

JAPANESE OCCUPATION - 12c. LIMBAGAN SURCHARGE on 20c. GREEN

Number Overprinted: 350,000
 Issued: June 20, 1943



**Doubled Surcharge
 Position 99
 Six Examples Recorded**

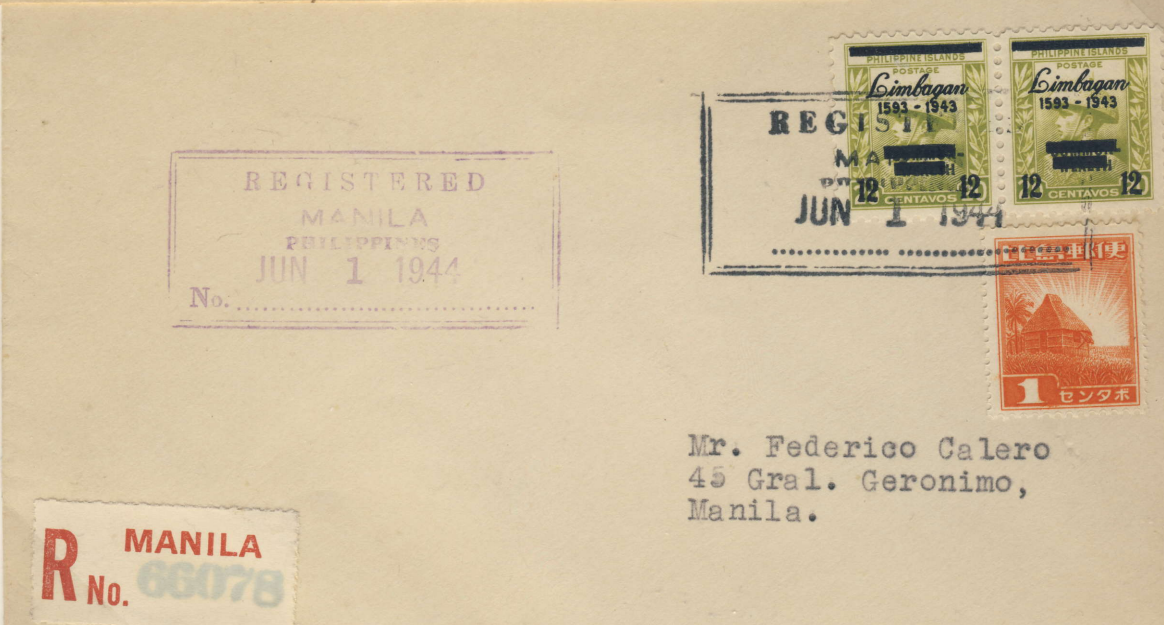
Issued to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the first printing press in the Philippines, and to cover the 12c. Registry Fee which had become effective March 1, 1943. "Limbagan" is the Tagalog word for "Printing Press." A single broken pane with 71 stamps remaining, together with three loose stamps from the same pane, bearing bottom Plate No. 131583, with doubling of the surcharge was discovered at the Manila Central Post Office by Ramon Catala and presented by him to Ellen Cass. It is presumed the other 26 stamps were used for First Day Covers or ordinary postage, but none has been reported. The doubling in the pane is progressive, with the upper stamps in the pane merely looking thicker, while the doubling is obvious in the lower stamps. **Only 6 Copies are Recorded.**



Local Cover, May 31, 1944
 5c. First Class, 1-20g;
 12c. Registry

Local Cover, June 1, 1944.
 5c. First Class Rate; 20c.
 Registry (which was raised
 from 12c. effective June 1.)

**Only Recorded
 Commercial Covers**



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