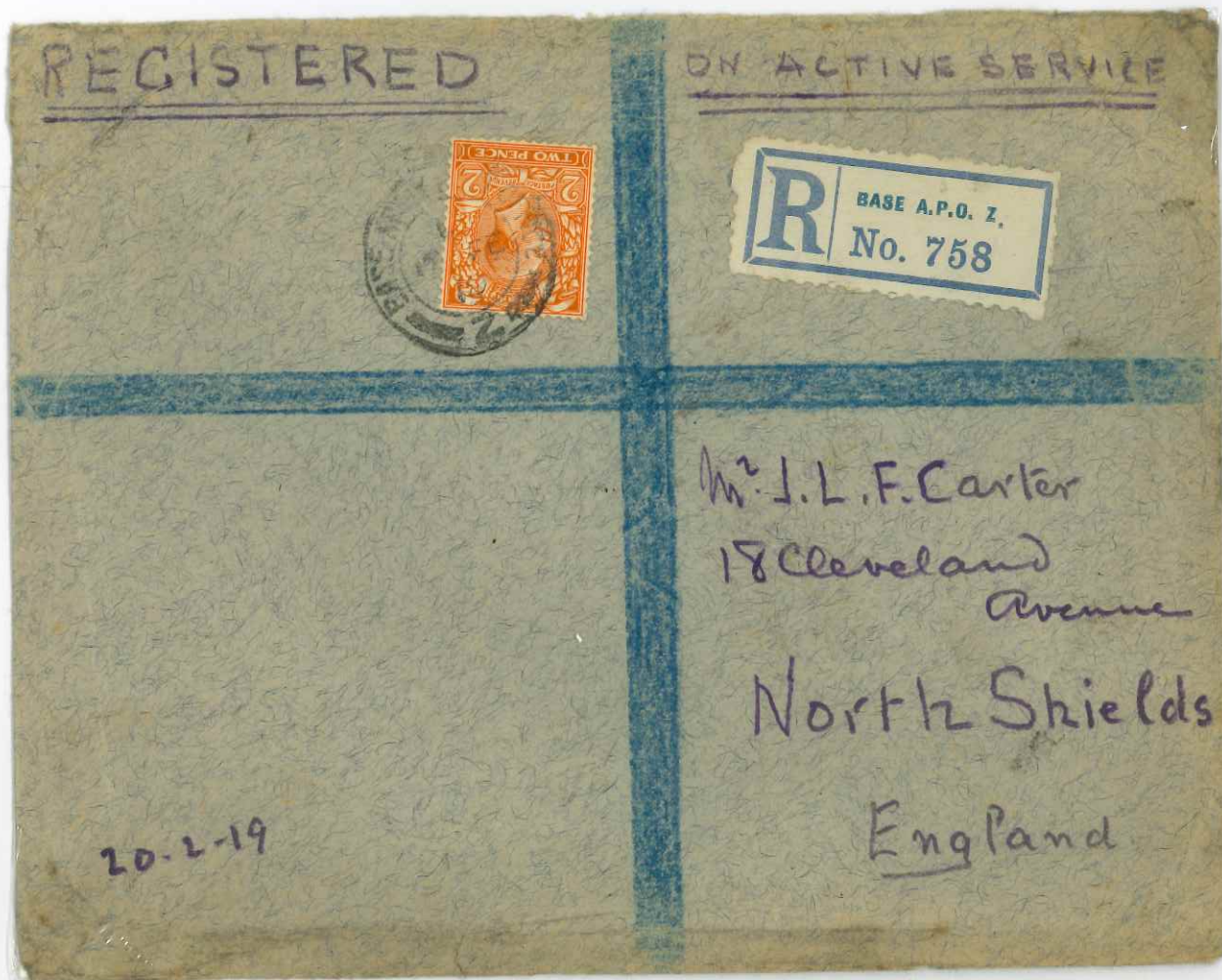


1914-1919. British Forces in Egypt.

Registered Mail.

