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## A Rare Ottoman Cover from Amman, 1918, with Newly Discovered Amman Censor Mark

by Tobias Zywietz  
with material from Cedarstamps Auctions

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In the latest Cedarstamps auction, a cover with the very rare Ottoman postmark “AMMAN (SALT) / عمان (سلط)” was offered. However, the censor mark seems to be a new discovery. Here are the images shown together with the description offered by Cedarstamps:<sup>1</sup>



Fig. 1: Jordan, censored cover sent via Hejaz railway line, from 'AMMAN (SALT)' on 27/8/1918 to Damascus where arrived on 30/8/1918 and delivered the day after.

To date, this octagonal cancellation of Amman was known only on a stamp on a small piece. Given it is the only envelope recorded with the seal of Amman's censorship office (the double ring with clear Amman on the top and the crescent in the middle). Also, considering the period when the envelope was mailed: a month before the defeat of Turkey, during the guerilla timing that affected the Hejaz railway line, makes this envelope a rarity of first magnitude.

<sup>1</sup> With minor amendments agreed by Bernardo Longo of Cedarstamps.



Fig. 2: Reverse side<sup>2</sup> with two DAMAS postmarks: 30.08.1918 and 31.08.1918.



Fig. 3: The Amman (Salt) postmark (enlarged from the front side).



Fig. 4: The Amman censor mark (enlarged from the front side).

The cancellation is certainly a rarity, being offered here on cover for the first time, and the Amman censor mark seems a new discovery, never before described in literature. One correction must be made however: the octagonal Amman (Salt) postmark is known from at least three cut-outs, not one as Cedarstamps suggests. Birken shows three examples (see *fig. 5*),<sup>3</sup> and the cancel is also shown in Ağaoğulları/Papuçcuoğlu, Nuhoğlu & Mert, and Pollack:<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup> In lower resolution than the scan of the front side.

<sup>3</sup> Birken, 2016, vol. Suriye, p. 40.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Ağaoğulları & Papuçcuoğlu, 2003; Nuhoğlu & Mert, 1994, p. 169; Pollack, 1962, p. 51.





Fig. 5:

Birken shows three examples of this cancellation in the 2016 edition of his postmark catalogue. Further examples must exist, as Coles/Walker give a 1915 date, Ağaoğulları/Papuçcuoğlu state 1916, and the second mark shown by Birken is dated 14.08.1918 (just two weeks before the date on the cover offered by Cedarstamps), the third mark dates to 11.07.1918.

These bilingual octagonal marks with date belt and bars in segments (Coles/Walker type BO) were introduced in 1910. The inscription here reads:

(سلط) عمان / AMMAN (SALT)

Before the government of Jordan was moved by Emir Abdullah I from es-Salt in 1921, Amman had been a small town, whose importance came from linking the road to Jerusalem and the large commercial centre of es-Salt with the Hejaz Railway.

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## Could Indian Army F.P.O. 318 have come to Greece? How 318 turned out to be 313

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*This article is testament to how important research beyond the actual artefact in question is, not only consulting relevant literature but also seeking the opinion of experts in the field. Initially we thought this was Indian Army F.P.O. 318, however on closer inspection the cancel turned out to be 313 and not 318. Indian Army F.P.O. 318 is extremely rare and by its connection to the Siege of Kut would have made the cover a world rarity.*

The illustration shows the front piece of an *On Active Service* cover cancelled at Indian Army F.P.O. 313 on 29<sup>th</sup> June 1918 bearing an octagonal censor mark (type 7, CM7 in Firebrace) at the time in use only by the *Egyptian Expeditionary Force* (E.E.F.) and by *British Salonika Force*.<sup>1</sup> The octagonal censor hand-stamp “PASSED / BY / CENSOR / No. / 1206” on the cover is reported in Daniel<sup>2</sup> as associated with Indian Army F.P.O. 33. Both Daniel and Firebrace have no listing for F.P.O. 318. In June 1918, Indian Army F.P.O. 33 was located at Lembet Road Camp (near Thessaloniki, Greece).<sup>3</sup>



Fig. 1: The June 1918 cover with the Indian Army F.P.O. cancel 313.

1 Entwistle, 1991, p. 28.

2 Daniel, 1984, p. 7-2.

3 Firebrace, 1991, p. 176.



### Lembet (Road) Camp

South of the small village of Lembet (Turkish: Lembeti), just north of Thessaloniki, British and French troops were stationed from 1915 to 1918.

Lambet is now in the town of Efkarpia, Pavlos Melas Municipality.<sup>4</sup> The Allied camps around Salonika housed up to 18 hospitals, including 3 Canadian, during the war. The actual British camp *Lembet (Road) Camp* was around the Karaisin area (Polihni), east of Lembet Road, and Pavlou Mela.

Thessaloniki (also called Salonika, Saloniki, Selanik, and Solun) was occupied by French and British Divisions (*British Salonika Force*) following the Gallipoli defeat in October 1915: XII Corps (containing at times 22, 26, 28, and 60 Division) was based near Lembet; XVI Corps (with at times 10, 26, and 27 Division) was based in Avestokhorion just to the east.

Further Commonwealth, French, Russian, and Italian troops (stationed to the south and west of the British camp) joined in 1916 to form *Allied Army of the Orient*.

Following the August 1916 Greek revolution, the Greek national army joined the war on the Allied side.

Most of the old city centre of Thessaloniki was destroyed by a fire which started accidentally on 18.08.1917, leaving more than 73,000 inhabitants homeless.

Several kilometres south west of the British camp are the *Langada* (or *Zeitenlik*) *Cemetaries* with thousands of graves of Allied soldiers: French, Italian, Serbian, Russian and Bulgarian. According to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, *Salonika (Lembet Road) Military Cemetery* "was begun in November 1915 and Commonwealth, French, Serbian, Italian and Russian sections were formed. The Commonwealth section remained in use until October 1918, although from the beginning of 1917, burials were also made in Mikra British Cemetery."<sup>5</sup> It contains 1,648 Commonwealth casualties.

In the British Army postal scheme, *British Salonika Force* was designated "X", so you'll find:<sup>6</sup>

- BASE ARMY POST OFFICE X and B.A.P.O. X (November 1915–June or November 1919)
- ARMY POST OFFICE X (November–December 1915)
- FIELD POST OFFICE X (December 1915)
- FIELD POST OFFICE GX, G.X. and AGX (General Headquarters) (January 1916–April 1918)

Stationary offices were designated ARMY POST OFFICE S.X. (S.X. 1–17: December 1915–October 1919).



4 Detail from a 1912 Austrian military map: "Sheet 41-41 Saloniki (1912)," 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (including corrections up-to 16.07.1917): <http://lazarus.elte.hu/hun/digkonyv/topo/200e/41-41.jpg>.

5 [The Commonwealth War Graves Commission](http://www.cwgc.org/). Picture source: <http://www.cwgc.org/dbImage.ashx?id=8367>.

6 Entwistle, 1990, shows on p. 23 a February 1918 cover of stationary office at Lembet Road: S.X. 2. See also Firebrace, 1991, pp. 9, 16, 169 (S.X. 2 and S.X. 8), 185, and further chapters for individual formations. Some SX marks were later used in other areas, like Constantinople.

### How 318 turned out to be 313

Just looking at the cover, one can clearly make out the number 318. However, on closer inspection one notices an anomaly with the last cypher, and comparing a number of strikes of the 313 canceller, one comes to the conclusion that the surplus of ink makes the 3 appear as an 8. This was confirmed by a scan of the real Indian Army F.P.O. 318 postmark, kindly provided by Prof. Akthem Al-Manaseer. The cancellation of Indian Army F.P.O. 313 is well documented, and (unlike 318) not rare at all. Firebrace locates it at Ismailia, Egypt, from 1914 to 1921: “*Landed in Egypt with Force ‘F’ and opened at Ismailia.*” (dates of use: 26.11.1914 to 8.02.1921).<sup>7</sup>



Fig. 2: Detail from fig. 1.  
I.F.P.O. 313  
29 JU. 18

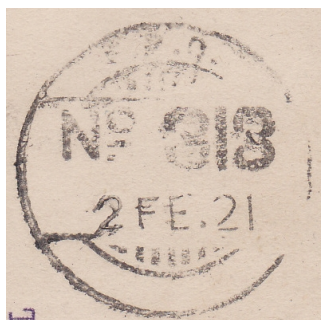


Fig. 3: Detail from fig. 6.  
I.F.P.O. 313  
2 FE. 21



Fig. 4: Detail from fig. 8.  
I.F.P.O. 313  
?? SE. 18



Fig. 5: Genuine strike of  
I.F.P.O. 318.  
6 NO. 15<sup>8</sup>

### Indian Army F.P.O. 318 and the Siege of Kut

Indian Army F.P.O. 318 is recorded by Proud<sup>9</sup> as “*probably the only F.P.O. left in Kut<sup>10</sup> which was besieged from 7<sup>th</sup> December 1915 and surrendered on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1916.*” F.P.O. 318 has been recorded for only one single day: 6<sup>th</sup> November 1915. A quasi-official report states:<sup>11</sup>

*Operations took place successively at Shaiba (April 1915); in Arabistan (April–May 1915); on the Tigris near Qurnah (May–June 1915); on the Euphrates and at Nasiriyah (July 1915); at Kut-el-Amarah (September 1915); and at Ctesiphon (October 1915). In all these instances post offices accompanied or followed close behind the troops. At the same time, as the main columns moved on, Lines of Communications or local field post offices were opened at all important posts that were established in the rear: thus, such post offices were provided in turn at Qurnah, Amarah and Kut-el-Amarah. All the field post offices belonging to General Townshend's (the 6<sup>th</sup>) Division General Meliss's Brigade and the Cavalry Brigade were at Lajj when the final advance to Ctesiphon began. In the hurried retirement which ensued, the postal staff successfully extricated all Government property and mails, which were sent direct to Amarah.<sup>12</sup> The Line of Communications field post office at Kut was left there, at the request of the military authorities and was shut in with the invested garrison: and one British Officer and two Inspectors of the post office who remained at Kut to attend to certain duties had also no further opportunity to come away.*

7 Firebrace, 1991, pp. 178. Further mentions on pp. 256, 302, 303, 313, 357, 359, 377, and 446.

8 Scan courtesy of Prof. Akthem Al-Manaseer.

9 Proud, 1984, p. 250. Proud does not definitely say that 318 was indeed left at Kut, or what happened to the canceller afterwards.

10 Al-Kūt or Kūt al-‘Amāra, Al-Wasit Governorate, Iraq.

11 Sams, 1922, p. 134–135.

12 Al-‘Amāra, Maysān Governorate, Iraq, is about 180 km SE of Kut.



The term 'all property' would imply the F.P.O. 318 canceller as well. However, there is also a comment that one Line of Communications F.P.O. was left at Kut. Perhaps this was personnel only and not the equipment.

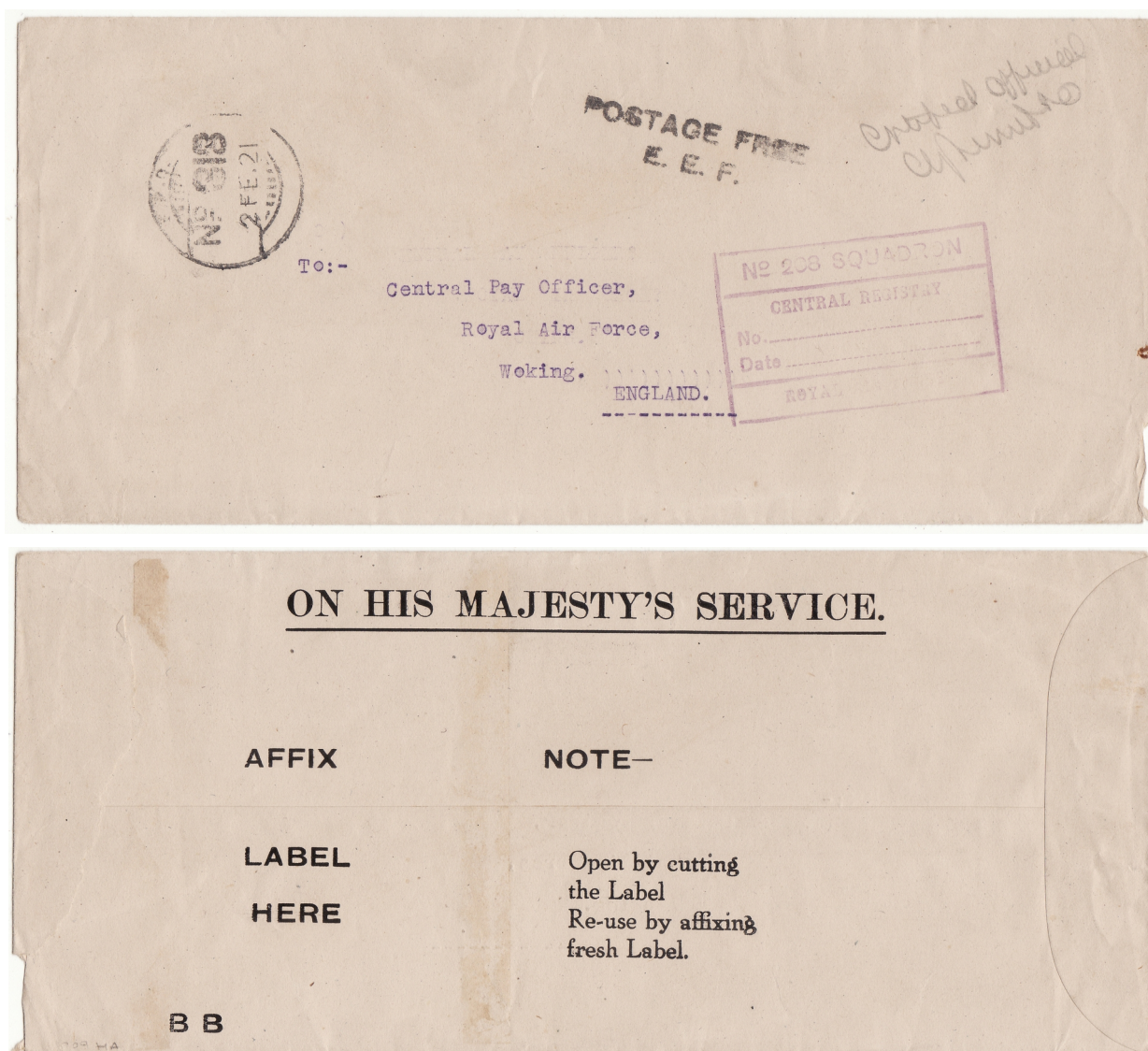


Fig. 6: Front and reverse of an official cover with Indian Army F.P.O. 313 of 2.02.1921.<sup>13</sup>

Seller's description: "[14569] EGYPT-GB [OHMS/208 SQUADRON RAF] 1921(Feb 2) stampless longer OHMS env to Central Pay Office, RAF Woking w/manu Certified Official w/signature below cancelled Indian FPO 313 located Ismailia & w/unframed Postage Free/E.E.F h/s in black & boxed No 208 Squadron/Central Registry/No/Date/Royal Air Force h/s [Firebrace RFC 36 who records dates of 21-26 Jan 1921 this extends those]<sup>14</sup> in Violet"

The "POSTAGE FREE / E. E. F." cachet is listed by Firebrace as PFC17.<sup>15</sup>

<sup>13</sup> Courtesy of Mike White. Images and description used by permission. The cover, most notable for its RAF cachet, is offered for sale at US-\$ 400. Source: <http://www.mikewhiteuk.com/results.php?c=156&s=549&t=>.

<sup>14</sup> Cf. Firebrace, 1991, p. 446.

<sup>15</sup> Firebrace, 1991, p. 256.



Fig. 7: The 313 canceller on a 1915 cover,<sup>16</sup> together with an Indian censor mark (Firebrace IEF1).<sup>17</sup>

Seller's description: "Great Britain Military post, 1915 Censored / Field postal service cover sent from FPO unit #313 (set in Egypt) to the General-postmaster in Punjab N.W. Front Lahore."<sup>18</sup> Red double circular censor cachet at the front: "Passed By Censor Indian Expeditionary Force 1" and on the back black circular "F.P.O. No 313" military postmark."

16 Source: Ebay. Seller: Do-Rina. <http://www.ebay.com/itm/Great-Britain-Military-Post-1915-FPO-313-Egypt-General-Postmaster-india-/251364033037?autorefresh=true>.

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18 C. H. Harrison, Esq., O.B.E., I.C.S., I.A.S.C. Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs, India, in 1915.





Fig. 8: 1918 cover from California to Ismailia.<sup>19</sup>

Seller's description: "Military - World War I Period. 1918 (Aug 22) cover addressed to Sgt Maddocks<sup>20</sup> MIAS Co (attached to 376 Company) Ismailia with 1c Washington x5 tied by Stockton datestamp, undelivered with various mss markings and handstamps including 'PRESENT LOCATION UNCERTAIN', 'UNABLE TO TRACE/BASE A.P.O.T.' (in violet) & 'UNDELIVERED FOR REASON STATED/RETURN TO SENDER', backstamped 'APO SZ22', Indian FPO 313 (Ismailia) & Indian FPO '31' (Kantara), some edge faults as to be expected."

Cachets: "UNABLE TO TRACE / BASE A.P.O.T. / E.E.F." (Firebrace EEC6), "Army R:L:O, E.E.F. / Undelivered for reason stated / Return to sender" (Firebrace EEC3), "PRESENT LOCATION UNCERTAIN" (Firebrace OCC11), "UNDELIVERED FOR REASON STATED / RETURN TO SENDER" (not in Firebrace).

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<sup>20</sup> Serjeant Sidney George R. Maddocks (1881–1936), Army Service Corps. "MIAS Co.": Missing In Action Company.

### The Siege of Kut<sup>21</sup>

The *Siege of Kut Al Amara* (7.12.1915–29.04.1916) is also known as the *First Battle of Kut* and *Defence of Kut Al Amara*. The 8,000 strong British-Indian garrison in the town of Kut, 100 miles south of Baghdad, was besieged by the Ottoman Army. Following the surrender of the garrison, surviving troops were marched into imprisonment in Aleppo, Syria.

The 6th (Poona) Division of the Indian Army, under Major-General Charles Townshend, had fallen back to the town of Kut after retreating from Ctesiphon. The British forces had already suffered large losses and were down to a strength of around 11,000 soldiers when General Townshend chose to stay and hold the position at Kut instead marching to Basra.

The pursuing Ottoman forces, commanded by General Freiherr Colmar von der Goltz (Goltz Pasha), arrived on 7.12.1915. The Ottoman forces of around 11,000 soldiers were steadily reinforced. After a month of siege, Townshend wanted to break out and withdraw southwards but his commander, General Sir John Nixon saw value in tying down the Ottoman forces in a siege.

The British hastily raised a rescue force: The first relief expedition comprised some 19,000 men under Lieutenant-General Aylmer and headed up the Tigris from Ali Gharbi in January 1916. In The Battle of Wadi the Ottomans retreated some 16 km from Sheikh Sa'ad. On 13.01.1916 Aylmer attacked the Ottoman Wadi position on the left bank, after some stiff resistance the Ottomans retreated 8 km to the west and were followed by Aylmer's troops. In the Battle of Hanna on 21.01.1916 the British were again defeated, losing some 2,700 men.

The Ottoman commander in Mesopotamia, Khalil Pasha brought a further 20,000 to 30,000 reinforcements with him. Aylmer's troops were also reinforced and on 8.03.1916 they attacked the Dujaila redoubt, costing some 4,000 men. Aylmer was dismissed in favour of General George Goringe. The British forces now numbering 30,000 soldiers were equal to the Ottomans. Starting an attack ("First Battle of Kut") on 5.04.1916 the British, suffering heavy losses, soon captured Fallahiyeh and Beit Asia, but failed to take Sannaiyat on 22.04.1916.

Despite desperate measures like an air supply operation by No. 30 Squadron of the Royal Flying Corps, all relief efforts failed. Allied casualties stood at 30,000 against the Ottoman's 10,000 losses. British leaders attempted to buy their troops out: offering £2 million and the promise not to fight the Ottomans again. Enver Pasha ordered that this offer be rejected. The British also asked for help from the Russians. General Baratov, with his largely Cossack force of 20,000 was in Persia at the time: he advanced towards Baghdad in April 1916 but turned back when news of the surrender reached him.

General Townshend arranged a ceasefire on the 26.04.1916 and after failed negotiations surrendered on 29.04.1916 with his 13,000 surviving soldiers.

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## A 1948 Nahariya Emergency Mail Cover

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On 17<sup>th</sup> March 1948 the land connection between Haifa and the Jewish settlements in Western Galilee was cut off by Arab troops (see map) and consequently postal communications ceased. On 22<sup>nd</sup> March a sea connection was established with Haifa via the shipping agency Ogden. As a result, some mail would be delayed in and out of Nahariya. The regular land route to Haifa reopened on 19<sup>th</sup> May 1948, after Jewish troops (“Haganah”) captured the Arab town of Acre (Akko).

A special cancellation was used locally, inscribed “The Cut Off Galilee Nahariya” in Hebrew, of which two types exist.

The first (provisional) **Type A** is regarded as a key item of 1948 Israel Transition Period postal history. It was made by stencil and used for one day only: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1948.

Type A, of which only four genuine examples are known, had an original postmark date of “21 3 48” embedded into the design, which had to be manually altered to “22 3 48” due to a further delay in shipment of mail held over since 17<sup>th</sup> March. Mail with type A was sent on the first shipment at 11 am.

**Type B**, of which only ten genuine examples are known, was made by a new stencil and has subtle differences in the Hebrew lettering, and the number “22” is in full type. Mail with this cancel was sent on the 11 am and 10 pm shipments.

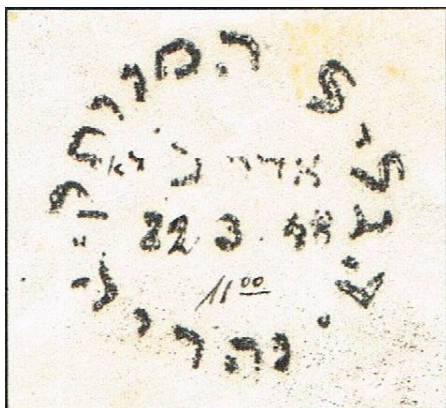
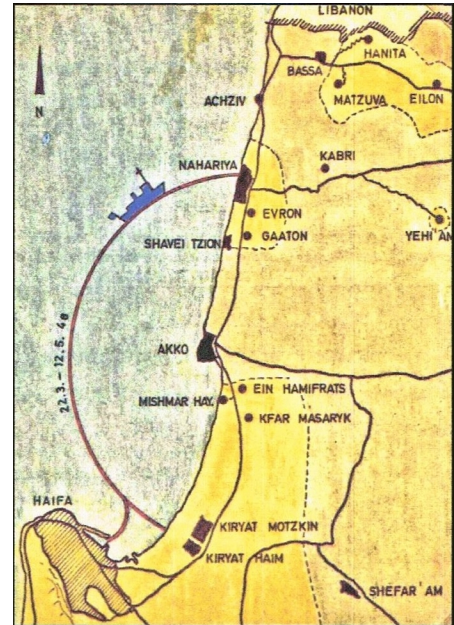


Fig. 1: Type A (only four examples known).<sup>2</sup>

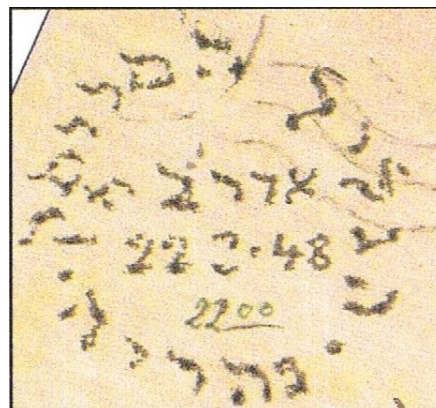


Fig. 2: Type B (only ten examples known).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Excerpt from the author's 2014 book (see literature below) and his award-winning exhibit. The cover featured and other interesting material is available for private sale from the author.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Shimony et al., 2009, p. 26.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Shimony et al., 2009, p. 26.



Fig. 3: Two strikes of the type A cancel, Nahariya, 22.03.1948, 11:00 am.

Route: Nahariya 22.03.1948 – Haifa 23.03.1948 – Pardess-Hanna.

Mail had been accumulating from 17.03.1948 and was originally meant to leave Nahariya on 21.03.1948.

However the shipment was further delayed. Some covers had already been prepared for the 21.03.1948 shipment, so had to be manually amended to "22" by hand.

Rate: postage fee of 20m: 10m boat fee (use of provisional cancellation); 10m Mandate stamps, to be posted in Haifa (inland letter up to 30 grammes).

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## Two Nablus Postmarks Discovered after 60 Years

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In the areas on the West Bank controlled by the Arab side during the Arab-Israeli war of 1948, postal service after the end of the British Mandate resumed towards the end of the year in ten towns. As cancellers served, at least initially, the abandoned monolingual postmark types from the British Mandate period (*fig. 1*). From the beginning of 1949 these were gradually replaced by Jordanian bilingual single-circle cancellers (*fig. 2*).

From the end of 1949 all existing post offices used a new postmark type: 29mm in diameter with a shield-like middle section (*fig. 3*). This cancellation type was used only in the West Bank, not in Transjordan. That also applies to the introduction of a larger canceller (34 mm), again with the shield-like central section and now with index letters **A**, **B**, and **C** (*fig. 4*). The topical literature knows of a distinctive Nablus postmark with index **X** (*fig. 5*). There's no explanation for this.



Fig 1: Kawar Type B.



Fig 2: Kawar Type C.



Fig 3: Kawar Type Da.

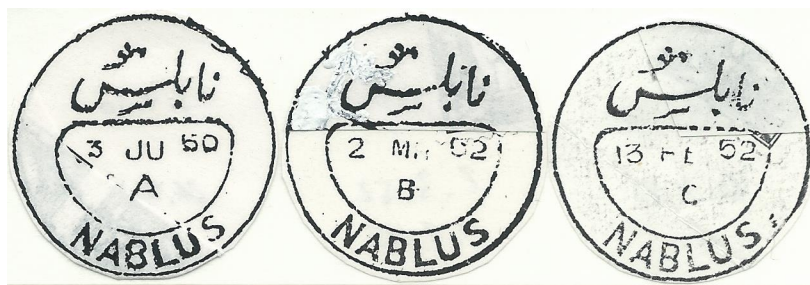


Fig. 4: Kawar Type Db with 'regular' index letters A, B, and C.



Fig. 5: Index X



Fig. 6: Indexes AM and PM.

<sup>1</sup> Translated by Tobias Zywiets. The German article was originally published in *Türkei-Spiegel* 116.

### Nablus AM and PM

In a Paris auction house I was able to purchase a lot with Jordanian covers: this contained several covers with the larger Nablus postmarks, but with indexes **AM** and **PM** (fig. 6). The abbreviations<sup>2</sup> are well known to collectors of English-speaking areas and frequently occur in postmarks. However, these specific indexes had not previously been in use in Jordan at all.

Najjar<sup>3</sup> shows a cover with such a **PM** postmark, but that apparently remained undiscovered by him. Whether these were postmarks for testing purpose in the Occupied Territories that were created only for Nablus but not for other post offices in the West Bank, is unknown. The literature hasn't reported on this yet.

Based on my seven documents, the following periods of use can be detected:

Index	Earliest date of use	Latest date of use
AM	28.01.1956	15.10.1957
PM	15.03.1956	14.02.1957
X	19.07.1954	

In the figures shown I present images of the covers and postmarks described.

The author would be grateful for readers to contact him with further examples of these postmarks and covers, as well as for background knowledge about the circumstances.

