

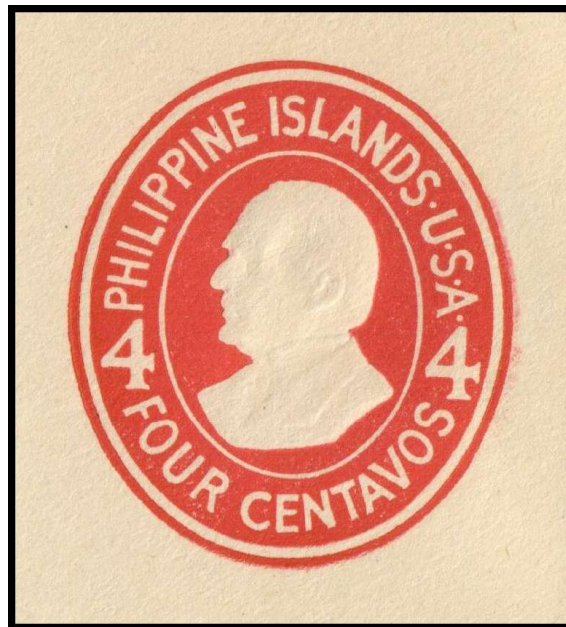
POSTAL STATIONERY OF THE PHILIPPINES
UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION

Scott U35 - Scott U39
4c MCKINLEY ENVELOPES

First issued in 1908, the dies were especially designed for use in the Philippines by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington D.C, USA. This 4-centavo design, featuring President William McKinley, was in use for nearly thirty years and were produced by the same contractors manufacturing United States envelopes of corresponding watermarks, as follows:

- Mercantile Corporation, Dayton, Ohio (issues up to 13 June 1915)
- Middle West Supply Company, Dayton, Ohio (issues up to 31 December 1928)
- International Envelope Corporation, Dayton, Ohio (remaining issues)

Due to the length of this issue and the different contractors involved, the paper stock varies in quality and shades. A total of 500,000 envelopes on white paper were issued (UPSS-81 to UPSS-96). The amber, buff, blue and manila envelopes were issued in limited quantities as specified against each issue.



2c Carmine
(President William McKinley)

KNIFE TYPES

The term “Knife” refers to the shape of an envelope, more specifically the shape of the paper before it is folded. Knife is the technical term for the cutters of the machine by which the envelope blanks are cut out. In philately, it is principally used to denote the varieties in shape of the United States envelopes, where the back shows several varieties in the cutting of the flaps.

Fortunately, there are not as many Knife variations on the US pre-stamped envelopes that were overprinted for use in the Philippines. Generally, these are classified as “low back” or “high back” types, differentiated by the top section on the reverse side of the envelope as detailed in the following Knife Types.



Knife Type 2 (UPSS Types 57)

KNIFE TYPES, CONTINUED



Knife Type 3 (UPSS Type 106)



Knife Type 4 (UPSS Type 88)

KNIFE TYPES, CONTINUED



Knife Type 5 (UPSS Type 59)



Knife Type 5 (UPSS Type 112)

WATERMARK TYPES



Type 15
(1907-1911)



Type 19
(1915-1919)



Type 24
(1921-1924)



Type 25
(1921-1924)



Type 26
(1925-1928)



Type 27
(1925-1928)



Type 28
(1929-1932)



Type 28a
(1929-1932)



Type 29
(1929-1932)



Type 30
(1929-1932)



Type 30a
(1929-1932)



Type 33
(1933-1936)



Type 36
(1937)

CORNER CARDS

A number of “General Request” envelopes were produced for general over-the-counter sales and were supplied to the post office in large quantities. They were produced with dotted lines in the upper left corner, with the intent of encouraging purchasers to write in their name and return address details.

The “General Request” corner cards differ from the “Special Request” envelopes which were furnished on special order for individual postal customers and were printed with the purchaser’s own name and address.

“General Request” envelopes were first produced for the Philippines with the oval die issue of 1907 (both 2c and 4c values). A total of five types are known to have been printed for the 4c William McKinley envelopes.

Return in.....days to
.....
POST OFFICE.....
Province.....PHILIPPINE IS.

CC-1

FROM.....
POST OFFICE.....
PROVINCE.....
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

CC-7

From.....
POST OFFICE.....
Province.....
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

CC-8

From.....
POST OFFICE.....
Province.....PHILIPPINE IS.

CC-9

From.....
POST OFFICE.....
Province.....P. I.

CC-10

Scott U35

4c Carmine (McKinley) on White Laid or Wove Paper

Knife Type 2 (High Back)

	UPSS	Size	Watermark	Corner Card	Date Shipped
4c Carmine on White Laid Paper					
U35Aa	81	89mm x 160mm	15	-	12 Mar 1908
U35Aa	81a	89mm x 160mm	15	CC-1	11 May 1908
U35Aa	81b	89mm x 160mm	15	CC-7	8 Aug 1908
U35Aa	81c	89mm x 160mm	15	CC-8	5 Oct 1915
4c Carmine on White Wove Paper					
U35Ab	82	89mm x 160mm	28	CC-1	1 Apr 1933
U35Ac	83	89mm x 160mm	30a	-	7 Jan 1935
U35Ad	84	89mm x 160mm	33	-	7 Jan 1930
U35Ad	84a	89mm x 160mm	33	CC-1	??
U35Ae	85a	89mm x 160mm	36	-	??
U35Ae	85	89mm x 160mm	36	CC-1	??



