

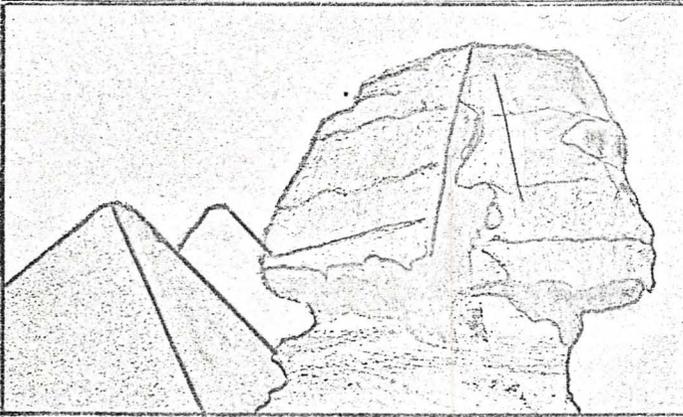
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IN MEMORIAM

As we go to press, word has been received of the death of a fine & knowledgeable philatelist, an ever helpful friend and an erudite correspondent, while on vacation in Spain.

ERNEST H. (DICK) PROCTOR
22, Chancellor House
Mount Ephraim, Tunbridge Wells
Kent, England

Mr. Proctor was, for many years, the Secretary - Treasurer of the "Egypt Study Circle of London. Prior to assuming that office he was one of the Deputy Keepers of the Record.

I, for one, will miss his chatty and informative letters, always with a little thought for the oppressed and a fervent hope for World Peace.

He often expressed his hope for lasting unity between Britain & the U.S. With his passing, we will feel the loss of a great man and a good friend

AUCTION DELAYED!!

I recently noticed a small sign, hanging in someone's office, reading, "Due To Lack Of Interest, Tommorrow Will Be Postponed". This neatly sums up our first big mail Auction.

Several readers have written telling me the idea was great, BUT . . . only one person took the time to send in his Auction Lots.

It's a lead pipe cinch we're not ready this month and, it won't improve with age unless you get behind it and support it. We intend to try one more time.

SEND YOUR LOTS NOW, to Dr. Gerald S. Davis, 413 Main St., Wilmington, Mass., 01887, to reach him by MAY 1ST. He needs the time to put it together and to get it in to Topics in time for the May - June issue.

CAN WE COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT ? ? ?
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MEET "WALLY" CRAIG

With this issue it is my pleasure to introduce WALLACE A. CRAIG of Fullerton, Calif. "Wally" has volunteered to assist us in the production of Topics and to take on some of the workhorse chores we simply don't have a proper amount of time to do well.

Fullerton is an adjunct of Los Angeles and near enough so that we can get together to discuss our problems and work out the solutions. I am very grateful and very happy to welcome him to our staff. (Now two).

Part of his duties will be in the publicity field, to help increase our circulation nad to let other lone collectors of Egypt & the Sudan know that we exist. He will also help in obtaining publicity for us through normal philatelic media, that have to some extent, ignored us.

Exceptions here in the U. S. are the "WESTERN STAMP COLLECTOR", in their issue of Dec. 10, 1968 and "STAMPS" Magazine, published by H. L. Lindquist, in the March 29th issue. Both were very kind to us in their treatment of our First Issue and we thank them sincerely. On the London scene both the STAMP MAGAZINE, edited by Austin Blair and the ROBSON-LOWE, Review of Reviews Team, headed by Ian Hamilton, have accorded us a fine send-off. We sincerely urge you to support the friends who have given us a helping hand.

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THIRD IN A SERIES ON THE FISCALS AND REVENUE STAMPS OF EGYPT**THE TOBACCO TAX STAMPS**

By PETER R. FELTUS

THE TOBACCO TAX STAMPS, illustrated and described below, are all importantly different from the earlier issues in that they show no indication of the amount of the tax, or of the number of cigarettes in the packages to which they were affixed. Therefore, the face values are unknown to me.

I have arranged the stamps in their order of issue, as I presume it to be; I have no evidence for this ordering other than the designs and inscriptions on the stamps.

Should any reader have information about the periods of use of any of them, or know of any other Issues, (I presume that there are other Issues to be discovered), I would be pleased to hear from him. Knowledge of whom was Director General of the Egyptian Customs Administration, at any time, would be helpful, as stamps of Types "D" through "I", do show the signatures of the contemporary Directors.

**A****B****C**

Type A - Mauve. Perforated. There is one crescent and three stars, and a blank panel at the bottom for dealer - name imprinting.

Type B - Like type A, but with three (3) crescents and three (3) stars.

Type C - Like type B, but the panel at the bottom contains a grid of horizontal lines as a part of the basic design of the stamp.

THE TOBACCO TAX STAMPS (Continued from preceding page)



D



E



F

INSCRIBED "KINGDOM OF EGYPT"

- Type D - Green and Red (the Arabic below "Kingdom of Egypt", is red), and with a grey netlike filigree covering the entire surface, extending into the areas between the stamps. Perforated.
- Type E - Blue, with a brown netlike filigree extending only to the edges of the design of the stamp. Perforated.
- Type F - Blue, like type E, but with a brown netlike filigree covering the entire surface, extending into the areas between the stamps. Both perforate and imperforate.
- Type G - As type F but reversed. Some of the imperforate items were printed on the backs of sheets of another sort of tobacco duty stamp. (two examples of this are illustrated below). These appear in various colors; blue, brown, green, purple and red. Furthermore, there are at least four (4) types, the variant being the signature of the then acting Director General, which appears in the bottom panel, both in English and in Arabic.



G



G

THE TOBACCO TAX STAMPS (Continued from preceding page)



H



I



J

INSCRIBED "EGYPTIAN CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION"

Type H - Blue, with a brown netlike filigree covering the entire surface, extending into the areas between the stamps and, with a panel at the bottom, containing a grid of horizontal lines. Perforated.

INSCRIBED "REPUBLIC OF EGYPT"

Type I - Blue, with a brown filigree covering the entire surface, extending into the areas between the stamps. Imperforate.

INSCRIBED "UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC"

Type J - Blue, with a pale brown filigree covering the entire surface, extending into the areas between the stamps. Imperforate.

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ADDENDA TO PETER FELTUS ARTICLE ON REVENUES (The Salt Stamps) Vol. 1, No. 1.

Our fellow enthusiast, LARRY VINCENT, has reported that he has a £1 Salt Stamp from the First Issue which is doubly perforated vertically. The extra column of perforations is $9\frac{1}{2}$ mm from the right-hand edge of the design.

While searching through another accumulation of Salt Stamps, he has found one from the Second Issue, with a postmark of FOUA,

dated, 13 July, 1892. The Second Issue must therefore be presumed to have been issued in July, rather than in August of that year. FELTUS WOULD APPRECIATE MORE INFORMATION ?

DR. PETER SMITH has pointed out that, John Easton's book, THE DE LA RUE RECORDS, makes passing mention of the fact that the Second Issue of the Salt Stamps was printed 120 to the sheet.

CORRECTION TO FELTUS ARTICLE ON TOBACCO TAX STAMPS, Vol. I, No. 2, page 24.

Inadvertantly, the Arabian equivalents of one-eighth and one-quarter, were omitted from the first paragraph on page 24, immediately under the illustrations in the third line. They are ($\frac{1}{8}$) for $\frac{1}{8}$ and ($\frac{1}{4}$) for $\frac{1}{4}$.

