

## FROM THE ANKARA GOVERNMENT TO THE TURKISH REPUBLIC ( 1920 – 1928 )

This specialized exhibit starts by studying the stamps of the Turkish Grand National Assembly Government from 23 rd April 1920, when a revolutionary government was formed to start a war of independence against the allied powers. The new government authorities put an end to the postal service sovereignty of Istanbul Government and take over the service. During those difficult years, postal services continued without interruption.

After the foundation of the new Turkish Republic on 29 th of October 1924, reforms started quickly. The exhibit ends by the reform of the alphabet on November 1928, when all stamps started to be printed in the Latin alphabet instead of the Arabic script.

Every aspect of traditional philately related to this very interesting period of early Turkish Republic is examined and displayed.

The exhibit consists of 4 main parts displaying errors, varieties, essays and specimens. Additionally postal usages of stamps are shown with covers, postcards, money orders, parcel receipts, postal stationeries and special cancellations.

### PART A

#### **TURKISH GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT PERIOD (1920 – 1923)**

##### **A.1) OTTOMAN POSTAGE AND REVENUE STAMPS OVERPRINTED BY TURKISH GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT**

##### **A.2) OVERPRINTED OR UNOVERPRINTED COMMEMORATIVE, POSTAGE and POSTAGE DUE STAMPS OF TURKISH GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT**

### PART B

#### **TURKISH REPUBLIC PERIOD (1924 – 1928)**

**Most significant materials in this exhibit are highlighted in a red frame.**

**(C) With certificate**

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3 kr/2 p Violet  
Only 560 stamps were overprinted

-Red overprint errors



**Inverted overprint**



**"Missing overprint 3" on one of the stamp**

3 kr/6 p Deep Blue (Red surcharge)  
Only 6.377 stamps were overprinted



**"Missing overprint" on one stamp**



**Partly missing "3" on one stamp**



**"Inverted overprint" on one stamp**



Ankara انقره ۳  
Guruş 3  
Posta  
Guruş 3  
۳

3 kr/3 kr/6 p Deep Blue  
Only 1.100 stamps were overprinted

-Black overprint errors



“Inverted typographed overprint”

3 kr/3 kr /2p, Claret  
Only 606 stamps were overprinted



“Missing handstamped overprint” on one stamp of block of four & pair



“Inverted” handstamped overprint

3 kr/3 kr/4 p, Sepia  
Only 580 stamps were overprinted

- overprint errors  
- usage on parcel order



“Missing” handstamped  
overprint on one stamp (C)



“Horizontal overprint”  
instead of “vertical”



Used as a single together with 25 kr Ottoman stamp on parcel order, was sent from Kavak (Samsun) to Baфра on 08.04.1921. Totally 28 kr franking was used for 960 grams parcel of 1.000 kr value.

One of the four rare documents as the usage of 3 kr/3 kr/4 paras (ISF 960) recorded until now.



3 kr / 3 kr / 4 para, Sepia  
Only 517 stamps were overprinted

-red overprint errors



“Shifted” typographed overprint

3 kr / 3 kr / 2 p, Violet  
Only 1.475 stamps were overprinted



“g” (gayın) letter in “gurus” is different than the others.

It is more “oblique” and more close to the top of the ellipse frame.

This is because of the different varieties of letters used in handstamped overprints. (C)

3 kr/3 kr /6 p, Deep Blue  
Only 1.198 stamps  
were overprinted



“Tete beche” handstamped overprint (C) “Small 3” on one of the stamp



عثمانی پوسٹاری ۱۳۳۶ عثمانی پوسٹاری ۱۳۳۶ عثمانی پوسٹاری ۱۳۳۶



1 kr Type 1



50 kr Type 2



50 kr Type 3

"li Postalari 133" instead of  
"Osmanli Postalari 1336"

50 kr, Grey Green

-usage in parcel order



Used as a strip of three on parcel order together with 41kr Ottoman stamps, was sent from Safranbolu to Samsun via Geyve on 24.11.1921. 191 kr franking was used for 20 grams parcel of 17.000 kr value.







500 kr, Orange  
 Only 2.425 stamps were overprinted

-mint and used stamps  
 -usage on parcel order



Mint



Used



Used as a pair (Type 1) on parcel order, was sent from Cesaree (Kayseri) to Aintab on 18.02.1923.  
 Totally 1.407 kr franking was used for 1.725 grams parcel of 126.800 kr value.



**"OSMANLI POSTALARI 1336" HANDSTAMPED OVERPRINT  
ON OTTOMAN RELIGIOUS TRIBUNALS REVENUE STAMPS**

December 20 th, 1920

1000 kr, Red- Brown,  
Only 575 stamps were overprinted

-usages on parcel order



Used on piece with Konya postmark on 30.12.1921



Used as a pair on parcel order, together with 14 x 25 kr Ottoman stamps, was sent from Kayseri to Antalya on 17.03.1921. Totally 2.350 kr paid for 200 grams parcel of 230.000 kr value.

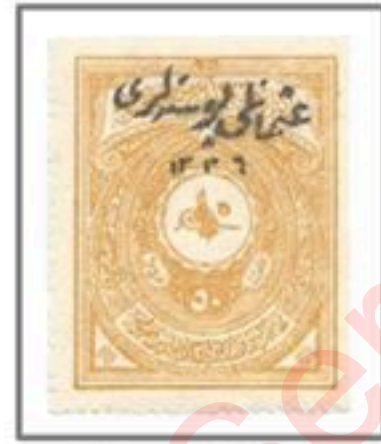




100 kr Type 1



10 para Type 2



50 kr Type 3

50 kr, Brownish Yellow

-usage on parcel order



Used as a single of 50 kr (Type 3), 2 x 5 kr, 1 x 1 kr stamps with “Osmanlı Postaları 1336 overprint on Ottoman Ministry of Finance fiscal stamps” on parcel order, was sent from Eskişehir to Haymana on 07.07.1921. Totally 61 ½ kr franking was used for 2.200 grams parcel.



**"OSMANLI POSTALARI 1336" HANDSTAMPED OVERPRINT  
ON OTTOMAN LAW COURTS & OFFICES REVENUE STAMPS**

December 22nd, 1920

50 kr, Brownish Yellow

-one of the few sheets with different overprint

On a complete sheet of 25 stamps, first row overprinted Type 1, and the others were overprinted Type 2.

This is one of the few sheets known, two different overprints on the same sheet. (Ex: Tefik Kuyaş)

First row "Type 1"



All others "Type 2"





**PART A**  
**TURKISH GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT PERIOD**  
**(1920 – 1923)**

**A.1) OTTOMAN POSTAGE AND REVENUE STAMPS OVERPRINTED**  
**BY TURKISH GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT**

Through the end of the year 1920, Ottoman Postage stamp stocks started to decrease significantly. So the Turkish National Assembly Government decided to surcharge 2,4 and 6 paras value of London 1914 and Vienna 1917 stamps with actual postal rate of 3 guruh. This typographed black surcharge in two lines "ANKARA 3 GURUŞ" was small and not clearly visible. Also many surcharge errors and varieties have been dedected as displayed in below of this page.

**"ANKARA 3 GURUŞ" SURCHARGED**  
**OTTOMAN POSTAGE STAMPS**

November 30 th, 1920

3 kr/2 p Claret

-domestic letter with censor seal

Ankara	آنقوره
Gurush 3	۳ غروش



Used single of 3 kr/ 2 p of the issue with Samsun censor seal, was sent from Samsun to İstanbul, Beşiktaş on 18.04.1921 by actual domestic letter rate.







100 kr, Red Brown  
Only 2.500 stamps were overprinted

-erroneous stamps  
-usage on parcel order  
with erroneous stamps



Single stamp displayed above and all three stamps franked on the below document have the “error dot” in the “1” of “Osmanlı”. One of the rare document where the stamp with this error was used.



Used as a pair and single on parcel order with 1000 kr “Osmanlı Postaları 1336” Hands. overprint on Ottoman Religious Trib. Rev. Stamp and Ottoman stamps, was sent from Kayseri on 05.02.1921. Totally 1.315 kr franking was used for 350 grams parcel of 130.000 kr value. (C)



“OSMANLI POSTALARI 1336” HANDSTAMPED OVERPRINT ON  
OTTOMAN LAW COURTS & OFFICES REVENUE STAMPS

December 22nd, 1920

500 kr, Arduvaz  
Only 1.122 stamps were overprinted

-usage on parcel order



Used on piece with “Istanbul” postmark



Mint



Used 2 x 500 kr handstamped, 3 x 5 kr Muhakim ve Devair-i Adliye, pair of 2 kr/1 kr per Hejaz railway typographed overprint stamps and 25 kr Ottoman stamps on parcel order, was sent from Kastamonu to Inebolu on 04.06.1921. Totally 1.044 kr franking used for 950 grams parcel of 100.000 kr value.

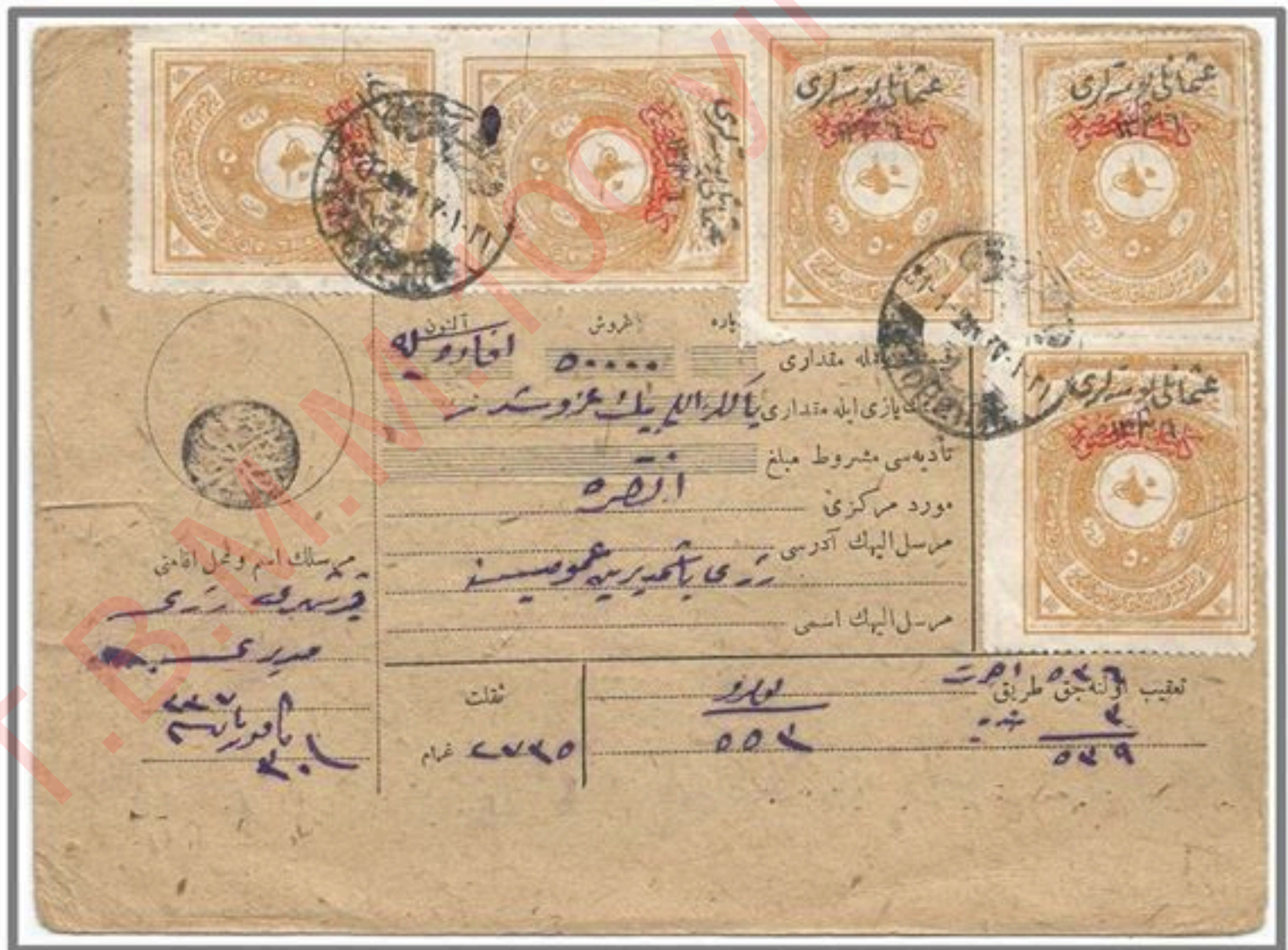


50 kr, Brownish Yellow  
Only 3.000 stamps were overprinted

-multiple usage on parcel order



Reverse of the parcel order



Used 10 x 50 kr together with Ottoman stamps on money order, was sent from Kırşehir to Keskin on 31.01.1921. Totally 539 kr franking was used for 2.735 grams parcel of 50.000 kr value.



