



Block of 4 with Red "O.B." Overprint on Scott No. 251

Note: Left vertical stamp pair with round instead of square period after "O".



On the left hand side, Stamp 1 – with 1906 Philippine Constabulary blue handstamped small "O.B."; Stamp 2 – the more common 1907 printed black Bandholtz OB overprint; Stamp 3 – 1909 Bandholtz printed navy blue small "O.B.", almost similar font style to stamp 1 but wider space between "O" and "B"; and Stamp 4 - 1932 Tagle "O.B." printed in black, letters are somewhat taller and thinner.

Note:

For many years, this particular set of "O.B." overprints have been classified by many stamp dealers and collectors as one of the official markings used by Mr. Vicente Tagle. For everyone's information, Mr. Tagle started overprinting "O.B." or "Official" on stamps in his office (Department of the Interior) in 1926. Moreover, in the next few pages, one will be presented with official covers franked with these particular stamps.

This set of stamps was possibly overprinted during the early months of 1909 with the exception of the 1-peso stamp. According to Mr. Joe Napp, the 1-peso stamp was first issued at the end of fiscal year in 1909. The U.S. federal government's fiscal year is the 12-month period ending on 30th of September that year, having begun on 1st of October of the previous calendar year. So, most likely, the 1-peso stamp issue of 1909 was overprinted with "O.B." after September 30, 1909.