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## TWO REVENUE MULTIPLES and one fake single <br> By Douglas K. Lehmann

Take two pictures of 34 copies of $t w o$ Spanish era revenue stamps, add two handstamps, and you get two remarkable and probably unique multiples. Officials issued both revenue stamps in the 1860 s about five years apart. Both revenues are 5 Real values with Warren numbers of W-29 and W-87. W-29 is the brown seated justice design while W-87 is the orange royal crown and shield design. These two stamps are from the second and fourth Derecho Judicial or Legal Fee series. Spain also used the first two series in Cuba and Puerto Rico. These stamps paid civil and criminal court costs.

Figure 1 (Cover) shows W-29 in a multiple of 15 . This multiple is from the lower left corner of the pane of 50 . The pane layout is 10 by 5 with a marginal inscription at top reading "ULTRAMAR Derecho Judical 50 sellos de 5 reales". The pane has wide margins, the left and bottom margins cut back on this multiple. This series issued in 1865.

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The remarkable aspect of this multiple is the faded blue specimen overprint. This overprint is described for postage stamps by Don Peterson as TypeIA. There are three completehandstamps of thistype on this multiple. (Pieces of 5 other strikes are there including just the left bar of the $\mathbf{M}$ of Muestras-in the upper-right corner.) The clear strikeisonthe lower-left three stamps. The overprint reads "Ministerio de Ultramar/Muestras". I translate this as Overseas Colonies and Specimen. The overprint measures 15 by 59.5 mm . The width measurement made possible by this multiple. This is the first recorded copy of the full handstamp on either a postage or revenue stamp. It is also the largest known example of Type IA on a revenue stamp. Philstamps auctioned a second known multiple of 10 on January 11, 1995 (lot 558). Researchers believe these and similar specimens all originated from Spain in the 1930sand the government never shipped them to the Philippines.
Figure 2 shows W-87 in a multiple of 19 . This multiple is from the top part of the pane. No publication records a full pane but a full pane is probably 5 rows deep for a total or 25 stamps per pane. The pane was first sent to the Philippines for the 1860-61, 1862-3, or 1864-5 biennium. In my opinion, officials sent a two year supply in late 1863 for use starting January 1864 and then withdrew them sometime in 1865 for W-29. Whatever the reason, a supply of W-13 remained unissued until 1869. (W-13 becomes W-87 with black overprint.) History records the Spanish revolution that toppled Queen Isabella September 26,1868. To support Spain's first republic, Spain sent 27 dies to the Philippines. Each die reads "HabilitadoPor La Nacion". I translate this as Validated for the Republic. Clerksused the 27 dies to handstamp all existing stocks of postage and revenue stamps. The government issued these overprinted postage stamps December 4, 1868. A revenue release date is unknown and Warren, Forbin, and Fulcher only state 1869 as the year of issue. I believe the Post Office Department received all 27 dies and began handstamping. At some later date, in my opinion, postal officials transferred previously used dies to the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

The Figure 2 multiple offers someproof that all revenue handstamps are secondhand. All revenue copies I have seen are equally ugly. Catalogsrecord the handstampon 12 revenues to include 7 Legal Fee stamps. The other 5 are on SignatureFee stamps. Again, this multiple is the largest recorded multiple of the 1869 overprint on a revenue stamp.

As a sequel to this story, look at the single stamp of Figure 3. This is an authenticW-29, the same as in Figure 1(less specimen overprint)


Figure 2


Fake [on W-29]
Figure 3.
but with a HabilitadoPor La Nacion handstamp (found in Figure 2). However, we know of no remainders of W-29 with this overprint. Therefore, this overprint is a FAKE. There are three other ways to identify this bogus overprint. First, and most obvious, the overprint is too neat - they just do not exist this good! Second, the first A of Habilitado is shorter than the other letters. Third, the ink has a faded look though the impression is sharp (best seen on the actual stamps than in the reproduction of Figure 3). In 1904, Bartels, Foster, and Palmer identified this forgery on several postage stamps. They discussed other differences not really needed to spot the deception. I have seen this fraud placed on W-88 and W-90. Caveat Emptor!

