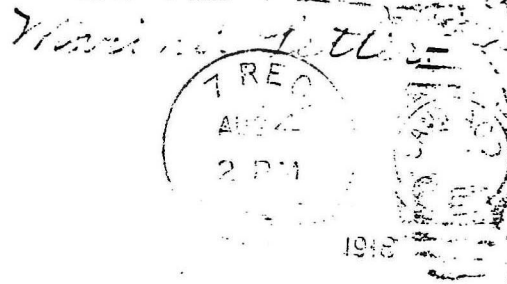


E. C. ...
90th ...
Santiago, Cuba.

...



Mr. J. C. ...
U.S. Marines' Mail.
U.S. M. C.
San Juan Hill
Camaguey, Cuba
C. P. ... N.Y. City



Rout

Mr. L. A. D. P. Dean

1023 East State Street

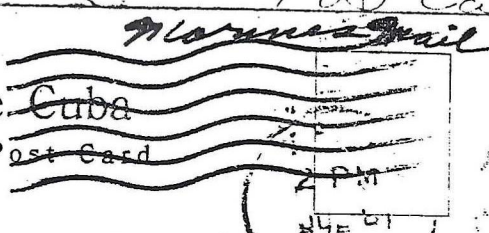
Albion, Ohio

U.S.A.

Post Office ...
Santiago, Cuba

R-77159

Republica de Cuba
Tarjeta Postal - Post Card



Dear Carol

Havent heard
from you for an
age. Why?
Will be home in
two or three
months. Am waiting
transfer to ...
No. 15
Charles

Miss Caroline ...
Estine ...
3421 ...
Everett ...
Wash
G.A.C.

Mail from outside Guantanamo Bay bears no US postmarks in Cuba prior to introduction of the 7th Regiment postmark for Santiago (earliest and latest reported dates shown above). A similar postmark is described for Camaguey (USMC post office operated March 1920 - February 1922) but no dates of use are reported. The only other US postmark noted is the 7th Regiment Santiago registry datestamp shown previously.

Cuba 1917-1922

Censor Marks

From
Pvt. E.C. Robertson
90th Co. 7th Regt. U.S. Marines,
Santiago, Cuba.

% Postmaster New York
N.Y.

Marine's mail.

PASSED BY CENSOR

H. Harder

SECOND LIEUT U S M C

Mr Fred Robertson

Col. F.J. Kaiser,
Hdqs. Det., 7th
Rgt. of Marines.

MARINE'S LETTER.

Passed by

A. R. [unclear]

Censor.

MRS. MAE PLANDING,

ALMA AVENUE,

BROOKLYN,

N. Y.

PAID
CENSOR

Mrs E.D. Clutterbuck

Union

N.Y.

Broome Co.

Please forward.

The paucity of postmark material from this intervention is offset by the wide range of censor handstamps (required under wartime regulations). No systematic study of these markings has yet been made, but the three types above appear to be the most common...

E. P. Robertson
90th Co. 7th Regt. U.S. Marines
Santiago, Cuba.



Marines
Mail.



Passed Censor

EWG

Lieut. M. C.

Fred Robertson
1217 Lasalle St.
Beloit.

Mr. H. Hickman
86 Co. 7th Reg. M.C.
Santiago Cuba
c/o postmaster N.Y.



Mrs. E. L. Hickman

Post J. B. Frank
36. 7th REGIMENT



UNITED STATES MARINES

San Juan Santiago, Cuba
Postmaster N.Y.

Marines
Mail



1918

ah

Mr. Jacob Frank
Wisley
N.Y.

PASSED BY CENSOR
LIEUT., U. S. M. C.

