

AGENCIA EDITORIAL

MANUEL ARIAS RODRIGUEZ

Agencia Editorial was a bookshop located in Escolta, Manila from the mid-1880s into the 20th century. Manuel Arias y Rodriguez (1850-1924), a wealthy Spanish book dealer and amateur photographer, ran the business with his brother Vicente. In addition to books, the firm sold a wide range of photographs of urban and landscape views of the regions. Records show Agencia Editorial located at Carriedo 2 between 1889 and 1902. In 1903, the shop took up premises at Carriedo 50, Escolta; moving to Carriedo 200 around 1915. Records from 1908 no longer show Manuel involved with Agencia Editorial, instead shows Vicente Arias Fernandez as proprietor. No records have been found that show when the business ceased, but it is known to have still been around in the mid-1920s.



Agencia Editorial, Carriedo Street, circa 1922

Manuel Arias was sympathetic to the revolutionary ferment. While selling Dr Jose Rizal's two novels on the sly, he undertook a personal odyssey: he photographed his comfortable surroundings as well as scenes from treks to distant provinces. Arias took on the role of war correspondent of the Philippine Revolution against Spain between 1896 and 1897 and supplied images to the Barcelona journal *La Ilustracion Artistica* between 1897 and 1900. In addition, his photographs appeared in 'El Comercio', a newspaper that featured the Philippine-Spanish war. One of his most important photographs was that of the execution of Dr Jose Rizal in Bagumbayan (now Luneta) on December 30, 1896.



*Rizal's Execution, December 30, 1896, Bagumbayan
(Photo taken by Manuel Arias y Rodriguez)*

When the Katipunan launched its revolution, Manuel Arias photographed the arrival in Manila of the Spanish military reinforcements to counter the offensive. Manuel followed the Spaniards as they bombarded rebellious towns. His series on the Filipino-Spanish war constitutes the most important body of images surrounding that conflict and is precarious evidence of the ferocity and determination of a subjugated people. In December 1897, Manuel followed the Spanish negotiators to the mountain stronghold of General Emilio

Aguinaldo and there documented the proceedings resulting in the cessation of hostilities and the exile of Aguinaldo. Inadvertently or by design, Manuel Arias photographed a dignified general resplendent in his uniform. He was appointed as the Spanish Vice-Consul at Yokohama, Japan in 1912. He remained in Japan until his death there in 1924.

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BUSINESS HANDSTAMP

BH1: TWO SINGLE LINED OVAL HANDSTAMP WITH SQUARED CORNERS



AGENCIA EDITORIAL on Top
MANILA on Bottom with Emblem on Either Side

Stamps Issued Between 1882 - 1891



Scott #79



Scott #79



Scott #79



Scott #79



Scott #81



Scott #88



Scott #164



Scott #109



Scott #109



Scott #109



Scott #111

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PRIVATELY PRINTED COVER

PPC1: AGENCIA EDITORIAL



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MANUEL ARIAS RODRIGUEZ. — MANILA.



December 11, 1886 – Manila to Berlin, Germany

Six 2-4/8c Stamps (15c) Under-paying Single Weight Rate (8c) plus Registration Fee (8c) by 1c
(1c value stamps were not issued until 1888, most probably the reduced 15c rate was accepted for this rate)

Tied with 'R' Registration Handstamp and Manuscript 'Certificada' Along Side

January 16, 1887 Receiving Postmark on Reverse

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BH1: TWO SINGLE LINED OVAL HANDSTAMP WITH SQUARED CORNERS



13 May 1888 - Cover from Manila to Berlin, Germany

8c paying Single Weight Overseas Rate, cancelled with 'Correos - Manila' Departure Circular Date Stamp
Business Handstamp (BH1) applied on reverse of Privately Printed Cover (PPC1)

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January 1889 – Manila to London, England
8c Stamp paying Single Weight Rate to UPU Country
London (February 23, 1889) Receiving Postmark on Front

