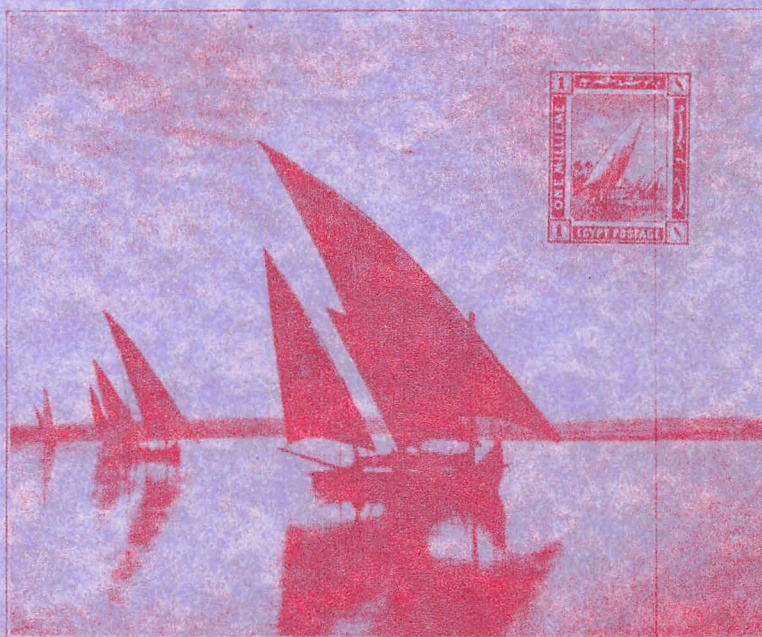


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with the editor

With this issue we complete four consecutive years of publishing "EGYPTIAN TOPICS". These have been gratifying years to us from the standpoint of accomplishment, for the many new friends which would otherwise not have been possible and for the great amount of knowledge we have been able to compile and assimilate in respect to the many philatelic aspects of our chosen area of specialization.

With this issue we are happy to report that, once again, with the help of our many fine authors, we, and I use the word collectively to include everyone who has contributed to the constant growth of Topics, a Silver-Bronze Medal was awarded by the big International Exhibition "EXFILBRA '72, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August 26th / September 2nd '72.



Of import at the moment is the forthcoming "Billens" sale of Egyptian material to be held on October 7th in Philadelphia under the Apfelbaum banner. 103 lots all told. While not particularly strong in early covers, a large number of single items are listed among the early issues.

EXFILBRA-72



Bill delighted in the collection of varieties and many worth while items are included in this category. Particularly interesting is the offering of Foreign Post Offices in Egypt with a number of superb French items. Also included

are specialized collections of Air Mail issues, postage dues, proofs and essays, a military collection, Interpostal Seals and a lot of seldom offered revenues.

Very little to report on exhibitions. Hopefully, as the Winter Season progresses, more of our readers will exhibit our material to advantage. Attend the shows and add to your knowledge and collections !



U N FORCES IN EGYPT

THE BRAZILIAN CONTINGENT

In our March/April issue we presented some interesting notes on the United Nations Forces in Egypt and Gaza written by Kenneth Knight. This was illustrated with a colorful cover from the Swedish contingent cacheted with a soldier standing guard beside the Sphinx. We know from the U.N. Study Unit's monograph by Tage Calleras that a large variety of Swedish covers exist. We hope in the future to illustrate many of the other types.

In this segment, from the editor's collection, we depict some covers and cancellations from the Brazilian Contingent. With reference to the Swedish cachet mentioned above, note the similarity of design. The Brazilian cachet is printed in a pale blue. Note also the special inaugural cancellation (in black) one day prior to the official installation of the U.N. Forces in the Middle East — 4 NOV., 1958. This cover is franked with Scott's No. 876, issued 8 Aug., 1958 depicting the Presidential Palace in the Capitol, Brasilia.

The second cover illustrated is by Art Craft but again, the import is in the cancellations and rubber stamp impressions in red. Unfortunately it is not a completely clear strike. Also c.d.s. on the reverse in red, with the three line legend in purple "10th ANNIVERSARY-YEAR / ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS / EMERGENCY FORCE NOV. 5, 1958 - 1968.

The third item is an official government cover of the British type but with the same Brazilian c.d.s. as noted on item two, above, struck in this instance in a purplish-black. See illustration at right

In a future issue E. Menne Larsen of Hobro, Denmark has promised to translate his study of the Danish Forces into English for us from its original presentation in the Danish philatelic press.

