

AIRMAIL

STAMPS OF THE

SUDAN

This exhibit will provide a look at Sudan's airmail stamps, whose history spans less than 23 years.

Sudan's first airmail stamps were three overprinted definitives released in February and March of 1931. Six months later the Gordon Statue stamps began to appear. Over the next 19 years they were reissued with different perforations and were also overprinted as required by changing rates and shortages of necessary denominations. Two more definitives were overprinted during World War II. Sudan's final airmails were introduced in 1950, but were in use for less than three years.

(Note that in this exhibit ten milliemes equal one piastre.)

Some of the more interesting items in the exhibit are the proofs and color trial essay shown below, a first flight cover (p. 2), a pair of Graf Zeppelin covers (p. 5), two scarce overprint varieties (p. 8), and three scarce perforation varieties (p. 12).



Proofs of the Gordon Statue frame and vignette; a red color trial essay of the overprint, position 18 from one of two panes of 50 to which this overprint was applied (American Philatelic Society certificate).

Three definitives were overprinted for airmail usage by Thomas De La Rue and Company, Limited, in February and March, 1931. The block shows a broken M (upper right) and broken L (lower left). The stamps were demonitized October 1, 1935.



Above, commercial airmail to London, May 21, 1931. Below, the first flight from Khartoum to London, 3p postage plus 15m for registration.



The first eight regular airmail stamps were issued September 1, 1931. The 3m and 2½p values were issued January 1, 1933, and the 7½p and 10p values were issued October 17, 1935. The stamps were recess printed by De La Rue in sheets of 50, perforated 14, with multiple SG watermark.



Air Mail



Fisher, Simmons & Rodway (East Africa)
Ltd

Victoria Street

P.O. Box 406

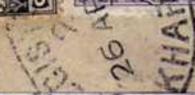
NAIROBI

Arnoldville
Nonhstown
Co Dublin

Ireland.

REGISTERED

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Above, commercial covers to Nairobi via Malakal (1934), and to Dublin (1931); right, registered to Philadelphia via Shellal-Halfa T.P.O. (1938); below, to Chicago (1934).

Philadelphia

BANK (DOMINION, COLONIAL AND OVERSEAS)
IN THE UNITED KINGDOM WITH LIMITED LIABILITY
KHARTOUM
(SUDAN)



C. E. T. PERROTTA

KHARTOUM
P. O. BOX 262

BY AIR

The Gibson Electric Refrigerator Corporation
201 North Wells Street
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
U. S. A.



ONLY

AIR MAIL

MIT ZEPPELIN
EUROPA-SÜDAMERIKA



Regist.

MR. S. BAYER,
c/o SYNDICATO CONDOR LTDA
SANTOS. **BRASIL.**

Covers flown on the Graf Zeppelin's First (above) and Fourth (below) South America Flights were both flown to Friedrichshafen via Berlin, and then carried to Santos, Brazil via Sao Paulo on the Graf Zeppelin. (Both are ex Fishbain, with APS certificate.)

ONLY

by "GRAF ZEPPELIN"



Regist.
Tit. Syndicato Condor Ltda.,
SANTOS. **Brasil.**

The 2p definitive was overprinted by De La Rue to meet the 2½p per 15 grams rate to Rhodesia, issued July 18, 1932 and withdrawn from service December 31, 1932.



Six values were locally overprinted by McCorquodale and Company in March and April, 1935, to meet revised rates and shortages of some values.







Double surcharge,
position 28 from the
unique pane of 50.
(APS certificate)



Inverted surcharge,
position 37 from the
unique pane of 50.
(APS certificate)





BY AIR MAIL



Messrs,
Joh. Weiss & Sohn
Margaretenstrasse 65

W I E N

Austria

Khartoum to Vienna, October 5, 1935, backstamped
Athens October 8 and Vienna October 20.



Eight values of the Gordon Statue airmails of 1931 – 1935 were reprinted in the same colors by De La Rue in 1936 – 1937. The perforation gauge was changed to $11\frac{1}{2}$ by $12\frac{1}{2}$.



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P. O. Box No. 153

KHARTOUM (SUDAN)



By AIR MAIL

750

Mr
Evangelos I. Manolis
Rue Pireos Ke Sokratouj No 51
Survia tis odis Lurpilou kai Thraouj No 51

CONTROLE DU CHANGE

AYOTI M. STAMATOPOUL

P. O. Box No. 158

KHARTOUM (SUDAN)



REGISTERED

By AIR MAIL

710 59

Mr,

EVANGELOS . I . MANOLIS



51. GONIA PIREOS KE SOKRATOUS No, 51.

By AIR MAIL

A T H E N S

G R E E C E

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Khartoum to Athens at the 3p rate, July 28, 1938, with four Athens backstamps. To the same addressee, with additional 2p for registration, June 16, 1939, with French/Greek censor tape and Athens backstamp.

Shortages of needed values resulted in overprints, applied by De La Rue, on the 2½p (perf. 11½ by 12½) and the 3½p, 7½p, and 10p (perf. 14) values. The stamps were issued July 1, 1938.



Two sheets (100 stamps) of each of the 3½p, 7½p, and 10p values of the perf. 11½ by 12½ reissues received the overprint. (APS certificate for each.)



