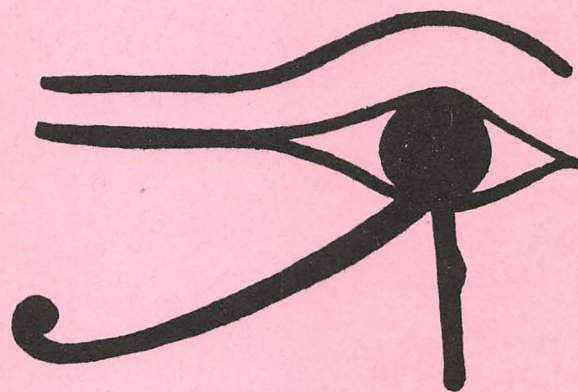


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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

May 3rd	Officially Sealed, & Great Bitter Lakes Association	
June 28th	Midpex - Coventry, E.S.C. displays	
July 5th	Airmails - 15/20 sheets	Members

Meetings are normally held at the Victory Club, Seymour Street, Marble Arch, London. Members usually congregate in the bar from 1.00pm onwards and meetings commence at 2.00pm.

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Chairman for Twenty Years : John Sears

In the March-September, 1976, number of the QC, Major Mac MacArthur announced his impending retirement from the chairmanship, and in the next one (December 1976-March 1977), the report of the December meeting of the Circle appeared, in which it was announced that John Sears had been selected as the new Chairman. I doubt very much that he envisioned holding that position for the next twenty years! We are all glad he did hold it, however, and sad as we are to see him leave the position, we can only wish him a rewarding future, full of philatelic satisfaction.

John was more than a Chairman. He embodied the Circle, kept it on an even keel, and performed arduous duties not expected of the position, such as mailing out the QC, and handling the notification of the results of the auctions (which he is apparently continuing to do). He inherited the position at a most difficult time, after we had lost several stalwarts in the life of the Circle: Charles Minett, who had recently died after a long career of contribution to the Circle as Secretary; Ernest Kehr, who was resigning from all philatelic societies due to advancing age; David Grover, who died not long after assuming the position of Keeper of the Philatelic Record; and Col. J. R. Danson, who died in office as President. Furthermore, the Editor of the QC, Ron Potter, had been seriously ill, and would die a year later. The Circle was clearly at a turning point, if not a crisis, having outlived its founding members.

John met the problems head on, and secured a new Editor for the QC, John Grimmer, who got the QC back on a more regular schedule. When he eventually had to resign for reasons of health, John handled the transition to a new Editor forthrightly but with delicacy and compassion. Last year yet another Editor came on board; John thus had a succession of four Editors, and outlasted three of them. The QC is the lifeblood of the Circle, and John knew that; twice he has saved it.

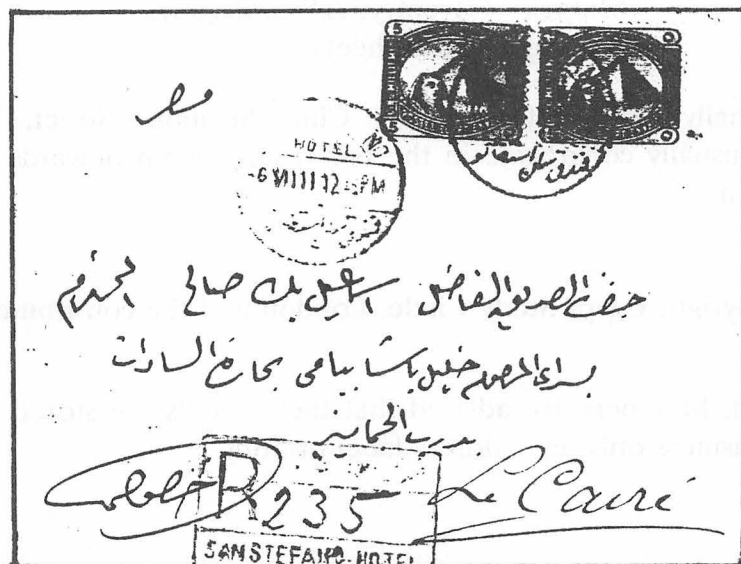
John's contributions to philatelic writing, from short notes to a hardbound book, are well known. Now that he is divested of the responsibilities of the chairmanship, we can expect further contributions, including, I understand, another book. We are fortunate indeed to have had his services as Chairman for the past twenty years, but are delighted that his philatelic work will continue!

Peter Smith

San Stefano Hotel Registration Mark

By : Lucien S. Toutounji (ESC 264)

Illustrated below is a recent discovery : at long last the registration handstamp of the San Stefano Hotel ! It is used along with the San Stefano Hotel circular datestamp 6 VII 11, on a cover to Cairo.



REPORT OF MEETING HELD 25/1/97

Present : P.Andrews, W.Andrews, R.Bertram, M.Barker
M.Bramwell, J.Davis, C.Defreiz, E.H.Fraser-Smith,
P.Grech, S.Horesh, G.A.Jeyes, C.Kelemenis,
H.Kleinstuck, J.M.Murphy, A.Ott, J.Sears, A.Schmidt,
V.Varjabedian.

Apologies : L.Balian, A.F.Moyes, J.Revell, R.West, R.Wheatley.

The Chairman, Robin Bertram, opened the meeting by welcoming all present, particularly our members from overseas.

The subject of the meeting '10 Sheets' showed the arithmetical capabilities of our members in a poor light as displays ranged from 3 items to 15 sheets. The displays showed the extremely wide diversity of interests within Egyptian philately and no fewer than 11 members brought displays. A very brief description as follows

R.Bertram Red Cross labels and cachets on cover from the 1914-18 war period onwards. Robin queried if the Red Cross were involved in any of the earlier Egyptian Campaigns and if there was postal material to support this.

J.Sears AV2 markings on Air letters. These were very elusive as the marking was only applied to the top letter of a bundle and not even then if there was sufficient mail to make up a bag. The markings were applied at exchange offices and a copy of the AV2 form was displayed. Also, OAT markings - all applied in the UK except for one example known from Tangier.

A.Ott A very specialized display of early letter sheets showing the varying relationships of the inscription and stamp impressions. Also, the colours of both the imprints and the envelopes. Other postal stationery items were shown showing extended dates of use.

C.Defreiz A variety of T.P.O's with postcards showing the stations. Also new issues with colour varieties.

J.Davis Thomas Cook. Post card illustrations of the various offices in Egypt with applicable covers.