1956

1967

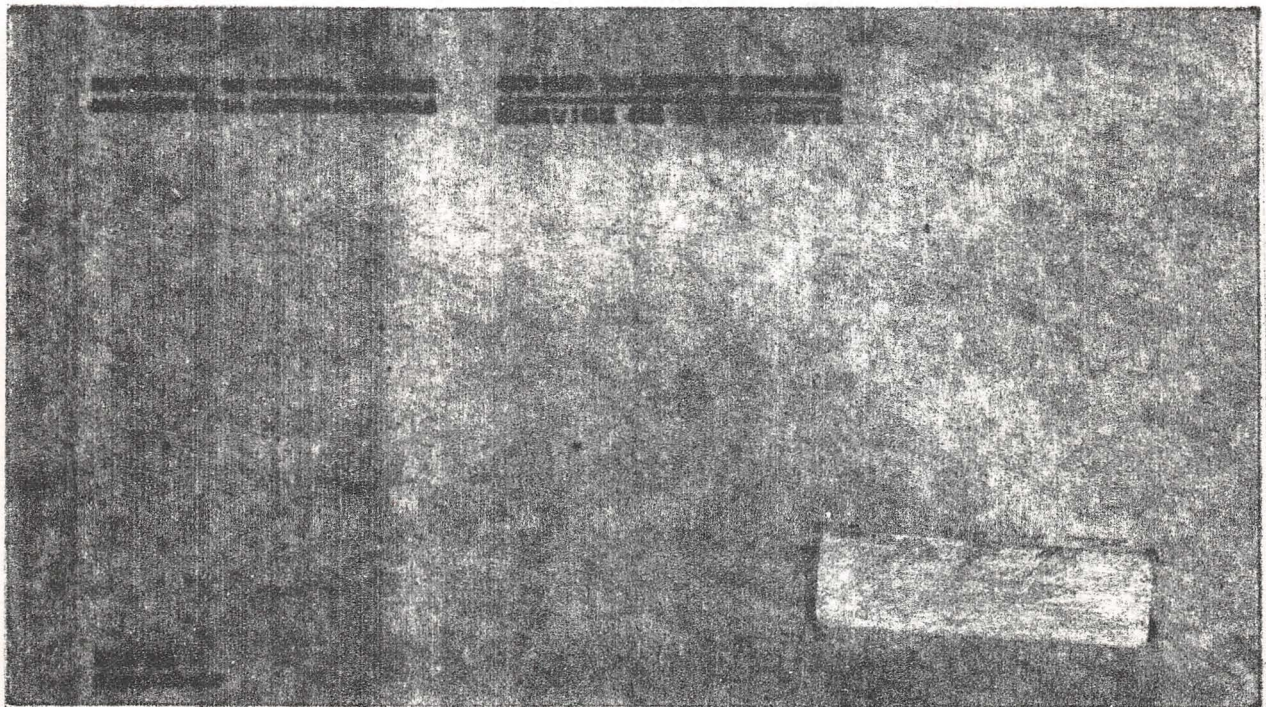


Fig. 1. C.D.S. on the reverse of the official envelope designated as item three

It also appears in red on the reverse of item number two on the following page.



Cover No. 1 — One of the earliest from the Brazilian Contingent, at Suez, 1958



Cover No. 3 — The Official (backstamp illustrated on previous page. Postally used to a New York dealer with reply to an enquiry. Dark color is due to dark manila paper of the envelope. Very early usage.



Cover No. 2 — A colorful commemorative Art Craft cover from the Brazilian Contingent in Egypt. Red cachet is indistinct but center reads under the glass. U N E F / BRAZILIAN / BATTALION / 30 / ?? / BTL . SUEZ, and lower circle reads EMERGENCY FORCE.



Cover No. 2 -- Reverse side with c.d.s. in red, straightline cachet in violet.

Ken Pierce

french offices in egypt

TWO INTERESTING POSTAL STATIONERY ITEMS

In previous issues of TOPICS (Vol. 1, No. 4, pg. 59, and No. 5, pg. 79) there was some discussion regarding French Offices in Egypt; stationery as well as French stationery used in Egypt.

The following two items may also prove of interest to stationery buffs.

The first item is a postal card of the French offices in the Levant (Higgins & Gage # 1) used in Port Said on January 26, 1904, addressed to Rochester, New York, with a return address of Jaffa.

The second item is a double card of France, (H & G # 49) in proper return-international use from the French Office in Alexandria to Vienna, and back to Alexandria UNSEVERED. It was mailed in Alexandria July 13, 1896 and remailed back July

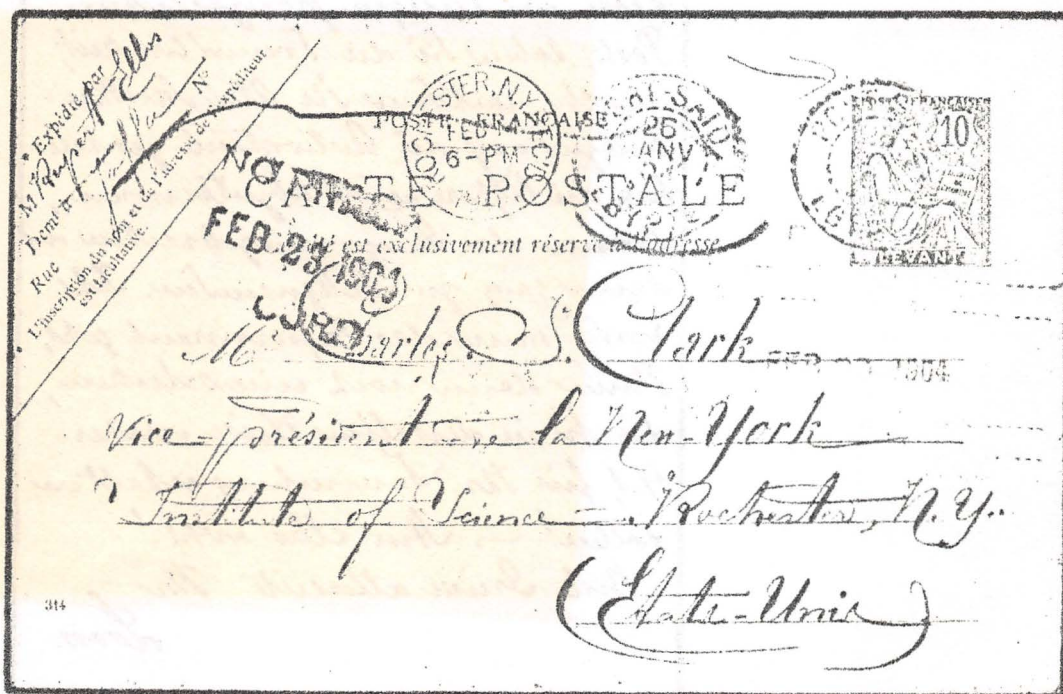
24, 1896. This is a deliberate collector-made item as the German text speaks about attempting to keep the card in unsevered condition.