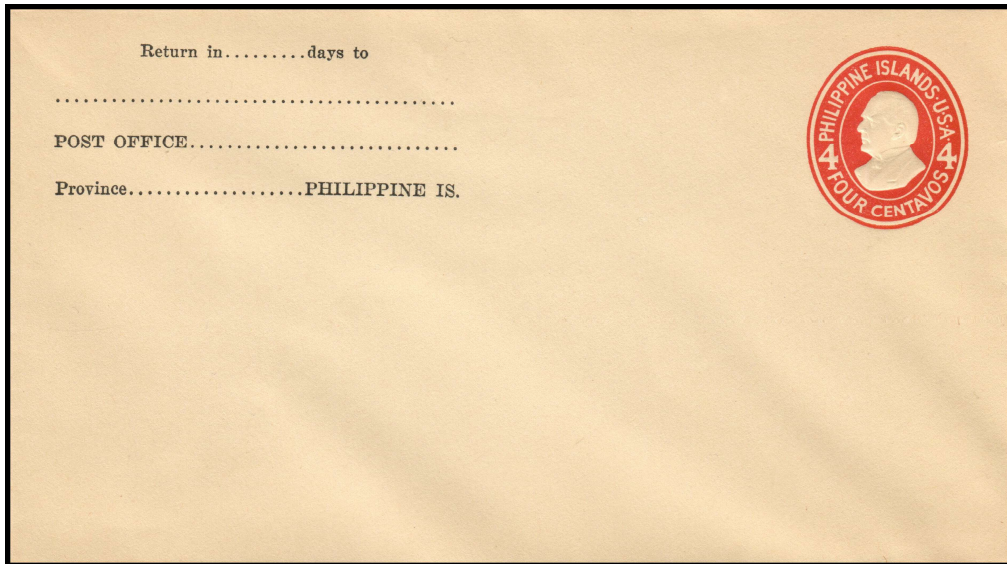
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Scott U35, Continued

4c Carmine (McKinley) on White Laid or Wove Paper

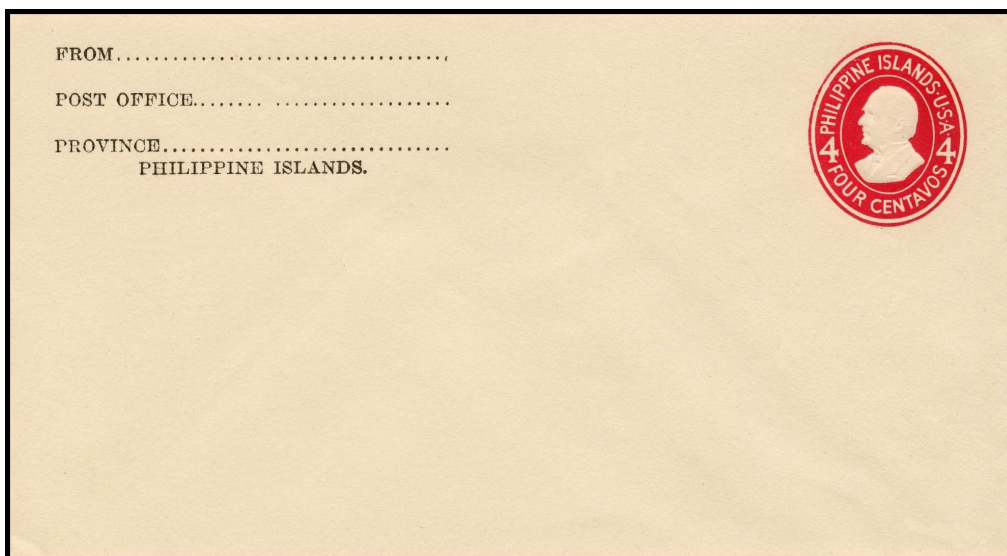
Knife Type 2 (High Back)

Corner Card (CC-1)



U35Aa, U35Ab, U35Ad, U35Ae

Corner Card (CC-7)



