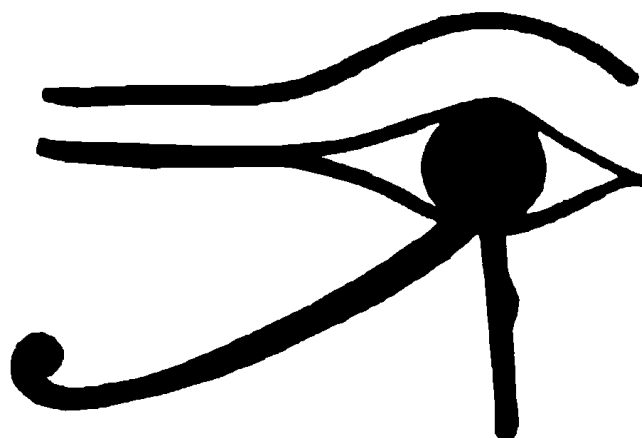


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## Report of the Annual General Meeting, May 10 2008

PRESENT: Peter Andrews (Chairman), Stanley Horesh (Deputy Chairman), Mike Murphy (Secretary), Edmund Hall (Editor/Webmaster), John Davis (Librarian), Dennis Clarke (Committee), John Clarke, Mostafa el Dars, Cyril Defriez, Peter Goodwin (New Zealand), Paul Green, Alan Jeyes, Sherif Samra (Egypt), Tony Schmidt.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from: John Sears, Brian Sedgley, Mike Bramwell, Margaret Chadwick, Sue Claridge, Lord Denovan, Ken Doig, Ted Fraser-Smith, Peter Grech, Bill Johns, Steve Kaplan, Bob Perkins, Keith Pogson, David Sedgwick, Stephen Speak, Richard Wheatley.

The Chairman welcomed those present, and especially two visitors from overseas in Sherif Samra (ESC 311) and Peter Goodwin (ESC 297). The meeting began with a list of apologies for absence, and continued:

Minutes of the last meeting (2007): These had been published in the *QC* of June 2007, and were approved (proposed Peter Andrews, seconded Mike Murphy).

Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

Chairman's report: Peter Andrews reviewed a successful year, and named among the highlights the acquisition of the Postal Bulletins from Egypt, which, after much thought, were being made available on computer disk: sales of the first ten volumes available had already commenced.

He welcomed the appointment of David Sedgwick (ESC 589) as Publicity Officer, which he hoped would bring the name of the Circle into the limelight and help to increase membership, and recommended the potential visit to Sharm el-Sheikh as well as the invitation from New Zealand members to their proposed meeting in February.

He noted the gift to the Library of our US Agent, Dick Wilson, of a disk detailing some 500 pages of his medal-winning collection *Postal History of British Forces in Egypt 1801-1914* and hoped that other members may produce similar disks. He thanked the Committee members for their support and continuing hard work on behalf of the Circle, and applauded the recent publication of the List of Members – while lamenting that, at their own choice, several names were still missing.

Secretary's report: Mike Murphy reported briefly that membership continued at around the 200 mark, and noted that although this was the time at

which members who had not paid their subscriptions were to be lapsed, there had been no adverse reaction to the increase in subscriptions. Recent publicity intended to attract more members included his articles in the special issue of *The Israel Philatelist* linked to the international exhibition in Tel Aviv, and his four-page "My Collection" piece on Rurals in the June issue of *Stamp Magazine*. He applauded the appointment of David Sedgwick as Publicity Officer, and read out a brief report from David in which he detailed publicity activities including the production of colourful flyers advertising the Circle, which he had distributed to various sources including conventions, stamp fairs and philatelic society meetings. He is also offering auction houses space on the website in return for advertisements in the *QC*. Members who require supplies of flyers to pass around should contact David or the Secretary.

### November meeting in Egypt

Dr Sherif Samra, President of the Philatelic Society of Egypt, spoke at the AGM, describing ever-closer relations between our Egyptian colleagues and the Egyptian Post Office, and announced that it was intended to run an international exhibition in conjunction with the PosTech 2008 UPU-based meeting to be held in Sharm el-Sheikh, at the tip of Sinai, in early November this year.

Details were not yet completed, but he invited all Circle members to attend what promised to be a spectacular show, with some 300 display frames: there will be the opportunity to exhibit at the event, which will be sponsored by the generosity of the Egyptian PO.

As further details come to hand they will be made available to members on our website at [egyptstudycircle.org.uk](http://egyptstudycircle.org.uk), but anyone interested should contact the Secretary, who will ensure that all are kept up to date with developments. At the moment of writing seven nights in an all-inclusive five-star hotel in Sharm is under £500 for the period envisaged, flights included.

Mike then turned to the MacArthur Award, and welcomed the advent of a reminder notice in the December *QC*, which had quadrupled the number of entries! He was delighted to announce the 2007 winner – by a single vote after fierce competition – as Ahmed Abu Mousa (ESC 584) of Abu Dhabi, for his articles on the Fuad portrait issues. The trophy will be sent to him as soon as it can be properly engraved.

Treasurer's report and Adoption of Accounts for 2006: In Brian Sedgley's absence, the Secretary said there had been a deficit in 2007 of £586.10, caused entirely by the £1256 purchase of the Postal Bulletins and offset by a further transfer of £1500 from the Auction account. It was noted that subscriptions appeared to be down by £750 year on year, but it was explained that many members pay in advance – the 2006 figure was some £400 higher than expected. There was some discussion over the stated value of the Circle's stamp collection (including the Library) and it was noted that last year's decision to adjust the figure to £1000 and that of the Library to £3000 had not been carried out: the meeting agreed that the adjustment will be made for 2008, taking into account the value of the new Bulletins. The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks (seconded John Clarke) to our Accountant, Stephen Bunce (ESC 272), who as usual performed his duties without charge: it was greeted with acclaim. The Accounts were duly adopted (proposed John Davis, seconded Alan Jeyes; see page iv).

Auction report: In the absence of John Sears, the Secretary read his report, noting a successful Auction 45 just completed, with 22 vendors and 63 bidders, who purchased 354 lots. The expected commission due to the Circle will be over £500, and donations by members or the ESC Library would provide a further £500 – he thanked particularly Jack Graham (ESC 541), André Navari (ESC 534), Peter Feltus (ESC 114) and Sue Claridge (ESC 356) for their generosity.

He reported that some difficulties had been experienced by Officers dealing with books from this auction, and noted also that some members seemed unclear about how invoices should be paid. The preamble to Auction 46 in the autumn will concern itself with both these matters; and the Secretary reported that online payments would be available via MoneyBookers as well as by PayPal. John Sears thanked the Auction team (Peter Andrews, Mike Murphy, Edmund Hall and Mike Bramwell), but warned that auctions could not be taken for granted and that the Circle could not afford to depend on this as a constant source of funding.

Editor/Webmaster report: Edmund Hall announced that he had again produced four *QCs* in the calendar year, and appealed to members to put pen to paper – any brief note of query or elucidation would be welcomed, even at half a page length. He noted that henceforth the members' section of the website would be protected by password, and hoped that this would encourage members to submit collection material to be placed in that area. He thanked Steven Kaplan (ESC 352) for his astonishing series of 112 pages on Egyptian Meter Marks and for permission to place it on the site, where it will join Dick Wilson's British Forces and André Navari's De La Rue collection. The members' area is growing – but Edmund suggested strongly that continuation depended entirely on feedback by members providing new material or reaction to established material. Without some serious response by the end of the year, he felt that it might be difficult to continue with this venture.

In the meantime he continues to seek new material for the members' area, and is in negotiation with the Royal Philatelic Society, seeking permission to re-use articles by Circle members published in *The London Philatelist*, copyright of which remains with the contributor.

Librarian's report: John Davis reported that the purchase of part of Robin Bertram's library had been an unexpected boon: the intention had been to buy Peter Smith's *Egypt* for the Library, but with it came a large number of other books, several of which were sold in Auction 45 for a total of £387.10, more than doubling the amount paid. About 20 Sudan-related books remain to be sold, via the Sudan Study Group auction next April. The Library had also acquired a number of disks, including the first ten volumes of the Postal Bulletins (four members have agreed to purchase them so far), together with Dick Wilson and André Navari.

