Postal Rates

# TWO SHILLINGS AND SIX PENCE

8d postage, 1/9d airmail, 1d Late Fee = 2/6d for 31/2 ounce Port Hedland 3 June 1933

# TWO SHILLINGS NINE PENCE

Postage 8d, airmail 2/-, 1d Late Fee = 2/9d for 4 ounce Spencer Street 12 January 1934





#### Postal Rates

# THREE SHILLINGS FOUR PENCE

10d postage, 2/6d airmail – 3/4d for 5 ounce letter rate Perth 20 December 1932

# ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.





## THREE SHILLINGS SIX PENCE

10d postage, 2/6d airmail, 2d (?) Late Fee = 3/6d for 5 ounce letter rate

Sydney- Adelaide route was not opened until 30 December 1936 so this via Melbourne.

Sydney Airmail Late Fee 24 December 1936

# LOS ANGELES 1929

American stamp dealers sent prepared covers for postage from Perth using American stamps for the 5 cents domestic rate that was accepted by the US Post Office. Two Roessler covers are recorded by Pope and Todd via Los Angeles. The covers were underpaid for air in Australia and sea to USA, so were sent by rail to Sydney. By sea to San Francisco, missent to Los Angeles, air to New York either via San Francisco or Salt Lake City. The US stamps were not authorised for airmail but seem to have been accepted rather than annulled.



Perth 28 September 1929, Los Angeles 14 November



Perth 1 July 1930, Reading 4 August

The American Watheroo Magnetic Observatory would have been one of the few places in Western Australia that maintained a stock of US airmail stamps. The top cover is Cover B of the 4 recorded by Pope and Todd (2009). Possibly one airmail stamp missing.











To the Director,

VIA AMERICAN AIR-MAIL



Department of Terrestrial Magnetism,

5241 36th Street and Broad Branch Road,



FROM: MAGNETIC OBSERVATORY.

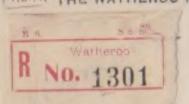
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

WASHINGTON, D. C., U. S. A. 34576

VIA SYDNEY

Perth 23 May 1930, Sydney 29 May, Seattle 20 June, Washington 22 June, Chevy Chase 23 June

FRON'S THE WATHEROO MAGNETIC OBSERVATOR



To the Director,









Department of Terrestrial Magnetism,

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36th Street and Broad Branch Road,

#### London-Delhi Route

# FIRST AUSTRALIAN ACCEPTANCE 1929

Imperial Airways introduced weekly airmail service on 30 March 1929 but Australian mail was not accepted until December 1929 when the route was extended to Dehli. Mail was carried from Fremantle on 16 December by sea to Colombo, rail to Jaffna, ferry to Tuticorin, rail to Madras, Bombay and Karachi, air to Jask, Linga, Bushire, Basra, Baghdad, Rutbah Wells, Gaza, Alexandria, Crete, Athens, rail to Hook of Holland, sea and rail to London. It arrived in London on 9 January 1930, ahead of the mail steamer on 12 January.

1 1/2d postage, 3d Australian airmail, 6d Karachi airmail = 10 1/2d



North Sydney 11 December 1929



#### **INWARDS**

This mail was carried by air from London to Paris and by train to Athens. The Italian Government objected to Imperial Airways flying over Italy.



Wadhurst 11 January 1930, Tunbridge Wells 11 January, London 12 January, Perth 11 February, Bunbury 12 February



In September 1930 the route was changed again. By air from Karachi to Athens, by rail to Nish (Serbia), by air to Vienna and on to London. 1 1/2d postage, 1/- airmail for one ounce

Guildford 6 September 1930

#### London-Brisbane Route

#### FIRST EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT: CRASH 1931

Imperial Airways flight left London for Karachi on 4 April 1931 and left for Singapore on 17 April. The aircraft crashed at Koepang on 19 April wrecking the aircraft. Kingsford Smith in 'Southern Cross' carried the mail to Darwin. The mail for Western Australia was offloaded and the remainder carried by QANTAS to Brisbane on 28 April and by ANA to Sydney on 29 April.

Singapore 16 April 1931 Darwin 25 April Perth 4 May



British mail in closed bag for Perth was not postmarked at Darwin. Flown to Perth by MMA and back to Hall's Creek. Return to London by surface mail.



London
2 April 1931
Perth
4 May
Hall's Creek
12 May
Unclaimed
Hall's Creek
30 July
Return to Sender
London
7 October

#### Outwards: Pre -war

# FIRST AUSTRALIA - ENGLAND AIR MAIL 1931

Special cachet struck on back but not all registered covers were struck on arrival. The ANA/Imperial Airways flight departed Sydney on 23 April. 2d postage, 3d registration, 1/9 air mail = 2/2 half ounce letter rate.



