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December 3, 1911 Leon to New York City. 10c “IMPRESOS” (printed papers) foreign rate. No Corinto transit mark was required or applied.

November 15, 1911 Leon to Granada (November 16 arrival mark on the back). 10c domestic letter rate.
November 3, 1911 Managua cancel. “BUZON TREN” handstamp indicates that the letter was placed in the mobile mail box on the train to Managua. 10c domestic letter rate paid with the correct stamp improperly applied (“10 cts. CORREO” overprint on back visible by holding the letter up to bright light). The F-1 fiscal overprint visible on the front of the stamp has the inverted “ctvs.” (= position # 20; arrow).

January 9, 1912 Chichigalpa to Corinto (January 9 receiving mark on the back). Correct 30c domestic letter rate for 21-40 grams (double weight).
December 28, 1911 Rivas to Managua (December 30 receiving mark on the back). Correct domestic letter rate for 21-40 grams (double weight). The front of the cover shown in the copy below also has a December 28 Rivas postmark.
January 1, 1912 Leon to Managua (January 1 receiving mark on the back). Correct domestic letter rate for 21-40 grams (double weight). The front of the cover shown in the copy below also has a January 1 Leon postmark.
September 3, 1911 Granada via Corinto (September 5 transit mark) to Tucson, Arizona ("SEP 28 1911 REGISTERED" receiving mark). Seven 10c stamps pay the 35c foreign letter rate and 35c registration fee. "PASSED THROUGH / S24 1911 / St. Louis, Mo. / Registered Mail" straight lines handstamped in red over two of the stamps plus a U.S.-added red registration number.

The front of cover shown in the copy below has a Granada registration label, a Corinto registration handstamp, a large red "REGISTERED" handstamp and a red double circle "DUTY FREE / U.S. CUSTOMS / ST. LOUIS" handstamp.
October 6, 1911 Chinandega via Corinto (October 6 transit mark) to Chicago, Illinois (two “OCT 25 1911 CHICAGO REG. DIV.” receiving marks). Nine 10c stamps pay the 35c foreign letter rate, the 35c registration fee, and 20c acknowledgement of receipt (AR) fee.

The front of cover shown in the copy below has an October 6 Chinandega postmark, a Chinandega registration label, a Corinto registration handstamp, a large purple “AR” handstamp, and a U.S.-applied registered mail tracking number “94121”.

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November 16, 1911 Managua to New York City.

This is the only 10c postal provisional use on a wrapper known to have survived.

November 3, 1911 Granada via Corinto (November 5 transit mark on the back) to Manchester, England (oval "26 NO 11 REGISTERED MANCHESTER" receiving mark on the back). Two 10c 1st provisional stamps and a 50c definitive pay 35c postage and the 35c registration fee. Granada registration label and Corinto registration handstamp.
September 8, 1911 Chinandega via Corinto (September 8 transit mark on the back) to Rochester, New York. Two 10c 1st provisional stamps and a 15c definitive pay the 35c foreign letter rate. Only known use of this barred “CHINANDEGA” killer.

January 4, 1912 La Libertad via Granada and Corinto (January 6 & 7 transit marks, respectively, on the back) to San Jose, Costa Rica (January 26 arrival mark on the back). Two 10c 1st provisional stamps and two 5c definitives pay the correct 30c double weight (16-30 grams) adjacent republic rate.
October 19, 1911 Leon to Cardigan, South Wales, England (October 19 Corinto transit and November 18 Cardigan receiving mark on the reverse; AR label adherence across the top of the back; copy shown below). Only Leon used this “Certificado Avis de Recepción” (C.A.R.) mark. Two 10c 1st provisional stamps and two 35c fiscal-based provisionals pay 35c postage plus registration (35c) and acknowledgement of receipt (20c) fees.
October 13, 1911 Managua via Corinto (October 13 transit mark on the back) to San Francisco, California. Three 10c 1st provisional stamps and three 2c provisionals of other issues overpay the 35c foreign letter rate by 1c (no 5c stamp available).

October 25, 1911 Leon to San Francisco, California (November 24 “REG. DIV.” receiving mark on the back). Two 10c 1st provisional stamps and two 35c fiscal-based provisionals pay 35c postage plus registration (35c) and acknowledgement of receipt (20c) fees.
November 4, 1911 Managua via Corinto to Manchester, England. Two 10c 1st issue provisionals and four 35c fiscal-based provisionals from another stamp issue pay the triple weight (34 grams; 35c per 15 grams) foreign letter rate plus registration (35c) and acknowledgement of receipt (20c) fees (total 160c). Oval March 3, 1912 London registry transit mark partially on the 1st provisional stamps. Managua registration label, Corinto registration handstamp, and “AR” in blue circle on the address side; copy shown below.
December 11, 1911 La Paz Centro via Corinto (December 12 transit mark on the front) to Los Angeles, California. Buzón handstamp added in Corinto. Two 10c 1st provisional stamps on the front and an additional one on the back; copy shown below). The post office at the La Paz Centro railway station may not have had any 5c stamps to show payment of the correct 35c foreign letter rate but in any case no postage due was assessed.
January 6, 1912 Corinto to Berlin, Germany (above) or Bayreuth (sic) Syria (below; February 13, 1912 BEYROUTH SYRIE receiving mark on the back). 50c foreign rate (effective December 17) paid with five 10c 1st provisionals. Buzón handstamps added in Corinto.
Two November 19, 1911 Ancon, Canal Zone duplex cancels and a straight line PAQUEBOT handstamp. Printed Leon origination indication addressed to New York City (no postal markings on the back). The foreign letter rate of 35c was paid with four 10c 1st provisional stamps; likely overpaid because no other stamps were available.

