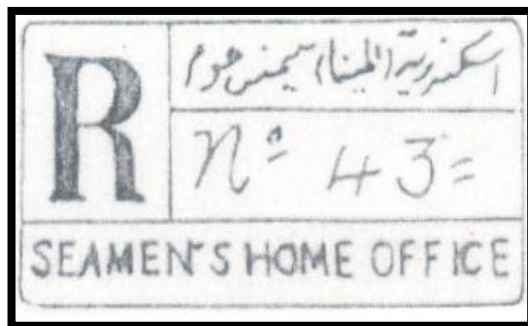


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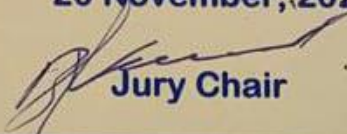
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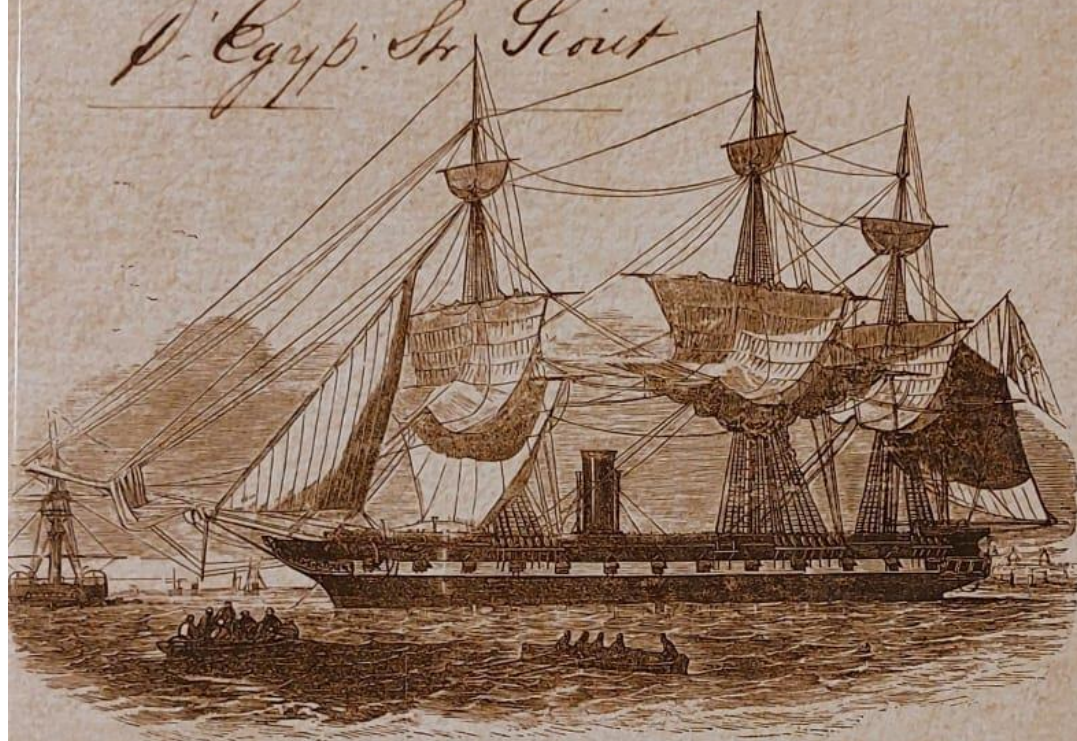

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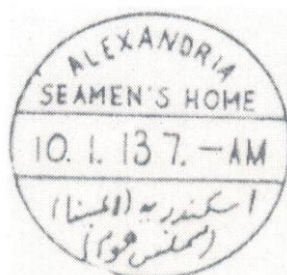
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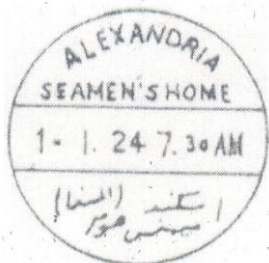
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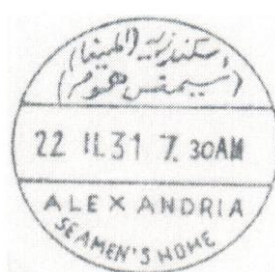
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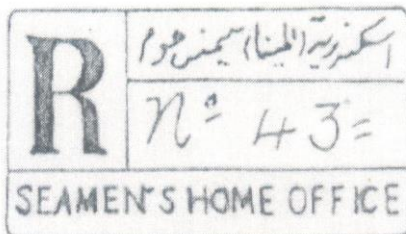
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Type IV



Type V



Registered

Seamen's Home Post Office (Alexandria - EGYPT)

This study is the actual recording of using Seamen's Home Post Office as an official mailing service for incoming and outgoing. It is situated within the customs area of Alexandria docks. It was a branch post office of the Egyptian Government attached to the Seamen's Home building to serve the Navy soldiers and British (and other nationalities) merchant's ships whose active area was the docks and the Navy Arsenal.