E.Frazer-Smith Censorship markings on incoming mail 1962-70. Ted remarked on the difficulty of obtaining this type of material for study.

S.Horesh A miscellany of pre-adhesive mail with examples of Venetian, Napoleonic and Overland Mail. Items from the British, French & Austrian P.O's in Egypt and an unusual cover sent by British Packet Boat from Marseilles - rather than the normal French boat.

P.Grech Items from the French Post Offices in Egypt with emphasis on Registered and the very rare Insured mail.

M.Murphy A survey of Cassette Envelopes to date.
This was accompanied by an illustrated
listing -which will form the basis of an article in a
forthcoming QC.

W.Andrews 1941 Air Mail controls.

H.Kleinstuck Some interesting items from Germany.

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EGYPT STUDY CIRCLE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (GENERAL ACCOUNT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996

	1995	1996
Income		
Subscriptions	2,251.00	2,284.50
Library account	160.92	-
Auction account	750.00	1,000.00
Bank deposit interest received (net)	65.48	57.57
Sale of ties (8, 1995 12)	74.30	53.50
Sundry receipts	11.00	-
	<u>3,312.70</u>	<u>3,395.57</u>
Expenditure		
Library account	-	87.50
Meeting room hire	249.40	220.50
Cost of quarterly circular	1,621.82	1,108.58
Affiliation fee - B.P.S.	32.50	38.50
Printing of programmes	-	65.00
New issues - album leaves	16.10	-
Insurance	18.40	18.40
Cost of ties sold (8)	56.95	30.37
Loss on Stampex dinner	105.00	-
Printing of library list	190.00	-
Secretary/Treasurer's stationery and telephone	107.92	249.83
Chairman's postages	73.59	44.48
Depreciation of photocopier (15%)	45.00	45.00
	<u>2,516.68</u>	<u>1,908.16</u>
Surplus of income over expenditure for the year	796.02	1,487.41
Surplus at 1st January 1996	5,641.36	6,437.38
Surplus at 31st December 1996	<u>£6,437.38</u> =====	<u>£7,924.79</u> =====

EGYPT STUDY CIRCLE

BALANCE SHEET (GENERAL ACCOUNT)
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1996

	1995	1996
Assets		
Photocopier at cost		
less depreciation	165.00	120.00
Stamp collection at catalogue valuation	2,535.70	2,535.70
Circle library and records	-	-
MIDPEX 1997 prepaid	-	30.00
Stock of ties (88, 1995 96) at cost	364.49	334.12
Due from library account	220.92	60.00
Cash at bank		
current account	1,485.21	2,046.64
deposit account	2,836.06	3,893.63
Cash in hand	-	15.20
	7,607.38	9,035.29
Liabilities		
Members subscriptions 1997/98	350.00	310.50
Cost of remaining 1996 quarterly circulars	820.00	800.00
	1,170.00	1,110.50
	£6,437.38	£7,924.79
	=====	=====
Representing		
Accumulated surplus	£6,437.38	£7,924.79
	=====	=====

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

19th February 1997

Report of Meeting held 8.3.97

Present P.Andrews, M. Barker, R. Bertram, D.H.Clark,
C.Defreiz, J. Davis, P.Grech, E.Hall, S.Horesh,
G.A.Jeyes, J.M.Murphy, J.Sears.

Apologies W.Andrews, M.Bramwell

The Chairman opened the meeting and emphasized that the next meeting is on the 3rd.May 1997 - not as printed in the programme.

The subject of the meeting "Gaza" was split into 2 parts - the stamps and the postal history.

The Chairman led the first section showing the full range of issued stamps plus many varieties and examples of many of the forged overprints which are prevalent on these issues. Members had also brought material and most of the recorded errors were shown.

The second section was led by E.Hall who gave a brief history of the Egyptian administrations of 1948 to 1956 and again from 1957 to 1967. He showed covers not strictly from Gaza but from The Egyptian occupation of other parts of Israel. These covers - particularly commercially used - are scarce and mostly unrecognised. Other members present were generally unaware of them and no one could produce any.

A fully comprehensive display of both philatelic and commercially used covers for both periods followed together with examples from the Israeli occupation 1956-7 and from the U.N. Forces in the buffer zone. Again, these were well supported with examples from other members.

Finally, P.Grech took a few minutes to show a fortunate find in Paris relating to the Heliopolis Air Meeting of 1910 comprising 2 Journals of the period with illustrations of the aircraft and participating pilots, cards sent just prior to the meeting by the pilots and examples of the Heliopolis postmark used in 1909 (previously 1910 was the earliest accepted date.)

<u>Reinstated</u>	458	R.Balian
<u>Change of Address</u>	372	J.M.Wilkerson 1204 N Roosevelt Av. Bloomington IL 61701 U.S.A.
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	466	B.G.Sohrne
	469	B.S.Pittman

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Subscriptions

These were due on 1st. January 1997. Will those members who have not yet paid (£12.50) please send their cheques now, either to the Secretary or to our Egyptian or US Agents. Addresses are on the front page. Your prompt co-operation will be appreciated.

The Chairman raised the matter of the formation of a Committee. This was in response to questions raised by various members from time to time on this subject, and he said that he would look into it further.

To all intents and purposes we already have a Committee, allbeit a non elected one, and for the past 60 odd years the Circle has continued in a euphoria of happy co-operation and willingness to share the joys of collecting Egypt.

There is no legal reason for us to change the status quo, and as far as the money in the bank is concerned, that requires two signatures to gain access, so there would be no benefit there.

Members with strong feelings on this aspect should make their views known to the Chairman.

Corrections

See Q.C. September 1996

Capex '96 Report

The first display of Khetcho Hagopian was disqualified on a minor irregularity and was not in the Court of Honour.

Singapore '95

The exhibit by Adel Farid was awarded a Large Silver not a Large Vermeil.

Sherif Samra (ESC311)

Feedback - Airmail Stamp Variety

Mike Dahl wrote about a constant flaw on the 1933 airmail issue, which occurs on Position number 49 on the 4 to 9 mills values, all with Control A/32.

See Q.C. June 1992.

This flaw has now been found on a single 3 mill stamp. Could members who possess panes with Position 49, please check for confirmation.

From Ted Fraser-Smith (ESC238)






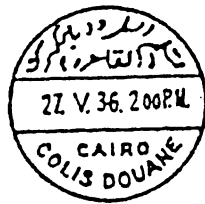
The Postal Markings Of Egypt After 1879

III. Customs Duty By : Lars Alund (ESC 105)

When dealing with the Customs Duty markings, I have used the new classification of the ESC.

