

PUERTO RICO

San Juan
24 September 1901
13 November 1906

FRANCISCO LOPEZ SANCHEZ
NEGOCIANTE EN SELLOS
PARA COLECCIONES

Dirección: "Apartado 201."
PUERTO-RICO

Señores.

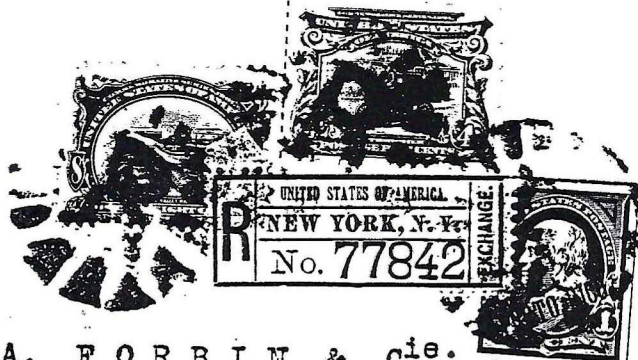
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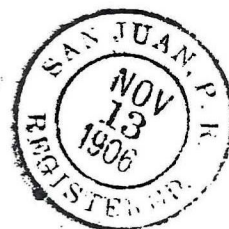
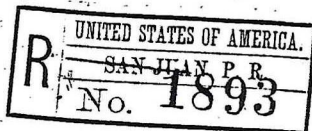


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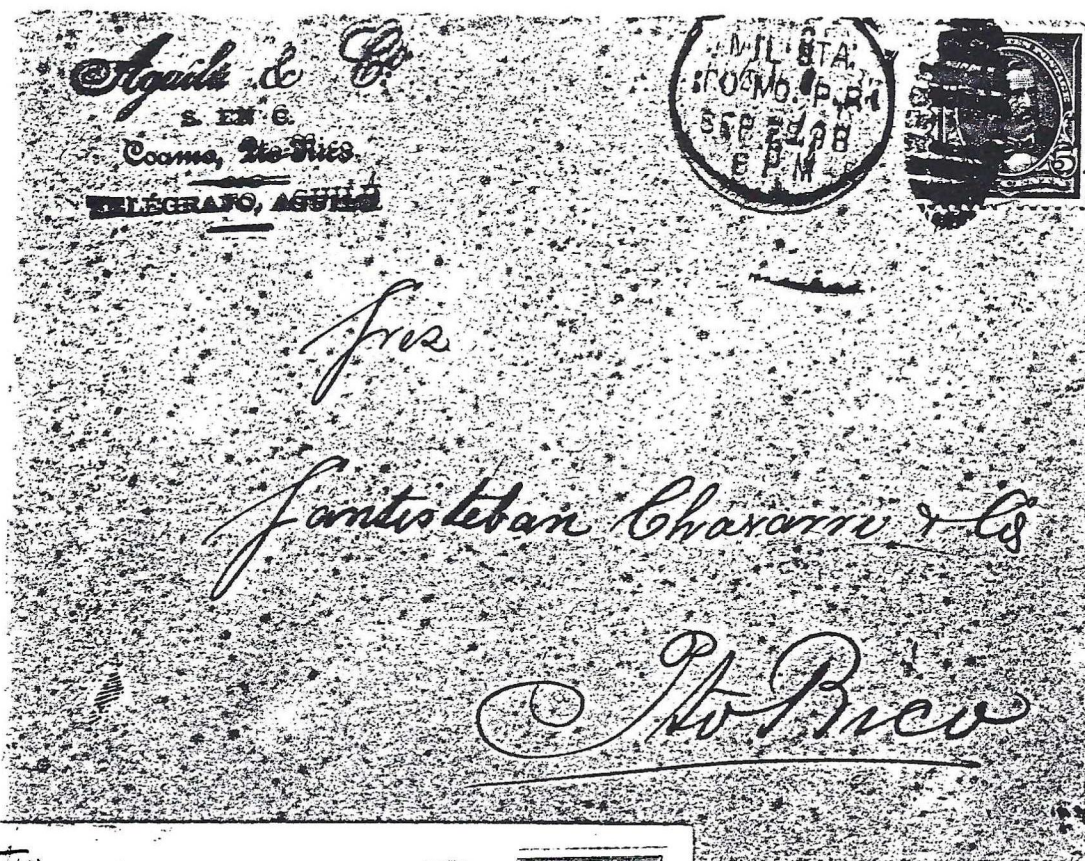


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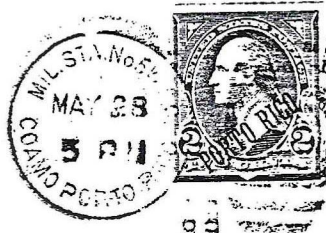
Further examples of double ring San Juan registered markings. The "R" cogwheel killer is unusual. The lower cover shows a different style, with "P.R." designation, and a new registration label printed specifically for San Juan. Note the late use of an overprinted stamp to make up the 18 cent double-weight rate.

