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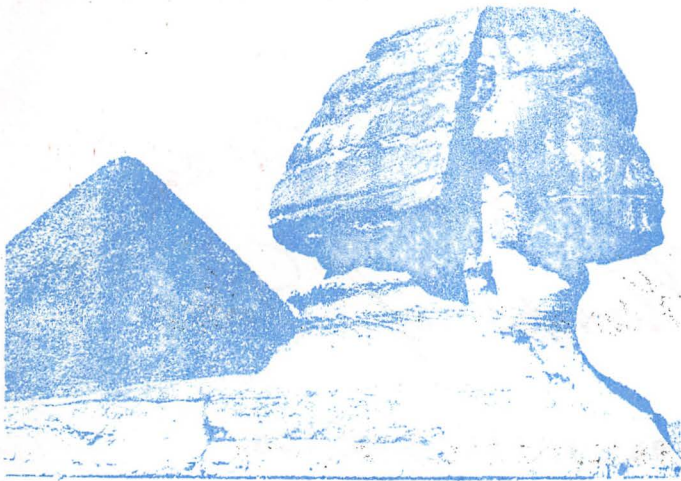


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## IN MEMORIAM

## ED P. PRITLOVE

We are saddened to learn of the passing of ED P. PRITLOVE in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada on 16 February, 1970. He was 65 years of age.

Ed was an engineer with the Ontario Hydro and had retired a short eleven months ago. He was a keen philatelist for more than 30 years with such diversified collecting interests as Egypt, U.N., Israel, U.S. commemoratives, Canada, Ireland and Malta. Only recently he expressed an intense interest in Egyptian cancellations and the Interpostal seals. Interest in the stamps of Egypt span many years and he took a keen delight in the exhibitions so others too could enjoy the fruits of his labor and research. Many portions of his Egyptian collection earned capital awards. His fine article in our last issue will stand as a fitting tribute to his memory.

While Ed was not personally known to us, as he was to hundreds of members in Canadian philatelic circles, he never-the-less will be sorely missed as he never failed to write an interesting and informative letter. I am sure that those among us fortunate enough to have carried on a correspondence with him will feel as I do - that we have lost a true friend and a knowledgeable philatelist.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Pritlove.

## *with the editor*

With the advent of Spring many of the exhibitions are in full swing. Over the years many of our readers have participated. Few have come away empty handed and the current season promises to be no exception. We are looking forward to listing many of the winners in our next issue.

For openers we note many fine shows, among them WESTPEX, San Francisco, ESCPEX, Edmonton, HOUPEX, Houston and many others, including 12-IPEX-70, the first National penal Exhibit by the inmates of the Correctional Facility at So. Walpole, Mass., known as the "906" Stamp Club. This is the 12th annual & is open to the general public. Traditionally men finding themselves in correctional surroundings have had little to look forward to, and even less from a self motivated standpoint where expressions and individuality might be fostered. The members of 906, under the competent guidance of Mr. A. C. Gauthier have gone a long way in a few short years to prove they are not the forgotten society. Amazing results have been noted in that the men involved have how to use their time; how to share with each other, and more importantly, how to work in harmony with each other toward a common goal. Many have taken this lesson outside with them and as a result recidivism has declined significantly (Continued on page 49)

# EGYPT,

## *Centennial of the Stamps of Suez*

By **JEAN BOULAD D'HUMIERES, F.R.P.S.L. S.P.E. 155**

TRANSLATED FROM THE ORIGINAL ITALIAN

By **DOMENICO FACCI**

### **PART 3 (Conclusion)**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENARY of the Stamps of the Suez Canal would not be complete if we omit the remembrance of the dated cancellations, especially ordered to be used in conjunction with the stamps.

If they were not used as they should have been, at least some were used, as we shall see further on. Therefore, now is the time to re-tell the story.

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An early model, prepared in Ismailia was addressed to Paris on April 30, 1868 to be given to the engraver. (Fig. 1)

In a letter of June 24, 1868, the firm of VIREY FRÈRES "founders - engravers", with an office in Paris at Rue de Rennes, 142, and furnishers to the postal administrations of many countries, presented three proofs from which to choose "and indicated the cost of the cancellers requested; "quote" the price of the canceller in white iron enclosing the series of months, dates, etc., as 17 francs for each one.

The third model was accepted after a few minor retouches, and especially after the addition of two stars before and after the name of the office. (Fig. 2). Thirteen cancellers of a uniform diameter of 22 mm. were ordered, two for Ismailia, and one each for the following offices: PORT SAID, RAZ EL-ECH, KIL. 34, KANTARA, EL-GUISR, CHANTIER VI, SERAPEUM, KIL. 42, CHALOUF, KIL. 83 and SUEZ.

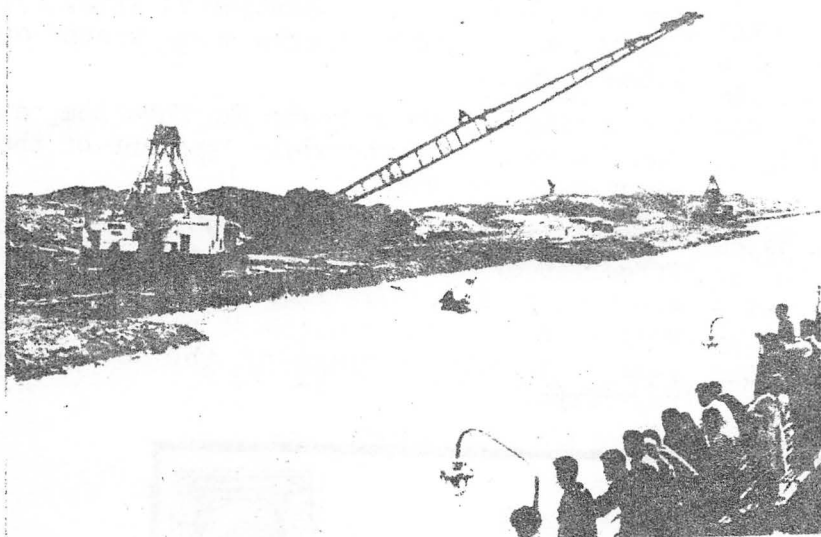


Fig. 1 - The model executed at Ismailia and sent to Paris on April 30, 1868.



Fig. 2 - The three samples presented by the engravers on June 24, 1868.

The third was accepted after some minor changes.



WORKMEN DREDGING IN THE SUEZ CANAL IN 1958 WITH A DRAG LINE TO REMOVE THE EVER-DRIFTING SANDS IN THE MAINTENANCE OF THE MAIN CHANNEL. NOTE THE BARGE IN BACKGROUND.

