

KITAI OVERPRINT: THE 1899 ISSUE

2 kopecks overprinted in red

Perf. 14 x 14½, horizontal laid paper with watermark



Dull-green with vermilion overprint

Normal watermark



Green with vermilion overprint



Overprint misplaced

One sheet recorded

(Chefoo c.d.s. type 2)

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Several printings of the 2 kopecks were used for overprinting therefore shades of green, light green and emerald have been recorded. The overprint is also known in red and vermilion. The 2k being the U.P.U. printed matter rate.



Yellow-green with Red ovpt.
Tientsin c.d.s. type 4
(in red colour 1900 - 1901)



Green with Red ovpt.
Chefoo c.d.s. type 2
(12 Jan. 1900 early use)



Surcharge



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Fournier Forgery on 2k / specimen of fake overprint

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Complete setting of 25 from left upper pane

Positions 1-5, 11-15, 21-25, 31-35, 41-45

Reversed watermark



The direction of the watermark can only be determined from examples bearing the papermaker inscriptions in Cyrillic

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2 kopecks - usage

The 2k value was issued for the printed matter rate, since the 4k value was not released before 1904, it is often found used in pair to make up the 4k UPU postcard rate. Most printings can be found used.



27 October 1900 Chefoo to Austria franked 4k international postcard rate by French mail. Chefoo c.d.s. type 1 in Gregorian date. Shanghai c.d.s. type 2 used as transit in Julian date. 2k yellow-green shade with red KITAI overprint



7 July 1903 Tientsin to Dresden via Siberia franked 4k international postcard rate. Tientsin c.d.s. type 4 with damaged year slugs in Julian date. Sent via Siberian rail route. Dresden arrival 1 August 1903. 2k green shade with red KITAI overprint

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2 kopecks - usage



4 July 1903 Shanghai to Switzerland franked 2k printed matter rate. Shanghai c.d.s. type 1 in Gregorian date. 2k dull-green with red KITAI overprint



1907 postcard to France mailed at the 29th Reserve Field Post Office located at Manchuli railway station. The sender used his own stamps to mail such postcards at each post office along the railway line. KITAI overprint stamps were not available outside China but their use accepted by the local authority. ex. R. Casey 2k emerald with vermillion overprint

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3 kopecks overprinted in dark-blue

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Pale rose-red

Positions 82 - 84 / 91 - 94

Constant plate flaw at Pos. 93

Cracked left frame & inner circle

Lower right stamp



Rose-carmin

Complete setting of 25 from left lower pane

Showing same plate flaw at Position 93

Reversed watermark



Rose-red



Several printings of the 3 kopecks were used for overprinting; these can be distinguished by the shades. 3k was the domestic postcard rate.

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3 kopecks - usage

Front of a large packet of Russo-Chinese bank in Tientsin franked half-sheet (50) of 3k rose-carmine. Tientsin type 4 c.d.s. 30 October 1902. Sent via No. 13 Field Post Office, Newchwang, Inkou. Early mail by trans-Siberian railway.

Largest used multiple of the 3k recorded
ex. Mikulski

1902 printed circular from an antique shop in Shanghai to USA showing 3k carmine shade. Shanghai c.d.s. type 1. 1k overpaid.

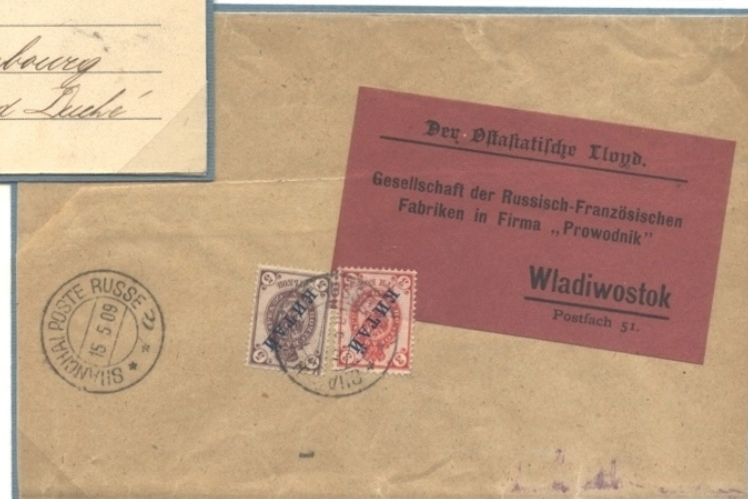


← 17 October 1905 postcard from Hankow to Luxembourg via Shanghai and Hong Kong due to closure of the Siberian rail route during the Russo-Japanese war. Franked 3k rose-red and 2k, UPU postcard rate overpaid 1k. Hankow c.d.s. type 1 (Gregorian date), Shanghai c.d.s. type 3 (Julian date).

