

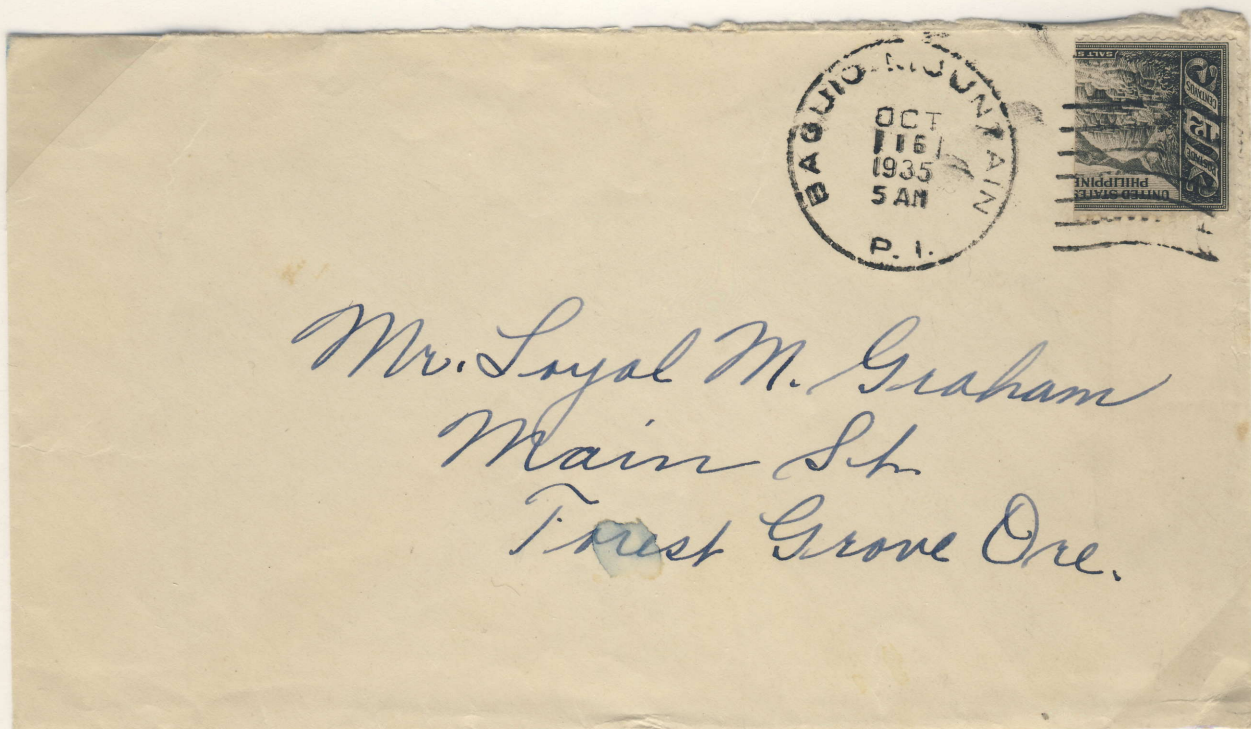


Large Die Proof
Five Examples Recorded



Only one plate was used to print the 12c.
The 12c. stamp paid the First Class
Rate (1-20g) to foreign destinations
from 1937-1941

12 CENTAVOS BISECT



Baguio Mountain to United States, Oct. 16, 1935.
6c./oz. First Class Rate to United States
Only Recorded Bisect

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 kilogram or fraction, for mailing second class materials both internally and to the United States and possessions. This mail was limited to "Newspapers, periodicals and regular publications entered as second-class matter in the Philippines addressed to bona fide subscribers, and sample copies not exceeding 10 percent of the number sent to such subscribers, mailed by the publishers or by news agents duly authorized as such by the Director of Posts." (An example of this rate is shown with the 2c. Large Commonwealth stamp.) As neither a 3c. stamp nor a 1c. stamp had been printed since 1904, the rate would require the use of a bisected stamp or mandate overpayment, which would have constituted an illegal penalty for utilizing an authorized rate.