

The 1924 Arms Issue of Panama

Purpose:

This is a ten-frame traditional and postal history hybrid exhibit of the 1924 Arms issue of Panama beginning with production by the American Bank Note Company (ABNCo) in 1923, first use in 1924, and ends with a transition to overprints.

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Scope:

Although the issue was overprinted for use in the United States Panama Canal Zone (CZ) in 1924, the scope of this exhibit will be limited to the issues on mail originating in Panama. Rates will be discussed as related to the use for the Arms issue, but this is not a comprehensive rate study of Panama for the time period.

Background:

The Isthmus of Panama has served as a connector between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans since the 1500s when the Spanish constructed a road across the isthmus. With the development of a railroad in 1855 and the opening of the Panama Canal in 1914, Panama solidified its importance as a maritime hub of trade and communication. This continued as Panama became a base for Central America airmail expansion in the late 1920s.

I. Production Material: Sunken Die Proofs

The 2c carmine (Die C-1477) American Bank Note Company Sunken Die Proof with 1923 die number and penciled 1924 die number (33948) in lower right corner assigned when all ABNCo dies were renumbered.

The 2c carmine was needed immediately and the die was created first. The C-1477 was the master die used for the remaining issues.



Unfinished die proof printed on watermarked tracing paper
 Vignette missing stars, background, and 'PRO MUNDI BENEFICIO' on banner. Frame design value not completed and American Bank Note Co. missing from bottom as compared to finished proof below.

Items considered significant are noted with a red frame.
 A magnifying glass denotes original discovery or research.



Trial Color Proof on card from ABNCo.
Only known 1c black copy not cut down for ABNCo files.

Original center (vignette) die in 1923 was C-1487, with the 1924 renumbering of the dies, the number was changed to 33955



Enlarged to 150%

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I. Production Material: Proofs



The stamps were prepared as two panes of 100 (10x10) arranged horizontally with a gutter between panes.



1c cent dark green and 2c carmine gutter strips of 6 on card.
Each is 1 of 20 possible examples that could exist demonstrating the gutter between panes.



The American Bank Note Company archive included one sheet (2 panes x 100 stamps) of 10c dark violet on gummed stamp paper with security punctures.
No other proofs on gummed stamp paper are known.

Panama 1924 Arm proofs in issued colors on card from American Bank Note Company archives. The archive included 1/2c (200 stamps), 1c (400 stamps), 2c (400 stamps), 5c-1 Balboa (200 stamps)

I. Production Material: Specimens

The set of 10 stamps was shipped to Panama City from the ABNCo in New York on February 6, 1924 via the *S.S. Sixaola*. The first known use was April 4, 1924 on a cover from Panama City to Bogotá, Colombia. (see title page).



It was previously reported in philatelic literature that there were 33 print orders for the Arms issue. **Upon review of the ABNCo archives by the author, 37 distinct F-order numbers were discovered.**

Displayed are specimens from each of the 37 orders to document which denominations were included in each order and the month the order was processed by ABNCo.



F-7427
October 1923



F-7866
April 1925



F-7949
August 1925



F-8131
April 1926



F-8274
January 1927



F-8402
June 1927



F-8605
February 1928



F-8699
July 1928



F-8883
February 1929

I. Production Material: Specimens



F-9003
July 1929



F-9220
May 1930



F-9392
April 1931



F-9450
August 1931



F-9570
April 1932



F-9598
June 1932



F-9651
November 1932



F-9663
December 1932



F-9686
April 1933



F-9798
January 1934



F-9844
April 1934



F-9851
May 1934



F-9967
February 1935



F-10051
October 1935



F-10196
August 1936



F-10215
October 1936



F-10290
March 1937



F-10381
August 1937



F-10440
March 1938



F-10528
November 1938



F-10536
November 1938

I. Production Material: Specimens



F-10849
August 1940



F-10951
January 1941



F-10991
April 1941



F-11040
June 1941



F-11179
December 1941



F-11964
January 1945



F-12129
September 1945



Top half of specimen sheet of 5c blue. From order F-10951, as noted in top left, placed in January 1941. Original plate from 1923 still in use with original order number in top right.

II. Domestic Use

This section examines the use of the Arms issue within the Republic of Panama. Domestic mail, particularly pre-1940 is somewhat limited as most possessions were destroyed upon the passing of an individual.

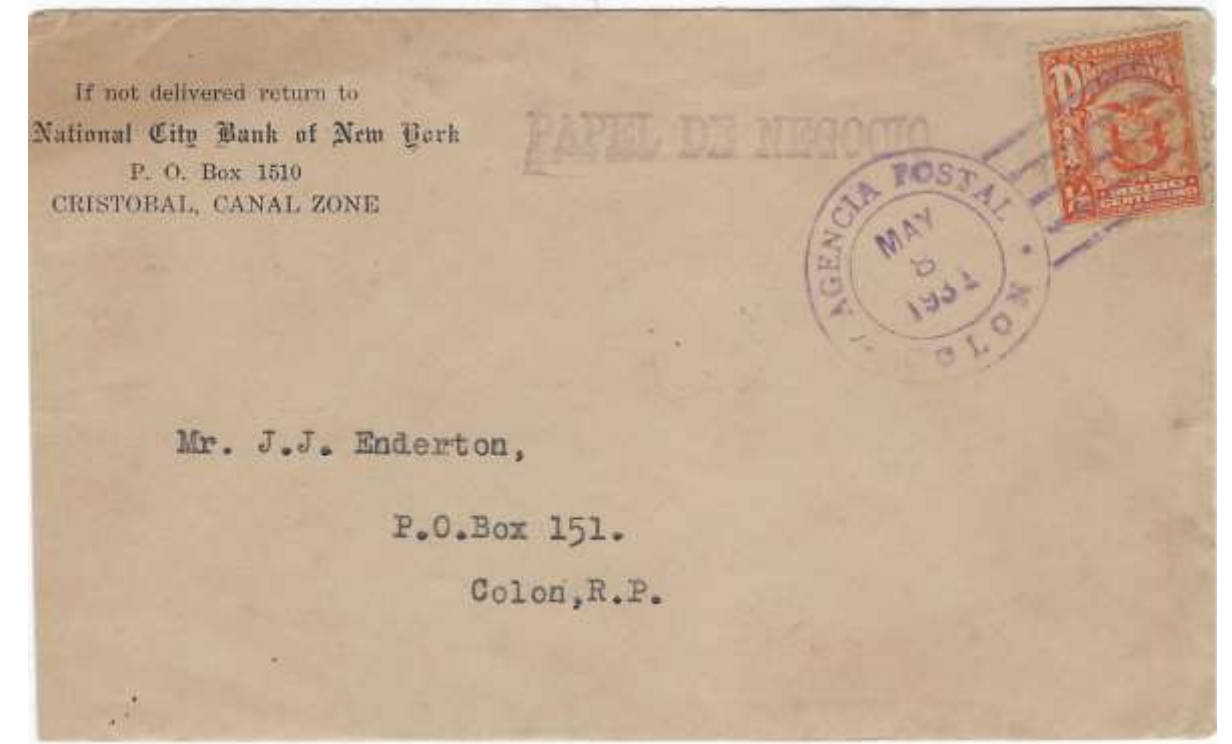
<u>Section Plan</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Printed Matter	9—10	1/2c per 50g
Letter	11—14	2c per 20g
Airmail	15—16	Varies during period

<u>Additional Services:</u>	<u>Prior to April 1, 1929</u>	<u>After April 1, 1929</u>
Registration:	5c	10c
A.R.:	2 1/2c	5c
Special Delivery	10c	10c

II. Domestic Use: 1/2 centesimo Printed Matter Rate

Panama had established a 1/2 centesimo per 50gram postal rate in 1916 for printed matter, business papers and business samples.

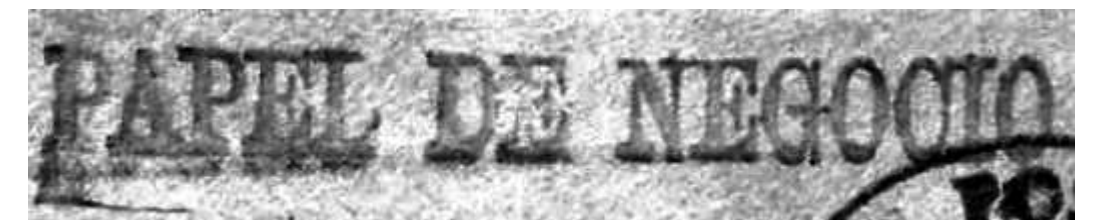
Decree 65 of March 23, 1929 established a 1/2 centesimo per 50g rate for printed matter to include printed matter, business papers, business samples, mourning cards, catalogs, maps, pictures, blueprints, calling cards, among other items.



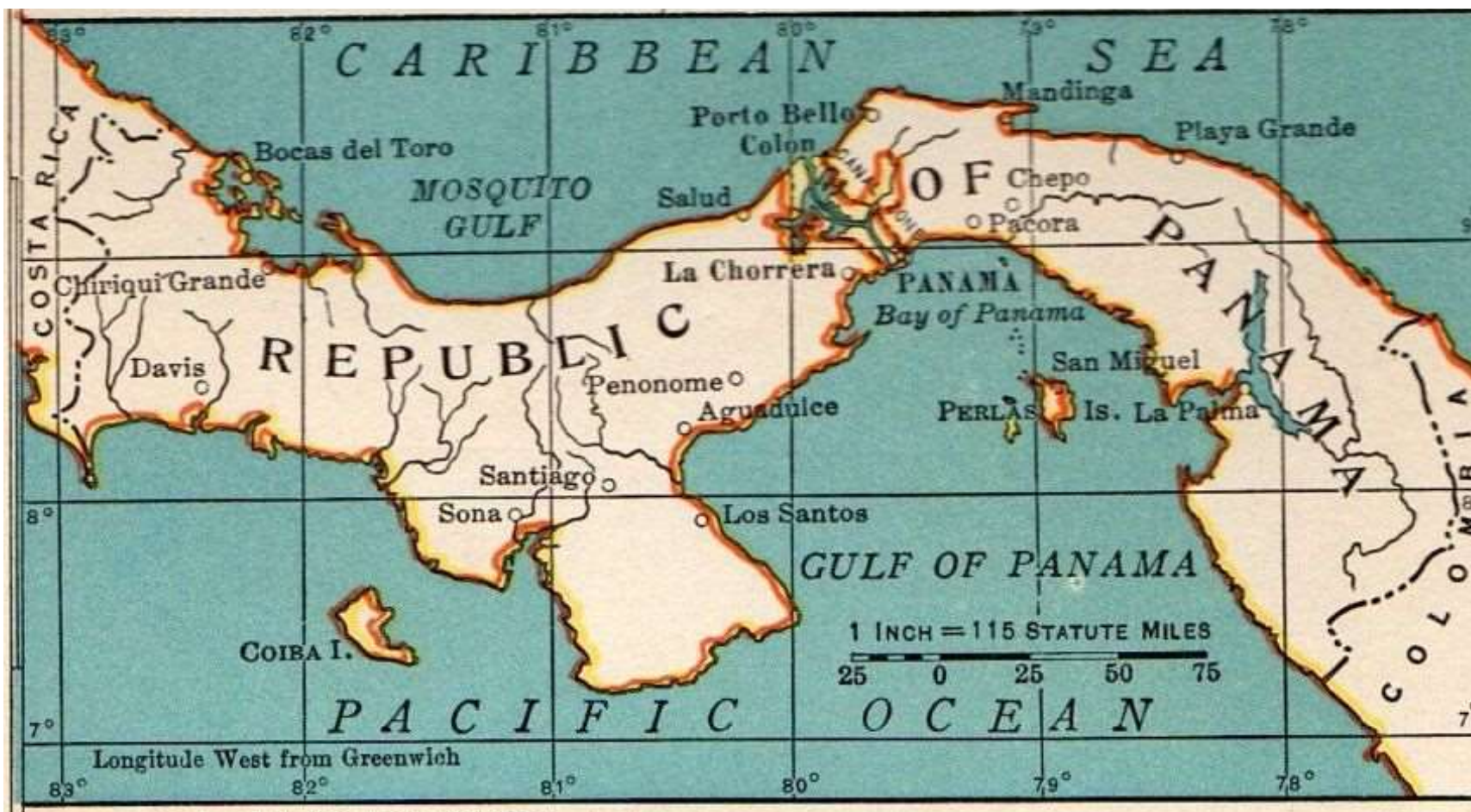
Colon local cover May 8, 1931 from National City Bank in Cristobal.

Hand stamped "PAPEL DE NEGOCIO" or "Business Papers"

1/2c yellow paying rate for sealed business papers.



RetroReveal enhancement of "Business Papers" hand stamp increase 25% (see footnote).



Footnote: RetroReveal © is a program developed by the University of Utah that is free, and on-line at WWW.RETROREVEAL.ORG . Provides images using different types of color filtration.

II. Domestic Use: 1/2 centesimo Printed Matter Rate

Colon November 1, 1932

1/2c yellow paying rate for sealed printed matter with corner cut.
The corner was cut to allow postal employees to confirm no product was being shipped.



Colon to Colon March 31, 1933.

1/2c orange paying unsealed advertising mail.

The Canal Zone Stamp Co. commonly used Panama post offices to mail advertising and price lists to take advantage of the lower printed matter mailing rates.



Panama City—La Campana April 14, 1936. Received La Campana April 16, 1936.

1c green paying domestic printed matter rate (50+ to 100g)

The printed matter rate included congratulation and mourning cards.



Receiving mark on reverse is only reported marking and date from La Campana.

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II. Domestic Use: 2 centesimo Letter Rate

Decree Number 162 of December 30, 1913 set the local letter rate within Panama and to the Canal Zone and the United States at 2 centesimo per 20g.



Penonome to Panama City July 3, 1924. Arrived July 11, 1924.
1c green uprating 1c postal stationary to 2c domestic letter rate.



Panama City to Panama City March 7, 1942
1c green x2 paying domestic letter rate with 1c postal tax stamp.



Panama City to Santiago de Veraguas Escuela Normal June 18, 1942.
Arrived June 20, 1941.

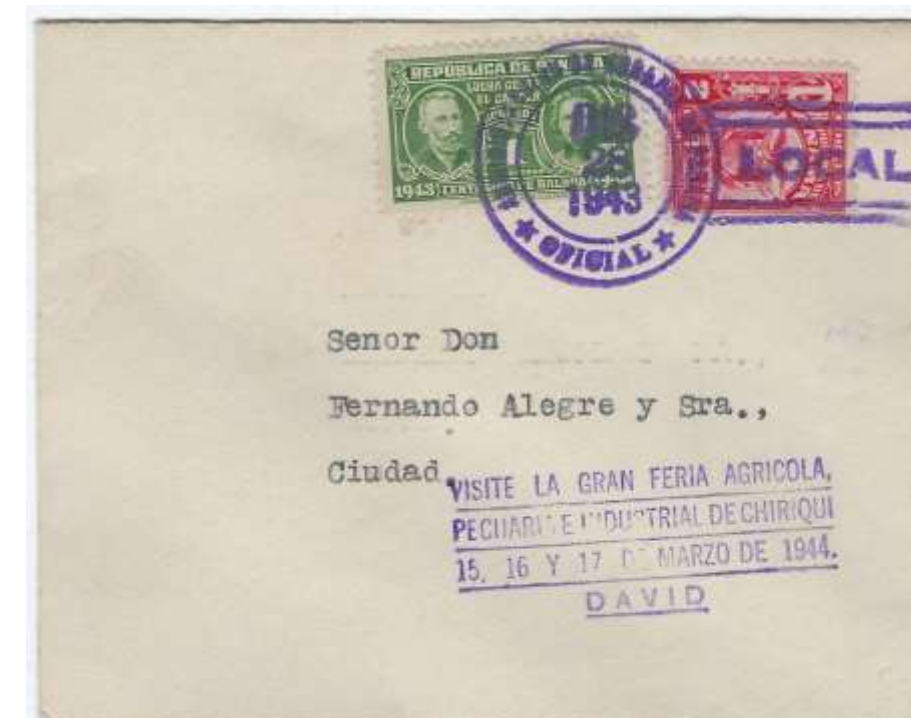
2c carmine paying domestic letter rate with 1c postal tax stamps.
Escuela Normal was a secondary school in Santiago. It was declared a national historical monument by Law 54 of December 12, 1984



Santiago de Veraguas Escuela Normal June 20, 1941 cancel is 13 months prior to reported usage period of June 30, 1942 to January 18, 1943.

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Decree 35 of March 3, 1939 instituted a 1 centesimo postal tax effective June 1, 1919 on all correspondence both domestic and foreign. The tax benefited victims of cancer.



Panama City to Panama City
December 28, 1943

2c carmine paying domestic letter rate with 1c postal tax stamp.

Ciudad is Spanish for 'city'. This references Panama City.

II. Domestic Use: Registered Surface Letter Rate

Decree 65 of March 23, 1929 set the registration fee at 10 centesimos effective April 1, 1929 for all domestic and foreign items.



Panama City to Colon April 3, 1930. Received April 4, 1930.

2c carmine paying surface letter rate with 5c blue x2 paying registration fee.

Earliest reported use of "Tarde Panamá" auxiliary mark.



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Boca Del Toro—Panama City April 5, 1938. Arrived in Panama City April 7, 1938.

2c carmine paying surface letter rate on 10c registration envelope.

Cover marked and signed on reverse:

"I declare that this letter does not contain a bank bill or bearer securities."



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Panama City Local May 6, 1943.

12c olive paying 2c surface letter rate with 10c registration fee. Additional 1c postal tax stamp.



II. Domestic Use: Registered Surface Letter Rate With AR

Decree 65 of March 23, 1929 set the acknowledgement of receipt (A.R.) fee at 5 centesimos effective April 1, 1929 for all domestic and foreign items.



Boca del Toro to Panama City
February 28, 1942. Arrived
March 2, 1942.

2c carmine paying surface letter
rate, 5c blue paying AR fee, 10c
purple paying registration fee
and postal tax stamp.

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Boca del Toro to Panama City April
29, 1942. Arrived May 1, 1942.

2c carmine x2 paying surface mail
rate 20+ to 40g, 5c blue paying AR
fee, 10c purple paying registration
fee and postal tax stamp.



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Bocas del Toro to Panama City February 2, 1943 Arrived February 4, 1943.

12c olive paying 2c surface letter rate plus registration fee. Additional 5c paying AR and postal tax stamp.

II. Domestic Use: Special Delivery Surface Letter Rate

Decree 199 of October 29, 1926 set the domestic special delivery fee at 10 centesimos effective November 15, 1926.

Colon local cover
January 19, 1927.

2c carmine paying
surface letter rate
with 10c special
delivery stamp.



Colon to Panama City November 13, 1931. Arrived the same day.
2c carmine paying surface letter rate with 10c special delivery stamp.



Bocas del Toro to Panama City July 22, 1942.
Arrived July 27, 1942.

2c carmine paying surface letter rate, 10c purple
paying special delivery fee, and postal tax stamp.



Capira to Panama City May 5, 1941. Arrived May 6, 1941.
2c carmine paying surface letter rate, 5c blue paying AR fee,
10c purple paying registration fee and 10c purple paying
special delivery fee. Additional postal tax stamp.

May 5, 1941 cover is only recorded cancel from Capira.



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II. Domestic Use: Airmail Letter Rate

In 1929 David was designated a National Postal Agency authorized to dispatch airmail. A rate of 10 centesimos plus the surface rate was established.

Colon to David
June 11, 1929



Panama City to David
June 2, 1929



David to Panama City
December 26, 1929

Decree 10 of January 22, 1930 set the airmail service rate from David at 5 centesimos for the first 15g plus the surface rate.



David to Panama City June 6, 1931. Arrived same day.
1c green x2 paying surface letter rate with 5c airmail paying airmail rate.



David to Panama City November 18, 1931. Arrived same day.
2c carmine paying surface letter rate with 5c airmail paying airmail rate.

II. Domestic Use: Registered Airmail/Special Delivery Airmail



David to Panama City June 3, 1931. Arrived the same day.
1c green x2 paying surface letter rate, 10c purple paying registration and 5c airmail stamp.



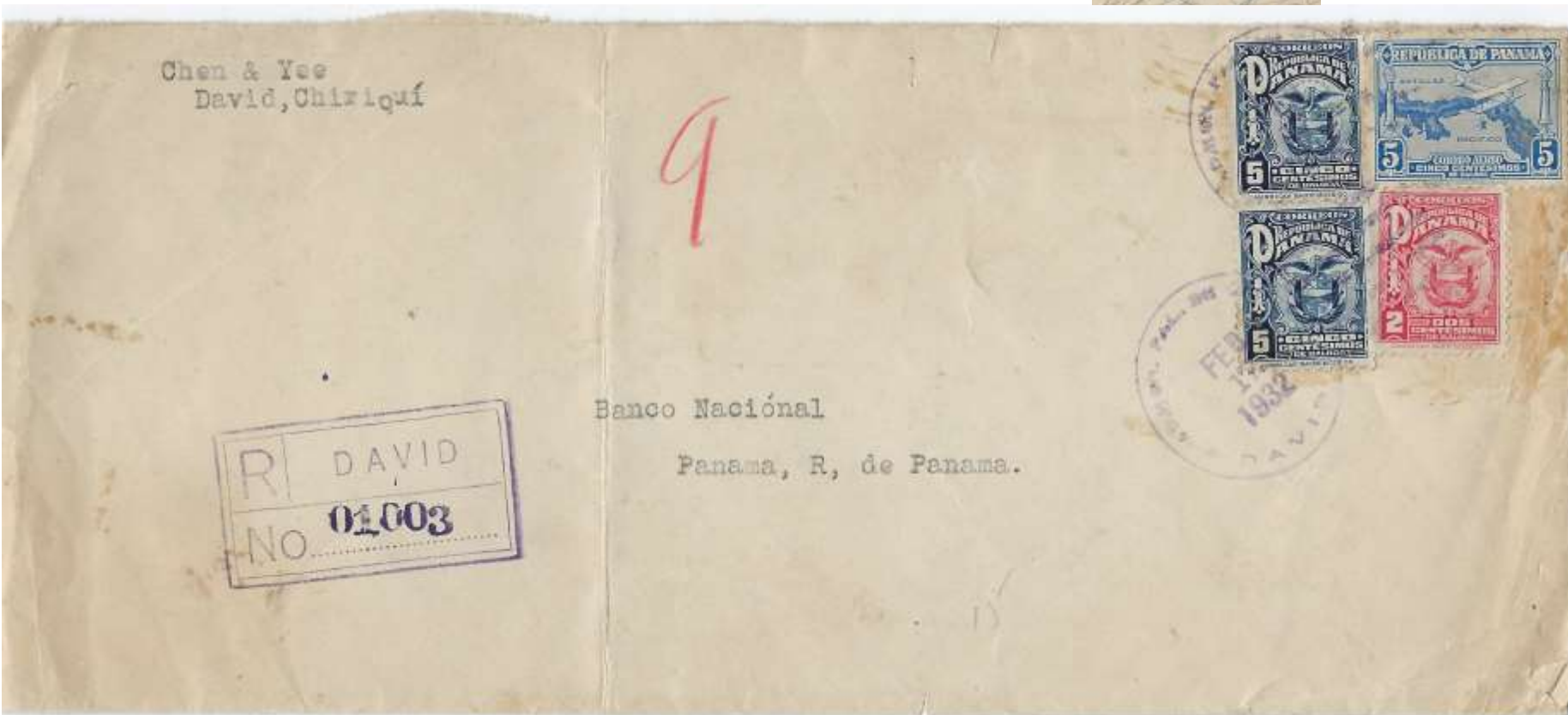
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David to Panama City July 11, 1931. Arrived the same day.
5c blue x2 paying registration fee with postal stationary for surface letter rate and 5c airmail stamp.



