

Plate 1: Types TP1 and TP2 used together on 1923 Registered cover from the President McKinley. Reduced to 79%



Plate 2: Problematic double-ring cancel on 1924 Hong Kong cover: type TP7. Reduced to 70%

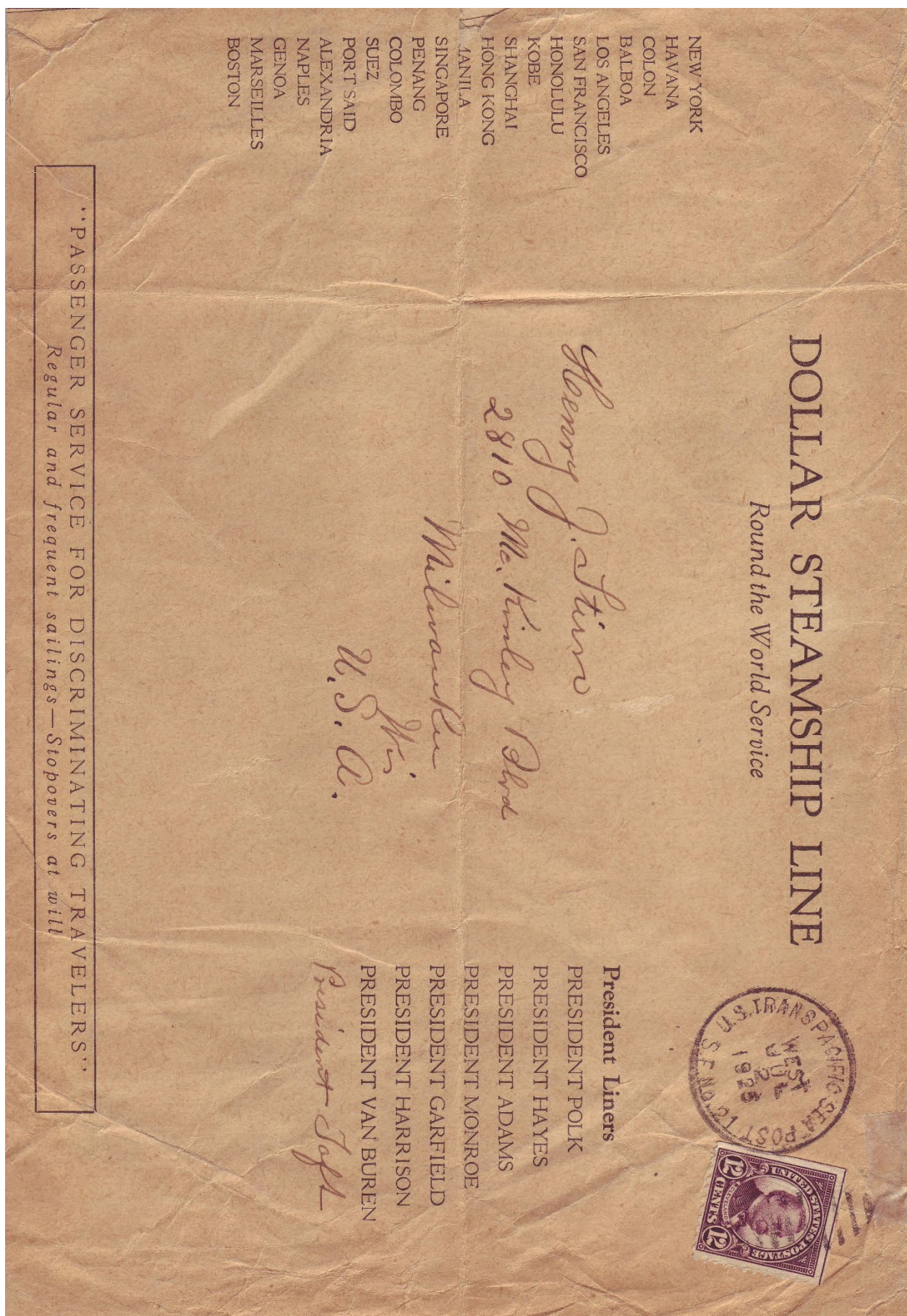


Plate 3: Interesting Dollar Line cover (1925) showing lists of ships and ports-of-call on the round-the-world cruise

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Apr 10, 1929

TRANS-PACIFIC MAILS.

Steamers listed below carry mails in order shown for points indicated by (x) under countries of destination, and opposite names of steamers. Dispatch for trans-pacific parcel post is shown separately from other mail. All steamers carry specially addressed matter in addition to that indicated.

| STEAMSHIP | DATE from L. A. | CLOSING TIME Arcade Station | SAILS FROM | REGULAR MAIL FOR | | | | | | | | | | | PARCEL POST MAIL FOR | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------|---------|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------|---------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|
| | | | | CHINA | Japan-Korea | SIBERIA | Hongkong-Siam Canton-Sing Set | French Indochina | Dutch E. Indies | Philippine Islands | Hawaii- 1st class and newspapers | Hawaii (other matter) | New Zealand | AUSTRALIA West Australia | Fiji Islands | CHINA | Japan - Korea | Hongkong - Siam Fr. Indochina | Philippine Isls. Sing. Settlement | Dutch E. Indies | New Zealand | AUSTRALIA | Fiji Islands |
| Matsonia..... | Apr 9 | 5 40 | San Francisco | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | x | x | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Siberia Maru..... | " 9 | 5 40 | San Francisco | ..... | x | x | x | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Pres. Taft..... | " 11 | 8 00 | San Francisco | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | ..... | ..... | ..... | x | x | x | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Calawail..... | " 13 | 9 35 | San Pedro | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | x | x | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Silver Cedar..... | " 13 | 8 00 | San Francisco | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | x | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | x | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Gold Harvest..... | " 15 | 5 00 | San Pedro | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Manoa..... | " 16 | 5 40 | San Francisco | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | x | x | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | x | ..... | ..... |
| Tahiti..... | " 16 | 8 00 | San Francisco | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | x | x | x | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Pres. Hayes..... | " 18 | 8 00 | San Francisco | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | x | x | x | ..... | x | ..... | ..... | ..... |

† Does not carry German closed mail for Japan.
5 Carries U. S. mail, except parcel post.

‡ Closed mail of foreign origin only.
3 Letter mail only

¶ Sea post.
§ Straits Settlement only

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MEXICO - CENTRAL AMERICA - SOUTH AMERICA

From San Pedro, Calif.

| STEAMSHIP | Date from L. A. | CLOSING TIME Arcade Station | PARCEL POST MAIL FOR | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Specially add Correspondence | | | | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------|---------------|---------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|---------------|----------|---------|----------|-------------|-----------|----------|---------|---------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| | | | PANAMA | Canal Zone | PERU | Bolivia & Chile | Republic of El Salvador | ECUADOR | So & Can Amer | NACAOME | Tegucigalpa | Rep Honduras | West Coast | West Coast | Nicaragua | Cuba & Nariño | Columbia | Amapala | Chalteca | Tegucigalpa | Argentina | Paraguay | Uruguay | Corinto & Dis | | | | | | | |
| E F Luckenbach | Apr 9 | 10 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| Nebraskan | " 12 | 10 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| Point Bonita | " 12 | 5 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| Ecuador | " 13 | 10 20 | x | x | x | x | | x | | | | x | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| R Luckenbach | " 13 | 10 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| Panaman | " 14 | 10 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| Bokuyo Maru | " 17 | 5 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| Ohian | " 19 | 10 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| C'y of Panama | " 20 | 5 00 | | | | | | | | | x | x | x | x | | | x | x | x | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| * Except Iquitos | | | † Argentine, Paraguay, Uruguay | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ‡ Except Corinto Dis | | | § Carries all classes of mail | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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Give "Special-Delivery" Your Special Attention!

SCHEME CHANGES.

CITY SCHEME

Highland Trail changed to Holly
Hilo Trail changed to Holly

FIRM SCHEME

Crocker, H. S. & Co.,
723 South Hill, Box Arcade
Arcade & Box C } erase
L. A. - First National Trust
& Savings Bank
changed to
Security-First National Bank
of Los Angeles

Johns-Manville Inc., of California,
310 E 3d, Box C
(Box Arcade, erase)

Security-First National Bank
of Los Angeles,
Unaddressed &
561 S Spring (Head Office) } Box Arcade
& 707 South Spring
Deliver all other branches as addressed
Except
Guaranty Branch } Box C
7th & Spring

Security Trust & Savings Bank,
changed to
Security-First National Bank
of Los Angeles

Station No. 4, Arcade Building

In directing patrons to Arcade Station, 332 So. Central Ave., employees will give the street address in each instance to avoid patrons calling at Station No. 4, Arcade Building..

P. P. O'BRIEN,
Postmaster.

L. A. P. O. 4-10-'29-2,700



Plate 5a: 2 examples of "foreign-franked" mail cancelled in the transpacific service, without any form of paquebot cachet.

