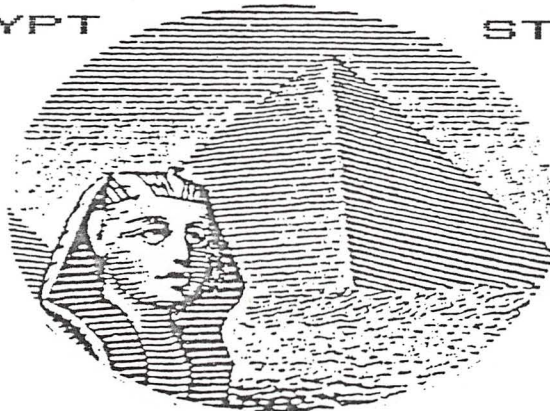


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FROM THE CHAIRMAN . . .

A few months ago Edmund Hall took a new job which takes him away from home fairly frequently and because of this one can imagine the increasing demands upon his leisure time. He has therefore felt that he can no longer continue as our **Secretary / Treasurer**, a post he has filled most competently for a number of years. We are now faced with finding a replacement, and I am appealing for a volunteer, preferably of course some one who can attend the London Meetings at least two or three times a year. If anybody feels they can help in this way, please get in touch with me: in case you have not got it to hand, my address is : 496 Uxbridge Road, Hatch End, Pinner, Middlesex, HA5 4SL.

Edmund will continue to organise the Auction, and I should like to place on record our thanks for all the work he has done for the Circle in the past.

John Sears, Chairman

Editorial . . .

As promised in the last issue of The QC, this issue is a double one, has been given a 'Whole Series Number' of 129 & 130, and takes the place of separate issues for the three months to March 1984, and the three months to June 1984. It contains some outstanding contributions and comprises 41 pages, plus an un-numbered A3-size page containing an 1807 map of Alexandria. The index to the previous volume, no. XI, forms Appendix 1, 9 pages in smaller print. It went to the printers on 23 November and the editor offers apologies for lateness, and to both contributors and readers for having had to carry over several excellent contributions.

The next issue will also be double sized; some content has already been prepared, and it is hoped to go to press in January.

There will be two special publications next year, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of formation of Egypt Study Circle, and these are making progress. More news of these in our next issue !

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr Peter R Feltus (ESC 114) has moved and can now be reached at:
P.O. Box 5339, Berkeley, California 94705, U.S.A.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF MEMBERS' ADDRESSES

Lists of members of Egypt Study Circle, with their addresses, have been published from time to time; individual changes in members' addresses have also been published, as with the case above.

Some members are justifiably concerned that publication of collectors' addresses may increase the risk of theft. Cases are known where thieves have possessed lists giving addresses of regular philatelic buyers, or of members of societies, etc.

In discussion at a recent meeting of Egypt Study Circle, it was decided that lists of members and their addresses would not be published unless the individual members had given permission.

If you wish your name and address to be published - please write in to say so (when paying your subscription would be a convenient time).

Unsolved problem: If members' addresses are not easily available, somebody will be needed to receive and forward correspondence. Are YOU willing to do this?

ESPANA 84 Madrid, April -May 1984

Congratulations to the following on Egypt material exhibited :-

Lars Alund (Sweden)	(ESC 105)	7 Frames (2459-65)	Silver Classics
C Th J Hooghuis (Spain)	(ESC 126)	6 Frames (3045-51)	(Large Pre-stamp covers with foreign P.O.'s (Vermeil
C Th J Hooghuis (Spain)	(ESC 126)	2 Frames (3052-53)	Vermeil Suez Canal with pmks and Interpostals.
Nachum Kaplan (Israel)	*		Gold Ethiopia, including early Massawa postmarks.
Michel Verin (France)	*	5 Frames	Large Silver 19th century covers
Wm Colling White (G.B.)	*	7 Frames (2466-72)	Vermeil Used abroads and foreign P.O.'s.

* Not ESC member

(Kindly reported by Mr Peter R Feltus).

REPORT OF ESC MEETING IN LONDON

Meeting held on 11th February 1984 at "The Peacock", Maiden Lane,
London WC2

Mr J Sears (Chairman), and Messrs P Andrews, F W Benians, D H Clarke, D J Davis, C E H Defriez, P L Grech, J A Grimmer, E Hall, J S Horesh, J M Murphy, A J Revell and P E Whetter.

The forthcoming visit of Mr Rudi and Mrs Hilda Jeidel was discussed and it was agreed that, regrettably although necessarily, the listed provincial meeting in Birmingham should be cancelled.

The Secretary, Mr E Hall, reported having had six new applications for membership, only one being from the UK, and these were acceded to.

Discussion took place on the proposed publication in the QC of an updated Membership List. Objections to publication of private addresses were expressed and the matter was put to a vote of the members present, when the "Noes" had it.

New acquisitions were discussed with the hope that a short display of these might become a regular feature of the meetings. Mr J Sears himself showed a 1951 Wedding Miniature Sheet with possible double printing. Mr Horesh had a Waghorn item, while Mr Whetter showed what he referred to as a 'page of oddments'.

Mr P Andrews supplied (at short notice) the display of the day on the subject of Civil Censorship, 1939-on. As is the practice at Circle displays, other members spoke and showed material in support of the main displayer, and Messrs F W Benians and D H Clarke were prominent here. Civil censorship began on 4th September 1939 and the first marks were circular, bearing numbers from 1 to 30; adhesive labels used. The next series was numbered from 1 to 120, and early numbers are very scarce. Ink colours were normally black, but red and purple are also found, and the re-sealing strips used were shown. The next type of mark was a double-ring with M in the centre; the first colour was magenta and there were different types with wider or narrower M in the centre.

The next group of marks featured double circles, with M over a number. Mr Benians mentioned that he has over 500 covers bearing these marks, arranged in date order, and the ink colour changes were noticeable. A further series of marks featured a wide variety of geometric designs in the centre, joined to the circumference, with numbers from 1 to 50 (small) and from 51 to 100 (larger). Instances were shown where the postage stamps used had not been cancelled by the postmark, but were subsequently cancelled by the censor mark. "Return to Sender" marks, produced by the Censorship Department, were shown. Red Cross parcel labels were shown which had been returned by the censor - an extreme treatment. These emanated from Miami, Florida, USA, via New York.

In appraising the display for the benefit of non-specialising members, Mr Benians said that we had been shown some very scarce items; also that more research into this subject was needed, and that Circle members generally could contribute by reporting their own data.

REPORT OF ESC MEETING IN LONDON

Meeting held on 14 April 1984 at "The Peacock", Maiden Lane,
London WC2
Mr J Sears (Chairman) and Messrs P Andrews, D J Davis, C E H
Defriez, P L Grech, J A Grimmer, E Hall, J S Horesh, Dr Kleinstuck,
Messrs A Schmidt and P E Whetter.

Apologies for absence were reported from Messrs W C Andrews. D H
Clarke and A J Revell.

Meeting Room. The usual room was not available and discussion
took place on the need for a venue acceptable, well-lit, convenient
of access and not expensive.

Mr Rudi Jeidel's visit. The Meeting agreed that the June meeting
date should be brought forward one week, to June 2nd, to fit in
with Mr Jeidel's stay in London.

It was reported that Mr Peter Feltus hoped to visit London in May.

The Secretary reported two applications for membership and these
were approved.

Display by Mr P L Grech. Before commencing the display on the
French Post Offices in Egypt, Mr Grech was pleased to convey the
greetings of M. Jean Boulad d'Humieres to Egypt Study Circle, and
to report that his health was slowly improving, after his accident.

Mr Grech's display was preceded by an outline of the history of the
French in Egypt - very necessary background with this study. By
the year 1500 there were about 100 French families there, and they
obtained a treaty allowing them to trade. (This was, of course,
prior to the Capitulations Treaty). They became the largest
foreign community in Egypt, and there was a French Consul from the
early 1500's. Their position worsened during the late 1700's.
The French had a postal system from 1798 to 1801, during the
Napoleonic occupation, extending along the Nile to Assiout.
However, nearly all the mail carried was military, and was internal
to Egypt.

The French quit Egypt after Napoleon but the new ruler, Mohammed
Ali, brought back French engineers; trade followed and the French
rebuilt their esteem.

Shipping lines were established and, in May 1837, the first Post
Office was established, at Alexandria, together with the first
postmark. The Post Office was a Bureau de Recette, and not the
less important Bureau de Distribution.

Carriage of the mail along the Suez Canal was not general until
1888 because ships were not allowed to use the canal at night.

The quality of the sheets displayed was very good and there were
many maps, excellently drawn by the displayer, which assisted in
absorbing the detail. Several books relevant to aspects of this
very wide subject were brought and shown.

EARLY POSTAL SERVICES IN SAUDI ARABIA

- Jakob von Uexkull (ESC 256)

No postal service existed in what is today Saudi Arabia before 1865. Letters were carried privately by caravan. The earliest item with any postal markings is a remarkable sailor's letter sent from Jeddah in 1834 to Britain. The writer, Thomas Elton, was a British seaman on the East India Company brig Nautilus which was shipwrecked in the Red Sea. The crew survived and eventually arrived in Jeddah after escaping "every danger although so many" to await the arrival of another Company vessel.

The letter, in which Mr Elton describes his adventures and impressions and pleads for money to be able to return to Britain, is endorsed in manuscript "Sailor's Letter / H. Larne Commdr." and "Indian Navy / Jedda Febr. 1st 1834". It was carried to Egypt overland and thence to Britain by private ship as evidenced by the further endorsements "Forwarded by Briggs & Co., Alexandria, 7th April 1834" and "Per Malvina / Capt. Brickett". The letter was landed in Queensborough and struck with the first step-type ship letter handstamp of that port (Robertson S.4)¹. The manuscript rate marking is 1/6 due, comprising the 8d incoming private ship letter (including captain's gratuity) and 10d for the inland transport in Britain, all other charges being covered by the sailor's letter endorsement.

