

Commemoratives

First Anniversary of the Republic of the Philippines, "Laurel" Issue

A set of three denominations of stamps were issued on Jan. 12, 1945 at Manila only. Originally planned to issue on Oct. 14, 1944; the true anniversary date but preparation works were delayed due to lots of problems such as poor-quality papers, inks, too old printing press under war situation, signs of Japan's defeat. Various kinds of errors or varieties are confirmed due to poor quality of these stamps.

Non philatelic commercial use of any of the three stamps has not been reported.

Quantity: 5C(S): 750,000, 7C(S): 500,000, 20C(S): 350,000

Color Shade Varieties



Trial Perforation

Originally planned to issue with perforation and trial perforation proofs exist. True proof is 5C(S) only, which was looted from the vault of Manila central post office during the battle of Manila. 7C(S) and 20C(S) are considered unofficial trial perforation by request of an officer of US Army after the war.



Varieties and Errors



Variety: Broken Eye Grasses (Pos. 12)

Variety: Broken farmer's neck (Pos. 41)

Variety: Prolonged "A" (Pos. 47)

Variety: Joined "A" & "S" (Pos. 32)

Variety: Spot between "N" & "A" (Pos. 9)



Error: Print on wrinkled paper



Error: 20C(S) Offset



Error: Blurred print

7	8
17	18
27	28
37	38
47	48

Error: 5C(S) Double Transfer, It is clearly recognized in the bottom two rows.

Scarce Material:

Only one sheet pane (5x10) is known. Position of this block of 10 was specified because of the pos. 47, prolonged "A" variety

