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## President's Report

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At the Winter APS Show in Riverside, California, this past February, I attended a couple of APS meetings and saw that other APS societies and members are also taking steps to use the internet more effectively.

### Digital Format for Philatelic Newsletters

One example of internet usage was mentioned by a society that now sends out its publication by email. If their members want a paper copy then a black & white copy is printed and for a slight fee mailed to them. The main advantages appear to be the extensive use of color and the decrease in printing and mailing costs.

### Digital Philatelic Exhibition Fall 2007 Mega-Event

One APS meeting concerned a new type of philatelic exhibit, a digital philatelic study (DPS).

The American Stamp Dealers Association Inc, ASDA, will sponsor this digital philatelic study at its Fall 2007 Mega-Event. A DPS is an electronic file or set of files that tell a philatelic story and its final format will be electronic, for example, as PDF or PowerPoint files. An individual or team of no more than four people can submit a DPS for either competitive or non-competitive show, but not both.

Applications must be received by the ASDA by August 1, 2007. For more details including examples from the Fall 2006 Mega-Event, Application form, and Rules and Regulation go to [www.asdaonline.com](http://www.asdaonline.com) and on the left hand side of the home page click onto Digital Philatelic Studies. If you submit a Canal Zone related exhibit please be sure to tell our editor so he can mention it in the *Philatelist*.

### More Coming on Our Website

Tom Brougham, our webmaster, has volunteered to load important exhibits onto our website in order that everyone has a chance to study and admire them. This would also be an important means of saving a lifetime's work for prosperity. For the exhibitor an additional benefit could be that persons who have material that they were unaware of might then contact him. With a bit of luck and negotiation he might be able further improve his exhibit.

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## New Discoveries from the American Bank Note Company

By Irwin Gibbs - Postal Stationery Editor

On September 12, 1990 Christies auctioned the archives of the American Bank Note Company. The Board of Directors of the United States Bank Note Company, owners of the material, assured buyers that the sale represented all of the existing archival material available.

Lo and behold Cherrystone Auction Galleries announced a November 16, 2006 sale of American Bank Note Company archives. According to Cherrystone in a remote corner of the ABN Co. storage facilities a long forgotten hold was discovered. Included in the sale were a number of Canal Zone postal stationery specimens.

The U3 envelope is unique and the only U3 specimen discovered in both sales. Also of note was the second copy of the 1c never issued Coat of Arms envelope issue.

A complete list of those Canal Zone items found in the auction follows:

### *SPECIMEN ENVELOPES ALL STUCK DOWN BY FLAP*

#### **1c (U1 UPSS 1)**

- F 4867 Red SPECIMEN - two small holes
- F 4966 Red SPECIMEN - two small holes

#### **2c U2 (UPSS 2)**

- F 4867 Red SPECIMEN - two small holes
- F 4966 Red SPECIMEN - two small holes
- F 5310 Red SPECIMEN - two small holes
- F 5447 Punched SPECIMEN
- F 5658 Punched SPECIMEN
- F 5822 Punched SPECIMEN A.B.N. Co.

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### **CZSG Regional Meetings**

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**Canal Zone Study Group**

**Secretary's Report  
John C. Smith  
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As of May 10, 2007, our membership stands at 702 members, including 54 hold-outs. As always, we will do our best to retrieve them by sending out at least two reminder notices. Thank you all, for your valued membership.

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**Auctions**

**by Jim Crumacker**

There were no great offerings of Canal Zone material on the auction market during the first calendar quarter, Jan. 1 - Mar. 31, 2007. Even isolated placements of the better rarities were pretty much absent.

However, a few items of interest trod the boards. As given below for these the total selling price of hammer plus commission is shown first and is followed by the catalog value, in parenthesis, from the *2007 Scott Specialized Catalog*.

