

Express Letter Issues.

The Egyptian Express Letter service was inaugurated on September 12th 1922. The Express service had special Postboxes and a system of special Mail pick-ups.

The accelerated handling of the Mails was initially charged at 20m. per ½ ounce.

Issue of 1926 (November 28th).

This was, along with the first Airmail issue of 1926, the first Egyptian stamp to be printed by the photogravure process. The original Essays budgeted for a value of 15m. The Motorcycle vignette being adopted at the Postmaster General's insistence.

Printed at the Survey Department, Cairo.

Sheet size of 50 stamps, only one Control A/25 being used, watermarked Multiple Crown. 150,000 stamps issued.



Control A/25.



Flaw on '0' in '20' at left



Flaw 'White Dot in U of 'Royaume'
(Position 48/2).



Used Example.

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Issue of 1929 (September).

Lithographically printed at the Survey Department, Cairo in two panes of 50 stamps. Watermarked Multiple Crown.
The Control numbers were hand-inscribed on the frame plate, seven Control numbers being used between 1928 and 1940. 725,000 stamps issued in a fourteen year period.
The arabic inscription was modified in upper frame.

20m. red and black or grey black.



King Farouk Royal Imperforate.
Only 350 printed, under-printed 'Cancelled'.



1928(November 27th). Dispatched from the Printer's on this date but only released in September 1929.

The first Control A/28, much the scarcest of the seven Controls utilised, the Control A/40 being the last put to press.

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Issue of 1944 (November 18th).

Due to a rate increase in Postage to 10m., the new value of 40m. (30m. Express fee) was issued.

Printed lithographically by the Survey Department of Cairo. Watermarked Multiple Crown.
2.57 million printed.



King Farouk Royal Imperorate.
Only 100 stamps printed, under-printed 'Cancelled'.



1943 (23rd October). Control A/43.
343,750 stamps printed.



1946 (September 8th-December 16th). Control A/46.
There were only the two printings, this last one totalling 2,222,500 stamps.

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Issue of 1943 (March).

Due to the Postage Rate rising to 6m. per ½ ounce on July 11th 1940, the Express Fee rose correspondingly to 26m. This was not an emergency as ordinary stamps could be used to defray the difference. However a new 26m. value was issued with 'Postes Expres' at left instead of the former 'Expres'.

Lithographically printed by Survey Department in Cairo. Watermarked Multiple Crown.

Perforated $13\frac{1}{4} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$.

132,500 stamps were printed.



Control A/42.

The arabic at the top of stamp now reads 'The Kingdom of Egypt' rather than 'The State of Egypt' as before.

Only one Control was used. The stamp had a period of use of less than one year due to Postal Rate increases-the Express rate becoming 40m, including the Postage of 10m, from July 13th 1943.