

España Murcia
Sr. Juan

Federico Gomez
Santa Florentina 36 April



CUBA WAR

Cartagena

Del Ejercito de Operaciones España
de
Cuba



Señor Don Luis Bonider. Director
de la Sucursal del Banco de España

DESCRIPTION
~~fish and fine~~ 1898 HOLLAND
KDS ON MILITARY SEAL DE THE
3 RD MARINE REGT (FRANCE)
CROWN AND ANCHOR H/S) TO
CARTAGENA SPAIN, F

(Via-Stampa)

España

Señora Doña

Ceresa Mayol

Calle de Leaura n.º 71-3.º



Barcelona

España

Por Don Roman Navarro
Calle de Sanchez Bregua



La Coruña

1898

10000

Gémito de operaciones
en la Isla de Cuba

España

Fra. Dña. Ana Gomez de Mung
Santa Florentina 34 pral



Cartagena

Espagne / España

Asturias.

Mr. D. Manuel Hernandez Poro.
Calle Corrida.



Gijon.

Manila N.º 4, Ca
Compañía al Sr. Jose No
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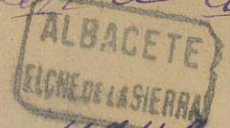
Florida Blanca, o desalle

S. Enrique Gregorio
Batallon de Caraclores
Especcionario Numero 4 = 7
compañia en Manila o colon

Batallon de Cazadores Expedicionarios n.º 4
6.ª Compañia en Florida Blanca
donde se alla
Filipinas.



no. Batallon de cazadores
6.ª Compañia para en to
al soldado J. D. Bernu
Martinez Gomez en



Regimiento de Cazadores
Numero 4 ~~Batallon~~ Compañia
Primera
Cuarto Batallon Iera
Manila o en Filipinas



Regimiento Expedicionario de
Cazadores 1.ª Compañia
En
Manila
donde se alla
en las y las...



Don Francisco C. de
Batallon N.º 1, 1.ª
Manila

13 JUN. 93
BADAJOZ

Batallon de Catalanes, N.º 1, 1.ª
Compania en Manila.
Don Juan de los Rios, A. de los Rios

TOLEDO
LAUREA

Don N.º Batallon de pedirianos
de Caradaves 1.ª Compania
en
Manila con laude de
en la corte
Departamento de Placer
Manila

13 JUN. 93
BADAJOZ

Regimiento, 1.ª Batallon
1.ª en garite.
i Donde real.
Para en tragar es san ti a go.

ALCOY
MONAYOS
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CUBA 1897

Peninsula

SPAN. MIL.

Provincia Murcia

"CRUCERA INFANTA

ISABEL

Señora Dona

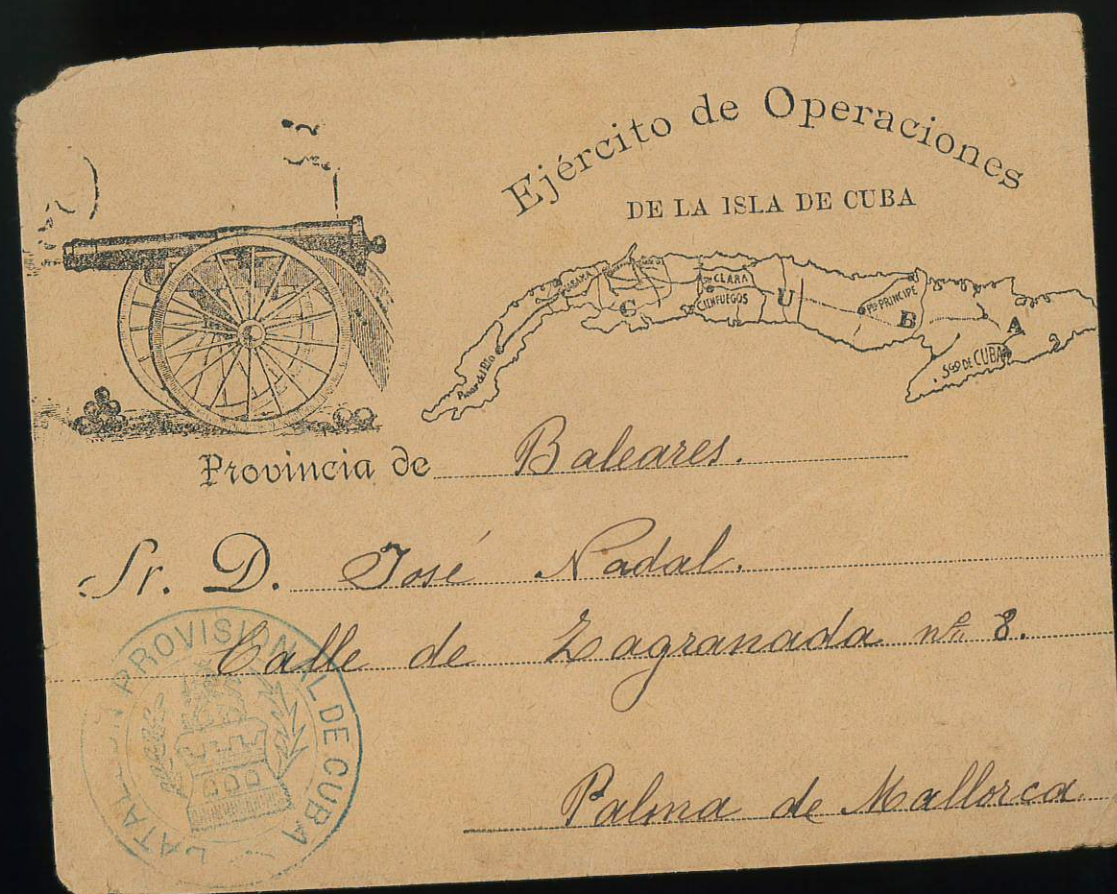
Josefa Lopez, de Bayardo.

Villalva Larga 22 y 24 pnal dcha



Cartagena

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FULL
COVER

Barcelona
Pa. D.^a Dolores Ferrer de
Llorca. Baños-viejos-11-3^o-5^o



BATALLÓN PROVISIONAL DE CUBA
(Recuerdo de La Almudaina)--Palma de Mallorca

TIPO-LIT. DE AMENGUAL Y MUNTANER

Isas Batallas Masón
San Lluís Binisacud



Bartolomé Orfila
Nº 69.



BATALLÓN PROVISIONAL DE CUBA
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J. D. Bernando Caballer y Linares
Calle del Retiro Nº 7



Mayor Menorca



Isas Batallas España

J. D. Rafael Ferrer
J. Ferrer



ESTAFETA
DE CAMPANA
CORREOS

Valencia
8-2-97
Masón

Península Islas Baleares
Sr Don Pedro Segui
Calle de San Luis
Con sagre numero 44



S. C. M.
En Mahon



Sra D.
Emilia Murphy de Valls

Mahon
Isla de Menorca

Sr Don Pedro Segui,
Calle de San Luis Con sagre
no 44, Menorca.



Península Islas Baleares
Sr Don Pedro Segui
Calle San Luis con sagre no 44



En
Mahon

España - Islas Baleares
Ejército de Operaciones Gra Doña
Catalina Seguí
Calle de Cifuentes n° 428



Mahon

Mr Antonio Seguí Sin tas
Calle de San Luis Consagra n° 42



Por Vía Fampo

Fuerza en operaciones



Menorca

España Máon
Sr. D. Pedro Seguí Sin tas
Calle de San Luis Consagra
n° 42



Islas Baleares
Sr. D. Emilia Murphy de Tallis



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Menorca

Islas Baleares

Señora Emilia Murphy de Talls



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Islas Baleares

Sra D^a

Emilia Murphy de Talls



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España Islas Baleares

Menorca Señora D^a Maria Ana

Orfila termino che san

ne 29



Luis Cini fader

Bia Campa

Península

Baleares

Sta D^{ña} Inés Campa Calle

de Sta Guillermo N^{ro} 5



Mahon

Islas Baleares España
Sr. D. Rafael Ferreras
P. Ferreras -



Madrid

Islas Baleares España

Sr. D. Rafael Ferreras
P. Ferreras -

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DE CAMPANA
CORREOS
VIGAN

Madrid
23-9-97

Islas Baleares España

Sr. D. Rafael Ferreras
P. Ferreras -



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Sr. D. Rafael Ferreras
P. Ferreras -



Madrid

Islas Baleares España

Sr. D. Rafael Ferrer
 S. Ferrer



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Marion

Islas Baleares

España

Sr. D. Rafael Ferrer
 S. Ferrer

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DE CAMPANA
CORREOS
Y LIGAN

Marion

Islas Baleares España

Sr. D. Rafael Ferrer
 S. Ferrer



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Islas Baleares

España

Sr. D. Rafael Ferrer
 S. Ferrer



Marion

Islas Baleares España

Sr. D. Rafael Jernual
S. Jernual -

ESTADO

DE BALEARES

CORREO

MAHON

6/9/91

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Baleares

Menorca

Dr. D. Juan Cremona
Delegado del Gobierno



Mahon

Baleares

Sr. D. Juan Cremona
Delegado del Gobierno



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Islas Baleares Menorca
Sr. D. Ramon Gonzalez
Calle del Castillo n.º