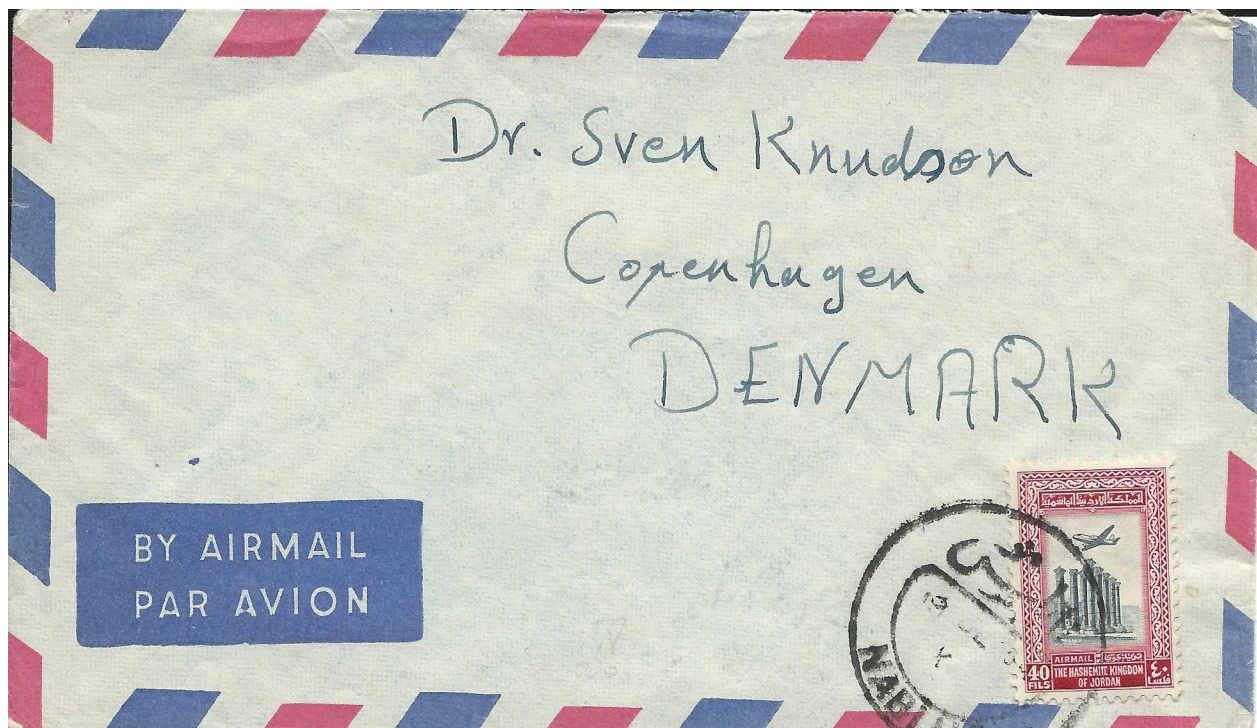
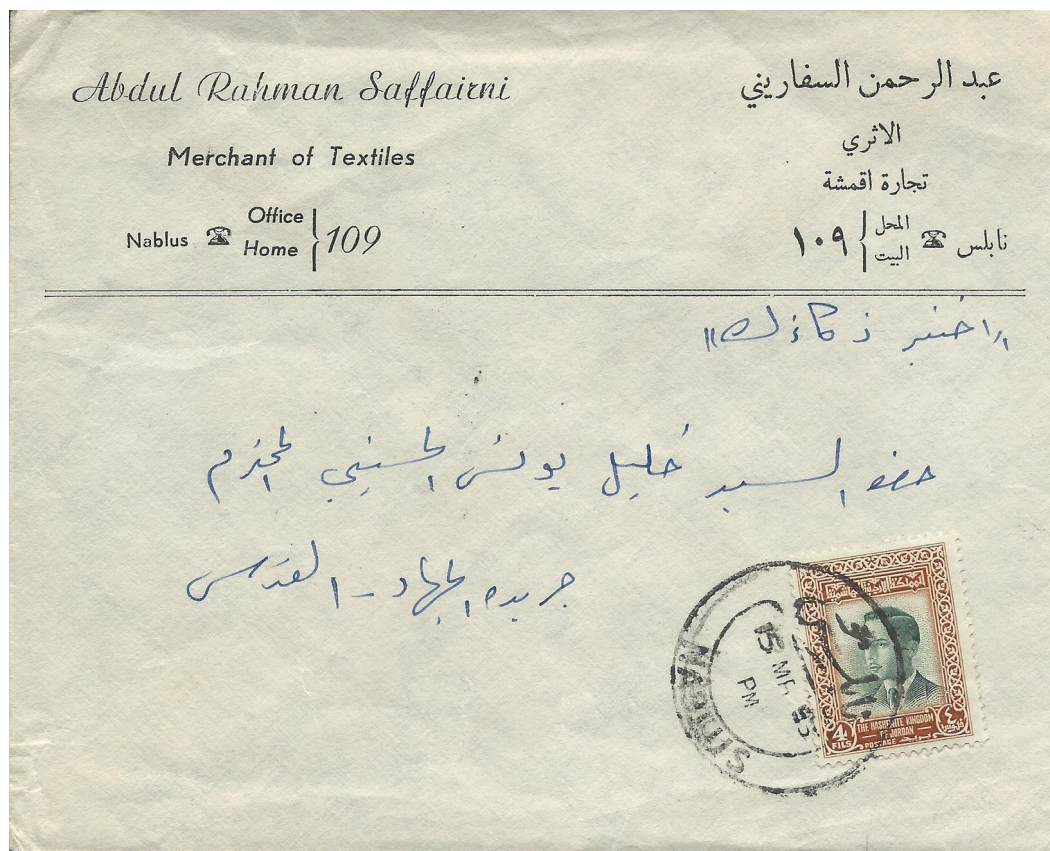


Fig. 7: Cover with postmark NABLUS / X / 19 JL 54.

<sup>2</sup> AM (ante meridiem) stands for 'in the morning,' PM (post meridiem) for 'in the afternoon.'

<sup>3</sup> Najjar, 2006, p. 148 (bottom left).





Figs. 8 and 9: Covers with the Nablus AM and PM postmarks: 15 OC 57 and 15 MR 56.

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## Jordan's Nablus Postmarks: More Discoveries

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*Whilst translating Bernd-Dieter Buscke's article for this issue,<sup>1</sup> I consulted several Jordan specialists on the subject. The additional information gathered during this process lays the basis for this article. I thank Avo Kaplanian and Kamal Kawar for their cooperation.*

When Bernd-Dieter Buscke writes<sup>2</sup> that “Najjar shows a cover with such a PM postmark,<sup>3</sup> but that apparently remained undiscovered by him.” and “The literature hasn't reported on this yet.” he is certainly right.

The standard literature on Jordan and its rule of the West Bank does not list the Nablus postmarks with **AM** and **PM** indexes: *Najjar*<sup>4</sup> lists only NABLUS A, B, C, and NABLUS X under the big 1951 (type Db) postmarks. *Kawar* lists only A, B, and C in his 2005 list.<sup>5</sup> *Wallach* never published his study for the north of the West Bank; only a photocopied six-page basic list with opening and closing dates has been circulated. The typification in his 1983 book covering the south of the West Bank<sup>6</sup> only lists A, B, and C as possible indexes.

1 See “Two Nablus Postmarks Discovered after 60 Years” in this issue, pp. 17–20.

2 See p. 16 of this issue.

3 The Postal History of Jordan 1400–1959, p. 148, bottom left.

4 Najjar, 2006, p. 205.

5 Kawar, 2005, p. 3. He will update his list now to show Nablus as: B, C, Da, Db (A, B, C, AM, PM, X), Fb.

6 Wallach, 1983, p. 11. The typification shows also postmarks from the north of the West Bank as examples.



However, within collector's circles, postmarks with these indexes have been known for a long time. I contacted several philatelists who I knew as Jordan specialists, and two very quickly came up with information and images of covers and pieces with strikes of these postmarks.<sup>7</sup>

The eminent Palestine and Jordan collector *Avo Kaplanian* went through his collection and found different covers with the three indices **X**, **AM** and **PM**. The quality of the strikes he found varies considerably. The scans he sent me contained three examples of the **AM** index: 16.03.1956, 20.06.1956, and 21.02.1957 (figs. 4, 5 and 7) and two examples of the **PM** index: 1.07.1956 and 24.03.1957 (figs. 2–3). The strike with index **X** is dated 4.12.1954 (fig. 1).

*Kamal Kavar*, son of the pioneer Palestine and Jordan trader and collector *Akram E. Kavar*, himself a trader in Jordan postal history, provided scans of several covers: **PM** for 1.01.1957 and 17.02.1957 and **AM** for 29.09.1956 and 31.12.1956 (two of his covers are shown in figs. 6 and 8). He told me:

*“AM PM CDS used only for 2 years 56/57, the earliest I know of is JAN 1 and the latest is DEC 31. The covers I have seen with this type are not quite clear, i.e. either M is missing or faint, and the 6 or 7 is missing or faint in the year.”*

As a result I can extend two of the ranges of use stated by Buscke with the new information now gathered:

Index	Earliest date of use	Latest date of use
AM	28.01.1956	15.10.1957
PM	15.03.1956	24.03.1957
X	19.07.1954	4.12.1954

### Nablus X with Transposed Date

*Avo Kaplanian* also provided me with a cover (see fig. 9) showing a rather curious postmark variety of Nablus: this type Db canceller had the movable parts for the month and the year transposed, making the date on the postmark read: “18 55 SP” instead of “18 SP 55.”



Fig. 1: NABLUS / X / 4 DE 54.  
Image courtesy of Avo Kaplanian.



Fig. 2: NABLUS / PM / 1 JY 56.  
Image courtesy of Avo Kaplanian.

<sup>7</sup> Dr. Wallach sadly didn't respond to my enquiry in May 2016.





Fig. 3: NABLUS / PM / 24 MR 57. Image courtesy of Avo Kaplanian.

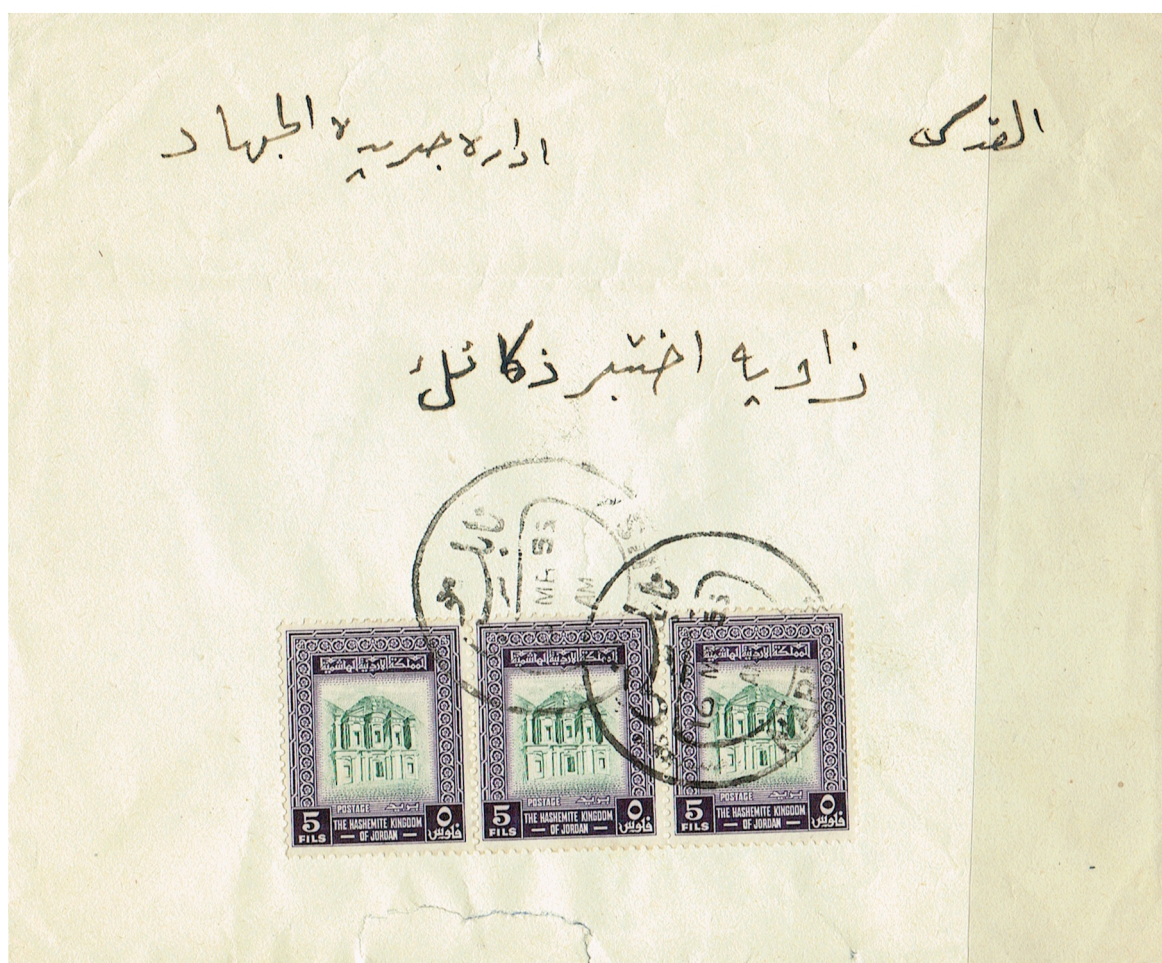


Fig. 4: NABLUS / AM / 16 MR 56. Image courtesy of Avo Kaplanian.





Fig. 5: NABLUS / AM / 20 JU 56. Image courtesy of Avo Kaplanian.



Fig. 6: NABLUS / AM / 29 SE 56. Image courtesy of Kamal Kavar.



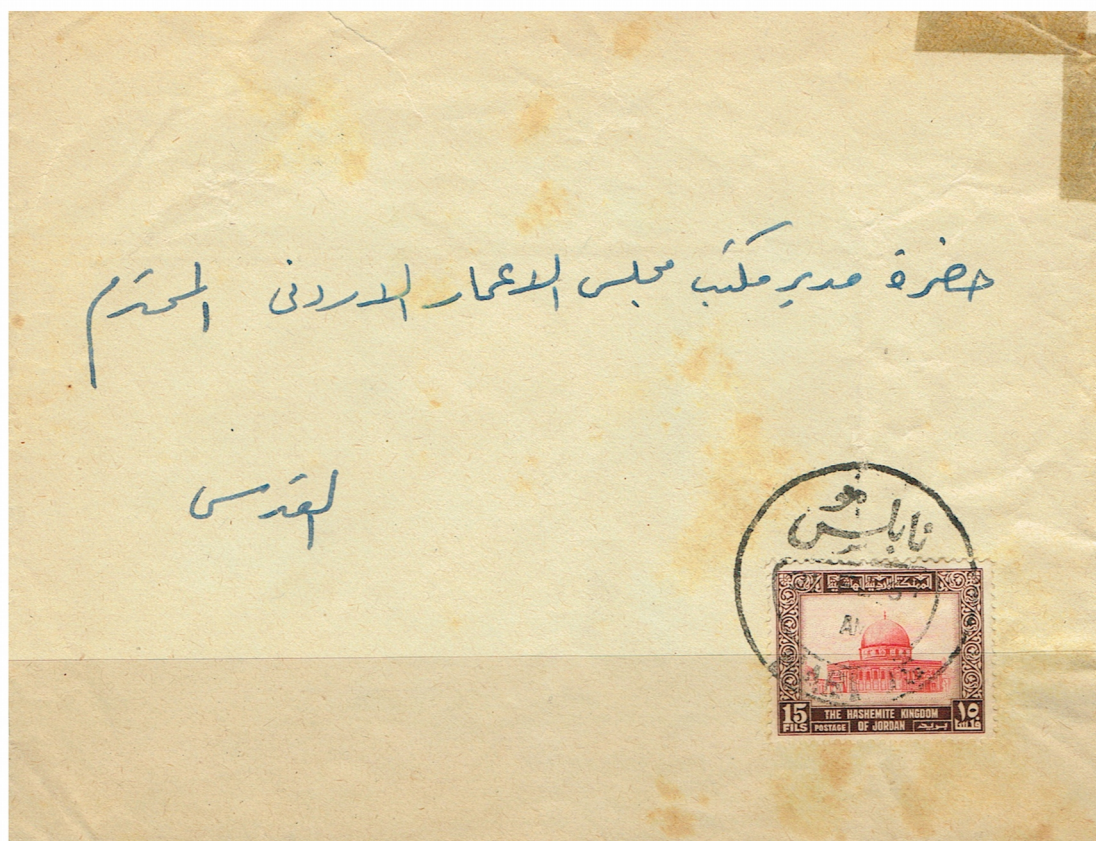


Fig. 7: NABLUS / AM / 21 FE 57. Image courtesy of Avo Kaplanian.



Fig. 8: NABLUS / PM / 17 FE 57. Image courtesy of Kamal Kavar.





Fig. 9: NABLUS / A / 18 55 SP. Image courtesy of Avo Kaplanian.

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## The 1999 Christmas Block of the Palestinian National Authority: Addendum

by Tobias Zywietz

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Following my article in MEPB 2<sup>1</sup> a few new facts have come to light. I originally wrote:

*To make any statistically valid statement is difficult given the small number of instances recorded (54), but based on the distribution I suspect that there are not 40,000 but only 30,000 sheetlets:*

- not a single copy in-between 19000 and 28000
- numerous copies in-between 29000 and 38000

*It seems to me that the counter has simply been raised by 10,000 when it reached 19000.*

**Adam Caplan** reports a mint copy with number 12478, and one on FDC with number 05479. **Ralf Kollmann** has a block in mint condition with number 05017. **Jan R. Blok** has amongst his stock two mint copies with numbers 19853 and 23343 (see figures below), and can also report a new highest number as 37937. **Klaus-Dieter Bulke** reports 01504 mint, and 10920 with bulk first-day cancellation (but not on an actual FDC).



In light of above new information, my hypothesis cannot be sustained. So I think it's now likely that there were indeed 40,000 blocks, i.e. 160,000 stamps. I also made the following estimate:

*It's even more difficult to assess the numbers for the other two states of condition:*

- sheetlets on FDC: 2,500
- cancelled sheetlets 1,000

With a block on FDC appearing above 5000, that clean line between batches used for FDC is no longer that obvious; but I think the estimates made still can be regarded as fairly accurate.

A big thanks to Ralf, Adam, Klaus-Dieter, and Jan! I hope further readers will come forward with new information. Please have a look at your collections and report to me every number you can find, no matter whether it fits in the scheme or not.

<sup>1</sup> Zywietz, Tobias: *The 1999 Christmas Block of the Palestinian National Authority*. In: The Middle East Philatelic Bulletin, no. 2, 2016, pp. 29–34.



## Egyptian Linear Barcode Registration Labels

by Mike Murphy

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Both as Secretary of the *Egypt Study Circle* and personally I receive a fair number of pieces of mail from Egypt: they form a constant source of fascination. As the country's postal services move more and more towards mechanisation, I have noticed an intriguing development in the last few years: to allow tracking of registered material, *Egypt Post* has phased out the old familiar red-on-white or black-on-white registration labels, and started using instead black on white sticky labels supplied with a barcode for computer reading, as well as notifying the despatching office's postcode.

Having added more and more labels over the last few years, 84 different examples are now recorded, from all over Egypt. Since my previous studies<sup>1</sup> have attracted little enthusiasm I now summarise the findings and illustrate the types recorded in the hope that at some stage another philatelist might find time to follow up the research.



Fig. 1: Cover from Cairo Main 11511 franked with stamps from the 1991 booklet.  
Note that XEG at the end of the barcode is amended to OEG

<sup>1</sup> This article is based on a study published in the *Egypt Study Circle*'s journal *Quarterly Circular*, no. 249 (2014) and incorporates information and images from Mike's two previous articles on the subject published in *Quarterly Circulars* nos. 228 (2009) and 230 (2009).

The earliest recorded label I have is 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2007, but not too much should be read into that date: it is merely the earliest that happens to have come to my attention. I have no official evidence of when these labels were selected to take the place of the red and white printed versions. It does, however, seem that in presenting a great leap forward by allowing tracking for numbering all registered items, it is here to stay. My latest recorded date is only last month.<sup>2</sup>

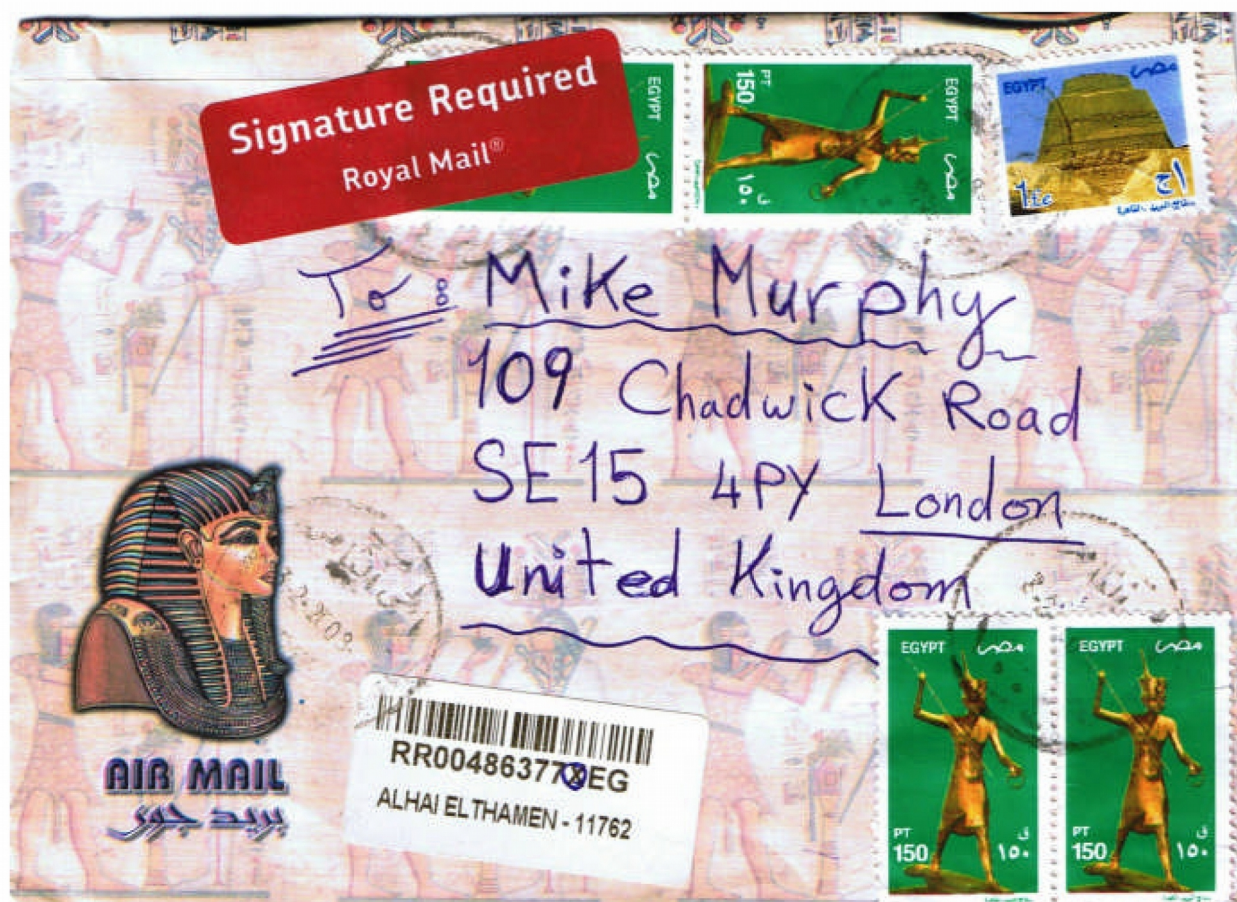


Fig. 2: Cover from Al Hai al Thamen, a district of Medinet Nasr.  
Barcode label type B with name before barcode.

What is perhaps even more significant is that the spelling of the office names varies widely between English and Arabic, with the Cairo district of Mohandessin rendered variously as *ElMohandsien*, *El Mohandssen*, *El Mohandeseen*, *AlMohandsen* and *Al Mohandisin* and Heliopolis as *Heliopoles*, *Helioplis*, *Heleopolis* and *Hilupolis*.

For chief offices the word *raisy* is often used to signify “main”, but here again there is little consistency, with the word spelled *Raesy*, *Raesie*, *Raesy*, *Raesy* and *Raeisi*.

So it appears that perhaps designations are not centrally controlled but locally applied. Sometimes the same lettering is used, but with a different typeface. Many other questions remain to be answered.

<sup>2</sup> Written in Spring 2014.



### Type A: Mute



Fig. 3: Mute.  
Rounded rectangles, 50×25mm,  
tall barcode, bold lettering.

Variation among the types can be followed through time. Originally (early 2007 to mid-2008) labels were provided merely with a barcode and its “translation” into a nine-figure code prefixed with RR and culminating in EG for Egypt.

All are 50×25mm, with rounded corners. There may have been occasional problems with the final figure printing as an “X” – the vast majority have been altered by hand to a “0”.

### Type B: Name before Postcode



Figs. 4 and 5: Name before postcode.  
Rounded rectangles 50×25mm,  
letters invariably in capitals.

Sometime in 2007, however, came a change, probably to make tracking more straightforward, with the introduction of post office names and postcodes. The dates appear to range from 2007 to March 2009.

The size and shape, the barcode and its translation all remained the same, but beneath those lines of printing was added a single line with office name invariably in capital letters followed by a dash and the postcode. The style of lettering varies in size and weight, and the placing of the three lines of printing on the label itself also varies significantly.

### Type C: Name without Postcode



Fig. 6: Name without Postcode.  
One only, 50×25mm, with rounded  
corners, narrow barcode, but no  
mention within the label of the  
office Postcode.

Type C is represented by two examples of a single label from March and April 2008, a variant on the previous type with no postcode. It could simply be that the lettering of *El Horya Helupolis* (i.e. Horreya Street, Heliopolis) was too long to accommodate a postcode – but in other areas the typeface had been changed to make space.

### Type D: Postcode before Name



Figs. 7 and 8: Postcode before Name  
Normal 50×25mm, but uniformly square  
corners. Barcode central, Postcode and  
office name uniformly set to left.

Type D represents the label still in use. The size has remained the same, but the corners are now cut square, and the postcode is now placed before the office name, which is (almost) invariably in capitals and lower case, with a fair sprinkling of figures representing Arabic letters that have no English equivalents.

Introduction of this type appears to have been in mid-2008. There is much greater uniformity in the printing, with the barcode and translation centrally placed, and the postcode and the office name set full left on the label.

Typefaces are also uniform – but there are just three offices noted that maintain capital letters for the office name, *Ataba Branch*, *Cairo Main* and *Zamalek Club*. Why?



Figs. 9 and 10: Variation seen only in a few offices using capital letters (three only recorded so far).

### Type E: Parcels

Parcels  
Large label, 90×15mm,  
square corners,  
code RS not RR.

The last remaining Type E, is represented by two labels that have come to hand from parcels offices, using the code RS instead of the usual RR. One (*Azbakia*, Cairo) actually came on a parcel label, the other on a large envelope without any of the characteristics of a parcel beyond that it was posted via a machine canceller of *Cairo Parcels*. They are of two completely different types, but interestingly share a label size that is different from those of the postal labels.



Figs. 11 and 12: Cairo Parcels is mute; El Azbakia has barcode and Office name in one line, and Postcode alone at top right



Taking for granted, as we must, that each label is produced on the spot to fit a particular registered item, it certainly appears from the foregoing that all the RR (and RS) numbers attached to the barcodes form a successive trail, virtually confirming that all emanate from the same computer base, wherever in the country they are applied.

Naturally, most of our examples are from the major cities, but we also have barcodes from as far afield as *Hurghada* (postcode 84511), *Tenth of Ramadan City* (44629) and *Damietta* (34734), indicating that the spread covers the whole country.



Figs. 13 to 16: Some spelling oddities.

But whereas the barcodes are uniform, the placement of the lines of text on the label, and the infinite varieties in the spelling of office names – and the variety of spellings for a single office – would suggest strongly that this element of the label is a local production, not ruled from afar by the computer but by the individual operator who happens to be sitting at the machine on the day.

