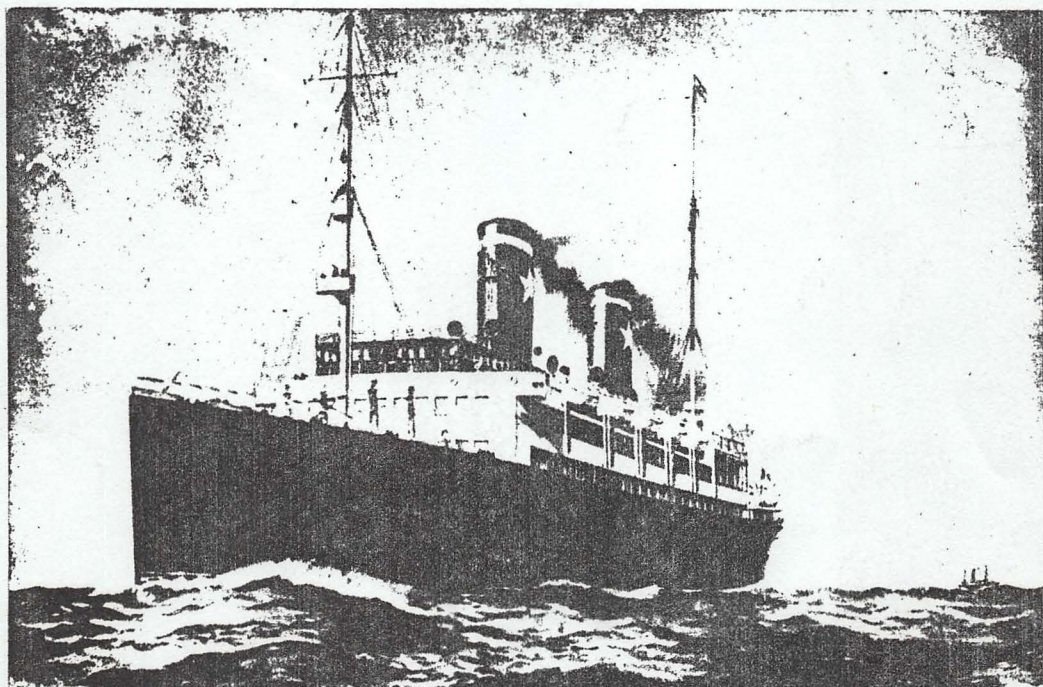


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## IN MEMORIAM

### Henry Whittaker

1886 - 1971

We mourn the loss of a real friend for more years than I care to remember. At Victoria, British Columbia, Canada on August 18, 1971 HENRY WHITTAKER, age 85, as reported by our friend Mr. John D. Harvey of Victoria.

He was an early member of Egypt Study Circle of London and the Philatelic Society of Egypt. He was also a charter member of Brittania Lodge of A.F. and A.M., No 73, B.C.R.

## *with the editor*

With this issue of Topics we complete our third year of publication. To us, a real achievement, capped by a silver medal at Philympia - 1970, and a bronze at the 1971 APS convention at Texanex in San Antonio.

While we are proud of these accomplishments far more important is the fact that over 95 percent of our original subscribers remain with us, and new subscribers are added regularly. In addition nearly every issue adds a bright new name to an already illustrious list of authors. We'd like to add yours!

In reviewing my file of philatelic literature pertaining to Egypt - now loose leaf in two large volumes - plus L'OP, O.P.A.L., E.S.C. Quarterly Circular, and the Kehr and Hinton Newsletters, this vast array of the written word is overwhelming to the point where it would appear extremely difficult to add anything of an original nature; yet, issue after issue our erudite readers send interesting, well written material i.e., as Ernie Kehr's article on the Philatelic Postal Markings of the U.A.R.; a subject completely new and original to the point that we have all overlooked it except this old Pro, with the possible exception of a brief note and illustration on the new issues page of Topics a few months past; Mr. Houston's fine article from Australia with good illustrations on the varieties on the two mills Harrison printings - and many, many more.

We have had numerous requests for English translations of the excellent material that appears in the French language in L'OP and with Editor Mehanny Eid's kind permission, we will try to oblige. Mr. J. Boulad d'Humiere's article on the Paquebot Cancellations appears in this issue.

### NEW ISSUE SERVICE NOW AT COST . . .

Since it became impractical nearly ten years ago for the American Agent of the Philatelic Society to supply new issues  
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His specialty was Sudan, and his collection of fine material won many honors. He contributed to many philatelic journals over the years, among them, L'OP.

He leaves his wife Ester and daughter, Mrs. A.J.H. MacDonald of Vancouver, B. C. We all extend our sincere condolences.

Ernest A. Kehr

# Philatelic

## Postal Markings

### of the U. A. R.

It's been about 15 years since they first were introduced and used. yet in all that time, I can't recall a single report\* of a variety of postal markings exclusively used by the Philatelic Service Office of Postal Authority of the United Arab Republic, in Cairo.

Of course, they are not generally known. Only those philatelic writers who get press releases about new issues, and those who order new issues directly from the office would normally get them on letters. And, because adhesive stamps are rarely affixed to such covers, the saving of them is unlikely since experience has shown that recipients of mail generally don't pay too much attention to postal markings until the scarcity of cancellations is brought to their attention, and by then it is often too late to obtain specimens for a collection.

Back in the mid-fifties when I used to confer with postal authorities on regular trips to Cairo - - - I can't recall the exact year - - - Mustafa Ibrahim Beghdadi, then, Director General of Posts, questioned me about the wisdom of opening a special office which would handle the sales of the Egyptian stamps to foreign dealers and collectors. It seemed that existing facilities through the General Post Office behind the Cairo Opera House were entirely inadequate.

I not only recommended such action, but urged that the Egyptians study the operations of the Swiss Philatelic Service Office, in Bern, as that was, and still is), the most efficient and responsible in existence. There was talk of calling it "Philatelic Agency", in keeping with the U.S. facilities title, but I advised against it because that name already had been prostituted by adoption by private operators here and abroad. I urged that "Philatelic Service Office" be used, and also that a special postmark be made and used by it.

Within weeks, the office was established and placed under the direction of Saad el Chichini, a dedicated postal clerk who since has been promoted to a more important position outside the postal service.

My advices about a postmark not only was accepted; it was expanded to include a variety of handstamps.

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\* When they first appeared, I made mention of them in the monthly bulletin distributed to American members of the Egyptian Philatelic Society, which I then published as part of my job as American Agent. But beside that there was, as far as I know, no reports in the normal philatelic press.



A circular marking with Philatelic Office / U.A. R. Cairo) at bottom and Arabic equivalent at top and the date placed in a straight line between.

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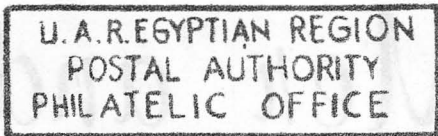


Fig. 2 - A rectangular box inscribed "U. A. R. EGYPTIAN REGION / POSTAL AUTHORITY / PHILATELIC OFFICE

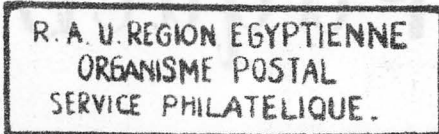


Fig. 3 - The same as last, but inscribed, "R.A.U. REGION EGYPTIENNE / ORGANISME POSTAL / SERVICE PHILATELIQUE."



