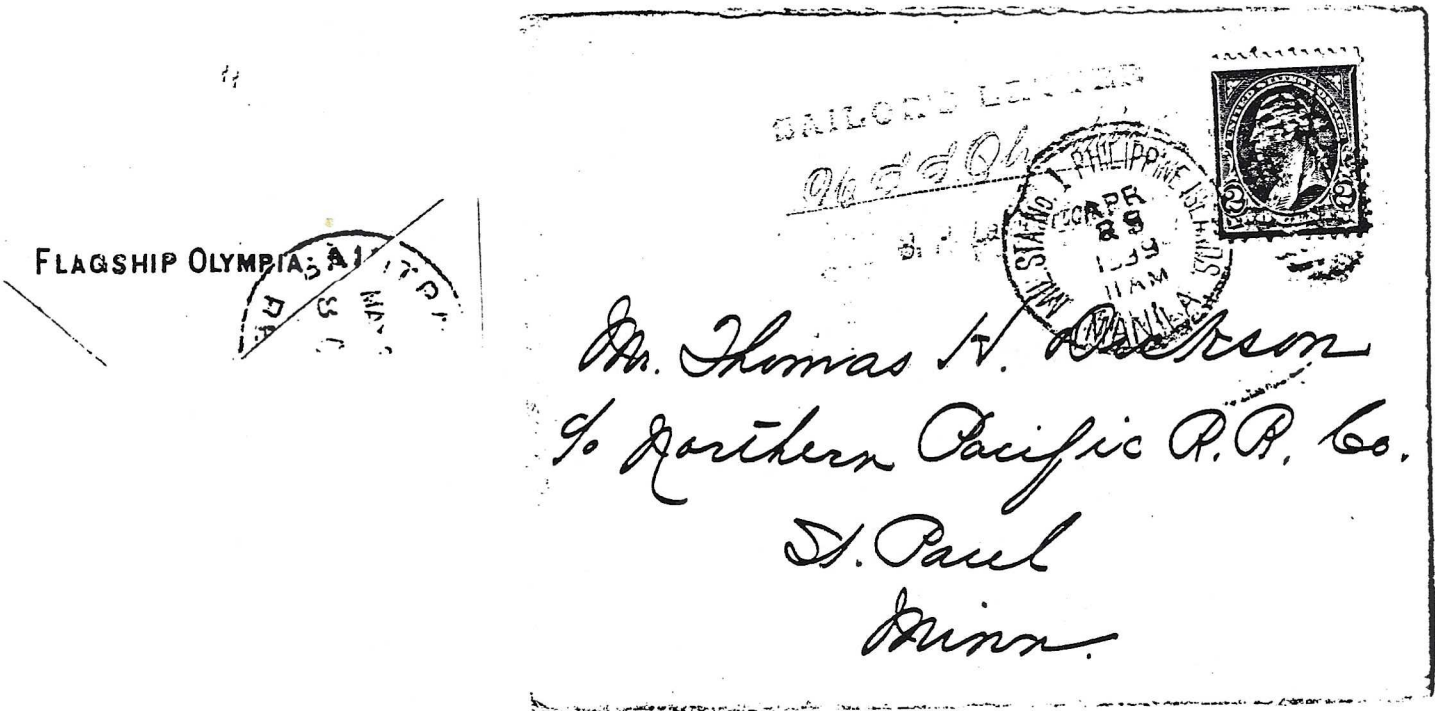
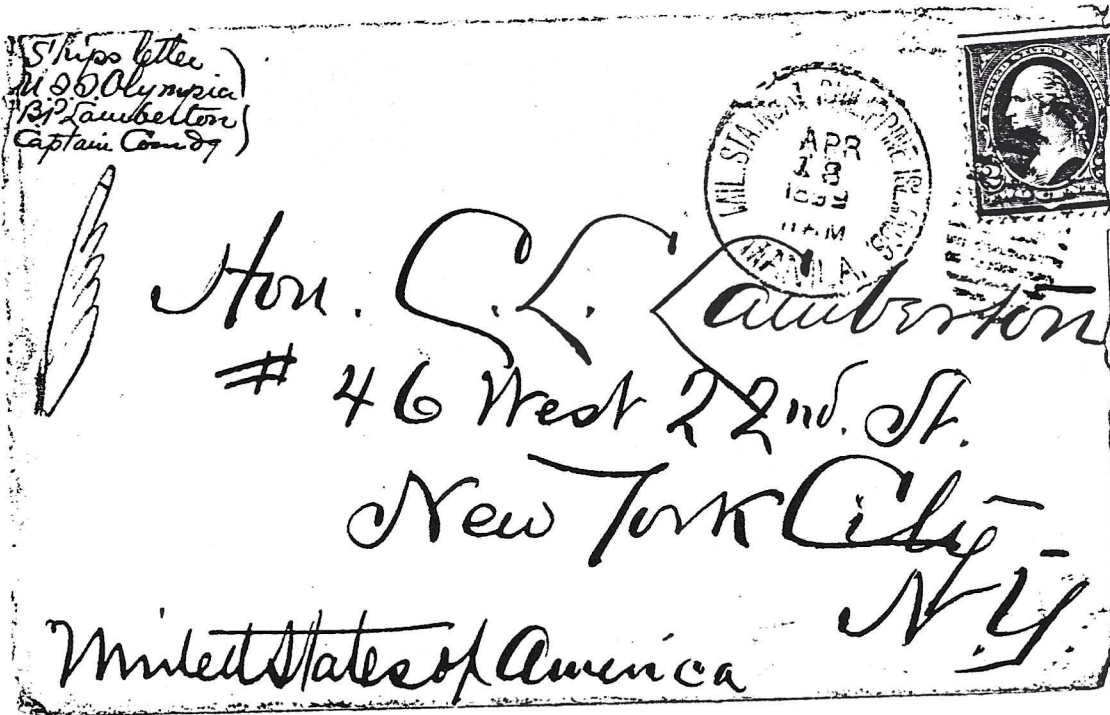


