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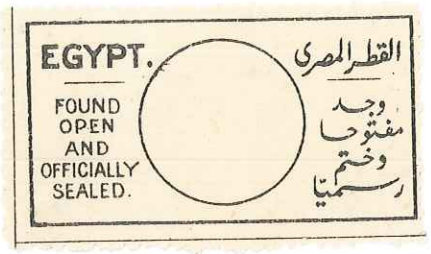
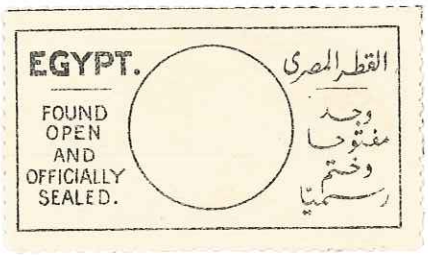
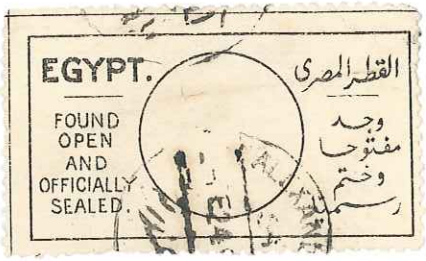
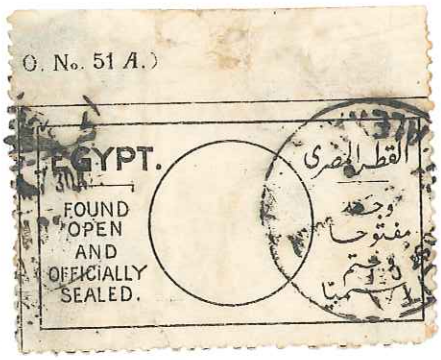


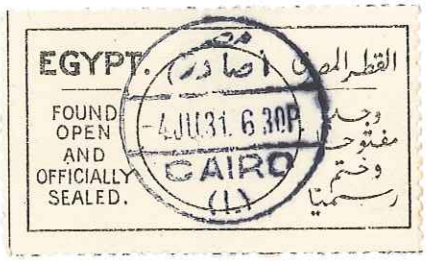
1920-23 Issue

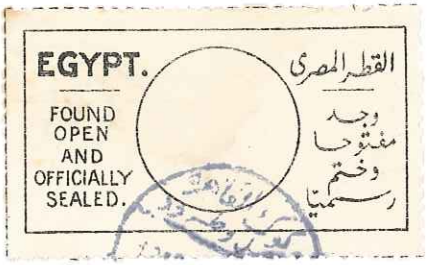
Variants with thicker and finer font











The fourth issue was printed between 1920 and 1923 by the Government Press and was perforated 10.

1926 cover from Cairo to Sohag, sealed with two fourth issue seals and returned to the sender.

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1924-25 Issue

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1920-23 Issue

1921 Printing

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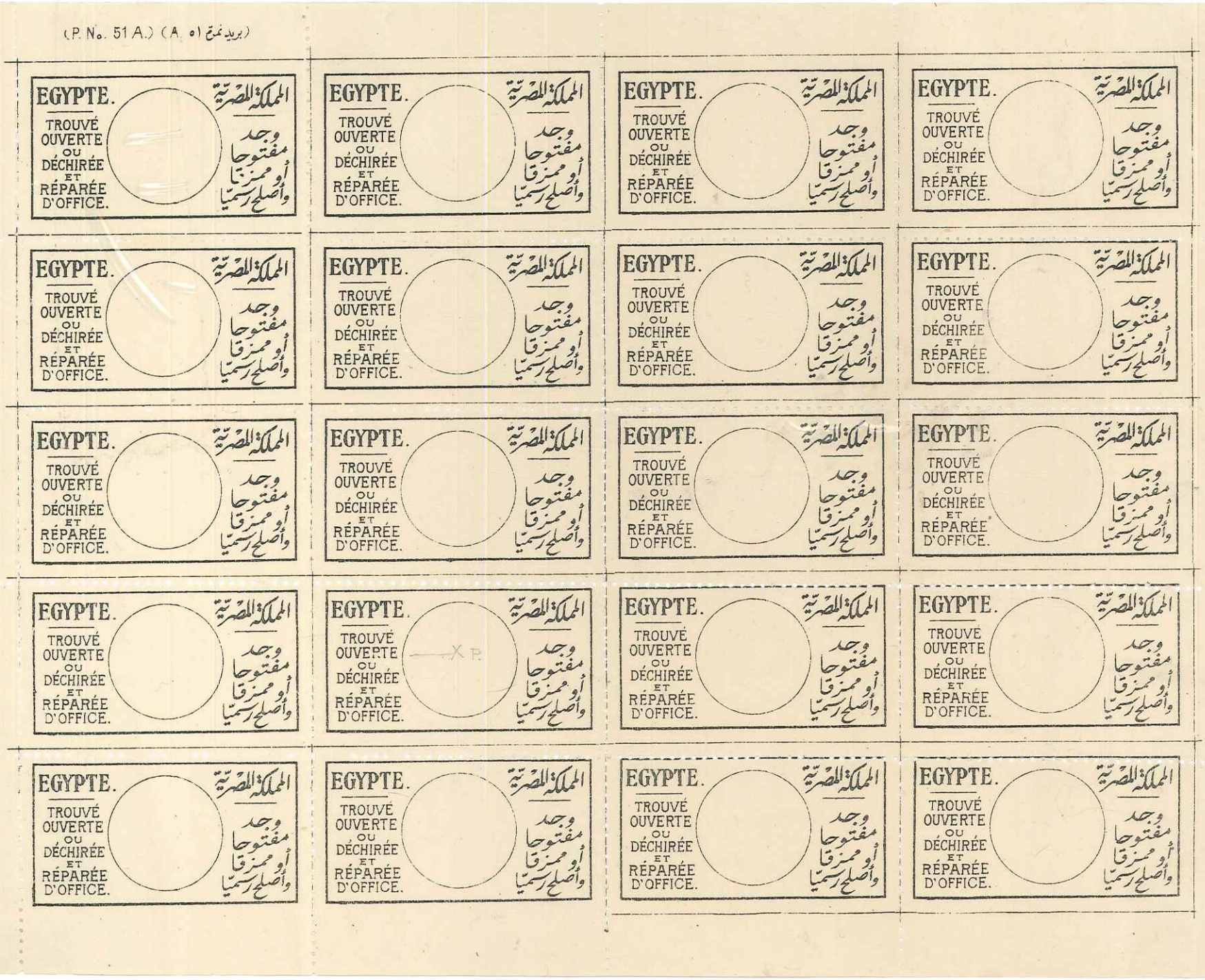

