

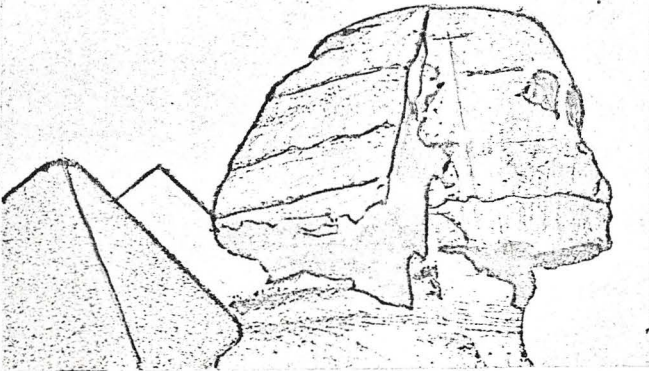
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THERE CAN BE FEW COLLECTORS, who are more pleased than I am to see a newsletter for collectors of Egyptian stamps reborn.

Ventures, such as this bring enjoyment to all who read the results - present subscribers, their friends and those collectors who may not see the publication until decades into the future. All of this is possible, however, only because someone is willing, and able, to do an inordinate amount of work quite altruistically. When this essential is gone, publications rapidly die; that being the history of the forerunners of Egyptian Topics.

The most vital need is for contributions worth publishing. It is the acute shortage of articles that keeps L'Orient Philatelique on such an erratic schedule, for example.

I shall do my best to keep the pipeline flowing, and will consider myself more than repaid for any efforts I put in, as long as Topics keeps appearing.

Our expression of appreciation to Gordon Garrett for the lion's share of the work and drudgery should be to deluge him with material to publish - he will love it.

/Sgnd/ PETER SMITH

AUCTIONS TO BE RESUMED

Many of you will remember DR. GERALD S. DAVIS, who conducted fine auctions back in 1958, and into 1960, as a feature of the newsletter being edited at that time by Gerald Hinton. Dr. Davis has written to offer his services again and, needless to say, we will begin just as soon as possible. We are fortunate in having a man with the experience and interest, such as Dr. Davis, among us. The complete listing for our first Auction, set tentatively to begin in April, will appear in the March-April Issue. However, this will depend on you. . .

Good material, with a moderate price will attract bids and sell. Our Auction is not intended to be a trash-receptacle for the disposal of unwanted junk. Please! Submit the kind of philatelic items that you, yourself, would like to acquire.

Apart from the usual run of mint sets and the occasional high-value single, very little has appeared in the major auctions in recent mos. This Auction is intended to give each of us a needed opportunity to acquire material and to dispose of our quality surplus items.

We plan to begin with three Auctions per year in; April, August and December. This can be easily increased if sufficient material is received. This means we will have an Auction in every other issue, giving Dr. Davis plenty of time for listing and handling the material.

THE RULES AND REGULATIONS, to govern future Auctions are included with this issue in the form of a supplement on the last page. Please use it for reference when bidding, or submitting any material for sale. Our Auctions are not subsidized by any organization; they are solely for your benefit. All connected are donating their time however, a charge of 15% is necessary to cover costs. It will be made on all lots purchased.

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UNUSUAL OVERPRINT EXHIBITION COMMENT

Has anyone seen a similar copy of the unusual item illustrated? A large "G" overprint in the center of the already overprinted UAR 55m. on 100m. (Zeh. #250 p 124, 1967)



The "G" - overprint is typographed in black and shows a heavy ridge on the reverse side of the stamps. You will note that the G's do not line up perfectly on any of the four stamps. The "G" would seem to indicate use by the Government as it does in Canada, however I can find no precedent nor any reason why it should have been overprinted. No apparent shortage of Officials has been disclosed. Is it genuine or bogus?

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NEW SUDAN ISSUES

The "Philatelic Section", Khartoum, released four new Commemoratives on 15 December, 1968 in recognition of the Sudan Airways.

Depicted on the 15 mm. is a DC-3; On the 55 mm. a Comet 4C, and on the 2 Pt., a Dove each in four colors. The 3 Pt., showing a Fokker Friendship, is in five colors.

Printing is by the de la Rue Company of London in the Delacryl process, in panes of 20.

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BOOST "EGYPTIAN TOPICS"

Send us the name and address of a collector friend and we will forward a sample copy at no obligation. . .

FLOREX '68

A "Bronze" by Mrs. Nancy E. Schaefer, Clearwater, Florida, for a fine display of "SUEZ CANAL COMPANY", at FLOREX, the 19th Annual Convention of the Florida Federation, November 1-3, 1968, at the Jack Tar Hotel. While she belittles her knowledge and ability in this field, we happen to know that one of the Judges is a collector and an expert on the Suez Canal and we are sure this award was merited.

EFIMEX (International, Mexico City)

To Mr. E. B. DOERY, of Australia, A "Bronze" for his showing of "Egyptian Pre-philately" proofs and essays along with original drawings and other collateral matter.

While Mr. Doery is not a North American, Recognition is certainly due since material was displayed in North America, and as we understand it, the only Egyptian material shown.

MARKET TRENDS

The following items were sold in Detroit, by EASTLAND STAMP AUCTIONS, (Roger Koerber), at their Nov. sale #17, realizing the following.

EGYPT 1932 to Capetown and Kisumu, four PFC with C2 etc., f-vf. ECV \$12.50 \$6.00

SUDAN #C2-3 PFC and FDC to Great Britain, backstamped. ECV \$15.00 \$4.75

#C4-15, Gordon set complete, og, f. ECV \$38.00 \$7.75

FRANCE (OFFICES IN ALEXANDRIA) . . .

1-15, 5a, 6a, first issue complete og, f-avg. Cat. \$115.20 \$27.00

16/B4, Coll. of 52 diff. including comp. sets. og, f-vf, cat. \$24.75.. \$8.50

31-45, 32a, Surcharges, og, f-vf, complete. Cat. \$ 156.00 \$66.00

FRANCE (OFFICES IN PORT SAID) . . .

