

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS REGULAR SERVICE, UNITED KINGDOM - AUSTRALIA



First despatch

December 1934 to Fiji

Postcards uncommon

Australia to New Zealand and then Fiji by sea

20¢ for postcard

Overpaid by 1¢

September 1935 to New Zealand

Hong Kong to Singapore by 'S.S. Rio de Janeiro Maru'

1 1/2oz at 60¢ per 1/2oz

Backstamped Sydney 6 OCT 1935



## AIR ORIENT, KLM AND IMPERIAL AIRWAYS REGULAR SERVICES

Airmail rate period: 1 January 1935 - 3 May 1936

For the sea/air services of all three carriers, i.e. Air Orient, KLM and Imperial Airways, on 1 January 1935, the 1/4oz air letter rates were abolished and the 1/2oz ones were reduced, those to the United Kingdom and Europe becoming 80¢ and \$1.00, respectively



December 1935  
to United Kingdom  
by Air Orient

Hong Kong to Saigon  
by 'President Doumer'

80¢ per 1/2oz  
air letter rate



February 1936  
to Turkey by  
Imperial Airways

Hong Kong to  
Singapore by  
'S.S. Tilawa'

1oz at \$1.00 per 1/2oz  
air letter rate

Backstamped  
Istanbul 17-3-1936

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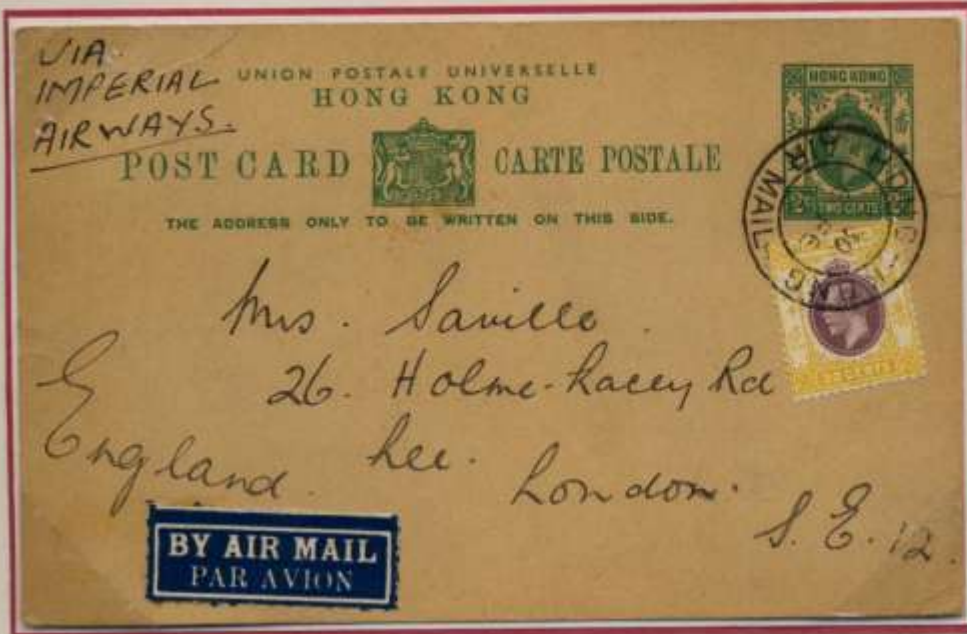
Airmail rate period: 6 May 1935 - 26 March 1936

On 6 May 1935 Imperial Airways reduced its 1/2oz air letter rate to the United Kingdom from 80¢ to 50¢, the postcard rate decreasing from 50¢ to 32¢



