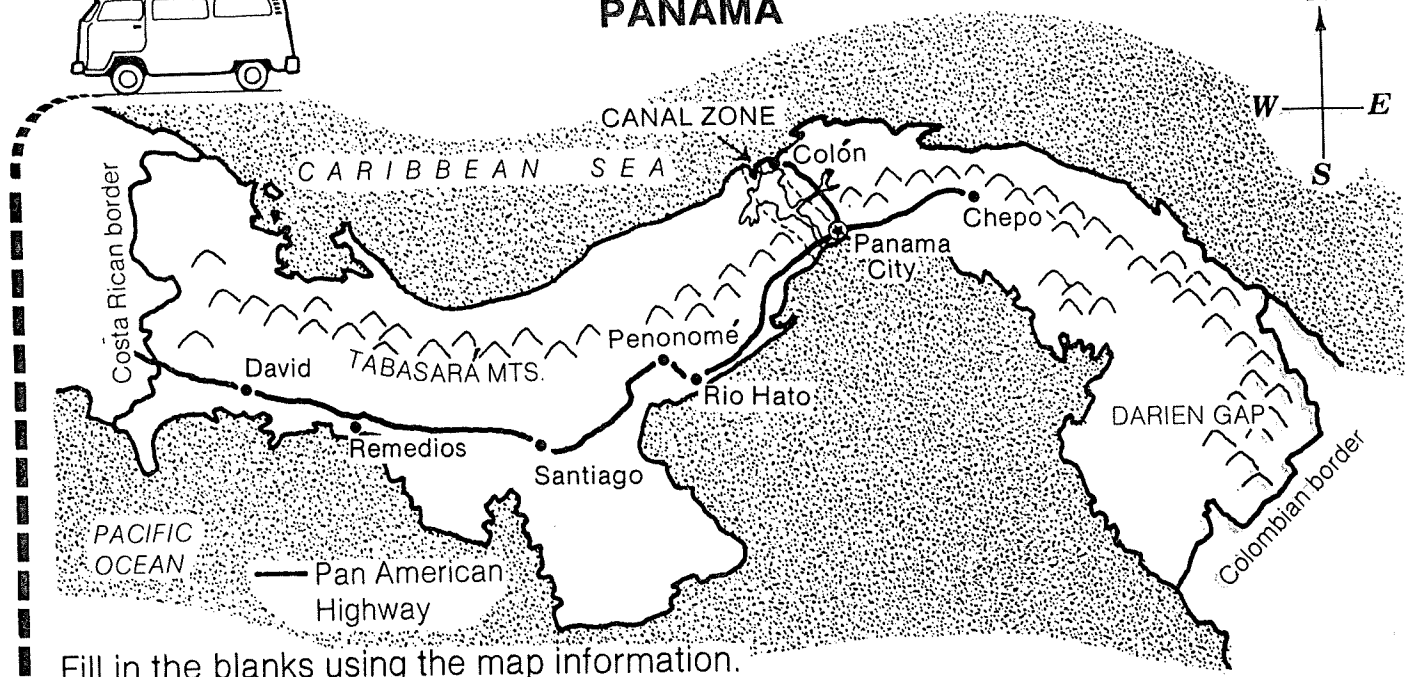
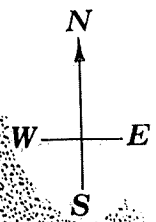
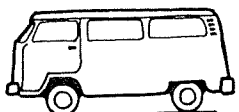


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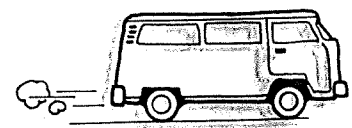


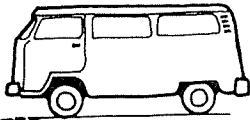
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Dear Diary,

