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Egyptian Territorial and Red Sea Offices

The Red Sea ports of Suakin, Sudan (also spelt Suakim) and Massawa, Ethiopia (now Eritrea) were nominally Turkish, without postal service, until the Ottoman Sultan formally transferred the civil administration to Egypt. Post offices were opened in November 1867 but no postmark has been recorded earlier than 1868 (per Peter Smith in *Egypt Stamps & Postal History*, 1999, p.576). They were primitive places with little commercial importance, although Suakin was the port of embarkation for pilgrims from the Sudan bound for Jeddah on the Hajj. The Sudan had little interchange with the outside world and almost no foreign inhabitants. Consequently, business and correspondence was conducted entirely in Arabic and only a few Government officials used Italian or French.

The post office at Suakin has been in continuous operation since it was first opened and its importance grew substantially from 1884 when it became a base for military operations as a result of the Mahdist rebellion. It continued to use Egyptian stamps well into 1897, after the Sudan provisional overprints had been supplied elsewhere. The Italian colonial expansion that led to the occupation of the Ethiopian province of Eritrea was the cause for the suppression of the Massawa office, which closed in December 1885.







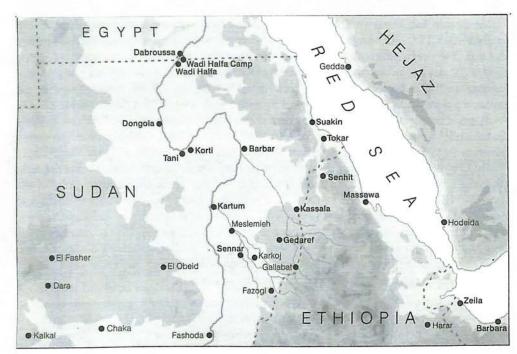


Fig. 8 Territorial and Red Sea offices (stamps known only from offices indicated in **bold** type).

5m. Soldier's Concession Rate

Army of Occupation Sudan Atbara, Sudan to England (forwarded) August 15th, 1898

British troops began to return to Cairo from Sudan in September 1898





Obverse:

Manuscript '3581____ Marshall 2nd Batt Rifle Brg London" (the 2nd Battalion

London Rifle Brigade - raised in the City of London on December 14, 1859)

Manuscript "Army of Occupation Soudan'

Circular 'ATBARA S.P.S.' (Sudan Postal Service) with date bar '15 AO 98' in black, 25 mm.

Circular 'GUILDFORD 10 PM AU 30 98' in black, 22 mm.

Reverse:

Circular 'WADI HALFA S.P.S.' with date bar '17 VIII 98' in black, 30 mm.









TYPE 4

















TYPE 3

TYPE 6

TYPEI

Camel Post Watermarked Rosette 1898

















Wmk. 119 — Crescent and Star





Wmk. 71 — Rosette

Camel Post
Watermarked Multiple Crescent and Star
1902-21























Stamp of 1898 Surcharged 1903



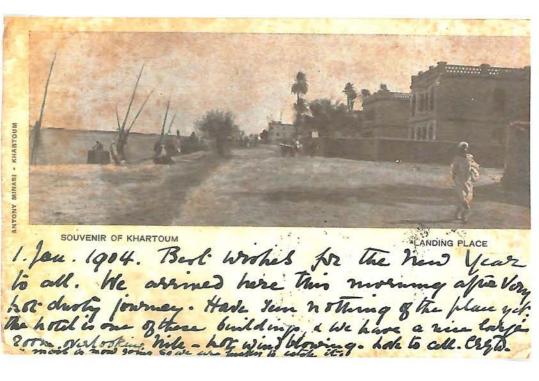
Wmk. 179 — Multiple Crescent and Star





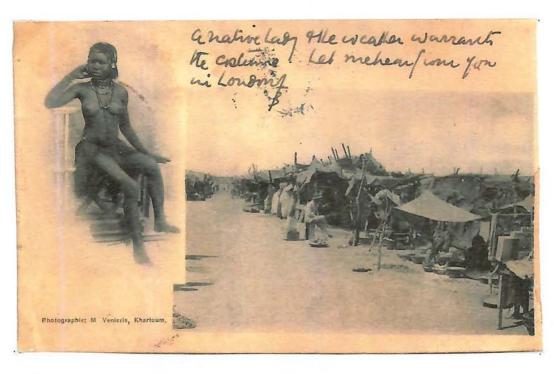
Khartom to England, January 1, 1904 4 m. UPU Post Card Rate Camel Post Series - 1902





