

6 chahis

Scarlet and maroon

TEHERAN 31-5-10.

PRINTINGS 1909/11

2,218,400.



Several printings and a variety of shades. The centre however is always clear and outstanding and the frame has the scarlet tinge.

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1328  
592

Dec? 1910

MECHED. 2 JAN 1911 6chabers was the internal letter rate

late printings

1915 500, 900.

1922 539, 000

both delivered Sept. 1922.

REPRINTS

1920 or later 100,000.

The centres are lifeless  
and lack all trace of  
red. The frames are  
orange.



9 chahis slate - grey.

56341

PRINTINGS 1909/11

561500.



tinted paper.

1.-X.-10

191.5 104,900  
1922 931 000.

both delivered Sept 1922

#### REPRINTS

1923 or later 100,000

#### REPRINT



The frame is pale grey  
and the centre a pale  
dull brown.

10 chahs red violet

5G342  
PRINTINGS 1909/11  
532,200



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1915 A. 10



1.B.P.



LATER PRINTINGS

1915 153900  
1916 876000  
both delivered Sept 1922

REPRINTS  
1923 or later. 100,000.

REPRINT



The centre lacks the depth and clarity  
of the genuine and the frame colour  
is red blue - not an easy value.

13 chahis deep blue

SG 343

PRINTINGS 1909/11  
609, 800



1910

6-10



LATER PRINTINGS

1915 153,900  
1922 876,000.



REPRINT



REPRINTS

1923 or later 100,000.

The centre of the reprint is a dull brown  
but the line of the frame is thicker  
than the original

26 chahis dark green.

PRINTINGS 1909/11  
203,700.



I.B.P.

LATER PRINTINGS  
1922 1041,000



REPRINTS  
1923 or later 100,000.

Reprints of this value are plentiful.  
The centre is dull and lifeless and the  
green is rather paler than the genuine.

1 KRAN violet : centre in sepia.

SG 345

Original printings  
550, 330.

1915-1922 printings  
issued Sept 1922  
1,018, 900.



1 IX-10



In the reprints the centre has a dull yellowish appearance and does not stand out clearly.  
The framework is lilac rather than violet

REPRINTS  
after 1925.



2 KRANS green : centre in Sepia. The green of the originals is  
much darker than on reprints.

SG 346  
original printings  
125,900.  
late printings  
delivered b/f 1922  
523,000



PER FIN. 1.B.P



REPRINTS.  
c. 1923

3 Krans grey



TEHERAN

SG 347

F 332.

NUMBER PRINTED

91,100



REPRINT



4 Krans blue

NUMBER PRINTED  
87,100

SG 348  
F 332.



28.1.11

Above too dark

REPRINT

R

5 Krans chocolate & gold.

number printed.  
76,000.



KUT MALAR SIAN  
ZIRMET

mfm



10 Krans Orange & gold.

number printed  
57,500.



THE ARMS ISSUE OF 1910  
 overprinted  
Service  
 Postally used examples.



13 June 1910.



THE ARMS ISSUE OF 1910  
overprinted

Service

Postally used examples.



This issue was extensively forged. These forgeries must have been purely Philatelic and are most frequently found on the 1923 reprints.

All values of the reprints were overprinted.

1910 Arms issue  
overprinted  
Service

Genuine stamps of values not officially overprinted are sometimes found. These are usually in 'used' condition and perhaps genuinely used stamps were provided with overprints for collectors by some obliging official. These examples appear to be basically genuine stamps.



*Break in  
Sword*



Yet another use to which stamps of this issue were diverted.



## REPRINTS with forged overprints.

Some of these Ops are very crude as is shown by these examples on values not officially overprinted.



Similar forged overprints shown on reprints of values officially overprinted. Some of these were C.T.O.



TVI

nearby 11

THE ISSUE OF 1910 overprinted SERVICE  
for Official use.

The issue up to 2 Krans (except 13ch and 26ch) were officially overprinted and issued. The remaining values were overprinted but never issued.