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## REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES <br> DOCUMENTARY STAMP S 1963-87

## By Nemi L. Rivera

March 8, 1963.Lithographed by Toppan Printing Co., Ltd., Tokyo. Arms of the Philippines flanked by tobacco plants, palm trees at right and left sides, $21 \times 21 \mathrm{~mm}$. ( $26 \times 26 \mathrm{~mm}$. overall). Imprint "TOPPAN PRINTING CO., LTD., TOKYO, LITHO on bottom margin of each stamp. Unwatermarked, perf. 12.

| W-1341 | P0.02 | - Chrome Green | $\$ 4.00$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| W-1343 | 0.05 - Reddish Brown | 4.00 | $\$ 0.50$ |
| W-1346 | 0.30 - LightBlue | 4.00 | 0.50 |
|  |  |  |  |

1963-67. Similar to 1963 design, with altered design details. Lithographed by the Bureau of Printing, Manila, on thick unwatered paper without security fibers. Rouletted. Issued without gum. Values in centavos and pesos.
Design A. $21 \times 21 \mathrm{~mm} .(25 \times 25 \mathrm{~mm}$. overall). Arms of the Philippines flanked by tobacco plants, palm trees at right and left sides. Numerals of value sans-serif. (Figure 1)
Design B. $22 \times 22 \mathrm{~mm}$. ( $26 \times 26 \mathrm{~mm}$. overall). Arms of the Philippines flanked by tobacco plants, bamboo trees at right and left sides. Numerals of value with serifs. (Figure 2)
MINT USED

| W-1342 | P0.02 - Green (A) | \$1.50 | \$0.25 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| W-1342B | 0.04 - Orange (B) | 1.50 | 0.25 |
| W-1342C | 0.04 - Darkred (B) | 3.00 | 0.25 |
| W-1342D | 0.04 - Dark blue (B) | 1.50 | 0.25 |
| W-1344 | 0.05 - Bronze red (B) | 2.00 | 0.30 |
| a. perf | 121/2 (B) | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| W-1344B | 0.10 - Lemon yellow (B) | 2.00 | 0.30 |
| W-1345 | 0.30 - Orangered (A) | 3.00 | 0.30 |
| a. with | yellow background (A) | 4.00 | 0.50 |
| W-1347B | 0.50 - Carmine(B) | 4.00 | 0.50 |
| W-1347C | 0.50 - Deep Orange (B) | 4.00 | 0.50 |
| W-1348 | 1.00 - Dark red (B) | 4.00 | 0.50 |
| W-1349 | 2.00 - Dark brown (B) | 5.00 | 1.00 |
| W-1350 | 5.00 - Green (B) | 6.00 | 1.20 |

1967. 71. Types of 1962-660n securitypaper with artificial silk fibers, watermarked "REPUBLIC OFTHE PHILIPPINES" and the Repub-
lic Seal. Lithographed by the Bureau of Printing, Manila. Rouletted, issued without gum.

| W-1851 | P0.02 — Green (A) | $\$ 1.00$ | $\$ 0.20$ |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| W-1852 | 0.04 - Blue (B) | 1.00 | 0.20 |
| a. Light blue (B) on thinner paper |  | 7.50 | 7.50 |
| W-1853 | 0.10 - Yellow(B) | 1.00 | 0.20 |
| W-1854 | 0.30 - Carmine (A) | 1.50 | 0.20 |
| W-1855 | 0.50 - Orange (B) | 2.00 | 0.30 |
| W-1856 | 1.00 - Darkred (B) | 3.00 | 0.50 |
| W-1857 | 2.00 - Darkbrown (B) | 4.00 | 0.70 |
| W-1858 | 5.00 - Green(B) | 5.00 | 1.00 |

1971-87. New design with inscriptionsin Pilipino, values in sentimos (sts.) and pisos. Lithographed by the Bureau of Printing, Manila, on security paper with artificial silk fibers, watermarked "B I R ' and the Republic Seal. Rouletted. Issued ungummed. Demonetized and withdrawn from sale October 31, 1987.
Design A. Republic seal flanked by colorless branches. (Figure 3).
Design B. Branches omitted. (Figure 4).

