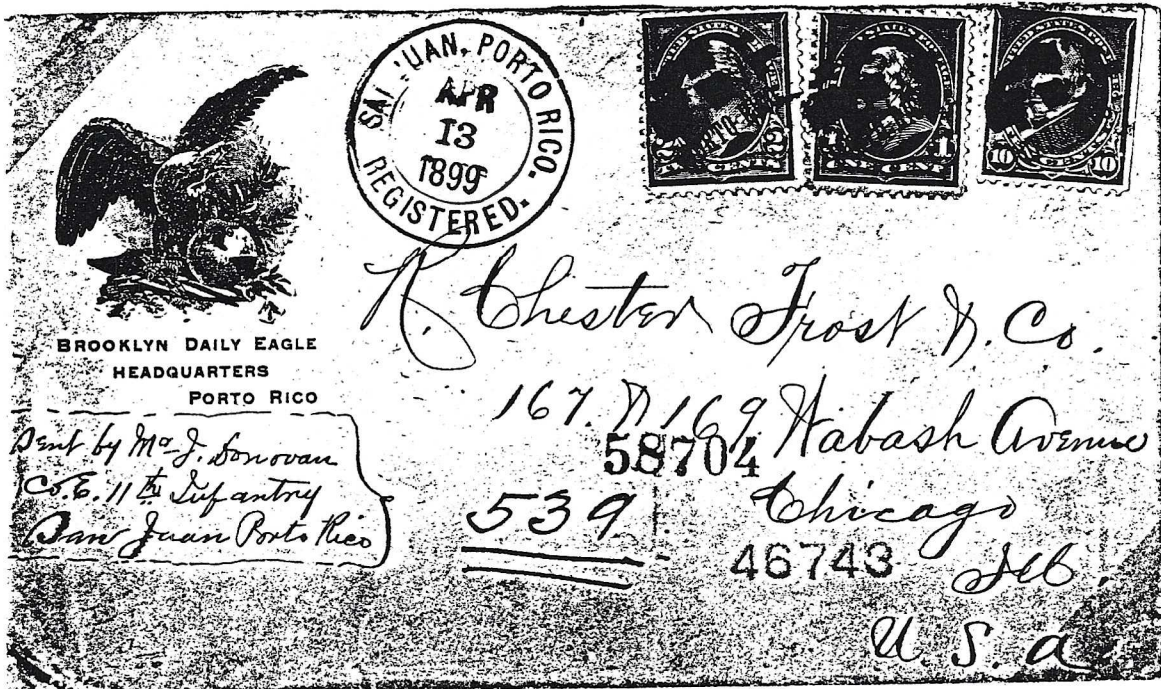
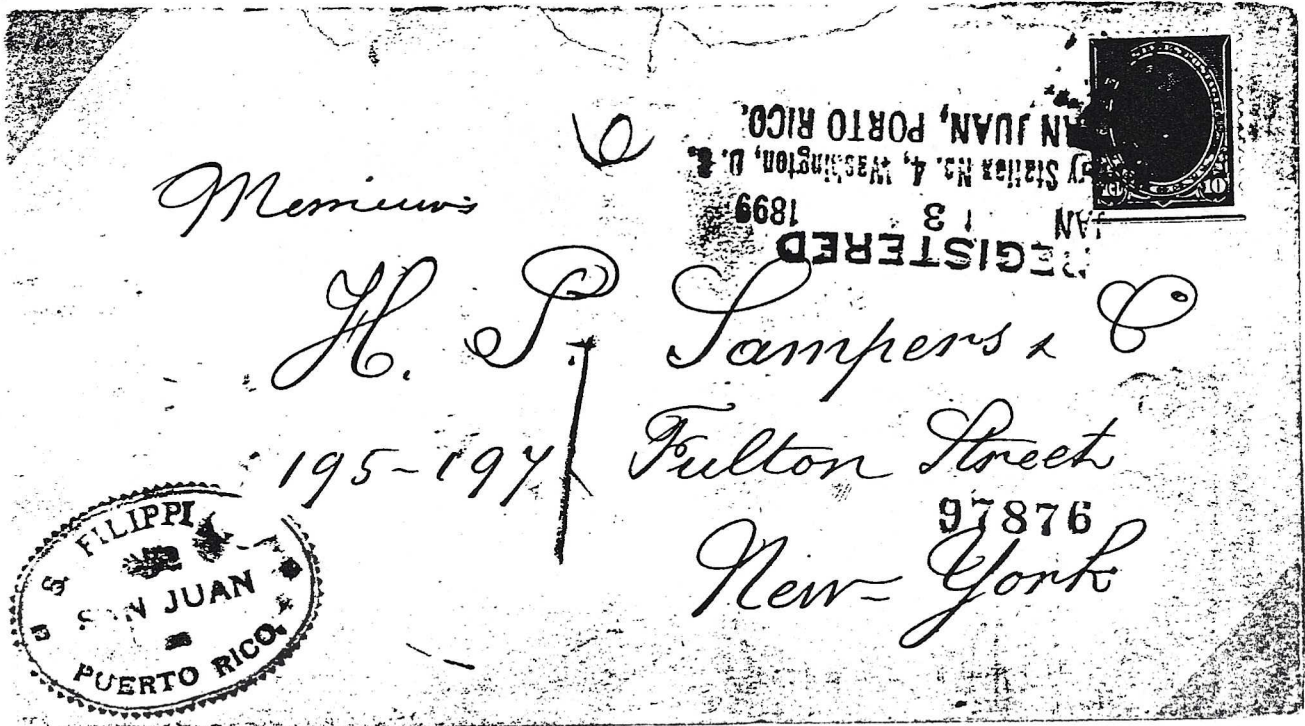


