

# Philippine Islands



The islands were ceded to the United States  
by Spain in 1898



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They were given their independence in 1935,  
subject to a transition period



# Stamps were Overprinted COMMONWEALTH in 1936-37



# Stamps Overprinted COMMONWEALTH 1938-40



# O.B. Overprinted 1938-40



Official  
Business



# Japanese Occupation



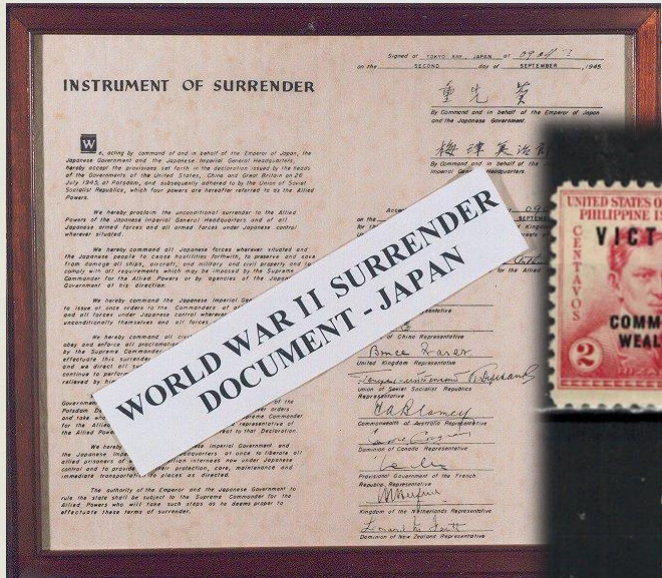
The Japanese Imperial Forces entered Manila on January 2, 1942.  
On March 4, 1942, the postal service was reopened at  
Manila Central Post Office.



Stamps from the Commonwealth were overprinted with black bars deleting the words “United States of America” and “Commonwealth.”

# VICTORY

The Japanese occupied the Philippines to early 1946



# Republic - 1946



Independence was delayed until July 4, 1946

