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SHE CHAIRMAN'S RECENT SUCCESSES.

Mombers will have read with much pleasure of Dr. Byan's recent successes at Fipex and Finlandia and we should like to offer him our sincere congratulations. At the 5th International Philatelic Exhibition, held in New York, April 28 - May 6, 1956, he gained a Gold Medal for his Egypt Exhibit and, in addition, the special Prize for Research consisting of a Sterling Silver Thermos Ice Cube Bowl. Following this, he won another Gold Medal and, in addition, a special Prix d'honneur at the International Stamp Exhibition held in Helsinki, July 7 - 15, 1956.

We hope the Chairman may be blessed with health and strength for many years to come and that he will continue to enjoy his stamps, whether collecting, competing, or passing on his vast knowledge to his philatelic friends.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

50. J.H.E.Gilbert, Morven, West Close, Middle-on-Sea, Nr. Bognor Regis, Sussex. NEW MEMBER.

92. Dr. E. Rachwalsky, 9 Upper Wimpole Street, London. W. 1.

THE TILLEARD MEDAL.

Since penning the first two paragraphs on this page, we have heard the news that Dr. Byam has been awarded the Tilleard Medal by the Royal Philatelic Society, London for his paper and Display on the Third Issue of Egypt, 1872 and 1874-75, read before the Society on April 12, 1956.

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THE FRENCH CAMPAIGN IN EGYPT.

19 May, 1798 to 2 September, 1801.

By Brigadier C. D. Rawson, C.B.E.; D.S.O.; F.R.P.S.L.

I. Details of the Campaign.

The French Expedition sailed from Toulon on May 19th, 1798 and avoiding Nelson's fleet landed in Egypt and seized Alexandria. Napoleon joined the Expedition in Egypt on July 1st., won the Battle of the Pyramids on July 15th and occupied Cairo. Nelson eventually found the French fleet at anchor in Aboukit Bay and on August 1st. won the Battle of the Nile, thereby cutting off the French army from France.

Napoleon, having established himself in the Delta, sent a force under General Desaix to conquer Ypper Egypt which was practically achieved by April 1799.

In the mean time, by the end of 1798, Napoleon had occupied Suez and Kosseir, on the Red Sca coast.

In February 1799 he crossed the Sinai desert - reached Gaza on 25 February took Jaffa 7 March and arrived before Acre 19 March where he was defeated by the British under Sir Sidney Smith, and returned to Cairo on 14 June.

Egypt at that time was part of the Turkish Empire and in July 1799 a large Turkish force disembarked at Aboukir and fought the Battle of Heliopolis, near Cairo. The Turks were defeated and withdrew.

In August, 1799 Napoleon deserted his army and went back to France. He, himself, was therefore in Egypt for about one year.

Meanwhile Great Britain was getting restive over these events, which is always the case when Egypt is threatened by a foreign power, and early in 1801 a British force under Lord Abercrombie sailed for Egypt, protected by the British flect under Lord Keith.

On March 21st 1801 this force landed at Aboukir, and fought a tough battle, after which Abercrombie died of wounds and was succeeded by General Hutchinson-Hutchinson captured Rosetta in April, out a dyke of the Akexandria Canal and flooded the sea into Lake Marcotis, thus isolating Alexandria.

In June he advanced on Cairo - Turks on the right, British in the centre, and Mamelukes on the left. All Egypt except Alexandria surrendered to him on June 27th He then turned on Alexandria, which capitulated on September 2nd. and the French army was transhipped to France.

During this time an Indian contingent was trying to get to Egypt to join the British force, which they did after six months' travelling, ending in arduous marches across the desert from Suez and Kosseir. They then hurried down the Nile, and arrived two days before the capitulation of Alexandria.

The French war lasted about three years, and the British Expedition some eight or nine months.