THE TOBACCO TAX STAMPS (Continued from the preceding page)

In addition to the government issues already treated, I have some items that I take to be private labels. All were apparently used to seal cigarette packages, as were the government issues: perhaps they are analogous to the little blue labels that we find atop packages of American cigarettes today. Any information about them would be appreciated. They are all illustrated below.



K
DARK BLUE



L
STEEL BLUE



M
PALE BROWN-ORANGE



N
BLUE, RED AND GREEN



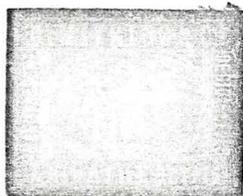
O
DARK BLUE BROWN FILIGREE



P
WHITE ON SALMON BACKGROUND



Q
PALE CERISE BLACK IMPRINT

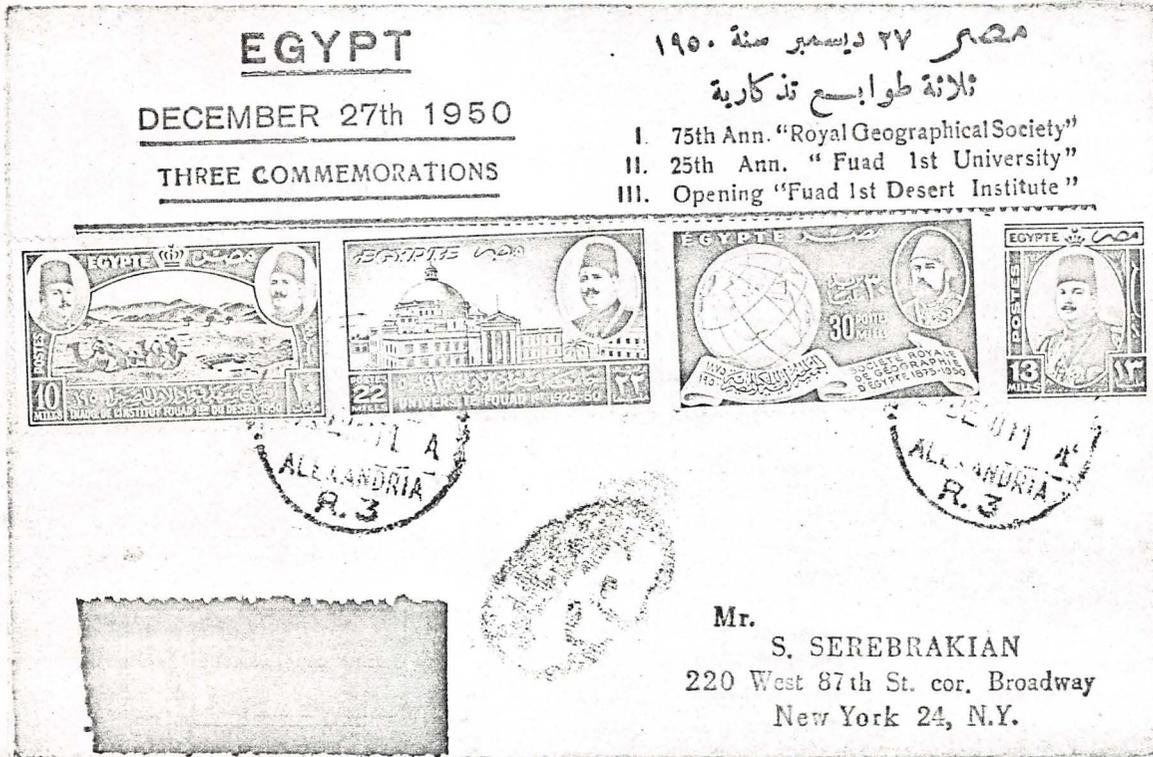


R
CORAL ON BLACK (EMBOSSÉ)

THE 13 MILL FAROUK - FIRST DAY ?

AN INTERESTING ITEM HAS COME TO HAND FROM W. F. BILLENS. It concerns the First Day of Issue of Scott No. 288, The 13 Mills Rose-carmine addition to the regular Farouk issue (1944, 1951). Zeheri 1967, No. 151 bis.

Both Scott and Zeheri list the date of issue simply as 1950. Stanley Gibbons catalogue does list the date 15-5-50. However, we have not been able to confirm this with any actual examples.



Illustrated is the FDC of the three educational issues of 27 December, 1950, additionally franked with the 13 m. in question. Bill would like to know if anyone can confirm an earlier date with an example on cover? The addressee, S. SEREBRAKIAN, is, or was a well known N.Y.C. dealer. What better way to use a common item on a first day but to include it with a regular commemorative issue on a combination cover.

He also says it is not listed in L'ORIENT PHILATELIQUE for 1950 or 1951. Now that it has been brought to mind, I am sure someone, among our readers, will have the answer as to the exact first day.

Upon receipt of this item postmarked at Alexandria, I checked my own FDC and while it does not have the additional 13 Mills, the FD marking is "UNIVERSITE FOUAD".

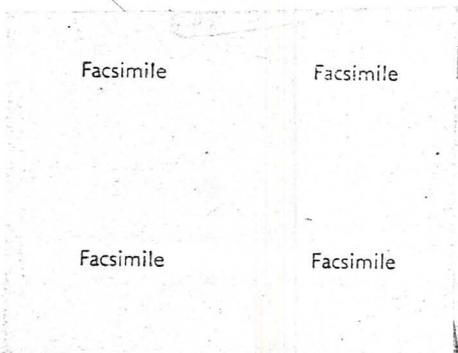
SUEZ FACSIMILE NO FORGERY

Last issue we advised you on the existance of a small souvenir sheet, printed for the 100th anniversary of the Suez Canal Company. A National, American philatelic paper also reported on this item, stating that, separated from the sheet into singles, they easily could be mistaken for dangerous forgeries. We think not.

Since those articles appeared we've had the opportunity to examine a specimen carefully. While the mechanical process of reproduction and workmanship is excellent, the color very near that of the originals and the detail very good, even to the cross-hatching, usually missing in forgeries, they will not fool any knowledgeable collector; nor are they intended as forgeries.



The word "facsimile", is clearly printed on the reverse of each stamp. The paper used is heavier and tends to a cream color, differing from the chalky white of the genuine issue.



This may be mounted in your album as a souvenir sheet or the 4 facsimiles can be cut into singles.

Originally printed some years ago in London and reprinted in 1968 with the addition of the word Centenary, it was intended to sell for one shilling (.12 U.S.) as a philatelic memento; a private money-making scheme.

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WORD FROM BRITAIN

MR. AUSTIN BLAIR, Editor of "THE STAMP MAGAZINE", a very fine British publication, has written to wish us well with a kind offer of support in the British Isles. He has advised that an article on Egyptian Topics will be featured in a forthcoming number.

For those who are interested, a special article, featuring the Nubian Monuments will appear in the March or April issue.

He has also advised us that he will be very pleased to send a complimentary copy of "The Stamp Magazine" to any of our readers who write to him.

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Directory

Page number seven of Peter Feltus Directory of Egyptian Collectors, published last year contains an article dealing with the postal markings of Egypt.

Mr. R.S. Blomfield, who compiled this listing, as one of the studies of The Egypt Study Circle, has advised me that the total number of pages to date, is seventy, rather than seventy-one, as listed. Addenda Sheet No. 4, is not yet complete. He expects to have it ready later in the year and it will be mailed to you along with your regular issue of Egyptian Topics.

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GAGNON, JEAN, 2571 Fauntleroy, Ste. Foy, Quebec, CANADA. MAIL RETURNED.

