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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

September 16th	Registration Labels and Markings.	J. Sears
November 25th	World War I non-British Military Markings.	E. Hall

Meetings are normally held at the Victory Club, Seymour Street, Marble Arch, London. Members usually congregate in the Bar from 1.00 p.m. onwards and meetings start at 2.30 p.m.

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EDITORS NOTES

I am sure that some readers will be suffering symptoms of deprivation, not having received a QC since early March. I apologize for the delay. After the editorial efforts of the early part of the year I put my feet up for a while and then found myself overtaken by various distractions and difficulties, happily now all behind me. A summer holiday has brought renewed enthusiasm! I have firmly resisted the temptation to roll two issues into one. This therefore is the much delayed June number. I hope that the September issue will not be too long delayed.

IN THIS ISSUE

This number contains rather more administrative matter than is usual. However the financial affairs of the Circle are important and members owe a debt of gratitude to Robin Bertram, Steven Bunce and John Sears for their hard work in managing and presenting the various accounts. The sums of money are considerable and increasing. In addition to the regular items in the Secretary's report there is a review of the late Themis Dacos' book on the early Greek Consular Services in Egypt.

It is hoped that the Chairman's comments on The Studies will help to renew team research within the Circle. There is a list of members with particular special interests. I hope to write about Studies, Study Leaders and the QC in a forthcoming issue.

Peter Smith reviews the literature and his research on the 3m and 10m postal cards of pictorial design. He argues the case that the second and scarce types of each value were probably printed by the Survey Department in 1931. Cyril Defriez has produced another item on New Issues. I was a little disappointed with the colour reproductions in the last issue. However I hope that readers will find the new black and white illustrations an improvement on the previous format. John Sears reports and comments on a unique Aerial Post - EEF Cachet - is it genuine or a philatelic contrivance? Please note the corrections to Robin Bertram's previous article on the British Consular Post in Alexandria.

The letter section again covers a wide variety of topics. Alan Jeyes has now provided most of the answers to the question which he originally posed about the Cercle Khedivial. Leon Balian is attempting to produce a new catalogue of Egyptian stamps using his newly acquired computer skills. Please try to respond to his request for new information. There are items of interest to Hotel enthusiasts including Lucien Toutonji's report of a seemingly unrecorded modern conference postmark of the Nile Hilton hotel. John Sears seeks information about the 210m 1st Fuad stamp booklet. Other items include further reports of the postal stationery variety reported by Peter Andrews, Dutch shipping line cancellations, Army Post control blocks and questions about an intaglio seal and a modern exchange control mark - something of interest for everyone I hope.

Michael Dahl, Editor

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

MEMBERS NEWS

It is with regret that we have learned of the death of DR. J.W. WRIGHT (ESC 407).

SUCSESSES AT 'FINLANDIA'

Several members displayed successfully at 'FINLANDIA' in May:-

K. Hagopian (ESC 304)	Egyptian Postal Stationery Gold
P.A.S. Smith (ESC 74)	Consular Posts of Egypt Large Vermeil
A. Ott (ESC 261)	Egyptian Postal History from 1843 Large Vermeil
K. Wolfsbauer (ESC 197)	Prestamp Covers of Egypt Large Vermeil
I. Shoukry (ESC 423)	Hotel Cancellations Large Silver

Congratulations to all! This information came by way of a non ESC member who attended. If there are errors or omissions please accept my apologies and let the editor know.

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RESIGNATION

ESC 269

MR. P.J. CALHOUN

The 60th Anniversary Meeting on 4th March 1995

Present:

Members:	P. Andrews	W.C. Andrews	T. Awff
	L. Balian	M. Bramwell	S.W. Bunce
	J. Chalhoub	D.H. Clarke	M.G.C. Dahl
	D.J. Davis	C.E.H. Defriez	U. Eckstein
	S.A. Fikry	E.H. Frazer-Smith	P.F. Goodwin
	P.L. Grech	K.B. Hagopian	C.F. Hass
	J.S. Horesh	G.A. Jeyes	K. Kelemenis
	J.M. Murphy	A. Ott	F.G. Parsons
	A. Schmidt	J. Sears	P.A.S. Smith
	B. Watterson	R.P. West	P.E. Whetter
	K. Wolfsbauer	P.R. Bertram	
Guests:	F.C. French*	J. French	F. Kiddle
	P. Parsons	D. Vandervelde	R. Wheatley*
	Y. Wheatley		

* later to become members

There were apologies from:

T. Chisholm	E. Hall	J.E. Larkin
E.L. MacArthur	S.E. McIntosh	A.J. Revell
W.N. Watterson		

The Chairman opened the meeting by extending a particularly warm welcome to our special guest, Francis Kiddle, President of the Royal Philatelic Society. John then expressed his pleasure at seeing so many members and guests present on this special occasion. He briefly outlined the history of the Circle and drew attention to its unique place in philately as the first group in the UK to study the stamps of a foreign country.

While mentioning some administrative matters the Secretary was somewhat unnerved when the display boards started spontaneously to collapse onto the floor! However Charles Hass and other members came to the rescue with some quick repairs allowing the proceedings to continue.

Our President, Professor Peter Smith, then spoke briefly about some of the early members of the Study Circle and the hard work which they had put into pioneering studies.

Ten invited members then gave displays:-

John Sears	-	First Fuad portrait issue.
Robin Bertram	-	The British Consulate Post office in Alexandria.
Anatole Ott	-	Parcel Post, Postage dues on cover and the Rural post.
Kurt Wolsbauer	-	The Posta Europea.

Samir Fikry	-	Stamps and covers of the 1914 definitive issue.
Peter Smith	-	Postage dues on cover.
Leon Balian	-	Second Fuad issues showing varieties.
John Davis	-	Stamps of the French Post Offices in Egypt.
Dennis Clarke	-	Instructional markings on covers.
Charles Hass	-	1907 Official overprints on cover.

The Chairman thanked those members who had displayed. He commented on the depth of material shown and expressed the hope that members and visitors alike had had an enjoyable afternoon.

The formal meeting then closed and the majority of members together with some of their wives adjourned to a local hostelry to celebrate the 60th Anniversary with food and drink. A highlight of the evening (apart from the excellent company) was an astonishing display of carved melons prepared by Sumalee Murphy (wife of Mike) - one of which depicted the Sphinx and Pyramid motif together with the appropriate 60th Anniversary dates and wording.

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I am sure that all those present at this marvellous meeting would want me to record their indebtedness to John Sears and to Robin Bertram for their tremendous efforts over many months in organizing such a splendid day.

