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In Peter Smith's "Egypt Stamps & Postal History", illustrated on page 759, is an Official "Service Des Rebuts" envelope with the printing code number at the top "No.125 B". I illustrate here another example with printed code number at top reading "No.125 I". This envelope however is for Insufficiently Stamped Sample Mail (Echantillon Insuffisamment Affranchi), returned to the care of Thomas Cook in Alexandria. Struck with large oval "E" in blue ink, framed "Bureau Des Rebuts" dated cachet in red, with Postage Due 4m. maroon (SG D72) tied by Alexandria cds (26.II.1892)



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2012 Meetings List

January 7	Services Club	Gaza and Sinai	Edmund Hall
February 25	Stampex	AGM & Live auction	All members
April 21	Philatex 12.45pm	Ten sheets	All members
July 7	Services Club	Post-monarchy bring and show	All members
September 29	Stampex	Instructional marks bring and show	All members
November 3	Services Club	Third Issue	Keith Pogson

For meetings at the Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, Marble Arch, London, members usually congregate in the ground-floor bar from 1pm and the meeting starts at 2pm.

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Report of the Meeting, September 17, 2011

PRESENT: Peter Andrews (Chairman), Stanley Horesh (Deputy Chairman), Mike Murphy (Secretary), Edmund Hall (Editor/webmaster), Mike Bramwell, Angela Child, John Clarke, Cyril Defriez, Pauline Gittoes, Peter Grech, Paul Green, Alan Jeyes, Vahe Varjabedian (Egypt), David Worrollo.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from: John Sears (President), Brian Sedgley (Treasurer), Sami Sadek (Committee), Ted Fraser-Smith, Peter Heim, Peter Smith.

The Chairman welcomed members present, and especially Vahe Varjabedian, our one foreign visitor to Stampex, and mentioned that perhaps the comparatively small attendance reflected on the gradual decline of Britain's major annual stamp exhibition. He referred to the sad demise of our ebullient New Zealand member Peter Goodwin, and members stood for a minute's silence in his memory. As time was running short, he urged members to make their bids for Auction 50 [as it transpired, 41 bidders – just one fifth of our membership – acquired a fraction of under 50 per cent of the 725 lots available].

The Secretary then mentioned the necessity of arranging next year's meetings list, and sought advice on how to deal with the complete separation of dates for spring and autumn Stampex and Philatex in 2012. After discussion it was decided that the meetings list will comprise: January 7 (Services Club), February 25 (AGM and Live Auction at Stampex), May 5 (Services Club), July 7 (Services Club), September 29 (Stampex). All speakers and November meeting to be announced.

Before the meeting proper, Peter Grech announced his new publication, *1910 Heliopolis, Grande Semaine d'Aviation*. Despite the title, this full-colour A4 volume of 47 pages, plus 34 pages of appendices, is in English (see review, page iii), telling the story of the 1910 air meeting, its aircraft and its flyers, as well as listing and illustrating all recorded postcards associated with it. This is a major piece of research not only for air mail enthusiasts but also for all those who care about Egypt and its recent history. It retails at £18 plus postage, with a special price for Circle members: please contact the Secretary in the first instance.

A membership application was then considered, and Mr Chris Henstock, of Buxton, Derbyshire, was duly elected. We are sad to have to report that within a few days we had an email from his family to announce that Mr Henstock had passed away that very weekend. The Secretary has sent the Circle's condolences.

And so it was on to the TPOs meeting, one of the first actual study meetings that the Circle has held in many years. The tables were remodelled into an open square so that all could see what was happening, and we then considered in order each type from Peter Smith's 1983 volume *The Travelling Post Offices of Egypt* in the search of dates outside those recorded, new routes using recorded handstamps, or new CDSs altogether.



*Two of the new markings
discovered at the meeting:
Left, Type 6A1.2, Cairo-Mansura
of 3 AP 36 (MM);
and right, 6A1.4, Shabrakhit-
Damanhur of 25 MR 35 (PA)*



Some members who could not be present had sent in examples of markings or dates that did not appear in the book, and we are grateful indeed to Vahe Varjabedian (ESC 390), Ted Fraser-Smith (ESC 238) and Peter Smith himself (ESC 74), though our former President reported that his major TPO collection remained boxed up and unavailable after a relocation.

