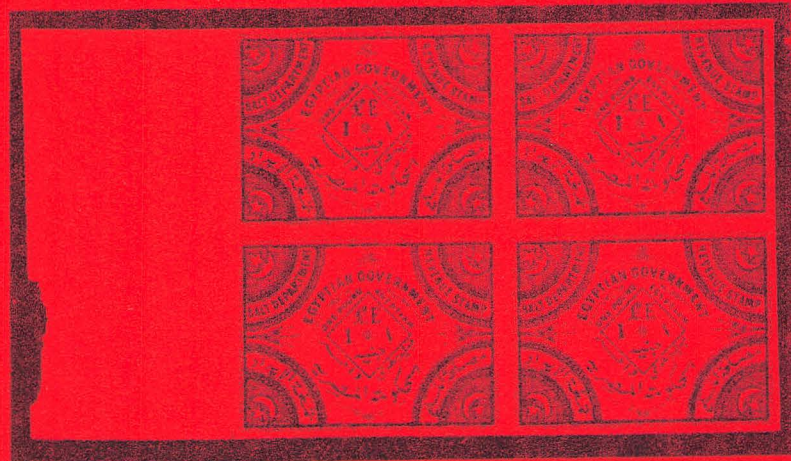
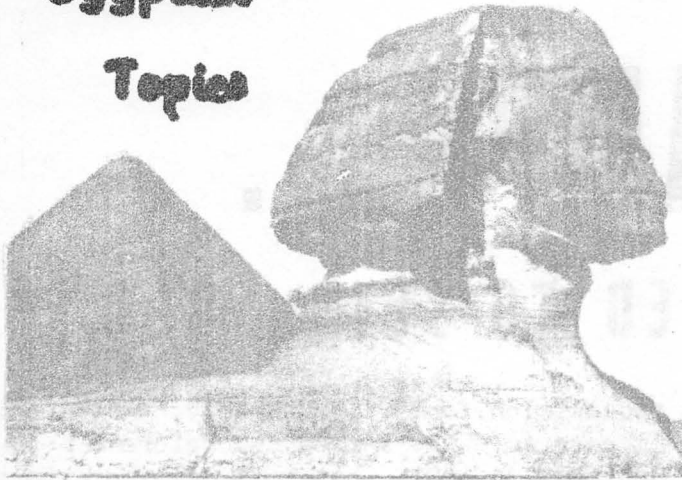


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with the editor

SPRING AGAIN ! While many are digging out of the snow after a long, cold, hard winter we here in Southern California are enjoying the usual run of balmy weather and sunshine.

In some parts of the world it appears that stamp collecting is a seasonal sort of thing and albums are laid aside during the warmer weather in order to pursue more active outdoor interests. Since our weather is normally fair the year around we pursue our collecting in the same manner. Accordingly we hold exhibitions the year around.

Many fine exhibitions are being held elsewhere in the Winter and Spring months, yet it has been some time since we have been able to list the names of award winners in Egyptian Topics ? Occasionally familiar names are picked up, usually months later from the national philatelic papers and magazines. More often than not they fail to tell us anything about the material exhibited. If you show your material and win, let us know. We would like to give credit. We never print addresses without your permission so, rest assured.

A few new Wants and Offers are coming in but we would really like to offer a full page or more with each issue. Let us know what you have to dispose of - or what you need. Never any charge to our readers.

Dr. Winter still needs a great deal more information on Perfins. There must be literally hundreds of denominations of the various issues that carry perforated company initials. Only with your help can we arrive at a reasonably complete listing. Send a xerox or a tracing of anything you may have that has not already been listed. Send it to us for correlation, or if more convenient, send it directly to Dr. Winter. His address is listed in this under Wants and Offers.

Mr. K. D. Knight of London has given us an interesting challenge. Wouldn't it be great to have a nice comprehensive listing, all in nice chronological order, of all of the rates of all of the issues of Egypt and the Sudan from the beginning, and, if possible to cover even the pre-adhesive period, dating say, from the Napoleonic Conquest 1798?

Read our notes in this issue of Topics and let us know if you are able to help !

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Peter R. Feltus

SALT STAMPS . . .

A PERMIT REQUIRED TO SELL SALT !

Information concerning the Revenue producing stamps of Egypt has been exceedingly difficult to come by. The author has spent years in research and apart from the Forbin catalog of 1915 and a few articles that have appeared in L'OP and Topics, little is known of their correct usage although many have appeared in the past 80 years or so.

We have known for many years that buyers of salt were required to use a special post office form to which stamps were affixed. Mr. Feltus has now discovered that a permit was also required of vendors, also taxed by the post office department. ed.

* * *

Since my article on the Salt Stamps was published three years ago in Egyptian Topics, Vol. 1, No. 1, a new item has come to hand which sheds more light on their usage. It is a Salt Sellers' Permit, or license, dated with an Ayat postmark of January 2nd, 1893. As both sides of the license form bear information of interest, both are illustrated on the following pages, along with an English translation.

The license bears three copies of the 1 pt. blue De La Rue postage stamp, apparently to pay a 3 pt. license fee. This explains the purpose of the 30 m. (3 pt.) "Renewed License" stamps of 1896 and 1897. It now seems reasonable to assume that the 3 pt. license fee was paid with postage stamps until 1896 when the special stamps were introduced.

It is interesting to note that in the instructions to the salt sellers, in both the French and Arabic renditions, it is said that postage stamps will be affixed to the salt requisition forms (see Egyptian Topics No. 19 for an illustration of a typical salt

requisition form). Presumably, then, this license form was introduced before it was decided, in 1891, that the Salt Department would have its own stamps. Thus there may exist some pre 1892 salt requisition forms bearing postage stamps to pay for the salt. Such a form would be very interesting, and inasmuch as the highest value postage stamp then in use was the 10 pt., it would probably bear dozens of stamps.

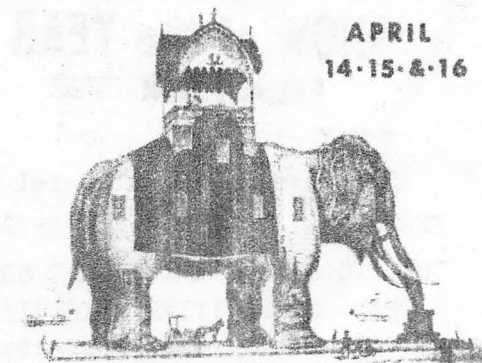
If someone wishes to investigate the matter he might find that a disproportionately large number of the high value De la Rue postage stamps of that period bear postmarks with dates in 1891. If you have a large quantity of the 5 pt. or the 10 pt., purple, it would be appreciated if you would check them and report your findings to me or to the editor. Thank you.

