Türkische Briefmarken

Post 7-14 Post 60.
Lang 334

IV a




Unadopted Essays in issued colours of The Dolmabahce set, Sultan Reshad set and 25pi postage stamp.
Main difference on design is the value in Latin and Arabic characters. On issued stamps only Arabic characters used.

1



Imp.

1916

2



3



4



Imp.

1916

5



6



7



8



9



10



11



1916

Imp.

Imprimaturs of 10 paras, 20 paras and 1 piastre stamps as well as colour proofs of 10 paras and 1 piastre stuck on thick card.

92

Inventar II/pmg 2 S/12.30

3a



1 Piaster

3



1 Piaster

Waisen-M. 1



10 Para
20 Para

1917

Waisen-M. 2



1 Piaster

1917

5



20 Para

6



25 Piaster

1917

9



5 Para

1917/18

10



10 Para

1917/18

11



2 Piaster

1917/18

12



5 Piaster

Unadopted essays on white papers also showing different colours and in the case of no.3, 3a and 12 totally different designs.



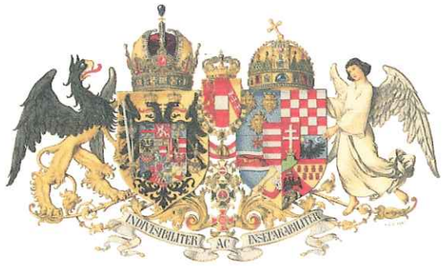
4 Stück

Four different colour proofs of 2 piastres on thick card




Colour proofs on thick card. No.5 is the issued colour.

# Ottoman Stamps Printed in Austro – Hungarian State Printing House, Vienna during World War I






State printing house founded in 1804 by the decree of Emperor Francis I as 'k. k. Hof- und Staatsdruckerey'. At the time of its founding in 1804, it boasted 5,000 alphabets and could print in almost any language – living or dead. Besides printing the nation's stamps, they have also printed etchings, maps, paintings, forms and stationery. In 1850 the Company started to produce stamps and thus laid the foundation for its internationally recognized high artistic and printing standards. In 1918 after the collapse of the monarchy, the Court and State Printing House became the Austrian State Printing House.

Today known as Österreichische Staatsdruckerei GmbH, Vienna (OSD) was a 100% state own company until 1999. Since the year 2000 OSD is a 100% private owned company and within the new company structure all stamp archives were given to the state museum of Austria.

Because of World War I, stamp printing contract with Bradbury Wilkinson & Co of England has been terminated and even stock of stamps put away since printed by the 'enemy' but after the war they have been surcharged or overprinted and used by the Empire and Turkish Grand National Assembly Government. The Empire needed stamps urgently and Austria state printing house was an obvious choice since they have ability to produce large quantities in short time and also they were 'allies'.

Objection of the exhibit to show the stamps and postal stationeries printed for the Ottoman Empire during World War I in details such as errors, proofs, essays, and their usage on postal documents. These stamps with overprinted or surcharged also used in the lost territories of the Ottoman Empire (Greece, Iraq, Syria Arab Kingdom and Nejdi Occupation of Hejaz). But this is outside of this exhibit. Also Cilicia left out since she was a short lived country which is part of the Republic of Turkey today. Exhibit divided in three parts;

1 – Issued stamps (Pages 2 to 33)
2 – Unissued stamps (Pages 34 to 48)
3 – Overprinted or surcharged stamps. (Pages 49 to ~~80~~ 75)

Most of the proofs and essays as well as Specimens from the postal archives of other countries are unique. Two sheets of imperforate stamps produced for all issued and unissued stamps and exhibit shows some of the largest known multiples.

## The 50th Anniversary of the City Post

Issued on 29.03.1916, printed by typography in sheets of 100 without margins.
Perforated 13 ¼ but also rarely perforation 12 ½ exist


