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First Res. Hosp. Sta. 5 February 1900



The First Reserve Hospital Branch post office operated during the military occupation of Manila. Although Goodale states that the postmark is always missing the "o" of "Hosp." this is incorrect as shown on the upper cover dated 5 February 1900. Shortly thereafter, the "o" fell out and the subsequently recorded strikes (from 6 February 1900 to 14 March 1901) are without "o." Red cancel used as receiving mark; one of two examples.