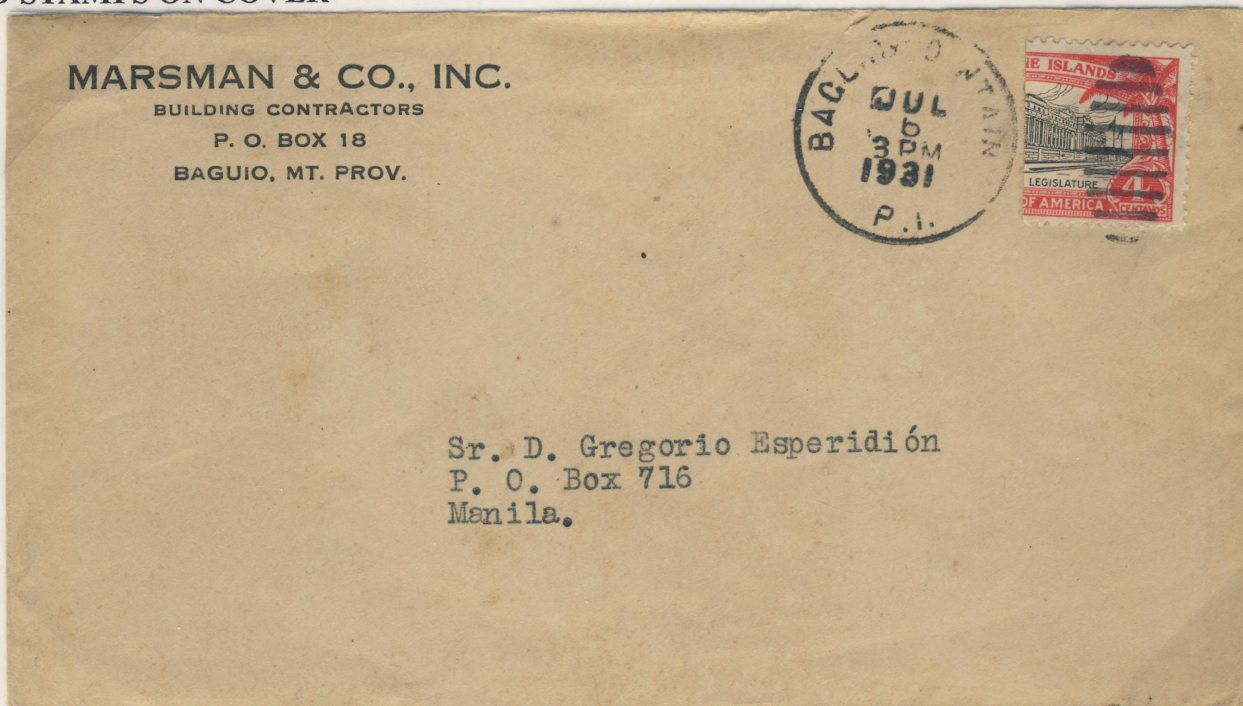


4C CARMINE POSTAL HISTORY
BISECTED STAMPS ON COVER



Internal mail, Baguio, Mt. Province to Manila
Bisect of 4c., paying 2c Internal First Class Rate, 1-20g



Polanqui, Albay to United States
Bisect of 4c to pay 6c First Class Rate to U.S., each ounce
(Rate to U.S. increased from 4c/oz to 6c/oz, end of 1932)

Only Examples Recorded of 4c Bisections on Cover

The use of bisected stamps was not expressly authorized by postal authorities. It would have been difficult for postal authorities to object as the existing postal rates included a 3c rate for each pound or fraction, for Second Class mail to the U.S. and Possessions (see, 2c Official Postal History for *Only Example Recorded*), and a 5c rate for each kilogram or fraction, for Internal Second Class mail (no examples of rate recorded). As neither a 1c, 3c nor 5c stamp had been printed since 1904, these rates would require the use of a bisected stamp or mandate overpayment, which would have constituted an illegal penalty for utilizing an authorized rate.