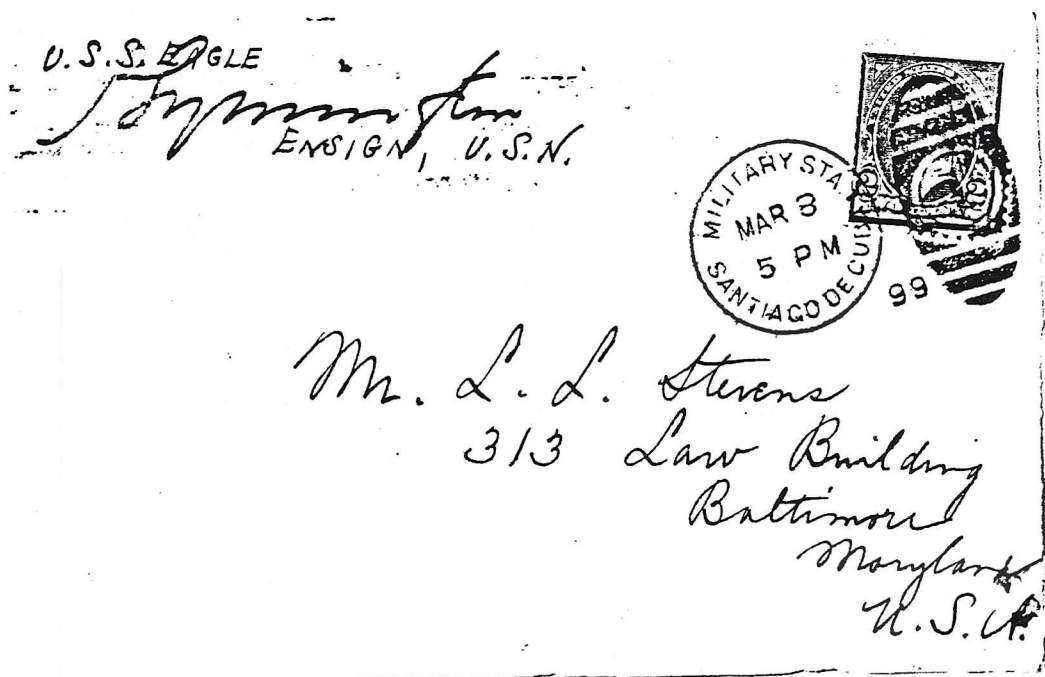


CUBA
Oriente Province

Military Sta. No. 1 Santiago
8 March 1899
3 April 1899



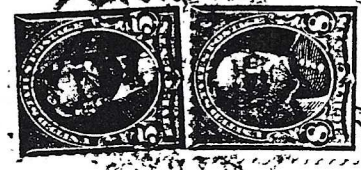
Once Spanish resistance ended, it was possible to assign the various military post offices to fixed locations. Thus, a steel duplex with cds reading "Military Sta. 1/ Santiago de Cuba" was introduced. The recorded dates of usage are 21 August 1898 to 13 April 1899. Although not endorsed as "sailor's mail" the postal clerk accepted the upper cover as navy mail at the 2 cent rate.

CUBA
Oriente Province

Military Station No. 1 Santiago
21 November 1898
4 February 1899



#1599



Madame Charles A de Lima
Royal Hotel
33 Avenue Friedland



REGISTERED
NOV 21 1898
Paris
France



The first Registration markings from Santiago consisted of four lines, including the date -- both unrecorded in Gordon. The earliest version had large letters, with a later type using smaller letters. In both cases, the stamps were cancelled with a double oval marking reading "Mil. Sta. No. 1/Santiago" and "Cuba" in the middle.

CUBA
Oriente Province

Military Sta. No. 3, Guantanamo
23 November 1898
8 April 1899



A total of 39 numbered military postal stations for Cuba are listed in the literature. In theory, at least, they would have been supplied with marking devices similar to those used in Santiago. However, some of the smaller offices handled so little mail and others were opened so late in the occupation period that no examples have been recorded in certain cases and only a few in others.

Two types of steel cds were used at Guantanamo. The first shows the indication "No. 3" at the top of the circle; it is recorded used from 23 November 1898 (above) to 28 July 1899. The second type has "No. 3" in the middle and is recorded from 7 January to 14 June 1899.

CUBA
Oriente Province

Military Sta. No. 3 Guantanamo
17 January 1899
6 June 1899

REGISTERED.
JAN 17 1899
MILITARY
STATION No. 3,
GUANTANAMO,
CUBA.
NEW YORK, P.O.

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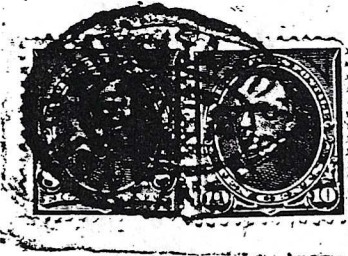
Mr.

