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3 centavo dark brown
Diagonal half used as 1½c

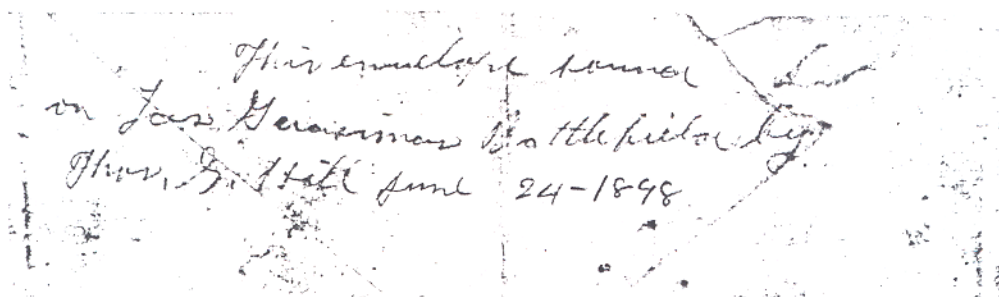


A single bisected 3c. stamp used as 1½c. to pay the postage for a letter mailed within the city of La Habana. The bisected stamp is tied to the cover by black illegible Habana datestamp. The cover bears a blue Habana backstamp of 15 Jul 98.

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Soldier's letter



A single 3c stamp paying the single weight domestic letter rate on a letter addressed to a Cuban soldier fighting with a company raised in Santiago de Cuba to repel the U.S. invaders. Note the interesting addressing in Spanish: "Sr. Dn. Jose Naredo Cortina, Segundo Batallon de Boluntarios de Santiago de Cuba, primera Compañía Mobilizada En Santiago de Cuba o donde se alle". The cover has a pencilled note in English on the back that reads: "This envelope found on Las Guásimas Battlefield by Thos. G. Hill June 24-1898".

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3c dark brown stamp paying postage due
2½c overprinted stamp insufficient postage



2c U.S. stamp overprinted 2½c for use in Cuba underpaying the 5c domestic letter rate possibly from Santiago de Cuba to Habana; assessed 3c postage due as indicated by large black 3 and large dark blue circled "T / Habana-Cuba" postage due handstamps; payed by 1898 Spanish Administration issue 3c stamp; backstamped with a very faint cds that seems to read "31 Dic 98".

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PC variety with broken 2nd "T" in TARJETA



3c. de peso dark brown stamp used on 5 milésimas postal card (Edifil 31) to pay the postal card rate from Puerto Príncipe to London, England. The card was mailed at Puerto Príncipe on 20 Mar 1898, and does not bear any transit or receipt postmarks. Note postal card is the variety with the broken left arm of the 2nd "T" in "TARJETA" and a small upward bend in the bottom arm of the "S" in "POSTAL".