NICARAGUA 1927-1933

US military response to the 1925 Nicaraguan revolution was not immediate. During 1926 warships were sent and occasionally they landed small units of sailors and Marines for short periods of time. As the situation failed to improve, a sizable force of Marines was sent beginning in January 1927. By late 1927 the US forces were reduced to the 5th Regiment, USMC and 1 Marine air squadron. In January 1928 the 11th Regiment, USMC and a second Marine air squadron were also sent to Nicaragua. For the next 5 years, the Marines were involved in guerilla warfare against the forces of Augustin C. Sandino. The last 910 US sailors and Marines left Nicaragua on 2 January 1933.



William H. McFarlan,
356 East Lancaster Ave.,
Downingtown, Penna.,
U. S. A.

USMC records indicate that the post office named in the above cancel operated 1 February - 30 June 1927; the 1927 Postal Guide places it at Corinto on 15 May. The postmark was unrecorded in the philatelic literature through the 1960s, and is possibly unknown except on philatelic cover, as here. The Special Service Squadron mentioned in the cancel was a US Navy formation, and not a Marine unit.

Nicaragua 1927 - 1933

Rates

Raymond Klase, PM1c. USN
Field Hosp. 2nd. Brig. USMC
Managua, Nicaragua.



OUR NAVY,

81 Sands Street,

Brooklyn, New York.

U.S.A.

FIFTH REGIMENT, U. S. M. C.
MANAGUA, NICARAGUA.
NO STAMPS AVAILABLE

The Kittanning Fine Art Upholstering Co.

J. Leon & Son's. Props.

111 Market Street,

Kittanning, Pa.

U.S.A.

US domestic rates applied for surface letter mail sent by US forces via US Military post offices.

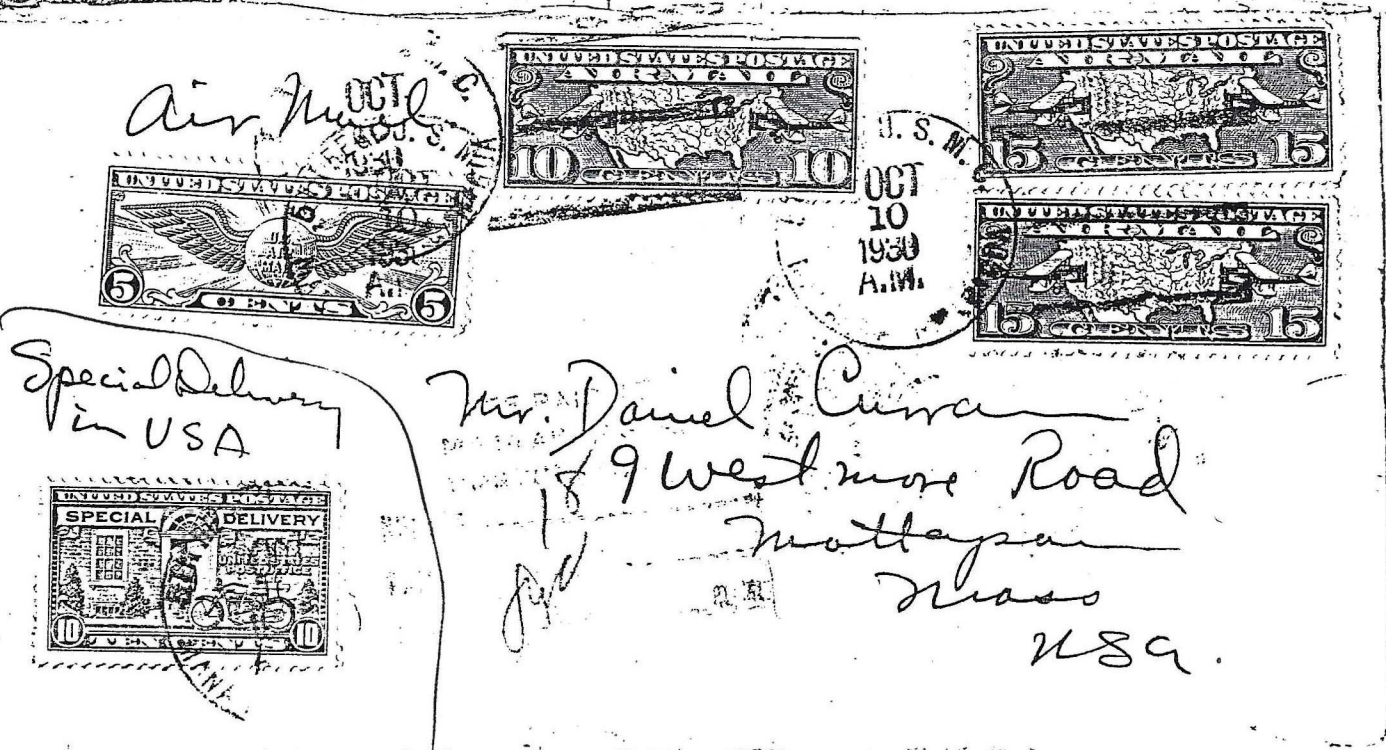
The "No Stamps Available" handstamp is extremely scarce. Receiving backstamp dates this cover to late September 1927.