The opening of mail service office within that sensitive area indicated the future importance and the vision for investment in the Khedival Government to facilitate the communication during that period within the heavy trading and for one of the very important ports at the Mediterranean sea area.

The items and presentation show the FIVE recorded postal cancellations and ONE registration cachet used at the mentioned historical post office. The study is presented in chronological order for each cancellation type and ends with the use of the Seamen's Home postmark registration cachet.

Seamen's Home was on a piece of land established at Alexandria port by the Scottish Mission. That was to replace the old hospital ship, which was sent following the end of the Crimean war. This ship was situated near Gate no. 22 and Quay no. 33.

The earliest recorded postmark/registration cachet was in 1908, as per Peter Smith, up to 1955. However three items in this study mark the earliest date as pre 1908 (1906-1907, Pages 2 and 3).

Seamen's Home post office was closed a few years after the 1952 revolution and also the ending of the Scottish Mission at Alexandria port area. Examples of these cancellations are uncommon.



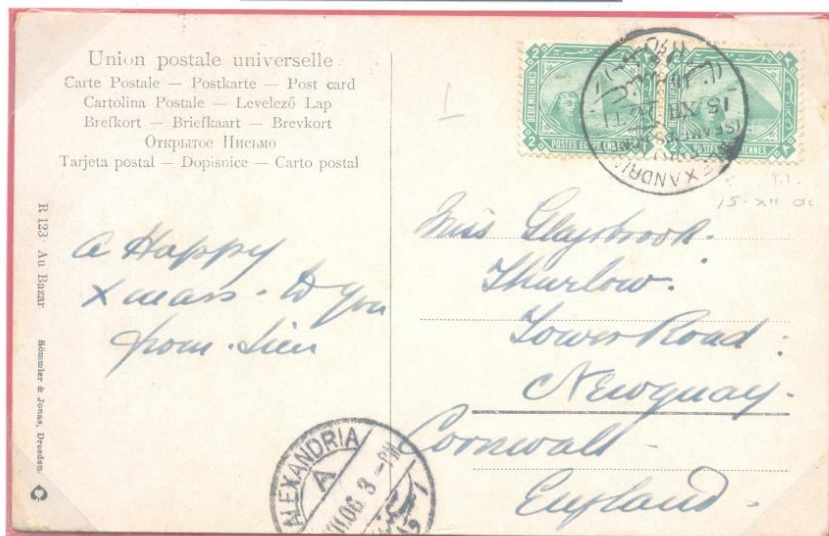
Strip of 3 stamps 1Mill 1914 issue tied by (Soldiers & Sailors Institute) Alexandria cds 21-MA-1919. That club was related to the Maritime Inspection Department, Navy Arsenal. It has its own shown Circular Date Stamp.

Alexandria Harbors, Map of the Docks area shows the location of the Merchant Navy Club (Seamen's Home) which maintained by voluntary contributions from ship owners, residents and the Scottish Mission, always open for the British merchant navy and members of the British forces, also shows the Soldiers & Sailors Institute (Union Club) at the downtown, there was negotiation to merge their administration's in 1947.

Exhibit Plan:

- 1- Location map of Seamen's Home post office (within Seamen's Home building) inside Alexandria marine West Port and the union club (within city downtown) - (Page 1).
- 2- Cancellation dates between parentheses in my exhibit plan are the actual existing items in my study as (Earliest/Latest), it is my study recording.
- 3- Postmark **Type I** (15.12.1906/17.03.1908) - corrected in my study, good clear franking for address and addressing with written message on postcards UPU franking (rate) (Pages 2, 3).
- 4- Postmark **Type II** (26.12.1909/14.02.1930) - rich period of using that post office during and after WWI, different franking, military stamp less or marking, On Active Service, British Army Forces Cancellations (Wavy, E.E.F.), air mail and also incoming/outgoing cds on same item which indicate the function of the post mark as mailing service inside the marine port (Pages 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9).
- 5- Postmark **Type III** (03.07.1927/24.12.1928) - change in the cds characters, (Page 10).
- 6- Postmark **Type IV** (17.03.1931/18.08.1931) - used for short period (Page 11).
- 7- Postmark **Type V** (29.04.1933/07.03.1955) - incoming/outgoing items (Pages 12, 13, 14, 15).
- 8- Postmark **Registration Cancellation cachet**, scarce to find (11.07.1929) - (Page 16).