If anyone is in touch with Sgt. Gagnon let us know so we can forward a copy of TOPICS to him.

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(An article in TOPICS No. 1 listed and illustrated an unusual bisect from the Editor's collection. We asked for information as the cancellation seemed genuine, yet no record of an official nature confirming the use of this item has been found. G. Gougas, whose article follows, has kindly offered illustrations of similar bisects from his collection along with a sound and reasonable explanation for their existence.) Ed.

AN EXPLANATION FOR THE UNAUTHORIZED AND UNLISTED BISECTS

OF THE 1ST DE LA RUE ISSUE

By G. GOUGAS

The bisect of the One Piastre Fig. 1., illustrated in the November - December, 1968 issue, provides me with the opportunity to pass on some information which, I believe will interest some of the "Egyptian Topics" readers.



FIG. 1.



T.P.O. 2.



FIG. 2.

It is opportune to show here, an illustration of a suggestive fragment bearing a bisect of the same issue, the 10 para, mauve, (Zeheri #24.) Fig. 2., also cancelled with the same circular date stamp, "ALEXANDRIE - CAIRE - AMBULANT, Type TPO 2 (As classified by Mr. R. S. Blomfield). A rather curious coincidence, mine too, shows the same date: 8 SE 81 TIV

eri #25) Fig. 3., and the 5 paras, brown, (Zeheri #23) Fig. 4., Both are cancelled with the circular date stamp; CAIRE / date / DEPART, Type, Dep. 1.2. Both show the identical date, 11 SE 81 TIV.

I would like to emphasize here, that the stamps as well as the postmarks, are undoubtedly genuine.



FIG. 3.



Dep. 1.2



FIG. 4.

Without comment, we have in fact, two different values of the same issue, bisected to be used on different lower values.

Shown above is another illustration of two fragments, also franked with bisects of the same issue. The 10 paras, lilac-rose (Zeh-

Here again, the 10 paras value was bisected to be used as five paras postal rate, while the 5 paras value was bisected to be used as 2½ paras postal value. It is unnecessary to remind you that the last value does not correspond to any kind of postal rate in existence in Egypt,

UNLISTED BIASECTS (Continued from preceding page).

It does not require more than a glance at the foregoing information, for you to judge that all of these matters cannot be taken seriously. All these facts prove something sound; that the official character of these "bisects" is lacking and I think that it is an issue due to a zealous philatelist who could not resist the temptation to speculate by taking advantage of his friends in strategic areas in the postal service. In this particular case, the existence of covers showing transit and arrival date-stamps do not give an official character to the bisect. As we note, from the illustrations shown, the forger cancelled his bisects with both Alexandria and Cairo postmarks. However, it would have been very easy for him to use covers instead of fragments. After having cancelled the bisect at the Alexandria Post Office, he might have sent the cover in an envelope to his friend in the Cairo Post Office where the appropriate arrival c.d.s. would then be applied.

er values occurred, the General Post Office authorized the use of a higher value, to be bisected diagonally. Directives were then issued by the Administration, providing for definite dates where they would be recognized as valid franking with a terminal limit.

The few rare covers bearing genuine bisects were sold at very high prices, some at public Auction up to \$450.00. (Note lot # 973 of the Robson Lowe Auction, October, 1961, from the late William Byam collection).

I acquired the above listed bisects, Figs. 2, 3, & 4, from an honest dealer in Cairo, the late E. L. Angeloglou. He explained to me that they could not have any philatelic value in view of the fact that no bisects of this issue have ever been officially reported as authorized, up to the present.

I must say, for the sake of truth, that he parted with them by offering them to me as a present.

In the past, when official shortages of low-

G. Gougas



EGYPT SALE OF SPECIALIST ITEMS

1866	1 pt., Block of 6 (3 x 2), o.g., some stains.	\$ 75.00
1872	5 para, Block of 6 (3 x 2), o.g., v.f.	15.00
1874	1 pt., perf. 12½, Block of 4, o.g., v.f.	8.00
1874	5 pt., perf. 12½, Block of 12 (4 x 3), o.g., v.f.	135.00
1922	1 m., Crown overprint, mispl. to bottom (Zeh. 69IIIc) Pr.	6.00
1922	1 m., -ditto- Block of 4	12.00
1924	5 m., Imperforate (Zeh. 86b), Block of 4	16.00
1924	20 m., Green imperf. Proof on thick paper, unwmkd. Pair	6.00
1924	20 m., -ditto- Block of 4	12.00
1924	1, Imperf. Proof with lilac center, o.g., v.f.	55.00
1924	1, -ditto- Pair	105.00
1938	1, Wedding, Imperf & without Center (See Zeh. mention)	110.00
1944	1, Farouk, Imperf & center misplaced (Zeh. 162b), Pair	100.00
1947	Semi-postal issue, 4 sets of control blocks; from all four corners of the sheets, v.f.	12.00
1950	10 m., 22 m., & 30 m., all imperf. (Zeh. 115a - 117a)	27.50
1950	10 m., Cotton Congress, imperf. Pair (Zeh. 118a)	16.00
1955	5 m. & 15 m. Palestine airmails with inverted overprints	22.50
1955	- ditto - but with double overprints	22.50
1958	35 m., Palestine Human Rights, without ovpt. (Zeh. 4b)	50.00
1959	5 m., 10 m., 45 m., 60 m., 100 m., 500 m., each imperf.	
	All marginal singles. Price each. . .	10.00

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AN INTERESTING DISCOVERY FOR WESTBANK PHILATELISTS - 1968

(JORDAN — PALESTINE)

By BRUNO J. FORSHER

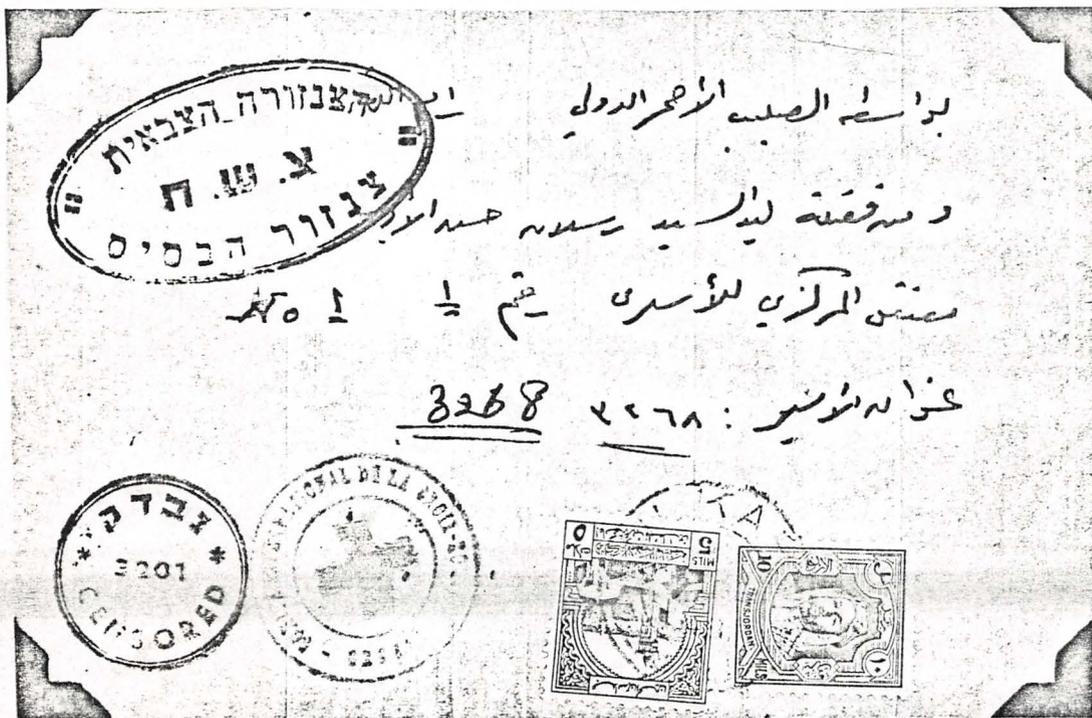
A FORTUNATE FIND of five covers made during the month of November, 1968, has shed some more light on the obscure postal history of Jordan-Palestine and the early use of overprinted Jordanian stamps released for this territory. Four (4) of these covers are from TULKARM (now Tul Kareem) & one is from JENIN (now Genin). All of them are addressed to prisoners of war in Israel, captured during the "War of Independence". The oldest cover is postdated, "7 December, 1948". It is struck with the British Mandate hammer with a "killer" postmark. This mark is identified as type "A", by Dr. Jacob, one of the earlier researchers in this field of specialized collecting. On this cover, the un-overprinted Jordan stamps, a 10 Mills (Scott #232), and a 5 Mills tax stamp (# RA4), were used. The cover shows, in addition, a pair of single-circle Mandate marks (Nablus, 12, December, and Ramallah, 13 December) on the reverse side. As such, the cover is of considerable interest as it proves, first of all, that postal communications did function on 7 December, 1948: hence, the assumption

