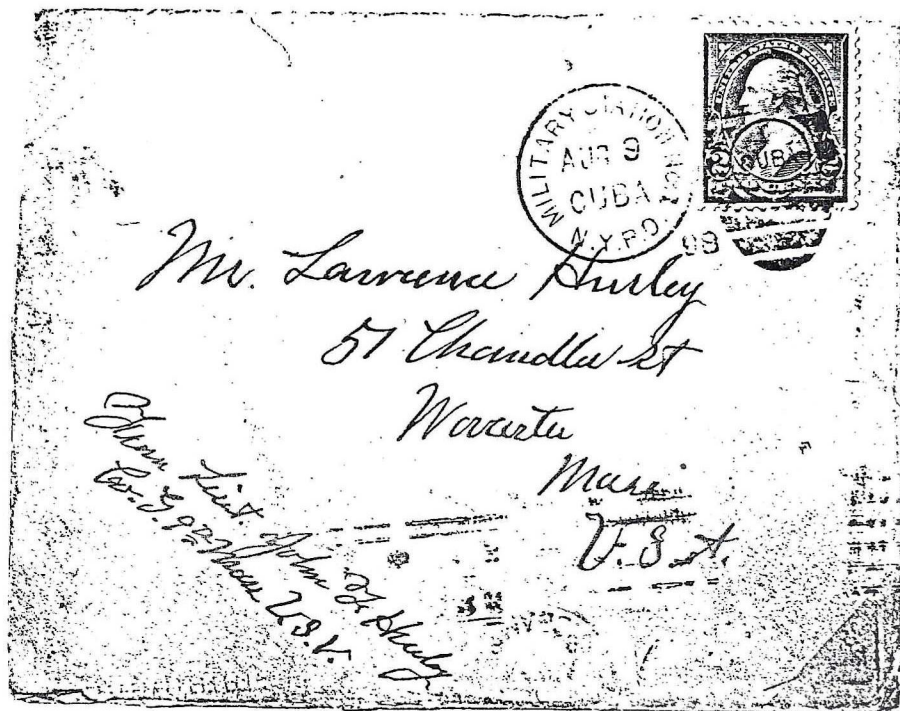


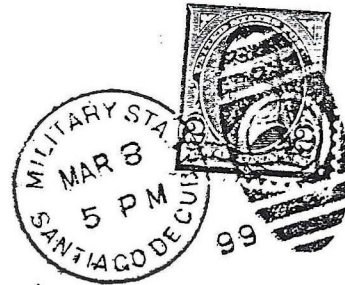


To clearly indicate the fact that the Cuban military stations were regarded as branches of New York, a steel duplex inscribed "Military Station No. 1/NYPO" with "Cuba" in both the cds and the killer was used briefly during August. Because it did not indicate the location of usage, it was quickly withdrawn and replaced by a cancel which included "Santiago" in the cds. As a result, only 5 examples of the above marking have been recorded, with dates ranging from 8 to 13 August.

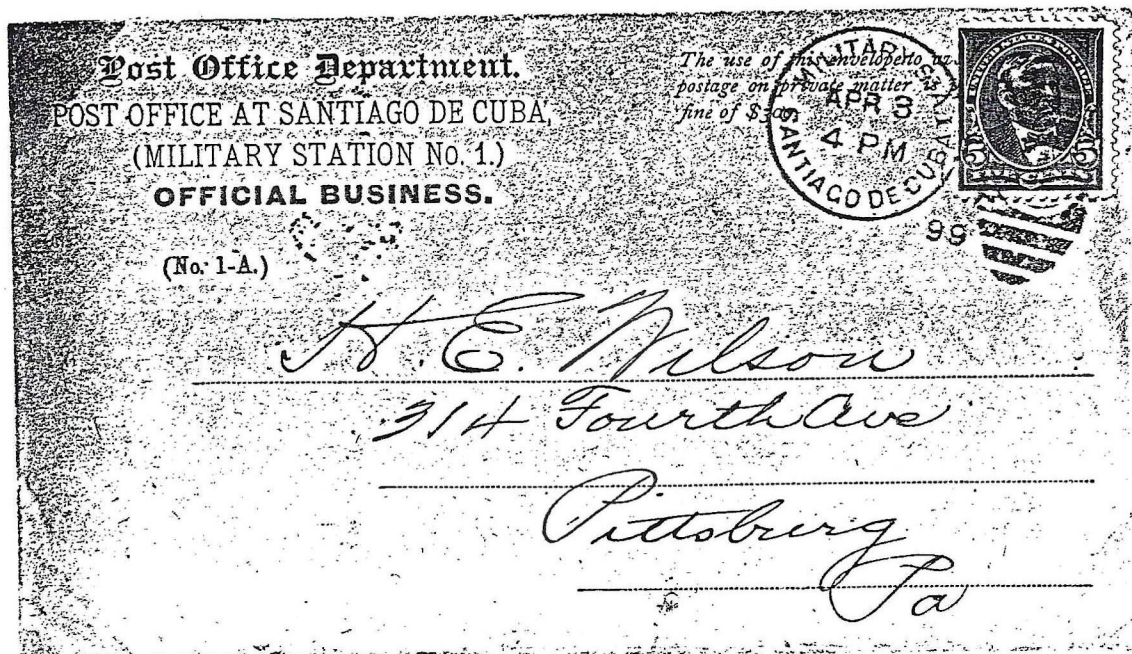
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Military Sta. No. 1 Santiago