As you will find, these postmarks appear only from four offices, viz. Alexandria, Cairo, Port Said and Port Taufiq. Three of them are sea ports, where it seems natural to have customs offices. In Cairo on the other hand, there is probably a central head office for the whole of Egypt and furthermore, goods from abroad might be directly imported by air or by ships on the Nile.

Many of these postmarks contain the word "Drawback" which puzzled me. In Collin's Dictionary the word "drawback" is defined as "*refund of certain excise duties paid on imported goods that are re-exported or used in the production of manufactured exports*". My guess is that when somebody applies for reimbursement of customs duty already paid, he has to make a written application. As always in Oriental countries (unfortunately also elsewhere) he has to pay for his application. This amount is acknowledged by stamps, affixed to the application and then cancelled with a "Drawback" postmark.

Type	Post Office	Earliest	Latest	Note
 1 (ex CD - 1)	Alexandria	17.III.02	15.II.07	Alexandrie within brackets. All my copies have Roman numerals after "T" in the date-bridge.
 2	Alexandria	28.II.03	3.VII.07	Alexandrie without brackets.
 3 (ex CD - 2)	Cairo	. IX.06	. IX.07	Month in Roman numerals.
Unrecorded	Alexandria	3.IV.07	 Fig. 1	This postmark has not been recorded so far. See Fig. 1
Unrecorded	Cairo	7 AO 06	.. MA 08	Month in letters. No "T" after date. I have never seen these postmarks. See note at Type CD - 9.
 4			 5	

Type	Office	Earliest	Latest	Note
Unrecorded. As CD - 5 but from Port-Said.	Port-Said	20 FE 26	11 DE 3.	Month in letters.



CD - 6

6



CD - 7

7

I have never seen these pmks.- See note at type CD - 9.



Port Taufiq

30.VIII.13

8



Cairo

9

I have never seen this pmk. The pmks in type CD 4,5,6,7 and 9 probably exist but it seems peculiar that the dates always are from the 27th of May '36.



Alexandria.

a. Narrow date bridge (7 mm):

13.III.08 .. XI.20

b. Wide date bridge (8 mm):

.. VI.21 5.III.23

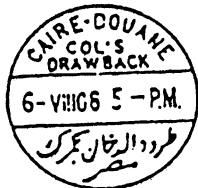
10

(ex CD - 3)

Cairo

6.III.08 23.II.20

Month in numerals



-"

24 AJ 21 (blue)

Unrecorded subtype.

-"

.. MR 22 13 JA 28
(all black)

Month in letters.

11

(ex CD - 4)

Cairo

11.IX.15



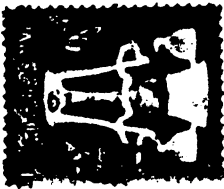

26.XII.18



12

(ex CD - 4.1)

Type	Office	Earliest	Latest	Note
	Cairo	.. IX.12	18.X.29	Also seen in blue (4.V.23)
13				
(ex CD - 4.5)				
	Cairo		14.FE.30	
14				
(ex CD - 4.5)				
	Cairo	.. OC.37	1.AP.52	Also seen in red (Jan.-Sept. 1950)
15				
(ex CD-4.6)				
	Cairo	7.MR.43	14.JA.52	
16				
	Alexandria.	a) Without "R". 10.III.11	12.IV.18	Unrecorded. This seems to be the earliest version.
17		b) With "R". 28.V.27	5.X.32	Also seen in blue between 2.II.31 and 5.XI.31.
	Alexandria.	a) Month in numerals. 6.IX.13		Also seen in blue 21.IV. .. on a 20 mills Fuad stamp from 1936.
18		b) Month in letters. 20.AU.30	.. SE 38	I have one more copy on a 50 mills Mosque stamp of 1953. No date legible.
	Alexandria			I have never seen this pmk.
19				

Type	Office	Earliest	Latest	Note
	Alexandria	10.IV.25	.O.X.25	
20				
	Alexandria	18.JA.27	1.AP.35	
21				
Unrecorded type.	No office	4.DE.61		No office of origin, only "DOUANE" in French and the equivalent in Arabic. See <u>Fig. 2</u>
	Fig. 2			
Unrecorded type.		Struck in violet on a 15 mills Faruk stamp from 1937.		
	Fig. 3	Text below the date bridge:	CUSTOMS AP... (7) EXCISE	Only the year 1939 is to be seen on the stamp.
				<u>Fig. 3</u>

Philatelic Society of Egypt : Information Sought

About a year ago the Dutch Middle East Philatelic Circle (FCIW) was gifted with a run of *L'Orient Philatelique* (LOP). As "caretaker" I have now taken a great interest in this defunct society and I am delving into the reasons which led to its demise.

I would like to know the following :

What generated its enormous growth between 1945 and 1953 ?

Why did it slide into a gradual decline ?

Did it have an editorial policy ?

Is there any un-published information about the group ?

Does any ESC member have a copy of the last LOP, number 131 ?

Results from this investigation will be made available to the Q.C.

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The Forerunner Period of the French Post Office in Egypt

By : Peter A.S. Smith (ESC74)

Detailed information about the use of French stamps at the French post offices in Egypt is not easily available. A few additions can be made to the 1975 Yvert and Tellier "Catalogue Specialise des Timbres de France". The subject is somewhat complex, but the information can be presented fairly concisely if a general catalogue of France is relied on as a supplement. Perhaps members of the Circle will be able to report further additions to the list. (The list does not include the emergency use of French stamps at Alexandria and Port Said in 1920-21).



In general, the stamps were cancelled with one of the numeral obliteratedors before 1875, after which only circular date-stamps were used. However, the very low values (1c. and 2c.) were more often cancelled with the date-stamp even before 1875. The illustration shows representative cancellations.

Stamps used

Probably all stamps issued by France between 1857 and 1898 were available at each of the French post offices in Egypt. However, not all have actually been recorded. The scarcity and value depend both on the denomination and the office of use. Generally the order is Alexandria commonest, Cairo and Port Said much less common, and Suez quite scarce. Denominations below 10c. were much less used than the higher values (except the seldom-used 5fr. stamps). Yvert & Tellier give factors which reflect scarcity and value. The numbers given in the accompanying table are modified slightly from them according to my own experience. There are also a very small number of additions. A + sign indicates a relatively recent report, with a presumption of a high factor, but not yet readily quantifiable. The commonest item is given the value 1.

