

AFGHANISTAN

Feb. 1907

Recess-printed from copper plates

Labasi - Green

Plate 1. : The central stems of the wreath are thin.



KANDAHAR (کندهار)

MPO 2/12 : 4 Rajab 1325

: 13th Aug. 1907.

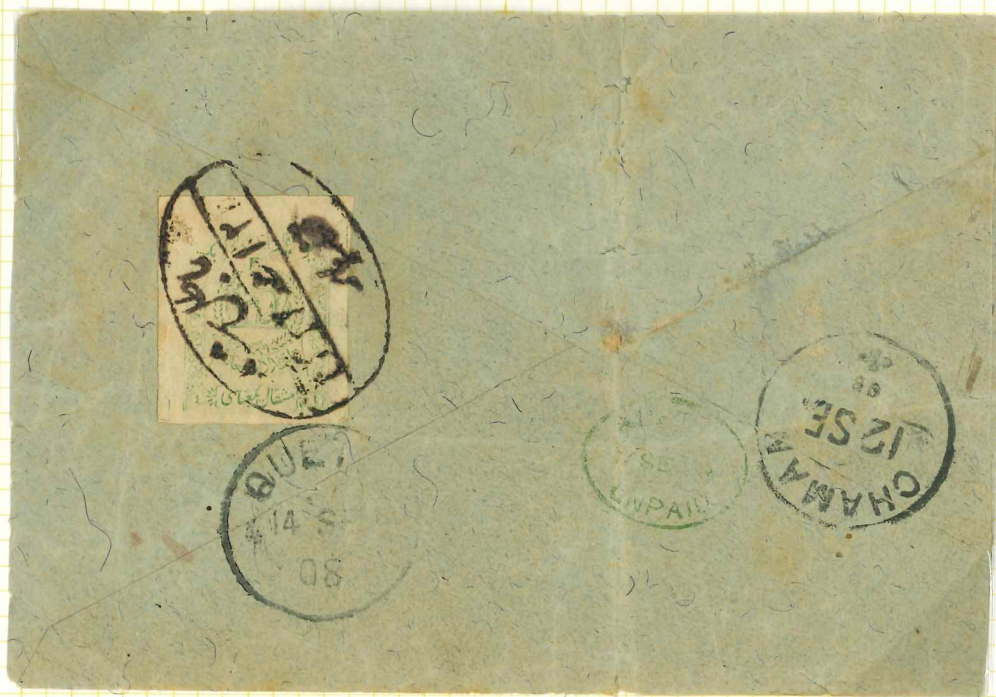
Transit mark CHAMAN

16th Aug. 1907.

Arrival mark QUETTA

Green oval QUETTA UNPAID

19th Aug. 1907.



KANDAHAR (کندهار) 12 شوال 1326 : 12 Shawal 1326. This is an error for
شهر - Shah'ban since 12 Shah'ban is 9th Sept. 1908.

CHAMAN, 12th Sept. 1908 : QUETTA, 14th Sept. 1908.

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mid. 1908

Labasi - Plate 2.

Central stems of the wreath thicker.

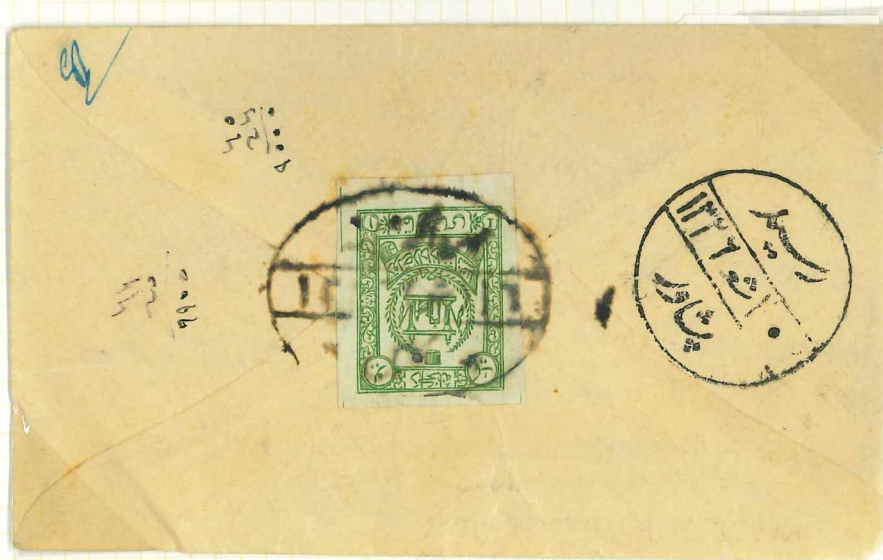
Lower left corner of double-lined inner frame is not extended.

Shades of bright green to yellow-green



KABUL (K.A.) ۱۳۲۶ / ۱۰ = 10th Ramadan 1326 = 6th Oct. 1908.

Addressed to PESHAWAR, but no arrival mark.



KABUL (K.A.) ۱۳۲۶ ش ۱۷ : 16th Shawal 1326 = 11th Nov. 1908.

Arrival mark PESHAWAR (پشاور), 20th Shawal 1326 = 15th Nov. 1908.

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mid. 1908

2 abasi blue : Line perf. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$.



KABUL (ج.ک), ۱۳۲۸ ز.
: Rajab 1328
≈ July 1910.



part of papermaker's watermark
HOWARD & JONES
LONDON



KABUL (ج.ک), ۱۳۲۷ ج.
: 3 Zou'lqa'd 1327
: 16th Nov. 1909.

Double-weight letter

1-2 misqal (≈ 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 9g.)

KABUL (ج.ک) ۱۳۲۷ ج. ۱۷
: 16 Jamadi II 1326
: 16th July 1908.

PESHAWAR (پشاور)
arrival mark.



Registered single letter : postage 1 abasi per misqal, reg. fee 1 abasi

KABUL (ج.ک), ۱۳۲۸ ز. : 20 Rajab 1328 : 28th July 1910.
addressed to PESHAWAR.