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1926 Issue

Wove Paper

"Found Open and Officially Sealed" Labels

1927-30 Issue

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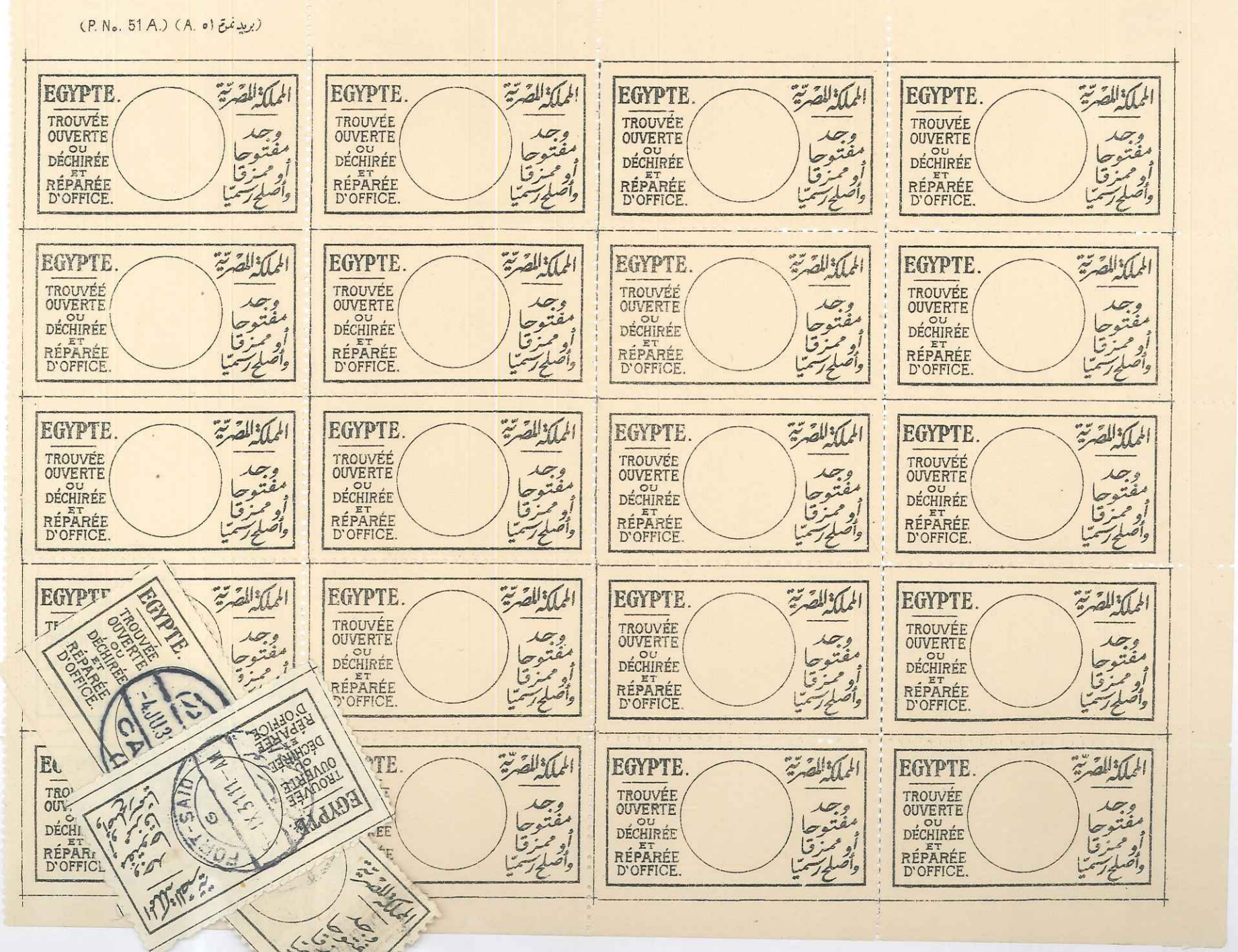

