

# POSTAGE STAMPS of the CANAL ZONE

ISSUED UNDER UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION



## OVERPRINTS OF 1904

On stamps of Panama



Map



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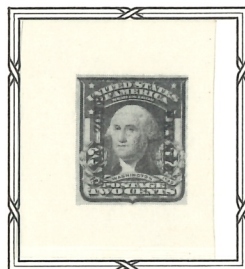
Map

The first issue of Canal Zone postage stamps was prepared by overprinting stamps of Panama with "Canal Zone", using a hand-stamp. These same stamps had previously been overprinted, "PANAMA" on stamps of Colombia, so that each stamp actually shows two overprintings.

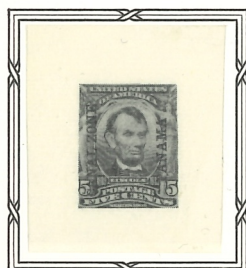
On stamps of the United States



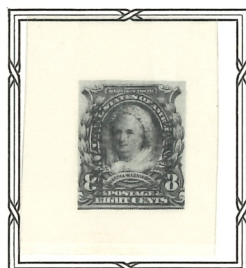
Benjamin Franklin



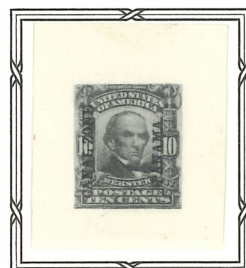
George Washington



Abraham Lincoln



Martha Washington



Daniel Webster

The stamps of the second series are overprinted on United States stamps of the regular issue of 1902-1903 with the exception of the Washington 2-cent shield of 1903. They were placed on sale July 18, 1904 and removed from sale December 11, 1904.



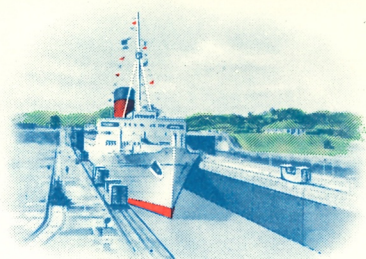
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## OVERPRINTS OF 1904-06



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Pursuant to the Taft Agreement the Canal Zone again commenced using Panama overprints on December 12, 1904.



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## OVERPRINTS OF 1904-06

Surcharged on Colombia stamps overprinted "PANAMA"



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This group consisted of Colombia stamps with overprint of "PANAMA" and Bar in red, as well as an additional overprint of "CANAL ZONE" in black. There are several varieties to be found in the type faces used in the overprints.



Map

In addition to the overprinting as mentioned for the above stamps, these stamps also bear an "8 cts" surcharge over the 50 centavos. The stamp on the right differs from the one on the left in that the surcharge "PANAMA" reads up on both sides of the stamp.



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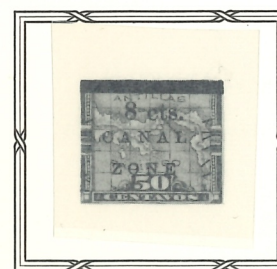


Map

The Canal construction workers proved such good customers for the Canal Zone post offices that the administration had difficulty keeping supplies of stamps on hand. Shortages were frequent and to meet this shortage in April, 1906, Panama furnished the Canal Zone with a supply of stamps of the 1892-1896 map series. These were of the 20-centavo and 1-peso values, and were delivered without overprints. The overprinting was done in black; all in one operation at the Isthmian Canal Commission's printing plant.



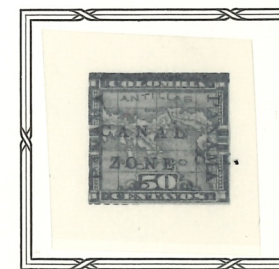
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## OVERPRINTS OF 1906-07



Francisco Hernandez de Cordoba



Vasco Nunez de Balboa



de Cordoba



Justo Arosemena



Manuel J. Hurtado



Jose de Obaldia

This is Panama's first portrait series and was engraved and printed by the Hamilton Bank Note Company of New York. The ornate frames and colors of each value differ but the portraits in the centers of all are black. The denominations now read in "Balboas" and "centesimos" replacing "pesos" and "centavos," an effect of the changeover from a silver to a gold standard. The stamps were released between October, 1906 and January, 1907. A number of overprinting errors exist.

## OVERPRINTS OF 1909



Francisco Hernandez de Cordoba



Justo Arosemena



Manuel J. Hurtado



Jose de Obaldia

Released between January 1909 and May, 1909, this series continues the portraits in the last series, but the ornamental frame designs have been changed. The order for these stamps was placed with the American Bank Note Company, New York by the Panama Government.



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## OVERPRINTS OF 1909-10



Vasco Nunez de Balboa



de Cordoba



Justo Arosemena



Manuel J. Hurtado



Jose de Obaldia

The basic stamps of this series are the same as those described in the previous series. The one exception is the 1-cent Balboa which has been added. This series was in use between 1909 and 1924. For the first time, the overprinting of "CANAL ZONE" was done by the makers of the stamps rather than the Isthmian Canal Commission's printing plant.