Fig. 4 - A rectangular handstamp for registration. This has the normal large "R" at right with "Philatelic Service Office" at bottom, the

Arabic equivalent at top and a space between for the insertion of the registry number.

The office also has handstamps similar to those used by the GPO.

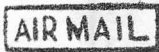


Fig. a - A small rectangle with "AIR MAIL", and another



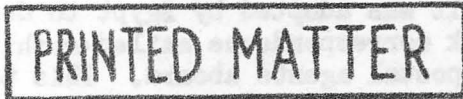
Fig. b - rectangle with "T.P." and a dotted line for the insertion of the amount of postage paid.

OCTOBER 22-24



FLOREX '71 - ANNUAL CONVENTION. "NATION EXHIBITION" and bourse, Will be held at the Robert Meyer Motor Inn, Orlando. To be hosted by the Florida Federation of stamp Clubs. For information write to Gustave Knoeckel Jr., Box No. 456 Placida, Florida, 33946.

Fig. c - A rectangle inscribed "PRINTED MATTER."



In the intervening years, I have noted that an increasing number of other nations around the world adopted the idea of specifically identifying mail dispatched from philatelic offices with distinctive postal markings. Unfortunately, I never kept a record of the dates on which I received covers containing press releases and bearing such markings. But I am almost certain that the UAR was the second of the world's nations to have used this practical, interesting method for postal marking.

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**J. Boulad d'Humieres, FRPSL**

# Maritime Cancellations

## Pleine Mer and Paquebot

THE AUTHOR, WELL KNOWN TO READERS OF EGYPTIAN TOPICS, IS A MEMBER CORRESPONDENT OF THE ACADEMY OF PHILATELY IN PARIS: A FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE SUEZ CANAL COMPANY, AND ONE OF THE VERY FEW EXPERTS IN THE WORLD IN THE FIELD OF MARITIME POSTS IN EGYPT.

THIS ARTICLE ORIGINALLY APPEARED IN L'ORIENT PHILATELIQUE, THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF EGYPT, CAPABLY EDITED BY MR. MEHANNY ELD, & PRESENTED HERE WITH HIS KIND PERMISSION. IT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE ORIGINAL FRENCH LANGUAGE VERSION IN NUMBER 123, APRIL - OCTOBER, 1970. TRANSLATION BY MR. V. ANDONIAN FOR OUR ENGLISH SPEAKING READERS.

In more than one area the Egyptian Post Offices have had initiatives that could be qualified as "precursors".

That is how, as soon as the term "PLEINE MER" (in English meaning: High Seas) was used at the postal convention of Vienna in 1891. It was adopted by Egypt to designate and mark correspondence mailed on ships having no postal agents aboard. This term has been known since September, 1893.

As for the word "PAQUEBOT" (in English meaning: Steamship) which replaced the previous term, it was officially adopted by all signing countries of the Postal Convention of Washington in 1897 to designate the origin of the correspondence; its use has been observed in Egypt since November 1899.

It is readily apparent that the application of the decisions of these two postal congresses were rapidly put into execution.

Prior to these international agreements, the foreign postage stamps which franked the correspondence coming from "PLEINE MER"

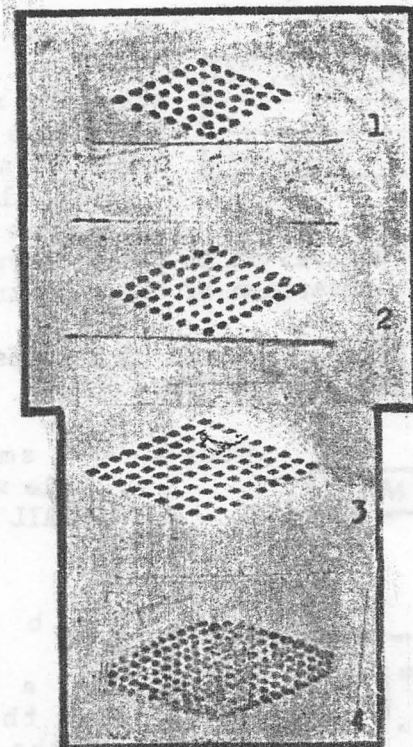


Fig. 1

were usually cancelled in black by the Egyptian Post Office with a plain diamond of dots without numerals. Made up of 49, 64, 81 or 156 dots (see example 1.), the dated postmark of the Port of Arrival was then struck on the front of the cover.

This method has been observed since 1871 and remained in use until about 1910.

However, up to the present time, the diamonds of 49 and 64 dots (types 1 and 2) have not been found on entire covers but can be found on loose stamps.

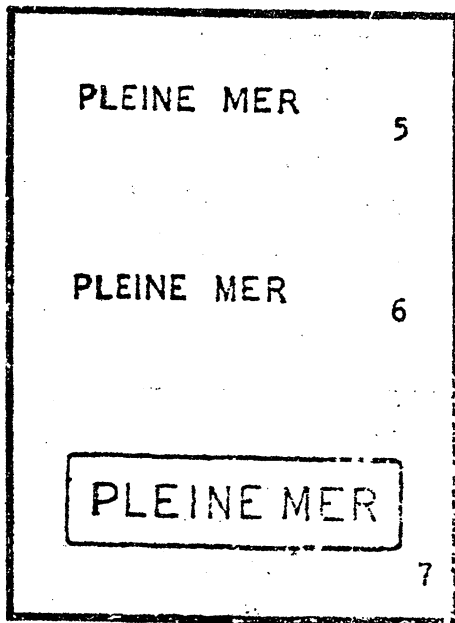


Fig. 2

Since 1893 the post offices at the ports of arrival i.e., Alexandria, Port Said and Suez had instructions to strike the cachet "PLEINE MER" newly created (ex. 2) instead of, and in place of the diamond of dots in use up to that time.

This indication of origin was (done) in order to show that this correspondence was not (originally) from the post office which had first postmarked it (with a date).

This rule has, on occasion, been reversed, thus the dated postmark had cancelled the franking postage stamp and the mark with the indication of origin had been struck next to it on the cover. This, in no way, modifies the value of the item but rather, provides the collection with additional interest.

