

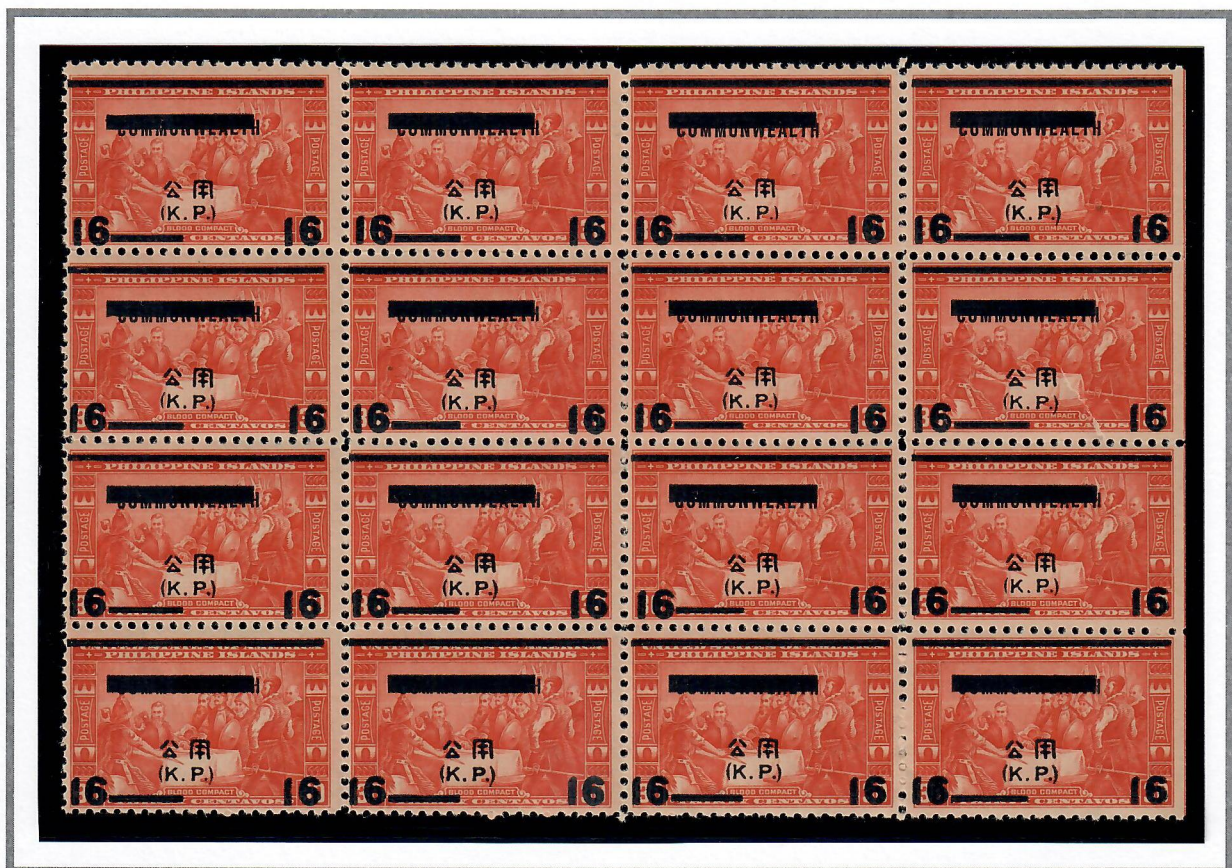
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16c OFFICIAL ISSUE

US 30c Blood Compact 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 "COMMONWEALTH" overprint, with additional overprint of Japanese kanji "Koyo" and the initials "K.P." (Kagamitang Pampamahalaan), both translating to mean "Official Business." At the time of issue, the 16c stamp did not correspond to a postal rate then in effect, as the Registry Fee had been reduced from 16c to 12c on March 1, 1943.

FIRST OVERPRINTING

High Middle Bar - Distance from Top bar to Middle bar approximately 3mm to 3.5mm



Straight Right Edge