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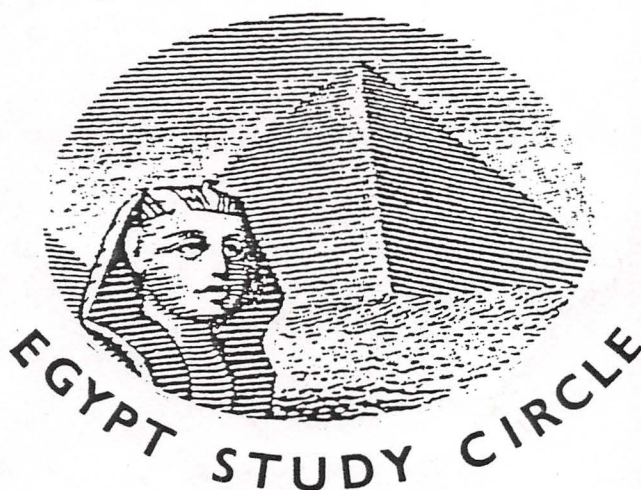
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Subject - to be arranged by local  
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should bring 10 sheets



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The resignation of Major MacArthur is announced with regret

FROM the CHAIRMAN . . .

The Library

It is with regret that I have to tell you that, because of other commitments, Mr F.W. (Jim) Benians, ESC 123, has resigned from the post of Librarian which he has fulfilled with much enthusiasm and dedication over the years. The Circle is indebted to him.

We therefore have the difficult task of finding a successor, and I am asking for a volunteer. Before you all leap forward with arms raised, I must in all fairness explain what is involved.

(1) The books at present take up about 16 feet of shelf space, but as you know it is our intention to add to our collection.

(2) The Librarian has up to now been responsible for storing and selling back numbers of the Q.C. which would take up another 12 feet. But this activity could be hived off from the main job of librarian.

(3) The Librarian should be resident in the U.K., and preferably be able to attend at least some of our meetings.

I trust you will all give this matter some serious thought, and please contact me if you feel able to take on this responsible work.

John Sears, Chairman

EGYPT STUDY CIRCLE - ACCOUNTS of Mr E. Hall as Treasurer

Year to 31 December 1982

	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Subscriptions less bank charges on foreign items	690.16	
Sales of back copies, The Q.C.	34.80	
Profit on expertisation	73.00	
The Q.C. - costs of production and distribution		540.34
Affiliation fee, British Philatelic Federation		7.00
Hire of room for meetings		46.00
Cost of exhibiting The Q.C. at Stampex		5.00
Photocopying for philatelic record		18.70
Books for Library		<u>23.25</u>
	<u>797.96</u>	<u>640.29</u>
In hand 31 December 1981, brought forward	535.16	
In hand 31 December 1982, carried forward		<u>692.83</u>
	<u><u>1,333.12</u></u>	<u><u>1,333.12</u></u>

ESC AUCTION by E. Hall

Mr Edmund Hall reports that the recent auction was successful and that he intends to run another auction.

Members with material for sale in the next auction should please send it to Edmund Hall (address on 1st page) in time to be listed for an insert in the June issue of The Q.C.



Meeting held on 12 February 1983 at 'The Peacock', Maiden Lane, London WC2

Attendance: Mr J. Sears (Chairman) and Messrs P. Andrews, D.H. Clarke, C.E.H. Defriez, E. Grey, J.A. Grimmer, J.S. Horesh, J.M. Murphy and P.E. Whetter.

Apologies for absence were reported from Messrs W.C. Andrews, D.J. Davis and E. Hall.

The Chairman welcomed a new member, Mr Barker, of South Kensington. Mr Barker said that his interests were a general collection with varieties all the way through, with FDC, varieties per the Zeheri catalogue and some Postal History.

The Chairman reported with regret that Mr F.W. Benians had resigned as the Circle Librarian. Mr E. Hall had kindly offered to undertake storing and distributing back numbers of The Q.C., but a volunteer was needed to continue the good work done by Mr Benians as Librarian; shelf space for the books etc. would be needed. All present joined in a hearty vote of thanks to Jim Benians for the important work he had done in his short time as Librarian.

The Chairman reported having had a letter from Professor Peter Smith, the Circle President, mentioning that the Sudan Group had been requested by Messrs Stanley Gibbons for data, with illustrations, of Sudan forerunners. The meeting considered that Egypt Study Circle should offer to help also, and a few conditions were suggested. Members with relevant should contact Mr John Sears in the first instance.

The Chairman referred further to the discussion which had taken place in previous meetings regarding the small amount of concerted study work being done at the present time. Writing-up for The Q.C. was an important part of any study work and Study Leaders should supply notes.

The Editor was able to show the silver-gilt medal which The Q.C. had won at Milan 1982 (the first Philatelic Exhibition at International level which was devoted entirely to philatelic literature). Presumably as a consequence of this award, two requests for exchanging journals, or providing a journal at a research foundation, had been received. It was agreed that both should be acceded to.

New Acquisitions: Mr P.E. Whetter suggested this as a new series for The Q.C. and this idea had been sparked off by a lucky find he had made in a recent purchase. This was a strike of Kena Type iv - 6n on 1872-2 pi. This idea was generally approved.

Mr P. Andrews drew attention to the hazards of storing significant material in plastic 'protectors'. He showed such plastic folders which had clear traces of the designs in detail of Control Blocks, and such 'printing' must have come from the stamps.

The Display was then given by Mr D.H. Clarke, of 'Postal Stationery'. This was a superb and unusual subject and the collector had made careful study of the printing peculiarities, etc. in the considerable amount of material which was shown. It had been agreed at the outset that the material displayed should be placed on the tables, instead of being passed from hand to hand. Although additional material was available, it was found that there was ample material of post cards and envelopes only. It is hoped to publish an illustrated article by Mr Clarke in due time.

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#### GOLD MEDAL AWARD

Congratulations to Peter R. Feltus, USA, (ESC 114) on his successful exhibit at SESCAL in Los Angeles, which gained a Gold Medal. The work which was exhibited was his new book: "CATALOGUE OF EGYPTIAN REVENUE STAMPS" in which study, scholarship and presentation are skilfully combined.



THE STUDY CIRCLE AT STAMPEX 1983 - by the Chairman

Three members exhibited at the recent Stampex 1983, the details were as follows :-

Basil Owen (ESC 259) was awarded a Silver Medal for his display of Egypt Used Abroad. This was a neatly presented four frames starting with a letter from C. G. Gordon bearing his intaglio seal, and including covers with GB stamps used during the 1882 campaign. There followed a number of covers from the campaigns in the Sudan, also stamps on piece, all of which showed very clear strikes of the various offices. There were also examples of Paquebot markings from Italian and French shipping lines.

Reg. Lockwood (ESC 250) was awarded a Silver Medal for his presentation described in the Catalogue as Egyptian Private Post Offices, Hotel Cancellations, etc. Again, this was a very well written-up display, with various cancellations neatly illustrated. Apart from the Hotel covers, those from Thomas Cook, Seamen's Home Alexandria, and Simon Arzt were also shown. The historical notes which were included added to the interest of the exhibit.