- 1, used, guarantee mark back shows through to front, o/w F-VF \$334 (\$425) Regency-Superior
- 2 var., colon between right PANAMA and bar, TG, H, F in margin bl. 4 w/

- 3 normals \$978 (\$1200) RA Siegel
- 3, XF, on F sl. reduced cover Ancon 7/6/04 to Culebra \$460 (\$325) RA Siegel
- 15, OG, H, a gum stain o/w XF w/ Ty. B "8" \$2760 (\$2600) RA Siegel
- 22a, horiz. pair imperf between, OG, H, VF+ \$1035 (\$1300) RA Siegel
- 46a, overprint reading down, TG, H, F-VF \$116 (\$375) Schiff
- 46b, double overprint, TG, H, VF \$345 (\$350) RA Siegel
- 48, sl. dist OG, H, F-VF \$275 (\$500) Schiff
- 48, OG, H, almost VF \$518 (\$500) RA Siegel
- 67, OG, H, F-VF \$288 (\$500) RA Siegel
- 71d, ZONE CANAL, OG, H, F \$332 (\$500) Schiff

- 86b, CANAL inverted, OG, H, VF in pair w/ normal \$748 (\$954) RA Siegel
- J14, OG, H, VF+ \$288 (\$225) RA Siegel
- CO11, OG (some short gumming at top), NH, no cancel \$748 (\$1250) RA Siegel
- O8, OG, H, CTO as always, F+ \$460 (\$650) RA Siegel
- U14, mint entire, VF \$196 (\$450) RA Siegel

The names and addresses of the auction house which made these offerings are as follows:

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St. Louis, MO 63156-8277

**Jacques C. Schiff, Jr., Inc.**  
195 Main St.  
Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660-1696

**Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc.**  
60 East 56th Street

## CZSG at WESTPEX 2007

April 2007 marked the 47th WESTPEX show, and the 38th consecutive year in which a meeting of the Canal Zone Study Group was held at WESTPEX. The Study Group meeting on Saturday had 16 members attending. Organized by Dick Salz, these meetings have regularly attracted a large number of Study Group members from the San Francisco region, other parts of California and other western states, as well as from other parts of the globe.

The meeting began with an introduction of members, and provided the opportunity for members to show philatelic items or discuss things of particular interest to them and to Study Group members present. David Zemer discussed the

availability of past issues of *The Canal Zone Philatelist* which has been scanned and will be distributed to members on DVD, so that the CZP archives are searchable.

Tom Brougham spoke about Mail Sales, past and future, and the desirability to have the Sales catalogue searchable as well. Dick Bates showed blown up illustrations of a potential newly discovered double transfer on Canal Zone Scott No. 93. Jim Cross inquired whether there are plate proofs of the overprint for 68-9.

There was some discussion of a recent article in *National Geographic* about a new lock system for the Panama Canal, as well as discussion of archival material of the French Canal Company, believed to be in Maryland, but evidently owned by the Depart-

ment of the Interior and not easily accessible. There were also comments about some new specimen material in Cherrystone auctions, primarily postal stationery.

Dick Salz described progress on the project begun 35 years ago to list all known genuine first series covers, and which now is up to about 660 covers - approximately 275 each of Scott Nos. 2 and 3, with the balance being No. 1 covers or combinations. Members were encouraged to send scans or photocopies to Dick so that they can be checked against the listing, and included if not currently there.

The meeting included a tribute to David Leeds, who had recently reached his 90th birthday.

**R.D. Bates**

## Third Northeastern Chapter Meeting

The 10th spring CZSG meeting was held at Philatelic Show 2007 in Boxborough MA (the third as NE Chapter) on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Attending were Alan Bentz, Elliot Coleman, Bill and Judy Conroy. Walter Paton came in briefly (he had a table at the Show), and one of our original organizers, George McHugh arrived too late for the meeting. Bill Fall, our star speaker for the last several years did not attend, nor did the many regulars. The primary reasons were: the cost of travel, aging, and ill health. The meeting was, however,

a success due to the outstanding material brought by Elliot Coleman. It included many rare and unique items never seen by us before, and the group was small enough that we could peruse it leisurely, which we did for two hours. Judy Conroy said "Bibs were handed out for those in need"...drooling over the material.

There were no Canal Zone exhibits per se at the show, but there was Canal Zone material. One was a FAM 5-1 letter from Miami to Cristobal addressed to Gerald Bliss - not as the Postmaster, but as "Past Potentate, Shrine Temple, Panama Canal Zone."

Of particular interest to your correspondent was a crash cover from the Hong Kong Clipper (Sikorsky S-42) that crashed on take-off from Antilla Cuba on August 8, 1944. I had flown on that very plane 6 months earlier en route to college from the Canal Zone.