Many others had brought examples to the meeting, and we also had at hand the extensive collection of Peter Heim (ESC 384), who had sent it from Germany for the meeting. Members were astonished at its diversity, organisation and abundance... but unfortunately there simply was not time to take it into consideration.

The meeting worked hard for 2 ½ hours, examining, verifying and recording updated markings, passing each round for all to see. The exercise created an enormous amount of interest – even from those who profess “not to have any TPOs” – and we reached as far as Type 6A2.1 before it was time to draw a close. A problem arose

in discussion of variant types, not quite as recorded in the book, and for shortage of time we had to defer these to another occasion.

Clearly there remains very much more work to be done. Clearly also, a round-table meeting of 14 members is, though fascinating, not the most efficient way to achieve speedy recording and classifying. So it was decided that the continuing research will be carried out by a much smaller group over much more time. The results will be extensive: for sheer practicability, they will be posted on the website – with full credit given to the owners of the markings - rather than published as a book or in the *QC* ... it has no limit to its extent.

The meeting ended with all those present exhausted but in good spirit – and there is much more to come.

Report of the Meeting, November 5, 2011

PRESENT: John Sears (President), Peter Andrews (Chairman), Mike Murphy (Secretary), Brian Sedgley (Treasurer), John Davis (Librarian), Edmund Hall (Editor/webmaster), Jon Aitchison, Mike Bramwell, Angela Child, John Clarke, Pauline Gittoes, Peter Grech, Paul Green, Alan Jeyes, Atef Sarian. Visitor: Isaac Armanious.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from: Stanley Horesh (Vice-chairman), Sami Sadek (Committee) and Ted Fraser-Smith.

The Chairman welcomed members to an experimental morning meeting at Philatex stamp show in Central London – and despite the early start was surprised at a good turnout. “The meeting was well worth getting up at 6,” said one member, Angela Child (ESC 645) – and she was right. The Chairman reported on the TPO study meeting in September and said how much that had been enjoyed and how much more work remained to be done. He was happy and confident that there was enough enthusiasm to make the project of updating Peter Smith’s 1983 book a success.

The Secretary reported on progress in arranging next year’s meetings list, and it was suggested that some meetings might be held at the Royal Philatelic Society – and perhaps even on a Sunday! After a good deal of discussion, an interesting list was agreed: see Page 3. The idea of a Post-Monarchy meeting, like last year’s TPOs initial get-together, is to gauge members’ interest and to attempt to publicise the possibilities open in collecting the post-Farouk period.

The Secretary announced that Keith Pogson of York (ESC 130) had kindly agreed to take over the Circle Auction’s “financial” role played for many years by our President, John Sears, and paid tribute to his enormous hard work and efficiency – and great success in spotting the myriad errors made by the Secretary himself. Members thanked him with a sustained and sincere round of applause.

For next year we hope to expand the Auction list to a Live offering in February – lessons have been learnt from last year’s initial event, and will be strictly augmented – plus two full Auctions in spring and autumn, the material perhaps extended by the possibility of two members submitting their collections for sale through our efforts rather than commercially. More of that later, when plans come to fruition.

The Treasurer reminded members that subscriptions for 2012 become due on January 1, a statement reinforced by the green sheet included in this *QC* – and asks again for all UK members at least to do it the easy way, with a standing order. No work for you, no work for the Treasurer. What could be better?

The Librarian announced that the recent Spink catalogue *Pearls of Arabia – Egypt* (October 18), containing some stunning lots, had been added to the Library, complete with Prices Realised.

The Editor/webmaster brought good news that the last *QC* (No 238), with a new printer and in full colour, had been extremely well received, a sentiment echoed around the room. Even better, he said, was that the invoice was smaller than before. The meeting greeted the new format and the new printer with delight.

He also announced that another collection had been put up on the website for colleagues to enjoy and study – that of our Egypt Agent, Ibrahim Shoukry (ESC 423) on the Fourth Issue – and appealed to more members to offer the same: all that is needed is a set of scans or photocopies; he does the rest, for the benefit of all of us.



Five stamps with Dopo la Partenza handstamp (Brian Sedgley)

The Webmaster also suggested that it might now be possible to digitize all back copies of the QC for placing on the website and available to all members. The cost of this great boon came in for discussion, and more estimates will be sought before any decision is made.

