

**REVISION:
FIRST AND SECOND PRINTINGS OF THE
10c PALE CLARET POSTAL ISSUE (SCOTT #164)**

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New information has surfaced regarding the first and second printings of Scott # 164, which supercede the discussion of this stamp previously described in the Philippine Philatelic Journal, Third Quarter, 1999. The vast majority of stamps fitting the description of Scott #164 are from the second printing. Of several hundred copies of # 164 in my collection and extra stock, I was able to positively identify only two stamps that fit the description of the first printing (the primary characteristics being a combination of thinner paper and a Type C-like gum).

SCOTT #164 - 10c PALE CLARET

	<u>First Printing</u>	<u>Second Printing</u>
Issued:	April 20, 1891	January 1, 1892
Quantity:	30,000	880,000
Cliche Type:	I	I. Although Bartels et al. (1904) states that both I and II types are present, I have never seen Type II, and do not believe it exists on this stamp.
Sheet Inscription:	COMMUNICACIONES	COMMUNICACIONES
Mencarini:	#178 - pale red	#192 - dark red. I believe Mencarini (1896) was incorrect, and that the color should have been pale red.
Bartels et al.:	#202 - lilac-rose	#216 - pale lake
Other:	Palmer (1912) indicated that the 1891 printing was on thinner paper, and had white, thin, evenly-distributed gum, like Type C. <u>Very scarce.</u>	Palmer (1912) indicated that the 1892 printing was on thicker paper. Type A gum. <u>Common.</u>

Finally, you should be aware that there are scarce color variations of the 10c claret (Scott #165) that could be confused with the 10c pale claret (Scott #164). However, all Scott #165s have Type B gum (easily observable on mint stamps and occasionally on used stamps), whereas all Scott #164s have either Type A or C-like gums.

If anyone has any additional information about the two printings of Scott #164, please contact Don Peterson, 7408 Alaska Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20012.