We talked about keeping in touch with NE Chapter members via e-mail, and about members writing articles on their collections. These minutes will be disseminated to members for whom we have E-mail addresses with a plea for comments and a solicitation of short contributions of interest to members.

**Alan Bentz**

## CZSG MEETING AT NOJEX

Six members and one guest, attended a Regional Meeting of the CZSG on May 26, 2007, at NOJEX in Secaucus, NJ. George Campbell and Mike Demski served as co-hosts for the meeting. Other participating members were Elliot Coleman, Doug Hankin (with guest Len Frank), Bob Hubsmith, and Joe Murphy.

The main topic of discussion concerned the possibility of reactivating the North Jersey Chapter of the CZSG. The 'North Jersey Chapter' was the first CZSG regional group, founded in the early 1970s under the guidance of George Stilwell. Periodic meetings had been held at the home of the late Gene Stull, and at various stamp shows in the area, including NOJEX, CENJEX, and SOJEX.

Perhaps the most significant accomplishment of the North Jersey Chapter was the initiation and propagation of the annual CZSG Mail Sales. All attendees at this meeting agreed in principle to the re-establishment of a North Jersey Chapter, with a view towards a follow-up organizational meeting in September, 2007 (location and date TBA). Any other CZSG members interested in joining the North Jersey Chapter are invited to contact either Mike Demski ([kearney511@aol.com](mailto:kearney511@aol.com)) or George Campbell ([campgs@earthlink.net](mailto:campgs@earthlink.net)).

The NOJEX meeting continued with the customary "show and tell" session. Elliot Coleman showed an album of rare CZ postal stationery material, including mint and used examples of the "head only" and "frame only" er-

rors of Scott U1 and U2, various CZ registration envelopes (UF1,1a), and some previously unreported varieties of postal stationery. Doug Hankin displayed what he called a "basic" CZ collection, which included very nice examples of CZ Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 15! George Campbell brought a "mixed bag" assortment of covers illustrating various air mail rates from the Zone and a selection of "unsealed third class" rate covers (including legitimate solo usages of the ½ cent and 1½ cent Prexy overprints, No 118 and 119).

The meeting concluded after an hour, with all attendees scurrying back to the dealer area in search of more treasures.

**George Campbell**

## The Panama Line

By David J. Leeds and Alan P. Bentz

The following article is the fourth of a series on the history of the Panama Line.

### The new Panama Line Ships of 1939 - SS PANAMA

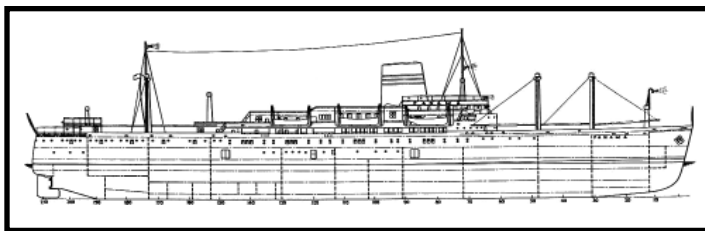
In spite of attempts by many to get the U.S. Government out of the shipping business, three new ships were ordered in 1937, the SS *Panama*, SS *Ancon*, and SS *Cristobal*. T.H. Rosbottom, Panama Line Vice-President, said of them when they were commissioned in 1939:

“A new kind of comfort and enjoyment of life at sea seemed to be needed. And so we set out three years ago to build a fleet of ships as beautiful, as modern, and as advanced in New World comforts as American skill and ingenuity could make them”[10].

They were designed by George C. Sharp and Raymond F. Loewy who created vessels “that indeed belonged to ‘The World of Tomorrow.’” They had many innovations – the most notable of which (other than clean lines) was that the Panama Line ships were the world’s first ships of fireproof construction [10], pioneered by George G. Sharp following the SS *Morro Castle* tragedy.

