp dimensions	25 x 30 mm	26 x 43 mm
Perforation	11	11 x 11½
Quantity printed	?	1,500,000
Supplementary	-	El Nadim was born in Alexandria in 1845. He was one of the pioneers of the national press, a poet and a supporter of the Arabi uprising.

	<u>Zeh. 581</u>
Occasion	75th Anniversary of Egyptian Geological Survey
Date of issue	. . . . . 27th November 1971
Design	. . . . . Globe and Earth's Strata
Denomination	20 mills
Sheet	50 (5 x 10)
Stamp dimensions	43 x 26 mm
Perforation	11½ x 11
Quantity printed	1,500,000
Supplementary	To celebrate the diamond jubilee, an international conference was held from 27th November to 1st December 1971

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<u>Commemorative Stamps</u>	<u>Zeh 582</u>	<u>Zeh 583</u>	<u>Zeh 584</u>
Occasion 10th Anniversary of African Postal Union		
Date of issue	. . . . . 2 n d D e c e m b e r 1 9 7 1		
Design	Emblem and Dove with letter	Emblem & Dove with letter	Emblem and Airmail letter
Denomination	5 mills	20 mills	55 mills
Sheet	. . . . . 50 (5 x 10) of each		
Stamp dimensions	. . . . . 43 x 26 mm each		
Perforation	. . . . . 11½ x 11 each		
Quantity printed	1,000,000	1,000,000	500,000
Supplementary	The A.P.U. was established at the Tangier Congress in December 1961.		

Zeh 585

Occasion	70th Anniversary of Post Office Savings Bank
Date of issue	2 3 r d D e c e m b e r 1 9 7 1
Design	Hand, Currency and Safe
Denomination	20 mills
Sheet	35 (5 x 7)
Stamp dimensions	40 x 40 mm
Perforation	11½
Quantity printed	1,500,000
Supplementary	Since the bank was established, the maximum limit of deposits has increased from £E 200 to £E 5,000 and the rate of interest from 1% to 3½%. There is also a monthly lottery draw where the 1st prize is £E 1,000.

Zeh 586 Zeh 587 Zeh 588 Zeh 589

Occasion	P O S T D A Y - Mosque Minarets			
Date of issue	2 n d J a n u a r y 1 9 7 2			
Design	El Nasser Mosque (West)	El Nasser Mosque (East)	El Gawli Mosque	Ibn Tulun Mosque
Denomination	5 mills	20 mills	30 mills	55 mills
Sheet	. . . . . 10 sets se-tenant			
Stamp dimensions	. . . . . 28 x 61 mm each			
Perforation	. . . . . 11½			
Quantity printed	. . . . . 400,000 sets			
Supplementary	Mosque built in 1335 A.D.		Mosque built 1303 A.D.	Minaret built 876-879 A.D. Outside stair- case added 1296-7 A.D.

EGYPT STUDY CIRCLE CONGRATULATES Mr Themis Dacos (ESC 220) on his Vermeil award for his Specialised Collection of Egypt at BALKANFILIA, 1979.

The Egyptian Post Office at Galipoli

The May 31st 1979 sale of Stanley Gibbons Auctions Ltd contained a marvelous array of rare Egypt. The quality was high with respect to both intrinsic interest and authenticity, and the fact that I pick out one small item from it as a forgery should not be taken as significant criticism. In fact, as the buyer of the lot in question, I judged the value of the other, genuine, items in it to be well worth the sale price, and I had no wish to return it !

There were three lots containing stamps cancelled at the Galipoli office. Lot number 381 was a 2 PT stamp of 1867 cancelled with a genuine strike of the exceedingly rare intaglio seal of this office, and one of only five examples I know of. Lot number 382 was also genuine - a very nice example of the 2 PT of 1872 bisected to make the 1 PT rate, and cancelled 4 APR 1873 *. This example is on a neat, rectangular piece, tied over the diagonal cut, and signed by A. Diena. The latter fact, however, should not be taken as reliable evidence of genuineness, for signatures of experts are themselves easily forged, and Mr Diena has been known to err more than once with respect to Egyptian items. I further examined this item with the Comparatec "optical blink" comparing device, and found that it matches precisely with cancellations on whole stamps. (I have never heard of any cover bearing the Galipoli bisect).