REPRINTS of all values were provided with forged overprints.



Points to note on forged overprints.

- (i) Some of the letters of SERVICE are joined - particularly the C's
- (ii) Overall measurement of Service is  $18\frac{1}{2}$  mm
- (iii) left dot to right dot  $10\frac{1}{2}$  mm.

## Relais

This was a gimmick introduced by M. Camille Molitor. He arranged for special letter boxes to be placed at the horse staging posts between Rescht and Teheran to encourage visitors entering Persia to send letters and postcards home supplying stamps to the headmen at 10% discount.

Sensing a quick profit the headmen quickly intended for large quantities of stamps and resold them to merchants in Teheran at 5% discount. To prevent this abuse stamps so sold to the headmen were overprinted Relais. Thereafter the headmen could not be bothered to sell single stamps and the project quickly became a failure.

Overprints on genuine mint stamps are usually genuine.

Forged overprints are very common and are found on reprints either unused or c.t.o. Forged overprints are also found placed on ~~then~~ genuine used stamps.

Five values only were officially overprinted



Sample overprint from Admin. des Postes Teheran.

*Relais*

*چهارچهارها*

This stamp is scarce  
genuinely used

Relais



LAHJAN

Variety of overprint



dot over i of Relais very high

unissued value overprinted.



"Relais"  
Reprints & Forgeries



Similar stamps e.t.o (the obsolete Tcheran n°2).



In this OP the Persian inscription is too far to the right



Some very crude 'used' examples.



1915

Owing to the war in Europe deliveries of some values of the Ahmed Shah issue were held up. As a stop some values of the Arms issue which were in reserve were 56417 overprinted with the requisite values and released for use.

5 chahis on 1 kran

Overprints on original stamps can

Sample overprint from  
Adm. des Postes Téhéran.

be accepted as  
genuine.

شانه  
5 Chahis



There may have been two types of overprint with the character above the 2 of chahis being either / or -



1915



REPRINTS were provided with forged overprints for philatelic purposes. Some were cancelled



The imitation of the overprint is good - but slightly shorter (16mm) than the genuine (17mm)

1915

SG 418

12 chahis on 13 chahis

Overprints on original stamps can be accepted as genuine

12 over 13



The corners of the box of the OPP are square

The dash between 12 and 13 slopes slightly upwards to the right

The arms of the Persian figures are approximately parallel

Forged overprints on REPRINTS

These are very plentiful - especially unused.



The corners of the box of the OPP are rounded

The dash between 12 and 13 is horizontal

The arms of the Persian figures converge upwards 18

1915

Shortage of Supplies of the main issue necessitated the release of some of the reserve stock of the Arms issue. The date overprint of the year of the Hegira must have been to certify that the release was official - Reprints were not made until 1923.  
Some stamps were released before the OP was made

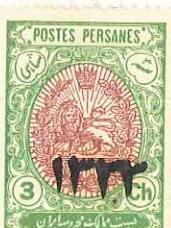


ADMIN: DES POSTES  
TÉHÉRAN.

1333 A

Two Varieties  
of  
overprint

1333 B



28 VII 15

## 1915 Reissue of the "Arms" issue

The Arms issue of 1910 was withdrawn from use in mid 1911 when the Ahmed Shah heads issue was ready.

However owing to the war in Europe in 1914 supplies of the heads issue became short and by 1915 it became necessary to reissue reserve supplies of the Arms.

These stamps were overprinted 1333 (the year of the Hegira) in Persian Script in order to make the issue authentic though a few were issued before overprinting.

Some writers have suggested that this was because 'reprints' were in existence. This however was not the case as the reprints were not made until 1923. Many of these overprints were provided with cancellations - some dated 1915.

Although all the seven values reissued have been found dated 1915 without overprint those with the exception of the 6chahs value are very scarce.



