

corrected as printing using t



**1/2c Hale stamp with horizontal
work-up above CANAL**



**1/2c Hale stamp with horizontal
work-up below CANAL on top stamp**

70-81
Flat
As



70
workup
to R of
zone



70
workup
L of zone





72
workup



1 1/2 c Harding with horizontal
work-up above ZONE





in Cleveland - collar - hair (?) UNIT ^{outer frame (?)}
 CZ #76 CHOICE + FRESH MH Price 40-



Style No. GK 102BK



faint
ghost
image
UL circle
in CLEVELAND
etc



76 box L
margin
layout line





2 Printings
#80
Red litac 9.7mm
Line 8.5mm







OVERPRINTED FOR USE IN THE CANAL ZONE

Issue of 1925

First Overprinting



Second Overprinting



There were two printings of this overprint, easily distinguishable. In first tops of "A's" in "Canal" are open, in second the "A's" are filled. First printing on darker olive brown stamps.

Overprinting Space Varieties



Normal 9½MM spacing
between "Canal" & "Zone"



Left pair 7 3/4 spacing,
right pair 9½MM

Progressive Upward Shift of Overprint



● Official Mail Stamp (First Printing)



Official mail to the U. S. & foreign countries required special franking, furnished by the QM from 1915 to 1941. Airmail & ordinary postage stamps were perforated with the letter "P" in up to 8 orientations, using a discarded Panama Railroad perforator with "rPr" modified to a simple "P". A recent survey recorded 14 unused, 4 used, & no covers for this half-cent.

INCORRECT SLUG PLACEMENT - SHIFTS, SPACING VARIETIES

While misfeeding of paper into the press can shift the overprint on the entire pane of stamps to produce split overprints and CANAL only, ZONE only, and ZONE CANAL varieties, a shift of one of the slugs within the overprint form can produce changes in alignment of the CANAL and ZONE impressions. In an extreme case, a shift of one word of the overprint caused it to lie partially off the stamp. This is very unusual, and only one example shown below exists on U.S. stamps overprinted by the BEP. On this stamp the CANAL on position 4 LL is shifted between 7 1/4 and 8 mm to the left.



17c Wilson with CANAL in the CANAL ZONE overprint shifted significantly to the left

Spacing varieties occur between the CANAL and ZONE slugs in the overprint. Unlike most printings of the sharp A stamps which had a 9.2 mm spacing between CANAL and ZONE, on the 2c Washington the normal spacing is 11 mm. There is a prominent spacing variety on an unknown position with a spacing between CANAL and ZONE between 8.5 and 8.75 mm. Additional spacing varieties of 9.5, 10.5, 11.2, and 11.8 mm are known.

2c Washington with 8.7 mm spacing between CANAL and ZONE on the LL stamp; the block also shows an 11.8 mm spacing on the UL stamp



2c Washington with 9.5 mm spacing between CANAL and ZONE on the UL stamp; the other three stamps have the normal 11.0 mm spacing



2c Washington with 11.2 mm spacing between CANAL and ZONE on the UL stamp; the other three stamps exhibit the normal 11.0 mm spacing



2c Washington with 10.5 mm spacing between CANAL and ZONE on the LR stamp; the CANAL to ZONE spacing is the normal 11.0 mm on the other three stamps in the block



84-95
Sheep A
unused





76
very
heavy
impression



76
possible
DT
or heavy
inked



Single Block Plate Block
89 X F Selling Price 95





← OK
fake →











103
gutter
snipe





115
CANAL



116
gutter
stripes







rt
stamp
broken
L





Canal Zone: #00 # 80 P
 Left side SE blk of 15 M Dist OG.
 On left side, top 3 and bottom stamps have overprint raised above rest of row on sheet. Not listed in CZSG
 Book. FVF-FVF+
 \$100.00





87
flange at
T
ZONE
on some



ebay from
Dennis
Nov 08
DIT at 5



#77 * [+] w/ selvage
NH Very Fine
P. O. Fresh!
15F06-61





5

#92 GEM 100 OG \$250.00
 Canal Zone. Carmine Rose. Perfectly centered. Slightly tropicalized original gum. (The gum on this stamp is fresher than the vast majority of copies I've seen)
 Lot: 144063 Gradedstamps.com



