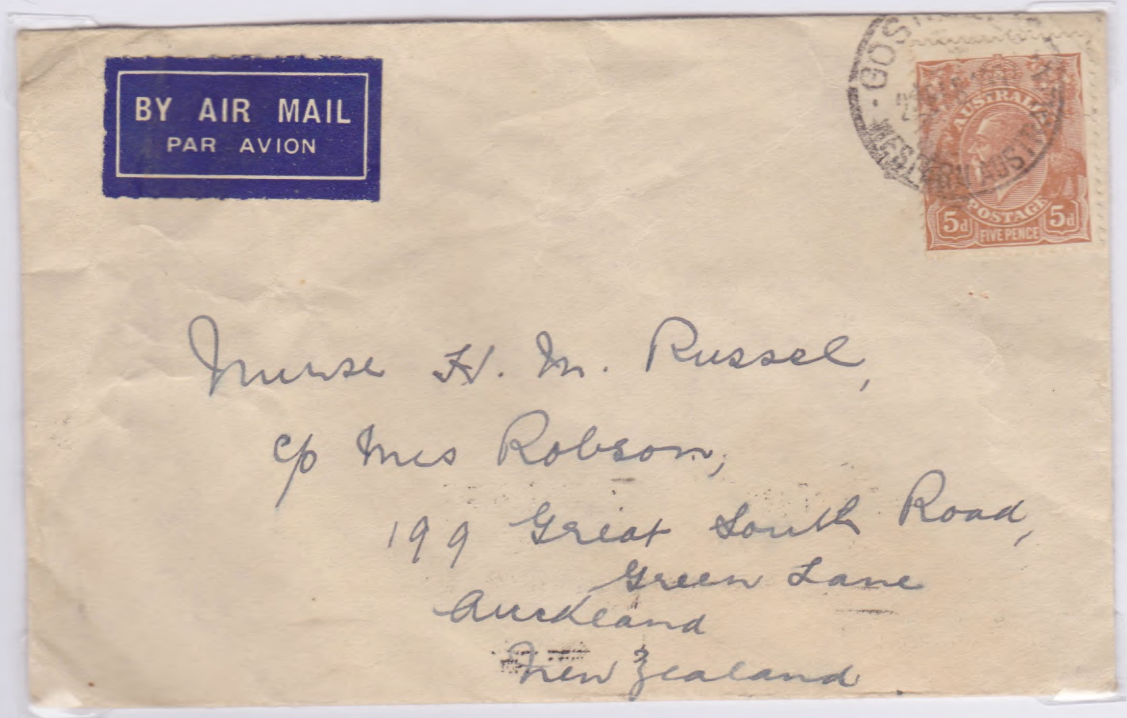


Opening of the East/West airmail route provided the opportunity of sending airmail to Adelaide and onwards to destinations by air in Australia, rail, and/or sea.



Kalgoorlie 7 February 1934



Gosnells 22 February 1937, Melbourne 25 February



Perth 10 December 1930, Niue 18 January 1931



Yelbeni 4 December 1931

East/West Route

TRANSIT : Route?

Inscribed Brisbane to Perth but no backstamps so it is not known whether it was carried on the Townsville to Brisbane service operated by QANTAS from May to September 1931.

AIR MAIL.

Brisbane to Perth.



A. Ribbons Esq.

Neboda. *Vyangods*

CEYLON.



Samarai 31 July 1931
Neboda 27 August

BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION

AIR MAIL - ADELAIDE to FREMANTLE

R City Road, Sth Melb.
VICTORIA
No. 1649



City Road
4 November 1931
Melbourne
4 November
Perth 9 November
Sea?
Lyon Gare
4 December
Cher 6 December
Cher 7 December

Mme. Vve. Herbrand,

Aux Plottins de Léré,

C H E R.

FRANCE.

3d postage, 3d registration, 6d airmail one ounce = 1/-

East/West Route

TRANSIT

2d postage, 3d registration, 6d airmail one ounce = 11d



Elizabeth Street 20 May 1932, Melbourne 20 May, Perth 23 May, ? 18 June, London 20 June



Sydney 2 January 1935, Sydney 2 January, Colombo 18 January, Not Strathnaver cachet, Colombo 21 January, Colombo Returned Letter Office 22 January, boxed In Trouvable Not to be Found cachet, boxed Retour cachet, Dead Letter Office Sydney

TRANSIT : Unusual outwards



Sydney 12 February 1932, Batavia 9 March, Vertrokken label, Dead Letter Office Sydney 5 October



2d postage, 3d airmail, 3d registration, 1d (late fee or Newfoundland not Empire rate) = 9d
Collingwood 20 July 1932, Melbourne 20 July, Perth 25 July, Montreal 31 August

Transit: (Pre-war)

Postage 2d, Australian air mail 3d, Karachi 6d = 11d
Ship Mail Room Melbourne 6 July 1934



Postage 2d, registration 3d, Australian air mail 3d, Karachi 6d = 1/2
Registered Sydney 27 September 1934, Registered Perth 1 October, Torrington Place 23 October

Transit: (Pre-war)

Postage 2d, air mail 3d, overpaid (or late fee) 1d = 6d
Drummoyne 20 September 1934, Air Mail Sydney 20 September



2d postage, 4d airmail = 6d

Inscribed Via Adelaide – Perth and (subsequently) 'and beyond' but no backstamps to confirm carriage from Karachi.

