IN 1926 THE SURVEY DEPARTMENT TOOK OVER THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PRODUCTION AND PRINTING OF EGYPTIAN STAMPS.

Whether at the behest of King Fouad or the Management of the Survey Department, sheets of stamps were produced on thin card with 'cancelled' printed diagonally on the back in English. The card had no watermark and was imperforate.

A sheet for each plate put to press, both Definitives and Commemoratives, was produced and sent to the Palace for the Royal collection. Strictly speaking they should really be classified as Proofs.

THE CARD WAS PRE-PRINTED WITH 'CANCELLED' AND USED AS AND WHEN REQUIRED. THEY MUST HAVE BEEN CUT SQUARE IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE DIFFERENT FORMATS OF THE STAMPS TO BE PRINTED AND WOULD ALSO ACCOUNT FOR THE DIFFERENCES OF THE POSITION OF THE 'CANCELLED', NORMAL, INVERTED, SIDEWAYS RIGHT AND SIDEWAYS LEFT.

THE FIRST STAMPS PRINTED THUS, WERE IN MARCH 1926 FOR THE 12TH AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION. THE PRINTERS, NOT HAVING BEEN TOLD OTHERWISE, PRINTED THE 5M ON THE 'CANCELLED' SIDE. WHEN THE ERROR WAS REALISED THEY TURNED THE PRINTED SHEET OVER AND PRINTED THE STAMP AGAIN ON THE PLAIN SIDE. THIS IS PROBABLY THE ONLY TIME A STAMP HAS BEEN DELIBERATELY PRINTED ON BOTH SIDES.

AS ONLY ONE PLATE WAS USED FOR EACH OF THE COMMEMORATIVES ONLY A 100, 50 OR 25 CAN EXIST, DEPENDANT ON THE SIZE OF THE STAMP TO BE PRINTED.

OF THE DEFINITIVES AND POSTAGE DUES, FROM 1 - 16 PLATES WERE USED IN SHEETS OF 25, 50, 100 OR 120.

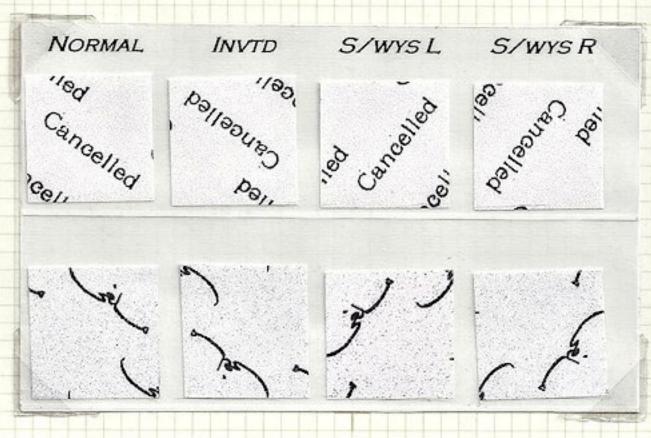
OF THE AIRMAILS, EXPRESS, OFFICIAL AND ARMY POST 1 - 9 PLATES WERE USED IN SHEETS OF 50 OR 100

IN 1947 KING FAROUK DECREED THAT THE 'CANCELLED' IN ENGLISH WOULD BE CHANGED TO ARABIC.

THE FIRST STAMPS WITH ARABIC 'CANCELLED' WERE IN MARCH 1947, THE 25TH INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF FINE ARTS. ARABIC CONTINUED TO BE USED UNTIL THE OVERTHROW OF THE MONARCHY IN 1953.

THESE STAMPS WERE UNKNOWN TO THE PHILATELIC WORLD UNTIL THE SALE OF THE PALACE COLLECTION IN FEBRUARY 1954.

I HAVE USED THE FOLLOWING DESIGNATIONS TO DESCRIBE THE DIFFERENT POSITIONS OF THE UNDERPRINT.



AS THESE STAMPS WERE SPECIALLY PRINTED FOR THE KINGS COLLECTION IT IS SURPRISING THAT LITTLE OR NO CARE WAS TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THE SHEETS WERE PRINTED IN A UNIFORM MANNER, HENCE THE DIFFERENCE IN THE POSITIONS. IT IS ALSO SURPRISING THAT THE PHILATELIC COMMUNITY SEEM TO HAVE IGNORED THESE ISSUES AS ALMOST NOTHING APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT THEM.