91
 with shifted
 CANAL

93425 *broken*
N 90* Price 5.50



Style No. GK 102a



93
2nd printing
vs light 25
left + etc
+ residue of
production



Frame 4
 Page 54
 Category Varieties created in ovpting - work-ups
 Examples 70, 72



93
 Bk foot
 Al canal



93
 hole Al
 CANAL



93 H 934 all handys #2 5.75 Price _____



89 VAR
 MINT
 FVF NH
 FAIR ONE
 WITH "BROKEN
 AL"
 60.00



Style No. GK 102BK



smudge
lines
rt pz



Frame 4
Page 59
Category
Examples

Varieties created in ovpting - shifted - lines under N; L/E/

0

87b

*Five
Under
'N' of
Zone
CANAL*



J17b



*71
Spur on A
LR
broken N
UR*



31

74
8.5mm
spacing



Style N



93
c/2



93
45



Broken letters - ZCNE;



89
broken
in CANAL
early stage





Various
with
line under
N



70-1
spacings
in pairs



96
broken
L



76
reperf L



Possible
varieties



84
faint L



Plate #
single
on stamp



92
broken
E



88
diagonal
line LR



76
plate
smear
(of heavy
inking)



85
sharp
impression
along
T edge



92
overprint
faint at R



93
broken
AI



92
L/E



92
broken
O



92
broken
N



87
shifted
opt



93
Smear
in lower
part 30c



broken
N



97
spacing
var



90
work-up
under
C 46



85
work-up
under
N
LR



96
SPACING VARS. ONLY

4.3mm
4.7
4.8
4.65
4.6
4.65



The same broken inner
 serif N of CANAL
 Perf. 10-2nd P. 11x10 1/2 lot



Above defective N is Position 61
 on the 14 P. 11x10 1/2



1st. P. 11x10 1/2
 the flat. A
 No. 72
 on the 14
 P. 11x10 1/2



this defective N on the 14 P. 11x10 1/2
 is No. 47 of the sheet.



1st
 P. 11x10 1/2
 this
 defective
 foot A is Position No. 56
 on the 14 P. 11x10 1/2



100
 plate
 up





Minor
overprint
and
plate var.
scratches etc



Plate Wiper



1014102
Foot on A
46 Split
72 split



offsets



Vertical
orange
line ok



96
Spacing
var
4.75 mm
not listed C256



84 m
L stamp with
broken N
in CANAL



91
Zunder 2nd A
91.1a

91
shifted
comprint
split zone
at T
none at B



91
Set aside
unknown
reason



91
line in T of CENTS



91
CANAL
slightly
split
appears on
parts at B





96
TOP STAMP 4 1/2 MM SP.
PLATE # POS. 4.75 MM SP.





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Comptroller Gen
+ Spec Stamps for

41 DT at top / 14¢ DT bottom ?
12¢ (2) DT "

Price _____













289
Cutter
Simple



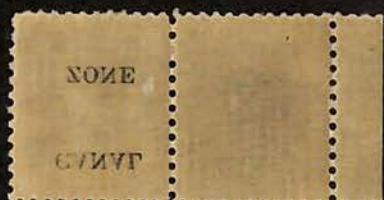
(29) (30)

foldovers



(29) (30)

opposite





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EXPERT COMMITTEE

We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and *described by the applicant* as follows:

Country: CANAL ZONE

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
86e	1926	5¢	dark blue

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

UNUSED, OG, OVERPRINTED "ZONE CANAL".

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE, WITH TROPICALIZED O.G. *****



For The Expert Committee
Chairman

Photocopies of this Certificate are not valid.

Submitted by

MARK STUCKER



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American Philatelic
Expertizing Service



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Enclosed herewith for examination is the following item believed to be:

Country Canal Zone

Cat. No. 97 var Cat. Value uncatalogued
(Enter one number only)

- Unused o.g. Unused part o.g. Used
 Unused no gum On cover

Catalogue used Scott Special Year 2010

Other information Stamp is rotary press but
prints are 10(T+B) x 11(L+R)

The item submitted has been previously expertized yes, no.