PHILIPPINES  
Naval Mail

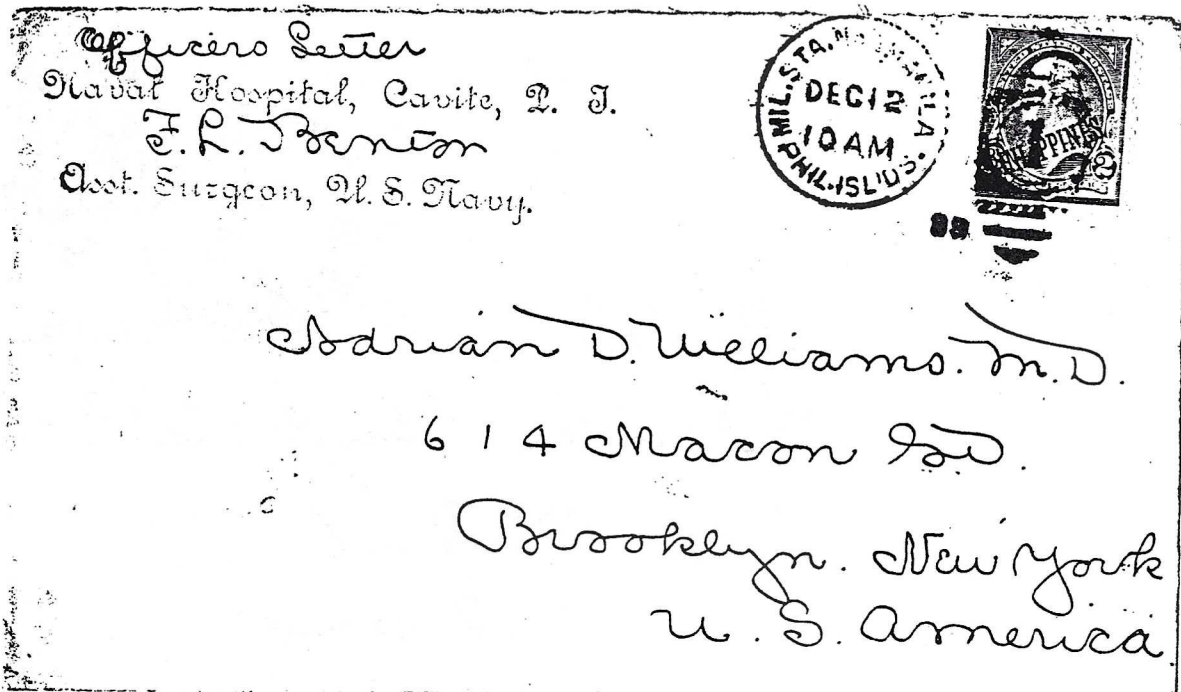
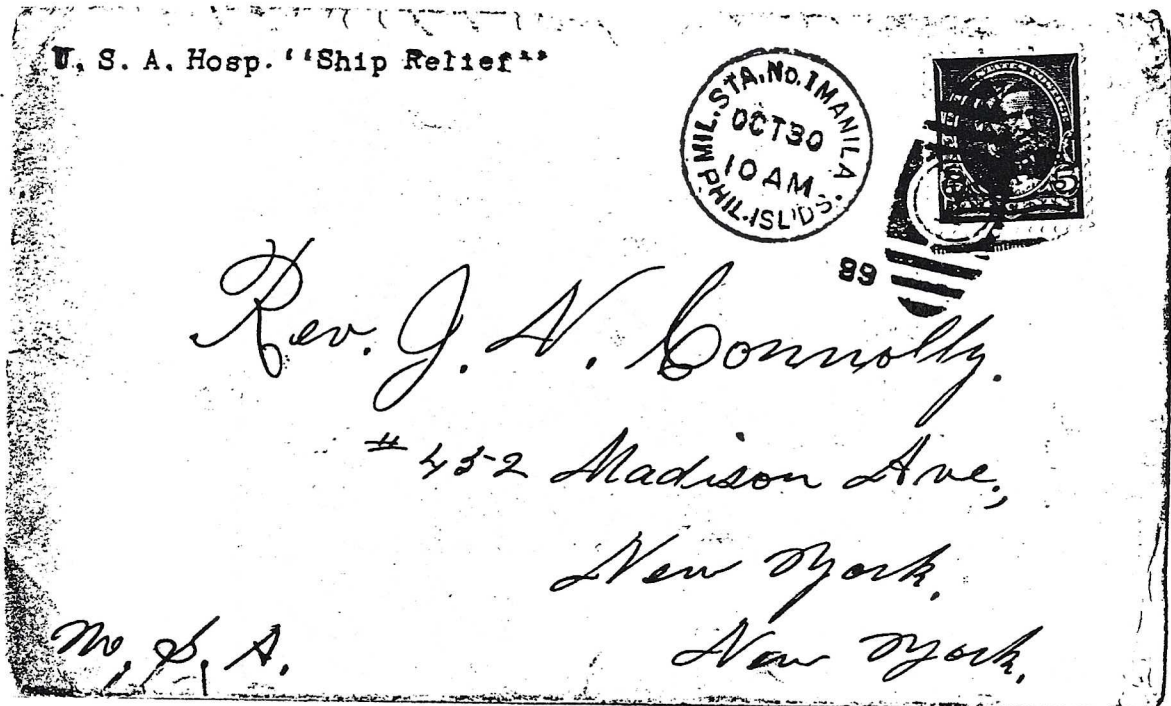
Manila  
18 April 1899  
25 April 1899