The real subject of this note is lot number 383, which contained four loose singles with strikes of the Galipoli office: 1872 1 PT; 1875 20 para and 1 PT; and 1879 5 para De La Rue. Three were genuine, but the 1875 1 PT was not. It bore the forgery well known to specialists by a small "o" in GALIPoLI, and can be recognised at a glance. The cancellation of the Tripoli office has also been forged by the same forger, incidentally, and his product reads TRIPoLI ! Beware !

* NOTE: at an uncertain date in 1873-4, the Galipoli datestamp changed from four digits to two in the year date.

Illustrations to Prof. Peter Smith's note appear on page

... IN THE SAME AREA by P. E. Whetter (ESC 133)

Peter Smith's recent valuable articles on forged 'Used Abroads' prompts me to draw attention to Lot 331 in Stanley Gibbons' All World Sale on 4th October 1979. The stamp was illustrated, but in case this does not reproduce well, I should mention that the portion of the postmark - on a 5-para of the 1872 issue - reads " V.R. POS . . SALONIC . . " with a clear date " 20 NOV 72 ". The reverse bears a Bolaffi guarantee mark in red.

The postmark is certainly not Type 111-1.5n, which so far as I know is the only type recorded as having been used at this office, and is not unlike 111-1n although the diameter of the outer circle is 25mm. Moreover the date is rather late for an office which is supposed to have closed on 15th February 1872 (the Data Sheets show use up to 5th May 1872). There are I know forgeries with the spelling " SALONICCA " and with the correct spelling but as I do not possess examples of either I cannot make useful comparisons.

Apparently the buyer did not share my misgivings, as the stamp, badly thinned, fetched £ 62, plus 10% premium. I would welcome comments.

Incidentally in the same sale an 1872 1-piastre used in Metelino on 25th December 1873 fetched £ 52 plus 10%. This is the same date as recorded in the Data Sheets for the latest use of the Type 111-1.5n datestamp at this office.

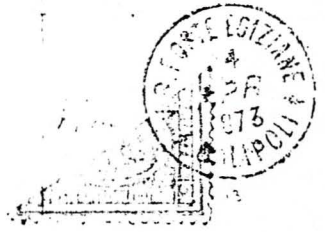
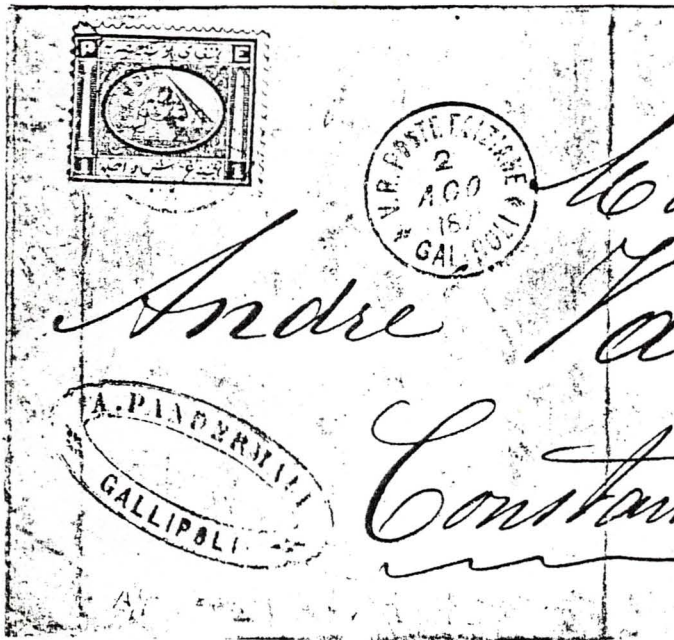
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PETER SMITH - ENCOUNTERS WITH FORGERIES.

Cover sent from Galipoli to Constantinople
2nd August 1871

with genuine strike of GALIPOLI office

Lot 382 - genuine



ex Lot 383



genuine

"GALIPOLI" Forgery

P.A.S.S. Collection (part only reproduced)

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J. Davis Collection

THE APPROACHES TO EGYPT UP TO 1914RAIL / SEASEA

by J.D.Crosbie, "Barrhill" 34 Cyprus Ave Elderslie Johnstone PA5 9NB

Partly due to her ancient past and strategic importance Egypt has always attracted the attention of both her neighbours and many of the great European Powers. With the spread of rail networks all over Europe and, latterly, the completion of the Suez Canal an increasing number of visitors came to her shores.

