

Mexico 1914

Postmarks

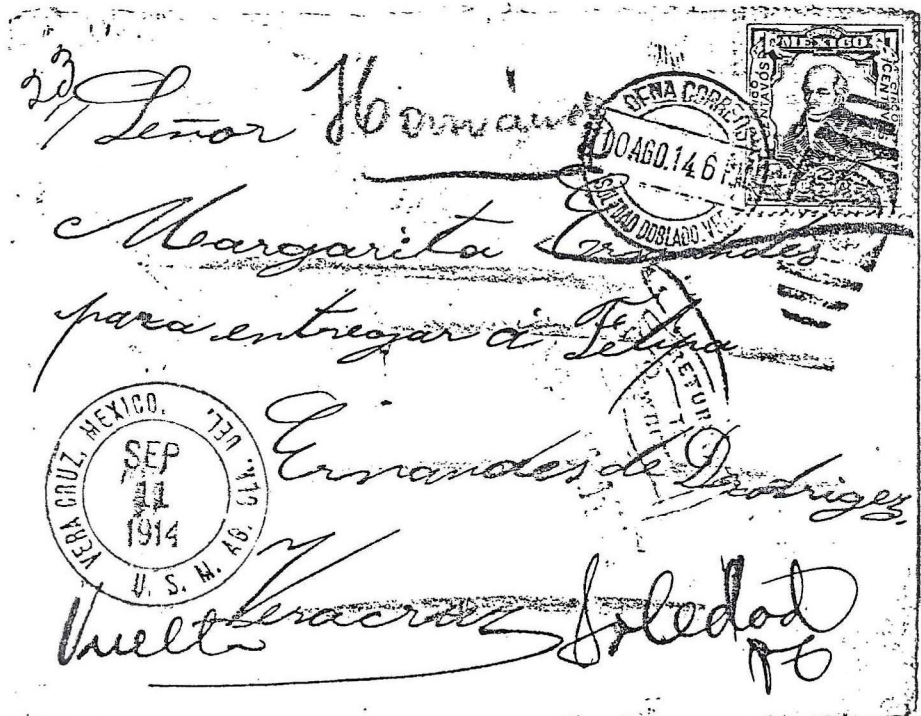
Si no fuere entregada en 10 días, devuélvase
APARTADO No. 78.

"M.O.B." (Money Order Business) dater. Scarce even in its usual usage as favor cancel, though recorded May - November.



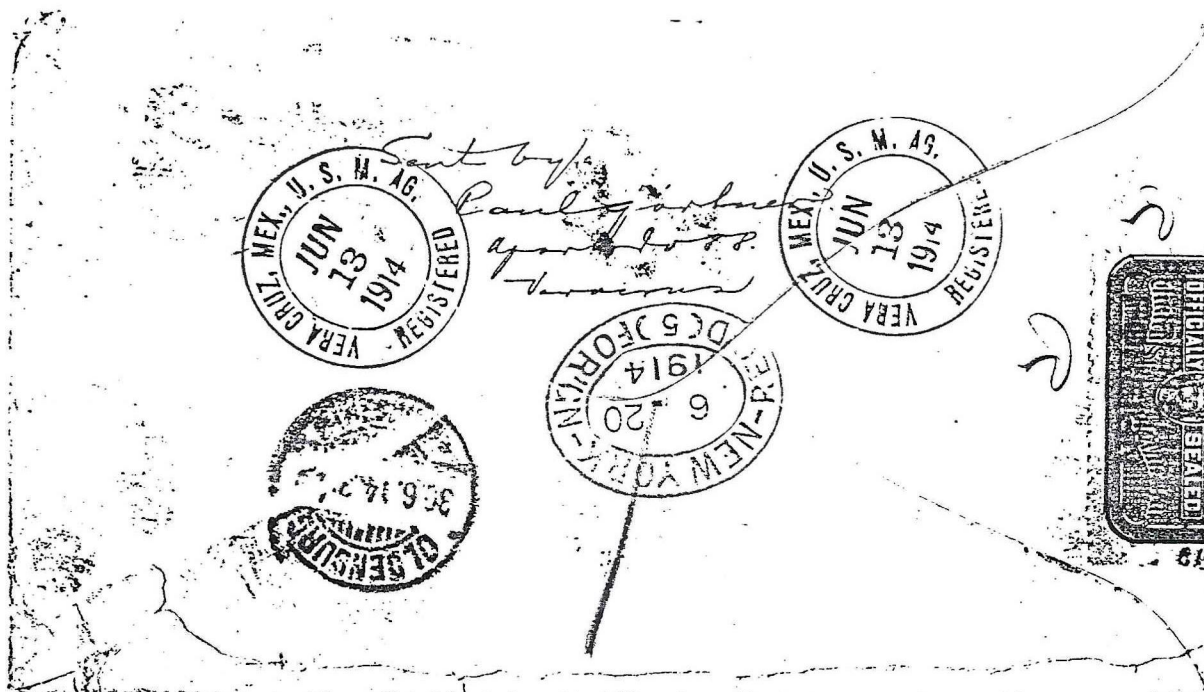
M. Düring y Cía. Suc. - Veracruz.