Proposed Change to Rule: Because of a certain disquiet about the decision taken at the 2007 AGM to raise the subscription by £5, the Secretary proposed a change of rule seeking earlier and more specific notice of any proposed change to the subscription, so that it might be more widely publicised before the AGM. On the proposal of Edmund Hall, seconded by John Davis, the suggested period of notice was changed from ten

weeks to 12, and the motion, proposed by the Secretary and seconded by Edmund Hall, was then agreed by 13 votes to nil. The interpolated sentence is in *italics* in the amended Rule 4 paragraph 1 that follows:

**4. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION** shall be payable in advance on January 1 each year at a rate set at the previous year's Annual General Meeting. *Any proposal to vary the annual subscription must be made in specific terms (ie, notification of a specific amount) to the Secretary at least twelve weeks before the date of the AGM in order that all members may properly be notified, preferably in the next available QC.* Members joining after August 1 will pay a lesser amount of subscription as decided by the Committee for the balance of the year in which they joined. If normal annual payment is not made by the date of the AGM, delivery of the QC will be halted and the Officers will advise the member in writing that unless payment is received within 30 days membership will be terminated. No further notice will be given of termination, but membership may thereafter be restored, at the Committee's discretion, on payment in full of all outstanding subscriptions plus an administration fee of £5.00.

Any other business: 1. London 2010 at the Design Centre, Islington – The Secretary noted that the organisers were seeking sponsors, in the absence of financial support from the Royal Mail, at the rate of £10 per frame (minimum ten frames). At the same time, the Sudan Study Group had invited the Circle to share the cost and manning of the society table it had decided to take (£250 for the full week, May 8-15). Discussion ranged wide, about whether a meeting might be possible on the Saturday, whether the Circle should mark the occasion with a dinner, whether those manning a table would be allowed free entry, whether there was enough space on a single table for publicity ... and finally it was considered that no decisions could be taken in light of the present lack of detailed knowledge. The Secretary agreed to explore further and report back.

2. David Sedgwick made the suggestion that an all-day meeting, with sessions at 11am and 2pm, as recently experienced at an India Study Group meeting at the Royal, might be a way to attract farther-flung members. He also raised the possibility of a regional meeting, perhaps in York, and the Secretary noted the speedy increases in costs at the Victory Club. The Chairman suggested Birmingham for a regional meeting, and the Secretary and Chairman will work together on planning meeting venues for the coming year.

Date of the next AGM: Details of a date approximating to this one in early May will follow.

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### Meeting of May 10

ATTENDANCE: as above for AGM. The Secretary presented three new member applications, from the United States, Australia and France, all of which originated in the website. All were approved. The informal Bourse that followed again proved a great success, with a wide range of material brought for sale.

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### Membership changes

#### **New Members:**

- ESC 626**    **Joseph Coulbourne**, 1532 Lakeview Parkway, Locust Grove, Virginia 22508, US  
(Egypt 19<sup>th</sup> century used, 20<sup>th</sup> century mint, perfins, postal history)
- ESC 627**    **John R Tollan**, PO Box 3014, Caroline Springs, Vic 3023, Australia  
(1939-1945 Egypt Air covers, rates and routes)
- ESC 628**    **Thierry Beugnet**, 19 Rue des Puits, 91590 Cerny, France  
(Philately of the Suez Canal area, 1850-1900)

#### **Additions to Register of Interests:**

- ESC 624**    **Lord Denovan** (denovan@ednet.co.uk) Pyramids and Sphinx issues

#### **Resigned:**

- ESC 524** Wallace Craig                      **ESC 555** Molly White                      **ESC 614** Bryan Lambert

### Egyptian State Railways – line numbers

The following list, provided by **Dennis Clarke** (ESC 165), is based on a 1955 timetable originally produced in pencil by C W Minett and later checked by Peter Smith (ESC 74):

Train number	Route	Train number	Route
1	Cairo to Alexandria	18	El Marg to Qanatir
2	Cairo to Port Said	19	Cairo to El Marg
3	Qantara to Gaza (Sinai Line)	20	Faqus to Samanud
4	Cairo to Mansura	21	Alexandria to Mersa Matruh (Western Desert Line)
5	Cairo to Tanta	22	Mersa Matruh to Sollum
6	Tanta to Damietta & Faraskour	23	Disuq to Rosetta
7	Cairo to Ityai el Baroud	24	Cairo to Shallal
8	Abu Kebir to Salhia	25	El Wasta to Abuxah
9	Alexandria to Abu Qir & Rosetta	26	Fayum to Si(nbillawen?)
10	Tanta to Shirbin	27	Beni Suef to Lahun
11	Tanta to Zagazig	28	Mehallet to Nazlit Shawish
12	Minuf to Kafr el Zayat	29	Roda V(illage?) to Roda Junction
13	Benha to Minuf	30	Oasis Junction to Kharga
14	Benha to Mit Ghamr	31	Isna to Quwesna
15	Qallin to Damanhur	32	Baskia(?) to Abu Ghonemia
16	Tanta to Santa	33	Cairo-Bab el Luq
17	Ismailia to Port Taufiq		

### U.N. Commemorative Cairo Cancellation

**Lucien Toutounji (ESC 264)**



On the occasion of the International Conference on Population and Development held in Cairo 5 to 13 September 1994 the United Nations operated a temporary post office at the conference site. This seems to have been missed by most Egypt collectors, but not by U.N. collectors.

## The Heliopolis Luna Park in World War I

**Pierre Louis Grech (ESC 266)**

To induce visitors and potential residents to his new Oasis of Heliopolis, the Baron Empain had built several attractions. Founded in 1905, that city was situated north-east of Cairo, and was linked to the capital by a high-speed electric Metro. Its most popular entertainment was the Luna Park, which was available to everyone, as opposed to the more exclusive golf, horse-racing, etc.

The postcard below illustrates the scene around 1911, in happier times, and shows the main ride, the water flume. The large photo, extracted from *The Illustrated War News*, 10 May 1916, depicts the same scene after the Luna Park had been taken over and converted to a military hospital, specifically for ANZAC troops injured at Gallipoli. A sad contrast, but fortunately the Luna Park was reopened after the war and continued operating into the early 1930s. It was then dismantled and formed the Roxy cinema complex, while the frontage was cut away and taken up for road-widening (today Midan Roxy).

It is intriguing that the *War News* refers to the Luna Park as Cairo's "Earl's Court", a nickname given by the Allied troops. It would be interesting to know if anyone has an explanation for this.

The large vaulted-roof building at the left was the theatre and became the Roxy indoors "winter" cinema (in summer an "open-air" venue was at the rear). In 1955 it was converted to Heliopolis' first Cinemascope cinema, opening with *Hell and High Water*, starring Richard Widmark.