The occurrence of capital letters in a very few of the most up to date labels may be a result of this individuality, or may be a new diktat from on high. Further research may give an answer.

The remaining puzzle is the attitude of the British Post Office to these labels (see column ROA in the tabulations and *fig. 19* below). Many are cancelled by hand on arrival. In many cases the Post Office hand-stamp requiring a signature on delivery is also cancelled by hand. The few examples I have from overseas rarely bear any local indication that the items in question are registered. Again, why?

Might this be because it is considered that the amount paid in Egypt for registration is so comparatively small that the item does not qualify for registration? Or is the local postman not conscientious enough to seek a signature on arrival, so simply cancels the requirement? I think not the latter: many of the letters I receive from Egypt are delivered when I am at work. And all bear a neat annotation: “Signed for on your behalf” from my local postie. Thank you, John!

There is clearly much to consider here, and the list that follows is no more than a first toe in the water. I should be grateful if all members would be kind enough to send me (or better still, if a volunteer would come forward to take up this study!) scans or photocopies of similar covers so that we can make more sense out of what is so far only a serendipity classification.



Fig. 17: 11511 postcode again, on new-style Alataba Farey, from the Philatelic Bureau.  
Not treated as registered by Royal Mail.



Fig. 18: 21514 Hadayaq EL Shlalat to Denmark 12.02.2014.



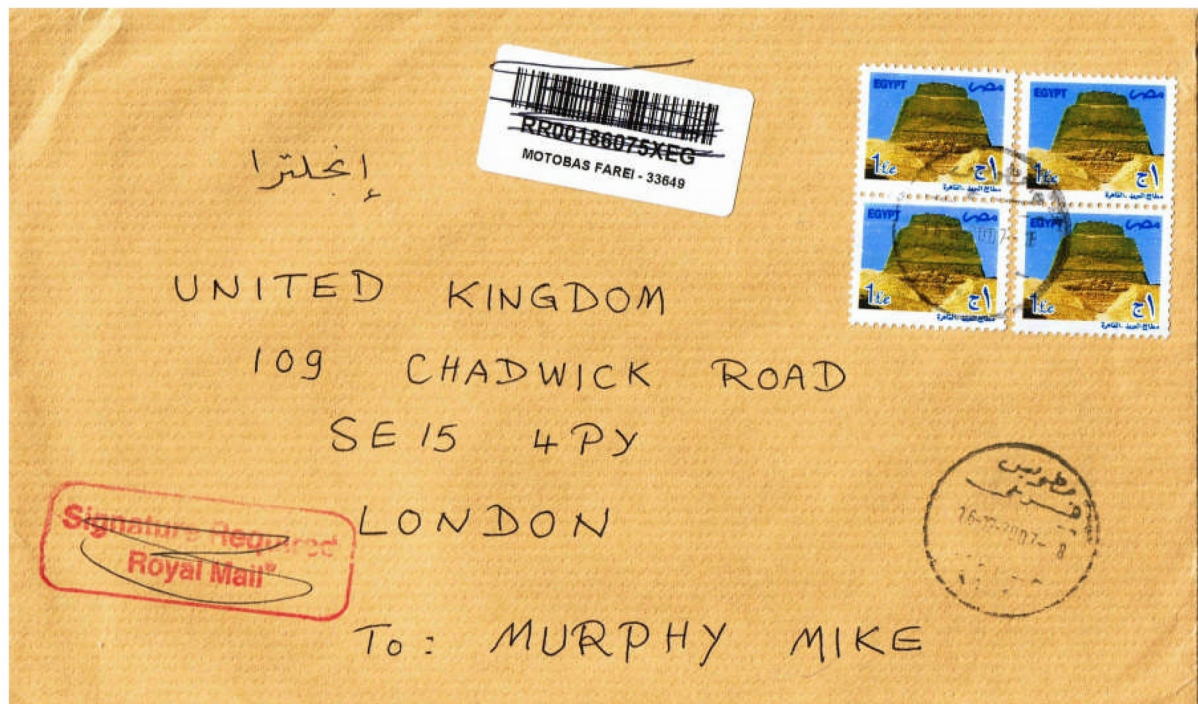


Fig. 19: Cover from Mitubis Branch. Royal Mail registration details obliterated by hand.



Fig. 20: 11511 AL KAHRA EL RAESE signed for on arrival in UK

## List of Egyptian Linear Registration Barcodes

Town/label/postcode	Date range	Barcode range <sup>3</sup>	NAH <sup>4</sup>	ROA <sup>5</sup>
<b>A. Mute</b>				
From Heliopolis West	23.1.07–6.8.07	RR007300027EG – RR007801236EG		2/2
From Cairo	26.12.07	RR003400427EG – RR007801236EG		2/2
From Manchiyet Bakri	9.3.08–26.7.08	RR009000576EG – RR009000739EG		2/2
From Heliopolis	23.1.07–4.3.08	RR007300027EG – RR10800406XEG*	1/3	3/3
<b>B. Name before Postcode</b>				
<b>Alexandria Main</b>				
ALX. – EL RAESYE – 21519	2007	RR000034070EG		0/1
<b>Alexandria Traffic Centre</b>				
ALIX TRAFIC CENTER – 21511	04.09–20.6.10	RR00484888XEG – RRR0048590XEG*	1/2	1/2
<b>Cairo Main</b>				
CAIRO MAIN – 11511	22.6.07?–2008	RR00557316XEG* – RR00559374XEG	1/2	1/2
ELCAHERA ELRAESIE – 11511	30.12.07–16.1.08	RR00340531XEG – RR00341122XEG		0/2
EL KAHERA EL RAESY – 1530	6.2.08–10.3.08	RR00466456XEG – RR00467592XEG		0/2
<b>Damietta</b>				
DEMYAT – 34511	2008	RR000061905EG		1/1
<b>Ezbet el Lahm (Damietta)</b>				
EZBET ELLAHM – 34734	9.3.08	RR00227299XEG*	1/1	1/1
AZBET ELLAHM – 34734	26.7.08	RR00395695XEG*	1/1	1/1
<b>Giza Main</b>				
ELGIZA AOWAL – 12511	2007	RR000040779EG		1/1
FIRST GIZA – 12511	2008	RR00635453XEG*	1/1	0/1
<b>Heliopolis</b>				
HELEOPOLES – 11777	23.6.08–11.9.08	RR00498940XEG* – RR00500646XEG*	6/6	1/6
<b>Heliopolis Main</b>				
HELIOPLIS ELRAEESY – 11757	24.5.07–11.9.07	RR000059622EG – RR000061131EG	0/6	3/6
HELIOPOLIS ELRAEISI – 11757	17.11.07–9.4.08	RR00214729XEG – RR00219325XEG*	6/10	9/10
<b>Heliopolis West</b>				
HELEOPOLIS GARP – 11771	9.2.08	RR00295066XEG*	1/1	1/1
HILUPOLIS GHARB – 11771	30.7.08	RR00604466XEG	0/1	0/1
<b>Mazloun (Alexandria)</b>				
MAZLOWM – 21619	2007–2008	RR00533704XEG – RR00533884XEG		2/2
<b>Nasr City (Cairo)</b>				
MASAKEN MADENT NASR – 11759	9.5.07	RR000053789EG		0/1
ELHAY ELTHAMEN – 11762	6.10.07–27.12.07	RR000016569EG – RR00370724XEG	0/2	0/2
ALHAI ALTHAMEN – 11762	23.2.08–23.6.08	RR00486377XEG* – RR00487963XEG*	2/2	1/2
ALHAI EL THAMN – 11762	01.2009	RR00622435XEG*	1/1	1/1
<b>Mitubis</b>				
MTOUBS – 33625	2.1.08–30.3.08	RR00183761XEG* – RR00183828XEG*	3/3	3/3
<b>Mitubis Branch</b>				
MOTOBAS FAREI – 33649	16.12.07–5.3.08	RR00186075XEG* – RR00186105XEG*	3/3	2/3
SUB MTUBAS – 33649	2.4.09	RR00583594XEG*	1/1	0/1
<b>Mohandessin (Cairo)</b>				
ELMOHANDSIEN – 12655 1	6.1.07–15.12.07	RR00354628XEG – RR00354910XEG	0/2	1/2
EL MOHANDSSEN – 12655	31.5.07–31.5.07	RR000056149EG – RR000056150EG		2/2
EL MOHANDESEEN – 12655	5.9.07–29.10.07	RR00143871XEG – RR00144433XEG	0/3	0/3
ALMOHANDSEN – 12655	6.3.07–25.3.08	RR00457890XEG* – RR00458195XEG*	2/2	2/2
AL MOHANDISIN – 12655	21.8.08	RR00601255XEG*	1/1	1/1

<sup>3</sup> \* indicates "X" amended.

<sup>4</sup> NAH = number altered by hand.

<sup>5</sup> ROA = registered on arrival.



**October Panorama (Nasr City)**

BANORAMA OCTOBER – 11811	15.12.07	RR000012288EG		
<b>Ramleh Station</b>				
MAHATIT AL RAML – 21563	27.7.11	RR00626097XEG*	1/1	1/1
<b>San Stefano (Alexandria)</b>				
SANSTEFANO – ALX – 21532	15.12.08	RR004198959XEG		1/1
<b>Sidi Gaber</b>				
SIDY GABER – 21523	23.6.07–27.10.07	RR000009183EG – RR000009409EG		2/3
SEDE GABER – 21523	30.11.08–12.3.09	RR00319699XEG* – RR00320110XEG*	3/3	3/3
<b>Shubra (Cairo)</b>				
DWARAN SHOUPRA – 11689	28.7.2008	RR00550534XEG*	1/1	1/1
<b>Tenth of Ramadan City</b>				
ELASHER MEN RAMADAN				
AWAL – 44629	21.6.08–13.8.08	RR00223928XEG* – RR00223981XEG*	2/2	1/2
<b>Zamalek Club (Cairo)</b>				
ELZAMALIK CLUP – 12649	12.2008–2.2009	RR00474211XEG – RR00474228XEG*	1/2	1/2

**C. Name without Postcode**

<b>Heliopolis Horreya Street</b>				
ELHORYA HELUPOLIS	Mar–Apr 2008	RR00438434XEG		

**D. Postcode before Name**

<b>Al Ataba Branch (Cairo)</b>				
11511 ALATABA FAREY 2008		RR001951999EG		0/1
<b>Bab el Luq (Cairo)</b>				
11513 Bab el Louq	10.2011	RR011898575EG		0/1
<b>Cairo Main</b>				
11511 El Qahera El Raisi	15.4.09	RR004784224EG		1/1
11511 AL KAHRA ELRAESY	14.2.12	RR012630936EG		1/1
11511 AL KAHRA EL RAESE	13.5.12	RR014858350EG		1/1
11511 ELQAHRA ELRAAESY	12.11.12	RR016447365EG		0/1
<b>Damanhur Main</b>				
22511 Damnhor El Ra2isi	10.5.09	RR001256912EG		0/1
22511 Damnhor El Raisi	16.9.09	RR005123810EG		0/1
<b>Ezbet el Lahm (Damietta)</b>				
34734 3zba El La7m	02.2009	RR001813273EG		1/1
<b>Gezira – Zamalek</b>				
11568 El Gazira /Zamalek	9.2.14–3.4.14	RR019245376EG – RR019246500EG		2/2
<b>Haraka al Rais (Alex)</b>				
21511 Markaz El 7araka El Ra2is	05.2011–20.5.11	RR000646771EG – RR000647616EG		
<b>Heliopolis Main</b>				
11757 Heliopolis	12.2008–23.12.13	RR001848646EG – RR020288538EG		27/35
<b>Heliopolis West</b>				
11771 Heliopolis Gharb	8.2.09–20.10.13	RR003004775EG – RR019276617EG		2/7
<b>Hurghada</b>				
84511 Herghada	29.11.08–16.12.10	RR002332283EG – RR009965095EG		2/4
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11931 Maadi Saqr Cornish	4.9.10	RR002207141EG		0/1
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<b>Manshia (Alexandria)</b>				
21528 El Manshia	18.6.08–15.3.14	RR000668280EG – RR019026129EG		7/9
21519 Alex BL Manshia	28.4.10–13.6.11	RR007013879EG – RR011633627EG		1/2
<b>Manshiet el Bakry (Cairo)</b>				
11774 Manshia el Bakry	26.3.09	RR004740515EG		0/1
<b>Manteqa el Senaya St (Cairo)</b>				
12677 El Manteqa El Senaia /Ab	date?	RR010073736EG – RR011641274EG		0/2

<b>Mazloun (Alexandria)</b>			
21619 Mazlom	late 2008	RR003623450EG	0/1
<b>Mitubis</b>			
33625 Mtobs	14.10.09–27.6.10	RR05806986EG – RR008181236EG	2/2
<b>Mitubis Branch</b>			
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<b>Omrانيا (Giza)</b>			
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<b>Shibin el Kom</b>			
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32511 Shebin El Raisi	30.10.12–31.12.13	RR012766752EG – RR015611613EG	1/5
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<b>Sixth of October</b>			
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<b>E. Parcels</b>			
Cairo Parcels	18.5.08	RS00001964XEG	0/1
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Fig. 21: Panel of recorded labels, with one of the "mute" types (centre, bottom row), and Banorama October, used 15.12.07 to France (no further details known).

## Request for Ottoman “Empire” Varieties

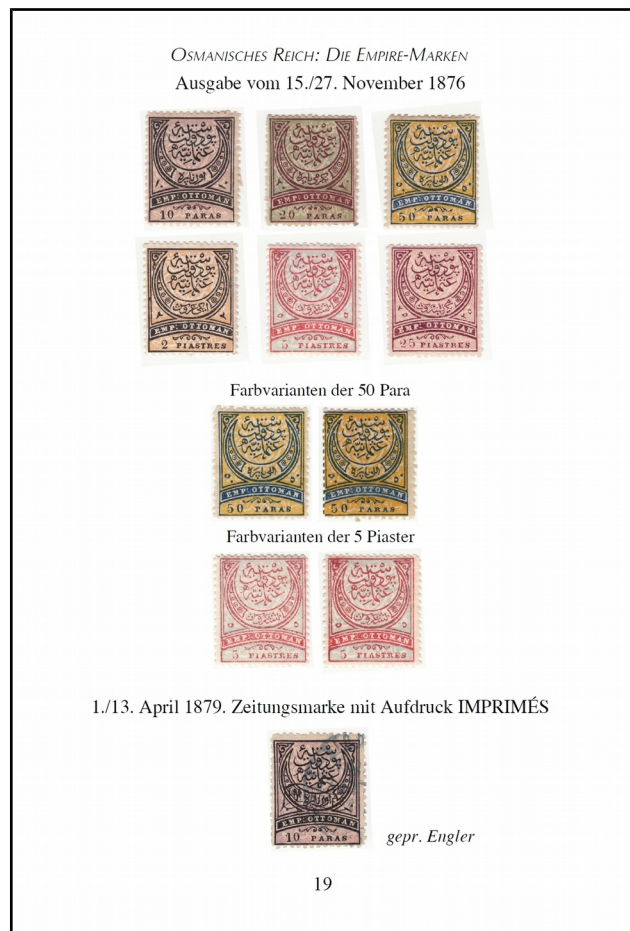
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In preparation for my next booklet on Ottoman stamps,<sup>1</sup> I’m looking for clear scans of sheets or parts of sheets of the “Empire” issue. One passage in Passer<sup>2</sup> I’m especially looking to clear up is:

*A die of the 5 piasters has the left frame line bent inwards. It is no. 8 in the issues of 1876, 1884/86 and 1890, and no. 4 in the issues of 1886 and 1888. Another faulty die which has a broken lower frame line, and „E“ and „S“, is no. 26 in the issues of 1876 to 1884/86 and 1890, and no. 5 in the issues of 1886 and 1888. In these two issues die no. 8 was damaged by two dents in the lower frame line.<sup>3</sup>*

Fig. 1: Draft page from the forthcoming Empire booklet.



If you can help in any way, please contact me: Dr. Andreas Birken, Kreienkoppel 3, 22399 Hamburg, Germany, [a.birken@t-online.de](mailto:a.birken@t-online.de).

- 1 Dr. Birken has recently started a series of booklets on Ottoman stamps. Three volumes have been released so far: “Die Tughra-Marken” (The Tughra Stamps), “Die Duloz-Marken” (The Duloz Stamps), and “Duloz-Plattenfehler” (Varieties of the Duloz Stamps). Please see his advert elsewhere in this issue. (*editor*)
- 2 Passer, Adolf: *The Stamps of Turkey* / edited by J. H. Barron and John Simons. London: Royal Philatelic Society London, 1938. 247 pages with 76 plates.
- 3 Quoted from Passer, 1938, p. 79.



## Cilicia – An Update

*an appeal by Bob Bradford*

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In 2010 a chance remark at a display at *Bath Philatelic Society* “We know where all the covers are” prompted me to try to build a database of as many Cilicia covers as possible. From this we could determine the dates and quantities of censor marks plus the earliest dates seen of the French overprinted stamps. So far the earliest dates for the Syrian Revenue stamp overprinted is 1<sup>st</sup> February 1920 for both values.

In 1984 **Menachim Max Mayo** had published his book “Cilicia,” the first major publication of this stamp collecting area. It listed all the stamps used in Cilicia together with most of the overprint varieties. He admitted that there were gaps in his knowledge and in the information available but said, “Per chance, one day the reader would wish to update this work?”

I already had scans from **Kemal Giray**, **Pinar Ozand**, **Jack Cousins** and my own collection so I contacted fellow collectors and dealers and was sent copies that they had. I also kept a look out on Internet web sites and dealers auctions and so far have managed to obtain scans of almost 800 covers. The list includes British APOs, Indian FPOs, French *Tresor et Postes*, and incoming covers. One cover from Smyrna has the only example seen of postage due usage.

In 1991 the eagle-eyed **Otto Hornung** spotted some documents in a London auction sale, bought them and forwarded them to **Jack Cousins**. These were copies of the worksheets compiled for Colonel Bremond, of the printing figures for the Turkish stamps used in Cilicia in 1919. Jack Cousins produced a booklet in 1992 from these called the “Bremond Reports.” This detailed listing on the types and numbers of Turkish stamps overprinted was the missing link between information in the catalogues and actual dates and numbers overprinted. A report of this find was published in *Gibbons Stamp Monthly* in March 1993.

Among earlier articles to appear on the stamps of Cilicia, the first was by Lieut. **A. O. Readhead** in *Stamp Collecting* of 17<sup>th</sup> January 1920. This detailed the Turkish stamps overprinted and gave a listing of these stamps. The next article to appear was by **C. L. Harte-Lovelace** in *Gibbons Stamp Monthly* of July 1954. In addition to the Turkish stamps overprinted he included French Levant and French stamps overprinted.

A letter from **S. D. Tchilinghirian** to the Editor of *Gibbons Stamp Monthly* in September 1954 added to the information given. In his letter Tchilinghirian states: “There is no evidence that E.E.F. stamps were used in Cilicia in this early period.” The cover below (see *fig. 2*) proves him wrong.

Among others there is also a short article on the overprints on the Syrian Revenue stamps by **W. Denis Way** and a detailed listing by **Gary Paiste** of the French stamps overprinted, including quantities.

My appeal to other collectors is to send me colour scans of both sides of any Cilicia covers they have to add to the database. Please contact me at: [cilicia.update@gmail.com](mailto:cilicia.update@gmail.com).



Fig. 1 (left):

Front and reverse of a July 1921  
Postage Due cover, Smyrna to  
Adana

Taxed with 0,80c: O.M.F. Cilicie,  
2p on 20c.

Provenance: ex Jack Cousins.

Fig. 2 (below):

Cover from Mersine, Cilicia, to  
Birmingham, England.

Franked with four E.E.F. stamps: two  
vertical pairs of 1m and 4m (SG nos.  
5 and 8)

Postmark: ARMY POST OFFICE /  
SZ 50 / 7 FE 19.

According to Firebrace APO SZ50  
was located at Mersine from  
1.11.1918 to 16.04.1919.

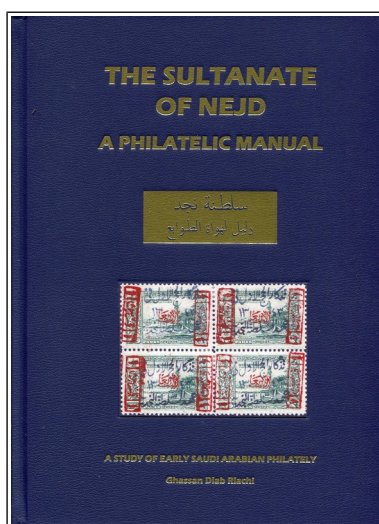




## Ghassan Riachi: The Sultanate of Nejd

*reviewed by Richard B. Rose<sup>1</sup>*

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*Ghassan Diab Riachi: The Sultanate of Nejd: A Philatelic Manual ; A Study of Early Saudi Arabian Philately.*

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Gold Medal at World Stamp Show, New York, 2016.<sup>2</sup>

The philately of Saudi Arabia is divided into four periods: Kingdom of Hejaz (1916–1925), Sultanate of Nejd (1925–1926), Kingdom of Hejaz & Nejd and its Dependencies (1926–1933), and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (1934 to present). The book under review focuses on the stamps of the Sultanate of Nejd.

The era of the Sultanate of Nejd heralded the rise of the great desert warrior, Ibn Saud, and his consolidation of the various areas of the Arabian Peninsula into what we know today as the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Nejdīs entered Mecca October 16, 1924. However, it was several months before they started issuing their own stamps. The time during which the Nejdī authorities issued stamps is referred to as the Nejd Philatelic Period. It started on March 20, 1925 and ended on March 15, 1926, but the usage of the Nejd stamps continued until the end of 1926.

The stamps of Nejd present difficulties for collectors because: the script is entirely in Arabic, which non-Arabic speakers find hard to decipher; many hand-stamps and surcharges have been forged; there is a lack of research material beyond what is in the standard stamp catalogues; and the confusing variety of hand-stamps and surcharges.

Experience tells us that people are more likely to collect the stamps of a given area if published information is available. Bearing this in mind, the author's aim is to bring together in one book the history of these Nejd stamps for the benefits of current and future collectors of this area.

The Sultanate of Nejd, A Philatelic Manual provides a complete discussion of each Nejd stamp. The discussion includes stamps found on commercial or philatelic covers, the earliest cancellation or usage dates, the quantity issued/seen and the genuine varieties known to the author. Catalogue numbers for Scott and Gibbons are given as appropriate.

Many Nejd stamps are rare, and some are unique, as they were issued in small quantities, sadly not be enough to satisfy a large body of collectors. It is important to note that some Nejd stamps exist

<sup>1</sup> Reprinted from "The Levant," the journal of the Ottoman & Near East Philatelic Society, vol. 8, no. 4, January 2016, p. 79. Cover image and contents list provided by Kemal Giray of [www.balkanphila.com](http://www.balkanphila.com) (editor).

<sup>2</sup> Cf. p. 55 of <http://www.ny2016.org/images/medallevels.pdf> (editor).

only in mint condition, not postally used or cancelled-to-order.

Stamps from this period have been extensively forged. Forgers set to work early to satisfy the demands of collectors. To help today's collector, the genuine Nejd hand-stamps are illustrated and the important characteristics identified. The collector should keep in mind that, during this period, a postal cancellation is not evidence that an item is genuine.

This manual is easy to use by the general collector, but it has also been written in as much detail as possible to satisfy the needs of the advanced specialist.

Mr. Riachi is a specialist in the stamps of Saudi Arabia. He is also a regular contributor to *Linn's Stamp News* with a column titled "Middle East Stamps."

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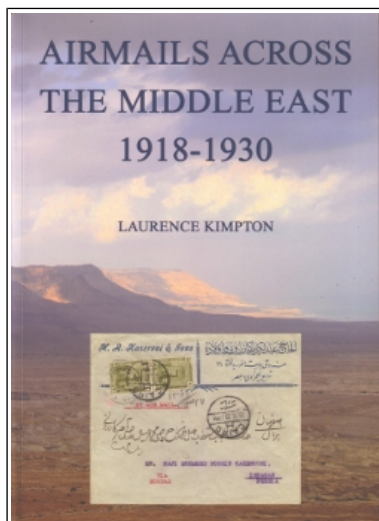
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## Laurence J. Kimpton: Airmails Across The Middle East 1918–1930

*reviewed by Tobias Zywietz*

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*Laurence J. Kimpton: Airmails Across the Middle East 1918–1930. Solihull, 2015.*

336 pages, coloured illustrations, A4.

Price: £45 plus p&p (UK: £3, Europe: £10, World: £16).

Orders: Laurence Kimpton, [l.j.kimpton@macunlimited.net](mailto:l.j.kimpton@macunlimited.net).

The Middle East has played a crucial role from the beginning of air transport as it was of the utmost strategic importance to European colonial powers. During World War I aircraft were used by military forces on both sides, mainly for reconnaissance missions, but also for transporting urgent messages as well as important personnel. At the end of the war, the Middle East was carved up by the victors from the remnants of the Ottoman Empire: Britain, France and, to a

degree, Italy. The purely military character of airmail gradually gave way to early pioneer flights transporting mail on an ad-hoc basis.

*The exploits of the pioneer aviators of the 1920s generated enormous public interest, whether they were surveying commercial routes, setting records of time and distance or embarking on personal adventures, the mail they carried was usual of a souvenir nature, publicising their achievements.* (p. vi)

During the 1920s, the colonial powers developed and expanded a web of commercial routes transporting mail on a regular basis. The Middle East became a crucial staging post to link Europe with its colonies in Africa, South and East Asia, and Australia.

Kimpton takes a largely chronological route through his topic: the first few chapters give a historical introduction to the situation during and after the war and detail the early military and civilian pioneer flights: Borton 1918 (England–Egypt, Egypt–India, India–Australia), Poulet–Benoist 1919 (France–Turkey–Mesopotamia–India–Burma), the 1919/20 England to India Air Race, and the Italian Air Force's 1920 flight from Italy to Japan.

One chapter details the various military airmail operations after the end of World War I: the R.A.F. Emergency Airmail Service "E.E.F. Aerial Post" of March/April 1919 during the Arab Revolt, the February to May 1919 Baghdad–Cairo flights, and the 1920 Bombay–Karachi service.

The plans for a regular airmail service between Baghdad and Cairo were first proposed in January 1920 by the then Civil Commissioner for Mesopotamia, Lt. Col. Andrew Wilson. His idea became



reality only by July 1921 when so-called ‘proving flights’ carried official mail only. This service was opened to the civilian public by the flight Cairo–Baghdad on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1921, with the first return flight on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1921. The surcharge was set at 12 Pence (d) per ounce, equivalent to 12 Annas (A). From 21<sup>st</sup> November 1921, this surcharge rate was reduced to 6 d / 6 A.

Two chapters deal with the alternative to airmail from Baghdad to the West: the Nairn Transport Company's *Overland Mail Baghdad–Haifa*, which afforded a surcharge of only 3 d / 3 A per ounce. This part owes a lot to the ground-breaking research of the late Norman J. Collins and also Rainer Fuchs’ more recent studies.

This is followed by chapters presenting covers, postal history items and documents of the R.A.F.’s Baghdad–Cairo airmail service: transit mail from Europe, Iraq, Egypt, Persia, and other countries of the region are covered.

18 Pioneer flights in the period 1922–1930 are detailed in the next chapter. Brief descriptions are accompanied by covers and documents. Chapters on the development of *Imperial Airways’* services to India and the Basra–Baghdad–Gaza–Cairo route as well as the Basra–Karachi service are supplemented by information on *Imperial Airways’* Airship services.

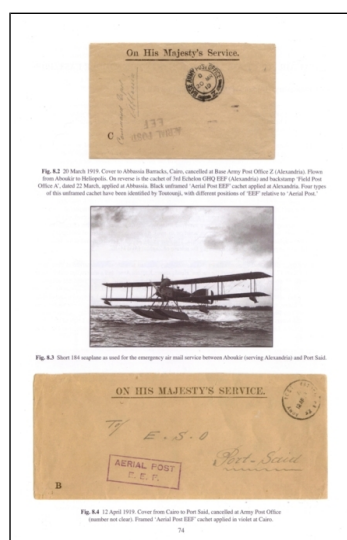
The remaining chapters present the history and services of *KLM* (Netherlands), *CIDNA*, *AULO*, *Air Orient* (France), *Junkers*, and *Luft Hansa* (Germany).