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



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

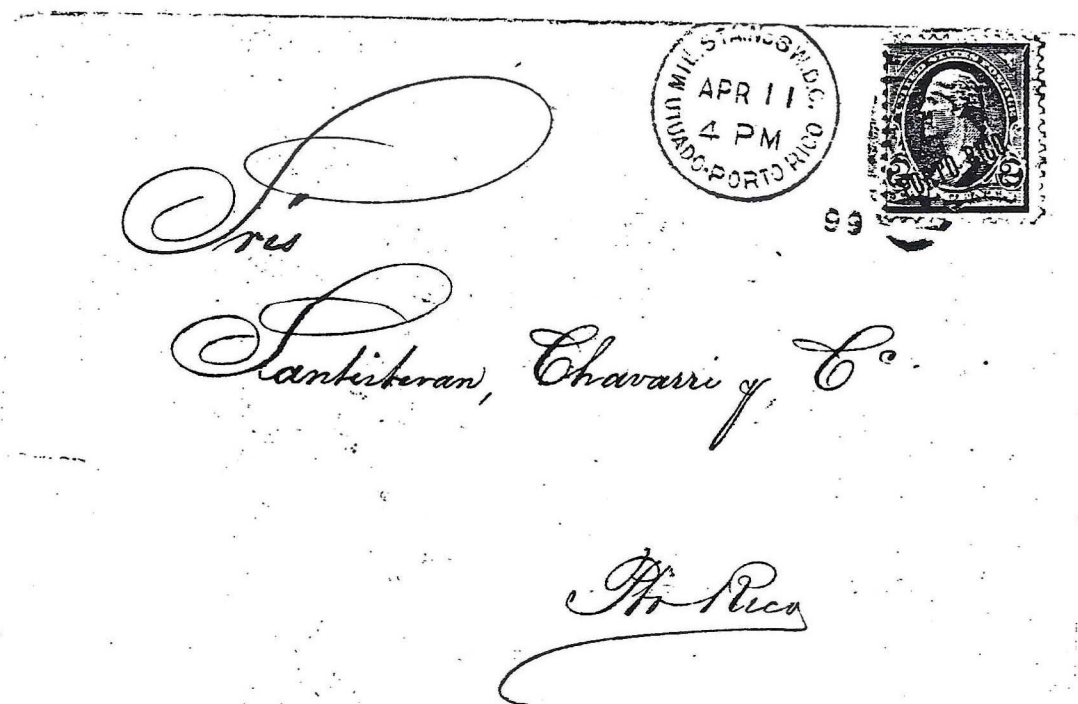
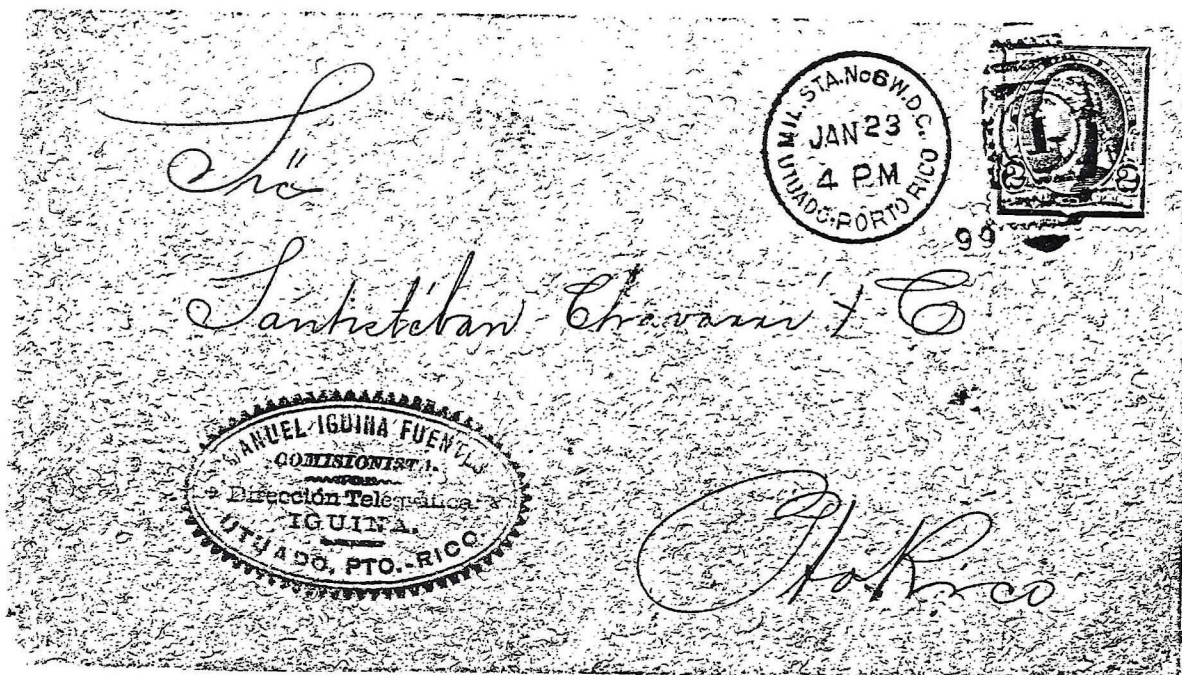


Mrs. Y. M. Conarty
145 Second St.
Louisville
Kentucky
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Military Station No.5 was established at Coamo on 9 September 1898. As usual, a provisional postmark was used initially and subsequently replaced by the normal steel duplex device.

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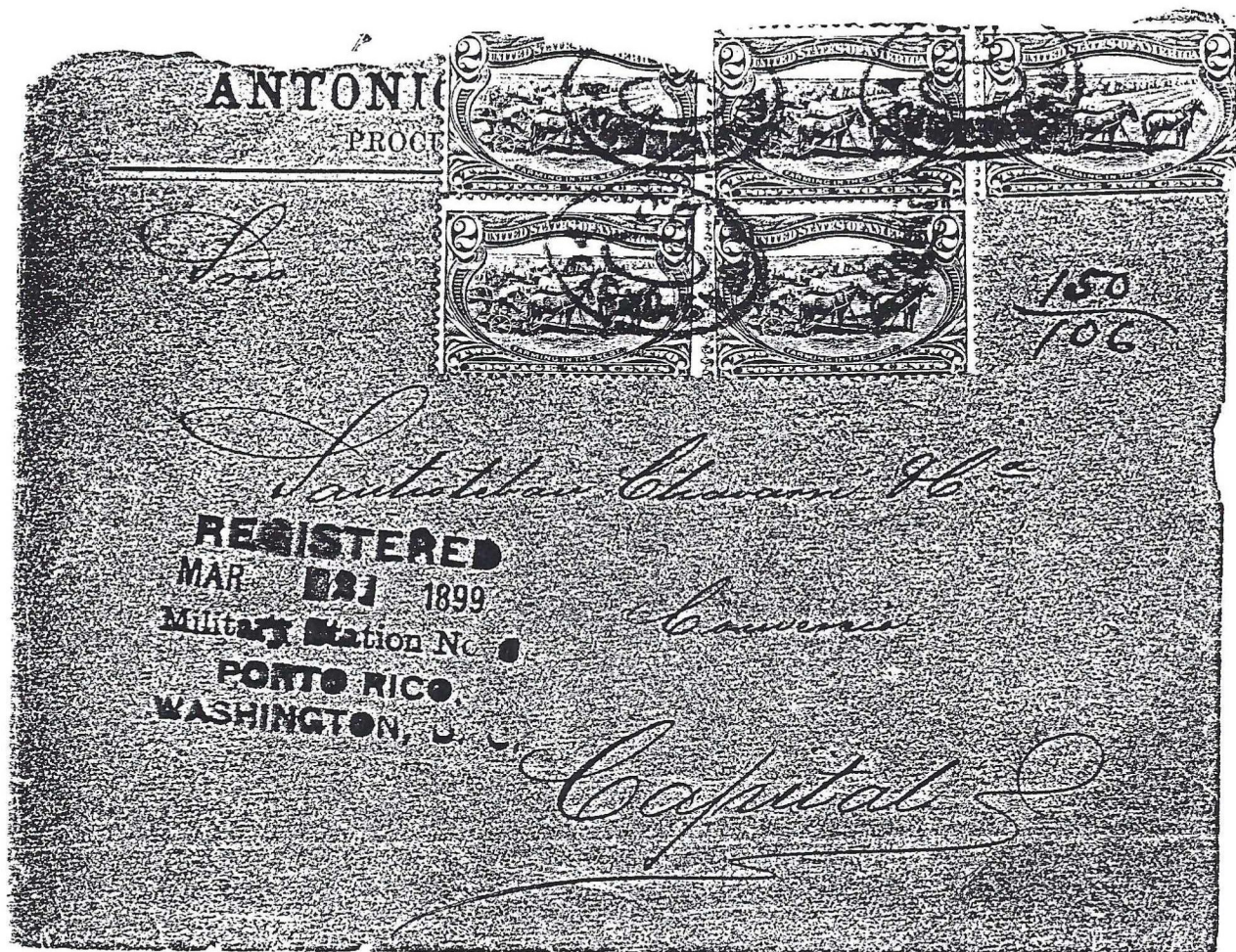
Mil. Sta. No.6 Utuado
23 January 1899
11 April 1899



