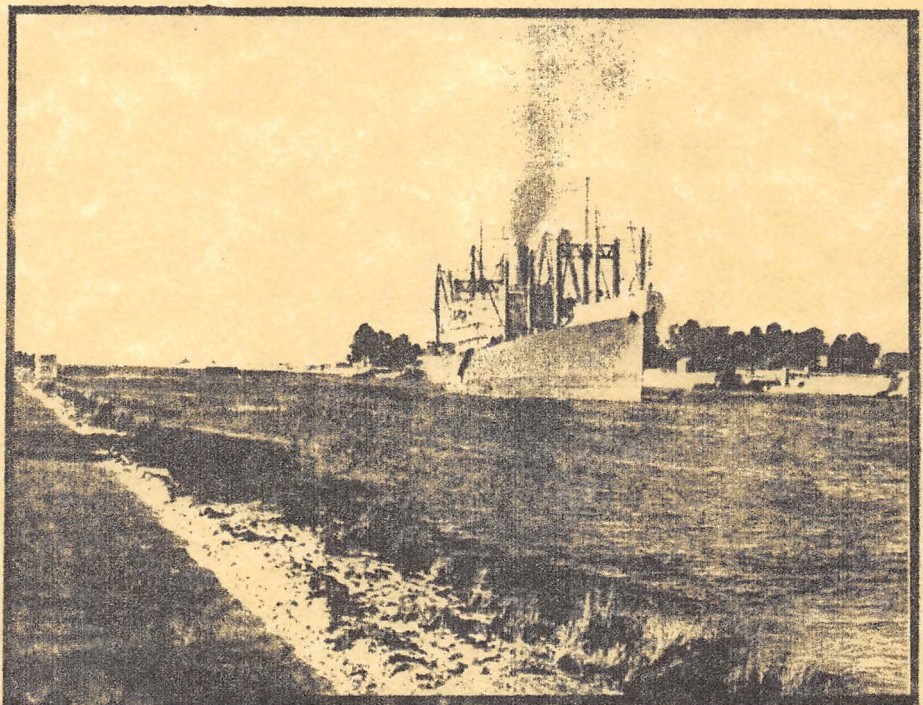


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## *with the editor*

Rather than the usual "editorial" as we have become accustomed to it, this title would probably be more appropriate: "SESCAL WILL HOST THE FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION OF EGYPT PHILATELISTS INTERNATIONAL".

Yes, it has become a fact. The Prospectus for the "Big Show" is out and ready for you, and it features our Society. Even with the small bit of publicity already generated we have added several new members to our roster and inquiries are still coming in. We send a sample copy of our Journal and a personal reply to each one.

In addition, we have already had a bid to hold a Spring Meeting at "Stamporee U. S. A. '76 in Miami Florida in April 1976. We have not taken action on this yet until we learn of your wishes. At this point, however, this kind of exposure can only help our Society and Egyptian philately. Due to a great deal of favorable international publicity, Egypt is increasing in popularity.

We have promised SESCAL 100 frames of material from Egypt and the Sudan. Our commitments now are close but there is still room for more. Drop me a line for your copy of the prospectus. This could be the greatest showing of our material since the early '60's when the now-defunct Philatelic Museum in Philadelphia held an exhibition. Remember, this is an Open Show. No matter where you live, you will be welcome. Overseas members are urged to participate. Security will be around-the-clock and I will be on hand during the mounting.

The Jury will be headed by Mr. J. R. W. Purves of Melbourne, Australia, "Mr. Philately" Down Under. All judges are APS accredited. The Grand Award winner will be eligible to compete in the "Champion of Champions" competition. Your editor will serve on this panel and you may rest assured no facet of Egyptian philately worthy of attention by the judges will be allowed to go unnoticed. What we lack in erudition, certainly will be made up for in enthusiasm and attention to detail.

A special seminar will be held for our group. Any one interested in Egyptian philately is invited to attend and get acquainted.

And, a big thank you to all who are sending material for Topics. Keep it coming. With this help we can do a better job for you. . .

THE FOLDED LETTER illustrated on the following page has recently come into the possession of the author. Its stamps are cancelled with the familiar Gros Chiffres "5080", assigned to Alexandria, Egypt. What makes it a truly remarkable and most important item of France-in-Egypt Postal History is that it is the earliest recorded use of the 5080 marking. Indeed, it may be the earliest usage of the "Gros Chiffres" numeral in all French Postal History.

France officially began use of the Gros Chiffres (large numeral in diamond of dots) on January 1, 1863, and was authorized until April of 1876 (Barthelemy and Maury\*). This replaced the "Petits Chiffres" (Small numeral in diamond of dots). In the case of Alexandria there was also a number change from 3704 to 5080. The entire illustrated, was cancelled with the CDS of Alexandria and the "5080" on September 1, 1862, four full months before the official first day of usage of this cancel. While the author is not aware of any earlier use of the "Gros Chiffres" cancel on any French covers, its use outside of Alexandria, pre-dating the authors' September 1, 1862, is possible as this area is outside of his realm of expertise. Inquiries along this line are in progress.

As for the use of the 5080 in Alexandria, the previously known earliest date as recorded by the Egypt Study Circle (London) was October 13, 1862, fully 43 days after the date of this entire.

The letter also bears, on the reverse, the receiving C. D. S. of Marseille dated September 9, 1862. This date, combined with the September 1st date would indicate that it was carried by the French Paquebot "Mersey", which departed Alexandria on September 2, 1862 — and arrived in Marseille on September 9th via Messina and Palermo ("Salles"\*).

Incidentally, while on the subject of earliest and latest usages of the French cancellations at Alexandria, the latest date of usage of the

# FRANCE

## IN

# EGYPT



**EARLIEST  
RECORDED  
USE OF THE  
5080  
CANCELLATION**

Petits Chiffres "3704" as noted by the "Study Circle", is April 4, 1862. It is not unreasonable to assume that later dates than the authors exist. Please check your "3704" covers and report any later than noted.

Similarly, the "Circle" lists August 2, 1875 as the latest recorded usage date for "5080". The author has a "5080" cover with a date of February 29, 1876. Again one must assume a later



A fine example of this early use with clear ALEXANDRIE/1/SEPT/62/EGYPTE c. d. s. and no less than six fine strikes of "5080" from author's collection.

date of usage exists. However, till additional information comes to light, the above are the earliest and latest usages known.

To sum up, the earliest and latest known dates of usage for the numeral cancellations of the French offices in Egypt are as follows:

Petit Chiffre 3704 — Small numerals in dotted lozenge.

Earliest date: February 6, 1858, recorded by the Egypt Study Circle.

Latest date: July 31, 1862, author's coll.

Gros Chiffre 5080 — Large numerals in dotted lozenge.

Earliest date: September 1, 1862

Latest date: February 29, 1876

Both are in the author's collection.

Again, please report to the author any earlier or later dates on the above with a xerox, if possible. Write to:

KENNETH PIERCE, Director of Systems  
City of Hope Medical Center  
1500 East Duarte Road  
Duarte, California, 91010, USA

\*REFERENCES:-

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EGYPT STUDY CIRCLE — "Quarterly Journal — various issues.

## EXHIBITION NOTES...

WESTPEX '75 — San Francisco, April 19/21

For his fine display of EGYPTIAN PROOFS and ESSAYS, The award of a GOLD MEDAL was made to VAHAN ANDONIAN of Oakland, California.

While no other Egyptian material was displayed at this big West Coast "National", competition in a "Rest of the World" category was exceedingly difficult and it is no mean feat to come out on top.

He is to be congratulated for assembling some of the vary rare items among the essays and, for displaying them in an attractive, informative way.

