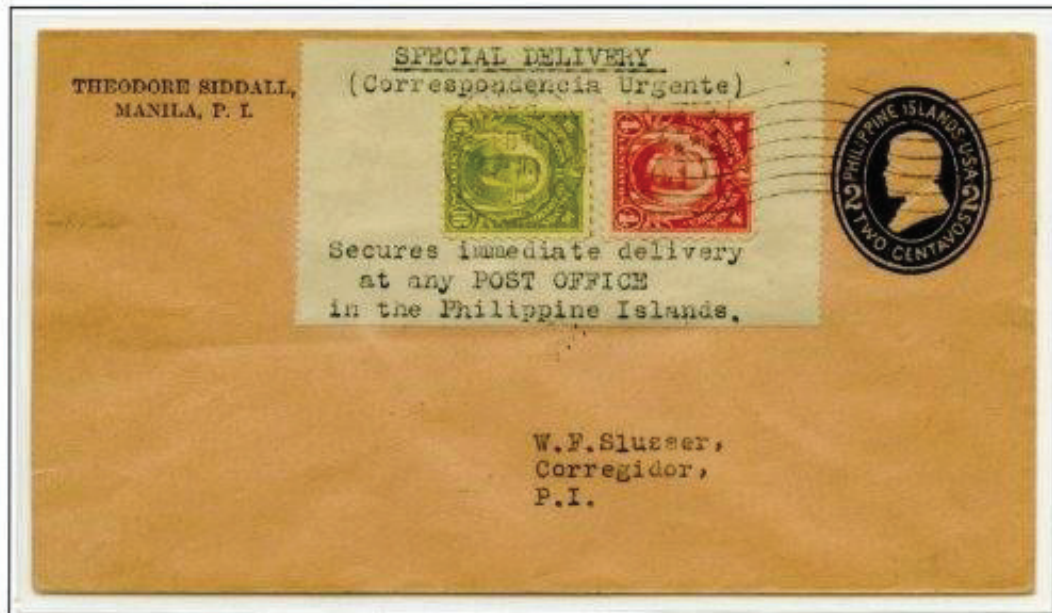


THE DAY THE POST OFFICE RAN OUT OF THE “RUNNING MESSENGER”

In early 1919, the Manila Post Office ran out of Special Delivery Stamps. Until the arrival of the new 1919 issue, the use of regular postage stamps for the payment of the special delivery fee was permitted when so noted on the cover, as shown below.



FOURTH REGULAR ISSUE 1919, Perf 11, Unwatermarked

SPECIMEN OVERPRINTS: Two types of specimen overprints are recorded on the 1919 issue, both shown below.



2 of the 3 recorded copies



probably 50 issued

REGULAR ISSUE: The 1919 issue comes in three distinct shades, as shown below. This issue was the veritable “workhorse” of the Philippine special delivery service, with over 4,000,000 issued and in service for 20 years.

