

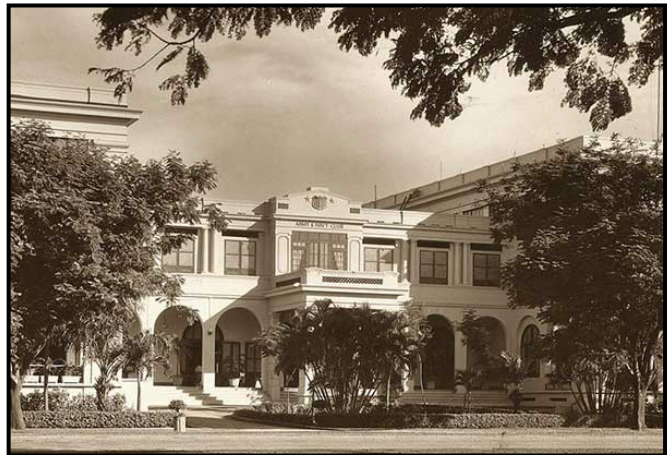
ARMY AND NAVY CLUB



The Manila Army and Navy Club, founded in 1898, was the first American social club to be established in the Philippines for the exclusive use of the U.S. military personnel and civilians, and later Filipinos. Since the time it was established, it was one of the centres of Manila's social life and was the site of many important events in Philippine – American relations.

The Army and Navy Club of Manila was organised in December 1898. The first president was Colonel Smith of California. Notable persons who became its presidents were Admiral George Dewey, General Arthur MacArthur, Jr. and his son Douglas MacArthur, and Leonard Wood.

The Club was originally housed in a building in Intramuros, Manila. A new building was designed by William E. Parsons, the renowned Yale-educated city planner and architect. It was built by the US Army Corps of Engineers, completing construction on April 12, 1911. The Army & Navy Club transferred to its present site near the then Luneta Park (now Rizal Park), an area along the shores of Manila Bay reserved by urban planner Daniel Burnham in his plan of Manila, and shows the characteristic trademark of William Parsons with the generous use of arches and Capiz shells for windows. The Club was described as "a dignified white structure, nearly hidden by beautiful palms and acacia trees, and guarded by a well-carved wrought iron fence. The original was a spacious H-shaped affair. The club has a reputation of being among the best of its type in the world with excellent food, a superb staff, and a swimming pool. It also boasted a bowling alley, tennis and squash courts, and a huge officer's bar". During the American colonial period, Filipinos, other than servants, were not allowed in the club.



The club shared a lot with the Manila Elks Club, a local branch of the fraternal lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks whose membership was open to civilians and is still operating. Together they were the centre of the social life of Americans in Manila for many decades.



During the Second World War, it was used as a bomb shelter and evacuation centre during attacks by the Japanese Army and it was occupied by the Japanese during the entirety of the Japanese occupation of the Philippines.

The building survived the war but its gradual decline began in the 1960s and for a time served as the city architect's office until the building showed signs of crumbling. It was then used as a manufacturing site for the city's

Christmas lanterns, thereby contributing more to the building's decay until it was resurrected as the short-lived Museo de Manila in the mid-1990s. For several years after the Museo de Manila closed, the Manila Army and Navy Club building was left in a state of disrepair.

ARMY AND NAVY CLUB

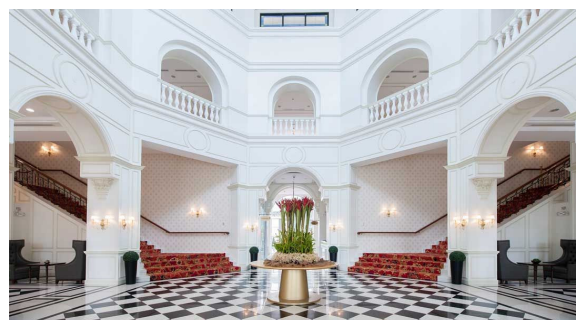
On April 26, 1991, the building was declared a National Historical Landmark by the National Historical Institute. In 2007 the then-derelict building was planned to be renovated. In 2014, the City of Manila, with the approval of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) entered into a lease agreement with Oceanville Hotel and Spa Corporation for the renovation and use of the building as a five-star hotel. Oceanville then entered into memorandum of agreement with Vanderwood Management Corporation for the sublease of a portion of the building for 20 years for use as a gaming facility, which it then subleased to the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) for 15 years.

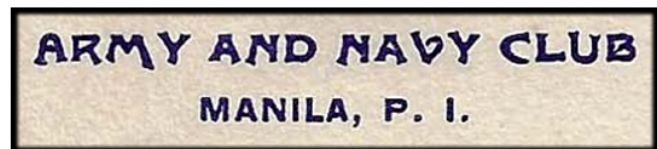
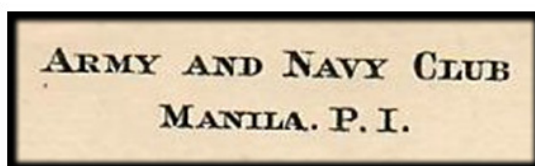
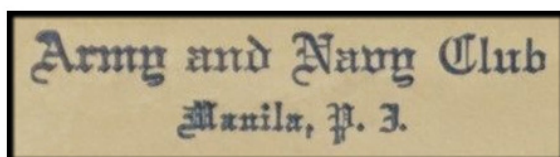
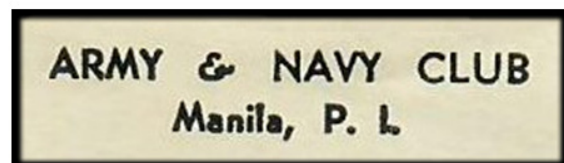
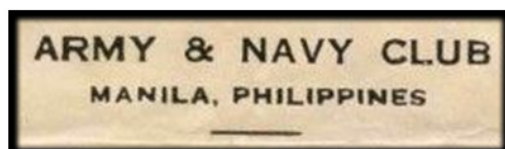
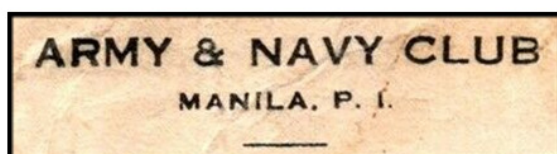
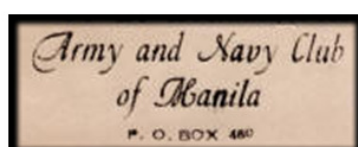
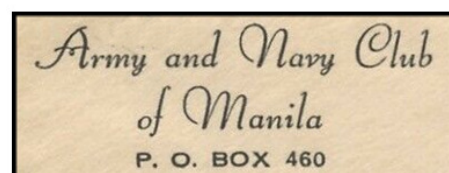
The redevelopment of the building started in 2014 with Palafox Associates and AMH Philippines being tapped for the design and structural assessment of the building, respectively. After the assessment was completed, work began in the retrofitting of the building's columns using reinforced concrete. It was also decided, with the approval of the NHCP, to remove two annex buildings at the back of the property that were not part of the original building. Debris, including many of the original wrought-iron windows, wrought-iron railings and ceramic floor tiles inside the building, were also cleared, which caused controversy after photos of the clearing operation circulated in social media. On September 5, 2014, the NHCP issued a cease-and-desist order against Oceanville for tampering with the main building without their permission. Oceanville argued that the clearing was done to remove debris that might pose danger to workers on the site. But the NHCP said the developer acted without the agency's approval.

Following Oceanville and Palafox Associates' presentation of the final plan for the building, the NHCP withdrew its cease-and-desist order provided that no additional demolition of the building's historical components will be conducted without the agency's approval. By 2015, the redevelopment of the building resumed but it caused controversy again after the engineering firm behind the project cut several old trees located in the site. It drew criticism from heritage conservationists and environmentalists. According to the developer, 31 trees were cut while 13 were earth-balled and replanted in another location, all with the approval of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The redevelopment of the building reportedly cost P2.4 billion.



In June 2017, the building reopened as the Rizal Park Hotel with the building still retaining the name Manila Army and Navy Club at the facade. The Rizal Park Hotel had its soft opening and grand launch on 26 July 2017. The boutique five-star hotel has 110 rooms, categorised as Standard, Deluxe, Junior Suite, Premier Suite, Premier Suite with Ante Room and Army Navy Club Suite. Among the amenities of the hotel include a 300-square meter spa; all-day dining at the hotel's sole restaurant; a coffee shop and a 600-square metre sky bar. It also has an infinity swimming pool at the back, a bakeshop that sells freshly baked pastries, a banquet that can seat 1,200 people and a completely staffed kitchen with 38 chefs.



ARMY AND NAVY CLUB**RECORDED TYPES OF PRINTED RETURN ADDRESS CORNERS**RA1: ARMY AND NAVY CLUBRA2: ARMY AND NAVY CLUBRA3: ARMY AND NAVY CLUBRA4 (A&B): ARMY AND NAVY CLUBRA5: ARMY AND NAVY CLUBRA6: ARMY & NAVY CLUBRA7: ARMY & NAVY CLUBRA7A: ARMY AND NAVY CLUBRA8: ARMY & NAVY CLUBRA9: ARMY AND NAVY CLUB OF MANILARA10: ARMY AND NAVY CLUB OF MANILARA11: ARMY AND NAVY CLUB OF MANILA