The main European ports of embarkation were Marseilles, Naples, Brindisi, Genoa, Venice and Trieste and, as will be seen from the chart, there were a variety of shipping lines providing regular passenger/mail services from one or other of these ports. In addition there were many cargo/passenger and cargo shipping companies whose ships made regular calls at Egyptian ports. It is very doubtful whether these ships carried mails but their passengers and crew used the ship/shore postal facilities, thus helping to give a better picture of the volume and variety of sea traffic to and from Egypt.

There was in addition the considerable Black Sea/Constantinople/Asia Minor ports traffic to Egypt. There is no doubt it existed but examples of mail carried are difficult to find.

Furthermore there are the Egyptian Railway cancellations to consider. They seem to have been applied at the port of entry of the mail, e.g. Alexandria. It is felt that this is part of the whole picture.

Paquebot, Pleine Mer ship cancellations are to be found on many countries' stamps and cards as also are "port of arrival" cancellations, notably Great Britain and also M.B. (Mobile Box or Boite Mobile). Such form a study in themselves and it is hoped that some day this aspect will be examined as it is all part of Egyptian Maritime Postal History.

Mention should also be made of the French, British and Austrian Post Offices at Alexandria, Port Said and Suez; and not least Lt. Waghorn for his "overland service of goods and mail" to Suez, the forerunner of the Suez Canal.

The Boxer Rebellion in China, and the expansion of European interests in the Far East, saw a considerable increase in traffic through the Suez Canal with a resultant demand for postal services. The German Navy used a "Marine Schiffspost" numbering system and it is therefore possible to trace and list all their ships passing through the canal.

There is still much to be done. There are many gaps to be filled and it is hoped that fellow postal historians will help with details from their own collections and from their own studies. In this way a comprehensive study of this important region can be undertaken and a fairly complete work published.

TABLE 1 THE OVERLAND ROUTE FROM LONDON (also BERLIN) to MEDITERRANEAN PORTS

Departure point	Route	Arrival point	REMARKS
London	Calais - Bale	Brindisi	Special "P & O Brindisi Express". 46-hour journey on Fridays; other times 56 hours
London	Paris - Mont Cenis	Genoa	30-hour journey
London	Bale - St Gotthard	Venice	41-hour journey
London	Paris-Mont Cenis-Rome	Naples	50½-hour journey
London	Calais, Paris	Marseilles	22¼-hour journey. "Mediterranean Express" from Calais on Tues & Thurs; other days Paris departure
London	Ostend - Vienna	Trieste	50-hour journey. Special express "Ostend-Trieste" weekly, 46-hour journey to link with Austrian Lloyd steamers to Alexandria
Berlin		Naples	Fortnightly link with German E. Africa Line and German Far East steamers to Australia, China and Japan. Known as "Berlin Express Service".

TABLE 2 - Additional Train Services

London - Ostend - Bale	-	Thrice daily;	18-hour journey
London - Italy	-	ditto	
London - Vienna - Trieste	-	Daily	

TABLE 3 - Shipping Companies which connected with the Rail links

Home Port	Frequency of Service	Rail connection	Other Ports of call	Arrival Port, Egypt	Ultimate Destination
1. MESSAGERIES MARITIMES					
Marseilles	Weekly	Marseilles	Not known	Alexandria	Far East, India, Australia
	Fortnightly			Port Said	Reunion and E. Africa ports, incl. Aden
	do.			Port Said	Far East route incl. India, Japan
Port Louis, Mauritius (1860's only)	Not known		Not known	Suez	Suez mail conc. "Poss Ang-Suez P.F. Amb Marseilles"
2. NEDERLAND STEAMSHIP Co.					
Marseilles	Fortnightly	Marseilles	Not known	Port Said	Not known
3. ROTTERDAMSCHE LLOYD					
Rotterdam	Fortnightly	Genoa	Not known	Port Said	Not known
4. GERMAN EAST AFRICA LINE (D.O.A.L.)					
Hamburg	3-weekly	Naples (Berlin Mail Express) Hamburg	S'hampton Gibraltar Algiers	Port Said	Round Africa to Hamburg
5. NORR.D. LLOYD					
Bremen	Fortnightly	Naples (Berlin Mail Express) Genoa	S'hampton Lisbon & others	Port Said	Far East, Japan, Australia
6. AUSTRIAN LLOYD (taken over after 1st World War by Italy and known as LLOYD TRIESTINO)					
Trieste	Weekly	Brindisi	Not known	Alexandria, Port Said	-
7. NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA					
Venice	Fortnightly	Ancona, Bari, Brindisi	Not known	Alexandria	-
Genoa	do.	Messina, Alexandria	do.	Port Said	-
do.	weekly	Leghorn, Naples, Messina	do.	Alexandria	-
do.	monthly	Naples, Messina	do.	Port Said	Bombay