November 1935  
to United Kingdom

50¢ per 1/2oz air letter rate,  
plus 20¢ registration fee



February 1936 to  
United Kingdom

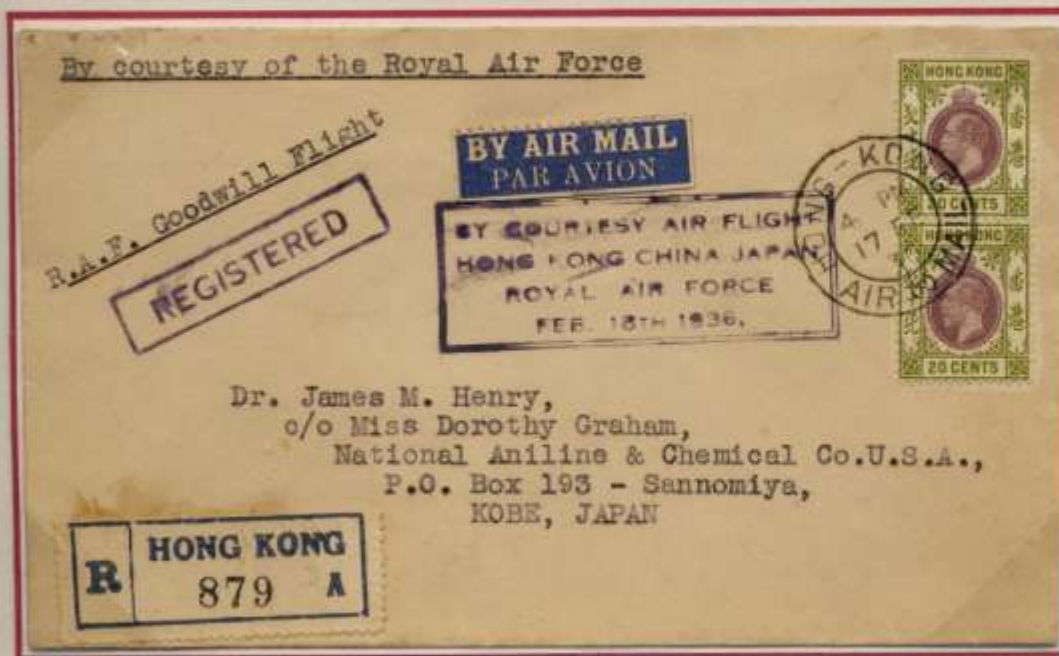
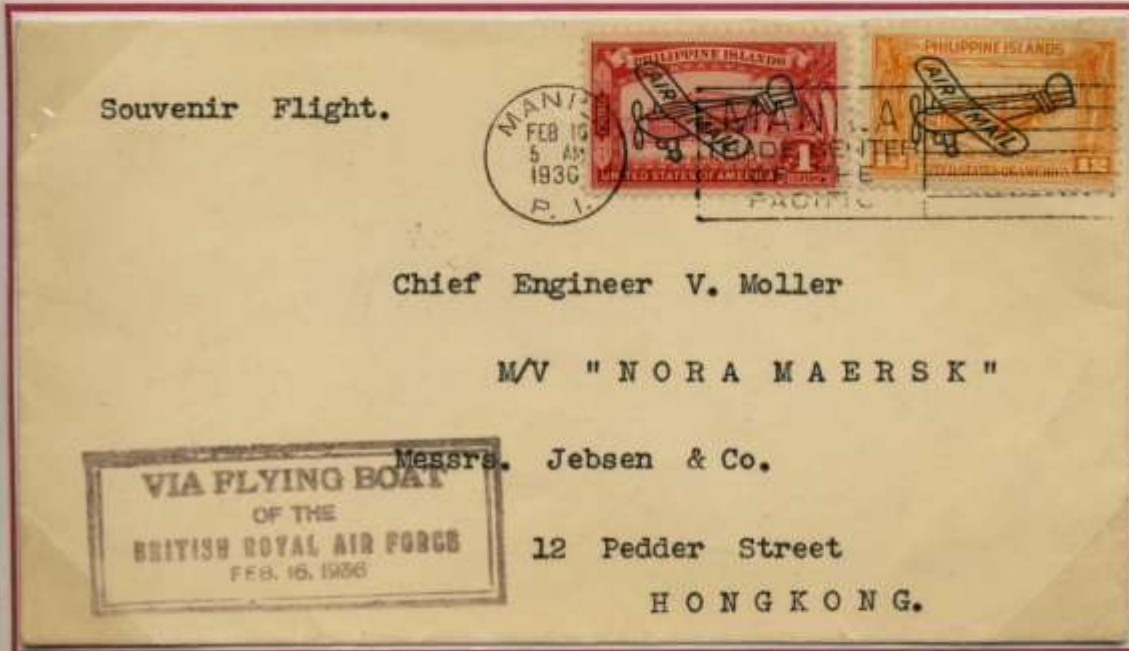
Postcards uncommon

32¢ for postcard

# ROYAL AIR FORCE GOODWILL FLIGHT, SINGAPORE - JAPAN

February - March 1936

This flight was made by three Short Singapore IIIs of 205 Squadron and led by Air Commodore Sydney Smith. They left Singapore on 10 February 1936, reaching Kuching on the same day, Kudat on the 12th and Manila on the 13th. Two of the aircraft flew to Hong Kong on the 16th, one remaining due to engine trouble. After several delays and failed attempts, the aircraft reached Shanghai on the 26th. A plan to fly to Kagoshima, Japan, on the 29th was abandoned because of a military coup in Japan during which the Premier and Lord Privy Seal were assassinated. The aircraft returned to Hong Kong on 3 March and then left for Singapore, where they arrived on the 9th