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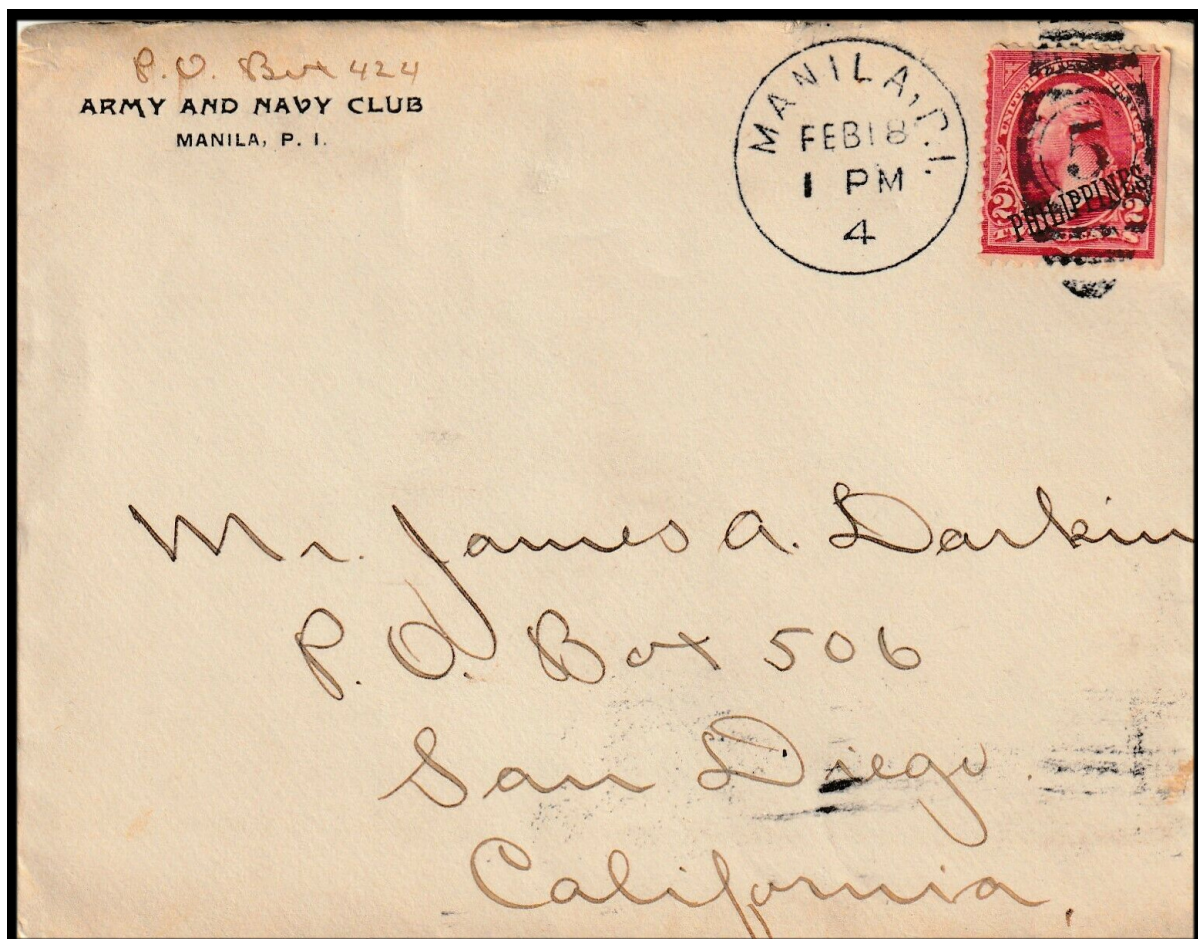
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**ARMY AND NAVY CLUB
MANILA, P. I.**



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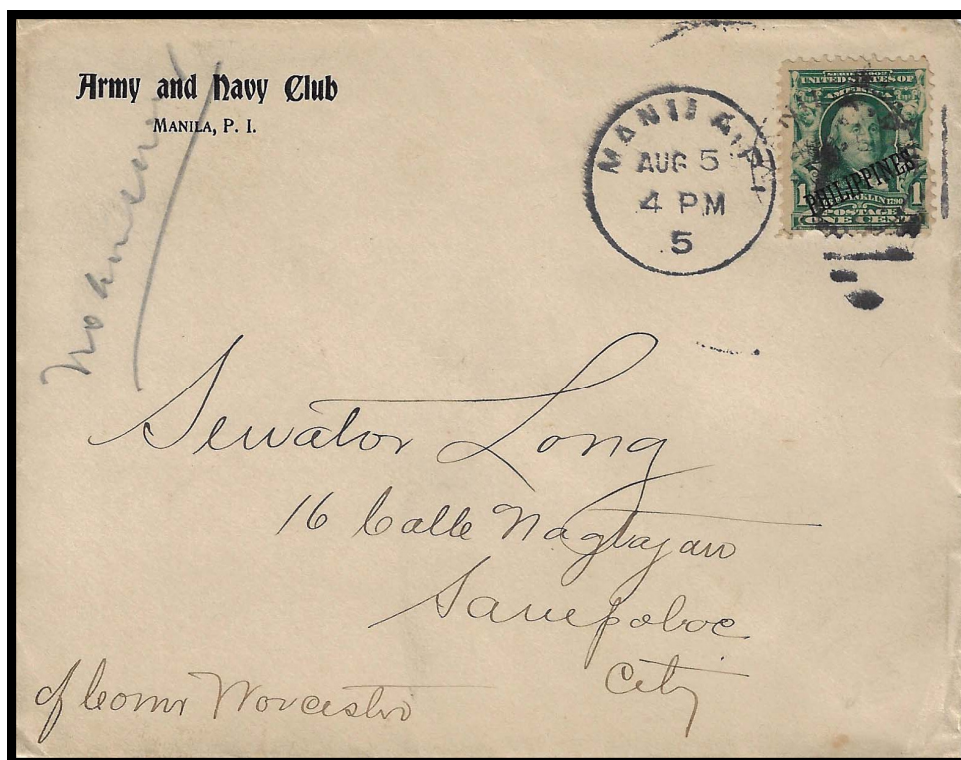
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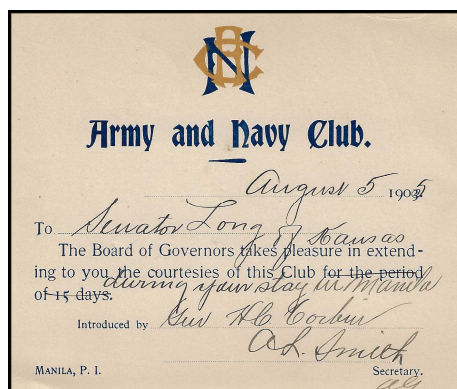
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Army and Navy Club
MANILA, P. I.



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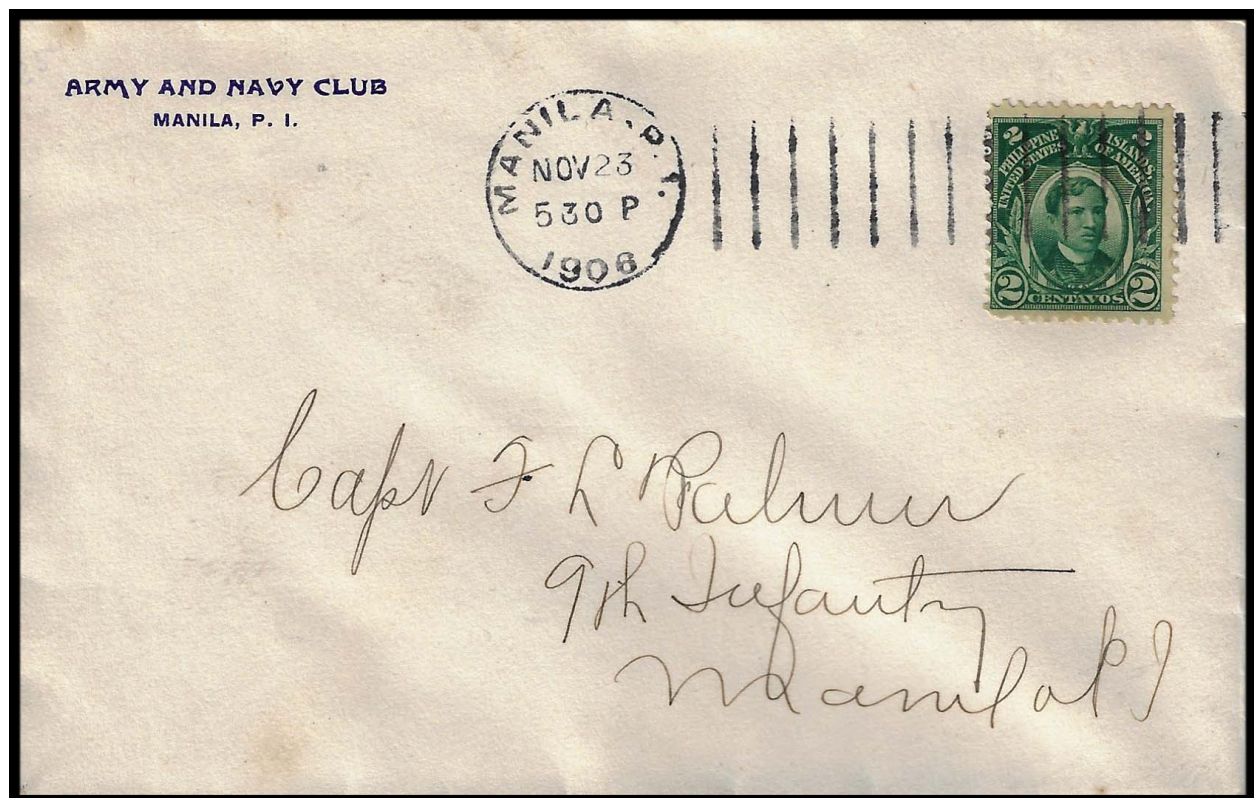
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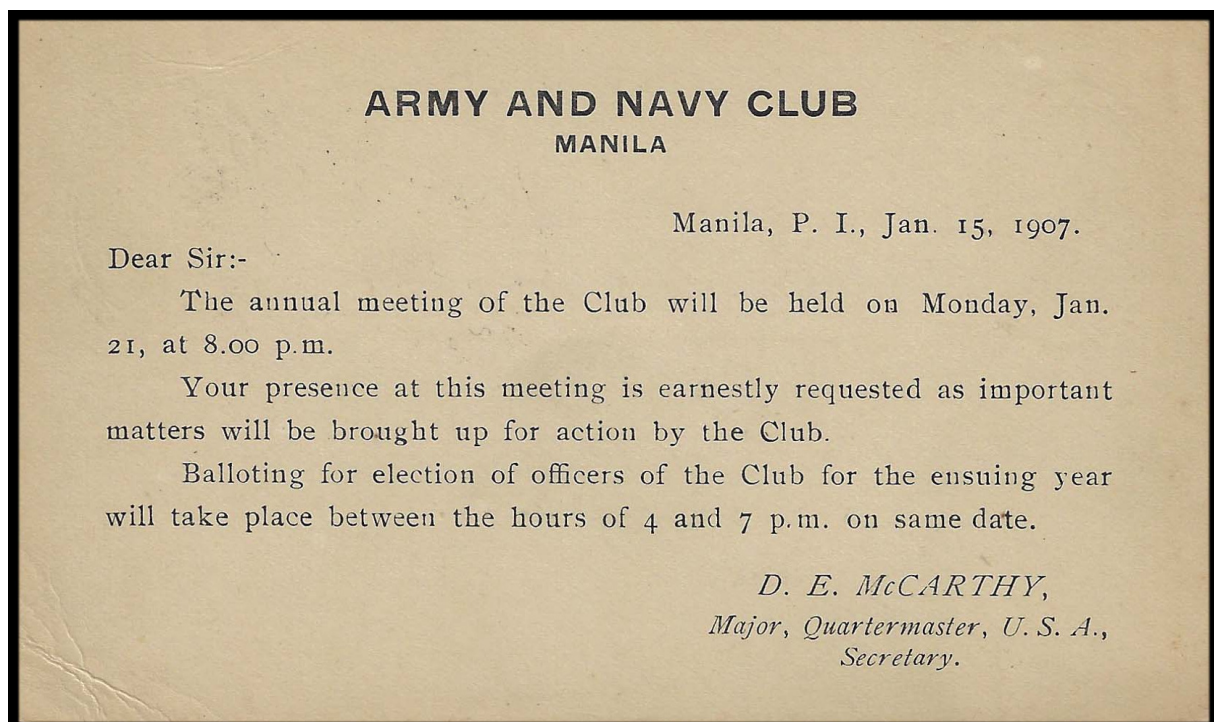
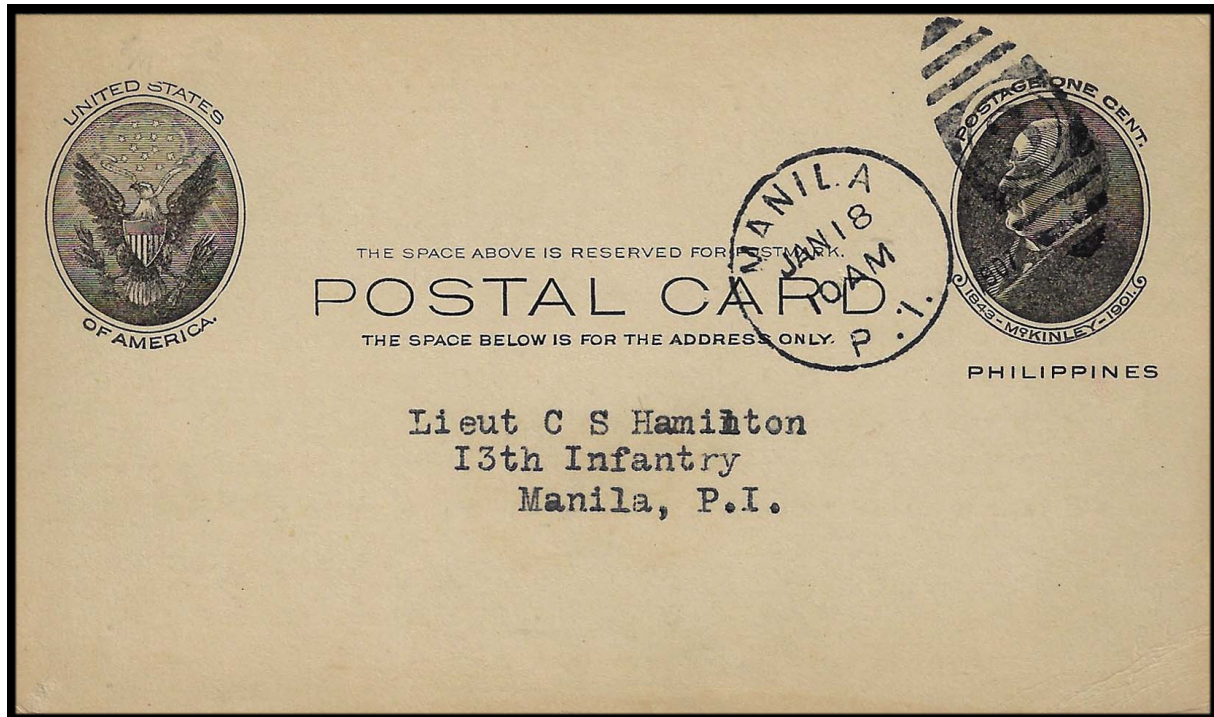
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MANILA, P. I.**