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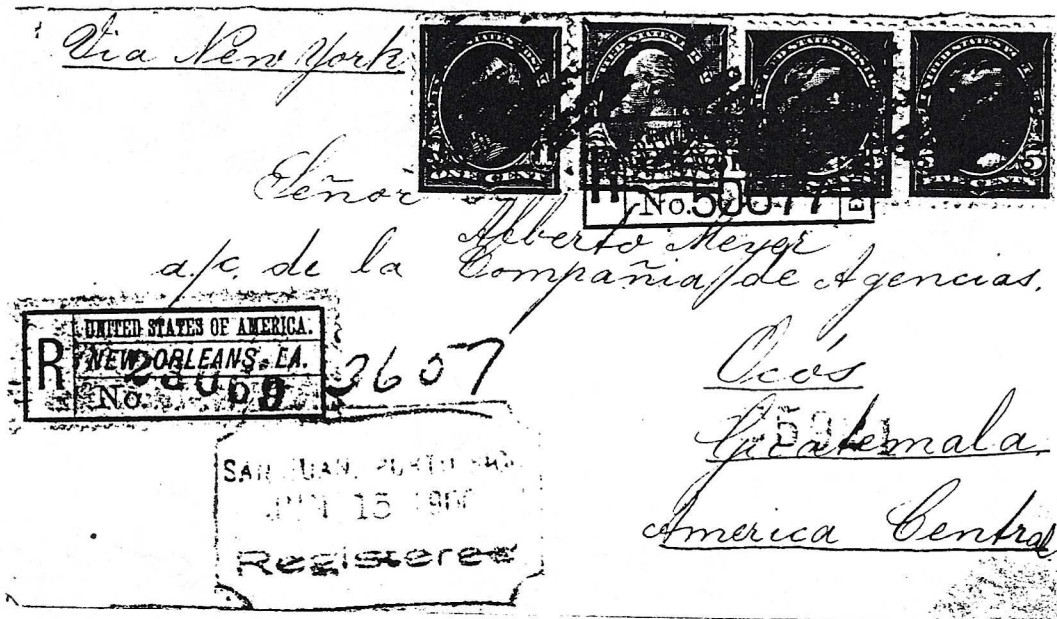
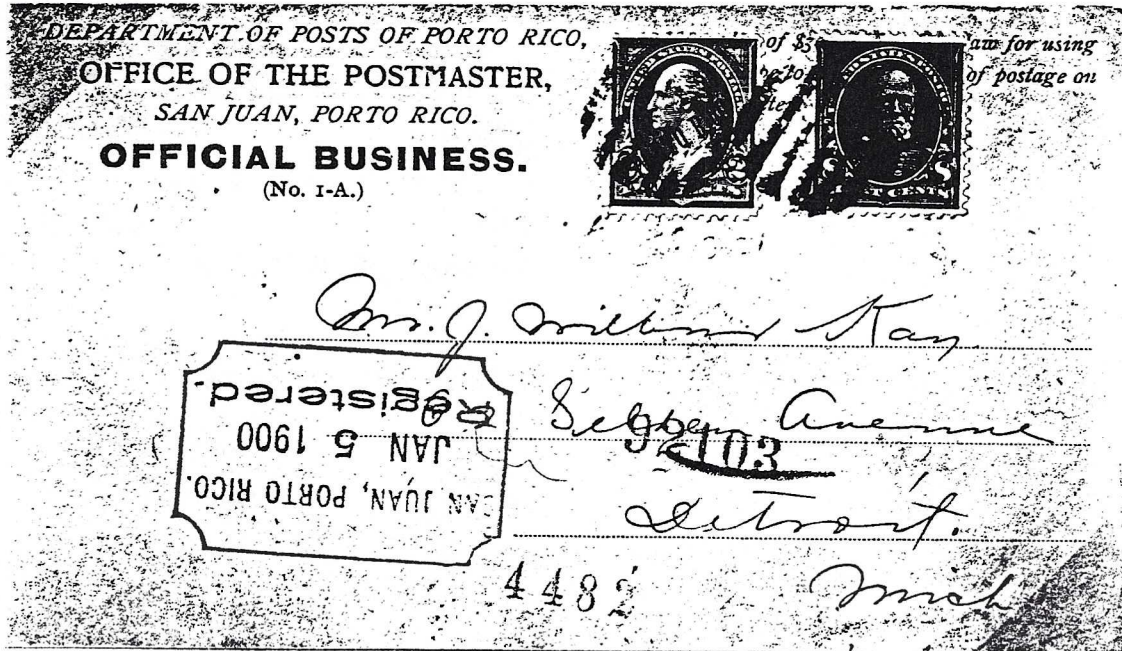
Mil. Sta. No.4 San Juan  
3 January 1899  
13 April 1899



Examples of Registered mail from Military Station No.4 include 4-line and double circle markings.

PUERTO RICO

San Juan  
5 January 1900  
15 June 1900

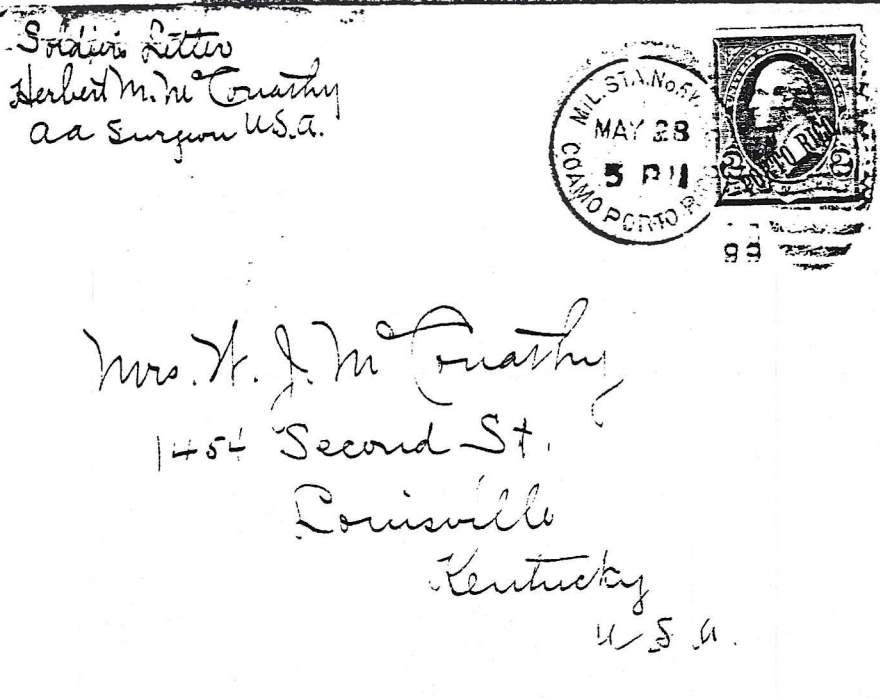
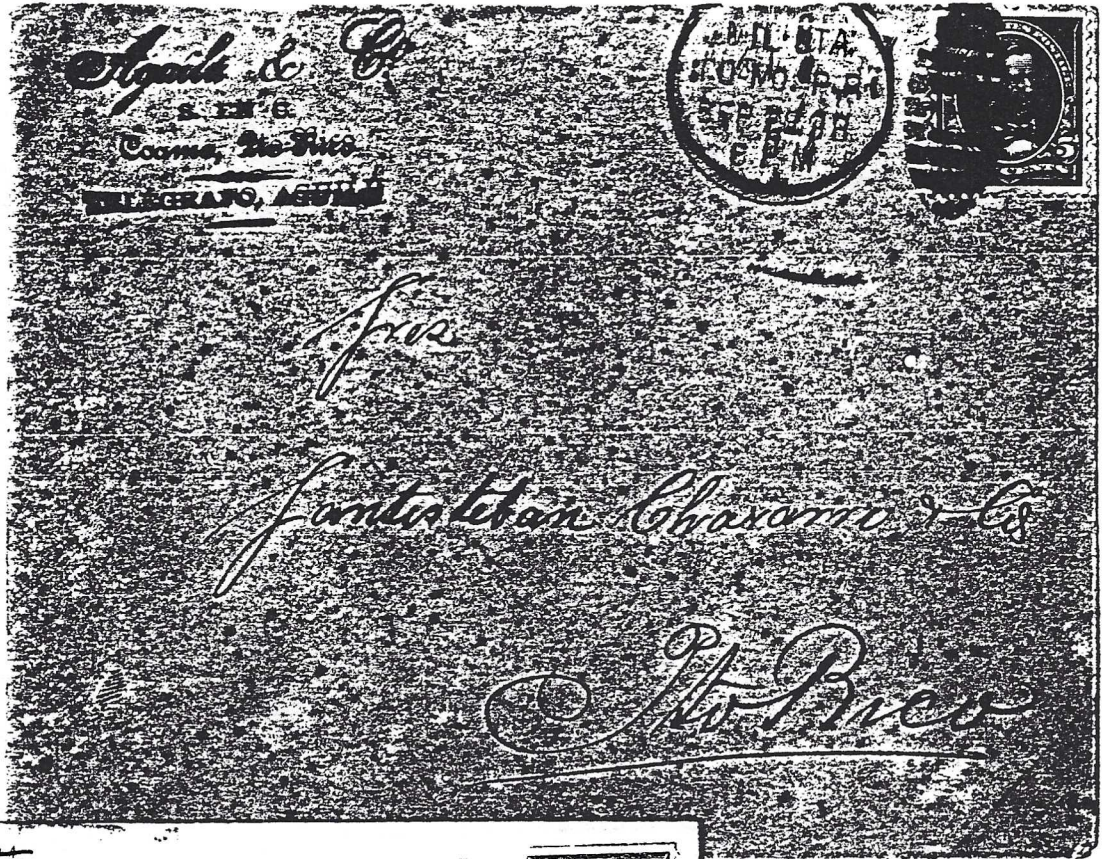