Domestic French stamps were also used occasionally in the 1920-21 period, and also on paquebot letters that were delivered from French ships to the French post office in Alexandria. Stamps of French Levant with surcharged value in piastres have also been seen on non-philatelic covers (1920) from Alexandria, but it is not known if they were sold there.

The postal stationery of France that was issued during the forerunner period of the French offices included postal cards (both single and reply), letter cards and envelopes, but very little of it seems to have been used in Egypt. I know only of the 5c. Type sage green on bluish envelope, the 25c. black on pink letter card, and a few postal cards. The earliest postal cards were formula cards, sold with the appropriate adhesive stamp(s) affixed (15c. for overseas mail). Examples exist with the 15c. Ceres, obliterated 5080, and with the 15c. blue

Type Sage, cancelled with the datestamp. In the late 1870's, postal cards with an imprinted Type Sage 10c. denomination were issued in a variety of formats and tints of paper; some of them, at least, saw use at Alexandria. Postal stationery wrappers were issued in France in 1882, but I have not seen any that were used in Egypt.

Money order forms impressed with the Type Sage design, without denomination, in red-brown were issued in France in 1891. They were used in Egypt with an identifying straight-line handstamp and I have seen one struck with ALEXANDRIE EGYPTE. International Reply Coupons were introduced in France on Oct. 1st, 1907, and were supplied to Egypt. I have seen one with a straight-line handstamp ALEXANDRIE and manuscript alteration of denomination to 20 milliemes, postmarked 1923. Probably other types of Coupons exist. Cards (or folders) for Avis de Reception were provided on pink-buff or greenish stock. I have seen examples used at Alexandria in the 1920's.

TABLE OF FRENCH STAMPS USED IN EGYPT

Stamp	Alexandria	Cairo	Port Said	Suez

Empire Imperf. 1853-61				
1c.	40--60*			
5c.	30--30*			
10c.	4--8*			
20c.	6--12*			+
40c.	10--10*			
80c. carm.	40			
80c. rose	30--30*	*The first number for 3704, the second for 5080.		
Empire Perf. 1862				
1c.	20	70		
5c. on green	8	50	90	
5c. on blue	20	+		
10c.	2	35	40	60
20c.	3	35	+	60
40c.	15	30	40	50
80c.	8	35	50	
Empire Laureated 1863-70				
1c.	20	50	+	
2c.	20	+	90	
4c.	40			
10c.	2	30	35	50
20c.	2	30	35	35
30c.	8	35	+	70
40c.	6	25	32	35
80c.	10	30	35	20
5fr.	400	500	500	
Siege Of Paris 1870-71				
10c. on yellowish	30	+		
20c.	12			
40c.	2	25	35	60
Bordeaux 1870-71				
1c.	100			
2c.	240		280	
10c.	35	140	100	
20c. T, II	35	70	120	160
" T. III	25		100	150
40c.	60	60	70	140
80c.	200	280	240	

Ceres 1871-76				
1c.	16			
2c.	16	50	90	
5c.	8	35	45	80
10c. on rose, sm. nos.	6		35	
" , lg. nos.	6		35	
15c. small nos.	8	35		
15c. large nos.	8		35	70
25c.	6	30	35	70
30c.	4	25	25	60
80c.	5	25	25	60
Type Sage 1876-90				
1c. blk./blue-grey	10		8	
2c. brn./straw	10		8	
3c. grey			8	
5c. green T. I	70			
" T. II	3		2	
5c. yel. grn. T. I	2			70
" T. II	2		10	
10c. green	12			70
10c. blk. on lilac	1		8	
15c. grey	6		10	
15c. blue, unif. paper	2		6	
" , quadrillé	1		4	
20c. lt. brown	10			
20c. red on green	6		8	
25c. ultramar. T. II	10			
25c. blue	12		10	
25c. blk. on red	16		20	
25c. yellow	1		4	25
25c. blk. on rose	1		3	
30c. T. I	6		10	
" T. II	6			
35c.	25			
40c. T. I	18			
" T. II	6		8	
50c. T. I	8			
" T. II	4		10	
75c. carmine T. I	10		20	
75c. rose T. II	30			
75c. viol. on yel.	40			
1fr. T. I	8		20	
" T. II	4		8	
5fr.	30		+	
Postage Due 1881-1906				
1c. black.	+			
5c. blue ('94)	8		5	
10c. brown ('93)	6		4	
15c. green			6	
20c. olive green ('06)	10		6	
30c. black	16		20	
30c. carmine ('94)	8		8	
50c. black	35			
50c. brn. viol. ('95)	8		+	
French Cols. P. Due				
2fr. brn. imperf. ('84)			+	

The French post offices in Egypt were allotted the following numeral cancels :

<u>Post Office</u>	<u>Cancel</u>	<u>Opened</u>	<u>Closed</u>
Alexandria	3704 small 5080 large	6 May 1837	31 March 1931
Cairo	5119 large	November 1865	11 March 1875
Port Said	5129 small	18 March 1867	31 March 1931
Suez	5105 large	27 October 1862	December 1888