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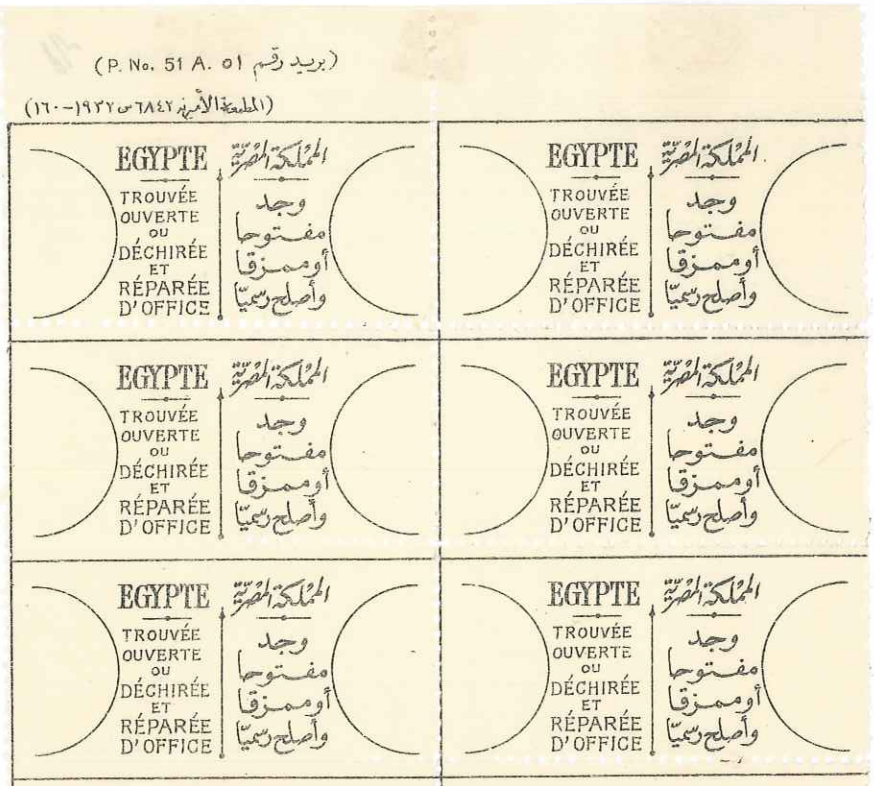
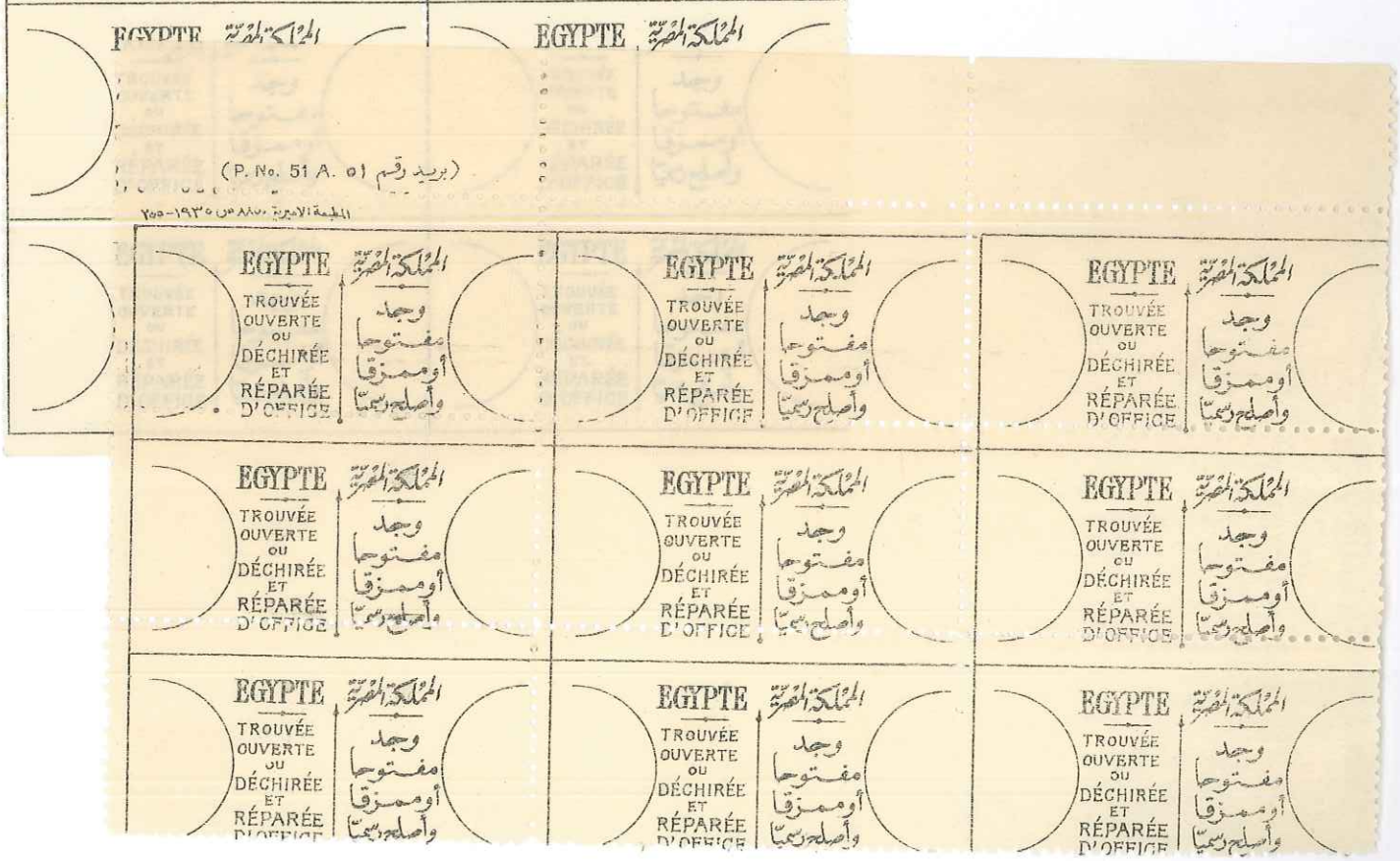
1931-35 Issue