Halfa-Halfaya Traveling Post Office (Stagg type 223) to New York
January 11th, 1905, Received February 26th, 1905
4m. UPU Post Card Rate
Camel Post Series-1902





Camel Post
Watermarked Multiple Crescent and Star
1921-22















Camel Post Watermarked Multiple S G 1927-40

















Wmk. 214 — Multiple S G

Camel Post Watermarked Multiple S G 1927-40

















KHARTOUM, SUDAN TO LONDON, ENGLAND ADAM N. PAPADAM CORNER CARD 'SUDAN 5 CENSORSHIP' GREEN SEALING LABEL



Obverse: Circular 'KHARTOUM 6 -- PM 31 MAY 1940 SUDAN'

wavy line roller cancel in black, 22 mm.

Triangular 'PASSED CENSOR SUDAN 5' handstamp in black, 32 mm.

Reverse: Triangular 'PASSED CENSOR SUDAN 5' handstamp in black, 32 mm.

Rate: 15 m. basic postage under the then-current UPU rate by

sea to England



Scarce registered usage on piece

50th Anniversary of Death of General Charles George Gordon 1935



















Gordon Commemorative Stamps Issued on January 1st, 1935 Withdrawn on March 31st, 1935 Quantities sold:

5 m.	821,005
10 m.	78,678
13 m.	25,210
15 m.	70,856
2 p.	55,829
5 p.	21,087
10 p.	13,821
20 p.	7,225
50 p.	5,501

Stamp of 1927 Surcharged 1940



1940 5 m. surcharge Issued due to a wartime shortage 240,000 printed of which 48,960 were faulty 119,040 retained for local use 72,000 transmitted to London for philatelic sale

Stamps of 1927-36 Surcharged 1940-41





1940-41 4 ½ p. surcharge New air mail rate used for "Forces" letters to England 8 p. surcharge – 119,700 sold 5 m. surcharge – 60,000 sold

AIR POST STAMPS

Regular Issues Overprinted in Black 1931







Statue of General C. G. Gordon Perforated 14 1931-35

























5 M. SURCHARGE KHARTOUM, SUDAN TO PORTLAND, OREGON O.D. ARGYROS CORNER CARD – ARGYROS IS A BYZANTINE EMPIRE FAMILY NAME







Obverse:

Circular 'KHARTOUM 6 30 PM 24 OCT 1941 SUDAN'

wavy line roller cancel in black, 22 mm.

Triangular 'PASSED CENSOR SUDAN' in black, 32 mm.

Reverse:

Circular traveling post office postmark:

'SHELLAL-HALFA TPO 2_ OC 41 No. 2.' In black, 32 mm. (Nile River link between the Egyptian and Sudan frontiers

in existence since 1887)

Triangular 'PASSED CENSOR SUDAN' in black, 32 mm.

Rate:

5 m. basic postage appears under the then-current UPU rate by

sea to the United States for letters and post cards. Rate would be correct

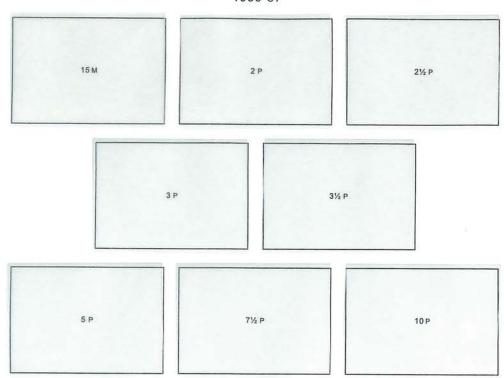
for a letter to Egypt. A mystery!