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Illustrations and translation of the text continues on the following pages.

SOJEX -- 1972 Postage Stamp Exhibit

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BUY THE MARGATE ELEPHANT BUILT - 1881

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مصلحة المالىة

ADMINISTRATION DU SEL

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PERMIS DE VENTE DU SEL

رخصة بيع الملح

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Nom du débitant

Lieu de vente

Gouvernorat

Moudirich

Markaz

Nom du garant

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Le Caire, le

نصرة الرخصة ١٨٤

اسم المتعهد ابراهيم يوسف العطار

جهة البيع القبة

محافظة

مديريه الجيزه

مركز صيد

اسم الضامن

قيمة التأمين

١٨٩٢

Le Directeur de l'Administration du Sel

مدير مصلحة الملح
عبدالمعطي
عبدالمعطي

هذا الرخصة يعمل بها لمدة سنة
من تاريخ اصدارها
في كل سنة
بمبلغ ١٨٩٢

Pour retirer du sel des shounahs, le debitant devra se présenter au Bureau du poste le plus proche faire sa demande sur un imprimé préposé à cet effet et payer le prix du sel qu'il désire acheter; l'agent de la poste reçoit l'argent et lui retourne l'imprimé portant de timbres-postes pour une somme équivalente à celle qu'il a payée; le débitant muni de cet imprimé, se présentera à la shounah la plus proche laquelle recevra l'imprimé et lui délivrera la quantité du sel demandée, plus la commission.

يجب على كل متعهد يرغب استلام ملح من احدى الشون ان يحضر الى مكتب البوستة لاقرب الى محل البيع ويحضر طلب بمقدار الملح الذي يرغب استلامه على ورقه مطبوعه مختصه بذلك ويسلم الطلب لاستخدام البوسطه ويدفع له ثمن الملح باستخدام البوسطه يستلم منه المبلغ ويرجع له الطلب ملصوق عليه طوابع بوسطه بالمبلغ الذي دفعه والمتعهد يتوجه الى الشون الامور الى محل البيع ويسلم الطلب ويستلم الملح ومقدار العمولة

Translation of the License form

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

SALT ADMINISTRATION

PERMIT TO SELL SALT

This permit is valid for one year.

Number of permit

Name of seller

Place of sale

District

County

Section

Name of guarantor

Amount of guarantee

Cairo, the 189

Director of the Salt Administration

To obtain salt from the warehouses, the seller should present himself to the nearest post office and make his request on a printed form prepared for that purpose, and pay the price of the salt which he wants to buy; the postal clerk will receive the money and return the form bearing postage stamps for the amount equal to that paid; the seller possessing the printed form should present himself to the nearest warehouse which will receive the form and will deliver him the requested quantity of salt, plus the commission.

Rules to be observed by salt sellers

1. - To place in front of the store destined to sell salt a plaque which will be furnished gratis by the Administration and on which will be inscribed in Arabic and in French: SALE OF SALT and the number of the permit.
2. - Not to sell salt except at the Tariff prices and in packages bearing the label of the Administration.
3. - Not to open and not to allow the opening of the packages nor to destroy the labels.
4. - To allow the visits and inspections of Government employees.
5. - To submit in general to the regulations pertaining to the sale of salt.

Formalités à observer par les débitants du sel.

- 1 — De placer au front de leurs magasins destinés à la vente du sel une plaque qui sera fournie gratis par l'Administration et sur laquelle sera inscrit en arabe et en français : VENTE DE SEL et le Numéro du permis.
- 2 — De ne vendre le sel qu'au prix du Tarif et en paquets portant l'étiquette de l'Administration.
- 3 — De ne pas ouvrir ou de ne pas laisser ouvrir les paquets ni détruire les étiquettes.
- 4 — De supporter les visites et les vérifications des employés du Gouvernement.
- 5 — De se soumettre en général aux règlements relatifs à la vente du sel.

يجب على كل منعهذ بيع الملح

- أولاً أن يضع في أعلى الخلل الحاربي بيع الملح به لوحة مكتوب عليها بالعربي والفرنساوي محل مبيع ملح وفرة الرخصة واللوحة المذكورة صارت مبنياً من طرف السلطة.
- ثانياً أن بيع الملح يكون بالامكان الموصوف في التعرئة وبواقع الرخصة المصنوع عليها تتون المصنعة.
- ثالثاً أن لا يفتح رطل الملح ولا يستولاحدها من لا يتف العنوان الذي عليها.
- رابعاً أن لا يتاخر عن اجابة مدو من احكومة في اجراء التفتيش والمراجعة.
- خامساً أن يكون خضعا للوائح والقوانين المختصة ببيع الملح.

Col. Elmer A. Kell

WONDERS of the WORLD in

Ancient Egypt

How many remember Breasted's "History of Ancient Civilization"? A half century ago every high school freshman had a considerable familiarity with this book. It was the textbook for a required course in ancient history. Beginning with the pre-Stone Age, it took you through the Stone Age, the discovery of fire and into the Bronze Age (some called it the metal age). We studied the glory of Greece, traced the route of the first marathon race and followed the conquests of the Persians Darius and Cyrus. It was the story of that part of the world that was known as Asia Minor on maps of that day. Today it is more commonly referred to as the Middle East.

Although we studied the wars and conquests, the glory of that area was its art and architecture. To illustrate this phase of ancient history, the student was invited to take a close look at the "Seven Wonders of the World".

Of the seven, two relate to Egypt and are of interest to Egyptian collectors.

The first, on the second stamp in the series (80 francs) pictures the "Pyramid of Cheops" with the Sphinx in the foreground. It was the largest of the pyramids and was constructed about 2680 B.C. A solid mass, 755 feet on a side and 481 feet high, the structure covers 13 acres. In spite of our modern technology, engineers are still seeking adequate explanation as to how the heavy stone blocks were raised into place. Just recently (1971) an article appeared in a Los Angeles newspaper that ad-

vanced the theory (with drawings) that a system of counter-weights was used. Situated at Giza, near Cairo, this is the only one of the "Seven Wonders" in existence.

The second "Egyptian Wonder" is the lighthouse on the island of Pharos, near Alexandria, seen on the 130 franc stamp. It did not appear on the list of the "Seven Wonders" until the 6th Century B.C. when it replaced the "Walls of Babylon". Built by Sostratus of Cnidus for Ptolemy II about 280 B.C., the tower was built in three stages. The lowest was square, the second octagonal, and the top section was cylindrical in shape. A spiral ramp, not seen on the stamp, led to the top of the 440 foot structure where a beacon fire burned at night. It was said these fires were visible for 42 miles at sea. The structure was destroyed by earthquake in the 14th century.