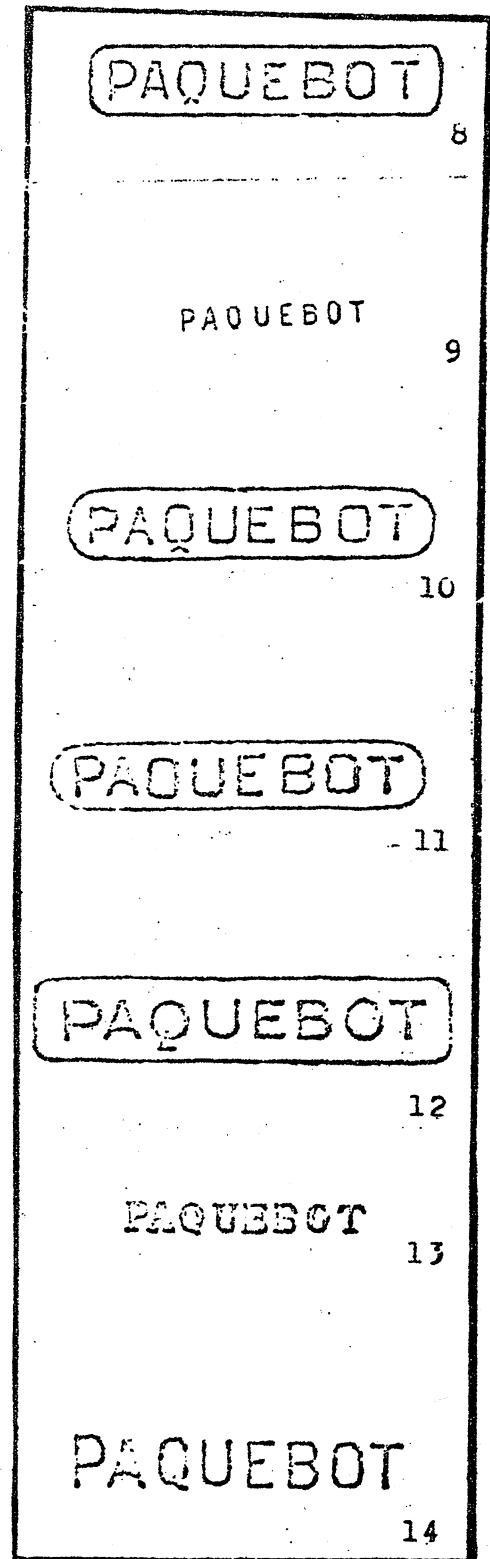


Fig.

These maritime cancellations are always struck in black, as are all of those that follow.

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MARITIME CANCELLATIONS - "PLEINE MER" and "PAQUEBOT"

Since 1899 we can find the word "Paquebot" (ex. 3) which followed "Pleine Mer" according to the decisions of the Postal Congress of Washington of 1897 which presented the uniform adoption of the word "PAQUEBOT" by all of the signatories to designate the origin of this correspondence.

Due to the excessive use of the hand stamp it sometimes deteriorated more or less. Except for major deformations or breaks, these accidents have not been mentioned in order not to burden the collector with excessive numbers of sub types.

The Egyptian marks "PAQUEBOT" of Alexandria and of Port Said should not be found on the stamps of France or the French Levant before 31 March, 1931 because the mail coming from French ships was delivered to the French post offices of the two ports which used a special hand stamp (type 9).

These two post offices were closed on 31st March, 1931.

In 1897 the post office of Port Taufiq was opened at the southern end of the Suez Canal and it gradually replaced that of Suez, for the handling of mail delivered by ships coming from the South.

To modernize its material and to simplify the work of the postal personnel the word "PAQUEBOT" was incorporated in the dated postmark of the three ports of Alexandria, Port Said and Port Taufiq (ex. 4).

The first date reported for the use of this new type of postmark is 2nd February, 1921 in Port Said.

For Port Taufiq it seems that this type of postmark was placed in service much later, since the earliest date which has been reported to us is 20th March, 1939.

The postmark of Port Said has been reported on Egyptian stamps of 1937 with two date errors, namely with the year '04 and '14 instead of '40 and '41.

These three types of postmarks are still in use theoretically.

All of the maritime marks illustrated above

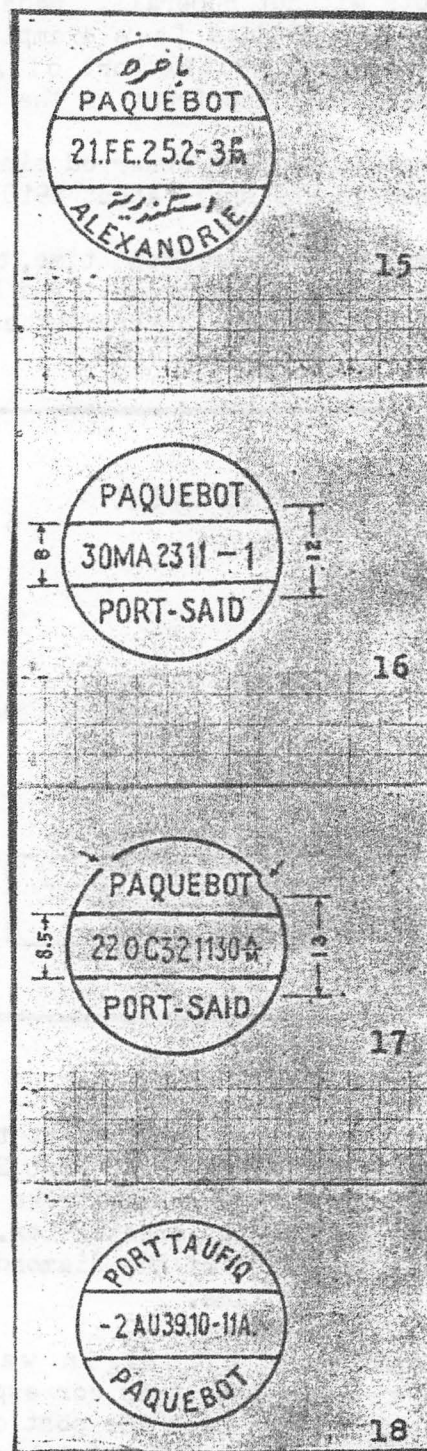


Fig. 4

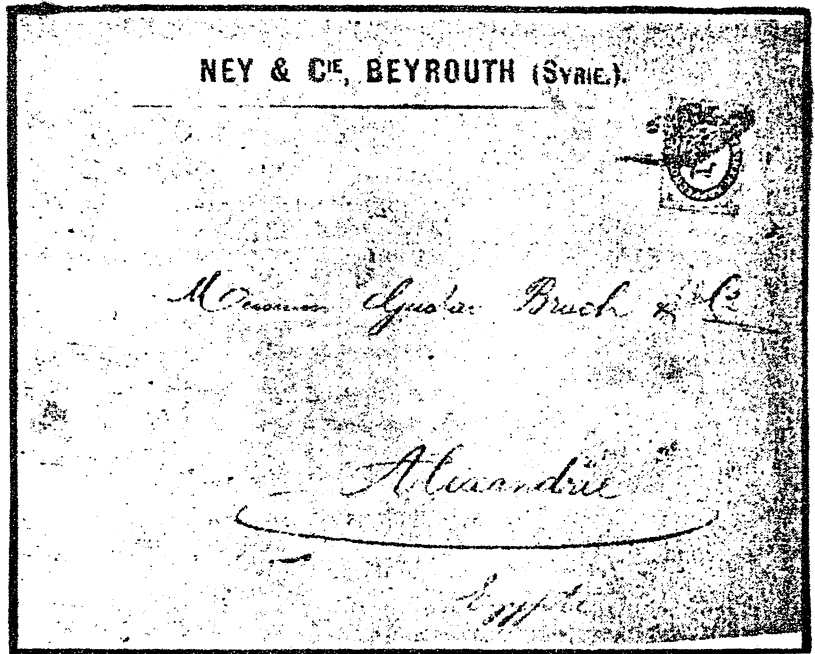
can be found on covers franked with postage stamps of Germany, Austria, Eritrea, France Great Britain, Austrian Levant, Russian Levant, Russia, Italy, Turkey etc., etc. They may, of course, be found on loose stamps also.

