

GUAM, M. I.

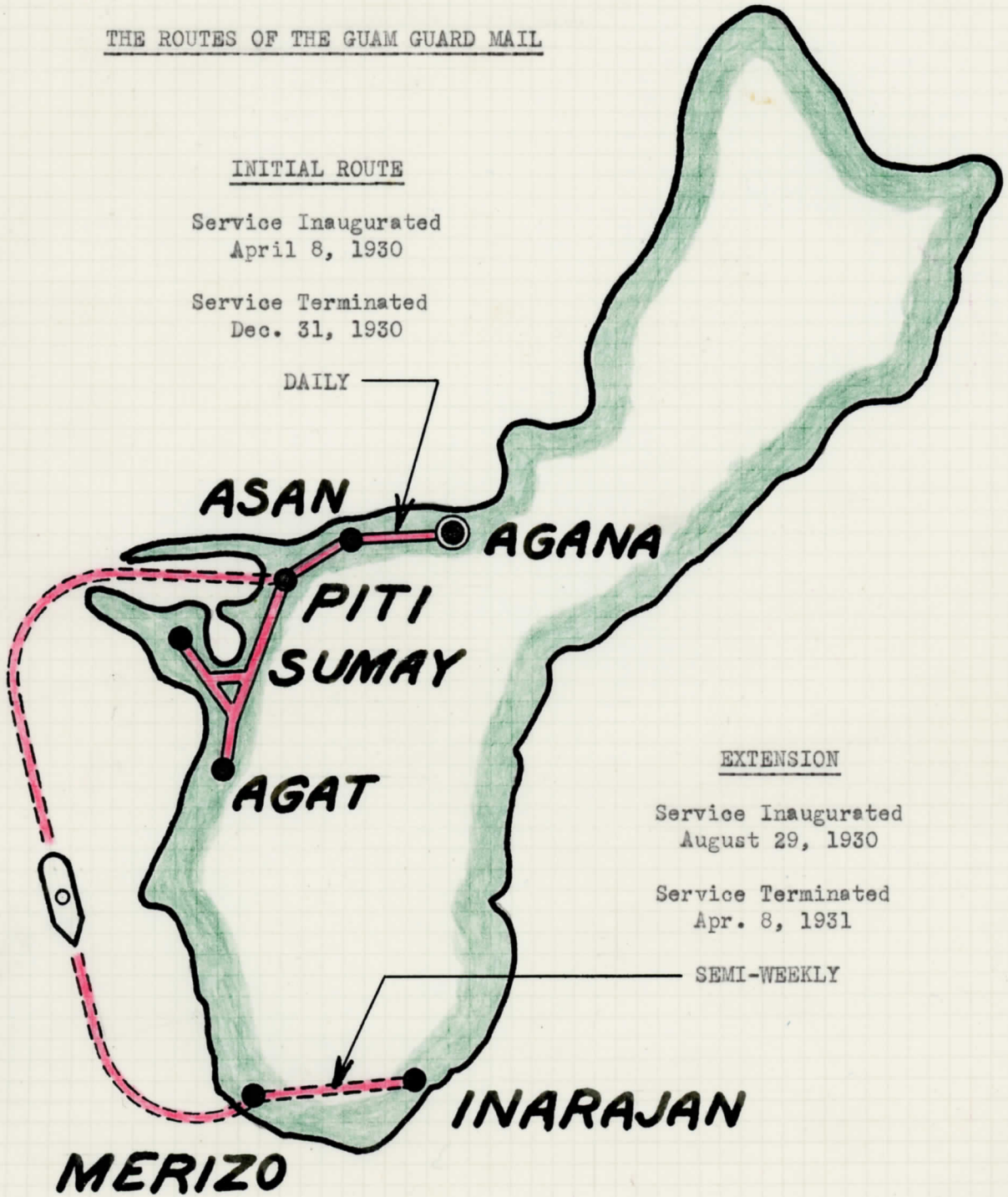
THE ROUTES OF THE GUAM GUARD MAIL

INITIAL ROUTE

Service Inaugurated
April 8, 1930

Service Terminated
Dec. 31, 1930

DAILY



EXTENSION

Service Inaugurated
August 29, 1930

Service Terminated
Apr. 8, 1931

SEMI-WEEKLY

GUAM, M. I.

OLDER SCENES ON GUAM

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STREET SCENE IN ASSAN, ISLAND OF GUAM.

Street Scene in Asan, Island of Guam - 1904

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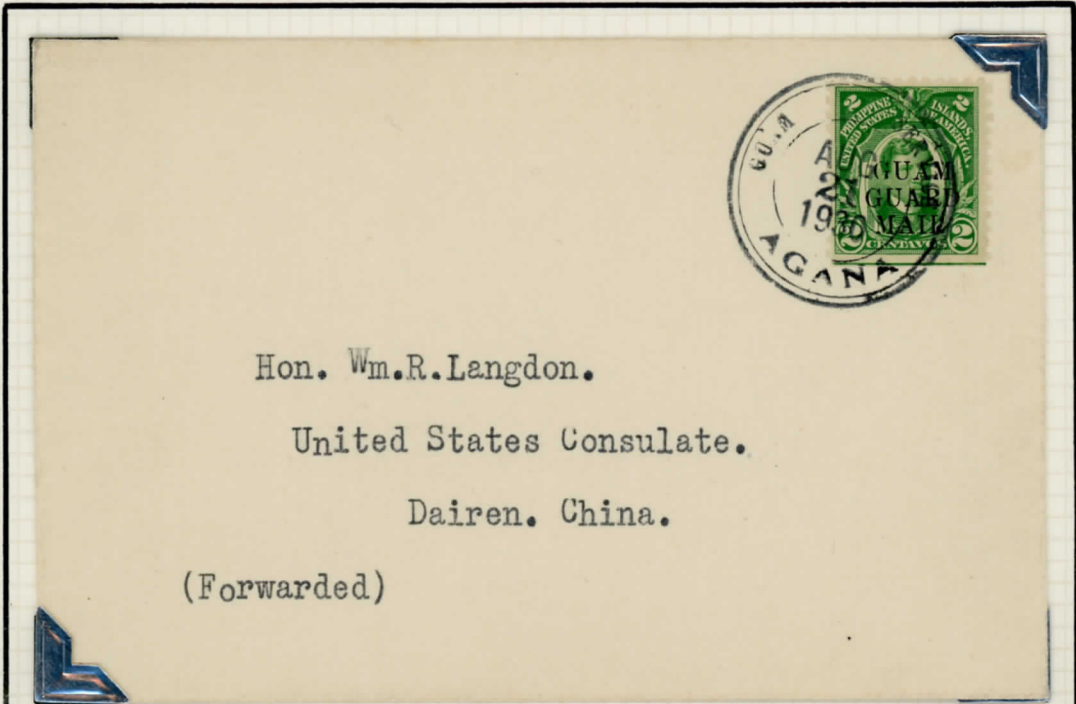