Early Postal Services

The first post office in Jeddah was opened by the Egyptians in 1865. Turkish offices were opened between 1871 and 1916 in various localities in Hejaz and Asir in the west and Hasa (Ahsa) in the east. In the interior, Imam Faisal told Lewis Pelly in Riyadh in 1865: "In former years Abbas Pasha of Egypt had endeavoured to establish postal communications with Nejd; but he had found the annoyances and injuries of wandering tribes so frequent that he had been compelled to abandon the attempt; and this although he had, in the first instance, inflicted the severest punishment on the offending Arabs." (Lewis Pelly, "A Journey to Riyadh").

Egyptian Post Office in Jeddah 1865-81

In 1865 the Egyptian government purchased the POSTA EUROPEA, a privately operated post in Egypt, and founded the Viceroyal post. With Turkish permission, a number of post offices were opened abroad. The first was in Jeddah which, like Egypt, was under Turkish control. The Egyptian post office was at first operated by Italians who had run the Posta Europea. Therefore, postmarks ('Gedda'), receipts, etc., were in Italian.

NOTE ¹ See references at end

EARLY POSTAL SERVICES IN SAUDI ARABIA - continued

According to a letter from the director-general of posts to the ministry of finance, containing a statement of receipts and expenditures of the Red Sea postal services, the Jeddah office was opened on June 8, 1865. The first Egyptian stamps were not issued until 1866 and the earliest recorded postmark date from this office is October 17, 1866. A stampless letter is reported by an Italian philatelist but no details are available.

Stamps and letters cancelled at this office are scarcer than the official receipts would indicate. Data are incomplete and ambiguous but, based on the available postal receipts for the last half year of this office, Dr P.A.S. Smith estimated that in 1880 alone between 20,000 and 50,000 pieces of mail were handled there.² This is equivalent to between 0.5 and 1 percent of the total handled by the Egyptian post in that year. Since much of the Jeddah mail was sent by pilgrims, it is less likely to have survived than the mostly commercial mail of other offices. Judging by the very few items known to us postmarked at the Jeddah office in 1880, the survival rate is a small fraction of one per thousand.

Until recently, it could be said that, while material from the office was rare, the collectors were even rarer. However, this is no longer so. Although many collectors of Saudi Arabia ignore these forerunners, recent attention has been spectacular.

I am listing the Egyptian stamps known to me with Jeddah postmarks. the rating system is (A) 'accessible', still to be found with a little patience if one is willing to pay the price, currently (1984) about \$ 150 for a good strike; (S) 'scarce'; (X) 'extremely rare' - only 1 or 2 recorded.

The postmarks(1) "Poste Vice-Reali Egiziane Gedda"

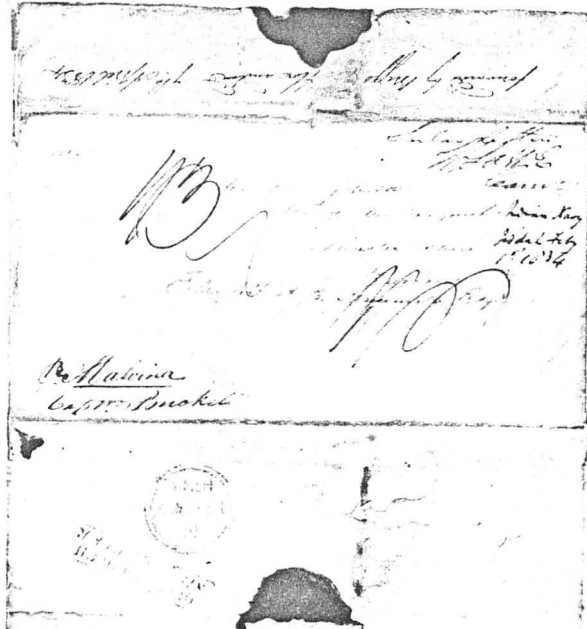
The illustration in Mayo³ is not and was not intended to be an accurate rendering of 'GEDDA' which has widely-spaced letters. Mayo reports this type (see Fig. 2) as also existing in blue but none have been recorded.

The year plug is sometimes missing and was left reading '71' for some time after the end of 1871 (some Egyptian specialists claim that this plug was never replaced but Mazloum⁴ reports the usage of '72' and '73' ciphers). The 1867-69 issue was invalidated at the end of January 1872, so the '71' dates on these can be taken to be correct, while such dates on the 1872 issue are obviously not.

Fig. 1 Sailor's letter sent from Jeddah in 1834 to Britain.

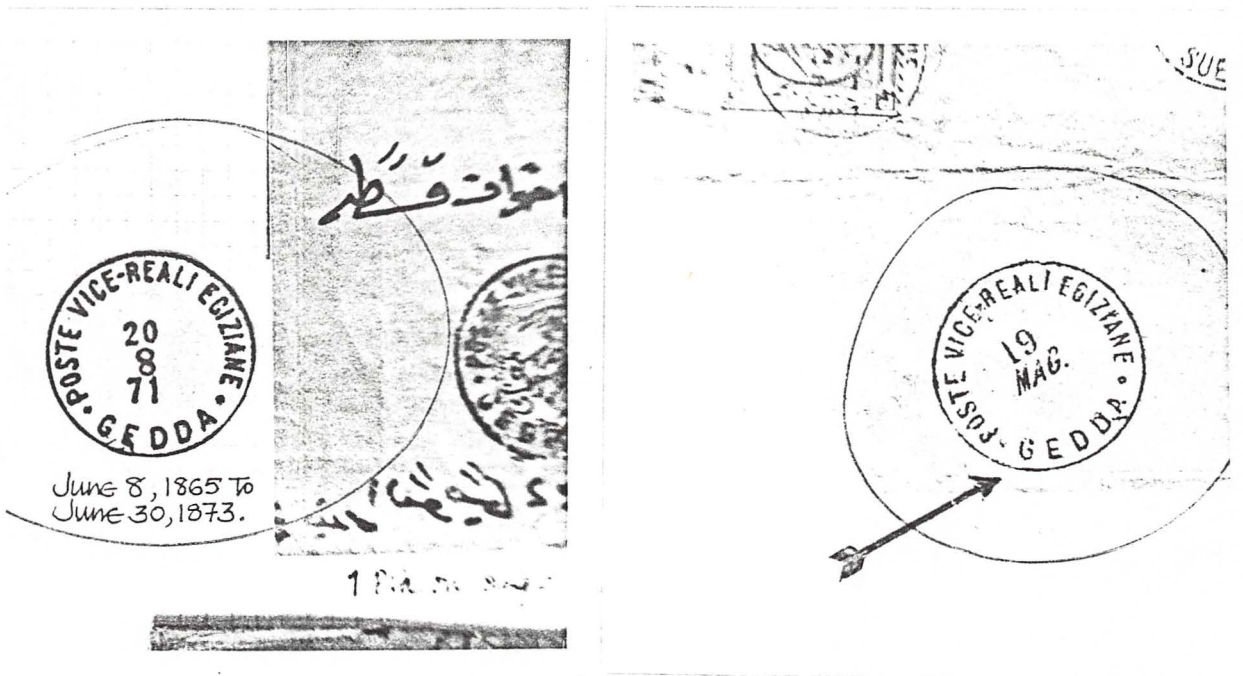
1834, Sailors letter endorsed "INDIAN NAVY/JEDDAH"

Various arrangements: sailor letters/H. Laine Commande / By land to Egypt.
By sea to Britain - 1834 - Alexandria - to England (P. Malouin / Capt. Bricker)
By sea to 20 - 21 - 22 - 23 - 24 - 25 - 26 - 27 - 28 - 29 - 30 - 31 - 32 - 33 - 34 - 35 - 36 - 37 - 38 - 39 - 40 - 41 - 42 - 43 - 44 - 45 - 46 - 47 - 48 - 49 - 50 - 51 - 52 - 53 - 54 - 55 - 56 - 57 - 58 - 59 - 60 - 61 - 62 - 63 - 64 - 65 - 66 - 67 - 68 - 69 - 70 - 71 - 72 - 73 - 74 - 75 - 76 - 77 - 78 - 79 - 80 - 81 - 82 - 83 - 84 - 85 - 86 - 87 - 88 - 89 - 90 - 91 - 92 - 93 - 94 - 95 - 96 - 97 - 98 - 99 - 100 - 101 - 102 - 103 - 104 - 105 - 106 - 107 - 108 - 109 - 110 - 111 - 112 - 113 - 114 - 115 - 116 - 117 - 118 - 119 - 120 - 121 - 122 - 123 - 124 - 125 - 126 - 127 - 128 - 129 - 130 - 131 - 132 - 133 - 134 - 135 - 136 - 137 - 138 - 139 - 140 - 141 - 142 - 143 - 144 - 145 - 146 - 147 - 148 - 149 - 150 - 151 - 152 - 153 - 154 - 155 - 156 - 157 - 158 - 159 - 160 - 161 - 162 - 163 - 164 - 165 - 166 - 167 - 168 - 169 - 170 - 171 - 172 - 173 - 174 - 175 - 176 - 177 - 178 - 179 - 180 - 181 - 182 - 183 - 184 - 185 - 186 - 187 - 188 - 189 - 190 - 191 - 192 - 193 - 194 - 195 - 196 - 197 - 198 - 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Thomas Elton, a painter with the East India Company, describes the shipboard of the "Nautilus" at the Red Sea and of this letter (reproduced from ...)

Figs 2a, 2b Poste Vice-Reali Egiziane GEDDA
Known used 1866 - 74, in black only



EARLY POSTAL SERVICES IN SAUDI ARABIA - continued

Some month slugs were lost or became loose in 1871-2 and were replaced by numerals. I have recorded "8" (1871), "5" and "11" (1872), known on the 1867-9 and 1872 1-piastre. The date, year and month can be found inverted; also the month inverted with the date and year transposed. this mark is reported on a cover and stamp from June 1873 and by P.A.S. Smith on 1874-75 1 pi and 2 pi. The next type was introduced in January 1873 so it appears that both types were used concurrently.

