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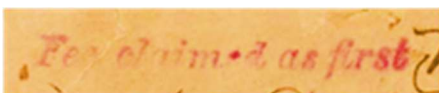
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## Introduction of Special Delivery service and Early usage *Forerunner issues*



**Special Delivery, 1901, 10¢ Dark Blue.** E1 tied with 2-c Washington red provisional. Posted FEB 12, 1906 / 2PM from Camp Stotsenburg, Pampanga province addressed to Houston, Texas, USA. Unique usage of 1901 E1 special delivery stamps made available to U.S. Army service personnel assigned to the Philippine Islands. Sender likely a high-ranking military officer affording this expedient mail service. Outbound provincial mail to U.S. mainland.

Route: MANILA / **FEB 12, 1906.** Transit San Francisco, CA MAR 16, 1906. Transported overland via Houston and El Paso R.P.O. train / MAR 18, 1906, and arriving in Houston, TX, receiving backstamp MAR 20, 1906.



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Rate: 2c surface rate + 10c SD