100 kr, Brown

-parcel order with uncut stamps

Only 2.500 stamps were overprinted

-According to the law and the continuation of the Ottoman Empiral Postal Administration applicaiton, the stamps on parcel or money orders were cut by razor blade after being cancelled with the proper postmark until 1929.  
-In most of the stamps of the issue erroneously the printed side was gummed. Overprint was washed out because it was printed on the gum.



Pair on fragment with Amassia cancellation



← "1336" is missing

Used as a strip of four, pair and single (Type 1) (all stamps are uncut) on parcel order, was sent from Tenos to Sivas on 08.09.1921. Totally 702 kr franking used for 1.530 grams parcel of 80.000 kr value.



Between 4th and 10th of January 1921, the handstamp “OSMANLI POSTALARI 1337” has been applied on fiscal stamps to be used for postage. All overprints made in Ankara. Due to time shortage and probably there were only one handstamp, caused many defects especially in numerals of the overprint.

عثمانلی پوستلاری

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5 kr, Ultramarine  
Only 250 stamps were overprinted



Mint (C)

10 paras, Slate  
Only 2.425 stamps were overprinted

-overprint errors



Inverted overprint (C)



Vertical overprint "1337 on the left"



Double overprint



1 kr, Ultramarine  
Only 600 stamps were overprinted



Mint

50 kr, Brownish Yellow  
Only 1.217 stamps were overprinted



Mint

-usage on parcel order



Used as a pair and two singles of 50 kr handstamped overprint + 51 kr Ottoman stamps on front side and strip of three 50 kr handstamped overprint + 4 x 5 kr “OSMANLI POSTALARI 1337” Overprint on Otto. Min. of Finance fis. stamps + 4 x 25 kr Ottoman stamps on the backside, totally 521 kr franking used for 150 grams parcel of 50.000 kr value. sent from Adapazari on 07.03.22 to Samsun (09.04.1922).



**TYPOGRAPHED OVERPRINT "OSMANLI POSTALARI 1337"**

The handstamps for 1336 and 1337 had worn away quickly because handprinting method is not sufficient to put enough stamps into circulation. Postal authorities in Ankara decided to use typographed overprints. Printing was done by Hakimiye Milliye Printing House under government supervision. Due to shortage of same type letters and numerals, different overprinting varieties were dedected.

عثمانلی پوستلری ۱۳۳۷ Tip I Type I	عثمانلی پوستلری ۱۳۳۷ Tip II Type II	عثمانلی پوستلری ۱۳۳۷ Tip III Type III
عثمانلی پوستلری ۱۳۳۷ Tip IV Type IV	عثمانلی پوستلری ۱۳۳۷ Tip V Type V	عثمانلی پوستلری ۱۳۳۷ Tip VII Type VII

**"OSMANLI POSTALARI 1337" OVERPRINT ON OTTOMAN RELIGIOUS TRIBUNALS REVENUE STAMPS**

March 2nd, 1921

10 p, Slate  
1 kr, Emerald

-overprints errors



10 p  
Inverted overprint



1 kr  
Inverted overprint





5 kr, Ultramarine

-overprint error and variety  
-bisected usage on Ottoman  
stationery



“1237” instead of “1337” on one stamp (1)  
and  
“137” instead of “1337” on the other (2)



10 paras Ottoman Stationery uprated with bisected 5 kr value of the issue and 10 paras overprint on Ottoman Ministry of Finance fiscal stamp; to 3 kr, was sent from Konya with “Konia 4” cancellation, to Istanbul on 16.06. 1922, by actual postcard rate.



10 p, Grey Green

-piece of cover  
-overprint error



"Inverted" overprint



Old script "7" is partly missing on one stamp



Used pair and 3 single stamps on piece of cover with Bafra cancellation on 5.4.1922

"1331" instead of "1337"



3 kr/2p Claret

- overprint errors
- mix usage with Ottoman stamps



غرورس

Old script “3” is missing

انقره

“Enire” instead of “Ankara”



3 kr/2p single stamp used together with 36 kr value of Ottoman stamps, totally 39 kr franking for 2.520 gram parcel order, was sent from Konya on 28.02.1921 to Ürgüp via Nevşehir.



1 kr, Ultramarine

-block of four  
-used on Ottoman postal stationery



Used as a pair on 20 paras Ottoman Postal Stationery together with 2 x 10 paras Ottoman stamps, was sent from Ankara to Istanbul on 15.03.1921. 3 kr franking was used as domestic letter rate.



5 kr, Carmine

-overprint errors  
-usage on domestic letter



“Inverted 1337” on the left stamp (C)



Inverted overprint (C)



Old numeral “7” is broken



Used as a single on cover with Inebolu censor cachet, was sent from Kastamonu to Istanbul  
on 11.06.1921 with domestic normal letter rate. (C)

Starting from 10th of June 1921, domestic normal letter rate was increased to 5 kr.



5 kr, Rose

-overprint error  
-usage on money order with erroneous stamp



“1337” is inverted on both  
“mint stamp” and “document” (C)

عثمانی پوسته لری  
المعلمه



Used as a single with “1337 inverted” error, together 1 kr Ottoman stamp on money order, was sent from Samsun to Giresun on 30.05.1921. Totally 6 kr franking used for 600 kr dispatch





10 paras, Gray Green  
Inverted Overprint



5 kr, Rose  
“1337” is inverted



5kr Rose, “Inverted 1337” on one stamp



1 kr, Ultramarine with “Inebolu” cancellation



(C)



1 kr, Ultramarine

-overprint varieties



Double overprint on one stamp and  
“131” instead of “1337” on the other



Used as a single together with 1 kr pair of “Osmanlı Postaları 1337- overprint on Ottoman Hejaz Railway Fiscal stamps, was sent from Ankara to Kastamonu on 23.03.1921. Totally 3 kr franking was used as domestic letter rate.



5 kr, Brick Red

-overprint errors  
-usage on domestic letter



"131" instead of "1337" on one stamp



Inverted Overprint



"132" instead of "1337"



Used as a single on headed cover, with Samsun censor cachet, was sent from Samsun to Trabzon on 07.07.1921 in accordance to domestic normal letter rate. (C)



20 p, Black, Thin, White paper



Mint



Pair on piece with “Angora”  
postmark on 20.03.1921

20 p, Black, Thick, Greyish Paper

-overprint varieties



Old numerals “1337 big” in upper  
stamps and “small” in lower stamps  
and  
“337” instead of “1337” on one stamp



20 p, Black, Thick, Greyish Paper

-domestic letter with multiple usage



Used strip of four and pair on the cover, was sent from Ordu to Istanbul on 20.04.1921 with correct domestic letter rate.



20 p, Black, Thick, White Paper

-overprint error  
-usage on domestic letter



Old numerals “1337” overprinted “big” in  
upper stamps and “small” in lower stamps  
and  
“337” instead of “1337” on one of the stamp



Used block of six on cover, (backside) was sent from Samsun with Samsun censor  
seal on 15.5.1921 and arrived to Istanbul on 25.05.1921. Totally 3 kr franking was  
used as domestic normal letter rate.



**“OSMANLI POSTALARI 1337” OVERPRINT  
ON OTTOMAN MUSEUM REVENUE STAMPS**

March 10th, 1921

1 kr, Ultramarine  
Only 900 stamps were overprinted

-overprint varieties



Used (1337 is small)



Mint (1337 is big)



Used  
"337" instead of "1337"

5 kr, Deep Green  
Only 810 stamps were overprinted

-overprint varieties



Used (1337 is big)



Mint (1337 is small) (C)



Used  
First "3" is broken



3 kr/2 p Claret

-overprint error  
-usage on domestic letter  
with erroneous stamp



"Missing surcharge" on one stamp  
and "inverted" on the other



۳ غروس

(3)

۱۰ غروس

(10)

Surcharge error "10 instead of 3" on 3kr/2p stamp on cover,  
with Samsun censor seal, was sent from Mamüretül Aziz(Elazığ)  
to Istanbul on 16.07.1921 with domestic normal letter rate.



5 kr, Bright green

-used block of four  
-bisect usage on Ottoman postal stationery



Eskişehir cancellation on 05.05.1921



Used bisected 5 kr on 20 paras Ottoman postal stationery in order to meet the postal rate of 3 kr, was sent from Konya on 19.06.1921 and arrived to Istanbul on 09.07.1921.



20 p / 1 kr, Lake and pale Blue

-overprint variety  
-usage on domestic letter as block  
of six with erroneous stamp



Shifted overprint (C)



Used block of six with one erroneous stamp  
on cover, was sent from Ankara to Istanbul  
on 21.05.1921 via Inebolu with Inebolu censor.  
Totally 3 kr franking was used as domestic letter rate.

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"137" instead of "1337"







1 kr / 1 kr, Lake and pale Blue

-overprint varieties  
-usage in domestic letter



Second “3” is broken in 1337



Used strip of three of 1kr /1 kr on the backside of the cover and “Samsun censor cachet” on front, was sent from Samsun to Istanbul on 21.04.1921 with domestic normal letter rate.



**“OSMANLI POSTALARI 1337” OVERPRINT ON  
OTTOMAN HEJAZ RAILWAY FISCAL STAMPS**

March 22nd, 1921

1 kr / 1 kr, Lake and pale Blue

-Block of fifteen



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“137” instead of “1337”

“Block of fifteen” (C)  
(Largest multiple known – Ex: Kuyuş)



1 kr / 1 kr, Lake and pale Blue

-domestic letter rate



“2337” instead of  
“1337”



Used as a single together with 1 kr/1 kr of the same issue and 1 kr of “Osmanlı Postaları 1337” overprint on Ottoman Law Courts & Offices Revenue stamp, totally 3 kr franking, was sent from Samsun to Bakırköy on 12.06.1921 with actual domestic letter rate.

One of the three rare documents as the usage of 1 kr/1 kr (ISF: 1039) recorded until now.



2 kr/1 kr, Lake and Pale Blue

-overprint varieties  
-usage on domestic letter



↑ “2337” instead of “1337”



Diagonal overprints

↓ Shifted Overprint



Used as a single of 2 kr/1 kr and 1 kr/1 kr on the cover, was sent from Trabzon to Kastamonu via Inebolu on 25.04.1921. 3 kr franking was used as domestic normal letter rate.



5 kr / 1 kr, Lake and pale blue

- same error on both stamp and document



5kr/1kr

Overprinted “2337 instead of 1337”  
on both above stamp and first stamp of  
strip of three on the document



“Shifted” overprint



5 kr/1 kr was used as strip of three (first stamp with error “2337 instead of 1337” on 4.800 gram parcel order, was sent from Samsoun to Elbistan on 15.03.1922, together with 108 kr Ottoman stamps, totally 123 kr franking was used.



**"OSMANLI POSTALARI 1337" OVERPRINT ON  
OTTOMAN HEJAZ RAILWAY FISCAL STAMPS**

March 22nd, 1921

5 kr / 1 kr, Lake and Pale Blue

-usage of 50 single stamps on money order



Used 50 stamps of 5 kr/1 kr on money order for 25.000 kr despatch, sent from Kirsehir on 21.06.1921 and arrived to Samsun on 07.07.1921.



5 paras, Emerald



-Single on piece with Angora (Ankara) postmark  
-“2337” instead of “1337”

2 paras, Indigo - Blue



-Overprint on folded paper  
-“2337” instead of “1337” on one of the stamp

1 para, Orange



Backside of the piece



25.04.1921 Angora (Ankara) cancellation. (C)

-Shifted overprint (2 stamps at the top without overprint)  
-“2337” instead of “1337” on one of the stamp

Very few documents recorded about real postal usages of this issue. So, the piece of newspaper, franked with 5 x 1 para stamps shown on the left, is one of the rare postal usage of this issue. (Ex. Tevfik Kuyas) (On April 1921, printed matter rate was probably 5 paras.)



3 kr / 4 p Sepia

-overprint error  
-domestic letter



Inverted overprint (C)



Used as a single 3 kr/4 p on cover; which was the normal letter rate, was sent from Trabzon to Istanbul with Trabzon censor seal on 17.03.1921.

The "blue frame" is drawn by post rules to indicate that the stamp is invalid.



10 paras, Brown

-overprint error  
-postal usage



Pair on piece with Angora (Ankara) postmark

-“2337” instead of “1337” on one of the stamp



Used as single on cover, together with 5 kr bisect (2 ½ kr) Ottoman stamp and 10 p “Osmanlı Postaları 1337 Overprint” was sent from Ankara on 11.07.1921, to Eskişehir, arrived 13.07.1921 as shown on red cancellation. Totally 3 kr franking was used as normal letter rate.