5 paras


10 paras


20 paras


1 piastre

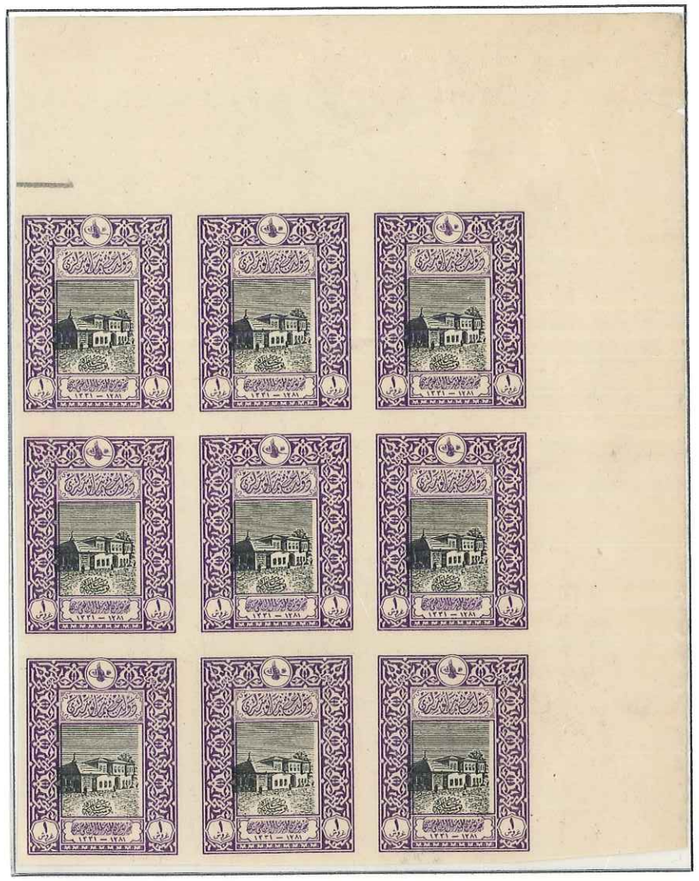

5 piastres

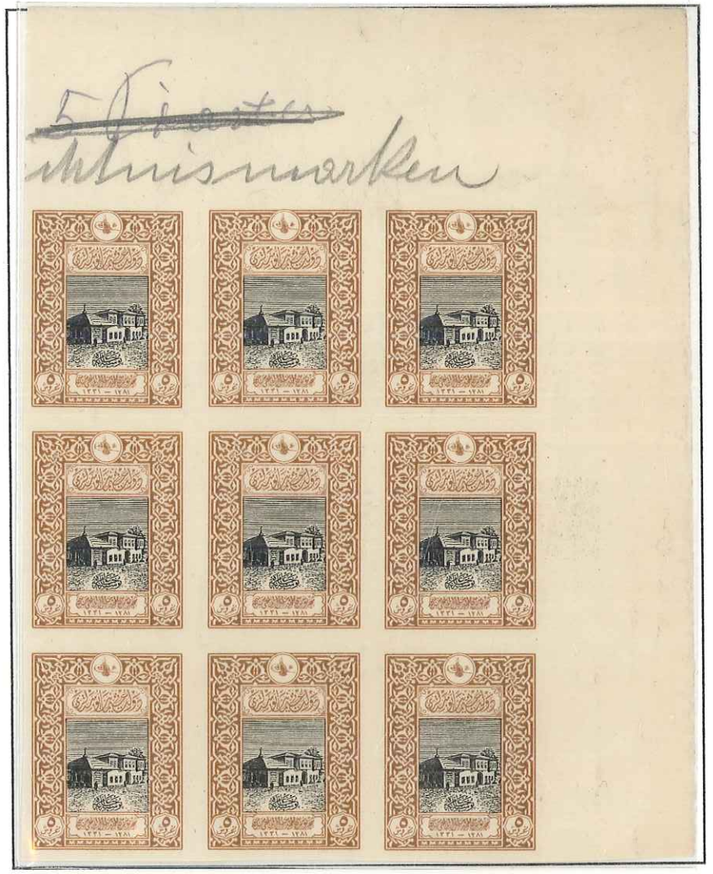
Perf. 12 ½





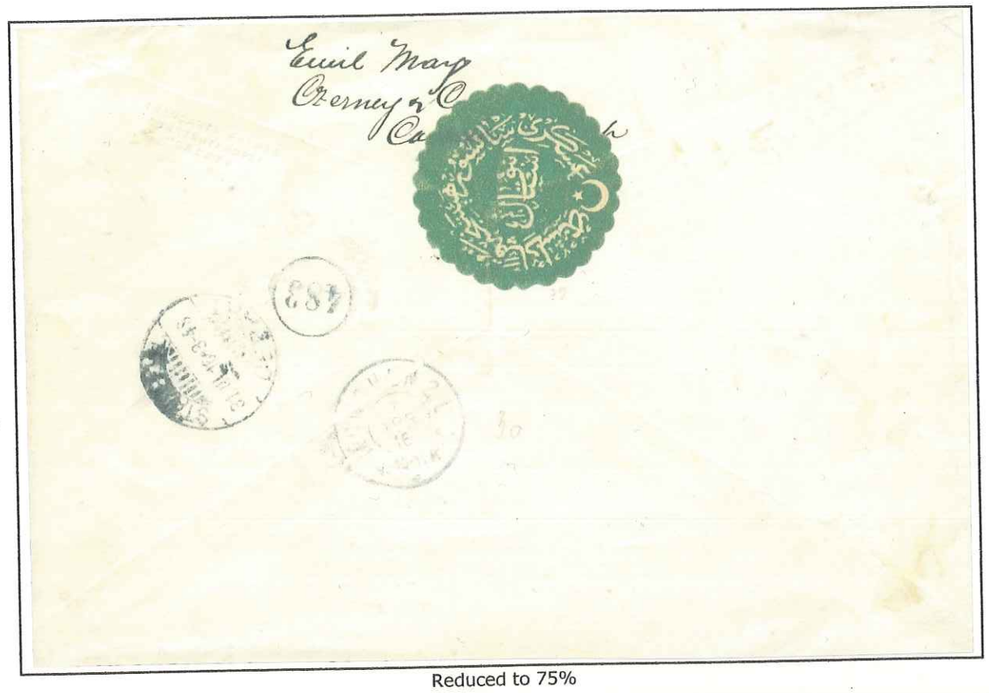

Two Imperforate sheets exist and these are the largest known multiples.




5 Piaster
Dienstmarken








Reduced to 75%




1916 (31.3) registered censored cover from Constantinople to Munich, Germany
franked with complete set of five City Post stamps and an additional 2pi war overprint stamp.