that the services were begun on 1, December 1948, appear to be justified.

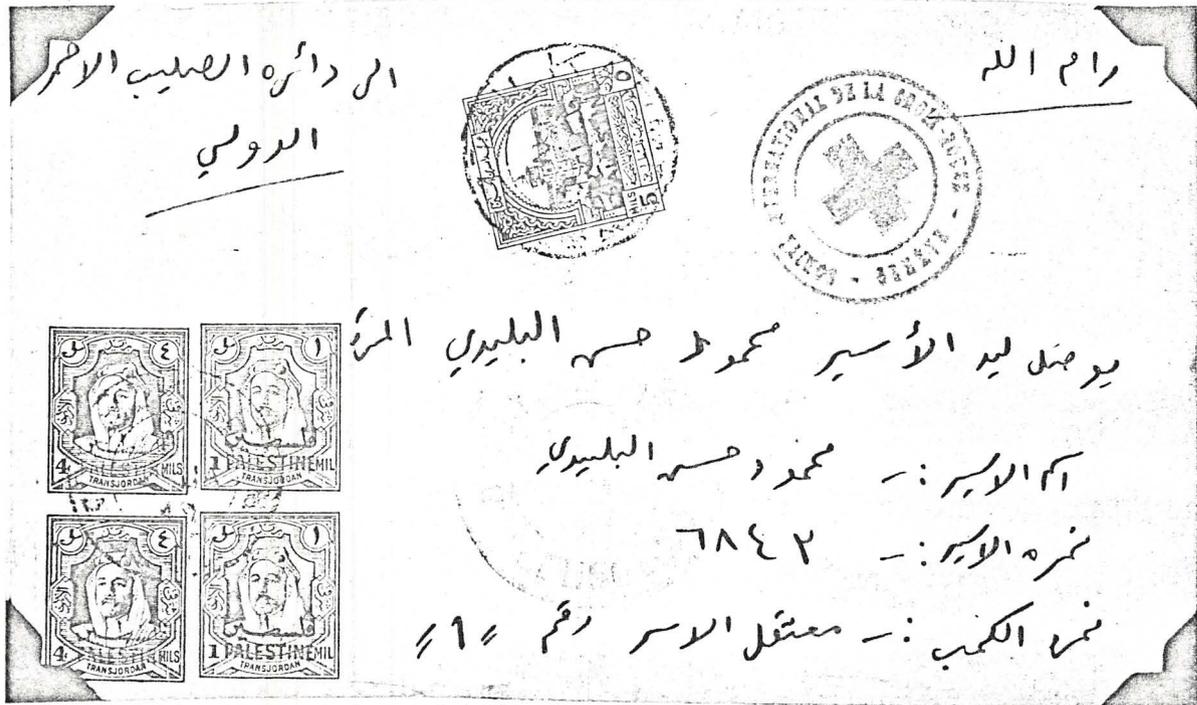
A similiar cover, postdated with the type A cancellation of Tulkarm on 2 January, 1949, shows on the rear, the Mandate type B mark of Nablus and the type C mark, postdated 14 January, 1949 of Ramallah. This is the OLD-EST Jordanian postmark on Palestine soil on record. This cover, as well as all subsequent ones, show a strange, negative seal on the reverse, which is interpreted to be a censor mark. (All covers also bear Red Cross cachets, and the appropriate Israeli censor markings.)

While the first two covers described passed unopened into the Red Cross officials hands the other two Tulkarm covers dates, 21 & 23 January, 1949, (with same type A canceller) were evidently opened by the Jordanian censor, and closed with the yellow gummed labels.

The 1st Tulkarm cover is illustrated below.



THE SECOND TULKARM COVER DATED 2 JANUARY, 1949



THE OLDEST JORDANIAN POSTMARK of record, on Jordanian soil. This cover passed, unopened, into the hands of the International Red Cross for delivery. Franked with two 4 Mils and two 1 Mils overprints and 5 Mils tax. The type B Mandate mark of Nabulus and the type C mark, postdated on 14 January, 1949, at Ramallah, are inscribed on the reverse side. . .

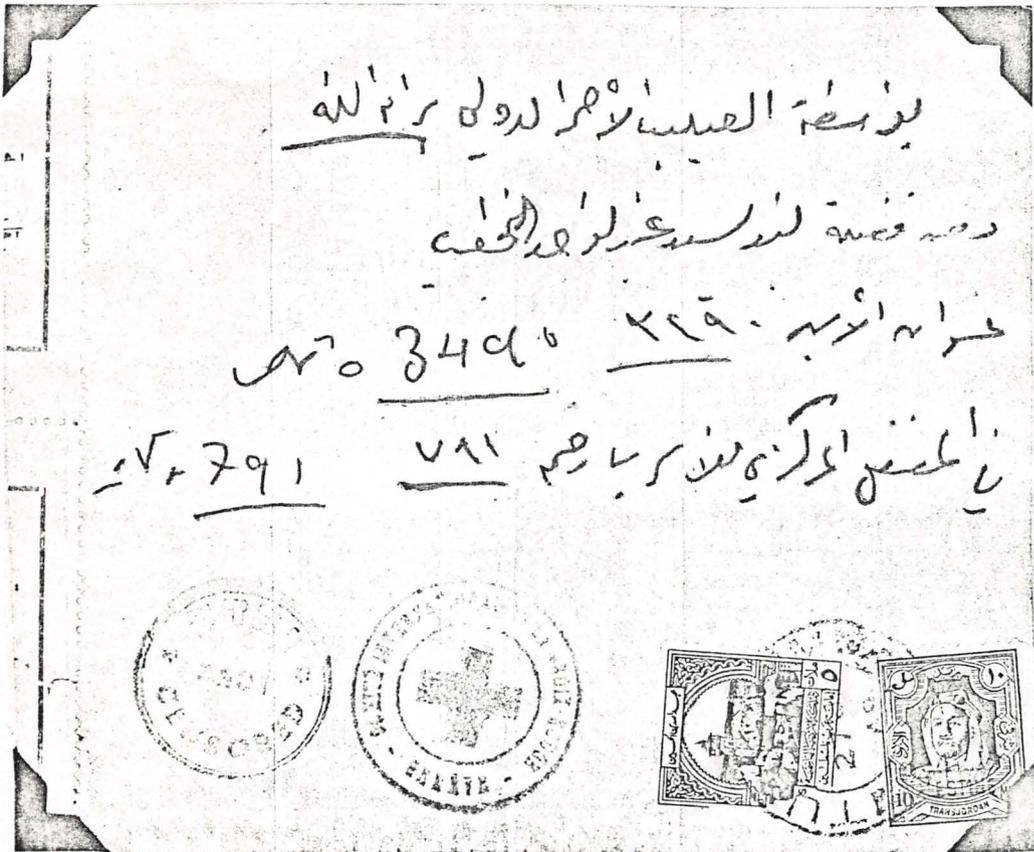
All of the other "Tulkarm" covers show a use of the over-printed stamps of Jordan for use in the Palestine. This fact implies that the overprinted stamps were NOT available yet on or about 7 December 1948, but that they evidently reached the post offices on or before 2 January, 1949. The second of the "Tulkarm" covers 'may' be the earliest one to show the Jordan - overprinted stamps except the cover found by Dr. Jacob, with a 25 December, 1948 date from Jerusalem. (It is not known to the writer, whether or not this cover also shows overprinted stamps).