Known to exist (A/S/X) on :-

1866:	1pi (S)	2pi (S)	5pi (X)			
1867-9:	5pa (X)	10pa (S)	20pa (S)	1pi (A)	2pi (S)	5pi (X)
1872:	20pa (X)	1pi (S)				
1874-5:	1pi (X)	2pi (X)				
VICE-REALI type	Interpostal (X)					

(2) "Poste Khedevie Egiziane Gedda"

This marking (Fig. 3) is known used in 1873 with the circle intact but usually has the circle broken below GEDDA. The Mayo illustration has a larger 'G' and wider, more angular letters than the original. In 1981 forgeries, based on this illustration, were offered by a New York dealer on the 1872 20 pa and 1 pi and 1875 5 pa tete-beche.

In 1874-5 the small plain year slugs were changed to larger shaded ones. In April and May 1875, the year slug was omitted. According to Mazloum, the blue colour was used only from April 1874 to June 1875, but earlier (March 4, 1874) and much later (1877) dates are in the Alund and Smith collections.

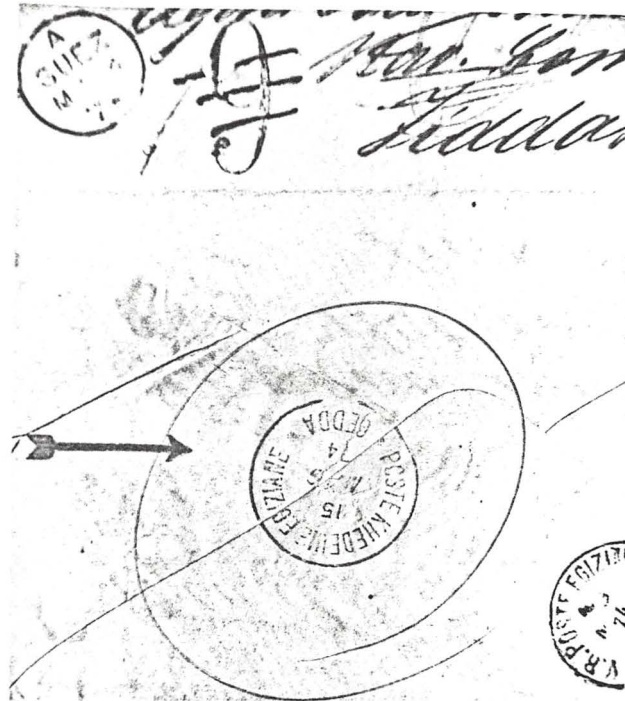
Known to exist on:-

1872:	10pa (black S, blue X)	20pa (black S, blue X)
	1pi (black A, blue A)	1pi imperf. (black X)
	2pi (black S, blue S)	5pi (black X, blue X)
1874-5:	5pa (black S, blue X)	tete-beche (black X)
	10pa (black S, blue X)	tete-beche (black X)
	20pa (black X)	1pi (black S, blue X)
	1pi tete-beche (black X)	
	2pi (black S, blue X)	
	2 ¹ / ₂ pi (black X)	5pi (black X, blue X)
1879 (reported only in black):	10pa on 2 ¹ / ₂ pi (X)	
	5pa (X)	10pa (X) 20pa (X) 1pi (X)

Also exists with a solid lunette instead of year cipher (ca. 1875). "Extremely rare" (Mayo). Only 4 partial strikes recorded on 1874-5: 5pa (X) 10pa (X) 1pi (X).

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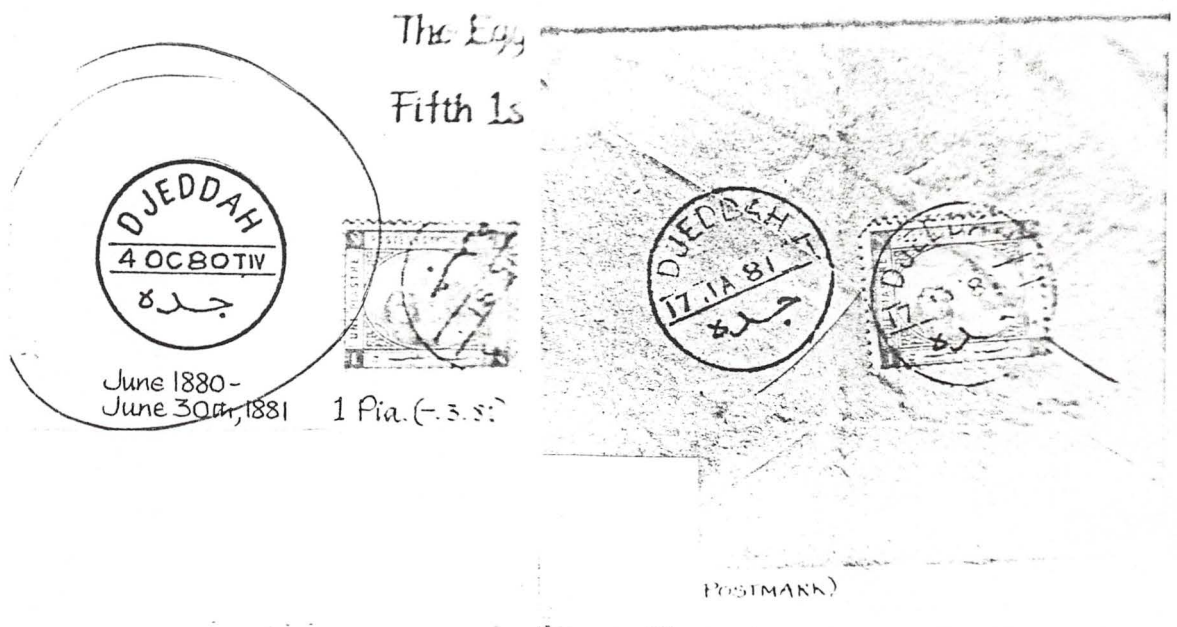
Fig. 3. Poste Khedevie Egiziane GEDDA



January 13, 1873
to May 17, 1880
in black or blue

Steamer Point 20.4., Suez 4.5., Gadda 15.5

Fig. 4 DJEDDAH, June 1880 to June 30, 1881, black.



EARLY POSTAL SERVICES IN SAUDI ARABIA - continued(3) "Djeddah" in French and Arabic (Fig. 4)

Recorded on :-

1879 10pa (X) 20pa (S) 1pi (S)

(4) "Gedda" concentric circular mark with
quarter moon and star for official use

The period of use is not known with precision but it may have been used from the beginning until the Italian language marks were withdrawn in 1879 as it is only known on the first three issues. Only few copies are known including one in green on a receipt for a registered letter to Suez found by Dr Randall Baker in Jeddah in 1970. (Fig. 5b).

Two examples of type II are known both on the 1 pi, a partial strike and the almost complete strike shown here. (Fig. 5a). Both are from prominent Egyptian collections (Mazloum and Khaled Marzouk). Due to the rarity of this postmark, Egyptian specialists have expressed doubt that two different types would have been used. However, present rarity is no indication of the volume of usage, as this mark was used for such purposes (receipts, official mail, sealing mark, etc.) that few only would have survived in private hands. Jeddah was a busy office and the long period of usage makes the existence of two handstamps quite feasible. (This of course applies to all the postmarks).

Recorded on :-

1866: 1pi (X)
1867-9: 1pi (X) 2pi (X)
1892: 20pa (X)
VICE REALI Interpostal (X)

The Interpostals

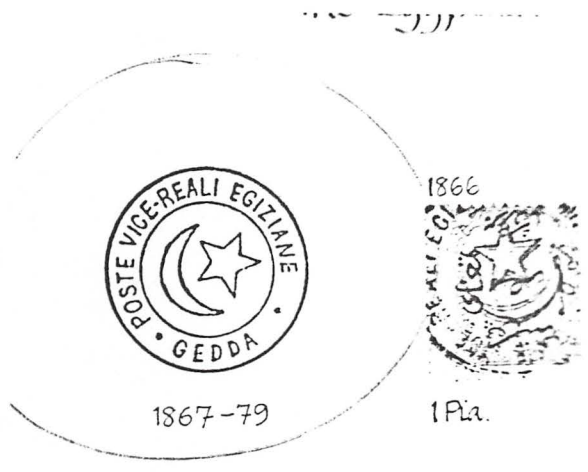
Ernest Kehr² claimed these as official stamps but today there is widespread agreement that they were not used to defray postage but to seal packets of bulk mail, to re-seal opened (undeliverable, censored, etc.) letters and for interpostal mail. The official records on this matter were lost in an 1894 fire.

The 1867 VICE REALI type (Fig. 6) is known in many shades of grey and blue. Several varieties exist: (a) break in 'E' in VICE; (b) double print of the "DD" in GEDDA; (c) GFDDA ('F' for 'E'). All are rare. A proof is known in black on green. Three used (postmarked) copies are known. The 1874 Khedevie type in red is scarce as only about a dozen are known (Fig. 7).

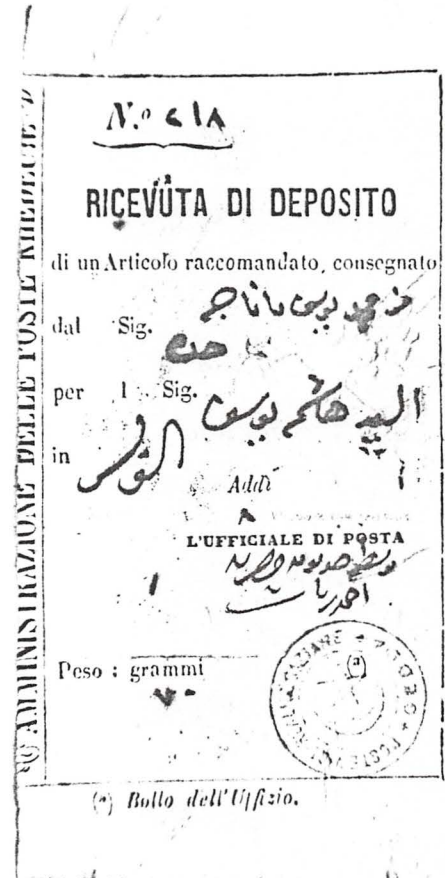
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Fig. 5 Star and quarter moon Poste Vice Reali Egiziane GEDDA.

