

FRÖHLICH AND KUTTNER

Earliest records in 1892 list Fröhlich (also spelt Froehlich) and Kuttner as merchants located at Anloague 8, Manila. The following employees are recorded: Adolph Fröhlich (merchant, but not resident in Manila); L Kuttner (merchant); H Loewinsohn (assistant); O Kaehne (assistant); R Wohlfahrt (assistant); and M Arando (assistant).

It is most likely (but not confirmed) that L Kuttner started a merchant business in the late 1880s prior to the merger with Adolf Fröhlich based on a 20 July 1890 pre-printed cover only bearing his name. Earliest philatelic usage of the Fröhlich and Kuttner handstamp also appears on this cover, with notation on reverse stating to note new address, most likely pointing to the joint address for Fröhlich and Kuttner.

In 1894 records show Fröhlich and Kuttner at the same address, with slight changes in staff: Adolph Fröhlich (merchant, but remaining absent from Manila); L Kuttner (merchant); H Loewinsohn (merchant); a Guttentag (clerk); and M Arando (assistant). Sometime between 1895 and 1899, Adolf Fröhlich appears to no longer be associated with the company with no reference to him in records in 1899 and beyond. In 1899, the company expands as an agent for insurance companies Sindicato Marselles de Seguros (France) and General Marine Insurance Company (Dresden, Germany); with Aachen Leipzig Insurance Company (Germany) added in 1902.

In 1905, L Kuttner is recorded as being located in Berlin with no further records indicating that he returned to the Philippines. Fröhlich and Kuttner continues to operate but is now located at Anloague 82, Manila, remaining at this address until 1910. 1912 records show the office at Anloague 132 with head office listed as Berlin. In addition, it expands to include Branch Houses in Iloilo and Cebu (105-109 Cale Norte America). The company expands its insurance focus by enlisting more insurance companies under their agency.

In 1918, an attempt by Compania Mercantil de Filipinas to acquire the interests of Fröhlich and Kuttner but this was cancelled as it was seen as not being conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations pursuant to the 'Trading with the Enemy Act'. This decision was executed by President Woodrow Wilson on 13 September 1918 under Executive Order 2954. No further information has been gathered beyond 1918.

BUSINESS HANDSTAMPS

BH1: DOUBLE OUTER AND SINGLE INNER LINED OVAL HANDSTAMP



L. KUTTNER on Top
Blank Centre
MANILA on Bottom with Emblems on Either Side

FRÖHLICH AND KUTTNER

PRIVATELY PRINTED COVERS

PPC1: L. KUTTNER BERLIN – MANILA.



L. KUTTNER
BERLIN – MANILA.

DOUBLE WEIGHT OVERSEAS COVER



29 July 1890 - Manila to Erfurt, Germany

'Correos - Manila' Departure Circular Date Stamps

Erfurt (21 August 1890) Receiving Circular Date Backstamp

Purple Business Handstamp (BH2) Also Applied on Reverse of Cover
(Notation in centre of handstamp stating 'Please Note New Address')



FRÖHLICH AND KUTTNER

BUSINESS HANDSTAMPS

BH2: DOUBLE OUTER AND SINGLE INNER LINED OVAL HANDSTAMP



FRÖHLICH & KUTTNER on Top
Blank Centre
MANILA on Bottom with Emblem on Either Side

TRIPLE WEIGHT REGISTERED OVERSEAS COVER



17 November 1891 - Manila to Erfurt, Germany

'Correos - Manila' Departure Circular Date Stamps with Boxed Registration Cancel Alongside

Erfurt (21 December 1891) Receiving Circular Date Backstamp

Purple Business Handstamp (BH2) Applied on Cover Front

FRÖHLICH AND KUTTNER

BUSINESS HANDSTAMPS

BH2: DOUBLE OUTER AND SINGLE INNER LINED OVAL HANDSTAMP

SINGLE WEIGHT REGISTERED OVERSEAS COVER



12 January 1891 - Manila to Erfurt, Germany

'Correos - Manila' Departure Circular Date Stamps with Boxed Registration Cancel Alongside
Erfurt (14 February 1891) Receiving Circular Date Backstamp

Purple Business Handstamp (BH2) Applied on Reverse of Cover

(Soler y Llach Auction - October 2017)

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PRIVATELY PRINTED COVERS

PPC2: BERLIN. Fröhlich & Kuttner. MANILA.

BERLIN. Fröhlich & Kuttner. MANILA

BERLIN. Fröhlich & Kuttner. MANILA. in Single Line

SINGLE WEIGHT OVERSEAS COVER



27 November 1895 - Manila to Winterthur, Zurich, Switzerland

'Correos - Manila' Departure Circular Date Stamps, via Steamship Isla de Luzon

Winterthur (25 December 1895) Receiving Circular Date Backstamp

FRÖHLICH AND KUTTNER

BUSINESS HANDSTAMPS

US PERIOD COVER

BH3: DOUBLE OUTER AND SINGLE INNER LINED OVAL HANDSTAMP



FROHLICH & KUTTNER on Top
Blank Centre
MANILA on Bottom with Emblem on Either Side



5 May 1899 - Manila to Winterthur, Switzerland

Military Station Registration Circular Date Stamp. Backstamped with 3 June 1899 Winterthur CDS
Red Business Handstamp (BH3) Applied on Reverse of Cover

FRÖHLICH AND KUTTNER

PRIVATELY PRINTED COVERS

US PERIOD COVER

PPC3: FROEHLICH & KUTTNER. Manila.



FROEHLICH & KUTTNER. Manila. in Single Line



Registered Cover from Manila to Berlin, Germany (Addressed to Fröhlich & Kuttner)
13 March 1899 Receiving Circular Date Backstamp
(HR Harmer Auction – 17 May 2018)

FRÖHLICH AND KUTTNER

PRIVATELY PRINTED COVERS

US PERIOD COVER

PPC4: Berlin. FROEHLICH & KUTTNER. Manila.

Berlin. FROEHLICH & KUTTNER. Manila.

Berlin. FROEHLICH & KUTTNER. Manila. in Single Line



Registered Cover from Manila to Berlin, Germany

Addressed to the Fröhlich & Kuttner in Berlin

FRÖHLICH AND KUTTNER

PRIVATELY PRINTED COVERS

US PERIOD COVER

PPC5: FRÖHLICH & KUTTNER - MANILA - Post Box 452.



FRÖHLICH & KUTTNER – MANILA – Post Box 452. in Single Line



18 July 1914 - Manila to Zurich, Switzerland

24 November 1914 Manila Transit CDS on Reverse (long duration from original mailing date)

19 January 1915 Zurich Receiving Circular Date Stamp on Reverse