Incidentally, while using the excellent Higgins & Gage Postal Stationery Catalog, I have noted the following errata for the French Offices in Port Said.

Postal Card # 8A — Description should read, "same without number".

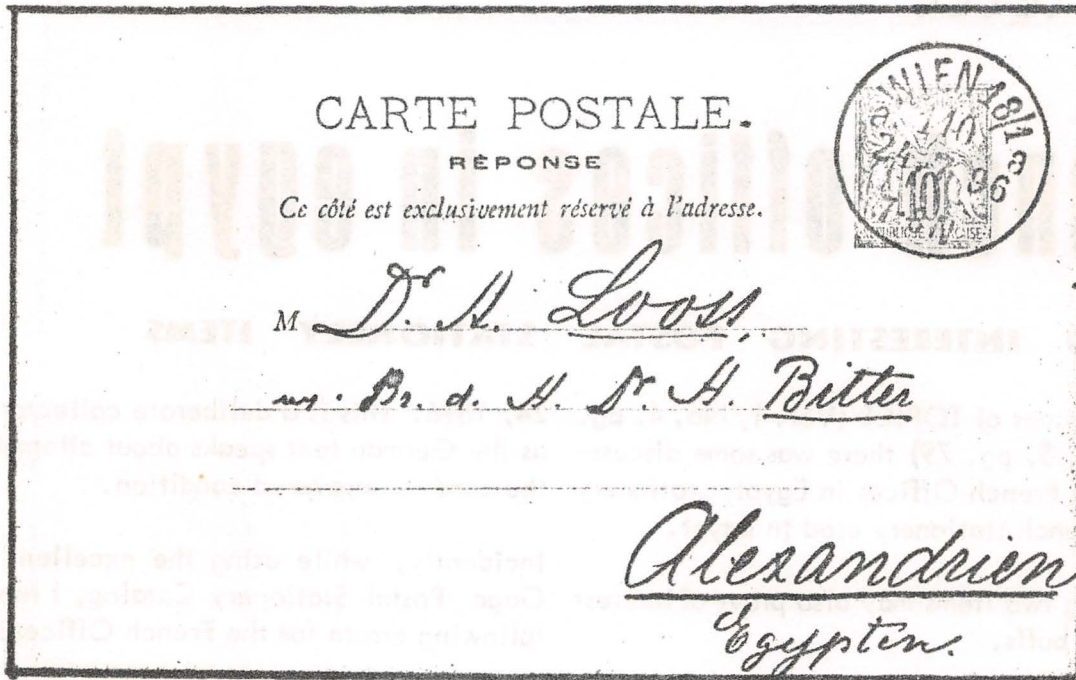
Envelope # 10A -- Description should read, "same, C".

I would be interested in hearing from any reader who has any items of French stationery from offices in Egypt, NOT listed in Higgins & Gage. Write C/o of Topics editor.



ITEM # 1 — From a xerox copy. Port Said to New York, 1904

2nd
half →

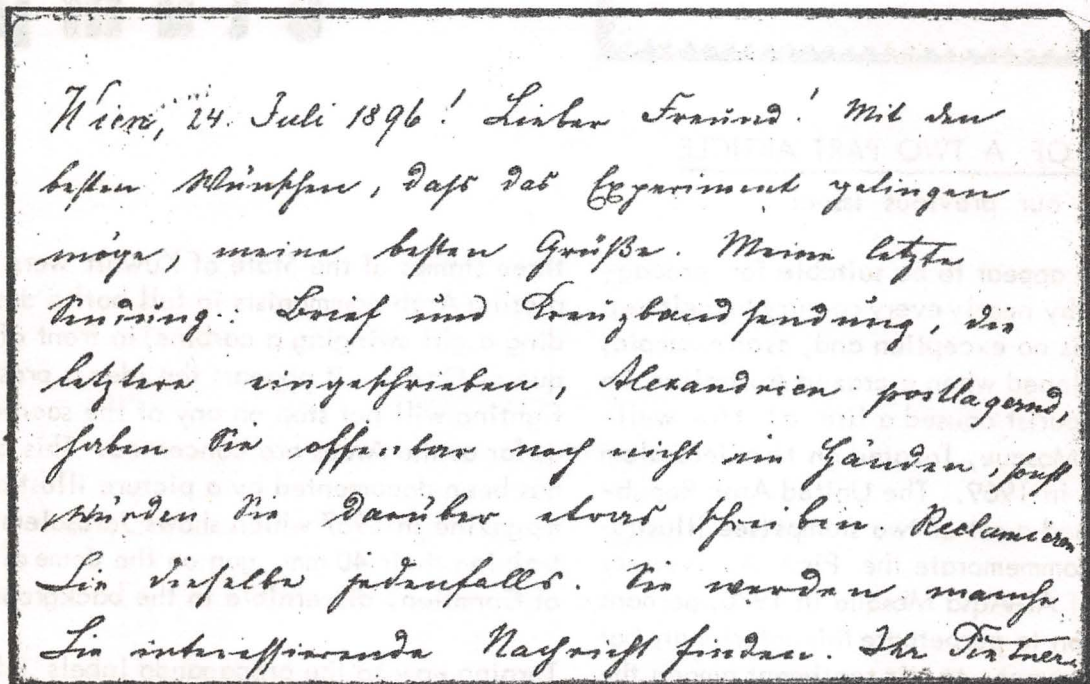


ITEM # 2 — The first half, from Alexandria to Vienna.

