

AUGUST 28, 1944

20c OFFICIAL ISSUE

US 20c Juan de la Cruz 'O.B.' (Official Business) issue of 1940 overprinted by the Bureau of Printing in Manila with black deleting bars, obliterating the words "O.B." and "COMMON-WEALTH" overprints, with additional overprint of "PILIPINAS / REPUBLIKA" (Republic of the Philippines) obliterating 'UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / PHILIPPINE ISLANDS'. Issued to cover the Registry Fee, which had been raised from 12c to 20c on June 1, 1944.

**ORIGINAL
US ISSUE**



OVERPRINTED ISSUE



Numerous stamps exist with all or part of the original 'O.B.' and/or small 'Commonwealth' overprints not obliterated, primarily because the original overprints appear in various positions on the stamps.

