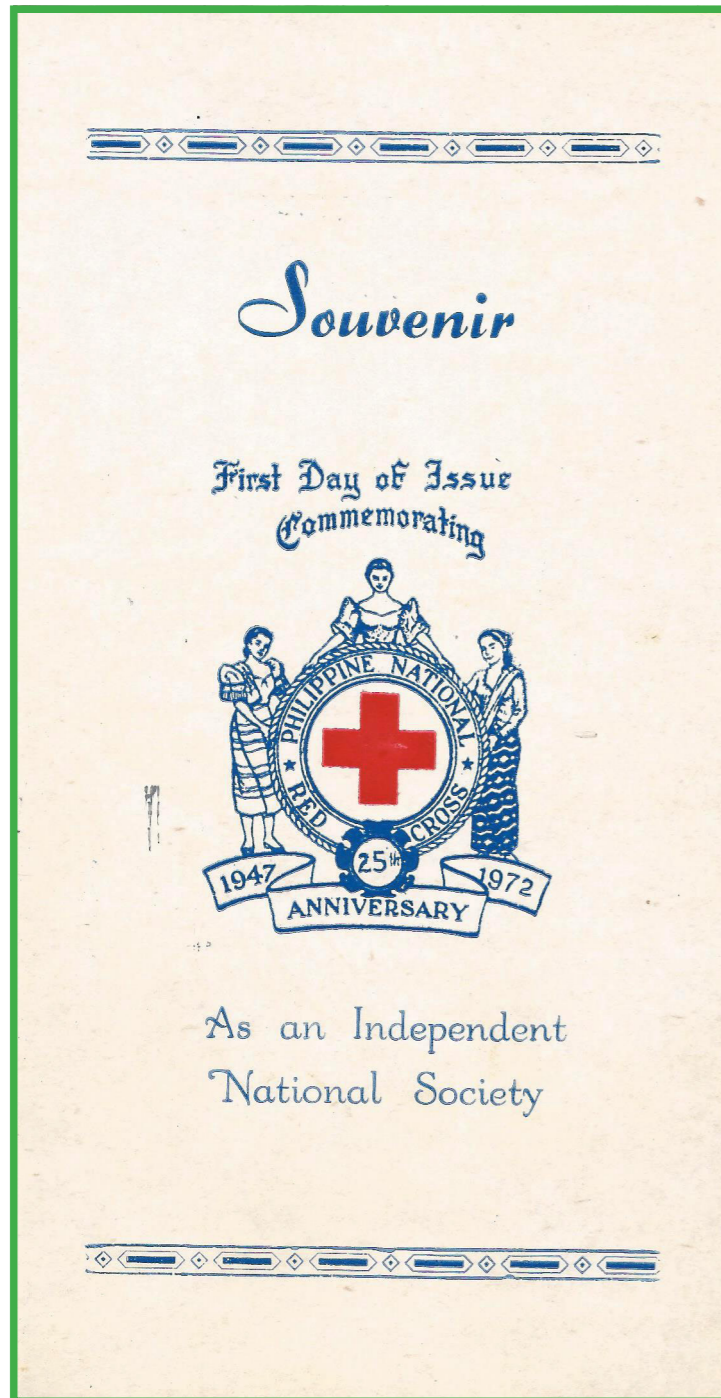


December 21, 1972
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RED CROSS - 25th ANNIVERSARY



PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RED CROSS STAMPS

To commemorate the 25th year of service to the country of the Philippine National Red Cross as independent national society, the Bureau of Posts issues today, December 21, 1972 a set of commemorative stamps.

The stamps measure 33x48 mm printed size and in denominations of 5-sentimo, 20-sentimo, 30-sentimo and in quantities of (2,000,000), (2,000,000) and (1,000,000) respectively. There are 50 stamps in a sheet and printed in five colors Heliogravure process by Joh Enschede en Zonen, Haarlem, Holland.

The stamps were designed by Nemesio Dimanlig, Jr. Chief of the Designing Staff of the Bureau of Posts.

Although we are commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Philippine National Red Cross, it has actually rendered more than sixty years of historic dedications to community service. The PNRG was formerly a chapter of the American National Red Cross, organized by Miss Mabel T. Boardman, Sedretary of the Central Committee of the American National Red Cross on August 30, 1905.

After the Commonwealth Government of the Philippines was granted independence on July 4, 1946, the late President Manuel A. Roxas signed Republic Act No. 95 incorporating the new Philippine National Red Cross and granting it its charter on March 22, 1947. On March 29, 1947, the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva approved to recognize the Philippine National Red Cross. On April 15, 1947, the PNRG was formally proclaimed as an independent national society amidst impressive ceremonies at the Malacañang Palace Grounds. Messages of congratulations were received by Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, first chairman of the Philippine National Red Cross, from Red Cross Societies throughout the world.

The stamps feature President Manuel A. Roxas and Mrs. A. Quezon during the proclamation ceremonies.