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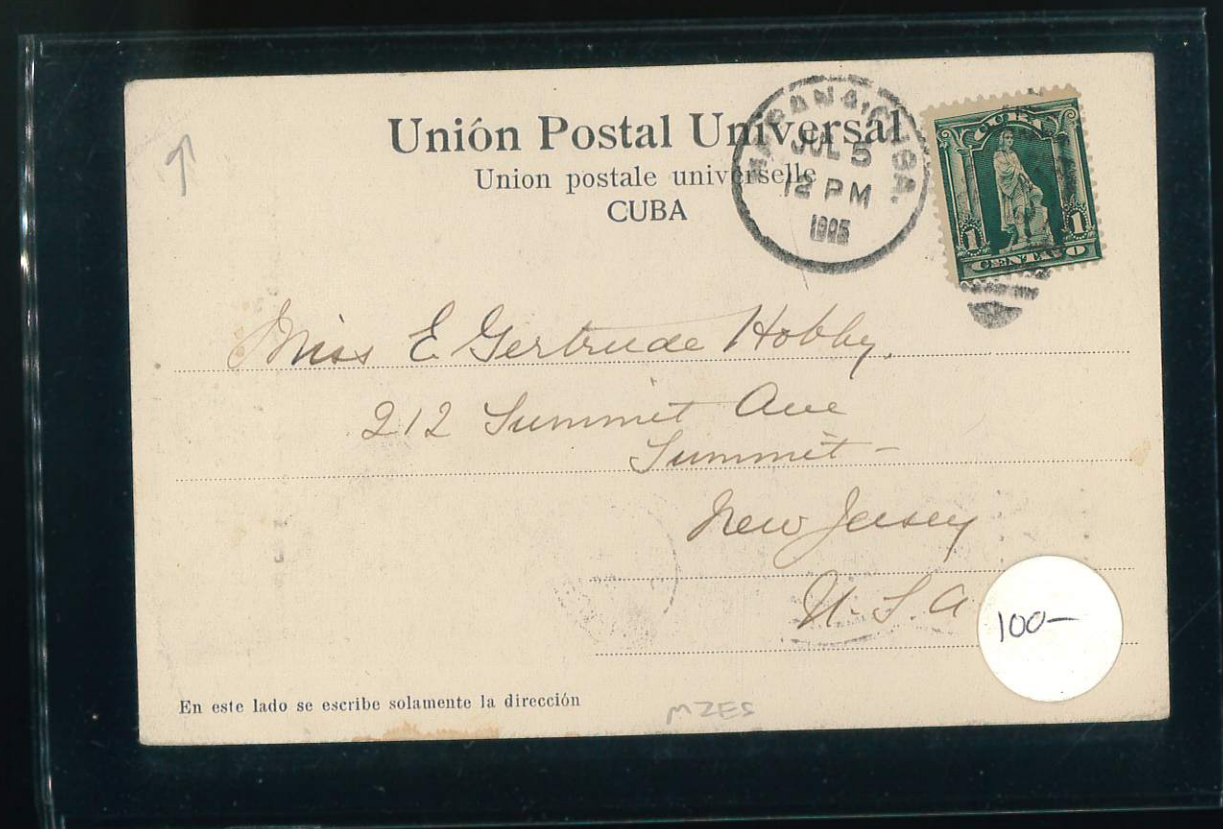
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España Islas Baleares.

Catalina Seguí - Sra. Doña
Calle Cifuentes
nº 128



Mahon





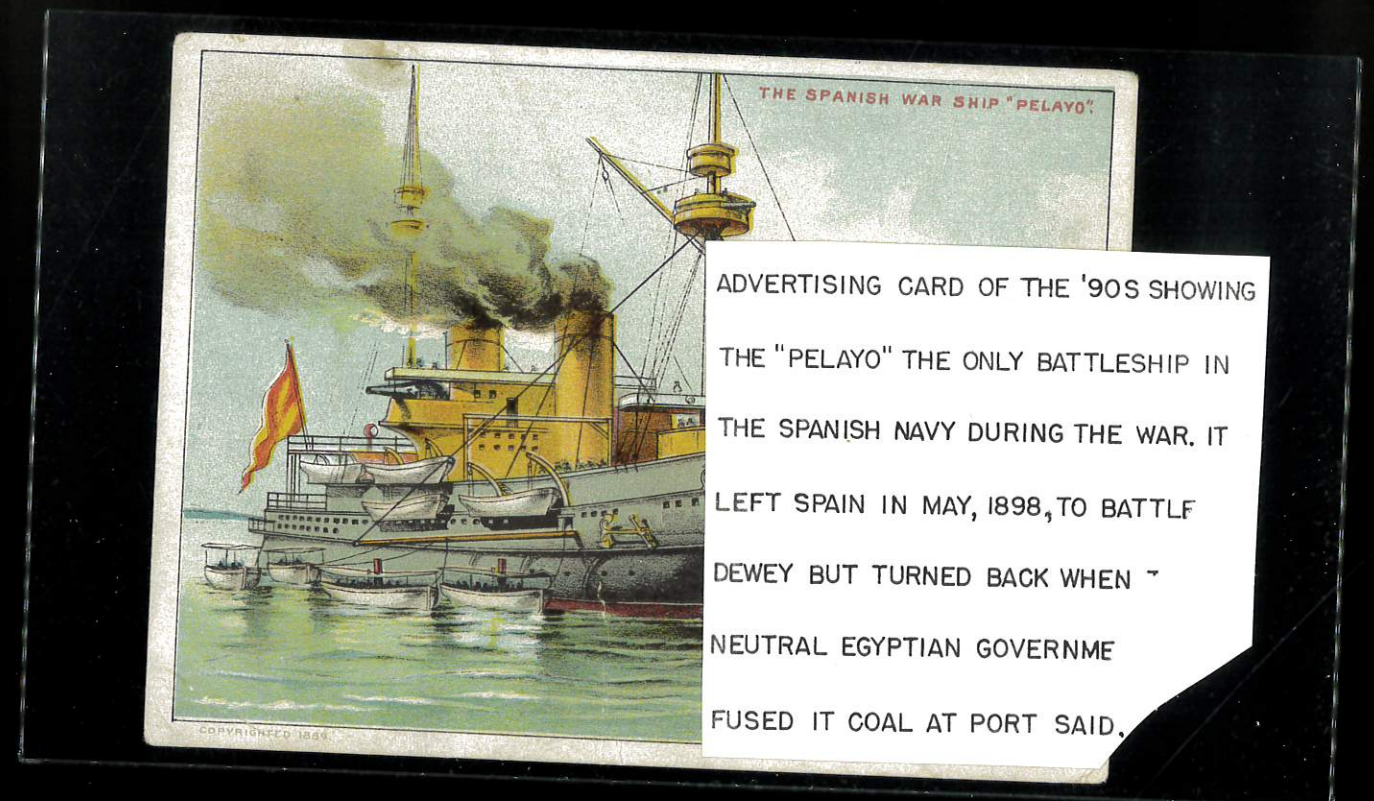
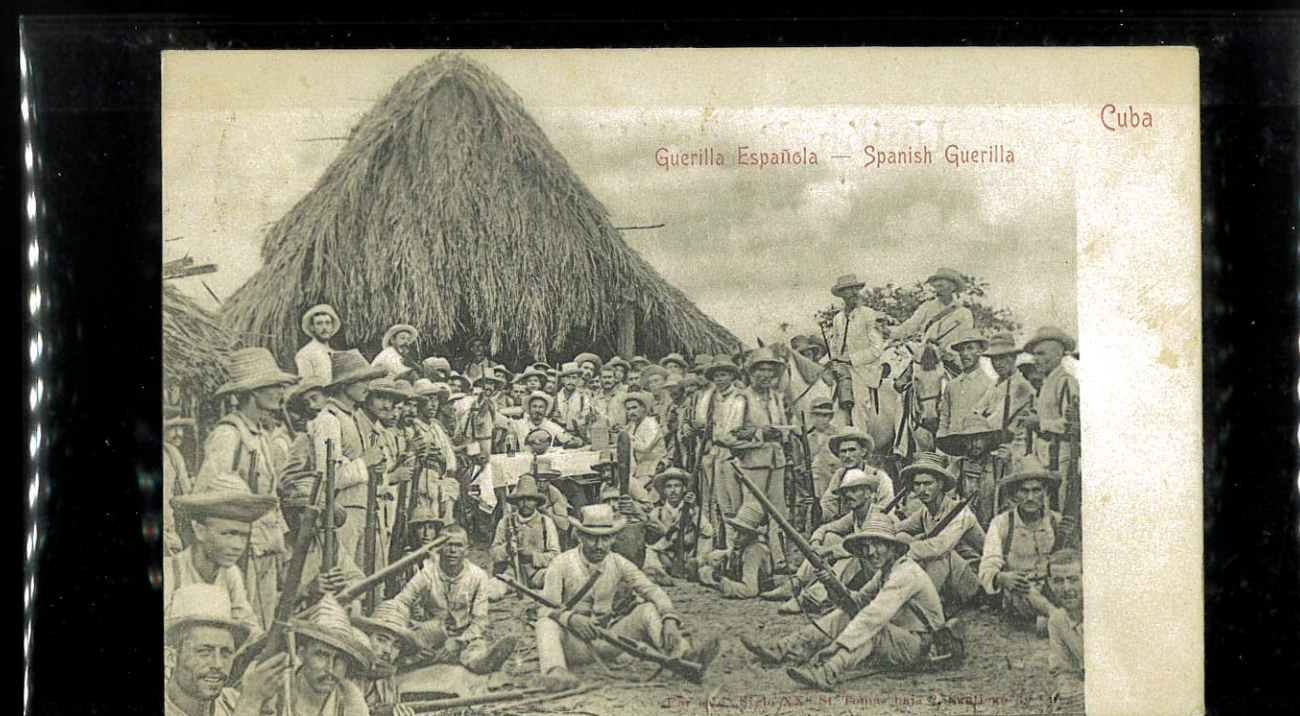
CUBAN INSURRECTION. This is an example of a group of remarkable covers specially printed, and in variety, for Soldiers' letters to Spain during this period 1895-1897. I can find no information about them. I showed a group at Barcelona, in hope of getting some information. Some bear the Royal Arms. One the Spanish flag, coloured by hand in watercolour. They are officially produced. This item is from the Director of Posts, Habana, about 10th Jan. 1897. Some cannon!