| W-1859 | P0.02 - Orange (A) | $\$ 0.50$ | $\$ 0.15$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| W-1860 | 0.04 - Redorange (A) | 0.50 | 0.15 |
| W-1861 | 0.04 - Darkpink (A) | 0.50 | 0.15 |
| W-1862 | 0.04 - Blue green (A) | 0.50 | 0.15 |
| W-1863 | $0.05-$ Blue green (A) | 0.50 | 0.15 |
| a. perf | $12^{1} / 2$ | 1.00 | 0.30 |
| W-1864 | 0.10 - Red orange (B) | 0.50 | 0.15 |
| W-1865 | 0.20 - Green(B) | 0.50 | 0.20 |
| W-1866 | 0.20 - Deepyellow (B) | 0.50 | 0.20 |

a. Yellow orange (B)
1.00
0.30

W-1867 $0.30-\operatorname{Brown}(\mathrm{A})$
0.75
0.20
a. perf $12^{1 / 2}$ (A)
$\begin{array}{llrr}\text { W-1868 } & 0.50-\text { Carmine (A) } & 0.75 & 0.30 \\ \text { W-1869 } & 0.50-\operatorname{Blue}(\mathbf{A}) & 0.75 & 0.30 \\ \text { a. } \text { Light blue (A) } & 2.00 & 1.00 \\ \text { b. Gray (A) } & 30.00 & 30.00 \\ \text { W-1870 } & 1.00-\operatorname{Sepia}(\mathrm{A}) & 1.00 & 0.40 \\ \text { W-1971 } & 2.00-\operatorname{Blue}(\mathbf{A}) & 1.50 & 0.50 \\ \text { W-1872 } & 3.00-\operatorname{Darkpink}(\mathrm{A}) & 6.00 & 3.00 \\ \text { W-1873 } & 5.00-\operatorname{Magenta}(\mathbf{A}) & 2.00 & 1.00 \\ \text { W-1874 } & 20.00-\operatorname{Green}(\mathbf{A}) & 6.00 & 2.00\end{array}$
(Demonetized Nov. 25, 1976)


Figure 1


Figure 3


Figure 2


Figure 4


Figure 5

June 1,1987 . New serially numbered series, $21 \times 39 \mathrm{~mm}$ ( $23 \times 43 \mathrm{~mm}$ overall to cutting guides). Printed by Central Bank Security Printing Plant, Manila. Border inscribed "Rentas Internas" ("Internal Revenue"), vanishing spherical lines as background, seal of the Republic at center, with value inscriptions at both sides. Serial numbers in black. On security paper with artificial silk fibers, watermarked "KR I", rouletted, ungummed. (Figure 5)

| W-1875 | P0.20 - Orange | $\$ 0.30$ | $\$ 0.15$ |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| W-1876 | 0.30 - Brightred violet | 0.30 | 0.15 |
| W-1877 | 0.50 - Rubine red | 0.40 | 0.20 |
| W-1878 | 1.00 - Gray Brown | 0.50 | 0.25 |
| W-1879 | 2.00 - Processblue | 0.70 | 0.35 |
| W-1880 | 3.00 - Darkblue | 1.20 | 0.60 |
| W-1881 | 5.00 - Green | 2.00 | 1.00 |

NOTES Out of respect for the first definitive study of Philippine revenue stamps, the monumental Arnold H. Warren Fiscal Stamps of the Philipoines: HandbookCataloeue. 1856 to Date, published serially in The American Philatelist in 1967 1968, subsequentcataloguershave attempted to continueusing "WarrenNumbers" wherever possible, picking up where Warren left off. The outstanding present-day students are Douglas K. Lehmann and Donn Lueck with their Fiscal Stamps of the Philippines: A Catalogue 1898 to 1946, who were consulted and agree with the numbering system employed in the catalog listing.

Warren listed Republicof the Philippines Documentary Stamps issued 1946 to 1963 numbered W-1301 to W-1347B, with several gaps for future issues. However, he abruptly euded the sequence by assigning W-1351 to Smoking Tobacco.

In the present study, therefore, the gaps will be filled in and numbers $\mathrm{W}-1342$ to W1350 employed for the issues of 1963 to 1967. Afterwards, numbers W-1851 to 1881 will be used for issues from 1967 to the current issue of 1987 , et seq.

At some future date, a different numbering system will have to be developed, although the present system will have validity for some time to come. As Doug Lehmann comments, "At some point, new numbers will be needed to get the mess straight, but I don't believe that time has come".

