



Commercial Controls



Between 1912 and 1935, several large commercial firms in Manila were allowed to exclusively use modified postage stamps to identify them in case of theft or unauthorized use. Four control categories exist:



① Manila Printed Overprint.
Camera Supply Company (top)
H.E. Heacock Co. (below)



② Company Hand Stamp.
Rambler Shoe Company



③ Company Perforated Initials.
Chartered Bank of India,
Australia & China (CBI) (top)
Philippine Education
Company—double PE (bottom)

④ Special Imperforate Stamps. Requested and printed for the Lambert Sales Company in Manila and used by them to send embroidery goods to their New York, NY office using these labels in 1925. This series previously issued to the public only with perforations.



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Japanese Occupation 1941-1945



The Japanese Military complex attacked the Philippines in December 1941. By March 1942, the Japanese had sufficient control over major portions of the country to reopen the postal system. The first stamps used were prewar issues overprinted to reflect the new control.



First Issue
Mar 4, 1942 Manila
First Day Cover.

Bars overprint:
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA /
COMMONWEALTH /
OF THE



March 20, 1942,
Manila, self-
altered prewar
stamp rejected

(new overprinted
2c stamp added)

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Guerrilla Mail 1941-1945



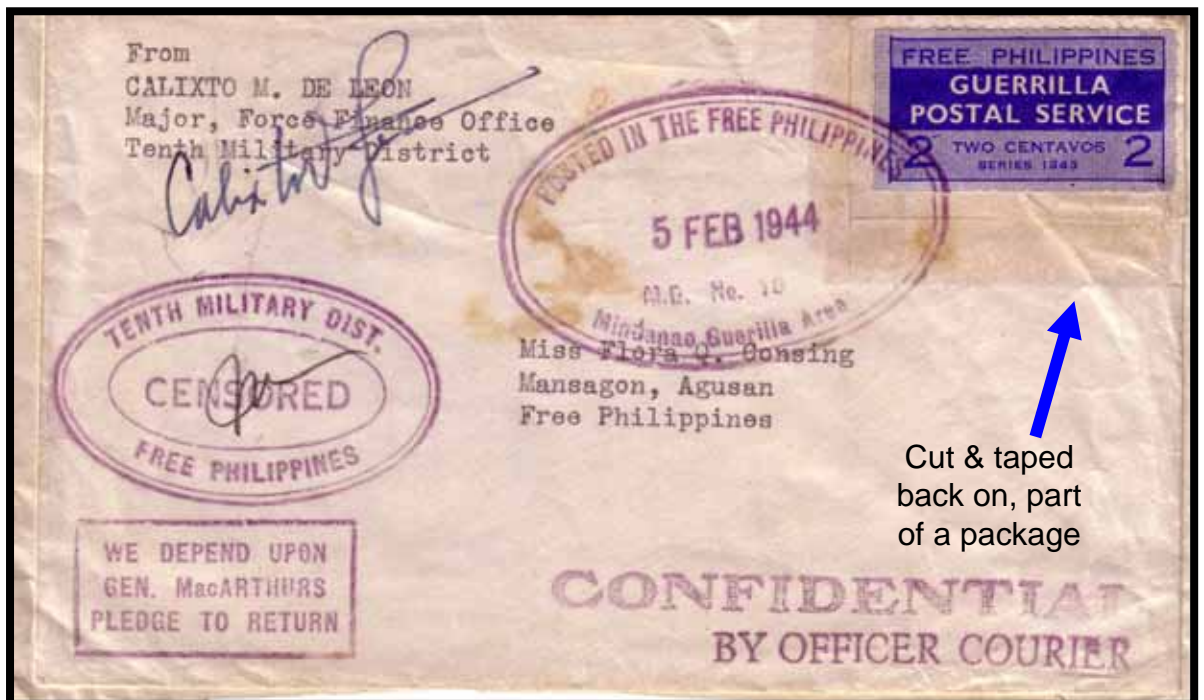
SCF Guerrilla Stamps

Feb 3, (1943),
Ronda, Cebu.

From November 1942 to March 1943, the Southern Cebu Forces (SCF) boasted its own guerrilla mail service.

10th Military District Guerrilla Stamp,
February 5, 1944, Agusan Province is part of Mindanao.