Covers originating from U.S.S. Olympia (Dewey's flagship at the battle of Manila Bay). Both are postmarked at Military Station No.1 Manila; the upper example was sent by Captain Lamberton to his father. Note "Flagship" corner card on reverse of lower cover.

PHILIPPINES  
Hospital Ship  
Naval Hospital

Mil Sta. No. 1 Manila  
30 October 1899  
12 December 1899



Upper cover shows unusual usage from U. S. Hospital Ship *Relief* to minister in New York City. Lower cover from doctor at Cavite Naval Hospital to colleague in Brooklyn.

PHILIPPINES  
U. S. Monitor

Manila  
17 July 1900



Civil Service Commission  
Washington D. C.

H.V.A.

Chas. A. Cook  
U. S. Monitor  
Manila P. I.

The monitor *Monadnock* (essentially a shallow-draft floating gun platform) was sent across the Pacific in June-August 1898, where it performed blockading duty in the Manila-Mariveles-Cavite area. *Monadnock* was launched in 1883, had a displacement of 4,000 tons, a main armament of four 10" guns and a compliment of 182. Mail from this vessel in the Philippines not previously recorded.

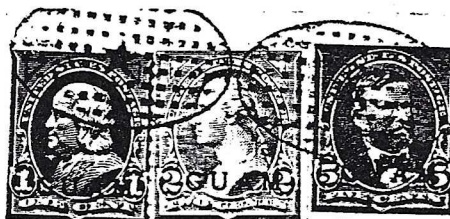
## GUAM

Guam was captured in the Spanish-American War when Captain Glass of the *U.S.S. Charleston*, en route to the Philippines, stopped at the island and demanded the surrender of the garrison on 20 June 1898. Guam was then ceded by Spain to the United States pursuant to the Treaty of Paris on 10 December 1898. Formal possession was not taken until Captain Leary of the *U.S.S. Yosemite* arrived with an appointment as governor on 10 August 1899.

Mariana Islands

Agana  
11 September 1899

FROM W. H. RUSH  
U. S. S. SOLACE



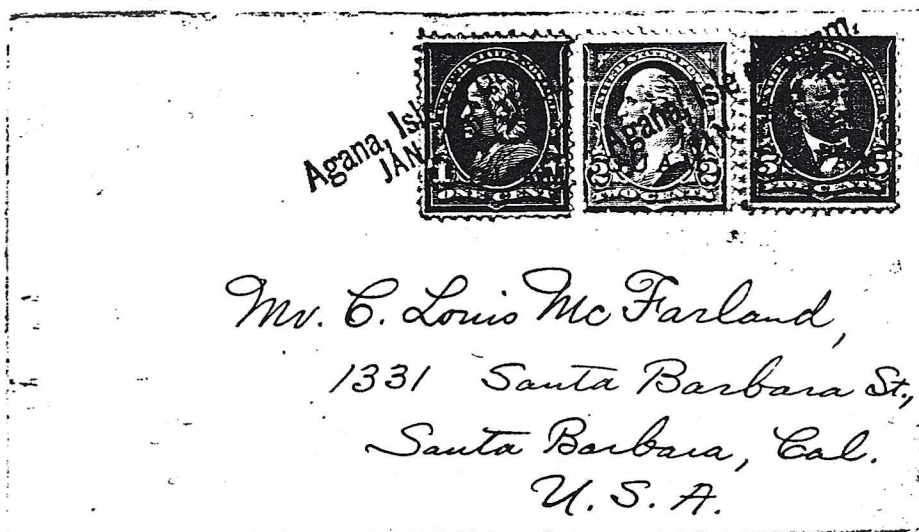
Mr. Samie Jones  
Comptroller P. & R. R. Co.  
12<sup>th</sup> & Market St.  
Philadelphia  
pa

The postal history of Guam under U.S. administration began on 15 August 1899 when Chief Yeoman Hobby was appointed acting postmaster and began to sell stamps overprinted "Guam" that had been brought out on the *Yosemite*. Several of the old Spanish devices were used for cancelling mail, including the "Marianas" cds and the killer shown above. These have been recorded as being used from 21 August to 8 December 1899.

The *U.S.S. Solace* was the station ship for Guam, generally engaged in bringing supplies from the Philippines.