- GeneGarrett


## LISTED AND NEWLY-IDENTIFIED SURCHARGE SUB-TYPES ON SEVEN 1881-1888 ISSUES <br> By Don Peterson

Someone once asked why don't I exhibit my stamps. One answer is that my Spanish Philippine stamp collection is a "mess". A better answer is that my collection is really a "working" collection. In other words, stamps are constantly being added to it and it is in constant rearrangement as I attempt to collect each cancel type, surcharge type or sub-type, or printing variety, etc. Each new bit of information often results in a change to the album page. The 1881-1888 surcharged issues are a typical example of a "working" collection.
What is most interesting about the surcharged stamps of this period is that several different handstamps were used to produce some of the issues. For example, \#94 is known to have been produced from at least six different handstamp types (henceforth called sub-types). Of course, I would have to collect each subtype used on \#94, as well as all of the different surcharge subtypes used on the other 1881-1888 surcharged issues. The earliest and best reference of surcharge types and sub-types is Bartels et al. (1904), and to a lesser extent, Palmer (1912).

The purpose of the article is to describe 22 genuine surcharge subtypes on seven 1881-1888 surcharged issues. This includes 18 listed sub-types ( 17 described by Bartels and 1 described by Palmer), and 3 newly-identified sub-types. The seven issues are numbers $91,94,103$, $104,105,106$, and 113. Each of the seven surcharged issues is known to have from two to six different surcharge sub-types. All 3 newlyidentified sub-types are believed to be genuine. Of a total of 25 different stamp and surcharge combinations described in the article, I have all but two in my collection. Most examples in my collection are in both mint and used condition, including examples on four covers.
Figure 1 is a table describing each of the listed and newly-described surcharge sub-types on the seven surcharged issues. In addition to the descriptions provided by Bartels and Palmer, I have added my comments. Figure 2 is a table comparing the surcharge sub-types between Scott and Bartels, including the relative scarcity of each, for each of the seven surcharged issues. Figure 3 is an 1888 Manila to Leipzig, Germany, registered double-weight letter with a strip of three \#105 with Bartels surcharge sub-type XXXV.
Finally, I must apologize for providing only a written description, without illustrations, of each of the surcharge sub-types. However, most of the descriptions are illustrated by Bartels. Perhaps a future article could include an illustration of each sub-type.

## TABLE 1. <br> DESCRIPTION OF LISTED AND NEWLY-IIDENTIIFIED SURCHARGE SUB-TYPES ON SEVEN 1881-1888 ISSUES

## BARTELS SURCHARGESUB-TYPES

## VII

Bartels. "CMS" small ." B of "HABILITADO" broad. Letters of "CORREOS even-sized and well-spaced.
Peterson Comment - Common.
VIIa
Bartels - "CMS" large and slanting." B of "HABILITADO broad. The vertical shaft of the " 4 " of " $4 / 8$ " is at a 45 degree angle to the fraction bar. "C O of "CORREOS" smaller than the rest of tithe letters.
Peterson Comment. The small size of "CO is one of the best characteristicsof this sub-type. Common.
VIIb
Bartels - "CMS" large. "B" of "HABILITADO of medium breath. "ILIT" shorter than Bartels Sub-Types VII, VIIa, and VIIc. Narrow "2".
Peterson Comment - Common.
VIIc
Bartels "CMS" large and the " C is broad. " B of "HABILITADO is narrow.
Peterson Comment - Common.
XII
Bartels - Letters longer. Large "DE UN REAL". Letters of "REAL" close together. No period after "P", and top of " P is broad.
Peterson Comment - "O" of HABILITADO" farther from " Sof "CORREOS". This is a good characteristic. Common.

## XIII

Bartels - Period after "P. No dash under "A" of "PPA". "ILI" of "HABILITADO far apart. The two Rs of "CORREOS" are narrow, especially the first one.
Peterson Comment - "O" of "HABILITADO close to "S" of "CORREOS". This is a good characteristic. Bartels was in error by stating that there was no dash under "A" of "PA". All mint and used genuine copies of this sub-type have small dash under "A" of "PA". Common.

XVIII
Bartels - " H of "HABILITADO" is broad, " D of "D OS is small and the " S " is inverted, and " A " of "PA" is broad. Common.

## XIX

Bartels- "H" of "HABILITADO" is narrow, letters taller than Bartels Sub-Type XVIII, and "A" of "PA" is narrow. Common.

