

PHILIPPINES
Sulu Archipelago

Mil. Sta. Bongao
15 June 1902

Most elusive of all
the Military Station
markings from the
Philippines.



Bongao is by far the most obscure place in the Philippines to have a postal station. Only a tiny garrison was sent there, which is on a very small island within sight of the coast of Borneo.

Its marking was unknown to Goodale, and only four covers have been confirmed subsequently, with dates ranging from 1 July 1900 to 10 September 1902.

Bongao did not have a registry marking, but the cover was registered as it transited Jolo four weeks later. Transit marking of Manila (21 July) is on the reverse, along with New York receiving backstamp of 7 September.