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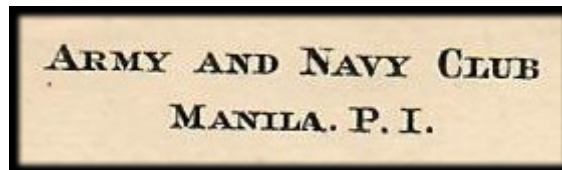
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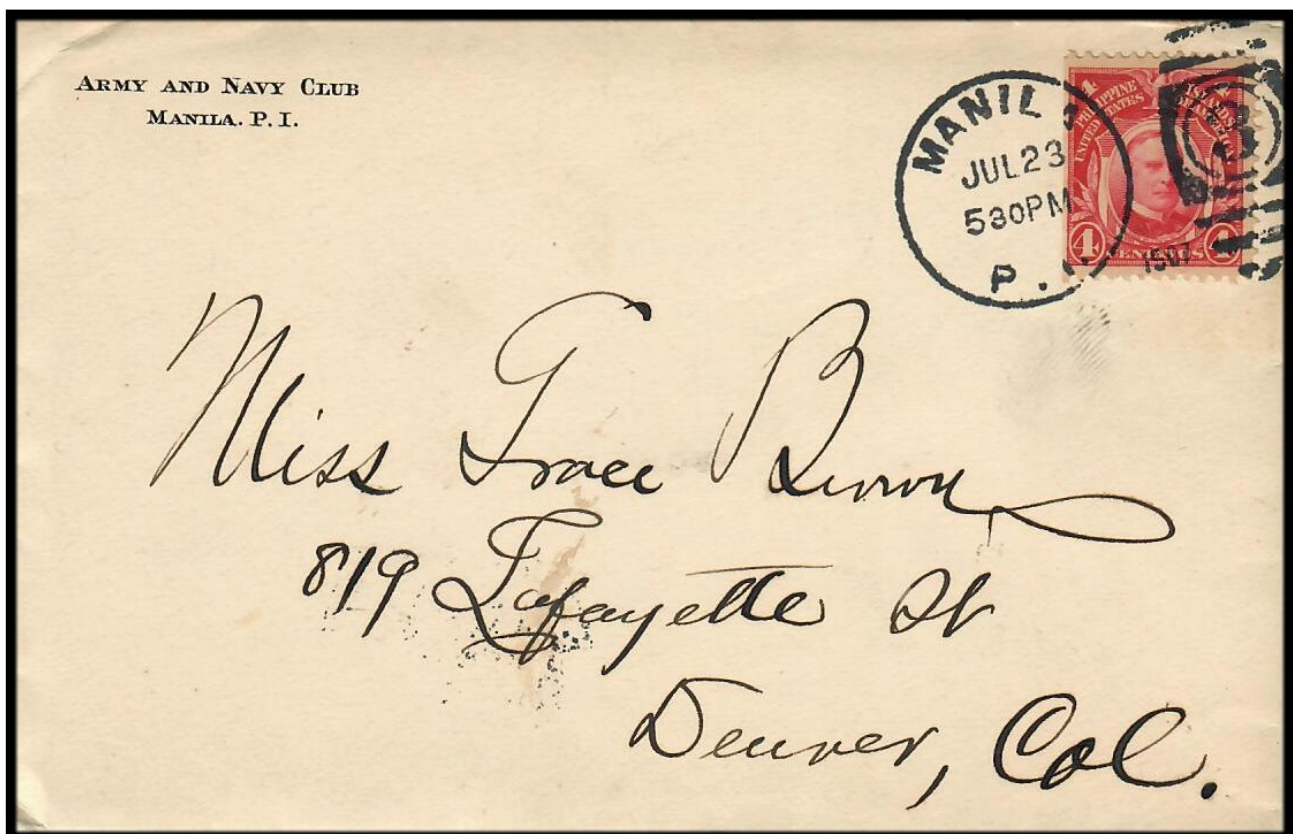
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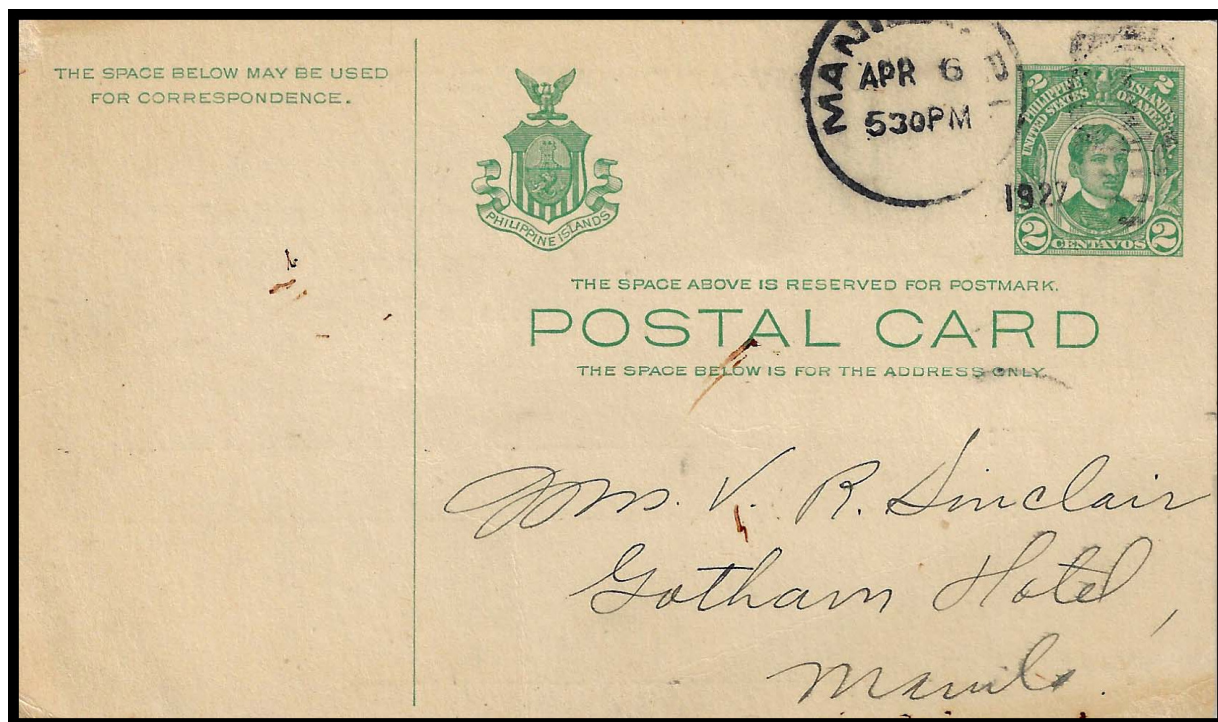
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23 July 1907 – Cover from Manila to Denver, Colorado, USA

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LIBRARY**

The book named below, which you asked to have reserved for you, is now available and will be held for you until the evening of April 7, 1927.

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Title: Madame Bovary

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Manila, P. I. April 6, 1927.

