

# Philippines Souvenir Sheet #NB8 (with one each #N32a-N34a)

"a different kind of Semi-postal"

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- The sheet had a Face Value of **34 cents** and was first sold at the Manila Post Office starting on **February 9, 1944**.
- A sheet sold for **1 peso**, and the additional surtax was to go to a fund for the care of **heroes' monuments**.
- The regular issue stamps, in perforated sheets (with gum) and imperforate (without gum) went on sale **on February 17<sup>th</sup>**, being issued while still under Japanese Occupation.
- This Souvenir Sheet paid tribute to **three martyrs** of the Filipino Revolutionary Government (1898-1901):
  - José Rizal (5c Blue) - a political activist and writer
  - Rev. José Burgos (12c Carmine) - a Catholic priest
  - Apolinario Mabini (17c Orange) - a national hero

The use of the **National Heroes Cancel** was allowed by the Postal Authorities from February 9, 1944 to February 16, 1944 (see Bullet Points 1&3)