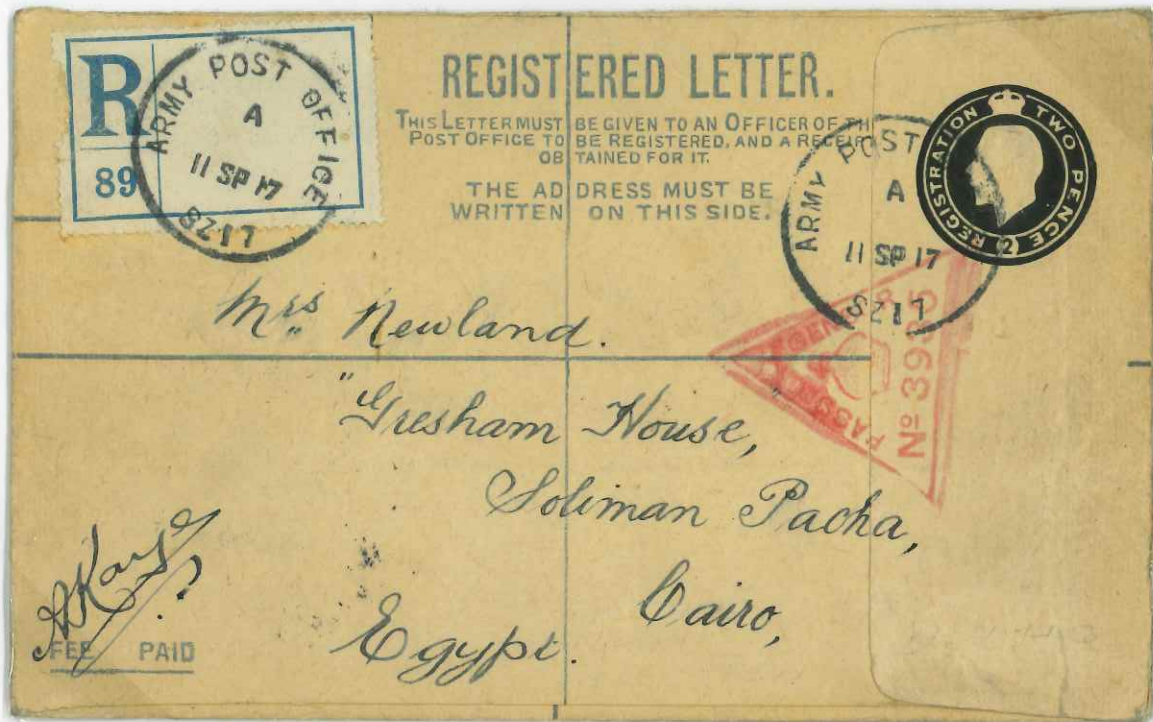
Whilst the Military Postal Concession was free, registered mail had to be prepaid at a rate of 2d.



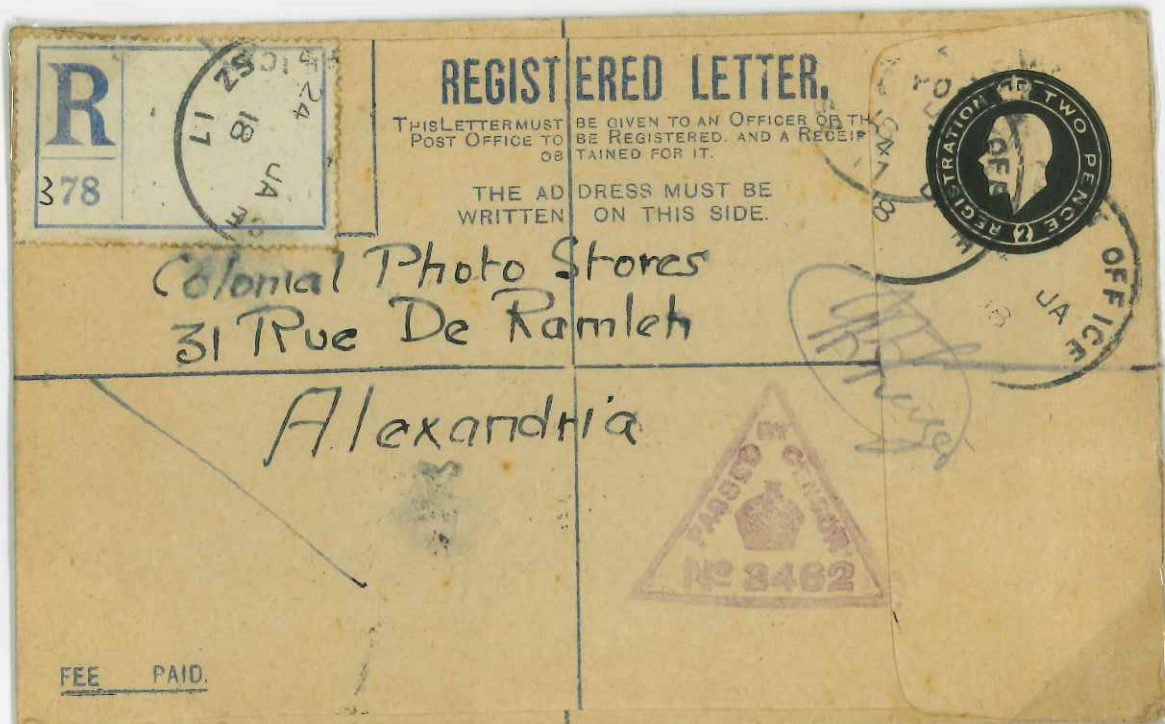
February 12<sup>th</sup> 1919. Cover to North Shields from Alexandria with Great Britain 2d. bright orange cancelled by BASE ARMY POST OFFICE-Z datestamp with registered label of same alongside.