A first appendix tabulates all the pioneer flights covered (1922–1930), a second gives insight to pages from the R.A.F.’s 1923 “Pilot’s Handbook For The Cairo–Baghdad Route,” and the third appendix shows a 1930s railway map of Iraq.

The select bibliography covers the main works used by the author. This is sufficient as each individual chapter of the book contains a detailed bibliography of its own. An index concludes Kimpton’s tome.

Although Kimpton does draw a lot of information from published sources, this is rightfully acknowledged in the introduction and referenced in each chapter (sadly not custom with many other philatelic authors). This information is supplemented by profuse original research undertaken in British archives. I can highly recommend this book, not just for the airmail collector, but for all collectors of Middle East postal history.

### Sample Pages<sup>1</sup>



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Fig. 28.18: Selection from the timetable of the Cairo-Basra service to Karachi would go ahead, suspended during the summer months, flying from the east of April 1927. It was later replaced by a 2nd edition group of the new weekly Cairo-Basra service.



Fig. 28.13: 1930 route map from a KLM brochure.



Fig. 28.11: Route map, Paris to Air Orient brochure.

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# THE MIDDLE EAST PHILATELIC BULLETIN



## Postal History and Related Notices from the Official Gazettes for Palestine Part 3: 1923/1924

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This series of articles lists and displays all postal history related items found in the Official Gazettes covering Palestine from 1917 to 1948. Part three covers the years 1923 and 1924.

During the British and Allied Occupation of Palestine (1917–1920), the subsequent British civil administration (1920–1923), and the League of Nations Mandate (1923–1948), administrative notifications, statutes, orders, regulations, proclamations, and miscellaneous announcements were published “*by authority*” in official newspapers. The English editions were published as follows:<sup>2</sup>

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## 1.01.1923: Appropriation Ordinance 1922

# Ordinance No. 24 of 1922 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 1922.

No. 24 . . . . . To appropriate a sum not exceeding  
One Million Eight Hundred and  
Nineteen Thousand One Hundred  
and Fifty One Pounds Egyptian  
to the service of the twelve  
months ending the thirty-first day  
of March, One Thousand Nine  
Hundred and Twenty Three.

Preamble. WHEREAS it is necessary to make  
provision for expenses for the Government  
of Palestine for the year ending the thirty-  
first day of March, 1923,

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED BY  
THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR  
PALESTINE, AFTER CONSULTATION  
WITH THE ADVISORY COUNCIL, AS  
FOLLOWS:—

Short Title. 1. This Ordinance may be cited as the  
APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 1922.

Appropriation of 2. There shall be issued and applied to  
L.E. 1,819,151. the twelve months ending the thirty-first  
day of March, 1923, any sum not exceeding  
the sum of one million eight hundred and  
nineteen thousand one hundred and fifty  
one pounds Egyptian for defraying the  
charges of the Government of Palestine for  
such period.

Limitation of 3. A sum not exceeding the amount set  
Sums to be down under each head in the Schedule  
Spent. hereto may be issued and spent in respect  
of the Establishment or Service specified  
and referred to therein.

December 19th 1922. HERBERT SAMUEL  
High Commissioner.

## SCHEDULE.

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His Excellency the High Commissioner	7,402
Secretariat ---	17,079
District Administration ---	62,705
Legal Department	72,391
Land Department and Land Registry ---	18,210
Survey Department ---	2,221
Financial Secretary ---	312
Treasury ---	23,283
Audit Department ---	2,272
Department of Customs, Revenue and Ports	91,282
Department of Commerce & Industry	15,330
Department of Health ---	105,368
Education Department ---	98,972
Department of Agriculture & Fisheries ---	42,851
Public Security and Prisons ---	289,481
Department of Immigration & Travel ---	9,676
Department of Antiquities	5,567
Posts, Telegraphs & Telephones ---	118,770
Railways ---	445,574
Public Works Department ---	94,709
Public Works Recurrent ---	89,500
Public Works Extraordinary ---	5,000
Miscellaneous ---	158,862
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>L.E. 1,819,151</b>

### Summary:

Palestine's Post, Telegraphs & Telephones Department was appropriated to spend £E. 118,770 in financial year 1922/1923; this compares to an estimate of £E. 119,526 and an actual spend of £E. 86,626 in 1921/1922.<sup>4</sup>

Doc. 91: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 82 (1.01.1923), pp. 5–6.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. doc. 90, in part two of this series, on p. 87 of MEPB 2.



### 15.01.1923: Prohibition of Labels resembling Stamps

PALESTINE POSTS & TELEGRAPHS.

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Any postal packet observed in the Post bearing on the address side a label in any way resembling a postage stamp is liable to be withheld from delivery.

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Doc. 92: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 83 (15.01.1923), p. 24.<sup>5</sup>

### 15.01.1923: Insured Parcel Service with Great Britain

2

#### INSURED PARCEL POST SERVICE — PALESTINE GREAT BRITAIN.

Commencing on 1st January 1923, an insured parcel service in both directions between Great Britain and Palestine will come into operation.

At present the limit of insurance is 3000 francs (gold) or L.E. 115.

Full particulars of rates and conditions of insurance may be obtained at any Post Office.

W. HUDSON

Postmaster General.

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Doc. 93: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 83 (15.01.1923), p. 24.



<sup>5</sup> Cf. doc. 45 in part 2 of this series, where use of a “fictitious postage stamp” was prohibited.



Fig. 42: Registered commercial cover with SG no. 80 in vertical pair. Cancelled in Jerusalem: **REGISTERED / JERUSALEM / 24 JA 23** (Sacher D5). Registration label **JERUSALEM / No. 4173** (Sacher RE). German customs inspection mark **Post Überwach. Stelle / München / FREIGEgeben / V. 11 / 31 / JAN. / 23**. Delivered to Dresdner Bank central office at Behrenstraße 38/39, Berlin W56.



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Fig. 43: Masthead of the Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 82 (1.01.1923).



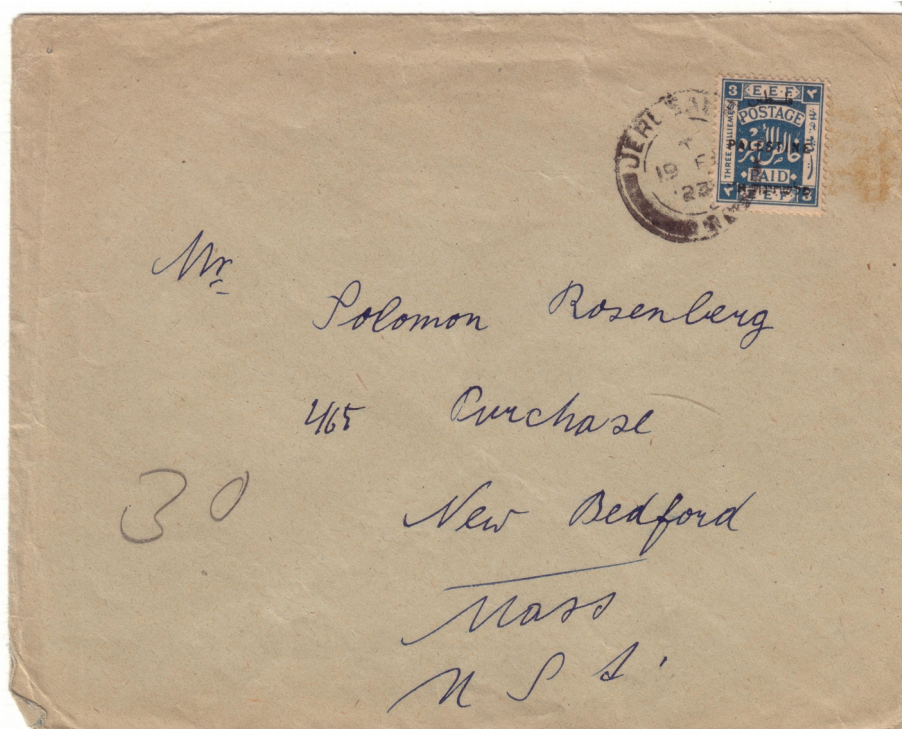


Fig. 44: Letter from Jerusalem to the USA: **JERUSALEM / + / 19 FE / 23** (Sacher B26). 3m was the Foreign Printed Matter rate from October 1921 to June 1943, though the cover is not marked as such. The manuscript "30" does not look like a taxation marking.



Fig. 45: Letter, properly marked as Printed Matter, sent from Jerusalem to Romania: **JERUSALEM / C / 25 OC / 22** (Sacher B26). 3m (per each 50g) was the Foreign Printed Matter rate from October 1921 to June 1943, though the 5m franking (London II, SG no. 75) here does not conform to this rate, nor to any other rate in force in 1922, either it is 2m overpaid or 1m underpaid.



Fig. 46: Picture postcard (motif: Ecce Homo Arch) sent from Jerusalem to the USA: **JERUSALEM / C / 27 FE / 23** (Sacher B26). Hotel cachet: **A. & J. MORCOS / GRAND NEW HOTEL / JERUSALEM**. Franking: 8m (London II, SG. no. 78), the new Foreign Postcard Rate introduced on 1.01.1923.<sup>6</sup>

### 1.02.1923: Surcharge for “Rapide” Letter Service Haifa–Beyrouth

#### NOTICE.

Commencing on the 1st February 1923 a “Rapide” letter mail will be despatched daily, except Sunday, from Haifa to Beyrouth by motor.

Every letter intended for inclusion in the special mail must bear a 1 P.T. stamp in addition to the ordinary foreign postage and must be clearly marked on the front of the cover with the words “By special service”.

Such correspondence may be posted at any office in Palestine in the same manner as ordinary correspondence.

Parcels will not be accepted for conveyance by the special service.

The saving of time by the “Rapide” service as compared with railborn mails is from 24 to 48 hours.

General Post Office

Jerusalem,

11 January 1923.

W. HUDSON

Postmaster General

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General Post Office

Jerusalem,

11 January 1923.

W. HUDSON

Postmaster General

Doc. 94: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 84 (1.02.1923), p. 49.

<sup>6</sup> Cf. the announcement on 15.11.1922 in doc. 88.



## 15.02.1923: Increased Cover for Inland Insured Packets

## PALESTINE POSTS &amp; TELEGRAPHS.

**NOTICE.**

## Inland Insured Letters and Parcels.

Commencing on the 1st March next, the maximum amount for which an insured letter or parcel may be insured in the Inland Service will be increased from LE. 40 to LE. 115.

The sums payable for insurance, including registration, will be as follows:—

FEE. P.T.	LIMIT of COMPENSATION. LE.
2	10
3	20
4	30
5	40
6	50
7	60
8	70
9	80
10	90
11	100
12	110
13	115

General Post Office  
Jerusalem, 6.2.23.

W. HUDSON  
Postmaster General.

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4	30
5	40
6	50
7	60
8	70
9	80
10	90
11	100
12	110
13	115

General Post Office  
Jerusalem, 6.2.23.

W. HUDSON  
Postmaster General.

Doc. 95: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 85 (15.02.1923), p. 72.



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POLICE ORDINANCE 1921.

Fig. 47: Masthead of the Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 83 (15.01.1923).

## 1.03.1923: Personnel

March 1st 1923

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## SECRETARIAT.

(Personnel Section).

Senior Service Officers.

His Excellency the High Commissioner has been pleased to approve of the following:—

## “A”. APPOINTMENTS.

Department of Posts, Telegraphs &amp; Telephones.

Asst. Accountant

L. W. Guthrie.

Jerusalem, with effect  
from 22.11.22.

Department of Police &amp; Prisons.

Asst. Inspector General

A. S. Mouracordato

Jerusalem, with effect

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## “A”. APPOINTMENTS.

Department of Posts, Telegraphs &amp; Telephones.

Asst. Accountant

L. W. Guthrie

Jerusalem, with effect  
from 22.11.22.

Doc. 96: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 86 (1.03.1923), p. 102.

Note: Position is corrected in Gazette no. 87 to “Chief Accountant” (see doc. 97).

## 15.03.1923: Personnel

## CORRIGENDUM.

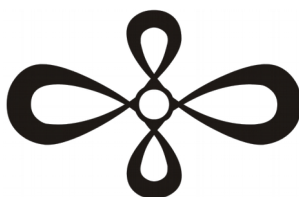
Official Gazette No. 86 of 1.3.23, Page 102, “A”  
Appointments, Department of Posts, Telegraphs and Tele-  
phones. L. W. Guthrie: for “Assistant Accountant” read:  
“Chief Accountant”.

## CORRIGENDUM.

Official Gazette No. 86 of 1.3.23, Page 102, “A”  
Appointments, Department of Posts, Telegraphs and  
Telephones. L. W. Guthrie: for “Assistant Accountant”  
read: “Chief Accountant”.

Doc. 97: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 87 (15.03.1923), p. 126.

Note: Original announcement was in Gazette no. 86 (see doc. 96).





## 15.04.1923: Inland Postal Orders

## Palestine Posts &amp; Telegraphs.

## NOTICE.

## Palestine Postal Orders.

On and from 1st. April 1923 specially printed Inland Postal Orders will be on sale at all Post Offices in Palestine. Their validity will not extend to foreign countries.

The Orders will be issued at the following prices: —

Values.			Commission.
5	P.T.	to 25 P.T.	3 Milliemes each
30	"	" 30 "	6 " "
55	"	" 75 "	8 " "
80	"	" 100 "	1 Piastre.

W. HUDSON.  
Postmaster General.

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55	"	" 75 "	8 " "
80	"	" 100 "	1 Piastre.

W. HUDSON.  
Postmaster General.

Doc. 98: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 89 (15.04.1923), p. 158.

Note: In line 2 of the table the second "30" should read "50."



# Official Gazette

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## Government of Palestine.

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No. 94

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JERUSALEM, 1st July, 1923.

Fig. 48: Masthead of the Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 94 (1.07.1923).

## 29.05.1923: Insured Letter &amp; Box Service with Great Britain

## Department of Posts &amp; Telegraphs.

## NOTICE.

## Insured Letter and Box Service with Great Britain.

Commencing on the 15th May, 1923, an insured letter and box service will be inaugurated between Palestine and Great Britain in both directions.

The sums payable for insurance, including registration will be as follows :—

## Department of Posts &amp; Telegraphs.

## NOTICE.

## Insured Letter and Box Service with Great Britain.

Commencing on the 15th May, 1923, an insured letter and box service will be inaugurated between Palestine and Great Britain in both directions.

The sums payable for insurance, including registration will be as follows :—

May 29th, 1923

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Fee	Limit of Compensation		Fee	Limit of Compensation	
	P.T.	L.E. Mills.		P.T.	L.E. Mills.
2	11	500	12	69	000
4	23	000	14	80	500
6	34	500	16	92	000
8	46	000	18	103	500
10	57	500	20	115	000

The usual rate of postage on letters will be payable in addition.

The rate of postage on insured boxes will be 8 milliemes per 50 grammes or part thereof, with a minimum charge of 40 milliemes.

Articles which are prohibited from transmission in insured letters may generally be sent in the Letter Mails as insured boxes or by Insured Parcel Post.

Further particulars may be obtained on application at any Post Office.

W. HUDSON.  
Postmaster General.

General Post Office  
Jerusalem,  
May 6, 1923.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

Fee	Limit of Compensation		Fee	Limit of Compensation	
	P.T.	L.E. Mills.		P.T.	L.E. Mills.
2	11	500	12	69	000
4	23	000	14	80	500
6	34	500	16	92	000
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W. HUDSON.  
Postmaster General.

General Post Office  
Jerusalem,  
May 6, 1923.

Doc. 99: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 92 (29.05.1923), pp. 210–211.



## 15.06.1923: Personnel

**Notice.**

**Language Examinations.**

The undermentioned Government Officers have passed the Elementary Language Examinations, held in Jerusalem on the 10th April, 1923.

**A R A B I C .**

Max Nussek — Secretariat.

**H E B R E W .**

A. Ben David — Police and Prisons.  
D. H. Stonehill — Posts and Telegraphs.  
M. Ladueneky — Public Works Department.

**Notice.**

**Language Examinations.**

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**H E B R E W .**

A. Ben David — Police and Prisons.  
D. H. Stonehill — Posts and Telegraphs.

Doc. 100: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 93 (15.06.1923), p. 233.

## 15.07.1923: Wireless Telegram to Germany

**NOTICE.**

**CHEAPER TELEGRAMS TO GERMANY.**

IT is notified for the information of the public that telegrams to Germany may now be accepted at all Telegraph Offices in Palestine for transmission by wireless direct from Egypt to Hanover.

Full rate telegrams are 48 milliemes a word, i.e. 5 mms. a word cheaper by wireless than by cable.

Deferred rate telegrams are 24 mms. a word, i.e. 3 mms. a word cheaper by wireless than by cable.

JERUSALEM, 22 June 1923. W. HUDSON.  
Post Master General.

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Deferred rate telegrams are 24 mms. a word, i.e. 3 mms. a word cheaper by wireless than by cable.

JERUSALEM, 22 June 1923. W. HUDSON.  
Post Master General.

Doc. 101: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 95 (15.07.1923), p. 256.



## 15.07.1923: Government Receipts &amp; Payments 1922/23

GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE.					
Statement showing the Receipts and Payments for the year 1922-23.					
Receipts	Estimates	Receipts	Payments	Estimates	Payments
	£E.	£E. m/ms.		£E.	£E. m/ms.
Balance on 1st April, 1922.	—	128,622.350			
<b>Heads of Revenue.</b>			<b>Heads of Expenditure.</b>		
1. Customs	647,992	594,382.388	1. Pensions	18,584	21,407.806
2. Port Dues	7,000	4,857.362	2. Public Debt and Loan Charges	23,750	41,416.911
3. Licences, Excise and Internal Revenue	600,010	492,618.184	3. His Excellency the High Commissioner	7,402	7,403.771
4. Fees of Court and Office Receipts for Specific Services and Reimbursements	139,200	151,419.656	4. Secretariat	17,079	18,196.923
5. Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones	121,550	106,281.887	5. District Administration	62,706	61,861.450
6. Railways	494,900	381,700.021	6. Legal Department	72,391	71,336.392
7. Revenue from Government Property	31,500	21,585.093	7. Land Department and Land Registry	18,210	16,096.263
8.	—	—	8. Survey Department	2,221	1,697.408
9. Royalties and Concessions	1,000	—	9. Financial Secretary	312	311.896
10. Interest	2,600	816.405	10. Treasury	23,283	22,135.697
11. Miscellaneous	6,500	6,478.873	11. Audit Department	2,272	2,765.583
12. Land Sales	10,000	4,465.598	12. Department of Customs, Revenue and Ports	91,282	93,648.748
			13. Department of Commerce and Industry	15,330	13,791.229
			14. Department of Health	105,368	114,146.751
			15. Education Department	98,972	99,232.126
			16. Agriculture and Fisheries	42,851	37,644.467
			17. Public Security and Prisons	289,481	307,847.948
			18.		
			19. Department of Immigration and Travel	9,676	10,013.551
			20. Department of Antiquities	5,587	4,272.991
			21. Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones	118,770	100,402.794
			22. Railways	445,574	411,196.237
			23. Public Works Department	94,709	113,900.326
			24. Public Works Recurrent	89,500	100,000.744
			25. Public Works Extraordinary	5,000	—
			26. Miscellaneous	158,862	176,435.106
Advances (Loan Account)	£E. 2,062,192	1,764,585.467	Advances (Loan Account)	£E. 1,819,151	1,837,172.788
Advances	—	477,523.615	Advances	—	786,575.007
Deposits	—	2,320,374.529	Deposits	—	2,153,520.546
Imprests	—	2,195,076.741	Imprests	—	2,444,102.048
Unallocated Stores	—	42,875.126	Unallocated Stores	—	43,661.759
		973,622.444	Balance on 31st March, 1923	—	622,020.971
Total (including opening Balance)	£E. —	7,902,680.272	Total	£E. —	15,627.453
					7,902,680.272

The Treasury,  
Jerusalem,  
19th June, 1923.

S.S. DAVIS  
Treasurer.

## Summary:

Receipts for Post, Telegraphs & Telephones were £E. 106,262 against estimates of £E. 121,550.

Payments were £E. 100,403 against estimates of £E. 118,770.

Doc. 102: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 95 (15.27.1923), p. 257.

## 15.07.1923: Personnel

## "E". Vacation Leave.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to approve Vacation leave in respect of the following officers:-

J. E. F. Campbell	Jerusalem-Jaffa District
	from 13.6. 23 to 12.9.23.
Selim Hanna	Police & Prisons
	from 15. 6. 23 to 14.7.23.
A. Ben David	Police & Prisons
	from 21. 6. 23 to 4.8.23.
J.B. Barron,	Customs, Excise and Ports
O.B.E., M.C.	from 23. 6. 23 to 20.9.23.
E.R. Sawyer	Agriculture and Fisheries
	from 23. 6. 23 to 22.9.23.
W. Hudson	Posts & Telegraphs
O.B.E., M.C.	from 25. 6. 23 to 8.8.23.

Major General P.G. Public Works

## APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

## "E". Vacation Leave.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to approve Vacation leave in respect of the following officers:-

W. Hudson	Posts & Telegraphs
O.B.E., M.C.	from 25. 6. 23 to 8.8.23.

Doc. 103: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 95 (15.07.1923), p. 263.



## 1.08.1923: Liquids in Letter Post (Pathological Specimen)

### PALESTINE.

#### REGULATIONS

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH LABORATORIES.

(1st. August, 1923).

#### Fees for Bacteriological & Chemical Examinations.

The following regulations will come into operation on August 1st, 1923.

4. Outfits will be supplied at cost price on application.
5. If a report by telegram or trunk telephone be required, this must be notified, and the cost will be added to the ordinary charge.

6. Deleterious liquids or substances, though otherwise prohibited from transmission by post may be sent for medical examination or analysis to a recognised Medical Laboratory or Institute by LETTER POST, AND ON NO ACCOUNT BY PARCEL POST, under the following conditions:-

Any such liquid or substance must be enclosed in a receptacle, hermetically sealed, or otherwise securely closed, which receptacle must itself be placed in a strong wooden, leather or metal case in such a way that it cannot shift about, and with a sufficient quantity of some absorbent material (such as sawdust or cotton wool) so packed about the receptacle as absolutely to prevent any possible leakage from the package in the event of damage to the receptacle. The packet so made up must be conspicuously marked "Fragile with care", and bear the words "Pathological Specimen".

Any packet of the kind found in the parcel post, or found in the letter post, not packed and marked as directed, will be at once stopped and destroyed with all its wrappings and enclosures. Further any person who sends by post a deleterious liquid or substance for medical examination or analysis otherwise than as provided by these regulations is liable to prosecution. (Postal Regulations). Such articles may not exceed 2 kilogrammes in weight or measure more than 45 cms. in any direction.

7. Samples for chemical examination liable to alteration by exposure to air or moisture should be sent in air and water tight containers.

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Any packet of the kind found in the parcel post, or found in the letter post not packed and marked as directed, will be at once stopped and destroyed with all its wrappings and enclosures. Further any person who sends by post a deleterious liquid or substance for medical examination or analysis otherwise than as provided by these regulations is liable to prosecution. (Postal Regulations). Such articles may not exceed 2 kilogrammes in weight or measure more than 45 cms. in any direction.

Doc. 104: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 96 (1.08.1923), pp. 268–271.<sup>7</sup>

### 1.08.1923: Personnel

N.J. Davis	FROM 10.7.23 TO 10.10.23. Treasury
W.R. Hay, M.B.E.	From 17.7.23 to 16.11.23. Posts and Telegraphs
E.H. Samuel	From 23.7.23 to 22.10.23. Jerusalem-Jaffa District
	From 26.7.23 to 22.10.23.

#### APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

“C”. Vacation Leave.

W.R. Hay, M.B.E.	Posts and Telegraphs From 23.7.23 to 22.10.23
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Doc. 105: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 96 (1.08.1923), p. 283.

### 15.08.1923: Ottoman Public Debt Administration moved to Customs & Ports

#### DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS, EXCISE

##### AND PORTS

##### NOTICE.

The public is hereby notified that the Ottoman Public Debt Administration has ceased to exist as a separate Administration and now forms part of the Department of Customs and Ports.

Communications concerning matters hitherto dealt with by the abovementioned Administration should henceforward be addressed to the Director of Customs and Ports, P.O.B. 592, Jerusalem.

N.A. BOUTAGY.  
Acting Director Customs,  
Excise and Ports.

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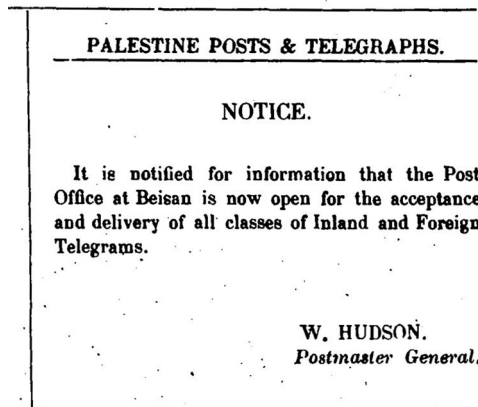
Doc. 106: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 97 (15.08.1923), p. 287.



<sup>7</sup> Cf. doc. 45 in part 2 of this series for prohibitions on contents of postal packets.



## 15.08.1923: Telegram Service at Beisan Post Office

PALESTINE POSTS & TELEGRAPHS.

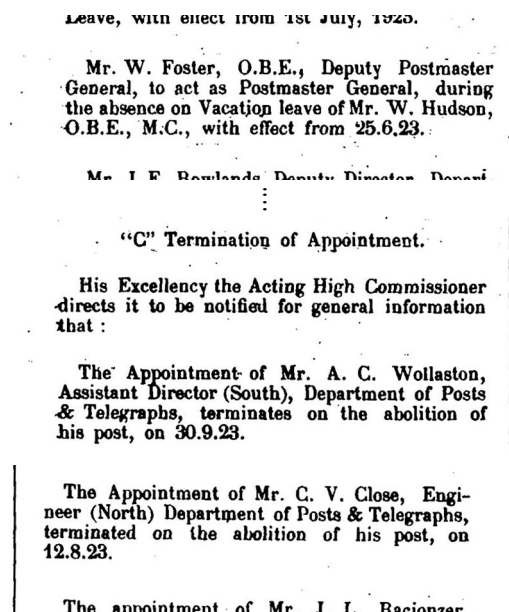
## NOTICE.

It is notified for information that the Post Office at Beisan is now open for the acceptance and delivery of all classes of Inland and Foreign Telegrams.

**W. HUDSON.**  
*Postmaster General.*

Doc. 107: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 97 (15.08.1923), p. 287.

## 15.08.1923: Personnel



## APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

## “A” Appointments.

Mr. W. Foster, O.B.E., Deputy Postmaster General, to act as Postmaster General, during the absence on Vacation leave of Mr. W. Hudson, O.B.E., M.C., with effect from 25.6.23.

## “C” Termination of Appointment.

His Excellency the Acting High Commissioner directs it to be notified for general information that :

The Appointment of Mr. A. C. Wollaston, Assistant Director (South), Department of Posts & Telegraphs, terminates on the abolition of his post, on 30.9.23.

The Appointment of Mr. C. V. Close, Engineer (North) Department of Posts & Telegraphs, terminated on the abolition of his post, on 12.8.23.

Doc. 108: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 97 (15.08.1923), p. 295.



## 1.09.1923: Wireless Telegrams to the Whole of Europe

NOTICE.

TELEGRAMS BY WIRELESS.

The public are informed that telegrams for the whole of Europe may now be accepted for transmission by wireless from Egypt.

The rate per word, with the exception of the special rates already advertised for Germany and the United Kingdom, is the same as that for telegrams sent by cable.

Members of the public desiring telegrams to be forwarded by wireless should write the words "Via Wireless" in the space for Service instructions on the telegram form.

