



Non-FDC Cancel
 Three Examples Recorded



Inverted "S" in Peso Variety
 "Commonwealth" not Deleted
 Two Examples Recorded



Inverted "S" in Peso Variety, Pos. 1 of Block

The One Peso surcharged stamp was printed in sheets of 25. In position four of the sheet, the "S" in Peso is inverted. Only 799 of the errors were made. The Japanese army prepared the surcharge with the central deleting lines in a fixed position to delete "Commonwealth." However, not all of the sheets used had "Commonwealth" in the same location, which resulted in the offending word being only partially deleted, or in a few cases, not deleted at all.



Manila to United States, Nov. 28, 1946
 P1.00 Airmail Rate, 1-5g; (20c. Registry; 20c. Money Order Fee, on back)

Only Recorded Commercial Cover

With the defeat of the Japanese, all stamps prepared by the Japanese Army for use during the occupation were withdrawn from use. It's possible a postal employee was caught unaware when presented with the cover bearing an illegally used stamp of the correct denomination. More likely, this cover was allowed to pass into the mailstream as a favor. Regardless of its method of entering the mails, this stamp did carry this cover to its intended destination. It was received in San Francisco Dec. 6 and then in Los Angeles on Dec. 7, thus completing its transit.