**MAJOR E. C. W. STAGG**

By the Author of "SUDAN" THE POSTAL  
MARKINGS — 1867 / 1970 . . .

This is a continuation of the article begun  
in Vol. 7, No. 1, page 19.

The Postal Concession Period  
1932 - 1930  
Civil Post Offices  
Circular Datestamps

RAS-EL-TIN — SIDI GABER

SIDI BISHAR AND ALEXANDRIA

At the beginning of the Concession period,  
Crowned Circle Egypt Postage Prepaid —  
Nos. 15 and 16 were issued to the Military  
Hospital at Ras-El-Tin and Nos. 17 &  
18 to HQ Alexandria Area at Mustapha  
Barracks near Sidi Gaber.

Letters from the Military Hospital were  
despatched through the sub-post office at  
Ras-El-Tin where they received the Ras-  
El-Tin civil datestamp, and normally the  
Alexandria datestamp on the back of the  
envelope on arrival there. Letters from  
Mustapha Barracks went to the GPO at  
Alexandria where they were backstamped  
with one of eight different civil date-  
stamps.

The Main Guard of Alexandria was lo-  
cated at Kom-el-Dik, an old fort not far  
from the GPO, which also received the  
Main Guard Mail.

On the 1st. November 1935, the MPO  
at Alexandria re-opened and commenced  
using the Crowned Circle E.P.P. Nos. 15 to  
18 which had been withdrawn from the Military  
Hospital and Mustapha Barracks. Letter from  
the Military Hospital and Mustapha Barracks  
were then taken directly to the MPO / Alexan-  
dria where the Crowned Circle handstamps were  
used, the seal cancelled with the retta and the  
MPO datestamp applied.

# *British Forces* *in EGYPT* *1932 — 1936*

## **CIVIL POST OFFICE DATESTAMPS of the CONCESSION PERIOD**

The MPO closed on January 24th, 1937 — some  
fifteen months after re-opening. Thereafter lett-  
ers from the Military Hospital once more bore Ras  
El-Tin civil datestamps and were delivered to the  
post office by an orderly who also collected in-  
coming mail.

Arrangements for Mustapha Barracks were chan-

ged in that out-going letters were now routed through the sub post office at Sidi Gaber, the nearest civil post office. The postal NCO who took the letters to the post office was also responsible for the delivery of incoming mail to the various units and for the delivery of registered letters received by him from the Sidi Gaber post office.

The Main Guard at Kon-el-Dik was the only unit to use Alexandria G.P.O. Mail was delivered and collected daily by a post orderly,

of whose duties was to help with Military Mail which was insufficiently addressed and so obviate the retention of any military staff at the G.P.O.

Sidi Bishr, which is on the railway nearly 4-1/2 miles to the east of Sidi Gaber on the fringe of a desert area was, during 1919 a British Army Transit Camp which may well have been brought into use again at the beginning of 1938.

(Continued on the following page . . .)

Illustrated below (1) a cover from the author's collection with the Numeral 15 (Crowned Circle) and the Alexandria datestamp of 15 March 1936 from the Military Hospital at Ras-El-Tin and, (2), a cover from the editor's collection with the Crowned Circle showing the Numeral 17 from HQ Alexandria with the c.d.s. of the M.P.O., Alexandria dated 17 December 1935 (an early use of this canceller). No. 3 in the table following lists these. No. 2 is franked on the reverse with the second printing of the Carmine (camel) Xmas Seal, cancelled by a retta. . .



BRITISH FORCES IN EGYPT By MAJOR E. C. W. STAGG (Continued)

A Listing of the Datestamps described in this Study is as Follows:

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>MILITARY OR CIVIL P. O.</u>	<u>NUMBER OF DATESTAMPS</u>	<u>EARLIEST DATE</u>	<u>LATEST DATE</u>
Ras-El-Tin	Civil	2	28 Nov. 1932	18 July 1935
Alexandria	Civil	8	24 Dec. 1932	25 Oct. 1935
Alexandria	Military	4	1 Nov. 1935	24 Jan. 1937
Ras-El-Tin	Civil	4	29 Mar. 1937	27 Feb. 1939
Alexandria	Civil	3	2 Dec. 1938	4 Feb. 1939
Sidi Gaber	Civil	4	12 Feb. 1937	1 Sept. 1939
Sidi Gaber	Civil	1	10 Feb. 1938	28 Apr. 1939

THE CANAL ZONEPORT SAID

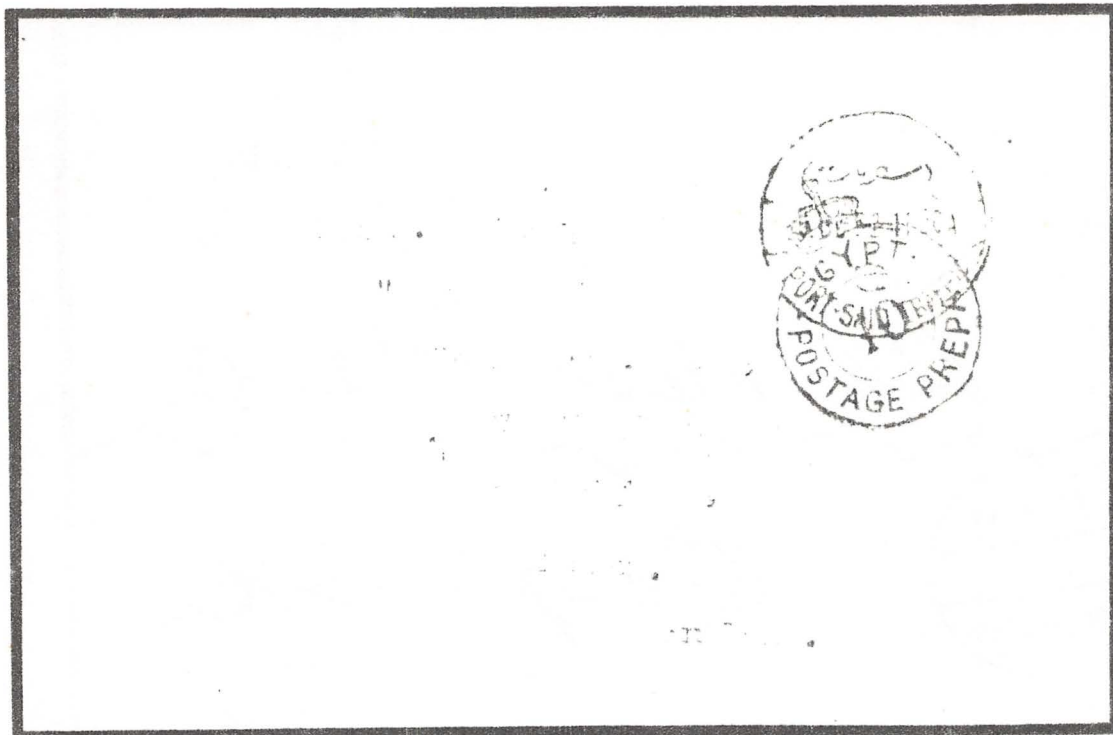
Crowned Circle Egypt Prepaid Postage Nos. 9 and 10 were used at Navy House, Port Said, probably having been issued to O. C. Troops, they remained there until withdrawn on March 15, 1936.

Letters were taken under military arrangements to the GPO, Port Said and there received civil datestamps. MPO Port Said was opened on the 1st of March 1936 and remained open

for exactly nine months. Upon closing on the 30th of November 1936, letters again bore the civil datestamps from the civil post office.