David to Panama City February 17, 1932. Arrived same day.
2c carmine paying surface letter rate, 5c blue x2 paying registration fee, and 5c airmail stamp.



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David to Panama City November 1933. Arrived same day.
2c carmine paying surface mail rate with 5c airmail and 10c special delivery stamps.

III. US and Possessions Use

The relationship between Panama and the United States was tightly formed in 1904 when the US assisted in Panama's independence from Colombia leading to the Hay-Bunau-Varilla Treaty and creation of US Canal Zone. The proximity of Panama City and Colon to the Canal Zone added to the growing ties of the nations.

A bilateral postal agreement between Panama and United States, including its possessions, extended domestic postal rates to mail between the nations effective July 1, 1905.

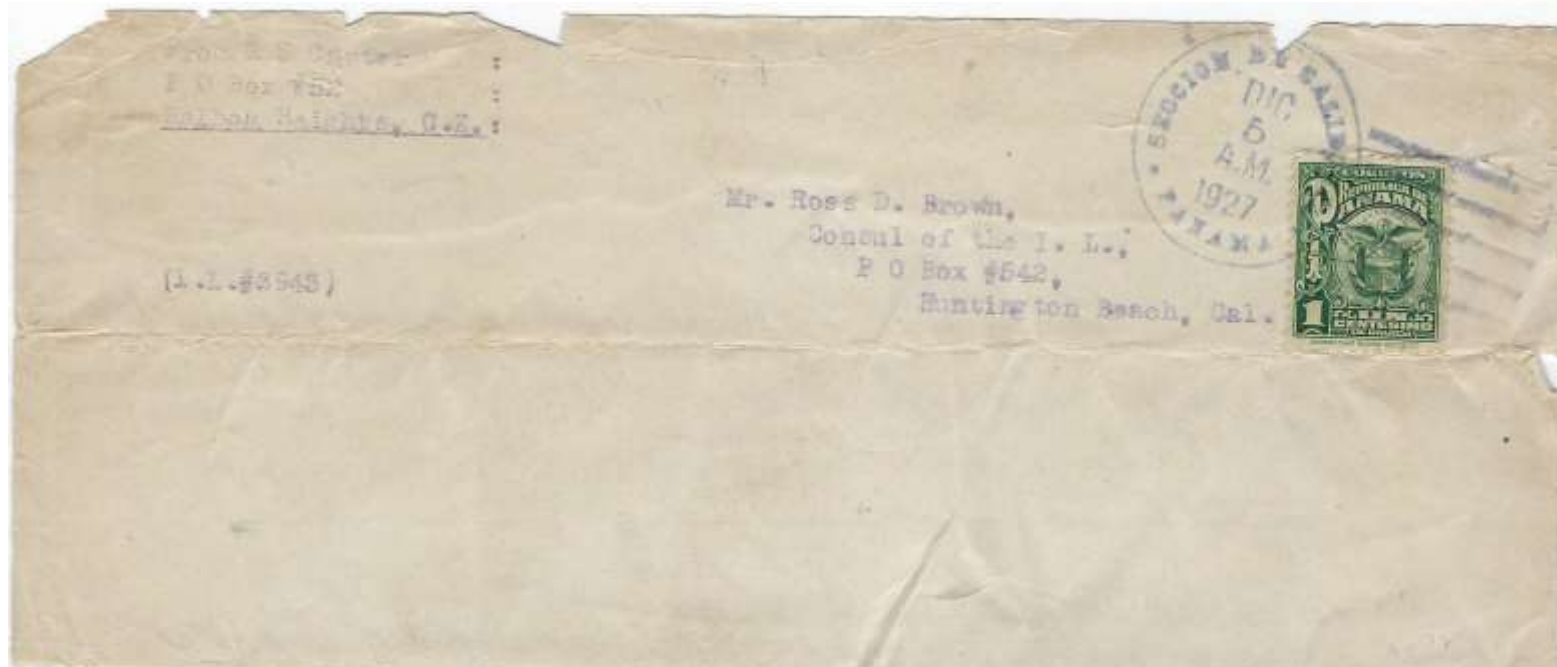
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Printed Matter	17-19	1/2c per 50g
Postcard	20	1c
Letter	21-29	2c per 20g
Parcel Post	30	Varies During Period
Airmail	31-34	Varies During Period
<u>Additional Services:</u>	<u>Prior to April 1, 1929</u>	<u>After April 1, 1929</u>
Registration	5c	10c
A.R.	2 1/2c	5c
Special Delivery	10c	10c

III. US and Possessions Use: 1/2 centesimo Printed Matter Rate

The 1/2c yellow pays the unsealed advertising printed matter rate up to 50g within Panama and to the US and Possessions.

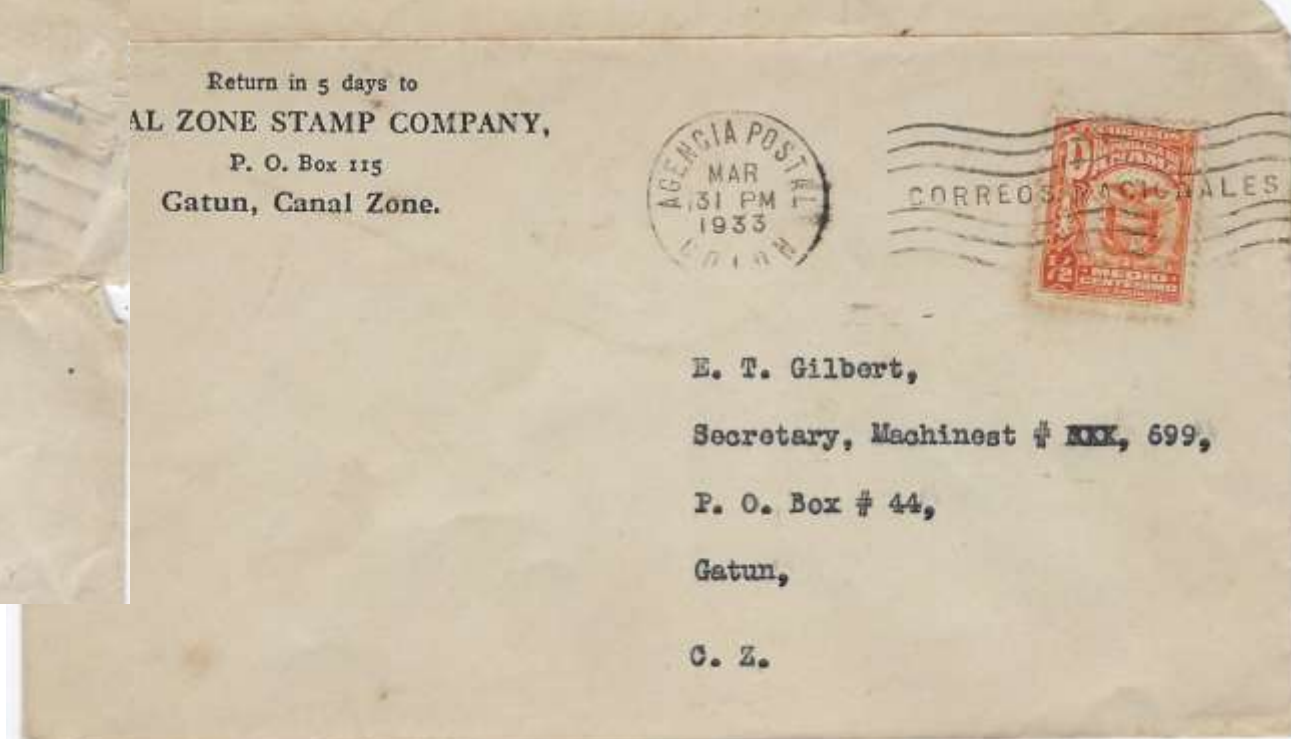


Cover to Newark, New Jersey returned and taxed 1c for return postage.



Panama City to Huntington Beach, CA December 5, 1927

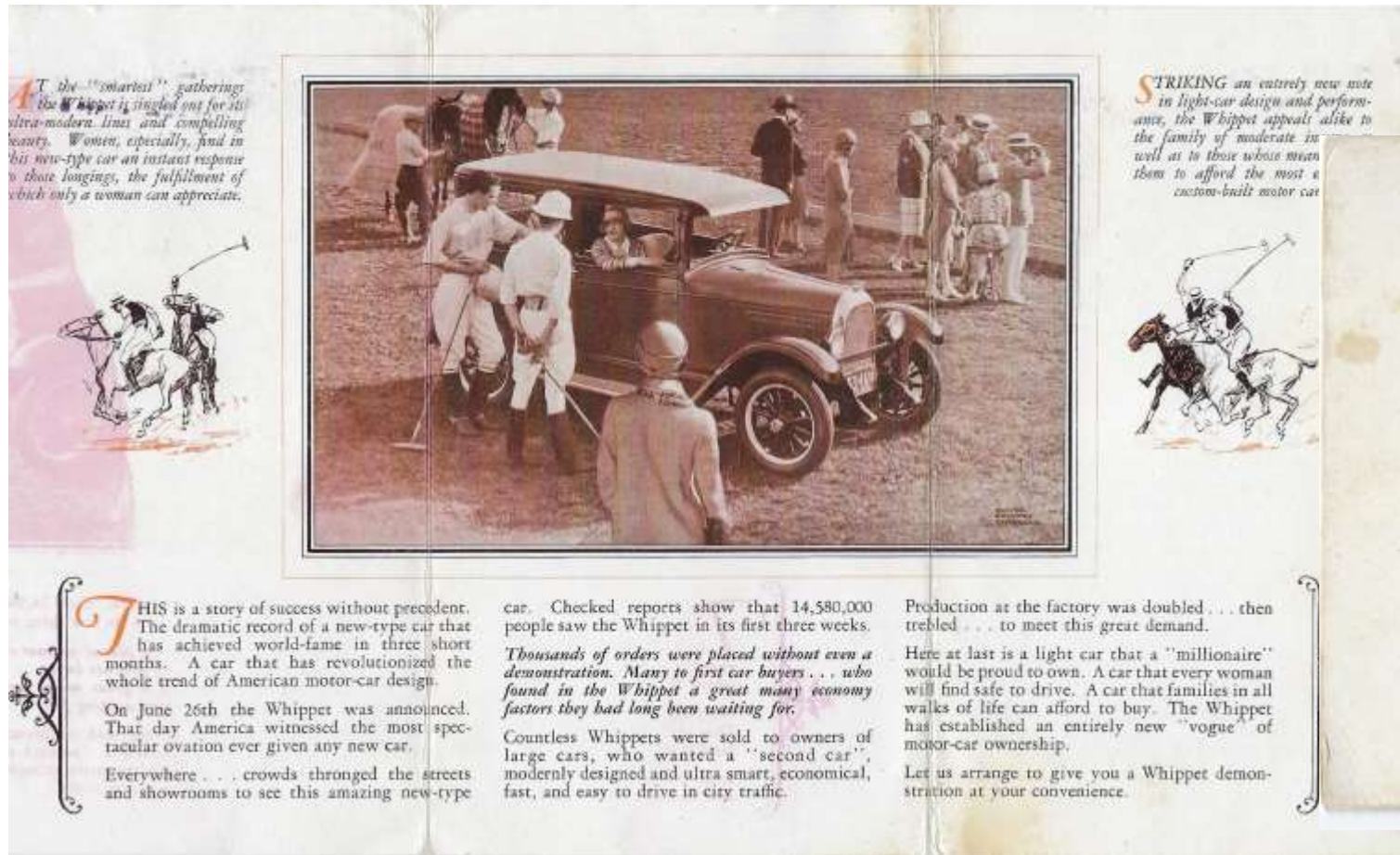
1c green paying 1/2c per 50 grams printed matter rate up to 100 grams to the US on a wrapper.



The 1/2c printed matter rate was utilized by the Canal Zone Stamp Company and other businesses when mailing price lists and advertising to Panama, the Canal Zone and the United States. Mailing from the Canal Zone would have been at 1 1/2c printed matter rate.

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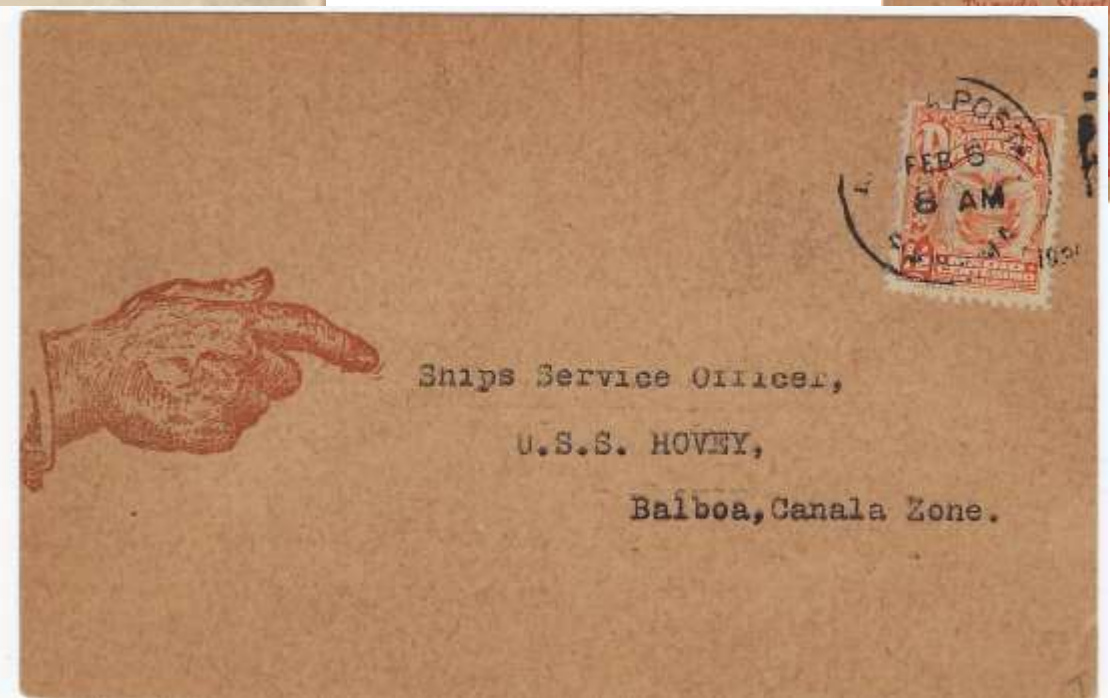
Panama had established a 1/2 centesimo per 50gram postal rate in 1916 for printed matter, business papers and business samples. This rate was valid domestically and to the United States and Possessions



Panama City to Balboa, Canal Zone November 20, 1926
1/2c yellow paying printed matter up to 50g rate to the US and Possessions

Unfolded Image reduced 25%

Image reduced 25%



Panama City to Balboa Canal Zone February 6, 1931
Advertising card to USS Hovey
1/2c yellow paying printed matter up to 50g rate to the US and Possessions

Colon to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii November 29, 1929. Returned to sender January 16, 1930.
1c green paying printed matter 50g+ up to 100g rate to the US and Possessions.
Taxed postage due in the Canal Zone for return postage.

III. US and Possessions Use: 1/2 centesimo Printed Matter Rate

Decree 65 of March 23, 1929 further expanded the use of the 1/2 centesimo rate for printed matter in include mourning cards, catalogs, maps, pictures, blueprints, calling cards, among other items.

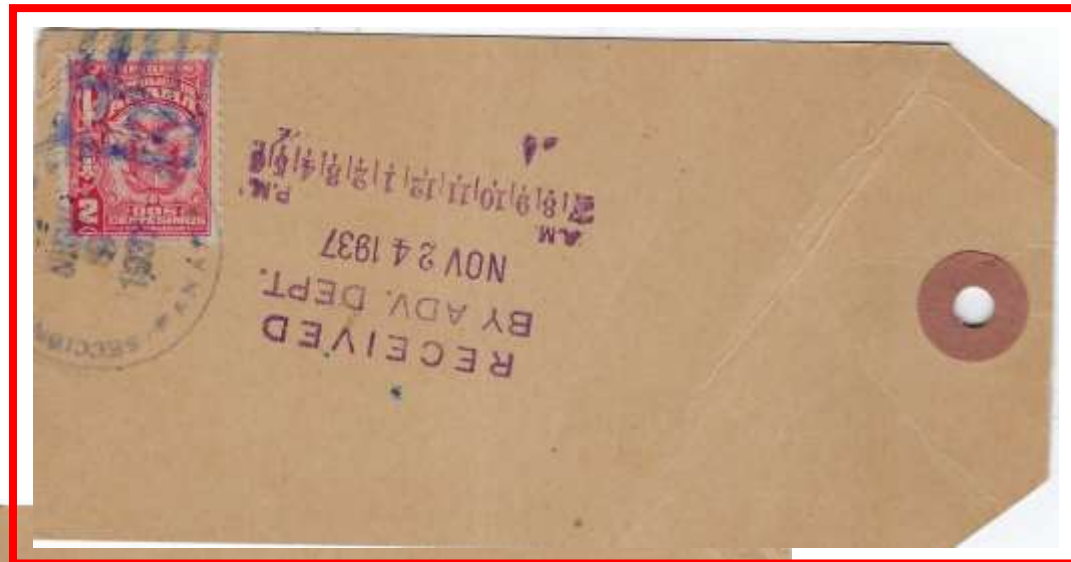
Business paper could be sealed, but advertising material was sent unsealed or with a corner removed to allow the postal service to check the item for compliance. This rate was valid domestically and to the United States and Possessions



Panama City to Cristobal, Canal Zone
January 25, 1933.

1/2c yellow paying printed matter rate with corner cut.

Note return address and addressee are in the Canal Zone. The US printed matter rate at the time was 1 1/2c.



Panama City to Rochester, New York November 9, 1937

8mm film sent to Eastman-Kodak via printed matter rate. Rate did not specify movie film, only pictures and printing proofs.

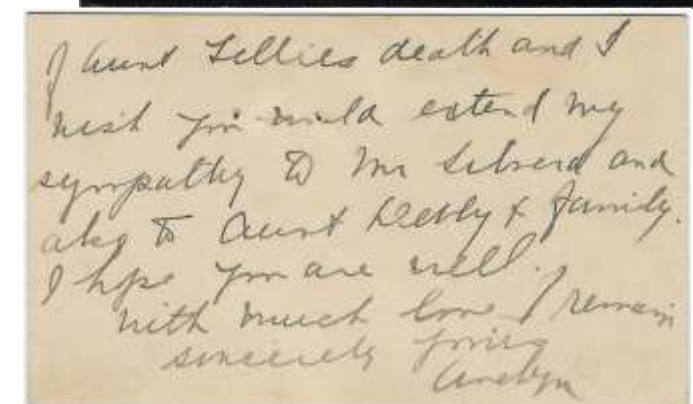
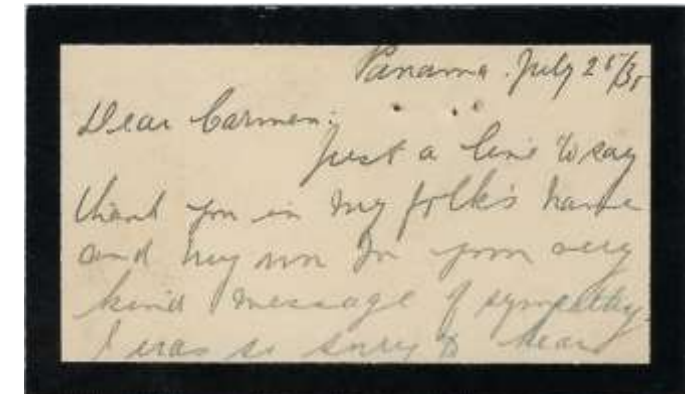
2c carmine paying 1/2c per 50 grams printed matter rate for up to 200 grams.

Only known parcel tag using Panama Arms issue.



Panama City to Los Angeles July 26, 1931

1/2c yellow paying mourning card rate to the United States. **Only morning cover 1/2 centesimo Arms usage known to author.**



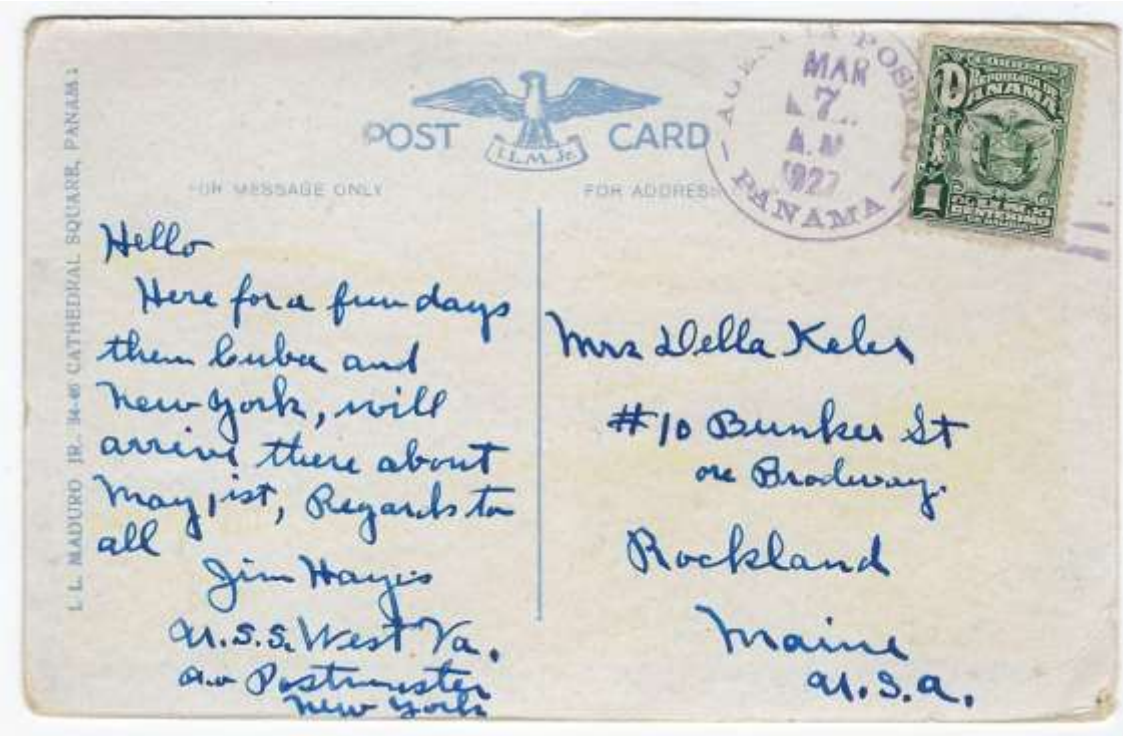
III. US and Possessions Use: 1 centesimo Postcard Rate

In 1920 a 1 centesimo postcard rate was established for cards sent within Panama and to the United States and Possessions.

Panama City to San Juan, Puerto Rico January 25, year unknown.