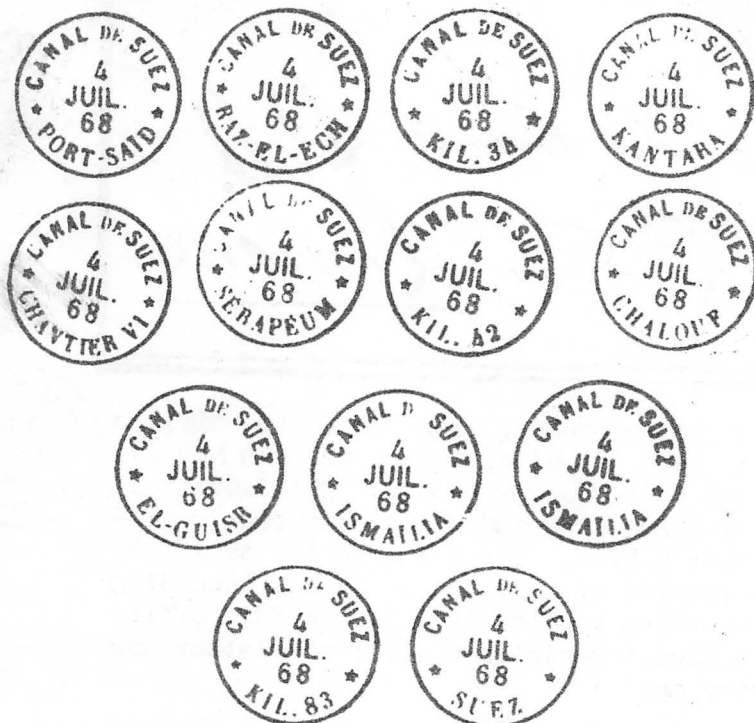


Fig. 3 - The sample sheet of thirteen postmarks by date, consigned by the engravers on the same day on which the order was given - July 4, 1868.

The order was brought to a close and assigned to the offices of the Canal Company in Paris on July 4, 1868, accompanied by a sample printing of each of the cancellers with the same date, 4 July, 1868. (Fig. 3.)

Sent from Paris to Marseilles on the 13th, this consignment was put aboard a steamship of the FRAJSSINET Company, destination Egypt, where it arrived about the 8th or 9th of August; that is to say, after the signing of the convention of August 7th that we have cited earlier.

The use of these cancellers on the stamps of the company (Canal Co.) was no longer justified, and so, those necessary to the Egyptian posts - RAZ EL-ECH, KIL. 34, CHANTIER VI, & KIL. 83 were consigned to be used after August 16th, while the others were adopted for the telegraph service of the company, necessary for its work. Those of Port Said and Ismailia have been noted in red and in blue on the service forms; Those of Kantara have been seen in black, with the date of July 4, 1870 on the back of a letter addressed to France. That of Kil. 42 has been noted with the date of August 26, 1868 on a 20 centime stamp of the Suez Canal; but it is a collector's fantasy because at that date these stamps were not valid for use.

The office of KIL. 42 which today is that of GENEFFE, existed in the service of the company but did not appear in the directory of the Postal Administration; that of KIL. 54, now BALLAH, announced in the same circular, has not been seen or noticed by specialists.

The offices of PORT SAID, EL-GUISR KANTARA, SERAPEUM, and CHALOUP received their cancellers of the dated government type (Regie Poste Egiziane) directly: those of Suez and Ismailia existed at this date and normally had their own properly dated cancellers.

(Continued on next page)

CENTENARY OF THE SUEZ CANAL (Cont.)

The postmarks with the name "CANAL DE SUEZ" are generally found impressed in black - that of KIL. 34 in blue and that of CHANTIER VI also in blue, and beginning in July 1869 on the stamps of Egypt, of the 1867 issue then in use.

Therefore, the extreme use of these dated postmarks, revealed by a great number of specialized collections; they are certainly not definitive and can be modified by discoveries to be made by collectors in the future.

With the exception of a single letter coming from the office of Chantier VI (Fig. 4), all the mentioned postmarks are known on loose stamps.

The rarity of these postmarks have tempted some forgers, fortunately ignorant of the exact dates of usage.

To the present time there are three known forgeries of Raz El-Ech, one of Chantier VI and one for KIL. 83. (Fig. 5). They are all very gross and their dates do not match the year of authorized usage of the original postmarks.

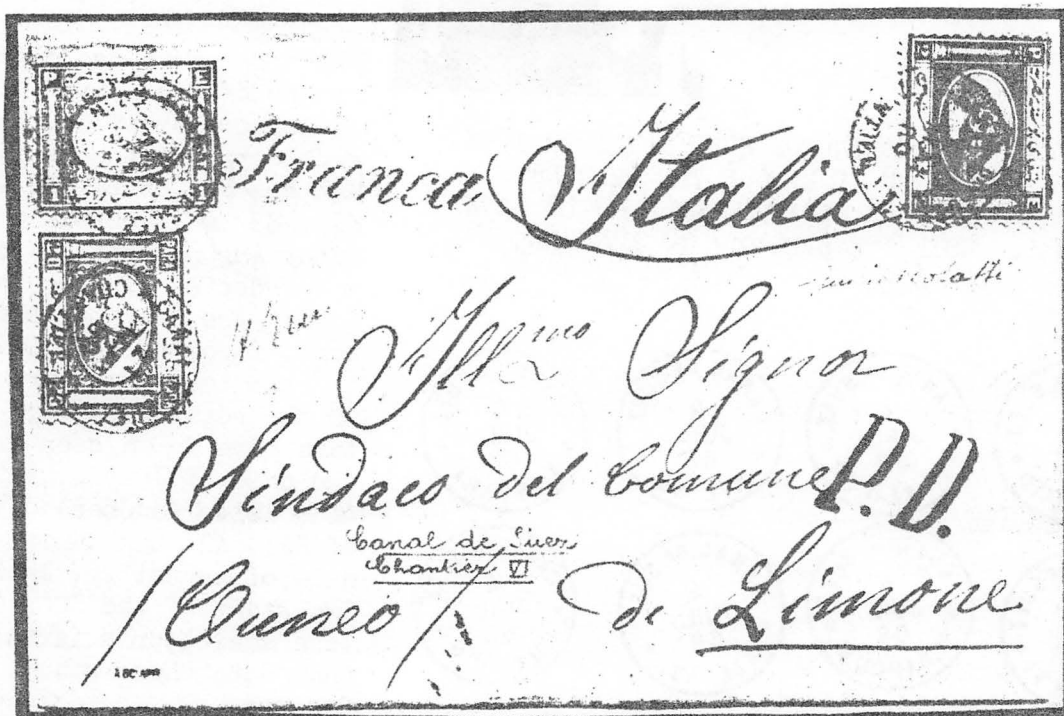


Fig. 4 - The only known letter coming from one of the offices on which the dated cancel says Canal de Suez, Sent on May 21, 1869 from Chantier VI and addressed to Italy, this letter is franked with 3 Piastres and 20 paras and should have been registered (2 P.T. & 20 pa. plus 1 P.T., according to the tariff of the Austro-Egyptian Convention of July 23, 1868) but according to the circular of the Egyptian Post of Aug. 12, 1868 the office of Chantier VI could not accept registered mail; the letter was therefore sent by ordinary mail.