(a) Illustration from Mayo



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(b) Type I with GEDDA short and Star irregular on registered letter receipt

Fig. 6-7 Interpostals.



EARLY POSTAL SERVICES IN SAUDI ARABIA - continued**Turkish 'JEDDAH' Postmarks on Egyptian Stamps**

A Turkish post office was opened in Jeddah as early as 1871 according to Brandt⁴. Until 1881 it served primarily the Turkish soldiers and civilians while traders and pilgrims preferred the Egyptian office. In 1881 the Egyptian postmaster was instructed to close his office on June 30 and hand over to the "chief of the Ottoman office in your location".

A pair and a single Egypt 1879 1 pi are known cancelled with the 1871-92 Turkish boxed Arabic 'Jeddah' in blue. (Fig. 8). Three covers exist with this stamp cancelled by the bilingual Turkish 'DJEDDAH'. These are addressed to the Banaji trading family in Jeddah who were the agents for the British Steam Navigation Co.

It has been suggested that these items are from a period of transition when Egyptian stamps were accepted by the Turkish office, but there is no evidence of such an arrangement. Also, as the covers are addressed to Jeddah, this would mean that they were local covers, but Jeddah in 1881 was too small for sending letters via the post office. It is much more likely that these postmarks were applied on incoming ship letters which had been posted aboard the Suez-Jeddah mail steamer in Suez too late to be cancelled there. The steamer had no cancelling device.

The boxed postmark is undated and the year date on the covers is unreadable. These Turkish marks were in use before 1881 but it is likely that these items date from after the closure of the Egyptian office as they would otherwise have been handed to and cancelled at that office. Evidence to support this hypothesis is also provided by (a) the earlier multiple rate cover from Suez to Jeddah (listed below under 'ship letters to Jeddah') which was cancelled on arrival at the Egyptian office and (b) similar items from Jeddah which are known postmarked on arrival in Suez.

Postage Rates and Bisects

Mail was sent from the Egyptian post office via Suez on the weekly (or fortnightly) mailboat. Prior to July 1875 the single letter (15 gr.) rate to Suez was 1 pi with an additional 1 pi for destinations in inland Egypt. Registration was 2 pi. When Egypt joined the UPU, a uniform rate of 1½ to all Egyptian destinations was introduced (July 1, 1875). On April 1, 1878 this was amended to 1 pi with the registration fee also reduced to 1 pi.

In April 1875 a shortage of 1 pi stamps necessitated the (diagonal) bisecting of the 2 pi. Only a few have survived, all cancelled in blue on April 13 (with the year slug missing) as all mail was cancelled on the day of departure of the mailboat. The following have been recorded :-

Fig. 8. 1871-92 Turkish boxed 'Jeddah' postmark in blue on Egypt 1879 1 pi.

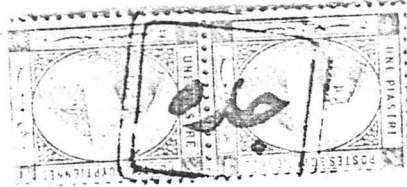
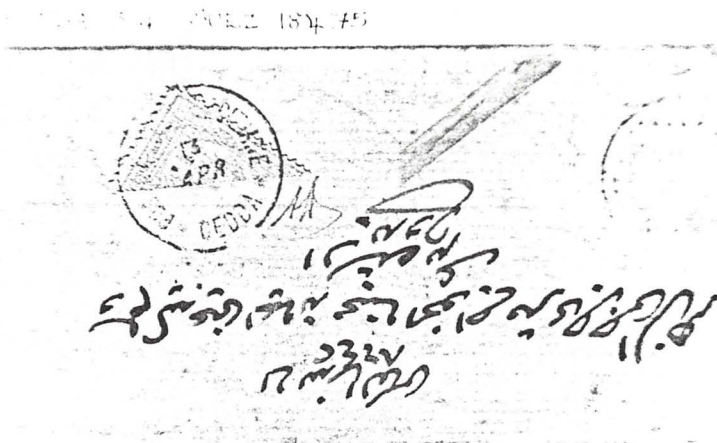


Fig. 9 Bisects on cover and piece



Office in Jeddah

1875, The Bisects



In July 1875, a shortage developed in the single letter rate to Jeddah necessitated the use of 1872 1 Pia. stamps.

In July 1875, the new 1/2 Pia. UPU rate caused a sudden demand for 20 Pi. (1/2 Pia.) stamps. A shortage of these necessitated the use of 1872 1 Pia. stamps.

EARLY POSTAL SERVICES IN SAUDI ARABIA - continued

The following bisects of the 2 pi have been recorded :-

1. Lower left half with another 2 pi on cover, ex Byam, Lea, Mohrmann 1962, Merkur 1975.
2. Upper left on cover, ex Byam, Gougas. 1984: Bolaffi.
3. Upper left on folded letter, ex Harmer 1953, Stanley Gibbons 1979. 1984: Uexkull (Fig. 9a).
4. Upper left on wrapper, ex Farouk, Harmer 1961, Antonini.
5. Upper left on piece, ex Burrus 1962.
6. Upper left on piece, ex Mercury. 1984: Smith.
7. Lower right on piece, ex Ferrari, Danson 1979.

After the introduction of the 1½ UPU rate in July 1875, a temporary shortage of ½ stamps necessitated the bisecting of the 1 pi. Two examples are known, postmarked July 5.

1. Upper left half in pair with 1 pi, ex Scheetz. 1984: Smith.
2. Lower right in pair with 1 pi, ex Harmer 1957, Danson. 1984: Uexkull (Fig. 9b).

Covers from and to the Egyptian post office in Jeddah.

In his survey of Egypt used abroad, Smith⁷ gives the total number of covers recorded postmarked at this office as 10. Today about 30 are known after a worldwide survey of Egypt and Saudi collectors, a study of auction catalogues from the past 40 years, and the investigations of Randall Baker in Saudi Arabia which yielded the find of the Banaji archive.

RECORDED ENTIRES AND COVERS :-A. From Jedda, postmarked at the Egyptian Post Office**(a) 1866 Issue**

1. 1 pi (28 April 67) ex Harmer 1956, Antonini. 1984: Uexkull.
2. 1 pi (30 July 67) ex R. Lowe Hinde 1957, Wingfields.
3. 2 pi mixed with 1867 1 pi ex Hinde. 1984: Smith.
4. 2 pi (9 March 67) disinfected to Alexandria, ex Harmer 1953.
5. 2 pi (9 May 67) disinfected double rate folded letter to Suez, ex Harmer 1942, Hinde 1957, Cotta-Kehr 1965, Gougas 1973, Gibbons 1979, Mayo 1980. 1984: Uexkull.

(b) 1867-69 Issue

1. 1 pi 1867 (16.OTT. "61") to Suez, ex Byam. 1984: Uexkull.
2. 1 pi large part cover to Suez 1870, ex Feldman 1983.
3. 1 and 2 pi (20 April 69) fumigated, to Cairo. 1984: Uexkull.

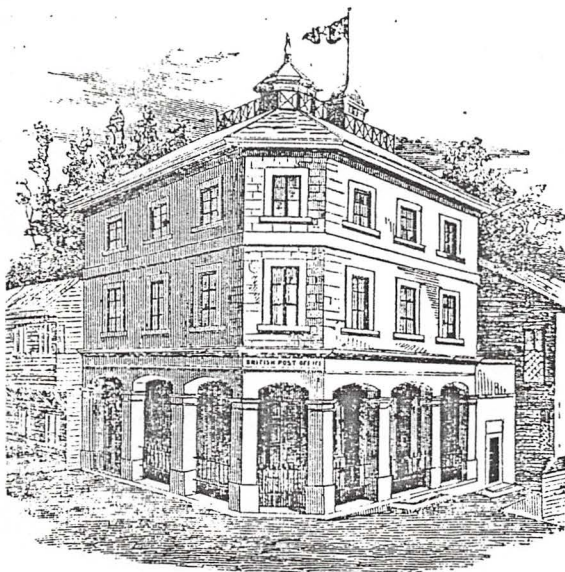
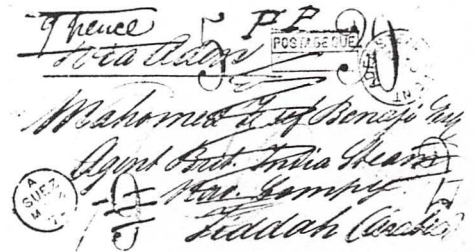
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26 Sept 1870 (late 1867 issue)



Fig. 10. 2 and 5 pi of the 1867-69 issue postmarked at the Egyptian office 26 SEP 70

Fig. 11. Stampless from India via Aden and Suez quintuple rate showing Jeddah 'due' handstamp and other markings



NEW BRITISH POST OFFICE AT CONSTANTINOPLE.—FROM A PHOTOGRAPH.

Illustration from 'THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS' 17 December 1859

EARLY POSTAL SERVICES IN SAUDI ARABIA - continued**RECORDED ENTIRES AND COVERS** - continued**(b) 1867-69 Issue** - continued

4. 2 pi 1871 (17.OTT."16") ex Danson. 1984: Uexkull.
5. 2 pi (28 MAG 69) to Cairo, ex Rungas, Kohler 1982.
6. 2 pi to Cairo from M. Bourgarel, ex Feldman 1982.
1984: Uexkull.
7. 2 and 5 pi (26 SEP 70) ex Shanahan 1959, Cotta-Kehr 1969,
Antonini. 1984: Uexkull (Fig. 10).

(c) 1872 Issue ('KHEDEVIE' Cancellation)

1. 10 pa pair + 1 pi to Cairo (19 NOV 75) ex Danson.
1984: Uexkull.
2. 1 pi to Suez (5 SEP 74, in blue) ex Hagopian.
3. 1 pi to Hamburg with AFFRANCATURA INSUFFICIENTE, March 72,
"VICE-REALI" cancel. 1984: Smith.
4. 1 pi pair to Cairo (DIC 74) ex Danson. 1984: Uexkull.
5. 2 pi reg. to France 1879 (3 MAR with no year), with
RACCOMANDATO, postmarked in black.