Panama City to Balboa, Canal Zone August 18, 1924
1c green for post card rate



Panama City to Rockland, Maine March 7, 1927
1c green for post card rate

Paquebot marking from the Canal Zone to New York City December 2, 1933
1c green for post card rate

Universal Postal Union procedures for Paquebot mail (ship mail) allowed mail posted on board a ship to be posted at the next port using stamps from the ships country of registry.



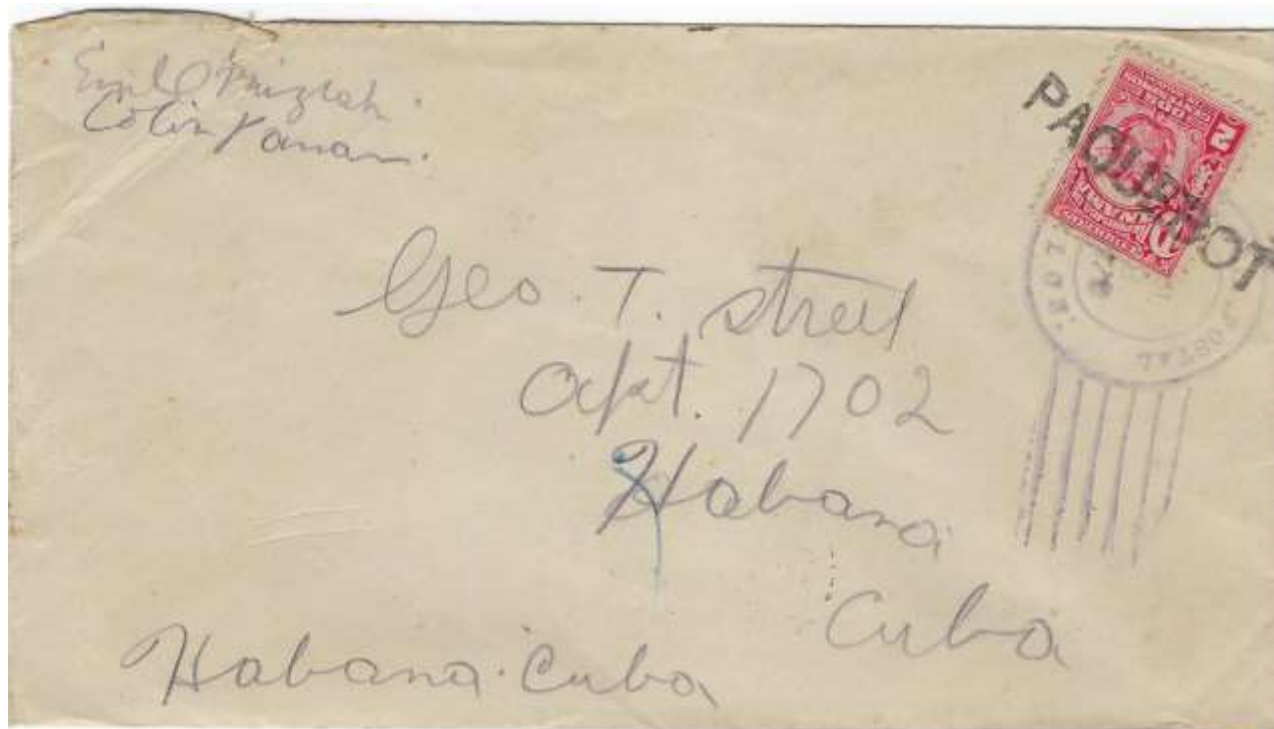
III. US and Possessions Use: 2 centesimo Surface Letter Rate

Decree Number 162 of December 30, 1913 set the local letter rate within Panama and to the Canal Zone and the United States at 2 centesimo per 20g.



Panama City to Port Huron, Michigan February 21, 1926.

Taxed in the US 1c for improper use of a Canal Zone stamp with the 1c green to pay the 2c letter rate to the US and Possessions.




Colon to Havana, Cuba July 1, 1929.

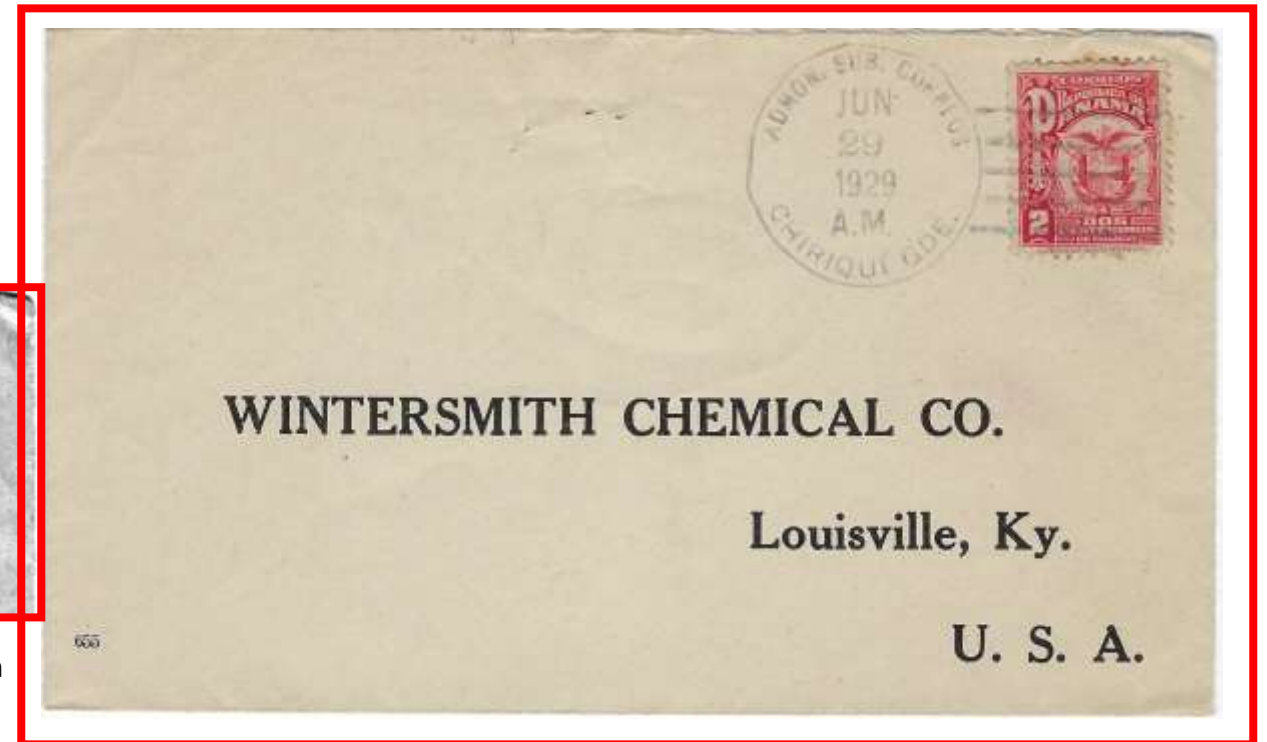
2c carmine paying surface letter rate to the US and Possessions.

Colon to Balboa Heights, Canal Zone January 30, 1930.

5c blue + 1c green paying surface letter 40g+ up to 60g rate to the US and Possessions



 **Newly discovered cancel from Chiriqui Grande.** Previously only two cancel types were known from Chiriqui Grande, Panama. They were noted in 1904 and 1920. Cancel enhanced with RetroReveal.



Chiriqui Grande to Louisville June 29, 1929
2 carmine paying surface letter rate to the US and Possessions.



III. US and Possessions Use: 2 centesimo Surface Letter Rate



Panama City to Aguadilla Pueblo, Puerto Rico September 11, 1933. Arrived September 23, 1933.

5c blue paying 2c surface letter up to 20g to the US and Possessions. Sender may have mistakenly used the 5c UPU surface letter.



Panama City to Washington, DC July 18th

Addressed to Franklin D. Roosevelt at the White House and back stamped with HR Harmer auction authentication.

FROM THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT COLLECTION
AUTHENTICATED BY H. R. HARMER INC., N. Y.

Back enlarged 25%



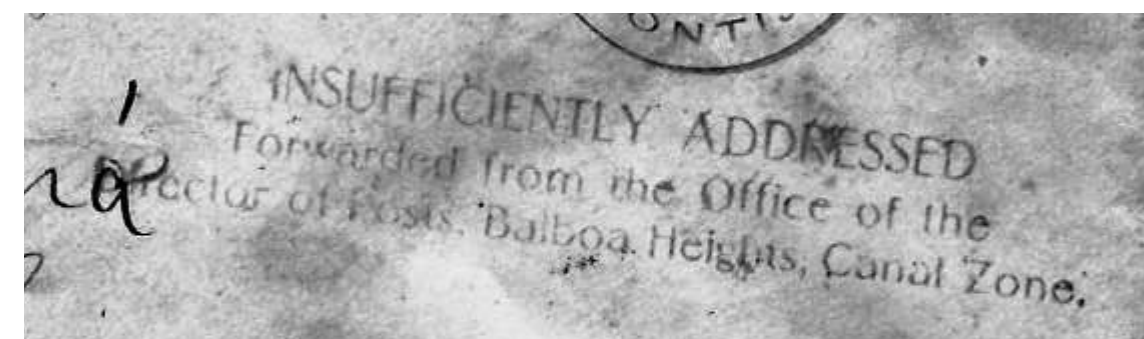
Montijo to 'Canal Zone' June 5, 1933

2c carmine paying surface letter rate to US and Possessions. Incomplete address prompted an auxiliary marking from the Balboa Heights, Canal Zone post office.



Newly discovered cancel from Montijo. Previously only one cancel of a different design was known from Montijo, Panama. It was used from 1961-1964

Cancel and auxiliary marking enhanced with RetroReveal.



III. US and Possessions Use: 2 centesimo Surface Letter Rate



Panama City to U.S.S. Biddle in San Juan Puerto Rico June 1941.

2c carmine paying surface letter rate up to 5g to the US and Possessions with additional postal tax.

Decree 35 of March 3, 1939 instituted a 1 centesimo postal tax effective June 1, 1919 on all correspondence both domestic and foreign. The tax benefited victims of cancer.

Decree 109 of September 1937 reduced the weight of first class surface mail to 2c per 5g instead of 2c per 20g. Rate change back to 2c per 20g in 1943.



Boquete to Balboa, Canal Zone December 19, 1941

1c green x2 paying surface letter rate up to 5g to the US and US Possessions with additional postal tax.



Bocas del Toro to Mindanao, Philippines November 13, 1941.

2c carmine x3 paying surface letter rate 10g+ up to 15g to the US and Possessions with additional postal tax.

Returned to sender due to the suspension of service following the outbreak of the 2nd World War.



Coiba Penal Colony to Cristobal, Canal Zone December 19, 1946.

2c carmine paying surface letter rate up to 20g to the US and Possessions with additional postal tax.

One of only 2 censored covers from the penal colony recorded.

III. US and Possessions Use: Registered Surface Letter Rate

Decree number 117 of September 23, 1907 set the registration rate for all objects, foreign and domestic, at 5 centesimos and the A.R. rate at 2 1/2 centesimos.



Bocas del Toro to Chicago, Illinois May 3, 1926. Transited New Orleans May 10, 1926. Arrived in Chicago May 12, 1926.

2c carmine paying surface letter rate up to 20 grams and 5c registration stationary.



Panama City to Alexandria, Virginia January 2, 1926. Arrived January 12, 1926.

2c carmine paying surface letter up to 20g rate with 5c registration stamp.



Panama City to New Brunswick, NJ August 20, 1926. Arrived August 31, 1926.

2c carmine paying surface letter rate and 5c blue paying registration fee.



Colon to Balboa Heights, Canal Zone April 5, 1927. Arrived April 6, 1927

2c carmine paying surface letter rate and 5c blue paying registration fee.

III. US and Possessions Use: Registered Surface Letter Rate



Divala to Chicago October 30, 1927. Arrived November 16, 1927.

5c blue paying registration fee in addition to 2c stationary paying surface letter rate.

Registration stamp handwritten, earliest reported use of handstamp is October 5, 1928.

Divala cancel earlier than prior reported October 5, 1928.



Bocas de Taro to Los Angeles May 31, 1928. Transited New Orleans June 7, 1928.

Arrived in Los Angeles June 10, 1928.

2c carmine paying surface letter rate up to 20 grams, 2 1/2c A.R., and 5c registration stationary.



La Concepcion to Mounds, Oklahoma February 27, 1929. Arrived March 18, 1929.

2c carmine paying surface letter rate and 5c blue paying registration fee.

Panama City to Chicago
March 6, 1929. Arrived
March 16, 1929.

2c carmine paying surface
letter rate up to 20 grams.
5c blue paying registration
fee and 2 1/2c AR stamp
paying AR fee.

Dedicated AR stamps
were withdrawn
April 1, 1929 with future
AR fees paid with general
postage stamps.

Registration rate
increased to 10c on
April 1, 1929. Less than 1
month later.



III. US and Possessions Use: Registered Surface Letter Rate

Decree number 65 of March 23, 1929 increased the registration rate to 10 centesimos for both foreign and domestic.



Almirante to Topeka, Kansas April 11, 1929. Transit New Orleans April 25, 1929. 2c carmine paying surface letter rate with 5c blue x2 paying registration fee.

Colon to San Francisco, California November 19, 1929. Transited New York December 4, 1929. No San Francisco receiving marks.

5c blue x2 paying surface letter 80+ to 100 grams and 10c registration stationary.



Panama City to Chicago July 8, 1930. Transit New York July 16, 1930 and Chicago arrived July 17, 1930.

5c blue x4 plus 1c green paying 10c registration, 5c AR and 6c surface letter 40g+ up to 60g to the US and US Possessions



Panama City to Beverly, Massachusetts January 10, 1930. Transit New York January 27, 1930. Arrived in Beverly January 27, 1930.

4c letter rate (20+ to 40 grams) and 10c registration stationary.

III. US and Possessions Use: Registered Surface Letter Rate



Tonosí to Ancon, CZ October 4, 1932. Transit Las Tablas and Panama City. Arrived October 11, 1932.

1c green pair paying surface letter rate on 10c registration envelope.



Panama City to Gatun, Canal Zone July 11, 1934. Transit Ancon Canal Zone July 11, 1934. Arrived in Gatun, Canal Zone July 12, 1934.

12c letter rate (100+ to 120 grams) and 10c registration rate.

Nathan L Levy was a well known Latin American stamp dealer living in Gatun, Canal Zone.



Colon to Aguadilla, Puerto Rico October 18, 1932. Transit New York October 24, 1932. Arrived October 31, 1932.

12c olive paying combine 2c surface letter rate and 10 registration fee.



Panama City to Cristobal, Canal Zone July 27, 1936. Arrived July 27, 1936.

17c total of Arms issues paying 2c surface letter rate, 5c AR fee and 10c registration fee.

III. US and Possessions Use: Registered Surface Letter Rate



Colon to Chicago. Arrived June 16, 1937.

12c olive paying 2c surface letter rate and 10c registration fee. Cover taxed 10c in US for Customs Due.



El Volcan to Balboa Heights, Canal Zone February 22, 1939. Arrived March 2, 1939.

2c carmine paying surface letter rate and 10c purple paying registration fee.



Panama City to Meriden, Connecticut November 1, 1937. Transit New York November 8, 1937. Arrived Meriden, Connecticut November 8, 1937.

2c carmine pays surface letter rate with 10c registration stationary.



Late Mail Handstamp enhanced by RetroReveal. Used for mail received after normal cut off time and carried outside the pouch.



Boca Del Toro to New York March 31, 1939. Arrived April 9, 1939.

5c blue x2 paying registration fee and 2c carmine x2 paying surface 20g+ up to 40g letter rate.



Duty Free auxiliary marking from New York.

Enhanced by RetroReveal.

III. US and Possessions Use: Registered Surface Letter Rate



Bocas del Toro to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania July 31, 1941. Transited New York City August 12, 1941. Arrived in Philadelphia August 13, 1941 (backstamp)
2c surface letter rate, 10c registration stationary and 1c postal tax stamp.



Bocas del Toro to New York City, New York December 26, 1940. Arrived in New York City January 4, 1941, though posted as January 4, 1940. Final arrival mark New York City January 7, 1941.
2c carmine x2 pays letter rate (5+ to 10 grams), 10c registration stationary and 1940 1c green overprinted Arms postal tax stamp.

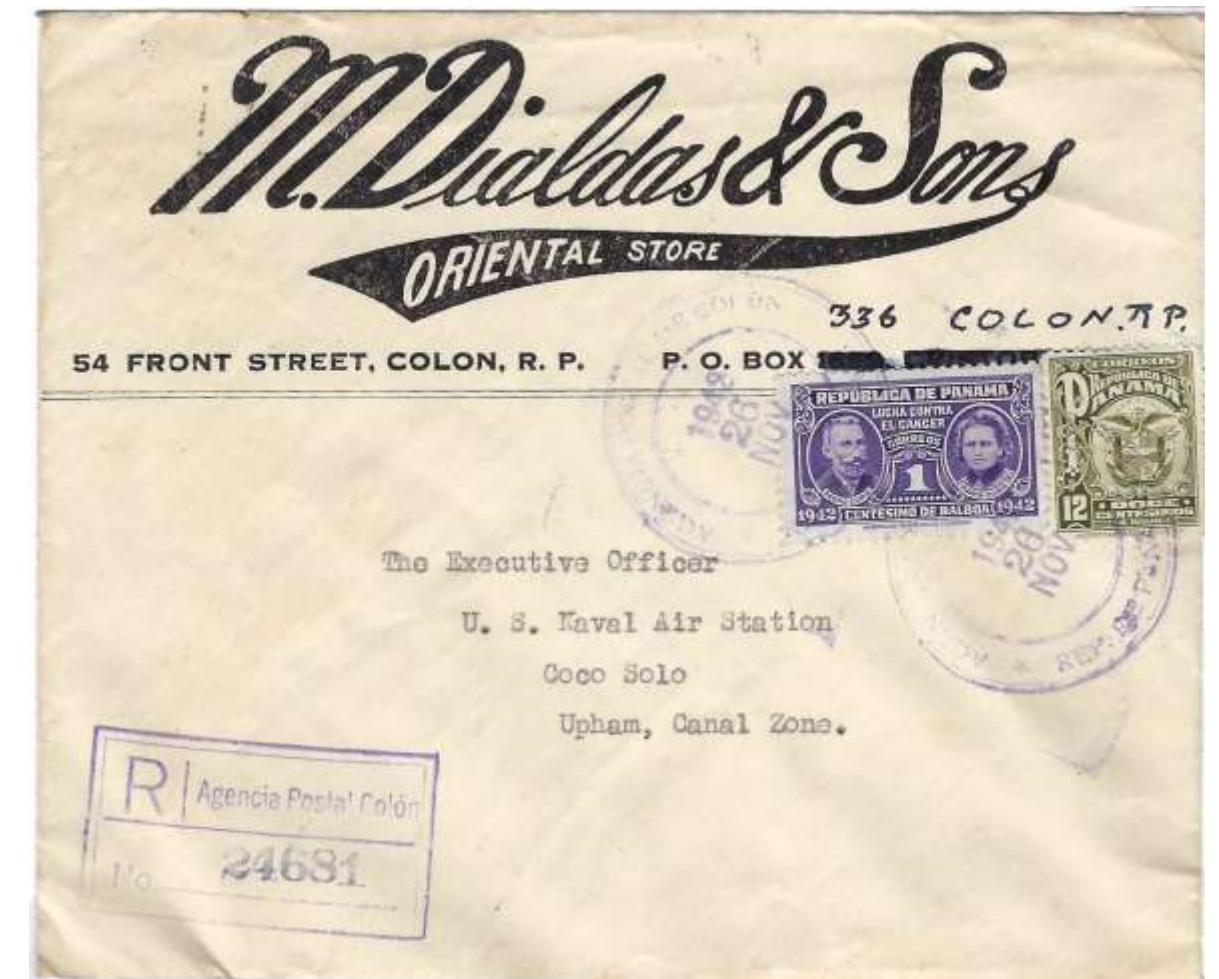


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El Volcan to New York April 1, 1947. Arrived New York April 6, 1947. Went by air from Balboa, CZ to New York via and Miami, FL.

FIRST DAY OF NEW RATE: 5c blue paying new 5c first class airmail rate to US, 1c green paying postal tax and 10c registration stationary.



Colon to Upham, Canal Zone November 26, 1942. Arrived November 28, 1942.

12c olive paying combine 2c surface letter rate and 10c registration fee. Additional postal tax of 1c paid with postal tax stamp.

III. US and Possessions Use: Parcel Post

Decree 65 of March 23, 1929 established a parcel rate to the US and Possessions at 14c per pound effective April 1, 1929.



Largest know block of Arms issue known on piece/cover.

Partial parcel wrapper.

Posted May 2, 1931 in Panama City. Transit Colon May 4, 1931 and arrived in New York May 14, 1931.

5c blue x2 paying registration fee.

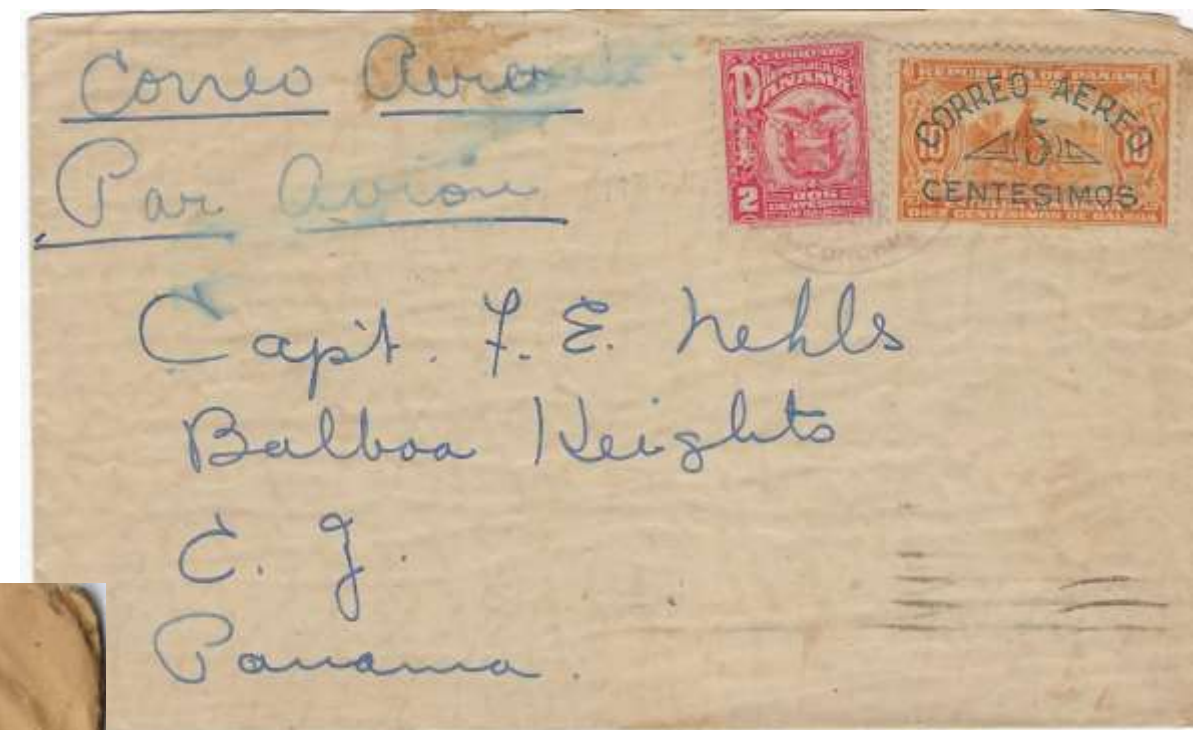
12c olive x 20 (2.40 Balboa) overpaying the 14c per pound rate for 16 pounds + up to 17 pounds by 2c.

