Honduras
Provisional Overprints on Stamps
1926 - 1933

(Estampillas con Resellos Provisionales, 1926 a 1933)

Datos históricos

Honduras, República de América Central, con una superficie de 112.000 Km², tenía en 1930 menos de 800.000 habitantes, según datos de la época.
Desde 1876 los gobiernos liberales se dedicaron a la modernización del país, exportaciones y minería para atraer la inversión extranjera. La construcción del Ferrocarril y las ampliaciones de los puertos, facilitaron el progreso.
A partir del principio del Siglo XX, las compañías frutícolas estadounidenses, como la UNITED FRUIT, la STANDARD y CUYAMEL, hicieron del banano el producto principal del país, con tratos preferenciales de los gobiernos en curso, cuyos beneficios llegaron sólo a las compañías norteamericanas y a unos pocos políticos, dejando a la población pobre y con un alto índice de analfabetismo.

El Servicio Postal

Con este fondo, el correo se desarrolló con especial interés hacia los Estados Unidos. La mayoría del correo fue llevado con vapores a NEW ORLEANS y distribuido de allí a Europa y el resto del mundo.
Desde Enero de 1925, varias compañías e intereses empezaron con pequeños y pocos aviones a organizar líneas aéreas para transportes en general y correo, desde el interior del país hacia los puertos, especialmente hacia Miami, USA.
Después del intento de la SCADTA de abrir la ruta a USA, la PAA se impuso y organizó el correo aéreo de Honduras.
Otras compañías eran las verdaderas pioneras, la Central American Airline del Dr. T.C.Pounds y la TACA.
Las compañías aéreas negociaron con los gobiernos de Honduras las tarifas y estampillas, razones por las cuales se emitieron tantas emisiones provisionales entre los años 1926 a 1933.

La otra razón de emisiones con resellos provisionales se basa en los continuos robos de las estampillas que obligaron a la sobreimpresión por razones de control y seguridad.
Así, se han producido estas emisiones provisionales, usando sobrantes stocks de estampillas de emisiones de 1919 y 1923.
Casi todas fueron sobreimpresas en tipografía, es decir, con settings producidos con letras individuales de plomo en múltiplos de 50 para cubrir la impresión total de un pliego, que entonces era en su mayoría de 50 estampillas.
De esta manera, por la impresión individual sobre pliegos existentes y perforados, se han producido una serie de errores y variedades. También las cantidades de las emisiones son filatélicamente interesantes - existen desde un pliego de 50, 200, 400, 500, 1000, 2500 y más estampillas por serie.
Por el relativo poco uso del correo en esta época - no se necesitaban más.

La Colección

La colección se concentra en los estudios de las estampillas con sus errores, variedades y cantidades. Se muestran sólo unos pocos sobres para ilustrar aspectos importantes, como fechas, bisectados y usos de signaturas de control.
Esta presentación contiene más de 100 errores y variedades, incluyendo las más escasas, muchas de ellas no mencionadas hasta la fecha en estudios y catálogos.

Podemos diferenciar estas provisionales en:

*** Sobreimpresiones para el Correo Aéreo**
*** Sobreimpresiones para habilitar anteriores emisiones con nuevos valores.**
*** Sobreimpresiones como control de seguridad.**
*** Sobreimpresiones por razón de cambio de la moneda (de Peso a Lempira, 1933)**

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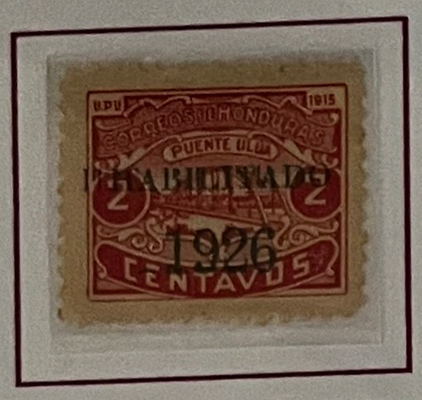
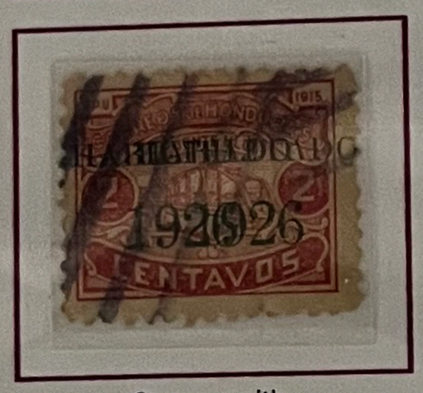
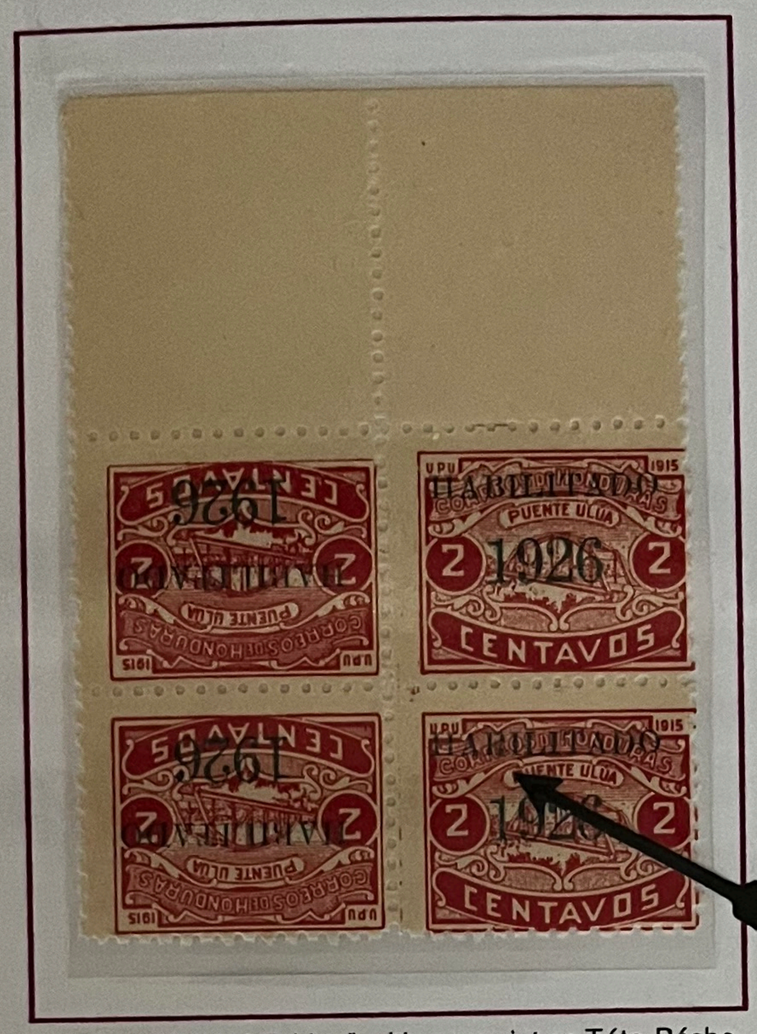
PROVISIONAL ISSUE

Overprint:
HABILITADO
1926





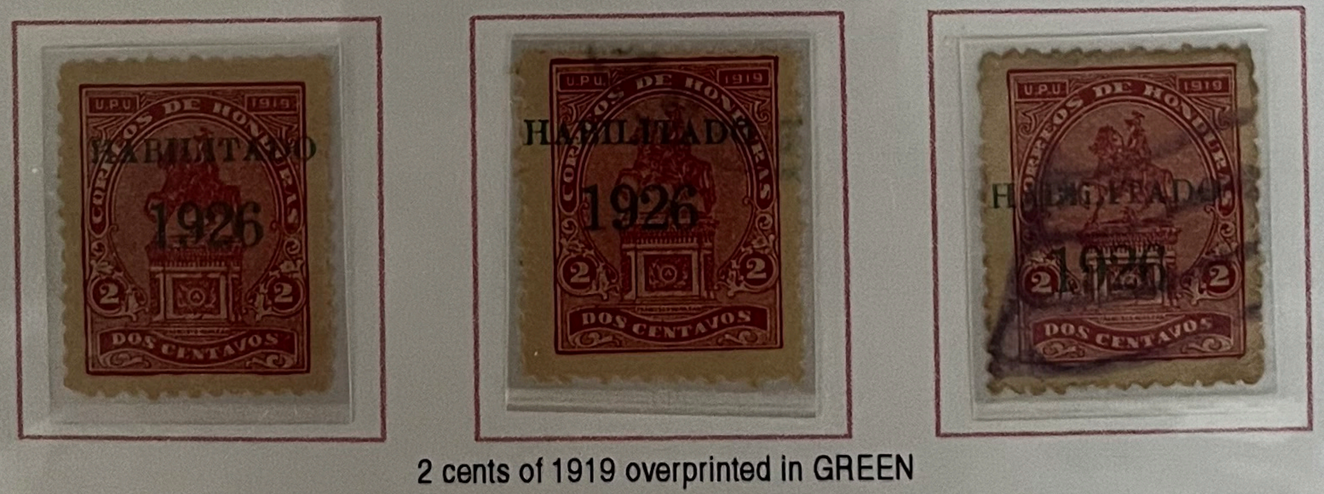
Stamps with
DOUBLE
overprints



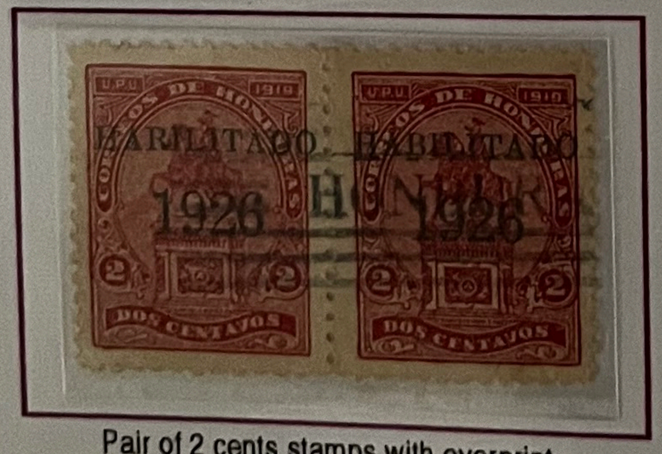
2 cents red "ULUA Bridge" with overprint as Téte-Béche.
Showing in lower right stamp ERROR: "R" instead of "B" in
HA**B**ILITADO

Overprint with ERROR:
"R" instead of "B"
in HA**B**ILITADO

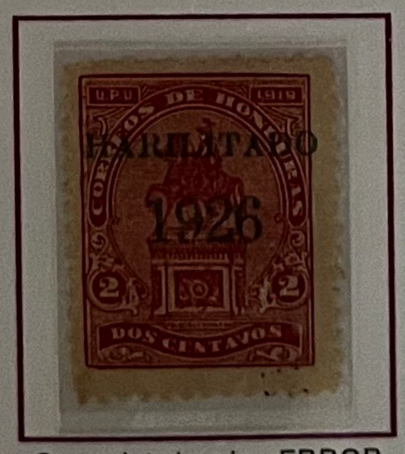
2 cents stamps in different reds and overprint positions



2 cents of 1919 overprinted in GREEN



Pair of 2 cents stamps with overprint.
LEFT stamp showing ERROR "R" instead of "B"
in HA**B**ILITADO



Overprint showing ERROR
"R" instead of "B"

PARTIAL DOUBLE
overprint

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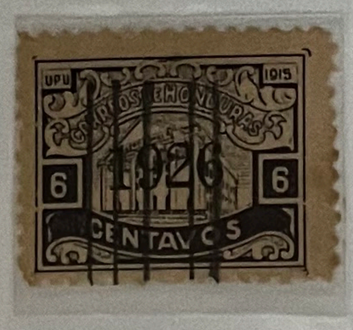
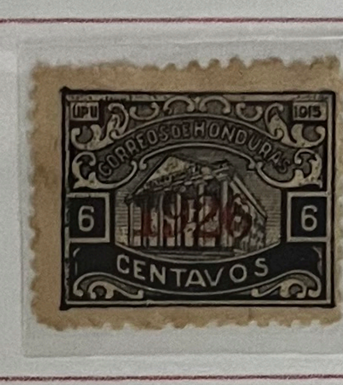
Provisional overprints of 1926



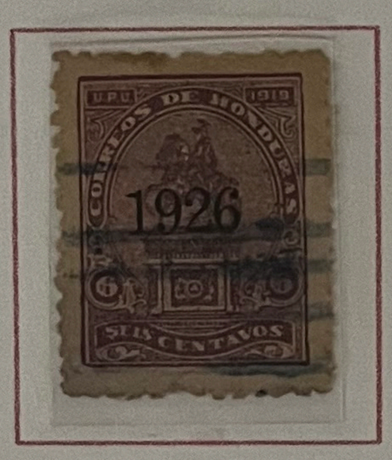
Overprint on 6 cents LILAC in BLACK

Incomplete overprint

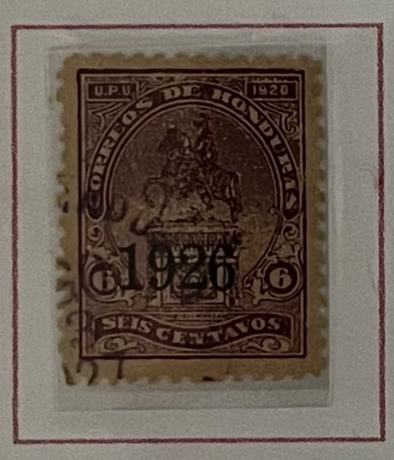
Overprint in RED



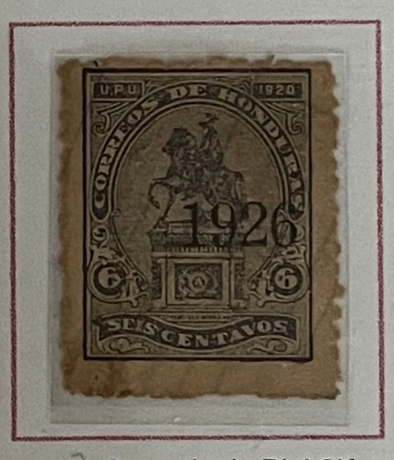
Overprint in RED
(Thick "1")

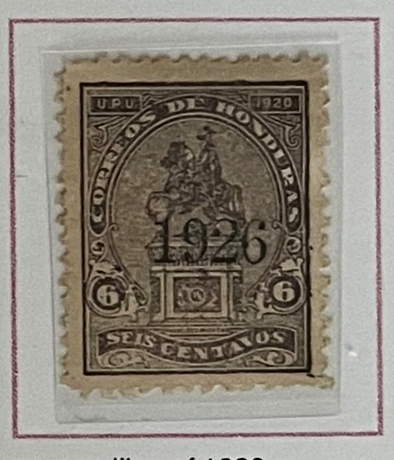


Overprint in BLACK
on 6 cents of 1919



Overprint in BLACK on
6 cents of 1920





Overprint in BLACK on 6 cents grey-lilac of 1920

FORGERY
Forged 6 cents stamp
of 1920
in BROWN-VIOLET
with FORGED
perforation 9,5
instead of 11,5

200% enlargement

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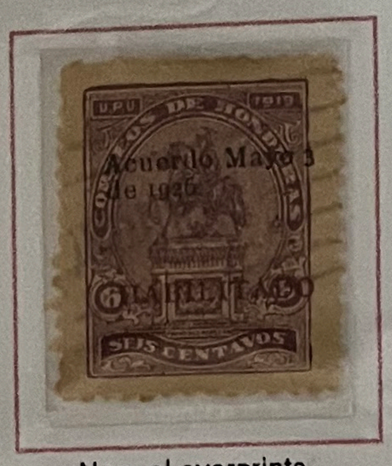
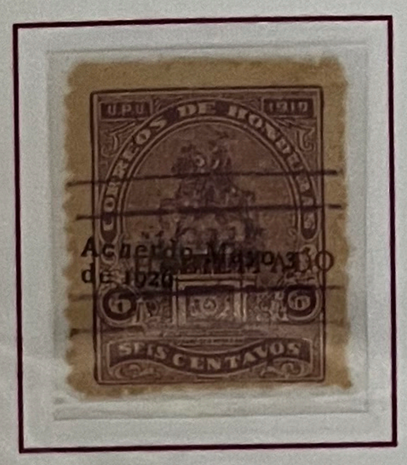
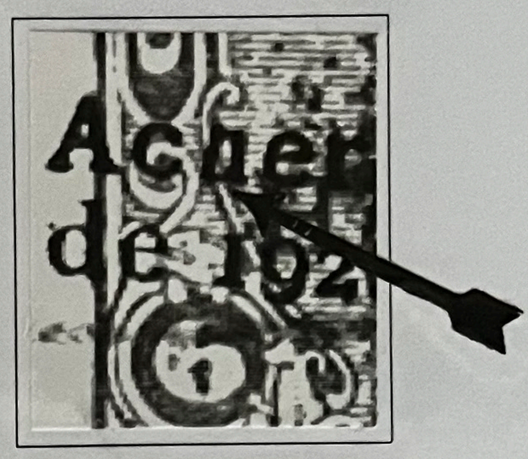
June 1926. 6 cents stamp of 1919 overprinted with HABILITADO
(revalued) in RED
and "Acuerdo Mayo 3 de 1926" in BLACK

