

# Mexico's Weather Forecast postmarks 1903-1904

The following exhibit of **Marcophily** as part of the postal history, is showing one of the **hardest to find "delivery postmarks"** in Mexico. Concept created by Mr. D. Manuel Zamacona é Inclán General Manager of Correos de México at that period and supported by Manuel E. Pastrana manager of the National Metereological Service of México, the proposal was made in 1902, to deliver the Weather forecast though telegram to the Postal Service "Correos México" in Mexico Distrito Federal (Mexico City, well know as México D.F.), in order to do that, the mail had to be postmark at the time to delivery, to inform to the receptor: What will be the forecast of today or the next day? It is important to clarify that the postmark was not designed to cancel the stamps, because **the application was only at the delivery time, during the years of 1903 & 1904.**

The postmarking **starts on April 1st, 1903**, with one of the most interesting postmark of the 40 diferents proposed; **NORTE (GOLFO) HOY**, Norte is mexican local term for a weather event, which is characterized by strong winds.

Only 23 diferent postmarks were used, the following study show the postmark including the aerliest and latters dates known, varieties (Type "A"= starts day follow by month & type "B"= date starts with month follow by day) and aplication erros.



## 1903

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3	4
<b>A</b>	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>P</b>	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>R</b>	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30		

**Earliest date known.** April 4th, 1903,

-- NORTE (GOLFO) HOY -- Type: **B**

Postcard with origin in Barcelona in March 27th, 1903.

- Delivered on Saturday.

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**Application error, Destination San Antonio, Tx.**  
 -- CALUROSO -- (WARM) Type: **B**  
**Official cover with official postal franking.**  
**Postmarked as transit** in April 11th, 1903,  
 Cover with origin on México D.F. April 9th, 1903.

**1903**

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3	4
<b>A</b>	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>P</b>	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>R</b>	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30		



**1903**

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1	2
<b>M</b>	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>A</b>	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Y</b>	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31						

**May 7th, 1903,**  
 -- BUEN TIEMPO A.M. VENTOSO TARDE --  
 (GOOD TIME A.M. WINDY AFTERNOON) Type: **B**  
 Postcard with origin in Bilbao, April 22nd, 1903.  
 - Delivered on Thursday.

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1903

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1	2
<b>M</b>	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>A</b>	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>y</b>	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31						

**Missplaced application, May 8th, 1903.**

-- NEBULOSO -- (NEBULOUS) Type: **B**

**Postal stationary** with origin in Meoqui, Chihuahua, May 6th, 1903

- Delivered on Friday.



**May 14th, 1903,**

-- CALUROSO -- (WARM) Type: **B**

Postcard with origin in New York U.E.A, May 9th, 1903.

- Delivered on Thursday.

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**1903**

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1	2
<b>M</b>	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>A</b>	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>V</b>	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31						

**May 16th, 1903.**

-- BUEN TIEMPO A.M. LLUVIA P.M. --

(GOOD TIME A.M. RAIN P.M.) Type: **B**

Postcard with origin in Urbino, Italy, April 30th, 1903

- Delivered on Saturday.



**May 26th, 1903.**

-- BUEN TIEMPO A.M. LLUVIA P.M. --

(GOOD TIME A.M. RAIN P.M.) Type: **B**

Postcard with origin in Genoa, Italy, May 9th, 1903.

- Delivered on Tuesday.

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**June 11th 1903,**  
 -- BUEN TIEMPO A.M. LLUVIA P.M. -- Type: **B**  
**National Rate** with transportation in O.P.A. Mexico y Juárez.  
 Cover with origin in Tamaulipas. June 10th, Delivered on Thursday.