Seamen's Home Post Office (Alexandria- EGYPT)

Type I circular date stamp

A picture postcard, bearing on back pair of 2M Du La Rue, tied by Seamen's Home cds type I dated 15-XII-06 (**the earliest date found until now**), addressed to GB
(Text message beside the address, UPU 4M franking (double rate))

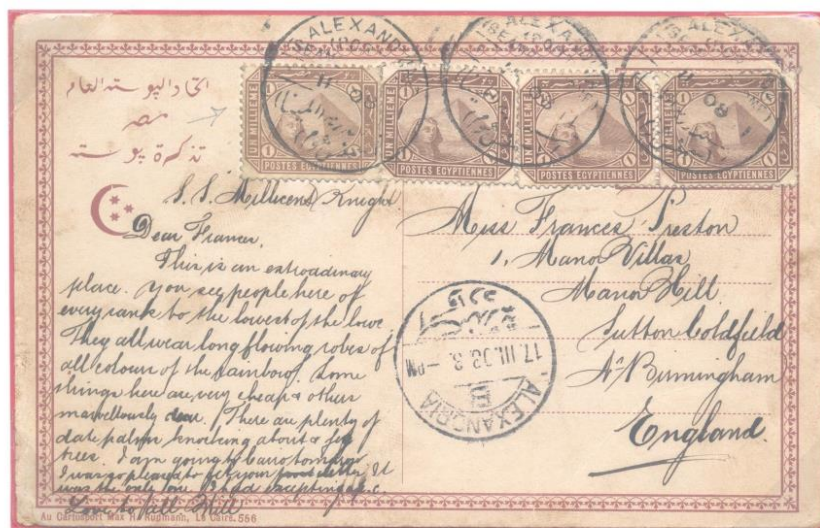


A picture postcard franked 2M Du La Rue, tied by two strikes of Seamen's Home Type I cds dated 19-XII-06, addressed to GB
((address only, UPU 2M franking (single rate))

Seamen's Home Post Office (Alexandria- EGYPT)

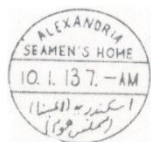
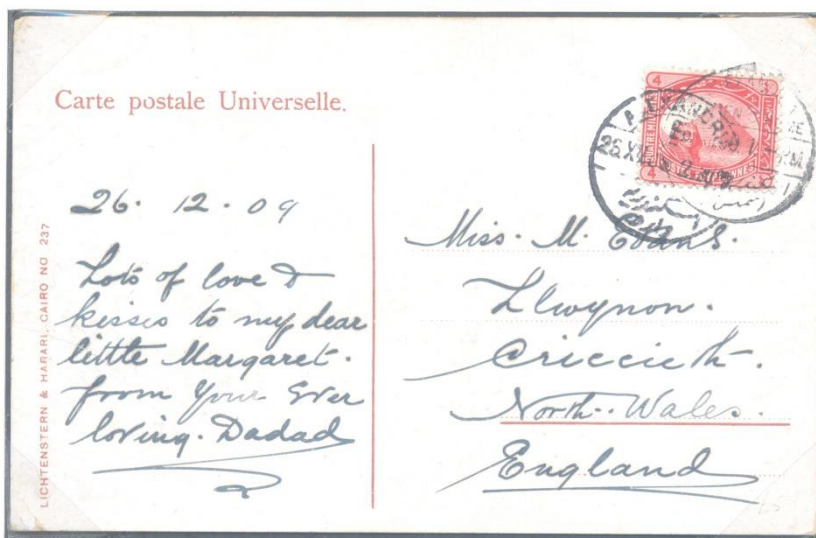
Type I cds

A picture postcard, bearing 2M Du La Rue, tied with Seamen's Home cds type I dated 18-IV-07, addressed to GB (address only UPU 2M franking (single rate))



A picture postcard, bearing a strip of 4*1M Du La Rue, Struck with 3 Seamen's Home cds type I dated 17-III-08, addressed to G3 (Text message beside the address, UPU 4M franking (double rate))

Seamen's Home Post Office (Alexandria- EGYPT)

Type II circular date stamp

A picture postcard, bearing 4M Du La Rue, tied by Seamen's Home cds Type II dated 26. XII.09, addressed to England, (Text message beside the address, UPU 4M franking (double rate))

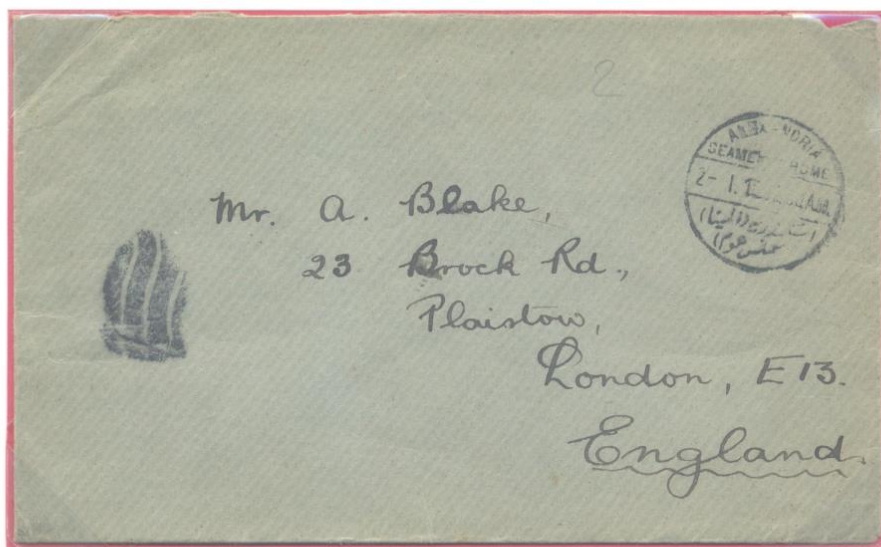


A picture postcard, bearing pair of 1M Du La Rue tied by Seamen's Home cds Type II dated 4-JA-12, addressed to Belgium, (address only, UPU 2M franking (single rate))

