The exhibit is a study of all Canal Zone postal cards, stamped envelopes, and registration envelopes overprinted and surcharged on the postal stationery of the Republic of Panama.

When overprinted U.S. stamps appeared in 1904, Panamanians objected and a major confrontation occurred. President Theodore Roosevelt sent his Secretary of War, William Howard Taft, to resolve the issue, which resulted in the Taft Agreement.

It provided that Panama supply all the stamps and stationery to the Zone. The Canal Zone Postal Service was to pay Panama 40% of the face value of stamps and stationery, even though Panama had nothing to do with the transit of mail. The agreement was abrogated by President Calvin Coolidge effective June 30, 1924.

Canal Zone postal cards were first issued in 1907. Postal envelopes did not appear until 1916. Although registration envelopes were never used in the continental U.S., Canal Zone authorities decided to order a limited quantity in 1918.

All Panama overprinted stationery was replaced with U.S. stationery July 1, 1924. However “Canal Zone” overprinted on Panama stationery was valid until August 31, 1924 and later extended indefinitely on postal stationery imprinted by the purchaser.

The exhibit includes Panama stationery which was overprinted and Canal Zone covers, mint entires, die and color varieties, printing errors, and unusual usages. Most of the post offices that operated in the Canal Zone from 1907-1924 are represented including the very rare Monte Lirio and Toro Point offices. Postage rates existing in the 1907-1924 timeframe are part of the exhibit. All known stationery specimens from the American Bank Note Company archives are included. The registration envelopes issues, including the rare rejected issue, are complete.

Other highlights of the exhibit are the complete postal stationery production files of the one-cent Balboa and Panama/Canal Zone “Coat of Arms” issues, among them the original pen and ink drawings and the final Canal Zone proofs. Although never issued, the one-cent unique “Coat of Arms” envelope is displayed.

Other significant items are Christmas cards printed by the Panama Canal Press for the Canal Zone Post Office and sold at commissary stores, the only official Christmas messages ever printed on U.S. postal stationery. Many unique and rare items are included; those with less than five known are identified with a bullet (•). Included are many newly discovered items documented in the publication “The Postal Stationery of the Canal Zone” revised 2014, by Irwin Gibbs, Editor.

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SYNOPSIS – CANAL ZONE Overprints on Panama Postal Stationery - 1907-1924

1. SCOPE AND ORGANIZATION
The exhibit covers all the CANAL ZONE Postal Stationery listed in the Scott Catalog and the United Postal Stationery Society listing and related materials from the time the U.S. took possession of the Canal Zone until the Taft Agreement was abrogated on June 30, 1924. All items exhibited are overprints and surcharges on Postal Stationery of Panama printed by the American and Hamilton Bank Note Companies. The Canal Zone Postal Service paid to Panama 40% of the face value of stamps and stationery as issued to Postmasters, settlements made quarterly. The Panama government paid for the overprinting initially done at the Isthmian Canal Commission and subsequently done at the Panama Canal Press at Mount Hope, C.Z.

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2. CONDITION
The warm humid climate of the Canal Zone resulted in tropical weathering. Aging produces color changes in all papers, but these changes are accentuated when subjected to tropical climate. Used examples are scarce and difficult to find in prime condition.

3. HIGHLIGHTS
Highlights are the production files of the 1¢ Balboa envelope and the Panama Coat of Arms postal card and envelopes, all of which came from the American Bank Note Company archives. The final signed off proofs are the only Canal Zone stationery proofs known to be in existence. The exhibit includes examples of the rare Christmas messages printed by the Canal Zone Press at Mt. Hope and sold in the Commissary Stores. Included are copies of all known postal stationery specimens from the American Bank Note Company archives, including the only copies of the 1¢ Coat of Arms envelope. An important part of the exhibit is the examples of all the rare Canal Zone Registration Envelopes, both Mint and Used including the 3rd printing rejected by the Canal Zone authorities.

4. RARITY
Printing of all items was in limited quantities, especially by today’s standards. Key items which are listed below include many unique and rare items. All major and minor known varieties except two unique postcards not seen since 1915 are included.
POSTAL CARDS
1905
Lithographed by the American Bank Note Company

Panama Specimen

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First Issue - First Printing
February 9, 1907

Surcharged by the Isthmian Canal Commission at Panama City
"Canal" 15 mm Unwatermarked Total Printing 50,000
Placement of the surcharge varies since each card was surcharged individually.
POSTAL CARDS
First Issue - First Printing

• Double Surcharge, One Inverted
  Two Reported Examples

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• Triple Surcharge, One Inverted
  Only Recorded Example

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POSTAL CARDS
First Issue - First Printing

* Double Surcharge Variety
Five Unused Examples Reported All with Different Positions of Surcharge
Only One Used Example Known

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Mr. J. P. Correia
Paraiso

Zona Telef. #125
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LA BOCA
Located on the Panama Railroad Line, the Pacific Terminal of the Canal. Name changed to Balboa May 5, 1909.

Cristobal
The Caribbean Terminal of the Canal.
POSTAL CARDS
First Issue - First Printing
First Post Offices

Ancon
The most important post office on the Pacific side. Stamp and postal stationery sales accounted for 13% of the Zone's total sales. Closed December 31, 1956.

Culebra
First location of the Canal's administration building. Closed September 30, 1927.
POSTAL CARDS
First Issue - First Printing
Early Post Offices

Ancon Station A
Opened in 1905 in former French Canal headquarters, downtown Panama City. Closed April 30, 1908.

Tabernilla
Closed February 14, 1912.
Several post offices along Charges River abandoned when water of Gatun Lake rose behind Gatun Dam.

**San Pablo**
Closed February 14, 1912.

Old post office moved to higher ground in 1912.
POSTAL CARDS
First Issue - First Printing
Postal Rates

DESTINATION: El Paso, Texas; forwarded to Cananea, Mexico
One-cent U.S. Rate

DESTINATION: Berlin, Germany
Two-cent Foreign Rate
POSTAL CARDS
FIRST ISSUE - SECOND PRINTING
MAY 3, 1907

LITHOGRAPHED BY THE AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY
SURCHARGED BY THE Isthmian Canal Commission
TOTAL PRINTING 10,000 "CANAL" 13 MM UNWATERMARKED

* DOUBLE OVERPRINTS, ONE INVERTED  ONLY KNOWN COPIES
POSTAL CARDS
First Issue - Second Printing

DESTINATION: New York
One-cent U.S. Rate

DESTINATION: Dresden, Germany
Two-cent Foreign Rate
In 1906 Panama changed printers and ordered a new one-cent stamp from the Hamilton Bank Note Company. The design came from an engraving by Edwin Gunn from a retouched photo of Vasco Nunez de Balboa. The engraving was then litho-transferred to create the vignette.