1903

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>J</b>	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>U</b>	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>N</b>	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30				

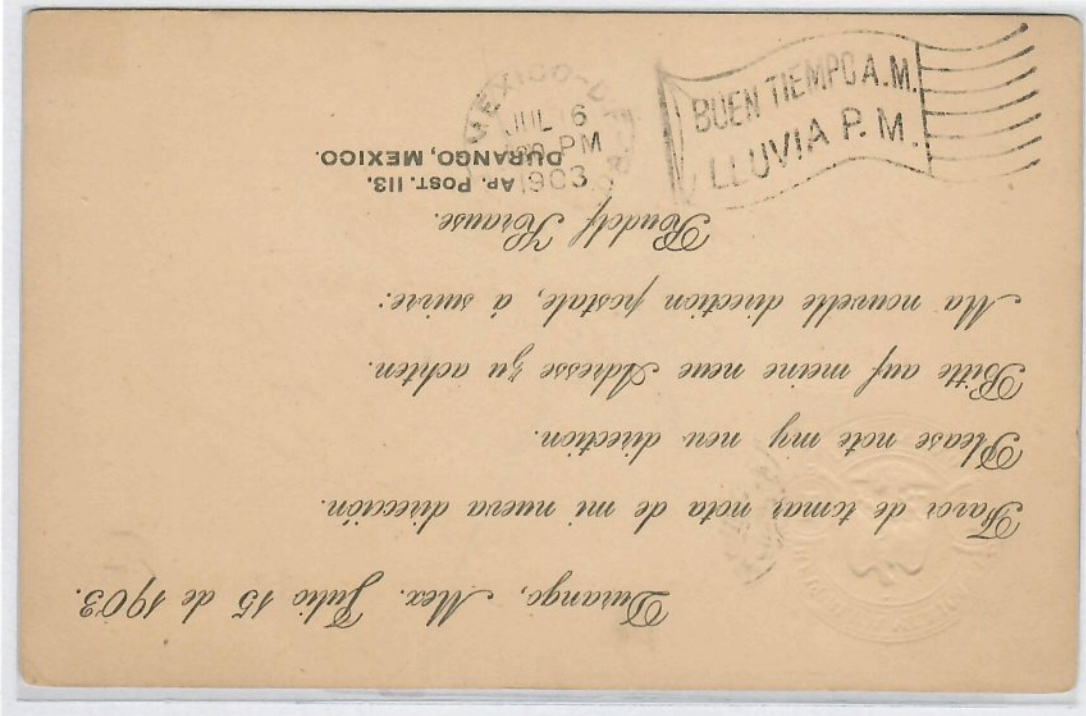


1903

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3	4
<b>J</b>	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>U</b>	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>L</b>	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	

**July 7th, 1903,**  
 -- NEBULOSO -- Type: **B**  
 Postcard with origin in Touvre Francia, June 21st, 1903.  
 - Delivered on Tuesday.

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**1903**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

**July 16th 1903,**

-- BUEN TIEMPO A.M. LLUVIA P.M. --

(GOOD TIME A.M. RAIN P.M.) Type: **B**

**National Rate** Postcard with origin in Durango. July 14th, Delivered on Thursday.



**1903**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

**August 3rd, 1903,**

-- BUEN TIEMPO A.M. LLUVIA P.M. MAÑANA --

(GOOD TIME A.M. RAIN P.M. TOMORROW) Type: **A**

Postcard with origin in Prague, Boheme, July 14th, 1903. - Delivered on Monday.

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1903

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
							1
<b>A</b>	2	<b>3</b>	4	5	6	7	8
<b>U</b>	<b>9</b>	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>G</b>	16	17	<b>18</b>	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30	31					

August 9th, 1903,

-- BUEN TIEMPO A.M. LLUVIA P.M. --  
 (GOOD TIME A.M. RAIN P.M.) Type: B

**National Rate** Postcard with origin in Monterrey. August 6th,  
 Delivered on Sunday.



August 18th, 1903,

-- CALUROSO MAÑANA -- (WARM TOMORROW) Type: B

Postcard with origin in Begium, July 31st, 1903.

- Delivered on Tuesday.