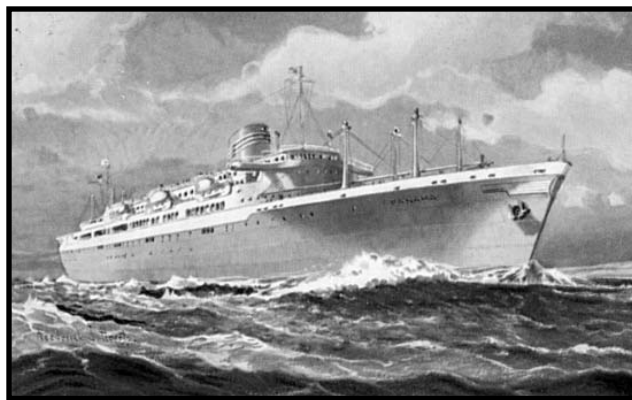
In addition, the passengers were grateful for a broader beam for the rough Caribbean, and having the new dining room placed below decks and amidships near the center of gravity. Passengers were accustomed to eating on the main deck toward the stern, and seeing their soup slosh back and forth in their bowls, until they felt the need to head out for fresh air. The tables on the older vessels had to be equipped with rails to keep the crockery from sliding off the table.

The ships sailed as The Panama Line with a large “P” on the bow to identify them. The first of the new vessels to be commissioned was the SS *Panama*. Its lines are shown in Fig. 27.



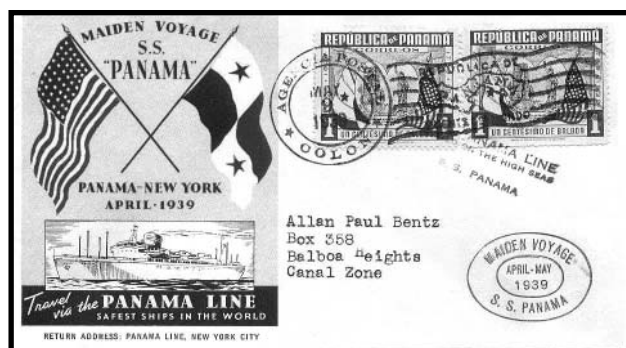
**Fig. 27. Line drawing of the SS Panama – first of three sister ships.**

The keels of the SS *Panama* and SS *Ancon* were laid down on October 25, 1937. The SS *Panama* was christened on September 24, 1938 by Mrs. Rachel de la Guardia de Boyd, wife of Dr. Don Augusto S. Boyd, Panama’s ambassador to the United States. The SS *Panama*’s maiden voyage was announced for March 30th with machinery tests on the 21st, and builder’s trials on the 28th. However, on March 25th the maiden voyage was set back to April 27th. It sailed to Cristobal via Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

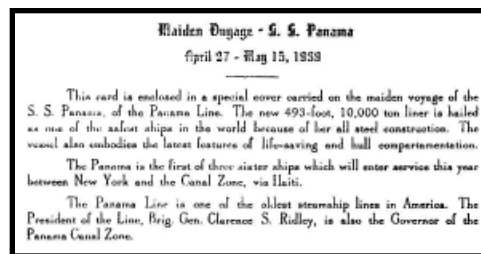


**Fig. 28. Post card of the new SS Panama**

Figure 29 shows one of many cacheted covers prepared for the Maiden Voyage of the *Panama*. Figure 30 shows the informational insert that accompanied the cover.



**Fig. 29. SS Panama Maiden Voyage Cover**



**Fig. 30. Insert with information on the vessel**

The SS *Panama*, skippered by Capt. E. J. Eriksen, first sailed from Quincy Shipyard to New York with 100 guests aboard on April 22, 1939, and tied up at Pier 65 North River at noon. T.H. Rosbottom and the noted industrial designer Raymond F. Loewy hosted a luncheon for 250 guests on the 25th. They departed on the 27th as scheduled with only 65 guests aboard, including George G. Sharp, and the line’s Vice-President W.R. Pfizer and Marine Superintendent W.K.B. Potts.

On May 3rd, SS *Panama* made a special passage with guests, including the Governor of the Canal Zone. She left Cristobal at 6:00 AM on May 3rd, and reached Balboa at 1:15 PM, and hosted 6,000 visitors. She returned to New York on May 17th with 170 passengers. The SS *Panama* is depicted in a 15c air mail postage stamp celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Canal Zone Air Mail, as well as the 25th Anniversary of the canal opening.

