

JANUARY 1, 1898

MANILA CIRCULATING COVER



JULY 5, 1898 – MANILA CIRCULATING

Cover with 17 of the 20 Stamp Issues of 1898 (excluding 4m, 2c and 4c values)

Cancelled with 'Correos - Manila' Circular Date Stamps (Type II)

Addressed to Zahlmeister (Purser) Gelbricht of the SMS Kaiserin Augusta,
c/o Dr Enrique Spitz, Escolta 8, Manila

Enrique Spitz (Prominent Philatelist of the time) Handstamp on Reverse

ENRIQUE SPITZ

SMS Kaiser Augusta was a protected cruiser built for the German Imperial Navy in the early 1890s. Named for Empress Augusta who died in January 1890, the ship was completed in November 1892. It served abroad between 1897 and 1902, primarily in the East Asia Squadron. Records show the ship was conducting manoeuvres around Manila Bay between June 12 and August 12, 1898 and again between August 21 and September 2, 1898.