The cancel "Franca" in black, top at left is Egyptian, that of P.D., bottom at right, is Austrian, and was proper of the Austrian P. O. of Alexandria which acknowledged this letter.

(Collection of E. Antonini, Geneva)

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>EARLIEST DATE</u>	<u>LATEST DATE</u>	
	<u>KNOWN</u>	<u>KNOWN</u>	
RAZ EL- ECH	Mar. 27, 69	July 10, 69	- - - -
KIL. 34	Dec. 17, 68	July 29, 69	In blue
CHANTIER VI	Sept., 1868	May 27, 69	Known in manuscript cancel in January or June, 1869, without doubt caused by a momentary deliberation of the dated postmark.
Idem	July 2, 69	July 23, 70	In blue
KIL. 83	Oct. 13, 68	August, 69	Known with 25 or 26 March 69 with the word "Mars" inverted.



Fig. 5 - Certain falsifications (forgeries) of dated postmarks with the name of the SUEX CANAL.

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WITH THE EDITOR . . . (Cont. )

among former 906 members and useful citizens have been returned to society. All this at no cost to the State in an era where other States are spending millions on ineffective training and rehabilitation programs.

In recent years many of our foremost philatelists have interested themselves to the end that others have become aware and in the modern concept California and Ohio have initiated pilot programs. Counted among these giants of philately are such men as Herman "Pat" Herst Jr., Larry Black, Mel Garabrant and the editor of The Stamp Wholesaler, Mr. Lucious Jackson, and many others of national prominence.

For those of you interested in participating write to ROBERT R. GREGORY, Exhibition Chairman, C/o A.C. Gauthier, 906 Stamp Club, P. O. Box 100, So. Walpole, MA., 02071 for the prospectus.

"906" is a Chapter member of SPA and several other nationally recognized societies.

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**TIPPER SHOWS 'TOREX'**

INVITATION TO EXHIBIT RESULTS IN ARTICLE IN CANADIAN PRESS ON BRITISH FORCES IN EGYPT.

TOREX, the fine Canadian Exhibition held in Toronto, Ontario January 29 - 31 spotlighted many outstanding collections "By Invitation Only".

A highlight of this show was a display, THE BRITISH FORCES IN EGYPT; 48 pages from the collection of our staunch supporter, RALPH TIPPER.

As a result of this exhibition a very interesting article by Douglas Patrick appeared in the Globe and Mail of January 31, 1970, and reprinted in the March 31, 1970 edition of the "COIN STAMP ANTIQUE NEWS", the Canadian Hobby Paper. Congratulations Ralph!

(Another interesting article by RALPH will appear in the next edition of Topics dealing with the O.H.E.M.S. overprints. Ed.).

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# POST OFFICES OF *Egypt* AND THE *Sudan*

## WITH TPO'S AND RURAL STATIONS OF 1892

We have had several requests for a listing of this kind arranged in alphabetical order. Numbers from 1 to 8 follow each listing, and are explained below. The Rural stations (?) are followed by the normal mail routing.

1. Offices admitted to all branches of the service.
2. " " as above except specie ("Groups").
3. Offices admitted to ordinary, registered, and official correspondence and parcels.
4. Offices admitted to ordinary, regist., and official correspondence.
5. River stations admitted to all branches of the service.
6. River stations admitted to all except specie ("Groups").
7. Rural stations admitted to ordinary, registered, and official corr.
8. Traveling Post Offices admitted to ordinary correspondence only.

### A

ABA-EL-WAKF 1  
 ABOU-CHORBAN 7, by Beba  
 ABOU-CHOUCHA 8  
 ABOU-CHOUKOUK 1  
 ABOU-EL-AKHDAR 3  
 ABOU-HAMMAD 1  
 ABOU-HOMMOS 1  
 ABOU HOR 6  
 ABOU-KEBIR 1  
 ABOU-KIR 3  
 ABOU-KORKNA 1  
 ABOU-SEMBEL 6  
 ABOU SIR 3  
 ABOU-TIG 1  
 ABOU-ZAH 3  
 ABOU-ZAABAL 7, by Marg  
 ABSOUM-EL-CHARKIU 7, by  
 TEH-EL-BAROUD  
 ACHMANT 1  
 ACHMOUN-EL-ROUMAN 5  
 ACHMOUN CRES 2  
 ACHMIM 1  
 AKLIT 8  
 ALEXANDRIA 1  
 AMER-EL-KOBRA 7, by Toukh  
 AMBARAKAB 6  
 AMLIT 7, by Teh-el-Baroud  
 ARICHE 4  
 ARMANT 1  
 ASMANIA 7, by T. Baroud  
 ASSIOUT 1  
 ASSOUAN 1  
 ATFE 1  
 ATFEH 7, by Wasta  
 ATMEDA 7, by Mit Ghamr

ATTAF 7, by Mehalla  
 AURINE 7, by T. Baroud  
 AWAMER BAHRI 7, by Guerga  
 AWAMER KEBLI 7, by Guerga  
 AWLAD AZAZ 7, by Sohag  
 AYAT 1

### B

BACHBICHE 7, by Mehalla  
 BADRECHEIN 1  
 BAGOUR 1  
 BAGOURA 7, by Mag' Hamadi  
 BAHKIRA 7, by Samanoud  
 BARRABAY 7, by Zagazig  
 BAHRAY 5  
 BAIADIA 7, by Kena  
 BAKLIA 3  
 BALASFORA 7, by Sohag  
 Balfia 7, by B. Souaf  
 BALIANA 1  
 BALLAS 8  
 BARACHIA 7, by R. Khalig  
 BARAHMA 7, by Kena  
 BARCHOUM-EL-SOGHRA 7, by  
 Toukh  
 BARDIS 7, by Guerga  
 BARRHIM 7, by Menouf  
 BARKIN 3  
 BARK NAKS 7, by Mansoura  
 BARRAGE 1  
 BASTARA 7, by Damanhour  
 BASSALIA 8  
 BASSANDILA 3  
 BASSIOUN 7, by Koddaba  
 BATANOUN 3

AN ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF P.O.'S, TPO'S AND RURAL STATIONS - EGYPT & SUDAN, Cont.

