

<[SPOO8207](#)> **Spooner, Robert B.**

“Clara Maass -- She Gave Her Life”

Ambler, Pa.: The author; philatelic exhibit presented at the NAPEX 82 Philatelic Exhibition held July 2-4, 1982, in Washington, D.C.; 48 unnumbered pages (3 frames of 16 pages each). The reference is to a photocopy of the exhibit, courtesy of Mr. Spooner. The collection was awarded a silver-bronze medal at the exhibition.

Quoting from the exhibition catalog: “The story of yellow fever, the brave nurse who put her life on the line, and efforts resulting in Cuban and U.S. commemorative issues.” Nurse Maass was honored in 1951 with a Cuban commemorative stamp, Scott 462.



CLARA MAASS - SHE GAVE HER LIFE

The story of yellow fever, the courageous nurse who gave her life to help conquer it, and the efforts of many that culminated in Cuban and US commemorative stamps - told with stamps, covers and cachets, source material, proposed stamp designs and winning essays, Christmas seals, souvenir sheets, and first day memorabilia.

YELLOW FEVER'S SCOURGE: Bewildering disease ever since the beginning of history - Endemic to West Africa and Caribbean lands - Carried to temperate zones, spawning epidemics - No prevention or cure - Finlay's theory: transmission by the Aegypti mosquito - But no one paid attention to him.

BACKGROUND FOR SERVICE: From birth in E Orange NJ Clara Maass had been taught the devotion to service to fellow man and chose a nursing career. - She was caught up in the maelstrom of patriotic fever, our troops exposed to suffering and disease, and oppressed Cubans.

IN HER COUNTRY'S SERVICE: Clara's Spanish-American War assignments evolved as new stamp issues, which she might have used, appeared. Her assignments brought her in close contact with yellow fever and experiments to build upon those that had just established Finlay's theory. To develop immunity, she volunteered to be bitten by an infected mosquito, but contracted a violent fever and died.

HER DOCTOR COLLEAGUES: Many honors went to doctors in this yellow fever conflict but not at first to the martyred nurse. Her death, however, convinced others that mosquito control was necessary for preventing the disease.

AFTEREFFECTS: Once these methods were proven, they were applied in other nations. The tropics could then be opened for development. But the campaign to develop the vaccine, 17D, for yellow fever claimed more lives.

EFFORTS AND ISSUES: Many did not forget her and both individuals and institutions such as Cuban Dr. Fernando Lopez-Fernandez, Rev. Dr. Arthur Herbert, Clara Maass Memorial Hospital, and RN Magazine led the campaign that brought forth THE CUBAN COMMEMORATIVE and THE US COMMEMORATIVE.



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YELLOW FEVER'S SCOURGE

Suffered by Tropical and Temperate Nations

1454: Mayans ravaged by deadly epidemic after chiefs' revolt -- Believed yellow fever
Culture never regained former viability



1

1493: Columbus reported epidemic among his men and local populace after Caribe invasion
Finlay's studies indicated yellow fever



2

1793: Philadelphia - Washington & thousands fled worst epidemic until flu of 1918
Aegypti infected 17,000, killed 5000.



3

1802: Napoleon's 25,000 troops under Leclerc lost 22,000 casualties to yellow fever
Dessalines gained freedom at Vertieres



4

- 1. 1932-42 Coffee publicity
- 2. 1900 Hispaniola
- 3. 1938-43 Presidential issue
- 4. 1904 Centenary of independence



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YELLOW FEVER'S SCOURGE

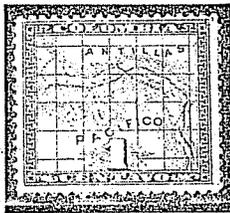
Suffered by Tropical and Temperate Nations



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1890's: Gyaquil -- only two days' sailing from the proposed new Panama Canal

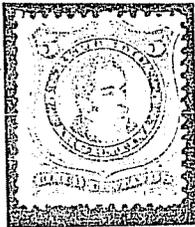
World's most virulent Y-F exporter



2

1881-9: French try to build Panama Canal

Lose over 30,000 to yellow fever
Forced to abandon entire project



3

1870: Buenos Aires was devastated by epidemic
5000 died of total population of 15,000



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1870: Mississippi valley battered by its most disastrous of many summertime epidemics

13,000 died, Memphis being hardest hit

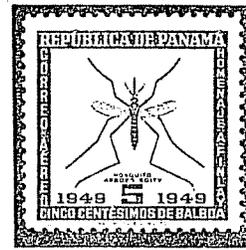
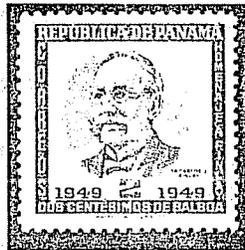
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- 2. 1867-87 National figures
- 3. 1887-8 Map of Panama
- 4. 1894-5 Rocafuerte



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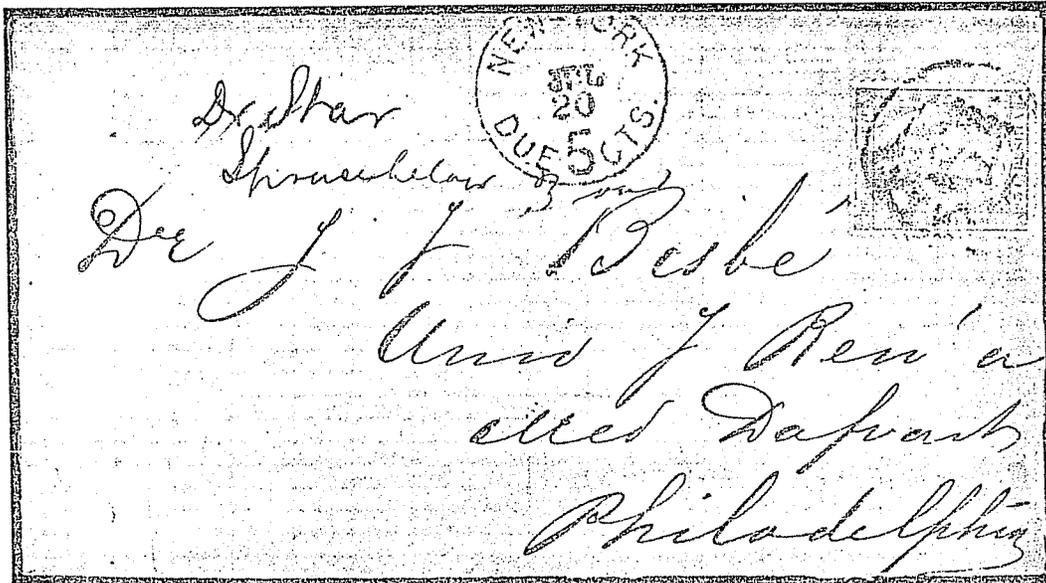
YELLOW FEVER'S SCOURGE

Carlos J. Finlay, M.D.



1

1855 graduate of Jefferson Medical College attacked yellow fever
Experimented with mosquitoes as possible disease transmitters
Theory of transmission by Aedes aegypti ignored by medical world



2

Letters like this from Cuba - 3 weeks after Clara's birth
were not even able to convince colleagues in Philadelphia

Regular foreign rate, 25cts.; 5cts. due for U.S. delivery

- 1) Issue honoring Finlay
- 2) King Alfonso XII issue



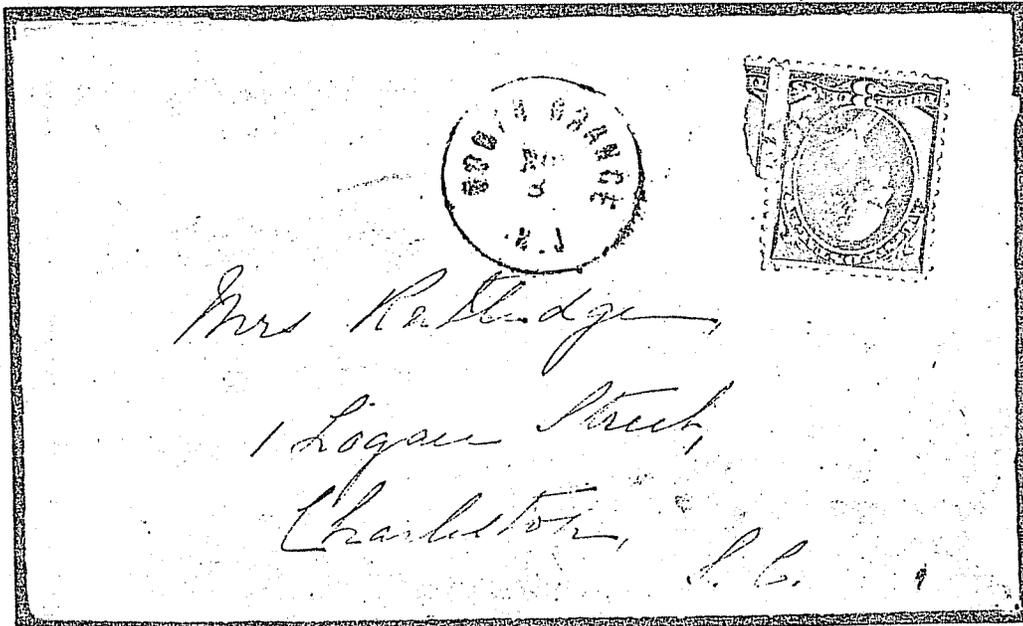
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BACKGROUND FOR SERVICE

Clara born in 1876



Clara was born into Newark's old-style German community where responsibility for family and community were deeply instilled



The East Orange Post Office was not established until 1887
Until then Clara's home town was served by neighboring units



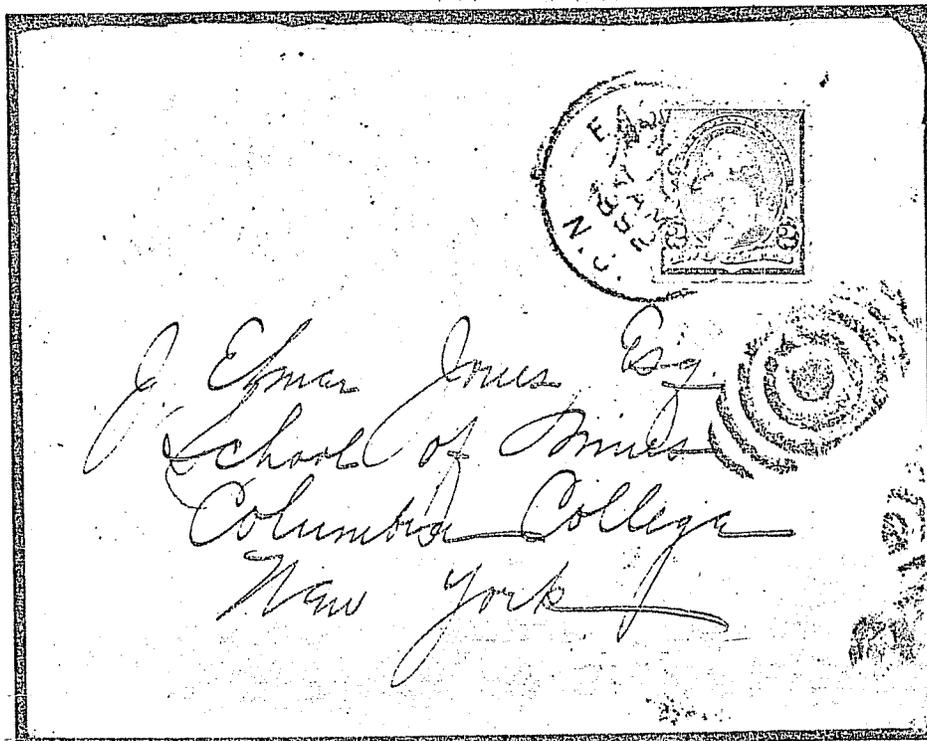
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Early Training



From grade school on Clara worked as a mother's helper, then for an orphanage



The time came for East Orange young people to apply for career training Clara applied for nursing training at German Hospital, and was accepted

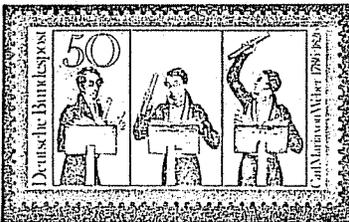
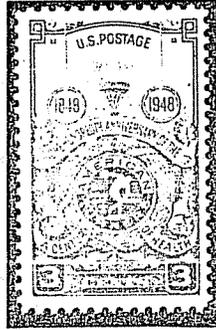
By early 1898 she was Head Nurse for Newark German Hospital



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Newark German Hospital



German Hospital secured its greatest support from volksfests with parades, brass bands, choral societies, and turnvereins

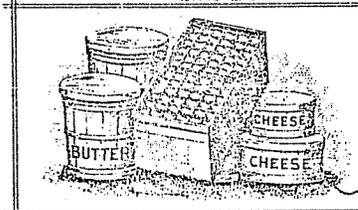
ESTABLISHED 1869.

