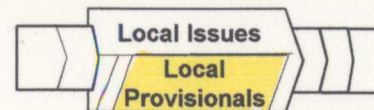


On May 27, 1914 the Constitutionalist Postmaster General ordered captured stocks of 1910 and 1908 stamps to be overprinted with the large rubber GCM handstamp to differentiate these stamps from stamps sold by the Federals. Those were distributed mostly in Sonora and Sinaloa. Shortly after, local postmasters (under Constitutionalist control) not supplied with such stamps, began to create their own overprints on whatever stamps they had available. These are known as Local Provisionals. Many such stamps are very scarce, as some were used from a few days to a few months. At least 31 towns are known. Examples of most of them are shown in this section.



Local Provisionals 1914 Acaponeta-Culiacan

5 Ciudad Gonzalez

Overprinted on July 2, 1914. 25 covers known



4 Chihuahua

Chihuahua. Overprinted in strips of 3 or 4 stamps on July 10, 1914. Uncommon on 1 peso value.

2 Aguascalientes

Aguascalientes. Overprinted on September 8, 1914. Very few are known of the 5 pesos.



8 Culiacan

Culiacan. Overprinted on August 23, 1914. A very small number of philatelic covers exist



6 Ciudad Juarez

Ciudad Juarez. Overprinted on September 21, 1914. Few are known used. Many philatelic variations exist.