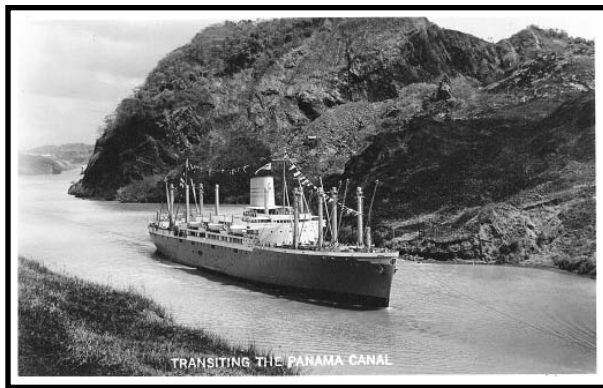
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Figure 31 shows a mock-up from which the stamp engraving was made. The stamp, one in a series of six, was printed in a light brown.



**Fig. 31. Mock-up of stamp from which engraving was made**

The vignette was done by Matthew D. Fenton, and the lettering and numerals by William B. Wells and James T. Vail [12]. Figure 32 is a post card showing the transit of the SS *Panama*.



**Fig. 32. SS Panama Transiting the Canal**

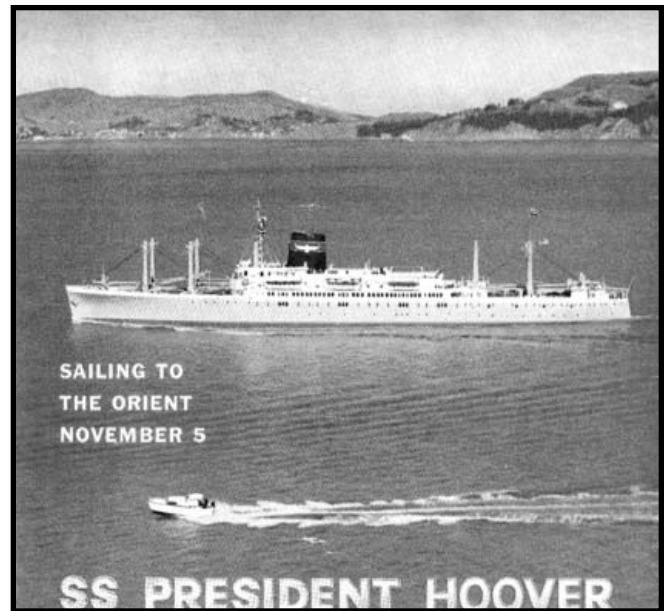
The SS *Panama* went into military service during WW II. It was to have become AP46 in the U.S. Navy, but instead remained in the Army Transport Service as U.S.A.T. *James Parker* [11].



**Fig. 33. U.S.A.T. James Parker**

After completion of her service during the war, the SS *Panama* was returned to the Panama Line on May 15, 1946. She was never rebuilt, but was upgraded during annual overhauls so that by June 1948 her accommodations were up to the level of her sisters. The formation of

the Panama Canal Company as a self-supporting entity made the passenger business unprofitable with the result that the SS *Panama* was put up for sale. She was sold to the American President Lines for \$5.7 million, and had her last voyage from Dec 28th to Jan 11, 1956. On Jan 14, 1957, it was announced that she would be renamed the SS *President Hoover*. On her delivery voyage she made her second peacetime transit of the Panama Canal. On February 11, 1957, the SS *President Hoover* sailed from San Francisco via Honolulu to Yokohama, Manila, Hong Kong, and Kobe [10].



**Fig. 34. Former SS Panama in new role as cruise ship to the Orient**

The SS *President Hoover* was deemed “too small and too slow to find a permanent place on the Pacific” run [11], but was used until a larger, faster vessel could be obtained. It sailed on its final voyage for the President Lines from April 13th - April 23, 1964. She was later sold to a Panamanian-registered affiliate of Chandris Cruises – International Cruises S.A. on December 2, 1964, and renamed the SS *Regina*, the first of the new Panama Line ships to leave U.S. registry.

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### **CZSG Call for Officer Nominations**

Please submit nominations, of interested members, for CZSG officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors at Large, to CZSG Secretary.

