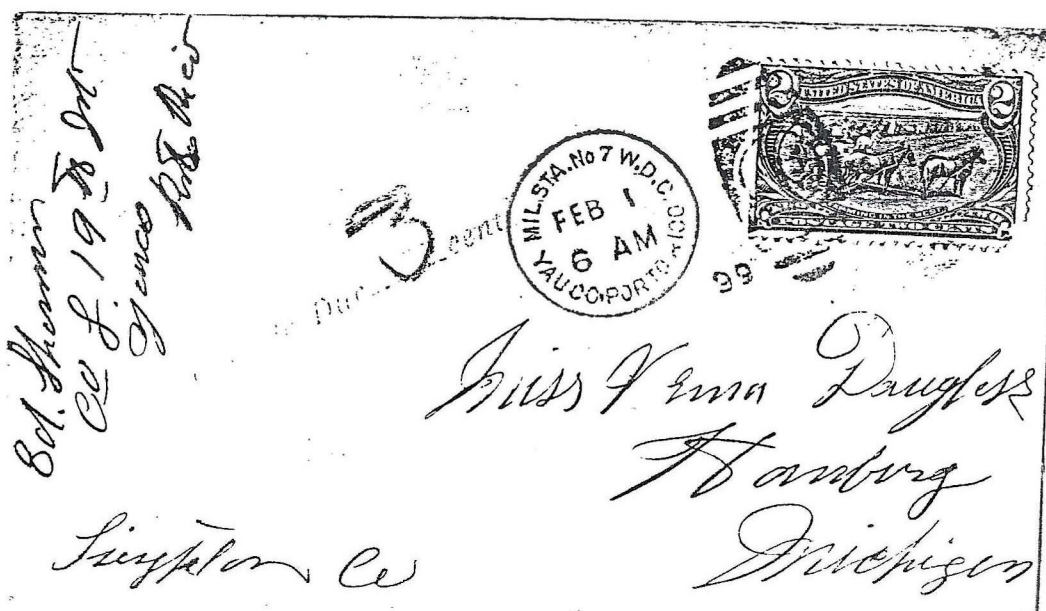
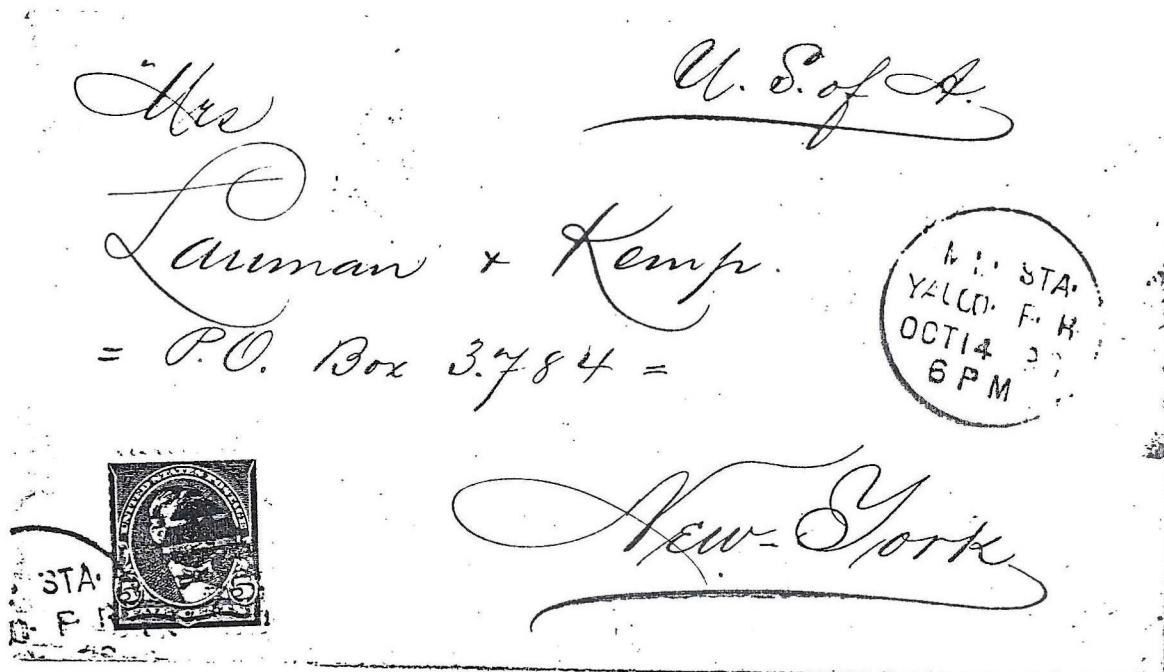
