

BAJA CALIFORNIA DEL SUR - 1915

LOCAL PROVISIONAL OVERPRINTS AND COACH SEAL ISSUE

The Mexican Revolution of 1910 to 1917 is complicated politically, geographically, and philatelically. Baja California is the northern most state of Mexico and allied to the state of Sonora which is a short distance across the Gulf of California. During most of the Revolution, Sonora and Baja California were occupied by the Constitutionalist Army. The territories occupied by the Constitutionalists were allowed to locally overprint the Federal issues into issues of the their new government.

Local Provisional Overprints were used in Baja California del Sur from January to November 1915. These are among the rarest of the local provisionals of the Revolution.

Sometime in March 1915 the governor of Sonora, Jose Maytorena, ordered four stamps for Baja California in a design similar to the Sonora Coach Seal issue, but with the inscription *Distrito Sur de la Baja California*. This was probably for accountancy reasons. They were printed in Hermosillo and there are no essays or proofs. The stamps were issued ungummed and in use until August 1915.

In January 1915 the postal rate for a domestic letter was 5 centavos and for foreign letters 10 centavos. Sometime in late March the rates were doubled.

Combination Local Provisional Overprint and Coach Seal Issue



Santa Rosalia, March 29, 1915, to Hermosillo

Two combination covers are recorded

BAJA CALIFORNIA DEL SUR
PROVISIONAL OVERPRINT

TYPE I - NARROW SPACING

LA PERLA DE LA PAZ.

ANTONIO RUFFO,

COMERCIANTE, IMPORTADOR, EXPORTADOR Y NAVIERO.

La Paz, Baja California, México.

Apartado Número 4.

Clave Telefónica: A. B. C. 5ª Edición.



" LA MEXICANA "

Cía. Anónima Nacional de Seguros s/ la Vida,

México, D.F.

Gobierno
Constitucionalista



Violet Overprint

La Paz to Mexico City
November 24, 1915

Black Overprint



The



SONORA BANK & TRUST COMP.

NOGALES (ARIZONA)

U. S. A.

Santa Rosalia, October 15, 1915, via Guaymas to Nogales, Arizona

Largest recorded multiple on letter, two recorded

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PROVISIONAL OVERPRINT**

TYPE II- WIDE SPACING

**With or Without "\$"
Overprint in Black or Violet**

*Gobierno
Constitucionalista*



The Local Provisional Overprints were made on various values on the Centenario issue of 1910



San Jose del Cabo, May 26, 1915, to Rochester, New York

Four centavos without "\$"