## OVERPRINTS OF 1911



Map



Map

The first of these two stamps of a 13-cent denomination was ordered by the Canal Zone postal administration for use as a combined 5-cent postage fee and 8-cent registration fee. Before a single stamp was placed in use, the denomination of the stamp was ordered changed to 10-cents. Too late to stop the 13-cent printing, the stamps were immediately surcharged. The second stamp in this series is the same as the first except for the change in denomination.

## OVERPRINTS OF 1912-16



Vasco Nunez de Balboa



Francisco Hernandez de Cordoba



Justo Arosemena



Jose de Obaldia



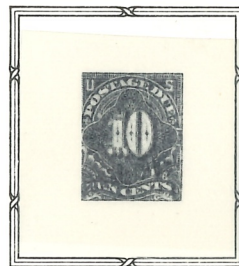
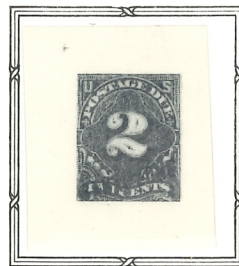


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## POSTAGE DUE STAMPS

1914



Prior to 1914 there were no postage due stamps in either the Panama or Canal Zone's postal systems. Postmasters or postal clerks merely ascertained the amount due, affixed ordinary stamps when the mail was claimed and paid for, cancelled the stamps and delivered the letter. This first issue was overprinted on United States postage dues of the 1910-1912 issue.

1915

Stamps of Panama overprinted



Columbus Statue



San Geronimo Castle Gate



Pedro J. Sosa

Although Panama had no postage due stamps to this date, the use of United States Postage Due stamps overprinted "CANAL ZONE" was the cause of an exchange of letters between Canal Zone and Panama authorities. Panama claimed a contravention of the Taft Agreement. This new series of postage due stamps was the result.

With additional surcharge in red



Columbus Statue



San Geronimo Castle Gate



Pedro J. Sosa

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## OVERPRINTS OF 1915



Map of Panama Canal



Balboa and Pacific Ocean

Blue  
Overprint



Gatun Locks



Culebra Cut

In 1914, by Presidential decree, Panama issued a set of stamps marking the opening of the Panama National Exposition which was to take place in 1915. The Canal cooperated by having these stamps overprinted for use in the Canal Zone. Prepared by the American Bank Note Company, they are noted for their historical engravings and beauty of color and design.

## OVERPRINTS OF 1915-20

Overprint in Black, Reading Up



Vasco Nunez de Balboa



Francisco Hernandez de Cordoba



Justo Arosemena

## OVERPRINTS OF 1917

Blue Overprint



S.S. "Panama" in Culebra Cut



S.S. "Panama" in Culebra Cut



S.S. "Cristobal" in Gatun Locks

About a year later the need arose for higher denomination stamps in the Zone and the Director of Posts requested Panama stamps in the denominations of 12c, 15c, and 24c. Official Panama Canal pictures were furnished Panama as subjects for the stamps. The stamps went on sale in all Canal Zone post offices January 1917.





## POSTAGE DUE STAMPS 1919



Columbus Statue

Carmine Surcharge

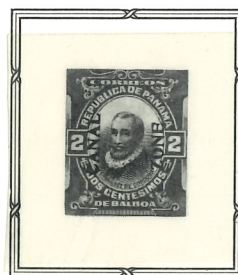


Capitol, Panama City

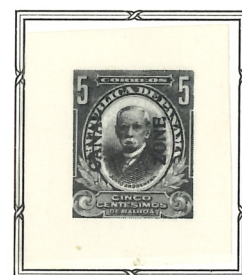
## OVERPRINTS OF 1918-20 Black Overprint



Vasco Nunez de Balboa



Francisco Hernandez de Cordoba



Justo Arosemena

## OVERPRINTS OF 1920-21 Overprint in Black, Reading Up



Vasco Nunez de Balboa



Francisco Hernandez de Cordoba

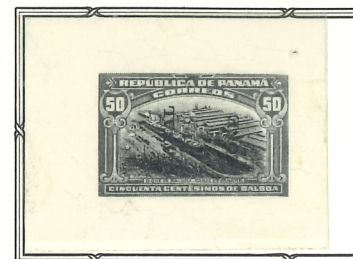


Justo Arosemena



## OVERPRINTS OF 1920

Black Overprint



Drydock at Balboa



Ship in Pedro Miguel Locks

Fifty-cent and dollar denomination stamps were requested of the Panama Government on November 29, 1919, and again official photographs were furnished which were relayed to the American Bank Note Company. They were received, overprinted, and put on sale by the Canal Zone on September 4, 1920.