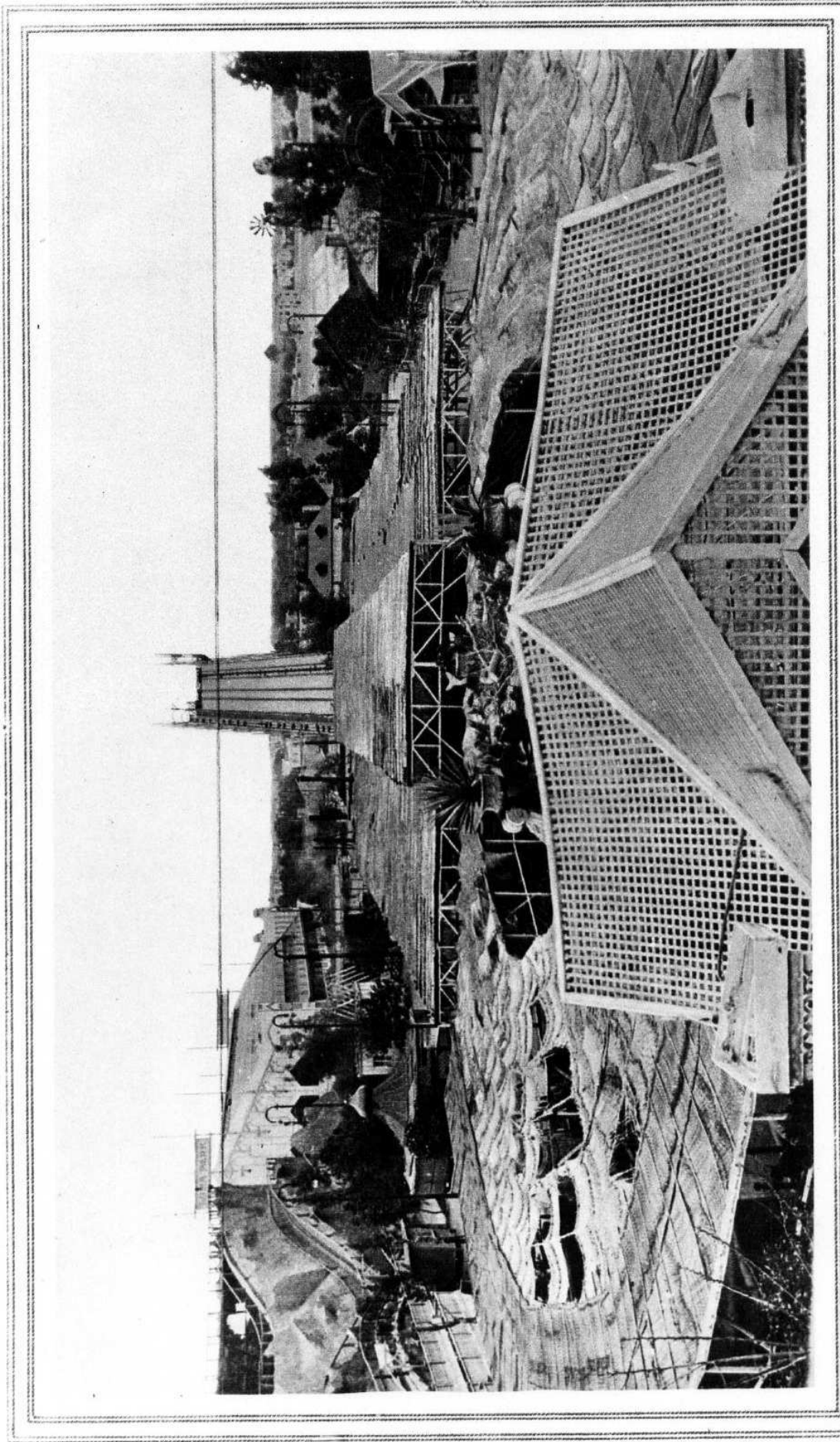

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**CAIRO'S "EARL'S COURT" AS A HOSPITAL: WHERE INVALIDED AND WOUNDED "ANZACS" ARE BEING NURSED BACK TO HEALTH.**

Just as the open-air pleasure centres in London have been commandeered by the authorities for purposes in connection with the war, the authorities in Egypt have entered into possession of the celebrated "Earl's Court" entertainment centre at Cairo. The enclosure, with its various halls and annexes, has been turned into a vast hospital area for convalescent "Anzacs." The illustration shows the unwanted spectacle that the place presents. In the middle of the background the slope of the water-chute rears itself. The central lake has been emptied and floored over with grass matting, and serves as general mess quarters. To the left is seen the Luna Park switchback railway, now "out of bounds." The authorities, in fitting up the place for its present tenants, left little additional to be desired.—[Photo, *Tropical*.]

## More Philatelic Items From The Suez Crisis

**Edmund Hall (ESC 239)**

Many thanks for the response to my article in *QC* 219 and the additional information sent to me. For shortage of space I left out some of the items I had intended to include in the article but they quite readily stand alone.

A number of anti-Nasser propaganda leaflets were dropped by the RAF over Egypt during the Anglo-French landings at Suez in November 1956. The most interesting one is illustrated here. It is based on the then current 10m Egyptian stamp and shows Nasser in place of the ordinary soldier.



The caption reads:

*Nasser said: 'I am ready to fight in the ranks to the last drop of my blood for the freedom of our nation'.*

Other leaflets of equally crude and probably ineffectual effect were dropped.

1. A forlorn Arab peasant looking skywards at droves of French and British planes:

*"But Colonel Gamal Abdul Nasser told us that our Air Force controlled the skies of Egypt."*

2. A cartoon of Nasser lying huddled on the ground covering his head and ears under two shell bursts: Caption: *NASSER November 1956.*

3. Nasser sitting in a comfortable wicker chair surrounded by liquors and smoking a big cigar:

*"They will fight from village to village and place to place,"* he is saying

over a telephone.

4. Nasser hiding behind a civilian armed with a rifle: *"Gamal Abdul Nasser said: 'Let each one of you be a soldier in the Armed Forces so that we may defend honour, dignity and freedom'.*

A special overprinted stamp was issued by East Germany with a surcharge supposedly to go to Egypt to help in its struggle against imperialist aggression.

At the same time they surcharged the same stamp for the support of Hungary, though I'm not sure what for as the DDR was supporting the Russian invasion.

Either stamp found used on cover appears to be quite scarce and the only one for Hungary I have seen was in the Robin Bertram sale.





Soon after the nationalisation of the canal and until some time after the invading forces had withdrawn various propaganda postmarks were used. Shown are EGYPT CROSSROAD OF THE WORLD - SUEZ CANAL IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF EGYPT - FREEDOM OF PASSAGE GUARANTEED THROUGH SUEZ CANAL and EGYPT TOMB OF AGGRESSORS.

If there are any more in this vein I should be very pleased to know.

## Shepherd's Hotel

**John Davis (ESC 213)**

I was asked by a friend from the Worcester Philatelic and Postcard Society what I knew about a certain Ch. Leiprecht, who clearly had a connection with Shepherd's Hotel in 1899 or 1900. On looking up three possible sources of information other than the internet, namely the following books:

*While Shepherd's Watched* by Pennethorne Hughes  
*Shepherd's Hotel* by Nina Nelson and  
*Samuel Shepherd of Cairo* by Michael Bird

I could find no reference to Ch. Leiprecht.

Eventually I was able to study a card bought recently in a German auction and this turned out to be the source of the friend's question (*below*). As will be obvious it is a postcard, sadly with no publisher's name on it, but with the number 1522; it is a souvenir postcard with three pictures, a possible portrait, and the words "Souvenir d'Egypte". It incorporates new year's greetings for 1900, clearly emanates from someone at Shepherd's since the name of the hotel is printed in the greeting and (on the other side) was clearly posted from the hotel as it bears an HS5 cancellation.

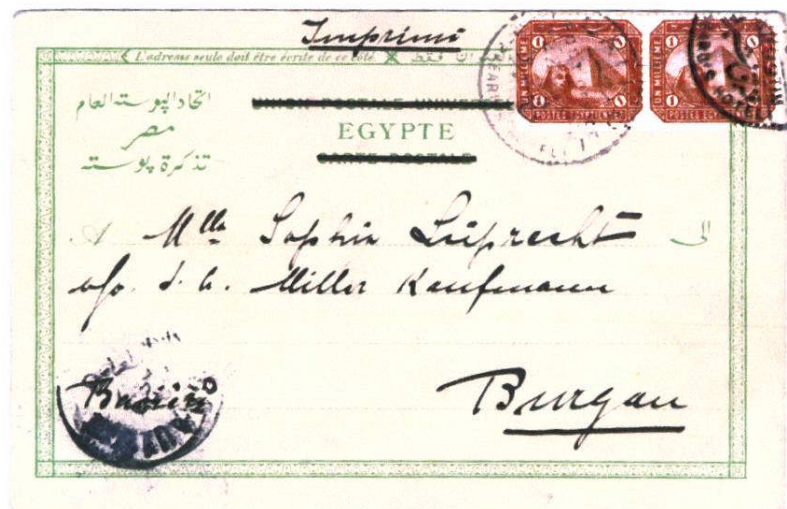


The card is addressed to a Mlle. Sophie Leiprecht c/o a J.G. Miller Kaufmann at Burgau, but the receiving mark at bottom left is indistinct and virtually blots out the handwritten bottom line of the address. (*see below*).

So I looked up a large atlas and the only Burgau listed in the gazetteer is a small fishing port to the west of Praia de Luz (remember that!) in the Algarve in Portugal. So, if all else fails, go on the internet! I searched for Burgau and Ch. Leiprecht - and came up with a whole family of Leiprechts, seemingly with businesses in Portugal, but none

of them quite seemed to fit the bill. Since the cover emanated from a German auction I decided that the Burgau in question must be in either Germany, Switzerland or Austria. With more searches of the internet I established that Jena-Burgau is in Schwaben in Germany and that another Burgau might have existed in Bavaria (Bayern). I considered that perhaps the word underneath the receiving mark was the Italian for Bayern in south Germany and that our Mr Leiprecht was writing to his daughter or sister in south Germany where she was staying. I concluded that, possibly he was of Swiss origin speaking the Swiss version of Italian, and, like at least two other Swiss nationals at other times, was a manager of Shepherd's in 1900.

Does anyone have a better explanation so that my friend can write up his postcard?



### Empire Emergency Service FDC

Dennis Clarke (ESC 165)

I recently came across this FDC of 14-JUN-1940 for the horseshoe route. I am somewhat surprised that the details of the route could so easily pass censorship.



### 1953 Unusual Ink Hand Cancellation on King Farouk's Face

Vahe Varjabedian (ESC 390)

I illustrate a 1953 registered cover sent from the Misr Insurance Company with an Alexandria Station / R.P. CDS of 7 FE 53 franked with three 1952 10 mills Farouk K.E.S overprint stamps which, because the addressee could not be found, was returned to sender. The stamps have an unusual obliteration of Farouk's face with ordinary ink, and it seems that a post office employee must have defaced the stamps on account of temporary government instructions applied to all post offices in the interim period before the three-bar overprinted stamps were produced in April 1953.

Have any of our fellow members seen anything similar ?