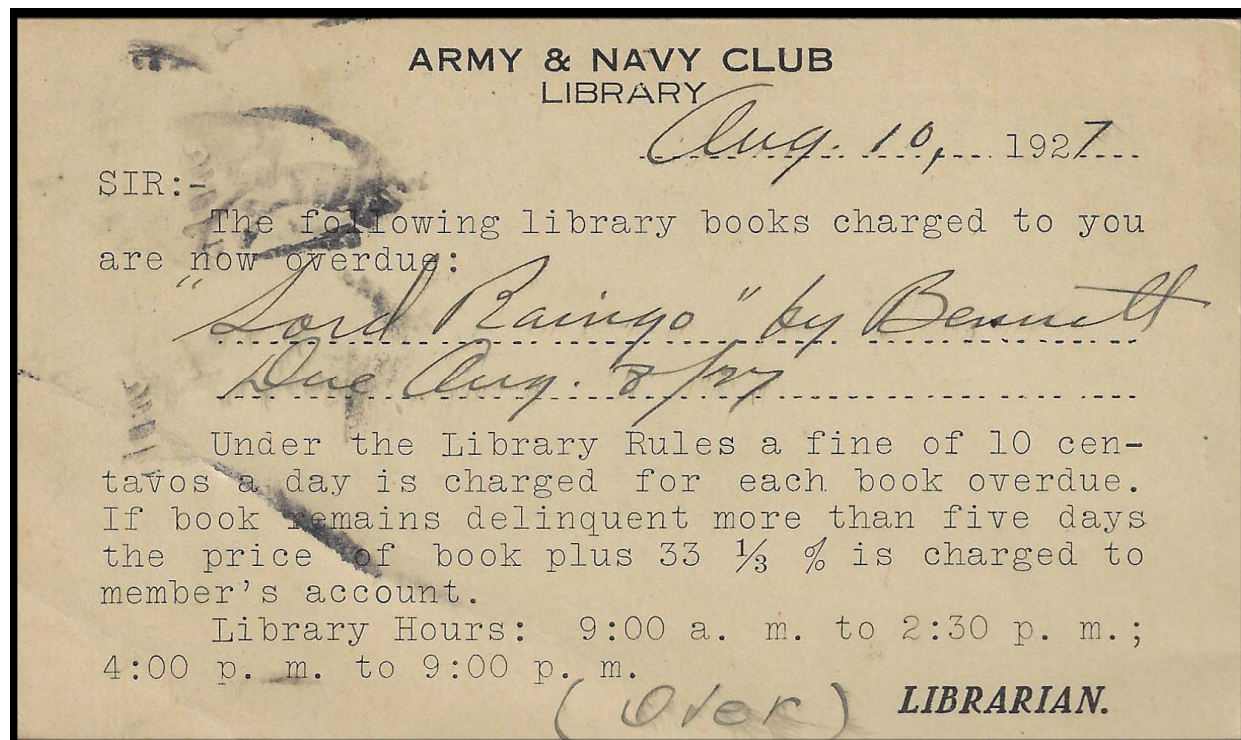
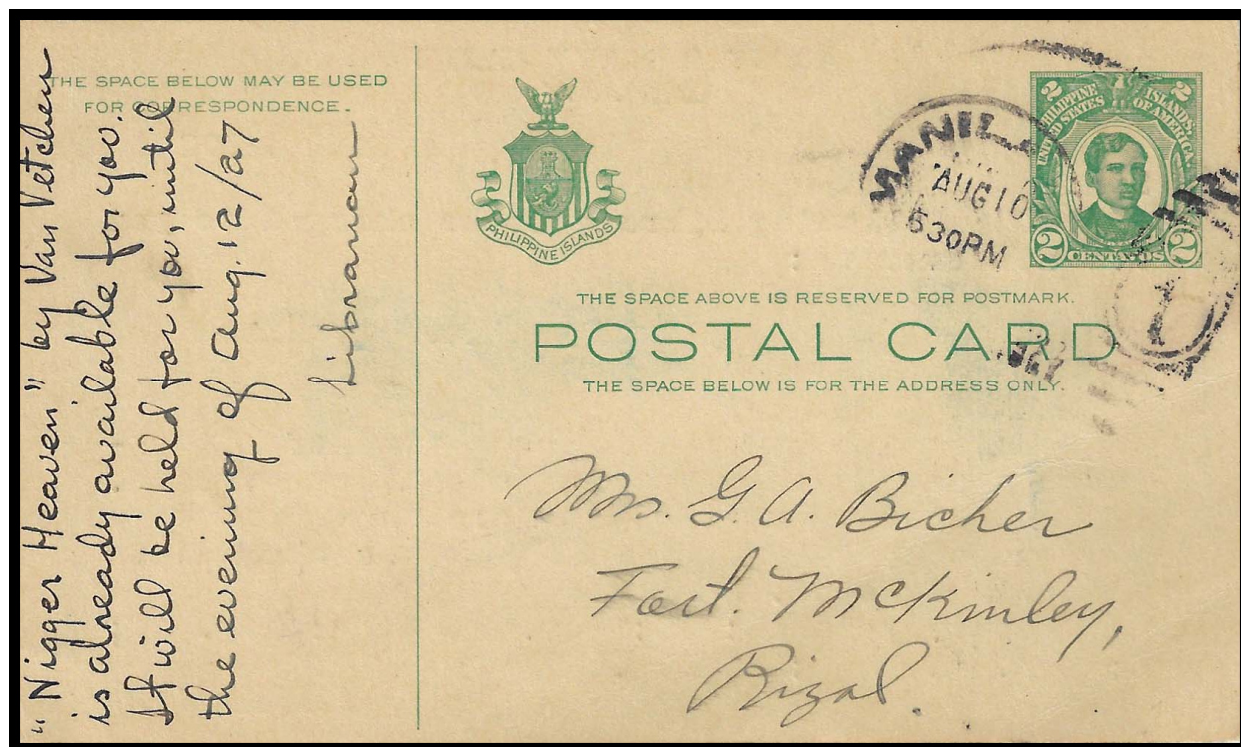
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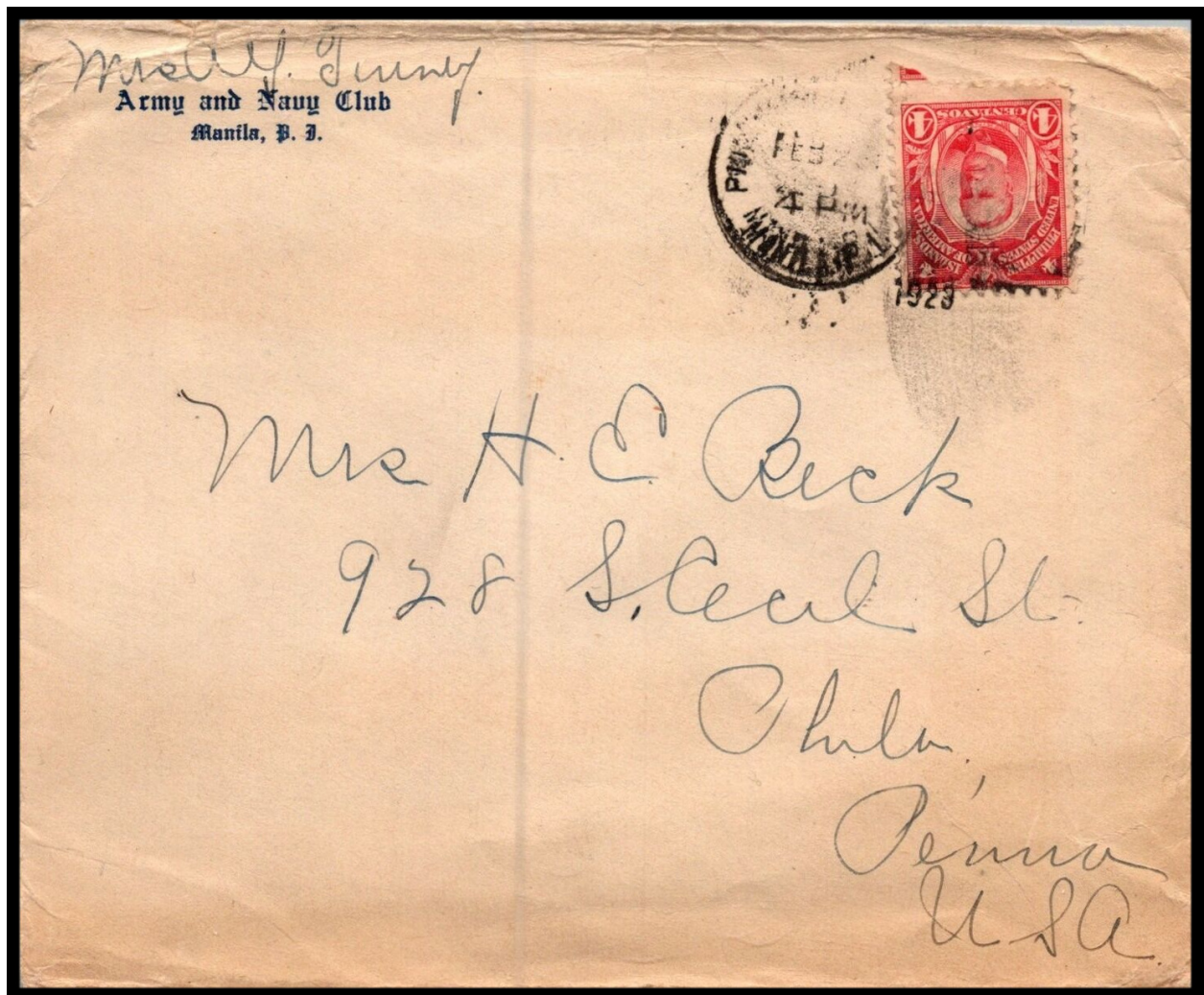
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**Army and Navy Club [32.5mm Long]
Manila, P. I.**