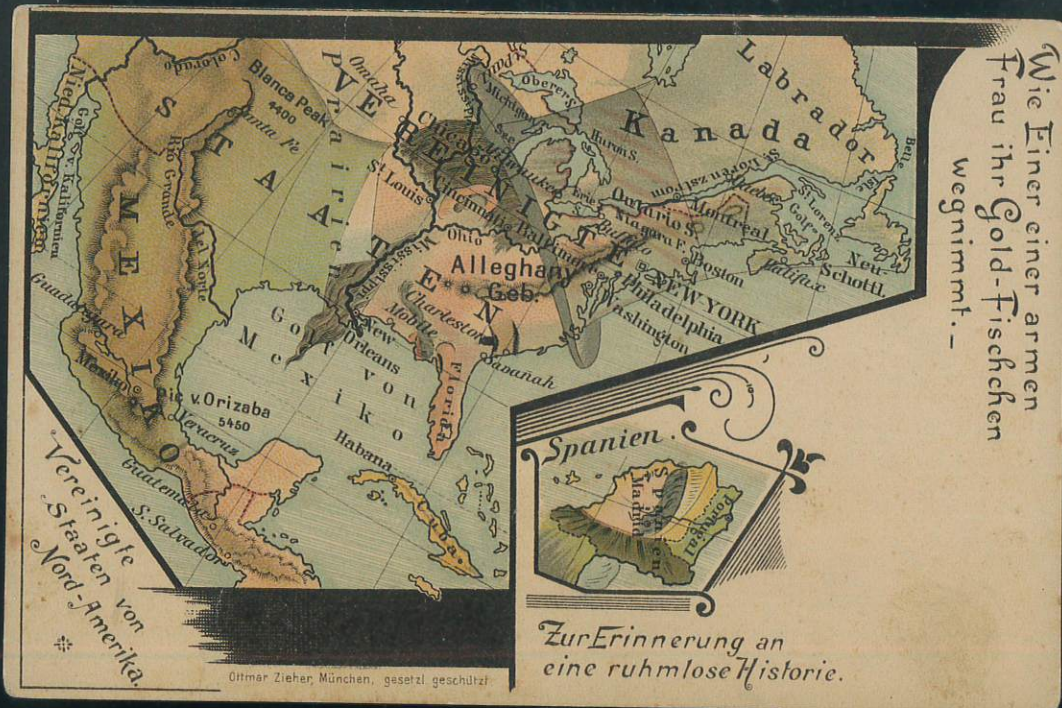


CUBA: SOLDIERS' LETTER ENVELOPES.

Two more of these with the Royal Arms. This appears to be a standard affair, but used by different printers. Both have "Peninsula". This arrived MADRID 17th Feb. 1897, and is franked by the "Light Infy." stamp already described.





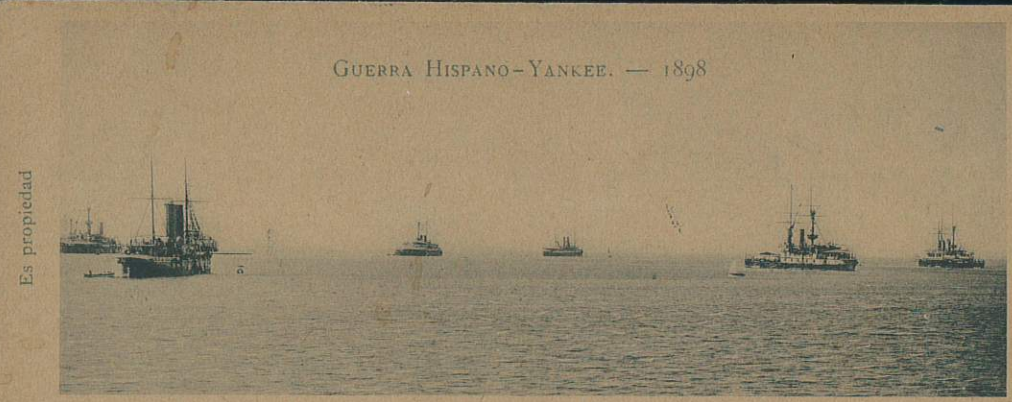


Vom Pfeffer übermüdet!
Barcelona, den 22. II. 99.

1899. Uncirculated. Picture postcard printed in Barcelona with a woman handing the Spanish flag, having the U.S.A. one right under and phrase "VIVA ESPAÑA". Some writing in german. Spanish nationalist material during the Spanish-US war is very rare.



Barcelona 3/3/99
Stasera partirò -
fa di non dimenticar
di farmi trovare
tre notizie a Genova
by ust



La Flota en el Atlantico
Liebes Pater, ich habe dich heute in einem Brief gesehen und bin sehr glücklich, dass ich dich so bald wieder sehe. Ich hoffe, dass du dich in der Zwischenzeit sehr wohl fühlst und dass du alle deine Angelegenheiten in Ordnung hast. Ich werde dich bald wieder besuchen und wir werden uns dann sehr freuen. Bis dahin bleibt dir meine Liebe. Dein Sohn, [Name].

GUERRA HISPANO-YANKEE. — 1898

Es propiedad



La Rambla el día de la declaración de Guerra.

Barcelona 4/7/98

Mit Tausendgruß
Ergebenst
Hermann Schuler

Spanish Transports anchored at Port-Saïd
Hispano American war
Transports Espagnols à Port-Saïd 1898



C. Zangaki photographes.

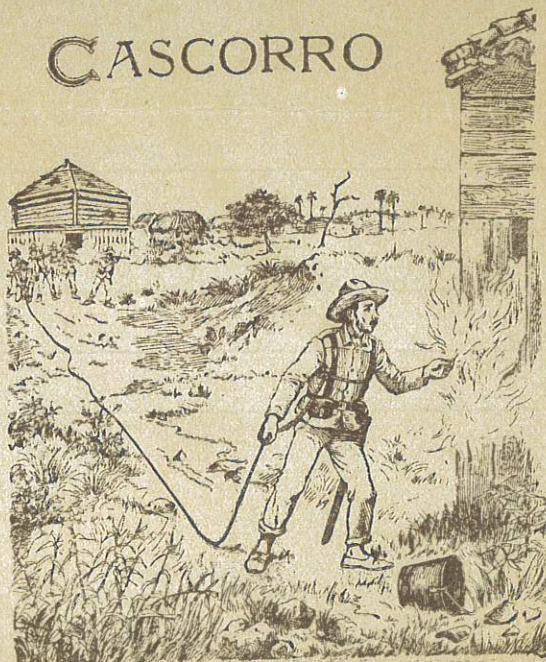


CASCORRO

EL SOLDADO

Kloy Gonzalo Garcia,

prende fuego á una ca-
sa de Cascorro ocu-
pada por los Insu-
rrectos.



Matanzas Cuba Mch 26
1898



Una guerrilla en operaciones

Matanzas Cuba Mch 28
1898



This is the gayest and has the sketch of the warrior, as I rudely described in my article, holding out his hat for pennies. The frank is an unusual one, Battn. of LIGHT INFY., Army of Operations, Company Mobilised. Arrived Madrid Feb. 4th, 1897. Note cogwheel border of the Frank.

3^o Práguera

SANTIAGO TO C.O. OF
PORTSMOUTH NAVAL PRISON
WHERE SPANISH POW'S WERE KEPT
OFFICIAL INQUIRY
PRISONER'S PLEA
VERY INTERESTING
HISTORY
FILE



Commanding Officer.

Portsmouth Navy Inst

Portsmouth



= Peninsula =

Sra. Dña Celia Canales =

Palma alta 15 y 15 segundos
en

= Madrid =

Islas Bahamas

Pro. D^o

Magdalena Palliser

Cifuentes 128

en

Weapon

1896
CUBA WAR



(España)

Pro. D^o Pabel Miquel
de Mustetes = August = 20



Cartagena

Para

Cuba War
Hawaii trip

Provincia

SD Eusebio Mateo

Calle Real

en

Cartagena

40.00



Dr. Richard Wilson

1535 Pine St.

Philadelphia

Penn.