Christchurch 11 November 1931

East-West Route

TRANSIT

Until the London-Brisbane route opened in December 1934, transit mail on the East-West air route and Fremantle-Colombo sea route was the fastest available.

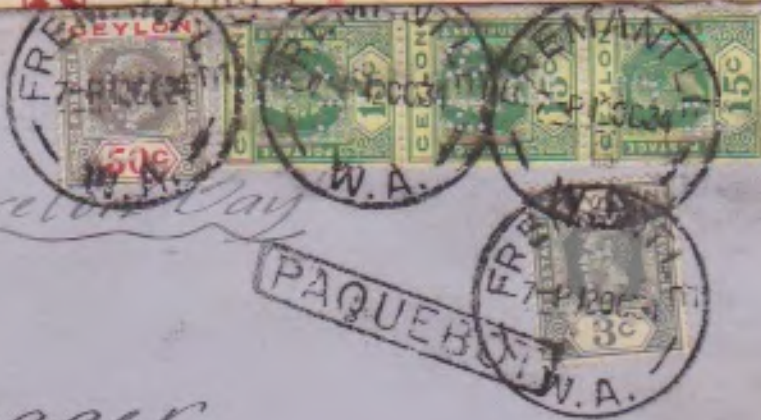
Port Moresby
15 June 1933
Brisbane
22 June
Perth
3 July
London
24 July



By Mail. Australian and
London-Karachi Semi
678
James H. Paton
~~147 Alexandria Mansions~~
77 Staulake Road
London W. 12

BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION

Per. ss. "Moreton Bay"



The Manager,
Bank of New Zealand,
Wellington
New Zealand

TRANSIT : Cheaper

Some chose the 3d airmail via Fremantle as a cheaper option to the 6d via Karachi or 1/4d via Sydney.



Brewarrina 1 June 1936



2d postage, airmail one ounce 6d = 8d
Melbourne 8 March 1937

TRANSIT : Barbados Inwards



Barbados 1 September 1937, Perth 12 October, Adelaide 14 October, Melbourne 14 October



This cover seems to have been prepaid for airmail in Australia by affixing the 3d airmail stamp. Barbados 1 September 1937, Perth 12 October, Adelaide 4.30am 14 October, Melbourne 11.45am 14 October

East/West Route

TRANSIT : Ended

Introduction of the 5d All Up airmail rate from Australia on 4 August 1938 ended the need for transit airmail through Western Australia.



Brisbane 18 May 1937



Garfield 29 December 1937

UNOFFICIAL MAIL 1935

Having lost the Perth-Daly Waters contract and had the subsidy withdrawn from the Perth-Adelaide route, WA Airlines sought to expand its operations by opening a service to Cue, Mt Magnet, Meekatharra, Wiluna, Leonora and Kalgoorlie. The first flight carried unofficial souvenir mail.



Cue 9 December 1935



Wiluna 10 December 1935

OFFICIAL MAIL 1936

60 covers were carried in the first official mail on the Mt Magnet- Perth leg.



Mount Magnet 21 February 1936



Wiluna 18 February 1936, Perth 18 February, by rail to Namban

**Goldfields Route
CUE**

Cue was added to the official mail route in October 1936.



Perth 5 October 1936, Cue 5 October



As all ports on this route had a rail service there was little demand for the weekly airmail service.
Wiluna 1 October 1937

Wyndham-Alice Springs

Connellan Airways commenced operations with a flight from Alice Springs to Wyndham via Mount Doreen, Tanami and Victoria River Downs. 64 lbs of mail including 70 souvenir covers was carried on this flight but how many return covers were carried is not known. Connellan Airways eventually serviced 120 stations, towns and mining camps.



Wyndham 9 August 1939, Alice Springs 11 August

Postal Rates

ONE PENNY HALFPENNY POSTAGE: THREE PENCE AIRMAIL

Surface postal rates within the Commonwealth and to the British Empire remained quite stable in the period 1921-39. 1921-4 2d per ounce, 1924-30 1 ½d per ounce, 1930-39 2d per ounce.

Airmail rate was constant until 1959 at 3d per half ounce with funds to be used for defence purposes.



Broome 14 February 1927, faint Forwarded by Airmail cachet



3d Airmail stamp was issued on 20 May 1929 in conjunction with the opening of the East-West Route and could also be used for other postal purposes. Unlike some countries (eg. USA) airmail fee could be paid by any postage stamps as well as designated airmail stamps.

Perth 30 May 1929