TABLE 3 - Shipping Companies connecting with Rail - continued

Home Port	Frequency of Service	Rail connection	Other Ports of call	Arrival Port Egypt	Ultimate Destination
8. ORIENT LINE					
Naples	Fortnightly	Connecting London mail & passengers	Not known	Alexandria	Not known
London	do.	Plymouth, Gibraltar, Naples	do.	Port Said	Australia, Far East, India
9. P. & O.					
London	3 days per week	Brindisi (Overland Express) weekly	Gibraltar, Malta, Venice (ev. 3 weeks)	Port Said	Australia, Far East
London	Fortnightly	Marseilles (Rail connection) Malta	Not known	Alexandria	Not known
10. ANCHOR LINE (INDIA SERVICE)					
Glasgow	Not known	-	Liverpool, others not known	Port Said	India
11. HENDERSON LINE (RANGOON SERVICE)					
Glasgow	Not known	-	Liverpool, others not known	Port Said	Rangoon
12. PAPSAYANNI					
Liverpool	Fortnightly	-	Not known	Alexandria	Not known
13. MOSS					
Liverpool	Fortnightly	-	Not known	Alexandria	Not known
14. LEYLAND					
Liverpool	Fortnightly	-	Not known	Alexandria	Not known
15. PRINCE					
Liverpool	every 10 days	-	Not known	Alexandria	Not known
16. CITY					
Liverpool	Monthly	-	Not known	Alexandria	Not known
17. HARRISON					
Liverpool	Irregular	-	Not known	Alexandria	Not known
18. OCEAN					
Liverpool	Irregular	-	Not known	Alexandria	Not known
19. CLAN					
Glasgow	Not known	-	Not known	Port Said	Not known
20. N.Y.K (Japan)					
Yokohama	Not known	-	Not known	Suez and onwards to U.K.	

/ Continued . . .

TABLE 3 - Shipping Companies connecting with Rail - continued

Home Port	Frequency of service	Rail connection	Other ports of call	Arrival Port Egypt	Ultimate Destination
21. KHEDIVICH MAIL					
Alexandria	weekly	-	The Piraeus, Constantinople	Port Said	Athens
	not known	-	Suez & Red Sea ports, i.e. Port Sudan, Suakin, Massawah, Aden, etc.		
22. RUSSIAN LINE					
Odessa	weekly		Constantinople, Alex.	Port Said	-
			Smyrna, Beirut		
23. BLUE FUNNEL LINE (HOLTS)					
Liverpool	Not known		Not known	-	Port Said
24. BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.					
London	Not known		Not known	-	Port Said
25. ABERDEEN & COMMONWEALTH LINE					
London	Not known		Not known	-	Port Said and Far East
26. CONNECTION FROM U.S.A.					
New York - Genoa by Hamburg-America Line, every fortnight, calling at Gibraltar/Naples, connecting with DOAL Africa and Far East / Australia lines.					
27. HAMBURG-LEVANT LINE					
Hamburg			Probably called at Alexandria / Port Said among other ports.		

TABLE 4 *Passages through the SUEZ CANAL

Nationality of vessel	1913	1929	CLOSING REMARKS
British	2,951	3,517	This list should give some indication as to availability of material although so far no trace of any Dutch, Italian, Danish, Norwegian, U.S., Swedish, Greek, Spanish or Russian shipping passing through the Canal, or even calling at Alexandria. There is evidence of British, French and German shipping, also Austro-Hungarian and possibly Turkish, but no indication of any traffic from the Black Sea area. There should be evidence of Red Sea ports traffic, but so far only one card from Khedivich Line ships at Suakin. There is still a fair quantity of material available from Egypt and it may be that by sifting through this material, fresh evidence will come to light regarding the missing shipping lines, certainly this should be true of the British ones. A Lloyds' Register of Shipping for, say, 1910 would be invaluable as it is difficult to identify the Shipping Coy. if the name of the ship is not readily recognisable.
Japanese	68	163	
Dutch	342	653	
French	256	399	
Italian	110	319	
Danish	56	84	
Norwegian	44	148	
American (U.S.)	8	118	
Swedish	33	76	
Greek	17	68	
Spanish	26	6	
German	778	620	
Austro-Hungarian	246	-	
Russian	110	33	
All others	40	70	
Totals	5,085	6,274	

*These figures include Merchant Vessels, Mail Steamers, Warships, Transports and other Government chartered vessels.