New Issues

By ; Cyril E.H. Defriez

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Commemorative Stamps

	<u>SG 1980</u>	<u>SG 1981</u>	<u>SG 1982</u>	<u>SG 1983</u>
Occasion	Festivals 1996		Middle East Peace Process Summit, Sharm EL Shaikh	
Date of Issue	15 February 1996		13 March 1996	
Designer	Ibrahim EL Tahtawi		Lotfy EL Sawaf	
Design	Convolvulus	Poppies	Summit emblem	
Denomination	15 Piastres	15 Piastres	15 Piastres	80 Piastres
Sheet			50 (10 x 5)	50 (10 x 5)
Stamp Dimensions	21 x 26 mm	21 x 26 mm	26 x 43 mm	26 x 43 mm
Perforation	12½	12½	12½	12½
Quantity Printed	300,000		350,000	250,000
Supplementary	These stamps were issued in se-tenant pairs within the sheet.			Inscribed Air Mail.
	<u>SG 1984</u>	<u>SG 1985</u>	<u>SG 1986</u>	<u>SG 1987</u>
Occasion	Centenary of Egyptian Geological Survey Authority	29th Cairo International Fair	Signing of Pelindaba Treaty declaring Africa a nuclear weapon-free zone, Cairo.	
Date of Issue	*14 March 1996	16 March 1996	11 April 1996	
Designer	Lotfy EL Sawaf	Ali Makhoulouf	Waheeb Farag	
Design	Geological map	Fair emblem	Treaty emblem	
Denomination	15 Piastres	15 Piastres	15 Piastres	80 Piastres
Sheet	50 (5 x 10)	50 (10 x 5)	50 (10 x 5)	50 (10 x 5)
Stamp dimensions	43 x 26 mm	26 x 43 mm	26 x 43 mm	26 x 43 mm
Perforation	12½	12½	12½	12½
Quantity Printed	350,000	350,000	350,000	250,000
Supplementary	* Publicity states issue date as 14th, but FDC's seen show 18th.			
	<u>SG 1988</u>	<u>SG 1989</u>	<u>SG 1990</u>	
Occasion	50th Anniversary of Egyptian Society of accountants & auditors	General population & housing census	Arab summit, Cairo	
Date of Issue	20 April 1996	4 May 1996	21 June 1996	
Designer	Said Abdel Aziz	Said Abdel Aziz	Lotfy EL Sawaf	
Design	Emblem, calculator computer & abacus	Buildings & people, on a graph	Summit emblem	
Denomination	15 Piastres	15 Piastres	55 Piastres	
Sheet	50 (10 x 5)	50 (10 x 5)	50 (10 x 5)	
Stamp dimensions	26 x 43 mm	26 x 43 mm	26 x 43 mm	
Perforation	12½	12½	12½	
Quantity Printed	350,000	350,000	250,000	
Supplementary		This was the 12th census taken, the first was in 1882.	Inscribed Air Mail. 21 Arab countries took part, to restore solidarity.	

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SG1982/3

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SG1984

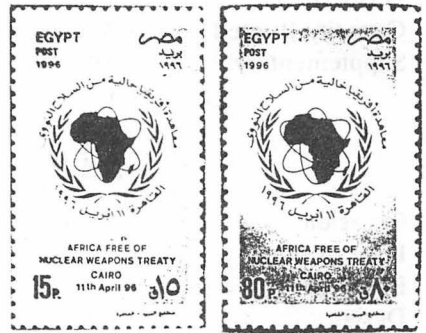


Centennial Of Egyptian Geological Survey

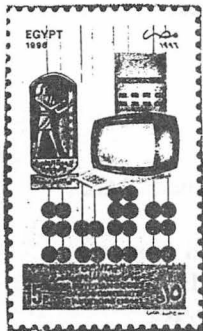
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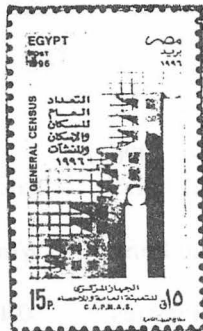
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New Issues

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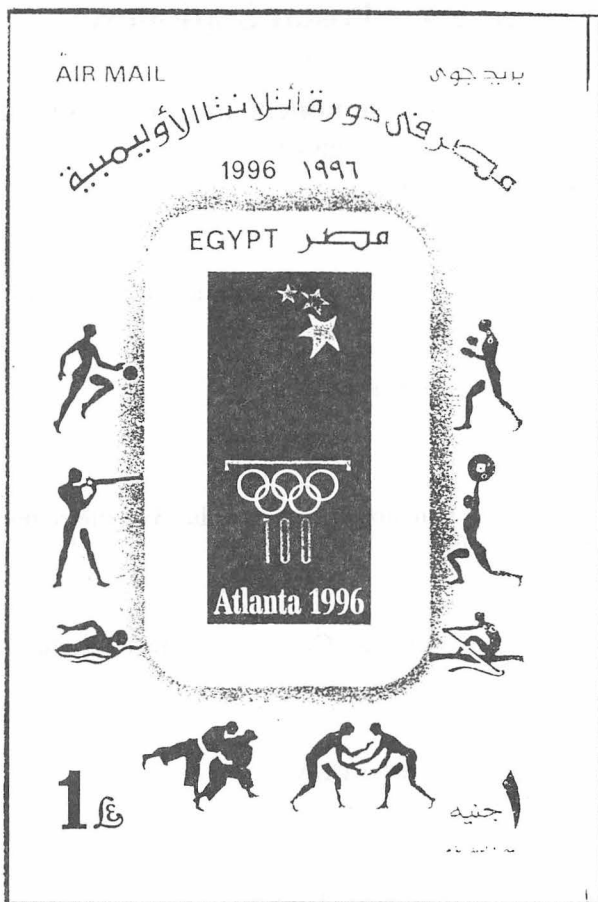
Commemorative Stamps

	<u>SG 1991</u>	<u>SG (MS) 1992</u>	<u>SG 1993</u>	
Occasion	Olympic Games, Atlanta		16th International Congress, irrigation & drainage, Cairo	
Date of Issue	*15 July 1996		15 September 1996	
Designer	Nadia Abdel Fattah	Lotfy EL Sawaf	Lotfy EL Sawaf	
Design	Games emblem	Emblem & 8 events Egypt competed in	Congress emblems	
Denomination	15 Piastres	£E1	80 Piastres	
Sheet	50 (10 x 5)	Miniature sheet	50 (5 x 10)	
Stamp Dimensions	26 X 43 mm	78 x 116 mm	43 x 26 mm	
Perforation	12½	Imperforate	12½	
Quantity Printed	350,000	50,000	150,000	
Supplementary	*Publicity states 15th, FDC's seen show 19th.	Inscribed Air Mail	Egypt is a founder member, first convened in 1950	
	<u>SG 1994</u>	<u>SG 1995</u>	<u>SG 1996</u>	
Occasion	Second International Ozone Day		2nd Alexandria World Festival	
Date of Issue	16 September 1996		19 September 1996	
Designer	Michel Abdallah		Lydia Farid	
Design	International Ozone emblem		Fireworks over city	
Denomination	15 Piastres	80 Piastres	80 Piastres	
Sheet	50 (10 x 5)	50 (10 X 5)	50 (10 X 5)	
Stamp Dimensions	26 x 43 mm	26 x 43 mm	26 x 43 mm	
Perforation	12½	12½	12½	
Quantity Printed	?	?	150,000	
Supplementary		Inscribed Air Mail		
	<u>SG 1997</u>	<u>SG 1998</u>	<u>SG 1999</u>	<u>SG 2000</u>
Occasion	25th Anniversary of Academy of Scientific Research & Technology		International Tourism Day	
Date of Issue	21 September 1996		27 September 1996	
Designer	Said Abdel Aziz	A.A. Abdel Fattah	N.A. Fattah	Said Abdel Aziz
Design	Microscope and atomic symbol	Pharaonil boat	Arab horse	Winged Goddess (Isis)
Denomination	15 Piastres	15 Piastres	55 Piastres	80 Piastres
Sheet	50 (10 x 5)	50 (5 x 10)	50 (10 x 5)	50 (5 x 10)
Stamp Dimensions	26 x 43 mm	43 x 26 mm	26 x 43 mm	50 x 30 mm
Perforation	12½	12½	12½	12½
Quantity Printed	250,000	?	?	?
Supplementary		Rowing festival	Inscribed Air Mail. Arabian horse festival	Inscribed Air Mail. Tourism Day