AIR POST STAMPS

Statue of General C. G. Gordon Type of 1931-35 Perforated 11½ x 12½ 1936-37



Air Post Stamps of 1931-36 Surcharged 1938









POSTAGE DUE STAMPS

Postage Due Stamps of Egypt, 1889, Overprinted in Black 1897







TYPE 6



TYPEI



TYPEZ

Steamboat on Nile River
Watermarked Multiple Crescent and Star
1901









Watermarked Multiple S G 1927-30







ARMY OFFICIAL STAMPS

Inverted Overprint



Regular Issues of 1898 and 1902-08 Overprinted 1905

Watermarked Rosette

Watermarked Multiple Crescent and Star









Regular Issues of 1902-11 Overprinted 1906-11

















Same Overprint on Regular Issue of 1898







400 OVERPRIATED

OFFICIAL STAMPS

Regular Issue of 1898 Overprinted Watermarked Rosette 1902-06



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Same Overprint on Stamps of 1902-11 Watermarked Multiple Crescent and Star 1903-12















OFFICIAL STAMPS

Regular Issue of 1927-40 Overprinted in Black 1936-46































Sudan Landscape 1941































Types of 1898 - 1940 with Changed Arabic Wording Below Camel 1948





































الميد الخسيني لطابع البريد السوداني

FIRST DAY COVER غلاف اليوم الأول

1st. OCTOBER 1948 أول اكتوار ١٩٤٨ .





General Post Office Khartoum عموم البوسة بالمرطوم Mr.A.A. Frost, c/o Department of Agriculture, Khartoum.



50th Anniversary of Sudan's 1st Postage Stamp 1948



SUDAN

Legislative Assembly Opening 1948





Camel Post 1954







Map of Sudan and Sun 1956

15 M





Nubian Ibex, Cotton Picking and Other Designs 1951



































AIR POST STAMPS

Bridge Over Blue Nile and Other Designs 1950

















AIR POST OFFICIAL STAMPS

Air Post Stamps of 1950 Overprinted in Carmine or Black 1950

















POSTAGE DUE STAMPS

Steamboat on Nile River (Redrawn) 1948









OFFICIAL STAMPS

Regular Issue of 1948 Overprinted in Black 1948

































OFFICIAL STAMPS

Regular Issue of 1951 Overprinted in Red 1951















Overprinted in Black or Red



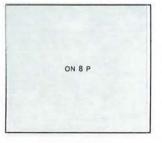


















1897 PROVISIONAL 1 P. POSTAGE DUE ACCEPTED AS VALID FOR POSTAGE ON INTERNAL USE MILITARY LETTER

Wadi Halfa to Alexandria, September 20th, 1897







Obverse:

1 p. provisional postage due stamp (overprint type 4)

Double circle 'WADI HALFA' with date bridge '20 SE 97 TII' in black, 26 mm.

Reverse:

Circular 'ALEXANDRIE A' with date bridge '_4 IX 97 V' in black, 30 mm.

Double circle 'MILITARY POST OFFICE/ALEXANDRIA' with date bar '27 IX 97 __'

In black, 30 mm.

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1897 PROVISIONAL OVERPRINTED POSTAL STATIONERY 5 M. ENVELOPE SIZE 146 X 111 MM.

Merowi to Lakeport, California, August 15th, 1898



Obverse:

Egyptian embossed 5 m. carmine envelope with Sudan provisional overprint

(overprint type 4).

Double circle 'MEROWI' with date bridge '15 VIII 98 TH' in black, 30 mm.

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SUDAN PROVISIONAL STAMPS OF 1897 'TEL' OVERPRINT FOR USE AS A MILITARY TELEGRAPH STAMP



On the appearance of the permanent issue in March 1898, the provisional stamps were withdrawn from circulation, and the majority of the remainders of the lower values sold to dealers. Part of the balance were overprinted for use as military telegraph stamps. The 'TEL' overprint was used for military accountancy purposes, as regular postal issues could also be used concurrently.