A. Schlosser & Co.

WHOLESALE COMMISSION MERCHANTS IN

BUTTER, EGGS, CHEESE, POULTRY, GAME &c.

24 Commerce St. Newark, N.J.




*J. J. Miller
Johnstown
Pa*

Individuals and merchants of that German community also supported the hospital with goods and service.



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In New York, exiled Cuban revolutionary leader, Jose Marti enlisted support and funds through his newspaper, "PATRIA"

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

NEW YORK
APR. 10
9:00 A.M.
1947
N. Y.

100th
Anniversary
JOSEPH PULITZER
1847-1947

JOURNALIST - PUBLISHER
AND FOUNDER
OF PULITZER PRIZES

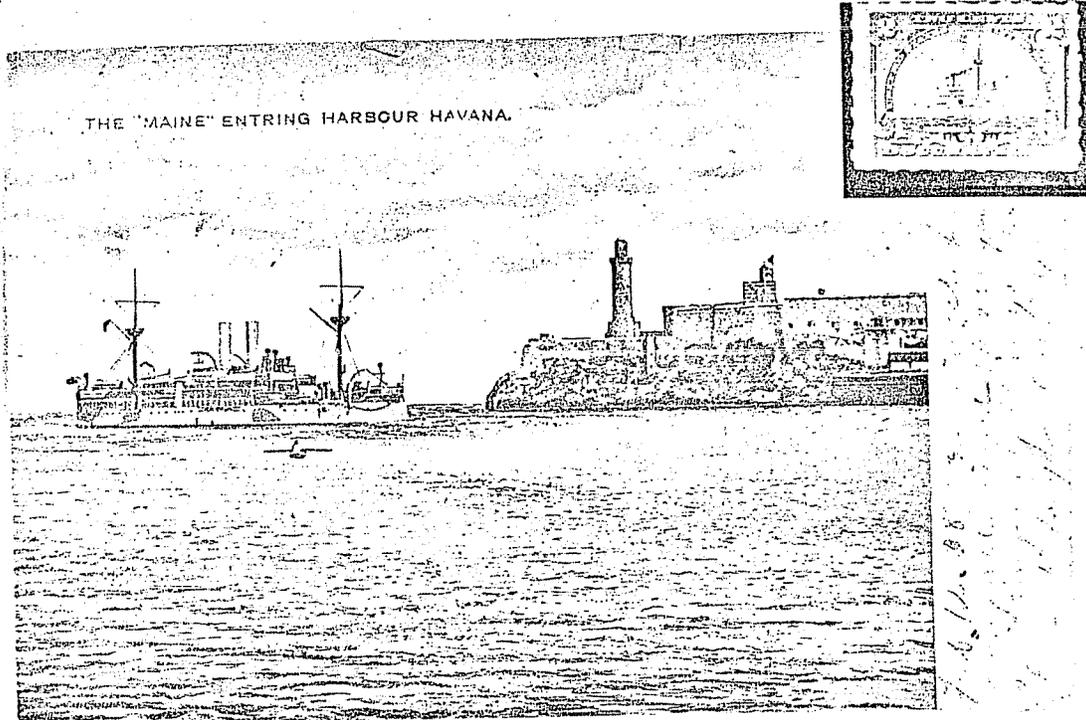
Mr. E. P. Teale
9109 Woodland Drive
Silver Spring, Md.

But New York newspapers were even more vehement in swaying US public opinion in support of the Cuban freedom fighters

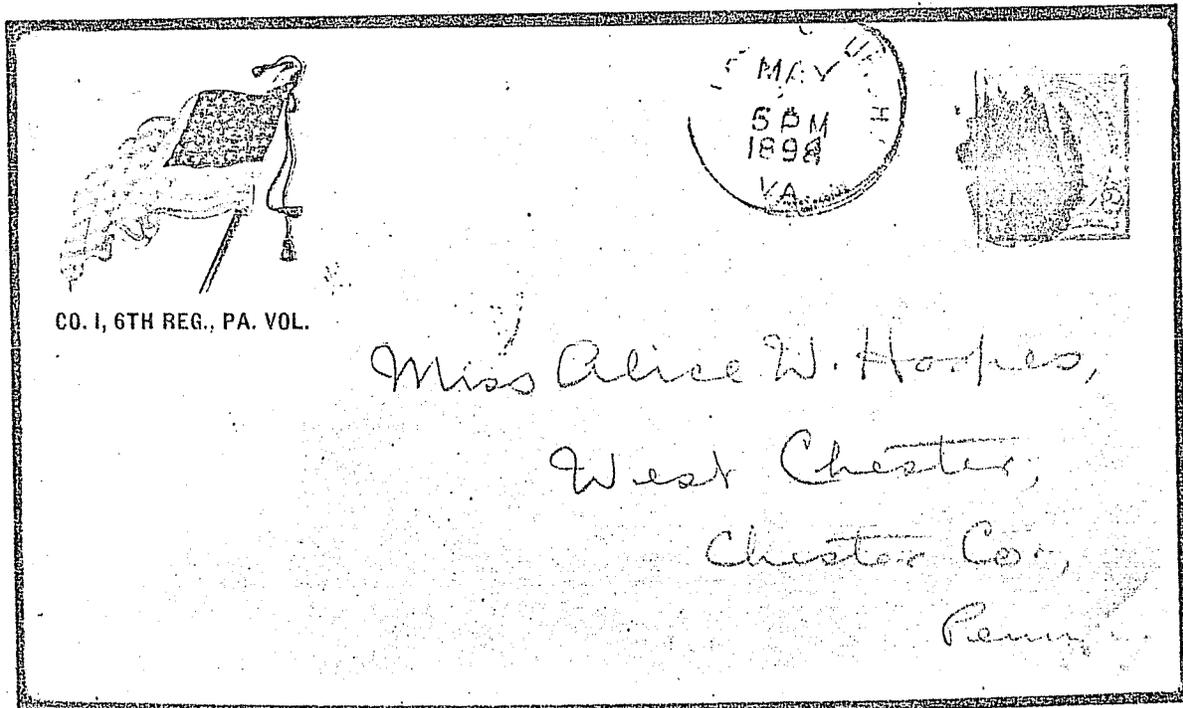


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1898: Sinking of battleship Maine Feb. 15 in Havana harbor triggers the start of a long-expected war with Spain



As a patriotic fever swept the country, many hurried to enlist Clara answered the call for nurses and became a contract nurse



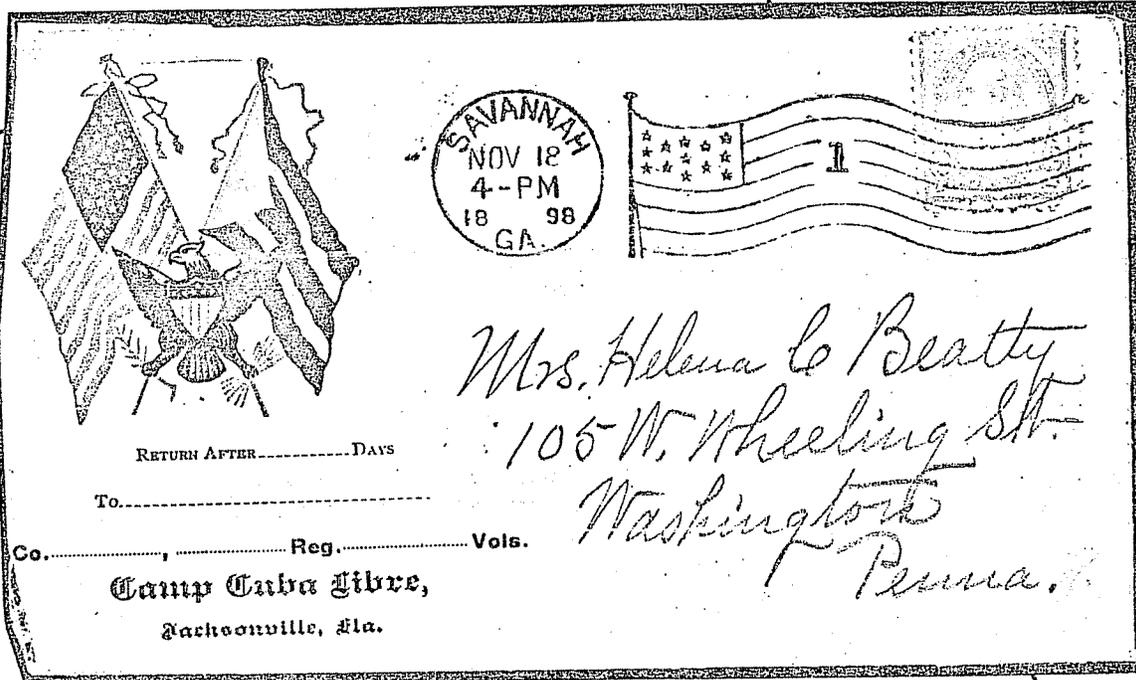
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First station
Camp Cuba Libre
Jacksonville FL

