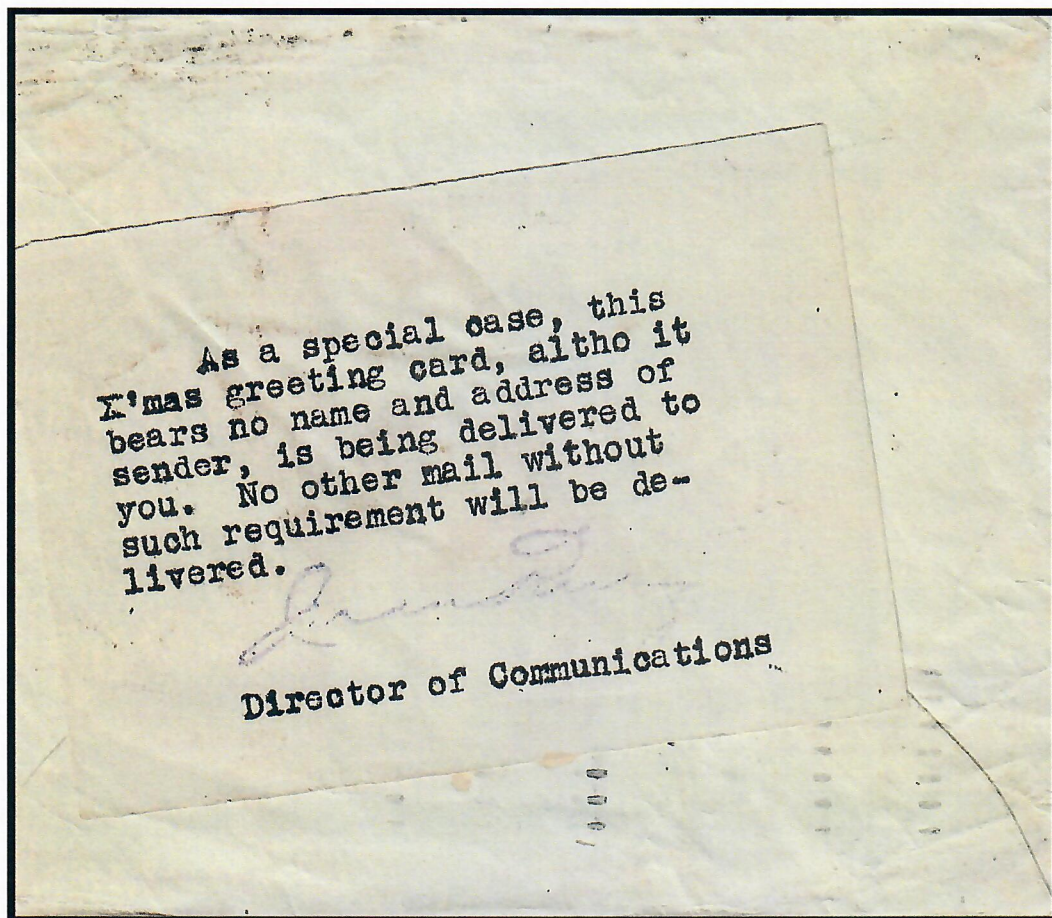


CIVIL CENSOR MARKS**CITY OF MANILA****CHRISTMAS CARD MAIL****REVERSE SIDE OF COVER**

24 December 1942 – Manila Circulating Christmas Card commercial cover with 2c Regular issue paying First Class domestic Christmas Greeting postal rate. Stamp tied with Manila “Post Your Mail Early” Universal Machine cancel (Garrett Type 1). Rectangular Boxed Censor handstamp on bottom left (Garrett IA2) with censor’s initials.

Signed Mimeographed message on small piece of paper on reverse side from the Director of Communications, applied on Christmas greeting covers and cards without return addresses affording special treatment by employees of the Manila Central Post Office, stating: “As a special case, this X’mas greeting card, altho it bears no name and address of sender, is being delivered to you. No other mail without such requirement will be delivered”.

A special 2c temporary First Class domestic rate for Christmas and New Year greeting cards, replacing the regular First Class domestic rate of 5c, was in effect between the 4 December 1942 and 31 December 1942. The Type 1 Manila Universal Machine cancel was in use between 4 March 1942 and 31 December 1942.