As we leave the Costa Rican border, we travel down the south west side of the \_\_\_\_\_. Their crest separates the waters of the hemisphere, with water flowing down to the \_\_\_\_\_ on one side and the Atlantic Ocean on the other. We pass through green, tropical countryside and the charming old colonial towns of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and on to \_\_\_\_\_ on the coast. Resorts here are popular for swimming and fishing. The cool mountain resorts on the \_\_\_\_\_ attract many visitors. Now, it's on to \_\_\_\_\_, the capital of the republic. We will wait for a freighter to take us through the \_\_\_\_\_, and on to Venezuela. The Pan American Highway is interrupted at \_\_\_\_\_, 186 miles from the \_\_\_\_\_, because the \_\_\_\_\_ jungles are too dense to complete the road at this time. North of \_\_\_\_\_, the Highway goes to \_\_\_\_\_ on the coast of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Today's journey has been long — 300 miles from the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. Tomorrow, we will visit the Presidential Palace, the National Theater, and the National Museum. I hope we will have time to tour the Summit Botanical Garden where every tropical tree, plant, and flower from all over the world is experimentally grown. Good night!

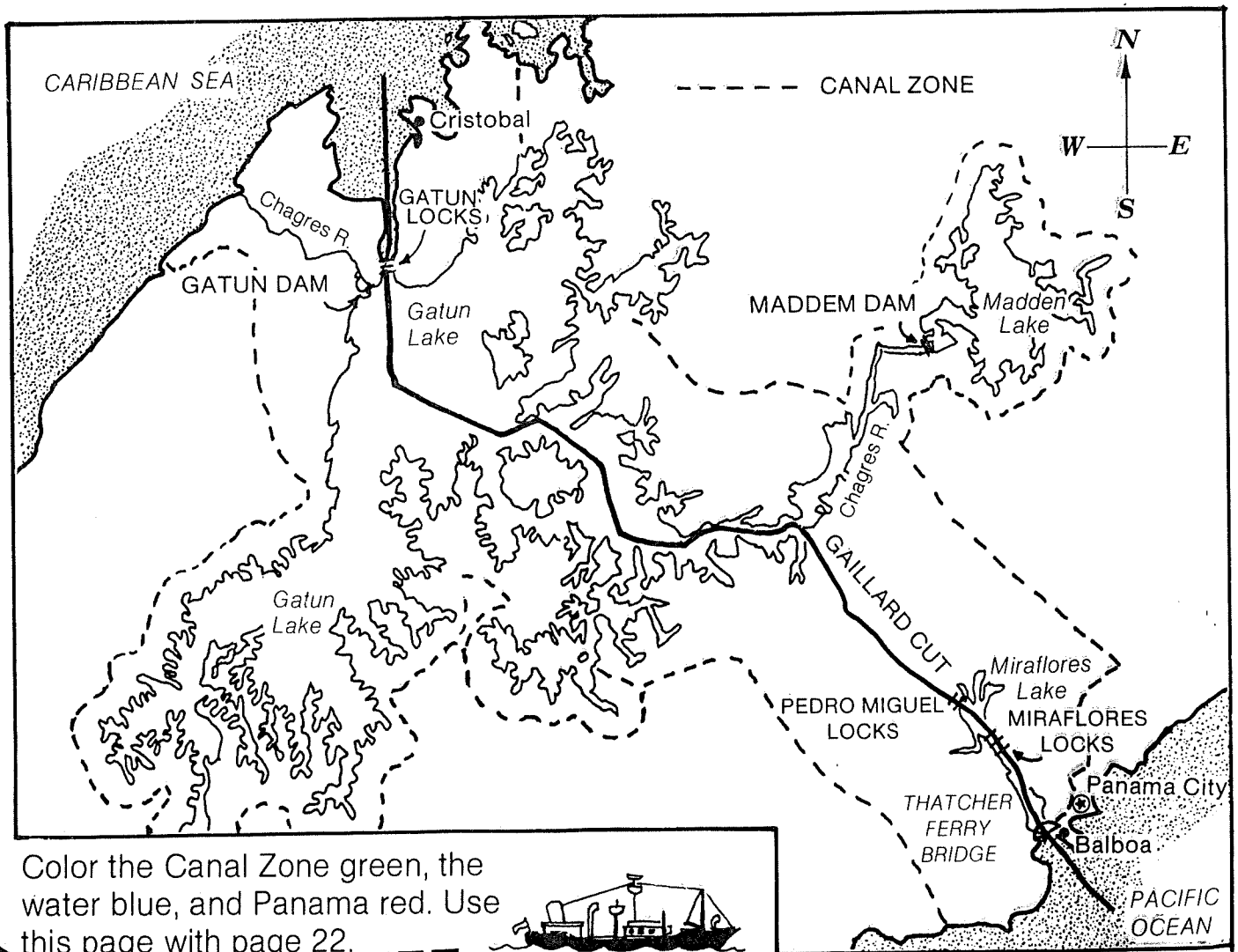




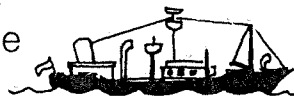
## PANAMA CANAL ZONE

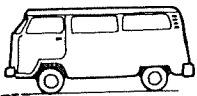
We say good-bye to Panama City and to Central America. We will go back west to Balboa, a city that stands at the Pacific end of the Panama Canal. It was named after Vasco Nunez de Balboa, a Spanish explorer who was the first European to see the eastern shore of the Pacific Ocean in 1513. He claimed its shores for Spain. That opened the Spanish conquest of South America. In Balboa, we find mostly American citizens who work for the Panama Canal Company, the United States government, or the United States Army.