1914-1919. British Forces in Egypt.

Registered Mail.



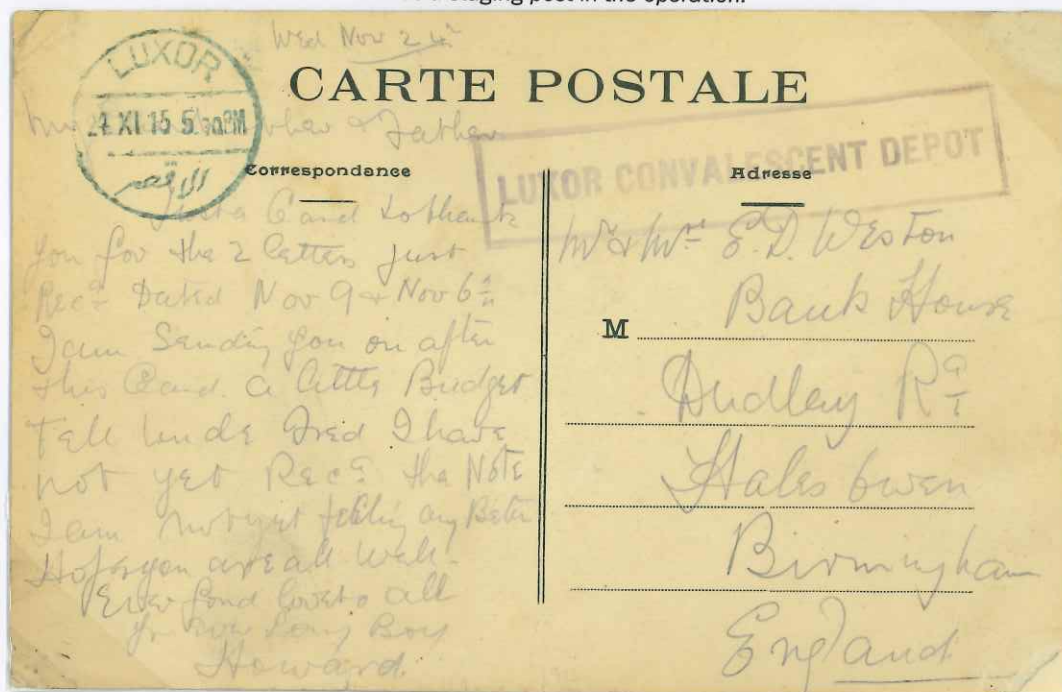
September 11<sup>th</sup> 1917. Great Britain registered stationery envelope, 2d. black, used to Cairo cancelled by the British ARMY POST OFFICE-SZ 17 datestamp applied at Kantara. Reverse with Sidi Gaber and Cairo arrival datestamps.



January 24<sup>th</sup> 1918. The same envelope used to Alexandria from Ramleh, cancelled ARMY POST OFFICE-SZ 18 datestamp. Note that both envelopes bear blank Registration labels and are Censored. Whilst normal mail was free, registration had to be paid for.

