

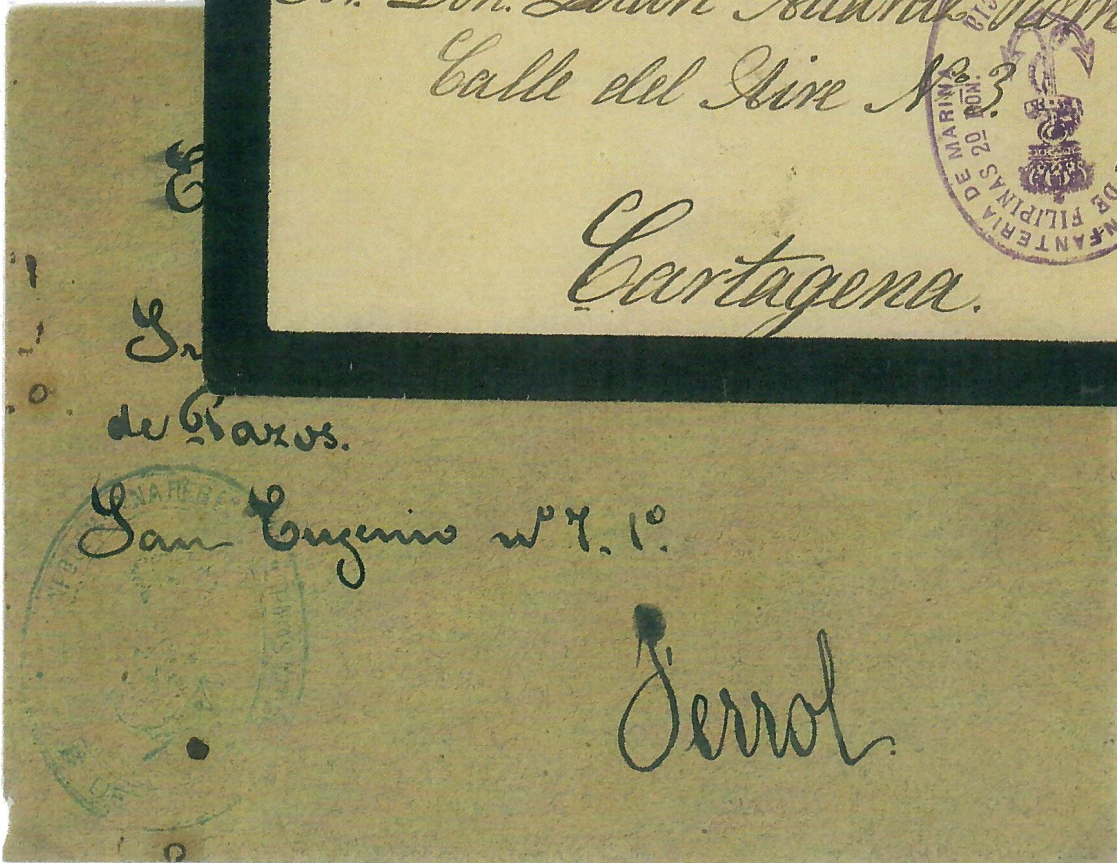
1897-1898

SPANISH NAVAL MARINE INFANTRY MAIL

Since 1848, Spanish naval ships in Spain and the Philippines were manned by three on-board units: (1) marine Army infantry, (2) marine Navy infantry, and (3) regular Navy. As a result of local uprisings in 1896, Spanish naval forces were increased in the Philippines in 1897-1898. Mail from naval marine infantry units on naval ships was free franked when affixed with the cachet, "CUERPO DE INFANTERIA DE MARINA 2o REGTO DE FILIPINAS 2o BON. COMANDANCIA" or a variation of it. The mail was addressed to the maritime towns of Cadiz, Cartagena, and Ferrol, Spain, where recruiting for marine regiments occurred.

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Marine Infantry
Cover to Ferrol,
Spain

1897 Manila to Cartagena, and Ferrol, Spain.