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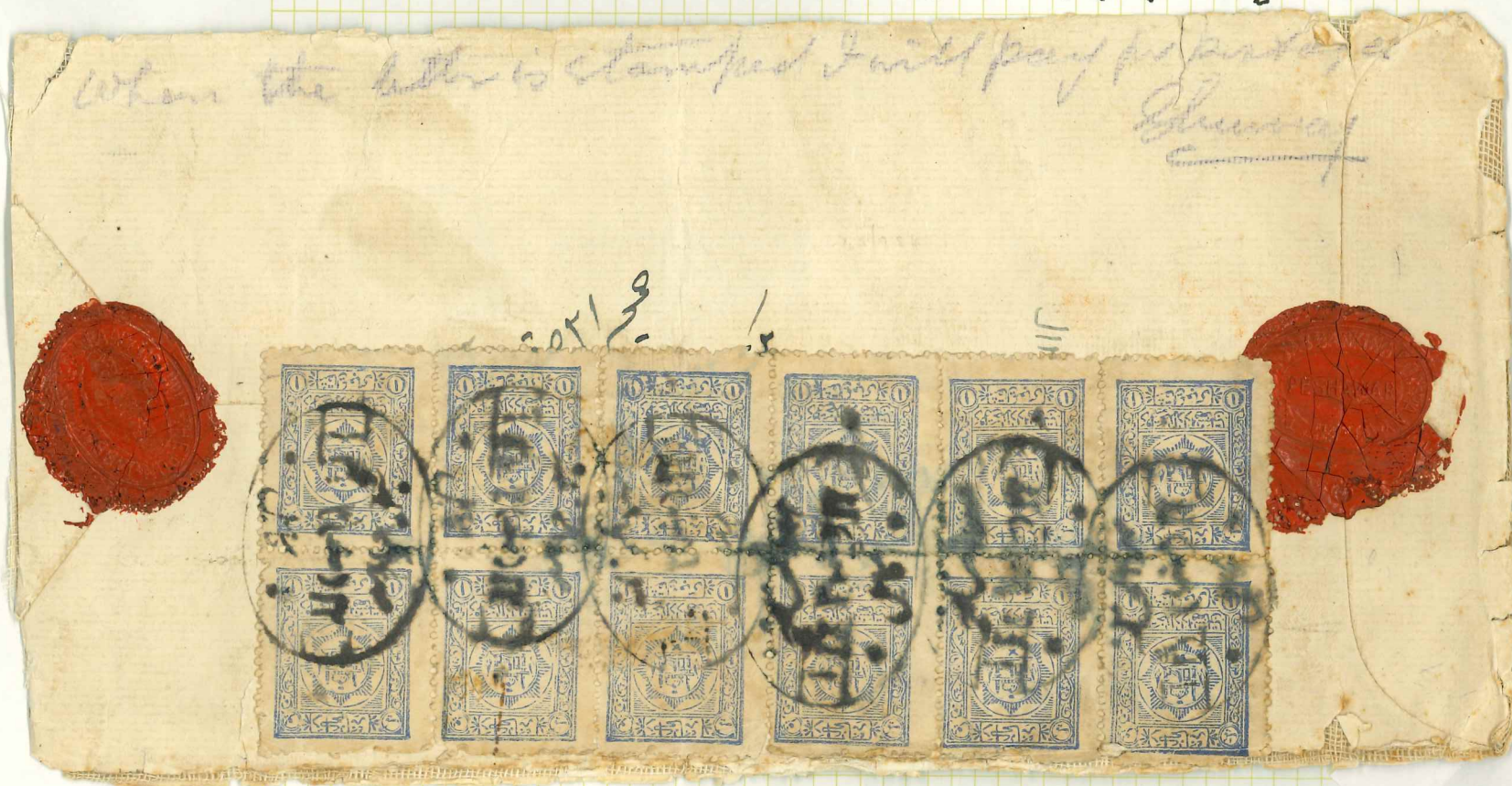
labasi - Blue

POSTAGE DUE ON INCOMING MAIL

Address : G. Murray, KABUL, Afghanistan

Two red seals "THE PUNJAB BANKING COMPANY LIMITED,
PESHAWAR"

Pencil endorsement of willingness to pay by Murray



12 x 1 abasi : Reg. fee + postage of 10-11 misqal
(~~±~~ 46-51 g.)

KABUL (J.B)

22 Safar 1333 = 9th Jan. 1915.

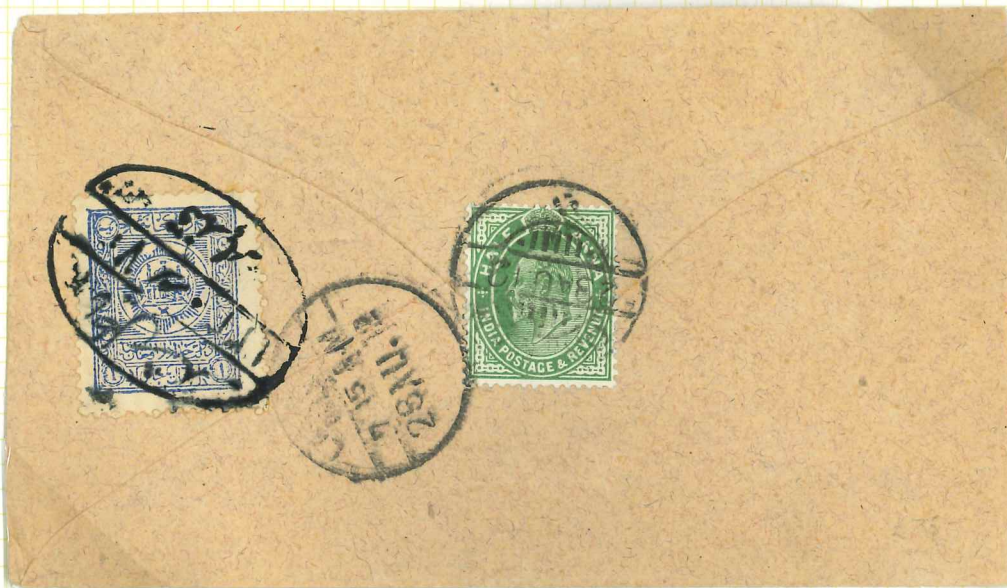
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Jan. 1909

Labasi - Blue

AFGHAN/INDIAN MIXED FRANKINGS

From KANDAHAR, Afghan stamp pays to the exchange office at
CHAMAN, Indian stamp pays onwards to destination.