**Original Photograph of a Portrait of Vasco Nunez de Balboa with 1906 Panama Stamp Affixed**

500,000 estampillas
POSTAL CARDS
SECOND ISSUE

The Republic of Panama ordered postal cards lithographed by the Hamilton Bank Note Company, New York with the same design as the one-cent stamp. Cards were overprinted "Canal Zone" in black by the Isthmian Canal Commission at Panama City until 1909, thereafter at Mount Hope, Canal Zone, by the Panama Canal Press. Cards were overprinted individually on ten separate occasions using a single type form and producing seven distinguishable and readily identifiable types of overprint. Six read down, one reads up, and they can be identified by length of overprint, spacing between the "Canal" and "Zone" or style of font used (Antique or Roman). The earliest postmark reported was February 29, 1908; printings continued through 1912.

**Basic Republic of Panama Card**

![Image of Basic Republic of Panama Card]

- **Type One**
- **Antique Type Reading Down**
- 7 mm Spacing between "CANAL" and "ZONE"
- "CANAL" 13 mm Long
- 165,000 Issued
POSTAL CARDS
Second Issue - Type One

Shifted Overprint

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A

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Broken "O" in "Zone"

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A

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POSTAL CARDS
Second Issue - Type One

Faint Overprint

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"C" and "Z" of "Canal Zone" Faint

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POSTAL CARDS
SECOND ISSUE - TYPE ONE

• DOUBLE OVERPRINTS
THREE REPORTED UNUSED, ONE REPORTED USED

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POSTMARKED: N.Y. & CANAL ZONE R.P.O. JAN 2 1910 NORTH
Seapost operated between 1906 and 1912.
POSTAL CARDS
SECOND ISSUE - TYPE TWO
EARLIEST POSTMARK: SEPTEMBER 14, 1908

ANTIQUE TYPE READING DOWN
7 3/4 MM BETWEEN "CANAL" AND "ZONE"
"CANAL" 15 MM LONG
30,000 ISSUED

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* "CANAL ZONE" MISSING
OFFSET ON BACK
**POSTAL CARDS**

**SECOND ISSUE - TYPE TWO**

- **Miscut Card with Double Overprint**
- **Only Known Copy**

![Image of Postal Card]

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**Postmarked:** **ANCON C.Z. SEP 14 1908**

**Earliest Cancellation Reported**

Tied with one-cent 1907 Hamilton Bank Note Issue.

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![Image of Postal Card with Postmark]

**Jno Ball Son & Danielson**

**Greatfield**

**London Eng.**

**YÁ LA VUELTA LA COMUNICACIÓN**

**Union Postal Universal**
POSTAL CARDS
Second Issue - Type Two
Rates

Postmarked: Station A Cristobal, Canal Zone  JAN 26  1910
DESTINATION: NEW YORK  ONE-cent U.S. MAINLAND RATE
Station A was located at Porto Bello, Panama.

Postmarked: CRISTOBAL, C.Z.  MAR 29  1909
DESTINATION: TAMMERFORS, FINLAND  TWO-cent FOREIGN SURFACE RATE
POSTAL CARDS
SECOND ISSUE - TYPE THREE
EARLIEST DATE REPORTED: MARCH 1, 1909

ANTIQUE TYPE READING DOWN
8 MM SPACING BETWEEN "CANAL" AND "ZONE"
"CANAL" 12 3/4 MM LONG
50,000 ISSUED

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SHIFTED OVERPRINT

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EARLIEST CANCELLATION REPORTED: COROZAL C.Z.  MAR 1 1909

A construction townsite. Closed when waters of Gatun Lake commenced to rise.

Postmarked: SAN PABLO C.Z.  APR 27 1909
POSTAL CARDS
SECOND ISSUE - TYPE FOUR
EARLIEST DATE REPORTED: NOVEMBER 10, 1910

ROMAN TYPE READING UP
9 1/4 MM BETWEEN "CANAL" AND "ZONE"
"CANAL" 10 1/2 MM LONG
40,000 ISSUED

Broken "Z" of "ZONE"

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POSTAL CARDS
Second Issue - Type Four

- "Canal Zone" Double
  Only Recorded Example

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Y a la vuelta la comunicación

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Shifted Surcharge

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POSTAL CARDS
SECOND ISSUE - TYPE FOUR

• Toro Point
One of three known postal markings from Toro Point, a name never used officially. Designated as "Cristobal Station B" in 1911. Total stamp sales for the five-year operation of "Cristobal Station B" was less than $2500.

Bohio
One of the first post offices. Closed December 1, 1911, when Gatun Lake rose.
POSTAL CARDS
Second Issue - Type Five
Earliest Postmark: May 10, 1911

8 1/4 mm between "Canal" and "Zone"
"Canal" 13 mm long
40,000 issued

* Double Overprint
POSTAL CARDS
Second Issue - Type Five

• Double Overprints

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POSTAL CARDS
Second Issue - Type Six
Earliest Reported Date - December 20, 1911

Antique Type - No Serifs on "A"s or "N"s
8 mm Spacing between "CANAL" and "ZONE"  Period after "ZONE"
40,000 Issued

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* "ZONE CANAL" Reading Up
Only Recorded Example of This Error

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Union Postal Universal
POSTAL CARDS
Second Issue - Type Six

Early Postmark: JULY 5 1912

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X Mrs. Mariner Springfield
29 Fall St. U.S.A.

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Shifted Overprint

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ESCRÍBANSE EN ESTE LADO LA DIRECCIÓN SOLAMENTE
A Mr. Comptroller, Ancon Court No. 7
Independent Order of Panamanian Kangaroos
Ancon.