Reprints with post 1915



KURDISTAN (17-5-15) - HAMADAN (19 V 15)



6. 5. 15



19. V. 15



15. 4. 15

1915

The Arms issue of 1910 reissued and o/p "1333"



XII - 15



XII - 15



XII - 15



XII - 15



25-12-15



- 13 - 16

1915

Issue of 1910 overprinted

1915 (1333) the year of the Hegira

Originals with genuine overprints

56419



### REPRINTS



These reprints made about 1923 were delivered to a dealer in Paris who supplied them with various overprints and cancellations for philatelic purposes.

The overprint was hand stamped by rubber stamp which leads to numerous small variations. The overprint being of so simple a nature it could easily be imitated.

It is therefore extremely difficult to separate the genuine overprints from forgeries. The latter are found on the reprints and are found as a rule uncancel, though some were supplied with a cancellation.

2 chahis maroon & violet

SG 420

Overprints on originals.



REPRINTS with forged O/P.



SG 422

6 chahis scarlet.  
Originals



Official P.P.

OP



1. VII. 15

13. 10. 15



21. VIII. 15

26. IV. 15

3. VIII. 15

REPRINTS with forged O.P.



19. 8. 15

Qchahis

Originals with genuine O.P.

58423



29.12.16

15



REPRINTS with forged O.P.



3 chahis . yellow green  
Originals

56421



- 15

20 XI - 15



7. X - 15

2. 11. 15



- 15

REPRINTS with forged Q.P.



10 chahis red violet.  
Originals

58-424



REPRINTS with forged o.p.

As this value saw little use the reprints are relatively the more plentiful.



1 Kran violet

JG 425-

originals



19.11.17



REPRINTS with forged overprints



1916 overprints

A shortage this time of the high values necessitated further calls on the reserves of the Arms issue. The overprint was now '1534'

From the Admin:  
de Postes  
Tehran.

56477/80

1534

Number issued 15,000.



In the genuine overprint the Persian 4 FO is nearly closed -

20 Khans. 3000-  
30 Kras. 6,000.



29.Vn.16

REPRINTS with forged overprints.



Note } not straight  
} paper far apart  
} above the  
level of other  
figures.

Persian 4  
FO  
is open

Supposedly endorsed (EC).

1917 Overprints

These stamps from the collection of Mrs Janetta Cohen are stated to have been purchased at the G.P.O Teheran.



The overprint being a single line stamp varies according to the amount of ink and the pressure used.



1 chahī on 2 ch

56484

Overprints on original stamps are assumed to be genuine

number issued

75,000



The Persian 1  
was slightly and  
parallel to before 3  
it

C

Rounded

INVERTED O.P.



Philatelic forgeries on REPRINTS are very plentiful — usually mint.



↓ straight side  
C wide gap ←

The Persian 1 is  
straight and  
the first 3 curves  
in towards it

↑

The forged overprints are clearly distinguishable (when seen on reprints!)



OVERPRINT



DOUBLE



1 chahi on 9 chairs

26485



60,000



1917

REPRINTS with forged overprints



## REPRINTS

These overprints on the plentiful reprints were readily available to every collector in mint sets.

They were delivered by the printers to Paris and undoubtedly never saw Persia - The overprint does notificate the stamp.



These overprints were made by single rubber stamps applied by hand - Consequently the impressions show some slight variation from stamp to stamp. The false opp in general shows the mouth of the Cts over tone and sometimes as much as 2mm. The centre of the reprint stamp is in general brown as compared with the maroon of the genuine - this tends to vary to some extent.

With these points to consider in conjunction the false opps can be readily identified.

1917 overprints  
introduction

Overprints on original stamps can be accepted as genuine

SG 483 = 9

number  
issued  
5000.