Over 200 registered covers were processed at Perth, many for this flight. 2d postage, 3d registration, 3/6 air mail = 3/11 ounce letter rate Perth Registered 13 April 1931, Registered Brixton 15 May

Do not open

# SECOND EXPERIMENTAL MAIL LONDON - BRISBANE 1931

London 24 April 1931 Indo-Ceylon Down TPO 7 May mss in red ink "In the bag of 25/4/31 from London Via Dehli on 8/5/31" presumed written at Colombo

Sgr. John E. ballessan:

It blair's Hospital

Love grove avenue

Bunbury

Vest australia

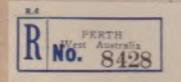
BY SECOND EXPERIMENTAL AIR MAIL FLIGHT AUSTRALIA - ENGLAND.





H. MALLET-VEALE, ESQ.,
SILVERSAND PRIVATE BAG,

via London bogland



# KLM EXPERIMENTAL MAIL 1931

As part of Imperial Preference arrangements, Australia sought to keep KLM out of Australian airmail service despite their performance being better than Imperial Airways.

Batavia 11 May 1931 Melbourne 19 May mss in red ink "Posted in letter receiver P.O. Traralgon 27/5/31" Traralgon 27 May Melbourne 28 May Perth 1 June Nannup 4 June





As KLM had maintained scheduled weekly service to Batavia for more than a year, there was confusion as to whether that service was to extend to Australia.

S'Gravenhage 8 July 1931, Perth August, Nannup 6 August

# KLM EXPERIMENTAL MAIL RETURN FLIGHT 1931

PLACE STAMPS HERE

THIS ENVELOPE TO BE USED FOR THE PIECE EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT TO HOLLAND FOSTAGE TO DUTCH EAST INDIRES!, NOT EXCEEDING FOR TO HOME 1/6, NOT EXCEEDING FOR TO HOLLAND 1/1, NOT EXCEEDING FOR TO HINTED HINGDOM 2/1, NOT EXCEEDING FOR

The prohibitive rates (Imperial Airways Experimental rate 1/11d) are shown on this commemorative cover (not seen used from Western Australia).





# FIRST ALL-AUSTRALIAN AIRMAIL TO ENGLAND 1931: CRASH

ANA 'Southern Star' left Hobart on 19 November but crashed at Alor Star. Kingsford Smith in 'Southern Star' carried the mails to England. Also carried by air from Peru and in US. Perth 16 November 1931, New York 22 December, Cristobal 28 December, Peru 31 December, Arequipa ?, Cristobal 6 January 1932, Atlanta 9 January, Cincinnati 9 January, San Francisco 11 January, Perth 19 February, Mt. Lawley 20 January





**CHRISTMAS MAIL 1931: DELAYED** 

Kingsford Smith's return flight was to deliver promotional mail for Xmas but was delayed in London until 7 January 1932.

Buckie 15 December 1931, Perth January 25 1932, Nannup 25 January

## FIRST SCHEDULED AIRMAIL TO AUSTRALIA 1934

Imperial Airways left London on 8 December for Darwin Where QANTAS exchanged mails. MMA collected WA mails at Brunette Downs for carriage in closed bag to Perth. Despite Ord River-Wyndham service opening on 8 October, this cover was sent by sea. London 8 December 1934, Perth 21 December, Wyndham 20 February 1935





Cape via
Cairo and Tiberias
Bremersdorp
30 November 1934
Darwin
19 December
Perth
21 December
Nannup
24 December

# LONDON-SYDNEY EMPIRE AIRMAIL SCHEME 1938

Chaos reigned in the weeks before the first flying boat *Challenger* arrived in Darwin on 3 July and Sydney 6 July carrying 7,000 letters. Not until 15 July were contracts let for MMA twice weekly services to Darwin and ANA weekly service to Adelaide connecting to the flying boat service. Politically, EAMS was to strengthen Imperial ties with Britain.

Singapore 1 July 1938 Perth 8 July FIRST FLYING BOAT SERVICE
TO AUSTRALASIA



P. Henryon, Esquire, 105 Ocean Road, Cottesloe, Western Australia

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Adams, Mr. A. B., Agricultubal College Muresk Western Australia





LÉGIPOSTA PAR AVION Budapest 17 December 1938

# KNILM SCHEDULED SERVICE 1938

The Dutch Lockheed landed in Sydney a day before the Imperial Airways flying boat. Budapest was a stop on the Dutch route.

# PAPUA ROUTES

W.R. Carpenter Airlines commenced mail service from Sydney to Port Moresby and Rabaul on 30 May 1938. These covers illustrate different routes from Sydney.

Port Moresby 6 September 1939, Sydney 11 September, Registered Melbourne 12 September,

Kalgoorlie 14 September



BY AIR MAIL PAR AVION

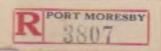






PIRST DAY COVER"

Mr.Ross A. Matthews,
Mayanup,
Via BOYUP BROOK.
W.A.









Port Moresby 6 September 1939, Sydney 11 September, Registered Adelaide ? September, registered Perth 15 September, Boyup Brook 18 September

#### **New Zealand Route**

Scheduled airmail between Australia and New Zealand did not occur until 1940 so there were only occasional special flights.



Perth 2 April 1934, Melbourne 5 April, flight cachet, Christchurch 12 April



The flight by Kingsford Smith ran into difficulties and the return flight was cancelled. Carried by sea to Australia and air to Perth.

Johnsonville 14 May 1935