



PORT SAID PHILATELY

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**SUEZ CANAL CONNECTS THE
MEDITERRANEAN SEA WITH RED SEA**

**CONSTRUCTION BEGAN 25 APR 1859 &
OFFICIALLY OPENED 17 NOV 1869**

**120 MILES BETWEEN PORT SAID & SUEZ
@ SOUTHERN END**

**PORT SAID FOUNDED AS
CONSTRUCTION CAMP IN 1859**

**”IF YOU TRULY WISH TO FIND SOMEONE YOU
HAVE KNOWN AND WHO TRAVELS, THERE
ARE TWO POINTS ON THE GLOBE YOU HAVE
BUT TO SIT AND WAIT, SOONER OR LATER
YOUR MAN WILL COME THERE: THE DOCKS
OF LONDON AND PORT SAID.”**

Rudyard Kipling



**STUDIO PHOTO OF
FERDINAND DE LESSEPS,
(1805-1894)**

**FRENCH DIPLOMAT WHO
DEVELOPED THE SUEZ
CANAL**

Mora 707 BROADWAY, N. Y.



**PHOTO POSTCARD - MONUMENT TO FERDINAND DE LESSEPS AT POST SAID.
STATUE WAS REMOVED AFTER 1956 SUEZ CANAL WAR**

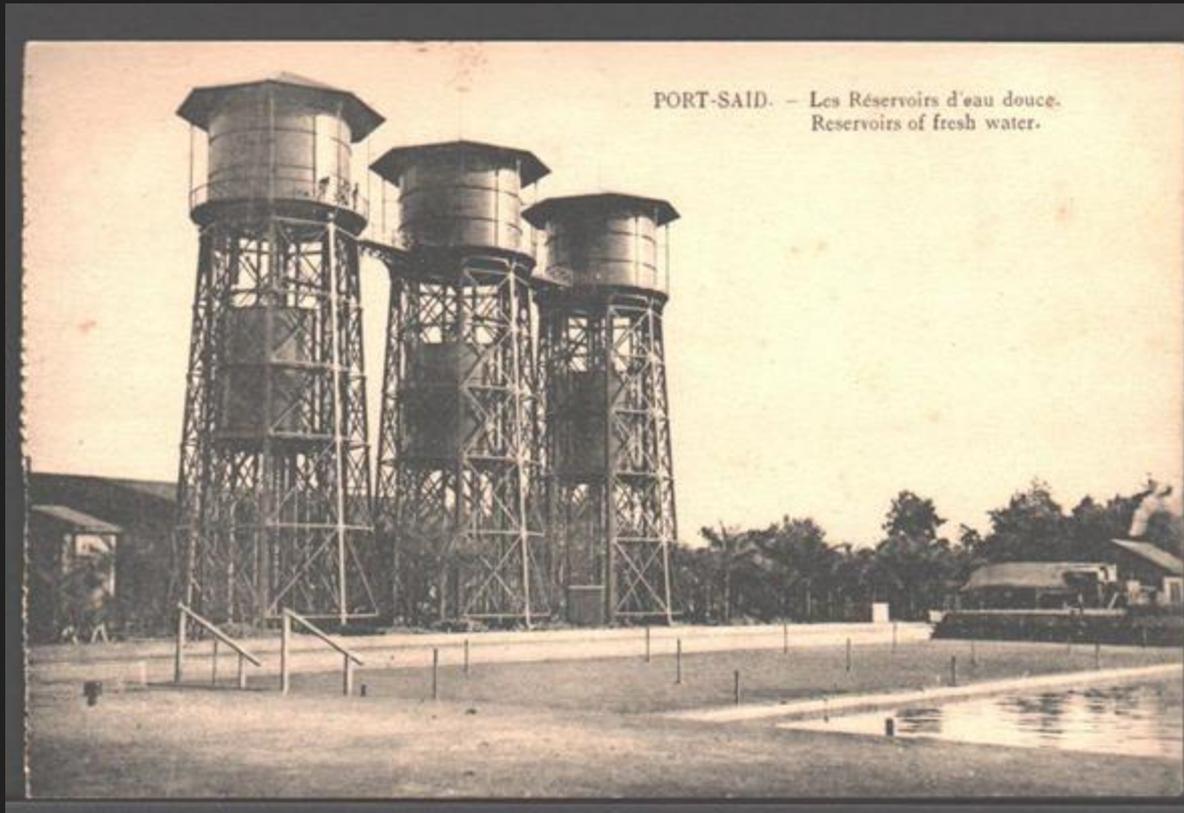


OFFICE OF THE SUEZ CANAL COMPANY, PORT SAID, BUILT 1N 1893, CIRCA 1925



PICTURE POSTCARD WITH HAND DRAWN MAP OF NILE RIVER DELTA & SUEZ CANAL

Handwritten Message “Souvenir of the War of 1914 and the second passage of the St-Louis in Egypt & in the Suez Canal through which the reinforcements pass, which will end up crushing the Germans.”