- BATRA 3  
 BEBA 1  
 BECHLA 7, by Mit Ghamr  
 BEDAHL 7, by Beba  
 BELBEIS 1  
 BELKAS 1  
 BELMACHT 7, by Menouf  
 BEKHATI 7, by Batanoun  
 BEKTARES 7, by Samahoud  
 BELTAN 7, by Toukh  
 BEMAN 7, by Tala  
 BENHA 1  
 BENI ABBAD 7, by Zagazig  
 BENI ECHBEL 7, by Zagazig  
 BENI MODEIR 3  
 BENI HUSSEIN 3  
 BENI KORRA 1  
 BENI MAZAR 1  
 BENI SOUEF 1  
 BENI RADOUAN 7, by Beni Souef  
 BERIMBAL-EL-GUEDIDA 5  
 BERIMBAL-EL-KADIMA 5  
 BIAHMO 3  
 BEBAN 7, by KOM HAMADA  
 BIRCHAMA 1  
 BIRKET-EL-SAB 1  
 BIRMA 7, by Tanta  
 BOCHANA 7, by Beni Souef  
 BORDEIN 1  
 BOUCHE 1  
 BOUHA 1  
 BOUHA 7, by Mit Ghamr  
 BOULAC (Cairo) 2  
 BOULAC-EL-DACROUF 3  
 BOUSSAT KERIM-EL-DIN 7, by Cher  
 BOUSRAT 5  
 BOUTA 7, by Abou Hommos  
 BROULLOS 4  
 BULKELEY (Alexandria/Ramleh) 3
- C
- CAIRO 1  
 CHABAS-EL-CHOHADA 1  
 CHABAS EMEIR 7, by Chabas  
 CHABCHIR TAMALAY 7, by M.-1-Kamh  
 CHALLAL 6  
 CHALLOUFA 8  
 CHANAWAN 3  
 CHANDAOUIL 1  
 CHARABAS 7, by Faraskour  
 CHARNOUB 7, by Damanhour  
 CHAROUIDA 7, by Zagazig  
 CHEBLANGA 3  
 CHEBREKHIT 1  
 CHEDMO 7, by Fayoum  
 CHEMBARET-EL-MALMOUNA 7, by Zagazig  
 CHENTENA-EL-HAGAR 7, by Birk.-el-Sab  
 CHERBIN 1  
 CHEREMSAH 7, by Cherbin  
 CHIBET EL NACKARIA 7, by Zagazig  
 CHIBIN-EL-KANATER 1  
 CHIBIN-EL-KOM 1  
 CHIMIATES 7, by Tala  
 CHINE 3  
 CHOBAR 7, by Tanta  
 CHOKA 7, by Damanhour  
 CHORAFI 7, by Kena  
 CHOUBRA 3  
 CHOUBRABAS 7, by Chibin-el-Kom
- D
- DAKANDOUS 7, by Mit Ghamr  
 DAHRIA 5  
 DAYR MOES 3  
 DAKAHLA 7, by Ras Khalig  
 DAKKA 2  
 DALANGAT 2  
 DALATOUN 5  
 DALGAMOUN 7, by Kafr-Zayat  
 DAMANHOUR 1  
 DAMANHOUR-EL-WAHCH 7, by Zefta  
 DAMAS 7, by Mit Ghamr  
 DAUXHAW HACHEM 7, by Minia  
 DAMIETTE 1  
 DAMROU 7, by Mahalla  
 DARAKSA 5  
 DARAOU 1  
 DARVETIN 7, by Nabaro  
 DECHNA 1  
 DEFRA 3  
 DEIROUT (Muderieh of Assiut)  
 DAIROUT (Muderieh of Behera)  
 DEKERNES 1  
 DELEBCHAN 7, by Kafr-Zayat  
 DEMERA 7, by Cherbin  
 DEMOU 5  
 DERCHABA 7, by Rahmaniá  
 DERR 6  
 DESSOUK 1  
 DIARB HACHEM 7, by Mahalla  
 DIBERKA 7, by Menouf  
 DIBOT 6  
 DINGUAY 7, by Cherbin  
 DOKMERA 7, by by Kaft-el-Cheikh  
 DONDEIT 7, by Mit Ghamr  
 DWEDA 7, by Zagazig

To be continued in our next issue.



# Postal Stationery Varieties

THE  
5 m. on 2 P.T.  
SURCHARGE

OVER THE YEARS many of us have observed unusual overprints and surcharges, some genuine errors, some accidental, some deliberate and some outright forgeries. The twenty oddities illustrated with this article are completely catalogued in a study written by JEAN BOULAD for L'ORIENT PHILATELIQUE, No. 27, January, 1936, pp. 8-11 (French) Mr. Boulad, whose SPE number is 155, is a knowledgeable and prolific writer, having contributed hundreds of articles over many years. His study is truly a guide.

These oddities are presented purely for your enlightenment by one of our readers who prefers to remain anonymous. We will make no pretense that they are genuine, nor do we have any evidence to prove conclusively that they are not exactly what they seem. We

Will leave it to the reader to make his own determination. As these were overprinted in Cairo, we can, from past experiences with these "craftsman", at least ascertain that certainly they were capable, back in 1892 of the atrocities performed as a probable composite of all of the errors and varieties ever turned out by the Government Printing Works at Boulac.

The basic imprint is catalogued in Higgins and Gage as "Envelope #3", 2 Piastre orange. The normal surcharged item is listed as #7, but here the similarity ends. JEAN BOULAD catalogues it as No. 7-I, varieties A - R, surcharge 24 mm; No. 7-II, A, with a hook over the Arabic "hamza" (H. & G. No. 7b), and No. 7-III, surcharge 23 mm. long, with varieties A - G.



French Overprint  
Inverted



"M" Inverted as "W"  
1st "M" - French



1st "E" - Milliemes  
in French - Inverted



Surcharge Vertical



5 MILLIÈMES 5  
امشارالقرش 5

DOUBLE OVERPRINT  
One on vignette  
One on envelope

5 MILLIÈMES 5  
امشارالقرش 5



DOUBLE OVERPRINT  
One on vignette  
One on envelope  
Upper left



DOUBLE OVERPRINT  
Both on vignette



"E" before "I"  
In French Milliemes



"E" before "I (Var.)  
Surcharge to Bottom



DOUBLE "EE" IN  
French Milliemes



"I" before "L" as  
LIL - French Ovrpt.



"I" before "L"  
A CHEVAL



Final "5" Missing  
French and Arabic



Diagonal Surcharge  
Type 7-IIA - Hook



SURCHARGE IN RED



OVERPRINT INVERTED



ARABIC OVERPRINT  
ONLY IS INVERTED



ARABIC OVERPRINT  
ABOVE THE FRENCH



1st. "5" of Milliemes  
Is inverted



1st. "5" of Milliemes  
is smaller than normal

# Postal Cancellations ON

## EGYPTIAN FISCAL STAMPS

By Peter A. S. Smith

### FURTHER NOTES:

IN EGYPTIAN TOPICS, Vol. 1, No. 6, examples of three different types of use of fiscal stamps resulting in postal cancellations were described; a tax on parcels, a tax on "Poste restante" letters, and emergency use during a lack of proper postage stamps. Yet another type of use has come to my attention in the form of the Palestine Postal Note illustrated herewith. This Postal Note was sent from El Majdal, Palestine, to Shubra (Cairo) on July 3rd, 1947, and was cashed on July 8th. A 2 Mill. tax was levied in Egypt and was paid by a pair of the 1 Mill. general purpose fiscal stamps.

