

16 April, 1898

**Ottoman Military Stamps**

**Tughra of Sultan Abdul Hamid and the Bridge at Larissa design**

Perf 13 (11 ½ perf are forgeries)



*M1 - never hinged*



*M2 - never hinged*



*M3 - never hinged*



*M4 - never hinged*



*M5 - never hinged*

The Turkish inscription reads "Special for Thessaly, that part of the country conquered." Issued by the Ottoman Occupation forces in Thessaly on Apr 16, 1898. According to the May 1898 London Philatelist, the stamps were primarily issued to leave a record of the occupation, which lasted from Apr 12, 1897 – May 1898. The remainders of these stamps were sold to two dealers in Paris and Vienna.