GUAM  
Mariana Islands

Agana  
25 January 1900



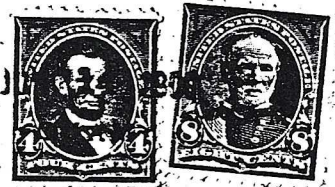
The initial postal activities took place on the *U.S.S. Yosemite*, but the facilities were moved ashore to Government House on or about 25 November 1899. The first American-made cancellation was a straight line marking reading "Agana, Isle of Guam" with date below. It is recorded as being used from 15 August 1899 to 22 May 1900.

GUAM  
Mariana Islands

Agana  
14 June 1900  
21 July 1900

Registered # 3

14417



J. O. Conant

139 Park Street

Portland

ME

U.S.A.



A second type of straight line cancellation consisted of two lines entirely in capital letters reading "Agana Isle/of Guam." This marking is recorded as being used from 14 June (above) to 14 October 1900.

Registry Return Receipt

REGISTRY RETURN RECEIPT sent 1899

Reg No. 557 from Post Office at AGANA GUAM

Addressed to Gov. Richard Leary  
Guam

After obtaining receipt below, the Postmaster will mail this Card, without cover and without postage, to address on the other side.

**RECEIVED THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REGISTERED** } \*LETTER. NA ISLE  
PARCEL. GUAM

(SENDER'S NAME ON OTHER SIDE.)

Sign on dotted lines to the right. } R. P. Leary  
USN

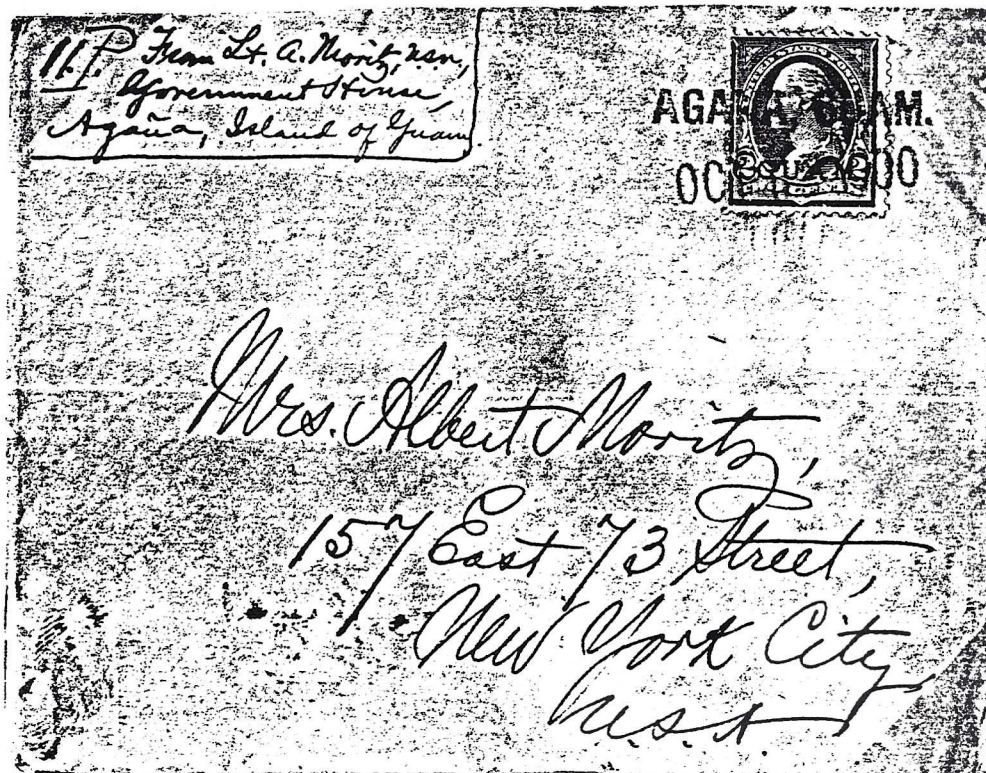
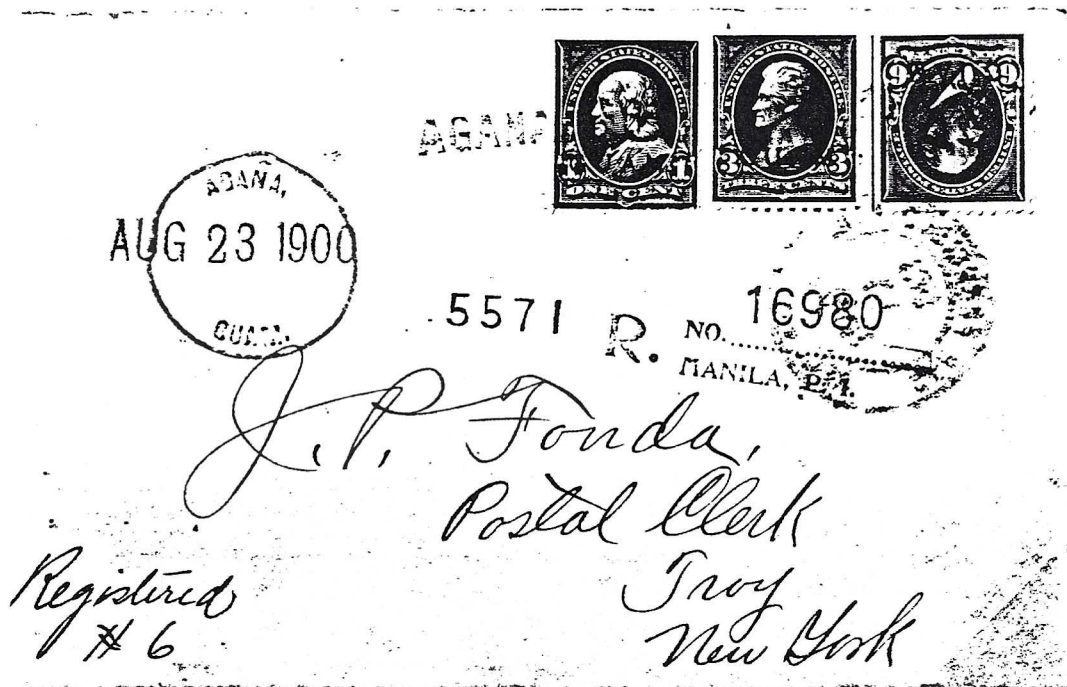
When delivery is made to other than addressee, the name of both addressee and recipient must appear.