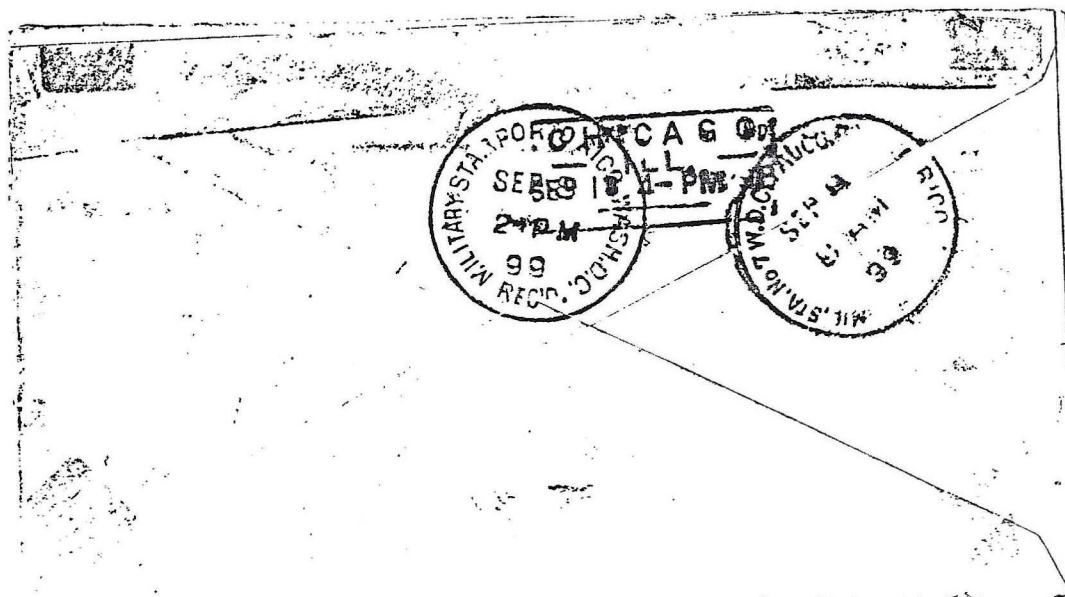
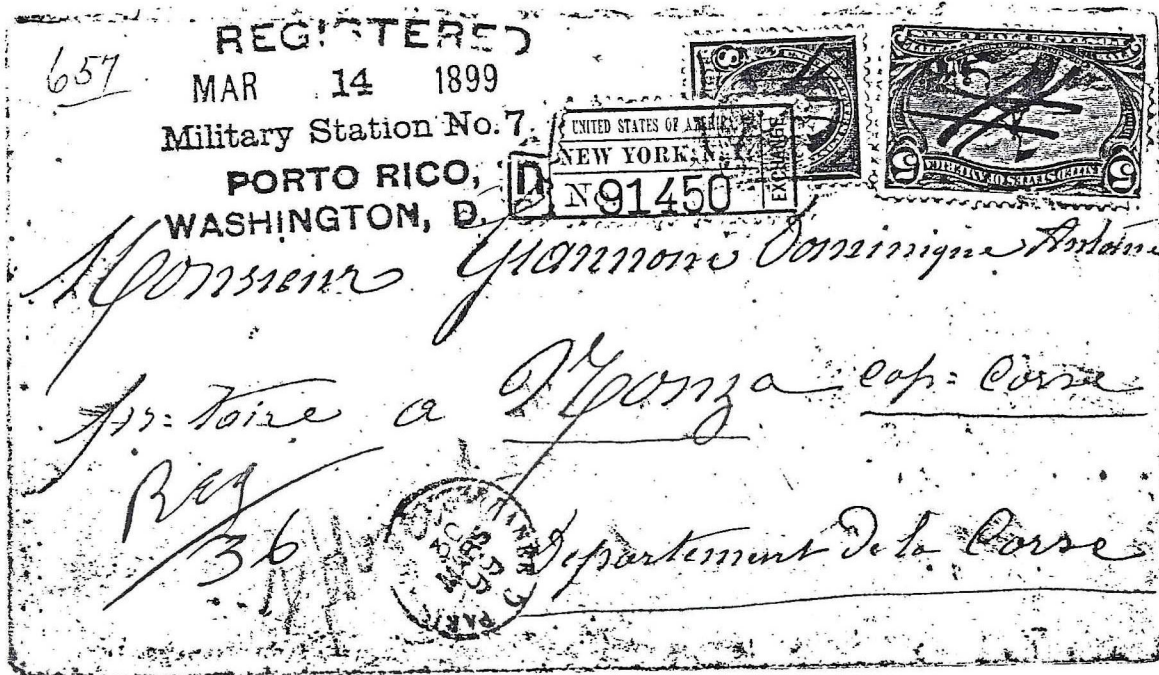




