

**16C GREEN POSTAGE  
PERFORATION ERRORS**



**Horizontal Pair - Imperforate Vertically Between**  
*Approximately Thirty-Five Examples Recorded*



**Complete Horizontal Strips of Five, with Imperforate Vertically Between Error in Different Positions on Sheet**

As noted, these were the first postage stamps printed by the Philippine Bureau of Printing. The issue was printed hastily with inadequate equipment. The task was further handicapped by a Government ruling that no work could be done on the printing of the stamps except in the presence of an official of the Bureau of Posts or Bureau of Audits. As these officials had other duties to perform and could not be constantly in attendance at the Bureau of Printing, the work printing the stamps proceeded intermittently. Despite this fact, the time pressure to complete the printing by December 20<sup>th</sup>, was great. As a result of the time limitations, the employee manning the single-line perforator would run two, three and sometimes four sheets through at a time. If a perforation error occurred, it could occur in the same location on multiple pages.

These strips establish the omission of a row of vertical perforations occurred in at least two different positions on the sheet, and theoretically there could have existed up to eight error sheets, which would include 80 error pairs. Less than half that number are currently recorded.