The supply of the overprinted stamps remained incomplete at the First of the Year, 1949 which is proven by the Jenin cover postdated 10 January, 1949, again by a Mandate killer mark, type "A". This cover is franked by the un-overprinted Jordan 10 Mils (Scott # 232) together with the 2 Mils and the 3 Mils postal tax stamps, which were overprinted. (NRA2 and NRA3).

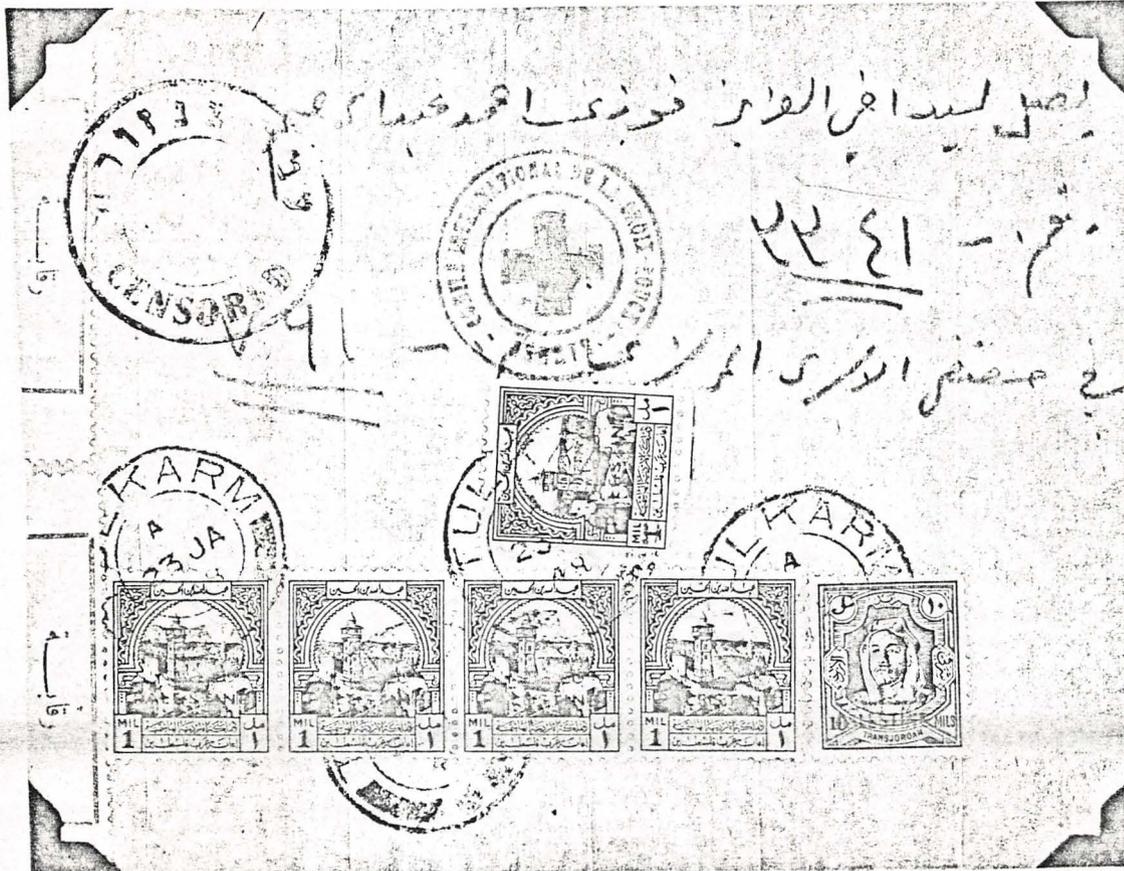
Later on, some philatelists produced "mixed covers", franked with both overprinted and un-overprinted stamps, thereby proving a certain degree of tolerance in this matter. Eventually, the overprinted tax stamps were exhausted and, one does find a combination of overprinted and un-overprinted stamps in the 1951-1952 period, but on the reverse sides. (Hence, un-overprinted tax stamps were typically used together with the "regular" overprinted postage stamps).

As a final remark, it may be observed, that all of the stamps on these five covers probably are of the second printing (overprinting), and NOT the first, or Beirut overprinting. So it is concluded that the Beirut overprinted stamps were prepared primarily for a sale to collectors, while for domestic consumption, the less carefully executed overprintings were considered adequate.

(Additional illustrations on the following page)



TULKARM, Type "A", Nablus Type B and Ramallah Type C, 30 January, 1949, on reverse of cover, to prisoners of war in Israel. Each is stamped with the red cachet of the International Red Cross and an Israeli censor marking. Five of the 1 Mils tax stamps on No. 2.



CANADIAN VOYAGEURS CONTINGENT UP THE NILE RIVER

GORDON RELIEF EXPEDITION

BY ED RICHARDSON, F. R. P. S. C.

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THE NILE EXPEDITION 1884 - 1885 (#892)

When Lord Wolseley decided to send the dismounted portion of the Soudan Relief Force up the Nile river to Khartoum, he also recruited Canadian Voyageurs to handle the boats up the Nile. He had come in contact with these Voyageurs during the Red River Expedition of 1870 in Western Canada. All expenses were paid by the British Government, the Voyageurs being paid \$40 monthly, plus clothing and rations.

The contingent sailed from Montreal aboard the "S. S. Ocean King", on September 14, 1884, reaching Alexandria on October 17th. Most of the Officers joined the contingent in Egypt. There were 380 Voyageurs in the contingent, made up of 77 Indians, 36 English and Scottish, 93 French Canadians, and 16 others.

The Voyageurs were recruited for six months only and were permitted to start their return trip to Canada in January, 1885.

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CANADIAN VOYAGEURS' CONTINGENT - NILE EXPEDITION (#659)

The London Philatelist, the Journal of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, - carried in its October & November, 1962 issues, an interesting article in two parts, on this interesting aspect of the Nile Expedition-1884-1885. The well written and illustrated article by J.H.E. Gilbert covers a little known part of Canadian and Egyptian Postal history.

While there are probably several others not so recorded, Gilbert does list four known covers being addressed to Canada from members of the expedition.