The Canal Zone splits the Republic of Panama entirely in half. The boundaries are five miles on either side of the canal. The building of the 50-mile canal, in the early 1900's, by the United States, enabled ships traveling between New York and San Francisco to save about 7,800 miles by not having to go around the tip of South America. A treaty, in 1903, gave the United States the rights to govern the Canal Zone and to operate the canal. This has always caused hard feelings with the Panamanians. A new treaty has been negotiated, which will return the Canal Zone to Panama by the year 2000.

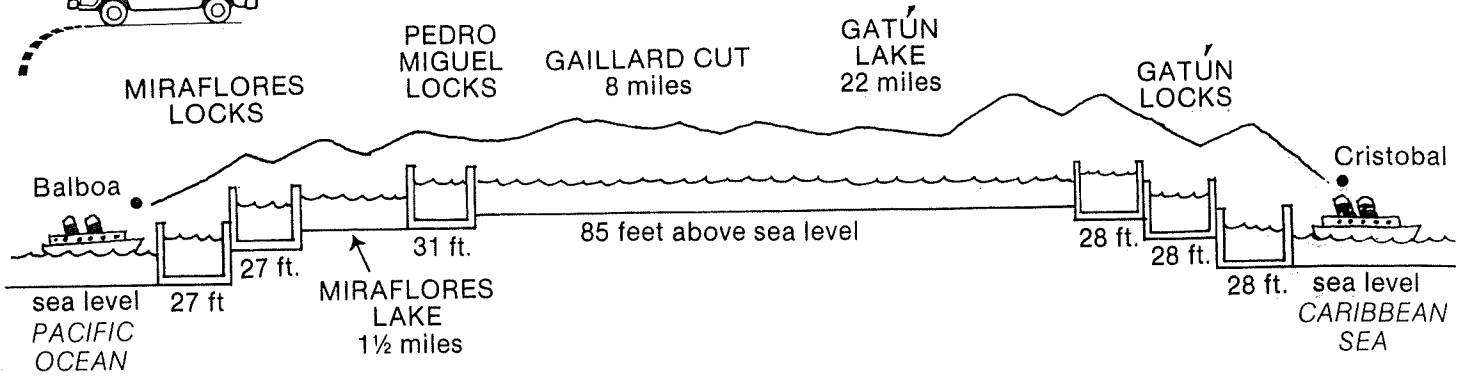


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# PANAMA CANAL ZONE (continued)



A freighter carries our van from Balboa, under the Thatcher Ferry Bridge, and to the Panama Canal. The bridge is named for the American congressman who worked to convince the government to build the canal. A special pilot comes aboard to guide our ship through the canal. First, we enter the Miraflores Locks which has two chambers which raise and lower the water level. "Mules," small electric locomotives, run on each side of the locks and pull our ship through. We then enter the Miraflores Lake and 1½ miles ahead we enter the Pedro Miguel Locks. From there we go through the Gaillard Cut, an 8-mile long, 500 feet-wide channel cut through the hills. Then, we enter Gatún Lake which was created by damming the Chagres River. We travel 22 miles to where we pass Gatún Dam. We have three chambers to go through in the Gatún Locks, and then, just 7 miles to Limón Bay, the harbor of Cristobal on the Caribbean Sea. Our 50-mile journey has taken about 8 hours.

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