

KLM REGULAR SERVICE, BANDOENG - AMSTERDAM

Airmail rate period: 4 May 1936 - May 1940

KLM changed its route to connect with Imperial Airways Limited's feeder service at Penang. At the same time some of the 1/2oz air letter rates were changed, that to Europe being increased from \$1.00 to \$1.20. Although this was higher than the Imperial Airways Limited rate, KLM offered a faster service, mainly due to its use of all metal Douglas DC2s and DC3s



October 1936
to Germany
2oz at \$1.20 per 1/2oz
air letter rate, plus
20¢ registration fee
Backstamped
Wuppertal-Barmen 1 10.11.36

October 1936 to Finland
\$1.20 per 1/2oz air letter rate

ARNAIZ - CALVO FLIGHT

8 June 1936

Two Philippine aviators, Antonio Arnaiz and Juan Calvo, made a private pioneer flight from the Philippines to Madrid, via Hong Kong. They left the Philippines and arrived in Hong Kong on 29 May 1936. Departing from Hong Kong on 8 June, the two aviators arrived in Madrid, after numerous mishaps, on 11 July



June 1936
from Manila

Signed by Juan Calvo
and Antonio Arnaiz

Manila-Hong Kong,
16 centavos

Backstamped
Hong Kong 29 MY 36



June 1936
from Manila,
then to Madrid

Signed by
Antonio Arnaiz

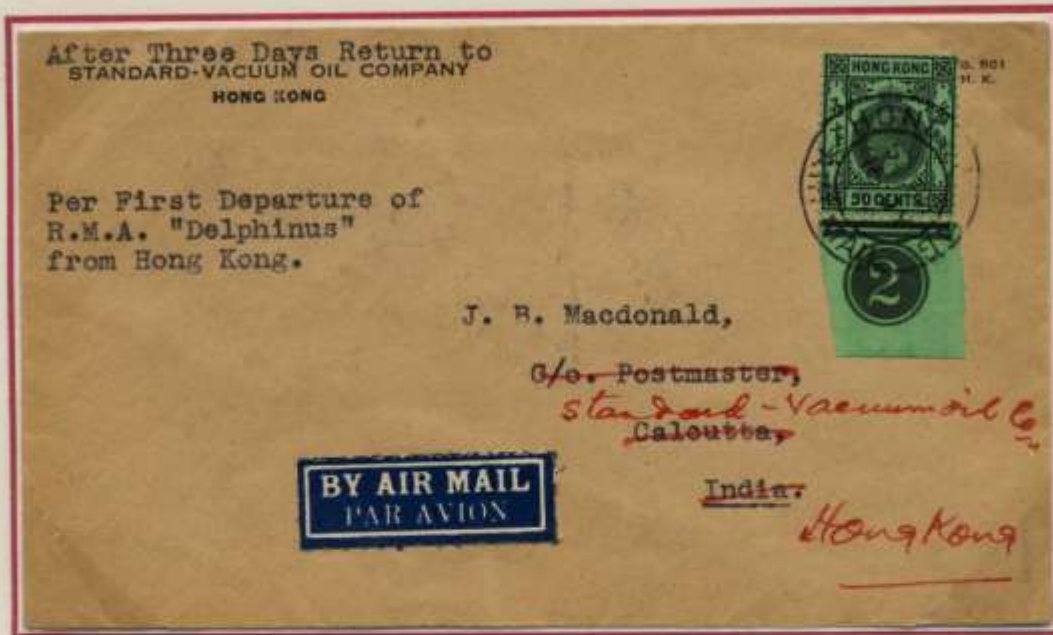
Manila-Hong Kong,
16 centavos;
Hong Kong-Madrid,
25¢

Backstamped
Hong Kong 29 MY 36,
Madrid 11 JUL 36

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS, HONG KONG - CALCUTTA FEEDER SERVICE

16 July 1936

It was decided that the establishment of Calcutta, instead of Penang, as the place the Hong Kong feeder service joined the United Kingdom-Australia route would speed United Kingdom-bound mail up. An experimental flight by DH86 'R.M.A. Delphinus' from Hong Kong to Calcutta on 16 July 1936 was planned, but the attempt was abandoned and the normal route to Penang was taken



July 1936 to Calcutta

50¢ per 1/2oz air letter rate



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IMPERIAL AIRWAYS FLYING BOAT "SCIPIO" CRASH

22 August 1936

Imperial Airways Limited's Short Kent class flying boat 'Scipio', G-ABFB, crashed and sank in Mirabella Bay, Crete, on 22 August 1936. The mail from Hong Kong was despatched on 14 August on flight FEW 21, connecting at Penang with flight IW 470. A "DAMAGED BY SEA WATER" cachet was applied to salvaged mail in London on 25 August. Various types of cachets were used



August 1936 to
United Kingdom

Hong Kong-Penang,
'R.M.A. Dorado';
Penang-Crete, 'Scipio'

50¢ per 1/2oz air letter rate



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CHINA NATIONAL AVIATION CORPORATION, HONG KONG - SHANGHAI

5 and 6 November 1936

China National Aviation Corporation started flights to Shanghai and back on 5 and 6 November 1936, respectively, serving Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, Wenchow and Shanghai