# The Dolmabahce Palace Postage Stamps

Issued on 15.11.1916, copper plate printing in sheets of 100 and perforated 12 ½



10 piastres



10 piastres



10 piastres

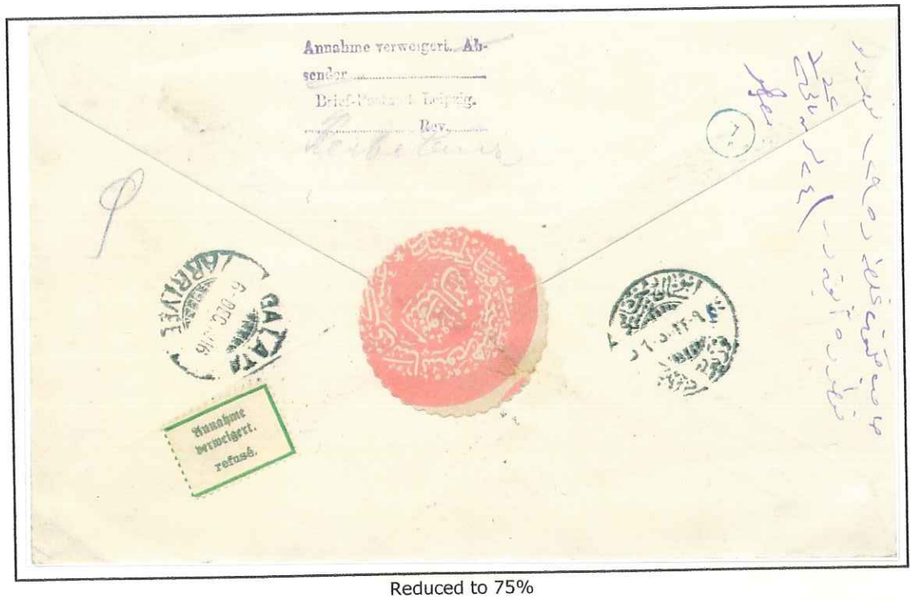


Imperforates

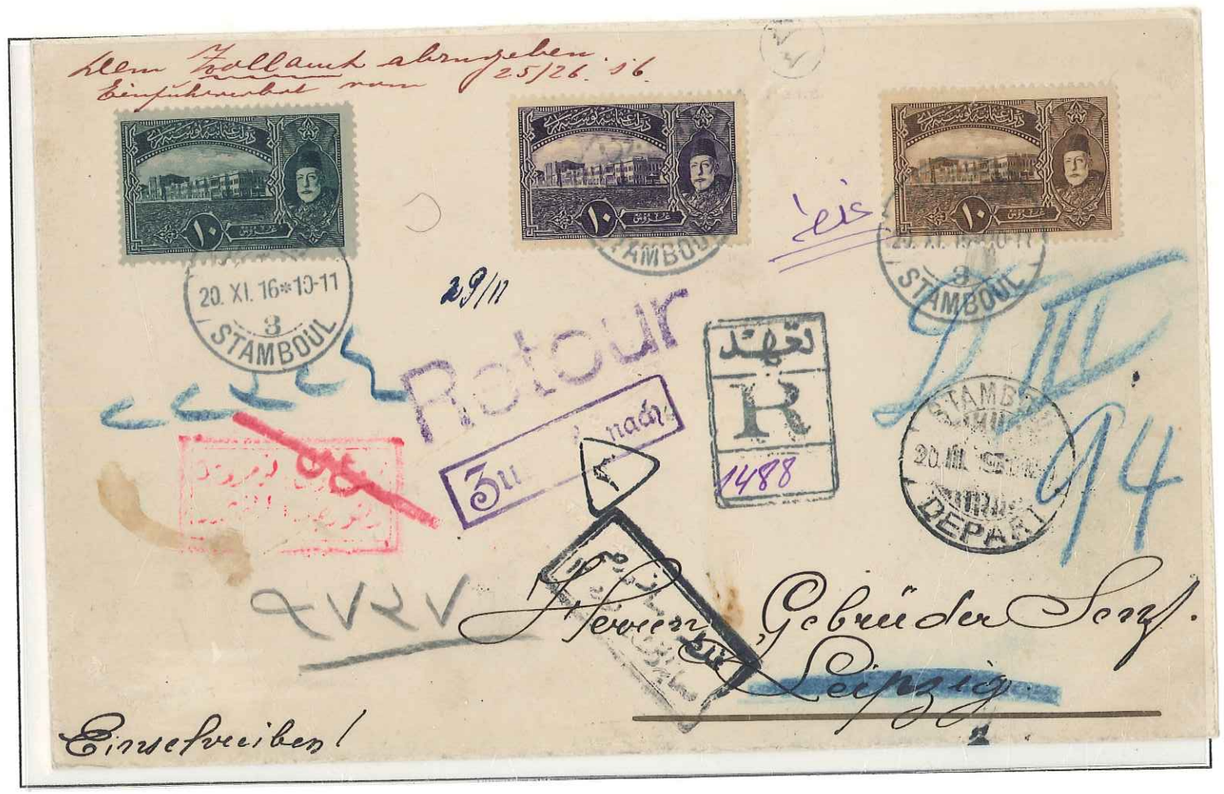





SPECIMEN set from the Madagascar Postal Archive




Reduced to 75%




1916 (20.11) registered censored Retour cover from Constantinople to Leipzig, Germany franked with complete set of three The Dolmabahce Palace postage stamps.

5



6



7



8



9



11



10



Colour Trials on thick card also showing issued colours (numbered 8 – 9 – 11) on white paper.

X4 11

12



4

14



4

15



4

16



4

13



4

17



4

18



4

20



4

19



4

21



4

22



4

Colour Trials on thick card also showing issued colours on bluish paper (numbered 12 to 16) and yellowish paper (numbered 17 to 22).

## Sultan Reshad Portrait Postage Stamps

Issued on 06.02.1917, copper plate printing in sheets of 100 and perforated 12 ½



50 piastres



50 piastres



50 piastres








SPECIMEN set from the Natal Postal Archive




1920 (11.05) parcel card from Caycuma to Akhisar used during the Anatolian Government period.



Imperforate



1925 (23.01) parcel card from Carsamba to Rize used during the Republican period.



Imperforate and partially imperforate pairs




1921 (11.12) registered cover from Istanbul to London, England

1



47 ч

2



38 ч

3



17 ч

4



29 ч

5



2 ч

6



23 ч

7



1 ч

8



50 ч

9



37 ч

10



10 ч

11



50 ч

12



10 ч

12 Stück

Colour Trials on thick card in different coloured papers

XXX

1



47 4

2



38 4

3



23 4

4



29 4

5



2 4

6



17 4

7



1 4

8



50 4

9



10 4

10



11 4

11



37 4

12



26 4

12 Stück

Colour Trials on thick card also showing issued colours on white paper.

## 25 piastres postage stamp

Issued on 05.03.1917, copper plate printing in sheets of 100 and perforated 12 ½



25 piastres




SPECIMEN from the Natal Postal archive



Imperforate pair



1925 (26.01) parcel card from Adana to Silifke used during Republican period.

X

1



58

2



24

Imprim. 28/8.

3



10

4



68

5



71

5 Thick

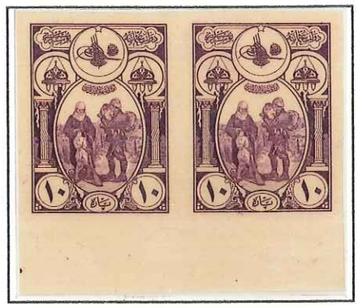
Colour Trials on thick card also showing issued colours.

## 10 para War Orphans Tax stamps

Issued on 20.02.1917, copper plate printing in sheets of 100 and perforated 12 ½



10 paras



Imperforate marginal pair




1917 (18.11) censored commercial cover from Damascus to Beirut.

## Commemorative postage stamps issued between 1917 and 1918

These set of eight stamps printed by typography and steel engraving in sheets of 100.
Perforated 12 ½ but also rarely perforation 11 ½ exist



2 paras



perforation 11 ½



imperforate




Extraordinary fraudulent usage: 1920 (03.02) picture postcard franked with 2pa newspaper stamp but then by hand a dot added to each side of the Arabic 2 to make it 20pa which is the correct rate for foreign countries.




1919 (23.02) folded complete newspaper posted locally with correct 2pa rate.

XI



4 Stamps

Colour Trials on thick card also showing issued colour



5 paras



perforation 11 ½



SPECIMEN from Madagascar Postal Archive



1919 (04.06) postage due cover used in Istanbul with overprinted Hejaz fiscals used as a postage stamp.



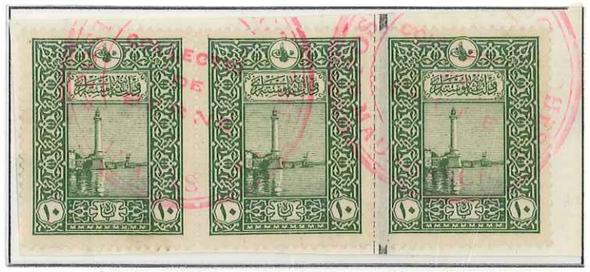

. Imperforate block of 28 which only two sheets of 100 printed. Largest known multiple