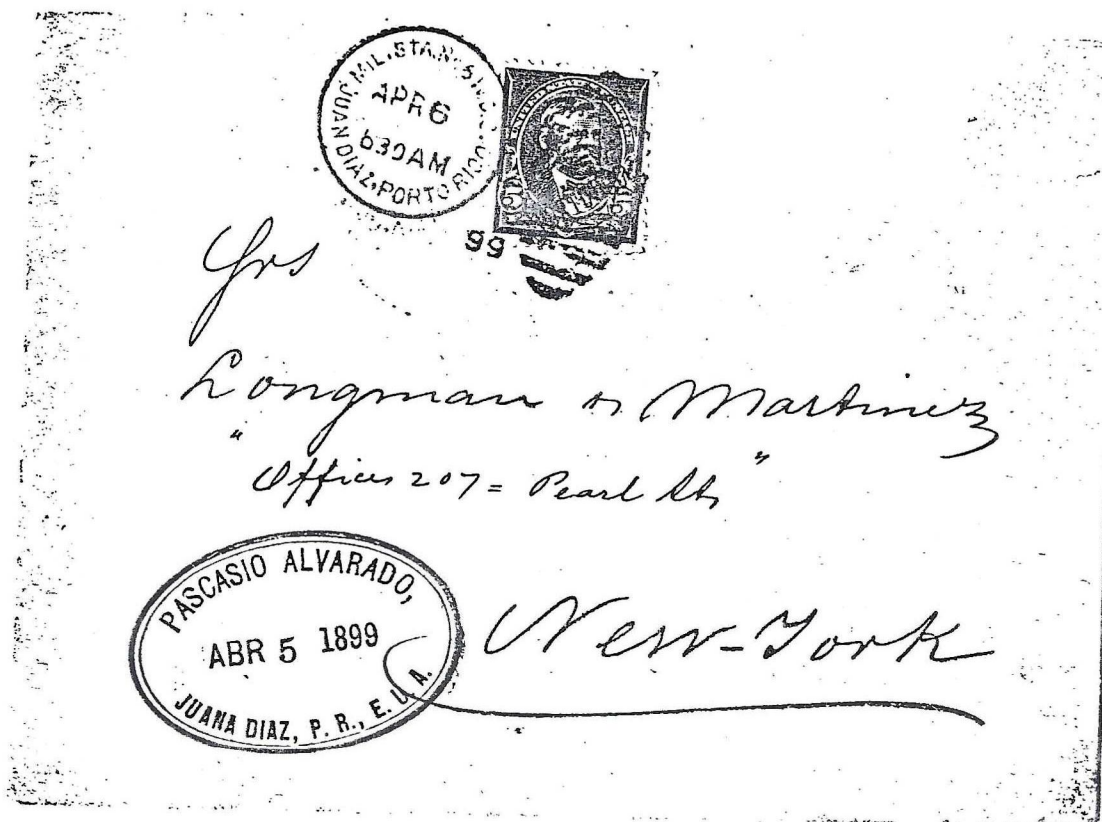
Military Station No. 7 was established at Yauco on 9 September 1898. As with the other early offices, a provisional postmark was used initially and was subsequently replaced by the steel duplex device.