**PHOTO POSTCARD OF FRESH WATER TOWERS IN
PORT SAID - CIRCA 1920**

FRANCE OPENS POST OFFICE IN EGYPT

To Facilitate Commercial / Trading Interests

Local Postal Operations Considered Unreliable

FRENCH Post Offices at: CAIRO, ALEXANDRIA, SUEZ, PORT SAID

Post Offices at CAIRO & SUEZ Subsequently Closed



**PHOTO POSTCARD - FRENCH POST OFFICE BUILDING IN PORT SAID - CIRCA
1910**

PORT SAID STAMPS

1857 - REGULAR FRENCH STAMPS DISTRIBUTED FOR USE AT FRENCH
CONSULAR POST OFFICES IN EGYPT

1898 - FRENCH STAMPS NO LONGER USED IN EGYPT

1899 - FRENCH STAMPS OVERPRINTED FOR "ALEXANDIE"
& "PORT-SAID"

(15 Values of FRENCH "SAGE" Issues From 1 Centime to 5 Francs)



**FRENCH “PEACE & COMMERCE” STAMP WITH OVERPRINT
IN RED “PORT SAID”**



FRENCH “PEACE & COMMERCE” STAMP WITH OVERPRINT IN
BLACK “PORT SAÏD”

STAMPS INSCRIBED “PORT SAID”

1902-1903 - ISSUED IN SAME DESIGNS AS FRENCH
STAMPS OF 1900 - 15 DENOMINATIONS



INSCRIBED “PORT SAÏD” - DENOMINATION IN CENTIMES - FRENCH
DESIGN “LIBERTY, EQUALITY, FRATERNITY”



INSCRIBED “PORT SAÏD”

DENOMINATION IN CENTIMES - FRENCH DESIGN “RIGHTS OF MAN”



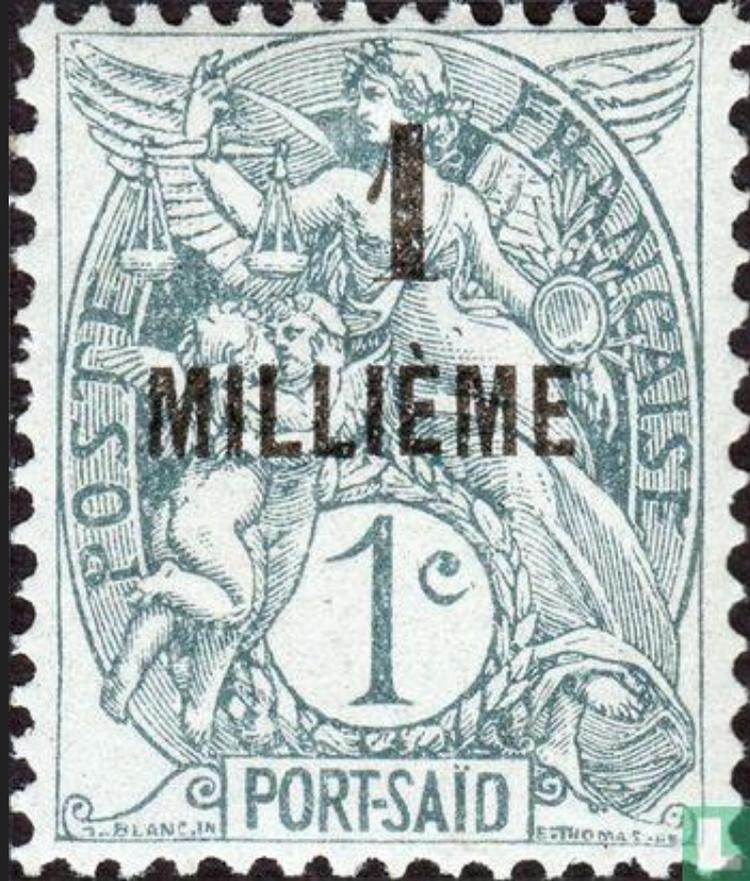
INSCRIBED “PORT SAID”