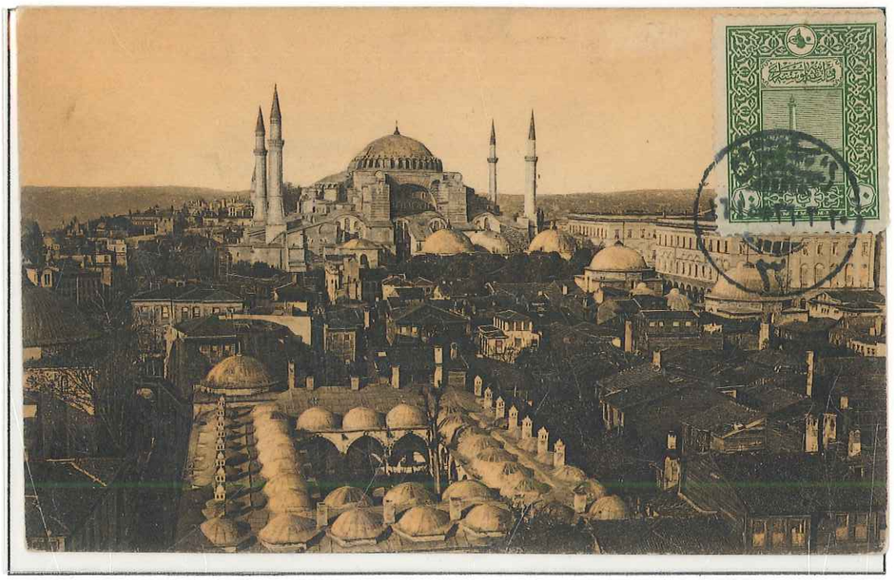
10 paras



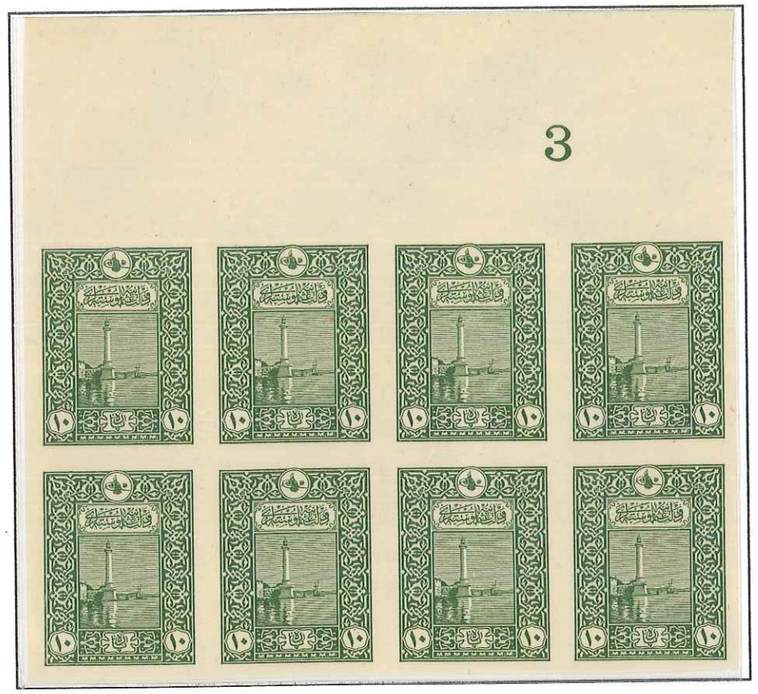
perforation 11 ½



SPECIMEN from Madagascar Postal Archive



1920 (29.03) picture postcard used in Istanbul with correct inland postcard rate of 10pa.




Imperforate marginal block of eight. Two sheets of 100 printed.




Three different types of paper and colour, also shows the Imprimatur (number 2) stamp on thick card.



20 paras



marginal imperforate



1921 (06.06) cover from Ankara to Istanbul via Inebolu where censored,
franked with bisected 5pi Anatolian Government stamp to make it up 3pi rate.



1 piastre




Reduced to 75%




1918 (24.06) registered censored cover from Konya to Berlin, Germany.



50 paras



perforation 11 ½



used marginal imperforate




Reduced to 75%




1918 (23.07) registered censored commercial cover from Izmir to Austria.




SPECIMEN from Madagascar Postal Archive



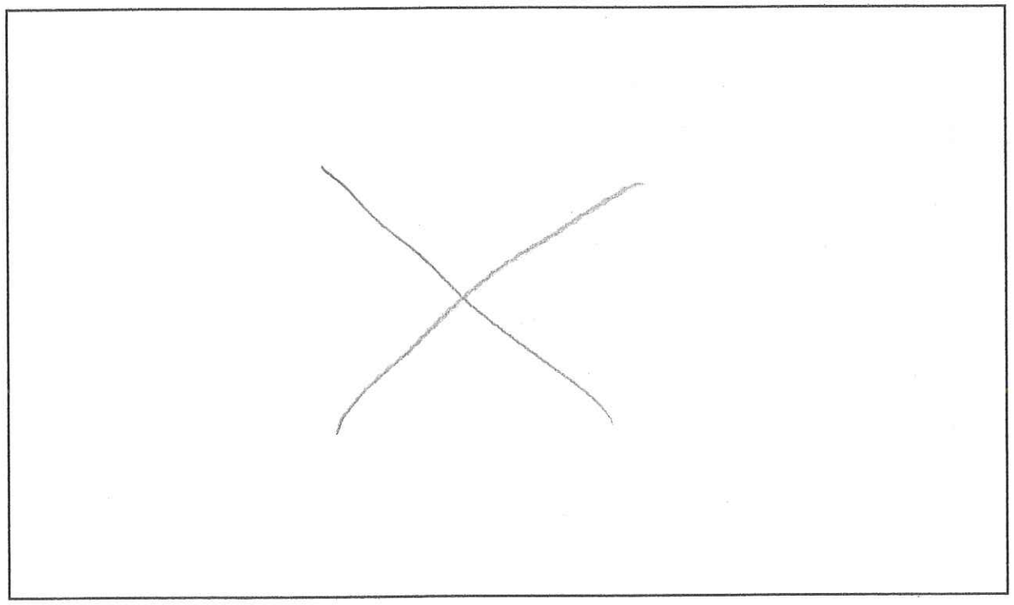

Proofs on thick card. No.1 no value on left tablet, no.2 no pillar on left column and no.3 is approved issued stamp.



2 piastres



misplaced center ERROR



1922 (31.1) re-directed cover from Develi to U.S.A. franked with total
of 7 ½ piastres letter rate used during Turkish Grand Assembly Government.



Imperforate marginal block of 15. Only two sheets
of 100 printed and this is the largest known multiple.



