

## Liberation VICTORY Cattle Certificates

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For the last five or six years, auction catalogs have offered lots of Philippine Cattle Certificates from the VICTORY era indicating that they are Commonwealth certificates with the word VICTORY added to the top right corner. A closer examination of these certificates discloses that there are TWO different VICTORY types. This article will show these two different types and compare them to the Commonwealth certificates without the VICTORY printing. The three printings compared here represent the original Commonwealth, the US Government printing office, and the Manila local printings.

The specific variations noted are (1) paper type, (2) watermark type, (3) VICTORY length, (4) serial number style, (5) title line length, (6) "This Certificate..." line length, (7) words in the last line of the first paragraph in the notice block, and (8) file number and position.

Table I show the cattle certificates of ownership (blue indicta) variations followed by Figures 1-6 illustrating these differences. NOTE: The numbers on Figures 1-3 refer to the variations listed in the preceding paragraph. There are a number of other minor differences but I think those shown are enough to prove the different types.

Cattle Certificates of Ownership (BLUE Indicta)			
Variation	Pre-war Commonwealth	Manila VICTORY	US VICTORY
Paper Type	Rag Bond	Heavy Manila Bond	Rag Bond
Watermark	Redemption Bond or None	None	Eagle
VICTORY Length	None	20 mm Long	18 mm Long
Serial # Type	"A" Preface	"No." Preface	
Title Line Length	11.5 cm Long	12.6 cm Long	13.2 cm Long
<i>This Certificate...</i> Length	3.1 cm Long	4.1 cm Long	
Notice Block, 1 <sup>st</sup> Paragraph	Last Line 1.3 words	Last Line 2 words	
File # & Position	10-107 at Bottom Left	None	16-43229-1 at Bottom Center
NOTE 1: The US VICTORY printing has US Government Printing Office at the bottom of the back.			
NOTE 2: The blue indicta for the Commonwealth printing is worn and the Manila VICTORY printing appears to be a retouch of it. The US VICTORY printing is sharp and clear.			
<b>TABLE I</b>			

Table II show the cattle certificates of transfer (red indicta) variations followed by Figures 7-15 illustrating these differences. Again, there are a number of other minor differences but I think those shown are enough to prove the different types.

The US VICTORY issues were ordered first, but the US Government Printing Office was overwhelmed with orders and had to prioritize them. The cattle certificates were a low priority. The returned Commonwealth government placed an order with the Manila printing firm of Carmello and Bauerman who delivered the transfer certificates in mid November 1945. The US printing has only 6 digit serial numbers and the Manila printing has 7 digits. With the sharpness of the indicta and the serialization sequence I believe that the serial number and indicta were applied in the US. The Manila transfer certificate has the earliest date reported, 17 November 1945 and the latest, 6 April 1956.