1914-1919. British Forces in Egypt.

The build up of Allied Forces in Egypt began prior to the Dardanelles Campaign. British, Indian, South African and ANZAC Troops used Egypt as a staging post in the operation.



November 24<sup>th</sup> 1915. Postcard to Birmingham carried free under Military concession cancelled by violet 'LUXOR CONVALESCENT DEPOT' cachet and Egyptian Luxor datestamp.



September 25<sup>th</sup> 1917. Stampless Military concession cover to Carmarthen, Wales from the British Red Cross Hospital at Giza. Triangular Censor cachet over-struck by British ARMY POST OFFICE-SZ 10 datestamp of Base Office, Cairo.

1935-36. British Forces in Egypt.

1936. First Day Cover with 10m. carmine.



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March 1<sup>st</sup> 1936. First Day Cover  
bearing Army Post 10m. carmine  
cancelled by "Military Post Office-Abu Qir" datestamp.

## 1932. British Forces in Egypt.

Due to the overwhelming demand for stamps to be used by the British Forces in Egypt at concessionary rates to the UK, an issue was prepared for the 1 piastre rate; designed by Lieutenant Colonel C. Fraser, the stamps were typographed by Hanbury, Tomsett & Company in Willesden, London.

Issued on November 1<sup>st</sup> 1932, the 'NAAFI' issue was initially inscribed 'Postal Seal'.

No watermark. Perforated 11.



1 piastre 'Postal Seal'.  
Marginal imperforate Proof  
block of four on gummed paper  
in issued colours of deep blue and red.



The issued stamp.  
One printing of 500,000 stamps.

The stamps were printed in sheets of 80 subjects,  
divided into panes of 20 and stapled  
into Booklets of five panes prior to delivery.

1932. *British Forces in Egypt.*

1932. 1 Piastre 'Postal Seal'.



1932. 1 piastre deep blue and red.

Block of eight used with 'retta' cancellation in black.

## 1933. British Forces in Egypt.

### 1933. 1 Piastre 'Letter Seal'.

The design was changed to read 'Letter Seal' instead of 'Postal Seal' in deference to Egypt's postal sovereignty.

Issued in August 1933, the new stamps were printed in sheets of 20 to facilitate the stapling into Booklets of complete panes.

Typographed by Hanbury, Tomsett and Company of Willesden, London.

No watermark. Perforated 11.



1933. 1 Piastre deep blue & red.

Pair from upper right of sheet, positions 3 and 4.  
Note the closed 'A' in 'Seal' on position 4.



Complete sheet of 20 cancelled by 'retta' in black.

Position 4: closed 'A' in 'Seal'.

Position 11: Blob on second 'l' in 'British'.

Position 13: Flaw on first 'l' in 'Institutes'.

Position 15: Diagonal line through 'E' in 'Seal'.

**1933. British Forces in Egypt.**

1 Piastre 'Letter Seal' on cover.



*April 4<sup>th</sup> 1934. Cover to London from Cairo  
franked on reverse as per regulations for the Postal Concession  
with 1 piastre value (position 15 with diagonal line across "E" of "SEAL") cancelled by black 'retta'.*

*Front shows Cairo-Military Post Office datestamp  
and red Crown 'Egypt-Postage Prepaid-No.6' cachet.*



## 1934. British Forces in Egypt.

On June 1<sup>st</sup> 1934 a new design was issued after Essays had been sent by a Miss Waugh from Cairo to Harrison's in London. The design showed the Sphinx and retained the words 'Letter Stamp' instead of 'Postage Stamp' in the inscription.

Photogravure by Harrison's of London. Printed in plates of 40 stamps, stapled into Booklets comprising five panes of 20. 250,000 stamps were printed, and amount insufficient for a full year.

No watermark. Perforated 14½x14.



Block of four.  
1 piastre carmine.

A new stamp was ordered as sales were so high, and the same stamp was issued in green on December 5<sup>th</sup> 1934.



Block of four.  
1 piastre green.  
250,000 printed.

1935-36. British Forces in Egypt.