Fragment of telegraph input form with 24, 2 m. carmine rose provisional overprint stamps, with additional oval 'TEL' overprint applied by hand in blue, 20 x 8 mm. Circular postmark 'ARMY TELEGRAPHS' with date bridge of '–B-6.VII.98.B—' in black, 35 mm. The franking consists of 3 singles, 2 strips of three, 2 strips of four, and an irregular block of 7.

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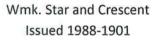
Sudan Military Telegraphs

Watermark Rosette Issued March 1st, 1898























THREE LETTERS FROM A BOAT OFFICER, CAPT. C.R. ORDE.THE FIRST WRITTEN ON 22ND JANUARY 1885 FROM KERF EL HAMDAB FOLLOWED BY ONE ON JUNE 8 FROM DULGO AND ANOTHER ON JULY 3 FROM DAL REGARDING THE BRITISH WITHDRAWAL.



Stampless cover (edge faults) to England endorsed "on active service, no stamps obtainable, C.R. Orde, Capt" with large "KORTI / 26 JA 85" star and crescent datestamp and a "2.1/2" charge mark applied in London. The enclosed letter, written from "Kerf-El-Hamdab, Jan 22 1885" includes "We are to go on the first boats of the Nile Column. 2 Companies of the Staffordshire Regt and a party of skilled boat Officers will form an advanced guard for scouting purposes". Also "I have luckily got 2 pairs of mocassins from the voyageurs", a reference to the Canadian boatmen.

KERF EL HAMDAB January 22nd 1885

My Dear Alice,

Many thanks for your two letters which I got reversed. I got here last night with Colonel Alleyne Avon More and Peel 1st Life Guards. We are to go on the first boats of the Nile Column. As the people here put it in orders "2 Companies of the Staffordshire Regiment with Lieut. Colonel Alleyne and a party of skilled boat officers will form an advanced guard for scouting purposes". This is I think about the very best thing I could have dropped into as there are so few of us.

I got your letter of Nov.14 last night and also one from George Cockburn congratulating me on promotion. I think with him that by the time I get back I shall have made enough money to remain in England on Captains pay. I ought to get about £150 out of this which will help us a lot. We move to the front in a day or two. Even here we are in regular fighting trim and have to sleep in our boots and turn out in the dark and stand about till daylight .every morning. I am very fit except as regards sores which wont heal at any price. I have luckily got two pair of mocassins from the voyageurs which I can wear as I have not been able to put on a boot for 2 months owing to a diseased looking ankle.

I was delighted to gather from a letter of yours which I got at Korti that Willie has got a son. The letter was written from Hardwick in Dec. and was the first I had got since the beginning of November. Avon More sends all sorts of good wishes to you and seems quite as pleased as I am at our job which he thinks is the best we could possibly have as after weeding out all the men who brought out boats the authorities have selected the fittest for the work and being so few we are more likely to get our names mentioned with honour etc. I have not time to write any more as there are many things to see after and I want to answer Cockburn's letter.

I have now got the fastest boat in the whole 800 She is a beauty. We heard last night of Stewart's fight at Abu Klea but not many particulars. It must have been hot while it lasted. I knew several of the men killed. Goodbye for the present. Yours sincerely C.R. Orde

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hud quicker. The water prople get down from ABUFATAND to Rail head in \$6 days as opposed to 14. which is the time the hearding regiments takes. I can't huaging hugh huch known dule and brastly than having to march some 12 or 14 miles in drap Sand. I should very hunde like to know bow how much longer Jam going bottop to out in this country but as long as I get good pay

385 S. cover to England ive service no stamps" tation Commandant, N' with WADI-HALFA poxed "T" handstamp, rrival being the single uble weight cover. The Dulgo says Orde had th orders to proceed e expects to help the pids. He reports the s and Heavies the ve marched to were expected to s much cheaper

