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5c REGULAR PROVISIONAL ISSUE

US 6c La Dalaga small Commonwealth issue of 1939 overprinted by the Bureau of Printing in Manila with black deleting bars, obliterating the words "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" on top and the "COMMON- / WEALTH" overprint. Issued to cover the First Class Mail letter rate which was increased from 2c to 5c effective September 1, 1942. This rate remained in effect for the duration of the Japanese Occupation. Supplies were distributed to most reopened provincial post offices in time for sale on September 1st.

FIRST OVERPRINTING

Thick Top Bar - Top deleting bar is approximately 22.5mm wide and 1.8mm tall
 High Middle Bar - Distance from Top bar to Middle bar varies from 8.5mm to 10mm

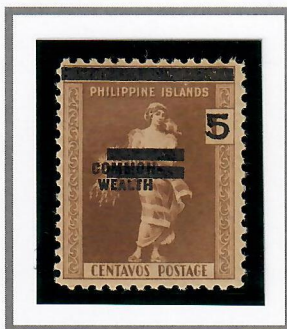
GOLDEN BROWN SHADE

DARK BROWN SHADE

ORIGINAL US ISSUE



DELETING BAR NOT OBLITERATING "COMMONWEALTH"



'WEALTH' Showing



'COMMON-' Showing