

Russia: P.O.s in the Turkish Empire

Numeral stamps inscribed

ВОСТОЧНАЯ КОРРЕСПОНДЕНЦИЯ - Eastern Correspondence

1872 (1st May)

Numeral stamp

Watermark wavy lines

Perf. 14½ x 15

A – Horizontally laid paper



40



1890 (Jan) 10 kop re-issued on slightly blue paper



40

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Russia: P.O.s in the Turkish Empire

Contemporary Arms stamps of Russia surcharged diagonally in Turkish currency

1903-10

Surcharged Arms stamps

Watermark wavy lines

Perf. 14½ x 15

B – Vertically laid paper

Issued 1903

Background
inverted



Issued 1904



Issued 1910 (11th Sept)

ОБРАЩЕНІЕ-SPECIMENS

Overprinted diagonally in blue



4 965

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1910 (15th Nov)

Surcharged Arms stamps

No watermark

Perf. 14½ x 15

C – Wove paper with diagonal intersecting varnish lines on the face

Carmine

Red



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1910 (15th Nov)

Surcharged Arms stamps

No watermark

Perf. 14½ x 15

C – Wove paper

VARIETIES

Varnish lines on back



INVERTED SURCHARGES – Claimed to be forged these stamps do not show the characteristics of the forgeries as described by Dr. Raymond Ceresa in his book. 'The Postage Stamps of Russia, 1917-1923', Volume 3, Parts 16-18, 'Russian Post Offices in the Levant and White Armies'.

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I - CONSTANTINOPLE

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Blue overprint



Black overprint



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I - CONSTANTINOPLE

ERRORS

First printing

'j' instead of 'i'

Constantjnople instead of Constantinople



Second printing

Inverted 'n'

Constautinople instead of Constantinople



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The overprint for Jaffa exists in three forms

II – JAFFA (now part of Tel Aviv)

A – Typographed 'J' with a short loop at the bottom and a marked horizontal top to the letter.

Second printing – darker colours

Blue overprint



Black overprint



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II – JAFFA (now part of Tel Aviv)

B – Typographed 'J' with a long loop at the bottom and very weak top to the letter.

First printing – delicate colours

Blue overprint



Black overprint



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Blue overprint

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II – JAFFA (now part of Tel Aviv)

C – Lithographed 'J' very fine with very large loop at the bottom and very weak top to the letter.

This is only found on the first six values and has **never** been found used.

Second printing – darker colours

Black overprint



Misplaced overprint



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III - JERUSALEM

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Blue overprint



15.

Black overprint



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IV – KERASUND (now Giresun)

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ERRORS

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'a' badly damaged

Black overprint



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V – MOUNT ATHOS (now Hagion Oros)

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ERRORS

First printing – delicate colours

Pair – one with missing 's' in Athos

Black overprint



Blue overprint



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Black overprint



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VIII – SMYRNA (now Izmir)

Blue overprint

a b c d e



f g h I j

Black overprint

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VIII – SMYRNA (now Izmir)