Airmail service was available between Managua and the US beginning 21 May 1929. Unlike regular mail, air mail letter had to be paid at international rates -- for Nicaragua, 15c per 1/2 ounce through the end of the intervention period

Lieut. Claud L. Boles, (MC), GN.,

GUARDIA NACIONAL

Managua, Nicar



Supplementary services such as registration (15c minimum fee), return receipt (3c) and special delivery (10c) were also available. Registered covers are scarce; special delivery is much more so.

AIR MAIL

REGISTER-RECEIVED

Nicaragua 1927 - 1933

Rates

NAVY DEPARTMENT.
Penalty for private use \$300.

GUARD MAIL

Exchange, U.S.E.
1st Infantry Battalion,
San Pedro, Nicaragua.

"Guard Mail" was the term used by the US Navy (and Marines) for mail hand carried by military courier between units. This non-postal mail almost never has stamps or postmarks.

Official mail properly endorsed was entitled to free carriage through the US and, much less commonly, the Nicaraguan post offices.

R.E. SCHNEEMAN
GUARDIA NACIONAL
SAN JOSE DE LOS REMATES
NICARAGUA, C.A.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



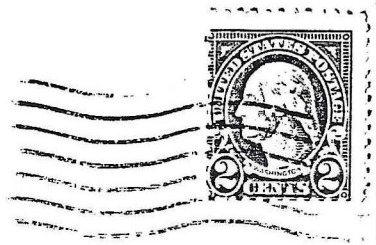
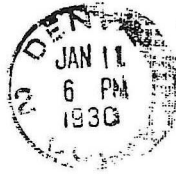
SUPPLY OFFICER
U.S.S. PROCYON
C/O POSTMASTER
SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA

ESTADOS UNIDOS AMERICA DEL NORTE

FIFTH REGIMENT EXCHANGE
U. S. MARINE CORPS,
MANAGUA, NICARAGUA.

Nicaragua 1927 - 1933

Incoming Mail



Cpl. J. W. Balmas, U.S. M. C.,

43rd, Co. 2nd Bn.

5th Regiment,

Central America

~~San Diego, Cal.~~

~~Central America~~

MB. NAS

Letters from US to US troops in Nicaragua was charged 2c per ounce for surface mail, 15c per ½ ounce for airmail. Back-stamping on arrival in the US military post office in Managua appears to have been usual.

Czech cover has no back-stamps, but address and English docketing suggest delivery through the US rather than Nicaraguan postal system.



RED CROSS
ROLL CALL
JOIN



2nd Lt. R. G. Ballance

2nd Brigade

U.S. Marine Corps

Managua, Nicaragua.

AIR MAIL

Mr. [unclear]

Sgt. John Hoffner,

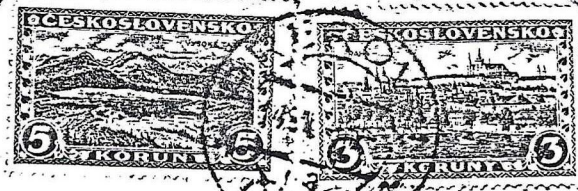
59th Co - 11th Reg.