There follows the different maritime markings of Egypt that we have found or that have been reported to us up to the present time together with some comments on the known or probable period of their use.

They are grouped by cities.

The reproductions are sufficiently accurate so that it is not necessary to give the measurements.

Fig. 5 - Beirut cover at right. Cachet type 3, struck in Alexandria on 3 May, 1888 (dated postmark on the back) on the 7 kopecs value of the Russian Levant, franking a letter delivered to the Port of Alexandria, from a Russian ship arriving from Beirut.



Cover illustration from the collection of Erich Haffele de Memmingen of West Germany.

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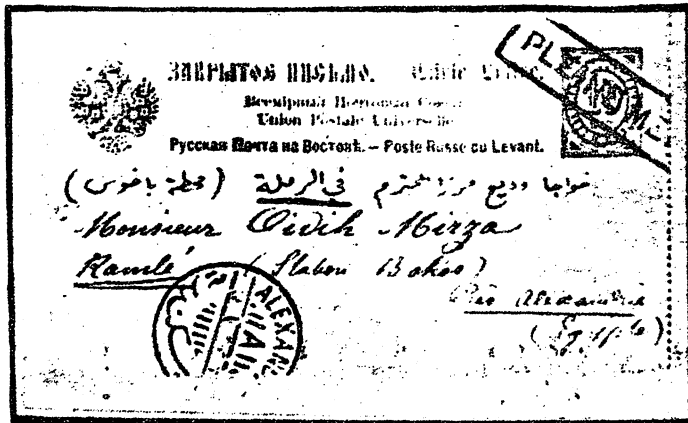


Fig. 6 - Cachet type 7 struck at Alexandria 9 May, 1896 on entire letter sheet of the Russian Levant, addressed to Alexandria. (Coll. Dr. A. H. Wortman, Great Britain).

- 9 PAQUEBOT Used from 1902 to 31st March 1931 by French Post Office
- 10 PAQUEBOT (Boxed) Seems to have been used from 1899 to 1921. Seen 10th August, 1900 and 14th Mar. 1904.
- 13 PAQUEBOT Reported in 1938, Very doubtful ?
- 15 DATED POSTMARK Used since 1921, should still be in use. Seen on 13th February, 1932 and 21st January, 1936

ALEXANDRIA

- 1 DIAMOND OF 49 DOTS ) Seems to have been used 1875 / 1900
- 2 " " 64 " ) Nos 1 & 2 have not been reported on cover.
- 3 " " 81 " ) No. 3 has been seen on a letter dated 3rd May, 1888
- 7 PLEINE MER (Boxed) Seems to have been used since 1895. Seen used on the 6th & 9th May 1896

PORT SAID

- 1 DIAMOND OF 49 DOTS ) Seems to have been used from 1875 to 1900
- 2 " " 64 " ) Nos. 2 & 3 not reported on cover to date.
- 3 " " 81 " )
- 5 PLEINE MER (Large "M") ) Used from 1892 to 1899. Seen from 21st September 1893 to 2 March, 1899.

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| 8  | PAQUEBOT<br>(Boxed)               | ) Used from 1899 to 1904.<br>) Seen from 21st November 1899 to 6th December, 1900.                                 | <u>PORT TAUFIQ</u><br>Successor to Suez . . .   |
| 9  | PAQUEBOT                          | ) Used from 1900 to 31st March, 1931 by French Post Office.<br>) Seen 10th September 1900 and 22nd February, 1910. | 11 PAQUEBOT<br>(Boxed)<br>) Used from 1901 to 1937.<br>) Seen from 2nd June, 1901 to 19th October, 1935.  |
| 12 | PAQUEBOT                          | ) Used from 1905 to 1921.<br>) Seen from 10th February 1907 to 22nd November, 1911.                                | 18 DATED POSTMARK<br>Seen since February 1939. Should still be in use.<br>Seen 20th May, 1939 and 20 August, 1939   |
| 14 | DATED POSTMARK<br>(With 2 breaks) | Used since 1927/28. Should still be in use.<br>Seen 11 May, 1928.  | * * *<br><u>BIBLIOGRAPHY</u><br>L'Orient Philatelique - Le Caire<br>Vol. VII, No. 77, Jan. 1952 G. Boulad<br>Vol. VII, No. 80, Oct. 1952 J. R. Danson<br>Vol. VIII, No. 87, July 1954 G. Boulad |

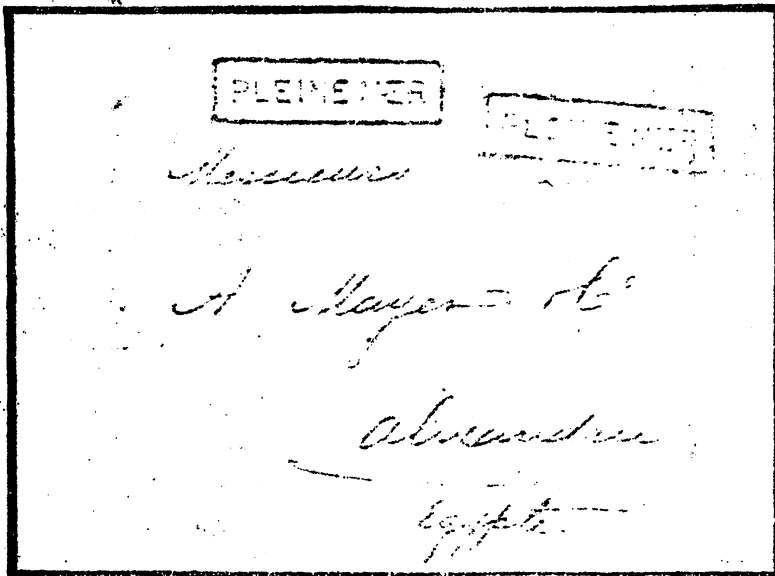


Fig. 7 - Cachet type 7 struck at Alexandria, 6 May, 1896. (Dated postmark on back) on a pair of 20 para Turkish stamps franking a letter delivered to Alexandria.

Illustrated from the collection of Erich Haffele Memmingen of West Germany.