Then to Savannah
for embarkation

Then on
to Cuba

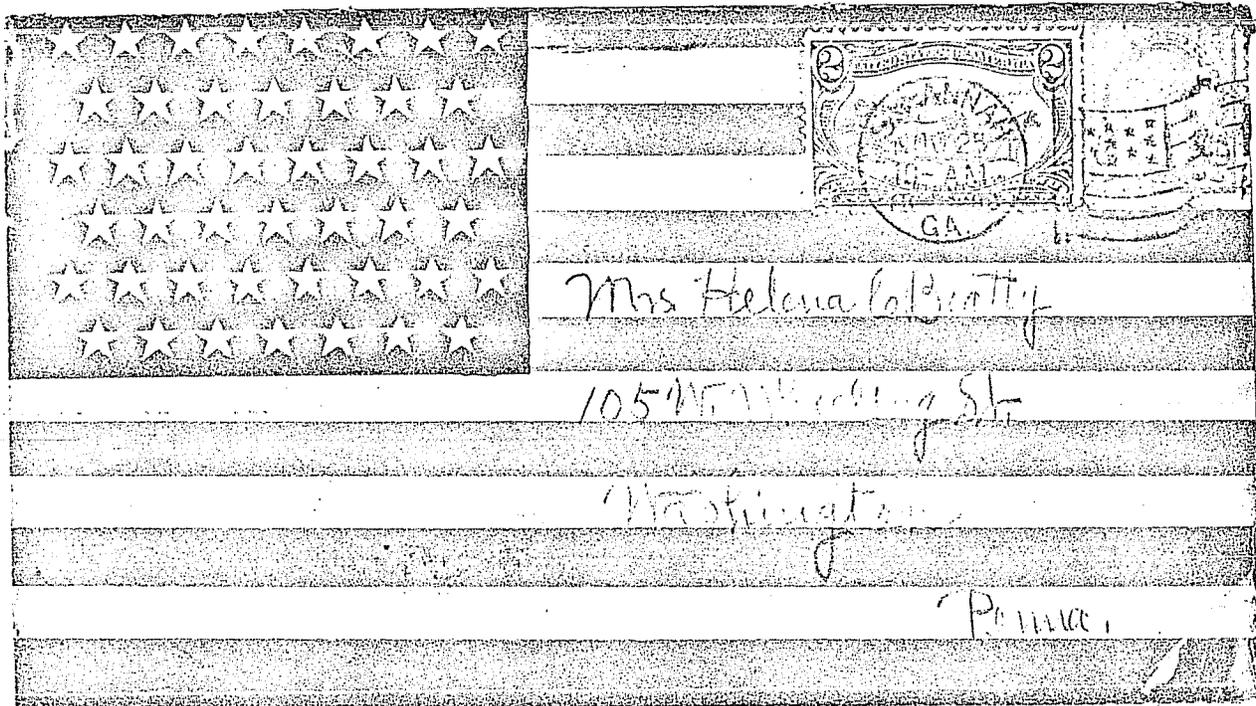


Cover sent from embarkation point
about the time of Clara's leaving



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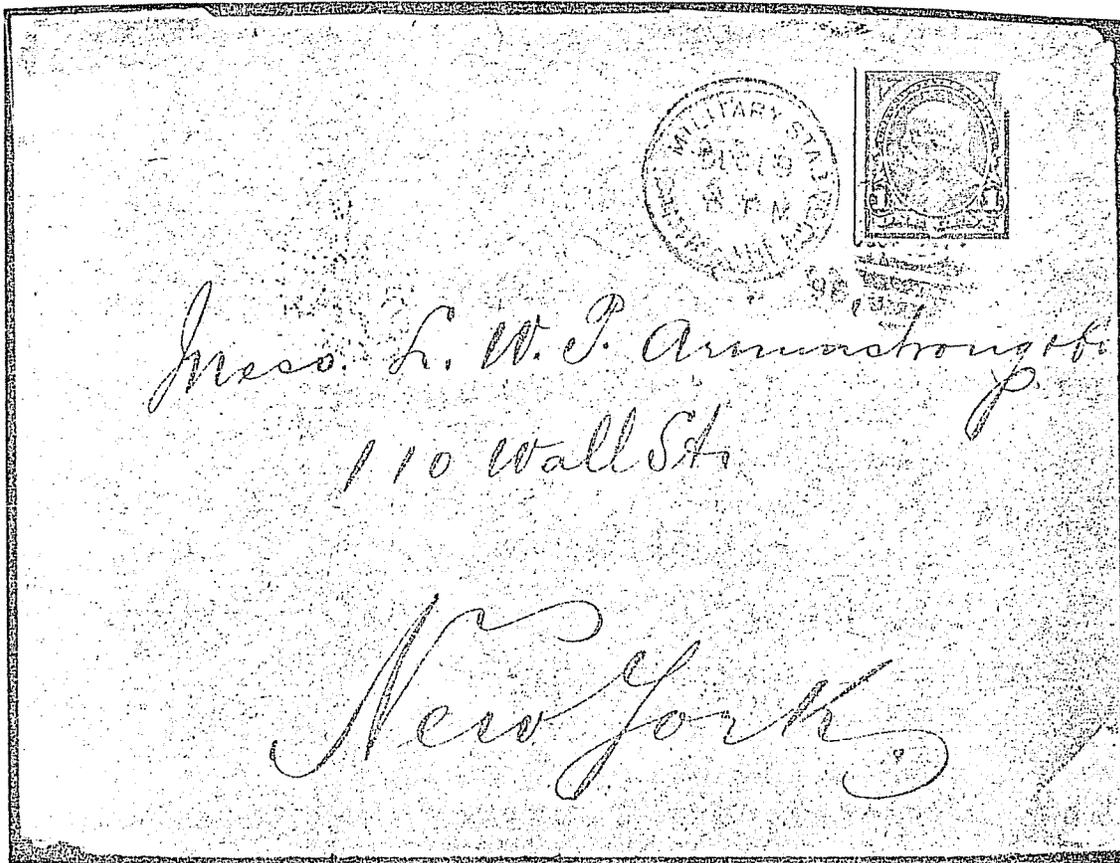
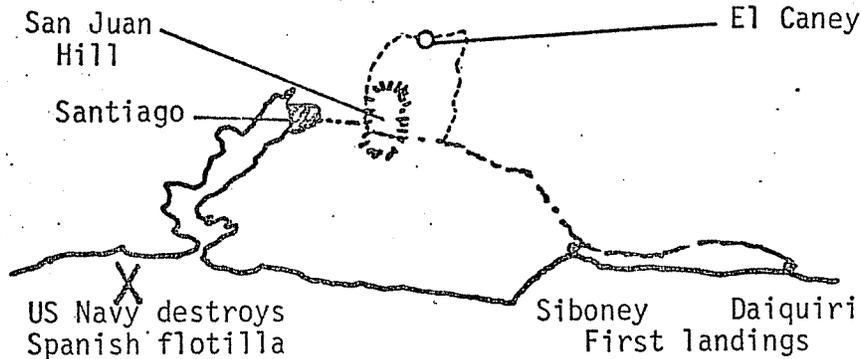
Another cover sent from Clara's port of embarkation
Possibly sent from one of three Pennsylvania nurses
who had shared a tent with Clara at Camp Cuba Libre



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First Cuban Assignment - Santiago

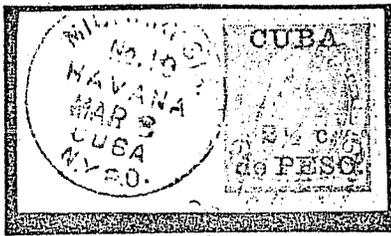


Special 1¢ postal rate permitted for Christmas mail, otherwise 2¢/oz

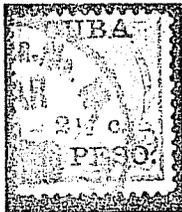
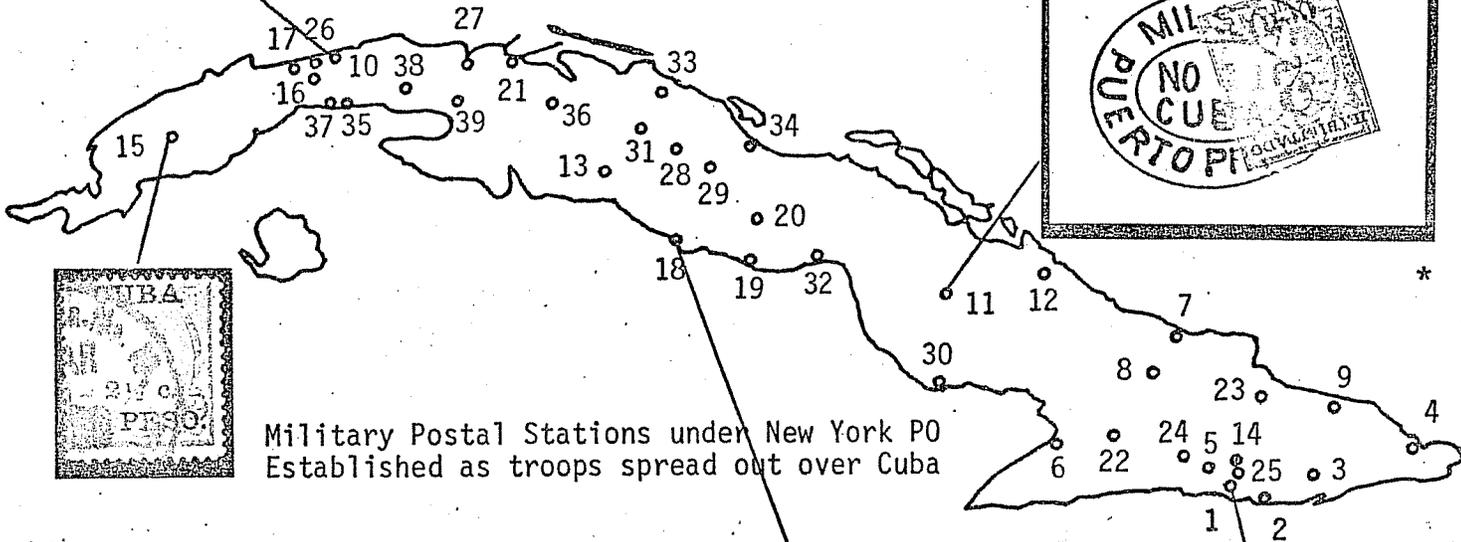
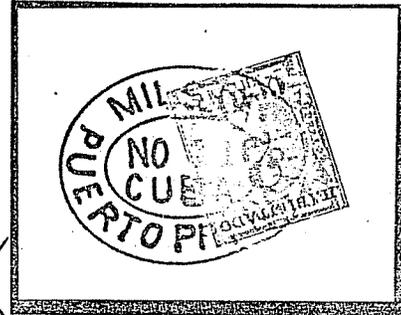


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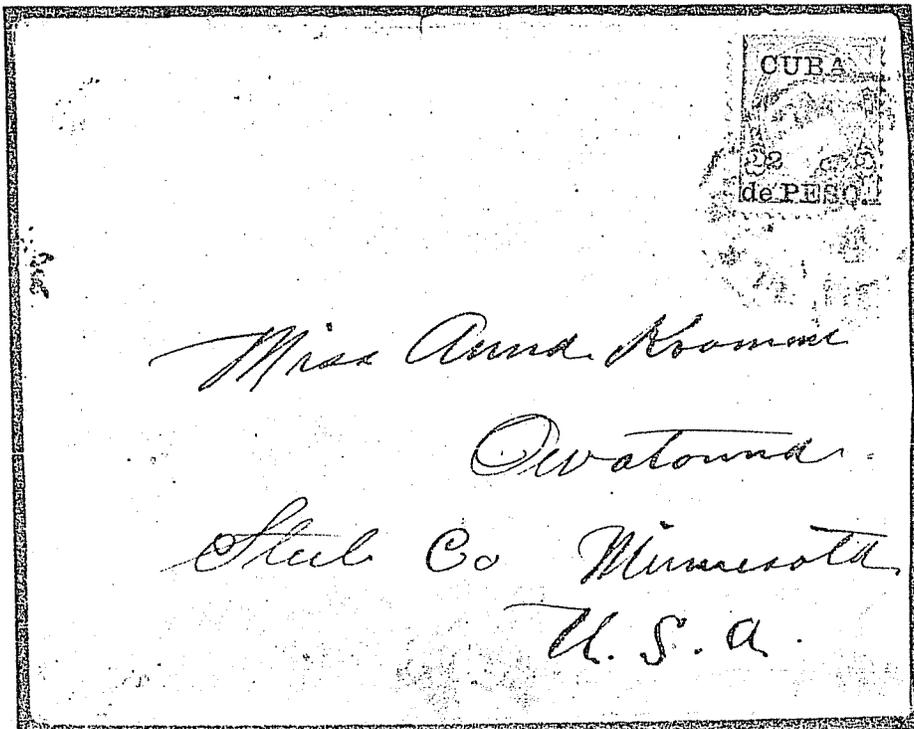
Temporary duty tour in Puerto Principe
Would have been her opportunity to use
elusive provisionals of December, 1898



Military Postal Stations under New York PO
Established as troops spread out over Cuba



Clara's hospital served
by Military Station No 1



*Mrs Anna Koornne
Owatonna
Steel Co Minnesota
U.S.A.*

Overprinted stamps first issued on Jan. 1, 1899
2 1/2c stamp was sold and used as 2c (for 1 oz)

* Balance of cancel on paper is hand drawn.



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Stamps she might have used - Puerto Principe



Due to a stamp shortage, postmaster contacted local printer who overprinted supply of Spanish stamps, in strips of five. Interesting varieties occurred, such as this broken figure 1.



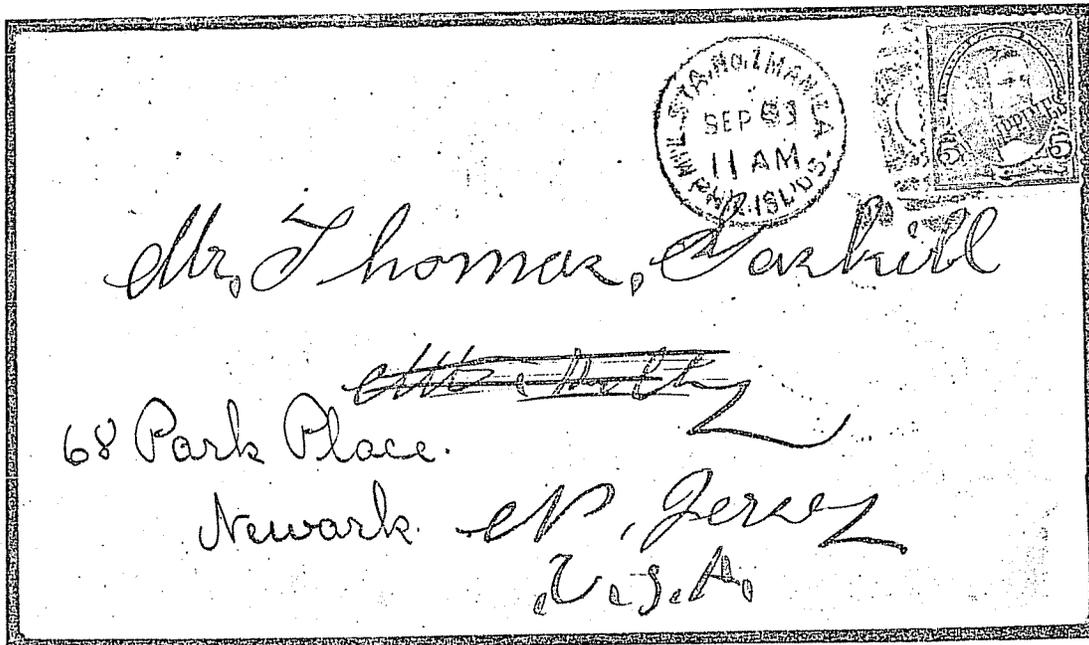
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Next assignment - Manila



Clara nursed yellow fever patients at Field Reserve Hospital, Manila but contracted dengue "breakbone" fever and returned home to recover



As in Cuba, military personnel could use the standard U.S. rate of 2¢/oz, but others paid at the rate of 5¢



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Charles C. Gerrish,
Office, 1st Reserve Hospital,
Manila, P. I.



