



PHILIPPINES

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POST-WAR – VICTORY STAMPS with **SPECIAL DELIVERY**

Below pair of Victory overprinted post-war stamps on first Day cacheted covers coinciding with Labor Day commemoration and a call on All laborers - help your country – Secure Employment with U.S. Army for Essential War Work – issued **Manila, May 1, 1945**

LABOR DAY
CALLING ON ALL LABORERS
HELP YOUR COUNTRY
SECURE EMPLOYMENT WITH U. S. ARMY
FOR ESSENTIAL WAR WORK



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MAY 1, 1945

F 131584



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Notes:

Original host stamps were pre-war emissions from 1934-1939 and overprinted in 1945 after the United States and Allied forces secured victory over Japan and liberated the Philippines. The Pacific War ended September 2, 1945. The top cover would cost the souvenir hunter or any stamp collector at that time of issuance, *One peso and fifty-eight centavos* (P1.58) while to obtain the lower souvenir first day cover would cost *Thirty-one pesos and fifty-eight centavos* (P31.58).

Can you imagine how much money spent for pieces of paper when in 1945, an office clerk's wages was only P3.50/day and a whole Max's fried chicken can be had for only P2.80. Collectors don't mind spending good money because they know they are buying a piece of history, saving it and conserving for posterity.