SG1991



SG(MS)1992



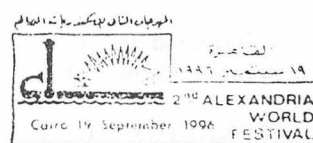
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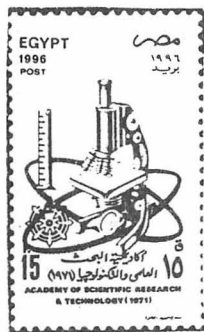
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SG1994/5



SG1997



SG1999



SG1998



SG2000



Feedback - Postal Stationery

The recent articles dealing with postal stationery have brought forth quite a flood of correspondence, with revised dates of use galore.

See Q.C.'s for June and September 1996

REGISTERED ENVELOPES H & G C3

Earlier date : 19 OC 24 Bilbes to Cairo with additional 5 mills stamp.
From Lars Aland (ESC105)

Later date : 3 MA 29 Cairo R.D.18.
From Paul Glyn-Jones (ESC231)

REGISTERED ENVELOPES H & G C4

Earlier date : 4-9-30 Ismailia R, to USA plus 3x5mills stamps. See ill.
From Norayr Agopian (ESC478)

REGISTERED ENVELOPES H & G C7

Earlier date : 17 AU 39 Port-Said, Qism Sani R, to USA,plus 1,2,5,& 2x15 mill stamps.
From Anton J. Jansen (ESC383)

AIR LETTER SHEETS H & G F4

Later date : ?-?-1951 Cairo to USA.
From Anton J. Jansen (ESC383)

AIR LETTER SHEETS H & G F8

Later date : 20 AP 69 EL Doqqi T, to USA.
From Anton J. Jansen (ESC383)

LETTER SHEETS H & G G1

Earlier date : 11-I-92 Pyramids, to London.
From Betty Watterson (ESC409)

Earlier date : 23 XII 89 Cairo D, to New York. See ill.
From Anton J. Jansen (ESC383)

LETTER SHEETS H & G G2

Later date : 23 III 09 Port Said, to Hamburg plus 1 & 4 mills stamps.
From Anton J. Jansen (ESC383)

LETTER SHEETS H & G G3

Earlier date : 21 VI 92 Helouan, via London to Bremen.
From Anton J. Jansen (ESC383)

Earlier date : 12 II 92 Pyramids, to London. See ill.
From Betty Watterson (ESC409)

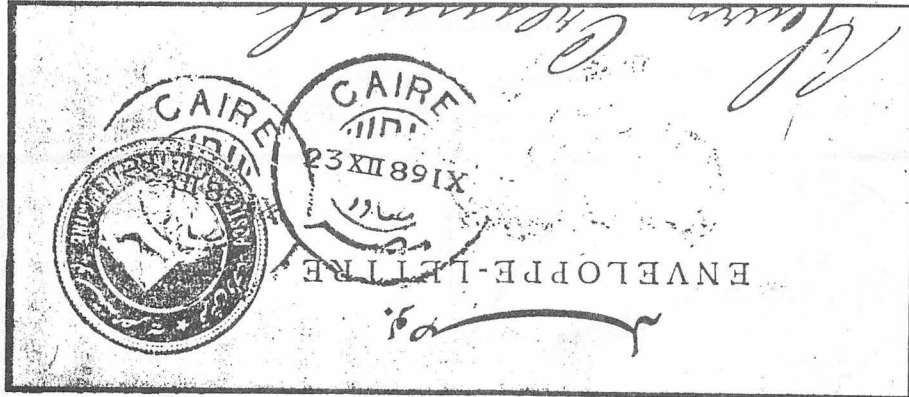
LETTER SHEETS H & G G6a

Later date : 25 IV 22
From Anton J. Jansen (ESC383)

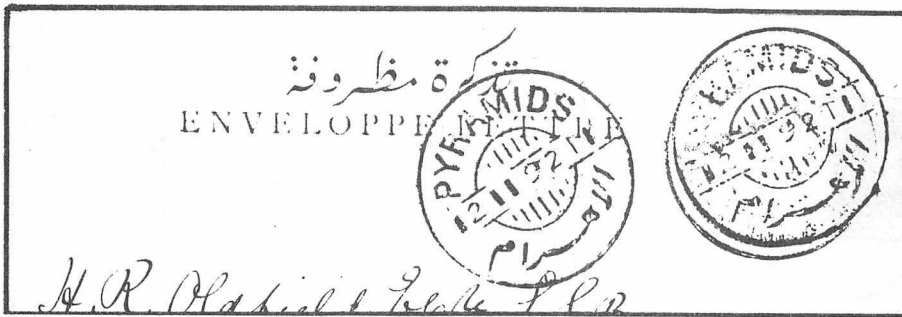
WRAPPERS H & G E3

Earlier date : 30 IV 14 Cairo, local use.
From Anton J. Jansen (ESC383)