W. FOSTER.  
*Acting Postmaster General.*

13 August 1923.

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W. FOSTER.  
*Acting Postmaster General.*

13 August 1923.

Doc. 109: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 98 (1.09.1923), p. 304.

## 15.09.1923: Partial Suspension of Services to French Occupied Parts of Germany

Director of Surveys.

NOTICE.

MAIL SERVICES-GERMANY.

The public are notified that the parcel post and money order services with German localities provisionally occupied by French troops are suspended until further notice.

W. FOSTER  
*Acting Postmaster General.*

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W. FOSTER  
*Acting Postmaster General.*

Doc. 110: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 99 (15.09.1923), p. 318.  
 Note: This refers to the occupation of the Ruhr industrial area by French and Belgian troops from January 1923 to August 1925. Major cities affected include Duisburg, Düsseldorf, Bochum, Essen, and Dortmund.<sup>8</sup>

## 15.09.1923: Ottoman Public Debt Administration Stamps now sold by the Treasury

NOTICE.

The public is hereby notified that the sale of O.P.D.A. stamps has been taken over by the Treasury.

Any application for a supply of stamps or for a licence to sell stamps should be addressed to the Treasurer, P.O.B. 12, Jerusalem.

N.S. BOUTAGY  
*Acting Director  
Customs, Excise & Ports*

1.9.23.

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*Acting Director  
Customs, Excise & Ports*

1.9.23

Doc. 111: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 99 (15.09.1923), p. 318.

<sup>8</sup> Cf. Wikipedia: [Occupation of the Ruhr](#).



## 15.09.1923: Personnel

## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION 1923.

The following have passed the examination:  
(Names are not given in order of merit).

## OFFICERS.

Name.	Department.	Station.
A.M. Maklef.	Posts & Telegraphs	Jerusalem.
F. Olsher.	do	Jerusalem.
Shafiq Asal.	do	Jerusalem.
S. Faltas.	General Administration.	Haifa.

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Shafiq Asal.	do	Jerusalem.

Doc. 112: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 99 (15.09.1923), pp. 333-334.

Note: Shafiq 'Asal became a leading figure in 'Abdul Latif Salah's National Block Party in 1935.<sup>9</sup>

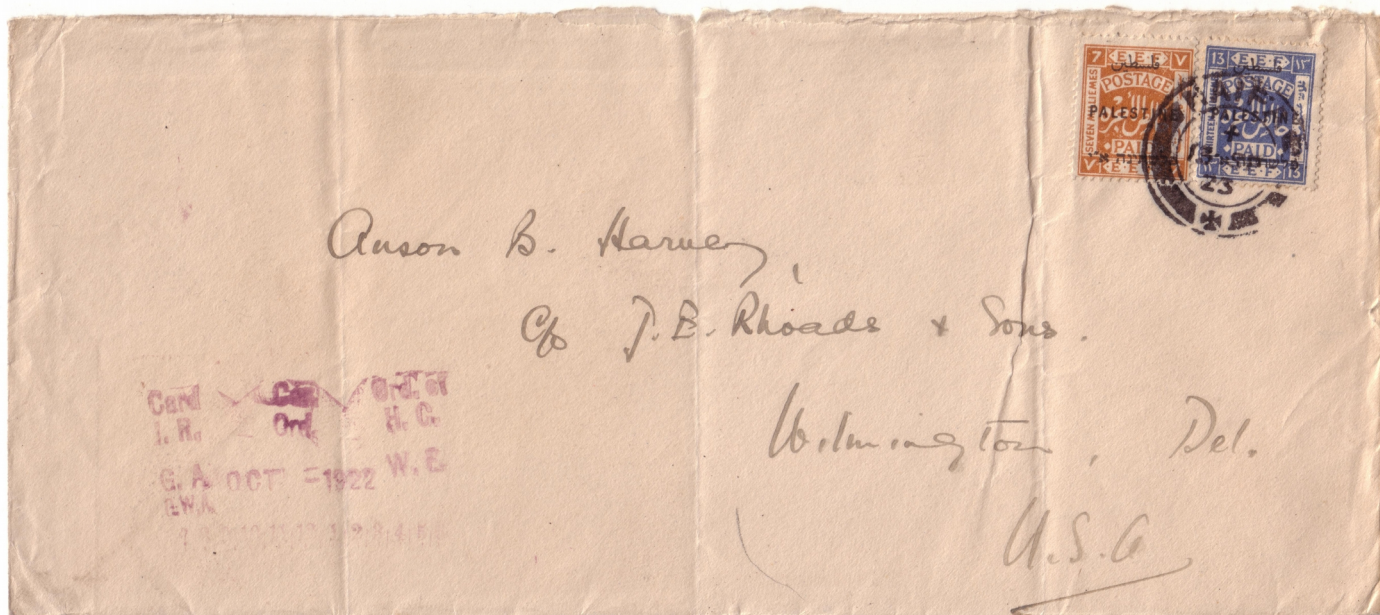


Fig. 49: Letter from Haifa to the USA. Postmark: **HAIFA / + / 13 SP / 23** (Sacher B17).  
Franking: 7m and 13m (London II, SG nos. 77 and 80), total: 20m. New foreign letter rate as from 1.01.1923:<sup>10</sup> 13m for the first 20g (unchanged) + 7m (reduced from 9m) for each additional 20g.

9 Cf. p. 150 in Abdelaziz A. Ayyad: *Arab Nationalism and the Palestinians (1850–1939)*. Jerusalem: PASSIA, 1999. Online: [http://www.passia.org/publications/research\\_studies/books/arab\\_nationalism/index.html](http://www.passia.org/publications/research_studies/books/arab_nationalism/index.html); and p. 119 in Dr. Manuel S. Hassassian: *Palestine: Factionalism in the National Movement (1919–1939)*. Jerusalem: PASSIA, 1999. Online: <http://www.passia.org/publications/Palestine/Palestine.htm>.

10 Cf. the announcement on 15.11.1922 in doc. 88.

## 1.10.1923: Miscarriage or Loss of Postal Orders

## PALESTINE POST &amp; TELEGRAPHS.

## NOTICES.

## I

POSTAL ORDERS.MISCARRIAGE OR LOSS.

Every person to whom a Postal Order is issued should tear off and retain the counterfoil. The Postmaster General does not undertake to consider any application respecting an Order which has miscarried, or has been lost or destroyed, unless the counterfoil is produced, though in ordinary circumstances he will not refuse to consider an application not supported by the counterfoil, provided that the serial number of the Order is given. If an applicant cannot either produce the counterfoil or give the serial number, no claim in respect of an Order belonging to any denomination up to and including 2/6 in the case of British Postal Orders and P.T. 15 in the case of Palestine Postal Orders can be entertained. An Application in respect of an Order belonging to any denomination higher than 2/6 or P.T. 15 if unsupported by the counterfoil or serial number, will not be considered unless the payee's name was inserted on the Order and unless the applicant gives the name of the Post Office at which the Order was purchased and the approximate date of purchase, and pays a search fee of P.T. 10 which will be returned if the Order proves to have been irregularly paid.

After a postal Order has once been paid, to whomsoever it is paid, the Postmaster General will not be liable to any further claim.

## II

MAILS FOR TURKEY.

## PALESTINE POST &amp; TELEGRAPHS.

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After a postal Order has once been paid, to whomsoever it is paid, the Postmaster General will not be liable to any further claim.

Doc. 113: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 100 (1.10.1923), p. 337.

## 1.10.1923: Censorship &amp; Restrictions Abolished for Turkey

will not be liable to any further claim.

## II

MAILS FOR TURKEY.

It is notified that the censorship of and other restrictions on Postal matter including parcels addressed to Turkey are now abolished.

W. FOSTER,

Acting Postmaster General.

7th September, 1923.

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Doc. 114: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 100 (1.10.1923), p. 337.



## 15.10.1923: Non-Delivery of Inland Postal Packets

## PALESTINE POSTS &amp; TELEGRAPHS.

## NOTICES.

## I.

NON DELIVERYINLAND POSTAL PACKETS.

An undelivered inland postal packet which is chargeable with a postage of five milliemmes or more, whether a letter, newspaper, printed paper or parcel, if it bears on the outside the full name and address of the sender, is returned direct and unopened. Any other such undelivered packet is opened by an officer deputed for the purpose; and if it contains the sender's address it is returned to him. An undelivered postal packet, other than a parcel, which cannot be returned to the sender and does not contain any enclosure of importance, is destroyed.

Undelivered parcels which do not contain the address of the sender and are not applied for are liable to be disposed of after three months. Parcels containing perishable articles will be dealt with as may be requisite.

Undelivered post cards, printed papers,

newspapers or samples chargeable with a postage not exceeding 4 milliemmes are dealt with as follows :-

- (1) Those bearing on the outside the name and address of the sender, with a request for their return in case of non-delivery, are sent back direct from the office of destination, and are delivered to the sender on payment of a second postage.
- (2) Those not bearing on the outside the name and address of the sender, with a request for their return in case of non-delivery, are destroyed.

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Doc. 115: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 101 (15.10.1923), p. 351.

## 15.10.1923: Return of Non-Delivered Foreign Postal Packets

## II

## FOREIGN POSTAL PACKETS.

Undelivered letters, post-cards, printed and commercial papers and samples returned to this country from places abroad are delivered to the senders on payment of the charges due. Undelivered printed papers of no value are not returned unless the sender, by means of a note on the outside of the packets, has asked for their return.

W. FOSTER

*Acting Postmaster General.*

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W. FOSTER

*Acting Postmaster General.*

Doc. 116: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 101 (15.10.1923), p. 351.

## 1.11.1923: Personnel

of Surveys with effect from 1.11.1922.

## Retirements.

His Excellency the High Commissioner has been pleased to approve the retirement of:-

Dr. I. Nassar, Medical Officer of Health, as from 9.10.23.

Mr. L.W. Guthrie, Chief Accountant, Posts and Telegraphs, as from 21.11.23.

## Termination of Appointment.

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## Vacation Leave.

His Excellency the High Commissioner has been pleased to approve Vacation Leave in respect of the following Officers:-

Mr. A. Shems	Dept. of Customs & Trade
	from 13.9.23 to 27.9.23
Mr. G. Kkouri	Samaria District.
	from 1.10.23 to 31.10.23.
J. Katul	Education.
	from 5.9.23 to 4.10.23.
A.E. Gorayib	Public Works.
	from 1.10.23 to 31.12.23.
A.I. Hanania	Judicial
	from 1.9.23 to 5.10.23.
L.W. Guthrie	Posts & Telegraphs.
	from 11.10.23 to 21.11.23.
M.S. Thompson	Railways.
	from 1.10.23 to 3.12.23.

## APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

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## Vacation Leave.

His Excellency the High Commissioner has been pleased to approve Vacation Leave in respect of the following Officers:-

...

L.W. Guthrie  
Posts & Telegraphs.  
from 11.10.23 to 21.11.23.

Doc. 117: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 102 (1.11.1923), p. 366.



Fig. 50: Picture postcard (text dated 11.09.1923), cancelled **JERUSALEM / A / 17 SP / 23** (Sacher B25); destined for London and then forwarded to Cambridge.

New foreign postcard rate as of 1.01.1923: 8m. Stamps: 2x4m (London II, SG no. 74).



### 15.12.1923: Accession of Palestine to Madrid Postal Convention

NOTICE.  
ACCESSION OF PALESTINE TO THE  
MADRID POSTAL CONVENTION.  
His Britannic Majesty's Government has received notification from the Government of the Swiss Republic that the accession of Palestine to the Madrid Postal Convention as from the 5th of October, 1923, has been brought to the notice of the Governments of the various contracting States.  
November 30th, 1923. G.F. CLAYTON  
*Chief Secretary.*

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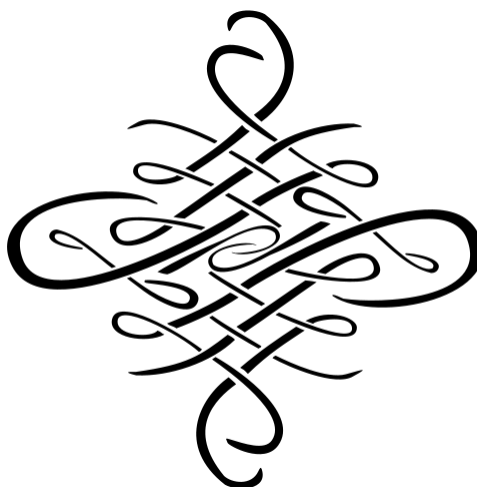
Doc. 118: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 105 (15.12.1923), p. 432.

### 15.12.1923: Personnel

"C" Vacation Leave.  
His Excellency the High Commissioner has been pleased to approve Vacation Leave in respect of the following officers : -  
Capt. E.S.C. Grune Palestine Gendarmerie  
23- 8-23 to 26-10-23  
W. Foster Posts & Telegraphs  
2-11-23 to 1-12-23

APPOINTMENTS, ETC.  
:  
"C" Vacation Leave.  
His Excellency the High Commissioner has been pleased to approve Vacation Leave in respect of the following officers : -  
Capt. E.S.C. Grune Palestine Gendarmerie  
23- 8-23 to 26-10-23  
W. Foster Posts & Telegraphs  
2-11-23 to 1-12-23

Doc. 119: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 105 (15.12.1923), p. 434.  
Note: "Vaction" should read "Vacation."





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Fig. 51: Masthead of the Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 5. 1923, no. 105 (15.12.1923).

### 1.01.1924: Personnel

#### APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TO HIGH COMMISSIONER.

I, the Right Honourable Sir Herbert Louis Samuel, His Majesty's High Commissioner for Palestine, in pursuance of the powers vested in me by Article 8 of the Palestine Order in Council, 1922, do hereby appoint Sir Gilbert Falkingham Clayton, Chief Secretary of the Government of Palestine, to be my Deputy during my temporary absence from Palestine and in that capacity to exercise all the powers and authorities vested in me, except the power of pardon.

22nd December, 1923.

HERBERT SAMUEL  
*High Commissioner.*

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22nd December, 1923.

HERBERT SAMUEL  
*High Commissioner.*

Doc. 120: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 106 (1.01.1924), p. 438.



## 13.01.1924: Personnel

## APPOINTMENTS.

## HONOURS.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following appointment:

To be Knight Bachelor, Ronald Storrs, Esquire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and St. George, Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, District Governor of the Jerusalem-Jaffa District.

## APPOINTMENTS.

## HONOURS.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following appointment:

To be Knight Bachelor, Ronald Storrs, Esquire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and St. George, Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, District Governor of the Jerusalem-Jaffa District.

Doc. 121: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 107 (13.01.1924), p. 476.

P.T. 512.

Certificate of Posting of a Registered Postal Packet. Regn. No. 5329

Fee paid 13

تذكرة تصدير طرد مسجل نمرة ..... القيمة المدفوعة .....

תעודת משלוח חבילת דאר באחריות מספר הבטחון ..... הסכום שנשלם .....

A Postal Packet addressed as under has been registered & posted this day

ان الطرد المعنون ادناه تسجل وارسل في البريد اليوم

חבילת דאר אחת הרשומה ע"פי המען דלמטה הבטחה ונשלחה היום

Date Stamp

תאריך

REGISTERED

31 JA 24

Accepting Clerk

امضاء المستلم

חתימת הפקיד המקבל

P.T. 512.

Certificate of Posting of a Registered Postal Packet. Regn. No. 5330

Fee paid 13

تذكرة تصدير طرد مسجل نمرة ..... القيمة المدفوعة .....

תעודת משלוח חבילת דאר באחריות מספר הבטחון ..... הסכום שנשלם .....

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חבילת דאר אחת הרשומה ע"פי המען דלמטה הבטחה ונשלחה היום

Date Stamp

תאריך

REGISTERED

31 JA 24

Accepting Clerk

امضاء المستلم

חתימת הפקיד המקבל

Fig. 52:

Form P.T. 512 "Certificate of Posting of a Registered Postal Packet" for two letters: Registration nos. 5329 and 5330.

Postmark: **REGISTERED / HAIFA / 31 JA 24**  
(Sacher D10).

The certificates state the fee paid for registered service: 13 m.

**Sir Ronald Henry Amherst Storrs, Esq., Kt, KStJ, KCMG, CBE.**

\* 19.11.1881 Bury St. Edmunds – † 1.11.1955 London.<sup>11</sup>

Son of John Storrs (Dean of Rochester) and Lucy Anna Maria Cockayne-Cust. Married to Louisa (Lucy) Storrs. Educated at Charterhouse School and Pembroke College, Cambridge.

Oriental Secretary at His Majesty's Residency, Cairo, 1916.<sup>12</sup> Political Officer, E.E.F. in Mesopotamia, 1917. Temp. Col.m Military Governor Jerusalem, 1917–1920,<sup>13</sup> Commander of the Order of the Redeemer, 1919.<sup>14</sup>

C.B.E., 1919.<sup>15</sup> Brigadier-General, Knight of Grace of the Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem in England, 1919.<sup>16</sup> Commander of the Order of the Crown of Italy, 1919.<sup>17</sup> District Governor Jerusalem, 1920–1926. Knight, 1924.<sup>18</sup>

Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Cyprus 1926–1932.<sup>19</sup> Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, 1929.<sup>20</sup>

Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Northern Rhodesia, 1932–1934.<sup>21</sup>

Retired to The Mill House, Pebmarsh, Halstead, Essex, 1934. Member, London County Council, 1937–1945. Dpty. Lieutenant of the County of Essex, 1948.<sup>22</sup> Buried at St John the Baptist, Pebmarsh.<sup>23</sup>



Sir Ronald Storrs (left) with General H. D. Watson (right) in 1919.<sup>24</sup>

Literature: *Great Britain in the Near and Middle East*, 1932; *Orientalisms* (memoirs), 1937<sup>25</sup>; *Lawrence of Arabia*, 1940. His papers and journals are at Pembroke College, Cambridge.<sup>26</sup>

11 Wikipedia: Ronald Storrs. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ronald\\_Storrs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ronald_Storrs).

12 Supplement to The London Gazette, 3.06.1916, p. 5558: [www.thegazette.co.uk](http://www.thegazette.co.uk).

13 Storrs, Ronald: *Orientalisms*, 1937, p. 299.

14 Supplement to The London Gazette, 24.10.1919, p. 13002: [www.thegazette.co.uk](http://www.thegazette.co.uk).

15 Supplement to The London Gazette, 1.01.1919, p. 52: [www.thegazette.co.uk](http://www.thegazette.co.uk).

16 The London Gazette, 14.03.1919, p. 3479: [www.thegazette.co.uk](http://www.thegazette.co.uk).

17 Carey, G. V.: *The War List of the University of Cambridge 1914–1918*. Cambridge: CUP, 1921, p. 273. Supplement to The London Gazette, 21.08.1919, p. 10612: [www.thegazette.co.uk](http://www.thegazette.co.uk).

18 Supplement to The London Gazette, 1.01.1924, p. 2: [www.thegazette.co.uk](http://www.thegazette.co.uk).

19 The London Gazette, 28.09.1926, p. 6228: [www.thegazette.co.uk](http://www.thegazette.co.uk).

20 Supplement to The London Gazette, 1.03.1929, p. 1439: [www.thegazette.co.uk](http://www.thegazette.co.uk).

21 The London Gazette, 5.08.1932, p. 5060: [www.thegazette.co.uk](http://www.thegazette.co.uk).

22 The London Gazette, 1.06.1948, p. 3254: [www.thegazette.co.uk](http://www.thegazette.co.uk).

23 Sir Ronald Henry Amherst Storrs at Find A Grave: [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)

24 Picture source: American Colony (Jerusalem) Photo Dept.: “Gen. Watson and Col. Storrs at Y.W.C.A. fete” ; [Col. Storrs?] [1919]”. Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division / G. Eric and Edith Matson Photograph Collection. LC-DIG-matpc-08872. <http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/mpc2005001009/PP/>.

25 Storrs’ memoirs contain only a very few mentions of postal matters: He writes about “[...] military privileges, even including free postage (all over the world for two months and for some time after to all places in Palestine and Egypt) [...]” (p. 318, referring to Spring 1918), he received numerous requests for mint stamps (p. 324), reports that a trooper requisitioned sheets of unused Turkish stamps from the Haifa Post Office (p. 337), portrays the Zionist pressure on including “Eretz Yisroel” in the 1920 overprints (p. 407), and deplores unfounded complaints about the postal services (p. 457).

26 *The Private Letters and Diaries of Sir Ronald Storrs (1881–1955) from Pembroke College, Cambridge*. (Series of



## 1.02.1924: Draft Appropriation Order 1923/24

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1st February, 1924.

The following drafts of Ordinances are made public in accordance with Article 17, 1st [sic] of the Palestine Order-in-Council, 1920, as amended by Article 3 of the Palestine (Amendment) Order-in-Council, 1923.

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE A SUM NOT EXCEEDING £E. 1,783,399 FOR THE SERVICE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING THE 31st DAY OF MARCH 1924.

WHEREAS it is necessary to make provision for the expenses of the Government of Palestine for the year ending the 31st day of March 1924;

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the High Commissioner of Palestine, with the advice of the Advisory Council thereat,

1. There shall be issued and applied to the 12 months of £E. 1,783,399 ending the 31st day of March 1924 any sum not exceeding the sum of £E. 1,783,399 for defraying the charges of the Government of Palestine for such period.

2. A sum not exceeding the amount set down under each head of the Schedule hereto may be issued and spent in respect of the establishment or service specified and referred to therein.

3. This Ordinance may be cited as the Appropriation Ordinance 1924.

— SCHEDULE —

I. Pensions	£E. 70,465
II. Public Debt and Loan Charges	28,540
III. His Excellency the High Commissioner	6,936
IV. Legislature	400
V. Secretariat	17,619
VI. District Administration	100,307
VII. Legal Department	73,247
VIII. Financial Secretary	—
IX. Treasury	30,088
X. Audit Department	6,297
XI. Customs, Excise and Ports	38,725
XII. Commerce and Industry	91,214
XIII. Health Department	93,258
XIV. Education Department	104,296
XV. Agriculture and Fisheries	30,288
XVI. Immigration and Travel	9,287
XVII. Antiquities Department	3,802
XVIII. Land Department	15,092
XIX. Survey Department	2,123
XX. Police and Prisons	180,702
XXI. Gendarmerie	91,097
XXII. Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones	102,639

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XXIII. Railways	£E. 389,987
XXIV. Public Works Department	83,443
XXV. Public Works Recurrent	73,049
XXVI. Public Works Extraordinary	1,494,945
XXVII. Miscellaneous	138,288
XXVIII. Railways Extraordinary	57,285

Total £E. 1,783,399

AN ORDINANCE TO LEGALISE CERTAIN PAYMENTS MADE IN THE YEAR ENDING ON THE 31st MARCH 1924 IN EXCESS OF THE EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZED IN THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 1922.

WHEREAS the Appropriation Ordinance 1922 made certain provision for the expenses of the Government of Palestine for the year ending 31st March 1924, and it is necessary to make certain additional provision for the public service for that period;

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the High Commissioner for Palestine, with the advice of the Advisory Council thereat,

1. The sum of money set forth in the Schedule hereto having been expended for the services therein mentioned beyond the amounts provided for those services for the year ending on the 31st March 1924, by the Appropriation Ordinance 1922, the same are hereby declared to have been duly laid out and expended for the services of the Government of Palestine for that year, and are hereby approved, allowed and granted in addition to the sums authorized for those services in the said Ordinance.

2. This Ordinance may be cited as the Supplementary Ordinance Appropriation (1922-23) Ordinance 1924.

— SCHEDULE —

Pensions	£E. 2,954
Public Debt and Loan Charges	17,377
Secretariat	1,518
Judicial Department	403
Department of Customs, Revenue and Ports	2,397
Department of Health	8,779
Police and Prisons	18,307
Department of Immigration and Travel	327
Public Works Department	99,191
Public Works Recurrent	10,261
Miscellaneous	17,074

Total £E. 186,097

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE A SUM NOT EXCEEDING £E. 1,783,399 FOR THE SERVICE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING THE 31st DAY OF MARCH 1924.

## Summary:

Palestine's Post, Telegraphs & Telephones Department is appropriated to spend £E. 102,839 in financial year 1923/1924; this compares to an estimate of 118,770 £E. and an actual spend of £E. 100,403 in 1922/1923.<sup>27</sup>

Doc. 122: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 108 (1.02.1924), p. 478–479.

## 1.02.1924: Tenders (Telegraph Poles)

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Tenders are invited for the purchase of 1262 wooden telegraph poles (each of a length of approximately 20 feet) situated as follows:—	
218 between Nur-el-Shams & Messidjeh, and 1044 „ Zicron Jacob and Kafr Jennis.	
The poles form portions of unserviceable telegraph routes and are at present standing in the ground. Purchasers will be required to dismantle the poles and to hand over as directed all arms, stay-rods and other fixtures attached to them.	
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Doc. 123: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 108 (1.02.1924), pp. 481–482.

microfilms), [Adam Matthew Publications](#).

27 Cf. docs. 91, 101, and 102.

## 15.02.1924: Surcharge for "Rapide" Letter Service Haifa–Beyrouth Abolished

PALESTINE POSTS & TELEGRAPHS.  
NOTICE.

As from the 1st February the special fee of 5 milliemes per 20 grammes hitherto payable in addition to ordinary postage rates in respect of correspondence for the Grand Lebanon intended for conveyance between Haifa and Beirut by the "Rapide" service will cease to be charged.

All correspondence for destinations in the Grand Lebanon will, until further notice, be forwarded by road from Haifa and no special superscription in this respect will be necessary.

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Doc. 124: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 109 (15.02.1924), p. 512.

Note: The surcharge introduced in Gazette 84 of 1.02.1923 was 1 piastre.<sup>28</sup>

## 15.02.1924: Tenders (Imara Station Buildings)

ADJUDICATION OF TENDERS BY THE CENTRAL  
TENDERS BOARD

## III.

The Contract for erecting P.O. Linemen's living and tool shed at Imara Station has been adjudicated in favour of Mr. Kustandi Daoud Abu **Thanis**, Beersheba, at 15% below P.W.D. Estimates.

Period of Contract: 14 days.

Date 18.1.24.

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28 Cf. doc. 94.



### 1.03.1924: Telegrams Foreign-Mixed Telegraph and Postal Service

#### PALESTINE POSTS & TELEGRAPHS.

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Commencing on the 23rd February the sender of a telegram addressed to a destination overseas may direct that it be forwarded partly by post.

In such cases telegrams for Europe and America will be telegraphed to Port Said or Alexandria, as desired, and those for the East will be telegraphed to Suez.

The charge will be the charge for a telegram of the same length for a destination in Egypt plus 15 milliemes (fifteen milliemes) for postage from Port Said, Suez or Alexandria as the case may be.

The sender should write the word "Poste" before the address and the name of the office from which the telegram is to be posted after the address.

Examples:—"Poste Smith, 10 Broad Street, Calcutta Suez" or "Poste Jones, 10 Lime Street, Liverpool Port Said" or "Poste Robinson, 20 Fleet Street, London E.C. Alexandria."

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Registered abbreviated addresses cannot be used.

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Doc. 126: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 110 (1.03.1924), p. 537.

### 15.03.1924: Tenders (RAF T&T Routes)

#### III.

A quantity of material used on surplus Royal Air Force telegraph and telephone routes in the Sarafand — Ludd area is available for disposal by tender.

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Doc. 127: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 1 (15.03.1924), p. 581.

### 1.04.1924: Telephone Service at Ras el Nakurah & Khan Lubban

#### NOTICE.

Public Telephone facilities have been provided at the Police Posts Ras El Nakurah and Khan Lubban.

The facilities as are follows –

**Ras El Nakurah.** Trunk Calls to Acre & Haifa. Charge P.T. 5 per call not exceeding 6 minutes duration.  
**Khan Lubban.** Trunk Calls to Jerusalem, Ramallah, Nablus, Nazareth and Haifa. Charge P.T. 5 per 3 minute call, maximum duration 6 minutes.

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Doc. 128: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 112 (1.04.1924), p. 597.

