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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

July 7	Services Club	Post-monarchy bring and show	All members
September 29	Stampex 2pm	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 Annual General Meeting, February 25, 2012

PRESENT: John Sears (President), Stanley Horesh (Deputy Chairman), Mike Murphy (Secretary), Edmund Hall (Editor/webmaster), Brian Sedgley (Treasurer), John Davis (Librarian), Sami Sadek (Committee), Mike Bramwell, Joe Chalhoub (Canada), Angela Child, Cyril Defriez, Denis Doren (Canada), Mostafa El-Dars, Pauline Gittoes, Peter Grech, Paul Green, Neil Hitchens, Alan Jeyes, Costas Kelemenis (Greece), Wolfgang Kohler, Mahmoud Ramadan (Egypt), Sherif Samra (Egypt), Atef Sarian, Tony Schmidt, Vahe Varjabedian (Egypt).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from: Peter Andrews (Chairman), David Sedgwick (Publicity), Dick Wilson, Tony Chisholm, Ibrahim Shoukry, Margaret Chadwick, John Clarke, Sue Claridge.

In the absence in the Antipodes of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all those present, particularly a gratifyingly large number from overseas, including Denis Doren from Canada attending his first meeting, a feature that also applied to Neil Hitchens (UK).

He reported that we were fortunate this year in having had a visit from Tony Chisholm (ESC 288), our Antipodes Agent, and his wife, and mentioned the convivial lunch held to make them welcome at the home of John Sears, our President, and his wife Pat. To set against that visit, however, he had to mention the resignation, after seven years of excellent service, of Dick Wilson (ESC 230), our North American Agent, and paid full tribute to his experience and wisdom in keeping us abreast of affairs in the area, in accepting (and occasionally having to chase) subscriptions from members, and especially in facilitating our affiliation with the American Philatelic Society. Dick, thank you for your long service; the Circle is grateful indeed.

In opening the meeting proper, the Deputy Chairman first called for a minute's silence in memory of the three members who had passed away during the year, Peter Goodwin, Bill Scheetz and Christ Henstock. There then followed apologies for absence and approval of the minutes of the 2011 AGM.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman's report was read in his absence by the Secretary. It described 2011 as a great year, with first-class displays and a re-awakening of interest in a community study of TPOs, which showed quite a phenomenal interest in a subject which no one had put forward as "their" speciality.

QC back copies

The Librarian has a large number of back copies of the *QC* available and is willing to make them available at a very attractive reduced price. Please send your "wants" list to John Davis at john.davis2@btinternet.com.

He looked forward to the forthcoming meeting on post-Kingdom issues as following this trend, and hoped that everyone would contribute to their utmost.

It will not have passed without notice, it said, that the recent "all members" meeting produced some quite spectacular material, and appealed to members to bring forward at these meetings anything that interests them even if only a few sheets. "Remember that whatever interests you is sure to interest someone else in the Circle, and who knows – you may start something big!" The Secretary noted at this stage that our next meeting at Philatex on April 21, is an "all members" ten-sheets meeting.

The Chairman offered sincere thanks to all members of the Circle and particularly the Committee members without whose valuable assistance – sometimes in quite trying circumstances – things cannot continue.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary announced that membership was slightly down in 2011, to 186, with three deaths, five resignations and five lapsings offset by the election of only four new members and restoration of two previous members for a net loss of seven. But he offset that by putting before the meeting five new applications, two of which had come via Yasser Omar (ESC 605) in Dubai. The meeting offered Yasser its grateful thanks, and welcomed to membership Essam Saleh (Alexandria), Andrew Titley (Texas), Louis LeBlanc (Louisiana), Nabil Guirguis (Windsor), and Iosif Nassati (Athens).

The Secretary then announced that the Macarthur Award for the best and most significant *QC* article from the previous year had been won not by a single vote as in 2010 but in a landslide, and asked the Deputy Chairman

to present the trophy to Peter Grech (ESC 266) – his third success – for his article on Helouan and its postal history. Peter thanked members for voting for him, and said he was both honoured and embarrassed to receive the award again.



Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year to December 31, 2010, which showed an overall loss for the year of £453.37. Income was much reduced by the fact that only one full Auction had been held during the year: as a result the regular transfer of funds from the Auction account was reduced from £1,200 in 2010 to £50.01 last year. Expenditure was also reduced, and the change to a new printer has enabled full colour in the *QC* without an increase in costs. He warned that postal charges were again likely to increase this year, and appealed once more for members to send in their subscriptions on time. For UK members, certainly, the most convenient way is to pay by standing order to Barclays Bank (Wood Green Group), sort code 20-98-21, account number 60334731: please use your surname and membership number as references. The report was approved (proposed Edmund Hall, seconded Alan Jeyes).

Charlie Hass (ESC 181)

During the meeting Joe Chalhoub (ESC 385) sought a moment to speak in support of our long-time American colleague Charlie Hass (ESC 181), who is far from well and suffering an inability to concentrate on his excellent philatelic research as in the past. Joe appealed to all members to try to support Charlie, and mentioned the possibility of a new book on the Bar Overprints, a favourite topic of Charlie's on which he has worked for decades, as a potential re-starter of the dynamo that we miss so much. In the meantime, to be on the safe side, members are advised not to send any material to Charlie for expertising or an opinion.

The Treasurer then proposed a warm vote of thanks to the Accountant, Stephen Bunce (ESC 272), which was seconded by Edmund Hall and warmly applauded.

Auction Report: John Sears (ESC 188) noted the slightly disappointing results from the single full Auction and the inaugural Live Auction last year, and wished the Auction Committee all luck in future sales, welcoming the kind offer of Keith Pogson to volunteer to take over the associated financial affairs. With the Secretary, he noted that although an April-May Auction was scheduled, it may be difficult to organise and lot-up in time the material from Peter Goodwin's legacy which is intended to be at its heart. The material has

arrived from New Zealand, but is not yet in our hands, and so has yet to be seen and gauged. Most definitely there will be a full Auction in the autumn: there will be more news about the possibilities for spring as soon as the material has been viewed.

Editor/Webmaster Report: Edmund Hall (ESC 239) welcomed members' enthusiastic reaction to the advent of full colour in the *QC*, but otherwise his report was similar to last year's: "If you want the *QC* to continue, please submit material."

The meeting then discussed digitisation of the *QC*, that is, putting copies of all back issues on the website, in original page form, so that they can be viewed by members. The great advantage is that the whole mass of material will be available at the touch of a button, and will be word-searchable – enter the word “Fuad”, for instance, or “perforation”, and the search engine will show every instance of the word from the first issue of the magazine in 1935. There was much discussion, and it was agreed that the website pages must be available only to members (password protected), must not be capable of being edited, and must be searchable as described. Edmund estimated that the cost may be of the order of £700 to £1000, and there was discussion about whether this amount may be offset by making a small charge for viewing the pages: the feeling of the meeting was that all the information should be free to members. On the proposal of Sami Sadek, seconded by Brian Sedgley, the meeting agreed without dissenting voice that digitisation should go ahead.

Librarian’s report: John Davis (ESC 213) reported a quiet year for the Library, and again offered to save postage costs by bringing any book requested to a meeting to hand over. In respect of the previous item, however, he was concerned that the Circle’s stock of back-copies would rapidly become redundant with the *QC* online and so suggested that all back copies be made available at very much reduced prices

Election of Officers: The meeting heard with deep regret of the resignation of Dick Wilson as North American Agent, a post he had filled with enthusiasm, energy and integrity since 2005, and thanked him for his outstanding and unwaveringly diplomatic service over the years. It welcomed with acclamation the kind offer by Trent Ruebush (ESC 197) to take over the role, looked forward to a warm and efficient co-operation with our new North American Agent, and wished him well in his new role.

There was no official further business, but there was much discussion of the cramped and inadequate balcony “room” in which we had been placed by the Stampex authorities for this meeting. It was clear that the regular rooms were all in use for other purposes, but the meeting felt that we should have been given warning of the change of accommodation and the Secretary was instructed to investigate and to ensure that such conditions were not imposed on us in the future. Because one wall was missing from the “room” attention was drawn to the fact that voices did not easily carry over the background noise of the full exhibition. It was agreed that at future Annual Meetings a microphone must be made available.

The meeting decided in principle that the date of the next Annual Meeting should echo as closely as possible this one, that is, on the Saturday of Spring Stampex. But if it is proposed that we be placed again in a balcony “room” alternative accommodation shall be sought.

Before the Annual Meeting closed, Peter Grech proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee for all its hard work over the past year. The proposal was greeted with acclaim.