### The £E1 with Consular Administration Overprint

Peter Smith (ESC 74)

The illustration at right is from the cover of the auction catalogue of Rasdales (Chicago).

The item appeared at auction in February this year, and I write this note because it shows that the overprinting plate was set up for the values 20 mills to 200 mills (sheets of 100), and not for the smaller sheets of the £E1 (sheets of 25). As a result, the overprint also appears on the sheet margins of the £E1.

This is the first example I have seen of this stamp with sheet margin. There are other unusual features as well. This stamp has not been reported unused. Also, no block appears to be known. A mint block from the sheet corner is exceptional, and must be considerably rarer than blocks of the unoverprinted stamp. The block realized \$1500 (before commission).



### Modern Varieties

Edmund Hall (ESC 239)



While looking through a small selection of used definitives to compare differences in colours I noticed that the Goddess Silakht definitive issue (1999-2001; NP D372-374) has two quite distinct forms.

Apart from the shades, the size of the wording is noticeably different: in the right-hand stamps the value is smaller while the line of text below the statue is slightly larger. For the 10 piastre the value has also been repositioned and the statute size is a little smaller. For the 30 piastre the figurine looks to have been redrawn completely and the 30 value is in a different type-face. Both the large-size-value stamps are the ones I have on first-day covers so I assume that these are from the first printing.

For the 25 piastre I have only one variety, and few examples of it, which could mean that there was less use for it and hence only one printing.

## Fonduq Katarakt: A New Hotel CDS

Mike Murphy (ESC 240)

I don't know why, but I am still surprised when a new discovery pops up in the arcane art of collecting Egypt Hotel markings. Admittedly it is eight years since Anton Jansen illustrated the astonishing Agence Postale El Ghardaqa Tourist Hotel postmark of May 1967 (*QC* 193, June 2000, page 129), which took us for the first time into the world of agency postmarks in hotels.

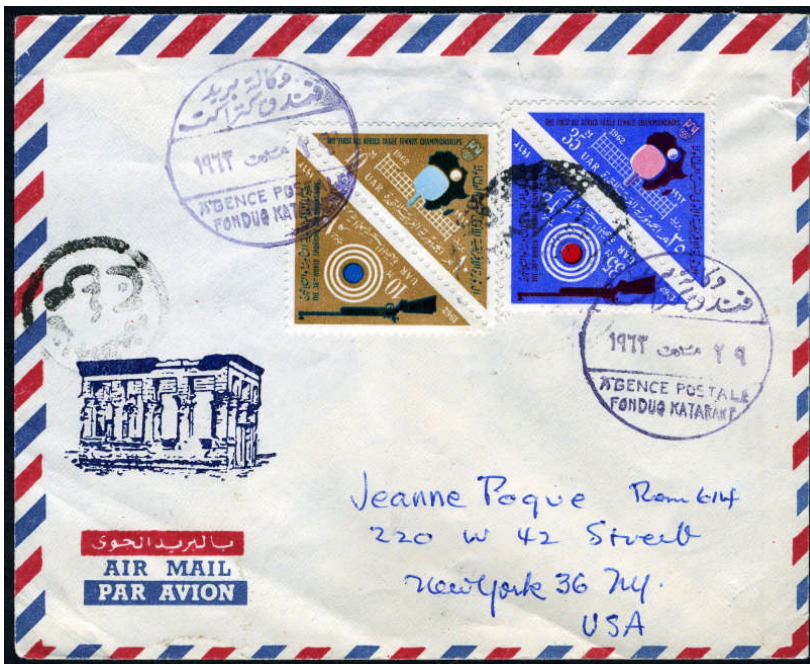
But now there is another, and there are two examples. The postmark in question reads, in the lower half, AGENCE POSTALE / FONDUQ KATARAKT, with the Arabic equivalent – *wakalat bareed / fonduq katarakt* – in the upper half. Both CDS bear the same date in Arabic – 29 March 1963.

My version is struck in violet on an Alitalia airlines postcard of a DC-8, franked with 65 mills, including a triangular stamp, and addressed to Frank Folsom, a well-known New York collector. It is signed with a flourish, "The very best! Ernie Kehr".



As collector, journalist and author of *The Interpostals of Egypt 1864-1892*, Mr Kehr was for long one of the Circle's mainstays, and had close connections with Egypt.

The second strike, in dull blue-black, is on a Cataract Hotel printed envelope owned by Charlie Hass (ESC 181). Franked at 90 mills (two pairs of triangular stamps) to cover the air mail rate to New York, it is addressed to Jeanne Pogue, who was one of Ernie Kehr's closest companions.



Clearly there may be room for considering the all-too-apparent philatelic aspects to these items; but in both cases they have passed properly through the post – both carry faint but undoubted strikes of the CDS of ASWAN / T for 30.5.63, and both are censored.

Here, then, is a second example of an Agency marking for an hotel, but in this case it is the successor to a long-established Hotel CDS. The original Cataract Hotel markings are recorded from January 4, 1901, to 21 March, 1956.

**Opening and Closing of Offices listed in the Postal Bulletins, 1885-1901**

(continued from *QC254* p15-24)

**Mike Murphy (ESC 240)**

**1893**

Feb 2: From Feb 1, an office was opened at **Tourah**, “near Cairo”; open to ordinary and registered mails, money orders and parcels. Dependent on Cairo.

Feb 23: Rail line extended to Guerga from Sohag on March 1; new office to be opened at **Mancha**.

Mar 9: New office open to all postal services except specie has been opened at **Tokar** (Souakin district).

Mar 30: On Apr 1, new offices open to ordinary and registered correspondence and parcels will be opened at **Demerdache** (Abbassia) on the Mataria line, and at **Mead** on the Helouan line.

Apr 20: On May 1 new offices open to ordinary, registered and government mails and postal parcels will be opened at **Maamal el Guezaz** (Alex-Cairo line); **Guemeza** (Tanta-Zefta line); **Zankaloun** (Benha-Zagazig); **Embaba** and **Motia** (Cairo-Guerga).

Jun 29: From July 1 and during the pilgrimage season **Tor** office will be admitted to the parcels and local and international postal order services.

From July 1 and during the seaside season ordinary and registered mails, as well as parcels, may be accepted for **Ras-el-Bar**, near Damiette.

Jul 20: A provisional office, admitted to ordinary and registered mail services, has been opened at the quarantine camp at **Ras Mallap**, on the Red Sea coast.

As a result of the quarantine measures applied to ports on the French Mediterranean coastline, a postal service has been organised between the central PO in Alexandria and the **Lazaret du Gabbari**.

Aug 17: From Aug 15, new office open to correspondence and postal parcels has been opened at **Kharaba** (Alex-Aboukir line); at the same time **Lac d’Aboukir** office has been closed.

Sept 21: The postal service between Damiette and **Ras-el-Bar**, opened for the seaside season, will close at the end of the month.

Sept 28: As a result of the opening of a quarantine camp at “**sources de Moise**” [**wells of Moses**] on the Red Sea coast, a provisional office has been opened admitted to exchange of ordinary mails and parcels.

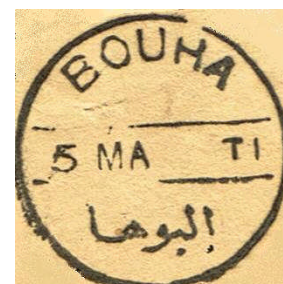
Oct 5: From Oct 15, new office **Mahallet Abu Aly el Kantara**, dependent on Mahallet Abu Aly. Open to ordinary, registered and government mails, but only in closed bags exchanged with Mahalla, of which it is seen as a branch office.

Oct 19: As a result of the suppression of the quarantine measures, the provisional offices at **Ras Mallap** and **Moses Wells** have been closed. Services at **Tor**, which had been extended during the pilgrimage season, have reverted to exchange of correspondence only.

A provisional office, open to ordinary, registered and governmental mails, has been opened at **Camp** near Aboukir.

Nov 23: On Dec 3 the new railway line **Port Said-Ismailia** comes into operation, with the resultant closure of the boat postal service between the two.

Dec 21: The provisional office at **Camp** near Aboukir, opened in October, will close on December 31.





Dec 28: On Jan 1 **Bouha** office will close and **Kafr Sakr** will be promoted to all postal services. The two offices are so close that all mails for Bouha can be handled by Kafr Sakr.



## 1894

Feb 22: On Mar 1 the following new offices will open, admitted to correspondence and parcel services: **Godaieda** (Charkieh, on Benha-Zagazig line); **Mit Kenana** (Galioubia, served via Touk); **Mechta** (Assiout, on Cairo-Guerga line).

Mar 15: The Challal-Wadi-Halfa mailboat stops at **Adindan**, a station recently created.