The 8p definitive was locally overprinted on December 21, 1940, specifically to meet the airmail rate for military personnel writing to England. The 5m was similarly overprinted on February 9, 1941. Sales were limited to four stamps per customer, upon written application. The stamps were demonitized on May 15, 1941, and are not generally listed as airmails.





Messrs. H. J. ...

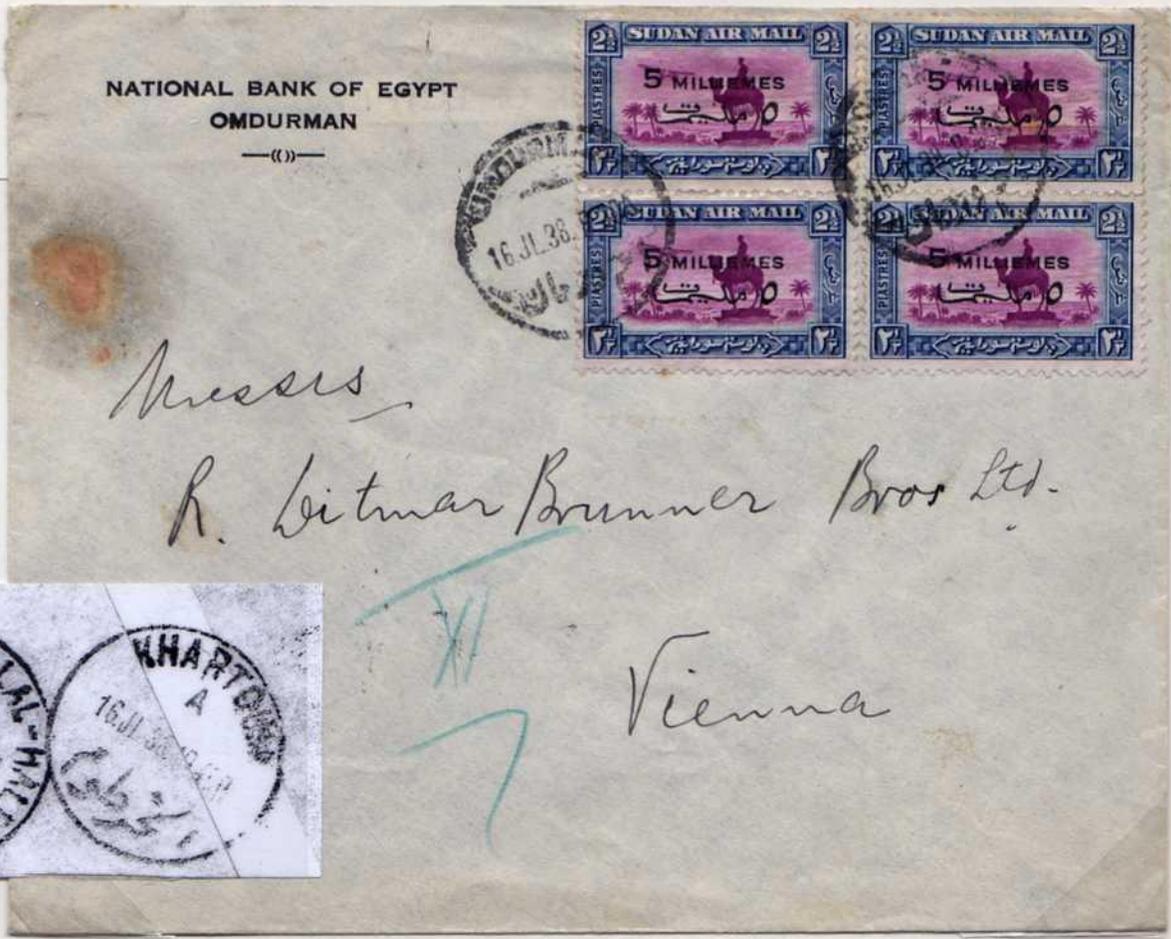
PO BOX 770,

Nicosia,

CYPRUS.



Above, a first day cover, July 1, 1938, to Nicosia via Cairo, received July 7. Below, Omdurman to Austria, July 16, 1938, via Shellal-Halfa T.P.O. No. 1.



NATIONAL BANK OF EGYPT
OMDURMAN

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Messrs

R. Leitner Brunner Bros Ltd.

Vienna



De La Rue prepared a new set of airmails, recess printed in sheets of 50, perf. 12, issued July 1, 1950. The stamps were overprinted S.G. for official use and issued on the same date.



AIR MAIL



Bank of Cyprus Limited

Nicosia

Cyprus

BY AIR MAIL

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AIR LETTER

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED
THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT
BY ORDINARY MAIL.



*at Noutte
Mrs Buser
answering re
lpy/a messwray*

Mrs Nora Francis

R.R. 3

St Thomas, Ontario,

Canada

Arrived

Dec. 3/51 Answered Dec. 8, mailed Dec. 9

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Top, Barclay's Bank correspondence, Port Sudan to Cyprus, 1951, backstamped in Khartoum and Nicosia. Bottom, folded air letter, Torit to Canada, 1951, backstamped "Sudan Air Mail" in Juba, backstamped in Khartoum.