There then followed our second Live Auction in the room, which helped to attract a record number of 25 members to the AGM. Despite the claustrophobic conditions, members seemed to enjoy the cut and thrust of in-the-room bidding, which followed email bids based on every one of the 200 lots being illustrated online, and there was intense bidding on some of the lots.

The upshot was that 147 lots were sold (73 per cent), split as last year half-and-half between those in the room (17 bidders, 76 lots sold, for £2018) and email bidders (20 of 26 bidders successful, winning 71 lots for £1820). Postage costs will come mainly from the Circle commission of £383.80; and we are enormously grateful to Edmund Hall, the auctioneer, and his helpers, Mike Murphy, Brian Sedgley and John Davis.

We owe an even larger debt to Jack Graham (ESC 541, of Oregon), who very kindly donated a number of items from his collection to be sold for the benefit of club funds: we are delighted to announce that 12 of the 16 lots on offer sold, for a total of £570. And there are more lots to come in forthcoming Auctions. Thank you, Jack! In similar vein, Dick Wilson offered part of the proceeds from his sales for Circle funds, and we shall gain thereby by a further £90.00. Thank you, Dick!

For a change, there was no formal closure to the meeting, merely a feeling all round that it had been a happy and worthwhile afternoon, and that everyone had enjoyed themselves.

Report of the Meeting, April 21, 2012

PRESENT: John Sears (President), Peter Andrews (Chairman), Mike Murphy (Secretary), Edmund Hall (Editor/webmaster), Brian Sedgley (Treasurer), John Davis (Librarian), Mike Bramwell, Angela Child, John Clarke, Pauline Gittoes, Paul Green, Alan Jeyes, Tony Schmidt, Ronny van Pellecom (Belgium), Richard Wheatley.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from: Stanley Horesh (Deputy Chairman), Cyril Defriez, Mostafa el-Dars, Peter Grech.

The meeting opened with the Chairman greeting members and apologising because he had missed the first two meetings of the year while on his travels – to Saudi Arabia, Australia and China. He had also moved house recently and apologised again for having failed to bring any material to show at today's "ten sheets" meeting – his whole collection remains in the moving men's boxes.

The Chairman and Secretary both spoke of the forthcoming Spring Auction, which has finally been arranged in light of the arrival of masses of excellent and varied material from the estate of the late Peter Goodwin, which will be sold at both our auctions this year on behalf of Peter's grandchildren. More will be sold via the Sudan Study Group, thanks to our member Paul Grigg (ESC 476). The Chairman urged members to bid high and often!

The Secretary mentioned problems with the "room" we had at Stampex (see above), and the venue's non-committal reaction to our note of complaint, but it was agreed to give the venue another chance before changing our arrangements.

The Treasure and Secretary both mentioned that subscriptions, which were due on January 1, remained unpaid by some members. They would be lapsed from membership if still unpaid by next day.

The Librarian spoke of the back-copy QCs he had in stock, and it was agreed that these would be sold for 50p each plus postage. The Secretary passed to the Librarian some photographs of Matarangi meetings found among Peter Goodwin's material to be added to the Record.

The Editor expressed fears about the enormous increase in British postal rates due at the end of April and there was much discussion of the effect that this might have on postage for the QC. We shall review the position as it changes, and there is no present intention to make any change in subscription rates.

Several members brought material to show, including a "preview" of Peter Goodwin's material that will appear in the spring auction, and these will be dealt with briefly because the probability is that several will form *QC* contributions in the near future:

Tony Schmidt (ESC 198) showed important covers concerning mail exchanged between the Egyptian Post Office and foreign postal administrations, noting that no stamp was affixed between administrations but that a cover to Heidelberg in 1880 addressed to an individual was franked 2x1piastre with a Cairo Interpostal behind. Another Egyptian cover to France in 1904 was pre-printed with the Paris address, indicating a large amount of such correspondence.

Edmund Hall (ESC 239) asked when is a postcard not a postcard, and illustrated his question with printed matter, *Imprimés* endorsements, taxed cards with no message, untaxed cards with long messages, cards charged at concession rates long after the concession had ended ... a delightful confusion of routes and rates that could use a lot more elucidation.

Brian Sedgley (ESC 268) showed some outstanding material from the foreign consular post offices in Egypt, including an outstanding recent find in a Russian Office cover to Latakia with a clear 785 lozenge canceller for the stamp.

Paul Green (ESC 128) made a neat and varied display of an assortment of first-class covers, including a rare registered cover from the 1882 British occupation forces, addressed to Younger's Brewery in Edinburgh and franked with 3x2 1/2d stamps; and the return half of a 4m on 5m surcharged reply postal stationery card with a Wiesbaden CDS.

John Davis (ESC 213) displayed some rare and outstanding items from the earliest Military Post Office markings that followed the Force in Egypt (Army of Occupation), including the earliest recorded Military Post Office Alexandria CDS (31 Dec 1896) and a CDS showing Military P.O. rather than post office in full. A letter from Cairo to UK bears the manuscript "Active Service no stamps", but the Egyptian boxed-T tax mark triggered a 5d charge from the Foreign Branch of the Post Office in London, indicating that the letter came from an officer (2 1/2d rate) rather than a serviceman (1d rate).

Finally, **Mike Murphy** (ESC 240) showed a few of the 180 recently acquired charming and informative handwritten letters by Samuel Shephard, of Cairo hotels fame, which formed the basis of the book by Michael Bird. The collection constitutes a first-person history of Egypt by an intelligent and curious observer at a crucial period, and we hope eventually to be able to place the letters on our website, with transcriptions of the hotelier's observations, as the "Shephard archive".

Membership changes

New members:

- ESC 667** **Essam Saleh**, 9 Hamed el-Kholy Street, San Stefano 21532, Alexandria, Egypt
(Every aspect of Egyptian stamps and postal history)
- ESC 668** **Andrew Titley**, 3611 Cole Avenue, Apt 169, Dallas, Texas 75204, United States
(Egyptian consular posts, Posta Europea, US revenues, Saudi Arabia)
- ESC 669** **Louis LeBlanc**, 411 Hood Street, Donaldsonville, Louisiana 70346, United States
(Egypt, consular mail, foreign post offices, Louisiana postal history)
- ESC 670** **Nabil Guirguis**, No 4 The Redwoods, Bolton Avenue, Windsor, Berks SL4 3TA
(Egypt generally, but primarily Fuad and Farouk definitives)
- ESC 671** **Iosif Nassati**, 243, C Karamanli Avenue, Voula, Athens 16673, Greece
(Egypt, royal definitives, ie, King Farouk and King Fouad pictorial sets)
- ESC 672** **Shamel Rashad**, 24 el Nil el Abyad Street, Sahafeyeen, Giza, Egypt
(Egypt stamps, postmarks, air mails, Gaza, hotels, dues, officials)
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(Pre-1952 definitives, TPOs, air mails, British Forces, postal history)

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ESC 335 Hugh Johnston **ESC 381** Philip Nichols **ESC 489** Mohamed Nofal
ESC 493 Ahmed Sobhi