PHILIPPINES.

Mr. John Walter Scott,
36 John Street,
New York City,
N. Y.

Standard rate letter postmarked at Clara's hospital while she was there



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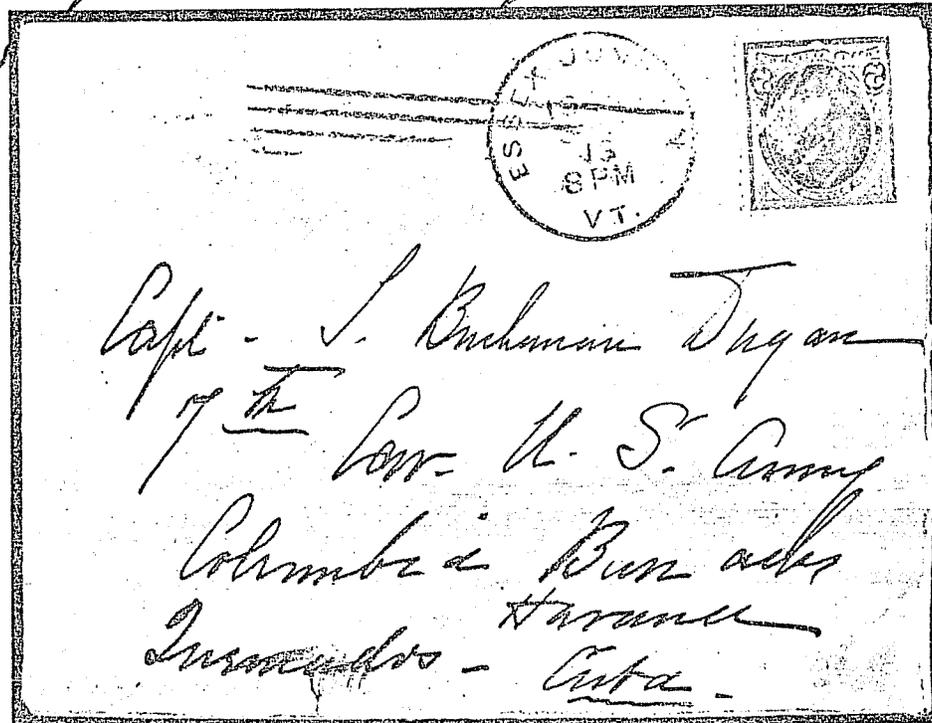
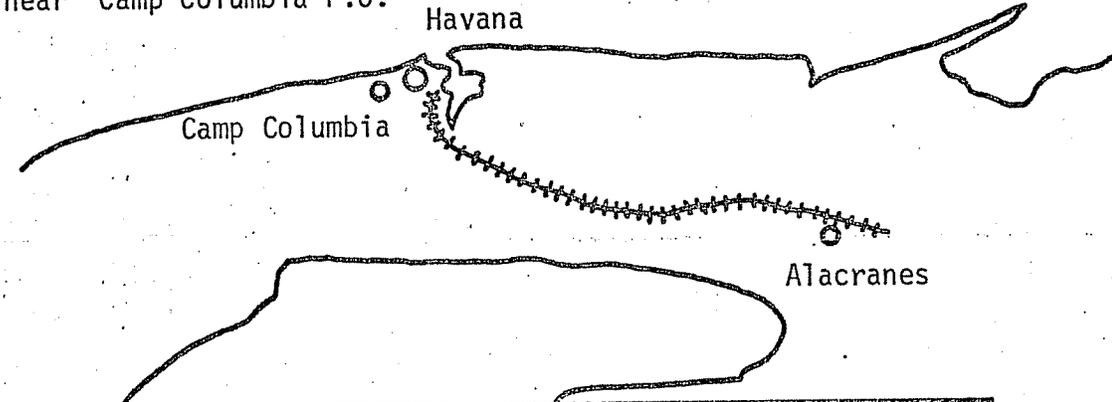
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Second Cuban Assignment
Las Animas Hospital, Quemados



Las Animas Hospital was part of
Yellow Fever Commission research
project near Camp Columbia P.O.

Clara may have used RPO to write
back from rest center in country





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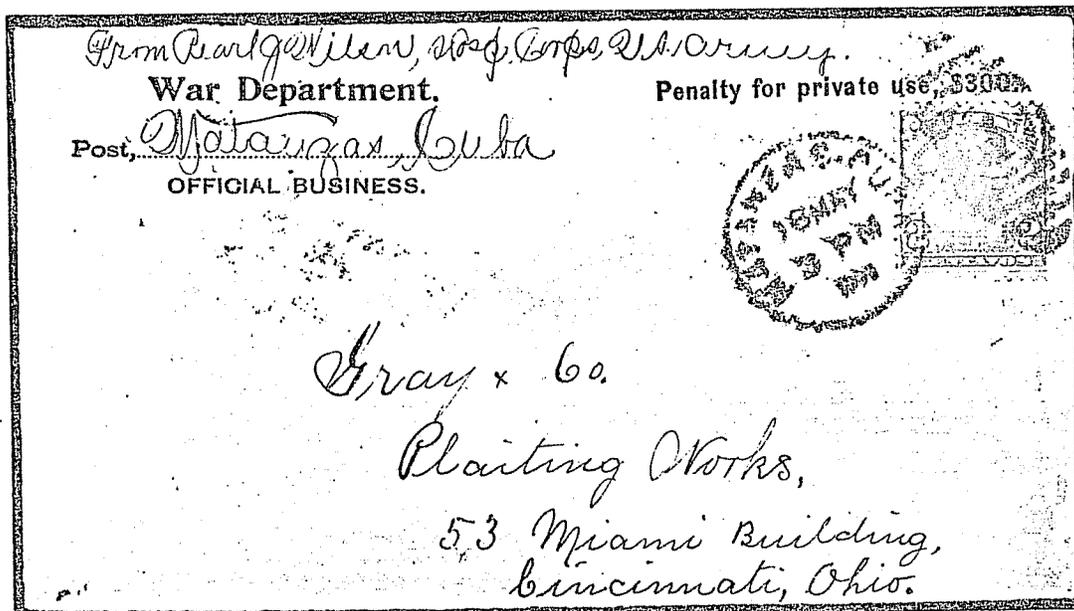
IN HER COUNTRY'S SERVICE



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Clara volunteered to be bitten by infected aegypti in an attempt to develop immunity for yellow fever. It was far above the usual call of duty of a nurse.

The first attempt - resulted in only a mild fever.
The second - resulted in a violent fever and death.



Nurse's letter on typical official business
All letters sent through joint Cuban - US PO

* Christmas seals issued by Clara Maass Hospital



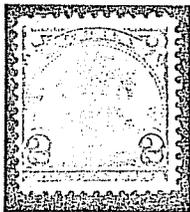
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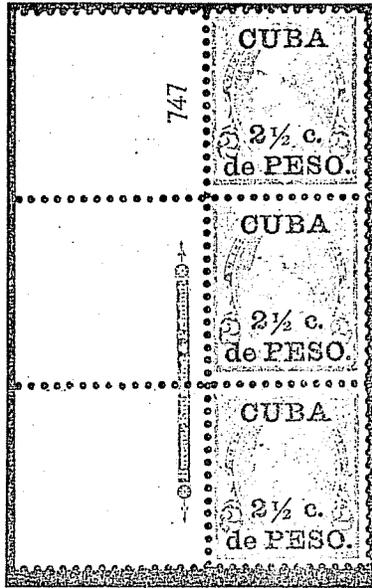
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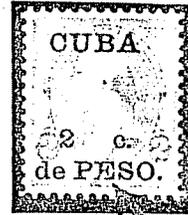


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1900 - 1901



2 1/2¢ was sold and used like the 2¢



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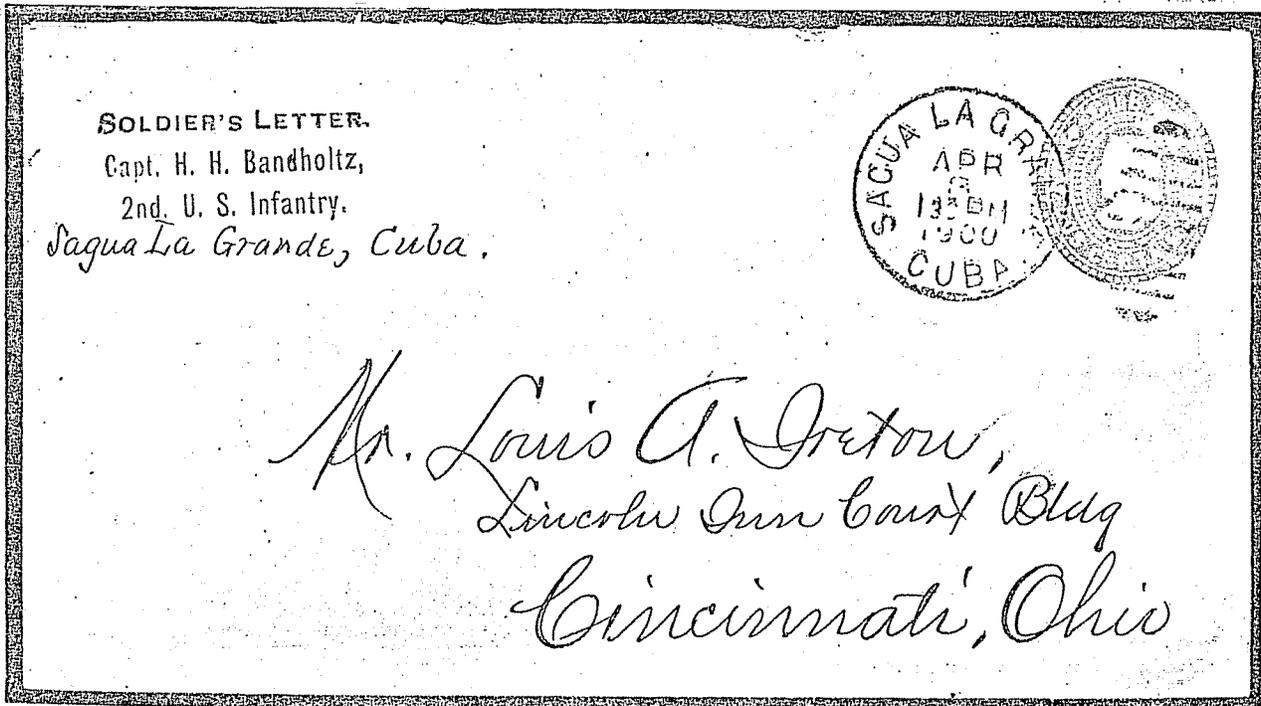
After 2-8-99



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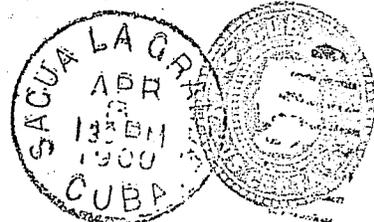
1899 - 1900

Stamps she probably used on her letters



SOLDIER'S LETTER.

Capt. H. H. Bandholtz,
2nd. U. S. Infantry,
Sagua La Grande, Cuba.