1-15, 5a, 6a, first issue complete og, f-vf, fresh. Cat. \$50. \$16.00

18/92, Coll. of 49 diff. most mint Some sm. flts. f-avg. Cat. \$56-11.00

67, 60 on 2 Fr., og, f-vf Cat \$25 . . . \$12.00

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THE PHILATELIC LITERATURE OF EGYPT

AN ANNOTATED RESEARCH BIBLIOGRAPHY

By: GORDON B. GARRETT

The need for a comprehensive and reliable research Bibliography of the Philatelic Literature of Egypt is manifest to all serious collectors, exhibitors and students. While generalization is desirable to avoid "clouding the issue", it is no less important to classify, under major categorical headings, the myriad of articles, studies, reports & other data, necessary to the student, to be readily available for specific study.

In my opinion, twenty-one separate major headings are necessary. Possibly more later. Under most of these, sub-sections will be needed. To avoid cross-indexing and a voluminous listing of identical material, under several headings, by the same author, a primary subject treated in any work, will be listed under the major category. If none is predominant it will appear under "General Miscellaneous".

Chronicles of New Issues, since these are reported in most of the catalogues and handbooks, as well as the regular philatelic press, have been purposely omitted. Likewise, we have omitted small articles in various publications that are a duplication, reprint or of no particular informational value or interest.

We do not pretend that this is the ultimate list. No doubt many fine articles exist I have never seen, particularly in foreign language categories. We would appreciate any reader advising us of needed additions in any Section, as they appear serially in the "Topic", in the months ahead, so that, upon completion our work will stand alone, as a valuable and lasting reference.

THE SECTIONS TO BE COVERED ARE AS FOLLOWS

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| I. EGYPTIAN POSTAL HISTORY | XI. METERS |
| II. THE SUEZ CANAL COMPANY | XII. POSTAL STATIONERY |
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| VIII. OFFICIALS (Includes Interpostals & Official Carriage). | XVIII. HANDBOOKS |
| IX. REVENUES AND FISCALS | XIX. CATALOGUES |
| X. POSTAL MARKINGS | XX. FORGERIES, FACSIMILES & REPRINTS |
| | XXI. COLLATERAL MATERIAL (Includes printing methods, production, perforations, inks, ect.,). |

- (F) French
(I) Italian
(G) German

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As we promised you in our first issue, We intend to produce a quality news medium. Really factual information, of value to you, in your studies; to assist you in your research; to find the answers to your problems and to keep you informed on all of the latest philatelic aspects of Egypt and the Sudan.

With this, our 2nd issue, we are adding many new features and, up-to-the-minute data, and believe me, WE ARE HERE TO STAY. Of course, we need your help. We need the net results of your studies so they may be printed and shared with your fellow collectors. We need news of your local events. We would like to print your wants and offers and we want you to participate in, and support our regular Auctions. In this way we will grow, and the Voice of the Philatelists of Egypt will be heard.

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"EGYPTIAN TOPICS" is your paper. Its very purpose is to give you the opportunity to express yourself on the subject of your choice; to obtain information on any phase of our hobby &, to help other collectors who may be struggling along, alone and unheeded, as I once was.

Certainly, a few have held back, waiting to see if No. 2 would ever appear. This is only natural however, I am sure now that even the doubters will join with us before long. Many subscriptions will mean more for us in experienced potential for better articles & naturally, a better paper all around.

Many fine articles, both long and short, are being pledged now for coming issues, some are by Internationally known philatelic writers. Can I count on you for at least one contribution during the coming year? (Editor)

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For those of you who are not already aware, a fabulous collection of Essays and Proofs based on the study formed by the A. S. Mackenzie-Low, and owned, subsequently, by the late kings, Faoud and Farouk of Egypt, plus many fine items, once the property of the late Sir MILES LOCKNER LAMPSON, former High Commissioner of Egypt, are being offered by Robson Lowe at private treaty. In addition, many fine, important pieces have been included, from the collection of Dr. W. Byam and others of note.

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EGYPTIAN STAMPS OVERPRINTED FOR SUDAN — USED ON COVER

By PETER A. S. SMITH

THE FIRST ISSUE OF SUDAN, eight values of the contemporary stamps of Egypt overprinted, are scarce genuinely used, but no more than that. Forged overprints abound, and many of them were made on used Egyptian stamps, bearing more or less easily recognizable cancellations of towns in Egypt.

Genuine use of the genuine stamps was rather limited, because only a small part of Sudan had been liberated during the short span of use of this first provisional set. Furthermore, no major towns were included except Wadi Halfa, whose importance was not so much economic as military. Civilian life was badly disrupted, and there was very little business or personal correspondence. These facts have led to a considerable scarcity of covers bearing the provisionals. They command a very high premium now, and apparently were always scarce enough to be eagerly sought after. These remarks also apply to the provisional postage due stamps, which are even scarcer on cover; in fact, I would rate them to be cover rarities.

The inevitable result of the foregoing situation is forgery. Forged covers of the Sudan Campaign (1897-1898) period, made their appearance a long time ago. An illustrated article describing one group of forged covers appeared in PHILATELY, Vol. VII, p. 2-3 (Jan-Feb., 1958), with further notes appearing in the PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF GREAT BRITAIN, Vol. IXVIII, p. 51, (July-Sept., 1958). The covers described in those articles were those bearing the Egyptian 3 mill./2 pt. postage due stamp of 1898, and its forerunner, the 2 mill. bisected. These new notes are prompted by the appearance of forged covers bearing the stamps overprinted for the Sudan, probably products of the same forger.