A special boxed registration marking (with chamfered corners) was supplied to San Juan in 1900. Lower cover transited New York, where a registration label was applied, on 22 June and New Orleans (another label affixed) on 25 June, en route to Guatemala.



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Mil. Sta. No.5 Coamo  
28 September 1898  
28 May 1899

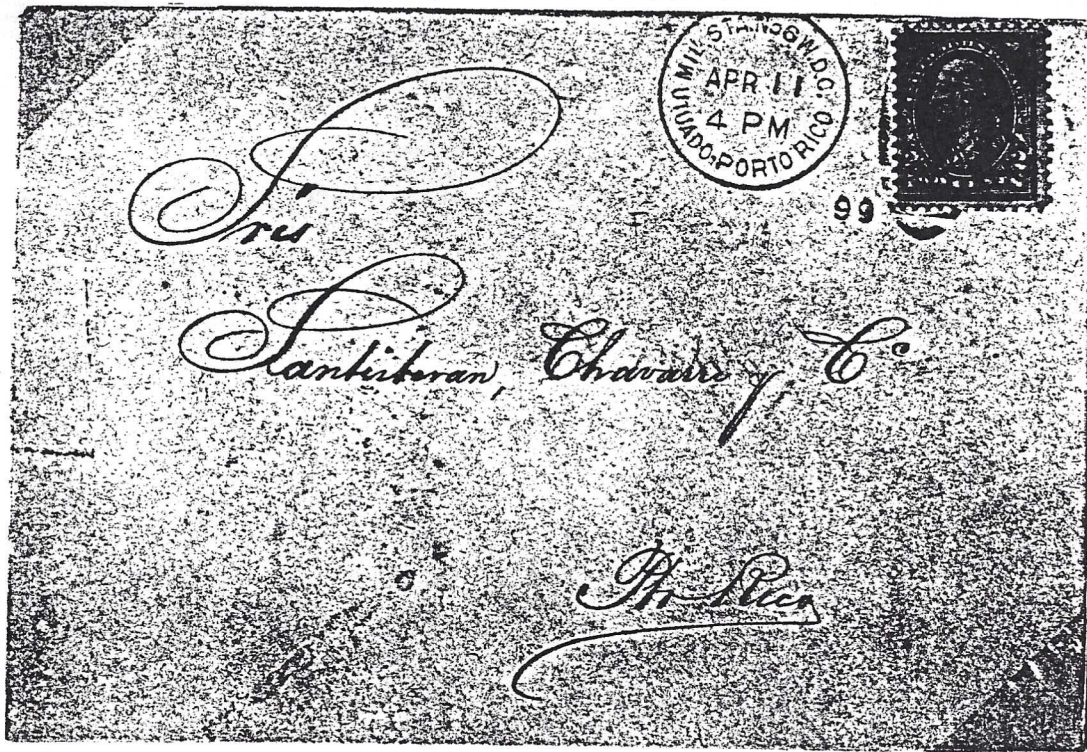
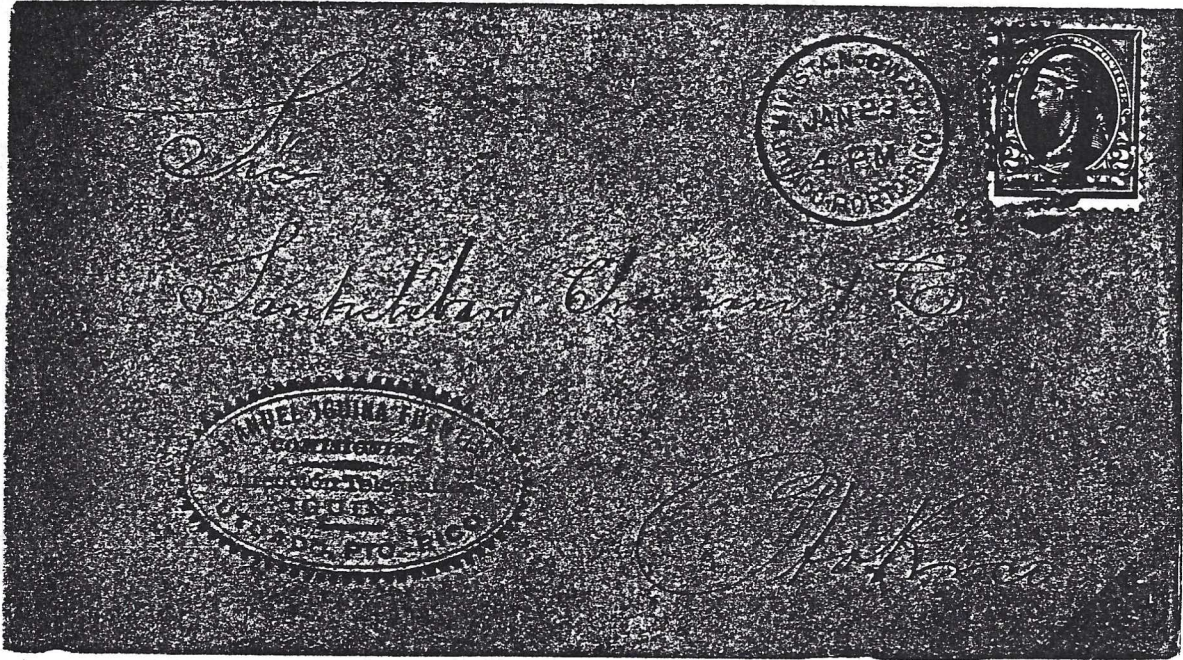


Military Station No.5 was established at Coamo on 9 September 1898. As usual, a provisional postmark was used initially and subsequently replaced by the normal steel duplex device.