14468



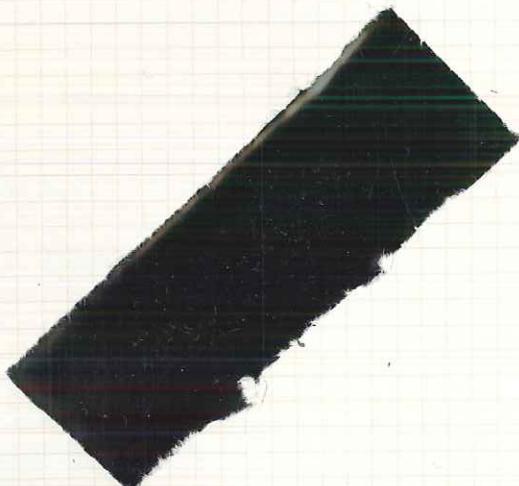
The genuine overprints appear to penetrate the paper.

1917

1chahi on 10chahis

SG 486  
(SG 492)

number issued  
65,000.



Cover from Hamadan to Teheran on 15. XII. 17

Persian Russian censor mark on reverse (see over)

Philatelic forgeries on REPRINTS.



3chats on 9chats

SG 487

number issued 60,000.



The C is round  
the mouth of C small.

The arms of the first two  
Persian figures courage  
inwards.



17.VII.-17



DOUBLE OVERPRINT

REPRINTS with forged overprints



The C is almost  
rectangular. The  
mouth large.  
The arms of  
the first two  
Persian figures  
roughly parallel.



3 chahis



SG487a

number issued  
65000



XI 17

16.IX.17

INVERTED O/P



REPRINTS with forged overprint



3 chahis on 26 chahis

From admin: des Postes. Teheran.

SG 488.

number overprinted  
60,000.

شاهی  
3CH.  
شاهی

C roundish

The centres of the original stamps are deep clear and outstanding



DOUBLE OVERPRINT.



On these undoubted reprints the centres are light brown, dull and lifeless



C more upright  
opening wider.

5 chahis on 13 chahis

This O/P is similar to that on SG 417 - There may have been more than one handstamp in use.

SG 489

Number issued  
60,000



14 MAY 1907 - 30 p.



DOUBLE O/P.



REPRINTS with forged O/P - The centre is pale brown, and bicolored.



1918 (Nov.)

SG 507

A shortage of the 2krans value caused yet another release and overprint ('336)

11/11/8

From Adm'm: des Postes.

Centres Sepia - clear and outstanding

number issued  
said by Farabaksh to  
be 100,000.  
This is absurd as  
the total 2kr printed  
before the 1922 issue  
was only 125,900.



REPRINTS with forged overprints  
Centres pale olive - rather soft appearance.



very wide mouth to  
do

1918 (Aug)

SG 508

24 chahis on 4Krans

From Admin des Postes.

1337  
24 CHAHIS  
10 X 15

Number issued

said by Farabaksh to  
be 100,000 -  
This is ridiculous as  
the total printing in  
1909/11 numbered only  
87,100 and there were  
still some available for  
the 1337 overprints.



m/w



10 X 15

REPRINTS with forged overprints



1918 (August)

SG 4509

10 Krans on 5 Krans

10 KRAM  
پهان  
۱۳۲۹

10



Number issued

Parabech says 250,000.

This is absurd as the total printing 1909/11 of the 5 Kran value was only 76,000-

Forged O/P on reprints are very plentiful.



REPRINTS with forged overprints some of which are very crude

The genuine O/P is usually clear and light; the Persian 9(6) is open - The O of 10 turns slightly inwards from the 10

Forgeries  
O/P usually heavy and smudged.  
Persian 6 usually closed.



1918 Dec.

SG 520-6

As the shortage of high values continued still further supplies of the Arms issue were brought into use - Now overprinted 1337.

1337V

Number issued

5,850.



Number issued

40,500



Number issued  
1,850



Number issued  
4,079



The odd numbers of stamps issued may well indicate the stocks available and therefore very few, if any, of these values can have been available for the Régie de Tablari 1926 op. The so called  $12\frac{1}{2} \times 12$  "remanders" of the "original" issue so overprinted may have been a proportion of the 1915 printing so perforated.