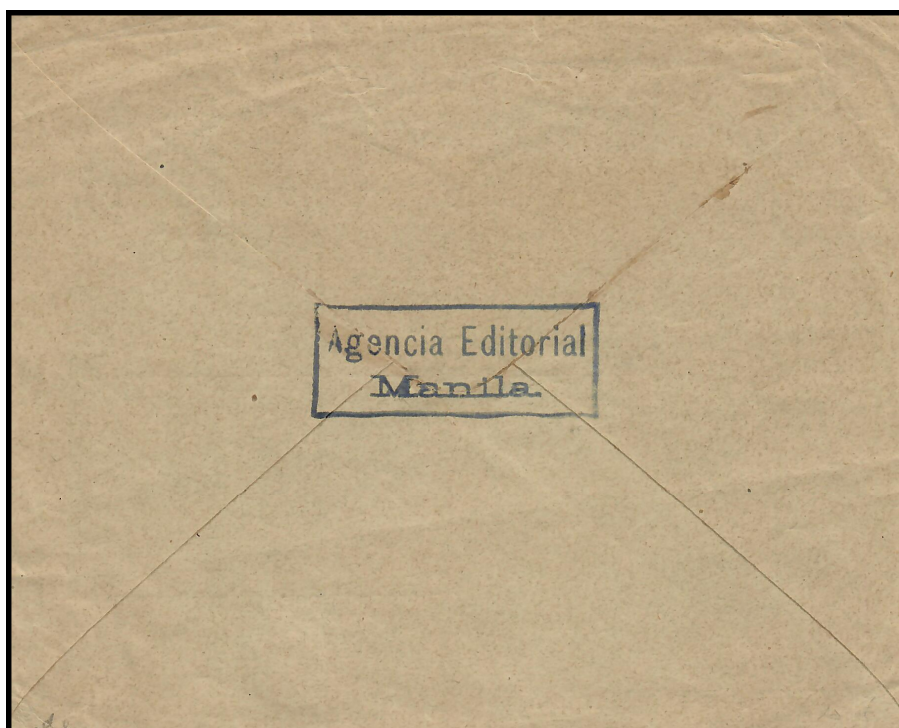
[Provenance: Don Peterson Collection]

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BUSINESS HANDSTAMP

BH3: RECTANGULAR BOXED HANDSTAMP

Agencia Editorial
Manila.



29 July 1890 - Cover from Manila to Berlin, Germany

8c paying Single Weight Overseas Rate, cancelled with 'Correos - Manila' Departure Circular Date Stamp
Business Handstamp (BH3) applied on reverse of Privately Printed Cover (PPC1)

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BUSINESS HANDSTAMP

BH4: FANCY DOUBLE LINED RECTANGULAR HANDSTAMP



**AGENCIA EDITORIAL on Top
MANILA. on Bottom**

1888



Scott #109

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BUSINESS HANDSTAMP

BH5: THREE STRAIGHT LINED HANDSTAMP

LIBRERIA
AGENCIA EDITORIAL
MANILA.

LIBRERIA on Top
AGENCIA EDITORIAL in Centre
MANILA. on Bottom

1891



Warren W-147

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BH2: TWO SINGLE LINED OVAL HANDSTAMP



1-MILESIMA OLIVE-GREY ISSUE OF 1894 USED AS SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENT



Scott #P11 (Gutter Strip of 10) with Agencia Editorial Business Handstamp on Bottom Selvedge

Manuscript Text Translation:

Here are one hundred 1-milésimas de peso stamps which will be presented in exchange for subscription, Manila – 31 December 1895

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BUSINESS HANDSTAMP

BH2: TWO SINGLE LINED OVAL HANDSTAMP



**AGENCIA EDITORIAL on Top
 MANILA on Bottom with Emblem on Either Side**

1-MILESIMA OLIVE-GREY ISSUE OF 1894 USED AS SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENT



Scott #P11 (Block of 40) with Agencia Editorial Business Handstamp on Bottom Selvedge
 (Reduced in Size)