Parcel assessed 15 cents postage due in New York for parcel post delivery charge.

III. US and Possessions Use: Airmail Letter Rate

Decree Number 10 of January 22, 1930 established airmail rates from Panama to the United States at 20 centesimos per 15 grams plus surface rate and local Canal Zone 5 centesimos per 15 grams plus surface rate.

Source of subsequent rates noted.



Concepcion to Balboa Heights July 13, 1930.
2c carmine paying surface letter rate with 5c overprint airmail paying local airmail rate.
Decree 10 of January 22, 1930.



Panama City to New York June 27, 1941.
Combination of 5c blue, 10c purple x4 and 15c blue x5 paying 1.20 Balboa airmail 110g+ up to 115g to the US.
Decree 109 of September 29, 1937 (15c for first 10g, then 5c per 5g).



Boquete to Coco Solo, Canal Zone September 13, 1935.
2c carmine paying surface letter rate with 5c airmail for airmail rate up to 15g.
Decree 23 of February 16, 1932.

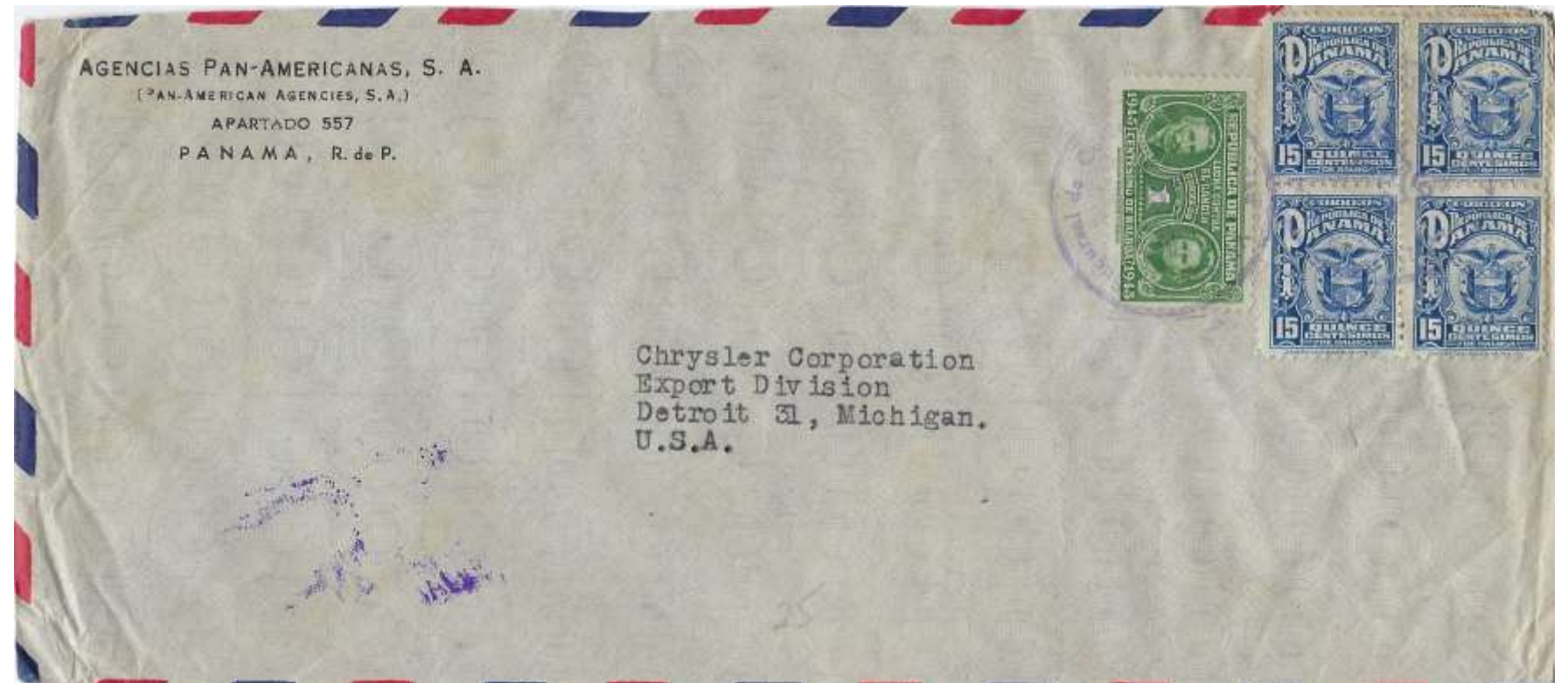
III. US and Possessions Use: Airmail Letter Rate



Panama City to Rutland, Vermont January 17, 1942.

15c blue paying airmail rate 5+ up to 10g. Additional postal tax stamp.

Decree 109 of September 1937



Panama City to Detroit July 23, 1946.

15c blue x4 paying airmail 40g+ up to 45g rate. Additional postal tax stamp.

Postal Circular of 1943



Panama City to Gulfport, Mississippi December 30, 1947.

10c purple plus 5c overprint paying airmail rate 10g+ to 15g. Additional 10c purple paying **special delivery fee**. Add postal tax stamp.

Postal Circular of 1943.



Panama City to Honolulu, Hawaii January 17, 1951.

15c blue x3 paying Trans-Pacific Hawaii up to 15g rate. Additional postal tax stamp.

Postal Circular of 1943

III. US and Possessions Use: Registered Airmail Letter Rate



David to Balboa Heights, Canal Zone July 15, 1932.

2c carmine paying surface letter rate, 10c purple paying registration fee and special 5c local airmail from David.

Decree 23 of February 16, 1932 set local airmail from David at 5c + surface letter rate for each 15g.



Panama City to Ponce, Puerto Rico January 11, 1938. Arrived January 20, 1938.

10c purple + 15c blue paying airmail rate 15g+ up to 20g and 10c purple paying registration fee.

Decree 109 of September 29, 1937



Bocas del Toro—Meriden, Connecticut November 25, 1941. Transited Balboa, Canal Zone November 27, 1941 and Miami, Florida November 29, 1941. Arrived in Meriden December 1, 1941.

2c letter rate (up to 20 grams), 20c airmail (10+ to 15 grams), 10c registration fee stationary and 1c postal tax stamp.

Decree 109 of September 29, 1937



Las Minas to Los Angeles August 11, 1947. Arrived August 20, 1947.

10c purple paying registration fee and 10c airmail paying 5g+ up to 10g airmail rate. Postal tax paid by 1c cancer stamp.

April 1, 1947 Airmail Rates.

III. US and Possessions Use: Registered Airmail Letter Rate



Penonome to Bowling Green, Ohio April 13, 1955. Arrived April 18, 1955.
 15c blue paying registration (10c) and AR (5c) fees. 15c blue + 9c additional postage paying 35g+ to 40g airmail rate (6c first 10g and 3c each additional 5g).
 Decree 350 of October 10, 1953.

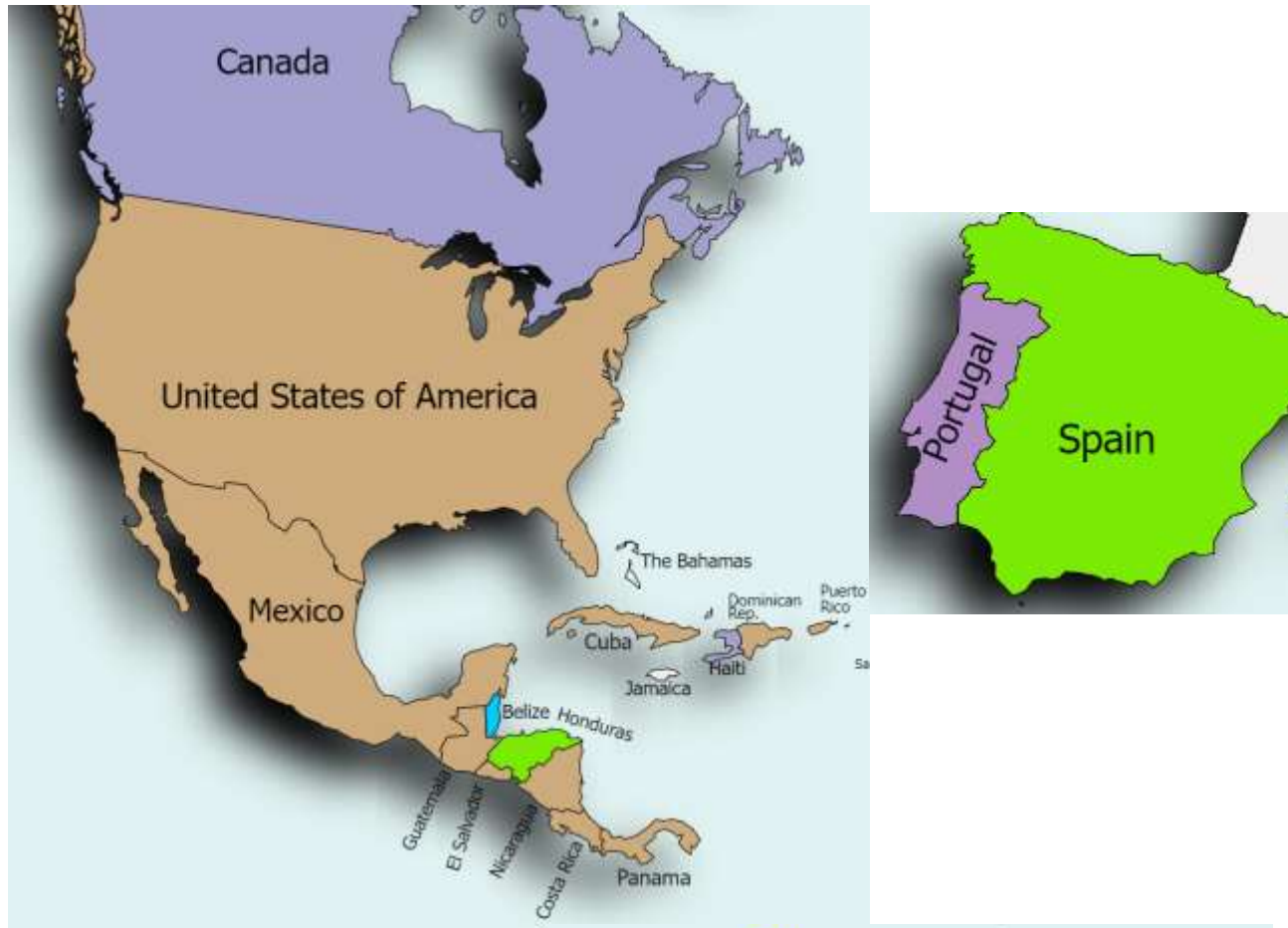


Panama City to Gulfport, Mississippi January 7, 1948
 15c blue x2 plus 5c blue paying airmail 10g+ up to 15g rate (15c), 10c registration fee and 10c **special delivery**. Additional postal tax stamp.
 Memorandum of 1948 airmail rate specific to US.



Guabito to Los Angeles
 October 30, 1956
Late Use
 15c blue partially paying 10c registration fee plus 6c airmail rate up to 10g with additional 1c stamp.
 Decree 350 of October 10, 1953.

IV. PUAS Use



The Postal Union of the Americas and Spain was established in 1911 by South American countries. In 1921 the United States and Central American countries joined the Union. In 1926 Spain and Honduras joined the Union followed by Canada and Haiti in 1931.

Panama joined the PUAS in 1921. This extended domestic rates to surface mail to other PUAS members.

<u>Section Plan</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Printed Matter	36	1/2c per 50g
Postcard	37	1c
Letter	38-43	2c
Airmail	44-48	Varies During Period
<u>Additional Services:</u>	<u>Prior to April 1, 1929</u>	<u>After April 1, 1929</u>
Registration	5c	10c

Membership to Postal Union of Americas and Spain

	1911
	1921
	1926
	1931
	Non-Member



Panama City April 4, 1924
arriving Bogota, Colombia
April 9, 1924.

The 5c Arms pays the UPU
letter rate. The 30c and 60c
SCADTA stamps paying
triple SCADTA rate.

**Represents the earliest
known Panama use of any
1924 Panama Arms issue.**

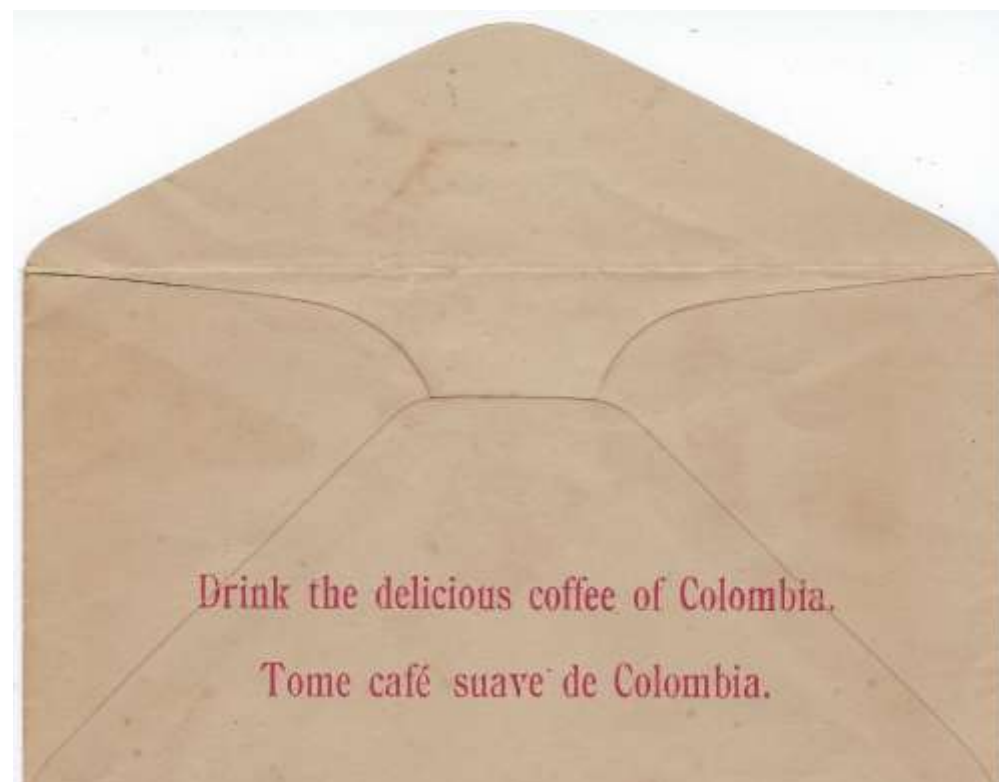
Par Hydroavion indicates
transported via hydroplane

Footnote: Not applicable to this exhibit
period, additional members Surinam
(1970), Portugal (1990), Aruba (1993),
Curacao (1993) and Sint Maarten
(2014). The Union was renamed the
Postal Union of the Americas, Spain and
Portugal 1990.

IV. PUAS Use: Printed Matter Rate

Printed matter rate to foreign destinations set at 1c per 50g in 1920. Rate for PUAS countries reduced to 1/2c per 50g with decree 65 of March 23, 1929.

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Colon to Barranquilla, Columbia July 10, 1927.

1c green uprating postal stationary to the 2c printed matter rate (50+ to 100g) to foreign destination. Mailed as unsealed advertising mail.



Colon to Puerto Limon, Costa Rica December 5, 1930. Arrived December 11, 1930.

1c green paying printed matter rate up to 100g for a card.

Note top left denotes "Card"



Panama City to La Paz, Bolivia October 4th
1c green paying foreign printed matter rate.

IV. PUAS Use: 1centesimo Post Card Rate



Panama City to Buenos Aires, Argentina July 14th
1c green paying PUAS rate.



Panama City to Montreal, Canada March 30, 1942
1c green paying PUAS rate plus 1c postal tax stamp.



Panama City to Lima, Peru September 9, 1929
1/2c yellow x2 paying PUAS post card rate.



Colon to Guayaquil, Ecuador December 31, 1929
1c green paying PUAS rate.



Colon to Lima, Peru April 10, 1939
1c green paying PUAS rate.

IV. PUAS Use: 2 centesimo Surface Letter Rate

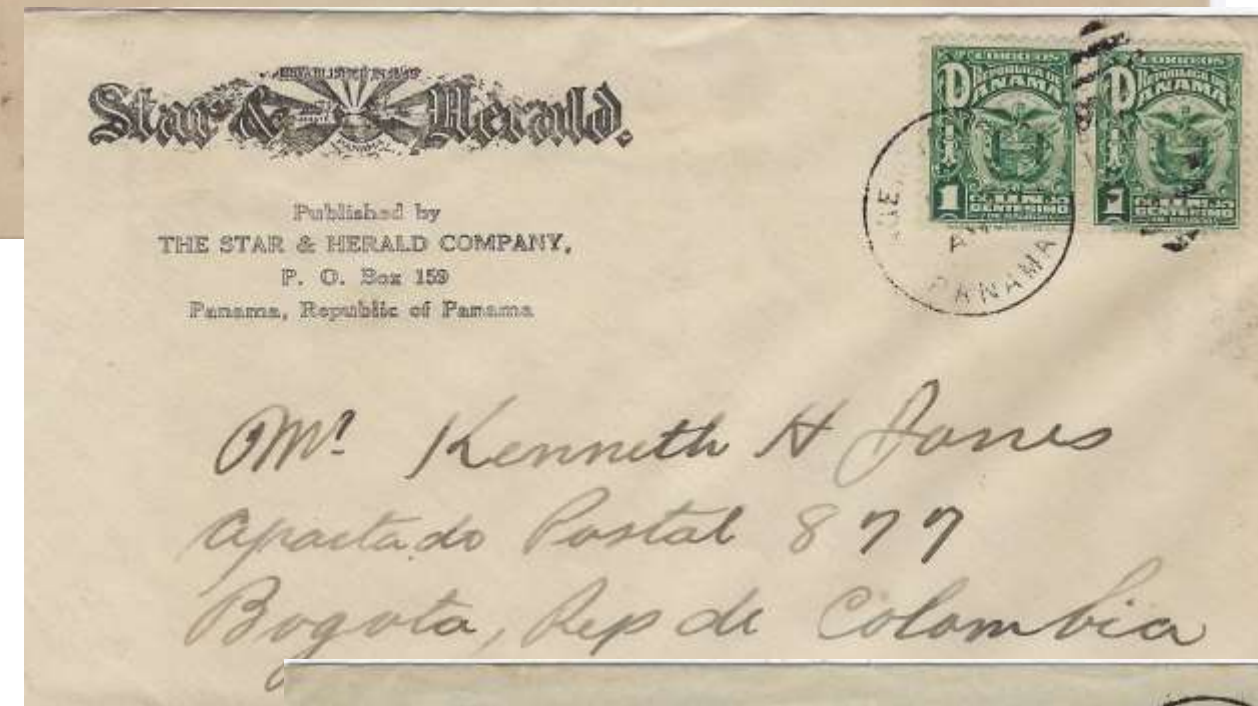
2c carmine or 1c green x2 paying 2 centesimos PUAS surface letter rate up to 20grams.
Covers after June 1, 1939 required 1c postal tax benefiting victims of cancer.



Colon to Buenos Aires, Argentina August 2, 1939.



Colon to Santiago, Chili August 22, 1936.



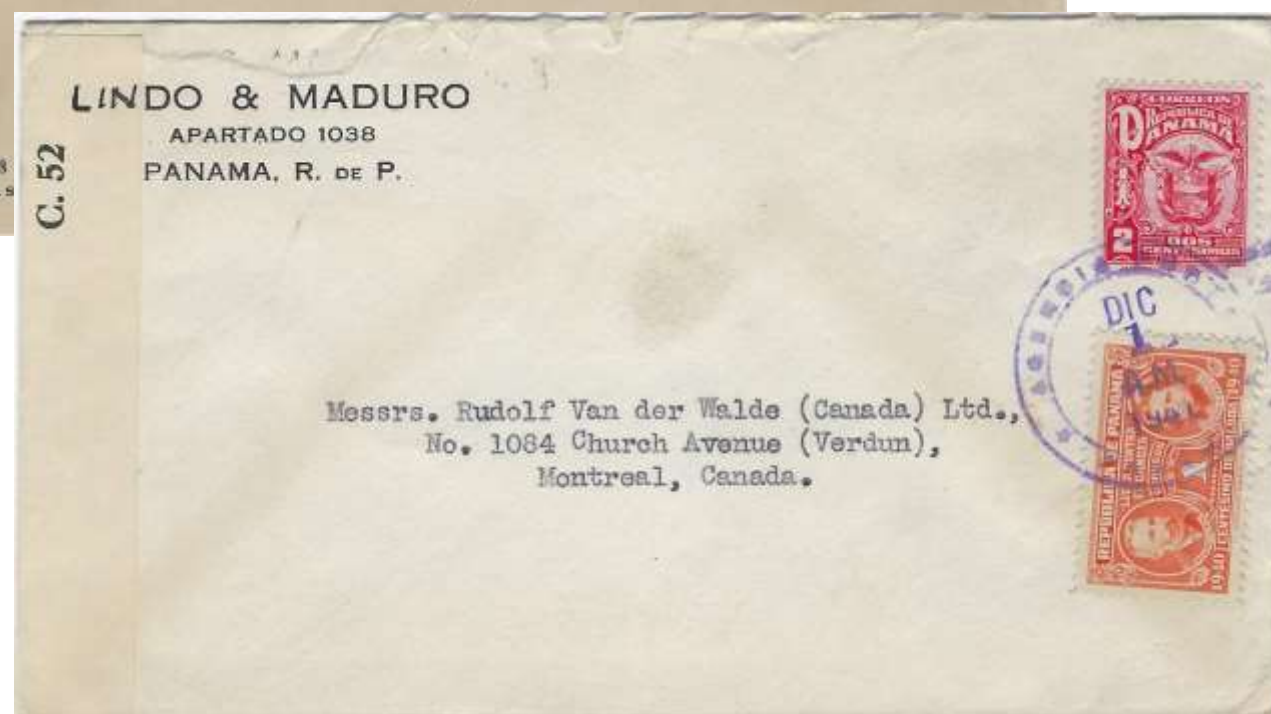
Panama City to Bogota, Colombia.



Panama City to La Paz, Bolivia January 23, 1935.



Panama City to San Jose, Costa Rica May 26, 1929.



Panama City to Montreal, Canada December 1, 1941.
Censored.