Naval Hospital on Guam about 1915

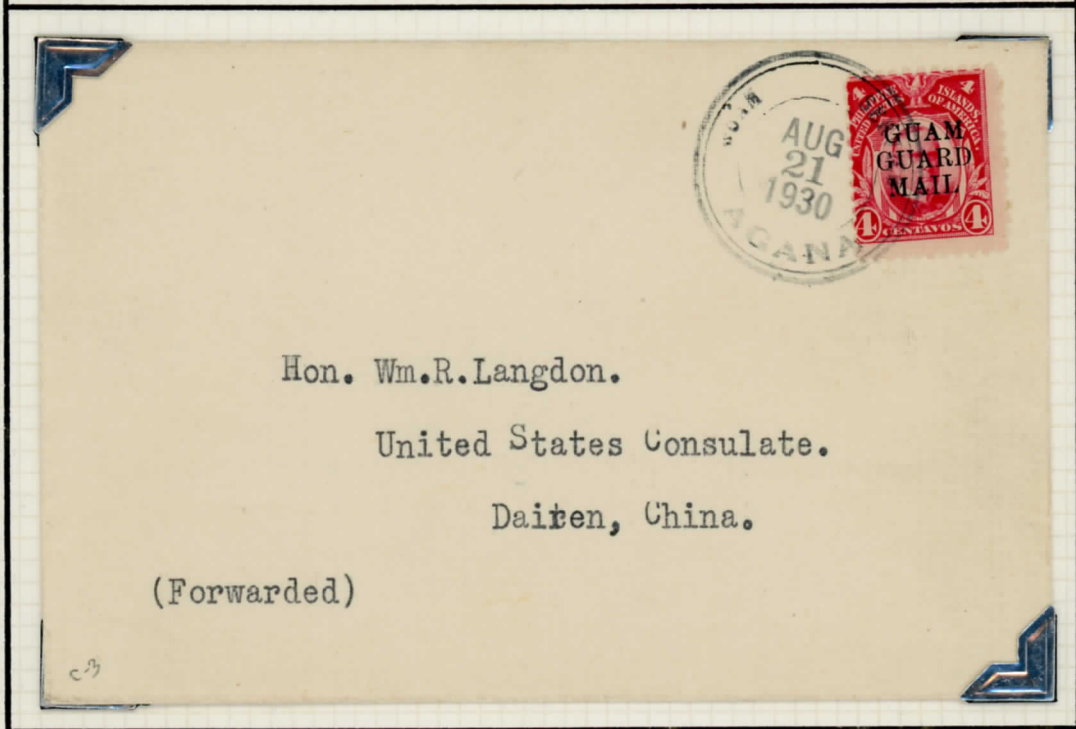
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THIRD GUAM GUARD MAIL ISSUE

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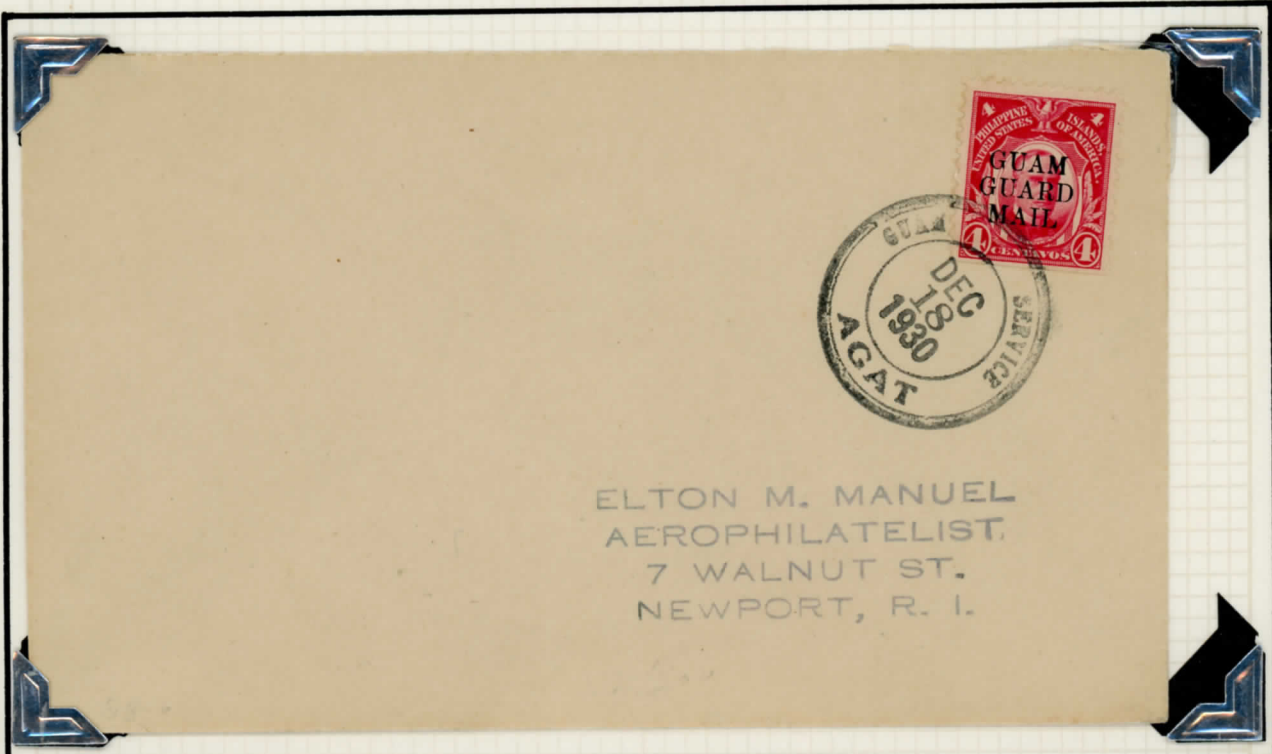
The supply of the 2¢ was exhausted before the fourth issue became available. The 4¢ was still available when the Guard Mail Service was terminated.

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GUAM, M. I.