## OVERPRINTS OF 1921



Jose Vallarino



Bolivar's Tribute

Black or Red Overprint



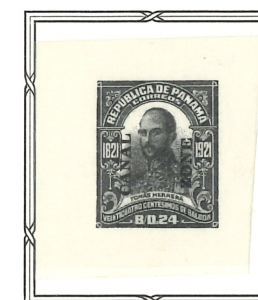
The "Land Gate"



Municipal Bldg. in 1821 & 1921



Statue of Balboa



Tomas Herrera



Jose de Fabrega

Like all her Latin American neighbors, Panama, in 1921, celebrated the centenary of her independence from Spain by issuing a set of postal stamps. Here, again, the Canal Zone postal service joined in the celebration by overprinting these stamps for use in the CANAL ZONE. The overprinting was by the American Bank Note Company.

## OVERPRINTS OF 1924

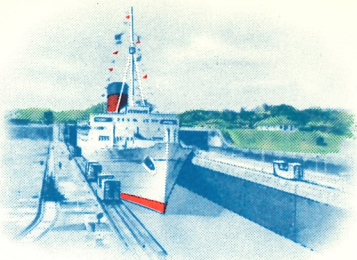
Black Overprint



Jose Vallarino

There is a variation in the overprint on this stamp differing from the last one-cent stamp shown in the last series. This stamp was overprinted locally, at the Panama Canal Press, Mount Hope, Canal Zone.





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## OVERPRINTS OF 1924



Coat of Arms

In the later part of 1923, Panama informed the Canal Zone of a new design for her stamps showing the Panama Coat of Arms. The 1-cent and 2-cent denominations in this series were overprinted and used officially in the Canal Zone.

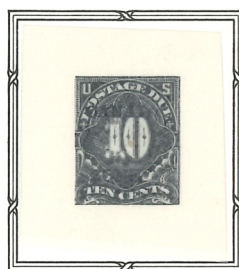
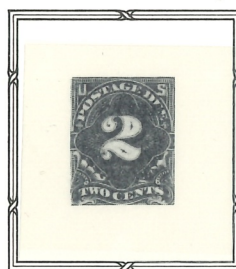
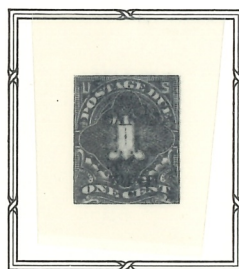


Coat of Arms

## POSTAGE DUE STAMPS

1924

Letters "A" with Flat Tops



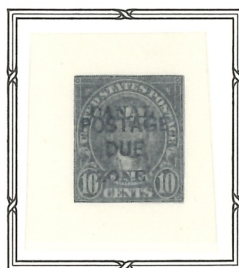
1925



Benjamin Franklin

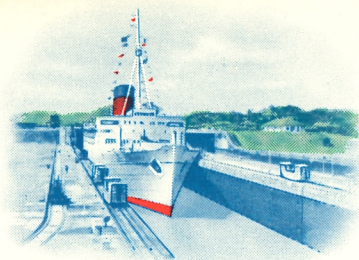
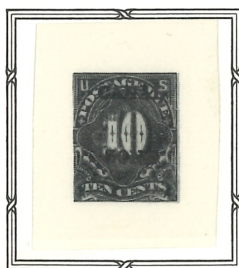


George Washington



James Monroe

Letters "A" with Sharp Pointed Tops



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## OVERPRINTS OF 1924-25



Nathan Hale



Benjamin Franklin



Warren G. Harding

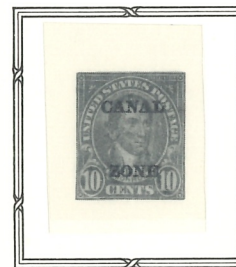


George Washington

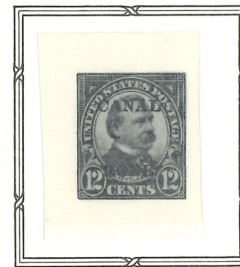
Letters "A" with Flat Tops



Theodore Roosevelt



James Monroe



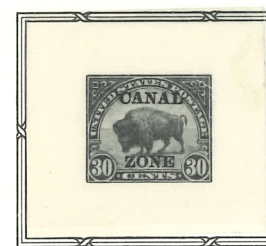
Grover Cleveland



American Indian



Statue of Liberty



Bison



Arlington Amphitheater



Lincoln Memorial

A recommendation to Congress was made by President Warren G. Harding in September 1922, that the Taft Convention be abrogated. The date set was June 1, 1924, and President Calvin Coolidge subsequently issued an executive order proclaiming its effect as of that date. Once more, stamps of the United States were called into service and overprinted. The flat plate perforation 11 stamps of the 1922 regular issue series were used as shown above. Overprinting was in red or black with letters "A" in Canal Zone bearing flat tops.