UPU Congress honour for Lucien

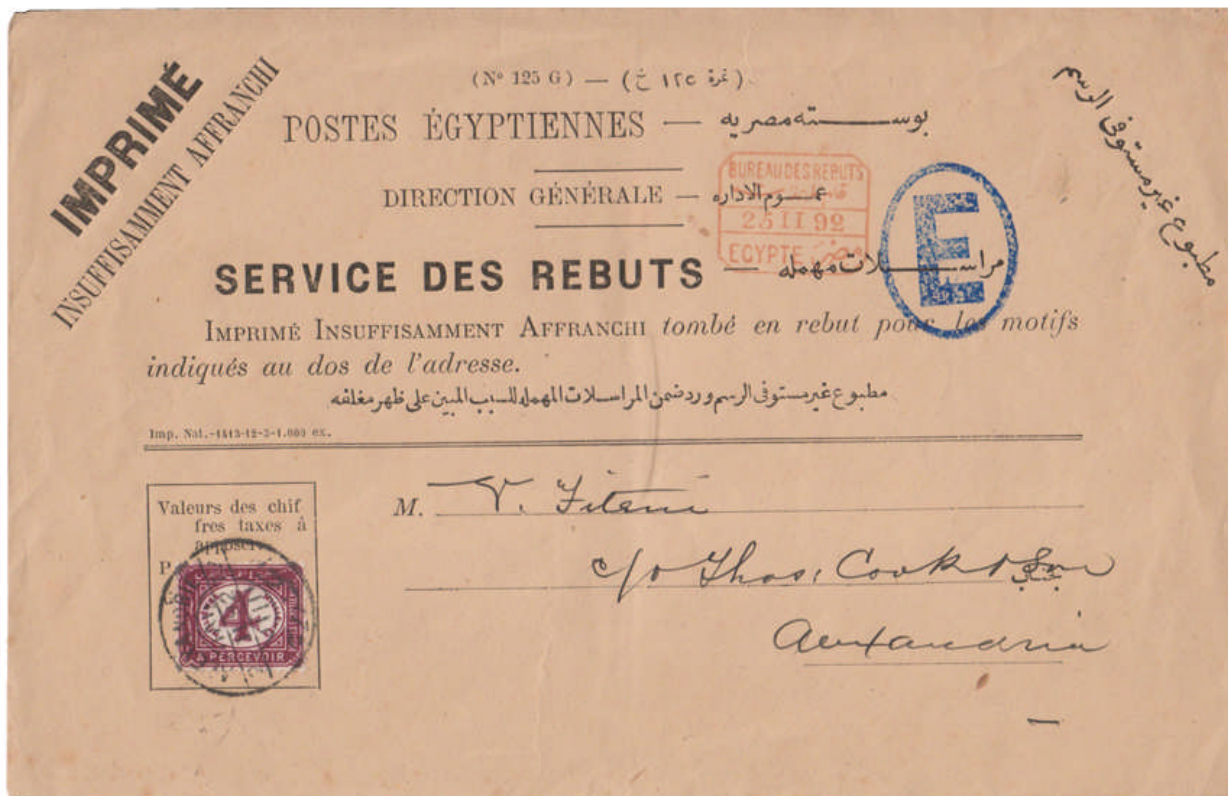
The Circle is delighted to congratulate our member Lucien Toutounji (ESC 264), whose exhibition collection "Egypt Airmail 1910-1936", which was awarded a Large Gold medal at the Portugal 2010 international exhibition, has been selected as one of the very few top-class collections to be exhibited in the Court of Honour at the Universal Postal Union (Berne) 25th Congress in Doha, Qatar, between September 24 and October 15

Service Des Rebuts Stationery

Richard Wheatley (ESC 169)

When I saw in the last *QC* the advertisement by Greg Todd, I said to myself “I have one of those Service Des Rebuts envelopes”. Sure enough, I do have one, just the same: it has a 4mills postage due stamp cancelled by an Alexandrie cds 25 II 92 and it is addressed to a Mr Fiteni c/o Thos Cook & Son, Alexandria. But it is different, for my envelope has printed in the top left corner “IMPRIMÉ / Insuffisamment Affranchi”.

This Returned Mail Envelope would have had inside it an unpaid printed matter item and was being returned to the sender, a Mr Fiteni at Thomas Cook. At that time the inland printed matter rate was 2mills per 50 gram and it appears that the Post Office are charging double that deficiency, rather than the 5mills inland letter rate.



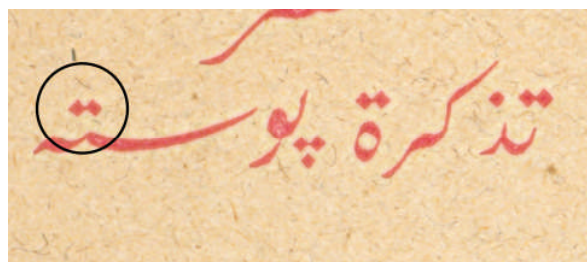
SPC3 / SPC5 Unrecorded Printing Flaw

Scott Van Horn (ESC 619)

While cataloguing some postal stationery items, I noticed a minor printing flaw in the Arabic word for postal card in the two dots at the left. The flaw occurs on both the 1888 5m and the 1891 3m on 5m postal cards; having inspected around 25 copies of both SPC3 and SPC5, I found three cards with the flaw, so it must occur with some regularity.



Flaw



Normal

Cancellations of Egypt from Government Post and Used on the 1866 First Adhesive Issue.

Greg Todd (ESC 585)

Universally these are either the ubiquitous 81 dot (9x9) retta obliteration and the "Poste Vice-Realì Egiziane" (PVRE) datestamps, although one or two cancellations (Desuk, for example) can be found which are not in line with the above two types.

All of the following are either strikes of the under-researched Government Post (April 17th, 1865 until 31st December 1865) or cancellations on the first issue only, thus all read "POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE".

The "PVRE" of Cairo and Alexandria are common, the cancellations of Mansura, Suez, Tanta and Zagazik less so, whilst other town / village cancellations are nearly all fairly scarce to extremely rare.

As a collector of this issue however, I am trying to isolate the periods of use of the "Poste Vice-Realì Egiziane / Alessandria" datestamp and the "Poste Vice-Realì Egiziane / Cairo" datestamp with regard to their usage in colours other than black, as blue is commonly found and red is rarely so and auction describers frequently err on this point.

I have ignored the diameters of the cancellations and thus list only Feltus Types I-2.5 types. I have gone through the extensive Todd library and cancellations that I hold on the subject, initially in order to eradicate comments (such as "in use for a few days only") surrounding the "PVRE-CAIRO" datestamp in red. It can be seen from the by no means complete list below that I have so far recorded this usage from July 4th 1866 until August 15th 1866 and I have no doubts that ESC readers will stretch these dates: but please - I am studying only the first issue, not the second (latest dates) known! It can also be seen that the "PVRE-ALESSANDRIA" datestamp in red is only, so far, been recorded between July 7th and July 11th 1866. ☒ symbol means on cover.



ALEXANDRIA (PVRE in Black). Government Post.

- 17.APR.65 (2T).☒ Earliest known usage of datestamp. Collection GT.
- 18.APR.65 Earliest recorded example, Smith page 21 and Feltus list.
- 27. APR.65 (1T).☒
- 31.DEC.65 (1T).☒ Final day of use of the Government Post. (GT).

First Issue.

- 1.GEN.66 . ☒ First Day Cover with 10pa re-affixed. Ex Rousso, lot 692.
- 16.GEN.66 ☒
- 27.GEN.66 (1T). _with 5pa. on newspaper fragment. Ex Antonini and Fikry (lot 30019).
- 2.FEB.66. _
- 2.FEB.66. ☒ with retta and cds. Ex Wolfsbauer, DF Feb 2002, lot 31755.
- 11.FEB.66. ☒ with retta and cds. Ex Wolfsbauer, DF Feb 2002, lot 31694.
- 15.FEB.66 (1T).☒
- 21.FEB.66 (2T).☒ Cover with 10pa. (four). Ex Rousso lot 693.
- 23.FEB.66 (2T).☒
- 24.MARZ.66 (1T). ☒
- 24.MAG.66 (3T).☒
- 26.GUIG.66 (3T).☒
- 22.66.AGOS date error.☒
- 10.OTT.66 (1T).☒
- 17.OTT.66 (2) ☒ with date etc. inverted. with Turkish Poste Locale. Rousso lot 684.
- 17.OTT.66 ☒
- 3.GEN.67 ☒
- 17.GEN.67 ☒cover to Luxor with 2pi and 5pi. Rousso lot 699.
- 25.GEN.67 (1T). ☒
- 16.GEN.67 ☒ with 2x1pi on cover. Ex Wolfsbauer.
- 17.GEN.67 (2T). ☒

- 1.FEB.67 (3).☒
 26.MAG.67 (1T).
 2.APR.67 (3T).☒
 10.APR.67 (3T).☒
 28.APR.67. ☒ with 10pa. strip of four. Ex Wolfsbauer, DF Feb 2002, lot 31692.
 19.LUGL.-- (1T).☒ Year date slug missing.
 20.LUGL.67. _ Bisect usage. Byam lot 295.
 23.LUGL.67 (3T).☒DF, May 2001, lot 30188, cover with 5pa. x 8.
 23.LUGL.67 (3).☒ Bisect usage. DF, Dec 2006, Ex Fikry.
 25.LUGL.67 (3T) _ with 5pa block of four. Ex Fikry, lot 30020.
 27.LUGL.67._
 31.LUGL.67 (3T)._ Bisect usage on last day of 1866 issue.
 1.AGOS.67 (1T)._ Bisect usage on first day of 1867 issue.

ALEXANDRIA (PVRE in Red).

- 7.LUG.66 (1).☒
 10.LUG.66 (3).☒
 11.LUG.66 (3).☒Ex Gougas. RL, Feb 19732, lot 881.

ATFE (PVRE in Blue).

- 10.MARZ.66 (2T).☒Combination cover. DF, May 2001, lot 30136. Ex Wolfsbauer, DF Feb 2002, lot 31645.

BENHA (PVRE in Black). Government Post.

- 26.APR.65 (2T).☒Earliest recorded example (Smith page 21). GT collection.

