SMALL COMMONWEALTH - 4 Peso BLUE & BLACK

Number Printed: **5,000**
29,325 Destroyed Jan. 1949
No Formal First Day of Issue.

Two Plate Numbers used to print the
4 Peso small Commonwealth stamps

In 1949, the BEP destroyed 29,325 surplus 4 Peso stamps with the Commonwealth overprint. However, the stamps were not inventoried by the size of the overprint. Clearly, with a printing of just 5,000 (plus an additional 500 made for the Washington Philatelic Agency, and 1,000 reprinted in 1943) the 4 Peso stamps destroyed had to include the large Commonwealth overprints as well. Nonetheless, it is believed a significant portion of the 4 Peso small Commonwealth stamps were destroyed, thus accounting for their relative scarcity. Less than 20 plate blocks are known. **Only three covers have been recorded with the 4 Peso Small Commonwealth stamp. All three are in this exhibit.**

Naga, Camarines Sur to **Paris, France**, via Hong Kong, Aug. 13, 1941. 30c. First Class Rate, 61-80g; 32c./5g Airmail, 66-70g

Manila to **Forrsberg, Norway** via Singapore, Aug. 1, 1941. P13.86 = 78c. Foreign First Class, 220-240g; 28c./5g Air, for 228 grams. 20c. Registry.

Manila to **Lahti, Finland**, via Hong Kong Dec. 6, 1941. Rec. Lahti, Jan. 7, 1942. P5.10 = 30c. First Class Rate to Foreign Destination, 61-80g; 32c./5g Airmail Rate, 71-75 grams. Wehrmacht Censor.