1932 Printing



1935 Printing



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1931-35 Issue

1934 Printing

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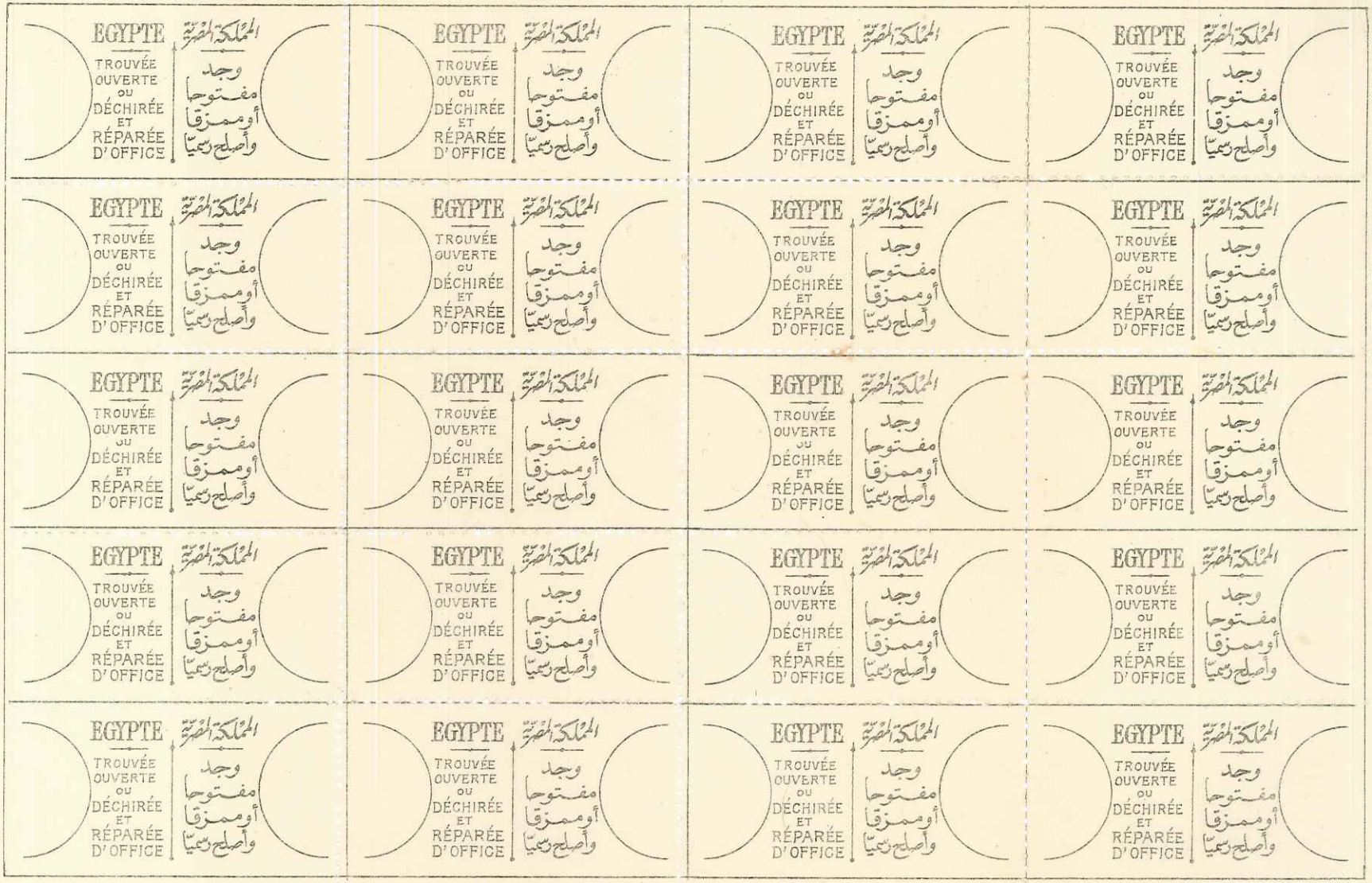
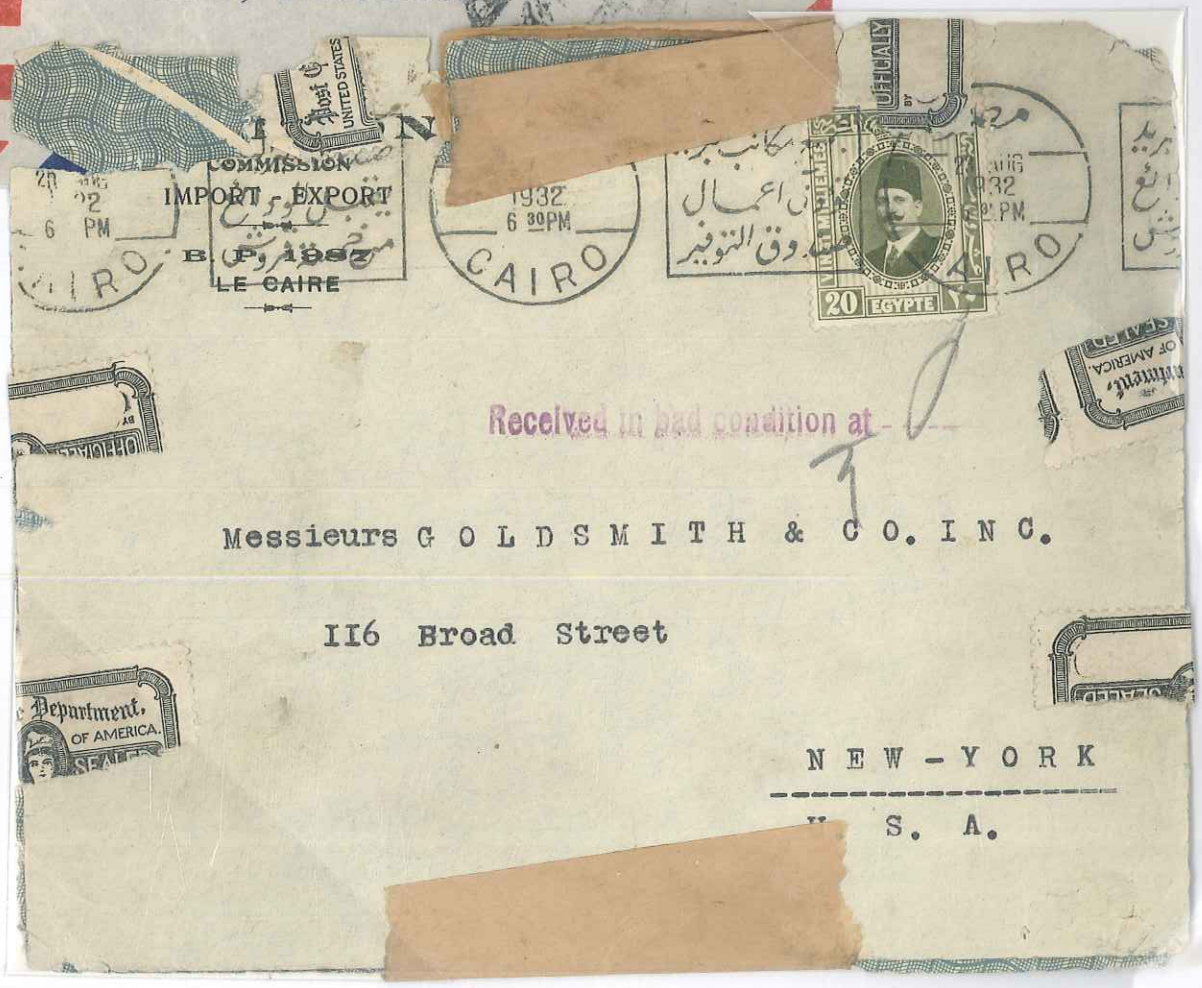


Found Open and Officially Sealed Covers

1955 airmail cover from Alexandria to Switzerland repaired with Egyptian Postal Administration labels, perhaps because of a shortage of "Found Open and Officially Sealed" labels.



1932 envelope from Cairo to New York City that was damaged in transit and was struck with a violet "Received in bad condition at _____" hand stamp on its face. The envelope was repaired and sealed on arrival in New York with U.S. Post Office Department labels.

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1941 stampless, censored "On Active Service" cover to Alexandria, sealed with 1931-35 seals tied by "Alexandria Postmen" date stamp.

1954 airmail envelope from Cairo to England, apparently damaged while still in Cairo.

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1940 envelope from Damanhour to Alexandria and 1945 envelope from Cairo to Alexandria franked with a pair of the 10m. Farouk Marechal on the face. Both covers were made of very poor quality paper, perhaps due to World War II and, when damaged during transit, were sealed with the 1930-35 issue of official seals.