KANDAHAR (قندهار) ۱۳۳۰ / ۷ : 7 Ramazan 1330 : 20th Aug. 1912.

$\frac{1}{2}$ anna India, CHAMAN, 23rd Aug. 1912 : to LAHORE, arr 28th Aug. 1912.



KANDAHAR (قندهار) ۱۳۳۳ / ۲۱ : 21 Rajab 1333 = 4th June 1915.

$\frac{1}{2}$ anna India, CHAMAN, 8th June 1915; to PESHAWAR, 10th June 1915.

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Jan. 1909
2 abasi - Green



MAIMANA (ميمانا)

۱۳۲۸۰ = 5 Jamadi I 1328
= 15th May 1910.



۱۳۲۹

= Muharram 1329
= Jan. 1911.

2 abasi was the rate for a double-weight letter, 1-2 misqal ($\approx 4\frac{1}{2}$ -9 g.)

tiny envelope - well filled?

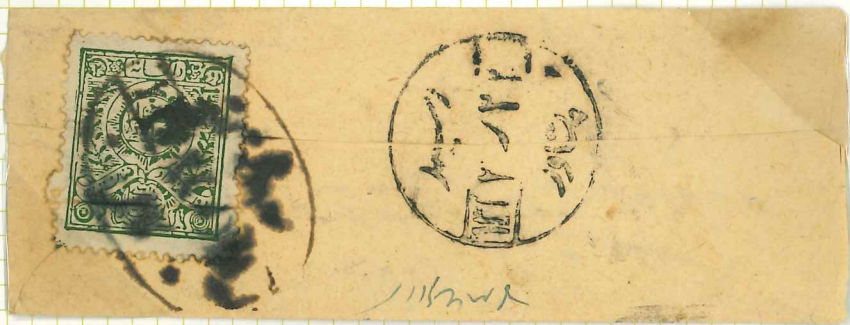
KABUL (کابل)

18 Rabi I 1332 = 14th Feb. 1914.

to

PESHAWAR (پشاور)

22 Rabi I 1332 = 18th Feb. 1914.



From HERAT (هرات) addressed to KANDAHAR (کندهار)

Dated on front by sender 25 Safar 1332 = 23rd Jan. 1914.

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Jan. 1909

New Definitive Issue: Typographed in Kabul

2 abasi - Green

2 abasi was the rate for a single registered letter. 1 abasi postage per 1 misqal (≈ 4.5 g.), 1 abasi registration fee.



KABUL (كابل) oval mark and boxed registration mark on front,
both dated ۱۳۲۸ ۱۳ ۴ = 4th Zou'lhajjeh 1328 = 1st Dec. 1910.

Circular arrival of PESHAWAR (پشاور)

۱۳۲۸ ۱۳ ۸ = 8th Zou'lhajjeh 1328 = 11th Dec. 1910.

Oval and boxed registered
datestamps of KABUL (كابل)

۱۳۳۳ ۳ ۱۰

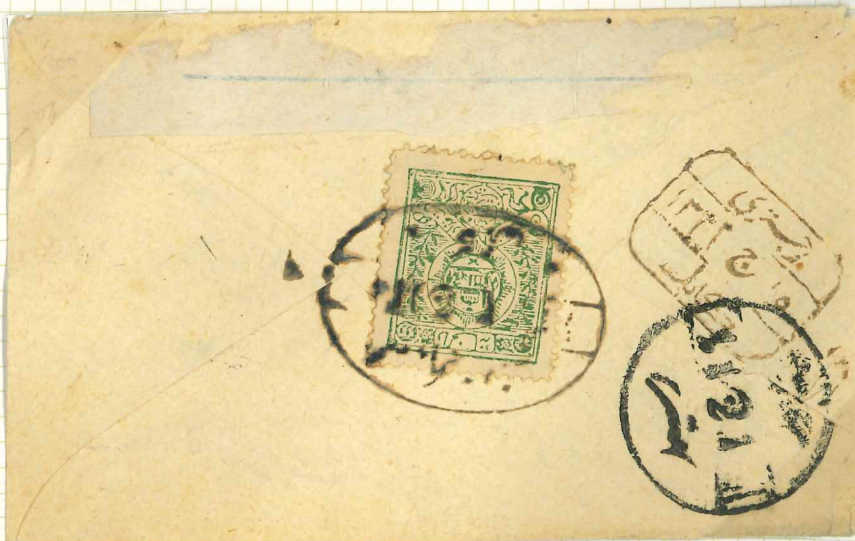
= 15th Jamadi I 1333

= 31st March 1915.

PESHAWAR (پشاور) arrival

۱۳۳۳ ۳ ۱۹ = 19th Jamadi I 1333

= 4th April 1915.



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Labasi - Blue

AFGHAN/INDIA MIXED FRANKING

KABUL to BOMBAY



Oval KABUL (J.B.) date 10 Rajab 1332, an error since letter dated 25 Rajab on front = 19th June 1914. Round PESHAWAR arrival, 29 Rajab = 23rd June. 3 pice India (applied at KABUL) postmarked PESHAWAR, 24th June 1914. Postage was $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, so $\frac{1}{2}$ anna due. Horseshoe PESHAWAR DUE $\frac{1}{2}$ AS. Octagonal BOMBAY UNPAID, 27th June and BOMBAY c.d.s. of 27th to 29th June.

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Jan. 1909

Labasi - Blue



HQ NATIONAL FORCES

(انڈوکوئین)

۱۳۲۹ / : Rabi I 1329

= March 1911.