Mar 22: New office **Ehnassia** (Beni-Souef) will open on Apr 1, open to ordinary, registered and governmental mails.

Mar 29: The provisional office open to ordinary, registered and governmental mails at **Camp** near Aboukir will reopen on Apr 1.

Apr 5: **Mahallet-Abou Aly el-Kantara** ceased functioning at the end of March.

May 17: A new office open to ordinary, registered and governmental mails and parcels has been opened at **Montazah**.

Jun 7: From June 24, and during the period of return from the pilgrimage, **Tor** services will be extended to include postal parcels and local and international money orders.

Jun 28: From July 1 and during the seaside season, ordinary and registered mails and postal parcels may be accepted for **Ras-el-Bar** near Damiette.

Aug 23: Services at **Tor**, which had been extended during the pilgrimage season, have reverted to exchange of correspondence only.

Sept 27: The provisional office at **Camp** near Aboukir, opened for mails and postal parcels, will close on Sept 30.

Oct 4: A new office, **Mualla** (Kena), opened on Oct 1 for ordinary, registered and governmental mails and postal parcels. The office exchanges only closed mails with Guerga. For localities to the south, mails from Mualla will be carried on the Guerga-Assouan TPO line.

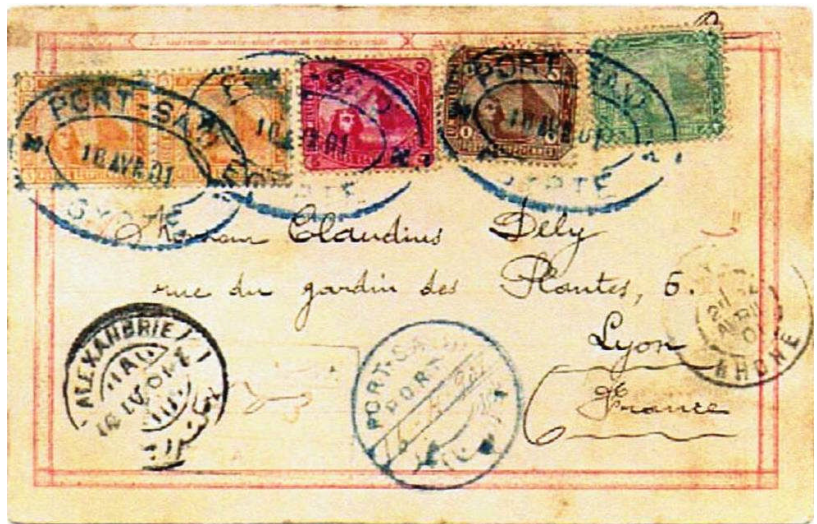
## 1895

Jan 24: Postal communication via couriers on camel is to be established between Assiout and **Kharga Oasis** on Feb 1. The weekly service will leave Assiout at 8am on Thursday, arriving at 8am on Monday; and leaving Kharga at 4pm on Monday, arriving at 4pm on Friday. A new office will open at Kharga, served by the district telegraph operator, open to ordinary, registered and governmental mails.

Feb 14: New office opening Feb 15 at **Regulateur du Rayah Behera**, between Manachi and Wardan open to ordinary, registered and governmental mails and to postal parcels. [*Raiyah el Behera is a navigable canal; on a 1929 Survey of Egypt map a post and telegraph office is marked at the station and flood-regulator immediately southwest of Wardan*].

Feb 21: New offices open to ordinary and registered mails and postal parcels will open on March 1: **Koubbeh Bridge** (Cairo), **Mit Assas** (Gharbieh); **Kassassin** (Charkieh); **Chawa** (Dakahlia); **Dessounes** (Behera); **Port Said (Quartier Arabe)**; **Sela** and **Senaro** (Fayoum); **Mansafis** (Minia); **Assirat** (Guerga).

Mar 7: New branch offices in Port-Said to be opened on March 15: **El-Arab**, open to all services except specie; and in the **Port**, in the local Egyptian telegraph office. The latter office will be charged with selling stamps and only for the service of correspondence and parcels sent by passengers transiting the Canal. The office El-Arab is the same as in the Feb 21 Bulletin as Port Said (Quartier Arabe).



On Jan 24 mention was made of the opening of a post office at Kharga Oasis; on the 15th of this month a similar office will be opened at **Dakhla Oasis** open to ordinary, registered and governmental mails.

Apr 4: A provisional office open to mails and postal parcels is to be opened as usual at **Camp** near Aboukir.

Apr 25: As happens each year, a provisional office will be opened at **Ras-el-Bar**, around about July, for the seaside season. The Postal Administration intends to name as postmaster of that office an employee who, having right to a holiday, would like to spend it as manager of the office. Staff members wishing to go to Ras el Bar in these conditions are invited to make their request to the Administration before May 15.

May 9: Because the tourist season is over, the post offices installed provisionally in the agency of **Messrs Thomas Cook and Son** and at the **Ghezireh Palace Hotel** have ceased to function.

May 16: From June 12, and during the period of return from the pilgrimage, **Tor** services will be extended to include postal parcels and local and international money orders.



May 23: A provisional office, admitted to all branches of the postal service except specie, has been opened at the **San Stefano Casino** (Ramleh) for the whole of the summer season.

Jun 6: From the 16th of this month new offices will be opened at **Ibrahimia** (Ramleh), **Zarka** (Dakahlieh) and **Abou-Kor** (Nubia). All are admitted to ordinary and registered mails and parcels services, and Abou-Kor will also service local and international money orders.

Jun 13: From July 15, as each year, a provisional office admitted to all postal services except specie, will be opened at **Ras-el-Bar**, near Damiette. This office functions only during the seaside season.

Jul 4: A provisional office, admitted to ordinary, registered and governmental mail services, has been opened at the quarantine camp at **Ras Mallap**, on the Red Sea coast.

Jul 11: The provisional office at **Ras-Mallap** is to be closed on account of the closure of the quarantine encampment in the area.

July 18: On account of the reinstatement of the quarantine camp at **Ras-Mallap**, the provisional office which had been established has been reopened to the public.

Jul 25: The provisional office at **San Stefano Casino** (Ramleh) is to be admitted to the value-declared letters service.

Aug 15: A new station has been created at **Mit-Mezzah**, on the Bahr Seghir between Mansoura and Salamoun. Mails, money orders, specie and parcels for the locality will be carried by the "bureau ambulante" on the mailboat.

Aug 22: The provisional office at **Camp** near Aboukir closed on Aug 17.

Aug 29: The provisional office at **Rayah Behera** regulator will be closed at the end of August.

The quarantine camp at **Ras-Mallap** having been definitively closed down, the provisional post office opened in that area has closed.

Services at **Tor**, which had been extended during the pilgrimage season, have reverted to exchange of correspondence only.

Sept 5: A new office has been created at **Salmia** (Kafr-Zaiat-Atfe line, between Dessouk and Sorombay). Mails, money orders, specie and parcels will be carried by the "bureau ambulante" on the mailboat.

It has been decided that henceforth the post office at **Demerdache**, near Cairo, will change its name to **Abassia**, the latter being more rational in relation to the position of the office.

Sept 12: The post office at **Camp**, near Alexandria, which was closed on August 17, is to be reopened provisionally during the hunting season for mails and postal parcels.

Oct 3: A new station has been created at **Kafr-Sarawa**, on the Bahr Chibin between Naggar and Sarawa. Mails, money orders, specie and parcels will be carried by the "bureau ambulante" on the mailboat.

Oct 17: A provisional office, open to ordinary and registered mails and postal parcels, has been opened at **Mahallet Abu Aly el Kantara**, near Mahalla.

**Ras-el-Bar** provisional office was closed on Oct 9; **Casino San Stefano** on the 15th.

## 1896

Jan 2: **Camp** office near Aboukir was closed on December 31.

Jan 16: The Minister of War has decided that the Challal-Wadi-Halfa mailboat will no longer stop at the following stations: **Dabod, Ambarkab, Kalabcha, Abou-Hor, Garf-Hussein, Corta, Sebou, Derr, Tomas, Faras, Adindan, Ishkeit**. As a result money orders, parcels and registered services will cease and mails will be limited to ordinary letters, served by the closest neighbouring office. In exceptional circumstances only, registered correspondence may still be accepted for Abou-Hor.

Jan 23: The following offices, open to ordinary and registered mails and postal parcels, will open on Feb 1: **Nouzha** (Alex-Mex line, served from Alex); **Talka** (Gharbia, Tanta-Damiette line, served from Mansoura); **Samadoun** and **Kamchouche** (Menoufia, Tanta-Achmoun line, served from Menouf); **Mahsama** (Charkia, Caire-Suez line, served from Zagazig); **Tansa** (Beni-Souef, Caire-Guerga line, served from Beni-Souef).