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

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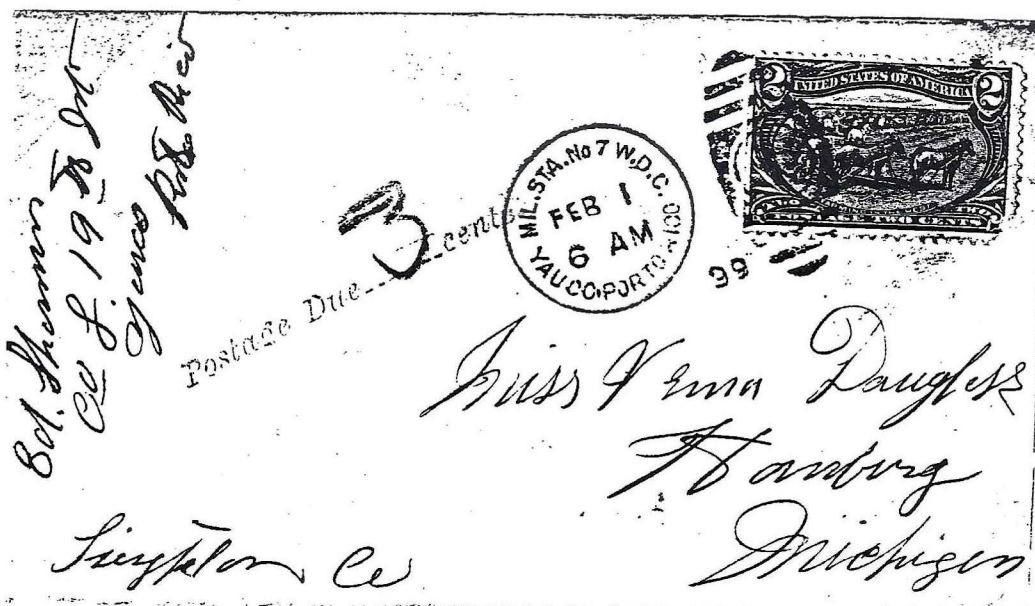
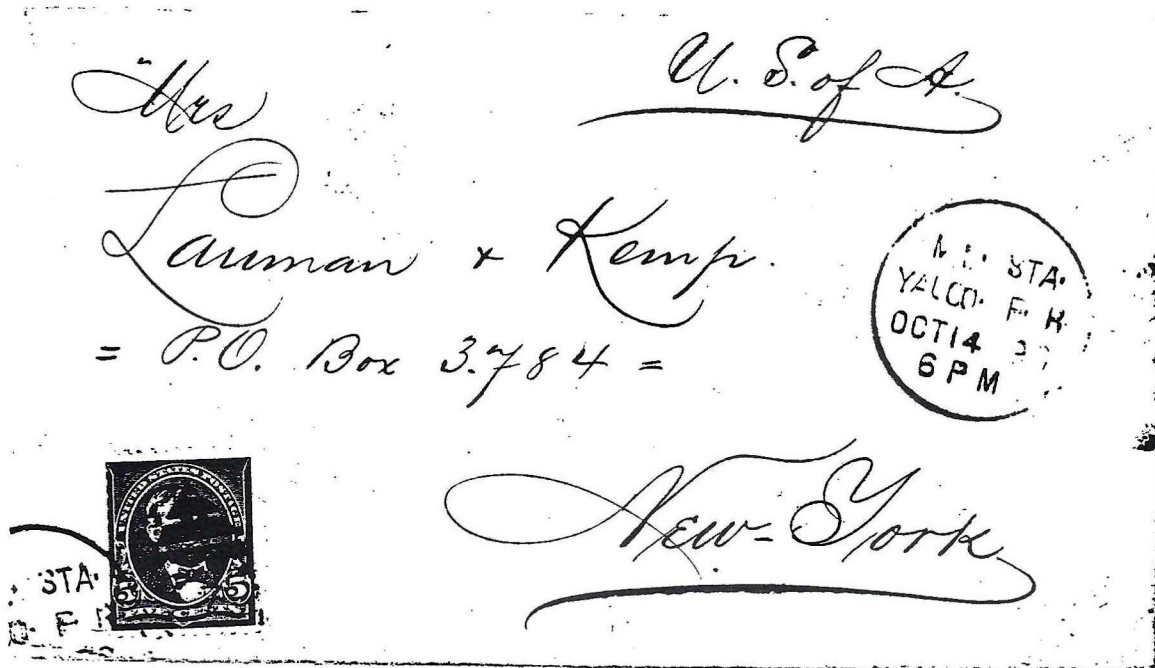
Mil. Sta. No.6 Utuado
2 March 1899



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.