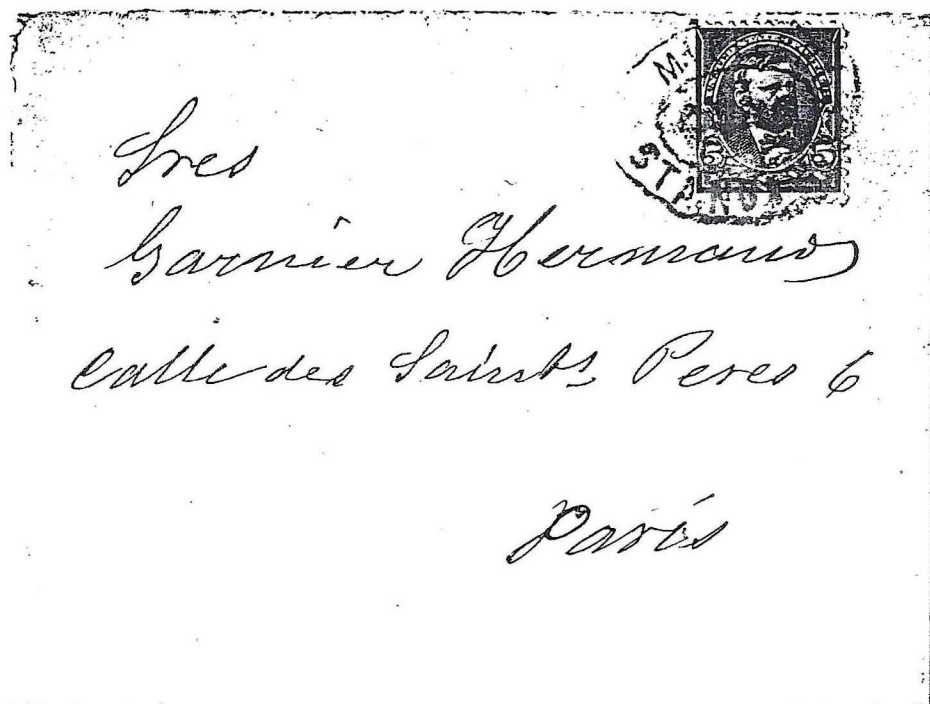
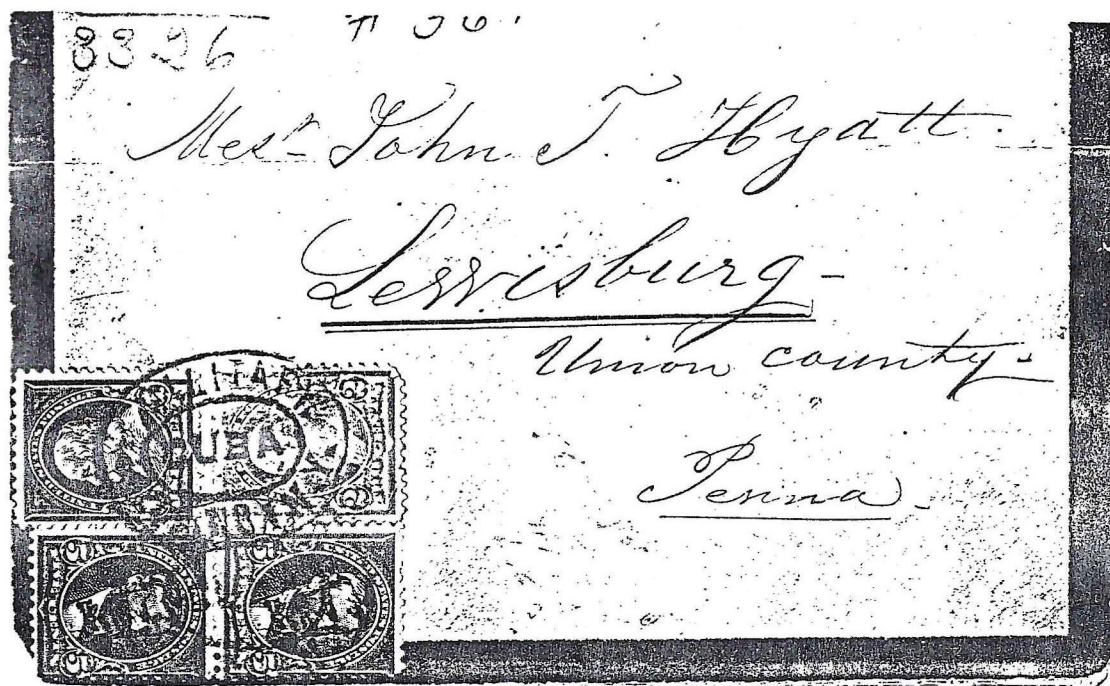
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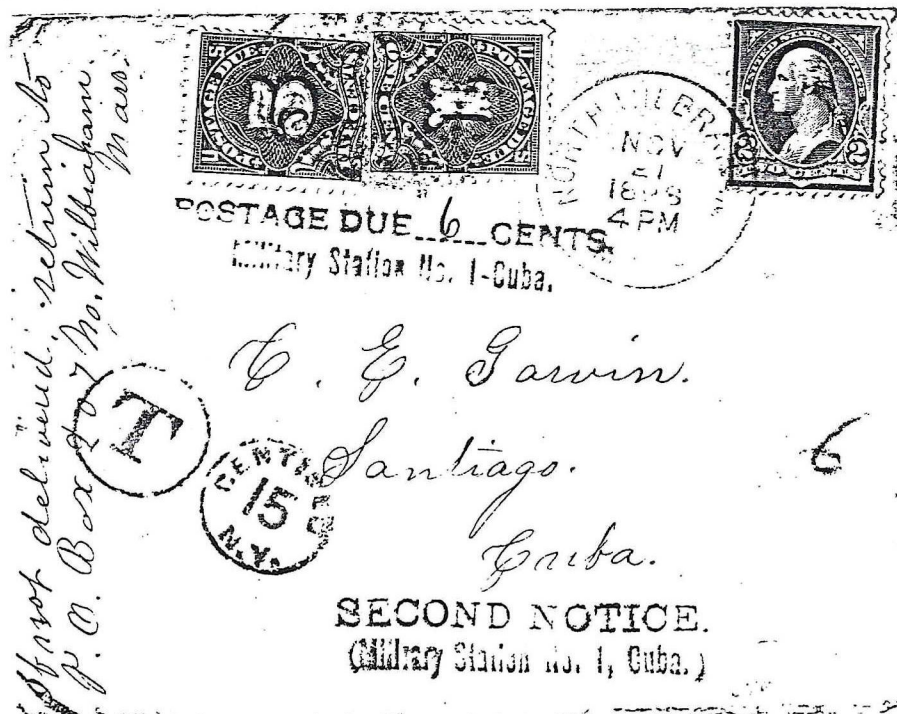
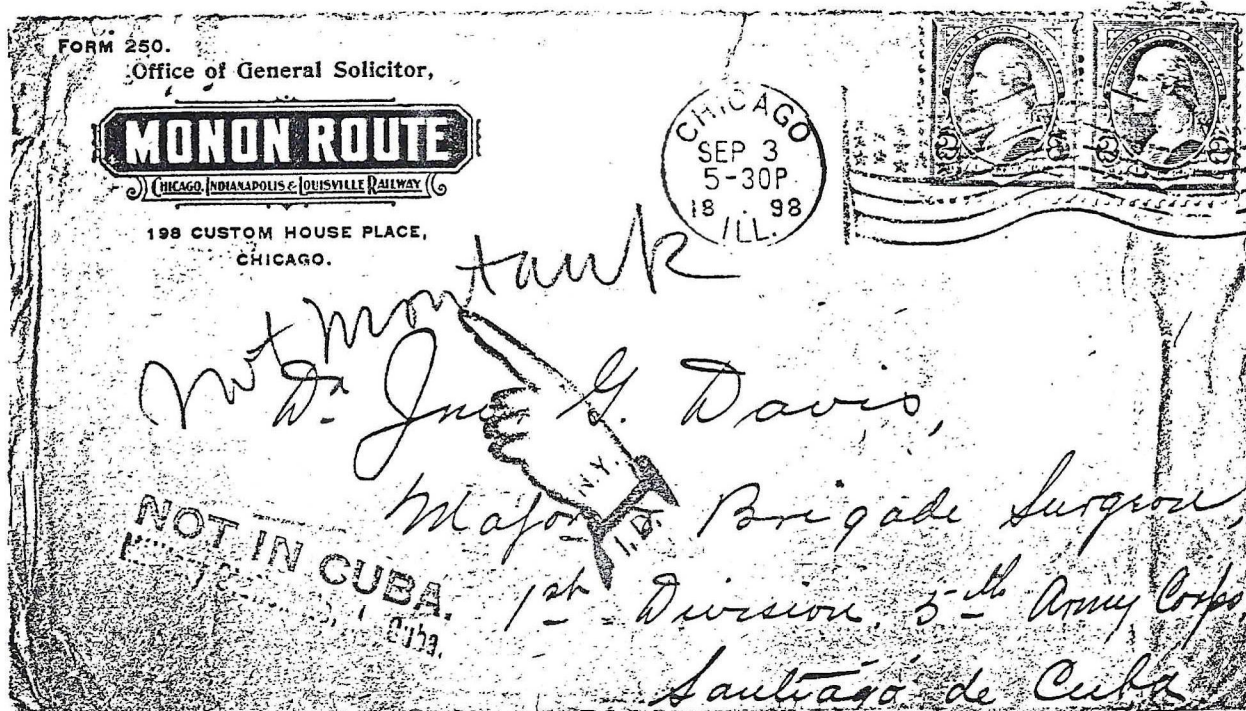
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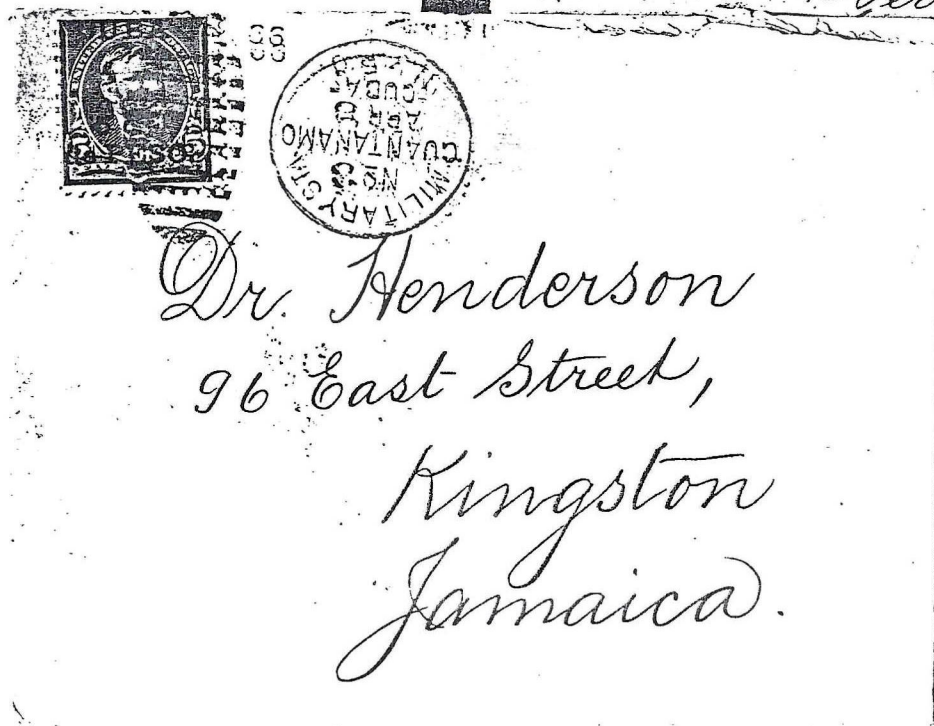
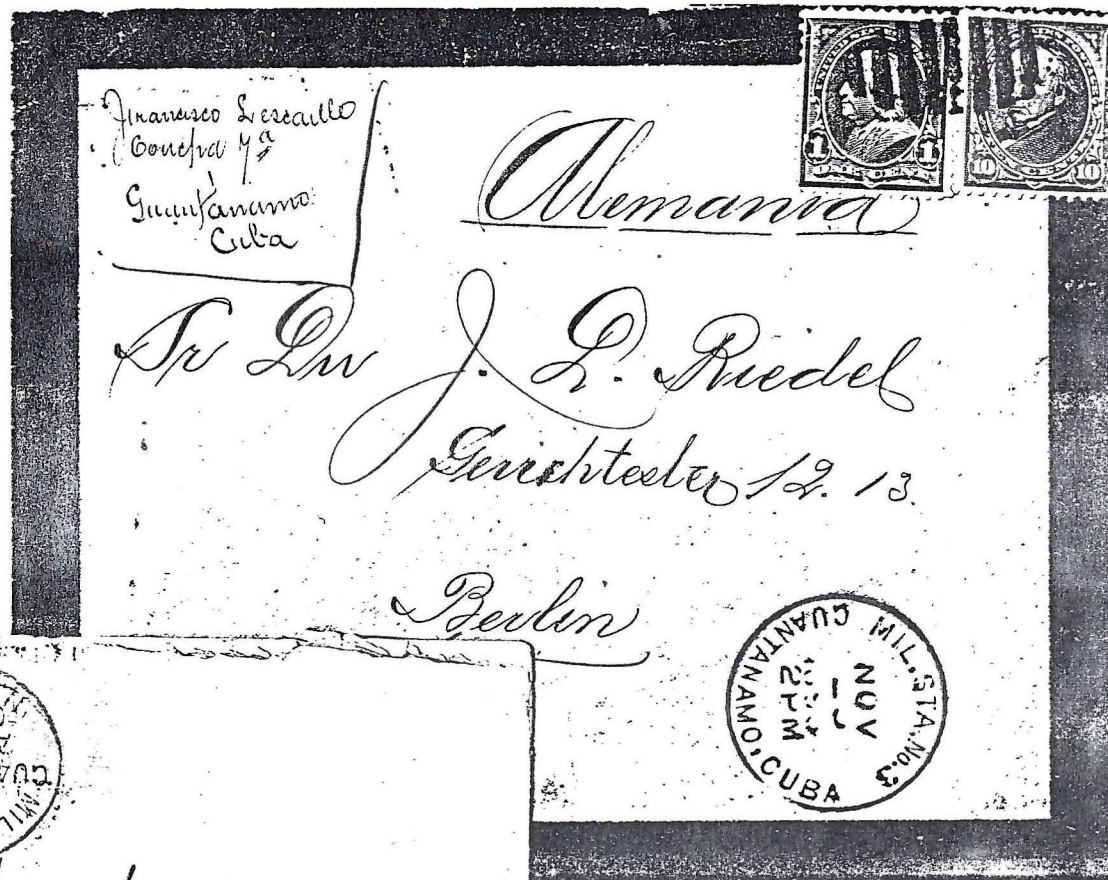
Once Spanish resistance ended, it was possible to assign the various military post offices to fixed locations. Thus, a steel duplex with cds reading "Military Sta. 1/Santiago de Cuba" was introduced. The recorded dates of usage are 21 August 1898 to 13 April 1899. Although not endorsed as "sailor's mail"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