*Mr. Louis A. Gretow,
Lincoln Inn Court Bldg
Cincinnati, Ohio*

Typical letter - postal stationery preferred to adhesives, which stuck together
Cancel, joint military-civil P O replacing Military Postal Station #33, 2-27-99

- 1. US regular issue (1898)
- 3. US administration, Cuba Pictorial issue of 1899

- 2. 1898 issue, overprinted (See broken E, 2¢ CUBA)



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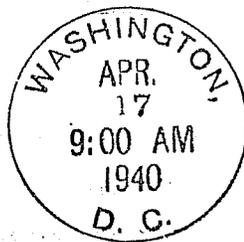
HER DOCTOR COLLEAGUES



W. Reed Commission official report was not generally accepted for several years But Clara Maass' death was a convincing proof to the public and many physicians so that they listened and supported stringent measures for mosquito eradication

1st day

THE THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON



*Mr Joseph Harrison
2730 7/0 Reese St
Phila
Pa*

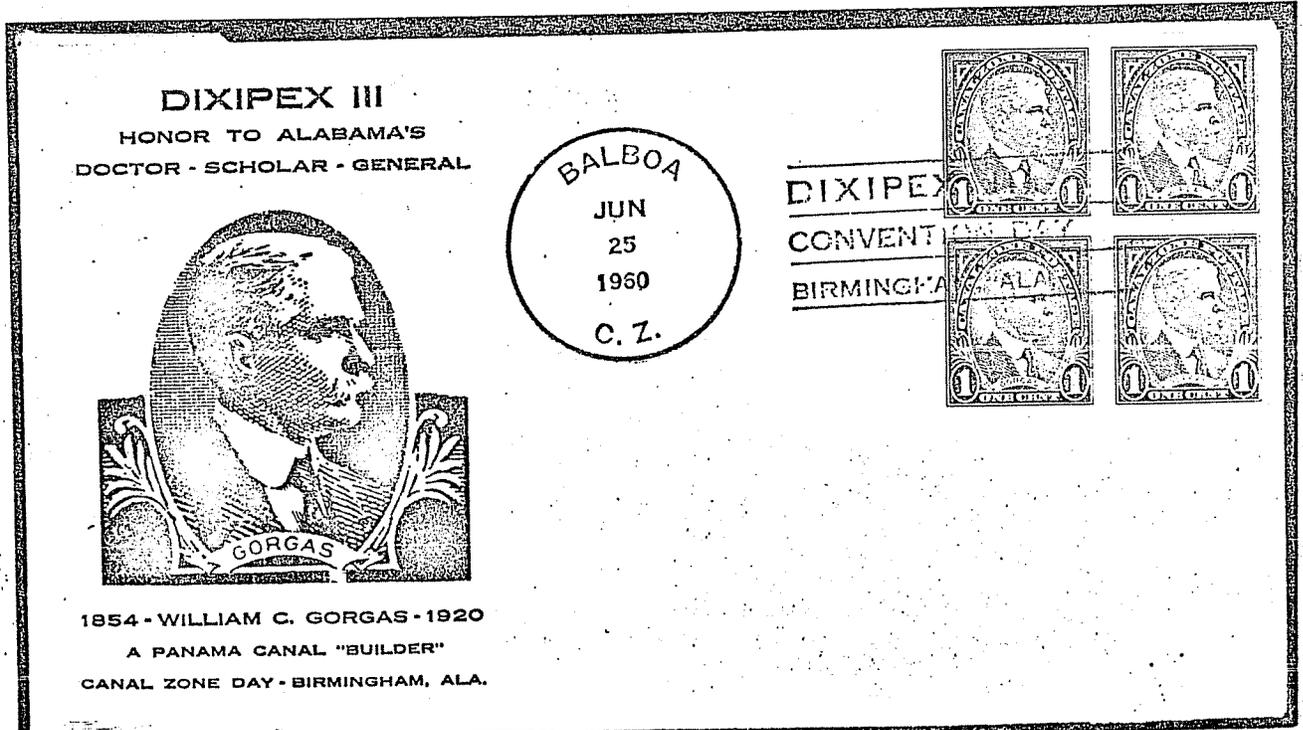


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Answered Clara's application with telegram "Come at once"

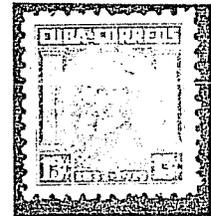


Once convinced of mosquito transmission test results he eradicated mosquitoes and YF in Havana in 90 days



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His theory at long last
had been proven correct

MOD. 15

FERROCARRIL DE CAIBARIEN A MORON

CUBA No. 76-78 - Deptos. 18-19

HABANA
Cuba

HABANA, CUBA
NOV 26
10--PM
1934

1833 Multa de \$400 por uso particular

USO OFICIAL
LIBERO AL MUNDO
DE LA
FINLAY
1933 FIEBRE AMARILLA

Sres.-Electric Service Supply Co.
17th and Cambridge Street,
PHILADELPHIA,
PENNSYLVANIA

U.S.A.

Special cancellation honoring Finlay because
of his "freeing the world from yellow fever"

* Block includes variety, "CORREOSI"

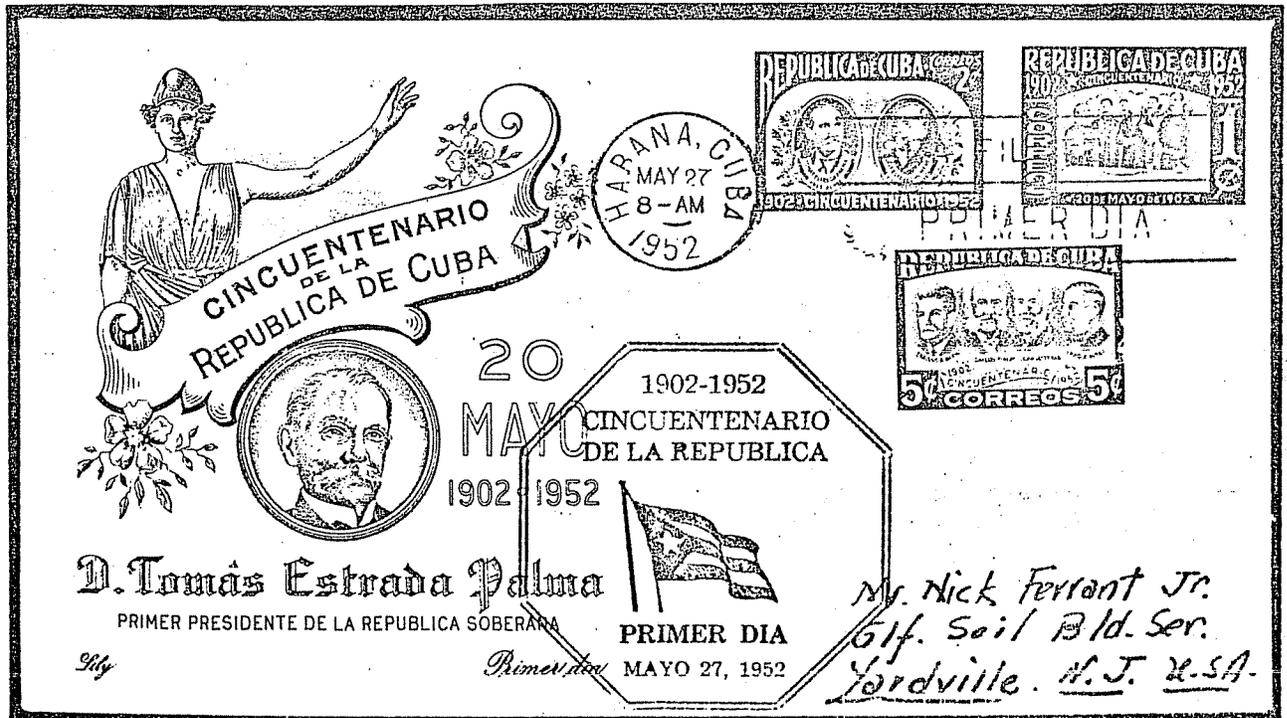


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Dr. Guiteras, Univ of PA graduate and professor informed Clara of possible danger in experiment



Guiteras and other doctors were honored on the 50th anniversary of the first Republic of Cuba



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L to R around desk, Drs. Finlay, Delgado, Reed, Carroll, Lazear (who also died of yellow fever infection), and Agramonte.

Agramonte is not in this picture. The one reclining on the desk is Dr. Edwards Finlay, Dr. Finlay's son.



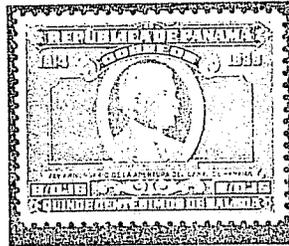
Finlay, his collaborator, and the US Yellow Fever Commission were honored on the fiftieth anniversary of Finlay's death.



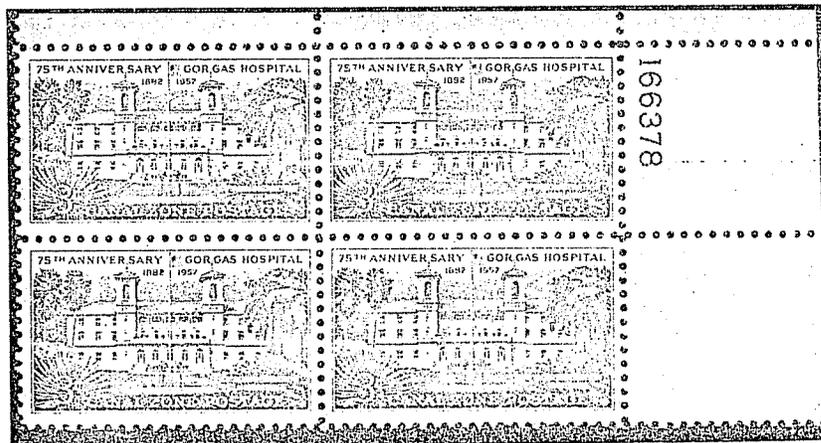


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AFTEREFFECTS



1904: Gorgas repeats yellow fever control in Canal Zone



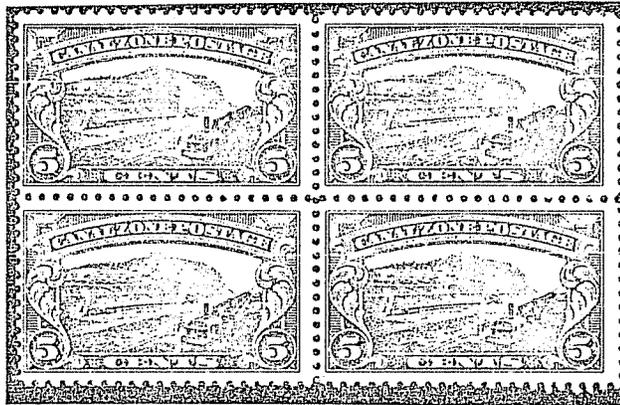
French-built hospital, a yellow fever pest hole, was transformed into a model facility

It is now part of Gorgas Memorial Institute



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Work on the canal was completed with less than the expected worker losses



Ships passing through canal would no longer transmit yellow fever to next port of call

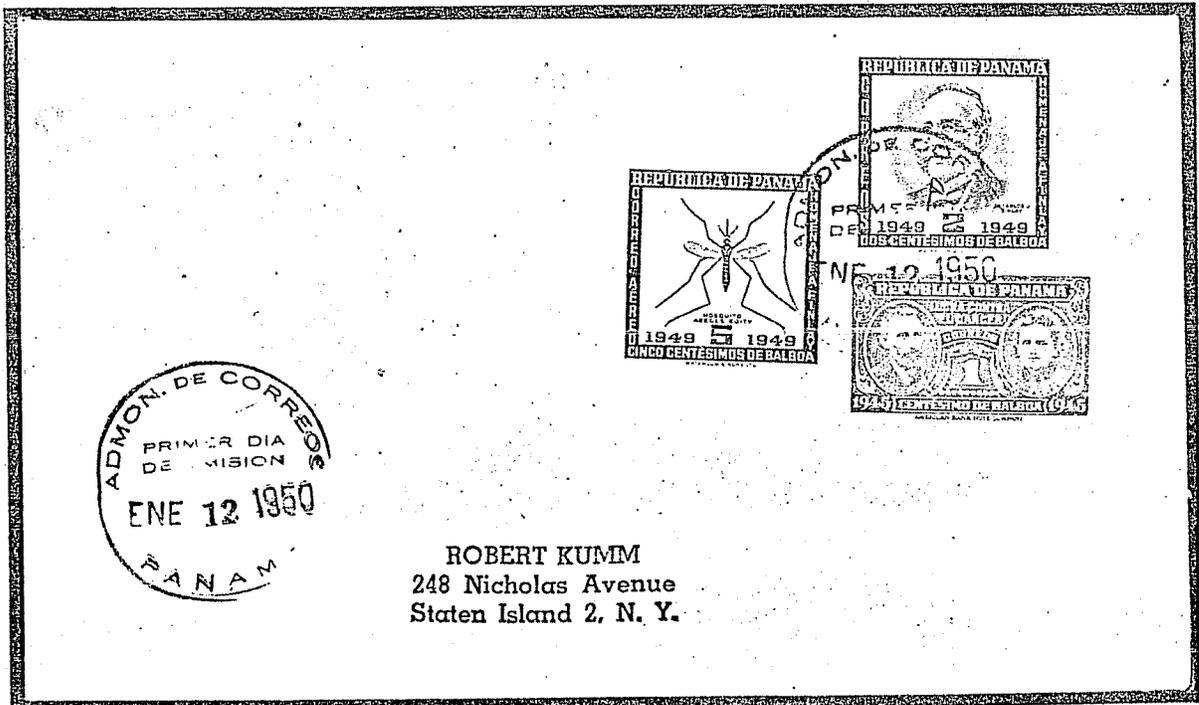


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After the war, Finlay (top and 2d from left below) became Cuba's chief sanitary officer and continued mosquito eradication. He was joined by former surgeon in the US Medical Corps, Enrique Barnet (on left below)



ROBERT KUMM
248 Nicholas Avenue
Staten Island 2, N. Y.