Seamen's Home Post Office (Alexandria- EGYPT)

Type II cds

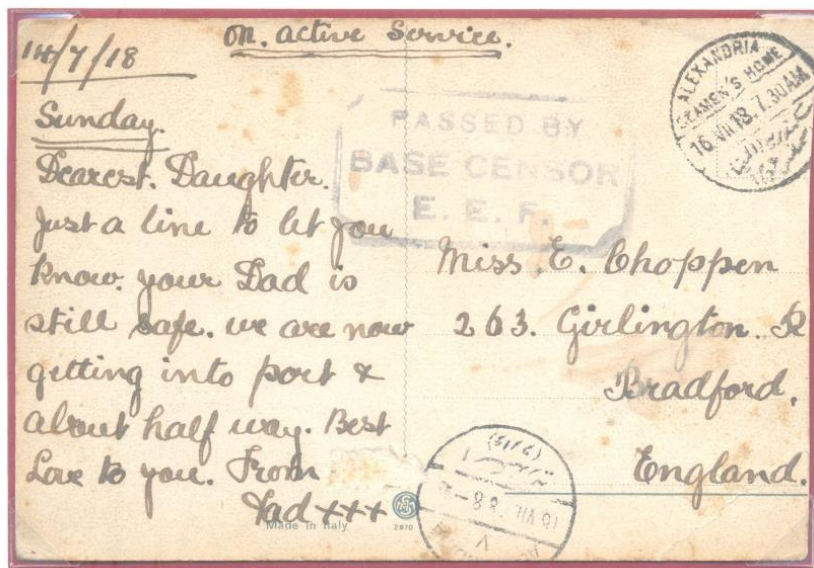
A picture postcard, bearing a pair of 2M, tied by Seamen's Home cds type II dated 08.V.13, Addressed to England, (Text message beside the address, UPU 4M franking (double rate))



A stampless cover, sent from British Army Forces at Palestine through Marine Sea (Wavy lines dumb mark - Censor marking), via Alexandria port thus tied by Seamen's Home cds type II dated 2.JA.18, Addressed to London.

Note: the use of seamen's home cds as transit postmark was not common

Seamen's Home Post Office (Alexandria- EGYPT)

Type II cds

A picture postcard, manuscript On Active Service sent stampless from British army forces at Palestine E.E.F. as shown by the rectangular cachet. Tied by Seamen's Home cds Type II dated 16.VII.18 as transit postmark, addressed to England



A picture postcard, bearing 1M & 2M King Fouad and 3M & 4M Crown surcharge on Posta as composite franking (Total 10M franking to the USA), all tied by 2 strikes of Seamen's Home cds Type II dated 18.III.25

Seamen's Home Post Office (Alexandria- EGYPT)

Type II cds

Sea Transportation Route



Local Transportation Route



Reduced copy of cover front



An incoming cover franked 2 Pence King George V Orange tied by Eastbourne cds dated 04 MAR 1922, addressed to Malta Island on board hospital ship "Somali", addressed to a colonel leader with high military ranking C.M.G. D.S.O (member – Companion of the order of St. Michael and St. George of 1818 Distinguish of Service Order) with manuscript black color ink. Re-directed on arrival to Malta without cancellation, received at Alexandria by Seamen's Home type II cds dated 27 MR 22 on the back of the cover. The letter was re-directed two days later to Port Said as shown by blue manuscript and Seamen's Home cds type II dated 29 MR 22. (The cover displays two strikes of Seamen's home cds dated 27 and 29 of March respectively), the cover travelled to Port Said passing through Cairo by train as shown by Alexandria-Cairo & V.V. cds dated 29 MR 22, and also Cairo – Port Said T.P.O. cds dated 29 MR 22. Arriving at Port Said on 30 MR 22, the cover was re-directed once again as shown in red color manuscript to Cairo and Abbassia Barracks (Camp) by train and received at Cairo on 31 MR 22, then at its final destination at Abbassia Barracks Camp tied by its cds on 31 MR 1922.

Note: It is an example of using Seamen's Home cancellation for both incoming and outgoing within same trip.