# 14th Infantry Regiment on the Zone in WWII

by Wayne Worthington

The United States Army adopted a three infantry regiment defense plan for the Panama Canal Zone for World War II. The three regiments (14th at Fort Davis, 5th at Camp Paraiso, and 33rd at Fort Clayton) all served under the command of the Panama Canal Department (PCD). All but the 14th also served in the Canal Zone in WWI.

The 14th Infantry Regiment arrived at Ft Davis on October 27, 1920, from its stateside base at Camp Grant, Illinois. The regiment trained hard at a number of stateside posts in preparation for an entry into WWI combat duty, but never got the call.

My earliest cover for the 14th is shown in Fig 1. It is an official War Department penalty cover from December 3, 1927. It was mailed by I Company from Gatun and is the only 14th Regiment cover I have mailed outside of Ft Davis.

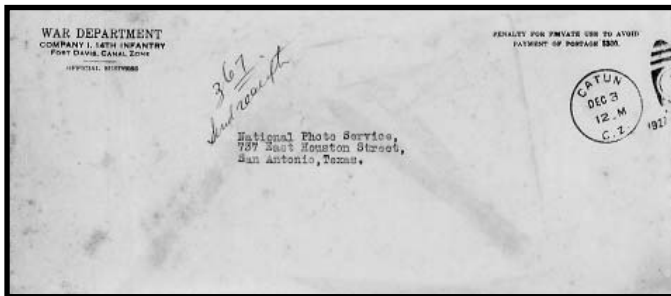


Fig. 1. Comp. I, 14th Infantry, Dec. 1927  
Ft. Davis

The history of the 14th in the Canal Zone is that of a primary ground defense force for the Atlantic portion of the Canal Zone. This included the beaches within the Zone bordering the Caribbean, support for overwatch of the Atlantic entrance to the Canal, guard duty of Gatun Locks, other vital installations in their area and shipboard guard teams escorting designated ships transiting the Canal from the Atlantic side. In addition, the 14th provided reaction units supporting Harbor Defense, Coastal Artillery, Engineer, Searchlight, Barrage Balloon and Post support units for Ft Sherman, Ft De Lesseps, Ft Gulick and San Lorenzo.

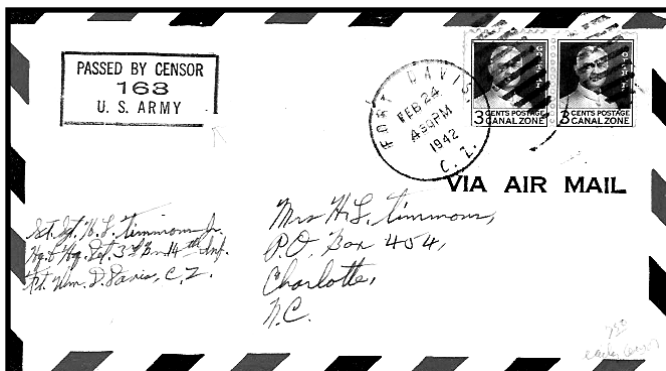


Fig. 2. 14th Infantry, Feb 1942, Ft. Davis  
Early Censor

Covers from the 14th in World War II show a variety of censor markings and frankings expected of a unit that served for 23 years in the Canal Zone. The cover in Fig 2 shows a duplex cancellation with the date, 1942, inside the circular cancel. This cover is also a good example of the provisional Censor marking used prior to the issue of the unit controlled hand stamp known as the oval in a box.

Figure 3 shows a Ft Davis small circular date stamp (CDS). This CDS has the APO inside the circle without an APO number in the cancel. Instead of a killer portion of the cancel, this one has 6 wavy lines. And unlike the other figures, there is no identification with the Canal Zone. Nor does the return address identify Ft Davis; just APO 829 and New Orleans in lieu of a Canal Zone reference. This cover was posted in late 1942 and shows the progress made in a short time to protect unit locations. The now standard unit censor handstamp was applied and this censor identifies himself as 1st Lt. U.S.A.



Fig. 3. 14th Infantry, Dec. 1942  
small APO cancel

The cover in Fig 4 was mailed from Ft Davis by a soldier of the Regiment's Anti-tank unit. This cover shows the year and APO number inside the large CDS. By regulation, the APO number was defaced. The cover also bears the oval in a box censor marking. This handstamp was an item of organizational issue and was signed for and controlled by the persons designated on unit orders as Military Censor (MC) and his assistant.