The text, in German refers to the wish of the writer to maintain the card in an unsevered condition.

Alexandrien, Juli
10.

Mein lieber Pinstler! Heute wol-
len wir mal ein kleines philateli-
atisches Experiment machen! Ich
sende Ihnen hier diese Antwort-
karte der kaiserlichen französischen
Post; haben Sie die Freundlichkeit,
dieselbe, nachdem Sie Ihre Mitthei-
lungen auf die Antwortseite geschri-
ben, die Leptüre nicht abzuschneiden,
sondern das Ganze unzerbrochen und
dann ganz zurückzusenden. Ich
hoffe, wenn das Experiment geht,
Ihnen dann noch eine schicken,
die Sie in derselben Weise senden-
thel, für Ihre Sammlung erhalten
sollen! — Hier alles wohl!
Beste Grüsse allerseits Ihr
Looss.



ITEM #2 — The second half, returned to along with the original part of the card to Alexandria in 1896.

Bruno J. Forsher

ARAB

PROPAGANDA



ON

STAMPS

CONCLUSION OF A TWO PART ARTICLE

Continued from our previous issue:

Situations which appear to be suitable for propaganda are turned by nearly every country to their own benefit. Egypt is no exception and, as an example, a situation developed when a crazed Australian in Jerusalem as a tourist caused a fire at the well-known Al-Aqsa Mosque, located on the Jerusalem Temple Grounds in 1969. The United Arab Republic promptly issued a set of two stamps (see illustration above) to commemorate the First Anniversary of the burning of Al-Aqsa Mosque in 1970, perhaps with the intention to perpetuate this unfortunate but inconsequential event, to stir sentiment among the Moslems/ Tourists who visited Jerusalem in 1971 have told me that they visited this religious shrine and that all traces of the fire, which caused only minor damages, have disappeared and, that all of the damage repairs were made by the Government of Israel at government expense.

In contrast to these stamps produced by the U.A.R.

three stamps of the State of Kuwait were issued depicting Arab communists in full battle dress (including a girl swinging a carbine) in front of the Mosque of Omar. It appears the idea is presented that fighting will not stop on any of the sacred places, as far as the Arabs are concerned. This conception has been documented by a picture illustrated in Life magazine in 1967 which shows Jerusalem soldiers training their 40 mm. gun on the dome of the Church of Cormtion, discernible in the background.

Turning now to the propaganda labels of the Arab military or para-military organizations, there have appeared four different abbreviations standing for 4 different groups, although most labels are identified also by Al-Fatah, which seems to be a catch-all word.

The PALESTINE RESISTANCE group has issued quite a few of these labels. They depict a flag, a coat-

of Arms, a wild horse, etc.

L.A.R. (which stands for League of Arab Resistance) has issued three colorful labels showing an Arab girl with a Palestine map as background.

A label (at right) issued for the benefit of the League of Arab Resistance (LAR).

Note Chinese characters indicating support from Red China.

The P.A.C. (Palestinian Arabs Organization) is so far represented by a single adhesive (a 10 mill value) depicting an Arab soldier in attack



Propaganda label of the Palestine Resistance Group. A "Para - Military" Organization.

Most common are the labels of the P.F.L.P. (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine). The labels are usually well executed, with printing evidently performed in Europe or the U.S.A. One of their souvenir sheets includes 10 different adhesives which feature

Palestinian landscapes. Their largest emission to date is another sheet of 25 labels which commemorates P.F.L.P. "Martyrs and Hijackers". Note that these two categories would appear to be synonymous with the Arabs whose sympathies lie with the military extremists. Among others it features

Animah Dahnour and Abdul Mahsen Hasan who were responsible for the coup at the Zurich airport February 18, 1969; Lalla Koplod, who hijacked the TWA airliner (747) out of Rome (which was destroyed on the ground in Egypt). To commemorate and celebrate these badly misguided, frustrated and ir-

responsible kids, and there is hardly a young man or woman over 25 years of age on any of these labels. This begins to show the low level that mis-guided propaganda efforts can reach.

As I have already stated, it is not possible to offer

a complete picture of this fascinating specialty field now in the form of this brief report. What however, is striking is the enormous amount of these stamps and labels possibly issued with the consent or condonement of the various Governments (Arab) in almost every country. and the wide-spread use of these labels on letters reaching to



A typical letter with propaganda stamps and label, originating in Lebanon in March of 1970.

the United States. The massive deployment of this propaganda weapon is undoubtedly one of the largest contributing factors toward the continuation by a majority of the Arabs in the goal of peaceful co-existence with the State of Israel. As long as the propaganda effort lasts, it cannot but help

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ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVOLUTION

Date of Issue:	23 July, 1972	Perforation:	11 1/2
Denominations:	Two stamps 20 Mills each Souvenir Sheet 110 Mills	Sheets:	Each sheet 35 stamps (5 x 7)
Designs:	(1) The motto of science in the center of which is the motto of the revolution.	Colors:	(1) Gray-green, Gold, black & white
	(2) Koraish's Falcon.	(2) Royal blue, pale blue, reddish, magenta, black and white	
	(3) <u>Souvenir sheet</u> — Photos of the late Gamal Nasser (left) and President Anwar El Sadat (right) with the Flag of the Confederation of the Arab Republics between them.	(3) Red and Gold, black and white.	
		Watermark:	Multiple Eagle
		Printing:	Rotogravure Postal Printing House in the Arab Republic of Egypt, at Cairo.
Dimensions:	Each 20 m. stamp 40 x 40 mm. Sheet (about) 70 x 110 mm.	Quantity:	20 m. commems. 1,000,000 each Souvenir Sheet 100,000



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NEW REGULAR AIRMAIL

Date of Issue: 1 August, 1972
 Denomination: 85 Mills
 Design: The small Temple of Abu Simbel
 with plane over the Nile River.
 Dimensions: 42 x 24 mm.
 Perforation: 11-1/2
 Sheet: 50 Stamps (5 x 10)
 Colors: Yellow-brown, beige, blue,
 pale blue, and white.
 Watermark: Multiple Eagle
 Printing: As Previous
 Quantity: Not listed for regular issues.
 Listed in Arabic as 500,000.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONFEDERATION OF ARAB REPUBLICS

Date of Issue: 1 September, 1972
 Denomination: 20 Mills
 Design: The Flag of the Confederation
 of the Arab Republics.
 Dimensions: 61 x 28 mm.
 Perforation: 11-1/2
 Sheet: 50 Stamps (5 x 10)
 Colors: Black and white, Gold,
 and olive brown.
 Watermark: Multiple Eagle
 Printing: Rotogravure Postal Printing House
 Arab Republic of Egypt
 Quantity: 1,000,000 stamps

**EXHIBITION NOTES...**

COLLECTORS CLUB OF OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA
 27th ANNUAL STAMP SHOW - August 5-6, '72

For his fine showing of the Nineteenth Century Salt stamps of Egypt PETER FELTUS (Revenues in competition with all other foreign) was awarded a gold.

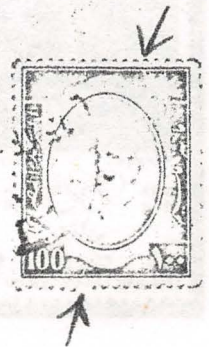
ARAB PROPAGANDA ON STAMPS — Forsher.
 (Continued from page 11, column 2)

to pour mistrust into the minds of the average Arab, and fan the flames of hatred — on both sides, to the extent that it could erupt into another war and another series of tragedies and miseries.

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CREASE ON 100 MILL FUAD MAY BE ANOTHER PLATE VARIETY ???

EDGAR EATON of Michigan sends us an interesting item, a copy of the 100 mills denomination of the first Fuad definitive issue (Dec. 15th, 1923). Zeheri No. 91, in purple. Photo at right is from a xerox copy not too clear. However, the interesting angle is in what appears to be a large crease, somewhat in the shape of a crescent, vertically across the stamp.



Ed says he doesn't think it is a paper crease ? ?

OLYMPIC GAMES — MUNICH 1972

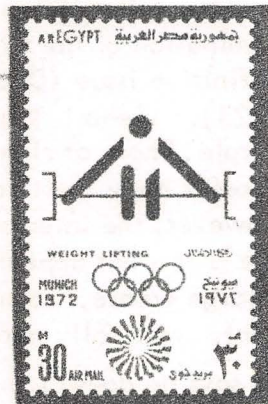
The twentieth Olympic Games will take place in Munich (West Germany) during the period beginning August 26th through September 10th, 1972. Egypt will participate in the following games:

Boxing — Weight Lifting — Wrestling
 Gymnastics — Hand Ball — Swimming — Basket Ball

Date of Issue: August 17, 1972
 Denominations: (1) 5 mills (2) 10 mills
 (3) 20 mills (4) 30 mills
 (5) 30 mills (6) 50 mills
 (7) 55 mills
 Designs: (1) Boxing (2) Wrestling
 (3) Basket Ball (4) Hand Ball
 (5) Weight Lifting (6) Swimming
 (7) Gymnastics
 Dimensions: Each Stamp 30 x 49 mm.
 Perforation: 11-1/2
 Sheets: 50 Stamps (Each value) (5 x 10)

Colors: (1) Medium blue, black, red & yellow
 (2) Yellow, black, dark blue & red
 (3) Salmon red, black, orange & green
 (4) Deep rose red, black, purple & blue
 (5) Pale yellow, green, bright rose red
 (6) Deep blue, black, and green
 (7) Nile green, maroon, rose red & teal blue
 Basic background of each stamp is white.

Watermark: Multiple Eagle
 Printing: As previously noted
 Quantities: Nos. 1 to 3 — 100,000 each value
 Nos. 4 to 7 — 400,000 each value





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WANTED - Clean unused Egyptian Postal Stationery. If you can help write to Tom Homa and tell him what you have. 18050 Lake Shore Blvd., Apt. #304, Cleveland, Ohio, 44119.

WANTED - Specialist Material, the French Offices in Egypt, on or off cover. What do you have? Ken Pierce, c/o City of Hope Medical Center, 1500 E. Duarte Road, Duarte, California, 91010

WANTED - R.A.F. labels issued for the Air Meeting in 1934: Also a Graf Zeppelin Suez cancellation on card or cover. Need the EEF cancels - all 3 types too! If you can help, write to Dr. A. Winter, 45, Rue Carves, 92 Montrouge, France. . .

