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Baghdad Provisionals Revisited

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with material from Andreas Birken

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Over the years various articles have been written about the 1 Piastre on 2 Piastres hand-surcharged bisected stamps of the *UPU Empire* issue.¹ General consensus is that these stamps were hand-surcharged and exclusively used from Baghdad to the vilayets of Iraq (Baghdad, Basra, Mosul).



Fig. 1: Type I
(Paiste/Pearson Type II)²



Fig. 2: Type II
(Paiste Type I, Pearson Type 1b)



Fig. 3: Type III
(Paiste/Pearson Type III)

Pearson concluded in 1991:³

The fact that these bisects are, [...], all used and generally addressed to native correspondents in adjoining towns, would seem to support Higlett's conclusion rather than Passer. They certainly seem to have passed through the post without surcharge. Without evidence of local postal documents or contemporary newspaper reports it is impossible to be confident. The fact that they were not supplied in quantity in unused condition to European residents, as happened with the 1887 'bisects' of Constantinople, would seem to be in their favour. To have been worth producing as a bogus issue would have needed a ready collector's market, which was perhaps unlikely in Bagdad in 1890, and they were not on sale long enough for the European philatelic press to report on them before their use was discontinued.

In his 2001 article, Pearson details all the forgeries he detected. He came to this conclusion regarding Type III:

I am of the opinion that all with the 11 Fevrier obliteration were made either in Constantinople or Vienna, probably within a few months of the issue in 1892 and using as models the illustrations in Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal or Le Timbres-Poste.⁴

So far no official documents have surfaced to explain why these so called "Baghdad Provisionals" had been prepared and whether they were officially approved, and no usage of types II and III outside of the vilayets Baghdad, Basra, and Mosul have been recorded, until now.

The following examples are the only recorded documents showing the usage of surcharged bisect stamps of types II and III for destinations outside the vilayets of Iraq.

¹ For a selection see Sources and Literature.

² Figures 1 to 3 taken from Paiste, 1998, p. 40.

³ Pearson, 1991, pp. 319–320.

⁴ The two notes are quoted in Pearson, 1991, pp. 311–312, with the illustrations shown on p. 315.



Fig. 4:

Part of A.R. receipt franked with bisected 2 pi surcharged 1 pi (type I), tied by **BAGDAD * TURQUIE 11 NOVEMBRE 1889** date stamp (A&P 7, Bayındır 12, cf. Birken 2016, vol. Bağdad, p. 4) and 6.12.1889 hooded London cancel.

Until this piece was discovered all catalogues listed type II as 1890.



Fig. 5:

Circa 1892 part cover franked with bisected 2pi and type III 1pi surcharge, tied by **Postahane-i Bağdad 1299** negative seal (A&P 5, Bayındır 5, Birken 2016, vol. Bağdad, p. 4) alongside part of Istanbul arrival cancel.

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Turkey.—We give illustrations of four of the new issue chronicled last month.



M. Roussin has, according to our Brussels contemporary, received specimens on letters of the 2 para yellow diagonally severed and surcharged as above, for temporary use as 1 piastre at Bagdad.

1 piastre, black surcharge on diagonally cut half of 2 piastres, 1890 issue, yellow.

Fig. 6: Notice in *The London Philatelist*, no. 4 (vol. 1, 1892, no. 4), p. 107.



Figs. 7 and 7a: 11.02.1892, return to sender cover to England franked with bisected 1pi surcharged (type III) on 2pi, tied by **BAGDAD * TURQUIE 11 FEVRIER 92** date stamp (A&P 7, Bayındır 12, cf. Birken 2016, vol. Bağdad, p. 4) alongside “Insufficiently addressed / E.C” boxed cachet applied on arrival in London.

On reverse: London arrival 5.03.1892 and 4.04.1892 return marks, plus further London marks. Expertiser’s mark “J.SCHL” of Julius Schlesinger.⁵

5 This expertiser is shown in G. Kocks’ *Philatelic Experts* listings as *Schlesinger, Julius / Worldwide / Berlin, 1858–1920, dealer*; “considered not fully reliable, [Brühl, Tyler].” Cf. <http://www.filatelia.fi/experts/nameess.html> (acc. 25.10.2016).

Cf. also biography by Wolfgang Maassen in *Wer ist wer in der Philatelie?* Online: [http://www.bdph.de/index.php?id=455&tx_whoiswho_pi1\[showUid\]=2192&tx_whoiswho_pi1\[showArea\]=s&tx_whoiswho_pi1\[pointer\]=3&cHash=9447be43dc7f7d5458eabf2b87496e04](http://www.bdph.de/index.php?id=455&tx_whoiswho_pi1[showUid]=2192&tx_whoiswho_pi1[showArea]=s&tx_whoiswho_pi1[pointer]=3&cHash=9447be43dc7f7d5458eabf2b87496e04) (accessed 25.10.2016) and in *Phila Historica*, 2016, no. 3, p. 44: “but he was also responsible for forged 1885 overprints of South Bulgaria (known as ‘Schlesinger-Type’).” [translated].

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مقیم نامنه دن مرسول

Le soussigné déclare qu'un(e) *lettre* recommandé(e)

نومروئی و تعهدلی بر قطعه اخذ ایلدیکمی مین اشبو سند اعطا قلندی

a l'adresse de M. *G. J. J. J.* a *Paris*

provenant de *Bagdad* et enregistré sous le

N° *147* lui a été remis(e).

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le 189 ۱۳ سنه و

Signature du destinataire. مرسل الیهک امضاسی

N° d'arrivée

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پوسته خانهسته تعهدلی اولدوق اعاده اولنه جقدر

A renvoyer sous recommandation au bureau expéditeur, muni de la signature du destinataire

موزون پوسته خانه سنک تلغراف سی

PARIS 26 MAR 1892

Signature a date du bureau destinataire

موزون پوسته خانه سنک تلغراف سی

Signature a date du bureau expéditeur

Fig. 8: 11.02.1892. Avis de réception form for a letter sent to France franked with bisected 2 pi surcharged 1 pi in type III, tied by **BAGDAD * TURQUIE 11 FEVRIER 92** date stamp (A&P 7, Bayındır 12, cf. Birken 2016, vol. Bağdad, p. 4) and 10 pa revenue stamp tied by part **BAGHDAD / POSTE** bilingual negative seal as well as Paris arrival mark of 2.03.1892.

Overprints on Cut-Outs⁶



Figs. 9–11: The overprint types on three cut-outs, all tied by **Postahane-i Bağdad 1299** negative seal (A&P 5, Bayındır 5, cf. Birken 2016, vol. Bağdad, p. 4)

⁶ Shown courtesy of Andreas Birken; from his forthcoming book on the Ottoman 'Empire' stamps.

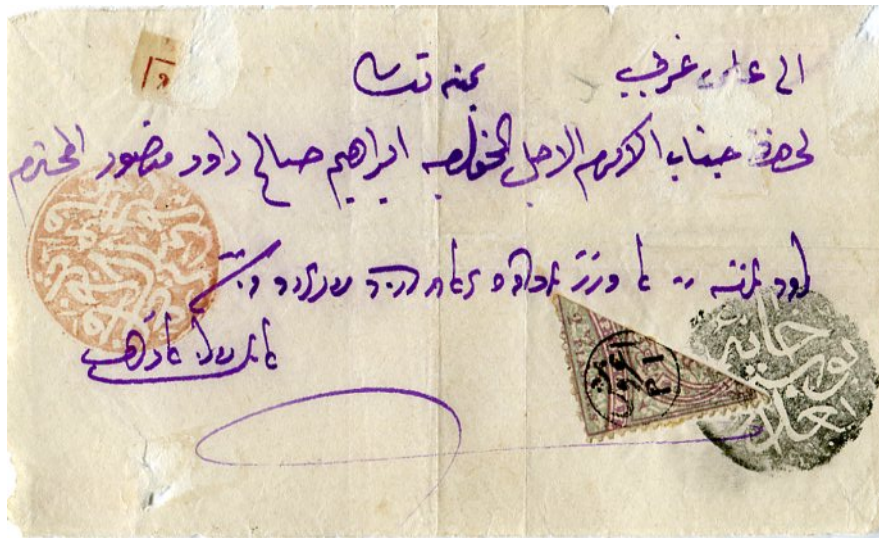
Some More Covers⁷

Fig. 12: Circa 1889 cover from Baghdad franked with bisected type I 1pi surcharged on 2pi tied by **Postahane-i Bağdad 1299** and on arrival red **Telgraf ve postahane-i Ali ül-Ğarbi 300** [1883/1884] (A&P 1, Bayındır 1, cf. Birken 2016, vol. Basra, p. 8) negative seals.

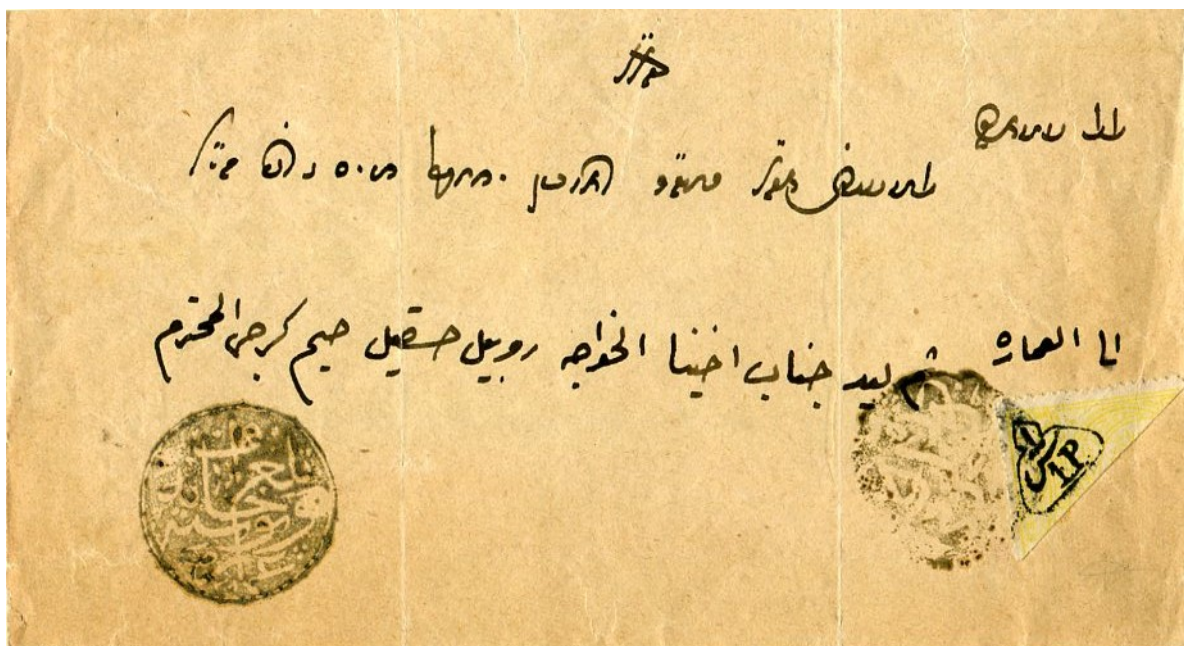


Fig. 13: Circa 1892 cover from Baghdad franked with bisected type III 1pi surcharged on 2pi tied by **Postahane-i Bağdad 1299** and on arrival **Telgraf ve postahane-i Amare 301** (A&P 1, Bayındır 1, cf. Birken 2016, vol. Basra, p. 8) negative seals.

⁷ Images of figs. 12, 13, and 14 appear courtesy of Kemal Giray.

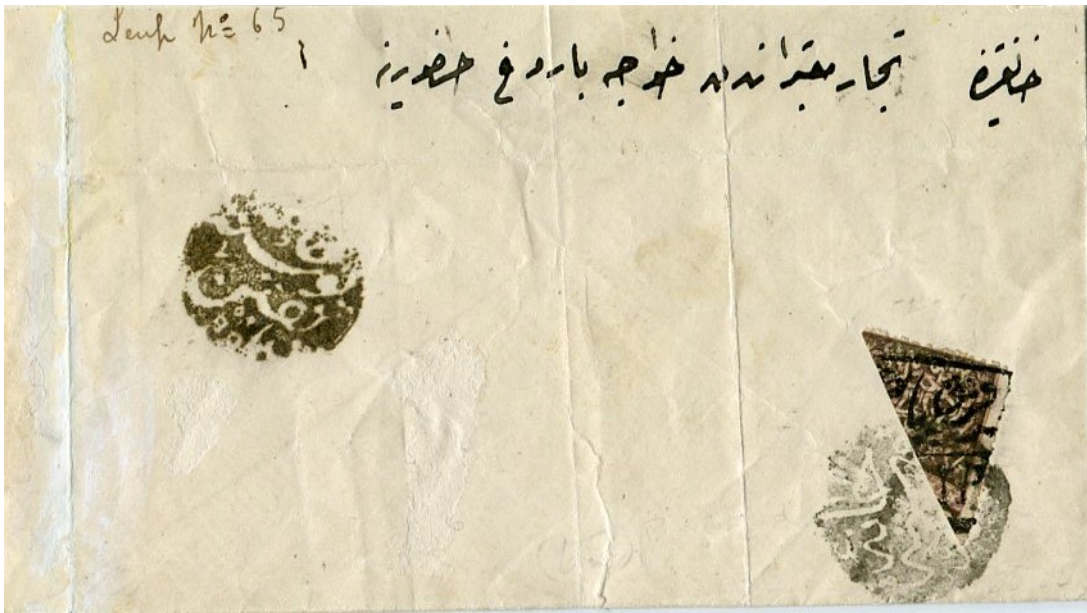


Fig. 14: Circa 1892 cover from Baghdad franked with bisected type II 1pi surcharged on 2pi tied by **Postahane-i Bağdad 1299** and on arrival by **Postahane-i Hanekin 95** (A&P 1, Bayındır 1, cf. Birken 2016, vol. Bağdad, p. 11) negative seals.

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Overland Mail Baghdad–Haifa: A Very Special Iranian Overland Mail Cover

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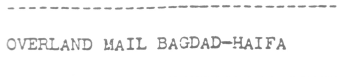
I present here a cover with an *Overland Mail* route instruction label from Iran. This is the only known Advice of Receipt (Avis de Réception, A.R.) cover sent from Iran via *Overland Mail Baghdad–Haifa*, and the only known cover with route instruction label Collins L-15.

This registered cover, using official stationery, was sent “A.R.” in the second weight class from Teheran (2.05.1932) to the Persian Embassy in Paris. On the reverse there’s the wax seal of the *Persian Ministry of Foreign Affairs*, a transit postmark “Damas” (10.05.1932) as well as an arrival postmark of Paris (17.05.1932).

The total postage rate of 105 Chahis consists of:

Postage for letter up to 20 g	30 Chahis
Additional postage for 21–40 g	20 Chahis
Registration fee	30 Chahis
Advice of Receipt fee	20 Chahis
Overland Mail surcharge: up to 20 g	3 Chahis
Overland Mail surcharge: 21–40 g	2 Chahis

The cover bears two strikes of the two-line boxed route instruction hand-stamp “SERVICE TRANSDÉSERTIQUE / SYRA IRAQUIEN” (Collins type HS-88) applied at the Teheran Post Office, and in addition the route instruction label “OVERLAND MAIL BAGDAD-HAIFA” (Collins type L-15).

	HS - 88	73 x 13 mm	Seen on official postal stationery cover of the Persian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and addressed to the Persian Legation in Paris. The cover also has label type L - 15. The h/s was undoubtedly applied by Teheran P.O.
		Black ED: 2 MY 32 LD: ?	
	L - 15		This label is on an official cover from the Persian (Iranian) Foreign Office to the Persian Legation in Paris. It was posted in Teheran on 2nd May 1932. This is a one-off 'label'. (See L - 14 above).
		Typewritten on White paper	

Figs. 1 and 2: The listings in Collins¹ for HS-88 and L-15.

¹ Cf. pages 98 and 121 of Collins, Norman J.: *Overland mail via the Syro-Iraqi Great Desert* (Norman J. Collins with Zvi Alexander and Norman Gladstone). Holyland Philatelic Society, c 1990 (BAPIP Monograph 1990). 130 pages. ISBN: 0-9505571-4-5. The book is still available from the society at £15. (editor)



Figs. 3a and b: Front and reverse of this unique A.R. cover:
Teheran to Paris via Overland Mail Baghdad-Haifa, 1932.

Syrian Hejaz Railway Postmarks: Request for Information

by Folkert Bruining

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During my research for the special issue of *Al-Barīd* on the Hejaz Railway,¹ I noted the lack of information on Syrian travelling post offices. After World War I, the Hejaz Railway was divided between British-ruled Palestine and Transjordan and French-ruled Syria.

I have three areas of specific interest:

- In the ground-breaking book by Jakob von Uexküll about the early postal history of Saudi-Arabia, a postmark is shown on page 80 of the Ottoman travelling post office between Damascus and Maʿān: DAMAS–MOUAN. I was not able to find any further information about this T.P.O.
- In the Zvi Alexander collection² there's a postcard with a Syrian T.P.O. cancel for the Palestine branch line dated 29th December 1926: CAIFFA–DAMAS. Are there others?
- I could not find any information about travelling post offices on the Syrian main line. Are there any Syrian T.P.O. postmarks known from this era, e.g. for Damas–Derʿa (Darʿā)?



Fig. 1: CAIFFA A DAMAS, 23.12.1926 (Damascus, Grande Place, Baralian Bros, Beirut, ca. 1922).

1 *Al-Barīd*, no. 80, December 2016: De Hejaz Spoorlijn : Postaal en Fiscaal. See review elsewhere in this issue. Folkert is treasurer of the *Filatelistische Contactgroep van de Islamitische Wereld* (FCIW): <http://www.pv-al-barid.com>.

2 Source: The Alexander Collection, The Alexander Museum of Postal History and Philately, Tel Aviv. Used by permission. <http://alexandercollection.org/collectionitem.aspx#collection=63&item=811979563&startitem=12>.

Syrian Hejaz Railway Postmarks: Alep–Damas and the Postmarks of the Palestine Branch Line after WWI

by Tobias Zywietz

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Following the request of information by Folkert Bruining,¹ I went through my library, but being a Palestine specialist, found little on the Syrian main line travelling post offices. I found a cancel “DERAA STATION / درعا-المحطة”² – but that’s not a T.P.O., of course.

The only two Syrian T.P.O. cancels of the post-WWI era I’ve seen in literature, apart from the cancels on the Palestine branch line detailed below, are from the ALEP–DAMAS tranche. Areksoussi³ shows two covers, one from 1926, the other from 1934:



Fig. 1: ALEP–DAMAS, 15.02.1926, with 9 (?) bars in the upper segment.



Fig. 2: ALEP–DAMAS, 19.10.1934, with 16 (?) bars in the upper segment.

The Palestine Branch Line Haifa–Dar‘ā after WWI

There are several articles dealing with the Palestine branch line, i.e. Dar‘ā to Haifa. In 1956, Cyril Kidd gives a brief overview of T.P.O.s in Palestine,⁴ focussing much on the main line to Egypt, i.e. Kantara–Haifa, but also the internal lines Jerusalem–Jaffa and Jerusalem–Lydda. He suggests that the “R.M.S / I.E.F.”⁵ cancel “was used by the clerks in the Jerusalem–Jaffa T.P.O. pending the allocation of a date-stamp with that name” (speaking of the period 1919–1921).

1 Bruining, Folkert: *Syrian Hejaz Railway Postmarks: a Request for Information*. In: The Middle East Philatelic Bulletin, no. 5, 217, p. 11.

2 Areksoussi, 2016, vol. I, p. [120].

3 Areksoussi, 2016, vol. III, p. [34].

4 Kidd does not cite any literature, his acknowledgement states: “For much of the data contained in this article, I am indebted to Messrs. Norman Hill, H.J. Posner, W.B. Scotcher and Dr. E. Bowman, who freely placed their collections and information at my disposal.”

5 Railway Mail Service / Indian Expeditionary Force.

In one paragraph Kidd describes the Haifa–Damascus line, detailing five different cancellers. He writes:⁶

Although this line was not operated by the postal authorities of Palestine, it may be pertinent to record the marks known to have been used in the years between 1919 and 1931 at least. To the best of my knowledge the postmarks are exclusively found on the stamps of Syria, although it is conceivable that in the early days, Palestinian stamps were cancelled. Although the name of the Palestinian town appears in the datestamp, it is unlikely that there was any provision for postmarking on Palestinian territory. From the frontier to Haifa, the Postal Van would operate as a bag tender.



Fig. 3: Two Ottoman cancels that continued to be in use after the war.⁷

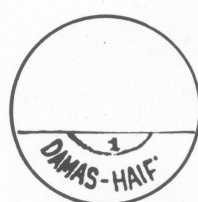


Fig. 4: Syrian cancel, ca. 1921.⁸



Fig. 5: Syrian cancel, 14.10.1924.⁹

In 1963, Michael M. Sacher publishes a substantial article on the topic. For the Mandate period, Sacher lists the same cancels as Kidd (now numbered 23–28)¹⁰ and shows nos. 23 and 24 (fig. 3). Later that year, Sacher with the help of Bowman and Kanner gives an update, showing potentially no. 27 or 28 (fig. 4), and in a 1964 update he recognises an apparent new type (fig. 5).

In 1964 Philipp Kanner looks closer at Syrian T.P.O. cancels on Palestine Mandate stamps:

It has been assumed in philatelic circles [...] that this office operated in Syria only and acted in Palestine as a bag-tender. A tacit agreement to accept Palestine stamps by the Syrian authorities would indeed explain the occurrence of Palestine stamps cancelled by the TPO. However, considering the difference in the rate of exchange between the Palestine Pound [...] and the devalued French Franc in 1921/22 [...] there was no inducement for anyone in Syria to use the dear Palestine stamps. On the contrary, the high rate of the Palestine Pound must have militated against and deterred from using such stamps. [...] The small number of stamps and pieces known suggests that this acceptance of mail items, handed in by individuals, was rather occasional, and perhaps in disregard of regulations. [...]

In 2016, Areksoussi shows a 1921 cover¹¹ with the entire postmark “DAMAS : HAIFFA” (fig. 6), which cannot be attributed to any of the types previously identified.

Taking in all the information I found, one has to recognise that there are several postmarks that have never been shown (Kidd b–e/Sacher 25–28), and some examples shown (figs. 4–6) are not clearly identifiable with listed types.

I’ve compiled the following table to give a better overview:

6 Kidd, 1956, pp. 8–9.

7 Sacher, 1963, p. xf. The two marks are also shown by Areksoussi, 2016, Vol. III, pp. [29–30]. Cf. Birken, 2016, vol. Suriye, p. 14.

8 Sacher, 1963a, p. xf.

9 Sacher, 1964, p. xj.

10 Kidd’s cancel (a) is given two entries: no. 23 (index 1) and no. 24 (index 2).

11 Areksoussi, 2016, vol. III, p. [30].

Summary of Damas–Haifa postmarks post WWI

Fig.	Kidd	Sacher	French Inscription (position)	Dimensions Design Features	Colour	Known Dates
3	a	23	DAMAS-CAÏFFA / 1 (lower segment)	28/16/7½ mm	black	–
3	a	24	DAMAS-CAÏFFA / 2 (lower segment)	28/16/7½ mm	black	01.10.1920– ?.?.1922 ¹²
–	b	25	DAMAS À CAIFFA (upper segment)	16 vertical bars in upper segment	black, red	–
–	c	26	DAMAS À CAIFFA (upper segment)	9 vertical bars in upper segment	purple	–
–	d	27	HAIFA-DAMAS (upper segment)	13 hollow bars in upper segment	black, purple	–
–	e	28	HAIFA-DAMAS (upper segment)	radiating “sunrise” bars in upper segment	black	–
4	–	–	DAMAS-HAIF... / 1	?	–	–
5	–	–	DAMAS HAIFFA / 1	?	–	14.10.1924
6	–	–	DAMAS : HAIFFA / 1	Tall datebridge (same as fig. 2?)	black	16.11.1921
7			CAIFFA A DAMAS	no accent on A, 16 vertical bars in upper segment (similar Sacher 25?)	blue	3.12.1926



Fig. 6: DAMAS : HAIFA / 2,
16.11.1921.



Fig. 7: CAIFFA A DAMAS, 3.12.1926¹³

¹² Use in 1922 stated by Kanner, 1964, p. 9.

¹³ Shown in its entirety on p. 11. From the Alexander Collection, brought to my attention by Folkert Bruining: <http://alexandercollection.org/collectionitem.aspx#collection=63&item=811979563&startitem=12>. Used with permission.

Ottoman Railway Stations and T.P.O. cancels in Syria

Ottoman T.P.O.s in Syria, Lebanon and Transjordan are dealt with aplenty in philatelic literature; these include or depict:

- In **Suriye** vilayet:¹⁴ DAMAS–BEYROUTH, DE DAMAS À HALEP/DAMAS-HALEP, DAMAS–HAMA and Şam Hama seyyarlığı, HAVRAN, DÉMAS-MÉDINÉE, DAMAS-MOUAN, HOUMS-TRIPOLI-SYRIE, and DÉRA-BASR ESKI CHAM, Hamidiye Hicaz Demiryolu Katrana, and Hamidiye Hicaz Demiryolu Maan, Hicaz Demiryolu Medain Salih.
- In **Haleb** vilayet:¹⁵ Haleb–Konya.
- In **Beyrut** vilayet:¹⁶ Beyrut ile Şam arası seyyar/Beyrut Şam seyyar postası, BEYROUTH-DAMAS/DE BEYROUTZ À DAMAS, Beyrut–Şam seyyar merkezi, AMBULANT NABLOUS-CAIFFA, TRIPOLI-SYRIE-HOUMS, Hamidiye Hicaz Demiryolu Hayfa, Hicaz demiryolu Hayfa iskelesi.
- In **Kudüs-ü Şerif** (Jerusalem) mutasarrıflık:¹⁷ JERUSALEM (GARE), JERUSALEM [Kudüs demiryolu şubesi], BU. AMB. JERUSALEM- JAFFA, BU. AMB. JAFFA-JERUSALEM, JAFFA-JEROUSALEM, JAFFA JERUSALEM, and Yafa ve Kudüs şömendöfer posta seyyar müvezzi.

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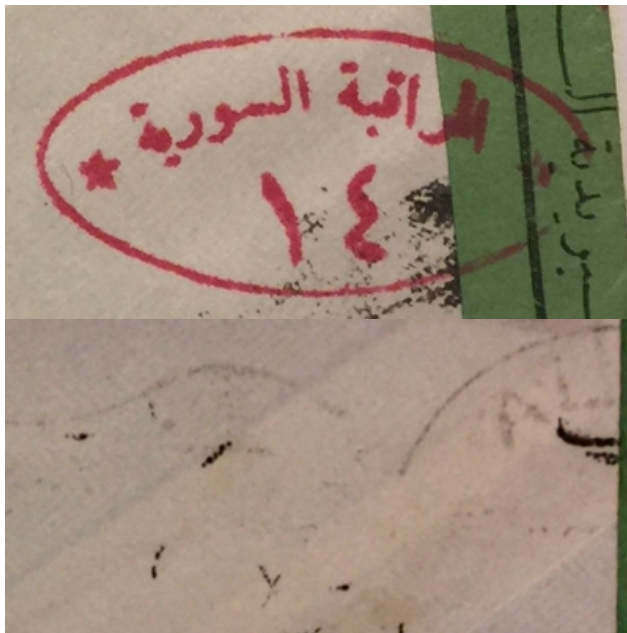
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A Kuwait Cover with 1948 Syrian Censorship

by Thomas Johansen

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I can present a cover sent from Kuwait to Syria on 18th September 1948. I am sure such censored covers should be very common but it is the only cover I have seen from the Gulf to Syria since I started collecting in 1999.¹



Figs. 1, 2, and 3: Details from the cover: censor mark: ١٤ / المراقبة السورية [Syrian Surveillance 14].