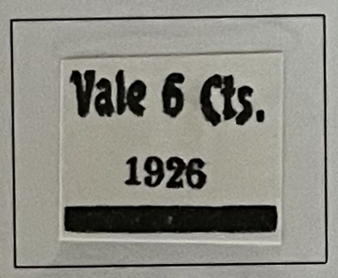


Normal overprints



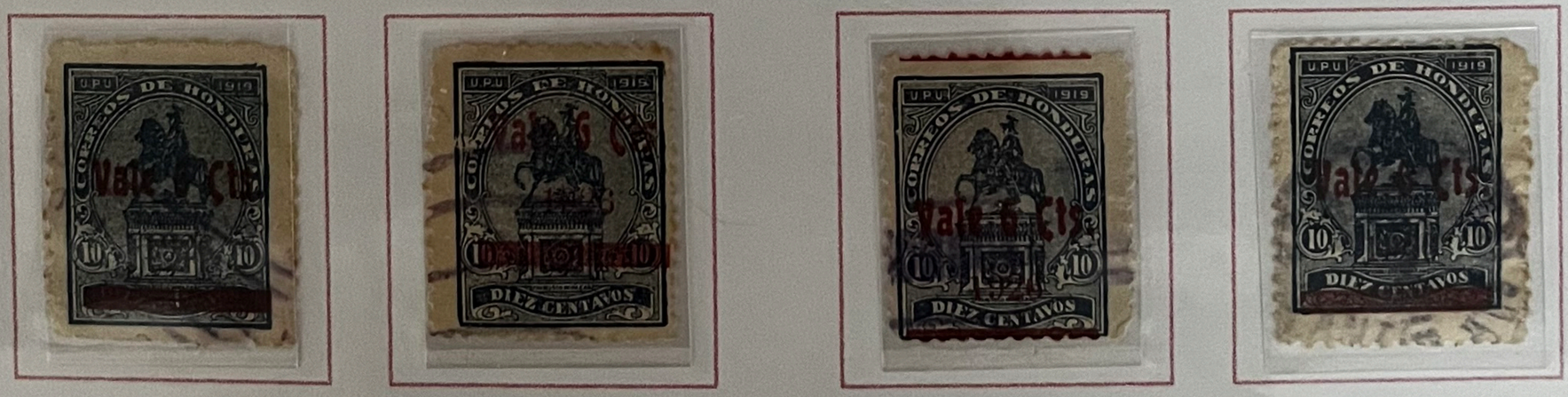
ERROR
Overprint showing ERROR
"n" for "u" in Acuerdo





Overprint of 1926

Surcharge in RED on 10 cents dull blue, COMPLETE row of 5 with sheet margins on both sides, used,
with ERROR of DOUBLE surcharge



Surcharge in RED on 10 cents blue, different colours and positions

SCARCE Surcharge in BLACK

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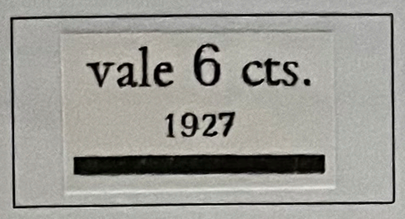
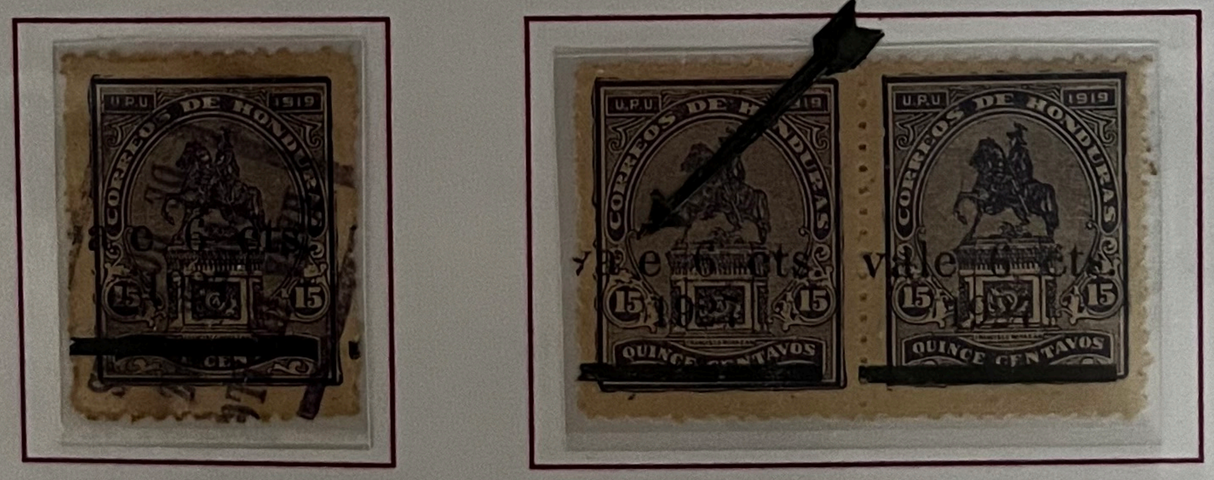


Stamps of earlier issues surcharged with new value and indication of the year 1927.
Old value crossed out by thick line. Overprint in black

15 cents lightblue with new value of 6 cents in black.
Only very few sheets of this stamp were surcharged.

15 cents violet surcharged in black with the new value - different settings.



ERROR:
Surcharge with missing "l" in "va e".

Lefthand stamp showing
ERROR of missing letter "l".

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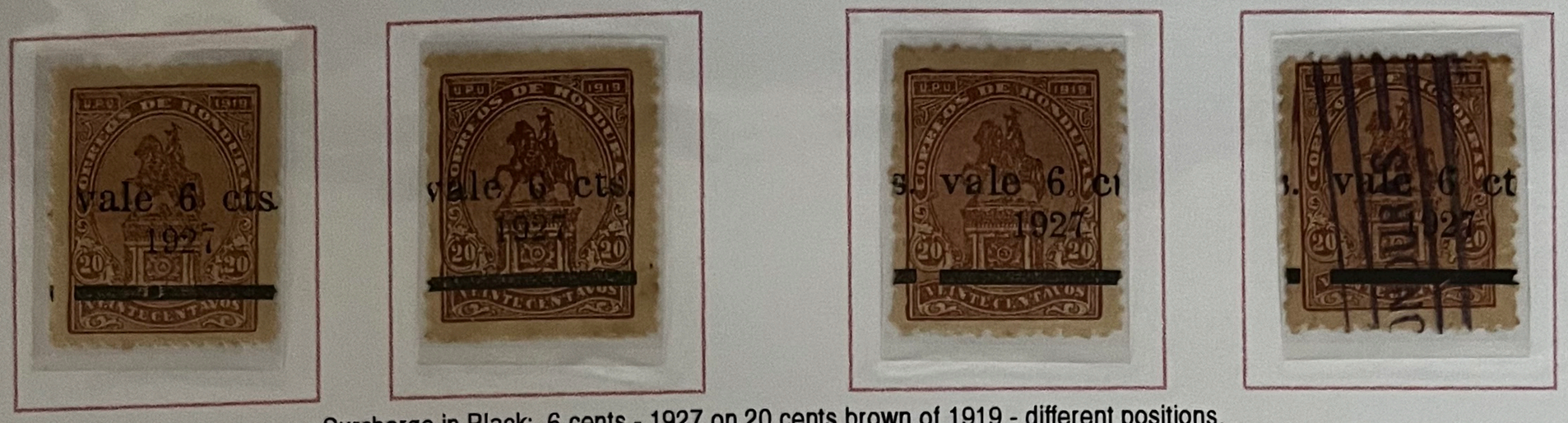
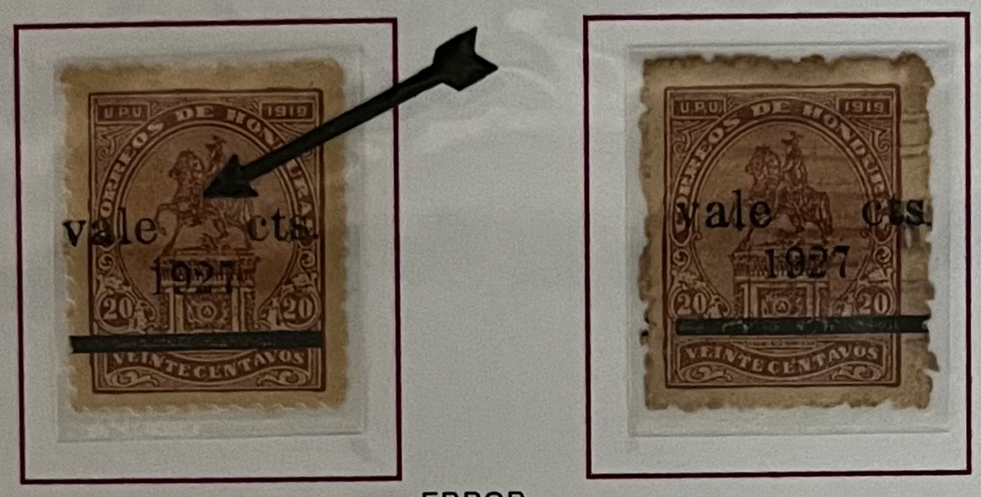


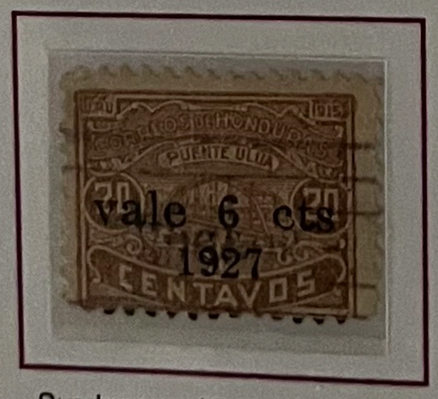
Surcharge in Black: 6 cents - 1927 on 20 cents brown of 1919 - different positions.



ERROR:
Surcharges without value indication "6"

Surcharges on 20 cents stamps "ULUA Bridge"

Surcharges in Téte-Béche



Surcharge without Black bar
and full stop after cts

INVERTED Surcharge

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PROVISIONAL AIRMAIL ISSUE - 1929

Issued 15 September 1929 for the intended air service from TELA to MIAMI by PAA.
However it was not used till 21 September for the initial flight.

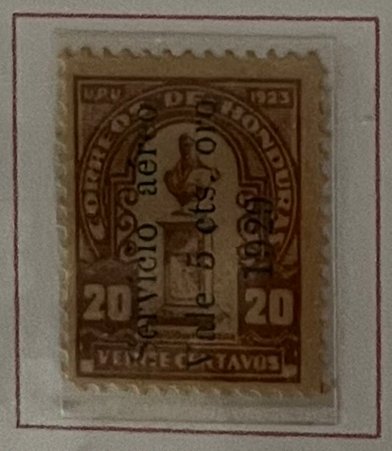
Servicio aéreo
Vale 25 centa-
vos oro.—1929.

50 cents ordinary postage stamp overprinted in BLUE.
Total quantity overprinted: 5.500 stamps

2nd. PROVISIONAL AIRMAIL ISSUE - 1929

Servicio aéreo
Vale 15 cts. oro
1929

Issued 6 October 1929 for the first flight from TEGUCIGALPA to TELA, which didn't take place until the 15th. due to bad weather conditions. Stamps overprinted in sheets of 50 each, in different colours and values.



5 cents on 20 cents
overprinted in GREEN.
(10.000)

10 cents on 50 cents
overprinted in BLACK.
(6.500)

15 cents on 1 Peso
overprinted in RED.
(5.500)

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3rd. PROVISIONAL AIRMAIL ISSUE - 1929

Issued 10 December 1929.
Surcharged in RED and BLACK, 7.500 stamps of each value.

Servicio Aéreo Internacional
Vale 5 cts. oro
1929

Overprint in RED

VARIETY:
Large "1" in 1929

Servicio Aéreo Internacional.—Vale 20.cts. oro.—1929

Overprint in BLACK

VARIETY:
Missing dash between
"oro" and "1929"

ERROR:
Horizontal Pair imperforated between.
Only 40 pairs recorded

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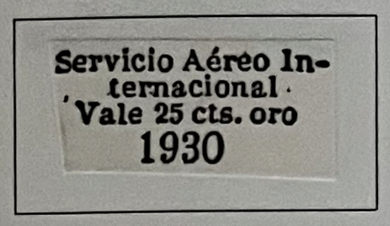
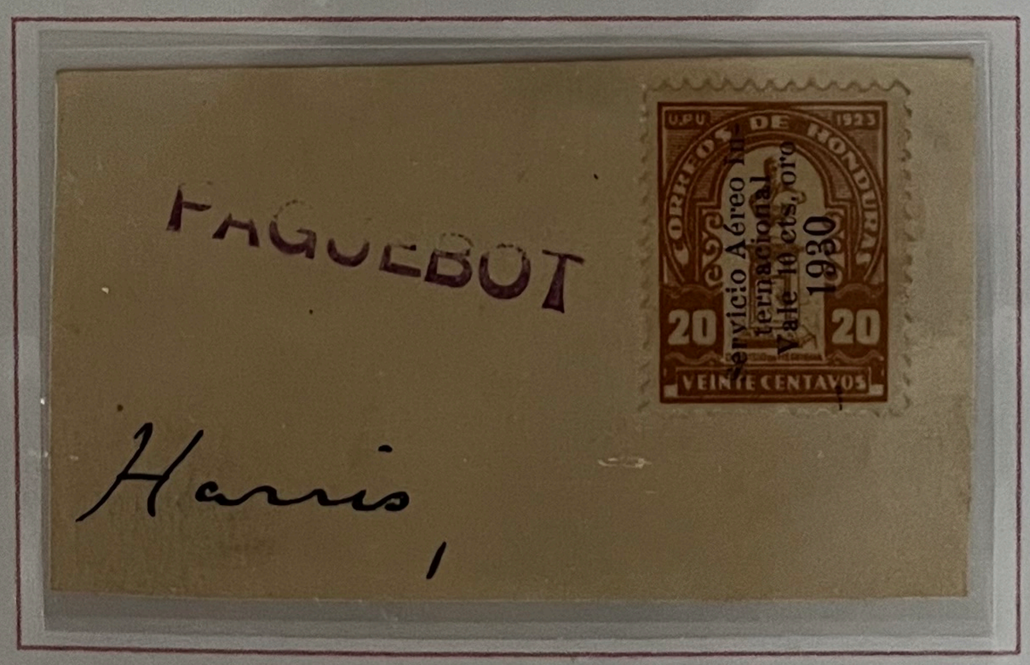
PROVISIONAL AIRMAIL ISSUE - 1930



Issued 21 February 1930.
Regular Issue of 1924 surcharged vertically with new value.
Overprinted in RED, BLUE and BLACK.

5 cents overprint in BLUE on 20 cents.
with ERROR of setting:
REVERSED "1930",
only once in each of the 5 sheets overprinted - total 5 stamps

10 cents in BLACK on 20 cents. 10.000 stamps overprinted.