Mase Kettlembeil

R
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NEW YORK, N. Y.
No 39813
EXCHANGE

~~*Butler for 29*~~

107 Berlin W 50



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23173

*Collier's letter from
Capt. Pentth. U.S.A.
Lang. Guantanamo*

J. D. Starr Stamp Co.

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CUBA.
HAVANA.
No. POST

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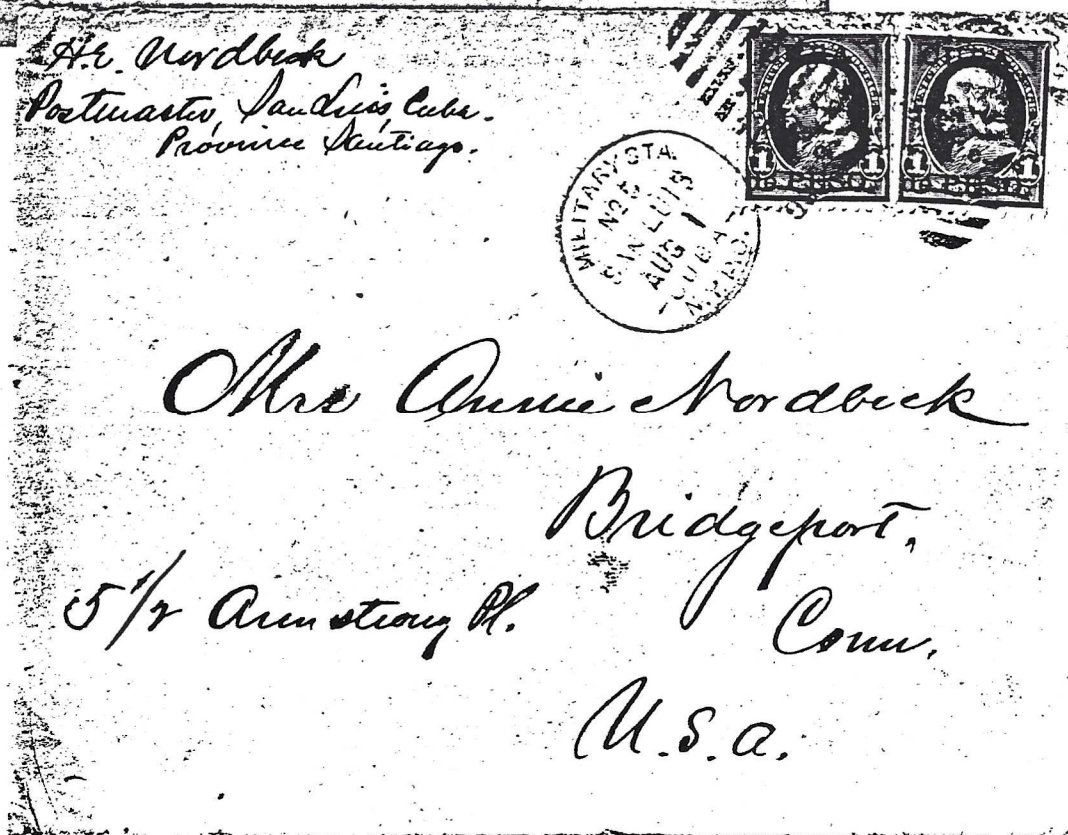
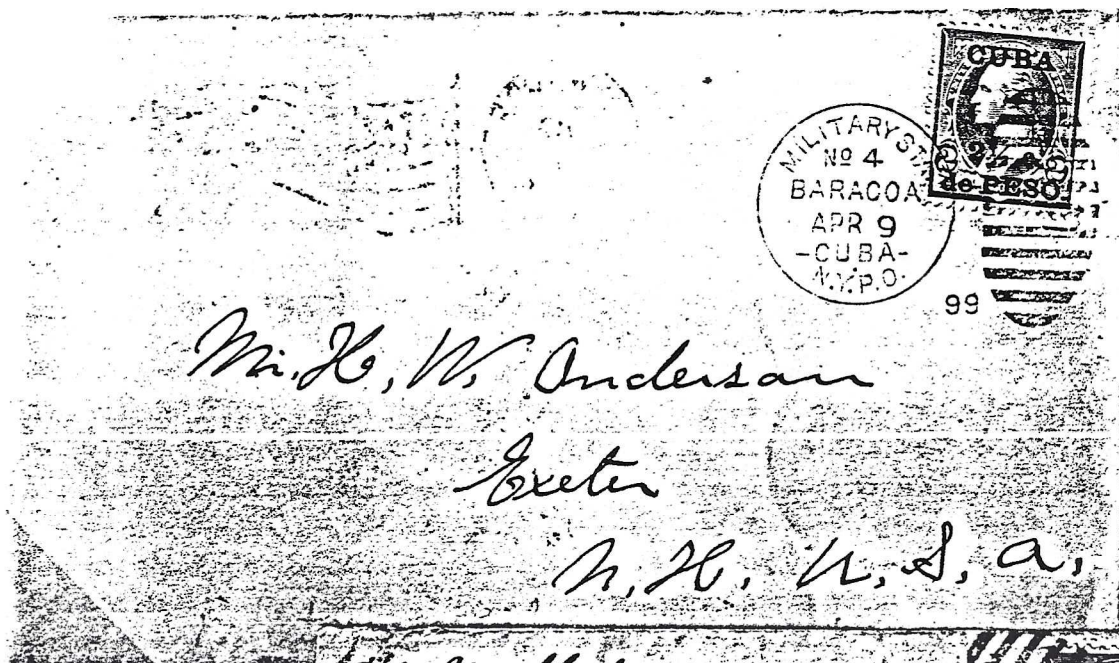


