

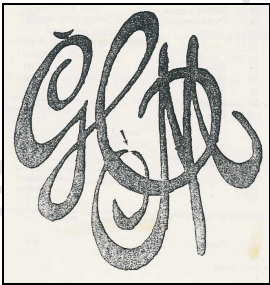
# MEXICAN REVOLUTION - OVERPRINTS ... its context

What is the historical context of each of the overprints used in the Mexican Revolution?

These overprints are presented in chronological order.

(This series of articles does not include overprints known as local or rubber) ( 1 )

## Monograma Carranza (a)



(g)

Fig. 1

Print date (b): December, 1914

Place of issue: Ciudad de México.

### SERIES OVERPRINTED WITH "MONOGRAMA CARRANZA"



Fig. 2  
Águilas  
15c  
1899



Fig. 3  
Águilas  
5c  
1903



Fig. 4  
Complementario  
1c  
1908



Fig. 5  
Independencia  
5c  
1910

Not  
Available

Fig. 6  
Denver  
3c  
1914

This image is just one example from each participating series

| Overprinted denominations (the colored ones), of each participating series |              |    |    |    |      |     |     |     |     |    |    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----|----|----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| See the meaning of each color at the bottom of this table                  |              |    |    |    |      |     |     |     |     |    |    |
| Serie                                                                      | Denomination |    |    |    |      |     |     |     |     |    |    |
| Águilas 1899                                                               | 1c           | 2c | 3c | 5c | 10c  | 15c | 20c | 50c | 1p  | 5p |    |
| Águilas 1903                                                               | 1c           | 2c | 4c | 5c | 10c  | 50c |     |     |     |    |    |
| Complementario 1908                                                        | 1c           | 2c | 4c | 5c | 10c  |     |     |     |     |    |    |
| Independencia 1910                                                         | 1c           | 2c | 3c | 4c | 5c   | 10c | 15c | 20c | 50c | 1p | 5p |
| Ejércitos 1913                                                             | 1c           | 5c |    |    |      |     |     |     |     |    |    |
| Transitorios 1914                                                          | 1c           | 2c | 4c | 5c | 5c/p | 10c | 20c | 50c | 1p  |    |    |
| Denver 1914                                                                | 1c           | 2c | 3c | 5c | 10c  | 15c | 50c | 1p  |     |    |    |

|  |                                        |
|--|----------------------------------------|
|  | Without color, it was NOT over-printed |
|  | Identified postal use (c)              |
|  | Special philatelic issue (d)           |
|  | False or undocumented (e)              |

## TIMELINE OF ITS ISSUE

| Maderismo                 |  |  |  | Against the Usurper       |  |  |  | Factional Struggle        |  |  |  | Legal Consolidation      |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|--|--|--|---------------------------|--|--|--|---------------------------|--|--|--|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| Nov/20/1910 - Feb/22/1913 |  |  |  | Feb/23/1913 - Jul/15/1914 |  |  |  | Jul/16/1914 - Oct/12/1915 |  |  |  | Oct/13/1915- May/20/1920 |  |  |  |
|                           |  |  |  |                           |  |  |  |                           |  |  |  |                          |  |  |  |

## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

### The Convention.-

From **March 1915**, when Obregón left Mexico City, the government of the Convention occupied the capital, headed by its supreme body, the Assembly, and Roque González Garza, who was in charge of the Executive branch and subject to the Assembly's authority. During González Garza's tenure, many clashes arose between him and the Zapatistas, who wanted his resignation. The Villistas were preoccupied with the battles in the Bajío region and ultimately accepted the decision to remove Roque González Garza on **June 8** of that year. A new president, Francisco Lagos Cházaro, was appointed; however, just days after his appointment, he had to abandon Mexico City due to the siege by the Constitutionalist Army. Amidst the constant advances and retreats of both sides into the capital, the Carrancistas finally captured it on **August 2**. The government of the Sovereign Convention gradually faded away until it was dissolved.

### The pressure from the Northamericans.

On **June 2, 1915**, **#Carranza, Villa, and González Garza#** received a *diplomatic note* from President Woodrow Wilson of the United States of America (USA), in which Wilson urged the revolutionary factions to reach an agreement to restore peace, and warned that if they failed to do so, the United States would be forced to decide on the necessary means to assist the people of Mexico. The **reactions** of each of the **recipients** of the *diplomatic note* varied.

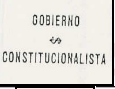
**# The conventionist...** on **June 5**, Roque González Garza was accused by the Zapatista delegate of trying to negotiate with Carranza regarding the *diplomatic note*; on **June 7**, General Zapata, from Morelos, ordered the closure of two newspapers in Mexico City for causing unjustified alarm by publishing the USA note. On **June 14**, the Convention Assembly sent a proposal to Carranza seeking to integrate the positions of the Plan of Guadalupe, the Plan of Ayala, and the Sovereign Convention for the formation of a new government.

**#Villa...** on **June 12**, he sent a telegram to Carranza and the Executive Officer of the Assembly asking them to state their conditions for the unification of constitutionalism.