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POSTAL CARDS
SECOND ISSUE - TYPE SEVEN
EARLIEST REPORTED DATE: SEPTMBER 19, 1912

ANTIQUE TYPE READING DOWN
No Serifs on "A"s or "N"s
8 mm Spacing between "Canal" and "Zone"
"Zone" without Period
40,000 Issued

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DROPPED "O" IN "ZONE"

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Postal Cards
Second Issue - Type Seven

- Double Overprint, One Inverted
  Only Known Example

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Postmarked: Culebra, C.Z.  Printed Matter
One-cent Foreign Rate on Printed Matter
POSTAL CARDS
Second Issue - Type Seven

With "1912 American Red Cross" Christmas Seal

DESTINATION: U.S. ONE-CENT RATE
POSTMARKED: PARAISO C.Z. SEP 27 1912
EARLY POSTMARK
POSTAL CARDS
Postal Card of the Republic of Panama
Lithographed by the American Bank Note Company

In 1912 Panama changed postal stationery suppliers from Hamilton Bank Note Co. to American Bank Note Co. Panama had no need for a one-cent postal card and the Canal Zone did. The American Bank Note Co. designed a one-cent postal card for Canal Zone use to be similar to the Hamilton card with the words “Canal Zone” incorporated into the vignette die. A Panama die proof was prepared and approved by Panama authorities.

Index Card and Die Proof on India

Panama, Republic of
Postal card
F 3415
9/25/12
1¢

Surcharge “Canal Zone”
Steel die-litho transfer.
Border engraved by Seymour
Port. center-Vasco Nunez de Balboa-Laydown of F 1518
P.E.M.-See F 1518.
Color-border Green, center Black. Litho print.
First and second printing total 634,000. In 1937, 156,000 copies of the third, fourth and fifth issues were burned. The exact number of the third issue is not known.
POSTAL CARDS
Third Issue - First Printing

Top of the "E" of "ZONE" touches Breastplate

Shifted Frame Shows Vignette and "CANAL ZONE" Were Printed in One Press Run
Postal Cards
Third Issue - First Printing

Postmarked: Ancon - Cristobal
Railway Mail Service
Service started on Panama Railroad January 1, 1905.

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Mr. Frank E. Greene
Empire, C.Z.

Destination: Taboga Island
Site of Alien Internment Camp, World War I

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Ar. Otto Haach
Sanitarium
Taboga Island, Panama
Two Cummins cancelling machines were purchased in 1913 for Ancon and Cristobal. Due to climatic conditions, the machines were scrapped in 1936 and replaced.

**Postmarked: Ancon Canal Zone  FEB 16 1915**

**Postmarked: Cristobal Canal Zone  SEP 11 1916**
POSTAL CARDS
THIRD ISSUE - FIRST PRINTING
VIA NEW YORK
Mail destined for Europe was transhipped to New York and then dispatched to Europe at two-cent rate.

DESTINATION: LEIPZIG, GERMANY
POSTMARKED: CRISTOBAL C.Z. APR 5 1916
WITH ONE-CENT ISSUE OF 1913

DESTINATION: ELBE, GERMANY
POSTMARKED: CRISTOBAL C.Z. JUL 25 1916
WITH ONE-CENT ISSUE OF 1913
POSTAL CARDS
THIRD ISSUE - FIRST PRINTING
FOREIGN POSTAL RATE - TWO CENTS

DESTINATION: BERNE, SWITZERLAND
POSTMARKED: ANCON CANAL ZONE  DEC 31 1916
WITH ONE-CENT ISSUE OF 1913

DESTINATION: S. GRAVEHAGE, NETHERLANDS
POSTMARKED: GATUN C.Z.  NOV 28 1914
WITH ONE-CENT ISSUE OF 1913
POSTAL CARDS
Third Issue - Second Printing

Specimens from the American Bank Note Company Archives
Print Orders F5268 1916; F5657 July 8, 1918; F6235 Jan. 8, 1920; and Print Order F6567, Last Print Order of this Issue

F5268
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F5657
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F6235
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F6567
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Carte Postale
Codé reservé à l'adresser

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RETURN TO ISSUE ROOM
T. be held for reference
POSTAL CARDS
THIRD ISSUE - SECOND PRINTING
EARLIEST POSTMARK REPORTED: FEBRUARY 3, 1915

- Green frame and text missing; could be proof.

Second printing differs from first printing in the placement of "Canal Zone" in the vignette die. Second printing has a space between the "E" of "Zone" and the breastplate.
POSTAL CARDS
THIRD ISSUE - SECOND PRINTING
TWO CENTS CORRECT FOREIGN RATE  POSTAGE DUE AT DESTINATION
1 1/2 PENCE PAID TO COVER ADDITIONAL POSTAGE

“T” INDICATES ADDITIONAL POSTAGE TO BE COLLECTED
POSTAL CARDS
Third Issue - Second Printing

Interrupted First Flight from Canal Zone to U.S.
October 6, 1920

Postmarked: The Panama Canal RPO TR4 Oct 9 1921
Railway Mail Service
POSTAL CARDS
THIRD ISSUE - SECOND PRINTING
ABROGATION OF THE TAFT AGREEMENT
INTERIN PERIOD

The U.S. abrogated the Taft Agreement effective June 30, 1924. During July and August, 1924, Panama overprints, as well as the new Canal Zone stamps and postal stationery, were valid.

POSTMARKED: CRISTOBAL CANAL ZONE    AUG 8 1924

POSTMARKED: CRISTOBAL CANAL ZONE    OCT 3 1924
Postal cards exempted with printing inscribed by purchaser after interim period.
British American Tobacco Company, Ltd. order form for tobacco products on reverse of card.

Gaillard, Canal Zone Postmarked: Culebra

Forty-Seventh Infantry Regiment stationed at the Mountain Post above the Culebra Cut, coolest part of the Zone on the Pacific side.
Commemorating the 100th anniversary of independence from Spain. The card has a portrait of Procer Jose Vallarino, signer of Panama’s Declaration of Independence. Lithographed in color by the American Bank Note Co.

"Canal Zone" overprinted in black by the American Bank Note Company
50,000 printed  Unknown number destroyed
POSTAL CARDS
Fourth Issue
Shifted Overprints
POSTAL CARDS
FOURTH ISSUE - POSTAL RATES

DESTINATION: CANAL ZONE  ONE-CENT RATE

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Lt. E. P. Beker,
Ft. Randolph, Cz

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DESTINATION: U.S.  ONE-CENT RATE

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Ross D. Brown
Delaware Ave. - P.O. Box 542
Huntington Beach, California, U.S.A.

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Unión Postal Universal
POSTAL CARDS
Fourth Issue
Two-cent Foreign Usage Rate

DESTINATION: London, England

A. E. Sower, Publisher "The Scout",
28 M aineu Lane,

Abrogation of the Taft Agreement

INTERIM PERIOD
The U.S. abrogated the Taft Agreement effective June 30, 1924. During July and August, 1924, Panama overprints, as well as the new Canal Zone stamps and postal stationery, were valid.

