

**JANUARY 12, 1945****5s FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC**

The first public announcement of the Bureau of Communications stated that the stamps were to be issued perforated and gummed. It is apparent that the Bureau attempted to perforate the stamps, but the poor quality of the paper combined with the dullness of the pions in the perforating machine made the task impossible to achieve. For whatever reasons, the Bureau was unable to issue the stamps with gum. Examples of the 5s value are found perforated (12x12-1/2), without gum, and are proofs looted from the vault of the Manila Central Post Office during the battle for the liberation of Manila.

**ISSUED STAMPS, IMPERFORATE****PERFORATED PROOFS**