

FIRST REGULAR ISSUE

September 8, 1906, Perf 12, Double Line PIPS Watermark

SPECIMEN OVERPRINTS: 781 unoverprinted copies of the 1906 issue were sent by the BEP to the Universal Postal Union in Switzerland in 1907 (756 copies) and 1909 (25 copies), for distribution to foreign post offices as specimens. Some of the countries then applied their own "specimen" overprint. *Only 3 or 4 copies have been recorded.*



REGULAR ISSUE: a total of 40,019 were issued, of which a variety of shades exist, as evidenced by the below.



A very early usage of the first regular issue on cover (11/17/06)



1906 OFFICIAL BUSINESS OVERPRINTS: overprints either locally applied with rubber handstamps (far left) or typographed by the Philippine Bureau of Printing (other 3 copies). The typographed overprints of both the 1906 and 1911 issues are known as "Bandholtz" overprints, named after the US Army officer who promoted their use. Each of the nine basic types of Bandholtz overprints are displayed in this exhibit - *each basic type highlighted with a blue outline.*



250 copies issued

triple overprint - only 2 or 3 recorded copies