a

b

c

d

e



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g

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i

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a

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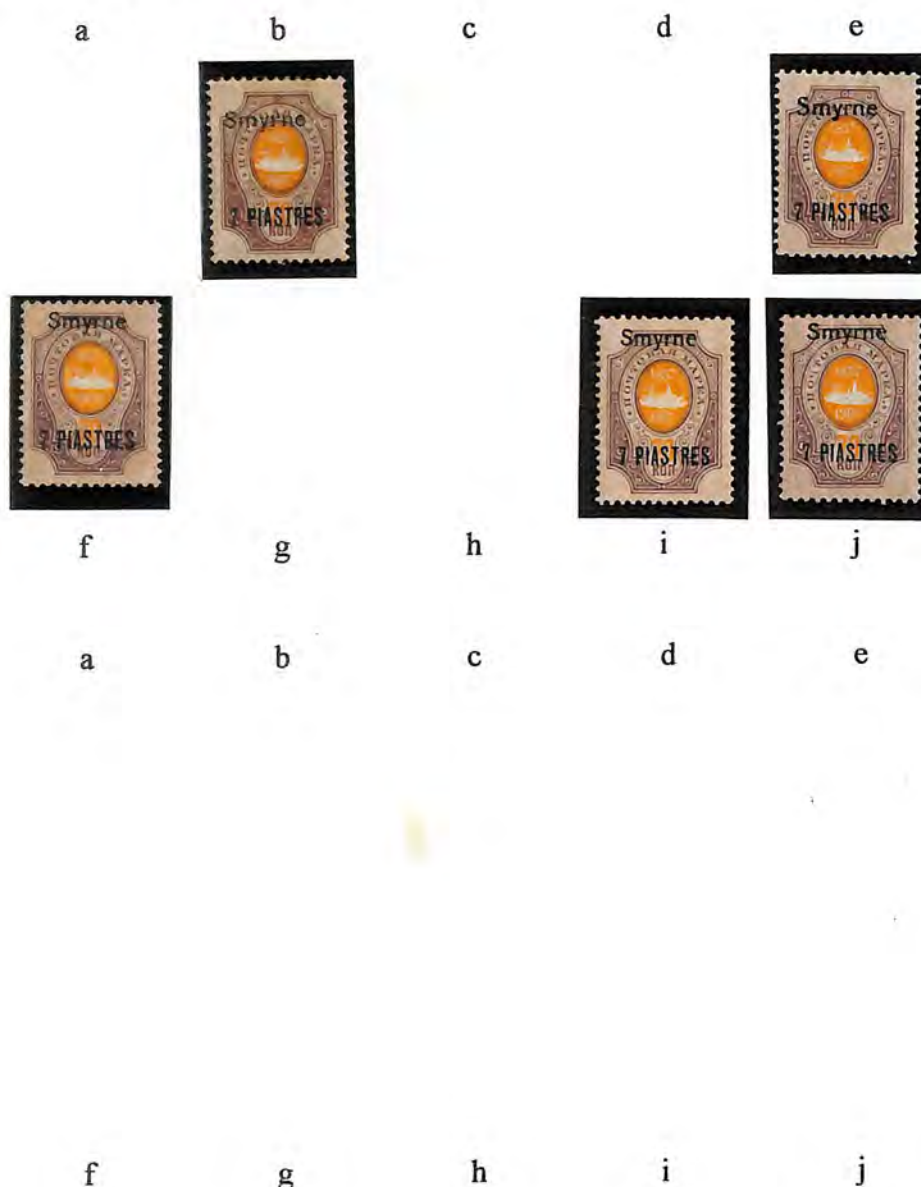
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IX – TREBIZOND (now Trabzon)

Second printing – darker colours

ERRORS

First printing – delicate colours

Misplaced overprint



Second printing – darker colours

Dot in 'b'



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X – BEIRUT

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Black overprint



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X – BEIRUT

ERRORS

Second printing – darker colours

Inverted overprint



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'B' without serifs



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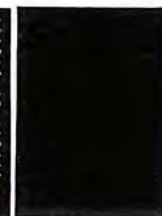
1909 -10 Issues for individual Offices

Wove paper with diagonal intersecting varnish lines on the face Perf. 14½ x 15

XI - DARDANELLES (now Canakkale)

Second printing – darker colours

Black overprint



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65

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1912 (10th Oct) Contemporary Arms stamps of Russia surcharged horizontally in Turkish currency



ERRORS

'P' instead of 'R'

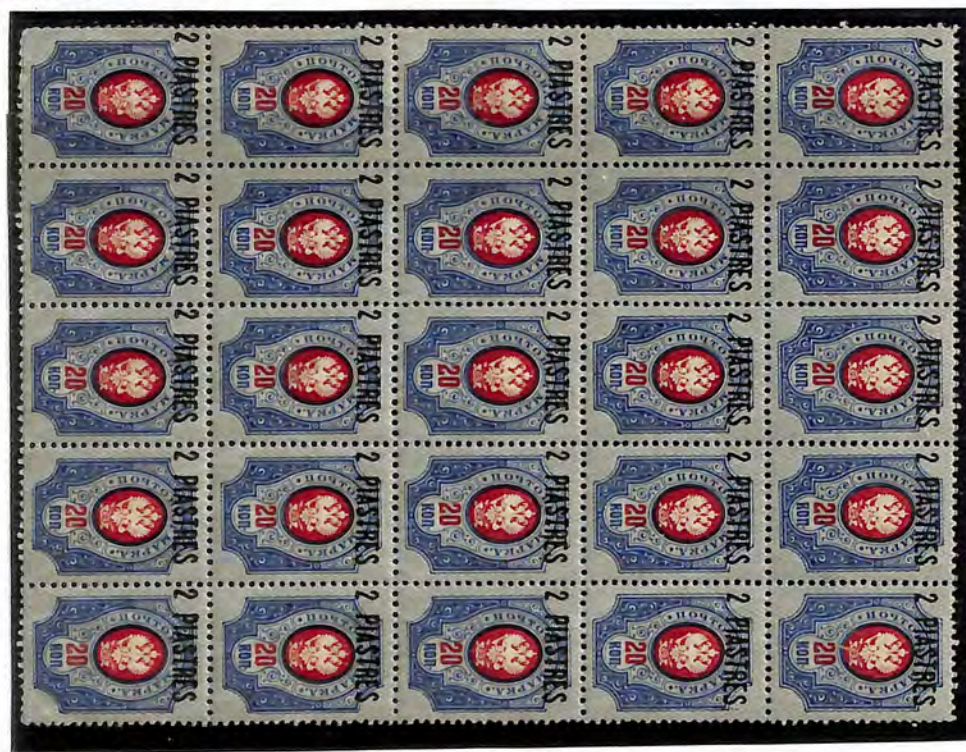
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FORGED ERRORS