## IMPERIAL AIRWAYS, PENANG - HONG KONG FEEDER SERVICE

23 March 1936

The flight connecting with the first scheduled flight on the Penang-Hong Kong feeder service left London on 14 March 1936. The first feeder service flight left Penang on the 23rd, arriving in Hong Kong on the 24th. The route taken was: Penang-Udon-Hanoi-Fort Bayard-Hong Kong. The aircraft used was a DH86 called 'R.M.A. Dorado', G-ACWD



### First flight

March 1936 from  
United Kingdom

6d per 1/2oz  
air letter rate

Note delivery round  
marking applied in  
Hong Kong



### First flight

March 1936  
from Penang

12g per 1/2oz  
air letter rate

Backstamped  
Hong Kong 24 MR 36

## IMPERIAL AIRWAYS, HONG KONG - PENANG FEEDER SERVICE

27 March 1936

The first scheduled flight on the Hong Kong-Penang feeder service left Hong Kong on 27 March 1936, arriving in Penang on 28 March. The mail arrived in London on 7 April. The aircraft used was the same as for the inward flight



'R.M.A. Dorado' on the apron at Kai Tak



First flight

March 1936 to Saigon

Signed by the pilot, Captain John H Lock

35¢ per 1/2oz air letter rate

Backstamped Tourane 27 3 36, Saigon 30 MARS 36

**IMPERIAL AIRWAYS, HONG KONG - PENANG FEEDER SERVICE**



**First flight**  
 March 1936  
 to Germany  
 \$1.20 per 1/2oz  
 air letter rate



**First flight**  
**Only recorded example to East Africa**  
 March 1936  
 to Uganda  
 \$1.50 per 1/2oz  
 air letter rate  
 Backstamped  
 Alexandria 4 AP 36,  
 Kampala 8 AP 36

## IMPERIAL AIRWAYS, HONG KONG - PENANG FEEDER SERVICE

Airmail rate period: 27 March 1936 - 18 December 1937

With the opening of the Hong Kong-Penang feeder service mail could be sent to Australia, New Zealand, India, the Middle East, Europe and the United Kingdom by air throughout



August 1936 to Singapore

20¢ per 1/2oz air letter rate



August 1936 to India

50¢ per 1/2oz air letter rate,  
plus 20¢ registration fee

Backstamped Calcutta 24 AUG 36,  
Muvatupuzha 27 AUG 36,  
Thattakad 27 AUG 36



IMPERIAL AIRWAYS, HONG KONG - PENANG FEEDER SERVICE



November 1937  
to Palestine

40¢ postcard rate

Near East mail left the  
Australia-U.K. air  
service at Gaza,  
as indicated by the  
Jusqu'a marking



December 1936 to Egypt

1oz at 90¢ per 1/2oz air letter rate, plus 20¢ registration fee

Initially sent surface from the U.K. to Canada at 11/2d per 1oz, then surface from Canada to Hong Kong at 13¢ for 1oz plus registration fee, and finally by air from Hong Kong to Egypt

Cancelled London 19 X 36, Sandwich ?? 36, Hong Kong 8 DE 36

Backstamped Vic & Court NO 6 36, Sandwich NO 6 36, Victoria NO 6 36,  
Hong Kong 7 DE 36, Alexandrie 19 DE 36

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS, HONG KONG - PENANG FEEDER SERVICE



December 1937  
to Malta

\$1.20 per 1/2oz  
air letter rate



August 1936  
to Tanganyika

1oz at \$1.50 per 1/2oz  
air letter rate

Backstamped  
Dar es Salaam  
31 AU 1936

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS, HONG KONG - PENANG FEEDER SERVICE



July 1936 to  
New Zealand

Australia to  
New Zealand by sea

1 1/2oz at 80¢ per 1/2oz,  
plus 20¢ registration fee

Backstamped  
Darwin 15 JY 36,  
T.P.O.2 South 17 JY 36,  
Sydney 18 JL 36



December 1936  
to United Kingdom

26¢ postcard rate

**AIR ORIENT REGULAR SERVICE, SAIGON - MARSEILLES**

Airmail rate period: 4 May 1936 - March 1939

With the opening of Imperial Airways' Hong Kong-Penang feeder service use of Air Orient's Saigon-Marseilles route greatly decreased. Air Orient kept some of its rates lower than those of Imperial Airways to attract some custom

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**BOMBAY, No. 3**

**INDIA.**

May 1936 to India

3oz at 40c per 1/2oz air letter rate, plus 20¢ registration fee

Imperial Airway's 1/2oz air letter rate to India at this time was 50¢

Backstamped Calcutta 25 MAY 36, Mandvi, Bombay 27 MAY 36