U.S. Marine Corps Expeditionary Force

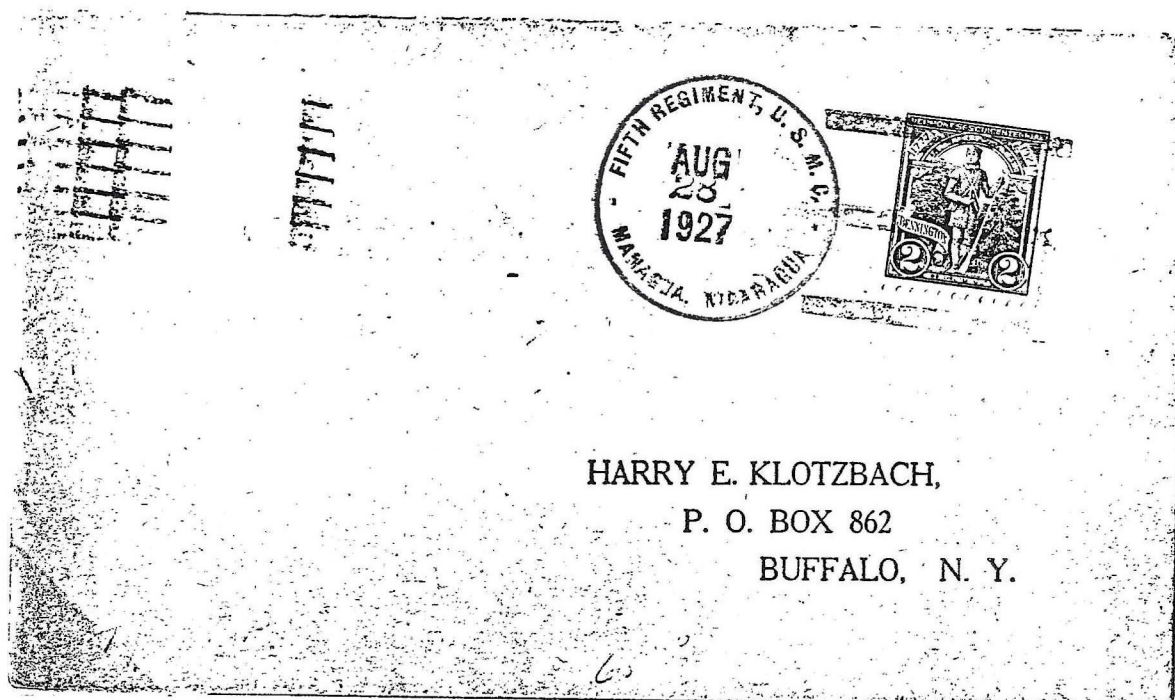
Leon, Nicaragua

Central America

c/o Postmaster, Balboa, C.R.



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1266



Cpl H.C. Parsons, USMC.
Headquarters Detachment
Aircraft Squadrons,
Second Brigade
Managua, Nicaragua.