Dec
10th

7th 1/25

Mr. Dr. Felicia M. de Wilson
1535 Pine Street

Philadelphia



Penn.

Perimunda Ejercito de Operaciones
(P. Murcia)

S. D. Lorenzo Satorre
Morris Bay 29.



Cartagena

España

Mrs. Bailly-Bailliere e Hijos

Concursos.

Para de Santa Ana n.º 10



Madrid

Apartado 56

PUERTO RICO
2/10/67
Captain General
J. P. R. M. K. 9



Don Alcazar de
Joa. Baja



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PORTO RICO-
SPAN. TROOPS
BXX

España
Sr. D. Juan Lara
Villarroel n.º 28 bis - 1.º 2.º
Barcelona



6039.-1896.M.B. frontal con la marca Ba-
tallon Provisional de Puerto rico #2
Primer Jefe en azul, fechador PUERTO
PRINCIPE en verde. Carta de luto.

Item Title: PHILIPPINES 1900 REV GOVT CAPTURED MAIL (Item #215794515)
Final price: \$107.01

"S.M.R." or SERVICIO MILITAR REPUBLICA official mail, TARLAC circulating, addressed to MONCADA, with lightly struck JEFATURA MILITAR. TARLAC official seal. Same seal on reverse alongside WAR DEPARTMENT and INSURGENT RECORDS / NOV 21 1900 U.S. military markings. On front is the RARE manuscript notation "MABILIS NA HATIRAN" meaning expedite delivery (special delivery) of the letter. Creased, toned with topical stain spots. JUST FINE.

(Espana)
Via de Tampa
Pcia de Murcia
Calle de Villa Marun
Cartagena



ANQUICIAS
1896. HABANA a CARTAGENA. Marca EJERCITO DE OPERACIONES EN CUBA/E.M./TERCER CUERPO
PRECIOSA.

Philippines #Y2, #YPI & Telegraph
Stamp, tied on back of blue envelope
by "Correos Filipinas" cds, a
handsome & F Revolutionary Govt.

Encontrilla de Opera) Península
iones en Cuba

Sr Dn Nicolás Horron
Marinero Embarcado Abordo
del Acorazado Pelayo
Cartagena



497- PHILIPINES TO FRANCE

WITH MARK

"BAT. DE CAZADORES EXPEDICIONARIOS"
FREE FRANK NOT VALID TO FOR. DEST. BY

Bisbal
Grande rue N° 10
Besançon
Besançon
Doubt



Al Sr. Alcalde Mayor Segundo
del



ALCAZAR DE LA CAPITANIA GRAL.
ESCRIBANIA DE GUERRA.
DE LA ISLA DE CUBA.

Pto. Principe

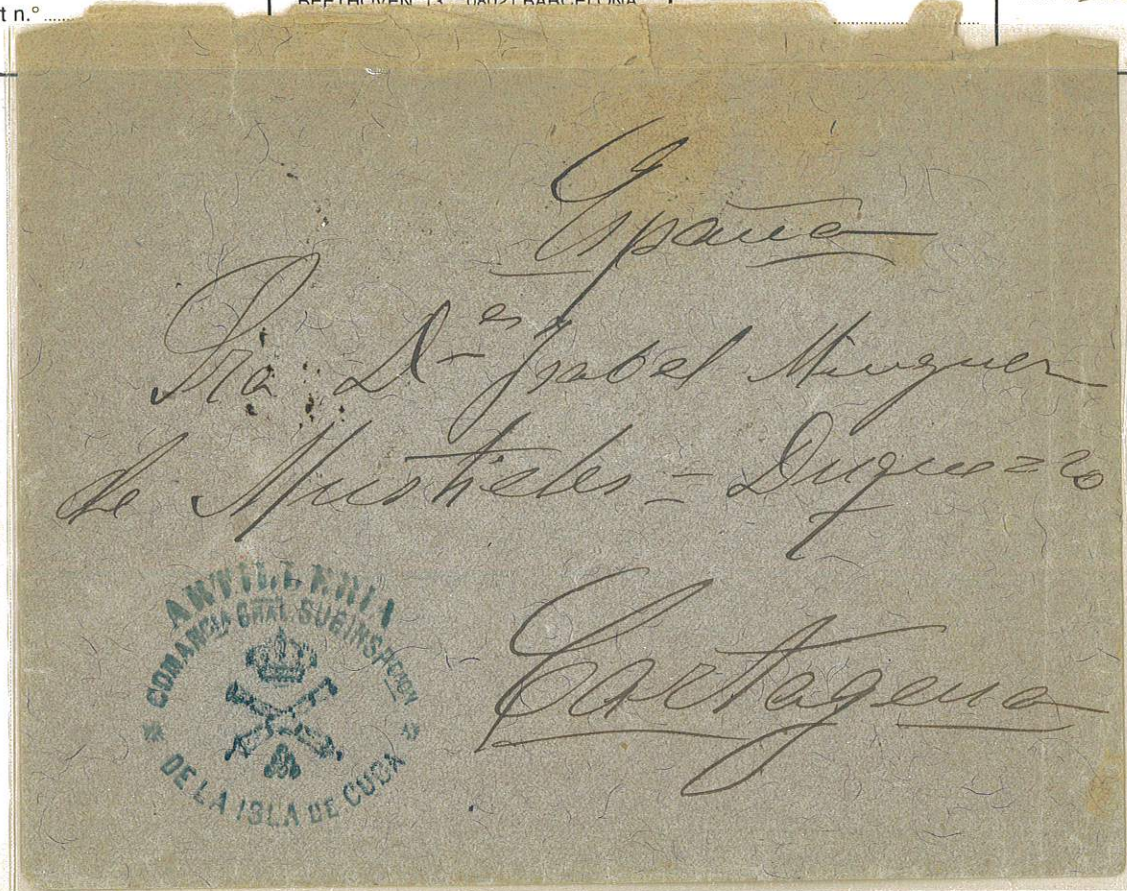
HABANA - CUS - HOB
OFFICIAL
WRAPPER SEND IT TO Pto.
PRINCIPE, with black and
clear "JUZGADO DE LA
CAPITANIA GRAL - DE LA ISLA
DE CUBA (AT CENTER) ESCRIBANIA
DE GUERRA"

México.
Jra. Rita Pacallao
Calle 66 n° 521 -
Mérida.
Yucatán.



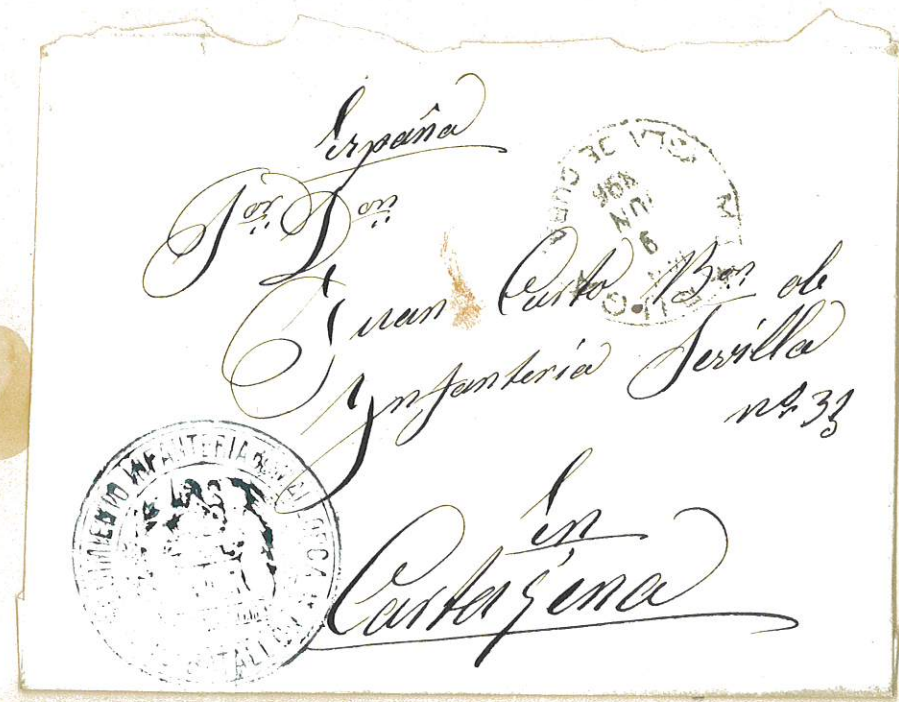
c. 188
Cuerpo 2a Division / 4a Brigada. Con escudo en el centro. Muy interesante.
del ejército expedicionario liberado de Cuba / 5°
£100