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| 4  | DIAMOND OF 156 DOTS      | Seen 13th January, 1907. Occasional later usage.                                   | La Poste Maritime Francais, par Ray Salles. Vol. I, Les entrees maritimes et les bateaux a vapeur, 1961, page 67.                                     |
| 6  | PLEINE MER<br>Narrow "M" | ) Used from 1893 to 1899.<br>) Seen from 15th December, 1893 to 9th January, 1899. | Vol. II, Les paquebots de la Mediterranee 1962, pages 311 and 313.  |
| 10 | PAQUEBOT<br>(Boxed)      | ) Used from 1900 to ?<br>) Seen 9th February, 1903.                                | Stamps of the Russian Empire Used Abroad, by S. D. Tchilinghirian and W.S.E. Stephen. Vol. 2, 1958, pages 188-190<br>Vol. 6, 1960, pages 558-560      |
| 14 | PAQUEBOT                 | ) Seen 17th February, 1907. Occasional later use.                                  | The Postal Markings of Egypt by S. Elomfield. Study VI of The Egypt Study Circle - Additional information 1964, Sea Post, Official markings, sheet 1. |

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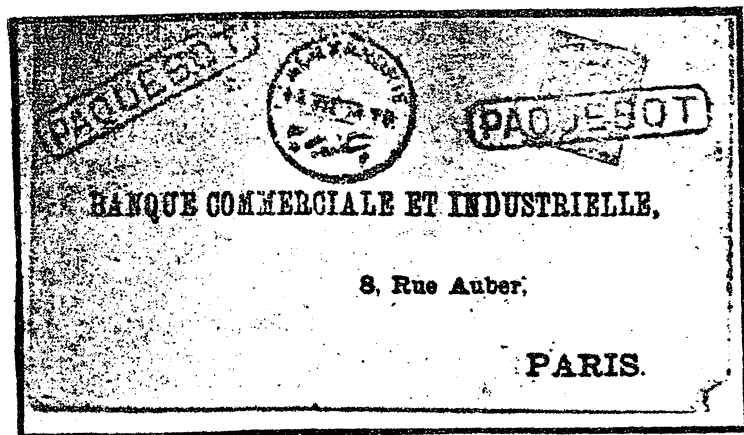


Fig. 8 — Cachet type 10 struck at ALEXANDRIA on March 14, 1904 on a letter coming from an English ship.

(Collection of Ivan Ganshof Van Der Meerh, Switzerland).

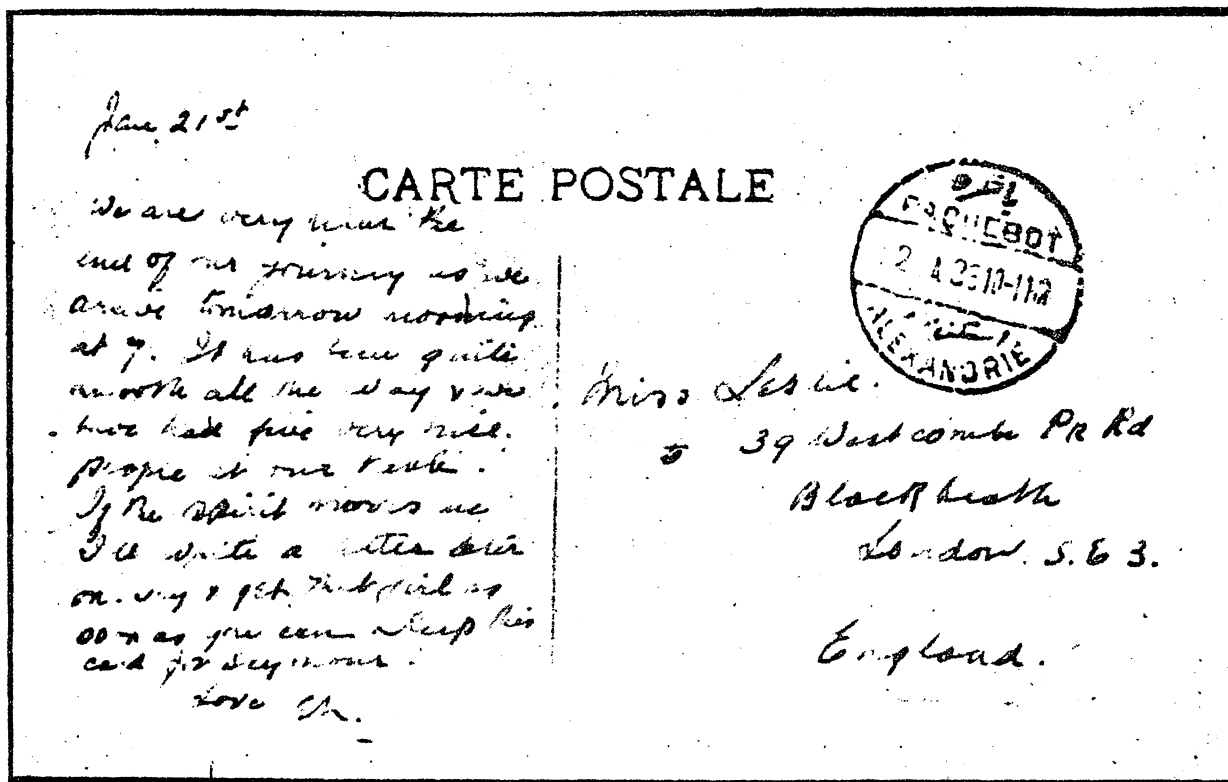


Fig. 9 — Cachet type 15 struck on the 21st of January, 1936 in ALEXANDRIA, on a post card coming from a French Ship. (Collection, Charles Minett, Great Britain).

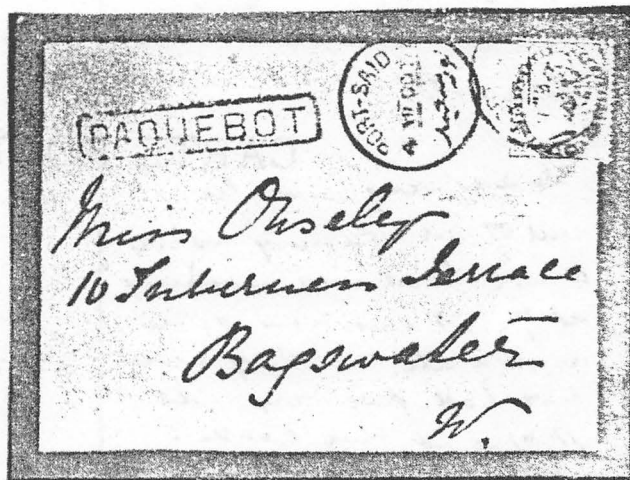
*Fig. 10* — Cachet type 5 struck on the 26th of March, 1899 at Port Said (Latest date reported) on a stamp of Great Britain, coming from an English ship of the P & O Line.

It was lot No. 1466 from the sale of Helmut Hammer of Frankfurt am Main on September 5, 6, 7, 1967 as reported by Mr. Alfredo E. Fiecche of Milan, Italy.



*Fig. 11* — Cachet type 8 struck on December 4, 1900, at Port Said, on a letter coming from an English ship.

(Collection of Mr. Charles Minnett of Great Britain).



*Fig. 12* — Cachet type 9, struck on October 29th, 1906, at the Post Office in Port Said, on a letter coming from a French ship.