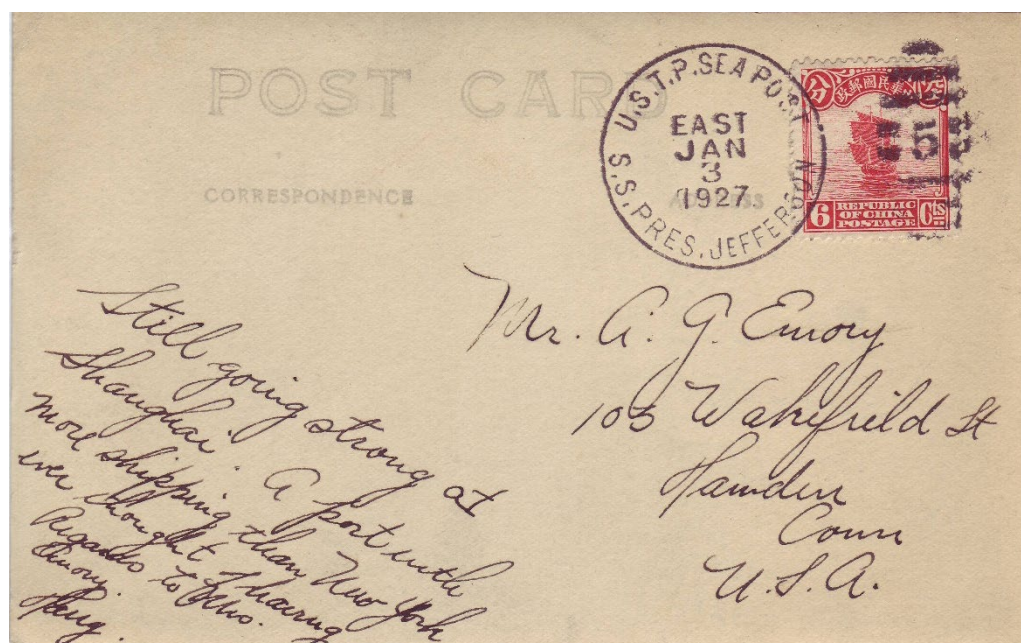




Plate 5b: 2 examples of "foreign-franked" mail cancelled in the transpacific service, without any form of paquebot cachet.





Plate 6: Two interesting covers from the Coolidge – (above) large tax mark found occasionally on mail originating in China, and (below) 1932 cover addressed to Wallis Simpson, later mistress of Edward VIII, and later still his wife (Duchess of Windsor)



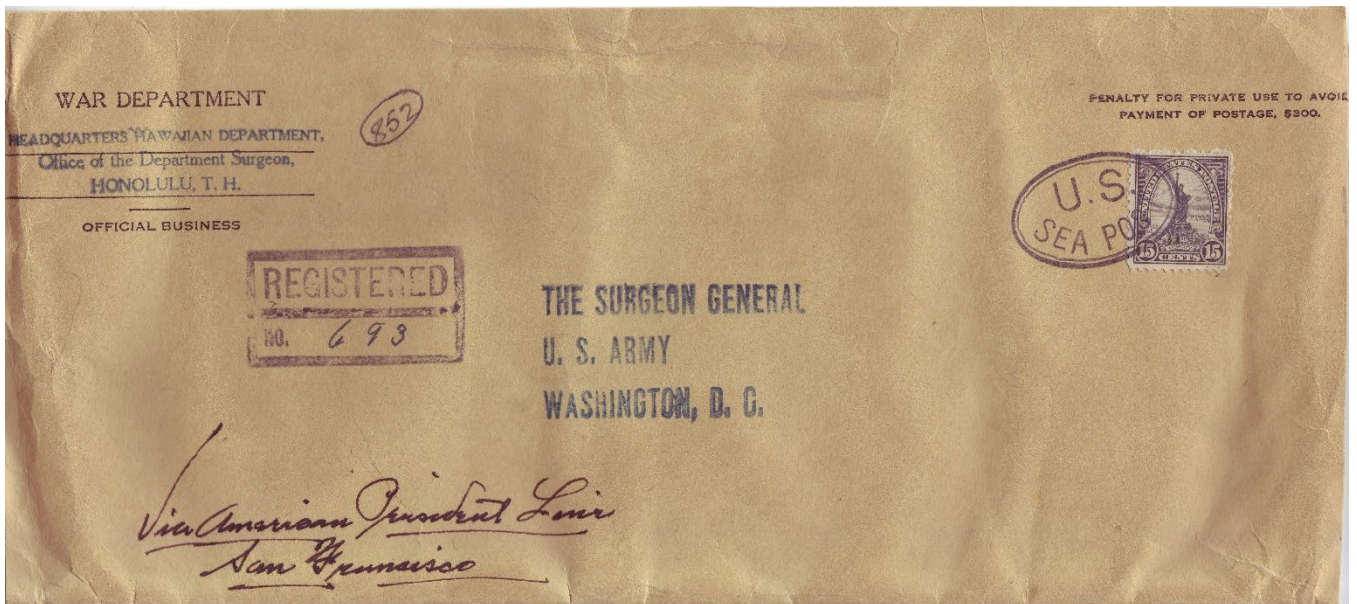


Plate 7a: Example of small double-oval mark used on registered mail posted on board transpacific ships. Reduced to 63%

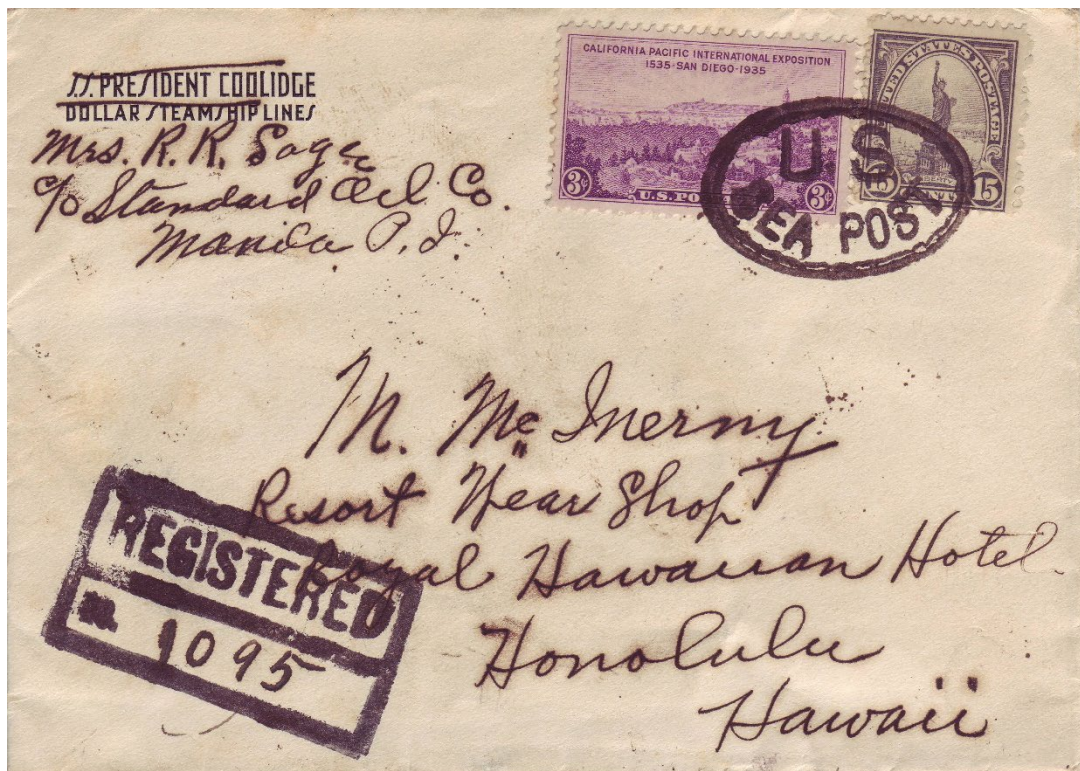


Plate 7b: Example of small double-oval mark used on registered mail posted on board transpacific ships

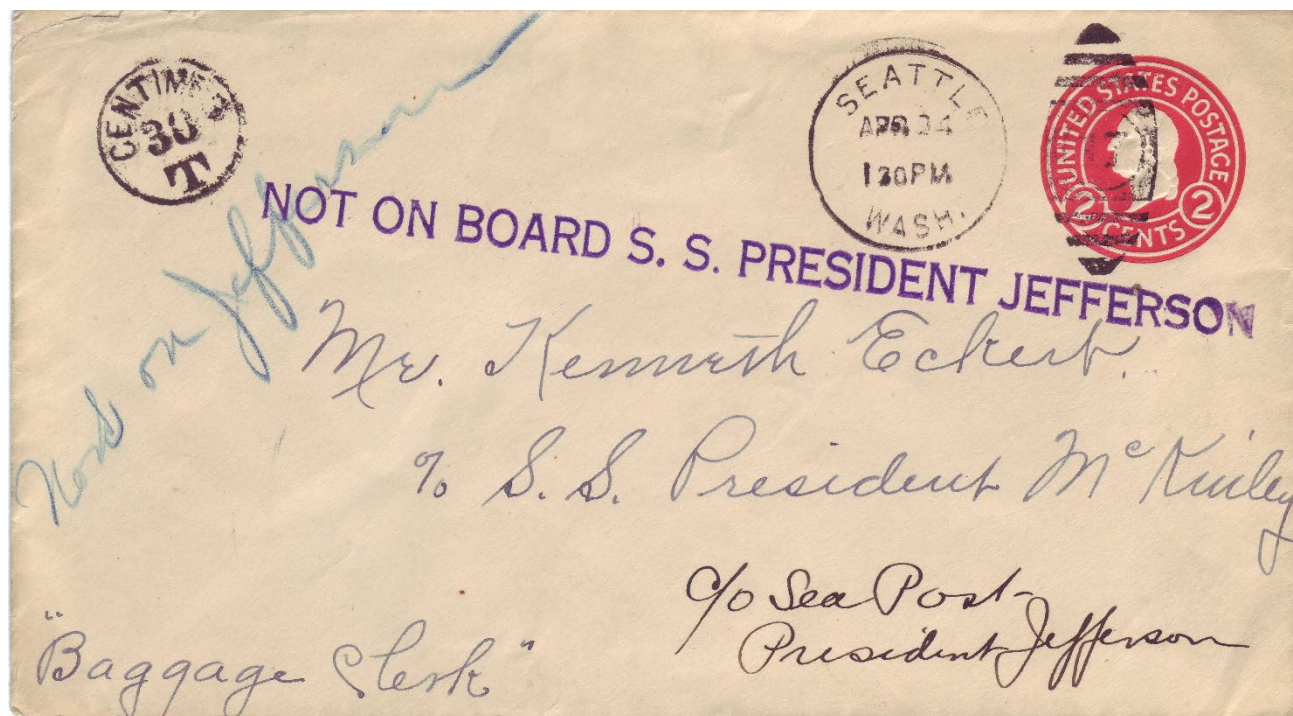


Plate 8: "Not on board" cachet applied to mail addressed to passengers who could not be found