Only recorded four centavos letter

TYPE II- WIDE SPACING

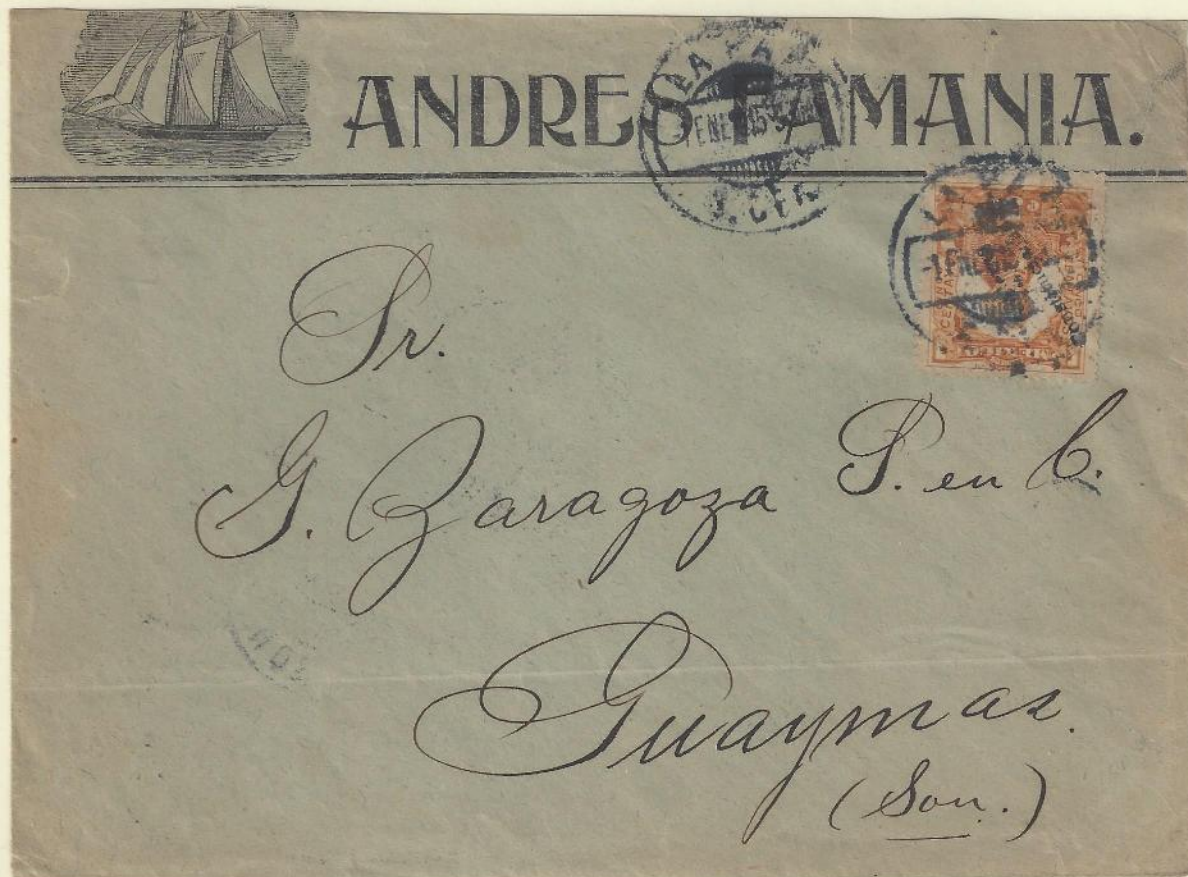
With and Without "\$" Sign



San Jose Del Cabo
to Los Angeles

Without "\$"

November 10, 1915



La Paz, January 1, 1915, to Guaymas, received January 5, 1915 - With "\$"

Earliest recorded use of the provisional overprint

**BAJA CALIFORNIA DEL SUR
COACH SEAL ISSUE**

PRODUCTION



**Errors
Cross Gutter Blocks**



**Missing Seal
Large "A" in "LA" Fifth Vertical Row**



Double Background



Cross Gutter Blocks



Double Seal



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ONE CENTAVO and TWO CENTAVOS



Santa Rosalia to Hermosillo

July 1915



Santa Rosalia, August 1915, to Nogales, Arizona

Largest recorded multiple of the one centavo on letter

2 CENTAVOS

Mourning Letter to California



San Jose del Cabo, April 22, 1915, to Santa Cruz, California

The letter was delivered but is short paid 10 centavos. The 3 cents postage due seems to be a guess by the U.S. Post Office unfamiliar with the ever changing peso.

