

SPANISH MARIANAS

INTRODUCTION

The Mariana Islands are an archipelago of 14 islands located between Hawaii and the Philippines, north of Guam, with a total area of 464 km². The first European to see the archipelago was Ferdinand Magellan in 1521, who landed on the island of Guaján and claimed the islands for the King of Spain, baptizing the islands as "Island of Thieves ". Later, the name of the archipelago was changed as a tribute to the queen consort of Spain, Mariana of Austria, a time when Spanish colonization reached its greatest extent.

The postal mail in the Mariana Islands initially used stamps destined for the Philippines; however, due to the theft of a large number of stamps from the Public Treasury printed for use in the Philippines, they were demonetized and a circulation was carried out overloading the remains that were available in the archipelago to preserve the income of the Treasury, these surcharged stamps constitute one of the most enigmatic issues of all the Spanish colonies, existing from 150 to 500 copies in some cases .

The remoteness of the Spanish empire, the limited territorial extension and the small population that inhabited the islands at this time indicates that the postal effects such as stamps, letters or postal stationery linked to the Spanish Marianas are really scarce, in almost all cases the copies are true jewels of the philately and colonial postal history of Spain.

OBJECTIVES

Study the stamps used in the Spanish Marianas, both the Philippine stamps used in these islands and the own stamps that were surcharged in 1899 and their characteristics. Analyze the postal markings used in this archipelago and show examples of the scarce letters known from this Spanish colonial era.

STRUCTURE

This collection shows in a staggered way the marks applied to the stamps of the Philippines, as well as examples of the correspondence franked with these stamps, later the stamps belonging to the surcharged issue (single and block copies) and the postmarks that were applied, finally show postal stationery cards sent to and from the Spanish Marianas.

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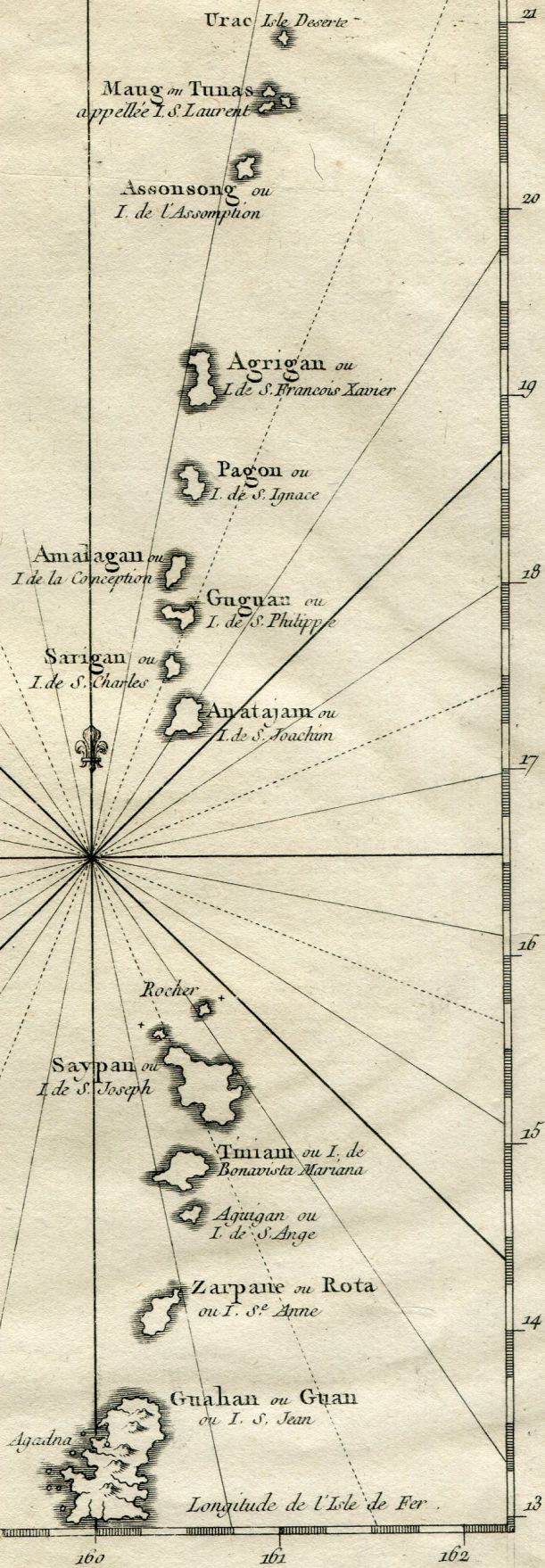
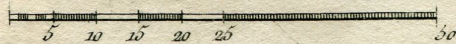
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CARTE
DE L'ARCHIPEL DE S^T LAZARE
OU LES
ISLES MARIANES