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1903

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
							1
<b>A</b>	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>U</b>	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>G</b>	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30	31					

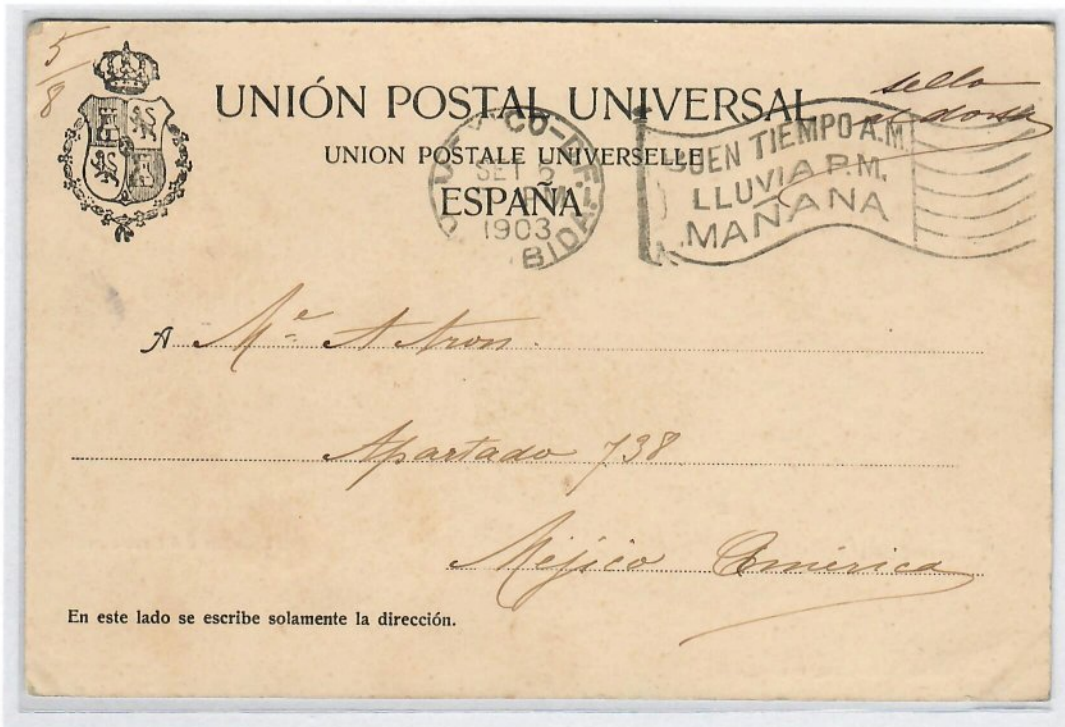
August 27th, 1903,

-- BUEN TIEMPO A.M. LLUVIA P.M. --

(GOOD TIME A.M. RAIN P.M.) Type: B

Postcard with origin in Barcelona, Spain, August 1st, 1903.

Delivered on Thursday.



September 6th, 1903,

-- BUEN TIEMPO A.M. LLUVIA P.M. MAÑANA --

(GOOD TIME A.M. RAIN P.M. TOMORROW) Type: B

Postcard with origin in Sabadell, Spain, August 22nd, 1903.

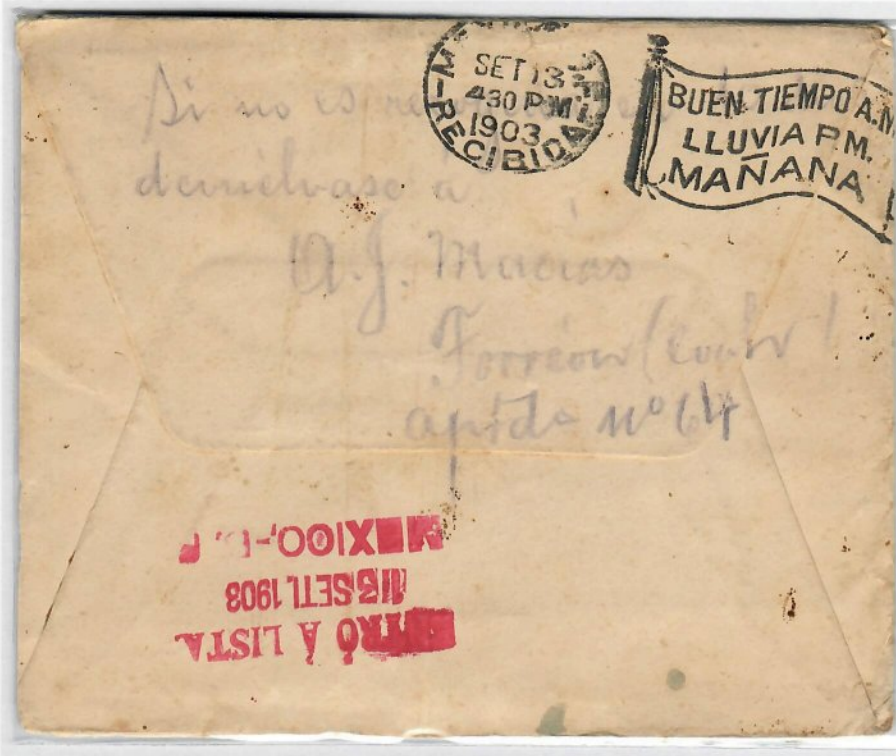
- Delivered on Sunday.