IV. PUAS Use: 2 centesimo Surface Letter Rate



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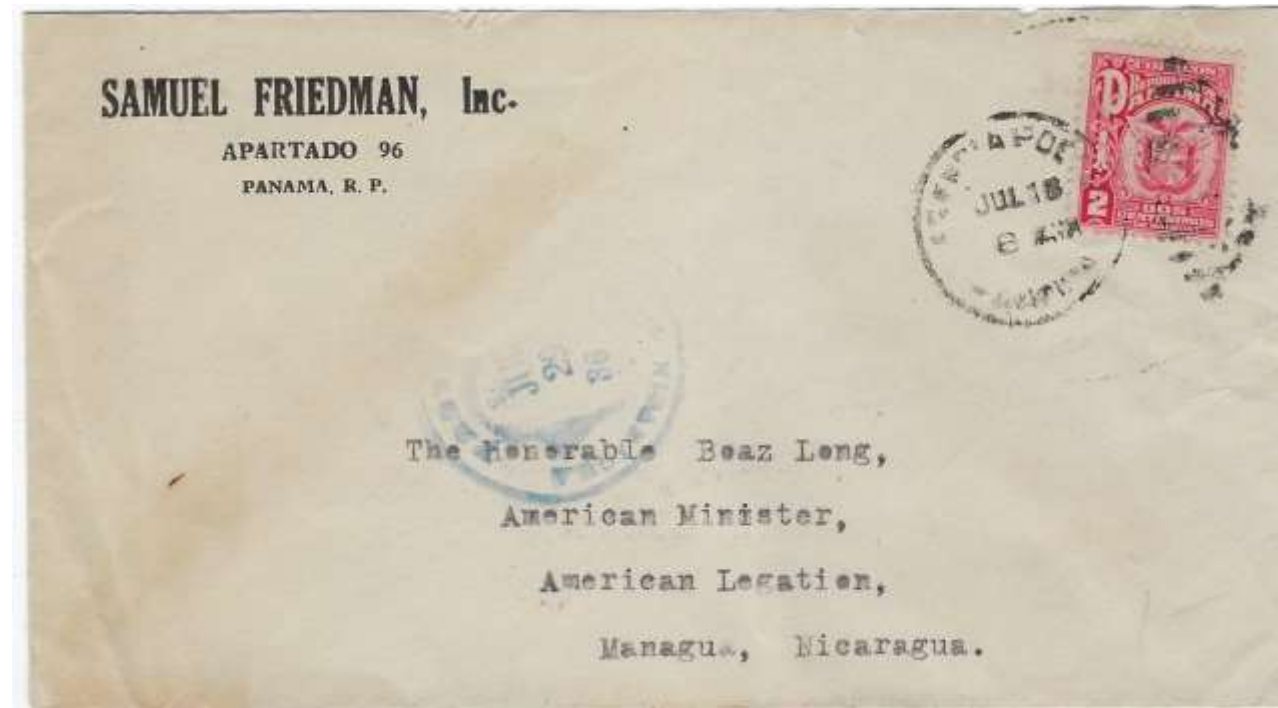
Colon to Guayaquil, Ecuador August 27, 1928.

Arrived Guayaquil September 1928 then forwarded to Aquilo, Colombia with arriving mark September 27, 1928.

2c carmine x2 paying letter rate 20+ to 40g letter rate.

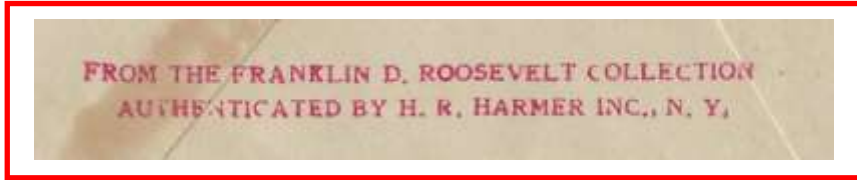
Back of cover with arrival marks. Return address in Denmark.

No additional fees assessed for forwarding letter to Colombia.



Panama City to Managua, Nicaragua July 18, 1936.

From President Franklin D. Roosevelt Collection.



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Panama City to Monterrey, Mexico December 29, 1934



Panama City to Lima, Peru August 18, 1932



Colon to Barcelona, Spain May 4, 1939. Censored in Spain following the Spanish Civil War.

IV. PUAS Use: Registered Surface Letter Rate

Decree 117 of September 23, 1907 set the registration fee at 5 centesimos for all domestic and foreign items.

Effective April 1, 1929, dedicated registration stamps were no longer valid. Registration fees would be paid with standard postage stamps.



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Colon to Guatemala November 16, 1925.

Arrived Guatemala December 2, 1925.

2c carmine x2 under paying PUAS 20g+ to 40g letter rate. Additional 5c overprint for registration.



Panama City to San Jose, Costa Rica
April 14, 1928.

Arrived San Jose April 19, 1928.

2c carmine paying PUAS letter rate
with 5c blue paying registration
rate.



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Panama City to San Jose, Costa Rica
February 4, 1928.

Arrived San Jose February 11, 1928.

2c carmine x2 paying PUAS 20g+ to
40g surface letter rate with 5c blue
registration rate.



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IV. PUAS Use: Registered Surface Letter Rate

Decree 65 of March 23, 1929 set the registration fee at 10 centesimos effective April 1, 1929 for all domestic and foreign items.



Puerto Armuelles to Buenos Aires, Argentina March 31, 1931. Transit Panama City April 13, 1931. Arrived Buenos Aires May 31, 1931.

2c carmine x6 paying 2c PUAS letter rate with 10c registration fee.



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Panama City to Toronto, Canada October 3, 1936. Transit New York October 12, 1936. Arrived Toronto October 13, 1936.

12c olive paying PUAS rate 100+ to 120g and 5c blue x2 paying registration fee.



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David to Santiago, Chile January 19, 1932. Transit Panama City January 23, 1932. Arrived Santiago February 12, 1932.

10c purple paying registration fee and 2c carmine paying 2c PUAS letter rate.

IV. PUAS Use: Registered Surface Letter Rate



Penonome to Manizalez, Colombia August 1, 1936. Transit Panama City August 3, 1936 and arrived Colombia August 8, 1936.

5c blue x2 paying registration fee and 2c carmine x3 paying PUAS surface letter rate 40+ to 60g.



Panama City to Bogota, Colombia March 23, 1935. Arrived March 30, 1935.

2c carmine paying surface letter rate and 5c blue x2 paying registration fee.



David to Quito, Ecuador July 23, 1936. Transit Panama City July 30, 1936.

2c carmine x2 paying and 15c blue over paying PUAS surface letter rate 60g+ up to 80g (8c) and 10c registration fee by 1c.

IV. PUAS Use: Registered Surface Letter Rate



Panama City to Suchitepequez, Guatemala June 7, 1930. Arrived June 25, 1930.
2c carmine paying PUAS surface letter rate and 5c pair registration fee.

Panama City to La Ceiba,
Honduras June 12, 1930.
Transit New Orleans
June 19, 1930 and
arrived La Ceiba,
Honduras June 25, 1930.
5c blue x2 paying
registration fee and 2c
carmine paying PUAS
letter rate.



Panama City to Caracas, Venezuela December 21, 1934.
5c blue x3 overpaying 20g+ to 40g surface letter rate and 10c registration fee by 1c.



Colon to Asuncion, Paraguay
March 25, 1935. Transit Colon
March 26, 1935 and Valparaiso,
Chili April 10, 1935.
12c olive paying PUAS surface
letter rate and 10c registration
fee.

IV. PUAS Use: Airmail Letter Rate

Airmail rates are country specific. Rates were established in 1930 (Decree 10 of January 22, 1930) with significant updates to rates and weights in 1937 (Decree 109 of September 29, 1937) and 1943 (Postal Circular of 1943).



Panama City to Buenos Aires, Argentina
 August 28, 1946.
 15c blue paying up to 5g airmail rate to Argentina . Additional 1c postal tax stamp.
 1943 Postal Circular



Panama City to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil November 12, 1937.
 1c green + 2c carmine + 25c additional postage paying 28c up to 10g airmail rate to Brazil.
 Decree 109 of September 29, 1937



Panama City to La Paz, Bolivia
 April 10, 1945. Arrived April 17, 1945.
 5c blue x 7 paying airmail 10g+ up to 15g rate to Bolivia.
 1943 Postal Circular



Cover marked as official mail. Two official makings on the front along with official postmarks from Panama City on the front and back.

IV. PUAS Use: Airmail Letter Rate



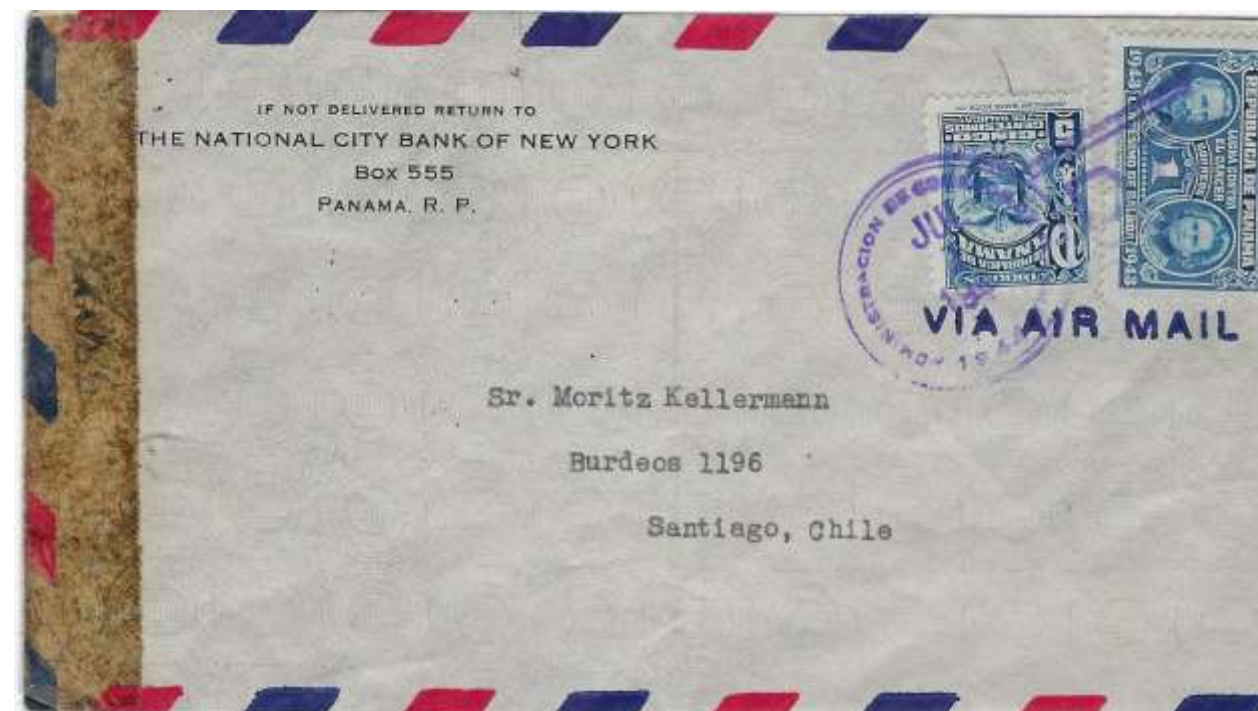
Panama City to Westmount, Quebec. December 13, 1946.
 Arrived December 16, 1946.
 15c blue paying 5g+ up to 10g airmail rate to Canada. Postal tax paid by 1946 overprinted on 1c green arms issue.
 1943 Postal Circular



Colon to Santiago, Chile October 3, 1931
 10c purple x3 + 5c blue paying up to 15g airmail rate to Chile.
 Decree 10 of January 22, 1930



Panama City to Bogota, Colombia June 7, 1943.
 Arrived June 12, 1943.
 10c purple paying up to 5g airmail rate to interior Colombia
 1943 Postal Circular



Panama City to Santiago, Chile July 1, 1944.
 5c blue x5 paying 5g+ to 10g airmail rate to Chile.
 1943 Postal Circular.



Back of Chile cover

IV. PUAS Use: Airmail Letter Rate



Colon to Barranquilla, Colombia December 8, 1938. Arrived December 9, 1938.

1c green x4 paying up to 5g airmail rate to coastal Colombia
Decree 109 of September 29, 1937.



Panama City to San Jose, Costa Rica April 14, 1942.

1c green x4 paying up to 5g airmail rate to Costa Rica. Additional postal tax stamp.
Censored for World War II. Decree 109 of September 29, 1937.



Panama City to Quito, Ecuador August 5, 1943. Arrived August 13, 1943.

10c purple with 1c additional for the 11c up to 10g airmail rate to Ecuador. Additional postal tax stamp.

1943 Postal Circular



Panama City to Montevideo, Uruguay October 3, 1947.

10c purple paying 5g+ up to 10g airmail rate to Uruguay with additional postal tax stamp.

IV. PUAS Use: Registered Airmail Letter Rate



Colon to Buenos Aires,
Argentina January 5, 1933.
10c purple paying registration
fee with 40c airmail paying
Argentina rate of 40c per 15g.
Decree 103 of September 22,
1937



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Panama City (University Station) to Buenos Aires, Argentina October 7, 1943.
10c purple x6 plus 5c airmail paying 10c registration fee and 55c airmail rate
15g+ to 20g. Additional 1c Cancer Postal Tax. 1943 Postal Circular

**Use of 'UNIVERSIDAD' registration marking
5 months prior to previously published reference.**



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Panama City to Buenos Aires,
Argentina April 16, 1951.
15c blue combine airmail rate
up to 5g and registration fee.
New postal 1c tax of 1951
Olympic training.

IV. PUAS Use: Registered Airmail Letter Rate



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Panama City (University Station) to La Paz, Bolivia October 17, 1946. Arrived October 20, 1946.

5c blue x9 paying 35c airmail for 10g+ up to 15g plus the 10c registration fee. 1943 Postal Circular



Colon to Cali, Colombia July 16, 1931. Transit Buenaventura, Colombia July 19, 1931 and arrived in Cali July 21, 1931.

Hydro-Plane airmail cover to deliver passport.

10c purple paying registration fee. One Balboa 135g+ to 150g airmail rate to Colombia. Decree 10 of January 22, 1930



Panama City to Guayaquil, Ecuador April 8, 1936.

5c blue x2 paying registration fee and 15c airmail paying the up to 15g airmail rate to Ecuador.

Decree 10 of January 1931

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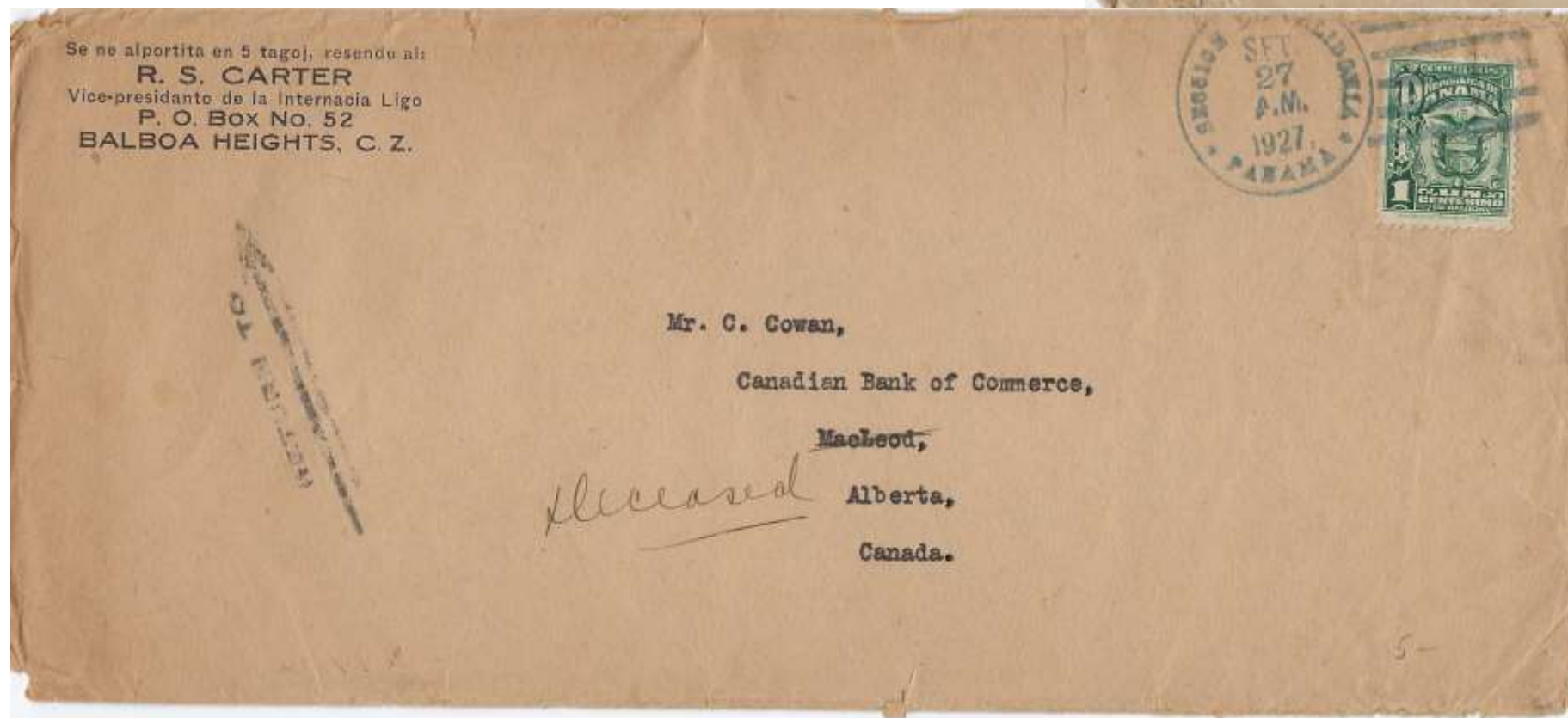


V. Universal Postal Union Use

In 1920 a non-US foreign rates were published. Generally these rates were applicable through the use of the Arms issue. In 1921 Panama joined the Postal Union of the Americas. Rate to member countries were reduced to the domestic rate for surface mail, printed matter and most added services. See the PUAS for examples of those destinations.

Region	Pages	Printed Matter	1c per 50g
UPU Americas	49-51	Postcard	2c
UPU Asia-Oceania	52-56	Letter	5c
UPU Africa	57-58	Airmail	Varies During Period
UPU Europe	59-67		

V. UPU Americas Use



Panama established a printed matter rate to foreign destinations in 1920 of 1 centesimo per 50g. The rate was used through October 1953.

Colon to San Nicolas, Aruba December 2, 1929. Arrived Aruba December 15, 1929. Returned to Colon January 27, 1930.

2c carmine paying printed matter rate (50+ to 100g) to foreign destination. Charged postage due in the Canal Zone for the guaranteed return postage.

Panama City to Alberta, Canada September 27, 1927

Receiving mark MacLeod, Alberta October 19, 1927. Marked as return to sender—Deceased, but no additional transit markings.

1c green paying foreign printed matter rate up to 50g.

V. UPU Americas Use: Surface Rate



Panama City to Ontario, Canada February 25, 1925.

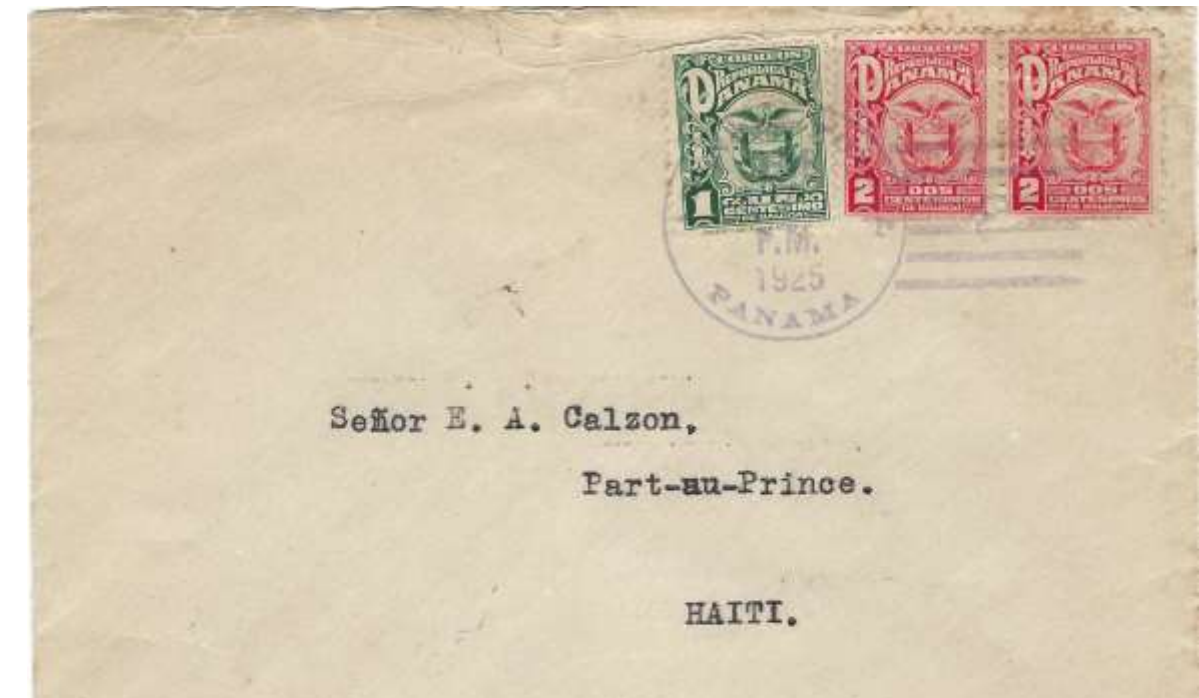
1c green underpaying the 2c UPU rate to Canada. Canada did not join the PUAS until 1931.



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Panama City to Port-au-Prince, Haiti January 7, 1925.

1c green plus 2c carmine x2 paying 5c UPU letter rate.



New Orleans Paquebot to Toronto, Canada June 27, 1927.

5c blue paying UPU letter rate.



Panama City to Fort-de-France, Martinique March 24, 1936.

Arrived Fort-de-France April 8, 1936.

5c blue x3 paying 5c UPU letter rate and 10c registration fee.



Colon to Cross Roads, Jamaica. Arrived Cross Roads January 21, 1928.

1c green with additional 4c paying 5c UPU letter rate.

V. UPU Americas Use: Airmail Letter Rate



Panama City to Aruba, Dutch West Indies October 15, 1930.

5c blue x3 paying airmail rate to Aruba established in Decree 10 of July 22, 1930.



Panama City to Curacao November 11, 1930.

5c blue plus 15c airmail paying airmail rate plus surface rate to Curacao established in Decree 10 of July 22, 1930.



Panama City to Curacao April 14, 1930.

5c blue plus 15c airmail paying airmail rate plus surface rate to Curacao established in Decree 10 of July 22, 1930.



Panama to St. Pierre, Miquelon July 26, 1941

10c purple x2 paying 15c airmail 10g letter rate to the US plus 5c surface letter rate. Postal Tax 1c orange.

V. UPU Asia-Oceania Use: 2 centesimo Postcard Rate

UPU surface postcard rate of 2 centesimo was established in 1920 and extended the use period of the Arms issue.



Panama to Wellington, New Zealand October 30, 1925
2c carmine paying UPU postcard rate.



A series of postcards from Panama City to Tokyo, Japan February 28, 1925
2c carmine paying UPU postcard rate.



Card image at 50%



Card image at 50%



Card image at 50%



Card image at 50%



V. UPU Asia-Oceania Use: 5 centesimo Surface Letter Rate

UPU surface sealed letter rate of 5 centesimo for the first 20grams and 3 centesimo each additional 20grams was established in 1920 and extended the use period of the Arms issue.



Panama City to Clermont,
Queensland, Australia
July 29, 1931.

2c carmine x3 overpaid
the 5c UPU letter rate.



Panama City to Eyre Peninsula, South Australia
November 11, 1941.

2c carmine x2 and 1c green paying 5c UPU letter
rate. Additional 1c for postal tax fee.