\* Erase letter or parcel according to which is sent.

Extraordinary usage of the second straight line cancellation (all capital letters) to validate a return receipt for a registered letter. It was used on 14 June 1900, the earliest recorded date for this marking, and the receipt is signed by "R. P. Leary USN/Governor" of the island.

GUAM  
Mariana Islands

Agana  
23 August 1900  
-- October 1900

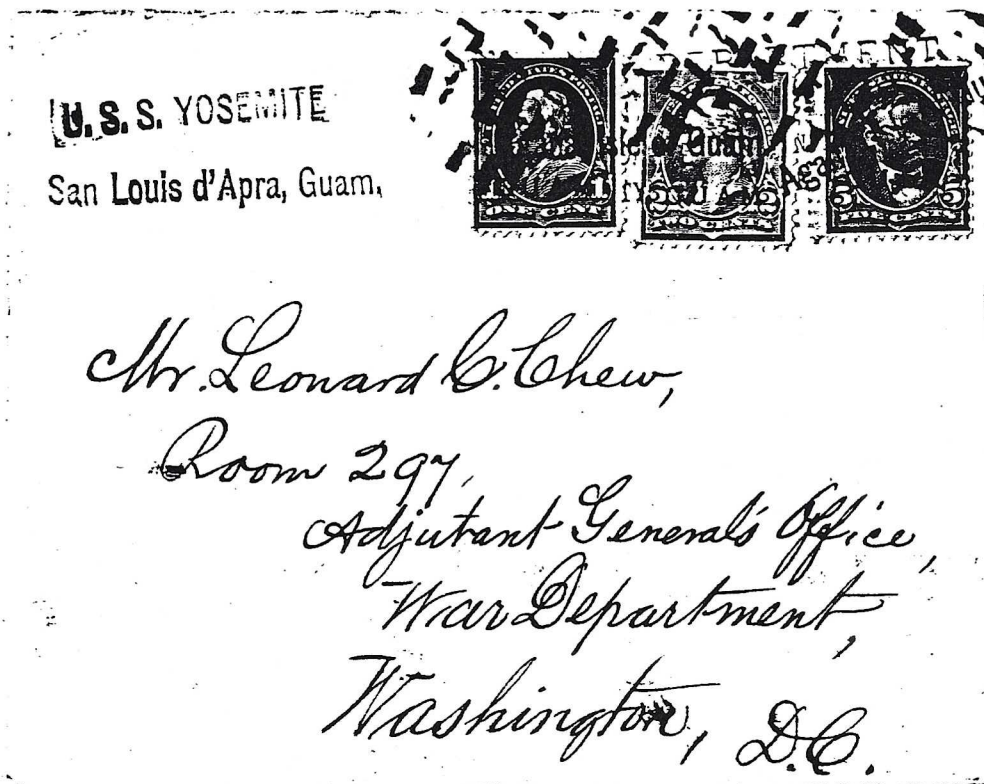


A third type of straight line cancellation consisted of a single line in capital letters reading "Agana, Guam." This marking is recorded as having been used from 7 February 1900 to 13 July 1901. On the upper cover it is used in conjunction with a new circular registry mark reading "Agana, Guam" in a circle, with the date inserted separately. This marking is known used from August 1900 to January 1902.



GUAM  
Mariana Islands

San Louis d'Apra  
- September 1899



The U.S.S. *Yosemite* initially anchored just off the Village of Agana. However, this proved to be a poor location because the water depth drops sharply less than a half mile from the reef. Thus, the ship moved to San Luis d'Apra harbor, which offered much better typhoon protection. The cover has a marking "U.S.S. Yosemite/San Louis (sic) d'Apra, Guam." Only two examples with this erroneous spelling are recorded. Backstamped San Francisco 8 October and Washington 13 October 1899.

GUAM  
Mariana Islands

San Luis d'Apra  
9 December 1899  
10 February 1900

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MAKINS & CO.

SAN FRANCISCO,

506 Market Street.

CAL.

