Formerly at Moascar, Crown Cancel #1 was transferred to M.P.O. Cairo sometime after 15 June 1935. However, no Cairo dates are known for this Crown Cancel except for 15 March 1936. This cover shows the last day of use of the Crown Cancels and the last day of validity for the letter stamps. Army Post stamps came into use on March 1, 1936. This cover is part of a presentation set of the 24 different Crown Cancels (Crown Cancel 7 was lost and thus not in the presentation set). Fifty sets were made and distributed to notables and others involved with the postal concession. The stamp is cancelled with a mauve retta, not the normal black.
Crown Cancel #2 was allocated to the military post office for British Troops in Egypt at Cairo. It was held in reserve and is only known used on these special presentation Mary Lloyd last day covers. This cover shows the last day of use of the Crown Cancels and the last day of validity for the letter stamps. Army Post stamps came into use on March 1, 1936. This cover is part of a presentation set of the 24 different Crown Cancels (Crown Cancel 7 was lost and thus not in the presentation set). Fifty sets were made and distributed to notables and others involved with the postal concession. The stamp is cancelled with a mauve refta, not the normal black.
Crown Cancel 3 was transferred from the Moascar military post office to Alexandria on 1 November 1935. The letter stamp is cancelled with a mauve retta, not the normal black.
Crown Cancel 4 was used at Cairo before being transferred to Cairo in June 1935. The letter stamp is cancelled with a mauve retta, not the normal black.
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Isle of Man.

The letter stamp is cancelled with a mauve retta, not the normal black.
Miss Mary Lloyd,
The Buchan School,
Castletown,
Isle of Man.
This cancel was originally issued to the Military Post Office at Moascar but it was transferred to Cairo in June 1935. It was held in reserve and is only known used on philatelic last day covers.

Miss Mary Lloyd,
The Buchan School,
Castletown,
Isle of Man.
Crown Cancel 9 was allocated to the Navy House in Port Said but held in reserve; covers other than the special presentation philatelic ones postmarked 15 March 1936 are not known. The Military Post Office datestamp was issued on March 1, 1936. The frank is not the usual red but violet. In addition, the retta is red, not black.
The M.P.O. PORT SAID c.d.s. was allocated to the Military Post Office at Port Said on March 1, 1936, to be used on the newly issued ARMY POST stamps. The only covers known with this numeral frank and the Military Post Office c.d.s. of Port Said are philatelic postmarked 15 March 1936. The Crown Cancel is not the usual red but violet and the retta is red, not black.

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Isle of Man.
The military post office at the Royal Air Force Station, No. 4 Flying Training School at Abu Sueir was issued its M.P.O. postmark for use with the Army Post stamps issued on March 15, 1936. Prior to that date letters were processed through the local Egyptian post office. Crown Cancel #11 saw very limited use except for the special philatelic last day covers such as that displayed below. The exhibitor knows of only one cover with Crown Cancel #11 and a civilian postmark 1(934).

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Isle of Man.
The M.P.O. ABU SUEIR datestamp was first used on March 1, 1936. Mails were routed through the Abu Sueir civil post office.
The M.P.O. ABU-QIR datetstamp was placed in service on March 1, 1936, when the military post office opened at the Royal Air Force station at Aboukir. It closed on 27 January 1937. This cover shows the last day of use for the Crown Cancel.
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Isle of Man.
The M.P.O. ALEXANDRIA datestamp and Crown Cancel 15 were assigned to Alexandria on 1 NOVEMBER 1935, when the military post office was re-established. It was transferred from the military hospital at Ras-el-Tin. This cover shows the philatelic last day of use for the Crown Cancel and the likely first day of use for the c.d.s. It is believed that this numeral frank was held in reserve and only saw duty on the last day.

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The Buchan School,
Castletown,
Isle of Man.
The Crown Cancel 16 frank was assigned to Alexandria on 1 November 1935, when the military post office was re-established. It was transferred from the military hospital at Ras-el-Tin. This cover shows the philatelic last day of use for the Crown Cancel. It is believed that this numeral frank was held in reserve and only saw duty on the last day as other Numeral Franks (#3, 6, and 22) were being used since 1 November.

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Isle of Man.
The Crown Cancel 17 frank was assigned to Alexandria on 1 November 1935, when the military post office was re-established. It was transferred from Mustapha Barracks. This cover shows the philatelic last day of use for the Crown Cancel.

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Isle of Man.
The Crown Cancel 18 frank was assigned to Alexandria on 1 November 1935, when the military post office was re-established. It was transferred from Mustapha Barracks where it was held in reserve. This cover shows the philatelic last day of use for the Crown Cancel.

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CROWN CANCEL 21

Presentation Cover of the Last Day with Straight M.P.O. CAIRO and red retta obliterator.

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While Crown Cancel 22 was used at Cairo as well as at Alexandria, the "Mary Lloyd Presentation Set" used only the M.P.O. Alexandria c.d.s.

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Crown Cancel #24 was held in reserve and never put to postal use. It is only known on last day covers such as this one from a presentation set.

Miss Mary Lloyd,
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Isle of Man.
It is thought that this Crown Cancel was placed in service in late 1935 or early 1936.

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