Covers above show usage of the Guantanamo boxed Registration marking with the indication of "Military Station No. 3" during the military administration and a "Guantanamo, Santiago de Cuba" marking after all existing military post offices in Cuba were required to assume civilian status under order of 10 February 1899. However, some military markings remained in use for a considerable period thereafter. The postage on both covers above was cancelled with a double oval killer inscribed "Mil. Sta. No. 3/Guantanamo."

CUBA
Oriente Province

Military Sta. No. 4 Baracoa
9 April 1899

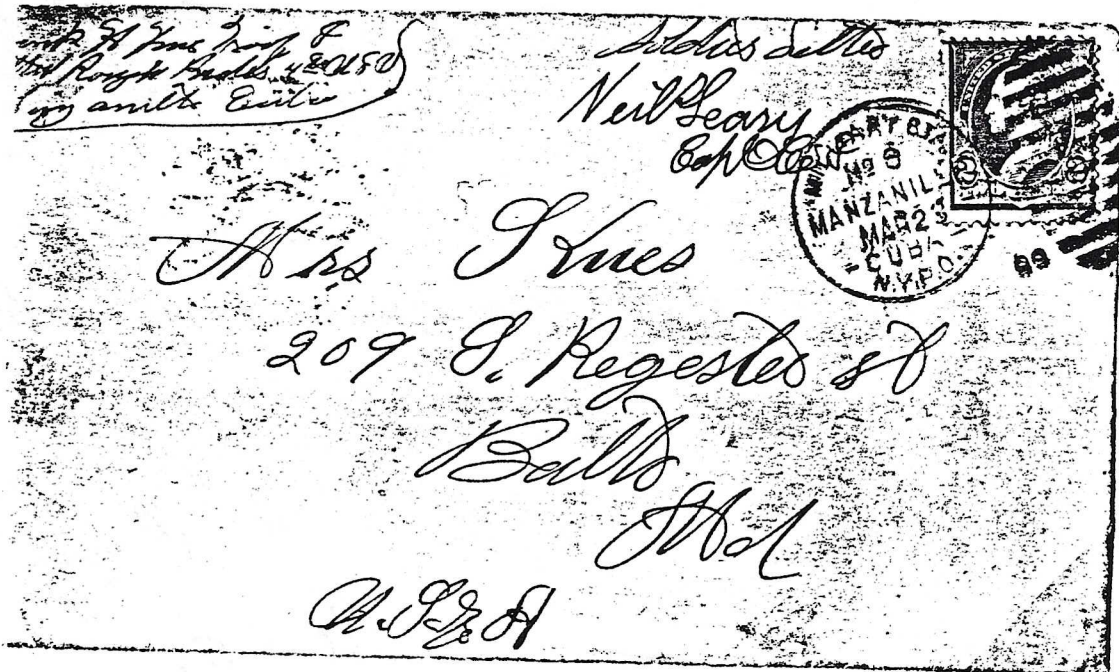
Military Sta. No. 5 San Luis
1 August 1899



Covers from the smaller villages are scarce, with only a few copies recorded of some of the markings. Postmarks of Baracoa (near the eastern tip of the island) and San Luis (25 miles north of Santiago) are in this category, with examples of the latter recorded only on 4 April and 1 August 1899.

CUBA
Oriente Province

Military Sta. No. 6 Manzanillo
22 December 1898
23 March 1899



Manzanillo used both types of steel cds, the early version with the "No.6" at the top and the later version with it in the middle. Previously recorded examples of these postmarks were from December 1898 to 2 March 1899.

CUBA
Oriente Province

MPS No. 6 Manzanillo
8 March 1899
11 May 1899

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



WAR DEPARTMENT.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

REGISTERED.
MAR 9 1899
MILITARY
STATION No. 6
MANZANILLO,
CUBA.
NEW YORK, P.O.

W. H. Stearns
Robbins
67263
91. Fulton Street
New York.

(75746)