	Campaign in Upper Egypt.	Gon. Desaix embarked at Bulao for Upper Egypt. Manelukos defeated at Beneseh. Mourad Bey (Manelukos) defeated at Sediman. Gen. Desaix returned sick to Beni Souef. Gon Desaix reached Girgeh.	Battle of Samanud. Mourad Bey flees to Libya. Mamelukes defeated - all country submits. Kosseir exptured. Fayoun cocupied. Fayoun cocupied. Gen. Desaix writes from Assiout (Siouth).	Kossoir ovaouated.	
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9 May	British occupy Rahmanieh. East Indian contingont reported in the Red Sea.
12 May	French from Cairo send column against the Turks in the Eastern Desert. Snall East Indian contingent reaches Suez.
14 May	Another contingent reaches Kosseir. French retire on Cairo.
16 May 1 June	British with Turks advance on Cairo, joined by 1200 Manelukes on 3 June.
15 June	French in Cairo rejoct British surmons to surrender.
21 June	French send out a flag of truce. French surrender all places held by then in Egypt.
27 June	Convention signed.
15 July.	13000 French escorted by 4000 British start march to Rosetta.
31 July	French enbarked for France. The only French remaining in Egypt were 4000 - 5000 under General Menou at Alexandria who had rejected terms
	of capitulation.
15 Aug.	16000 British arrive at Aboukir - 5000 men under Coote embark to invest
0.7	Alexandria from the west. Fort Marabout taken.
21 Aug. 31 Aug.	Gen. Baird with Indian contingent arrive, having hurried down the Nile.
2 Sept.	French capitulate.
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IV. POSTAL HISTORY.

A large number of letters from Napoleon to his Generals, and between the latter, have been preserved. There must have been a very efficient system of communication by Courier, camel, donkey and boat. Unfortunately details are lacking.



Rough may of Egypt showing the location of the six French Post Offices known to have been in existence during the Napoleonic occupation.

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V. POSTAL MARKINGS.

On 8/9 December 1936 Emile Brouvet's collection of letters from Napoleon to his Generals, and correspondence between the latter, were put up for sale at Sotherby's. From an examination of these, it appears that the following " Provinces " were recognised by the French and it may be expected that letters written by the French H.Qs. at these places bore postal markings. ROSETTA, THEBES, MINIEH, BENI SOUEF, GIRGEH, SIOUTH, KOSSIER, DAMIETTA. From four of these, namely, DAMIETTA, ROSETTA, BENI SOUEF, and SIOUTH (ASSIOUT), markings are known, from the others, and possibly some not on this list, no trace has been seen. From these letters it appears that the French at various times established their Formation H.Qs. at the following places, from and to which postal arrangements Would have been made. BENI SOUEF, MANSOORAH, KATIEH, BILBEIS, DAMIETTA, SIOUTH, BENESEH, SEDIMAN, ESNEH, SIENNE (ASSOUAN), KENEH (QENA), TANTA, SUEZ, KOSSEIR, JAFFA, SAMANHOUT (SAMAMOUD, battle), ABOUKIR (battle), LESBEH, GIRGEH (GIRGA), FAYOUM. Here again no postal markings of these have been seen with the exception of DAMIETTA, ROSETTA, BENI SOUEF, and SIOUTH.

I. DAMIETTA

DAMIETTE

2. ROSETTA.

ROSETTE

3. ALEXANDRIA.

ALEXANDRIE.

Alexandrie

4. CAIRO.

LE CAIRE

5. BENESOUEF

BENESOUEF.

6. SIOUTH. (ASSIOUT.)

SIOUTH

Letters 34 X 3.5 nm. Struck in black. One or two specimens recorded.

Letters 34 X 5 nm. Struck in black. Four specimens recorded.

- Type I. Letters 50.5 X 5 rm. Struck in black. Two or three specimens recorded.
 - Type 2. Letters 31 X 5 mm. Struck in black. Six specimens recorded.

Letters 33.5 X 5 mm. Struck in black. Eight specimens recorded.

Letters 42 X 6 nn. Struck in orange-red. Two specimens recorded.

Type I. Letters 24 X 4 mm. Struck in red. Four specimens recorded. (One has letters 3 mm. high, Type 2).

VI.

Napoleon's array brought with it printing presses which printed foolscap folio letterheads for their formation correspondence such as the two examples below.

These, however, can hardly be described as postal markings and are rather more in the nature of office stationery.