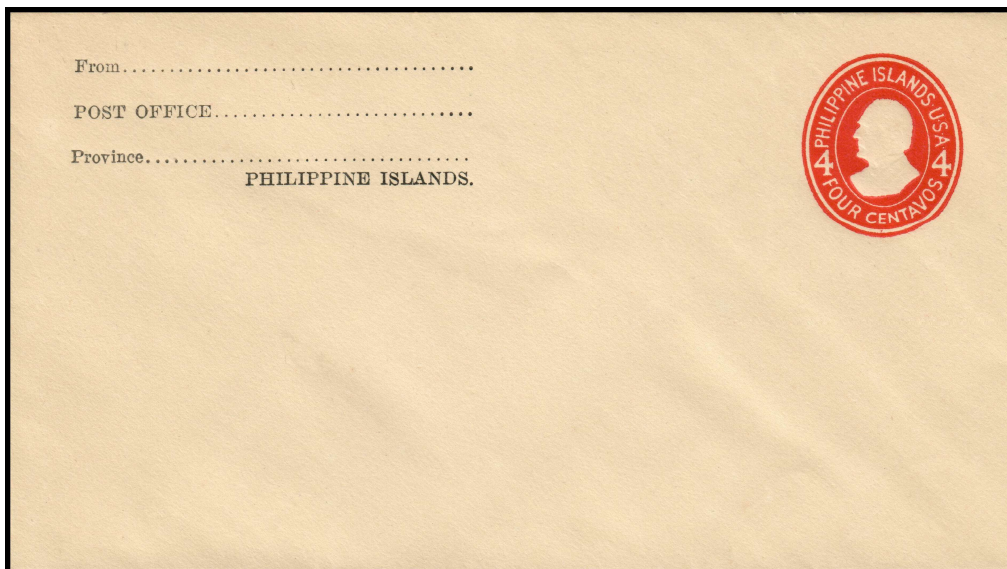
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Scott U35, Continued

4c Carmine (McKinley) on White Laid or Wove Paper

Knife Type 2 (High Back)

Corner Card (CC-8)



U35Aa

Scott U35

4c Carmine (McKinley) on White Wove Paper

Knife Type 5 (Low Back)

	UPSS	Size	Watermark	Corner Card	Date Shipped
U35Ba	86	89mm x 160mm	27	-	26 Apr 1926
U35Ba	86a	89mm x 160mm	27	CC-1	26 Sep 1926
U35Ba	86b	89mm x 160mm	27	CC-9	15 Nov 1926
U35Bb	86A	89mm x 160mm	29	-	20 Apr 1908
U35Bc	87	89mm x 160mm	30	-	12 Mar 1931
U35Bc	87a	89mm x 160mm	30	CC-1	??
U35Bc	87b	89mm x 160mm	30	CC-7	??
U35Bc	87c	89mm x 160mm	30	CC-8	??
U35Bc	87d	89mm x 160mm	30	CC-10	9 Feb 1930



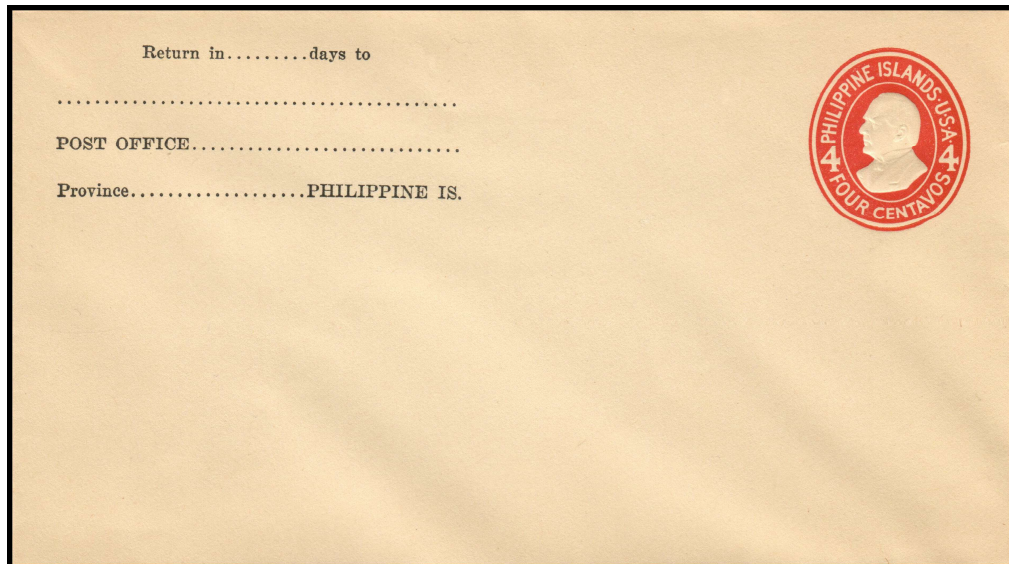
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4c Carmine (McKinley) on White Wove Paper