The cancellations, genuinely used, on the first issue of Sudan, are the following:

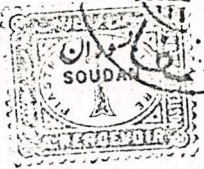
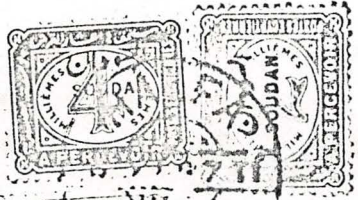
Wadi Halfa (also Halfa), Souakin, Berber, Dongola, Abu Fatma, Korti, Merowi, (also Merawi), Debbeh, Challal-Wadi Halfa, Traveling Post Office, Sudan Postal Service. Of these, Halfa and Merowi have definitely been forged. Three forged covers are illustrated on the accompanying plate. The postage due stamps make up no proper rate when used as a set, which is the first clue. The forged Halfa postmark is easily recognized by the following characteristics: the circles are not quite concentric; the two horizontal lines touch the outer circle; all the lines are much too thin. A genuine cover, bearing the genuine original of this forgery, is shown on the second plate. The Tanta postmark, appearing on faked cover is also apparently forged; The date-line is nearly blank, a feature I have seen on several examples.

The fake "Merowi" cover has a convincing appearance, but a glance at the genuine type gives it away. The horizontal lines once again touch the outer circle, but more glaringly, the solid lunettes and curved section at the bottom, are much too small.

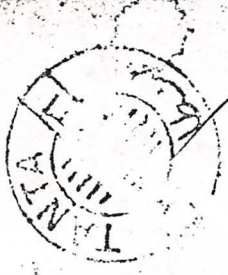
I do not have a clear enough example of the genuine cover to make a good illustration so I show, on the second plate, a genuine cover from Korti with the same type of postmark. Apart from the name, the two are identical. (Two of the faked covers were obtained in Egypt in 1967, but the third was recently offered me by an American dealer.

This is not the place for an exhaustive treatment of the cancellations appearing on the first issue of Sudan, and it should be borne in mind that some of the offices mentioned used more than one type of genuine postmark. If there is enough interest, perhaps they can be illustrated in a future issue of "Topics".

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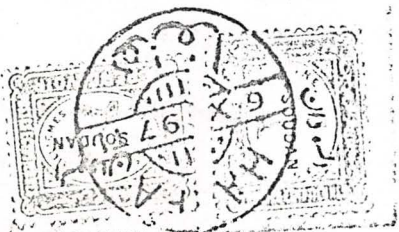


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GENUINE COVERS:

1. KORTI
2. WADI HALFA
3. HALFA
4. MEROWI

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Post Day — Jan. 2nd.

A COMMEMORATIVE SET of four values, was issued on the occasion of "POST DAY", by the POSTAL ORGANIZATION, in Cairo, 2 Jan., 1969

ISSUED: 2 January, 1969

Denominations: 5, 10, 20 and 55 Mills

Design: Dresses in Ancient Egypt

Perforation: 11½

Size: 28.18 x 61.37 mm.

Sheet: 50 Stamps (10 x 5)

Printing: Rotogravure, by the Postal Organization Printing House, in the UAR

Control: Date of Issue and Serial Number

Quantity: 5, 10 and 20 m. 1,000,000 each
55 m. - 500,000 Stamps

The right is reserved to print an additional amount, if necessary, provided, that the reprinting is accomplished within 15 days of the original issue.

I am sorry that we are unable to illustrate the four values in this set. The original stamps have not yet arrived, and the notice from Cairo is in pale blue. This color does not lend well to copy work.

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BOGUS "SUEZ CANAL" CENTENARY SHEET ?

We have information that someone, possibly in England, Has printed and circulated facsimiles of the four Suez Canal stamps on a small Souvenir Sheet. It is indicated that the color and printing is very accurate and encountered as singles, could be extremely dangerous as forgeries.

If anyone knows the source, I would appreciate the information as I would like to obtain a copy for my reference file.

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NEW HIGH PRICE TAG ON ARAB SOLIDARITY STAMP

We have recently noted two advertisements - in National journals offering the Commemorative, ARAB SOLIDARITY FOR PALESTINE DEFENCE at a retail price, mint, \$4.00, and used at \$2.00, FDC listed at \$10.00. (Scott # 291)

This, to me, seems unusually high, particularly in view of the fact that the original printing was 2,000,000. Most dealers, who have this item in stock, are selling, over the counter for about 30¢.

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THE SECOND IN A SERIES ON THE FISCALS AND REVENUE STAMPS OF EGYPT**THE TOBACCO TAX STAMPS**

By PETER R. FELTUS

THESE STAMPS were issued to be affixed to packages of cigarettes, manufactured in Egypt, to indicate that the Government retail tax on tobacco had been paid. Most of these stamps now in collectors' hands were never used; the used stamps can be identified by the relatively poor condition and the presence of a five or six digit number, affixed by machine or handstamped on the face of the stamps. The significance of these numbers is unknown, although obviously, they served as cancellations, preventing the re-use of the stamps.

THE PYRAMID & SPHINX ISSUES

These stamps, which are more plentiful than the later issues, were designed with blank panels at the bottom, into which the name of the purchasing tobacco dealer was imprinted. It is not known whether this imprinting was done by the Government, or left to be done by the various purchasers. Only a very small proportion of the stamps, available today, bear no imprinting in the panel.

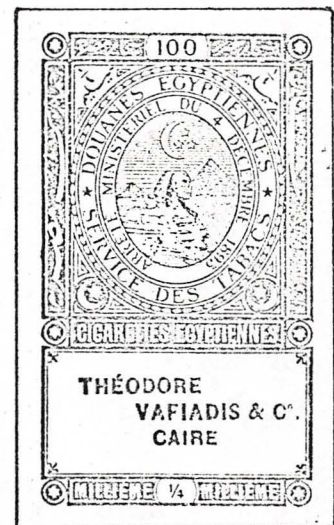
I have been unable to determine the years of issue of these stamps so I shall refer to them as the "Small Issue" and the "Large Issue". It seems likely that the Small Issue, appeared first.