Overprint on strip of three "partly imperforate"



"Perforation error" on block of ten with Ankara cancellation



Used bisected 5 kr and 10 p on 10 p Ottoman Postal Stationery, was sent from Konya to 16th Infantry Div. on 29.06.1921. 3 kr franking used as domestic postcard rate.



1 kr, Yellow

-overprint errors  
-usage on domestic registered letter



“1332” instead of “1337”



“1327” instead of “1337”

Upper stamps overprinted with “large” and lower stamps overprinted with “small” scripts



Used as a single of 1 kr and 5 kr on cover with Inebolu censor seal, was sent from Ankara to Inebolu on 16.05.1921. 6 kr franking was used as domestic registered letter rate.



2 kr, Yellowish Green

-overprint errors  
-usage on domestic letter



Inverted Overprint



“1237” instead of “1337” on one stamp  
and “bottom margin imperforate”



Used as a single of 1kr and 2 kr stamps of the series in order to meet the domestic normal letter rate of 3 kr, was sent from Ankara to Kastamonu on 11.05.1921.



5 kr, Red

-overprint error  
-usage on return receipt rate  
with erroneous stamps



Inverted overprint



Used as a single and pair of 5 kr stamps with “inverted overprints” on a cover with Antalya censor seal, was sent from Konya on 31.07.1921, via Antalya (13.08.1921) to Istanbul on 20.08.1921. Totally 15 kr franking was used as a return receipt letter rate.



**A.2) OVERPRINTED or UNOVERPRINTED COMMEMORATIVE, POSTAGE and POSTAGE  
DUE STAMPS of TURKISH GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT**

**FIRST ADANA ISSUE**

**December 1st, 1921**

To commemorate the withdrawal of the French Forces from the City of Adana, in 1st of December 1921, a set of 13 stamps was issued under the name of "First Adana Issue." The overprinting on those 13 was done in one night and the set was issued in the following morning. Due to shortage of letters in the Printing House in Adana, they could only assemble material enough to prepare one block that could overprint 25 stamps as the sheet to be overprinted were of 100 stamps, they had to be folded in four, and each side had to be printed separately. Insufficiency of letters and many other factors caused many printing, type setting and defects. There are two types of overprints. The letters normal printing characters, the ink is black and can be erased with a eraser.



(C) 35 kr / 1 kr (C)  
"Essay in Brick Red of Type 1" and reoverprinted  
"Black in Type 2" on pair and  
"Inverted Black in Type 2" on single stamp



1 kr, Deep Blue Tax stamp  
"Essay in Carmine of Type 1" and reoverprinted "Black of Type 2  
and  
"First Day ADANA cancellation on the fragment"

( Only recorded item Ex : Ara N. Garmiryan)  
(C)



Inverted overprints



20 paras, Type 1



1 kr, Type 2



20 paras, Type 1



5 paras, Type 2



10 paras, Type 1



5 kr/2p, Type 2



3 kr, Type 2



5 kr/2p, Type 2



25 kr, Type 1



10 kr, Type 2  
(Double overprint and  
one is inverted)



35 kr/1 kr, Type 2



**Overprint "Type 2" instead of "Type 1"**

(Recorded only on 5 paras –ISF 1051, 5 paras -ISF 1052 and 20 paras - ISF 1055)



**Overprint on a erroneous stamp**



35 kr/1 kr  
Overprinted as "15" instead of "35"  
on one stamp



5 paras, Brownish Yellow

18	19
23	24

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۱ کانون اول ۱۳۳۷

Position 19

اطنه

۱ کانون اول ۱۳۳۷

Position 23

اطنه

۱ کانون اول ۱۳۳۷

Position 24



(C)

There are 3 different errors in the block of four:

- Position 19 : 'First "nun" without dot' error,
- Position 23 : ' "elif" between "kef" and "nun", First "nun" without dot' error,
- Position 24 : 'Second "nun" without dot' error.

In each sheet of this stamp, there are two blocks of four which contains three overprint errors. One of them is not recorded yet, and the other one is shown above.



25 kr, Carmine

-First type overprint errors



Double overprint



"237" instead of "1337"



"337" instead of "1337"

20 paras, Carmine



Shifted, double overp. and one is inverted



"237" instead of "1337"



Double Overprint



"Aralık 1921" instead of "1 Aralık 1921" on one stamp



Shifted overprints





3 kr/2 p, Violet and 3 kr/6 paras, Deep blue

-overprint errors  
-usage on domestic letter



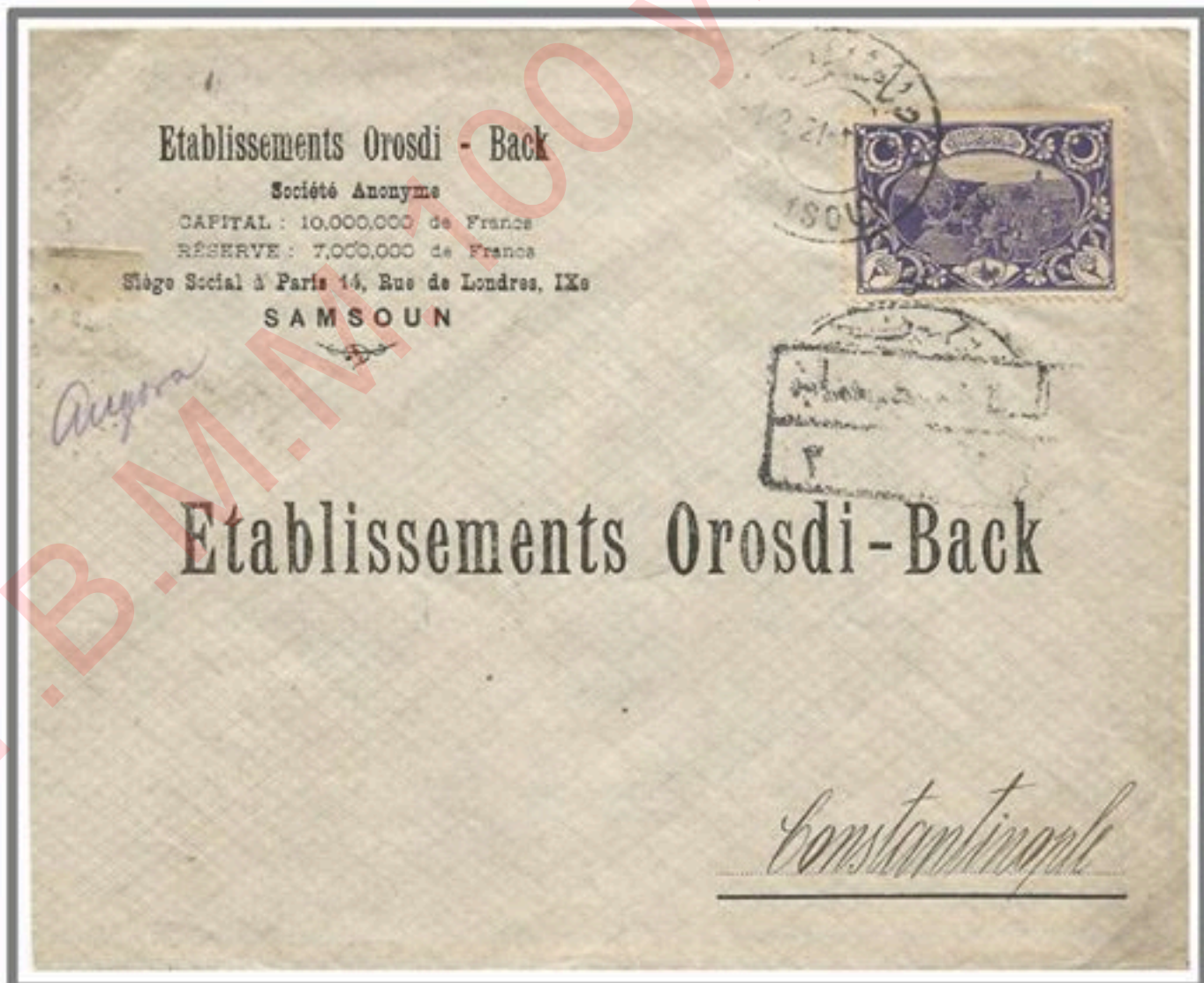
Shifted overprint



Inverted overprint



Inverted overprint

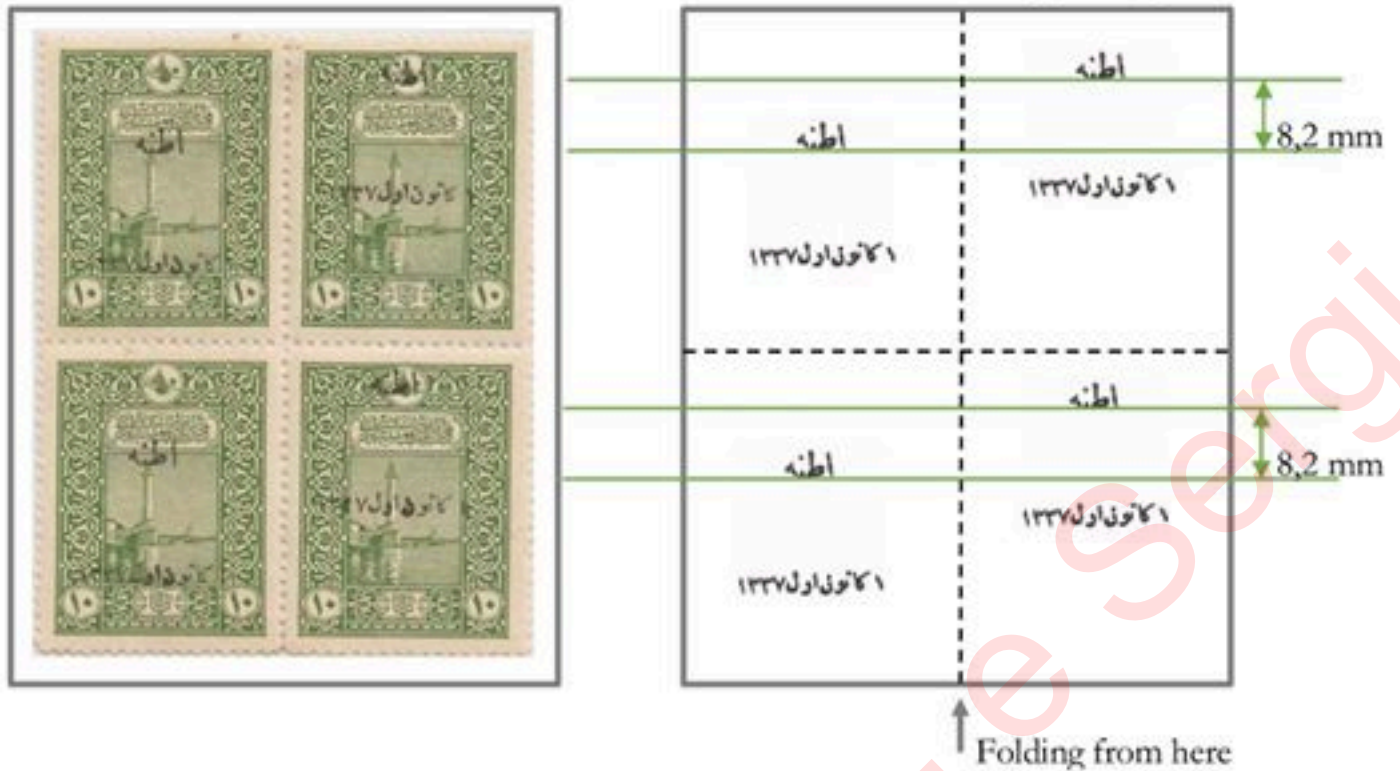


Used 3 kr/2 p stamp on cover, with Samsun censor seal, was sent from Samsun to Istanbul on 01.02.1921. Actual normal letter rate was used.



