

BANDHOLTZ OB OVERPRINT ERRORS AND VARIETIES

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Beginning in the middle of 1907 and with the consent of the Bureau of Posts, printed OB (Official Business) overprints were made for the Philippine Constabulary by the Bureau of Printing. The OB overprints on the surcharged "PHILIPPINES" issues of 1899 to 1904 were in limited quantities. Apparently, there were only very few of these stamps available when the overprinting began in 1907. However, with regards to the definitive issues of 1906 - 1911, sufficient quantities were overprinted for the perusal of the Philippine Constabulary and the local stamp collectors. Interestingly, there were numerous overprint errors and varieties that were produced during the process of OB overprinting. To update previous works on this subject matter, this article provides a more recent comprehensive listing and illustrations of many Bandholtz OB overprint errors and varieties. Examples are highlighted and noted to be scarce to exceedingly scarce or rare.

A. Double OB Overprints

1. Black / Black

Definitive Issue of 1906



Scott# 241



Scott# 242



Scott# 242a



Scott# 243



Scott# 244



Scott# 245



Scott# 245a



Scott# 246



Scott# 247



Scott# 248



Scott# 249



Scott# 250



Scott# 251