

6. Emergency coinage in Antioch 540-542.

Legend, partly blundered with some retrograde letters, naming Anastasius I or Justin I.
Profile bust right wearing diadem with ties and paludamentum.

M, star or cross on globe in both right and left fields, officina letter beneath, mint mark below.

ΘΥΠΟΛΣ.

Type 1a: naming Anastasius.

6.1.*
Two stars.
Officina Δ.
D. O. 213, MIB N131, 1.
14.67 gms. 180.
359i.90.



6.2.
Two stars.
Officina Δ.
D. O. 213, MIB N131, 1.
11.92 gms. 190.
1618.12.



6.3.
Two stars.
Officina Δ.
D. O. 213, MIB N131, 1.
10.28 gms. 200.
215.88.



Type 1b: naming Justin.

6.4.
Two stars.
Officina A.
MIBE 131, 2.
13.20 gms. 150.
1546.11.



Type 2: naming Anastasius.

6.5.
Two crosses on globes.
Officina A.
9.94 gms. 180.
1345.07.



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Type 3: naming Anastasius.



6.6.

Two stars.

Officina Δ .

12.27 gms. 180.

1642.12.¹

Hoard, Byzantine Sixth-Century Folles, *Numismatic Chronicle*, 1978, pp. 66-70, number 51. The reverse type is unknown at Antioch, although the cross on globe is noted for Constantinople for 537-538 (MIB III, 85). A further specimen, also a die-duplicate, was sold on EBay in January 2015.

6.6. Figure 4 in Mansfield (2013).

¹ Elsen sale 114, 15 September 2012, lot 469.

REFERENCES AND GENERAL NOTES

Mansfield, S. J., An Emergency Coinage in Antioch AD 540-542, *Oriental Numismatic Society, Journal* number 207, 2011, pp. 6-10.

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These papers posit the idea of a non-official coinage struck in the city in the period between its capture and sack by the Persians in June 540 and the resumption of Byzantine control at some time in 542-543.

Twelve coins were catalogued in Mansfield (2011) and a further five in Mansfield (2013).

Type 4 is known from two specimens, a poor quality image of one of which was included in Mansfield (2013). A second specimen was sold on EBay by Savoca Coins in February 2016. The coins name Anastasius and bear a mint mark that is a blundered version of **THEUP**. A coin with a similar obverse and the mint mark **ΘΥΤΤΟΑΣ** appears to exist in a UK private collection.

6.1-6.3. The three coins were struck with the same pair of dies.

6.1. Catalogue number 4 in Mansfield (2011).

6.2. Figure 1 in Mansfield (2013).

6.3. Catalogue number 5 in Mansfield (2011).

6.4. Figure 3 in Mansfield (2013).

6.5. Catalogue number 11 in Mansfield (2011).

For a die-linked specimen, see Spaer, A., *The Rafah*