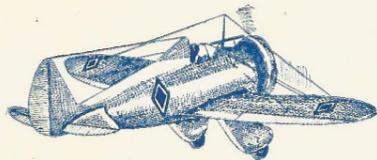


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World War II Filipino Flying Ace

Col. JESUS VILLAMOR STAMPS

The Bureau of Posts issues today, April 9, 1973 the Col. Jesus Villamor Stamps with the following particulars:

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Col. Jesus A. Villamor was born in Manila on November 9, 1914. He developed an early love for flying when still in the grade school. He used to get out of the classroom to watch the airplanes.

He completed his primary and basic flying training at Randolph Field and in June 1937, finished his advanced phase at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, where he specialized in pursuit aviation.

During the early stages of World War II, he figured prominently in aerial engagements with the enemy over Zablan and Batangas Air Fields.

He was brought to Australia shortly before the collapse of Philippine Defenses in 1942. From there he carried on the fight for the liberation of the Philippines. He returned secretly to the country during the Japanese Occupation to organize a listening post known as the Allied Intelligence Bureau with headquarters in Panay Island. He also acted as adviser to the late Gen. MacArthur during the latter's return to the Philippines.

He died in the United States October 26, and laid to rest at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in Ft. Bonifacio, Rizal on November 6, 1971.