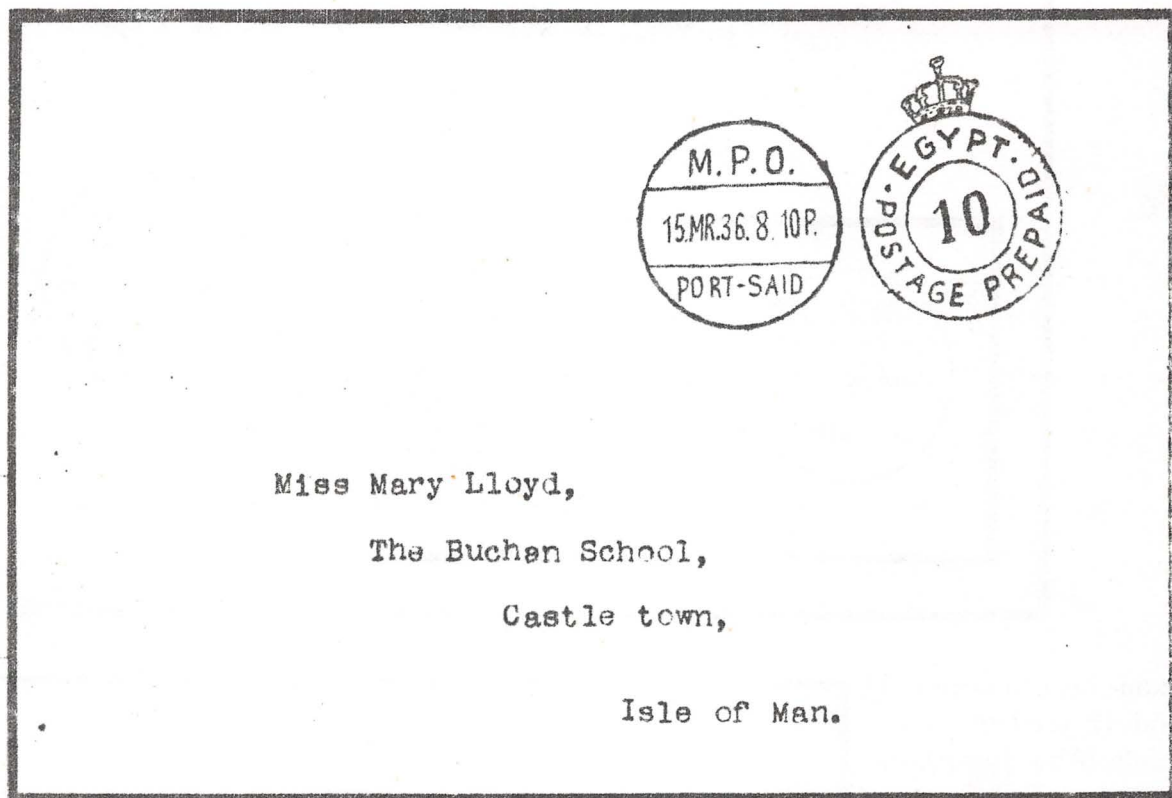
Illustrated below is a fine example of the Crowned Circle Numeral 10, used at Port Said on the First Day of Use, 5 December, 1932, and showing the civil c.d.s. of Port Said Traffic.

(From the author's collection).



<u>PLACE</u>	<u>MILITARY OR CIVIL P. O.</u>	<u>NUMBER OF DATESTAMPS</u>	<u>EARLIEST DATE</u>	<u>LATEST DATE</u>
Port Said	Civil	5	5 Dec. 1932	27 Feb. 1936
Port Said	Military	1	1 Mar. 1936	1 Dec. 1936
Port Said	Civil	3	19 Oct. 1937	14 May 1939

A fine example from the author's collection of the use of numeral No. 10 on Crowned Circle and M P O cds of Port Said dated the 15th March 1936, 15 days after its first usage by the Military.



### ABU SUEIR

This was an RAF Station where Crowned Circle Egypt Postage Prepaid Nos. 11 & 12 were used, having been issued to No. 4, Flying Training School which used them for the complete life of the seals.

Letters were handed to the local post office

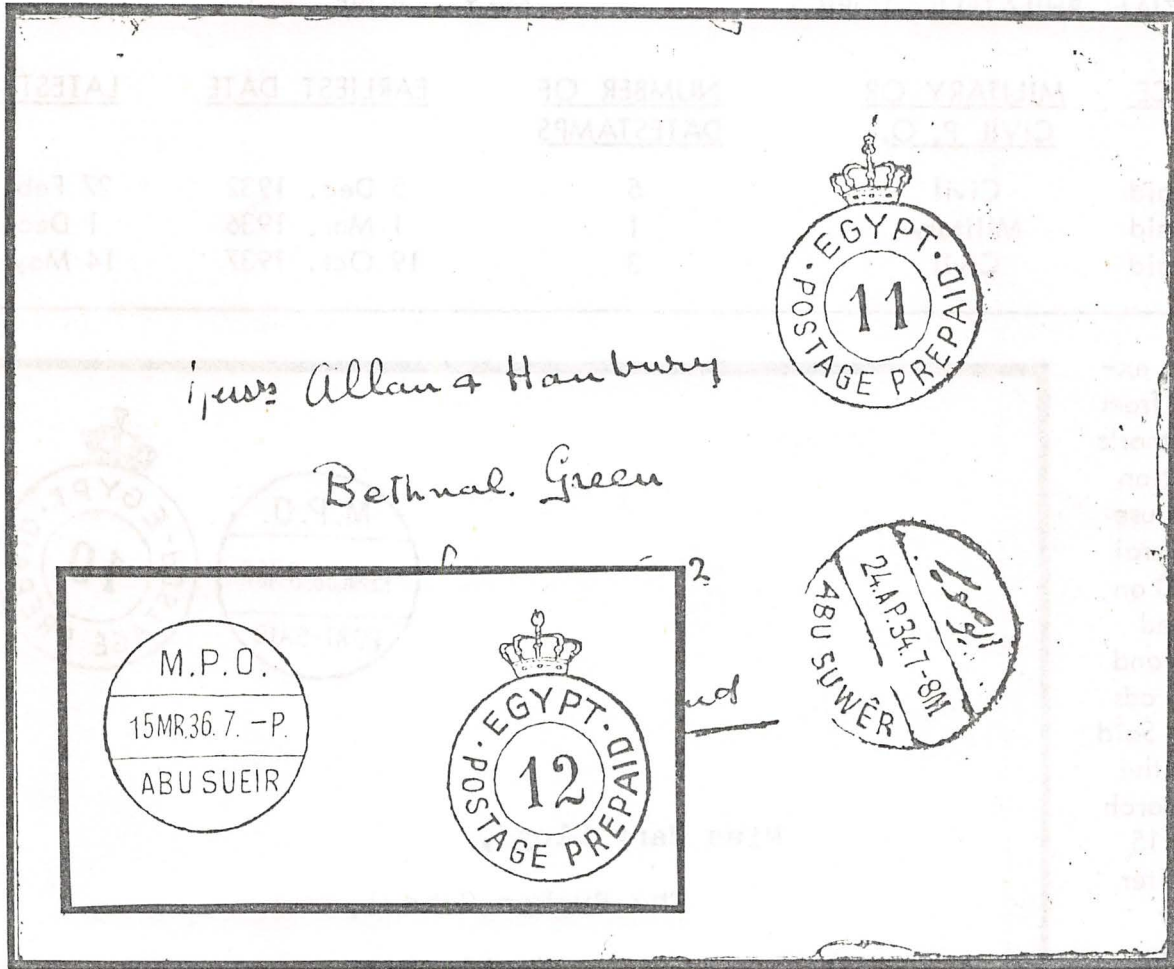
which was the railway station where they received the civil datestamp with the spelling of Abu Suwer. The letters were routed either thru Alexandria or Port Said and received one or the other of these datestamps on the reverse. MPO Abu Sueir opened on 1 March 1936 and closed on the 31st March 1938.