*Sur les Cartes du P. Alonso Lopez
Et le Memoire du P. Morales Jesuites
Espagnols Missionnaires dans ces Isles
Pour servir a l'Histoire Generale
des Voyages
Par le S^r Bellin Ing^r de la Marine
1752*

Echelle

Lieues communes de France



Proof Strike Marks



Sample files cachets of Spanish period
confiscated by US Army upon occupation of
Guam Island before war ending armistice.

The ink is identifiable for being only used by
the U.S. Post Office.

Private treaty. (2021)

Philippine Islands used in Mariana islands

Distinctive Oval of Squares Cancel



Issue 1894
10 centavos



Issue 1896-97
2 centavos



Issue 1898
3 centavos

IPPS auction 60, lots 54, 55 and 57. 31st March, 2010

Ysla de Saipan Crown Oval



Issue 1891-93
2 centavos
Ex. Carlos Borges



Issue 1894
15 centavos
*Spink London, 6th December 2007,
lot 4. Ex. Frederick R. Mayer*



Issue 1896-97
2 centavos
*Afinsa, 22nd May, 2002,
Lot 2073. Ex Aguinaga
Spink London, 6th December 2007,
lot 5. Ex. Frederick R. Mayer*



Issue 1898
3 centavos
*Private Treaty
2006*

KING ALFONSO XIII

SPANISH MARIANAS

Philippine Islands used in Mariana Islands

"MARIANAS" straight line



Issue 1894
10 centavos

Heinrich Köhler, Wiesbaden 13th March 2008, lot 990.
Germany. (Ex. Afinsa)



Issue 1896-97
2 centavos

Iberphil, 23rd May 2009, lot 1203.
Spain



Issue 1891-93
10 centavos

IPPS 71, 29th November 2019, lot 175
United Kingdom



Issue 1894
2 centavos

"ADMON. PAGADA DE YSLAS MARIANAS" oval cancelation



Issue 1898
3c. and 6c.

Afinsa, 22nd May 2002, lot 2077
Ex. Aguinaga

Spink London, 6th December 2007,
lot 7. Ex. Frederick R. Mayer



Issue 1898

Two stamps of 3 centavos.
Afinsa, 22nd May 2002, lot 2076
Ex. Aguinaga

Heinrich Köhler, Wiesbaden 13th March 2008, lot 992
Germany.

KING ALFONSO XII-XIII

SPANISH MARIANAS

Rectangular boxed "CERTIF" Cancel.



Stamps of King Alfonso XII (RRR)

Issue 1880 – 83

2 4/8 cent. 25 cent.

Ex. Col. Bernardino Mota
Artesa de Segre, Lérida Spain.

February 15th, 2022.

Issue 1890

2 cent.

Issue 1894

12 cent.

Ex Julian Cabarrus.

Lot 421, H. R. HARMER NY. August 7th, 2020.

NVK STAMPS UK, lot 14,
March 13th, 2021.

Blue color very seldom seen.
RR



NVK STAMPS UK, Lot 38,
Nov. 14th, 2020.

Issue 1891-93

2 cent.

Issue 1891-93

2 cent.

This type only known to have been used **only** in the Marianas Islands.

1899 Overprints

Used



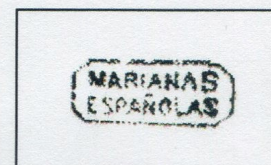
5 centavos



Pair of 3 centavos.



