

# Foreign Destination



Boston, Ma. to Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada, Jan. 31, 1889

Backstamped Charlottetown, Feb. 2, 1889

**Earliest recorded use to Canada**

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Although United States special delivery treaties did not go into effect prior to 1923, many attempts were made, albeit unsuccessfully, to obtain special delivery service abroad before that date. Although the Universal Postal Union authorized the special service, it was each individual country's decision as to when to enter into treaties and effect service.



Earliest recorded use to Europe, May 12, 1891, Special Delivery service not provided in Germany



- N. Linndale, Oh., August 1, 1898 to the Michigan Regiment on foreign assignment
- Sent through Cleveland, Oh., marked transit, August 1, 1898
- Forwarded through Washington, D.C. marked transit, August 3, 1898
- Tampa, Fl., August 4, 1898 forwarded to Cuba on August 5, 1898
- Returned to Tampa, Fl., August 23, 1898, marked Jackson & Tampa R.P.O., Train 23
- Forwarded through New York on the New York & Crofton R.P.O., Train 45, August 24, 1898
- Received Detroit, Mi., September 8, 1898 and sent to Ironwood, Mi., September 12, 1898
- Arrived Ironwood, Mi., arriving September 14, 1898

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Special Delivery stamp added in Italy, delivery was attempted and fee claimed but the addressee was 'Closed'



Cover originated in Copenhagen, Denmark and was routed through Boston where U.S. postage and Special Delivery fee were added and forwarded to New York U.S. postage was not required by regulation as first class forwarding was free

# Foreign Ship Origin



Deutsche Seepost Linie New York, to Boston, Ma., May 29, 1890  
(German Sea Post - New York Line)  
Forwarded via Special Delivery to Malden, Ma., June 7, 1890

Backstamped  
New York "Paid All J" Jun 2, 1890  
Boston, Ma. June 7, 1890, 3:15PM  
Malden, Ma., Jun x, 1890, 6PM

**Only recorded example**