Plate 9: Two examples of cachets for "Crossing the International Date-line," 1937-1940



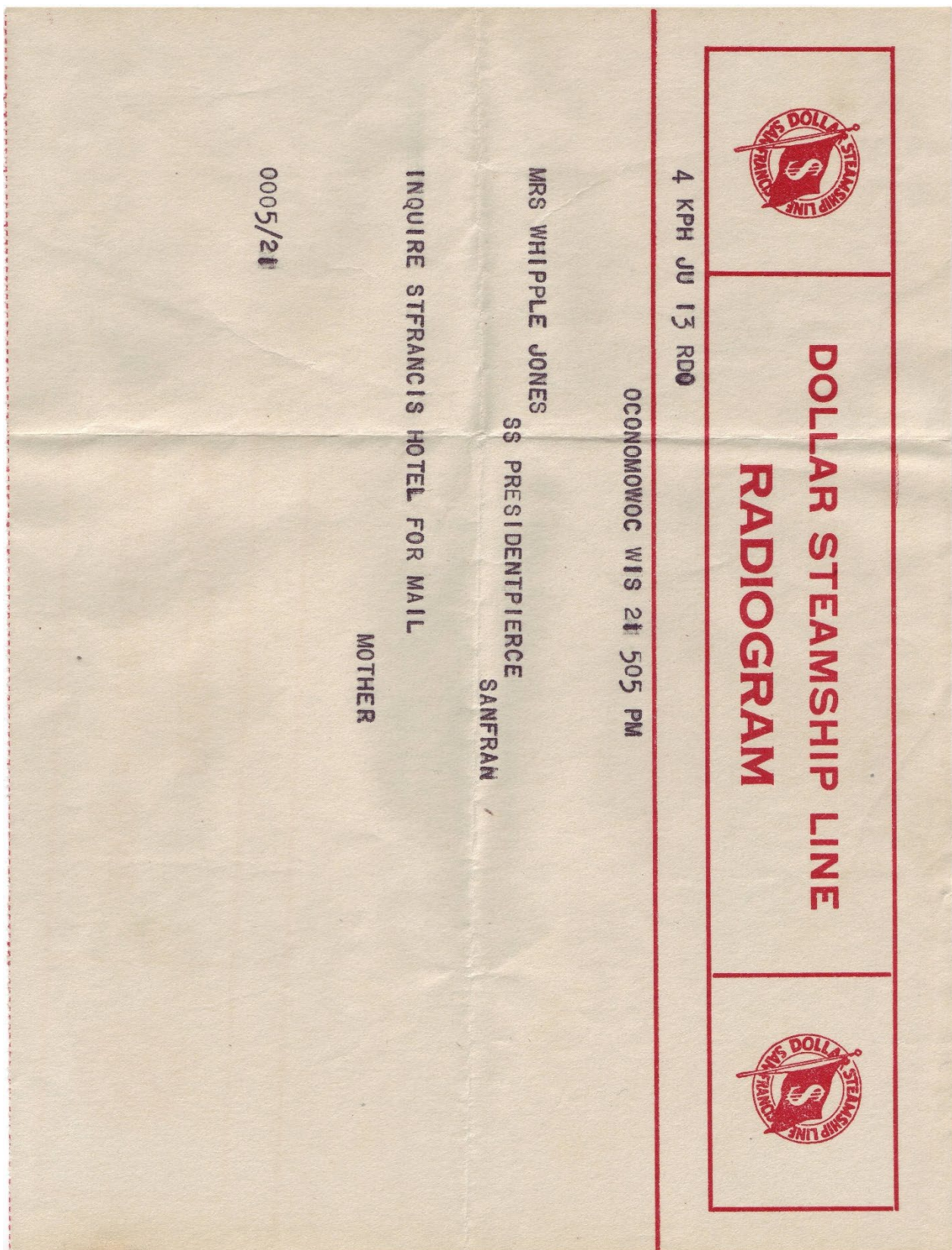


Plate 10a: c1935 incoming radiogram, indicative of the radio facilities available in the transpacific ships

ORDS-10M-6-31

RADIOGRAM

DOLLAR STEAMSHIP LINES

NAME MRD WHIPPLE JONES---118

CABIN NUMBER _____

Plate 10b: Envelope to go with Plate 10a (above)

AMERICAN MAIL LINE

• AMERICAN MAIL LINE •

RADIO OCEAN LETTER

FORM A. M. L. 315
6.18.1928-2508

5 CENTS
12 CENTS

U.S. POSTAGE
JAN 27 1930
To

EULA SMITH
3509 KEMPTON PLACE
OAKLAND CAL

REGISTERED
NO. 493

REGISTRY NO.

Plate 10c: 1930 outgoing ocean letter, indicative of the radio facilities available in the transpacific ships

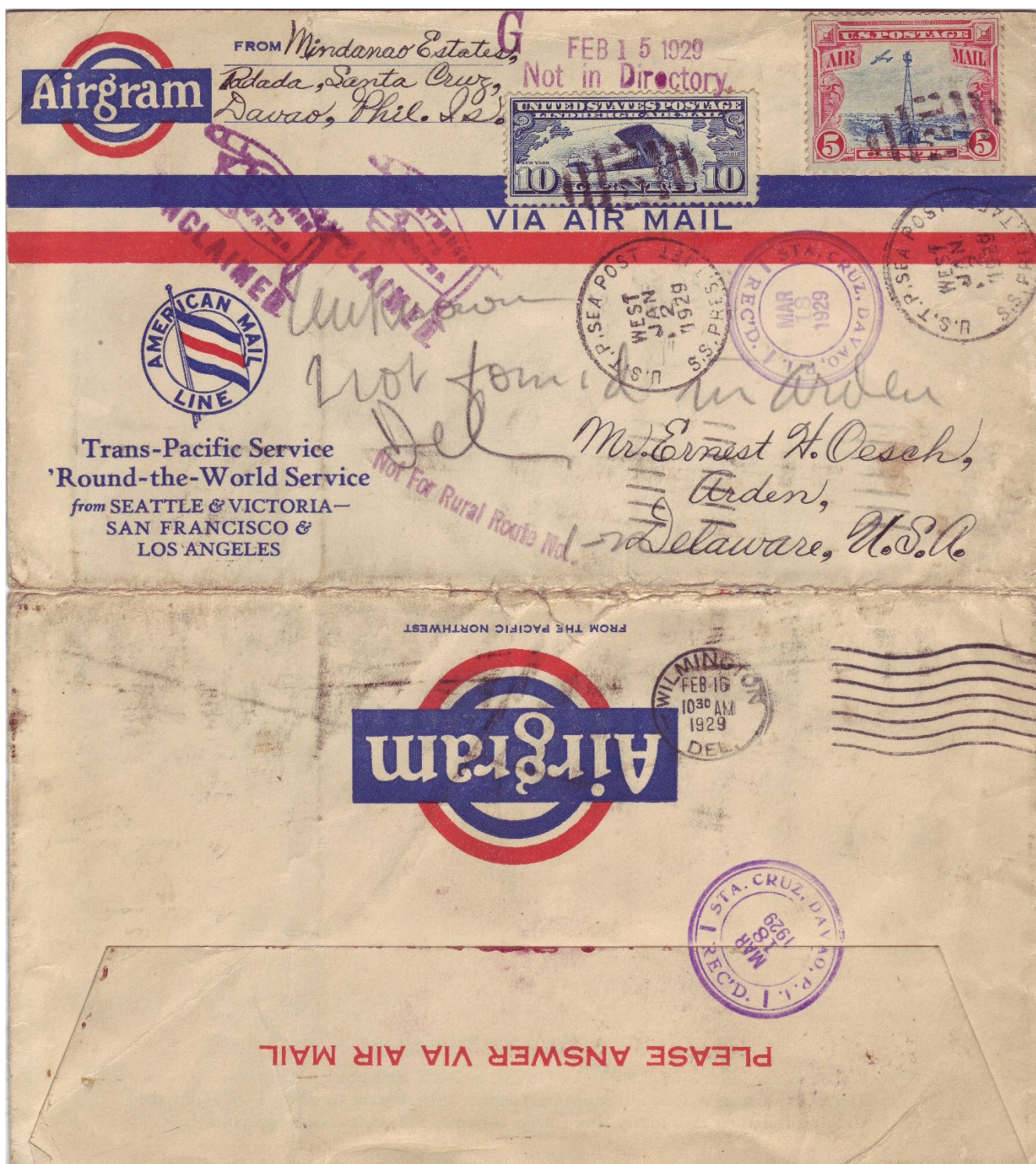


Plate 11: Colourful "airgram" sent from the Taft in 1929, subsequently undelivered and returned to sender. Reduced to 86%

