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APRIL 30, 1943, saw the issuance of an additional set of Philippine provisionals. This set consists of 3 stamps namely, 12¢, 50¢ and 1 Peso, surcharged on the Commonwealth regular issue of the 12¢ (Salt Springs), 1-Peso (Barasoain Church) and 4-Peso (Montalban Gorge)

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values. Likewise, they were overprinted with black bars at the Bureau of Printing, Manila. This provisional set is dubbed in Philippine philately as the "Kalibapi Issue." The reason is inasmuch as this set was issued to take care of the heavy volume of mail (mostly circulars and propaganda literature) posted by the KALIBAPL (an abbreviated name for "Kapisanan Sa Paghilingkod Sa Bagong Pilipinas," the counterpart of "KINLO HOKO," an organization called the National Service Association, in Japan), the designation "Kalibapi Issue," is most apt. Because of the limited quantity printed of this set, the stamps, namely, the 50-centavo and 1-Peso values, were sold out on the First Day Sale, April 30, 1943. Consequently, only few First Day Covers exist. However, no official cachet was used by the Bureau of Communications on First-Day Covers franked with these provisional stamps. Some varieties on this issue have been discovered among them being the inverted "S" in "PESO" and the overprint "Commonwealth" undeleted, both of which on the 1-Peso value.

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