Send by
Col. J. P. ...
Manzanillo, Cuba



M. G. ... 314
REGISTERED
MAY 11 1899
Military Station No. 6
Manzanillo, Cuba.

R. VILLAVARDE,
MANZANILLO, CUBA.

19261
Via Havana
Mr. Frank Jones
22 Fulton St.
00007
New York
City

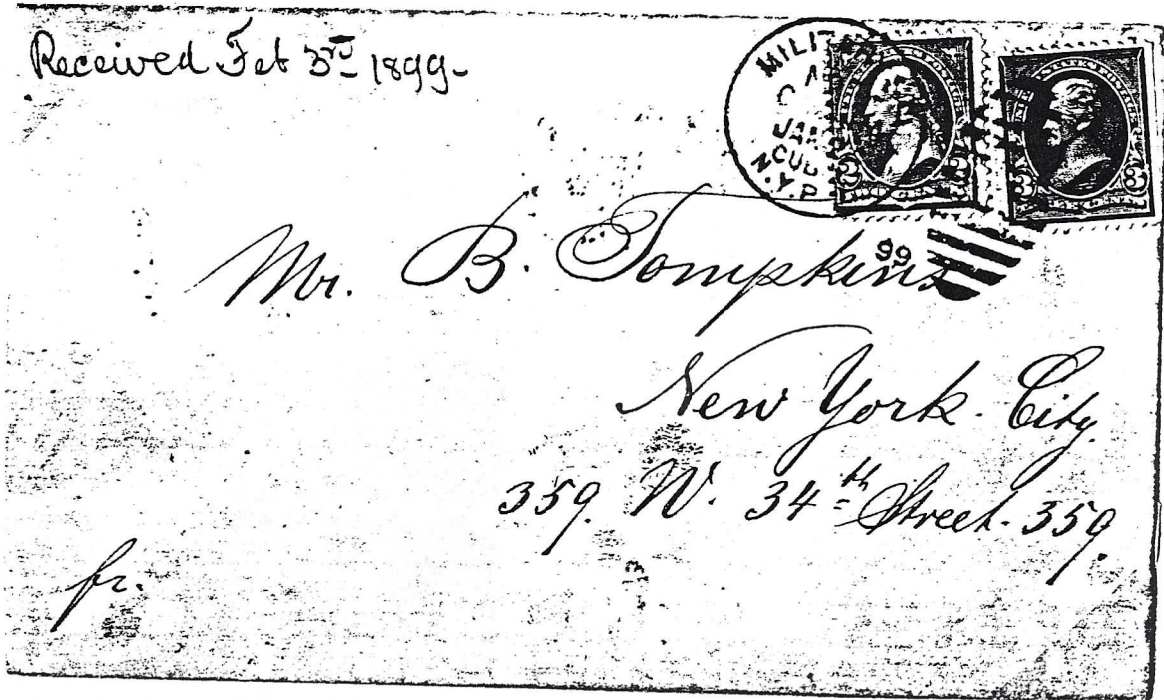
Manzanillo used the same boxed and 4-line markings for its Registered mail as noted for other military stations.

CUBA
Oriente Province



Military Sta. No. 7 Gibara
24 January 1899

Gibara
25 August 1899

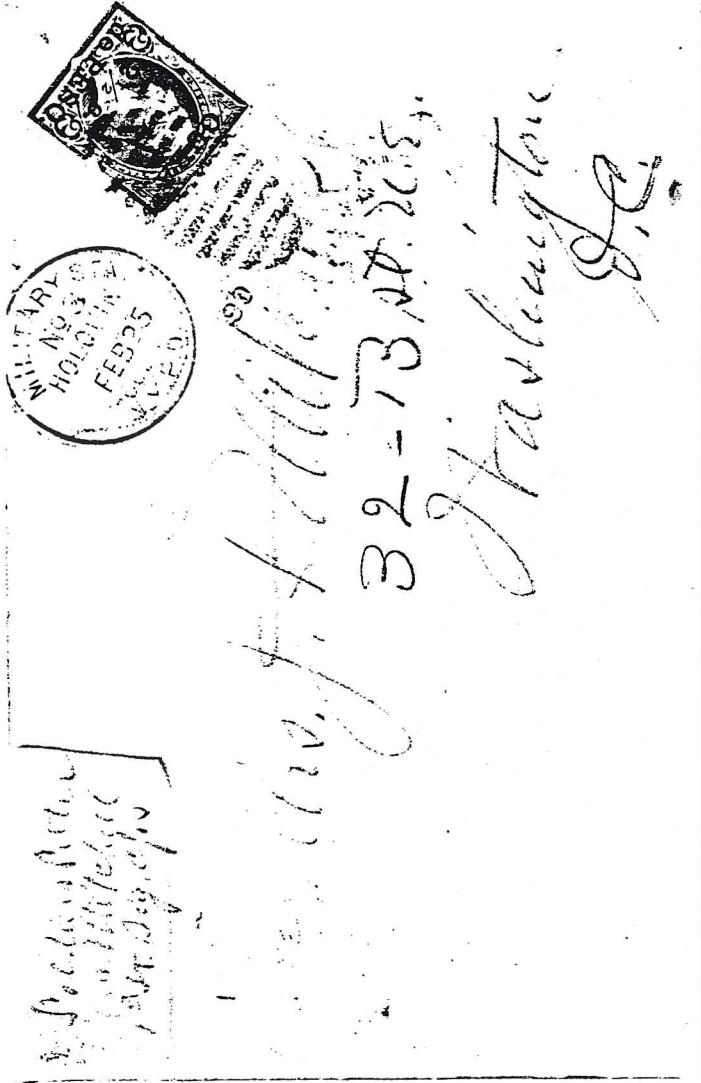


Only a few copies are recorded of these markings. Gordon reported no examples of covers showing the cds of Gibara, a small village on the northeast coast.

