Thailand

War Time Relief Documentary Revenues 1942-1944

History: These stamps were issued in 1942 to collect donations of money to assist soldiers' families and needy members of the public during World War II. The earliest discussions yet found is a December 29, 1940 internal Ministry of Interior memo reporting that the Council of Ministers had resolved to establish an 'Organisation for Public Assistance During Times of War'. In February 1942 the name was formally changed to the 'Committee for Assistance to the Public and Soldiers' Families During Times of War'. It was also expanded to encompass donations from the general public. This committee's name was then shortened to the 'S.P.S. Committee'. This Stamps committee was headed by Army Captain PhraPhaNomNa-KhaRaNuRak. The designer of the stamp is unknown.

Since this was a voluntary project and not assented into law, subsequently it was not advertised in the Thai Royal Gazette to inform the public. Donations were collected voluntarily by local province committees.

Scope and Plan of the Display:

Shown are all values recorded. No artwork, plate proofs or specimen overprints have survived. Layout has been arranged by survival dates, chronologically. Issued in 1942, exact date of release has not been recorded. It is further unknown the quantities printed as archival records have not survived.

Rarity: Most lower values are scarce but available, higher values can be rare, some full sheet remainders have survived and are shown within this display.

Some information pertaining to production details is personal research, which is ongoing.





Bibliography:

Exhibitors personal web site ozrevenues.com: Thailand National Archives
"The Tahi Times" December 2016 by Alan Cameron. Cinderellas Australasia V37 No3 by Dave Elsmore 2023
Personal correspondence between exhibitor and Jenwit Apichainunt
Personal correspondence between exhibitor, thailandrevenues.com and Jos Sanders

THE D. COT This boat license is for 5.86 Ton Gross Boat, length 9.70 meters, width 2.80 meters for 12 months [1 Sep 1942 -31 Aug 1943]. Occupation usage in Phratabong กรมเจาทา Province, Cambodia งวดที่ 38. ช่าใช่เรอกล ใบอนุญาตใช้เรื่อ จำนวนคน | จำนวนคน ระนิดเรื่อ ใบอนุญาตเลขที่ ประเภทการใช้ ประจำเรื่อ ใดยสาว 678 ZINDO ชื่อและที่อยู่เจ้าของเรื่อ 4 สัญชาติ ७० ж 200/2626 11810 นามสกล เหมู่ท บ้านเลขท 12067 อำเภอ 775:0:206. รายการตรวจเริก กล้าง ยาว อ้อม ตันกรอสส์ หาม เมตร เซ็นต์ไ เมตร เช็นต์ เมตร เซ็นต์ เมตร เข็นต์ 2 80 5.86 9 70 98 เขตต้อนญาตให้ใช้เรือ ใช้ ได้ ในลำน้ำและ ใบอนเฉาตละยับนี้ใช้ได้ INNE TOWESCH W.A. M. & 85 ann -เงนคาธรรมเนยเม ที่ทำการทะเบียนเรือ ๑=๑๖๑๑๑๑๖๖๙ 200/20 14 1904 12 85 CX N.A. W. 8 66 ชื่อผู้รับใบอนุญาต a. montas ผู้เขียน

Boat Licence

War Time Relief Documentary Stamps

Design: Servicemen's profiles facing left
The abbreviated upper inscription " ส.ป.ส. " is สมาคมป้องกัน
สงคราม which translates to "Assistance for the Public Guard".
Lithographically printed at the Royal Thai Survey Department

An unusual usage of the I Baht stamp was on the back of an S.P.S. brass plate in the form of a shield which was 7cm wide at the top and 9cm tall. The shield was stamped with the image of a lion at the top, the Thai letters for S.P.S. in the middle, and Thai numerals giving the Buddhist Era year for 1942 on the bottom. So used on cars and house windows