## OVERPRINTS OF 1925-26

Letters "A" with Sharp Pointed Tops



George Washington



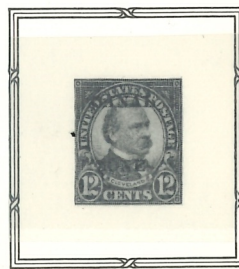
Abraham Lincoln



Theodore Roosevelt



James Monroe



Grover Cleveland







## OVERPRINTS OF 1925-26



American Indian



Woodrow Wilson



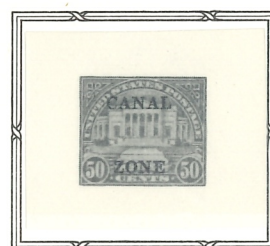
Statue of Liberty



Golden Gate



Bison



Arlington Amphitheater



Lincoln Memorial

## LIBERTY

1926



Liberty Bell

A two cent stamp featuring the Liberty Bell and issued for the 150th anniversary of American Independence celebrated at the Sesquicentennial Exposition at Philadelphia, 1926.

## OVERPRINTS OF 1927

Rotary Press Printing—Perforation 10



George Washington



Abraham Lincoln



James Monroe



## OVERPRINTS OF 1927-1931

Rotary Press Printing—Perforation 11 x 10½



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington



Abraham Lincoln



Theodore Roosevelt



James Monroe

## DEFINITIVES

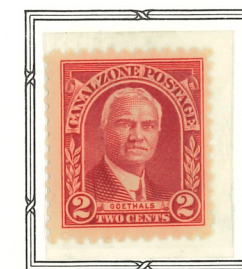
1928 - 40



General Gorgas



Gaillard Cut



General Goethals



Harry F. Hodges



Colonel Gaillard



General Sibert



Jackson Smith



Admiral Rousseau



Colonel Williamson

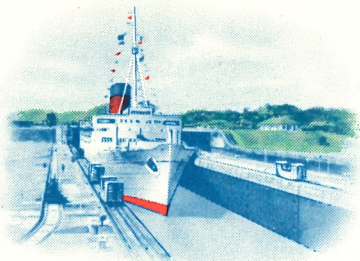


J. C. S. Blackburn

The first permanent series of stamps for the Canal Zone was issued between the years 1928 and 1940. The designs feature portraits of members of the Isthmian Canal Commission appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt. The selection of this group was recommended because of the fact that they were resident on the Isthmus during their period of service and that they were the men who actually had the direction of the building of the Panama Canal.







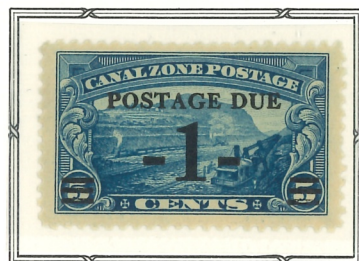
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## POSTAGE DUE ISSUES

1929



## AIR MAILS

1929



General Gorgas



General Gorgas



General Goethals



J. C. S. Blackburn



General Goethals

The first air mail provisional issues were released in 1929; a 2c stamp surcharged to 25c for the new air mail service Cristobal to Miami (Col. Charles A. Lindbergh flew the inaugural flight), the regular 1c stamp surcharged 15c for the inauguration of air mail service from Cristobal to Chile, and the regular 2c stamp surcharged 20c for the reduced rate which later in the year went into effect on Cristobal to Miami service. The regular 50c stamp was surcharged 10c for other rate reductions to Central and South America. There is a variation in the second printing of the 15c air mail. The flag or upper horizontal stroke of the "5" curves upwards on the first printing.

## AIR MAILS

1931-49



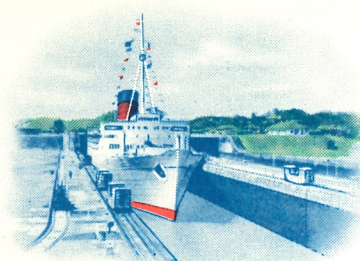
Gaillard Cut



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Gaillard Cut



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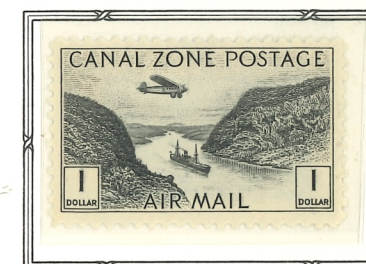
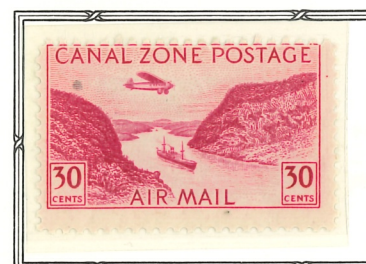


## AIR MAILS

1931-49



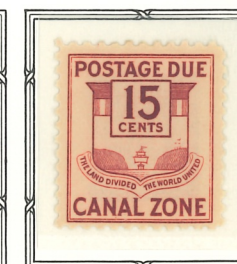
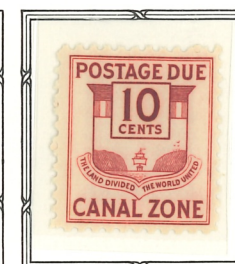
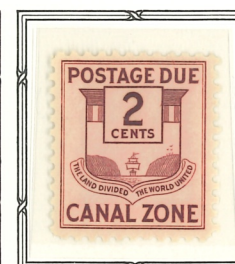
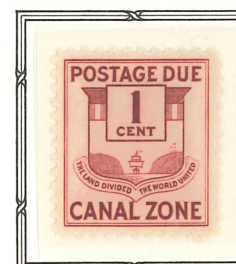
Gaillard Cut



The first definitive air mail series was placed on sale November 18, 1931. The design features a freight ship passing through the Gaillard Cut between Gold Hill and Contractors' Hill heading south.