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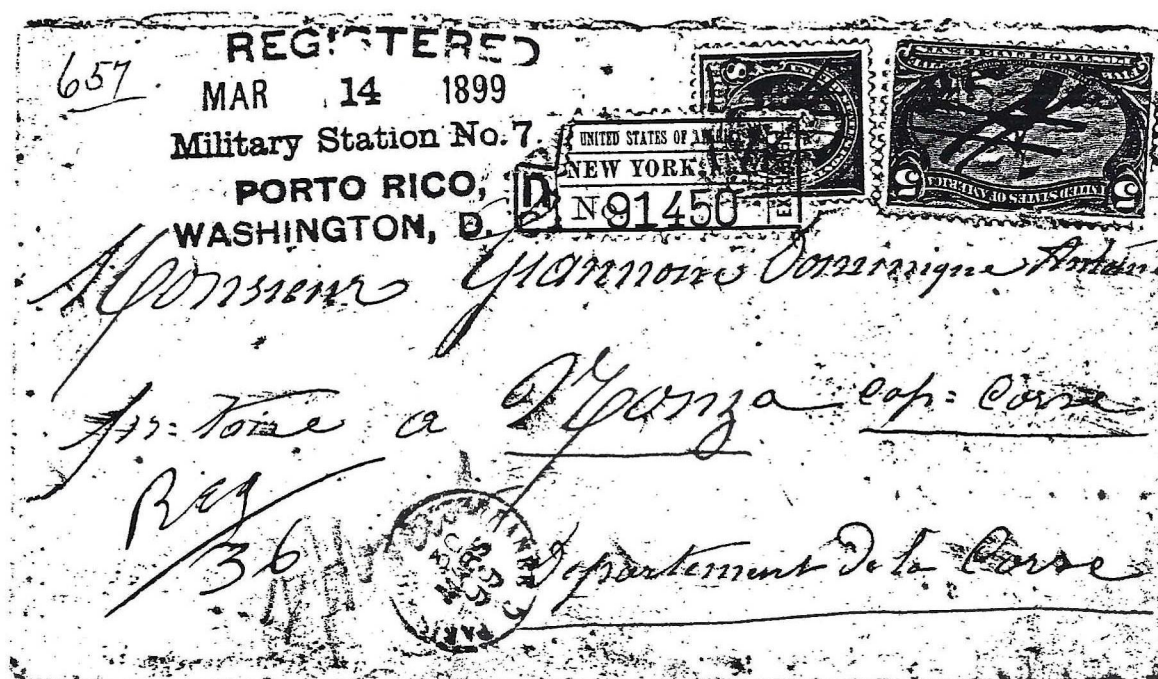
Mil. Sta. No. 7 Yauco
14 October 1898
1 February 1899



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.

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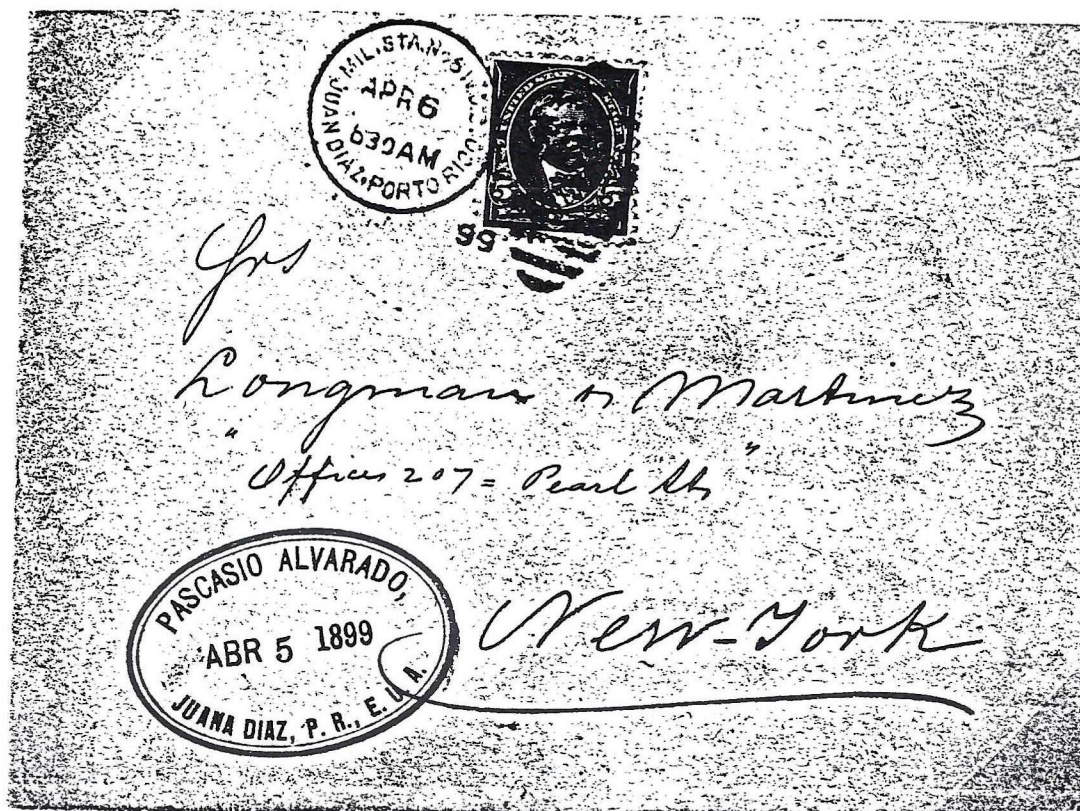
Mil. Sta. No.7 Yauco
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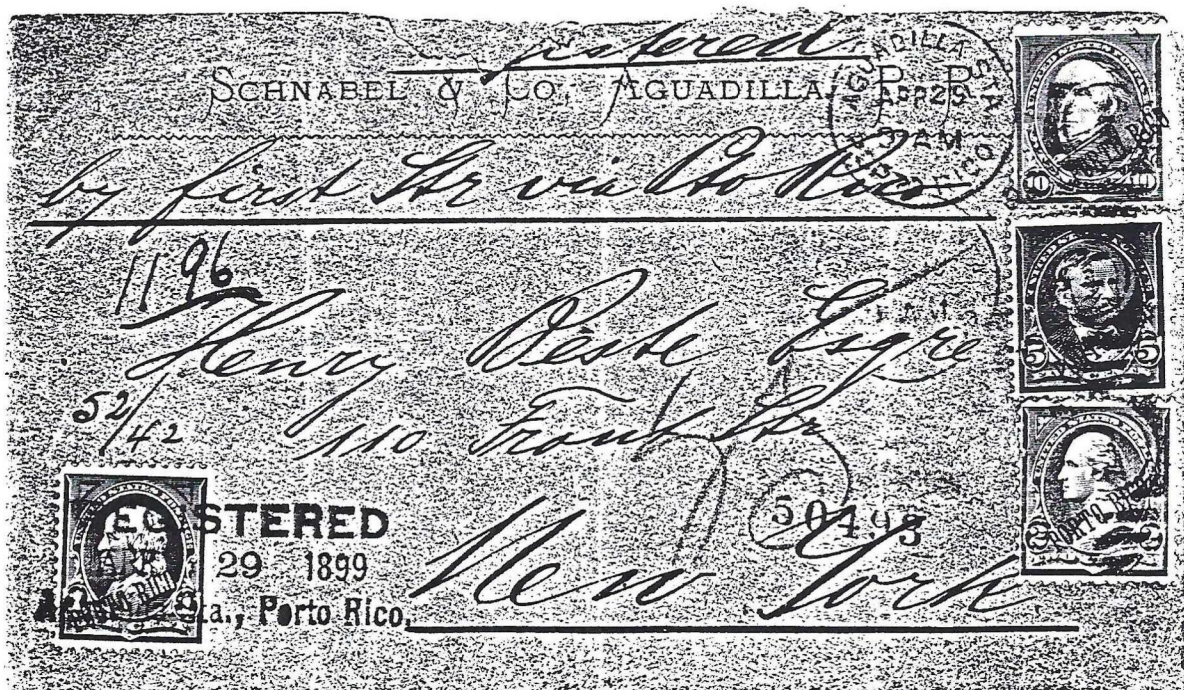
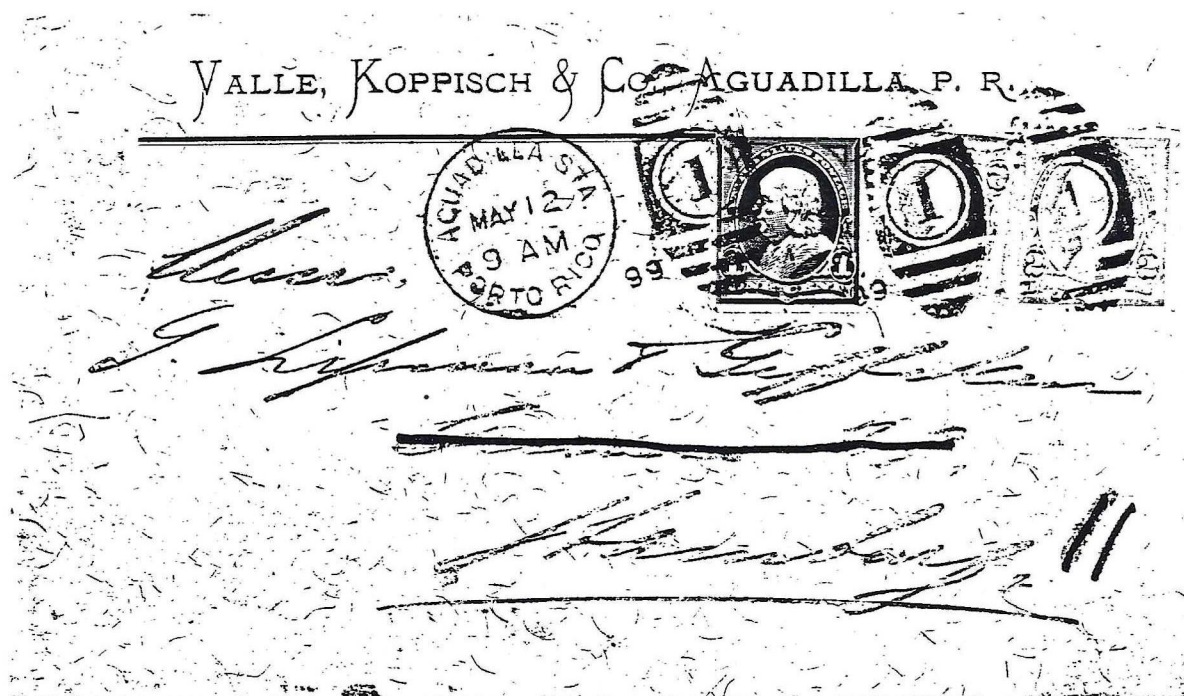
The Registration postmark for Military Station No.7 at Yauco was the early type with five lines of text and not denoting the name of the town. The above marking is not recorded in the literature, and its use on the cover sent to Corsica is the only known example.

