



Introduction of Special Delivery service and Early usage *Forerunner issues*

The United States Postal Service ordered the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) to prepare 150,000 pieces from U.S. Scott's E5 stocks to be overprinted.



U.S. E5 (host stamp)



Overprinted

PHILIPPINES



Philippines' E1

The E1 "3" & "7" dots varieties



Type E1a. "3" dots variety

Provenance: ex-Teodulo Protomartir (1938)



Type E1b. "7" dots variety (scarcer)

Provenance: ex-R. Pounder (2009)



Notes/References:

- (a) "Two Types of Special Delivery Stamps used in Possessions, Gilbert N. Plass, Possessions, USPS Vol. 15. No.3, pages 13-15 (Third Quarter, 1992)
- (b) "Not True to the Die", Henrie Gobie, American Philatelist, pp 142-145 (1985)
- (c) "1903-07 Overprinted quantities", Joe Napp, Possessions (USPPS), page 4, Vol. 12, No1 (1989)