## XX

Bartels - Period after "RLES", "H" of "HABILITADO" broader at top than at the bottom, "D" of "DE" resembles an "O", and top of "P" of "PA" is narrow. Much scarcer than Bartels Sub-Types XVIII and XIX.

Peterson Comment - Scarce.

## XXI

Bartels - "R" of "RLES" short and broad and "L" rather open, and "P" of "PA" broad and quite heavy. Rare.

## XXII

Bartels - "R" of "RLES" resembles an "A" and the " $L$ " is large, "D" and "O" of "HABILIDADO" broad and far apart, and measures 16 mm horizontally (all other types are 15 mm or less). Bartels states that this sub-type is the rarest of Sub-Types XVIII through XXII. Peterson Comment - The " $R$ " resembling an " $A$ " is a good characteristic. Based on the number of stamps seen, Peterson believes this subtype is scarce, not rare.

## XXX

Bartels - Listed, but no written description provided.
Peterson Comment - "S" of "CENTS" close to "T" of "POSTAL". Common.

## XXXI

Bartels - Listed, but no written description provided.
Peterson Comment - Compared to Bartels Sub-Type XXX, the "S" of "CENTS" is much farther from the "T" of "POSTAL". "C" of "CENTS" more rounded. " 1 " of " 10 " higher than the " 0 ". Scarce.

## XXXII

Bartels - Oval measures 21 mm by $18^{1} / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$. The largest of the subtypes. No period after "GRAL" and "CENT", " 8 CENT" in large type. Peterson Comment - Scarce.

## XXXIII

Bartels-Oval measures 21 mm by $18^{1} / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$. Period after "GRAL" and "CENT". Color of surcharge carmine, instead of magenta.
Peterson Comment - Scarce.

XXXIV
Bartels - Oval measures $20^{1} / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$ by $17^{3} / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$. Period after "GRAL" and "CENT"', Rare.
Peterson Comment - Sub-type not yet seen by Peterson on \#105.

## XXXV

Bartels - Oval measures 20 mm by $17^{1} / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$. The smallest and by far the commonest of the sub-types. Period after "GRAL" and "CENT". Peterson Comment- Common.

## PALMER SURCHARGE SUB-TYPE

## VII

Palmer - Listed by Palmer on \#117 - "P" of "PA" is very narrow and "A" is rather broad, " B " of "HABILITADO is narrow and " D is quite round, "DEDOS RLES" are closer together than Bartels SubType XX, and the Ds of "DEDOS are quite round. Very rare.
Peterson Comment-Sub-type not listed by Bartels. Sub-typenot yet seen by Peterson on \#94.

## NEWLY-IDENTIFIED SURCHARGED SUB-TYPES

## XII-A

Peterson Comment - Sub-type not listed by Bartels, but similar to Bartels Sub-Type XII, except: flaw line connectstop of "E and "O" of "CORREOS". Scarce.

## XXXI-A

Bartels - Sub-type listed on \#91, but no written description provided. Peterson Comment - Similar to Bartels Sub-TypeXXX, except: "C" of "CENTS" is rounded, "U.POSTAL" is taller (especially the "T"), "O" of " 10 " and "C" of "CENTS" more rounded, and "HAB" of "HABILITADOis evenly spaced. Scarce.

XXXV-A
Peterson Comment - Sub-type not listed by Bartels. Oval $20^{1} / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$ by $17^{1} / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$. Period after "GRAL, "and "CENT". Large " 8 CENT". Rare.

## TABLE 2.

COMPARISON OF LISTED AND NEWLY-IDENTIFIED SURCHARGE SUB-TYPES ON SEVEN 1881-1888 ISSUES.