"Gen. Del." datestamp, for use on mail received in Vera Cruz for delivery at the post office. A very scarce marking recorded used from early June - November.



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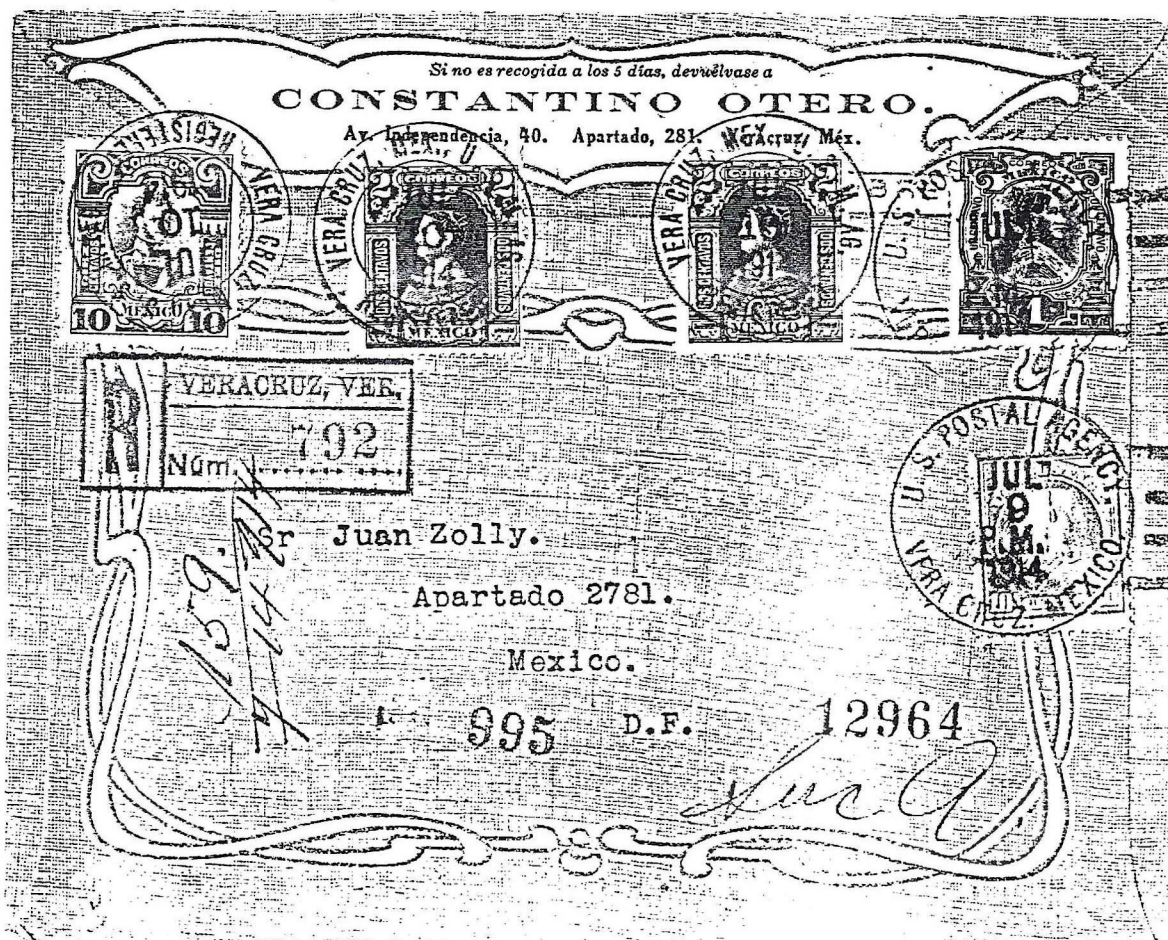
Postmarks
Official Seal



The apparent match between the ink on the official seal and the Vera Cruz postmark and presence of a partly split seam under the seal suggest that this seal was in fact used at Vera Cruz.

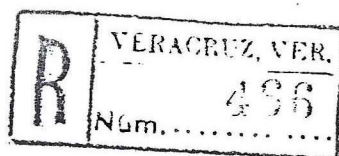
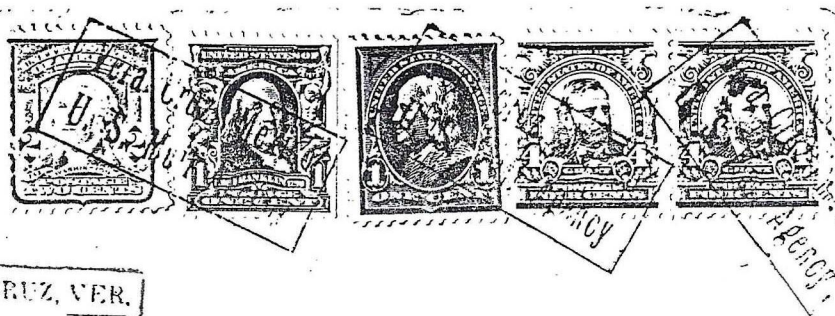
Registry datestamp (recorded 14 May - 17 November) used properly on top cover and, contrary to regulations, as cancel on bottom cover.

Bottom cover most likely refused registry treatment at printed matter postage rate paid on 9 July, and balance of First Class postage paid to registry clerk the next day.