Editor.

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Meeting on 6th May 1995

Present:	P. Andrews	P.R. Bertram	M. Bramwell
	D.J. Davis	S. El-Kerdami	F.C. French
	P.L. Grech	G.A. Jeyes	J.M. Murphy
	F.G. Parsons	J. Sears	

There were apologies from:

W.C. Andrews	D.H. Clarke	A.J. Revell
B. Watterson	N. Watterson	

The Chairman welcomed Sharif El-Kerdami who was over from Egypt and a new member, Mohamed El-Dessouki. The Chairman reported that the last postal auction had been extremely successful and had sold approximately £11,000 of vendors material. He mentioned forthcoming meetings which would cover perfins, rettas and registration labels. A request was made to those attending meetings that they should bring material to assist speakers and to broaden the topic of the study.

Peter Andrews then led a discussion and display on the postage due stamps of Egypt showing both stamps and covers in chronological order. He was assisted by other members who had brought material. The Chairman then closed the meeting by thanking Peter for his contribution.

Robin Bertram, Secretary

EGYPT STUDY CIRCLE

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (GENERAL ACCOUNT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

	1993	1994
Income		
Subscriptions	2,023.80	2,155.50
Library account	190.00	20.00
Auction account	100.00	-
Bank deposit interest received (net)	9.10	21.47
Members contributions	60.49	12.31
Sale of ties (45, 1993 50)	283.00	299.00
Sundry receipts	<u>12.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>
	2,678.39	2,533.28
Expenditure		
Meeting room hire	202.50	217.30
Cost of quarterly circular	1,305.17	1,475.31
Affiliation fee - B.P.S.	-	31.50
Printing of programme cards	60.00	60.00
New issues - album leaves	13.85	-
Insurance	-	18.40
Cost of ties sold	189.73	170.85
Retiring Editor's Honorarium	61.00	-
Secretary/Treasurer's postages, stationery and telephone	49.78	113.75
Chairman's postages	40.39	32.58
Depreciation of photocopier (15%)	<u>45.00</u>	<u>45.00</u>
	<u>1,967.42</u>	<u>2,164.69</u>
Surplus of income over expenditure for the year	710.97	368.59
Surplus from valuation of stamp collection	-	2,535.70
Surplus at 1st January 1994	<u>2,026.10</u>	<u>2,737.07</u>
Surplus at 31st December 1994	£ <u>2,737.07</u>	£ <u>5,641.36</u>

I am very grateful to Steven Bunce (ESC 272) for auditing and producing the accounts and balance sheet for the Circle for 1994.

Members will note that I have for the first time included the Circle's 'stamp collection' as an asset. This collection, maintained by Cyril Defriez (ESC 172) consists of 'New Issue' stamps and First Day Covers presented freely to the Circle by the Egyptian Postal Authorities. We have been receiving these over a number of years now and the collection is growing not only in size but perhaps more importantly, in value, and consequently needs insuring. Similarly, 'The Library' continues to grow and the Circle now owns books which are becoming increasingly valuable. Together with our Librarian John Davis, I am attempting to assess the value for insurance purposes.

It will be noted that there is nothing shown under 'Auction Account' for 1994. Because of the delays in completing the ESC Auctions these figures will be included in the 1995 accounts.

Robin Bertram, Treasurer

EGYPT STUDY CIRCLE

BALANCE SHEET (GENERAL ACCOUNT) AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1994

	1993	1994
Assets		
Photocopier at cost less depreciation	255.00	210.00
Stamp collection at catalogue valuation	-	2,535.70
Circle library & records	-	-
Stampex 1995 room hire prepaid	-	58.75
Association of British Philatelic Societies 1994 subscription prepaid	31.50	-
Stock of ties (111, 1993 156) at cost	592.29	421.44
Due from library account	190.00	110.00
Cash at bank - current account	1,837.17	882.86
- deposit account	<u>499.11</u>	<u>2,020.58</u>
	3,405.07	6,239.33
Liabilities		
Members subscriptions 1995-97	390.00	267.00
Cost of December quarterly Circular	<u>278.00</u>	<u>330.97</u>
	<u>668.00</u>	<u>597.97</u>
	£ <u>2,737.07</u>	£ <u>5,641.36</u>
Representing		
Accumulated surplus	£ <u>2,737.07</u>	£ <u>5,641.36</u>

I have prepared the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet on pages 1 and 2 from the records and explanations provided to me and confirm that they are in accordance therewith.



S W Bunce
Chartered Accountant

1 February 1995

EGYPT STUDY CIRCLE AUCTION ACCOUNTS

Profit & Loss Account	Auctions Held	
	Spring 94	Autumn 94
Net Sales	£ <u>5855.80</u>	£ <u>9185.50</u>
<u>INCOMINGS</u>		
7½% Commission on Sales	439.18	688.91
Invoiced Postages	164.57	218.78
Postage costs owing	<u>5.25</u>	<u>42.87</u>
	<u>609.00</u>	<u>950.56</u>
<u>OUTGOINGS</u>		
Copying & Postage of Catalogues	268.04	336.76
Postage & Packing of Lots	169.65	263.04
Insurance		38.44
Sundry Expenses	<u>53.46</u>	<u>44.84</u>
	<u>491.15</u>	<u>683.08</u>
NET PROFIT	<u>117.85</u>	<u>267.48</u>
	<u>609.00</u>	<u>950.56</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 28TH FEBRUARY 1994

<u>NET ASSETS</u>	
Balance at Bank	1143.45
Less net refunds due	<u>235.83</u>
	<u>907.62</u>
<u>SURPLUS OF CURRENT ASSETS</u>	<u>907.62</u>
<u>AUCTION FUND</u>	
Amount brought forward from Dec 1993	1272.29
Add profits from Auction 18 (Spring 94)	117.85
Auction 19 (Autumn 94)	<u>267.48</u>
	<u>1657.62</u>
Less transfer to General A/c (Deposit)	<u>750.00</u>
	<u>907.62</u>

Notes:- Although these accounts appear to cover a period of 14 months, they do show the results of the last 2 Auctions. Number 19 spread itself over Christmas 1994 into the New Year. Completion of the accounts was therefore delayed.

Members may like to know that Auction 19 attracted over 80 bidders, only 4 of whom were unsuccessful. Approximately 70% of the 1062 Lots were sold.

John Sears (for Auction Committee)

BOOK REVIEW

CONSULAR IN EGYPT by Themis Dacos.