DESTINATION: Constantinople, Turkey

July 14, 1924
POSTAL CARDS
Fifth Issue
January 1924

Typographed and embossed by the American Bank Note Company.

Panama Specimen and Card

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Canal Zone Specimen

"Canal Zone" added to the die by the American Bank Note Company.
POSTAL CARDS
Fifth Issue
January 1924

60,000 Printed Unknown Number Destroyed

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Earliest Reported Postmark: APR 19 1924

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POSTAL CARDS
FIFTH ISSUE
ABROGATION OF THE TAFT AGREEMENT

INTERIM PERIOD
The U.S. abrogated the Taft Agreement effective June 30, 1924. During July and August, 1924, Panama overprints, as well as the new Canal Zone stamps and postal stationery, were valid.

Postmarked: PEDRO MIGUEL C.Z. JUL 5 1924

International Association of Machinists Meeting Announcement.

Postmarked: GATUN C.Z. JUL 10 1924
POSTAL CARDS
Christmas Greetings

Christmas messages were printed in very limited quantities on the reverse side of the Third Issue, both First and Second Printings, and the Fourth Issue. Postal Cards with Christmas messages were printed by the Panama Canal Press at Mount Hope from 1913 through 1923 and sold at the commissary stores. It is believed to be the first instance where a U.S. government postal card was printed with a Christmas greeting. Less than 50 of these cards have been reported, and none have been reported for 1917.

1913
Earliest Reported Card Canceled December 17, 1913
Only 200 or 300 Cards Printed
Printed on Third Issue - First Printing

JUST a good old-fashion ed Greeting. Just a glad Hallo to say. We wish You Merry Christmas In the good old-fashioned way. Just the same old-time Remembrance. We'll sincerely wish Once More With a merrier Merry Christmas Than You've ever Had before.
POSTAL CARDS
Christmas Greetings
1914

10,000 ORDERED AND DELIVERED
DECEMBER 6, 1914
PRINTED ON THIRD ISSUE - FIRST PRINTING

WHEN FIRST ORDER SOLD OUT,
3,000 OF A SIMILAR CARD WERE ORDERED
PRINTED ON THIRD ISSUE - FIRST PRINTING

MAY your Friendships be Unbroken - May your Troubles be but Few; May Recollections, cheerful, of the Noble, Pure, and True Hover ceaseless in thy Memory - Not alone on Christmas Day - But whenever Sorrow threatens: Yea, Forever and For Aye
CHRISTMAS Greetings and New Year's, friend, Once more to Home and Thee I send From Lands where Bloom the Orchid rare, while Winter's Storms and Icy Air Enfold Thee in their Grasp No Yuletide Message can Surpass those sent to Home, to Boy, to Lass from Panama's Palm-Shaded Strands where Honest Hearts and Toil-Stained Hands Embrace Thee in their Clasp. For with them Goes this Thought Sincere, Inspired by Flower Pictured Here: I Pray the One whose Name it Bears in Daily, Fervent, Thoughtful Prayer Dwell with Thee Through the Year.

Bob Martin
Panama R.P.
POSTAL CARDS
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
PRINTED AT MOUNT HOPE, CANAL ZONE

YEAR ??
ONLY CARD KNOWN
PRINTED ON THIRD ISSUE
SECOND PRINTING

PRINTED ON THIRD ISSUE
SECOND PRINTING
POSTAL CARDS
Christmas Greetings
PRINTED AT MOUNT HOPE, CANAL ZONE

1919
PRINTED ON THIRD ISSUE
SECOND PRINTING

Greeting from the
Canal Zone

1919 1920

Think of me while I think of you
Friend so far, so long, so true;
Think of Old Times, think of New,
Think of Him Who Guides Us Through.
Bury Sorrow, Inter Fear,
Chase Depression, Joy is near:
Bells are Pealing Christmas Cheer
Keep this Spirit All New Year.

1920
PRINTED ON THIRD ISSUE
SECOND PRINTING

NO ice, no Snow, nor Wintry Charms
Bedock the Graceful, Shady Palms
On Panama's Famed Coral Strands,
Where Ply the Barques of Many Lands
Speeding, these Lines to Cheer
Friend so Distant, yet Friend so Near
Greenest Verdure Lingers Here on Christmas Day and All the Year
Like Verdant Memories of Home and You;
Unchanged, still Constant, Faithful, True.

Letter coming Christmas greetings
C. E. Doyle
Christmas Greetings

AND

A Happy New Year

FROM THE

Panama Canal Zone


SOME EXILES CHOOSE THE CABLE,
OTHERS PREFER THE MAIL,
SOME BOARD A ROLLING STEAMSHIP—
THOUGH ROUGH AND VAST THAT TRAIL—
TO SPEED A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
TO HOME AND FRIENDS SO DEAR,
THROUGH RESTLESS SEAS, IN TROPIC LANDS,
WHERE SUN OR STORM LURKS NEAR;
BUT MINE GOES THROUGH MY MAKER;
A PRAYER IT IS, SINCERE:
"MAY HIS BLESSINGS FALL UPON THEE
THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR."

12/12/21

FROM THE O'BRIEN FAMILY

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Some examples. Choose the cable, others prefer the mail. Some board a rolling steamship—though rough and vast that trail—to speed a Christmas message to home and friends so dear, through restless seas, in tropic lands, where sun or storm lurks near; but mine goes through my maker; a prayer it is, sincere: "May His blessings fall upon thee throughout the coming year."

12/12/21

From the O'Brien family.
MEMORIES of firesides crackling,
Thoughts of the Loved Ones there,
Bright-eyed, trampling the snow fields
Or breasting the wintry air,
Come to the Isthmian Pilgrim
Keeping Christmastide here
Where sleet and ice are strangers,
Where orchids bloom all the year.

Warm is our Christmas noon sun,
Balmy our vesper breeze,
Fragrant our Yuletide flowers,
Verdant our Festal trees,
And warm is this Christmas Message
To Cherished Friend over the seas,
May the Maker of All watch o'er thee
And gladden our Memories.

I wrote you a year ago, but
have no record of reply; I am anxious to exchange with you.