It would be very interesting to hear from anyone who may have further knowledge of this type of use, such as the period in which it existed, the rates, and the scope of application (was it applied to all types of remittance, just to Postal Orders, just to foreign Postal Orders?).

(The illustration shown on this page is of the reverse side, where the regulations are printed in English, Hebrew and Arabic.

Egyptian tax stamps are affixed and cancelled on this side. Front shown on next page.)

**הודעות**

המחאה זו נכפפה באמצעות (א"י) ובאותן הארצות שתמכר ע"י אין להעביר: מקבל חכמה הממחאה הדואר לא נרשם אם הלו כדף קרע, פג מלשום אם לא חדשים יומל ע"י המקורי את דמי הממחאה והוא אחרי תום ששה חדשים לכן היום האחרון לחדש הוצאת הממחאה, אלא אם כן ניתנה רשות לכך מאת המשרד הראשי בירושלים.

מסעה שנפרקה הממחאה הזאת למישהו - שוב לא יהא המנהל הכללי של בתי הדואר אחראי לשום תביעה נוספת כל שהיא ביחס להמחאה הזאת.

אם הממחאה רשמה לחשבון חסום " ושהיא תשולם המס"ק ע"י בנק ואם הוסיפו בהמחאה שמו של בנק ידוע תשולם הממחאה, רק על ידי אותו הבנק.

**REGULATIONS.**

- This Order is payable in Palestine and such other Countries as may be publicly notified.
- This Order is not negotiable.
- The PAYEE MUST SIGN THE RECEIPT on the face of the Order and must also fill in the name of the Post Office of Payment, if this has not already been done.
- If any erasure or alteration be made or if this Order be cut, torn, mutilated, or defaced, payment may be refused.
- If this Order be not paid within THREE months from the last day of the month of Issue, a commission equal to the Original Poundage will be charged. In no case will this Order be paid after the expiration of Six Months from the last day of the month of Issue until reference has been made to the Chief Office in Jerusalem.
- After this Order has once been paid—to whomsoever it is paid—the Postmaster-General will not be liable for any further claim in respect of this Order.
- If this Order be crossed " & Co." payment only be made through a Banker and if the name of a Banker be added, payment will only be made through that Banker.

**תקנות**

- תדفع هذه المراهة في فلسطين ورو غيرها من البلاد التي تعلن للصرف
- هذه المراهة غير قابلة للتحويل
- يجب على المرسل اليه أن يوقع على وجه هذه المراهة وأن يكتب اسم مكتب الصرف اذ لم يكن قد كتب سابقا
- يجوز رفض دفع هذه المراهة إذا حصل فيها محو أو تغيير أو قطعت أو مرتقت أو شوهت
- إذا لم تدفع هذه المراهة خلال ثلاثة أشهر من آخر يوم في الشهر الذي صرفت فيه يدفع عليها عمولة مساوية لقيمة الرهن الاصل ولا تدفع هذه المراهة بعد مرور ستة أشهر من آخر يوم في الشهر الذي صرفت فيه الا بعد مراجعة مكتب البريد العام بالقديس
- يحدد دفع هذه المراهة لأى شخص كان لا يتجاوز مبلغ الرهن العام أو مبلغه بشانها
- إذا سطرت هذه المراهة بعبارة " & Co." فانه لا تدفع الا بواسطة مصرف وإذا أضيف اسم المصرف عليها لا تدفع الا بواسطة ذلك المصرف

# FRENCH COVER COMMENTS By JEAN BOULAD d'HUMIERES, F.R.P.S.I.

WITH ADDITIONAL REPLY AND INFORMATION BY THE AUTHOR, DR. D. C. JORDAN

I want to specially congratulate Dr. D. C. Jordan for the two uncommon covers from the Port Said French Post Office reproduced in Egyptian Topics, Vol. II, pages 6 and 37.

The first is of great interest indeed because it anticipates the earliest recorded date of usage of the PAQUEBOT and BM markings.

The second item does not please me so much. The "Taxe a percevoir/pour insuffisance/d'affranchissement" seems to have been struck here by courtesy because the amount to be collected or paid is neither mentioned nor shown by postage due adhesives. The "Receveur Principal" did not put his signature or his initials under the cachet.

The letter is addressed to Port Said and had to be delivered to the Egyptian Post Office for distribution; thus it had to be franked according to the rate "from France to A-broad", i.e., 25 centimes or about 10 milliemes. In fact, the letter is franked at 15 milliemes, i.e., about 37.5 centimes, which is far over the normal rate. The taxation was not justified there.

Is there an Egyptian Post office arrival dated stamp on the back? I doubt.

All of the hand stamps are too clean to have been struck on an ordinary letter.

I agree that the four line hand stamp is not common at all but in this special case its use cannot be clearly explained.

Is there any reader able to clarify this point?

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### AND . . . DR. JORDAN REPLIES . . .

"The cover in question (E.T., Vol. II, page 37) was not franked by the 15 millieme stamp shown, but rather this stamp together with the 4-line violet handstamp constitutes a provisional postage due stamp. It is possible that this cover was posted without a stamp and that the provisional postage due stamp and the circular date stamp were applied upon arrival in Port Said at the French Post Office.

Prof. Peter Smith of Ann Arbor recently sent me a photocopy of a cover in his possession which bears a similar 15 milliemes stamp with (Continued on page 57).

NOT NEGOTIABLE. THE SENDER MUST FILL IN THE PAYEE'S NAME BEFORE PARTING WITH THE ORDER.

غير قابلة التحويل. يعني على المرسل ان يكتب اسم المرسل اليه قبل ارسال الفواتير. ان له تعبيرة مايش لايش. على الشوكة لכתب את שם המקבל בפרט ושלה את החתומה.

**K 2 556172**

**PALESTINE POSTAL ORDER**  
 حواله البريد  
 To the Postmaster General  
 الى مدير البوسطة العام

Pay to the sum of **500 FIVE HUNDRED MILS** (٥٠٠) خمسة مائة مل

ادفع لاسم مبلغ ٥٠٠ مل

at the Post Office at **Jerusalem** (القدس) مكتب البريد في  
 within Three Calendar Months from the last day of the month of issue. في مدة ثلاثة اشهر من تاريخ اخر يوم من شهر الصرف. במשך שלשה חדשים מיום האחרון לחודש שבו הוצאה החתומה.