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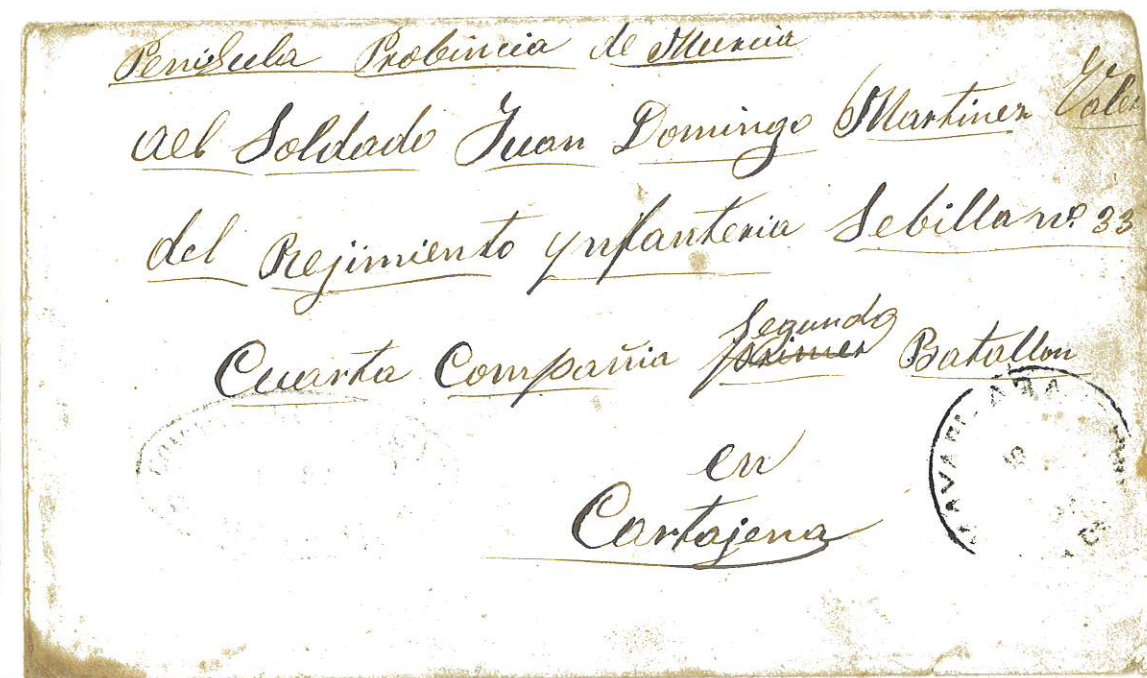
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1896. MAYA 1896 o CARTAJENA

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País TRANQUILLAS
Edifil n.º ☒
Yvert n.º

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España
Sr. D. Antonio Gonzalez Lebrón
Regimiento de Infantería de España
n.º 40. 1.º Batallón.
1.ª Compañía
En

Cartagena

1895. CUBA a CARTAGENA.

CUBA
País TRANQUILLAS
Edifil n.º ☒
Yvert n.º

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Isipona y Muris
Señor Don Antonio Gomeriz
Calle Mayor n.º 21
En

Cartagena

1895. NOROCCIDENTAL a CARTAGENA.

Sr. D.ⁿ Juan M. Santisteban
 Marques de Pinaref
 Capricorn n.º 2 (barrio Monasterio)



SPAIN: NAVAL FRANKS.

SUNK AT MANILA
 LATER RAISED + PUT IN US Service

This one is circular, and wears a pair of anchors, crossed beneath the Royal Crown. A Cruiser, ISLA DE CUBA, and COMANDANCIA Used from MELILLA, Morocco, the base for all operations against the Moors. Undated, but probably about 1900. (had to be before 1898)

This is rather unusual: the inscription reads: "ESCUADRA DE INSTRUCCION / COMANDANCIA GENERAL, that is Aquadron of Instruction, Office of G.O.C. Presumably with a shore base, but we have only Madrid arrival Dec. 23rd, 1895. Also to an official of the Ministry of Marine.

Sr. D.ⁿ Jose Gomez de Barreda
 Teniente de Coronel del
 Ministerio de Marina
 Madrid



SPAIN: NAVAL FRANKS.

This is a third type, slightly small, FRAGATA DE GUERRA "GERONA". This presumably is something like our Sloop, or Frigate, i.e., much less than a T.B.D. Arrived MADRID 26th Dec. Were they Greetings of the Season?

Sr. D.ⁿ Jose Cano Manuel
 Capitan de fragata
 Ministerio de Marina
 Madrid



SPAIN: NAVAL FRANKS.

Both these are from a Cruiser, and the franks are slightly different in type though the same in principle. The first one is from the CONDE DE VENADITO (young stag); and is dated as arriving at MADRID Dec. 26th 1893. It is addressed to a Capt.-of-Frigate, at the Ministry of Marine, Madrid.

Sr. D.ⁿ Jose Cano Manuel
 Capitan de fragata
 Ministerio de Marina
 Madrid



This frank is from the cruiser "Queen Mercedes", Comandancia, and the letter may have been a private one: arrived MADRID Dec. 22nd, 1896. The Crown & Anchor appears identical with the upper one.

Exposicion n.º 2 (barrio de Monasterio)



Madrid.

Sunk at Battle of Santiago



Sr. D. Guillermo de Araya

Comandante de Navio.

Ministerio de Marina. Dir.º del Personal

Madrid

Espana

Coruna

Sr. D.

Luis de la

Real - Comercio.



Perrol

SPAIN IN CUBA
1898
MILITARY

Letter from Dave even time
you Mrs. C.

CUBA - AUG. 1898 SHIPS LTR.
USS DIXEN @ GUANTANAMO.

GREAT LTR: LE BUREAU /
USS Brooklyn on rocks! etc

M. D. D. Uyen
Guantanamo - Cuba

Ships LTR
M. D. D. Uyen
Please forward

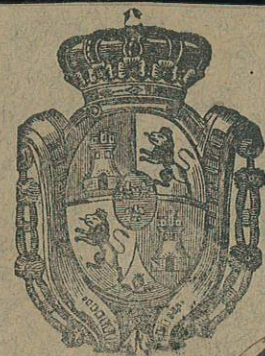


Mrs. David Armhold, Jr.
#2324 11th St.

Philadelphia
Pennsylvania
U. S. A.

you know, I
dial has dis-

ation day and
that Davis
hear that Mr.
that he will
for I am always



PENINSULA

Ejército de Operaciones

— DE LA —

ISLA DE CUBA

PROVINCIA DE

Sra D. Isabel Alcázar y de Biaggi

Calle de Santiago Perry, antes

Generales n.º 10



Cádiz



EJERCITO DE OPERACIONES DE LA ISLA DE CUBA

ESPAÑA. Provincia de la Coruña

Sr. Don Bernardino Ciller Calle
Real c.º 110 Casa del Siglo
Ferrol

Península.