1903

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4	5
<b>S</b>	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>E</b>	13	14	15	16	17	19	19
<b>P</b>	20	21	23	23	24	25	26
<b>T</b>	27	28	29	30	31		

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**1903**

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4	5
<b>S</b>	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>E</b>	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>P</b>	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>T</b>	27	28	29	30			

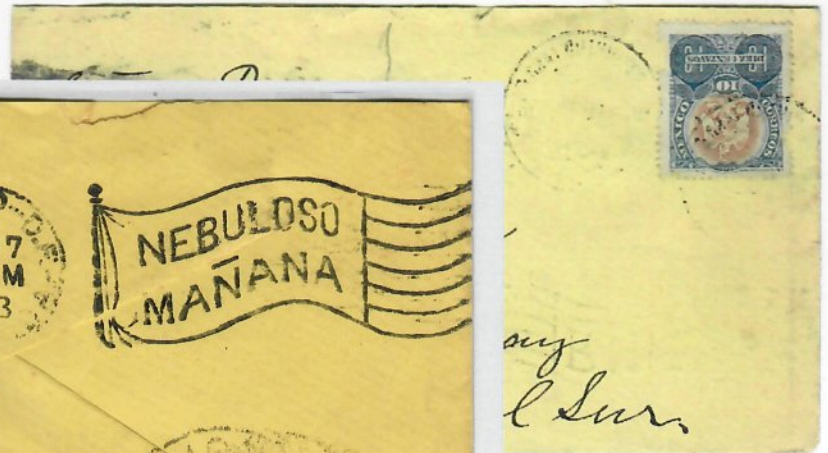
**September 13th, 1903,**

-- BUEN TIEMPO A.M. LLUVIA P.M. MAÑANA --

(GOOD TIME A.M. RAIN P.M. TOMORROW) Type: **B**

National Rate with origin in Torreón, September 12th, 1903.

- Delivery on Sunday.



**Application error, Destination to Paysandú, Uruguay**

-- NEBULOSO MAÑANA -- (NEBULOUS TOMORROW) Type: **B**

Postmarked as transit in September 17th, 1903,

Postcard with origin in Chalchihuites, México State.

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**October 26th, 1903,**  
 -- TEMPLADO MAÑANA -- (MILD WEATHER) Type: B  
 Cover with origin in Kiel, German Empire in October 3rd, 1903.  
 - Delivered on Monday.

1903

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2	3
<b>O</b>	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>C</b>	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>T</b>	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31



**October 28th 1903,**  
 -- NEBULOSO A.M. BUEN TIEMPO P.M. --  
 (NEBULOUS A.M. GOOD TIME P.M.) Type: B  
**National Rate** with transportation in O.P.A. 28 Mexico y Veracruz.  
 Cover with origin in Veracruz. October 27th, Delivered on Wednesday.