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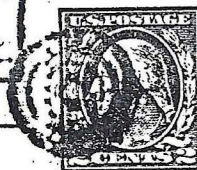
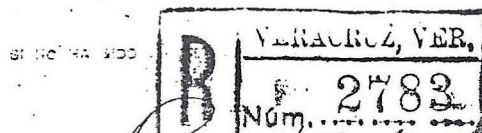
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George W. Linn.

Clinton Blagg.



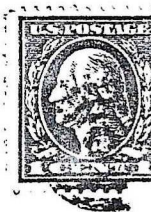
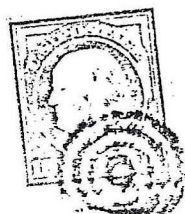
Sharon 5

Heinrich Olsenmann

Schaefer Strasse 8

Oldenburg

Germany



Postal regulations required non-datestamp cancellation of stamps on parcel post and registered mail. The target cancel is recorded used 25 May - 18 June, and the boxed cancel 30 June - 17 November.

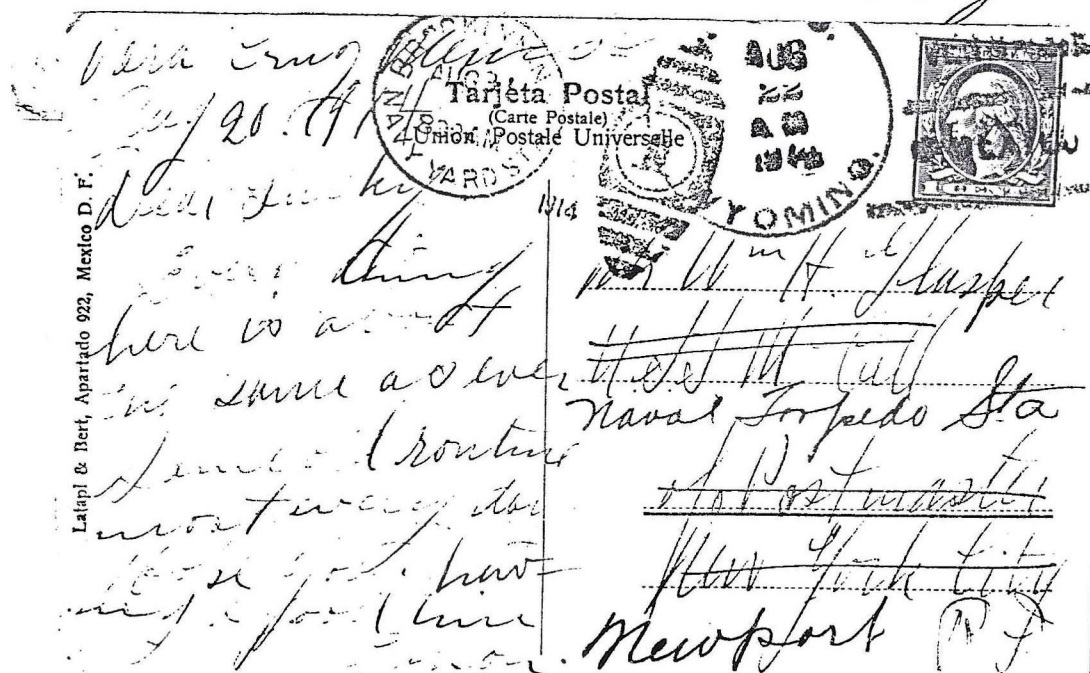
Only 1 type of registry number handstamp was used. Numbers in the 3970s are recorded 30 June. The counter was reset to 0001 on 1 July, and it had reached 10510 by 17 November.



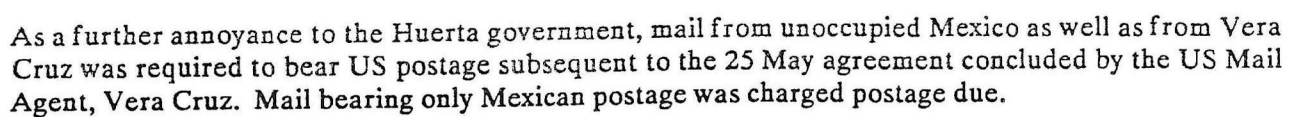
Mexican stamp not
required; souvenir use.

Mr. & Mrs. Reuter.
Bronx St. & 180th St.
New York City.
N. Y.

Over 40 US warships
called at Vera Cruz
during the occupation,
and nearly all had post
offices aboard. As
naval postmark and
postcard collecting
were both very popular
at this time, postmarks
from these ships are
much more common, as
a class, than mail from
troops ashore.