First Issue.

- 1.GEN.66 (1T). ☒First Day cover. Byam lot 263. Collection Alberto Bolaffi.

BENI-SOUEF (PVRE in Black).

Recorded on first issue (RSB) in Feltus. Not seen by GT.

BIRKET EL SAB (PVRE in Black).

- 31.OTT.66. Recorded in Feltus (PRF).
 4.DEC.66 (IT). GT collection.
 14.LUGL.67 (1T). Ex Antonini and DF, May 2001, lot 30195. DF, Feb 2002, lot 31696. Ex Wolfsbauer, on pair of 20pa.

CAIRO (PVRE in Black). Government Post.

- 19.APR.65. Recorded in Feltus. Peter Smith collection.
 8.GIUG.65 (1T).☒
 31.DEC.65.☒Arrival datestamp.

First Issue.

- 3.GEN.66 (1).☒
 6.GEN.66 (1).
 8.GEN.66 (1)._
 10.GEN.66 (1)._
 12.GEN.66. ☒ in combination with Italy 40c. Ex Rousso lot 597.
 16.GEN.66 (2T). ☒
 18.GEN.66 (1).☒
 22.GEN.66 (2T).
 27.GEN.66 (1)._
 6.FEB.66 (1).☒ With 20pa pair (GT). Ex Rousso lot 695. Ex C&T listing PEL 31, Mailboat
 23.FEB.66 (1).☒
 12.MARZ.66 (1)._
 4.APR.66 (1)._

- 5.APR.66 (1).☒
 18.APR.66 (1).☒
 19.APR.66 (1T)._
 22.APR.66 (1).☒5pa. pair on cover, collection Hany Salam.
 25.MAG.66 (1T).☒
 27.MAG.66 (1).☒ With Austria 15s. to Trieste (iffy). DF, Feb 2002, lot 30877.
 17.GIUG.66 (3T). ☒ Cover to Trieste.
 23.AUG.66 (1).☒
 23.MARZ.66 (2T).☒
 3.AGO.66 (1). _ with 5pi. (12), 1pi, 2pi. 20pa. and 10pa. DF, Dec 2006, lot 30035, Fikry.
 17.GIUG.66.☒DF, May 2011, lot 20186.
 1.SETT.66 (1). ☒ with 10pa. block of four. Ex Fikry (2006) and Rousso lot 697.
 2.OTT.66 (1).☒
 4.OTT.66 (3T). ☒ Registered, collection Antonini, Fikry (2006), Rousso lot 698.
 26.NOV.66 ☒DF, May 2001, lot 30168, with Italy 40c. Ex Wolfsbauer, DF Feb 2002, lot 31662.
 11.DEC.66 (1). ☒ with Italy 40c. Ex Wolfsbauer, DF Feb 2002, lot 31662.
 4.APR.67 (1T).☒ With 1pi. Ex Rousso, lot 701.
 14.MAG.67. Late use in black. GT collection.
 27.LUGL.67.☒ Cancelling 5pi. and 1pi. Cosp. Rare usage of black cds too. Ex Byam and Cihangir, Corinphila, May 2000, lot 2514.

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- 3.LUGL.65 (2T). On dubious Greek combination cover, ex Rousso, lot 683.
 3.LUGL.65 (-T). On cover to Gotha. DF, Feb, 2002, lot 30845. Ex Wolfsbauer.
 8.OTT.65. As listed in Feltus.
 31.DEC.65. As listed in Feltus.

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- 3.SET.66 (3). ☒DF, May 2011, lot 20298.
 19.SET.66 (1). ☒DF, May 2001, lot 30204.
 13.OTT.66 (1) _
 19.OTT.66 (3).☒Byam lot 185.
 10.NOV.66 (1).☒DF, May 2001, lot 30167.
 16.NOV.66 (3).☒Italy combination. DF, Feb 1999, lot 10223. Rousso lot 603.
 25.DEC.66 (3). Italy combination. DF, Dec 2006, lot 30030. Ex Fikry.
 3.GEN.67 (3).☒
 12.GEN.67 (1).☒
 24.GEN.67 (2).☒
 30.GEN.67 (1).☒ To Leipzig via Austrian PO. DF, Feb 2002, Ex Wolfsbauer, lot 30881.
 1.FEB.67 (1).☒
 6.FEB.67 (3).☒
 2.MAR.67 (1). Piece with three colour combination (GT). Fikry (2006). Rousso lot 700.
 8.MAR.67 (3).☒ In combination with France. Ex Rousso lot 517.
 14.MAR.67 (1).☒
 18.MAR.67 (2).☒
 10.APR.67 (1)._
 26.MAG.67 (2).☒
 5.GIU 67 (2).☒ Ex Rousso, lot 501.
 8.GIU.67 (1).☒
 27.GIU.67 (1).☒ With Austria 15s. DF, Feb 2002, lot 30879. Ex Wolfsbauer.
 13.LUGL.67 (1).☒
 17.LUGL.67 (1).☒Byam lot 188.
 20.LUGL.67 (2).☒Bisect usage (Todd collection).
 21.LUGL.67 (1).☒Bisect usage. df, May 2001, lt 30218.
 23.LUGL.67 (2).☒Bisect usage. DF, Dec 2006, lot 30031.
 24.LUGL.67 (1).☒Bisect usage. Byam lot 293.
 25.LUGL.67 (3)._Bisect usage. Byam lot 294.

- 29.LUGL.67 (2). ☒ Illustrated in Smith, colour plate 16. Bisect usage.
 29.LUGL.67 (1). _ Bisect usage.
 1.AGO.67 (1). ☒ Bisect usage. Ex Whetter, 2001, lot 24.

CAIRO (PVRE in Red). First Issue.

- 4.LUG.66 (3). ☒ Italy combination cover. DF, Feb 1999, lot 10224. Rousso lot 601.
 6.LUG.66 (3). ☒
 11.LUG.66 (3). _
 29.LUG.66 (3). _
 4.AGO.66 (1). _
 4.AGO.66 (1). ☒ 1pi. + Austrian 15s. combination cover, ex Byam & Fikry, lot 30028.
 8.AGO.66 (1). ☒ DF, Feb 1999, lot 10277.
 10.AGO.66 (3). ☒ DF, May 2001, lot 30199. DF, Feb 2002, lot 31695. Ex Wolfsbauer.
 15.AGO.66 (1). ☒ DF, Dec 2006, lot 30036. Ex Fikry, with 1pi. (2) and 10pi. slate.

CONSTANTINOPOLI (PVRE in Black). Government Post.

- 17.AUG.65. Recorded in Feltus & Smith.

First Issue.

- 11.GEN.66
 19.FEB.66 ☒ Ex 'Alexandria'. Lot 2715, with pair of 2pi.
 8.MAG.66 ☒ Ex Cihangir, Corinthia, May 2000, lot 2617.
 14.AGO.66 ☒ Ex Mishrick, RL, Nov 1981, lot 1415.
 6.NOV.66 ☒ Ex Antonini, lot 32300, ex Fikry lot 30024 on 20pa. pair. Ex 'Alexandria'.
 9.APR.67 _ Ex Danson, lot 398.
 9.APR.67. ☒ Ex Antonini and Fikry (Dec 2006), lot 30026.
 14.MAG.67 ☒ Ex Antonini, lot 32303. with three 1pi to Smyrne, ex 'Alexandria', lot 2716.

DAMANHOUR (PVRE in Black).

- 11.FEB.66. Recorded in Feltus (JRD).
 30.LUGL.66. ☒ DF, Feb 2002, lot 31754. Ex Wolfsbauer.
 5.OCT.66 (3T). ☒
 5.OCT.66 (3T). ☒ Ex MacArthur, lot 44.
 1.NOV.66 (T). No code number.

DAMIATA (PVRE in Black). Government Post.

- 3.DEC.65. Recorded by Feltus.

First Issue.

- 26.SET.66 (1T). ☒. DF, May 2001, lot 30198.
 26.LUGL.66 (1T). ☒ DF, Feb 2002, lot 31754. Ex Wolfsbauer.
 24.LUGL.67 (1T). Illustrated in Smith, colour plate 2.

DAMIATA (PVRE in Blue). Government Post.

- 3.LUGL.65. ☒ Recorded by GT.
 3.DEC.65. Recorded by Smith.

DESUK.

- Star & Crescent cancellation in black on fraudulently re-used 1pi. (GT).

GALIUB (PVRE in Black). First Issue.

- APR.66. Recorded on Feltus (PASS).
 16.GEN.67 (1T). Underpaid cover. DF, Feb 2000, lot 20123.

GEDDA (PVRE in Black). First Issue.

