

The Ghost Train

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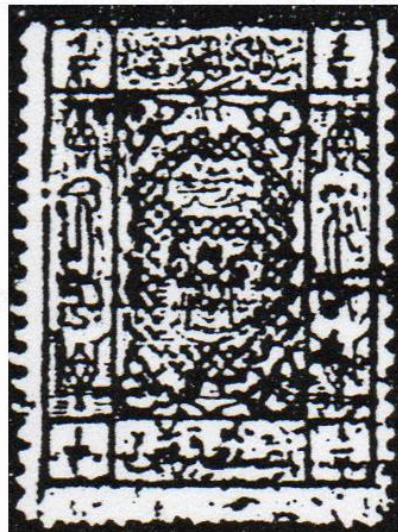


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David Graham submitted some stamps from his collection in 1984

See Random Notes 27 pages 7-8 with the following comments

o 1/2g on railway with no value, perf 11-1/2, doubtful cancel.



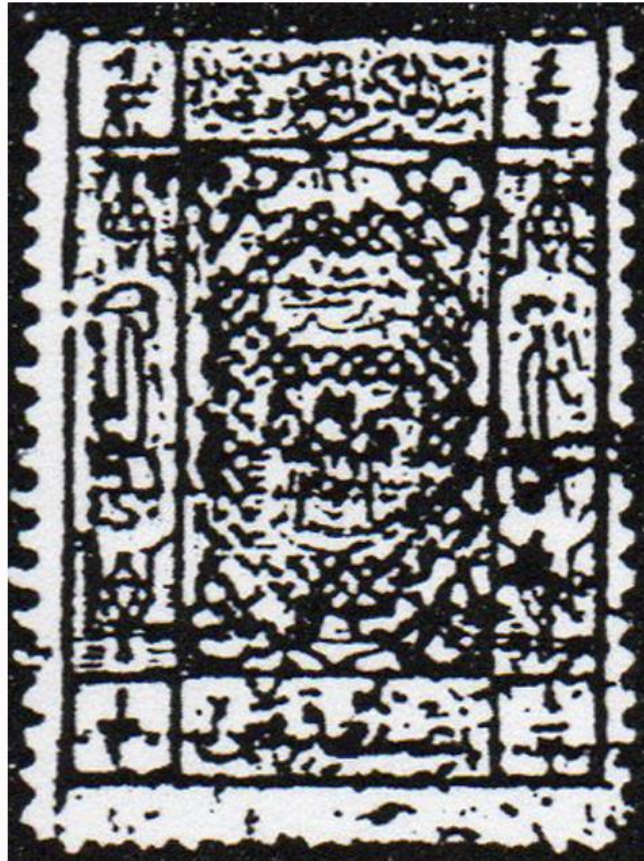
Reproduction was rather poor. in 1984 and in black and white

*However Max Mayo listed an imperf version as 52Cg on page 27 of his book
and also on imperf 1g, 1.5g and 5g with the latter two also perforated (54f and 57f)*

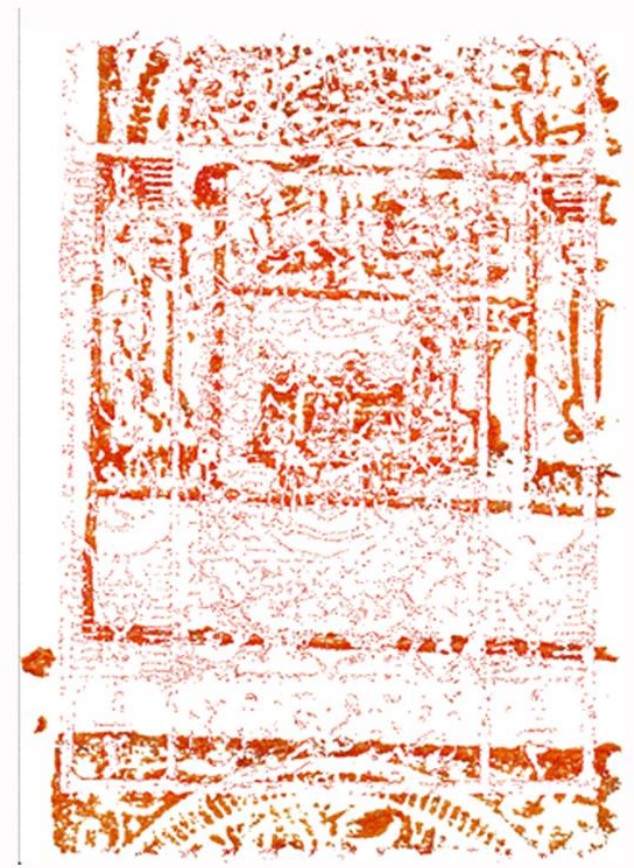
BUT no mention on the red half qirsh stamp.