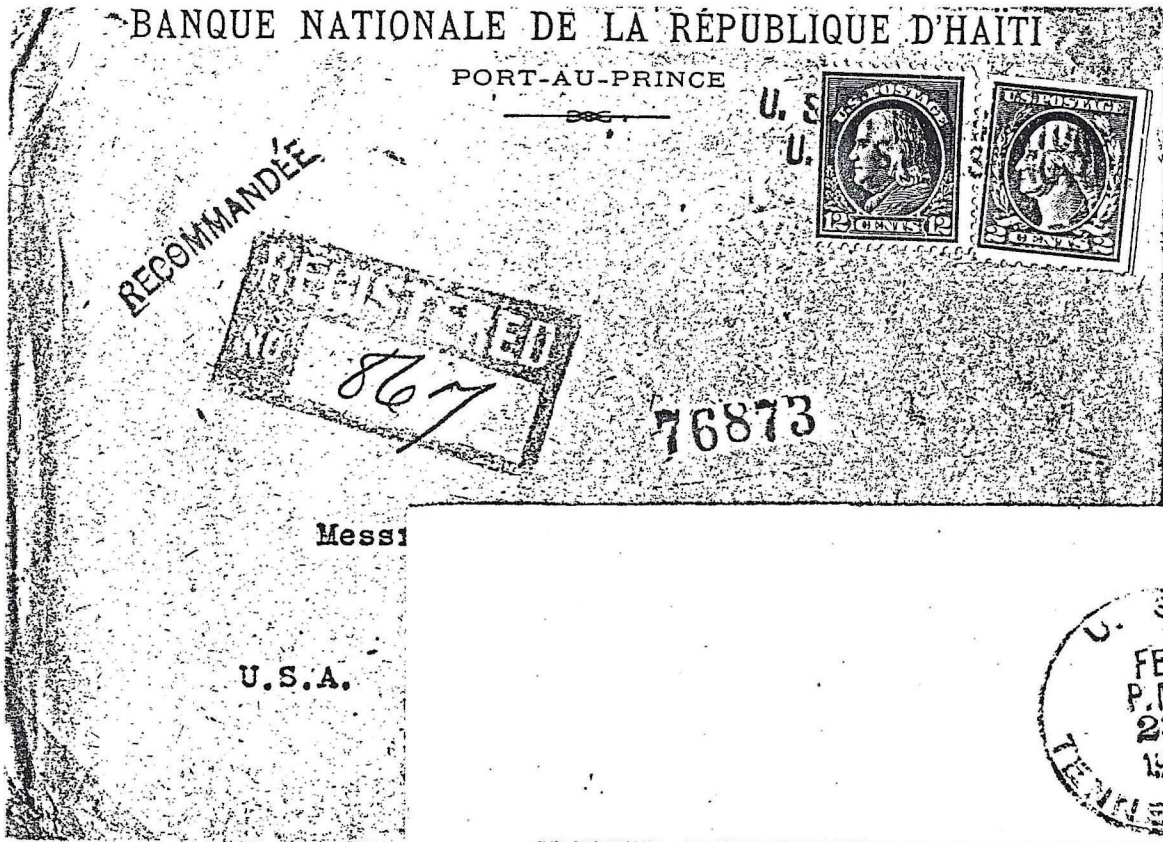


Tampico



HAITI 1915-1934

Responding to the complete breakdown of the Haitian national government, and the opportunities for European involvement which this presented, on 20 July 1915 the US landed 330 marines from the *USS Washington* and *Nashville* at Port au Prince. A puppet government was established with which a treaty was signed effectively making Haiti an American protectorate. Until 1934 this state of affairs was enforced by from 800 to 2000 Marines supported by US Navy warships.



By the time this letter was sent, the Haitian national bank was under US direction.

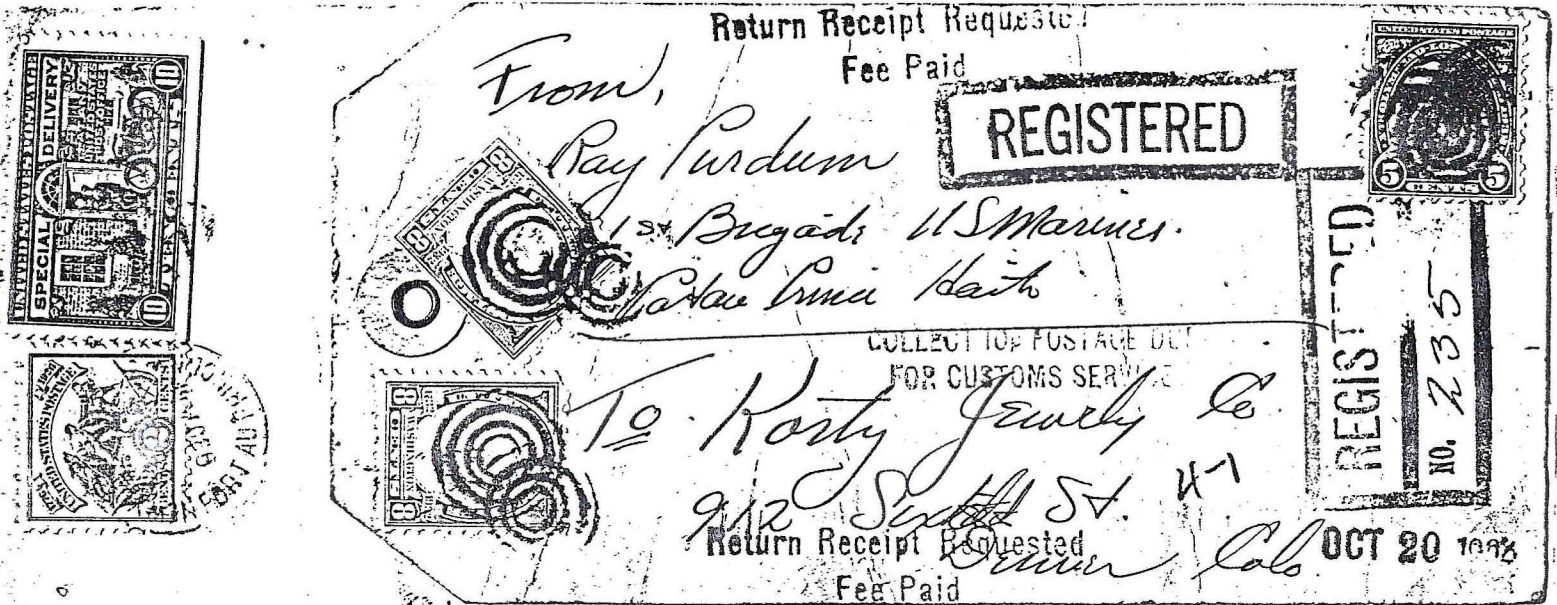
In August 1915 *Tennessee* brought the 1st Regiment, Marine Expeditionary Force and a Marine Artillery Battalion to Haiti.