John J. Dudak, IL 3544
Balboa Heights,
Canal Zone,
Central America.
The use of Christmas messages printed on the backs of Canal Zone postal cards continued until 1923 when the Taft Agreement was abrogated and Panama overprinted cards became void. The 1923 card is the last printed and sold at the Commissary stores.
In 1908 Panama changed printers from the Hamilton Bank Note Company to the American Bank Note Company. They requested a one-cent stamp similar to the Vasco Nunez de Balboa that Hamilton had issued.
PRODUCTION FILE
One-cent Balboa

The New Vasco Nunez de Balboa Stamp Printed by the American Note Company

Small Approved Working Die Proof
April 27, 1908
Envelopes of Panama lithographed in two colors by the American Bank Note Company. The first order was placed on January 16, 1916. The “Canal Zone” overprint has been added to the vignette die. Cost of the one-cent envelope was two cents for single envelopes, one-tenth cent per envelope for orders over 50.

First Print Order F4867  Received February 23, 1916  50,000 Ordered

Last Print Order F6568  Received October 22, 1920  100,000 Ordered
STAMPED ENVELOPES
FIRST ISSUE - ONE CENT
APRIL 24, 1916

350,000 ISSUED  UNWATERMARKED  NO GUM ON FLAP  GREEN

Although there were four press runs, it does not appear that more than one set of dies were used. Many color varieties can be found.

GRAY GREEN
STAMPED ENVELOPES
First Issue - Two Cent

• Head without Frame   Full Impression Inside
Two Examples Known

WILLIAM M. WHITE
BALBOA, C. Z.

HENRY A WESTENDORFF,
BALBOA, C. Z.
STAMPED ENVELOPES
First Issue - Two Cent

- Double Impression on Back  No Impression on Front
- Only Known Example

Miscut Envelope
STAMPED ENVELOPES
First Issue - Two Cent

• Frame Only

• Two Reported Examples of Used Copies

P.O. Box 581.
STAMPED ENVELOPES
First Issue - Two Cent

Smeared Head and "Canal Zone"

Smeared Frame
STAMPED ENVELOPES
FIRST ISSUE - TWO CENT
FOREIGN DESTINATIONS

Destination: Denmark  Rate: Ten-cent Registration Plus Five-cent UPU Rate
Registration Fee Included Insurance

Destination: Australia  Rate: Five Cents
The U.S. abrogated the Taft Agreement effective June 30, 1924. During July and August 1924, Panama overprints, as well as the new Canal Zone stamps and postal stationery, were valid.

Postmarked: BALBOA C.Z. JULY 6 1924
Addressed to Governor Harding, Governor of the Canal Zone.

Exception to the August ruling involved envelopes and postal cards which were valid indefinitely if the purchaser added a printed inscription.

Postmarked: ANCON CANAL ZONE JAN 20 1925

Central America Mission Conference
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PANAMA DISTRICT
P. O. BOX 2007 ANCON, CANAL ZONE

The Executive Secretary,
Balboa Heights,
Canal Zone.
STAMPED ENVELOPES
FIRST ISSUE - TWO CENT

MONTE LIRIO
Only known stamped envelope from this post office. Monte Lirio cancellations are among the rarest of all Canal Zone offices. Stamp sales for the last ten months of operation only totaled $95.

RAILWAY POST OFFICE  TRAIN NUMBER 6
DESTINATION: STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN
WORLD WAR I CENSOR

Mr. J.W. Heard
Sup't. P.R.R. Co.
Dalboa Heights

via New York

Srñor Don O. Kraepelin,

Sweden.

Stockholm C.
Mail was received at several Canal Zone post offices for this historic flight. Mail was then sent to Cristobal where the special transit handstamp was applied. Nearing Jamaica, bad weather caused the plane to return to Cristobal where the informational marking was applied and the mail was redispached by steamer.

**Postmarked: CRISTOBAL CANAL ZONE**

**Postmarked: BALBOA HEIGHTS C.Z.**
An act of Congress passed on October 3, 1917 provided for a one-cent war tax on first class mail. The Canal Zone authorities had proofs made for approval before issuing. The tax was subsequently deemed to be an excise tax that did not apply to the Canal Zone and the plan was dropped. These are the only examples known.
STAMPED ENVELOPES
Second Issue - One Cent

PANAMA PRINT ORDER 6782

NOVEMBER 13, 1921
Unwatermarked on White Paper • No Gum on Flap

PANAMA POSTAL ENVELOPE
STAMPED ENVELOPES
SECOND ISSUE - ONE CENT

• Unique Canal Zone Specimen Recently Discovered from the American Bank Note Company Archives

"Canal Zone" Overprinted in Black by the American Bank Note Company

50,000 were delivered in August 1921; 20,681 were issued; the balance were burned in 1937.
STAMPED ENVELOPES
Second Issue - One Cent
Postal Rates

DESTINATION: CANAL ZONE   RATE: ONE CENT
ADDRESS: TO: JAY J MORROW, GOVERNOR, CANAL ZONE

Col. Jay J Morrow
Governor Panama Canal
Balboa Heights

DESTINATION: U.S.   RATE: TWO CENTS

MR.
J.C. MATTHEWS
1034 ADAMS ST.
OLYMPIA, WASH.
STAMPED ENVELOPES
Second Issue - Two Cent

• "CANAL ZONE" Only
Believed to be Unique

MASONIC HALL
BOX 2021
ANCON, CANAL ZONE.

Shifted Overprint
100,000 were delivered in August 1921. The balance of 200,000 were delivered October 10, 1922. None were destroyed in 1937.

Print Order F7113
EVEN NUMBERED TRAINS TRAVELED NORTH FROM ANCON TO CRISTOBAL.

POSTMARKED: THE PANAMA CANAL TR. 4 NOV 22 1921
AN EARLY CANCELLATION

ODD NUMBERED TRAINS TRAVELED SOUTH FROM CRISTOBAL TO ANCON.

POSTMARKED: THE PANAMA CANAL TR. 3 OCT 30 1922
STAMPED ENVELOPES
First Issue - One Cent

* Head and "Canal Zone" only

* Frame Only
STAMPED ENVELOPES
First Issue - One Cent

* Head and "Canal Zone" only

From E.A.R. Meims.
Culebra, C.Z.

MR. JOSEPH P. COVELEFSKI.

ANCON, CANAL ZONE.
ZONE POLICE #135.

1919

Mr. Walter E. Backus.
Ancon, C. Z.

Cristobal, C. Z.
STAMPED ENVELOPES
First Issue - One Cent
Frame Partially Printed

Light Impression

Miscut Envelopes
MILITARY CENSORED MAIL, WORLD WAR I

Censorship became operative for all U.S. troops in the Canal Zone on July 1, 1918.

PCD are initials for Panama Canal Department.

DESTINATION: CANAL ZONE  RATE: ONE CENT
DROP LETTER RATE

JOHN B. FIELDS
Recorder
BALBOA HEIGHTS, C.Z.
P. O. Box 186.