THE SMALL ISSUEPERF. 13½, 12, 10, AND IMPERFPERFORATE ONLY

1/8m. (5 Cig.) deep red
 1/8m. (10 Cig.) red
 1/8m. (20 Cig.) blue
 1/8m. (25 Cig.) yellow

PERF. AND IMPERF:

1/4m. (50 Cig.) green
 1/4m. (100 Cig.) red

THE SMALL ISSUE PROVISIONALPerforate Only:

1/8m.
 (6 Cig's. on 10 Cig's.)
 Red



At left, is an illustration of the over-print.

I have seen only one example of this stamp, and it is not mine. Can you spare one ?

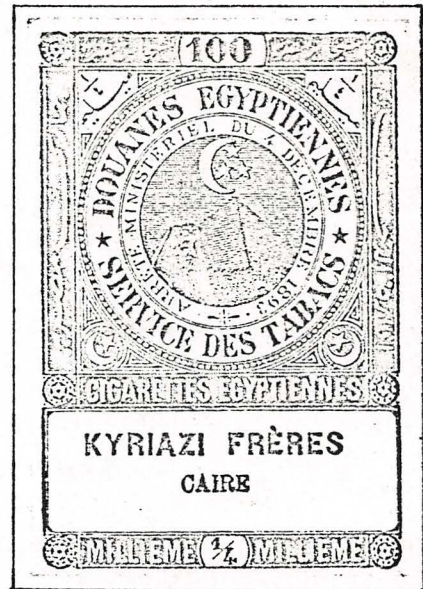
THE LARGE ISSUE

PERF. 13 $\frac{1}{2}$, AND IMPERF.



- 1/8m. (8 Cigs.) brown - purple
- 1/8m. (8 Cigs.) black
- 1/8m. (10 Cigs.) red
- 1/8m. (16 Cigs.) blue - purple
- 1/8m. (16 Cigs.) rose - violet
- 1/8m. (20 Cigs.) blue
- 1/8m. (25 Cigs.) orange

- 1/4m. (50 Cigs.) green - type I*
- 1/4m. (50 Cigs.) green - type II
- 1/4m. (100 Cigs.) red
- 1/4m. (200 Cigs.) wine red
- 1/4m. (250 Cigs.) orange
- 1/2m. (500 Cigs.) mauve
- 1 m. (1000 Cigs.) violet



* THERE ARE TWO distinct types of the green stamp for packets of 50 cigarettes. At the bottom, the fraction "1/4" is considerably larger in type I than in type II, and in type I the Arabic fraction is " " (1/8), whereas, in type II it is " " (1/4), as it should be. I presume, that when the error was noted on type I, type II was produced to replace it.

The low values (10 cigs. to 25 cigs.) were printed in sheets of 48 (8 x 6), and the high values (50 cigs. to 1000 cigs.) in sheets of 36 (6 x 6).

The shades of color and the papers used to produce these stamps, of both issues, vary widely. Some can be found in several shades and on thick yellowish paper and thin white paper. Some stamps show parts of the papermaker's watermarks.

THE LARGE ISSUE PROVISIONAL:



THE DEALER NAMES APPEARING

ON THE TOBACCO TAX STAMPS. . .

1/8m.
OVERPRINTED
 "5 Cig. 5"
 On
 10 Cigs.
 Rose

As part of my study of the tobacco stamps, I have attempted to make a complete listing of the dealer's names that appear on them. In doing so, I have looked over thousands of these stamps, as have several other collectors whose findings are incorporated into this listing.

If any reader can add to the list, please let me hear from you.

ALPHABETICAL LISTINGS OF THE DEALERS WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ON EGYPTIAN TOBACCO TAX STAMPS. .

As can be readily seen, the list is in two parts. The first lists the names that appear on stamps of the Small Issue, and the second lists the names appearing on the Large Issue.

THE SMALL ISSUE:

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|---|--|
| 1 - The Alma Cigtes Co Ld / Cairo | 19 - Shourkat Yohannes el Mahdoua /
Le Caire |
| 2 - Anglo-Egyptian / Cigarette /
& Tobacco Company / Cairo | 20 - Maspero Freres Ld. / Cairo |
| 3 - G. & I. A. Caravapoula / Cairo | 21 - M. Melachrino & Co / Cairo |
| 4 - Ange Chelmis / Caire | 22 - P. Meleniclis / Caire |
| 5 - Franc. M. Cortesi / Caire | 23 - Myassard & Co / Caire |
| 6 - Dimitrino & Co. / Caire | 24 - Hades Nessim / Alexandrie |
| 7 - Leopold Engelhardt / G. M. B. H. /
Cairo - Egypt | 25 - A. E. Pachundaki / Alexandrie |
| 8 - Leopold Engelhardt / G. M. B. H. /
(Limited) / Cairo - Egypt | 26 - "Le Prince" / Caire |
| 9 - T. FOSTER & Co. / Caire | 27 - Salonica / Cigarette Cy. /
Cairo - Egypt |
| 10 - D. G. Georgacopulo / Caire | 28 - M. Sedky & Co. / Caire |
| 11 - Nestor Gianaclis / Caire | 29 - Nicolas Soussa Freres / Caire |
| 12 - Nestor Gianaclis Ltd. / Caire | 30 - Tabacs & Cigarettes / Matossian /
Societe Anonyme / Caire |
| 13 - G. Gourdoulis & Co / Alexandrie | 31 - C. N. Tocos & Cie / Alexandrie |
| 14 - Isherwood / Brothers / Caire | 32 - Theodore / Vafiadis & Co. / Caire |
| 15 - Kyriazi Freres / Caire | 33 - (Name in Arabic, translates:
Leopold Engelhardt) / Cairo - Egypt |
| 16 - Ed Laurens / Alexandrie - Le Caire | |
| 17 - Ed Laurens / Alexandrie / Le Caire | |
| 18 - Ledger sons & Co / Caire | |