DENOMINATION IN FRANCS - FRENCH DESIGN “LIBERTY &
PEACE”

STAMPS IN EGYPTIAN DENOMINATIONS

1921 - PORT SAID STAMPS ISSUED WITH SURCHARGE IN
“MILLIEMES”

CONVERSION RATE WAS 2.5 CENTIMES = 1 MILLIEME
SURCHARGES DONE IN PARIS AS WELL AS LOCALLY IN
EGYPT



SURCHARGE PRINTED IN PARIS - 1 MILLIÈME ON 1 CENTIME



Port-Said
Port

PHOTO POSTCARD OF DOCK AT PORT SAID - CIRCA 1910

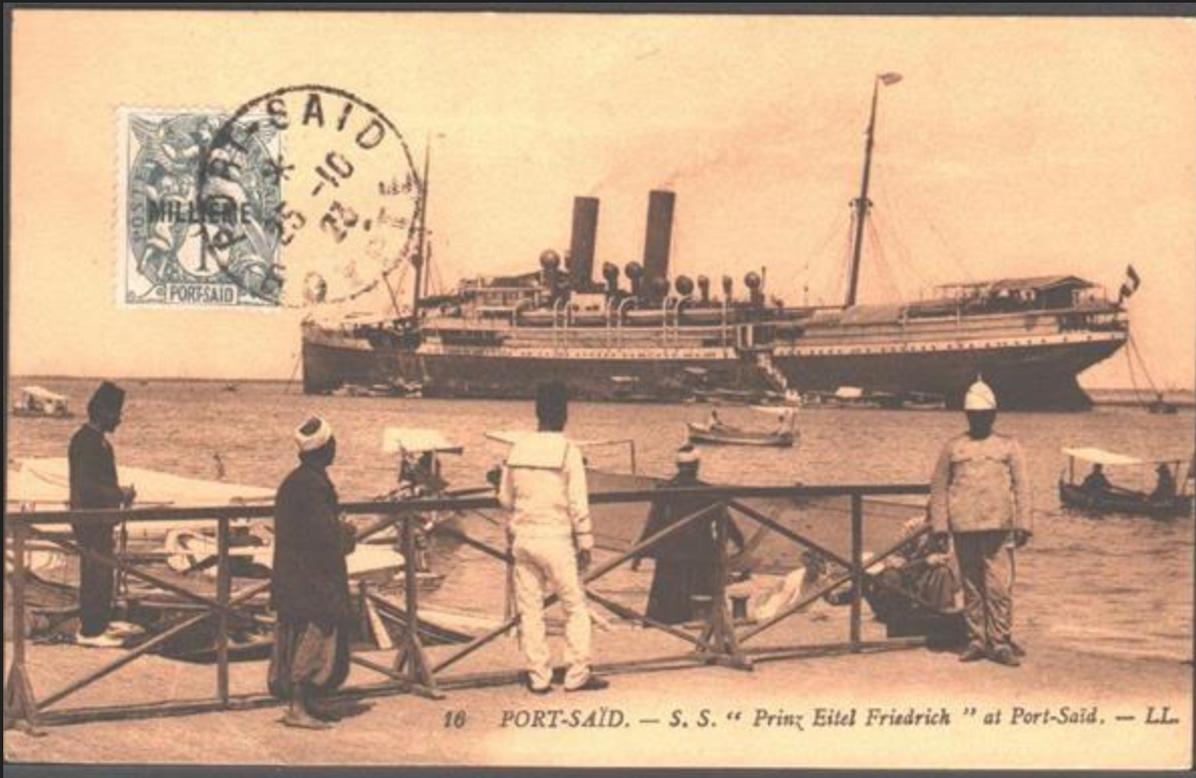


PHOTO POSTCARD OF SHIP "PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH" AT PORT SAID