*** CIRCLE MEMBERS are invited to contact Mr Crosbie at the address given at the head of this Article - Ed.

by F. Rowland Hill (ESC 212)

Hill & Raven appear to have been in business conveying tourists and any freight they could get before Waghorn arrived. Not much seems to be known about them, but they appear to have been generally more business-like but very much less picturesque. Significantly, when in 1836 the Bombay Steam Committee applied one million rupees for the improvement of the Overland Route, the money went to Hill & Raven who built the Rest-houses on the Desert Route from Cairo to Suez. There is a tendency for writers about Waghorn to say that in 1841 Waghorn went into partnership with them, or even admitted them to partnership; but as the firm was called J.R.Hill & Co. that suggests that Devine in 'Those Splendid Ships', page 80, is nearer the mark in saying that Waghorn was swallowed by Hill & Raven.

Towards the end of 1840 Waghorn is getting rather shrill about them:-

"Alexandria 22 Sept 1840

"Captain Grindlay sends all his people to Hills the consequence is confusion propounded* in fact a mixture of usefulness and uselessness which (abrogates ? / militates ?)** against the company's interest and our own."

* another Waghorn neologism (or Malapropism).

** an indication of the difficulty of Waghorn's writing under stress; it could be either, if either made any sense; perhaps yet another neologism).

"Alexandria 17th Octobr 1840

" . . . every passengers pr Oriental thro us passed on to India but not one which went by Hill & Co.

. . . The Pasha has ordered Hills carriages not to run and has shut up his hotel.

"14 Nov 40

"Here is an inclosure respecting the annoyances of Hill & Raven to Travellers as well as their exorbitant Charges and general insolence, let this be written in very large letters & shewn to every passenger who comes to Egypt.

"Alexa 20 Jan 41

" . . . We now beg to tell you that sometimes with (word illegible) all our alacrity & zeal Hill gets on Board the Steamer first & takes away (by bad report) many of the passengers who go to your Office & give their names to us in London.

"Alexa 23rd Feb 1841

"Capt Barker
My dear Sir,

I am sorry, very sorry to find that you, as well as Capt Grindlay, recommend Travellers en route to India to go thro Egypt under the agency of Hill & Co instead of under mine. Surely, most surely this kind of usage is not what I had expected from Capt. Barker, & I feel convinced that upon Reflection your general warmth of heart and nature will tell you from conscience that Waghorn ought to be supported through thick and thin by all who hold Steam intercourse a boon to India and the East. In the early days of advocacy of this measure even before your own active zeal and advocacy of Steam were heard of, your friend Waghorn was alone, was laughed at, nay deemed quite an enthusiast & half a madman for talking about mails going in fifty days and Passengers and all over the Great Sandy Desert. That Grindlay should be my enemy I am not surprised at, as I do not believe him to have common honesty enough to be any mans friend -- but you & I, that have sailed and baffled many a squall should be more free, more frank, and more friendly one toward the other. I give you my honor that to the best of my knowledge my Agency is doubly superior to Hill in all points & trebly more respectable. Pray write to Mrs Randell Ward (Archdeacon's wife of Bombay) and say her husbands arrival at Suez on the 10th and waits her arrival in Egypt, & ask that lady if Waghorn's Agency is good or bad & if she did not

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FFF	O O	RRRR	SSS	AAAAA	L	EEE
F	O O	R R	S A	A	L	E
F	OO	R R	SSSS	A	A	LLLLL EEEEE

by Mr P.E.Whetter (ESC 133) Flat 1, Burrells, 25 Court Downs Road,
Beckenham, Kent BR3 2TQ (Phone 01-658 3494)