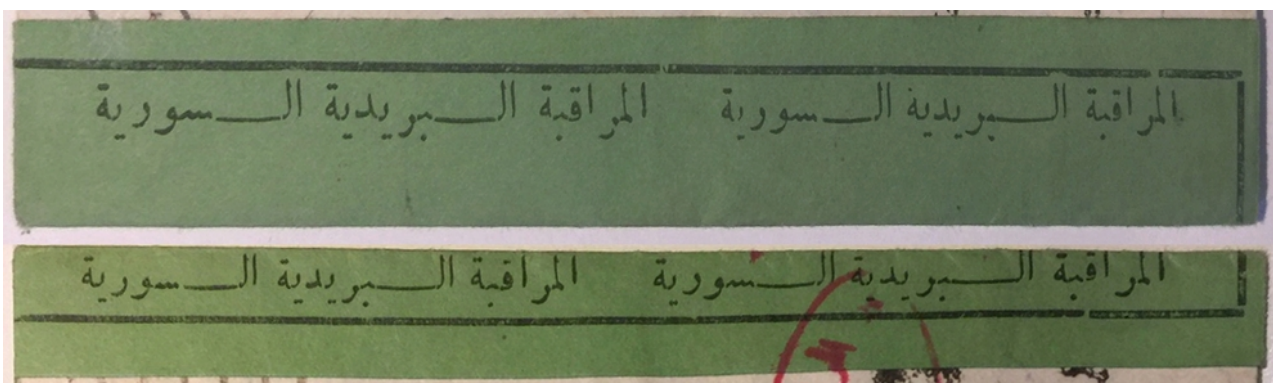


Fig. 4: Detail from the cover showing censorship sealing label:
المراقبة البريد السورية [Syrian postal surveillance].

¹ Parren, 2011, p. 35, lists only 3 (out of 37) 1948 covers coming from foreign countries into Syria: one each from Norway, the USA, and Saudi Arabia.



Figs. 5 and 5b: Cover from Kuwait to Aleppo, censored in Syria: green censor label المراقبة البريد السورية [Syrian postal surveillance] and red oval censor mark: ١٤ / المراقبة السورية [Syrian Surveillance 14]. Transit mark Baghdad 21.09.1948. Aleppo arrival mark illegible, as is most of the Damascus machine cancel.

Editor's Notes

Not being familiar with Syrian Censors, I made a few enquiries and searched the internet for further information about the red oval censorship hand-stamp.

There have been few covers on offer on eBay and trader's websites: I have seen numbers 6, 9,² 18, and 30³ on Damascus covers going abroad, 6 on Homs covers via Damascus going abroad,⁴ 12 (in black),⁵ and 14 from Aleppo via Damascus going abroad,⁶ 24 from Bosra via Damascus to Israel (POW),⁷ and 7 from London to Damascus.⁸

Marc Parren can trace covers with nos. 2–10, 12, 14, 15, 18, 24, 26, 28–31, 35, 36, 37, 48, and 50 in his 2017 article,⁹ and Chaker Areksoussi shows nos. 2–10, 13–19, 21–32, [33/34/35?],¹⁰ 36–39, and 100, but gives few details.¹¹ Marc is continuing to collect information about Syrian censor marks and would appreciate being sent images of such covers (front and backside), both for the 1948 period covered here and for 1956/57.

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9 Parren, 2011, p. 35.

10 The image shown is unclear, and there are no listings of the numbers themselves.

11 Areksoussi, 2016, vol. II, pp. [146]–[147].

Iraqi Censorship Post-WWII

by Marc Parren¹

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For some time I have been compiling a listing of the post-WWII censorship types of Iraq. Postal censorship started in 1958 and the last censored postal item I have seen dates back from 2002, just before the second Gulf War started in which Iraq was invaded.

Iraqi censorship is very rich in the types of devices used, such as triangular, square, rectangular, circular and oval hand-stamps. In addition we can see civil and military censorship as well as resealing-labels applied. Most of the hand-stamps mention the location (town) name and it appears that most large towns had their own hand-stamps with such an indication. There were also often numbers included in the hand-stamps either applied at the top or at the bottom of the hand-stamp indicating most likely the unique identification number of the censor.

Many such hand-stamps were not applied to the front of the item but rather at the backside of the cover, which makes hunting for these on the internet more difficult as many a seller only shows the front of an item.

Most hand-stamps were made out of rubber and due to wear this makes the taking of measurements more difficult. In addition quite often some corners of the hand-stamps were not inked on the covers making it more difficult to make sure the measurement is correct. There is such a variety that you have to measure to the exact millimetre and this implies that it does not allow for measurement from a scan. You will have to measure the original and even then there is room for interpretation.

Furthermore quite a few covers show postage stamps cancelled by postmarks which are unreadable, either for the town name in Latin or Arabic script and/or the date of posting. So you have to make sure that all these are at least present to be able to date and locate the item and accordingly the censorship device that goes with it.

So far I can list these different censorship hand-stamps:

- 33 triangular marks,
- 6 circular marks,
- 1 oval mark,
- 4 rectangular marks, and
- 19 modern marks from the mid-1970s.

I am showing below some examples to give a taste for these.

In case you can contribute to my listing, which I hope to publish one day, I'd like to ask you to send me scans of the front and backside of the item with a resolution of at least 300 dpi and correct measurements to the nearest millimetre of the censorship device. Any translations of the Arabic you can provide are also most welcome.

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Triangular Censorship Hand-stamps

Fig. 1 1959, cover from Baghdad to West Germany with triangle 35 mm base \times 35 mm high censor mark 'censorship / military / 303 Baghdad'.



Fig. 2 1959, cover from Hilla to Lebanon with triangle 44 mm base \times 33 mm high censor mark 'censorship / military / Gulf Area'.

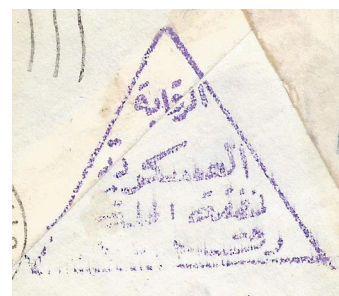


Fig. 3 1960, cover from Basrah to USA with triangle 30 mm base \times 27 mm high censor mark '3 / Basrah / military censor' and re-sealing label 'opened by military censor'.

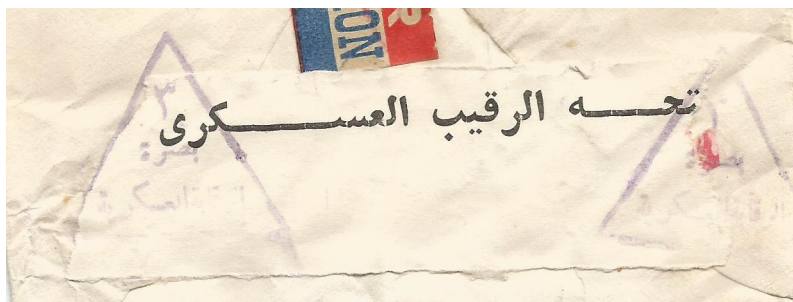
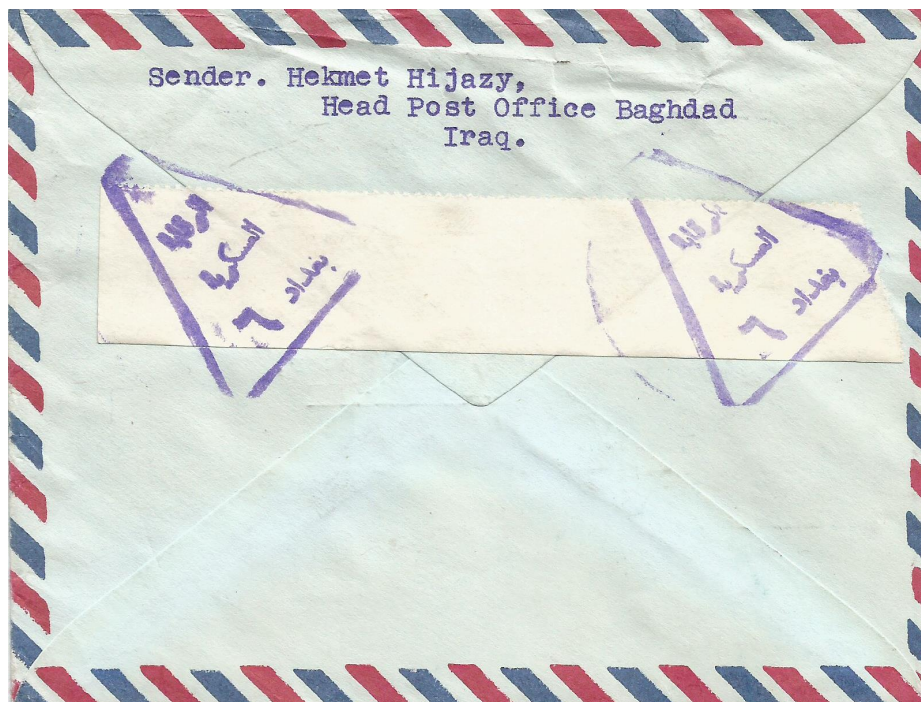


Fig. 4



1962, cover from Baghdad to East Germany with triangle, 35 mm base \times 38 mm high, in circle 43 mm in diameter: 'censorship / military / 6 Baghdad' (image reduced to 90%).

Fig. 5 1962, cover from father in Akra to son in Central Jail, Ramadi with triangle 35 mm base × 35 mm high censor mark 'censor / military / in Akra'.



Fig. 6 1965, cover from Sulimaniyah to UK with triangle 36 mm base × 30 mm high censor mark 'The military censor for the district of Sulimaniyah'.



Fig. 7 1966, cover from Baghdad to UK with triangle 35 mm base × 30 mm high censor mark '3 / released / initials RAB (military censorship Baghdad)'.



Circular Censorship Hand-stamps

Fig. 8 1959, aerogramme from Belgium to Baghdad via Basrah with circle 27 mm diameter, with two lines of text 'military censor / Basrah'.



Fig. 9 1960, cover from Mosul to the Netherlands with circle 26 mm diameter, with two wavy horizontal lines dividing it into three parts, with three lines of text '2 / M.C. (for military censorship) / Mosul'.



Fig. 10 1966, cover from Masarif to West Germany with circle 26 mm diameter, with two wavy horizontal lines dividing it into three parts, with three lines of text '47 / M.C. (for military censorship) / Baghdad'.



Figs. 11
and 11a

1967, cover from Fallujah to Egypt with circle 26 mm diameter, with two wavy horizontal lines dividing it into three parts, with three lines of text 'number / initials (for military censorship) / Fallujah City' (above image reduced to 90%).



Rectangular Censorship Hand-stamps

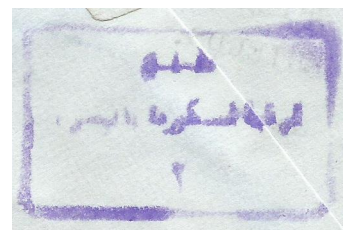
Fig. 12

1965, cover from Amarah to UK with rectangle 52×32 mm censor mark '2 / released / Military Censorship Amarah'.



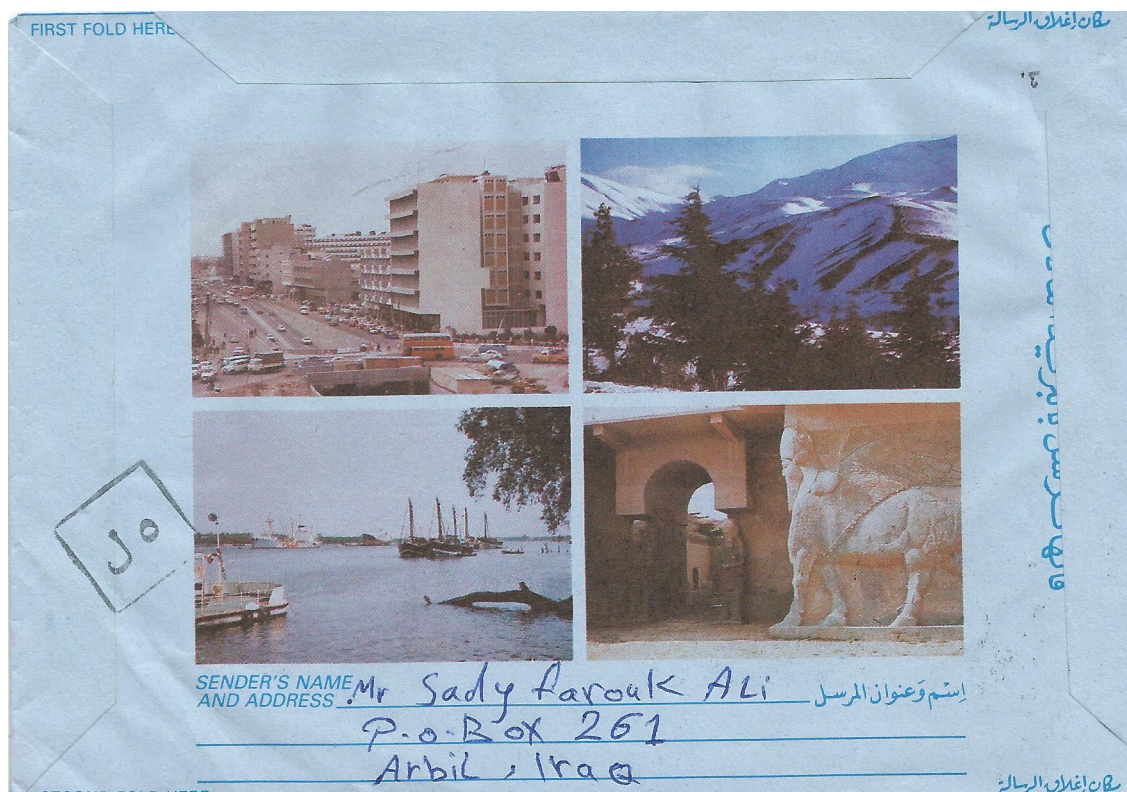
Fig. 13

1966, cover from Basrah to UK with rectangle 40×25 mm censor mark '??? / Basrah Military Censorship / 2'.



Modern Censorship Hand-stamps

Fig. 14



1987, aerogramme from Arbil to Switzerland with rectangle 15×15 mm censor mark '5 L'.

Multiple Censorship and Differences in one Correspondence

Both covers (figs. 15–16 on pages 24 and 25) were sent by Mr. Ibrahim Kattouah in Baghdad to two different persons living with family members in Ramallah, Jordan, only two days apart.

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Figs. 15 and 15a: 1958 cover sent from Baghdad to Jordan with unidentifiable triangle censor mark. In addition, on the backside a circular censorship with double circle 26 mm diameter 'censor' and red re-sealing label 'military censorship' both most likely Jordanian in nature.



Figs. 16 and 16a: 1958 cover sent two days later from Baghdad to Jordan with triangle 35 mm base x 35 mm high censor mark 'censorship / military / 7 Baghdad'. In addition, on the front- and backside a circular censorship with double circle 29 mm diameter 'censor / 4' most likely Jordanian in nature.

A New Variety of Transjordan Palestine 1948 2m?

by Tobias Zywiets

with material from Kamal Kawar, Avo Kapalanian, and Bernd-Dieter Buscke

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In 2016 Kamal Kawar sent me scans of a variety of the Transjordan 2 Mils Palestine stamps he described as “unrecorded by any catalogue and in my opinion a new discovery.”

Between December 1948 and April 1950, the post offices established by Transjordan on the West Bank were issued with special overprinted stamps. On 25.04.1950 Jordanian stamps were issued, but the overprints could be used up, even beyond December 1950.

The Transjordanian definitive series that was overprinted ran in several prints starting in 1930: catalogues list six design types and five perforation types. Overprints “فلسطين / PALESTINE” were furnished as follows:

- Issue 1930: one value of 200m in perforation 14, recess printing by Perkins & Bacon. Watermark: Crown Agents (SG type W9). Beirut overprint only.
- Issue 1939: one value of 2m in perforation 13½:13, recess printing by Perkins & Bacon. Watermark: Crown Agents (SG type W9). Beirut and Amman overprints.
- Issue 1942: one value of 2m in perforation 13½, lithography printing by Survey Department, Cairo. No watermark. Beirut overprint only.
- Issue 1943: four values of 1, 2, 3, and 5m, in perforation 12, recess printing by Bradbury & Wilkinson. Watermark: Crown Agents (SG type W9). 3m Beirut overprint only, rest both Beirut and Amman overprints.
- Issue 1944: six values of 50, 90, 100, 200, 500m, and 1 Pound, in perforation 12, recess printing by Bradbury & Wilkinson. Watermark: Crown Agents (SG type W9). Beirut and Amman overprints.
- Issue 1947: six values of 3, 4, 10, 12, 15, and 20m, in perforation 12, recess printing by Bradbury & Wilkinson. Watermark: Crown Agents (SG type W9). 12m Beirut overprint only, rest both Beirut and Amman overprints.

The first overprints, for issue on 2nd December 1948, were printed by Catholic Press, Beirut, later overprints were furnished locally by an Amman printer.¹

The green 2 Mils value exists thus:²

SG	Michel	Value	Colour	Perf.	Base SG	Base Michel	Base Issued
— ³	—	2m	bluish green	K14	195	156a A	01.06.1930
P2	2 C a	2m	green/bluish green	K12	231	156a C	02.01.1943
P2c	2 D b ⁴	2m	green/bluish green	K13½:13	195a	156b D	1939
P2d	A 2	2m	green	K13½	223	186	18.05.1942

1 Cf. Peter Robert Randall Gee-Heaton (1918–2013): *Transjordan : overprints on King Abdullah definitive issues 1948/1953*. In: The Holy Land & Middle East Philatelic Magazine, vol. 1, 1957, no. 3 (April 1957), p. 63.

2 There were “FILS” overprints in 1952 on SG 195a, 223, and 231: SG 314d, 314e, and 314f.

3 This stamp was not overprinted for Palestine.

4 Note that the Michel listing is misleading: it gives perforation as 13½ where it should state 13½:13.

Kawar's New Discovery?

The variety Kawar presents (figs. 2 and 3) apparently shows darker colour as well as darker paper and gum. In his opinion "it is certainly not based on SG no. 195a, but it is also not SG no. P2c."



Fig. 1: Overprint design type P1



Fig. 2: The new variety?



Fig. 3: SG 195 for comparison.

Not being a specialist in the area, I sought opinions from two renowned Jordan specialists:

Bernd-Dieter Buscke told me:

Without seeing the actual stamps for the purpose of color comparisons, however, it is not possible to answer and evaluate them. I have a lot of comparative material. There are a lot of nuances in the colour of the respective stamps.

Avo Kaplanian wrote:

When you compare both stamps, you see that the PALESTINE overprinted stamp shows a darker colour and a darker brownish paper; see second scan. I think that all Palestine overprinted stamps are to be found on the darker colour paper. Whether this is a UNIQUE find, I am not so sure.

Dr. Kaplanian sent me images of SG 195a and P2c scanned in one go side-by-side:



Fig. 4: SG 195a



Fig. 5: SG P2c

In response, Kamal Kawar sent me more scans and these comments:

If SG 195a with the opt. makes it P2c, this sheet is definitely not P2c. Possible that there was a later printing plate that was printed just for the West Bank, that have not been reported, or missed by the specialists. Scanning some of my singles and pairs, mint & used shows the exact SG195a with opt that listed correctly as P2c. As for the large opt sheet, side by side with SG195a shows more clearly the difference, and definitely it is NOT a P2c.



Fig. 6: The new variety?



Fig. 7: SG 195 for comparison.



Fig. 8: For comparison: P2c and 195a, used and unused.

Conclusion?

This issue remains open. Were there reprints of SG 195 with different shades of colour, paper and gum exclusively for the Palestine overprints?

Maybe other collectors can revisit their collections and report their findings back to us.



Fig. 9: Complete sheet of Kawar's new variety.



Fig. 10: Complete sheet of SG 195a for comparison.

Nablus AM/PM Postmarks Revisited

by Tobias Zywietz

with material from Paul Phillips and Avo Kaplanian

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Paul Phillips responded to the two articles on Nablus postmarks published in MEPB 3:¹

*My attention, obviously, was drawn to the two articles on Nablus. Looking through the information in the two articles, it appears that the **AM** and **PM** marks were used internally only. The only complete cover with the **X** mark is going overseas. Maybe that is telling us something.*

I am showing a scan of one AM cover which I obtained recently. It is going to Ramallah at the 4 fils rate, is unsealed and has no sign of creasing from the contents.

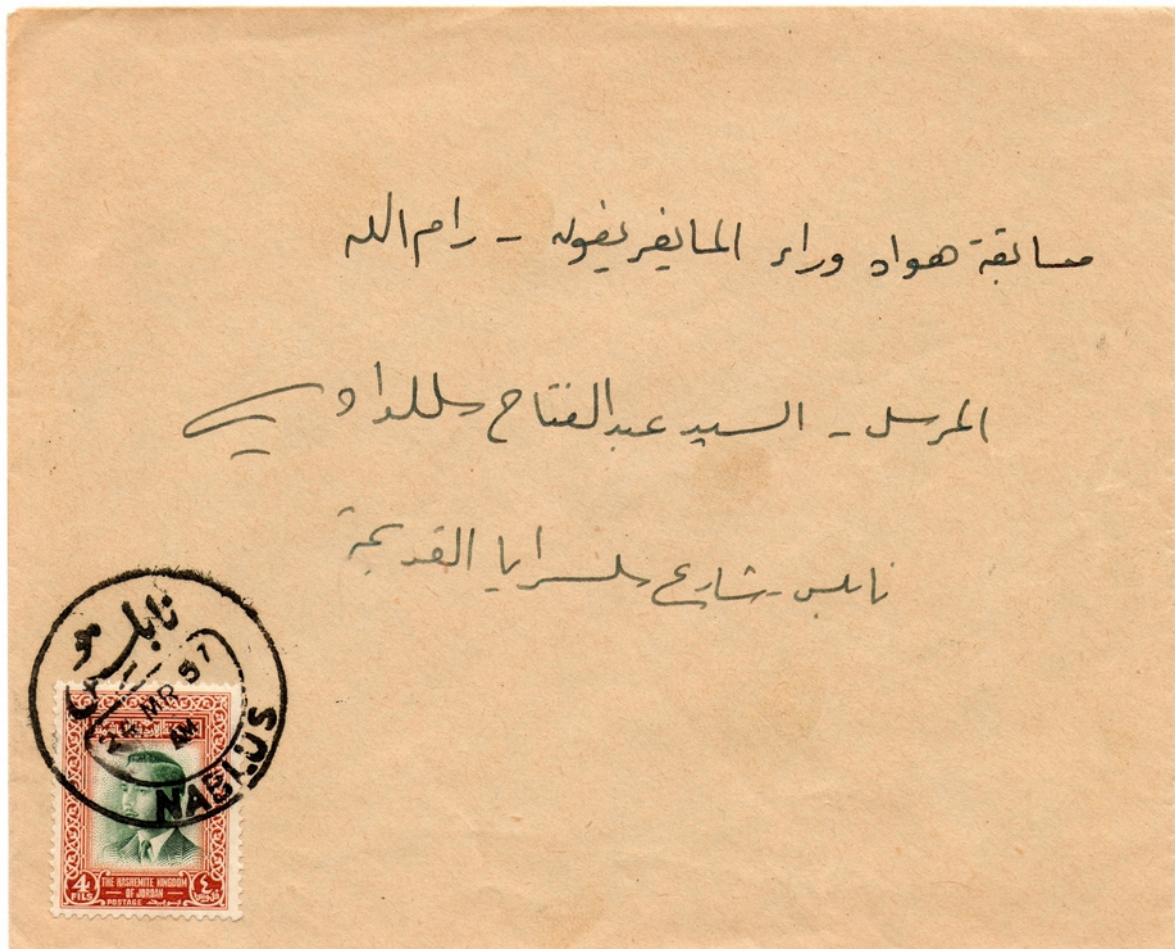


Fig. 1: Cover from Nablus to Ramallah: **NABLUS / 24 MR 57 / AM**.

¹ Referring to Buscke, Bernd-Dieter: *Two Nablus postmarks discovered after 60 years*, and Zywietz, Tobias: *Jordan's Nablus postmarks: more discoveries*; both published in MEPB 3, pp. 15–23.

More recently, Professor Philips sent me a second cover (see fig. 2) with this comment:

*I have only now discovered another Nablus **PM** postmark that had been sitting in my album for over a decade.*



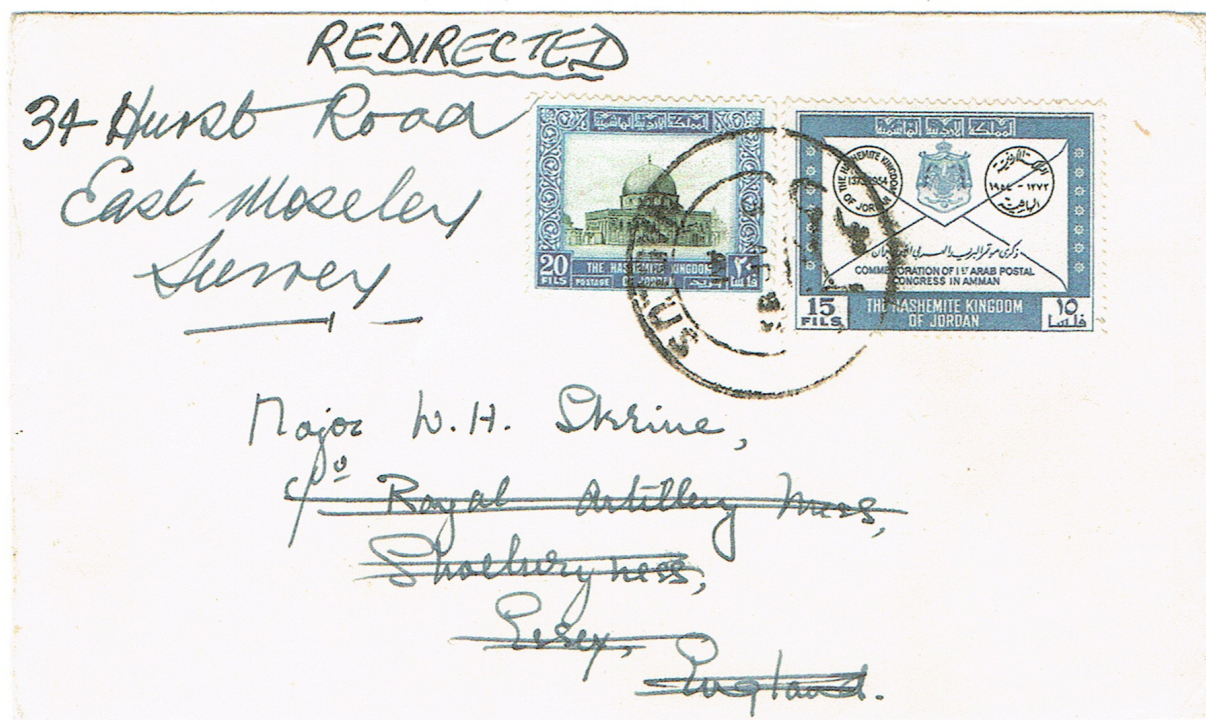
Fig. 2: Cover from Nablus to Jerusalem: **NABLUS / ?? MR 57 / PM**.

Paul suggested to take a closer look at the recipients, and Avo Kaplanian kindly deciphered the addresses: both are to be destined for the Jordanian Radio station in Ramallah regarding a programme entitled “What is behind the microphone.” One of the covers shown in MEPB 3 (fig. 8) also was directed to the Jordanian Radio station, the other (fig. 6) to the “Evening” newspaper² in Jerusalem.