A List of Datestamps Seen is as Follows:

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>MILITARY OR CIVIL P. O.</u>	<u>NUMBER OF DATESTAMPS</u>	<u>EARLIEST DATE</u>	<u>LATEST DATE</u>
Abu Sueir	Civil	1	15 Dec. 1932	26 Feb. 1936
Abu Sueir	Military	1	1 Mar. 1936	1 June 1939

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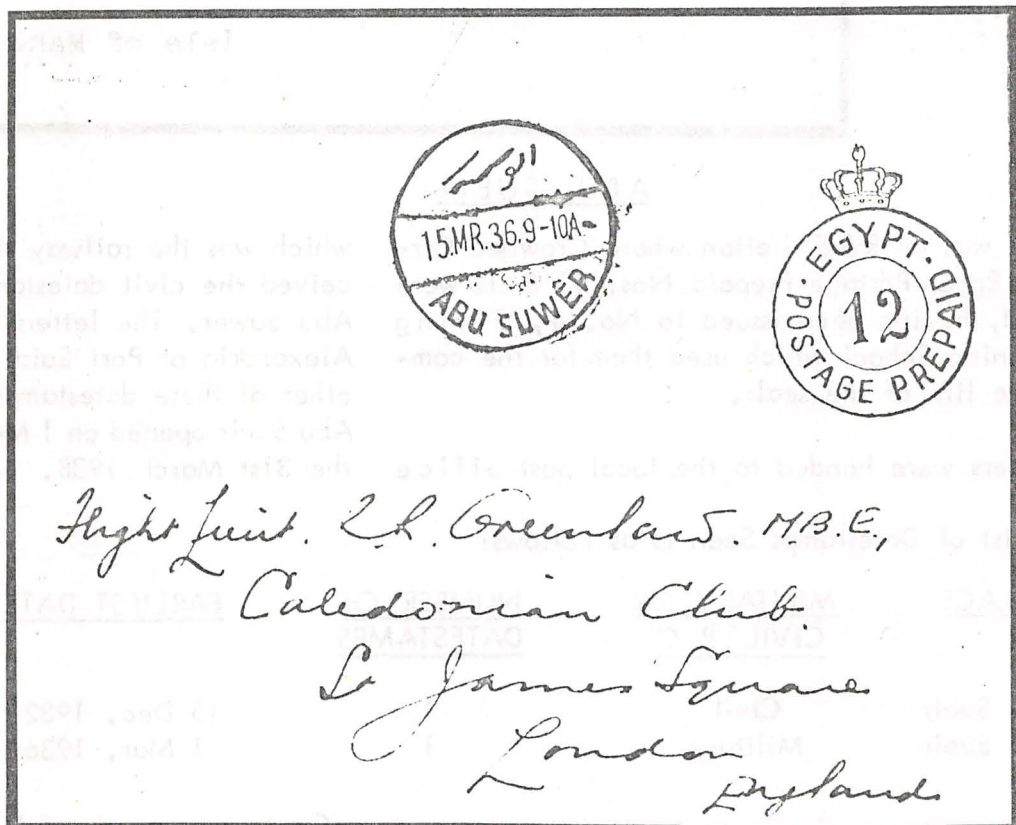




Examples of numbers 11 and 12 used at Abu Sueir (Abu Suwer) used on the civil datestamp.

Note the correct spelling on the MPO datestamp on piece on the inset with date of 15 March 1936.

These examples are all from the author's collection.



MOASCAR

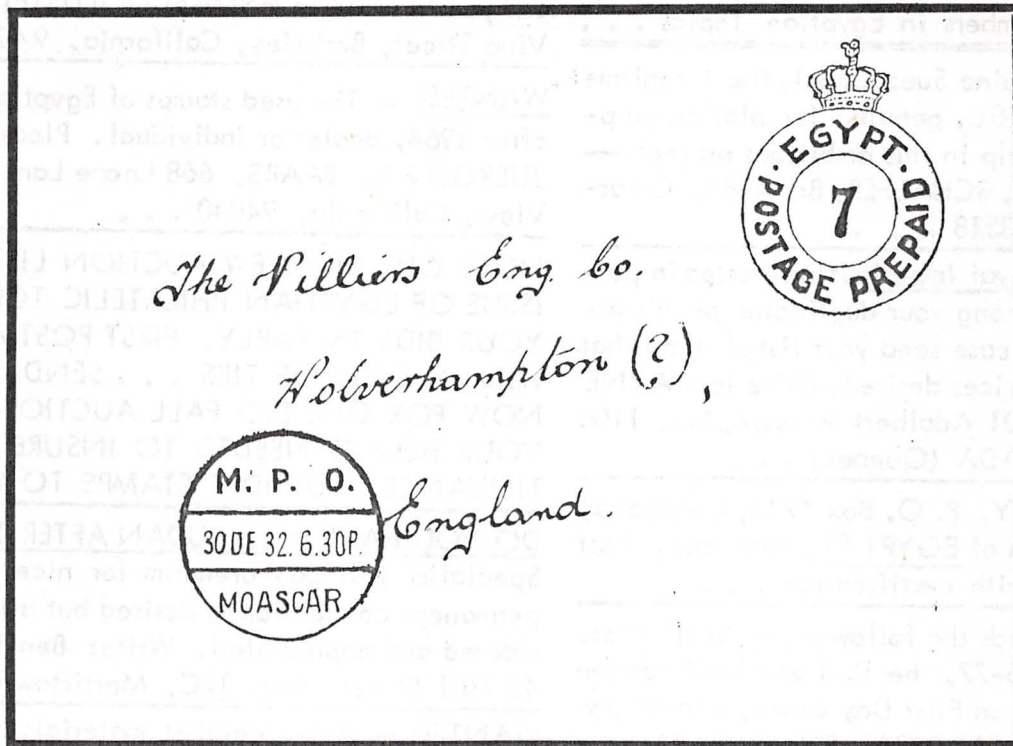
A Military Post Office was in use from the 1st November 1932 right up to the beginning of censorship.

CAIRO

MPO Cairo was already open at the beginning of the Postal Concession Period on November 1st, 1932 and the named datestamp remained in use well into the period of censor-

ship. Cairo Civil Post Office was not therefore recognized to receive concession mail.

Shown is the No. 7 with cds of Moascar.



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**WE HAVE HAD MANY INQUIRIES** concerning a Mart (circuit) book program for Topics members ! If anyone is interested, and has the time to devote to this worthwhile project, please contact the editor. P. O. Box # 3875, Torrance, Ca., 90503.

# E.S.C. STUDY NEEDS HELP

AN APPEAL FOR INFORMATION ON EGYPT  
POSTAGE PREPAID MILITARY POSTMARKS OF  
THE PERIOD 1941 - 1947 . . .

Mr. Floyd Benians of the Egypt Study Circle, has requested our help. He refers to F. P. H. S. numbers (Forces Postal History Society) and E. E. P. nos. (EGYPT PREPAID). He writes:

"For the past eight years or so I have been looking after this study, both for the E. S. C. and the Forces Postal History Soc. in the United Kingdom. Active participation is now in hand to publish our findings during the latter part of this year.

To justify itself, the findings of a study must, from time to time, be published. The Egypt Postage Prepaid Study has reached that stage and active preparation is at hand to this end. However, certain datestamps have not yet been recorded (EPP No. 120 was recorded for the first time in October 1974). Others have only one or two items listed and some of them were made long ago and descriptions are vague. These too, should be confirmed.