Figure 1. Top of Commonwealth Certificate

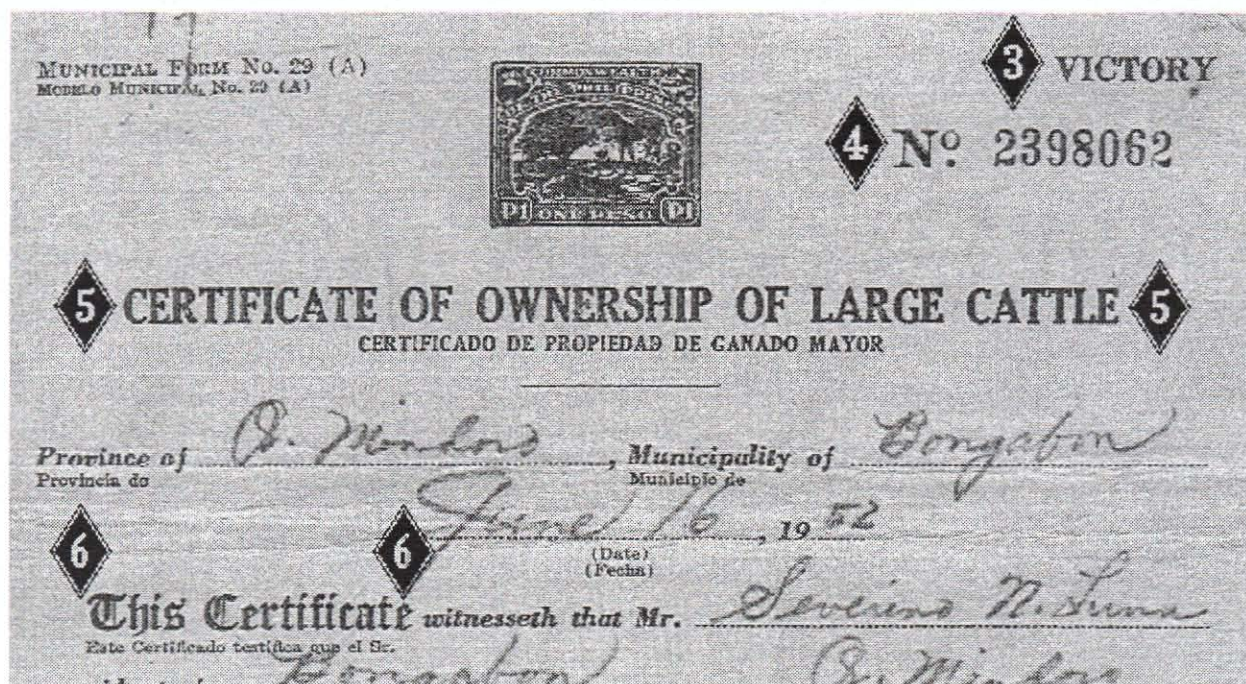


Figure 2. Top of Manila Printed VICTORY Certificate

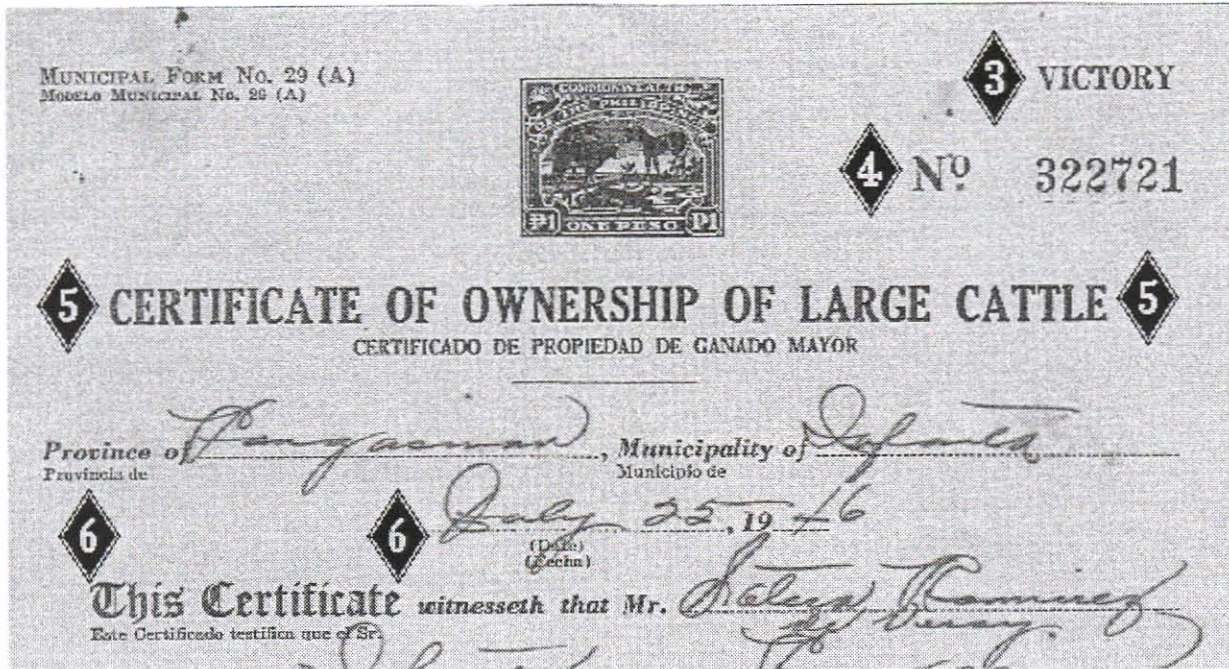


Figure 3. Top of US Government Printed VICTORY Certificate

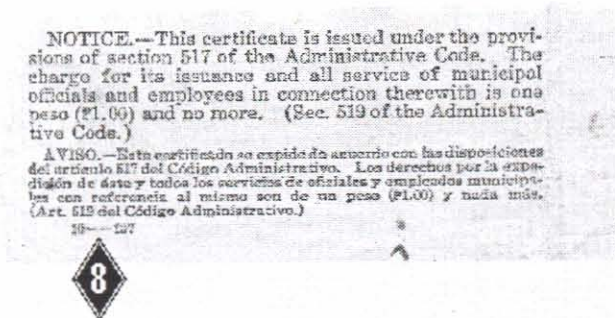


Figure 4. Commonwealth Printing (LL)

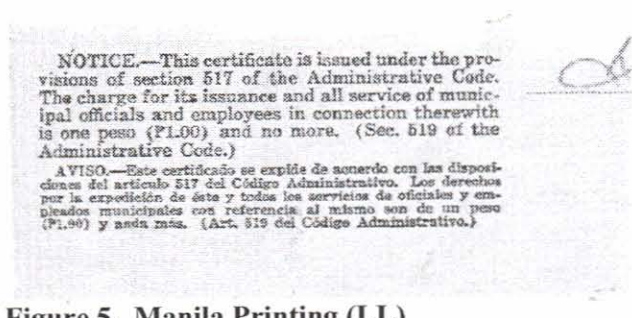


Figure 5. Manila Printing (LL)

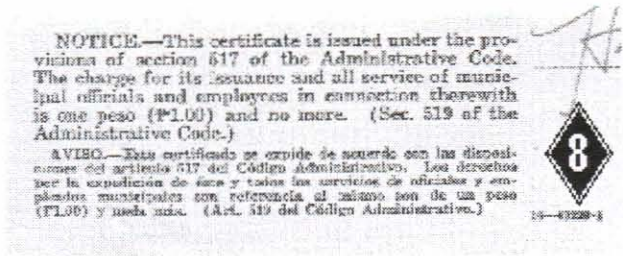


Figure 6. US Government Printing (LL)

Cattle Certificates of Transfer (RED Indicia)			
Variation	Pre-war Commonwealth	Manila VICTORY	US VICTORY
Paper Type	Rag Bond	Heavy Manila Bond	Rag Bond
Watermark	Redemption Bond, Dial Bond, or None	None	Eagle
VICTORY Length	None	20 mm Long	18 mm Long
Serial # Type	"A" Preface	"No." Preface	
Title Line Length	14.2 cm Long	12.2 cm Long	23.7 cm Long
<i>This Certificate...</i> Length	3.1 cm Long	4.1 cm Long	
Notice Block, 1 <sup>st</sup> Paragraph	Last Line 6 words	Last Line 8.7 words	Last Line 8 words
File # & Position	10-106 at Bottom Left, Front and Back	None	16-43227-1 at Bottom Right front, Bottom Center Back
NOTE 1: The US VICTORY printing has US Government Printing Office at the bottom of the back. NOTE 2: The blue indicta for the Commonwealth printing is worn and the Manila VICTORY printing appears to be a retouch of it. The US VICTORY printing is sharp and clear.			