Stamp on piece showing that the stamp was used also for ordinary mail, not only for airmail

Overprinted stamps showing the VARIETY: large "1" in 1930

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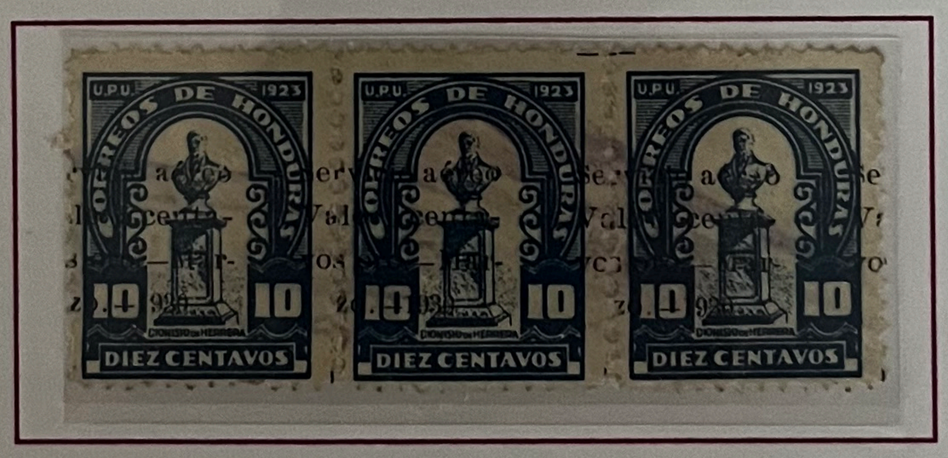
5 cents overprinted on 10 cents in BLACK. Total printing 25.500 stamps.

ERROR:
DOUBLE overprint.
Only 100 recorded.



VARIETY:
Overprint moved over the 3 stamps.

ERROR:
"Servicioa" for "servicio"
Only 100 recorded.

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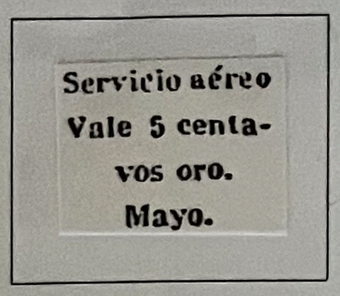
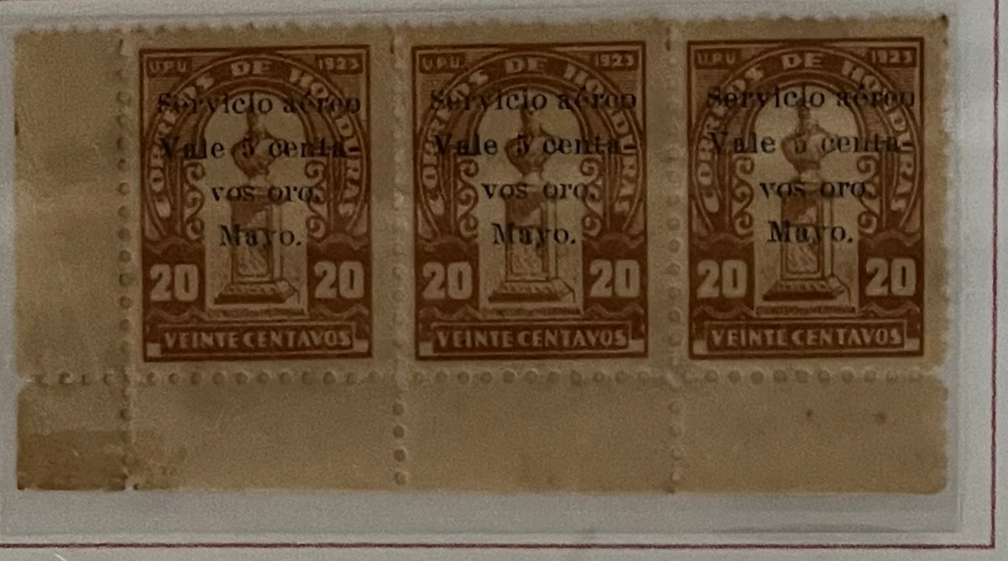


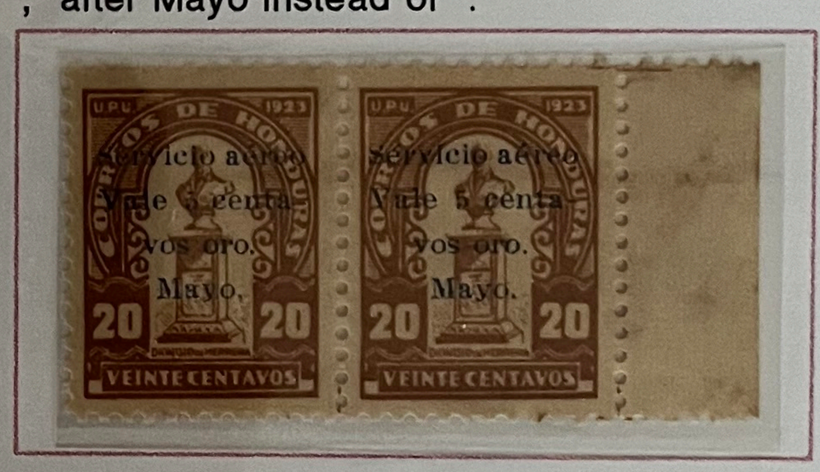
5 cents on 20 cents - surcharged in BLUE.

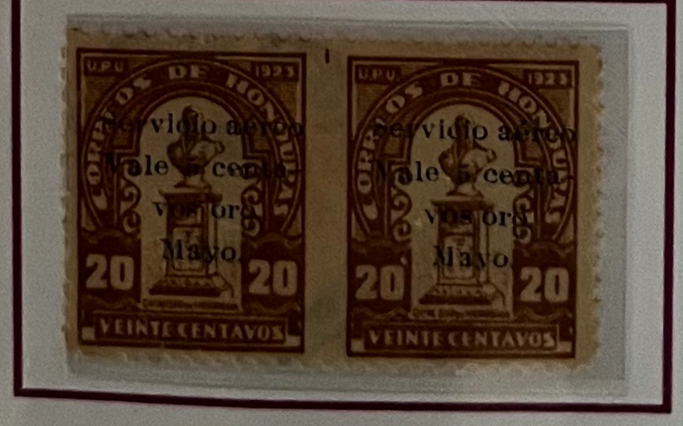


":" after Mayo instead of "."

"," after Mayo instead of "."

Lower left stamp without "." after Mayo





ERROR:
Horizontal Pair - Imperf. between.
Only 5 pairs recorded

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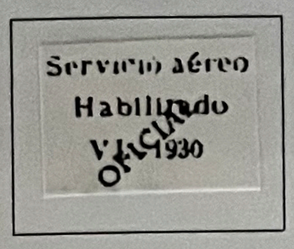
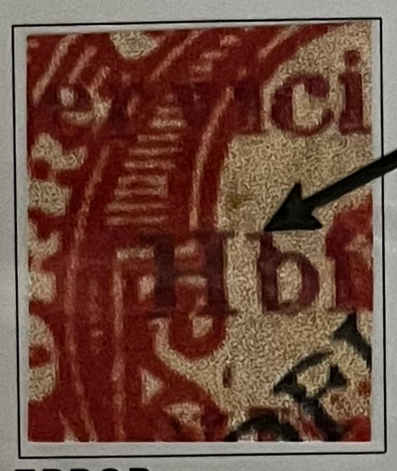


Official Stamps of 1924 overprinted fo authorize usage for airmail.
Issued 3 November 1930.



Overprint with ERROR:
MISSING "a" in "Habilitado"
Only 5 stamps known.

Overprint in RED
only 250 stamps = 5 sheets

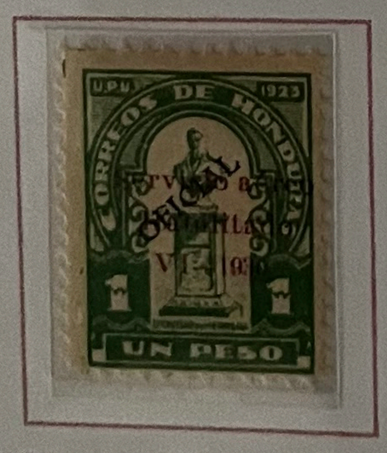
Overprinted in BLACK

ERROR:
"e" in Servicio with accent.

ERROR:
DOUBLE overprint:
in RED and BLACK.
50 stamps = 1 sheet known.

Servicio aéreo
Habilitado
VI-1930

Overprint on 2 cents
in BLACK.
Total 250 stamps.



Overprint in RED on 1 Peso.
Total printing 7.523 stamps

ERROR:
DOUBLE overprint
Only 1 sheet of 50 stamps recorded.

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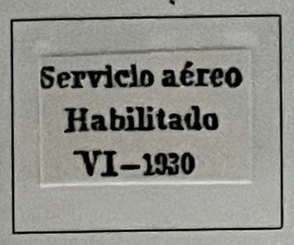
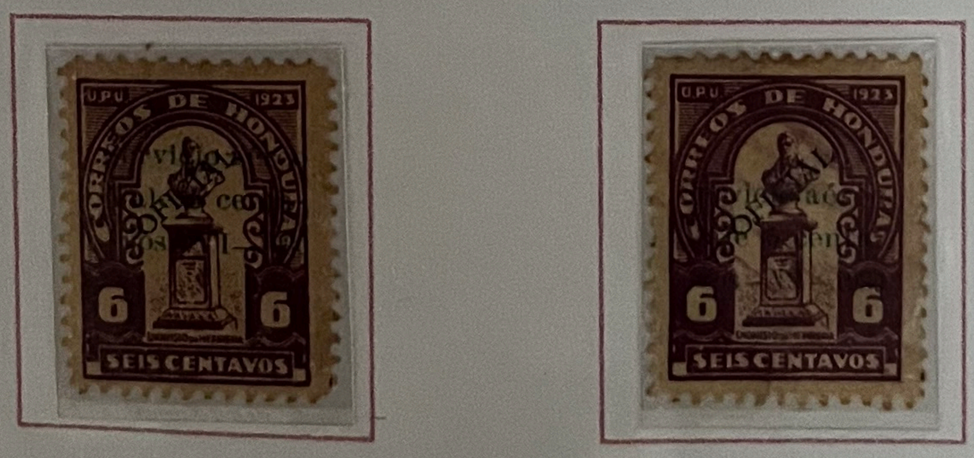


With overprint for usage for airmail

10 cents with RED overprint

20 cents with GREEN overprint

ERROR:
INVERTED overprint
Only 2 sheets = 100 stamps known.



6 cents overprinted in GREEN with new value of 5 cents.

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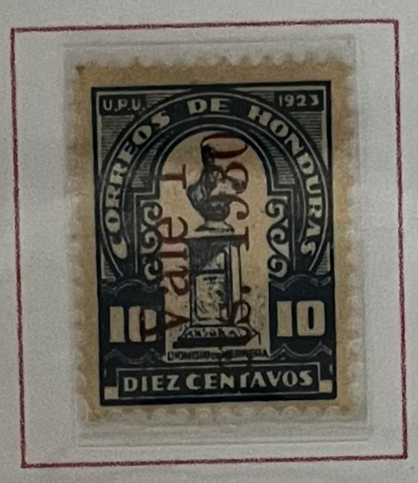
Vale 1
cts. 1930

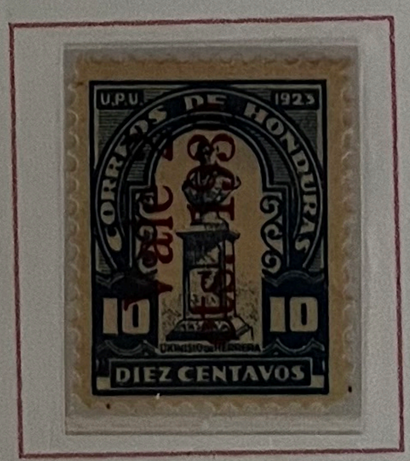
1 cent on 10 cent. Overprint in RED.



ERROR:
Stamp on the right
of pair and righthand
showing Error:
1093
instead of 1930

Vale 2
cts. 1930

2 cents on 10 cents . Overprint in RED.



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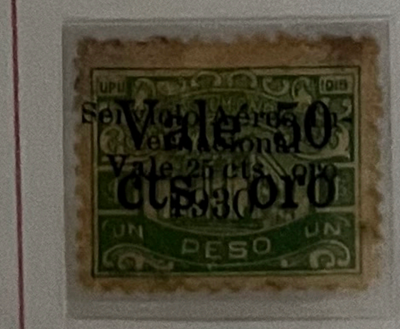


50 cents on 25 cents on 1 Peso overprints.

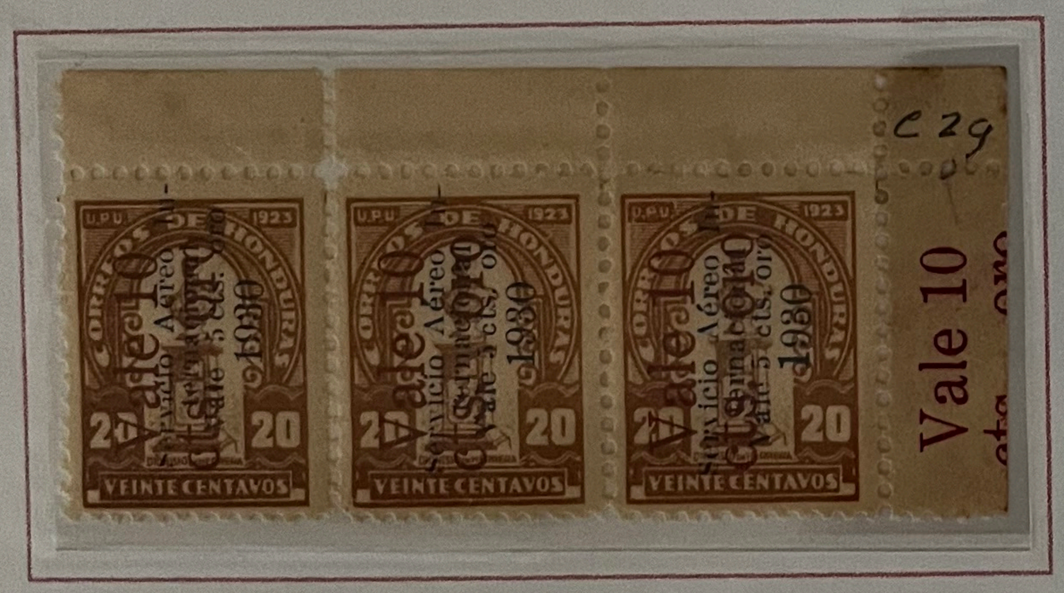
PROVISIONAL AIRMAIL ISSUE - 1930

Vale 10
cts. oro

Surcharge 10 cents on 10 cents on 20 cents.
Only 4 sheets of 50 stamps each surcharged.

Vale 10
cts. oro

Surcharge 10 cents on 5 cents on 20 cents.



Right stamp showing VARIETY of thick "1" in 1930

Right stamp showing VARIETY of thick "1" in 1930

Centre left stamp showing VARIETY of thick "1" in 1930

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5 cents in RED on 10 cents blue.
Total printing: 240 sheets of 50 stamps each = 12.000 stamps

Note the variety of thick "1" in various positions.

ERROR:
4 sheets are known with REVERSED OVERPRINT (a total of 200 stamps).
Above shown stamps and multiples come from 3 of the 4 sheets.
Probably a UNIQUE lot of 23 stamps of a total of only 200.

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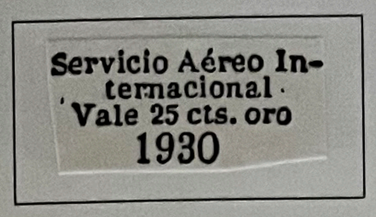
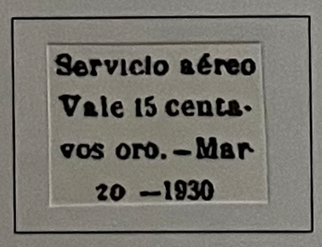


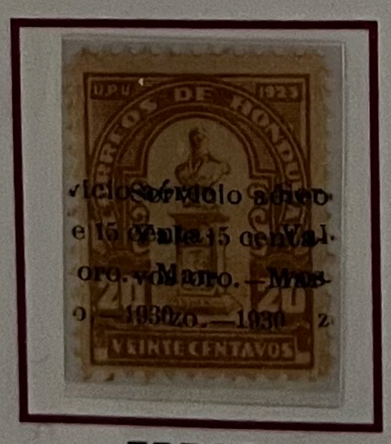
25 cents on 50 cents. Overprint in BLACK

ERROR: INVERTED overprint - only 200 recorded.