Avo Kaplanian provided a further three covers from his collection, proving that the **AM** postmark does indeed occur on foreign letters as well as inland ones:

- Figs. 3 and 3b: Nablus to Shoeburyness, Essex, England, then redirected within England: **NABLUS / [3?] AP 56 / AM**.
- Figs. 4 and 4b: Bourqa (Burka) 17.04.1956 to England, with a transit mark on the reverse: **NABLUS / 17 AP 56 / PM**.
- Fig. 5: An Air Mail Letter Sheet (35m+10m uprate) to Weymouth, Mass., U.S.A.: **NABLUS / 31 MR 56 / AM**. Both the use on an Air Mail Letter Sheet and the destination are unique to Nablus **AM** or **PM** postmarks discovered so far.

² I could not find any details about any such newspaper.



Figs. 3 and 3b: Front and reverse of a cover from Nablus to Shoeburyness, Essex, England, redirected to East Moseley, Surrey, England: **NABLUS / ?? 56 / AM.**



Figs. 4 and 4b: Front and reverse of a cover from Bourqa (Burka) 17.04.1956 to England, with a transit mark on the reverse: **NABLUS / 17 AP 56 / PM.**

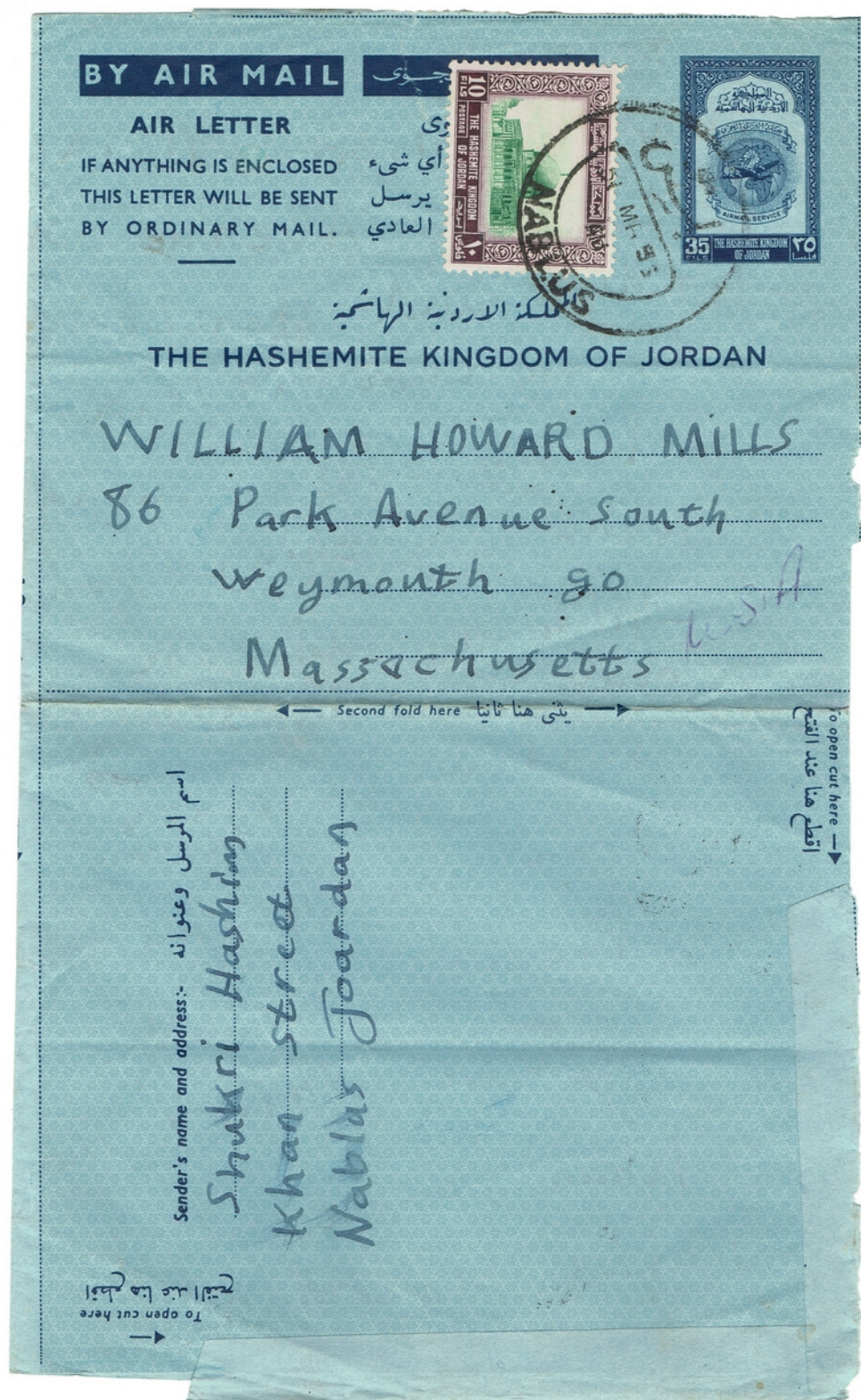


Fig. 5: Air Mail Letter Sheet (35f uprated by 10f) to Weymouth, Mass., U.S.A.

Postmark: **NABLUS / 31 MR 56 / AM.**

Both the use on an Air Mail Letter Sheet and the destination are unique to Nablus AM or PM postmarks discovered so far.

Ottoman Empire at Spring Stampex 2017

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The Association of British Philatelic Societies Ltd. (ABPS) held its *Spring Stampex 2017* exhibition on 15th to 18th February 2017 at the Business Design Centre, in Islington, London.

The National Competition (with FEPA recognition) offered a range of displays across many classes, with most displays (frames 43–311, 336–340 and 380–449) belonging to the Special Exhibition Ottoman Empire. It was open to all exhibitors in the United Kingdom, and to exhibitors from other FIP and FEPA affiliated countries.

The exhibition highlighted the philately of the Ottoman Empire from the Pillars of Hercules to the Gates of Vienna, including successor states. The Centenary of the first stamps of Iraq was marked at the same time.

Of the 95 Ottoman and Middle-East related displays in competition, 24 were awarded Large Gold, and 10 Gold, with *best-in-show* going to Tarik Alireza's "Saudi Arabia: Development of the Ottoman Postal Service (1801–1919)" with 96 points.

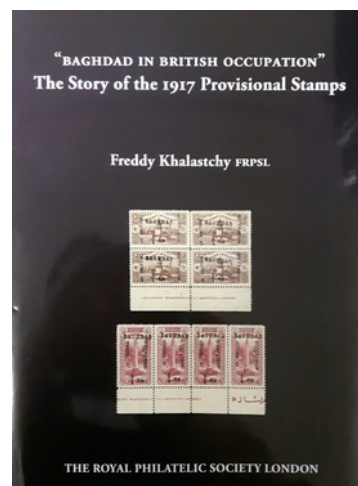


The exhibition was officially inaugurated by the Iraqi Ambassador to the UK, His Excellency Dr. Salih Husain Ali Al-Tamimi, which had been announced by RPSL officials only at short notice. During this opening ceremony he was presented with a copy of Freddy Khalastchy's book "Baghdad in British Occupation : The Story of the 1917 Provisional Stamps" and received a guided tour of the show by the exhibition committee. The Turkish Ambassador, His Excellency Mr. Abdurrahman Bilgiç, was present at the show and received the same guided tour.

It was probably for the first time in philatelic exhibition history that such a large number of top-class Ottoman Empire and Middle East related exhibits were shown in one place. And that might remain so for a long time to come.

On occasion of the topical exhibition, a very well attended reception was held by and in the premises of the Royal Philatelic Society of London to officially announce the issue of the society's newest publication: Freddy (Alfred) Khalastchy's "Baghdad in British Occupation : The Story of the 1917 Provisional Stamps."

The book, ISBN: 978-0-900631-88-7, is available directly from the society at £50 plus postage and packing.¹



Ottoman/Middle East Exhibits and Awards²

Class	Fr.	Exhibitor	Title	Synopsis ³	Award
Aero-philately	103–107	Laurence Kimpton	The Royal Air Force Cairo—Baghdad Air Mail Service	This exhibit shows mail from Iraq, Great Britain and other countries which was flown on the RAF Cairo—Baghdad Air Mail Service between 1921 and 1926. It also includes mail flown on RAF flights in 1918 and 1919 which were forerunners of the regular service.	G (85)
Open Philately	113–120	Kemal Giray	PoWs at the Ottoman Front during WWI	Collection of postal history documents as well as original photographs and ephemera material showing the Allied PoWs in Turkey and Ottoman PoWs in the hands of Allies.	LS (70)
Open Philately	121	Brian Sedgley	Khedival Mail Line Ports in the Levant	Egyptian and other consular postal cancellations in the ports served by the Khedival mail line of Egypt in the Turkish Levant.	B (55)
Open Philately	122–126	Jon Aitchison	Egyptian Cassette Post	From 1989 Egypt established a concessionary rate service for mailing audio cassettes for which postal stationery envelopes were introduced. This exhibit examines the various values, types and printings, both mint and postally used, giving indicators for each and correcting some previously published details.	LV (82)
Open Philately	127–134	Kuran Timur	Ottoman Postal Stationery	This exhibit surveys the postal stationery of the Ottoman Empire, which issued its first stamped envelopes in 1869 and its earliest stamped cards in 1877. Coverage runs to the provisional issues circulated prior to the Empire's demise in 1922, including their subsequent usages in successor states.	G (88)
Philatelic Literature	111	Farley P Katz	Dulos, not Duloz: Pierre Edelestand Stanislas Dulos (1820–1874)	The second issue of Turkish stamps (1865–1876) have long been known as the "Duloz" stamps after their engraver, a mysterious M. Duloz. Duloz is identified here as Pierre Edelestand Stanislas Dulos (1820–1874), an important French engraver and inventor who created a chemical method of producing printing plates in relief or intaglio.	SB (61) *4

1 Source of image and link for orders: <http://www.rpsl.org.uk/subscriber/Shop/tabid/104/product/84/Default.aspx> (accessed 1.03.2017).

2 Cf. F.I.P. evaluation grades: <http://www.f-i-p.ch/wp-content/uploads/GREV-English.pdf> (accessed 1.03.2017).

3 These have at times been slightly redacted. (editor)

4 Very low rating for this excellent work of research; it won a more appropriate Vermeil medal at Chicagopex 2016.

Philatelic Literature	146	Edmund Hall/Mike Murphy: Egypt Study Circle	Egypt Study Circle Quarterly Circular	The periodical of the Egypt Study Circle has been published continually since 1935. This exhibit of the most recent five issues, from September 2015 to September 2016, illustrates the wide range of its content, including meetings reports, news, and articles contributed by members on various topics.	V (79)
Philatelic Literature	248	Dr. Amr El-Etreby	The 1915 Provisional: A Centenary Celebration	A review article about Egypt provisional surcharged stamps, 2 millièmes on 3 millièmes, issued on October 15th 1915. It's very scarce used on cover or card, as it was in use for only two and a half months during World War 1.	LS (70)
Philatelic Literature	311	RPSL	Guide to the Postal Stationery of Iraq	The Guide to the Postal Stationery of Iraq illustrates the range of postal stationery products used in Mesopotamia from the Ottoman and British administrations, and to list most postal stationery used in Iraq during the Kingdom of Iraq and Republic of Iraq periods. Covering the period from 1863 to 2015 this book summarises information from many sources that separately can be very difficult to find.	LV (82)
Philatelic Literature	282	Alfred Khalastchy	Baghdad in British Occupation – The Story of the 1917 Provisional Stamps	This book recounts the story of the Baghdad Stamps that were only available for 17 days and the reason for their issue. All the issued and unissued stamps plus all known varieties and covers are illustrated with provenance of each. A brief history of the Mesopotamia campaign is also given.	LG (92)
Postal History	223	Alaa Massoud	Palestine Postal Service Turkish Empire–Foreign Post Offices	The study represents the actual recording of using the postal service and marks related to those countries.	B (58)
Postal History	240	Mike Murphy	Egypt Government Offices	For more than 50 years all official government postal material within Egypt, including mail to and from such organisations as schools and local councils, was considered as postage paid. This exhibit looks at the markings of government offices during and after the period of free postage.	S (68)
Postal History	241	Khaled Mostafa	Egypt's Retta Cancellations 1866–1952	The study is aimed at identifying the 14 Retta types and their relevant usages from 1866–1952.	LV (80)
Postal History	242	Mike Murphy	Farouk and the Palace Post	During the reign of King Farouk of Egypt (1936–1952) three royal palaces in Cairo and Alexandria were provided with post offices. This exhibit examines the postal services provided and the markings used to serve the King and his retinue.	V (75)
Postal History	281	Farley P. Katz	Şevket Vahdeti, Artist of the Dulos Stamps (c. 1833–1871)	The designer of the Dulos stamps of Turkey (1865–1876) is identified as Şevket Vahdeti (c. 1833–1871), perhaps the most celebrated calligrapher under Sultan Abdulaziz. Vahdeti produced many beautiful calligraphic panels and the calligraphy for Ottoman banknotes and stock certificates, examples of which are illustrated.	SB (64)
Postal History	309	Alexios Papadopoulos	British Letter Mail to Constantinople via Marseilles by French Packet 1837–1875	This exhibit shows the postal history of British Letter Mail to Constantinople routed via Marseilles by the French Packet Service to the Levant in the period 1837 (when this service was established) up to 1875 (creation of the General Postal Union).	LV (80)
Postal History	176–180	Joseph Hackmey	Ottoman Post Offices in Iraq	This display is devoted to the Ottoman Empire post offices in today's Iraq. The emphasis is placed on mostly rare and unique cancellation on documents.	LG (95)
Postal History	181–188	Joseph Hackmey	Foreign Post Offices in the Holy Land	Postal history of the foreign post offices in the Holy Land during the Ottoman Empire.	LG (90)
Postal History	189–196	Michael Bass	Foreign Postal Operations in The Holy Land 1852–1914	This exhibit traces the development of formal European Postal Services for France, Austria, Germany, Russia and Italy in the Holy Land from 1852 to 1914.	LG (90)
Postal History	197–201	Joseph Hackmey	French Holy Land	French post offices postal history in the Holy Land during the Ottoman Empire.	LG (93)
Postal History	202–209	Joseph Hackmey	Ottoman Post Offices in the Holy Land	This display is devoted to the Ottoman Empire post offices in today's Israel, Palestine, and Jordan. The emphasis is placed on mostly rare and unique cancellation on documents.	LG (96)

Postal History	210–214	Alan Mellaart	Registered Mail of the Ottoman Empire 1840–1923	This exhibit of registered mail of the Ottoman Empire aims to display the large range of registered postal material available from the pre-philatelic period as well as the philatelic period, with information and examples of the different rates, registration cachets and paper labels used between 1840 and 1923.	LG (90)
Postal History	215–222	Rainer Fuchs	Overland Mail Baghdad–Haifa 1923–1948	The exhibit shows the Postal Route through the Syro-Iraqi Great Desert under consideration of the Postal Routes and Postal Surcharges for the usages for mail via this route and the use of the various Route Instructions and Forwarding markings.	G (88)
Postal History	234–234	Tarek Mokhtar	Shibin El-Kom Postmarks 1870-1922	This exhibit is aimed at identifying the postmarks, cancellation types, and their relevant usages from 1870 to 1922, to a typical Egyptian town in the Delta of Egypt.	LV (82)
Postal History	235–239	David John Davis	Early Ottoman Egypt	The aim is to illustrate the pre-stamp postal history of Egypt largely within the Ottoman Empire. From Merchant Venturers' letters when Venice 'ruled' the Mediterranean, through Napoleon's invasion, the Turkish reply, and Waghorn's Overland Mail, Forwarding Agents, the six Consular Posts and the Posta Europea that would become the Egyptian Post.	G (85)
Postal History	243–247	Björn Sohrne	The Postal History of Yemen 1870s-1930s including the Kamaran Island	The exhibit will show postal documents from the 1870s up till the 1930s beginning with the Ottoman period for both Yemen and the Kamaran Island. After WWI Kamaran Island got British military admin, followed by a civil one. In 1926 Y got its first own stamps and rare items from that period will be shown. In 1930 when Yemen joined UPU new issues were printed in Germany and later Italy. Overall the material is most rare with a number of negative seals and other usages such as parcel post, censored mail, etc. No Yemen entry at FIP level since London 1990.	LV (82)
Postal History	249–256	Joseph Hackmey	Istanbul Post Offices during Ottoman Empire	This display is devoted to the Ottoman Empire post offices in today's Istanbul Municipality. The emphasis is place don mostly rare and unique cancellation on documents.	LG (90)
Postal History	257–264	Mehmet Akan	Postal History of Eastern Anatolia	This exhibit presents the postal history of eastern Anatolia: provinces of Maamuratul Aziz [Ma'muret ül-Aziz], Diyarbakir, Van, Bitlis, and Erzurum from 1840 to 1928.	LG (92)
Postal History	265–272	Joseph Hackmey	Ottoman Post Offices in Asian Turkey (Anatolia)	This display is devoted to the Ottoman Empire post offices on the Anatolian Peninsula (Asia Minor) in today's Turkey. The emphasis is placed on mostly rare and unique cancellation on documents.	LG (92)
Postal History	273–280	Bahattin Öztuncay	Ottoman Field Post Offices during World War I	Ottoman Field Post Offices during WW1, including military mail from lost territories i.e. Palestine, Hejaz, Iraq, Iran, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Syria, Greece, Bulgaria, Galicia; also examples of air-mail and sea-forces.	G (87)
Postal History	283–290	Joseph Hackmey	Ottoman Post Offices in former Yugoslavia	This display is devoted to the Ottoman Empire post offices in former Yugoslavia. The emphasis is placed on mostly rare and unique cancellation on documents.	LG (95)
Postal History	291–298	Joseph Hackmey	Ottoman Post Offices in Greece	This display is devoted to the Ottoman Empire post offices in today's Greece. The emphasis is placed on mostly rare and unique cancellation on documents.	LG (95)
Postal History	299–303	Atadan Tunacı	Ottoman Maritime Postal History	This exhibit shows the contribution of the Maritime mail of the Ottoman Empire, which marks one of the largest territorial rural ship areas.	G (87)
Postal History	304–308	Joseph Hackmey	Ottoman Post Offices in Bulgaria	This display is devoted to the Ottoman Empire post offices in today's Bulgaria. The emphasis is placed on mostly rare and unique cancellation on documents.	LG (90)
Postal History	380–384	Joseph Hackmey	Ottoman Post Offices in European Turkey	This display is devoted to the Ottoman Empire post offices in the European part of today's Turkey (Turkish Thrace region). The emphasis is placed on mostly rare and unique cancellation on documents	LG (90)
Postal History	385–392	Franco Davit	French Post Office in the Ottoman Empire 1810–1875	French Post Offices between 1810–1875 in Europe, Asia and North Africa, Syria and Jerusalem.	LG (90)

Postal History	393–397	Joseph Hackmey	Ottoman Post Offices in the Black Sea	This display is devoted to the Ottoman Empire post offices in Black Sea coastal towns which includes Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey and Georgia. The emphasis is placed on mostly rare and unique cancellation on documents.	LG (92)
Postal History	398–405	Joseph Hackmey	Ottoman Post Offices in Lebanon	This display is devoted to the Ottoman Empire post offices in today's Lebanon. The emphasis is placed on mostly rare and unique cancellation on documents.	LG (91)
Postal History	406–413	Idor Gatti	Ottoman Post Offices in Bulgaria	The cancellations of the Ottoman Post Offices in what is now modern Bulgaria from the first hand-stamps of 1840 until 1876 prior to the Ottoman defeat in the Russo-Turkish war.	G (88)
Postal History	414–418	Joseph Hackmey	Ottoman Post Offices in Libya	This display is devoted to the Ottoman Empire post offices in today's Libya. The emphasis is placed on mostly rare and unique cancellation on documents.	LG (93)
Postal History	419–423	Joseph Hackmey	Ottoman Post Offices in Syria	This display is devoted to the Ottoman Empire post offices in today's Syria. The emphasis is placed on mostly rare and unique cancellation on documents.	LG (93)
Postal History	424–431	Dr. Koray Özlup	From Angora to Ankara (1840–1940)	The main purpose of this exhibit is to display the postal communication of Ankara, the capital of Turkey, and how it was affected by the historical and social events of the time as well as interaction of commerce and society through the postal system for a decade.	LG (90)
Postal History	432–439	Hulya Papuçcuoğlu	Ottoman Emp. Postal History 1840–1862	Study of the postal history of the Ottoman Empire in the pre-adhesive period between 1840 and 1862.	G (86)
Postal History	440–447	Tarik Alireza	Saudi Arabia: Development of the Ottoman Postal Service (1801–1919)	This exhibit attempts to show, through covers spanning almost 120 years, how the Ottoman Postal Service was established and then expanded on the Western and Eastern Coasts of Arabia to the end of the World War I, showing the various rates in place at different times as well as the pattern of routes.	LG (96)
Postcards	135–139	Ercüment Tahtakiran	Strolling in the streets of İzmir	İzmir with its geographically important location, its bay and its port on the west coast of Asia Minor, has been the most cosmopolitan, lively and active city of the Ottoman Empire. The exhibit shows the variety of different aspects of the cultural and social harmony of the city.	LV (80)
Trad. Philately	140	Jon Aitchison	Egyptian Interpostal Seals	An overview of the curious circular labels used in Egypt for official purposes from 1864 until the end of the nineteenth century. The exhibit examines several of the scarcer types and rare use on covers. Overseas offices are explored as are some of their more unusual aspects.	V (76)
Trad. Philately	141–145	Jon Aitchison	Egyptian Officially Sealed Mail	An in-depth examination of officially sealed mail in Egypt, an often ignored area of Egyptian Philately. It comprises 'Found Open and Officially Sealed' labels, 'Egyptian Government' seals, 'Custodian of Enemy Property' labels and re-sealed censored mail, utilising postally used covers and mint examples including scarce full sheets.	G (86)
Trad. Philately	147–154	Joseph Hackmey	'Tugra' – the First Stamps of the Ottoman Empire	Study of the first stamps of Ottoman Empire issued between 1862 and 1864 which includes largest multiples and unique postal history documents as well as proofs.	LG (95)
Trad. Philately	155–162	Ali Özbek	The Duloz Issues of the Ottoman Empire 1865–1882	The objective of this traditional philately exhibit is to display some of the most elusive highlights of the Duloz issues, as well as to introduce important discoveries. The exhibit has been developed over about thirty-five years, and includes items from almost all the famous Ottoman collections of the past.	LG (93)
Trad. Philately	163–170	Alfred Khalastchy	Iraq British Occupation Issues (1917–1923)	This exhibit shows all the Baghdad provisionals issued in 1917 in used, unused plus used on covers. Most of the known major varieties plus all the unissued stamps are also displayed. All the major varieties of the 1918 series are also shown.	LG (95)
Trad. Philately	171–175	Yahya Dhia Jafar	Curious Errors in Iraqi Stamps	This exhibit shows curious errors of stamps and souvenir sheets that, in some cases, appear to be deliberately engineered errors. These were produced for the Iraqi PTI by various reputable international security printers who were, probably, competing for the business.	— ⁵

5 Not listed in the Palmarès.

Trad. Philately	336–340	Mohamed Lotfy Tobala	King Fouad Portrait issue (1927–1937)	To meet the UPU new requirements a new issue was released by the Egyptian post using the most up to date printing techniques mixing photography and offset lithography methods.	V (75)
Trad. Philately	342–349	Gary Brown	Aden: From British Colony to Peoples Republic	The period 1963 to 1969 when Aden Colony became the Federation of South Arabia and then finally the Peoples Republic of South Yemen.	G (85)
Trad. Philately	448 ⁶	Atef Sarian	10th Universal Postal Union Congress, Cairo 1934.		V (77)
Trad. Philately	449 ⁷	Atef Sarian	Egypt: Celebrating the Kingdom 1922		G (85)
(non-comp)	310	Christopher Harman	Liannos Poste Locale – The Local Post of Constantinople 1865	The local post was established at the suggestion of the Turkish Government. It delivered letters, newspapers and packages within the city of Constantinople and to the docks for onward transmission overseas.	–
(non-comp)	224–233	Greg Todd	Egypt – The First Issue	A study of the 1866 first issue, from courier mail, Posta Europea, to the inception of the stamps through proofs, essays, trials to issued stamps and covers.	–
(non-comp)	43–47	Turkish Postal Museum	Selection of Material from the Turkish Postal Museum	Selection of Material from the Turkish Postal Museum: Classic and Modern Period.	–
(non-comp)	112	Nigel Gooch	Persian Mails – The Sanduq Marks Experiment	An exhibit illustrating the application of Sanduq (meaning letterbox) marks to internal mail within, and overseas mail from, Persia between 1916 and 1933.	–
(non-comp)	48–97	Alfred Khalastchy	Iraq 1918–1958	This exhibit shows all the stamps that were issued in Iraq from 1918 until 1958 when the king was killed. This includes hand-painted essays, proofs, specimens, varieties and usage on commercial covers.	–

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6 Not listed in the original list of displays.

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Pictures from the Exhibition⁸



Fig. 3: Ambassador Dr. Ali Al-Tamimi (left) with author Freddy Khalastchy at the RPSL book presentation of "Baghdad in British Occupation : The Story of the 1917 Provisional Stamps."



*Fig. 4: Jury Chairman Chris Harman (left) presents the "Silver Mailcoach" to Tarik Alireza for his *best-in-show* exhibit "Saudi Arabia: Development of the Ottoman Postal Service (1801–1919)."*



Fig. 5: Jury Chairman Chris Harman (left) presents awards to Joseph Hackmey, who won 15 Large Gold awards for his Ottoman exhibits.



Fig. 6: Jury Chairman Chris Harman (left) presents the Gold award to Rainer Fuchs for his exhibit "Overland Mail Baghdad–Haifa 1923–1948."



⁸ Figs. 3–6 appear courtesy of Chris King.

A Curious Palestine Slogan Meter Mark from Yemen

by Lawrence Fisher

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10 years ago I purchased this cut-out meter mark (see *fig. 1*) from a dealer in Lebanon. The meter was supposed to be issued in 1980 for the annual “International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People” which falls on the 29th of November. The United Nations website says:¹

In 1977, the General Assembly called for the annual observance of 29 November as the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (resolution 32/40 B). On that day, in 1947, the Assembly adopted the resolution on the partition of Palestine (resolution 181 (II)). [...] The resolution on the observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People [resolution 60/37 of 1 December 2005] also encouraged Member States to continue to give the widest support and publicity to the observance of the Day of Solidarity.

There are some interesting aspects here:

- The date stamp shows 15th May and the tariff was “0.00”. Was this a specimen? A trial run? Why 15th May? Perhaps due to the 15th May being the date of the “Nakba”? If the date was intentional, then why was the text not changed accordingly?
- A second item of interest is the spelling of the word Palestinian “Phalesteanean”. This does make sense as there is no P in Arabic and Palestine in Arabic is pronounced Filistin.
- 36 years have passed since the meter was supposed to have been issued. This is the only item I have ever seen. Has this meter actually ever been used?

In *fig. 2* I show another Palestine slogan. Does anyone have any information and can also help me find another copy?

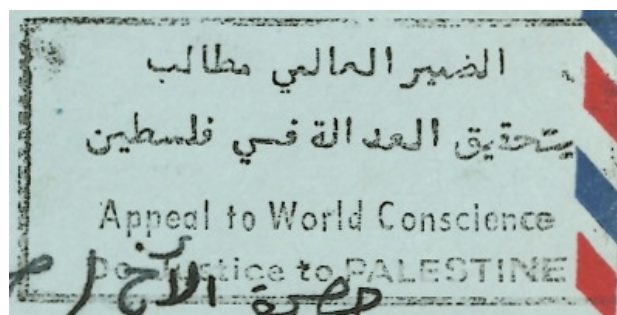
Fig. 1:

The 1980
YAR meter.



Fig.2:

Another slogan
cachet,
from Kuwait.