## POSTAGE DUE ISSUES

1932-41



Canal Zone Seal

The first permanent postage due series was released in 1932 with an additional denomination (15c) added in 1941. All are printed in maroon and in one common design featuring the seal of the Canal Zone in the form of a shield.

## OVERPRINTS OF 1933



George Washington



American Indian





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## ISSUE OF 1934



General Goethals

A change in first class postage rates from 2c to 3c resulted in the addition of this stamp to the then current series. The date of issue coincided with the 20th anniversary date of the opening of the Panama Canal.

## OVERPRINTS OF 1939



Benjamin Franklin



Martha Washington

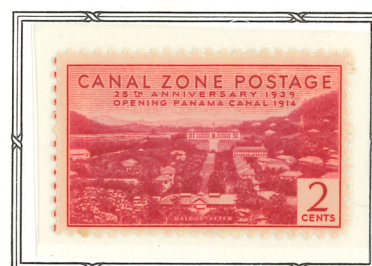
Issued to cover changes in postage rates on books, the Canal Zone overprinting was on stamps of the United States Presidential Series of 1938.

## CANAL ANNIVERSARY

1939



Balboa—Before



Balboa—After



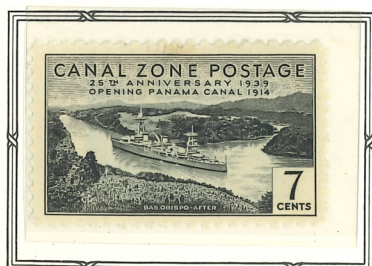
Gaillard Cut—Before



Gaillard Cut—After



Bas Obispo—Before



Bas Obispo—After



Gatun Locks—Before



Gatun Locks—After



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## CANAL ANNIVERSARY

1939



Canal Channel—Before



Canal Channel—After



Gamboa—Before



Gamboa—After



Pedro Miguel Locks—Before



Pedro Miguel Locks—After



Gatun Spillway—Before



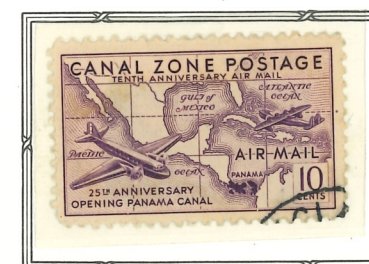
Gatun Spillway—After

This set of commemorative and air mail stamps was released to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the Panama Canal. In addition, the air mail stamps also mark the tenth anniversary of air mail service in the Canal Zone. It is said that President Franklin D. Roosevelt suggested the theme for this series.

## AIR MAILS



Plane over Sosa Hill



Central America Map & Planes



PA Clipper & Ft. Amador Scene





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## CANAL ANNIVERSARY

1939



PA Clipper



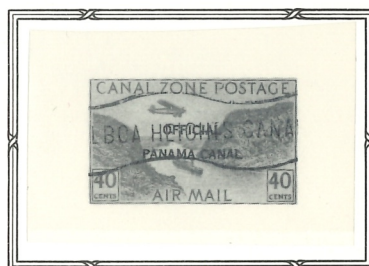
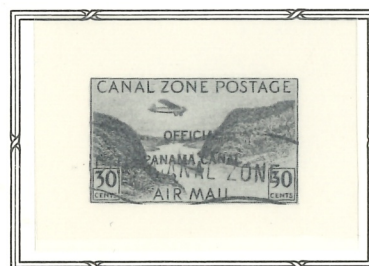
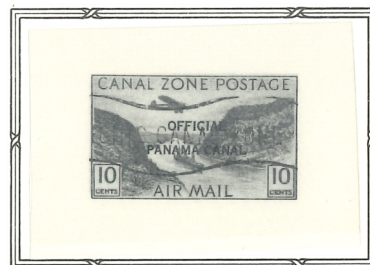
PA Clipper Over Gaillard Cut



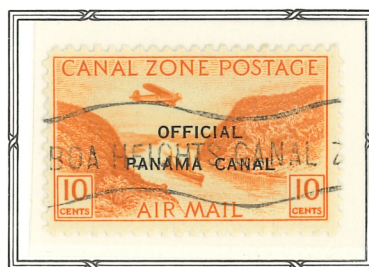
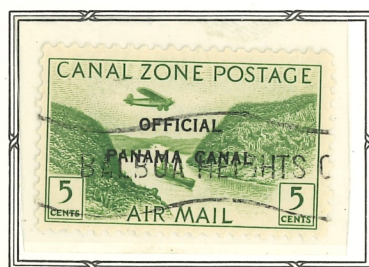
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## AIR MAIL OFFICIAL STAMPS