THIRD GUAM GUARD MAIL ISSUE

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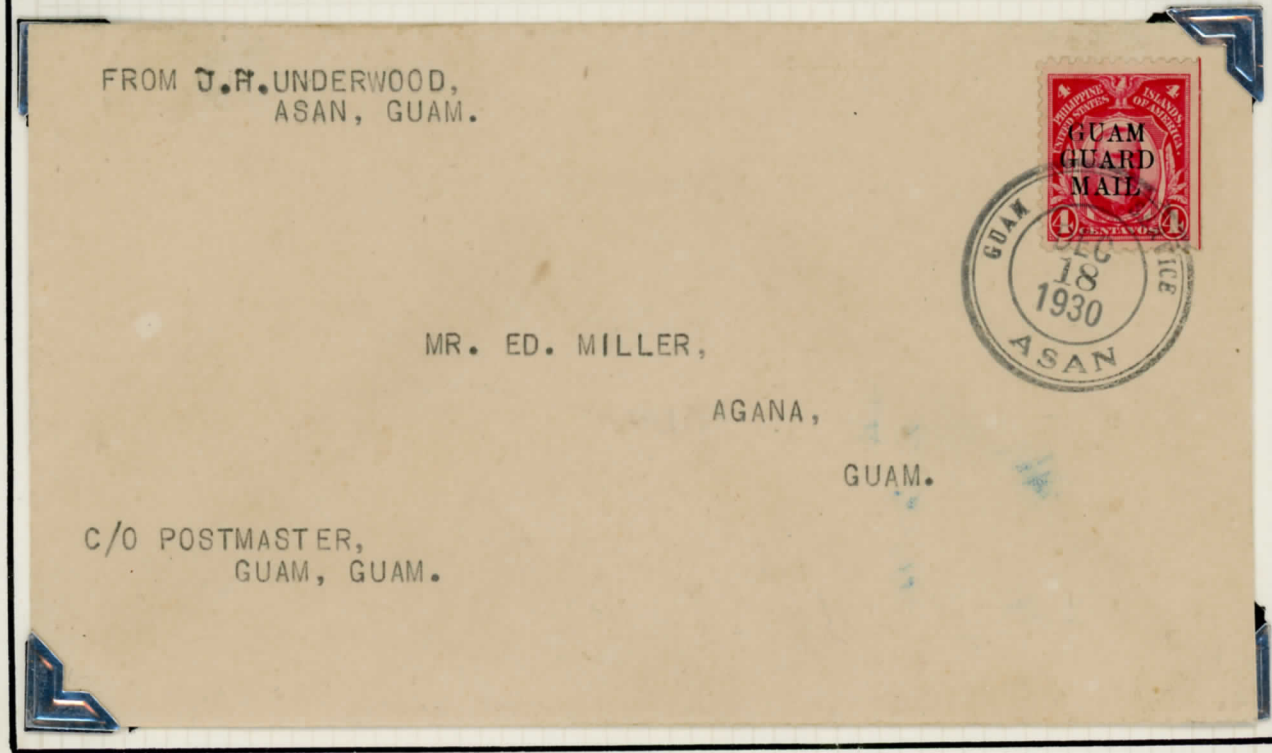


ELTON M. MANUEL
AEROPHILATELIST,
7 WALNUT ST.
NEWPORT, R. I.

1.2.1

200⁰⁰

G6-6



FROM J. H. UNDERWOOD,
ASAN, GUAM.

MR. ED. MILLER,
AGANA,
GUAM.

C/O POSTMASTER,
GUAM, GUAM.

1.3.1

Scare
Town
G6-4
M6

50⁰⁰

J. H. Underwood was the Postmaster at Agana

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GUAM, M. I.

GUAM GUARD MAIL - COMMERCIAL USAGE

COMMERCIAL PACIFIC CABLE
POSTAL TELEGRAPH (Landline System Throughout the United States)



CABLEGRAM

No. 6



Mr. W.G. Johnston,
Agaña, Guam.

**PAY NO CHARGES
TO MESSENGER**

ANSWER BY COMMERCIAL PACIFIC CABLE

026496

NAVAL GOVERNMENT OF GUAM
DEPARTMENT OF RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS



A. Vives,
Vives Oil Mill,
Agaña

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1.0.1

107

026500

Guam
Guard Mail

From: Lt J.W. Storm USN
Agana Guam M. I.



R. H. Mower

c/o Communication Office

Agana Guam M. I.

1-1-1 Agana. 65-1

200

S.G. LINEN-HINGED LEAF No. 3123, MADE IN ENGLAND

Mr. R. C. Gibson
Agana Guam



1-2-1 Agat.

m5, m6

026500a

GUAM, M. I.

FOURTH ISSUE

First Day Covers

The fourth issue was placed on sale Dec. 29, 1930.

For unknown reasons, Piti did not service first day covers on this date.

Merizo and Inarajan had no first day covers because they had no cancelling device at that time.

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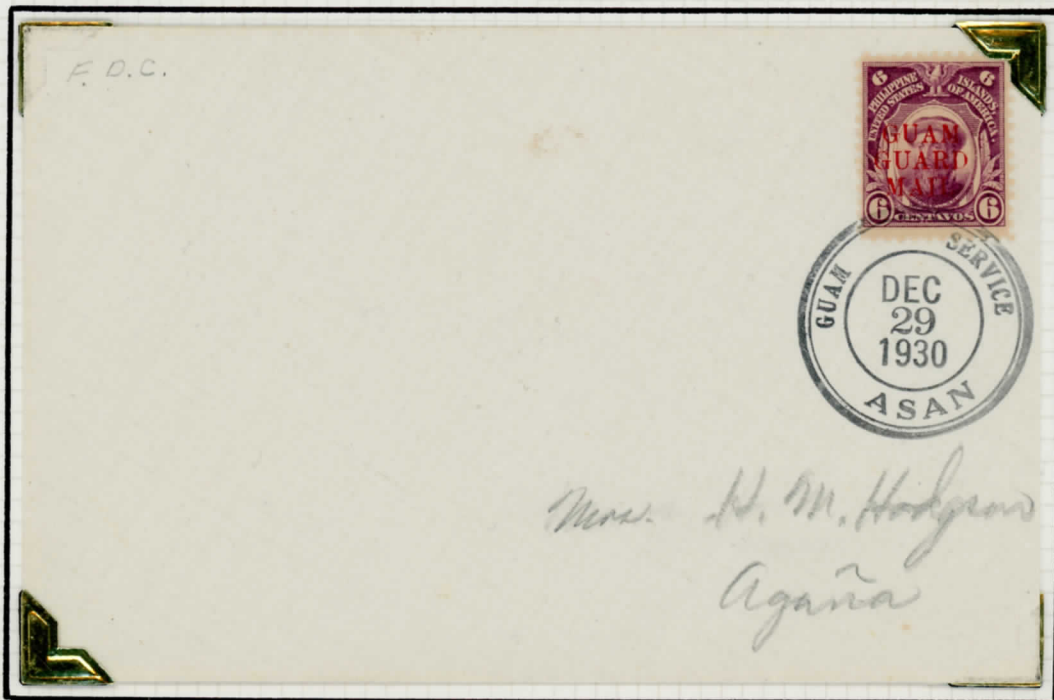
Agat

GUAM, M. I.

FOURTH ISSUE

First Day Covers

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Asan

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Asan

GUAM, M. I.

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FOURTH ISSUE

First Day Covers



Sumay

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Agat

GUAM, M. I.

