

PHILIPPINE PHILATELIC CLUB

DECEMBER 8, 1944

MINIATURE ALBUM

PAGE 6

PHILIPPINES

COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE
Victory... Fall of Bataan & Corregidor

JAPANESE OCCUPATION ISSUE

THE first commemorative stamp issued by the Philippines during the Japanese occupation was issued on May 18, 1942, exactly 11 days after the Fall of Corregidor, the last bulwark of the American regime and last USAFFE stronghold in the Philippines. Accordingly this commemorative stamp was issued "to commemorate the Fall of Bataan and Corregidor." Denomination of this commemorative stamp is 2 centavos. Stamp used was of the Commonwealth 4-centavo (Woman & Carabao) regular issue and the words "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" thereon were deleted with a black bar. The surcharge on this stamp reads: "CONGRATULATIONS—FALL OF BATAAN AND—CORREGIDOR—1942," printed in five lines, and the figure "2" surcharged over "4" centavos. An official cachet was used by the Bureau of Communications on first-day covers. It was applied in purple ink. While the official name designated by the Bureau of Communications for this commemorative stamp is "Victory Issue," in Manila philatelic circles it is widely known as the "Bataan Stamp." Total issue of this commemorative was limited, and it was sold out on the third day after its First Day Sale on May 18, 1942. Some varieties are known to exist on this stamp, prominent among them are the so-called "RATAAN" (the "father") and "RATAAN" (the "son") both of which are a misprint of the word "BATAAN." Then, too, there is another variety known in Manila philatelic circles, as the "Southern Cross."

—0—

PAGE 7

PHILIPPINES

PROVISIONAL ISSUE

JAPANESE OCCUPATION ISSUE

BECAUSE of the increase in postage rate from 2 to 5 centavos on September 1, 1942, the Bureau of Communications issued another provisional stamp with a 5-centavo value. Surcharged on the 6-centavo stamp (Filipina) of the Commonwealth regular issue, this 5-centavo provisional is deleted with black bars. Words deleted on this provisional are: "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" and the overprint "COMMONWEALTH." No official cachet was used by the Bureau of Communications on its First Day Sale. Some varieties are known to exist of this issue, among them being the "dot" in the "p," surcharged value. Also the former overprint "COMMONWEALTH," in several stamps partly is deleted with black bars.

—0—