OPERACIONES DE LA ISLA DE CUBA



Provincia de Pinar Del Rio

S. D. Mrs A. A. Townsend

Friendship Allegany County

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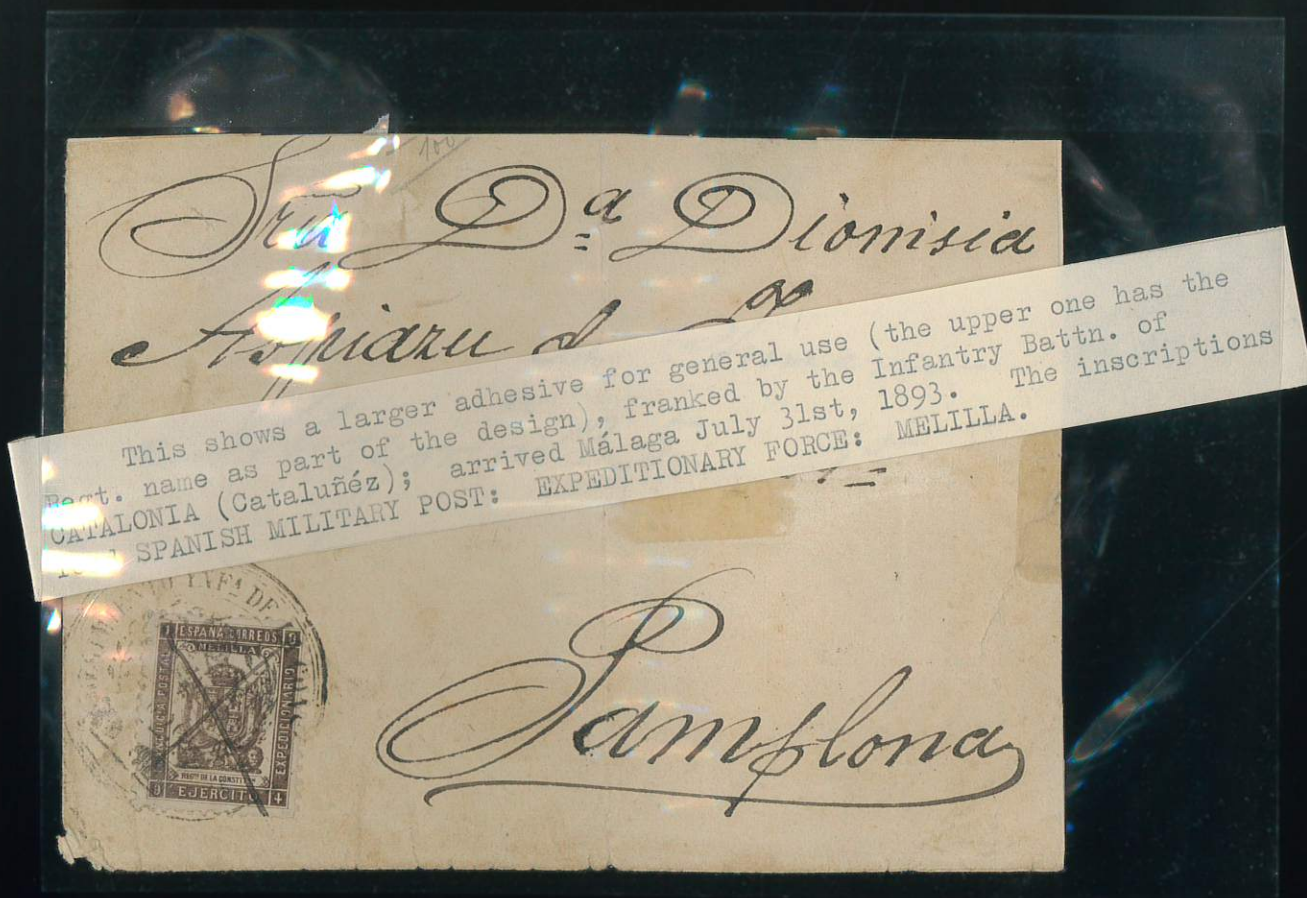
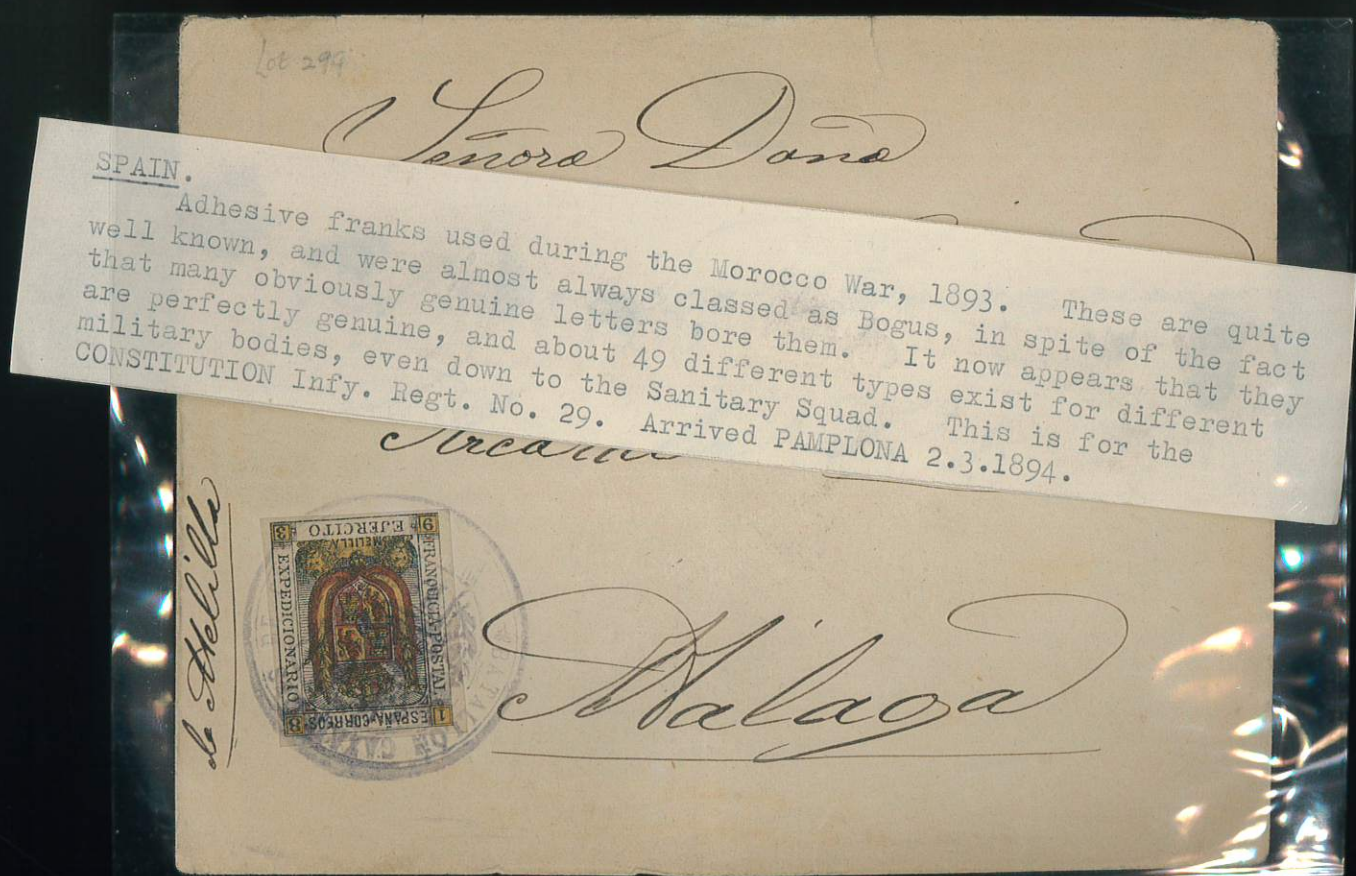
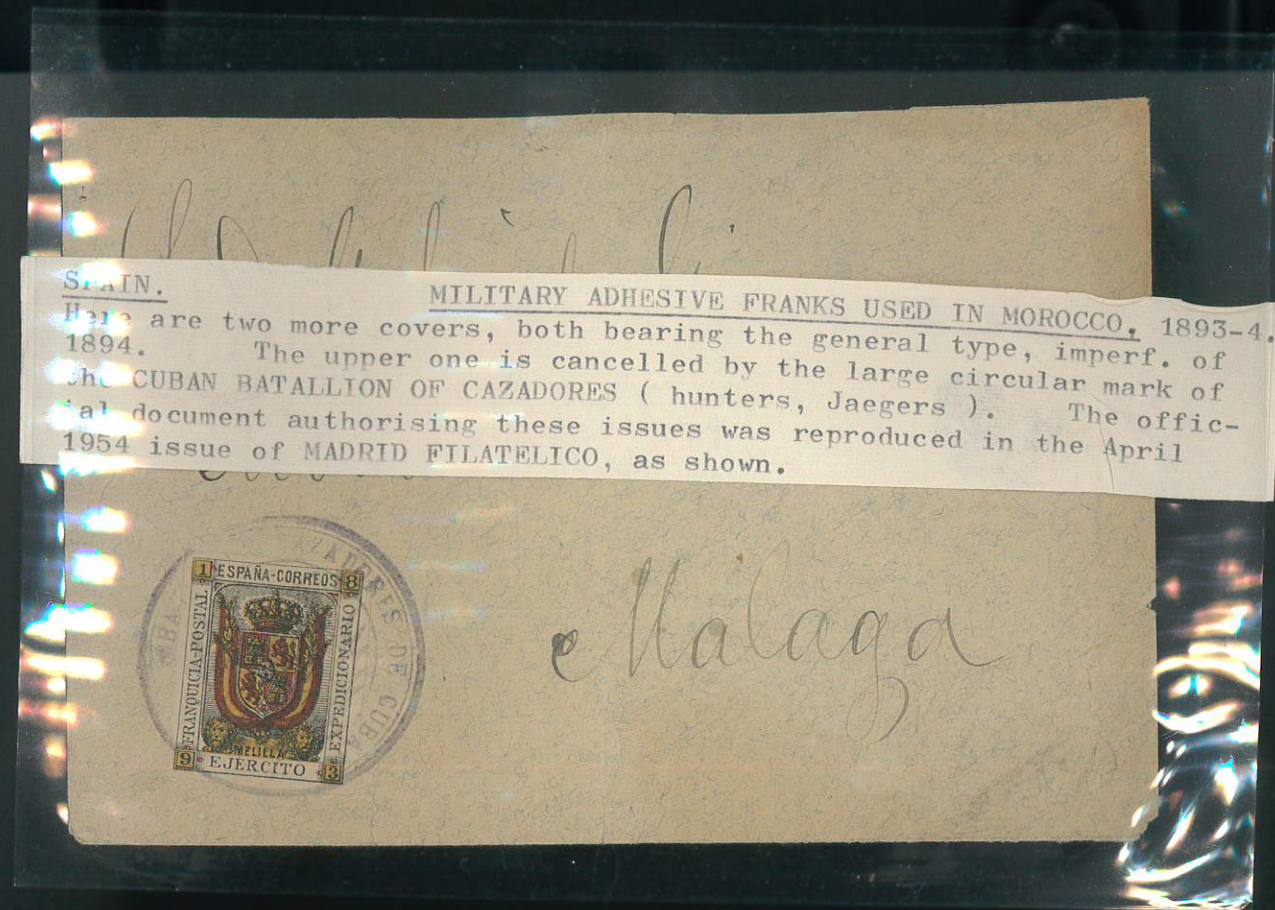
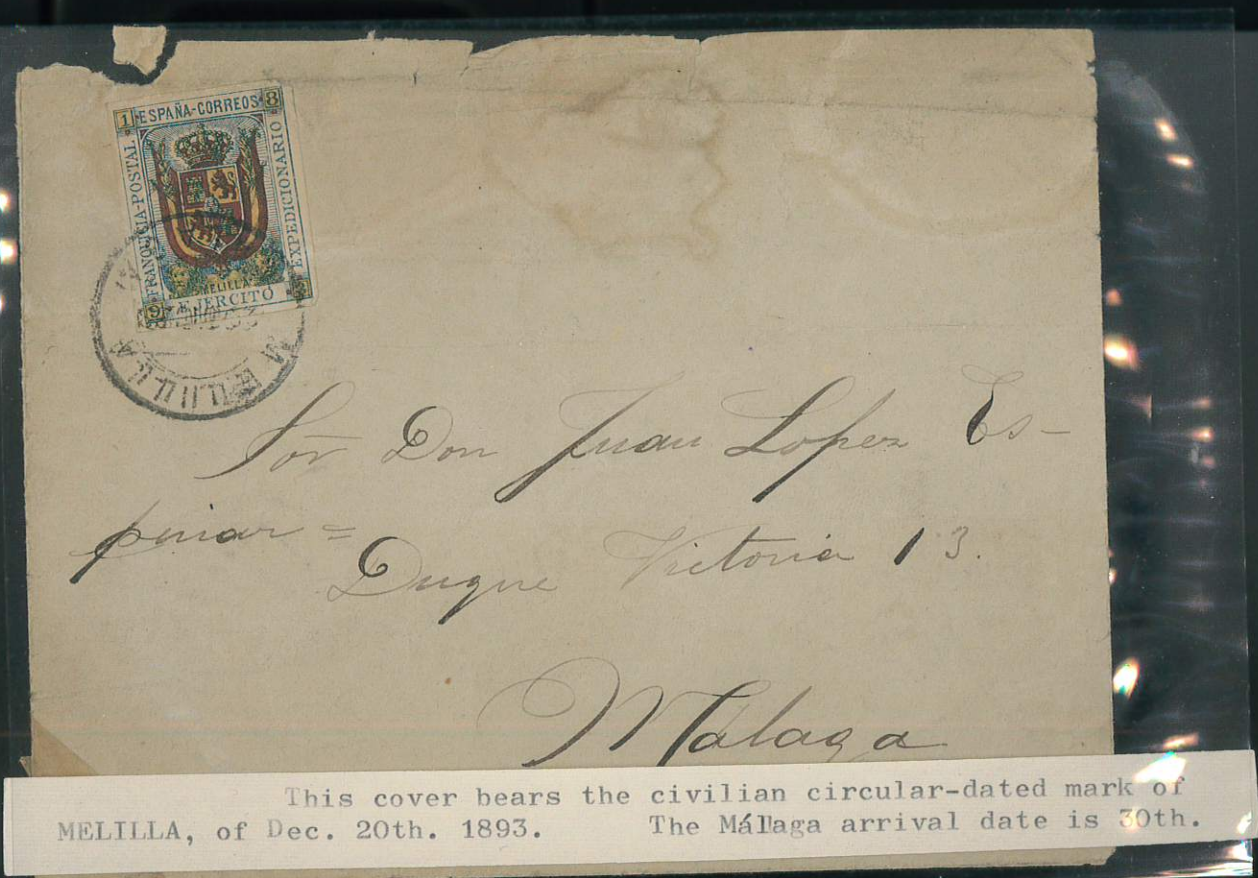
P. O. Box. 100. N. Y. U. S. A.