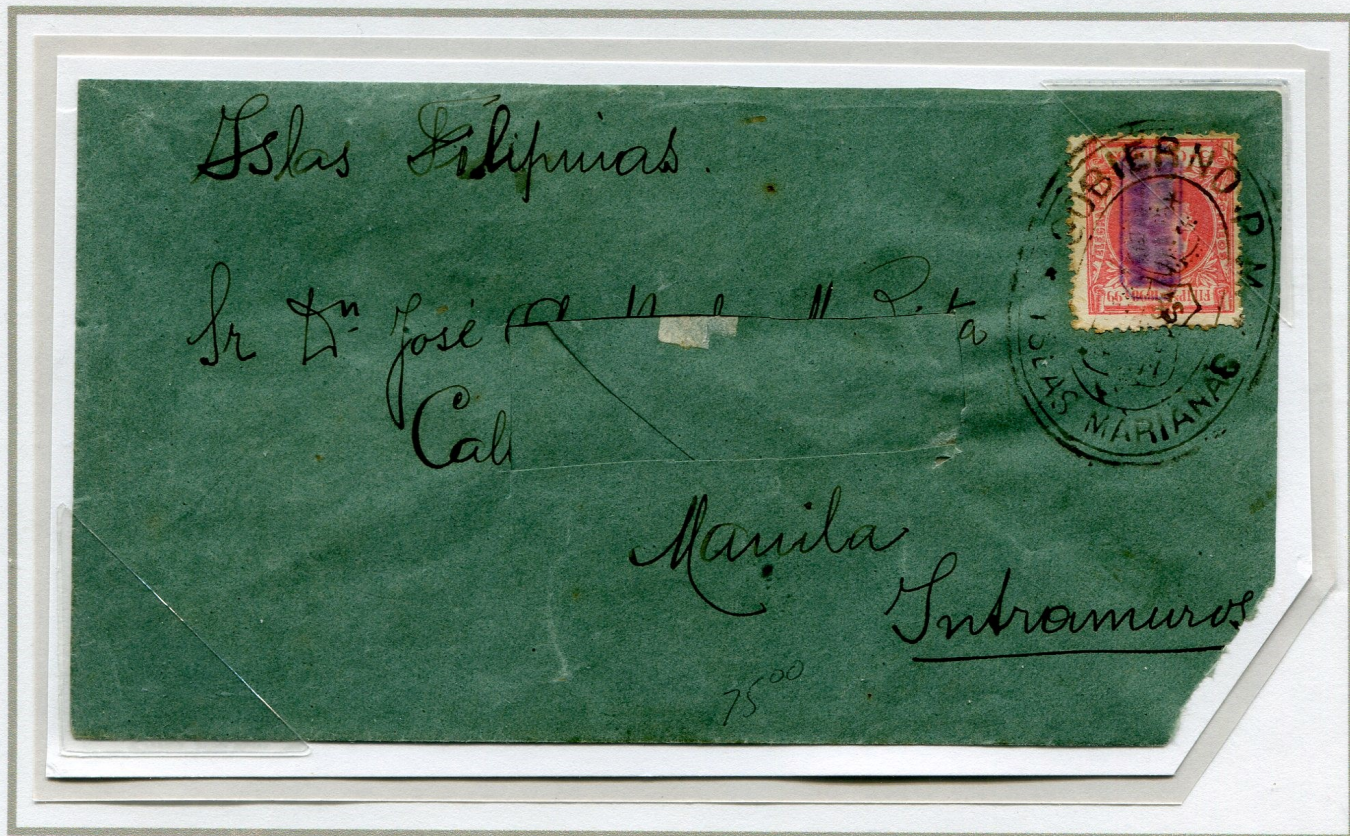
8 centavos



My first stamps from "Spanish Marianas",
Obtained in Sacramento, California during my College years
Sacramento 1988-92

1899 Overprints

Five Centavos on Cover



Private treaty 2021.

From Saipan island To Manila, Philippines

One copy of 5c paying the single rate.

Gobierno PM Yslas Marianas Arms cancel

11 December 1899 4:50 pm United States Military Station No. 1 arrival backstamps.

The cover was taken by

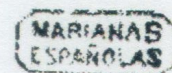
S.S. URANUS

There are two more covers with a single 5c. stamp that left Saipan
 (One Formerly from Gene Scott and the other from Mayer's collection)



1899 Overprints

Eight Centavos and Two Centavos On Cover



Ex. William Eugene Scott, (Gene Scott)

Marianas To Manila, Philippines

Two copies 8c and two copies 2c paying quadruple 5c rate

Gobierno PM Yslas Marianas Arms cancel

11 December 1899 United States Military Station No. 1 arrival backstamps

HA Harmers Auctions SA, 6th -7th June, 2008, lot 706.Cherrystone Auctions, Inc., 17th July, 2018, lot 1340.