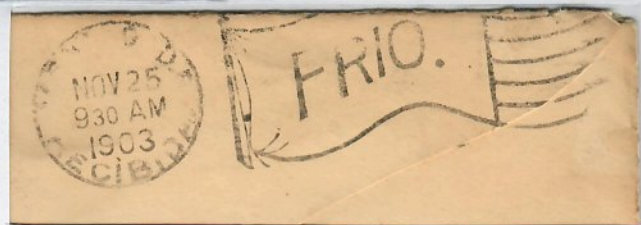
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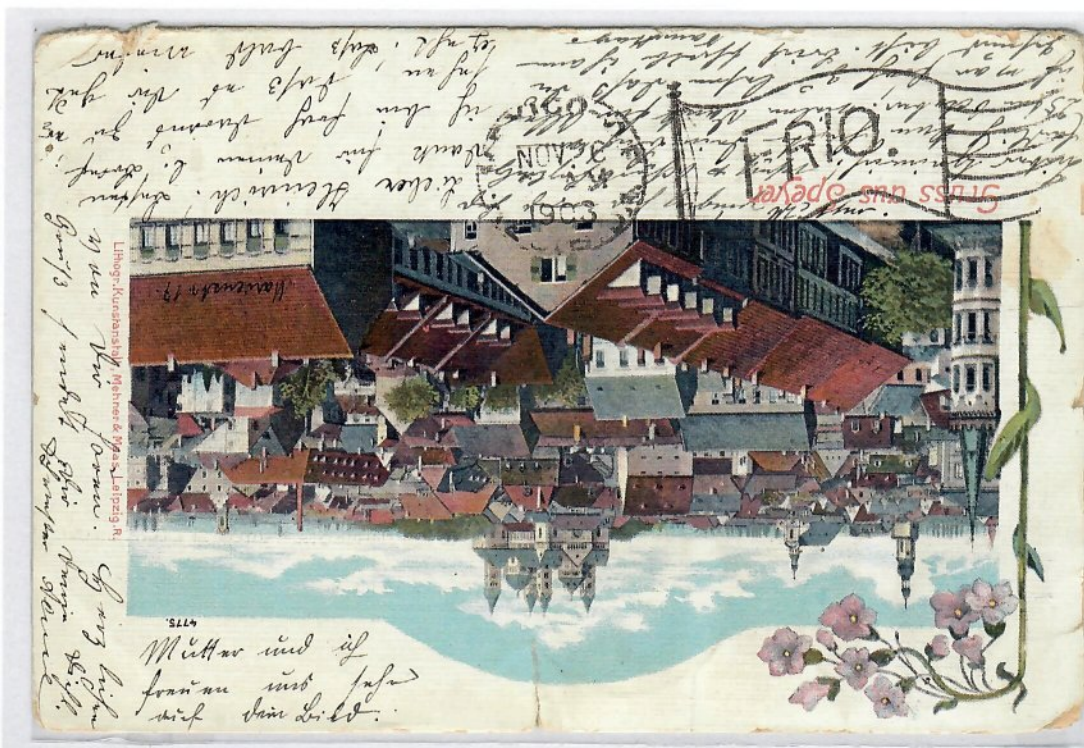
**November 25th, 1903,**  
 -- FRIO -- (COLD) Type: B  
 Postal Stationery postcard  
**National Rate**, with origin in  
 Culiacán, Sinaloa.  
 - Delivered on Wednesday.  
 Postmarked hour: 8:00 am

**1903**

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
<b>N</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>O</b>	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>V</b>	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30					