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Volunteers to remain were sought & 89 men stayed on, reaching Khartoum on January 28 just 56 hours after the town had fallen to the enemy and General Gordon had been killed.

The Canadians were present when the enemy was defeated at Kirbekan on February 10th, and one officer and 43 men of the Canadian Contingent were awarded the KIRBEKAN Clasp to the Campaign medal and the Khedive Star.

The Canadian Officer in Charge of the Voyageurs was Lt. Col. F. C. Denison. Of the 380 members of the Canadian contingent, at least 16 were drowned, died of disease, or otherwise killed.

The whole expedition lasted only six months. Most of the Voyageurs were illiterate, so not much mail passed between Canada & the Expedition. Very little has survived. That of Surgeon-Major Neilson provides the bulk, which probably numbers less than 20 covers. (Canadian Philatelist '67)

He also lists some eight covers from Canada, addressed in every instance to Surgeon-Major Neilson, a member of this expedition. Two of this later group and included in his listing, are in this collector's collection.

Canadian fans (and Egyptian too), Interested in cover material related to various Canadian Expeditionary Forces, will find this article of great value and interest.

(CP - Sept., '66)

THE CANADIAN MILITARY COVERS IN THE COLLECTION OF ED RICHARDSON - GORDON RELIEF EXPEDITION - NILE RIVER - 1884 - 1885 - WITH TWO NEW FINDS NOT LISTED - GILBERT

*Post Office Quebec
Oct 4th 1884*

My dear Major

*A short letter
after this week. The work
of my mind answers
please forward*

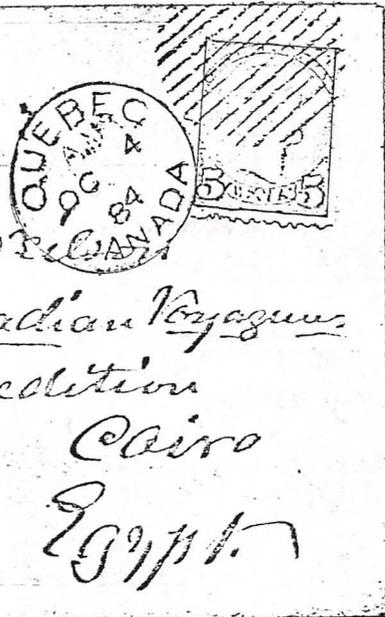
*King's
to me
from a
to be
from*

*On arriving at Gibraltar
12 days from Sydney a remarkable
passage I think. Now
due figures to answer the
Q. H. among thousands of
individual.*

SURGEON-MAJOR NEILSON

CORRESPONDENCE

QUEBEC, - CANADA
TO
CAIRO, EGYPT



Surgeon Major Neilson
- Canadian Voyageurs
Nile Expedition
Cairo
Egypt

October 4, 1884
 QUEBEC DUPLEX
 COVER AND CONTENTS
 NO BACKSTAMPS

NILE EXPEDITION COVERS:

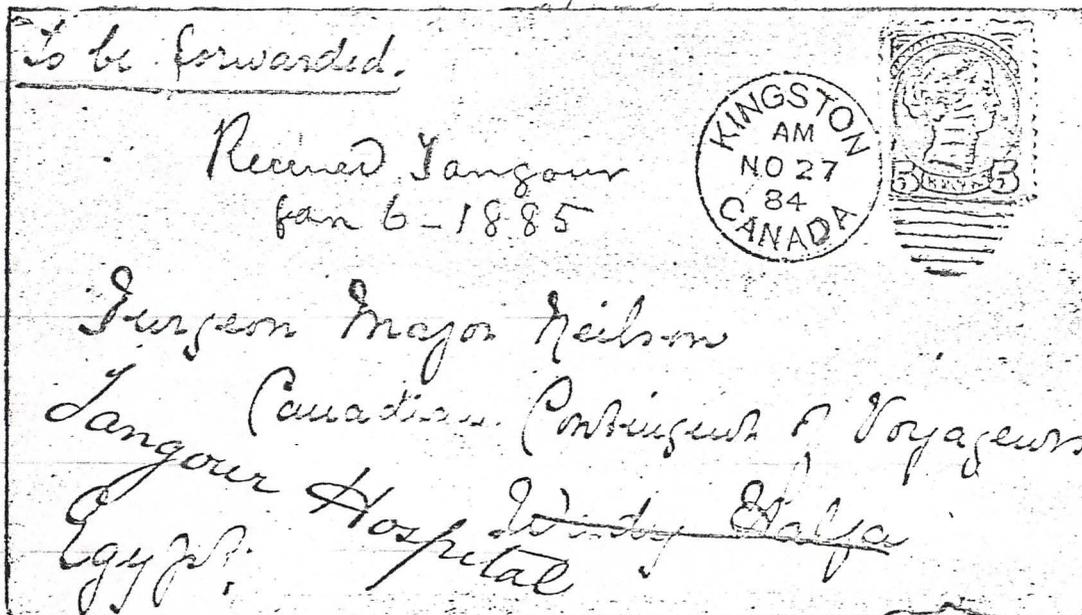
DETAILS ON THE FOUR ARE AS FOLLOWS: (#1 Illustrated above)

- 1.) OC 4 84, Quebec Duplex, no backstamps, addressed to "Nile Expedition, Canadian Voyageurs, Cairo, Egypt." (This may be Gilbert's #5).

(Continued overleaf-)

Description of the Ed Richardson covers - Canadian Voyageurs, (cont.)

- 2.) Mailed at Neilsonville (manuscript Nov 27 84) backstamped Quebec same day, London DE 8 84, Cairo 16 DE 84. Forwarded from Wady Halfa to Tangeur Hospital, where it was received Jan. 6, 1885. (Not listed in Gilbert's article).



- 3.) NO 27 84, Kingston Duplex. Backstamped Cairo 16 DE 84, forwarded from Wady Halfa to Tangeour Hospital, where it was received Jan. 6, 1885. (See illustration above). This cover was not listed in the Gilbert article either.
- 4.) DE 11 84, Kingston Duplex, Backstamped Cairo 31 DE 84. (This is probably Gilbert's # 12.)

It is interesting to note that Surgeon-Major J. L. H. Neilson was originally attached to "B" Battery, Canadian Artillery. At the time of the Nile Expedition, he was 39 years of age. In 1898, just 13 years later, he became the first Director-General of all Canadian Militia Medical Services.
(CP - January, '67

(Note): Of the four recorded covers from the Expedition to Canada, only one was from a Canadian boatman. One of the others was from the Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. F. C. Denison and the remaining two from his son, Capt. E. E. A. Denison, who died on the return route to Canada in 1886.
(Ed Richardson)

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ILLUSTRATED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE (Not included in the foregoing Richardson article), is an extremely fine example of another cover to Dr. Neilson, from the collection of Dr. P. A. S. Smith. This cover is listed as No. 6 in the Gilbert categorization. . .