In Panama, Finlay was honored with Pierre and Marie Curie



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Early liberation activist, escaped to US and sent needed medical supplies. Appointed to Sanitary Service after war.

CENTENARIO HOMENAJE

Prof. Raimundo G. Menocal



1856 - 1917

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Primer dia





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AFTEREFFECTS



Oswaldo Cruz, M.D. established Brazil's public health service and mosquito eradication for Rio and other cities, carried out during the administration of a president finally elected by popular vote



This cover is symbolic of Cruz's capacity to stand out although he was nearly overwhelmed by attempts of military from previous government to discredit him



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Hideyo Noguchi was one of the later yellow fever investigators, who died of accidental infection

FIRST DAY of ISSUE



Dr. HIDEYO NOGUCHI
S.P.A.N

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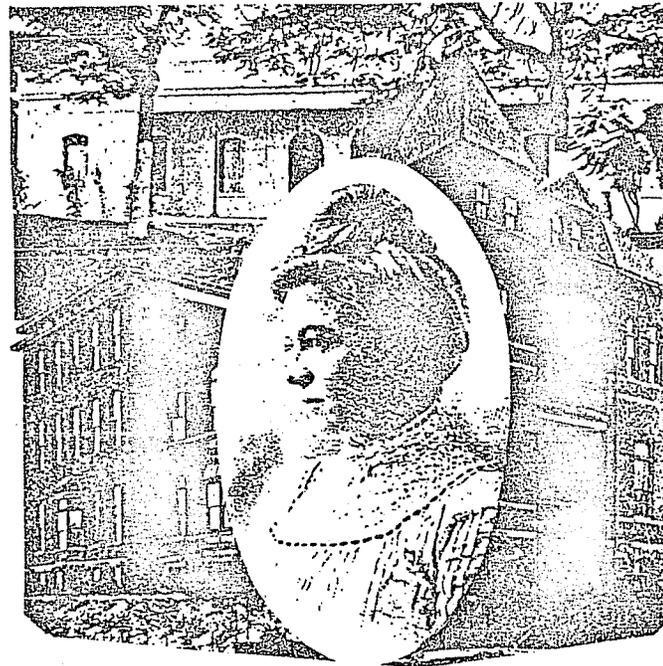
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S. C. GRIFFITH
SOUTH CHARLESTON,
OHIO, U. S. A.



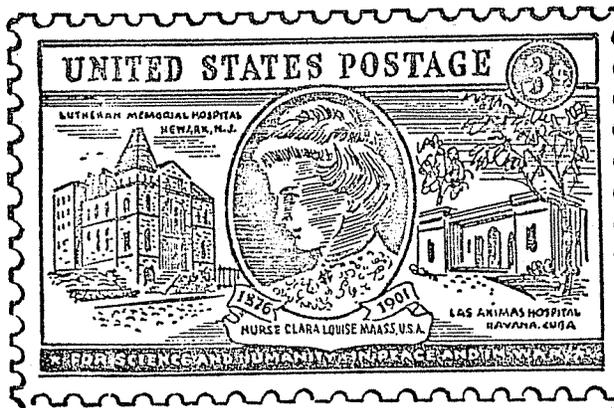
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EFFORTS AND ISSUES

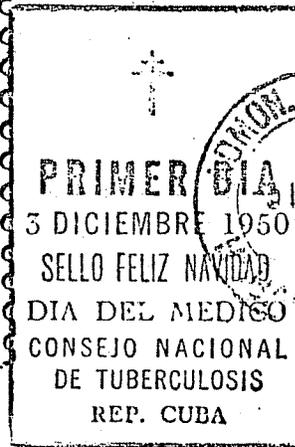


N.J. Bell Telephone artist, Herbert Otto worked from family and hospital photos to design a proposed commemorative stamp

1901 50th Anniversary 1951
CONQUEST OF YELLOW FEVER



Proposed Commemorative Stamp Honoring
NURSE CLARA LOUISE MAASS, U. S. A.
Class of 1895, Lutheran Memorial Hospital, Newark, N. J.

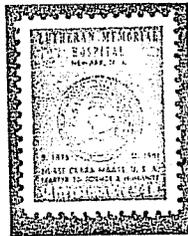
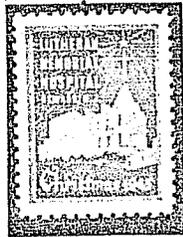


First day of Christmas tuberculosis stamp in Cuba gave occasion for Herbert to advocate twin stamps



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EFFORTS AND ISSUES



Early efforts to promote Clara Maass commemorative stamps made use of Christmas seals, which began to picture Clara

18th STAMPEX
October 21, 22 and 23, 1949
Military Park Hotel
Newark, New Jersey
Sponsored by Essex Stamp Club

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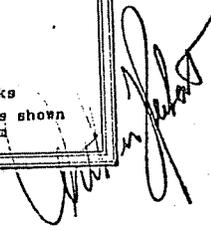

1849
Newark Postmarks
with the usual rates shown
in two of them






GIVE-ENOUGH THROUGH YOUR COMMUNITY CHEST





Pastor Arthur Herbert found them an excellent medium for use at important philatelic events



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THE CUBAN COMMEMORATIVE



At last, through the efforts of
Dr. Fernando Lopez Fernandez,
Director of Las Animas Hospital



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Hoja No. Block

Hoja Nº

CUBA CORREOS 2

Center Gutter Block

Cross Gutter Pair

Arrow Block

Hoja Nº

6888

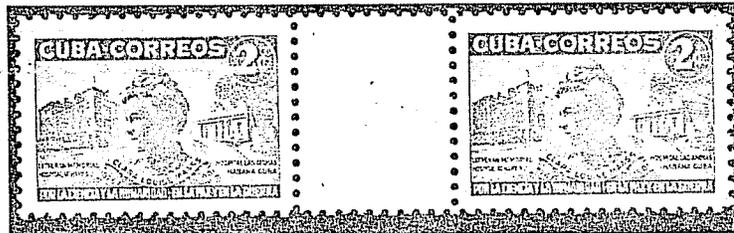
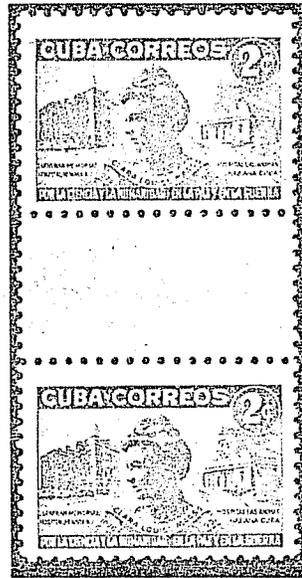
Plate No. Block

Plate markings and gutters of Cuban sheets make attractive specialties



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THE CUBAN COMMEMORATIVE



Postal Order #19, 8-7-51
Date of issue, 8-24-51

Designer, Herbert Otto
Engraving,
Security Bank Note Co
Four panes of 25 stamps
Plate nos., in scarlet
S 888
S 889

No. issued, 3,000,000
No varieties are known



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Clara's sisters autograph first day covers in Havana

In Memoriam
CINCUNETENARIO DE LA MUERTE
 DE



Clara Louise Maass

ANIVERSARIO
 Descubrimiento del Agente
 transmisor de la fiebre ama-
 rilla por el Dr. Carlos J.
 Finlay.

LA HABANA - CUBA

de sellos conme-
 cincuentenario fa-
 o de Clara Louise
 Maass.

PRIMER DIA DE CIRCULACION
 de agosto de 1951.

ENFERMERA NORTEAMERICANA QUE OFRENDÓ SU
 VIDA EN LA CONQUISTA DE LA FIEBRE AMARILLA
 EN LA HABANA EL 24 DE AGOSTO DE 1901.

SEA FILATÉLICO
 PRIMER DIA

HABANA
 AGO 24
 1951

Mr. Ralph H. Ward
 P.O. Box #93,
 Napo, New Zealand.

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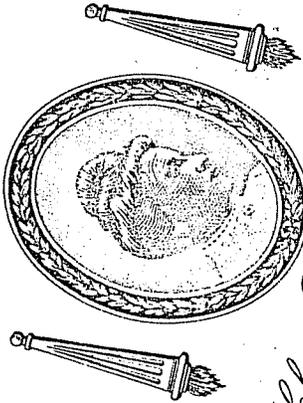
Maximum card based on family photograph



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In Memoriam
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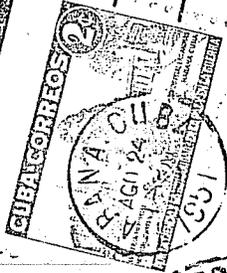
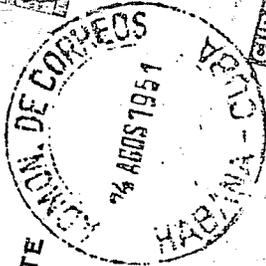


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In Memoriam



CUBA CORREOS
SEA FILATÉLICO
PRIMER DIA



50º ANIVERSARIO
Descubrimiento del Agente
transmisor de la fiebre amarilla
por el Dr. Carlos J.
Finlay.

CORREOS - LA HABANA - CUBA
Emisión de sellos conmemorativa cincuentenario fallecimiento de Clara Louise Maass.
PRIMER DIA DE CIRCULACION
24 de agosto de 1951.



CLARA MAASS - SHE GAVE HER LIFE

EFFORTS AND ISSUES



Pastor Herbert's efforts on a US commemorative now redoubled as more Christmas seals featured Clara and the hospital's new name

1901 50th Anniversary 1951
CONQUEST OF YELLOW FEVER

Proposed Commemorative Stamp Honoring
NURSE CLARA LOUISE MAASS, U. S. A.
Class of 1895, Lutheran Memorial Hospital, Newark, N. J.

to my trust Joseph's letter a new 1951 Christmas

HARANA, CUBA
DIC 16 1951

CUBA COPIES
SEA POST
PRIMER DIA
LUTHERAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

50th ANNIVERSARY
CONQUEST OF YELLOW FEVER
CHRISTMAS 1951

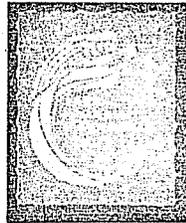
PRIMER DIA
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HARANA - CUBA

Any new Christmas issue, especially combined with the Cuban issue, was an occasion to press for approval of the twin US commemorative



CLARA MAASS - SHE GAVE HER LIFE

EFFORTS AND ISSUES



Years of hard campaigning
with more Christmas seals

REPUBLICA DE CUBA
MINISTERIO DE SALUBRIDAD Y ASISTENCIA SOCIAL
Consejo Nacional de Tuberculosis