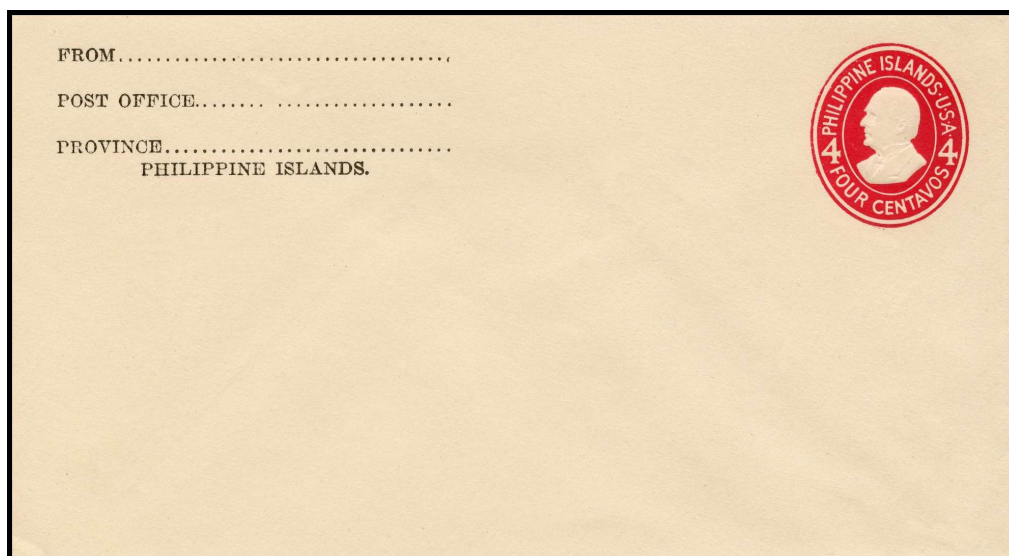
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Corner Card (CC-1)



U35Ba, U35Bc

Corner Card (CC-7)



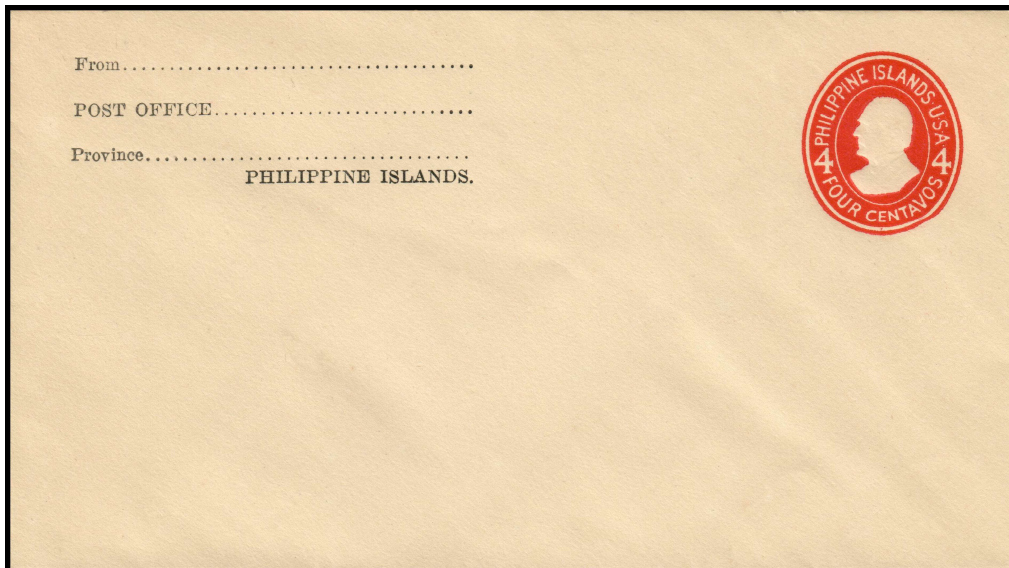
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Scott U35, Continued

4c Carmine (McKinley) on White Wove Paper

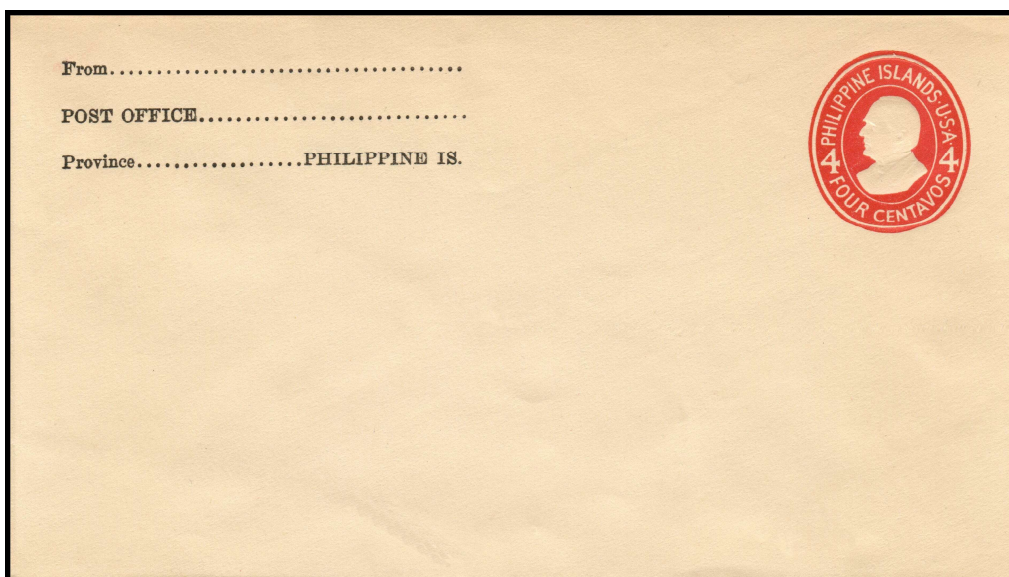
Knife Type 5 (Low Back)