España.

Sr. D.º Tidororo Arana y Bre
ton,

CUBA. SOLDIERS' LETTERS. THE "TEN YEARS' WAR". (CIVIL)
This is probably by far the rarest item of this group, since it is a survival of the 1868-78 Civil War. It is from PUERTO PRINCIPE, nowadays Camaguey and in the east central area, NOT a seaport. The date is 10th May 1870, and on the reverse is the arrival mark of June 2nd., Madrid. The large mark is that of the First King's Regiment of Infantry, Commandant's Office, 2nd. Battalion. It is addressed to the Minister of Communications at Madrid.



REAL FABRICA DE TABACOS Y CIGARROS
 "FLOR DE TABACOS DE PARTAGAS Y CA"
 DE J. A. BANCES
 INDUSTRIA NUMEROS 152, 154, 158 Y 160
 HABANA

Fr. Dñ
Roberto Soto
Apartado 640
Buenos Aires
Argentina



REAL FABRICA DE TABACOS Y CIGARROS
 "FLOR DE TABACOS DE PARTAGAS Y CA"
 DE J. A. BANCES
 INDUSTRIA NUMEROS 152, 154, 158 Y 160
 HABANA

Via Tampa
Dr. Qui



SPANISH COLONIES.

I consider these covers worth noting, since they must have been sent in very difficult times, and I doubt if the 1898 Alfonso Series lasted more than a few months. The frankings are a pair of the 5c. SG 185, and a single 10c. SG 187. Both, therefore, a 10c. rate, and probably basic. The upper cover passed London Oct. 25th 1898, and arrived Nov. 26th Buenosaires. I think it was posted Oct. 9th. It routed via TAMPA, (Florida). The lower cover, March-April 1898, was routed by St. Thomas and Rio de Janeiro.

CUBA.



Sr. D. Juan Estevan Oliver
Provencia

SPAIN. Another example of the War 5c. surcharge stamp, W-30, this time used from PALMA, MALLORCA, 3rd. Sept. 1898, to VALDEMOSA, a village close to Palma but on the mountainous north coast of the island, not quite on the coast itself. Note the new style large date-stamp.



España

Agencia Operativa



Señal Doña Dolores Garcia
Exped. Hortaliza 86 3º 11/2
quiesda

Another franking stamp from Cuba, which again contains the word "Expedicionario": Squadron of the Lancers of FARNISIO, 5th Cavalry. Perhaps a special overseas squadron. Arrived MADRID July -th 1896. Early.

Orá Da

Dolores Garcia Lopez
Fortalera n. 86-87-88

Madrid



Another Regimental frank for a small unit (No. 30) of the LOYAL Regt. of Infantry. Arrived from CUBA in MADRID Aug. 16th, 1897; it contains part of a letter written in terms of glowing devotion, under great stress.

This shows quite a charming mark of the INSPECTOR OF CAVALRY, Isle of Cuba, and the centre is filled, as one might expect, by a helmeted Knight in Armour. It arrived in MADRID Aug. 28th 1897. One of the very few addressed to a titled gentleman. Reminds me of the old story of the cavalry lending tone to what otherwise would be a mere brawl.



Don
Marques de Francos
Senador del Reino
Calle de Hurbans 200 feral
Madrid

Espana

This mark, a very handsome one, bears an inscription which to me is a little unusual: Batallón de Cazadores EXPo. No. 14. This word I suggest stands for Expedicionario, i.e., Expeditionary Force. (No. 2 Company). "Cazadores" - Hunters, Jaegers, i.e. Light Infantry or Scouts. The pale blue strike is that of the Director-General of Posts & Telegraphs, but I cannot say where from. On the reverse is a Cuba Civil Post Office date-stamp of Dec. 20th 1897. Arrived MADRID 21st Jan. 1898. (ENVELOPE MADE IN MANILA)

Madrid

SPAIN:

PUERTO RICO.

In the batch were a very few of these Military Franks, of the same style as those from Cuba; but that does not prove that there was an insurrection there also. The mark is of the Regt. of Cazadores (Hunters, Jaegers) No. 19. Madrid 7th Oct. 96.



86 20
Madrid
Espana

SPAIN: PHILIPPINES.

This is another Military or Governmental frank, since it comes from the Governor and Captain-General's private office. Whether there was an insurrection at this date I do not yet know: the letter passed MANILA 17th Jan. 1897, arrived MADRID 26th Feb. The only one in the batch from these islands.

Carretera San Jeronimo 34

Madrid.

De Comandante
22 de 195
Sres J. Candulata y C^a
Ponfefos No. 28

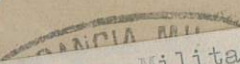
ARMY POSTAL SERVICES.

Both these items, though ordinary Soldiers' letters, originate from the Military Postal Service, as shown by the marks. The first is elaborate the inscription reads: "INTERVENCION GENERAL DE COMUNICACIONES DE LA ISLA DE CUBA / HABANA". I have mentioned the sense of the word "Intervencion" elsewhere, and here it suggests INSPECTORATE as elsewhere. That is, the Chief Inspector's Office at Habana. Sent from Habana Civil P.O. 11th June, arrived MADRID July 2nd 1895 - an early date.

Espana
Señora
Donna D^a
ma Linda
Contalera - 36 - P. izquierda

Madrid

Espana
1^a Via
Via de
Aurora Muralis
de las Pias de Pajayas.
Ancha S. Bernado - 41 - 2^a div



Another Cuban Military frank, this time of the O.C. San Cristobal, of which Civilian P.O. it bears the dated mark. Arrived MADRID 26th Jan. 1897. SAGUA lies on the North Coast, east of Habana: San Cristobal lies in the west of the Island, inland.

España

Señor Dⁿ

José M^{te} Cano Martiner

Calle de Canirares, n^o 1^a (tienda.)