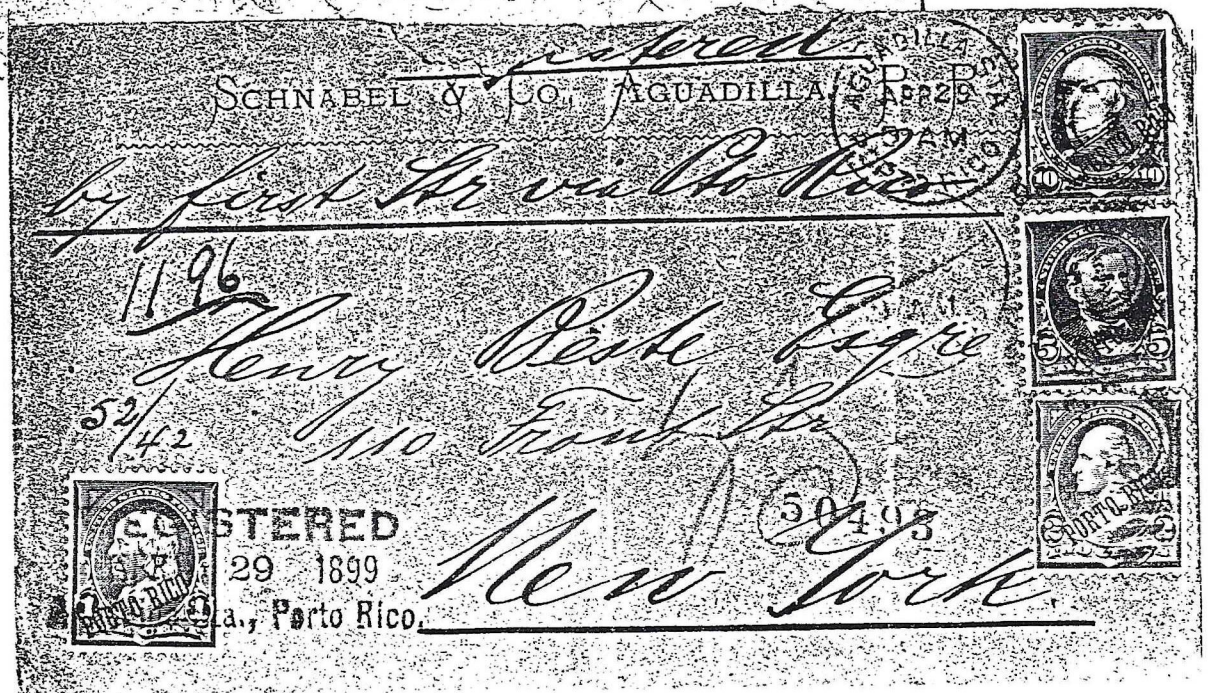
Registration marking for Yauco had five lines of text but did not include the name of the town; it is **unrecorded in the literature, and the cover to Corsica shown above is the discovery example.** A steel cds receiving mark was issued to Yauco, but examples are very elusive (unrecorded in Preston or Hill). The "Rec'd." portion of the cancel is not apparent in the example above, but the spacing of the words differs sharply from the dispatch mark and matches the pattern of receivers used at other military stations.