AN AMERICAN TRADITION

TUBEX 1956

PRIMER DIA

Christmas Greetings

Christmas Greetings

1956

1956

Christmas Seals Fight Tuberculosis

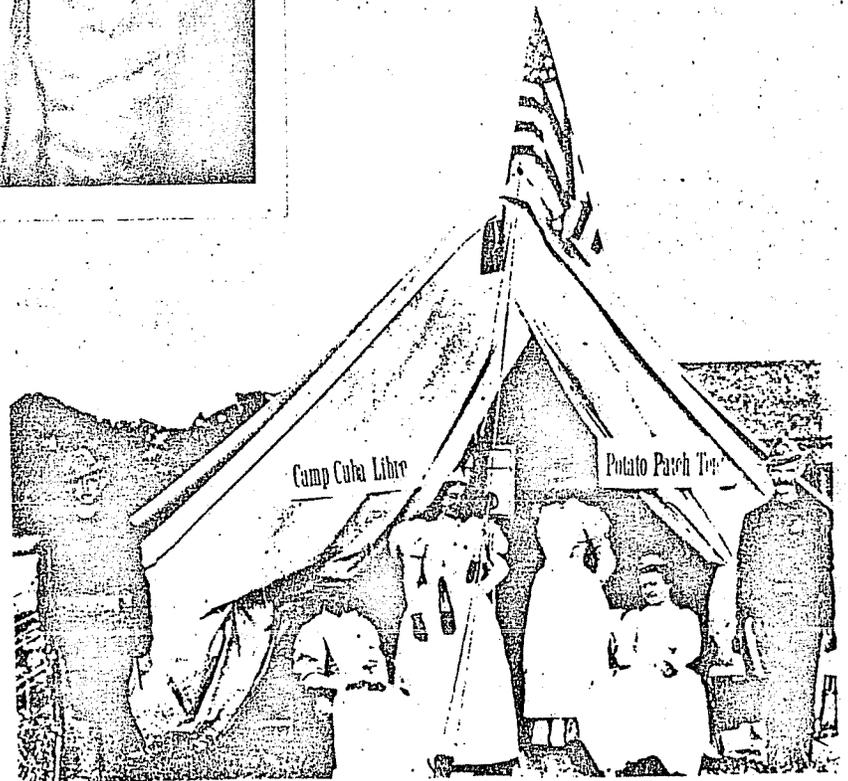
Finally Washington postal authorities yielded
but they specified a new design for the stamp



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THE US COMMEMORATIVE

Artist Paul Calle used this hospital portrait and wartime photograph as sources for designs

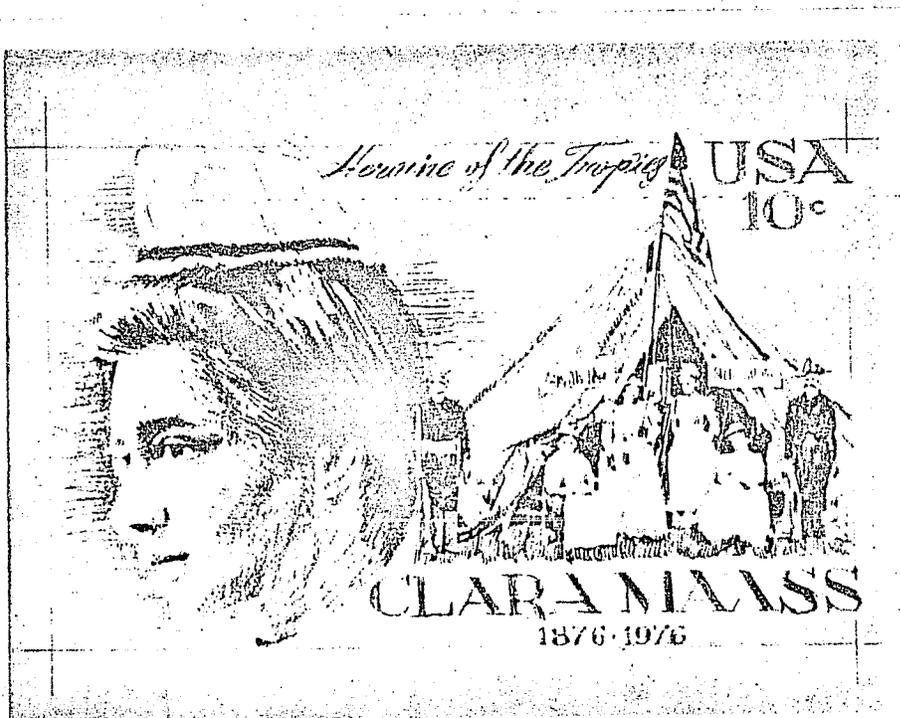
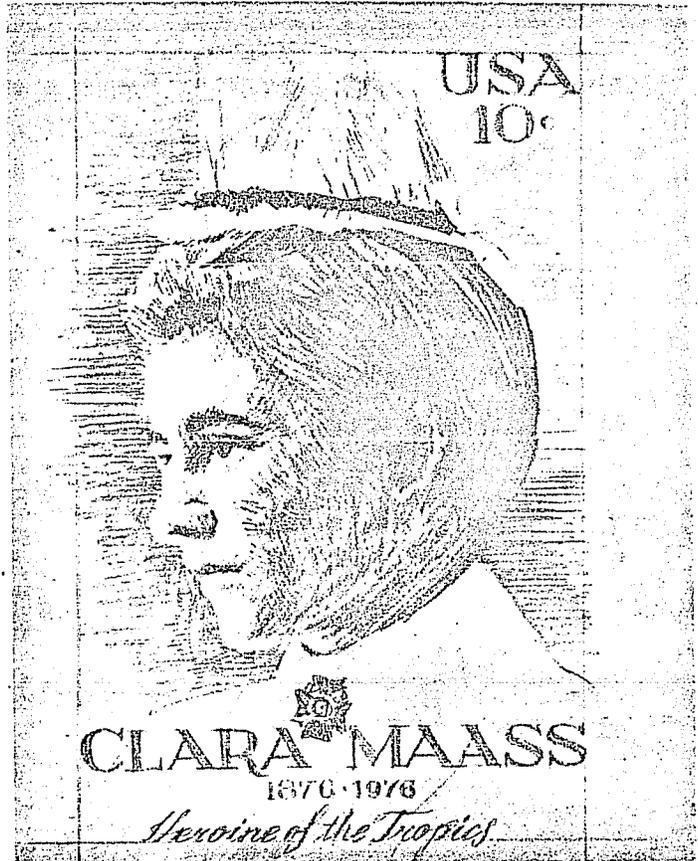


Clara in photograph standing on the right with three other nurses from Pennsylvania



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THE US COMMEMORATIVE





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From these a final design was
chosen and submitted in color



CLARA MAASS - SHE GAVE HER LIFE

THE US COMMEMORATIVE



Designer, Paul Calle
 Modeler, Peter Cocci
 Semi-jumbo size
 On gravure press
 4 panes of 40 stamps
 Plate nos., 6 colors
 37261-66
 37267-72
 Printed, 140,000,000



CLARA MAASS - SHE GAVE HER LIFE

THE US COMMEMORATIVE

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVER
 AUTHORIZED BY CLARA MAASS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



USA 13¢



CLARA MAASS
She gave her life.

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

Honoring Clara Maass
 HEROIC NURSE - GAVE HER LIFE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF YELLOW FEVER RESEARCH
 1876 - CENTENNIAL - 1976

1876-1901 SHE GAVE HER LIFE TO CONQUER YELLOW FEVER



OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVER

U.S. POSTAGE 4¢



USA 13¢



NURSING

CLARA MAASS
She gave her life.

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

A Tribute to Clara Louise Maass

R.N. MAGAZINE OFFICIAL SPONSOR



CLARA MAASS - SHE GAVE HER LIFE



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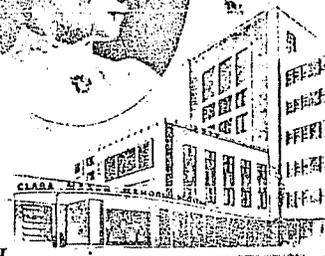
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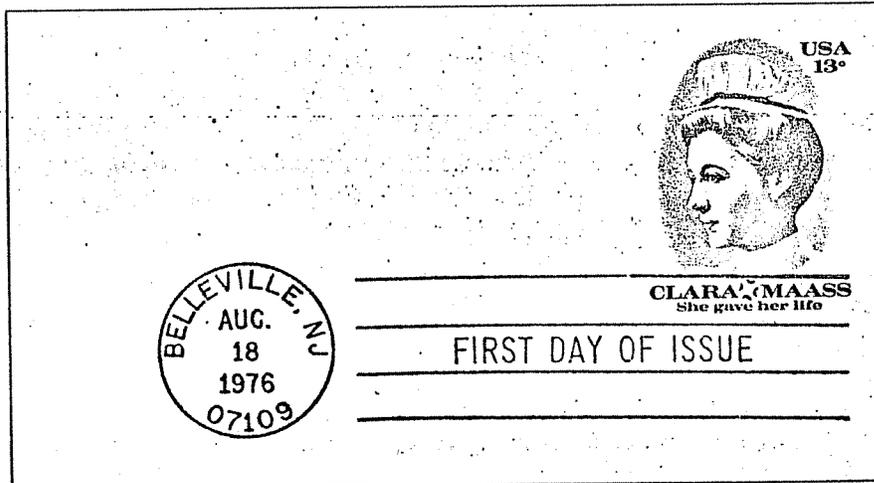
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MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



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1876 - CENTENNIAL - 1976



BELLEVILLE, N.J.
AUG.
18
1976
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USA
13¢

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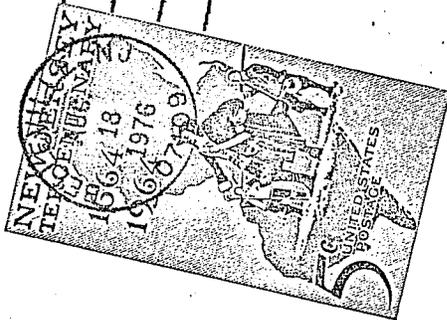
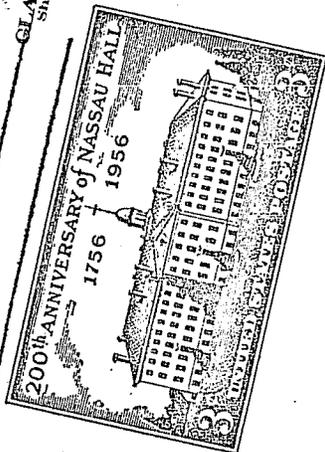
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THE US COMMEMORATIVE

Cuban Philatelic Society of America



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE



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FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

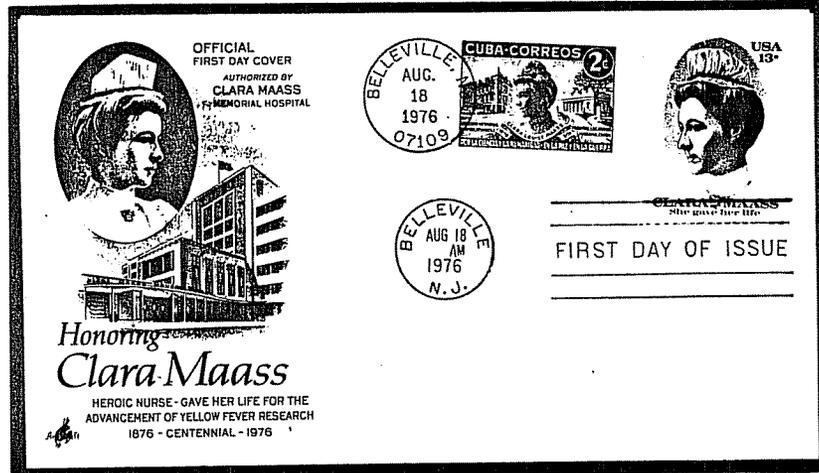
OCTOBER 24-26, 1975



CLARA MAASS - SHE GAVE HER LIFE
The U.S. Commemorative



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First day cover and souvenir sheet
tie both commemoratives together

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OCTOBER 24-26, 1975



U.S. stamp offers large plate block with six plate numbers and a mail early/Mr. Zip block

The Robert B. Spooner Topical collection of Clara Maass

CLARA MAASS - SHE GAVE HER LIFE
The Cuban Commemorative



Clara's sisters
sign first day covers
in Havana



50th ANNIVERSARY
CONQUEST of YELLOW FEVER
CHRISTMAS 1951



LUTHERAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

IN MEMORIAM

NURSE CLARA LOUISE MAASS, U.S.A.

