

## B. Special Delivery Issue of 1906 (Scott # E2)

### 1. Red OB Overprint



Pale to bright or deep ultramarine colors  
250 pieces issued



**November 20, 1907: SAN ISIDRO, NUEVA ECIJA to MANILA**

16-centavo rated Constabulary official mail bearing 4-centavo McKinley and 12-centavo Lincoln 1906 definitives with black OB, inverted on 4-centavo stamp. Dispatched via Special Delivery, fee paid with a 1906 issue with red OB overprint.

**1906 SPECIAL DELIVERY WITH RED BANDHOLTZ OB EXTREMELY SCARCE ON COVER**

### 2. Black OB Overprint



These black OB overprints have always puzzled me as they do not appear to be the same OB overprints as on regular or definitive stamps. The printed OB overprints on the regular stamps are invariably printed on a quite exact horizontal line, while the single black OB overprints on Special Delivery stamps are nearly always at some angle. Also, parts of the letters are often poorly printed, unlike the OB overprint on the regular stamps. Furthermore, the "O" and "B" seem to be at different angles with respect to each other. These differences almost make one wonder if these Special Delivery OB stamps are really genuine. In a 1988 *Possessions* article, Gilbert Plass wrote about a 1913 letter from General Bandholtz to the well-known US philatelist Mr. John Luff. The letter reads: "The Special Delivery stamps are 'OB'ed by hand with metal