RECEIVED (Received stamp)  
 the above-named sum (the sum of 500 mils)  
 المبلغ المذكور اعلاه (٥٠٠ مل)

PALESTINE POST (Logo)  
 صادر الطابع  
 لايزيد من ١٠٠ مل  
 البريد  
 فيما ظهر مالد لايزيد  
 كوراليسه ملكه

PAID (Stamp)  
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PAID (Stamp)  
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# TWO VERY UNUSUAL FRENCH "marques d'entrées"

## HAVING A CONNECTION WITH THE FRENCH MILITARY EXPEDITION IN

### EGYPT

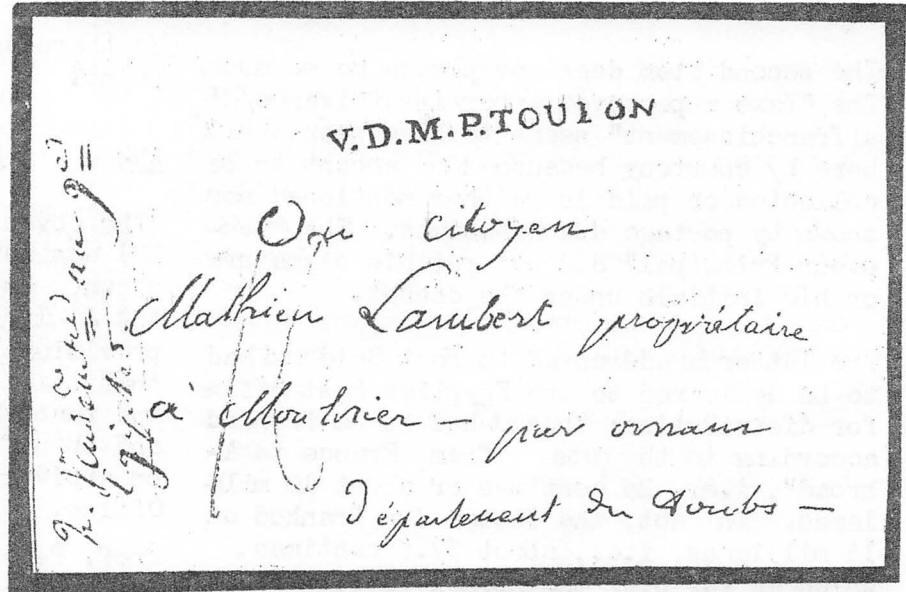
### 1798 - 1801

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By **JEAN BOULAD**

**D'HUMIERES, F.R.P.S.L.**

Corresponding Member of  
the French Academy of  
Philately in Paris

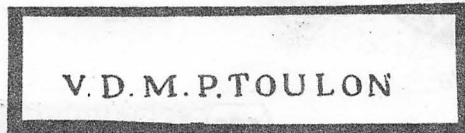


In Volume I of "La Poste Maritime Francais" Mr. RAYMOND SALLES reproduces, on page 12, under No. 23, and "entrance marking via Marseilles" concerning mail originating from the Mediterranean places, except Malta; it is struck in black and was used between 1757 and 1800. It reads "VOYE DE MER / PAR MARSEILLE" in two lines.



Following the above, on page 13, under No. 25, he reproduces another "entrance marking from Toulon" concerning mail coming from the whole Mediterranean Sea. It reads "V.D.M.F. TOULON" which is an abbreviation for "Voie De Mer Par Toulon"; it is struck in black and was used between 1785 & 1811.

As already written by Peter A. S. SMITH in Vol. 1, page 65 of Egyptian Topics, surviving letters of the French occupation of Egypt between 2nd July, 1798 and 2nd September, 1801 addressed overseas (i.e. France or Italy) are extremely rare. It should be noted that Bonaparte's army was blockaded in Egypt by the British Navy during the entire period of the occupation, and correspondence overseas was virtually impossible.



For that reason the two French entrance markings reproduced above are extremely rare on correspondence from Egypt during the French campaign.

(Continued on next page.)

FRENCH "MARQUES d'ENTREES" (Cont.)

Till now we know of the existence of only three letters struck with the Marseille entrance marking. Two are personal ones; the other is official correspondence. They are dated from Alexandria: "26 messidor an VI", "8 fructidor an VI" and "4 vendemiaire an VII", corresponding to 14th July, 1798, 25th August, 1798 and 23rd September, 1798. In addition they have different strikes of the marks of origin applied in Egypt. They all belong to the collection of Mr. Leon Dubus of Paris. Mr. Dubus is President of the French Academy of Philately in Paris.

With regards to the Toulon entrance marking, to the present we know it only on the unique letter reproduced on the preceding page. It is dated from Cairo the 2 vendemiaire an IX, corresponding to the 23rd September, 1800, written by a man called Mavier and addressed to France to:

"Au citoyen Mathieu LAMBERT, proprietaire" (Landowner)

"a Monlosier (?) par ORNANS, department du Doubs."

On its arrival at Toulon it received, on the front, the strike, in black, of the second cachet reproduced here and was marked with the numerals "10" (decimes) to be collected from the addressee.

This letter was received the 4th nivose an IX, corresponding to the 24th December 1800 according to a manuscript mention inside the message. The text is of no interest at all, asking for news but giving almost no information on Egypt.

Are there, amongst the readers of Egyptian Topics, collectors who have similar markings on letters sent from Egypt ?

They might not be plentiful and it would be very interesting to have a record of such letters.

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**LET'S NOT FORGET...**



*Want's and Offers*

**FORGED 'CAMEL' SURCH.**

Most of the glaring forgeries of the Sudan have occurred on the overprints of the first Provisional Issue, five or six of which are identifiable. At least nine or ten more exist, probably the work of small operators, that may never be identified. This includes, of course, the postage due stamps and the Fournier forgeries, in both black and blue of the TEL overprint on some values.

With one exception we rarely see a forgery on any of the "Camel" stamps. The exception is Zeh. #19, (Scott #28), The Khartoum Provisional with the overprint, 5 millie-mes, inverted.



Illustrated is a copy of Zeh. #11, Sc. #9, the 1 m. Pink and Brown of the first definitive issue. It has been surcharged with the figure "2" in each of the upper corners over the English numeral "1". This stamp carries a genuine postal obliteration of SAWAKIN, with the clear date of 2 August, 1902.

This copy is from the famous Seifert reference collection, recently acquired by the editor. It came originally from Robson Low as a reference item.

Can any of our readers enlighten us concerning its origin? Has anyone noted this particular forgery on a like copy; or, for that matter, on any of the camel issues?

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FRENCH COVER COMMENT (Continued)...

the same violet handstamp. However, this particular item is franked with a 25 centimes French stamp, cancelled at Oran (Algeria). The black triangular tax handstamp as seen on my own cover, also is present.

Prof. Smith confirms the rarity of this emergency postage due item and states that Col. Danson (England) has a further example. In addition he indicates that the only information he is aware of that concerns this provisional is in the Kohl Handbuch, Vol. II, page 785. The signature of the "Receveur Principal" is not present on either of the covers possessed by Prof. Smith or me.



# bazaar

There is never a charge for WANTS or OFFERS listed for our readers in Egyptian Topics.

