

**APRIL 7, 1943**

**16c OFFICIAL ISSUE**

US 30c Blood 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.

**SECOND OVERPRINTING**

Low Middle Bar - Distance from Top bar to Middle bar approximately 9mm to 9.5mm