Nine of the members present had brought material to show under the Queries and Acquisitions heading, and many of the range of very high-quality queries will be published both on the website and in the QC. A brief summary:

Edmund Hall (ESC 238): Showed several covers with Army stamps and a variety of tax rates, seeking elucidation for the tax rates. One cover addressed to Denmark was endorsed “via England” in an effort to overcome the “UK and Ireland” range covered by the stamps – but it was taxed by the alert authorities.

Brian Sedgley (ESC 268): Was able to show a recently acquired card with five Third Issue stamps of various values with the very rare Dopo la Partenza (After Departure) handstamp applied in black, red and blue, and an 1874 1 piastre with a perfect central strike of the intaglio negative seal (*right*) of Cairo (Masr). This is certainly one of only two recorded, and may in fact be the only one. Ex Kurt Wolfsbauer.



John Davis (ESC 213): Displayed a series of acquisitions, including an Egyptian Transit Company marking ex Samir Fikry; a French soldier’s letter to Marseilles in 1826 apparently from Khargah Oasis; and a handwritten letter from Waghorn to David Roberts! **Mike Bramwell (ESC 449):** Provided a fascinating mini-history of a Briton working in the Egyptian Ministry of Finance before and after the First War, including a massive single-sheet passport with GB consular adhesive and handstamp. He was bemused by the terminology Agency and Consulate.

Peter Grech (ESC 266): Wowed members with a series of French “Return to Sender” handstamps (used in France 1863-1982) as deployed in the French offices in Egypt, where examples from only Port Said and Alexandria are known; and then with a brief discursion on the use of Port-Said French Office stamps used abroad, remarkably on the Ile de Rouad off Latakia, and even more astonishingly in Ethiopia.

Peter Andrews (ESC 122): Showed several covers from his Civil Censorship collection with censor marks and asked members to contact him if they have covers with an N 76 marking; a figure 2 on stationery; or a four-figure censor mark followed by a space and 2/3.

John Sears (ESC 188): Showed cards and covers connected to the Alexandria-Constanta Romanian Shipping Line, as in recent *QC* articles, and asked whether members had any knowledge of use on any cover of the three-line Alexandria handstamp mentioned by Richard Wheatley in his article (*QC* 234) as being in use from 1911 to 1923 [see *Queries*, page 95]. **Alan Jeyes (ESC 293):** Was able to display a recent acquisition in the form of a rectangular card with Arabic notation and four small hand-painted “stamps” apparently proposed as essays for a new issue of Postage Dues. They are undated but carry the name UAR with rates in millièmes, so presumably some time around 1958. The Survey of Egypt handwritten note suggests that they are unsuitable because Postage Dues require the value figure to be much more prominent.



Essays for UAR Postage Dues (Alan Jeyes)

Atef Sarian (ESC 639): Showed a full mint pane of 25 (5x5) of the Farouk 18th Birthday stamp of 11 February 1938, control number A/38, as another recent acquisition.

The Chairman closed the meeting by wishing all members, present or not, best wishes for the holiday period and a Happy New Year of collecting in 2012.

Obituary: William C Scheetz, ESC 110

Members will be saddened to hear of the passing on August 15 of William (“Bill”) Calvin Scheetz, at the age of 96. Bill, who lived in Newark, New Jersey, was one of our longest-standing members, having joined the Circle as long ago as 1960; membership of the American Philatelic Society was even longer at 55 years. He retired in 1980 after 48 years in management, and became a master gardener. During war service in an infantry division he won two Bronze Stars. Always interested in travel, he visited Japan, Ireland, Finland, Germany, Russia and Egypt, and was a member of antique societies as well as of the Circle. An occasional visitor to UK as well as contributor to the *QC*, he had an intense interest in Egyptian philately, acquiring several items from the Byam sale, and was well known on both sides of the Atlantic as generous with his time and his material, always willing to exchange ideas and research.