1941



1946-48



Gaillard Cut

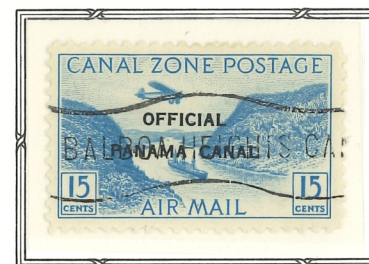


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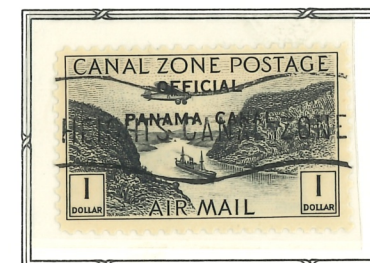
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## AIR MAIL OFFICIAL STAMPS

1946-48



Gaillard Cut



## OFFICIAL STAMPS

1941



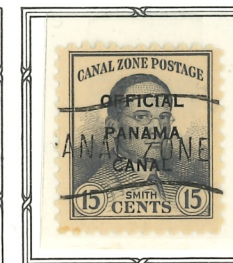
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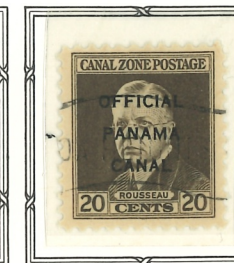
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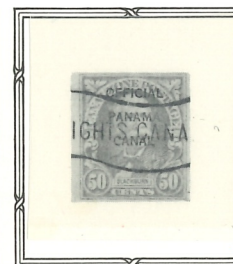


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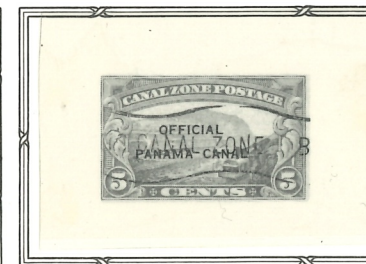
1947



J. C. S. Blackburn



J. C. S. Blackburn



Gaillard Cut



John Stevens





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## SERIES 1946-49



Major General Davis

Governor Magoon

Theodore Roosevelt

John Stevens

John Wallace

During the period 1946 to 1949 five new regular issue portrait stamps were released. All featured men historically connected with the building of the Panama Canal. John F. Stevens was chief engineer of the Isthmian Canal Commission. Major General George W. Davis headed the first group to visit the Isthmus and was Governor from March 8, 1904 to May 23, 1905. Charles E. Magoon was appointed Governor of the Canal Zone on May 25, 1905. John Findlay Wallace was Chief Engineer of The Panama Canal from 1904 to June 1905.

## GOLD DISCOVERY

1949



"Forty-Niners" Arriving

Journey in "Bungo"

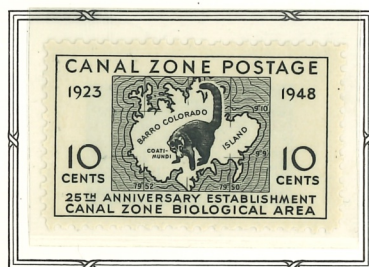
Las Cruces Trail

Departure for San Francisco

The Gold Rush Centennial Stamps were issued to mark the 100th anniversary of the discovery of gold in California. During the "Gold Rush" of 1849, the Panama route was the best and quickest way to reach California.

## BIOLOGICAL

1948



Map of Biological Area and Coati-Mundi

Issued to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Laboratory on Barro Colorado Island. Originally a hill rising alongside the old Chagres River, the island was formed when Gatun Lake was created in 1914 following the construction of Gatun Dam.

## WEST INDIAN WORKERS

1951



Workers in Culebra Cut

The part played by West Indian workers in the construction of the Canal is commemorated by this stamp released August 15, 1951.

## RAILROAD

1955



Early Railroad Scene

This stamp commemorates the centenary of the completion of the Panama Railroad. The design, based on an old woodcut, has as its central design a locomotive, one of the railroad's earliest.

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## SERIES OF 1951



Globe and Wing



Globe and Wing

The second definitive air mail series was first released July 16, 1951. The design, common to all the denominations, shows a symbol of flight superimposed over a globe. Additional denominations (5c, 7c, 15c, 25c, and 35c) were released August 16, 1958.



Globe and Wing



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## HOSPITAL

1957



Gorgas Hospital

Placed on sale November 17, 1957 this stamp commemorates the seventy-fifth anniversary of the opening of the Gorgas Hospital. Formerly known as Ancon Hospital, the name was changed in recognition of distinguished services to humanity performed by Major General William C. Gorgas.

## SERIES OF 1958



S.S. "Ancon"

Released as an ordinary postage issue covering the new 4c first class postage rate, the design features the S. S. "ANCON" chosen because of her gallant record in World War II.

## ROOSEVELT

1958



Roosevelt Medal & Map

Issued to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt, who played an important part in the building of the Panama Canal. The design is taken from the "Roosevelt" medal which was presented to each "canal digger" with two years service in the construction of the Panama Canal.