5 piastres



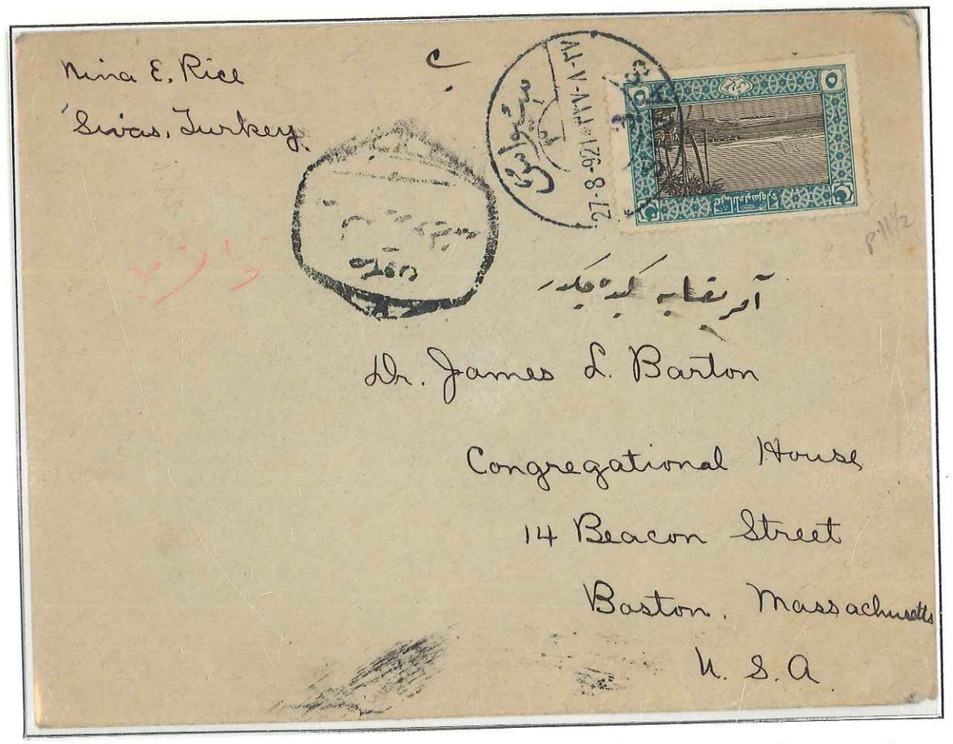
perforation 11 ½



center omitted ERROR




SPECIMEN from the Madagascar Postal Archive




1921 (27.08) censored cover from Sivas to U.S.A. used during Anatolian Government.




4 Stück

Colour proofs on thick card. No.3 is the issued colour.




UNISSUED 2 paras imperforate



UNISSUED 20 paras imperforate




Color proofs of unissued 2pa stamp. No.2 is the accepted colour



UNISSUED 1 piastre



Imperforate block of four




Colour proofs of unissued 1 piastre

Post 217

XVII

1



30

2



69

3



78

4



9

5



75

6



35

7

Ing.



2

8



86

9



85

10



84

1917

Colour proofs of unissued 1 piastre. Stamp numbered 7 / 8 is accepted colour.

## Unissued Money Stamps

Due to lack of small change these 5pa & 10pa of unissued stamps used as money. Thick yellowish paper was stuck on back and re-perforated. Very few of them used in the post. Typography printing in sheets of 100



5 paras original print




1919 (26.06) 1918 postal card used in Istanbul franked with four 5pa stamp for correct rate




Colour proofs of 5 paras on thick card. Stamp numbered 4 is the accepted colour



10 paras original print




Imperforate block of 10. Two sheets of 100 printed and this is the largest known multiple.




1918 (23.08) Censored commercial cover from Tripoli, Syria to Germany
franked with pair of 20pa for letter rate. 10pa money stamp used as war orphans tax.

# Unissued Mount Sinai stamps - 1917

Printed in sheets of 100 and perforated 12 ½. These stamps never circulated since the territory occupied by the British Army. Believed to is only one imperforate sheet exist.



10 paras



20 paras



1 piastre



5 Piastres



10 piastres



25 piastres




Essays of the 25 piastres stamp. Two boxed Arabic letters under the central design reads 'Tur-u Sina' and 'Structure in the Desert'. These don't appear on printed version. Also stamps slightly larger than the originals.

Post 209

XV




Imprimiert

1916

Colour trials of 5 piastres stuck on thick card. Number 7 / 31 is the issued colour.

1,2,3 = Post 216 = 25 Piaster
4-9 = " 224 = 10 "
10,11 = " 212 = 20 Para

Tour-i-sina

XIX

1



2



3



4



5



6



7



Colour proofs and essays of 10 piastres and 25 piastres. Main differences from the original design are;

25 piastres (1 / 2 / 3) Tur-u Sina (Mount Sinai) legend added on the central left of the design.

10 piastres (4 / 5 / 6 / 7) Tur-u Sina placed on the centre of the bottom ornament and the word kurus (piastres) on each side.

1



240

2



240

3



240
212

4



214

Sparbe pflegt
wenige wichtig!

5



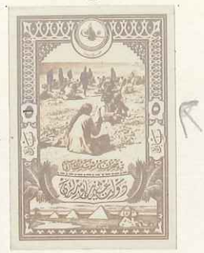
240

Final proofs of the complete set of five except the colour of 10 piastres which changed to red afterwards.

1



2



3



4



5



6



Photographic essay of 10pa and unissued design of 5 paras (number 2). Also colour trials of other designs with different values

