



The Suez Canal is the shortest maritime route between Europe and the lands lying round the Indian and western Pacific oceans and is normally one of the world's most heavily used shipping lanes. The canal was first dug back in ancient Egyptian times, about the time of pharaoh Sesostri I (early 20th century B.C.). (cont. on page 77)

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*The Good. The Bad. and The Ugly.*



*The Egyptian side: A road to nowhere.*



*"Who's that behind those Foster Grants?"*



French WWI memorial to the canal's defenders.