The Island of Mindanao under the 10th Military District, U.S. Army Forces Far East (USAFFE), occasionally delivered guerrilla letters.



Cut & taped back on, part of a package

These stamps printed in Australia and delivered by submarine Nov 15, 1943.

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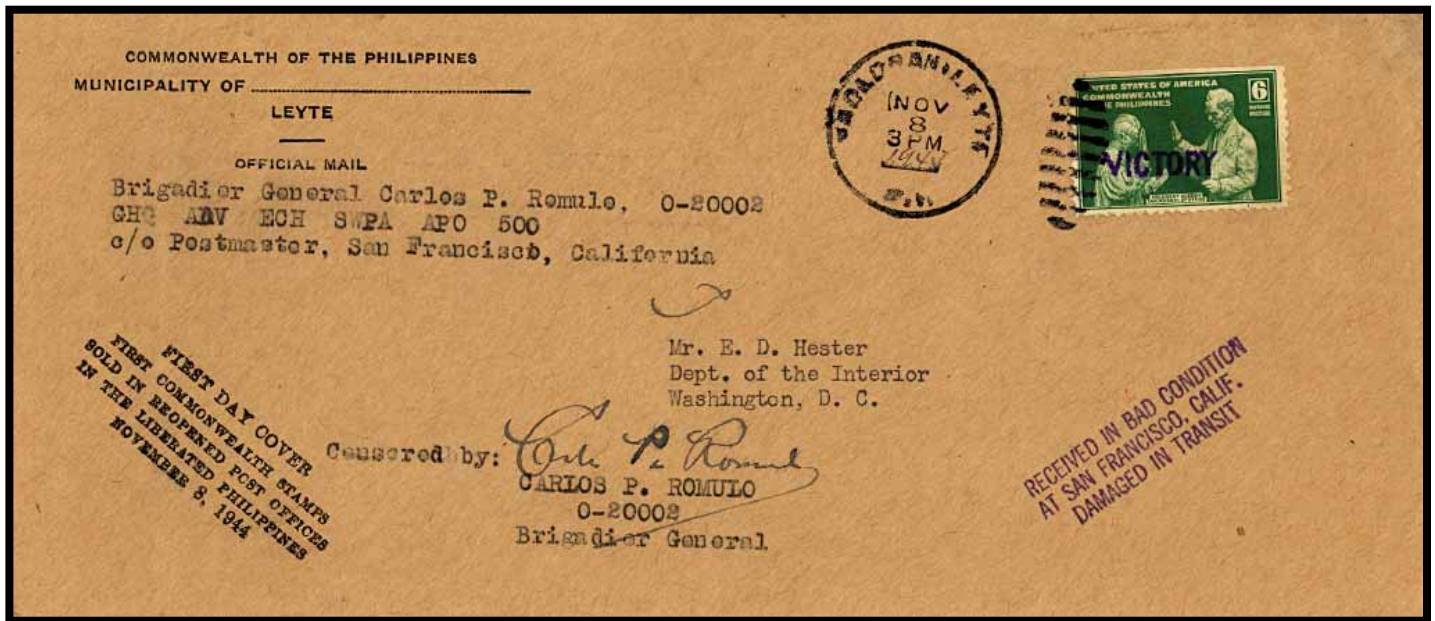


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Liberation Era Provisional VICTORY OPs



MacArthur's invasion occurred prior to the arrival of *printed* **VICTORY** stamps. In order to restore government operations, officials collected an assortment of prewar stamps and overprinted them **VICTORY** at Tacloban, Leyte, using *hand-made rubber stamps*. These emergency stamps were demonetized in early 1945 when the stamp shipments arrived from the US.



November 8, 1944, Tacloban, Leyte to the US. BG Romulo, General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area both sent and censored this envelope. The letter inside states "*We are inaugurating today the Philippines U.S. mail. I thought you would be interested in getting one of the first covers...Hoping to see you soon...*" As one of the 1st, this **VICTORY** hand stamp is intact.



Unlike the hand stamp above, this envelope cut square has the more common broken "T" in **VICTORY** caused by repeated use and a *pin* repair.



The Internal Revenue officials made a **second VICTORY** hand stamp for tax stamps. These were used in Tacloban between Jan-Mar 1945. Only 4 copies are known.