Manuscript Text Translation:

Here are one hundred 1-milésimas de peso stamps which will be presented in exchange for subscription
 Manila – 31 December 1895

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AGUINALDO INSURRECTION PERIOD

DOMESTIC REGISTERED COVER TO MANUEL ARIAS



3 October 1898 – Registered Cover from Dagupan to Malolos, Bulacan, addressed to Manuel Arias

4c Paying Double Domestic Rate with 8c Registration stamp affixed and tied to bottom left

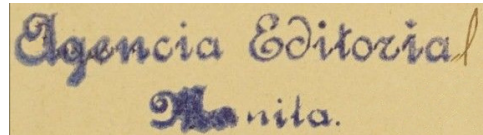
Aguinaldo Stamps (Scott Y3 and YF1)

[NVK Stamps Auction No. 5 – Lot 61 – 10 September 2021]

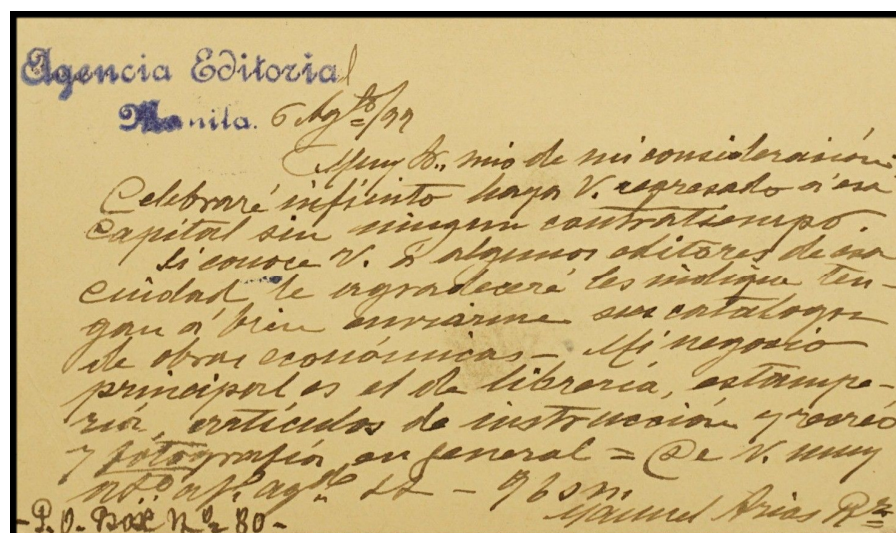
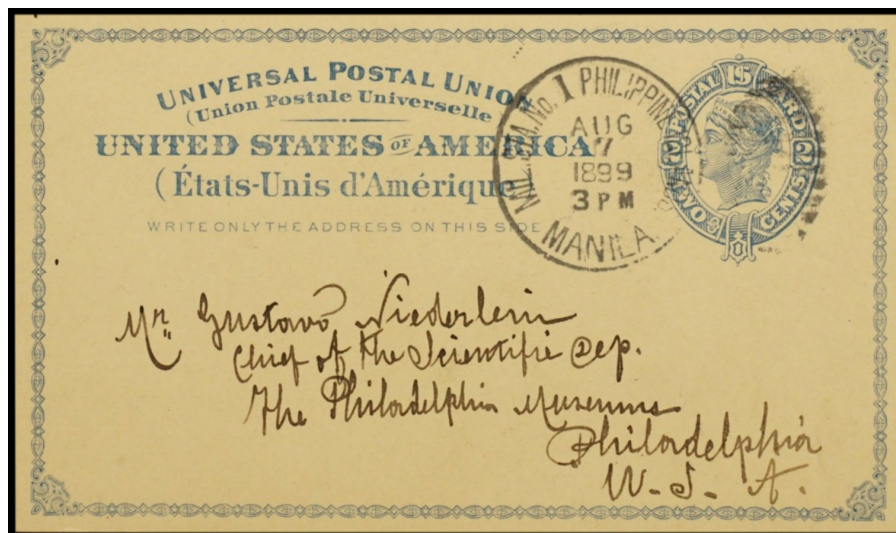
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BUSINESS HANDSTAMP