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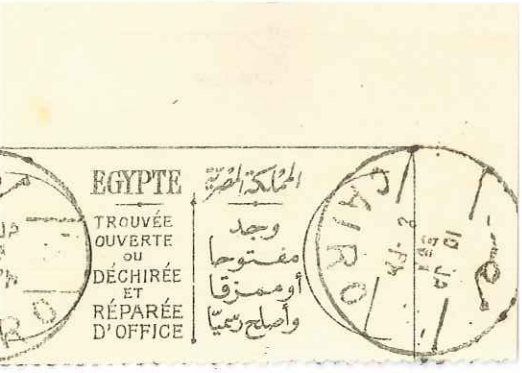
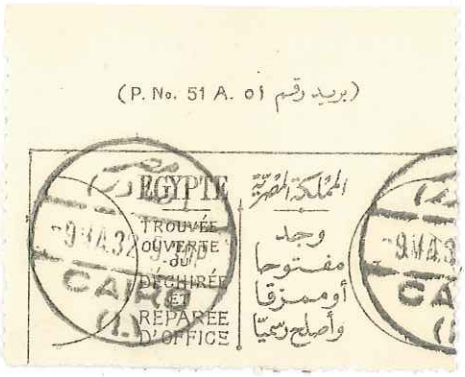
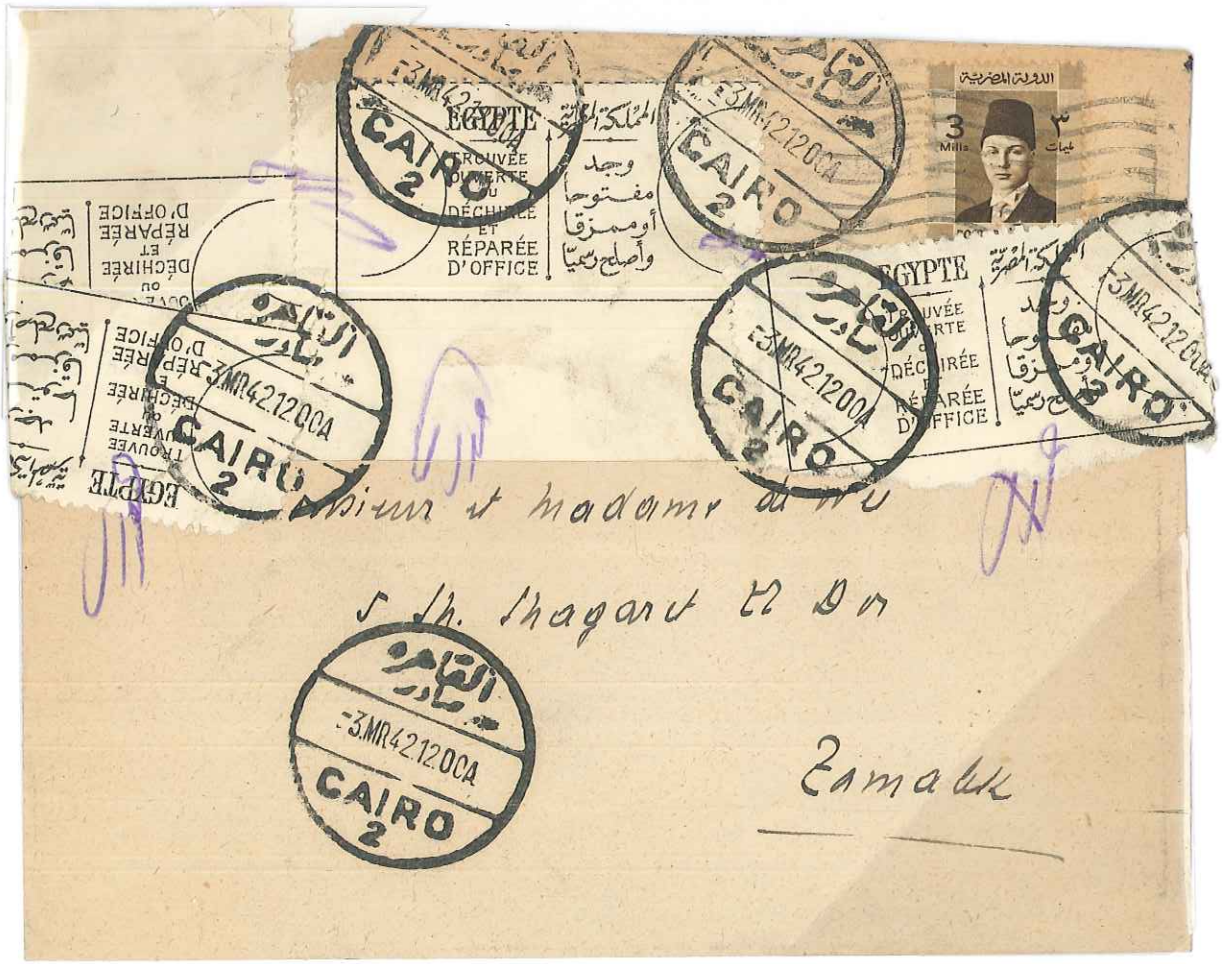
1931-35 Issue





In the eighth issue of officially sealed labels, the circle in the center of the label was split into two halves.



1942 printed matter envelope to Cairo, damaged in transit and repaired with five seals.

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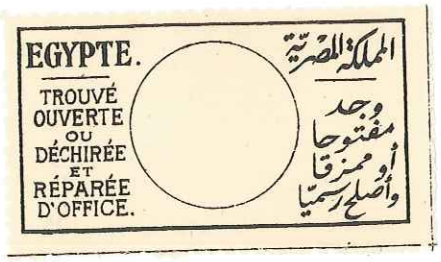
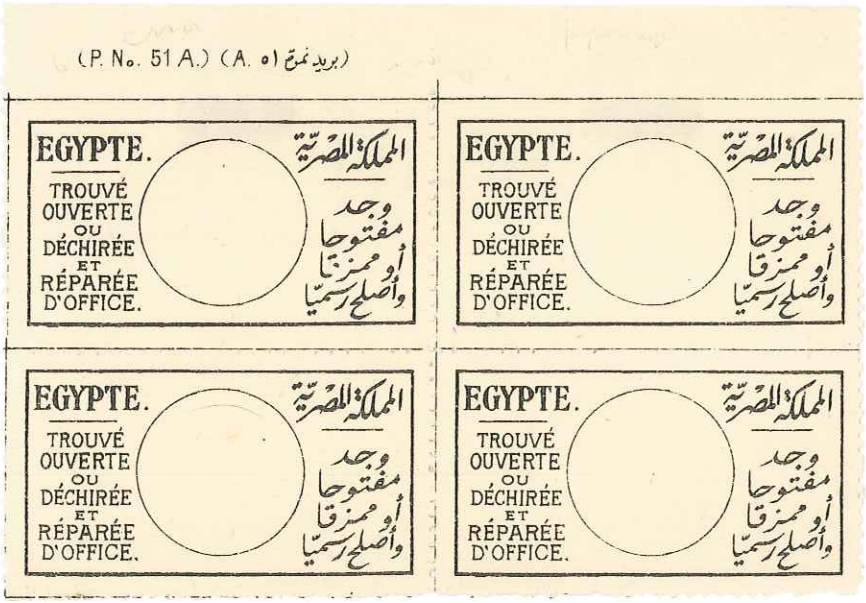
1926 Issue





On the sixth issue of officially opened seals, the English inscription was replaced by French, but the word, "TROUVÉ," was misspelled with only one "E." This issue also exists on both laid and wove paper.