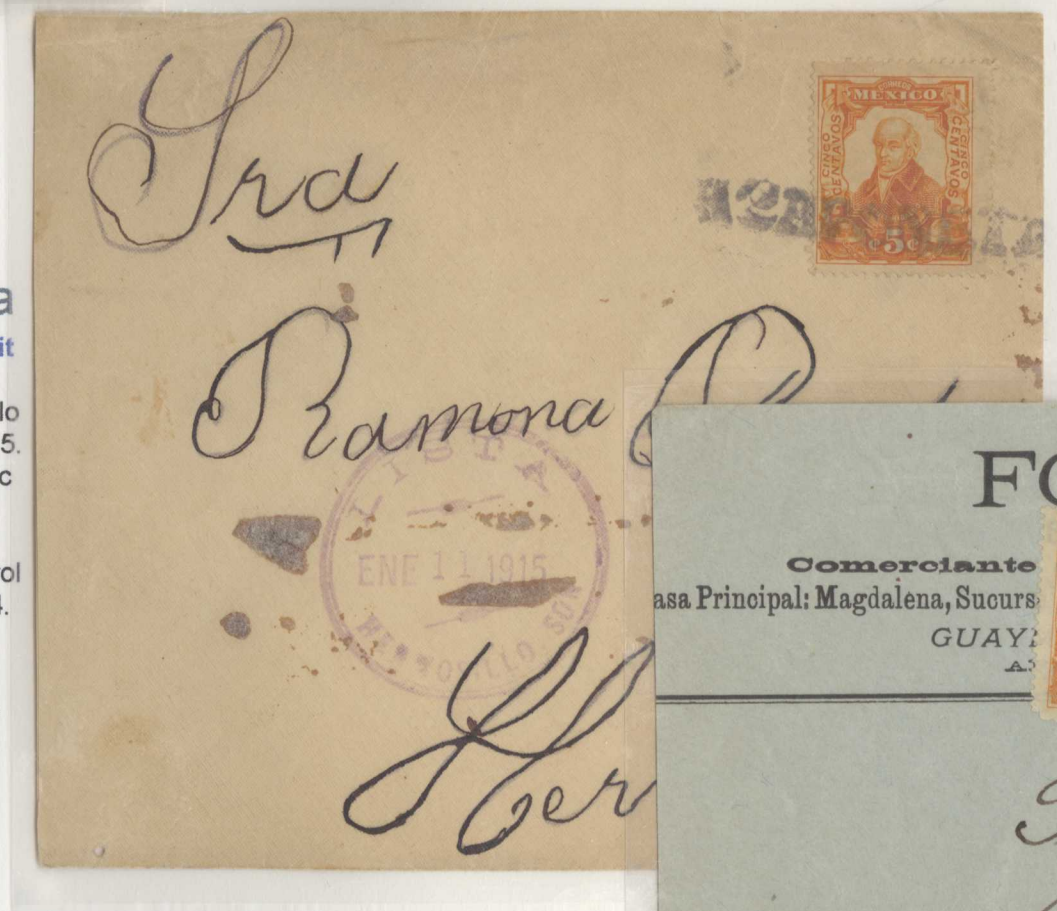


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Acaponeta

Acaponeta, Nayarit to Hermosillo.

Arrived in Hermosillo on January 11, 1915. Paid 5c 1st domestic rate for 20 grams. Unclaimed. In Constitutional control since May 16, 1914. This is not an overprint but a Provisional Cancel.



3 Baja California

Queretaro to Mexico City. Dated October 5, 1914. Paid 5c 1st domestic rate for 20 grams. Constitutionlists were in control of Queretaro until November 19 and of Mexico City up to November 24 when Zapata's Conventionists took over. Only the 5c is known on cover.



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7 Colima

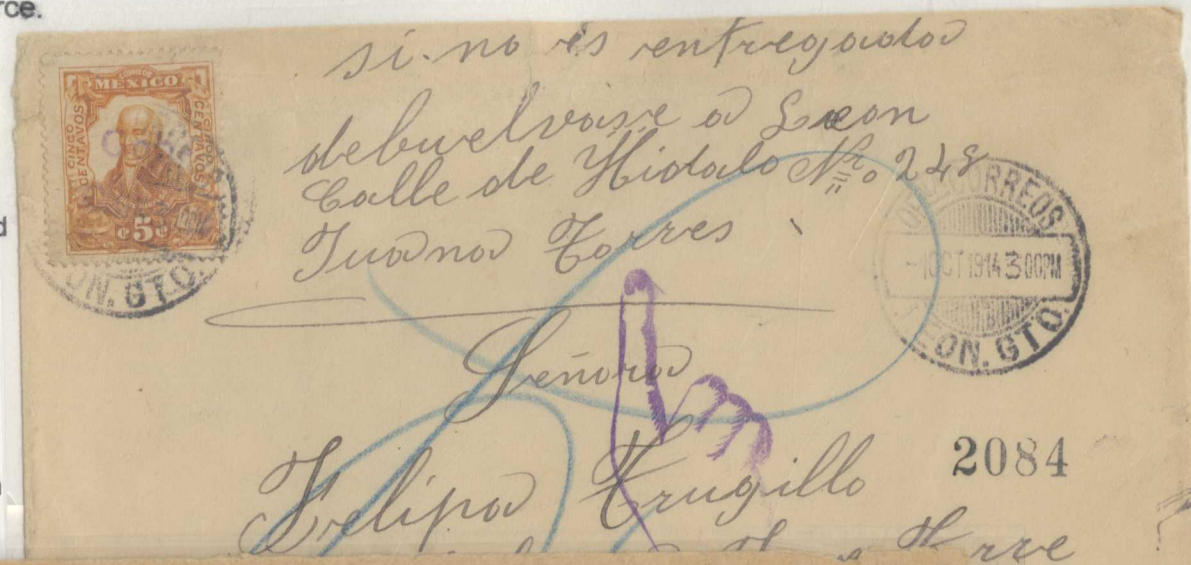
Colima to Mexico City. Dated October 20, 1914. Paid 5c 1st domestic rate for 20 grams. Constitutionlists were in control of Colima starting on July 19, 1914. Only 23 covers have been recorded.



Shortly after May 27, 1914, local postmasters (under Constitutionalist control) not supplied with GCM handstamp began to create their own overprints on whatever stamps they had available. These are known as Local Provisionals. Many such stamps are very scarce, as some were used from a few days to a few months. Experts estimate that there are 1,500-2,000 covers in total from at least 31 towns. Since 50% are from Monterrey and Torreon, all others are scarce.