Panama City to Clermont, Queensland, Australia
February 1, 1932.

2c carmine x5 and 1c green paying 11c UPU
letter rate 40g+ up to 60g (5c first 20g + 3c each
additional 20g)

V. UPU Asia-Oceania Use: 5 centesimo Surface Letter Rate



Del Toro to Macao November 1, 1941

Returned due to suspended due to out break of World War II.

2c carmine x2 with 1c green to pay 5c UPU surface rate. Additional 1c postal tax fee.



Returned cover backstamped
Panama City July 6, 1942.

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Panama City to Hong Kong April 27, 1938
25th Anniversary Flight over the Panama Canal
5c blue paying UPU surface rate.



Panama City to Auckland, New Zealand December 27, 1945. Official communication to Panama Consulate in New Zealand.

5c blue paying UPU letter rate.



Panama City to Tokyo, Japan June 11, 1928. Letter on N.Y.K. Line cruise ship postal stationery.

5c blue paying UPU letter rate.

V. UPU Asia-Oceania Use: Registered Surface Letter Rate



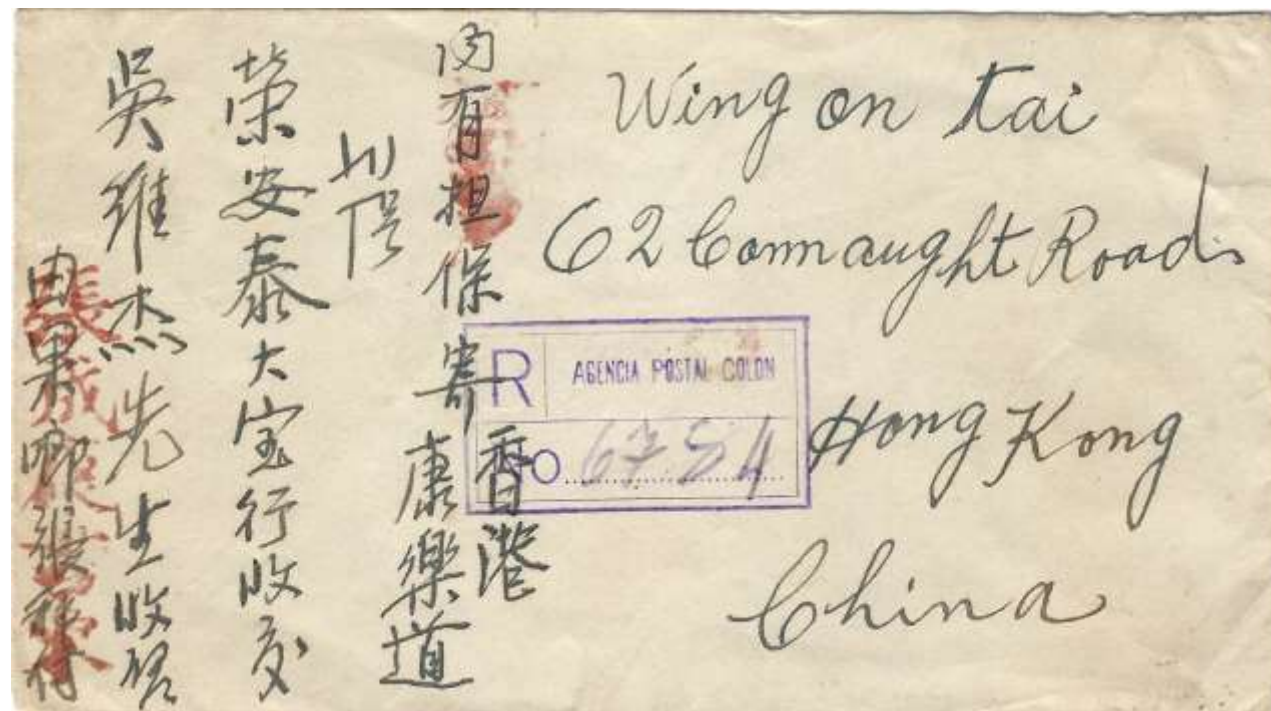
Colon to Hong Kong April 30, 1930

5c blue pay UPU letter rate with 10c purple paying registered mail fee.



Colon to Melbourne, Australia March 14, 1941

5c blue paying first 20g, 1c green + 2c carmine paying 2nd 20g, and 10c purple paying registration fee. Additional 1c for postal tax



Front of Hong Kong cover at 100%

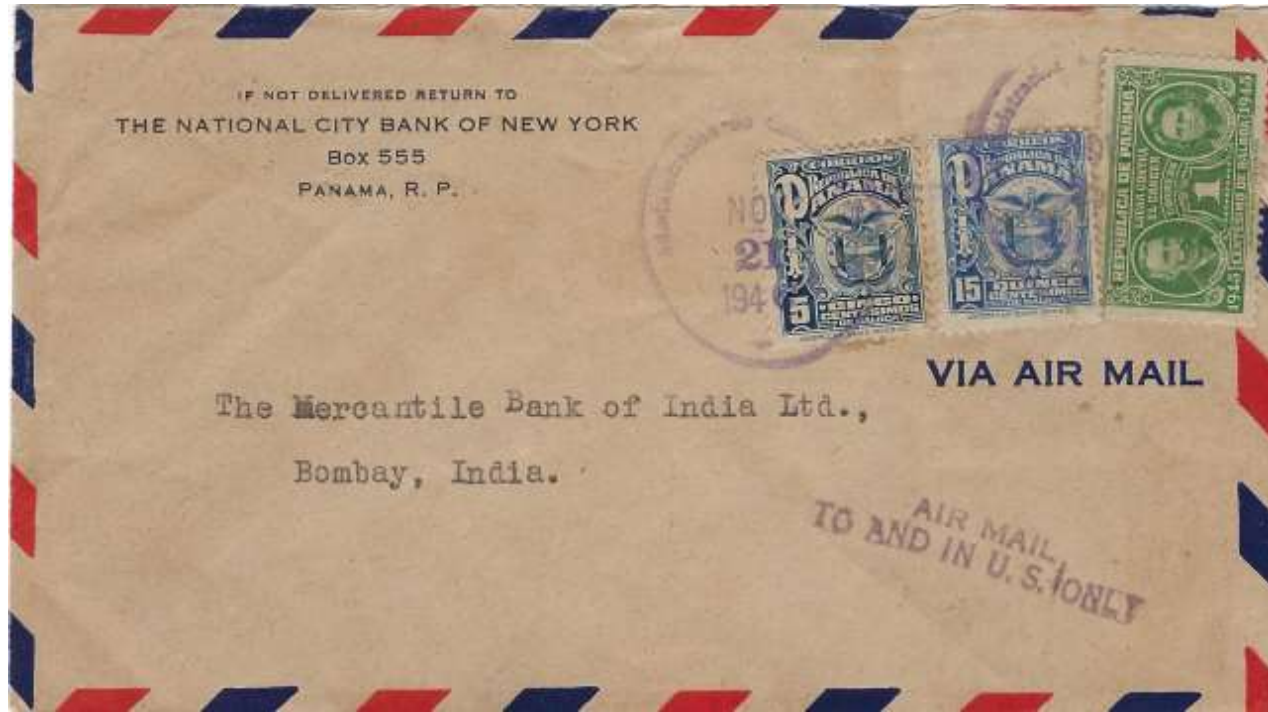


Back of Melbourne cover cropped at 100%.

Panama official seal, New Orleans (March 31, 1941), San Pedro (April 3, 1941) transit marks.

Carnegie, Australia receiving mark September 21, 1941

V. UPU Asia-Oceania Use: Airmail Letter Rate



Panama City to Bombay, India November 21, 1940.

15c blue paying 5g+ up to 10g airmail rate through the US and 5c blue paying surface rate to India. Additional 1c for postal tax fee.



Mail traveled surface to and through the US and surface to India.

Bhavnagar, India backstamp December 23, 1947.



David, Panama to Bhavnagar, India via England December 13, 1947.

10c purple x9 paying airmail 15g rate to India of 90c plus 1c postal tax stamp.



Panama City to Auckland, New Zealand January 16, 1951.

15c blue plus additional 76c postage over paying airmail rate to New Zealand up to 15g by 1c. Additional 1c postal tax stamp.



Panama City to Auckland, New Zealand January 14, 1950.

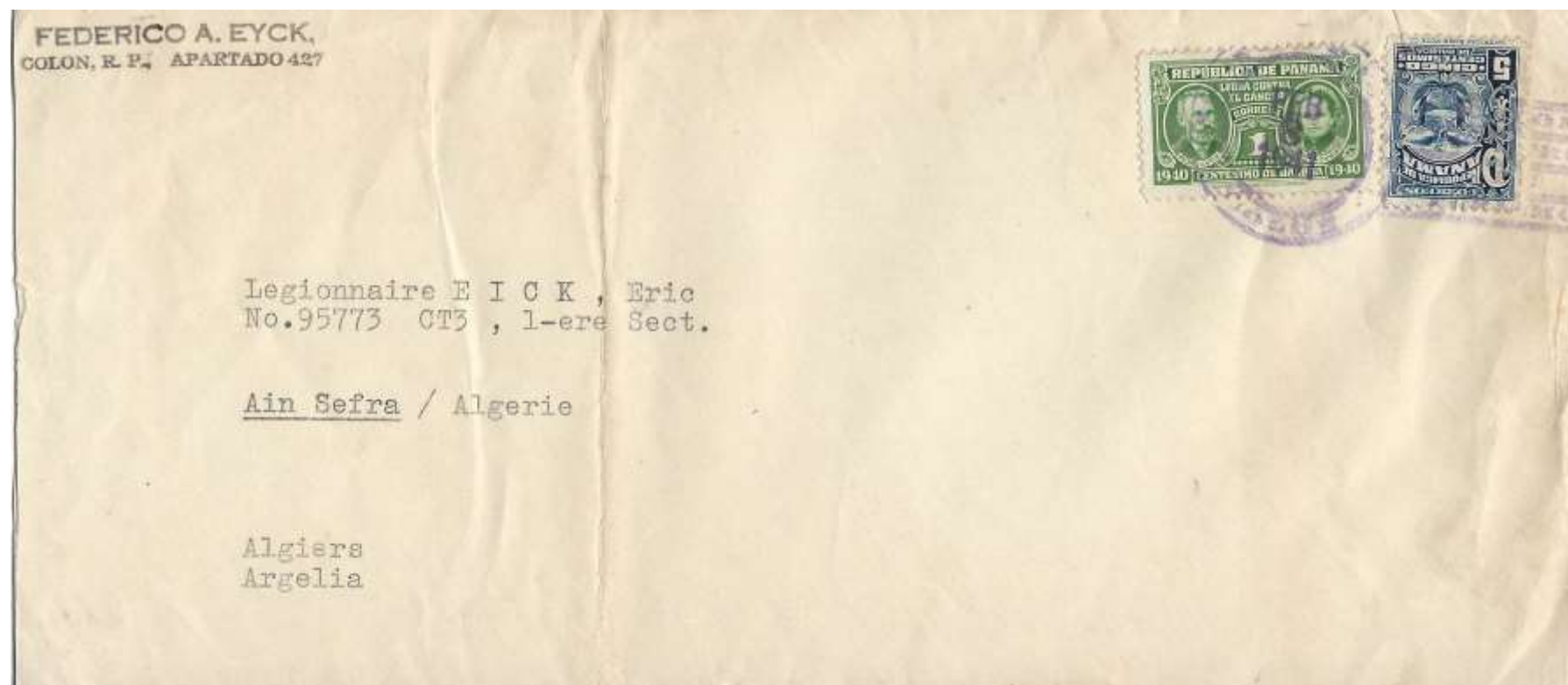
10c purple plus additional 80c postage paying airmail rate to New Zealand up to 15g. Additional 1c postal tax stamp.

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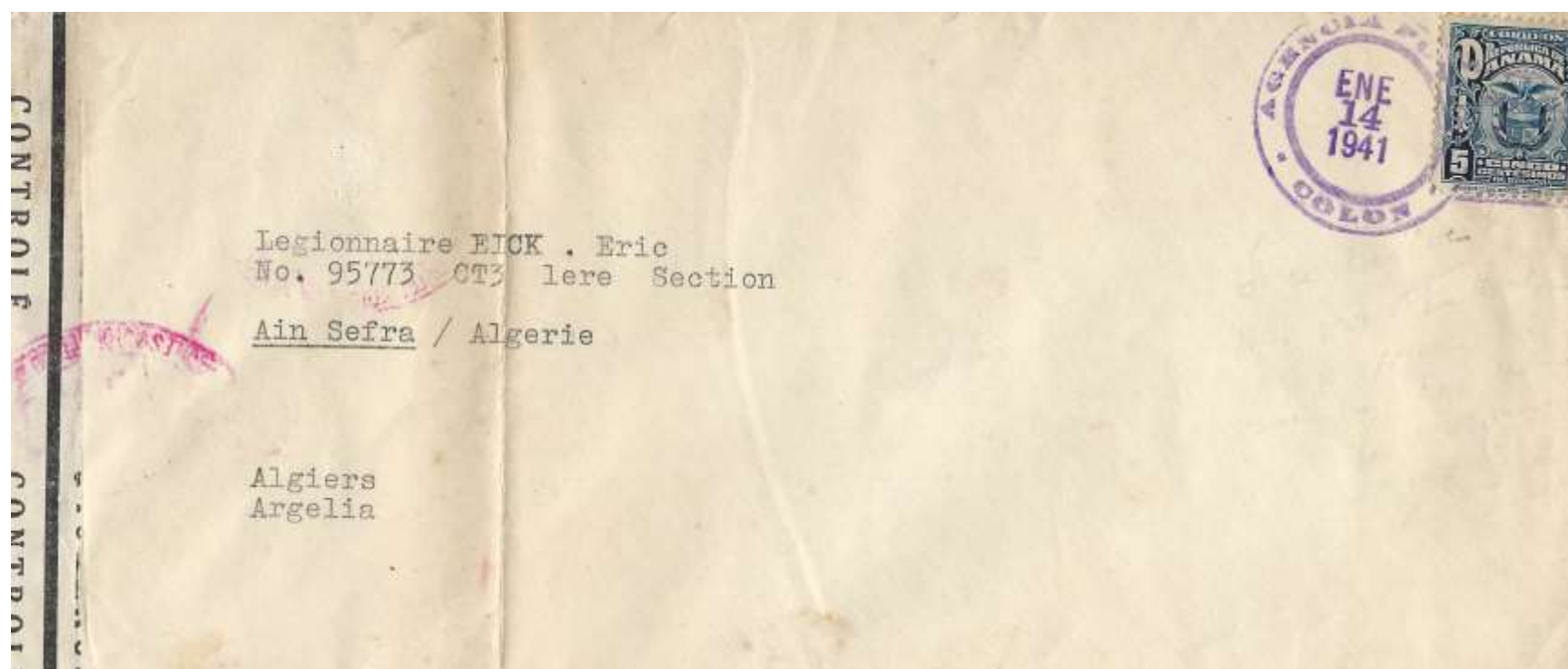
V. UPU Africa Use: 5 centesimo Surface Letter Rate

UPU surface sealed letter rate of 5 centesimo was established in 1920 and extended the use period of the Arms issue.



Colon to Ain Sefra, Algeria February 8, 1941.

5c blue pays UPU surface letter rate with 1c green postal tax stamp.



Colon to Ain Sefra, Algeria January 14, 1941

5c blue pays UPU surface letter rate. No evidence of the 1c required postal tax stamp.

The cover is similar to the example above, but this cover was checked by the French postal censors.



Panama City to Stegi, Swaziland May 18, 1941

British censor tape.

2c carmine x3 overpaid the 5c UPU surface letter rate by 1c. Postal tax also overpaid by 1 c.



Swaziland receiving mark September 8, 1941

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V. UPU Africa Use: Registered Surface Letter Rate

Concepcion to Algiers, Algeria via France March 2, 1929. Forwarded to Sidi Bel Abbès a location associated with the French Foreign Legion.

5c blue x 2 pays the 5c UPU surface letter rate + 5c registration fee.

Registration fee increased to 10c 3 weeks later on March 23, 1929.



Receiving backstamp
Sidi Bel Abbès, Algeria
April 6, 1929.



Panama to Alexandria, Egypt July 3, 1934.

5c blue x3 pays the 5c UPU surface letter rate + 10c registration fee.



Receiving backstamp
Alexandria, Egypt
July 31, 1934
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David to Addis-Abeba, Ethiopia January 12, 1932

5c blue x3 pays 5c UPU surface letter rate + 10c registration fee



Addis-Abeba receiving
backstamp March 2, 1932

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**Decree Number 65 of March 23, 1929
Increased registration fee from 5 centesimo
to 10 centesimo both for domestic and
foreign services.**

V. UPU Europe Use: 1 centesimo Printed Matter Rate

In 1920 Panama established 1 centesimo rate per 50 grams for printed matter that included business papers, circulars, samples and business invoices to foreign destinations.

Panama City to Redondo, Portugal
 April 17, 1939
 1/2c x2 paying UPU printed matter rate up to 50g



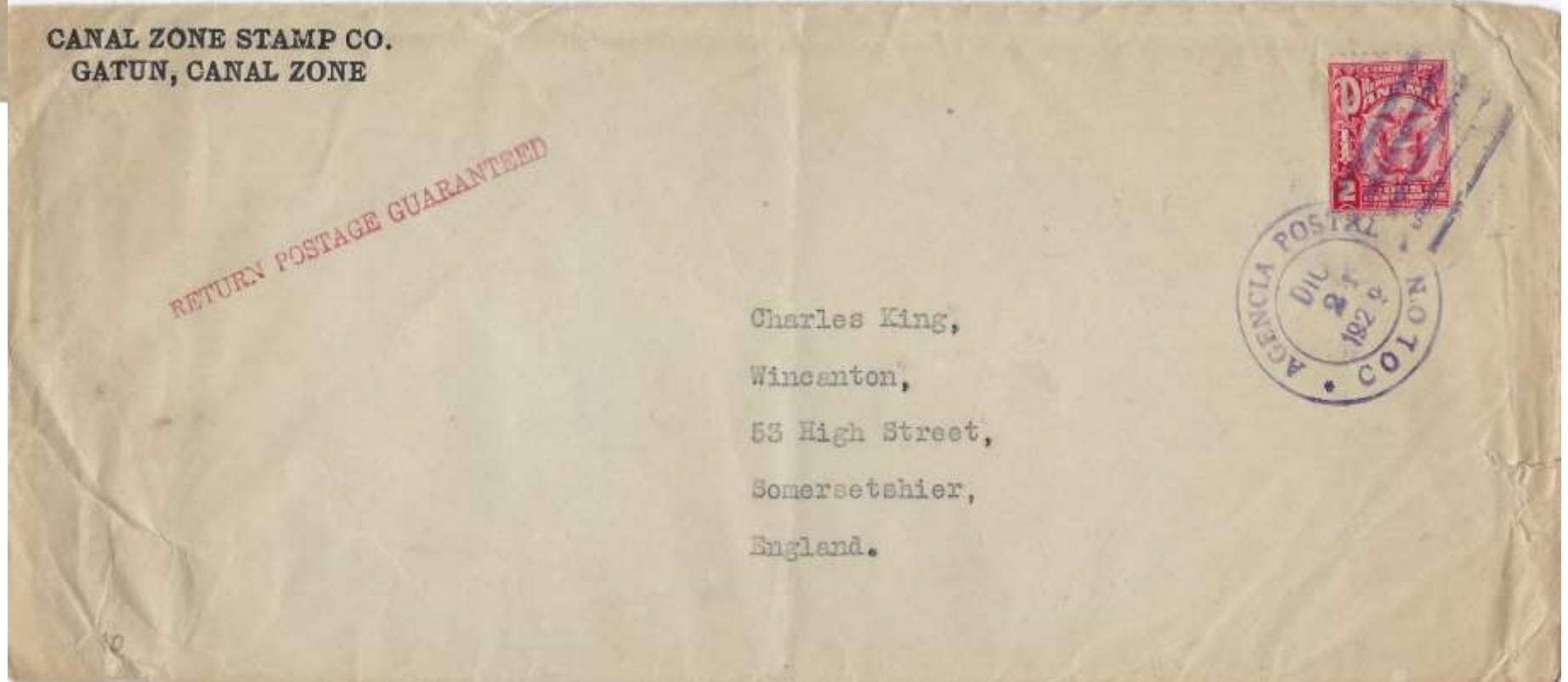
Back reduced 50%



Panama City to Denmark April 11, 1932
 Receiving mark Skanderborg on May 6, 1932
 1c green paying foreign printed matter rate up to 50g.



Boquete to Schleissheim, Germany October 22nd.
 1c green paying foreign printed matter rate up to 50g.
 Year date not clear, but specific Boquete cancel used in 1926



Colon to Somersetshier, England December 21, 1929
 2c carmine paying unsealed printed matter 50g+ up to 100g

V. UPU Europe Use: 2 centesimo Post Card Rate

UPU surface post card rate of 2 centesimo was established in 1920 and extended the use period of the Arms issue.



Reduced 50%

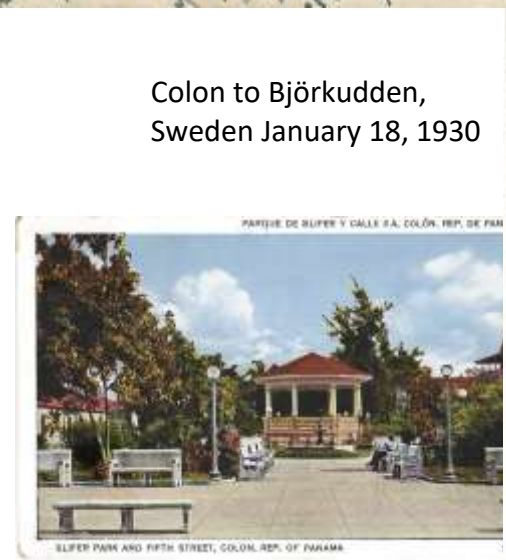
Panama City (Calidonia Subsection) to Prague, Czechoslovakia October 1924.



Reduced 75%

Panama City to Bismarck, Germany May 20th.

Taxed 10 pfennig postage due for underpayment of the 2c UPU post card rate.



Colon to Björkudden, Sweden January 18, 1930



Reduced 50%



Panama City (Calidonia Substation) to Baden, Switzerland November 30, 1935.

Taxed postage due for underpayment of the 2c UPU post card rate.



Reduced 50%

Panama City to Funchal, Madeira November 28, 1933.



Reduced 50%

V. UPU Europe Use: 5 centesimos Surface Letter Rate

UPU surface letter rate up to 20g of 5 centesimo was established in 1920 and extended the use period of the Arms issue.



Colon to Vienna, Austria
July 16, 1938.



Paquebot Mail to London, England via United Fruit Company October 28, 1935. Transit New Orleans November 4, 1935.



Panama City to The Hague, Netherlands
July 18, 19xx.