Eddie Grey (ESC 245) showed "Civil Censorship of Egypt" which included a wide range of the Marks applied from the 1st World War until the mid-1960's, together with examples of the re-sealing labels used during the same period. Those specimens not shown on actual covers were clearly illustrated. Eddie received a Diploma, and must be well pleased with what is thought to be his first attempt in this class.

John Sears, Chairman

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INVALID - M. Jean Boulad d'Humieres

Writing to the editor in mid-February, M. Jean Boulad mentioned that he has been in hospital since 18th September, following a traffic accident in the streets of Lausanne. M. Boulad suffered fractures of his right hand, shoulder and thigh.

He hopes that the condition of his bones will improve steadily, as it has been doing, so that he will be able to walk easily and without pain. He hopes to be back home by the end of March.

He also said that, since his accident, he has lost much of his interest in philatelic writing and research, but hopes this will return after full recovery.

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MORE ON STAMPEX 1983

Mr F.W.Benians also reported briefly on the three exhibits of Egypt. Two of these featured subjects which Mr Benians has made his own, by virtue of the research work he has done over several years, and by the volume of published matter, displays, etc., on these subjects which he has been responsible for. The slight duplication with the Chairman's report above is well justified here.

Civil Censorship of Egypt - C.E.Grey (Diploma). The Introduction stated it to be a study from WW1 to the 1960's. The bulk of the items shown concentrated on the last two decades following WW2 - a period in which there is still much more research needed. In time a higher award will be achieved.

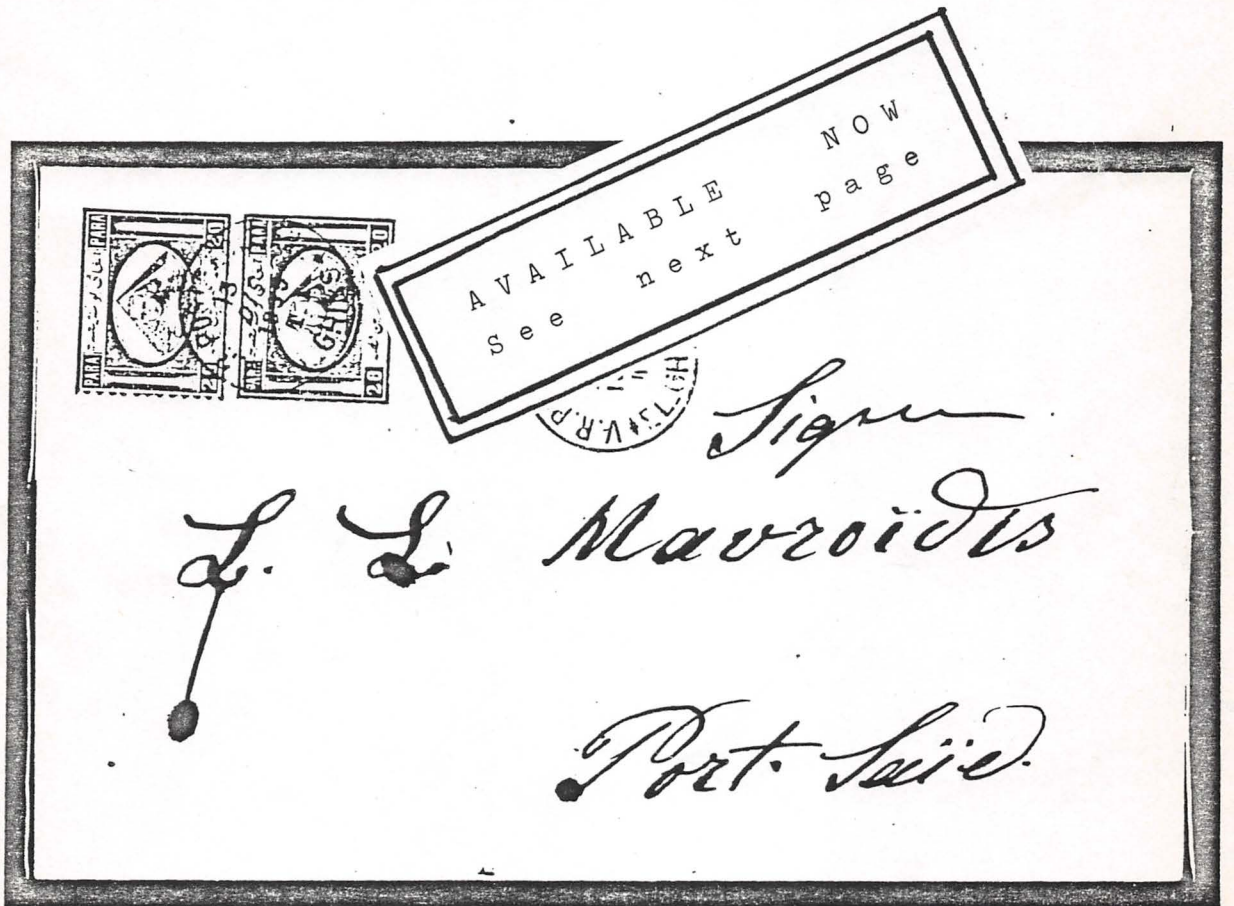
Egyptian Private P.O.'s, Hotel Cancels, etc. - R. Lockwood (Silver). This gave me particular pleasure being a representative display of the postmarks of the Proprietary Post Offices. Scarcer markings on cover, and 'Cook's Office' were shown. Glad to see Seamen's Home examples taking their proper place.

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# EGYPTIAN POSTAL MARKINGS OF 1865 - 1879



THE EGYPT STUDY CIRCLE — STUDY VI (PART ONE)

★★ 1983 ★★





" EGYPTIAN POSTAL MARKINGS of 1865 - 1879 " - 1982 Edition

Recently published by Peter Feltus, this new edition is the best yet, and every Egypt specialist will need his copy.

This work is Part I of Study VI of the Egypt Study Circle and is the most successful of all the Studies of ESC. It was originally entrusted to R. Seymour Blomfield (ESC 15) whose published findings started to appear in 1936. Peter R. Feltus (ESC 114) took over this Study some years back and the present is his third edition.

The heart of the work is, of course, the detailed and illustrated list of markings, the 'data sheets', which have been updated for significant information reported. Users are encouraged to report examples they may have, or may come across, which extend the information already known.

This new edition has a splendid feature in its 23 pages of introduction. Different sections deal with Mohammed Ali and his Dynasty, Egyptian Geography and Railroads, Lists of Cities, Towns and Villages having Post Offices, giving dates of opening and closing, and a 7-page description of all the towns and villages which had a Post Office in the classic era. There are five maps (drawn by Edmund Hall, ESC 239) which are beautifully clear and eminently suitable for copying to Album pages to supplement writing up.

Altogether a fine work which all of us need for constant reference. Available from the publisher, Peter R. Feltus, 5709 Keith Avenue, Oakland, California 94618, U.S.A. Price \$ 10 post paid (surface mail). For \$ 1 extra you get two copies of each of the five maps - well worth while.