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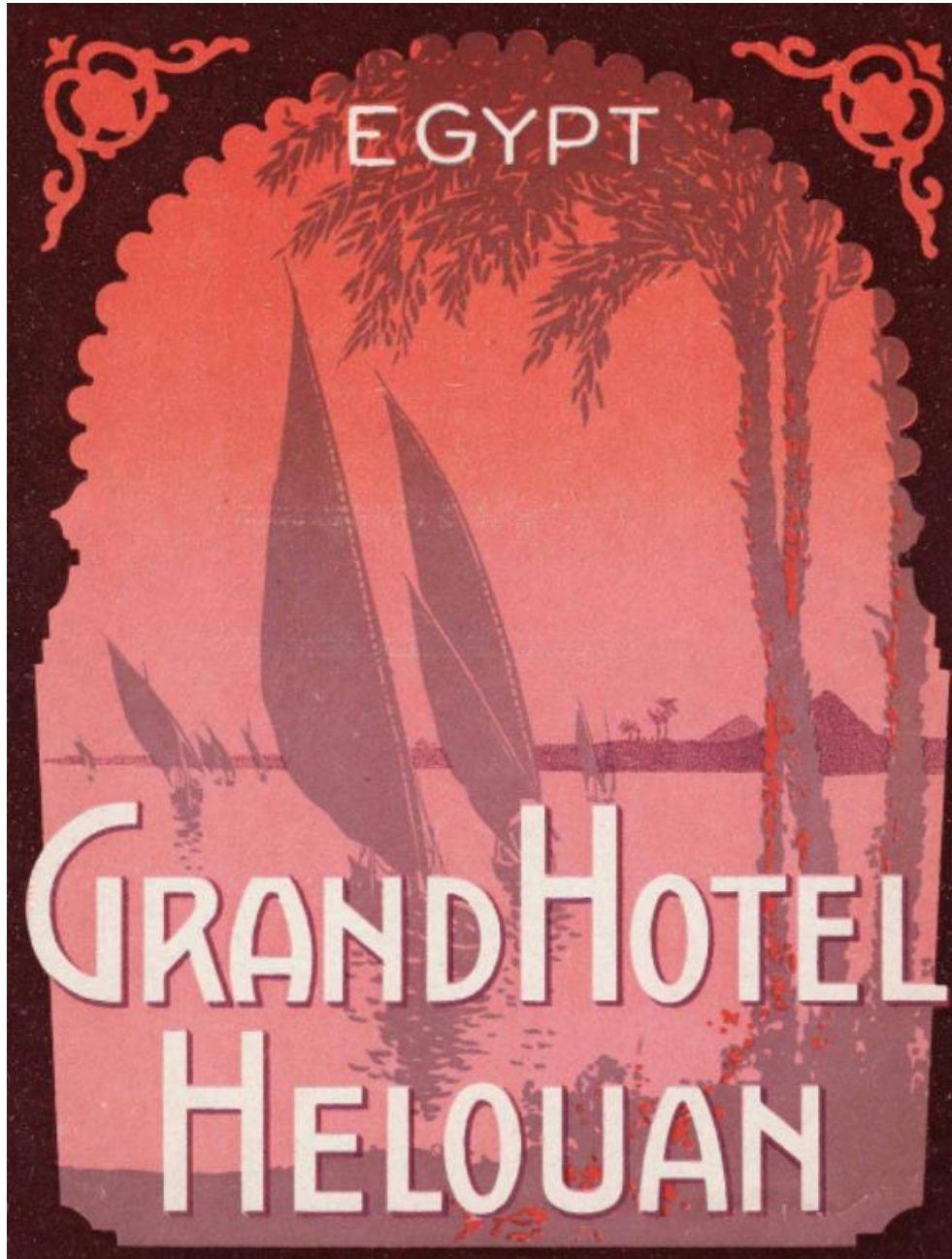
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J Ericson - R Radcliff - Stuart Sillars - Japanese Gardens - Helwan - June 29 1941

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Maori Battalion performing a haka for the King of Greece in Helwan, Egypt, during World War 2.
Official photograph taken circa 24 June 1941.

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Selling soft drinks in Helwan

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Military Matters - Egyptian War Office

Edmund Hall (ESC 239)

On page 4 of John Firebrace's book *British Empire Campaign and Occupation in the Near East, 1914-1924, A Postal History* he illustrates a postmark containing the wording "WAR OFFICE RECEIVED" (C9). He gives only one recorded date and states: "The status of this datestamp is unknown, used as an arrival marking"¹. In *QC 120* he again states that only one example had been recorded².