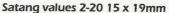


The existence of stamps with Thai and Arabic numerals can be explained. On 19 November 1942 Prime Minister Phibun Songkhram enacted a law stating that Arabic numerals would henceforth be the official numerals instead of Thai numbers. Thus all postage, revenue and other stamps printed thereafter were required to use Arabic numerals. That law was subsequently rescinded on 2 November 1944

Thai Numeral Issue



Language 'cartouche' central, below servicemen in this case ๑๐ 10. Left ราคา 'Price' at right สตางค์ 'Satang'











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ତ 1 Baht 25 x 32mm Orange red & Blue green Red & Bottle gree Roul 4x7 Roul 6













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Several shade's of the green 60 10 can be found

All Satang values were printed in sheets of 100 stamps 10×10 with either a 4 or 5 digit Arabic sheet number in the upper right selvedge. The 1 Baht Thai numeral sheet is 50 10 \times 5 with a 4 digit Arabic sheet number in the upper right corner of the selvage. All values were printed on plain locally sourced unwatermarked, unqummed paper

This 5 Baht has been described by early students as a 'monster' stamp, its size being 64mm x 73mm

The 5 Baht was printed in sheets of 8 4 x 2 with a 3 or 4 digit Arabic or a 5 digit Thai sheet number in the upper left corner of the selvage on plain locally sourced unwatermarked, ungummed paper, perforation 12. Usage appears exceedingly rare

As each 500 baht was collected it was to be sent to the Provisional Governor for dispatch on to the Chief of the Treasury in the Office of the Deputy Chief of the Ministry of the Interior



Grey, Dull Vermilion & Dull Slate Blue



Black, Red & Dull Slate Blue



Grey, Orange Red & Dull Slate Blue

Rules Operating with S.P.S. Stamps: Affix S.P.S. stamps to documents or any other materials the donor wishes with the following suggestions:

All types of printed forms used in the courts, forms requesting premiums or pensions, applications for civil service employment, bill of lading, third class train and ship tickets, cigarettes, matches, bicycle registrations: 5 Satang.

Requests to receive inheritance or salaries, power of attorney, railway invoices, second class train tickets: 10 satang.

First class train and ocean going ship tickets: 20 Satang.

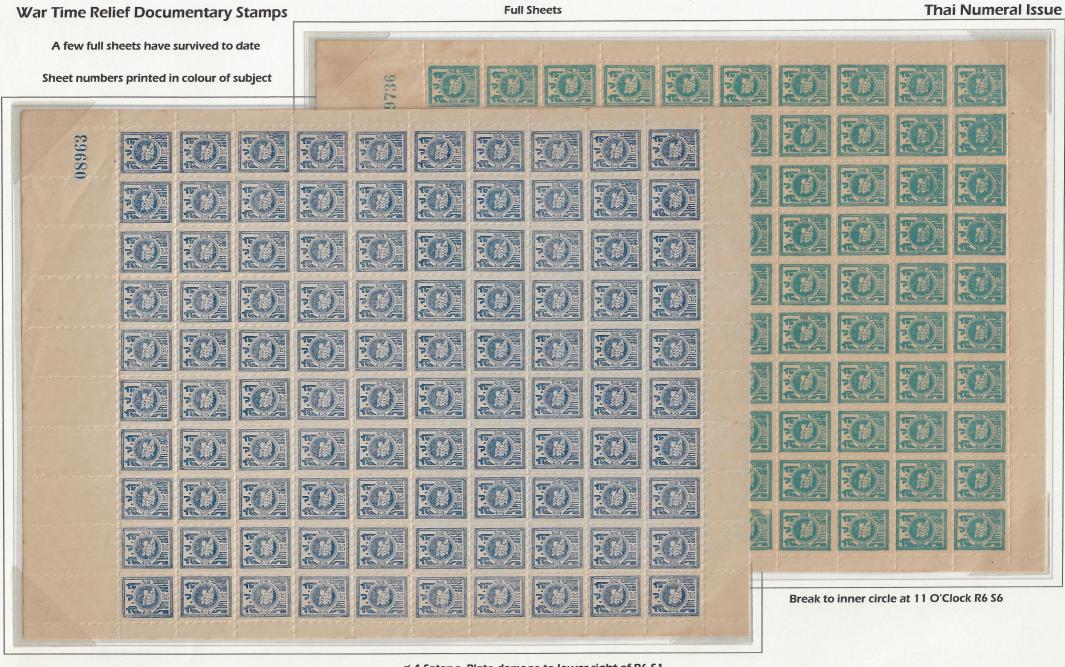
Gambling and entertainment permits, fuel oil purchase permits, alien registration booklets, transfer of residence permits: 1 Baht.