VARIETY: Thick "1" in 1930



15 cents on 20 cents.
Overprint in BLACK



ERROR:
DOUBLE Overprint.
Only 100 recorded

Variety:
"a" in centavos
moved upwards

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Surcharge 20 cents on 50 cents in BLACK

Top left stamp showing small "a" in centavos.

Official stamp with same surcharge.
Only 50 (1 sheet) overprinted

Variety:
Showing damaged "M" of MARZO in left stamp.

Variety:
Showing small "e" in Servicio in the right stamp.

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PROVISIONAL AIRMAIL ISSUE - 1930

Surcharged for International Airmail

Surcharged for Airmail

20 cents overprinted

Overprint on 50 cents

1 Peso postage stamps overprinted for use on Airmail

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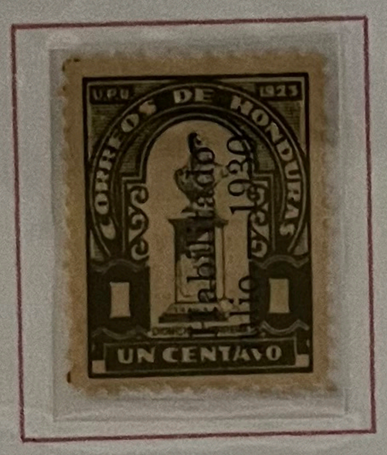
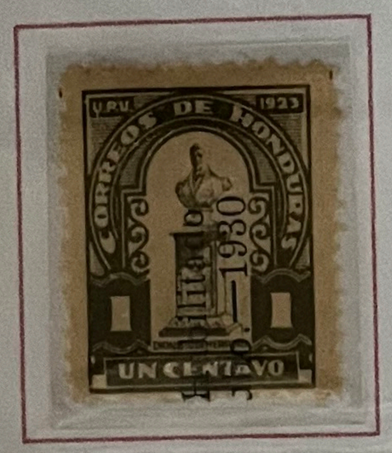
PROVISIONAL ISSUE - 1930
"REVALUED"



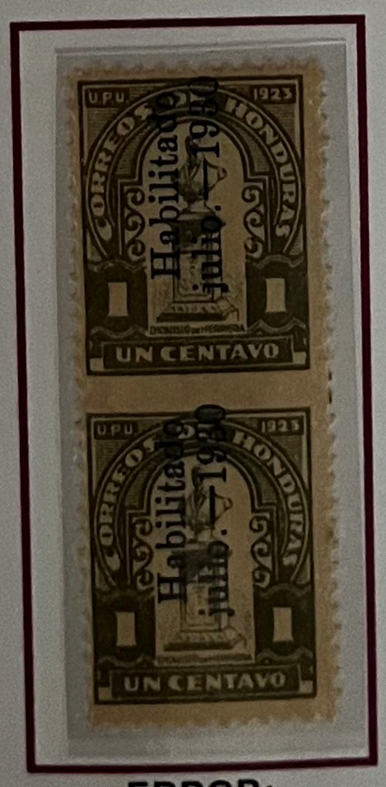


Overprint in Light Blue

Overprint Darkblue

VARIETY: Short dash before 1930

ERROR:
Pair with DOUBLE overprints



ERROR:
Imperf. between

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PROVISIONAL ISSUE - 1930
"REVALUED"

Habilitado
julio.—1930

Various postage stamps of earlier Issues "revalued" with above Control overprint of July 1930

ERROR:
INVERTED overprint

ERROR: DOUBLE overprint

VARIETY:
Open "o" in Habilitado

ERROR:
DOUBLE overprint

VARIETY:
Short dash between
julio and 1930

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PROVISIONAL ISSUE - 1930

Habilitado para
el servicio públi-
co 1930

26 March 1930. Stamps for OFFICIAL usage with overprint authorizing usage for ordinary mail.

Moved overprint

With control handstamp on the back of the stamp

With control handstamp on the back of the stamp

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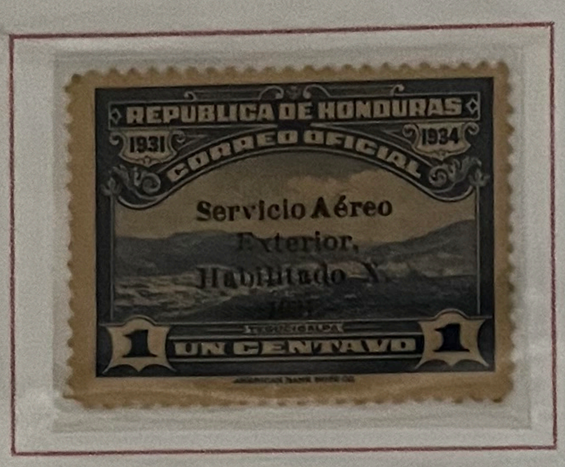
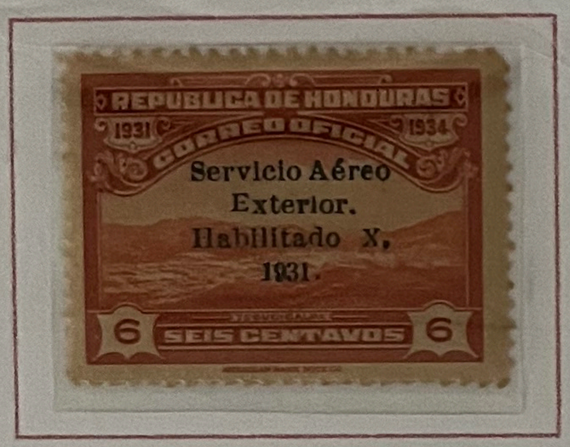
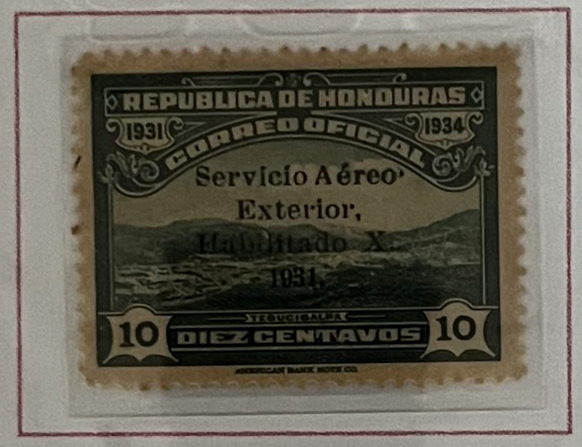
PROVISIONAL AIRMAIL ISSUE - 1931

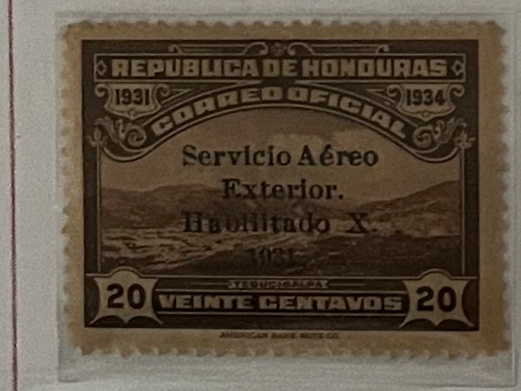
For Airmail to the Exterior.

Servicio Aéreo
Exterior.
Habilitado X.
1931.









Complete Issue

ERROR:
INVERTED overprint.
Only 50 stamps recorded.

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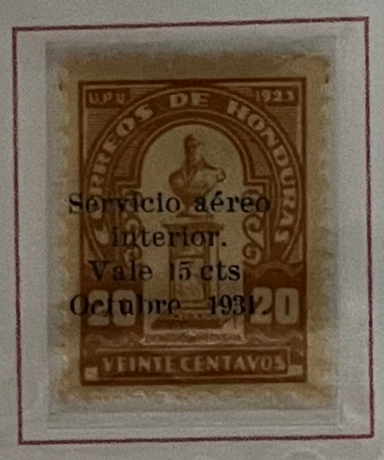
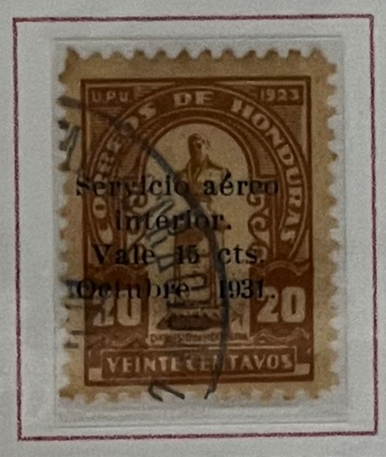
PROVISIONAL AIRMAIL ISSUE - 1931

Servicio aéreo
interior
Vale 15 cts.
Octubre 1931





Overprint in BLUE with new value on ordinary postage stamps for usage for airmail. 6.000 stamps overprinted.

ERROR:
DOUBLE overprint.
50 stamps known

Surcharge on OFFICIAL stamp.
ERROR:
Missing "i" in Servicio.
100 stamps recorded

Overprint on OFFICIAL 20 cents
stamp of 1919.

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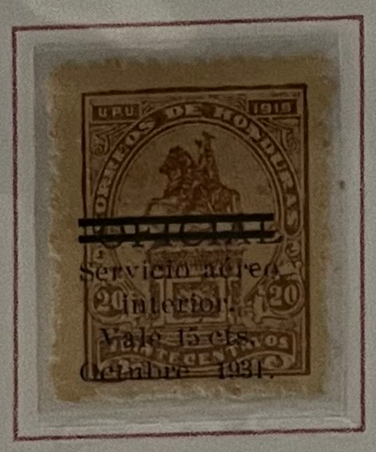
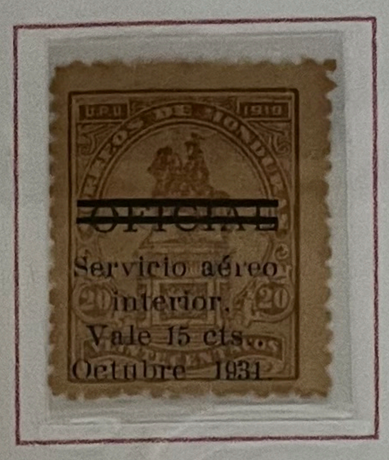
PROVISIONAL AIRMAIL ISSUE - 1931





OFFICIAL stamps overprinted with new value. Word OFFICIAL crossed out by black bar.
6.000 stamps overprinted

ERROR:
Capital "I" in Interior.
100 stamps recorded

ERROR:
Overprint INVERTED of new value.
50 stamps known

Overprint of new value on OFFICIAL 50 cents stamps.
Wording OFFICIAL has been crossed out by 2 bars.

ERROR:
INVERTED overprint
and all overprints moved upwards,
showing complete OFFICIAL.
Only 50 stamps recorded.

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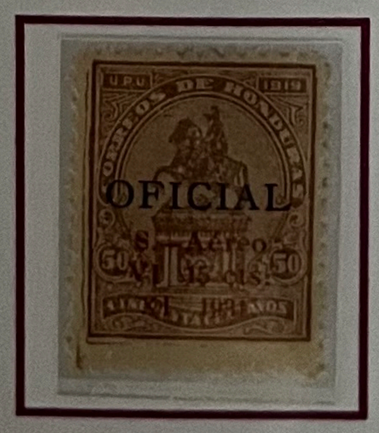
PROVISIONAL AIRMAIL ISSUE - 1931

Surcharge in RED on OFFICIAL 50 cents stamps of 1919.

ERROR:
DOUBLE overprint.
120 stamps recorded

ERROR:
"PI" instead of XI.
200 stamps known.

ERROR:
WITHOUT "XI"
in overprint.
200 stamps recorded



ERROR:
WITHOUT full-stop after "VI"
(prob. 200 stamps)

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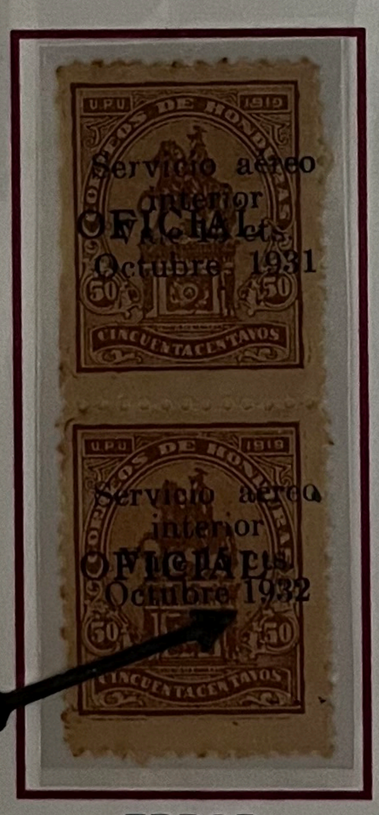
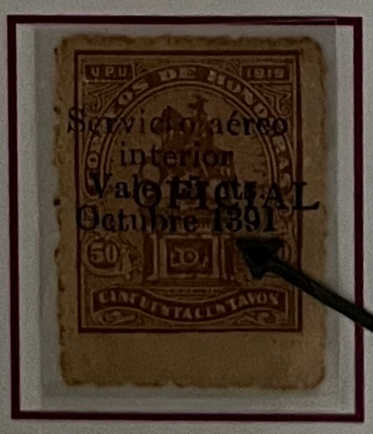
PROVISIONAL AIRMAIL ISSUE - 1931

Surcharge in BLACK with new value of 15 cents on OFFICIAL 50 cents stamp of 1919

ERROR:
Pair with and WITHOUT overprint.
Only 5 pairs known.



ERROR:
Lower stamp showing ERROR in overprint:
wrong date "1932" instead of 1931.
50 stamps known - this being one of the few vertical pairs.



ERROR:
WRONG date in overprint:
"1391" instead of 1931.
50 stamps known.

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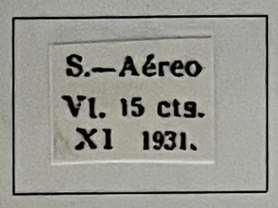
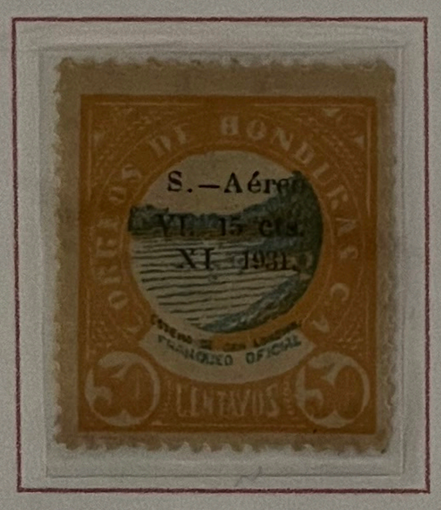
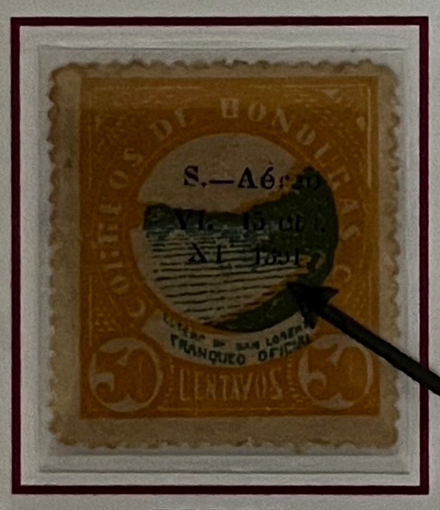
PROVISIONAL AIRMAIL ISSUE - 1931



20 cents overprinted in GREEN with new value

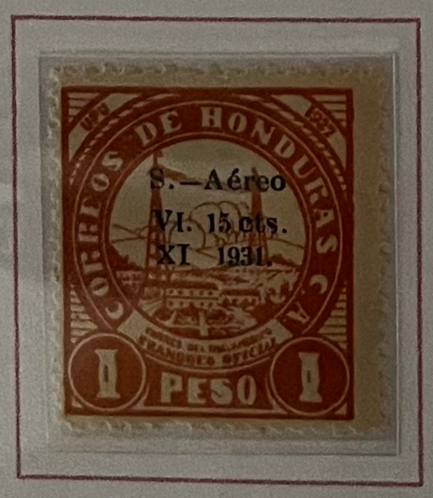


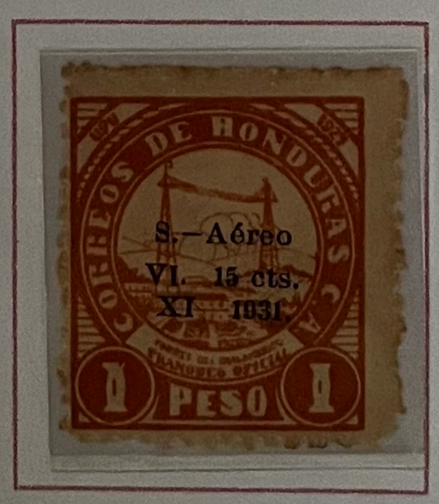
15 cents on OFFICIAL stamp of 50 cents



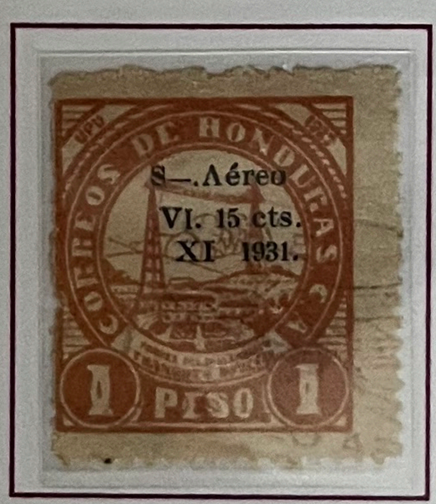
ERROR:
Overprint with ERROR in date:
"1391" instead of 1931
82 copies known.