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David Graham died quite suddenly in December 1993 and later in 1994 his brother passed his collection to me to sell in the APA auctions. I was able to secure this rather unusual stamp some 25 years ago!

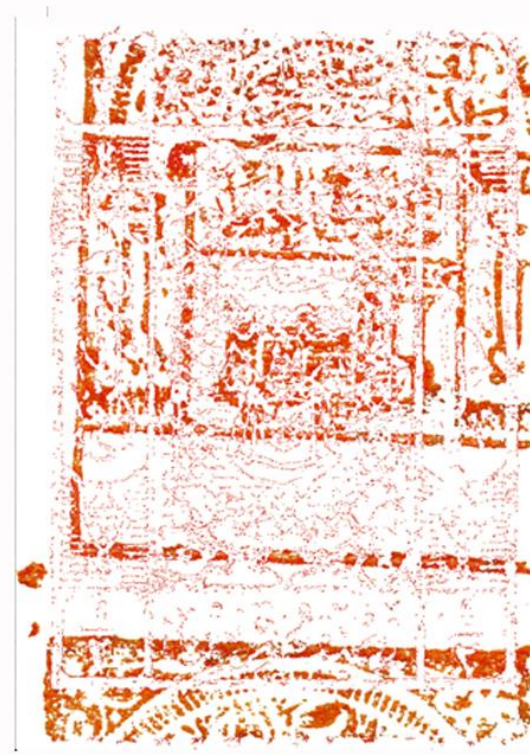
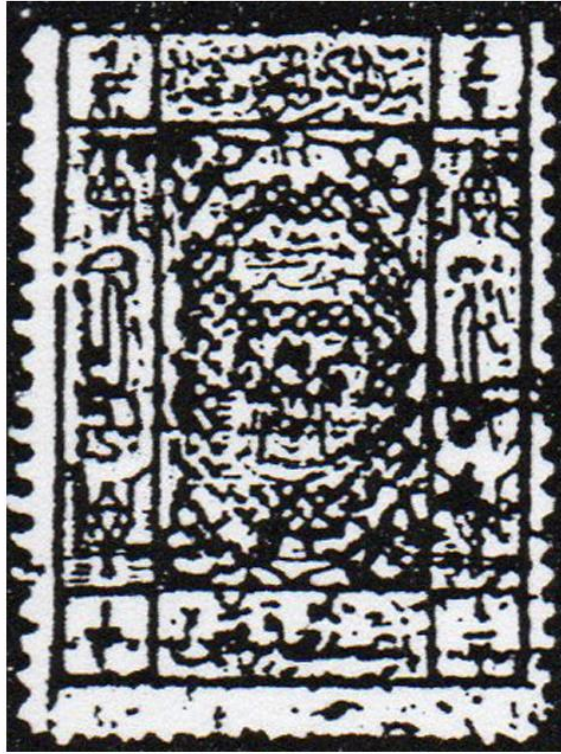


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*Even with modern scanning tools you can hardly see what the eye notices
BUT - the scanner could identify the slight colour difference!*