A double ring oval reading "Military Sta. No. 1 N.Y." with "Cuba" in the middle was used on ordinary letters and as a killer on Registered mail. No date or location was indicated, but usage is reported from July into October 1898. The upper cover bears 13 cents postage (5 cent rate for civilian sender to U.S. plus 8 cents registration). Lower cover shows 5 cent U.P.U. rate to France.



Several auxiliary markings were used at MPS No. 1, including those on the covers above, i.e. "Not in Cuba," "Second Notice" and "Postage Due....Cents." In addition, both covers are backstamped for receipt with steel cds reading "Military Sta. 1 Santiago de Cuba/Rec'd." Upper cover shows double weight domestic rate on an inbound letter to a soldier. Lower cover, not being to a military address, should have been paid at the 5 cent civilian rate. As it was not, a double deficiency (3 cents x 2) was assessed as postage due.



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.

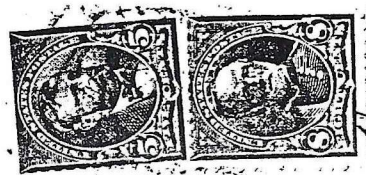
Two types of steel cds were used at Guantanamo. The first shows the indication "No.3" at the top of the circle; it is recorded used from 23 November 1898 (above) to 28 July 1899. The second type has "No.3" in the middle and is recorded from 7 January to 14 June 1899.

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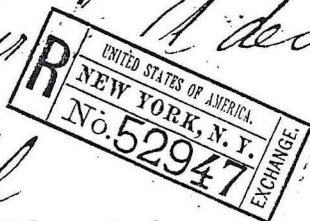
Postmarks
Military Sta. No. 1 Santiago



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Madame Char^e de Lima



*Royal Hotel
33 Avenue Friedland*

REGISTERED

NOV 21 1898

Military Station No. 1,
Santiago de Cuba.

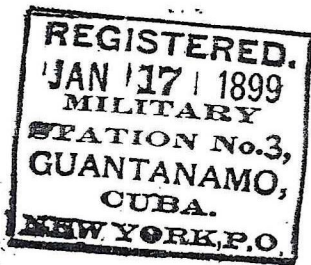
*Paris
France*



The first Registration markings from Santiago consisted of four lines including the date -- both unrecorded in Gordon. The earlier 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.

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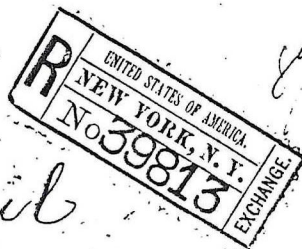
Postmarks
Military Sta. No. 3 Guantanamo



Almanico

Mr.

Mase Kettlembeil



Butler for 27

107 208



*Letter from
Capt. Parrelli U.S.A.
Carriz. Guantanamo.*



*149
23173*

J. D. Starr Stamp Co.

Calderwater



Michigan

U.S.A.

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."