VARIETY:
Without stop after 1931





Overprint with new value of 15 cents on 1 Peso OFFICIAL stamp.



VARIETY:
With full-stop before Aéreo

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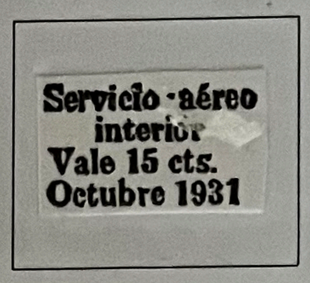
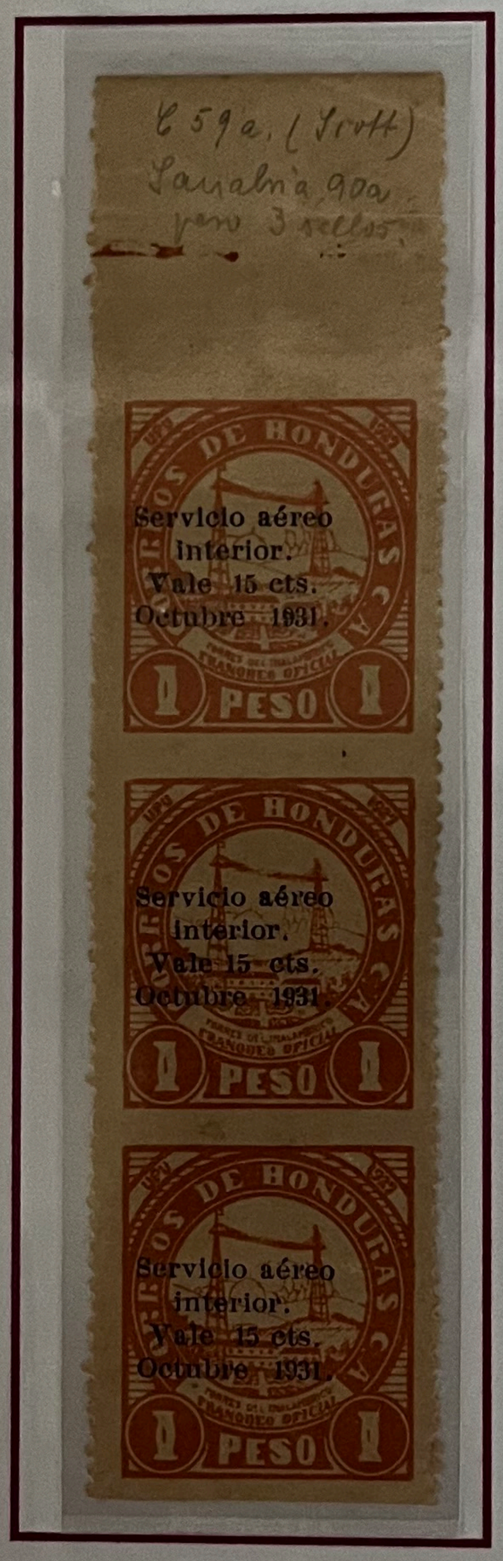
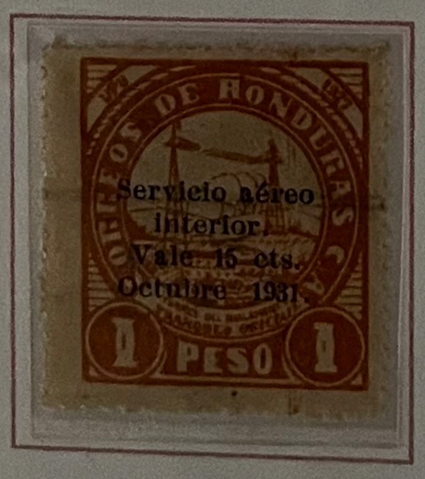
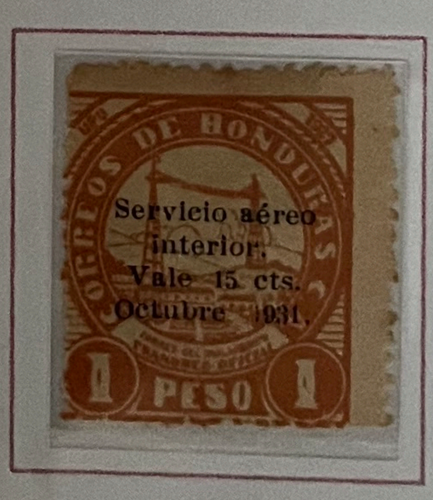


1 Peso postage stamp surcharged with 15 cents for use on Internal Airmail. 5.000 stamps overprinted



ERROR:
Vertical strip of 3 showing ERROR Imperf. between.
Only very few strips of 3 are recorded.





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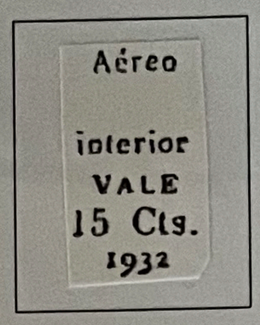
1932 overprints on OFFICIAL stamps of 1924.
(**Small** overprint)



2 cents OFFICIAL stamps surcharged with 15 cents.

10 cents OFFICIAL stamps surcharged with 15 cents.

ERROR:
TRIPLE surcharge
(200 stamps)

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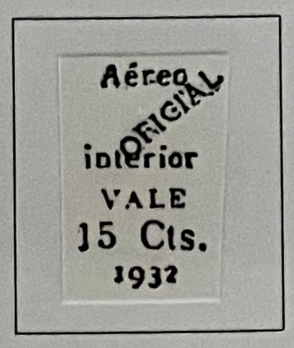
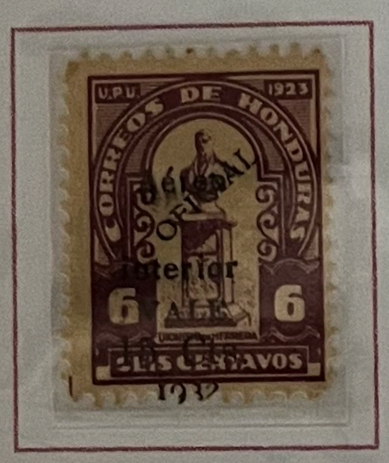
PROVISIONAL AIRMAIL ISSUE - 1932



1932 overprints on OFFICIAL stamps of 1924.
(Small overprint)



ERROR:
Overprint moved downwards,
not showing date.

ERROR:
DOUBLE overprint
(400 stamps)

ERROR:
MISSING "Aereo"
in overprint
(50 stamps)

ERROR:
Partial overprint on stamp
WITHOUT "OFFICIAL"
Not mentioned in catalogues

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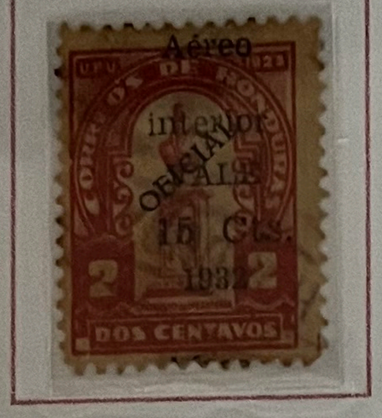
1932 overprints on OFFICIAL stamps of 1924.
(**Large** overprint)



Normal overprint

ERROR:
Vertical Pair with INVERTED overprint and lower stamp showing REVERSED date.
(250 stamps)

ERROR: INVERTED surcharges - 500 stamps

ERROR:
DOUBLE overprint
500 stamps

VARIETY:
Cut date

ERROR:
BLUE overprint - **Reversed** date
NOT mentioned in catalogues

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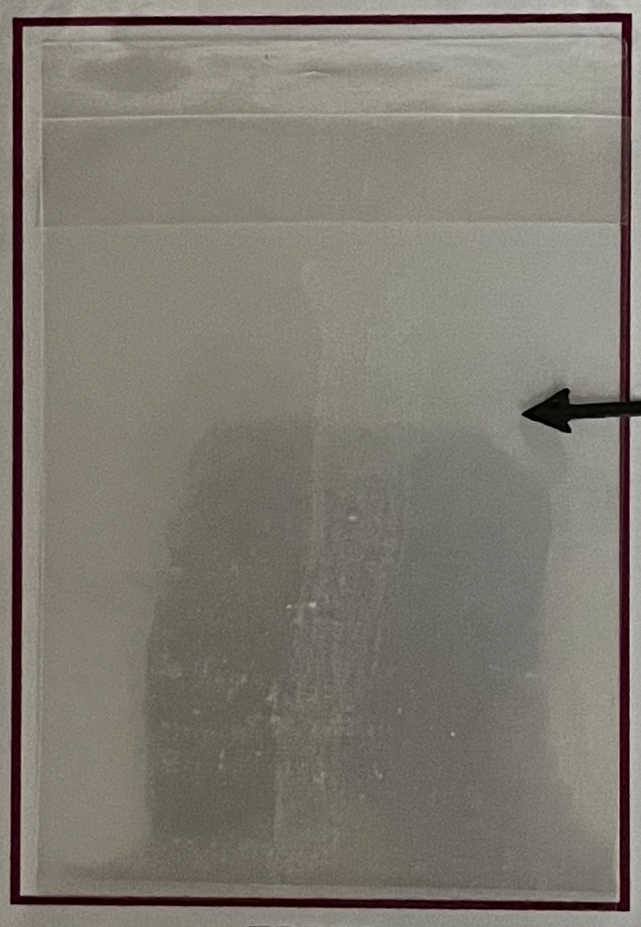
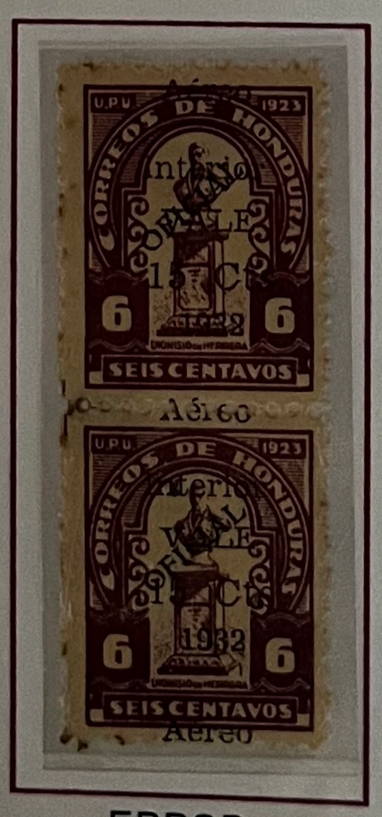
1932 overprints on OFFICIAL stamps of 1924.
(**Large** overprint)

Stamps with normal overprint



ERROR:
INVERTED surcharges **"Téte-Béche"** and **REVERSED** date. Probably UNIQUE.

ERROR:
INVERTED
Surcharge
(400 stamps)



ERROR:
Vertical pair showing
moved surcharge

ERROR:
Surcharge in BLUE and INVERTED.
Not mentioned in catalogues.
Probably only 1 sheet of 50 stamps overprinted like this

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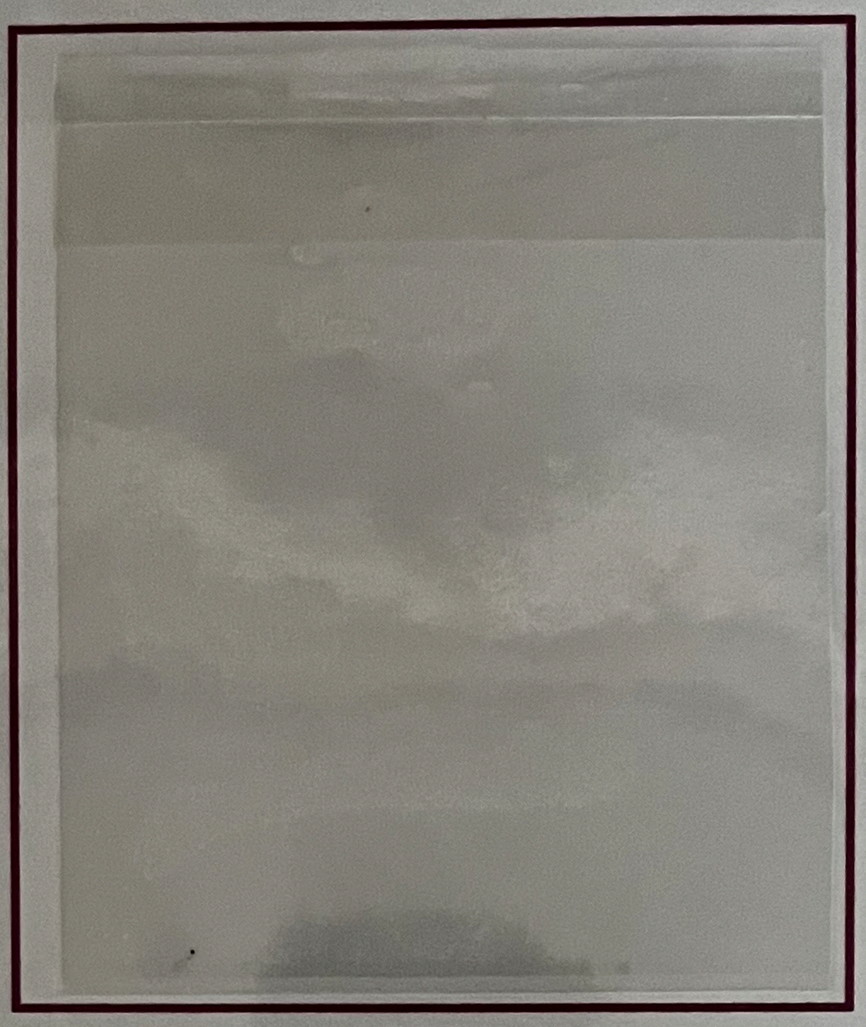
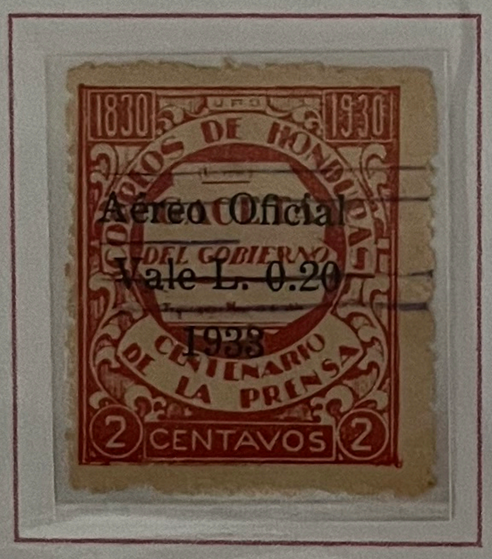
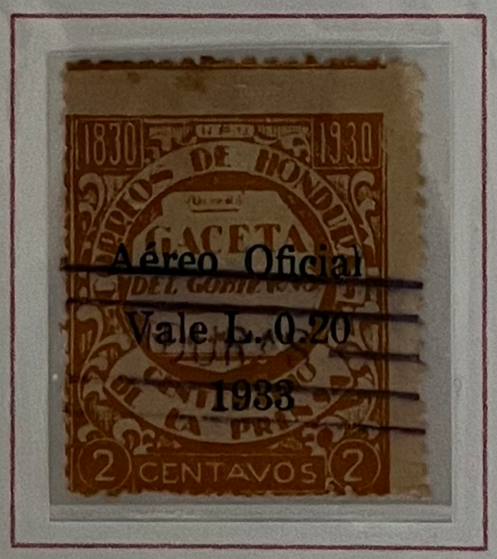
OFFICIAL AIRMAIL ISSUE - Provisional surcharge
LEMPIRA Issue
Issued in March 1933.



