



5.5mm Spacing Between
Victory and Commonwealth
(Narrow Spacing Var.)

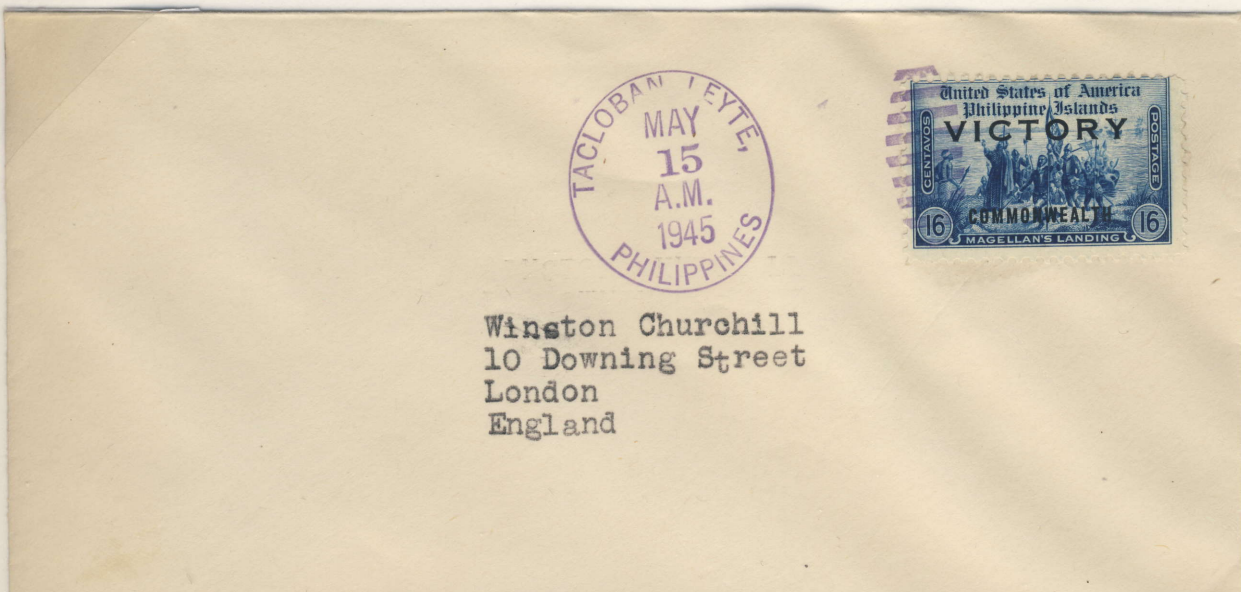


7.5mm Spacing Between
Victory and Commonwealth
(Wide Spacing Var.)



Pre-Printing Crease

The first plates "sent to press" in September 1944 were the 16c. plates. The last overprinting before the start of World War II was the wide spacing variety of the O.B. and Commonwealth stamps in 1940 and 1942. The pre-war overprinting jig may have had the O.B. letters removed and the letters for the Victory installed. The great majority of the 16c. stamps have the wide spacing (7.5mm). Sometime in October 1944, the overprinting was stopped and the vertical spacing adjusted to the narrow spacing (5.5mm). A few of the 16c. stamps and all of the other values based on the commemorative size stamps have the narrow spacing.



Tacloban, Leyte to
London, England,
May 15, 1945. 12c.
First Class Rate, 1-
20g (4c. Overpaid.)



Manila to Naples,
Italy. Nov. 22, 1946
18c. First Class, 21-40g;
30c./5g Airmail (P1.80)
= P1.98.