Today, much importance is placed, not only on the date of the cancellation, but also on the censor type and number; also to identify the unit to which it was attached, or allocated.

It is our earnest desire to produce a work of benefit to all who are interested in the study of Egypt philately and Postal History, specially these particular markings.

The difficult Egypt Postage Prepaid numbers are: 9, 23, 32, 39, 49, 92, 105, 106, 107, 108, 110, 119, 122, 125, 126, 127, 128, 133, 135, 136, 145, 147, 150, 155 and on.

Wherever possible please record: ➔

E. P. P. No., date, censor type (F. P. H. S. no) number, unit, location, destination and postage rate. Reference to any other markings are also of importance. Use by the New Zealand, Australian, Indian and other smaller contingents are of especial interest." ➔

## KEYS and THINGS!

DR. CYRIL GRYPHE of Toronto, Canada requests our help on an unusual subject, however, I have no doubt that someone among our membership will be able to help him. He writes:

"I am currently researching a thesis on the subject of "Keys as Symbolic and Decorative Motifs". It appears that a key has been used as part of the design on a series of UAR postage stamps, celebrating the Millenary of Cairo in 1969. On the bow, or handle, the decoration looks like the fortress gate, Bab el Futuh, illustrated on the 10 millieme value.

Can anyone confirm this and provide information regarding the significance of the key in the design? If not, can you refer me to an appropriate authority?

CYRIL I. GRYPHE M. D., FRCP  
3560 Bathurst Street  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Dr. Gryphe refers, of course, to Zeh. Nos. 509, 510-11-12-13-14 and S. S. #26, including the Cairo Museums issue. (Scott Nos. 801-807) This key also appeared on the FDC cancellation.



Please send your information to:

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Any information received that might be of interest to other studies will gladly be passed on.

**E. MENNE LARSEN**

# UN FORCES IN EGYPT

## THE DANOR BATTALION

We had planned to conclude this fine article in our last issue, however, the great depth and detail that this author has provided made it imperative that we continue into this third segment. Mr. Larsen, an avid philatelist for many years and a member of our Society lives in Hobro, Denmark and the facts he presents are from beginning to end are based on his personal knowledge and research. He is also the editor of a most impressive Danish Journal, "POST HISTORISK TIDSSKRIFT", in Danish and English dealing with all facets of the Postal History of Denmark, of which the UN Forces in Egypt played such an important part. . .

# 1956

# 1967

## UNEF FREE MAIL POSTMARKS FROM DANOR BATTALION

This article deals with the UNEF postmarks that one finds on the free mail from DANOR BTLN, UNEF, i.e., only on the external mail, viz, on mail sent to other UNEF Units.

One can consider the UNEF free mail system with respect to DANOR BN, as follows:

- 1) the free mail was handled and cancelled by one of the UNEF post offices, including B P O's.
- 2) DANOR BN, post office handled and cancelled all the free mail by a free mail postmark of its own.
- A) The first phase covers the period from 10 December 1956 until November/November 1963. On 10 December 1956 the first mail

which was cancelled by a UNEF by a free mail postmark left Naples. At this time the Norwegian and Indian Units had been granted a free mail privilege. On 1 January 1957, this same privilege was granted to the Danish Unit. Mail up to 10 grammes was from now sent free of charge to all countries.

Prior to these dates the free mail had been franked with Italian stamps and cancelled at Naples. After the UNEF B. P. O. had been transferred from Capodichino to Beirut (JAN. 1958) one can occasionally also find free mail from the DANOR BN, franked with Lebanese postage stamps.

(Continued on following page)

In general the free mail from DANOR BN. Hqs. and the Coys were cancelled at the nearest UNEF post office, which for some time was Rafah. When a UNEF post office opened at UNEF Hqs. in GAZA, mail from the Danish Bn. was sent to this post office for cancellation and forwarding.

Units on guard in Sinai or at Rafah may sometimes have forwarded their mail to the UNEF post office which was in the area, and on occasion have it forwarded to DANOR post office which in its turn shipped it to Gaza for cancellation. No fixed rules can be given.

Consequently a lot of UNEF free mail postmarks can be found on Danish UNEF mail. To them, add mail with stamps of Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan Syria and Cyprus from soldiers on leave or visit in these countries. It would carry us too far away, if we mentioned all these postmarks in this article.

B) THE SECOND PHASE began in November/December 1963 when one of the UNEF free mail postmarks was handed over to the DANOR post office. In the following catalogue, I list these marks in chronological order as far as their use by DANOR post office is concerned.

It should be noticed that most of the UNEF postmarks which were used by DANOR had been used by other UNEF post offices before they were handed over to DANOR.

In the following catalogue I have given all the postmarks a catalogue number (1-7) and a code "number" which refers to the position of the postmark in my catalogue which covers all UNEF postmarks. This catalogue is not reprinted here. The code number gives the UNEF types.

It may surprise the readers that DANOR BN. post office in fact used and damaged so many postmarks as it really did. I would like here to draw the attention to some points which may help to explain that. The postmasters from Danor Bn. whom I have met, were not professional post office people, but came from other professions and were selected to the job for reasons unknown to me. Besides the first free mail postmarks which were given to DANOR had all been used — and may even have been repaired — before they were used by DANOR.

type II

fig. 1. The end of a pmk date: 31 MARCH 1964



type II

fig. 1 UNEF free mail postmark used by DANOR 1963- 64. NB: date corrected by hand .

Fig. 2, type III-C-6



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This equipment was not always in first class condition and consequently, the marks broke down. Many impressions from DANOR post office are very blurred and often show a postmark totally out of shape. See fig. 3 on the right . . .

fig. 3. type III-B-1- ▽ ▲



fig. 3  
type  
III-B-1

ORCE



fig. 4. type III-C-I

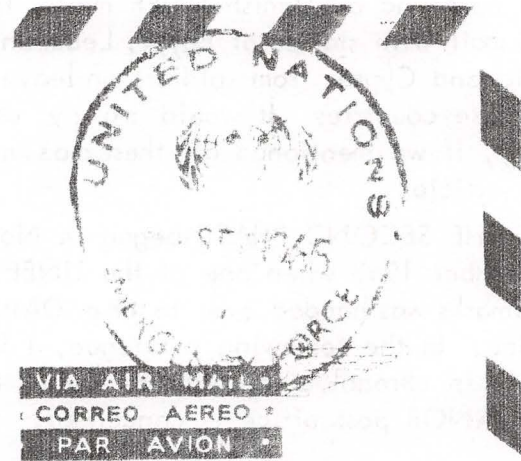


fig. 4. type III-C-I

UNITED NATIONS  EMERGENCY FORCE

fig. 5, type III- B - 4  
on cover from DANOR BN to Denmark  
Also a post office cachet on the  
cover.