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**WANTED** by WILLIAM HILL, 7743 Naniamo Street Vancouver, B. C., Canada. Control No. Blcks in various positions - as listed by Zeheri numbers: 1967 Ed., pages 239-241, Airmails issued 19 February, 1947.

No. 36	2 m. vermilion	Control A/47	
	(1) lower left	(3) upper left and	
	(4) upper right		
No. 37	3 m. sepia	A/47	)As above
No. 38	5 m. brown-lake	A/46	)positions
No. 39	7 m. orange-brown	A/47	) 1-3-4
No. 40	8 m. green	A/46	positions 1 & 4
No. 41	10 m. violet	A/46	" 1, 3 & 4
No. 42	20 m. blue	A/47	" 1
No. 43	30 m. purple	A/46	" 1
No. 44	40 m. carmine	A/47	" 1 & 3
No. 45	50 m. blue	A/47	" 1, 3 & 4
No. 46	100 m. olive	A/47	" 1
No. 47	200 m. gray	A/47	" 1 & 3

**GIL OWEN**, Rt. 1, Box 427-E, Arroyo Grande, Calif., 93420, needs the following items:

- Scott #4 - VF, will accept without gum.
- " #23d - VF, " " " "
- " #212c - VF - MINT.
- " #213a - VF - MINT.
- " #215a - VF - MINT.
- " #322 338 - VF, MINT. (Need two sets).

**AND GIL OFFERS THE FOLLOWING** : Scott Nos.

Nos 50-59	- Mint	\$12.00
61-76	- Used	3.25
78-91	- "	11.00
172-176	- Mint, NH,	\$12.50
177-190	- Mint,	\$75.00
C5-C25	- Used	3.25

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**GORDON GARRETT**, Topics Editor would like to acquire early flight covers of the Sudan.

Particularly the early experimental flights and survey flights such as Cobham, Caspar-ethus, Salaman & Store, the RAF and Kidston

# PHILATELIC FUN AND PROFIT

By **W. F. Billens**

The serious students among the brethren of Egyptian Philately seem to spend most of their efforts on the classical definitive issues and unraveling the fascinating mysteries of early covers. I am second to none in my admiration, indeed my envy, of these giants - and of the knowledge, material, painstaking analysis and expertise required for such studies.

Happily, there is a relatively unfished lake available for those of us whose collections are largely the more common issues. It is the broad sea of commemoratives - constantly restocked with new issues and plentifully offered in virtually auction sale. All that is needed is a sharp eye, a strong glass and enthusiasm for the search.

To this end there follows here, and in the next issue of Topics, a report on my own collection. It is offered as an example of a most fascinating, albeit inexpensive, adventure.

## 1924 INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL CONGRESS

This set, depicting Thoth, writing the name of King Faud on a tablet was issued 1 April 1925 in three denominations; 5, 10 & 15 m. being Zeheri Nos. 1-3, (Commemorative) and appears on page 130 of the 1967 catalogue.

The error, on the 10 milliemes, shows an extra loop in the lower panel (white) in the center of the top line of Arabic characters. While not particularly scarce, it certainly is of interest. My copy, mounted in a small collection, unnoticed by its former owner was acquired at auction, being Zeheri No 2a.

The 10 and 15 mm. of this issue appeared in two separate printings, differing both in color and gum. The first printing is much lighter with smooth white gum (pale rose) while the second is of a distinctly deeper shade (deep rose - carmine) with yellowish gum in wavy parallel lines. While the error appears on both printings, mine is of the first issue. It is a constant variety on the sheet of 105 stamps (15 x 7) and is No. 42.

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# DEFORMED "Letters" ON

## EARLY PALESTINE OVERPRINTS

By W. F. BILLENS

Recently acquired is a mint single of the "PALESTINE" overprint, issued 18 June 1958 in commemoration of the Fifth Anniversary of the Republic, overprinted in red for use in Palestine. Listed in the Zeheri catalog as No. 2, page 334 of the 1967 edition, and Scott No. N-8, the Dove of Peace on the 10 milliemes brown.

The item in question shows the final "E" of Palestine (the English overprint) completely closed as the illustration indicates. A normal copy of the overprinted stamp is also shown for comparison.



Happily I have an entire sheet so I examined it carefully, hoping for confirmation of "constant" status. No luck. Either this one is from the other pane or merely excess ink.



But . . . I did determine that Position number 35 on my sheet has a major disfiguration of the same final "E". The lower horizontal stroke is bent upward about 30° and the serified end is missing as illustrated.

(Editor's comment)

While checking the items in my own collection in an attempt to confirm Bill's study I found a corner control block of four of the Zeheri listed No. 57, page 331, of the 1 m. blue-green definitive, showing this same disfiguration on the final "E". Almost identical to Bill's on the last two stamps on the sheet (Nos. 99 and 100); also on No 89 but to a lesser degree. No. 88 appears to show the E in normal position, but with the letters ALE and INE tied either at the top or bottom, or both.



**CLUB ADVISOR and 12-IPEX-70 Toastmaster, George I. Silberberg, announced the Twelfth Inmate Philatelic Exhibition of the 906 Stamp Club during a special Planning Committee meeting in the institutional school room, November 8, 1969. The Annual Exhibition will be Saturday, April 25, 1970.**

12-IPEX-70 will commemorate the "195th Anniversary of the United States Postal System - July 26, 1775". The truly American system was set up by William Goddard with the first Continental Postmaster General, Ben Franklin. Research is underway to present the full and comprehensive history of the establishing of the system.

12  
IPEX  
70



Numerous varieties, and combinations appear on the early overprints; with broken, tied, and deformed letters of both the Arabic and English portions of the overprint. Your editor has made a prolonged study of many of these which will be the basis for a comprehensive article in a future issue. Comments from any of our readers are welcome.

Perhaps someone can help Bill to determine the position and possible constant status of the closed "E" commemorative?

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# THE PHILATELIC LITERATURE OF EGYPT

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By GORDON B. GARRETT

With valuable assistance from CHARLES FOX

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# The "OFFICIAL" Revenue

BY PETER R. FELTUS

In the early part of the 20th Century Egypt issued a series of general revenues, produced by surcharging the "no value" Official, (Zeheri #1, Scott 01) which first appeared on January 1, 1893 in perforation 14.

The normal watermark of the original issue was Type III, with Star and Crescent. Though that official was first issued in 1893, it was not until late 1914 that it was issued with the watermarks sideways (either left as Type V, or right, Type VI). It was on these stamps with the sideways watermarks that the revenue surcharges were applied.

The surcharges are in black and simply express the new values in French and Arabic, illustrated on this sheet.

None of these stamps are particularly scarce, though the two lower values are much harder to find than the higher values. I have yet to see any blocks of the lower values. I have nine documents of the Egyptian Customs Administration, dated from 1919 through 1927 each of which bears three Piastres in value of these stamps (either a 3 PT. stamp single, or a combination of a 1 PT. and 2 PT.). I also have a cover of 1922 upon which one of these of 3 PT. denomination was used for postage.