MAIMANA

(مینه)

۱۳۳۰ / ۲۹ : 29 Rabi I 1330

= 18th March 1912

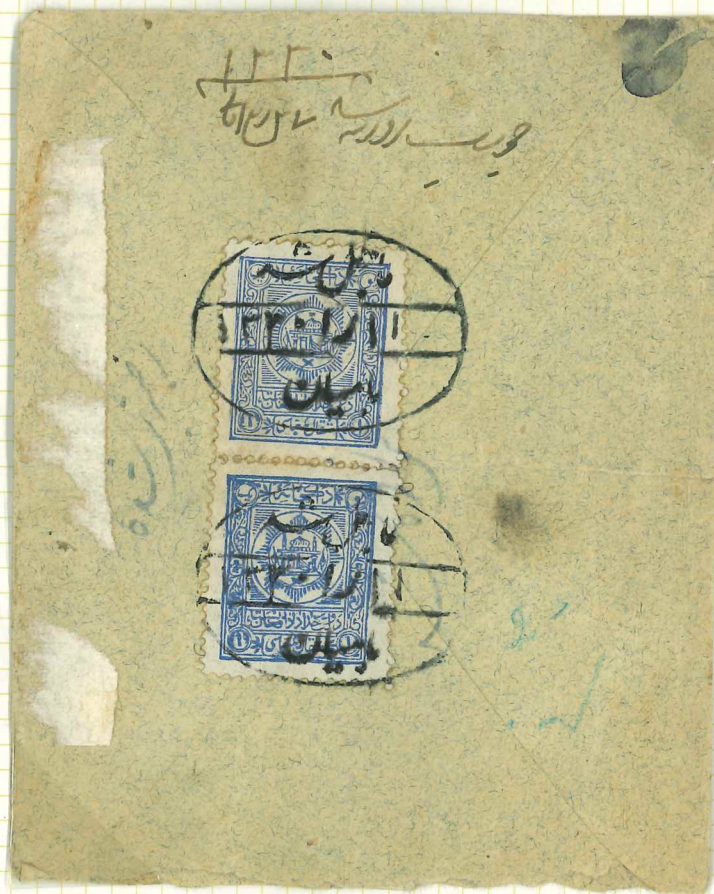


KANDAHAR

(کندهار)

۱۳۳۰ / ۱۸ : 18 Zou'lqa'd 1330

= 29th Oct. 1912.



Registered letter

BAMIAN (بامیان) ۱۳۳۰ / ۱۱ : 11 Rabi II 1330 = 30th March 1912.

to KABUL, but no arrival mark.

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Labasi - Blue

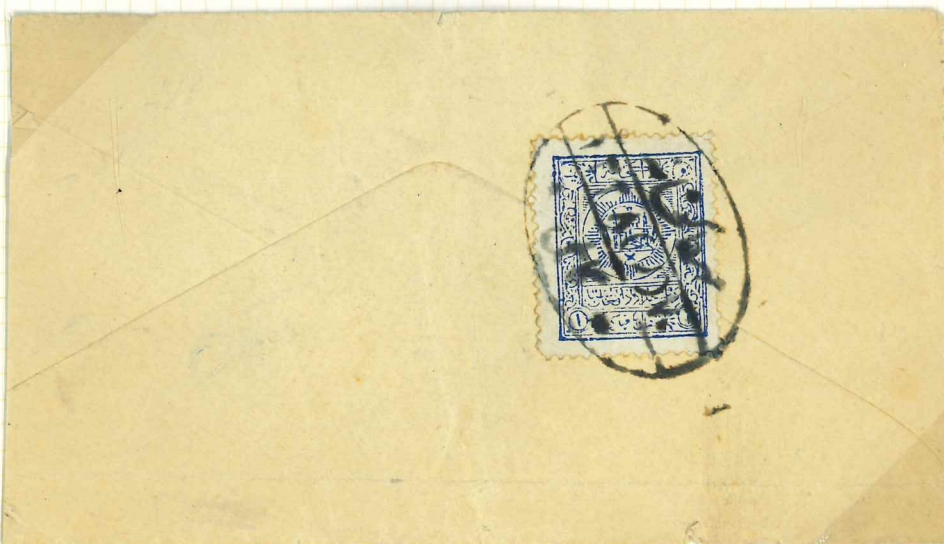
Second year of use, 1328 = 1910.

The design is still sharply printed. From 1912, impressions worsened considerably.



KABUL (كابل), ۱۳۲۸ س م ۱ = 21st Muharram 1328 = 2nd Feb. 1910.

PESHAWAR (پشاور) arrival mark of 26th Muharram = 7th Feb. 1910.



KABUL (كابل), ۱۳۲۸ / ۷ = 7th Rabi I 1328 = 19th March 1910.

Addressed to PESHAWAR (پشاور)

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Jan. 1909
labasi - Blue.



JALALABAD (جلالاباد)

۱۳۳۲ ر ۱۰

: 10 Rajab 1332

: 4th June 1914.

to PESHAWAR (پشاور)

۱۳۳۲ ر ۱۲

: 12 Rajab 1332

: 6th June 1914.



JALALABAD (جلالاباد)

۱۳۳۰ ر ۲۵ : 25 Muharram 1330

: 15th Jan. 1912



HERAT (هرات)

no month date.



JALALABAD (جلالاباد)

۱۳۳۰ ر ۱ شتر : 1 Shawal 1330

: 3rd Oct. 1912.