Hotel and pawn shop operation permits, bail bondsman permits, motor vehicle registration: 5 Baht.

Alcoholic beverage import permits, opium sales permits: 10 Baht.

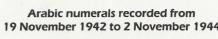
Manufacturing contracts, rental contract, life and health insurance policies, entertainment tickets: Half the value of the revenue stamps affixed.

All petitions, all cheques: Equal to the value of revenue stamps affixed.





Arabic numerals recorded from 19 November 1942 to 2 November 1944



4 Satang values 16 x 19mm & 1 Baht issued



Language 'cartouche' central, below servicemen in this case 5. Left



ราคา 'Price' at right สตางค์ 'Satang'



1 Baht 25 x 32mm Red & Week Print Bottle green



1 Baht 25 x 32mm Red & Blue green

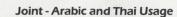






Several shades of the 5 Satang have been recorded

Satang Values: Perforated 11. 1 baht compound perforated 10.75 x 11.75





Thai numeral 1 Baht & Arabic numeral 5 Satang block 10

All satang values were printed in sheets of 100 stamps 10 x 10. 1 baht, was printed in two sheet sizes viz: 90 10 x 9 and 100 10 x 10. All values had either a 4 or 5 digit Arabic sheet number in the upper right selvedge

Arabic



I Baht Compound Perforated 10.75 x 11.75 Multiples appear scarce Vertical misplaced perfs to the left

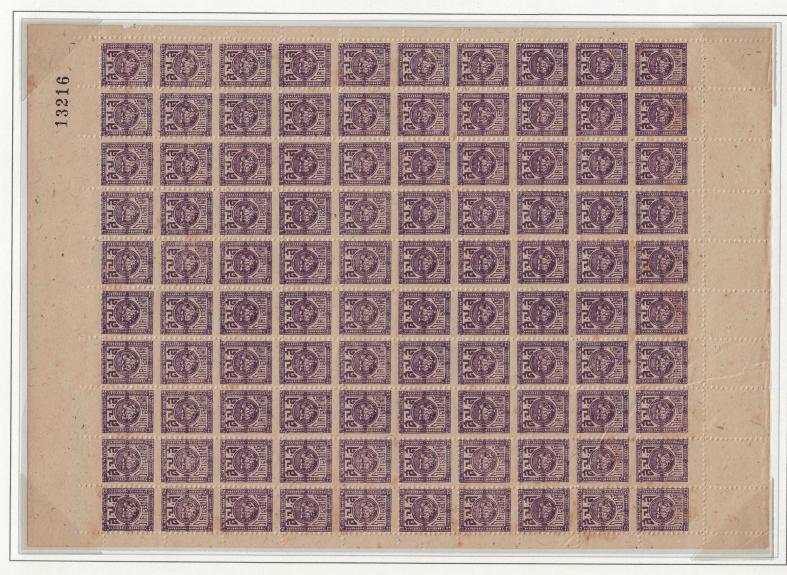
Thai



1 Baht Rouletted 6.25 Multiples appear scarce

A few full sheets have survived to date

Sheet numbers printed in black



Misplaced horizontal perfs cutting into design, all rows

Gross misplacement of perfs to bottom row





1 Baht used in conjunction with general revenue issues used for receipt, cheques, custom fees etc.

Note both languages



1 Baht used in conjunction with two different [wartime printings] Court Fee revenues

1 Baht used in conjunction with a blue 1 Baht general revenue