

The Stamps



carmine



sepia



bright yellow green



lilac

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olive



orange



red brown



bright pink

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bright purple



vermillion

The thirty cent vermilion was never put into production or use.
A single sheet of 10 stamps is all that are thought to exist.

The Stamps



dull yellow



deep claret



green



red orange

The Stamps



brown



black



blue



olive gray



brownish black



violet

FOUR STAR BOND

SOUTHWORTH CO. U.S.A.

25% COTTON FIBER

Multiples



Few multiples are known.

Both of these blocks are thought
to be the largest surviving blocks.

Multiples



This block of six used by D.S. Inc. is thought to be the largest surviving block of the six cent value.

Note - On Varnish

With Puerto Rico being an island, rectified liquors were often shipped to the United States. High humidity and the sea air tended to loosen these stamps during shipment. Therefore, after they were applied to a box or crate, varnish was often applied over them to waterproof them and hold them more tightly on the shipping container. This is one reason that so few of these stamps exist. Varnished examples should be included to indicate that common usage.

On Piece Usage



Examples still "on piece" are seldom encountered. Note that all but the 4¢-60¢ combination are varnished.

Cancellations

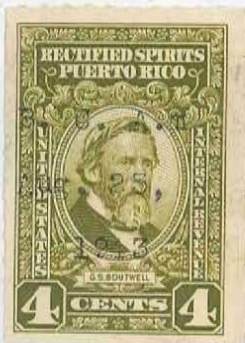
Bacardi Corporation of America



B.C.A. Handstamped with
Day-Month-Year handstamp



Precancel with
Month-Year handstamp



Typed cancellations with spacing and punctuation varying wildly. Inverted cancellation on center stamp. Misspellings such as "P C A" and "Dic" for Dec on 58¢ stamp are common. Shipping clerks may have done the typing.

Cancellations

Gia Ron Carioca Disterille, Incorporated



Left stamps has rectangular CIA RON CARIOCA handstamp dated May 25, 1957. Very early usage of the eight cent stamp.

Right stamp shows later GRCD INC rectangular handstamp dated March 10, 1958.

Distille Asociado Morinque



Small three line cancel in 2 mm letters with seperate larger month-day-year handstamp, both in black ink.

Cancellations

Distille Serralles Incorporated
Ponca, P.R.



Two line 3mm handstamp "DISTILLERA SERALLES, INC./Ponca, P.R."
in black and purple ink.



Rectangluar "D.S.I." handstamp in purple dated 1949.

Cancellations

Distille Serralles Incorporated
(Serralles Rum)



Large purple handstamp "D.S. Inc." in 13mm letters inside a rectangle with separate month-day-year handstamp.

A straight line handstamp "D.S. Inc." in 10mm letters with purple ink is shown on the 36¢ stamp in page 5.



The more common "D S I" handstamp in 6mm letters comes in purple or black ink, with a separate month-day-year handstamp.

Right stamp has smaller "D.S.I." handstamp.

Cancellations

Magaguez Distilling Company



Puerto Rican Alcohol and Liquor Control



Cancellations

Puerto Rico Distilling Company



PUERTO RICO
DISTILLING CO

Early on Puerto Rico Distilling used two lines of perfins, one line on each vertical column of stamps as cancellations. A separate handstamp showing day-month-year appears in red, blue or black ink.



In 1959 a 10 mm P.R.D. handstamp was used with the separate month-day-year handstamp. The 3¢ stamp in frame 2 shows a 6mm handstamp.

Cancellations

Nieves



NIEVES

Nieves used an 8mm perfin to cancel their stamps.

Earliest and Latest Usage



Use of the stamps was to begin January 1, 1942. This two cent stamp with the purple handstamp of Distillere Serralles Incorporated, used "Jan 22, 1942" is the earliest known usage.

Usage of most values ended in 1957. Three values, however are only known used beginning in 1957: the 8¢, 58¢ and \$1 values. The eight cent stamp was not produced until 1957.



This one dollar value with a red Puerto Rico Distilling cancel has a date handstamp of "10 20 1963" is the last known usage.

R.C.A.
July 3
1946