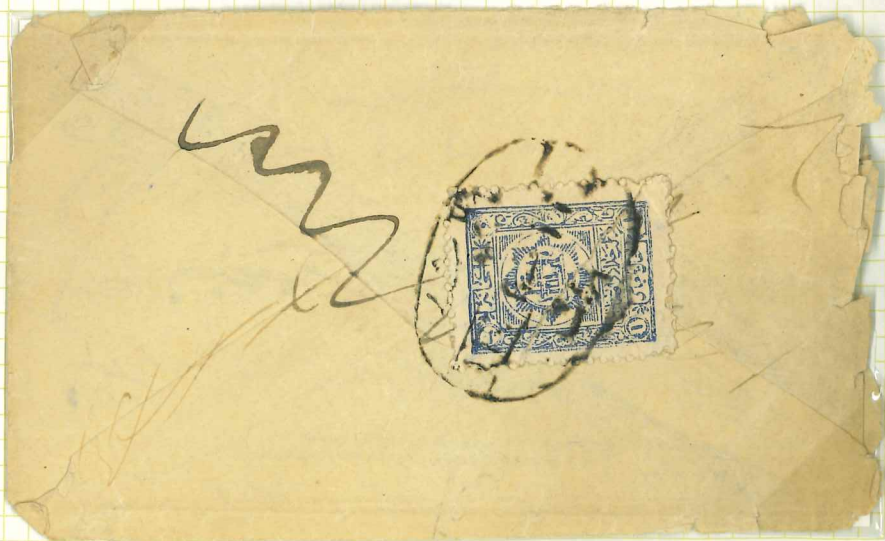
HERAT (هرات)

۱۳۳۳ ر ۱۲

: 12 Safar 1333

: 30th Dec. 1914.

possibly to KABUL.



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Jan. 1909

Labasi - Blue



KABUL (کابل)

۱۳۳۰ شرف ۱۴ : 14 Shawal 1330

: 26th Sept. 1912

MAZAR-I-SHERIF (مزار شريف) arrival

۱۳۳۰ شرف ۲۳ : 23 Shawal 1330

: 5th Oct. 1912.

Mail to MAZAR is not common.

Circular KABUL (کابل) used
as a despatch mark.

۱۳۳۲ / ۱۳ : 13 Rabi I 1332

: 11th March 1914.

PESHAWAR (پشاور) arrival

۱۳۳۲ / ۱۴ : 14 Rabi I 1332

: 15th March 1914



KABUL (کابل)

۱۳۳۴ / ۴ : 4 Ramazan 1334

: 5th July 1916

to

PESHAWAR (پشاور)

۱۳۳۴ / ۱۲ : 12 Ramazan 1334

: 13th July 1916.



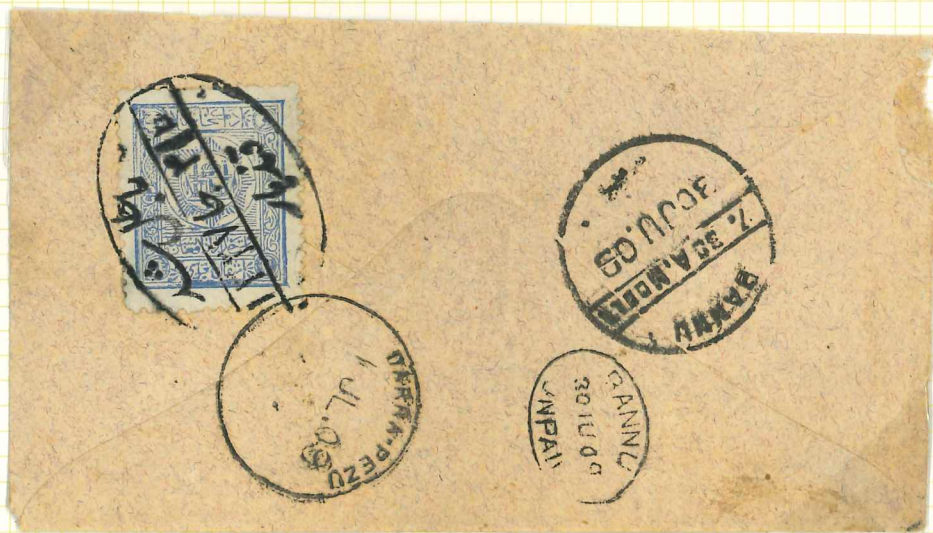
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Jan. 1909
New Definitive Issue
1 abasi - Blue

Early printings - Clear and sharp.

23rd June 1909.

From KANDAHAR to LAKI, District of BANNU.
(South-west of PESHAWAR, towards QUETTA)



KANDAHAR (کابل)

۱۳۲۷ ک = ۴ جمادی ۱۳۲۷ = 23rd June 1909.

POSTAGE DUE on
ONE ANNA front.

BANNU, 30th June 1909.

Oval BANNU UNPAID, 30th June 1909.

DARRA-PEZU, 1st July 1909.
(nearest post office to LAKI)

AFGHANISTAN

Jan. 1909

labasi - Blue

FURTHER EXAMPLES OF THE FIRST YEAR OF USE

KANDAHAR (کډاډار)
 ۱۳۲۷ / ۲. = 30th Rabi I 1327
 = 21st April 1909.

CHAMAN, 23rd April 1909.

Addressed to SHIKARPUR,
 re-directed to KARACHI.

Various transit and
 postage due marks.



KABUL (کابل)
 ۱۳۲۷ / ۲. = Rajab 1327
 = July/Aug. 1909.



KANDAHAR (کډاډار)
 ۱۳۲۷ / ۲. = 20th Rajab 1327
 = 7th Aug. 1909.



KABUL (کابل), ۱۳۲۷ / ۲. = 24th Rabi II 1327 = 15th May 1909.
 Complete tiny envelope to PESHAWAR (پشاور)

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1916

1 abasi - Red

Very Early Dates of use

PATERSON records 11th Dec. 1916 as earliest date seen, but thought
the probable date of issue was 28th Oct. (first day of year 1335).



HERAT (هرات), ۲۴ شہ ۱۳۳۴ = 24th Shawal 1334 = 24th Aug. 1916

Envelope dated same in manuscript on the front.

Arrival KANDAHAR (کانډار), ۱۰ ز ۱۳۳۴ = 10th Zou'lqa'd 1334 = 8th Sept. 1916.

KABUL (کابل)

Dated in manuscript
on front

11th Muharram 1335

= 7th Nov. 1916

PESHAWAR (پشاور) arrival

۱۳۳۵ ۱۰

= 15th Muharram 1335

= 11th Nov. 1916.