(d) 1874-75 Issue

1. 10 pa block of four to Suez (1 LUG 78, black) ex Mazloum,
Danson. 1984: Uexkull.
2. 10 pa (2) + 1 pi to Constantinople (18 AVR 77, black) ex
Danson. 1984: Uexkull.
3. 20 pa pair to Bombay 1875, ex R. Lowe 1953, Cotta-Kehr 1965.
4. 20 pa + 1 pi to Suez (25 MAR 76, black) ex Mazloum, Danson.
1984: Uexkull.
5. 1 + 2 pi to Bombay 1875, ex R. Lowe 1973.
6. 20 pa + 1 pi to Hodeida (24.8.75) ex Grylls.
7. 20 pa + 1pi, to Suez (8 Dic. 77) ex Hinde. 1984: Smith.
8. 1 pi (18.7.78) to Cairo. 1984: Uexkull.

(e) 1879 Issue, KHEDEVIE/GEDDA Cancellation

1. 20 pa pair to Constantinople (8 NOV 79) ex Cotta-Kehr, R. Lowe
1973, Stanley Gibbons 1979, Mayo 1980. 1984: Alireza.
'DJEDDAH' cancellation.
2. 20 pa pair + single to Bombay (26 DE 80) ex Byam, Mayo.
3. 1 pi to Suez (27.11.80) ex Cotta-Kehr 1969. 1984: Smith.
4. 1 pi to Suez (24.4.81) ex Randall Baker. 1984: Uexkull.
5. 1 pi to Suez (17.1.81) ex Randall Baker. 1984: Uexkull.

**B. Ship Letters from Jeddah, Posted Aboard the Steamer, and
Cancelled on Arrival in Suez.**

1. 1869, 1 pi (2) from M. Bourgarel (May 28, 1870) to Cairo,
postmarked "Suez 5. GIU, 1869", ex Stanley Gibbons.
1984: Uexkull.
2. 1872, 1 pi on folded letter from M. Bourgarel (3.6.74) to
Alexandria, postmarked Suez 6 June, ex Morgoulis.
1984: Uexkull.

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EARLY POSTAL SERVICES IN SAUDI ARABIA - continuedRECORDED ENTIRES AND COVERS - continuedShip Letters from Jeddah, Cancelled at Suez - continued

3. 1874-75, 20 pa (2) on folded letter to Alexandria dated Jeddah 23 April 78, postmarked Suez 20 April.
4. 1878, cover from Beyts & Co., Jeddah, to Aden via Suez with GB 4d postmarked 'B03', side mark SUEZ 22.3, ex R. Lowe 1981. 1984: Uexkull.

C. Ship Letters to Jeddah with Egyptian Stamps, Postmarked on Arrival in Jeddah**(a) At the Egyptian Post Office**

1. 1869, 10 pa (12) + 20 pa (2), double rate registered cover from Suez, arrival 20 NOV 71, ex Stanley Gibbons.

(b) At the Ottoman Post Office

2. 1879, 1 pi on brown envelope (cut open for display) to Messrs Banaji, Jeddah, postmarked with Turkish bilingual 'DJEDDAH' in green, also on reverse (ca. 1881), ex Randall Baker. 1984: Uexkull
3. 1879, 1 pi on small cover, stamp a little eaten by white ants, same correspondence and postmark, ex Randall Baker. 1984: Uexkull.
4. 1879, 1 pi on small bluish cover, torn at top, same correspondence and postmark, ex Randall Baker.

D. Entires to Jeddah, backstamped at the Egyptian Post Office on arrival.

1. Folded letter from Suez with 1 + 2 pi, blurred VICE REALI backstamp, ex Mayo. 1984: Uexkull.
2. Folded letter from Suez with 1 + 1 pi, clear VICE REALI 19 MAG (no year), ex Randall Baker. 1984: Uexkull.
3. Registered cover from Suez with 1 + 5 pi, blue KHEDEVIE 24 AUG 74. ex Uexkull.
4. Registered cover from Suez with 2 + 2 + 5 pi, blue KHEDEVIE 3 DIC 74, ex Mayo. 1984: Uexkull.
5. Cover from Suez with 1 + 1 pi to Banaji, arrival 26.6.74. 1984: Uexkull.
6. Wrapper from London (1 + 4 pi) forwarded from Suez with 5 + 5 pa, 1874. 1984: Uexkull.
7. Stampless from India via Aden and Suez (as the direct service was discontinued in 1873) with arrival 15 MAG 74, in blue, Jeddah 'due' handstamps '5' (quintuple rate) and '30' (charge) etc., ex Randall Baker. 1984: Uexkull (Fig. 11).
8. Cover from London (4d pair) arrival 1.9.76, ex Randall Baker. 1984: Uexkull.
9. Registered telegram from Egypt arrival 1.8.78. 1984: Smith.

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EARLY POSTAL SERVICES IN SAUDI ARABIA - continuedRECORDED ENTIRES AND COVERS - continuedE. Transit Letters Cancelled GEDDA

1. 1875 large cover from Yemen to Constantinople, stamps removed, transit postmarks of the Egyptian post office in Jeddah on arrival (12 LUG) and departure (15 LUG), also fancy framed "DA HODEIDA" in green, ex Feldman 1982.

F. Entries to Jeddah, not backstamped on arrival.

P.A.S.Smith writes: "Among these are the covers from Britain in 1866-67, forwarded from Suez with an added 1p Egyptian stamp, addressed to the British Consul . . . Consular mail may have been delivered (or collected) with some sort of priority, circumventing back stamping, so as to avoid delay."

** the author would appreciate any additional information which readers may be able to supply. Please contact him via the editor.

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38 DAYS FROM BOMBAY by F Rowland Hill (ESC 212)

Mr John Grimmer has sent me the cover mentioned in the December 1983 QC (p 302) for inspection and some thoughts about it follow.

The cover (see below and illustrations), from Bombay to Ayr, has the Bombay 'INDIA in Oval' handstamp, London arrival and despatch postmarks for 7 April, charge 3/6 and MS instruction 'By Suez'.

The letter is dated 29th February, the recipient endorsed it 9 April. The contents are almost entirely personal, with screams of joy over the great victories in Afghanistan, all rather premature. The writer's name is, of course, illegible, and could be anything from Ashdon to Kershaw.

Not much to go on. 'Atalanta' left Bombay on 1st March and, for once, made it on time to Suez on 18th. Then we guess. Alex. on the 21st and if (a big if, but here it must have happened) the RN steamer, with luck 'Alecto' at that time the pride of the Fleet, was ready to go, Marseilles by the 31st. 4¹/₂ days by the French mails to Boulogne and 2 days across the Channel to London, and there we are; all official routing, no need for Waghorn. The charge of 3/6 is also official - Waghorn tended to be expensive. And no screams of joy anywhere from Waghorn. I think it's Government mail.

The absence of the Waghorn cachet is fairly conclusive anyway; the only nagging doubt is that at Bombay was the deplorable Mr Brown, subsequently sacked, as described in my article on Waghorn's Industrial Relations (QC 120 Dec 1981 pp 103-5), and the only really poor strike of a cachet I've ever seen is a Bombay one; maybe the hadstamp fell from his boozy fingers; but I doubt it.

Waghorn so dominates the Overland Mail in the literature that I feel the other mails have been neglected - they're probably rare, as without the flamboyant cachets they haven't been collected; after all, Sidebottom did consider that the Government mails carried 50% of the total.

As a Parthian shot, what about that 2 days London to Ayr ? - would it happen today ?

LETTER FROM BOMBAY TO AYR, 1840 (38 DAYS)

Addressed: Miss McAdam
Lady Bank
Ayr
N Britain

LETTER ENDORSED: Received this letter 9th of April 1840

Bombay Feby. 29th 1840

My dear Margaret

I send by the Steamer which leaves in a few hours for the Red Sea No 2 of a Bill for £100 the first numbered having been despatched on the 30th Jany. I have received your letter of the 20th December and will in my next write more fully my observns

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LETTER FROM BOMBAY TO AYR, 1840 (38 DAYS) - Continued

regarding your purchase of a house but you ought to keep on the look out, as to obtaining a suitable one - I have requested my Agents here to send to your address a box or quarter chest of tea / 33 lbs / by one of the ships soon to sail for England. I trust it may reach you safe and that you will find it good - I will arrange for the duties being paid in London so that you will only have to pay the inland carriage - I have no trace at present and would have written Dr. Fleming by this opportunity, but will by next Steamer hand him my kind regards. We are all in a hurry and hustle in consequence of the return of the Governor as chief of our victorious Army from Afghanistan - the Bombay troops have fully sustained their long established character - Remember me to Mr Steward and to both the Dr. Whitesides and Mr Andrew - I never received any letter from Mrs Bannatine - With affectionate regards to my sisters because

Affectionately yours
F.W.Ashdon

Remembrances to Dr Bank

"NEW BRITISH POST OFFICE AT CONSTANTINOPLE"

- from The Illustrated London News, 17th December 1859

The new British Post Office at Constantinople is deserving of something more than a mere passing notice. Irrespective of its other advantages, it marks what we hope is the commencement of a new order of things in the Levant. Hitherto our Government buildings have been carried on in that quarter with a total disregard of anything like economy. It would startle the public to hear the total sum that has been expended on our Government buildings in Constantinople. The system of commencing works without fixing what they are to cost has led to the unnecessary expenditure of vast sums of money.

The postal communication with the Levant, in consequence of the absence of any arrangement on the part of the Ottoman Government, has to be carried on by the various Powers whose relations are extended over the empire. Prior to the war England had no post-office establishment in Turkey; but the great development of our relations with the country induced the Government to open an office at Constantinople, to which Mr James Ker was appointed as postmaster. Under this gentleman's steadily-improving management the service has been well carried out, and the convenience of the large British colony in Constantinople (upward of 8000) has been in every respect properly attended to.