117pp £27.50 inc. postage and packing. Obtainable from James Bendon Ltd., PO Box 6484, Limassol, Cyprus.

Just before he died, Themis Dacos (ESC 220) completed his book, Consular in Egypt. This traces the history of the Greek Community and its Consular services in Egypt. It is printed on alternate pages in Greek and English and is well illustrated in the text with 8 pages in colour showing covers and Consular adhesives. There are 2 maps which may be a little too detailed for clarity.

The book is of A4 size and is printed on good quality shiny paper. It is divided into three sections, the first of which is by far the longest and is of most interest to students of Egypt Postal History.

Part 1 traces the history of the Greek people in Egypt from the early part of the 19th Century until the present time. It deals with their distribution in the various towns and provinces, and the establishment of Consular facilities. Consular duties are examined and Offices are listed with their dates of origin and organisation. The Bibliography shows that much of the information is taken from Greek official sources. This section also deals with Consular correspondence. Covers are illustrated and rates explained. It seems that "Official" mail inside Egypt was carried post free but that extra services like Registration had to be paid for at the current rate. Any mail sent abroad was charged at full current rates.

Part 2 deals with the handstamps used formally to identify documents, correspondence and forms. This is a well illustrated section giving precise dimensions and listing dates of usage of the various types.

Part 3 is devoted to the use of Consular adhesive stamps, all of which had a value in Greek currency (lepta and drachma). Six issues are listed and illustrated. Notes on their use are provided. One imagines that these items fall within a 'Cinderella' category.

In his Preface dated March 1993, Themis explains the difficulties involved in writing on a subject not fully documented over the years, and one which is not very fashionable philatelically. He admits that there may be gaps. Nevertheless he is to be congratulated on having provided good readable information which has not previously been available. What a shame he is no longer with us.

I am sure that Themis would have welcomed comments. Anyone who has additional information might like to communicate with the Editor of the Quarterly Circular.

John Sears

THE CALENDAR OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE by Dr. Andreas Birken.
40 pp; card cover. £6.00, DM15, \$10.00. Obtainable from
James Bendon Ltd., PO Box 6484, 3307 Limassol, Cyprus.

This is the first of a planned series of monographs that will cover many aspects of the philately and postal history of the Ottoman Empire and the Republic of Turkey. The introductory section describes the different calendars used in the Ottoman Empire and is followed by 27 pages of tables that will assist postal historians in identifying and converting dates in cancellations. The series is published by the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Osmanisches Reich/Turkei (Ottoman Empire/Turkey Study Circle) in Germany. Bilingual German and English. 1995.

Dr. Andreas Birken (ESC 416) has donated a copy of this monograph to the Library. He writes:- "I have read with some amusement the decision to abandon "The Book". This problem is not at all peculiar to the ESC. The "Arbeitsgemeinschaft Osmanisches Reich/Turkei" has been trying too but at the moment no second author is in sight! Editor.

THE STUDIES

Following the meeting on January 14th, I wrote to all those known to specialise in various subjects, advising them that unless I heard to the contrary, their names, addresses, and subjects would be published in the Q.C. No objections were raised, although some of the subjects were amended. The list appears below.

Members with similar interests are invited to write to those named with a view to revitalising the studies and thereby adding to our knowledge. The individuals listed need not necessarily be regarded as the 'Study Leaders'. Some, I know, would prefer to let somebody else co-ordinate the progress of the study. However, at some point, groups of correspondents should decide that one of their number undertakes the task of co-ordination and, most importantly, reports progress to the Editor of the Q.C. It will be just as important to advise matters which they are unable to resolve to the Editor so that the problem may be referred to the membership as a whole.

I feel that it is also important to monitor progress. I would be very grateful if those named would let me know by the end of 1995 what progress is being made.

If any member has interests not mentioned in the list, please advise the Editor so that it can be recorded in a future issue.

This is an exercise in participation by everyone. Please co-operate so that the study groups can be vigorous and enterprising centres of research.

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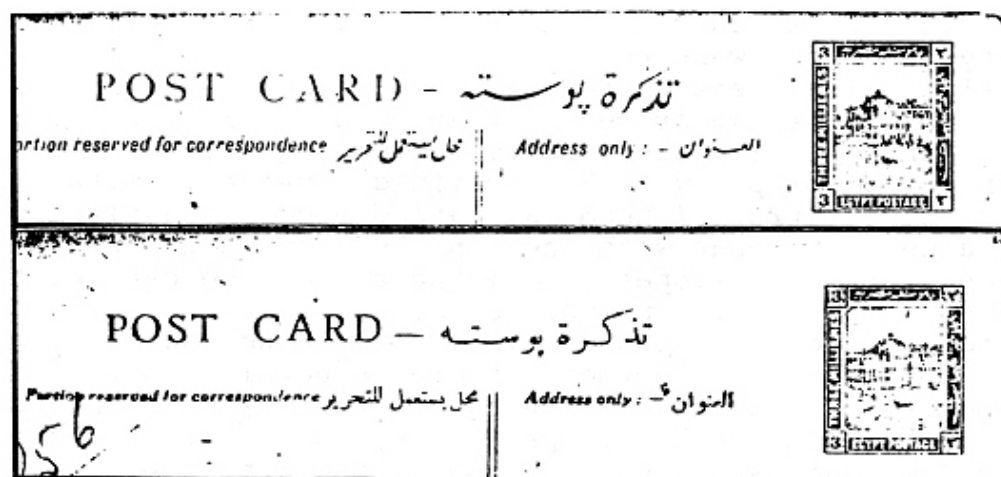
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Civil Censors.
- Officials.
- Interpostals; Flaws &
varieties.
- British Consular PO's.
- Pre-stamp Mail, 1800-
1865; Posta Europea;
Foreign PO's in Egypt
particularly Italian.
- Suez Canal.
- Stationery; Inter-
postals; Parcel Cards;
Rurals; Meter Marks.
- Perfins.
- Hotels; Military;
French PO's.
- Officials; Post Farouk;
Flaws & Varieties.
- Revenues;
Interpostals.
- 2nd Issue;
Revenues;
Classic postmarks.
- GB stamps used in
Egypt.
- 1st Issue;
2nd Issue;
Flaws & Varieties.
- Civil censorship.
- French PO's;
Maritime Mail.
- Crown O/P's;
Bar O/P's;
Stationery; Officials;
Overprints generally.
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- 1st World War;
Maritime.
- Stationery;
Officials.
- 3rd Issue.
- 3rd Issue.
- Hotels; Rurals;
Registration;
Other 'Proprietories'.
- General; Rurals;
Hotels; PO's abroad;
Nothing after 1914.
- 2nd Issue;
3rd Issue;
2nd Fuad.
- De la Rue; Hotels;
Stationery; Ship Mail;
2nd Fuad;
Booklets.
- Interpostal Seals.
- Interpostal Seals;
Postmarks.
- Air Mails;
1st Fuad;
Express (later).
- 2nd Issue.
- 1st - 4th Issues;
P/Marks; Rates;
Classic period covers;
Postage dues;
TPO's; Foreign PO's.
- Crown Overprints;
Officials; Express.

