

Perth 8 July 1930, Fitzroy Crossing 13 July

WYNDHAM

361 items were carried from Wyndham to Derby.



Wyndham 15 July 1930, Derby 17 July



Wyndham 15 July 1930, Fitzroy Crossing 16 July

Over 160 items posted from Wyndham were registered.



Wyndham 15 July 1930, Roebourne 20 July, boxed Unclaimed, Roebourne 4 August, Dead Letter Office Perth 11 August



Wyndham 15 July 1930

FITZROY CROSSING



Fitzroy Crossing 15 July 1930, Broome 17 July, Perth 21 July, Mt Lawley 22 July



Hall's Creek 14 July 1930, Broome 17 July, Roebourne 20 July, boxed Unclaimed, Roebourne 4 August, Dead Letter Office Perth 11 August



Cover from Ace Trucking, 200 Duncan Highway, Hall's Head. Terone St is in Hall's Creek. Paid 4½d for ½ ounce letter by air via Wyndham but no backstamp so may have missed the flight. Hall's Creek 15 July 1930

OFF ROUTE CONNECTIONS

MARBLE BAR



Marble Bar 21 April 1933

DOORAWARRAH



Dorrawarrah 2 September 1933

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The Government Actuary.

Treasury Buildings

Barrack Street.

PERTH.

Gascoyne Junction 20 July 1931, received 28 July

SHARK'S BAY

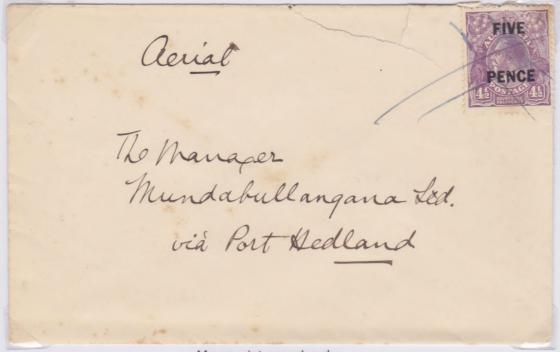


Shark's Bay 19 April 1933



Roebourne 24 ? 1931

UNIDENTIFIED



Manuscript cancel, n.d.

BY AIR MAIL





The Government Statistician,

PERTH.

W. A.

IF NOT DELIVERED WITHIN 7 DAYS
RETURN TO

WYNDHAM MEATWORKS, BOX 481 G: G.P.O. PERTH.

2d postage, 6d air mail = 8d for one ounce letter. Per Air Mail cachet. Wyndham 25 August 1931, received 1 September





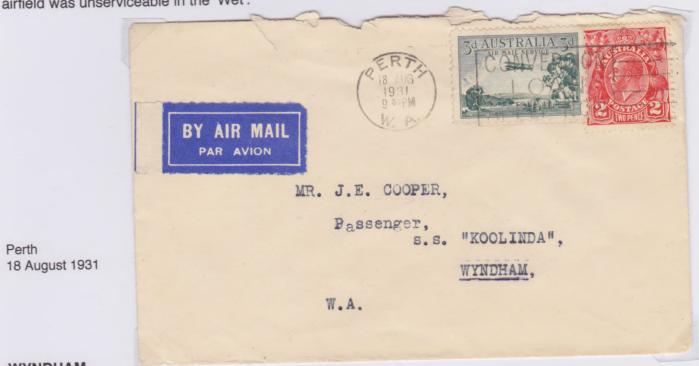
The Government Actuary, Central Government Buildings, Barrack Street, PERTH.

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WYNDHAM MEATWORK

WYNDHAM MEATWORKS, BOX 481 G: G.P.O. PERTH. Perth-Wyndham PERTH

COMMERCIAL MAIL

Some mail was carried related to State Ships, meat abattoir and shipping connections to Netherlands East Indies and Singapore. The route only operated 8 months of the year as the airfield was unserviceable in the 'Wet'.



WYNDHAM

PUZZLE

This printed First Flight Cover is puzzling as it was not carried on the first MMA flight to Daly River and onwards to Sydney nor on the first MMA flight from Wyndham as both these were in October 1934. It could have been carried on the last WAA southbound flight from Wyndham or associated with the Woolnough Aerial Survey flight. MMA flights on this route ceased after a crash on 7 November 1934.



West Australian Airlines contract for the north west service ended in 1934 and, despite having the experience and aircraft required, the new contract was awarded to Horrie Miller's Adelaide Airlines despite it having only one old aircraft. However Miller, together with Sir MacPherson Robertson, had political influence and efficient accounting so created MMA and purchased new aircraft with finance from Robertson and shipping companies. A possible additional handicap for Brearley's WAA was his attempt to link with KLM and establish a route through Wyndham to rival the Imperial Airways/QANTAS route through Darwin. The Perth-Wyndham route was extended to Daly Waters to connect with the Imperial Airways/QANTAS route that began weekly through services in 1934.



Perth 2 October 1934, Daly Waters 8 October, Perth 12 October

NB Eustis (1990, p. 73) "The return mail left Daly Waters on the 9th and arrived at Perth on the 10th (sic)...

Total mails from Perth were said to be under 100. A few souvenir covers were prepared..."



Perth 2 October 1934, Daly Waters 8 October, Perth 12 October

Perth-Daly Waters BROOME

The first MMA connecting flight left Perth on 3 October with about 100 letters. The aircraft was damaged at Onslow and a replacement aircraft flew the *delayed* mail to Daly Waters. The PMG Department advised that mail for destinations beyond Daly Waters would be forwarded by surface mail unless an additional fee was paid to air service.



Broome 5 October 1934, Daly Waters 8 October

WYNDHAM

Commercial use of this route remained low.



Perth-Daly Waters WALLAL

COMPLAINTS

Pope (*Black Swan*, 1996, pp. 105-6) reported some north-west residents were unhappy with the opening of the Perth-Daly Waters route. They complained that intermediate stops like Wallal and mail drops over station homesteads were to be cancelled.



Wallal 2 June 1934

WHIM CREEK/YALBALGO STATION



RE-OPENED 1935

The provision of an all-weather airfield at Wyndham enabled MMA, in conjunction with Australian Aerial Medical Services (Flying Doctor), to reopen the Wyndham to Ord River (no post office) route via Ivanhoe (no post office), Argyle (no post office) to connect with the Perth-Daly Waters route.



Wyndham 9 July 1935, Wyndham 25 July



Wyndham 9 July 1935





Ord River Station cachet (back), Wyndham 11 July 1935



