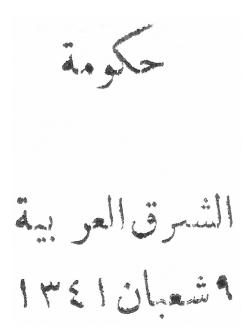
# 1923 (March-May) 3-line Overprint.



#### **Overview**

This overprint was applied to the ½, 1 and ½, Hejaz Mecca Arms stamps. A ½p is listed by Gibbons² but is thought to exist only as a forgery; it was not mentioned by Darlow¹.

At least with this issue there are plenty of genuine covers to give us confidence that this was not a bogus issue.

The stamps are listed by Gibbons<sup>2</sup> as 121 - 124. This issue is also listed or mentioned in Najjar<sup>3</sup>, Souan<sup>6</sup>, Robson Lowe<sup>4</sup>, and Darlow<sup>1</sup>. There is no reference to this issue in Scott<sup>5</sup> and Whitfield King<sup>7</sup>.

The complete plate is shown below, but because of the poor perforation alignment with the overprint, several small details were removed during the perforation process. This particularly affects the left end of the second and third lines of the individual overprints and also the bottom of the third line. The illustration is therefore offered for guidance rather than as a study piece.

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## **Plate details**

Plate size	36 clichés (6 x 6)
Plate construction	Moveable type
Different settings	No
Forgeries	Yes

# Significant errors and flaws

Souan<sup>6</sup> and Najjar<sup>3</sup> list many flaws and others have been reported, but perhaps the most important are:

Plate Position	Description					
1	Two dots forming part of yeh in al arabiya missing					
1,2,4,11,15	Short top to <i>kaf</i> in line 1					
2	Missing hah in line 1 (record	ed in Najjar9) *				
3	Raised waw in line 1					
4	teh marbuta almost missing i	teh marbuta almost missing in line 2				
19	Dropped 1 in 1341 *					
24	shaba) شعبان for شعبال	an)				
27	shabar) شعبان for (شعبن	n)				
6,8-17,19,21	The two dots of yeh in al ara	The two dots of <i>yeh</i> in <i>al arabiya</i> are vertical				
32,36	Long reh in al arabiya					
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	* Known to be non-constant					
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Dots in missi	·	Short kaf	Normal			
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Raised	waw Normal	teh marbuta almost missing	Normal			
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shaban	shabal shabn	Horizontal dots in <i>yeh</i>	Vertical dots in yeh			





The *al abrabiya* flaw is probably caused by a combination of a poorly printed long *reh* and a superfluous dot.

In addition to the dropped 1, position 19 had a dropped *teh marbutah*. The latter was corrected at the same time as the dropped 1.

### **Stamps**

The ½p in deep rose (or marone) is only mentioned in Souan<sup>6</sup>, but is classified as a separate stamp by Hejaz collectors and listed by Gibbons<sup>2</sup> as SG 41c.



### **Errors**

The ½p with inverted overprint exists in both the scarlet and deep rose shades and listed as such in Souan<sup>6</sup>. The former is assumed to be the one illustrated in Najjar<sup>3</sup> and the latter is shown below. The 1p exists with a double overprint and is listed in Gibbons<sup>2</sup>, Najjar<sup>3</sup> and Souan<sup>6</sup>. An illustration appears in Najjar<sup>3</sup> but the black overprint on a dark blue stamp does not reproduce well. Shifted overprints are known and some effectively change the order of the lines.



Inverted overprint (rose)



Inverted shifted overprint (rose)



Imperforate between stamp and margin. Also has *shabal* error (rose)

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