STANLEY GIBBONS' CATALOGUE PART 19 - 2nd Edition, Jan 1983

On the positive side the familiar Gibbons' characteristics of very good legibility and good illustration reproductions are present. The second edition includes two sections which were absent from the first edition, being the sections on Gt Britain stamps used in Egypt, and British Forces' Seals, both from Part 1. Together with British and French P.O.'s, Suez Canal Co. and Gaza, the Egypt specialist has a good general listing in this new edition.

There are few changes in the listing affecting Egypt, but it is good to see that Gibbons now recognise that horizontal tete-beche pairs of the 1875 5 para and 1 piastre merit separate listing with much higher values than the vertical tete-beche pairs of those values. Regrettably, in explaining this, an error is introduced: the 4 'stray' inverted cliches of the 5-para sheet give rise to only three horizontal t-b pairs. The 1953 Bars on 1952 Egypt & Sudan overprint, in both colours, on 30-mills are accepted into the listing. The Official stamps issued in 1972 onwards without watermark, and as to two values in 1976-1979 with watermark, give rise to a number change and new numbers.

Prices stay unchanged until the 1922 Crown Overprints; the double o'p on 20 mills goes from £70 to £120; the inverted goes from £65 to £ 100. The 1923 £1 goes from £60 to £80, 1926 Birthday from £40 to £50, 1926 Port Fouad from £650 to £750 for the 50 pi. There are modest increases to most of the Commemoratives of pre-war, and there are increases throughout the UAR period.

There is a 'negative' side to this new edition of Part 19, and that is its price, £ 11.25. The similar 'sectional' published in 1970 cost only 60p (we called it 'twelve shillings'). The 1983 edition is only 2 $\frac{1}{4}$  years after the first edition and has few changes of content or price to capture attention. Few collectors are likely to collect more than a few countries seriously enough to want a new catalogue after two years (but Sudan would be an obvious 2nd country to Egypt collectors - not in this Part).



EXPERT COMMITTEE CERTIFICATES issued by Major E. L. G. MacArthur

(For previous list, see The Q.C., Volume XI, No. 6, page 143)

<u>No.</u>	<u>Year of Issue and Description</u>	<u>Opinion</u>
513	1915 2m on 3m used, inverted surcharge SG 83a	Genuine
514	1926 5m, 10m, 15m, 50pi, mint SG 141-4 Port Fouad overprint	"
515	1914 2m mint SG 0.84b inverted overprint	"
516	1898 3m on 2pi mint SG D.76a inverted surcharge	"
517	1888 5 pi used SG D.70	Forgery
518	1875 1 pi used SG 38 Cancelled type SEAL a-3, Cairo (Official correspondence)	Genuine
519	1874 2 pi used Perf 12½ x 13½ cds bilingual "BARBAR 14 SEP 74"	Forgery
520	1915 Cover with 1m x 2 and 3m SG 64 & 66 cds 27-12-1915	Fabrication
521	1868 20c unused, Suez Canal Co. SG3	Genuine
522	1868 20c unused, Suez Canal Co. SG3	"
523	1866 5pi unused single Perf 12½	"
524	1866 10pi unused single Perf 12½	"
525	1875 5 para, vert. pair used Perf 13½ x 12½	"
526	1875 5 para, vert. strip of 3 used, Perf 12½, inv. wmk, 2 top stamps inverted	"
527	1875 5 para mint multiple of 3, Perf 12½, top stamp inverted	"
528	1874 10 para vert. tete-beche pair, Perf 12½ used	"
529	1875 1 pi mint, vert. pair from top of sheet	"
530	1875 1 pi mint block of 4 with 1 inverted stamp Perf 12½	"
531	1874 5 pi used single Perf 12½ x 13½	"
532	1929 Prince's Birthday set of 4 with different coloured centres	"
533	1929 ditto ditto	"
534	1952 Air 20m single with double overprint of King of Egypt and Sudan SG 398a	"
535	1958 Palestine 35m mint single with overprint in brown SG 99a	"
536	1958 Palestine 1m mint single with overprint double SG91 var	"

(Further listings will appear in later issues of The Q.C.)

WORLD WAR ONE CENSORED PIECES - CLANDESTINELY PRODUCEDComment by Mr John Firebrace (ESC 71)

(These pieces were submitted by Mr J.M.Murphy (ESC 240). They are described and illustrated in The Q.C., Volume XI, Number 6 on pages 157 and 168)

According to the Censorship Study being carried out by Mr Frank Daniel, the three censor numbers illustrated were used by the following Units :-

- 3688 - used by 1/2 Welsh Field Ambulance and recorded through FPO's 158, 159 and S Z 3
- 3689 - used by 1/3 Welsh Field Ambulance and recorded also through FPO T.53
- 3711 - used by 1 Welsh Casualty Clearing Station and recorded through FPO's 158, 159, WBY and S Z 13

These pieces "cancelled by favour" seem to carry a very pungent Welsh medical flavour !