THE PICTORIAL 3m and 10m POSTAL CARDS

Peter A.S. Smith (ESC 74)

It was nearly three years ago that Anton Jansen¹ asked about a 3m. orange postal card in the Ras el Tin Palace design with altered inscriptions, and five years ago that Charles Hass² illustrated two types of the 10m. postal card in the Colossi of Memnon design. A response to those interesting reports is long overdue.

Let us start with the literature. Both of these items were recorded 59 years ago (sic!) by the late Jean Boulad,³ although without accurate dates. He illustrated the scarce second type of the 10m., but the numbers assigned to the illustrations were unfortunately scrambled. The Higgins and Gage catalogue⁴ listed both types of the 10m., but missed the second version of the 3m. Their list, including the majority of the illustrations, was made up largely from my collection, and at that time I did not have the second type. Both types of each value were also listed by Albani and Zeitoun, albeit without illustration.⁵ There should therefore never have been doubts about the second type of the 10m., but doubt about the second type of 3m. is understandable, since the two references in which it is described are not easily accessible nowadays.



3m
First type
1917

3m
Second type
? 1931

The two types of the 3m. differ only in the typefaces of the English and Arabic texts (fig. 1). The measurements have been recorded in the QC, but it is worth stating explicitly that the Arabic texts are identical except for the style of lettering.



10m
First type
1923

10m
Second type
? 1931

The two types of the 10m. are another matter. It is not so much a difference in the lettering as in the actual words. In the original type (1923), the country name is given as guty ('dominion' or 'country'), and the equivalent of CARTE POSTALE is given as tizkara posta, whereas in the second type (?1931), the words are dawla and tizkara barid, respectively. Thus the older words have been replaced by those also used on the adhesive stamps of the King Fuad era.

The original postal cards were printed by Thomas de la Rue & Co., who held the contract for printing all of the postal stationery for Egypt. However, the firm was informed by a letter dated December 20th, 1926, that its contract would not be renewed, but would be opened for "public adjudication". During 1927, the firm continued to fill orders while finishing off its commitments to Egypt. Meanwhile, the contract was given to Harrison & Sons who began work presumably in 1928. Part of the reason for the change of printers was dissatisfaction over the inability of de la Rue to produce an acceptable likeness of King Fuad for use on postal stationery; it is evident from the correspondence in the de la Rue archives in the National Postal Museum, London, that the Egyptian Government was very anxious to have its postal stationery as well as its stamps show the likeness of the King, and was becoming exasperated with de la Rue's unsatisfactory efforts.

When de la Rue's work was finished, the various dies, which were the property of Egypt, were turned over to a Government representative. They were therefore available for loan to Harrison's, the Survey Department, or any other printer of the Government's choice. The dandy-rolls for making watermarked paper were also Egyptian property. They remained physically with the paper maker, but control of them was turned over to Harrison's, who presumably used paper made with them in the manufacture of envelopes and letter-envelopes. From these facts we can see that the second types of the two postal cards, which, as far as we can tell were not issued until 1930 or later, could not have been printed by de la Rue. Furthermore, there is nothing in the de la Rue correspondence relating to a change in the texts of the postal cards. I suggest that both were printed by the Survey Department as a stop-gap measure while others showing the King's portrait were being prepared. However I cannot rule out the possibility that Harrison's printed one or both.

The dies for the impressed stamps would not have included the postal card texts. Therefore, these would have been made up anew by Harrison's or the Survey Department. If Harrison's did the work, they would most probably have used an existing de la Rue card as a model, and would not have made such major changes in the style or wording as took place, unless they were given specific instructions. The Survey Department, however, being well versed in the niceties of Arabic calligraphy and printing, could have used its own judgement as to the choices. Since the 3m. continued to use the old words in the text, it was probably produced first, to meet a pressing demand. When it came to the 10m. there was apparently time to change the Arabic wording to conform to the contemporary preferences. In this connection it is worthy of note that the 3m. green postal card in the same design, believed to have been issued in 1931, not only uses barid as does the second type of the 10m., but also uses French instead of English.

As for dates of issue, I have seen the second type of the 3m. with

postmarks of October and December, 1931, and one dated April, probably 1931 (courtesy of Peter Feltus); these are earlier than the date reported by Jansen ("16 MA 32"). Since the green 3m. is believed to have been issued in 1931, the date of the orange one is probably no later than 1930. I have a second type 10m. used "24.2.33", up-rated with a 3m. stamp for the increased rate to Germany, and Hass has reported March, 1932. A plausible date for its issue would be in 1931.

Another elusive postal card is the 3m. orange reply card with the words 'response', 'avec reponse', and the Arabic equivalents obliterated with two parallel thin lines, purportedly in 1931. These (ie the two separated halves) are listed in Higgins & Gage and by Albani and Zeitoun, but not by Boulad. They are, I believe, rarer than the second types of the 3m. and 10m. just discussed. I have seen only a single example of one half, and until I found it, I had begun to wonder whether it really existed. There is a lesson in all of this: if something is recorded by a reputable source, it is not wise to doubt its existence solely on the basis of never having seen an example!