COVERING INDEPENDENT SERVICES OF DOLLAR
STEAMSHIP LINES Inc., Ltd. & AMERICAN MAIL LINE

HEAD OFFICE
SEATTLE

Shipped in apparent good order and condition from Shipper mentioned below the merchandise enumerated hereon (the value, weight, quantity, measure, ment, gaging, quality, brand, contents, and kind of merchandise not being known to carrier) to be transported by the carrier on board the steamship designated herein and on the back hereof, as the Carrier), with such reasonable dispatch as the general business of the Carrier permits from port of loading hereinafter named unto the port of discharge hereinafter named, or so near thereto as safe navigation of such vessel or vessels shall then permit (but with the right to carry said merchandise on deck, sail with or without pilots, tow or be towed and assist vessels in any situation, and also to deviate, to proceed to the port of discharge via any other ports or places enroute or beyond in any rotation or places, whether in or out of the customary or advertised route for the purpose of landing or receiving passengers or freight at such other ports or places or for any other purpose whatsoever; and to lighter, surf, transship, land and riship said merchandise or any part thereof; and to land the same on docks or place in lighters at intermediate ports for the purpose of restowing the same or loading other cargo, it being understood the carrying vessel is a general cargo carrier, loading and discharging cargo at ports enroute; and to go into drydock with said merchandise on board) and upon the arrival of said vessel at said port of discharge, to be received by and delivered at ship's tackle unto party or parties hereinafter named subject to the terms and conditions and surrender of this bill of lading duly endorsed with following merchandise, marks, numbers, articles, weights and/or measurements ascribed below:

| Shipper | San Kwong Tong.. | 278 Des Vaux Road C. | Pres. Grant | 26 |
|---------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|----|
| | | Steamer | Voy. | |
| | | | | |

From Hongkong to San Francisco Via

Consignee Order Notify:- Doap Leun Hong, 844 Grant Ave.,

Ultimate Destination San Francisco

(Order Bill of Lading must show party to be notified, otherwise Carrier not responsible for delay and expense when effecting delivery.)

| MARKS AND NUMBERS | PACKAGES | DECLARED CONTENTS | GROSS WEIGHT | CUBIC FEET |
|-------------------|----------------|--|--------------|------------|
| DIH 1/5 6/10 | 5 cs 5 Bkts | Medicine " Bkts | | |
| | 10 | (Ten packages) | | |
| | | This shipment has been loaded on SS "President Grant" | | |

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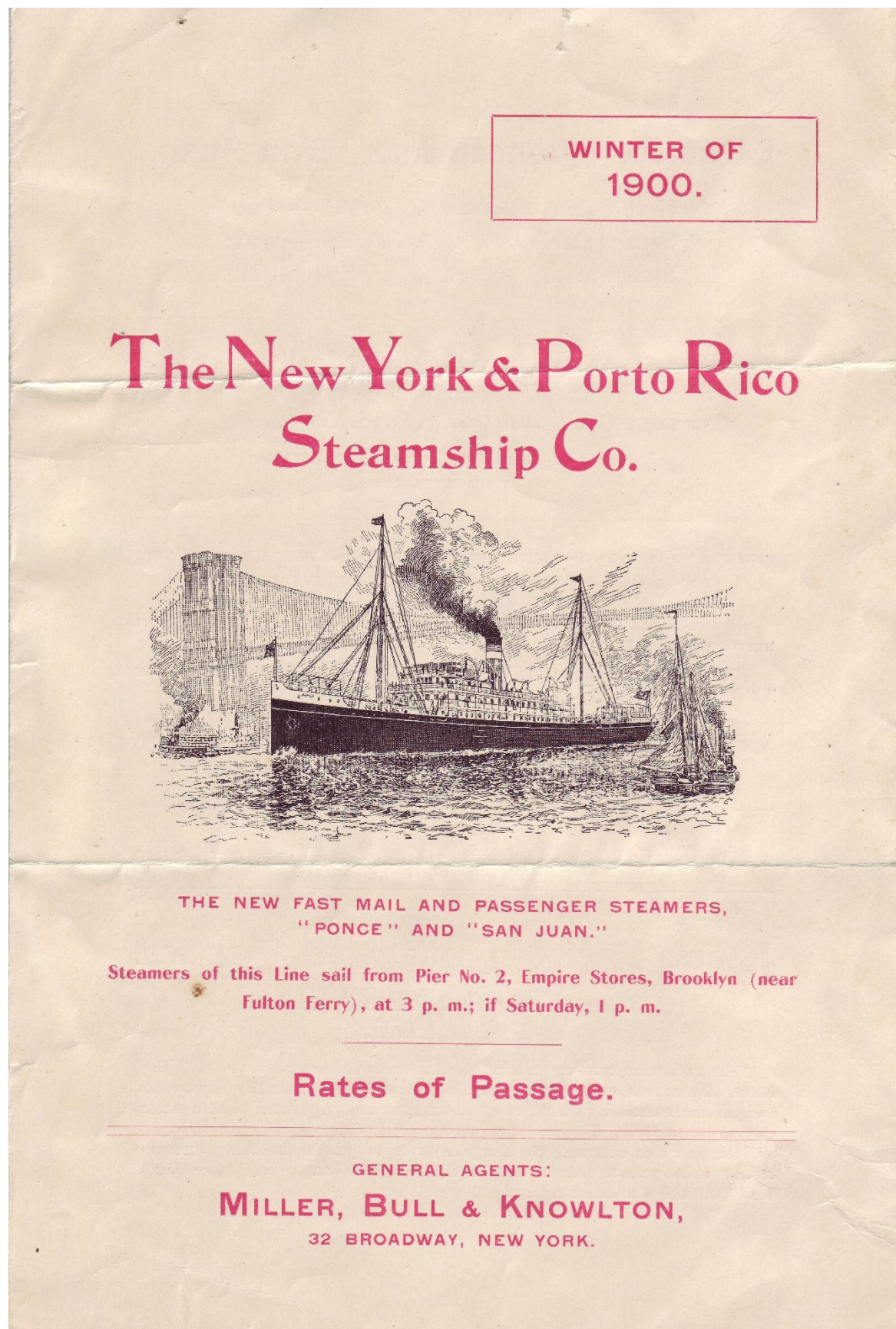


Plate 13: 1900 leaflet advertising the New York and Porto Rico service

PRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

New York & San Juan R P O, sea post service.

Railway Mail Service

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT SECOND DIVISION

WWB-CPT New York, N. Y.

June 22nd 1921

SPECIAL ORDER

Commencing July 2nd 1921, sea post service will be established between New York, N.Y., and San Juan, Porto Rico, on the steamers of the New York & Porto Rico Steamship Company; sailing from New York on Saturday of each week at noon, and sailing from San Juan, P.R., on Wednesday of each week at 5 p m.

The first trip of sea post service from New York will be that of Saturday, July 2nd, on the SS Ponce, and on Saturdays thereafter by steamers indicated in the company's schedule. The first trip from San Juan, Porto Rico, will be that of Wednesday, July 13th, and on Wednesdays thereafter by the steamers indicated in the company's schedule of sailings.

The following instructions will be observed by the clerks performing service on this line:

- Southbound -

REGISTERED MAIL will be received at the Foreign Station of the New York Postoffice at 9 a m by the clerk; and the clerk should leave in charge of the registers and the ordinary mail for the steamer on the last wagon, leaving the Foreign Station at 10.30 a m on the date of sailing.

- 1.- See that the first-class mail is conveyed to the postoffice mail room on the steamer direct from the wagon.
- 2.- Registered mail should be securely locked in the strong room provided for that purpose within the mail room.
- 3.- Cancel the postage stamps on the supplementary mail received at the dock.
- 4.- Make a distribution of the letter mail for the Island of Porto Rico in accordance with the special standpoint scheme which is furnished for that purpose.
- 5.- Make a distribution of San Juan City letter mail in direct packages to the principal business firms and the box sections, as indicated on the special scheme furnished for that purpose.
- 6.- Make a distribution of Ponce City letter mail into directs for the principal business firms.
- 7.- Make a distribution of paper mail for the Island of Porto Rico in accordance with the special scheme which is furnished for this purpose.
- 8.- On the day of arrival, arrange with the First Officer as to the time of getting the mail on deck, and making the deck separations, as indicated by notes on page 4 of the Porto Rico scheme.

