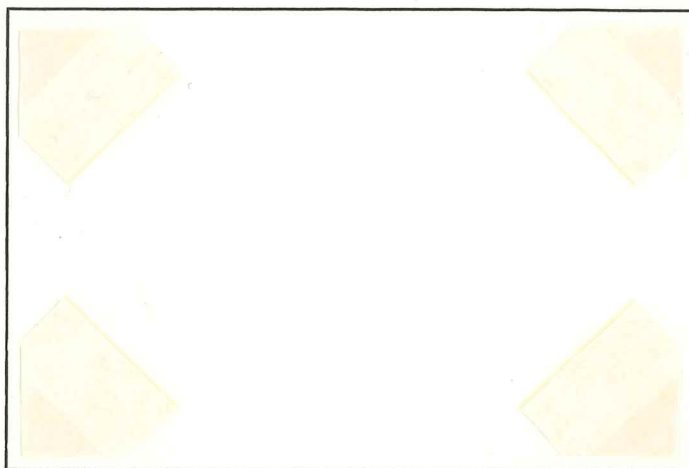


Unissued Commemorative Stamps

Inauguration of Farouk Canal (unissued), 1951

Inauguration of the Farouk Canal, 1st November 1951. The Suez Canal Company was invited by the Egyptian P.O. to submit a design for an issue to mark the opening of Canal Farouk by H.M. King Farouk on 1st November 1951. Canal Farouk was a new improved section of the Suez Canal between Kantara and Ismailia.

Jean Boulad d'Humieres, the company's Public Relations Officer and a FRPSL was made responsible for the project. Together with Mr R. Bauchet (Head of Admin., Architectural Dept., Suez Canal Co.) they produced this design.



The hand painted essay shows a design of a passenger liner passing the lighthouse and pier entering the Canal at Port Said.

The two alterations were required:

- The King should be shown wearing the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet;
- Canal Farouk and date to be inserted in Arabic above the English lettering.

Signed, 16th October 1951.

For political reasons, the ceremony was cancelled and the stamp was never used.

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