

THE POSTAL MARKINGS OF EGYPT SINCE 1880.

By the Keeper of the Record.

On October 20th 1945 the members of the Egypt Study Circle met by invitation of the Chairman to consider the best classification of the postal markings subsequent to 1880.

About 50 excellent drawings of the markings since 1880 by Seymour Blomfield were displayed. These were in the form of blue prints and it was agreed that most of them should be illustrated but that only the principal Types should be allotted numbers.

The following Types were defined and unanimously approved. It was thought that special types should be allotted to markings used for Rural Services, Travelling Post Offices (Ambulant), Commemoratives, Machine and Slogan cancellations and I as was requested to make suggestions concerning the classification of these.

In the summary which is given below I have inserted the period of use, the data for which is obtained partly from the Study Circle Records and partly from my own collection. I have also received such valuable data from the articles on The Travelling Post Offices by Gabriel Boulad, The Commoratives by Abdel el Ghazali & Jean Boulad and The Slogan Postmarks by Jean Boulad.

SUMMARY of the Types that were defined and approved at the Egypt Study Circle Meeting on 20th October 1947, suggestions by the Keeper of the Record.

TYPE	DESCRIPTION AND DESIGN	PERIOD OF USE
VIII.	Town name at top and Arabic equivalent at the bottom. Date in centre.	1-1-1880 to 1930 ,
IX.	Similar to Typo VIII, but the space in the inner circle above and generally below the date is composed of vertical lines, which vary in number.	12-4-1886 to 1902
X	Similar to Typo VIII, but under the town name there is a five pointed star in a crescent.	14-2-1885 to 12-9-1907
	1. Town name in French and Arabic	
	2. Town name in English only and larger crescent and star. Known only from MEX FIRST. (Near Alexandria)	3 1-8-1885
XI.	Under the town name there is a five pointed star without a crescent. Known from :- Port Said, Port Taufig, Suez, Zagazig, Mansura, Assouan.	27-5-1907 to 3-10-191?.
XII.	Similar to Type VIII, but the town name in French or English is below the date, and the Arabic equivalent above the date. 21-12-1926 to date.	
XIII.	MACHINE CANCELLATIONS.	
	The following main types are known:-	
	1. Date stamp Typo VIII spaced 38 to 39 mm. apart.	20-12-1921.
	2. Date stamp Type VIII with horizontal lines attached.	23-1 --1 21
	3. Do. with undulating lines.	4—2-1924
	4. Date stamp Type XIII with undulating lines attached.	17-3-1926
	5. Slogan Types XVIII	23-4-1922
	FOR SPECIAL USES.	
XIV.	Travelling Post Office (Ambulant)	
	Suggested classification of the main types	
	1. Type VC-1 in use from 1-1-1875 to 19,90 ? See L.O.P. No. 43.	1-1-1880 to 26-4-1909.
	2. Type VIII with dept. and arr. stations.	11-8-1880 to 26-4-1909
	3. Type VIII - do - and AMBULANT or AMBT .	30-5-1997 to 1903.
	4. Type IX with dept. and arr. stations.	28-4-1888 to 1903.
	5. Type IX - do - and AMB or AMBT.	

	6. Type X - do - and AMBULANT.	31-10-1892, to .11-1905.
	7. Type X - do - 2 AMBULANT only.	26-9-1895.
	8. Type VIII with stations and "T.P.O."	27-12-1905.
	9. Type VIII do and "& V.V."	17-9-1907.
XV	RURAL SERVICES.	
	Suggested classification of the main types	
	Undated	
	1. Service Rural and the equivalent in Arabic in large oval. (Used as an obliterator on the stamps).	1890.
	2. Town mane in English and Arabic in oblong frame.	
	Dated:	
	3. Single circle, date in centre – inscribed SERVICE RURAL and equivalent in Arabic above and town name in Arabic and French below date	3-1590 to 16-3-1909.
	4. Similar but town name in straight line below to date and equivalent in Arabic.	18-7-1908 11- -1915.
	5. Double circle - Inscribed with the town name and the equivalent in Arabic in the outer .circle, and n2 RURAL and in Arabic in the inner circle. Date in centre.	4-8-1901
	6. Double circle - Inscribed in the outer circle RURAL SERVICE and the town name. The inner circle is inscribed with the equivalent in Arabic, Date in centre.	2-4-1909 to 6-1922.
	7. Similar to 6, but date in Arabic.	7-1-1915 -
XVI.	COMMEMORATIVES.	
	Suggested classification of the main types:	
	Circular postmarks, data in centre.	
	1. French above and Arabic below. Example : ALEXANDRIE EXPOSITION	22-4-1894 to 24-6-1894.
	2. French - Arabic above and below date. Example "HELIOPOLIS AERODOME"	6-2-1910 to 13-2-1910
	3. All French. Example: CONGRESS INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION 1926 - CAIRE	1-4-1925 to 5-2-1927.
	4. Arabic above and French below date. Examples EXPOSITION FRANCAISE - CAIRO	16-2-1927 to 30- 4-19.36.
XVII.	PROPRIETARY OFFICES.	
	Examples: COOK. & SON, SHEPHEARDS HOTEL, SHOPS, Etc.	
XVIII.	SLOGAN. Examples: AFFIX POSTAGE, STAMP AT TOP RIGHT-HAND CORNER OF ENVELOPE, and in Arabic.	11-12-1921 to date.

Will members who have any relevant material with new date please inform me so that I can send it on to Seymour Blomfeld for the continuance of his Study.