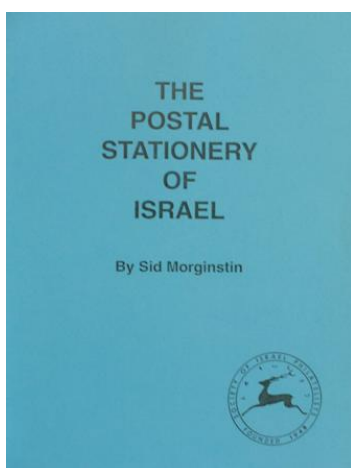


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The Postal Stationery of Israel

a research request by Sid Morginstin

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After many promises and delays, I am finally re-writing my book "The Postal Stationery of Israel." It will delve into all aspects of the topic: air letter sheets, postal cards, entires, inland letter sheets, and much more.

The first edition of 1998¹ came to 103 Pages and gave in-depth descriptions of over 200 types of postal stationery used in Israel along with many illustrations. Descriptions of the various errors, varieties, and freaks were also included.

As of March 2017 I am looking for commercial usages of the inland letter sheets and the entires. Of special interest are also postal rates for aerogrammes, inland letter sheets, and postal cards, although I do not plan currently to get into the rates for the entires.

If any reader has any unusual items, or any interesting information on the topic, please send a scan to me at leadstamp@verizon.net, putting "stationery" in the subject-line, or send a letter to PO Box 8101, Trenton, NJ 08650, U.S.A.

Israel Postal Rates 1983–1984

a research offer by Sid Morginstin

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In my business as auctioneer, a client offered me a packet of Israel postal rate charts. We quickly came to fair price. The lot contains many large sheets (in most cases in both Hebrew and English) showing postal rates for all types of mail to all destinations covering the period from March 1983 to May 1984.

This may be of interest or use for the postal historian, exhibitor, or someone doing research. If a reader needs a specific rate, I will be more than happy to provide it. Please send an e-mail to leadstamp@verizon.net, putting "rates request" in the subject-line, and please do specify exactly what you need.

If a collector researches this area and is willing to summarize all of the information, I will be more than happy to *loan* the sheets on the condition of payment of postage both ways.

¹ Morginstin, Sid: The Postal Stationery of Israel. Society of Israel Philatelists, 1998. 103 pages. The book is currently on sale at the SIP website for a reduced price of US-\$ 8.00.

Postal History and Related Notices from the Official Gazettes for Palestine Part 5: 1926

compiled and annotated by Tobias Zywietz

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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 five covers the year 1926.

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:²

1.	The Palestine news : the weekly newspaper of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force of the British Army in occupied enemy territory	Cairo, later Jerusalem (weekly)	1918–1919	No. 1 (17.03.1918) – no. 72 (17.07.1919)
2.	Official gazette O.E.T.A. (South)	Jerusalem (fortnightly)	1919–1920	No. 1 (15.07.1919) – no. 23 (16.06.1920)
3.	Official gazette of the government of Palestine	Jerusalem (fortnightly)	1920–1932	No. 24 (25.07.1920) – no. 313 (16.08.1932)
4.	The Palestine gazette	Jerusalem (fortnightly, later more often)	1932–1948	No. 314 (25.08.1932) – no. 1654 (18.03.1948) ³

Notes

One Gazette issue is missing from the two sources available to me: no. 175 of 15th November 1926, covering pages 595 to 624. I have not been able to unearth that issue, so far. Any help in finding a copy or scans is very much welcome.

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² See previous parts of this series for detailed information.

³ The British Library lists the last issue as number 1655.

1.01.1926: Foreign Postcard and Blind Literature Rates (16.12.1925)

PALESTINE POSTS, TELEGRAPHS
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NOTICE.

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Doc. 187: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 154 (1.01.1926), p. 12.

1.01.1926: Public Holidays

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Note: This amends the announcement of Public Holidays of 1921.⁴

1.01.1926: Tenders (New Post Office Acre)

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The contract for the conversion of the Turkish Barracks, Acre, for use as a Magistrate's Court and Post Office has been adjudicated in favour of Mr. A. Gluckstein at 9% below P. W. D. estimate. The period of contract is 3 months.

Doc. 189: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 154 (1.01.1926), p. 13.

⁴ Cf. doc. 39 on p. 50 of MEPB 2: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 3. 1921, no. 38 (1.03.1921), p. 7.



Fig. 66: Picture postcard from Jerusalem to La Porte, Indiana. Machine-cancellation: **JERUSALEM / -2 MAR 26.11 AM**. Franked at the new rate of 7m as introduced on 16.12.1925:⁵ SG no. 77 (London II).

1.01.1926: Personnel

"C" Vacation Leave

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

Mr. G. D. Kennedy, Department of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones,	30.11.25-28.2.26.
Mr. I. Mani, Judicial Department,	3.12.25-2.1.26.
Mr. T. H. Brown, Department of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones,	14.12.25-13.3.26.

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Mr. T. H. Brown, Department of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones,	14.12.25-13.3.26.

Doc. 190: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 154 (1.01.1926), p. 16.



⁵ Cf. doc. 187 on p. 46.

1.02.1926: Telegraph Service via Beirut

PALESTINE POSTS, TELEGRAPHS
AND TELEPHONES.

NOTICES

I.

Telegrams Via Radio-Syrie.

Commencing on the 13th instant telegrams for abroad will be accepted at any telegraph office in Palestine for transmission via Beirut and Wireless. They should bear the service instruction "via Radio-Syrie".

Rates will be furnished on application.

PALESTINE POSTS, TELEGRAPHS AND
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Doc. 191: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 156 (1.02.1926), p. 53.

1.02.1926: Dutiable Articles in Letter Post

II.

It is notified for information that certain but not all foreign countries admit dutiable articles by Registered and Unregistered Letter Post and members of the public are advised to make enquiries at the local Post Office before despatching letter pockets containing such articles.

W. FOSTER

Acting Postmaster General.

11th January, 1926.

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W. FOSTER

Acting Postmaster General.

11th January, 1926.

Doc. 192: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 156 (1.02.1926), p. 53.

Note: "pockets" should read "packets".

1.02.1926: Customs Duties On Parcels (Presentation of Invoices)

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that the Notice published in the Official Gazette of the 1st of July, 1924, concerning the presentation of Invoices in respect of commodities imported from abroad by Parcel Post is hereby cancelled.

K. W. STEAD.

Director of Customs, Excise and Trade.

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that the Notice published in the Official Gazette of the 1st of July, 1924, concerning the presentation of Invoices in respect of commodities imported from abroad by Parcel Post is hereby cancelled.

K. W. STEAD.

Director of Customs, Excise and Trade.

Doc. 193: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 156 (1.02.1926), p. 54.

Note: Refers to Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 6. 1924, no. 118 (1.07.1924), p. 740.⁶

⁶ Cf. doc. 139 on p. 79 of MEPB 3.



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Fig. 67: Masthead of the Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 157 (15.02.1926).



Fig. 68: Registered letter from Haifa to Germany.

Postmark: **REGISTERED / HAIFA / 16 FE 26**. The double franking of SG no. 81 (2p) covers 13m for registration, 13m standard foreign letter rate and 2×7m for additional weight upto 60g.
 Registration label **HAIFA / No. 6965**. On reverse arrival mark **BAYREUTH 2. / b / 23 / FEB. / 26 / 5-6 N.**
 [FL4³, FR2: 13+7+7+13 = 40m, 16.02.1926] (Image source: Ebay).

15.02.1926: Appropriation Ordinance 1925/26

An Ordinance to appropriate a sum not exceeding
£E. 2,166,601 for the service of the twelve
months ending the 31st day of March, 1926.

WHEREAS it is necessary to make provision for the
expenses of the Government of Palestine for the year ending
the 31st day of March, 1926,

BE IT ENACTED by the High Commissioner for Palestine,
with the advice of the Advisory Council thereof:-

Short title 1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Appropriation
(1925—26) Ordinance, 1926.

Appropriation of
£E. 2,166,601 2. There shall be issued and applied to the twelve months
ending the 31st day of March, 1926, any sum not exceeding
the sum of £E. 2,166,601 for defraying the charges of the
Government of Palestine for such period.

Limitation of
sums to be spent 3. A sum not exceeding the amount set down under each
head of the Schedule hereto may be issued and spent in res-
pect of the establishment or service specified and referred to
therein.

SCHEDULE.

	£E.
1. Pensions	18,250
2. Public Debt and Loan Charges	223,000
3. His Excellency the High Commissioner	9,620
4. Secretariat	26,844
5. District Administration	97,479
6. Legal Department	8,825
7. Judicial Department	67,245
8. Treasury	18,131
9. Audit Department	8,019
10. Customs, Excise and Trade	43,442
11. Health Department	84,481
12. Education Department	106,514
13. Agriculture and Forests	38,606
14. Antiquities Department	5,910
15. Land Department	15,796
16. Survey Department	46,836
17. Police and Prisons	214,415
18. Gendarmerie (Palestinian Section)	88,360
19. Gendarmerie (British Section)	489,247
20. Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones	93,485
21. Public Works Department	25,011
22. Public Works Recurrent	419,850
23. Railways	255,841
24. Miscellaneous	446,479
25. Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones Extraordinary	10,000
26. Public Works Extraordinary	85,166
27. Railways Extraordinary	152,782
Total	<u>£E. 2,166,601</u>

Summary:

The "Appropriation (1925—
1926) Ordinance, 1926"
allocates the budget of the
Government of Palestine for
the financial year covering
1.04.1925—31.03.1926. The
total of £E. 2,166,601
includes £E. 93,485 ordinary
and £E. 10,000 extraordinary
expenses for the Posts,
Telegraphs and Telephones
Department.

Doc. 194: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 157 (15.02.1926), p. 70.



15.02.1926: Railway Schedule (Maan–Amman–Deraa)

NOTICE

The public is hereby informed that with effect as from 1st February, 1926, and until further notice, the train services on the Deraa–Amman–Ma'an section and vice versa will be as under:—

Deraa–Aman–Ma'an.

Deraa	Dep.	1630	}	Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
Amman	Arr.	1930		

Amman	Dep.	0700	}	Tuesdays and Fridays.
Ma'an	Arr.	1700		

Ma'an–Amman–Deraa.

Ma'an	Dep.	0700	}	Sundays and Thursdays.
Amman	Arr.	1700		
Amman	Dep.	0830	}	Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
Deraa	Arr.	1100		

R. B. W. HOLMES

Director, Palestine and Trans Jordan
section Hejaz Railway.

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Ma'an	Arr.	1700		

Ma'an–Amman–Deraa.

Ma'an	Dep.	1630	}	Sundays and Thursdays.
Amman	Arr.	1930		
Amman	Dep.	0700	}	Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
Deraa	Arr.	1700		

R. B. W. HOLMES

Director, Palestine and Trans Jordan
section Hejaz Railway.

Doc. 195: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 157 (15.02.1926), p. 73–74.

Note: "Aman" should read "Amman".

P. T. 506

**AVIS DE RÉCEPTION.
ADVICE OF DELIVERY**

À TO { M. Selim Hajia
B. P. 151

Timbre du Bureau expéditeur

Stamp of Office of Origin

Haïfa
Lieu de Destination
Place of Destination

Palestine
Pays de Destination
Country of Destination

SERVICE DES POSTES
POST OFFICE

1468—23/3/23—5000
R. H. Harrison Press

ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES DE PALESTINE
POST OFFICE OF PALESTINE

**AVIS DE RÉCEPTION.
ADVICE OF DELIVERY.**

d'une lettre avec valeur déclarée de } (1) enregistré au bureau
of a letter insured for } registered at the Office
of a registered article }
d'un colis postal avec valeur déclarée de }
of a parcel insured for }
de } (on the } (Sous le No. }
expédié par } Selim Hajia B. P. 151 - Haïfa }
Sent by }
et adressé à }
(full address) } Haïfa

Le Sousigné déclare { qu'une lettre avec valeur déclarée } à l'adresse susmentionnée
The undersigned acknowledges that { an insured letter } addressed as above
and posted at { a registered letter }
and insured parcel { }
delivered on the } 19 }
du destinataire } Signature (3) } de l'agent du bureau distributeur
of the addressee } of the Postmaster of the Delivering Office

1 Nature de l'objet { lettre, échantillon, imprimé, etc. } 2 Bureau d'Origine; date de dépôt à ce
Nature of article { letter, sample printed paper, etc. } Bureau; No. d'enregistrement au même bureau
Office of Origin; date of posting at this Office;
No. of registration at this Office.

3. Note: Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou, si le règlement du pays de destination le comporte, par l'agent du bureau distributeur, et renvoyé ensuite par le premier courrier directement à l'adresse indiquée au recto.
Note: This advice must be signed by the addressee, or if the postal regulations of the country of destination so provide, by the Postmaster of the Delivering Office, then sent by the first mail to the destination as shown on the other side.

Figs. 69 and 69a: Advice of Delivery, form P.T. 506 (printer's legend: 1468—23/3/23—5000 / R. Harrison[?] Press). Used for a registered letter from Haifa (registration number 6272) to Istanbul. Franked with 13m London II (SG no. 80), cancelled by **REGISTERED / HAIFA / 11 FE 26**. [FAR2: 13 = 13m, 11.02.1926].

15.02.1926: Telephone Connection with Egypt

PALESTINE POSTS, TELEGRAPHS AND
TELEPHONES.

NOTICES

I.

PALESTINE POSTS, TELEGRAPHS
AND TELEPHONES.

NOTICES

1.

Commencing on the 1st of February telephone trunk facilities will be available between the following towns in Palestine and Egypt.

Palestine	Egypt
x Haifa	Cairo (including Ezbekia, Helouan, Maadi and Zeitoun).
x Jaffa	Port Said Ismailia.
x Jerusalem	Suez. Kantara.

x Calls will be admitted from Public Call Offices as well as from subscribers' telephones.

The charges for 3 minutes conversation will be as follows:—

Hours	From or to	To or From				
		Cairo and Suburbs	Port Said	Ismailia	Suez	Kantara
A. 9.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m.	Haifa Jaffa Jerusalem	27 21 23 17 23 17	21 17 17 20 17 20	24 20 16 16 16 16	These charges will be doubled for 6 minutes conversation.	
B. 1.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m. and 7.0 a.m. to 9.0 a.m.	Haifa Jaffa Jerusalem	24 19 20 15 20 15	19 22 15 18 15 18	22 17 13 13 13 13		

Between 8.0 p.m. and 7.0 a.m. the charges in schedule B will apply to calls not exceeding 6 minutes duration.

An additional charge of Pt. 1 will be made in respect of each call originated at a Public Call Office telephone.

A limited number of copies of the Egyptian Telephone Directory are expected to be available shortly. Pending their distribution subscribers' numbers will be furnished on application to the Exchange Supervisor.

Egypt

x Haifa	Cairo (including Ezbekia, Helouan, Maadi and Zeitoun).
x Jaffa	Post Said Ismailia.
x Jerusalem	Suez. Kantara.

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Hours	From or to	To or From				
		Cairo and Suburbs	Port Said	Ismailia	Suez	Kantara
A. 9.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m.	Haifa Jaffa Jerusalem	Pt. 27 23 23	Pt. 21 17 17	Pt. 21 17 17	Pt. 24 20 20	Pt. 20 16 16
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Doc. 196: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 157 (15.02.1926), p. 74.

Note: This notice will be substituted by an amended notice published in Gazette no. 158.⁷

⁷ Cf. doc. 201 on p. 56 of this issue.

15.02.1926: Letter Rate to Great Britain and Northern Ireland (15.02.1926)

II.

Commencing on the 15th February the postage rate for letters addressed to Great Britain and Northern Ireland will be reduced to:—

7 milliemes for the first 20 grammes or part thereof

4 milliemes for every additional 20 grammes or part thereof.

As from the same date the rate of postage on letters from Great Britain will be reduced to:—
1½d for the first ounce (avoirdupois) or part thereof.

1d for every additional ounce or part thereof.

W. FOSTER

Acting Postmaster General.

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As from the same date the rate of postage on letters from Great Britain will be reduced to:—

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W. FOSTER

Acting Postmaster General.

Doc. 197: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 157 (15.02.1926), p. 74.

Note: An avoirdupois ounce measures 28.35 g.



Fig. 70: Letter from Nazareth to London at the 7m rate for Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as introduced on 15.02.1926: 7m Pictorials (SG no. 95) cancelled **NAZARETH 16 DE / 27**. [FLUK1: 7 =7m, 16.12.1927].

15.02.1926: Tenders for Telegraph Poles

VI.

VI.
The undermentioned stores which are lying along the Road between Tiberias and Nazareth will be sold by tender:-

205 wooden telegraph poles.

Tenders must be enclosed in sealed covers marked "Tender for Poles" and should be posted in time to reach the Postmaster General, General Post Office, Jerusalem by noon on 25th February.

Tenders must bear P.T. 2 H.J.Z. and P.T. 2 O.P.D.A. stamps.

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Doc. 198: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 157 (15.02.1926), p. 76.

15.02.1926: Tenders for new P.O. Boxes at G.P.O. Jerusalem

ADJUDICATION OF CONTRACTS.

I.

The contract for the erection of twenty sections of Post Office boxes for General Post Office, Jerusalem, has been adjudicated in favour of Messrs. The Amal Co-operative at £E. 16 per section of 50 boxes. Period of contract is 56 days.

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Doc. 199: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 157 (15.02.1926), p. 76.

15.02.1926: Personnel

APPOINTMENTS ETC.

"A" Appointments.

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

Mr. F. H. Smith, Postmaster Haifa, Grade IV, to be Acting Assistant Director, Northern Division, Department of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones, during the absence on leave of Mr. G. D. Kennedy, with effect from the 1st December, 1925.

"B" Vacation Leave

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Doc. 200: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 157 (15.02.1926), p. 82

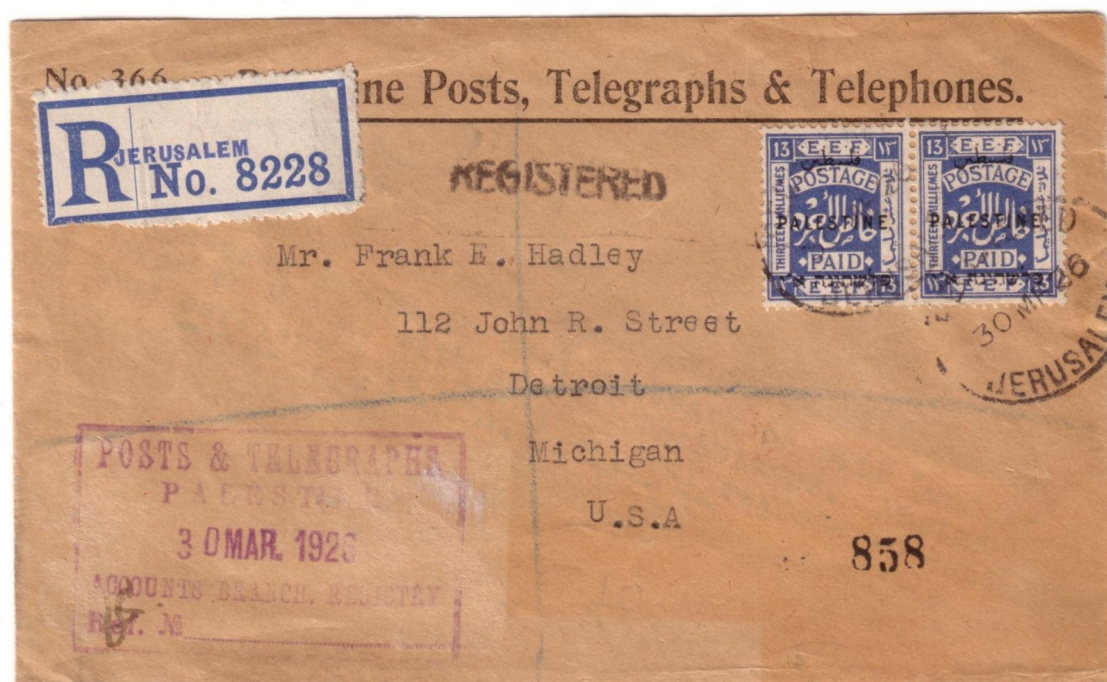


Fig. 71: Envelope P.T. 366, used in March 1926 by the Jerusalem Accounts Branch & Registry (cachet similar to Sacher 23 or 24) for a registered letter to Detroit. Horizontal pair of SG no. 80 (13m) cancelled by **REGISTERED / JERUSALEM / 30 MR 26**. Registration label **JERUSALEM / No. 8228**. [FL4, FR2: 13+13 = 26m, 30.03.1926].



Fig. 72: Registered letter from Jerusalem to Rome. Postmark: **REGISTERED / JERUSALEM / 27 JA 26**. Registration label **JERUSALEM / No. 5892**. Franking: 2×13m London II (SG no. 80) [FL4, FR2: 13+13 = 26m, 27.01.1926].

1.03.1926: Telephone Connection with Egypt

TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION

* WITH EGYPT.

Telephone trunk facilities are now available between Palestine and Egypt from or to any of towns included in the lists below:-

TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION * WITH EGYPT.	
Telephone trunk facilities are now available between Palestine and Egypt from or to any of the towns included in the lists below:-	
Palestine	Egypt
x Haifa	Cairo (including Ezbekia, Helouan, Maadi and Zeitoun).
x Jaffa	Port Said
x Jerusalem	Ismailia. Suez. Kantara.
x Calls will be admitted from Public Call Offices as well as from subscribers' telephones.	
The charges for 3 minutes conversation will be as follows:—	

Hours	From or to	To or From				
		Cairo and Suburbs	Port Said	Ismailia	Suez	Kantara
A. 9.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m.	Haifa Jaffa Jerusalem	27 23 23	1 17 17	21 17 17	24 20 20	20 16 16
B. 1.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m. and 7.0 a.m. to 9.0 a.m.	Haifa Jaffa Jerusalem	24 20 20	19 15 15	19 15 15	22 18 18	17 13 13

Between 8.0 p.m. and 7.0 a.m. the charges in schedule B will apply to calls not exceeding 6 minutes duration.

An additional charge of Pt. 1 will be made in respect of each call originated at a Public Call Office telephone.

A limited number of copies of the Egyptian Telephone Directory are expected to be available shortly. Pending their distribution subscribers' numbers will be furnished on application to the Exchange Supervisor.

* (In Substitution for the notification published in the previous Gazette).

Palestine	Egypt
x Haifa	Cairo (including Ezbekia, Helouan, Maadi and Zeitoun).
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Doc. 201: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 158 (1.03.1926), p. 98.

Note: This notice substitutes a notice published in Gazette no. 157.⁸

Note: The Haifa-Port Said rate in Schedule A should read "21".

⁸ Cf. doc. 196 on p. 52 of this issue.

1.03.1926: Tenders

VII.
SALE OF UNSERVICEABLE STORES.
The following stores will be sold by tender at Post Office Stores Haifa.
2000 lbs. Scrap Iron
25 Tents Various
87 lbs. Copper Scrap
1175 Arms Wood various
23 00 lbs. wire Galvanised Iron Scrap.
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 10th March, 1926, P.T. 2 H.J.Z. and P.T. 2 O.P.D.A. stamps must be affixed to the tender.

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Doc. 202: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 158 (1.03.1926), p. 99.
Note: "23 00" should likely read "2300".

1.03.1926: Amendment to General Regulations

GENERAL REGULATIONS.
Gen. Reg. Amending Slip No. 27.-'3.26.
Page 62
Amendment to Chapter 4, Section 2, Regulation 38.
For "except those" in the 6th line of Regulation 38 read "except letters and packets".

GENERAL REGULATIONS.
Gen. Reg. Amending Slip No. 27.- 1.3.26. Page 62
Amendment to Chapter 4, Section 2, Regulation 38.
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Doc. 203: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 158 (1.03.1926), p. 106.





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Fig. 73: Masthead of the Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 159 (16.03.1926).

16.03.1926: Adhesion to International Postal Conventions (Stockholm 1924)

NOTICE

CONVENTION OF INTERNATIONAL POSTAL UNION.

It is hereby notified that His Majesty's Government has adhered on behalf of the Government of Palestine to the Convention of the International Postal Union and Final Protocol, signed at Stockholm on the 28th of August, 1924, and the Agreement for the exchange of Insured Letters and Boxes and Final Protocol concluded at the same time.

This Convention and Agreement supersede the Convention and Agreement signed and concluded at Madrid on the 20th of November 1920, to which the adhesion of the Government of Palestine was notified in the Official Gazette of the 16th of August, 1925.

BY COMMAND

G. S. SYMES

Chief Secretary.

3rd March, 1926.

(2520/26)

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Chief Secretary.

3rd March, 1926.

(2520/26)

Doc. 204: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 159 (16.03.1926), p. 122.

Note: Refers to a notice in Gazette no. 145.⁹

⁹ Cf. doc. 170 on p. 69 of MEPB 4.

16.03.1926: Tenders for Telegraph Poles

TENDERS.

I.

The undermentioned stores lying at Rosh Pinna Post Office will be sold by tender:-
90 wooden telegraph poles.

Tenders must be enclosed in sealed cover marked "Tender for Poles" and should be posted in time to reach the Postmaster General, General Post Office, Jerusalem, by noon on 31st March, 1926.

Tenders must bear P.T. 2 H.J.Z. and P.T. 2 O.P.D.A. Stamps.

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The undermentioned stores lying at Rosh Pinna Post Office will be sold by tender :-

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Tenders must bear P.T. 2 H.J.Z. and P.T. 2 O.P.D.A. Stamps.

Doc. 205: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 159 (16.03.1926), p. 122.

16.03.1926: Change to Railway Schedule (Haifa–Damascus)

NOTICE.

With effect as from 1st March, 1926, and until further notice, the train from Haifa to Damascus on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, will stop at Deraa where passengers will remain overnight and proceed at 0700 the following morning, arriving Damascus at 1215.

(3385/26) R. B. W. HOLMES
General Manager.

NOTICE.

With effect as from 1st March, 1926, and until further notice, the train from Haifa to Damascus on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, will stop at Deraa where passengers will remain overnight and proceed at 0700 the following morning, arriving Damascus at 1215.

(3385/26) R. B. W. HOLMES
General Manager.

Doc. 206: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 159 (16.03.1926), p. 127.

16.03.1926: Overland Mail Haifa–Baghdad (Despatch Times)

NOTICE.

Overland Mail—Baghdad.

With reference to the Public Notice issued on the 18th of September last, it is notified for information that on and after the 18th instant the Overland Mail Baghdad will be despatched from Haifa at 10 a.m. every Thursday.

9th March, 1926 W. HUDSON
(3773,26) Postmaster General.

NOTICE.

Overland Mail—Baghdad.

With reference to the Public Notice issued on the 18th of September last, it is notified for information that on and after the 18th instant the Overland Mail Baghdad will be despatched from Haifa at 10 a.m. every Thursday.

9th March, 1926 W. HUDSON
(3773,26) Postmaster General.

Doc. 207: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 159 (16.03.1926), p. 127.

Note: Refers to a notice published in Gazette no. 148.¹⁰

Note: "(3773,26)" should read "(3773/26)".

¹⁰ Cf. doc. 178 on p. 75 of MEPB 4.

16.03.1926: Personnel

APPOINTMENTS ETC.

"A" Appointments.

Mr. H. Grant, Inspecting Clerk Grade I, Department of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones, to be Acting Postmaster, Haifa, with effect from the 13th of October, 1925.

Mr. H. Grant, Inspecting Clerk Grade I, Department of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones, to be Acting Postmaster, Haifa, with effect from the 13th of October, 1925.

Doc. 208: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 159 (16.03.1926), p. 127.



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Fig. 74: Masthead of the Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 160 (1.04.1926).



1.04.1926: International Reply Coupons

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS & TELEGRAPHS.

NOTICE.

Reply Coupons — Coupons Réponse.