TABLE II

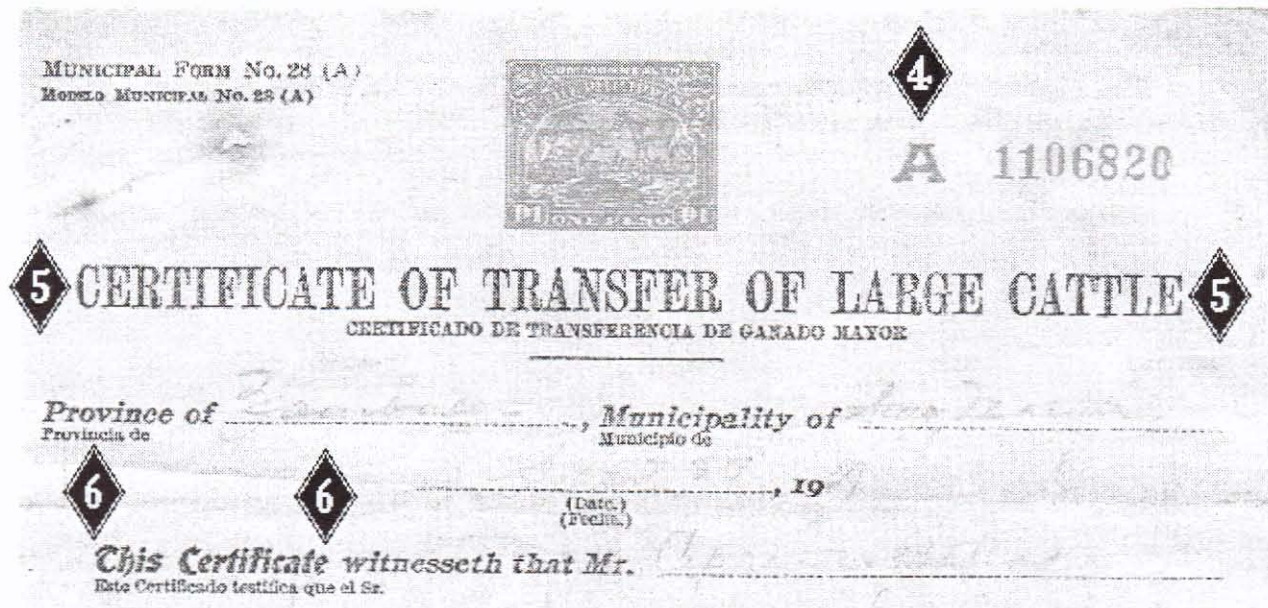


Figure 7. Top of Commonwealth Certificate

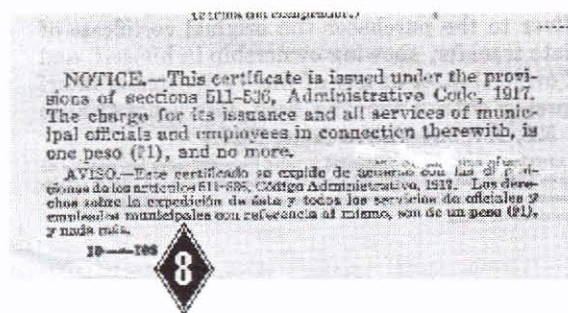


Figure 10. Commonwealth Printing (LL)

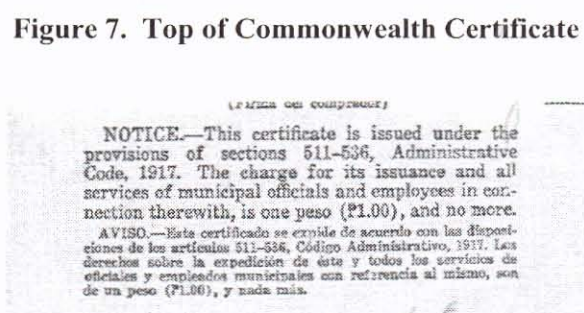


Figure 11. Manila Printing (LL)