HUBERT H. HAMMER,
BALBOA HEIGHTS, C.Z.
STAMPED ENVELOPES
First Issue - One Cent

FOREIGN USAGE: REGISTERED RATE: FIFTEEN CENTS
Five-cent UPS rate to Europe plus ten-cent registration fee

Registered
from H. Leonard,
Balboa Heights 63

Mr. Charles King,
Wincanton, Somersetshire,
England.
53 High St.

Si no es entregada a los 10 días devuévelle al
R. S. CARTER
P. O. BOX 82
Balboa Heights C. Z.

Mr. Rudolf Loos,
Augsbergerstrasse 9,
Weissenburg (Bayern) (Bavaria)
Germany (Europe)
The use of most Canal Zone stationery overprinted on Panama stationery ceased on September 1, 1924. Several mailers complained and finally envelopes were valid indefinitely if they had preprinted corner cards.

Postmarked: ANCON CANAL ZONE  Sep 1 1924

P. O. BOX "A"
ANCON, C. Z.
RETURN IN FIVE DAYS

Mr. K. D. Gardiner
Box #2025
Ancon

Postmarked: GATUN C.Z.  Nov 22 1924

RETURN AFTER 10 DAYS TO
Coral Chapter No. 3, O. E. S.
GATUN, C. Z.

Auditor, Panama Canal
Barbours Heights C. Z.
The Republic of Panama issued a two-cent envelope in 1909. The design depicted Fernandez de Cordoba and was lithographed by the American Bank Note Company. Since by treaty the Republic received 40% of the face value of all stamps and postal stationery sold in the Canal Zone, the Panama authorities were anxious to approve the issuance of stamped envelopes.

After approval in 1916, the words “Canal Zone” were added to the vignette die by the American Bank Note Company. The envelopes were unwatermarked on white paper without gum. Two press runs were required, one for each color. Envelopes were first issued on April 24, 1916. Fourteen separate printings were made consisting of 1,512,000 envelopes; none were destroyed.

The exhibit covers essays of the Panama envelope and all known Canal Zone specimens. All known errors and varieties of the two-cent Cordoba envelope are represented as well as some unusual usages.

**Die Essays of Frame and Vignette in Issued Colors**

**Cordoba Vignette Dies in Unissued Colors**
STAMPED ENVELOPES
First Issue - Two Cent

Unwatermarked on White Paper  Without Gum  Total Issue 1,512,000
14 Separate Printing Orders Placed with American Bank Note Company
Initial Print Order F4867  February 23, 1916  50,000 Ordered  Index Card Shows
Sample Envelope

Use steel die engraved on F 1518 with surcharge "Canal Zone"
For record see F 1518
Color center-black, border 8031 Sub. Litho print.
STAMPED ENVELOPES
FIRST ISSUE - TWO CENT
NEWLY-DISCOVERED SPECIMENS FROM THE AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY ARCHIVES

Each printing used slightly different colors and types of paper.
STAMPED ENVELOPES
First Issue - Two Cent
Specimens from the American Bank Note Company Archives
Many shades of red and carmine can be found. Earliest printing are red; later printings are carmine.

Earliest Reported Date: Carmine
Postmarked: ANCON C.Z. May 13, 1916
STAMPED ENVELOPES
FIRST ISSUE - TWO CENT
MISPLACED FRAMES

Printed in two press runs, first the frame, then the head and “Canal Zone.”
STAMPED ENVELOPES
First Issue - Two Cent

MISPLACED FRAMES

Port de, Luaney
Co. L 33. US. Inf
Culbro Panal

A. A. Hunter
Balboa, I. O.

Mrs. J. P. Boleishki.
Aneor, C. Z.

Bone Police #135

M. H. D. Gaskins
Box 2025,
Aneor, C. Z.
STAMPED ENVELOPES
FIRST ISSUE - TWO CENT
MISPLACED HEADS

"ZONE" ON BACK OF ENVELOPE
STAMPED ENVELOPES
First Issue - Two Cent

• Head and "Canal Zone" only
Used copies are more scarce
STAMPED ENVELOPES
First Issue - Two Cent

* Frame Double
Three Examples Known
In October 1923, the Republic of Panama placed an order with the American Bank Note Company for one-cent and two-cent envelopes and a one-cent postal card. The design was to be the Coat of Arms of the Republic. The envelopes were to be on good quality white paper, embossed with the Coat of Arms of Panama, lithographed and without gum.

Engraving was contracted to the Charles Magenfohr Company of New York City. In 1923 Canal Zone authorities ordered 150,000 one-cent and 250,000 two-cent envelopes and 150,000 one-cent postal cards with the Canal Zone overprint. The Canal Zone envelope order was assigned number F7429 and the one-cent postal card was assigned number F7430.

In 1937 all 150,000 of the one-cent envelopes were incinerated at the Canal Zone Press. The only exception was the index card and the one-cent specimen from the American Bank Note Company archives; it is included in this exhibit. It is estimated that not more than 60,000 of the one-cent postal cards were sold. The two-cent envelope quantity sold was 46,041; the balance was destroyed. The postal card is the only embossed postal card ever issued by the United States.

The exhibit covers the complete production file and development of the Panama Coat of Arms issue which had “Canal Zone” added to the design. Included are the original pen and ink drawing, proofs, specimens and various usages.

**Original Pen & Ink Drawing from the Archives of the American Bank Note Company**
Date: Oct 19/23

Title: Ref of Panama


Models: Yes

Model Schedule: Yes

Plate Schedule: No

Order Sheets: Yes. To Eug. Oct 23/23

Missing Articles:

- Model returned from LCD & put model "Cane" Gone
- Sample envelope & m. someth. Act 7
- Sample to Eug. Oct 12
- Sample envelope & mock
  - Act 7
- Original & Sample Envelope
  - To Eug. For Picture
  - 10/2
- Other...
Order No. F7420-30

3umps [illegible]
case [illegible]
duck 2d
alum [illegible]
1umps 2d
paper 3ump
3umps of Art of Arms, Plate from Magenoble.

[Signature]
11ab. 20. [illegible]

material sent Oct 26.
leaves sent Oct 30.
Magenoble Nov 9th.
match specimen from Magenoble.

[Signature]
[illegible]
PRODUCTION FILE
Coat of Arms

Electro Model of Coat of Arms to Actual Size

Trial Impressions of Embossed Coat of Arms on Cardboard
Models of the One-cent and Two-cent Panama Stamp Dies with Corrections

Corrections cover re-engraving of Coat of Arms as well as further instructions.

