

## **RESEARCH PROJECT:**

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### **Any item from the 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade while serving in the Canal Zone**

I have been working on a postal history study about United States Army ground units serving in the Canal Zone during World War II since 1978. I have located a good quantity of covers from the major units and have been working on a book to present the information to military postal history collectors.

To date, however, one unit has eluded me---the 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade. I wrote an article for the CZP about this unit. See Canal Zone Philatelist – 1st Quarter 2006 Issue (Vol. 42, No. 1: Postal History of Army Units on the Canal Zone).

The reason is fairly simple. A brigade is a headquarters unit to which a specific number of other units are attached and subordinated. In WWII the 18<sup>th</sup> was a Headquarters Company of 50 men. To add to the challenge, the 18<sup>th</sup> was assigned on the Zone for a very short time---27 Oct 1939 to 14 June 1940.

I am searching for anything that will tie the 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade to the Panama Canal Zone during that period. A postal history piece would have a return address that looked something like

(Soldiers rank and Name)  
Hqs and Hqs 18<sup>th</sup> Inf Bde  
c/o Postmaster, New Orleans

or

(Soldiers rank and Name)  
Hqs and Hqs 18<sup>th</sup> Inf Bde  
APO 829, New Orleans

I would be interested in communicating with anyone with information about this unit.

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