Castine, an antiquated gunboat, served in Haiti 4 August - 6 December 1915.

Mr. Lizzie Simpson
11 Chester St.
Lynn Mass
U.S.A.

Haiti 1915-1934

Rates
Military



THE NAVY SAVINGS BANK
83 SANDS STREET,
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Personal mail from U.S. troops in Haiti to the U.S. and its territories was carried by surface means at domestic rates for postage and additional services such as registration and special delivery (the former being scarce and the latter rare). Prior to introduction of WWI free frank, properly endorsed mail was accepted for postage due delivery without penalty.

Postmark at left is latest recorded example its type.

Cover below, identified to Haiti by return address, predates establishment of first U.S. post office in Haiti, at Port au Prince on 10 April 1917, and is the earliest recorded Marine's mail from Haiti.

NAVY DEPARTMENT

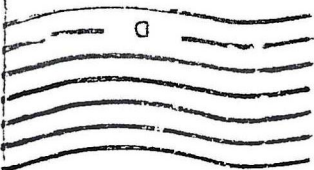
C. J. Bauer,
Brigade Signal Company,
First Brigade, U.S.M.C.,
Port au Prince, Haiti.

R. A. Wilson,
534 E. 4. S. M. C.,
P. O. - N. Y. C.



Marine Mail.
L. F. Drumm,
Asst. Surg. U. S. N.

Dr. C. W. Hennan,
202 So. Lincoln St.
Chicago, Ill.



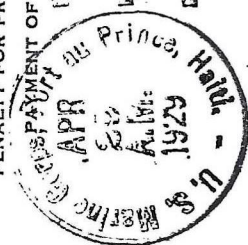
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Rates
Military

Official military mail sent via U.S. post offices to the U.S. or its territories was sent free of postage. As usual, supplementary services (e.g. airmail, special delivery, registration) required postage.

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID

PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300



Our Navy,
81 Sands St., (Brooklyn)
New York, N.Y.

SECOND REGIMENT EXCHANGE
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
MARINE BARRACKS
PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF YARDS AND DOCKS

Official Business

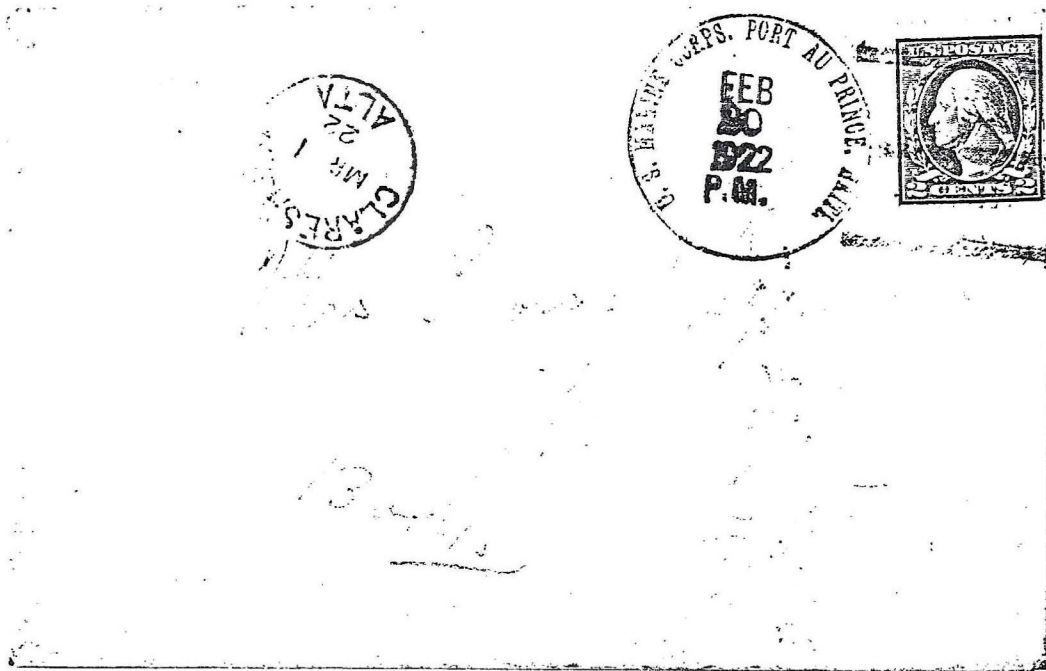
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$ 300



Bureau of Engineering
Navy Department
Washington
D.C.