THE LARGE ISSUE:

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 - Abdulla & Co Ld. / Caire | 21 - G. A. Caravopoula / Caire |
| 2 - Agopian & Wohlfarth / Alexandrie | 22 - G. & T. A. Caravopoula / Caire |
| 3 - Ch. Aidonidi / Caire | 23 - Caravopoulo Freres / Successeur
G. S. Caravopoulo / Alexandrie |
| 4 - The Alma Cig'tes Co Ld. / Caire | 24 - Ange Chelmis / Caire |
| 5 - J. Altaresco & Co. / Caire | 25 - Evangele Christov / Caire |
| 6 - Anglo-Egyptian Cigarette / and
Tobacco Company / Cairo | 26 - G. Combilis & Co. / Caire |
| 7 - Riga Antonio / Caire | 27 - Frank M. Cortesi / Caire |
| 8 - E. Antonopula / Caire | 28 - A. G. Cousis & Co. / Caire |
| 9 - S. A. Apostolidis / Caire | 29 - D. G. Crambassi / Alexandrie |
| 10 - Garbed Der Aprahamian / Caire | 30 - Ismail Croiteriu & Co. / Caire |
| 11 - Platon Arghiridis & Co. | 31 - Theodores Danou / Caire |
| 12 - Platon Arghiridis & Co. / Alesandrie | 32 - W. Dimitri / Caire |
| 13 - Chr. Athanasiadis / Caire | 33 - Dimitrino & Co. / Caire |
| 14 - Joseph Bartolo & Co. / Alexandrie | 34 - Egyptian Cigarette Manufactory /
Simon Artz / Port-Said |
| 15 - J. L. Bercouvici / Caire | 35 - Egyptn Cigarette Manufry /
Simon Artz / Port-Said |
| 16 - Blattner & Co. / Caire | 36 - The Egyptian Cigarette Manufactory /
Simon Artz, Manager / Port-Said |
| 17 - M. Blattner & Co. / Caire | |
| 18 - Zahn Boca & Co. / Caire | |
| 19 - Bodmer & Co. / Port Said | |
| 20 - Ph. F. Boulad & Co / Caire | |

- 37 - The Egypt: Cigarette Manufy /
S. Artz, Manager. / Port-Said
- 38 - Socrati Elepton / Alexandrie
- 39 - Leopold Engelhardt G. M. B. H. /
Cairo (Egypt)
- 40 - G. Eustradiades / Alexandrie
- 41 - H. & C. Flick Freres / Caire
- 42 - G. Forakis & Co. / Caire
- 43 - M. Foscolo & Co. / Caire
- 44 - T. Foster & Co. Caire
- 45 - Franquet Brothers & Co. /
Cairo - Egypt
- 46 - Franquet Brothers & Cie. /
Caire - Egypte
- 47 - D. G. Georgacopoulo / Caire
- 48 - Vve Germ / Caire - Egypte
- 49 - Const. Geronimu / Alexandrie
Le Caire
- 50 - Nestor Gianaclis / Cairo
- 51 - Nestor Gianaclis Ltd. / Caire
- 52 - F. Giuliotti / Caire
- 53 - G. Gourdoulis & Co. / Alexandrie
- 54 - F. Guilotti / Caire
- 55 - Michel Handras / Port-Said
- 56 - Bigio Hazan & Co. / Cairo - Egypt
- 57 - Raptaki Iconomu / Caire
- 58 - Kevork Ipekian / Alexandrie
- 59 - Isherwood Brothers / Caire
- 60 - Isaac Ismalun & Co. / Alexandrie
- 61 - D.M. Kartali & Cie / Caire
- 62 - A. Kemhadjian & Cie. / Caire
- 63 - E. Khalchiopulo / Caire
- 64 - Albert Korschel / Caire
- 65 - Kortenhous & Hammerstein /
Alexandrie - Le Caire (Egypt)
- 66 - Kyriazi Freres / Caire
- 67 - E. Lagnado & Co. / Caire
- 68 - A. N. Lampadaridis / Caire
- 69 - D. J. Lardicos / Port-Said
- 70 - Ed Laurens / Alexandrie
- 71 - Ed Laurens / Alexandrie - Le Caire
- 72 - Ledger Sons & Co. / Cairo
- 73 - Liapopoulo Freres / Caire
- 74 - Loulopoulo & Cie. / Alexandrie
- 75 - Loulopoulo & Cie. / Caire
- 76 - D. Macropolo / Alexandrie
- 77 - Jacob Maklouf & Co. / Cairo
- 78 - E. Manolaki & Co. / Caire
- 79 - Elie Mantzaris & Co. / Caire
- 80 - Gabriel Mantzaris / Caire
- 81 - Gabriel Mantzaris & Co. / Caire
- 82 - Maspero Freres / Cairo
- 83 - O. & G. Matossian & Cie. / Caire
- 84 - Aristo & John Melachrino /
Cairo - Egypt
- 85 - John Melachrino / Cairo - Egypt
- 86 - M. Melachrino & Co. / Caire
- 87 - P. Meleniclis / Caire
- 88 - K. & G. Melkonian / Caire
- 89 - Nandos Freres / Alexandrie
- 90 - Hadges Nessim / Alexandrie
- 91 - Nicolaidis Freres / Alexandrie
- 92 - N. Nicolopoulos & Cie. / Alexandrie
- 93 - Ombos / Cigarette Cy. / Cairo
- 94 - The Ombos Cigarette Cy / Cairo
- 95 - A. E. Fachundachi / Alexandrie
- 96 - S. C. Pakiaros / Caire
- 97 - Vita Palocci & Cie. / Caire
- 98 - S. P. Pandeli & Co. / Alexandrie
- 99 - G. & B. Panzetta / Alexandrie
- 100 - D. Papadopoulo Brothers / Caire
- 101 - E. Pappadopulos / Caire
- 102 - E. Passalidis & Co. / Alexandrie
- 103 - Pistis & Pelakanos / Caire
- 104 - 'Le Prince' / Caire
- 105 - E. D. Protopapas / Le Caire &
Alexandrie / (Egypte)
- 106 - Abdullah Rachoun / Caire
- 107 - Jean G. Razis / Caire
- 108 - Sakallari N. Freres / Caire
- 109 - B. Salpata / Alexandrie
- 110 - Salonica Cigarette Cy / Cairo - Egypt
- 111 - W. Sandorides & Co. / Caire
- 112 - Sossidi Freres / Caire
- 113 - The Soudanese / Cigarette Co / Cairo
- 114 - Ibrahim Soussa & Freres / Alexandrie
- 115 - Nicolas Soussa Freres / Caire
- 116 - Toussaint Suzzarini / Caire
- 117 - Tr. A. Thalassinos / Caire
- 118 - D. Theocaridi / Caire
- 119 - C. N. Tocos & Cie / Alexandrie
- 120 - Theodore Vafiadis & Co. / Caire
- 121 - Mme.Vve E. Vambourellis / Caire
- 122 - D. Vegnios & Cie. / Caire
- 123 - Viglas & Co. / Caire
- 124 - C. & A. Volterra / Caire
- 125 - V. S. Vonapartopoulo / Alexandrie
- 126 - D. Argyropoulo Weening & Co. / Caire
- 127 - Ch. G. Zaffiri / Caire
- 128 - M. Zireh / Cairo