- 17.OCT.66. Recorded in Feltus.
 9.MARZ.67. Disinfected entire to Alexandria. Harmers, 1953.

- 9.MAG.67 ☒. With pair of 1pi. SG, June 1979, lot 416. Hinde, 1957. Cotta, Gougas.
 28.APR.67 ☒. Ex Antonini. Lot 32311.
 30.MAG.67 _ . On 2pi. Ex Ferrari.
 30.MAG.67 ☒. Collection Greg Todd.
 28.APR.67 _ . Ex Najjar article in GSM, 1pi. (3) used on piece.
 1.LUGL.67. 1pi block of four used. Ex Danson, lot 461.
 1.LUGL.67. 1pi. pair on cover to Suez. Ex Uexkull, Rousso (lot 1).
 30.LUGL.67. ☒Ex Hinde, RL, Oct 1957, lot 445. © (GT) both with three line date inverted.

ISMAILIA (PVRE in Black).

- 12.NOV.69 ☒. Genuine (?) late use. DF, Feb 1999, lot 10181.

KAFER ZAYAT (PVRE in Black). First Issue.

- 5.GEN.66. Recorded by Feltus (KM).
 13. APR.66 (3T). ☒ GT collection, ex Rousso.
 5.GEN.66 (1T). ☒ Ex MacArthur collection, lot 46.
 13.LUGL.67 (3). Ex Antonini, lot 32389.

KAFRE DAWAR (PVRE in Black). First Issue.

- 5.MARZ.67 (1T). Earliest recorded date of use. Ex Kuyas. GT coll'n. Update Feltus listing.

MANSURA (PVRE in Black). Government Post.

- 9.MAG.65 (1T). ☒ DF, Feb 1999, lot 10245.

First Issue.

- 10.MAG.66 ☒ DF, May 2001, lot 30216. DF, Feb 2002, lot 31698. Ex Wolfsbauer.
 12.MAG.66 ☒ Ex MacArthur collection, lot 52.
 11.LUGL.67. ☒ Ex Cihangir, Corinphila, May 2000, lot 2513.
 18.SETT.66 ☒
 8.NOV.66 ☒ with 1pi. DF, Feb 2002, lot 31696. Ex Wolfsbauer.

MANSURA (PVRE in Blue). Government Post.

- 18.APR.65 (1T).☒ Earliest known usage of datestamp.
 22.APR.65. Recorded in Feltus (JBH) and Smith.
 29.LUGL.65. ☒ ex C&T list VOR 34 (Gedda cover issue).
 AGOS.65. ☒DF, May 2001, lot 30183. Ex Wolfsbauer, DF Feb 2002, lot 31755.
 8.GIUG.65 (2T).☒

MICHALLA (PVRE in Black). Government Post.

- 6.NOV.65. Recorded in Smith.
 18.NOV.65. Recorded in Feltus (JRD). Ex Wolfsbauer, DF Feb 2002, lot 31689.

First Issue.

- 1.MARZ.66. ☒ with four 10pa. Ex Rousso, lot 694.
 26.AGOS.66 (2T). ☒GB combination cover. Ex Fikry (Dec 2006, lot 30029). DF, May 2011, lot 20229.

MINET EL GAM (PVRE in Black). First Issue.

- 15.DEC.66. Recorded in Feltus (PASS).

SAMANUD (PVRE in Black). First Issue.

- 1.APR.66 (1T).☒Ex Fox. RL, Jan 1969, lot 532, strip of four 10pa. Ex Cihangir, lot 2511.
 17.FEB.67 (1T). _

SMIRNE (PVRE in Black). Government Post.

- 2.DEC.65. Recorded in Feltus & Smith.

First Issue.

- 5.MAG.66 ☒ Cover to Cyprus. Ex Antonini, lot 32331.
 7.GUIG.66 ☒ Ex Antonini, lot 32330.
 6.OTT.66 ☒ Ex 'Alexandria', lot 2736, used to Beirut. Ex Cihangir, lot 2661.
 13.OTT.66. Piece with Turkish Local Post.
 27.OTT.66. Part cover with 2pi. Ex Danson, lot 448.
 5.APR.67 ☒
 MAY.67. Recorded in Feltus.

SUEZ (PVRE in Black). Government Post.

- 19.APR.65. Recorded in Feltus (GK) and Smith.

First Issue.

- 10.GEN.66 (1T). _
 18.GEN.66 (1T).☒
 19.APR.66 (1T). ☒ GB combination cover.
 21.MAG.66 (1T).☒ GB combination cover. Ex Cihangir, Corinphila, May 2000, lot 2512.
 5.LUGL.66 (1T).☒ Alireza collection. GB combination cover.
 9.AGOS.66 (1T). ☒DF. Feb 1999, lot 10267.
 1.NOV.66 (1T).☒
 1.APR.67 (1T).
 2.GIUG.67 (1T).☒
 7.LUGL.67 (1T).☒
 8.LUGL.67 (1T).☒

TANTA (PVRE in Black). Government Post.

- 8.GIUG.65 (1T).☒ Earliest recorded example (Smith page 21 and Feltus). GT collection.
 18.SETT.65. ☒ Ex Wolfsbauer, DF Feb 2002, lot 31689.
 26.SETT.65 (2T). ☒ Ex Antonini. Lot 32190.
 17.DEC.65 (2T). ☒DF, May 2001, lot 30182.

First Issue.

- 3.GEN.66 (2T).☒
 7.FEB.66 (1T).☒ Ex Cotta, RL, Jan 1965 lot 27.
 8.MARZ.66 (2T).☒
 9.MARZ.66 (2T).☒ Ex Cotta, RL, Jan 1965 lot 154.
 11.MARZ.66: ☒ Ex C&T list, 2001.
 14.MARZ.66 (1T).☒
 9.APR.66 (3T).☒ Illustrated in Smith, page 153.
 7.OTT.66. ☒ with Greek Large Hermes 40 lepta. Ex Wolfsbauer, DF Feb 2002, lot 31656.
 10.OCT.66 (2T).☒
 10.APR.67 (3T).☒

THE EL BARUD (PVRE in Black). First Issue.

- 13.SETT.66. Recorded in Feltus (PASS).

TOOKH (PVRE in Black). First Issue.

- 9.NOV.66. Recorded in Feltus (KD).

ZAGAZIK (PVRE in black). Government Post.

- 18.APR.65. Recorded in Feltus (GK).

First Issue.

- 1.GEN.66 (1T). ☒ First Day Cover. Ex Antonini, lot 32425.
 16.MAG.66. ☒ 20pa pair on French combination cover. Ex Antonini, Fikry & Rousso, lot 514
 18.GIU.66.(☒) Combination front. Ex Fikry (2006, lot 30027) and Rousso lot 513.
 2.SETT.66 (1T). ☒ Combination cover. Ex Danson, RL, April 1977, lot 96.

- 17.SETT.66 (1T). COVER WITHOUT Italy 40c. (Collection GT).
 7.OTT.66 (1T). Combination cover. Ex Rouso, lot 515.
 18.NOV.66 (1T). Combination cover. DF, May 2011, lot 20148.
 7.DEC.66. French Combination cover. Ex Rouso, lot 516.
 17.GEN.67. French combination cover. Ex Wolfsbauer, DF Feb 2002, lot 31646.
 17.APR.67 (1T).
 27.AGOS.67 (1T). Combination cover. DF, May 2011, lot 20127.

ZIFTA & MITG. (PVRE in Black). Government Post.

- 31.LUGL.65. Recorded in Smith.
 16.AGOS.65 (1T). DF, Feb 1999, lot 10244.
 4.OTT.65 (2T). Ex Wolfsbauer, DF Feb 2002, lot 31689.

First Issue.

- 19.OTT.66 (1T).
 22.NOV.66 (2T). () with GB combination 6d. Ex Wolfsbauer, lot 31606.
 10.DEC.66 (1T). Iffy GB combination cover. Hinde, RL, Oct 1957, lot 60.
 25.GEN.67 (2T).
 15.MARZ.67 (1T). df, May 2011, lot 20322. Ex Gougas (lot 773).

Query 104 from **Richard Wheatley** (ESC 168)

I would be extremely grateful if anyone could explain the slogan in this postmark from Cairo dated 28 - 12 - 11.