FOURTH ISSUE

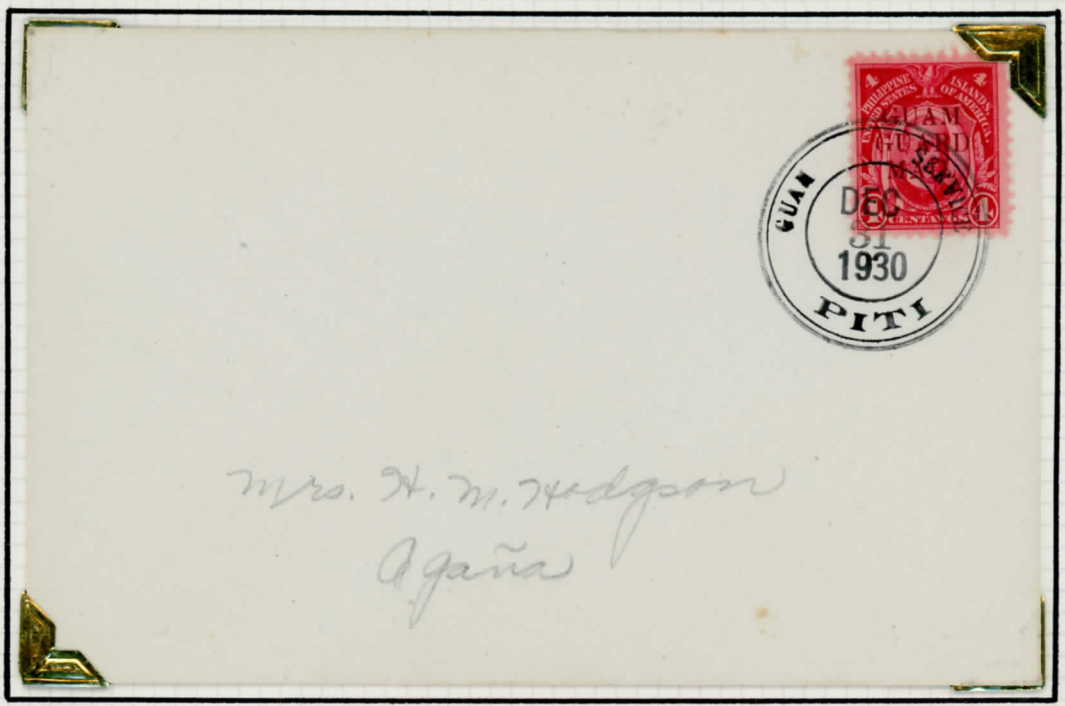
Last Day Covers

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The fourth issue was in use at Piti, Asan and Agat for only THREE days.

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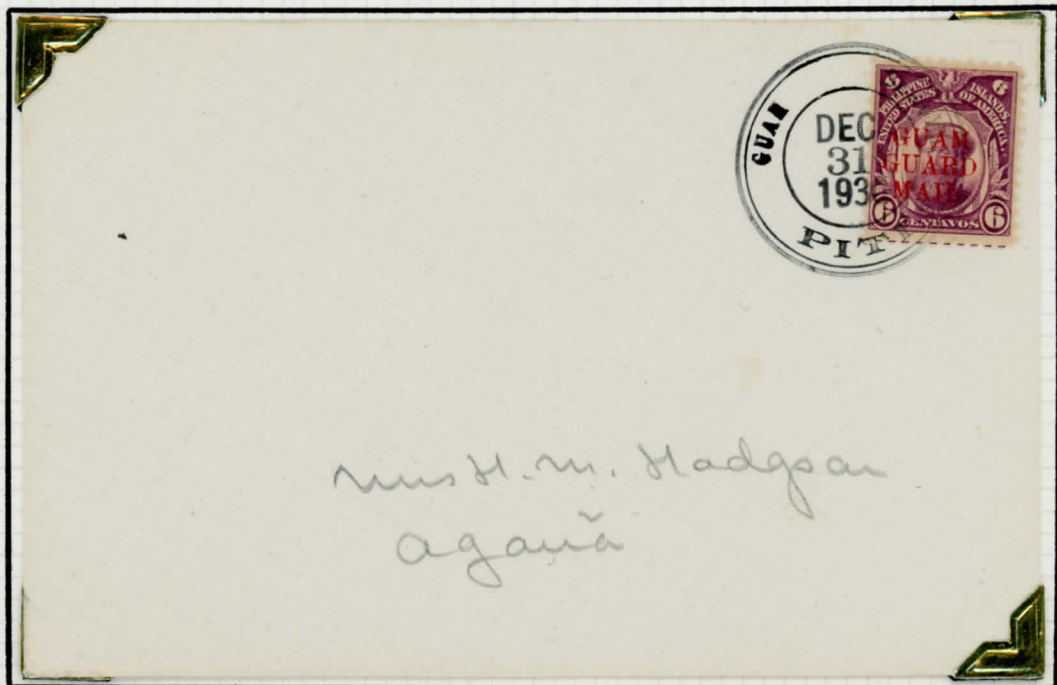


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FOURTH ISSUE

Last Day Covers

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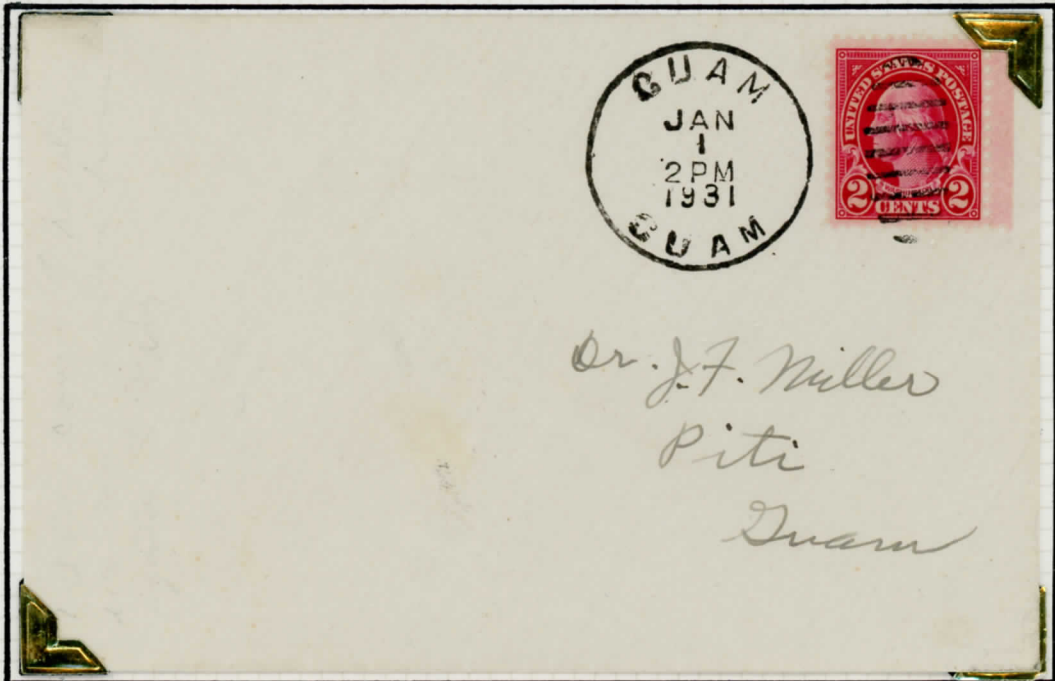
FOURTH ISSUE

Last Day Cover



December 31, 1930

First Day of U. S. Mail



January 1, 1931


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026482

GUAM, M. I.

FIRST CANCELLATIONS - INARAJAN AND MERIZO

Service to Inarajan and Merizo began on August 29, 1930. On Jan. 9, 1931, Gov. Bradley ordered that a special canceller be obtained for these villages. "Defiance" dater stamps were ordered from Manila.

SEE M6 

February 5, 1931 was the First Day of Use of the Canceller



M7
M9



E. W. Miller,

AGANA, GUAM.

C/o Hon. J.H. Underwood.

GUAM, M. I.

THE FOURTH GUAM GUARD MAIL ISSUE

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Blocks of four on cover from the Fourth Issue are seldom seen. Probably all of them are philatelic.