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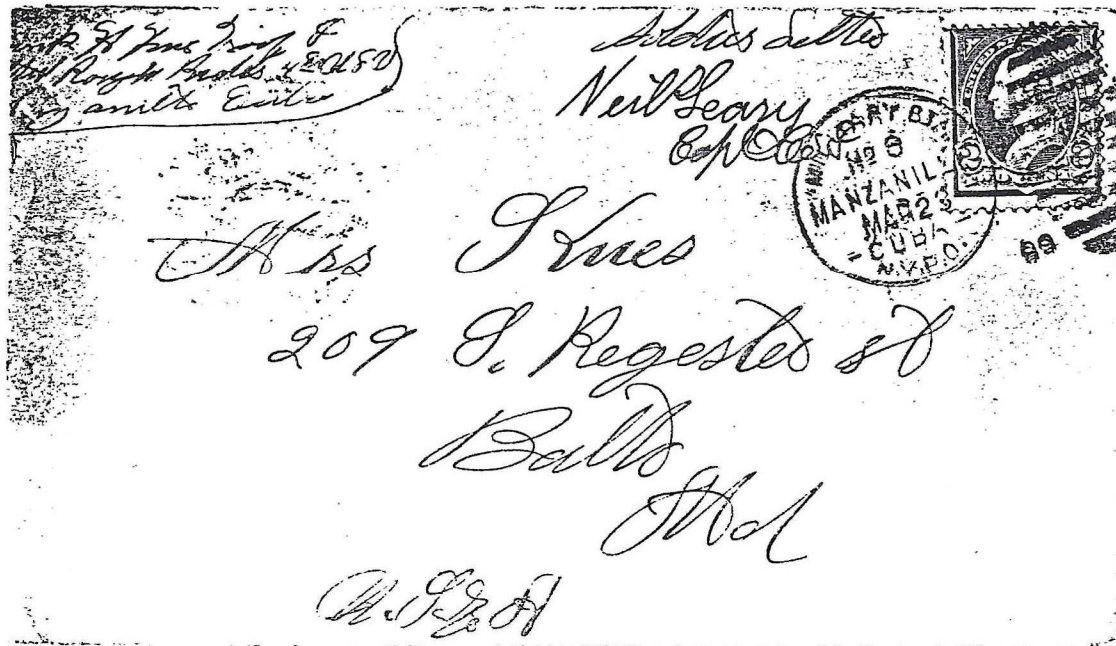
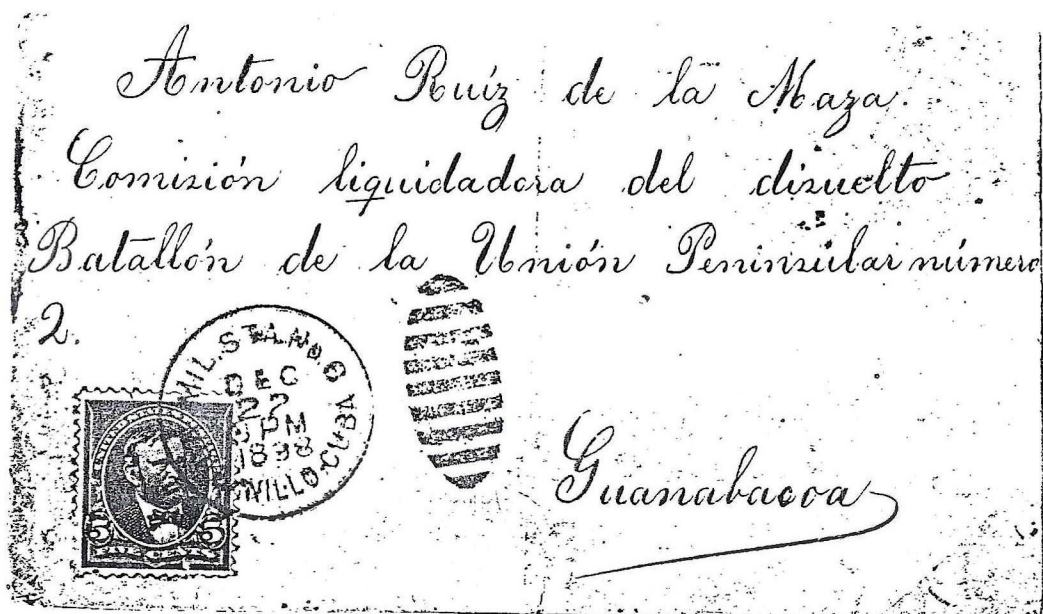
Postmarks
Military Sta. No. 4 Baracoa
Military Sta. No. 5 San Luis



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. The boxed Registration cachet for San Luis is the discovery example of this marking, being previously unrecorded in the literature.

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Postmarks
Military Sta. No. 6 Manzanillo



Manzanillo used both types of steel cds, the early version with "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; the lower cover extends the recorded use period by 3 weeks.

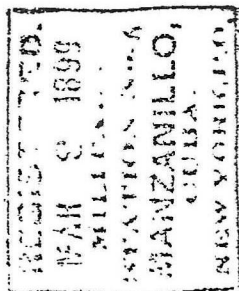
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Postmarks
Military Sta. No. 6 Manzanillo

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McKesson & Robbins
67263
91. Fulton Street
New York

(4546)

And by
Capt. J. H. Pelt
Manzanillo, Cuba

R. VILLAVARDE,
MANZANILLO, CUBA.

M. G. of a. n. 314

REGISTERED
MAY 11 1899

Military Station No. 6
Manzanillo, Cuba.

Mr. Frank Jones

22 Fulton St.

80001
New York

City

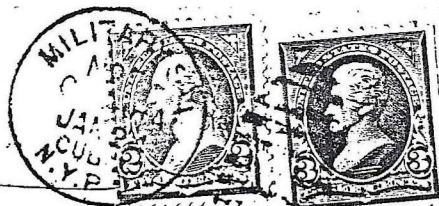
Manzanillo used the same
boxed and 4-line markings for
its Registered mail as noted for
other military stations.