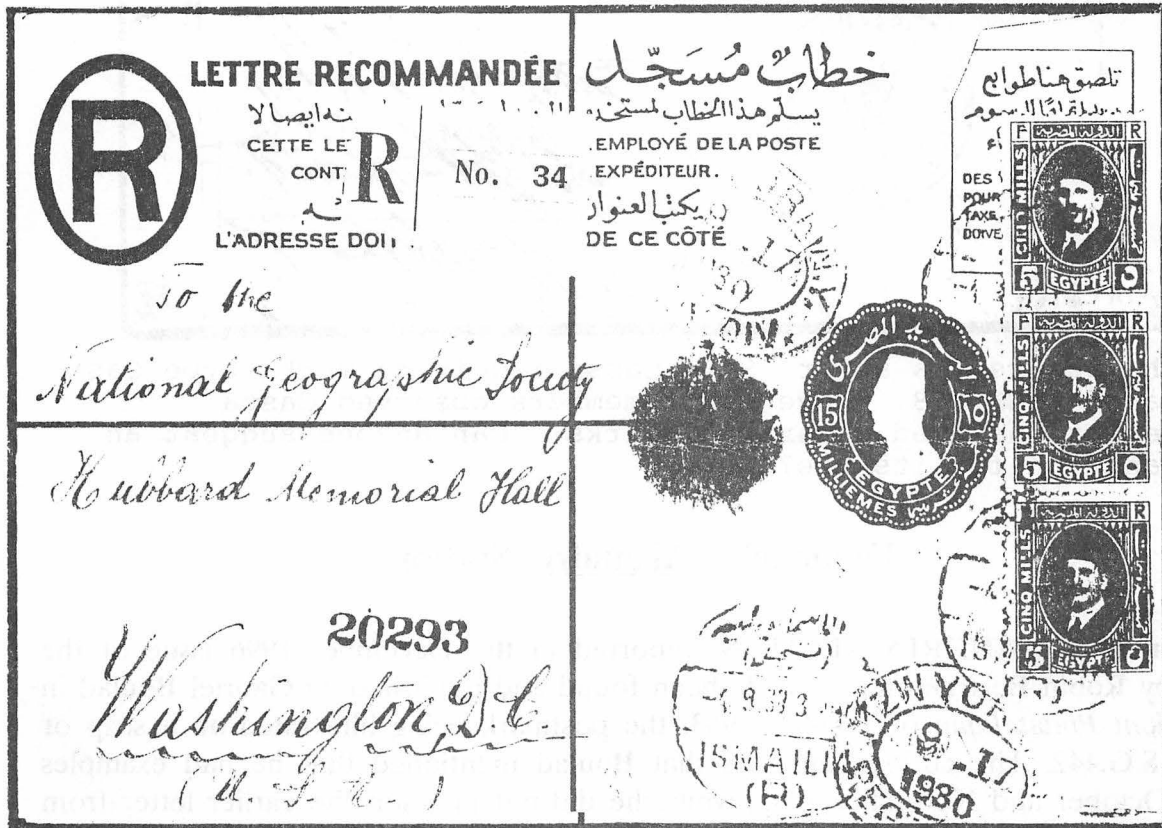
EARLY USE OF POSTAL STATIONERY



H & G G1 LETTER SHEET 23 XII 89



H & G G3 LETTER SHEET 12 II 92

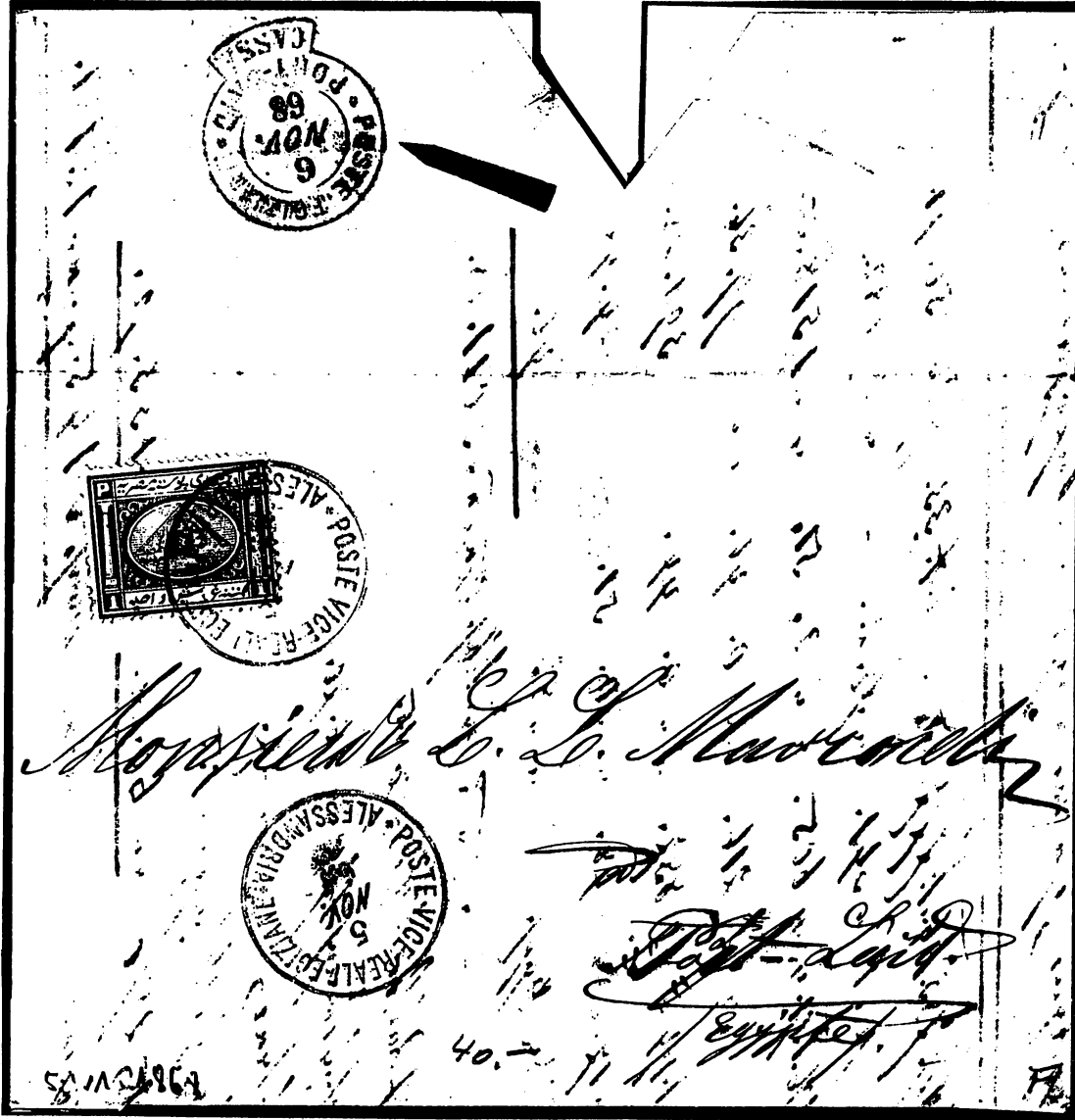


H & G C4 REGISTERED ENVELOPE 4.9.30

Cassa Arrival Postmark

By : Kurt Wolfsbauer (ESC197)

I have an E.L. sent from Alexandria to Port Said. The 1 pi. adhesive of the 2nd issue is cancelled 5 NOV 68.



