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Panama Lantern Slide Set

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Historical Note: The Panama Canal Zone, known also as the Canal Zone, was a concession of the United States in the Isthmus of Panama from 1903 to 1979. On October 1, 1979, the zone was incorporated back into Panama. During its existence, the area of the Canal Zone consisted of the canal, its capital Balboa, and the area extending five miles on each side of the centerline but excluding Panama City and Colón. The United States military maintained a presence in the Canal Zone and surrounding area during the building of the canal and subsequent years. Gorgas Hospital was the U.S. Army hospital in Panama City which served the military, dependent, and local population. The Canal Zone was created on November 18, 1903, from the territory of Panama during the signing of the Hay–Bunau-Varilla Treaty, which allowed for the construction of the canal itself, within the territory by the United States.

Scope and Content Notes: This lantern slide collection was assembled by the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology or the Army Medical Museum, probably for teaching purposes and focuses on the topic of Panama, primarily showing sanitation and insect control efforts. It also includes images of the local population, housing, and hospitals.

BOX AND CONTENT LIST

Box 001: Scenes in Panama

00001. Title card: The Panama Canal Zone

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- 00002. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, scene"
- 00003. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, Mangrove trees."
- 00004. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, scene."
- 00005. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, mosquito control. Mosquito Control: Galeta Island of Ft Randolph, Draining canals."
- 00006. "Sanitation, Panama, Photo, scene"
- 00007. "Ancon Hospital Laboratory and Crematorium."
- 00008. "Ancon Hospital, Quarters of Physician."
- 00009. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, scene."
- 00010. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, scene, tent camp."
- 00011. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, scene, landscape."
- 00012. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, Gorgas Hospital, typical residence."
- 00013. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, scene." Depicts bamboo walls/hut."
- 00014. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, scene." Depicts palm trees in background."
- 00015. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, scene." Depicts thatch hut village."
- 00016. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, family."
- 00017. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, wood sculpture."
- 00018. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, scene." Depicts thatch hut and palm tree foreground."
- 00019. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, scene." Depicts thatch huts in background."
- 00020. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, children."
- 00021. "Sanitation, Panama, photo, scene."
- 00022. "Street in Colón before leaving."
- 00023. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, scene." Depicts cut tree trunk stairs to window."
- 00024. "Dry fill on which Colón is built."
- 00025. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, scene." Depicts watery lagoon land area."
- 00026. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, Mangrove trees. Roots of mangrove trees near Ft. Randolph, Panama."
- 00027. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, scene." Depicts U.S. Army individual standing with native, in front of thatch hut.
- 00028. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, scene." Depicts thatch hut with roof.
- 00029. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, scene." Depicts canoe and men standing outside thatch hut.
- 00030. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, scene." Depicts an island covered by tents.
- 00031. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, wood sculpture." Depicts man standing with wood sculpture.
- 00032. "Sanitation, P.I. 1922. Sleeping dogs."
- 00033. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, scene." Four men standing in a clearing.
- 00034. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, scene." Swampy area.

00035. "Palo Seco Leper colony; Institution laundry on left, in middle distance, laundry for individual work, at back kitchen for individual cooking. March 16, 1922."
00036. "Palo Seco Leper colony, Panama showing one of the new buildings, Pacific on left."
00037. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, citizen."
00038. "26-P-13, Administration building in Balboa, under construction. Looking east. September 25, 1913."
00039. Depicts aerial view of Panama land.
00040. "Concreted patio, Panama."
00041. "Palo Seco Leper colony, central square living quarters on each side, 16 March 1929."
00042. "Palo Seco Leper colony: New dispensary building completed in 1925. Basement of concrete and super structure of wood, completely screened. It contains an operating room, a drug room, and two wards above, and officer and storerooms in the basement."
00043. "Hospital car for the daily transfer of patients to Gorgas Hospital."
00044. "175 Bt City at Panama interior of market during business hours. May, 1922."
00045. "27-F23, Administration building and Balboa hills from top of Ancon hill."
00046. "Model settlement for colored employees of Panama Canal."
00047. "Gorgas Institute, Panama City."
00048. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, women and children."
00049. "No. 15 Hydraulic Dredge (grader #1) sluicing Gold Hill"
00050. "Malaria, scene in Panama. Photo x."
00051. "Malaria, scene in Panama, Photo."
00052. "46197 Construction Period, C.S. Fill at Pacific entrance 1911. Quarter, C.Z." Permanent town (La Boca) for colored employees. Constructed on fill at Pacific terminus canal."
00053. "Palo Seco Leper Colony."
00054. "49258 Culebra cut. Culebra. Deepest excavated portion of Panama Canal. Showing Gold Hill on right and Contractors Hill on left, June 1913."
00055. "No. 16: Another view of Gold Hill slide being sluiced by hydraulic dredge. On the hill may be seen the former Administration Building of the Panama Canal, used now as a barrack at Gaillard."
00056. "49269: Mosquito control. D. St. Colón from 11th St. Looking North, December 1908."
00057. "185, X18, Miraflores Purification Plant, 2 May 1922."
00058. "234-X16, Hospital, Ancon CZ, Superintendent's house. August 1919."
00059. "284-G Ancon Hospital, Entrance to Section A and B. Sept. 20, 1920."
00060. "Roots of mangrove trees near boardwalk, Ft. Randolph, CZ. 30 August 1933."
00061. "Articles made by insane patients, Corozal Hospital for the Insane."