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The 80 franc is gray bright blue & brown. The 130 franc is pale gray, steel blue and reddish violet.



WESTPEX

APRIL

28-30

San Francisco 1972

Dr. A. Winter



A great deal of interest in the pioneer airman, Marc Pourpe, due to the recent sale of a fine example of a cover from his historic flight in 1914, and from the article written by the aviator himself in 1914 and published in French. It was translated and presented recently in Egyptian Topics.

Dr. Winter has compiled a bibliography from articles which have appeared in French from three sources, and from articles in English to give the student a workable source of information. -Ed.

FOLLOWING ARE THE FRENCH SOURCES:

- 1) "LA VIE AU GRAND AIR" - Weekly magazine published in 1914.
- 2) "EXCELSIOR" - Daily newspaper of 1914
- 3) "JE SAIS TOUT" - Magazine of 1914

MARC POURPE had an exclusive contract with these three papers to relate his Egyptian journeys and he gave them exclusive photos.

- 1) Year 1914, p. 5 to 260, about 15 pages scattered along, all in Pourpe's own hand, with exclusive photos (some having been issued in L'OP, Nos. 93, 98, and 100).

Almost no comment concerning letters carried, just a few sentences and a photo of his L.N.A. cachet, illustrated above. Interesting regardless for details of the journey - one article written at each step on the Southern route plus details of the Suez-Port Said trip.

- 2) Jan. and Febr., 1914. Several numbers

Marc Pourpe

A WORKING BIBLIOGRAPHY

some with front pages full of photos and text of the Cairo - Khartoum trip; texts of telegrams exchanged between the Sirdar in Khartoum and Mr. DeFiernie, the Minister of Finance in Cairo, saying they are very happy mail has been brought by air route for the first time -.

- 3) 15 April, 1914 Article as published in English in Topics, Vol. 3, No. 4.
- 4) LA REVUE AERIENNE, 1914 - Several Nos. as 126, 128, 132, etc. Short, nothing more than previously printed.
- 5) L'AEROPHILE, 1914 - Short comments in several numbers.
- 6) DEUX GRANDS CHEVALIERS de L'ADVENTURE: MARC POURPE and RAOUL LOUFBERY written by Jacques Mortane (ed. La Bodinie). This is the exact name of the book referred to in Topics, Vol. 3, No. 2, page 38. A detailed story of his life.

This is the exact name of the book referred to in Topics, Vol. 3, No. 2, page 38. A detailed story of his life.

The author, J. Mortane, doubtless was the best connoisseur of Pourpe and a good friend of his. His wife still lives. She had many souvenirs of Pourpe; several hundred press cuttings, a copybook in which Pourpe wrote of his trips to Indo-China and Australia, photos, and letters, among them the last he wrote the day before his death.

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Kenneth D. Knight



U N FORCES

IN EGYPT

The withdrawal of British, French and Israeli Forces, during 1956, that had occupied the various parts of Egypt during the dispute over the nationalization of the Suez Canal marked the beginning of the presence of United Nations Forces on Egyptian soil. Originally their presence was to supervise and control the withdrawal. However, troops from many nations; Norway, Sweden, India, Yugoslavia, Canada etc., were to remain in Gaza and various points along the Israel / Egypt frontier for some ten years. In so doing, an interesting sideline for the collectors of Middle Eastern stamps was established.

The United Nations Postal Administration issued, in 1957, a set of two stamps in honor of the United Nations Emergency Forces as the Units in Gaza were known. However, as with other stamps issued by the U.N., these were valid for use only at the post office of the U.N. Headquarters, New York, and not available for the use of various troops comprising the U.N.E.F.

The 1965 overprint UNEF on the 1964 Indian 15 p. Children's Day commemorative was the only stamp specifically issued for the use of the Emergency Forces. However, military covers from other nationalities doing a tour of duty with the U.N.E.F. exist, in many cases being readily identifiable by the postmark as with the Swedish cover illustrated on the following page.

1956

1967

An excellent work on Swedish military mail cancellations - written by TAGE CALLERAS of Sweden, and published by the U.N. Study Unit of the ATA in 1966

The catalog is well illustrated and contains factual data as to time, town / place, and type of dispatch. Illustrated cancellations are numbered as to type. Also listed is the height and width in millimeters. -ed.



NEED FOR RATE LIST

Our good friend, Mr. K. D. Knight, faithful contributor and now the Honorable Secretary of the Egypt Study Circle in London has written to say that a great need exists for a comprehensive listing of postal rates for the emissions of Egypt and the Sudan.

Mr. Knight cites as an example, the 1937/39 Boy King issue. We agree that there is a need for ALL of the rates from the first issue on, even to date. 1937 is not so long past, and even now we are experiencing difficulty in obtaining this information.

Will anyone among our readers volunteer to do the necessary research? If not all of the issues, then any particular issue of which they have knowledge. Your editor will be glad to correlate this information and present it in future issues of Topics, as a ready and permanent reference

Those of you who have attempted to obtain this information to annotate pages for your albums, for special study, or for exhibition know of the challenge it presents.

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BRITISH CAMPAIGNS !