Plate 14: Official instruction sheet concerning the re-establishment of the Porto Rico service in 1921. Reduced to 87%



Plate 15: 1926 cover and letter from the Coamo

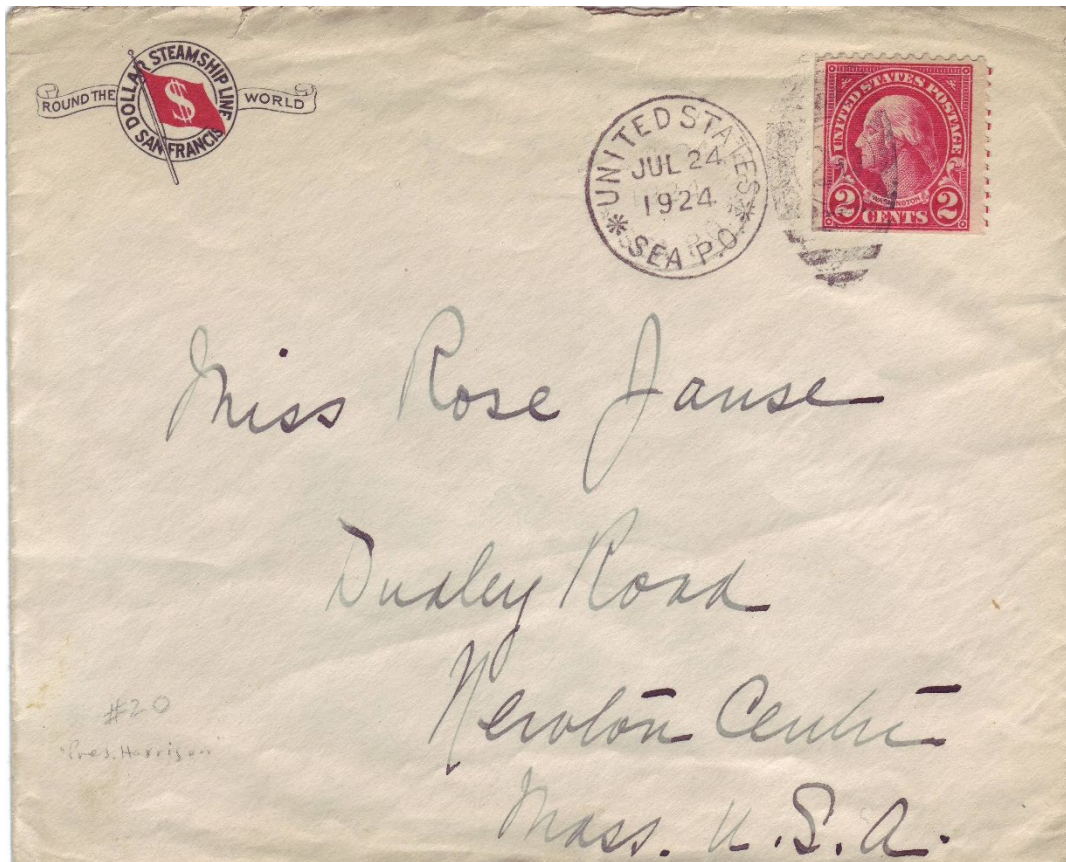


Plate 16: Two interesting items from the Canal Zone series: (above) cover from the President Harrison with number 20 in duplex, probably proper to this seapost, and (below) 1924 postcard with Haitian franking and straight paquebot – an imperfect strike but a rare example of a “south” indicator



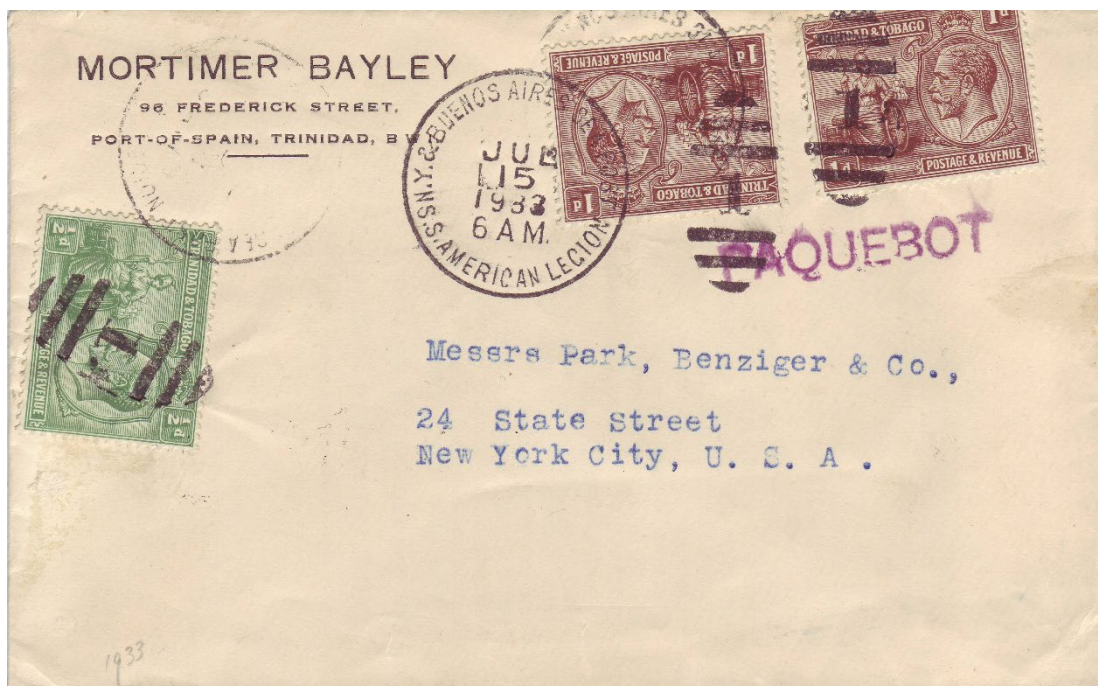
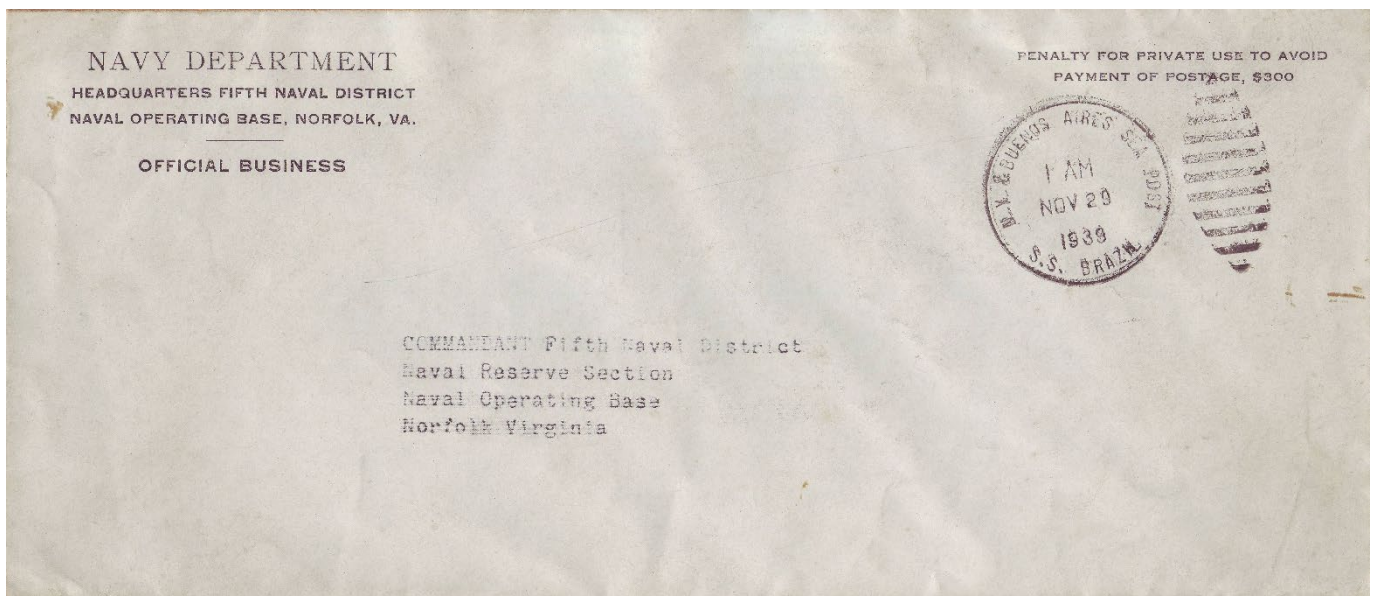


Plate 17: Interesting examples of foreign-franked mail from the Buenos Aires Seapost





Plate 18: Official mail, unfranked, cancelled in the Buenos Aires Seapost. Reduced to 80% (lower)



