

Travelling Post Offices.

1912-1913. Two in-coming cards with Egyptian TPO's.



September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1912. Italy 10c. rose stationery card used from Fiuggi, Rome to Cairo struck with 'ALEXANDRIA-CAIRO-T.P.O. FOREIGN MAILS' on arrival.



January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1913. France 10c. red on green stationery card used from Paris to Cairo struck with 'PORT SAID-CAIRE-T.P.O. FOREIGN MAILS' on arrival.

Palestine.

1923. Philatelic Cover  
with 1922 Definitive  
set of 15.

January 5<sup>th</sup> 1923.  
Registered cover to  
Cairo franked by  
complete set of  
fifteen values,  
issued between  
September and  
November 1922;  
cancelled by  
'MEA SHEARIM -  
JERUSALEM'  
datestamps.



## Suez Canal Company.

The Company issued it's own set of four stamps on July 8<sup>th</sup> 1868.

Work had yet to be finished on the Canal which was opened on November 17<sup>th</sup> 1869, but the workers and staff of the Suez Canal Company needed a temporary Postal Service (as can be noted by 'Canal De Suez' cancellations on the Egypt 1867 issue) and stamps, probably issued to raise revenue for the Company were produced. The stamps are all rare in used condition.

The stamps are the same size as the 1867 issue of Egypt and were produced in sheets of 200 subjects-all values being plate-able, the transfer stone having four distinct types.

Some stamps can be found with La Croix Frères watermark, but this is normally found on the edge of the sheet only.

Lithographed by Chezaud, Aine and Tavernier in Paris.  
Imperforate.



1868. The issued set of four.

Printing figures and numbers sold or used:

1c. black 6,020. Sold 2,806.  
5c. green 31,232. Sold 2,708.  
20c. blue 105,644. Sold 11,777.  
40c. rose red 10,863. Sold 1,487.

Remainders of the issue were sold to the Belgian dealer J.B.Moens.



1868. 5c. green.

Position 34 on the sheet,  
'P' of 'Postes' with stop after 'P'  
and break in circle above NW '5'.

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The British Philatelic Association, Limited  
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LONDON, W.C.2.

The Committee is of the opinion that the

*Suez Canal Company 1868*

5c green 20c blue 10c pink

unused are genuine (the 20c  
is thinned)

EGYPT.

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1868. Suez  
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stam

This opinion is given subject to the conditions  
printed on the back thereof.

## ***Austrian Post Office in Alexandria.***

*The Austrian Mail service to Egypt started as early as 1820  
with Mails being carried from Trieste.*

*On September 1<sup>st</sup> 1837 the Egyptian Imperial Administration  
signed a contract with Lloyd Austriaco designating the latter as the Official carrier.  
Whilst Agencies existed in Cairo, Suez and at a later date in Port Said,  
most mail was sent direct to Alexandria for onward transmission.*

*From 1863 the Austrian Post Office used the stamps of Austrian Italy.*



*1883. 10 soldi blue  
cancelled by 'Alexandrien'  
thimble datestamp.*



*1883. 20 soldi greenish grey  
cancelled by 'Alexandrien'  
thimble datestamp.*



*1889. 1 piaster on 1883 10 kreuzer blue  
cancelled 'Alexandrien'  
thimble datestamp.*

## French Post Office in Alexandria.

The French Post Office used French adhesive stamps and in many instances the only way of recognising their usage in Alexandria is by the cancellations supplied.

Alexandria used the 'gros chiffres' number '5080'.



Piece bearing Laureated Empire 1863-6720c. blue and 40c. vermillion cancelled by 5080 gros chiffres.  
French PO Alexandria datestamp alongside of July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1870.



1871-75. Ceres 30c. deep brown.  
5080 gros chiffres.



1871-75. Ceres 80c. carmine rose.  
5080 gros chiffres.



1871-75. Ceres 5c. greenish on blued paper.  
'5119' gros chiffres of the Cairo French Post Office.

## The Greek Post Office.

Alexandria's large Greek community was served by the establishment of the Greek Consulate in Alexandria in November 1833.

This was the earliest date of any Foreign Post Office in Egypt.

Greece first issued adhesives on October 1<sup>st</sup> 1861 with the 'Paris' printing of the Large Hermes Head issue. This was issued in error in Alexandria on the day before.



1872-75. Large Hermes 40 lepta dull rosy mauve on blue, cancelled by ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΕΙΑ (Alexandria) datestamp April 5<sup>th</sup> 1872.



January 14<sup>th</sup> 1871. Cover to Syra from Alexandria bearing 1867-69 40 lepta rosy mauve on blue from the cleaned plates, cancelled by Alexandria '97' lozenge of dots. Note the Alexandria datestamp is denoted 'ΤΟΥΡΚΙΑ' (Turkey) at base. The Π.Ε.Α handstamp denotes full pre-payment. Syros arrival on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 1871.

## The Italian Post Office in Alexandria.

The Italian Post Office in Alexandria was opened on March 1<sup>st</sup> 1863 as a consequence of the Adriatico-Orientale Steamship Company instituting the Ancona to Alexandria route via Corfu. The route changed in late 1864 with Brindisi being substituted for the Corfu stop.

The Office was placed in the charge of Giacomo Muzzi, the inventor of the Posta Europea service.

Italian and Italian General Colonies stamps were used.



October 9<sup>th</sup> 1875. Cover from Alexandria to Livorno with Italian General Colonies 'Esterio' 40c cancelled by '234' numeral allotted to Alexandria.

Datestamp 'Alessandria D'Egitto-Poste Italiane' at left and Livorno arrival October 14<sup>th</sup>.



Italy 1863 40c used with Egypt 1872 1pi on small piece cancelled by 'retta' in black.



### The French Post Office in Alexandria.

The French Postal service in the Eastern Mediterranean began with the inauguration of the Steamship lines from Marseille to Constantinople via Piraeus and Syra, in 1837. The Syra line connected to Alexandria.

In 1844 a direct route from Alexandria to Marseille was established.



April 17<sup>th</sup> 1840. Letter to Malta from Alexandria.

Mailed at the French Post Office with 'Alexandrie-(Egypte)' datestamp and framed 'PP' (Port Payé) and endorsed at base in manuscript: 'Par le bateau de Vapeur Français'.

The letter was landed at Malta and Disinfected against Cholera with chisel slits.

Reverse with 'Purifié Au Lazaret / Malte' and handstamped '21 Apr. 1d.' being date of receipt and amount due for local delivery.