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Rates
Military



A J McCormack
Port au Prince
Haiti
Engineer in chief

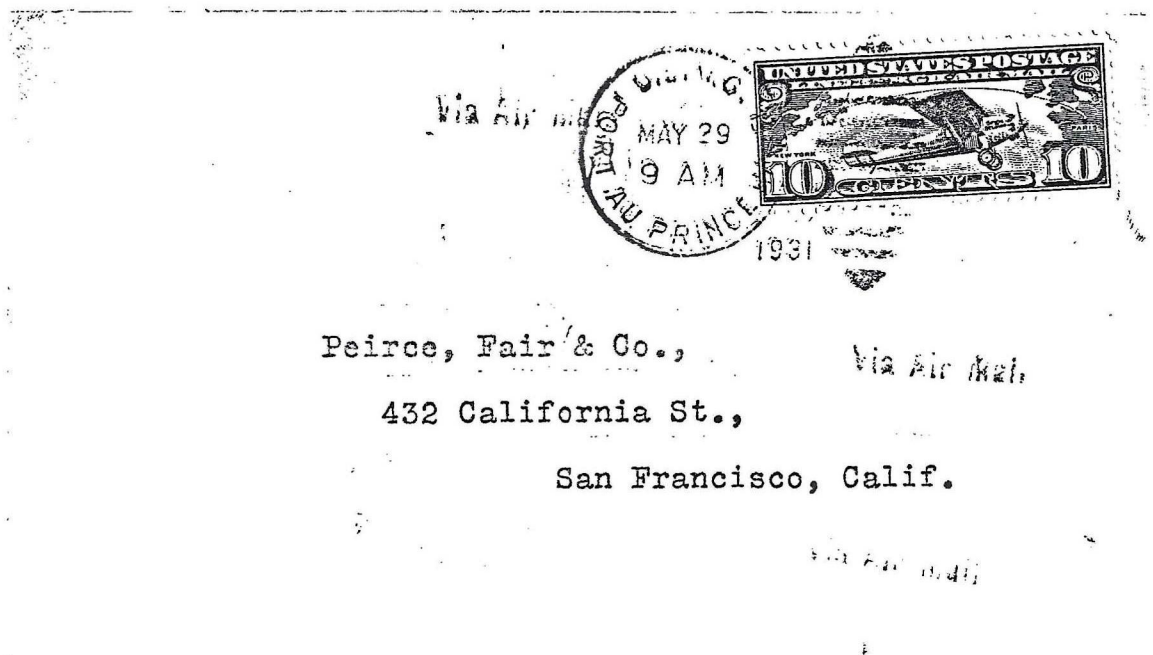
Mr Thomas Kyle
Barranca Bermeja
Columbia



Personal mail from military personnel to addresses outside of Haiti, the U.S. and U.S. territories (all of which is extremely unusual) was required to be paid at rates set by the UPU conventions or other treaties (as in the case of Canada). Postmark on cover to Canada is earliest recorded date of its type.

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Rates
Air Mail



US airmail between Haiti and Miami began on 9 January 1929, but it was not until 13 March 1929 that the US military post offices in Port au Prince were able to offer this service. About 400 First Flight covers were carried to Miami, and about 100 to San Juan, at the 12c rate. Use of the airmail stamp on these covers is less common. Subsequently the airmail rate was reduced to 10c.

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Incoming Mail
From Haiti

ERNESTO HARDERS

P. O. Box 369

PORT-AU-PRINCE (Haiti)

REGISTERED.

The Commanding Officer, U. S. M. C.

Cape Haitien, Haiti.



PAR AVION.

AVION

P.M. Sgt. Emmett G. Hall, U.S.M.C.,

1st Brigade U.S. Marine Corps,

Port au Prince, Haiti.



Mail between Haitians and the US occupying forces is quite scarce. Apparently it was accepted at US military post offices as well as civilian offices, each applying its own domestic rates. The registered cover, apparently first submitted as non-registered mail, is mis-rated at 11c (should have been 12c). Bottom cover bears USMC Port au Prince registry dater as receiving mark.

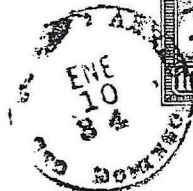
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Incoming Mail
From Abroad

S.N.A.