CUBA
Oriente Province

Military Sta. No. 8 Holguin
25 February 1899
15 March 1899

Holguin
11 January 1901



The Holguin cds is noted used only from January to March 1899. The Registration marking is on a large piece from a military cover.



WAR DEPARTMENT,

Wm. G. Parsons

1111 GAV. D. O. DIST. HOLGUIN.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.



Penalty for private use, \$300.

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49 The Pierce Wall Engineer & Supply Co.,

137 Liberty Street,

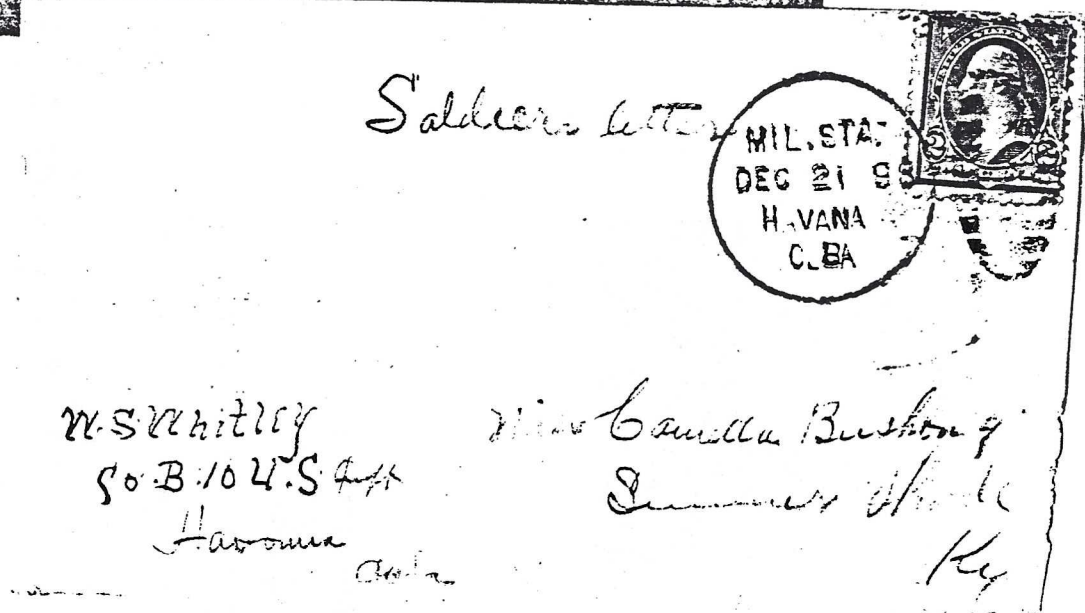
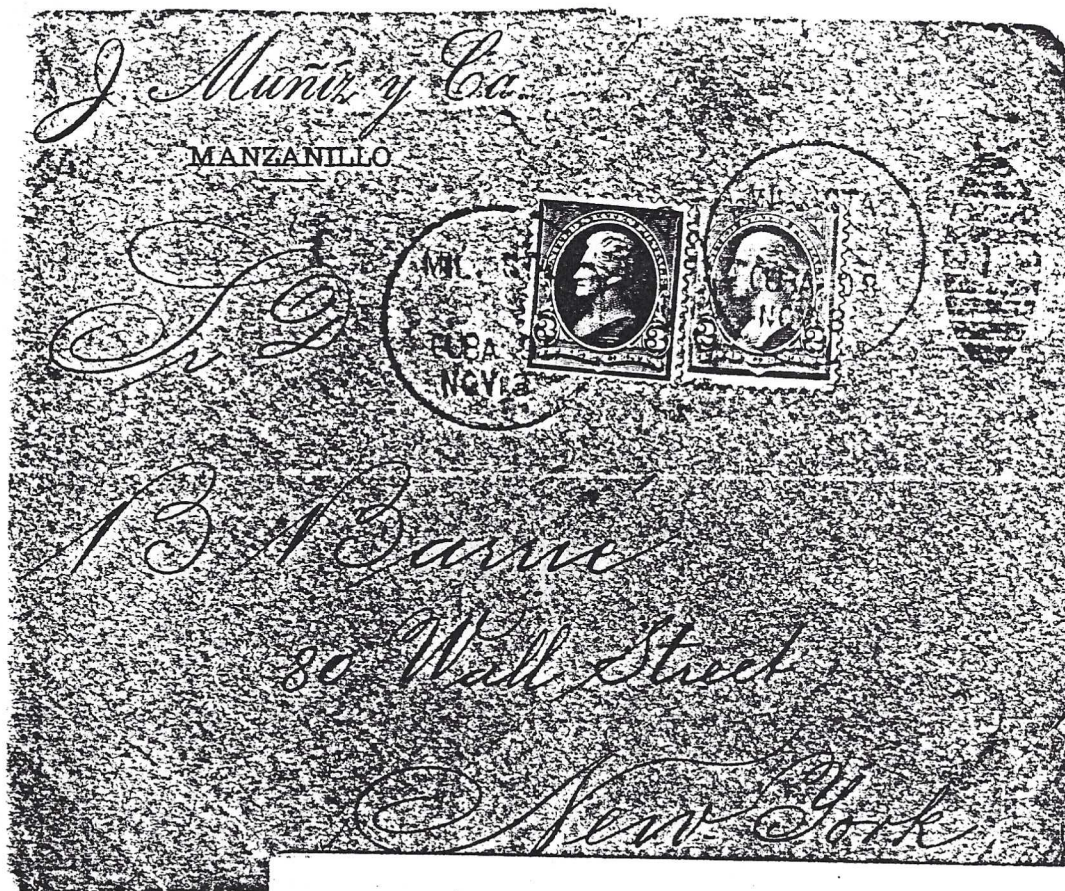
75047 NEW YORK, N. Y.