WANTED - Airmail Control Blocks. Zeheri Nos. 36 to 47, the issue of 19 Feb., 1947 showing the Dakota plane over the Delta Barrage. Bill Hill, 7743 Naniamo St., Vancouver, B. C., Canada.

WANTED - Odd lots, album pages or accumulation of Egypt - U.A.R. - Sudan. Describe and send the price. Charles W. Mayer, 1927 Wakefield Drive, Nashville, Tennessee, 37215

Market Notes

ROBSON LOWE'S LONDON SALE OF JULY 12th FEATURED SUDAN

While Egyptian items were conspicuously absent, a rather unusual selection of Sudan was offered.

In the cover department a 2 m. and 3m. used together on an envelope from Wadi - Halfa; 5 m. on envelope from Halfa plus four other 1898 Campaign covers bearing Egyptian Postage Due Stamps and a selection of later issues on covers, mostly airmail including first flights, some with Censor Markings. Its estimated value for the 82 stamps was £75. The lot realized £77.50, slightly over estimate.

A second Campaign cover, without stamps, posted at Berber and marked "no stamps available", addressed to Aldershot with the handstamped, framed "r" and 2-1/2 F.B. Estimated at £25, it brought an excess over by selling at £48.

A 1931-38 collection of airmail issues, M & U with a few blocks, plus the 1940 10m. and 1940 - 41 4-1/2 p. on 5m. and 4-1/2 p. on 8, M & U with duplication. Est. £21; realized £18.50. A mint corner pair of the 1935 2-1/2 p. on 3m air with the variety "second Arabic letter missing; also a mint strip of three of the 2-1/2 on 5 m. showing the same variety. Estimated at £15 and £14, they sold for £18.50 and £23 respectively. The complete set of the Palms Issue and some additional blocks of the 5 m. and 15m. plus a pair of the 2-1/2 P.T. and a large cover with a block (5 x 2) of the 20p. (two of the stamps badly creased) bore estimate of £14. It realized £19. Still a very popular set. Several sets of officials brought the usual prices.

WANTED - 1910 Heliopolis card WITH vignette in Red, Yellow and Black; also the 1925 Coningham RAF Training flight TO Kano and the 1925 Alan Cobham Flight card with vignette and the special cachet. Write to the editor, P.O. Box No. 36491, Los Angeles, California, 90036, U.S.A.

WANTED - Postal History as covers: To or from Palestine (Egypt, Palestine, U.A.R.). P.O.W. covers Turkish Offices in the Holyland. War covers 1948 1956 - 1967 and related material. Send details to R. J. Cohen, P.O. Box 162, Parkchester Station Bronx, New York, 10462 . . .

Peter & S Smith FRPSL

HARMER'S AUCTION

Of The
GEORGE
LEE

Collection

PART TWO (CONCLUSION)THE THIRD ISSUE

The Third Issue had many nice blocks, but mostly those easily obtainable; there was no block of the 1 pi. 1872, and only one of the 20 para 1872. The rarest block was one of the 2-1/2 pi., perf 12-1/2 x 13-1/2, with right-hand sheet margin (without border, as always with the 1872 printings); it sold for \$115 (Byam lot #541, £46). The rarest item in the third issue however, was not a block, but a single of the 2-1/2 pi. perf. 13-1/2. This stamp is catalogued at \$275 in Scott, but only a very few (perhaps less than half a dozen) seem to be known. This example was undoubtedly genuine, with large margins (the fakes usually have small margins resulting from re-perforating), and in the peculiar pale, washed out shade common to all known genuine copies. The buyer got a bargain at \$105, less than the Byam realization of £46. There is no question that this is the rarest normal stamp of Egypt.



Essay for Farouk 1st. Canal Innauguration
(Lot #248 in the Lee sale).

Two lots in the 1872 section were badly misidentified. Lots 288 and 289 were described as blocks (of 4 and 6, respectively) of the 2 pi. 1872 perf. 12-1/2 x 13-1/2; in fact, even the rather fuzzy illustrations in the catalog show that both are of the issue of 1874. If the perforations were the gauge stated, the stamps are much cheaper in catalogue value, and the mail buyer got badly stung. If, on the other hand, these two blocks at one time constituted Byam lot #583 — the perf. 12-1/2 stamp —, the value is comparable.

This section also contained, in lot #287, Byam's master study of the 20 para, written up for exhibition, and showing a large variety of major and minor plate flaws, all nicely illustrated. Altogether there were 275 stamps, of both perforations, and, with 39 unused. The auctioneer estimated \$1000-\$1200: it sold for \$650. Although this lot was described as "almost impossible to duplicate", it has in fact been duplicated at least three times, and actually improved on. It is now known that a substantial number of the flaws in this collection are duplicates of each other, but not recognized as such. The plating of this fascinating stamp has been greatly extended in the last decade, largely due to the efforts of E. L. G. MacArthur.

There were also several lots of lithographs of the 20 para; on the whole, they realized about half Scott value. The finest items among them was a cover bearing two pairs and two singles, registered from Damiatra to Cairo. As Byam lot # 527, it sold for £40. It realized \$230 in New York.

The 1874 75 issue was represented by many blocks, most of which were not unusual, except for the 20 para, perf. 12-1/2. Both this block and the very similar one in the Byam collection were originally joined as part of an irregularly shaped large block in my collection. The block that went to Dr. Byam was sold for £75 to a Swiss dealer, and was illustrated in color in the Byam catalog. The Lee block sold for only \$62.50, a fantastic bargain!