Re-engrave coat of arms to be
carved without color.
Rest is O.K.

10/17/21

all lettering to be arms.

Engage these or first.

= 10-29-30
PRODUCTION FILE
Coat of Arms

Typographed and Embossed by the American Bank Note Company
Last Panama Proof

Panama Specimens Print Orders F-7566 and F-7429
In October 1923, the Canal Zone authorities approved the one-cent postal card and a one-cent envelope with the Republic of Panama design. The words “Canal Zone” were added below the die.

Embosed last proof of one-cent postal envelope and card “Canal Zone” added and printed in a single operation.

Newly discovered specimen of the one-cent envelope from the American Bank Note Company archives. Envelope is one of two known survivors since all were destroyed in 1937. Envelope is partially card-mounted.
150,000 were ordered. 100,000 were delivered January 11, 1924, and 50,000 were delivered February 7, 1924. None were issued; all were burned in 1937. This specimen, from the American Bank Note Company archives, is one of only two survivors.

**Index Card, Sample Envelope and Specimen Number F7429**

Panama, Republic of

Stamped envelopes

F7429 10/17/23 1¢

Surface G 1488

Specimen

A.B.N.Co.

Issued with embossing die "Canal Zone"
Color-Green 1
150,000 one-cent Canal Zone postal cards were ordered and delivered. On June 30, 1924, the postal card was removed from sale. In 1937 the balance unsold was incinerated. It is estimated that 60,000 were sold prior to withdrawal.

INDEX CARD AND POSTAL CARD SPECIMEN NUMBER F7430

Panama, Republic of
Postal Cards
F 7430 10/17/23 1¢
Surface C 1488

Die engraved on F 7429.
Embossing die prepared on F 7429. Issued with embossing die "Canal Zone".
PRODUCTION FILE
Coat of Arms

Final Approved One-cent Die Proof with Print Numbers F7429 and F7430
Approved December 10, 1923
PRODUCTION FILE
Coat of Arms

Completed Signed-off Proof of the Two-cent Canal Zone Envelope

Canal Zone Specimen from the American Bank Note Archives
STAMPED ENVELOPES
THIRD ISSUE
DECEMBER 15, 1923

250,000 were delivered but only 46,041 were issued. The balance was destroyed in 1937; two dies are known.

DIE ONE
Unwatermarked   No Gum on Flap

No Overprint on front

DIE TWO
Distinguishable by the Dropping Feather on the Left Wing of the Eagle
STAMPED ENVELOPES
THIRD ISSUE
1924

Earliest Reported Date: March 25, 1924

Mixed Franking - November 7, 1925

After August 31, 1924, postal stationery had an exemption for valid use. Overprinted Panama stamps were not valid after June 30, 1924. U.S. stamps overprinted “Canal Zone” had to be used after July 1, 1924.
All Panama stamps and stationery overprinted with "Canal Zone" were withdrawn from sale June 30, 1924. They were no longer valid for postage after July 31, extended to August 31, 1924. Only exception to the August 31 ruling involved envelopes and postal cards which were valid indefinitely if the purchaser added a printed inscription.

**Postmarked: Gatun, C.Z. Sep. 8 1926**

**Postmarked: Balboa, C.Z. Jun 12 1925**

Third class mail rate changed to one-and-one-half cents on April 15, 1925.
The 1904 Canal Treaty with Panama contained an agreement to supply stamps and postal stationery to the Zone. Known as the Taft Agreement, it provided that the Canal Zone Postal Service pay to Panama 40% of the face value of stamps and stationery; settlement was made quarterly to Panama as supplies were issued to Canal Zone postmasters. The U.S. government abrogated the treaty effective June 30, 1924 but said overprints on Panama stationery could be used until August 31, 1924. In August the use of overprinted stationery was extended indefinitely.

Panama registration envelopes were printed by the American Bank Note Company on heavy unwatermarked cream-colored paper lined with thread and without gum on the flap. Although registration envelopes were never issued in the continental U.S., the Canal Zone authorities decided to order a limited quantity from Panama in 1918.

Four separate press runs were required: one for horizontal black printing, one for vertical black printing including the stamp and the reverse side of the envelope, and two for the red letters and lines.

One unusual feature of the envelope is the rectangular space above the registration stamp with the Spanish for “Space for Ordinary Postage.” The space is printed half on the envelope and half on the flap, so if the flap is opened after the stamp is affixed, the stamp will be torn.

The exhibit includes the Panama registration envelopes that were overprinted with “Canal Zone” as well as both printings of the Canal Zone registration envelopes. All known varieties and various usages are also part of the exhibit.

Panama Issue of 1918
Para retirar el contenido, córtese la cubierta sobre la línea roja.

**AVISO.**

En el Servicio Interior podrán enviarse en estos sobres oro o plata en bruto, objetos de oro, de plata, alhajas, piedras preciosas y otros objetos de valor.

Para el Exterior podrán enviarse los mismos artículos, siempre que en el país de destino no esté prohibido el envío de dichos artículos por medio de esta clase de correspondencia.

Los envíos para el Exterior deben ir acompañados de una declaración de aduana detallando el contenido y su valor.

Prohibése terminantemente la inclusión de monedas.

El valor del contenido no debe exceder de B5.00 en el servicio Interior y de B10.00 en el Internacional.

Dirección del remitente

Nombre del remitente

Domicilio

Nota para la Oficina Destinataria

Si esta carta no fuere entregada después de días devuélvase a la anterior dirección.
**Aviso.**

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Prohíbese terminantemente la inclusión de monedas.

El valor del contenido no debe exceder de Bs.5.00 en el servicio Interior y de Bs.10.00 en el Internacional.

Dirección del remitente

Nombre del remitente...

Domicilio...

Nota para la Oficina Destinataria

Si esta carta no fuere entregada después de... devuélvase a la anterior dirección.
SERVICIOS DE RECOMENDADOS Y DE “CARTA-PAQUETE”

Esta carta debe entregarse a un empleado de la Oficina de Correos para ser Recomendada y obtener el recibo correspondiente.

DIRECCION:

Montgomery Ward & Co
Chicago, Ill.
U.S.A.

W. Riha
Briefmarken-Expert
Wien, xx,
Wallensteinstrasse 65
Para retirar el contenido, córtese la cubierta sobre la línea roja.

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Prohíbase terminantemente la inclusión de monedas.