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Mil. Sta. No.8 Juana Diaz
6 April 1899



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.

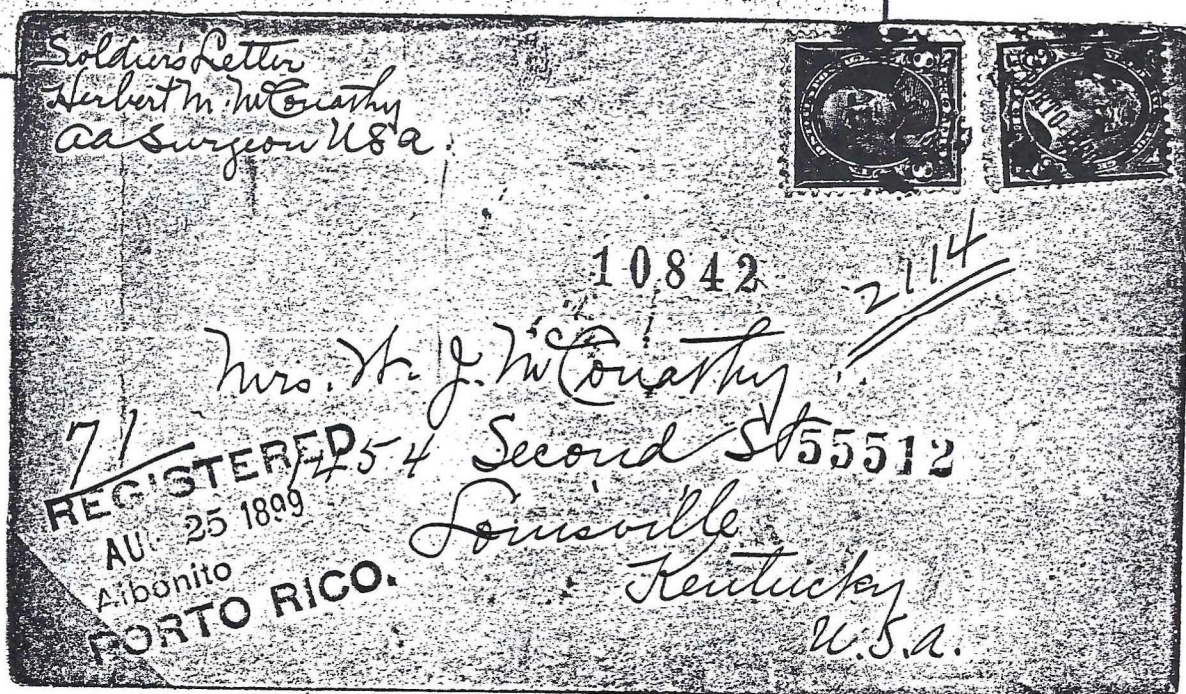
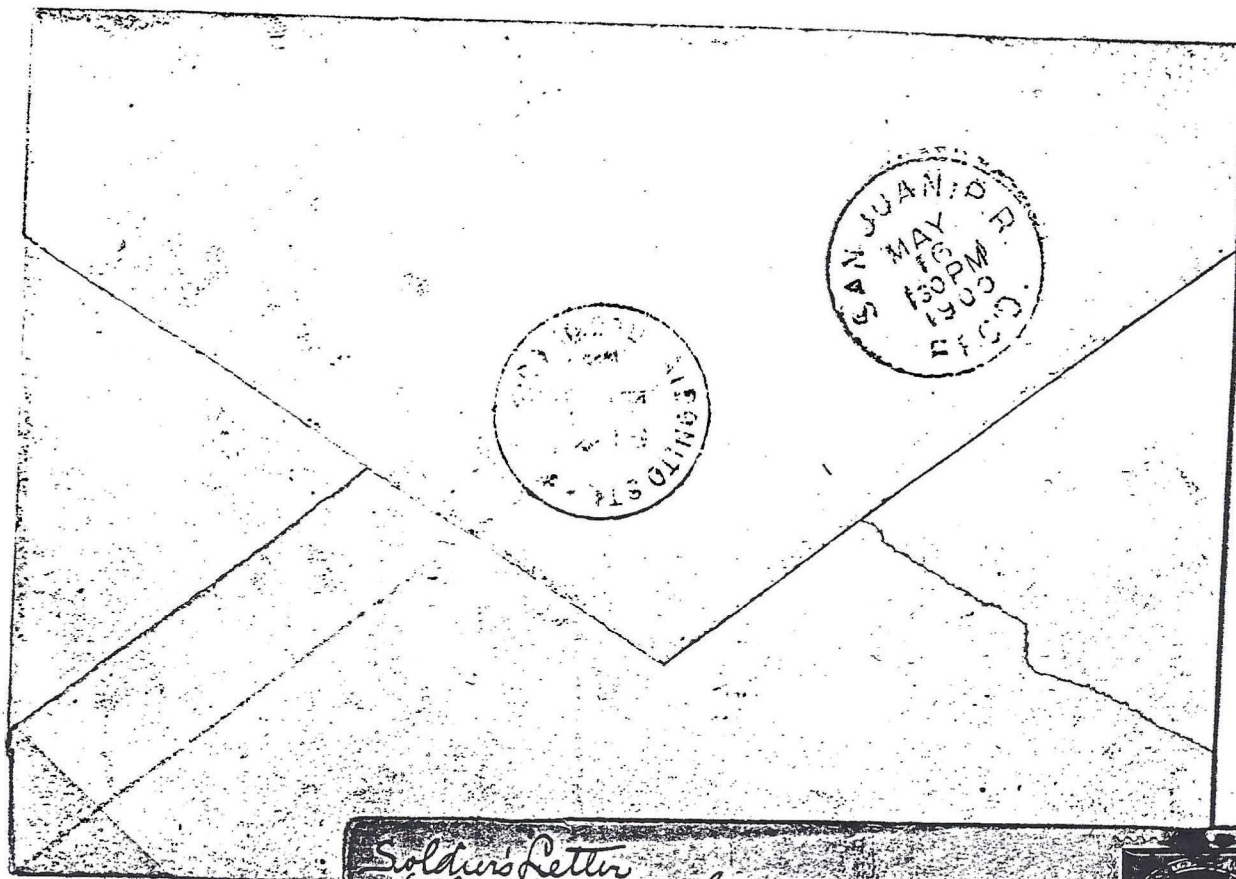


Locations for the first military stations in Puerto Rico were not known in advance. Thus, their first postmarks showed only numbers, and the second series