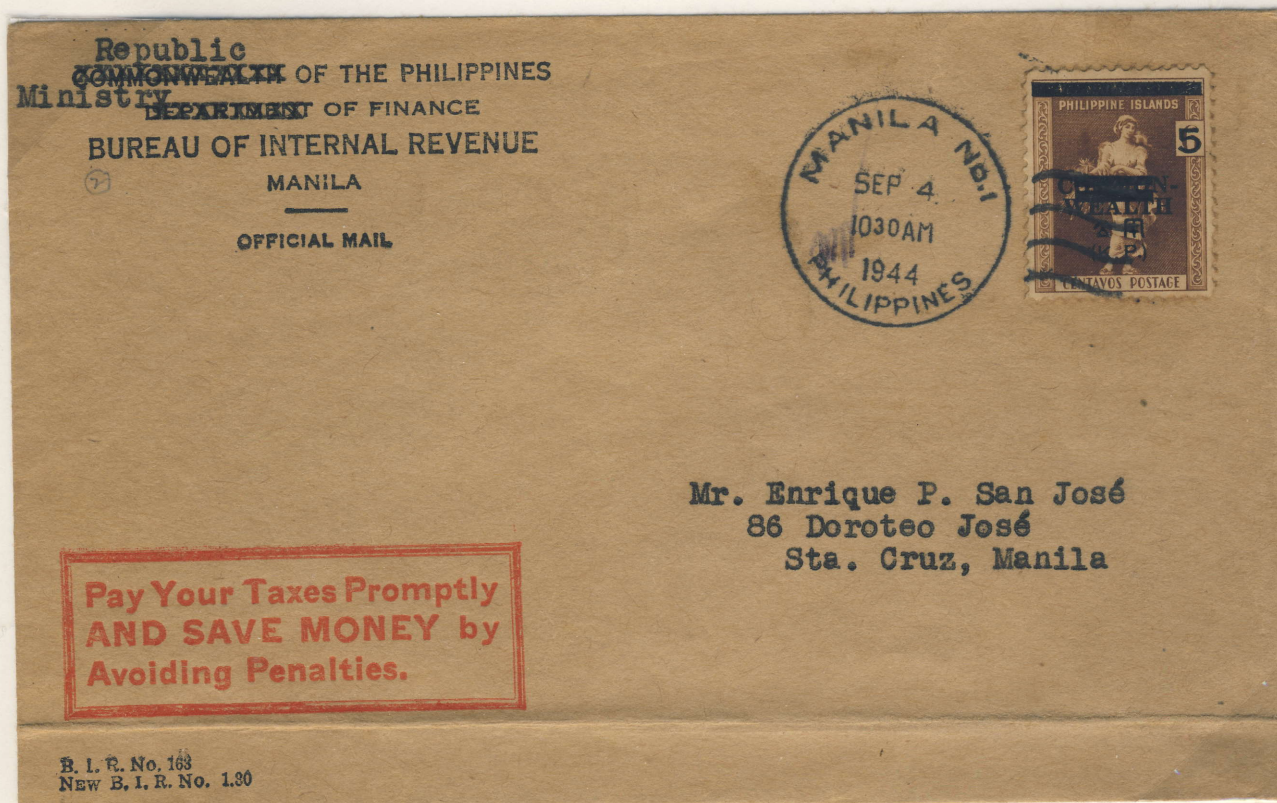


JAPANESE OCCUPATION - 5c. OFFICIAL SURCHARGE on 6c. BROWN
(Large Commonwealth)

Number Overprinted: @23,049
Issued: June, 26, 1944



It has been historically accepted that only a single sheet of the 6c. Brown with large "Commonwealth" overprint was surcharged by the Japanese Army accidentally during a second printing of the surcharged small "Commonwealth" stamps. On discovering the error, the Japanese Army surcharged approximately 20,000 of the large "Commonwealth" stamps so as to avoid the creation of a philatelic rarity, and enmity in the collecting community.



Local cover, September 4, 1944. 5c. First Class Rate, 1-20g

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