Feb 6: **Abou-Hor** restored to the Challal-Wadi-Halfa mailboat service by the military authorities.

Mar 12: The provisional office at **Mahallet Abou Aly el Kantara** closed on March 1.

As the Red Sea Khedivial mail line is now stopping at **Tor**, the camel postal service from Suez is suspended.

Apr 2: Opened on Apr 1: **Gabares** (Behera, served from Teh-el-Baroud) and **Ramleh-el-Ingueb** (Menoufia, served from Menouf). Both open to ordinary and registered mails and postal parcels.



Because of the military situation, the Challal-Halfa mailboat will no longer stop at **Korosko**, all other intermediate stations having already been suspended. Ordinary and registered mail services continue to **Abou Hor, Dakka and Tochki** by courier.



Apr 16: As usual, a provisional office open to all services except specie will open at **San Stefano**

**Casino** (Ramleh) on the 20th

Apr 23: **Bardis**, serving ordinary and registered mails and postal parcels, will open on May 1, as a result of the extension of the rail line from Guerga to Baliana.

May 7: During the period of return from the pilgrimage, **Tor** services will be extended to include postal parcels and local and international money orders.



June 11: As a result of the expedition to Dongola, **Wadi-Halfa (Camp)** post office has been opened, serving all postal functions. There are at Wadi-Halfa two offices – **Tewfikieh and Camp**: all postal material and money orders intended for the military must be sent via Wadi Halfa (Camp)

June 18: As usual, a provisional office serving ordinary and registered mails and postal parcels will be open at **Ras-el-Bar** during the seaside season.

Jul 9: Services at **Tor**, which had been extended during the pilgrimage season, have today reverted to exchange of correspondence only.

Jul 30: The camel mail service between **Tor and Suez**, suspended on March 15, will be restored on Aug 1.

Aug 27: As a result of the extension of the rail line from Baliana to Nag-Hamadi from Sept 1, a new office will open at **Farchout**, and the **Homran** office will take the name **Abouticht**.

Oct 15: **San Stefano Casino** provisional office closes today.

Oct 22: **Ras-el-Bar** provisional office closed on the 15th.

Oct 29: As each year, a provisional office open to all services except specie, will open at the office of Messrs. **Thomas Cook & Son** in Cairo on Nov 2.

Nov 5: As in recent years, a provisional office serving ordinary and registered mails and postal parcels opened at **Mahallet Abou Aly el Kantara** on Nov 1.

Nov 26: As usual, branch offices have been opened at **Shepherd's, Continental** and **Ghezireh Palace**.

Dec 31: New offices to be opened in Gharbia on Jan 1: **Biala** and **Kafra** (Belcas line), and **Morabeian** (Kafir-Cheik line), serving mails and postal parcels.

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Jan 28: New offices to be opened on Feb 1 serving ordinary and registered mails and postal parcels: **En-el-Chams** (Cairo-Marg line) and **Oussim** (Guiza).

**Kafra** office (Belcas line) has been closed.

Feb 4: Contrary to the notice in the last bulletin, **Kafra** has not been closed but remains open to the public until further notice.

Feb 18: New offices opened on Feb 16 serving mails and postal parcels: **Kom-el-Akhdar** (Behera) and **Azazi** (Charkia), on the Aboukebir-Salhia line.

Feb 25: From Mar 1 **Wadi Halfa (Camp)** office will be transferred to the military authorities who control the postal service in Sudan. Military post offices created south of Wad-Halfa are **Dongola, Debbah, Korti** and **Meraoui**. The postal service to those areas are as follows: For Dongola, Debba, Korti, Meraoui and other areas of Sudan only ordinary mails and parcels will be accepted; Wadi Halfa (Camp) will be admitted to the exchange of ordinary and registered mails and ordinary parcels. Exchange of insured and COD parcels, money orders, collection orders and sending of specie or precious objects may be continued only through the **Tewfikia (Halfa)** office. [Followed by details of “Soudan” opt stamps].

Mar 4: New offices opened on Mar 1: **Baltim** (Gharbieh) and **Badari** (Upper Egypt), the former serving ordinary and registered mails only and the latter ordinary and registered mails and postal parcels. On Mar 16 an office open to all services except specie will open at the University of **El Azhar** in Cairo.

Mar 25: A provisional office open to mails and postal parcels opens today at **Camp** near Aboukir.

Apr 12: As usual, during the period of return from the pilgrimage, **Tor** services will be extended to include postal parcels and local and international money orders.

Apr 21: From May 1 **Thewfikia** (Wad-Halfa) office will be transferred to the Sudan military postal service. As a result the distinction between the two offices of Camp and Thewfikia will no longer exist and will be replaced by the unique denomination: “Wadi Halfa office”. **Wadi Halfa** will be admitted to services indicated in the following article, which excludes specie and precious objects, services to be suppressed on May 1. [The following article details changes in supplementary charges for “mandats de poste” and parcels; and concludes: Until further notice, the military post offices in the Sudan are open to the following services: **Wadi Halfa** – ordinary and registered letters, ordinary, insured and COD parcels, local and international money orders, collection orders. **Dongola, Debbah, Korti, Meraoui** – ordinary correspondence, ordinary parcels].

Apr 30: As usual, a provisional office open to all services except specie will open at **San Stefano Casino** (Ramleh) on the 25th.

Provisional offices at the **Continental Hotel** and **Ghezireh Palace Hotel** are about to be closed.

The Red Sea Khedivial mail line stopping at **Tor** during the return from the pilgrimage, the came mail post between Suez and Tor will be suspended on May 1.

May 8: The provisional **Thomas Cook** office was closed on May 1.

Jun 14: The provisional office at **Mahallet Abou Aly el Kantara** closed on June 1.

June 19: **Ras-el-Bar** provisional office has been opened.

Jul 3: A provisional office, admitted to ordinary, registered and governmental mail services, has been opened at the quarantine camp at **Ras Abou Zoulima**, on the Red Sea coast.

Aug 4: **Ras el Bar** opened [again; see Jun 14 above!]

Aug 19: As a result of the establishment on Aug 15 of a new tram line from Mansoura to Gamalia – a line which will immediately be extended to Mataria – the Bahr Seghir mailboat service, already suspended since May, is now definitively closed. Two new stations will open on the new line on Aug 15: **Mit Kholi Moumen** and **Kordi**, both managed by the local stationmasters.

Sept 30: As a result of the establishment from Oct 1 of a new tram line from Mansoura to Tanah by the Lower Egypt Railways two new stations will open on the new line: **Mit Aly** and **Tanah**: they will serve ordinary, registered and governmental correspondence and ordinary parcels.

Nov 5: As usual, offices open to all services except specie opened on Nov 1 for the tourist season at “Mrs” **Thomas Cook & Son** and the hotels **Shepherd’s**, **Continental** and **Ghezireh Palace**.

**San Stefano Casino** closed on October 15.

Nov 11: **Camp**, near Aboukir, closed on Nov 1.

Dec 30: From Jan 1 **Souakin** and **Tokar** offices will be transferred to the Sudan military postal service. New offices will be opened at **Abou Hamad** and **Berber**. [*These notices followed by long series of changes in services available to Sudan offices*]

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Jan 21: New Sudan offices serving ordinary, registered and governmental mails and ordinary parcels have been opened at **El-Duem**, **Fachoda**, **Sobat**, **Abou-Haraz**, **Wad-Medica** and **Sennar**.

Mar 8: New offices serving ordinary, registered and governmental mails and ordinary parcels opened on Feb 15 at: **Charnoub** and **Maadia** (Behera), **Achmoun-el-Roman** and **Mit Assem** (Dakahlia), **Constantinia** (Gharbia), **Assiout Reservoir** (Assiout), **Mahamid**, **Keft** and **Faou** (Kena). On March 1 a provisional office with the same services opened at **Geneffa** (Cairo-Suez line).

Mar 23: **El Saff** (Guiza), serving ordinary, registered and governmental mails and ordinary parcels, opens on April 1.

Apr 15: **Camp**, near Aboukir, opened on April 6.

Apr 28: **Casino San Stefano** opened on April 25. **Tor** temporarily extended, during the return from pilgrimage, to acceptance of telegraphic money orders up to £E20.

Tourist offices in Cairo have closed as follows: **Continental** and **Savoy** hotels, April 15; **Pyramids**, April 18; **Ghezireh Palace Hotel** and **Cook’s**, April 25.

May 23: As in recent years, a provisional office serving ordinary, registered and governmental mails has been opened at the quarantine camp at **Ras Abou Zoulima**, on the Red Sea coast.

As usual, a provisional office will be opened at **Ras-el-Bar**, near Damiette, on Jun 15, serving ordinary and registered mails, postal parcels and ordinary internal and international money orders.