PUERTO RICO

Mil. Sta. No.6 Utuado  
23 January 1899  
11 April 1899

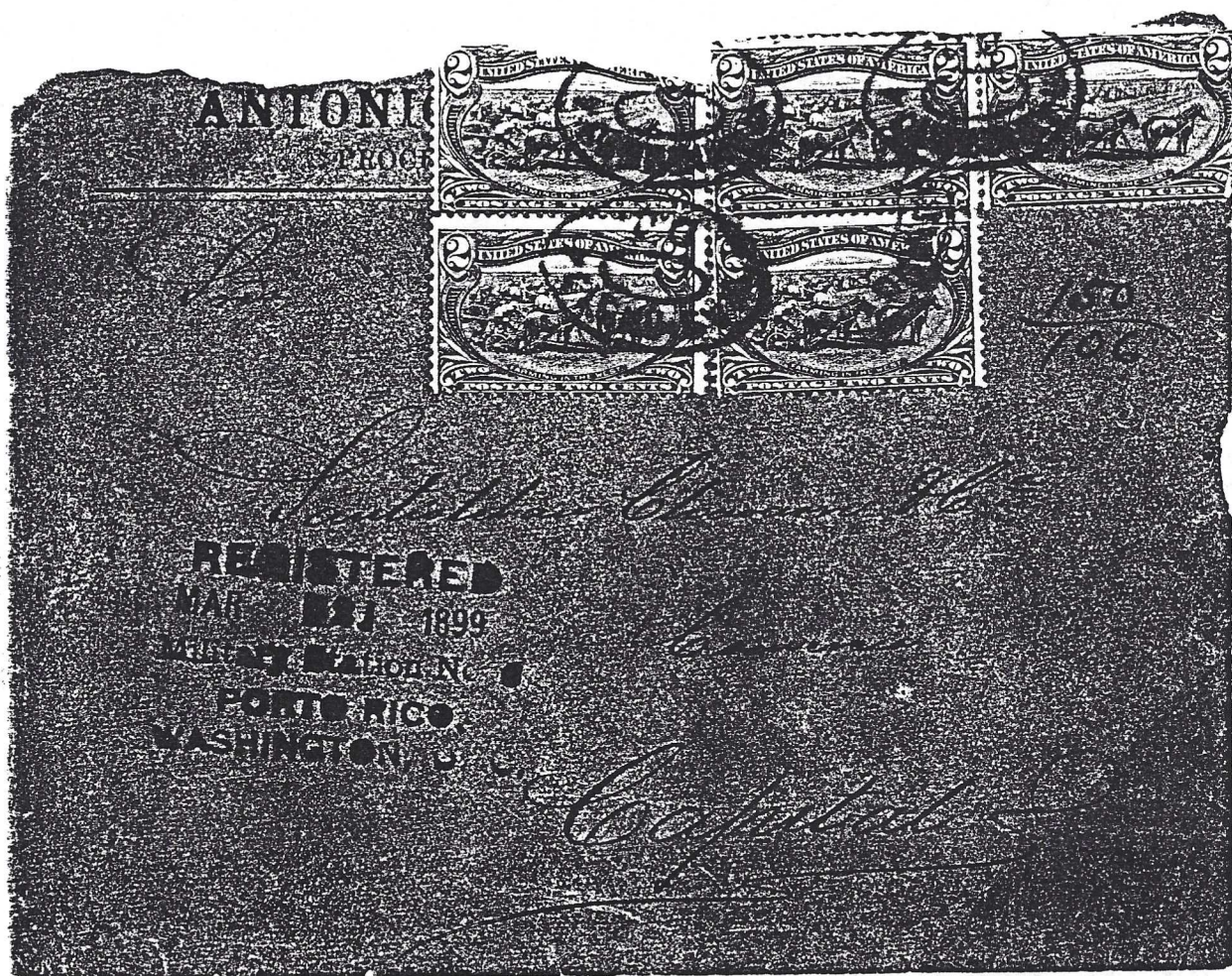


Military Station No.6 was established at Utuado on 9 September 1898. Examples of the steel duplex postmark.



PUERTO RICO

Mil. Sta. No.6 Utuado  
2 March 1899

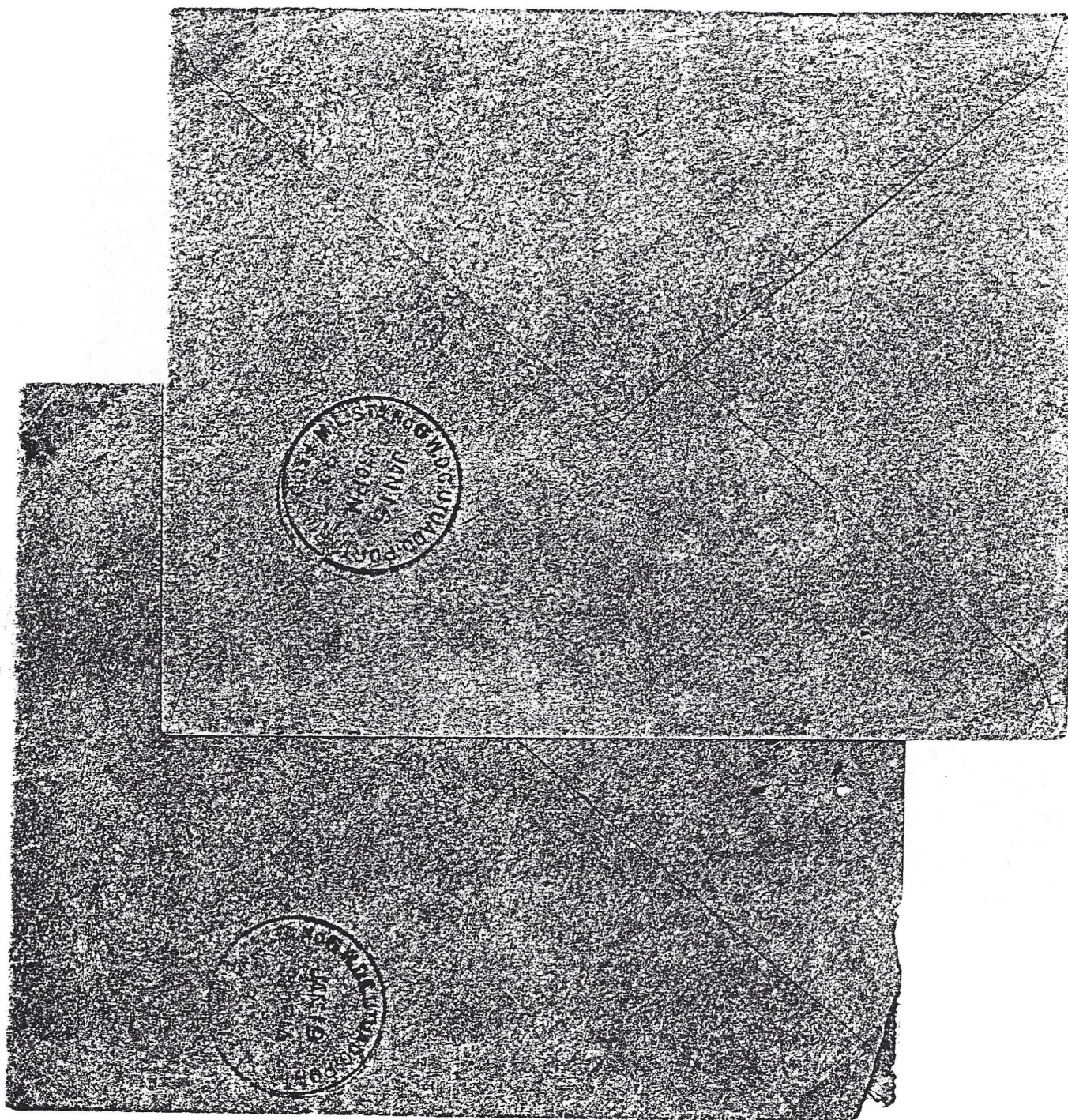


For many years, no example was known of Registered mail from Military Station No. 6. The cover shown above is the only recorded example. Note use of "Washington, D.C." double ovals to cancel the postage. This was the correct terminology for the undated killers used on registered mail and parcel post as the Puerto Rican military stations were branches of the Washington D.C. post office.