**#Carranza...** on **June 11**, he issued a ***Manifiesto to the Nation on the purposes of the constitutionalist government***, in which he began by giving a historical account from the assassination of President Madero, based the armed struggle against the usurper Victoriano Huerta on the Constitution then in force, argued about the division that occurred within the revolutionaries once Huerta was defeated, and numerically defined the situation of superiority that the movement he led had at that time, saying the following verbatim in this regard: "...the Constitutionalist Government has dominion over seven-eighths of the national territory; it is organizing the public administration in twenty of the twenty-seven states into which the Republic is politically divided, and in more than half of the remaining seven; it administers all the seaports on both the Atlantic and the Pacific, with the exception of Guaymas, and the border ports to the South and North, with the exception of Piedras Negras, Ciudad Juárez, and Nogales; more than thirteen million of the fifteen million that make up the population of the country, that is, nine-tenths of the total population of Mexico, are subject to the Government I preside over; day by day the factions are defeated and dispersed, their offensive actions currently limited to acts of banditry, and the occupation of Mexico City will soon contribute to making the actions of the Constitutionalist Government more coherent and effective throughout the territory of the Republic. Consequently, our country is approaching the end of its revolution and the consolidation of a definitive peace, based on conditions of well-being and justice..." In addition to Offering full respect for foreign property and interests and defining the path forward to restore the rule of law, he states: "...the Constitutionalist Government is already in fact in definitive possession of sovereignty; and the legitimate exercise of sovereignty is the essential condition that must be taken into account when deciding on the recognition of a government..."

1915 was turbulent, and June even more so.

**CUMULATIVE CHART OF ALL OVERPRINTS (f)**

| Overprint (h)             |                                           |                                                                                     | Overprinted Postal Series<br>(I) = valid postally, (II) = Philatelic, (III) False |                 |                              |                            |                   |                           |                |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Nickname (a,h)            | Date (b)                                  | Image (g)                                                                           | Águilas<br>1899                                                                   | Águilas<br>1903 | Comple-<br>mentarios<br>1908 | Indepen-<br>dencia<br>1910 | Ejércitos<br>1913 | Transi-<br>torios<br>1914 | Denver<br>1914 |
| Victoria<br>de<br>Torreón | 3-Abr-1914                                |    |                                                                                   |                 |                              |                            |                   | (I)                       |                |
| GCM grande                | 27-May-1914                               |    |                                                                                   |                 | (I)                          | (I)                        |                   |                           | (III)          |
| Dollar Sign \$            | 1-Sep-1914                                |    | (I)                                                                               |                 | (I)                          | (I)                        |                   |                           |                |
| Estado<br>Sonora          | 3-Nov-1914                                |    | (I)                                                                               | (I)             | (I)                          | (I)                        | (I)               | (I)                       | (I)            |
| Monograma<br>Villa        | 28-Dic-1914<br>11-Mzo-1915<br>16-Jul-1915 |    | (I), (II)                                                                         | (I), (II)       | (II)                         | (I), (II)                  |                   | (II)                      | (II)           |
| Villa /<br>\$             | 11-Mar-1915                               |    |                                                                                   |                 |                              | (I), (II), (III)           |                   |                           |                |
| Monograma<br>Carranza     | Dic-1914<br>Sep-1915                      |   | (I), (II)                                                                         | (II)            | (II)                         | (I), (II)                  |                   |                           | (II)           |
| Carranza /<br>\$          |                                           |  |                                                                                   |                 |                              |                            |                   |                           |                |
| Corbata                   |                                           |  |                                                                                   |                 |                              |                            |                   |                           |                |
| Corbata /<br>\$           |                                           |  |                                                                                   |                 |                              |                            |                   |                           |                |
| Corbata /<br>Carranza     |                                           |  |                                                                                   |                 |                              |                            |                   |                           |                |
| Corbata /<br>Villa        |                                           |  |                                                                                   |                 |                              |                            |                   |                           |                |
| Barril                    |                                           |  |                                                                                   |                 |                              |                            |                   |                           |                |
| Barril /<br>\$            |                                           |  |                                                                                   |                 |                              |                            |                   |                           |                |
| Barril /<br>Villa         |                                           |  |                                                                                   |                 |                              |                            |                   |                           |                |
| Barril /<br>Carranza      |                                           |  |                                                                                   |                 |                              |                            |                   |                           |                |
| \$2.50                    |                                           |  |                                                                                   |                 |                              |                            |                   |                           |                |

**Philatelic notes:**

- (a) Name or nickname with which philatelists refer to them. Colloquially, it is also called "GCM Carranza Monogram" due to the philatelic literature of American origin that talks about this overprint, and which has been widely disseminated..
- (b) At the end of December 1914, the Conventionists used this overprint on the 1899 and 1910 series. The Constitutionalists authorized its use on February 25, 1915. There are no specifications regarding the printings made by the Constitutionalists, except for those after July 1915. Some two months after this latter date (September 1915), Mr. Cosme Hinojosa (a Constitutionalist) made printings of this overprint on the Denver and Complementary series (1908)..
- (c) Circulated postal items are known.
- (d) They were printed within the official workshops, under orders from higher authorities, but were not made available for sale to the general public at post offices; they were intended for direct sale to philatelists. The examples known to have been used are believed to have been caused by the philatelists themselves.
- (e) The pieces exist, but there are no genuinely considered postal uses.
- (f) It will be added with each publication of this series of articles.
- (g) The image size does not correspond to the actual size of the overprint
- (h) In the case of "Barril" and "2.50", technically the correct term is "Surcharge" rather than "Overprint", because these overprint modify the face value of the stamp.
- (i) "Local" or "Rubber" overprints are those printed in some towns and cities that were conquered by a particular faction, and were only used locally. The device was usually made of rubber, hence the name "Rubber"

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