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Printings in altered shades

1 abasi - Rose to Carmine-rose

1 abasi rate for single letter [up to 1 misqal (\pm 4.5g.)] and
2 abasi rate for double letter (1-2 misqal).

MAZAR-I-SHARIF

(مزار شریف)

۳۳ ش ۱۳۳۸

23 Shawal 1338

= 10th July 1920.

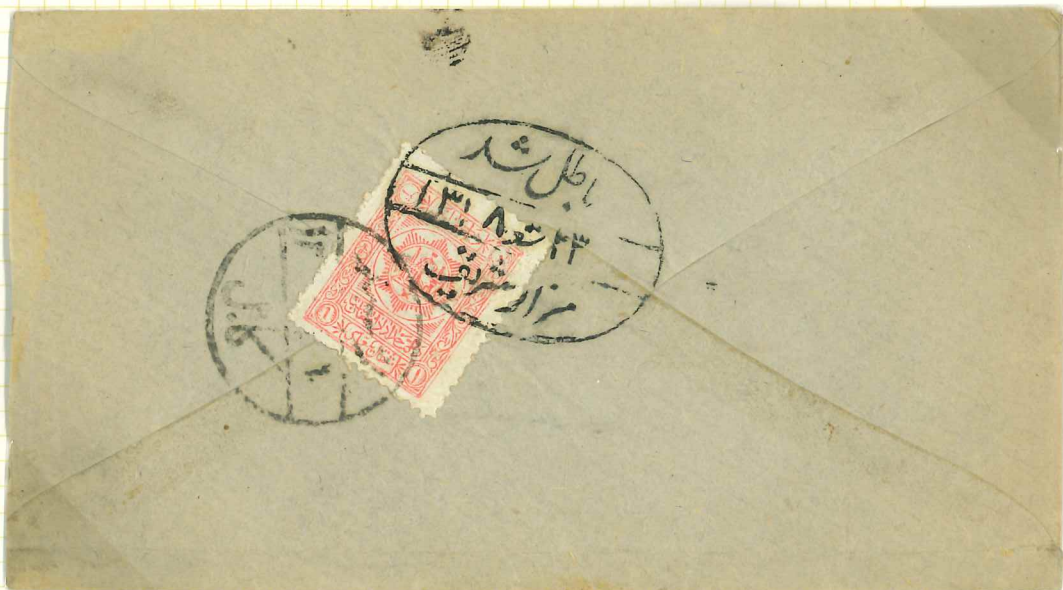
Arrival mark

KABUL (کابل)

apparently dated

6 Zou'lqa'd

= 22nd July.



MAZAR-I-SHARIF

(مزار شریف)

۳۳ ش ۱۳۳۸

30 Shawal 1338

= 17th July 1920.

KABUL (کابل) arrival

Year date not set

Month j (Zou'lqa'd)

inverted

۸ = 8th = 24th July.



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1918

Printings in altered shades

labasi - Rose to Carmine-rose



KABUL (ج.ک)

۱۳۳۹ ج ۲ = 2nd Jamadi I 1339

= 12th Jan. 1921.

PESHAWAR (پشاور) arrival
mark in blue.

۱۳۳۹ ج ۱ = 8th Jamadi I 1339

= 18th Jan. 1921.



Registered letter up to 1 misqal (\approx 4.5 g.) in weight. Postage
and registration labasi each.

Oval despatch marking and rectangular registration marking
MAZAR-I-SHARIF (مزار شریف), ۱۳۳۹ ج ۱۳ = 13th Jamadi I 1339 = 23rd Jan. 1921.

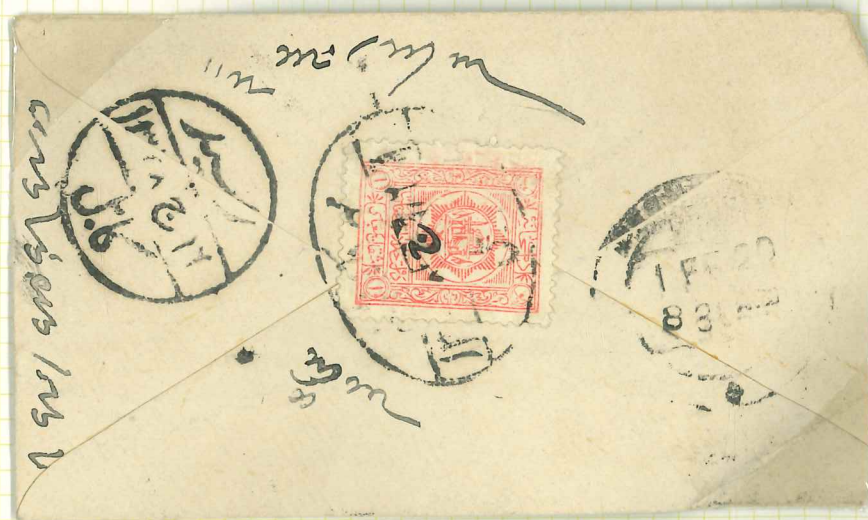
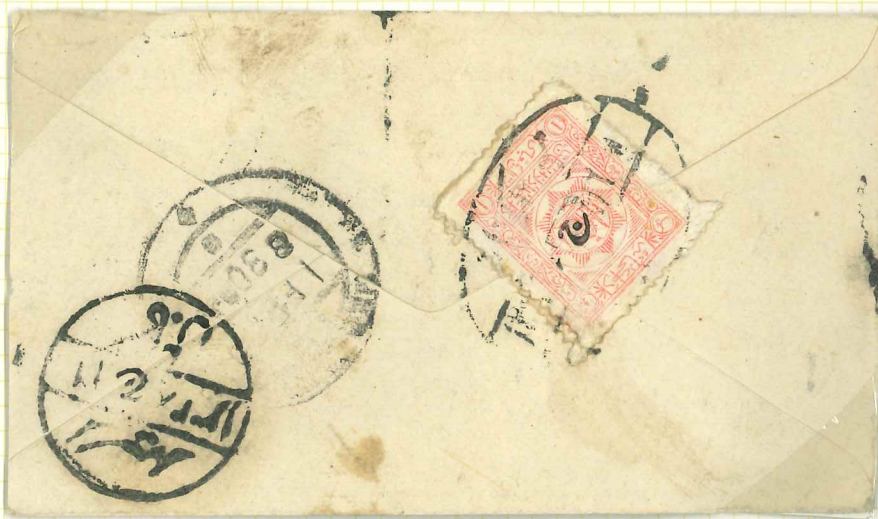
Black circular transit KABUL (ج.ک) of 26th Jamadi I (day's date
figures are reversed) and violet arrival mark of PESHAWAR (پشاور)