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S.G. LINEN-HINGED LEAF No. 3123. MADE IN ENGLAND

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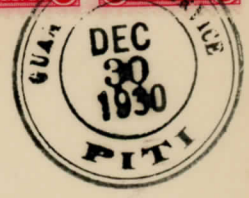
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66-12

1.6.1
Piti

1.6.1
Piti



Dr. Jay F. Miller
agoña
Guam

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1.6.1 Piti.

66-10

300⁰⁰

X GUAM, M. I. X

THE FOURTH GUAM GUARD MAIL ISSUE

The 1930 population of Merizo Village and its rural area was 1101, of which only 460 were adults and 21.5% of them were illiterate.

026402



The 1930 population of Inarajan Village and its rural area was 1176, of which 498 were adults, again 21.5% illiterate.

026403



The double cancellations are Mar. 8, 1931 and Mar. 11, 1930. Obviously someone made an error in changing the date in the canceller.

GUAM, M. I.

THE LAST DAY OF THE GUAM GUARD MAIL

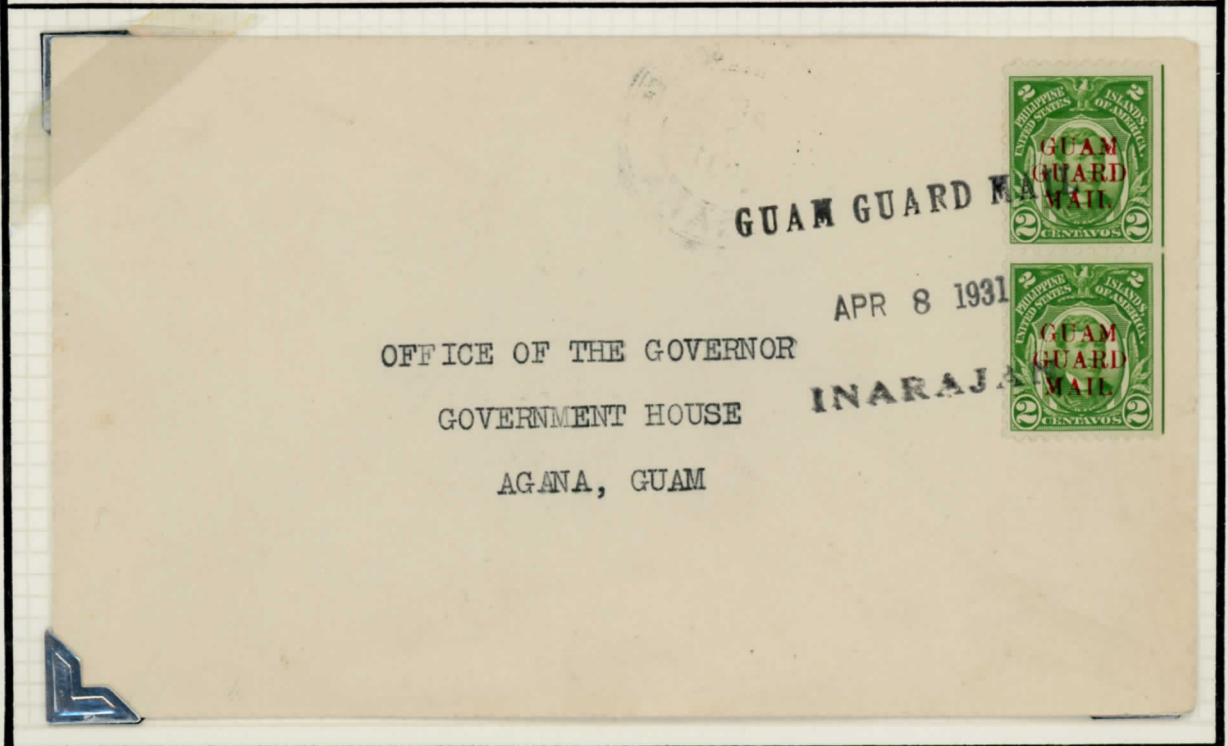
The Guam Guard Mail Service was discontinued on April 8, 1931 after one year's satisfactory service.

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It is quite evident that this service was one of the most useful and profitable ventures in which the Naval Government of Guam participated.

026465



026446



Mr. Juan Herrero
Agaña

026448

From J.H. Underwood,
Inarajan, Guam.



INARAJAN

Mr. Ed. Miller,
Agaña,
Guam.

C/o J.H. Underwood.

026447



026445



026450

THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM



GUAM GUARD MAIL

APR 8 1891

INARAJAN

PRINTED PRO-FIL SYSTEM GERMANY

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THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM



GUAM GUARD MAIL

APR 8 1891

INARAJAN

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Guam
Guard Mail

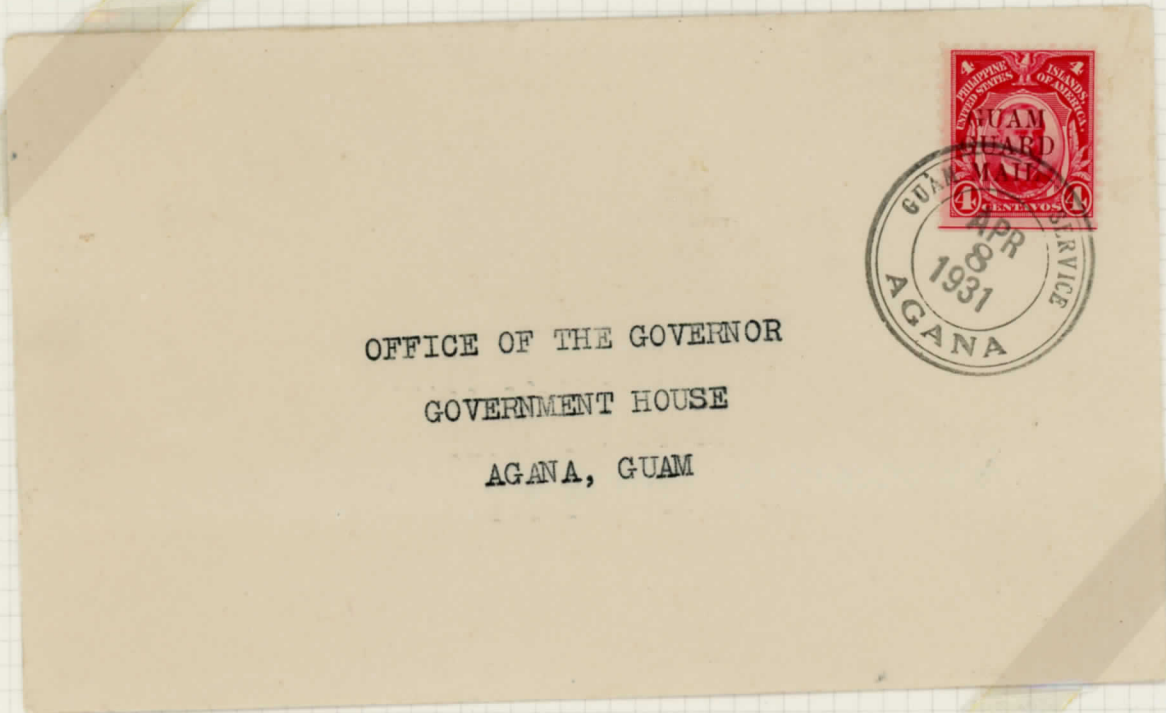


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Mrs. H. M. Hodgson
Agana

175⁰⁰

1.1.1 Agana



1.1.1 Agana.

026452

68-12

\$ —

026453

Last DAY

Guam
Guard mail

Last Day

GUAM GUARD



APR 8 1931

INARAJAN

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

AGANA, GUAM

1.4.1 Inarajan Sta.

GUAM GUARD



APR 8 1931

MERIZO

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

AGANA, GUAM

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1.5.1 Merizo Sta.