Puerto Rico 1898-1901

Postmarks
Mil. Sta. No. 8 Juana Diaz



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.

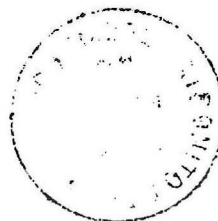
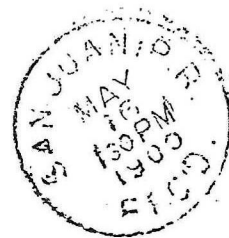


Locations for the first military stations in Puerto Rico were not known in advance. Thus, their first postmarks showed only numbers, and the second series of markings combined numbers and locations. By 30 September, the island was fully pacified, and the locations of fixed garrisons were established.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

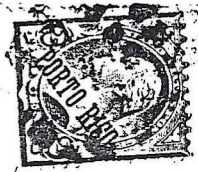
The 3-line Registration marking of the Aguadilla Station is the only recorded example.

Puerto Rico 1898-1901

Postmarks
Aibonito Station



Soldier's Letter
Herbert M. McCaathy
as Surgeon U.S.A.



10847

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Mrs. H. J. McCaathy

71 *1454 Second St* *55512*

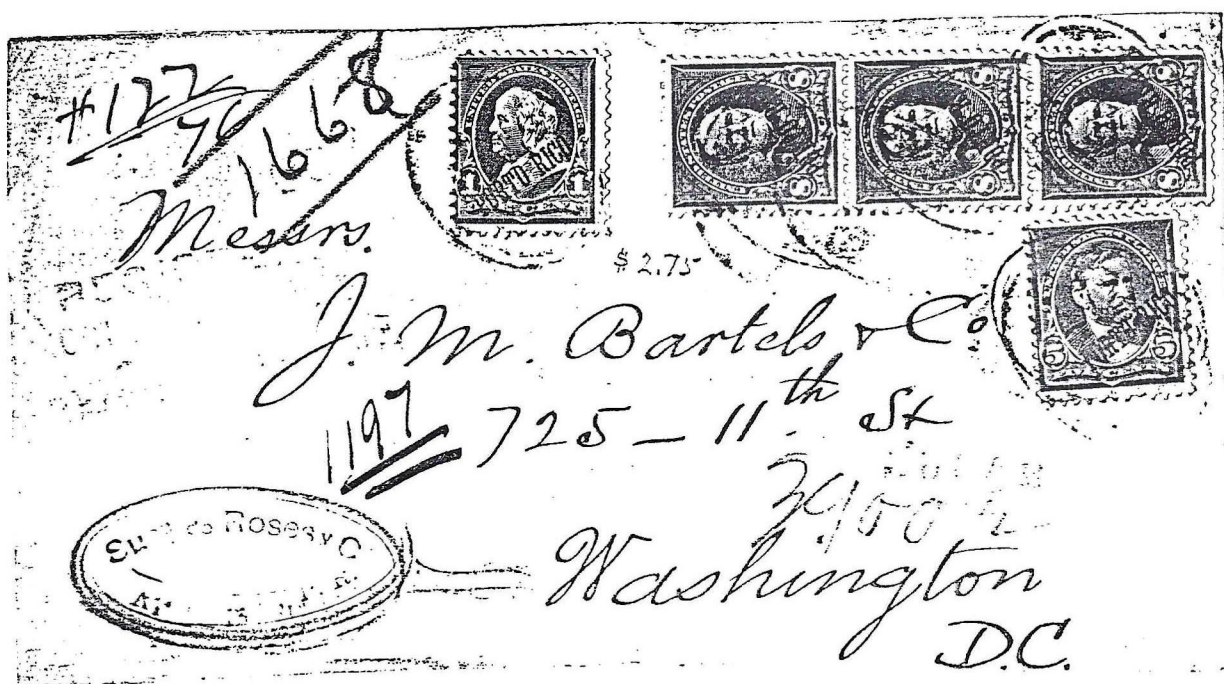
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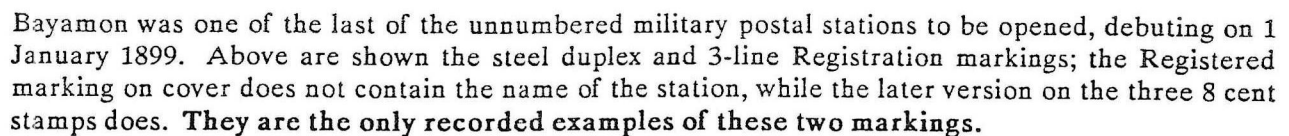


Unrecorded in Baker, Aibonito is the most obscure military station in Puerto Rico. It was opened on 1 December 1898 in a small village in the mountains of Ponce Department. The first recorded usage from this office was the steel receiving mark (now known on the reverse of four covers). The covers with the standard cds and 4-line registration are the discovery examples for these markings and the only ones recorded to date.



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.

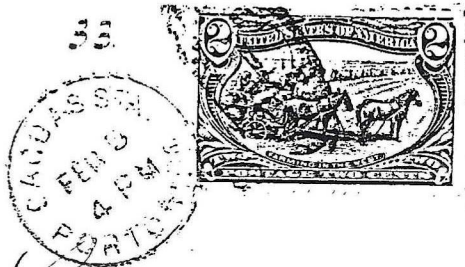
Postmarks
Bayamon Station



Puerto Rico 1898-1901

Postmarks
Caguas Station
Camuy Station
Cayey Station

W. Morgan
Hosp. Steward
47 My St
Caguas P.R.



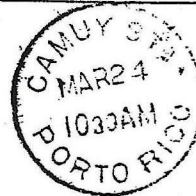
Mr. Arthur Marlow

MIGUEL ARRIETA

CAMUY.-PTO.-RICO.