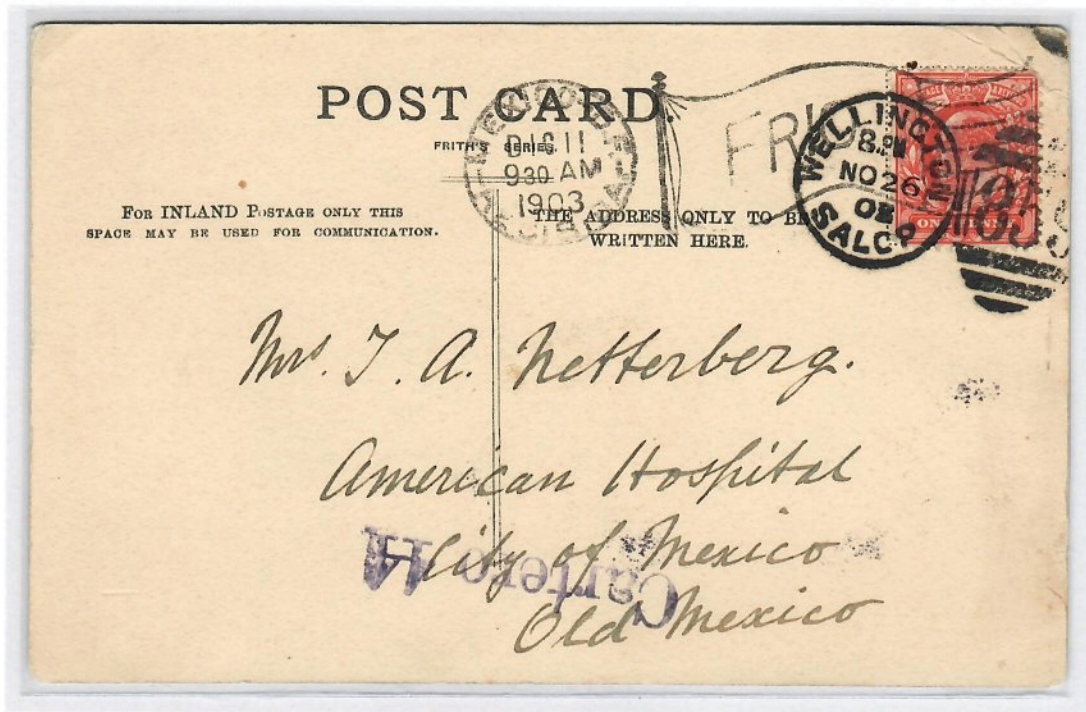


**November 25th, 1903,** Postmarked hour: 9:30 am



**November 26th 1903,**  
 -- FRIO -- (COLD) Type: B  
 Cover with origin in Speyer, Bavaria in October 11th,  
 Delivered on Thursday.

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**1903**

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4	5
<b>D</b>	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>I</b>	13	14	15	16	17	19	19
<b>C</b>	20	21	23	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31		

**December 11th, 1903,**

-- FRIO -- (COLD) Type: **B**

Postcard with origin in Wellington, GB in november 26th, 1903.

- Delivered on Friday.

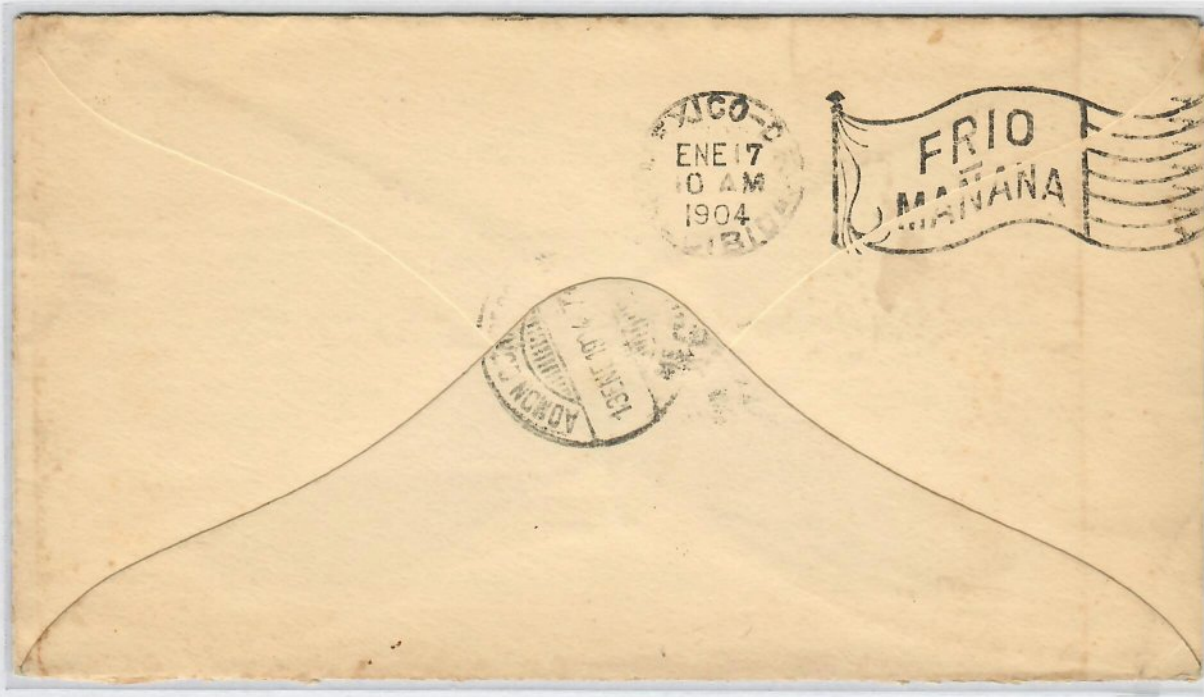


**December 20th 1903,**

-- FRIO -- (COLD) Type: **A**

Cover with origin Hamburg, November 20th, Delivered on Sunday.