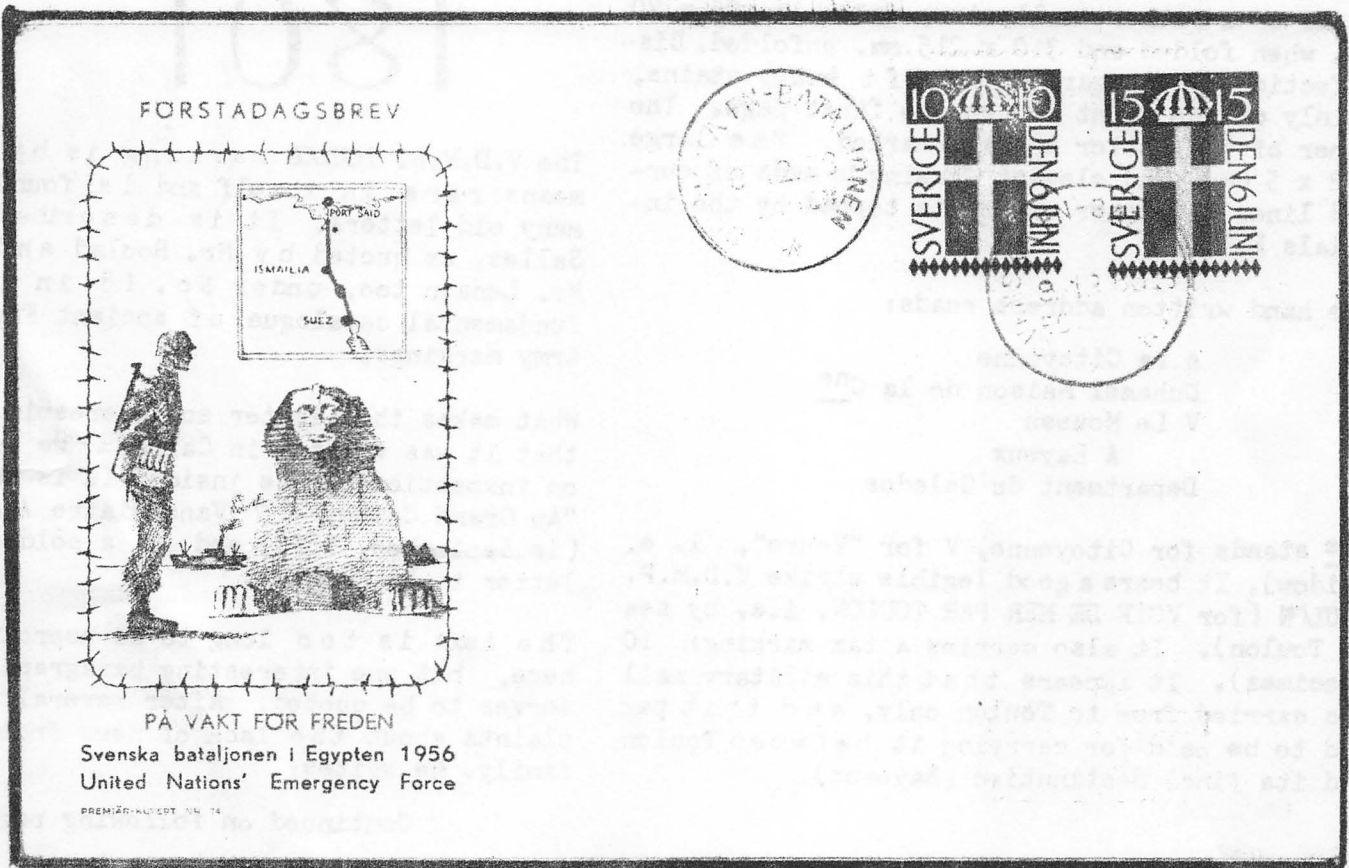
Mr. John Firebrace of London and the Egypt Study Circle is making a comprehensive study of the following British Military Campaigns and he requests information:

1. The French - British Campaign in Egypt circa 1798 - 1802
2. The British Campaign of 1807
3. The British Campaign / Occupation of Egypt and the Sudan - 1882 - 1886.

While we will cover as much of the material available in our regular bibliography, unfortunately we have not been able to do this in advance. Each section of the bibliography is made up as we go along.

Peter Smith has provided us with a considerable amount of information on the Napoleonic Campaign and on the Sudan Conquests, however, much remains to be done, particularly the Campaign of 1807 where very little has been published to date. If you can help with any one of these campaigns, even the fragmentary, please forward it to the editor. We would like to present it in Topics and we will forward copies to Mr. Firebrace.

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Dr. A. Winter

A RARE LETTER FROM EGYPT

In Topics, Vol. 2, No. 3 Mr. Jean Boulad d'Humieres wrote about two very unusual markings relating to the Napoleonic Campaign in Egypt. He illustrated the handstamp V. D.M.P. TOULON on a cover from Egypt to France and stated it was exceedingly rare, only one cover being known till now. At present, there must at least two of them as another fine example was sold in a Parisian auction in December, 1971 for \$125.00.

Let us first examine the outside of the letter. It is of a rather small size, measuring 95 x 70 mm. when folded and 310 x 215 mm. unfolded. Disinfection by vinegar has left heavy stains, mainly on the front and on the first page. The paper of the letter is watermarked. The large (12 x 5 cm.) and elegant drawing is made of curved lines and other ornaments topped by the initials E. B.

The hand written address reads:

A La Citoyenne
Duhamel Maison de la C^{ne}
V Le Moussu
A Bayeux
Department du Calados

C^{ne} stands for Citoyenne, V for "Veuve", i. e. (widow). It bears a good legible strike V.D.M.P. TOULON (for VOYE DE MER PAR TOULON, i.e. by sea to Toulon). It also carries a tax marking: 10 (decimes). It appears that this military mail was carried free to Toulon only, and that tax had to be paid for carrying it between Toulon and its final destination (Bayeaux).

Napoleon's

Campaign

1798

1801

The V.D.M.P. TOULON marking is by no means rare in itself and is found on many old letters. It is described by Salles, as quoted by Mr. Boulad and by Mr. Lenain too, under No. 18 in his fundamental catalogue of ancient French Army markings.

What makes this letter so interesting is that it was written in Cairo, as we learn on inspection of the inside. It is dated "Au Grand Caire, 19 Vandemiaire An IX (is ~~September~~, 1800) and is a soldier's letter to his mother.

The text is too long to be reproduced here, but one interesting paragraph deserves to be quoted. After several complaints about the lack of news from his family, he writes:

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A RARE SOLDIER'S LETTER TO HIS MOTHER FROM EGYPT IN 1800

the English Navy.

General Davout was later released but no doubt the mail was kept and keenly studied by the English. He had a better chance next time and this letter did go through!

The "happy day" the soldier is hoping for happened exactly one year later. The French army left Egypt in Vendemiaire AN X - September, 1801.

At left - of this interesting cover. The stains are from vinegar disinfection. Note too, manuscript tax mark.

"For two and a half years we have been in this country. Seven or eight ships have arrived from France carrying letters for the army but none of those I should have received have reached me. In my last letter transmitted to you by a young man from Bayeaux, going back to France with General Davout. I expressed the hope I had to be back in Toulon for last Floreal, but unfortunately we are kept here and I don't know when the happy day will come which will see us leaving this country."