Corner Card (CC-8)



U35Bc

Corner Card (CC-9)



U35Ba

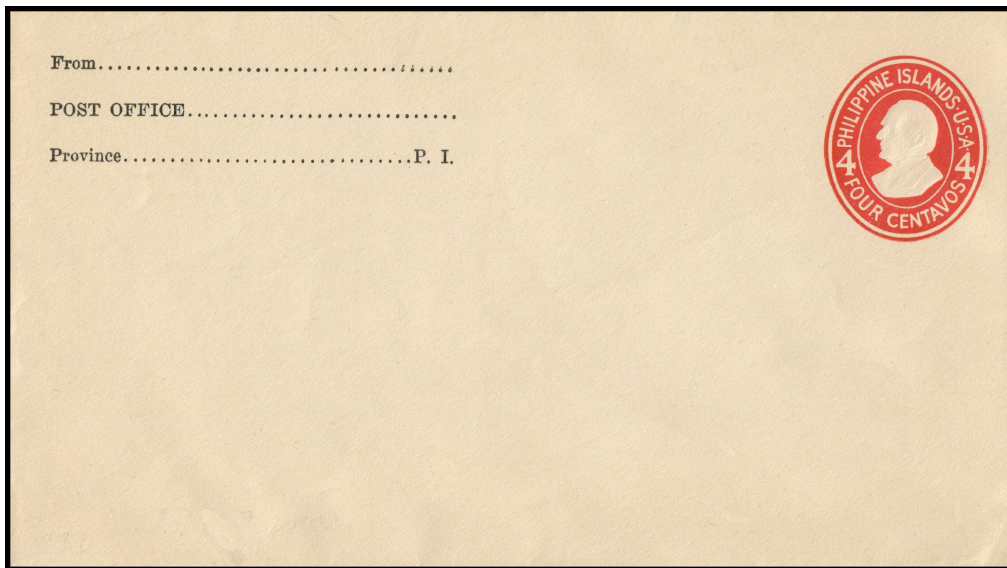
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4c Carmine (McKinley) on White Wove Paper

Knife Type 5 (Low Back)

(UPSS-86 to UPSS-87)

Corner Card (CC-10)



U35Bc

Scott U35

4c Carmine (McKinley) on White Laid or Wove Paper

Knife Type 3 (High Back)

	UPSS	Size	Watermark	Corner Card	Date Shipped
4c Carmine on White Laid Paper					
U35Ca	88	105mm x 241mm	15	-	19 Oct 1910
4c Carmine on White Wove Paper					
U35Cb	89	105mm x 241mm	30a	-	20 Apr 1933
U35Cc	90	105mm x 241mm	33	-	20 Aug 1935



