



AMĪR LAŠKAR

AMĪR(-E) LAŠKAR (pl. *omarā-ye laškar*), military rank equivalent to general granted during Reżā Khan's rise to power. The titles *amīr-e laškar* and *amīr-e tūmān* coexisted till the latter term was abolished with other Qajar titles in 1304 Š./1925 ('A. Mostawfī, *Šarḥ-e zendagānī-e man yā tāriḳ-e eĵtemā'ī o edārī-e dawra-ye Qājārīya*, Tehran, 1343 Š., II, p. 650). In 1301 Š./1922, an *amīr-e laškar* was head of security offices (*Tāriḳ-e arteš-e novīn-e Īrān*, ed. Setād-e Bozorg Arteštārān, Tehran, 1335 Š./1956, p.67); in 1303 Š./1924, during Reżā Khan's campaign in Kūzestān against Shaikh Kaẓ'al, Naşrallāh Khan Āyrom was *amīr-e laškar* of the south and Aḥmad Āqā Khan was *amīr-e laškar* of the west (*Safar-nāma-ye Kūzestān*, Tehran, 2535 = 1355 Š./1976, index, with photographs). The following *omarā-ye laškar* attended Reżā Shah's coronation on 4 Ordībehešt 1305/25 April 1926: Koḍāyār Khan, Aḥmad Āqā Khan, Naşrallāh Khan Āyrom, Jalāyer, 'Alī Āqā Khan Naqdi, Anşārī, Koẓā'ī, Ḥabīballāh Mīrzā Jahānbānī, Qāsem Khan Wālī ('A. Amīr Ṭahmāsp, *Tāriḳ-e šāhānšāhī-e A'lāḥazrat Reżā Šāh-e Kabīr*, Tehran, 2535 = 1355 Š./1976, pp. 679f.). Most of these officers were to occupy important functions later on, as would lower officers who later became *amīr-e laškar*: Mortazā Khan Yazdānpanāh (*sartīp*; *ibid.*, p. 422, photograph, p. 701), Ḥabīballāh Khan Šaybānī (*sartīp*; *ibid.*, p. 701), Karīm Āqā Khan Būzarĵomehrī (*Sarhang*; *ibid.*, p. 702; later mayor of Tehran). Aḥmad Āqā Khan (later Aḥmadī), then head of security, became the first *sepaḥbod* under Moḥammad-Reżā Shah Pahlavī. In Ordībehešt 1314 Š./April 1935, the title of *amīr-e laškar* was abolished and replaced first by *laškar-bod* and later by *sar-laškar* (*Tāriḳ-e arteš-e novīn*, p. 76); according to Mo'īn, (*Farhang-e fārsī* I, p. 357) this change occurred in 1313



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