A comprehensive treatment of the later issues of the tobacco tax stamps will appear in the next issue of "Topics". Additional information is urgently requested so this record may be as complete as possible. Peter R. Feltus.

A Review Of NEW ISSUES '68

OVER THIRTY SINGLE STAMPS and one Souvenir Sheet were issued by the UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC during the calendar year, 1968, all in Rotogravure by the Post. Authority Printing House.

POST DAY (Commemorative Set)

ISSUED: 2 January, 1968

20 Mills - Brown, buff & green

55 Mills - Sepia, Yellow, Lt. grn.

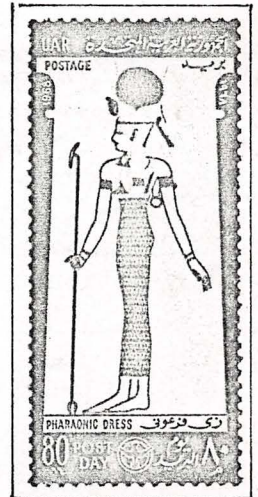
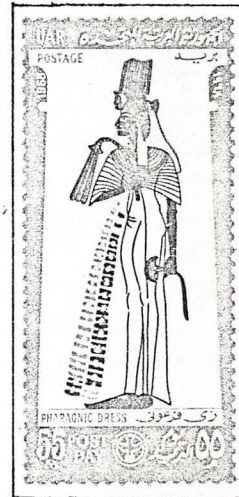
80 Mills - Dk. brown, blue, cerise

Perf. $11\frac{1}{2}$

Size: 61 x 28 mm.

Quantity: 20 m. 1,000,000 Stamps

55 & 80 m. 600,000 "



FIRST SPARK FROM THE HIGH DAM HYDRO STATION

ISSUED: 9 January, 1968 (Commemorative)

20 Mills - Yellow, blue and green

Perf. $11\frac{1}{2}$ - Size: 25 x 42 mm.

Quantity: 2,000,000 Stamps

SECOND INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF MUSEUMS

ISSUED: 20 January, 1968 (Commem.)

20 Mills - Brown, Yellow and Dark Ultra.

80 Mills - Lt. & olive green & dk. purple

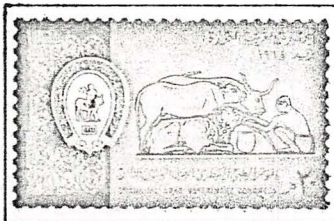
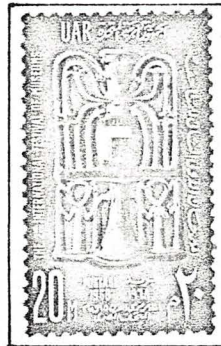
Perf. $11 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$, $11\frac{1}{2}$

Watermark: Multiple Eagle

Control: Date of Issue & Serial number

Quantity: 20 m. 1,000,000 Stamps

80 m. 600,000 "



SEVENTH BIENNIAL OF FINE ARTS, ALEXANDRIA

ISSUED: 15 February, 1968 (Commemorative)

20 Mills - Bright blue, black and white

Perf. $11 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ - Size: 25 x 42 mm.

Quantity: 2,000,000 Stamps

EIGHTH ARAB VETERINARY CONGRESS

ISSUED: 4 May, 1968

20 Mills - Yellow, green and brown

Perf. $11 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$

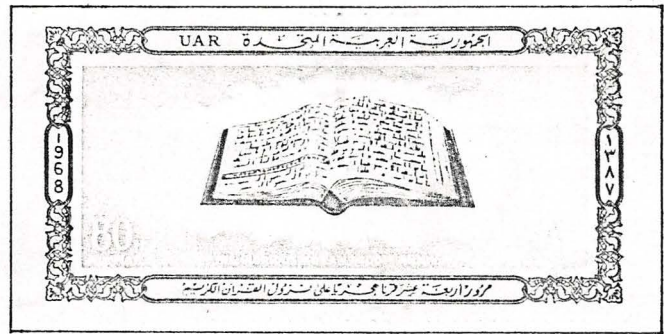
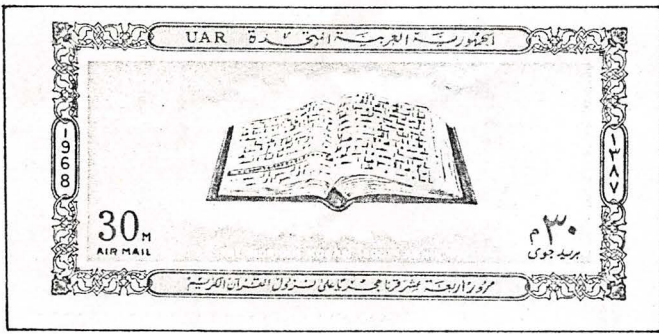
Size: 25 x 42 mm. (horiz.)

