

INVALID POSTAL USAGE

CITY OF MANILA

COMMERCIAL COVER

DELIVERED MAIL



28 July 1942 – Cover from Baguio to Manila affixed with unauthorised United States issued 2c un-overprinted Jose Rizal stamp, intending to pay the First Class domestic postal rate. Baguio / Mountain Duplex cancel just tying the original stamp. Rectangular Boxed Censor handstamp on bottom right (Garrett IA2). Manuscript “Undeliverable to Sender” and “Unknown” notations. “Postage Due P02 / Returned to Sender” Handstamp on front.

It appears the cover may not have been returned to sender, but instead remained in the Dead Letter Office based on two handstamps on reverse of cover: “Received OPEN / D.L.O.” and “Dead Letter Office / Nov 4 1942 / Manila, Philippines” rectangular boxed handstamp.

The Postage Due notation was subsequently corrected to 4c to meet the collection of double penalty for short-paid covers posted in provincial post offices outside Manila for delivery within Manila. Two 2c Rizal Regular issues, paying the 4c postage due fee, were affixed and tied with Manila / Philippines dateless circular cancels. The cover was finally delivered on 16 November 1942, supported by a single line date handstamp on reverse of cover.