2404

CUBA
La Habana Province

Mil. Sta. Cuba
13 November 1898

Mil. Sta. Havana Cuba
21 December 1898



A provisional postmark, modeled on RPO markings used in the U.S. at the time, is believed to have been brought to Havana by an army survey group in November 1898; its use on the upper cover is earlier than previously recorded. It was superseded by a similar cancel in which "Havana" was included in the cds. Examples of this marking are recorded only from 21 December 1898 (above) to 26 January 1899.

CUBA
La Habana Province

Military Sta. No. 10 Havana
21 December 1898
1 February 1899



W. Edmund Pena soldiers letter

3 East



Mrs. Laban. J. Smith.

252. Fen church. St.

Norfolk.

Virginia

U. S. A.

Soldier mail
Brooklyn
Capt Condry Co 'B'
4th US Vol Infr.



Mrs. Laban. J. Smith.

252. Fen church. St.

Norfolk. Virginia

U. S. A.



(Paper)

A third RPO-type cancel was used December 1898 and January 1899, with the number "10" in the killer. (Use of U.S. special delivery stamp from a military station is extraordinary.) A new steel duplex cancel was then introduced; it is recorded as being used from 27 January to 2 May 1899. Three examples of covers with the oval marking were reported by Gordon, but none can be dated due to the absence of transit or receiving markings.

CUBA
La Habana Province

Havana
8 April 1899
3 July 1899

Per Tampa

HAVANA CUBA.

APR 8 1899

REGISTERED No. *104*



*Francis L. Meliset.
Au Grand Hotel Bar^e Capucines
La Grande Rue Paris
St. Lazare Tours
Indre et Loire
France.*

After.....days, return to

Via Estados Unidos



2c. DE PESO.

*La Antonio Rodriguez
Morey
Fermis in porta*

HAVANA, CUBA.