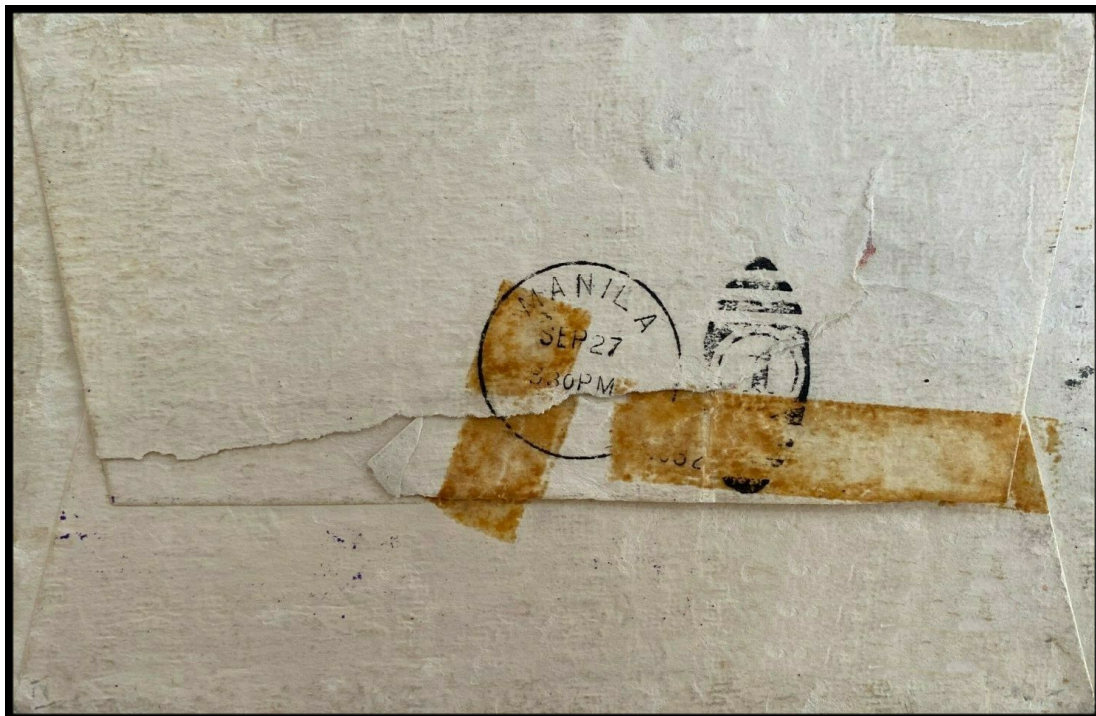
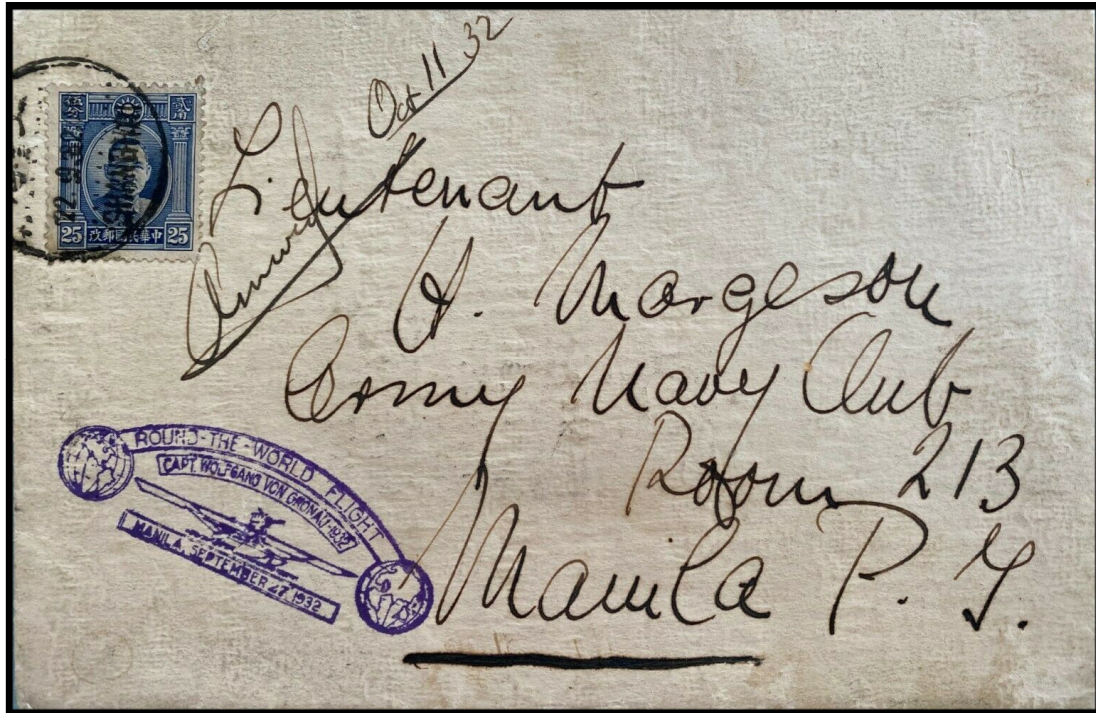
26 February 1929 – Cover from Manila to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

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22 September 1932 – Shanghai, China to Army and Navy Club, Manila, Philippine Islands

Von Gronau Round the World Flight Cachet on bottom left

Manila (27 September 1932) Duplex No. 1 Receiving Backstamp

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RA4B: ARMY AND NAVY CLUB



**Army and Navy Club [35mm Long]
Manila, P. I.**



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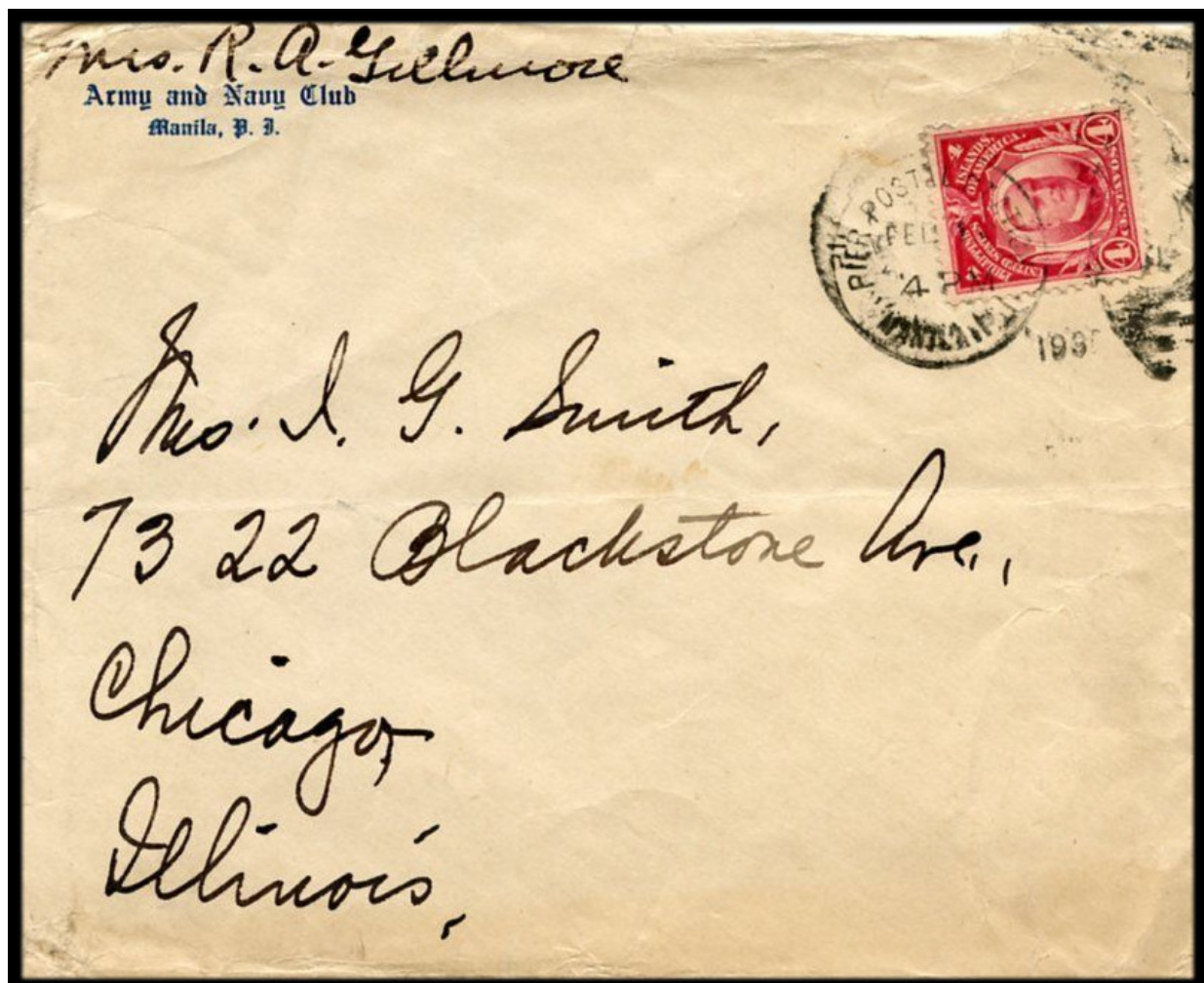
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Army and Navy Club [35mm Long]
Manila, P. I.