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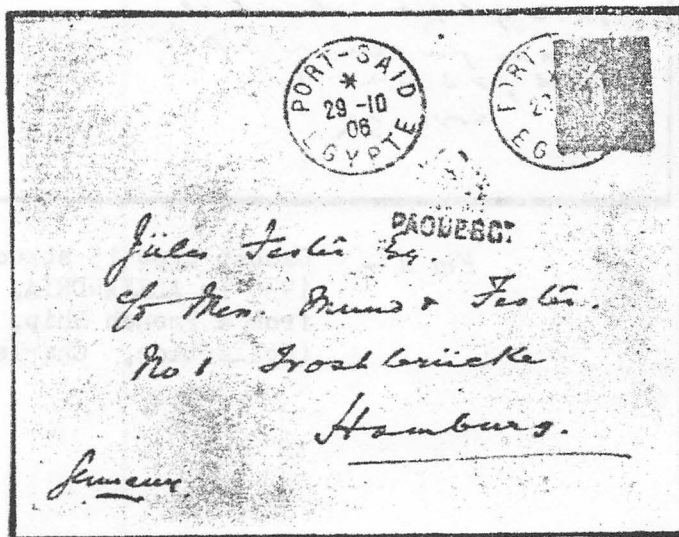


Fig. 13 — Cachet type 12 struck on June 6, 1911 on a post card of French origin with reply card attached.

Originating in Beirut, it is addressed to Lyon in France.

(Collection - of Dr. P. Lejeune, Paris, France).

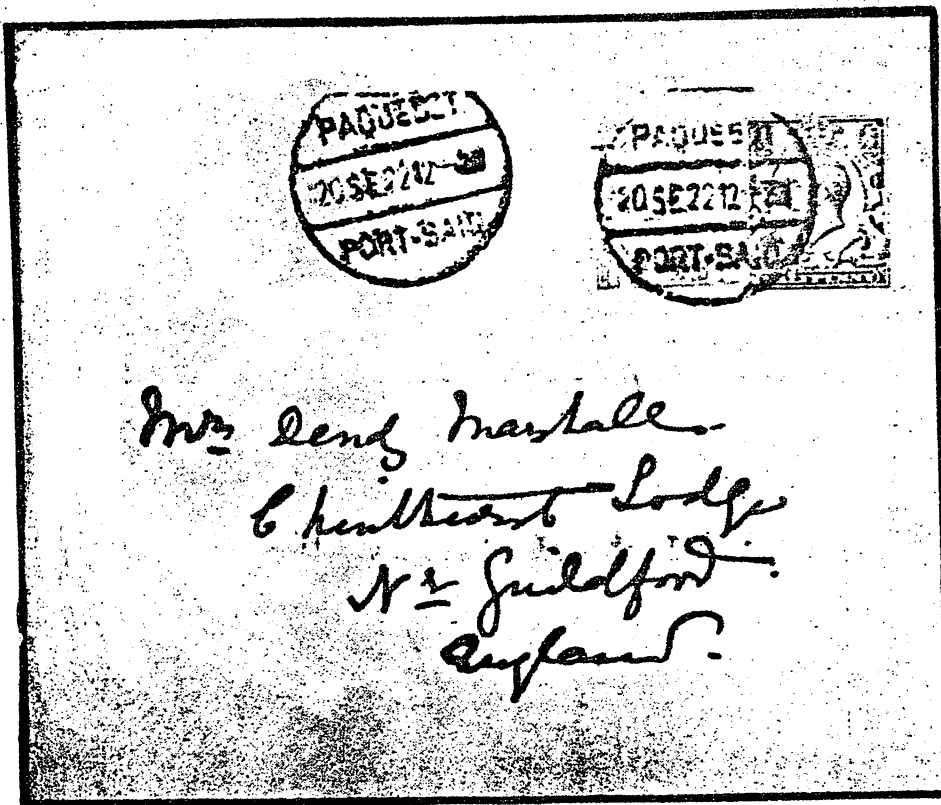
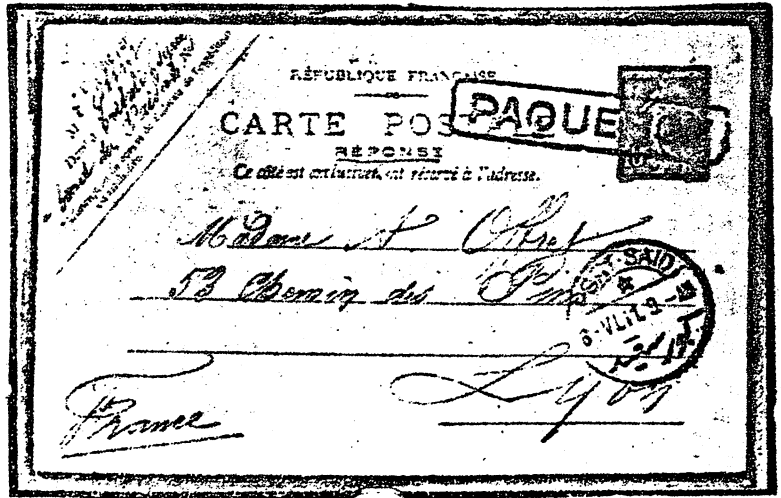


Fig. 14 — Cachet type 16 struck on September 20th, 1922 - at Port Said, on a letter coming from an English ship.

(From the collection of Mr. Charles Minnett of Great Britain.)

Fig. 15. — Cachet type 17 struck on 11 May, 1928 at Port Said, on a letter coming from an English ship.

(Collection of Ivan Ganshof Van Der Meerah, Switzerland).



Fig. 16. — Cachet type 4 struck at Suez on January 13, 1907 on a post card mailed at Aden aboard a ship enroute north; the stamps of British India were used at that time in Aden. The late usage of this diamond of dots without numbers cannot be easily explained. Was it used as an additional obliterator during a period of heavy mail when the "PAQUEBOT" cachet was already in use at Port Taufiq? This card was addressed to Cairo where it arrived on January 14, 1907.

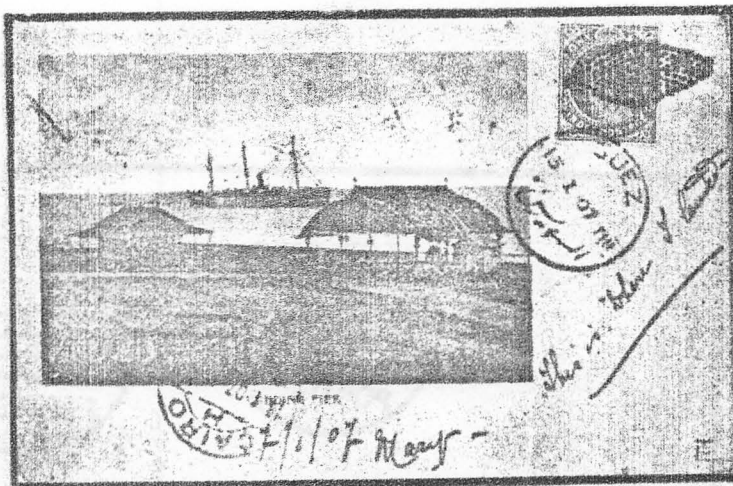


Fig. 17. — Cachet type 6 struck at Suez on June 4, 1898 on a German entire postal card coming from the German ship "Kaiser" addressed to Frankfurt am Main.