Note: "as are" should read "are as."

### 15.04.1924: Day and Night Telephone Service at Nablus

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Doc. 129: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 113 (15.04.1924), p. 610.

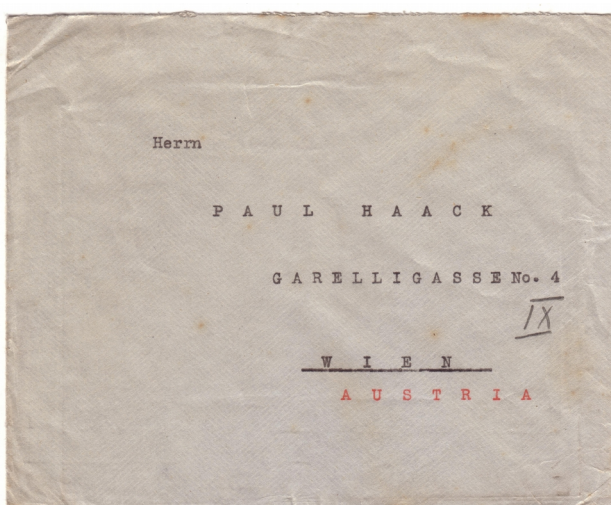


Fig. 53: Letter from Tel Aviv to Vienna: **TEL-AVIV / C / 25 JU / 24** (Sacher B51). Franked only on the reverse by a vertical strip-of-three of 5m (London II, SG. no. 75), total: 15m.  
 The Foreign Letter rate at the time was 13m.





Fig. 54: Commercial cover to Egypt: **TEL AVIV-JAFFA / A / 2 AP / 24** (Sacher 3).  
 Franking: 2x5m (London II, SG no. 75) and 3x1m in a vertical strip (London II, SG no. 71), total: 13m.



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Fig. 55: Masthead of the Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 124 (1.10.1924).

## 15.04.1924: Insured Services to Egypt, Germany, Syria, Lebanon

## PALESTINE POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS.

## NOTICES

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## II.

## Extension of Insured Letter, Box and Parcel Services.

An Insured Letter and Box Service has been inaugurated between Palestine and Egypt, Germany, Syria and the Lebanon.

Insured parcel services have also been established with the countries named, **except Germany**.

The maximum amounts of insurance are as follows :—

	Letters & Boxes.	Parcels.
	L.E. Mills.	L.E. Mills.
Germany	115. 000	no service
Egypt	115. 000	115. 000
Syria and the Lebanon	115. 000	77. 000

The sums payable for insurance in respect of articles posted in Palestine are as follows :—

FEE	LIMIT OF COMPENSATION	FEE	LIMIT OF COMPENSATION
P.T.	L.E.	P.T.	L.E.
2	11	12	69
4	23	14	80
6	34	16	92
8	46	18	103
10	57	20	115

In addition, the usual rates of postage are payable on letters and parcels, and 8 milliemes per 50 grammes or part thereof on insured boxes (minimum postage 50 milliemes).

Articles which are prohibited from transmission in insured letters may generally be sent in the Letter mails as Insured Boxes, or by the insured Parcel Post.

Further particulars may be obtained on application at any Post Office.

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Doc. 130: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 113 (15.04.1924), p. 610.





## 15.05.1924: Personnel

### APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

### "A" Appointments.

His Excellency the High Commissioner  
has been pleased to appoint:—

Mr. J. F. Broadhurst, to be Assistant Inspector-General, Police and Prisons, C.I.D., with effect from 14th March, 1924.

Mr. C.F. Hucklesby to be Postmaster,  
Department of Posts, Telegraphs & Telephones,  
with effect from 1st April, 1924.

Mr. T. H. Brown, to be Postmaster,  
Department of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones,  
with effect from 1st April 1924.

Mr. F. H. Smith, to be Postma-ter,  
Department of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones,  
with effect from 1st April, 1924.

Mr. H. I. Becker to be Assistant Engineer

“E” Vacation Leave.

His Excellency the High Commissioner has been pleased to approve Vacation leave in respect of the following officers:-

Mr. G.W. Baker                      Dept. of Health

Darwish Eff. Anebtawi      4,524.—5,824.  
Legal Dept.

Mr. C.F. Hucklesby      1.4.24.—30.4.24.  
Dept. of Posts and  
Telegraphs.

1.5.24.—31.7.24  
Mr. R.B. Crusher - Dept. of Surveys

*Doc. 131:* Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 115 (15.05.1924), p. 669.

### 1.06.1924: Wireless Telegraphy Ordinance 1924

## APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

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His Excellency the High Commissioner has been pleased to approve Vacation leave in respect of the following officers:-

...

Mr. C.F. Hucklesby      Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs  
1.5.24.—31.7.24.

Sat., June 24, 1924. OFFICIAL GAZETTE.

## WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY ORDINANCE 1924.

An Ordinance to regulate Wireless Telegraphy, Visual and other communication by means of Hertzian waves, and to amend Scaffolding, and Similar Methods of Communication in Palestine.

H.E. ENACTED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PALESTINE, with the advice of the Advisory Council thereto :-

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Wireless Telegraphy Ordinance 1924."

2. The expression "wireless telegraphy" means any system of communication by means of any apparatus for transmitting or receiving other communications than those made by means of any set of wire connecting the points from and to which the messages or other communications are sent or received.

(1) A person shall not establish or maintain any apparatus for wireless telegraphy, in any place in Palestine or elsewhere, without first obtaining a licence from the High Commissioner, and in accordance with a licence granted to him by the High Commissioner.

(2) Every such licence shall be in such form and for such period as the High Commissioner may determine, and contain all terms, conditions, powers, and penalties to which it is subject to which the licensee is bound.

(3) Where an applicant for a licence proposes to the satisfaction of the High Commissioner that the sole object of his licence is to communicate with persons or places in wireless telegraphy, a licence for that purpose shall be granted - unless he can show that the proposed communications at the High Commissioner may think proper.

(4) Any person acquiring a wireless telegraph station without a licence, or install or uses any apparatus for wireless telegraphy without a licence, shall be liable on conviction to a District Court, to a penalty not exceeding £500, and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months; and either case may be taken against any applicant for wireless telegraphy without a licence who has been convicted under this Ordinance, notwithstanding that he has not yet obtained a licence, so long as he is continuing to use the same.

(5) Notwithstanding anything in the preceding regulations, nothing shall prevent any person from installing there reasonable ground for supposing that a wireless telegraph station will be used for purposes other than those for which a licence is that behalf, or that no apparatus for wireless telegraphy will be installed or used for such purposes, if the owner or installer of such station or apparatus gives notice in writing to the High Commissioner of his intention to do so, and if he pays to the High Commissioner such sum as may be determined by the High Commissioner, and if he agrees to indemnify the High Commissioner against all claims for damages or compensation which may be made against him by any third party in respect of any loss or damage caused by the use of the station or apparatus named therein or under and imposed the station, place or apparatus, and to make good any such claim or claims, and to pay to him to be used or intended to be used the wireless telegraph licence fee.

(6) The Postmaster General may make regulations with the approval of the High Commissioner:-

- (a) prescribing the fees and sums in which applications for licences under this Ordinance are to be made and the fees payable on the grant or renewal of any such licence;
- (b) requiring any applicant for a licence to furnish details of the working of wireless telegraphy to be provided with certain facilities providing for the transmission of signals, and

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1st. June, 1904.

**OFFICIAL GAZETTE.**

2. If it may thus be in the opinion of the High Commissioner an emergency law exists in which it is expedient that the Government of Palestine should have control over the transmission of messages by wireless telegraphy or visual or sound signals, the Government may, in the exercise of its powers, energy, it shall be lawful for the Postmaster General, with the approval of the High Commissioner, to make regulations for any apparatus for the transmission of messages, and for the use of the apparatus, to make such further laws, and to issue such orders, regulations, and instructions, and to take such other steps, as may appear to be necessary or expedient for any such purpose or purposes parts of such apparatus.

The construction of any such regulations shall be subject to the same conditions as the construction of a regulation under Section 4 of the said Ordinance.

3. The Ottoman Law dated 6th April, 1890, (No. 135), concerning wireless telegraph shall cease to have effect in Palestine.

Supersession of Ottoman Law.

**MUNICIPAL COURTS ORDINANCE 1901.**

**PALESTINE.** **ORDER.**

(Enacted June, 1-4, 1904.)

Notice is hereby given that, in pursuance of the power vested in the aforesaid Municipal Council, I have this day placed in operation the following Order.

Yours faithfully,  
HERBERT SAMUEL, Mayor.

19th. 1904.

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**LOCAL COURTS ORDINANCE 1901.**

**PALESTINE.** **ORDER.**

Notifying the Order published in the Official Gazette of 3rd July, 1902, constituting the Court of Appeal of Bith in the Jerusalem-Safed District.

Enacted June 1st, 1904.

The Local Council of Bith shall have power by the following notice and fees within the area of the village in addition to those prescribed in the Order.

(1) A tax on the site of buildings at places exceeding those prescribed in Article 2 of the Ottoman Municipal Law. (2) A monthly tax of—  
(A) P.T. 2 on every camel  
(B) P.T. 1 on every horse  
(C) P.T. 1 on every donkey, the property of a resident of the village, which may be used for hire for any purpose  
(D) For the licensing of certain trades and industries liable under any Ordinance from time to time to issue.  
(E) A tax on goods exhibited in the village market at the following rates:—  
P.T. 2 per load of corn or wheat; "  
P.T. 1 per load of other goods;  
P.T. ½ per load carried on the head or back of a person.

May 10th, 1904.

HERBERT SAMUEL, Mayor.

### Summary:

“An Ordinance to regulate Wireless Telegraphy, Visual and Sound Signalling, and Similar Methods of Communication in Palestine.” defines the expression “wireless telegraphy”, includes the use of “etheric waves,” forbids any such communication without a licence, grants the Postmaster General wide-ranging rights to institute regulations upon approval of the High Commissioner, sets up emergency powers to confiscate equipment, and suspends the Ottoman Law of 6.08.1330 concerning wireless telegraphy in Palestine.

*Doc. 132: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 116 (1.06.1924), p. 681–683.*

### 1.06.1924: Reorganisation of Districts

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### Summary:

Proclamation under Section 11 of the Palestine Order-In-Council 1922, dated 22.05.1924, “[...] to divide Palestine in administrative divisions or Districts in such manner and with such sub-divisions as may be convenient for purposes of administration, describing the boundaries thereof and assigning names thereto, [...] 1. Palestine shall be divided for the purposes of administration into the following Districts, Divisions and Sub-Districts: (a) The Northern District, comprising the Sub-Districts of Haifa, Acre, Nazareth, Tiberias, Safad, Nablus, Jenin, Tulkarem and Beisan, with its Headquarters al Haifa. (b) The Jerusalem-Jaffa District, comprising of the Jerusalem Division and the Jaffa Division, with its Headquarters at Jerusalem. The Jerusalem Division includes the Sub-Districts of Jerusalem, Ramallah, Bethlehem and Jericho; and the Jaffa Division includes the Sub-Districts of Jaffa and Ramleh. (c) The Southern District, comprising the Sub-Districts of Gaza, Hebron and Beersheba, with its Headquarters at Gaza. [...] 2. [...] The Sub-District of Beersheba shall comprise the area included in the boundaries of Palestine to the South of the Sub-District of Hebron and to the South and East of the Sub-District of Gaza.”

*Doc. 133*: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 116 (1.06.1924), p. 684–690.



## 1.06.1924: Printed Matter rate for Postcards under 6 Words

PALESTINE POSTS, TELEGRAPHS AND  
TELEPHONES.  
NOTICES

## I.

## Printed Paper Post.

Cards bearing the heading "Post-card" or the equivalent of this inscription in any language are allowed to pass at the rate for printed matter to addresses in Palestine or to foreign destinations if they do not bear any communication in manuscript; but the address of the sender, his title, as well as good wishes, congratulations, thanks, condolences, or other formulas of courtesy, expressed in not more than five words or conventional initials may be added in manuscript.

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Doc. 134: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 116 (1.06.1924), p. 693.

Note: Savings were inland 2m (2m vs. 4m) and foreign 5m (3m vs. 8m).

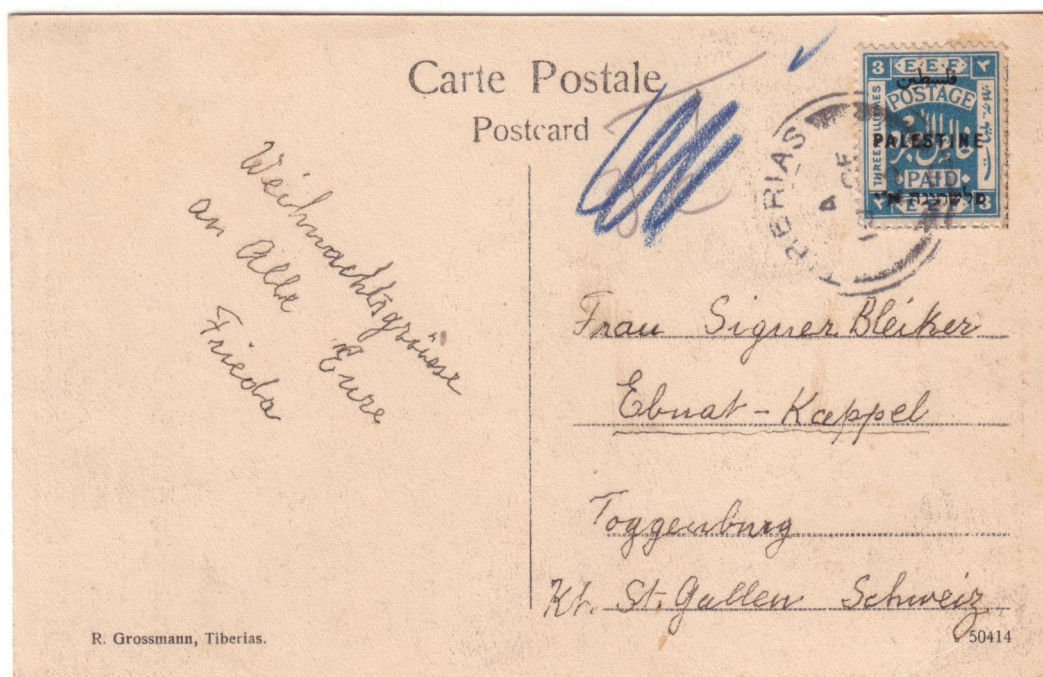


Fig. 56: Picture postcard (motif: Tiberias harbour scene) to Switzerland: **TIBERIAS / A / 10 DE / 23** (Sacher 3). Franking: 3m (London II, SG no. 73).

The card was at first taxed, but this was then cancelled out. From 1.01.1923 the regular Foreign Postcard rate was 8m. A reduced rate for cards with upto 5 words was introduced formally in June 1924, but this seems to have been operated informally before then already. As the Printed Matter rate at the time was 3m, this card with its five written words would have conformed to that future rule.

### 1.06.1924: Urgent Telephone Trunk Calls

#### II.

Commencing on the 1st June an "Urgent" service for telephone trunk calls will be available to public subscribers and at telephone call offices.

The charge for an "Urgent" call which will take precedence over all ordinary calls, will be triple the ordinary rate.

When an "Urgent" call is required it will be necessary to inform the exchange accordingly.

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Doc. 135: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 116 (1.06.1924), p. 693.

### 15.06.1924: Insured Letter Service extended to Tunis

#### NOTICES

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#### Extension of Insured Letter Service.

Commencing on the 16th June an Insured Letter Service with Tunis will be established. All places in Tunis will be admitted to the service.

The maximum insured value will be £E. 115.

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Doc. 136: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 117 (15.06.1924), p. 713.

### 15.06.1924: Minimum Charge for Telegrams to Egypt, Trans-Jordan & Sudan

#### II.

#### TELEGRAMS FOREIGN - CHARGES.

As from the 1st June, the minimum charge for telegrams handed in at Palestine offices for destinations in Egypt and Trans-Jordan will be 60 milliemes and for the Sudan 100 milliemes.

This charge will in both cases represent the charge for a telegram not exceeding 6 words in length.

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Doc. 137: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 117 (15.06.1924), p. 713.



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Mr. W. Foster, M.B.E., to be Acting Postmaster General, during the absence on leave of Mr. W. Hudson, O.B.E., M.C., with effect from 24th May, 1924.	
Mr. N.S. Boutagy, M.B.E., to be Acting	
C.B.E., with effect from 4th June, 1924.	
Mr. T. Griffiths, to be Assistant Accountant, Department of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones, on three years' probation, with effect from 1st May, 1924.	
Mahmoud Eff. Abu Khadra, to be District	
Ibrahim Eff. Judeh	
Mr. W. Hudson, O.B.E., M.C.	
Mr. F. J. Tear	
	20.5.24—19.6.24. Judicial Dept. 15.3.24—15.4.24. Dept. of Posts, Telegr. and Telephones 24.5.24—2.7.24 Dept. of Agric. & Forests

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## "D" Vacation Leave.

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O.B.E., M.C.

Dept. of Posts, Telegr.  
and Telephones  
24.5.24—2.7.24

Doc. 138: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 117 (15.06.1924), p. 731.

## 1.07.1924: Customs Duties On Parcel

## NOTICE.

Invoices in respect of commodities imported from abroad per parcels post should be submitted to the Customs Officer in charge of parcels at the places stated below before the assessment of duties takes place:—

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Post Office	Jaffa
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Doc. 139: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 118 (1.07.1924), p. 740.

## 15.07.1924: Insured Letter Service extended to Danzig

PALESTINE POSTS & TELEGRAPHS.  
NOTICE.Extension of Insured Letter and Box  
Service - Foreign Service.

Commencing on 10th July an exchange of insured letters and boxes will be inaugurated between Palestine and the free town of Danzig.

All places in Danzig are admitted to the insured system.

The maximum amount of insurance will be L.E. 115.000.

The service does not extend to parcels.

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Doc. 140: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 119 (15.07.1924), p. 753.

## 25.07.1924: Tenders for Telegraph Poles

TENDERS & ADJUDICATION -  
OF CONTRACTS

## I.

Tenders are invited for the purchase in one lot of about 355 wooden poles of an average length of approximately 20 feet forming a portion of a derelict telegraph route between Kilo 315½ (South of Ras El Ain) and Kilo 346 (Tulkarem).

Purchasers will be required to dig out the poles, strip them of all attachments, and to hand over such attachments in good condition—fair wear and tear excepted—to the Postmaster General's appointed representative or pay the value of all deficiencies or of articles damaged by the workmen employed in his behalf.

No responsibility for the safe custody of the poles will be accepted by the Postmaster General after agreement regarding their number between the Postmaster General's representative and the purchaser, but the purchaser will be held liable to pay the Postmaster General the value of any attachments deficient as a result of loss, theft, or otherwise from the full number of poles agreed upon.

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Doc. 141: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 119 (15.07.1924), p. 753.



### 1.08.1924: Insured Letter and Box Service extended to France

#### PALESTINE POSTS & TELEGRAPHS.

##### NOTICE.

An insured letter and box service to France has been established.

All places in France will be admitted to the service.

The maximum insured value will be L.E. 115.

The service does not, at present, extend to parcels.

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All places in France will be admitted to the service.

The maximum insured value will be L.E. 115.

The service does not, at present, extend to parcels.

Doc. 142: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 120 (1.08.1924), p. 766.

### 1.08.1924: Tenders for Repairs at the General Post Office

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The contract for repairs at the General Post Office, Jerusalem, has been adjudicated in favour of Mr Stawri Kari at 39% below P.W.D. Estimate.

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Doc. 143: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 120 (1.08.1924), p. 776.

### 1.08.1924: Personnel

#### "D" Vacation Leave.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to approve Vacation Leave in respect of the following officers:-

Mr. F.J. Smith	Department of Public Works
	1.7.24-30. 9.24
Mr. W.T. Heavens	Department of Posts and Telegraphs.
	7.7.24- 6. 9.24
Mr. J.P. Graham	Palestine Railways
	9.7.24- 8 10.24
Mr. C.L. Horton	Secretariat
	28.6.24-27. 9.24
Mr. C.J. Bishop	Department of Surveys
	1.7.24-30. 9.24
Mr. W. Foster M.B.E.	Department of Posts and Telegraphs
	14.7.24-13.10.24
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Mr. Mustafa Khaldi      Judicial Department  
2.7.24- 1. 8.24

Doc. 144: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 120 (1.08.1924), p. 777.

### 15.10.1924: Peace Treaty with Turkey

#### CONCLUSION OF PEACE WITH TURKEY.

##### PALESTINE.

##### PROCLAMATION

(Gazetted October 15th, 1924.)

WHEREAS a Treaty of Peace with Turkey was signed at Lausanne on the 24th day of July, 1923, and a procès-verbal of the deposit of ratification of the Treaty was drawn up on the 6th day of August, 1924,

AND WHEREAS His Most Gracious Majesty King George V. has by an Order-in-Council ordered that the 6th day of August, 1924, shall be treated as the date of the termination of the war with Turkey,

Now, therefore, I, the Right Honourable Sir Herbert Louis Samuel, His Majesty's High Commissioner for Palestine, do hereby proclaim and order that the 6th day of August, 1924, shall be treated in the Mandated Territory of Palestine as the date of the termination of the war with Turkey.

Given at Jerusalem this 7th day of October, 1924.

HERBERT SAMUEL  
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Doc. 145: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 125 (15.10.1924), p. 840.



## 15.10.1924: Personnel

"C" Vacation Leave.

His Excellency the High Commissioner has been pleased to approve vacation leave in respect of the following officers:-

Mr. Taher Afghani	Judicial Department
:	
Mr. L. Andrews	Northern District
	7.10.24.-6.2.25.
Mr. G.H. Webster	Department of Posts and Telegraphs
	18.10.24.-17.1.25.
Mr. A. Rizk	Department of Lands
	6.10.24.-20.10.24.

## APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

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Mr. G.H. Webster	Department of Posts and Telegraphs
	18.10.24.-17.1.25.

Doc. 146: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 125 (15.10.1924), p. 855.

## 1.11.1924: Forgeries of fiscal stamps (OPDA and HJZ)

NOTICE.

SALE AND CIRCULATION OF O.P.D.A.  
AND H.J.Z. STAMPS.

It has come to the notice of the Government that certain persons in the Sub-District of Jaffa who are not licensed vendors of stamps have been dealing with stamps of the O.P.D.A. and H.J.Z. debt which have been found to be forged.

Warning is hereby given that any person using such forged stamps will be liable to prosecution.

No person other than a licensed vendor is entitled to sell stamps to the public. Any person obtaining stamps from an unauthorised person does so at his peril.

G.F. CLAYTON  
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Doc. 147: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 126 (1.11.1924), p. 874.



## 15.11.1924: Applications for Broadcasting Service

NOTICE.  
WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

The Government is prepared to consider applications for the granting of a concession or concessions for the provision of a Broadcasting Service in Palestine.

Applications, which should be marked "Confidential," should be addressed in the first instance to the Postmaster-General, Jerusalem, not later than 31st December, 1924, should contain full particulars as to the capital, stations, apparatus and character of service the applicant will undertake to provide.

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Doc. 148: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 127 (15.11.1924), p. 909.

## 15.11.1924: Tenders for Repairs at P. &amp; T. Shed

V.

The contract for repairs to the P. & T. Shed Jerusalem has been adjudicated in favour of Mr. Stawri Kari at 20% below P.W.D. Estimate—Period of contract 20 days.

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Doc. 149: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 127 (15.11.1924), p. 910.

PALESTINE  
JERUSALEM  
P. T. 204.  
18

CONTEINER (Conteneur)  
Name of sender (Nom et domicile de l'expéditeur)  
L.A. Shearim  
Jerusalem

Name and address of sender (Nom et domicile de l'expéditeur)  
L.A. Shearim  
Jerusalem

Impression used to close the parcel  
144-23/23-40,000  
Haibri Press

Number of Customs declarations (Nombre des déclarations en douane)  
L.E.  
Fes.

Name and address of addressee (Nom et adresse du destinataire)  
Rev. H. Marshall  
222 N. Marshall Street  
Philadelphia  
U.S.A.

Route to be followed (Acheminement)  
Via Egypte - Coler in Am

SENDER'S INSTRUCTIONS.  
INSTRUCTIONS A DONNER PAR L'EXPÉDITEUR

In case of non-delivery of the parcel described overleaf.  
Pour le cas où la livraison du colis décrit au recto du présent bulletin ne pourra avoir lieu,

I request (1) that it be treated as abandoned.  
je demande (1) qu'il soit traité comme abandonné.

(2) that it be tendered for delivery to the sender at his expense.  
(2) qu'il soit remis à l'expéditeur à ses dépens.

NOTE  
(1) Strike out whichever is inapplicable.  
(2) If the indication of the alternative address, it will be returned to the sender at his expense.  
En cas où le colis étant en souffrance sous l'adresse primitive ou alternative il sera retourné à l'expéditeur à ses dépens.

Addresser's Receipt. Réception du Destinataire.  
I, the undersigned, acknowledge receipt of the parcel described overleaf.  
Le soussigné déclare avoir reçu le colis désigné au recto du présent bulletin.

Date 12/5

Fig. 57: Parcel card, form P.T. 204 (imprint: 1442—23/3/23—40,000 / Haibri Press), to the USA: MEA SHEARIM / JERUSALEM / A / 21 NO / 24 (Sacher J5). Parcel label: JERUSALEM 18. On reverse transit ALEXANDRIA / EXCHANGE / OFFICE / FOREIGN PARCELS POST / 25.XI.24 9 AM.

Franking: 2p (London I, SG no. 66), 5p, and 10p (London II, SG nos. 86 and 88), total: 170m.

The parcel weighed 4,250kg. Image source: Ebay.

## 15.11.1924: Sales by Tender

## YII.

The undermentioned stores will be sold by tender :-

At the Posts and Telegraphs Branch  
Store, Haifa.

13500 lbs scrap iron and tools  
122 Poles Telegraph wood various  
200 lbs scrap wood  
4500 lbs scrap cable  
34 lbs scrap copper fanatis  
565 lbs scrap batteries (zinc & brass)  
3458 lbs scrap copper wire

Tenders, which may be either for complete lots or smaller quantities, should be addressed to the Postmaster General, and be posted in time to reach the General Post Office, Jerusalem, by noon on the 30th November, 1924.

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Doc. 150: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 127 (15.11.1924), p. 910.

Note: "YII." should read "VII."

Note: "fanatis" (singular: fantass) are water containers, holding from 22 to 55 litres, carried by camels, e.g. by the *Imperial Camel Corps* during the Sinai and Palestine Campaigns.



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No. 125

JERUSALEM

15th October, 1924.

Fig. 58: Masthead of the Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 125 (15.10.1924).

*to be continued ...*



## Recent Philatelic Journals

*This is a selection of articles related to the Middle East from recent philatelic journals.*

*Usually these journals are only available to members of the respective societies. Where available I have listed the price at which the society provides individual journals to non-members. Please enquire with each society for any conditions of supply.*

*Contact details are listed in the Web Guide.*

### OPAL Journal 232 – September 2015

*Oriental Philatelic Association of London, English, A5, colour, –*

#### Queries:

- A lead on a query in OPAL 231 on the attribution of two persons on a 1917 Turkish money stamp as Enver Pasha and Kaiser Wilhelm II (2).
- J.-B. Parenti shows a 1921 philatelic cover (Trésor & Postes 506, addressed to a stamp trader in Vienna) with two 1917 Turkish money stamps in addition to the regular French stamp (3).
- on K. Giray's article on "T"-overprints in OPAL 230 (3).
- M. Fulford queries the use of custom revenue stamps instead of NDF stamps, and shows a cover from July 1941 (4).
- S. Tiffney and J.-B. Parenti provide references for the 1921 Ain-Tab overprints (5–6).

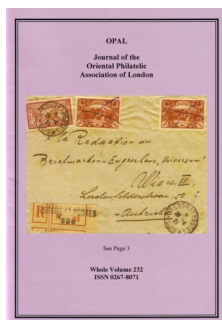
T. Hacking writes on 1898 Thessaly stamps and their forgery (7–26).