When the letter was written Napoleon had left Egypt nearly one year previous (24 Vendemiaire An VIII), and the French army was commanded by General Menou, after Kleber's murder. Since the destruction of the French fleet in Aboukir (16 Thermidor An VII, 3 Aout, 1798) and the blockade made by the English, the relations between the army and France had become very difficult. That is why it seems surprising to read that there had been seven or eight ships that could reach Egypt with letters for the army. The writer says he transmitted his last letter to his mother by a young man going back to France with Gen. Davout. He would not have been surprised to hear his letter never reached Bayeaux, had he known that the ship carrying the General and his letter was hailed on the high seas by

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Ernest Q. Kehr

"ERNIE" VISITS CAIRO

An excerpt from the regular newsletter of the Philatelic Press Club issued by Mr. Kehr on his return from his recent journey to several countries in Europe and Africa - Ed.

P. O. at Abu Simbel

POSTAL UNION OF AFRICA - EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD IN CAIRO.

On our recent trip we flew from Rome to Cairo, having been invited to attend the Executive Council meeting of the Postal Union of Africa. The ten day Congress was largely devoted to the discussion of the many technical aspects of the Postal services and the difficulties which continue to plague most of the nations which emerged from former colonial positions in 1957. From the discussions which were simultaneously translated from or into French, English and Arabic) it became clear that there is yet much to be done if postal services in Africa are to meet even the lowest standards of more developed lands. There was general agreement that improvement is imperative but that the finances necessary to introduce them are just not available. The U.P.U., of which all are already members, is offering a variety of technical assistance programs, but as was indicated, "the seminars conducted by experts of the Western World do not touch the problems African Countries face . . . it is necessary to plan training programs that relate to specific needs". There is a further problem; some African nations also are members of the Postal Union of Africa and Malagache and/or the Arab Postal Union, so actually they could avail themselves of seminars conducted by four organizations, but simply don't have the funds to do so. In an effort to raise funds, some countries have turned to a variety of meth-

ods to get additional cash. This, some of the delegates were frank to admit, had led them to enter into contracts with professional "philatelic agencies" which utilized them pie-in-the-sky profits. A delegate from the Sudan admitted that his administration has steadfastly refrained from making any deals (largely because Cairo officials, which closely cooperate with Khartoum, advised against this), but sought other ways that might seem a bit strange. Sudanese post offices, for example act as agents for entertainment and gambling facilities. One can walk into a post office and order tickets for sports, music or motion picture events to be held in the same or a different city; he can also buy pool tickets involving sports tickets. There is no service charge to the client, but a commission of between four and seven per centum is paid by the organization.

VISIT TO THE MONUMENTS OF NUBIA

Following the congress, we returned to Upper Egypt and Nubia to again visit the profusion of monuments in that area, especially to see the effects of the High Dam at Aswan.

The High Dam is practically completed and certainly stands as nothing short of an engineering miracle. Its immense granite, concrete and steel barriers holding back the Nile's waters to form the world's largest artificial lake that stretches many miles deep into the Sudan. To serve the postal needs of the thousands of Russians and native workmen and their families housed in huge colonies, the Egyptian Postal Organization has opened and is operating post offices on the east and west sides of the Dam, each with its own "High Dam" postmarks.

ABU SIMBEL POST OFFICES AND CANCELLERS

The raising of the Abu Simbel temples also had a philatelic result. Until this Herculean feat was begun, Abu Simbel was but a

MARC POURPE - BIBLIOGRAPHY - Cont.

Most of these items are now in a museum of aviation. It would require several days to read them all! The best items have been stolen. There is but one old man to supervise the museum library. Many world-famous philatelists have items coming from there.

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THE PHILATELIC LITERATURE OF EGYPT

"AN ANNOTATED RESEARCH BIBLIOGRAPHY"

By GORDON B. GARRETT

With Valuable Assistance From CHARLES FOX

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L'ORIENT PHILATELIQUE

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1 PT - 1889 and 8m - 1927 ON THICK PAPER - BOULAD, Gabriel, No. 114, Oct., 1964 / JAN., 1965. p. 434. Brief note in French re paper variety.

NOTES ON S.G. AND ZEHERI PRICES - EID, M., No. 116, Oct., 1965, p. 542-3. Some interesting notes on remainders, varieties etc., and their price in 1965 cats.

THE QUARTERLY CIRCULAR - Egypt Study Circle

NOTES ON DIE PROOFS AND ESSAYS - HURT, E. F., Vol. 1, No. 3, pp. 4-5. November, 1938. Having to do with the 2 and 4 m. proofs before and after hardening, and the frame of the 2m. die proof before hardening. 1897 issue.

A DISPLAY OF POSTAGE DUES - BYAM, D. W., Vol. 1, No. 4, p. 8, March, 1939. A display before the Circle where the issues of '84 and '86 were discussed and what was previously thought to be one issue was determined to be two separate

THE FIRST EGYPTIAN POSTAGE DUES - HURT, E. F., Vol. 1, No. 11, p. 7, December, 1941. An official notice of the issuance of postage and the fact that they were not available to the general public but would be made available to collectors as CTO's. CTO's at that early date. Must be some kind of a first ?

EGYPTIAN POST OFFICE REPORT PERTAINING TO RATES - FOX, Chas. Vol. II, No. 5, p. 52.

A listing of postal rates in 1878 with notation that unfranked letters would be taxed double the usual rate.

EGYPTIAN POSTAL DOCUMENTS - BYAM, Dr. Wm., Vol. II, No. 6, pp. 75-6, March, 1944. Some notes pertaining to period of validity, remainders etc. No differentiation is made between watermarked and unwatermarked issues.

THE PHILATELIC LITERATURE OF EGYPT - Continued from previous page . . .

DATES OF ISSUE FROM "P.M." - 1921-22 - P.M. issue of Dec. 29, 1921. Noted as insert in bound copy of the Q.C. Record. No other info.

THE FIRST CAIRO PHILATELIC EXHIBITION - BYAM, Dr. Wm., Vol. III, No. 1, p. 12, Mar. 1946
Details on a display by D. McNeille at the exhibition. See L'OP #57, p. 19.

REPORT OF EGYPTIAN ITEMS AT THE LISBON EXHIBITION - OCT., 1953 - BYAM, Dr. Wm., Vol. IV, No. 7, pp. 87-88, Sept., 1954. 1864-6-8 issues on cover. Notes from official document re: double rate etc. Few details. Report on Piperno's display, 1884-1888. 1898 3m/2PT inv. soldier's stamp cover. 2 letters taxed by postage stamps with "T" in lieu of p.d. stamps.

FORGED COVERS OF THE SUDAN CAMPAIGN - SMITH, Peter A. S., Vol. V, No. 2, p. 18. Illustrated. Excellent text. November, 1957.

