

16. The Revolt of Heraclius (608-610).

Carthage; 20 nummi.

MIBEC 12B (608-610). (ERACΛIO) CONSVAI.

Consular bust facing holding eagle-tipped sceptre. XX between star and Ε, KRTG below.



16.1.*
D. O. (6).
6.70 gms. 180.
266.88.

Carthage; 10 nummi.

MIBEC 13 (608-610). ERACAI OCONSVAI.

Consular bust facing holding eagle-tipped sceptre. X between N and M, each with pellets above and beneath; cross above and star below.

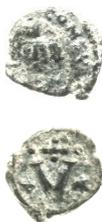


16.2.
D. O. 8.
4.13 gms. 140.
242.88.

Carthage; 5 nummi.

MIBEC 14 (608-610). () CONSV().

Consular bust facing. V between stars each with pellet above and beneath.



16.3.
D. O. (9).
1.55 gms. 340.
239.88.¹

Carthage; 2 nummi.

MIBEC 15 (608-610). Legend uncertain.

Consular bust facing; pellet in left and right fields. B between pellets.



16.4.
D. O. - .
1.30 gms. 230.
70.85.

Alexandria; 40 nummi.

MIBEC 16a (610). ἀΜΝΕΡΑΚΛΙΟCONSULI.

Two consular busts facing, both bearded. M, indictional year 14 (X/IIII) to right, officina letter A beneath, (ΑΛΕ)XAN(Δ) below.



16.5.*
D. O. 16.
9.01 gms. 180.
319.90.

Alexandria; 20 nummi.

MIBEC 17 (610). ἀΜΝΕΡΑΚΛΙΟCONSULI.

Two consular busts facing, both bearded. K, indictional year 14 (X/IIII) to right, officina letter A beneath.



16.6.
D. O. (n. a.).
5.16 gms. 040.
605.97.²

REFERENCES AND GENERAL NOTES

The traditional term “The Revolt of Heraclius” is retained. The revolt was declared in the name of the elder Heraclius, the Exarch of Africa, who held the title of an ex-consul. He is joined on some of the coinage by his son, Heraclius the younger, and the obverse legend refers to the office of consul. Grierson, P., The consular coinage of Heraclius and the revolt against Phocas of 608-610, *Numismatic Chronicle* (1950), pp. 71-93.

Debate continues about the whereabouts and nature of the mint striking the two busts type with MIBEC favouring an eastern military mint that was initially located in Egypt. A mint at Alexandria cannot be ruled out on the basis of the innovative mint mark $\Lambda\Lambda\text{EXAN}\Delta$ alone; although much longer than the normal form of $\Lambda\Lambda\text{EZ}$, the large module folles of the Revolt represent the first opportunity since the reign of Justinian to feature the mint signature for Alexandria in full.

16.1. The earliest coinage of the revolt was struck at Carthage, possibly in 608. The E is a meaningless retention of the regnal year on the larger denomination Carthaginian coppers of Phocas.

16.5-6. MIBEC (p. 71) implies that these issues can only belong to indictional year 14 beginning in September 610, although coins with year 13 are known.

¹ H. Berk list, May 1985.

² CNG auction 43, September 1997, lot 2693.