1918 (Dec).



number issued.  
6,900.



number issued  
900

number issued  
3,240.

REPRINTS with forged overprints.



2 The genuine OP  
The left arm of the  
Persian 7 is straight

V

In the forgery both  
arms curve

V

The overall measurement  
of the forged OP is  
slightly greater  
 $13\frac{1}{2}$  mm - 13 mm.



THE ARMS ISSUE OF 1910

used examples showing early and late dates of use.



- 9-10



21.IV.11



23-3-10



9-3-11



4-4-10



23.IV.11



5.4.10



16.III.11



~ 3-10



~ IV-11



3-3-10



2-10



8-2-11



26.3.10



AHMED MIRZA became Shah 16<sup>th</sup> July 1909. The "Arms issue" known as the "emission provisoire" came into use pending the arrival of the baby heads, the first printings of which took place in Feb 1911. On the arrival of the "baby heads" the Arms issue was withdrawn.

From dated copies the Arms issue appears to have been in use

between 30/12/1910 and May 1911.

The earliest dated copy of the baby heads is 8<sup>th</sup> April 1911.

ARMS ISSUE OF 1910



11. 8. 10



12. 3. 11



17. 10



3 - 10



14 - 11



- 10



29. 1. 11



6. 4. 11



13. 6. 10

20 Krans green & gold.

number printed  
25,700.



m/m

REPRINT



30 Krans carmine & gold.

number printed  
25,400.

Absence of genuinely used examples of the 10k, 20k and 30k values is due to the plain fact that at this time very few stamps of this value were used - Used copies of these values in the 1908-9 issue are very uncommon.

REPRINT



1915 (April) produced a special issue for the Coronation of Ahmed Shah.

Some of the issue was overprinted Service and some Colis Postaux generally perf  $11 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ .



#### REPRINTS

Reprints of this issue are far more plentiful than originals - In the low values they are not easy to distinguish. However forged overprints which appear on the reprints are in dull matt ink whereas the originals are shiny.

Always perf  $11 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ .



1917 brought further shortages and more overprints on the 1910 issue

1chahi on 2chahis

1chahi on 9chahis

1chahi on 10chahis

June - Aug



and of course the inevitable Forged overprint on the Reprints



and 1chahi on 10chahis of the 1911 issue



















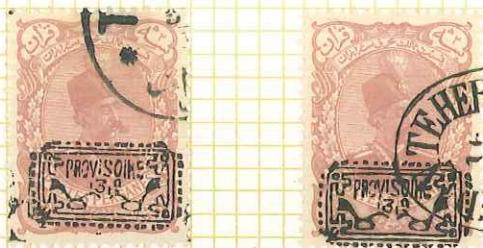
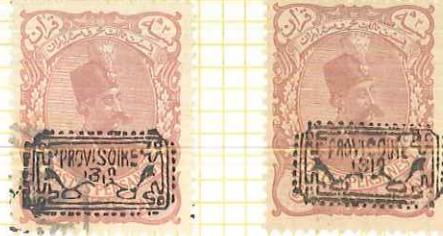












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THE ARMS ISSUE OF 1910

overprinted  
SERVICE  
for official use.

Gibbons dates this issue as 1911 but used copies are found dated 1910 and it appears some part of the normal issue was immediately overprinted.

Eight values only were officially overprinted (1ch-10ch, 1kr & 2kr).

Specimen overprint issued by the Administration des Postes, Tehran



1 Kr

2 Kr

Use of Registered Labels for Postage

56-245

Post masters had to account for registration labels at 1 chali each.

During temporary shortage of 1 chali stamps permission was given for the use of these labels as stamps.

The usual usage was to make up the cost of postage - e.g. 2 chali stamps + 1 label. It is not common to find labels used alone.



used at Chiraz

25/8

Dated 18/11/1917  
+ 50/-  
100/-