1909 double-rate printed matter Shanghai to Vladivostok. Use of 3k rose-carmine and 5k. Shanghai c.d.s. type 6.



← 12 July 1903 postcard from HMS Algerine at Wei-Hai-Wei mailed at Liu Kung Tau Chinese Post Office to Chefoo. Transferred to Chefoo Russian Post Office dated 16 July (Gregorian calendar). 1c postcard rate from Wei-Hai-Wei to Chefoo and 4k UPU postcard rate prepaid. Use of 3k carmine shade.



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17 June 1905 Shanghai to St. Petersburg via Siberia. 3k rose-red used for Russian postcard rate. Shanghai c.d.s. type 3 in Gregorian date. Sent by sea via Suez since the Siberian route was closed at this time. St. Petersburg arrival 28 July.



13 February 1908 Peking to Harbin franked 3k pale-rose used for inter-city postcard rate. Peking c.d.s. type 7b.

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11 August 1903 registered letter from Peking to Italy showing multiples of 3k rose-carmine in combination with 5k to make up the 20k rate (10k international letter rate + 10k registered fee). Peking c.d.s. type 6 in Julian date. Note the temporary use of the boxed PEKIN emergency mark as registration cachet.

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Dull-purple

Complete setting of 25 from left upper pane

Inverted watermark



Plum



Pale dull-purple

Several printings of the 5 kopecks were used for overprinting; these can be distinguished by different shades of purple. Paper was fed into the printing machine haphazardly hence the existence of at least three watermark varieties. 5k value was intended for the postcard rate sent via Siberian rail route.

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Perf. 14 x 14½, horizontal laid paper with watermark



Pale dull-purple
Complete setting of 25 from left lower pane
Reverse watermark



Pale dull-purple
Complete setting of 25 from right lower pane
Normal watermark



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5 kopecks overprinted in dark-blue

Perf. 14 x 14½, horizontal
laid paper with watermark

Overprint misplaced

Only one sheet recorded and
this is from the bottom half of
the sheet.

Inverted watermark



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5 kopecks - usage



6 January 1903 Shanghai to Italy. Franked 5k dull-purple for U.P.U. postcard rate. Shanghai c.d.s. type 1 in Gregorian date. It is believed that the 5k value was intended for the postcard rate via Siberia.



2 April 1908 Shanghai to England. Franked 5k dull-purple for the U.P.U. postcard rate. Sent via Siberia after re-opening of the route. Shanghai c.d.s. type 1 in Gregorian date. Moscow transit c.d.s.

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5 kopecks – usage



26 December 1902 Tientsin to France via Siberia. Franked 5k plum for the 10k U.P.U. letter rate. Tientsin c.d.s. type 4 showing damaged year slug is in Julian date. Sent via St. Petersburg and Limoges arrival 21 January 1903.



17 September 1903 Shanghai to Germany. Franked 5k deep plum for the 10k U.P.U. letter rate. Sent via Siberia. Shanghai c.d.s. type 1 in Gregorian date for overseas mail. Moscow transit and Frankfurt arrival 13 October.

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5 kopecks – usage

21 August 1903 registered letter from Shanghai to Bokhara sent via Siberian route to Moscow then railway to the south via Tashkent rather than by sea to Odessa.

5k plum paying 8x 7k domestic letter rate + 10k registration fee. Total 66k franking.

Shanghai c.d.s. type 1 in Gregorian date.

Moscow transit 31 VIII 1903 in Julian date.

Bokhara arrival 8 IX 1903 in Julian date.

Uncommon destination from China



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5 kopecks - Largest recorded franking to overseas destination^{1,2,3}



1903 large packet sent
from Shanghai to France
ship to Port Arthur and
via Siberian railway route

5k plum x14 = 70k
7x UPU letter rate

Shanghai type 1 c.d.s.
29 VIII 1903
Gregorian date

Moscow c.d.s. on reverse
12 IX 1903
Julian date

Arrival
Paris 28 September

1. Since top value of the 1899
issue was only 10k, many
stamps of the lower values
were needed for heavy packets
before issuance of the higher
values in 1904.

2. See also 1903 reg. cover to
Bokara in this exhibit with 13
copies of 5k stamps.

3. Cover to Italy franked 12
copies of the 5k was in the R.
Casey collection
(Feldman 12 Dec. 2012 sale lot
#10031).