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"NEW BRITISH POST OFFICE AT CONSTANTINOPLE" - Continued

The building hitherto occupied as the Post Office having been found inadequate to the increasing business, the Postmaster-General determined on having a building erected. Tenders were invited, and the plan of Joseph Nadin, Esq., C.E. and architect, was selected as the most suitable in every respect. He is also the contractor for the works. Mr E.C. Baines, clerk of the works from the Post Office Department, was sent from England to superintend the progress of the building, the whole cost of which will not exceed £ 4500.

The most remarkable feature in connection with the building is the rapidity of its construction. The foundation was laid on the 22nd of June, and the building was so far completed by the 15th of October that the first delivery of letters took place on that date. The Supreme Consular Court, which is contiguous to the new Post Office, occupied upwards of two years in erecting, although the work is neither larger nor superior to the new Post Office.

The architect (Mr Nadin) has felicitously adapted his plans to the circumstances of the country.

A complete money-order office is annexed to the general office, and a fireproof office for the safety of the department is attached, and the whole of the departments are complete in every sense of the word. A large and convenient residence for the Postmaster and assistants is erected over the Post Office, which has an uninterrupted view of the Golden Horn, the Bosphorus, and the Sea of Marmora.

The fronts of the building present an appearance of great taste and solidity - a colonnade, with massive Doric granite columns on the two faces, between which handsome iron railings are placed, the height of the Post Offices twenty feet, and two stories over, of twelve feet each. On the top of the whole is a look-out tower, with signal-post, commanding a perfect view of the approaches to the Golden Horn, so as to enable the arrival of the mail-steamers to be signalled. A ventilating light shaft, ten feet diameter, rises up through the whole building, terminating with a rich dome on the roof.

The Boards of Works are about commencing their new Consular Court at Constantinople, adjacent to the Supreme Consular Court, Seamen's Hospital, and the new British Post Office in Galata; and it is to be hoped that tenders will be solicited, and an end put to that useless expenditure of money which has too long existed in our affairs in Turkey.

Editor: Please see the reproduced illustration which accompanied this newspaper article. Possibly part of this article could apply to the British Post Offices in Egypt also. Does any member have an account, or an illustration, of these? (or of other countries' Post Offices in Egypt?).

NEW ISSUES by C. E. H. Defriez

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

<u>Commemorative Stamps</u>	<u>SG 1503</u>	<u>SG 1504</u>	<u>SG 1505</u>
Occasion	16th Cairo International Fair	Egyptian Football Victory in Africa Cup Final	
Date of Issue	12th March 1983	20th March 1983	
Designer	Lotfy el Sawaf	Waheeb Farag	
Design	Fair Emblem, Olive branch and Cog-wheel	Player heading the ball	Player kicking the ball
Denomination	3 piastres	3 piastres	3 piastres
Sheet	50 (10x5) Wmk Sideways	. . . 50 (10x5) Wmk Sideways . .	
Stamp dimensions	26 x 43 mm	26 x 43 mm	26 x 43 mm
Perforation	11 x 11.5	11 x 11.5	11 x 11.5
Quantity printed	1,000,000 1,000,000	
Supplementary	The Fair was held from 12th to 26th March at the Exhibition Ground, Nasr City	The two stamps were issued in se-tenant pairs within the sheet	
	<u>SG 1506</u>	<u>SG 1507</u>	
Occasion	International Health Day, National Board of Blood Donation	10th Anniversary of Organisation of African Trade Union Unity	
Date of Issue	2nd April 1983	21st April 1983	
Designer	M. Roushdy	Lydia Farid	
Design	Blood Donation Emblem	O.A.T.U.U. Emblem	
Denomination	3 piastres	3 piastres	
Sheet	50 (10x5) Wmk S/ways	50 (5 x 10)	
Stamp dimensions	26 x 43 mm	43 x 26 mm	
Perforation	11 x 11.5	11.5 x 11	
Quantity printed	1,000,000	1,000,000	
Supplementary	-	The Organisation was formed in April 1973 in Addis Ababa	
	<u>SG 1508</u>	<u>SG 1509</u>	
Occasion	1st Anniversary of Sinai Liberation	75th Anniversary of Egyptian Entomological Society	
Date of Issue	25th April 1983	23rd May 1983	
Designer	M. Roushdy	Lotfy el Sawaf	
Design	Map of Sinai, Dove and Flag	Microscope, and Scarab Emblem of the Society	
Denomination	3 piastres	3 piastres	
Sheet	50 (10x5) Wmk S/ways	50 (10x5) Wmk S/ways	
Stamp dimensions	26 x 43 mm	26 x 43 mm	
Perforation	11 x 11.5	11 x 11.5	
Quantity printed	?	1,000,000	
Supplementary	-	-	

ERRATUM There is an error in the Q.C. No. 128, Dec 1983, page 299. The occasion of the issue of SG 1497 was the 50th Anniversary of the Arab LANGUAGE Academy (not the Arab 'League' Academy). Apologies: Editor

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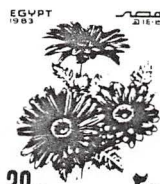
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<u>Commemorative Stamps</u>	<u>SG 1510</u>	<u>SG 1511</u>
Occasion	Festivals	5th African Handball Championship, Cairo
Date of Issue	5th July 1983	22nd July 1983
Designer	M. Y. Abdel Hamid	M. Roushdy
Design	Chrysanthemums	Handball Building, Player and Championship Emblem
Denomination	20 mills	6 piastres
Sheet	100 (10 x 10) No Wmk	50 (5 x 10)
Stamp dimensions	25 x 30 mm	43 x 26 mm
Perforation	11	11.5 x 11
Quantity printed	5,000,000	500,000
Supplementary	-	20 African countries participated in the Championship which was held for the first time in Cairo
	<u>SG 1512</u>	<u>SG 1513</u>
Occasion	31st Anniversary of the Revolution	Bicentenary of the Birth Centenary of Simon Bolivar
Date of Issue	23rd July 1983	24th July 1983
Designer	I. A. el Tahtawi	E. Calivis
Design	Arabic "31" and ears of wheat	Statue of Simon Bolivar and map of South America
Denomination	3 piastres	23 piastres
Sheet	50 (10 x 5) No Wmk	50 (10 x 5) No Wmk
Stamp dimensions	30 x 50 mm	26 x 43 mm
Perforation	11	11 x 11.5
Quantity printed	1,000,000	500,000
Supplementary	-	-
	<u>SG 1514</u>	<u>SG 1515</u>
Occasion	Centenary of arrival of Ahmed Arabi in Ceylon	Reopening of the Islamic Museum
Date of Issue	25th August 1983	14th September 1983
Designer	A K Mokhtar & M Y A Hamid	M. Roushdy
Design	Arabi, 6 companions, residence and maps of Egypt and Ceylon	Museum after restoration, and Islamic vessel
Denomination	3 piastres	3 piastres
Stamp dimensions	43 x 26 mm	43 x 26 mm
Perforation	11.5 x 11	11.5 x 11
Quantity printed	1,000,000	1,000,000
Supplementary	-	-

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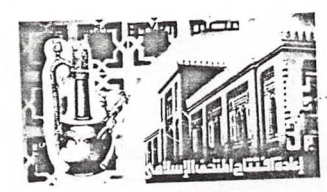
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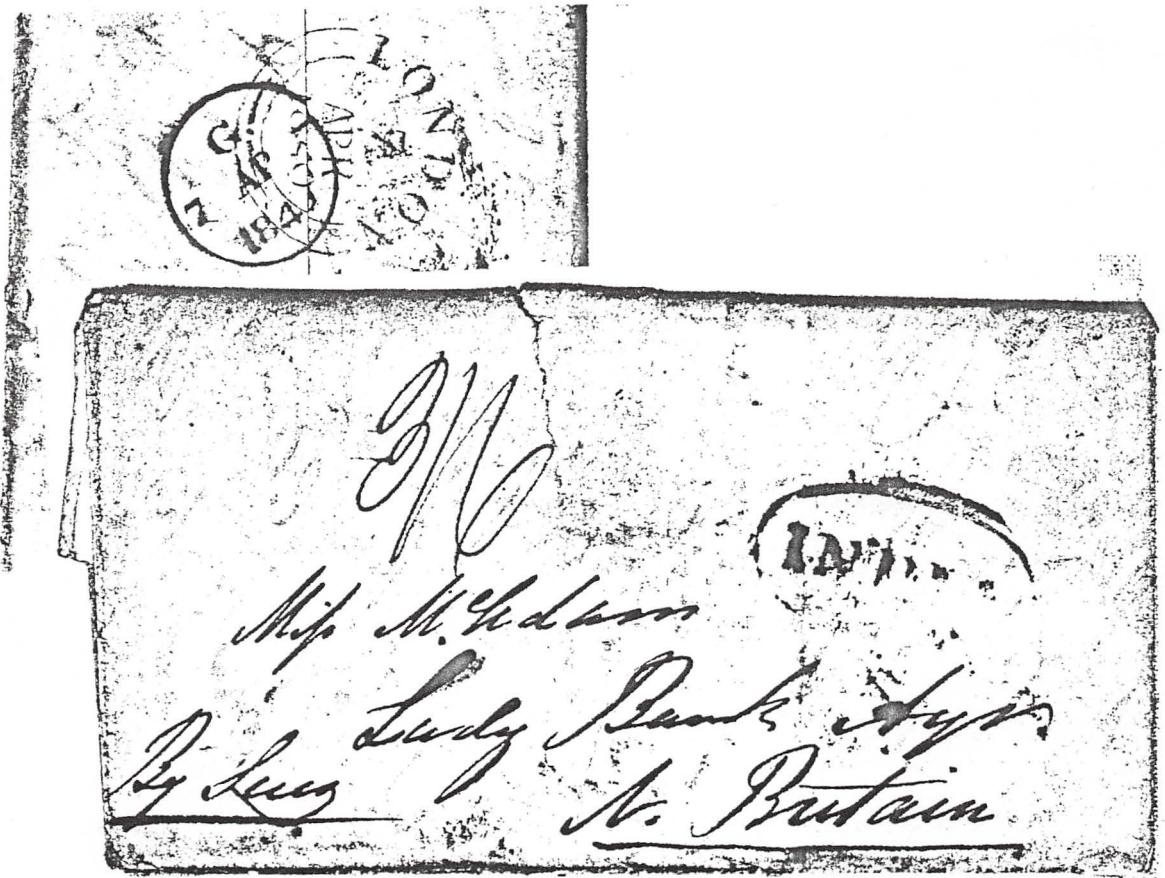


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SG 1515

LETTER FROM BOMBAY TO AYR, 1840 (38 DAYS)



STUDY: THE GAZA STRIP and SINAI

REQUEST FOR DATA FROM MEMBERS - by Edmund Hall (ESC 239)

Nearly four years ago I helped give the 'GAZA' presentation at one of our Circle meetings and thought to prepare a Study Report for publishing in the QC. To judge from the bidding in the auctions, GAZA material is quite popular.

