

1898 ISSUE

BACK-LOGGED SPANISH MAIL AT THE U.S.-CONTROLLED POST OFFICE

The Spanish-run post office in Manila closed on August 13, 1898, with the surrender of the Spanish garrison in Manila. The U.S. opened the Manila Post Office on August 14, 1898. Spanish mail was back-logged at the post office for several months, since delivery of U.S. soldier mail was a higher priority.

ONLY KNOWN INTERIOR BACK-LOGGED COVER

1898 (September 18) Manila to Nueva Cáceres.

Commercial cover with Spanish period 3-centavos stamp (single-weight interior rate between towns) postmarked in Manila on September 18, 1898. It was part of the back log of unprocessed Spanish mail in the post office. Further, it was held in Manila because Spanish soldiers in Nueva Cáceres did not surrender until September 25, 1898, and because Filipino-American skirmishes occurred between Manila and Nueva Cáceres until April 1900. Finally, the cover was canceled with "MIL. STA. No. 1 MANILA REC'D" on April 5, 1900 (reverse) and sent to Nueva Cáceres.



Reverse side.