(a) ARMEE DE LA MEDITERANNEE

(b) ARM.DELAMEDNee Ire DIVON

Letters, 4 nm. high, upper line 46 nm. long, lower 26.5 nm. Struck in black. all serif capitals. Three specimens recorded.

VII.

From the British Expedition the relics are even more meagre. A letter from Lord Keith to the Chief Turk exists in splendid condition, which reports the death of Lord Abercrombie but there are no postal markings on the cover. His own personal seal, with his name spelt "Keish" in Arabic, is handstruck after his signature, and it is addressed from the "Bay of Aboukir".

VIII.

DATED LETTERS FROM NAPOLEON TO HIS GENERALS.

23.7.98. 26.7.98. 20.8.98.	Cairo	to	Gon.	Desaix. Cafarelli. Daure.	
27.8.98.	Cairo	to	Gen.	Daure.	
10.10.98.	Cairo	to	Gen.	Tallien (Cairo). Destaing. (Oairo).	•
23.12.98.	Cairo	to	Gen.	Marmont. Daure.	
7. 1.99 19. 1.99	Cairo	to	Gen.	Menou. Daure.	
3. 2.99. 9. 3.99.	Cairo	to	Gon.	Desaix. Dugua (Jaffa)	
15. 6.99. 26. 6.99.	Cairo	\mathbf{to}	Gen.	Desaix. Marmont.	
23. 7.99	Cairo	to	Gen.	Dosaix.	

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DATED LOCATIONS OF SOME OF NAPOLEON'S GENERALS.

22. 1. 98. Desaix at Samanhout.
10. 10. 98. Destaing at Cairo.
21. 10. 98. Tallien at Cairo.
15. 6. 99. Kleber at Damietta.
19. 8. 99. Kleber at Menouf.
22. 3. 1800. Kleber at Bilbeis.

IX. REPUBLICAF OR REVOLUTIONARY CALENDAR.

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Instituted Oct. 5, 1793 by the first French Republic - abolished Dec. 31,1805.

Year divided into twelve months of 30 days each with 5 or 6 supplementary days (Sansculottides) at end of last month. Months divided into 3 decades, every 10th day a day of rest, Sundays being ignored.

Provision made for leap years by adding a 6th day to the sansoulottides whenever necessary to make the year end at the Equinox which was generally every 4th year. Each 4 year period was a "franciade".

First year of calendar began September 22, 1792 - months were these :-

Vendémiaire (1792) Brumaire Frimaire Nivose Pluviose (1793) Ventose Germinal Floreal Prairial Messidor Thermidor (or Fervidor Fructidor Sansculottides)	Sept. 22 Oct. 22 Nov. 21 Dec. 21 Jan. 20 Feb. 19 Mar. 21. Apl. 20 May 29 June 19 July 19 Aug. 18 Sept. 17	- Oot. 21. - Nov. 20. - Dec. 20. - Jan. 19. (1793) - Feb. 18. - Mar. 20. - April 19. - June 18. - July 18. - July 18. - Sept. 16. - Sept. 21.)
Sansoulottides		Sept. 17	- Sept. 21.	

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EGYPT. THE THIRD ISSUE. OHECK LIST.	
	10 PARA.
1872. Formerly called " By V. Penasson "	Perf. 12 X 131.
Printed by lithography, 20 para & 1 piast	ra.
Printed by topography, 1, 2, 21 & 5 piast	1. Brown, (shades).
	2, Wmk. inverted.
in sheets of 200 (10 X 20).	3, blurred prints
Nmk. Star & Crescent, placed horizontally	from defective stereos
um. (a) Tinted. (b) Colourless.	
	4, top row stamp with marginal paper attach
1872, January 1st.	-ed above bearing
5 PARA.	coloured rule.
	5, stamp with raised
Perf. 12 X 13 4.	spacer having taken ink.
L. Brown.	
2 , Wnk. inverted.	Perf. 134.
3. → , thin paper.	1. Mauve, (shades).
4 , right-hand column stamp with	2 , Wrik. inverted.
marginal paper attached at side bearing coloured rule.	3 p blurred prints from defective stereos.
5 , top row stamp with marginal	
paper attached above bearing coloured rule.	4 , top row stamp with marginal paper
5 , stamp with raised spacer having	attached above bearing soloured
5 , stamp with raised spacer having taken ink.	rule.
7 , Pale brown.	
	Imperforate.
3 , Wnk. inverted.	1. Mauve, (shades).
Perf. 131.	
	20 PARA.
1. Brown.	Perf. 121 X 131.
, Wmk. inverted.	
Pale brown.	LITHOGRAPHS.
• - • thin paper.	1. Dull pale blue.
	2, Wrik. inverted.
Imperforate.	3. Prussian blue.
1. Brown.	4, retouched.