Jean Flower, Dr Byam's daughter

We are sad to have to record the death on June 11 of Jean Flower, the last surviving daughter of the Circle's founder and first Chairman, Dr William Byam. She was 92. Her extraordinary life story, involving acting on stage at Oxford and Stratford during the war and later becoming the first female wireless operator as part of the Secret Service, formed a fascinating interview written by John Davis (ESC 213) in *QC* 221 (June 2007). In it she reveals that her father, who spent years in Egypt before the war, took up collecting as a release from the pressures of his specialty, tropical medicine, and that the Circle's name stems from the shape of Dr Byam's table in Harley Street around which early meetings were held. Sadly, another link with our past is gone. A floral tribute was sent on behalf of the officers and members of the Circle, and John Davis represented us at the funeral service.

Slogans on Machine Cancellations 1959-1970, Part II

Vahe Varjabedian (ESC 390)

Following publication of the first part in *QC* 237 (June 2011, pages 29-33), dealing with 1922-1959, this is the second and concluding study of the slogans on Egyptian Post Office machine cancellations. The initial study illustrated 33 different slogans; here the list is doubled, with a further 68 taking the recorded total to 101.

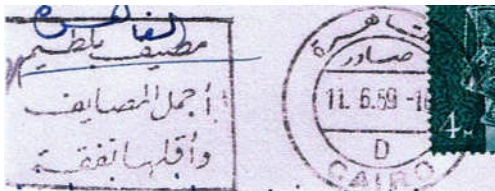
After 1959 the number of these slogans increased dramatically, especially after the proclamation (February 1, 1958) of the United Arab Republic between Egypt and Syria. Patriotic and revolutionary slogans, together with an increase in tourist advertising concerning the two nation states, meant a large number of new discoveries.

We also found during the period 1960-67 an intense propaganda campaign for the Palestinian cause with five different slogans, of which two are quite scarce because they were in use only for short periods.

After 1961 the Egyptian Government started a new tourist campaign, and another directed at the health and instruction of the nation's population. Many of these slogans from 1960-68 are common, used at least for one or two years in different cities, but others are rare, noted only once or twice in ten years of collecting.

Note that Numbers 45 and 49 below have the same Arabic wording, but the latter has an extra figure 15 inserted into the slogan box. Many slogans of the 1960s seem to have extra figures. See also, for instance, Nos 40 (2), 51 (5), 52 (4), 60 (6?), 61 (5), 68 (2), 78 (?), 81 (4), 84 (3?), 85 (4) and 92 (2). Others are known, but their meaning is not clear; they may be related to the numerals that sometimes appear in the "waves" of a machine canceller.

Because some of these slogans are known in comparatively very few examples, I have chosen not (yet) to provide earliest and latest dates, but I should very much welcome feedback from Study Circle members with illustrated examples so that a full listing can be built up.



34. *Baltim resort / best resort / cheapest resort*
(unusual)



35. *VISITEZ / L'EXPOSITION DAMAS / 1-30 SEP.*
1958



36. *In memory of / one million homeless*
Palestinians / 15 May 1948



37. *REMEMBER / HOMELESS MILLION / ARAB*
REFUGEES (unusual)



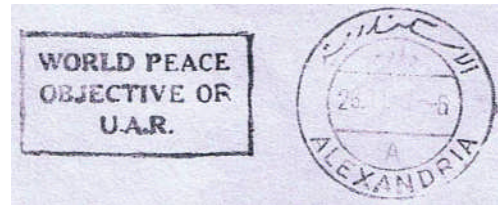
38. *ROMANCE / AND MAGIC / AT LUXOR*



39. *Visit Industrial and Agricultural Fair*



40. Second Economic Conference of Afro-Asian countries, Cairo Apr 3-May 3 1960



41. WORLD PEACE / OBJECTIVE OF / U.A.R.



42. Visit Damascus, world's oldest city



43. WISHFULL / GREETINGS (bilingual)



44. January 3 / Post Day



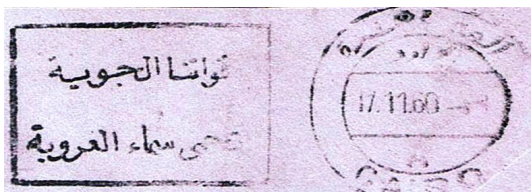
45. Census information secret by law



46. Welcome Census messenger, September 1960



47. Population Census is in September 1960



48. Our Air Force / protects Arab sky



49. Census information secret by law



50. The post is the prophet of peace



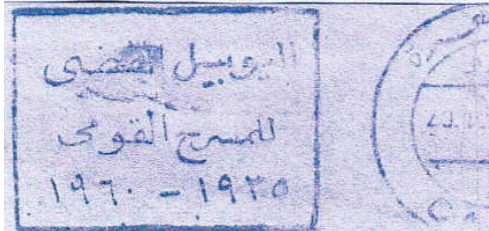
51. Walk on the pavement



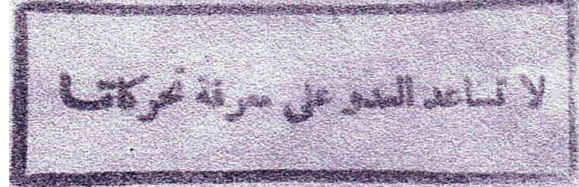
52. Visit Industrial and Agricultural Fair, Mehalla el Kobra, June 1960.



53. Calm and beauty in Baltim resort (unusual)



54. Silver Jubilee / National Theatre / 1935-1960



54. Don't help the enemy to know our movements



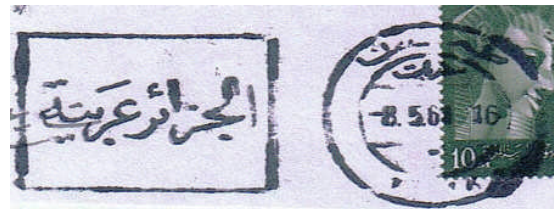
56. THE SUEZ / CANAL IN / THE SERVICE / OF NAVIGATION



57. Union is force / victory and construction



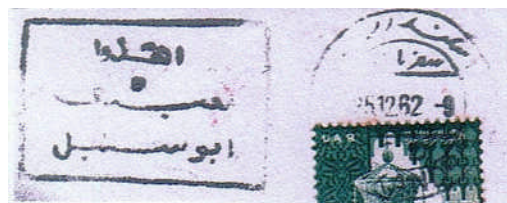
58. Stamp collecting – hobby, culture and saving



59. Algeria is Arab



60. Support Algeria resistance



61. Save Abu Simbel temple



62. CAIRO CITY / OF MOSQUES / AND PYRAMIDS



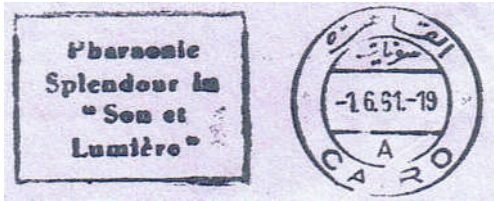
63. 23 July / Feast of Liberty



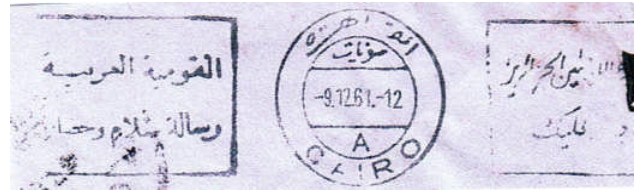
64. Agricultural / Census / 1960-1961



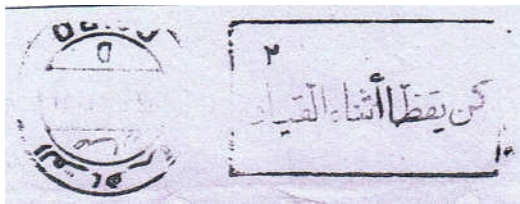
65. Victory for Algeria



66. Pharaonic / Splendour in / "Son et / Lumiere"



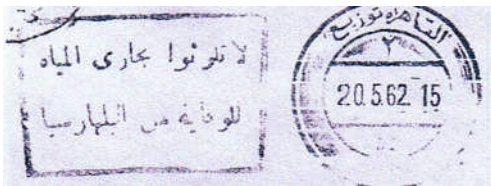
67. Arab Nationalism – message of peace and civilisation



68. Stay awake while driving



69. Sound and Light / brings / Ancient glories



70. Don't pollute the water; protect against bilharzia



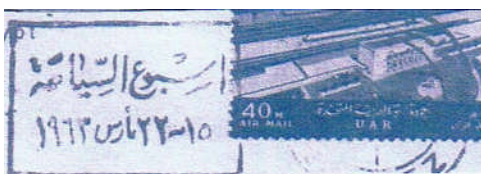
71. Sixth Arab Lawyers' Conference, 1-6 February