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Dirección del remitente

Nombre del remitente: [Nombre]
Domicilio: [Dirección]

Nota para la Oficina Destinataria

Si esta carta no fuera entregada después de [días] devuélvase a la anterior dirección.

Canal Zone authorities, believing that the registered envelopes would cut down on stamping and theft, ordered a supply of Panama envelopes overprinted "Canal Zone". 9,000 of the small and 1000 of the large envelopes were delivered in August 1918 to the Panama Canal Press at Mount Hope where they were surcharged. In the upper left quadrant, "Registered No. " was added. "10 cts." and "Canal Zone" were added on the stamp.
REGISTRATION ENVELOPES
First Printing - Size Six

• Black Portion of the Face of Envelope Double

SERVICIOS DE RECOMENDADOS Y DE "CARTA-PAQUETE"

DIRECCION: No. __________

REGISTERED

"0 Cts" for "10 Cts" Caused by Paper Fold
"1" is Below Flap

SERVICIOS DE RECOMENDADOS Y DE "CARTA-PAQUETE"

DIRECCION: No. __________

REGISTERED

Espacio para franqueo ordinario.
REGISTRATION ENVELOPES
First Printing - Size Six

Earliest Reported Date: October 25, 1918
With Two-cent Issue of 1912-16 -- Inverted Center

SERVICIOS DE RECOMENDADOS Y DE "CARTA-PAQUETE"
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REGISTERED
DIRECCION: No. 4936

Return Receipt Demanded

Registered

SERVICIOS DE RECOMENDADOS Y DE "CARTA-PAQUETE"
Esta carta debe entregarse a un empleado de la Oficina de Correos para ser Recomendada y obtener el recibo correspondiente.

REGISTERED
DIRECCION: No. 32294

DESTINATION: Europe
RATE: Ten-cent Registry Fee Plus Five-cent Surface Rate
Para retirar el contenido, córtese la cubierta sobre la línea roja.

AVISO.

En el Servicio Interior podrán enviarse en estos sobres oro o plata en bruto, objetos de oro, de plata, alhajas, piedras preciosas y otros objetos de valor.

Para el Exterior podrán enviarse los mismos artículos, siempre que en el país de destino no esté prohibido el envío de dichos artículos por medio de esta clase de correspondencia.

Los envíos para el Exterior deben ir acompañados de una declaración de aduana detallando el contenido y su valor.

Prohibése terminantemente la inclusión de monedas.

El valor del contenido no debe exceder de B5.00 en el servicio Interior y de B10.00 en el Internacional.

Dirección del remitente

Nombre del remitente

Domicilio

Nota para la Oficina Destinataria

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SERVICIOS DE RECOMENDADOS Y DE “CARTA-PAQUETE”

Esta carta debe entregarse a un empleado de la Oficina de Correos para ser Recomendada y obtener el recibo correspondiente.

REGISTERED
No. 525281

DIRECCIÓN:

M. H. Lloyd
88 N. Broadway
New York, N.Y.

SERVICIOS DE RECOMENDADOS Y DE “CARTA-PAQUETE”

Esta carta debe entregarse a un empleado de la Oficina de Correos para ser Recomendada y obtener el recibo correspondiente.

REGISTERED
No. 26182

DIRECCIÓN:

H. F. Colman
Second National Bank Bldg
509-Seventh St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.
A second printing was ordered from Panama; 16,000 small and 9,000 large envelopes were delivered. The Panama Canal Press at Mount Hope did the surcharging and made some changes. The letter “R” in “Registered” was changed to a different font. The first printing had many broken letters; these were corrected. Space between “Canal” and “Zone” was widened from 8.0 mm to 9.3 mm. The printing on the back of the envelope was not changed.
REGISTRATION ENVELOPES
SECOND PRINTING - SIZE SIX

DESTINATION: CANAL ZONE
Ten-cent Registry Fee Plus Two-cent Domestic Letter Rate

SERVICIOS DE RECOMENDADOS Y DE "CARTA-PAQUETE"
Esta carta debe entregarse a un empleado de la Oficina de Correos para ser Recomendada y obtener el recibo correspondiente.

REGISTERED
DIRECCION: No. 320

Ancon
Canal Zone

DESTINATION: U.S.
Ten-cent Registry Fee Plus Two-cent Surface Rate

SERVICIOS DE RECOMENDADOS Y DE "CARTA-PAQUETE"
Esta carta debe entregarse a un empleado de la Oficina de Correos para ser Recomendada y obtener el recibo correspondiente.

REGISTERED
DIRECCION: No. 68

22 Fifth Avenue
New York
SERVICIOS DE RECOMENDADOS Y DE "CARTA-PAQUETE"

Esta carta debe entregarse a un empleado de la Oficina de Correos para ser Recomendada y obtener el recibo correspondiente.

Espacio para franqueo ordinario.

Para retirar el contenido cortese la cubierta sobre la línea roja.
SERVICIOS DE RECOMENDADOS Y DE "CARTA-PAQUETE"
Esta carta debe entregarse a un empleado de la Oficina de Correos para ser Recomendada y obtener el recibo correspondiente.

REGISTERED
No. 8293

DIRECCION:
J. Scofield
Amen Ley

SERVICIOS DE RECOMENDADOS Y DE "CARTA-PAQUETE"
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REGISTERED
No. 5152

DIRECCION:
Chisholm & Chapman
71 Broadway
New York N.Y.
A third order was placed for 25,000 small and 10,000 large envelopes in November 1919. The American Bank Note Company was requested to supply envelopes with the “Canal Zone” and “10¢” surcharge. They were received in December 1920. By this time, the Canal Zone postal authorities had concluded that these so-called inviolable registered envelopes had not reduced loss or pilferage. The entire shipment was offered to Panama in April 1921. The issue was overprinted with solid black blocks to obliterate the “10 cts” and “Canal Zone.” The denomination was changed to “centavos” for use in Panama. Printing on the back of the third printing was the same as the first printing.
REJECTED REGISTRATION ENVELOPES
Panama  Size Six

Destination: Birmingham, England

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DIRECCION: No. 36159

DESTINATION: SWEDEN

Mis 3a 1001
Appelvikaven 35

Appelvik  Sweden
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DIRECCIÓN:

Espacio para franquelo ordinario.

Para retirar el contenido corte la cubierta sobre la línea roja.
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DIRECCION:

J. M. Delita Co
530 Broadway
New York
U.S.A

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DIRECCION:

Montgomery Ward Co

Chicago, Ill
USA
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DIRECCION:

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DIRECCION:

Mr J. P. Coveleski
Ancon,
Canal Zone.