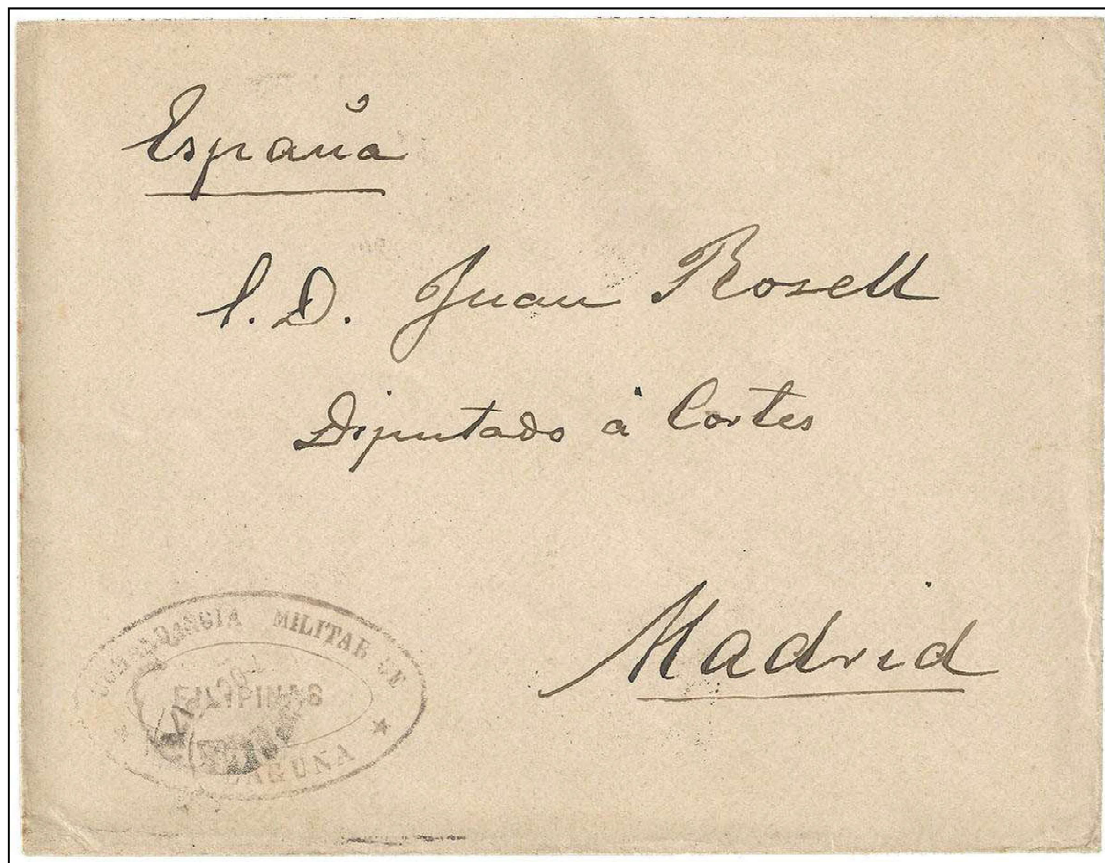




Envelope sent from the military command of the province La Laguna to a member of the Congress of Deputies in Madrid. It was forwarded to the post office in Manila, where a postmark dated October 7, 1897 was placed on the sender's seal. Most military mail to Spain was taken directly to a Spanish ship and not to a post office.

Military mail was postage free as of the Degree dating on March 5, 1897.

Provenance: Fritz-Walter Lange



Dated Tukuran March 12, 1898 to Manila. The letter was sent from a military hospital (handstamp on reverse) in Tukuran, Mindanao. It was also marked with a blue official seal on the front.

Since the cover was probably not handed to a post office on Mindanao, but was carried directly by a private Spanish vessel, it was cancelled with the scarce Paquebot mark "BUZON / PARA / MANILA". It was also cancelled by the worn "CORREOS / MANILA" date stamp in May 1898 upon arrival.

Two covers sent from military hospitals are known.