A new office has been opened at **Mersa Matrou** serving ordinary, registered and governmental mails (dependent on Alexandria). This office provides an alternative mail service to **Siwa Oasis** – mail is transferred by the coastguard twice a month from Alex to Mersa, and then by courier to Siwa. This service [it says] is faster than the courier service between Damanhour and Siwa.

Bulletin 10 is missing: According to the Index it included the opening of **Kom-el-Tawil, Birma, Mit el Soudan and Sidi Ghazi** offices.

Jun 5: Clarification – **Mersa-Siwa** service takes no more than ten days; **Damanhour-Siwa** is 15 days.

Jun 8: **Assouan Reservoir**, admitted to all services except groups, opens on June 10.

Opening of the **Ras-el-Bar** provisional office, which had been fixed for Jun 15, has been delayed pending further advice.

Jun 24: Opening of the **Ras-el-Bar** provisional office is now to take place on July 1.

Jul 6: **Sidi-Ghazi** (Gharbia), serving ordinary, registered and governmental mails and ordinary parcels, opened on July 1.

Jul 18: **Wad Medina**, Sudan, serving ordinary, registered and governmental mails, ordinary parcels, ordinary and telegraphic money mandates, opened on July 7. The public are reminded that only Alexandria, Assiout, Assouan and Caire are authorised to exchange telegraphic money orders with Sudan.

Jul 28: Correction: **Wad Medani**, not Wad Medina.

TPO service for **Sennar, Karkus and Roseires** established in Sennar province of Sudan.

Aug 9: Correction: **Karkoj**, not Karkus.

Because a rail halt has been established at **Abou Soueir**, between Mahsama and Nefiche on the Zagazig-Ismailia line, this locality can receive mails via the postal commissioners on the train.

Aug 19: **Kharbeta** (Behera), and **Bassioun** and **Rachdia** (Gharbia), serving ordinary, registered and governmental mails and ordinary parcels, have been opened.

Sept 19: **Wad-Hamed**, Sudan, serving ordinary, registered and governmental mails, and ordinary parcels, has been opened.

**Camp**, near Aboukir, closed on Sept 15.

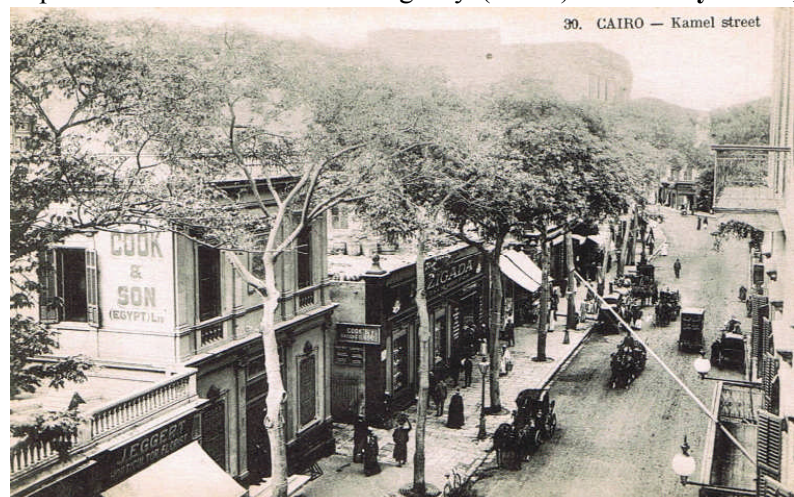
Oct 18: **Ras-el-Bar** closed on Oct 13.

Oct 27: **Biahmo** (Fayoum, on the Fayoum-Sennoures line) will close on Nov 1; correspondence will be handled by train postal commissioners.

Nov 5: As each year, provisional offices opened on Nov 1 at **Cook's agency** (*below*) and **Savoy Hotel**, Cairo.

**Atbara** (Sudan) has been closed, and **Wad Ramli**, serving ordinary and registered mails and ordinary parcels, has been opened.

Nov 18: Provisional office opened at **Pyramids** on Nov 16 as usual. **Mahallet Marhoun** (Gharbia, Kotour-Bassioun line) has been opened, serving ordinary, registered and governmental mails, and ordinary



parcels, has been opened. **Kafra** (Gharbia, on the state railway between Cherbin and Kallin) closed on Nov 15.

Dec 13: **Ehnassia** distribution office (Beni Souef) will close on Dec 15: this area will now considered a rural station. In Sudan, **Abou-Hamed** office has been closed and the area is now served by a TPO.

Dec 31: Closure of the **Ehnassia** office has been deferred pending a new decision.

## 1900

Jan 15: Provisional office opened at the **Grand Continental Hotel**, Cairo, on Dec 26.

Apr 6: **Luxor Hotel** provisional office closed on April 1.

Apr 7: **El-Obeid**, Sudan, serving ordinary and registered mails and ordinary parcels, has been opened.

Apr 26: **Savoy Hotel** (April 15), **Ghezireh Palace Hotel** (Apr 25) and **Pyramids** (Apr 20) provisional offices have been closed at the end of the tourist season

A provisional office serving ordinary, registered and governmental mails has been opened at the quarantine camp at **Ras Abou Zoulima**, on the Red Sea coast.

May 7: As in recent years, a provisional office offering all services except specie opened at **Casino San Stefano** on May 1; another, serving ordinary and registered mails and parcels, will open at **Camp**, near Aboukir, on May 9.

May 28: **Thomas Cook** provisional office serving tourists in Cairo will close at the end of this month. A new office is to be opened at **Gedaref**, Sudan, serving ordinary and registered mails, ordinary parcels, ordinary and telegraphic internal money orders and international money orders.

Jul 12: **Ras-el-Bar** provisional office opened on Jul 12, serving ordinary and registered mails and parcels.

Aug 30: **Ras Abou Zoulima** provisional office, on the Red Sea coast, closed on Aug 10 at the end of the pilgrimage season.

Oct 17: Since Oct 6 the postal service has been extended to **Tabiet-el-Namous**, **Zaouyet Sidi Abdel Kader** and **Amria** (Mariout) as a result of the extension of the Mex rail line to Mariout. Ordinary, registered and governmental correspondence may be accepted. **Massarah**, serving ordinary, registered and governmental mails and parcels, has been opened on the Helouan line. **Camp** provisional office (Aboukir) closed on Oct 10; **Ras-el-Bar** closed on Oct 15.

Nov 1: New office **Hourine** (Gharbia), serving ordinary, registered and governmental mails and parcels, opens today.

A new agricultural TPO line between Minet-el-Kamh and Belbeis will have intermediate stations at **Chalchalamoun**, **Beni-Helal**, **Telbana**, **Mit-Gaber**, **Choubra-el-Nakhla** and **El-Gossak**.

Nov 9: A new office, serving ordinary, registered and governmental mails and ordinary parcels, has been opened at **Chalchalamoun** (Gharbia, on the Belbeis-Minet-el-Gamh line). The annual provisional office at **Cook's** agency in Cairo opened on Nov 1.

Nov 16: Provisional offices open as usual at **Savoy Hotel** (Nov 15) and **Ghezireh Palace Hotel** (Dec 1).

Nov 29: Provisional office open as usual at **Pyramids** for the winter season on Dec 1.





Dec 11: **Sahel Rod-el-Farag** (Cairo suburb) opened on Dec 15 serving ordinary and registered mails, postal parcels and ordinary postal mandates; **Ezbet el-Nakhl** (Cairo-Marg line) serving ordinary and registered mails and parcels, will open on Dec 16.

Dec 29: From Jan 1, provisional offices, functioning only during the tourist season, will open at the **Cataract Hotel** and the **Luxor Hotel**, Assouan.

## 1901

Jan 25: On Feb 1 offices serving ordinary and registered mails and postal parcels will open as follows: **Abou-el-Matamir** (Behera, Damanhour-Kafr-el-Dawar line); **Ebiar** (Gharbia, Birma-Tanta-Kafr-Zayat line); **Beni-Helal** (Charkia, Belbeis-Minet-el-Kamh line); **Diarb Nigm** (Dakahlia, Zagazig-Simbellawen line); **Bahgoura** (Kena).

Mar 5: On Mar 1 offices serving ordinary, registered and governmental mails and ordinary postal parcels were opened at: **Choubra-el-Namla** (Gharbia, Cairo-Alex line); **Mit Samanoud** (Dakahlia, Mansoura-Benha-Barrage line).

Mar 14: New agricultural railway line has been inaugurated between Beltan and Kafr-Hamza, with intermediate stations at **Toukh, Mouchtohour, Manzala (Kalioubia), Deir, Chibin-el-Kanater and Sursock**.