Mentioned at RF Revista de Filatelia, December 2017, number 554, page 78 by Rafael Macarrón.

This is the largest recorded franking for this issue.

Only two recorded covers.

1899 Overprints

15 Centavos on Cover



Private treaty 2021.

From Saipan island To Manila, Philippines

One copy of 15c paying the triple rate.

Gobierno PM Yslas Marianas Arms cancel

11 December 1899 4:30 pm United States Military Station No. 1 arrival backstamps.

The cover was taken by

S.S. URANUS

There are eight more covers with a single 15c. stamp that left Saipan

(This cover is NOT mentioned at RF's article, 2017)



1899 Overprints

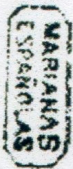
Unused



2 centavos
500 issued



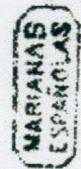
3 centavos
500 issued



Normal



5 centavos
Overprint inverted
500 issued



Inverted



6 centavos
50 issued



8 centavos
700 issued



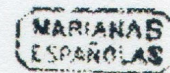
15 centavos
150 issued

Spink London, 6th December 2007, lot 14. Ex. Frederick R. Mayer

These stamps were overprinted locally on the Island of Saipan. The ink used ranged from a watery blackish violet to a blue violet. The normal overprint reads down while the inverted overprint reads up. On the five centavos value the inverted overprint is as often found as the normal overprint. The inverted overprint is much scarcer on the other values.

1899 Overprints

Unused



2 centavos

500 issued

HA Harmers Auctions SA. Lugano,
lot 656, 7th June, 2008.

Ex. **William Eugene Scott**



3 centavos

500 issued

Ex. **John Barone**, 2007



5 centavos

Normal Overprint

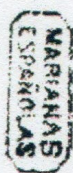
500 issued

Afinsa, 22nd May, 2002. Lot 2078

Ex. **Aguinaga**

Syl, Barcelona, Spain.

Lot 1102, 14th July, 2020.



Normal



6 centavos

50 issued

HA Harmers Auctions SA. Lugano,
lot 679, 7th June, 2008.

Ex. **William Eugene Scott**



Inverted



8 centavos

700 issued

Ex. **John Barone**, 2007



15 centavos

150 issued

Robert A Siegel, New York
Lot 2619, 4th-5th December, 2018.

Reconstruction realized by Pedro H. Ortiz (Las Vegas, Nv.)

May 2007 - 14th July, 2020

1899 Overprints

Blocks of four

MARIANAS
ESPAÑOLAS



Iberphil, Madrid 19th July, 2018, lot 1619
Spain



Iberphil, Madrid 19th July, 2018, lot 1621
Spain



Private Treaty, 2002
Madrid, Spain

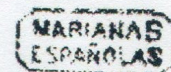


Afinsa, 22nd May, 2002
Lot 2086
Ex. Col. Aguinaga

Heinrich Köhler, Wiesbaden 13th March 2008, lot 995
Germany.

1899 Overprints

Unused, 2 centavos



Unused, 8 centavos



Issue 1898

Two stamps 8 centavos

*HA Harmers Auctions SA. Lugano, lot 688, 7th June, 2008.**Ex. Col. William Eugene Scott*

Issue 1898

Three stamps 8 centavos

*Overprints on black, violet and brown.**HA Harmers Auctions SA. Lugano, lot 686, 7th June, 2008.**Ex. Col. William Eugene Scott*

Issue 1898

Five stamps of 8 centavos on strip

Robert A. Sigel NY, lot 1844, 14th June 2016.

1899 Overprints

Used, 2 centavos

MARIANAS
ESPAÑOLAS



Used, 3 centavos



1899 Overprints

Used, 5 centavos

MARIANAS
ESPAÑOLAS



Used Pair, 8 centavos



Used, 15 centavos



Philippine Islands used in Marianas under the II Reich of Germany.