Figure I  
front

back

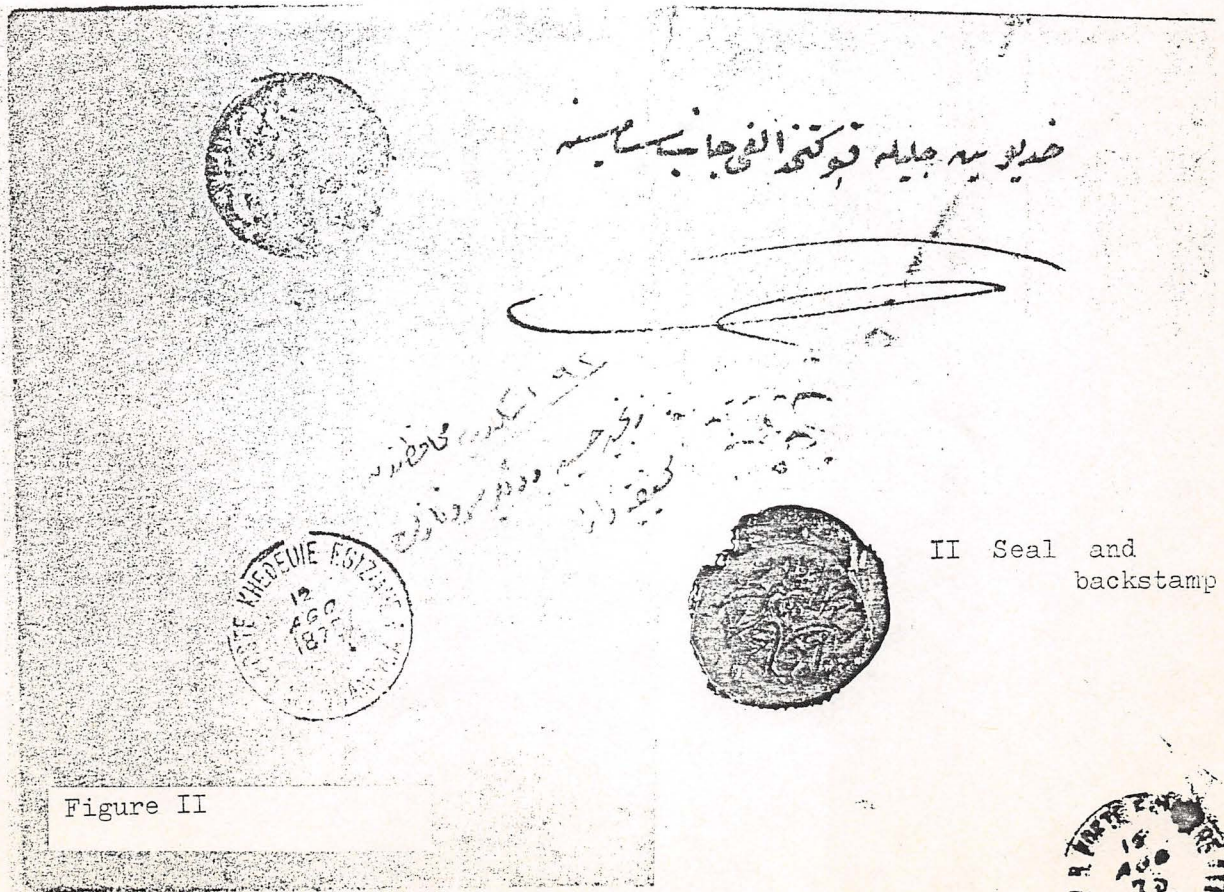
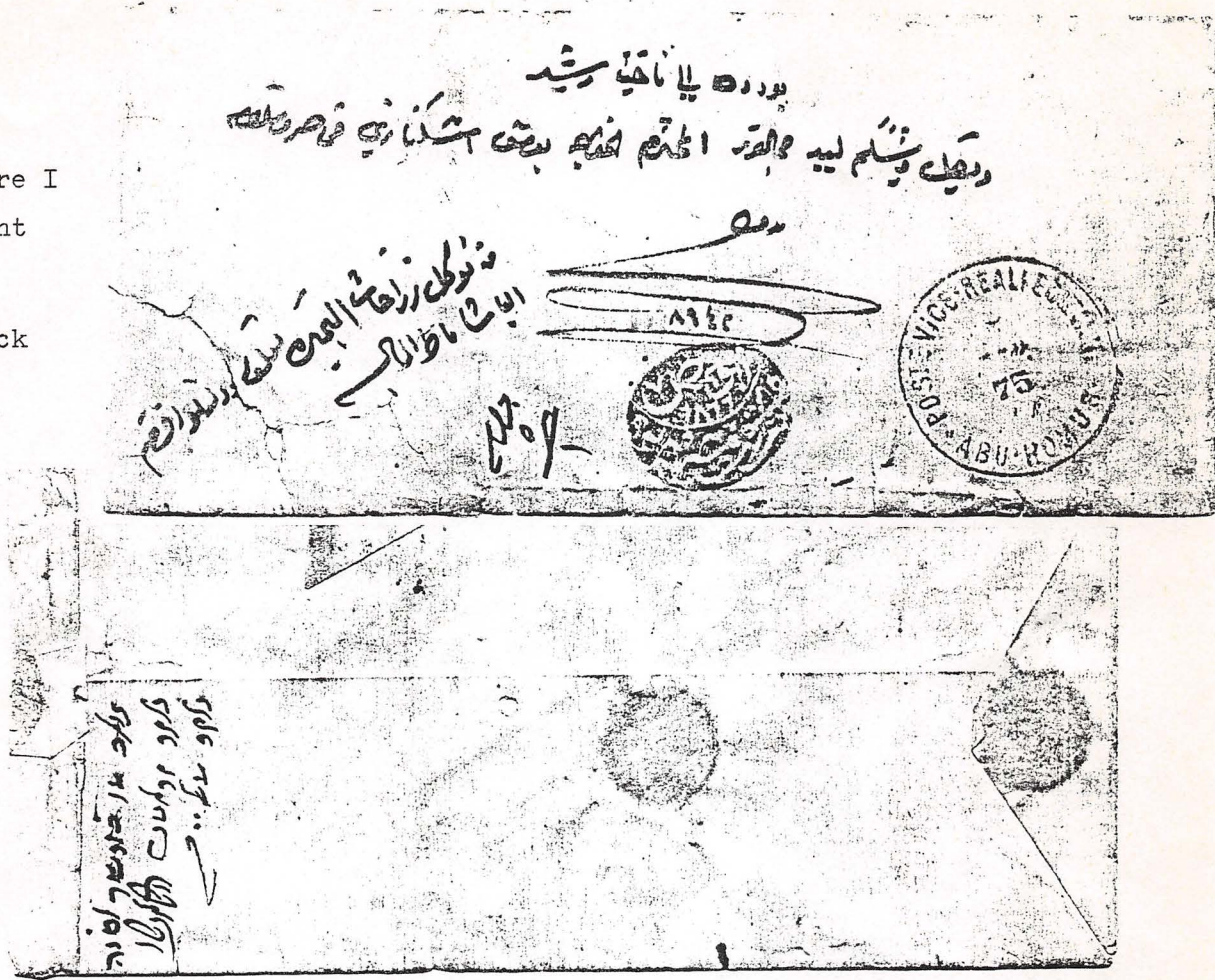


Figure II





## INTAGLIO SEAL POSTMARKS: SOME NEW DISCOVERIES

Peter A. S. Smith

The intaglio seals have been enigmatic for a long time, because they are so rare, especially on cover. Although it is most probable that they were prepared primarily to impress wax seals, they are known cancelling stamps, and on stampless covers, on which they seem to have functioned as a frank, or sign of exemption from franking.

The first of the new discoveries is a cover acquired by Erich Häffele (Fig. I). It bears the circular date stamp of Abu Homus in Type I, dated in 1875, a late use for this Type. It also bears the seal of that office, in the most complete strike I have seen. Since there is no stamp, the seal presumably had franking power in this case, a presumption that is reinforced by the manuscript endorsement at lower left, which states that the sender was a treasurer or tax collector. The cover is addressed to a Jew ("ashkenazi" can be made out in the second line of Arabic) residing in the environs of Rosetta. Unfortunately, there is no backstamp of arrival, although there is a notation on the back in Hebrew. To the left of the seal on the front is a notation of the weight and rate: "gram 5 / piaster 1".

The second discovery consists of examples of the intaglio seal of Alexandria on stampless covers to Constantinople. One of them (Fig. II) originated there, and the other (Fig. III) came from Cairo. Both are addressed to a lady at the Khedivial Embassy, a fact that may account for their being treated as official mail. Fig. II is dated 12 AGO 1875, and is backstamped on arrival on 19 AGO '75. The envelope is sealed in red wax bearing the imprint "mohafiz" (governor)"iskanderiya" (Alexandria). Fig. III bears no such seal, which fact may explain why it carries a rate notation and Fig. II does not. The rate, to the left of the intaglio seal, is "gram 11 / piaster 4". This corresponds to a double-weight letter (more than 10 grams); the rate of a single letter would have been PT1 from Cairo to Alexandria + PT1 on to Constantinople, in the pre-UPU period. However, this cover is dated 15 APR '76 at Cairo, 20 APR 1876 at Alexandria, and 27 '-6 on arrival, and thus after the changeover to the UPU rate of PT1 paras 20 for a single letter all the way to destination. I therefore do not understand the rate notation; perhaps there was a mistake. The intaglio seal on these two covers reads "maktab 'omoom bosta masriya miriya iskanderiya" (head official Egyptian post office Alexandria), with the year of manufacture, 1285, at the bottom.

