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SEMI-POSTALS  
Food Production Campaign

JAPANESE OCCUPATION ISSUE

EARLY in November, 1942, a nation-wide campaign for the production and preservation of more food was launched by the government. Its purpose was to achieve national self-sufficiency. To publicize such drive, the Bureau of Communications issued a set of three semi-postals stamps. Design of these semi-postals portrays a native woman surrounded with prime commodities, and at the extreme left is shown a farmer and a carabao plowing a field. At the rear thereof a factory and a warehouse are outlined. The inscription on these semi-postals reads: "PHILIPPINES-POSTAGE," in two lines on top of the design; and below the design in the lower panel, the legend "PRODUCE AND PRESERVE FOOD—FOR NEW PHILIPPINES," is inscribed in two lines. Denominations of these stamps are: 2+1¢, 5+1¢ and 16+2¢. Their colors are: violet, green and orange, respectively. The additional values indicated on these semi-postals were allotted for the Philippine Red Cross. First day sale of these stamps was made on November 12, 1942. The 16+2c value was sold out on the same day. First day covers were treated with a special cachet used by the Bureau of Communications. Several varieties on these semi-postals have been discovered, notable among them being the woman (on the 2+1¢ value) with a "broken face." The stamps were printed at the Coast and Hydrographic Office, Manila. They are unwatermarked and of perforation 12.

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COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE  
First Anniversary... Greater East Asia War

JAPANESE OCCUPATION ISSUE

TO commemorate the First Anniversary of the Greater East Asia War, the Bureau of Communications issued a commemorative stamp on December 8, 1942. Stamp of the 4-centavo value (Woman & Carabao) of the Commonwealth old regular issue was surcharged with "5" centavos, and the inscription "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" was deleted with a black bar. The overprint on this commemorative is inscribed in Japanese characters and in Romanized Japanese, it reads: "DAITOA SENSO-ITU NEN KINEN." Translated into English, it reads: "GREATER EAST ASIA WAR—FIRST ANNIVERSARY." in two lines. Following this inscription, the date "12-8-1942" is printed below the Japanese characters. It stands for "December 8, 1942," or the first anniversary of the Greater East Asia War. This stamp was printed at the Bureau of Printing, Manila. An official cachet was used by the Bureau of Communications on First-Day covers. The entire issue of this commemorative stamp was sold out on the First Day Sale. Confirmed variety discovered on this issue is the broken "1" in the Japanese characters on the second line.