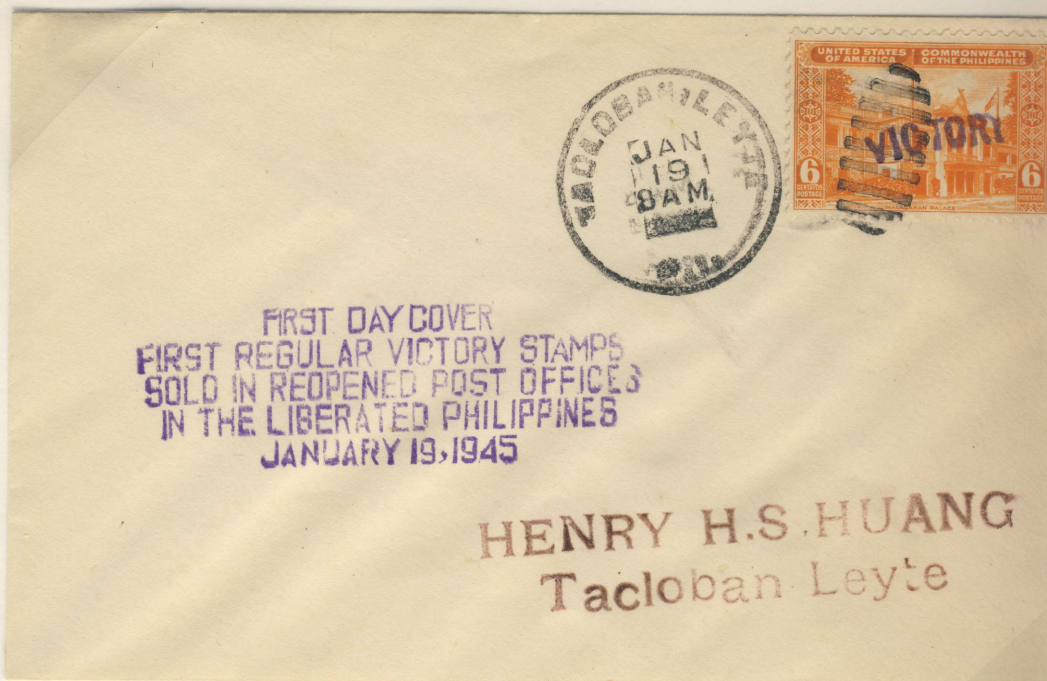


**MALACANAN PALACE 6c. ORANGE
HANDSTAMPED "VICTORY"**



141 stamps overprinted
(Each with PF Cert.)



Tacloban, Leyte, internal mail Jan. 19, 1945. Philatelic.
Only Recorded Example of Solo Use on Cover



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6c. Orange with Handstamped "Victory" Overprint on Cover to United States, Dec. 16, 1944

Less than 10 Covers Recorded

Most handstamped "Victory" covers are philatelic. Patrons of the Tacloban post office were allowed to purchase but a few examples of the overprinted stamps or postal stationery. If it was their intent to use the stamps on a cover, they had to affix the stamps at the post office where the cover was immediately canceled. However, most of the stamps from this series which received the handstamp are difficult to obtain. Thus, despite their philatelic nature, covers franked with these stamps are extremely difficult to obtain and therefore highly prized. This cover is also franked with some of the rarest Philippine stamps: 1 Peso orange and black (21 printed); 12c. bright blue Arch (36 printed); 4c. Rose-carmine airmail (122 printed). (PF Cert.)