INVALID POSTAL USAGE

CITY OF MANILA



Censor Marking (Garrett IA1)

大日本滋兵除檢閱済 OPENED BY THE CENSORS PASSED INSPECTION

Gummed Censor Label (Garrett Type IIB1)

COMMERCIAL COVER DELIVERED MAIL



6 March 1942 – Manila Circulating cover affixed with unauthorised United States issued 2c un-overprinted Jose Rizal stamp, intending to pay the First Class domestic postal rate. Manila No. 2 Circular Date Stamp cancel, not obliterating the stamp as instructed by the Japanese Official Articles for unauthorised usage. Handstamp and partial manuscript "The Attached Stamp Not Valid for Postage" applied, with corresponding "Postage Due 2cvos." handstamp. Subsequently affixed on bottom left front with authorised 2c Rizal stamp to pay the Postage Due fee and tied with Manila Registry Killer cancel. Rectangular Boxed Censor handstamp on bottom right (Garrett IA1). Additional Gummed Censor Label (Garrett Type IIB1) affixed to left side of cover, folded over to the back of the cover.

Only a very few covers with incorrect usage are known to have been delivered to the addressee upon collection of the postage due. Most covers were returned to sender.