I have produced three sheets of postmarks (reproduced on the following pages - Edotor) of the Gaza Strip and Sinai: these extend those already published by BAFIP and HLP. One sheet covers the years 1948-56 and the other two 1957-67.

Will Members please check their own marks against these sheets and inform me of any additions. **Please also report your early and late dates** and I shall be grateful to be supplied with strikes to enable me to complete the tracings of marks numbers R1/1, R1/2, D1/1, A1,1 (this is Army Camp Arish) and GS 2/2.

Will Members please note that the reference numbers given to the marks are **PROVISIONAL**.

I will put all the results together for publishing in a later QC, hopefully before the end of 1984.

I will also include the postmarks of occupied Palestine found on the Palestine-overprinted stamps but **I need a copy of the BEIT JIBRIN mark** for drawing: can any member oblige with a photocopy?

Also needed is any information on **EGYPTIAN ARMY POSTMARKS** of the same two periods, with relevant photocopies, please. If I get sufficient information on these then I will include them in the Study Report also.

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QUESTION TIME - NEW QUESTIONS

Q. Time 72 - **Earliest Egyptian Postal Administration Cover ?**
- Question put by Peter R Feltus (ESC 114)

While in Europe last May I bought a lovely stampless cover of 1865, from Alexandria to Mansura (illustrated). On the front is a clear type I-2.5n cancellation of 17 APR. 65 I.T. of Alessandria. On the back is the similar cancellation of Mansura of 18 APR. 65 I.T., struck in the blue-green ink used so commonly by the Posta Europea. It turns out that this is now the earliest known cover of the Egyptian Postal administration; in ESC Study VI the earliest recorded dates are 18th April (Alessandria and Zagasik), and 19th April (Cairo and Suez), followed by 22nd April (Mansura) and 26th April (Benha). Several questions are raised. Has anyone got an earlier cover? How late into early 1865 were Posta Europea markings used by the new Administration? What would be the date of an E.P.A. first day cover? Maybe my 17th April 1865 cover is a first day cover or the nearest there is to it. (Notice: I would like to swap this important cover for a lovely and rare cover bearing second issue stamps, for my own favorite collection. What do you propose?)

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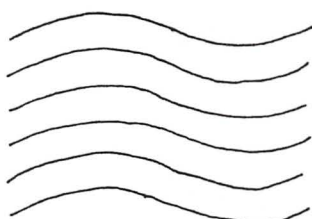
PRELIMINARY LISTING OF POSTMARKS

NOTE THAT THE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERING IS PROVISIONAL

PERIOD: 1948 - 1956



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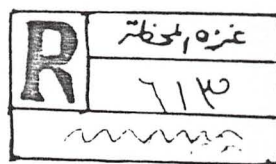
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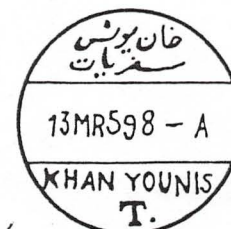
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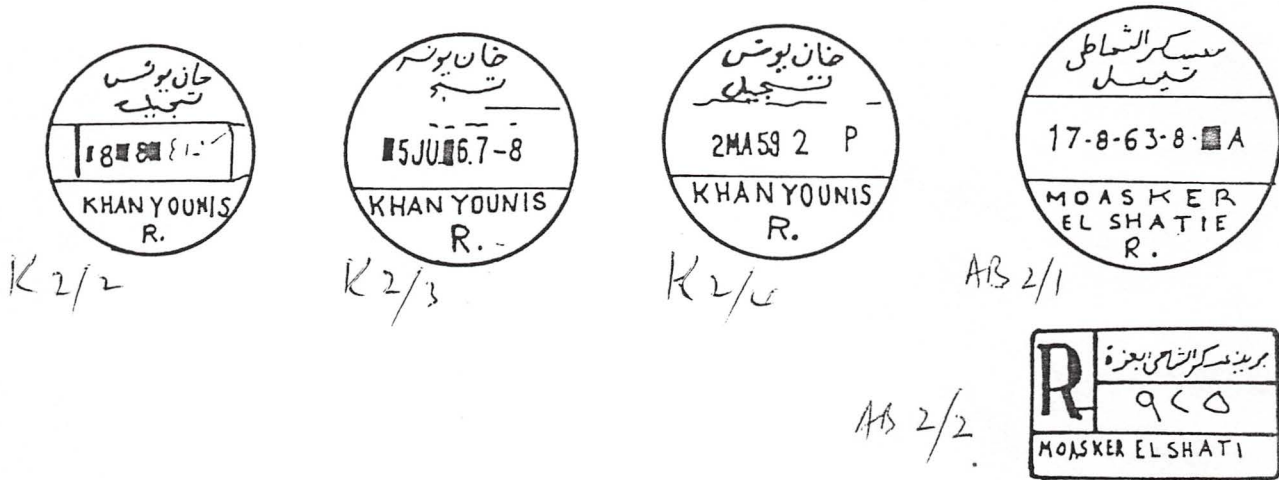
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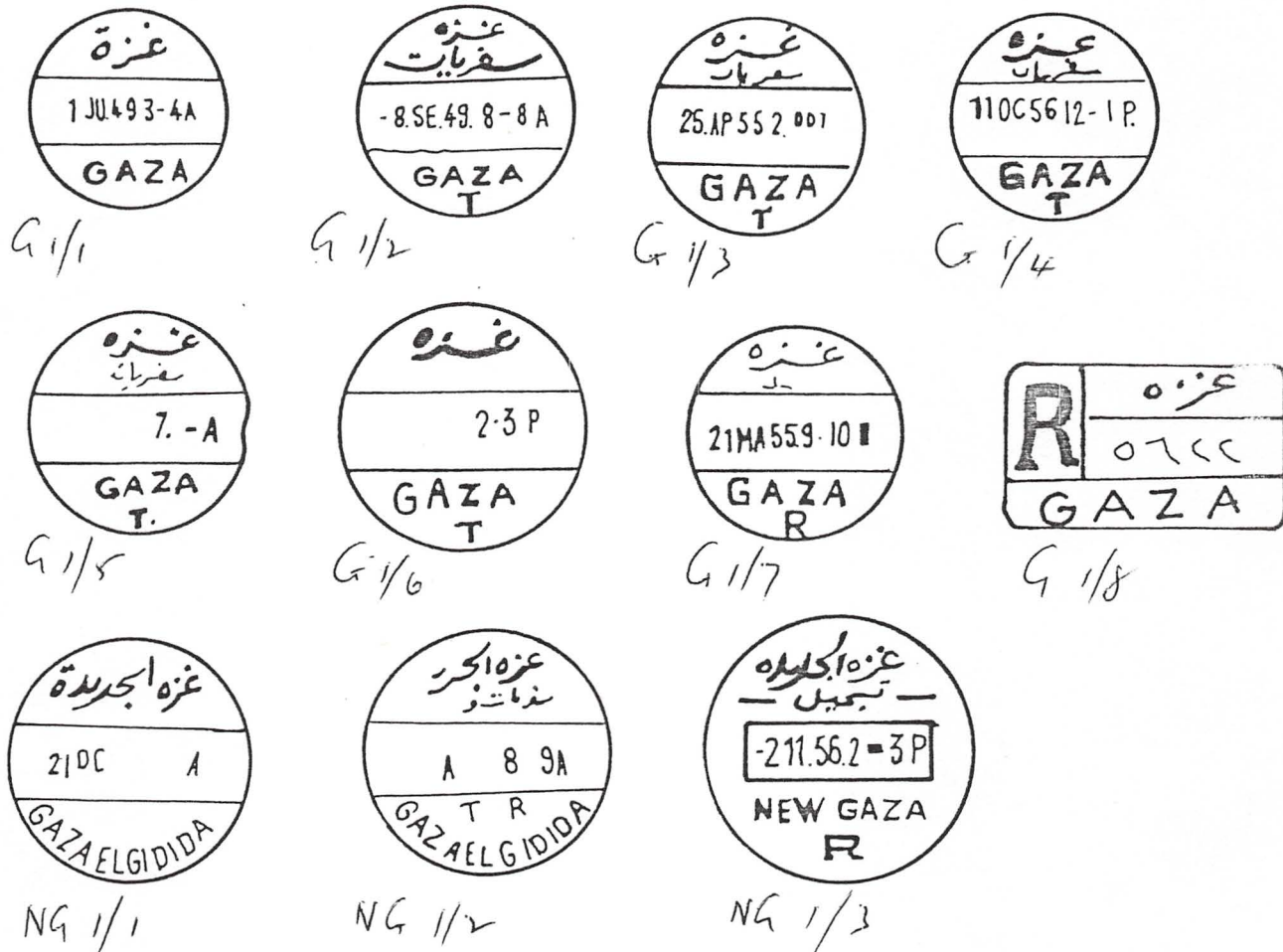
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PERIOD: 1957 - 1967