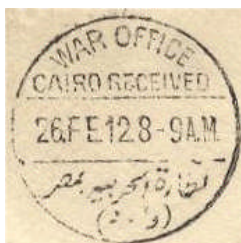


After quelling the 1882 Arabi "rebellion" British officers were merely lent to the Egyptian War Office for service in the Khedival Army, ostensibly to uphold the authority of the Khedive. Egypt remained nominally a dependency of Turkey³. The British took over the Egyptian War Office at the Citadel for its "advisors" to run the Egyptian Army. It is this office to which I believe the postmark belongs. After the occupation civilian Egyptian Post Offices were set up to handle mail to and from the British troops and around 1897 a barrel type was introduced with the wording MILITARY POST OFFICE CAIRO. These are found predominantly as receiving marks.

I believe that the Egyptian War Office introduced its own receiving datestamp - the earliest I have seen being 15 JUL 07 - consisting of a double oval with the wording POST ROOM, RECEIVED, WAR OFFICE. I believe this eventually was transformed into the postmark illustrated in John's book and then later became simply CAIRO W.O. This last type I have seen with the W.O. in two sizes. Interestingly, the Arabic in this type reads "cash" but it is clearly a receiving mark on apparently normal mail.

All the covers I have seen originated in Britain or from within Egypt and these are addressed all in Arabic. Many are addressed to Mahmoud Abbassi Bey between 1913 and 1924.

	MILITARY POST OFFICE CAIRO	POST ROOM WAR OFFICE	WAR OFFICE CAIRO RECEIVED	CAIRO W.O.
Earliest date	27 VI 87	15 JUL 07	26 FE 12	5 II 23 (L)
Latest date	15 FE 16	31 JAN 11	13 AP 22	30 DE 24 (S)



Barrel type used by the Egyptian civil post for incoming mail destined for British troops



The POST ROOM mark with the barrel marking of the 30th. PM, one day earlier. The postcard was received by the civil Egyptian post office and passed to the War Office the next day. Some other covers seen have an AM time indicator and were passed on the same day.



Cover dated 22 DE 24 in the U.K, received in Cairo 30 DE 24 6.³⁰ A and then to the War Office the same day, showing that the mark was a receiving one.

References:

1. John Firebrace. *British Empire Campaign and Occupation in the Near East, 1914-1924, A Postal History*. 1991
2. John Firebrace. *QC 120* December 1981
3. *The New York Times* May 2, 1915.

The revolution and Egypt's stamps

Mike Murphy (ESC 240)

Recently, a member in the United States asked me whether I knew of any philatelic outcome of the overthrow of President Hosni Mubarak – any overprints? Any new issues? I told him that the country did not seem in a mood for such matters.

But at last, after all the turbulence, Egypt Post does seem to be getting back to an even keel – but it has not been easy. Issues of stamps, not only to subscribers to the

Philatelic Bureau's new issue service but even to the ordinary man on the street, has been haphazard and very much delayed, and for two weeks after the January 25 revolution mail collection and delivery throughout the country was halted almost entirely.

Since then it has been far from plain sailing. Stamps planned for early in the year were delayed by up to as much as six months, and the situation has not been helped by the nation's postal workers going on strike against the pay and bonus conditions – and high pay rates awarded to “consultants” seen as ineffective – set by the new chairman of the Postal Authority, Tareq el-Saadani.

Even before the recent troubles the Philatelic Bureau was struggling to cope with an extensive rebuilding programme which meant that the office was swathed in scaffolding and temporary dust-sheets, barely able to carry out its normal work.

Subscribers to the new issue service have seen their packets of stamps very much delayed, and no programme of issues for 2011 has been published to my knowledge. Perhaps the best guide to what is happening is one of the well-known European-based auction websites, where Egyptian dealers are selling new issues as quickly as they become available.