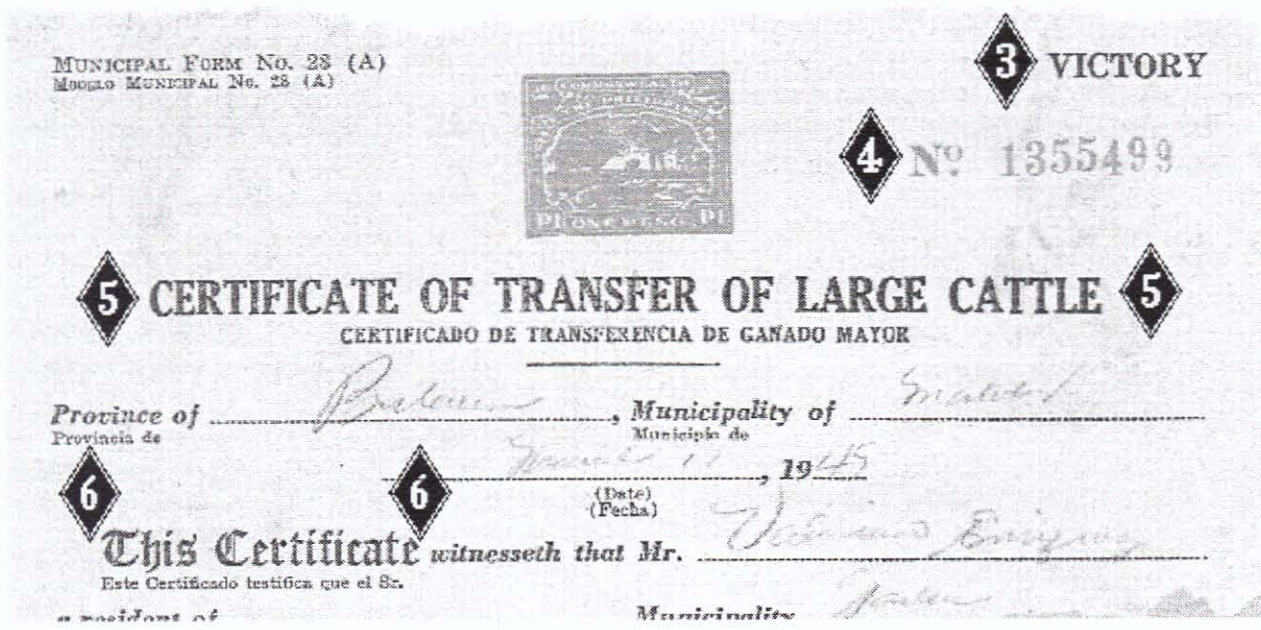


Figure 8. Top of Manila Printed VICTORY Certificate

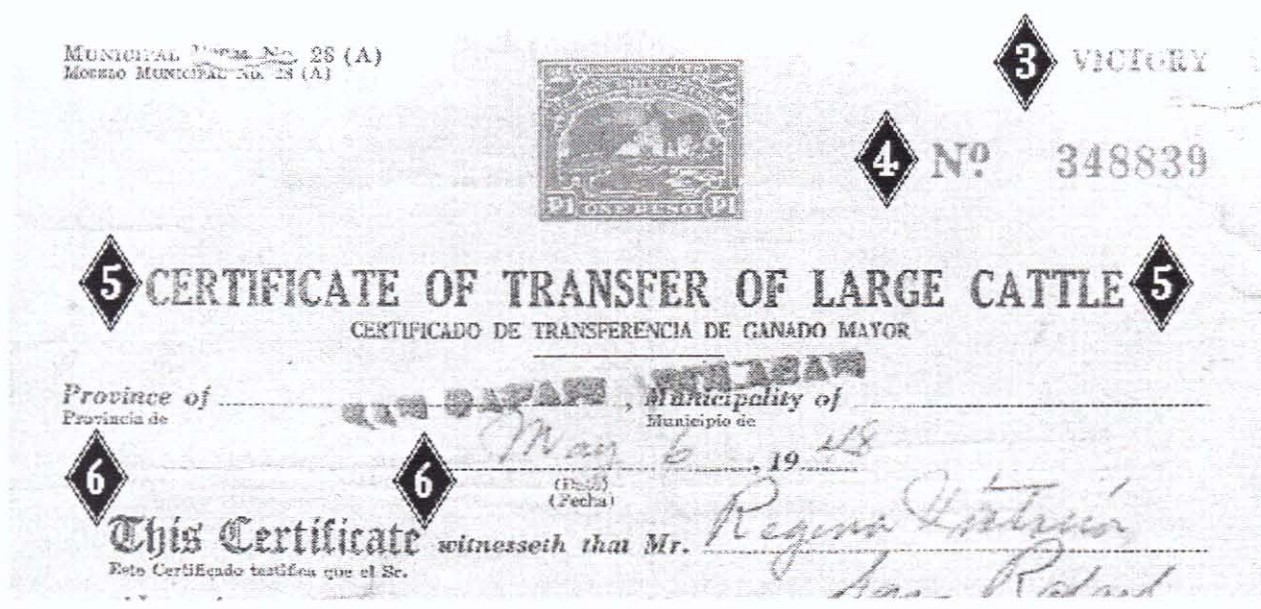


Figure 9. Top of US Government VICTORY Certificate

NOTICE.—This certificate is issued under the provisions of sections 511-536, Administrative Code, 1917. The charge for its issuance and all services of municipal officials and employees in connection therewith, is one peso (P1.00), and no more.

AVISO.—Este certificado se expide de acuerdo con las disposiciones de los artículos 511-536, Código Administrativo, 1917. Los derechos sobre la expedición de éste y todos los servicios de oficiales y empleados municipales con referencia al mismo, son de un peso (P1.00), y nada más.

