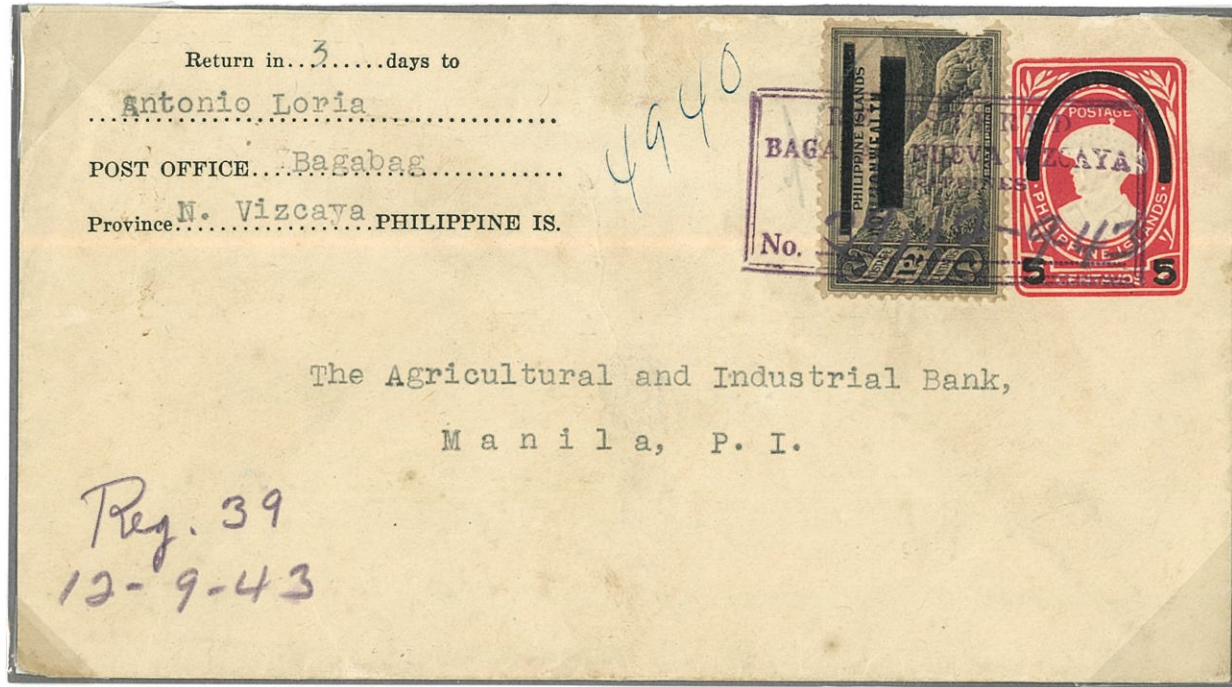


Usages of Provisionals

12C, Proper Usage as 12C Registry Rate



Dec. 9, 1943, Single First Class Registered Mail, Bagabag, Nueva Vizcaya to Manila
 Franked with a provisional 12C stamp as registry rate on Provisional 5C/6C Postal Envelop.
Scarce Postmark:
 Only known the boxed Bagabag registry postmark.

12C, a Rare Proof of War Held and US Recovered Mail



Sep. 26, 1944, Double First Class Registered Mail (Front only remained), Bangui, Ilocos Norte to Manila

Franked with 2 x 12C provisional stamp and 3 x 2C stamp of the first official issue, total 30C franking for 30C double first class rate (10C) plus registered rate (20C). The stamps were cancelled by pen and manuscript 'Reg. No 68' marking at the bottom left hand side. Probably this cover was posted on Sep. 26, 1944. It has no postmark at origin but "9-26-44 10:00AM" in manuscript at top right corner. However, it was undelivered on time for some reason and consigned to the Dead Letter Office, there is a boxed "D.L.O. / no." marking with OR-1172 in manuscript at top right. After the war, US Army captured this cover and censored by US civil censorship detachment, with US censor markings (CCD-410) and sealed by the clear censor tapes. It was finally delivered to the addressee because there is a purple "FORWARDED" marking with the date of 10/31/46 (Oct. 31, 1946).