On the reverse is a Port Said Cassa receiving mark (type Cas-2) dated 6 NOV 68. Have other members observed Cassa cancellations used as arrival marks? Can anyone suggest an explanation for its use?

Feedback - Alexandria Station

The error ALXANDRIA STATION, reported in the December 1996 issue of the Q.C. by Robin Bertram, had already been found and published by Gabriel Boulad in *L' Orient Philatelique* of January 1953, the postmark being illustrated on a strip of three S.G.442. The curious thing, is that Boulad mentioned that he had examples from October and November 1953, whilst he did not mention the earlier letter from March 1953 presented by Bertram, although this was addressed to Boulad himself!

From Anton J. Jansen (ESC383)

The Postal Markings Of Egypt After 1879

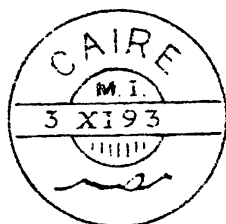
Addendum to the "Cash" Postmarks

By : Lars Alund (ESC 105)

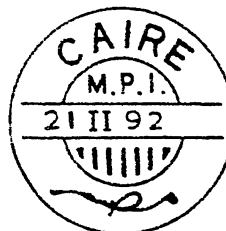
In 1978 our member A. Schmidt drew our attention to a couple of postmarks, which until then, were unrecorded (see Q.C. March 1978). These postmarks are similar to Type IX, with vertical bars included. In the upper part, below the name of the post office but above the date-bridge, there are no vertical bars, but instead the capital letters MI or MPI.

Mr. Schmidt presumed that these letters stood for " Mandats Internationaux " and "Mandats Postaux Internationaux " respectively. Other authors have suggested "Ministere Interieur " for the MI, but they have not been able to explain the meaning of MPI.

I think that Mr. Schmidt is correct, and that here is the question of international transfer of money through a postal money order. Consequently, these postmarks should be included amongst the "Cash" postmarks. They seem to be rather scarce, especially the Alexandria MI and MPI, for of the first I have only seen one copy and of the MPI, I have only two.



Cas - 54



Cas - 55

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>EARLIEST</u>	<u>LATEST</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Cas - 54	Alexandria	2 III ?		Found on 2Pi stamp of the 1879 issue.
	Caire	3 XI 93	4 I 96	The earliest date is taken from Schmidt's illustration.
Cas - 55	Caire	21 II 92	10 VII 94	For the latest date, I have a second copy but only the year 96 is visible.

See the original article on "Cash" postmarks by Lars in the Q.C. September 1994.

Postal Tax In Egypt

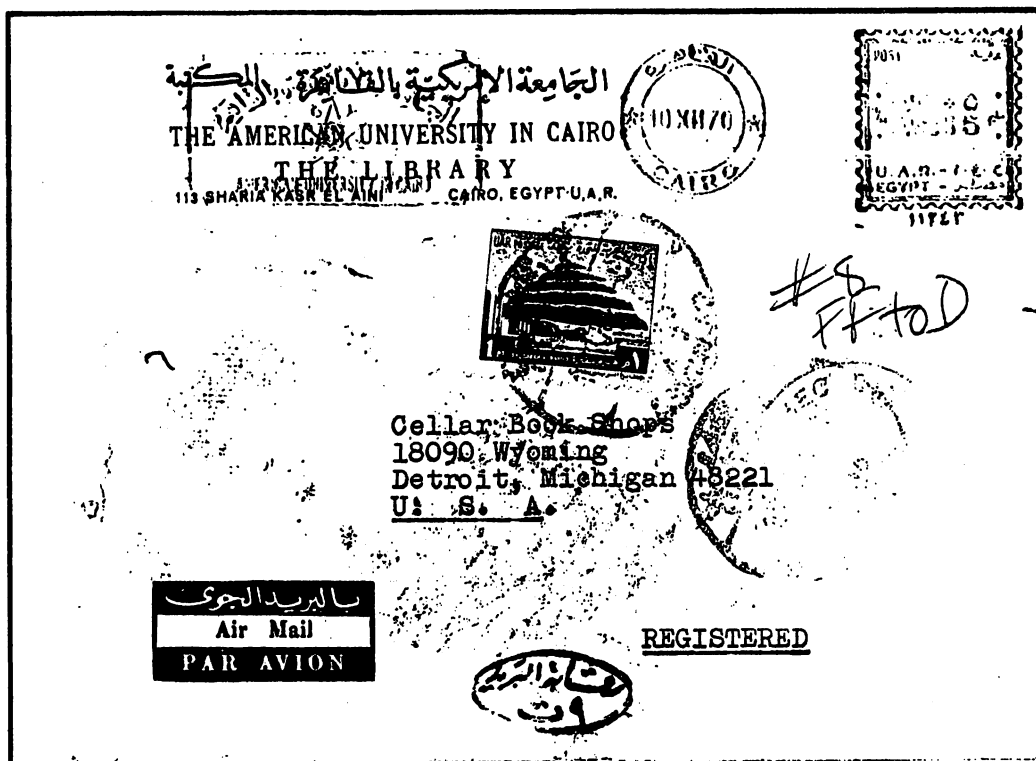
By : Peter A.S. Smith (ESC74)

Lucien Toutounji has recently alerted me to a phenomenon affecting the apparent rates on registered covers that was completely new to me : a postal tax ! He was informed by a postal official that a tax of 1 millieme was introduced "since the mid-1960s", and that it continues to this day, with increases to follow inflation (last rate 5 piastres). The intervening rates are not known, but there must have been several.

A curious feature of this tax is that it was applied only to registered mail, and only in the month of December. Perhaps that is why we have not noticed it, because such letters are not common. It would also be easy to assume that the sender had inadvertently overpaid. At the time of his first letter on the subject, Lucien had not seen an example, but he had a secretary mail me a letter in December 1996, to test the system. Unfortunately, the secretary misunderstood, and did not have the letter registered, hence the test failed.

In January, at a local bourse, I picked up the illustrated cover, thinking that it was unusual for having a combination of a meter franking and an adhesive stamp. Only when I examined it more closely at home, did I see that it was a registered cover mailed in December 1970. The meter rate, 2.05m was correct for the air mail + registration*, and the adhesive stamp, added later when the letter was presented for registration at the counter, paid the 1m tax. This is the only example I have found, but there must be others about. Insofar as I know, this is the only instance of a postal tax being collected with ordinary stamps (but I am not broadly acquainted with the subject). The tax was meant to fight tuberculosis.

* That is, 115m for the first weight stage + 90m for registration.





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