**25 OCT 1923 PORT SAID POSTMARK ON SURCHARGED PORT SAID STAMP
WITH DENOMINATION IN MILLIEMES**



SURCHARGE PRINTED IN EGYPT - 5 MILLIEMES ON 1 CENTIME

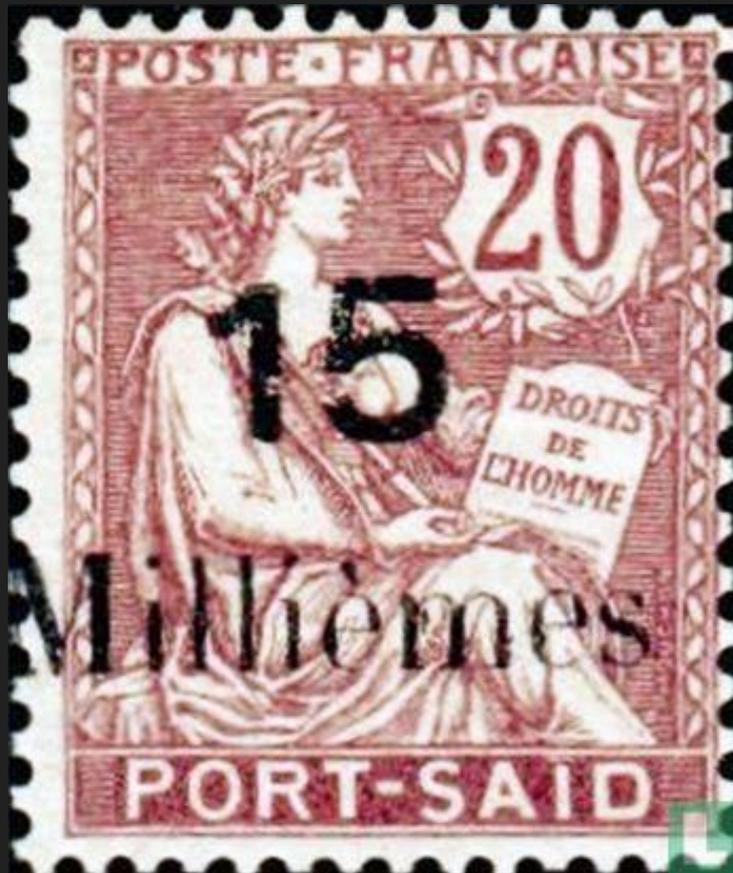


SURCHARGE PRINTED IN EGYPT - 4 MILLIEMES ON 10 CENTIMES

FRENCH DESIGN “RIGHTS OF MAN” DEFINITIVE SERIES



SURCHARGE PRINTED IN EGYPT - 5 MILLIEMES ON 4 CENTIMES



SURCHARGE PRINTED IN EGYPT - 15 MILLIEMES ON 20 CENTIMES



SURCHARGE PRINTED IN PARIS - 60 MILLIEMES ON 2 FRANCS

**LAST ISSUE OF PORT SAID STAMPS BY
FRENCH POSTAL ADMINISTRATION**

**1927-1928 - EXISTING DESIGNS REPRINTED WITH
EGYPTIAN DENOMINATIONS PRINTED ON STAMPS**

(3 MILLIEMES - 250 MILLIEMES)