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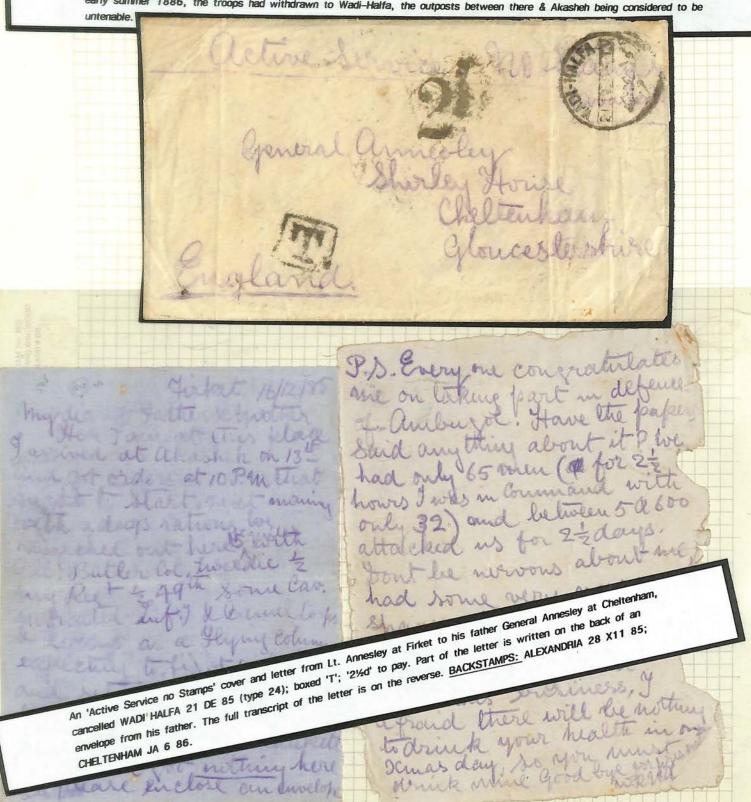


PTO for full text of Letter and ink hand-signed General Gordon banknote of the type he probably refers to: "I'm glad the banknote arrived all safe as it is rather a nice thing in its way."

SUDAN

THE FRONTIER FIELD FORCE - 1885 - FIRKET AND AKASHEH.

This force replaced the dismantled Gordon Relief Expedition and was made up from both British and Egyptian troops under the command of General Grenfell. This force was frequently subjected to small scale attacks and bombardments by the Dervishes whose objective was the destruction of the railway line between Wadi-Halfa and Akasheh. During the last week in December, 1885, Lt. Annesley and his West Kents took part in the Battle of Ginnis, the last action in the Gordon Relief Campaign. By early summer 1886, the troops had withdrawn to Wadi-Halfa, the outposts between there & Akasheh being considered to be



Cavenclish Sale 676 22.9.05

ANNESLEY, W.

Lieutenant, cover and letter to his father, General Annesley.. Refers to fight at Ambigol. "On Active Service No stamps cancelled Wadi Halfa 21 DE 85.." Cavendish auction 676. 22.9.05 Ex Norton Collier coll.

TEXT OF THE LETTER FROM LT. ANNESLEY TO HIS FATHER, GENERAL ANNESLEY.

Firket 16/12/85

My dearest Father and Mother,

Here I am at this place. I arrived at Akasheh on 13th and got orders at 10p.m. that night to start next morning with a days rations. We marched out here 15 miles with Genl. Butler, Col. Livesdie, ½ my Regt., ½ 49th, some cav., Mounted Infy & Camel Corps and 2 guns as a Flying Column expecting to fight a battle and return next day. We were only allowed to take our Great coats & blankets so I have got nothing here so please enclose an envelope and sheet of paper when you write, so that I can answer you. On reaching this place the enemy were found to have gone but they find it necessary to occupy this place as it is very strong. So here I am without anything. Col. Livesdie says they were never so hard up during the Nile Expedition. Am quite well. Very merry Xmas to you all & Aunt August, Uncle Jim and Aunt H. Please give Pat 10/- Claire & Jim each 5/- will send cheque when possible. Expect fight soon. Papers will give you news. Love & kisses to you all. God bless you, Your affte. son.

Willy

P.S. Everyone congratulates me on taking part in defence of Ambigol. Have the papers said anything about it? We had only 65 men (for 2½ hours I was in command with only 32) and between 5 & 600 attacked us for 2½ days. Dont be nervous about me, had some very narrow shaves at Ambigol, but got through it alright and feel confidant about this business, I afraid there will be nothing to drink your health in on Xmas day, so you must drink mine. Goodbye for present.

