

1898

SPANISH SOLDIER P.O.W. MAIL

Because most of the Spanish soldier P.O.W.s had returned to Spain by late 1899, when U.S. "PHILIPPINE" overprinted stamps were just coming into use, most of the Spanish P.O.W. mail was affixed with un-overprinted U.S. stamps.



1898 (December 30) Manila to Madrid from a Spanish soldier P.O.W. under the confines of the U.S. Army. The letter was sent via the U.S. Army "MIL. STA. NO. 1. Philippines" post office in Manila. Posted with U.S. adhesives at the single-weight overseas rate of 5 cents. A February 6, 1899, Madrid receiving cancel is on the reverse.