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POSTAL STATIONERY
Postal Cards and Envelopes

DURING the Japanese occupation of the Philippines, there were six different postal stationery issued by the Bureau of Communications, namely, 4 postal cards and 2 stamped envelopes. They were issued intermittently. Two of the postal cards—2¢ rose and 2¢ green Rizal of the Commonwealth regular issue—were overprinted with black bars, and the words "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" and "COMMONWEALTH OF THE" and the official seal of the Commonwealth, were deleted. Likewise, another postal card 2c rose Rizal, was deleted with black bars and overprinted with two Japanese characters, which, in Romanzi, read: "Ko Yo." Below this overprint, the letters "K.P." in Roman letters and in parenthesis, were printed. The fourth postal card issued by the Philippines during the Japanese occupation was printed in Japan. Design of the printed stamp on this postal card depicts a native woman planting rice, the same design as that of the 2, 6 and 25-centavo values of the regular postage series. Total issue of this postal card was 2,000,000 copies. Of this total issue, 1,000 copies were purchased by the Department of Communications, in Japan, for Japanese collectors. . . . Completing the postal stationery of the Philippines issued during the Japanese occupation, are two 5-centavo embossed stamped envelopes. Envelopes used were of the Commonwealth 2-centavo (Juan de la Cruz) issue, and the inscription "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" on the embossed stamps was deleted with a curved black heavy line. And the figure "2" on the original envelopes was surcharged with "5" centavos. These surcharged stamped envelopes are the so-called "plain" and "printed," the latter with "Return Address." First-day issues of the above postal stationery are as follows:

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| 2c | rose, Rizal, Postal Card, w/black bars | .. | March 4/42 |
| 2c | green, " " | " " | " " |
| 5c | surcharged on 2¢ Embo. Stpd. Env. (Pln.) | .. | Dec. 12/42. |
| 5c | " " " " " " | " " | April 7/43 |
| 5c | " " " " " " | Ptd. | April 1/43 |
| 2c | rose, Rizal Postal Card, with "K.P." | .. | April 1/43 |
| 2c | green, Woman Planting Rice, Postal Card | .. | May 17/43 |
- The last postal card bears some Japanese characters on top, which, in Romanzi, read: "YUBEN HAGAKI." Translated into English, it means, "Postal Card."

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FOR some reason or another, the Bureau of Communications prohibited the publication of information as to the quantities issued of the stamps released during the Japanese occupation. Hence, the inability to include such information in this collection. However, the quantities of the stamps printed in Japan, such as those of the regular postage series of 13 and the 2 commemorative (First Anniversary of the Fall of Bataan and Corregidor), as mentioned elsewhere in this collection, have been announced in the June, 1943, issue of the *Official Gazette*, official publication of the Philippine Executive Commission, the provisional government of the Philippines during the Japanese occupation. . . . During the Japanese occupation of the Philippines, the Bureau of Communications issued a total of 41 philatelic items, namely, 7 Provisionals, 7 Commemorative, 13 Regular Postage Stamps, 7 Commemorative, 3 Semi-Postals, 3 Officials, 2 Postage Dues, 4 Postal Cards, and 2 Stamped Envelopes. Thus, within a period of 19 months, i.e., from March 4, 1942, the date of the re-opening of the Manila Post Office, up to October 13, 1943, 41 philatelic items were added to Philippine Philately in particular and to the stamp world, in general.—R. D. A. Sr

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