10 paras, Green

-First type overprint and varieties



Sheet of hundred being folded in four, was printed on one side first, then the others. As seen above block of four of 10 paras, the overprint on 25 stamps in two adjacent sheets not on the same level. In this context, it is logical to find "tete – beche" overprint, but not recorded yet, except false ones as seen below on block of four. (References: "The First Adana Set" Ara N. Garmiryan)

FALSE overprint (tete – beche)



"1237" instead of "1337"



Shifted overprint on two stamps





3 kr, Ultramarine

-Second Type overprint errors



“1327” instead of “1337” on one stamp



Block of six with “Inverted overprint”

10 kr, Dull Violet

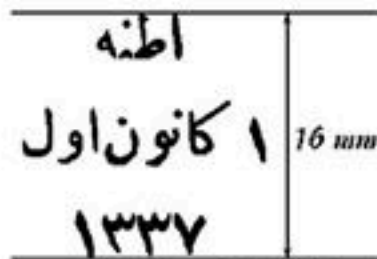


“Shifted overprint” on horizontal pair at the top  
and  
“Missing overprint” on horizontal pair at the bottom  
And  
“First Day Adana Cancellation”

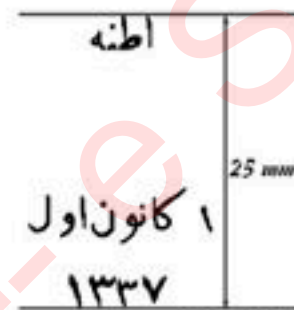


## -Second type overprints

As it is mentioned at the previous pages, there are two types of overprints used for "First Adana Issue". First one is with two rows and second one is with three rows. In this sheet; the second type of overprint is studied. There are two different heights of overprint as displayed below. While all the stamps were overprinted with 16 mm height, only 35 kr / 15 kr stamps were overprinted with 25 mm height one. (Ref: Bülent Papuççuoğlu)



2nd type overprint with "16 mm height"



2nd type overprint with "25 mm height"



5 kr / 2 paras, Greenish Blue with "16 mm height overprint"



35 kr / 15 kr, Ultramarine with "25 mm height overprint"



5 kr /2 paras, Greenish Blue

-inverted overprint error  
-domestic letter usage



Inverted overprint



Used 5 kr stamp of the issue, was sent from Adana to Istanbul on 31.12.1921 with correct rate. Istanbul and Galata arrival postmark on the backside dated 11.01.1922.

(C)

Very few covers are recorded with "First Adana Issue" stamps.



10 kr, Dull violet

-Second type overprint errors



(Sheet of 24 stamps)

Complete sheet of 100 stamps were overprinted 4 times, as block of 25 stamps. If the printed stamps not dried properly, it is unavoidable to see inverted overprints of 1st sheet on the 2nd sheet of 25, together with standart overprint.



The "Adrinople Selimiye Mosque" pictorial set, composed of 7 stamps, which were never issued and used for the overprinting of the "Second Adana Issue". Each value printed 10.000, than overprinted different quantities from each and the rest was destroyed. **At the end, the remaining quantities were only 500 stamps from each values.**

Not issued



Specimen





3 kr/2 p Violet

-overprint variety  
-usage on domestic letter



It is uncommon to see heavy ink on typography printing stamps which is seen from the back



Backside of block of four



Used 3 kr/2 p stamp with surcharge (invisible on naked eye) on cover, with Samsun censor seal in front, was sent from Samsun to Istanbul on 24. 01.1921 with normal letter rate of 3 kr.



Those stamps were handstamped surcharge three lines "POSTA GURUŞ 3" and the stocks of the stamps with the typographed surcharge also had the same surcharge.

3 kr / 2 p Claret

-overprint errors  
-usage on domestic letter

دوستانه  
غروش  
۳  
Ankara  
Gurush  
3



"Inverted overprint" on one stamp of the pair and single



Used as a single of 3 kr/2 p on cover to meet the domestic normal letter rate, was sent from Kengri(Çankırı) to Istanbul on 01.03.1921.



3 kr / 4 p Sepia (Red Surcharge)  
Only 400 stamps were overprinted

-overprint errors



**"Double overprint"** on one stamp  
(C)



**"Horizontal" Overprint**  
instead of **"Vertical"**

3 kr / 4 p Sepia (Black Surcharge)  
Only 5.400 stamps were overprinted

-overprint error  
-usage on domestic letter



Pair with **"Inverted Overprint"**  
on one of the stamp



**"Double overprint"**



Used as a single of 3 kr/4 p on the cover to meet the domestic normal letter rate, was sent from Kırşehir to Ankara on 04.03.1921



In memory of the completion of the withdrawal of French forces from Adana, a new series with typographed overprint on "Edirne Selimiye Mosque" was issued at the beginning of 1922. The black overprint was in 2 lines. "Adana 5 Kanunusani 1338" (Adana 5th, January 1922). Stamps were printed in Genoa 10.000 pieces from each 8 different values from 1 kr to 500 kr. Those were overprinted in Turkey in different numbers ( 1 kr; 7.350, 5 kr; 8.563, 10 kr; 5.912 and from 25 kr to 500 kr 6.500 from each)

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Adana

۵ كانونی ۱۳۳۸

5 January 1922



Inverted overprint  
( Recorded only on 25 kr )



Used 1 kr, 5 kr, and 10 kr and 25 kr stamps on cover, cancelled with "ADANA 1" seal on the "FIRST DAY" of the issue (05.01.1922). 41 kr franking was used as philatelic one



50 kr, Slate Blue, (with Ottoman Post Office inscription)

-perforation error  
-usage on parcel post

There are two 50 kr stamps with same design except the top inscription, in the Genoa series. One has "Ottoman Post Office" the other has "Türkiye Postaları" as the top inscription on the stamp. The one with "Ottoman Post Office" inscription was distributed in very limited quantity to the post offices.



"Osmanlı Postaları" vertically imperforate

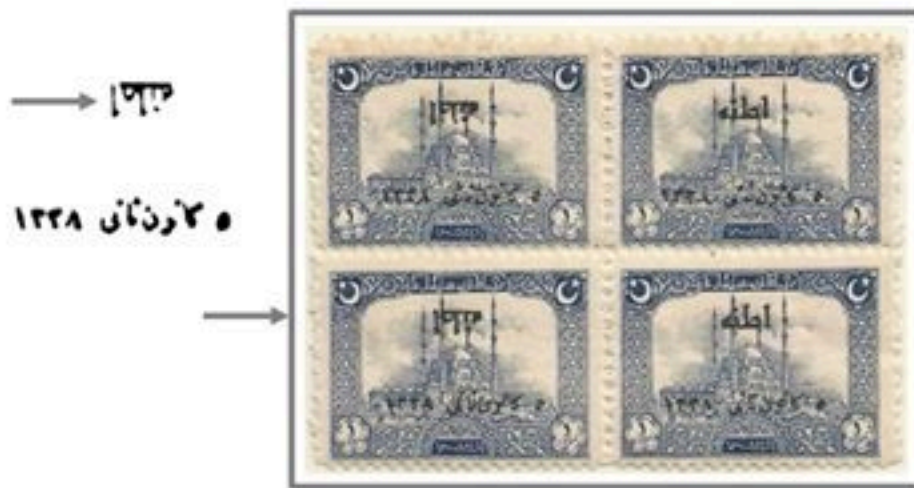


Used as single of 50 kr and 100 kr Genoa series, 7 1/2 kr Star & Crescent stamp, 10 kr X 2 Ottoman stamps, on a parcel post, was sent from Malatya on 12.08.1923. Totally 177 1/2 kr franking was used for despatch. (C)



-inverted overprint errors

“Inverted Adana” on two stamps of each block of four  
(Recorded only on 1 kr, 5 kr, 100 kr and 500 kr)



1 kr



5 kr



100 kr



500 kr

eSergi



Upper stamps of each pair overprinted as;  
"3338" instead of "1338"





The postal authorities aware of that newspaper printing houses in Turkey were able to print only one color. So the only way was to order this printings out of Turkey. This was realized probably in the second half of 1921 and the printing houses Barabino and Graeve, of Genoa in Italy, the government of which has the good relations with Ankara at the time, received the order. The earliest recorded date of usage is, January 1922.

Specimen





10 paras, Violet Brown

-paper differences, perforation and printing errors  
-domestic usage



Thick paper



Offset



Used 8 x 10 paras, 3 x 1 kr Genoa printing postage stamps and 5 kr Ottoman stamp on cover, was sent from Ankara to Istanbul on 26.07. 1922. 10 kr franking was used as domestic registered letter rate of June 6th, 1921.



1 kr, Deep blue

-perforation errors  
-domestic registered letter



Vertically imperforate



Double perforation



Used 4 single of 1 kr on cover with 20 p x 2, 2 kr x 2 (on the reverse side) 10 p x 4 (Ottoman stamps on the reverse side) 5 kr stamp of the issue, was sent from Ankara to Istanbul on 08.07.1922. Totally 15 kr franking was used as domestic return receipt rate.



5 kr, Indigo Blue

-perforation error  
-domestic letter



Corner block, partly imperforate



Used as a single on headed cover, was sent from Sivas to Istanbul on 21.09.1922. 5 kr actual franking was used as domestic normal letter rate.



10 kr, Brown

-perforation and printing errors  
-domestic registered letter



Ball error



Folded paper error



Double perforation



Corner block horizontally imperforate (Largest known piece)



Cover was sent on 26.08.1923. 10 kr correct franking was used as domestic registered letter rate .



25 kr, Carmine

-perforation error  
-foreign return receipt rate



Completely imperforate

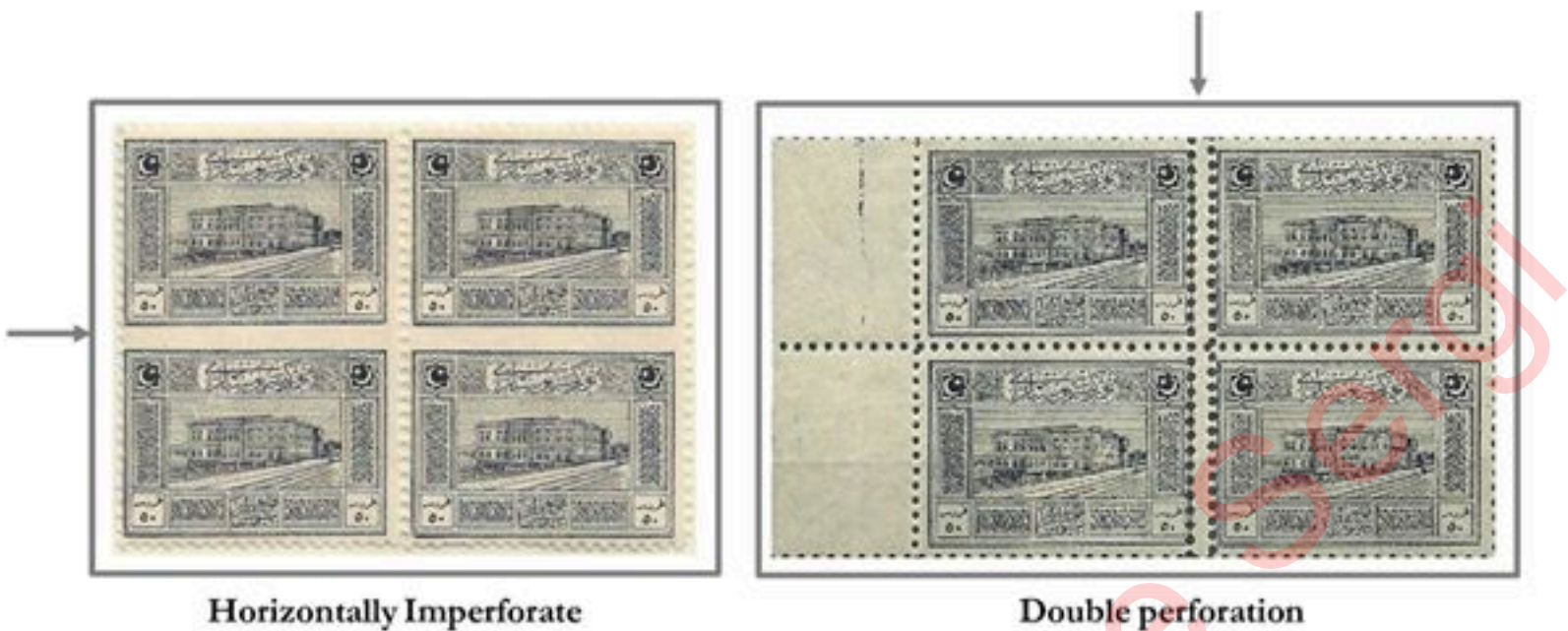


Used as a pair on cover with pair of 1 kr Star& Crescent stamp, was sent from Balıkesir to France on 05.06.1927. 12 ½ kr for normal letter, 32 kr franking for return receipt letter and 7 ½ kr for extra 20 gr, totally 52 kr franking was used.



