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**Cover of the Quarter: 1938 Central American & Caribbean Games Illustrated Cover**

Cover mailed from Balboa, Canal Zone, to Los Angeles, United States, on March 9, 1938. Only copy of such a cover reported. Is there an example mailed in Panama?

## 1924 Panama Arms Issues 24c on Commercial Cover

By: Kurt Streepy

I have developed a multi-frame exhibit on the use of the 1924 Panama Arms issue (Scott 234-243). I displayed the exhibit for the first time at WESTPEX 2022 in April of this year earning a Gold. As a portion of the exhibit, I share the few covers I have obtained with the high denominations of the set (24c, 50c, and 1 Balboa). In the exhibit, I have 3 copies of the 24c, 5 copies of the 50c, and 2 copies of the 1 Balboa.

As I shared in *COPACARTA* Volume 39 Issue #1, I located a copy of the 50c on cover in an eBay auction in 2021. My luck struck again recently when I located the cover in figure 1 in a May eBay auction. The cover is canceled on August 11, 1942, in Panama City and addressed to Toronto, Canada. The addressee National City Bank and the recipient The Bank of Nova Scotia provide a good commercial use. The 39c postage plus 1c postal tax stamp appears to underpay the 1943 airmail rate to Canada (40c for 30g) by 1c. Possibly the postal tax stamp was mistakenly included in the calculation.

This now provides a 4<sup>th</sup> copy of the 24c for my exhibit. It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> commercial cover. The other two covers are overfranked philatelic covers.

To further the information in my exhibit, it would be helpful to know if further examples of Scott 241-43 exist on cover. As Jim Cross presented in his March 2000 *COPACARTA* article, the use of these 3 denominations is rare. If you have a cover, please let me know. A scan or description would be appreciated. You can contact me at [ksstreepy@gmail.com](mailto:ksstreepy@gmail.com) or Kurt Streepy, PO Box 228, Smithville, IN 47458

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Fig. 1: Showing 24 cent mailed August 11, 1942, to Toronto, Canada.



Fig. 1: Close up of 24 centesimos and postmark.

## The Baby Clipper

By Juan L. Riera

In 1931 Pan American Airways put out a request for proposals for a long range flying boat which would meet certain requirements. This resulted in the development of the Sikorsky S-42 that first flew in late March 1934. Ten were produced and used primarily by Pan Am. The S-42 also became known as the "Flying Clipper" and the "Pan Am Clipper". Almost immediately Pan American Airways put out a request for proposals for a smaller version of the S-42 flying boat that was intended to operate along Pan Am river routes along the Amazon and Yangtze.

The first proposal came from the Fairchild Aircraft Corporation and was the Fairchild 91 A-942 that came to be known as the Fairchild 91 Baby Clipper (Fig. 1). Alfred Gassner designed this single-engine eight-passenger flying boat airliner. Unfortunately, before the