of markings combined numbers and locations. By 30 September, the island was fully pacified, and the locations of fixed garrisons were established. 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.

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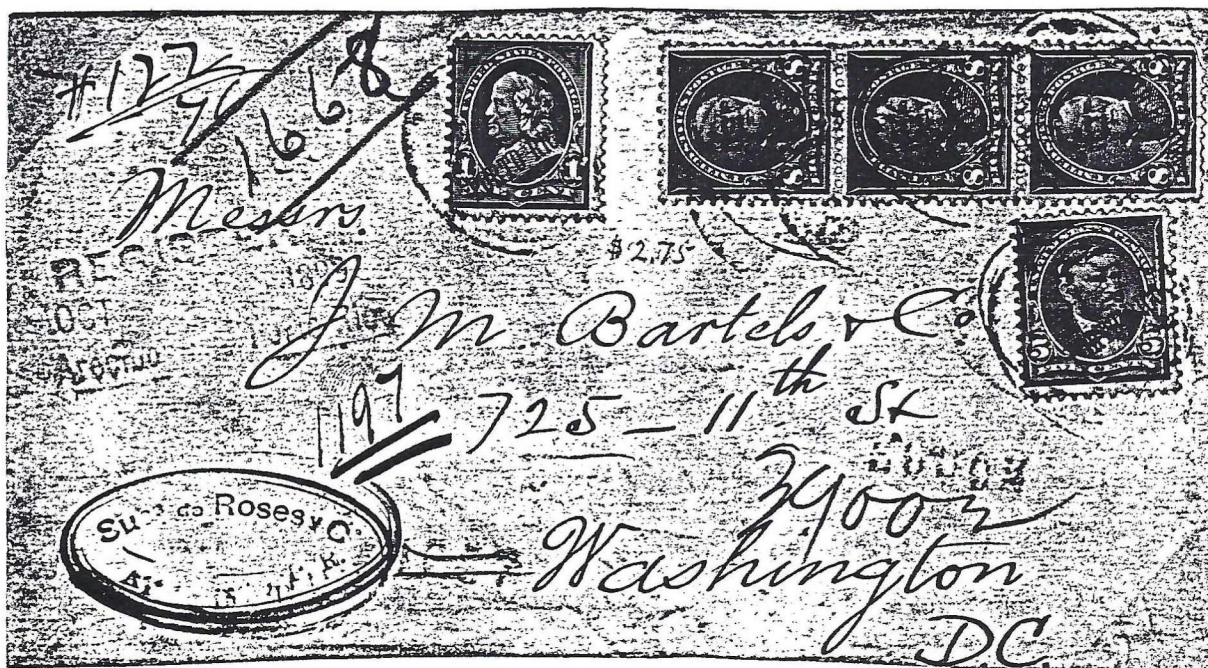
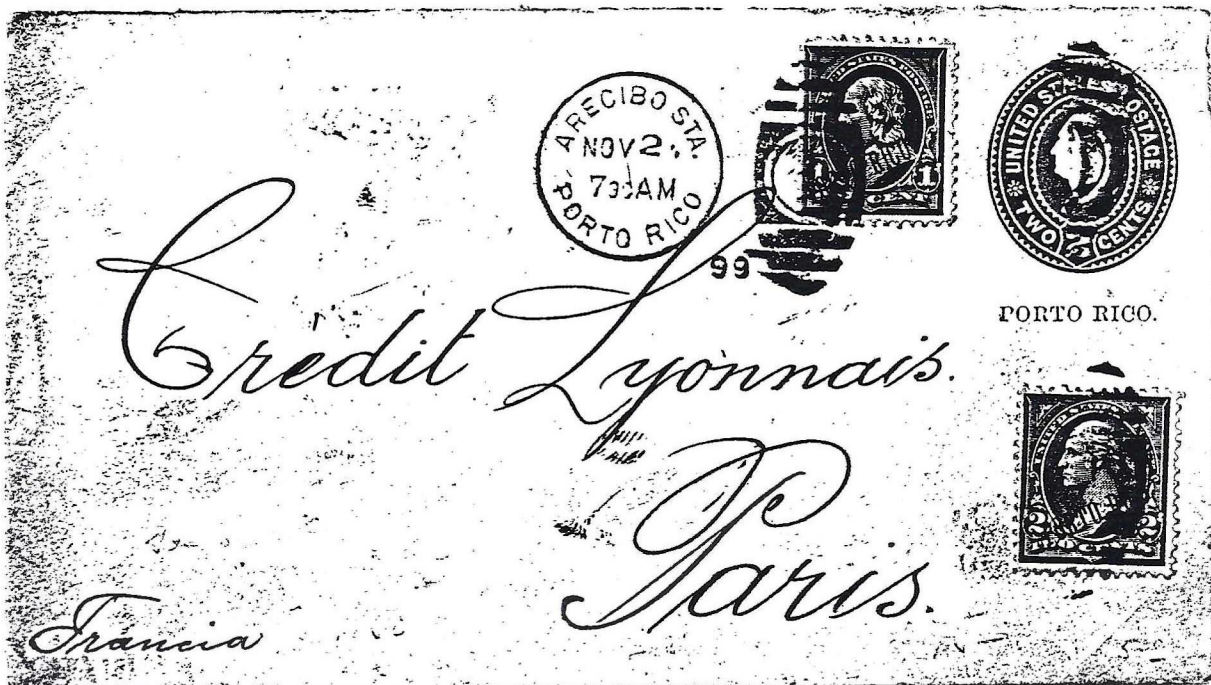
Aibonito Station
25 August 1899
16 May 1900