Commencing on the 1st of April the sale and exchange of International Reply Coupons will be introduced at all Post Offices in Palestine.

Such coupons which are exchangeable in all countries of the Postal Union except Persia and Uruguay for a postage stamp or stamps representing the postage on a single rate letter from that country for abroad may be purchased at any Post Office at the price of 20 millimes each for the purpose of prepaying replies to letters.

A coupon issued in another country may be exchanged at any Post Office for a Palestine postage stamp or stamps value 13 millimes provided it is still valid.

The exchange must be made before the expiration of the sixth month following the month of issue.

W. HUDSON
Postmaster General.

14th March, 1926.
(4114/26).

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS & TELEGRAPHS.

NOTICE.

Reply Coupons — Coupons Réponse.

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Such coupons which are exchangeable in all countries of the Postal Union except Persia and Uruguay for a postage stamp or stamps representing the postage on a single rate letter from that country for abroad may be purchased at any Post Office at the price of 20 millimes each for the purpose of prepaying replies to letters.

A coupon issued in another country may be exchanged at any Post Office for a Palestine postage stamp or stamps value 13 millimes provided it is still valid.

The exchange must be made before the expiration of the sixth month following the month of issue.

W. HUDSON
Postmaster General.

14th March, 1926.
(4114/26).

Doc. 209: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 160 (1.04.1926), p. 167.

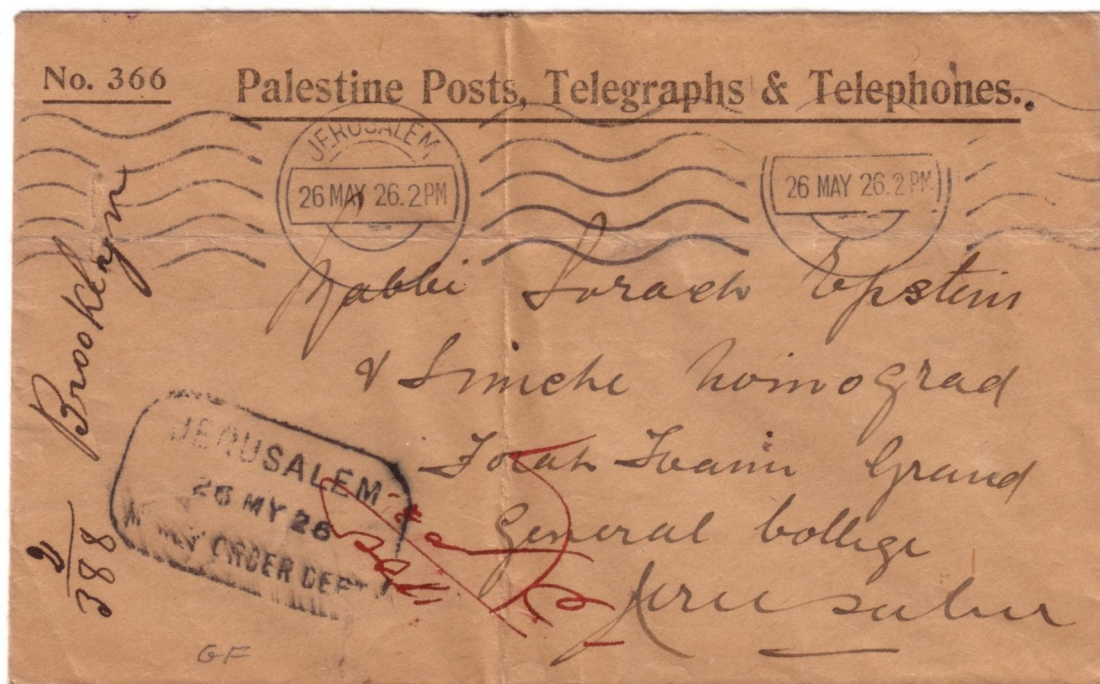


Fig. 75: Envelope P.T. 366, used in May 1926 by the Jerusalem Money Order Department (cachet Sacher H14). Machine cancel JERUSALEM / 26 MAY 26.2PM.

1.04.1926: Overland Mail Haifa–Baghdad

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS & TELEGRAPHS.

NOTICE.

Overland Mail — Haifa — Baghdad.

A "slow" service at a cheaper rate by which packets of printed and commercial papers and samples, but not letters and postcards, can be sent by the overland route to Iraq and the Persian Gulf has been instituted.

The mail will be despatched weekly and parcels and packets must be posted at, or in time to reach, Haifa Head Post Office by 9 a.m. on Thursdays.

The special fee for this service will be 5 milliemes per 50 grammes or part thereof in addition to the ordinary postage.

The time taken in transit will be approximately 5 days as against 2 days for letters and postcards.

The special marking will be the same as for letters, viz. — "By Overland Mail Haifa — Baghdad".

Letters and postcards must still be prepaid with a special fee of 13 milliemes per 50 grammes in addition to the ordinary postage.

Parcels will also be accepted for transmission to Iraq by the packet service at the following rates of postage inclusive of the special fee : —

Not exceeding 1 kilogramme	19 P.T.
Not exceeding 3 kilogrammes	30 P.T.
Not exceeding 5 kilogrammes	41 P.T.

W. HUDSON
Postmaster General.

13th March, 1926.
(3994/26)

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS & TELEGRAPHS.

NOTICE.

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A "slow" service at a cheaper rate by which packets of printed and commercial papers and samples, but not letters and postcards, can be sent by the overland route to Iraq and the Persian Gulf has been instituted.

The mail will be despatched weekly and parcels and packets must be posted at, or in time to reach, Haifa Head Post Office by 9 a.m. on Thursdays.

The special fee for this service will be 5 milliemes per 50 grammes or part thereof in addition to the ordinary postage.

The time taken in transit will be approximately 5 days as against 2 days for letters and postcards.

The special marking will be the same as for letters, viz. — "By Overland Mail Haifa — Baghdad".

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Parcels will also be accepted for transmission to Iraq by the packet service at the following rates of postage inclusive of the special fee : —

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Not exceeding 3 kilogrammes	30 P.T.
Not exceeding 5 kilogrammes	41 P.T.

W. HUDSON
Postmaster General.

13th March, 1926.
(3994/26).

Doc. 210: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 160 (1.04.1926), p. 167.

1.04.1926: Tenders for Works at the New Haifa Post Office

ADJUDICATION OF CONTRACTS.

I.

The contract for the installation of electric light in Haifa new Post Office has been adjudicated in favour of Mr. J. Pevsner "Electra" Tel-Aviv, at 10% below P. W. D. estimate. Period of work is 3 weeks.

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Doc. 211: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 160 (1.04.1926), p. 168.

1.04.1926: Tenders for Rubber Stamps

7	The supply of Rubber Stamps.		
	Mr. Shalom Azulai, Jaffa Road, Jerusalem.		
	of any size and design	P.T. 25 each.	of any design, the handle, revolving date and base plate being supplied by the Government P.T. 20 each
	having a revolving date stamp in centre	P.T. 45 each.	of any design, not exceeding 25 sq. cm. in area necessitating an engraved plate for the purpose of reproducing in rubber P.T. 25 each
	of any size and design the handle and base plate being supplied by the Government	P.T. 20 each	Base plate in all cases to be nickel and not wood.

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	having a revolving date stamp in centre	P.T. 45 each.	of any design, not exceeding 25 sq. cm. in area necessitating an engraved plate for the purpose of reproducing in rubber P.T. 25 each
	of any size and design the handle and base plate being supplied by the Government	P.T. 20 each	Base plate in all cases to be nickel and not wood.

Doc. 212: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 160 (1.04.1926), p. 169.
Note: These were for general governmental rather than postal purposes.

1.04.1926: Personnel

APPOINTMENTS ETC.

"A" Appointments.

Mr. G.H. Stocks, Inspecting Clerk, Grade I— Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones Department, to be Acting Postmaster, Jaffa, during the absence on leave of Mr. C.F. Hucklesby, with effect from the 1st of April, 1926.
...
Mr. C.F. Hucklesby, Department of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones, 1.4.26–30.4.26

Mr. G.H. Stocks, Inspecting Clerk, Grade I— Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones Department, to be Acting Postmaster, Jaffa, during the absence on leave of Mr. C.F. Hucklesby, with effect from the 1st of April, 1926.

"B" Vacation Leave.

Mr. C.F. Hucklesby,
Department of Posts, Telegraphs
and Telephones. 1.4.26–30.4.26

Doc. 213: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 160 (1.04.1926), p. 173.
Note: "Depart, ment" should read "Department".

16.05.1926: Change to Railway Schedule (Lydda–Khan Yunis)

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that the following additional train service between Lydda and Khan Yunis will be introduced :—

With effect as from 29.4.1926.

Thursdays and Saturdays.

Lydda	dep.	0715
Rehoboth	"	0735
Yebnah	"	0800
Ashdod	"	0835
Majdal	"	0904
Deir Seneid	"	0933
Gaza	arr.	1005
	dep.	1015
Deir El Belah	"	1045
Khan Yunis	arr.	1100
Khan Yunis	dep.	1230
Deir El Belah	"	1245
Gaza	arr.	1315
	dep.	1403
Deir Seneid	"	1425
Majdal	"	1452
Ashdod	"	1517
Yebnah	"	1547
Rehoboth	"	1601
Lydda	arr.	1626

With effect as from 28.4.1926.

Daily except Sundays.

Lydda	dep.	1740
Yebnah	"	1816
Ashdod	"	1851
Majdal	"	1920
Deir Seneid	"	1949
Gaza	"	2100
Deir El Belah	"	2140
Khan Yunis	arr.	2200

G.M. CAMPIGLI.
Acting General Manager.

24th April, 1926.

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that the following additional train service between Lydda and Khan Yunis will be introduced : —

With effect as from 29.4.1926.

Thursdays and Saturdays.

Lydda	dep.	0715
Rehoboth	"	0735
Yebnah	"	0800
Ashdod	"	0835
Majdal	"	0904
Deir Seneid	"	0933
Gaza	arr.	1005
	dep.	1015
Deir El Belah	"	1045
Khan Yunis	arr.	1100
Khan Yunis	dep.	1230
Deir El Belah	"	1245
Gaza	arr.	1313
	dep.	1403
Deir Seneid	"	1425
Majdal	"	1452
Ashdod	"	1517
Yebnah	"	1547
Rehoboth	"	1601
Lydda	arr.	1626

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Gaza	"	2100
Deir El Belah	"	2140
Khan Yunis	arr.	2200

G.M. CAMPIGLI.
Acting General Manager.

24th April, 1926.

Doc. 214: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 163 (16.05.1926), p. 263.
Note: George Murray Campigli (1890–1951).¹¹



¹¹ George Murray Campigli, M.C. See sketch on p. 72.

16.05.1926: Personnel

APPOINTMENTS ETC.

"A" Appointments.

Mr. E. B. Garnett, Assistant Engineer, Grade IV
Department of Posts, Telegraphs and
Telephones, to be Engineer, Grade III, with
effect from the 2nd of February, 1926.

⋮

Mr. L. M. Smith, to be Telephone Superinten-
dent, Grade IV, Senior Service, Depart-
ment of Posts, Telegraphs & Telephones,
with effect from the 10th of April, 1926.

⋮

Mr. T. Griffiths, Department of Posts, Tele-
graphs & Telephones,
1.5.26-31.5.26.

Mr. H. J. Barker, Department of Public

Mr. E. B. Garnett, Assistant Engineer, Grade IV
Department of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones, to
be Engineer, Grade III, with effect from the 2nd of
February, 1929.

⋮

Mr. L. M. Smith, to be Telephone Superintendent, Grade
IV, Senior Service, Department of Posts, Telegraphs
& Telephones, with effect from the 10th of April,
1926.

⋮

"D" Vacation Leave.

⋮

Mr. T. Griffiths, Department of Posts, Tele-
graphs & Telephones,
1.5.26-31.5.26.

Doc. 215: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 163 (16.05.1926), p. 270-271.



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Fig. 76: Masthead of the Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 164 (16.04.1926).

PALESTINE POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS

ادارة البريد والبرق في فلسطين

משרד הדואר והמברקים בא"י

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DELIVERY OR PAYMENT

AVIS DE RECEPTION OU DE PAYEMENT

علم تسليم او دفع

הודעת מסירה או תשלום

Of (1) (2) registered under No. (3) enregisté sous le No.

من (1) (2) مسجل تحت الرقم (3)

sent by expedie par M. اسم المرسل

on le { for the sum of } { pour le somme de } مبلغ

and addressed to et adressé à M. معنونة باسم

Date 192. سنة 192. تاريخ في

Stamp of Delivery Office - The undersigned declares that a le soussigné déclare qu'un (1) distributeur addressed as above and originating from à l'adresse susmentionnée et provenant de {

ختم مكتب التوزيع

חותم المשרد الموزع

يقدر الواضع اسمه اذ كان (1) الوارد للاسم المذكور اعلاه والفارج من

المرسل اليه

التي تم تسليمها في (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) (16) (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) (26) (27) (28) (29) (30) (31) (32) (33) (34) (35) (36) (37) (38) (39) (40) (41) (42) (43) (44) (45) (46) (47) (48) (49) (50) (51) (52) (53) (54) (55) (56) (57) (58) (59) (60) (61) (62) (63) (64) (65) (66) (67) (68) (69) (70) (71) (72) (73) (74) (75) (76) (77) (78) (79) (80) (81) (82) (83) (84) (85) (86) (87) (88) (89) (90) (91) (92) (93) (94) (95) (96) (97) (98) (99) (100)

Fig. 77: Advice of Delivery, form P.T. 506, used in May 1926 for a registered letter from Tel Aviv (registration number 6511?) to Petah Tikvah.

Franked with 3m and 2x5m (London II (SG nos. 73 and 75), cancelled by **TEL AVIV** / [?] / **29 MY** / **26**.
[IAR2: 3+5+5 = 13m, 29.05.1926] (*Image source: Ebay*).

1.06.1926: Tenders

TENDERS

Sale of Unserviceable Stores.

The following stores will be sold by tender at the Post Office Store, Haifa:-

Description.	Quantity
Arms wood	8357
Bases for poles	2
Cables lead covered various, yards	1586
Ladders, wood	6
Wire copper scrap lbs.	6558½
Wire bronze scrap lbs.	74
Wire Galvanized Scrap iron lbs.	3950
Poles, wood	284

Tenders which may be either for complete lots or smaller quantities should be addressed to the Postmaster General and posted in time to reach the General Post Office, Jerusalem, by noon of the 15th of June P.T. 2 H.J.Z. and P.T. 2 O.P.D.A. Stamps must be affixed to the tender.

The Postmaster General is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

W. HUDSON
Postmaster General.

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W. HUDSON
Postmaster General.

Doc. 216: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 164 (1.06.1926), p. 293.

Note: "H.J.Z." should read "H.J.Z." and "O.P.D.A." should read "O.P.D.A."

16.06.1926: Continuous Telephone Service at Hebron, Beersheba, and Gaza

PALESTINE POSTS & TELEGRAPHS.

NOTICE.

Telephones - Continuous Service at Hebron, Beersheba and Gaza.

It is notified for information that on and after the 23rd instant a continuous public telephone service will be provided at Hebron, Beersheba and Gaza. Calls will be passed to and accepted from private subscribers at those places at all hours of the day and night.

W. HUDSON
Postmaster General.

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W. HUDSON
Postmaster General.

Doc. 217: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 165 (16.06.1926), p. 304

16.06.1926: Personnel

APPOINTMENTS ETC.

“A” Appointments.

Mr. G.H. Stocks, Inspecting Clerk, Grade I, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, to be Acting Postmaster, Haifa, during the period Mr. F.H. Smith is acting as Assistant Director, Northern Division, with effect from the 1st June, 1926.

Mr. G.H. Stocks, Inspecting Clerk, Grade I, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, to be Acting Postmaster, Haifa, during the period Mr. F.H. Smith is acting as Assistant Director, Northern Division, with effect from the 1st June, 1926.

Doc. 218: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 165 (16.06.1926), p. 306.

1.07.1926: Parcels to Russia (Disinfection)

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS & TELEGRAPHS.

NOTICE

It is notified for information that parcels for Russia in Europe containing used or worn clothing and footwear are prohibited from entry into Russia unless they are accompanied by a medical certificate of disinfection.

14th June, 1926. W. HUDSON
Postmaster General.

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS & TELEGRAPHS.

NOTICE

It is notified for information that parcels for Russia in Europe containing used or worn clothing and footwear are prohibited from entry into Russia unless they are accompanied by a medical certificate of disinfection.

14th June, 1926. W. HUDSON
Postmaster General.

Doc. 219: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 166 (1.07.1926), p. 328.

1.07.1926: Public Holidays (Minimum Essential Services)

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that the second paragraph of the Notice regarding general public holidays in Palestine, of the 21st December, 1925, published in Official Gazette No. 154 of the 1st January, 1926, has been amended to read as follows:—

“Heads of Departments will make departmental arrangements for the maintenance of the minimum essential services.”

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that the second paragraph of the Notice regarding general public holidays in Palestine, of the 21st December, 1925, published in Official Gazette No. 154 of the 1st January, 1926, has been amended to read as follows:—

“Heads of Departments will make departmental arrangements for the maintenance of the minimum essential services.”

Doc. 220: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 166 (1.07.1926), p. 328.

Note: Refers to the notice published in Gazette 154 (1.01.1926), p. 12.¹²

¹² Cf. doc 187 on p. 46 of this issue.

1.07.1926: Personnel

APPOINTMENTS ETC.

"A" Appointments.

Mr. T. Griffiths, Assistant Accountant, Grade IV, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, to be Acting Chief Accountant during the absence on leave of Mr. B. Lewis, with effect from the 23rd June, 1926.

Mr. T. H. Brown, Postmaster, Grade IV, to be Acting Assistant Director Department of Posts and Telegraphs during the absence on leave of Mr. G. D. Kennedy, with effect from the 1st July, 1926.

Mr. H. Grant, Clerk Grade I, Department of Posts and Telegraphs to be Acting Postmaster Jerusalem, during the period Mr. T. H. Brown is acting as Assistant Director, with effect from the 1st July, 1926.

and Prisons, 10.6.26- 9.9.26

Mr. E. B. Garnett, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, 12.6.26-11. 9.26

Amin Eff. Rizk Department of Lands

Mr. T. Griffiths, Assistant Accountant, Grade IV, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, to be Acting Chief Accountant during the absence on leave of Mr. B. Lewis, with effect from the 23rd June, 1926.

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Mr. H. Grant, Clerk Grade I, Department of Posts and Telegraphs to be Acting Postmaster Jerusalem, during the period Mr. T. H. Brown is acting as Assistant Director, with effect from the 1st July, 1926.

"B" Vacation Leave.

Mr. E. B. Garnett, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, 12.06.26 – 11. 9.26

Doc. 221: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 166 (1.07.1926), p. 329.



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Fig. 78: Masthead of the Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 166 (1.07.1926).

16.07.1926: Changes to Railway Schedule

PALESTINE RAILWAYS
NOTICE.

The Public is informed that with effect as from 15th July, 1926, the following changes will be made in the advertised train services:—

1. Kantara East—Haifa and vice versa.

- (a) Train No. 2 will leave Kantara East at 2330 instead of 0001 as at present.
(b) Train No. 1 will leave Haifa at 0730 instead of 0800 as at present.

2. Haifa—Lydda—Jaffa—Jerusalem.

- (a) The mixed train which at present leaves Haifa at 1320 will be cancelled, and instead a train will leave Haifa at 1400 and run as a passenger train with restaurant car attached.
(b) The train from Jerusalem at 0420 will be cancelled.
(c) A passenger train will leave Lydda at 1028 for Haifa (arriving 1310) connecting with 0825 train from Jerusalem and 0950 train from Jaffa.
(d) The mixed train leaving Lydda for Haifa at 1700 will be cancelled and, instead, a passenger train with restaurant car attached will leave Lydda at 1705 arriving Haifa at 1945.

3. Jaffa—Jerusalem line.

Trains, stopping at all intermediate stations will run as under:—

		Daily, Sundays Excepted.	Daily	Daily
Jaffa	dep.	0620	0950	1620
Jerusalem	arr.	0906	1235	1905

		Daily.	Daily.
Jerusalem	dep.	0825	1500
Jaffa	arr.	1105	1740

4. Lydda—Gaza—Khan Yunis—Beersheba.

Trains, stopping at all intermediate stations, will run as under:—

		Thursdays and Saturdays only.	Mondays only.
Lydda	dep.	0655	0850
Gaza	dep.	1010	1232
Khan Yunis	arr.	1100	—
	dep.	—	1322
Beersheba	arr.	—	1540

		Sundays only.	Tuesdays only.	Thursday and Saturday only.
Beersheba	dep.	—	1020	—
Khan Yunis	dep.	—	1241	1212
Gaza	dep.	1440	1347	1347
Lydda	arr.	1656	1630	1630

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	dep.	—	1322
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		Sundays only.	Tuesdays only.	Thursday and Saturday only.
Beersheba	dep.	—	1020	—
Khan Yunis	dep.	—	1241	1212
Gaza	dep.	1410	1347	1347
Lydda	arr.	1656	1630	1630

5. Jaffa-Lydda-Rehoboth.

Trains, stopping at all intermediate stations will run as under :-

		Daily except Sundays.	Sundays only.
Jaffa	dep.	1620	1620
Lydda	arr.	1650	1650
	dep.	1707	1658
Rehoboth	arr.	1731	1722
.....			
Rehoboth	dep.	0615	0741
Lydda	arr.	0631	0807
	dep.	0703	0820
Jaffa.	arr.	0736	0910

6 Jaffa-Lydda-Petah Tikvah.

Trains, stopping at all intermediate stations, will run as under :-

		Daily except Saturdays, Sundays and Jewish Holidays.	Sundays only.
Jaffa	dep.	1620	1620
Lydda	arr.	1650	1650
	dep.	1705	1755
Petah Tikvah	arr.	1750	1837
.....			
Petah Tikvah	dep.	0600	0720
Lydda	arr.	0653	0805
	dep.	0703	0820
Jaffa	arr.	0736	0910

7. Haifa-Samakh line.

The train leaving Haifa at 1300 for Samakh will leave at 1345 and make connection with the train arriving at 1310 from Lydda.

Haifa.
3rd July, 1926.

G. M. CAMPIGLI.
A/General Manager.

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Lydda	arr.	0631	0807
	dep.	0703	0820
Jaffa.	arr.	0736	0910

6. Jaffa-Lydda-Petah Tikvah.

Trains, stopping at all intermediate stations will run as under :-

		Daily except Saturdays, Sundays and Jewish Holidays.	Sundays only.
Jaffa	dep.	160	1620
Lydda	arr.	1650	1650
	dep.	1705	1755
Petah Tikvah	arr.	1750	1837
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Petah Tikvah	dep.	0600	0720
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3rd July, 1926.

G. M. CAMPIGLI.
A/General Manager.

Doc. 222: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 167 (16.07.1926), p. 349.
Note: George Murray Campigli (1890-1951).¹³

¹³ George Murray Campigli, M.C. See sketch on p. 72.

George Murray Campigli, M.C.¹⁴

* August 1890 – † 27.08.1951. Civil occupation: Railway Clerk, son of a Station Manager. One of his brothers, trooper John Murray Campigli died of disease, 21.11.1918, in Tripoli, and is buried at Beirut.

Joined 4th Australian Light Horse Regiment, A. & N. Z. Mounted Division (A.M.D. Headquarters) (12.07.1916), 2nd Lieut., Lt. Colonel (Indian Reserve List, before 1926).

Officer-in-Charge Palestine Military Railway (1919), Assistant General Manager, Palestine Railways (1920–1944), temp. Acting General Manager, Palestine Railways (June 1929–May 1930). He was passed over twice for promotion before being sidelined by the new General Manager, A.F. Kirby.

16.07.1926: Personnel

APPOINTMENTS ETC.

“A” Appointments.

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

Mr. R. Moffatt, Inspecting Clerk, Grade I, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, to be Acting Engineer during the absence on leave of Mr. E. B. Garnett with effect from the 12th June, 1926.

APPOINTMENTS ETC.

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Mr. R. Moffatt, Inspecting Clerk, Grade I, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, to be Acting Engineer during the absence on leave of Mr. E. B. Garnett with effect from the 12th June, 1926.

Doc. 223: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 167 (16.07.1926), p. 354.

1.08.1926: Heavy Parcel Post

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS & TELEGRAPHS.

NOTICES.

I.

HEAVY PARCEL POST.

Commencing on the 1st August parcels exceeding 5 kilos but not exceeding 10 kilos in weight will be accepted for transmission to places in Palestine.

The rate of postage will be P.T. 12 per parcel.

Such parcels will be subject to the same conditions as regards limits of size, packing, &c. as are already prescribed for parcels not exceeding 5 kilos in weight.

They may be registered or they may be insured under the usual conditions when addressed to places to which the insurance of parcels already extends.

(9787/26)

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(9787/26)

Doc. 224: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 168 (1.08.1926), p. 347.

14 Sources: Melbourne Argus, 7.01.1925, p. 8, online: <http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/3827671>, <http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/2022824>, Ancestry.com, Melbourne Argus, 30.08.1951, p. 12, online: <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article23065956>, <http://sonsofwilliamstown.com.au/portfolio/jm-campigli/>, Rothschild, Dr. Walter: Kirby and the last years of Palestine Railways. Berlin, 2009, p. [32], online: http://harakevetmagazine.com/articles/Rothschild_Thesis.pdf (accessed 8.03.2017), and others.

1.08.1926: Parcels to Italy & Switzerland (Disposal on Non-Delivery)

II.

Parcels addressed to Italy or Switzerland.
Instructions for disposal in the event
of non-delivery.

Commencing on the 1st September, parcels addressed to Italy or Switzerland will only be held at the disposal of the addressees for 15 days after which period if still undelivered the instructions for disposal in the event of non-delivery furnished by the senders at the time of posting will be executed.

The attention of the senders of parcels is drawn to the length of time allowed for withdrawal in the country of destination and to the necessity for furnishing on the Despatch Notes of the parcels themselves at the time of posting adequate instructions for alternative disposal in the event of non-delivery.

Failure to furnish adequate instructions may result in the parcels being returned without notice at the expense of the senders.

(10386/26)

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(10386/26)

Doc. 225: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 168 (1.08.1926), p. 347.

1.08.1926: Telephone Service at Talat-el-Dum Police Post

III.

Public Call Office Talat-el-Dum
Police Post.

An emergency Public Telephone Call Office affording restricted facilities has been provided at the Police Post Talat-el-Dum.

The telephone may be used from the hour of 5.0 p.m. until the hour of 8.0 a.m. on the following morning between Mondays to Fridays and from the hour of 12 noon until the hour of 8.0 a.m. on the following morning on Saturdays and Sundays for the purpose of making calls to subscribers on the Jerusalem and Jericho Exchanges only.

The charge per call will be P.T. 5 for each three minutes or part thereof.

(10385/26)

W. HUDSON
Postmaster General

III.

Public Call Office Talat-el-Dum Police Post.

An emergency Public Telephone Call Office affording restricted facilities has been provided at the Police Post Talat-el-Dum.

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The charge per call will be P.T. 5 for each three minutes or part thereof.

(10385/26)

W. HUDSON
Postmaster General.

Doc. 226: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 168 (1.08.1926), p. 347.

Note: Talat ed-Dum, Tal'at ed-Damm, with Khan Hatruneh, was halfway on the Jerusalem-Jericho road.

16.08.1926: Supplementary Appropriation Order 1925/26



Summary:

The “Appropriation (1925–1926) Ordinance, 1926”¹⁵ allocated £E. 93,485 for the Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones Department. This supplementary order allocates a further £E. 900.

Doc. 227: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 169 (16.08.1926), p. 412.

16.08.1926: Appropriation Ordinance 1926/27

Summary:

The “Appropriation (1926–27) Ordinance, 1926” allocates the budget of the Government of Palestine for the financial year covering 1.04.1926–31.03.1927.