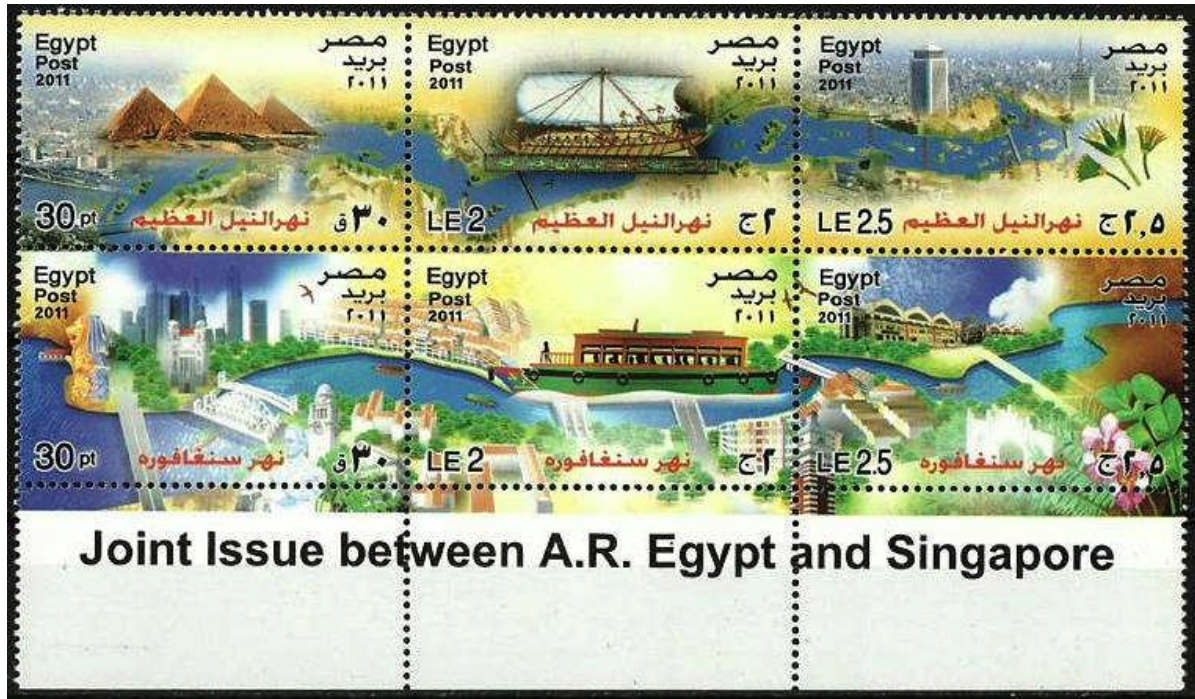


dated – 2.1.2011! This issue must clearly have been designed and approved, even printed, well before the “troubles” – but took an age to appear.



New issue subscribers did receive a welcome packet at the end of May – but it contained only 2010 issues, and nothing at all from this year. At the beginning of November the first 2011 issues were received – together with a packet containing all the information sheets for the 2010 issues, which are no longer sent with the relative stamp issues.

After the Post Day issue, two stamps (30p and £E2.5) were issued on April 11 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Cairo Tower (*previous page*) – but they were not available until the end of June. And ditto the issue for World Environment Day (£E2.5), supposedly issued on June 5. In mid-September first-day covers for all the abovementioned stamps started to appear – all dated with “correct” issue dates.



More recent issues – 200 years of the Military Academy (30p) and the truly striking joint issue with Singapore commemorating “significant rivers of the world” – the Nile and the Singapore River – marked by Egypt with set-tenant blocks of six (*above*) with 30p, £E2 and £E2.50 stamps in a pane of 36 (3x12) are said to have been issued on July 20 and October 17 respectively. First-day covers are on sale with these dates.



Perhaps more intriguing is the offer on the auction site of a collection of the “full issues for 2011”, including all those mentioned above, together with a mystery £E2.5 upright Pharaonic-design stamp (*left*) without date which has the appearance of a new definitive. Issue date? Unknown.

As is so much about Egypt’s recent issues. Let’s hope the situation settles down before we all become frustrated with new issues and stop buying them.

Membership changes

Deceased:

ESC 110 William C Scheetz.

Change of address:

ESC 639 Atef Sarian, 1e Oxford & Cambridge Mansions, Old Marylebone Rd, London NW1 5EA

Query 97 from André Navari (ESC534) – Egyptian stamp banned

I have a query that was originally published by a member of the French Union Marcophile society (unionmarcophile.unblog.fr) in its magazine *Les Feuilles Marcophiles*.

One year after Operation Musketeer, Egypt issued a set of five stamps with the title “Egypt - Tomb of Aggressors 1957” (Yvert & Tellier 399-403, SG 532-536, Magdi 169-173, E.S.Handbook V.II. 169-173), date of issue July 26, 1957.

The stamp in question is the yellow-brown, showing the evacuation of French and English troops and titled “Port Said 1956”. In reaction to this stamp a note dated September 17, 1957, was published (page 217) in the French Postal Bulletin, organ of the Post, Telephone and Telegraphs government office:

The Administration has been informed that correspondence originating from Egypt has been franked with postage stamps the subject of which is considered as being of an insulting nature to France. The stamp, of value 10 millièmes, in large horizontal format and bistre in colour, importantly carries the double inscription “Egypt Tomb of Aggressors 1957” and “Port-Saïd 1956”.

