

Uncertainty and doubt:

Where a cancellation cannot be read, this is indicated by an asterisk, e.g. 2* JUN 190*; where a reading is uncertain, this is indicated by parentheses, e.g. 24 JUN 190(7); where a reading suggested by another source seems doubtful for some reason, this is indicated by square brackets, e.g. 24 JUN [1900].