



91  
4E SET  
Both printings



#91  
TROPICAL GUM

Price 135.00 <sup>459-x</sup>



91  
Spacing  
varieties



91  
10mm  
9.5mm?  
8 spacings

91  
sketchy  
opt  
WR bottom  
Cont B



91  
shifted  
column

91  
sketchy  
opt  
WR bottom  
Cont B



10.0	9.3
9.0	9.0

91  
10mm  
spacing  
LR

Frame  
Page  
Category  
Examples

3  
43\* 43  
91c

Varieties created in ovpting - ZONE CANAL incl spacings - SE strips



91c  
ZONE  
CANAL





91c  
SE



Frame 3  
Page 45-46-45  
Category Varieties created in ovpting - various split ovpts  
Examples 91c almost, 86c almost;



split  
ovpt  
91  
↔



91  
CANAL  
shifted  
L



91  
work up  
UL  
ornament



91  
blob under  
E of zone



91  
work-up  
whisker  
under  
N



91  
specks  
below  
CANAL



91  
9.7mm



91  
line under  
N



91  
8.5mm



91  
8.3mm



91  
9.8mm



91  
shifted  
opt  
split



91  
broken  
Z



91  
9.5mm



91  
filled  
E



91  
4E



91  
C/Z









Broken  
in zone

91.A  
OG NHVF  
MCE PL.  
Block



18025



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17c Wilson with vertical work-up on  
pos. UL 9 and 19



17c Wilson with horizontal  
work-up



17c Wilson with similar work-up  
from top row of LL pane

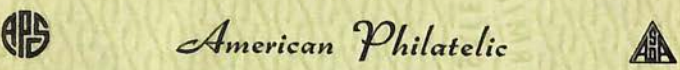
#### NOTES

1. Scans of plate proofs, generally at 125% of normal, are courtesy of the National Postal Museum of the Smithsonian Institution. Scans of overprint fonts are at 300% of actual size.
2. Certificates when available are indicated with the organization in the manner of "APS cert."
3. Varieties for which 10 or fewer are known or believed to exist are indicated with a ■.
4. New discoveries exhibited are described more fully in articles in *The Canal Zone Philatelist*. They include 12c and 30c double transfers and the wrong font varieties on 2<sup>nd</sup> printings of 5c Roosevelt and Postage Dues, certain spacing varieties on the 2c Washington with sharp A overprint, and the inverted overprint on cover shown on page 1.
5. Specialized references include *Canal Zone Stamps* by Gilbert N. Plass, Geoffrey Brewster, and Richard H. Salz, CZSG, 1985, sections 11-13 and *Encyclopedia of Plate Varieties on U.S. Bureau-Printed Postage Stamps*, Loran C. French, BIA, 1979.

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Use the No. assigned here →  
when referring to the opinion  
rendered by the Committee.

The  
American Philatelic  
Expertizing Service



Enclosed herewith for examination is the following item be-  
lieved to be:

Country Canal Zone Year Issued 1925  
Denomination 17c Color Black

Unused o.g.  Used  
 Mint never hinged  Unused part o.g.  
 Unused no gum

Cat. No. 91c Cat. Value \$140.00

Catalogue used Scott

Other information Block of 4, SE top and right

Wide spacing (8.8mm vs 7.6mm) UL stamp - of 10mm on right  
canal zone spacing - of 10mm on right  
pxiv

The item submitted has been previously expertized  yes,  no.  
If yes, give committee name and date

The following information is desired:

Is this a genuine block of 91c? Are the straight  
edges genuine, for the literature available does  
not list spacing variety in this or adjacent positions?

My remittance in the amount of ~~\$2.00~~ \$6.00 ~~\$8.00~~ ~~\$13.00~~  
(circle one) is enclosed as per the schedule set forth in Rule No.  
3. I am also enclosing the stamped addressed envelope required  
by Rule No. 4.

I have read and fully understand the Rules and Requirements  
and I accept them without qualification. I further certify that the  
item submitted is the property of the undersigned and if coverage  
against loss or damage is desired I will provide my own insurance.

Richard D. Bates, Jr.  
(signature)

Owner's Item No. 91c-1 Date submitted 10 April 76

Name RICHARD D. BATES, JR.

Address PG Box 40588, Philadelphia Sta.

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City Bates - CZSG 450 State PA Zip No. 19127

APS No. \_\_\_\_\_, ASDA Member APS 67304

MOUNT ONLY ONE STAMP, PAIR, BLOCK OR COVER IN  
THIS SPACE. MOUNT THEM SO IT CAN BE EASILY RE-  
MOVED FOR EXAMINATION BUT BE SURE THE MOUNT  
IS CLOSED OR FOLDED SO THE ITEM WILL NOT ACCI-  
DENTALLY SLIDE OUT. A SMALL ACETATE OR GLASSINE  
ENVELOPE IS RECOMMENDED.



Members of The American Philatelic Expertizing Service have  
examined the item submitted and it is their opinion that it is  
Scott No. 91c, unused, o. g., genuine in all respects. Block

of four, positions 9, 10, 19, 20 with 10mm  
spacing variety on pos. 20 of LH pane.

James T. DeVos  
(APS Authorized Signature)  
Phillip T. Robbins  
(ASDA Authorized Signature)

Date AUG 3 1976