BH6: TWO LINE HANDSTAMP



Agencia Editorial on Top (L in Editorial written in manuscript)
Manila. on Bottom



7 August 1899 - US Postal Card Used from Manila to Philadelphia, USA

'Military Station No 1 - Manila' Duplex Cancel

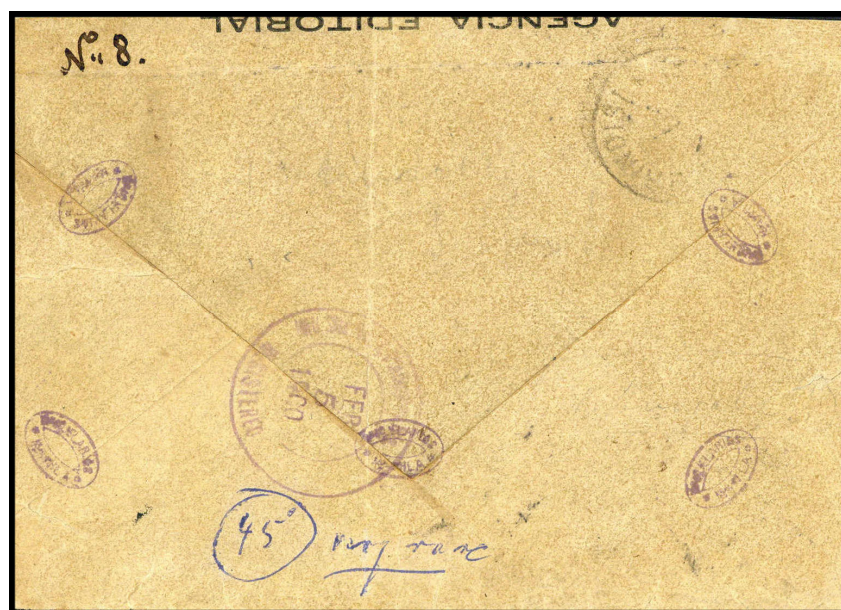
Business Handstamp (BH5) applied on reverse

Written and Signed by Manuel Arias Rodriguez on 6 August 1899

[Ebay – 9 November 2018]

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INBOUND COVER FROM CAROLINE ISLANDS
ADDRESSED TO MANUEL ARIAS RODRIGUEZ



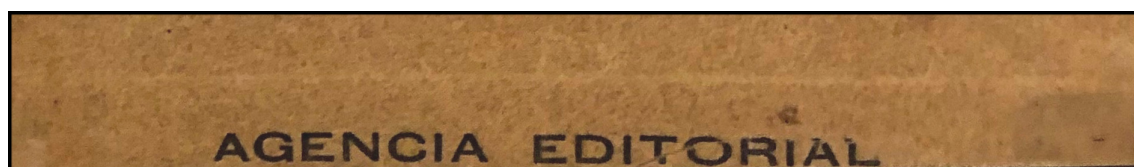
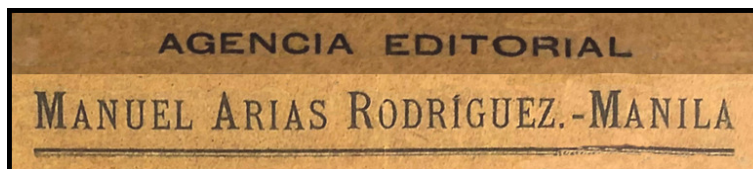
17 October 1899 – Registered Cover from Ponape, Karolinen (Caroline Islands) to Manila
 Complete set of stamp tied with Ponape Circular Date Stamps on Folded Agencia Editorial Pre-Printed Envelope
 Manila (5 February 1900) Receiving Circular Date Stamp on Reverse