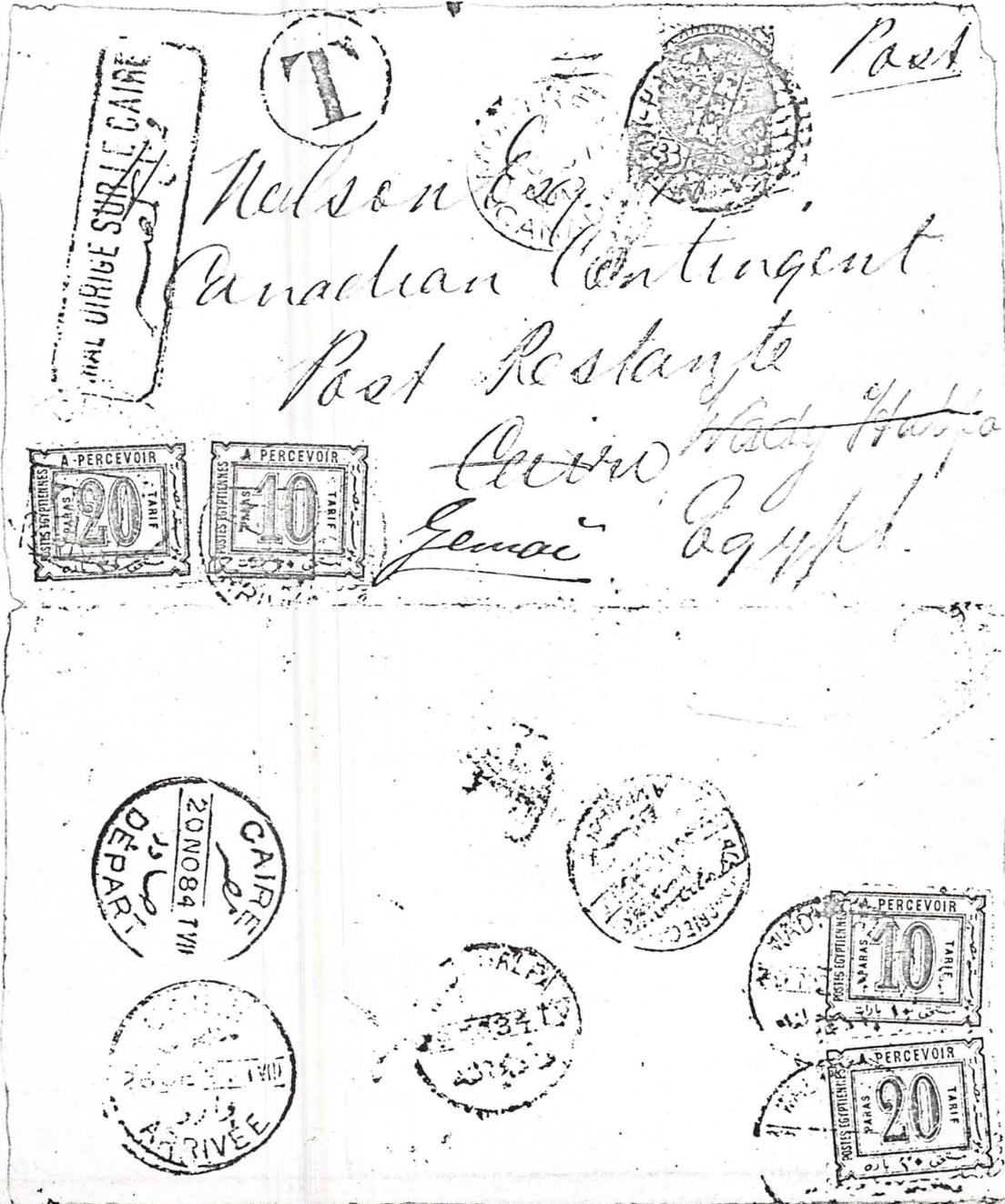
This illustration will serve to correct an existing error in the Gilbert chronicle. Under remarks only two 10 paras and one 20 paras is noted, while in fact, there are two of each, 20 and a 10 being paired on the face with the Cairo cancel; the 2nd 20 and 10 on the reverse, socked on the nose, "Wady Halfa". Dr. Smith's annotations are self-explanatory. . .

Wadi Halfa

Cover to Dr. Neilson, physician to the Canadian Voyageurs, during the First Nile Expedition, 1884-5.

Mailed at Montreal, Oct. 31st, 1884, short 2¢ postage. Taxed 30 paras (double the shortage) at Cairo, Nov. 19th. Struck with boxed "missent" and forwarded to Wadi Halfa.

The first postage due stamps were annulled (boxed "T"), and fresh ones were applied at Wadi Halfa on Nov. 29th. Unclaimed there and at Gemai (upstream); returned to Cairo, Dec. 26th.



← Wadi Halfa, 20 Dec., '84!

← Montreal, 31 Oct., '84.

← Cairo, 19 Nov., '84.

← Alexandria-Cairo J.P.O., 19 Nov., '84.

← Wadi Halfa, 29 Nov., '84!

Cairo, 26 Dec., '84.

A READY REFERENCE TO THE COVERS AND POST CARDS SENT TO AND FROM, CANADA AND EGYPT BY MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN VOYAGEURS CONTINGENT - THE NILE RIVER GORDON RELIEF EXPEDITION - (1884-1885), AS ITEMIZED BY J. H. E. GILBERT, (E.S.C.)

FROM EGYPT TO CANADA:

- 1.) 22 NOV 1884, with Type IV c.d.s., Wadi-Halfa, to Toronto, Canada, franked with 20 paras (Post card rate). To Mrs. J. M. Delamere from; Capt. E. E. A. Denison, son of the CO, who died enroute back to Canada. No backstamp.
- 2.) 22 NOV 84, with IV c.d.s. Wadi-Halfa and c.d.s. (red) London on the face. Backstamped, c.d.s. Alexandrie, 29 No. T1 / Arrivee. Post card to a Mrs. Mackenzie, Toronto, also from Capt. Denison. Franking, 20 paras.
- 3.) 12 DEC 1884, with c.d.s. Wadi-Halfa, ? 84, small c.d.s. London, 1 JAN 85, without backstamp. To Mrs. Delamere in Toronto from the CO. Lt. Col. F.C. Denison, also an Alderman and Barrister of Toronto. Franking, 20 paras.
- 4.) 13 JAN 1885, letter with c.d.s. Wadi-Halfa, 12 JA 85. Backstamp; small c.d.s., London, JAN 27, 1885 - c.d.s. Hamilton, Canada, Feb 9 1885, Winnipeg, Canada, Feb 15, 1885. To Henry Nason, Winnipeg from C. Nofallum, being the only recorded letter sent by a Canadian boatman. Probably written by Dr. Neilson due to illiteracy of this man. Marked "On Active Service", "No stamps procurable", ? 10 cents Postage Due. Orange coloured envelope.

FROM CANADA TO EGYPT:

- 5.) 4 OCT 1884, letter with 5 cent small Queen, c.d.s. Quebec, OCT 14 1884. No backstamp. (See illustration, #1 in the Ed Richardson article preceding).
- 6.) 31 OCT 1884, letter with 3 cent small queen, c.d.s. Montreal, c.d.s. Wady Halfa. (See illustration on preceding page of P.A.S. Smith annotations). Gilbert erroneously lists this cover without backstamps. Additionally, it is assessed on the face with a 10 & 20 para Postage Due (Double the deficiency) as penalty, at Cairo; tax annulled and re-assessed at Wadi-Halfa, in the same amount, double; with another pair of 10 & 20 p. Postage Dues.
- 7.) 1 NOV 1884, letter franked with 5 cents, 3-ringed Quebec cancel on face, Duplex cancel of Quebec City on the reverse, to Surgeon-Major Neilson, at Wady Halfa with instructions to forward if enroute.
- 8.) 7 NOV 1884, letter to Neilson, c.d.s. Kingston, Canada Nov. 7 1884, backstamped c.d.s. (red) London MP No. 18 84, blue embossed crest on reverse of the cover "The Regiment of Canadian Artillery". Franked with 5 cents.
- 9.) 21 NOV 1884, letter to Neilson in Wadi-Halfa (Wadi-Halfa crossed out and request to forward on to Tangour Hospital. Illegible markings on face and franked with 5 cents. Backstamp c.d.s. Cairo.
- 10.) 2 DEC 1884, letter to Neilson with 5 cent franking, Canadian 3-ring circle cancel, No. 7., backstamped c.d.s. Quebec Canada DEC 2 1884, c.d.s. in CAIRO 24 DE 84 T.IV / Arrivee. To be forwarded & in pencil Hosp. Tangour.
- 11.) 4 DEC 1884, letter to Neilson franked with 5 cents, c.d.s. Quebec Dec. 4, 1884, backstamp, London DEC 15 1884, Cairo c.d.s. 23 DEC 1884 / Arrivee.
- 12.) 11 DEC 1884, letter to Neilson franked with 5 cents, Kingston duplex, #27 backstamped Cairo 31 DE 84. Probably Richardson cover previously listed.