Soldier's
Letter

See



Santisteban Chavari

Soldier's letter
H. Wignall
2nd Lieut 5th Cav



Eddier Rome Sentinel

Rome,

Oneida County
U.S.A.

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

Puerto Rico 1898-1901

Postmarks
Fajardo Station

L. M. CINTRON

FAJARDO P.-R.

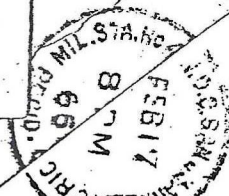
For Don



A. M. Seixas

80 Wall St

New York



Fajardo opened on 1 December 1898. The 4-line Registration marking and the Fajardo Sta. "Rec'd" cds shown above are the only recorded examples of each.

Puerto Rico 1898-1901

Postmarks
Humacao Station



Humacao Sta., Porto Rico.
NQV 26 1898

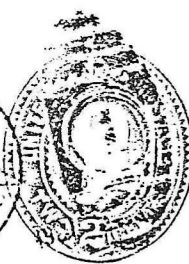
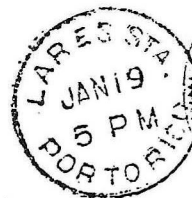


Humacao opened on 1 October 1898. Above are shown an early provisional cancel (only recorded example), the steel duplex and an unusual 2-line marking used for the receipt of Registered mail.

Puerto Rico 1898-1901

Postmarks
Lares Station
Rio Piedras Station

Don



Leonardo Masand

Colaborador y Regente de Salas de correo
APARTADO *del* CORREO.

SAN JUAN, PTO. RICO. (*Rio-piedras*)



PUERTO RICO.

Pamirez

Juan J. Lugo

las Marias

A. B. Frantz

Box 206

140 Muestras

sin valor

E. 135

REGISTERED

19 NOV 1901

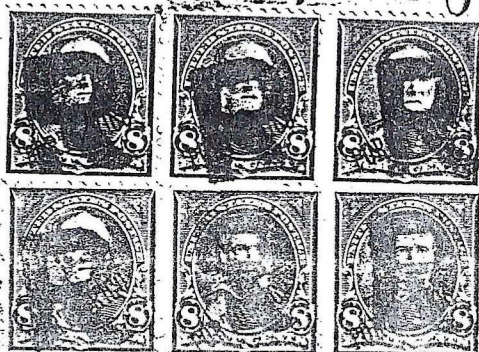
Rio Piedras
PORTO RICO.

Mr Herachio Ortega

Temporarily 133 Pacific St

Brooklyn

New York



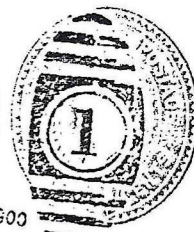
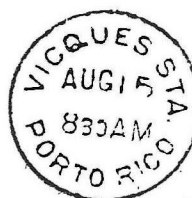
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A military postal station was opened at Lares on 1 October 1898. The Rio Piedras station did not open until 1 January 1899. The four-line registration marking from the latter is not previously recorded.

Puerto Rico 1898-1901

Postmarks
Vicques Station
San German Station

Vies Fritze Kunst & Co



PUERTO RICO.

After days return to

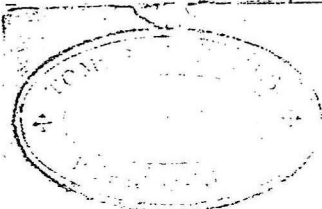
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for Don

A. M. Leixas



PUERTO RICO.



PUERTO RICO.

for Don
119
99

20241

A. M. Leixas

80 Wall Street

New York

REGISTERED
DEC 5 1899

SAN GERMAN
PORTO RICO.

The final two military stations in Puerto Rico were opened at San German and Vicques on 1 January 1899. Note that the postmark of the latter is erroneous as the name of the town should be "Vieques." Examples of mail from these small offices are scarce, and the "Registered" marking from San German has not been previously recorded.

