

**POSTAL STATIONERY OF THE PHILIPPINES**  
**UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION**

**Scott U42A - Scott U45**  
**VICTORY OVERPRINTED ENVELOPES**

Issued on 8 November 1944 at Tacloban, Leyte where a number of envelopes of the Commonwealth series were overprinted by handstamp in purple ink with the word "VICTORY".

The "VICTORY" overprinted was carried out with a rubber handstamp which was broken during the operation. There are two known types of overprint. Type 1 has all the letters on an even line; Type 2 shows a hump between "VIC" and "TORY" with the left side of the leg of "T" showing a small semi-circular blank space. This was caused by the head of the pin, used to repair the handstamp, failing to pick up ink. There are no examples of the Type 1 on the postal stationery issues, therefore only Type 2 overprints are known to have been produced.