The total of £E. 2,524,034 includes £E. 111,747 for the Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones Department.

This compares to £E. 93,485 ordinary + £E. 900 extraordinary expenses in 1925/26.

Doc. 228: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 169 (16.08.1926), p. 413.
Note: Minor redactional corrections appear in Gazette 170.¹⁶



¹⁵ Refers to Gazette no. 157 (15.02.1926), p. 70. See *doc. 194* on p. 50 of this issue.

¹⁶ Cf. Gazette no. 170 (1.09.1926), p. 456.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RAINFALL
AT STATIONS IN PALESTINE FOR THE SEASON JUNE TO MAY.

(In Millimetres)

Official Stations.	Average.	June 1924 to May 1925	June 1925 to May 1926	Non-Official Stations.	Average.	June 1924 to May 1925	June 1925 to May 1926
Jerusalem	25 years 570.6	236.2	363.1	Tiberias	22 years 446.2	284.8	435.0
Gaza	15 " 397.7	334.1	330.7	Tel-Aviv	21 " 542.3	435.8	441.2
Haifa	14 " 625.7	694.5	707.4	Nazareth	20 " 617.7	418.3	716.3
Beersheba	5 " 167.9	165.3	187.7	Sarona	12 " 584.5	371.0	455.0
Jenin	5 " 414.4	337.3	443.6	Beit-Jemal	7 " 469.6	350.7	456.8
Jericho	3 " 149.5	127.8	146.8	Mikveh-Israel	6 " 443.9	415.5	433.8
				Nablus	4 " 530.5	370.5	543.9
				Tulkarem	4 " 554.9	447.5	597.5
				Safad	3 " 702.0	519.0	888.1
				Acre	1 " 675.9	—	675.9
				Ben-Shemen	1 " 411.8	—	411.8
				Rishon	1 " 436.6	—	436.6
				Wilhelma	1 " 407.6	—	407.6
				Ekron	1 " 346.0	—	346.0
Average for six stations:	482.8	315.9	363.2	Average for stations:	14 stations 531.3	9 stations 401.4	14 stations 517.5

Averages for all stations: 20 stations: 512.3 15 stations: 367.2 20 stations: 471.1

"—" means no records available.

Fig. 79: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 168 (1.08.1926), p. 382.



Fig. 80: Commercial cover with SG no. 80, 13m, cancelled with BETHLEHEM / A / 28 JU / 26 (bad strike); destined for Landshut, Germany.
[FL4: 13 = 13m, 28.06.1926]

16.08.1926: Embarrassing Postal Packets

NOTICES.

1.

Packets prohibited from transmission by Post.

Postal Packets of such a form or so made up for transmission by post as to be likely, in the opinion of the Postmaster General, to embarrass the officers of the Post Office in dealing with the packets, are prohibited from transmission by post. The following are instances of packets which may be held to contravene this regulation and are liable to be refused or withheld from delivery:-

1. A packet having anything printed or otherwise impressed upon or attached to the address side which, either by tending to prevent the easy and quick reading of the address, or by inconvenient proximity to the postage stamps,

or in any other way, is likely to impede the officers of the Post Office in dealing with it. Cards, envelopes, labels and wrappers are, however, admitted if the writing or printing is confined to the left-hand half of the address side, the right-hand half being reserved exclusively for the postage stamps and the address.

2. A packet bearing on its address side an adhesive label or printed design either resembling a postage stamp in shape or size or in the form of a frame for a postage stamp.

3. A packet having its address parallel to the breadth instead of the length of the envelope.

4. A postcard or a pictorial card which does not conform to the following conditions, viz:- it must not be less than 10 cm. in length by 7 cm. in width, and must, whenever possible, be square or oblong in shape.

5. A packet or envelope of a red colour or of another colour likely to cause strain on the eyes of the officers of the Post Office.

6. A packet enclosed in a wholly transparent envelope.

7. A packet enclosed in an envelope with a transparent panel or a "cut-out" panel which does not conform to the following conditions, viz:-

- (a) The panel must extend parallel to the length of the envelope.
- (b) A sufficient space, about 3½ cm., must be left above the panel for the postage stamp and the date-stamp impression.
- (c) A "cut-out" panel must not exceed 9 cm. in length by 3 cm. in width.
- (d) No writing or printing other than the address may be displayed through the panel, and the address must appear through the panel in such a manner as to be read with reasonable facility.

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- (e) The enclosures must be so folded that they cannot move about in the envelope, and thus cause the address to be hidden.

8. A packet having an opening large enough to be likely to entrap small letters or postcards in course of post. Objection is not raised to the use for the open post of a small envelope not exceeding 9 cm. in depth with a "tuck-in" flap along the top not exceeding 15 cm. in width, nor to the use of any other envelope with a "tuck-in" flap if the opening does not exceed 11 cm. in width.

(10705/26)

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(10705/26)

Doc. 229: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 169 (16.08.1926), pp. 416–417.
Note: Previous notification on this matter appeared in Gazette no. 43 (15.05.1921), p. 12.¹⁷

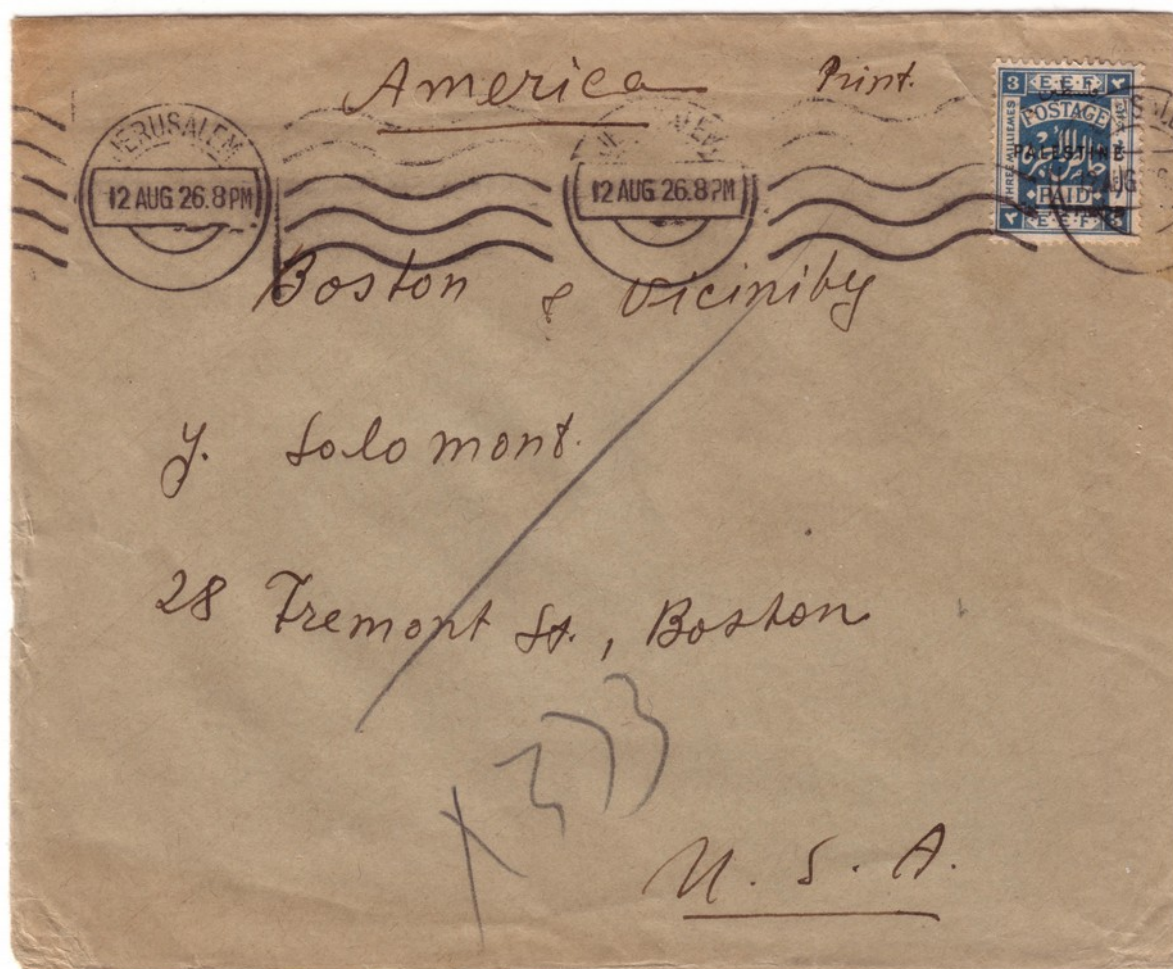


Fig. 81: Letter from Jerusalem to Boston, Mass, U.S.A., at the reduced Printed Matter rate. Franked with 3m London II (SG no. 73), machine-cancelled **JERUSALEM / 12 AUG 26.8PM**. [FPM5: 3 = 3m, 12.08.1926].

¹⁷ See doc. 45 on p. 54 of MEPB 2.

16.08.1926: Heavy Parcel Post to Syria and Grand Lebanon

II.

Heavy Parcel Post Palestine-Syria.

Commencing on the 1st August, parcels exceeding 5 Kilos but not exceeding 10 Kilos in weight may be accepted for places in Syria and the Grand Lebanon.

The rates for parcels addressed to Syria have been revised as follows:-

	P.T.
Not exceeding 1 Kilo	8 ½
Exceeding 1 Kilo but not exceeding 3 Kilos	10
Exceeding 3 Kilos but not exceeding 5 Kilos	10
Exceeding 5 Kilos but not exceeding 10 Kilos	18

Parcels exceeding 5 Kilos will be subject to the same conditions as regards limits of size, packing &c. as at present prescribed for parcels not exceeding 5 Kilos.

They may be insured within the prescribed limits of insurance where such facilities apply.
(10753/26)

W. HUDSON
Postmaster General.

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(10753/26)

W. HUDSON
Postmaster General.

Doc. 230: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 169 (16.08.1926), p. 417.

16.08.1926: Personnel

APPOINTMENTS ETC.

"A" Appointments

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

Mr. R. Moffat, Inspecting Clerk Grade I, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, to be Assistant Engineer, Grade IV, Senior Service, on three years probation, with effect from the 2nd February, 1926.

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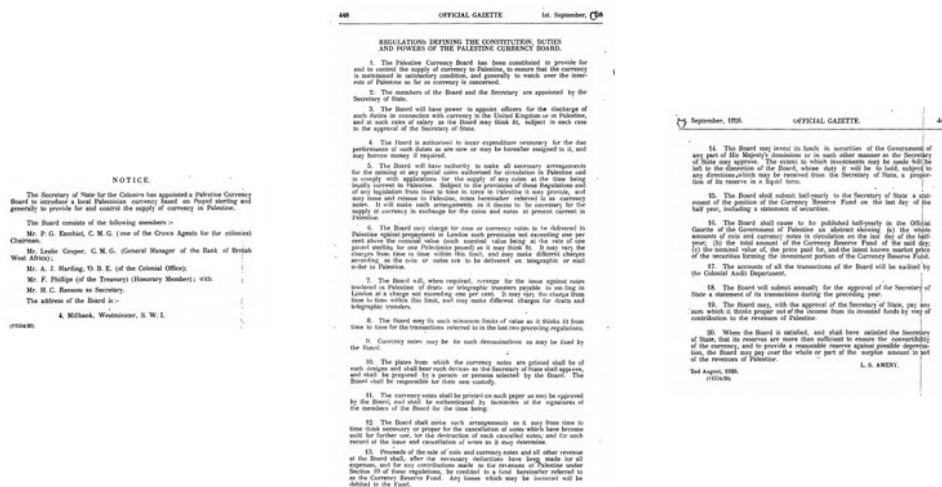
Doc. 231: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 169 (16.08.1926), p. 422.

Note: A correction appears in Gazette no. 170 (1.09.1926), p. 456.¹⁸



¹⁸ See doc. 233 on p. 79 of this issue.

1.09.1926: Palestine Currency Board (Establishment)

Summary:¹⁹

The Secretary of State for the Colonies appointed a “Palestine Currency Board” with the objective of introducing a local Palestinian currency based on Pound sterling. Also published are “Regulations defining the Constitution, Duties and Powers of the Palestine Currency Board.” No mention is made of postage stamps or related matters.

The board, residing at 4, Millbank, in Westminster, London S.W. 1, consists of five members:

- Sir Percy Hubert Ezechiel, KCMG (chairman)²⁰
- Leslie Couper, CMG²¹
- Alfred John Harding, OBE²²
- F. Phillips²³
- H. C. Ransom, CMG (secretary)²⁴

Doc. 232: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 170 (1.09.1926), pp. 447–449.

1.09.1926: Personnel

Corrigendum.

Mr. R. Moffatt's previous title published in the Official Gazette No. 169 of 16th August 1926, as “Inspecting Clerk, Grade I”, should read “Telegraph Inspector, Grade I”.

Corrigendum.

Mr. R. Moffatt's previous title published in the Official Gazette No. 169 of 16th August 1926, as “Inspecting Clerk, Grade 1” should read “Telegraph Inspector, Grade I”.

Doc. 233: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 170 (1.09.1926), p. 456.

Note: This corrects the notice published in Gazette no. 169 (16.08.1926), p. 422.²⁵

- 19 Literature: Howard M. Berlin: *The Coins and Banknotes of Palestine Under the British Mandate, 1927-1947*. Jefferson, NC. And London: McFarland & Co., 2005. 170p. ISBN: 0-7864-2445-1. For signatures on banknotes, see *Signaturen auf Banknoten von Palästina*. In: Moneypedia. http://www.moneypedia.de/index.php/Signatur:_Pal%C3%A4stina (accessed 7.03.2017).
- 20 One of the Crown Agent for the Colonies (listed here as P. G. Ezechiel).
- 21 General Manager of the British West Africa Bank.
- 22 Assistant Secretary, later Under-Secretary, at the Colonial Office (listed here as A. J. Harding).
- 23 Of the Treasury Department (listed in other sources as P. Phillips and William L. C. Phillips)
- 24 Of the Crown Agents' Office.



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Fig. 82: Masthead of the Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 171 (16.09.1926).

16.09.1926: Wireless Telegraphy Ordinance 1926 (Amendment)

NOTICE.

Wireless Telegraphy Ordinance 1924.

Conditions relating to Licences to establish Wireless Receiving Stations.

The following condition is added to those published in Official Gazette No. 127 dated the 15th of November, 1924:-

"6. The apparatus forming the station authorised under this licence may not be sold or transferred, wholly or in part, to any other person without the previous sanction in writing of the Postmaster General".

The condition commencing "The licence may be cancelled" and at present numbered 6 will, in future, be referred to as No. 7.

W. HUDSON
Postmaster General.
APPROVED
G. S. SYMES
Officer Administering the Government.

10th September, 1926.
(12939/26)

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Postmaster General.

APPROVED
G. S. SYMES

10th September, 1926. Officer Administering the Government.
(12939/26)

Doc. 234: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 171 (16.09.1926), p. 463.

Note: The notice refers to Gazette no. 127,²⁶ however the amendment made is to "The Wireless Telegraphy Ordinance 1924" as published in Gazette no. 116.²⁷

²⁵ See doc. 231 on p. 78 of this issue.

²⁶ See doc. 147 on p. 83 of MEPB 3.

16.09.1926: British Visa Fees

NOTICES.

I.

British Visa Fees.

The following charges are now made for British visas issued to nationals of the under-mentioned countries:-

	PT.
Bulgaria: Single journey visas only	100
Greece: All visas	45
Guatemala: Single journey visas only	45
Venezuela: Single journey visas only	45
Costa-Rica: Ordinary visas	65
Transit visas	5
Turkey: All visas	90

(12645/26)

II.

The reciprocal visa fees hitherto payable by nationals of Ecuador for British visas have been abolished and in future such nationals will be charged at the following standard rates.-

Ordinary visas	P.T. 45.
Transit visas	P.T. 5.

N. I. MINDEL

Acting Controller, Permits Section.

(12949/26)

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(12949/26)

Doc. 235: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 171 (16.09.1926), p. 173.

1.10.1926: Personnel

APPOINTMENTS, etc.

"A" Appointments.

:

Mr. W. Foster, M. B. E., Deputy Postmaster General, Grade II, to be Acting Postmaster General during the absence on half pay leave of Mr. W. Hudson, O. B. E., M. C., with effect from the 19th September, 1926.

:

Mr. W. Hudson, O. B. E., M. C.,
16.9.26-15.10.26
Department of Posts and
Telegraphs, 19.9.26-18.12.26

Mr. W. Foster, M. B. E., Deputy Postmaster General, Grade II, to be Acting Postmaster General during the absence on half pay leave of Mr. W. Hudson, O. B. E., M. C., with effect from the 19th September, 1926.

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"B" Vacation Leave.

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Mr. W. Hudson, O. B. E., M. C.,
Department of Posts and
Telegraphs, 19.9.26-18.12.26

Doc. 236: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 1 (1.10.1926), p. 521.

27 See doc. 132 on p. 76 of MEPB 3.

16.10.1926: Expropriation of Land for Imperial Airways**CERTIFICATE.**

I, George Stewart Symes, Officer Administering the Government of Palestine, certify that the air service to be operated in Palestine by the Imperial Airways, a Company incorporated in England and registered in Palestine, is an undertaking of a public nature within the meaning of Section 3 of the Expropriation of Land Ordinance, 1926.

8th October, 1926.
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Doc. 237: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 173 (16.10.1926), p. 550.

Note: Likely connected to the expansion of Jerusalem Airport at Qalandia and the creation of Lydda Airport.

1.11.1926: Palestine Currency Board (Personnel)**NOTICE.**

Notice is hereby given that the Palestine Currency Board, in accordance with the powers vested in them by paragraph 3 of the Regulations defining the constitution, duties and powers of the Board, have appointed Mr. S. S. Davis, C.M.G., Treasurer of the Government of Palestine, to be Currency Officer in Palestine.

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(15410 26)

Doc. 238: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 174 (1.11.1926), p. 583.

Note: Sir Steuart Spencer Davis, C.M.G.²⁸

²⁸ 1.01.1875– 3.04.1950, C.M.G. (1919), Knighthood (1930): Treasurer, occupied German East Africa (1916), Treasurer, Palestine (1922–1932), Governor, St. Helena (1932–1937). Also Chairman, Commission on Finances of the Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem (1925–1928), Acting High Commissioner, Palestine (July to September 1930), Acting High Commissioner, Trans-Jordan (July to September 1930).

1.11.1926: Parcels to U.S.A. (Customs Declaration)

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS & TELEGRAPHS.

NOTICES.

I.

The United States Post Office has notified that commencing on the 1st of November a separate set of Customs declarations in respect of each parcel need not be prepared in cases where several parcels are despatched simultaneously by the same sender to the same addressee at one address.

Under this arrangement each parcel should be clearly marked with a fractional number, the numerator of which will indicate the serial number of the parcel in the consignment. For example, if a consignment were composed of 15 parcels, the parcels would be numbered respectively, $\frac{1}{15}$, $\frac{2}{15}$, $\frac{3}{15}$ etc.

Two Customs declarations are necessary in the case of parcels routed "via Egypt and Dollar Line" and three in the case of those routed "via P. & O. and London."

In either case one of the declarations should be securely attached to one of the parcels by means of gum, paste, or similar adhesive matter.

The total number of parcels comprised in the consignment should invariably be indicated on the Customs declarations.

9th October, 1926

(14955/26)

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9th October, 1926

(14955/26)

Doc. 239: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 174 (1.11.1926), p. 586.

1.11.1926: Dutiable Articles in Letters to Colombia

II.

Letter Packets containing dutiable articles

It is notified for information that the Colombian Post Office does not admit letter packets containing dutiable articles unless they bear on the address side one of the special green labels supplied for the purpose at all Palestine Post Offices.

Registered and ordinary letter packets containing articles liable to Customs duty, which remain undelivered 30 days after their arrival at the office of destination, will not be returned to origin, but will be subject to the internal regulations of the Colombian Post Office.

(14322/26)

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(14322/26)

Doc. 240: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 174 (1.11.1926), p. 586.

1.11.1926: Telephone Service at Jericho

III.

Telephone—Continuous Service at Jericho.

It is notified for information that commencing forthwith, a continuous public telephone service will be provided at Jericho. Calls will be passed to and accepted from private subscribers at that place at all hours of the day and night.

W. FOSTER

Acting Postmaster General

14th October, 1926.

(15170/26)

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Acting Postmaster General

14th October, 1926.

(15170/26)

Doc. 241: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 174 (1.11.1926), p. 587.

1.11.1926: Government Accounts (1.04.1926–31.08.1926)

580 OFFICIAL GAZETTE. 1st November, 1926.

PALESTINE

Dr. Account of Cash Receipts and Payments from 1st April 1926

RECEIPTS		Receipts in the month of August 1926		Receipts from 1st April 1926 to 31st July 1926		TOTAL	
		L.E.	m/ms	L.E.	m/ms	L.E.	m/ms
Balance on	1st April, 1926.						
	1st August,						
		20,644	008	—	692 359	692	359
1. Customs		64,037	470	265,728	979	329,766	449
2. Port and Marine		724	740	2,335	770	3,120	510
3. Licences, Taxes, etc.		51,354	909	140,090	572	200,445	481
4. Fees of Court or Office, Receipts for Specific Services and Reimbursements		16,886	963	78,702	679	95,540	642
5. Post and Telegraphs		49,988	758	45,800	925	95,779	683
6. Railways		31,144	485	114,060	879	145,204	364
7. Revenue from Government Property		865	550	3,890	679	4,755	235
8. Interest		32	482	143	355	175	747
9. Miscellaneous		82	416	1,448	106	1,530	522
10. Land Sales		74	018	1,480	502	1,554	520
		185,191	500	692,001	353	848,092	353
11. Grant-in-Aid		—	—	—	—	—	—
		—	—	—	—	—	—
		—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Revenue	L.E.	185,191	500	692,001	353	848,092	353
Advances in anticipation of Loan	L.E.	7	830	29	239	37	069
Totals	L.E.	185,199	330	692,030	592	848,129	922
Advances		180,530	502	683,813	506	873,353	098
Deposits		185,420	840	785,441	610	970,861	450
Imprests		2,370	020	17,628	021	19,998	041
Drafts and Remittances		—	—	—	—	—	—
Unallocated Stores		26,600	246	81,494	037	108,094	283
Total Receipts	L.E.	580,430	007	2,231,307	766	2,830,437	773
TOTAL INCLUDING BALANCE	L.E.	600,771	015	2,232,000	125	2,821,130	132

581 OFFICIAL GAZETTE. 1st November, 1926.

GOVERNMENT

to 31st August, 1926.

Cr.

PAYMENTS	Payments in the month of August 1926.				Payments from 1st April 1926 to 31st July 1926				TOTAL			
	L.E.		m/ms		L.E.		m/ms		L.E.		m/ms	
1. Pensions		982		423		4,885		771		5,868		714
2. Public Debt and Loan Charges		2,750		345		11,004		325		13,823		710
3. His Excellency The High Commissioner		588		840		2,375		057		2,963		897
4. Secretariat		2,482		524		8,939		975		11,422		409
5. District Administration		7,770		254		27,502		922		35,272		216
6. Legal Department		900		635		2,534		651		3,435		286
7. Judicial Department		5,435		086		21,437		198		26,873		884
8. Treasury		1,275		287		5,012		077		6,288		764
9. Audit Department		541		828		2,532		404		3,074		222
10. Customs, Excise and Trade		4,211		075		15,008		215		19,280		400
11. Health Department		7,383		789		20,939		465		28,322		154
12. Education Department		6,405		346		31,556		126		37,960		472
13. Agriculture and Forests		12,712		155		11,807		569		24,519		724
14. Antiquities Department		544		451		2,129		965		2,674		416
15. Land Department		1,480		383		5,402		990		6,883		353
16. Survey Department		2,350		775		9,566		606		11,916		381
17. Police and Prisons		23,070		814		82,850		072		105,920		886
18. Gendarmerie (Palestinian Section)		170		419		1,015		383		1,185		054
19. Gendarmerie (British Section)		1,908		140		11,085		138		13,063		307
20. Palestine and Transjordan Frontier Force		10,241		433		40,580		643		50,821		776
21. Posts and Telegraphs		8,103		919		28,415		405		36,519		324
22. Public Works Department		2,024		725		7,845		903		9,870		528
23. Public Works Recurrent		10,414		618		30,525		006		40,940		614
24. Railways		13,067		252		90,780		054		104,447		306
25. Miscellaneous		7,988		900		30,547		940		44,339		900
Total Ordinary Expenditure	L.E.	135,319		307		547,662		370		683,311		677
26. Posts & Telegraphs Extraordinary		306		613		8,473		554		8,870		167
27. Public Works Extraordinary		8,302		538		22,030		527		30,332		185
28. Railways Extraordinary		11,445		802		7,463		175		18,912		067
Total Expenditure	L.E.	155,467		270		585,566		626		741,426		396
Advances in anticipation of Loan	L.E.	363		120		4,803		693		5,226		813
Totals	L.E.	155,830		390		590,369		319		746,653		709
Advances		100,651		523		748,856		153		849,507		676
Deposits		294,753		631		774,231		500		1,068,984		231
Imprests		2,080		900		19,305		827		21,346		787
Drafts and Remittances		—		—		—		—		—		—
Unallocated Stores		36,722		724		78,182		228		114,904		952
Total Payments	L.E.	500,000		228		2,211,300		117		2,801,308		345
Balance on 31st July, 1926.		—		—		20,641		008		—		—
Balance on 31st August, 1926.		—		—		—		—		19,731		787
TOTAL INCLUDING BALANCE	L.E.	600,771		015		2,232,000		125		2,821,130		132

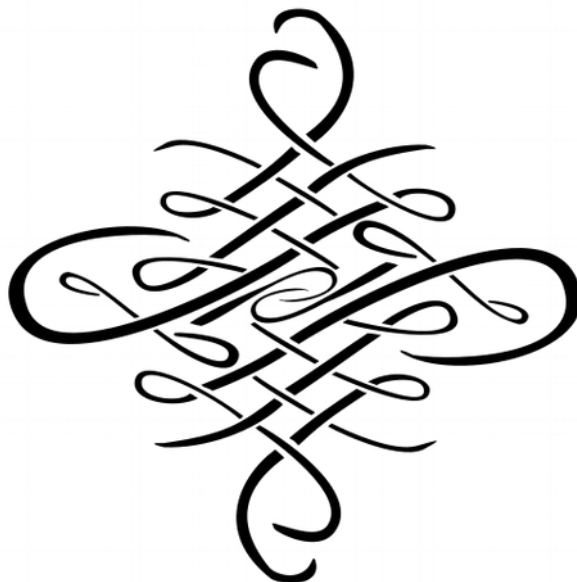
Summary:

The accounts of Cash Receipts and Payments of the Government of Palestine for the period 1.04.1925–31.08.1926 shows for the Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones Department receipts of £E. 65,879.683, payments of £E. 36,519.324 and extraordinary payments of £E. 8,870.167. The Government total was £E. 2,821,130.132.

Doc. 242: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 174 (1.11.1926), pp. 590–591.

15.11.1926: Missing Issue

Document nos. 243–250 are reserved for items in the missing issue no. 175 of the Gazette dated 15th November 1926, covering pages 595–624. They have to be left open for the meantime.

**1.12.1926: Christmas & New Year Telegrams**

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS & TELEGRAPHS.

NOTICE

Telegrams—Christmas and New Year Greetings

Christmas and New Year Greeting telegrams may be accepted Via Eastern for Great Britain, the Irish Free State, Malta and Gibraltar at the reduced rate shown below during the period 15th December until midnight on the 30th December. Christmas telegrams must be handed in not later than noon on Tuesday 21st December.

The indication "XLT" should be written by the sender before the address and will be counted as one word. Telegrams must be written in plain language and are subject to 48 hours delay.