*U.S.S. Yosemite,  
Lieut. John C. Brown U.S.N.*

SAN LUIS D'APRA,

FEB



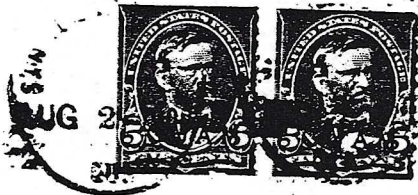
*Mr. Elliot G. Anderson,  
Hozapple's Compositum Co.,  
Wells Building,*

*U.S. of America. New York, Dec. 4*

After the Agana post office was brought on shore to Government House and the U.S.S. Yosemite moved to a safer anchorage, a new postmark was made up to be used on shipboard. This marking is normally seen as a simple straight line postmark, but it often was used in conjunction with a "bear claw" killer. Recorded usage is from 9 December 1899 (above) to 11 July 1900.

GUAM  
Mariana Islands

San Luis d'Apra  
2 August 1900  
25 September 1900



Geo. Ireland  
Carrier 132 at Sta. A.  
Pittsburg Pa  
U. S. A.

From  
Capt. Nat P. Phister,  
1st U. S. Infantry,  
Guam  
Mariana Islands.



Mrs. Katherine Phister  
Fort Thomas  
Newport  
Kentucky.

The provisional "San Luis d'Apra" postmark was replaced with a circular rubber device, on which the dater was applied separately, sometimes overlapping the circular dial of the cancel. The life of this postmark was probably cut short by the sinking of the *Yosemite* following damage in a typhoon in November 1900. Recorded examples are known from 15 July to 15 October 1900.

GUAM  
Mariana Islands

Agana  
31 October 1901  
10 June 1905

*Registered*



*James  
Luzick 6 number 100*



*Fritz  
Saipan*



FROM P. M. D.  
GUAM, GUAM.

*no. 613*



*Mr. John Zug  
Engineer Office, U.S. Army,  
Everett  
Washington.*

A second postmark was placed in service shortly after the assumption of postal responsibility by the USPOD. In this case, the year date was inserted between the cds and the killer. This mark saw relatively limited use because of objections by the local people over the use of "Ladrone," which means "thieves" in Spanish. Usage recorded from 19 August 1901 to early 1903. The offensive "Ladrone" marking was replaced with a new duplex device, with the wording simplified to "Guam/Isl. Guam." It is recorded as used from 1 April 1903 to 29 June 1915.

GUAM  
Mariana Islands

Agana  
7 January 1901  
14 June 1900



Mr. Josef We ghaupt

R. 242

*Registered*  
No 29  
2846 14435

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NEW YORK, N. Y.  
No. 28588  
EXCHANGE  
JUN 24 1900  
AGANA  
OF GUAM

*Registered*  
No 3

14436  
2845

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NEW YORK, N. Y.  
No. 28589  
EXCHANGE  
JUN 24 1900  
AGANA  
OF GUAM

Mr. Ch. de Francais  
Capitaine

*Baden, Baden*  
Germany

During the period in which the Navy Department was responsible for the postal service, U.S. regular issue stamps of the 1895-1898 series overprinted "Guam" were used. A total of eleven values were issued, ranging in quantities from 105,000 of the 2 cent to only 3,000 of the \$1.00 value. Most of the higher denominations are found used on philatelic covers.

GUAM  
Mariana Islands

Agana  
28 April 1902

REGISTERED.