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6, retouched.	Perf. 1
7, rough print (stone X).	LITHOGRAPHS.
8,, retouched.	1. Brown-red, (Da
9 , Wnk. inverted. Pair imperforat between, horizontally.	e 2. – – , Dar (De
TYPOGRAPHS.	3. Rose-red, (Dat
	4, (Dat
	5. Deep rose-red
paper attached above bearing	6
coloured rule.	7. Dull rose-pin
3. Deep blue.	
4 , Wnk. inverted.	8
5. Pale blue.	9. Pale rose-red
Perf. 131.	10
LITHOGRAPHS.	
1. Dull pale blue.	TYPOGRAPHS.
2. Prussian blue.	1. Rose-red, (sh
3, retouched.	2 ,
4. Blue.	3, bis
5 , retouched.	4. Pale rose-red
TYPOGRAPHS.	5
1. Pale blue.	Pe rf .
	LITHOGRAPHS
2. Blue.	1. Rose-red, (Day
Imperforate.	
1. Blue.	2, (Dat
	3. Pale rose-red
Bisected diagonally.	4
1. Deep blue, Perf. 12 X 134.	

12 X 131. . (Daughter Die A). Damaged S.E. corner. (Daughter Die B). (Daughter Die A). (Daughter Die B). red, (Daughter Die A). - , (Daughter Die B). pink, blurred print. (Daughter Die A). - , blurred print, (Daughter Die B). red, (Daughter Die A). _ , (Daughter Die B).

1.	Roso.	-red, (shades).
2.	-	-, -, Wmk. inverted.
3.		- , bisected diagonally.
4.	Pale	rose-red, (shades).
5.	-	,, Wnk. inverted.

rf. 131.

PHS.

(Daughter Die Λ). (Daughter Die B). red, (Daughter die A). -, (Daughter Die B).

	TYPOGRAPHS.	Perf. 134.
1.	Rose-red, (shades).	1. Yellow-green.
2.	, Wnk. inverted.	
3.	Pale rose-red,	1874 - 1875.
4.	, Wnk. inverted. Imperforate. Rose-red, (Daughter Die A).	Typographed at the Government Printing Works at Boulao in sheets of 200 (10 X 20), Wnk. Star & Crescent placed horizontally. Wide coloured fancy border all round the sheet.
2.	Pale rose-red.	1875, April. 5 PARA. (Side labels inverted and transposed).
	<u>2 PIASTRE.</u> Perf. 12 <u>+</u> X 13 <u>+</u> .	Perf. $12\frac{1}{2}$. 1. Brown, (shades).
1.	Chrome yellow.	2 , -, Wmk. inverted.
	Porf. 131.	3 , - , tête-bêche, horizontal
1.	Chrome yellow.	4, -,, vertical.
2.	, bisected vertically.	5 , - , imperf. between pair.
3.	- , top row stamp with marginal paper attached above bearing coloured rule.	6 , 12 ¹ X imporf. X 12 ¹ X 12 ¹ / ₂ . Perf. 13 ¹ / ₄ X 12 ¹ / ₂ .
	23 PIASTRE.	l. Brown, (shades).
	Porf. 123 X 132.	2 , - , Wrik. inverted.
1.	Violet, (shades).	3 , - , tête-bêche, horizontal
2.	- , Wrik. invorted.	4, -,, vertical.
	Porf. 131/2.	
1.	Pale violet.	Imperforate. 1. Brown, (shades).
5	PIASTRE.	
	Porf. 12 X 131.	
1.	Yellow-groon.	
2.	- , Wink. inverted.	
3.	, tête-bêche.	