| Scott \# | Bartels \# | Bartels Surcharge Sub-Type 1/ | Relative Scarcity 2/ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 91 | 136 | XXX | C |
| 91 | 138 | XXXI | S |
| 91 (new) | NL | NL (XXX-A) | S |
| 94 | 111 | XVIII | C |
| 94 | 112 | XIX | C |
| 94 | 113 | XX | S |
| 94 | 114 | XXI | R |
| 94 | 115 | XXII | S |
| 94 | NL 3/ | NL (Palmer VII) | VR |
| 103 | 108 | XII | C |
| 103 (new) | NL | NL (XII-A) | S |
| - 103 | 109 | XIII | C |
| 104 | 110 | XII | C |
| 104 (new) | NL | NL (XII-A) | S |
| 105 | 142 | - XXXIV | R |
| 105 | 143 | XXXV | C |
| 105 (new) | NL4/ | NL (XXXII) | S |
| 106 | 140 | $\overline{\text { X }}$ XXII | S |
| 106 | 141 | XXXIII | S |
| 106 | 144 | XXXV | C |
| 106 (new) | NL | NL (XXXV-A) | R |
| 113 | 85 | VII | C |
| 113 | 85.1 | VIIa | C |
| 113 | 85.2 | VIIb | C |
| 113 | 85.3 | VIIc | C |

NL Sub-type not listed by Bartels.
1/ Newly-identified surcharge sub-types are included in parentheses, which includes the nearest similar Bartels number, and the letter "A", indicating a new sub-type. Includes one subtype by Palmer (Palmer Sub-Type VII).
2/ Relative Scarcity: VR=very rare, $\mathrm{R}=$ rare, $\mathrm{S}=$ scarce, $\mathrm{C}=$ common Sub-type not listed by Bartels, but listed by Palmer (\#117, Palmer Sub-Type VII).
4) Sub-type not listed by Bartels for \#105, but it is the same as Bartels Sub-Type XXXII for \#106.

If you have any comments regarding the surcharge sub-types, contact Don Peterson, 7408 Alaska Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20012. REFERENCES
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FIGURE 3. 1888 Manila to Leipzig, Germany, registered double-weight letter (24 cents) with a strip of three \#105 with Bartels surcharge sub-type XXXV.

## ". . .THE DIFFERENCE IN TAXES" By Douglas K. Lehmann

During the Japanese Occupation, wartime paper shortages created a unique tax situation. At first, tobacco tax rates remained the same and the government used the left over Commonwealth strip stamps. These blue paper stamps remained valid through May 8, 1942. New rates effective May 9th created a need for new stamps. The government responded by surcharging some Commonwealth stamps with new tax rates, and printed some new tax stamps. However, printers soon exhausted blue paper stocks. For the rest of the occupation, printers did not use blank blue paper stocks for printing tax stamps.
The demand for tobacco products, mostly cigars and cigarettes, never ceased. The government decided to press into use all remaining tobacco strip stamps regardless of rate and class. The law set up three classes of cigars and cigarettes, with class A the lowest and C the highest in quality. I believe factories only made Class A products for most of the occupation. Classes B and C were mostly for export and that stopped when the war started. So, there were many Class B and C tax stamps available with no matching product use. In addition, agencies locked away many older tobacco strip stamps. (The Philippine government always abhorred destroying outdated stamps either postage or revenue.)
In a few cases, older stamps matched the new rates. However, most Commonwealth stamps had lower rates. The government made a second decision to use these stamps without a rate surcharge. Companies paid the difference in taxes separately and Warren previously reported this fact. I believe this second decision was one of convenience. The older stamps were in a variety of sizes, and I imagine many were broken sheets. Manufacturing companies also may have had private stocks of older stamps left over. It simply was easier to use the old stamps and pay the difference.

Garrett first recorded the evidence of this payment. This payment used prewar internal revenue stamps on BIR Form No. 8, a Commonwealth cigar factory invoice. Figure 370 in Garrett's book shows this form altered for cigarette use. Bob Yacano owns this document that has both perforated 10x10 and 11x11 Internal Revenue half stamps.
Figure 1 (Lot 395, IPPS Auction No. 15) shows the same form with a cigar use. All known examples are from Manila in the same