Quantity: 2,000,000 Stamps



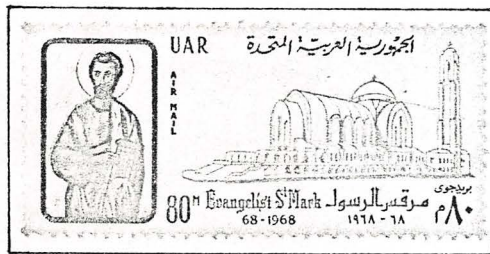
All issues are watermarked with the Multiple Eagle

Controls are the Date of Issue and the Serial Number



FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY (1400) OF THE HOLY KORAN

ISSUED: 25 March, 1968 - in sheets of four (2 x 2) separated by Se-tenant label.
 30 Mills - Reddish violet, medium blue and yellow (Airmails)
 80 Mills - Reddish violet, medium blue, brown and yellow - Quantity: 400,000 sets
 Perforation: 11½ - Size of sheet: 240 x 158 mm. - Size each stamp: 40 x 80 mm.

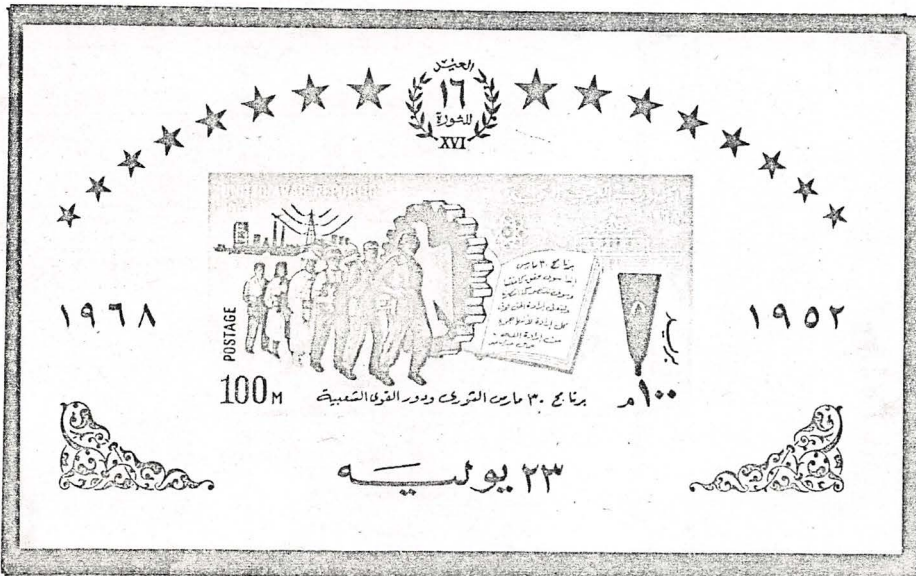
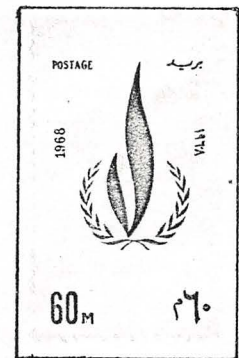
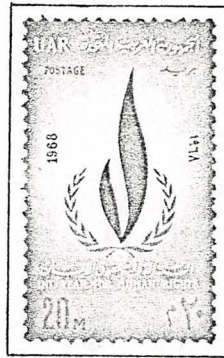


EVANGELIST - ST. MARK - (Airmail)

ISSUED: 25 June, 1968
 80 Mills - Sepia, emerald and cerise
 Perf. 11½
 Size: 60.5 x 28.5 mm. (horizontal)
 Watermark: Multiple Eagle
 Quantity: 600,000 stamps

INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

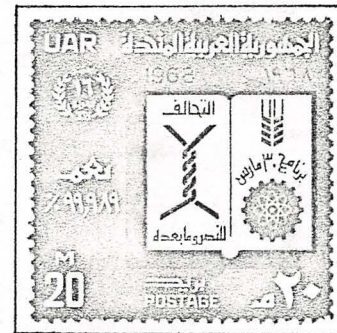
Commemorative (2) Stamps
 ISSUED: 1 July, 1968
 20 Mills - Red, green & Olive green
 60 Mills - Red, green & Pale blue
 Perforation: 11½
 Size - 25 x 42 mm. (Vertical)
 Quantity:
 20 M. 1,000,000 stamps
 60 M. 600,000 "



16TH ANNIV. OF THE REVOLUTION

(Commemorative)

A Single Stamp and a Sheet



ISSUED: 23 July, 1968
 20 Mills - Car. Rose & gray
 Perf. 11½ Size: 40 x 40 mm.
 Quantity: 2,000,000 stamps

100 Mills - Orange, light green and deep purple
 Imperforate - Wmk: Mult. Eagle - Quantity: 100,000

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF W H O

(Commemorative (2) Stamps) Se-tenant

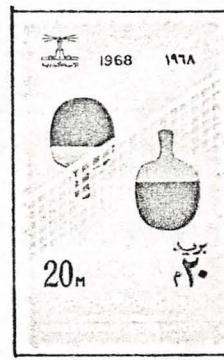
ISSUED: 1 September, 1968
 20 Mills - Yellow, Brown, Blue, Pale Blue
 20 Mills - Pale Blue, Blue, Brown & Yellow
 Perf. 11½
 Size: 42.27 x 25.40 mm. (horizontal)
 Quantity: 1,000,000 of each stamp