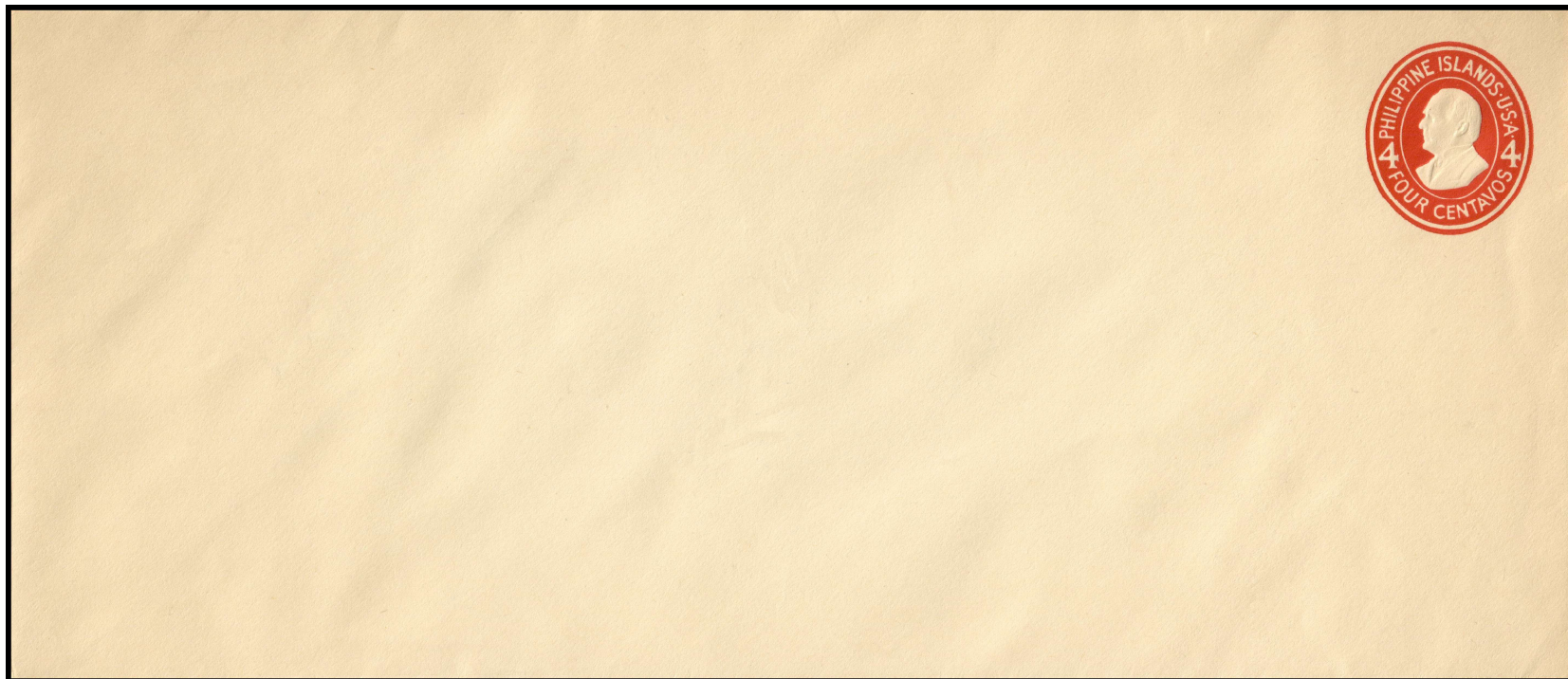
U35Ca, U35Cb, U35Cc

Scott U35

4c Carmine (McKinley) on White Wove Paper

Knife Type 5 (Low Back)

	UPSS	Size	Watermark	Corner Card	Date Shipped
U35Da	91	105mm x 241mm	24	-	6 Feb 1925
U35Db	92	105mm x 241mm	25	-	16 Aug 1929
U35Dc	93	105mm x 241mm	26	-	2 Feb 1928
U35Dd	93A	105mm x 241mm	27	-	13 May 1926
U35De	94	105mm x 241mm	28	-	8 Aug 1930
U35Df	95	105mm x 241mm	28a	-	??
U35Dg	95A	105mm x 241mm	30	-	??



U35Da to U35Dg

Scott U35

4c Carmine (McKinley) on White Laid Paper

Knife Type 4 (Low Back)

	UPSS	Size	Watermark	Corner Card	Date Shipped
U35E	96	108mm x 132mm	15	-	??



U35E

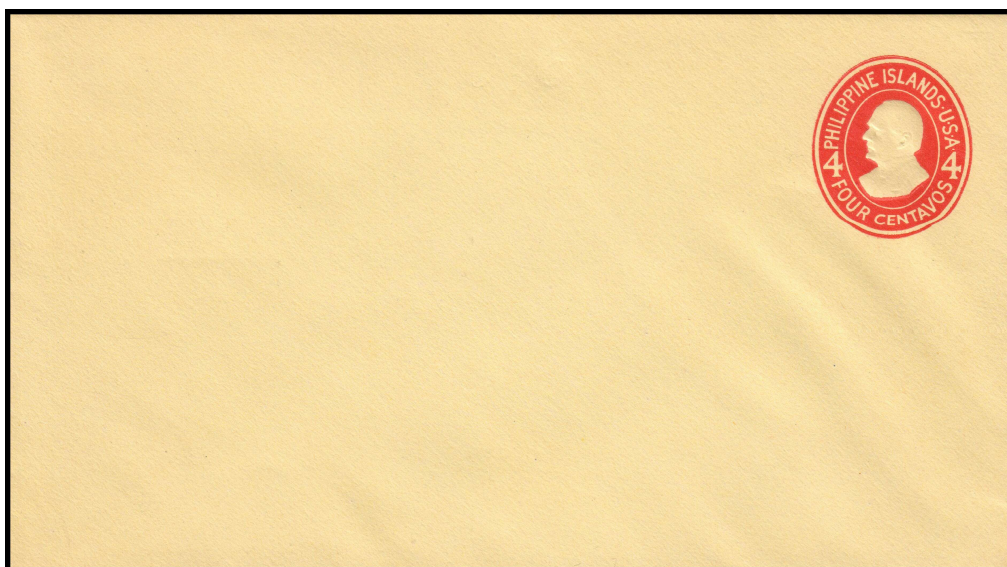
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4c Carmine (McKinley) on Amber Laid Paper

Knife Type 2 (High Back)

	UPSS	Size	Watermark	Corner Card	Date Shipped
U36A	97	89mm x 160mm	15	-	22 Apr 1909