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).

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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.

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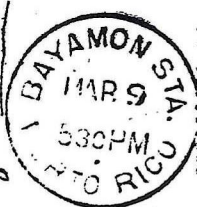
Bayamon Station
14 March 1900
9 March 1899
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After 5 days, return to
BROOKDALE FARMS,
BAYAMON, PUERTO RICO.



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San Juan



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PORT EWEN,

NEW YORK, ESTADOS UNIDOS.



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.

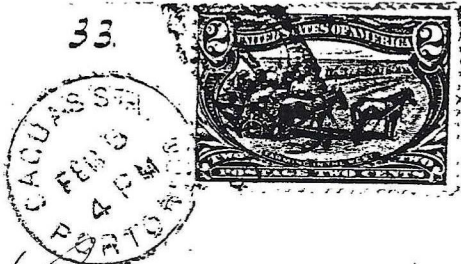
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Caguas Station
8 February 1899

Camuy Station
24 March 1899

Cayey Station
28 August 1899

W. Morgan
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Caguas P.R.



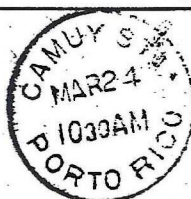
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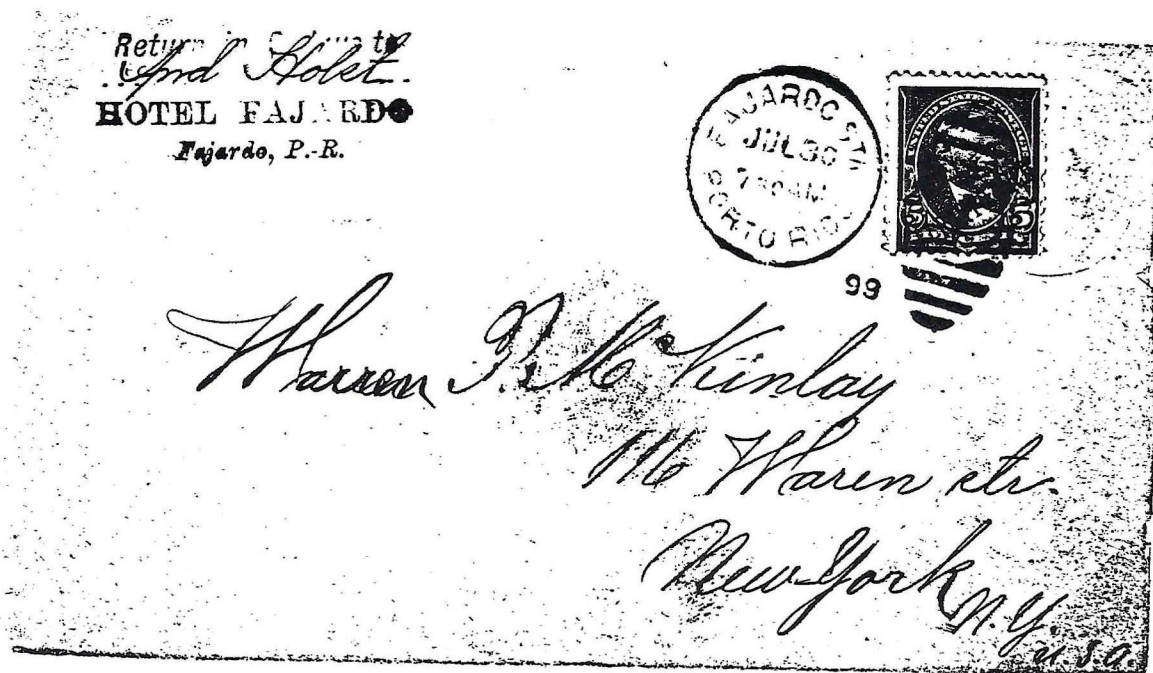
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Unnumbered military postal stations were opened at Caguas and Cayey on 1 December 1898, but not in Camuy until 1 January 1899.