50 kr, Slate Blue (Turkish Post Office inscription)

-perforation errors  
-multiple franking on parcel order



Horizontally Imperforate

Double perforation

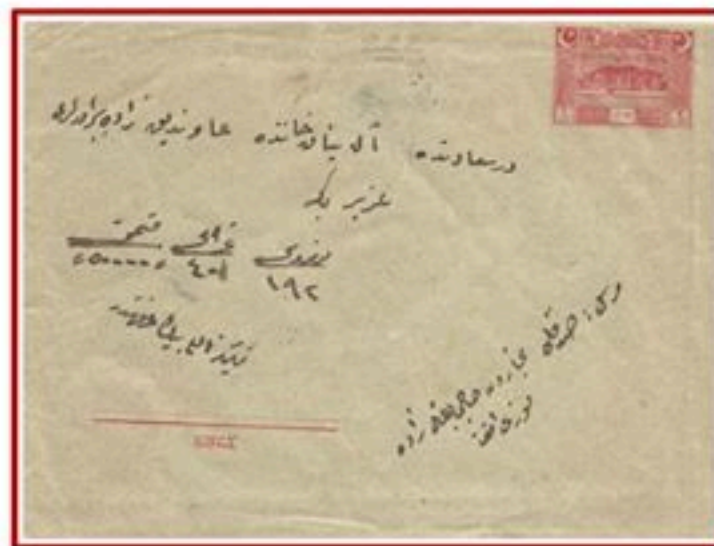


Used 9 pairs of 50 kr, 1 x 25 kr , 2 x 2 kr and 1 x 10 kr Ottoman stamp on parcel order, was sent from Gazi-Antep to Birecik on 13.06.1923. Totally 939 kr franking was used for 1.110 grams parcel of 90.000 kr value.



100 kr, Deep Purple

-value declared letter



Front side with 3 kr preprinted stamp



Used 2 x 50 kr, 2 x 10 kr, and 4 x 100 kr Genoa printing postage stamps on the back of stationery, total 520 kr additional stamps, value declared letter was sent from Sandıklı to Istanbul 04.08.1923. 500 kr for declared value of 50.000 kr+2 kr fix fee for value declared letter+5 kr for domestic letter +5 kr registration fee+ 10 kr (5 kr x 2) add. 25 gr, (15 gr x 2), totally 523 kr franking was used.(1 kr more than the actual rate) (C)

**The only recorded “3 kr letter envelope (without surcharge)” used as a value declared letter.**



200 kr, Slate Violet

-perforation and printing errors  
-usage on parcel post



Margin and vertically imperforate (C)  
(One of 2 recorded item on pair of 200 kr)



Missing frame

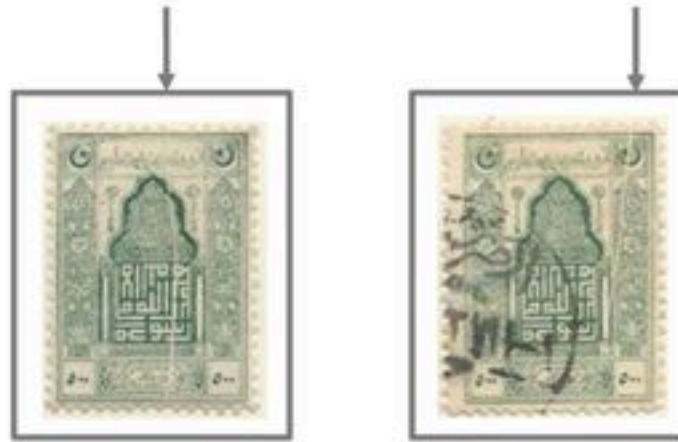


Used as single of 200 kr, single and pair of 50 kr, 2 singles of 15 kr Star & Crescent issue and 2 1/2 kr of 3rd London Issue on parcel order, was sent from Usak to Karahisar on 12.11.1928. Totally 307 1/2 kr franking was used for 3 parcels of 18.500 grams, 17.250 grams and 14.250 grams.



500 kr, Deep Green

-printing on faulty paper  
-multiple franking



“Folded paper” errors on mint and used stamps



Used 500 kr as strip of 5 and 2 strips of 4 , 1 pair and 4 single together with single of 50 kr 3rd London issue and pair of 11 ½ kr Star & Crescent issue, on parcel order (both sides), was sent from Smyrne to Milas via Çine on 20.10.1927. Totally 9.573 kr franking was used.



Essays of 20 paras, 1 kr and 5 kr



Specimen



Cover franked with single of 2 kr and two single of 3 kr Star & Crescent Second Printing Issue, was sent from Istanbul to Izmir on 02.06.1925. Totally 8 kr franking was used, 3 kr more than the actual normal letter rate of 1925. (Arrival cachet on the back.) 5 kr Genoa Printing Postage Due stamp was used as poste restante fee upon arrival.



20 paras, Grey green

-perforation errors



Pair "bottom margin imperforate"



"Margin imperforate"

2 kr, Crimson Brown

-perforation errors



Double perforation



Upper "margin imperforate"

3 kr, Carmine

-perforation errors



Partly imperforate



Completely imperforate



Partly imperforate



Upper margin imperforate



-foreign registered letter with mix usage

Specimen



Used as pair and single of 1 kr, single of 2 kr and 3 kr National Assembly Issue and 7 ¼ kr Ottoman stamps on cover, was sent from Istanbul to Basel on 23.02.1923. Totally 15¼ kr franking was used, ¼ kr more than the registered foreign letter rate.



20 paras, Brownish Orange



Horizontally imperforate

1 kr, Orange Brown

-foreign return receipt letter



Double perforation



Used strip of three of 1 kr at the reverse, together with 5 kr Genoa Printing Postage and 25 kr Ottoman stamps on front of the cover, was sent from İstanbul to Berlin on 02.01.1923. Totally 33 kr franking was used 22 ½ kr for foreign return receipt letter rate and 10 kr for poste restante fee.



2 kr, Crimson Brown

-perforation errors  
-domestic postcard rate



Various perforation errors



Used 2 kr as a single together with 20 paras pair Genoa printing postage stamp on formular, was sent from Samsun to Istanbul on 05.09.1924. Totally 3 kr franking was used as domestic postcard rate of November 1923.



3 kr, Rose, thick paper

-perforation and printing error  
-foreign letter rate



Horizontally imperforate

"13" instead of "3" on one stamp



Used as block of four on cover together with 20 paras 3. London issue, was sent from Istanbul to Schoanenwerd on 28.04.1927. Totally 12 ½ kr franking was used as a correct foreign normal letter rate valid from 1st of April 1927.



National Assembly series were printed in Barabino Printing House in Genoa, Italy. Stamps were printed on thin paper except 3 kr, which was printed on thick paper and very few amount on thin paper.

3 kr, Rose, Thin paper

-block of four and local letter



Thin paper



Used as a single of 3 kr thin paper on cover, was sent on 07.01.1925 with local letter rate.



## -Black and Red Commemorative cancels



Very desirable variety of commemorative cancellation in "Black color"

"İktisat Kongresi Posta ve Telgraf Şubesi-İzmir 15 Şubat 1339 T.B.M.M. Hükümeti"  
 (Posta ve Telgraf office of the Economics Congress – Izmir February 15 th 1923 Turkish Grand National Assembly Government) used on the occasion of the "Economics Congress of Izmir"



"Red Commemorative Cancel" on letterhead cover

"İktisat Kongresi Posta ve Telgraf Şubesi-İzmir 15 Şubat 1339 T.B.M.M. Hükümeti"  
 (Posta ve Telgraf Office of the Economics Congress Izmir February 15 th 1923 Turkish Grand National Assembly Government) used on the occasion of the "Economics Congress of Izmir"



10 paras, Green  
2 kr, Red - Brown

-overprint errors and varieties



10 paras  
Shifted overprint on vertical block of eight



2 kr  
Inverted overprint  
(C)



10 paras  
Inverted overprint  
(C)



Star & Crescent Issues printed in three different printing houses in Istanbul. It is better to separate these issues in 3 groups due to usage of different papers and inks. First issue printed in Ahmet Nazım Printing House with perforation  $13 \frac{1}{2}$ . Details of 2nd and 3rd series explained in related parts. Because of the high printing quantity of 5 kr value stamp, it was printed in two groups. As shown in below, at the second group, "5" is smaller than first group.

### Essays



Essay of 3 kr



Essay of 5 kr with **big** numerals



Essay of 5 kr with **small** numerals



Specimen



Used as pair of 10 paras, two single of 2 kr, single of 1 kr, 1 ½ kr, 3 kr and 5 kr stamps on cover was sent from Istanbul to Nairobi-Kenya on 28.01.1924. Totally 15 kr franking was used as registered foreign letter rate of January 1922.



1 ½ kr, Yellowish Green

-printing on faulty paper  
-same error used on cover



↑ Crease error



Crease error

Used as strip of three 1 ½ kr and pair of 10 paras Ottoman stamp on cover, was sent from Istanbul to Balıkesir on 01.08.1925. 5 kr correct franking was used as domestic letter rate.



2 kr, Deep green

-commemorative cancellation

POST OFFICE OF THE EXHIBITION OF BROUSSE  
11 / 09 / 1923



Commemorative cancellation "Brusa Sergisi Posta Şubesi 11.09.1339" (Post Office of the Exhibition of Brousse 11.09.1923) Used on the occasion of the Third Exhibition of Brousse on cover, was sent from Brousse (Bursa) to Konya Ereğlisi on 12.09.1923. 6 kr franking used, 1kr more than normal letter rate.

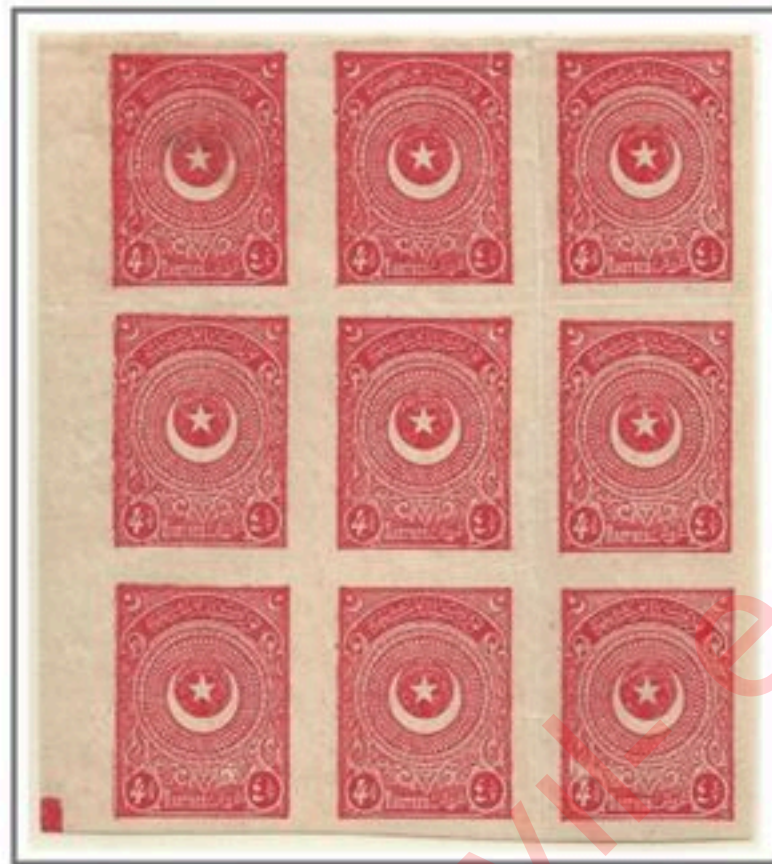


Reverse of the cover with Special Cancellation Brousse depart on 13.09.1923 and Konya arrival on 16.09.1923.



4 ½ kr, Carmine

-perforation error  
-foreign postcard rate



Imperforate block of nine



Used as single of 4 ½ kr on postcard, cancelled with bilingual cachet, was sent from Istanbul to Utrecht (Holland) on 05.01.1923. Correct franking was used.



15 kr, Brown

-printing variety  
-foreign registered letter



Old script "1" is missing on one stamp



Used as a pair of 15 kr on cover, was sent from Dardanelles (Çanakkale) to Cairo, Egypt on 05.06.1926. 30 kr franking was used for foreign registered airmail rate of April 1925.



7 ½ kr, Indigo Blue  
25 kr, Sepia

-perforation error  
-faulty paper  
-letter return to sender



Margin imperforate



Printed on folded paper

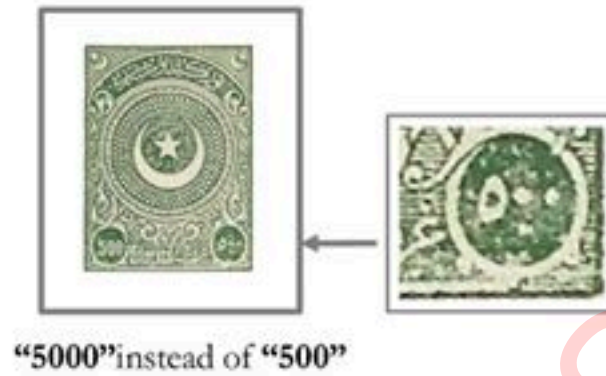


Used as a single of 25 kr and 2 single of 7 ½ kr on cover, was sent from Istanbul to London via Prague and Paris on 17.03.1926, cancelled with POSTES AERIENNES STAMBOUL airmail cachet. 40 kr airmail air mail rate was used.