## SCOUTING

1960



Boy Scout Badge

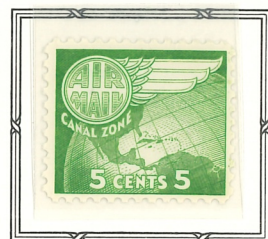
Released February 8, 1960 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, Scouting was introduced to the Canal Zone in 1911.



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## SERIES OF 1958



*Globe and Wing*



*Globe and Wing*



*Globe and Wing*

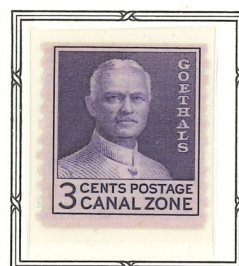


*Globe and Wing*



*Globe and Wing*

## Rotary Press Coil Stamp 1960



*General Goethals*

The first coil stamp ever released in the Canal Zone was placed on sale June 20, 1960. A 3c denomination, the design was the same as the sheet form issue released in 1934 and bearing the portrait of General Goethals.

## REGULAR ISSUE

1960



*Building*

Coil



*Building*

Issued in both sheet and coil form this stamp features for its design the Administration Building at Balboa Heights, Canal Zone. Released November 1, 1960, the stamp replaced the Ancon design of 1958.

## USARCARIB SCHOOL 1961



*Army School Crest*

Issued on November 21, 1961, this stamp features the crest of the United States Army Caribbean School located at Fort Gulick, Canal Zone. Sometimes referred to as the "USARCARIB SCHOOL," it was founded in 1949 to provide training to U. S. troops and to Latin American officers, cadets and enlisted men.



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## GIRL SCOUTING

1962



*Girl Scout Badge*

Issued March 12, 1962, this stamp commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of America. The design features a tropical scene depicting camping on the shores of Gatun Lake.

## COIL

1962

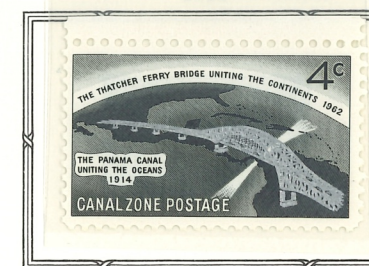


*John F. Stevens*

The 5c John F. Stevens stamp, first released in 1946, was made available in coil form on February 10, 1962.

## THATCHER FERRY BRIDGE

1962



*Bridge Uniting Continents*

This stamp was placed in circulation to commemorate the completion of the Thatcher Ferry Bridge uniting the continents and spanning the Panama Canal. The design pictures the Thatcher Ferry Bridge superimposed on a spherical projection of the Western Hemisphere.

## AIR MAIL 1963



*Globe and Wing*

To cover increases in air mail postage rates, this 8c air mail stamp was released January 7, 1963.

## MALARIA ERADICATION

1962



*WHO Emblem and Mosquito*

In connection with the World Health Organization's malaria eradication program, a special 7c air mail stamp was released September 24, 1962. The WHO Emblem is featured on the left with the Anopheles mosquito on the right.

## ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS

1963



*Flaming Torch Symbol*

Along with the United States, the Canal Zone also issued a stamp to commemorate the work of the "Alliance for Progress" which was begun at Punta del Este, Uruguay, in 1961.





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## 50TH ANNIVERSARY OPENING OF THE PANAMA CANAL

1964



*Cristobal*



*Gatun Locks*



*Madden Dam*



*Gaillard Cut*



*Miraflores Locks*



*Balboa*

This series of six air mail stamps marks the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Panama Canal. The frame and lettering are identical on each of the six stamps except for color and denomination. The central design of each stamp is a sketch of various locations in the Canal Zone, in black and white and made from aerial views.



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## AIR POST STAMPS

1965



*Seal and Jet Plane*



*Seal and Jet Plane*



*Seal and Jet Plane*



*Seal and Jet Plane*



*Seal and Jet Plane*



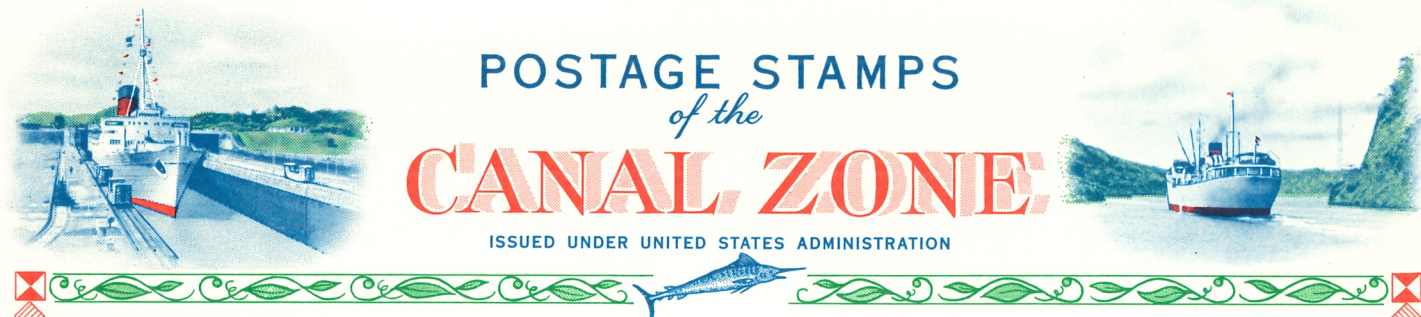
*Seal and Jet Plane*

These multi-color stamps, released by the Canal Zone Postal Service, were printed on white pre-gummed paper by the United States Bureau of Printing and Engraving and first placed on sale July 15, 1965.