Editor's note: From comparison with regularly listed emissions in the standard catalogs it can readily be ascertained that information pertaining to purpose and even usage of a great many of the newer issues and commoner varieties is difficult.

With the exception of the salt stamps and the fiscals used on parcel post labels, these adhesives are not too common in the United States. While many revenue collectors have expressed interest in this area, little effort has gone into research since Forbin's Revenue Catalog was last printed in 1915, as it applied to the Egyptian area.

The exception to this is Peter Feltus, the author of this series of articles who, over the past ten years has made an exhaustive study of every available type and variety with much of the factual information coming directly from our colleagues of the Philatelic Society based Cairo, and particularly from Dr. Sava Michel.

Searching records and compiling useful and factual data even in Cairo appears to be a difficult undertaking and time consuming.

The search goes on and as information is received and evaluated, it will be duly reported in future articles by Feltus.

If you have knowledge that will assist in this study we ask that you contact Mr. Feltus or write to the editor of Topics.



MAY 15-17 1970

7th A.S.D.A.

WESTERN POSTAGE STAMP SHOW

LOS ANGELES HILTON  
930 WILSHIRE BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CALIF.




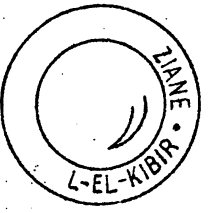



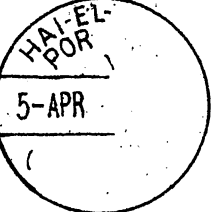
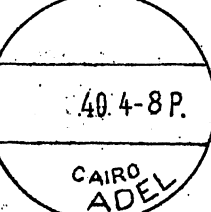



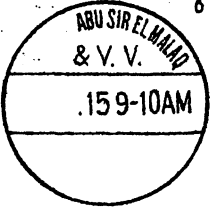

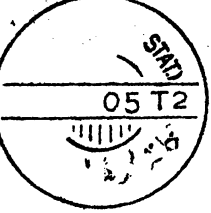
THE POSTAL MARKINGS OF EGYPT

## Addenda Sheet 5

R. Seymour Blomfield (ESC #15)

This sheet shows 15 new postmark types, all of which are incomplete. Any help from readers in completing these will be greatly appreciated. The Type Nos. are tentative - subject to possible change before the sheet is finally released. My comments follow, using the number in upperleft corner of the cuts for reference:

1. Cas-13.2 -- This is another "SPECIE" type (see Cas-13 & 13.5 on Cas-Sh.2) They were probably used in connection with shipments of coin.
2. RPS-13.2 -- This is similar to RPS-13 except the date is in English form rather than Arabic.
3. TPO-6.7 -- This is another TPO with a single town (see TPO-2.36, -2.55, -2.64, & -6.25). Maybe it was used on a river boat serving the Mansura area.
4. GS-1.1 -- This is the same as GS-1, but with the star and crescent facing to the left. I have only seen it for (Te)l-el-Kibir.
5. PPO-5.03 -- This is an addition to the Continental Hotel types shown in the article by Jean Boulad d'Humieres in L'O.P. #114.
6. PP-4.56 -- "D" probably stands for departure.
7. GS-22.5 -- It seems that "INI" could only be completed as "INITIAL", but I can't figure the significance of this.
8. Arr- ? -- This no doubt reads "Hai-el-Arab, Port-Said". There seems to be a trace of an "A" above the top horizontal bar, so I have tentatively classed it as an Arrival marking.
9. XII-1.6 -- Cairo, (Cit)adel. A branch P.O. type with both names curved.
10. ? -- My French dictionary gives the meaning of "Renseignement" as: Indication; hint, information, intelligence - plural: reference. This would likely fall into a new type group -- perhaps "Reference Service". Has anyone any suggestions on this?
11. ? -- This is another puzzler. What does C.O.S. stand for? The "S" is quite clear on my example, but the first might be "G" and the second might be "C" or "G".
12. GS-23 -- This must read "Survey of Egypt".
- 13,14 & 15 -- These just require completion. #15 shows an abbreviation for Station and has the Arabic for station at the bottom. Alexandria would probably fit the blank space.

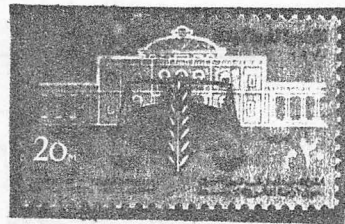
	<p>1.</p>  <p>Cas-13.2</p>	
<p>2.</p>  <p>RPS-13.2</p>	<p>3.</p>  <p>TPO-6.7</p>	<p>4. Star &amp; Crescent face left.</p>  <p>GS-1.1</p>
<p>5.</p>  <p>PPO-5.03</p>	<p>6.</p>  <p>PP-4.56</p>	<p>7. blue, violet</p>  <p>GS-22.5</p>
	<p>8.</p>  <p>Arr- ?</p>	<p>9.</p>  <p>XII-1.6</p>
<p>10.</p>  <p>?</p>	<p>11.</p>  <p>?</p>	<p>12.</p>  <p>GS-23</p>
<p>13. with time instead of Train No.</p>  <p>TPO-7.01</p>	<p>14.</p>  <p>Sta-11.2</p>	<p>15.</p>  <p>Sta-14.05</p>

# UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC

## THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS ON THE MIDDLE EAST CRISES . . .

This Commemorative was issued February 2nd in conjunction with Conference. The Postal Authority advises the Conference was deemed necessary in June, 1969 and set for Feb. 2nd through the 5th, 1970, based on the following resolution of the preparatory committee

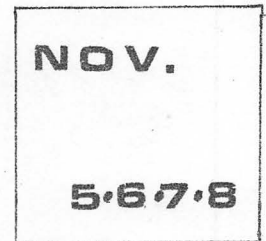
### MID EAST CONFERENCE



The Israeli aggression on the Arab Countries on the 5th of June, 1967, resulting in the occupation of Israel to territories of the Arab countries members of the U.N. Israel's refusal to implement the Security Council resolution that forces her withdrawal of these territories and lays the basis for a peaceful settlement of this problem, measures of collective terrorism used against the Arab population in the occupied territories: Israel's refusal to execute the resolutions calling on her to cease practicing terrorism against the Arab civilians and to abstain from taking any measures tending to change the situation in the occupied areas, particularly Jerusalem and its sacred places; All this has created a very critical situation that represents a threat to peace not only in the Middle East but in the entire world.

DATE OF ISSUE: 2 February, 1970  
 DENOMINATION: 20 Mills  
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 PERFORATION: 11 1/2  
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Realizing how dangerous and critical this situation is, and how important to reach a just and acceptable settlement to the crises a preparatory committee comprised of delegates from various countries met in June of 1969 to call for this International Conference of Parliamentarians.



## ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION



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