If yes, give committee name _____

Opinion re _____

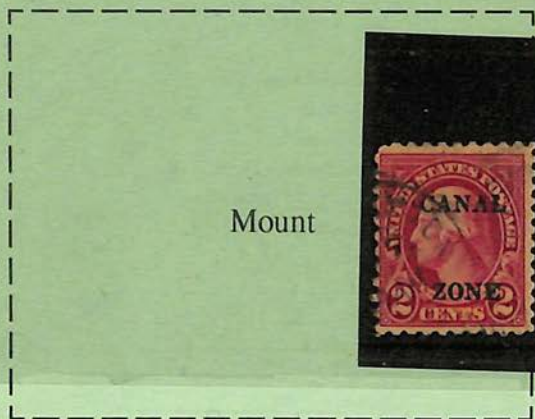


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The following information is desired:

Stamping appears to be genuine CANAL ZONE
Type Bvoopt with Fort Clayton postmark.
Measures as rotary press - perf gauge
is 10 at Top + Bottom, 11 at L+R.
Are perfs genuine or is it reperfed? Is
CANAL ZONE overprint applied to printer's
waste or should it be 11x10 rather than
10x11 if that were to be the case?

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



Mount



American Philatelic Society

Expert Committee Report

Members of the American Philatelic Expertizing Service have examined the item submitted and it is their opinion that it is:

Canal Zone, single from Scott No.97b booklet pane, used, genuine, thins and tears, reperforated at right.



W. R. M.

(APEX Authorized Signature)

G. M. B.

(Administrator Signature)

No. 193922

Date: 1/14/2011

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Expert Committee Report

Members of the American Philatelic Expertizing Service have examined the item submitted and it is their opinion that it is:

Canal Zone, Scott No. 81, used, genuine, light vertical creases and tiny paper flap.



Robert E. Lamb

(APEX Authorized Signature)

C. M. ...

(Administrator Signature)

No. **154076**

Date: **3/22/2004**

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PHILATELIC GEMS OF THE CANAL ZONE - INCLUDING THE THATCHER BRIDGE ERROR

INTRODUCTION

When the U.S. government began operations in 1903 in the strip of land on which the Panama Canal was eventually built, the newly formed Canal Zone government quickly realized that it could not rely on the postal system of Panama to service its needs. It created the Canal Zone Postal Service (CZPS) which operated from June 24, 1904 until September 30, 1979 when the first step in returning the Panama Canal to Panama took place.

OBJECTIVE OF THE EXHIBIT

This exhibit shows representative stamps of the Canal Zone, a U.S. Possession listed in the back of the *Scott Specialized Catalogue*, from each of the major philatelic periods of the CZPS, and links the stamps issued during those periods to the historic and political climate in the Canal Zone and Panama at the time. In addition, representative examples of errors, freaks, and oddities from each period are included, reflecting the types of mistakes unique to Canal Zone stamps from each of these major periods.

ORGANIZATION OF THE EXHIBIT

The exhibit is organized chronologically presenting representative stamps and errors from each of the periods of Canal Zone philately:

- 1) The provisional first series stamps valid for 24 days beginning on June 24, 1904
- 2) The first overprinted U.S. stamps valid only until December 12, 1904 due to Taft agreement
- 3) The map stamps of Panama created from stamps of Colombia and overprinted CANAL ZONE
- 4) The portrait and other stamps of Panama printed by Hamilton and American Bank Note Companies and overprinted CANAL ZONE
- 5) The second phase of U.S. stamps overprinted beginning in 1924 by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) after the abrogation of the Taft Agreement
- 6) Stamps prepared by the BEP specifically for use in the Canal Zone beginning in 1928.

This year celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the opening of the Panama Canal in 1914. The final period of Canal Zone stamps includes both the 25th and 50th Anniversary series, as well as the 4c Thatcher Bridge stamp issued in 1962; an example of the missing bridge error on this stamp is included in the exhibit.



Thatcher Ferry Bridge as it appears today