A total of 1,500 envelopes printed



U36A

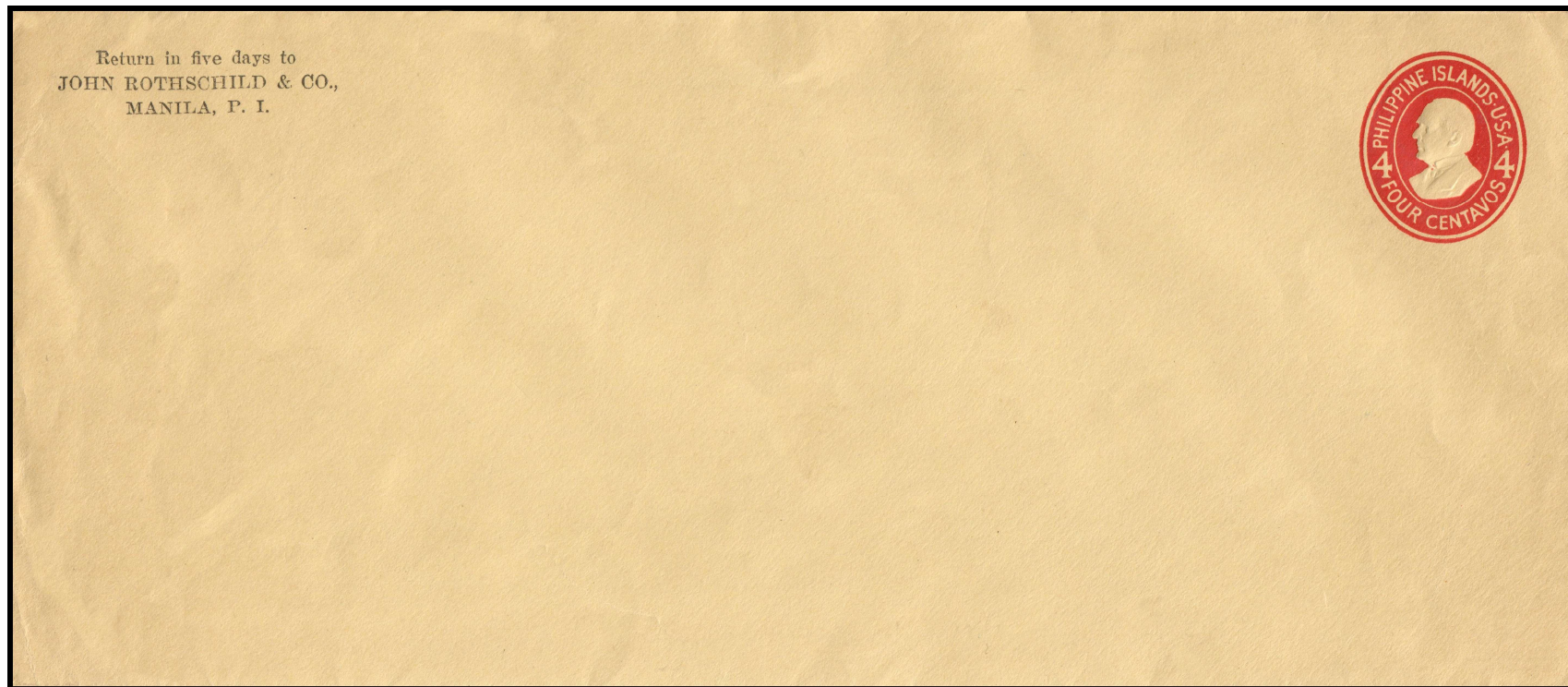
Scott U36

4c Carmine (McKinley) on Amber Wove Paper

Knife Type 3 (High Back)

	UPSS	Size	Watermark	Corner Card	Date Shipped
U36B	98	105mm x 241mm	19	John Rothschild & Co	16 Dec 1915

A total of approximately 500 envelopes printed



U36B - Only envelopes with John Rothschild & Co. Corner Card were produced

Scott U37

4c Carmine (McKinley) on Buff Laid Paper

Knife Type 2 (High Back)

	UPSS	Size	Watermark	Corner Card	Date Shipped
U37A	99	89mm x 160mm	15	-	??

