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SEA MAILS:- Roumanian State Maritime Services.

Member ESC 118 has kindly shown us a cover bearing a backstamp of the 6.VI.935/CONSTANTA/ ALEXANDRIA. It would be of interest to know of other examples. The Record lists seven from Constanta to Aalexandria and seven from Alexandria to Constanta, all between 1929 and 1939.

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Referring to the note (*QC* Vol. VI No. 11 page 129) on the (and vice-versa) datestamps of the 1929-1939 period, Lars Alund mentions the earlier type consisting of a double-circle c.d.s. (diameters 29 and 18.5 mms.) containing, at the top ALEXANDRIA-CONSTANTA and at the bottom a star, the date on his c.d.s. is 24. Mar. 908 (note the three-figure year) and occurs on a postcard franked with a 10 cent. Austrian P.O. in Crete of 1908.

J.H.. Coles of O.P.A.L. tells us he has two single 10 paras of Turkey, 1908 overprint issue, with this datestamp. Our Chairman and I each have a post-card franked with a 5 mills. Egypt 1902 issue dated 30 APR.911. We have no record of a similar datestamp with the reverse routing.

In a most interesting little guide which I acquired recently – “Fascinating Egypt” “L’Egypte Ravissante” season 1910-1911 - there appears (page 19) the following:- “The Royal Rumanian Steamship Line, which is worked under the auspices of the North German Lloyd (forddeutscher-Lloyd), takes passengers to zlexandria from Constanza, which port is reached from Merlin in 38 hours.”

It would be of interest to know whether this line ceased to run at the outbreak of World War I and when it re-started under the name of the Rumanian State Maritime Service.