William

N.B. " . . . at Ambigol Wells, Lieutenant Annesley of the West Kents noticed that the crops of the sandgrouse, which he flighted regularly at dawn, were empty. From this, Butler records, (Brigadier-General William Butler, Wolseley's faithful henchman and a Frontier field commander, whose most southerly outpost was the fort at Kosheh about one hundred miles from Wadi Halfa and three miles from Ginnis), Annesley deduced that some unusual disturbance in a normally uninhabited area of desert had disrupted the birds' feeding habits. This warning enabled him to prepare for and repel a dervish attack." 'A Good Dusting The Sudan Campaigns 1883-1899' Henry Keown-Boyd.

THE NORTON COLLIER F.R.P.S.L., **COLLECTION OF** SUDAN

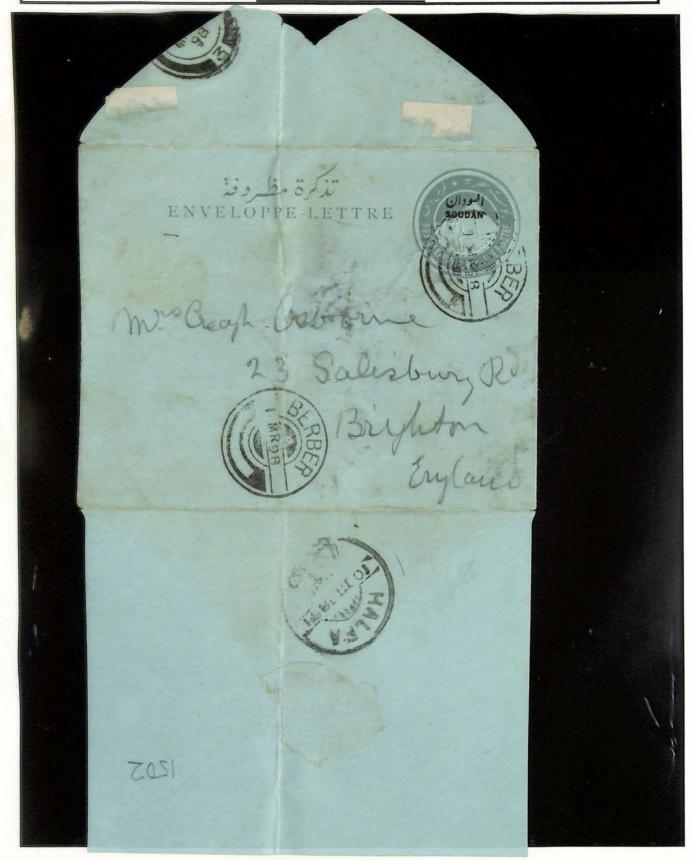
PART TWO



ON ACTIVE SERVICE ENVELOPE AND CONTENTS FROM LIEUTENANT ANNESLEY AT FIRKET: 1885 (21 Dec.) stampless envelope to the U.K. ex Lieutenant Annesley at Firket to his father (General Annesley) in Cheltenham cancelled "WADI HALFA 21 DE 85" with boxed "T" & "21/2d" to pay. The letter plus a transcript of same is included. Fascinating contents include "Everyone congratulates me on taking part in defence of Ambigol. Have the papers said anything about it? We had only 65 men (for 2½ hours I was in command with only 32) and between 500 and 600 attacked us for 21/2 days.....had some very narrow shaves at Ambigol but got through it alright and feel confident about this business". PHOTO - see plate no. 6

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SIX MILES FROM BERBER 1st March 1898 "DERVISHES ARE SUPPOSED TO ATTACK TOMORROW"