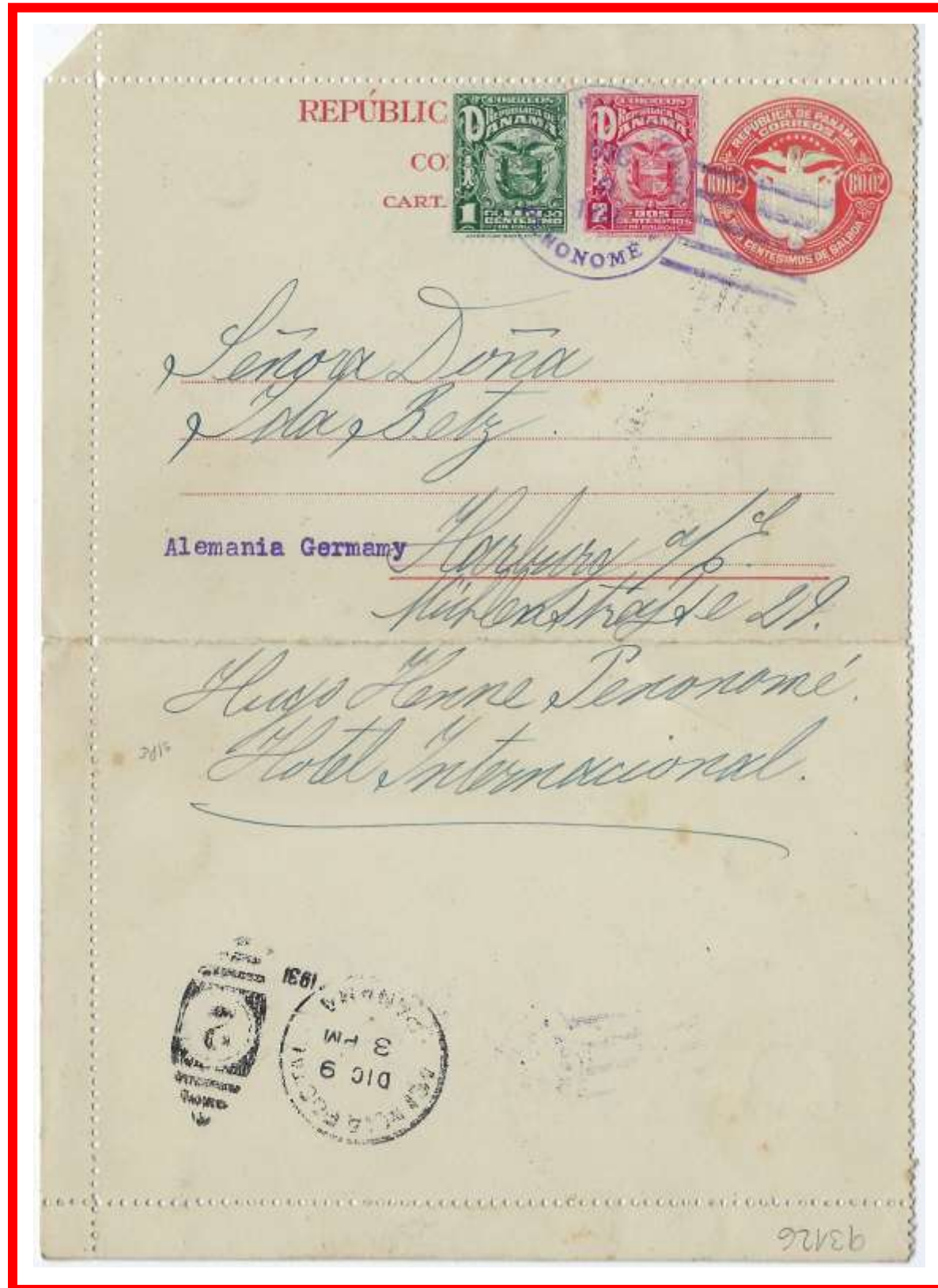
Colon to Athens, Greece July 2, 1935.



Panama City to Huddersfield, England July 22, 19xx.

Taxed 3p postage due for underpayment of the 5c UPU surface letter rate.

V. UPU Europe Use: 5 centesimos Surface Letter Rate



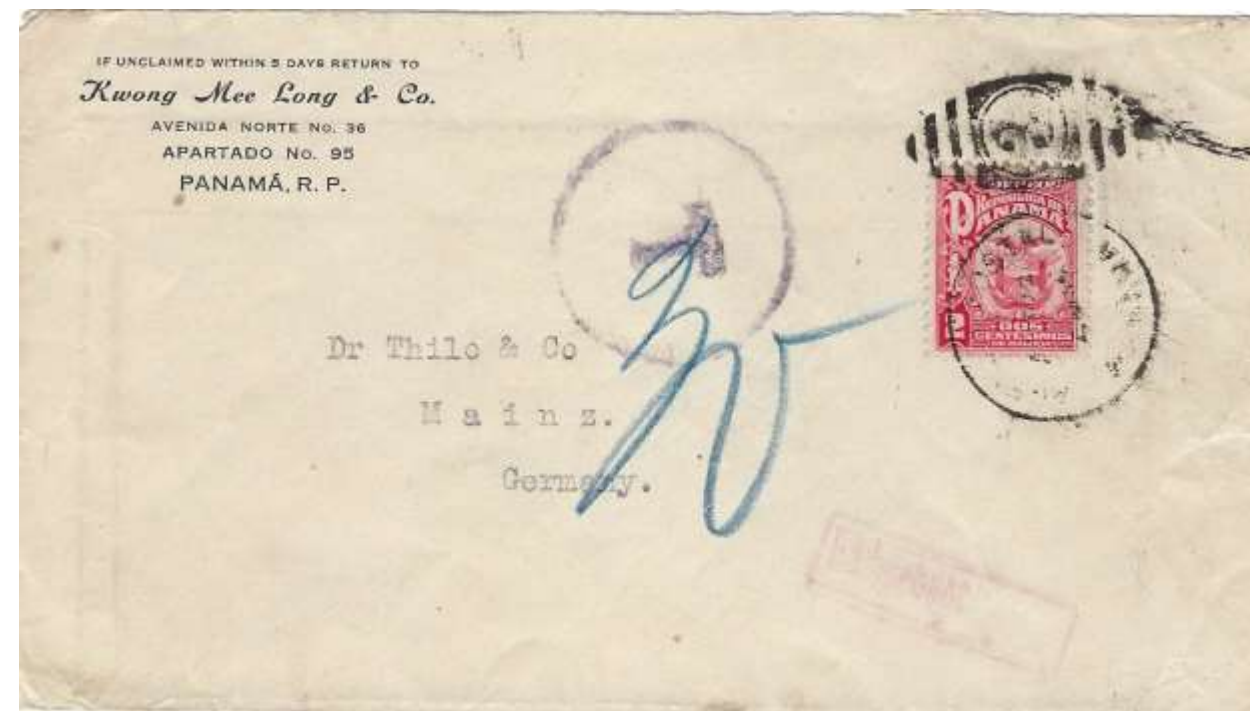
Penonome to Hamburg, Germany December 9, 1931.

1c and 2c arms issue used to uprate 2c postal paper to 5c foreign letter rate.



Colon to Manchester, England
November 16, 1931.

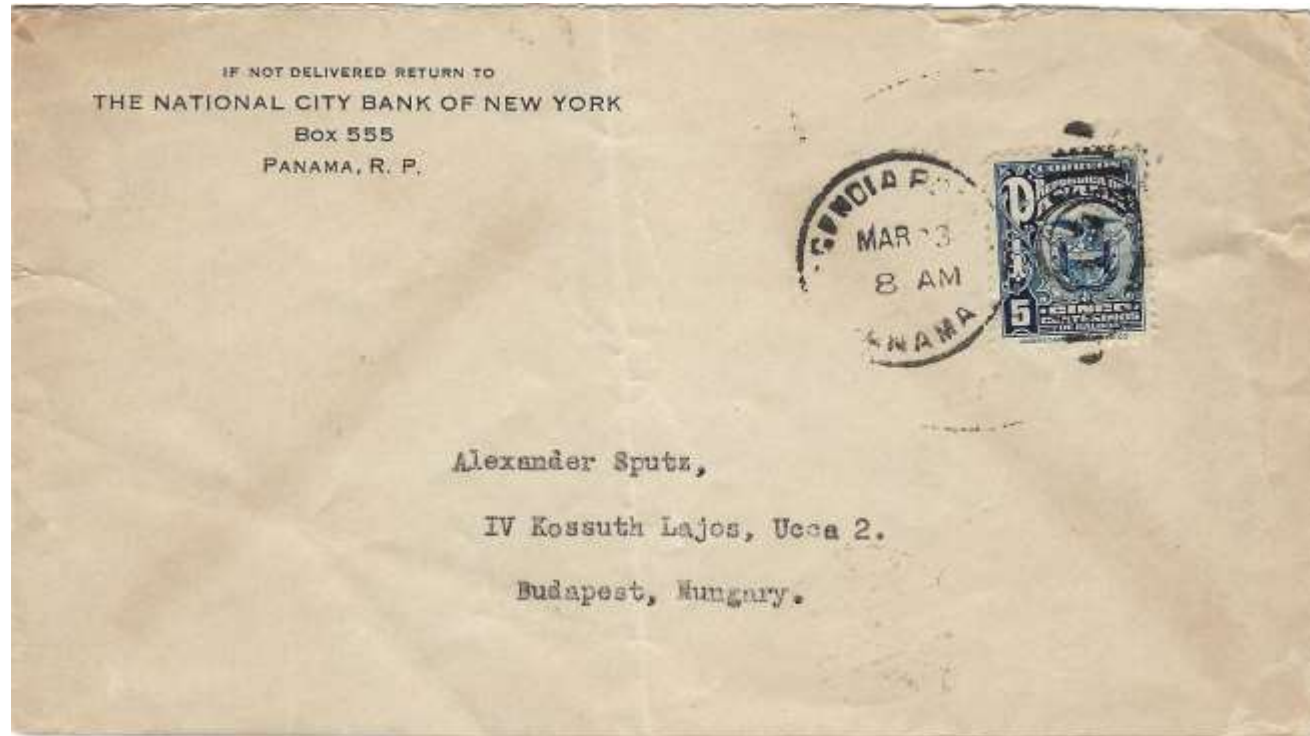
8c in postage covers 20g+ up to
40g (5c first 20g plus 3c each
additional 20g).



Colon to Mainz, Germany.

Underpaid 3c for the 5c UPU
surface letter rate. Taxed 30
pfenning in Germany

V. UPU Europe Use: 5 centesimos Surface Letter Rate



Panama City to
Budapest, Hungary
March 13, 1936.
Received April 12, 1936.



Colon to Genoa, Italy
June 25, 1924.

BUZON Colon R.P.
handstamp indicates
cover was collected
from a street mailing
box.

Use of Buzon
handstamp prior
to the reported
February 15, 1925
use in literature.



Panama City to Stockholm, Sweden May 19, 1941.

Returned to sender October 15, 1941 with auxiliary marking 'No Service, Return to Sender'.
Cover was censored and returned due to outbreak of World War II.

8c in postage covers 20g+ up to 40g (5c first 20g plus 3c each additional 20g).



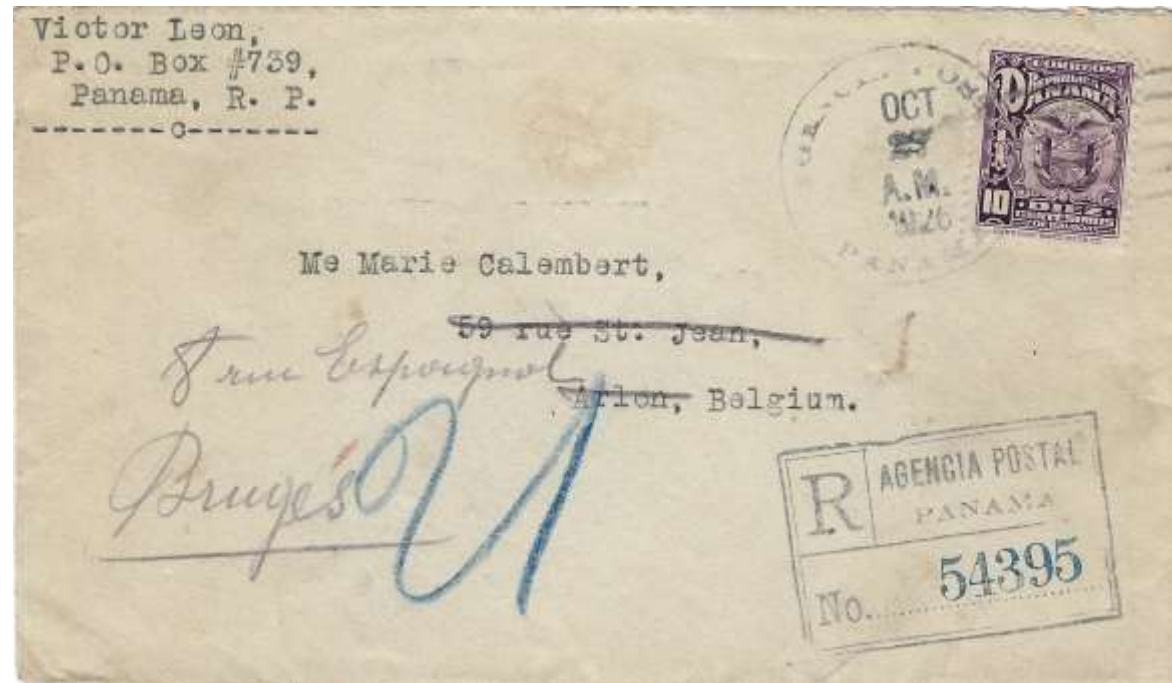
Colon to Lausanne, Switzerland November 14, 1941.

2c carmine underpaying UPU rate by 3c. Assessed postage
due in Switzerland. .

V. UPU Europe Use: Surface Letter Rate with Registration

Panama City to Arlon, Belgium October 27, 1926.

10c purple paying 5c UPU surface letter rate up to 20g and 5c registration fee.



Panama City to Biarritz, France May 31, 1927.

10c purple paying 5c UPU surface letter rate up to 20g and 5c registration fee.



Panama City to Hamburg, Germany February 12, 1925.
Arrived March 10, 1925.

5c blue + 2c carmine x3 paying UPU surface rate up to 80g on 5c registration envelope.

V. UPU Europe Use: Surface Letter Rate with Registration

Decree 65 of March 23, 1929 increased the registration fee from 5c to 10c effective April 1, 1929 for domestic and foreign service. The decree also set AR service at 5c.



Colon to Huddersfield, England Jun 2, 1933.

5c blue paying UPU surface letter rate up to 20g and 15c paying 10c registration fee and 5c AR fee.

Colon to Suomi, Finland June 29, 1936. Arrived July 20, 1936.

15c blue paying 5c UPU surface letter rate up to 20g and 10c registration fee.



Panama City— Steglitz, Germany August 23, 1933. Arrived in Steglitz September 12, 1933. 5c UPU rate up to 20g on 10c registration stationary.

Panama Official Seal. Sent to known postal stationary dealer in Germany.

Panama City to Budapest, Hungary October 31, 1935. Arrived November 24, 1935.

5c blue x3 paying 5c UPU surface letter rate up to 20g and 10c registration fee.



V. UPU Europe Use: Airmail Letter Rate

Decree 10 of January 22, 1930 established airmail to the US at 20c per 15g with an additional surface mail fees to Europe. In 1943 transatlantic service to Europe from Panama was established at 45c per 15g as published in the 1943 Postal Circular. The option to use airmail to the US and surface to Europe remained a lower cost option.



Panama City to Paris, France
December 11, 1934. Arrived
December 27, 1934.

20c airmail paying up to 15g
airmail rate to and through the
US. 5c blue paying surface mail
rate from US to France .

Panama did not offer
Transatlantic service until 1943.
Decree 10 of January 22, 1930



Panama City to Croisy-sur-
Andelle, France September 2,
1946.

10c purple x4 with 5c blue paying
up to 15g trans-Atlantic airmail
rate to Europe. Additional 1c
postal tax stamp.

Postal Circular 1943



Panama City to Edinburgh, Scotland February 15, 1947.

10c purple x2 paying 10g+ up to 15g airmail rate to the US, 5c blue paying surface rate to Europe. 1/2c orange Arms issue overprinted for use as postal tax stamp. Postal Circular 1943

Note the TRANSATLANTIC is stricken and an auxiliary marking of AIRMAIL TO NEW YORK ONLY added. Transatlantic service was available at a cost of 45c.



Panama City to Berne, Switzerland September 20, 1941.

15c blue x3 paying up to 15g transatlantic airmail rate to Europe (Postal Circular 1943).
Additional 1c postal tax stamp.

V. UPU Europe Use: Airmail Letter Rate with Registration



Colon to Haarlem,
Netherlands July 2,
1933.

10c purple paying
registration fee.
Additional 40c airmail
paying rate 15g+ up to
30g airmail to Europe via
US.

Underpaid the surface
letter rate of 5c (up to
20g) or 8c (20g+ up to
40g).

Decree 150 of August 11,
1931



Panama City to Pforzheim, Germany January 4, 1937. Arrived January 18, 1937.

5c blue x3 paying 10c registration rate and 5c surface mail rate to Europe. Additional 20c airmail paying airmail rate to US.



Panama City to Prague, Czechoslovakia October 30, 1946. Arrived November 12, 1946.

15c blue x3 paying up to 15g airmail rate to Europe with additional 1c postal tax stamp.
Cover includes diplomatic auxiliary marking that provides free registration.



LATE USE

Nata to Gerolfingen,
Switzerland June 25, 1954.

10c purple x3 plus additional
6c postage paying new 13c
registration rate for UPU
members and up to 5g
airmail rate to Europe.

Decree 350 of October 10,
1953.

Nata cancel previously listed with only a June 3, 1957 example.

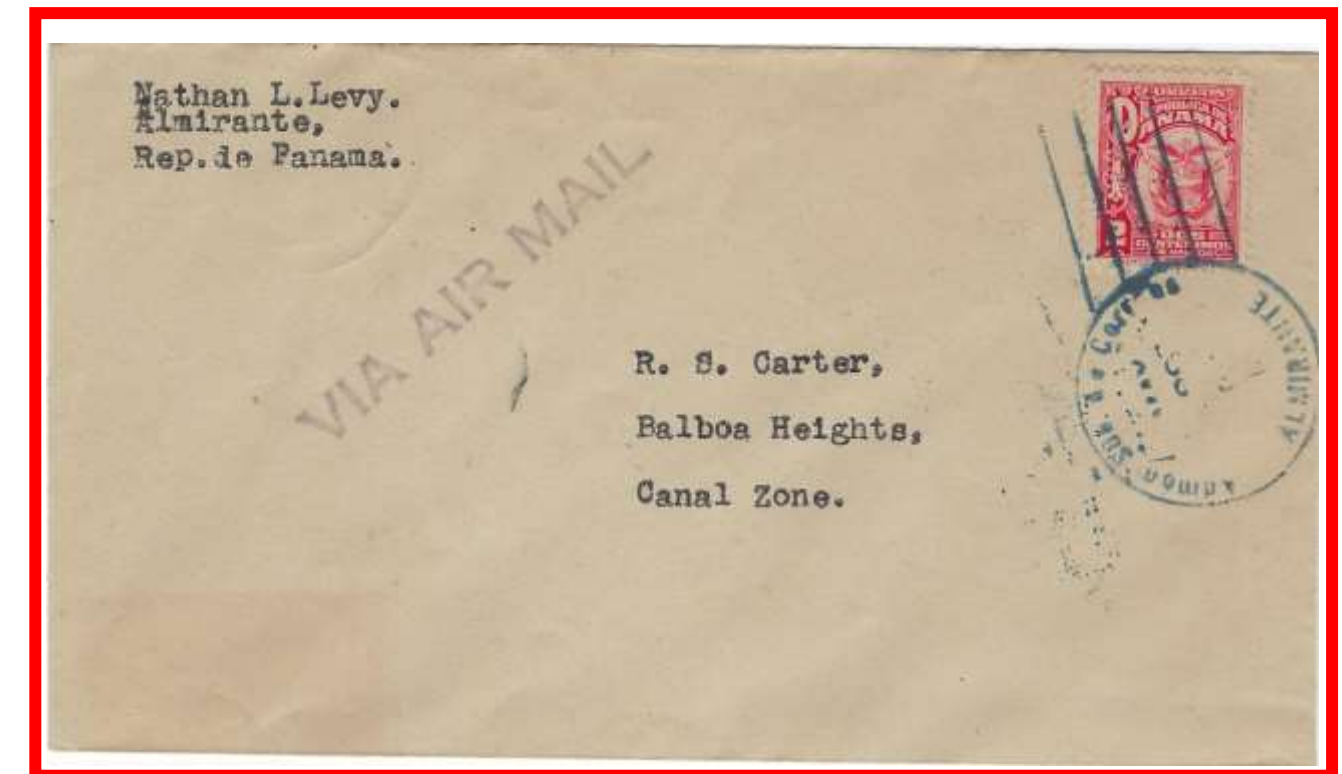
VI. Flight Covers



On May 24, 1926 France Field, Canal Zone—Almirante

An official Army Air Corps flight was sent from France Field, Canal Zone to Almirante, Panama on May 24, 1926. Dealer Nathan Levy arranged for 20 covers bearing variety of postage stamps to be sent with the flight.

Of the 20 covers prepared, 3 included Panama Arms issues posted at the 2c letter rate.



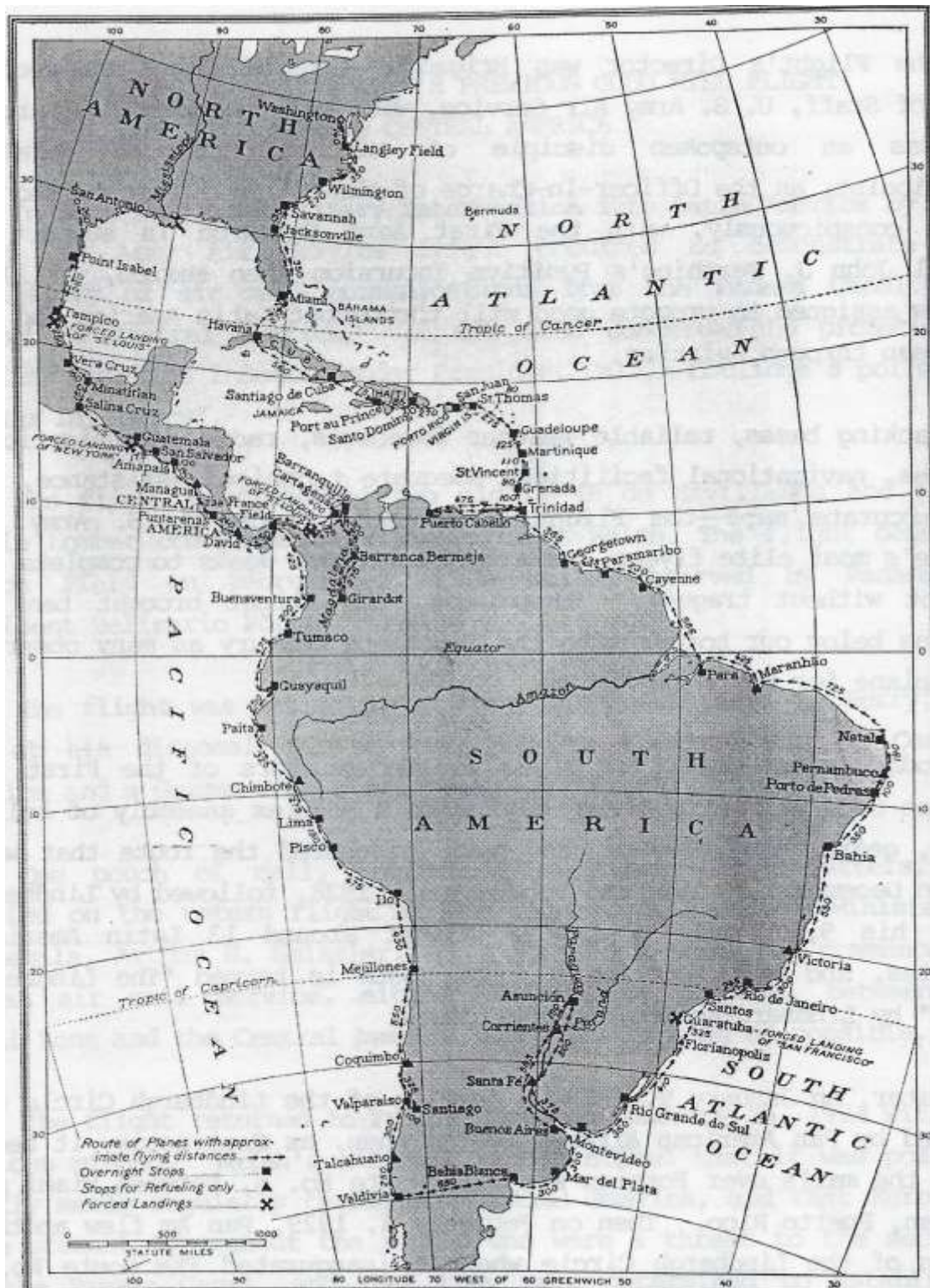
May 29, 1926 Almirante, Panama—Balboa, Canal Zone

2c carmine paying 2c PUAS letter rate to the Canal Zone.