Puerto Rico 1898-1901

Postmarks
Municipal Post Offices
Adjuntas
Aguas Buenas
El Dorado



ARMY AND NAVY CHRISTIAN COMMISSION
1st Lieut. *John D. Guffy*
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS,
West 39th STREET, N. Y. CITY, 11
If not called for in Five Days,
return to

Miss Belle Ohmer

Charles Ohmer
Co. F 19th U.S. Inf

Mr. Don

Jose Florentina Echevarria

Director Misera Era, Villa N. 4

Señor Don

Jose Florentina E.

Echevarria

Ponce

*En la redacción
la "Misera
Era"*

Ponce

Not all towns in Puerto Rico received military postal stations, even when U.S. troops were stationed there and they had had post offices under the Spanish administration. In approximately 65 of these towns the municipal administration was allowed to operate an autonomous post office, using municipal supplies and staff, so long as they complied with military postal regulations. The vast majority of these municipal post offices were incorporated into the "Independent Department of Posts of Porto Rico" (which was still run by the military) when it was established on 15 March 1899.

Puerto Rico 1898-1901

Navy Mail

After.....days, return to

For Bartlett, Ch. Eng. U.S.N.

U.S. NAVAL STATION
San Juan, P.R.



*From U.S.S. Panther
San Juan
D.E. Skinner
Sent via*

United Army-27th

Mr. D.

U.S.S. Monongahela

D.E. Skinner

SAN JUAN
PORTO RICO

MAR 12.3

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United States

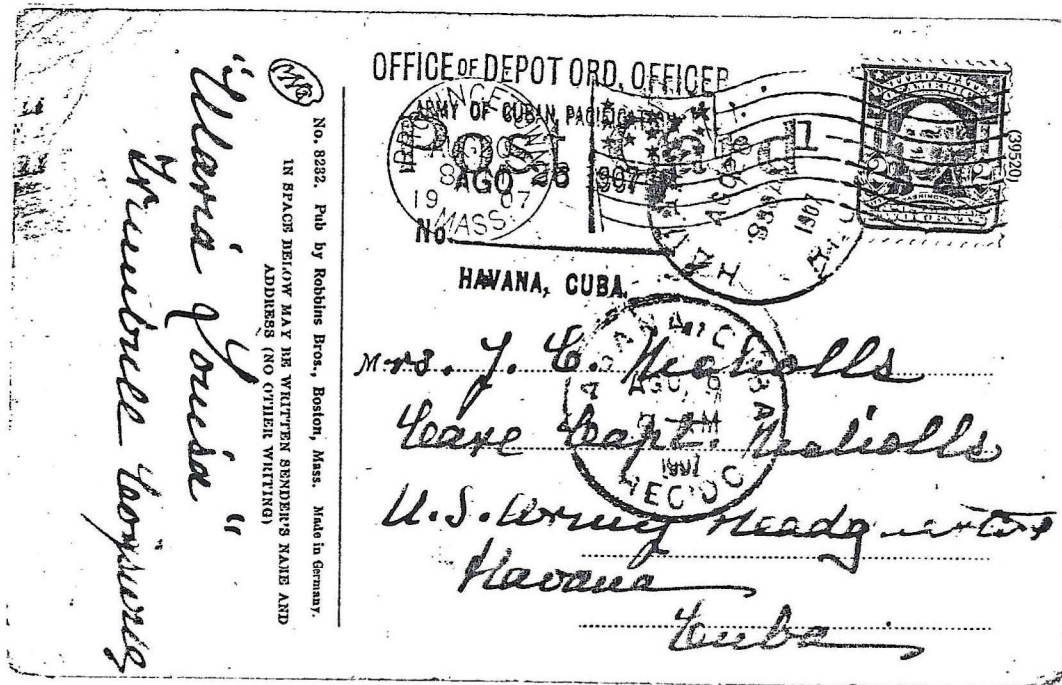
*Mr. D. Eugene Skinner
1015 North Front St.
Harrisburg
Pennsylvania*

Gen. Miles was particularly interested in not letting the Navy steal his thunder in Puerto Rico (even going so far as to get President McKinley to order Adm. Sampson not to bombard San Juan), and there were no Spanish naval targets to justify a large Navy presence in this operation. As a result, US Navy mail from Puerto Rico is much more elusive than from Cuba or the Philippines.