PUERTO RICO

Mil. Sta. No.6 Utuado  
16 January 1899  
19 January 1899

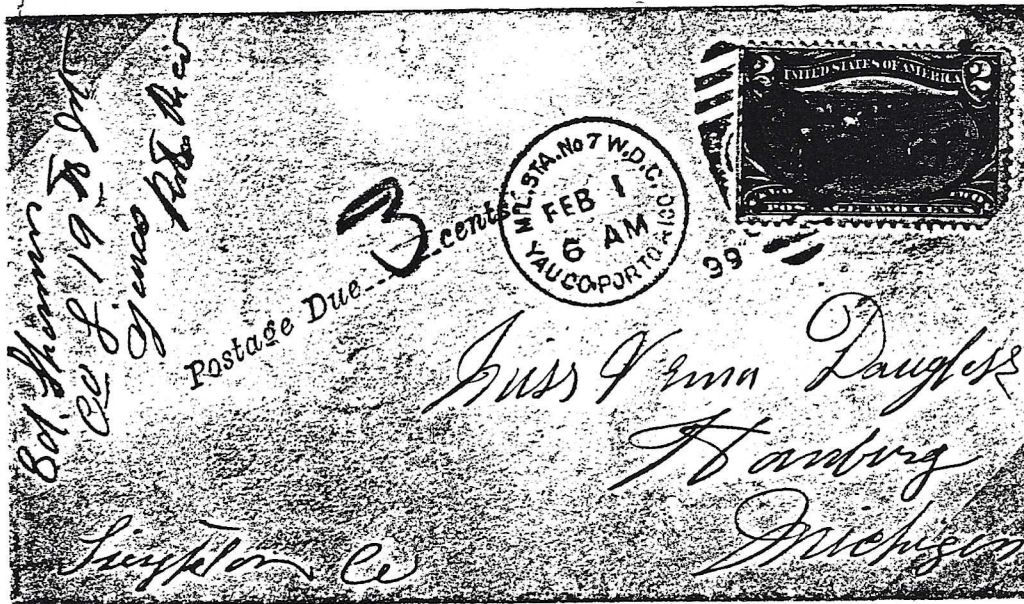
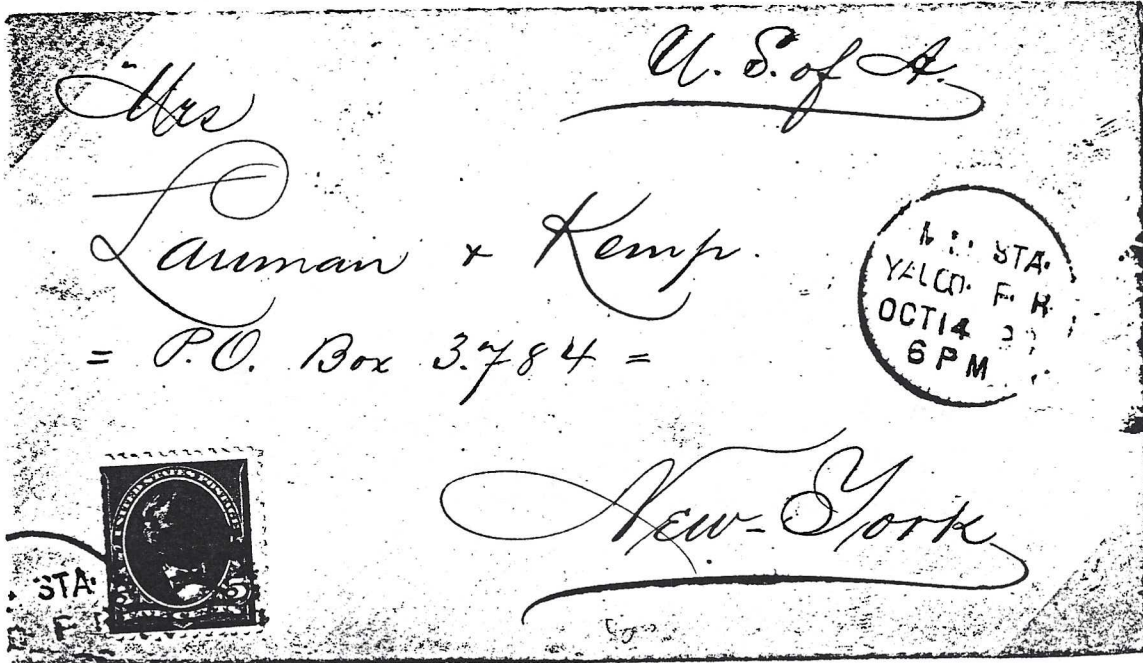


Only three examples of the steel cds receiving mark of Utuado are known. Although the "Rec'd." portion of the cancel is not apparent in the lower example, the configuration of the wording matches that on the upper cover, differing sharply from that of the dispatch mark.



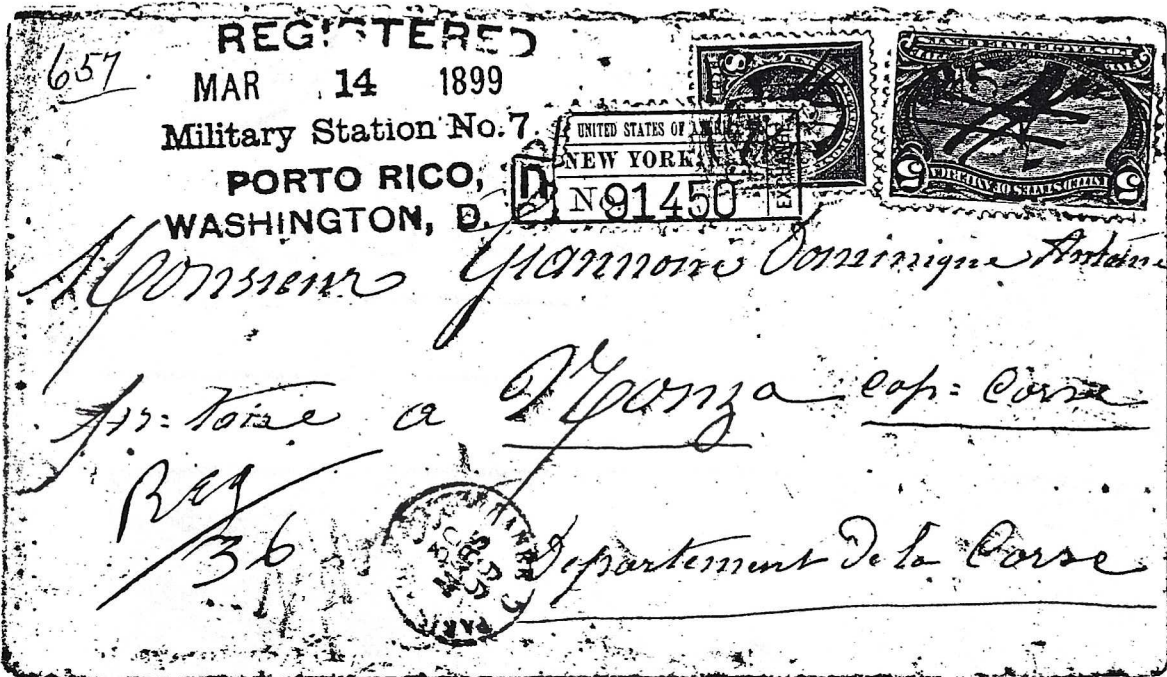
PUERTO RICO

Mil. Sta. No.7 Yauco  
14 October 1898  
1 February 1899



Military Station No.7 was established at Yauco on 9 September 1898. As was the case for the other early offices, a provisional postmark was used initially and subsequently replaced by the normal steel duplex device.