Seamen's Home Post Office (Alexandria- EGYPT)

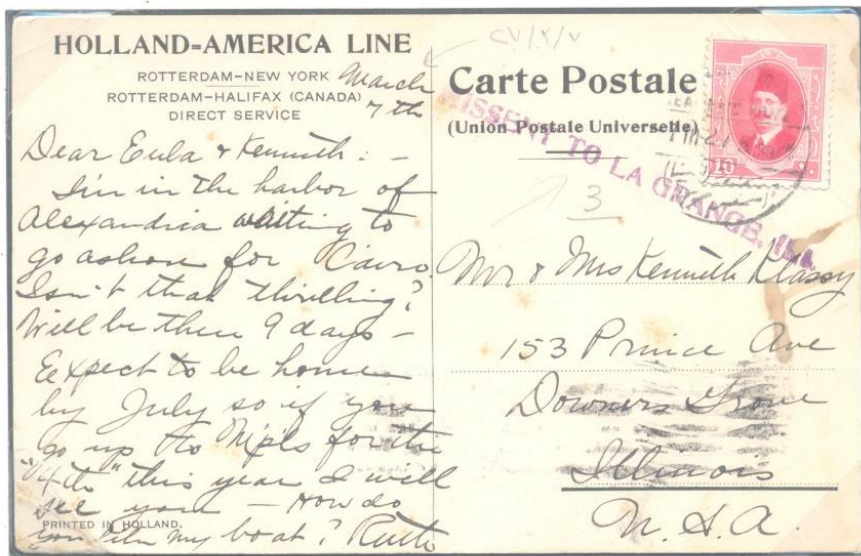
Type II cds

Reduced copy of cover back



An incoming cover franked a combination of one & one and half pence of King George V tied by Sheffield cds dated 14 Oct 1926 alongside a British propaganda slogan "British Goods Are Best", addressed to Alexandria onboard Prince Line S.S. Steamer Ship, to Seamen's Scottish Mission, at Seamen Home (Merchant Navy Club). Received by Seamen's Home cds Type II dated 23 Oct 1926, alongside Alexandria cds with propaganda slogan on back cover related to Egyptian Industries, then re-directed with red ink manuscript to Constantinople and tied by outgoing Seamen' Home cds type II dated 24 Oct 26 on front alongside with Alexandria H cds on reverse, with Istanbul cds dated 4 Nov 26, and final Galata arrival cds dated 26 Nov 26. Then the cover was forwarded back to London - England as shown by red ink manuscript.

Seamen's Home Post Office (Alexandria- EGYPT)

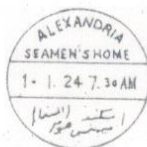
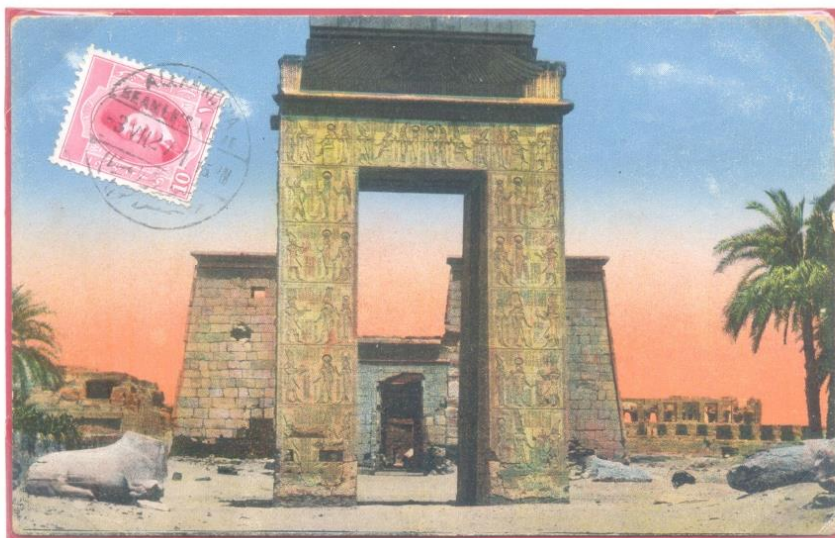
Type II cds

T.S.S. Rotterdam postcard, hand stamped by (Missent to La Grande-ILL) violet cachet, Bearing 10M King Fouad, tied by Seamen's Home cds type II dated 7-III-27; addressed to Illinois, USA, with Illinois arrival cds dated 25 MAR 1927 on front