GUARDIA CIVIL
SAGUA

Another Cuban frank, this time of the GUARDIA CIVIL. This famous force, with its shiny black facings to its hats, is a super-police force organised militarily, and has a very high reputation. This comes from SAGUA LA GRANDE, and bears the Civilian P.O. undated mark of SAGUA LA GRANDE. Franked from the District Hqrs. Office. Arrd. MADRID. Feb 17th, 97

España

Señor D^a

Dolores Garcia Lopez

Hortaleza n^o 168-3^a v^{da}

Madrid

CAZADORES DE PUERTO RICO
BATAILLON

Señor D^a

Dolores Garcia

H-3

PUERTO RICO.

I still have to fix whether there was a campaign here against rebels or the U.S. troops during this troublous period. But here are two Soldiers' letters, both franked by the mark of the Infantry Regiment of Cazadores of PUERTO RICO. Seemingly locally raised? I note the No. 19 in the small tablet, and presume this Regiment had them issued to Companies and detachments. Both are dated late 1896, arriving MADRID October and November. Probably among the rarer ones.

España

Señor D^a

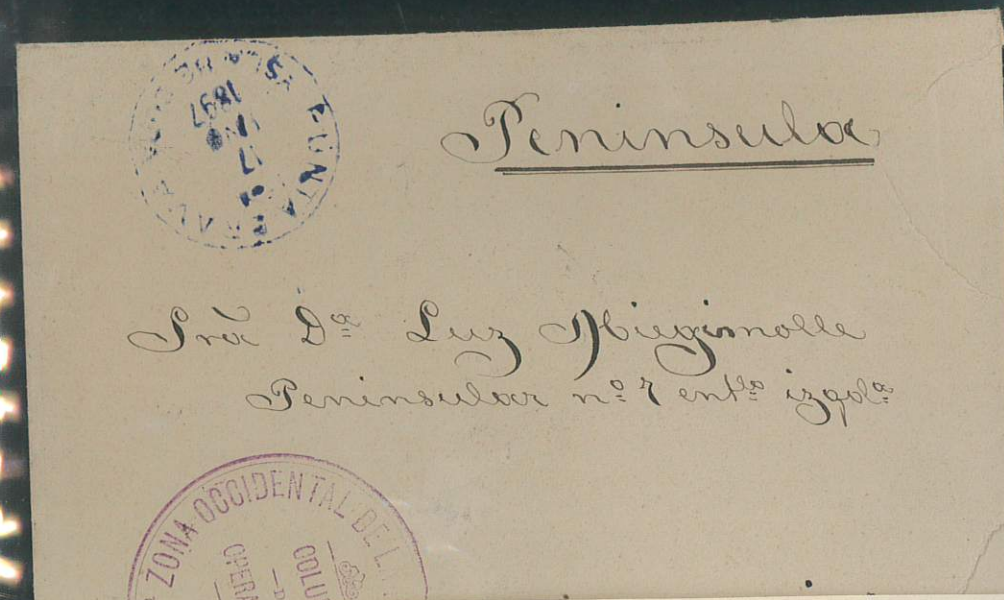
Dolores Garcia Lopez

Hortaleza 16-3^a v^{da}

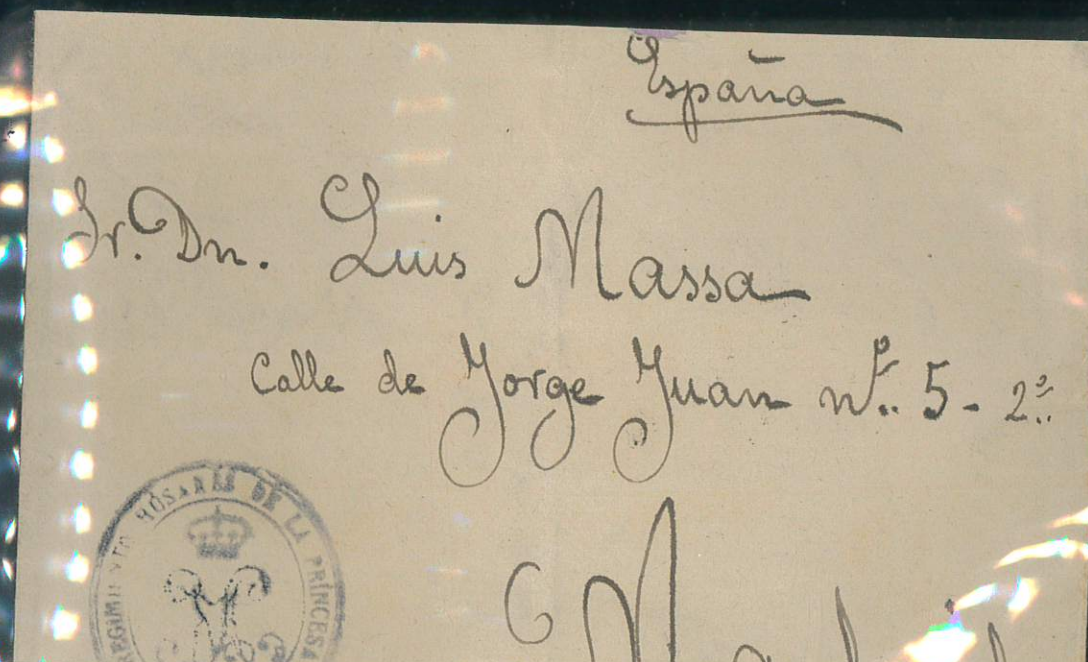
Madrid

COMUNDADE OPERACION

A similar mark, but less ornamental, and presumably a subordinate command, headed by a Colonel. From MARIEL April 6th or 9th, 1897. This town lies on the coast west of Habana itself. Arrived June 5th., slow.



Both these covers bear in their inscription the special wording "Columna de Operaciones": I think this stands for a mobile column, or as we now have it a "task force". The upper one is from the WEST ZONE of Habana Province. It also bears the Civil Post Office c/datestamp of PUNTA BRAVA - YSLA DE CUBA of Jan. 17th, 1897. MADRID 20th. Feb.



This is the franking mark of a Cavalry Regiment, the Húsares de la Princesa, i.e., the Princess's Own Hussars. I cannot be sure of the date, which is blurred, but it looks like 1899: it might be Morocco, or if "96" would be more likely Cuba.



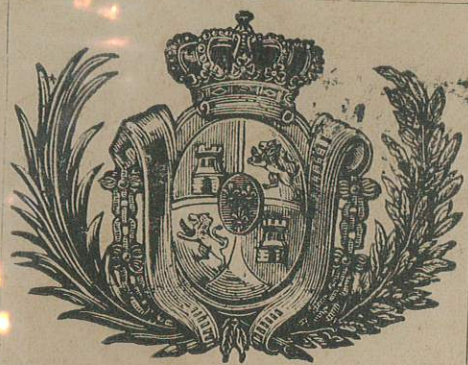
This is more severe with plenty of lines to help uncertain writers. The frank is that of the Infy. Regt. of GALICIA and in the small tablet is No. 19 / 1st. Battn.: a Company or Section mark? I am defeated by the word "representacion" at the base of the inner circle. MADRID 27.12.96.



CUBA: SOLDIERS' LETTER ENVELOPES

I must own that I am a little surprised by the variety of these. They appear to have been set up by the local printers in various towns. This first one is a simple design, and bears the frank of the Director of the Military Hospital, MARIANAO, also the Civilian P.O. of Jan. 31st. 1897. MADRID March 1st. The Royal Arms and the "Ejército de Operaciones" (Army on Active Service) are standard, but some have "España" or "Península" as well.

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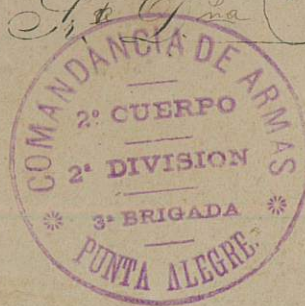


Ejército de Operaciones de la Isla de Cuba

ESPAÑA.

Provincia de *Madrid*

Sta. Dña Maria Cruz Alcaraz



Casas de Sta. Encarnación. nº 19

Primero

Ejército de Operaciones

PENINSULA

de la Isla de Cuba



Via de Camaguey

Provincia de

Sta. Dña Luz

CUBA.

Otros ejemplares verdaderos del grupo. con varias fuentes de letra. El sello es del Ragto, de LIGEROS, y la fecha de llegada en MADRID es el 17 de Febrero, 1897.

SOBRES PARA EL USO MILITAR

Feb. 4th, 1897, and is franked by the Military The Arms is a fine bold piece of work.

EJERCITO EN OPERACIONES
DE LA ISLA DE CUBA



PENINSULA

Provincia de *Madrid*

Sta. Dña Benita Huertas

CUBA: SOLDIERS' LETTER ENVELOPES.

Two more of these, and I approve of the slight wave effect in the inscription of the upper cover. Note the "PENINSULA" (Iberian), old-fashioned name for Spain. This is franked by the Military Commandant of PINAR DEL RIO district, and passed through the Civilian P.O. of that town on Jan. 5th 1897. Note the "327" numeral of this series, and the old YSLA for Isla. Arrived Madrid 30th Jan.

EJERCITO DE OPERACIONES

PENINSULA.



EN CUBA

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Malaga

Manuel