The tete-beche varieties of the 1874-5 issue were well represented, although the rare 1 pi., perf. 13-1/2 x 12-1/2 was conspicuously absent. Most of them were in very lovely blocks, but realized only about half Scott catalog value. Lot 343 was an enigmatic item: a vertical tete-beche pair of the 2 pi., without watermark, and on thick paper. This was lot 589 in the Byam sale, where it was described as "perf. 12-1/2 x 13" and "showing small holed comb perforation — as used for the 1872 issue". In the Lee sale, however, it was classified as perf. 13-1/2 x 12-1/2. It sold for £22 in the Byam sale, and \$110 in the Lee sale. even though its condition was rather indifferent. It had weak perforations and little gum. Its lack of watermark can be attributed to the fact that the inverted stereo occurred in the top row of the sheet; if the paper was not accurately placed in the press, one or two rows of stamps would be printed on the unwatermarked selvedge.

One last item worthy of note from this issue is the lovely used block of 14 of the 5 pi., perf. 12-1/2. Bidding reached £20 in the Byam sale — a rather good buy, especially in view of the fact that, generally speaking, used blocks are far rarer than unused blocks.

COVERS OF THE THIRD ISSUE

The covers of the Third Issue were an interesting group. One from the Egyptian post office in Chios, mailed in 1879 to Romania and franked by the 1 pi., had sold for £20 in the Byam sale; it sold on the

floor for \$160. Competition for all Third Issue covers was strong, and the cheapest, a registered cover from Desuk to Cairo franked with a 1 pi. and 2 pi., sold for \$28 and many exceeded the \$50 mark. Those addressed to other countries, and thus carried under postal conventions with other countries, were especially popular. An 1868 cover from Mahalla to Vienna, franked colorfully with the 20 para, 1 pi., and 2 pi. of the Second Issue, made \$115, and a similarly franked cover to Bombay, franked with a 20 para and a pair and single of the 2 pi. reached \$75. This cover plus two others sold as one lot in the Byam sale for £13 (\$58); The three totaled \$182.50 in the Lee sale. a rather substantial gain, reflecting the burgeoning popularity of covers these days.

THE 1879 PROVISIONALS

The 1879 Provisionals were represented by blocks, minor varieties, and inverted surcharges, but there was not one of the rare tete-beche varieties. An item as rare, however, was a cover franked by two copies of the 5 para on 2-1/2 pi., plus a 10 para on 2-1/2 pi. and a 20 para, addressed to Stafford Smith & Co., an old time stamp dealer in London. These two provisionals, which had a life of only three months, and were mostly used on newspapers circulars, and greeting cards, and thus rarely saved on cover, are among the rarest stamps of Egypt on cover. This lovely item realized \$160. (£17 in the Byam sale).

THE DE LA RUE SERIES OF ISSUES

There were several lots of blocks of the 1879 De La Rue series, one of which was misidentified by the auctioneer as the "10 para violet rose" instead of the cheaper violet stamp. These blocks in general sold at little less than half Scott value for singles, which was very close to the realizations in the Byam sale. The most exceptional item was a used block of eleven of the top value; which sold for \$27.50 (Byam lot 644, £11-1/2).

THE 1914 PICTORIALS

Two identical lots of the 1914 Pictorials in imperforate pairs on watermarked paper sold for \$75 and \$70. An unusual lot consisted of three values of the 1921-22 Harrison printing (2 m. green, 5 m.

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SALE OF LEE COLLECTION - Cont.

lake, 10m. blue) in horizontal pairs, imperforate between. These are not listed in Zeheri and their origin is unknown. I know of only one other example (actually, two of the three values), which was sold at a London auction several years ago. It is probably significant that the 10m. in both instances had the watermark reversed; presumably they came from the same sheet. The realization of \$47.50 seems low in view of their rarity. A companion lot contained the 3m., 5m. lake, 10m. blue, 20m & 50m. in imperforate singles or pairs. These are listed in Zeheri but are quite rare, and in an entirely different class from the 1914 imperforates. The lot sold for \$37.50.

THE 1922 CROWN OVERPRINTS

The 1922 Crown overprints were largely concentrated in one lot as a collection written up for exhibition -- apparently Byam lot 681, which originally sold for £85. It was estimated at \$1000-\$1250, but realized \$675. Outside of this lot, there were several with double or inverted overprints, notable among which was a block of the 4m. (Type not stated), which is not listed in the Zeheri, and is presumably from the clandestine printings (realization \$150).

AIR MAIL

The pioneer 1910 Heliopolis Aerodrome Meeting was represented by four lots containing altogether 20 of the souvenir cards bearing contemporary stamps cancelled with the aerodrome postmark, but unaddressed. The prices averaged out to about \$20 per card. A lot of over 60 covers etc. of air post significance 1919-1942, was estimated at \$75-\$100, but realized \$525! The auctioneer had perhaps not appreciated the value of the 1919 EEF Emergency Aerial Post covers in it. Another unusual air post lot was a block of four of the S.A.I. D.E. commemorative 22m. on 200m., with one stamp showing the entire line of the date missing. This variety occurred once on the sheet in position 21, of only part of the printing; it is apparently a make-ready variety, resulting from improper backing of the printing bed. It sold for \$32, which is more than the Zeheri value of £E 14.