The third cover of this group is in the Häffele collection.

It is from the same correspondence, and bears the same intaglio seal (Fig. IV). It is much like Fig. III, bearing the same selection of date stamps, but the date of origin, 19 MAG '75, is earlier, and just before the UPU rates went into effect. The rate notation appears to be that just to the left of the Cairo date stamp, and reads "10/2", signifying, presumably, 10 grams/ 2 piasters. This would be the correct rate for a single letter from Cairo to Constantinople. Unfortunately, the day of arrival is struck on the paper join and is not clear.

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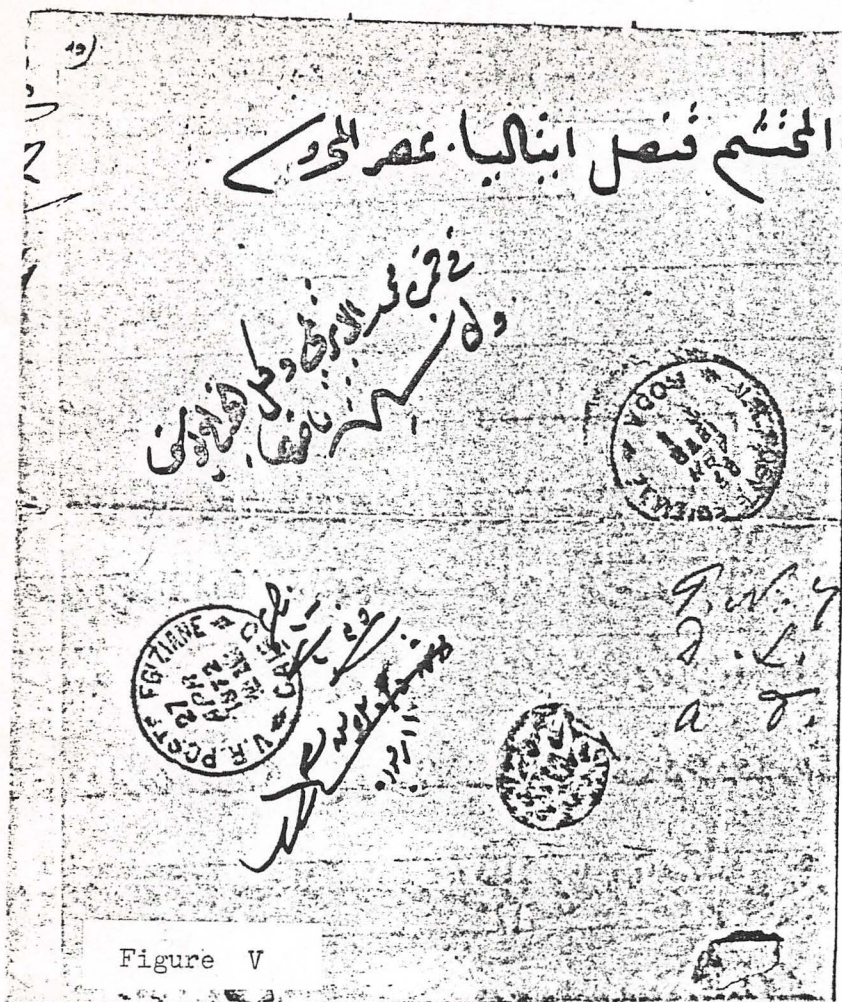


Figure V



Figure VI

OVERPRINT "October 1954" - C. F. Hass

It is regretted that an error comprising of omission of a part sentence affected paragraph 3 of Mr Hass' report which appeared on page 220 of the December 1982 Q.C. (No. 124). The paragraph is repeated below with the omission made good: the words which were omitted are underlined.

" This summer, during my time in Cairo, I saw on the wall of the Postal Museum a framed grouping of postage stamps representing the issues that were apparently available at post offices at the time of the first issue of republican stamps. Included were regular issues, postage dues, the two "delta barrage" airmails without Farouk, as well as several postal stationery items, including the afore-mentioned registered envelope, the 6-mills card mentioned by Lucien Toutounji, the 4-mills "farmer" envelope and the 10-mills Farouk letter sheet with a 10-mills "defense" stamp pasted atop the original vignette. I cannot recall if there were any official stamps in the group. There were no "bar"-overprinted stamps represented.

Apologies to the contributor - Editor.

WAGHORN  
 ADVERTISEMENT  
 From THE TIMES 5 Sept 1839

August 23.  
 WAGHORN & CO., PRINCIPAL OFFICES.  
**OVERLAND DESPATCH to INDIA, via Madras.**—LETTERS REGISTERED at WAGHORN and Co.'s Office, 35, Cornhill, this day, will overtake the overland mail despatched on Saturday last. Parcels will be taken in until noon of the 20th. Passengers proceeding to India will receive Mr. Waghorn's Guide, and every other information and assistance for their purpose, at the above offices.



## THE MILITARY USE OF THE CIVIL POST OFFICES - 1914-1916

## ADDENDUM NO. 1 - POSTAL RATES, etc.

J. A. FIREBRACE (ESC 71) and F. W. BENIANS (ESC 123)

Previous parts of this study have been published in The Quarterly Circular numbers 122, 123 and 124, dated June, September and December 1982.

One very important aspect has however so far been omitted and we have rightly been taken to task over this omission by one of the Officers of the Circle. The reason for this omission is a good one; we have not until recently had the necessary material to illustrate events but we have now been able to assemble some interesting cards and covers which illustrate the varying fortunes of some of the earliest soldiers' letters from Egypt at the beginning of World War I.

We first show the paid letter and post card rates correctly used. These are followed by three examples of postage due charges. Finally we show mail carried free including unsuccessful attempts to charge postage.

5 mills letter rate (figure 1)

The earliest example of franked mail known to us is a picture post card from Alexandria, showing the Arab Bazaar, dated 4 October 1914. The writer has used a 5 mills. Sphinx adhesive, which paid the letter rate, either in ignorance or as a convenience. The message begins "This is where we are stationed. I don't know if we shall see the front for a month or two." Addressed to Denton, Manchester, this card was most likely written by a member of the East Lancashire Division which began to arrive in Egypt on 25 September.

4 mills. post card rate (figure 2)

The earliest example of the post card rate known to us was written from Abbassia on the day after the previous item, 5 October, franked by a 4 mills. Pyramids adhesive. This card is clearly headed "Westminster Dragoons, Abbassia Barracks, Cairo." The Westminster Dragoons was the secondary title of 2 County of London Yeomanry, who landed at Alexandria on 25 September. The message was purely personal.