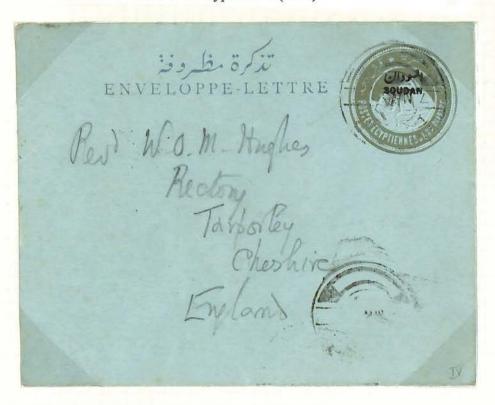


1502 Ipi LETTER ENVELOPE FROM BERBER TO BRIGHTON WITH INTERESTING CONTENTS:1898 (1 Mar)
1 pi stationery letter env with type IV overprint posted at Berber to Brighton cancelled with a good strike of the type 29
"BERBER" bilingual c.d.s. with another strike nearby, transit c.d.s. of "HALFA" and arrival c.d.s. of "BRIGHTON".

The message in pencil reads "1st or 2nd March Arrived 6 miles from/Berber after 5 days forced/marches which you will
hear/of, I expect. March night+/day without sleep, + very little/food. It is now midnight/& Dervishes are supposed/to
attack tomorrow/Have got a gent to post this/will write when possible/HCO". Some faults but most interesting. PHOTO
- see plate no. 22

Letter from A.W.B. Watson, Padre to the British Troops.

To Cheshire. Cds 17 Mar 98, Berber (faint Stagg 29) B/s Halfa 26.111 98 Type H1-6 (19-4)



British Brigade (now on Atbara River 17 March 98 Dear Bos.

We have moved a pace by forced marches since I last wrote: and tomorrow we fight probably, and hope to strike a very decisive blow against the curse of Upper Egypt. - Thanks for your letter -I have <u>never</u> left any letter of yours received unanswered - my intention was to send the stamps in another envelope & found after posting they were unprocurable. However, by now they will have reached your boy. They are out of issue, and a new issue in which as yet I have been unable to get situated as we are. I believe it is the same stamp with "Sudan" instead of "Soudan". It is the Sirdar's desire for making stamp collectors contribute to the expenses of the war! - I believe after this I return altogether to England and shall

hope to see you - I was very annoyed at the paragraph in the papers - nor could I suppress it - and all my friends seem to have seen it. So far as <u>facts</u> went and so far as it stated facts it was true. but there is a gulf behind that I dare not describe in writing. I shall send the stamps to your boy when I can. They may tarry even weeks

I must go now to see a poor fellow whose hands have been shot off and stumps amputated, as he is being moved from the front to the hospital on the lines of communication..

Yours ever. A.W.B. Watson.

In the book "Omdurman Diaries 1898 by John Meredith, it mentions that a Private Burrows was warming himself by the fire when a packet of ammunition fell in. He picked it out and it exploded and blew off both of his hands.)

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From St Hodgeon Nile Expeditioning Force like fighting cocks - Assuan we went round 1er cotaract on trucks a hard days work changing baggage etc. Assuau is were this great dam is bemade and the ruins of Philae are there I didusthave time to jo and inspect the latter closely the wehada good biew from the river of the island. at Assuan we heard of the Buttle of the Albara which took place on the 8th tho we got no details at all. We reached this place on the 11" Laster monday the' it was no nortof Bank Holiday forus.



Correspondence from Lieutenant Hamilton Hodgson, 1st Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment who wrote during his journey from Cairo to Atbara. He had no opportunity to post them until he reached Halfa where they were all posted on 16th April 1898 to Ashby in Ceylon.





Correspondence from Lieutenant Hamilton Hodgson, 1st Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment .It seems he wrote profusely during his journey from England to Halfa, saved the letters up and posted them all at the same time when he reached Halfa.

From H Hodgson 11898 dinoth Per + 1898 Nile Expedition any Force

I had about Ten days in Cairo until the St. of April the precise - in Went slowly in some ways as thought Iwas going to be stuck atthe depot in Cairo and was very disjusted at acing all the telegrams about the toree up here - otherwise Cairo is a good place Sthink We had some jobly races and I met several people I knew, not a bad clubthere. Attogether if Thadbeen aettled Ishould have Rujoyed my stay almost morethan I did -

