

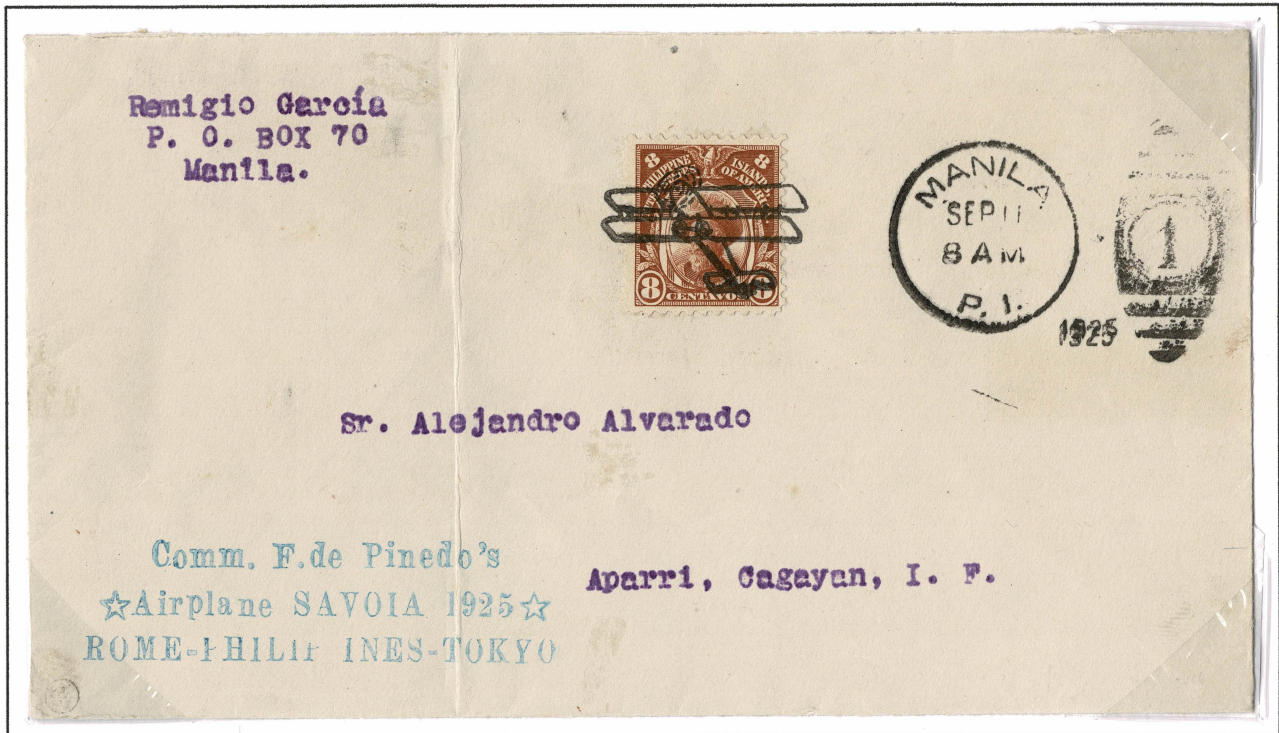
## Section 1 - The Westbound Route

### International Pioneer Flights via the Philippines (1925-33)

*The early sea-planes had a limited range, so the routes tended to be along the rims of the oceans. Manila and elsewhere in the Philippines were convenient landing places for pioneer flights in the north-west Pacific rim.*

#### De Pinedo's 1925 Flight from Rome to Tokyo

This was the first flying boat flight over the Pacific Ocean from the Philippines to Japan.



Manila 11 Sept 1925, to Aparri

Commander de Pinedo left Rome on 23 April 1925 in a Savoia-Marchetti S16 flying boat named Gennariello.

He flew via Australia and the Philippines and arrived in Tokyo on 26 Sept.

This cover was carried on the flight on 16 Sept from Manila to Aparri, a town on the north coast of Luzon Island.

scan of  
cachet on  
reverse