FORGED SUDAN CAMPAIGN COVERS - HOUSTON, Geo., Vol. V, No. 3, p. 36. May, 1958. Additional comments on Dr. Smith's article with reference to six in his collection and the Reason and explanation he believes them to be forged.

POSTAGE DUES - "THE SOLDIER'S STAMP" - BYAM, Dr. Wm., Vol. V, No. 10, p. 105-7, Dec., 1961
Excellent text as is to be expected from Dr. Byam. Concerns the various printing states with diagrams of 2nd, 3rd and 4th states.

NEW ITEMS FOR THE RECORD FOUND IN EUROPE - SMITH, Peter A. S. Vol. V, No 11/12, p. 120, Oct. 1962. Item 3 deals with the original die proof of the 20 paras in black. A half page excerpt dealing with several other "finds" of Egyptian interest.

IMPERF AND PART PERF. IN EGYPTIAN PHILATELY - SMITH, PETER A. S., Vol. VI, No. 10, p. 112-3
Published after Mr. Minett's listings. A discourse on p.d. Imperfs with reference to Zeheri's accuracy rather than Scott or Gibbons. Interesting text.

SALE CATALOGUES

EUGENE KLEIN - Philadelphia, March, 1919, pp. 6-7. 1884-98 and p. 9 - Sudan, 1897. Sale cat. with excellent illustrations. Reminisce on prices that "used to be".

MACKENZIE-LOW SALE - H. R. HARMER 10-21/22, 1929. Illustrated catalogue, all Egyptian.

ARTHUR HIND SALE - H. R. HARMER, May 20/21, 1935. p. 15, 1888 - 1898.

THE PALACE COLLECTIONS - H. R. HARMER, Feb. 12 & 18, 1954, pp. 68-73. 1884-1941.

WILLIAM C. HINDE SALE - ROBSON LOWE, Oct. 16/17, 1957, pp. 25/6. 1884-1922, and page 41, Sudan, 2897.

GENERAL SALE - H. R. HARMER, Nov. 11, 1957, pp. 13/4. 1884-1941.

DR. WILLIAM BYAM SALE - ROBSON LOWE, Oct. 24/25, 1961, pp. 96-101. 1884 etc.

THE CHARLES COTTA SALE - ROBSON LOWE, Jan. 27, 1965, p. 27, 1886 & 1922.

HANDBOOKS, ETC.

ZEHERI CATALOGUES - Latest edition, 1967. New edition to make appearance in 1972.

EGYPT - MELVILLE, Fred. J., 1915, pp. 58-65 and 79-81. 1884-1905

STAMP LOVER - THE POSTAGE DUE STAMPS OF EGYPT - MacKENZIE-LOW, A. S., Vol. XV, No. 9, pp. 249-50. Will be reviewed later.

EGYPTIAN POSTAL GUIDE - 1928 and 1939 - in Arabic.

POSTAL ADMINISTRATION ANNUAL REPORTS - 1934 and 1935.

LES POSTES EN EGYPTE - POSTAGE DUE CHARGES - 1934, pp. 75-8.

NOTE HISTORIQUE - 1946 - pp. 23-5, Brief notes on all issues to 1938. In French.

STAMPS AND POSTS OF THE ANGLO EGYPTIAN SUDAN - GISBURN & THOMPSON, 1947, pp. 83 & 85.
The 1897 Sudan overprints.

THE PHILATELIC LITERATURE OF EGYPT - Continued

ROYAL IMPERFORATE PRINTINGS - LEE, George, 1957, pp. 23/4 & 28. illustrated.

This completes the listings by Mr. Minett. The author adds such material as is available to him from this point on.

THE STAMP LOVER

THE POSTAGE DUE STAMPS OF EGYPT - MACKENZIE-LOW, A. S., Vol. XV, No. 9, February, 1923
pp. 249-50. Excellent text illustrated with the four types. Notes on how to detect forgeries. The 1888 issue.

