

## REVENUE STAMPED PAPER OF 1898 - 1899

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The first Philippine Republic was declared by Emilio Aguinaldo, who also became its first and only President. Also known as the short-lived Republic, it was instituted on January 23, 1899, however, as early as November 10, 1898; postage stamps, telegraph and revenue stamps were already in use in Luzon. Due to lack of instructions as to the usage of the stamps, as well as lack of supplies, postage stamps were also used as telegraph and revenue stamps and vice versa.

One of the rarest sets issued during this time is what is called as REVENUE STAMPED PAPERS, in which very little is known or written about.

The stamps are watermarked and imperforate, printed on double sheet paper which when folded vertically forms pages 8 1/2 x 12 1/2 inches. This paper was used for legal documents. Each sheet has an embossed seal to left of the stamps which appears in two forms, namely:

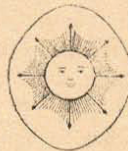
a) circle 1.6 inches in diameter, the center design being a double wreath tied with a ribbon below and above the "rising sun in a triangle and a small star in each angle". Above in a double line circle are the words TIMBRE NACIONAL and below the Center design the words "HACIENDA FILIPINAS".

b) center design is draped female figure seated facing to the left. Above in a double line circle the world "Timbre Nacional" and the words "GOBIERNO DE FILIPINAS" below the figure.

This set of Revenue Stamped Paper has different center designs on the stamp itself, varying according to values and its colors:



25c de Peso — black  
50c de Peso — rose



5 Peso — Blue



1 Peso — Purple



15 Peso — Black  
20 Peso — Red Brown



2 Peso — Red

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Reference: Scott's specialized catalogue  
Illustration of Stamp furnished by Dealer Rudy Tan

## 1975 POSTAL SLOGANS

Authorized By The  
Bureau of Posts  
July to October  
(Part II)

9) HEALTH IS AN INVESTMENT/  
CONSULT YOUR DOCTOR REGULAR-  
LY — used at Greenhills Post Office from  
July 23-31, 1975, coinciding with the First  
Anniversary celebration of the Cardinal  
Santos Memorial Hospital located in  
Greenhills, San Juan, Rizal.

10) ISANG BANSA/ISANG DIWA/  
ISANG WIKA/AGOSTO 13.19, 1975 —  
used at the following post offices from  
August 13-19, 1975: Manila Central Post  
Office, Makati Commercial Center Post  
Office, Quezon City Post Office, Ermita  
Post Office and Sta. Mesa Post Office.  
Coincided with the celebration of the National  
Language Week.

11) PHILIPPINE CIVIL SERVICE/  
1900-1975/DIAMOND JUBILEE — used  
at the following post offices from Sept. 9.  
18, 1975: Manila Central Post Office,  
Quezon City Post Office, Ermita Post Of-  
fice, Sta. Mesa Post Office, Davao City  
Post Office, Cebu City Post Office, Ma-  
kati Commercial Center Post Office. Co-  
incided with the 75th Anniversary of the  
Philippine Civil Service Commission which  
was created on Sept. 10, 1900, when the Se-  
cond Philippine Commission through the  
leadership of William H. Taft enacted  
the Civil Service Law of 1900, Public Law  
No. 5, on June 19, 1959, Congress ap-  
proved Rep. Act. No. 2260 the Civil Ser-  
vice Act of 1959, renaming it from Phil-  
ippine Civil Service to Civil Service Com-  
mission.

12) MANILA-SITE OF THE 1975/  
ALI-FRAZIER/FIGHT OF A LIFETIME  
— used at the Manila Central Post Office  
and Manila Hilton Post Office, from  
Sept. 22 to Oct. 1, 1975. Cancellor spon-  
sored by IPSS

13) 1875 NICOLAS ZAMORA 1975/  
FIRST FILIPINO PROTESTANT/MI-  
NISTER — used at the Tondo Post Office  
from Sept. 26 to October 5, 1975, in ce-  
lebration of the birth centennial of Bi-  
shop Nicolas Zamora, first Filipino or-

dained Protestant Minister and founder  
of the Iglesia Evangelica Metodista en las  
Islas Filipinas.

14) CELEBRATE SCOUTING MONTH  
'75/GO SCOUTING-GO BUILDING FOR  
A BETTER WORLD/OCTOBER 1975 —  
used from Oct. 1-31, 1975 at the following  
Post offices: Manila Central Post Office,  
Tuguegarao Post Office, Lucena City Post  
Office, San Fernando, Pampanga Post Of-  
fice, Legaspi City Post Office, Cebu City  
Post Office, Iloilo City Post Office, Ca-  
gayan de Oro Post Office, Davao City Post  
Office, Zamboanga City Post Office, San  
Fernando, La Union Post Office. To fur-  
ther intensify the month long observance  
of the Scouting month in October, pursuant  
to Presidential Decree No. 1326, and to  
focus public attention on the significance  
of the role that scouting plays in national  
development.

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### Revenue Stamped Paper --

In addition, each sheet has a serial num-  
ber near the upper right margin which  
appears in two sizes of figures, the larger  
being 7 mm. high and the smallest 5.5 mm.  
high. Each sheet is on a water-marked  
paper and the watermark varies in the  
different sheets seen. Among those noted  
are: J. VILASECA; JOSE VILASECA;  
JOSE GUARRO; LIBERIA DE COLON  
MANILA; A ROMANIT; some of the  
sheets also have a crest and coat of arms  
which appears in two forms: (a) crown  
and shield (with glove); (b) crown and  
quartered coat of arms. The size of the  
1/2 x 1/2 inches the word "Vilaseca" being  
4 x 1/2 inches.

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### NATIONAL HEROES SOUVENIR SHEET

By EPSJ

As originally proposed, the National Her-  
oes Souvenir Sheet was to be issued on  
Rizal Day, December 30, 1943. Its original  
design had double border lines. The date  
"DISYEMBRE 30, 1943" is quite conspic-  
uous and at the two sides, there are prin-  
ted small type literature about where the  
sheet was printed and a slogan on nation-  
alism. As may be observed in the actual  
issue, the slogan was printed at the bot-  
tom. In the original proposed sheet, the  
letters were all printed in green. The  
stamp portions were of the same colors as  
those of the sheet as issued on February  
9, 1944.

This sheet was never officially issued.  
Any copies existing are but proofs that  
some way or another, have reached the  
hands of some dealers and collectors.