COMMEMORATIVES

ONLY ONE SHEET OF EACH VALUE WAS PRINTED SO ONLY 25 TO 100 COPIES EXIST, DEPENDENT ON SIZE OF STAMP,
THE FOLLOWING COMMEMORATIVES WERE EXAMINED BY ME
FROM THE 'PETER SMITH' COLLECTION
1926 12TH AGRICULTURAL & INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION
15M, 100M, 200M, - NORMAL
5M, 10M, 50M, - INVERTED

1926 INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION CONGRESS
5M, 10M, 15M, NORMAL

1927 INTERNATIONAL COTTON CONGRESS
5M, 10M, 15M, NORMAL

1933 INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY CONGRESS

5M, 13M, 15M, - NORMAL
20M, - INVERTED

1933 INTERNATIONAL AVIATION CONGRESS

13м, 20м, - NORMAL, 5м, 10м, 15м, - INVERTED

1934 U. P. U. CONGRESS

1M, 2M, 3M, 20M, 50P, £1.

1M, 2M, 3M, 2OM, 5OP, £1, 4M, 5M, 1O, 13M, 15M, 5OM, 10OM, 20OM, - INVERTED

1936 ANGLO - EGYPTIAN TREATY

15M, 20M, - NORMAL, 5M, - INVERTED

1946 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF 1ST POSTAGE STAMP 1+1M, 10+10M, 17+17M, 22+22M, - NORMAL

COMMEMORATIVES (CANCELLED IN ARABIC)

ONLY ONE SHEET OF EACH VALUE WAS PRINTED SO ONLY 25 TO 100 COPIES EXIST, DEPENDENT ON SIZE OF STAMP, THE FOLLOWING COMMEMORATIVES WERE EXAMINED BY ME FROM THE 'PETER SMITH' COLLECTION

1947 INTERNATIONAL EXHIB. OF FINE ARTS
5 + 5M, 15 + 5M, 30 + 30M, 50 + 50M, - S/WYS L

1948 INTERNATIONAL COTTON CONGRESS

10M, - S/WYS L.

1949 100TH ANNIVERSARY DEATH OF MOH'D ALI

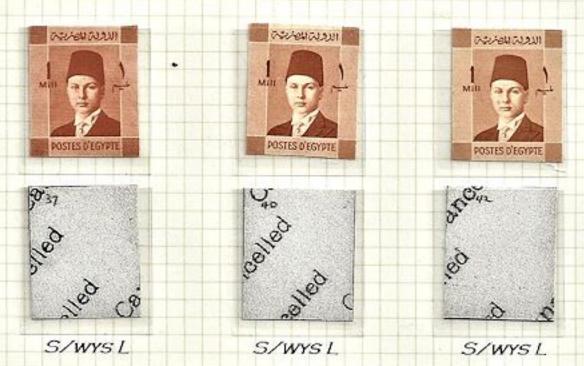
10M, - S/WYS L

1951 1ST MEDITERRANEAN GAMES

10м, 22м, 30м, - S/WYS L

1937 - YOUNG KING DEFINITIVE STAMPS

1m - 8 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP CONTROL - A/37, A/38, A/39, A/40, A/40 B/40, A/40 A/41, B/41, B/41 A/42.



2m ~ 6 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP CONTOL ~ A/37, A/38, A/38 A/39, A/37 A/40, A/38 A/40, A/41.



1937 - YOUNG KING DEFINITIVE STAMPS

3m - 8 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP CONTROL - A/37, A/38, A/38 A/39, A/40, A/40 B/40, A/41, A/41 A/42, A/41 A/42 A/43.









S/WYS R

4m - 8 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP CONTOL - A/37, A/39, A/39 A/40, A/39 A/40 B/40, A/39 A/40 B/40 A/41, A/42, A/42 A/43, B/43.













S/WYS R

S/WYS L

1937 - YOUNG KING DEFINITIVE STAMPS

5m - 5 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP CONTROL - A/37, A/38, A/39, A/39 B/39, A/40.









S/WYS L

S/WYS L

6M - 3 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP CONTROL - A/40, A/40 A/41, A/42.









S/WYS L

1937 - YOUNG KING DEFINITIVE STAMPS

10m - 6 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP CONTROL - A/37, A/38, A/38 A/39, A/39 A/40, A/39 A/40 A/41, A/43.







S/WYS R



S/WYS R

13M - 2 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP CONTROL - A/37, A/39.





S/WYS L

1937 - YOUNG KING DEFINITIVE STAMPS

15m - 5 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP CONTROL - A/37, A/38, A/39, A/39 A/40, A/39 A/40 A/43.









NORMAL.

S/WYS L

20m Blue - 5 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP CONTROL - A/37, A/38, A/39, A/39 A/40, A/39 A/40 A/42.