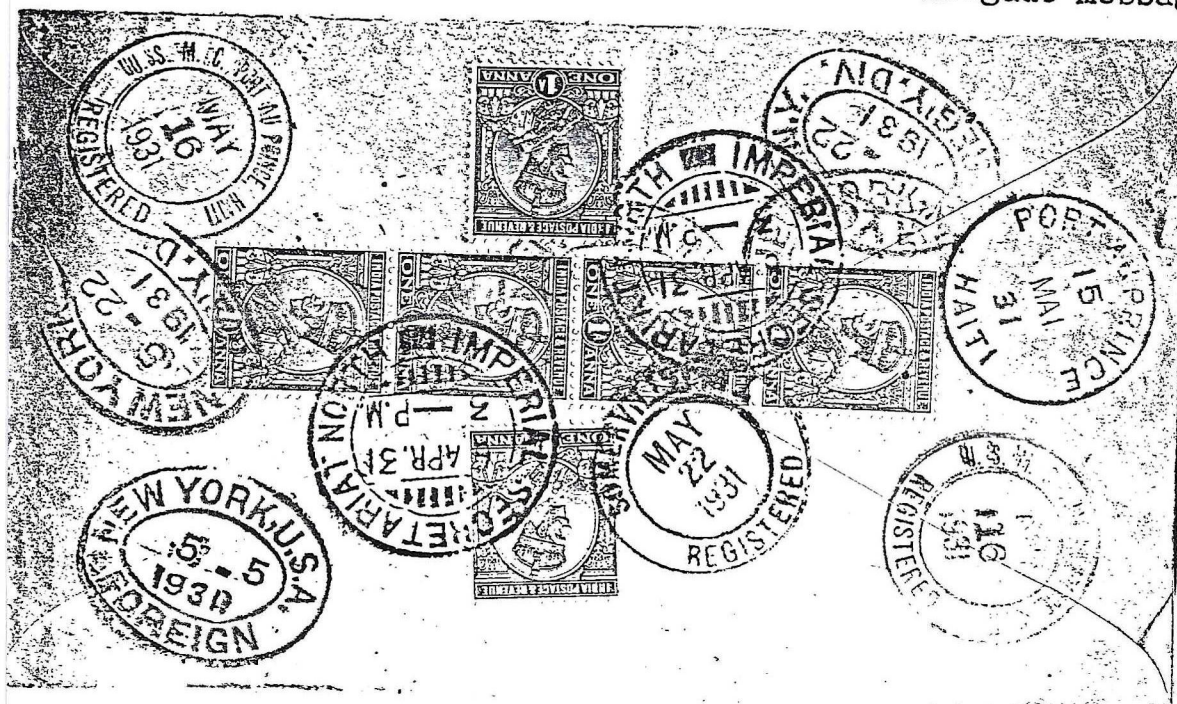
*McC Huddle
Cape Haier*

LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Corporal W. C. Moore, U.S.M.C.,
Brigade Message Center,

Brigade, U.S.M.C.,
u-Prince, Haiti.



Mail to U.S. forces from abroad is scarce. Mail sent via U.S. post offices, including mail from military personnel abroad, required postage at domestic rates. Mail sent via foreign post offices required postage at UPU rates (Haiti did not ratify the Pan-American Convention during intervention period). Upper cover endorsed "SNA" (Stamps Not Available); a very unusual inter-intervention use. All covers above bear Haitian civil post offices backstamps; only registered has U.S. post office backstamps.

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Postmarks
Port au Prince

The Book Department Army Service Schools,

*Handed
Ans*

Marine records indicate that a USMC post office was opened in Port au Prince on 10 April 1917, but the first postmark is not recorded until 26 November 1917. This office closed on 14 August 1934, having used at least 15 different regular mail postmarks, 8 registry daters and 1 parcel post dater.

First postmark used at Port Au Prince. Earliest recorded date shown here. Apparently set aside until June 1926 (used then without year date). Last recorded 29 December 1927 (shown above under "Rates").

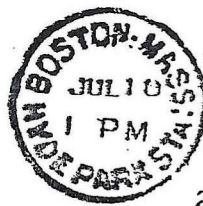
From L.W. Whaley, Capt., U.S.M.C.
Port au Prince, Haiti.

Mrs Fred L. Johnson,

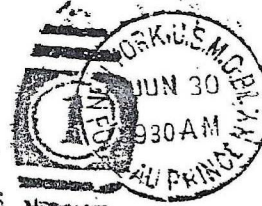
#56 Harvard Avenue,

Hyde Park, Boston,

Massachusetts.



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Postmarks
Port au Prince

Recorded May 1918 - September 1919

GENDARMERIE D'HAÏTI.

Major J. K. Tracy, U.S.M.C.

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Care of postmaster New York City.