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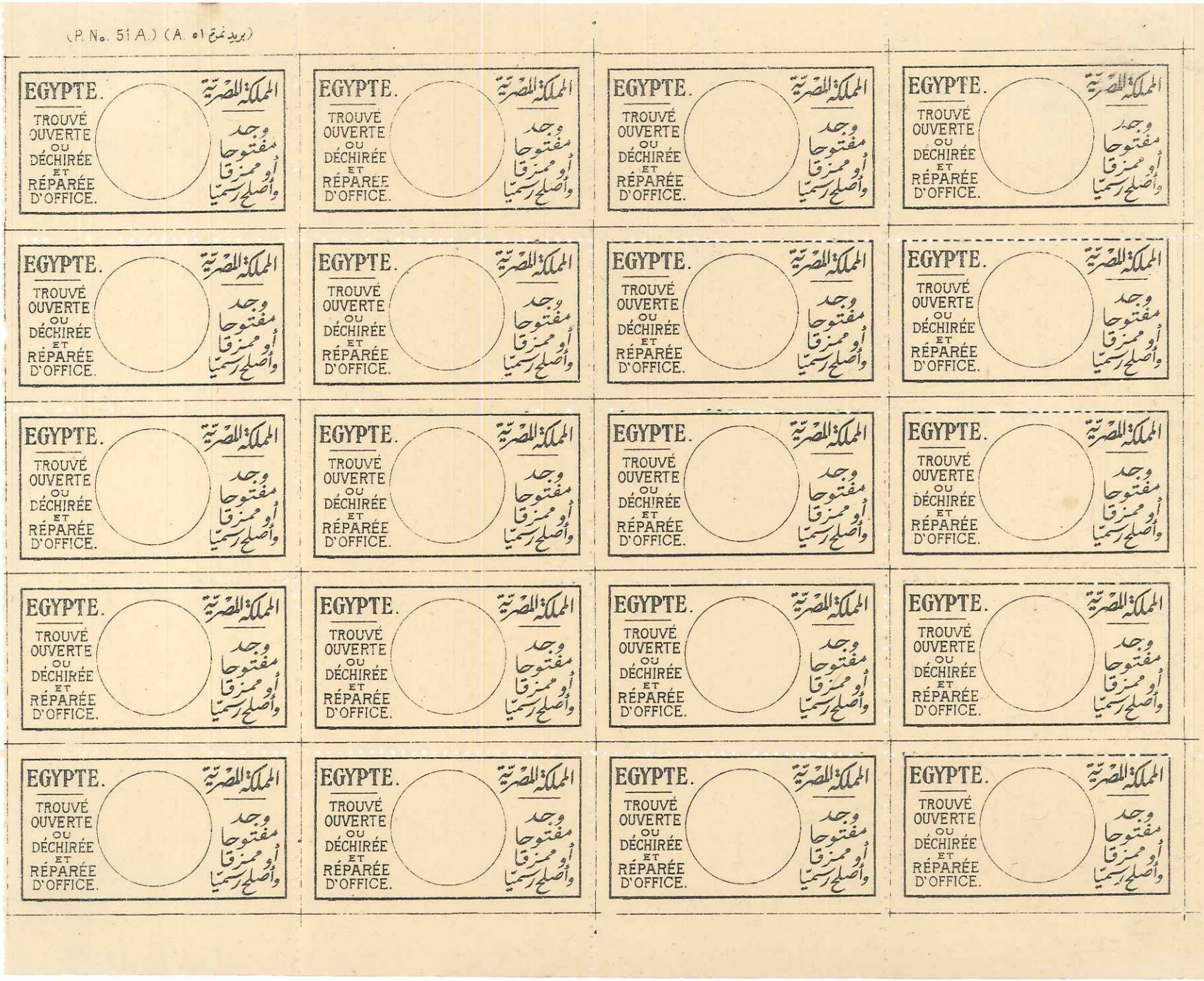

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1926 Issue

Laid Paper

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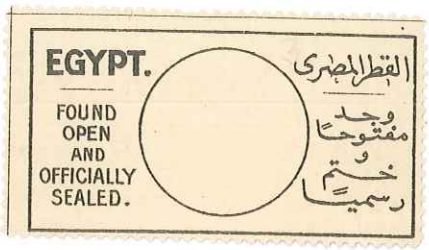
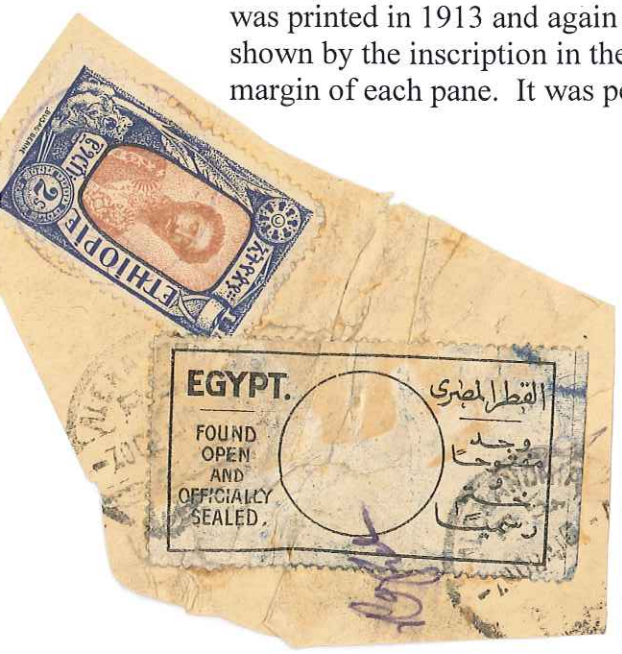
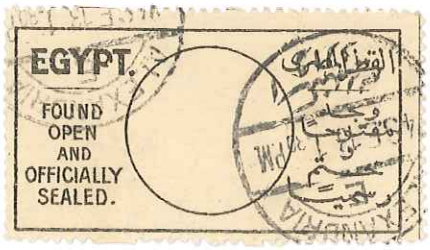
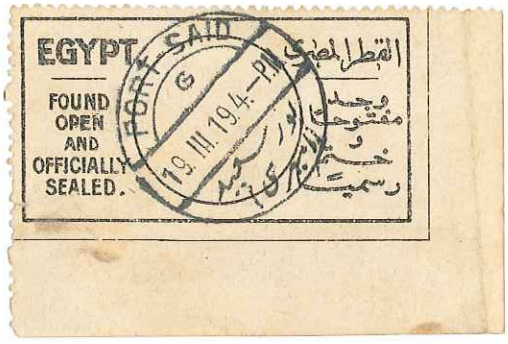
1913-15 Issue