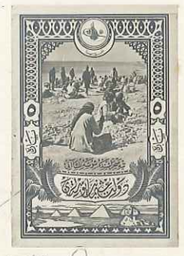
Heft 145 VIII

1



10 Para

2



5 Para

3



Post 155
1 Piaster

4



5 Piaster

Post 155
und
Post 63

5



20 Para

6

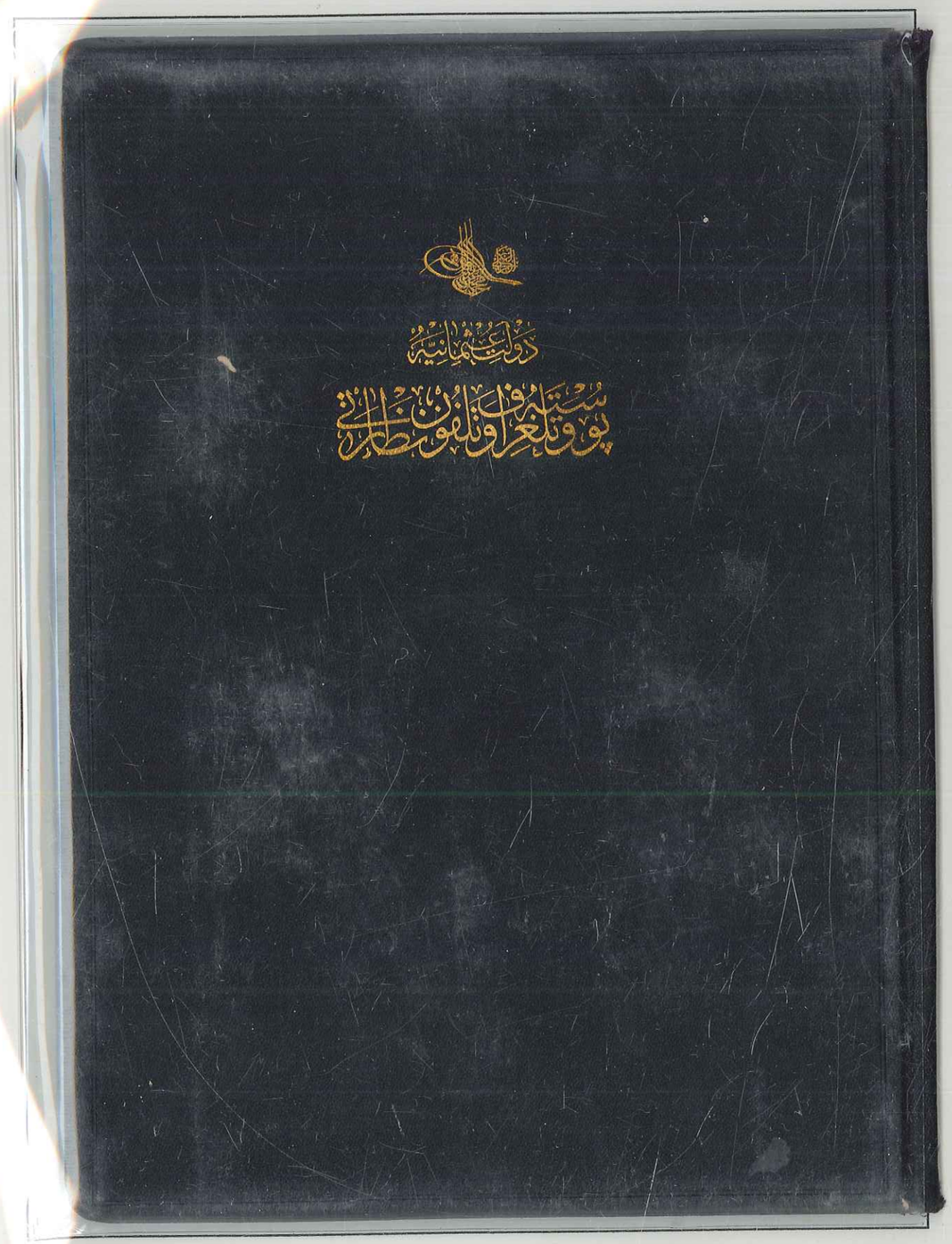


25 Piaster

Photographic essay of 10pa and unissued design of 5 paras (number 2). Also colour trials of other designs with different values

## Commemorative Album

Austria – Hungarian State Printing House prepared 500 copies of commemorative album contains all the stamps they have printed for the Ottoman Empire stuck on four pages of thick card. These are distributed to the members of the Ottoman Assembly. Album embossed with 'Devlet-i Osmaniyye Posta ve Telgraf ve Telefon Nezareti' (Post, Telegraph and Telephone Ministry of Ottoman Government) in gold.







Reverse of the Album reduced to 60%





Reverse of the Album reduced to 60%

## Five Pointed Star & Crescent overprinted on 1916 Commemorative stamps for the 50th Anniversary of the City Post – 29.02.1916

These commemorative stamps officially released on 29.03.1916. However overprinted stamps issued a month before because of the exhausted stock of overprinted war issues. Printed in sheets of 100 and perforated 13 ¼ but also rarely perforation 12 ¼ exists.



10 paras



perforation 12 ¼



overprint inverted ERROR



overprinted reverse and folded ERROR




1917 (16.02) cover from Istanbul to Germany franked with 1pi for letter rate and five pointed star & crescent overprint 10 paras stamp for War Orphans Tax.



20 paras



overprint inverted ERROR



1918 (05.08) double censored returned to sender 10 paras postal stationery card uprated with 20 paras of the above issue and posted from Tekirdag to Bekkaa, Lebanon via Beirut (20.08) and Hommana (24.8). Censored in Tekirdag on dispatch and Beirut during transit.



1 piastre



overprint inverted ERROR




1919 (10.12) commercial cover from Sivrihisar to Istanbul franked with
1 piastre of the above issue for letter rate and a pair of 5 paras for War Orphans Tax.



5 piastres



perforation 12 ¼

**Five Pointed Star & Crescent overprinted stamp with the date 1332 (AH) in the crescent – 29.02.1916**



5 piastres



perforation 12 ¼




1916 (24.09) parcel card from Istanbul to Vienna, Austria.

# P.T.T. overprinted on Sultan Reshad Portrait Postage Stamps – 25.02.1917



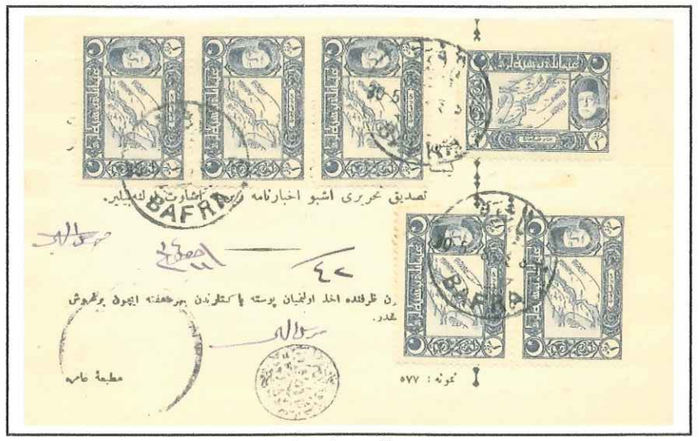
50 piastres



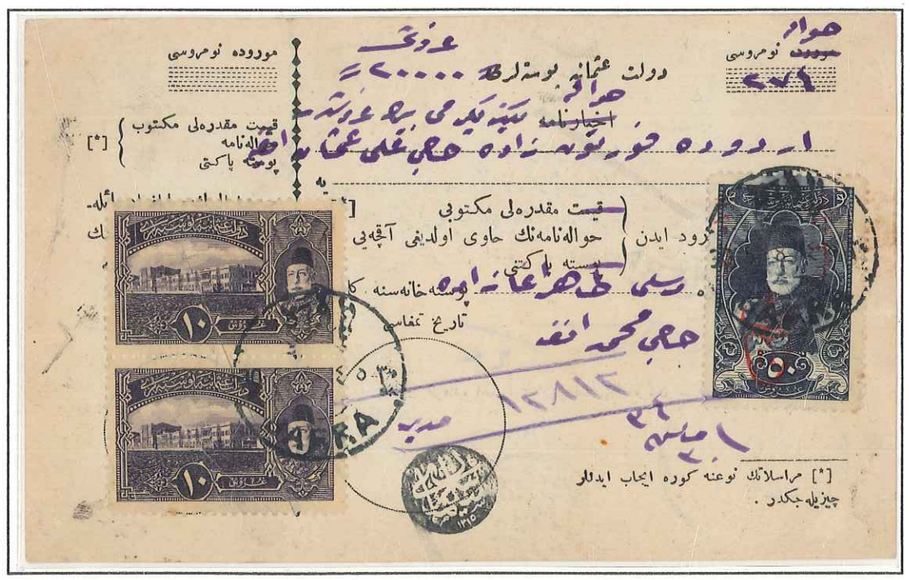
50 piastres



50 piastres




Reduced to 75%




1918 (30.05) money order from Bafra to Istanbul. Only 5,000 overprinted above 50 piastres stamp and usage on document extremely scarce and only few recorded.