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**January 17th, 1904,**

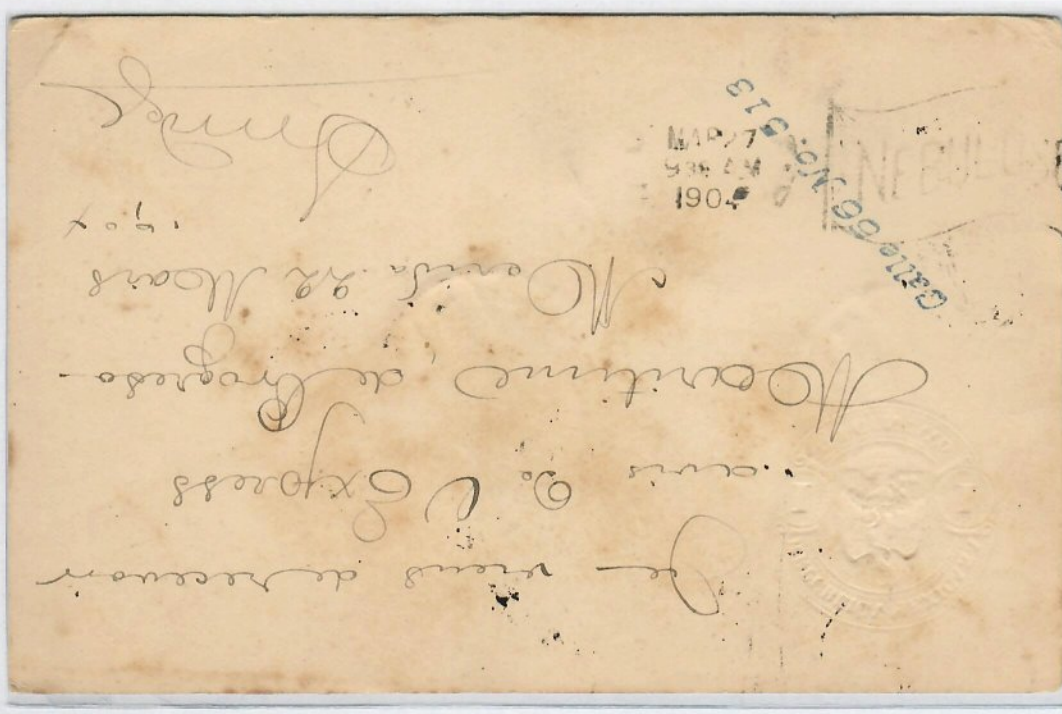
-- FRIO MAÑANA -- (COLD TOMORROW) Type: **B**

Postal Stationery Cover, origin in Mérida, Yucatan, January 13th, 1904.

Delivered on Sunday.

**1904**

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1	2
<b>J</b>	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>A</b>	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>N</b>	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31						



**1904**

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4	5
<b>M</b>	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>A</b>	13	14	15	16	17	19	19
<b>R</b>	20	21	23	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31		

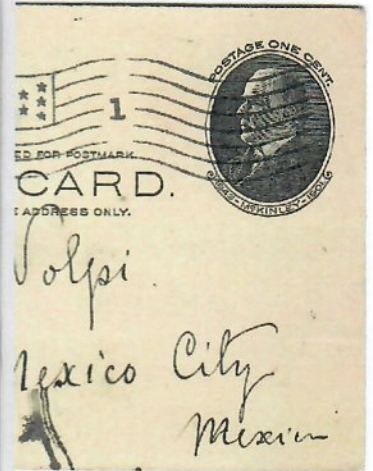
**March 27th, 1904,**

-- NEBULOSO -- (NEBULOUS) Type: **B**

Postal Stationery postcard, urban rate of 1c with complementary 1c add to upgrade to national rate, origin in Merida, March 23rd, 1904.

