

Souvenir of Agent Vaile's first visit to the Manila post office



On Aug. 13th the Manila PC  
was taken possession of by me,  
F. W. Vaile  
Dir. Genl of Post  
This is change of  
very very much

F. W. Vaile, postal agent for the Philippine Island Military Postal Service, embarked on a transport at Cavite on 13 August to witness the taking of Manila and arrange for the transfer of the postal activity to U.S. control. He reported, "...I was enabled to land and enter Manila an hour or more before any of our soldiers entered the city, and soon thereafter succeeded in finding the Manila post office. There I was courteously received and shown over the office."

Vaile also prepared souvenirs of his visit, cancelling Spanish Philippines postal cards with the "Philippine Station" postmark and endorsing them on the back to confirm his visit on the 13th.