(Illustrated from the collection of Erich H. Mommagen, W. Germ.)



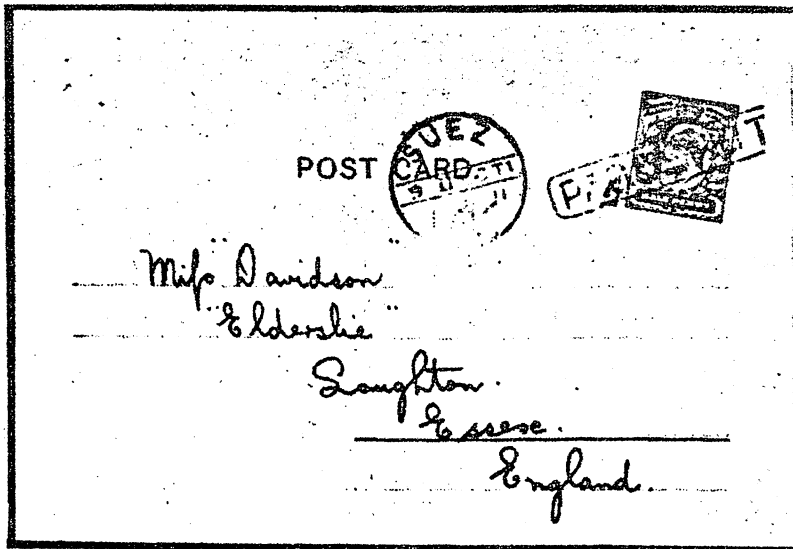


Fig. 18 — Cachet type 10 struck at Suez on February 9, 1903 on a post card coming from an English ship. (From the collection Charles Minett.

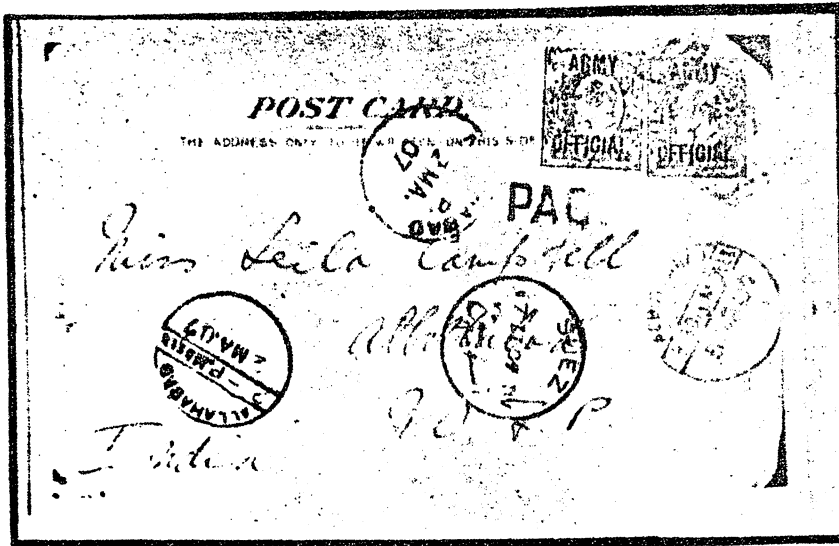


Fig. 19. — Cachet type 14 Struck at Suez on February, 17th, 1907 on a post card coming from an English ship addressed to India. (From the collection of Mr. Charles Minett.).

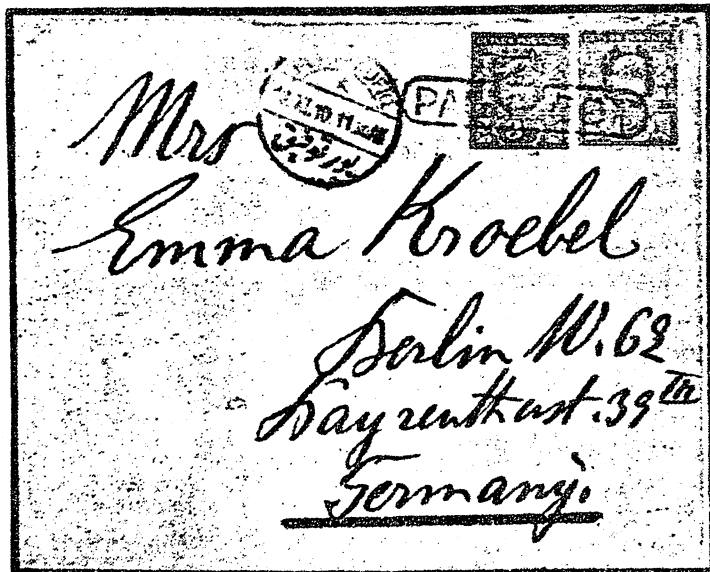


FIG 20 - Cachet type # 11 struck at Port Taufiq on November 13, 1910, on a letter coming from an English ship franked with stamps of Ceylon. (From collection of Mr. Van Der Meerh).

Fig. 21 — Cachet type 11 struck at Port Taufiq on October 19, 1935 on a letter coming from an English ship, franked with an English stamp.

(From the Charles Minett Collection).

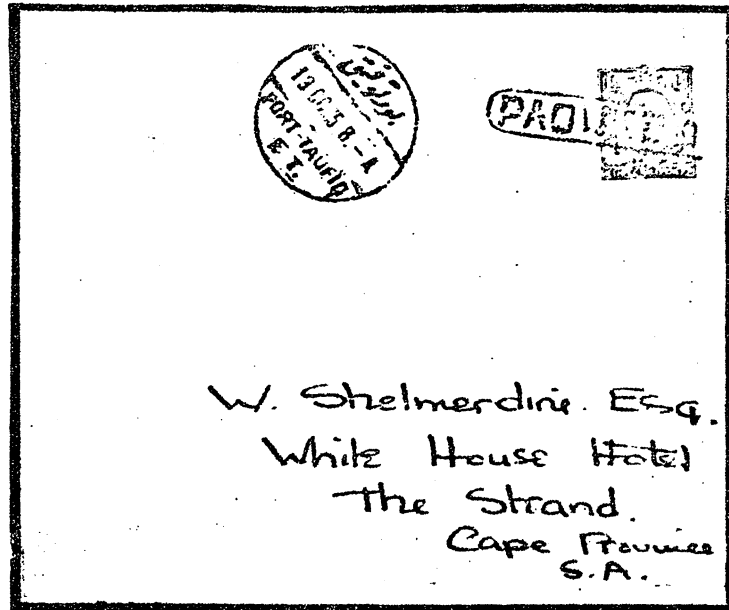
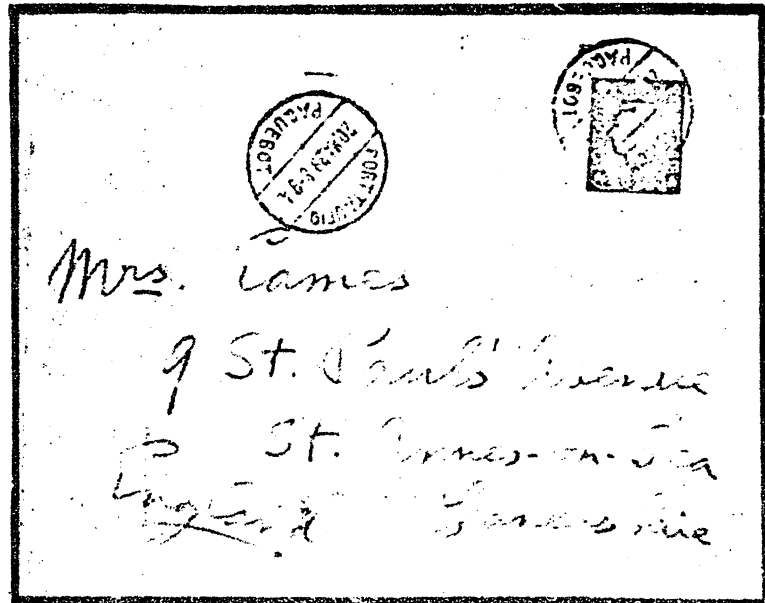