1937. Cover with 1935 1 piastre and 1936 10m.



May 12<sup>th</sup> 1937. Coronation Day illustrated cover showing King George VI and Queen Mary franked by 1936 1 piastre carmine (perforated 13½x14) and Army Post 1936 10m. carmine cancelled at the Military Post Office in Cairo.

## 1935. British Forces in Egypt-Jubilee Seal.

### 1935. Jubilee Seal.

To commemorate the Silver Jubilee the 1 piastre carmine, perforated 13½x14 of April 1935 was reprinted in bright ultramarine and surcharged diagonally in red with 'Jubilee Commemoration 1935'.

The stamp was issued on May 6<sup>th</sup> and only 27,000 were printed.

Whilst this number seems substantial, all countries of the British Empire celebrated the Jubilee with a stamp issue and this was the lowest printing any Jubilee issue.

Typographed overprint by Harrison & Sons of London.



1 piastre bright ultramarine.



Block of four.

Upper left stamp shows

Plate flaw 'Short thin 'N' in 'Commemoration'.



Used pair

cancelled on first day of issue,  
May 6<sup>th</sup> 1935 at Abbasia Barracks.

## 1935. British Forces in Egypt-Jubilee Seal.

Jubilee Seal on First Day Cover.



May 6<sup>th</sup> 1935. First Day Cover  
bearing overprinted 1 piastre bright ultramarine  
cancelled by 'retta' in black with  
datestamps of Abu Qir and Alexandria alongside  
and 'Egypt-Postage Prepaid-No.14' on front in red.

### 1935. British Forces in Egypt-Provisional Christmas Seal.

On December 16<sup>th</sup> 1935 a provisionally overprinted Christmas Seal was issued with 'Xmas 1935 - 3 Milliemes' overprint in black applied on the perforated 13½x14 April 1935 1 piastre carmine.

This provisional overprint was applied to just 9'920 stamps. All were sold. It must be presumed that the overprint was applied by Walker & Co at the Amalgamated Press.



Two vertical pairs on piece.



December 17<sup>th</sup> 1935. Cover to Leicester from Cairo franked on reverse with 1935 provisional 3m. on 1pi. carmine cancelled by black 'retta'.

Front bears Military Post Office-Cairo datestamp and 'Egypt-Postage Prepaid-No.19' cachet in red.

## 1936. Army Post - British Forces in Egypt.

### Army Post Issue.

The Army Post issues featured a central vignette of King Fuad and were printed by photogravure at the Survey Department, Cairo.

The issue was based on the high values of the Fuad issue of 1927-37 and inscribed 'Army Post' in the left hand panel. Two stamps were issued, a 3m green for the Christmas card or unsealed letter rate, and a 10m value in carmine for letter postage.

Watermarked Multiple Crown of Egypt. Perforated  $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14$ .



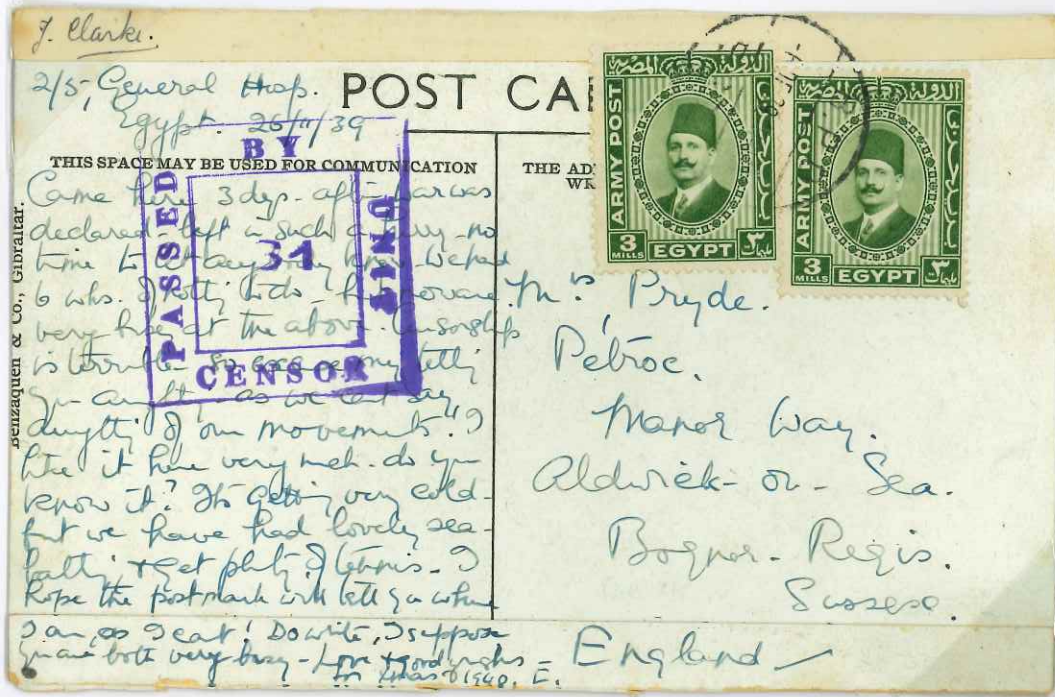
November 9<sup>th</sup> 1936.  
3m green.