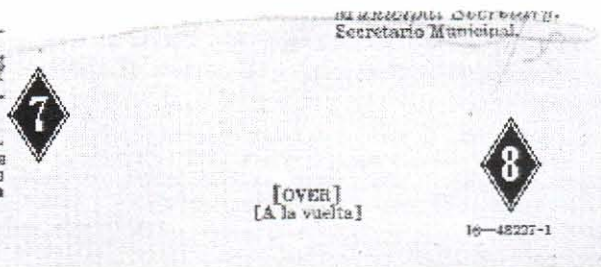


Figure 12. Bottom of US Government Printed VICTORY Certificate



Figure 13. Redemption Bond Watermark  
(Actual Size 4.6x1.6 Inches)

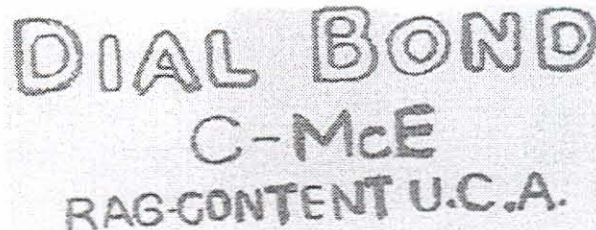


Figure 14. Dial Bond Watermark  
(Actual Size 4x1.5 Inches)



Figure 15. Eagle Watermark (Actual Size 3.1x2.9 Inches)

[Editor's Note: The two VICTORY printings have the same catalog numbers of W-800B (ownership) and W-800C (transfer) in the 1993 Lueck-Lehmann catalogue with no distinction between the US and Manila printings. Doug Lehmann states he will identify the Manila printing as Type I - VICTORY overprint (20mm) and the US printing as Type II - VICTORY overprint (18mm) in a future edition.]