The minimum charge is 120 milliemes per telegram up to 10 words and 12 milliemes for every additional word.

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Acting Postmaster General.

13th November, 1926.

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Doc. 251: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 176 (1.12.1926), pp. 644–645.

1.11.1926: Government Accounts (1.04.1926–31.08.1926)

648 OFFICIAL GAZETTE. 1st. December, 1926.

1st December, 1926. OFFICIAL GAZETTE 649

PALESTINE

Dr. Account of Cash Receipts and Payments from 1st April 1926

RECEIPTS		Receipts in the month of September 1926		Receipts from 1st April 1926 to 31st August 1926		TOTAL		
		L.E.	m/ms	L.E.	m/ms	L.E.	m/ms	
Balance on 1st April, 1926.	{ 1926.	—	—	692	350	692	350	
Balance on 1st September, 1926.		10,731	787	—	—	—	—	
1. Customs		70,531	120	389,766	440	460,297	569	
2. Port and Marine		509	765	3,120	510	3,730	275	
3. Licences, Taxes, etc.		51,292	125	300,445	181	351,747	306	
4. Fees of Court or Office, Receipts for Specific Services and Reimbursements		24,404	785	95,649	642	120,054	427	
5. Posts and Telegraphs		9,990	580	65,879	883	75,789	233	
6. Railways		32,541	880	145,205	364	177,747	244	
7. Revenue from Government Property		1,093	531	4,705	235	5,858	766	
8. Interest		62	964	175	747	238	711	
9. Miscellaneous		103	348	1,590	522	1,693	870	
10. Land Sales		304	497	1,354	520	1,859	017	
		190,763	595	848,092	853	1,038,856	448	
11. Grant-in-Aid		—	—	—	—	—	—	
Total Revenue		L.E.	190,763	595	848,092	853	1,038,856	448
Advances in anticipation of Loan		L.E.	—	—	37	069	37	069
Totals		L.E.	190,763	595	848,129	922	1,038,893	517
Advances			185,033	837	873,353	068	1,058,386	905
Deposits			240,200	980	970,862	450	1,181,063	448
Imprests			3,633	884	19,098	041	23,631	925
Drafts and Remittances			—	—	—	—	—	—
Unallocated Stores			21,966	623	108,094	283	130,060	906
Total Receipts		L.E.	611,508	998	2,820,437	773	3,432,036	701
TOTAL INCLUDING BALANCE		L.E.	631,330	715	2,821,130	132	3,432,729	060

GOVERNMENT

to 30th September, 1926.

Cr.

PAYMENTS	Payments in the month of September 1926.		Payments from 1st April 1926 to 31st August 1926		TOTAL		
	L.E.	m/ms	L.E.	m/ms	L.E.	m/ms	
1. Pensions	904	497	5,808	194	6,722	691	
2. Public Debt and Loan Charges	2,752	207	13,823	710	16,575	917	
3. His Excellency The High Commissioner	579	308	2,063	807	2,643	205	
4. Secretariat	2,508	486	11,422	409	14,020	185	
5. District Administration	10,026	110	35,279	216	44,965	325	
6. Legal Department	787	881	3,485	286	4,283	167	
7. Judicial Department	4,294	466	25,873	884	31,208	350	
8. Treasury	1,270	104	6,288	704	7,564	868	
9. Audit Department	773	748	3,074	222	3,847	989	
10. Customs, Excise and Trade	4,112	892	19,280	100	23,393	052	
11. Health Department	7,178	555	34,322	654	41,501	509	
12. Education Department	10,420	626	37,869	372	48,400	008	
13. Agriculture and Forests	4,717	612	24,510	724	29,037	336	
14. Antiquities Department	564	331	2,674	416	3,238	749	
15. Land Department	1,480	612	6,803	233	8,373	925	
16. Survey Department	1,809	609	11,906	381	13,715	990	
17. Police and Prisons	28,512	884	105,129	886	133,642	770	
18. Gendarmerie (Palestinian Section)	27	511	1,145	964	1,173	475	
19. Gendarmerie (British Section)	1,835	449	13,683	307	14,918	756	
20. Transjordan Frontier Force	20,133	107	56,821	776	76,954	883	
21. Posts and Telegraphs	7,866	379	36,510	324	44,386	703	
22. Public Works Department	2,468	701	9,870	528	12,339	229	
23. Public Works Recurrent	13,440	521	63,940	614	77,381	135	
24. Railways	23,369	040	104,147	306	127,516	346	
25. Miscellaneous	11,797	430	44,536	900	56,334	330	
Total Ordinary Expenditure L.E.		162,638	168	683,311	677	845,949	845
26. Posts & Telegraphs Extraordinary		622	808	8,870	167	9,493	065
27. Public Works Extraordinary		12,447	531	30,332	985	42,780	516
28. Railways Extraordinary		30,404	147	18,912	067	49,406	214
Total Expenditure L.E.		306,323	744	741,426	849	1,047,659	640
Advances in anticipation of Loan L.E.		1,010	412	5,226	813	6,237	225
Totals L.E.		307,333	156	746,653	700	1,053,896	865
Advances		190,002	518	939,507	676	1,129,519	494
Deposits		192,800	721	978,983	221	1,171,783	942
Imprests		2,244	339	21,346	787	23,591	426
Drafts and Remittances		—	—	—	—	—	—
Unallocated Stores		21,202	012	114,004	052	136,166	964
Total Payments L.E.		613,522	746	2,804,208	345	3,414,921	091
Balance on 31st August, 1926.		—	—	10,731	787	—	—
Balance on 30th September, 1926.		17,807	969	—	—	17,807	969
TOTAL INCLUDING BALANCE L.E.		631,330	715	2,821,130	132	3,432,729	060

Summary:

The accounts of Cash Receipts and Payments of the Government of Palestine for the period 1.04.1925–30.09.1926 shows for the Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones Department receipts of £E. 75,789.263, payments of £E. 44,385.703 and extraordinary payments of £E. 9,493.065. The Government total was £E. 3,432,729.060.

Doc. 252: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 176 (1.12.1926), pp. 648–648.

1.12.1926: Personnel

Mr. W. T. Heavens, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, 19.11.26–18.12.26.

APPOINTMENTS, etc.

“C” Vacation Leave.

Mr. W. T. Heavens, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, 19.11.26–18.12.26.

Doc. 253: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 176 (1.12.1926), p. 644.

16.12.1926: Change to Railway Schedule

PALESTINE RAILWAYS
NOTICE.
As from Sunday 5th December, 1926, Train No. 3 which leaves Haifa at 1400 daily to connect with Jaffa and Jerusalem trains will also run on Sundays.
Train No. 4 leaving Gaza at 1440 and arriving at Lydda at 1656 on Sundays will be cancelled as from the above date.
R. B. W. HOLMES
3rd December, 1926 General Manager.

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Doc. 254: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 177 (16.12.1926), p. 673.



Official Gazette OF THE Government of Palestine.

JERUSALEM GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY 22nd December, 1926.

Fig. 83: Masthead of the Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, Gazette Extraordinary no. 22 (22.12.1926).





Fig. 84: Registered letter from Jerusalem to Germany. Sender is the Jerusalem branch of the *Bank der Tempelgesellschaft* [Bank of the Temple Society, Ltd.].
Postmark: **REGISTERED / JERUSALEM/ 17 NO 26**. Registration label **JERUSALEM / No. 3104**.
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Fig. 85: Official Gazette of the Government of Palestine, 8. 1926, no. 176 (1.12.1926), p. 655.

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Recent Philatelic Journals

by Tobias Zywietz

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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 known I am listing the price at which the society provides individual journals to non-members. Please enquire with each society for any conditions of supply.

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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. Zywietz 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 Airstamp 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).

OPAL Journal 234 – September 2016

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Y. Stantzopoulos unearthed an article in the second issue of Ali Nusret Pulhans's journal "Filatelist" (February 1947), its contents are summarised by M. Basaran. Mentioned is the bogus "Türkiye Postaları" set described by B. Bradford in OPAL 233 (2–3).

R. Barnes found a lot offered at a Karamitsos auction containing overprint stamps from the 1920 Greek occupation of Panormos (Πάνορμος, today Bandırma on the Marmara Sea).

B. Bradford shows manuscript censor marks from Mersine, Cilicia, in 1919 with M. Fulford adding a similar example from Syria (5–6).

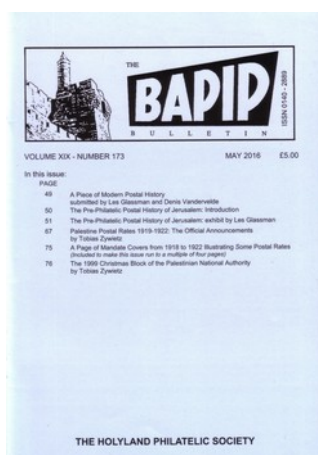
- I. Clare asks for help identifying a postmark on a picture postcard from 1908.
 B. Bradford gathered together suggestions on improving the Turkey stamp catalogues, contributions are from I. Clare and R. Malim (7–8).
 W. Pijnenberg presents ‘some Levant oddities’: forgeries of German, Russian, British, and Austrian Levant stamps (9–11).
 B. Bradford follows on with ‘Angora oddities’ seen on eBay, featuring Duloz and other issues (12).
 B. Bradford presents his study of the Cilicia overprints (type 5) on 25p Ottoman stamps (SG no. 85) (13–17).
 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] (18–[34]).
OPAL’s librarian M. Fulford reports on the digitisation of the clippings collection and OPAL Journals (4).

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- B. Bradford reports on Spring Stampex 2017 and lists the awards achieved by OPAL-relevant exhibits (2–4).
 A. Özbek shows parts from his Duloz exhibit shown at Spring Stampex 2017, achieving 93 points and Large Vermeil ([a], 5–10, [c], [d]).
 B. Stuchel responds to I. Clare’s query in OPAL 234 on a curious 1908 postmark: he suggests that this was not a postmark at all but an impression from a coin (11).
 M. Lovegrove reports on his finding regarding the reported by never-seen “3” overprint on Hejaz Railway Revenue stamps: he suggests that the “3” is part of the OETA overprint handstamp and not a separate “3” surcharge (12–13).
 A Constantinople postmark on a Chinese stamp is shown: BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE [reprint from The Overprinter] (13).
 R. Malim reports on the shades of British Levant 4 piastres on 1d [reprint from The Overprinter] (14).
 J. Smith shows a “KUWATT” postmark (double-circled date-stamp, type 13) used 15.06.1948 [reprint from The Overprinter] (15).
 B. Bradfords report on a find of possibly colour trials or printer’s waste of Duloz stamps from the collection of forgeries of Bath Philatelic Society (16).
 R. Malim revisits British Levant 2/6d “Seahorse” overprints [reprint from The Overprinter] (17–18).
 A. Tregurtha shows a new Kuwait overprint variant, recently added by Stanley Gibbons: 1955 2r on 2/6d in with type III surcharge “S central under T” [reprint from The Overprinter] (19).
 R. Malim studies an official envelope used in 1901 by the British Consulate General in Constantinople and also shows a similar cover from Smyrna, 1904 [reprint from The Overprinter] (20–22).
 J. Gledhill shows a British postal order issued in Smyrna in 1909 [reprint from The Overprinter] (23–25).
 T. Stanford looks at “EXPRESS D’ORIENT” labels on cover, showing also a postcard from an online auction of 2014. In response, A. Papadopoulos and U. Dörr both agree that this card is a forgeries [both reprints from The Overprinter] (25–28).
 B. Bradford reports on a forged type 4 overprint “T.E.O. / CILICIE” (29).
 T. Hacking show the Bogus 1945 “Hava Kurumu / Jardin Aliti / +10 K / 1944-1945” overprint [see OPAL 233] (30).
 B. Bradford shows a forgery inverted “O. M. F. / Cilicie / 3 / PIASTRES” (30).
 In *Queries*, T. Hacking asks about the 100k and 200k in the 1931 and 1950/55 Atatürk series of Turkey (31).
 B. Bradford shows the backside of ½pi and 2pi from the Austrian Levant second Postage Due set of 1908/10, suggesting there are three thicknesses of paper in existence (32).



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 details the official announcements of postal rates in Mandate Palestine 1919–1922 in facsimile (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 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 Krobotin (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 and 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 1920s 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. Zywiez 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. Zywiez 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).

Türkei-Spiegel 118 – 4/2016*Arge Osmanisches Reich/Türkei, German, A5, colour, €5-00*

- A. Birken translated a description/transcription by Z. Aloni of a public notice announcing the postal rates in Jerusalem in 1871. The piece only adds a 30 Para local rate Jerusalem–Hebron to the already known rates (3–6).
- In "15. November 1916," A. Birken describes the 10 and 25 Piastre stamps of 1914, intended for use on parcels (7–9).
- A. Birken explains the 1880s directional mark "par train éclair" (Orient Express) (10–11).
- O. von Pongratz-Lipitt shows the two variants of the Austrian 1879 2kr postcard for Bosnia-Herzegovina (12–14).
- A. Birken portrays Deyr ül-Zor (دير الزور, Dair az-Zaur, Deir ez-Zor) in Eastern Syria (15–18).
- A. Birken looks back 100 years at the defeat of Romania and the siege of Kut in Mesopotamia (19–22).
- A. Birken on the ideological history of Turkey: "The End of Kemalism?" (23–30).
- B.-D. Buscke researched the late usage of postmarks of the Kingdom of Syria in 1920s Transjordan (31–37).
- A. Birken takes a critical view on a 1999 Turkish postcard used for documenting a special flight transport to Austria and Germany in 2002 (38–39).
- T. Zywiez reviews Laurence Kimpton's book "Airmails Across the Middle East 1918–1930." (40–43).
- A. Birken notes the publication of M. Yavuz Çorapçıoğlu's "Postal Rates of the Republic of Turkey 1920–1960" by ONEPS (43).

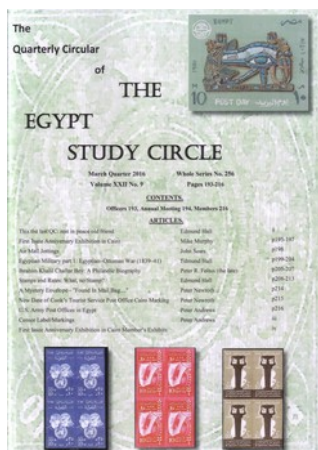
Türkei-Spiegel 119 – 1/2017*Arge Osmanisches Reich/Türkei, German, A5, colour, €5-00*

- A. Birken describes the attempted Turkish expansion onto the Sinai, including the stamps and postmarks prepared in advance (6–15).
- T. Zywiez reports on Turkey's first philatelic journal: "Le Timbre Levantin" [reprint from MEPB 4] (16–21).
- A. Birken portrays the postal and philatelic history of Kerak (Jordan) (22–25).
- B.-D. Buscke studies usage of Hejaz postmarks after Maan became part of Transjordan (26–31).
- A. Birken detected two forged 19th Century covers found on eBay (33–35).
- In "Antworten. Reaktionen..." [answers & reactions] B.-D. Buscke responds to the "par train éclair" piece in TS 118 (37), and H. Gerzabek explains the Austrian Levant's designation of Üsküb (Skopje) as "Salonich Ü" (37–38).
- New literature: "De Hedjaz Spoorlijn" [special edition of Al-Barid] (32); and A.

Birken's "Die Empire-Marken" (49).
 Reports from the 2016 AGM (4–5, 40–44).

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

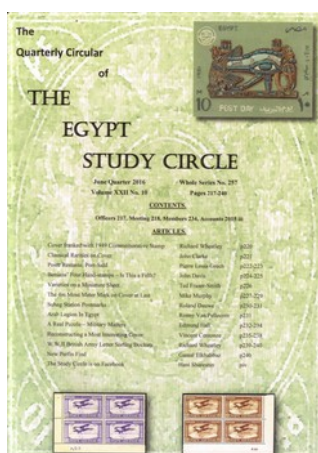
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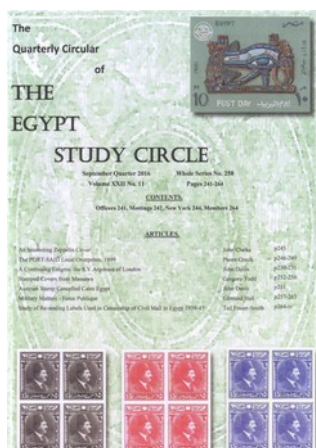
- E. Hall found an interesting cover with mixed British & Egyptian franking (ii).
 M. Murphy reports from the *Third Continental Philatelic Exhibition* in Cairo (195–197).
 E. Hall studies the Egyptian–Ottoman War of 1839–42 in his series on the Egyptian military (199–204).
 P. R. Feltus produces a philatelic 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

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- 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, possibly 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" mini 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 Legion" sent from Siwa to Cairo (231). E. Hall doesn't have an explanation for that cachet, but dwells on the history of Allied co-operation with Libyan forces in WWII (232–234).
 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" of *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).

The Quarterly Circular 258 (Vol. 22, No. 11) – September 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 257] (ii).

J. Clarke shows a 1931 Zeppelin cover from Alexandria to Jerusalem travelling with the *Ägyptenfahrt 1931* (245)

P.-L. Grech researched the 1899 “Post-Said” local overprints on French stamps (246–249).

J. Davis looks at the ‘continuing enigma of the S.Y. Argonaut:’ a card with the Argonaut cachet cancelled at Alexandria, 1.05.1905 (250–251).

R. van Pellecom researches the post offices of Alexandria and asks for scans of relevant postmarks (251).

G. Todd researched stamped covers from Massawa (252–256).

E. Hall researched the Belgian Congo’s “Force Publique” army, fighting on the Allied side in World War II: “Poste Militaire Congo Belge N°4”, “Poste Militaire N° 101 Congo - Belge”, “B.P.M. 101 M.E.F.”, “Censure Militaire Troupes Coloniales Belges”, “Censure Congo Belge” (257–263).

T. Fraser-Smith continues his study of Egyptian WWII censorship re-sealing labels, part one of which was published in QC 248 (264, iii–iv).

The Quarterly Circular 259 (Vol. 22, No. 12) – December 2016*The Egypt Study Circle, English, A4, colour, –*

In the report of the 17.09.2016 meeting, mention is made on Sami Fereig’s book project “A Simplified Postal History of Egypt under the Rule of the Muhammad Aly Dynasty” (266–267).

L. Toutounji shows a 1943 Air Mail cover from Turkey to Colombia via Egypt (267).

L. Kimpton studies official mail transported by Air Mail from Iraq to the United Kingdom via Egypt during 1922–1925 (270–273).

H. Bassyouny studies Egypt letter sheets and discovered a second 1941 Farouk 6 Millièmes print (274–276).

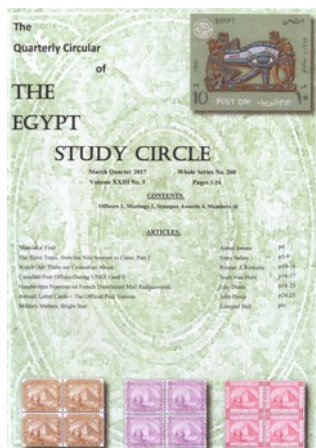
G. El-Khabbaz studies perforation varieties and compiled a typification and new nomenclature (277–279).

H. Salam’s article “The Slave Trade, from the Nile Sources to Cairo” is reprinted from OPUS 14: “The Slave Markets” (280–284).

R. Dauwe presents his research into “Imprimés” postmarks (285).

E. Hall studies Egypt Air Mail Letter Cards, quoting official sources (286–288).

G. Todd shows a 1956 cover from British F.P.O. 299 stationed at Moascar, addressed to Marilyn Monroe at her Hollywood studio address (iii).

The Quarterly Circular 260 (Vol. 23, No. 1) – March 2017*The Egypt Study Circle, English, A4, colour, –*

A. Jensen found a new early date for the “Mamlaka” Farouk 6m letter sheet 29.06.1942 (4).

H. Salam’s article “The Slave Trade, from the Nile Sources to Cairo” is reprinted from OPUS 14 with its second part: slave markets and slave traders (5–9).

R. A. Rimonis looks at depictions of crocodiles, concentrating on postcards (10–11, 14–16).

S. Van Horn reports on Canadian Post Offices during UNEF I and II (16–17).

G. Dutau studies a handwritten notation on a cover and sheds light on French Disinfected Mail [reprint from Documents Philatéliques] (18–23).

J. Davis reports on Airmail Letter Cards with “Official Paid” marks (24–25).

E. Hall reports on U.S. (Navy FPO 09527, 1981) and French (BPM 126, 2001) military post offices in modern Egypt (iv).

Reports from the 2017 AGM (2–3) and on ESC member’s awards at Spring Stampex 2017 (4), the death of Erik Menné Larsen is recorded (iii).

Random Notes 90 – February 2016*Arabian Philatelic Association Int., English, ca. A4, colour, digital only, gratis*

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In “Random Notes #90” the editor assembled short notes on a number of topics:

Discovery of the Al Khobar type SR20c postmark not listed by Ken Knight (3); a wandering smudge on SG S292a (3); a clearer print of the “DHAHRAN-AIRPORT” cancel is sought (4); Errors and variation on barcode postage and registration labels (4); Forgeries on eBay (5), Misplaced overprint on an Hejaz stamp; Variation of stamps in the 22nd Arabian Gulf Cup 2015 4-stamp block (6); Perforation varieties in the Allegiance to Crown Prince Naif 2015 4-stamp block (6).

D. E. Jessich discovered 75h stamps of the “Framed Kaaba” definitives (SG 1451) with a wide tooth. Similar “wide tooth” varieties occurred on the “Dam-Gosp-Air” series and the 25h value of “Small Khafji” (SG 3011), and others (11).

M. Lovegrove looks at a lot in the December 2015 David Feldman auction: the accumulation contained rare Ottoman cancels (Mecca, Yanbo, Mikhail, Kayber, Zumrud), and variations of the “Makkah Arms” issue (12–14).

M. Lovegrove studies Hejaz Nejd large size essays and their forgeries Hejaz-Nejd large size essays (15–19).

M. Lovegrove looks at Saudi Revenues: misperforations, plate varieties, new discoveries (20–21).

The current editor, Martin C. Lovegrove, seeks to hand over to a new editor and calls for more contributions (3).

Random Notes 91 – November 2016*Arabian Philatelic Association Int., English, ca. A4, colour, digital only, gratis*

In “Random Notes #91” the editor assembled short notes on a number of topics:

Perforation varieties at the Arafat-to-Taif-Road stamp (SG 617–620) (3–4); colour trails of the President Bourguiba issue (SG 614–616) (4); a CTO piece from the royal yacht ‘Mahrousa,’ Djeddah 21.09.1945 is contributed by L. Toutounji (5); The Saudia Post website using “Mecca” for “Makkah” (6); Forgery of the 3-line Djeddah overprint (Mayo 242p) (6); Misperforation of SG O455 (6); D. Jessich contributes a scan of a “MEDINE / MAND” (حوالات) cancel (type S60) (6); Variation of the “MADINA / I” cancel (type S151) (6); an addition to the list of “Framed Kaaba” varieties in issue 90 (7); A variation of the Damman الدمام type S150 cancel (7); Forgeries of “Makka Arms” on eBay (7); Colour variety of the 80h stamp of the “1978 Pilgrimage to Makkah” issue (SG 1217a) (16).

J. I. Kearney looks at a taxed 1940 CASOC (California-Arabian Standard Oil Co.) cover sent from Bahrain to the U.S.A. via Air Mail: it bears an early example of the “Via B.O.A.C. to Sydney / Pan American Airways / to Sanfrancisco” cachet (8).

In “The Rest of the Story,” D. E. Jessich looks at a cover sent from the “S.S. Christina” from Khobar to Canada (9–10).

J. I. Kearney looks at Saudi domestic surface covers during the ‘Tughra’ period 1934–1959 (11–16).

M. Lovegrove looks at the tarnished reputation of Hejaz-Nejd stamps, reprinting snippets from Gibbons Stamp Monthly, 1931–1934 and 1972, showing some covers and examples of genuine stamps (17–21).

M. Lovegrove researched the 200R exit and re-entry Visa label (22–26).

M. Lovegrove takes on the problem of how best to describe printing colours of stamps: he suggest to adopt “Pantone Color Bridge” as a guide [Editor’s note: *the sets retail from \$229. The aggressive copyright policy of the company should prevent any widespread use by philatelists. I regards SG’s and Michsel’s colour guides as quite adequate*] (27).

M. Lovegrove looks at Saudi Revenues: misperforations, plate varieties, new discoveries (28–29).

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B) WORLD STAMP SHOW 2016

NEW YORK, May 21 - June 4

The show is at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center. Please advise me if you are planning to attend, with dates if possible. Our annual meeting will be from 21 May to Sunday 25, at Hall 2, continued on back cover.

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

Y. Corapcıoğlu 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 "ÎLE ROUAD" in 1916 (76).

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

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Dear ONEPS members, around 15 March you received an email with a temporary password to log into the ONEPS website (https://near-east.com) as a member of the society to access the member's only page.

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).

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From the President

ONEPS ANNALS: WRITING – World Stamp Show, South Convention Center, New York City, May 20, 2016

R. Roses shows and describes varieties of the 1922 Adana overprints (98).

A. Tunaci shows his exhibit on the Kustendje–Czernawoda Railway (99–104).

P. Winders looks at the 1962 hand-stamp overprints of the Yemen Arab Republic (105–107).

K. Giray reports on a *Doksato Karyesi Posta Şubesi* cover wrongly transcribed as *Dukad Karyesi Posta Şubesi* in the Hackmey Collection. Dokato is in the Sanjak of Drama, Selanik Vilayet, Western Thrace (108).

R. Bazzi studies two 1930s Lebanese Postage Due covers (109–110).

Supplement: Postal Rates of the Republic of Turkey 1920–1960 by M. Yavuz Çorapcıoğlu*Ottoman & Near East Philatelic Society, English, A4, colour, US-\$ 6-00*

Çorapcıoğlu assembled the principal postage rates (domestic and foreign) from official and other sources, starting with the rates for 1.02.1920 and ending with 15.06.1959. This culminates in two detailed rates tables and is supplemented by 10 pages of annotated cover illustrations.

This 24-page A4 colour booklet, though published separately, has been sent to ONEPS members together with the September 2016 issue of *The Levant*.

POSTAL RATES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY 1920-1960

Opening of the Grand National Assembly in Ankara, 23 April 1920.

The beginning of a new country, the Republic of Turkey.

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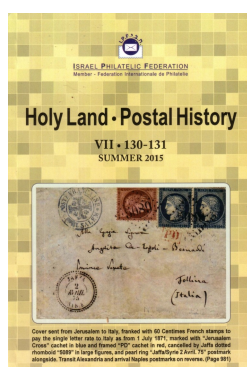
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A. Tunaci shows pages on the *Orient Express* (1 page), and on the *Roumelia Oriental Railways* (6 pages) from his award-winning exhibit (3–9).

O. Graf researched the 1891/1892 “Imprimé” overprints on the UPU Empire and Coat of Arms issues; R. Rose added examples from a recent auction (10–12).

R. Stuchell shows a cover contributed from Z. Aloni, believed to be the earliest international mail via the Ottoman Post: Constantinople to London, 19.10.1876. Dr. Birken reports that it was theoretically possible to send foreign mail via the Ottoman post from 1st July 1875. It’s then concluded that the actual earliest date is the issue of the bilingual stamps on 27.09.1876 Gregorian, i.e. 15.09.1876 Julian (13).

R. Stuchell shows a 1900 cover from Camaran (Yemen) to Paris with a hand-drawn registration marking mimicking the printed labels (13–14).

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 4th 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 – 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. 66, 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). [Editor’s 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). [Editor’s 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 book “*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 – Spring 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 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. Gruzdz 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).