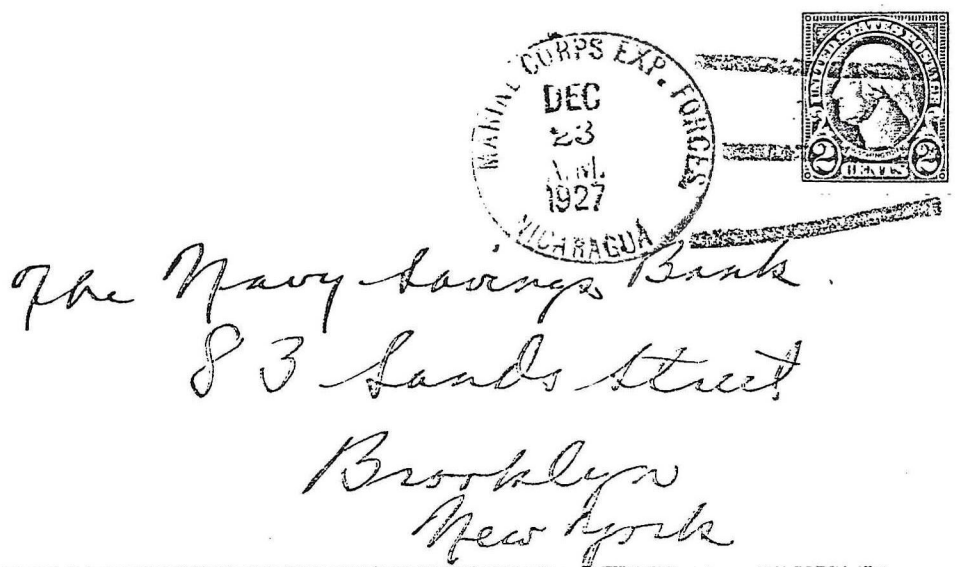


MISS NELLIE GRAHAM,
3851 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE,
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

The longest-lived and, except for the Special Service Squadron postmark shown previously, earliest postmarks. Used simultaneously from August 1927 into mid-1930.

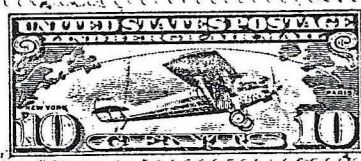
Nicaragua 1927 - 1933

Postmarks



Recorded Fall 1927 - mid-1928. Covers noted without return address and from town of Esteli.

MARINE CORPS
EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
NICARAGUA



AIRMAIL NEW YORK TO BOSTON

VIA
AIR MAIL

Mr. Arthur Barger
46 Cornhill
Boston, Mass.



*For Zimmerman
1717 Green St
San Francisco
Calif.*

*Langdon Building Dept.
4007) Broadway and Packer St.
New York City*

Recorded early 1928 (ERD shown here) - mid-1929. Stamp pays for airmail only in US.

Recorded late-1929 - late-1930. Change of control of USMC post office in Nicaragua from Postmaster Balboa to Postmaster New York incorporated in postmark.

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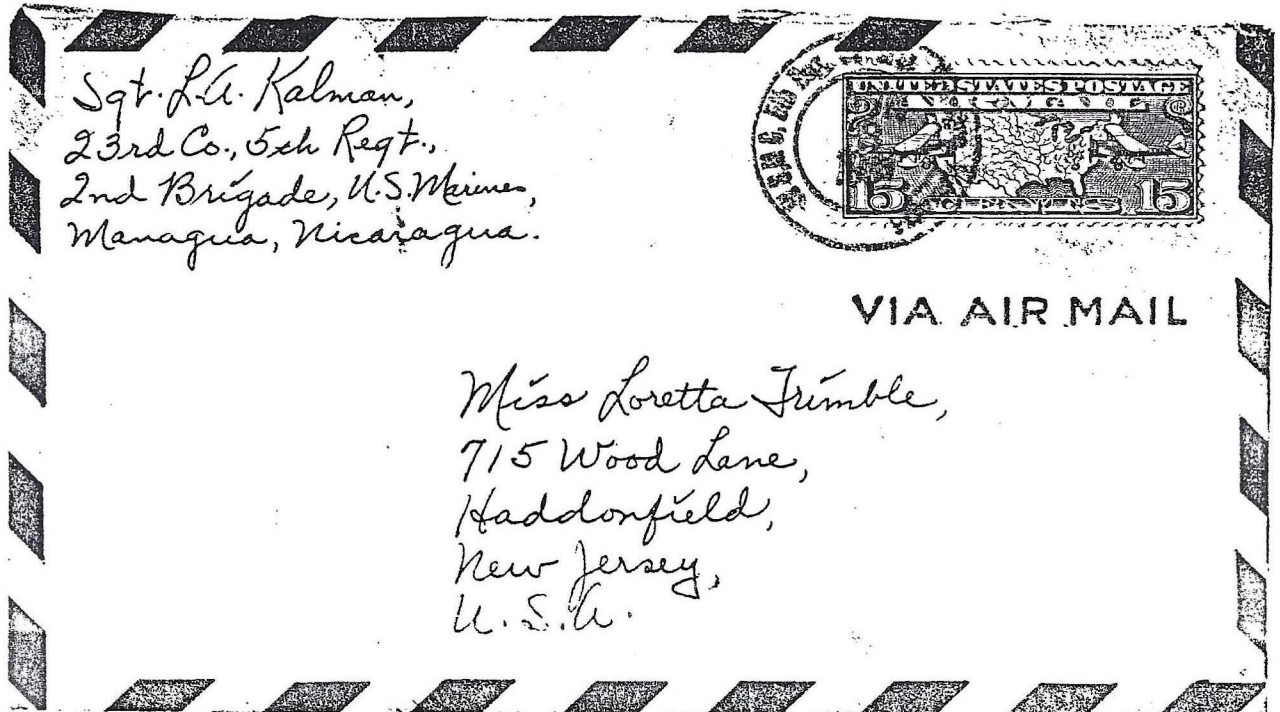
Postmarks

