



After the Philippine Commonwealth inauguration of November 15, 1935 it took three more years and by December 1938, subsequent postal period emissions and those stamp inventories still in sufficient stocks were overprinted in black – “COMMONWEALTH”. About 30,000 remaining E5 received this additional black overprint on varying areas of the vignette giving rise to our **E7**. Some printing flaws were also noted.



The first batch of E7 issues were actually the overprinted E5 remainders. Not until late October 1939, when fresh deliveries of the E7 came from the U.S. BEP. There is an estimated 70,000 copies purportedly received by our postal authorities. 30,000 pieces of E5 remainders were overprinted.

WWII broke out in 1941 when the Japanese invaded the Philippines. Special Delivery service was suspended. Under Japanese military rule, the postal system was re-opened shortly after the occupation of Manila and continued until 1945 under strict Japanese censorship.

The re-opening of the Leyte postal station, under the American liberation forces in August of 1944, re-instituted postal service similar as it was before the war. Select stocks of postage / revenue stamps issued prior WWII was overprinted. These stocks received a hand stamp overprint “VICTORY” in violet ink though somewhat distorted resulting from a minor break in alignment between “C” and “T” in the word *VICTORY*. Select stocks of our E5b (dull violet) and E7 (blue violet) likewise received this violet hand stamp in purportedly quantities of 138 and 235 respectively and classified as **E8** and **E9** in that order.



E8.



E9.

With the end of WWII in the Pacific, the Filipinos began on the monumental task of re-building their war-torn nation. Families displaced during the 4-year war had to find means of communicating with their loved ones and friends who [if ever] survived.



The E10 and E10a (Close IC variety)

On January 1945, the last of the 1906 series, the E10 was released to the mailing public. It was identical to E7-issue but with an additional overprint ‘VICTORY’ in black. Reported quantity: 125,000