JUL

1899

Registered No. *201*

Anticoli Corrado

Paris

Italia

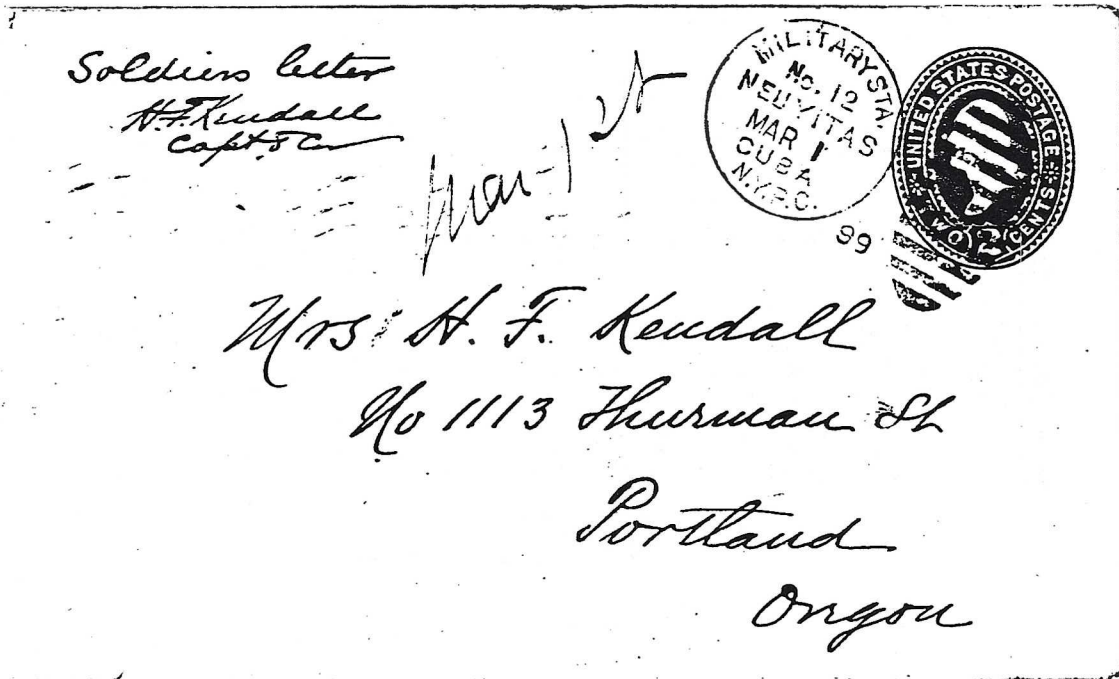
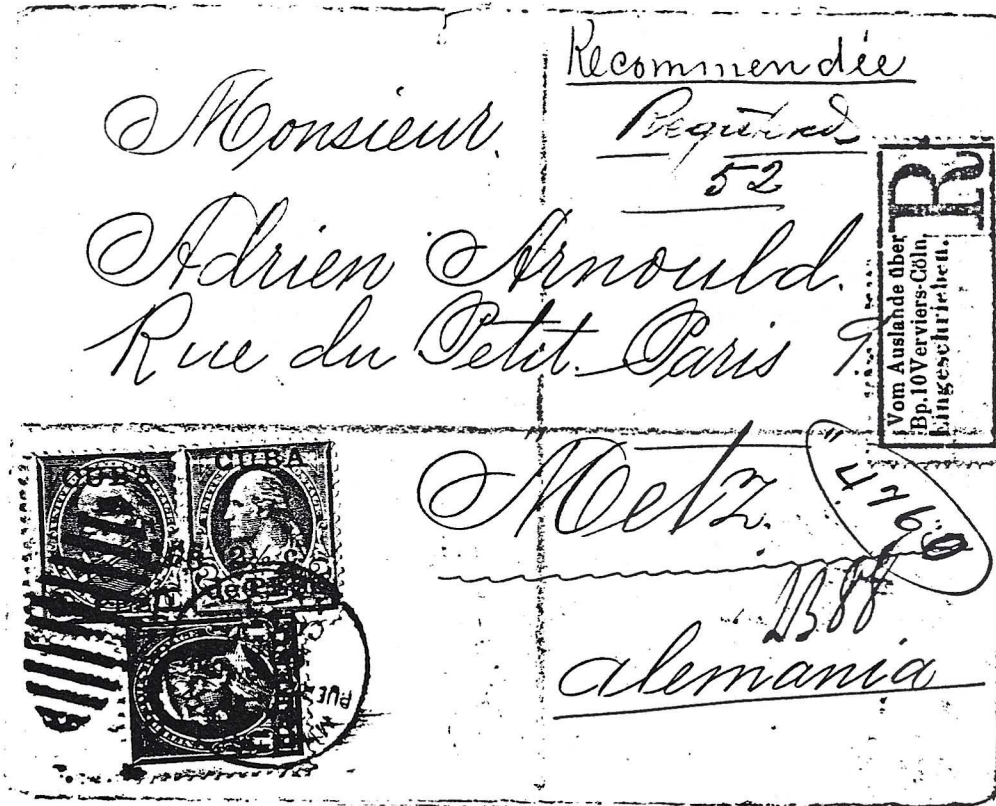


Early Registered mail from Havana does not provide any military station designation. Above covers show two types of "Havana, Cuba/date/Registered No." markings and two different killers.