Captain M.B. Ridgway, U.S.A.
AMERICAN ELECTORAL MISSION
IN
NICARAGUA
SECRETARIAT



Note sender, later
Gen. Ridgway of
WWII and Korea
fame.

Captain H.M. Melasky,
Office Chief of Infantry,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.



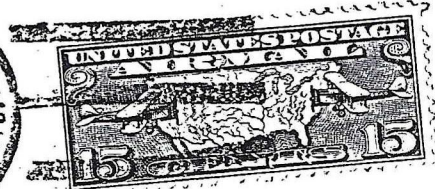
Cancels on this and the following page were used in quick succession and for relatively brief periods between mid-1930 and the end of 1932. Double circle type is cut-down registry datestamp, found only on airmail.

FROM.
D.A.E. Mueller
AIRCRAFT SQUADRONS, U.S.M.C.,
MANAGUA, NICARAGUA.



MRS. Ida Mueller,
557 - 15th Ave.,
Wauwatosa,
Wisconsin, U. S. A.

VIA AIR MAIL



Miss Daisy Harrington
4611 Tennessee Ave.
Chattanooga,
Tennessee.

VIA AIR MAIL

Very similar in appearance, the most noticeable difference being the presence/absence of the comma after "U.S.M.C."

Sgt. Herb. Betz - Co. A. U.S.A.E.B.I. Inc.
c/o U.S.M.C. Post Office, Managua -
Nicaragua

Mr Charles Moulton
Greenwood Lake

Via Air Mail



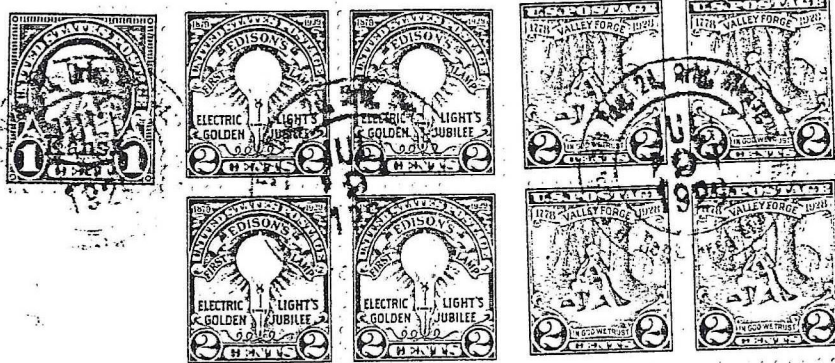
Navy Savings Bank
Brooklyn
N.Y.

U.S.A.

The Navy Savings Bank
83 Sands Street
Brooklyn. N.Y.C.