- Delivered on Monday.





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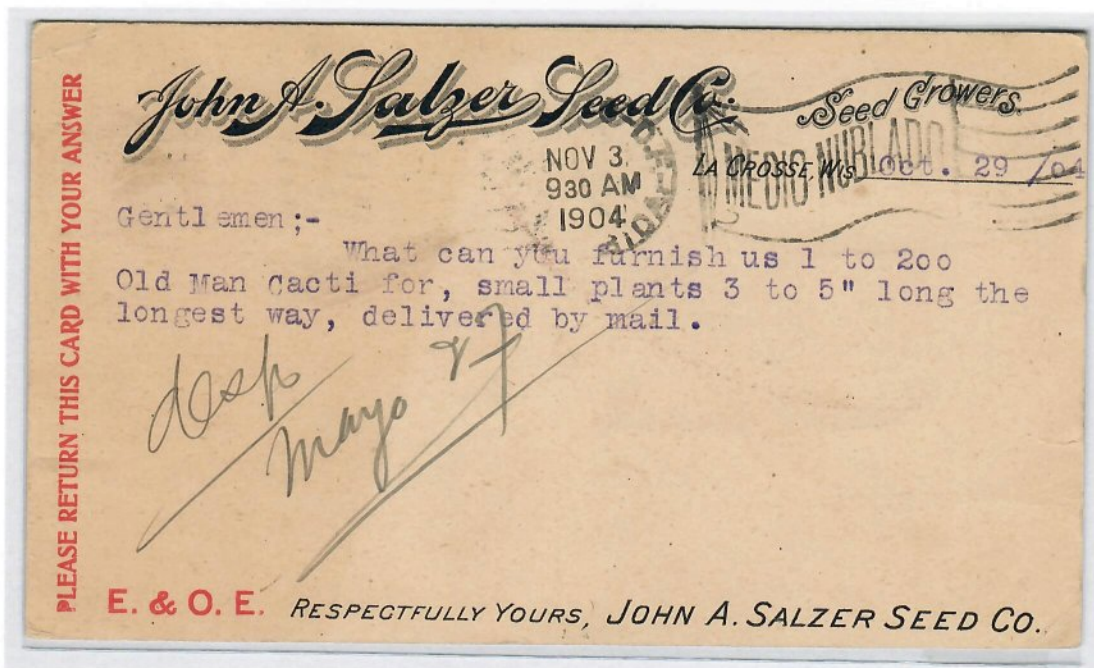
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1	2
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>J</b>	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>U</b>	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>L</b>	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31						

July 28th, 1904,

-- BUEN TIEMPO A.M. LLUVIA P.M. MAÑANA --

(GOOD TIME A.M. RAIN P.M. TOMORROW) Type: B

Postal Stationery postcard, USA international rate 1c with origin in San Antonio, Tx, Jul 15th, 1904. Delivered on Friday.



1904

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4	5
<b>N</b>	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>O</b>	13	14	15	16	17	19	19
<b>V</b>	20	21	23	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30			

November 3rd, 1904,

-- MEDIO NUBLADO -- (NEBULOUS TOMORROW) Type: B

Postcard with origin in Lacross, Wiss, UUEEA, October 29th, 1903.

- Delivered on Thursday.



**1904**

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4	5
<b>N</b>	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>O</b>	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>V</b>	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30			

**Latest date known November 25th, 1904,**

-- BUEN TIEMPO A.M. LLUVIA P.M. --  
(GOOD TIME A.M. RAIN P.M.) Type: **B**

Postal Stationery postcard, national rate of 2c with origin in Sucursal B, Mexico City, November 24th, 1904.  
- Delivered on Sunday.

**Conclusion:**

The scarce of the forecast postmarks shown in this exhibit do not allow to go further to consider to have an extension further than 1 frame, hypothetically could be possible just to adapt and find a complete month giving a different treatment and target, to present a whole month to know how the weather was specifically at that time.

**Biography:**

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