Post card sent unfranked and charged ½d. postage due. (figure 3)

This is the earliest item of soldiers' mail which we have so far recorded. Clearly and boldly headed "On Active Service", written on 28 September and posted in Alexandria on the following day, it acquired a boxed T struck in Egypt and, on arrival in England, the single internal post card rate of ½d. was charged at the Inland Section and collected by means of a ½d green postage due cancelled at Stockport on 17 October.

The message, written from "Mustapha, Alexandria", begins "We have arrived at our destination safely and the barracks are situated in a splendid spot - quite close to the sea shore - my bedroom window is only within 25 yards of the sea shore". This post card also was probably from the East Lancashire Division.

This luxurious situation could not have lasted for long as later items from this correspondence are known from Cairo; Jessie was the fortunate recipient of many letters from her loving Cyril.

Post Card charged 1d. postage due (figure 4)

A post card written from Port Tawfiq which received the star and bridge datestamp clearly struck but unfortunately with an illegible date. There is an "On Active Service" endorsement but no boxed T was applied in Egypt; nevertheless 1d. postage due, the foreign post card rate, was charged on arrival in England and collected by means of a 1d. red postage due, cancelled at Bournemouth on 10 November. Bournemouth was then in Hampshire.



5 mills. letter rate


4 Oct 1914

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE  
**EGYPTE**  
CARTE POSTALE

*Leai Harian.*

*This is were we are stationed I dont know if we shall see the front for a month or two Hope all are well as I am shall see you when I am home if you are alive, please to hear from you soon*

*4-X-14*  
*القاهرة*  
*Werneth Vicar*  
*Stockport Rd*  
*Denton*  
*Manchester*  
*England*



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4 mills. post card rate

5 Oct 1914


Retouched for printing



2

*Westminster Dragons*  
*Abbassa Banachs*  
*Cairo 1/10/14*

Carte Postale  
Union Postale Universelle



Post Card sent unfranked, charged 1/2d postage due

29 Sep 1914

**ON ACTIVE SERVICE**  
**POST CARD.**

*28/9/14*

THIS SPACE IS TO BE USED FOR PRINTED OR WRITTEN MATTER.

ONLY THE ADDRESS TO WHICH FOREIGN POSTAGE IS TO BE PAID SHOULD BE WRITTEN HERE.

*Miss Loms*  
*136 Edgeley Road*  
*Stockport*  
*Cheshire*  
*England*




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This post card was written by Private G. Dennis, 7 Hampshire Regiment, and was clearly signed by the Captain commanding his company. This battalion formed part of the Hampshire Brigade, Wessex Division, which had embarked at Southampton on 9 October 1914, arriving in India on 11 November. The post card was therefore written on leaving the Suez Canal.

Letter charged 1d. postage due (figure 5)

This letter is very similar to the post card charged at the same rate. Written by a private in "D" Company of the same battalion and signed by the company commander, the letter also bears the Port Tawfiq star and bridge datestamp, almost certainly dated 26 October. Again, clearly endorsed "On Active Service" and in spite of no boxed T, 1d postage due, this time the single letter rate, has been charged by the Foreign Branch and collected in Bournemouth on the same day as the post card.

It would appear that up to about the end of October 1914, no provision had been made in England to accept unfranked mail from Egypt without charging postage due. It is possible from the evidence of these last two items that the Egyptian postal authorities had been authorised to accept unfranked mail as a result of some arrangement made by the Force in Egypt. Martial law was not proclaimed until 2 November and Egypt did not become a British Protectorate until 17 December.

Post card sent unfranked and carried free (figure 6)

This post card, written from Suez and having the star and bridge datestamp of 14 November, was delivered to Hove without any payment either in Egypt or in England. There is no "On Active Service" endorsement. 1 Home Counties Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, Territorial Army, was located in Brighton with 3 Sussex Battery in Hove. They formed part of 44 Home Counties Division which had sailed from Southampton on 30 October and began disembarking at Bombay on 1 December. On 14 November they had been at the southern end of the Suez Canal, where apparently they were held up for two days as stated in the post card.

All examples described so far were sent during the first four months of the war, and any further examples discovered and reported to us will hopefully fit into the same general chronological pattern. If we have been able to establish the rule, the remaining examples, which date from May 1915, are exceptions. These describe covers which did not conform unscathed to the then general practice of free postage.

Letter sent unfranked, taxed in Egypt and tax cancelled in England (figure 7)

This is the only type of unfranked letter of which we have seen more than one example. Four covers or cards are known, all addressed to England, the earliest being written from Cairo on 2 May 1915. A cover written from Bacos on 30 May, inscribed "O.H.M.S." (wrongly) and "On Active Service", passed through the Base Army Post Office Z at Alexandria the following day. The post card from Alexandria, illustrated as 7, is dated 3 June and a Mary post card from Ibrahimia, Ramleh, is dated 14 August.

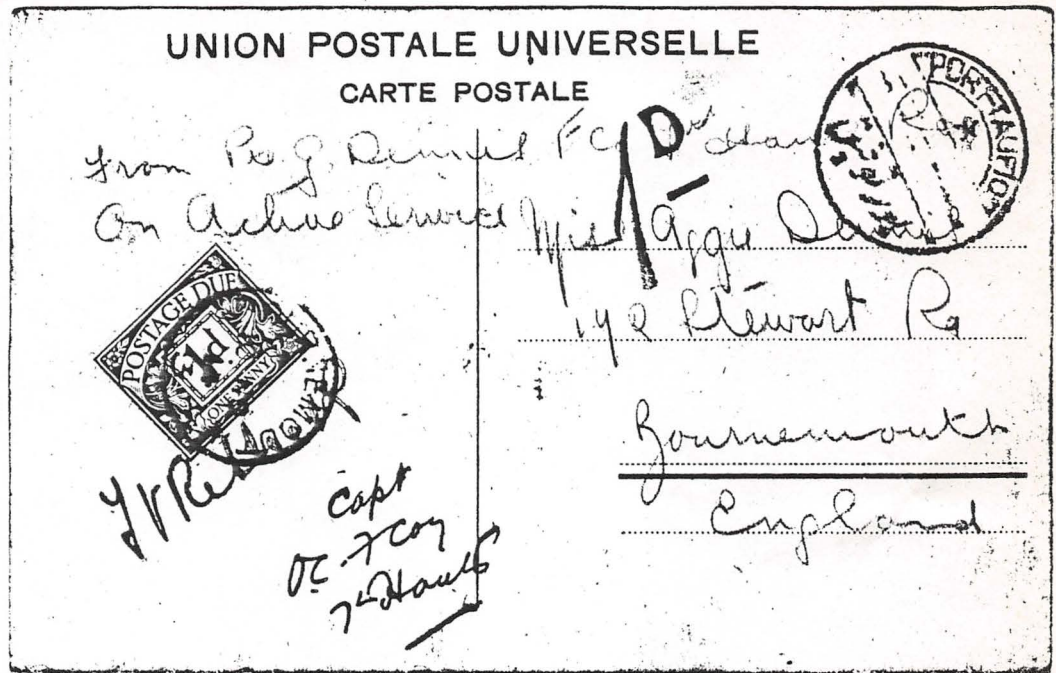
In each case a boxed T was applied in Egypt and this on arrival in England was obliterated by a cork killer or similar device. At the same time the London / PAID / Date handstamp was struck in red alongside. These London marks reveal that the transit time at this period was between twelve and twenty days.