Fig. 22 — Cachet type #11 struck at Port Taufiq on May 20, 1939, on a letter coming from an English ship.

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most of us who collect this material have experienced difficulty in finding a reliable supplier who might provide the full variety we require. TOM OLSON, a staunch supporter of Topics, has volunteered to provide this service; to make available singles, blocks, FDC's, officials, postal stationery, etc., at cost plus the necessary fees, charges of the U.A.R. Philatelic Services Office in Cairo.

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Very few requests for WANTS and OFFERS arrive and, since it is free WE WONDER WHY? Don't send an explanation we'd rather keep on wondering! Send in your WANTS and OFFERS instead - NOW! Fill up those elusive spaces and clean out the attic at the same time. Your junkie may be some other man's treasure.

It has also been several months since we've receive news of exhibition winners? Did we scare you off with our recent burglary report? Hope not - exhibition participation is our finest and easiest method of publicizing our special little area of the hobby.

## Perfins... HELP!!

Dr. Winter has done an admirable job painstakingly listing all of the known per submitted to him for this project. This, to our knowledge, is the first time anyone has attempted to list this unusual facet of our material. To make the job a complete and really valuable reference work WE MUST HAVE YOUR HELP. Check your material against the two lists already published. If you locate items not listed, forward a tracing, or as much information as possible either directly to Dr. Winter, or to your editor for inclusion in our next supplemental listing.

YOUR "FREE" ADVERTISEMENT could be in this space right now - working for you; helping you acquire elusive items or philatelic literature, or locating an interested buyer for your surplus material. Sit down now and drop a line to the editor for our next issue



# UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC

## THE REVOLUTION OF JULY 23, 1952 - FROM INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THE POSTAL AUTHORITY

The Revolution aimed at creating a new socialist community, to bridge the gap between classes; and to create equal changes for all. It did not provide for a handful of capitalists to be the sole owners of factories.

Goals of the new government were to increase plant and animal production. A bill in 1952 (The Land Reform Bill) limiting ownership

but giving land to those who had none to farm. It built the high dam.

It was hoped to increase the national income by each working together to a common goal. Laborers were given 1/2 of the profits in the form of social services and a right to participate in the management of their organization.

### THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVOLUTION

DATE OF ISSUE: 23 July, 1971  
 DENOMINATIONS: (2) 20 Mills  
 DESIGN: (1) A workman making a cog  
 (2) A hand holding an ear of Corn and a laurel  
 DIMENSIONS: (each) 25 x 42 mm.  
 PERFORATION: 11 1/2  
 SHEET: 50 Stamps - (10 x 5)  
 COLORS: (1) Shades of blue from light to deep blue-black, green yellow, orange-red, beige  
 (2) Light beige background, emerald green, pale green yellow, brown and white.  
 WATERMARK: Multiple Eagle  
 PRINTING: ROTOGRAVURE - POSTAL PRINTING HOUSE AT CAIRO IN THE UAR  
 QUANTITY: 1,000,000 of each



### SOUVENIR SHEET FOR THE REVOLUTION

DATE OF ISSUE: 23 July, 1971  
 DENOMINATION: 100 Mills  
 DESIGN: A candle lighting Africa and Nasser's portrait.  
 DIMENSIONS: 130 x 90 mm.  
 WATERMARK: Multiple Eagle  
 PRINTING: ROTOGRAVURE - As above  
 QUANTITY: 100,000



25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOFAR CONFERENCE

FIRST PROJECT OF UPA - (ARAB POSTAL UNION)

A conference of the Arab States League, held in Sofar, Lebanon, summer of 1946 set the base for a restricted Arab Postal Conference recommended by the Universal Postal Union.

Nine Congresses of the ARAB POSTAL UNION have been held since the first in Damascus (Syria) in 1952 with the last held in Cairo in 1971.

A REGULAR COMMEMORATIVE AND AN AIR MAIL COMMEMORATIVE

DATE OF ISSUE: 3 August, 1971  
 DENOMINATIONS: 20 Mills  
 (Air Mail) 30 Mills  
 DESIGN: Arab Postal Union Emblem surrounded by two chains, the rings of which depict the number of member countries. The small chain of 7 in 1946 and the big one of 21 in 1971  
 DIMENSIONS: 40 x 40 mm.  
 PERFORATION: 11 1/2  
 SHEET: 35 Stamps - (7 x 5)  
 COLORS: Emerald green, very dark  
 20 Mills - green, yellow and white.  
 30 Mills - Bright blue, deep brown yellow and white.  
 WATERMARK: Multiple Eagle  
 PRINTING: ROTOGRAVURE - As previous  
 QUANTITY: 20 Mills 1,000,000  
 30 Mills 500,000



**ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT**

OFFICIAL CHANGE OF NAME FROM UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC TO ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF GAMEL ABDEL NASSER

DATE OF ISSUE: 28 September, 1971  
 DENOMINATIONS: 5, 20, 30 & 55 Mills  
 DESIGN: Nasser's effigy and an olive branch.  
 DIMENSIONS: 25 x 40 mm.  
 PERFORATION: 11 1/2  
 SHEET: 50 stamps (5 x 10)  
 COLORS: 5 m. - Slate & purple brown  
 20 m. - Bright blue & mauve  
 30 m. - Bright blue & brown  
 55 m. - Emerald green & brown  
 WATERMARK: Multiple Eagle  
 PRINTING: ROTOGRAVURE - Postal Printing House - A. R. Egypt  
 QUANTITY: 5 & 20 m. - 3,000,000  
 30 & 55 m. - 500,000

AN ADDITIONAL SET OF COMMEMORATIVES, issued on this same date, one regular, one airmail for the Confederation of Arab Republics will be illustrated and described in next issue.



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