Inverted surcharge



Double surcharge



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1913 927th Jan) Tercentenary of the Romanov Dynasty

Stamps surcharged horizontally in black in Turkish currency except 30 pi / 3 Rub which is surcharged diagonally in red. There are three setting of 20 pistres.



TYPE I
Upright of 'P' level
with upright on foot
of '2'

TYPE II
Upright of 'P' mid
way between
'2' and '0'

TYPE III
Upright of 'P' level
with middle of '0'



FORGERY

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THE BOGUS UKRAINIAN R.O.P.I.T. ISSUES OF 1918

All the Russian Post Offices in the Turkish Empire were closed on 30th September 1914 on the outbreak of the First World War. After the occupation of Constantinople by the Allies in 1918, some of the R.O.P.I.T. Agencies were re-opened and in anticipation of a shipping and trade revival. The Company overprinted the remaining stocks of the 1900-10 issue stamps found in Odessa with its' initials R.O.P.I.T. Some were then surcharged in the depreciated Turkish currency to correspond with contemporary postal rates. The ships did not arrive however and after the collapse of the Denikin and Wrangel regimes in South Russia all the Agencies were closed. The stamps therefore never served any postal function and were sold. It is almost certain that they mainly were produced for philatelic purposes and not Official Agency use.

FIRST BOGUS ISSUE

I – OVERPRINTED P.O.П.И.Т. BUT NO SURCHARGE (ORIGINAL VALUE)

Black overprint



Blue overprint



Red overprint



Carmine overprint



ERRORS

Missing stop
after 'П'



Misplaced
overprint



Inverted
overprint



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FIRST BOGUS ISSUE

II – OVERPRINTED P.O.П.И.Т. AND RE-SURCHARGED IN TURKISH CURRENCY

A – ½ Piastre

Black overprint



Blue overprint



Red overprint



Carmine overprint



ERRORS

Missing stop
after 'II'



B – 1 Piastre

Black overprint



Blue overprint



Red overprint



Carmine overprint



ERRORS

Missing stops
after 'O and 'II'

Various fonts
of 'I'



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FIRST BOGUS ISSUE

II – OVERPRINTED P.O.П.И.Т. AND RE-SURCHARGED IN TURKISH CURRENCY

C – 1½ Piastre

Black overprint



Blue overprint



Red overprint



Carmine overprint



ERRORS

'1' of '½' missing



Comma instead of full stop after 'P'



Roman 'I' instead of '1'



D – 2 Piastre

Black overprint



Blue overprint



Red overprint



Carmine overprint



ERRORS

Missing stop after 'IT'



Surcharge shift to the right



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FIRST BOGUS ISSUE

II – OVERPRINTED P.O.П.И.Т. AND RE-SURCHARGED IN TURKISH CURRENCY

E – 2½ Piastre

Black overprint



Blue overprint



Red overprint



Carmine overprint



ERRORS

'1' of '½' missing



No stop after 'P'



Two stops after 'T'



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FIRST BOGUS ISSUE

II – OVERPRINTED P.O.П.И.Т. AND RE-SURCHARGED IN TURKISH CURRENCY

F – 3 Piastre

Black overprint



Blue overprint



Red overprint



Carmin overprint



ERRORS

No stop
after 'II'



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FIRST BOGUS ISSUE

II – OVERPRINTED P.O.П.И.Т. AND RE-SURCHARGED IN TURKISH CURRENCY

G – 5 Piastre

Black overprint



Blue overprint



Red overprint



Carmine overprint



ERRORS

No stop
after 'II'



No stop
after 'T'



No stop after
'II' or 'T'



Inverted
overprint

