

Cover Club Bulletin, Vol. XVIII, No. 6, Aug.-Sep. 1978, published by the War Cover Club (now Military Postal History Society). Howell's article led many collectors and students of this period to believe that the DS1 device was only used in Bacolod. The Haberland article mentioned in Endnote 9 arrived at different conclusions, but were being corrected by the unpublished Nuñez article.

11. Goodale's illustration of this postmark (his A-1) shows a four-bar killer.
12. The authors would like to acknowledge the help from other Philippine specialists, especially the opportunity to view actual covers or photocopies of the collections of Capt. Weston Burnett, Wolfgang Haberland, Fritz-Walter Lange, the late Lynn Warm-Griffith, Robert F. Yacano and particularly Robert C. Hoge, who also supplied some of the earliest/latest dates.
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TWELFTH MAJOR ERROR REPORTED OF THE SPANISH PHILIPPINE 1890-1897 ISSUE: SCRATCHED PLATE FLAW ON THREE SCOTT #150 POSITIONS

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Eleven major errors of the 1890-1897 issues have previously been reported (Philippine Philatelic News, Vol. XI, No. 4, Fourth Quarter 1989; and Philippine Philatelic Journal, Vol. XVII, No. 4, Fourth Quarter 1995). To qualify as a major plating error, the error must be clearly observable to the average collector, reoccurring or "constant", and must occur on the same position on the pane from one pane to another.

Although scratches are occasionally seen on the 1890-1897 issues, until now, none were known to reoccur on a regular basis of any issue from one plate to the next. Recently, through the keen observations of Philippine collectors Craig Chartrand and Sebastian Baldassarre, a new error (actually three errors) surfaced on Scott #150, the olive gray 2-4/8 centavos 1892 issue. The errors consist of vertical (slightly diagonal) scratches on three different positions on the full pane of this issue. Scott #150 was printed in sheets of 150, comprised of three panes of 50 (5 x 10), each separated by a gutter. The scratches occur on the right side of position 4, the left side of position 19, and the center of position 39 of each pane (FIGURE 1). Several complete panes were inspected and the errors were found on each of the three panes in the same locations.

Although the errors are known to occur on different sheets, I do not believe they were present on the entire printing. This is because the frequency of stamps with errors found is less than would be observed if they had occurred during the entire printing. Therefore, the total number of errors is estimated, and thus, remains subject to future adjustments. This error has not been previously reported in the philatelic literature. The following is a description of the error in the format of the previous articles.

Description of Error	On Scott No.	Total No. of Issue Printed	Total No. of Errors	Relative Scarcity
12. Scratched Plate (3 positions)	150	6,000,000	60,000 (est.)	S

* Relative scarcity based on standards set in the 1989 article.

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Position 4
(right side)



Position 19
(left side)



Position 39
(center)

FIGURE 1. Three Positions of Scratched Plate Error on Scott #150.