Mail franked by means of postage-stamps as described must be systematically returned to origin, with the notification: “Unacceptable. Universal Postal Convention, article 59, § 1st,d.”

Ce timbre est considéré comme INJURIEUX POUR LA FRANCE, qui émet le 17 Septembre un avis d'interdiction (B.O. 268 Po 43, fig.3).

1957		BULLETIN OFFICIEL DES P.T.T.		Page : 217
CLASSEMENT : B 240.	DIFFUSION	DOCUMENT	268	
RECUEIL : p. 98.	F	Po	43	
● Ce fascicule contient un seul texte ●				
Po 5	NOTE du 17 septembre 1957.			
OBJET Correspondances originaires d'Égypte.				
(Concerne également les départements d'outre-mer)				
<p>L'Administration a été informée que des correspondances originaires d'Égypte étaient revêtues de timbres-poste dont le sujet est considéré comme présentant un caractère injurieux pour la France. Ces figurines, d'une valeur de 10 millièmes, de grand format horizontal et de couleur bistre, comportent notamment la double inscription : « Egypt Tomb of aggressors 1957 », « Port-Saïd 1956 ».</p> <p>Les envois affranchis au moyen de timbres-poste de l'espèce devront être systématiquement retournés à l'origine, avec la mention : « Inadmis. Convention Postale Universelle, article 59, § 1^{er}, d. »</p>				



(See also *The Story Behind the Stamp*: December 2006 QC. 219 back page)

My questions are: is it possible to find:

- A legal letter to France with this stamp before September 17 1957
- A letter refused and returned to Egypt with marks as described
- A letter to France accepted after September 17 1957; also
- What was the position of the British Post Office?
- Is it possible to find letters with this stamp sent to UK?

Query 98 from Dick Wilson (ESC 230) - Small Army Post stamps.

The date of issue is December 16, 1939. Has anyone seen a legitimate first day cover? The one illustrated in Hobbs (page 73) has both stamps on a cover posted in the Cairo civil post office, not a military post office. The address is incomplete as it reads only Victoria which could be in Australia or Canada among other places. Other covers to the same person at the street address were addressed to Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. He viewed this item with suspicion.

Also, what is the earliest known cover with the 10 millièmes? I have not seen any with a December 1939 postmark. The earliest I have is postmarked at M.P.O. E.605 8 JA 40.

**Query 99 from Rolf Rohlf (non-member) – Internal rate in 1866**

I bought Lot 501 of the “Pearls of Arabia” auction held by Spink’s. The June 1867 letter from Cairo via Alexandria and Trieste to Wiener Neustadt is franked by 2pi of the First Issue (double rate) for the trip from Cairo to Alexandria, and 25 soldi (single rate) for the journey from Alexandria to Wiener Neustadt. The weight of a single letter in Austria was 1 lod. But what was the weight step for a single letter in the Egyptian post? Was it different? I’d like to say: yes. For example: for the British it was 1/2 oz, for the French 7 1/2 g.

Response, from **Peter Smith** (ESC 74): The Austrian rates were for 15g units, whereas in 1865-66 the Egyptian rates were for 10g units. Thus the letter in question must have weighed between 10 and 15g, being a double-rate letter in Egypt, but a single in the Austrian PO.

Query 100 from John Sears (ESC188) - Romanian Steamship Line Marking.

This marking was mentioned and illustrated by Richard Wheatley (ESC 168) in his article on the Romanian Steamship Line which appeared in *QC* 234 of September, 2010, and shown on postcard in his following article in *QC* 237 of June 2011. The postcard was from Alexandria addressed to Bucarest. It is obviously a very scarce mark, and I wonder if any other member has seen it, I asked the same question at the Circle Meeting of 5th November, but no response.

Please let us know if you have any knowledge of it.

