

CIVIL CENSOR MARKS

CITY OF MANILA



Garrett IA2

COMMERCIAL COVER



22 May 1943 – Manila circulating Cover with 5c Fall of Bataan & Corregidor anniversary issue paying First Class domestic postal rate. Stamp tied with Manila “Post Your Mail Early” Universal Machine Cancel (Garrett Type 2). Rectangular Boxed Censor handstamp on bottom left (Garrett IA2) with censor’s initials. Letter was not delivered, as indicated by manuscript “Not at 41” marking on front. On return to the Post Office, a Purple circular “Manila Post Office / Carrier-in-Charge No.3” (24 May 1943) handstamp (Garrett Figure 61) was struck. Cover was forwarded to the Directory Section of the Post Office indicated by a “Directory / May 24, 1943” (Garrett Figure 63) small rectangular handstamp. Cover was finally returned to Sender as evident from the large black rectangular “Returned to Sender / Unclaimed” (1 June 1943) handstamp.

In Manila, undeliverable mail matters were sometimes returned to the Post Office by letter carriers and turned over the Carrier-in-Charge whose distinctive circular handstamp was applied to the cover

When the reason for non-delivery was not apparent, some covers were routed via the Directory Section of the Manila Central Post Office where a small rectangular dated “Directory” handstamp was applied