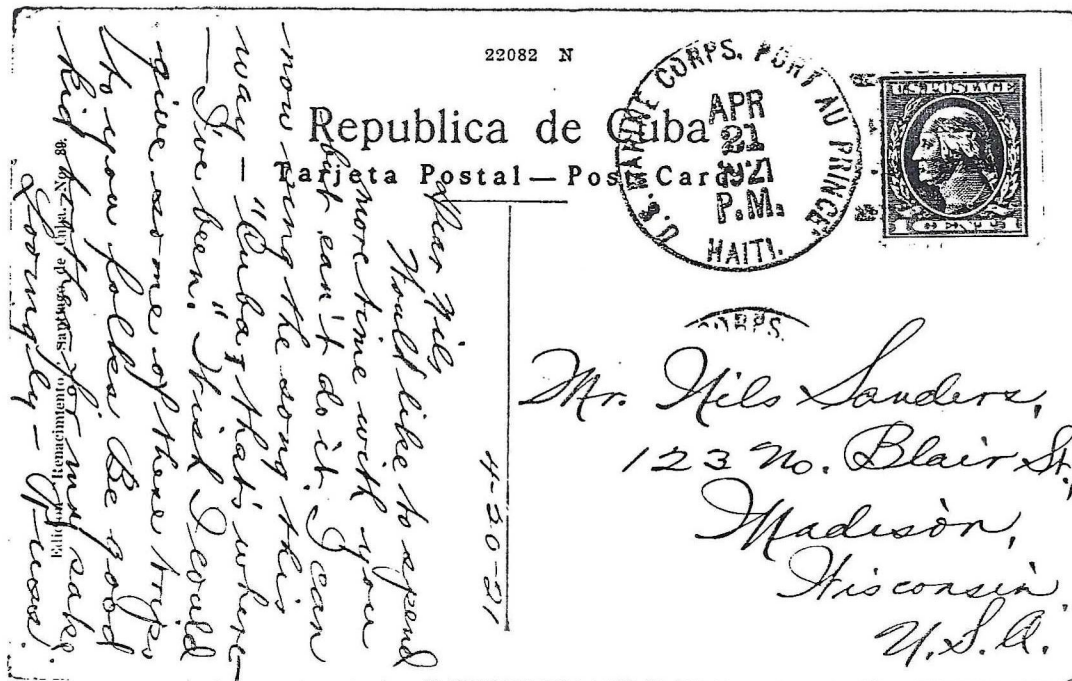
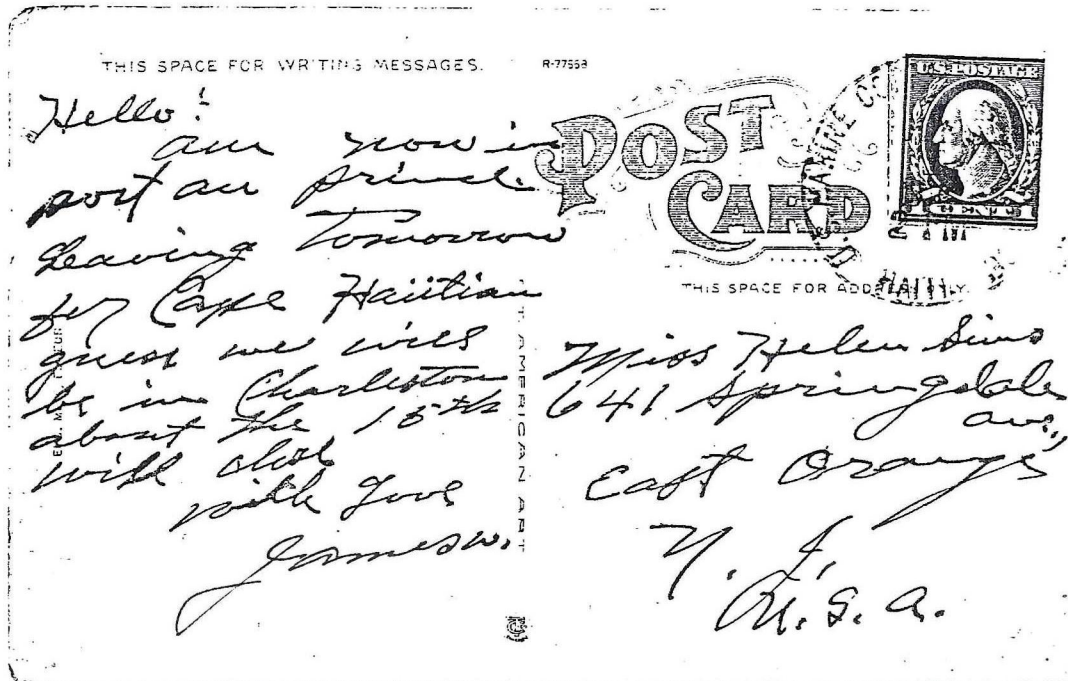
Major, U.S.M.C.

Censored

W.C. Phillips and Co.

Miss Josie E. Tracy
Ben Lomond,
California, 2137 Santa Clara
Box 156.
1. S. U.

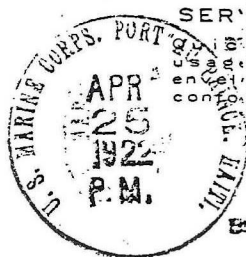
Note deterioration in less than 1 month of use. Deterioration of rubber postmarks in tropical conditions accounts in part for the large number of postmarks used by U.S. forces in Haiti.



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Postmarks
Port au Prince

S.P. Johnson
REPUBLIQUE D'HAITI
BUREAU DU RECEVEUR
GENERAL DES DOUANES
Port-au-Prince



Recorded February
1922 - October 1925

*Mrs Fred L. Johnson,
#56 Harvard Ave.,
Hyde Park
Boston
Mass.*

Lieut. L.A. Dessez,
Port-au-Prince, Haiti.



MISS ELIZABETH HUMPHREY,
%COLONEL HUMPHREY, U.S. Army,
~~#One (1) Rupley Drive,~~
~~Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A.~~

Fort M. Chereau, Ga

Recorded March
1922 - March 1926

Similar postmarks, most easily distinguished by size of gap between text at bottom of dial.