68-13

250

M8

S.G. LINEN-HINGED LEAF No. 3123. MADE IN ENGLAND

Guam
Guard Mail



1.s.1. Merizo Sta.

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G11-2 400⁰⁰

FIRST CANCELLATIONS - INARAJAN

Guam
Guard mail

1.4.1

GUAM GUARD MAIL

MAR 10 1930

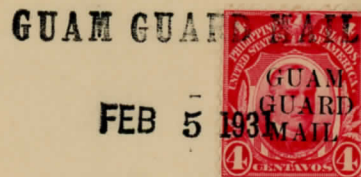
INARAJAN

(NOT TO SCALE)

026456

M6

From J.H. Underwood,
Inarajan, Guam.



INARAJAN

Mr. Ed. Miller,

Agana,

Guam.

66-8

150

1.4.1 Inarajan.

1.4.1

Straight-line marking (three lines) — *not to scale*
GUAM GUARD MAIL/month-day-year/INARAJAN
The illustration shows a cancel that through error or oversight shows the year as 1930. This was impossible and meant to be 1931.

Known: February 5, 1931, to April 8, 1931

GUAM GUARD MAIL

MAR 10 1930

INARAJAN

Figure 1.4.1

FIRST CANCELLATIONS - MERIZO

Guam
Guard mail

1.5.1

GUAM GUARD MAIL

MAR 7 1931

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M6

MERIZO

From The Commissioner,
Merizo, Guam.



Mr. Ed. Miller,

Agana,

Guam.

C/o J.H. Underwood.

66-5

1.5.1. Merizo.

150

GUAM GUARD MAIL

MAR 7 1931

MERIZO

Figure 1.5.1

1.1.1 Agana

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From Lt J.W. Storm USN

Agana Guam M. I.



R. H. Mower

c/o Communication Office

Agana, Guam M. I.

0264



Captain H. E. Porter USN

Agana

used

026500
b

Return indays to

POST OFFICE

Province.....PHILIPPINE IS.



*Mr. Wm. R. Langdon,
Padada, Sta. Cruz,
Davao,
Phil. Is.*

026500
c



POSTAGE DUE

*COLLECT

~~11/10~~ *Mr. Wm. R. Langdon,
Padada, Santa Cruz,
Davao,
Phil. Is.*

X GUAM, M. I. X

FIRST AIRMAIL OVER GUAM

By Navy Amphibian Airplane

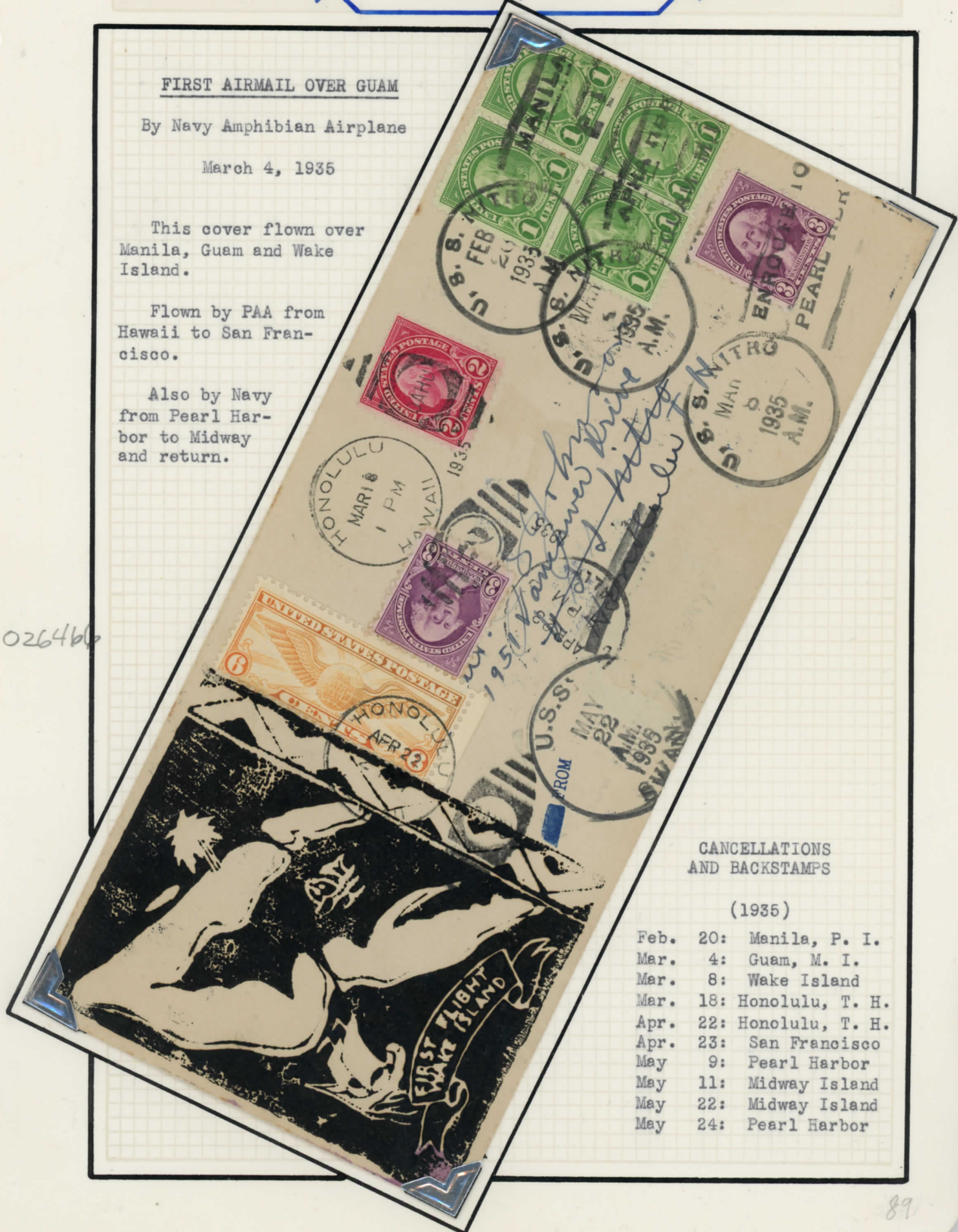
March 4, 1935

This cover flown over
Manila, Guam and Wake
Island.

Flown by PAA from
Hawaii to San Fran-
cisco.

Also by Navy
from Pearl Har-
bor to Midway
and return.