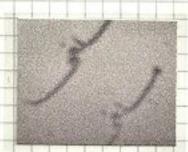


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1937 YOUNG KING DEFINITIVE STAMP

COPIES OF 200M CANCELLED ON BACK IN ARABIC

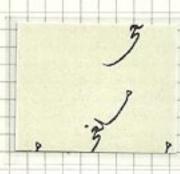




S/WYS L

THIS STAMP WAS DISCOVERED IN THE PETER SMITH COLLECTION.
ACCORDING TO ZEHERI, NILE POST AND GEORGE LEE, THIS STAMP
SHOULD NOT EXIST AS THE LAST PRINTING WAS IN 1946 AND THE
FIRST PRINTING IN ARABIC WAS NOT UNTIL MARCH 1947. ANOTHER
COPY (BELOW) IS OWNED BY PETER ANDREWS, ESC CHAIRMAN.





S/WYS L

IT APPEARS THAT A PRINTING OF THIS STAMP, AND POSSIBLY THE 100M, WAS MADE IN 1947, BUT HAS NEVER BEEN RECORDED. THE ONLY STAMPS OF THIS ISSUE PRINTED IN 1947 ARE THE 30M AND 50M.

IT IS OVER 60 YEARS SINCE THE PALACE COLLECTION SALE IN FEB 1954 WHICH BROUGHT THESE STAMPS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PHILATELIC WORLD. IT IS AMAZING THAT THIS STAMP, AND POSSIBLY THE 100M, HAS ELUDED DETECTION FOR SO LONG. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE FAROUK 'MILITARY' 100M AND 200M WERE NOT PRINTED UNTIL 1948.

1944 - FAROUK 'MILITARY' DEFINITIVE STAMPS

1M - 3 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP IN ENGLISH CONTROL - A/44, A/44 A/45, A/44 A/45 A/46.









S/WYS L

S/WYS L

2M - 3 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP IN ENGLISH CONTROL - A/44, A/44 A/45, A/46.





S/WYS R

1944 - FAROUK 'MILITARY' DEFINITIVE STAMPS

3M - 1 PRINTING OF THIS STAMP IN ENGLISH CONTROL - A/44. THERE WERE NO PRINTINGS IN ARABIC





S/WYS L

4M - 2 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP IN ENGLISH CONTROL - A/44, B/44 A/46.









S/WYS L

1944 - FAROUK 'MILITARY' DEFINITIVE STAMPS

15M - 2 PRINTING OF THIS STAMP IN ENGLISH CONTROL - A/44, A/44 A/46.





S/WYS R 17M ~ 2 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP IN ENGLISH CONTROL ~ A/44, A/46.





S/WYS R

ROYAL IMPERFORATES

1944 - FAROUK 'MILITARY' DEFINITIVE STAMPS

IMPERFORATE ON GUMMED, WATERMARKED PAPER

THESE STAMPS WERE UNKNOWN UNTIL THE SALE OF THE ROYAL COLLECTION ON 14TH FEBRUARY 1954. THE FOLLOWING STAMPS ARE EX LOT 660















THE 17 MILLS HAS THE CURIOUS AND UNEXPLAINED

DOUBLE WATERMARK VARIETY.

(PETER SMITH, IN HIS BOOK, SAYS SEVERAL COPIES

OF THE 15 MILLS HAVE ALSO BEEN FOUND WITH

THIS VARIETY).

1944 - FAROUK 'MILITARY' DEFINITIVE STAMPS

2m - 5 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP IN ARABIC CONTROL - A/46 A/47, A/48, A/48 A/49, A/50, A/50 A/51.









S/WYS L

S/WYS L

4m - 5 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP IN ARABIC CONTROL - B/44 A/46 A/47, A/48, A/49, A/50, A/51.





1944 - FAROUK 'MILITARY' DEFINITIVE STAMPS

5M - 2 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP IN ARABIC CONTROL - A/48, A/49.









S/WYS L

S/WYS L

10m - 6 Printings of this stamp in Arabic Control - A/47, A/48, A/49, A/50, A/50 A/51, A/51









S/WYS L



1944 - FAROUK 'MILITARY' DEFINITIVE STAMPS

15m - 3 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP IN ARABIC CONTROL - A/48, A/48 A/49, A/48 A/49 A/51









S/WYS R

S/WYS R

17m - 3 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP IN ARABIC CONTROL - A/48, A/48 A/50, A/48 A/50 A/51.





1947 - FAROUK 'MILITARY' DEFINITIVE STAMPS

30m - 6 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP IN ARABIC CONTROL - A/47, A/47-A/48, A/49, A/50, A/50 A/51, A/51.