Mar 27: A new office open to all services except telegraphic money orders and specie, opens on April 1 at **Dahtoura**, to serve the site of the barrage being constructed near Zefta. Correspondence for Dahtoura or for Zefta Barrage should be sent via Tanta, which exchanges closed mails with Dahtoura.



A new office serving ordinary, registered and governmental mails and ordinary postal parcels opens on April 1 at **Balassfoura** (Guerga, Assiout-Louxor line).

Apr 11: **Louxor Hotel** and **Cataract Hotel** provisional offices opened for the tourist season closed at the end of March.

Apr 22: The provisional office that opens each summer at **Casino San Stefano** will do so on May 1. From May 1 a new office open to ordinary, registered and governmental mails and ordinary postal parcels will open at **Palais de Koubbeh**, on the Marg line.

Contrary to Mar 27 above, correspondence for **Dahtoura** and **Zefta Barrage** should be directed exclusively to Zefta, and not Tanta.

Apr 26: The provisional tourist-season offices at **Savoy Hotel** (Apr 20) and **Ghezireh Palace Hotel** (Apr 22) have closed.

May 1: **Pyramids** provisional office, open for the tourist season, closed on April 27.

May 18: Until now the area of **El-Duem** (Sudan) has been served by a TPO on the Blue Nile. On May 10 an office open to ordinary and registered mails, postal parcels and internal and international money orders, was opened.

May 25: On May 17 an office open to ordinary and registered mails, postal parcels and internal and international money orders, was opened at **Rufaa** (Sudan).

June 4: New TPO line opened by the Fayoum Agricultural Light Railway, serving **Edwa, Matartares, El-Akhsas, Gabala, Maassara, Kafr-Mahfoud and Tamia**.

June 10: **Cook's** agency provisional office closed on May 31 at the end of the tourist season.

June 27: **Ras-el-Bar** provisional office will open on July 1.

A new rail line between Talkha and Kotour opens on July 1, serving **Ezbet Sursok, Nabaro, Derin, Tira, Asbestou, Banoub, Mahalet Ziad, Kafr-el-Sarem, Kosria, Betina, Mahallet Abou-Aly-el-Kantara, Mahalla Kebira, Shishtaoui, Dawakhlia, Dar-el-Bakar, Chagaya, Mit el-Cheikh, Samatay, Beltag**.

New rail line between Edwa and Roda (Fayoum), serving **Edwa, Matartares, Kafr-Koleib, Sersena, Kafr-Hassan, Forkos and Roda (Fayoum)** opened on June 15. Edwa already has a full post office; ordinary and registered mails and postal parcels may now be accepted for the others.

Jul 11: **Rahmania** office will close on Aug 1 and the area will be served by the Rural postman on the Rahmania-Simokhrat line.

Jul 27: The Challal-Wadi-Halfa mailboats now stopping at **Derr, Tomas and Abu Simbel**, ordinary and registered mails, ordinary parcels and ordinary postal money orders may now be accepted for those localities.

Aug 18: **Rahmania** post office is not closed, as mentioned in error [Jul 11]: instead of being entrusted to a (distributeur) it is served by a Rural postman.



Sept 14: The post office of **Luxor (Station)** is closed and replaced by a new Louxor-Challal TPO serving **Armant, Mataana, Esna, Mahamid, Edfou, Selwa, Daraou and Khattara**.

Sept 23: **Sabaieh** and **Chagab** should be added to the Louxor-Challal TPO list: ordinary correspondence only.

Sept 27: **Ras-el-Bar** closed on Oct 15.



Oct 21: **Cook** agency provisional office opened on Oct 15; **Casino San Stefano** provisional office closed on Oct 11.

Nov 7: **Pyramids** provisional office opened for the tourist season on Nov 2.

Nov 19: **Chalakan**, terminus of the Kalioub-Barrage railway line, will have a new office open to ordinary, registered and governmental correspondence and ordinary parcels, from Dec 1.

Dec 5: Provisional office opened at **Ghezireh Palace Hotel** on Dec 1 for the tourist season.

Dec 18: Opening of **Chalakan** office deferred to January 1. Provisional offices opened at **Cataract Hotel**, Assouan (Dec 15) and **Savoy Hotel**, Cairo (Nov 18), for the tourist season.

Dec 26: **Dahtoura** office will henceforth be known by the name of **Zefta (Barrage)**.

From January 1 distribution offices will be known as "sub-agencies" and the postmasters will be called "sub-agents" instead of "distributeurs".

### Letter to the Editor

*Ahmed Abu Mousa (ESC 584), of Abu Dhabi, has written to thank members for voting to award him the MacArthur Award for the best QC article of 2007:*

Dear Sirs,

I checked out my mailbox yesterday and was surprised to find a letter from the ESC. At first, I thought it would be an invoice re-sent to me for the latest auction. Otherwise, an announcement from the Circle concerning some matter.

When I opened the letter and read it, much to my surprise, I found out that I have won the MacArthur Award for 2007! My heart starts beating more than usual, my eyes start opening and closing a thousand times in a split of second to make sure this is not a dream! I have even framed the letter!

I was not even dreaming that my humble article would candidate to such a trophy amongst tens of venerable, prominent and knowledgeable philatelists of the ESC who have had written outstanding articles during 2007.

Many words are teeming in my mind right now; and fighting which one should come out first! To conclude and to avoid verbosity, I just wanted to say that I'm honoured, happy and VERY proud of such a society, and wish to be at the ESC members' expectations, always.

I salute every single member who voted for me and who did not. For those who did not, my full and deep respect, and in the future, I shall write article(s) that should meet your expectations.

Once again, I should like to express my deepest gratitude and hearty thanks to Professor **Peter Smith**, Mr **Ahmed Sobhi** and Mr **Yasser Omar** for sharing their information and knowledge and for contributing materials to write this article.

Kind Regards;  
**Ahmed Abu Mousa**

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### Editorial

I for one voted for Ahmed's article and found it very educational. I also take delight in Ahmed's delight. Perhaps other members have a particular interest that could be woven together in a similar manner to the benefit of us all. Another way of course is to submit some of your collection for the members' web pages which are beginning to take on a life of their own with members' material. This was not quite how I envisaged the site progressing but now, seeing the material, I can see how entertaining and educational this will be. Please look at what is being done and submit your sheets too.

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### Members' Website News

The members' section has now been implemented on the website and is off to a fine start. In the past month information on the Star and Bridge postmarks has been added and we are grateful to Stephen Kaplan (ESC 352) for having provided over 100 pages of his outstanding Egyptian meter marks award-winning collection.

In preparation for the site is Dick Wilson's remarkable collection of British Forces postal history in the 1882 and Sudan campaigns. Being able to spend time browsing the write-ups on a topic with some 100-plus covers, in full colour, is a wonderful way to understand and appreciate the subject.

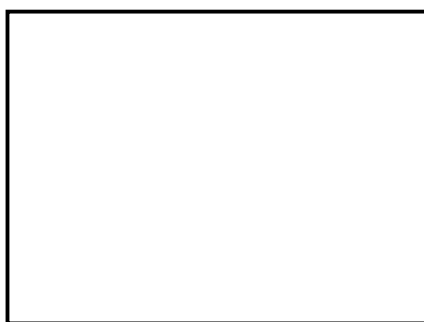
It is hoped that these recent additions will encourage other members to contribute in a similar manner and to share with other members their knowledge, to the benefit of us all, and make the electronic book a reality. It is also hoped that new features, of whatever size, might be added each month. Very positive feedback has come from members, long-standing and new alike, for help and contributions.

Concern has been raised about site security so I have implemented an individual password for each member: this will replace the general password soon after the dispatch of this June *QC*.

Your individual password on the label below. It is to be used on the website (it is not case-sensitive) in conjunction with the username, which is ESCxxx (xxx is your membership number). If you wonder why you have a password when you don't use a computer it is simply because it's easier for me to computer-generate numbers for all members at one time. If you wish to change your password to something more memorable, please email me with your preferred choice (at least six characters). If I have put on the wrong label, the ESCnumber differs from yours on the envelope, please let me know.

The first name is your username and the second line your password.

– Editor/Webmaster



### Fantasy or Reality?



(Artist's impression based on the corresponding 10mill stamp)

Recently the Editor has been asked by more than one member about the 3 millièrme Fuad Army Post stamp with oblique perforations. *The Nile Post* lists it as AP1b, states that 200 existed, and gives it a value of \$60.

However discussions among our members and some dealers who specialise in Egypt find not one who can recollect having ever seen one of these 3-millièrme stamps with oblique perforations. Even Roger West, who had possibly the largest stock of these misperfs, says that he has never seen one and considering that some of our members, who specialise in the Army Post material have not seen one in the thirty-plus years they have collected, it throws some doubt on their existence.

Can any member recollecting having seen this elusive item? If any member has one or more in their collection please let the Editor know.