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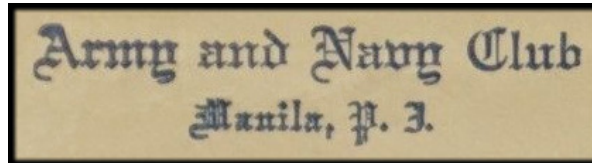
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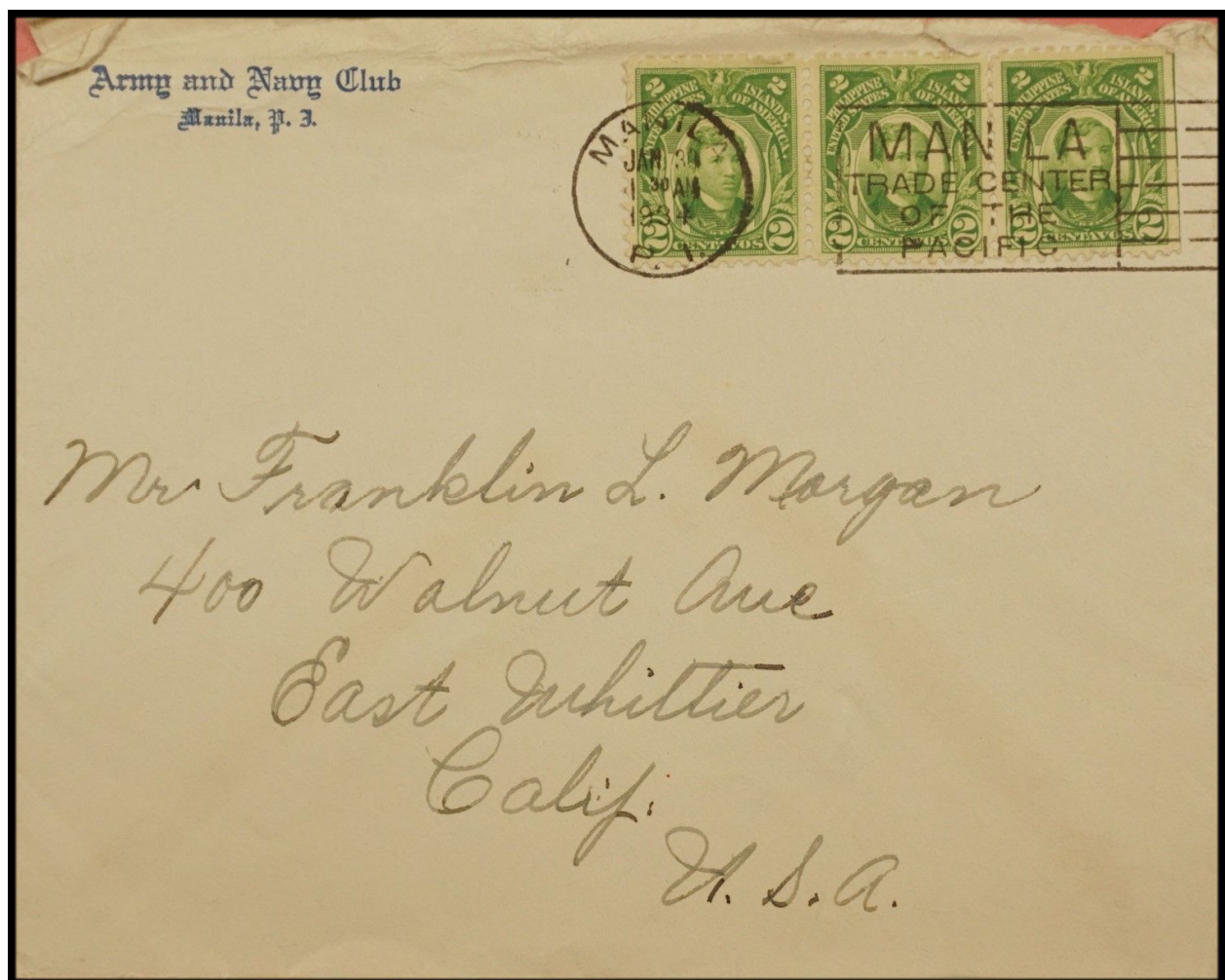
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Army and Navy Club
Manila, P. I.



30 January 1934 – Cover from Manila to California, USA

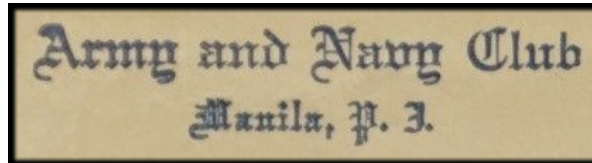
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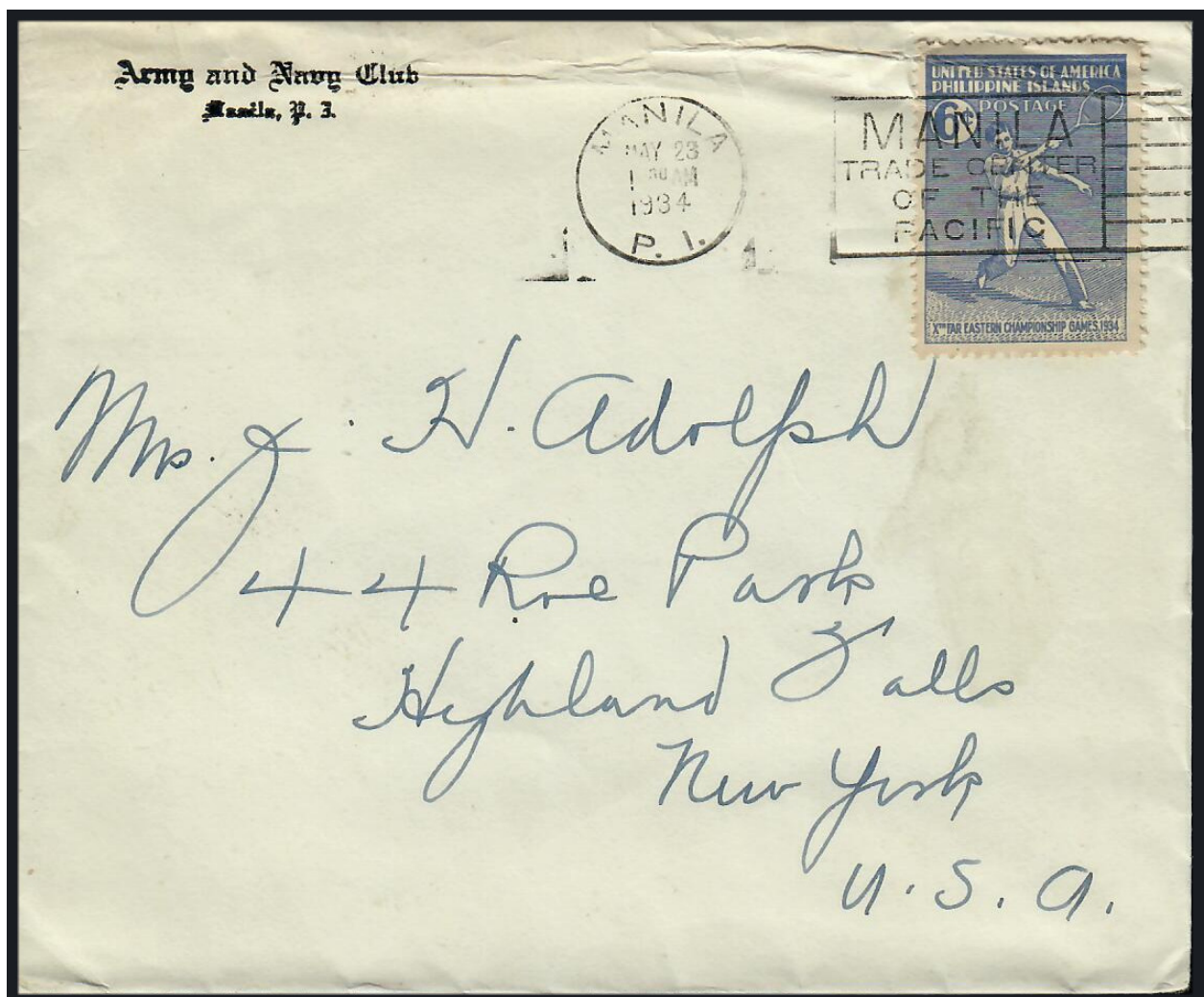
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**Army and Navy Club
Manila, P. I.**



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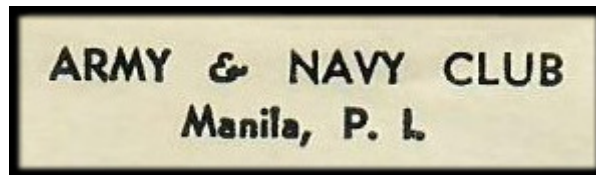
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**ARMY & NAVY CLUB
Manila, P. I.**



29 June 1935 – Cover from Manila to Singapore, via Flying Boat of the British Royal Air Corps

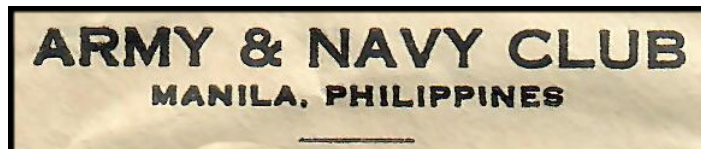
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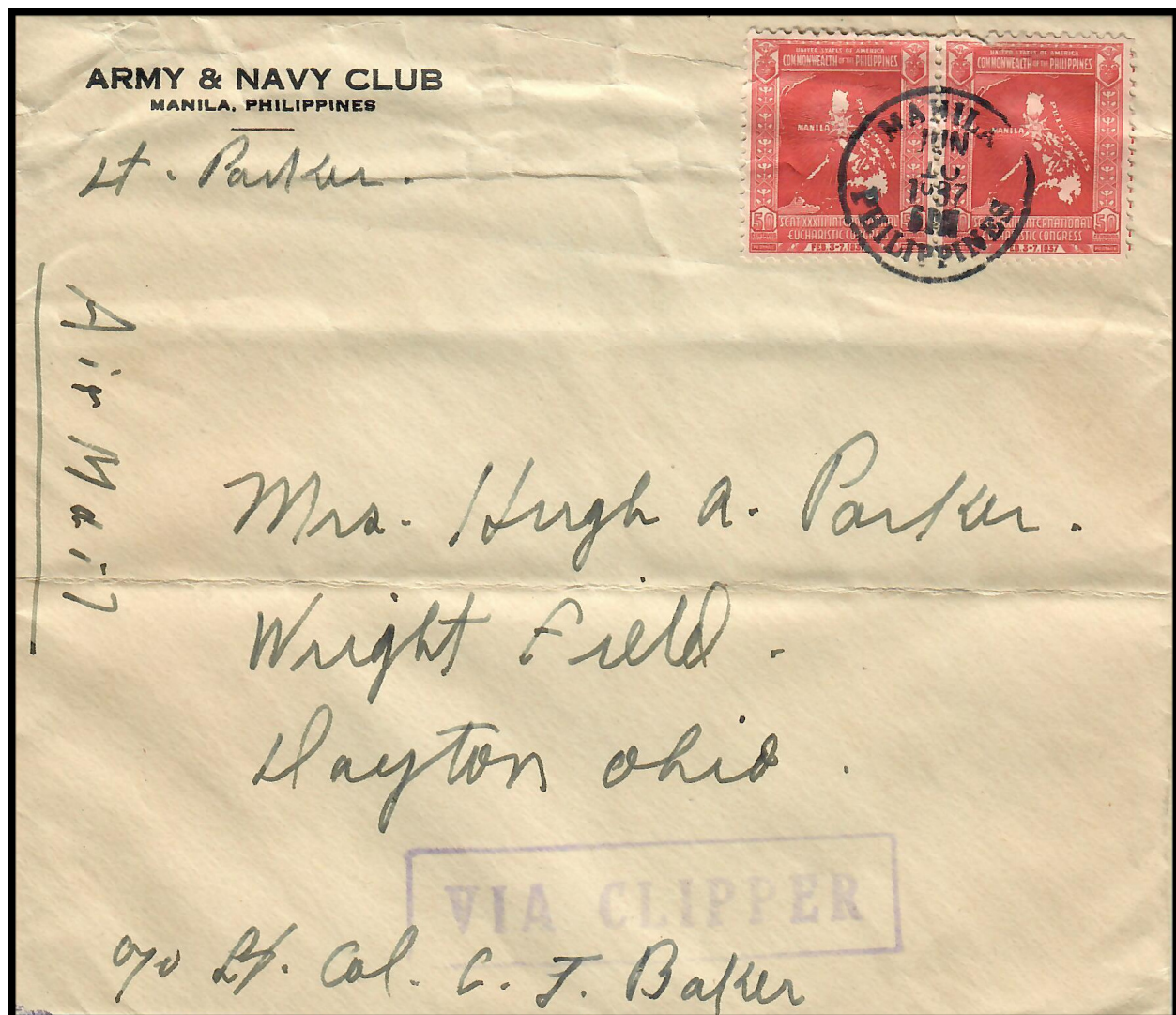
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**ARMY & NAVY CLUB
MANILA. PHILIPPINES**



10 June 1937 – Cover from Manila to Dayton, Ohio, USA, via Clipper Mail

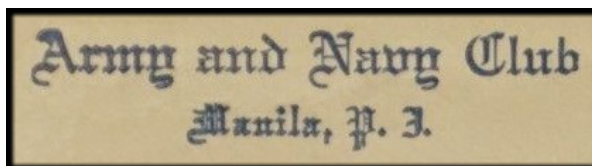
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Army and Navy Club
Manila, P. I.