ESSAYS	1922	Harrison	5m	Block of 4	(Z 85)		£ 36.00
	1922	"	15m		(Z 90)		20.00
DEFINITIVES	1884	10 para green,	large wmk	Plate 1,	Pane of 60		2.25x
	1914	50m unmounted	mint,	block of 6			3.50x
		100m	"	"	" 6		6.50
		200m	"	"	" 6		13.50
	1922	1m mint control	block of 12	- A20			0.60x
		2m	"	"	48 A20		5.00
		5m	"	"	4 B22		2.00x
		15m	"	"	4 B22✓		2.00x
		15m	"	"	4 A21		5.00
		15m	"	"	12 B22		4.00
		15m	"	"	12 A21 (6 x 2)		12.00
		50m unmounted	mint marginal	block of 6			6.00
		50m	"	"	corner block of 12		12.00
		100m	"	"	marginal block of 4		12.00
COMMEM'S	1923	5m Crown	block of 15	(Type I - 3rd setting	Stone A)		0.75x
	1926	Agricultural			mint		6.00
	1926	Air 27m violet:	Used £ 1.80,x✓		mint		2.50x✓
		27m chestnut	" 0.60,x✓		"		0.80x✓
		Surcharges			"		0.80x✓
		Navigation	" 0.70x✓		"		1.00
	1927	Cotton	" 0.70x✓		"		1.00
		Statistical			"		0.45
	1928	Medical			"		0.20
	1929	Prince Farouk			"		0.55
	1931	Agriculture			"		0.55x✓
		Graf Zeppelin,	50m and 100m	fine used			13.00
		Aviation			mint		7.50
	1936	Agriculture			"		1.30
		Anglo-Egyptian	Treaty		"		0.50
	1937	Capitulations /	Ophthalmic		"		0.45
	1938	Wedding	F.D.C.	£1.00x	"		0.75
		Cotton			"		0.70
		Telecoms			"		0.75
		Leprosy			"		0.95
ARMY SEALS	1932	1p Letter Seal			"		3.00x
	1933	1p Postal Seal			"		3.00
	1934	1p Letter Stamp	(Z 5)		"		3.00x
		1p	" (Z 7)		"		0.40
		3m Xmas Seal	strip of 4	(Z 6)	"		4.00x
	1935	3m Xmas Seal	block of 4	(Z 10a)	"		3.00x
		3m on 1 piastre	Xmas		"		4.00
		1p Jubilee	Used £ 30		"		35.00
	1936	3m Sheet of 100	Control A 36		"		4.00x✓
DUES	1889	2m light green	1st printing	block of 48	"		3.60x
	1912	1p blue on chalky	paper,	corner block of 12	Mint		1.35x
	1889	2p 1st printing,	marginal	block of 24	"		3.00x
OFFICIAL		No value	Block of 12	Plate 2	"		0.50xx
		"	"	Wmk sideways (V)	Block of 10		0.25x✓
		"	"	" (V) Imperf.	Blok 10		30.00
	1907	5m IMPERF	block of 4	(touched at top)	"		15.00
		1p	"	4	"		20.00
		5p	"	4 Plate No. 2	"		20.00

MEMBERS WISHING TO BUY - please deal direct with Mr Pip Whetter at his address above.

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I N T E R P O S T A L S E A L SReview of the Kehr Catalogue - L E T T E R from Mr Ernest A. KehrNov. 25
mcmLxxix

Dear Editor,

I have just read the latest quarterly and am extremely grateful for Mr. Schmidt's "review" and commentary on my "interpostals" catalogue. As I clearly mentioned in the foreword, I made the original listings in 1943, at which time I invited corrections, additions, etc. Only when I felt everything was in did I venture to compile the second. And even in that I said there was a strong possibility that other information might be ascertained.

Few would believe or even realise how much time I devoted to futile endeavors to get at official records in Egypt so had to rely solely on philatelic sleuthing to get as far as I did.

In closing I want to say that I long wanted to write more on Interpostals as a result of some new details I uncovered since 1962. Most unfortunately the pressures of professional work made this impossible.

Thanks again for publishing this helpful supplement !