500 kr, Deep Green

-printing variety  
-usage in parcel order



Used 500 kr as a strip of three, (uncut) single of 2 ½ kr, 10 kr, 25 kr, 50 kr of 3rd London issue on parcel order, was sent from Istanbul to Elazığ via Sivas and Malatya on 17.12.1927. Totally 1.587 ½ kr franking was used for 1.650 grams parcel of 1.500 kr value.

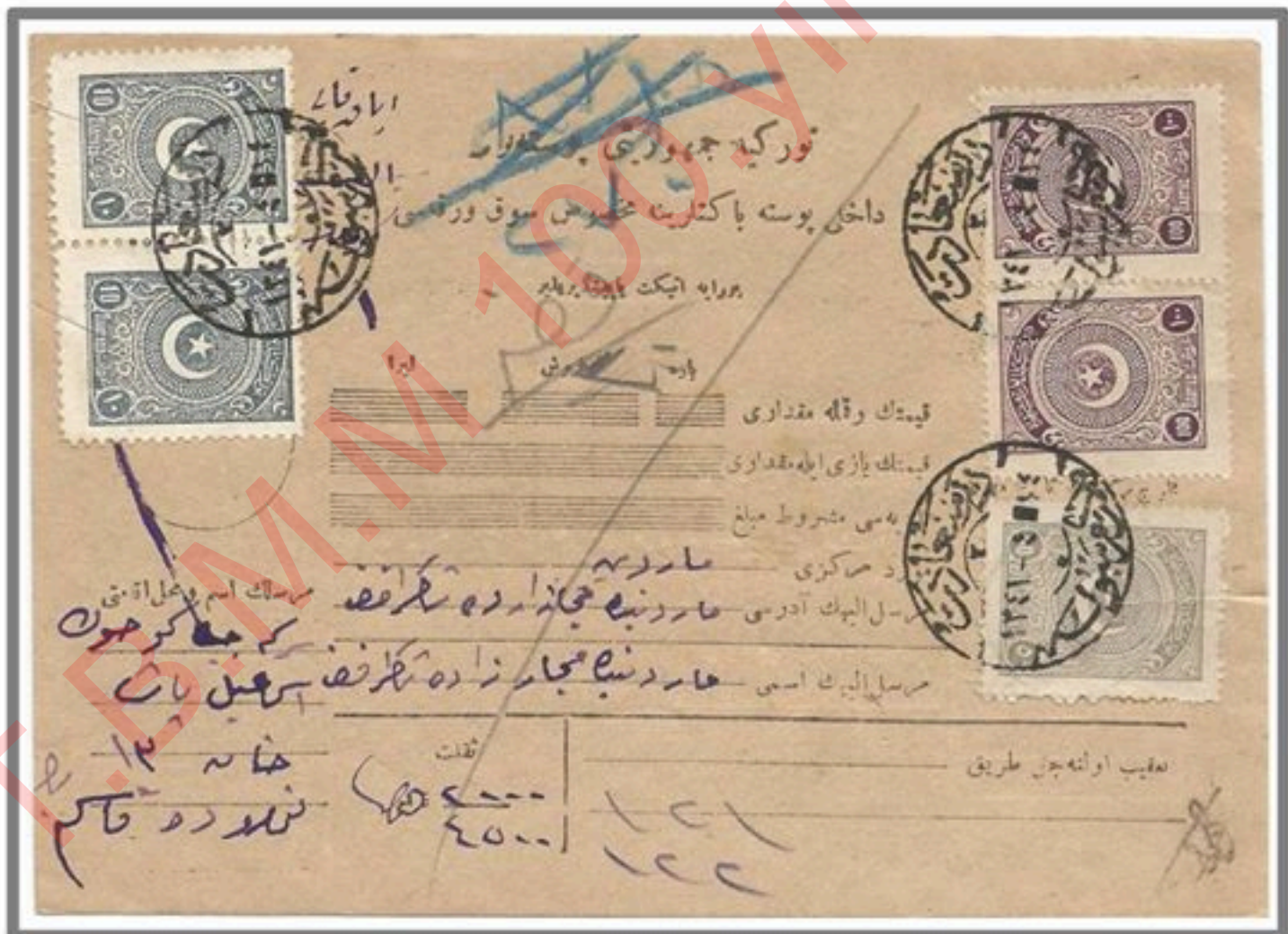


100 kr, Deep Purple

-usage on parcel order



Four single of 100 kr on piece



Used pair of 100 kr, single of 50 kr and pair of 10 kr of Star & Crescent Issue, was sent from Istanbul with "Dersaadet paket mersule 2" postmark on 14.04.1925. Totally 270 kr franking was used for 4.500 grams and 2.000 grams of two parcels.



**PART B**  
**TURKISH REPUBLIC PERIOD (1924 – 1928)**

After the foundation of Turkish Republic, "Treaty of Lausanne" was issued on the 1st of January 1924. The series was withdrawn from the circulation after 15 days with the order of Mustafa Kemal Pasha due to missing of "TÜRKİYE CUMHURİYETİ" (Republic of Turkey) inscription on the stamps. Bilingual stamps were put into circulation at the beginning of 1924, until the end of 1928 when new Alphabet was introduced.

**COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS FOR LAUSANNE TREATY OF PEACE**

**January 1st, 1924**

50 kr, Orange

-usage on parcel order



Used 50 kr value of the issue, together with pair of 5 kr, pair and strip of three 7 1/2 kr, on parcel order, was sent from Darende to Hüsni Mansur (Adıyaman) on "01.01.1924, First Day of the issue" Totally 97 1/2 kr franking was used for 4.520 grams of parcel.

Postal usage of 50 kr is rare.

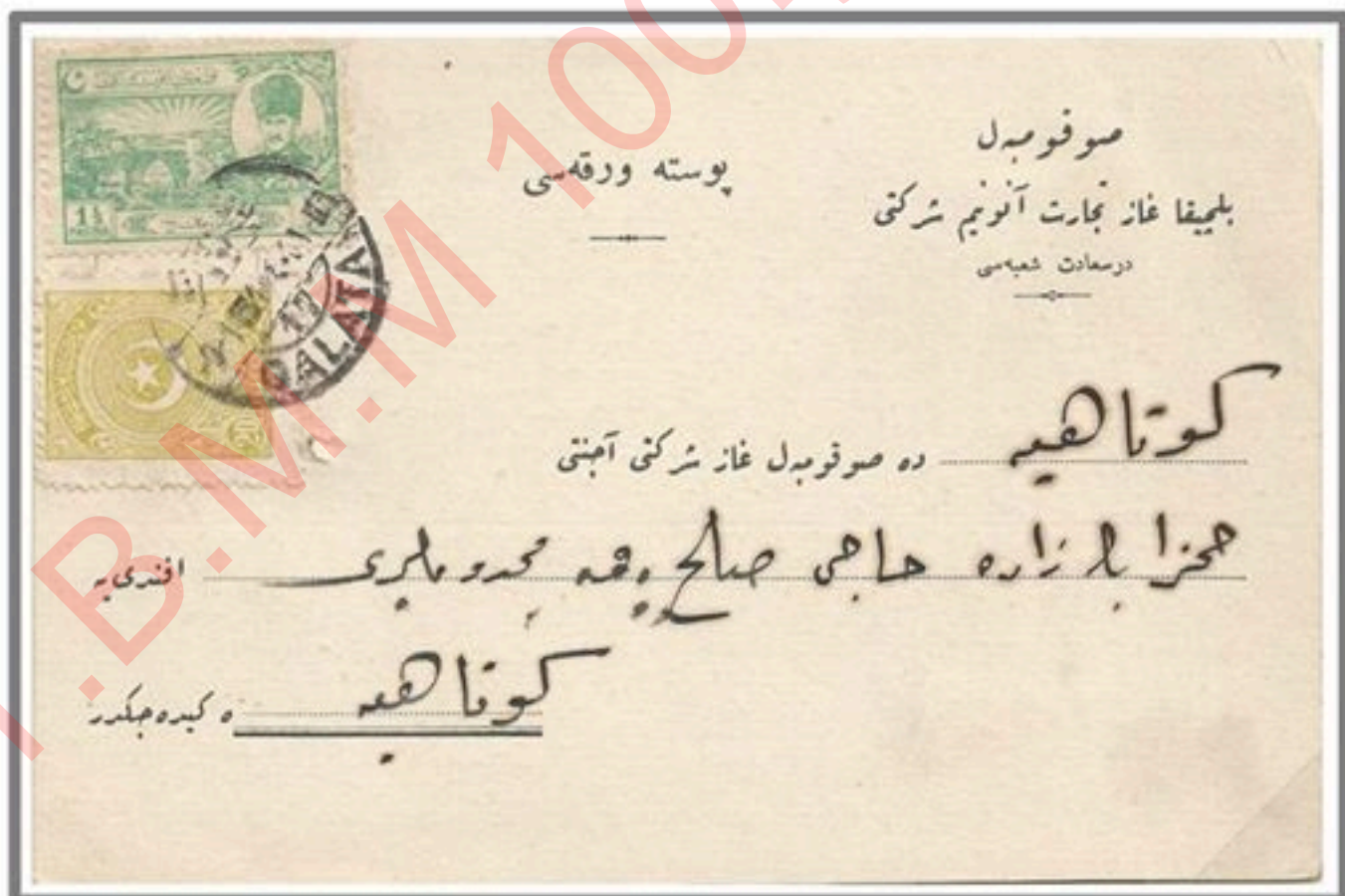


1 1/2 kr, Green

-perforation error  
-local postcard rate



Margin horizontally imperforate



Used as single of 1 1/2 gush on formuler card together with 20 paras Star & Crescent stamp, was sent from Istanbul on 09.01.1924. 2 gush franking was used for local greeting card rate of November 26th, 1923.



3 kr, Violet

-perforation and printing errors  
-domestic letter



Margin imperforate



Offset

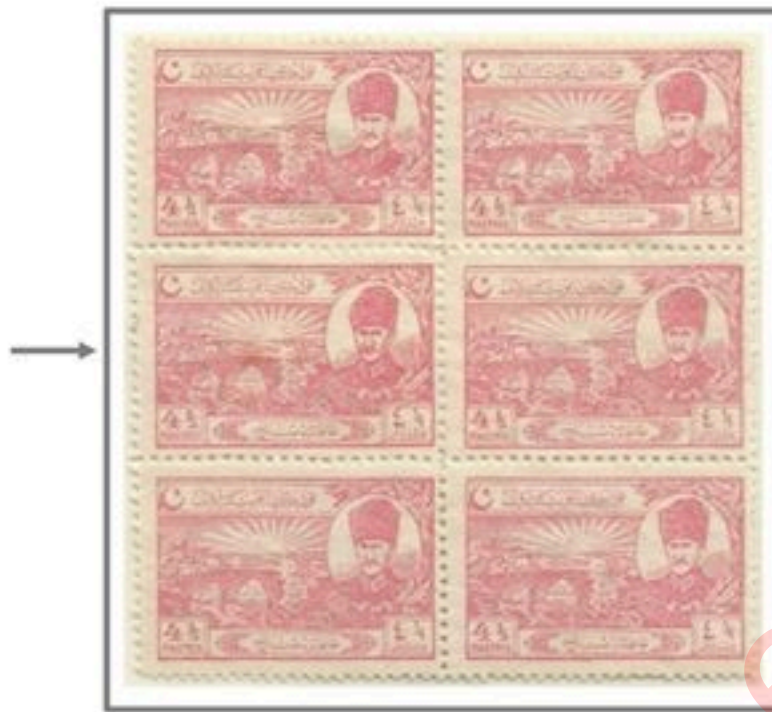


Used as single of 3 kr, 5 kr and 7 1/2 kr on cover, was sent from Kırkağaç to Makriköy, İstanbul on 02.01. 1924. Totally 15 1/2 kr franking was used (1/2 kr more )as domestic, return receipt letter rate.



4 ½ kr, Rose

-printing variety  
-foreign letter



Broken cap error



Used 4 ½ kr as a pair with "Broken cap error" together with pair of 7 ½ kr, single of 3 kr and 1 ½ kr on letterhead cover, was sent from Samsoun to Zurich on 14.01.1924(last day of circulation)  
Totally 28 ½ kr franking was used for foreign return receipt rate.