[Württembergisches Auktionshaus, Lot 7004, 24 June 2023]

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INBOUND COVER FROM MARIANAS ISLAND

PPC2: AGENCIA EDITORIAL



24 September 1899(?) – Cover from Marianas Island to Manila
Pre-Printed cover with top part folded over to back side of cover

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US OCCUPATION

INBOUND COVER FROM CHINA

**ADDRESSED TO AGENCIA EDITORIAL
DE MANUEL ARIAS-RODRIGUEZ
MANILA**



3 February 1911 – Cover from Kiautschou, Tsingtao, China to Manila via HongKong
(Used During the German Occupation of Kiautschou)

Cancelled with Tsingtao, Circular Date Stamps

HongKong (9 February 1911) Transit Circular Date Stamp on Reverse

Manila, P.I. (10 February 1911) Receiving Circular Date Backstamp

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US OCCUPATION

INBOUND COVER FROM CHINA

**ADDRESSED TO MANUEL ARIAS RODRIGUEZ
PO Box 80
MANILA**



27 May 1911 – Registered Cover from Kiautschou, Tsingtau, China to Manila via HongKong
(Used During the German Occupation of Kiautschou)

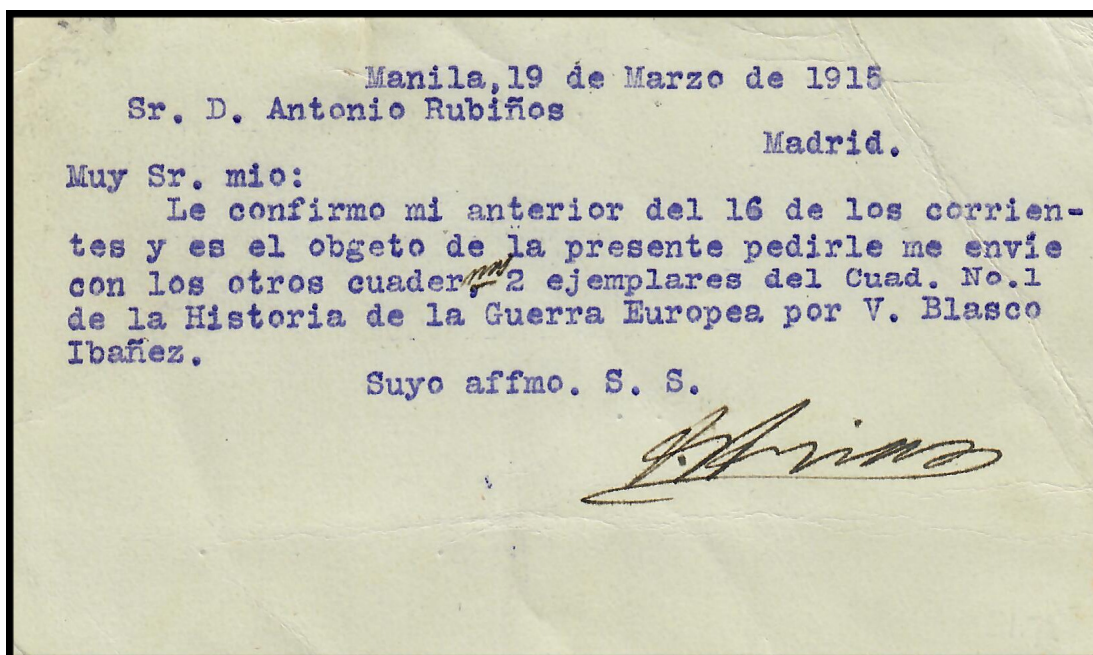
Cancelled with Tsingtau, Circular Date Stamps

Manila, P.I. (6 June 1911) Receiving Circular Date Backstamp

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US OCCUPATION

POSTAL CARD WITH CORNER CARD HANDSTAMP



19 March 1915 – Postal Card from Manila to Madrid, Spain carried by 'SS Alicante'