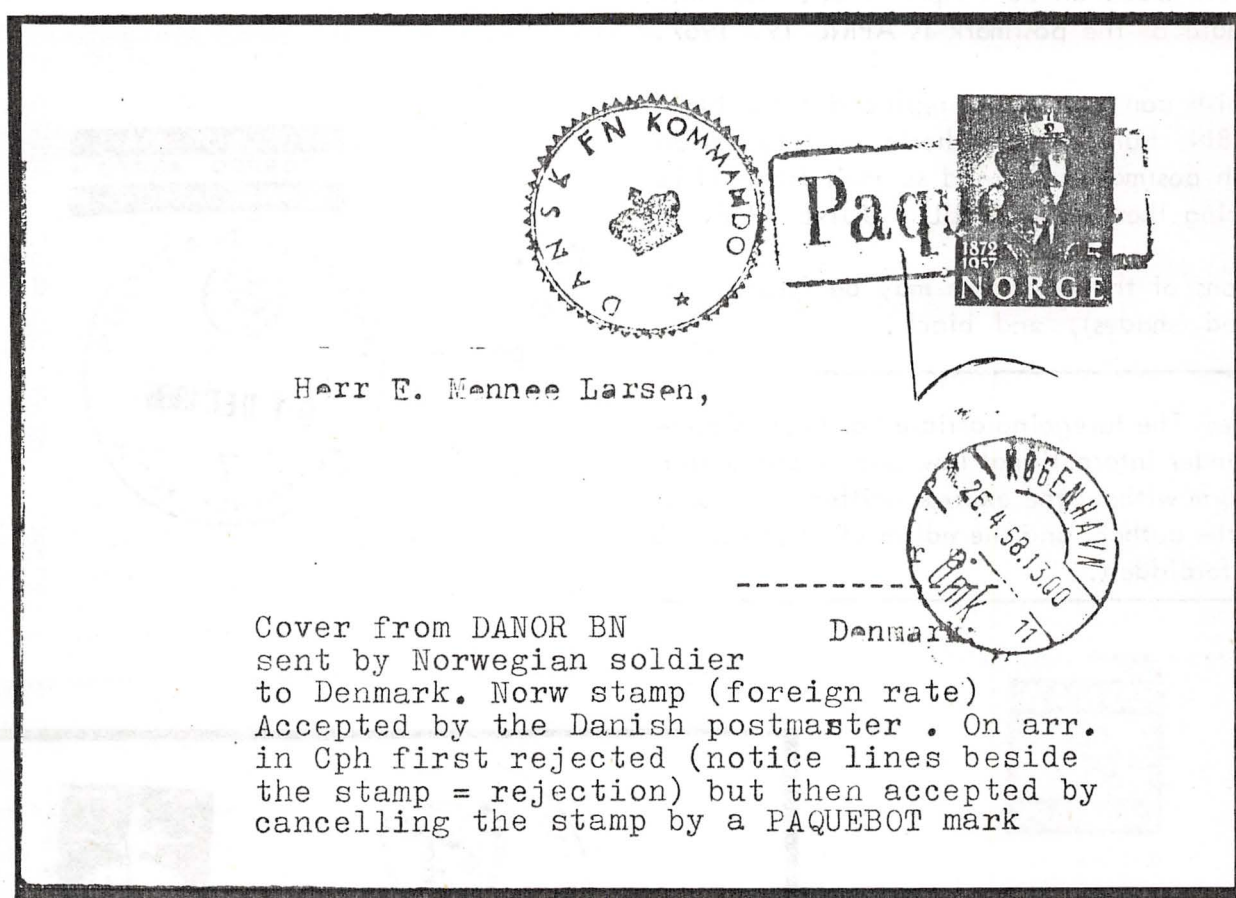
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## A CATALOGUE LISTING of UNEF FREE MAIL POSTMARKS used by DANOR BN. P. O.

LOCATION: DANOR BATTALION HEADQUARTERS, HILL 88, GAZA STRIP . . .

<u>DANOR BN.</u>	<u>UNEF TYPE</u>	<u>PERIOD OF USE:</u>	
No. (= fig.).			
1.	II	NOV / DEC. 1963	2/3 APRIL 1964
2.	III-C-6	Some days in	MARCH 1964
3.	III-B-1	APRIL 1964 — ca	1 JULY 1965
4.	III-C-1	ca 1 JULY 1965 — ca	1 DECEMBER 1965
5.	III-B-4	ca 1 DECEMBER 1965 - ca	12 JULY 1966
6.	V - 8	ca 13 JULY 1965 —	28 NOVEMBER '66
7.	V - 7	29 NOVEMBER 1966 —	19 APRIL 1967

REMARKS RELATIVE TO THE SEVEN TYPES LISTED ABOVE:

- No. 1 — This mark, which had been used by the UNEF Hqs. in Gaza for many years, broke down in March 1964. It was finally totally out of shape and was withdrawn 2 APR. 64.
- No. 2 — The Type III-C was manufactured in Sweden. The III-C-6 was used by the UNEF Hqs. post office in Gaza, but was sometimes loaned to DANOR BN. for some hours when Cat. no. 1 was under repair in MAR. '64.
- No. 3 — Type III-B. A few letters were cancelled by this postmark on the evening of 2 APRIL 1964. The "official" first day of use was 3 APRIL 1964.
- No. 4 — The mark broke down.

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U N FORCES IN EGYPT by E. MENNE LARSEN (Continued from preceding page).

No. 5 — This postmark was withdrawn by the UNEF and replaced by the following mark of a new type.

No. 6 — Type V. The letters of this type differ considerably from the other postmarks. The UN emblem is also smaller. Cat. no. 6 was damaged and replaced by Cat. No. 7, which also belongs to type V.

No. 7 — No. 7 was used until the withdrawal of the Danish Unit when the postmaster left Gaza on 20th April 1967. The last known date of the postmark is APRIL 19, 1967.

The Danish contingent was replaced by a Norwegian BN, but I have hitherto, no information on which postmark was used so mail from this Unit during the period APRIL - JUNE 1967.

Impressions of the postmarks may be found in blue, red (shades), and black.

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fig. 6  
type  
V-8



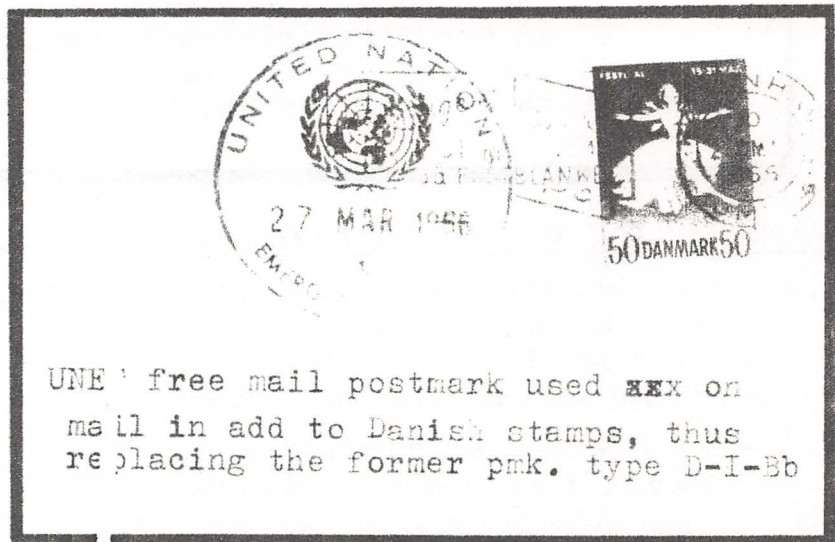
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30  
type V-7



INTERNATIONAL  
STAMP EXHIBITION  
AUGUST 20-29 1976  
BELLACENTER  
COPENHAGEN

EXPOSITION  
PHILATELIQUE  
INTERNATIONALE  
art et philatélie

grand palais  
galeries  
nationales  
du Louvre  
du 6 au 16 juin 1975  
ARPHILA 75



UNE free mail postmark used ~~xxx~~ on mail in add to Danish stamps, thus replacing the former pmk. type D-I-Bb

In our last issue the illustrations shown below appeared on page 41. Vince Berzinskas sends us the following information.

This translation was made by a friend, Mr. Kajak Y. Balekjian of Garret Park, Md. He is a descriptive cataloguer in the Library of Congress. Born, raised and educated in Egypt he migrated to Brazil and then to the U. S.