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NEW ISSUES

C.E.H. Defriez (ESC 172)

(All stamps are printed in lithography by Postal printing House, A.R. Egypt and without watermark unless noted otherwise)

Commemorative Stamps

	<u>SG.1919</u>		<u>SG.1920</u>
Occasion	Egyptian Victories in Junior World Squash Championship		50th Anniversary of signing of the International Civil Aviation Agreement, Chicago
Date of issue	14th September 1994		16th September 1994
Designer	Lydia Farid		Nadia Abdel Fattah
Design	Player and Trophy		I.C.A. Organisation Emblem
Denomination	15 Piastres		80 Piastres (Air Mail)
Sheet	50 (5 x 100)		50 (10 x 5)
Dimension	50 x 30 mm		30 x 50 mm
Perforation	13		13
Quantity	500,000		300,000
Supplementary	Egypt was one of the founders of the International Squash Federation in 1967.		Egypt was I.C.A.O. member from its formation and has a permanent representative at its Montreal H.Q.
	<u>SG.1921</u>	<u>SG.1922</u>	<u>SG.1923</u>
Occasion	World Post Day	- - United Nations Day - -	
Date of issue	9th October 1994		24th October 1994
Designer	Lotfy El Sawaf	Lotfy El Sawaf and Ibrahim El Tahtawi	
Design	U.P.U. Emblem and five envelopes bearing maps of the continents	Red Crescent and Red Cross Nurses	Akhenaten, Nerfetiti and child and I.Y.F. emblem
Denomination	15 Piastres	80 Piastres (postage)	80 Piastres (Air Mail)
Sheet	50 (5 x 10)	50 (10x 5)	50 (5 x 10)
Dimensions	50 x 30 mm	30 x 50 mm	50 x 30 mm
Perforation	13	13	13
Quantity	500,000	500,000	300,000
Supplementary	Egypt was one of the Founder Members of the U.P.U.	7th anniversary of International Red Crescent and Red Cross Union.	International Year of the Family.
	<u>SG. 1924</u>		<u>SG.1925</u>
Occasion	50th Anniversary of Akhbar Al-Yom (Newspaper)		African Clubs Hockey Championship
Date of issue	11th November 1994		14th November 1994
Designer	Ali Makhoulf		Ibrahim El Tahtawi
Design	Newspaper Emblem on background of Press articles.		Emblem, Trophy and Ancient Egyptian players.
Denomination	15 Piastres		15 Piastres
Sheet	50 (5 x 10)		50 (5 x 10)
Dimensions	50 x 30 mm		50 x 30 mm
Perforation	13		13
Quantity	300,000		500,000
Supplementary	Established by Mostafa Amin and is now State owned.		Trophy won seven times in succession by the Sharquia Governorate Club.

SG 1919



SG 1920



SG 1921



SG 1922



SG 1923



SG 1924



SG 1925

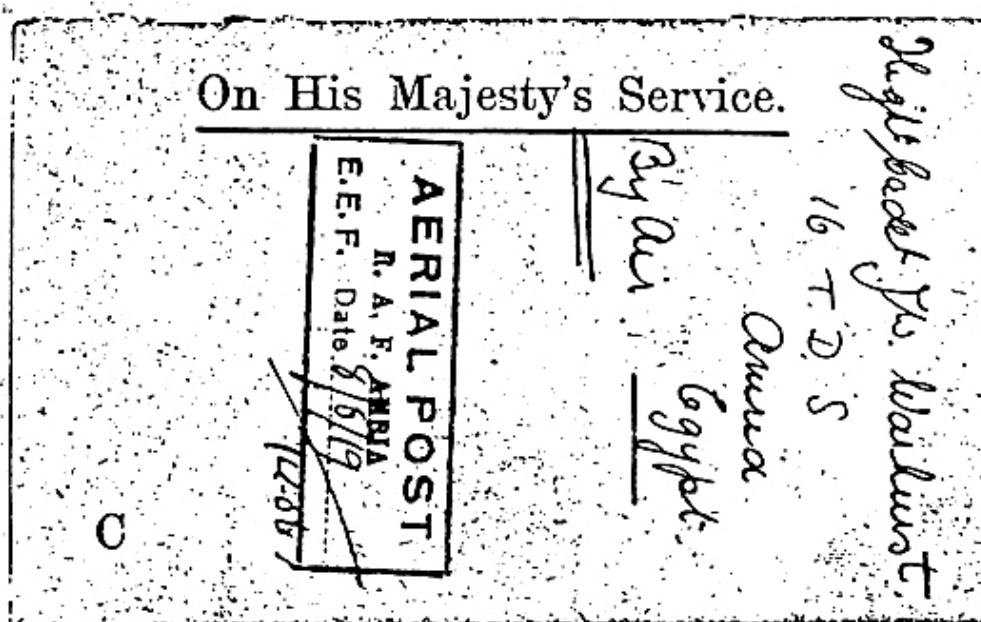


Addendum: Reference SG 1916. (QC XV, No. 172) Mar 1995, p.243)
 Designer:- Nadia Abdul Fattah. Quantity:- 500,000.

AIR MAIL JOTTINGS NO. 11
THE E.E.F. - AERIAL POST.

J. Sears (ESC 188)

I recently had a letter from our member Mrs. Lenora (Nonie) Green (ESC 433) requesting information about a cover which she had recently purchased.



This made me very excited. We are well aware of the three Aerial Post cachets which were in general use during the riots in Egypt in 1919 and which are illustrated below. Is this going to be a fourth?

AERIAL POST
EEF



AERIAL POST
E. E. F.

So far, the last recorded usage of any of them is the 4th May, 1919 - this was one of those used in Alexandria - shown on the right.

On enquiry, Mrs. Green confirmed there were no markings on the back, and from the original, the date did appear to be 8.5.19 (8th May). It had been described by the London dealer selling it as "not previously recorded".

I then discussed the matter with John Revell (ESC 78). From his service in the R.A.F. he had painful memories of Amria which lies about 25 miles South West of Alexandria. He also told me that "T.D.S." stands for Training Depot Station.

The item is in fact shown in the book by John Firebrace (ESC 74) "British Empire Campaigns & Occupations in the Near East, 1914 - 1924", Page 445. Although the date does not appear in illustration, 8.5.19 is noted on page 443 as the only date

recorded. I have spoken to Firebrace asking if he could recall the source of his information. He could say only that the cover had been lent to him by the same London dealer so it seems that Mrs. Green's cover is the same one. We discussed its possible usage and whether it could be added to the original 3 EEF cachets. One snag is that it is addressed to someone in Amria and the cachet was presumably applied there perhaps as an arrival mark. Or was it contrived by a philatelically obsessed Officer or Post Corporal - "If Cairo and Alexandria can have special cachets, why can't we?"

The date is very close to the Aerial Post service and this makes the item potentially very important and deserving of full enquiry. If any member can throw any light on the matter or has any background information of Amria or any other theory, please let us know without delay. It would be wonderful if someone could come up with another cover with the same cachet and around the same date.