Post Card charged 1d. postage due

Oct 1914

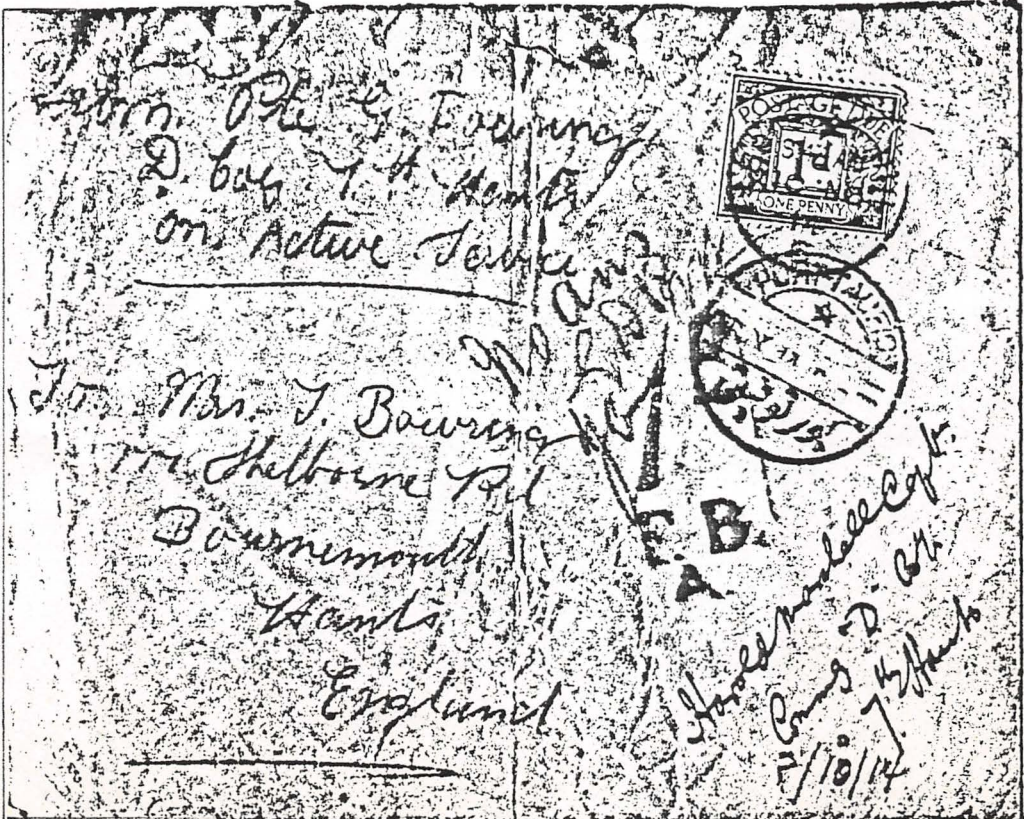
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Letter charged 1d. postage due

Oct 1914

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Post card sent unfranked and carried free

14 Nov 1914

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1<sup>st</sup> HCBRFA  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Suisse Post  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Handpostkarte  
 4<sup>th</sup> Post card. Postkarte. Carte postale.  
 5<sup>th</sup> Brief. Correspondenzkarte. Brevkort.  
 6<sup>th</sup> Брѣвко. Новорода комар. Поща. Отправка письма.  
 7<sup>th</sup> Karta korespondencyjna. Korespondenčni listek.

14 Nov 1914

Dear Mother a line to  
 tell that I am still  
 alright we are at the end  
 of the Day been here two  
 days hope you are

Mrs Judem  
 111 Montgomery St  
 Hove

EGYPT  
 14.XI.14 A - PM  
 الإسكندرية

Letter sent unfranked, taxed in Egypt, tax cancelled in England

3 Jun 1915

land

POST CARD EGYPT

Dear Y. Just a line to  
 let you know I am  
 getting a slight & am  
 some well & encourage  
 you with a visit, if you  
 could thank you very  
 much. Aunt Agnes is well  
 with love to her  
 from the boys.

ALEXANDRIA - Rue Cherif-Pacha.  
 ALEXANDRIE - Rue Cherif-Pacha.

Dear Y.  
 Just a line to  
 let you know I am  
 getting a slight & am  
 some well & encourage  
 you with a visit, if you  
 could thank you very  
 much. Aunt Agnes is well  
 with love to her  
 from the boys.

ALEXANDRIA - Rue Cherif-Pacha.  
 ALEXANDRIE - Rue Cherif-Pacha.

Worcestershire  
 England.

ALEXANDRIA  
 9-6.15 6.30 PM  
 WORCESTERSHIRE  
 YEOMANNY  
 BRIDGE  
 Upton on Sever

Letter sent unfranked, taxed in Egypt, but tax neither cancelled nor collected

9 Jun 1915

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Miss Le Under  
 Holt Mill  
 Worcestershire  
 England

ALEXANDRIA  
 C.  
 9-6.15 3-PM  
 WORCESTERSHIRE  
 YEOMANNY



Letter sent unfranked, taxed in Egypt, but tax neither cancelled nor collected (figure 8)

This cover, posted in Alexandria on 9 June 1915, is not endorsed "On Active Service" but clearly bears the regimental cachet of the Worcestershire Yeomanry. In spite of this, however, it acquired a boxed T in Egypt but no charge was collected in England and the letter was delivered without payment.

WE SHOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HEAR OF OTHER EXAMPLES OF THESE OR SIMILAR RATE EXPERIENCES, IF POSSIBLE WITH PHOTOSTATS.

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J. A. Firebrace and F. W. Benians

P O S S I B L E   N E W   S E R I E S   f o r   t h e   Q . C .

1 - R E C E N T   A C Q U I S I T I O N S

Pip Whetter (ESC 133) reports having acquired a 2-piastre 1872 first printing with a clear strike of postmark Type IV - 6n for Kena. According to the comprehensive article by Ibrahim Chaftar in L.O.P. No. 86 these are "excessivement rares".

Pip would be grateful to have any further information which may have come to light since the article was written.

\*\*\*Everyone interested enough to be a Member of ESC has recent acquisitions continuously. Among them there must be something of interest at least once or twice a year. If YOU have not contributed anything to the Q.C. in the past year or so, here is an easy way of making up for that! - just write in about your recent acquisition which you consider to be of special interest. We shall be more interested in the factor of chance discovery of an unusual item (as was the case with Pip's item above) than in a list of 'investment' items. - Editor.

2 - R E V E N U E   R E P O R T

Ron Harris (ESC 182) reports having studied the "Consular Service" stamps in Peter Feltus' new catalogue of "Egyptian Revenue Stamps" and finding it stated that only 10 known copies of the 10-mill rose of the 1923/24 King Fuad issue exist with overprint in black for consular use.

Ron has a block of four of this value on piece, taken from an Irish Passport, with a circular consulate hand-stamp in the centre of the block. Alongside there is an oval, 42mm by 26mm, hand-stamp with the words "ROYAL EGYPTIAN CONSULATE" in the top half of the oval and "LONDON" in the bottom half, with the date "13 DEC 1926" in the centre.