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Labasi - Rose to Carmine-rose

INCOMING MAIL - Letters to KABUL (J.B) with identical frankings. India $\frac{1}{2}$ anna stationery envelopes cancelled 3.30 p.m., 30th Jan. 1920, possibly at BHERA.



Indian P.O. PESHAWAR 8.30 a.m. 1st Feb.

Labasi applied as a postage due at KABUL (J.B) with oval 1st FEB 20 83

Circular arrival mark, same date.

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Printings in altered shades

Labasi - Rose to carmine-rose

Covers to SRINAGAR, Kashmir, transmitted by the Indian P.O.
from PESHAWAR.

Labasi cancelled KABUL, (ج.ک)

۱۳۳۷ ۱۲ ۱۹ : ۱۹th Rabi II ۱۳۳۷

= 22nd Jan. 1919

Afghan P.O. PESHAWAR (پشاور)

23rd Rabi II ۱۳۳۷ : 26th Jan. 1919.

$\frac{1}{2}$ anna India cancelled PESHAWAR

27th Jan. 1919.

SRINAGAR arrival 1st Feb. 1919.



If an Indian stamp was not applied, postage due was
levied for the onward transmission from Peshawar, as below.



KABUL (ج.ک) ۱۲ شبن ۱۳۳۹

: 12th Shah'ban 1339 : 21st April 1921.

Violet PESHAWAR (پشاور)

dated ۱۷ شو = 17th Shawal,
which is an error of month for
Shah'ban : 26th April 1921.

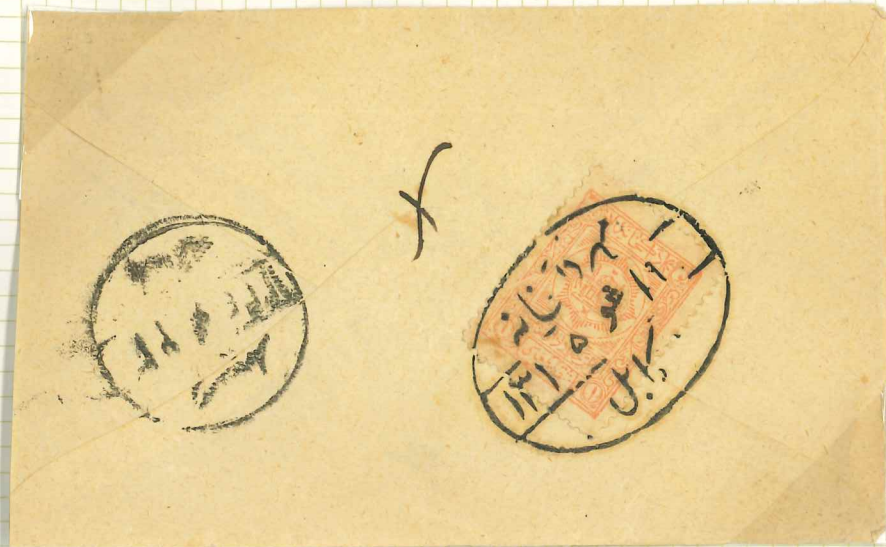
PESHAWAR, 27th April 1921.

Horseshoe due mark on front.

SRINAGAR UNPAID, 2nd May 1921.

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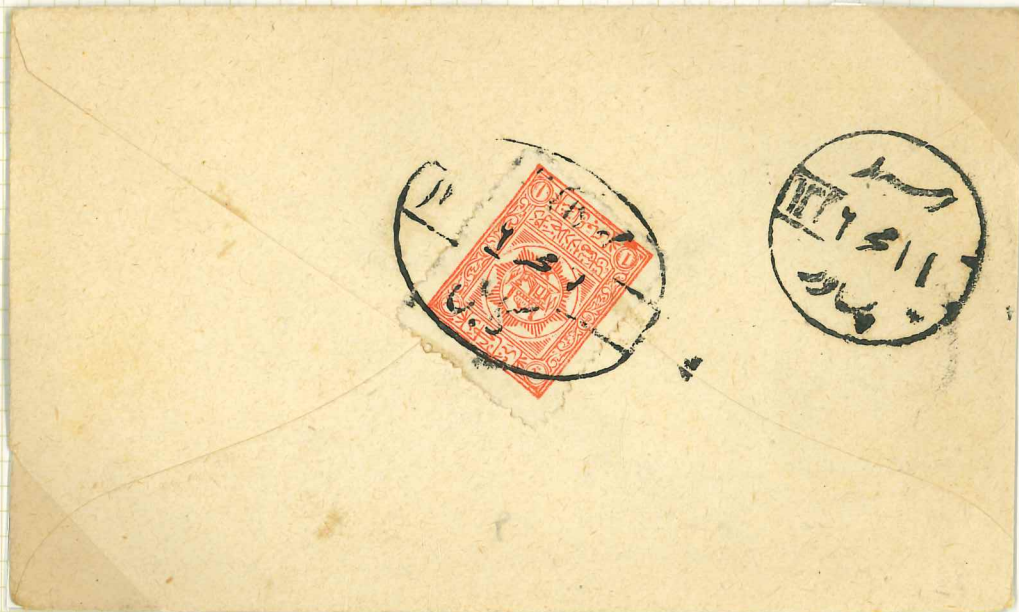
1916
Labasi - Red



KABUL (ج.ک)
۱۳۳۵ ش ۱۹
= 19th Shawal 1335
= 8th Aug. 1917.
PESHAWAR (پشاور) arrival
۱۳۳۵ ش ۲۳
= 23rd Shawal 1335
= 12th Aug. 1917.