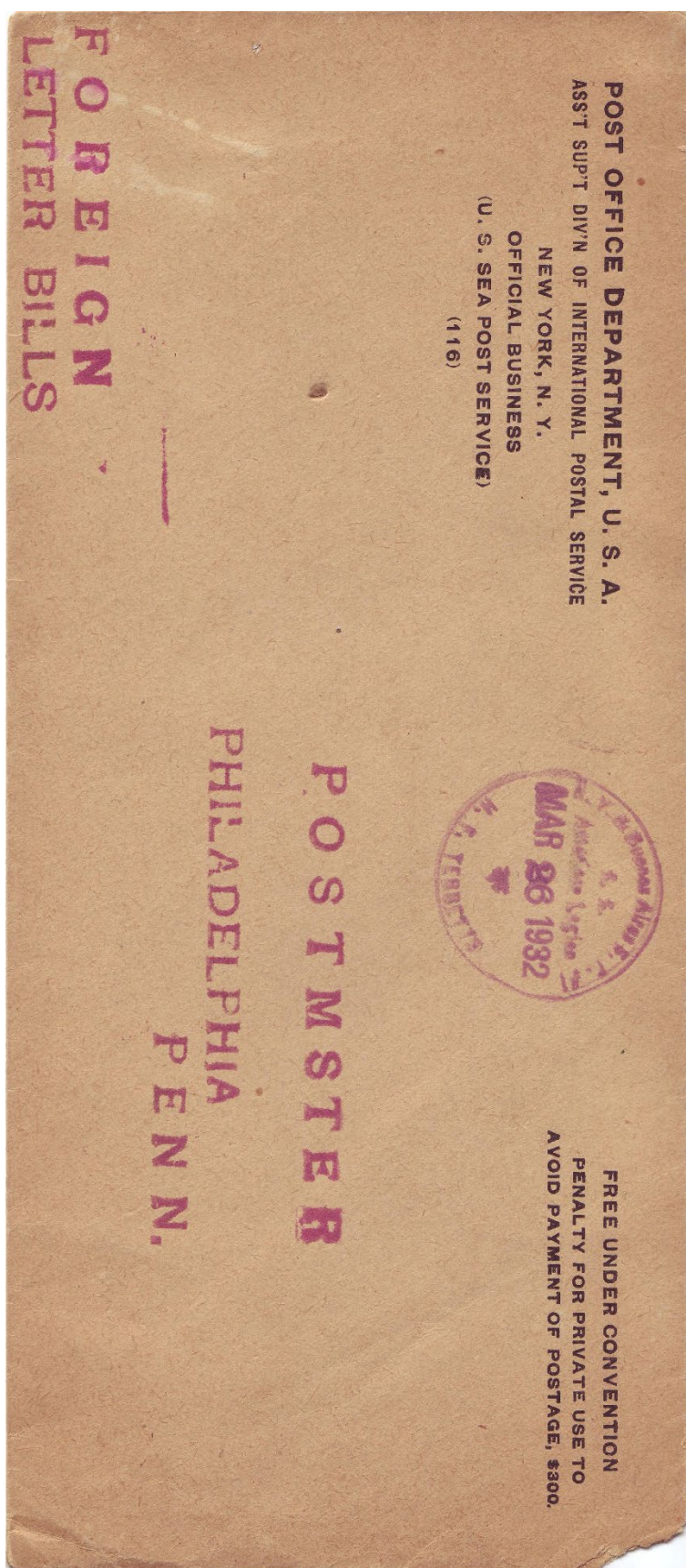


Plate 19: Official "Seapost Service" envelope from the American Legion to the Postmaster of Philadelphia, with seapost clerk's personal handstamp, 1932.



Plate 20: Pictorial menu card from the Santa Clara, 1930, showing route of the Valparaiso service.

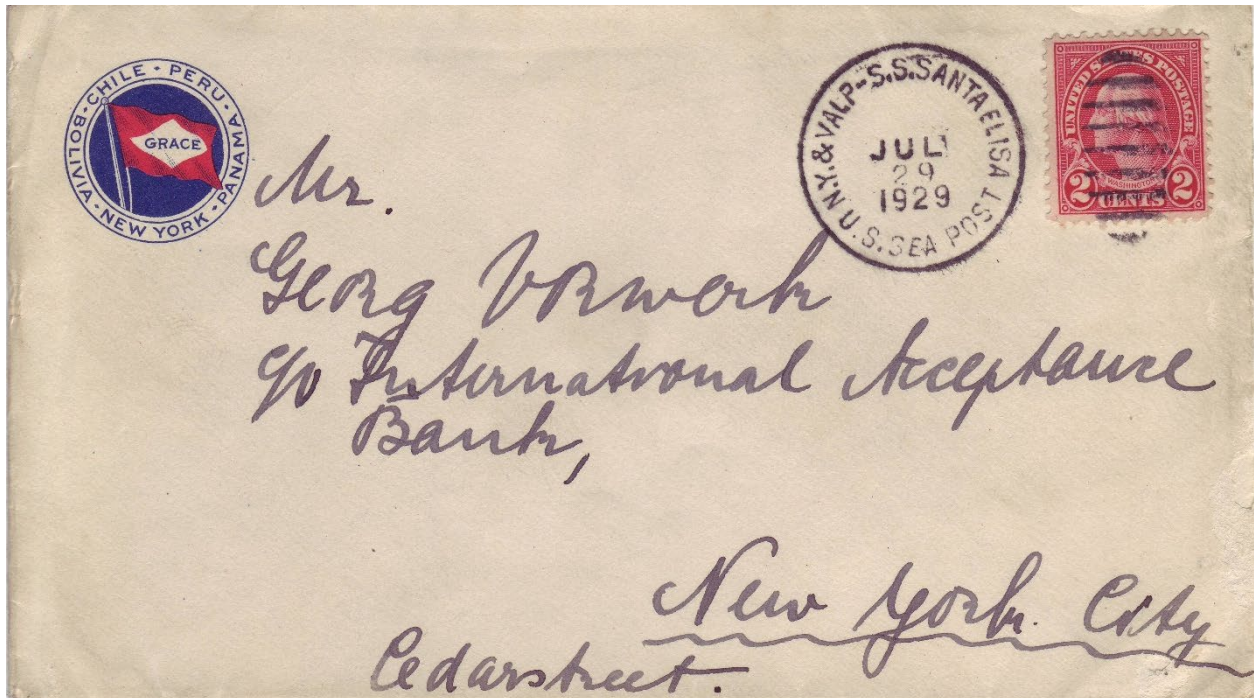
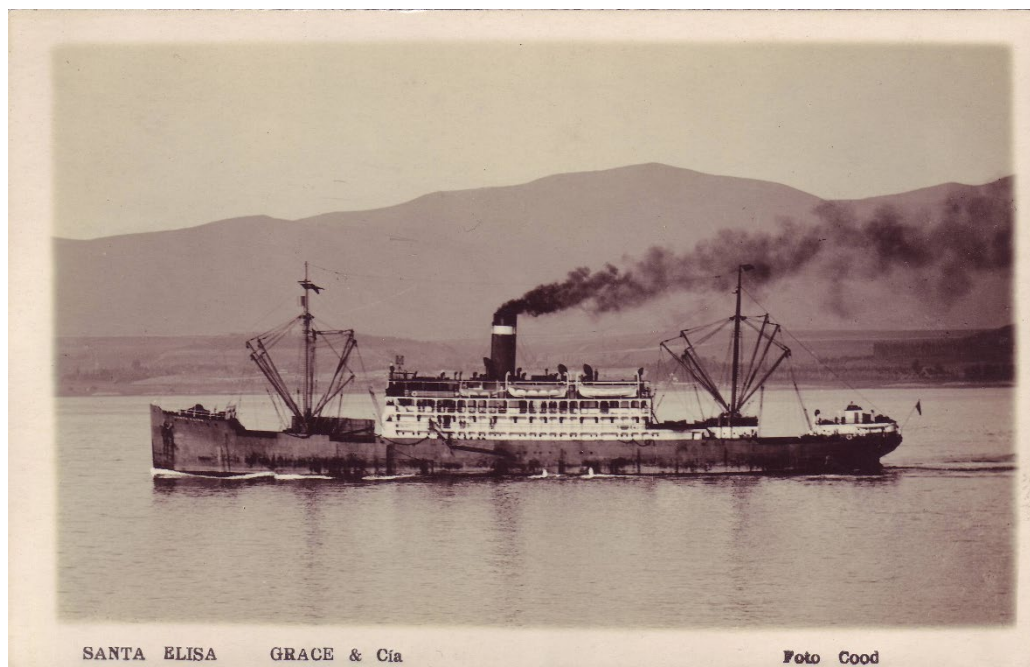


Plate 21: Shipping company envelope mailed from the Santa Elisa and a pictorial card of the ship itself.