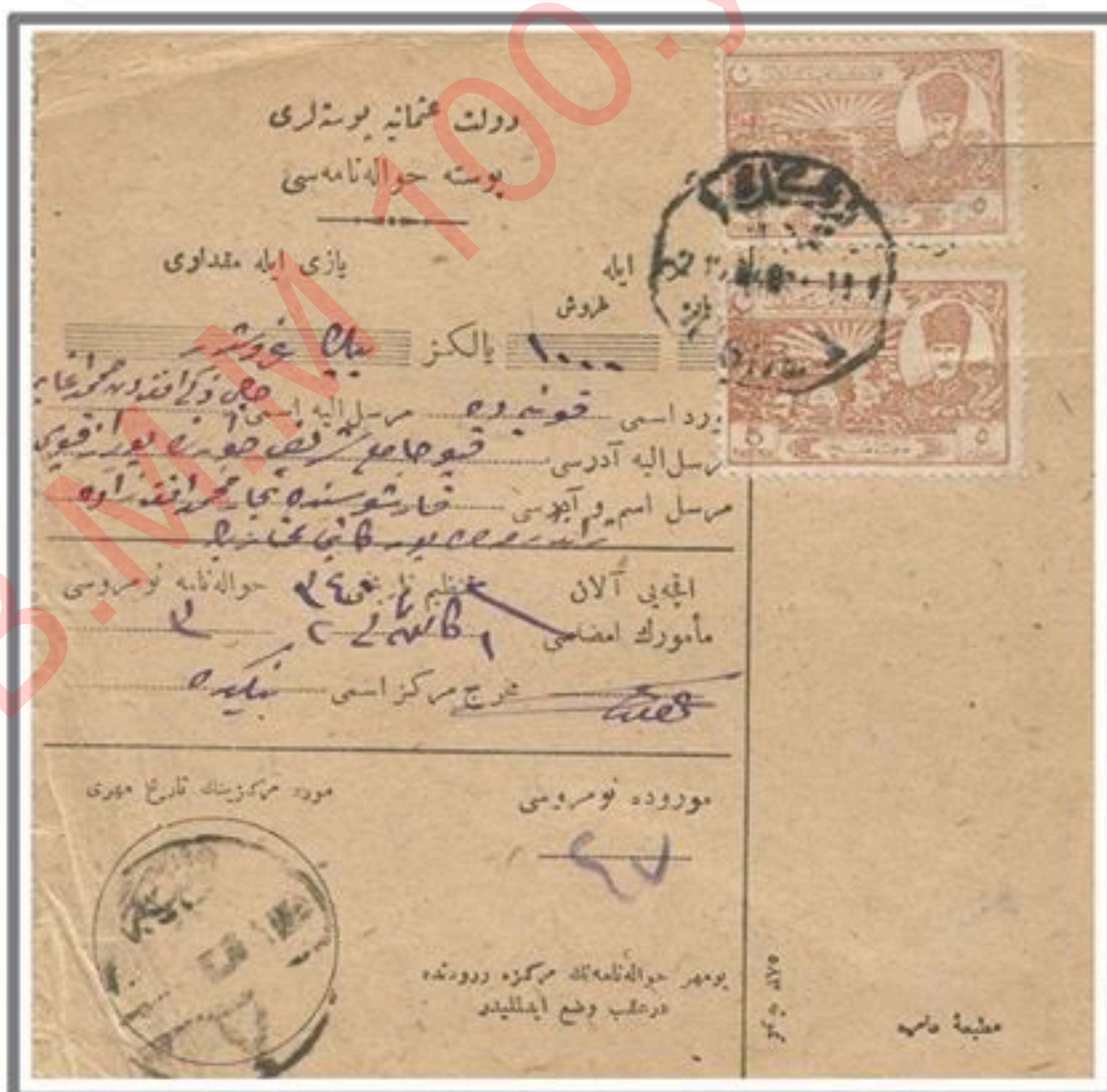


5 kr, Pale Brown

-perforation error  
-postage usages



Margin imperforate



**Top:** Used 5 kr on the little cover, was sent from Istanbul to Budapest on 02.01.1924, 20 paras more than the greeting card rate.

**Bottom:** Used on money order, sent from Niğde to Konya on 02.01.1924, 10 kr franking was used for 1.000 kr



7 ½ kr, Deep Blue

-error varieties  
-foreign letter rate



(1) Crease error  
(2) printing spot on the cap



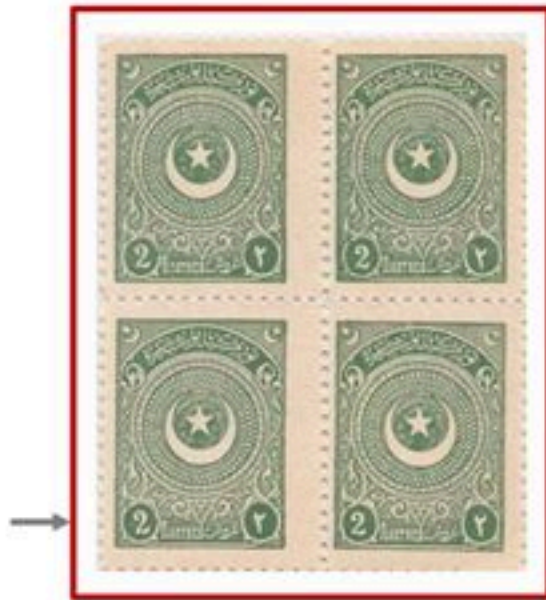
Used as single on small cover, cancelled with 'GALATA7' postmark, was sent from İstanbul to Bruxelles, Belgium on 11.01.1924. 7 ½ gurush franking was used for foreign normal letter rate.



“Second Star & Crescent Series” printed in “İkdam Printing House”. All stamps were printed on thick paper with 11 perforation. By this way, it is easy to separate from the First Issue. 2 kr stamps printed in two types “small” and “big”. Sheets were consisting of 100 stamps.

2 kr, Green, small numerals

-perforation errors and printing variety  
-usage of erroneous stamp on cover

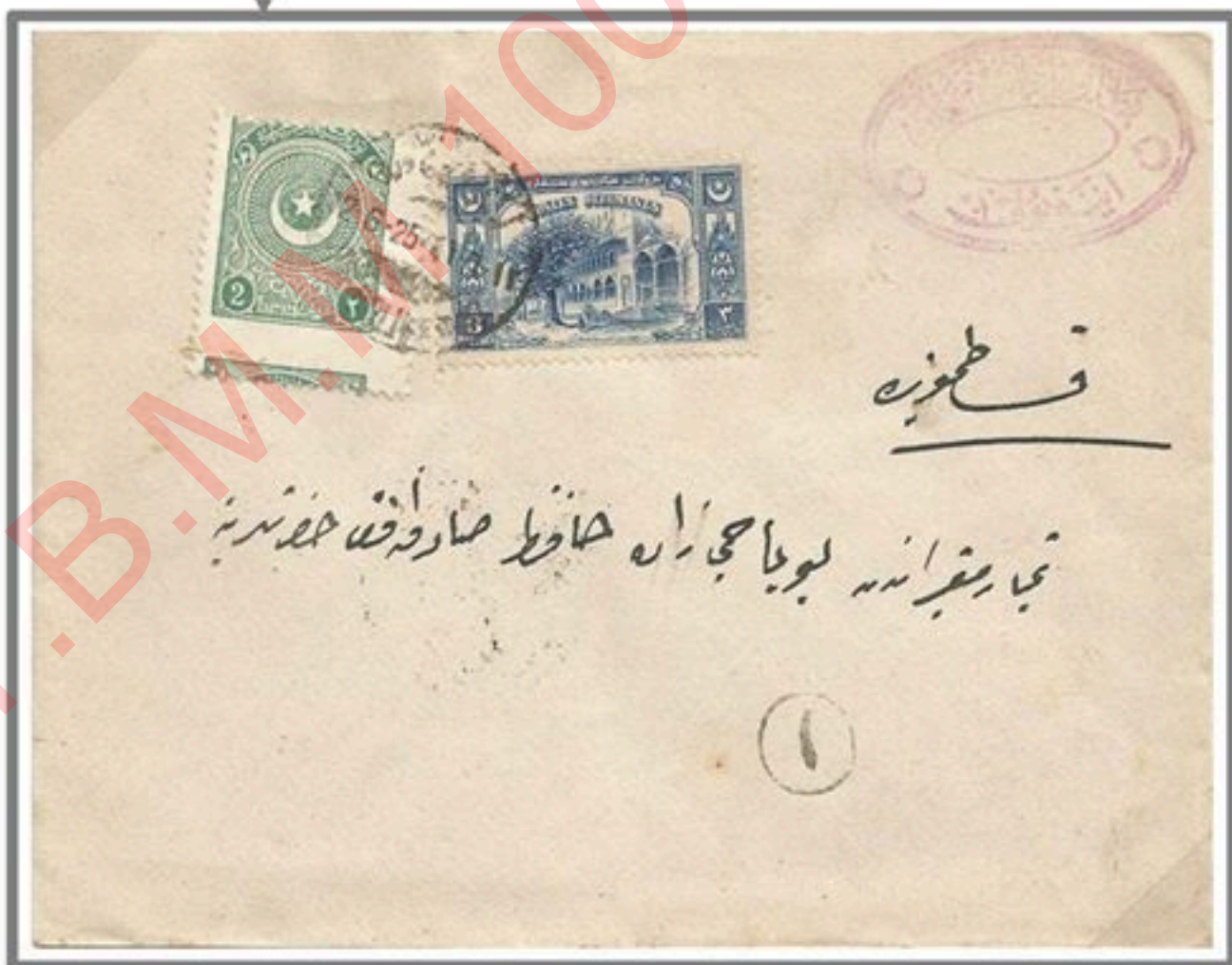


Oblique “2”



Horizontally imperforate

Perforation error



Used as a single of 2 kr (with perforation error) together with 3 kr Ottoman stamp on cover, was sent locally in İstanbul on 12.06.1925. Totally 5 kr franking was used as normal letter rate.



3 kr, Red Brown

-block of four  
-foreign postcard rate



(C)



Used pair of 3 kr on postcard, was sent from Istanbul to Berthoud, Switzerland on 29.08.1925 with actual foreign postcard rate of 6 kr.



15 kr, Brown

-printing and perforation errors  
-return receipt letter



Double offset



Partially and completely imperforate pairs



Used as a pair on cover, was send from Bozüyük to Germany with return receipt rate on 07.12.1926



5 kr, Violet

5 kr, Violet on Greyish paper

-foreign letter

-block of four



5 kr on greyish paper

(C)



Used as pair of 5 kr violet on cover, was sent from Istanbul to Bale, Switzerland on 23.11.1925.

Totally 10 kr franking was used for foreign normal letter rate.



10 kr, Indigo blue, on grayish paper

“Third Star & Crescent Series” printed in “Duyun-u Umumiye Printing House”. Stamps were printed on a thick and white paper, except 2 kr, 5 kr and 10 kr stamps were also printed on thin and grayish paper with 12 perforation. Also 13 ½ perforations were dedected in a few 5 kr and 10 kr stamps.

Various perforation errors





10 kr, Deep blue on chalk paper

-perforation error  
-foreign registered letter



Corner block, partly imperforate



Used as a pair (chalk paper) on cover, was sent from Istanbul to Marburg, Germany on 23.01.1926. Totally 20 kr franking was used as foreign registered letter rate of April 1st, 1925



The stamps of the series printed on Bradbury Wilkinson Printing House in London. Paintings done by Ali Sami in 5 different composition, 4 of them used for postage stamps and one for due stamps.

Final design and colors  
(10 paras, 2 kr, 2 ½ kr, 10 kr, 200 kr)  
On Bradbury, Wilkinson Printing House paperboard





“Colour Essays” with “Perfin Specimen”





10 kr, Deep blue

-commemorative cancellation -usage as a tax



**Top:** Commemorative cancellation (Turkish Republic Post Office of the Floating Exhibition on Board of S.S. Karadeniz 29.06.1926

Commemorative Cancellation used on cover with the Special Label of the Exhibition and 10 kr franking, was sent from Karadeniz Ship to Istanbul on 29.06.1926.

**Bottom:** Cover franked with 1 1/2 pence, was sent from London to Istanbul 27.04.1928, and used 10 kr of 3rd London postage stamp upon arrival; 5 kr to meet the actual postal rate and 5 kr as a tax.



25 kr, Deep Green and Black

-foreign registered letter  
-parcel post with 4 high values



Used single of 25 kr, 3 kr and 20 paras of the issue on the cover, was sent from Istanbul to Austria on 16.04. 1928 with 28 ½ kr correct foreign registered letter rate.



Used single of 5 kr, 15 kr, 25 kr, 50 kr, 200 kr and pair of 100 kr on the parcel document, was sent from Galata Package Post Office, Istanbul (04.01.1928) via Samsun (08.01.1928) to Tokat on 21.02.1928. 495 kr franking was used for 10.000 grams of 2 parcels with non declared values.