One of only 3 examples known where the 1st provisional stamps were applied folded over in an attempt to comply with instructions in the relevant decree.
December 30, 1911 Leon via Corinto (December 30 transit mark on the back) to Dusseldorf, Germany. 50c foreign letter rate effective December 17 so underpaid by 10c.

December 5, 1911 Corinto to Montpelier, Vermont. 35c foreign rate overpaid by 5c due to absence of other values of stamps or confusion about the correct rate. The two stamps on the left are applied improperly with the 5c fiscal sides up; the backs have 10c overprints.
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September 27, 1911 mourning cover from Granada to Managua. Four 10c stamps overpay the 10c domestic letter rate.

October 5, 1911 Chichigalpa via Corinto (October 5 transit mark on back) to Chicago, Illinois. 35c foreign letter rate underpaid by 5c. Two serifsed, broken "T" (Taxe) handstamps added in Corinto to indicate postage due.
December 22/23, 1911 Granada to Toledo, Ohio. Many covers addressed to the Toledo Stamp Company were favor cancelled with these dates using several combinations of stamps which may not pay specific rates. All covers have the return address in the upper left quadrant erased and one or more circular date stamps with the “22” inverted (the top stamps here). The lower stamp on both covers is cancelled with a correct Granada December 23 circular date stamp. None of the “Toledo covers” has the expected Corinto transit mark so they were not mailed from Nicaragua.
November 16, 1911 Ancon, Canal Zone duplex cancels (with “1911” inverted) and straightline PAQUEBOT handstamp. Printed AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE origination indication, to Washington, D.C. (November 24 receiving mark on the back). 35c foreign letter rate paid with three 10c and one 5c stamps.

November 22, 1911 Granada via Corinto (November 23 transit mark on the back) to Paris, France. 35c foreign letter rate paid with three 10c and one 5c 1st provisional stamps.
November 4, 1911 Granada via Corinto (November 4 transit mark on the back) to Ludwigshafen Am Rhein, Germany. 35c foreign letter rate paid with three 10c and one 5c stamps.

November 13, 1911 Masaya via Corinto (November 13 transit mark on the back) to Washington, D.C. (December 1 receiving mark on the back; rectangular November 2 "RECEIVED" on the front). 35c foreign letter rate paid with three 10c and one 5c stamps.
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October 9, 1911 Chinandega cancel on a piece with three 10c and one 5c 1st postal provisionals for the 35c foreign letter rate. The three 10c stamps all have additional red brown F-1 “Timbre Fiscal / Vale 5 cts.” overprints on the backs. These are the only examples known of 10c postal provisionals with the fiscal overprint on both the fronts and the backs of the stamps, although a 20-stamp pane must have existed.

The same piece above was pictured in Section XIX of the sale catalog of the Colonel E. H. R. Green estate in 1945, and was described as “unlisted, and probably unique”.

September 21, 1911 San Juan del Sur via Liberia (September 23 transit in double circle), San Jose (September 27 transit in double circle), and Limon (all 3 in Costa Rica) to Los Angeles, California. The straight line “TRANSITO” transit marks were added in San Jose and Liberia. An October 5 New Orleans transit mark is on the back. At this time, the fastest way from San Juan del Sur on Nicaragua’s Pacific coast to the U.S. was across Costa Rica via San Jose on the railway to Limon on the Atlantic coast. 35c foreign letter rate paid with three 10c and one 5c stamps.
November 9, 1911 Granada via Corinto to Paris, France (above, with Buzon handstamp) and September 14, 1911 Managua via Corinto to Milano, Italy (below; November 9 and September 16 transit marks, respectively on the backs). 35c foreign letter rate paid with three 10c and one 5c stamps.
FIRST POSTAL PROVISIONAL ISSUE. 15 CENTAVOS USE

The 15c stamps were printed on the backs of the red 1st class railway ticket-based fiscal provisionals (even though the overprints were readable on the front). 15c stamps help pay the foreign letter, registration fee, and after December 17, 1911, the 15c local letter rate.

December 22, 1911 Granada circular date stamps with the “22” inverted and addressed to the Toledo Stamp Company in Ohio. Many “Toledo covers” were favor cancelled and those without the expected Corinto transit mark (such as this example) were likely not mailed from Nicaragua.
December 27, 1911 Matagalpa via Corinto (January 1 transit on the back) to West Liverpool, England. 15c 1st provisional plus a 35c fiscal provisional from a different issue pay the 10 day old 50c foreign letter rate.

December 25, 1911 Granada to Managua (December 25 arrival mark on the back).

These are the only 15c postal provisional stamps on a wrapper known to have survived.
November 17, 1911 Matagalpa via Corinto (November 23 transit cancels on the back) and via Paris (circular December 16 transit mark) to Neuhaus, Germany. The two 15c stamps on the front and three 2c stamps on the back (shown in the copy below) overpay the 35c foreign letter rate by 1c. The 2c stamps may have been added in Corinto or just cancelled there. The three 2c stamps were likely used because no 5c stamps were available.
December 3, 1911 Granada (postmarks on the front; copy shown below) and canceling the stamps (back, shown above) via Corinto (December 3 transit mark) to Milan, Italy (wavy lines December 29 arrival mark) Two 15c and one 5c (postal provisional of a fiscal) stamps pay the foreign letter rate of 35c. The F-I fiscal overprints occur on the front and backs of both railway ticket-based provisional stamps but the “15 cts / CORREO” overprint is only on the backs (verified by holding the cover up to a bright light).

This cover has the only known use of this scarce 1st postal provisional stamp variety.