B. Orhan reports on the 1922 Akpınar Provisionals used by 16<sup>th</sup> Division of VI<sup>th</sup> Army Corps [Akpınar is a village in Bayat district of Afyonkarahisar province] (27–33).

O. Graf writes on Ottoman postal history in Albania (34–46).

#### New queries:

- On Turkish Postage Dues 1868–1872, 1p (S.G. D73A) (47–48).
- R. Malim ask for identification of a postmark from 1900 with a presumed inscription "Constantinople Steam Ship Co. Ltd." (48).
- Postmarks "Salonique / 8" and "IPEK" (49).
- The question of the first Ottoman Airmail Flight is put: 8.02.1914 Prens Celaledin (Constantinople to Cairo), 16.12.1918 (service to Germany), or 7.02.1922 (Antalya to Akşehir).



### OPAL Journal 233 – May 2016

*Oriental Philatelic Association of London, English, A5, colour, –*

In Queries, the lack of responses to previous queries is lamented. One response received is noted: Martyn Hickman can show a genuinely used cover with a 1921 Ain-Tab overprint (1–2).

T. Zywiets presents the first part of his research into the oriental travels of Julius Bolthausen, centring on Bolthausen's picture postcards [reprint from *The Middle East Philatelic Bulletin*, no. 1, 2015] (3–14).

B. Bradford shows an unrecorded set of stamps: 21 pictorial stamps headed "Türkiye Postaları" (ranging from 0,50 to 250 kuruş) and four such stamps with a red overprint "Hava Kurumu / Jardin Aliti / +10 K / 1944-1945" found on eBay. Are these bogus or a sort of trial set? (15–18).

T. Hacking reports on the first Airpost in Turkey, comparing sources and questioning dates and circumstances (19–21).

M. Whittaker shows an 1857 letter from Sofia to Shumno (Shumen) in modern Bulgaria (22).

B. Bradford endeavours to correct errors and omissions in Stanley Gibbons' Turkey

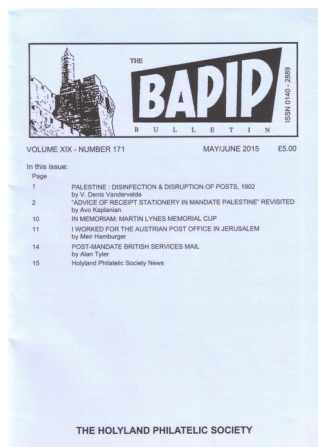


catalogue (i.e. part 16 “Central Asia”) (23–32).

Topics in Queries: 1898 Thessaly stamps and forged cancellations (W. Pijnenberg), the cancellation (presumed “SAHRA”) on a 1922 Akpınar Provisional (B. Orhan), the border between Albania & Montenegro 1878–1912 (O. Graf), colour shades of Duloz stamps (A. Birken), forgeries of the 1892 “Imprimé” overprints (R. Rose), referring to three articles in *The Levant* (2008/2009), the War Orphans overprint on 1916 Istanbul City Post stamps, availability of the *OPAL Journal* in the RPSL library, and opinions are sought on Birken’s Ottoman postmark CD (33–40).

### BAPIP Bulletin 171 – May/June 2015

*Holyland Philatelic Society, English, A4, colour, £5-00*



V. D. Vandervelde reports on a contemporary Dutch newspaper article [clipping provided by T. Zywiets] on the 1902 cholera outbreak in Gaza and the disruption to mail and trade (1).

A. Kaplanian presents Advice of Receipts forms of the Mandate era, furthering the article of D. Smith in BAPIP Bulletin 170 (2–9).

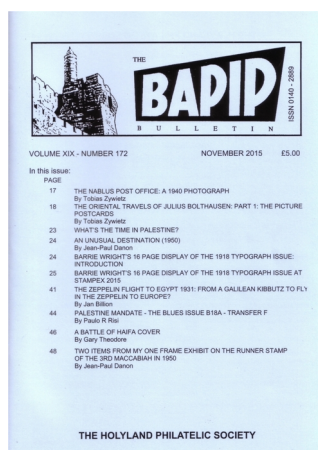
“*I Worked for the Austrian Post Office in Jerusalem*” by Meir Hamburger [reprint without any illustrations, from *The Holy Land Philatelist*, no. 8, 1955, pp. 224–226] (11–12).

A. Tyler reports on British Fleet Mail cancels used at Haifa after the end of the civilian British Mandate postal service in May 1948 (13–14).

*In society news: HPS searches for a new secretary and editor* (15).

### BAPIP Bulletin 172 – November 2015

*Holyland Philatelic Society, English, A4, colour, £5-00*



T. Zywiets presents the first part of his research into the oriental travels of Julius Bolthausen, centring on Bolthausen’s picture postcards [reprint from *The Middle East Philatelic Bulletin*, no. 1, 2015] (18–22).

In “*What’s the time in Palestine?*” T. Zywiets shows an official announcement by the Government of Palestine concerning proper time-keeping in 1920s Jerusalem (23).

J.-P. Danon shows a returned cover Israel–Gilbert Islands from 1950 (24).

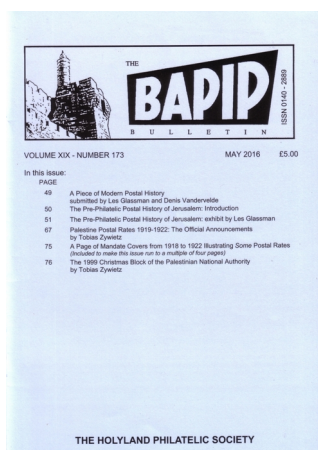
B. Wright presents his award-winning exhibit on Palestine’s typographed stamp issue of 1918–1920 (24–40).

J. Billion shows a cover that supposedly travelled by Zeppelin from Palestine to Europe in 1931 (41–43).

P. R. Risi presents two adjacent blocks-of-four from Palestine’s 1918 “Blues” stamps (B18 A, Transfer F) (44–45).

G. Theodore shows a May 1948 Haifa local cover: an insurance firm invokes a clause against cover in case of riots (46–47).

J.-P. Danon shows two pieces from his exhibit on Israel’s 1950 Maccabiah stamp: an FDC and a misprinted stamp (shifted design) (48).

**BAPIP Bulletin 173 – June 2016***Holyland Philatelic Society, English, A4, colour, £5-00*

L. Glassman & D. Vandervelde show the front and reverse of *Israel Post*'s ETB (souvenir sheet) for the joint issue "25 Year of Diplomatic Relations Israel–Greece of 9.02.2016" (49–50).

L. Glassman presents his 16-page competition exhibit "The Pre-Philatelic Postal History of Jerusalem" (50–66).

*[Editor's comment: The 73 points and the silver medal the exhibit won at London's Europhilex in 2015 seems rather generous. The material shown is fine though very much episodic, the descriptions given are lacklustre and the presentation/layout is so ghastly (especially the font style with its lack of accentuation) that this lets the topic and the exhibitor's material down tremendously.]*

T. Zywiets shows the official announcements of postal rates in Mandate Palestine 1919–1922 in facsimilé (67–75).

T. Zywiets reports on Palestine's 1999 Christmas block with its missing numerator [revised version of the article in MEPB2] (76–80).

**Türkei-Spiegel 114 – 4/2015***Arge Osmanisches Reich/Türkei, German, A5, colour, €5-00*

F. P. Katz and K. Ertem researched the life and works of Şevket Vahdeti (1833–1871), the designer of the Duloz-stamps [translated by A. Birken; reprint from Collector's Club Philatelist] (8–17).

R. Fuchs presents his new research into Iraqi Railway stamps [reprint from Michel-Rundschau 4-Plus/2015, pp. 56–68] (18–25).

J. Warnecke shows two auction lots: notification forms of the German post in Constantinople, mailed by Ottoman post (26–27).

A. Birken briefly portrays Ottoman General Mehmet Ali Paşa (Mehmed Ali Pasha), born in Germany as Karl Détroit (28–29).

W. Weber writes on Cyme (Kûm, today Nemrut Limani), capital of Aeolis in antiquity (30–37).

A. Birken revisits two events from 1915: Bulgaria enters the war against Turkey, and Turkish troops advance on the Sinai (38–43).

New postal rates in Turkey from 3.08.2015 (44).

**Türkei-Spiegel 115 – 1/2016***Arge Osmanisches Reich/Türkei, German, A5, colour, €5-00*

A. Birken looks at the "Şehir" hand-stamp overprints of the İstanbul city post (1870–1884) (6–12).

R. Fuchs shows two Turkish covers travelling via Overland-Mail Haifa–Baghdad: 1929 to Iraq and 1933 to Iran (13–15).

T. Zywiets presents the first part of his research into the oriental travels of Julius Bolthausen, centring on Bolthausen's picture postcards [translation from The Middle East Philatelic Bulletin, no. 1, 2015] (16–25).

A. Birken portrays Jerusalem from an Ottoman philatelic perspective and shows the date-stamps from the society's "Poststempel" catalogue (26–34).

A. Birken shows a 1917 Turkish newspaper wrapper addressed to the Austrian secretary of war, Baron Krobatin (35–37).

J. Warnecke seeks information on forgeries of the 1911 overprints (43).

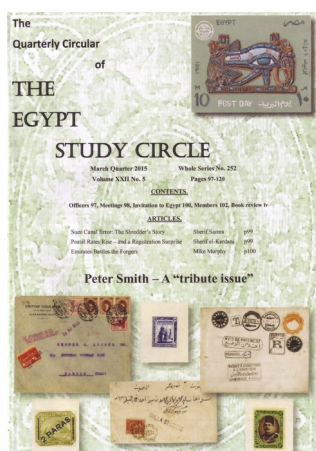


**Türkei-Spiegel 116 – 2/2016***Arge Osmanisches Reich/Türkei, German, A5, colour, €5-00*

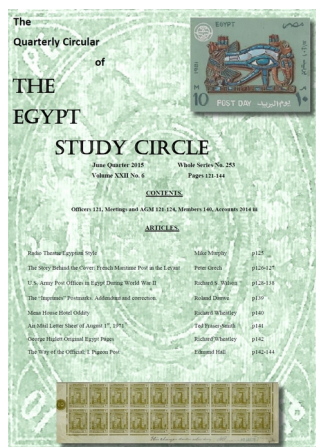
- W. Pijnenburg questioned the existence of stamp İSFİLA no. 74 (3).
- R. Abensur reports on the background to the Piastre overprints of 1880–88, i.e. the fierce competition between the Ottoman and foreign post offices [translated reprint from Documents Philatéliques 227] (6–23).
- P. R. Risi presents two adjacent blocks-of-four from Palestine's 1918 "Blues" stamps (B18 A, Transfer F) [translated reprint from BAPIP Bulletin 172] (24–27).
- B.-D. Buscke has discovered two new Nablus postmarks from the 1950s, with indexes AM und PM (28–31).
- In "What's the time in Palestine?" T. Zywiets shows an official announcement by the Government of Palestine concerning proper time-keeping in 1920's Jerusalem (32–34).
- "Die Türkei und Europa" (Turkey and Europe) is an essay by A. Birken on the currently strained relations. Birken shows a 1916 parcel card from Germany to Damascus (35–39).
- T. Zywiets reports on his "The Middle East Philatelic Bulletin" project and issue 1 (40–44).
- A. Birken appeals for information and images of "Empire" stamps for his forthcoming publication (44).

**Türkei-Spiegel 117 – 3/2016***Arge Osmanisches Reich/Türkei, German, A5, colour, €5-00*

- A. Birken reports on an interesting auction lot he purchased: postcards and letters between İsmail Hakkı Okday and Wolfgang Jancke 1900–1940 (4–21).
- B.-D. Buscke reports on the use of the Ottoman postmark KEREK (Bay. 2, C&W 7, Birken Suriye p. 40) in 1920–1925 (22–25).
- T. Zywiets adds information to the indexed Nablus postmarks Buscke presented in TS 116 [translated from MEPB3, contributions from Avon Kaplanian and Kamal Kavar] (26–32).
- T. Zywiets revisits two assumptions made on Palestine's 1999 Christmas Block in TS 112 [translation from MEPB3] (33–34).
- A. Birken asks whether collecting current Turkey issues is still viable: apart from the political situation and president Erdoğan's antics, the exploding number of stamps issued and their cost is criticised (35–37).
- O. Graf reports on the re-emergence of a philatelic journal for collectors of Albania: "The Skanderbeg" will be published as a PDF-download on a subscription basis for US-\$ 5-00 p.a. (40).

**The Quarterly Circular 252 (Vol. 22, No. 5) – March 2015***The Egypt Study Circle, English, A4, colour, –*

- S. Samra describes in "Suez Canal Error: The Shredder's Story" how the withdrawn Suez Canal stamps were destroyed in December 2014, concluding that only 4,080 sets-of-three survived, as well as 497 FDCs (99).
- E. Hall reports information provided by S. el-Kerdani on the new postal rates in Egypt, effective from 1.01.2015 (99).
- M. Murphy shows a Sharjah cover with forged cancellation (100).
- E. Hall leads members' tributes to the late Peter Smith, and shows sample pages from Smith's collection, which was auctioned by Corinphila and Carmichael & Todd in 2015 (101–120, iii).
- E. Hall reviews John Davis' book "Egypt: From The Postal Concession Until Suez 1932 To 1956 - Part 1: Until 1st May 1941" (iv).



### The Quarterly Circular 253 (Vol. 22, No. 6) – June 2015

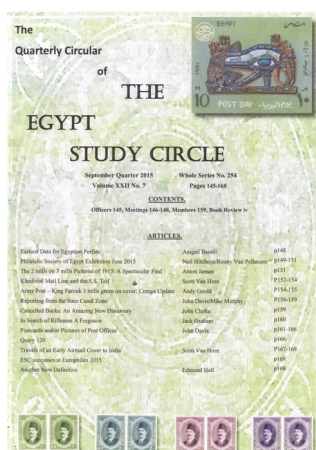
*The Egypt Study Circle, English, A4, colour, –*

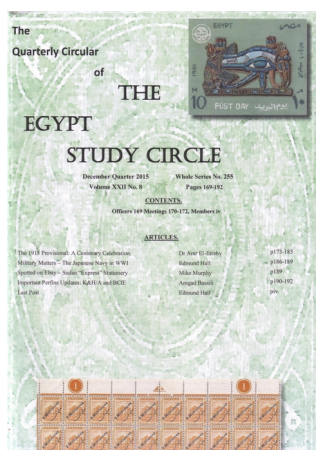
- Auctioneers Carmichael & Todd show an 1886 *avis de réception* form from Alexandria to Tripoli (Syria) with an ultramarine De La Rue 1p stamp (ii).  
 P. L. Grech studies covers of the French Maritime Post in the Levant (126–127) and shows an 1856 cover from Halep to Marseille (124).  
 R. S. Wilson presents a catalogue of postmarks used by U.S. Army Post Offices in Egypt during World War II (128–138).  
 R. Dauwe shows a 1966 censor mark for printed matter (*matbu'at 31*) (139).  
 R. Wheatley shows a Meena House Hotel cover from 1929 with date error (140).  
 T. Frasier-Smith studies varieties of the 1971 Air Mail Letter Sheet (141).  
 R. Wheatley presents original pages from George Higlett's collection (142).  
 E. Hall abstracts a chapter from C.S. Jarvis' 1939 book "*The Back Garden Of Allah*" on Egypt's first Pigeon Post (142–144).

### The Quarterly Circular 254 (Vol. 22, No. 7) – September 2015

*The Egypt Study Circle, English, A4, colour, –*

- A. Bassili reports a new early date for Egyptian perfins as 6.04.1895 (148).  
 E. Hall, N. Hitchens & R. Van Pellecom report from the Philatelic Society of Egypt Exhibition of June 2015 in Cairo (149–151).  
 A. Jansen shows a 1916 philatelic cover with 10 copies of the 2 on 3m 1915 Pictorial surcharge stamps (151).  
 S. Van Horn reports on the cancellations of the Khedivial Mail Line and S.S. Taif (152–154).  
 A. Gould updates the J. Davis' census of 3m green King Farouk Army Post stamps on cover with three new examples; two contributed by J. Fitzpatrick and J. Lea (154–155).  
 J. Davis and M. Murphy report of their visit to the Suez Canal Zone (156–159).  
 J. Clarke shows a newly discovered "cancelled backs" variety: a 1937 Boy King 200 m printed in 1947 (159).  
 J. Grahman shows two multiple-redirected 1915 covers for Rifleman Albert Ferguson [FPO 29, Gallipoli, Cairo, Mustapha, Pyramids, Mena] (160).  
 J. Davis shows postcards and photographs of known and unidentified Egyptian post offices, incl. Ismailia, Luxor, Aswan, Port Said, Cairo, Alexandria, and Beni Suef (161–166).  
 A. Janson has a query about a 7-line mute canceller used at Luxor (166).  
 S. Van Horn shows a much re-directed and taxed 1929 cover from Cairo to India [DLO Calcutta and Bombay] (167–168).  
 E. Hall shows a new Egyptian definitive stamp (L.E.3 Amenhotep III) and a new Suez commemorative strip-of-three (168–iii).  
 The *Philatelic Society of Egypt* invites to its *Third Continental Philatelic Exhibition* in Cairo (3.12.2015–6.01.2016) (iii).  
 P. L. Grech reviews the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of "*Alexandria Ramleh : its Development and Postal History, 1863–1929*" by R. Van Peelcom, P. Grech & A. Stragier [the first edition of 2010 was entitled "*Ramleh Alexandrie : its Development and Postal History, 1863–1929*"] (iv).





### The Quarterly Circular 255 (Vol. 22, No. 8) – December 2015

*The Egypt Study Circle, English, A4, colour, –*

- A. el-Etreby studies the 2 on 3 m 1915 Pictorial surcharge stamps (173–185).  
 E. Hall shows a new Egyptian definitive stamp (L.E.3, Amenhotep III) on FDC [dated 4.10.15] (185).  
 E. Hall studies the Japanese Navy in WWI (186–189).  
 M. Murphy spotted Sudan “Express” stationery on eBay (189).  
 A. Bassili updates his perfins listings: “K&H/A” and “K&H/C” [*Kortenhaus & Hammerstein Alexandria /Cairo*] and “BCIE” [*Banca Commerciale Italiana per l’Egitto*] (190–192).  
 E. Hall looks for someone willing to take over his research collection of Egyptian military covers (iv).  
*In society news, E. Hall reports that ESC has joined Facebook (closed group) (ii).*

### The Quarterly Circular 256 (Vol. 22, No. 9) – March 2016

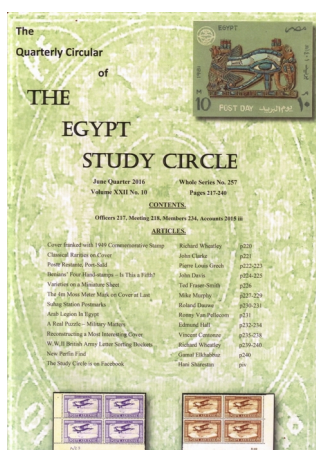
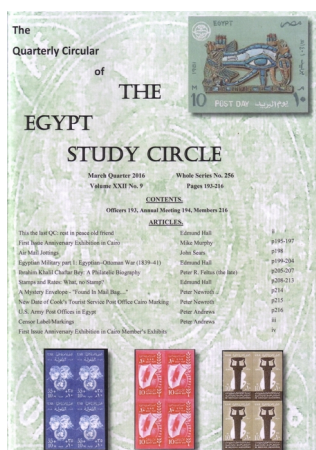
*The Egypt Study Circle, English, A4, colour, –*

- E. Hall found an interesting cover with mixed British & Egyptian franking (ii).  
 M. Murphy reports from the *Third Continental Philatelic Exhibition* in Cairo (195–197).  
 E. Hall studies the Egyptian–Ottoman War of 1839–42 in his series on the Egyptian military (199–204).  
 P. R. Feltus produces a philatelic biography of eminent Egyptian philatelist Ibrahim Khalil Chaftar Bey (205–207).  
 E. Hall studies the complexities of postage rate change and the issuance of fitting new values of definitive stamps, 1898–2015 (209–213).  
 P. Newroth shows a 1928 cover with an English/Arabic cachet “*Found in Mail Bag Without Contents*” (214) and reports a new late date for the “*Cook’s Tourist Service*” (type II) postmark of Cairo: 19.02.1906 (215).  
 P. Andrews extends the use of APO 788 (U.S. Army Post Office in Egypt) to 4.03.1947 (216).  
 P. Andrews notes that the WWII censor label “*Opened But Uncensored*” had already been listed in a monograph on Egyptian Civil Censorship (iii).  
 E. Hall shows a 1945 philatelic cover using stationery cut-outs (iii).  
*Q.C. editor Edmund Hall appeals for new articles and threatens to publish online and on an ad-hoc basis only [this was later relativised by the board] (ii).*

### The Quarterly Circular 257 (Vol. 22, No. 10) – June 2016

*The Egypt Study Circle, English, A4, colour;*

- Auctioneers Carmichael & Todd show an 1886 *avis de réception* (form no. 39) from Alexandria to Tripoli (Syria) with an ultramarine De La Rue 1p stamp [repeat from QC 253] (ii).  
 R. Wheatley shows a cover franked with the 1949 Commemorative stamp “Exposition Agricole & Industrielle” taken from imperforated miniature sheets printed in different colours (220).  
 J. Clarke shows an 1868 cover with a 1 p stamp from the Second Issue, and an 1875 cover with the 1874 1 p (13¼×12½) stamp, possible a new early date for stamp on cover (221).  
 P.-L. Grech studies *poste restante* covers and markings from the French P.O. at Port Saïd (222–223).  
 J. Davis is uncertain whether he found a fourth type of Benians’ “Postage Prepaid” hand-stamps or just a worn example of type 1 (224–225).  
 T. Fraser-Smith shows varieties of the 1969 “Millenary of Cairo” miniature sheet (226).  
 M. Murphy studies the 4m Moss meter mark on cover (227–229).  
 R. Dauwe studies the postmarks of Suhag Station (230–231).  
 R. Van Pellecom asks about a 1939 cover with boxed cachet “فرقة العرب / Arab





V. Centonze visually reconstructs the stages of a much-travelled cover from 1899 (234–238). The author electronically removed all writings and markings from the cover, and adds the relevant parts stage by stage through the cover’s travels from Brighton via Egypt to Marseilles and back to Brighton.

R. Wheatley presents British Army *Letter Sorting Dockets* from World War II with “Postage Prepaid” cancels (239–240).

G. Elkhabbaz shows a perfin: “BCIE” (*Banca Commerciale Italiana per l’Egitto*) (240).

*Q.C. Editor Edmund Hall reports about the flood of articles he received after threatening to close the journal (234); and H. Sharestan reports on the Study Circle’s presence on Facebook (iv).*

*Ottoman & Near East Philatelic Society, English, A4, mostly b/w, US-\$ 1.50*

G. Diffen studies the Australian military campaign at Gallipoli [reprint from Spink Insider 201/2015] (38–44).

B. Tatham catalogues postal stationery of Eastern Rumelia & South Bulgaria 1878–1885 (45–50).

G. Todd shows an 1878 offer by Alfred Glavany (Constantinople) and Otto Böhlen (Berne) on Liannon local stamps (51).

C. R. Catherman’s Q&A section answers a query from May by reprinting R. Barnes’ article “*The bogus POИuT/ROPiT issue of 1918*” from The Circuit (ISWSC) (52).

R. Rose reports on his visit to İstanbul, its postal museum, and the İSFİLA and Burak offices (55).

*According to AGM minutes the society will make “The Levant” available online. Access will be password-protected for ONEPS members only, although a few back-issues will be made available for free (37, 56).*

*Ottoman & Near East Philatelic Society, English, A4, colour, US-\$ 1.50*

K. Giray studies external mail during Atatürk's Anatolian Nationalist Government of 1920–1921 (58–62).

Y. Corapcioğlu researched foreign mail rates in Nationalist Anatolia, 1921– 1922, coming to the conclusion that until 30.05.1921 the rates were the same as the Ottoman government's rates, and from 10.06.1921 to 23.01.1922 no separate foreign rates existed, and domestic rates were applied (63–65).

F. P. Katz and K. Ertem researched the life and works of Şevket Vahdeti (1833– 1871), the designer of the Duloz stamps [reprint from Collector's Club Philatelist] (66–75).

R. Rose summarises a piece by P. Jung (publ. in *Türkei-Spiegel* 4 of 1989) on Austro-Hungarian submarine SMU27 in Beirut in 1918 (75).

Arwad or Île Rouad: R. Rose looks at the little info known on the island's stamps: French stamps overprinted "ILE ROUAD" in 1916 (76).

R. Rose reviews the new book by Ghassan Diab Riachi: "Sultanate of Nejd : A Philatelic Manual" (79).



## The Levant Vol. 8, No. 5 – May 2016

*Ottoman & Near East Philatelic Society, English, A4, colour, US-\$ 1-50*

A. al-Manaseer takes up R. Fuch's lead (see his 2015 article in MEPB1) and reports on the stamps of the Kingdom of Kurdistan (1920/21) centring on colour trials and varieties (83–86).

G. D. Riachi studies the Varieties of the *Jeddah Issues* of Hejaz (87–90).

R. Rose looks at plate varieties and colour changes of the 1949 first Saudi Airmail issue (90–91).

R. Rose reviews the novel *"Birds Without Wings"* by Louis de Bernières, set in a Turkish village at the end of the Ottoman Empire (91).

R. Rose reviews A. Birken's recent series of books on Ottoman stamps: *"Die Tughra-Marken," "Die Duloz-Marken,"* and *"Duloz-Plattenfehler"* (92).

## Holy Land Postal History 126/127 – Spring 2014

*Israel Philatelic Federation, English, C5, colour, US-\$ 25-00*

In Letters to the Editor, E. H. Kolodny discusses two covers (1885 and 1895) from the US Consulate in Jerusalem to Massachusetts via Austrian Post (859–861); and Y. Kleiner shows two further consular covers: 1789 Spanish Embassy Constantinople to the Vice-Consul in Jaffa; and 1809 Constantinople to the Apostolic Consul in Acre (862).

I. Karpovsky describes flown army airmail to besieged Jerusalem (863–867).

M. Foch shows an 1850 letter from England to the British Consulate in Jerusalem which was returned via Beirut (868–869). [Editor's comment: *The instructional cachet "Sent back to England / without a reason / for non-Delivery" is certainly not from the consulate (as suggested) but from London G.P.O.*]

R. Fuchs studies the publicity envelopes of the Nairn Transport Company serving the Haifa–Baghdad Overland Mail [unrevised reprint from *The London Philatelist*, 1408/2013] (870–884).

Y. Kleiner studies letters from Napoleon's Egyptian Campaign 1799 (887–895).

Y. Kleiner researched 15th century Venetian letters from Ascelona (Ascalon) and doubts an example shown in the BAPIP Bulletin in 1956, coming to the conclusion that they are all from Barcelona, not Ascelona (896–907).

I. Karpovsky shows an 1865 letter from Jerusalem to Vienna via Austrian Post with multiple franking of 9×5 Soldi (908).

## Holy Land Postal History 128/129 – Winter 2014

*Israel Philatelic Federation, English, C5, colour, US-\$ 25-00*

In Letters to the Editor, R. Fuchs appeals for Haifa–Baghdad Overland Mail collectors to come forward (911–912)

J. W. Kupiec-Weglinski and J. Kosmal study Poland's LOT airmail service Beirut–Helsinki at the outbreak of World War II [reprint from *American Air Mail Society's* journal *Airpost*] (913–917).