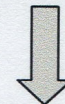


Issue 1896-97

2 centavos ultramarine

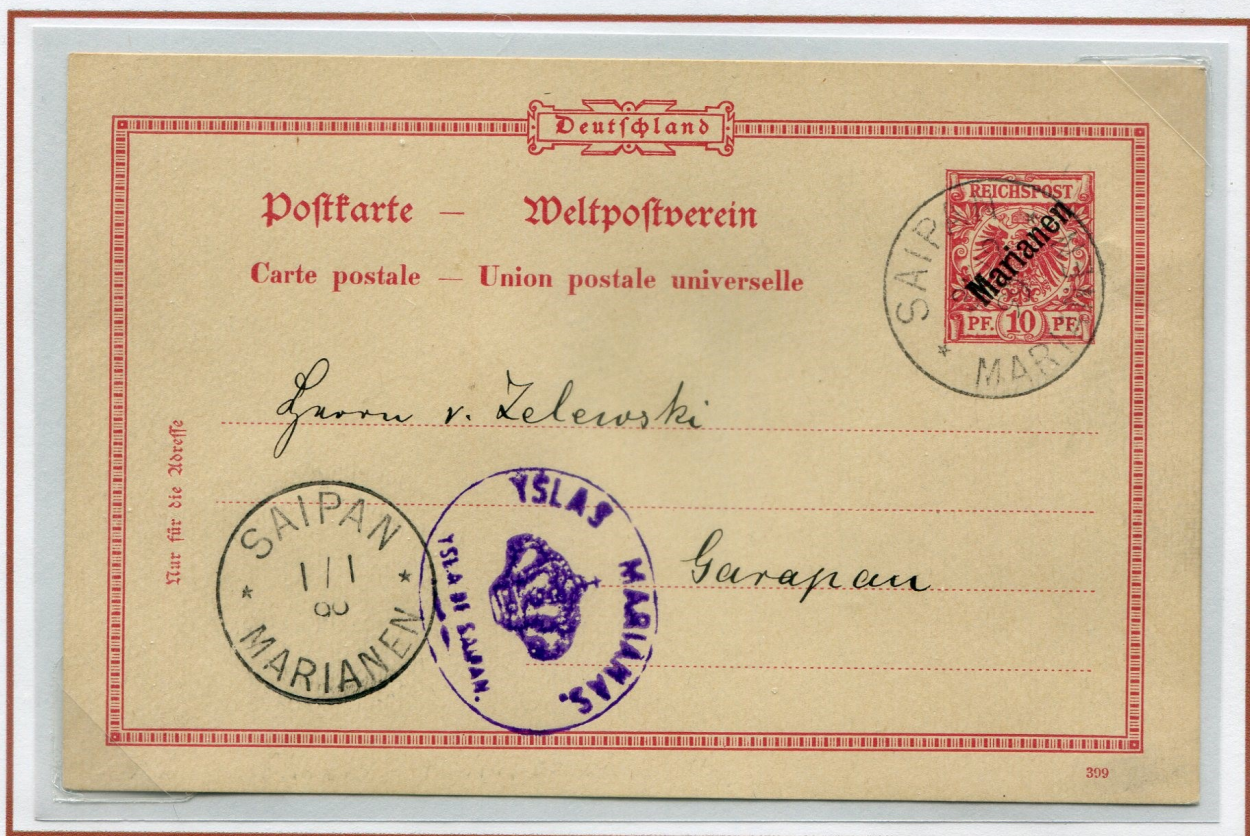
Alphone XIII

Philstamps San Bernardino, Ca, lot 3-3, 24th January, 2005



The year digits were cut in half, "oo". Luck of "00". 1900

Ysla Saipan Crown Oval cancelation



Ex. Philip Newby, London, UK. August, 2020. (Private Treaty)

Postal Card from Germany with "MARIANEN" and value of 10 pf. Sent to Garapan, northern city on the Island of Saipan. Dated on 31st of December 1899 with arrival 1st of January, 1900. The oval cancellation of YSLAS MARIANAS has been seen used on postal cards sent to other cities within the island with lack of postal usage.

Note: Similar Postal card mentioned at RF # 554, page 88, December 2017 by Rafael Macarrón.

Philippine Islands stamps used in the Carolinas Islands

SPANISH DOMINIUM



Issue 1880-83

20 centavos olive sepia, very RARE.