John Sears (ESC 188)

Corrections: The British Consular Post in Alexandria

In the article by P.R. Bertram (QC No. 172, Mar 1995, p.228) errors occurred in some of the dates recorded for the Type III marks - "Insufficiently prepaid" and "More to pay". These are correctly listed below.

p.234	Type III.1	black	24. 2. 65	to	24. 6. 73
	Type III.1a	black	3.10. 64	to	3. 9. 67
p.235	Type III.2	black	30.12. 66	to	6.11. 73
	Type III.2a	black	24. 6. 73		

The author is grateful to Mike Murphy for bringing these errors to his attention. He has received further "BO1 sightings" and other information from a number of members and intends to publish the updated information soon. Editor.

LETTERS
Cercle Khedivial

Since my original note and question on this subject (QC No. 169, June 1994, p.162) some new material has come to hand. I now have a cover identical to my previous 1888 one franked 2 x 5 mills and cancelled 16 IV 94 from Alexandria to Manchester (fig. 1). Thus these envelopes were in use for at least 6 years.



fig. 1



fig. 2



fig. 3

The second item bears a similar crest but is printed in blue and of much cruder appearance (fig. 2). It was also franked 2 x 5 mills and sent from Alexandria to Italy. The date of cancellation is unclear but it is dated 20.9.02 on receipt. This design may therefore have superseded the previous one.

A third cover bears 2 x 15 mills of the 1927 1st Fuad issue registered from Bab el Luq to France. This bears a printed crest in blue of the Club Mohamed Ali (fig. 3). Was this a change of name or a different club?

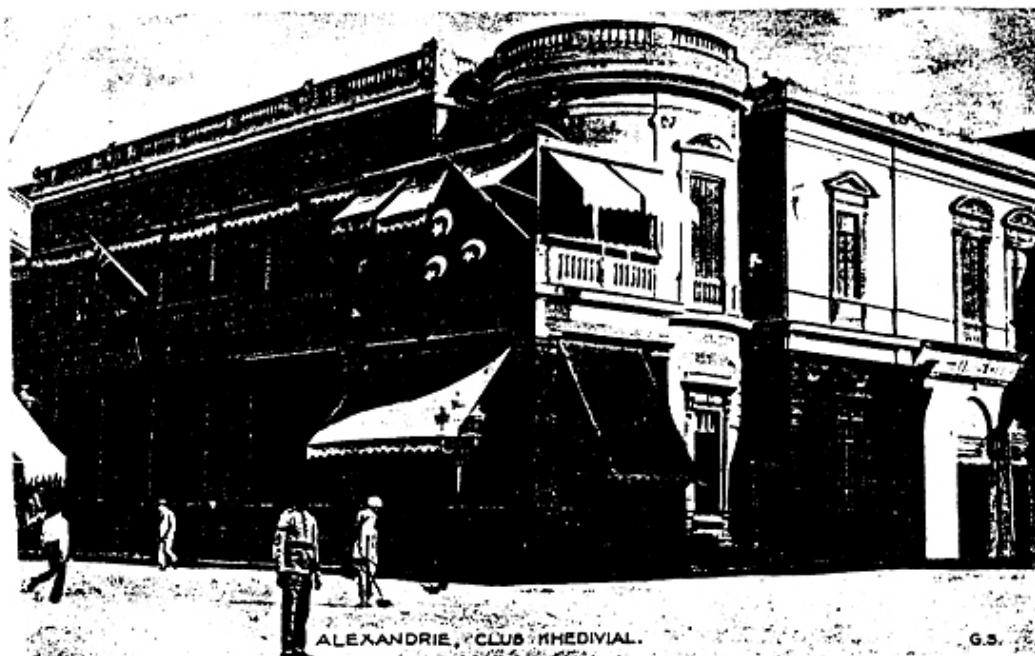


fig. 4

Finally I have an unused postcard (undated) depicting the "Club Khedivial" in Alexandria (fig. 4).

(Note the office of Thomas Cook and Son on the extreme right of the picture. Editor).

Flat 4, Ravine Court,
Meriden Close, Canford Cliffs,
Poole, Dorset, BH13 7JU, UK.

G. Alan Jeyes (ESC 293)

Baedeker's 1914 handbook of Egypt contains the following extract about Clubs in Alexandria:-

Clubs. *Cercle Khédivial*, on the first floor of the Exchange (Pl. F, 4), handsomely fitted up, patronized by Europeans of all nations; introduction by a member necessary; after a week visitors must purchase a ticket of admission. — *Cercle Mohammed Ali*, Rue de la Porte de Rosette 2, similar. —

In the 1929 edition the same entry has been modified as follows:-

Clubs. *Sultan Hussein Club* (formerly Cercle Khédivial), on the first floor of the Exchange (Pl. F 4), 2 Rue Chérif Pacha, frequented by Europeans of all nations; introduction by a member necessary; after a week visitors must purchase a subscription ticket. — *Cercle Mohammed Ali*, 2 Rue Fouad Premier, similar.

Thus the Cercle Khedivial and the Cercle Mohamed Ali were two different but similar clubs in Alexandria. The Cercle Khedivial became the Sultan Hussein Club at some time between 1914 and 1918 (see Eriksson, QC No. 170, Sep 1994, p.191). The Rue de la Porte de Rosette on which was located the Cercle Mohammed Ali was at some time renamed the Rue Fouad Premier. Editor

Variety of Postal Stationery Envelope H&G 43

I refer to my note in QC XV No. 172, Mar. 1995, p.248 regarding the above. I am pleased to report confirmation of this item from both our President, Peter Smith, and Alan Jeyes, both of whom have a similar cover dated 1966.

It seems that we must now give this item catalogue status, but it would be helpful to know the circumstances and date of issue. Can anyone please help?

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Birmingham, B13 8QH, UK.

Peter Andrews (ESC 122)

Proposed new Specialised Catalogue of Egyptian Stamps

I have undertaken the task of publishing a new Specialised Catalogue of Egyptian Stamps. This would be an opportune moment to let me know of your pet varieties that have never been included in any catalogue. The criteria are that the variety must be visible to the naked eye, and constant. Please include control numbers, perforation and watermark varieties with particular attention to the 1960s watermarks (with/without), paper and gum types, and colour varieties that you believe are not colour changelings. Please send your letters to either of the following addresses.

19, el Mirghani Street, Heliopolis,
Egypt, Tel. 4186468

Leon Balian (ESC 251)

or

5176 Anse Aux Chenes, Pierrefonds, H8Z 3E4,
P.Q. Canada, Tel. (514) 624 9676

(in April, May and October November only)

Army Post Stamps 1936-9 - controls

I have just finished sorting my collection of control blocks of the Army Post Stamps and it occurs to me that there may be some control block addicts (like myself) who would find some interest in a list of the differences between the controls on the two panes of these issues.