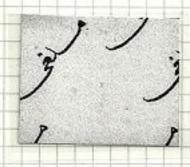




S/WYS L

40m - 4 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP IN ARABIC CONTROL - A/47, A/47 A/48, A/49, A/49 A/50.





S/WYS L

50m - 3 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP IN ARABIC CONTROL - A/47, A/47 A/48, A/47 A/48 A/49.



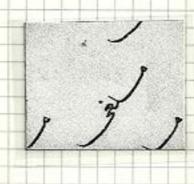


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1947 - FAROUK 'MILITARY' DEFINITIVE STAMPS

100m - 3 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP IN ARABIC CONTROL - A/48, A/48 A/50, A/48 A/50 A/51.

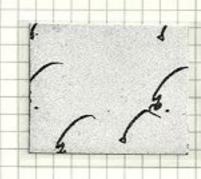




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200m - 2 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP IN ARABIC CONTROL - A/48, A/48 A/50.





S/WYS R

1936 ARMY POST STAMPS

3M - 1 PRINTING OF THIS STAMP - CONTROL - A/36





NORMAL

10m - 4 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP -CONTROLS - A/36, A/38, A/38 A/39, A/38 A/39 B/39





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1939 ARMY POST STAMPS

10m - 3 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP -CONTROLS - A/39, A/39 A/40, B/40





1933 - AIRMAIL STAMPS

1 M ORANGE- YELLOW - 3 PRINTIGS OF THIS STAMP CONTROL - A/32, A/34, A/35.





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THERE WERE 3 FURTHER PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP IN RED *ORANGE. CONTROL A/36, A/37, A/38.

1947 - AIRMAIL STAMPS

100M - 1 PRINTING OF THIS STAMP IN ENGLISH CONTROL - A/47.





200M - 1 PRINTING OF THIS STAMP IN ENGLISH CONTOL - A/47.





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1929 EXPRESS STAMP

20m - 7 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP -CONTROLS - A/28, A/30, A/31, A/32 A/36, A/39, A/40

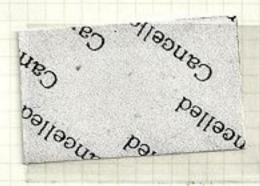












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1926 OFFICIAL STAMPS

1M - 4 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP -CONTROLS - A/26, A/36, A/37, B/37













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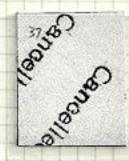
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2M - 3 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP -CONTROLS - A/26, A/37, B/37









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1926 OFFICIAL STAMPS

3M - 2 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP -CONTROLS - A/26, A/37









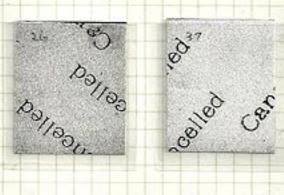
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4M - 3 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP -CONTROLS - A/26, A/37, B/37









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1926 OFFICIAL STAMPS

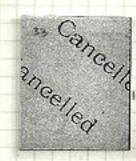
5m - 7 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP -CONTROLS - A/26, A/31, A/32, A/33, A/34, A/35, A/37.













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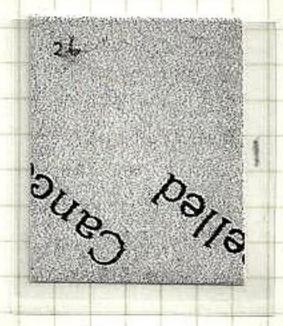
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S/WYS R

1926 OFFICIAL STAMPS

10M - 3 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP - CONTROLS - A/26, A/31, A/32.





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15M - 2 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP - CONTROLS - A/26, A/32.



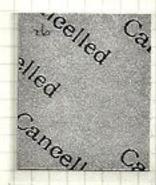


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1926 OFFICIAL STAMPS

20M - 1 PRINTING OF THIS STAMP -CONTROL - A/26





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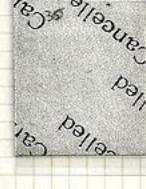
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1934 OFFICIAL STAMPS

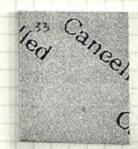
10M - 4 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP -CONTROL - A/33, A/34, A/36, A/37















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15M - 2 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP -CONTROLS - A/33, A/37







INVTD



S/WYS R

1935 OFFICIAL STAMPS

20M - 3 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP - CONTROLS - A/35, A/36, A/37.