## CIGARS



## CIGARROS

AUG 2 : '3 42


Figure 1
handwriting. The main notation states "to cover the difference of taxes on strip stamps nos. . . ". All forms start with these words. The statement continues in Figure 1 with " . . .5484661-5484760-100 stamps - 50's P2.30 class". All other examples contain similar information. This additional information contains (1)the serial number range of the stamps, (2) total stamps, (3) package size (here 50 cigars), and (4) the original tax rate of the old stamp. The old tax rate here is P2.30 per 1000 stamps. The new rate is P6 or a difference of $18 \frac{1}{2}$ centavos per box of 50 cigars. For 100 boxes (Figure 1) this equals P18.50, the amount paid. The Figure 1 example has five half stamps all perforated $11 \times 11$ (P10, P5, P2, P1 and 50c). Figure 1 is one of 6 lots in 4 Manila auctions between November 1989 and November 1992. The dates of these six documents range from 6 July 1942 to 12 November 1943. Average selling price $\$ 100$.
Figure 2 (Lot 235, IPPS Auction 17) is similar to Figure 1 except one major difference. Officials replaced the Commonwealth logo in the form by one containing the words PHILIPPINE EXECUTIVE COMMISSION. So, a printer produced this form during the Japanese Occupation versus the previous practice of using a leftover form. There is a second minor difference in the year date that has changed from a " 3 " to a " 4 ". A close examination of this form shows a remarkable circumstance. The Figure 2 form is identical to the Figure 1 form in every detail except the logo. This includes the second line in the upper left that reads "New B.I.R. Form No. 31.20" Even the paper is the same. The only explanation I have for this is that a supply of this size paper remained from before the Japanese invasion. The printer must have kept the original plate. Government officials apparently only requested a logo change.
The Figure 2 form has four half stamps. Washington perforated the P50 10x10, the rest $11 \times 11$. The 50 peso must be perforated $10 \times 10$ since Washington never perforated this value 11x11 (Warren W-646a is an erroneous entry). The second part of the statement reads "... A5684891-5685290-400 stamps-50's-P2.30 class". The same as figure 1 except 300 more stamps that equals a tax of P74 (P50, P20, and two P2). This example is also one of 6 lots in 4 Manila auctions between November 1989 and November 1992. The date of these six documents range from October 6, 1942 to April 8, 1943. Average selling price $\$ 120$.
Gene Garrett observed one other aspect of these forms that I missed.


## CIGARS

## PHILIPPINE EXECUTIVE COMMISSION

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Figure 4

Each cut half is not adjacent to the sheet edge. Closer examination shows a rough edge. It appears they were not cut with a razor, knife, or scissors. The best explanation is they were cut using a ruler or another straight edge object. I also can explain this easily, as officials did not design this form for Internal Revenue stamps. Those forms, designed for Internal Revenue use, had a duplicate form printed on the same sheet, adjacent (left or right) to each other. Those forms had the stamp affixed on both original and duplicate so officials could then cut them apart. BIR Form No. 8 had the duplicate either underneath or in a separate ledger. So, officials here first cut the stamps and second affixed them to the form. Again, easily explained as officials never expected this type taxation nor planned to use the form this way.
Many of the 12 lots I referenced were unsold. Perhaps with the information above, they will compliment your collection sometime in the future. [Author's note: while this article awaited publication, two more forms as described in Figure 2 went up for auction. The June 45, 1994 Bayanihan Collectors Club Inc., offered lots 275 and 276 at minimums half what I reported here. I do not know if sold or at what price].


## ANOTHER "KRAEMER FAKE" DISCOVERED



All previously known examples of the notorious and well known "Kraemer Fakes" have featured various stamps of the Japanese Occupation, all with the distinctive corner card, the fake large circle cds, and fake censor mark. But now David A. McMurtrie reports the basic card with the prewar C62, 1-pesosepia air mail stamp of 1941, and the same large circle eds with date June 30, 1941, of course without the Japanese censor mark but with handstamped "VIA AIR MAIL" (Figure 1).

On the same subject, a letter fram C. M. Nielsen (see PPJ Vol. XVI, No, 4, p3-5) enclosed a copy of the original 1975advertisement offering the fakes for sale by the early purveyor, the HJMR Co. of North Miami, Florida. The cards were touted as follows:

## "JAPANESE OCCUPATION COVERS [SIC]"

During Japanese Occupation of the Philippines 1942-1945 various stamps were issued for the population. Of course during the war they were not seen in the U.S. A shrewd dealer had F.D. cards prepared which had to be censored by Jap Military Police. We just uncovered a cache of these interesting cards. The stamps are included in U.S. section of Scott. All first days, all censored.

| \#N13 | . 40 | \#N21 | . 35 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \#N16 | . 35 | \#N23 | . 40 |
| \#N19 | . 35 | \#N22 | 0 |

Niel notes, "They seem to have appreciated a little bit over the years..

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