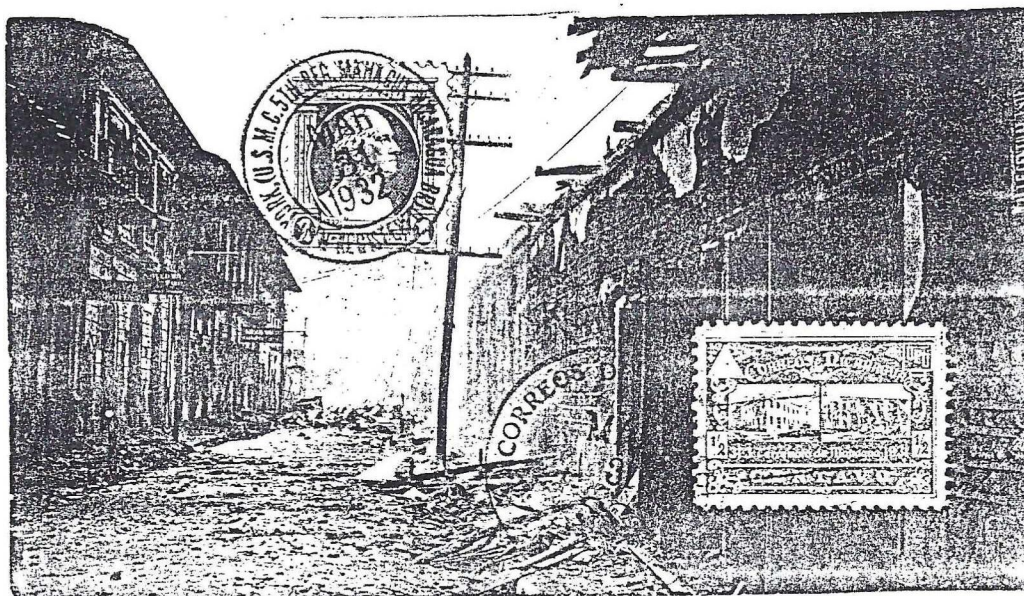
Three first-class cancels are recorded for units other than the 5th Regiment, all used from mid-1929 through mid-1930.



W. C. Phillips & Company,
Box IOI2,

22992

Hartford, Conn.



Registered postmarks from the Nicaraguan intervention are at least scarce, even on philatelic mail. Two types of 5th Regiment registry cancels (shown above) are recorded used between March 1929 and July 1932. In addition an 11th Regiment registered postmark is recorded used in September 1928.

Nicaragua 1927 - 1933

Postmarks



*F. Davis
7 Oakdale Ave
Mill Valley
California*



*Wm. M. McFarlan
356 East Lancaster Ave
Downingtown
Penn. U.S.A.*

Three types of M.O.B. (Money Order Business) postmarks are recorded. Lack of examples of 5th Regiment registry postmarks in 1927-28 and after mid-1932 suggests that in those periods the use of M.O.B. postmarks on registered mail may have been normal.

*W. Luckhardt,
23rd Co., 5th Marines,
2nd Marine Brigade,
Managua, Nicaragua, C.A.*



Mr. S. Luckhardt,

VIA AIR MAIL

9520 - 108th Street,

Richmond Hill, Long Island,

New York.

REGISTERED
804

*From
F. Davis
5th Reg. Marines
Managua - Nicaragua*

Nicaragua 1927 - 1933

U. S. Navy



COR
NICARAGU

Navy Savings Bank

*Lt. Col. C. P. M. Featers
U.S.S. Tulsa,
P.M., New York City.*



City.

*Mrs. H. M. M. Featers,
447 Harrison Ave.,*



*The Navy Savings Bank.
83 Sands St
Brooklyn
N.Y.*

Commercial mail from US Navy ships supporting the Nicaraguan intervention would be very scarce except for a major find of covers addressed to the Navy Savings Bank. Such mail often (but not always) bears the ship's location in the killer bars of the postmark.