All best regards,

Kehr

Q U E S T I O N T I M EMEMBERS' REPLIES to Questions put previously

Q. Time 9. Subject: "Automobile" cancel on 1928 Medical issue
Question appeared in June 1979 Q.C.

Maj. E.L.G. MacArthur (ESC 125) has kindly drawn attention to an article in L'O. P. number 33 (July 1937) pages 117-121, by Messrs Abdel Gawad El Ghazali and Jean Boulad d'Humieres. This article is entitled "The Commemorative Postmarks of Egypt" and covers from the Alexandria Exhibition of 1894 to the 15th Agricultural & Industrial Exhibition in 1936. The writers make the point that, on the occasion of every Congress, Exhibition or Event which is relevant to their Study, there was a special temporary Post Office, with special Exhibition Datestamp, in the premises occupied by the Event. (An exception to this was the Graf Zeppelin visit, where the special postmarks were applied at the central Post Offices of the four cities visited).

Not all relevant Exhibitions were the subject of a special issue of stamps, and not all commemorative stamps were the subject of Exhibitions (the Port Fouad issue is therefore not covered in the Study).

The writers mention that the special postmarks are met with in different colours, blue and violet being the most frequent, after black.

Q. Time 10. Subject: "Thanks to British Navy" Labels
Question appeared in June 1979 Q.C.

Mr Philip Woodland (ESC 161) has kindly supplied a copy of a complete sheet of these labels, and this forms an illustration in this issue. Mr Woodland draws attention to the two staple marks at top left and right, and surmises that these were therefore likely to have been sold in booklets through stationers, etc.

Q. Time 12. Subject: "Mobile Box" cancel
Question appeared in Sept 1979 Q.C.

Mr J. Stanley Horesh (ESC 118) has kindly supplied the following information as to how this mark came to be applied. He first assumes that the information as to the card having been written aboard R.M.S. 'INDIA' at Port Said on 9th May 1899 is given on the obverse, and that the details are correct.

To receive a Port Said PAQUEBOT cancel the card would have had to have been off-loaded at Port Said.

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Q. Time 12 - continued

The card, therefore, was posted on board after the ship sailed from Port Said, or missed being off-loaded before sailing. It remained on board until the ship arrived at Tilbury when it was put into the Mobile Box on the quayside. Mr Horesh suggests that, as the journey from Port Said to Tilbury would have taken about seven days and the London datestamp is 13th May, the card must either have been written several days after the ship sailed from Port Said, or the writer inscribed the wrong date. One would need to research whether on this voyage R.M.S. 'INDIA' called at other mainland European ports between Port Said and London. If it did call then the card was posted on board after such call.

Mr Horesh has a 1 pi Blue 1884 with the same postmark dated Feb 2 96 which is the earliest date recorded by the late Charles Minett. The last date he recorded was JY 13 02.

Q. Time 14 Subject: Overland Mail Egypt/Iraq, 1920's
Question appeared Sept 1979 Q.C.

Mr Bill Andrews (ESC 132) has kindly supplied the following information.

" This route ran across the desert at the same time as the Cairo-Baghdad Air Service of the R.A.F. was in operation and about which I have learned quite a lot since my original query.

" Recently I had the good fortune to meet an ex-Squadron Leader R.A.F. who was in Baghdad at the time of both the Desert Air Service and the Overland Route - the early to mid 1920's - and was intimately connected with them both, in a junior capacity of course. He has agreed to a session or two when he will produce all his photographs and other impedimenta and I will try to get all his reminiscences on tape together with his answers to the many questions I have. I shall welcome questions from other ESC Members.

" It is not very often one has the opportunity of meeting somebody who was actually present at these events and I hope to be able to get enough material for an article for the Q.C. in due course.

" Referring back to the DESERT AIR SERVICE I have now managed to acquire six covers, mainly from dealers who had no idea what they were, the most recent being two from Baghdad to Germany dated July 1924 and May 1925 and I find the postage rates most perplexing :-

- My two covers - Air Mail - Baghdad to Germany - 6 annas each
- Another cover of mine 29.9.1923 - Baghdad to U.K. - Air Mail - 12 annas
- Illustration to Q. Time 14 - Baghdad to Cairo - Overland - 7 annas
- Keith Tranmer's article* page 1359 1st paragraph - Baghdad to Europe overland - 9 annas.

" These rates do not seem to be consistent !! Any comments ?

" With the Desert Air Service and the Overland Mail my interest has been aroused greatly in a subject I didn't even know existed only a few short months ago. "

*Article by Mr Keith Tranmer in "Stamp Collecting Weekly", Vol. 134, No. 12 (3434), 20th September 1979, from page 1357.

Mr Robin Bertram (ESC 137) also drew attention to the article in "Stamp Collecting" by Keith Tranmer and in fact kindly supplied a copy of it.