ERROR:
2 vertical Pairs with Imperf. between - 50 pairs recorded.
BLACK surcharge

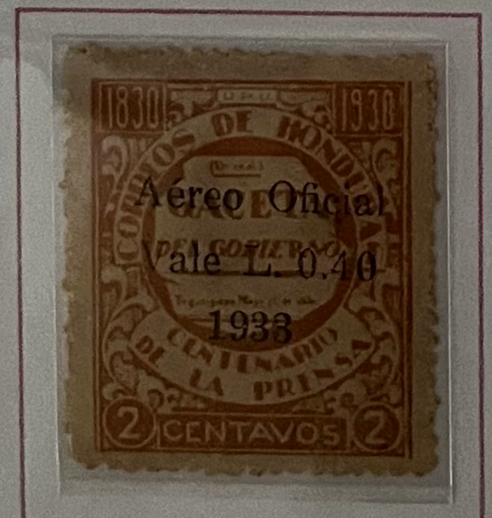


0,20 in BLACK on 2 cents red



0,20 in GREEN on 2 cents ochre

0,20 in Black on 2 cents blue



0,40 in BLACK on 2 cents ochre

0,40 in BLACK on 2 cents red

0,40 in BLACK on 5 cents violet

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OFFICIAL AIRMAIL ISSUE - Provisional surcharge
LEMPIRA Issue
Issued in March 1933.

0,70 in ORANGE on 10 cents blue.
WITHOUT OFICIAL
(1.000 stamps)

1,00 in BLUE on 50 cents red.
WITHOUT OFICIAL
(1.500 stamps)

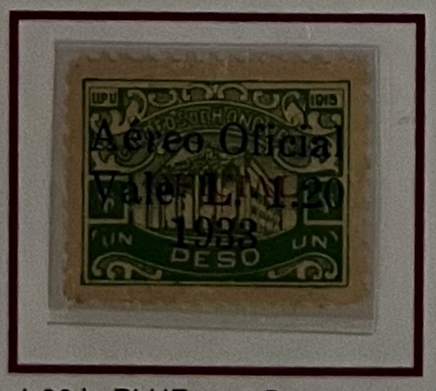
0,70 in RED on 10 cents blue.
(1.000 stamps)

0,70 in ORANGE on 10 cents blue. (1.000 stamps)

1,00 in BLUE on 20 cents ochre.
WITHOUT date.
(1.700 stamps)

1,00 in BLUE on 2 cents red.
(6.500 stamps)

0,60 in BLACK on 6 cents
violet



1,20 in BLUE on 1 Peso green.
(400 stamps)

0,70 in BLACK on 10 cents
darkblue.
(200 stamps)

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OFFICIAL AIRMAIL ISSUE - Provisional surcharge
LEMPIRA Issue
Issued in March 1933.

0,70 L in RED on 10 cents blue.

ERROR:
Lefthand stamp with ERROR of missing "r" in "Aereo"

ERROR:
"0,07" instead of 0,70
(200 stamps)

0,70 L in RED on 15 cents
(500 stamps)

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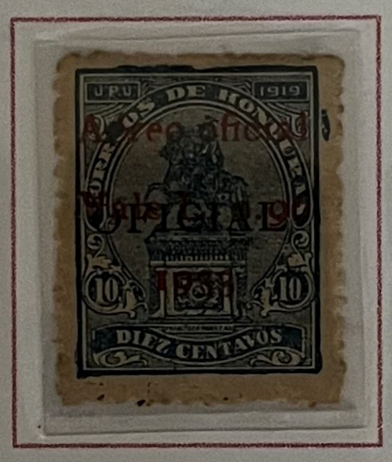
OFFICIAL AIRMAIL ISSUE - Provisional surcharge
LEMPIRA Issue
Issued in March 1933.

6 cents stamps of 1923 overprinted in BLACK with the new value of 0,60 Lempira.



0,90 Lempira in RED on 10 cents of 1919

0,90 Lempira overprint in RED on 15 cents of the 1919 issue.

These surcharges were necessary due to change of currency from PESOS to LEMPIRA.
Small remaining stocks of earlier issues were overprinted
before the first issue in LEMPIRA appeared.

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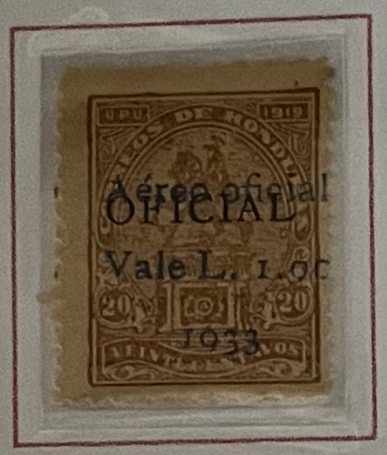
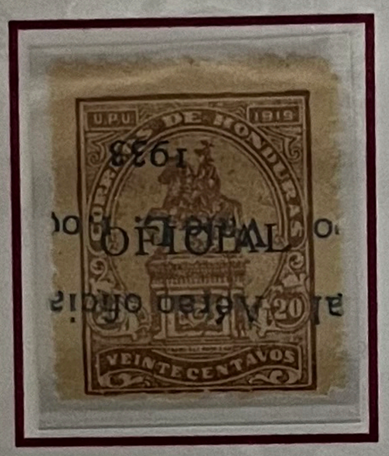
OFFICIAL AIRMAIL ISSUE - Provisional surcharge
LEMPIRA Issue
Issued in March 1933.

Surcharge L 1,00



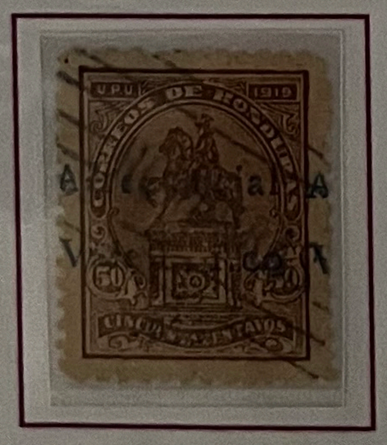
Light blue surcharge

Darkblue surcharge



ERROR:
INVERTED overprint. 200 stamps known.

Without OFICIAL overprint



Surcharge in BLUE on 50 cents stamps without OFICIAL overprint.
200 stamps overprinted.

Surcharge on 50 cents
stamp with OFICIAL.
(200 stamps)

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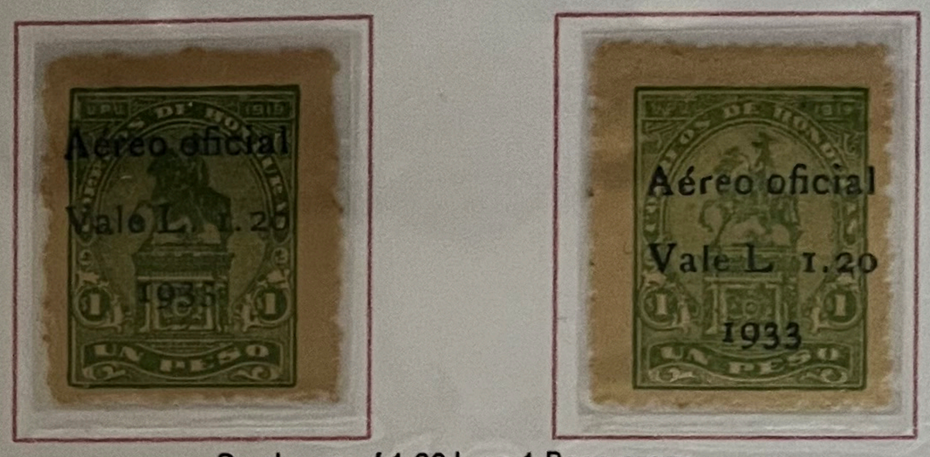
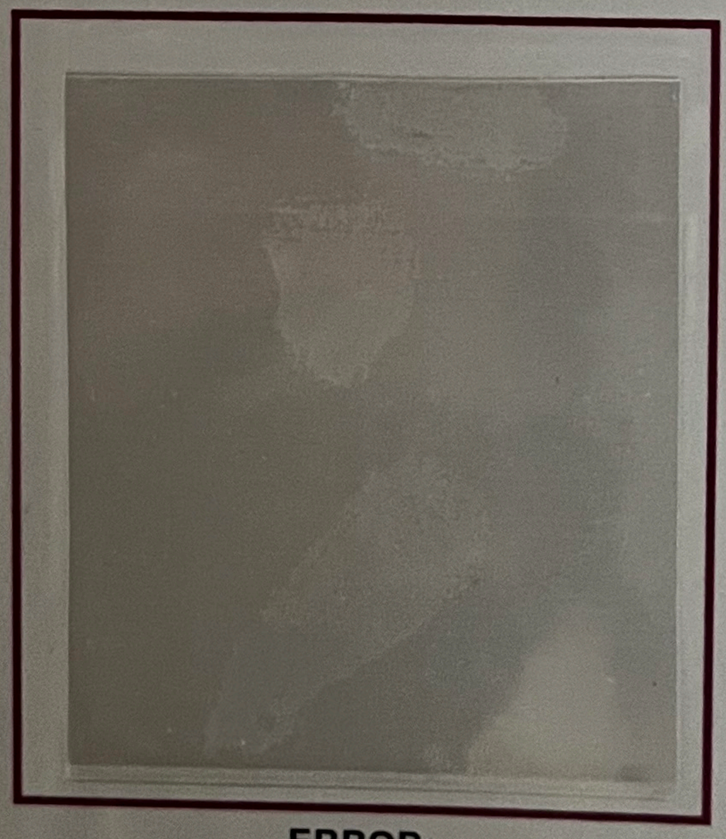
OFFICIAL AIRMAIL ISSUE - Provisional surcharge
LEMPIRA Issue
Issued in March 1933.



Surcharge of 1,20 L on 1 Peso green.

ERROR:
DOUBLE printing of basic stamp. Only 1 sheet of 50 recorded.

ERROR:
Téte-Béche of basic stamps overprinted with new value 1,20 L.
Only 50 pairs recorded.



ERROR:
Block of four with INVERTED overprint.
4 sheets of 50 stamps each recorded.

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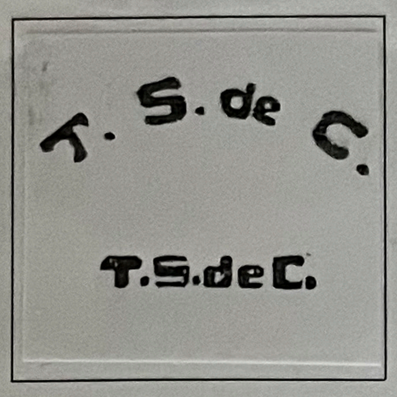
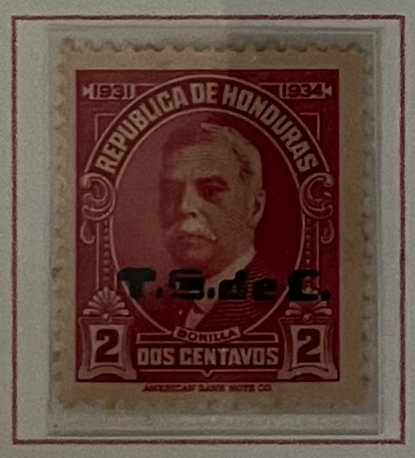
Control Overprint



Due to continous theft and for security reasons the series issued on 2 January had to be overprinted with: **T.S. de C.** (Tribunal Superior de Cuentas - High Court of Accounts).

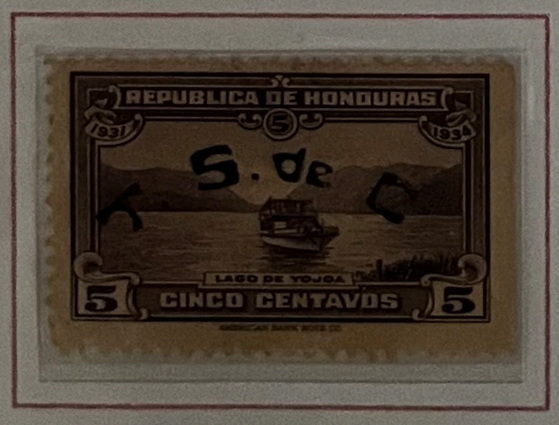
Some stamps show also in addition the SIGNATURE Security overprints, stamps with such - both - overprints are very much scarcer.

1 cent with RED overprint



2 cents with DARKBLUE overprint

With additional SIGNATURE overprint



5 cents with overprint in BLACK

With additional SIGNATURE overprint

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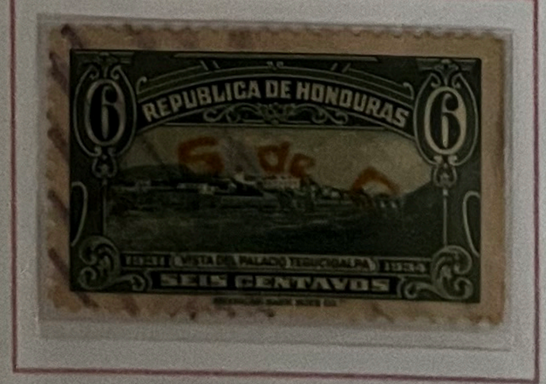
Control Overprint

Pair of 6 cents - one without and one WITH overprint
ONLY 10 pairs recorded

6 cents stamps showing DOUBLE overprints in ORANGE

6 cents with scarce GREY-BROWN overprint



6 cents stamps with different ORANGE overprints

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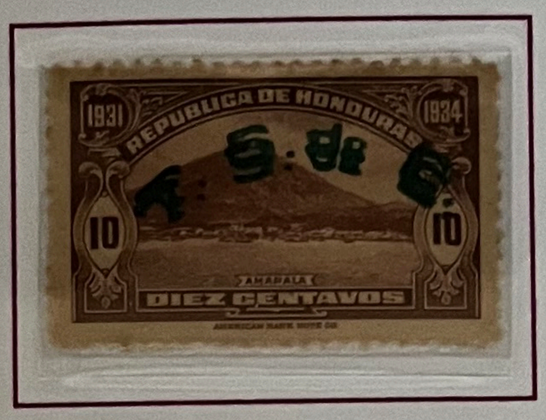
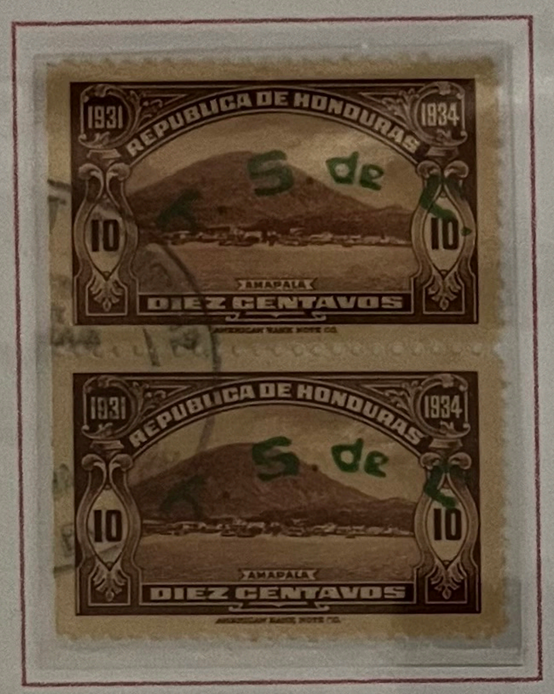
Control Overprint