J. Aron studies Holy Land letters during the rule of Khedive Mehmet Ali Pasha over Syria, 1832–1840 (918–925).

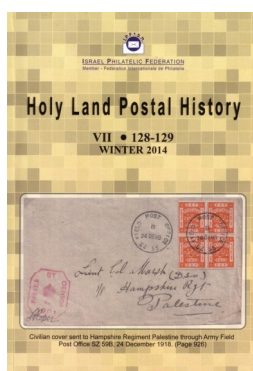
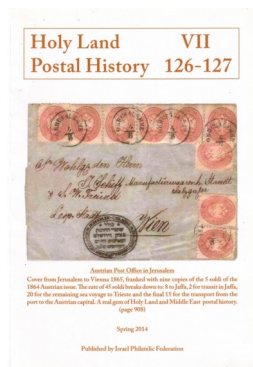
Z. Galibov shows some 20 covers with S.Z. postmarks, i.e. stationery F.P.O.s and A.P.O.s of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force (E.E.F.) and lists the S.Z. postmarks used in Palestine for 1917–1919 (926–943).

M. Fock shows covers carried by couriers *Santelli & Micciarelli* (Jerusalem–Beirut) in connection with English couriers *Black & Heald* (Damascus–Beirut) (944–948).

D. Kibble reports on the effects of letter bombs on undercover mail via the G.P.O. in London, resulting in much correspondence being destroyed [reprinted from *The Israel Philatelist*, 1/2016] (951–953).

G. Fricks reviews Daryl Kibble's book *"The Arab-Israeli Conflict : No Service, Returned and Captured Mail"* (954–956).

M. Fock shows an 1868 letter from Jerusalem via Austrian Post to Turin, Italy,

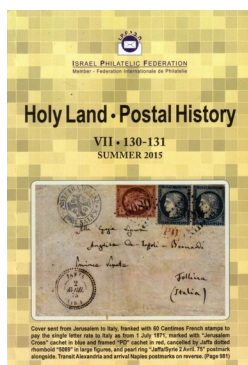


franked with 8×10 Soldi, i.e. 8 times the normal rate (957).

Y. Kleiner shows a 1362 Venetian cover, purportedly from Gaza to Aleppo, and a 1487 letter from Gaza to Tripoli (Syria) [both are most likely not from Gaza] (957–958).

### Holy Land Postal History 130/131 – Summer 2015

*Israel Philatelic Federation, English, C5, colour, US-\$ 25.00*



Y. Shabtai studies Israeli Taxed Mail 1948–1971 (961–980).

Y. Kleiner compiled texts and covers from the *Alexander* collection on foreign post offices in the Ottoman Empire, and shows mail from Jewish colonies being carried by Austrian Post and then the Ottoman Post following closure of the foreign services at the outbreak of World War I (981–996).

I. Karpovsky shows covers going through the sea-post of the foreign post offices in the Ottoman Empire (996–1011).

J. Aron reports on an Australian soldier's letter, serving with 4<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Brigade, 27.11.1917 (1012–1016). The editor shows an unconnected cover with F.P.O. SZ1 mark (1016).

Y. Kleiner shows a Minhelet Ha'am letter of 25.05.1948 (1017–1018).

### The Israel Philatelist – Summer 2015 – 66. 2015, No. 3

*Society of Israel Philatelists, Inc., English, ca. A4 (letter), colour, US-\$ 4.95*

In *Letters to the Editor*, Y. Leheavy writes about *Professeur Cohen* (4) followed by a short article on the philatelist (6–7).

R. S. Hermann writes on collecting Israel foreign mails of 1948/1949 (8–11).

M. I. Fock reports on the Austrian Lloyd agency in Jerusalem (1852–1859) and its postmark "Agencia del Lloyd Austriaco / Gerusalemme" (14–15).

N. Zankel shows a 1922 cover taxed with a "late fee" of 2 Millièmes (franked with 15m instead of 13m). Late fees were imposed for handing in letters after the regular counter's official closing time for specific despatches (18).

The late D. Simmons' series on UNFIL is continued with part 4 (20–22).

D. A. Chafetz reports on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1933 air mail flight Jerusalem–Rome (24).

J. Wallach continues his series on London forwarding between Israel and Arab states (24–25).

I. Osterer looks at the designer of Israel's 1965 "Festival" stamps.

R. B. Pildes shows proofs of cancellers by *Palestine Emergency Deliveries Inc.* (PEDI) of New York.

H. I. Salman with J. I. Spector and E. Helitzer write on Dr. Moshe Wallach and his Shaare Zedek hospital in Jerusalem, showing also some Ottoman postal forms (36–40).

B. Weiner shows a 1947 "economy use" cover (53).

A. Harris reports on 1980s Israel revenues "Tree & Waterpipe" (54–57).

### The Israel Philatelist – Autumn 2015 – 66. 2015, No. 4

*Society of Israel Philatelists, Inc., English, ca. A4 (letter), colour, US-\$ 4.95*

E. Kroft researched the commercial use of Palestine's highest value stamp: the £1 Pictorial of 1942 (6–9).

R. B. Pildes shows designs for Israel's 1948 "Doar Ivri" letter-sheet (20–21).

B. Weiner shows a letter from Cairo to Jaffa via the Red Cross in Geneva (25).

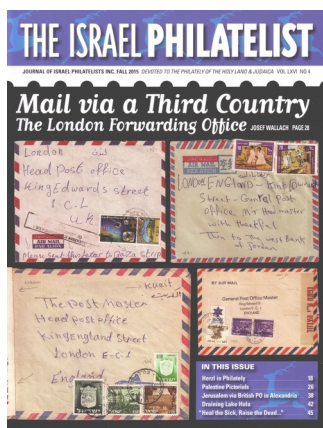
D. A. Chafetz shows a cover from 1938 commemorating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1918 armistice with a picture of General Allenby (25).

I. Math writes on the printing plates and varieties of Palestine's definitive series "Pictorials" (26–27).

J. Wallach continues his series on London forwarding between Israel and Arab states (28–29).

J.-P. Danon shows a supposed FDC of the "Doar Ivri" booklet (33).

N. Zankel shows a 1921 provisional registration envelope (*Dorfman PRI*) used in Surafend in 1922 (37).





M. I. Fock looks at the British consular post in the Ottoman Empire, showing two 1840's covers (38–39).

R. Cohen shows two Israel revenue varieties (44).

The late D. Simmons' series on UNFIL is continued with part 5 (48–52).

S. Morgenstern researches Palestine's preferential airmail rates for military personnel and shows a 1941 cover to Australia (56–57).

### The Israel Philatelist – Winter 2016 – 67. 2016, No. 1

*Society of Israel Philatelists, Inc., English, ca. A4 (letter), colour, US-\$ 4-95*

In *Letters to the Editor*, B. Weiner and J. Wallach correct an error in Weiner's article "1948 Civilian Mail Gaza to Jaffa via the Red Cross" (IP, vol. 67, no. 4, p. 25): Gaza wasn't under Israeli occupation in 1948 (5).

D. Kibble studies the impact of letter bombs on undercover mail to and from Israel via the London G.P.O. Official sources suggest that thousands of such letters were destroyed at the time (8–9).

E. Kroft presents part 2 of a study on parcel post and parcel cards in the Holy Land, 1882–1954 (30–33) showing Austrian, Italian, German, Ottoman, Mandate, and Israeli parcel despatch notes (16–18).

D. A. Chafetz presents a 1938 cover of the "Arabic Union Mission of Seventh Day Adventists, Jerusalem" (28–29).

S. Morginstin 'reviews' the 1981 book "Palestine : Stamps (1865–1981)" (Shaath/Mekdsahi/el-Labbad/Elmesssiri/O'Hanlon). *[Editors comment: Sadly the reviewer can't resist making disparaging political comments about the work, with half the review dealing with the stamp depicted on the cover: for obvious reasons, the authors had removed the (even in the 1920s) controversial abbreviation of 'Eretz Israel' from the Mandate stamp shown]* (33).

T. L. C. Tomkins' "Notes on the Campaign in Egypt and Palestine 1914–18 : Indian Expeditionary Force 'E' and 'F'" is reprinted from Gibbons' Stamp Monthly of December 1967 (pp. 66–68). *[Editors comment: This almost 50-year-old piece may still be interesting to the philatelic historian, but has long been superseded by John Firebrace's 1991 epic "British Empire campaigns and occupations in the Near East, 1914–1924."]* (37–39).

Small pieces: E. Kroft shows the revenue usage of Doar Ivri stamps on a 1948 cheque (6); N. Zankel presents a 1925 Overland Mail returned cover: Haifa–Baghdad–Amman–Jerusalem–Haifa (13); B. Weiner shows a May 1948 P.O.W. cover from Mansoura (Egypt) via the Red Cross to an Israeli camp (53); Y. Taschor revisits the Joseph Cohen cover (shown in IP of Summer 2015), centring on the rarity of Bale #2 on a letter (54); J. Wallach shows a 1968/69 Israeli Occupation pass permit for a ticket controller on the Jerusalem–Jericho–Amman bus line (55).



### The Israel Philatelist – Winter 2016 – 67. 2016, No. 2

*Society of Israel Philatelists, Inc., English, ca. A4 (letter), colour, US-\$ 4-95*

In *Letters to the Editor*, I. Math presents numerators on sheets of Mandate £P1 (4) [see also item below], and B. Belonje, in response to a 'review' in TIP 67/1, points to the 2012 Abuljebain book on Palestinian stamps (5).

S. Rothmann reviews the Zvi Aloni book "The postal history of the transition period in Israel, 1948 : vol. 1 ; official postal service ; postal administrations of British Mandate, Minhelet Ha'am and Israel" (6).

E. Kroft presents covers with the commercial use of the 1942 Mandate 500m Mils stamp (8–12).

L. Katz shows some Israeli military postal stationery (20–21).

H. Epstein studies the gates of the Old Town of Jerusalem (22–25).

I. Math presents numerators on sheets of Mandate £P1. *[This is actually a reprise of the letter to the editor on p. 4 with a few additional illustrations]* (28–29).

B. Gruzd shows essays for the 1950 Israeli airmail stamps (36–37).

E. Kroft studies Israeli printed matter and its regulation during the 1948 transition period (38–40).



- J. Wallach shows two linear-code registration labels of Palestine, and points out that Israel (unlike all other nations) does not recognise registered covers from the PNA (41).
- N. Zankel reports on the early cancels of Jerusalem's Mea Shearim branch P.O., 1920/1921, incl. a near early date of 28.07.1920 for the J3 postmark (48–50).
- T. Goldstone asks about an unknown UNOGIL aérogramme (50).

### Israel-Philatelie 25 – September 2015

*IG Israel, German, A4, colour, –*



- R. Spieß presents his thematic collection on Holy Land plants (4–15).
- T. Zywiets unearthed a 1913 article by a catholic priest on the postal situation in Palestine, describing especially the fierce competition between the Ottoman and foreign postal services: “Das Postwesen in Palästina” by Father Ernst J. Schmitz [reprint from Das Heilige Land, 58. 1914, no. 1] (16–20).
- T. Zywiets reports in the first part of his article series on Julius Bolthausen's travel tours about the picture postcards by Perlberg and Wuttke [translation from The Middle East Philatelic Bulletin, no. 1, 2015] (21–25).
- H.-P. Förster shows illustrated Israel fieldpost cards from the 1973 war (28–32).
- A printer's error in issue 24 is corrected: the PNA 1999 Christmas blocks are now shown in full (32).

### Israel-Philatelie 26 – December 2015

*IG Israel, German, A4, colour, –*



- In “Die Sorge gilt der Kaffeesahne” U. Zahn transcribed the (partly political, partly mundane) contents of two air-letter sheets sent from Palestine to the US in 1948 (10–12).
- H.-P. Förster shows various examples of covers and special hand-stamps concerning the September 2015 Israeli-German joint issue commemorating 50 year of diplomatic relations (12–15).
- T. Zywiets presents the third part in his series on varieties of PNA stamps: the 2012 “Fruit” block (16–18).
- T. Zywiets unearthed an official announcement concerning proper time-keeping in 1920's Jerusalem (19).

### Israel-Philatelie 27 – May 2016

*IG Israel, German, A4, colour, –*



- P. R. Risi presents two adjacent blocks-of-four from Palestine's 1918 “Blues” stamps (B18 A, Transfer F) [translated reprint from BAPIP Bulletin 172] (10–11).
- U. Zahn reports on Israel Taxi post (12–14).
- R. von Scharpen reviews the book “Jérusalem et la Poste Française” by Raphaël Livnat (15).
- T. Zywiets reports on his “The Middle East Philatelic Bulletin” project and the first two issues (18–19).
- Membership of IG Israel stands at 73 according to the AGM report (MB 1). The contents lists of Israel Philatelie nos. 1–27 are reprinted (i–iv).*



### Doar Ivri 35 – September/December 2015

*Cercle Français Philatélique d'Israël, French, A4, colour, –*

- M. I. Fock shows Santelli & Micciarelli forwarding covers from the 1850s (6–7).  
 R. S. Hermann shows covers of Israel foreign postal relations during 1948/1949 (8–18).  
 M. Daniels reports on printing dates of Israel's definitive series "Coat of Arms" (20–26).  
 B. Boccara shows a 1948 cover from Hadassah hospital on Mt. Scopus (34–35).  
 C. D. Abravanel shows three postcards depicting the "Sublime Porte," i.e. Bâb-î Âli gate (35).  
 C. D. Abravanel reports on a notice in the "Gazette Nationale" of 22.05.1799 on Napoleon's campaign in Syria. A cover from that campaign (9.03.1799, Jaffa to Egypt) is shown on page ([32]).



### Doar Ivri 36 – January/April 2016

*Cercle Français Philatélique d'Israël, French, A4, colour, –*

- C. D. Abravanel shows a clearly philatelic cover from the *Syrische Waisenhaus* (Syrian Orphanage) in Jerusalem in 1907 with 13 French Levant stamps; as well as a 1917 postcard with Ottoman stamps from Jerusalem to Hungary (5).  
 Z. Simmons writes on the French and Italian forces in the Holy Land 1917–1921: *Détachement Français en Palestine* and *Distaccamento Italiano di Palestina* (6–13).  
 C. D. Abravanel presents the first part of the history of air mail in Palestine, covering mainly the 1919 E.E.F. emergency service, *Imperial Airways*, and *K.L.M.* (14–21).  
 M. Daniels researched the printing dates of Israel's 1969/70 definitive "armoury" series (22–26).  
 J. Zaluski shows New Year's greeting cards/folders of the Israeli Philatelic Service (27).



### Doar Ivri 37 – May/August 2016

*Cercle Français Philatélique d'Israël, French, A4, colour, –*

- An undated picture from the Library of Congress' collection shows the French post office in Jerusalem (3).  
 C. D. Abravanel shows sheet numerator varieties on 2015 Israel stamps (5).  
 B. Wright presents his award-winning exhibit on Palestine's typographed stamp issue of 1918–1920 [translation from BAPIP Bulletin 172] (6–13).  
 C. D. Abravanel presents the second part of the history of air mail in Palestine, covering mainly the *LOT*, *ALA Littoria*, *Air Orient*, *Air France*, *Misr*, and *Palestine Airways* (14–19).  
 A. Bachus sheds light on collecting Israeli military condolence cards (22–23).  
 C. D. Abravanel looks at the re-alignment of imperialist rule from Ottoman to Western hegemony over the Middle East. The maps are accompanied by topical stamps and covers (24–27).  
 Y. Tsachor shows a "Professeur Cohen" cover with SG no. 3, canc. 27.02.18 (37).  
 C. D. Abravanel shows a 1934 Zeppelin LZ127 cover, Jerusalem to Brazil ([32]).

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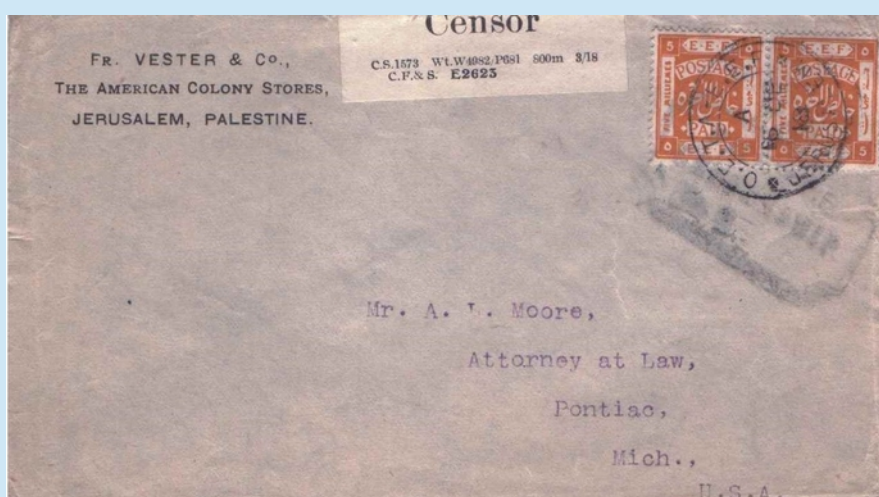


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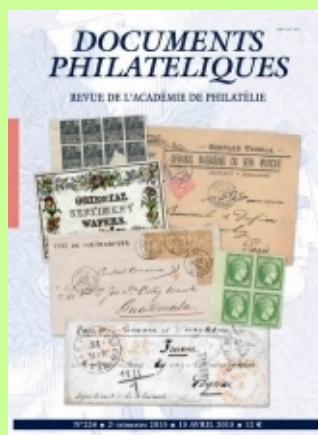
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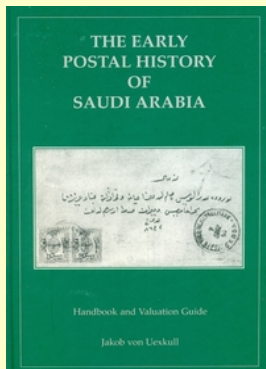
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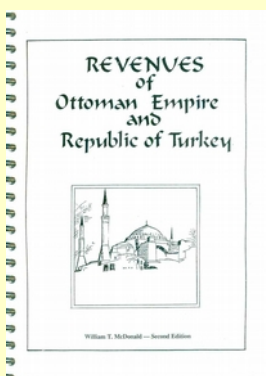
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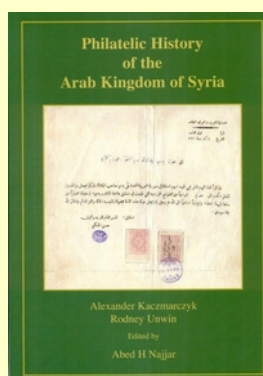
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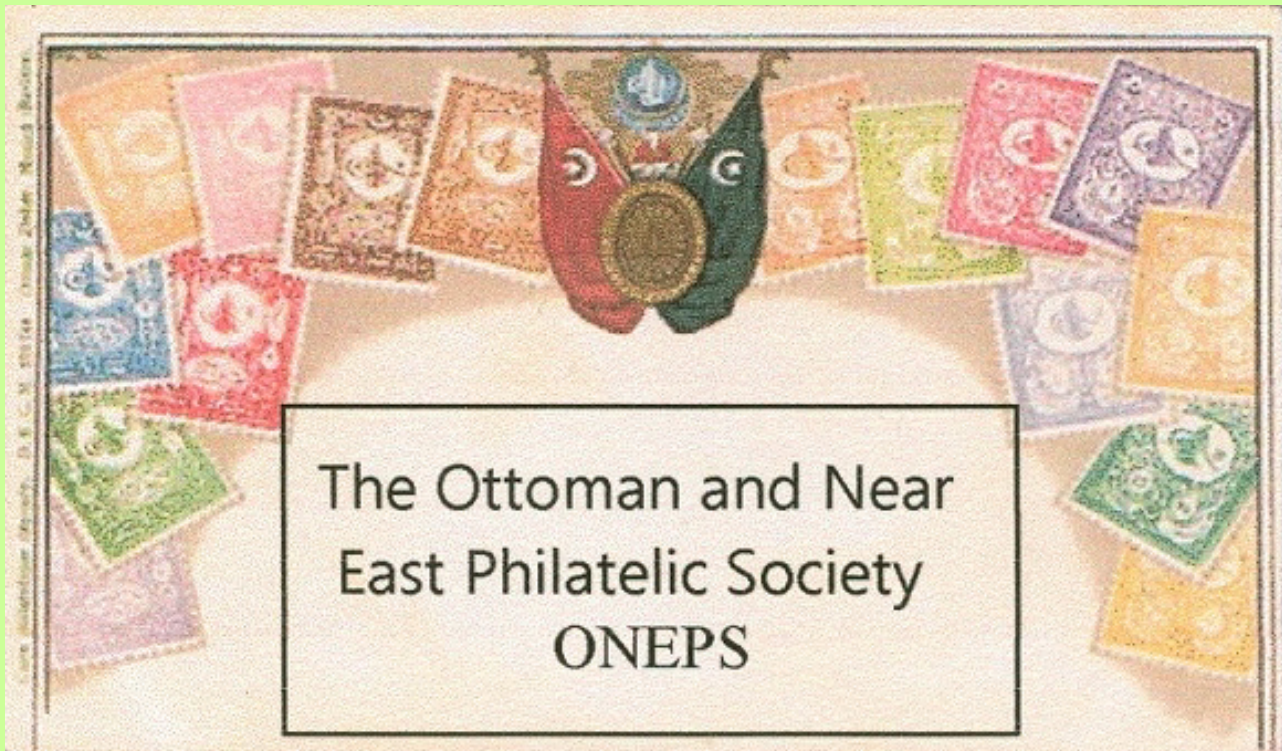
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## Editorial

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### MEPB 1 and 2

As I write this editorial in early August 2016, the number of downloads of the first two issues of MEPB is steadily rising. But, as one would expect, numbers are tailing off after the first few months an edition is published: Issue 1 (December 2015) now stands at 1,508, and issue 2 (April 2016) has reached 673. These figures, still outperforming my initial expectations, together with positive responses from readers encourage me to continue with this project. I hope this third issue will be received with a similar response.

### The Contents of this Issue

You will notice that this issue contains more individual articles, but many are of a shorter nature. Big substantial research articles are hard to come by, and many authors can provide shorter pieces at more ease.

A **Rare Ottoman Cover** caught my eye when it was offered by Lebanese auction house *Cedarstamps*: not only is the octagonal postmark of Amman rare, the accompanying censor mark turned out to be of world rarity: a new discovery, never before described in literature.

The article on a mistaken **Indian Army F.P.O. 318** cancel started just as a scan of the cover and a few lines of text sent in by *Robert Gray*. Together with Robert further research and consultation of experts were undertaken, revealing the true identity of the postmark.

*Daryl Kibble* provided excerpts from his book and award-winning exhibit on the 1948 **Nahariya Emergency Mail**.

*Bernd-Dieter Buscke* recently published his discovery of two **1950s Nablus Postmarks** in the German *Türkei-Spiegel*. The article has now been translated and is supplemented by further research undertaken during the translation process. Crucial scans and information were provided by *Avo Kaplanian* and *Kamal Kawar*.

My article on Palestine's **1999 Christmas Block** in MEPB2 had to be revised as a central assumption was disproved by new information sent in by a number of readers.

*Mike Murphy* of the Egypt Study Circle (ESC) kindly cooperated in a revised cumulative version of his articles on **Egyptian Linear Barcode Registration Labels** originally published in the ESC's Quarterly Journal.

In **Research Notes**, *Andreas Birken* request scans of or Ottoman "Empire" stamps for his forthcoming study on the series' varieties; and *Bob Bradford* looks to enlarge the database of Cilicia covers in preparation for his update of Max Mayo's 1984 book.

In **Book Reviews**, *Richard B. Rose* takes on *Ghassan Riachi's* "**The Sultanate of Nejd**" (reprint from *The Levant*), and I review *Laurence Kimpton's* "**Airmails Across The Middle East 1918–1930.**"

This issue's **Archive Section** continues the series on postal history and related notices from the Official Gazettes for Palestine, covering 1923/1924.

### Contributions

I will consider any article of quality for potential inclusion: be it a large article with original research, a small piece looking at a particular aspect, a concise description of an interesting cover, or a long-forgotten piece of research rediscovered. It can be original writing, or material already published. I will advise and help with anything offered. Translation into English can be arranged, and all processes are closely coordinated with the author.

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If you think you can contribute to the journal, please do not hesitate to contact me!

### Future Articles

These are some of the articles I hope to include in future issues of MEPB:

- The Oriental Travels of Julius Bolthausen: The Caiffa Bisects (Tobias Zywiets)
- Early Postcards of Muscat (Joachim Duester)
- British "Prisoners of War Censorship Middle East" censor labels (Giorgio Migliavacca)
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*Many thanks to all!*

***Please come forward with your articles,  
research, queries, and images!  
MEPB needs interesting new material!***



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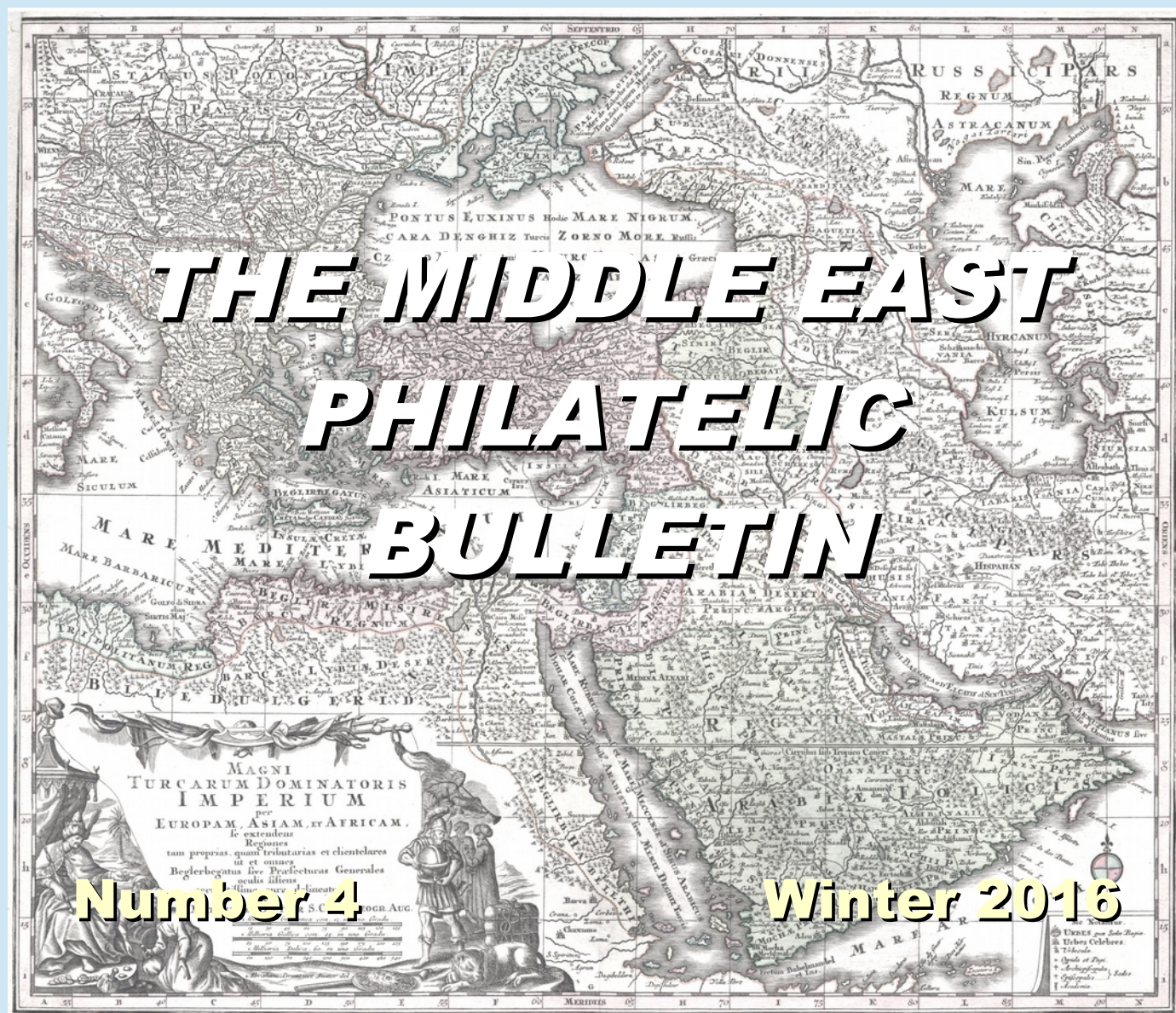
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