50 kr, Carmine and Black

-“POSTES AERIENNES”  
air mail rate  
-weighted reg. letter



**Top:** Used 2 single of 10 kr and single of 50 kr on cover with POSTES AERIENNES ISTANBUL cachet, was sent from Istanbul to Paris on 12.05.1926. 70 kr franking was used.

**Bottom:** Used as single of 50 kr on cover, was sent from Istanbul to Wien on 17.03.1928. (12 ½ kr normal letter + 16 kr registration + 22 ½ kr for extra 55 gr, totally 51 kr, which is 1 kr less.)



100 kr, Olive Green and Black

-declared value letter to outside of Turkey



Strip of four on piece

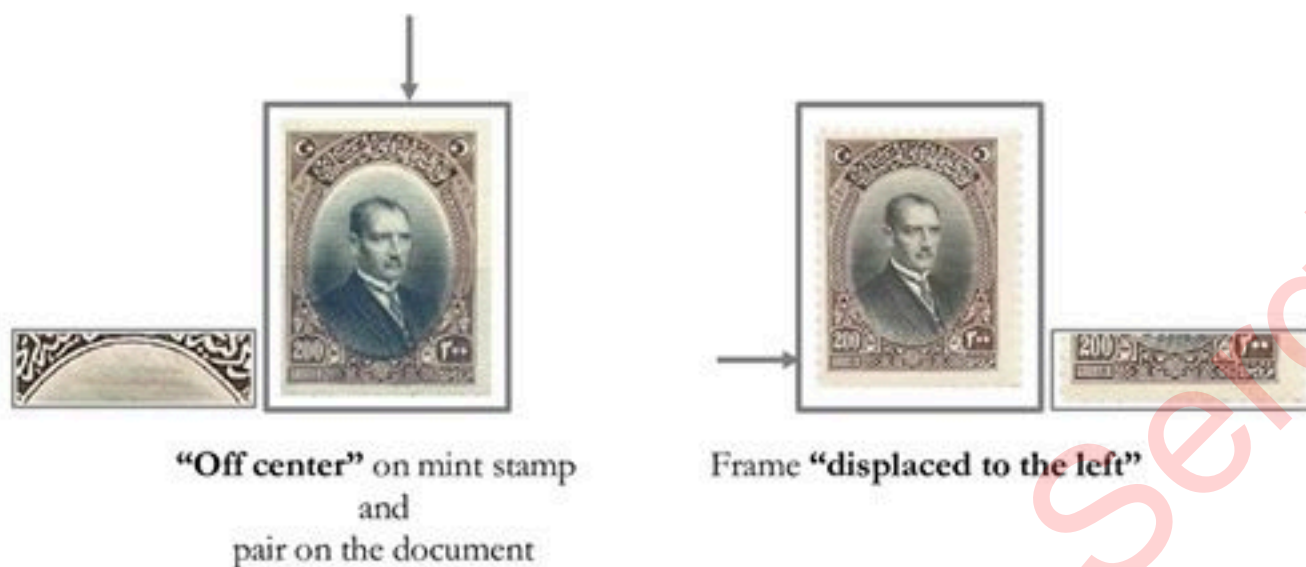


Used as a single of 100 kr, 2 ½ kr and 2 single of 7 ½ kr of 3rd London issue on cover, was sent from Istanbul to Bielefeld, Germany on 16.09.1930. Totally 117½kr franking was used; 43,5 kr for declared value of 1.000 frank (According to Exchange rate in 1930, 1.000 frank was equivalent of 4.350 kr) and 74 kr for foreign weighted letter rate.



200 kr, Deep Brown and Black

-printing varieties  
-usage on parcel order



Used as a pair of 200 kr, single of 50 kr, 10 kr, two single of 2 kr (one is at the reverse side) on parcel post, was sent from İstanbul to Lausanne, Switzerland via Trieste on 26.08.1926. Totally 464 kr franking was used for 2 parcels, one is 6.650 grams and the other 4.760 grams.



## Perfin Specimen



Complete set of the issue franked on cover, was used as a postage stamp together with 7 ½ kr of 3rd London series and 1 kr of Atatürk issue, was sent from Istanbul to Manch, England on 20.07.1933. Totally 20 kr franking was used, 7 ½ kr more than correct foreign letter rate.



2 kr, London printing postcard

-usage on postcard as postage stamp



3 kr, 2 kr and 20 paras used on "2 kr London printing postcard" was sent from Istanbul to Zurich. Due stamps were used to uprate the value to 7 1/2 kr which was the correct rate.

3 kr, London printing postcard

-usage on postcard as postage stamp



3 kr, 1 kr and 20 paras used on "3 kr London printing postcard" was sent from Istanbul to Zurich. Due stamps were used to uprate the postcard to 7 1/2 kr which was the correct rate.



For the commemoration of Smyrna First Exhibition in 1927, Turkish Post Office issued a series consisting of 11 stamps. From 1kr to 15 kr, stamps were overprinted in black, 25 and 50 kr were overprinted in silver and 100 kr in gold. This series withdrawn from the circulation on Sept. 25th, 1927.



100 kr, Olive Green and Black

-block of four  
-Special cancellation



100 kr, top value of the series



High values of the series cancelled on paper with Special Cancellation on 13.09.1927



6 kr, Red

-overprint error  
-foreign registered letter



Missing overprint on two lower stamps

Overprint on gummed side



Used as block of four on cover with single of 20 paras and pair of 2 kr of 3rd London Issue, was sent from İstanbul to Schaffhouse, Switzerland on 22.09.27. Totally 28 ½ kr franking was used for registered foreign letter rate.



25 kr, Deep Green and Black

-foreign registered letter



Used 25 kr, 2 kr, 1 kr and 20 paras on the cover, was sent from Istanbul to Manchester on 17.09.1927. Totally 28 ½ kr franking was used as foreign registered mail rate.



50 kr, Carmine and Black

-foreign air mail rate



Used single of 50 kr, totally 60 kr on cover with "POSTES AERIENNES" cancellation, was sent from Istanbul to Athens on 20.09.1927 with correct foreign airmail rate.



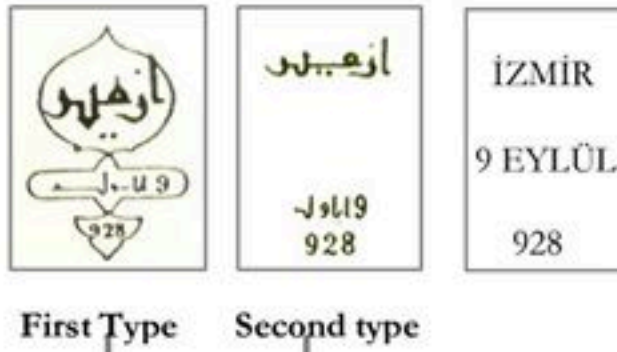
-2 foreign registered covers with complete set



Used 1 kr, 2 kr, 5 kr, 6 kr, 25 kr, 100 kr stamps on one of the cover (bottom) and 2 1/2 kr, 3 kr, 10 kr, 15 kr, 50 kr on the other (top), was sent from Istanbul to Stutgard on 21.09.1927 as philatelic one.



In consequence of Smyrna Second Exhibition in 1928, Turkish Post Office issued a series of 14 stamps. From 10 paras to 15 kr, first type overprint and from 25 kr to 200 kr, second type of overprint was used. This series was withdrawn from the circulation on April 1, 1934.



Complete set franked on letterhead cover by Ali Nusret Pulhan; famous Turkish philatelist and cancelled with "POSTES AERIENNES ISTANBUL" cachet, was sent from Istanbul to Berlin on 20.09.1928.

"The franking is philatelic one, but very few covers are recorded with complete set on them"



6 kr, Red

-overprint errors  
-local letter



Inverted overprint



Double overprint



Used as a single on cover, was sent locally in Istanbul on 10.11.1928. 6 kr franking was used as correct domestic normal letter rate.



25 kr, Deep Green and Black

-Special cancellation  
-foreign registered letter



High values of the series cancelled on the letterhead with Special Cancellation on 09.09.1928



Used as strip of 3 together with 6 kr and 10 kr of 3rd London stamps, was sent from Istanbul to Braunschweig via Nurnberg on 28.10.1928. Totally 92 kr franking was used for foreign registered



25 kr, Deep Green and Black

-overprint variety  
-foreign registered letter



Overprinted as "IZMİR" instead of "İZMİR"  
on both 25 kr stamps upside and stamp downside  
franked on the cover



Used as a single on cover (with **IZMİR error**) together with 3 kr and 20 paras stamps of 3rd London Issue, was sent from Istanbul to Wilhelminenhof, Germany on the first day of the issue; 09.09.1928 with 28 ½ kr foreign registered letter rate.

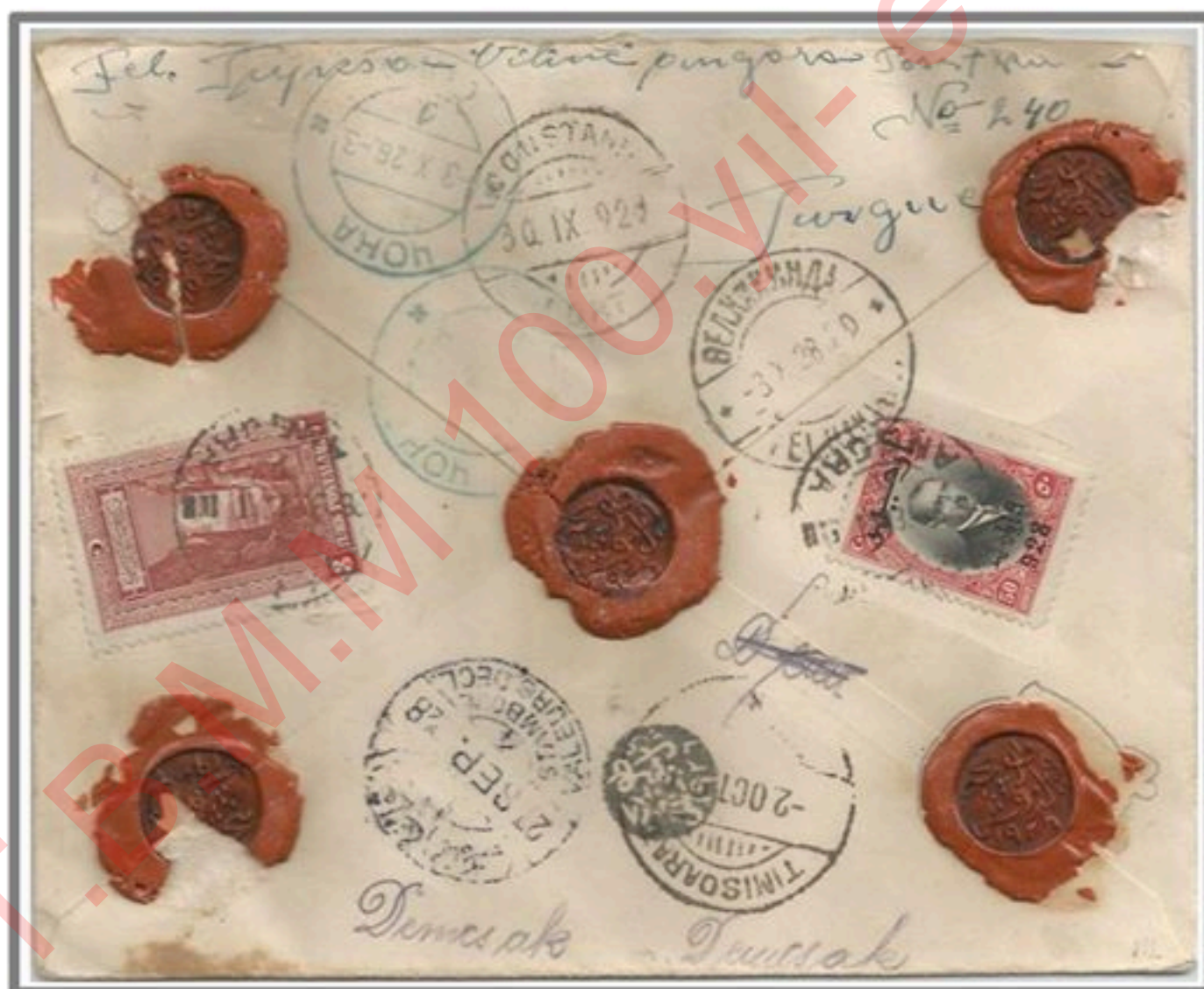


50 kr, Carmine and black  
 100 kr, Olive Green and Black

-value declared letter  
 -error varieties



50 kr "İZMİR" instead of "İZMİR" 100 kr



Used as a single with additional stamps, totally 58 kr, was sent from Ankara to Jugoslavia on 26.09.1928. 12 ½ kr normal letter, 16 kr registration fee, 7 ½ kr for additional 20 gr, 22 kr for declared value of 22 liras.