CUBA
Camaguay Province

Military Sta. No. 11 Puerto Principe
9 March 1899

Military Sta. No. 12 Neuyitas
1 March 1899

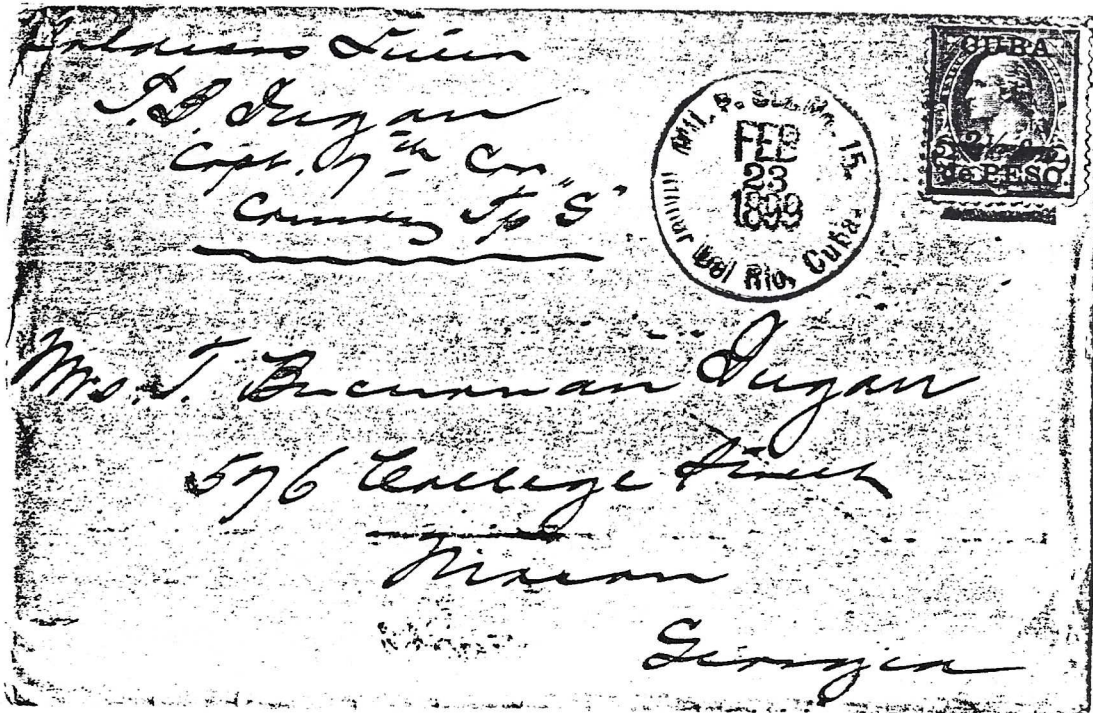
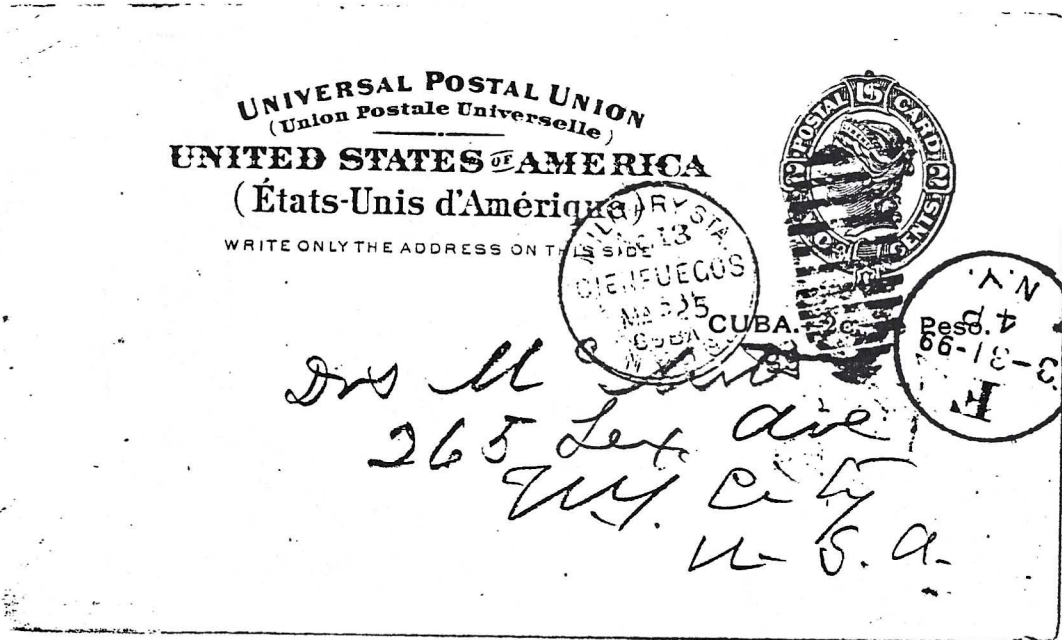


Steel duplex markings from Puerto Principe (subsequently named Camaguay) are recorded in February and March 1899. From Neuyitas, markings are known from February to April 1899. Note the spelling error in the postmark of Station No. 12, as the name of the town should be "Neuyitas."

CUBA
Las Villas Province
Pinar del Rio Province

Military Sta. No. 13 Cienfuegos
25 March 1899

Military Sta. No. 15 Pinar del Rio
23 February 1899



The steel cds marking from Cienfuegos is recorded from February to April 1899. From Pinar del Rio, a rubber cds is known used during February and March 1899.

CUBA
Pinar del Rio Province
Las Villas Province

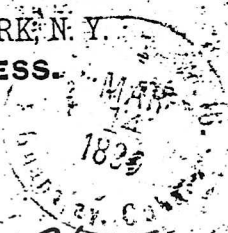
Military Sta. No. 16 Guanajay
14 March 1899

Military Sta. No. 18 Trinidad
30 June 1899

Post Office Department.
POST OFFICE AT NEW YORK, N. Y.
OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

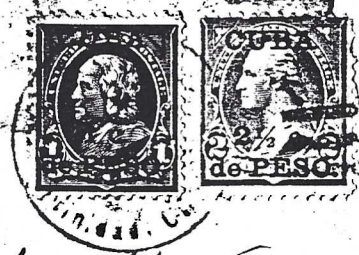
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This envelope can lawfully be used by an Officer of the United States on Government of the Government. The use of postage on private mail is punishable by a fine of



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Cold Springs,
Buffalo, N.Y.

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Fres. J. & S. Welsh
P.O. Box 50

RETORNE A
S. SANCHEZ IZNAGA.
TRINIDAD DE CUBA.

Philadelphia
Pa.

Rubber cds markings are recorded to have been used at Guanajay from February to April 1899 and at Trinidad from March to June 1899.

CUBA
Matanzas Province
Oriente Province

MPS No. 21 Cardenas
11 April 1899

MPS No. 24 Palma Soriano
20 March 1900



MIL. STA.
NO. 24.
CUBA.
PALMA SORIANO

The rubber cds marking of Cardenas (often blurred) is recorded in March and April 1899. No examples of a military station cds has been recorded from Palma Soriano, but there are two examples of the oval killer reading "Mil Sta./Palma Soriano" with "No. 24 Cuba" in the center.