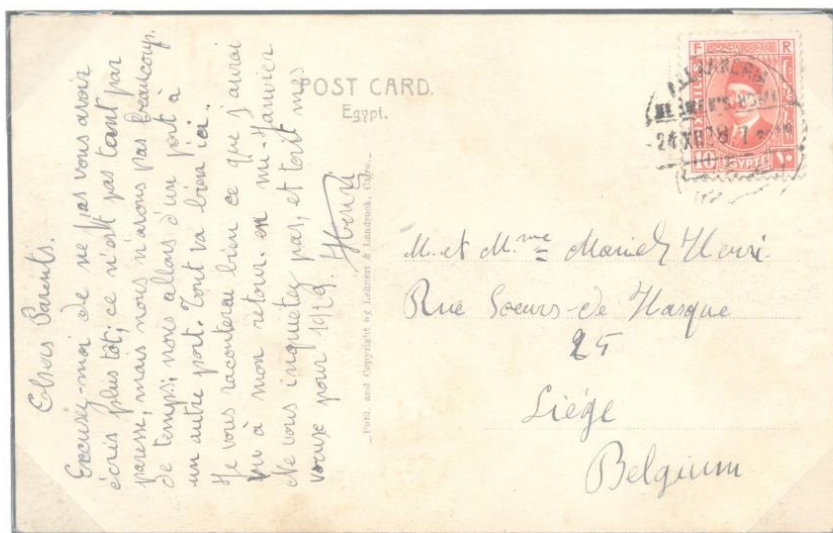


An airmail cover, bearing 27M 2nd airmail stamp issue, tied by 2 strikes of Seamen's Home cds Type II dated 14.II.30 on front and back stamped Alexandria
A cds dated 14.FE.30, addressed to GB

Seamen's Home Post Office (Alexandria- EGYPT)

Type III circular date stamp

Karnak-Pylon of Ptolemy Evergates Postcard, bearing 10M franking of King Fouad, tied by Seamen' Home cds type III dated 03 VII 27, addressed to Bruxelles, Belgium

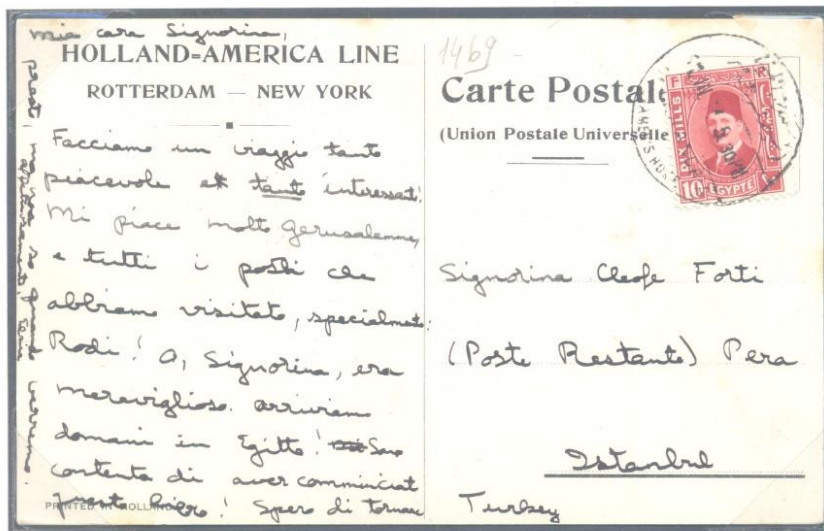


A picture postcard, bearing 10M of King Fouad, tied by Seamen's Home Cds type III dated 24.XII.28, addressed to Belgium

Seamen's Home Post Office (Alexandria- EGYPT)

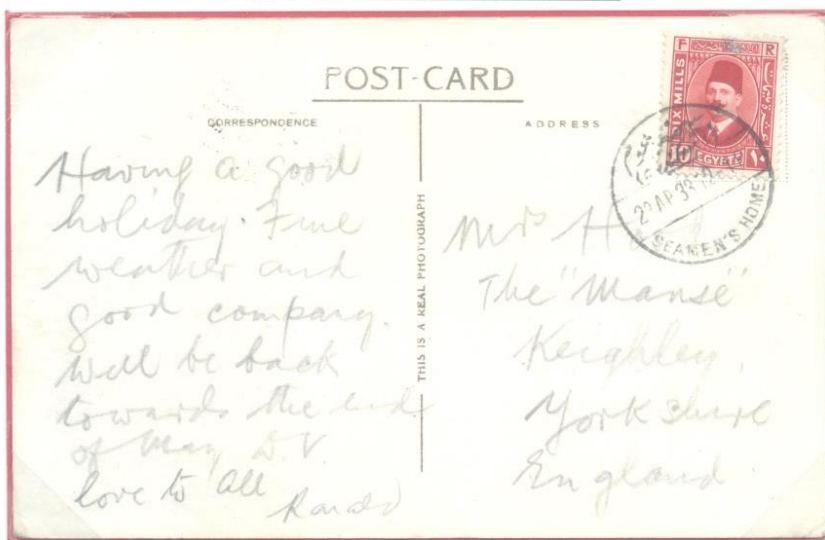
Type IV circular date stamp

10M franking King Fouad, tied to a fragment, bearing
Seamen's Home cds type IV dated 18.VIII.31