026466



CANCELLATIONS
AND BACKSTAMPS

(1935)

- Feb. 20: Manila, P. I.
- Mar. 4: Guam, M. I.
- Mar. 8: Wake Island
- Mar. 18: Honolulu, T. H.
- Apr. 22: Honolulu, T. H.
- Apr. 23: San Francisco
- May 9: Pearl Harbor
- May 11: Midway Island
- May 22: Midway Island
- May 24: Pearl Harbor

GUAM, M.I.

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PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS SURVEY FLIGHT - San Francisco to Guam via Honolulu, Midway and Wake Island and return. The Survey was flown between October 5 and 24, 1935 by a large Sikorsky seaplane the "Pan American Clipper."

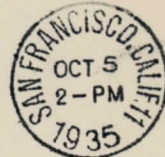
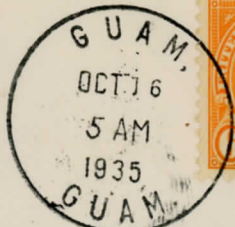
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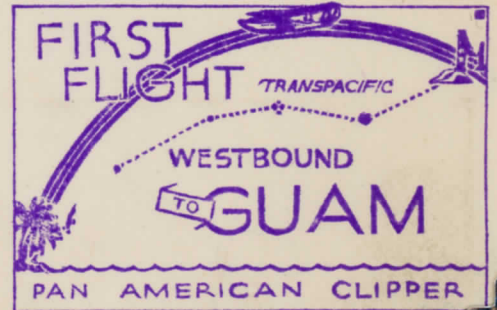
GUAM, M. I.

PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS SURVEY FLIGHT

1935



Howard Edwin Ruggles, 11,
285 San Anselmo Ave.,
St. Francis Wood,
San Francisco, Calif.
Via San Francisco & Guam.



#1243 + 12436 #60

Pan American Airways did not have a mail contract with the U. S. Post Office for flying mail over the Pacific. Arrangements were made whereby the carrier could fly covers that were franked with a 6¢ stamp (air mail rate), to which Pan Am was permitted to add a \$1.00 service fee. Upon reaching the planes destination, the covers could be placed in the official mail, providing another stamp was added.

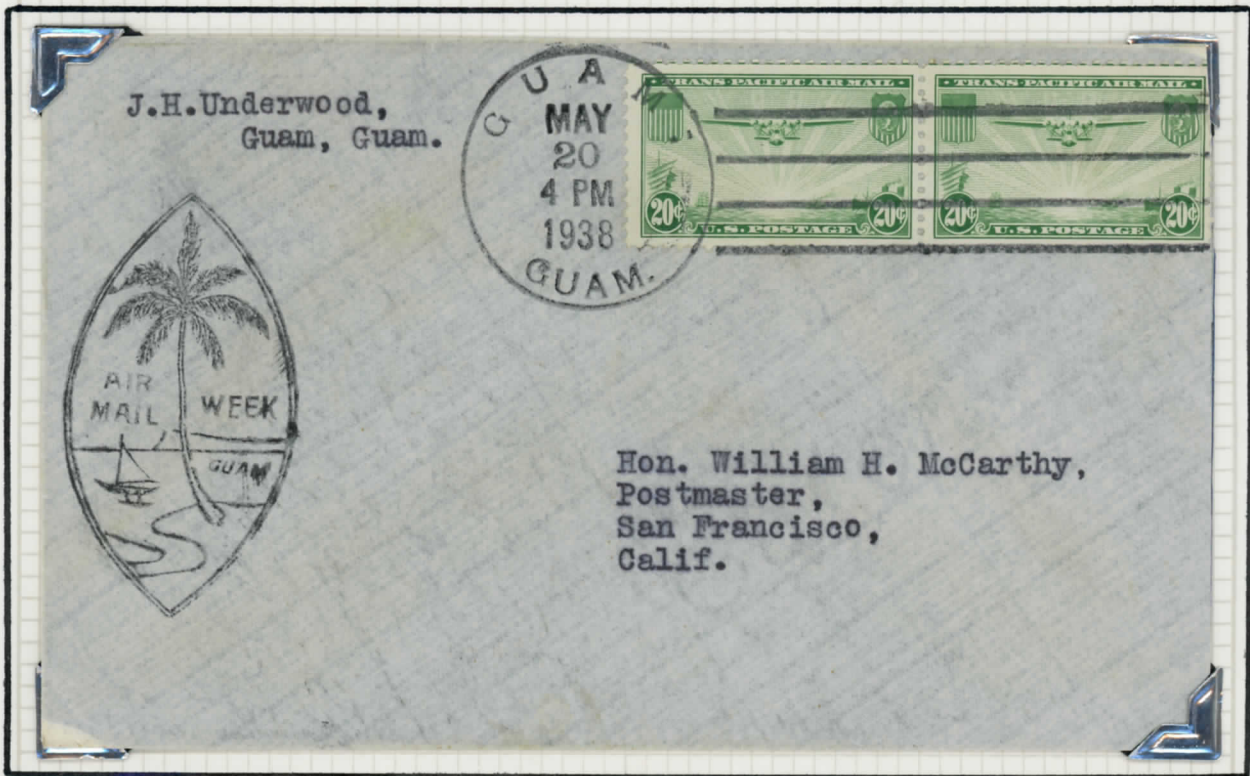
The Round Trip covers required three stamps. Pan Am was permitted to charge a \$2.00 service fee for the Round Trip covers. Pan Am also provided cachets for covers flown in each direction.

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GUAM, M. I.

AIR MAIL WEEK, ETC.

026470



From Postmaster, Guam to Postmaster, San Francisco

026471



GUAM, M. I.

GUAM CANCELS FOR
MIDWAY AND WAKE ISLAND

Midway and Wake Islands
were fuel stops between
Hawaii and Guam.

There were no U. S.
Post Offices on the
Islands just prior
to WW II, except
military Post
Offices.



MAILED AT
WAKE ISLAND
PACIFIC OCEAN

SGT IVAN L BUSTER
HEADQUARTERS COMPANY
4TH MARINES COMPANY
SHANGHAI CHINA



MAILED AT
MIDWAY ISLAND
PACIFIC OCEAN

C.D. PIERCE

026472

Pan American Air-
ways carried non-
military mail with
uncancelled stamps
from these islands to
the nearest U. S. Post
Office.

There the stamps were
cancelled and mail for-
warded as appropriate.