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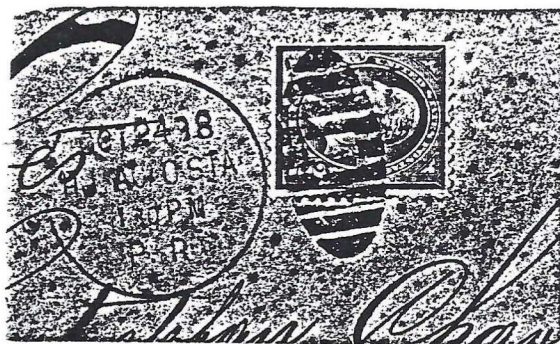
Fajardo Station
30 July 1899
31 March 1899
29 September 1901



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.

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Humacao Station
24 October 1898
26 November 1898
6 March 1899



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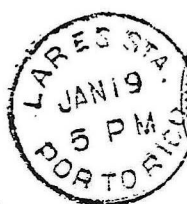
Opened at Humacao on 1 October 1898. Above are shown an early provisional cancel (only recorded example), the steel duplex and an unusual 2-line marking used for the receipt of Registered mail.

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Lares Station
19 January 1901

Rio Piedras Station
4 December 1900
19 November 1901

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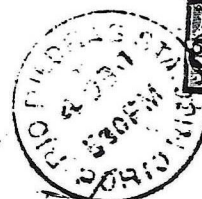
Moncrrate Ramirez
Leonida Mendez

para en t. Coleccionistas y Negociantes de Sellos de Correos.
APARTADO #141, CORREO.

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

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A. B. Frantz



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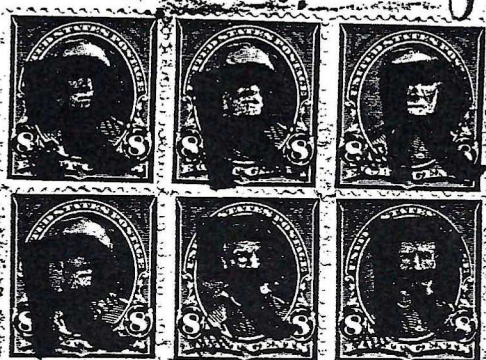
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Rio Piedras
PORTO RICO.

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Mr Herachio Ortega
Temporarily 133 Pacific St



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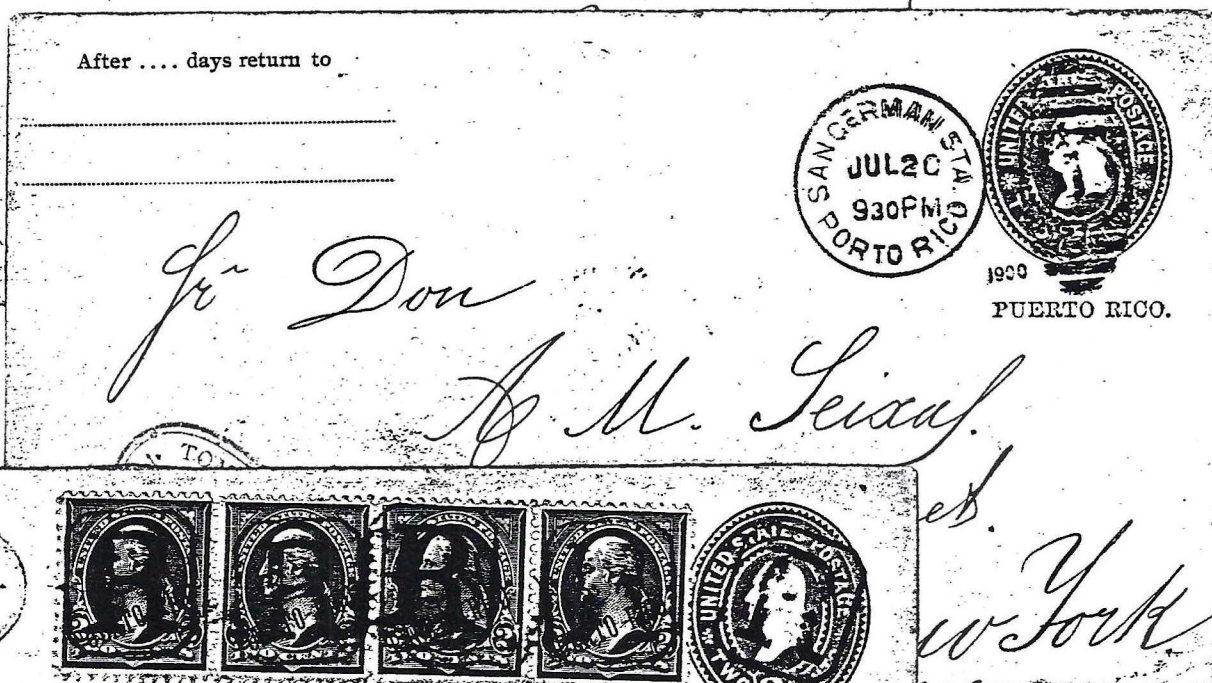
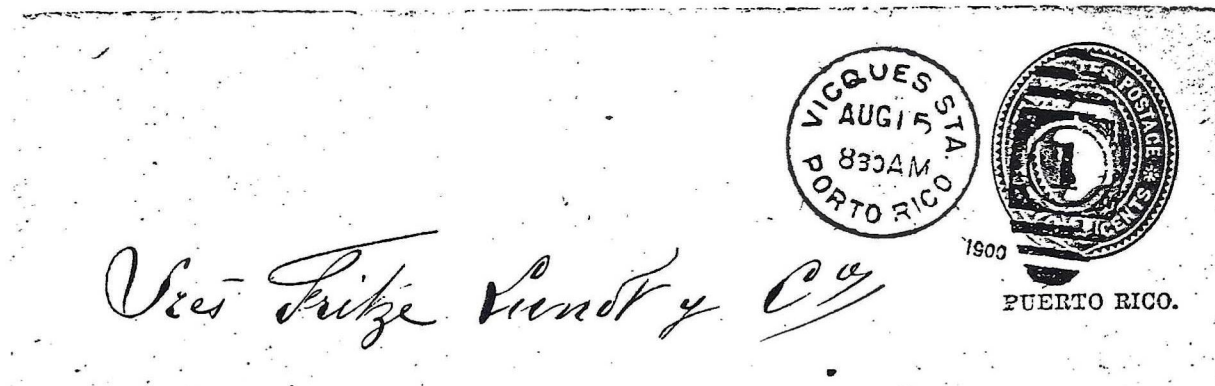
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A military postal station was opened at Lares on 1 October 1898. The station at Rio Piedras did not open until 1 January 1899. The four-line registration marking from the latter is not previously recorded.

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Vicques Station
15 August 1900

San German Station
20 July 1900
5 December 1900



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.