King Alfonso XII

*Philstamps San Bernardino, Ca, lot 3-4,
24th January, 2005*

Issue 1890

2 4/8 centavos blue

King Alfonso XIII

*NVK STAMPS UK, 13th March, 2021
Lot 16*

GERMAN EMPIRE (II REICH)



Issue 1890

2 cent.

King Alfonso XIII

Two stamps used on small piece (partial German Postal Card)
with Ponape, Carolinas Cancel.

The German Post Office in Ponape, Caroline Islands was founded on 12th October 1899. Prior to this date, Spanish stamps were used in Ponape and cancelled with a Spanish Official Seal.

NVK Stamps, auction 2, lot 37, 14th November, 2020.

Philippine Islands used in Marianas under the II Reich of Germany.



Issue 1896-97

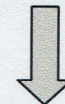
2 centavos ultramarine

Alphone XIII

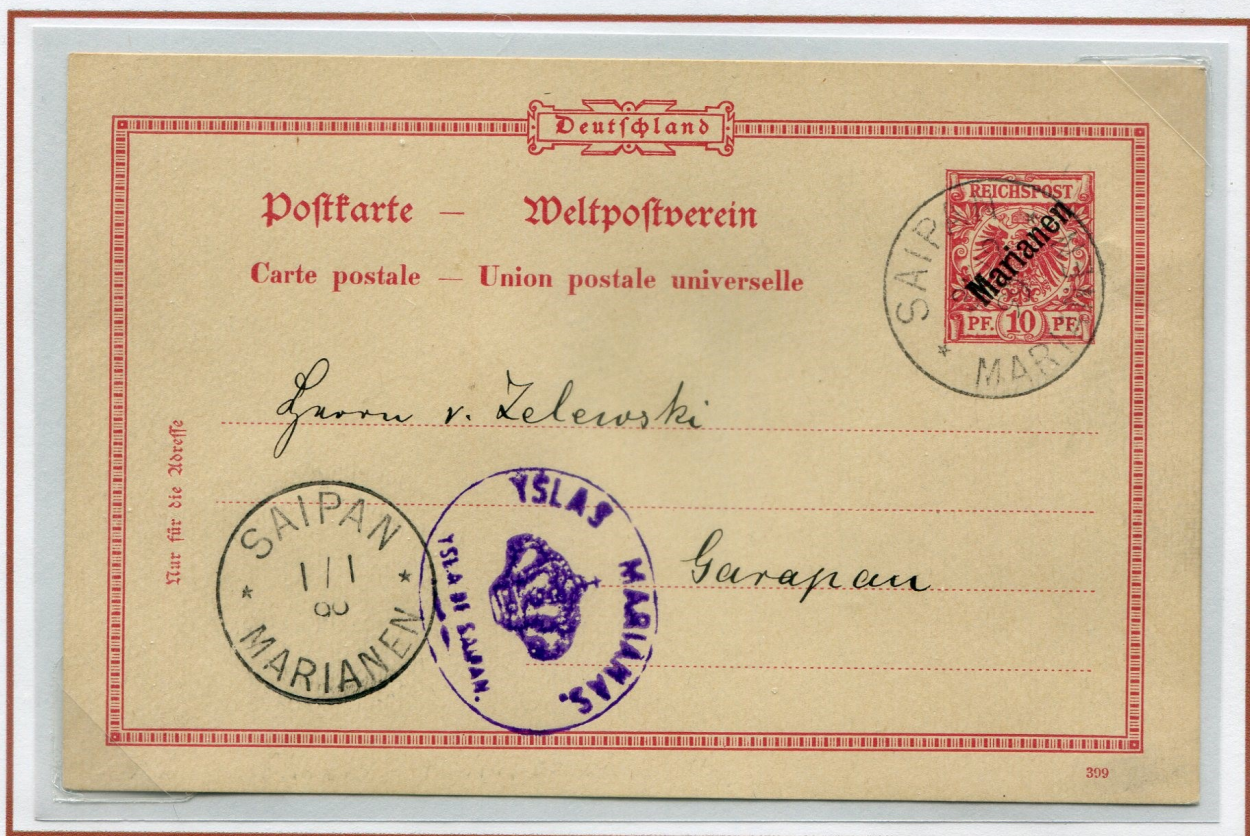
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