16 November 1938 – Cover from Manila to Canton, China, via Hong Kong

Carried by 'SS Atsuta Maru' with Hong Kong Transit Cancel

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INBOUND COVER



5 April 1939 – Port-Au-Prince, Republic of D'Haiti to Army and Navy Club, Manila, Philippine Islands

Manila (18 April 1939) 'Register Valuable Mail' Slogan Receiving Cancel on Reverse

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THE ARMY &
NAVY CLUB
Manila, Philippines

presents

DIANE DEERING
CHRISTENBERRY, B.M.
Lyric Soprano
assisted by the
CARLUEN
INSTRUMENTAL TRIO

Nov. 26, 1939
8:30 PM—9:30 PM.

COMMONWEALTH

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

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Mr. Enrique Zobel.
Ayala & Cia.,
Manila

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PROGRAM

1. Moussorgsky—
Scherzo Allegro Vivace
—INSTRUMENTAL TRIO
2. (a) Desire Cowles
(b) Elégie Massenet
(c) The Old Refrain Kreisler
—DIANE DEERING CHRISTENBERRY
3. Cello Solo — with piano accompaniment
(a) Phantom Melody Ketelby
(b) Scherzo - Op. 12, No. 2. Van Goens
4. Vissi D'Arte, Vissi D'Amore -
from Tosca Puccini
—DIANE DEERING CHRISTENBERRY
5. Beethoven — Trio, Op. 1, No. 1
(a) Vivace
(b) Adagio
(c) Presto
—INSTRUMENTAL TRIO
6. (a) Spirit Flower..... Campbell-Tipton
(b) Thy Beaming
Eyes ... McDowell
(c) A Birthday Woodman
—DIANE DEERING CHRISTENBERRY

(Christmas Concert will be announced
at a later date)

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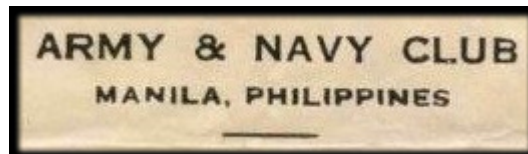
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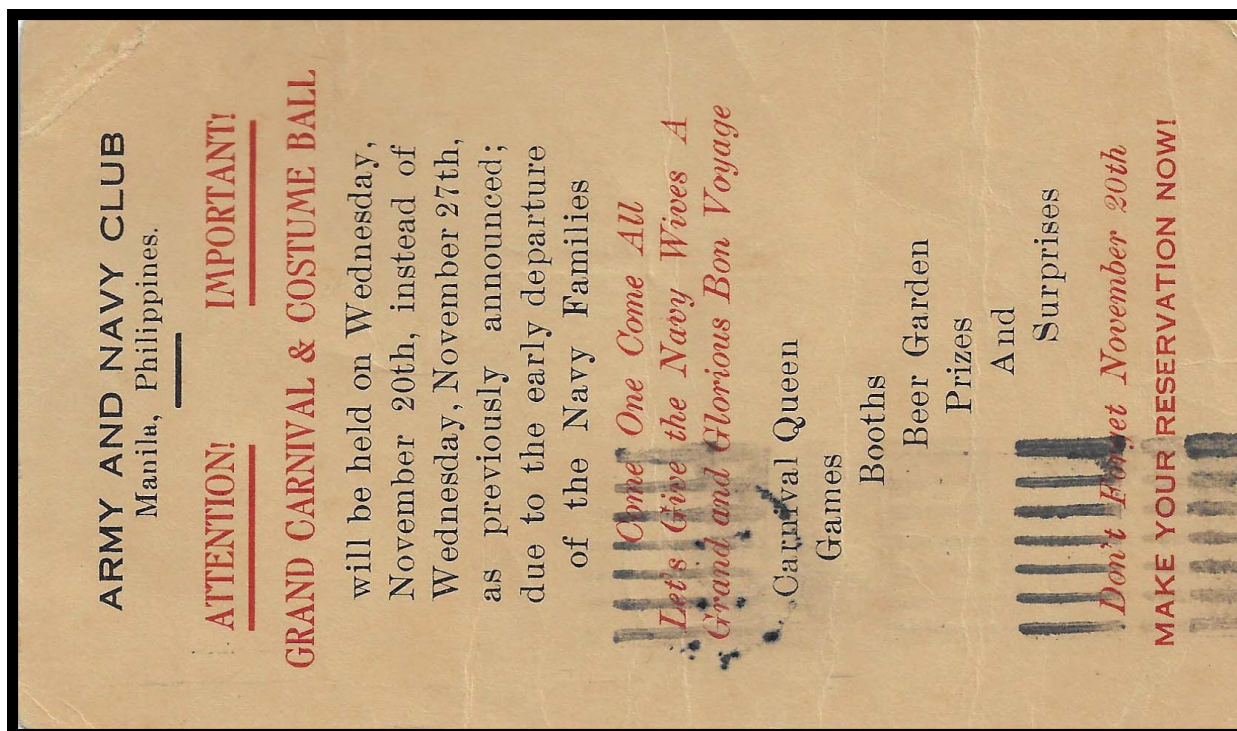
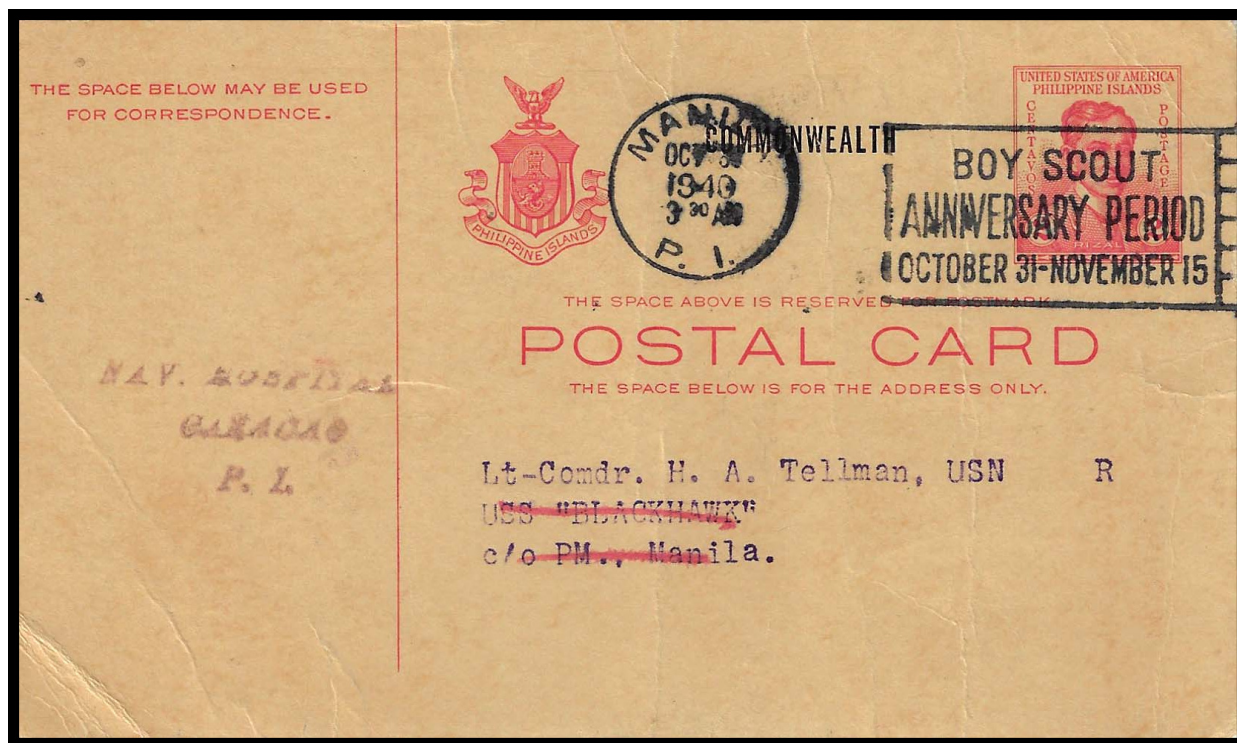
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MANILA, PHILIPPINES



8 February 1940 – Cover from Manila to Chula Vista, California, USA

Tied with 'Manila No. 1' Circular Date Cancels. 'Chula Vista' (17 February 1940) Receiving Backstamp

[Ebay Sale – January 2019]