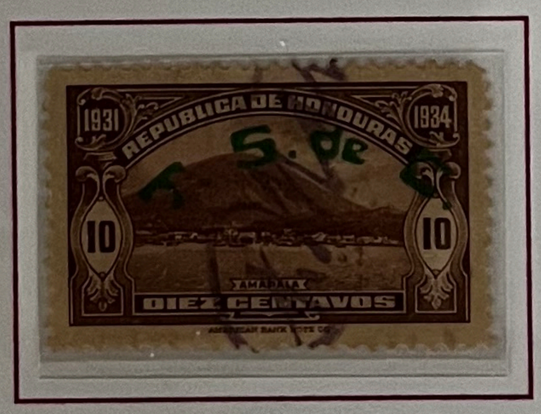


10 cents with DOUBLE GREEN overprint



10 cents with LIGHT GREEN overprint

10 cents with DARK GREEN overprint



10 cents with additional SIGNATURE overprint

15 cents blue with BROWN overprint

15 cents dark blue with BROWN overprint

15 cents dark blue with DARKBROWN overprint

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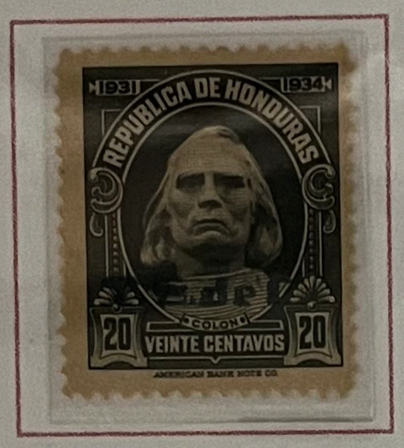
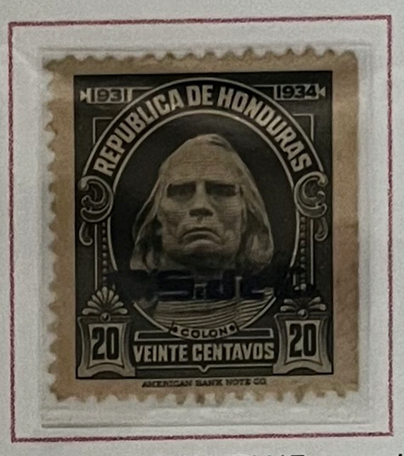
Control Overprint

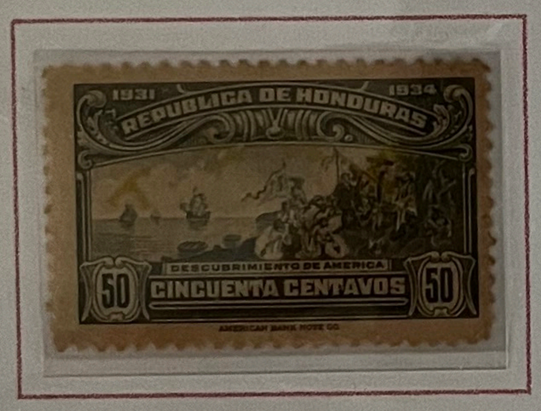
20 cents with DOUBLE BLUEGREEN overprint and additional SIGNATURE overprint



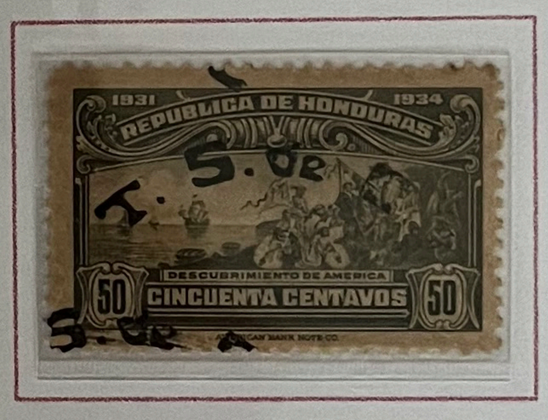
20 cents with BLUEGREEN overprint



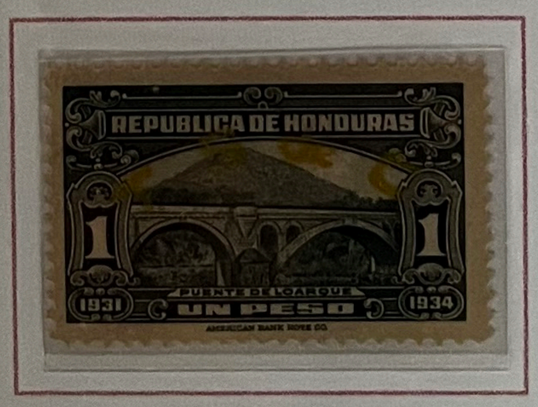
20 cents with DARKBLUE overprint



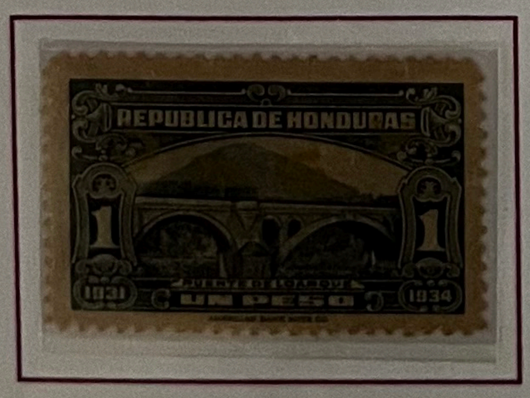
50 cents with YELLOW overprint

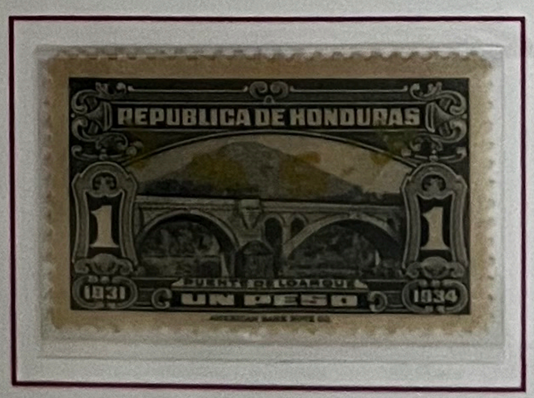


50 cents with BLACK overprint



1 Peso with YELLOW overprint





1 Peso with INVERTED YELLOW overprint

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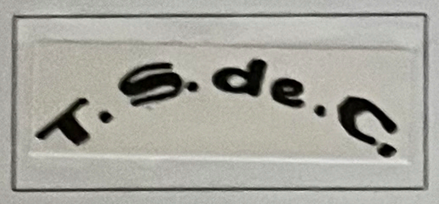
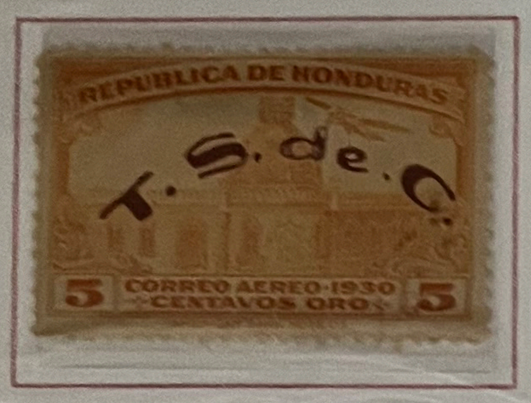
Control Overprint



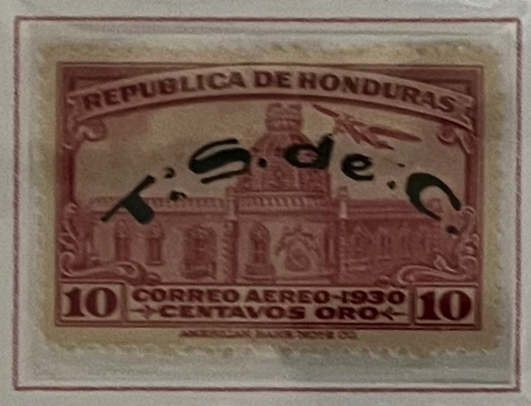
Overprints on Airmail Issue of 1930



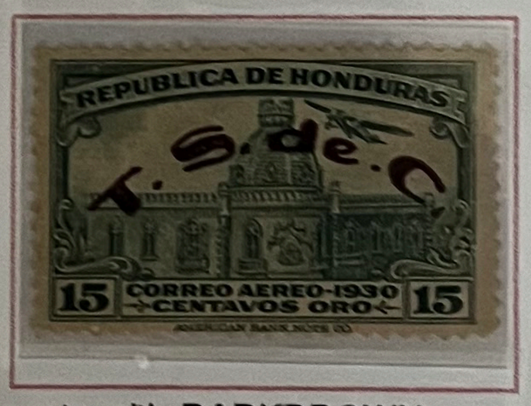
5 cents with DARKRED overprint

5 cents with RED overprint
and Additional SIGNATURE overprint

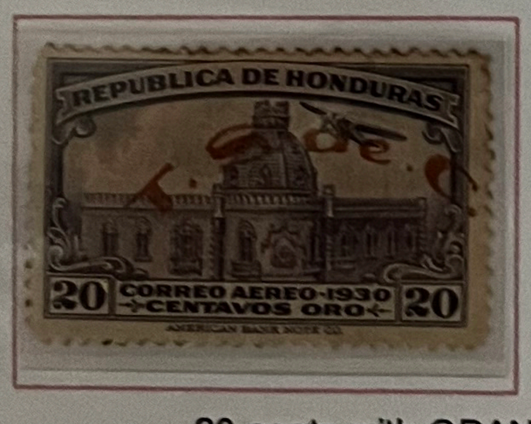
5 cents with RED overprint



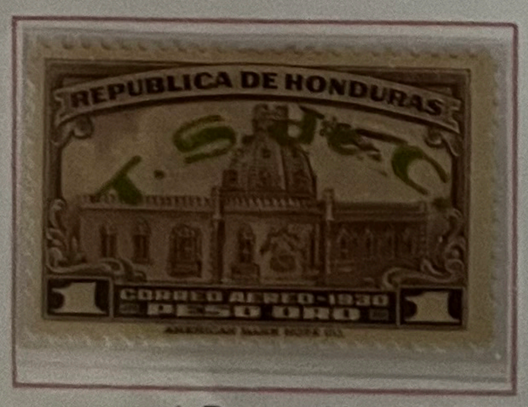
10 cents with BLACK overprint (9 900 overprinted)



15 cents with DARKBROWN overprint



20 cents with ORANGE overprint (9 900 overprinted)



1 Peso with LIGHT GREEN overprint (5 900 overprinted)

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SIGNATURE CONTROL Handstamps

Example of the 1920 to 1924 period.

During 3 periods of time we find SIGNATURE Control Handstamps on postage stamps of Honduras.
The first period covers 1920 to 1924.
The second period on stamps of 1930 to about 1935.
The last time this device was used we find in 1958.
The use of Signature Handstamps was duly authorized by the Postal Authorities at the time.
The reasons were THEFTS, quantities destroyed and stolen due to destruction of some post offices and other unauthorized actions, like stamps stolen from the printer,etc.

They are found MAINLY in used condition and on covers
and no dates are available about quantities handstamped.

On these pages are some of these SIGNATURES presented which can be found also on provisionally overprinted stamps of 1926 to 1933.

Cover sent to NEW YORK September 1933,
showing the 20 cents and the 2 cents stamps with SIGNATURE Handstamp.

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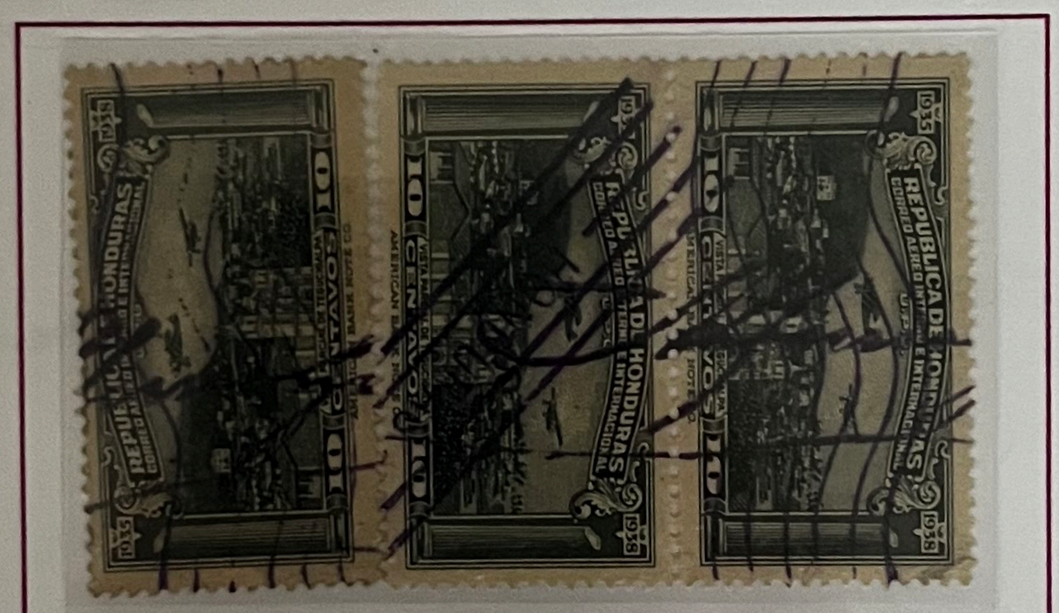
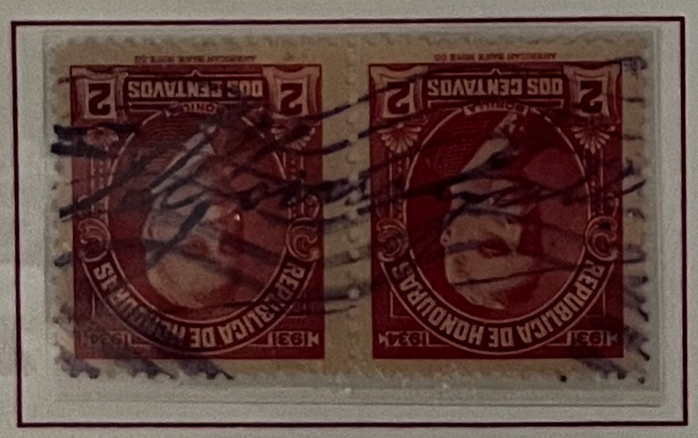
SIGNATURE CONTROL Handstamps





Examples of SIGNATURE Handstamps found on stamps during the period 1930 to about 1935.

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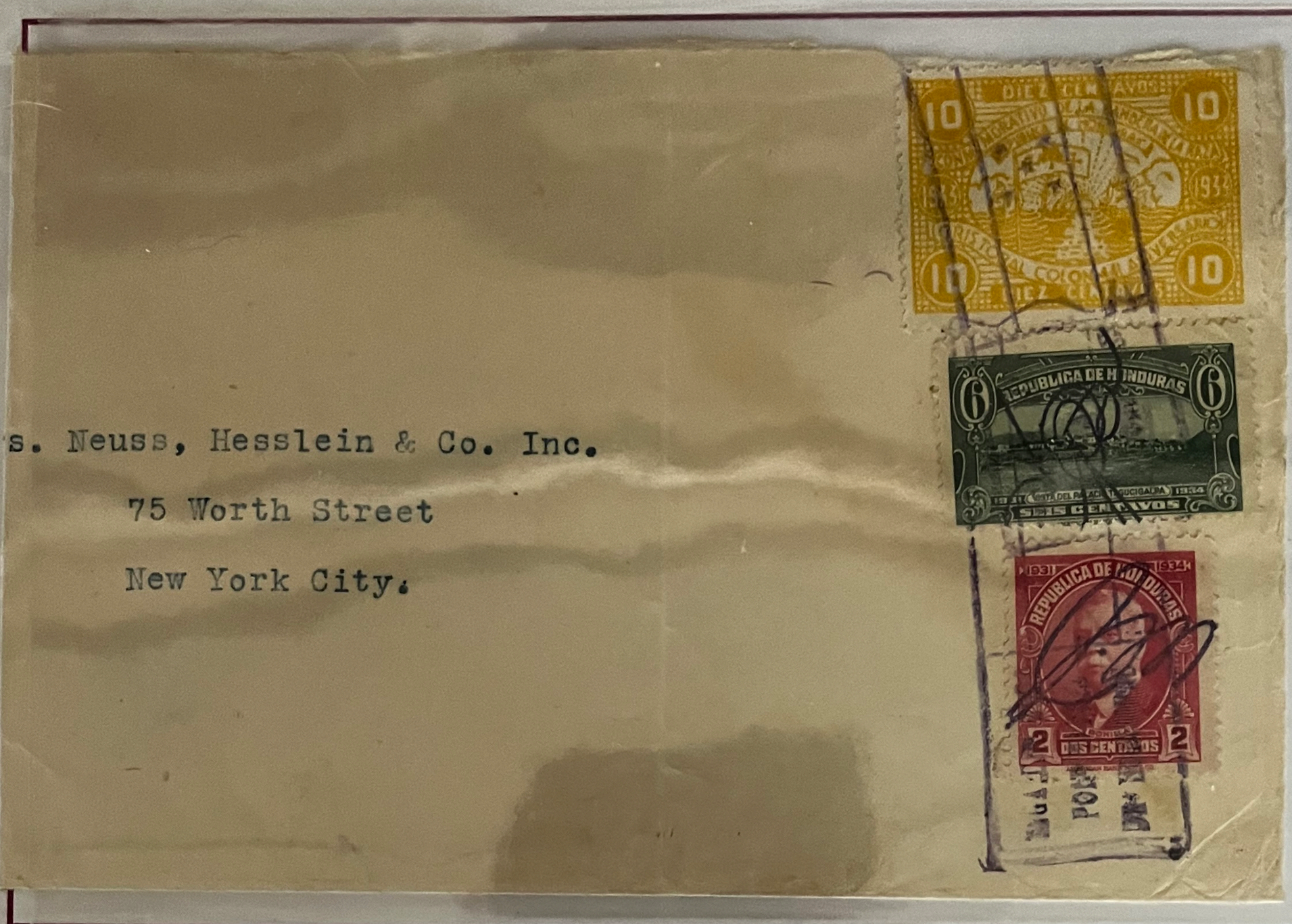
SIGNATURE CONTROL Handstamps



Cover sent to NEW YORK September 1934 with stamps of 1931 showing SIGNATURE handstamps.