ALEXANDRIA
27-APR-1913
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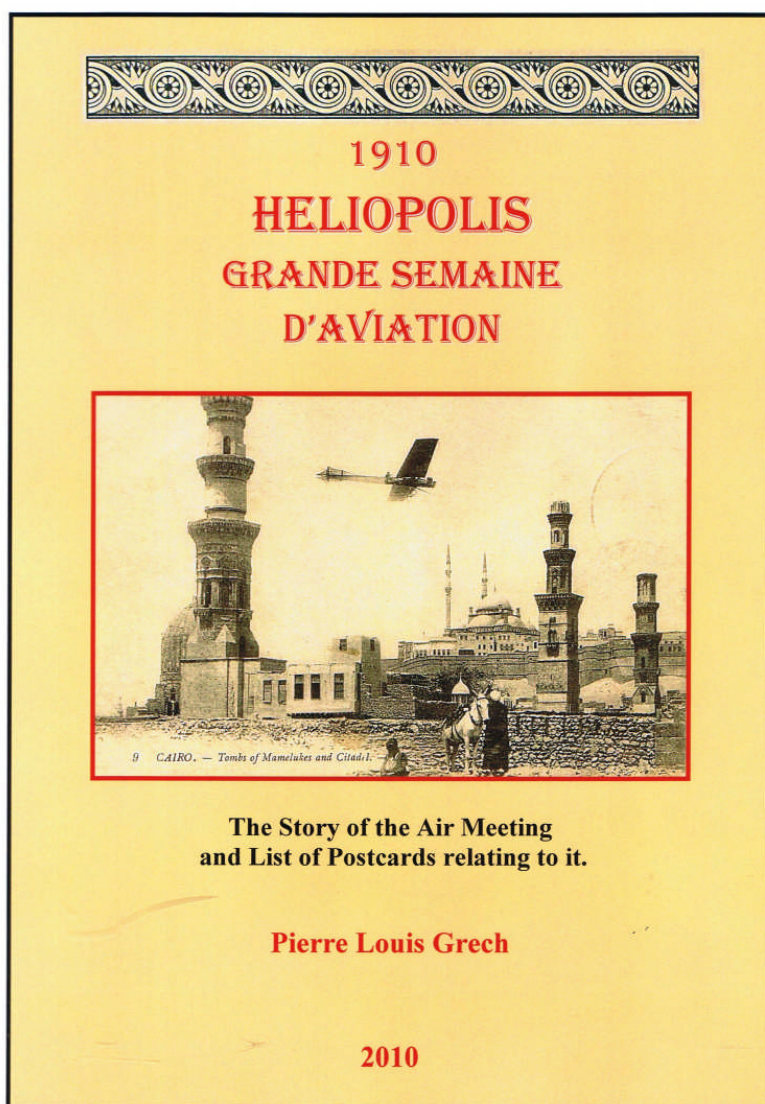
Book Review

1910 - HELIOPOLIS GRAND SE MAINE D'AVIATION: By Pierre Louis Grech (ESC 266)

The writer has treated us to a microscopic review of the historic air meeting of 1910, the first one in Africa, let alone Egypt. It commences with the part played by Baron Empain (a Belgian who organised the construction of Cairo's first electric tramway), he was responsible for the development of the "Oasis of Heliopolis" into a very fashionable suburb of Cairo. After visiting an air meeting in France, he determined to organise one in Cairo to be run in accordance with the regulations of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale.

The prospectus of the Meeting listing the events and prize money is illustrated, with a plan of the air field and its location. Biographical notes of each of the pilots with photographs of them and their planes are shown. There is a diary of the events which took place for each day between February 6th to the 13th. Full details of the prize winners, what they won, and the planes they flew also appear.

The famous CDS of Heliopolis Aerodrome is then covered in detail, with valuable hints on how to identify the forgeries which exist.



Then we have a list of the Postcards, with the aircraft, relating to the Meeting, also listing the publishers. About 70 are illustrated (12 in colour), all very well reproduced.

Finally there is an appendix of 9 pages with a facsimile of the Official Programme.

This is a tastefully soft bound volume, and in conclusions I think it safe to say that any reader knowing little about this event, will end up by knowing all about it. Those of us who have a passing knowledge of Heliopolis 1910 will find it very useful in dotting the Is and crossing the t's.

John Sears (ESC 188).

Peter Smith (ESC 74), former ESC President, in an email to Peter writes:

“The Heliopolis book arrived in yesterday's mail, and I quickly set out to devour it. What a wonderful array of photos you included! I had no idea there were so many around. The text is also good reading, and even my wife (who is not a philatelist) began reading it when I had finished. Thank you for writing such an enjoyable book!”

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