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Postmarks
Military Sta. No. 7 Gibara

Received Feb 3rd 1899-



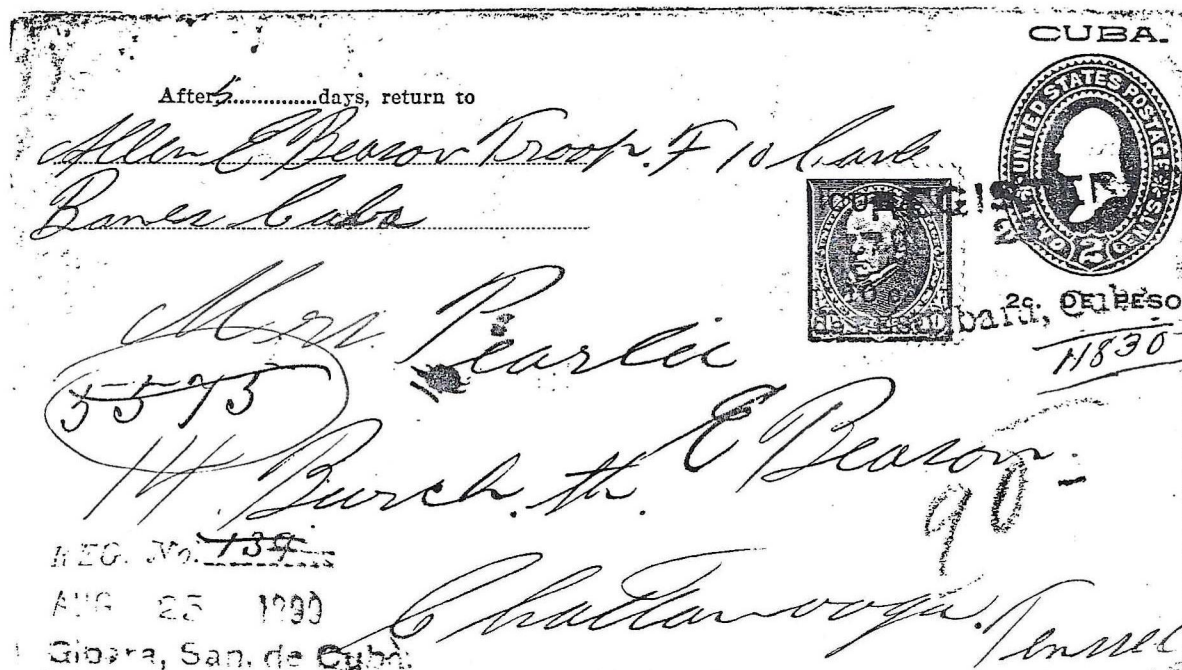
Mr. B. Tompkins

New York City

359 W. 34th Street 359



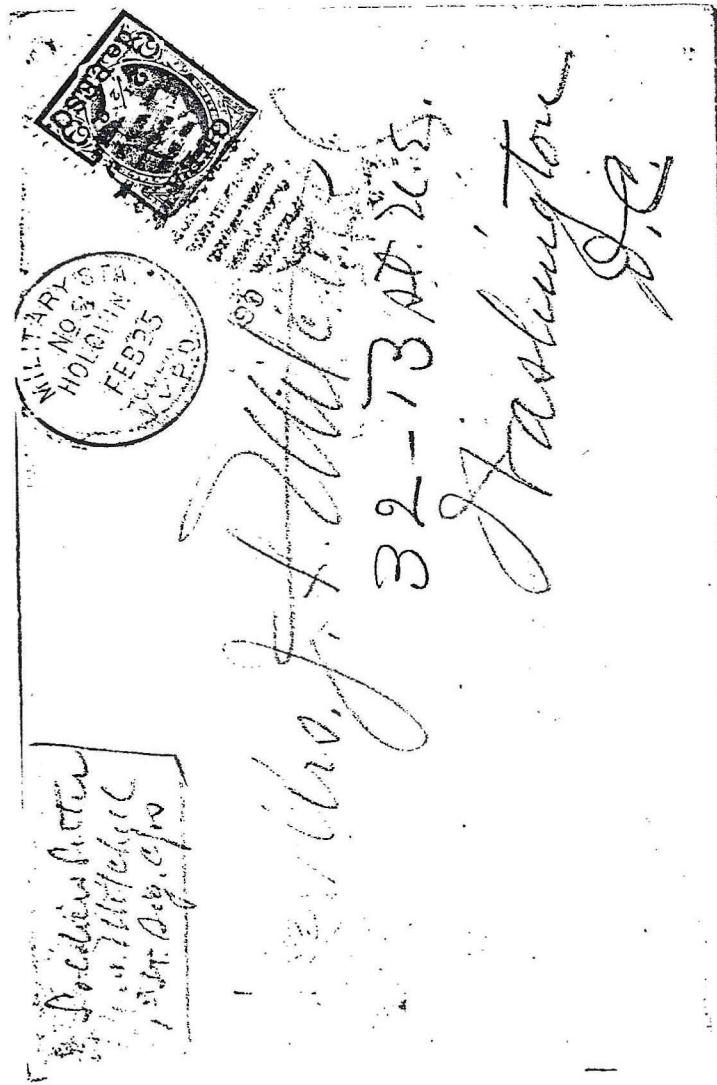
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Only a few copies are recorded of these markings. Gordon reported no examples of covers showing the cds of Gibara, a small village on the northeast coast.

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Postmarks
Military Sta. No. 8 Holguin



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

Penalty for private use, \$300.