A total of 1,000 envelopes printed



U37A

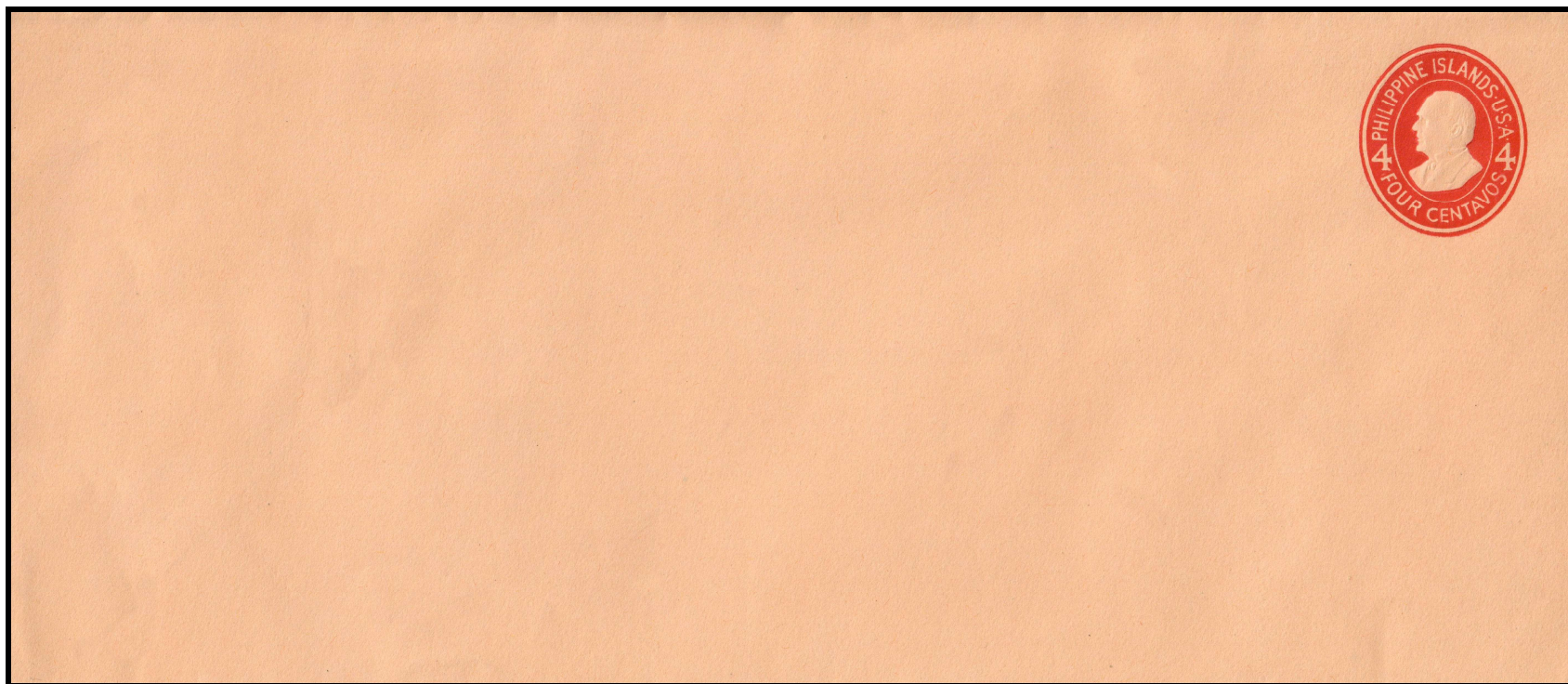
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4c Carmine (McKinley) on Buff Laid Paper

Knife Type 3 (High Back)

	UPSS	Size	Watermark	Corner Card	Date Shipped
U37B	100	105mm x 241mm	15	-	??

A total of 1,000 envelopes printed



U37B

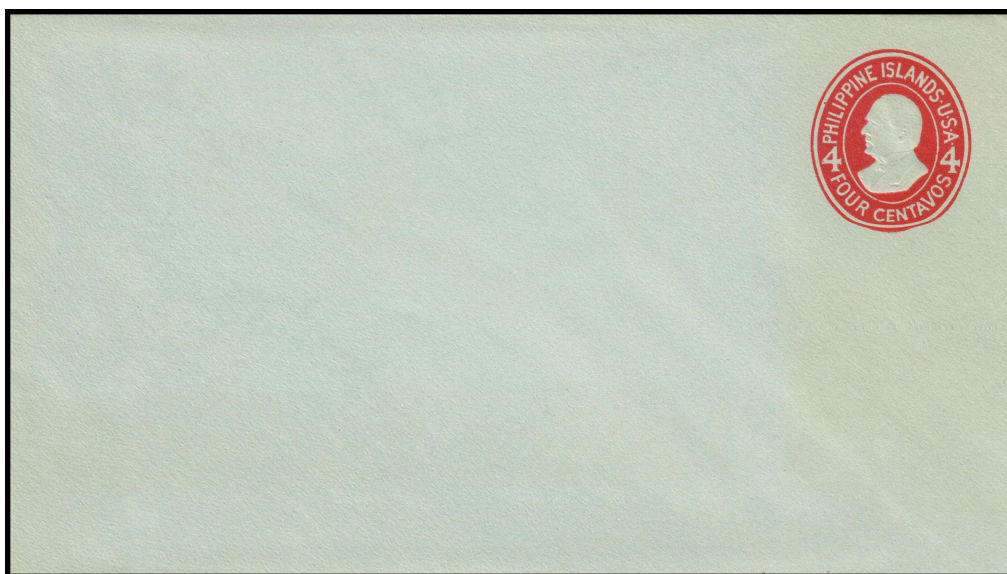
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4c Carmine (McKinley) on Blue Laid Paper

Knife Type 2 (High Back)

	UPSS	Size	Watermark	Corner Card	Date Shipped
U38A	101	89mm x 160mm	15	-	1 Feb 1911

A total of 2,000 envelopes printed



U38A

Scott U38

4c Carmine (McKinley) on Blue Laid Paper

Knife Type 3 (High Back)

	UPSS	Size	Watermark	Corner Card	Date Shipped
U38B	102	105mm x 241mm	15	-	??

A total of 1,000 envelopes printed

NO SCAN AVAILABLE

U38B

Scott U39

4c Carmine (McKinley) on Manila Laid Paper

Knife Type 2 (High Back)

	UPSS	Size	Watermark	Corner Card	Date Shipped
U39	103a	89mm x 160mm	15	-	22 Apr 1909

A total of 1,000 envelopes printed



U39 - No Gum on Back Flap

Note: UPSS Lists this issue with gum on back flap (UPSS-103). None seen to date.