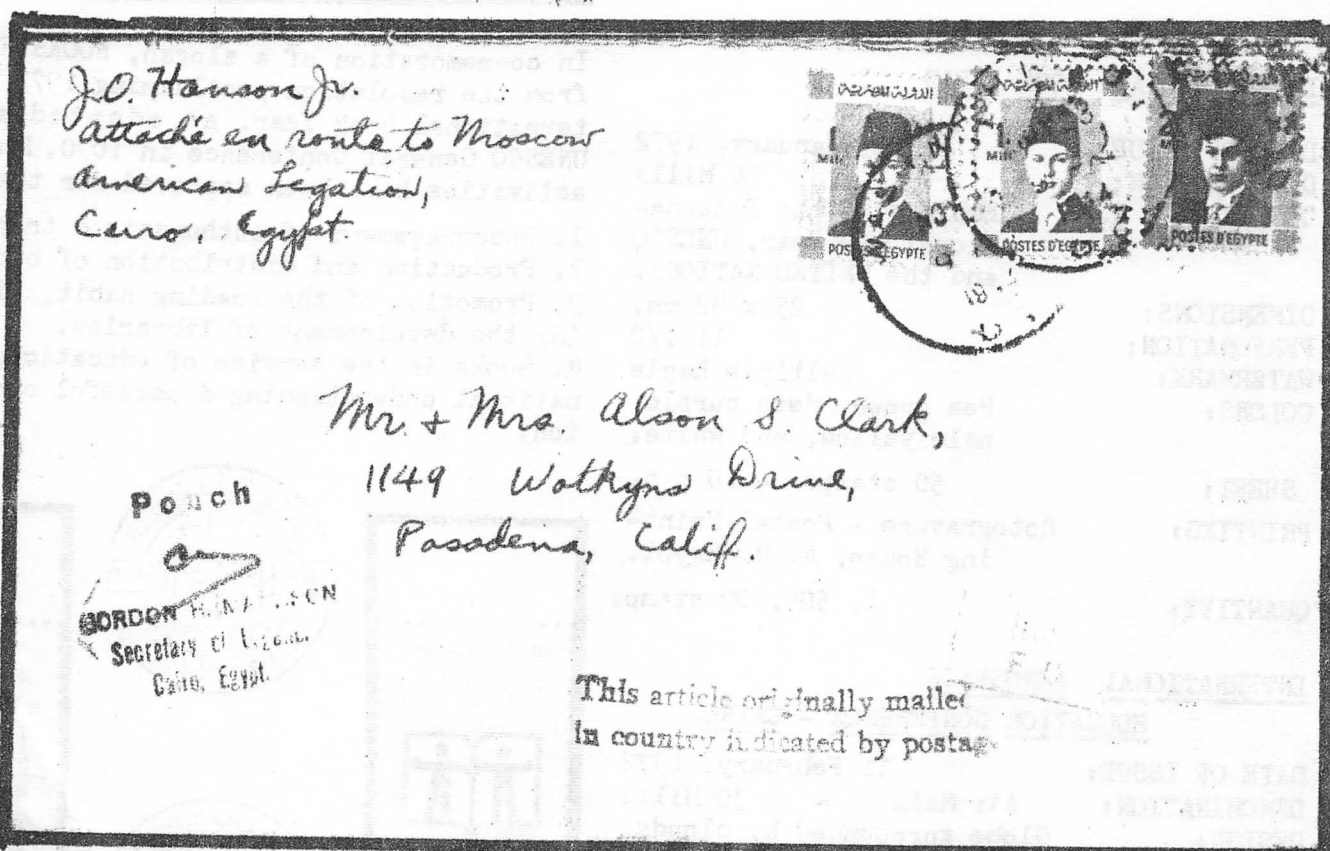
STAMP COLLECTING - England

THE WATERMARKS OF THE DE LA RUE ISSUES OF 1878 - 1902 - REVELL, A. J., Vol. 81, No. 9

A mention in the check list of watermark varieties.

To be continued . . .

MISSION TO MOSCOW !



ANOTHER INTERESTING COVER has come to light, dated Nov. 23, 1944 bearing stamps of the 1937 "Boy King" definitive issue. It bears the c.d.s. cancellation of Washington D. C. with the rubber stamp notation in reddish purple "This article originally mailed in the country indicated by postage". It bears an additional cachet of the Secretary of the American Legation with his initials and the word "Pouch". The interesting return address is "attache enroutte to Moscow". Enroute to Moscow? Has anyone heard from Mr. J. O. Hanson Jr. since November, 1944 ?

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ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

POLICE DAY

DATE OF ISSUE: 25 January, 1972
 DENOMINATION: 20 Mills
 DESIGN: Police Emblem on the map of the Arab Republic of Egypt surrounded by various police activities.

DIMENSIONS: 50 x 30 mm.
 PERFORATIONS: 11 1/2
 COLORS: Blue, pale blue, brown and yellow
 WATERMARK: Multiple Eagle
 PRINTING: Rotogravure - Postal Printing House, A. R. Egypt.
 QUANTITY: 1,500,000 stamps

POLICE DAY, celebrated each year on the 25th of January in commemoration of the struggle made in Ismailia on 25 January, 1952 when they faced the occupational forces, and in memory of the heroes who have died for the sake of their home land.



INTERNATIONAL BOOK YEAR

DATE OF ISSUE: 25 January, 1972
 DENOMINATION: 20 Mills
 DESIGN: Emblems of the International Book Year, UNESCO and the UNITED NATIONS.

DIMENSIONS: 25 x 42 mm.
 PERFORATION: 11 1/2
 WATERMARK: Multiple Eagle
 COLORS: Pea green, deep purple, pale yellow, and white.

SHEET: 50 stamps - 10 x 5.
 PRINTING: Rotogravure - Postal Printing House, A. R. Egypt.
 QUANTITY: 1, 500,000 stamps

In commemoration of a slogan, BOOKS FOR ALL from the resolution proclaiming 1972 as International Book Year, as adopted at the UNESCO General Conference in 1970. Four main activities have been approved for the year.

1. Encouragement of authorship & translation
2. Production and distribution of books.
3. Promotion of the reading habit, including the development of libraries.
4. Books in the service of education, international understanding & peaceful cooperation.

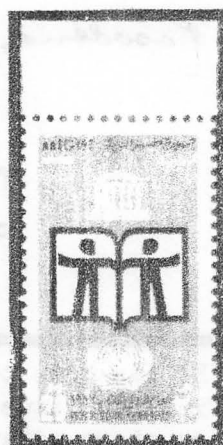
INTERNATIONAL AEROSPACE

EDUCATION CONFERENCE - CAIRO

DATE OF ISSUE: 11 February, 1972
 DENOMINATION: Air Mail - 30 Mills
 DESIGN: Globe surrounded by clouds. A glider, a rocker and the Emblem of the Egyptian Aircraft Club.

DIMENSIONS: 25 x 42 mm.
 PERFORATION: 11 1/2
 COLORS: Shades of blue, white and orange - rust.

SHEET: 50 stamps - 10 x 5
 WATERMARK: Multiple Eagle
 PRINTING: As above
 QUANTITY: 500,000 stamps



In commemoration of the meeting of the International Aerospace Education Committee held in Cairo from the 11th through the 13th of January, 1972.

THE BURNING OF ST. CATHERINE MONASTERY

King Gastenian established the Monastery in 566 A.D. in the Sinai Desert north east of the A. R. of Egypt, on a knoll 5012 feet in height. He also added the great church in the sixth Century and named it after his wife Theodora. In the Ninth Century the body of St. Catherine was carried to the Monastery and from that time on it assumed her name. There is also a small mosque, add-

ed in the Twelfth Century. In all there are fifteen separate places of worship. The Monastery proper maintains a very large and valuable collection of icons and manuscripts. Hermits lived on the present site of the Monastery prior to its erection. It is inhabited at the present time by monks of the Greek Orthodox church.

DATE of ISSUE: 15 February, 1972
 DENOMINATION: Air Mail 110 Mills
 DESIGN: A photo of the Monastery in flames, 30 Nov., 1972.
 DIMENSIONS: 50 x 30 mm.
 PERFORATION: 11 1/2
 COLORS: Carmine-rose, black, white bistre-brown and gray
 SHEET: 50 stamps - 10 x 5
 WATERMARK: Multiple Eagle
 PRINTING: Rotogravure - Postal Printing House, A. R. Egypt
 QUANTITY: 500,000 stamps



IXTH INTERNATIONAL BIENNALLE - ALEXANDRIA EXHIBITION

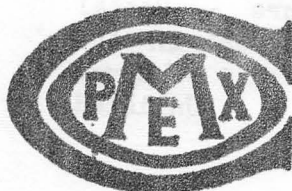
Alexandria's Exhibition of art, which includes paintings, engravings and sculpture has met with great success during the eight previous festivals.

Most countries invited have promptly responded. As a result Alexandria has established a tradition among her own art loving countries.