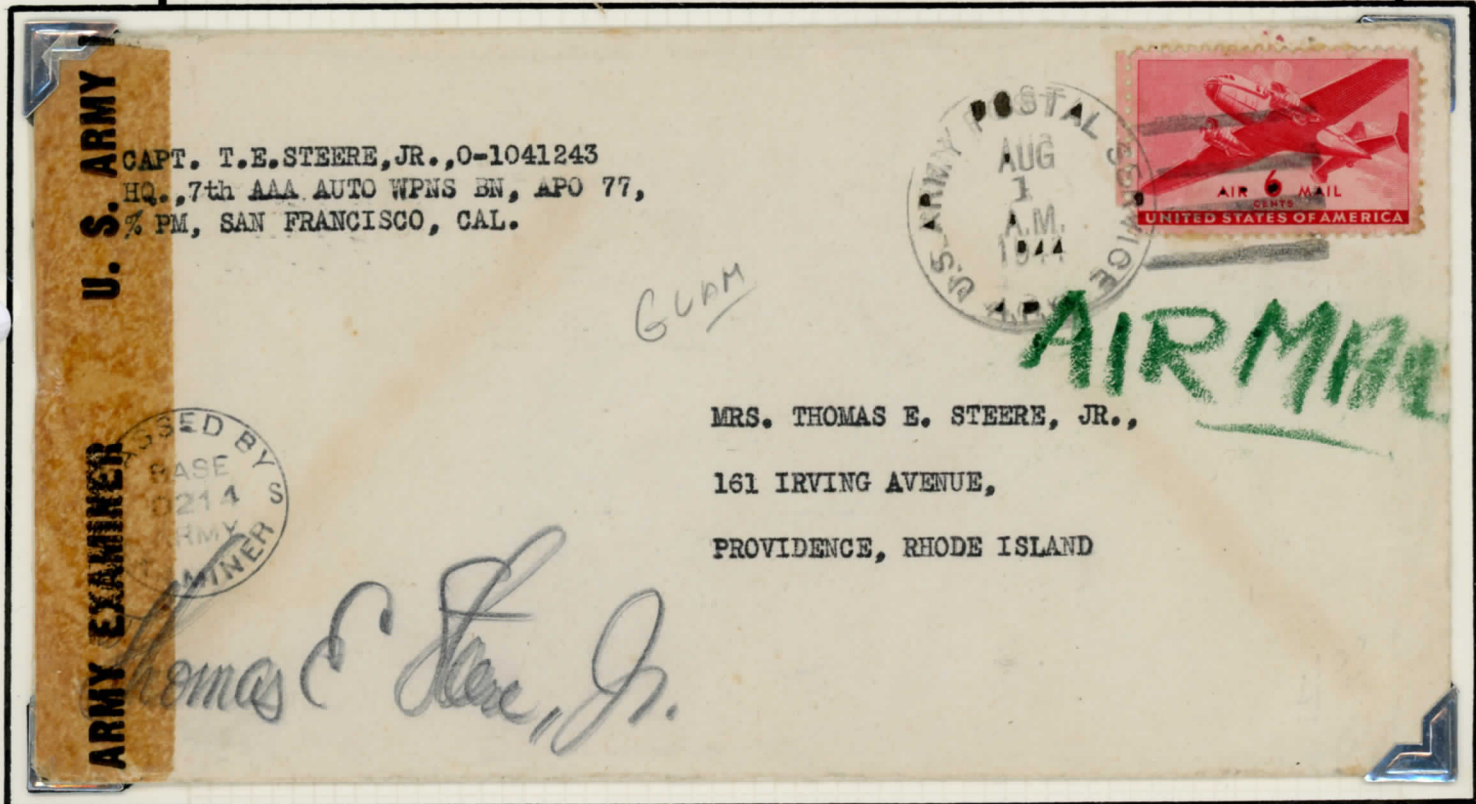
Cachet/Cancels were used
by PAA to indicate that the
mail had originated on Wake or
Midway.

GUAM, M. I.

WAR COVERS

The Marines landed on Guam on 21 July 1944. By 10 August 1944, Guam was fully occupied by the Americans.

The cancellation, APO 77, was the first one used during the re-capture of Guam. It was used from 1 Aug. to 22 Oct. 1944.



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This cover was mailed on August 1st while the heavy fighting was in progress. The back of the cover has two machine cancellations by the U. S. Army Postal Service dated August 5 and August 10, 1944.

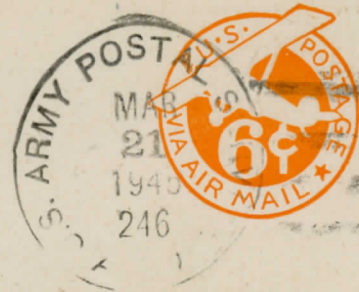
GUAM, M. I.

WAR COVERS

APO 246 was General Headquarters, U. S. Army Air Corps on Guam. APO 953 was Wheeler Field, Hawaii

This cancellation was in use only a short time

St. Carl K. Dunlop 0-712389
26th Bomb Sqdn, 11th Bomb Gp.
A.P.O. 246, 40 P.M.
San Francisco, Calif.



Interisland

Brief

A.P.O. 953

San Francisco
California

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St. Carl K. Dunlop



Mail was marked "Inter Island" to avoid its being transported to San Francisco and then back to Hawaii or other islands.

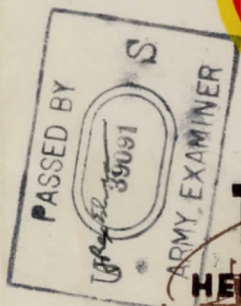
GUAM, M. I.

This is the scarcest of the APO's on Guam, used only a few months


026475

Pfc. Howard Phillips 35,341,014
 373 Sta. Hospital APO 1057
 c/o P.M. San Francisco Calif.





TOKYO;
HERE WE COME!



Editor "The Snafupper"
 Bill Fountaine
 55 E. State St.
 Columbus 15, Ohio.

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Willard Diliplane SK2c
 USN Military Gov't. Hosp. # 203
 Navy 926
 F.P.O. SanFranCal.

VIRGIL M. DILIPLANE
 31 SOUTH MADISON ST.
 BOYERTOWN, PENNA.

Navy Station Post Office on Guam, New York branch No. 10499

5.0 U.S. Navy Station Ships at Guam

Over the years since 1899, the U.S. Navy has stationed a number of ships at Guam for extended periods.

These ships provided services, supplies, etc., to other Navy activities and to visiting transient Navy ships that stopped at Guam. In Naval terminology these service vessels are referred to as "Station Ships."

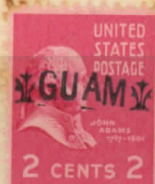
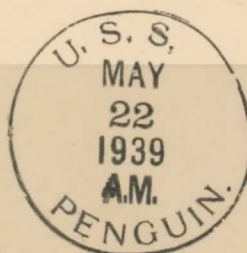
Probably the most famous of these ships was the USS *Gold Star*, which was stationed at Guam from 1924 until 1941. Over the years, numerous cancels were recorded from the *Gold Star* with various references to Guam between their killer bars (see Appendix A).

A listing of the different U.S. Navy ships that have served at Guam in the capacity of Station Ships are listed below. Especial thanks are due Dr. R.L. Haddock of Guam for searching through the old *Governor's Annual Reports* for information on some of these early ships. Covers and cancellations from these ships are collected as collateral material relating to Guam and are considered a part of Guam's postal history.

5.8 USS *Penguin* (AM-33) (1930 to December 8, 1941)

The USS *Penguin* had come to Guam about 1930 and was at Guam off and on from that date. She shared the duties of Station Ship at Guam with the USS *Gold Star* when the latter was off on its periodic trips. On November 17, 1941, the ill-fated *Penguin* relieved the *Gold Star* as Station Ship, but this tour of duty was very short-lived as the *Penguin* was sunk at Guam in the Japanese air raid on December 8, 1941. Numerous cancels also exist from this ship's post office, reflecting the ship's presence at Guam in the 1930's (see Appendix A).

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