

1931 OFFICIAL BUSINESS ISSUE

This is the only Official Business overprint variety that was printed by the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Although 46,750 were issued, used copies are very uncommon.



The overprint comes in 2 different alignments, one in the middle of the stamp and one higher up



Pair, "period" missing after the left "B"
(position 28)



Rare used copy of missing
"period" after "B"



Small "period" after "B"

1939 COMMONWEALTH ISSUE

The Philippines became a Commonwealth of the United States on November 15, 1935. Thereafter, various existing postal issues were overprinted "Commonwealth" by the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing. There are two varieties of most issues, with both a large and small "Commonwealth" overprint; however, the special delivery issue only occurs with a small "Commonwealth" overprint. 1,253,250 copies issued on April 27, 1939.