DATE OF ISSUE: 15 February, 1972
 DENOMINATION: 20 Mills
 DESIGN: A palette divided in an artictic manner with the signature of the designer, Seif Wanli.
 DIMENSIONS: 40 x 40 mm.
 PERFORATIONS: 11 1/2
 COLORS: Carmine-rose, black white and yellow.
 SHEET: 35 stamps - 7 x 5
 WATERMARK: Multiple Eagle
 PRINTING: As above
 QUANTITY: 1,000,000 stamps



The Postal Organization announces that the U. A. R. postage stamps are still valid for postage prepayment until further NOTICE.



1972 Exhibition May 26 - 27 - 28

La Salle Hotel, Chicago

Honoring Aaron Montgomery Ward, Chicago's Pioneer Ecologist

CAIRO INTERNATIONAL FAIR

Held annually, in March, countries of both the East and West participate. It is held in the center of an island surrounded by gardens and 1st class hotels, overlooking the eternal Nile, covering twenty acres.

It is an important world commercial center where merchants, businessmen and different governmental representatives meet to conclude deals. It enables manufacturers to be aware of the latest production from foreign participants, influencing the increase of volume of commercial exchange.



DATE OF ISSUE: 5 March, 1972
 DENOMINATION: 20 Mills
 DESIGN: Modernistic symbols topped by an industrial cog.
 DIMENSIONS: 25 x 42 mm.
 PERFORATION: 11 1/2
 SHEET: 50 stamps - 10 x 5
 COLORS: Pale green, Kelly green, blue green, orange and deep blue.
 WATERMARK: Multiple Eagle
 PRINTING: Rotogravure - Postal Printing House in Arab Republic of Egypt
 CONTROLS: Date of issue and serial number.
 QUANTITY: 1,500,000 stamps

All new issues remain valid until demonetized by law.

REPUBLIC OF SUDAN

TWENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARAB LEAGUE

DATE OF ISSUE: 10 February, 1972
 DENOMINATIONS: 2 P.T.
 4 P.T.
 10 1/2 P.T.
 DESIGN: See illustrations
 DIMENSIONS: Overall including perforation. 26 x 40 mm.
 Design only 22 x 39 mm.
 PERFORATION: 11 1/4
 SHEET: 50 stamps - 10 x 5
 COLORS: 2 P.T. Yellow, green, black and white
 4 P.T. Orange, blue, black and white
 10 1/2 P.T. Orange, brown-orange black and white.
 WATERMARKED: Unwatermarked
 PRINTING: Rotogravure - Postal Printing House in the Arab Republic of Egypt
 QUANTITY: Unlisted

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN

DATE OF ISSUE: 12 March, 1972
 DENOMINATIONS: 2 P.T.
 4 P.T.
 10½ P.T.

DESIGN: See illustrations

DIMENSIONS: Overall including
 the perforation. 26 x 40 mm.
 Design only 22 x 39 mm.

PERFORATION: 11 1/4

SHEET 50 Stamps - 10 x 5

COLORS: 2 P.T. Bright green, orange
 and carmine

4 P.T. Royal blue, orange
 and carmine

10½ P.T. Black, orange and
 Carmine

WATERMARK: Unwatermarked

PRINTING: Rotogravure - Post. Ptg

House in A.R. Egypt

QUANTITY: Unlisted

25TH ANNIVERSARY - UNITED NATIONS

**SPECIAL****SALE OF U.A.R. IMPERFORATES**

1958	1m. - 35m. Definitives cplt., Imperf. pairs	\$ 80.00
1958	2, 3 & 4m. Definitives, Imperf. pairs, each	12.00
1958	10m. & 35m. Human Rights Cplt., Imperf Control Blocks	120.00
1959	10m. Petroleum Congress, Imperf. pair - Zeh. cat. 6000 pt.	40.00
1959	10m. (6) Trans. & Commun. Cplt., Imperf Control Blocks	300.00
1959	10m. Emigrants Convention, Imperf. pair	20.00
1959	10m. Army Day, Imperf. pair	20.00
1959	50m. Army Day (brown) of Syria, Imperf. pair	18.00
1959	10 + 5m. & 35 + 10m. Unicef Cplt., Imperf. pairs	40.00
1959	10m. Cairo Museum, Imperf. pair	20.00
1959	10m. Nubian Monuments, Imperf pair	25.00
1959-60	1m. - 60m. Definitives, Imperf pairs, each	12.00
1959-60	5m. - 90m. Airmails, Cplt., Imperf. pairs	80.00
1959	5m. & 60m. Airmails, Imperf. pairs, each	16.00
1960	10m. Post Day, Imperf. pair	20.00
1960	10m. Dam Power Station, Imperf. pair	20.00
1960	10m. & 35m. Aswan Dam, Imperf. se-tenant	20.00

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HELP !! PERFINs ?? DR. WINTER still requires the help of every reader who has any Egyptian perfins. If you can add any additional information please send it now to the editor or directly to Dr. Winter, at 45 Rue Carves, 92 Montrouge, France . . .

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WANTED: A complete copy of L'OP No. 95 to replace mutilated copy. Write to the Editor if you have a spare for sale. PO Box 36491, Los Angeles, Calif., 90036. Also want wreck or crash covers - air or sea, Egypt area.

POST OFFICE AT ABU SIMBEL - KEHR

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mark on the Nile's map, with tourists coming by river boat from Khartoum or Aswan, stopping for a few hours to allow passengers to visit the immense temples carved right into the bowels of the sandstone mountains.

The cutting of these temples out of their original location (stone by stone) to the top of the mountains by UNESCO funded programs, required thousands of engineers and laborers. To accommodate them, a community was erected to house them all; a mosque, airstrip, shopping center and post office were all included to make Abu Simbel a real city.

Until we visited it, we had read no reports of this post office already in operation 5 years, whose handstamp marking is actually in error. The Arabic inscription is correctly spelled "ABU SYMBEL", but the English is mistakenly spelled "ABU SENBEL". The Arabic "mim" or "M" having been transliterated as as "nun" or "N".

Eds. note: An excellent article appeared in the NATIONAL STAMP NEWS of February 29th 1972, written in the unmistakable style of Ernie Kehr. It erroneously carried the by-line of Don Shannon. We quickly wrote Ernie who clarified the matter. We recommend this article if you are interested in the unusual in Egyptian postmarks, and in the monuments of Nubia. Our compliments to NSN for stealing a scoop on us in our own backyard!

We hope Editor Dick Hardie will forgive us for stealing his illustration of the cover Ernie used to mail his story from Abu Simbel.



THREE OF THE ELUSIVE EGYPTIAN POSTMARKS from "Abu Simbel" grace this cover which carried author Ernest A. Kehr's interesting story about the "three miracles" to the Editorial Office of NSN from the site of the ancient splendors of Egypt.