Reverse: (1) Title: (Mr.) Janab al-Haji (Pilgrim to Mecca) Zayn al-Abidin (Addressee). sallamahu Allah (God protect him). COVER was MAILED FROM CAIRO, VIA SUEZ, to BOMBAY, India, in the year 1864.

Front: (2) Arabic year, 1280 Hijrah. Arabic year 1280 of the Higira covers part of 1863 and ends on July 6, 1864. (3) Letter from: (Mr.) Hadrat al-Shaykh (The Sheik) Muhammad Abdel Azim Abdel Rahim (in Arabic). Again (1) to: "Haggi" Zein al-Abidin.

Circular handstamps of Egypt are listed page 253 and app. xiii of R-L Ency. of Brit. Emp. Vol. II (Africa). The Indian markings listed in Vol. III, pgs. 145-6 under "Government Posta from 1837". (Official letter?).

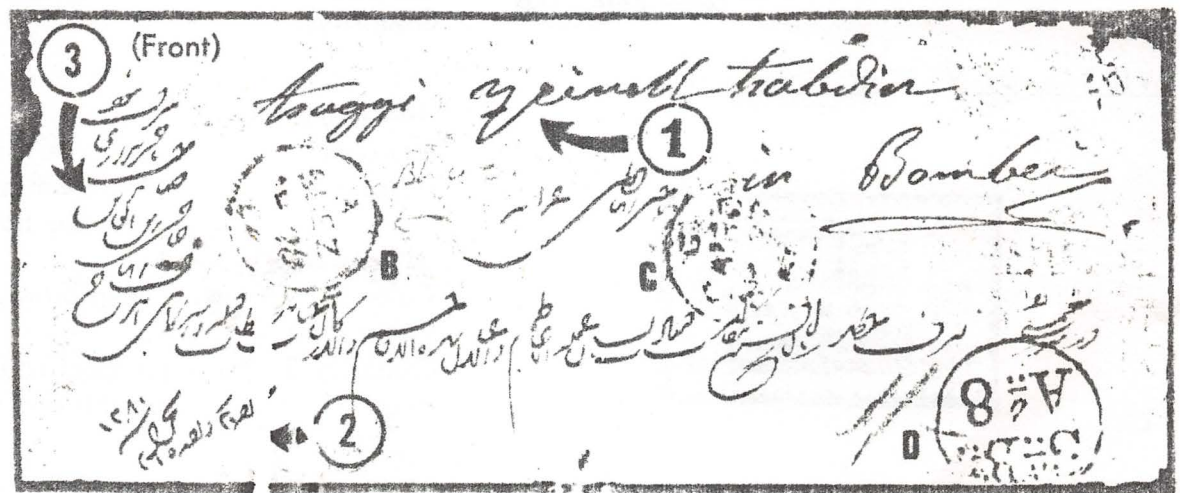
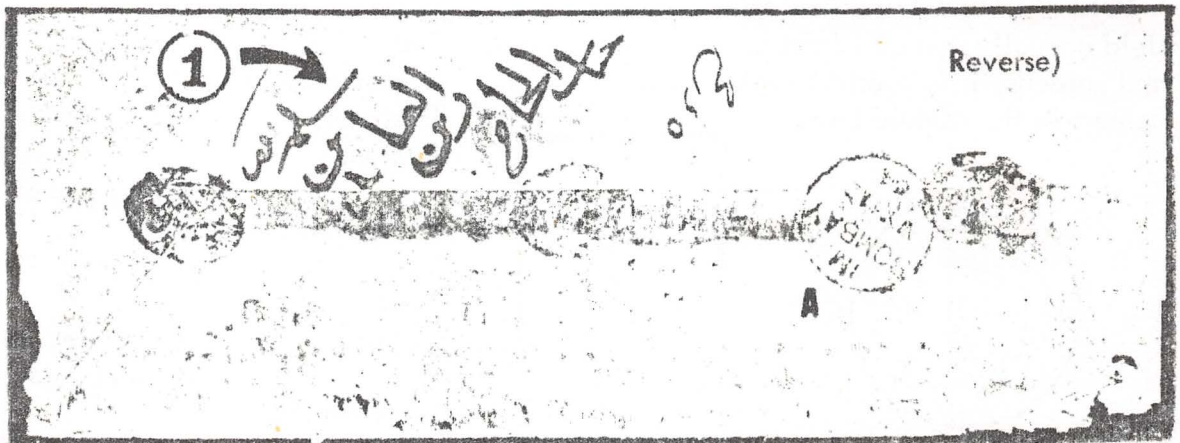
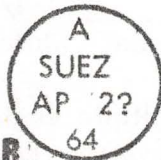
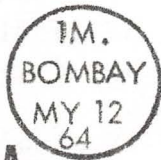
Vincent J. Berzinskas

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# ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

## MOHAMMAD, THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH — ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BIRTH

Mohammad, "the Prophet" was the son of Abdullah. Born in the year 571 he came to be known among his people as Al. Ameen, the Trustworthy. In his fortieth year he received a revelation from the angel Gabriel and he began to preach the Islamic message of the Holy Quran. Finally settling in Medina where he spent the last 10 years of his life he was able with the help of his followers, to establish the State of Islam and eventually to conquer Mecca, from whence he had fled. Hailed by the Arabs as the "Eternal" religion, it is believed to be the hope of humanity for the solution of all of its problems.



Date of Issue: 3 March 1975  
 Denomination: 20 mills  
 Designer: SABER AHMED AHMED SAIDA  
 Design: A large crescent over the globe, and a photograph of El. Kaaba El Shariffa and the Aksa Mosque in left and right upper corners.  
 Dimensions: 27 X 48 mm.  
 Sheet: 50 Stamps (10 X 5)  
 Perforation: 11-1/2  
 Colors: Sky blue, silver, deep purple, black and white deep lavender.  
 Watermark: Multiple Eagle  
 Printing: Rotogravure — Postal Printing House  
 Quantity: 1,000,000 Stamps

## CAIRO INTERNATIONAL FAIR

Held annually, on an island surrounded by flowers and gardens, it is considered the greatest of trade centers in the Middle East.



Date of Issue: 3 March 1975  
 Denomination: 20 mills  
 Designer: FAHIMA ABDEL AZIME ALI  
 Design: Part of a cog and an ear of corn with a global symbol.  
 Dimensions: 24 X 42 mm.  
 Sheet: 50 Stamps (10 X 5)  
 Perforation: 11-1/2  
 Colors: Turquoise, pale green, white, carmine red.  
 Watermark: Multiple Eagle  
 Printing: Rotogravure — PPH  
 Quantity: 1,000,000 Stamps

## WHO's DAY (Kasr El Ainy Hospital)



Date of Issue: 7 May 1975  
 Denomination: 20 mills  
 Designer: LOTFY EL SAWAF  
 Design: The WHO Emblem and a photograph of the hospital.  
 Dimensions: 42 X 24 mm.  
 Colors: Brown, deep brown and ultramarine  
 Other data as above.  
 Quantity ? (Sorry no specific information from Cairo on this and the following.)

SCIENCE DAY

Date of Issue: 7 May 1975  
 Denomination: 20 mills each stamp  
 Designers: S. SABER and W. FARAG.  
 Designs: (1) Two children reading a book  
 and the lamp of knowledge.  
 (2) Three school children  
 Dimensions: (each) 24 X 42 mm.  
 Sheet: 50 Stamps (10 X 5)  
 Perforation: 11-1/2  
 Colors: (1) Pale blue, pink, yellow, white  
 (2) Rust brown, black and white.  
 Watermark: Multiple Eagle  
 Printing: Rotogravure — Postal P. H.  
 Quantity: ?