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1938 OFFICIAL STAMPS

1M - 9 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP -CONTROLS - 6 WITH ENGLISH, 3 WITH ARABIC

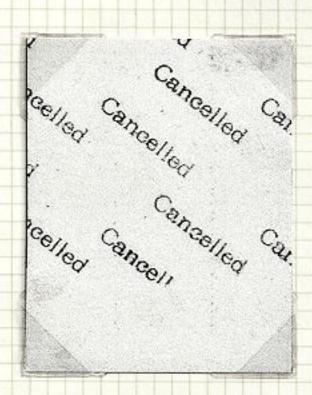


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2M - 9 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP -CONTOLS - 6 WITH ENGLISH, 3 WITH ARABIC





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1938 OFFICIAL STAMPS

3m - 9 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP -CONTROLS - 6 WITH ENGLISH, 3 WITH ARABIC

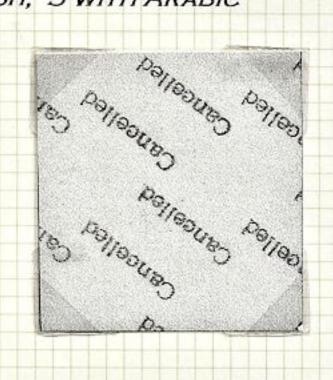


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4m - 9 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP -CONTOLS - 6 WITH ENGLISH, 3 WITH ARABIC



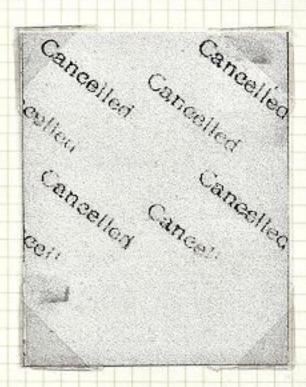


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1938 OFFICIAL STAMPS

5M - 9 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP -CONTROLS - 6 WITH ENGLISH, 3 WITH ARABIC





NORMAL

10m - 9 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP -CONTOLS - 6 WITH ENGLISH, 3 WITH ARABIC



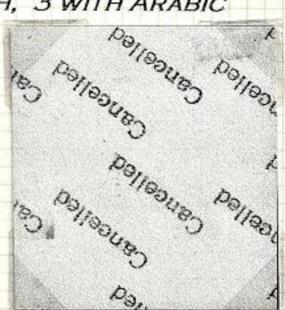


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1938 OFFICIAL STAMPS

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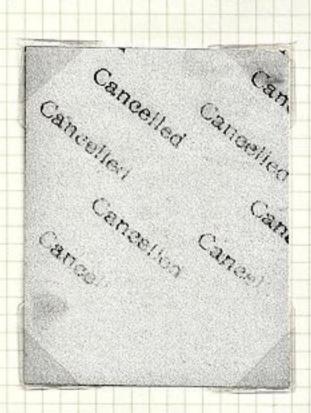




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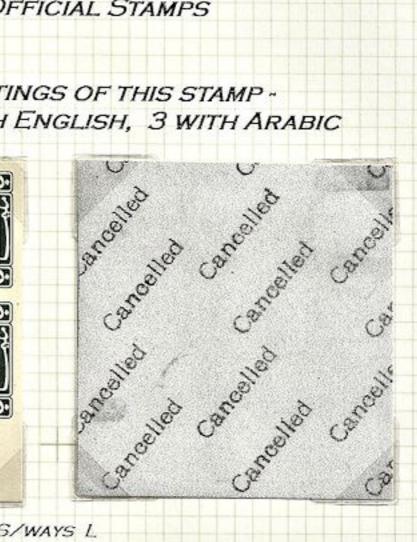


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1938 OFFICIAL STAMPS

50M - 9 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP -CONTROLS - 6 WITH ENGLISH, 3 WITH ARABIC







1949 - OFFICIAL STAMPS

1M - 3 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP IN ARABIC CONTROL - A/49, A/50, A/51.





INVTD

2M - 3 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP IN ARABIC CONTROL - A/49, A/50, A/51.





3M - 3 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP IN ARABIC CONTROL - A/49, A/50, A/51





NORMAL



1949 - OFFICIAL STAMPS

4M - 3 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP IN ARABIC CONTROL - A/49, A/50, A/51.





NORMAL,

5M - 3 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP IN ARABIC CONTROL - A/49, A/50, A/51.





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10M - 3 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP IN ARABIC CONTROL - A/49, A/50, A/51



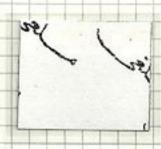
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1949 - OFFICIAL STAMPS

15m - 3 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP IN ARABIC CONTROL - A/49, A/50, A/51.





NORMAL.

20m - 3 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP IN ARABIC CONTROL - A/49, A/50, A/51.





50m - 3 PRINTINGS OF THIS STAMP IN ARABIC CONTROL - A/49, A/50, A/51



