

After a drive around the city and out to abandoned army posts, to one or two beaches we decided we'd better "head for" Balboa. We wished to make the trip before dark, since I was driving and just two other women with me.

As I told you in the beginning, ^{I was intending to,} I returned by the Madden Dam road. Did you make the trip out there when you were here? I can't remember how long ago the dam was constructed but it must have been twelve or fifteen years ago.

The road is beautiful! Cut right thru the jungles for many miles and the trees & vines are thicker than you can imagine - It is rather winding and it is a pleasure if you drive slowly and "observe" - birds, small animals, pretty butterflies, the flowers and lush vegetation. The bridge across the famous Chagres River holds your attention for a while - We passed the "new" road to Balboa, the Summit radio towers & golf club, then along the very banks of the Canal past Pedro Miguel Locks, Red Bank, Ft. Clayton,