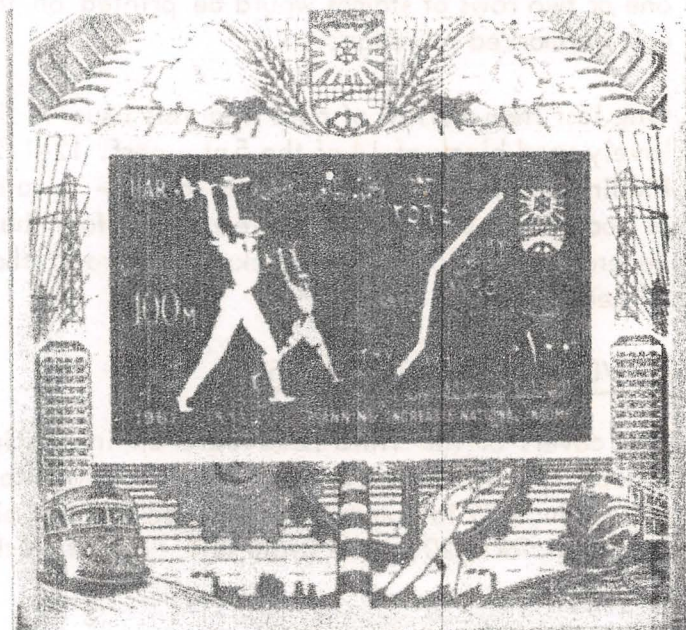
OFFICIALS

The first lot of the Official stamps was withdrawn; It was described as "1907 2m. double overprint", but was, in fact, the October, 1915 stamp, which is very common. The auctioneer's describer must have been very sleepy to have made such an error.

Many of the lots were sold to agents on the floor, and it is thus impossible to say where they were ultimately destined. Altogether, it was an entertaining and instructive sale, demonstrating that the market in Egyptian philately is very strong, especially in postal history and essays.



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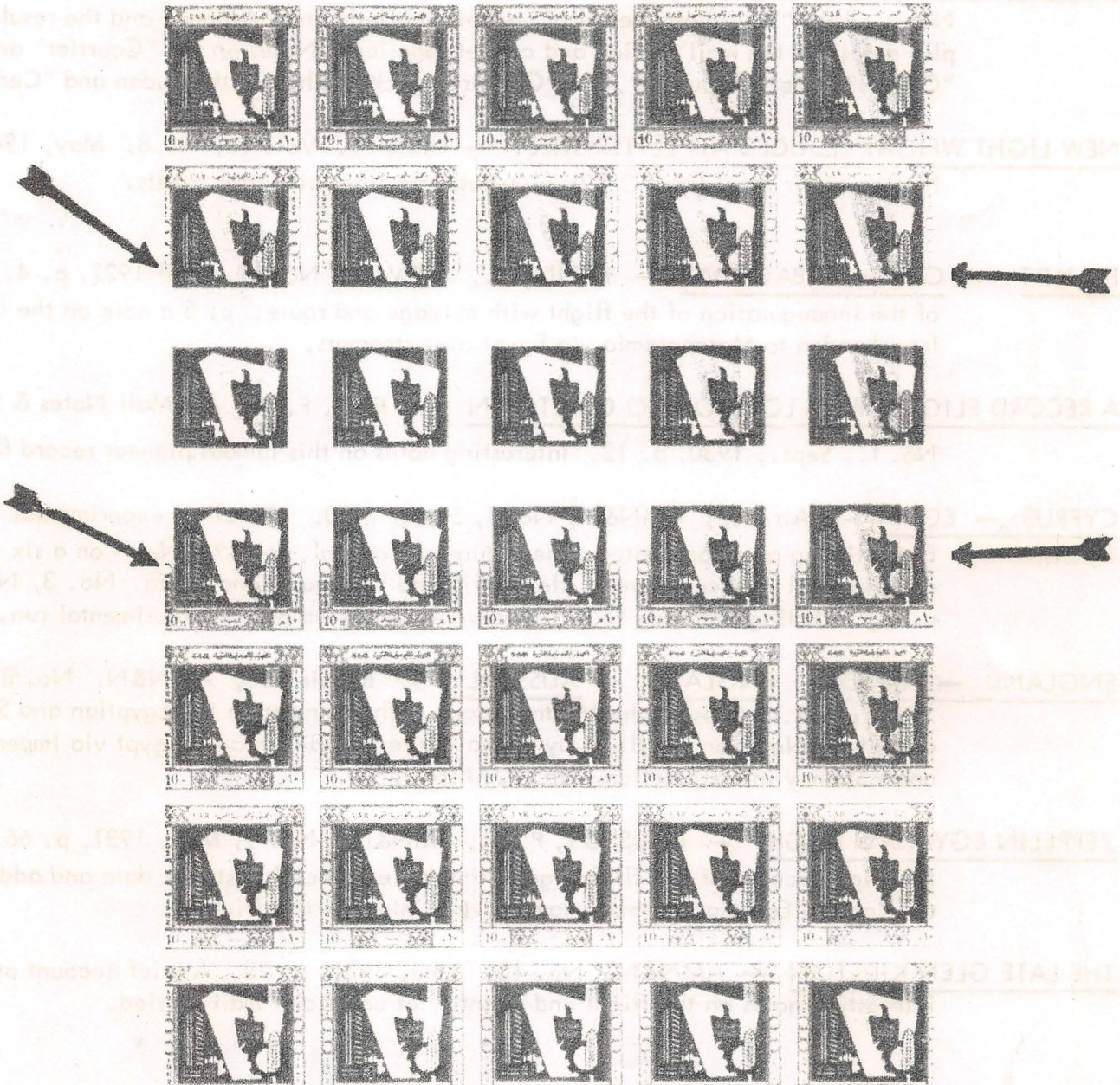
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