

British Occupation of Egypt. 1882.

Arabi Pasha rebelled against The Khedive, and a massacre of Europeans took place at Alexandria. An Expeditionary Force under Sir Garnet Wolseley was despatched to restore order. This landed at Alexandria and at Ismalia in August 1882.

An army Post Office was set up, but following the defeat of the rebels at Tel-el-Kebir on the 13th September, Cairo was occupied and the war was over. The Post Office closed down on The 31st October. Date stamps were of standard type, and are known used between August 29th and October 5th., a very short life. The piece shown is dated Oct. 4. 82. The rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ d indicates the letter was from an Officer, the rate for other ranks being 1d per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., that for Officers being $2\frac{1}{2}$ d per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.



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