72. Suez Canal / In the service of international maritime



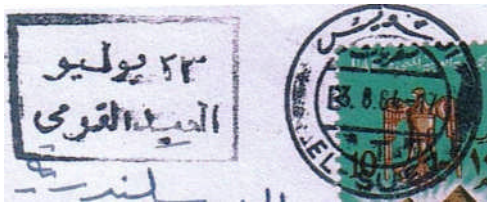
73. Resist flies to stay healthy



74. Tourism Week, 15-22 March 1963



75. TOWARDS / A WORLD FREED / FROM HUNGER



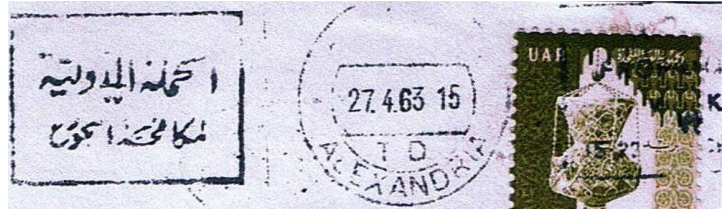
76. 23 July, National Feast



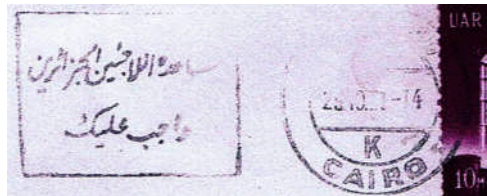
77. Fourth Pan-Arab Sports Tournament, Cairo, 2-11 September 1965



78. La Légende / des Siècles / Evoquée par / "Son et Lumière"



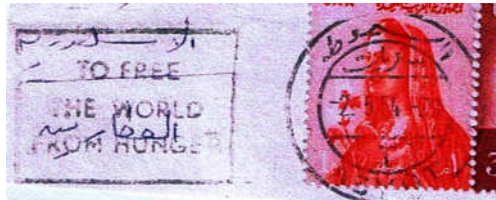
79. International campaign against hunger



80. It's your duty to help Algerian refugees



81. Anti-TB Society advises you to protect against tuberculosis infection



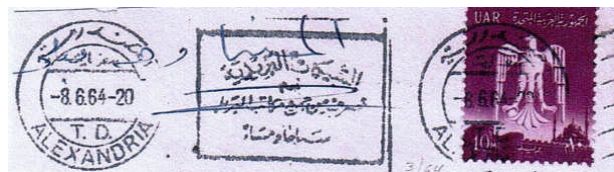
82. TO FREE / THE WORLD / FROM HUNGER



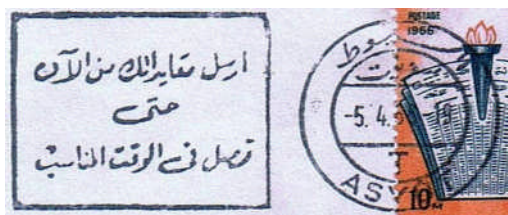
83. TOURIST / PROMOTION / WEEK / 15-22 MARCH 1963



84. Organise your financial life: open a postal money order account



85. Postal cheques are dispensed from all Post Offices day and night



86. Send your greetings now to arrive at the correct time (used 1965-1969)



87. Arab unity / is the will / of the Arab people



88. Save Abu Simbel



89. VISIT ALEX. BIENNALE / OF MEDIT ARTS



90. VISIT /ALEXANDRIA BIENNALE / 12/12/63 - 31/3/64



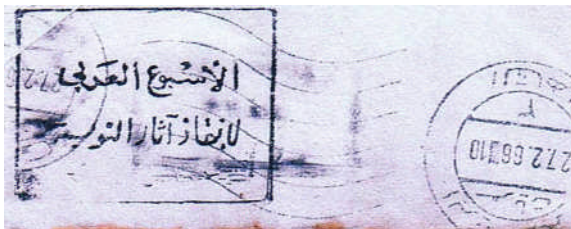
91. INT. TOURIST /YEAR/ TOURISM PASSPORT / TO PEACE



92. Victory for your brother in Palestine



93. International stamp exhibition, Cairo, from 2-11 January 1966



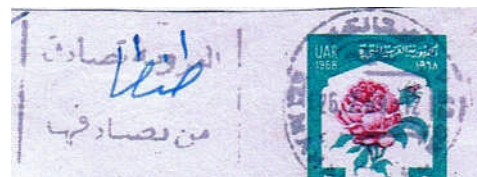
94. Arab week to save Nubian antiquities



95. Navy glory, pride of the Arabs



96. Save Nubian monuments – humanity and heritage



97. Arabism – friends who are friends



98. International Industrial Fair, Cairo, 20 October – 20 November



99. Civil defence is the protective shield of the internal front

Numbers 100-101, the pro-Palestinian solidarity slogans, are quite scarce because they were in use for only a short period.



100. Arab unity is the way to liberate Palestine



101. Victory for Palestine

Uses of the 3-mill Postage Due Rate

Peter A. S. Smith (ESC 74)

As is well known, in 1898, as a concession to the troops on active duty in the Sudan, letters from places where stamps were not available were exempted from the customary doubling of the required postage to be collected from the addressee. The announcement specifically stated that the concession applied to "soldiers and non-commissioned officers". Because the letter rate, 3 mills, was an odd number of mills, the concession established a need for an odd-value postage due stamp (the existing stamps were in even numbers). In the absence of such a postage due stamp, bisection of the 2-mill stamp was authorized until a 3-mill postage due stamp could be prepared (Fig. 1).

The cover shown in Fig. 1 appears to have been sent by a commissioned officer, even though it was charged at the concession rate. This raises the question as to whether the concession was extended to all members of the army in the Sudan (i.e., commissioned officers, attached civilians such as nurses and doctors, settlers), tacitly or by later clarification. A cover has now turned up that implies that it was (Fig.2). The cover was treated as requiring the normal letter rate, 5 mills, rather than the 3-mills rate. It was evidently allowed the exemption from doubling that applied to letters coming from areas where stamps were unavailable; therefore the charge was 5 mills postage due instead of 10 mills. The odd amount of postage due still could not be made up with the normal postage due stamps, but the 3-mill provisional plus a 2-mill stamp met the need. This is the only example I have seen of this treatment.

Although the 3-mill provisional was produced to meet a need arising from military activity, it was available for ordinary use. In particular, a postage due charge of 6 mills, for which there was no matching postage due stamp, could be made up nicely with a pair of 3-mills (Fig. 3). A charge of 6 mills would apply to unfranked postcards requiring 3 mills postage, or to certain items of foreign origin. Such is the case with Fig. 3. Although 6 mills could be made up with the existing 2 mills and 4 mills, that would have been more trouble (fishing out two different sheets to obtain one of each value).

The last cover to show is obviously philatelic. The provisional was used for original franking of an unsealed letter, rather than postage due. Although I don't know of any specific authorization for such use, it was nevertheless accepted and the item travelled (Fig. 4).



Fig. 1. A cover apparently from an officer, but charged 3 mills., then forwarded and charged again (a double rarity: forwarding with bisected postage dues, and San Stefano Hotel cancellation).



Fig. 2. May 99: cover from Omdurman without franking, charged the single-weight rate of 5 mills (officer's letter?; civilian letter?).

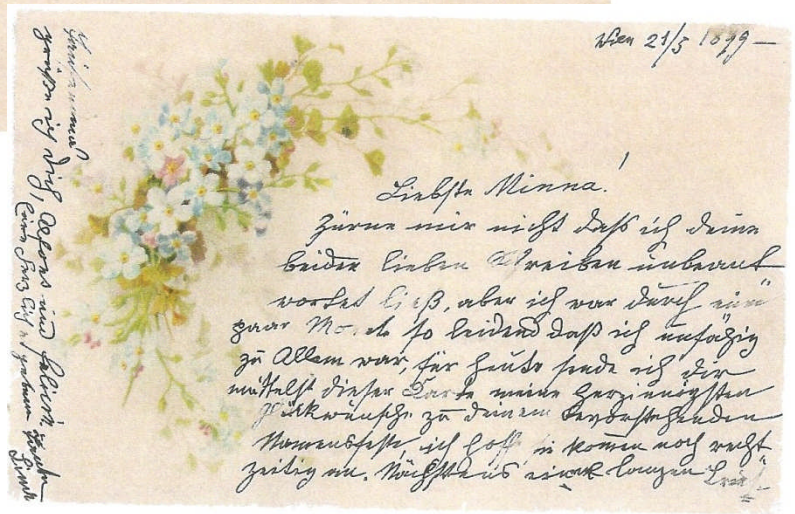


Fig. 3. Postcard from Austria sent without franking and charged 6 mills. with two copies of the provisional 3-mill postage due stamp.