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COMING ISSUES

Some very interesting items are being readied for our next, and future issues. Some expand on things of interest we already know about, others feature subjects seldom seen. In the latter category is an interesting article by GABRIEL PUSTEL on mailmats and their development along with some nice photos of Egyptian meters. Gabe is our expert on meters and he is willing to help anyone interested in this unusual area. JOHN GRIMMER sends us the complete market report on the March auction of Stanley Gibbons which featured some unusual material. We believe the prices realized for these items, including a comprehensive showing of the Palace imperfs, will leave you with your mouth open.

GEORGE HOUSTON of Australia, writes in his own inimitable style covering the false information and errors that continue to plague us in an uncorrected state in the various catalogs. LARS ALUND of Sweden expounds on the "Perfins" — adding to our list of cataloged items while Dr. Smith has promised us a review of the new Higgins and Gage section on Egypt (Post. Stat. Cat.) and so on. We do need more material for Philatelic Fun and Profit as we would like to continue this as a regular feature. If every member ? would send in just one unusual item we could go for three or four years . . .

NEW SOCIETY CONSTITUTION . . .

Dr. Smith has worked diligently on this project and we hope to be able to present the finished product for your inspection and approval soon.

### THE SOCIETY IN EGYPT

MEMBERS of the Philatelic Society of Egypt who wish to renew for 1975, should remit \$3.00 to DR. PETER A. S. SMITH, Dept. of Chemistry, University Of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MICH., 48103

The last issue of L'Orient Philatelique to appear is No. 127, dated October of 1973, but which reached members in the United States in May 1974. Another Issue has been in the works for some time, but the difficulties of production in EGYPT at this time are so great, that no prediction about when it may appear can be made. It is hoped that all members will express their support by renewing, but all should understand that no promises can be made.

PLEASE do not confuse the "PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF EGYPT with our new Society, Egypt Philatelists International. A number of us hold dual memberships. Most of us do all we can to help both societies, and we want to assure Mr. Eid, President of the Society in Cairo, and the members that we will continue to support them.

## AN APPRECIATION

It was a great joy for me to read P.A.S. Smith's comments on the late PAUL LINDENBERG, an unknown student of Egyptian postmarks who published his study on "Die Postempel Aegypten's fifty years ago.

What delighted me was not the subject matter at all. It was just the generous appreciation of the little-known spadework on Egyptian postmarks of a researcher of many years ago, by another prominent researcher of our own time

As a rule philatelic students and researchers and some, at least, of our "great philatelists" these days give little or no credit for work done by others, be it of the present or the past, even tho the results of the efforts of the enthusiasts of the past may have been rendered obsolete by later studies.

(Continued from Story on page 45 . . .)

### AUTHORS ADDENDA — 5080 CANCEL

Since writing the foregoing, the author has received some new data regarding the early use of the Gros Chiffres. Robert G. Stone, editor of the France & Colonies Philatelic Society Journal, and a well-known French specialist, advises us of the following:

There is a record of the following early dates of usage for the Gros Chiffres:

August 5, 1862 — Smyrna

August 19, 1862 — Constantine

August 30, 1862 — Algeria

September 1, 1862 — Algeria

However, these were recorded some time ago and whether the covers or letters still (or ever) existed is unknown.

Mr. Stone also mentioned that a Dr. Pistre, writing in an old French journal, stated that the overseas offices were supplied with the new markers first as it would have taken longer for the shipments to reach them, which certainly made sense. There are several French domestic covers with the Gros Chiffres dated during December of 1862.

I must admit that the reading of the "outrageous" Austrophil descriptions of Egyptian postmarks made me angry and impatient and I dismissed the quoted name "Lindberg" as just one more of those "noms de plume" used by auctioneers to transform "ordinary postmarks into rare one, or into earliest or latest dates and cause the metamorphosis of the "RETTA" from what we know it is, into a rare shipping postmark. Proof for the above is my disfiguring in red ink of most of the "Lindberg information" in the Egyptian part of the Austrophil cat of late 1973, which, in some way I now have to apologize for . . .

Of course, Austrophil was at fault in NOT having quoted source material or handbook Paul Lindenberg's "Die Postempel Aegypten's, including its year of publication. Such information would have explained and excused a lot, at least for the "cognoscenti", the "in" term these days.

The foregoing is the reason I was very glad that Peter wrote, and EPT published the article about Paul Lindenberg. (E.P.T. No. 39, pgs. 24/28).

**MAIL AUCTION****CLOSING****AUGUST 6**

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6.	1953 10m. "Defense" Soldier, two Unexploded Booklets (left & right binding) & one extra pane, v.f.	MB 7.50
7.	1958 2m. & 4m., horiz. Imperforate Pairs, v.f., n.h.	Est. 22.50
8.	1959-60 1m., 3m., 10m., 15m., 30m., 35m. & 100m., Imperforate Control Blocks of Four, v.f., n.h.	Est. 150.00
9.	1960 35m. blue, Imperforate Block of Four, v.f., n.h.	Est. 17.50
10.	<b>COMMEMORATIVES:</b> 1926 5m. Port Fouad ovpt., with the Blotted "Y" variety (Zeh. 14a - only 25 exist), f., n.h.	Est. 50.00
11.	1926 10m. Port Fouad ovpt. stamp, fine mint.	Est. 20.00
12.	1934 50pt. & £1 U.P.U. stamps, v.f. mint	MB 60.00
13.	1946 The Philatelic Exposition souvenir sheets, f., n.h.	Est. 17.50
14.	1956 The Scout Jamboree souvenir sheets, fine, l.h.	MB 200.00
15.	1956 The perforated Scout s.s. only, fine, mint	MB 100.00
16.	1959 10m. Petroleum Congress, horiz. Imperforate Strip of Three (Zeh. 202a), very fine, n.h.	Est. 50.00
17.	1959 10m. Cairo Museum, vert. Imperforate Pair, v.f.	Est. 20.00
18.	1961 10m. Navy Day, horiz. Imperforate Pair, v.f., n.h.	Est. 20.00
19.	<b>POSTAGE DUES:</b> 1889 2m. & 1pt., horiz. Imperf. Pairs, v.f.	Est. 45.00
20.	1889 2m., 4m. & 1pt., vert. Imperforate Pairs with Sideways Wmks., v.f., n.h.	Est. 85.00
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Egyptian Issues for PALESTINE (GAZA STRIP)

24.	<b>DEFINITIVES:</b> 1948 4m., 5m. & 15m.(2) Color Trials of the Ovpts. (see Zeh. page 340), all 4 v.f., n.h.	MB 42.50
25.	1948 1m., 2m. & 3m., Inverted ovpts., v.f., n.h.	MB 37.50
26.	1948 6m., Double ovpt. (second impression faint), v.f.	MB 9.00
27.	1953 1m.-3m. & 6m.-22m. with Six Bars, f-v.f., n.h.	MB 20.00
28.	1953 40m., 100m. & £1 with Six Bars, v.f., n.h.	MB 70.00
29.	1953-55 1m., 5m., 15m., 20m., 30m., 35m. & 50m. with Overprints a Cheval, v.f., n.h.	MB 20.00
30.	1958 1m. carmine with Double ovpt. (Zeh. 61a), v.f., n.h.	MB 17.50
31.	1959 55m./100m. with Double ovpt., One Inverted, v.f.	MB 45.00
32.	1959 55m./100m., Ovpt. Misplaced to Top (Zeh. 68b), v.f.	MB 6.00
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53.			

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