Herrn OTTO BICKEL

2165

Agana, Isle of Guam,

Reg No 348

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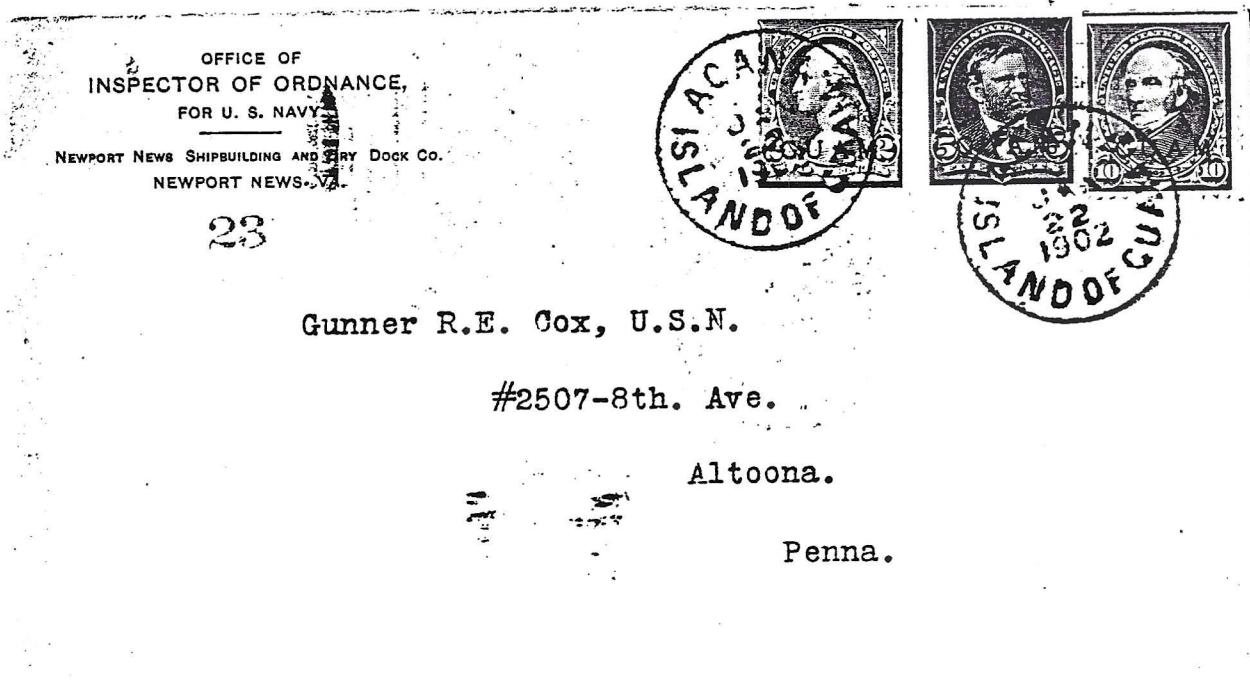
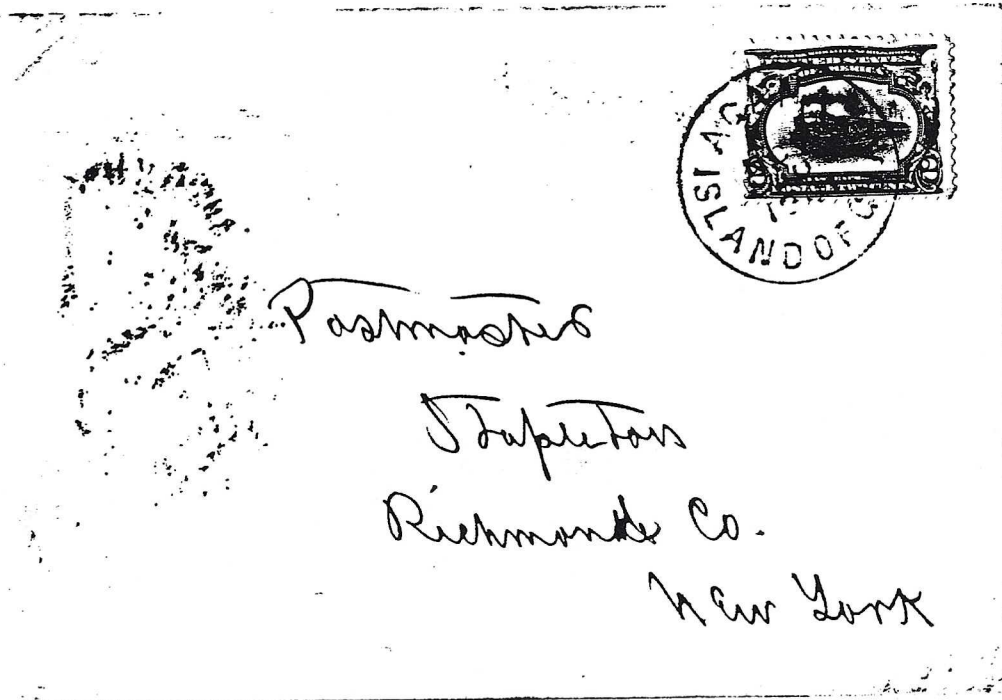
Zehlendorf

bei Berlin  
Allemagne-Germany.

In addition to the overprints on regular postage, 5,000 copies of the 1895 10 cent special delivery stamp were also overprinted "Guam." Note the late usage on the above philatelic cover of the straight line "Agana, Isle of Guam" as an auxiliary registration marking.

**GUAM**  
**Mariana Islands**

Agana  
20 November 1901  
22 January 1902



As of 29 March 1901, the Post Office Department took over responsibility for the postal service on Guam from the Navy and began to sell unoverprinted U.S. stamps, although the "Guam" overprints remained valid for postage. A new steel cds was introduced reading "Agana/Island of Guam." It is recorded used from April 1901 to 30 November 1904.

GUAM  
Marine Mail

Agana  
5 September 1900

*Marines Letter*

SAN FRANCISCO,  
CALIF. - 1  
OCT 20 10 - AM '00



*Mr. Weyler, Foreman  
Woddy's Printing Establishment  
Beacon & Somerset Sts  
Boston Mass  
U.S. A.*

With the strong Naval presence on Guam, Marines were posted on the island from the earliest days of the U.S. occupation. However, identifiable letters from Marines are uncommon and sought after by specialists.



GUAM  
Naval Mail

Agana  
13 December 1900  
24 January 1902

Printed corner  
card of the U.S.  
Naval Station,  
Island of Guam  
on cover sent to  
Barcelona,  
Spain.



DEC 13 1900

San Juan,  
Republica Dominicana,  
to 60 and 62,  
SPAIN.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
AGANA, GUAM.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS,  
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



