

# SPECIMEN OVERPRINT



**"Dot-on-Flag" var.**

A constant variety in Pos. 2 of the sheet showing a round dot at the top of the right flag pole.  
*Only Example Recorded with Specimen Overprint*



**"Broken Curb" var.**

A constant variety in pos. 23 of the sheet showing a break in the curb above the "L" in Palace.  
*Only Example Recorded with Specimen Overprint*



**"Extra Cloud" var.**

A constant variety found in pos. 15 of the sheet showing thick extra cloud lines above the right corner of the Palace building  
*Only Example Recorded with Specimen Overprint*

Three sheets of each denomination, or 150 complete sets of eleven stamps were overprinted "Specimen" in red ink. Two complete sets of sheets, or 100 sets of stamps, were sent to the Universal Postal Union in Berne, Switzerland. Fifty sets overprinted "Specimen" were offered to collectors by the Bureau of Posts. A majority of the members of the Philippine Philatelic Association refused to purchase stamps overprinted "Specimen." The leader of the opposition to the purchase of these overprints was a collector who had a bad experience with British Colonial stamps overprinted "Specimen" which depreciated greatly in value after they were purchased. The Bureau of Posts, unable to sell the majority of the stamps eventually sold the balance to a single collector at a reduced price. They eventually made their way into the collecting market. Approximately *Twenty-Five Sets are Recorded.*