WAR DEPARTMENT,

Chas. E. Pearson

1ST LIEUT. TO CAP. D. O. DIST. HOLGUIN.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

49 The Pierce Well Engineer & Supply Co.,

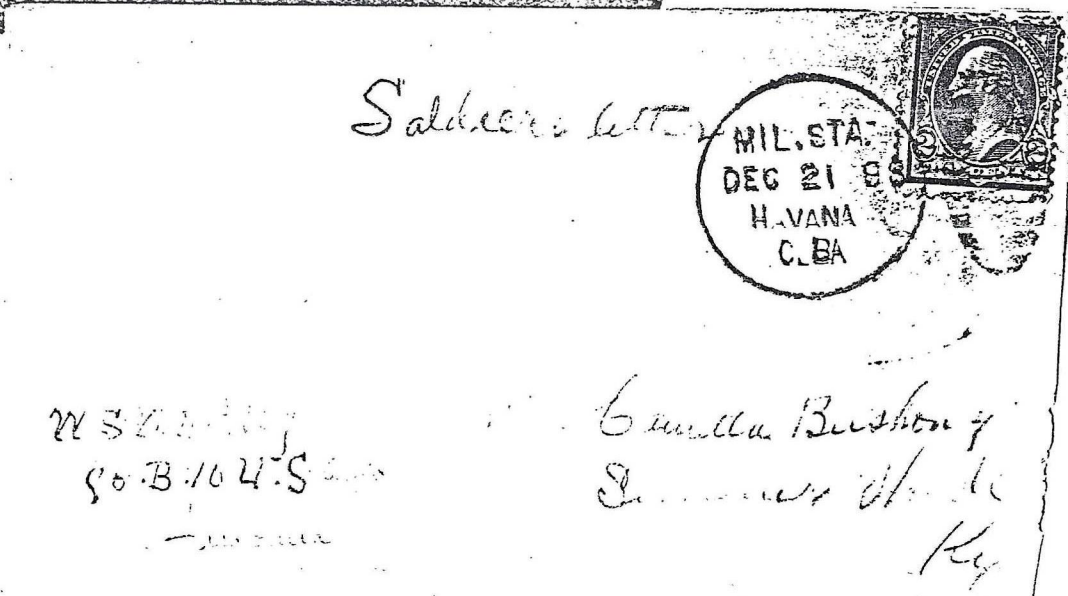
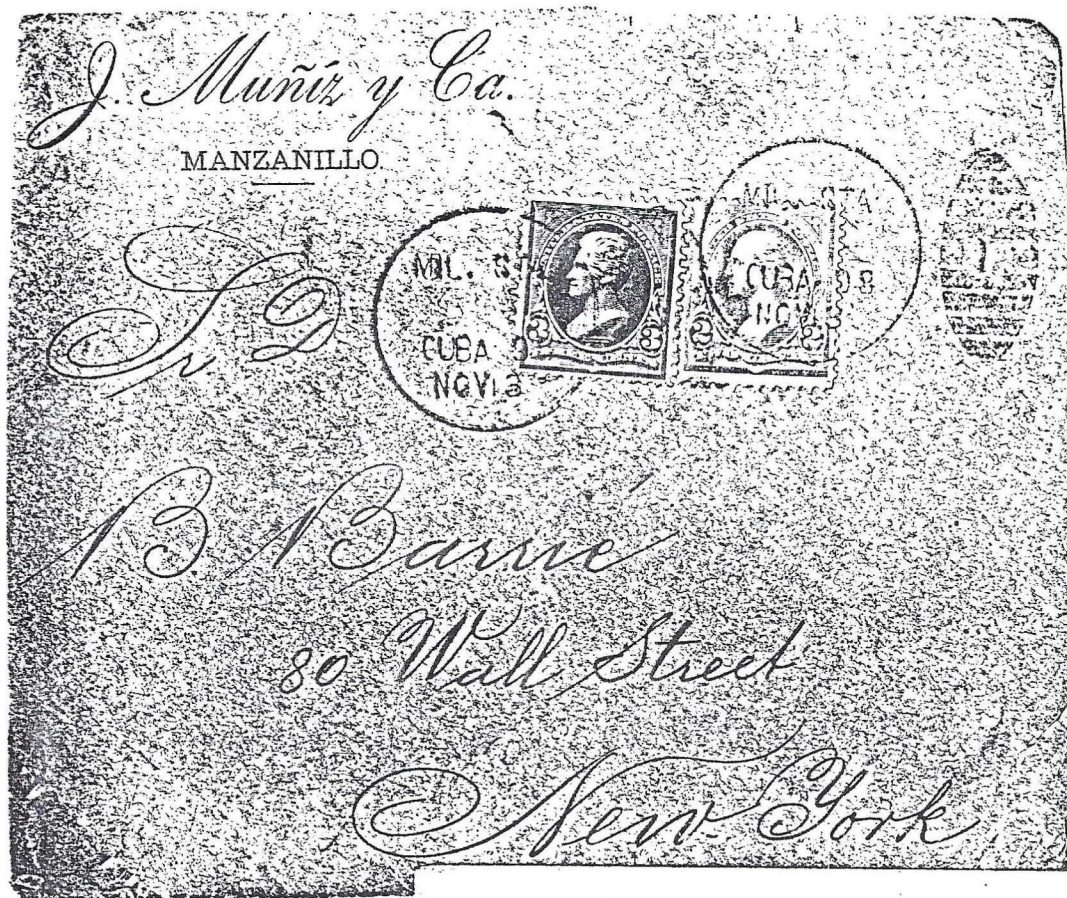
137 Liberty Street,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

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Postmarks
Mil. Sta. Cuba
Mil. Sta. Havana Cuba



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.

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Postmarks
Military Sta. No. 10 Havana



W. Edmund Feno soldiers letter

3 East



Mrs. Laban. J. Smith.

252. Frenchurch. St.

Norfolk.

Virginia

U. S. A.

Soldier mail

Broadway

Capt. Condy Co. "B"

4th U.S. Inf.



Mrs. Laban. J. Smith.