28 DEC 1912 PORT SAID TO MARSEILLES, FRANCE - STAMPS
INSCRIBED "PORT SAID" - CARD SENT THROUGH FRENCH POST
OFFICE



**SEMI-POSTAL ISSUE OF 1915 TO BENEFIT FRENCH RED CROSS -
SURCHARGE ON 10 CENTIME POST SAID STAMP**

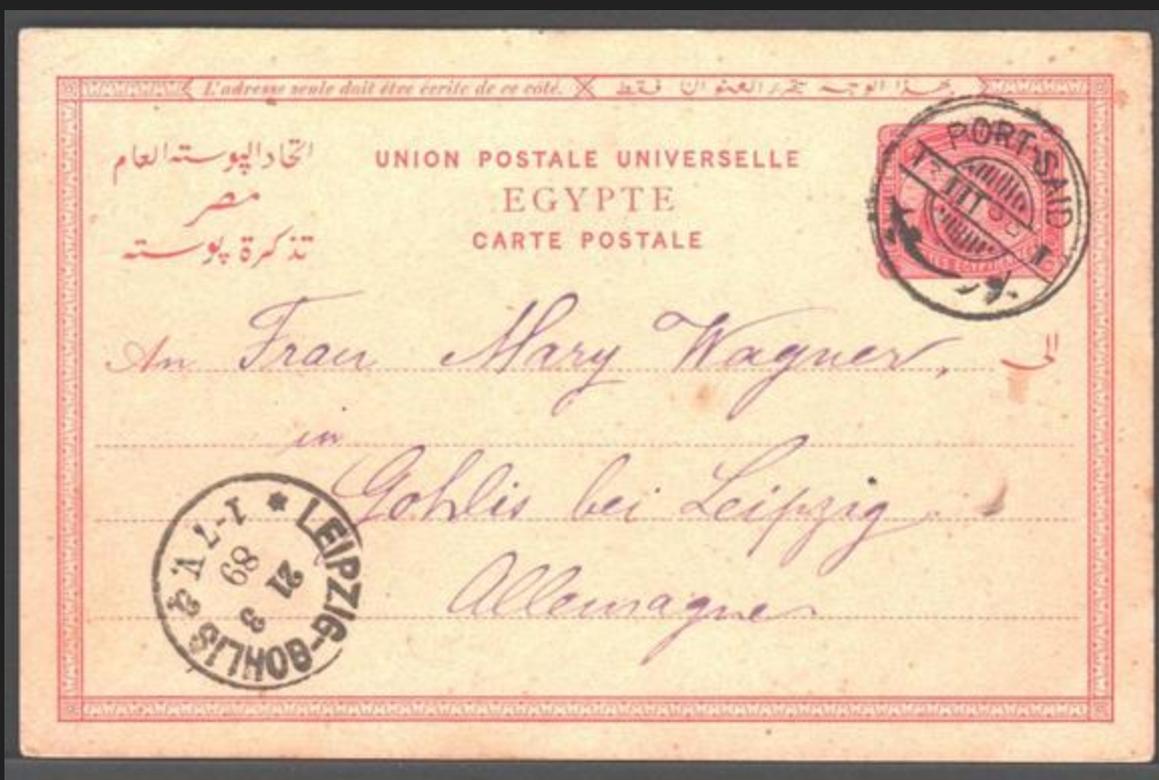


83 PORT-SAID. - General Post office. - LL

PHOTO POSTCARD - GENERAL POST OFFICE AT PORT SAID - CIRCA 1910

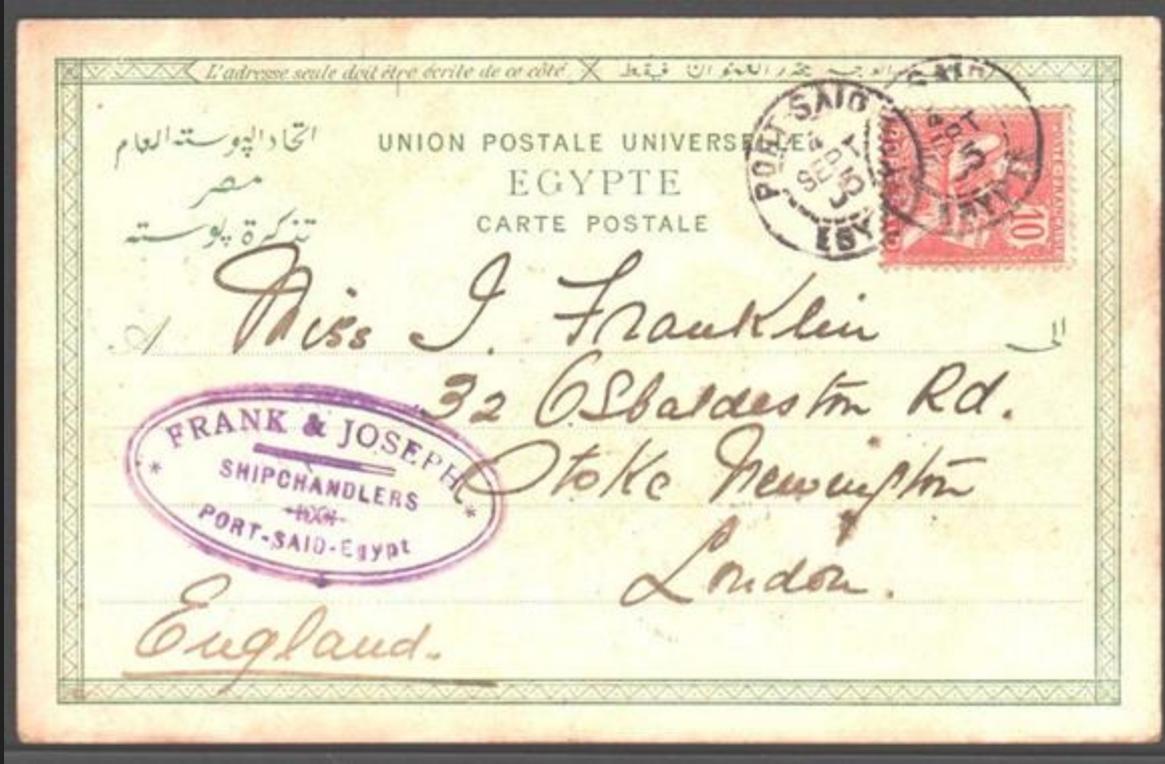


**SIMON ARZT DEPT STORE & EMPORIUM IN COMMERCIAL DISTRICT,
PORT SAID, CIRCA 1920**



13 MAR 1889 PORT SAID TO LEIPZIG, GERMANY 21 MAR 1889

EGYPTIAN 5 MILLIEMES POSTAL CARD



4 SEP 1905 PORT SAID TO LONDON - SENDER'S HANDSTAMP CACHET "SHIP CHANDLER, PORT-SAID" - FRENCH POST OFFICE STAMP