The Large Stamps

3 mill control A/36

Pane A - overall width of control 9.5 mm. Length of stroke 6.7 mm.
there is a faint "dribble" of colour from the left leg of 'A'.

Pane B - overall width of control 9.0 mm. Length of stroke 6.5 mm.

10 mill control A/36

Pane A - overall width of control 9.5 mm. Length of stroke 7.0 mm.

Pane B - overall width of control 9.1 mm. Length of stroke 6.2 mm.

control A/38

Pane A - overall width of control 9.0 mm. Length of stroke 6.0 mm.

Pane B - overall width of control 9.5 mm. Length of stroke 7.0 mm.



controls A/38:A/39 and A/38:A/39:B/39

Pane A - the lower of the two bars across A/38 is much larger than the upper and extends about 3.0 mm. to the left.

Pane B - both bars are the same length.

The Small Stamps

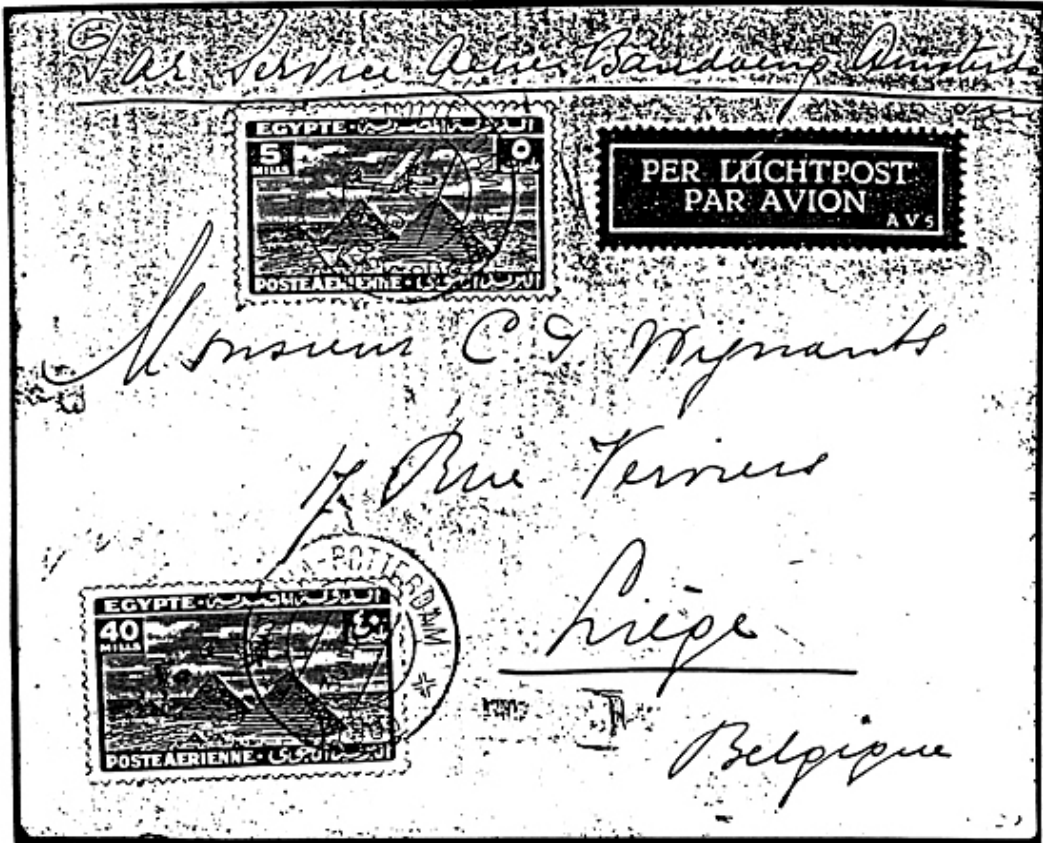
It is easy to identify the two panes from their perforations. The pane which I have christened Pane A has the perforations extending across the bottom margin. Pane B has the perforations across the right hand margin.

1, Silverthorn Close, Cheltenham
Gloucestershire, GL53 0JF, UK.

P.E. Whetter (ESC 133)

Batavia-Rotterdam Mailing Service

Some years ago I bought a batch of Egypt covers. The whole lot was provisionally housed in an album and forgotten. Only after my retirement was the album unearthed and I became puzzled about the foreign postmarks on one of the covers. It reads POSTAGENT BATAVIA-ROTTERDAM and is dated 30 VII 35.



I consulted the Dutch Association of Aerophilatelists and below is the answer to my query. It may be of interest to other members.

D-77799 Ortenberg
Neuer Weg 12.

Robert Kreschel (ESC 425)

Your query relates to the Batavia-Rotterdam mailing service.

This postmark is illustrated in 'Postmarks of the Dutch East Indies 1864-1950' by P.R. Bulterman, page 120.

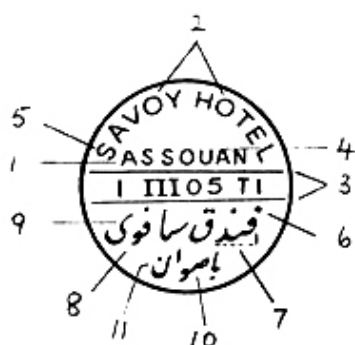
On ships of the Rotterdam Lloyds line so-called Postal Agents were appointed from the 7th January 1904. The functions of these Postal Agents were the handling of on-board posted mail and the preparation of mail for posting in the ports of call, preferably in ports where ships could take the mail to the addressed destinations. This letter relates to the postal service of the ship 'Dempo'. There are similar known postmarks of ships or vessels of the "Stoomvaart Maatschappij Nederland" of the Amsterdam-Batavia line. There are many different postmarks in different shapes and forms.

The route of this letter is as follows. It was posted on board the 'Dempo'. In Egypt it was posted in port and flown KLM to Amsterdam and then by train to Luik in Belgium.

Savoy Hotel, Assouan mark HSY 2

Can anyone clarify the status of the Savoy Hotel postmark Type HSY2? From the Hotel study papers and drawings, I am totally convinced that it exists but find that not only do I not have a copy of it, but nor does anyone else I know. There may well have been confusion in the recording, so I would like anyone who has one to send me a photocopy (or better still, the original) for study and clarification of the record. The differences between HSY1 and HSY2 are detailed below.