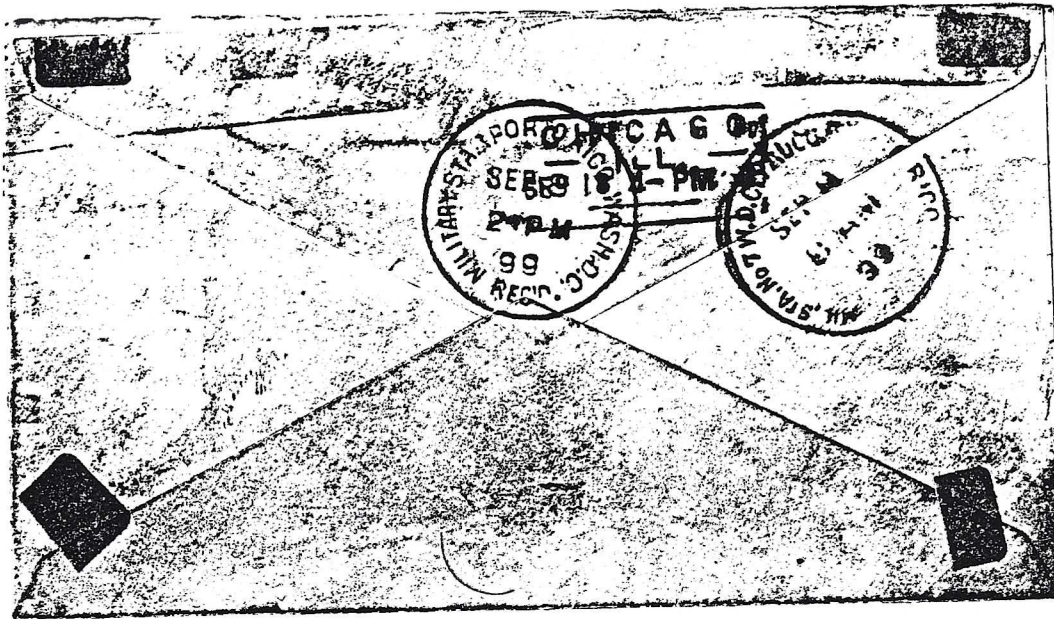


The Registration postmark for Military Station No.7 at Yauco was the early type with five lines of text and not denoting the name of the town. The above marking is not recorded in the literature, and its use on the cover sent to Corsica is the only known example.