Fig. 4. A cover sent as printed matter (philatelic), franked with a provisional 3-mill postage due stamp.

Editor's Comment

Another lovely article from Peter Smith showing various uses of this intriguing provisional which, while plentiful mint and even used, is extremely rare on cover. I have in the last twenty-plus years had the opportunity to bid for one only once, in the Dick Wilson auction at Spinks. I was the under-bidder, with the item selling for two and a half times the starting price.

A few years ago on eBay both the provisional and the bisected 2-mill postage due, used prior to the surcharging, were being offered. The seller pointed out that these were Nahman forgeries and was obviously very erudite on the subject. I bid and was successful, only to find when the items arrived that they had been sold by our own Dick Wilson. Included were two sheets he had listed of these forgeries he had seen, so it seems apt to include them here.



All addressed to Victor Nahman.

The spelling of Field is Feild.

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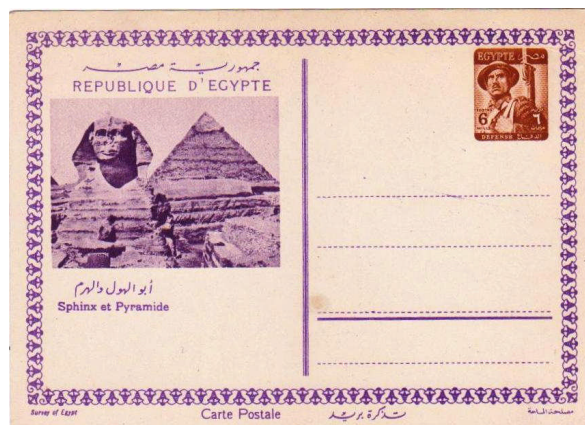


Richard's list is two years old and I have seen other Nahman covers offered on eBay but without any mention of them being forgeries as I have from "reputable dealers". Some take unkindly to being told so. Some years ago I sent a copy of Peter Smith's article from *QC* Vol 5, No 2 (Nov 1957), to a major auction house, which withdrew the item. It reappeared a couple of auctions later with a "sold as seen" classification!

The Nahmans far exceed the number of genuine covers and my search goes on for a genuine 3-mill on cover from a member of the Egyptian Army.

Census of Nahman Forgeries of 1898 Postage Due Covers

Cover Date	From C.D.S.	Sender	To	Stamps	Markings	Comment	Source
4 AV 98	Halfa	Pte. No. 74 W. Welsh, R.A.	Cairo 18 IV 98	3m on 2pt.	Boxed T Feild No Stamp Obtainable FB	Addressed to Victor Nahman, Esq. Backstamped Cairo.	barneam on eBay 27 June 2003 Also, Auktionhaus Christoph Gartner GmbH & Co. Germany, 27-29 March 2007.
16 MR 98	Merowi	Pte. William Adams	Alexandria (crossed out) to Tanta 12 AV 98	2m. + 2m. Bisect	Boxed T Feild Service No Stamp Obtainable FB	Addressed to Victor Nahman, Esq. Backstamped Tanta.	Phillips Auction, June 2000.
16 MR 98	Merowi	Copl. A. Smith ?	Alexandria (crossed out) to Tanta 12 AV 98	2m. + 2m. Bisect	Boxed T Feild Service No Stamp Obtainable FB ?	Addressed to Victor Nahman, Esq. Probably backstamped Tanta. The image of the cover is not clear, making some of the handwriting undecipherable	abertawel on eBay. 26 March 2002
16 MR 98	Merowi	Copl. 1027 A. Carpenter	Alexandria (crossed out) to Tanta 12 AV 98	2m. + 2m. Bisect	Boxed T Feild Service No Stamp Obtainable FB	Addressed to Victor Nahman, Esq. Probably backstamped Tanta.	lasdesas on eBay 28 April 2002
16 MR 98	Merowi	Pte. M. Martin R.F.	Alexandria (crossed out) to Tanta 12 AV	2m. + 2m. Bisect	Boxed T Feild Service No Stamp Obtainable FB	Addressed to Victor Nahman, Esq. Probably backstamped Tanta. 98	gailsinger on eBay 9 November 2003
30 VII 98	Atbara S.P.S.	Sergt. J. Sainclair R.F.	Alexandria 27 VIII 98	3m on 2pt.	Boxed T. Field Service No Stamp Obtainable F.C.E.	Addressed to Victor Nahman, Esq. Probably backstamped Alexandria. Image of the cover is not too clear thus making some of the handwriting undecipherable.	<i>The Quarterly Circular</i> , Vol. 5. No. 2, November 1957, p 20; QC, Vol. X No. 9 #113, March 1980, p. 251
30 VII 98	Atbara S.P.S.	A. Savage Pte. 247 R.F.	Alexandria 27 VIII 98	3m on 2pt.	Boxed T. Field Service No Stamp Obtainable F.C.E.	Addressed to Victor Nahman, Esq. Backstamped Alexandria.	George Alevizos November 2006 eBay
30 VII 98	Atbara S.P.S.	Pte. Wm. Wizard (?)	Alexandria 27 VIII 98	3m on 2pt.	Boxed T. Field Service No Stamp Obtainable F.C.E.	Addressed to Victor Nahman, Esq. Probably backstamped Alexandria. Did NOT sell.	Heinrich-Kohler Auktion, Wiesbaden, Germany 31 January 2007
3 VIII 98	Darmali	Corpl. G. Lyons	Alexandria 27 VIII 98	3m on 2pt.	Boxed T. Assume handwritten "Field Service No Stamp Obtainable F.C.E." as it is not shown in the photograph.	Addressed to Victor Nahman, Esq. Probably backstamped Alexandria.	Peter A. S. Smith's EGYPT, p.425
3 VIII 98	Darmali	Pte. James Morris ?	Alexandria 27 VIII 98	3m on 2pt.	Boxed T. "Field Service No Stamp Obtainable F.C.E."	Addressed to Victor Nahman, Esq. Backstamped Alexandria	eBay lot 150255743537, auction ending 15 June 2008.
4 AV 98	Haifa	1762 Pte. Wm. Watson ?	Cairo 18 IV 98	3m on 2pt.	Boxed T. Feild Service No Stamp Obtainable FB	Addressed to Victor Nahman, Esq. Probably Backstamped Cairo. The cover did not sell..	David Feldman SA Auction, Zurich, Switzerland 20-25 February 2000
4 AV 98	Haifa	Pte. 967. A. Adams	Cairo 18 IV 98	3m on 2pt	Boxed T. Field Service No Stamp Obtainable FB	Addressed to Victor Nahman, Esq. Backstamped Cairo.	Phillips Auction, June 2000.



1954 Tourist view cards on offer

Peter Goodwin (ESC 297), “Bookbinder Pete”, our good friend from New Zealand, died unexpectedly last year. He wanted his collection to go to those who would appreciate it, so his executors have passed it on to the Circle for disposal for the benefit of Peter’s grandchildren.

He was a keen collector of the attractive 1954 Tourist view cards published with four coloured borders by the Survey of Egypt, and to give all our members a fair chance of obtaining part of his collection, we are offering these mint cards, on a first come first served basis, at only £10 each, plus postage. Please contact the Secretary with your wishes: the table below indicates which cards are available (Yes/No), and with which border.

More material from Peter’s extensive collection will become available in our Auctions a little later in the year.

Card	Blue	Green	Violet	Brown	Card	Blue	Green	Violet	Brown
Allée des Sphinx	Y	Y	Y	N	Place Soliman Pacha	Y	Y	Y	Y
Assouan	Y	Y	N	N	Plage à Alexandrie	Y	Y	Y	N
Exposition	Y	Y	Y	N	Pont du Kasr el Nil	Y	Y	Y	N
Hotel Cataract	N	N	N	N	Pylone, Louxor	N	Y	N	N
Hotel Semiramis	N	N	Y	N	Sphinx/Pyramide	Y	N	Y	N
Temple de Philae	Y	Y	N	Y	Statue du Nil	Y	N	N	N
Jardin de Nouzha	Y	Y	N	Y	Temple de Louxor	N	N	N	Y
Kiosque Philae	N	Y	N	N	Univ Caire (front)	Y	Y	N	N
Nil/Pont de Gala	Y	Y	Y	Y	Univ Caire (corner)	Y	Y	Y	N
Barrages du Delta	N	Y	N	Y	Nile (sailing boats)	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mena House	N	N	N	N	Nile (steamer)	Y	Y	Y	N
Sultan Hassan Mosque	Y	Y	Y	Y	Vue pres des Barrages	Y	N	Y	Y
Place de Ramleh	Y	Y	Y	N					