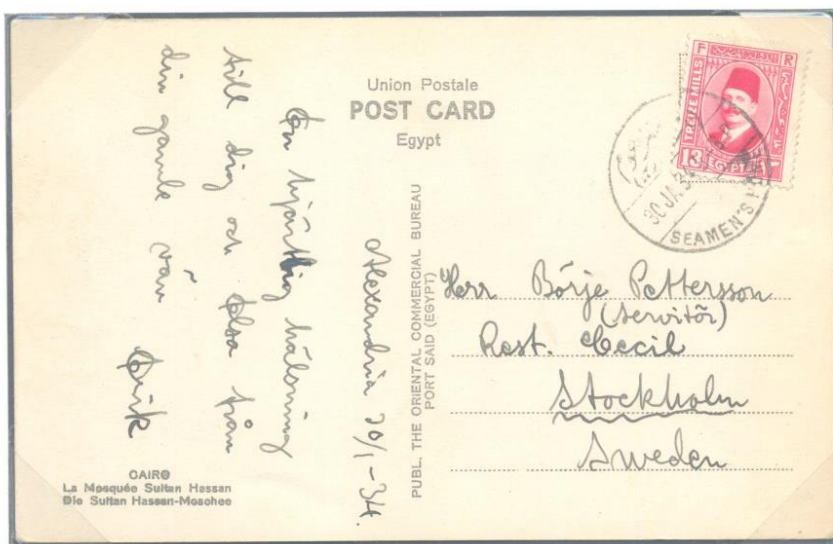


T.S.S. Rotterdam postcard, bearing 10M King Fouad, tied by Seamen's Home
cds type IV dated 7-III-31; addressed to Beyoglu, Turkey, with Beyoglu
- Istanbul arrival cds dated 17 MAR 1931

Seamen's Home Post Office (Alexandria- EGYPT)

Type V circular date stamp

A picture postcard bearing 10M King Fouad (marking one of the latest dates of use of the 10M postcard franking), tied by Seamen's Home cds Type V dated 29 AP 33, addressed to England

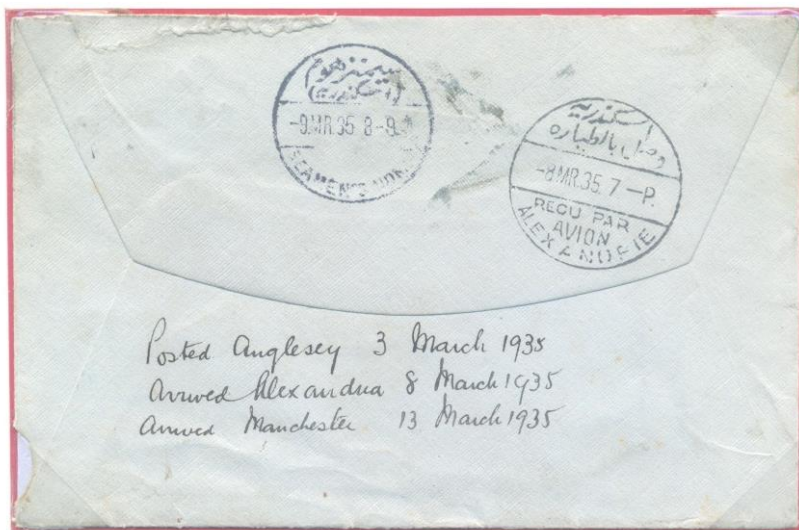


A picture postcard bearing 13M King Fouad (new UPU postcard franking), tied by Seamen's Home cds type V dated 30 JA 34, addressed to Sweden

Seamen's Home Post Office (Alexandria- EGYPT)

Type V circular date stamp

A picture postcard bearing 13M UPU adhesive of 1934 UPU 10th conference Issue (emphasizing new UPU postcard franking), tied by Seamen's Home cds type V dated 24 OC 34, addressed to Germany



A cover sent from Anglesey GB, franked 3*1 Pence of King George V, tied by 3 copies of Amlwch S. O., Anglesey cds dated 03 MR 35, addressed to Mr. R.W.Clifford Roberts (3rd Officer) at S. S. Australian Merchant ship resident at Alexandria Seamen's Home Mission. The cover arrived at Alexandria airport by aircraft and was struck by Alexandria (Recu Par Avion) cds dated 08 MR 35, the addressee was not there, thus the letter was re-directed back to Manchester England (from Alexandria marine port Seamen' Mission by red ink manuscript) and thus was tied by Seamen's Home Type V cds dated 09 MR 35 (as outgoing mail service) and arrived Manchester on 13 MAR 1935 hand struck linear date stamp

Seamen's Home Post Office (Alexandria- EGYPT)

Type V circular date stamp

An airmail cover bearing 37M as combination of common & airmail stamps of 1944 King Farouq issue, tied by Seamen's Home type V cds dated 18 AP 49, Addressed to England, tied by Egyptian Postal Service Censor circular cachet alongside



A cover bearing total of 50M airmail stamps of 1941-43 issue, addressed to Kent UK, tied by Seamen's Home Type V cds dated 19 JU 45. Back stamped Cairo transit wavy 7 lines machine cancellation dated 21 JU 1945. Applied military censor tape with red square censorship cachet code 75. On arrival to England the cover received British Army 41 black circular cachet.