The third issue of officially opened labels was printed in 1913 and again in 1915 as shown by the inscription in the upper margin of each pane. It was perforated 12.









1918 cover sent within Cairo with damage repaired with two 1913-15 seals.

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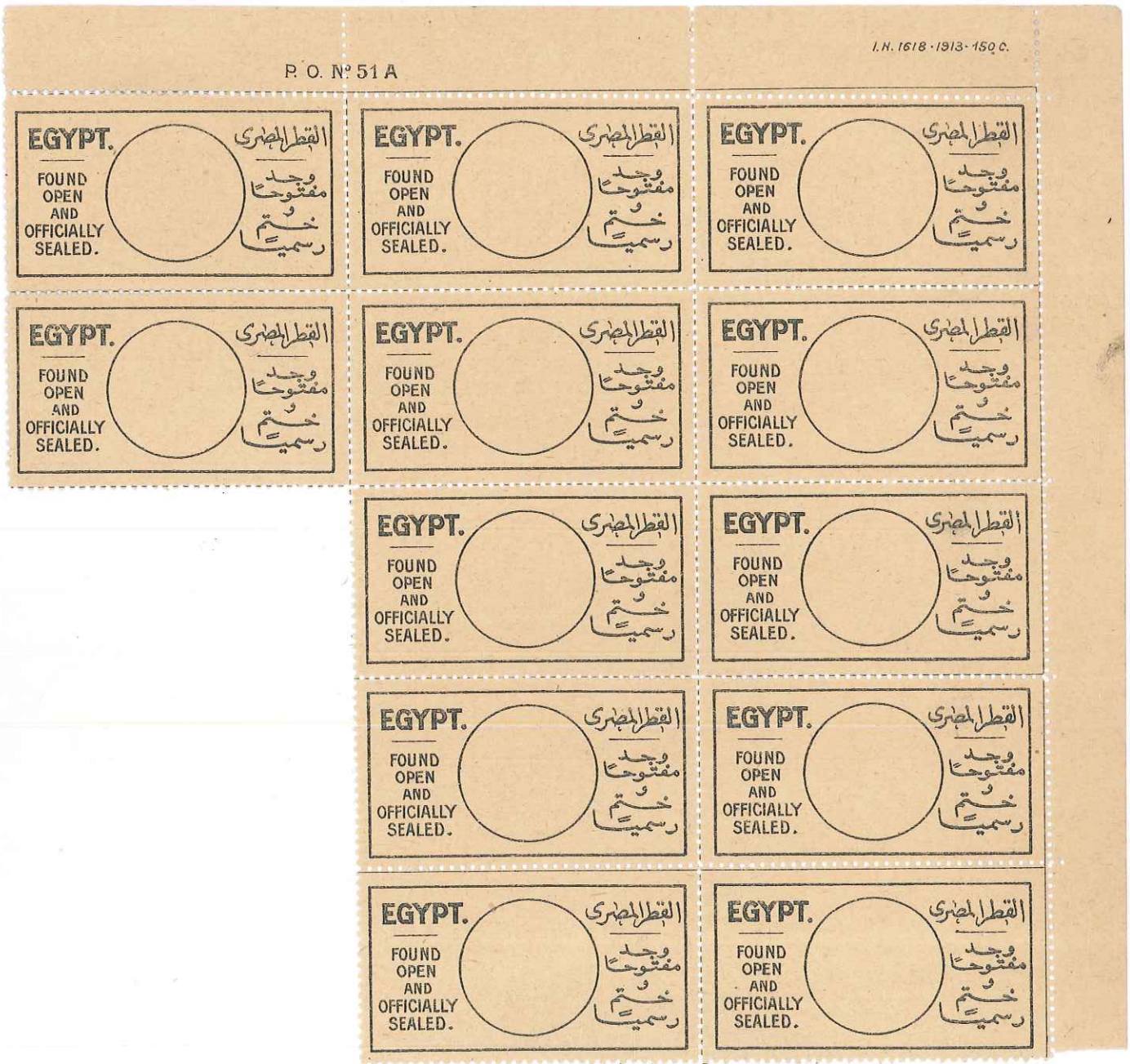
1913-15 Issue

1915 Printing



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1913-15 Issue

1913 Printing

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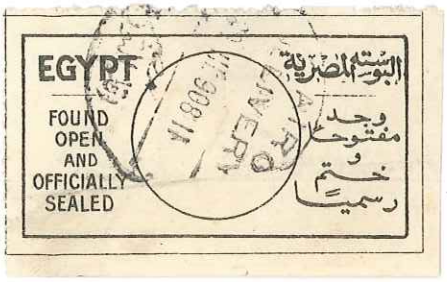
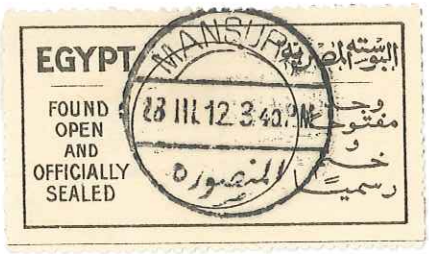
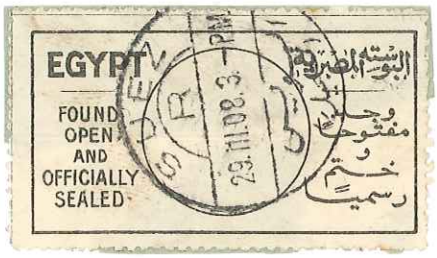
1906 Issue







Special labels for sealing torn or damaged envelopes were introduced by the Egyptian Postal Administration in 1906. They were printed in black on white paper, perforated 10 or 12, usually in booklets containing panes of 20 labels. The top margins of the panes had imprints indicating the date and the printer. A total of eight different seals were issued between 1906 and the 1950s. The early labels were bilingual with English and Arabic inscriptions; in later labels English was replaced by French. The first label issued in 1906 was lithographed and perforated 12. Most issues were printed by either the Imprimerie Nacionale or Government Press. All are fairly common, although full panes of the early issues are scarce.