Ship chandler: a dealer in supplies and equipment for ships and boats.



87 PORT SAID. - The Custom's Quay. - LL.

PHOTO POSTCARD CUSTOM'S QUAY AT PORT SAID - CIRCA 1920

*Salomon Mission
Port Said.*



CENSORSHIP EGYPTIAN CENSORSHIP



*Miss S. C. Dunkelberger
147 W. School Lane
Philadelphia, Pa.
U. S. A.*



**27 DEC 1941 PORT SAID TO PHILADELPHIA, USA
EGYPTIAN CENSOR HEXAGON HANDSTAMP & TAPE**

By air mail
2,



Lektorin Armi Husen



PORT SAID
PAQUEBOT



Kuunt
Finland
Europe.

14 AUG 1951 PORT SAID PAQUEBOT TO FINLAND -



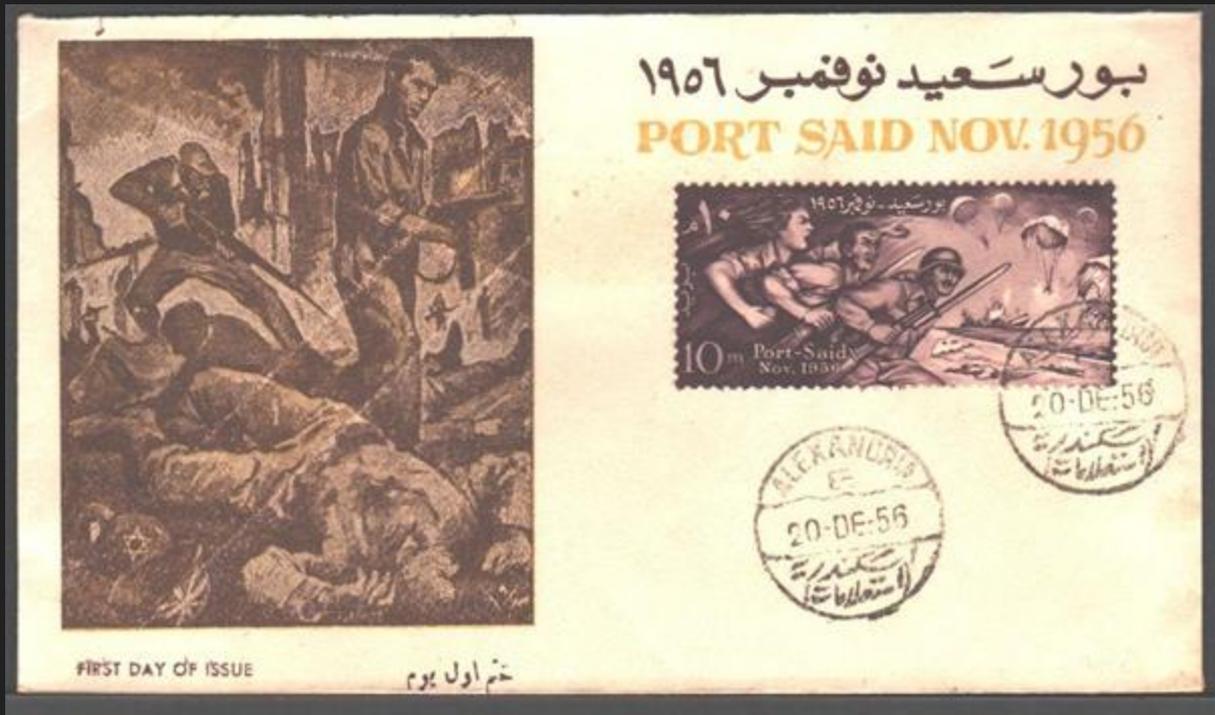
26 SEP 1956 ALEXANDRIA - FIRST DAY COVER - NATIONALIZATION OF SUEZ CANAL BY EGYPT