HSY			HSY		
	Earliest	Latest		Earliest	Latest
1 black	8 II 01	25 II 10	2 black	27 I 05	27 II 13
1a blue	27 II 08	14 II 14	2a blue	1 I 12	18 II 14



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| 1. Letters of ASSOUAN 2 mm tall | Letters of ASSOUAN <2 mm tall |
| 2. O of SAVOY and HOTEL rounded | O of SAVOY and HOTEL upright rectangles |
| 3. Date-slug bars fall short of circle | Date-slug bars reach circle |
| 4. Top of ASSOUAN intersects shaft of L of HOTEL | Top of ASSOUAN intersects "heel" of L of HOTEL |
| 5. S of SAVOY has larger top curve and smaller bottom curve | S of SAVOY has curves equal |
| 6. Right-hand dot in first line of Arabic is high | Right-hand dot in first line of Arabic is low |
| 7. First (right-hand) phrase in top line of Arabic 5 mm. | First (right-hand) phrase in top line of Arabic 7 mm. |
| 8. Penultimate (second left) phrase in top line of Arabic has short tail | Penultimate (second left) phrase in top line of Arabic has long tail |
| 9. Last letter (left) in top line of Arabic a hook and open curve | Last letter (left) in top line of Arabic has blob at right and closed curve |
| 10. Middle phrase of Arabic in lower line is short and kinked | Middle phrase of Arabic in lower line is longer and straighter |

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| 11. Left letter in lower line of Arabic has open left arm far from dot | Left letter in lower line of Arabic has near-closed left arm close to dot |
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London, SE15 4PY, U.K.

Mike Murphy (ESC 240)

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Extended Datespans - Mena House and Cataract Hotels

I have an example of the Mena House Hotel postmark (type HM1) dated 5 III 92. This is two days before the previous earliest recorded date¹.

The latest recorded date of use of the Cataract Hotel postmark type HC1a (in blue) is 22 I 14². I have an example dated 18 II 14.

Selmedalsvagen 4,
S-129 36 Hagersten,
Sweden.

Sven Eriksson (ESC 411)

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1978, p.33. |

Comment: Eriksson's date for the Mena House Hotel stands as the earliest recorded. It would be interesting to know whether his example has a T before the duty. The subtype without T is recorded 7 III 92 to 20 IV 92; the strike with T is known from 7 III 92 to 25 II 95. (Unfortunately Eriksson's example is insufficiently clear to answer the question - Editor).

The Cataract is also deserving of an update. It is now recorded in four subtypes - with and without T and in blue and black. If there is no T in the blue example reported the latest recorded date is 2 III 14; with a T in blue the latest record is ? XII 15.

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J.M. Murphy (ESC 240)

Non-aligned States Conference, Nile Hilton Post Office



I have just found this item 31 years after the event! It seems that two post offices serviced the non-aligned States Conference - one at the hotel and the other in the Arab League building next door.

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Cairo, Egypt, 12411

Lucien Toutonji (ESC 264)

Booklets of the Fuad Portrait Issue

Booklets of this period are very scarce. We certainly know that one was issued consisting of 4 panes each of 6 stamps of 5m at a total cost of 120m. However, a second is listed and said to contain 2 panes of 6 stamps of 5m, 1 pane of the 10m value and 1 of the 15m - a total value of 210m. One of these seems to have appeared as Lot 738 of the Byam sale in October 1961. I say "seems" because I don't find the Lot description very easy to understand. My researches into the Harrison Archives did not reveal any reference to such a multiple.

Has anyone actually seen one? Furthermore, has anyone seen a used stamp (or preferably a pair) of the 10m or 15m values which can be identified as having come from a Booklet? Please look at your examples of these stamps and let the editor know. A negative response with the number of stamps examined would also be useful.

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Middlesex, HA5 4SL, UK.

John Sears (ESC 188)

Intaglio cancellation on de la Rue Wrapper

Can anyone give me any information about this intaglio mark? It is cancelling a 2 mills de la Rue Pyramid postal stationery wrapper sent to Paris.

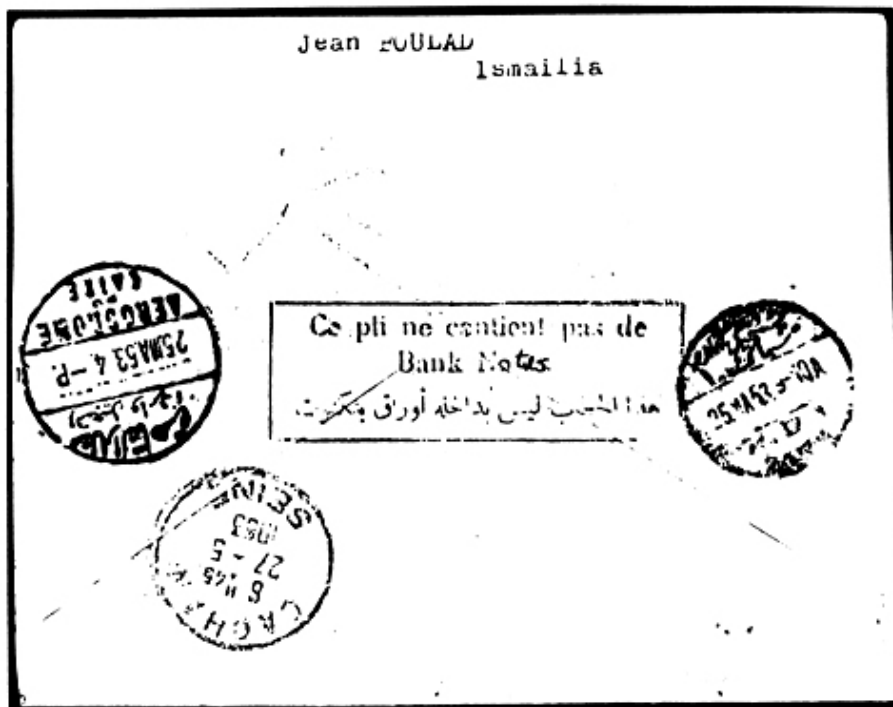


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6706 AE Wageningen,
The Netherlands.

Anton J.Jansen (ESC 383)

Exchange Control in 1953 - a question

Illustrated below is a cover sent to France. It was registered at Ismailia on 24 May 1953. The front bears the civil censorship mark.



On the reverse is a blue rectangular boxed cachet measuring 64 x 21 mm. in French and Arabic to the effect that the envelope contained no bank notes. I would like to know whether or not this cachet was applied by the Post Office as part of exchange control measures at that time.

19 Leoforos 24 Martiou,
Athens 152.35, Greece.

P. Glyn-Jones (ESC 231)