

More Philatelic Items From The Suez Crisis

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Many thanks for the response to my article in *QC* 219 and the additional information sent to me. For shortage of space I left out some of the items I had intended to include in the article but they quite readily stand alone.

A number of anti-Nasser propaganda leaflets were dropped by the RAF over Egypt during the Anglo-French landings at Suez in November 1956. The most interesting one is illustrated here. It is based on the then current 10m Egyptian stamp and shows Nasser in place of the ordinary soldier.



The caption reads:

Nasser said: 'I am ready to fight in the ranks to the last drop of my blood for the freedom of our nation'.

Other leaflets of equally crude and probably ineffectual effect were dropped.

1. A forlorn Arab peasant looking skywards at droves of French and British planes:

"But Colonel Gamal Abdul Nasser told us that our Air Force controlled the skies of Egypt."

2. A cartoon of Nasser lying huddled on the ground covering his head and ears under two shell bursts: Caption: *NASSER November 1956.*

3. Nasser sitting in a comfortable wicker chair surrounded by liquors and smoking a big cigar:

"They will fight from village to village and place to place," he is saying

over a telephone.

4. Nasser hiding behind a civilian armed with a rifle: *"Gamal Abdul Nasser said: 'Let each one of you be a soldier in the Armed Forces so that we may defend honour, dignity and freedom'.*

A special overprinted stamp was issued by East Germany with a surcharge supposedly to go to Egypt to help in its struggle against imperialist aggression.

At the same time they surcharged the same stamp for the support of Hungary, though I'm not sure what for as the DDR was supporting the Russian invasion.

Either stamp found used on cover appears to be quite scarce and the only one for Hungary I have seen was in the Robin Bertram sale.





Soon after the nationalisation of the canal and until some time after the invading forces had withdrawn various propaganda postmarks were used. Shown are EGYPT CROSSROAD OF THE WORLD - SUEZ CANAL IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF EGYPT - FREEDOM OF PASSAGE GUARANTEED THROUGH SUEZ CANAL and EGYPT TOMB OF AGGRESSORS.

If there are any more in this vein I should be very pleased to know.