

First Official Issue

5C/6C Surcharged on Large "COMMONWEALTH" Stamp, Officially Reprinted

Issued on **Jun. 26, 1944** as the official replicas of 5C/6C error stamps of the first official issue surcharged mistakenly on the large "COMMONWEALTH" stamps instead of small "COMMONWEALTH" stamps. The error stamps were found in early 1944 and the market value of them was extraordinarily increased 1000 times or more, and therefore, Influential collectors or major stamp dealers who could not obtain the error stamps put pressures to the authorities to reprint them. Finally, the Bureau of Communication decided to reprint the error stamps. **Quantity: 23,000**

Plate No. 129927 and 131563



Albino Impression on Right Margin

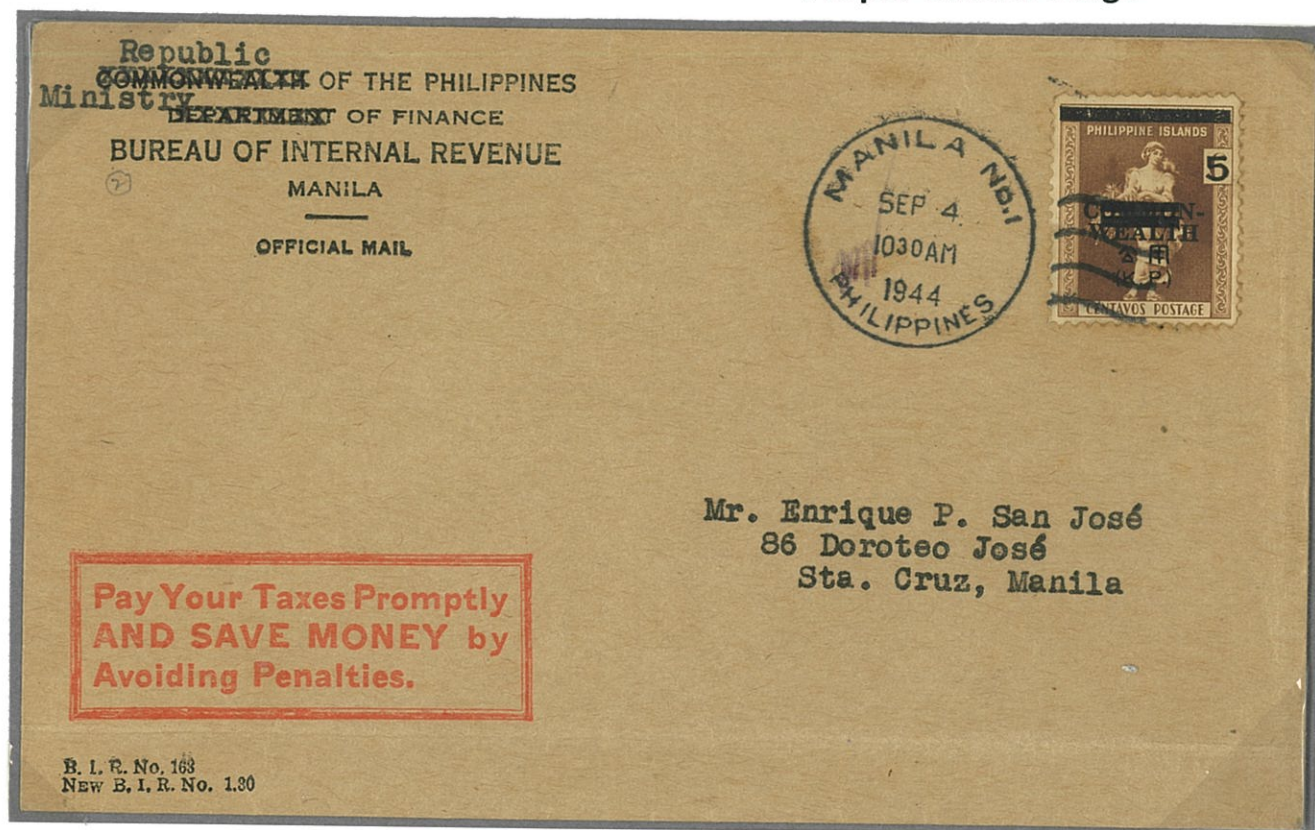


Surcharge was made in use of a plate of 64 (8x8) on panes of 64 stamps (8x8) but overprinted with being shifted by one stamp so that this issue was a pane of 49 stamps (7x7). Consequently, albino impressions on the margin were occurred.



Error: Shifted Overprint

Proper Official Usage



Sep. 4, 1944: Single First Class Official Mail, Manila Circulating

Franked with a 5C/6C large "COMMONWEALTH" stamp for the payment of 5C single first class mail rate.

Scarce Usage: Less than 10 examples of proper official usages of this stamps are known to date.