All covers except for 3 were confiscated upon arrival in the Canal Zone by postal officials due to unauthorized use of the "Via Air Mail" marking.

VI. Flight Covers

Major Herbert A Dargue left San Antonio, Texas December 21, 1926 with a squadron of 5 Loening amphibian airplanes for a goodwill flight. The flight visited Mexico, Central and South America Republics and US, British, French and Dutch possessions in the Caribbean. Covers were cancelled in up to 36 stops. Two pilots died in crashes in Buenos Aires.



Excerpt from front of cover with 1/2c yellow issue.



1/2c yellow on Dargue Pan American Goodwill Flight cover cancelled January 19, 1927. Example opened to back to view Major Herbert A. Dargue's certification and signature along with signatures of other surviving pilots.

Cover carried by Dargue on the New York, which crashed 3 times during the tour (Guatemala City, France Field Canal Zone and Buenos Aires) leaving the cover as a triple crash cover.

VI. Flight Covers



1c green on Dargue Pan American Goodwill Flight cover cancelled January 19, 1927

Carried by Lieutenant Charles Robinson on the San Antonio I. The San Antonio I nearly sank during take-off from France Field Canal Zone. The plane was replaced by the San Antonio II to continue the tour. As a result, the cover is a **crash cover**.

The San Antonio I was later retooled and replaced the New York after the New York was lost in a mid-air collision.



January 18, 1927 David Panama to Fort De Lesseps, Canal Zone

United States Pan American Goodwill Flight

2c carmine paying the 2c letter rate to the Canal Zone.

A limited number of covers were mailed from David to Fort De Lesseps on January 18, 1927 arriving the same day as part of the General Herbert A. Dargue goodwill mission.



December 29, 1928 Panama City to San Jose, Costa Rica

Flight to check navigation and weather conditions along with state of landing field in San Jose

1/2c yellow x4 paying 2c PUAS letter rate to Costa Rica.

Total of **6 covers** reported cancelled in Panama City on December 27th or Ancon on December 28th. All are backstamped San Jose on December 29th.



VI. Flight Covers



May 22, 1929 Colon to Managua, Nicaragua First Flight
Backstamped Managu May 23, 1929



Managua receiving mark found on both covers.



May 22, 1929 Colon to Managua, Nicaragua Registered First Flight.
Backstamped Managu May 23, 1929



Back cropped, reduced 25%

May 22, 1929 Panama City to David, Panama
Backstamped David, Panama May 23, 1929.

2c carmine for local letter rate, 10c purple for registration rate and first day of issue 10c airmail.



May 22, 1929 Panama City to Belize
Backstamped British Honduras May 24, 1929.
2c carmine pays PUAS local rate with first day of issue 15c airmail



VI. Flight Covers



May 22, 1929 Panama City to David, Panama

2c carmine pays local rate with first day of issue 10c and 15c airmail.



May 22, 1929 Panama City to San Jose, Costa Rica

2c carmine pays PUAS local rate with first day of issue 25c airmail.



May 22, 1929 Panama City to Havana, Cuba

Backstamped Havana, Cuba May 25, 1929.

2c Arms pays PUAS local rate with added 25c airmail on first day of issue.



July 8, 1929 Panama City to Curacao

Backstamped Curacao July 10, 1929

While the flight cover from Colon is common, there were less than 20 covers from Panama City.

1c and 2c Arms uprate stationary to 5c foreign rate with added 15c airmail rate.



VI. Flight Covers



January 20, 1930 Colon to Brownsville, Texas

Backstamped Brownsville, Texas January 24, 1930

10c Arms pays 10c registration; First day of issue for fifth airmail issue.



March 10, 1930 Panama to San Jose, Costa Rica

Backstamped San Jose March 11, 1930

Arms issues pay 10c registration fee with the added 10c airmail



Panama City to Maracaibo, Venezuela First Flight May 6, 1930.

Cristobal, Canal Zone May 7, 1930 arrival backstamp

5c blue pays full 5c foreign rate instead of 2c PUAS rate. Correct 15c airmail rate to Venezuela paid with airmail issues.



Back cropped, reduced 25%



Panama City to Merida First Flight May 6, 1930.

5c blue pays full 5c foreign rate instead of 2c PUAS rate. Correct 15c airmail rate to Venezuela paid with airmail issue.

VI. Flight Covers



Panama City to Liverpool, England via Puerto Cabello First Flight May 6, 1930.

5c blue pays UPU foreign letter rate and 15c airmail pays 15c airmail rate.



Panama City to Caracas First Flight May 6, 1930.

5c blue pays full 5c foreign rate instead of 2c PUAS rate. Correct 15c airmail rate to Venezuela paid with airmail issue.



Colon to La Paz, Bolivia First Flight May 24, 1932.

10c purple pay registration fee.



Back reduced 25%



Colon to Cienfuegos, Cuba First Flight December 3, 1930.

10c purple pays registration fee. 20c airmail rate to Cuba paid by 20c airmail issue.



Cover was addressed to send care of the Postmaster. On August 16, 1933 the cover finally returned to sender after nearly 15 months.

VI. Flight Covers



June 21, 1941 Panama City to Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Inter-American Escadrille

1941 Civic Air Mission to Latin America to promote air travel within Central America.

5c blue + 10c purple paying the 15c airmail rate (up to 10 grams) to the United States with 1939 1c postal tax stamp.




 Another First Flight Cover
 Carried by



Panama City to Corpus Christi, Texas Flight December 14, 1946.

Arrived in Corpus Christi December 16, 1946.

5c blue and 1c green overprinted for postal tax

The System of the Flying Clippers
 When You Think of Air Travel Think of
PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS

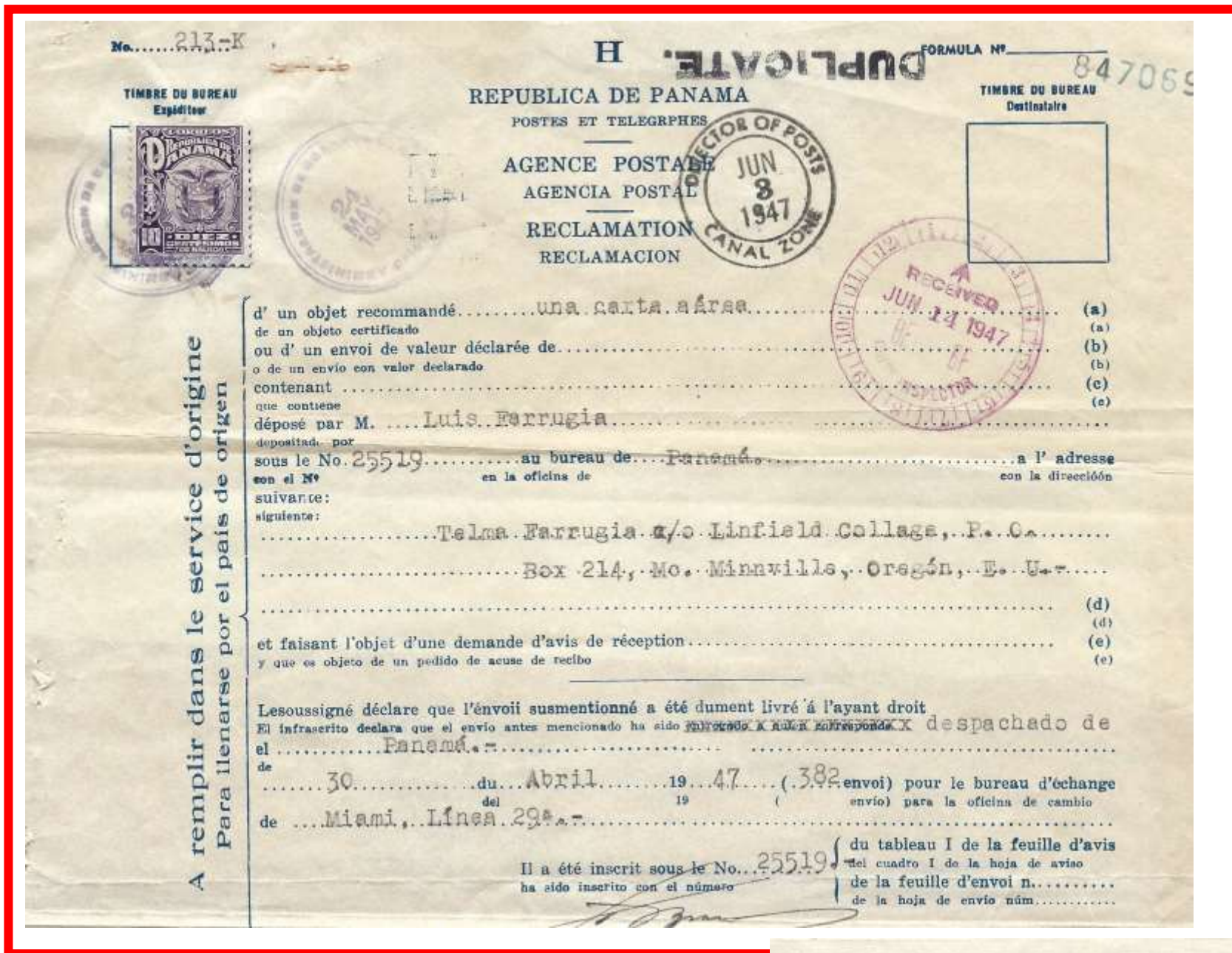


Panama City to Houston, Texas Flight December 14, 1946.

Arrived in Houston December 16, 1946.

5c blue and 1/2c yellow surcharged for postal tax

VII: Special Use



June 3, 1947

Official inquiry on status of registered item.

10c purple Arms paying postal fee for investigation of foreign item established in Legislacion Postal Panamena of 1947. Required to be paid in postage.

No other remaining examples known to author using Arms issue.

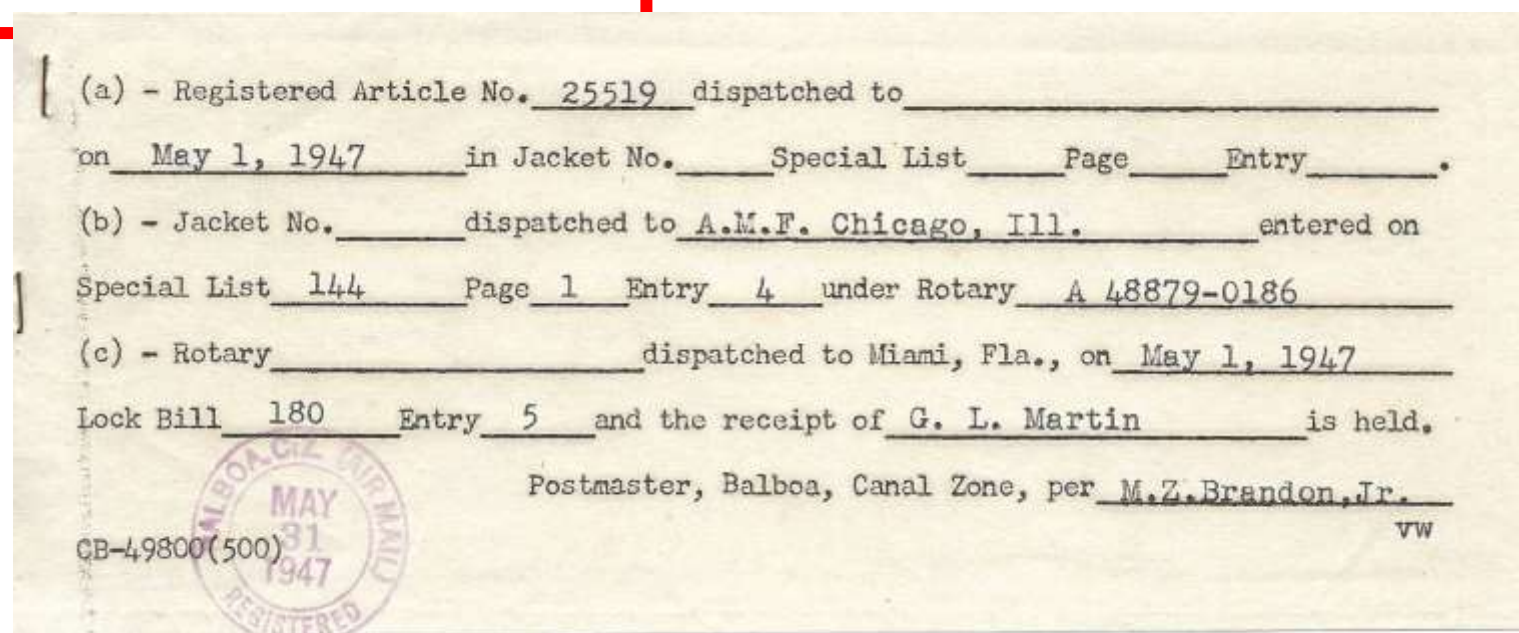


September 19, 1930

1c green used on document with 1c green revenue of 1925 as a revenue.

Document for receipt of 50 pesos in rent for a home.

No other remaining examples known to author using Arms issue.



VII. High Denomination Use: 24 centesimos

Displayed are 4 of 5 known copies of the 24 yellow-brown centesimos Panama Arms issue recorded on cover. Three covers are a valid use and the remaining two appear philatelic inspired.



One of three known non-philatelic uses of 24 centesimos

Colon to Buenos Aires, Argentina April 29, 1942. Transit Balboa, Canal Zone April 30 and May 2, 1942 with Balboa censor #13114 noted.

1c + 24c paying 15c airmail letter rate (up to 5grams) and 10c registration rate with 1939 1c postal tax stamp.



Panama City to Netstal, Switzerland December 12, 1924.
Arrived in Netstal January 6, 1925

24c + 1/2c overpays the UPU 5c letter rate plus 10c registration rate.

Red Star Line Cruise Ship Stationary.



Newly discovered by author, appropriate postal use of 24 centesimos.

Panama City to Toronto, Canada August 11, 1943.

24c + 15c additional postage over paying the 10c registration + 28c airmail (20g). Purple 1c pays postal tax.



Panama City to Balboa, Canal Zone July 6, 1925.
Transit Ancon, Canal Zone and Balboa, Canal Zone July 7, 1925 (backstamps).

24c overpays the PUASP 2c letter rate plus 10c registration rate.

VII. High Denomination Use: 50 centesimos

Displayed are 5 of the 6 recorded copies of the 50 centesimos orange Panama Arms issue recorded on cover. There are two postal uses, one first flight and three philatelic use covers known.



Appropriate postal use of 50 centesimos.

Panama City to Berlin March 3, 1933.

50c and 5c plus 1932 regular issues pay UPU rate of 5c first 20grams + 3c each additional 20grams (total paid up to 360grams) and registration fee of 10c.

Label and script text bottom left: May be opened by customs, sent from person within the German Legation in Panama

Label upper left: Customs due. Label lower right: Customs work complete with handstamp seal.



Newly discovered by author, appropriate postal use of 50 centesimos.

Panama City to London, England January 4, 1940. Arrived in London January 15, 1940.

50c + 12c x3 plus 1939 Allegory commemorative pay the 90c double airmail letter rate, and 1c pays postal tax.



Colon to France Field, Canal Zone June 6, 1942. Transit Cristobal, Canal Zone June 6, 1942 (backstamps). Arrive France Field June 8, 1942.

50c plus 1941 8c airmail overpays the 2c letter rate, 5c A.R., 10c registration rate, and 1c pays postal tax.

VII. High Denomination Use: 50 centesimos and 1 balboa



Panama City to Netstal, Switzerland December 12, 1924.
Arrived in Netstal January 6, 1925.

50c + 15c overpays the 5c UPU letter rate plus 10c registration rate.
Red Star Line Cruise Ship Stationary.

Displayed are 2 of
the 4 recorded
copies of the
1 Balboa Panama
Arms issue on cover.

Known covers
include 3 philatelic
covers and 1 first
flight.



Panama City to Netstal, Switzerland December 12, 1924. Arrived in Netstal January 6, 1925.

1 Balboa + 2c overpays the 5c UPU letter rate plus 10c registration rate.
Red Star Line Cruise Ship Stationary.



Panama City
unaddressed cover
March 10, 1939
Philatelic hand back
cover.



VIII. Farewell to Arms an Epilogue

During the period of general use of the Arms definitive, the issue was overprinted for commemorative purposes in limited quantities. Most printings were less than 60,000 issues. The issues was also used for functional purposes such as revaluing 24c brown to 50c or overprints for postal tax issues. It was not solely to use excess stock as additional print orders of the basic stamp continued until 1945. Overprints on the 50c and 1 Balboa were likely to use excess stock as they were only ordered during the original ABNCo order of 1923.

1936 Arosemena Commemorative Issue Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Pablo Arosemena, President of Panama 1910-1912.



Normal Double Normal Double

Decree 198 TER of September 14, 1936 called for the 24c brown and 50c orange to be surcharged in Arosemena's honor. Stamps were to be sold for 30 days (September 24, 1936—October 24, 1936).

2c on 24c brown: 60,000 printed

5c airmail on 50c orange: 34,700 printed



In error 3 sheets of 1/2c orange were surcharged instead of the 50c orange.

The earliest known use of the stamp was **October 8, 1936.**

5c airmail on 1/2c orange: 300 printed

New Panama Constitution Effective January 2, 1941



Decree 154 of December 20, 1940 called for the arms issue to be overprinted to honor the new constitution of January 2, 1941. All values except for the 12c olive were used.

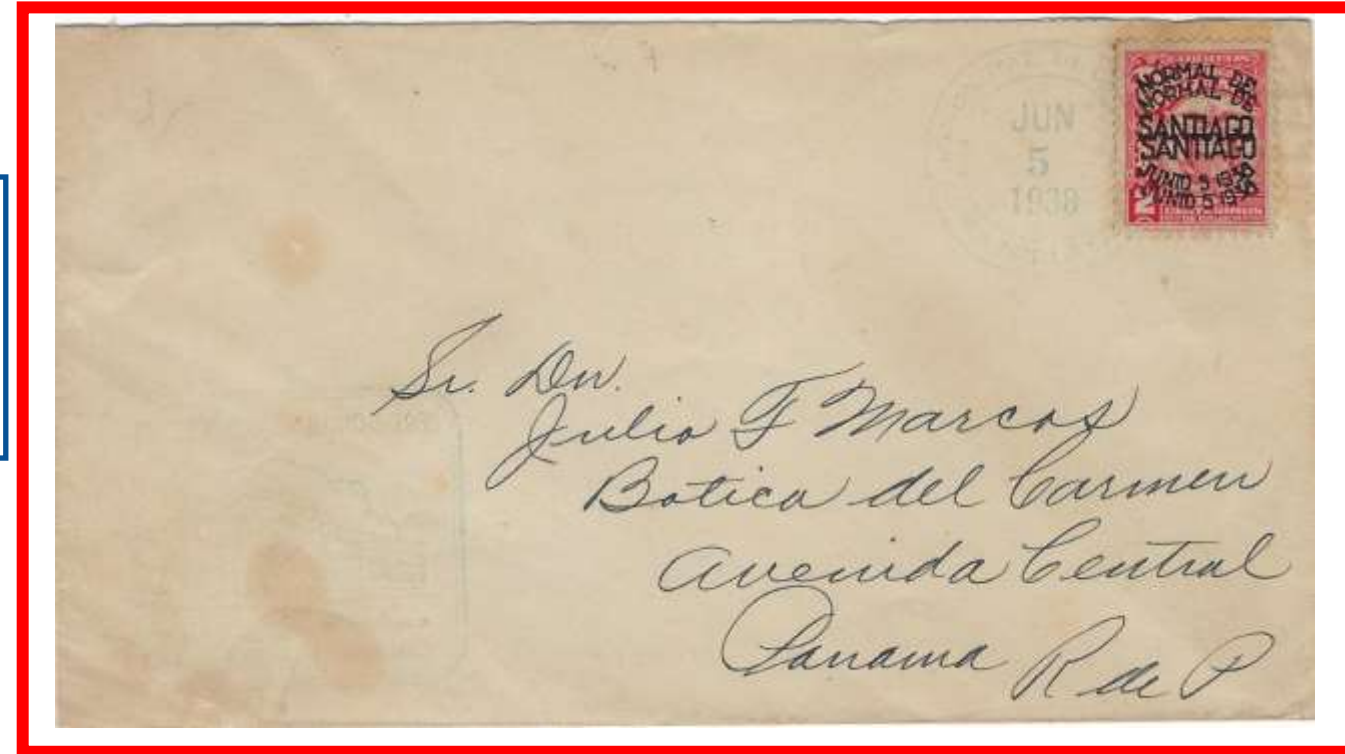
1/2c, 1c: 50,000 printed 2c: 150,000 printed
 5c: 30,000 printed 10c, 15c: 15,000 printed
 50c, 1b: 10,000 printed 5c airmail: 20,000 printed

1956 Philatelic Exhibition New York



The "MUESTRA" overprint was prepared for the 1956 Philatelic Exhibition in New York.

Thought that only 20 were overprinted for the display. Signed by Kessler & Sanabria.



Opening of the Normal School at Santiago, Varaguas Province, June 5, 1938.

Decree 42 of May 23, 1938 called for the 2c carmine to be overprinted to honor the opening of the Normal School at Santiago. Issued June 5, 1938.

Print Quantity: 30,000

First Day Cover with unlisted double overprint



Decree 180 of September 22, 1947 called for revalued the 24c brown to 50c. Issued October 29, 1947.

Printed Quantity: 20,000

Decree 35 of March 3, 1939 established a postal tax fee of 1c to all correspondence foreign and domestic effect June 1, 1939. The tax benefited victims of cancer until 1951.

Arms issues were overprinted three time for postal tax issues.



December 20, 1940
 1c overprint on 1c green
 200,000 issued



November 26, 1946
 1c surcharge on 1/2 orange
 1c overprint on 1c green
 400,000 each issued



April 7, 1947
 1c surcharge on 12c olive
 100,000 issued
 1c surcharge on 24c brown
 70,000 issued