The Israel Philatelist – Summer 2016 – 67. 2016, No. 3

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



- In *Letters to the Editor*, I. Math shows a 1942 single-franking of 500 Mils on an airmail cover to the USA (5); and G. Zhiss asks about 'Miss Newton,' to which the editor gives some basic information about Frances E. Newton from her Wikipedia entry (4–5).
- N. Zankel presents a 1922 parcel card for three parcels sent from Jerusalem to New York, franked with 1095 Milliemes, including 5 stamps of 20 Piastres (London II), two 2 Piastres (London I), one 5 Piastres (London I), and one 5 Milliemes (London I). Zankel describes this as "the earliest reported use of the 20 Piastre stamp." Also shown is a 1922 registered cover Jerusalem to California, franked with 104 Milliemes (18).
- A. Harris describes Israeli Revenue stamps (20).
- K. Torby shows two Mandate covers: a 1934 Airmail cover to Bombay (18 Mils), and 1943 Registered letters to Switzerland (35 Mils) (21).
- B. Gruzdz shows essays for the 1950 Israeli airmail stamps (22–23).
- B. Weiner studies P.O.W. Mail in 1948/49 (40–41).
- J. Wallach briefly summarises the history of the Jordanian Post on the West Bank, 1960–1967 (42–46).
- [*Editor's comment: Wallach shows photos of several Jordanian postal cancellers, i.e. the actual postmark devices. As these have clearly been in philatelic hands, one must caution collectors about covers with "BEIT DUQQU / P.O.A." and any single-circle "A.R." and "T" markings.*]
- J. H. Weiner studies a 1934 Catapult Airmail cover from Jerusalem to Brazil, describing this innovative but short-lived method (48–50).

The Israel Philatelist – Fall 2016 – 67. 2016, No. 4*Society of Israel Philatelists, Inc., English, ca. A4 (letter), colour, US-\$ 4.95*

In *Letters to the Editor*, J. Billion shows the 500 Mils Pictorial stamp on a cover franked with 646 Mils (Tel Aviv–Mauritius) (4); N. Zankel shows a registered late fee cover franked with 535 Mils (Tel Aviv–USA) (4); and D. Weiner shows a new early dated for a 7 Mils Pictorial stamp with horizontally ribbed paper on a postcard: 11.03.1928 (5).

J. Billion describes the early period of the Jordanian occupation of the West Bank, featuring a December 1948 cover with the re-used double-circle bars & cross Mandate postmark “RAM ALLAH” (Dorfman 5) (20–22).

M. Rimer analyses the postmarks on a November 1995 cover sent by Dr. Wallach from Tulkarm (then still under Israeli occupation) to Taybeh and returning to Tulkarm (now under Palestinian control) (24–25).

D. Dorfman’s 1962 article on the history of the Mandate Pictorials is reprinted [The Israel Philatelist, 13. 1962, pp. 673–685] (26–28).

J. H. Weiner studies a cover salvaged from the sinking of *H.M.S. Kingstonian* off Sardinia, travelling from Alexandria to Marseille in April 1918 (38–44).

Avo Kaplanian takes up the sparse information about Frances E. Newton given in the previous edition: she traded in Mandate stamps and prolifically prepared covers of both Palestine and Transjordan, specialising in the Waterflow issues. Her address “P.O. Box 63, Haifa” is known from many such covers. [Reference to Miss Newton is also made in *BAPIP Bulletin* no. 92 of 1978 on p. 8] (46–47).

E. Kroft presents the first part in his introduction about how to exhibit Holy Land material (53–57).

The Israel Philatelist – Winter 2017 – 68. 2017, No. 1*Society of Israel Philatelists, Inc., English, ca. A4 (letter), colour, US-\$ 4.95*

In *Letters to the Editor*, Y. Leheavy reports on a British F.P.O. 535 cover of 19.05.1948 (4); A. Ben Arie shows a 1948 cover from Germany to Palestine, censored in Egypt, posing the question as to its route (4–5); N. Zankel clarifies that the “late fee” had to be paid at the counter with extra stamps (5).

B. Weiner studies a 1948 cover from Beirut (17.04.1948) to Gaza, intercepted by Israel and returned “no service” (8).

Z. Aloni transcribed a public notice announcing the postal rates in Jerusalem in 1871. The piece only adds a 30 Para local rate Jerusalem–Hebron to the already known and published rates (26–27).

N. Zankel shows an early Air Mail cover from Palestine to India, franked 26m: Jerusalem 5.04.1927, “via Air Mail Gaza–Karachi” and transit marks of Baghdad 7.04.1927 and Karachi 14.04.1927¹ (35).

S. Samuels presents “Mandate Gems:” London II, K14 (SG nos. 71–81, 83, 87) with “SPECIMEN” overprint; 20p, Jeru III, K14, pale-grey cancelled Mea Shearim (41).

M. Bass reports from the *Jerusalem 2016* exhibition (42–45).

E. Kroft presents the second part in his introduction about how best to exhibit Holy Land material (53–57).

Y. Tsachor details recent forgeries of Holy Land material, including: a French 1869 cover to Hungary, redirected to Jerusalem; German P.O. Jaffa 1.10.1898 to Berlin; Palestine Mandate, SG no. 3, FDC 5.03.1918; two Israel 1948 covers.

S. Morginstin gives a beginner’s guide to Holy Land philately (53–57).

¹ Imperial Airways inaugural regular flight starting Cairo 6.04.1927, but terminating at Basra. Mail was forwarded from Baghdad (or Basra?) with the next flight on 16.04.1927 (starting at Cairo 13.04.1927); cf. Laurence Kimpton: *Airmails Across The Middle East 1918–1930*, 2016, pp. 239–240.



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. Zywiez 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).



Israel-Philatelie 28 – September 2016

IG Israel, German, A4, colour, –

This is a special issue on occasion of the Israel Philatelic Federation's "Jerusalem 2016" multinational stamp exhibition, held at the International Convention Center, West-Jerusalem, Israel, 13–17.11.2016.

Ulf Zahn looks at philatelic material (stamps, covers, vignettes) of previous stamp exhibitions held in Israel. As such, the 1945 "Phila" in Tel Aviv is only briefly mentioned at the start (4–29).

T. Zywiez looks at the photographic history of the Jerusalem General Post Office building [translated and revised article first published in The Middle East Philatelic Bulletin, no. 1] (30–33).



Israel-Philatelie 29 – December 2016

IG Israel, German, A4, colour, –

E. Klett looks at the yearbooks of Israel Post, which started being issued in 1979 (4–8).

H.-P. Förster lists the joint issues of Israel from 2011, continuing a first listing published in IP 14 (11–14).

T. Zywiez revisits two assumptions made on Palestine's 1999 Christmas Block in IP 24 [translation from MEPB 3] (15).

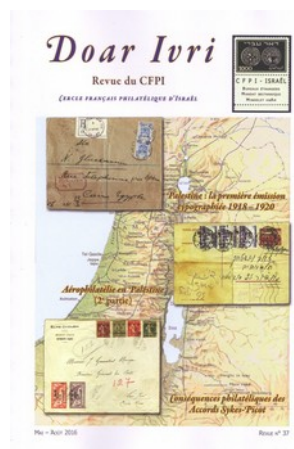
T. Zywiez reviews Laurence Kimpton's book "*Airmails Across the Middle East 1918–1930*." [translation from MEPB 3, extended by a section on Palestine] (16–19).

U. Zahn reviews "Holy Land : Foreign Post Offices in Palestine 1852-1914 : The Itamar Karpovsky Collection" (20–22).

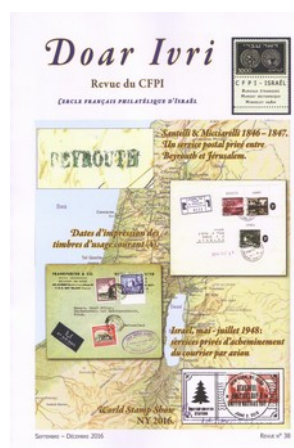
G. Meusel reports from the "Jerusalem 2016" exhibition (22–23).

**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 French and Italian forces in the Holy Land: *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 Israel's 1969/70 definitive "armoury" series (22–26).
- J. Zaluski shows Israel 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]).

Doar Ivri 38 – September/December 2016*Cercle Français Philatélique d'Israël, French, A4, colour, –*

- The 2005 stamp commemorating the Austrian post office in Jerusalem is presented (5) as well as a photo of the Italian post office of Jerusalem, attributed to the Library of Congress (3).
- C. Abravanel translated into French an article by Bernardo Longo on the Santelli & Micciarelli forwarding service between Jerusalem and Beyrouth (6–11). [The piece has been available in English on the website of the *Lebenese Philatelic Society* for some time: <http://lapsite.org/santelli-micciarelli/>].
- D. Boccara writes on private messenger services in and to Israel, May–July 1948, including the notorious "PEDF" (12–16).
- C. Abravanel reports on the 1940s *United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration* (UNRRA) refugee camp at Nuseirat (17).
- M. Daniels studies the printing dates on Israel's landscape definitives (18–27).
- J. Remond gives an example on how to read Ottoman dates using a 1919 parcel despatch note from Adana (Cilicia) (28).
- J.-P. Danon reports from the 2016 New York philatelic world exposition (29).
- A letter from London via Trieste to Jerusalem from 1880 is shown ([32]).

Doar Ivri 39 – January/April 2017*Cercle Français Philatélique d'Israël, French, A4, colour, –*

The editor shows a photograph of the Russian post office in Jerusalem from the Library of Congress (3).

C. D. Abravanel shows two curiosities: a maximum card for an Israeli stamp commemorating the air war during WWI, showing the Australian Flying Corps, whereas the stamp itself shows a German pilot and his aeroplane; and some Israel misperforations and misprints (5).

D. Avzaradel gives a broad overview of the British military and later civilian administration over Palestine [reprint of a 1998 article with colour illustrations] (6–13).

M. Daniels continues his studies on the printing dates on Israel's landscape definitives (14–20).

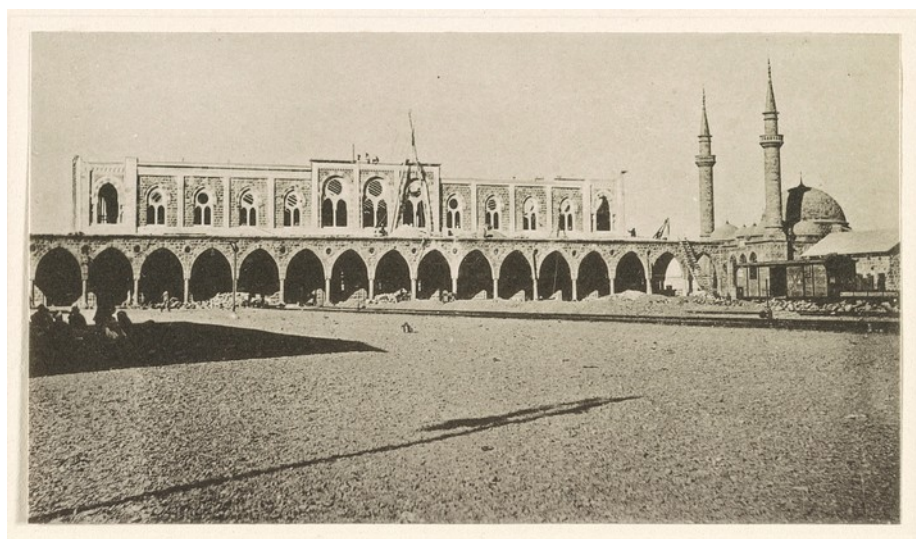
An anonymous author looks at a six-pointed star on the uniform of Col. Mu' ammar al-Qaddāfi (Gaddafi) depicted on Libyan stamps that were withdrawn from sale in 1985 (21).

Small pieces: R. Stuchell shows an 1864 letter from Haifa to Damascus (28), A. van de Laar shows a 1948 Minhelet Ha'am cover from Petah Tikva (28), A. Varna show varieties of the 1956 Israel issue on fruit producers (29), and C. Abravanel looks at a perforation variety of a 1995 Israeli block (31).

A 1911 registered letter from Jerusalem to Venice via the Italian Post Office is shown ([32]).

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Station at the Western
Gate, 1914.²

² Moritz, Bernhard: *Medina. Hauptbahnhof vor dem Westtor: 1914*. Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division: LC-DIG-ppmsca-38156. <http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2002714726/> (accessed 22.03.2017). Licence: public domain. Originally published as photo no. 65 in: Moritz, Bernhard: *Bilder aus Palästina, Nord-Arabien und dem Sinai : 100 Bilder nach Photographien mit erläuterndem Text*. Berlin: Reimer, 1916.

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Palestine Mandate 1918–1927

To complete and illustrate my article series on official postal announcements I'm looking for covers, cards, forms and images thereof, showing:

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- stamp combinations
- unusual franking
- postal forms
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from the pre-Pictorials era.

Replies to:

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Private Gratis-Anzeige 03/009

Jordan Postal Rates 1948–1967

Information on all Jordan postal rates during the Palestine annexation period (1948–67) is requested. I am trying to compile my own list as I cannot find any tables in the literature.

Replies to:

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Ж – Gratis-Anzeige 02/008

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Ottoman Cancellations software for identifying, cross-referencing, cataloguing and documenting Ottoman Cancellations and fragments thereof.

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HC - Gratis-Anzeige 02/011

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HC – Gratis-Anzeige 02/007



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Private Gratis-Anzeige 01/013

Turkish Occupation of Thessaly

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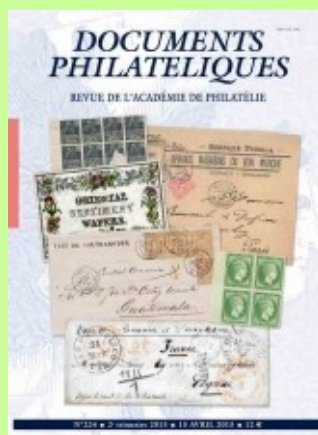
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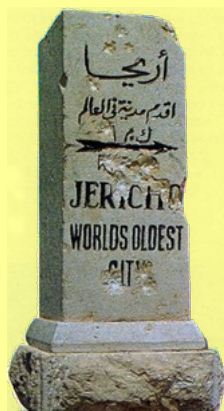
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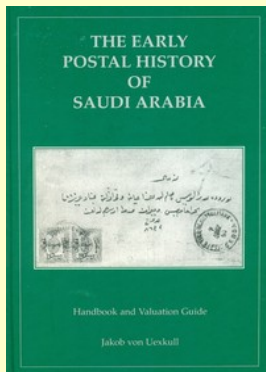
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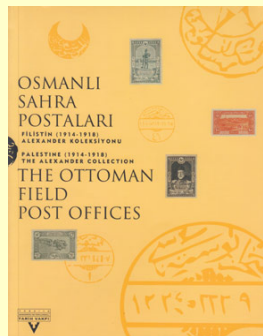
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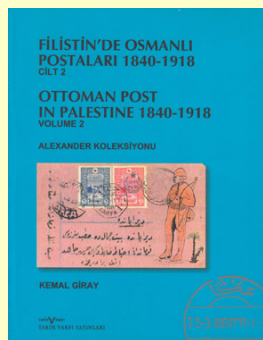
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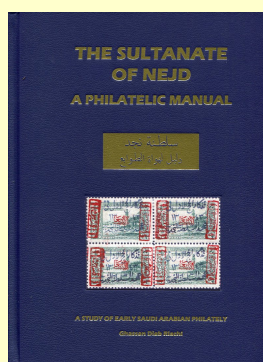
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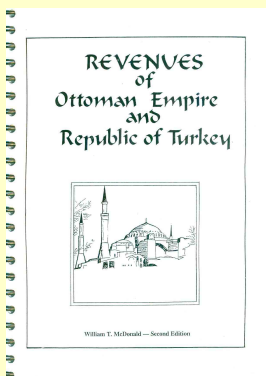
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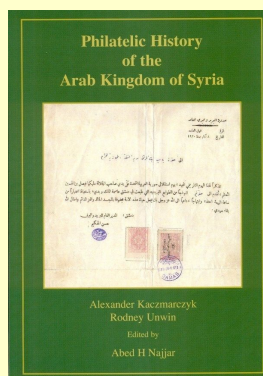
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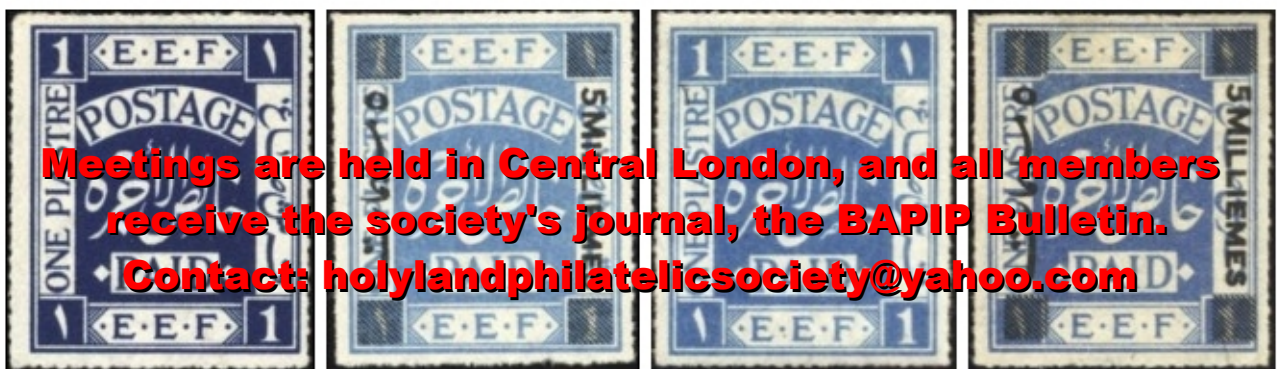
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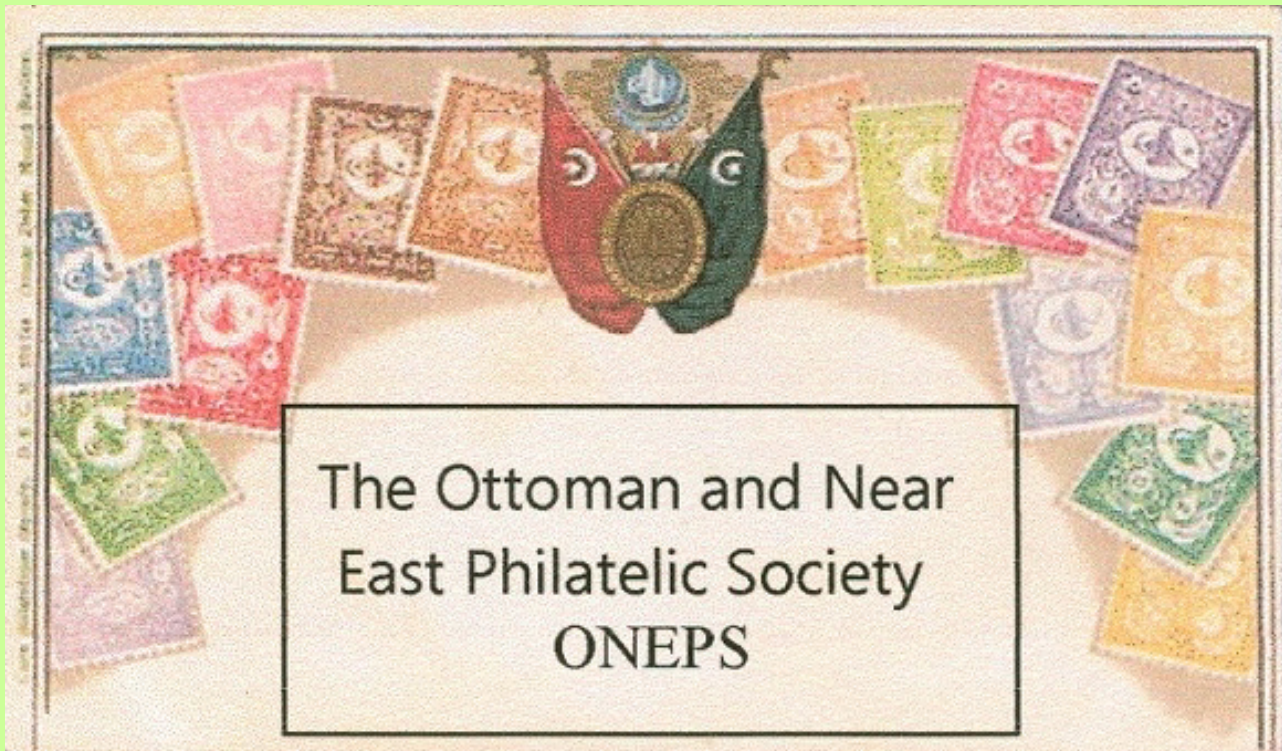
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MEPB 1–4

As I write this editorial in early April 2017, the number of downloads of the first four issues of MEPB continues to rise steadily, the cumulative total is now over 5,100. But, as one would expect, numbers are tailing off after the first few months an edition is published:

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Issue 3 (August 2016):	855
Issue 4 (December 2016):	573

Downloads have been decreasing with each issue, but are still outperforming my initial expectations. This, together with very positive responses from readers encourages me to continue with the project. I hope this fifth issue will be received with a similar response and more contributors will come forward with interesting material.

The Contents of this Issue

This edition starts with a piece by *Kemal Giray*: in **Baghdad Provisionals Revisited**, Kemal and I look at the much faked 1889/1892 local bisected overprints from Baghdad. Kemal shows unique documents with the surcharged and bisected stamps of types II and III for destinations outside the vilayets of Iraq.

Rainer Fuchs presents a 1932 Iranian A.R. cover from Teheran to Paris via **Overland Mail**.

Folkert Bruining sent me a query on **Syrian Hejaz Railway Postmarks**, which I follow-up in a review piece with known information on the postmarks of the Palestine branch line to Damascus–Haifa.

Thomas Johansen sent me a query on **1948 Syrian Censorship**, which is followed-up by a request for information by *Marc Parren* on post-WWII **Iraqi Censorship**.

With the aid of *Avo Kaplanian* and *Bernd-Dieter Buscke*, I look into an apparent new discovery made by *Kamal Kawar* of a variety of the **1948 2m Transjordan Palestine**.

Paul Phillips and *Avo Kaplanian* sent me new material on the **Nablus AM/PM Postmarks**.

Rainer Fuchs and I report on the special Ottoman Empire exhibition at **Spring Stampex 2017**.

In **Queries**, *Lawrence Fischer* looks for information on **Palestine Slogan cachets**, and *Sid Morgenstern* announces the re-writing of his book “The Postal Stationery of Israel” and offers information on **Israel Postal Rates 1983/84**.

In **Archive**, the series on postal history and related notices from the **Official Gazettes for Palestine** is continued for the year 1926.

British Capture of Jerusalem: 100th Anniversary

I’m working on a special feature for MEPB 7 commemorating the 100th anniversary of the British capture of Jerusalem. The timeline of 1917 will be filled with snippets from books and articles and show postal and other material from WWI in the Middle East, not just Palestine, but also Hejaz, Mesopotamia, and the other theatres of war. If you have something suitable, or can point me towards such material, please do come forward.

Other Future Articles

These are some of the topics and articles I’m working on together with the authors to include them in future issues of *MEPB*:

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- Censorship in WWII
- Usage of Postmarks of the Kingdom of Syria in Transjordan 1920–1928 (Bernd-Dieter Buscke)
- Usage of Postmarks of the Kingdom of Hejaz in Ma'an district 1925–1927 (Bernd-Dieter Buscke)
- Cumulative Index to R. Howard Courtney's *The Arab World Philatelist* 1978–1982.

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.

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If you think you can contribute to the journal, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Acknowledgements

I'd like to thank again all contributors and all those aiding and encouraging me in the creation of this journal. The list would be too long to print here, so I name just one non-philatelists, who, as native speaker, helped me with proofreading and gave advice on style of writing, namely Colin Booth.

Several organisations and persons gave me general permission to reprint articles from their journals and archives. One person I have especially to thank is Barry D. Hoffman, copyright owner of F. W. Pollack's *The Holy Land Philatelist*.

Many thanks to all!

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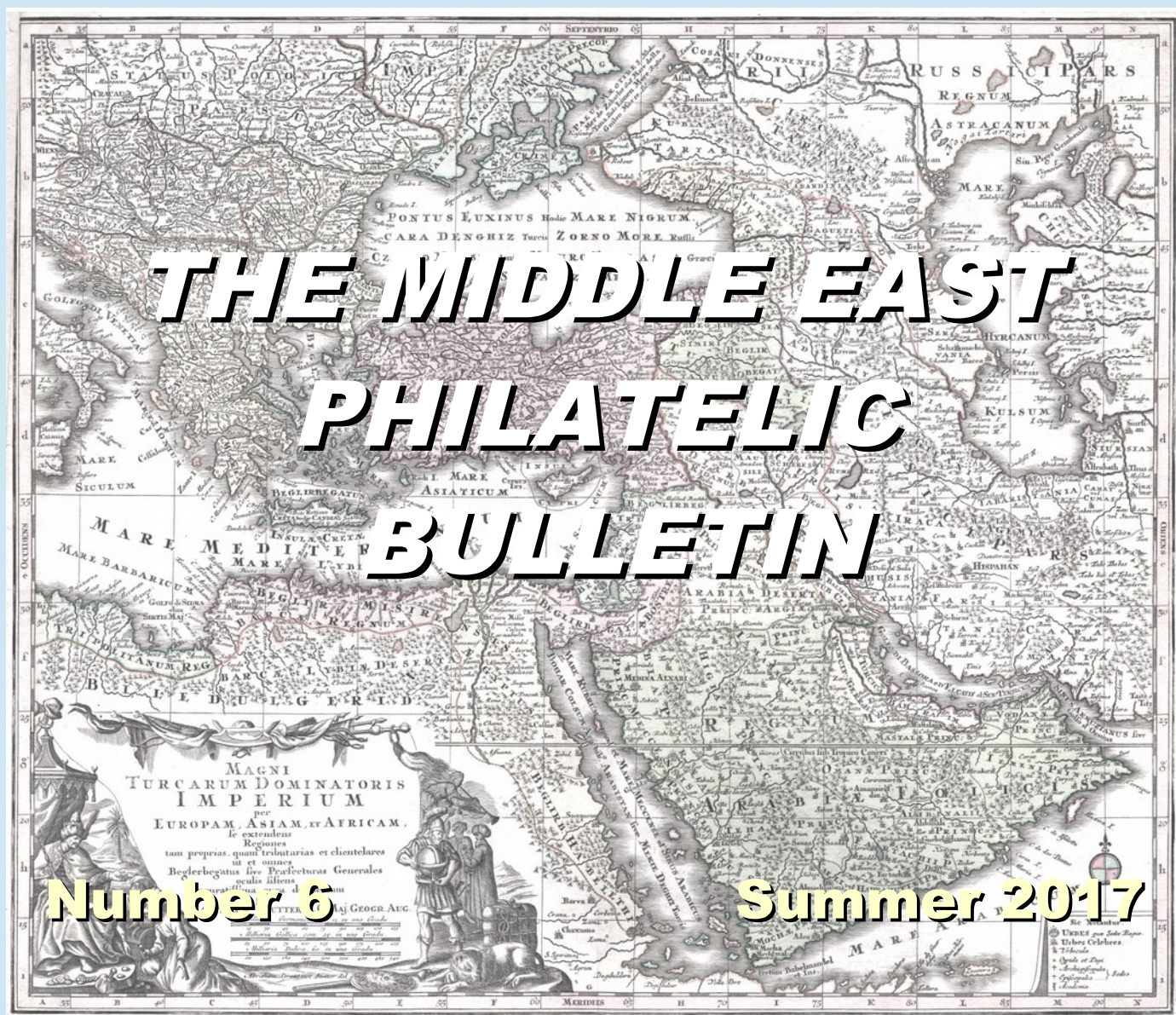
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