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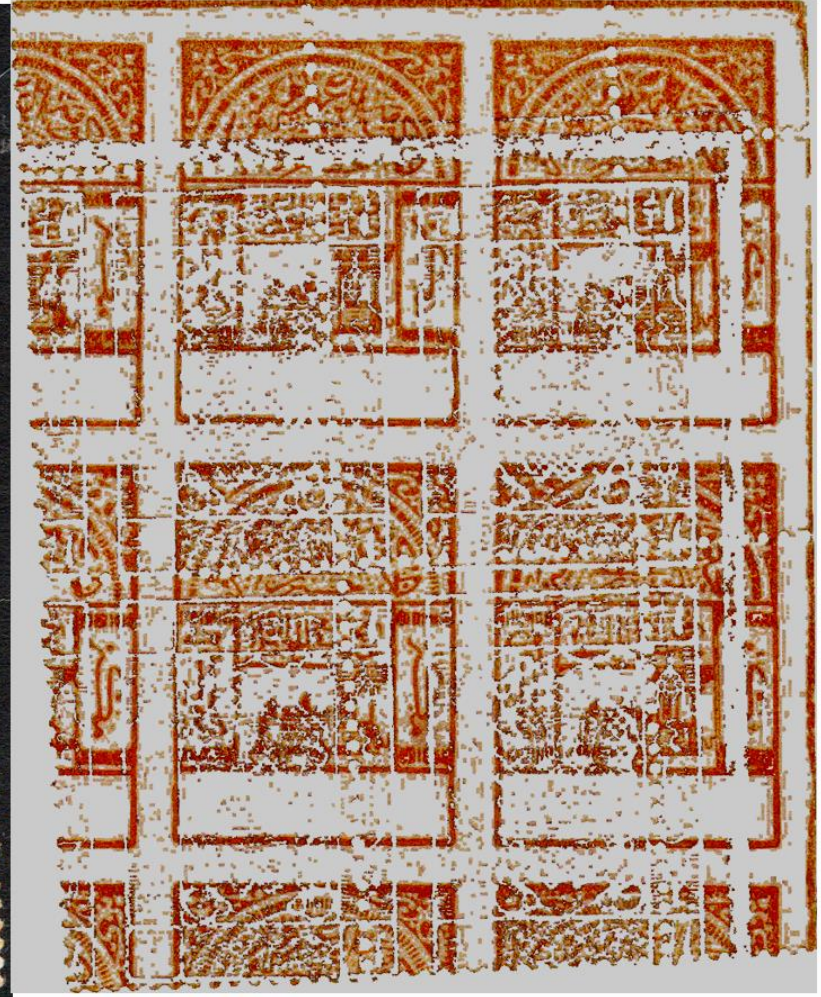
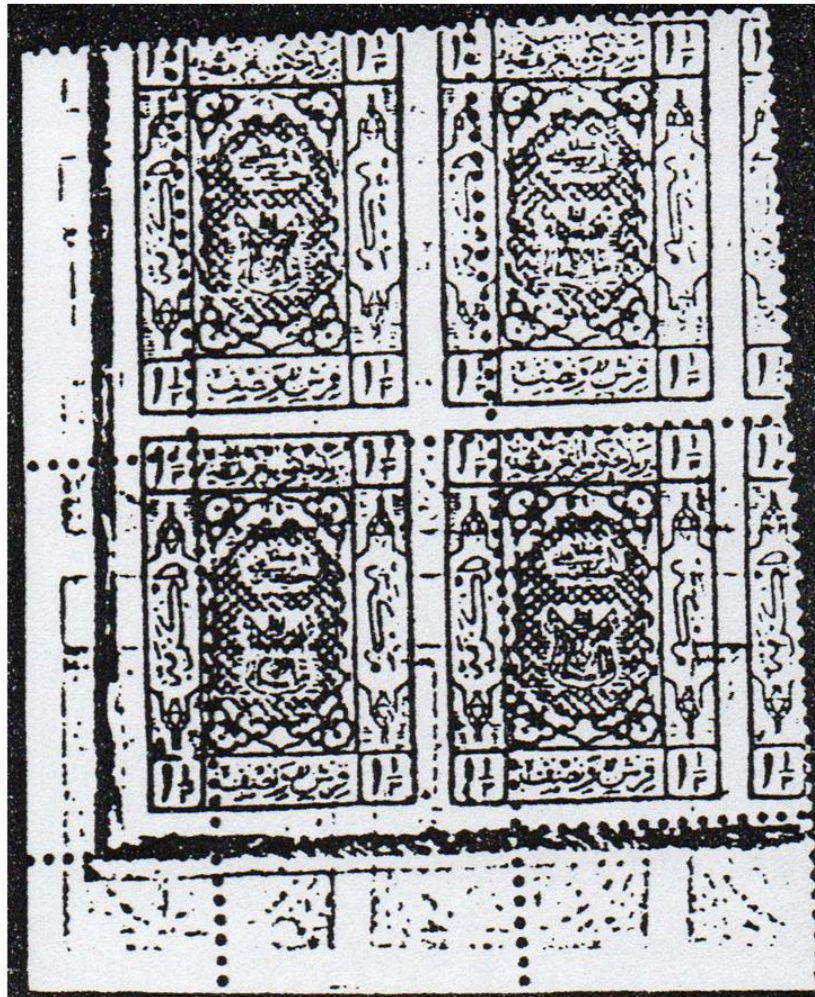
*The half qirsh stamp is the marginal position 13 from the genuine sheet.
The train is in the yellow > orange colour of the 2 qirsh Fiscal value but NO value printed.
The cancel is the format of the all Arabic Makkah type HA10 cancel.*

