

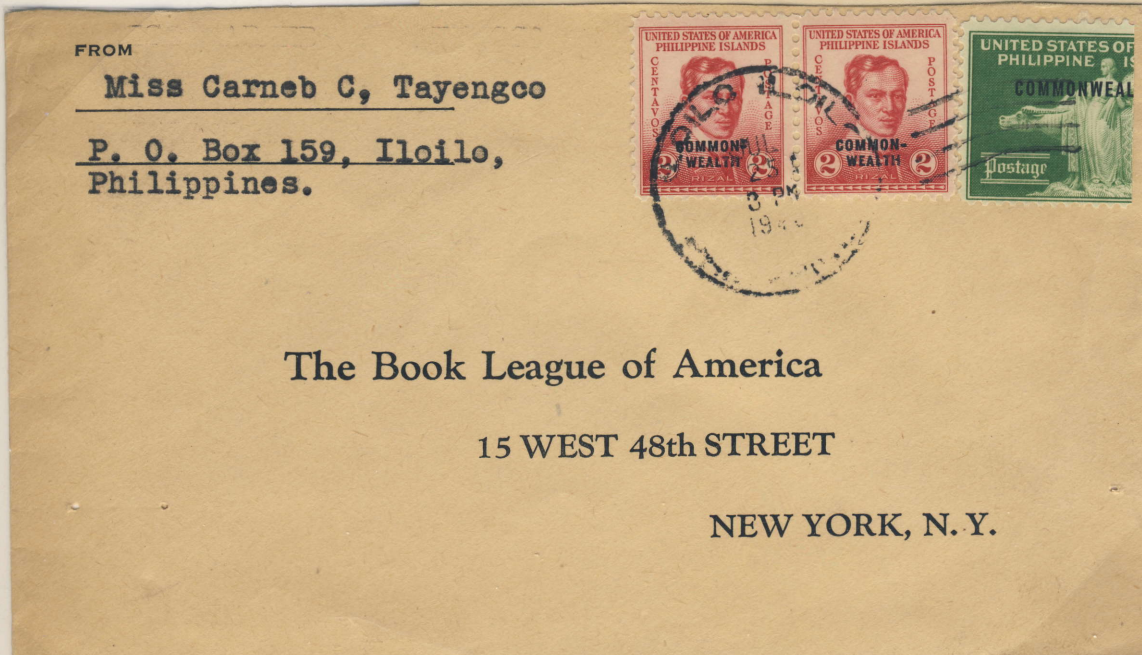
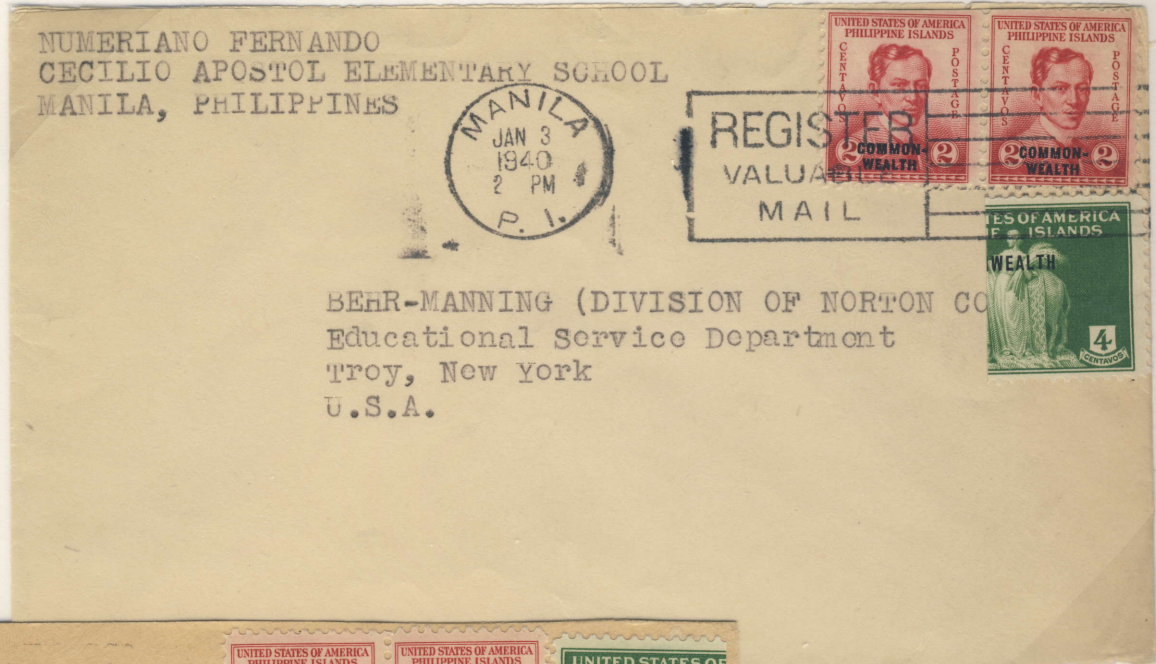
SMALL COMMONWEALTH - 4c. GREEN

No. Printed: 52,500
No Formal First Day of Issue.
Released After May 5, 1939, as needed



An additional printing of 20,000 was not shipped to Manila due to the start of World War II. Some of the stamps were sold at the Washington DC, Philatelic Agency in 1945. In January 1949, 71,300 overprinted 4c. stamps were destroyed. The BEP did not inventory stamps by the size of the overprint, so it is likely some of the destroyed stamps had the large Commonwealth overprint. Regardless, nearly half of all overprinted 4c. stamps were destroyed, thus accounting for their scarcity. As with the large Commonwealth 4c., this stamp is rarely found used or on cover. There are approximately 25 covers and 40 used stamps recorded.

BISECT ON COVER



4c. BISECT as 2c.
6c. First Class Rate to U.S., 1oz. or less.

Only Examples Recorded