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5 CENTAVOS

5 Centavos Domestic Rate
In Effect Until Late March



Mulege, June 3, 1915



Santa Rosalia, March 25, 1915, to Hermosillo

Latest recorded five centavos first rate letter

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5 CENTAVOS - RATE CHANGE

10 Centavos Domestic Rate
20 Centavos Foreign Rate



La Paz, April 27, 1915
to Nogales, Sonora



Santa Rosalia, July 16, 1915, to Berlin, Forwarded

This is the largest recorded multiple of the five centavos on letter

Sent by sailor on the ship S.S. Walkure to his family

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COACH SEAL ISSUE**

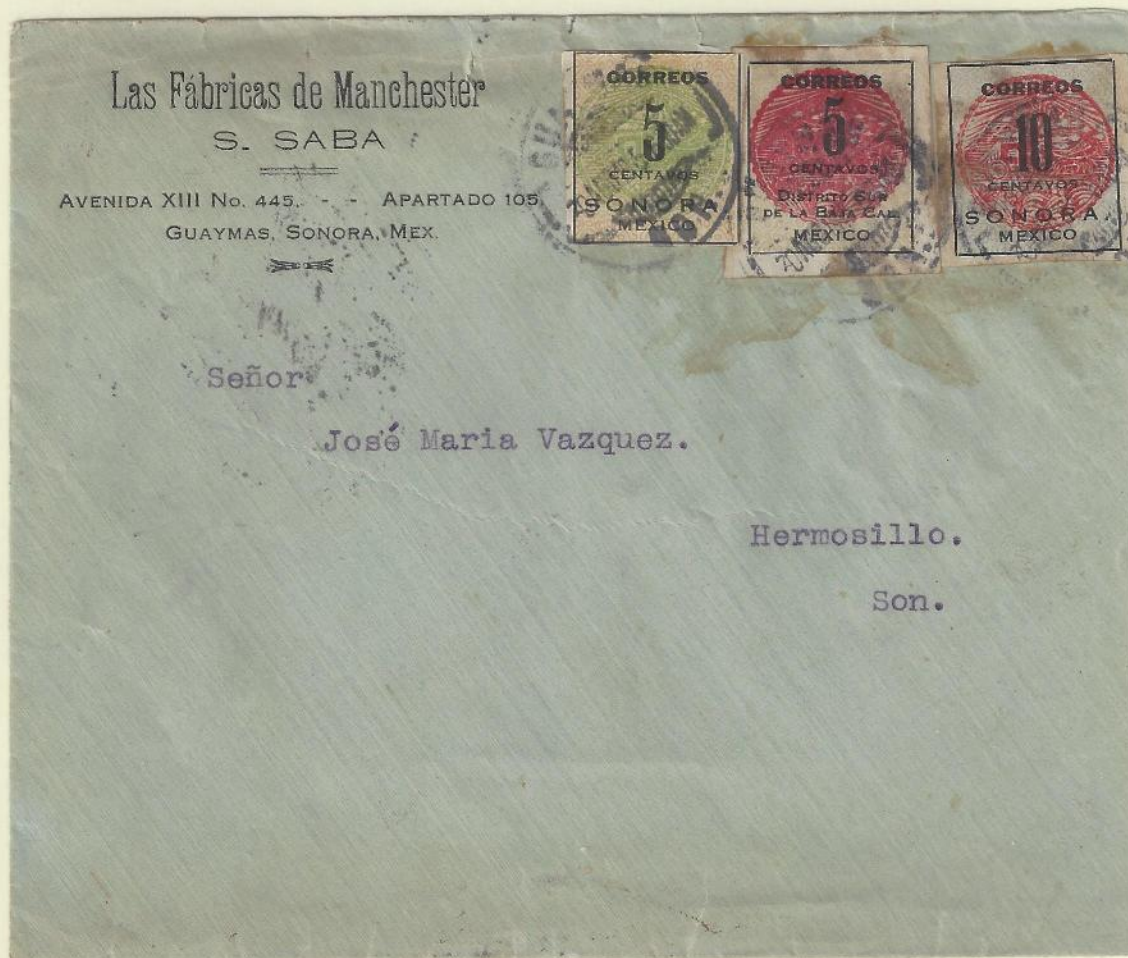
**BAJA CALIFORNIA COACH SEAL ISSUE
and SONORA COACH SEAL ISSUE**

Combination on Letter



(detail)

5 centavos Sonora + 5 centavos Baja California + 10 centavos Sonora



Guaymas to Hermosillo, August 20, 1915

Two combination letters recorded

5 CENTAVOS AND 10 CENTAVOS

Santa Rosalia Private Perforation



Santa Rosalia to Schleswig-Holstein, Germany

March 31, 1915

10 Centavo international post card rate.

Only recorded example of the 10 centavo private pin perforation.



Santa Rosalia, March 7, 1915, to Hermosillo, Sonora

One of three recorded letters with the 5 centavo private perforation

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10 CENTAVOS

Unrecorded Roulette Separation
Santa Rosalia



(detail)



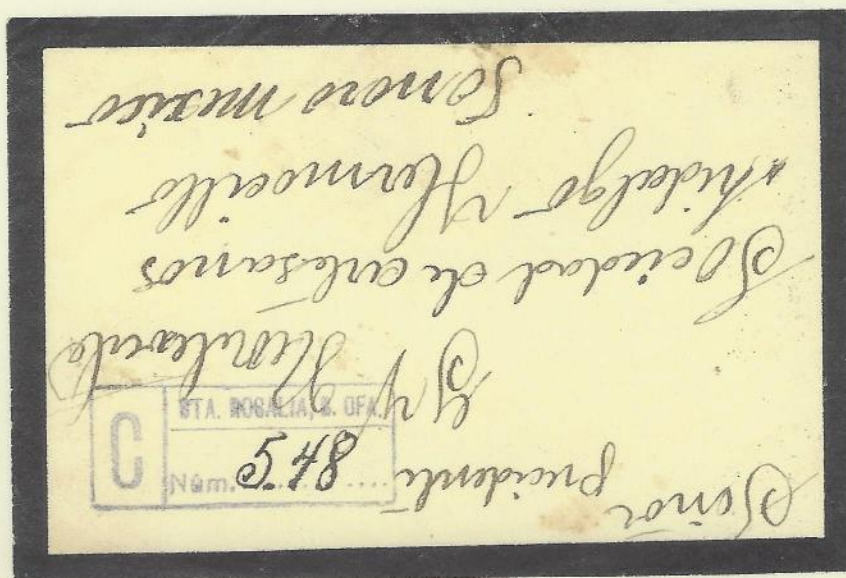
Santa Rosalia, March 1915, to Nogales, Sonora