CLASS OF 1893

Gave her life in the conquest of yellow fever
Dio la vida por la conquista de la fiebre amarilla

HOSPITAL LAS ANIMAS,

HABANA, CUBA, AUGUST 24, 1901

Official First Day—Primer Dia



50º ANIVERSARIO

Descubrimiento del Agente
transmisor de la fiebre ama-
rilla por el Dr. Carlos J.
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CORREOS - LA HABANA - CUBA
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Sources of stamp designs



Family and
hospital photographs



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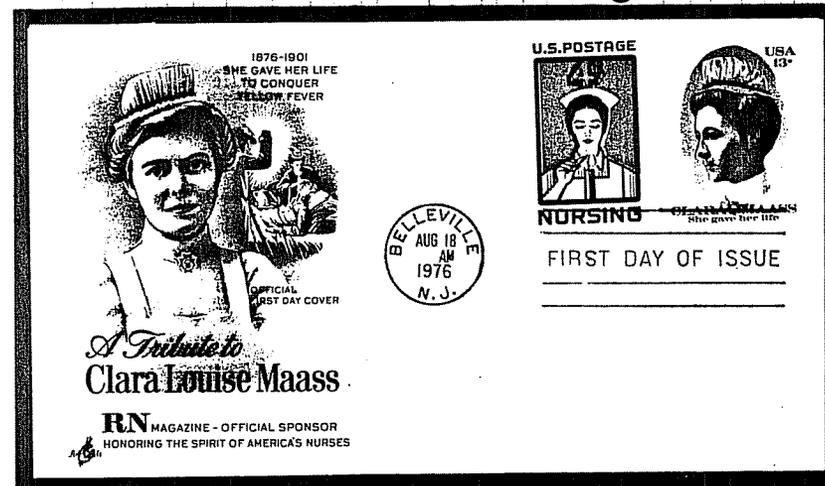
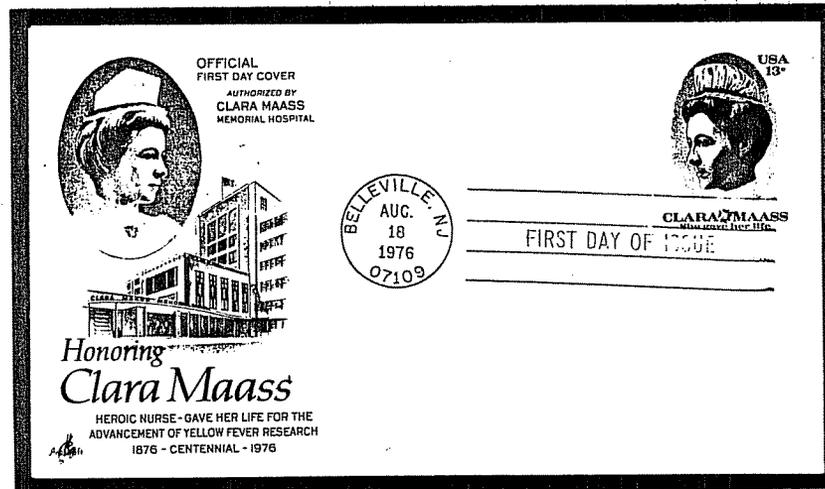


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Painting that hangs in
Clara Maass Memorial Hospital

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Efforts & Issues



Special first day covers authorized by the campaign's
backers, Clara Maass Memorial Hospital and RN Magazine

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3500 MARK
PRINTED IN U.S.A.

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Efforts & Issues



Christmas seals kept hopes alive
for commemoratives

At last from Cuba -

REPUBLICA DE CUBA
MINISTERIO DE SALUBRIDAD Y ASISTENCIA SOCIAL

Consejo Nacional de Tuberculosis
LA HABANA

50° ANIVERSARIO
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Years of campaigning-
and Christmas seals



Speed-rite

Finally,
the U S commemorative



CLARA MAASS - SHE GAVE HER LIFE
In Her Country's Service

Success of the yellow fever program
promoted area progress; almost immediately -



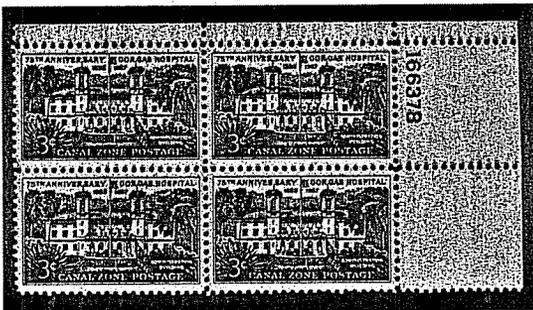
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1904: Gorgas repeated Y F control in Canal Zone
Work was completed with acceptable losses



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Ships through canal would no longer
transmit Y F to next port of call



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French-built hospital, a Y F pest hole,
was transformed into a model facility

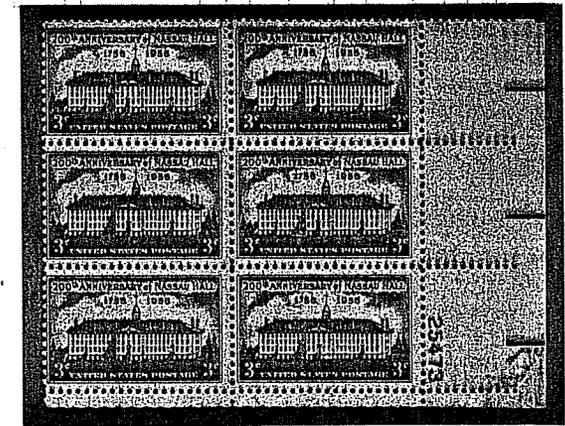
Now part of Gorgas Memorial Institute

1. 1928-40 1st definitive issue 2. 1939 25th anniv. opening
3. 1957 75th anniv. hospital

CLARA MAASS - SHE GAVE HER LIFE
In Her Country's Service



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Her home state of New Jersey, which Clara never saw again,
adds her example to time-honored memories shown by stamps

1. 1964 N.J. Tercentenary Issue 2. 1956 Nassau Hall Issue
3. 1977 American Bicentennial Issue

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In Her Country's Service

Stamps for Letters Home
1898-9: Santiago de Cuba



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Before 2-8-99
Via Military Postal Station #1



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After 2-8-99
Via Joint Military-Civil P O



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1899 - 1900
Field Reserve Hospital

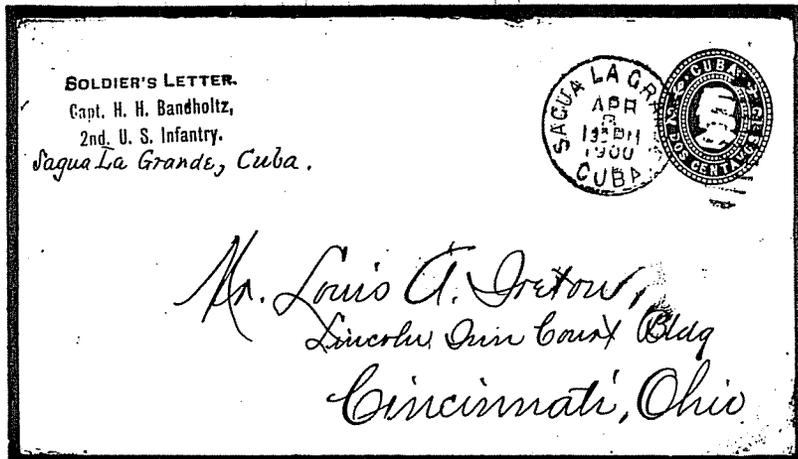
Via Manila Office
Philippine Postal Service



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1900 - 1901
Las Animas Hospital, Havana

Via Columbia Barracks Station
(Was Military Postal Station # 10)



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Typical letter - postal stationery preferred to adhesives, which stuck together
Cancel, joint military-civil P O replacing Military Postal Station #33, 2-27-99

1. 1898 Regular issue
2. 1899 Reg. issue optd.
3. 1899 Reg. issue optd.
4. 1899 Issue of Republic
5. 1899 Issue of Republic

CLARA MAASS - SHE GAVE HER LIFE
In Her Country's Service

Doctors With Whom She Worked



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1855: Graduated, Jefferson Medical College
1881: Expounded theory, stegomyia mosquito
transmits yellow fever
His experimental techniques were
invaluable to U S experiments



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1898-1901 Head of yellow fever commission
His controlled experiments traced cause
They proved Finlay's theory correct



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1898-1903 Chief Sanitary Officer
Once convinced of mosquito transmission,
he eradicated Y F in Havana in 90 days.

1. 1952 50th anniv. Republic
2. 1934 Centenary of birth
3. 1954-6 Revolution heroes
4. 1940 Famous Americans
5. 1928-40 1st definitive issue

CLARA MAASS - SHE GAVE HER LIFE
Yellow Fever's Scourge

1454: Mayans ravaged by deadly epidemic after chiefs revolt - Believed yellow fever

Culture never regained viability



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1493: Columbus reported epidemic among his men and local populace after Caribe invasion

Finlay's studies indicated yellow fever



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1793: Philadelphia - Washington and thousands fled worst epidemic until flu of 1918

Stegomyia infected 17,000, killed 5,000



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1802: Napoleon's 25,000 troops under Leclerc Lost 22,000 men to yellow fever

Dessalines won freedom at Vertieres



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1. 1932-42 Coffee publicity 2. 1900 Hispaniola
3. 1938-43 Presidential issue 4. 1904 Centenary of independence

CLARA MAASS - SHE GAVE HER LIFE
Yellow Fever's Scourge

1870: Mississippi valley battered by its most disastrous of many epidemics

13,000 died, gulf to beyond Memphis



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1870: Buenos Aires devastated by epidemic

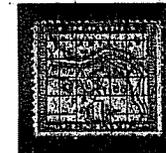
5000 died of total population of 15,000



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1881-9: French attempt to build canal

Lose over 30,000 to yellow fever
Forced to abandon project



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1890's: Guyaquil, only two days' sailing from proposed new Panama Canal

World's most virulent Y F exporter



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1. 1870-1 Regular issue 2. 1867-87 National figures
3. 1887-8 Map of Panama 4. 1894-5 Rocafuerte

CLARA MAASS - SHE GAVE HER LIFE

The story of yellow fever, the courageous nurse, a dedicated humanitarian, who gave her life to help conquer it, and the efforts of many that culminated in two commemorative stamps honoring her sacrifice. These stamps and related philatelic specialties will be a continuing memorial in any collection.

Yellow Fever's Scourge

Bewildering disease since the beginning of history - Endemic to West Africa and Caribbean lands - Carried to temperate zones, spawning epidemics - Populations fled from its ravages in low areas, but thousands died - No prevention or cure - Finlay's theory, transmission by stegomyia mosquito

In Her Country's Service

June 28, 1876: Born, East Orange, NJ - 1895: Graduated, nursing school
1898: Head Nurse, German Hospital at outbreak, Spanish-American war

Oct. 1898: Among first to sign as contract nurse - Florida, Santiago de Cuba, first encounter with yellow fever - Released, Feb. 1899

Nov 1899: Rejoined, nursed yellow fever victims in Philippines - Contracted dengue 'breakbone fever' - Sent home May 1900 to recuperate

Oct. 1900: Responded to Gorgas' "Come at once" - Assignment, Las Animas yellow fever hospital near Havana and Camp Columbia

June 1901: Ready to return home and be married - Volunteered to be bitten by stegomyia in experiments to develop immunity - Only mild fever
Aug. 14: Bitten again, developed raging fever, died Aug. 24

Highly skilled nurse - Deeply committed - Warm, compassionate, human

CLARA MAASS - SHE GAVE HER LIFE

Efforts & Issues

Among the individuals and organizations to collect evidence and petition authorities for Clara Maass' recognition:

Rev. Dr. Arthur Herbert, relentless driver until death in 1969

Las Animas Director, Dr. Lopez-Fernandez led, won Cuban drive
Later in U.S., became honorary chairman of U.S. drive

Lutheran Memorial Hospital, which, on June 19, 1952, became
Clara Maass Memorial Hospital

RN Magazine, which kept nurses involved in campaign progress

2-10-49: U.S. Rep. Addonizio introduced HR2609 for commemorative.
Postmaster General ruled not until 50 years after event honored

8-13-75: Postmaster General Benj. F. Bailar announced U.S. stamp
to untiring proponents, who felt all along the cause would succeed

The Cuban Commemorative

Dr. Fernando Lopez-Fernandez, personal physician to the President, persuaded the Cuban government to issue the first commemorative
Authorized by Postal Order #19, 8-7-51; date of issue, 8-24-51.

This was the 50th anniversary of Clara Maass' death and also
of the long-sought breakthrough in the conquest of yellow fever

Clara's three living sisters accompanied Pastor Arthur Herbert to
Havana to participate in ceremonies marking the stamp's issuance

The U.S. Commemorative

Presentations to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee had been
successful and its design announced in Philatelic Release No. 30,
6-6-76, the unveiling at American Nurses Association Convention

It was one of only seven stamps issued in the Bicentennial Year

First Day of Issue Ceremonies at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital on
8-18-76 rather than 100th anniversary of her birth (near July 4)

Speed-rite