December 19<sup>th</sup> 1936. 3m green on Christmas card cover to Edinburgh cancelled by Military Post Office-Cairo datestamp.

1936. Army Post - British Forces in Egypt.

Two 3m green on 1939 postcard to England.



November 26<sup>th</sup> 1939. Postcard to Bognor Regis from General Hospital, Cairo.  
 Franked by two 3m green cancelled British Post Office-Cairo  
 datestamp with framed 'Passed By Unit Censor-31' violet cachet alongside.

The 3m value was issued for the unsealed letter rate or Christmas card,  
 there was no specific stamp for a postcard rate although the Egyptian tariff was 6 millimes,  
 thus the unusual use of two 3m values on a postcard.

Interesting message: "Came here three days after War was declared...  
 I hope the postmark will tell you where I am as I can't..."

1936. Army Post - British Forces in Egypt.

Army Post. 10m. carmine.



Control Blocks.

Control A/36, first printing.

Control A/38, second printing.

Control B/39 on A/39 on A/38, fourth printing.



## 1939. Army Post - British Forces in Egypt.

On December 12<sup>th</sup> 1939 a second Army Post issue was released with the somewhat tardy replacement of King Farouk in the vignette for the late King Fuad.

Again these were printed by photogravure at the Survey Department, Cairo.

Watermark Multiple Crown of Egypt. Perforated 13x13½.



King Farouk Royal Printing.  
On card paper under-printed 'Cancelled'.  
3m. green 200 printed.  
10m. carmine 300 printed.



February 6<sup>th</sup> 1940. Airmail cover to London franked by 10m. carmine and Egypt 1933 30m. Airmail cancelled by British Post Office-E602 (Cairo) datestamp. Violet 'Passed By Unit Censor-46' cachet at left.

1939-1946. British Forces in Egypt.

During the Second World War the Military Postal Concession  
for free mail was again applied.



November 20<sup>th</sup> 1942. Engraved 'Shepherd's Hotel, Cairo' envelope  
endorsed 'OAS' (On Active Service)  
used to Alexandria cancelled by Egypt-Postage Prepaid-102  
datestamp of Cairo. Passed Censor in violet alongside.



October 15<sup>th</sup> 1942. Official OHMS envelope to Alexandria  
cancelled by 'CASHIER-ADMIRALTY BASE-ALEXANDRIA'  
datestamp in blue.

'If not delivered within 8 days return to: Admiralty Cashier,  
HM Naval Base, Alexandria' cachet in red.

## 1932-35. British Forces in Egypt-Christmas Seals.

1935. 3m. vermilion.

The Christmas Seal for 1935 was issued in vermilion and again was a 3 millieme value. Due to a build up of British Forces in Egypt, all of the November 23<sup>rd</sup> initial printing of 101,100 were sold.

A new printing was made in a paler shade of vermilion and issued on December 19<sup>th</sup> 1935.

Printed in sheets of 20, lithographed by Walker & Co at the Amalgamated Press in Cairo.

No watermark. Perforated 11½.



3m. vermilion. First printing.



December 6<sup>th</sup> 1935. Cover to Kenton, Middlesex from Moascar with first printing 3m vermilion on reverse, cancelled by Military Post Office-Moascar datestamp. Front bears 'Egypt-Postage Prepaid-No.4' cachet in red.