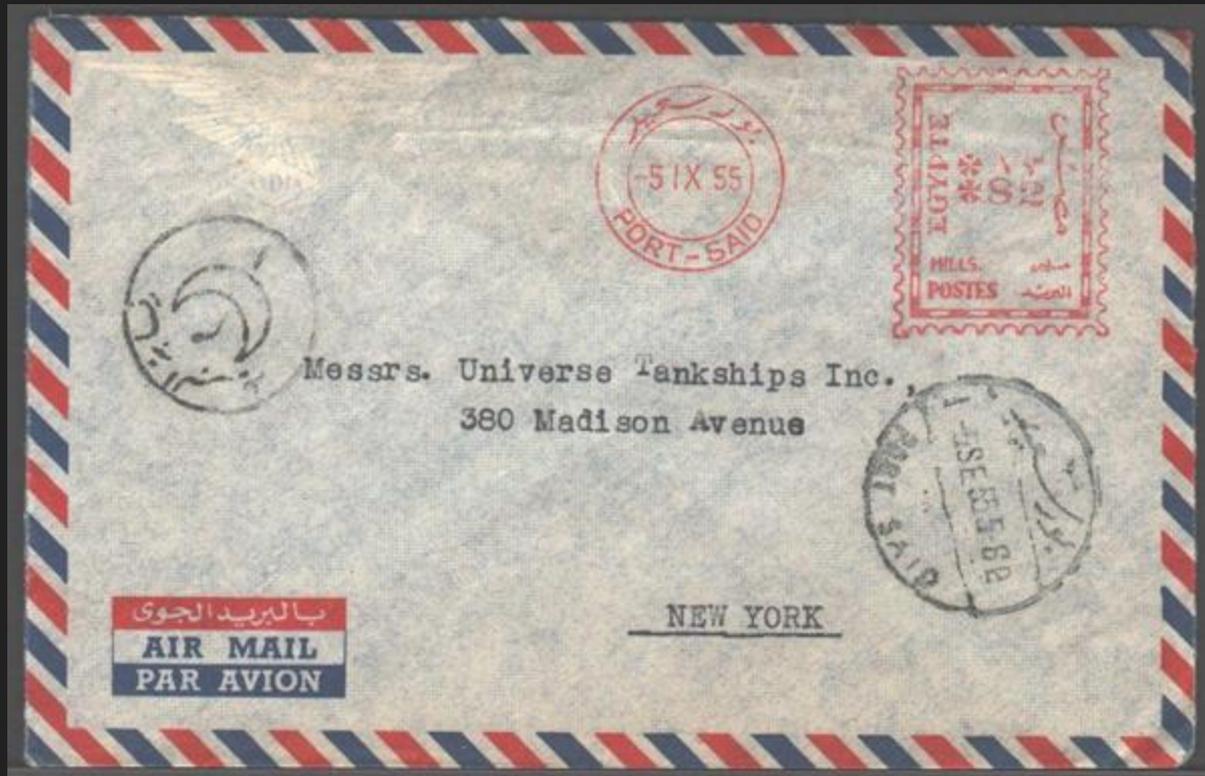
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1957 COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATING BRITISH & FRENCH EVACUATION FROM PORT SAID



20 DEC 1956 ALEXANDRIA - FIRST DAY COVER - HONOR TO DEFENDERS OF PORT SAID DURING SUEZ CANAL WAR OF 1956



5 SEP 1955 PORT SAID TO NYC, USA - METER POSTMARK ON COMMERCIAL COVER SENT AIRMAIL



22 APR 1960 PORT SAID TO LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA, USA - UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC (UAR) AIRMAIL - ROUND EGYPTIAN CENSOR HANDSTAMP

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