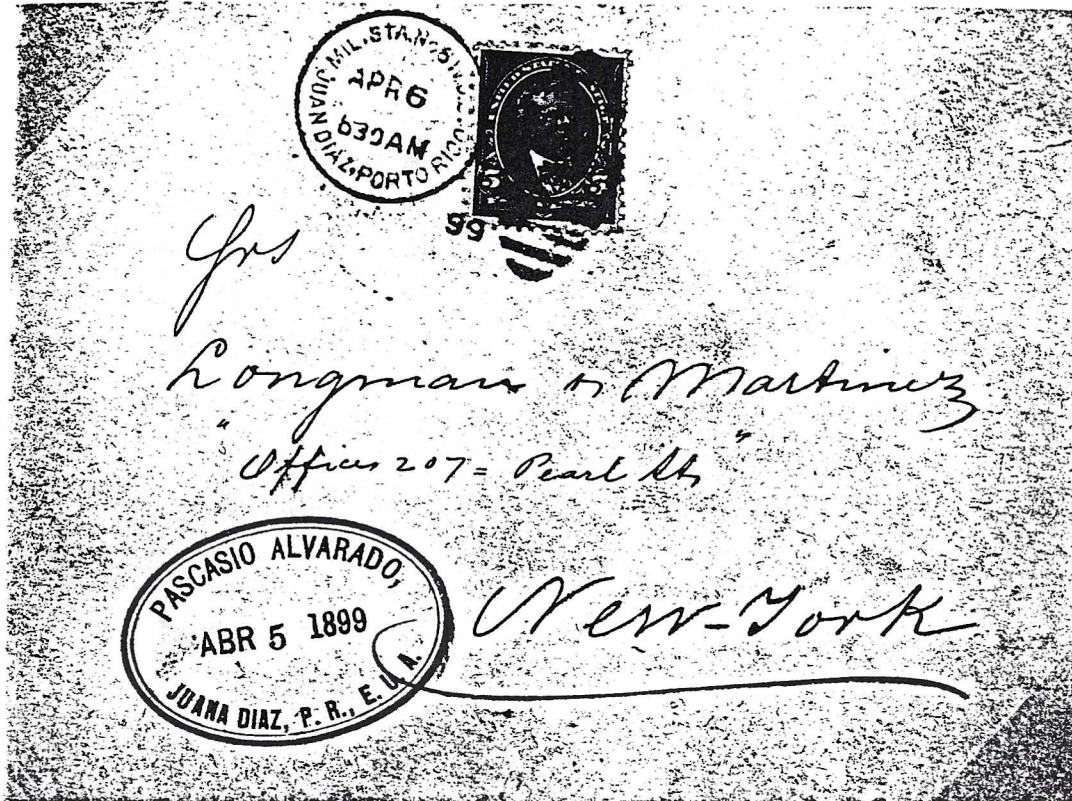
PUERTO RICO

Mil. Sta. No.7 Yauco  
8 September 1899



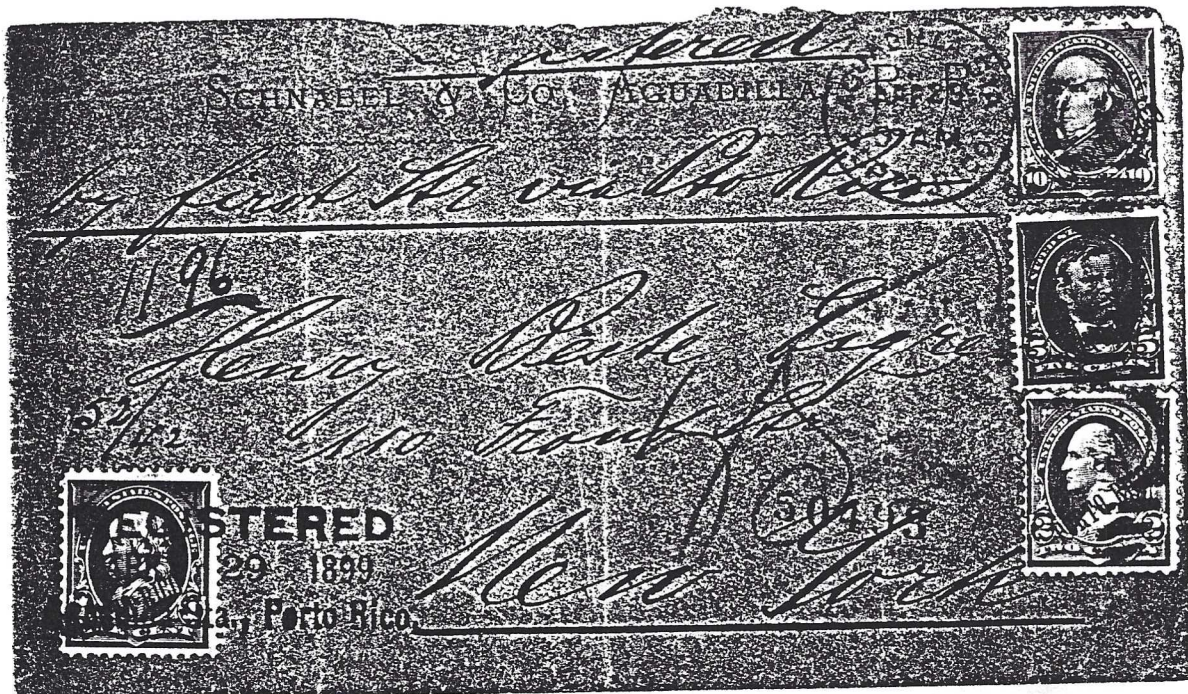
A steel cds receiving mark was issued to Yauco, but examples are very elusive (unrecorded in Preston or Hill). The "Rec'd." portion of the cancel is not apparent in the example above, but the configuration of the wording differs sharply from that of the dispatch mark and matches the pattern of receivers used at other military stations.





The final numbered military station (No.8) was established at Juana Diaz on 9 September 1898. In the case of this office, the name of the town was incorrectly entered into the records as "Juan Diaz" and an erroneous postmark was issued and used.





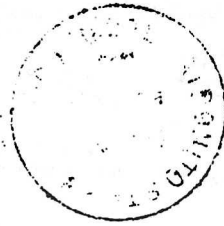
Locations for the first military stations in Puerto Rico were not known in advance. Thus, their first postmarks showed only numbers, and the second series of markings combined numbers and locations. By 30 September, the island was fully pacified, and the locations of fixed garrisons were established. Therefore, the 13 military stations opened after that date were from their inception assigned place-name postmarks, without station numbers.

The 3-line Registration marking of the Aguadilla Station is the only recorded example.

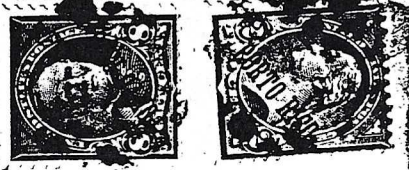


PUERTO RICO

Aibonito Station  
25 August 1899  
16 May 1900



*Soldier's Letter*  
*Herbert M. McQuathy*  
*As Surgeon U.S.A.*



10847 2114

*Mrs. H. J. McQuathy*  
 71 REGISTERED #54 Second St 55512  
 Louisville  
 Kentucky  
 U.S.A.

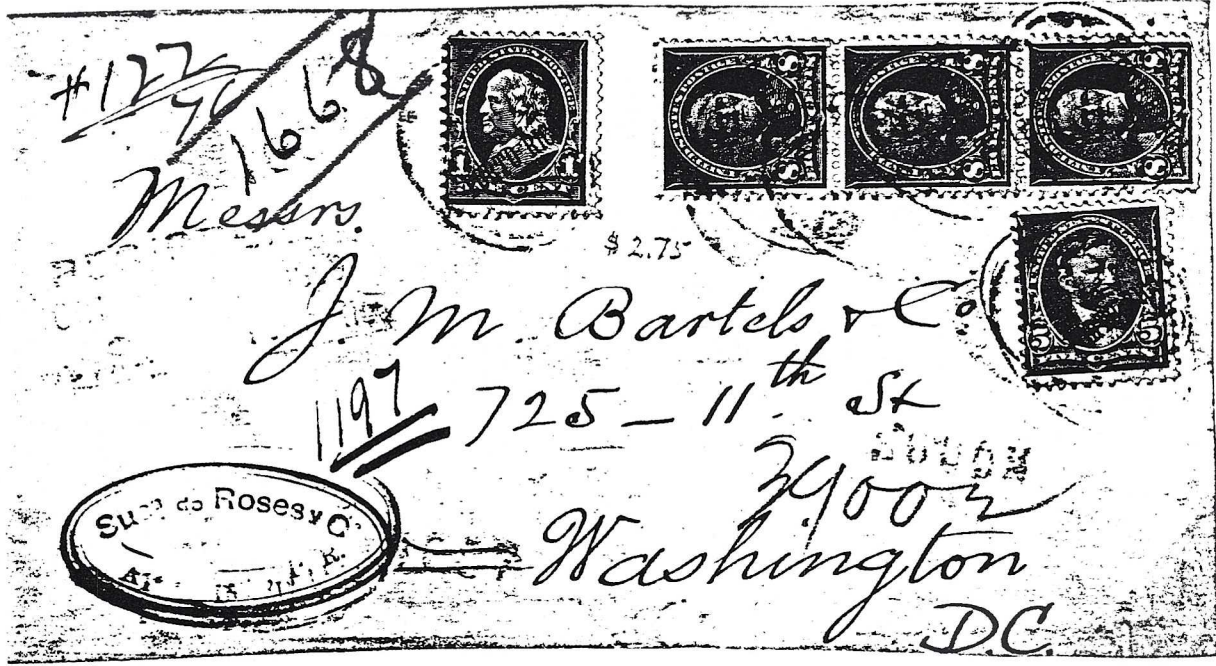
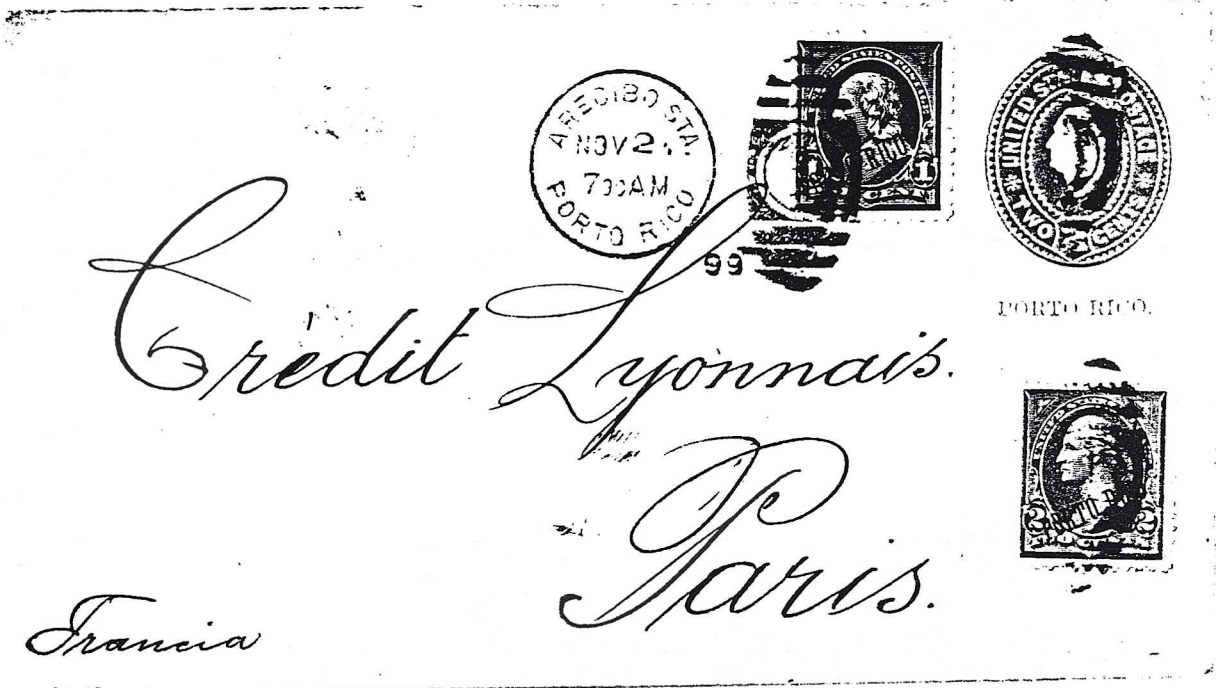
REGISTERED #54  
 AUG 25 1899  
 Aibonito  
 PUERTO RICO.