The basic design incorporates the Seal of the Canal Zone Government on the left and a jet plane on the right of the stamp, with a slipstream to the rear of the plane. The seal is in black and white, with a fading background of the same color as the stamp.







## DEFINITIVES

1968



*Goethals Memorial, Balboa*

This regular, printed on the Giori Press, was issued on March 15, 1968 to meet increased postage rates. Major General George Washington Goethals was one of the leaders in the development of the Canal Zone.

1971



*Fort San Lorenzo*

Issued on July 14, 1971, this 8c definitive became necessary when United States first class postage rates were increased. The multicolored stamp was produced on the Giori Press at the Bureau of Engraving & Printing.

## AIR MAILS

1968



*Seal and Jet Plane*

1968



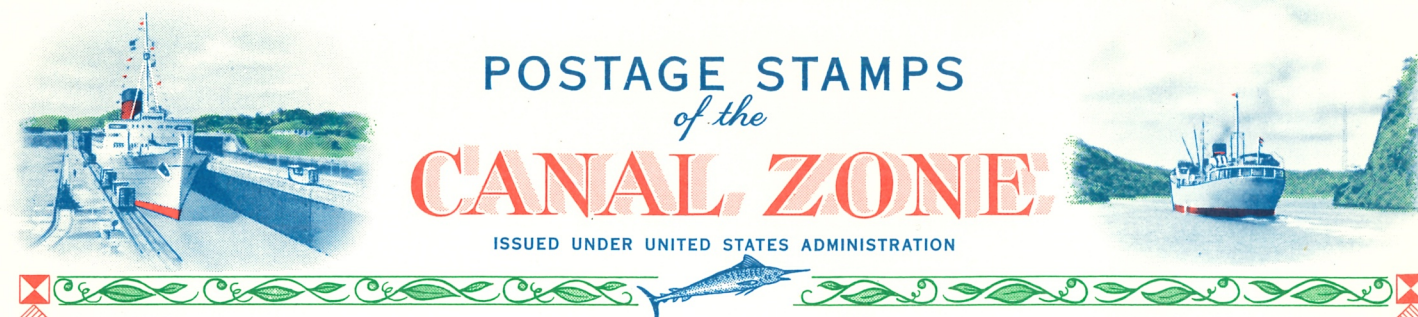
*Seal and Jet Plane*

These air mail regulars, in the same design as the values of the series of 1965, were issued to meet increased air mail postage rates. The 10c and 25c denominations were released on March 15, 1968. The 11c value had its first day of issue on September 24, 1971.

1971



*Seal and Jet Plane*



## COIL STAMPS

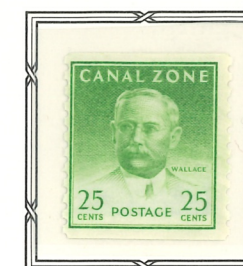
1975



*Gen. W. C. Gorgas*



*Gen. H. F. Hodges*



*Gen. J. F. Wallace*

These coil stamps were issued on February 14, 1975. The 1c and 10c denominations are manufactured in coils of 500 and 3,000; the 25c value is produced in coils of 3,000. Gen. Gorgas was Chief sanitary officer of the Isthmian Canal Commission in the construction era. Gen. Hodges was chief engineer from 1907 to 1914 in charge of designing the locks. Gen. Wallace was the first chief engineer of the Panama Canal from 1904 to 1905.

## CASCADAS

1976



*Dredge "Cascadas"*

The Panama Canal Dipper Dredge "Cascadas" joined the digging fleet of the Panama Canal on October 31, 1915. Since then she has played an integral part in the Panama Canal Company's dredging program for maintaining required Canal depths. This regular stamp was issued on February 23, 1976.

## AIR MAIL ISSUES

1974



*Seal & Jet Plane*

1976



*Seal & Jet Plane*

1976



*Seal & Jet Plane*

The 13c air mail stamp was issued on February 11, 1974. The 22c and 35c values were released on May 10, 1976. Each denomination was issued to meet new postal rates. The design common to all incorporates the Seal of the Canal Zone Government, a jet plane, and a slipstream to the rear of the plane. All three stamps are of the same size—0.84" x 1.44"—and were issued in sheets of fifty. The 13c denomination also was made available in booklets containing five panes of four stamps.