Upper cover has previously-unrecorded U.S. Naval Station handstamp. Middle cover from USS Panther (auxiliary cruiser, 138 men); lower from USS Monongahela (training ship launched 1862).

CUBA 1906-1909

In response to a revolt following fraudulent elections the United States invoked its right under the Platt Amendment to take over the government of Cuba. Beginning in October 1906 the first members of the "Army of Cuban Pacification" arrived in Havana. This force, numbering 6500 at its height, faced no local opposition, as the US intervention was welcomed by both the Cuban government and the revolutionaries. It was withdrawn on 31 March 1909.

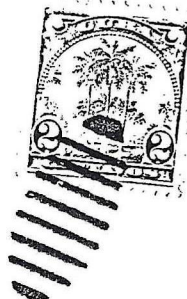


The Cuban post office, like the rest of the Cuban government during this intervention, accepted and co-operated with the US administration. Therefore the US military relied almost exclusively on civilian Cuban post offices to handle its mail.

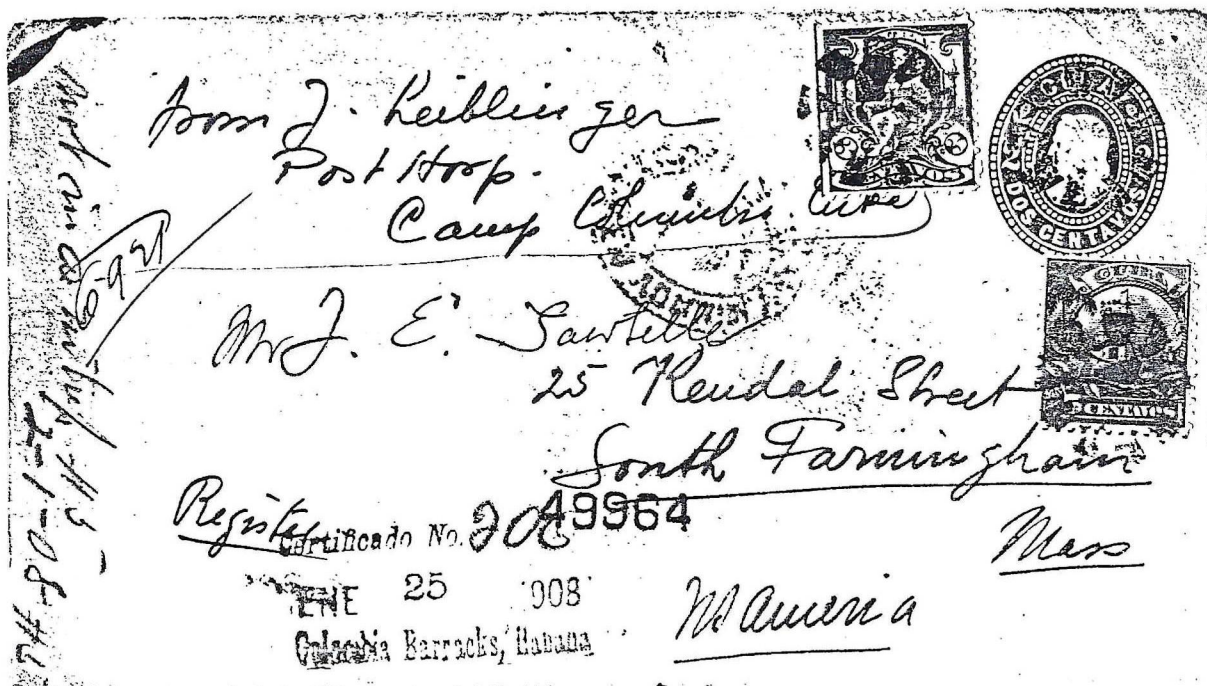
Cuba 1906-1909

Postmarks
Columbia Barracks

Edgar W. Howe,
Major 27th Infantry
HAVANA, CUBA,
Camp Columbia.



William Howe
725 North Duke St.
Lancaster
Pa.



Camp Columbia, which American soldiers had occupied following the Spanish-American War, was the main military fort outside Havana. In 1906 a Cuban post office was established there to serve the needs of the newly-arrived US troops.