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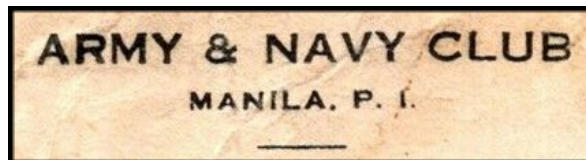
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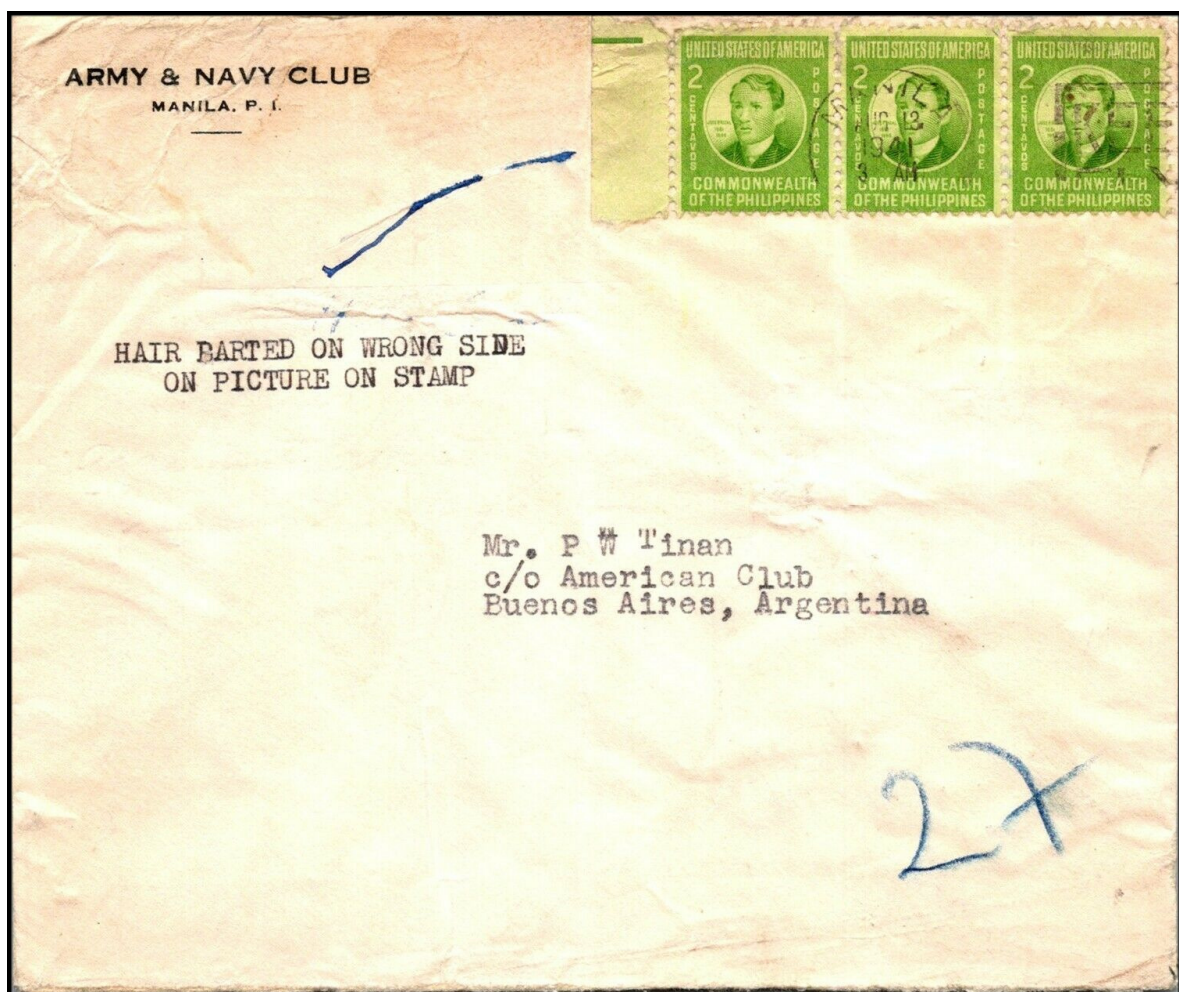
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RA8: ARMY & NAVY CLUB



ARMY & NAVY CLUB
MANILA, P. I.



13 August 1941 – Cover from Manila to Buenos Aires, Argentina

Tied with Manila Slogan Departure Cancel

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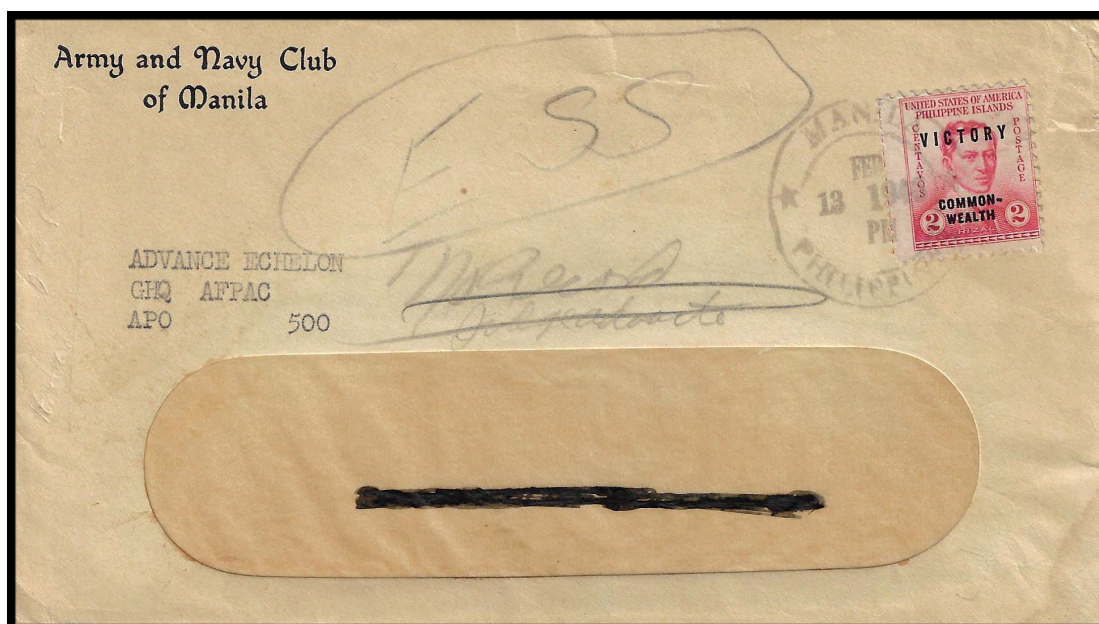
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Army and Navy Club
of Manila

Army and Navy Club
of Manila



13 February 1946 – Cover from Manila

Tied with 'Manila - Philippines' Circular Date Cancel

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT WITH ARMY AND NAVY CLUB OF MANILA		Date FEB 1 1946
DUES..... <i>Jan & Feb.</i>	P	<i>10</i> —
ENTRANCE FEE.....		
CHITS.....		
MESS.....		
TOTAL.....	P	<i>10</i> —

Major Allen Berne-Allen, Jr.
Gen. Court, JASECT, Marston Bldg.

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ARMY AND NAVY CLUB**US OCCUPATION****PRE-PRINTED RETURN CARD**

The Secretary
Army and Navy Club
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Dear Sir:

You are authorized to charge the amount of ₱ 20.00
against my current account in the Club, as my contribution
to the Employees' Christmas Fund for the year 1946.

H. Hammer
Member's Signature
601 B.C.B.
Address
919 RR + D 6 @ P 354

**ARMY AND NAVY CLUB
OF MANILA**

As set forth in the Club's House Rule No. 58: "Members shall not offer nor give any gratuity to a servant or Club employee."

In view of the above, it has been a practice of long standing among members of the Army and Navy Club to make voluntary contributions to the Employees' Christmas Fund every year.

The form on the back is to be filled out by the members making a contribution, showing his name and the amount contributed.

House Committee

December 1946

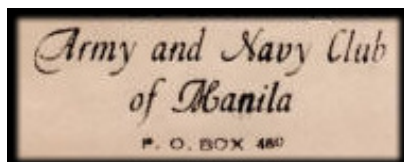
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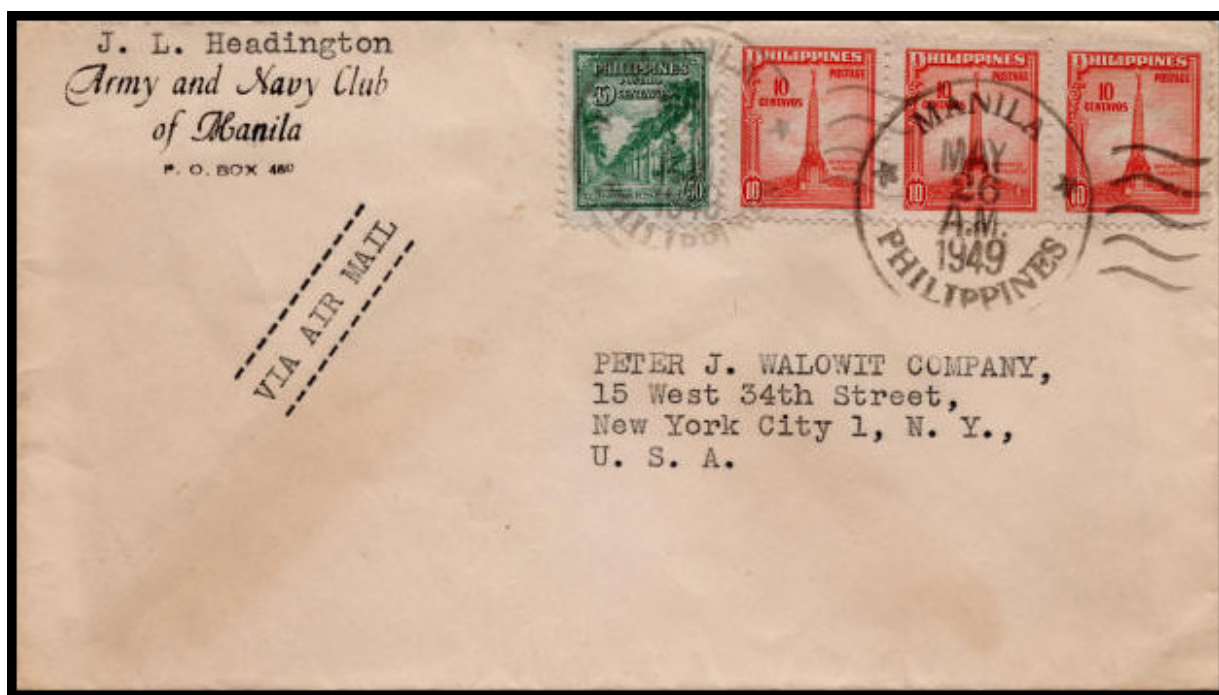
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Army and Navy Club / of Manila
P.O. Box 460



26 May 1949 – Cover from Manila to New York, USA

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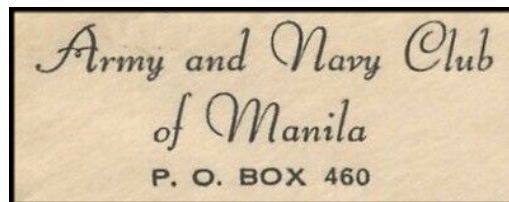
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RA11: ARMY AND NAVY CLUB OF MANILA



Army and Navy Club / of Manila
P.O. Box 460



31 December 1949 – Domestic Registered Cover from Manila to Tubabao, Samar
Tied with Wavy Line Cancel and Rectangular Boxed Registration Cancel Alongside
Guiuan, Samar (3 January 1950) Receiving backstamp
Additional IRO – UNEC Post Office (5 January 1950) Receiving Circular Cancel on Front

[Ebay Sale – November 2021]