

## COMMERCIAL MAIL

1942 - 1945

## OVERSEAS COMMERCIAL COVER



27 January 1944 – Registered cover from Manila to Japan. 2c, 5c and 16c stamps tied with Manila Circular Date Stamps. Total of 23c over-paying the double weight registration rate of 22c (10c for double weight rate plus 12c Registration fee) by 1c, wherein it was most likely there were no 1c stamps available to make up the correct rate. Rectangular purple Foreign Mail handstamp (Garrett Type IE1), which was applied on all foreign mail to Japan. Wada, Japan (22 February 1944) Receiving circular date stamp on cover front.

*Rates for Foreign Mail was the same as those for prevailing for Domestic Mail from the inauguration of Foreign Mail Service on October 5, 1942 until May 14, 1944, until the First Class letter rate was increased to 7c.*

*The Foreign Mail handstamp was used in Manila and Davao and employed exclusively for foreign mail matters addressed to Japan and designated occupied territories within the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere. Two lines of Japanese characters, translated as "Philippine Military Police Corps / Censored". Foreign mail matters were required to display this mark for the duration of the Occupation, unlike domestic censor marks which were discontinued after 30 June 1943.*