RN27p Fig 10 : Ex Graham
1.5q on inverted Ochre Fiscal

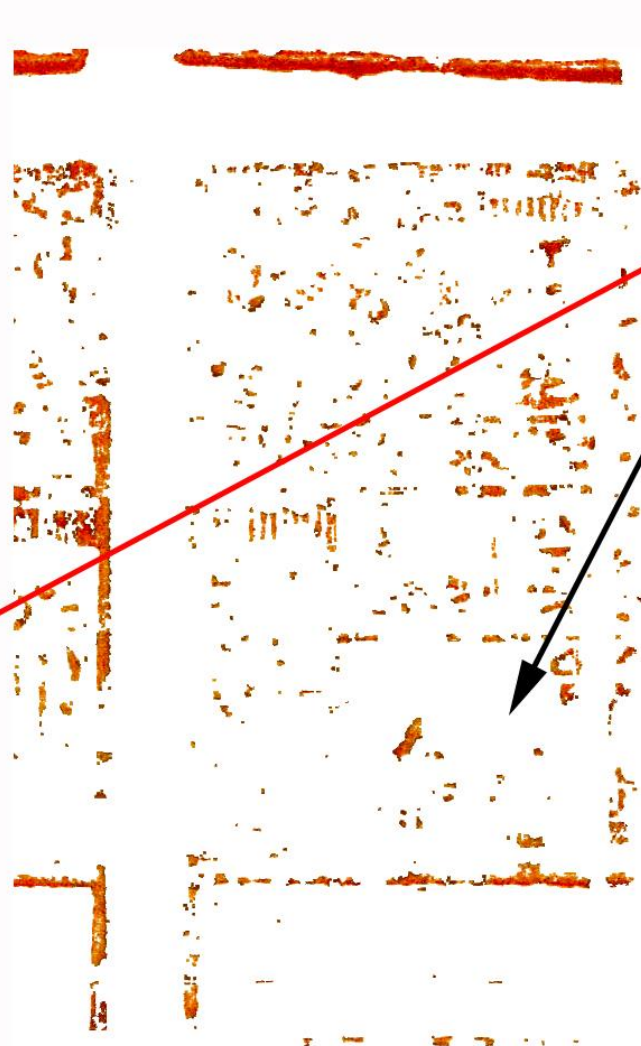
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Current Scan

Mayo lists as No. 54f (page 20)
Fiscal "selected" & Inverted



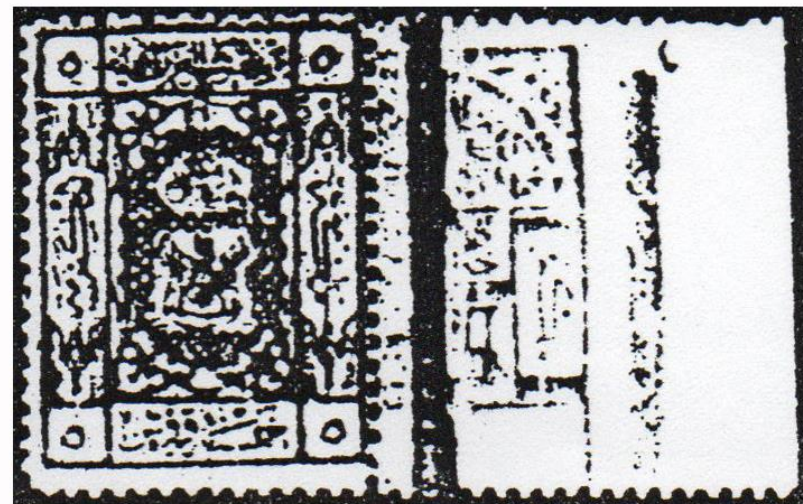
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Mayo 54f : Arms 5pi printed over Hejaz railway fiscal in colour of 2pi value.

*Train not visible under heavy inking
Outline of fiscal can be seen as shown.
The stamp is from position 24.*

*RN27 page 8 shows a marginal example
of the same variety - from a different sheet!*



Railway Revenues - Related to the Ghost!



RR3a Pair indigo + indigo



RR3 Steel Blue + Indigo



? steel + steel ?



RR11 posn 13
500 Qirsh = £5



RR14
Al Hejaz in Violet

One Qirsh Varieties

RJT lists this value printed over the **ORANGE "GHOST"** as RR3b



RR14b AL Hejaz in Black is Rare but Flat rate (RF32) Very Rare!
On piece dated = 22 Feb 1925
ie early in Siege of Jeddah

Railway Revenues - 1925 during Siege of Jeddah

RR21



2 qirsh Railway Revenue with the "Hejaz Government" overprint.

RR28



1 qirsh surcharge on 5,000 qirsh.
ie 1 cent on a \$50 stamp!

RR44



The King Ali "high value" of 10 qirsh overprinted with
1 : the two rectangular 'security' date stamps
2 : Hejaz Govt Cancel
3 : 1 qirsh surcharge
4 : For the Railway!

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2pi 1st Nejd Overprint in red
Broken block of 10 ex sheet (10)
of 36.

Sg196, Sc27.(Opt on Thoden RR4)





Type 2 Train in
position 30 of 36.

Positions 29, 35
and 36 shown , and
remainder in sheet
are the Type 1 Train



The End