Unrecorded in Baker, Aibonito is the most obscure military station in Puerto Rico. It was opened on 1 December 1898 in a small village in the mountains of Ponce Department. No examples have been recorded of its normal cds; only one example of its registration marking (above) and four examples of the steel receiving mark are known, dated from 10 January to 16 May 1900 (as on reverse of the cover shown).



PUERTO RICO

Arecibo Station  
2 November 1899  
31 October 1899



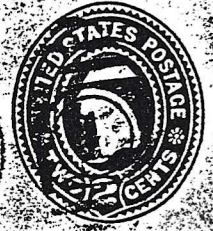
An unnumbered military postal station was established at Arecibo on 1 October 1898. The 3-line Registration marking of the Arecibo Station is the only recorded example.



PUERTO RICO

Bayamon Station  
14 March 1900  
9 March 1899  
- 1901

After 5 days, return to  
BROOKDALE FARMS,  
BAYAMON, PUERTO RICO.



*Mrs. Meyers Junghans & Co.*

*San Juan*



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**D<sup>n</sup> H. CORMACK,  
PORT EWEN,**

**NEW YORK, ESTADOS UNIDOS.**

*McComedex Rodriguez Bayamon RR.*

**REGISTERED**  
*#56*

**REGISTERED**  
*PORTO RICO*



Bayamon was one of the last of the unnumbered military postal stations to be opened, debuting on 1 January 1899. Above are shown the steel duplex and 3-line Registration markings; the Registered marking on cover does not contain the name of the station, while the later version on the three 8 cent stamps does. They are the only recorded examples of these two markings.



PUERTO RICO

Caguas Station  
8 February 1899

Camuy Station  
24 March 1899

Cayey Station  
28 August 1899

*W. Morgan  
7406 Stewart  
47 Myrtle  
Caguas P.R.*



*M. Correll Marlow*

**MIGUEL ARRIETA.**

CAMUY.-PTO.-RICO.

*Sold  
L*

*Aire*



*Santibon Chavari & Co*

*Soldiers letter  
H. Wignall  
2nd Lieut 5th Cav*



*Eddier Rome Sentinel*

*Rome,*

*Oneida County  
U.S.A.,*

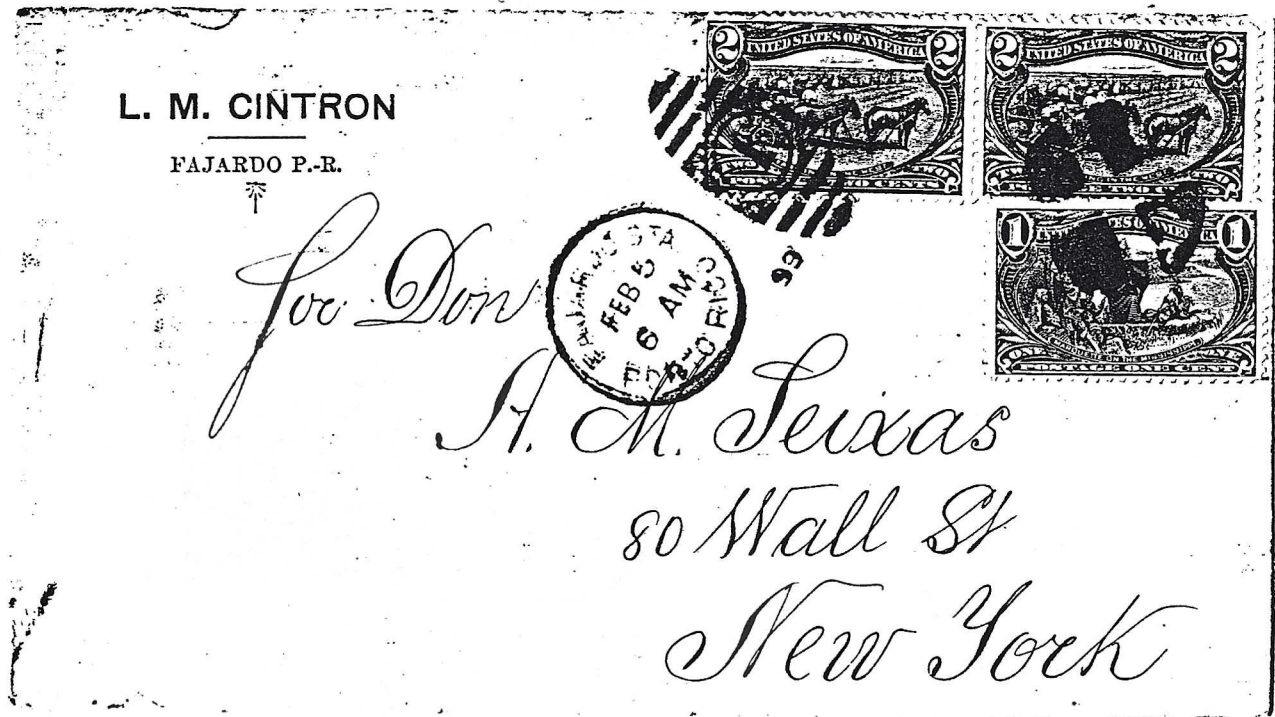
*NY*

Unnumbered military postal stations were opened at Caguas and Cayey on 1 December 1898, but not in Camuy until 1 January 1899.



PUERTO RICO

Fajardo Station  
5 February 1899  
31 March 1899  
29 September 1901



Fajardo was one of the unnumbered military postal stations opened on 1 December 1898. Above are shown two examples of the steel duplex and the only recorded example of the 4-line Registration marking.