252. Frenchurch. St.

Norfolk. Virginia

U. S. A.



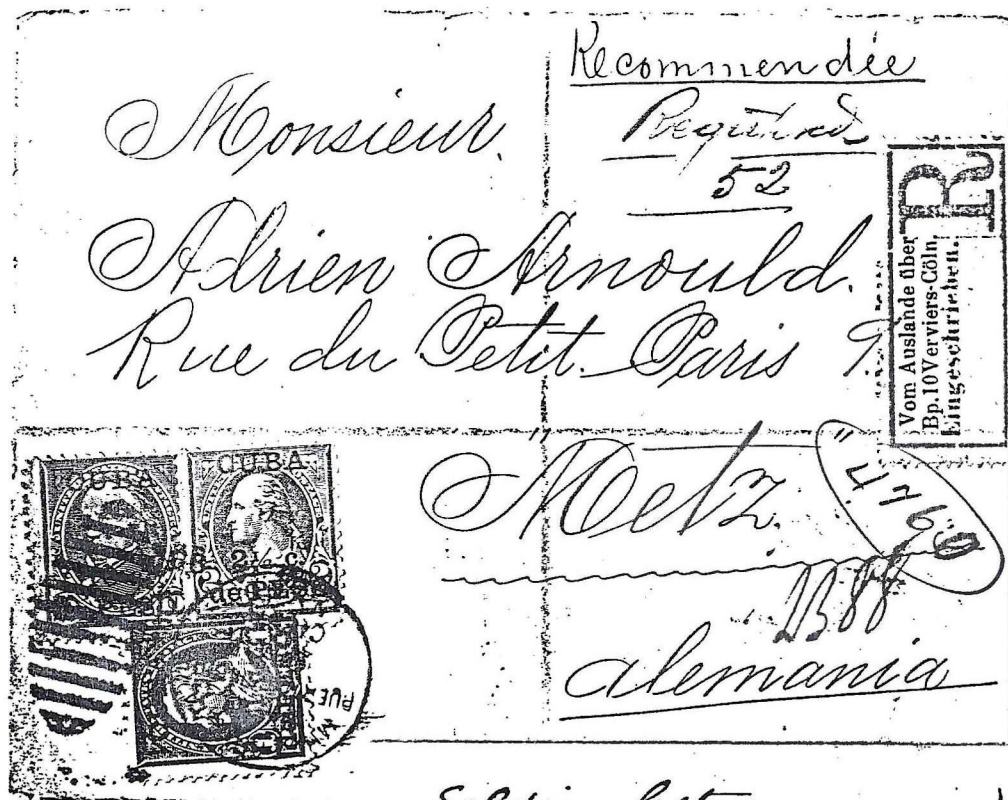
A third RPO-type cancel was used December 1898 and January 1899, with the number "10" in the killer. (Use of U.S. special delivery stamp from a military station is extraordinary). A new steel duplex cancel was then introduced; it is recorded as being used from 27 January to 2 May 1899. Three examples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

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Postmarks

Military Sta. No.11 Puerto Principe

Military Sta. No.12 Neuuyitas



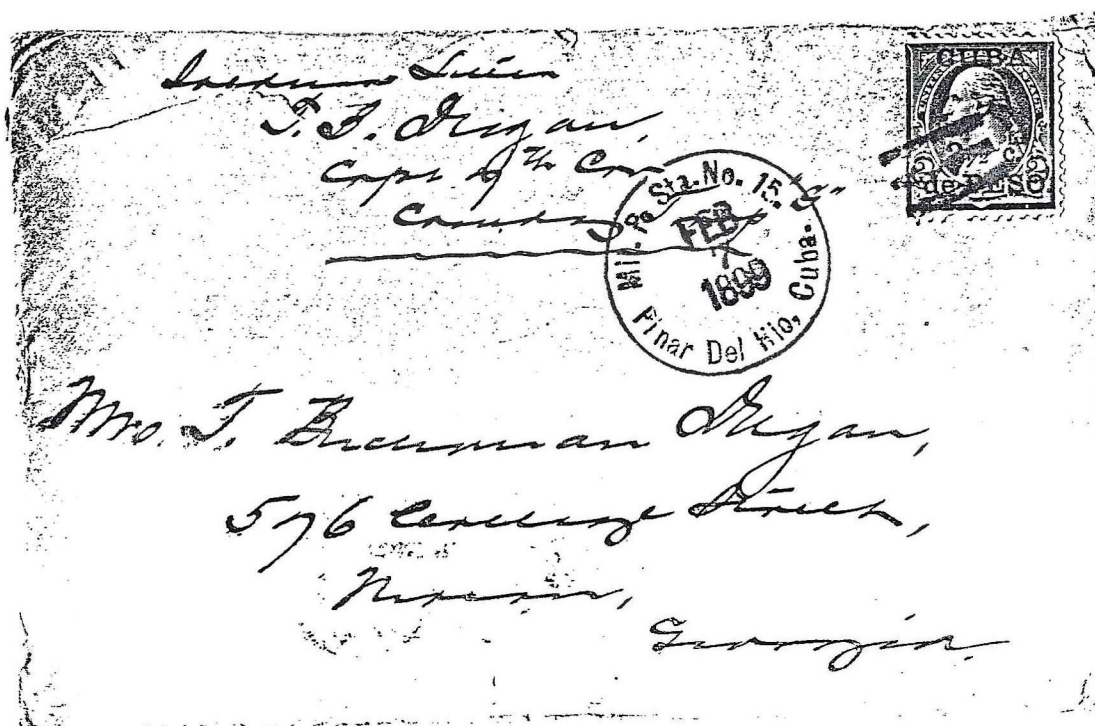
Soldiers letter
H. F. Kendall
Capt. & Co.



Mrs. H. F. Kendall
No 1113 Thurman St
Portland
Oregon

Steel duplex markings from Puerto Principe (subsequently named Camaguay) are recorded in February and March 1899. From Neuuyitas, 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 "Neuuyitas."

Postmarks
Military Sta. No. 13 Cienfuegos
Military Sta. No. 15 Pinar del Rio



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.

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Postmarks

Military Sta. No. 16 Guanajay

Military Sta. No. 18 Trinidad

Post Office Department.

POST OFFICE AT NEW YORK, N. Y.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

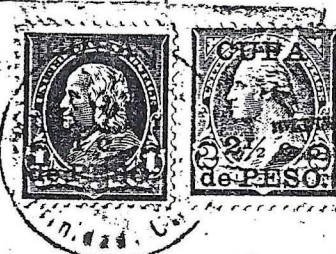
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This envelope can lawfully be
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punishable by a fine of \$50.



M. D. Lloyd Esq.
c/o Buffalo Ry. Co.
Cold Springs
Buffalo, N.Y.

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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.

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Postmarks
MPS No. 21 Cardenas
MPS No. 24 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.