

1/7/19 (illustrated) and 9/10/18.

Williams records this handstamp as used from 9/17/18 to 1/7/19.



Handstamp of Sacramento, California, Mather Branch

San Diego

Aviation Mechanics School

Source Page: M74

The United States Marine Corps in the World War indicates that there was a Marine Detachment at this school. No other information is available.

No Postal History Reported from this Facility

Aviation School, San Diego Barracks

Source Page: 962

Open: 1916 Closed: 1917

The *Order of Battle* states that this Aviation School operated 1916-1917.

No Postal History Reported from this Facility

Balboa Park Naval Training Station

See Naval Training Camp.

Kearney, Camp

Source Page: 947

Open: 7/24/17 Closed: 10/31/20

Personnel: 24,241

Postmarks on Postcards lists a Kearney Branch of San Diego, established 8/15/17, and discontinued 7/31/21. Previous to this Branch, there was a Linda Vista Military Branch of San Diego, established 6/11/17 and changed to Kearney Branch 8/15/17. Even earlier than the Linda Vista Branch, there was a Military Branch of San Diego,

established 6/1/17 and discontinued 6/11/17.

Williams records the Linda Vista Military Branch handstamp used from 7/23/17 to 8/25/19.

The Kearney Branch used two different types of Universal machines, type DSB-300, the first dial die type being seen from 10/1/17 to 1/28/18. The second dial die has been seen from 1/8/18 to 6/16/20. I also have duplex handstamps from this Branch, dated 2/11/18 and 4/11/18. Both machine types and the handstamp are illustrated.

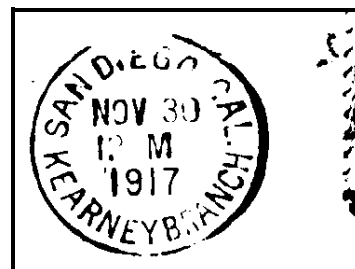
I must be assumed that many military branches had the double-circle handstamp used to mark registered mail. However, few examples exist of these markings. I have illustrated the only example I've seen of this handstamp for the Kearney Branch used 11/5/17.

I have a picture postcard with the Universal machine cancel, but with a return address of "Linda Vista Cal." (illustrated). The return address also notes that this soldier was a member of the National Guard of Colorado, some of the first troops to occupy the camp.

As for the Linda Vista Military Branch duplex handstamp, I have seen examples dated 4/23/17 (illustrated), and 9/13/17.



San Diego, California, Linda Vista Military Branch handstamp



Universal machine cancel of Kearney Branch, San Diego, California (first die type)