Seamen's Home Post Office (Alexandria- EGYPT)

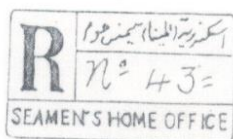
Type V circular date stamp

A picture postcard bearing 42M (16M base rate + 26M airmail) multi franked, addressed to Sweden, marked By Air Mail cachet in red, tied by Seamen's Home Type V cds dated 14 Feb 52, also applied Egyptian Postal Service Censor cachet alongside,



A picture postcard bearing 24M total franking, tied by Seamen's Home Type V cds dated 07 MR 1955, addressed to London with postal censor cachet in black alongside

Seamen's Home Post Office (Alexandria- EGYPT)

Registration Cachet

Reduced copy of cover back



A cover bearing 3*10M King Fouad (30M franking as follows: 10M base + 20M registration), send to Argentina. Tied by Seamen's Home cds type II dated 11.VII.29 alongside with registration cachet no. 182 of Seamen's Home post office. Tied on reverse by Alexandria R2 cds dated 11.JL.29, received at Buenos Aires of Argentina (Scarce destination) dated 10 August 29 (about one month of sea and ground mail service)

Note

- 1- The registration cachet of Seamen's Home postmark office is not commonly seen.
- 2- This cachet can exist with all office cds (Cancellation Date Stamp) types.



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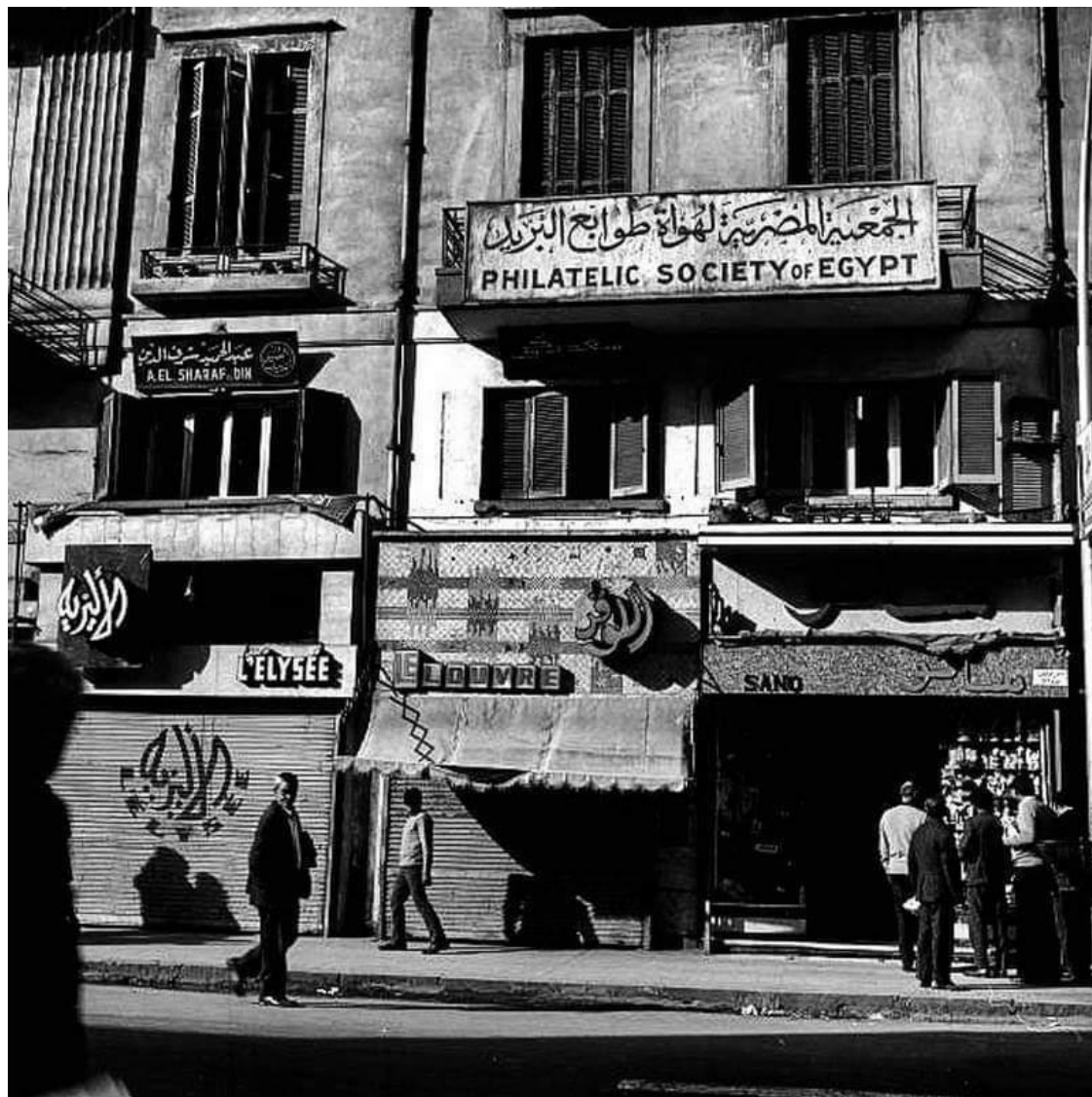
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