- 00062. Depicts large institution.
- 00063. "284 G Ancon Hospital Entrance to Section A and B, Sept. 2, 1920."
- 00064. "Administration – Clinics Building, Ancon Hospital."
- 00065. "Home of General Gorgas, Ancon Canal, June."
- 00066. "315 C, Albajurla [Alajuela?] Camp No. 1. February 14, 1929."
- 00067. "283-X12, Ancon Hospital, Admitting Office and Dispensary. August 1919."
- 00068. "Typical Cell – Penitentiary, Gamboa, C.Z."
- 00069. "Penitentiary Gamboa, C.Z."

Box 002:

- 00001. "26.5 X 1/2 Quarters for Silver employees, La Boca, C Z. April, 1920."
- 00002. "26 P52 Administration Building and vicinity. Looking eastward. Ancon Hill in the distance. May 1920."
- 00003. "284-X2, Ancon Hospital. Laboratory and Crematorium, Aug. 1919."
- 00004. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, Scene." Depicts child in middle of thatch hut village."
- 00005. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, Tough guy." Depicts child smoking a cigarette.
- 00006. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, scene." Depicts a man woodworking on a log.
- 00007. "Crab Holes, C.Z. Disease Transmitting mosquitoes practically never breed in these holes."
- 00008. "27-F23 Administration building and Balboa Hills from top of Ancon Hill. Looking Northwest, Nov. 1919."
- 00009. "283-B A typical French residence – Anton."
- 00010. "Fruiting 3-year-old chaulmoogra tree (Hydnocarpus) at Corozal Hospital Garden."
- 00011. "Panama R.R. Interior of Hospital Car."
- 00012. "Fruiting 3-year-old chaulmoogra tree (Hydnocarpus) in Corozal Hospital Garden."
- 00013. "Ships at North end of Pedro Miguel Locks awaiting transit. Miraflores Lake beyond."
- 00014. "115-C, D street Colón, Looking South Dec. 1908."
- 00015. "450-A11, Cño saddle dike contract. East from dike. Tug and barge load of equipment leaving for Gatun. April 28, 1914."
- 00016. "35-B Culebra cut, opposite Paraiso, North of P.R.R. bridge No. 57 ½. Shovel working at bottom of canal. June 1911."
- 00017. "45-E, D street Colón, from 11th. Street, looking North. December 1908."
- 00018. "Palo Seco Leper Colony – a case of nodular leprosy and a bride."
- 00019. "Ancon Hospital Entrance to grounds."
- 00020. "Ancon Hospital from roof of Turvli Hotel. Ancon Hill in background."
- 00021. "Gorgas Road by Ancon Hospital. Pacific Ocean in left background."

- 00022. "Ancon hospital interior grounds."
- 00023. "Ancon hospital." Depicts a French residence on grounds.
- 00024. Depicts large building on Ancon hospital grounds.
- 00025. "Colón Hospital."
- 00026. "Corozal Hospital."
- 00027. "50470 Gorgas Hospital aero place view. Photo of modern plant made 1932."
- 00028. "640 G 49 – Palo Seco Leper Colony from the sea. March 16, 1923."
- 00029. "Construction Days – Culebra cut looking north. New breeding places created daily."
- 00030. "Sanitation, Panama. Photo, scene." Depicts village men and boys in front of a hut."