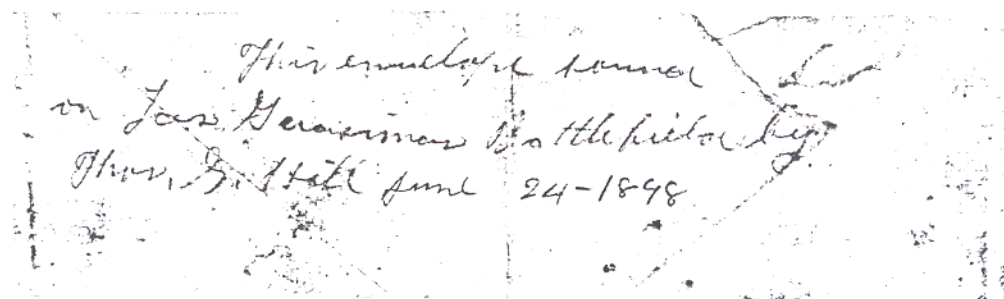


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3 centavos dark brown
Soldier's letter



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 Compania 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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5c. single weight letter rate to the U.S.
1c. 1898-99 "timbre móvil" postally used



Single weight letter franked with 1c. and 3c. King Alfonso XIII stamps and a 1c. black 1898-99 "timbre móvil" revenue stamp for total postage of 5c. The stamps are tied to the cover by illegible black date stamps; however, the cover is backstamped with a New York transit mark of 7 Nov 1898 and a Medford, Massachusetts, receipt date stamp of 8 Nov 1898, thus placing the cover within the U.S. administration period. Covers to the U.S. in that period required 6c. postage when franked with Cuban stamps, so this cover was underpaid by 1c.

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Mixed franking of Alfonso XIII and revenue stamps
5c. 1898-99 "timbre móvil" postally used



Cover front from Isabela de Sagua, Santa Clara province, to Valls, Tarragona, Spain, showing an unusual mixed franking of 1898 King Alfonso XIII stamps and 1898-99 "Timbre Móvil" revenue stamps. The cover bears two 1m., one 2m., two 3m., and one 2c. 1898 King Alfonso XIII stamps and two 5c. 1898-99 "Timbre Móvil" revenue stamps used postally for total postage of 13c.



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He examinado el frente de sobre franqueado con los sellos de Cuba, valores: dos de 1 Milésima, castaño, 2 Milésimas, castaño, dos de 3 Milésimas, castaño, 2 centavos, verde-azulado, todos dentado 14, efígie de Alfonso XIII, emisión de 1898 y dos del Timbre Móvil, 5 centavos, azul, dentado, emisión de 1898, dirigido a Rafael Aranda en Valls (Tarragona).-----

Los sellos están obliterados con el fechador de Isabel de Sagua del 26 Octubre de 1898, en color negro.-----

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