Only recorded example

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10 CENTAVOS

Registered Mourning Letter



Santa Rosalia, Registered, to Hermosillo, Sonora, received June 14, 1915

Four registered letters are recorded from Baja California

One 10 centavos stamp has fallen off because of the poor adhesive used at the post office

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10 CENTAVOS

Military Letter



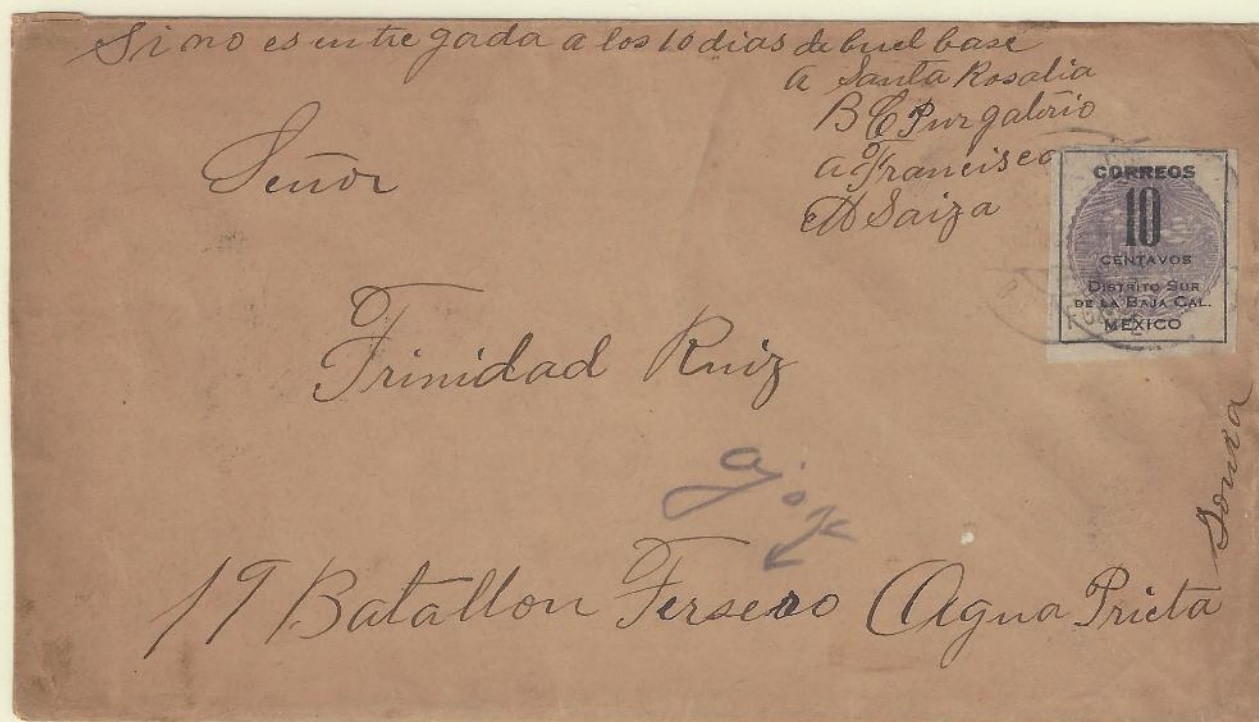
Mulege

July 22, 1915



Mute Cancellation

Possibly San Ignacio



Military letter - Santa Rosalia to Agua Prieta, Sonora

Sent to a soldier in the 19 Batallon of the Constitutional Army, "if not received in 10 days return..."

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10 CENTAVOS
FOREIGN DESTINATIONS

First Rate Period
10 Centavos Rate



Santa Rosalia, March 19, 1915, to Ireland, forwarded to Portland, Oregon

Only recorded Baja California letter to Ireland



Santa Rosalia, March 17, 1915, to New York

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10 CENTAVOS
FOREIGN DESTINATIONS

Second Period - Rates Doubled
Single and Double Rates



Santa Rosalia, May 18, 1915, to Copenhagen, received June 10, 1915 - English Censor

Largest recorded multiple of the 10 centavos on letter

Sent by Captain August Kohnke, Captain of the *Reinbek* which was stranded in neutral Mexico in Santa Rosalia at the outbreak of World War One.