*Mr. Nathan Cobe,*

*Hub Stamp Co.*

*Waltham*

11827

*Mass.*

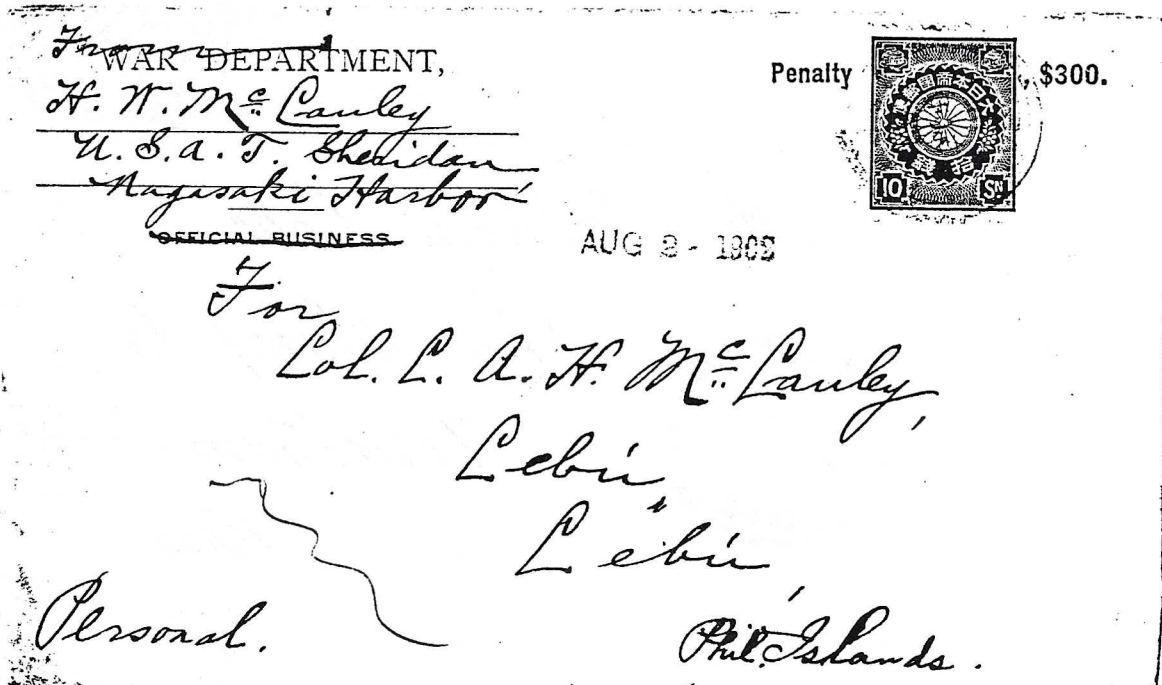
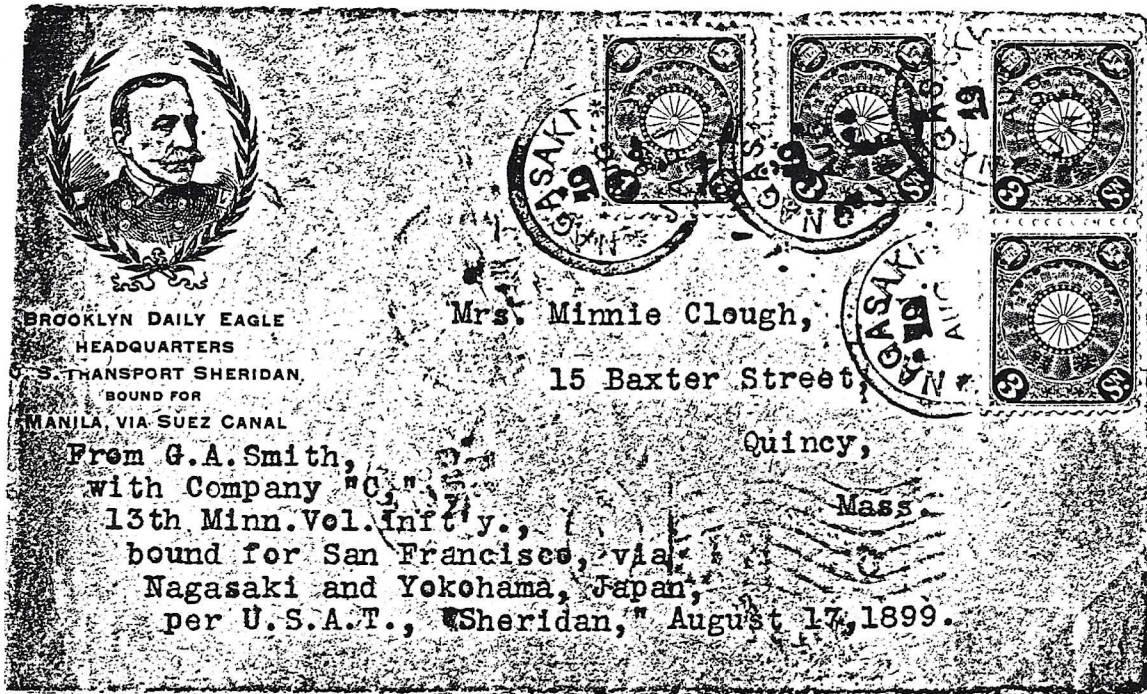


Department of the Navy,  
U. S. NAVAL STATION,  
ISLAND OF GUAM.  
Official business.

Official U.S. Navy  
Department registered  
cover sent from  
Government House,  
Agana.

JAPAN  
Troops in Transit Home

Nagasaki  
19 August 1899  
30 June 1902



The state volunteer troops called up on a temporary basis were replaced as regular army personnel could be trained and sent over to the Philippines. Upper cover from a volunteer being sent home via Japan on an Army transport ship, apparently after serving twelve months. Lower cover also from soldier on U.S.A.T. Sheridan but after completing service during the Philippine insurrection.