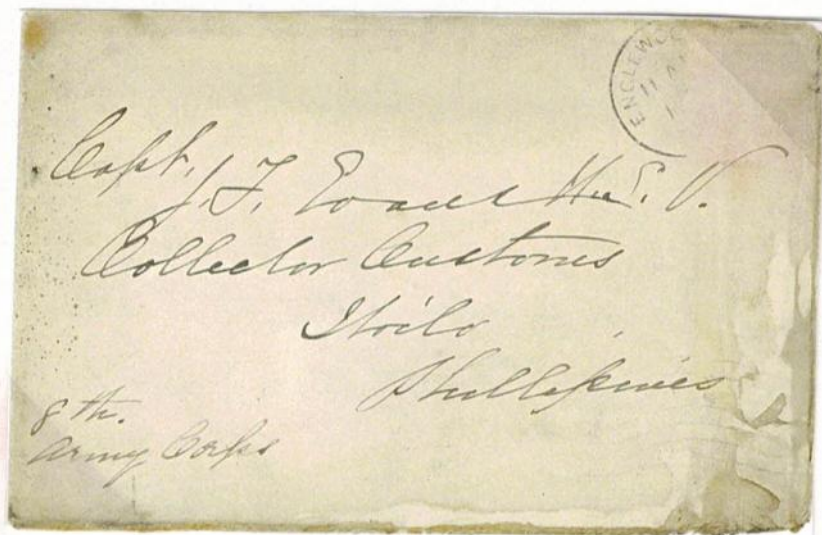


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Disaster Mail



The most sought after of all the markings of the military period in the Philippines was that applied to mail which was salvaged from a chartered transport, the *S.S. Morgan City*, which went down at sea off the southeast coast of Japan.



A portion of the mail on board was recovered and sent to Manila where a special handstamp reading "Damaged mail/off S.S. Morgan City/Manila P.I. 9-30-99" was applied. However, only four examples of this marking have been recorded. The above cover sent to an officer in the 8th Army Corps at Iloilo is the only one not addressed to Manila.