



Introduction of Special Delivery service and Early usage

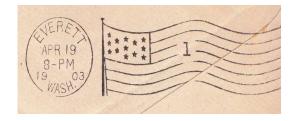
Forerunner issues

During the early 1900's, a select group of mailers, most likely *collector enthusiasts and philatelists*, immediately took keen interest in the new Special Delivery service that was available on the islands. They corresponded eagerly with their colleagues and exchanged news and information, test-sending some of their mail via *special delivery*.



(From the D.J.J. Lutera Philatelic Collection)





1903 March 19. Outbound E1 usage from Manila to Everett, Washington

Correspondence between Charles S. Stocking (local resident American philatelist) and his friend Maj. John Zug Jr., U.S. Army Engineer corps.

Route taken:

Origin	Date PMK	Destination	Date Received
Manila	Mar 19 (THU) 5:30 PM	Tacoma, WA	Apr 19 (SUN) / 1 PM
Tacoma, WA	forwarded	Everett, WA	Apr 19 (SUN) / 8 PM

Note: Maj. Zug was a distinguished U.S. Army engineer who travelled with the troops in Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, Guam, China and Japan. He was also a noted U.S. possessions stamp collector.