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COINCIDENT with the celebration of "First Manila Horse Day", on April 7, 1943, the Bureau of Communication issued a set of 3 printed "K.P." stamps, known in Philippine philately as "O.B." or "Officials." Values of these "K. P." stamps are: 2, 5, and 16 centavos. They were surcharged on stamps of the Commonwealth, regular issue of the 2, 6 and 80-centavo values. These official stamps are overprinted with two Japanese characters and "K.P." in Roman letters. The letters "K.P." are in parenthesis.

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The words "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" and the overprint "COMMONWEALTH" were deleted and black bars on them were overprinted. In Romanzi, the Japanese characters overprinted on these stamps, read: "KO YO," which means "Official Business." The letters "K.P." in parenthesis, stand for "Kagamitang Pampamahalaan," the Tagalog version for "O.B." or "Official Business." The overprint on these stamps, was done at the Bureau of Printing, Manila. Together with these stamps, a 2-centavo Rizal rose postal card and overprinted with the two Japanese characters ("Ko Yo") and the letters "KP," was issued. These official stamps and postal card are issued exclusively for government, use and they are not sold to the general or stamp-collecting public. By a special arrangement, however, the Asocacion Filatelica de Filipinas, Manila, was able to make a special request to obtain these stamps and postal card, "just for collection purposes" of each member of the A.F.F. Supporting this arrangement between the Asocacion Filatelica de Filipinas and the Bureau of Communications, a numbered "philatelic affidavit" was signed by each member of the A. F. F. who received copies of these "K. P." issues.