1874. Ootober.	3. Dull pale blue, Bluish grey and grey.
10 PARA.	Imperf. between pair, vertically
Perf. 1210.	4. Inperf. between pair, Wnk. inverted.
1. Pale lilac and lilac-grey, (shades).	5 Bisected diagonally.
2. Wmk. inverted.	6
3. – – – – –, tête-bêche, horizontal.	
4. – – – –, tête-bôche, vertioal.	
5. Darkish grey, Wmk. inverted.	1. Bluish grey, Whk. inverted. 2. Grey, Whk. inverted.
Perf. 131 X 121.	
1. Grey-lilac, (shades).	1875.
2, Wink. inverted.	I. PIASTRA.
3. – _ , - , tête-bêche, horizontal.	
4, -, tete-beche vertical.	$\frac{\text{Perf. 12}}{1. \text{ Red, (shades).}}$
Imperforate.	2, -, Wrik. inverted.
1. Grey-lilao, (shades).	3, -, tête-bêche horizontal.
20 Para.	4, -, - vertical.
Perf. 121	5. Dull red, (shades).
1. Dull pale blue, bluish-grey and grey	6, -, Imperf. between part 7, -, thick paper.
2 Wmk. inverted.	8, -, tête-bêche
3 Bisected diagonally.	horizontal.
Perf. 134 X 124.	tête-bêche, vertica 10. Carnine, (shades).
. Dull pale-blue, Bluish-grey and grey.	
Wink. inverted.	12 , - , No wrik.

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L. Red.	5. Yellow, (shades), tête-bêche, vertical.
, Wak. inverted.	6 , -, bisceted diagonally.
, tête-bêche, horizontal.	Perf. 13 X 13. (Comb.).
, , vertical.	1. Yellow, tête-bêche, No wrk.
Imperforate.	Imporforate.
Dull red.	l. Yellow.
1874, October.	21 PLASTRE.
2 PIASTRE.	Perf. 121
Perf. $12\frac{1}{2}$.	1. Violet, (shades).
le Yellow, (shades).	2 , - , Wak. inverted.
2, -, Wmk. inverted.	3 , - , tête-bêche, horizontal.
4, -, tête-bêche, horizontal.	4 , - , tête-bêche, vertical. 5 , 12 X Imperf. % 12 X 12 .
5, -, tete-becks, vertical.	Perf. 12 X 13 .
Perf. 131 X 121.	1. Violet, (shades).
1. Yellow, (shades).	2 , Wink. inverted.
2 , Wnk. inverted.	3. – , – , tête-bêche, horizontal.
3 , -, No wnk. 4 , -, tête-bêche, horizontal.	4 , . , tête-bêche, vertical
5 , -, tête-bêche, vertica	5 PIASTRE.
Perf. 121 X 131.	Perf. 12 ¹ / ₁ .
	1. Green, (shades).
1. Yellow, (shades).	2. Yellow-green.
2 , Whk. inverted.	3, Whak. invorted.
3. – , –, No wik.	4 , No wrike
4. – , – , tête-bêche, horizonta	11

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1. Green, (shades).	Perf. 122.
	1. Violet, (shades).
Imperforate.	2 , - , Wnk. inverted.
L. Green.	3 , - , Surcharge inverted.
1879, January 1st.	4 , - , tête-bêche, horizontal.
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uide lines at all four corners. Il guide lines were removed from the Lithographic stones of the overprint of	Perf. 12 X 13 1
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5 PARAS on 21 PIASTRE.	4, -, tête-bêche, horizontal.
Porf. 121.	5, -, -, vertical.
• Violot, (shades).	6, -, Imperf. at right hand margin.
, -, Wrik. inverted.	7, -, Stamp with guide
• - , -, surcharge inverted.	lines at one corner
• - , tête-bêche, horizontal.	Inperforate.
• - , - , - , vertical•	1. Violet, (shades).
Porf. 121 X 131.	
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