As this appears to be one of the rarest overprints, I should like to know if there are any more hidden in the Circle's Members' collections.

\*\*\* The collecting of Revenue Stamps has become 'respectable' as there is now a special class for entries of this material in our national exhibitions and at international. Interest in Egyptian Revenues has been given a massive boost by Peter Feltus' catalogue referred to above and which was based on his own remarkable collection of Revenues. Ron Harris cannot be the only collector of Revenues with items of interest, or queries, to write about. Whose Revenue Report will appear in the next Q.C.? - Editor.



## ESC STUDY VI - THE POSTMARK STUDY - by Edmund Hall (ESC 239)

Prior to Christmas 1982 the Postmark Study was passed to me from Tony Schmidt. Unfortunately business pressures on Tony had not allowed him to pursue the study to the degree he would have wished. He handed me the Study in what can only be described as immaculate condition and he took considerable pains in explaining to me its intricate workings. His fine hand had turned the 'cuts' of the postmarks from a mere recording into an art form: I fear I will not be able to emulate such drawings myself. The Circle thus owes its thanks to Tony for his past custodianship of this Record.

From the frequent requests and discussion I have had from Members it would seem that the postmarks of Egypt are of great interest to many of us. There has been a lack of information forthcoming over the past years due to the revision of the numbering system used. All are agreed that while the system as first used for the classic period, up to 1880, is workable for that period, its extension onwards to 1952 has led to difficulties and anomalies. A new system of coding has been thrashed out over the last few years and is nearing completion. I have one overriding concern - which should perhaps apply to all Studies - which is that some information should be available to Members and, with this in mind, I have prepared some provisional postmark sheets for those Members wanting them.

Historically, the postmark Study was developed into various groupings, one being the classic period. This has been updated periodically by Peter Feltus, giving types, places of use, earliest and latest recorded use. Peter is bringing out a new edition in 1983. I have seen the drafts and a superb work it is.\* Peter Smith's excellent monograph on the TPO's is also nearing completion and we should see its publication this year. With these in mind what I have done is simply a 'cut and paste' job from the existing Record material of the post-classic period, bringing together on one sheet each type, e.g. Registration, Savings Bank, etc. To make it more manageable I have reduced the postmark size but, even so, it comprises more than twenty pages and approximately 600 different recorded types. It does not contain the existing type numbers or any explanatory notes, nevertheless it does give the student of Egyptian Postmarks something to work with and the newcomer something to whet his appetite on. It is hoped soon to generate a series of articles for the Q.C. giving each type with explanations of type-structure and the new coding. Some Members may wish to wait for these but it is in the nature of things and with the scale of the exercise that this will span possibly several years. The prepared sheets may be obtained from me for £4 which includes postage to anywhere in the world.

Please make cheques payable to me in sterling drawn on a U.K. Bank. All other methods of payment are unacceptable and will simply be ignored. To help formulate the path which the Study should take please make any suggestions you wish - and let me know what information you would wish the Study to contain, or express a particular interest. I cannot at this stage enter into individual correspondence nor wish to be deluged with "What is the postmark . . . is it earliest . . . latest . . . rare . . ."; hopefully we can reach this stage later on. I do not have easy access to photocopying so I have prepared several copies and it's on a 'first come, first served' basis till they are all gone - then that's it.

Edmund Hall (ESC 239)

\* Publication now announced  
see page 230 - Editor

Contributions carried forward to our next issue: the Editor regrets not being able to include in this issue contributions from several members, among these being 'Journal Officiel' (J.M.Murphy), further New Issues (C.E.H.Defriez), new questions for 'Question Time' (various members) and others.



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

	<u>AIR MAIL SG 1454</u>	<u>COMMEMORATIVE SG 1455</u>		
Occasion	-	8th Anniversary of Suez Canal crossing		
Date of Issue	1st October 1981	6th October 1981		
Designer	?	I.A. el Tahtawi		
Design	Pharaonic Eye	Laurel, Dove, Canal & Wheat		
Denomination	230 mills	20 mills		
Sheet	-	50 ( 5 x 10 )		
Stamp dimensions	43 x 26 mm	43 x 26 mm		
Perforation	11½ x 11	11½ x 11		
Quantity printed	-	1,000,000		
Supplementary	-	-		
Commemorative Stamps	<u>SG 1456</u>	<u>SG 1457</u>	<u>SG 1458</u>	<u>SG 1459</u>
Occasion	United Nations Day			
Date of Issue	24th October 1981			
Designer	I.A.el Tahtawi	Lotfy el Sawaf	M.M.Rushdy	Lotfy el Sawaf
Design	F.A.O.Emblem	ITU & WHO Emblems	IYDP Emblem	Olive Branches in black yellow white
Denomination	10 mills	20 mills	45 mills	230 mills
Sheet	50 (5 x 10)	50 (10 x 5) W'mark S'ways	50 (10 x 5) W'mark S'ways	50 (5 x 10)
Stamp dimensions	43 x 26 mm	26 x 43 mm	26 x 43 mm	43 x 26 mm
Perforation	11½ x 11	11 x 11½	11 x 11½	11½ x 11
Quantity printed	. . . . .	. . . . . 500,000	each . . . . .	. . . . .
Supplementary	World Food Day	World Telecomm-unications day	Intn'l Year of Disabled People	Racial Discrimination Day
		<u>SG 1460</u>	<u>SG 1461</u>	
Occasion	. . . . .	President Sadat Commemoration	. . . . .	. . . . .
Date of issue	. . . . .	14th November 1981	. . . . .	. . . . .
Designer	. . . . .	Lotfy el Sawaf	. . . . .	. . . . .
Design	. . . . .	President Sadat and Memorial	. . . . .	. . . . .
Denomination		30 mills	230 mills	
Sheet		25 (5 x 5) No Watermark	25 (5 x 5) Watermark S'ways	
Stamp dimensions		51 x 43 mm	51 x 43 mm	
Perforation		11	11	
Quantity printed		1,000,000	500,000	
Supplementary		The President was assassinated on 6th October 1981		

\*\*\* The next batch of 'New Issue' data, to appear in the June Q.C., will also include illustrations of essays, both unaccepted and with amendments required.



NEW ISSUES and their SPECIAL CANCELS

Please refer to the Data Sheets for dimensions, as not all illustrations are actual size



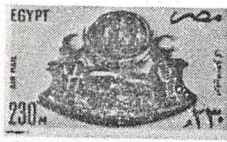
SG 1445



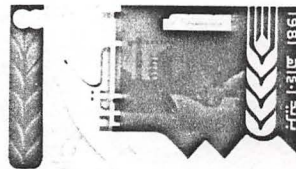
SG 1451

New Issue stamps SG 1445 and 1451 were described and illustrated in our previous issue, pp 188-91.

These copies of their special cancels have since become available



SG 1454



SG 1455



SG 1454



SG 1455



SG 1456



SG 1457



SG 1458



SG 1459



SG 1456/7/8/9



SG 1460



SG 1460/1



SG 1461