FIRST TOURNAMENT OF PING - PONG FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES

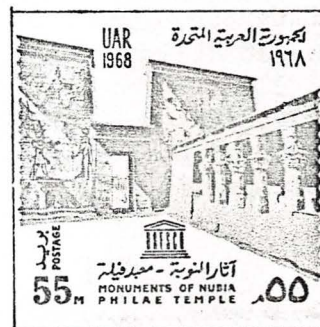
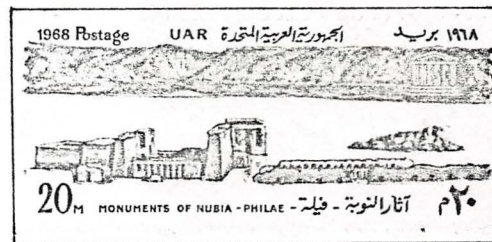
(Commemorative Stamp)

ISSUED: 20 September, 1968
 20 Mills - Pale green, Tan and Chocolate. . .
 Perf. 11½
 Size: 25.40 x 42.27 mm. (Vert.)
 Quantity: 2,000,000 Stamps



UNITED NATIONS DAY - (Commemorative Set)

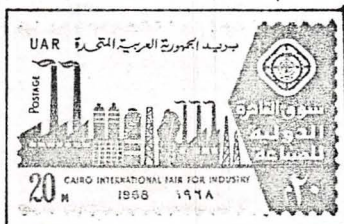
ISSUED: 24 October, 1968
 20 Mills - Pale blue, orange and brown
 30 Mills - Lavender, orange, yellow, deep purp.
 55 Mills - Pale blue, brown and yellow
 Perf. 11½
 Sizes: 20 m. - 61.37 x 28.18 mm.
 30 & 55 m. - 40 x 40 mm.
 Quantity: 20 m. - 1,000,000 Stamps
 30 & 55 m. - 500,000 Sets



CAIRO INTERNATIONAL FAIR FOR INDUSTRY

(Commemorative)

ISSUED: 20 October, 1968
 20 Mills - Pale & deep blue, brick red.
 Perf. 11½
 Size: 42.27 x 25.40 mm. (horizontal)
 Watermark: Multiple Eagle
 Quantity: 2,000,000 Stamps





MEXICO OLYMPIC GAMES

(Commemorative (2) Stamps)

ISSUED: 1 November, 1968

20 Mills - Pale blue, buff

30 Mills - Olive grn, buff

Perf. 11½

Size: 40 x 40 mm. (each)

Quantity:

20 Mills - 1,000,000

30 Mills - 500,000



SCOUTS MOVEMENT - (Commemorative)

ISSUED: 1 November, 1968

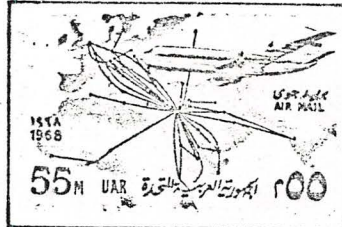
10 Mills - Orange, Chocolate,

Deep purple

Perf. 11½

Size: 25.40 x 42.27 mm. (Vert.)

Quantity: 1,000,000 Stamps



FIRST TRIP OF BOEING FLIGHT

ISSUED: 1 November, 1968

55 Mills - Red, blue, Orange,

Deep purple, maroon

Perf. 11½

Size: 42.27 x 25.40 mm. (Hor)

Quantity: 500,000 Stamps

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH

OF ALY MOUBARAK

ISSUED: 9 November, 1968 (Commem.)

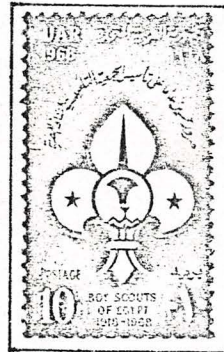
20 Mills - Gray green, brown, tan &

pale lavender

Perf. 11½

Size: 25.40 x 42.27 mm.

Quantity: 2,000,000 Stamps



UNICEF DAY (Commemoratives) WORLD CHILDHOOD

ISSUED: 11 December, 1968

20 - 10 & 20 - 10 Mills - Colors unknown

Perforation - 11½

Size: 25.40 x 42.27 mm. each (Vertical)

Quantity: 250,000 of each stamp

Sheet: 50 stamps (10 x 5)

FESTIVAL STAMP

ISSUED: 11 December, 1968

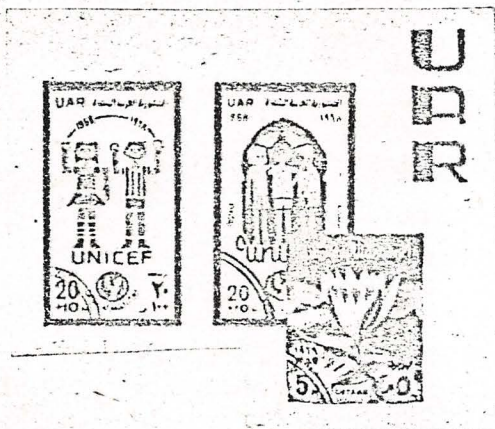
5 Mills - Color Unknown

Perf. 11½

24.89 x 30.23 mm.

Quantity: 2,000,000 Stamps

Sheet: 100 stamps (10 x 10)



CHANGE OF COLOR REPORTED:

We have seen an unconfirmed report that a change of color has taken place on the 10 m. brown-black, OFFICIAL of the 1966-67 issue, to a bright purple. No details, as to dates, is yet available. We will advise you further when we have accurate information.

