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Spanish Outposts 1898 - 1899



The Spanish forces in Manila surrendered to the US military on August 13, 1898. However, areas in La Union in the North and Zamboanga in the South remained under Spanish control. Acknowledging the Spanish/Philippine custom of invalidating former postal emissions with a change of government, they issued provisional stamps for their postal systems. These were valid stamps for a status that almost defies classification, but accepted by the parties concerned.



La Union

Provisional surcharge on blank paper tied by September 1898 La Union cancel. Manila receiving cancel

Zamboanga

Provisional surcharge on Spanish stamps tied by April 1899 Zamboanga cancel. Entered US Military postal system April 10, 1899.



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US Administration Overprinted US Issues



Officials placed US stamps overprinted PHILIPPINES on sale at Manila, June 30, 1899 using rates similar to domestic US. The dollar values issued August 30, 1901.



July 17, 1903 San Fernando, Ticao Island (Masbata Province) to the US using the 2¢ domestic rate.



Broken Character

← "PEILIPPINES"

November 1, 1904 issue.

Overprint Forgery

Slightly oversize with →
36° angle versus genuine 22°



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First Air Mail Stamps



In 1926, the Philippines commemorated the historical flight from Madrid to Manila by two Spanish aviators by overprinting 17 definitive stamps with only 11 days notice.



May 13, 1926 first day cover (not flown) - date flight landed in Manila.



Errors

← "Broken wing" has left portion of propeller missing.

→ Inverted overprint

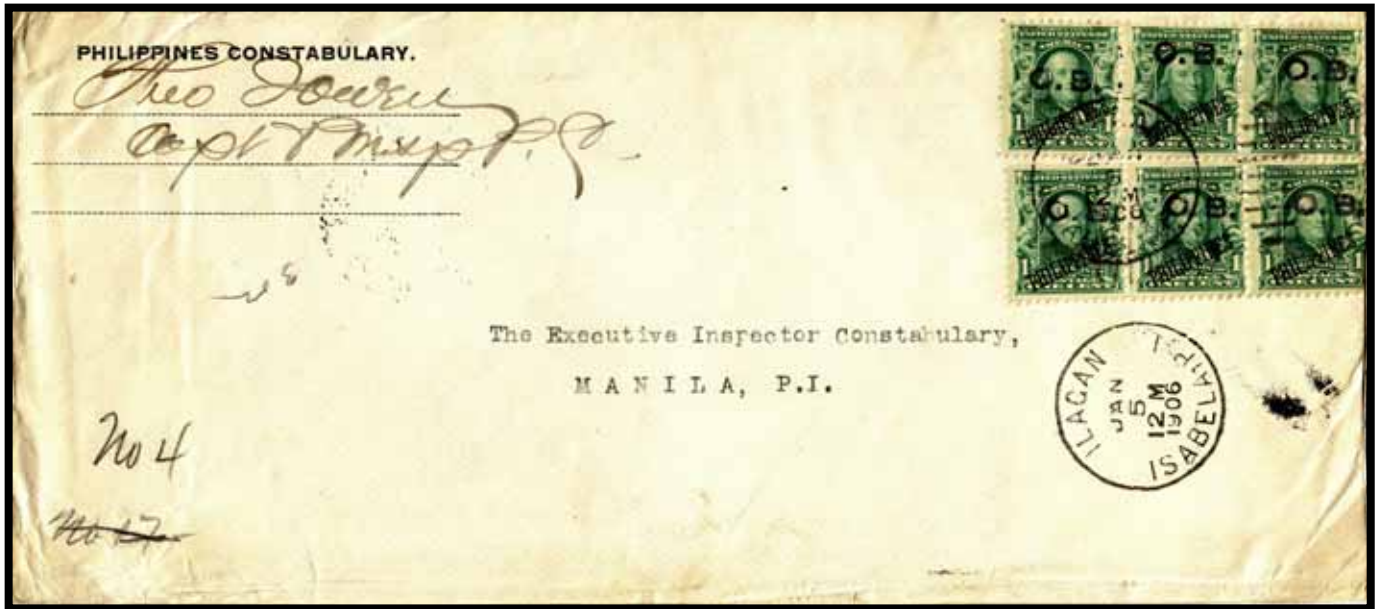




Official Business Overprinted Stamps



In 1906, officials authorized government agencies to hand-stamp postage for official use. In 1907, General Harry H. Bandholtz was allowed to print these for his Constabulary Bureau and later told to sell them to collectors. In 1926, Manila centralized overprinting (catalog numbers exist for these) and continued this practice through the Japanese Occupation and Republic eras.



BANDHOLTZ hand-stamp OB. January 5, 1906, Ilagan, Isabela Province. Early examples display a variety of colors and types and are best collected on cover or used with visible postmark.



OBs with city names.
Pura and Paniqui, Tarlac Province hand stamps.



Japanese Occupation.
KP–Kagamitang Pampamahalaan–is Tagalog for OB. First day cancel doubles as control (clerk #5 of 11).



OBs using words.
OFFICIAL within oval (top) and separate–red invert–(bottom), TAGLE inspired.



Centrally printed. 1941 BEP postal card (top) and 1948 Republic adhesive (bottom).