Mr J. Stanley Horesh (ESC 118) kindly drew attention to an article on "The Overland Route" by the late Dr Gordon Ward which appeared in "The Philatelist" of February 1963.

Mr John Davis (ESC 213) wrote, enclosing the copy Post Card which is illustrated. The card was sent from Port Said on 17th April 1922 to India (too early for the Egypt/Iraq Overland route ?). The 5-mills adhesive attracted the 'Taxe' mark in Egypt but what is to be made of the circular mark at top centre: OVERLAND POSTAGE / DUE / A - P / 1 - 6 ?

Q. Time 18



Capt. R. A. Sayer, D. C. M.,

Q. Time 14

POST CARD P. EGYPT

Best wishes
good luck
to stay for honey
from Santa
Hummy.
Easter Monday.

Popular Business Agency
P. O. B. N. 81 - Port Said
Edu. N.

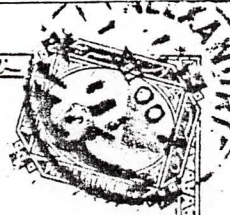
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12 rue J. Luc APRES DEPART
Chateaufoux

Q. Time 17

اتحاد بوسا العام
مصر
تذكرة بوسا
UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
EGYPTE
CARTE POSTALE



Master Beamish
Co Rev. L. M. J. Orsey M. A.
Grosvenor College
Ostende
Belg



Q. Time 16

U P D A T A = Update your Data

9. 'Star & Bridge' cancels

Mr R. SEYMOUR BLOMFIELD (ESC 15) reports two earlier dates than previously given.

LUQSOR 14-XII-08

MANSURA ? -VI -07

10. 'Cash' Cancels

Mr P. E. WHETTER (ESC 133) reports as follows :-

Cas 2 MICHALLA 10 JAN '69 On 1867 20-para

Cas 1.5n ALESSANDRIA 1 SEP '74 On 1867 20-para

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Q U E S T I O N T I M E

New Questions

Q. Time 16 Mr John Davis (ESC 213) refers to the illustration of his Post Card sent from Port Said to Ostende, Belgium, in October 1892.

What is the '2 in circle' mark and where applied ?

Q. Time 17 Mr John Davis has also provided a post card from Alexandria to Chateauroux, France, sent 1st December 1900.

What is the "Apres Depart" handstamp ? Where applied ? Does this indicate after departure of the ship from Alexandria ?

Q. Time 18 Mr John Davis provided the illustration of the cover franked with the 1928 International Medical Congress set, cancelled at QASR el DUBARA on 15th March 1929.

The addressee, Captain Sayer, is familiar enough to collectors of Egypt, and the Control Number copies of the stamps were probably the main reason for this cover being mailed. Mr Davis asks what/where is QASR el DUBARA, but the Editor drew a blank with his usual reference works. Cany any member help ? And why are the cancels struck in purple ? Further, the crest is that of the SEMIRAMIS Hotel, for whom the cover was printed. Are there any comments on this nice piece of Hotel Stationery ?

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E D I T O R I A L . . . continued from page 194

Our Title Page shows that there have been a few changes in Officers of ESC. Mr Dennis Clarke has stood down as Secretary/Treasurer and has been replaced by Mr E. Hall, a regular attender of the London Meetings. Mr Clarke has thereupon undertaken the post of Keeper of the Philatelic Record. All of us who regularly attend the London Meetings of ESC know that we have an excellent chairman in Mr John Sears; fortunately he has agreed to continue in office, as have all the other Officers.

The post of Keeper of the Philatelic Record was held with distinction for a long time by the late Charles Minett; after the tragic death of his successor, David Grover, this post may have become moribund. We look forward to a revitalised Record under the new Keeper. Mr Clarke has a big job to do in sorting and properly accommodating the existing filed material, much of which is in poor state. But he can only "Keep" the Philatelic Record if all Members report to him - with a photocopy - all their acquisitions worthy of record. It's up to all of us !

In this Issue, Mr Cyril Defriez starts a new series of New Issues, to take his starting point back to 1971, at the stage reached by the 1972 Editon of the Zeheri Catalogue. (He will, of course, maintain current New Issues as well). We think it important that the Q.C. should contain a full definitive listing, especially as other publications have regrettably been somewhat irregular.

Happy 'Eighties to all ESC Members, and all Egypt Collectors everywhere !

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