## P.T.T. overprinted on 25 piastres Postage Stamp – 25.02.1917



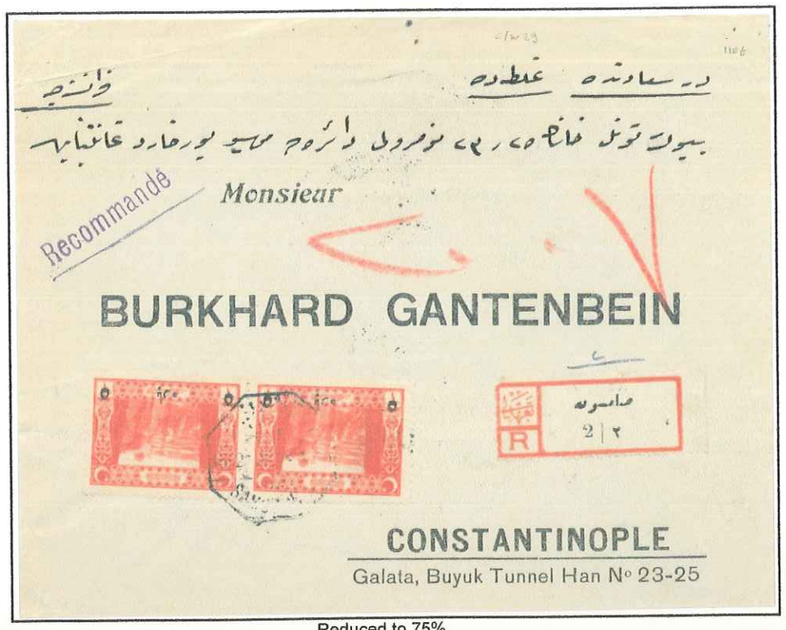
25 piastres




1918 (16.12) picture postcard from Istanbul to France franked with 25pi PTT overprinted postage stamp. 5,000 of the above stamp overprinted and 712 of them sold to public as part of a complete set of 146 PTT overprinted stamps and additional 388 sets send to U.P.U. Berne as required. Usage of this stamp on document extremely scarce.

## 5 paras on 1 piastre surcharged Postage Stamp – 18.08.1917






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1919 (16.02) registered commercial cover from Samsun to Istanbul.

## 5 piastres surcharged on 2 paras postage stamp – 10.09.1917

Same stamp with same value surcharged on 27.06.1918. However
on this one Arabic numeral used and on the other one Latin numeral used.





perforation 11 ½



misplaced surcharge variety

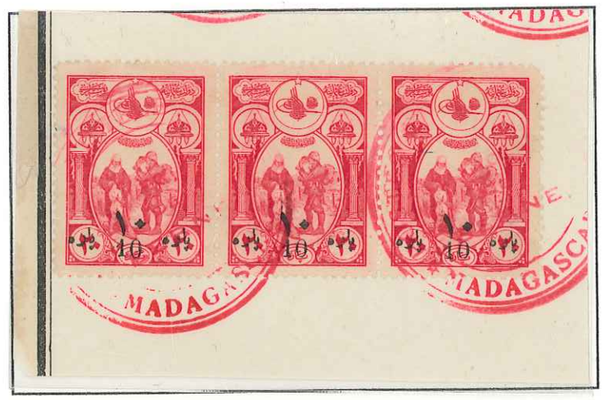


1922 (16.05) large cover used as parcel form during Anatolian Government since there was a shortage on stationeries, franked with strip of 1pi, three 5pi on 5pa and 25pi stamps from Yalvac to Istanbul.

## 10 paras surcharged on unissued 20 paras postage stamp – 21.09.1917

Printed in typography in sheets of 100 and perforated 12 ½.






SPECIMEN from Madagascar Postal Archive




1920 complete newspaper used in Istanbul franked with correct rate of 10pa.

## 5 piastres surcharged on unissued 2 paras postage stamp – 27.06.1918





perfotarion 11 ½



1920 (22.03) registered A.R. letter from Fatih, Istanbul to Commander in Chief of Black Sea Army

## 5 paras surcharged on unissued 1 piastre postage stamp re-surcharged with 2 paras – 01.08.1918

Due to altered postal rates on January 1918 and lack of small value stamps, 2,65 million of these 5 paras surcharged stamps quickly released with the new value of 2 paras which of course as a result quite a few varieties occurred.





surcharge double



surcharge inverted



surcharge inverted '2' on top



surcharge double one inverted



surcharge double both inverted



pair one with omitted surcharge



SPECIMEN from the Madagascar Postal Archive

# Commemorative stamps overprinted for the Armistice – 21.01.1919

Only 2,000 complete sets issued. First line of overprint reads 30.10.1919
(date of the Mondros Truce), second line reads Commemorate the Armistice


20 paras


1 piastre


1 piastre


50 paras


2 piastres


5 piastres


10 piastres


25 piastres

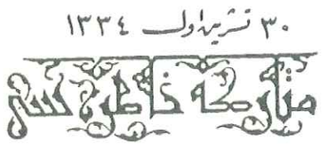

25 piastres

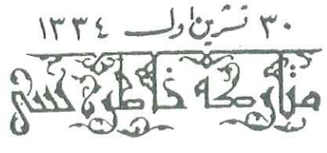

50 piastres



1923 (07.05) registered A.R. cover from Istanbul to USA franked with 5pi and 10pi of Armistice issues and on reverse ten 20pa Republic stamps. Very late usage of this issue on cover. All stock of this issue exhausted in a day or so from the post offices.

Type II overprint. Date line closer to the overprint and the width of the date 18mm instead of 16mm. Only on four values exist.