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1906 Issue

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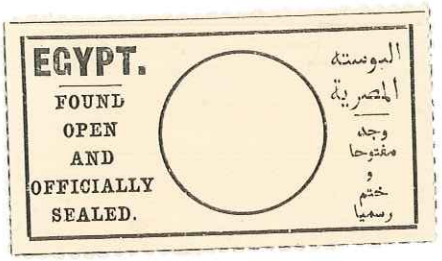
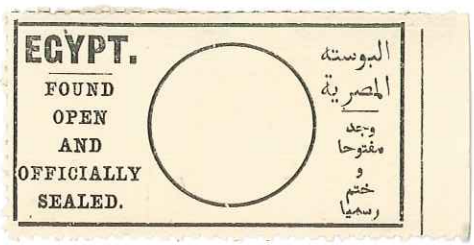
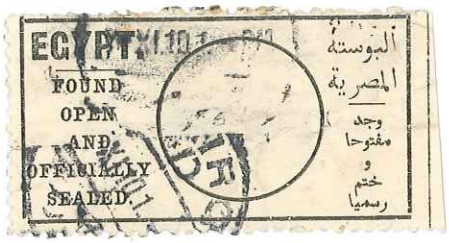
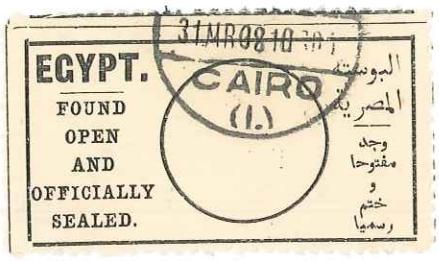
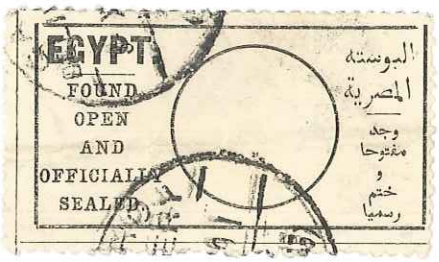
1908 Issue

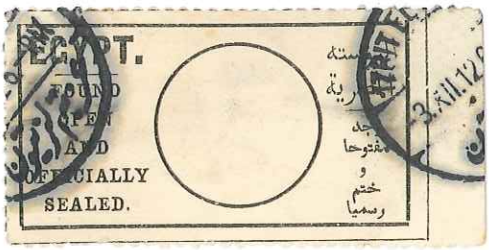


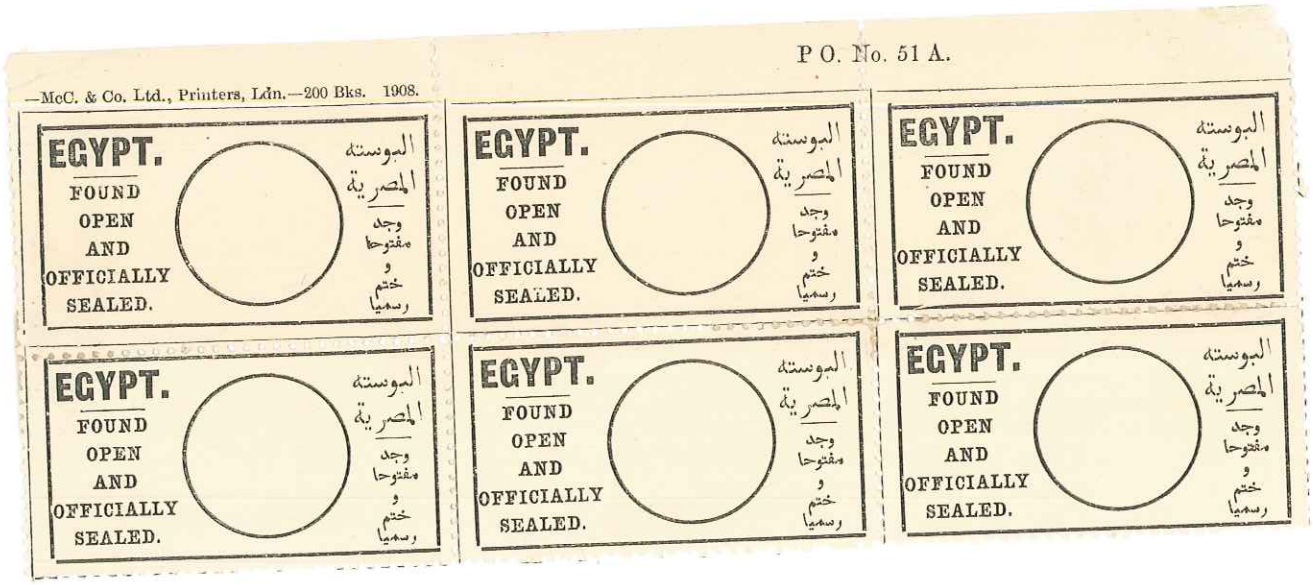












The second issue was printed by typography by McCorquodale, Ltd. of London. It was perforated 10.

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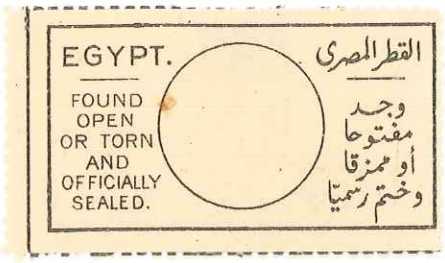
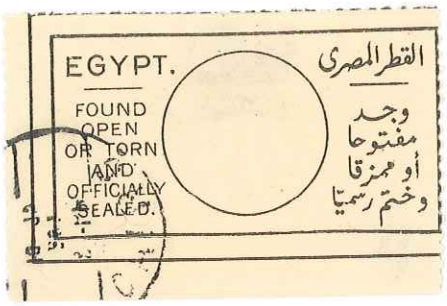
1924-25 Issue





The fifth issue (1924-25) of officially opened seals had the words, "…OR TORN…" added to the inscription in both English and Arabic. It was printed by the Government Press. This issue and all later issues were perforated 10.

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1920-23 Issue

1923 Printing