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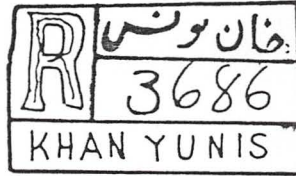
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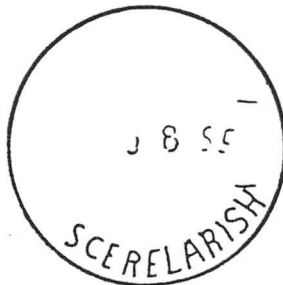
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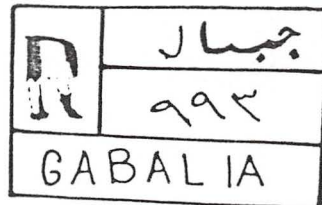
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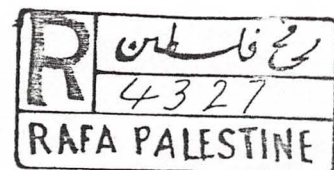
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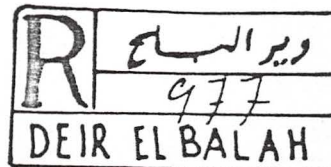
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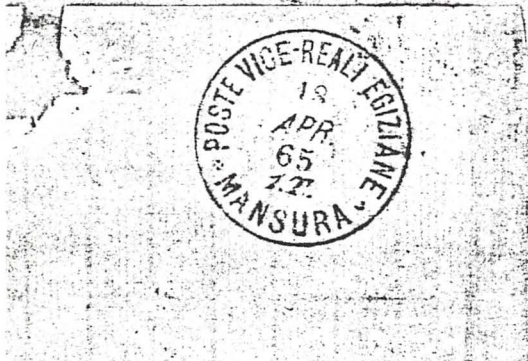
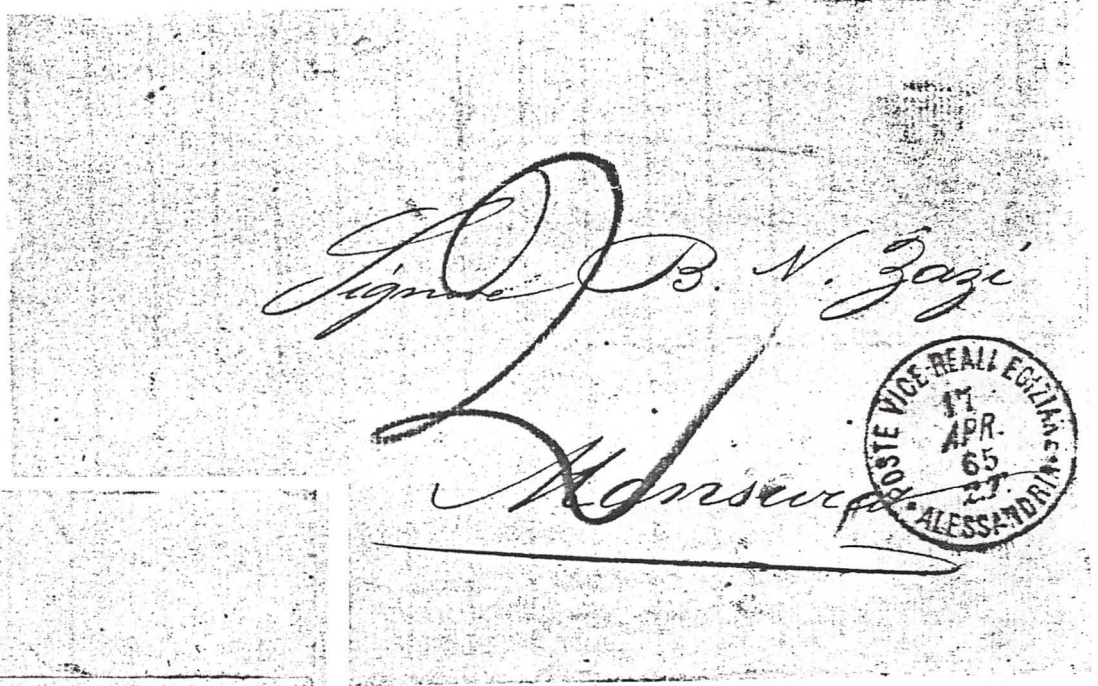
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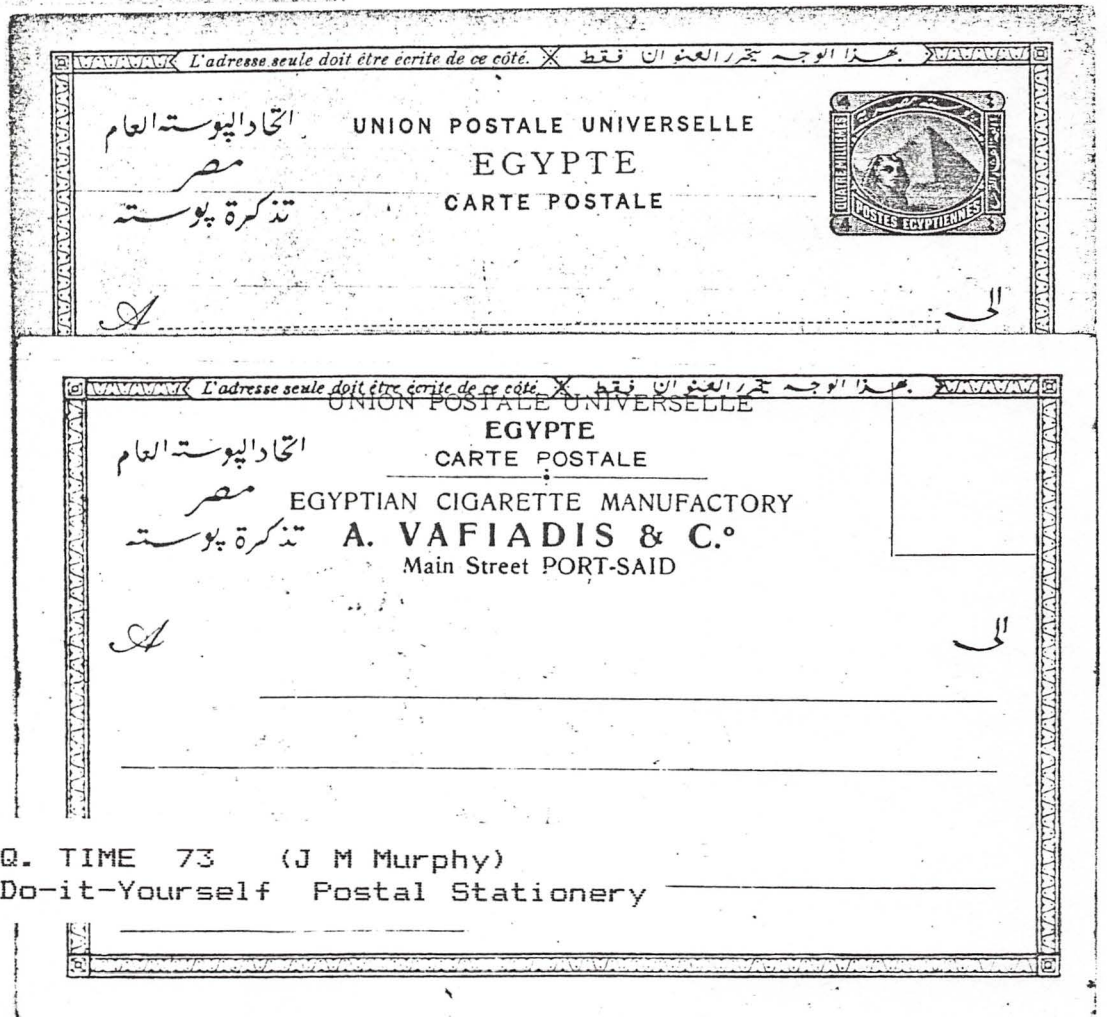
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Q. TIME 72 (P R Feltus)
Earliest Government Post Cover



Q. TIME 73 (J M Murphy)
Do-it-Yourself Postal Stationery

Response to Q. Time 70 - by J M Murphy (ESC 240)
Question put by Lars Alund, QC 128

The Arabic on the labels is easily read, and gives some solid clues, though I have no knowledge of their production. The top line reads *وَأَرَادَات* 'waaradaat'; and that at the bottom *شَرْقِ الْأُرْدُنِ* 'sharq ul-urdun'. To take the second first, the direct translation is "East Jordan", a term which would have had no meaning before the West Bank was occupied in the Six-Day war of 1967 and which carries with it the implication that the occupied territory will one day be regained and Jordan again united. Waaradaat is clearly linked with the Egyptian cancellation word *وَأَرَادَ* 'waarid', which we normally translate "Arrival" (as opposed to "Depart"): both have a common base in *وَرَدَ* the verb 'to come to hand'. But waaradaat means literally "imports", and so I imagine we have here fiscal labels printed after the 1967 war to affix as receipts on Customs documents or the like. Oddly, the values are expressed in *مِل* 'mil' rather than the Jordanian *فِيل* 'fil': only a dot is missing, but it is unusual also that no plurals are expressed.

Editor: grateful thanks to Mike Murphy for his scholarly reply. A comprehensive reply was also received from Mr Mike Michaels, USA (ESC 257).

NEW QUESTIONS

Q. TIME 73 - Privately-produced Postal Stationery Card ?
Question put by J M Murphy (ESC 240)

I illustrate an advertising picture post-card (the reverse carries a scene of Port Said's Arab Quarter) which is clearly based on the 1899 Postal Stationery card, Higgins & Gage 11: the colour of printing is precisely the same, and the format, at least as far as Arabic lettering and border is concerned, almost precisely so. But Mr Vafiadis has had the three lines UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE / EGYPTE / CARTE POSTALE set in different type, and his own advertisement added. There are two queries: is it likely that the enterprising Greek cigarette manufacturer will have had (or needed ?) UPU authority; and do fellow members know of any similar cards ?

Q. TIME 74 - Location of COSTANTINIA ?
Question put by Mr Themis Dacos (ESC 220)

Two stamps in my collection - one is the 5-mill DLR issue 1888, the other is the 1 pi blue DLR issue 1884 - are both cancelled with a black bilingual c.d.s. reading COSTANTINIA. I cannot locate this place in Egypt. Can any member help ?



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