Stamps of 1931 with SIGNATURE Handstamps

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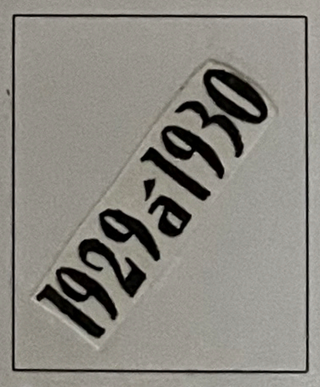
Control Overprint

1 June 1929.
Postage issue of 1927/28 overprinted for usage in 1929 and 1930, basically due to theft of some stamps.
Overprints produced in various colours and positions, like inverted, to the left and to the right,
as well as double overprints.
Many catalogues state date of issue as October, correct date is 1 June 1929 as seen on this cover.

First Day Cover dated 1 June 1929 - confirming the official date of issue.



Overprint: **1929 á 1930**

1 cent blue overprinted in BLACK in normal and inverted positions. Black colour overprint is scarce.

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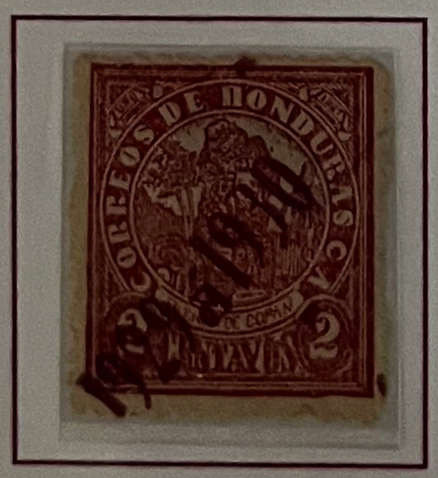
Control Overprint

1 cent overprinted in RED in various positions.

2 cents overprinted in GREY - not mentioned in catalogues.

2 cents overprinted in BLACK



2 cents overprinted in scarce RED

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Control Overprint

2 cents postage stamp showing scarce BROWN overprint

2 cents stamps showing DARK-VIOLET overprint

5 cents blue postage stamps with RED overprint in various positions, including double overprint.

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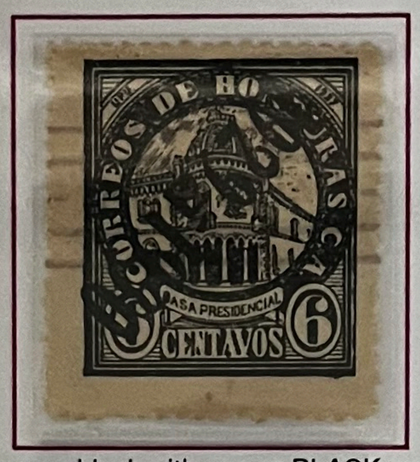
Control Overprint

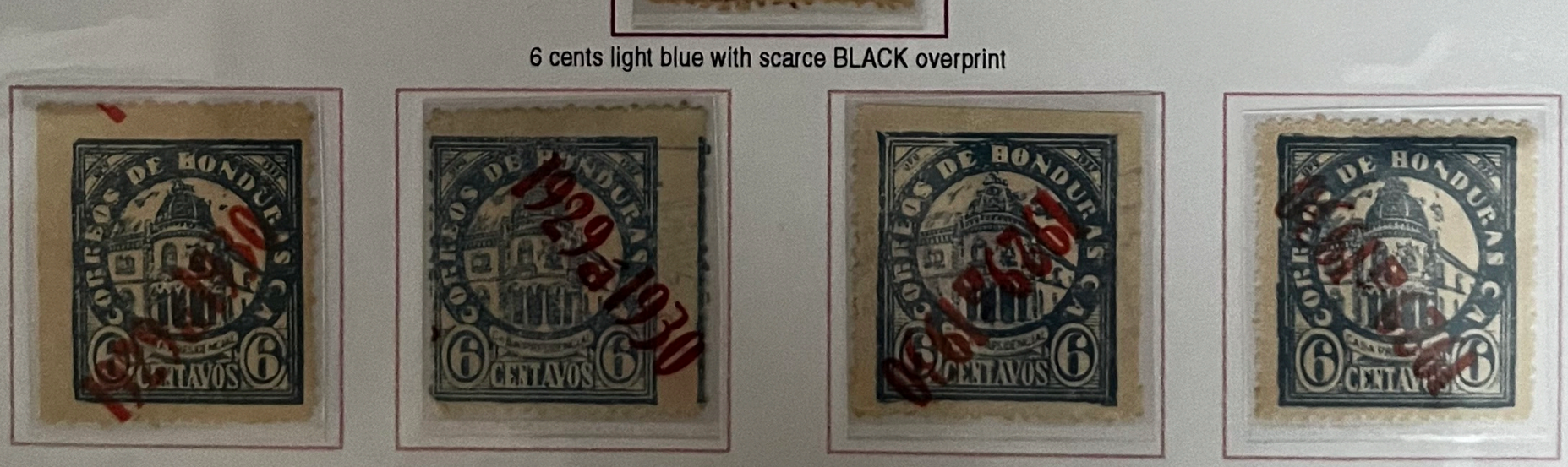
5 cents violet-brown with RED overprint in different positions.



6 cents grey-black with scarce BLACK overprint

6 cents grey-black with RED overprint in different positions.

6 cents light blue with scarce BLACK overprint



6 cents light blue with RED overprint, also showing perforation errors.

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Control Overprint

6 cents darkblue with scarce BLACK overprint

6 cents darkblue with **triple** overprint in RED

6 cents darkblue with a variety of overprints in RED.

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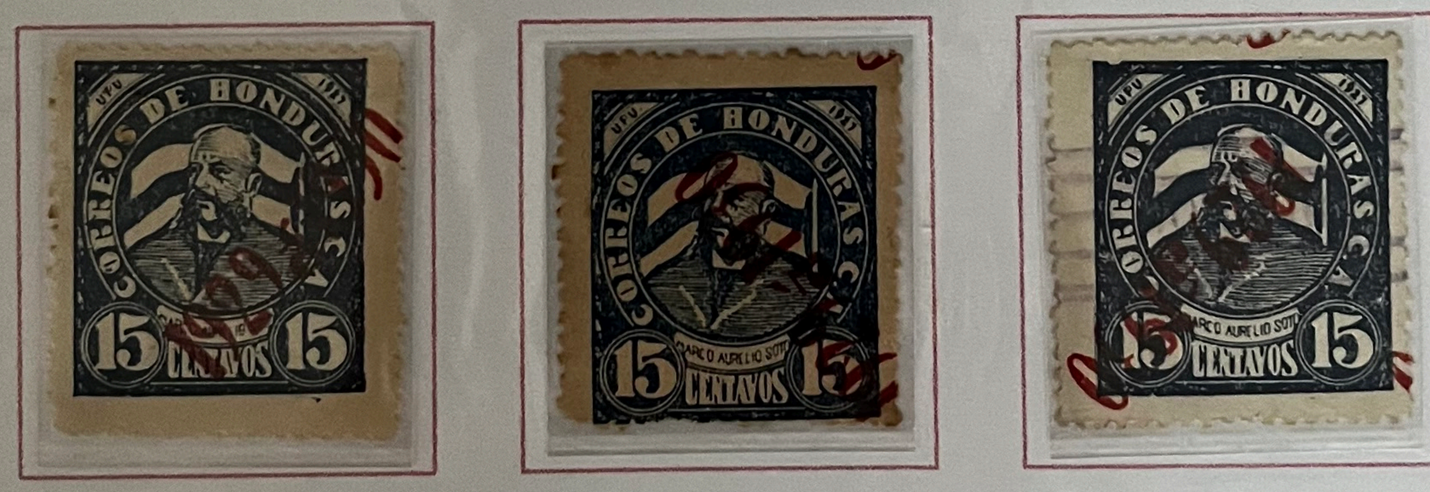
Control Overprint

10 cents blue with RED overprint in different positions



15 cents darkblue with RED overprint in different positions

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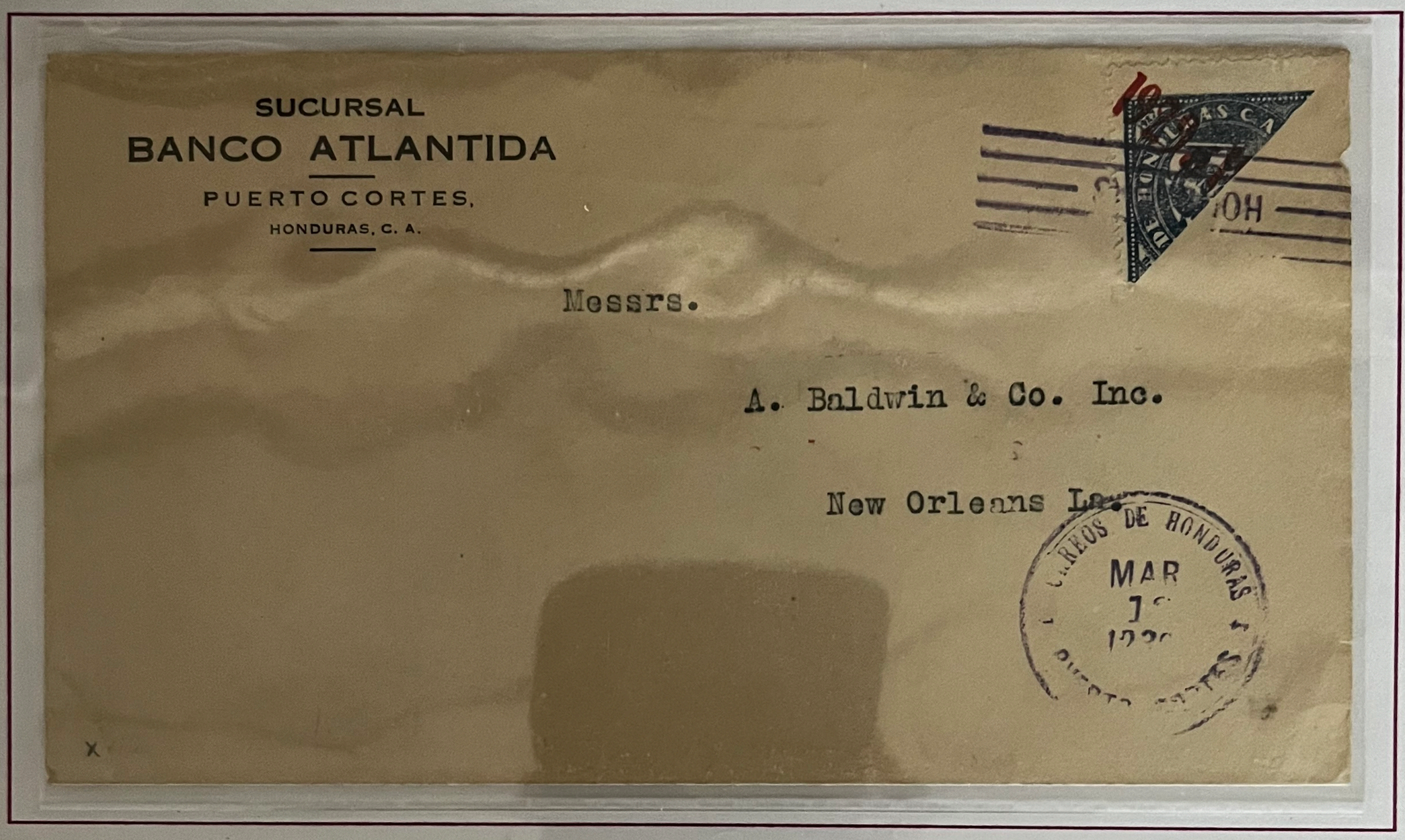
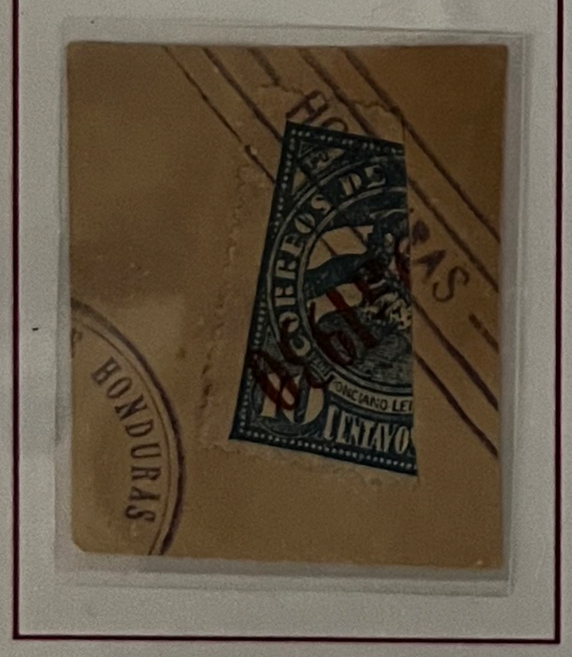
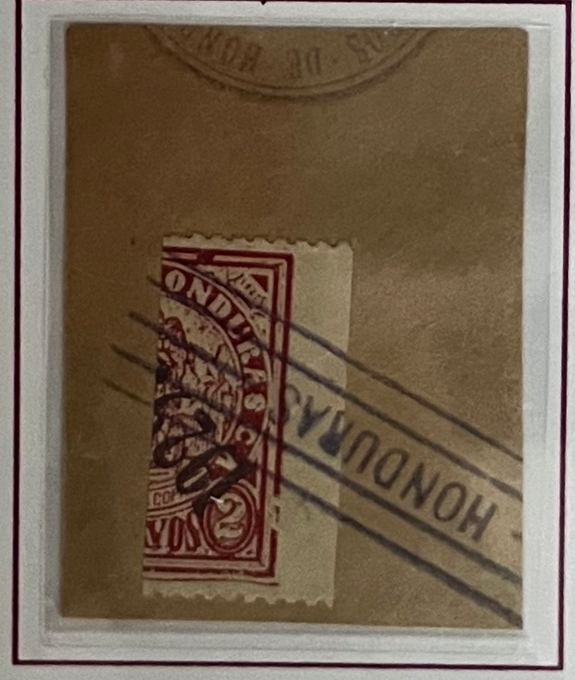
Control Overprint

PUERTO CORTES Emergency Issue
March 1930
Due to stamp shortage, stamps of the issue with Control Overprint : 1929 á 1930
were used **BISECTED**



Cover sent to NEW ORLEANS, dated 12 March 1930 franked with PUERTO CORTES Emergency Bisect.





PUERTO CORTES Emergency BISECTS on piece

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Control Overprint

20 cents indigo with RED overprint in different positions

30 cents brown with RED overprint

50 cents lightblue with RED overprint in different positions

1 Peso orange red with overprint in GREY VIOLET in various positions.