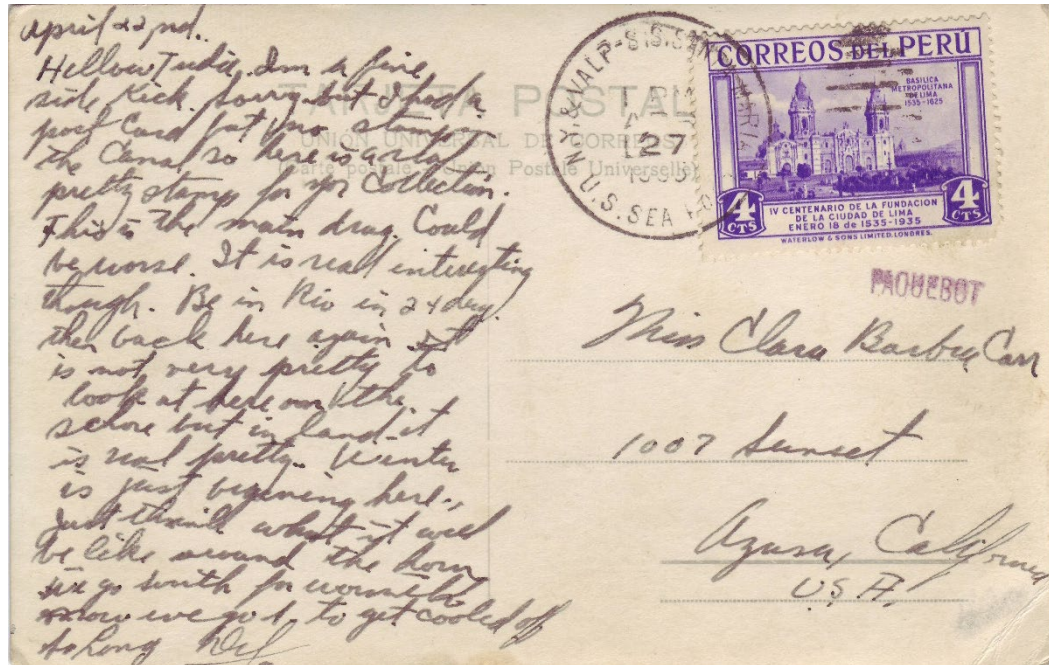
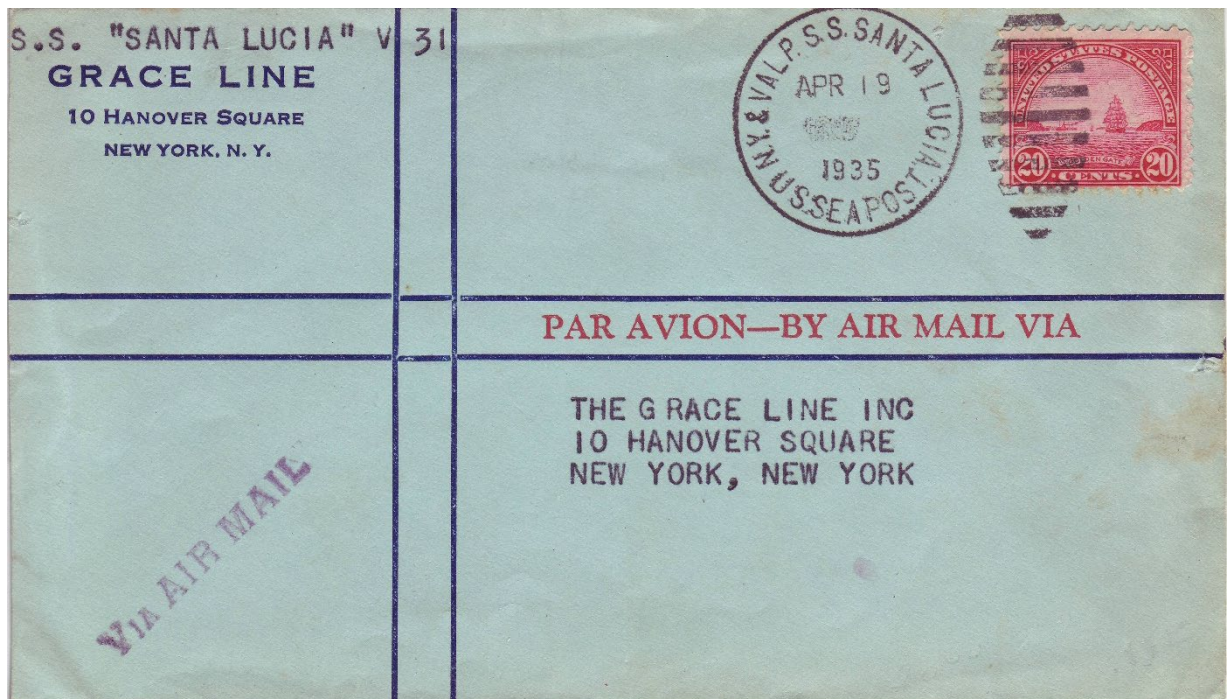


Plate 22a: A pair of interesting items from the Valparaíso service



Form 4416
UNITED STATES POST OFFICE
DIRECT PACKAGE
Firm Case Mail
ALL FOR FIRM ON FACE
Impression of Clerk's Case Stamp must
appear below:

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| U.S. SEA POST SERVICE | |
| S.S. SANTA LUCIA | |
| GRACE | LINE NORTH PACIFIC |
| OCT 31 1935 | |
| R. E. Warner | |

Upon opening this package you will kindly
note whether or not errors are found. If so,
please enter your firm name and date on this
slip, and return it together with the wrongly
delivered mail to the post office.
This cooperation on your part will enable
this office to place responsibility and event-
ually give you better service.

POSTMASTER.

Plate 22b: An item from the Valparaiso service and a facing slip with the seapost clerk's personal handstamp



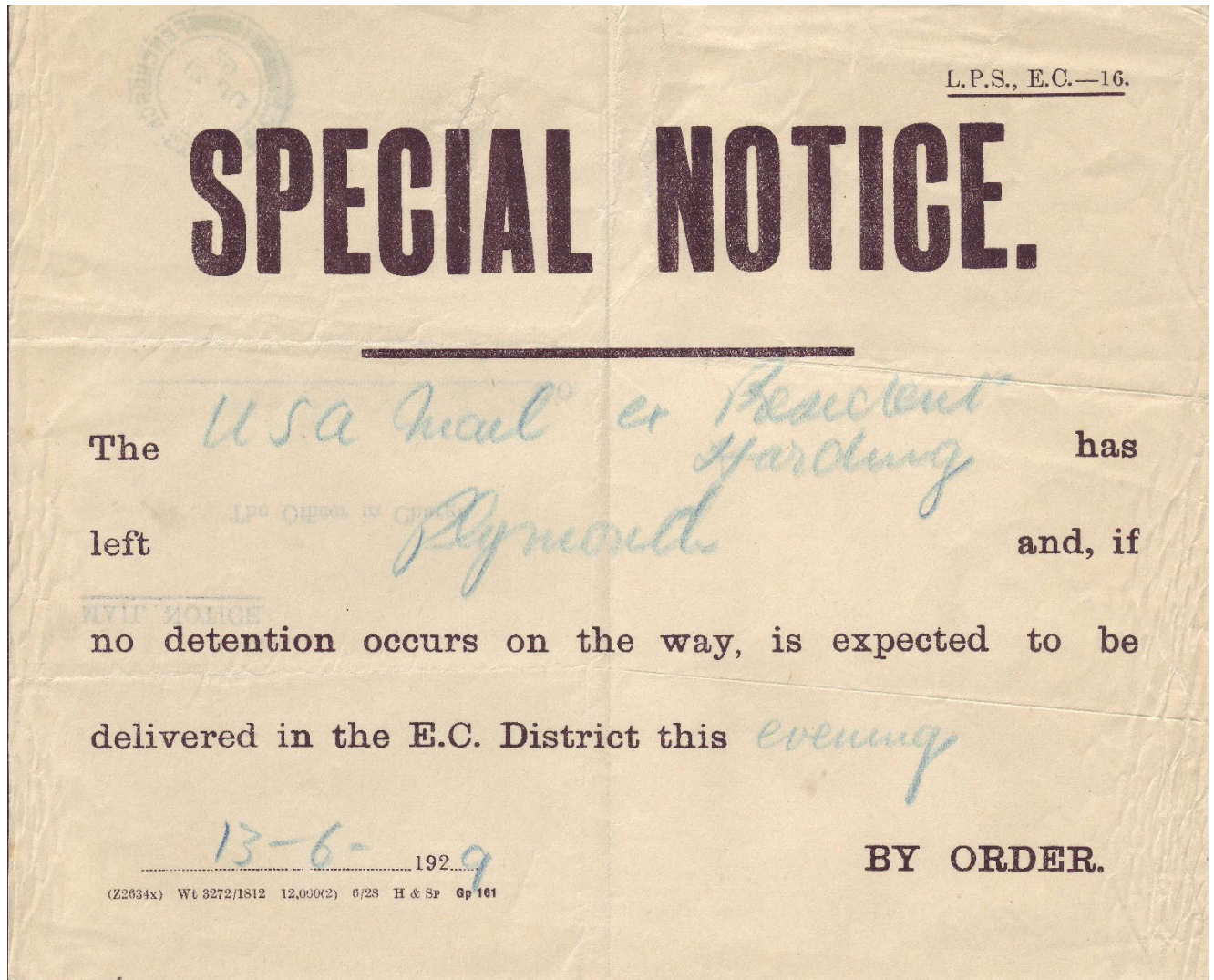


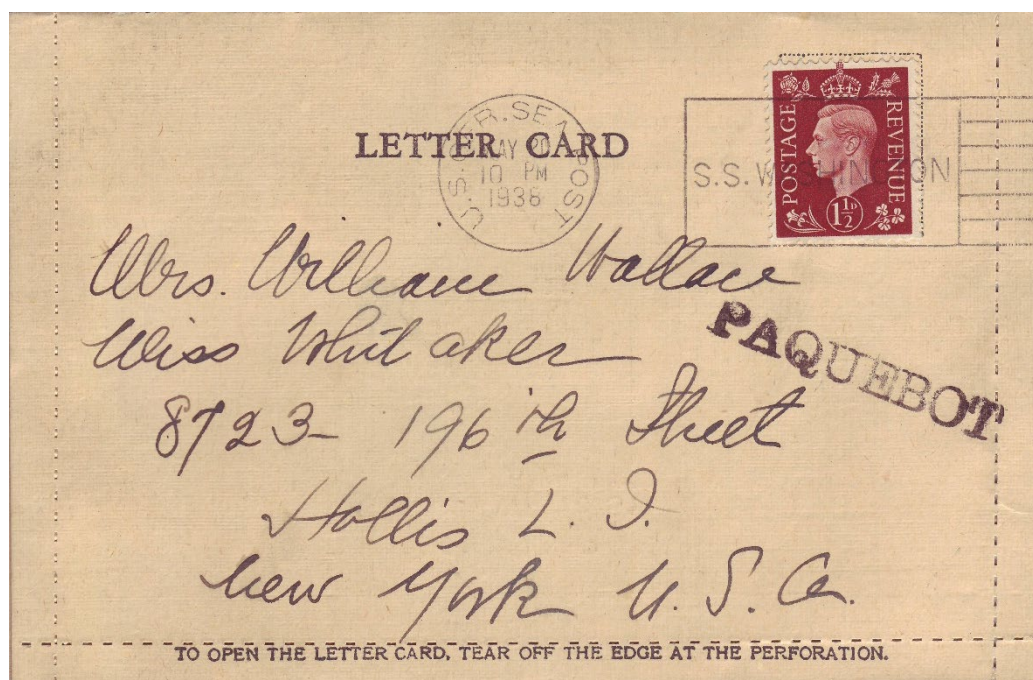
Plate 23: 1929 official notice from the London Post Office concerning the arrival of the transatlantic mail at Plymouth, on board "President Harding". Reduced to 85%