KABUL (ج.ک)
۱۳۳۶ ۵ V
= 7th Muharram 1336
= 23rd Oct. 1917.

Circular arrival
PESHAWAR (پشاور)
۱۳۳۶ ۳ ۱۱
= 1st Muharram 1336
= 27th Oct. 1917



KABUL (ج.ک), ۱۳۳۶ ۲
= 2nd Ramazan 1336
= 11th June 1918.
PESHAWAR (پشاور), ۱۳۳۶ ۷ V
= 7th Ramazan 1336
= 16th June 1918

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1916

1 abasi - Red

LATE USAGE OF STAMPS IN THE RED SHADE



Oval datestamp of PESHAWAR (پشاور) distinct.
Circular arrival mark from PESHAWAR (پشاور) Jan. 1920.



2 abasi double letter rate for weight 1 - 2 misqal ($4\frac{1}{2}$ - 9 g.)

KHANABAD (خانآباد) in blue

۱۳۳۸ / ۲۸ = 28 Ramazan 1338 = 14th June 1920.

Circular marks of KABUL (کابل) and PESHAWAR (پشاور) with dates
2 and 5 Shawal (شهر) respectively = 18th and 21st June 1920.

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New Colours

1 abasi - Red



2 abasi double letter for 1-2 misqal weight ($4\frac{1}{2}$ - 9g.)

MAZAR-I-SHERIF (مازشریف)

in blue

۱۱ شرو ۱۳۳۵ = 11 Shawal 1335 = 31st July 1917.

Circular KABUL (کابل), PESHAWAR (پشاور)

20 and 26 Shawal

= 10th and 15th Aug. 1917

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1916 : New colours

2 abasi - Yellow

23rd Sept. 1920

Double-weight letter, 1-2 misqal, 4½-9g., to CALCUTTA.
(late use of the yellow shade)



Oval KABUL (J.B.), ۱۳(۳)۸ ۹ ۸ : 8 Muharram 1338. The year
is an error for 1339, which would equate to 23rd Sept. 1920.

Round PESHAWAR (پشاور), 12 Muharram : 27th Sept. 1920

Indian p.o. PESHAWAR, 30th Sept. 1920.

CALCUTTA, 3rd Oct. 1920.

On the front, there is a ½ anna India, uncancelled to pay postage
from PESHAWAR to CALCUTTA.

This missed cancellation at PESHAWAR, as there are no due marks.

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1916

New Colours

2 abasi - Yellow



DOUBLE WEIGHT LETTER

1-2 misqal ($4\frac{1}{2}$ - 9g.)

KABUL (كابل)

۱۳۳۸ / ۱۷ = 16 Rabi' 2 1338

= 9th Dec. 1919

Solar date on front !!

18 Kaus 1298 = 10th Dec. 1919



SINGLE-WEIGHT REGISTERED LETTER

1 abasi for 1 misqal, 1 abasi reg. fee

Oval despatch and oblong registration marks KABUL (كابل)

۱۳۳۸ ش ۱۲ = 12 Shawal 1338 = 30th June 1920

PESHAWAR (پشاور) arrival

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New Colours

2 abasi - Yellow

DOUBLE-WEIGHT LETTER

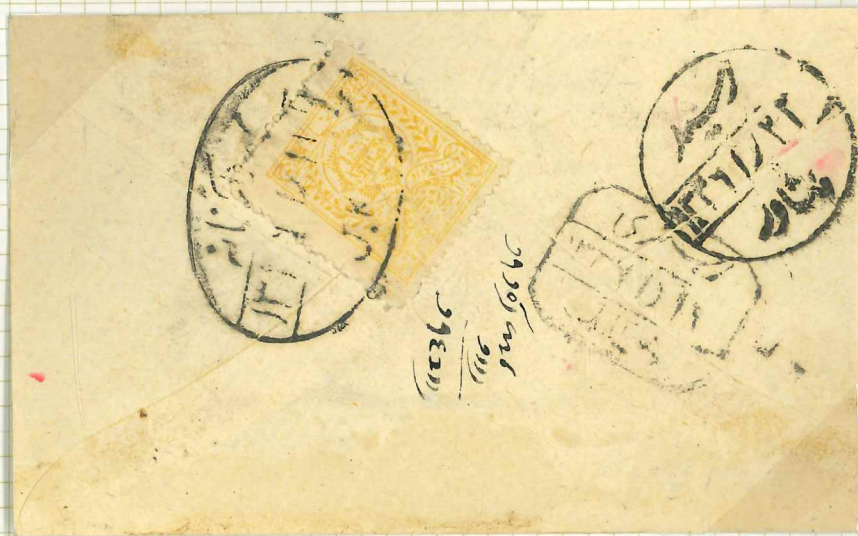
Postage 1 abasi per
misqal (\approx 4.5 g.)

KABUL (كابل)

1336 Safar 10 : 15th Safar 1336
: 30th Nov. 1917.

PESHAWAR (پشاور) arrival

1336 Safar 19 : 19th Safar 1336
: 4th Dec. 1917.



SINGLE-WEIGHT REGISTERED LETTER

Postage 1 abasi per misqal, Registration 1 abasi.

Oval despatch and rectangular registration marks KABUL (كابل)

1336 Rabi II 16 : 16th Rabi II 1336 : 29th Jan. 1918.

PESHAWAR (پشاور) arrival, 1336 Rabi II 22 : 22nd Rabi II 1336 : 4th Feb. 1918.

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2 abasi - Bistre

Example of the Bistre shade used in 1917



KABUL (کابل)

۱۳۳۶ س ۷ = 7 Muharram 1336 = 23rd Oct. 1917

PESHAWAR (پشاور) arrival

۱۳۳۶ س ۱۱ = 11 Muharram 1336 = 27th Oct. 1917