

Philippines - 1947S MacArthur 50 Centavos - Allen #R-1 (KM #184) - Mintage: 200,000

The Douglas MacArthur 50 Centavos coins were the first coinage of the new "Republic of the Philippines." Both this and the one peso coins were designed by Laura Gardin Frasier and struck at the San Francisco Mint.

These coins were struck in very shallow relief and can be very difficult to obtain in high grades.

Varieties:

ALLEN-R-1 - Normal obverse and reverse.

ALLEN-R-1a - Doubled die obverse. To the right and just below MacArthur's chin, the letters "DOU" in DOUGLAS and the letters "ARTHUR" are noticeably doubled. This variety is recognized by PCGS, but not by NGC.

ALLEN-R-1b - Doubled die reverse. The two right stars on the shield show doubling at the bottom and the 7 of the date is slightly doubled. This variety may be recognized by PCGS, but not by NGC.

ALLEN-R-1c - Doubled die obverse and reverse. This is a combination of R-1a and R-1b. This variety may be recognized by PCGS, but not by NGC.



Allen-R-1



Allen-R-1b



Allen-R-1a



Philippines - 1947 S MacArthur One Peso - Allen #R-2 (KM #185) - Mintage: 100,000

The Douglas MacArthur One Peso coins were the first coinage of the new "Republic of the Philippines." Both this and the 50 centavos coins were designed by Laura Gardin Frasier and struck at the San Francisco Mint, with the "S" mint mark appearing just below the date on the reverse.

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