Liberation VICTORY Cattle Certificates

By John Hunt

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 Owners	hip (BLUE Indicia)	
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
This Certificate Length	3.1 cm Long	4.1 cm Long	
Notice Block, 1st 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.

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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.

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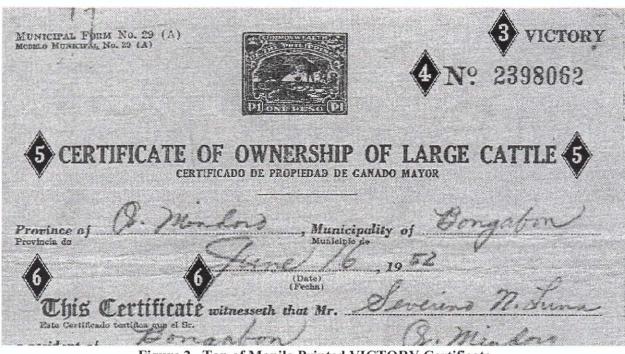


Figure 2. Top of Manila Printed VICTORY Certificate



Figure 3. Top of US Government Printed VICTORY Certificate

NOTICE.—This certificate is issued under the provisions of section 517 of the Administrative Code. The charge for its issuance and all service of municipal officials and employees in connection therewith is one peso (21.00) and no more. (Sec. 519 of the Administrative Code.)

AVISO.—Este estrificado se expide de amendo con las disposiciones del arriento SII del Código Administrativo. Los derechos por la expedición de ásus y todos los servicios de oficiales y empleados municipales con referencia al mismo son de un pese (\$1.00) y nuda más. (Art. 518 del Código Administrativo.)

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Figure 4. Commonwealth Printing (LL)

NOTICE.—This certificate is issued under the provisions of section 517 of the Administrative Code. The charge for its issuance and all service of municipal officials and employees in connection therewith is one peso (PI.00) and no more. (Sec. 519 of the Administrative Code.)

AVISO.—Este certificado se expide de souerdo con las disposiciones del artículo 517 del Código Administrativo. Los derechos por la expedición de ster y boda los acreticas de oficiales y empleados municipales con referencia al mismo son de un peso (Pr.99) y anda más. (Art. 519 del Código Administrativo.)

Figure 5. Manila Printing (LL)

NOTICE.—This certificate is issued under the provisions of section 617 of the Administrative Code. The charge for its issuance and all service of municipal officials and employees in cannection therewith is one peak (P1.00) and no more. (Sec. 519 of the Administrative Code.)

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Figure 6. US Government Printing (LL)

	Cattle Certificates of Trans	fer (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
This Certificate Length	3.1 cm Long	4.1 cm Long	
Notice Block, 1st 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

MUNICIPAL FORM No. 28 (A) Modelo Municipal No. 28 (A)





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CEETIFICADO DE TRANSFERENCIA DE GANADO MAYOR

Province of _ Municipality of Provincia de ., 19 (Date.) (Feelte.) Chis Certificate witnesseth that Mr. Esta Certificado testifica que el Sz.

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 implayees in connection therewith, is

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AVISO.—Thre certificado so expide de acasario con las di pri-ciones de los acticulos 618-685. Cotigo Administrativo, 1512. Los dese-chos sobre la expedición de ásta y todos los servicios de eficiales y emplesoles municipales con referencia al mismo, son de un peso (81), y nuda más.

Figure 10. Commonwealth Printing (LL)

Figure 7. Top of Commonwealth 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 (?1.00), and no more.

AVISO.—Este certificado se expide de acuerdo on las dispes-ciones de los artículos 511-535, Código Administrativo, 1917. Los derechos sobre la expedición de este y todos los cervicios de oficiales y empleados municipales con referencia al mismo, son de un peso (71.06), y nada más.

Figure 11. Manila Printing (LL)



Figure 8. Top of Manila Printed VICTORY Certificate



Figure 9. Top of US Government VICTORY Certificate

NOTICE.—This cortificate 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 cenerdo ceo las disposiciones de los artículos 511-538, Código Administrativo, 1917. Los derechos sobre la expedición de ésto y todos los servicios de oficiales y emplendes municipales con referencia al mismo, son de un peso (P1.00), y nada más.

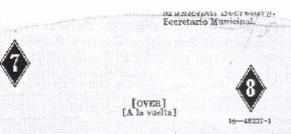


Figure 12. Bottom of US Government Printed VICTORY Certificate



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

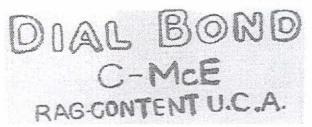


Figure 14. Dial Bond Watermark (Actual Size 4x1.5 Inches)



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.]