10 Leon

Leon to Mexico City. Dated October 1, 1914. Transit 1 day. Postman wrote the addressee was unknown. Sent back to sender on October 3. Paid 5c 1st domestic rate for 20 grams. Leon was occupied by Constitutionlists starting on July 24, 1914 until July 5, 1915 when Villa took over.



11 Matehuala

Matehuala to Mexico City. Dated August 30, 1914. Paid 5c 1st domestic rate for 20 grams. Matehuala was a Constitutionalist town since January 20, 1914. Safe to arrive in Mexico City which was in the same camp from August 15 to November 24, 1914.



13 Queretaro

Queretaro to Mexico City. Dated October 5, 1914. Paid 5c 1st domestic rate for 20 grams. Constitutionlists were in control of Queretaro until November 19 and of Mexico City up to November 24 when Zapata's Conventionists took over. Only the 5c is known on cover.



14 Sabinas

Sabinas, Coahuila. January-February 1915. Mostly known unused.



9 Guaymas

Guaymas. This is the latest of the overprints, used after October 6, 1915.



12 Monterrey to Germany Registered



Monterrey to Hannover, Germany. Dated August 3, 1914. Registered. Transit 18 days via Laredo (Aug 5), New York (Aug 9), Hannover (Aug 21). Paid 50c: 10c registration + 40c 1st rate overseas for 80 grams. Commercial cover sent from a cigarette company. Although 30% of the existing Local Provisionals on cover are from Monterrey this cover is exceptional as very few local provisionals exist sent to Europe.

Local Provisionals were created by local postmasters of Constitutionalists occupied towns in response to stamp shortages of valid stamps. Most towns were not provided the GCM handstamped stamps authorized by Cosme Hinojosa on May 27, 1914. Many such stamps are very scarce, as some were used from a few days to a few months. Experts estimate that there are 1,500-2,000 covers in total from at least 31 towns. 50% of more are from Monterrey and Torreon, making all others very scarce. Examples of overprints from most known towns are shown in this section.

19 Sinaloa

Mazatlan, Sinaloa to Rochester, N.Y. Dated October 9, 1914. Paid 10c 1st USA rate for 40 grams. The sender was a postal cards store. Combination of overprinted Centenarios with a left over Transitorio. Mazatlan had been under Federales control until August 9, 1914 when it was occupied by Constitutionalists.



22 Zacatecas

Zacatecas. Earliest date is August 10, 1914. This city changed hands between the 2 sides in 1914.



18 San Pedro, Coahuila

San Pedro. Earliest date is November 21, 1914. Scarce



20 Sombrerete

Sombrerete. Known from November-December 1914. Only handful exist.



16 Salvatierra

Salvatierra. Known from October 1914. Very scarce. 3 types known.

21 Torreon

Torreon to Chihuahua. Dated October 8, 1914. Transit was 2 days. The letter was not picked by the addressee, and on December 10 was sent back to the sender Jesus Hernandez, via Mexico City (April 29, 1915). Arrived to Torreon and was posted on May 8, 1915. Finally sent to the dead mail files on June 8. Paid 5c 1st domestic rate for 20 grams. It used a combination of 3c Denver and two 1c local overprints.



15 Salamanca

Salamanca to Mexico City. Dated September 1, 1914. Transit 2 days. Paid 5c 1st domestic rate for 20 grams. Only 12 covers are known, this being one of the best.



17 San Luis Potosi

San Luis Potosi to Mexico City. Dated August 14, 1914. Transit 7 days. Could not be delivered as "Chapultepec" was meant as the military school in Mexico City which was closed due to the war. Sent to the dead letter files on October 22. Paid 1st domestic rate for 20 grams. Commercial cover sent from a cigarette company. Very few local provisionals exist to Europe. San Luis was taken by the Constitutionalists army on July 18, 1914