First flight

November 1936
to Shanghai

35¢ per 1/2oz
air letter rate

Backstamped
Shanghai 6.11.36



First flight

November 1936
from Canton

30¢ per 1/2oz
air letter rate

Cancelled
Canton 6 11 36

Backstamped
Hong Kong 6 NO 36

Note delivery round
marking applied in
Hong Kong

CHINA NATIONAL AVIATION CORPORATION, HONG KONG - SHANGHAI

Airmail rate period: 5 November 1936 - 25 September 1937

China National Aviation Corporation started flights to Shanghai on 5 November 1936, serving Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, Wenchow and Shanghai. This service was short-lived, being suspended on 25 September 1937 following the Japanese invasion of China



December 1936
to Canton

35¢ per 1/2oz
air letter rate



June 1937
to Shanghai

PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS, HONG KONG - SAN FRANCISCO

29 April 1937

The first through flight to the U.S.A. left Hong Kong on 29 April 1937. There was no stop at Macao. The flight arrived in San Francisco on 4 May



First flight

April 1937
to Manila

35¢ per 1/2oz
air letter rate, plus
20¢ registration fee

Backstamped
Manila APR 29 1937



First flight

April 1937 to
United Kingdom

\$2.80 per 1/2oz air
letter rate to U.S.A.,
plus 25¢ per 1oz surface
letter rate to U.K.,
plus 20¢ registration fee

Backstamped San
Francisco MAY 4 1937,
Wimbledon 18 MY 37

PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS, REGULAR SERVICE

Airmail rate period: 29 April 1937 - 1 August 1940

With extension of the FAM 14 route to Hong Kong, mail could be sent by air throughout to the Philippines and Hawaii



July 1940
to Manila

Civilian censor
handstamp applied
in Hong Kong

35¢ per 1/2oz.
air letter rate

Backstamped
Manila JUL 15 1940



February 1938
to Honolulu

1oz at \$1.80 per 1/2oz.
air letter rate

EURASIA AVIATION CORPORATION, HONG KONG - PEIPING

29 June 1937

Eurasia Aviation Corporation started flights to Peiping on 29 June 1937, serving Canton, Changsa, Hankow, Chengchow, Taiyuan and Peiping

EURASIA

FIRST FLIGHT BY EURASIA PEIPING—HONGKONG—PEIPING

With Connections to & from Europe and America

航空
PAR AVION

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By first through Eurasia flight.

R PEIPING
No. 4406

航空
PAR AVION

F. A. Nixon, Esquire,
c/o S. Randle, Esq.,
Post Office,
Hongkong.

First flight
June 1937 to Peiping
35¢ per 1/2 oz air letter rate,
plus 20¢ registration fee

First flight
June 1937 from Peiping
30¢ per 1/2oz air letter rate,
plus 15¢ registration fee

EURASIA AVIATION CORPORATION, HONG KONG - PEIPING

Airmail rate period: 29 June 1937 - December 1941

Eurasia Aviation Corporation started flights to Peiping on 29 June 1937, serving Canton, Changsa, Hankow, Chengchow, Taiyuan and Peiping



Commercial use of 5¢
STAMP DUTY adhesive;
valid for use 11-20
January 1938

January 1938 to Hankow

35¢ per 1/2oz air letter rate

Backstamped
Hankow 18 1 27 (38)

湖北漢口
福來德洋行

December 1938
to Chungking

70¢ for 1oz



PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS, REGULAR SERVICE

Airmail rate period: 5 July 1937 - 31 January 1938

With the extension of the FAM 14 route to Hong Kong, mail could be sent by air throughout, or air to San Francisco and then surface, to destinations in the Caribbean, and Central and South America



July 1938
to Columbia

Jusqu'a marking
indicated the letter
was to go from
San Francisco to
Bogota by surface

\$2.80 per 1/2oz air
letter rate, plus 25¢
surface letter rate

Backstamped
Bogota 29 VII 1938



December 1938
to Brazil

Air throughout

\$5.00 per 1/2oz
air letter rate

Backstamped 22 I 39

PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS, REGULAR SERVICE

Airmail rate period: 5 July 1937 - 31 January 1938

With the extension of the FAM 14 route to Hong Kong, mail could be sent by air throughout, or air to San Francisco and then surface, to Canada



September 1937
to Canada

Air throughout

\$3.50 per 1/2oz
air letter rate



October 1937
to Canada

Jusqu'à marking
indicated the letter
was to go from
San Francisco to
Vancouver by rail

1oz at \$2.80 per 1/2oz
air letter rate
to U.S.A. only

PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS, REGULAR SERVICE

Airmail rate period: 5 July 1937 – 1 August 1940

With the extension of the FAM 14 route to Hong Kong, mail could be sent by airmail to the United States, and then surface to the United Kingdom and Europe. Since it was cheaper and quicker to use the Imperial Airways westbound service from Hong Kong, mail to the United Kingdom and Europe via this route was very unusual until the latter service was suspended in June 1940



December 1939 to United Kingdom

1oz at \$2.80 per 1/2oz air letter rate,
plus 15¢ per 1oz surface letter rate