

LOS ANGELES LOCAL EXPRESSES

ELITE PACKAGE DELIVERY

Elite Package Delivery was established in 1909 by Irving L. Hamilton. In the 1910s, the company had a special contract to delivery packages for Wells Fargo & Co. that were addressed outside their zone.

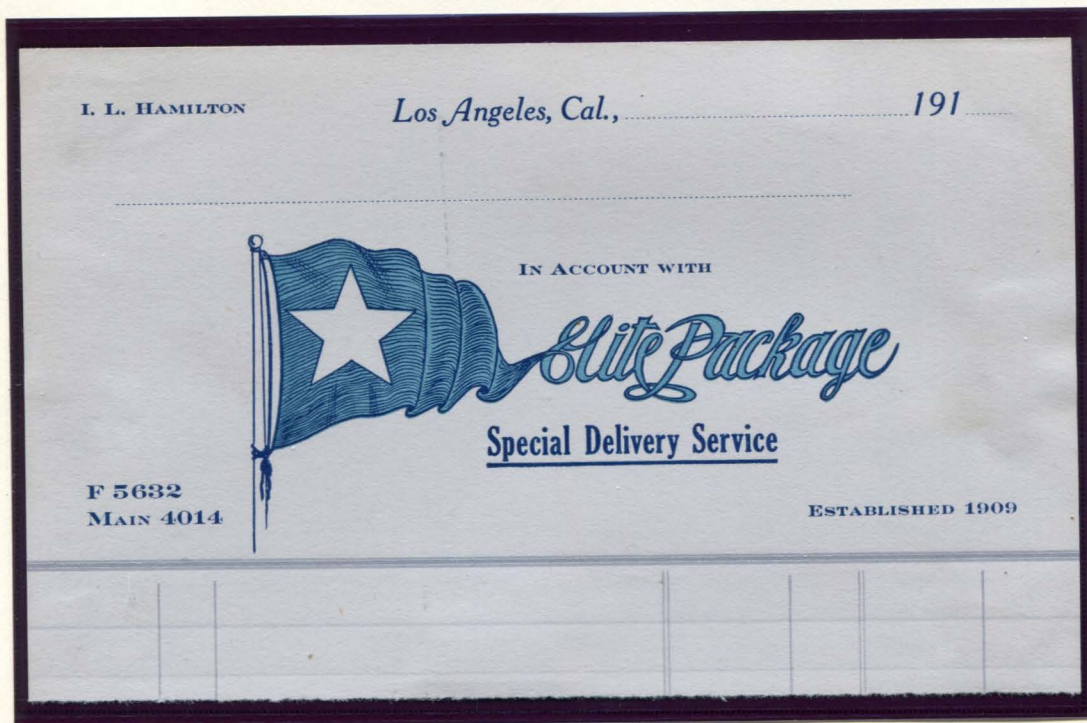
The first stamps were printed in red and black on a bluish-green paper. These stamps were only used for about a year.



ELITE PACK. DELIVERY
15¢ RED & BLACK ON GREEN



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VERTICAL PAIR
ONLY KNOWN PAIR



ELITE PACKAGE SPECIAL DELIVERY SERVICE LETTERHEAD

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The next series of Elite Package Delivery stamps were issued in 1910 and used until around 1914. These were printed in black on white paper with control numbers.

According to an interview with Mr. Hamilton, he changed the style of control numbers and started over at No. 1 several times during the stamps' usage.



ELITE PACK. DELIVERY
TYPE 2
BLACK ON WHITE
CONTROL # 14479 (CIRCA 1912)
WITH BOOKLET MARGIN AT LEFT



ELITE PACK. DELIVERY
TYPE 2
BLACK ON WHITE
CONTROL # 24060 (CIRCA 1914)

A new type of stamp, similar to the previous issue, were used around mid-1914. These used red control numbers with additional control letters.



ELITE PACK. DELIVERY
TYPE 3
BLACK & RED ON WHITE
CONTROL # 1751 B



ELITE PACK. DELIVERY
TYPE 3
BLACK & RED ON WHITE
CONTROL # 3753 A
WITH BOOKLET MARGIN AT LEFT

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Home F 5632		ELITE PACKAGE CO.		Main 4014	
Date <u>5/27/14</u>		Time		Boy <u>Ember</u>	
FROM	TO	ADDRESS	C.O.D.	SIGNATURE	
		<u>Houston 1702 E 62</u>	<u>4 Stamps</u>	<u>Ember</u>	
<u>Special</u>					
<u>1406 Harvard</u>					
<u>3014 - 7 Ave</u>					
<u>1444 E 53</u>					

ELITE PACK DELIVERY
TYPE 2 : BLACK ON WHITE
CONTROL # 24056 / 24057 / 24058 / 24059 (CIRCA 1914)
USED ON BILL PAID 4 STAMPS
MAY 27, 1914

Elite Package
DELIVERY PAID
No 24059

Elite Package
DELIVERY PAID
No 24057

Elite Package
DELIVERY PAID
No 24056