To this listing must now be added the two Richardson covers, thus #2 becomes #13 and Richardson's #3 becomes #14. If anyone has any additional cards or covers of this type we would like to hear from you so that this list may be updated. (Ed.)

THE STAMPS OF EGYPT - USED IN PALESTINE

NEGEV TO THE JORDAN

THE GAZA STRIP AND THE NORTH COAST

By PETER A. S. SMITH

THE ISSUE OF EGYPTIAN STAMPS overprinted for use in Palestine after the end of the British Mandate in May, 1948, is well known. The use of them and of the succeeding issues in the "Gaza Strip", and, at the post offices at Gaza, Gaza el Jedida, and Khan Yunis is also well known. It is not so generally known that the first issue of overprinted stamps were used, for a short time in other areas of Palestine temporarily occupied by Egyptian troops. Unlike the situation with Jordan, Egyptian stamps were prepared in advance for the anticipated occupation, so here the question of the use of overprinted Egyptian stamps does not arise.

The earliest date that I have seen for the use of Palestine occupation stamps is June 9, 1948, but I have not made a serious search

and earlier use may not be unusual. If any reader knows of any earlier dates, it would be interesting to hear.

Three (3) areas may be considered: the Gaza Strip; the Coastal area north of Gaza; and the Inland area, from the Negev to the Jordan River. North of Gaza, the town of El Majdal (Magdal) was held by the Egyptians until November, 1948. At first the old Mandate postmark, inscribed in English only, was used (note illustration of the stamps). Very soon a bilingual postmark was brought into use (see the illustrated cover). Still north of El Majdal, the village of Isdud was occupied long enough for Egyptian postal operations to be established; I know only of the use of the Mandate postmark in the area of this village.



THE STAMPS OF EGYPT - USED IN PALESTINE (Continued from preceding page)

IN THE "INLAND" AREA, Egyptian post offices were operated at Faluja (Faluga), Beersheba, Hebron, Bethlehem, and possibly Beit Jala. Egyptian stamps, overprinted for Palestine can be found with postmarks of all of them. These offices were closed when they were overrun by the Israeli forces late in 1948, or, in the case of Bethlehem and Hebron when Jordanian forces took over from the Egyptians early in 1949. All of these postmarks are quite scarce compared to Gaza and Khan Yunis and some are really rare. Little information about dates of use is known and I take this opportunity to solicit from our readers, a list of postmarks in their collections with the dates, so that we may put together an accurate picture of the postal history of this area.

The most useful article on the subject that I know about was published in the Holy Land Philatelist, in April and May, 1955, in an article by Samuel Resnik, but I feel sure that much more can be added. Some further details, mostly on the Gaza strip, appears in an article by Hoexter and Lachmann in the same journal, for January, 1957.

The accompanying article in this issue by Bruno J. Forsher on Westbank Philately, is interesting, and tells us something concerning the introduction of Jordanian stamps in the area; can anyone help to pinpoint the day on which postal services at Bethlehem, and at Hebron were turned over to Jordan?

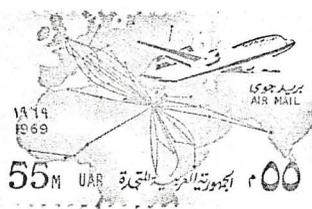
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This fine example of a prisoner of war cover, from the collection of Peter A. S. Smith, is franked with the 10 Mill regular issue of Egypt, overprinted for use in Palestine. It shows a fine strike of the Egyptian type bilingual postmark, cancelled at Hebron on 23 JA 49. (1967 Zeheri No. 7, page 325 - Scott No. N8). This cover also bears the red cachet of the International Red Cross.

UAR - FOUR NEW ISSUES - MARCH 2nd...

Three new Commemoratives and an Air Mail were issued simultaneously on 2 March, 1969, by the U. A. R. Postal Authority. All are multi-colored by rotogravure process, printed in the U. A. R. by the Postal Organization Printing House. Perforation and watermarks are identical on all four; printed in sheets of fifty (5 x 10), perf. 11½, watermark Multiple Eagle. Dimensions of the commemoratives in vertical format are 25.40 x 42.27 m. Same dimensions for the air mail issue but in horizontal format. The Control number is determined, as usual, by the date and serial number. Quantity: 1,000,000 stamps each for the commems. and 500,000 for the Air Mail. Commems. are all 20 m., Air Mail 55 m.



HEFNI NASSEF & MOHAMID FARID

COLORS: Nassef - Bright purple with vignette in sepia.

Farid - Bluish - green with vignette in sepia.

HEFNI NASSEF - (1860 - 1919)
Prominent writer & poet, educated at Azhar University.

MOHAMID FARID - (1867 - 1919)
Veteran Egyptian politician and lawyer, devoting most of his life and fortune to public service.

IL YUSHIN 18 FLIGHT

COLORS: Dark and pale blue with continents in yellow.

DESIGN: Plane over a map of Africa and Europe depicting routes of the Arab Airlines.

Capable of carrying 100 passengers at speeds of 650 k.m. per hour. Cities on the route are Damascus, Luxor - Aswan, Berlin (Demo. Rep.) Germany, Moscow, Munich-Prague, Belgrade and Athens.

DAYS OF THE ARAB TEACHER

COLORS: Black, gray, purple and brown - orange on white.

DESIGN: Arab Teacher and two pupils before blackboard in a classroom.

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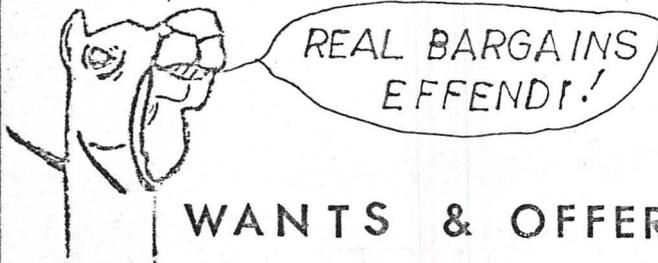
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ARAB PUBLICITY WEEK
COMMEMORATIVE



A NEW MULTI-COLORED SEMI-POSTAL, was issued on 22 March, by the Postal Authority, Cairo, in Commemoration of Arab Publicity Week. The denomination is 20 plus 10 Mills, perf. 11½, wmk., Multiple Eagle, printed, 50 per sheet (10 x 5). Size is 25.40 x 42.27 mm. (vert.)

Design is the Emblem, and flags of the Arab Nations, in pale and dark blue, red, brown, pale and dark green. Quantity: 250,000.

Printing is by the Postal Organization Printing House and the Control Number is the Date of Issue and the Serial number, as usual.



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(To be continued in our next issue.)