Fig. 4. Anti Tank, 14th Infantry, Au 194\_  
large APO 829 cancel

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On March 27, 1942, Congress passed Public Law 507 which provided free franking for soldiers and instructions on how to apply the marking. Figure 5 shows the application of the handwritten script FREE. The cover is also cancelled with a CDS with the date outside the cancel. This cover is also an example of censoring that was handwritten. The word censored was to be spelled out followed by censor's name, rank and letters MC. In this case the Captain substituted the identifier INF (Infantry) for the letters MC.

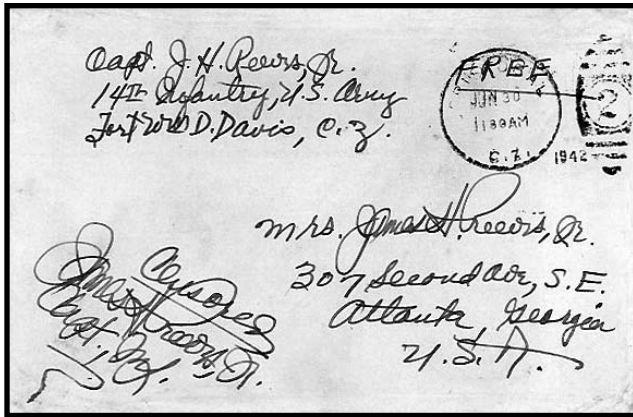


Fig. 5. 14<sup>th</sup> Infantry, June 1942, Ft. Davis  
FREE franking

As the war continued, it became apparent that a major ground attack on the isthmus was more unlikely every day. Regular Army units were being given quotas to provide trained soldiers as individual replacements and the 14th was one of the units tasked. Plans were then developed by

the Caribbean Defense Command, the PCD's senior command, to bring some Puerto Rican units to Panama and release Canal-based units for duty in the combat theaters. This plan was immediately contested by the Government of Panama who indicated they had an agreement with the United States that no colored troops would be assigned in the Zone. This was an incredible move as the Canal had been built by colored laborers from the Caribbean, but the demand was honored generally. Troops were screened and their files were labeled with the letter K. The subject of the assignment of these K troops is left for a future article.

The time finally arrived for the 14th to leave the Canal Zone and join units heading for the combat zones. On June 7, 1943, the 14th Infantry Regiment left the Canal Zone for Ft Carson to join the 71st Infantry Division for redeployment.

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### Web Sites:

[http://czimages.com/CZMemories/VAP/Davis/Ft\\_Davis\\_Index.htm](http://czimages.com/CZMemories/VAP/Davis/Ft_Davis_Index.htm)  
<http://1-14th.com/panama2.html>  
<http://1-14th.com/panama1.html>

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At Westpex this May Irwin Gibbs won another gold medal for his Canal Zone Stationery exhibit and has volunteered to make it available for scanning and loading onto our website.

### Documentation Scanning Project

Beta (not ready for distribution) CDs were handed out to members attending the Riverside APS show and Westpex. In addition all members of the CZSG Board of Directors have received a complete digital set of the *Canal Zone Philatelist* for review and testing. In particular please look for pages or issues missing. After I finished scanning the *Philatelists* I scanned all of the CZSG Mail Sales from 1986 to the present in searchable PDF format. A couple of our members have promised to mail me the first 14 Mail Sale Catalogues and Prices Realized and when they arrive these too will be scanned.

The power of having all of this information on a computer will allow all of us to search for almost any word or character-set and find all references and any photographs that go with the search.

### Next CZSG Meeting – APS StampShow 2007

The CZSG will have a meeting at the APS Show in Portland OR this August and I look forward to meeting more of our members there. As a bonus, members attending will receive a CD holding the first 125 Issues of the *Philatelist* in searchable PDF format.

### New Discoveries from the ABNC

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#### 1c U3 (UPSS3)

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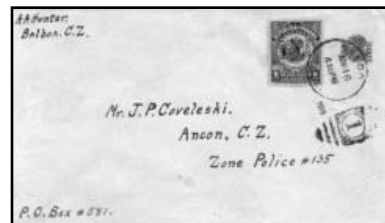
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