

Fig. 2 Picture post card with Canal Zone AR marking CZP 166, page 4. Courtesy George Campbell.

David Handelman has been collecting worldwide A.R. related material for many years and has decided to make the next edition of his "book" online. He expects it to have 1,000 or more items of interest and has issued an appeal to the philatelic world for help.

The subject is complicated and as he hopes to encompass the whole world. He would appreciate receiving scans of related material including covers or markings with, if possible, an explanation as to their meaning or importance. Since our members include some of the most knowledgeable students of Canal Zone philately we would like to invite everyone to look at the research as it is today and feel free to contact David with additions and corrections to anything published. Contributors will be attributed or they may remain anonymous if they so desire.

The research will be online in two forms. The first step is a very large listing of everything related to A.R. including forms, cover letters, stamps and covers. The second step is a specialized chapter for each country.

To learn more about A.R. and how to contribute please click on to: www.rfrajola.com/DH2019/1ar.pdf

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With your help we should have enough material to warrant a separate Canal Zone section.

New Earliest Know Use for Canal Zone Scott 69 by Kurt Streepy

I have been working on an exhibit focused on the Canal Zone overprints on the 1924 Panama Arms issue. I frequently search eBay for covers and have several saved searches that notify me if an item is listed. I woke up on a Saturday morning to an email with a Scott #69 cover. I quickly clicked the item to check out the cover. My heart sunk a bit when I found that the Buy It Now listing was already listed as sold. I continued to review the listing to find a very rough cover, but my heart sunk again when I saw the cancel date of February 11, 1924. *Canal Zone Stamps* 4th edition lists the earliest known use (EKU) for the 2 cent carmine February 13, 1924. I thought I missed out on a new EKU.

Thankfully I received an email from another CZSG member with the subject "Found this for you". They swooped in to purchase the cover for me while I slept. It was disaster averted. I did speak with the seller to see if there were any other covers, but he was unsure. He was slowly selling 4 large tubs of navel covers.

After consulting the current EKU by CZSG Catalog

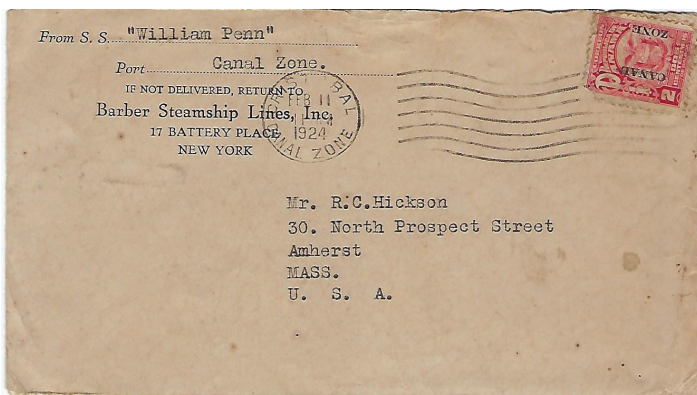


Fig. 1 New Canal Zone 68 EKU February 11, 1924

Number List (updated March 26, 2020), I found February 11, 1924 listed as the EKU for Scott 69. Upon conferring with Tom Brougham who manages this list, he provided information that Elliot Coleman was the source of the EKU. Elliot confirmed he has the cover but corrected the date as February 12, 1923. His cover was cancelled in Cristobal with a return corner card from the American Foreign Banking Corporation.

This update from Elliot leaves the pictured cover posted from the S.S. William Penn dated February 11, 1923 and cancelled in Cristobal as the new EKU. If any members have early or late use of Scott 68 and 69, I would appreciate information on the covers/postcards. ksstreepy@gmail.com.

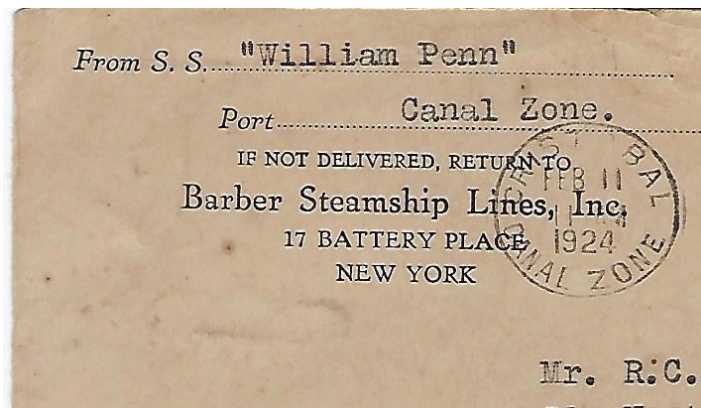


Fig. 2 February 11, 1924 Cristobal Cancel

WANTED FOR PURCHASE

CZ 68/69 and Panama 234-243 on cover/postcard along with pre-production material

Scans and prices to ksstreepy@gmail.com

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