1 piastre



10 piastres



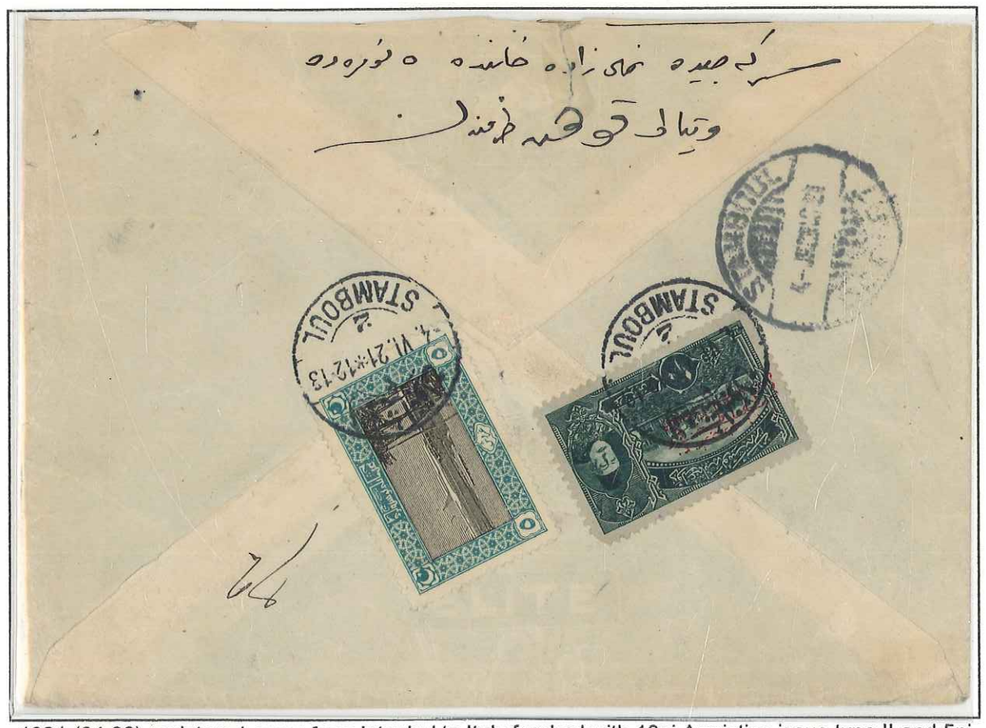
25 piastres



50 piastres



overprint double



1921 (04.06) registered cover from Istanbul to Italy franked with 10pi Armistice issue type II and 5pi

**Only recorded cover with any of the type II overprinted stamp**

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**DE LA GUERRE GÉNÉRALE**

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Petite série

کوچك سه‌ری

اشبو کوچك سه‌ری جمعاً ۹٤ غروش ۳۰ پاره قیمتنده سکز عدد پولدن مرکب و مجموعی یکدیگری بیك سه‌ریدر .

**N. B.** — Cette petite série d'une valeur de **94** piastres **30** paras et dont le nombre s'élève à **20000** se compose de 8 timbres.

A 20,000 souvenir sheetlet prepared by the postal administration with 8 stamps from the set. This has type II overprint. **Only few exist**.



Complete set on four philatelic covers dated 29.01.1919. Only few complete sets on covers known. No FDC ever seen.




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# Accession of Sultan Vahideddin to the Throne
# overprinted or surcharged commemorative stamps – 03.07.1919



Proofs of 5 paras, 10 paras, 50 paras and 60 paras overprint. These are the only known specimens. Believed to be unique



2 paras



overprint inverted



5 paras



overprint inverted



overprint double



partially imperforate




1919 (13.12) cover used in Istanbul franked with seven 5 para stamps. It seems philatelically inspired.



10 paras



overprint inverted



overprint double



20 paras



overprint double



1 piastre



overprint double one on top



overprint double



1920 (12.06) registered and censored Imperial Ottoman Bank cover from Bandirma to Istanbul franked on reverse with nine 1pi stamps. 3pi letter rate and 6 pi for registration.



60 paras surcharged on 50 paras



60 paras surcharged on 2 piastres



imperforate



Arabic 918 instead of 1918 (2/2)



partially imperforate




1920 (23.03) 20pa postal stationery envelope uprated to make 3 piastres letter rate from Istanbul to Berne, Switzerland. Both stamps have 'shortened 1 on Arabic date of 1918' variety.



2 piastres



5 piastres



overprint inverted



center frame misplaced



Arabic date 918 instead of 1918



10 piastres




1919 (08.08) philatelic cover addressed to a cook in General Milne's resident franked with several Accession stamps. General Milne was a Commander of Chief of the Allied occupation Forces in Turkey.



10 piastres surcharged on 20 paras



partially imperforate



25 piastres



offset



50 piastres



inverted overprint



50 piastres



100 piastres surcharged on 10 paras



250 piastres surcharged on 25 piastres




1923 (25.06) cover front used as Money Order due to shortage of stationery during Anatolian Government



35 piastres surcharged on 1 piastre



overprint inverted



overprint double one inverted



Ultramarine. Only 400 overprinted



Arabic numeral 15 instead of 35
on left side of the overprint (1/2)




1922 (12.10) parcel card from Samsoun to Elbistan used during Anatolian Government period




Complete set of Accession of Sultan Vahideddin stamps affixed on paper by the Republic of Turkey Postal Administration on 14th of June 1930. Two sets prepared and the other one translated to French and reverse approved by the Notary in Istanbul and sent to U.P.U. Berne. This is the only document in private hands.

## Anniversary of the Accession of Sultan Vahideddin
## overprinted or surcharged stamps – early 1920



20 paras



1piastre



25 piastres



60 paras on 10 paras



perforation 11 ½




1920 (09.03) re-directed cover from Izmir to England tied by Ottoman post office cancel but forwarded by the British post office in Smyrne. During transit one of the stamps fallen and acknowledged by the British Post Office canceling the space of the missing stamp.

## Surcharged postage stamps – September 1921

A change in the postal rates necessitated the creation of some new values, which were produced by black typographed surcharges. This set is also the last issue of Ottoman Empire


30 paras on 10 paras


miscut imperforate


imperforate


Specimen




1923 (25.02) commercial postal card from Istanbul to Gablonz, Czechoslovakia franked with pair of 30pa on 10pa (half folded to reverse of the card) alongside Trouve. a la Boite (found in the box) rectangular hand cachet. On arrival 50 on 75h and 100 on 80h Postage Due stamps applied and cancelled accordingly. Also manuscript 1.50 suggesting the due.


4 ½ piastres on 1 piastre


surcharge inverted


misplaced surcharge


broken 4


Specimen


1922 (08.08) commercial cover used in Istanbul with misplaced surcharge variety


SPECIMEN set from the Madagascar Postal Archive

## Overprinted stamps have been used by Officers in the Military Field Post

Empty Star & Crescent Handstamped on Ottoman stamps - June 1917

Postage was free during WWI for privates and sergeants. However officers were paying normal rate. According to a decree issued by High Command of Ottoman Army on 01.07.1917 these overprinted stamps prepared so officer's letters can clear the military censor quickly.



5 paras, unused



5 paras, used



10 paras black overprint



1917 (25.09) Ottoman 10pa postal stationery card uprated with **red** overprinted 10pa empty star & crescent stamp and tied by F.P.O. 38 cds to Pangalti, Istanbul.