Plate 24: Rare example of registered mail posted on ship, 1913, and cancelled with the registration cancel of the seapost



Plate 25: Express mail from the "Manhattan" and mail from British ship Britannic cancelled on the "Washington"; two unusual usages



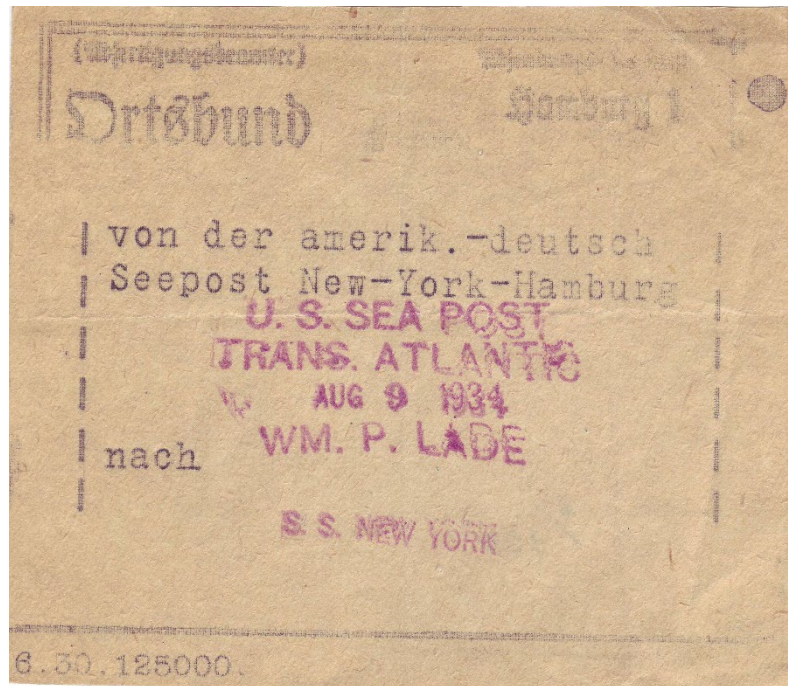


Plate 26a: 1934 German facing slip with personal cachet of US Seapost clerk on the "New York"



Plate 26b: 1922 cover with rare usage of registered datestamps cancelling postage

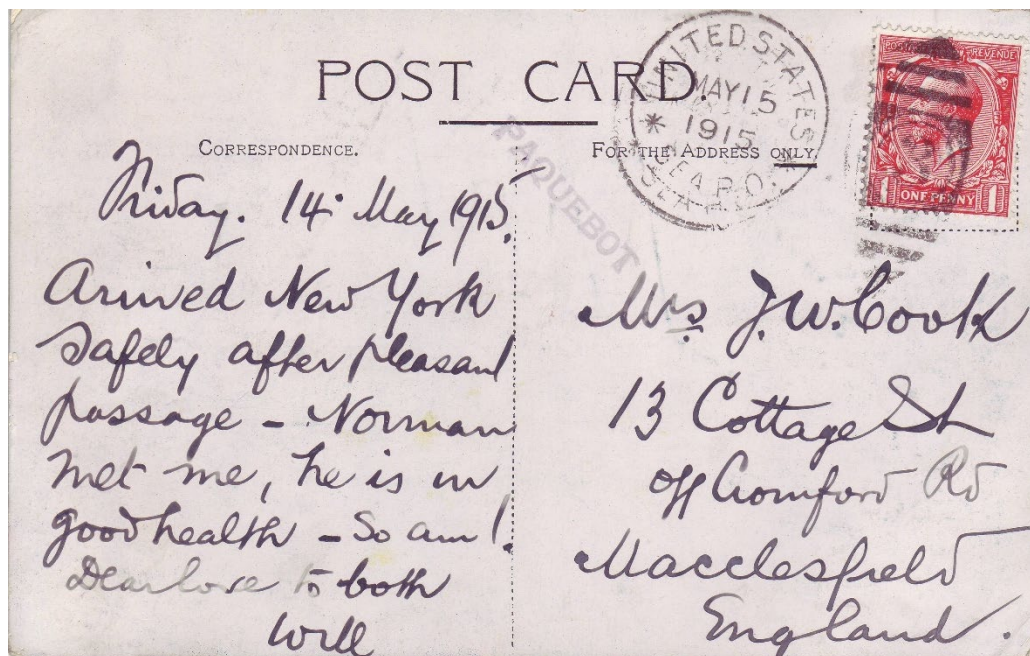


Plate 27: Two seapost cards from 1915 – one with British stamp and straight paquebot; the other with a completely dumb obliterator, the latter not previously reported





Plate 28: Both sides of 1922 card from Kuhnle to Dahmann, showing on reverse complete range of handstamps available in the sea PO at that date





Plate 29: The scarce British double-circle mark, applied by the British sorters in the four US ships of the joint US/British service, only in the period 1905-1907. One is accompanied by a US Sea PO missent mark, the other by a New York paquebot mark.



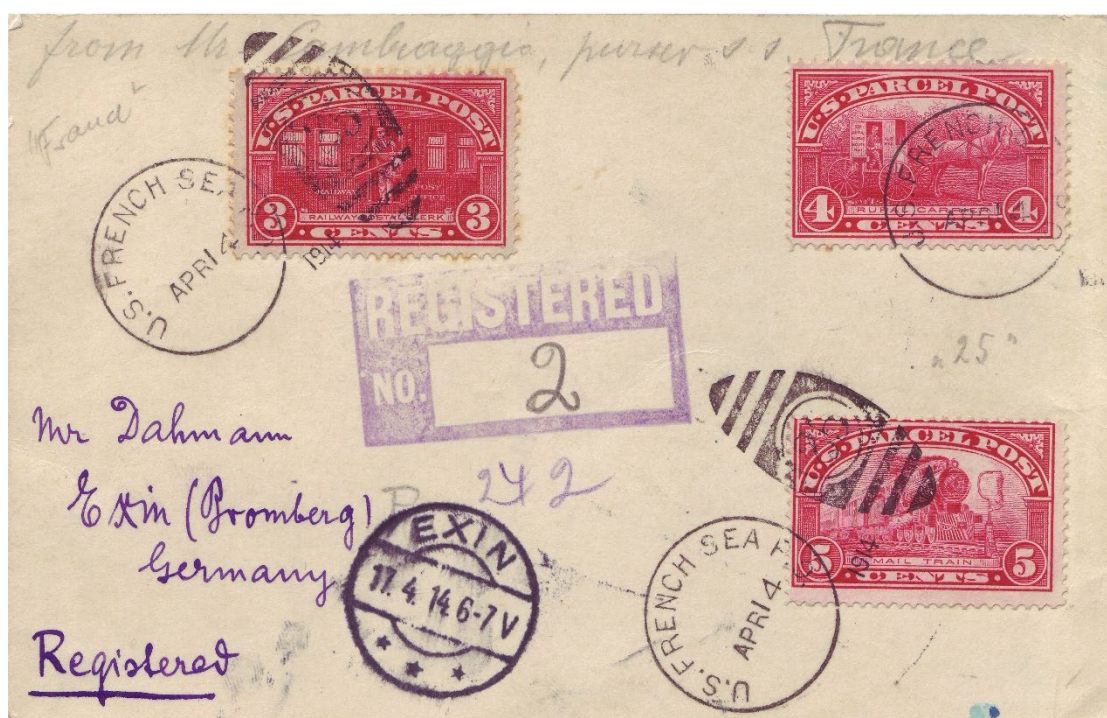


Plate 30: Dahmann, mailing from the US/French Sea PO No 25 proving existence of registration facility on this short-lived seapost service.

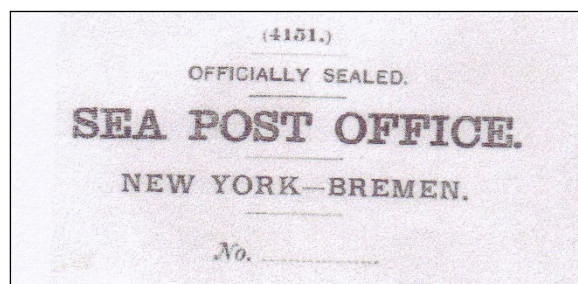


Plate 31: Official seal of the US/German Seapost on a damaged cover addressed to Chicago, and (for reference) a complete unused seal.



Plate 32: Supplementary mail cover ex-New York, 1909, via US/German Sea PO



Plate 33: Two items of supplementary mail out of San Juan via the Porto Rico Seapost: (top) 1926 card posted without supplementary fee and taxed accordingly, (bottom) 1928 cover fully paid with double postage.

