

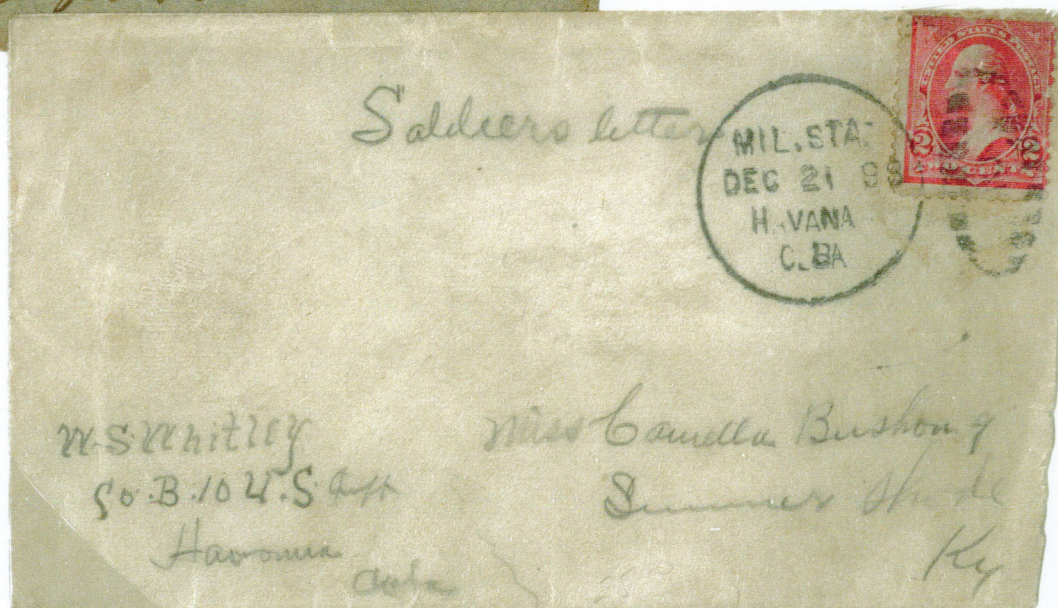
CUBA  
La Habana Province

Mil. Sta. Cuba  
13 November 1898

Mil. Sta. Havana Cuba  
21 December 1898



← This is not a Havana cancellation but rather the earliest reported cancellation from Manzanillo.



A provisional postmark, modeled on RPO markings used in the U.S. at the time, is believed to have been brought to Havana by an army survey group in November 1898; its use on the upper cover is earlier than previously recorded. It was superseded by a similar cancel in which "Havana" was included in the cds. Examples of this marking are recorded only from 21 December 1898 (above) to 26 January 1899.