ALEXANDRETTA, CILICIA, HATAY

This month we illustrate three different areas associated with Turkey.

Alexandretta, covering 260 square kilometers (100.4 square miles), is located between Syria and Turkey on the Mediterranean Sea. It used Syrian stamps overprinted “Sandjak D-Alexandrette” in 1938.

The following year, 1939, Alexandretta came under Turkish control and the name was changed to Hatay. At first, surcharged Turkish stamps were used, then a set of thirteen stamps was released under that name. In June 1939, the whole area was incorporated as a province of Turkey.

Twenty years earlier, the territory of Cilicia (also on the Mediterranean) faced similar rapid changes in government control. As a result of World War I, armed forces from Britain and France occupied the area in 1918 before it became a part of Syria in 1920. The next year it was returned to Turkey.
CILICIA
1919
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Same on Surcharged Stamps of 1917-18
5 Pi
On 2 Pa
PRUSSIAN BLUE
Scott 85A

50 Pi
GREEN ON STRAW
Scott 85
CILICIA
1920

5 Pi
On 40 C
RED AND
GRAY BLUE
Scott 115

20 Pi
On 1 F
CLARET AND
OLIVE GREEN
Scott 116

100 Pi
On 5 F
DARK BLUE
AND BUFF
Scott 109
CILICIA
1919-21
POSTAGE DUE STAMPS

Postage Due Stamps of France
Sucharged
Like Cut
1 Pi
On 10 C
CHOCOLATE
Scott J13

O. M. F.
Cilicie
2
PIASTRES
On 20 C
OLIVE GREEN
Scott J14

3 Pi
On 30 C
RED
Scott J15

4 Pi
On 50 C
VIOLET
BROWN
Scott J16
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