

Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American "Double Atlantic" route from England to South Africa 1942.



- Route:** Endorsed "Via New York and Accra" cover travelled London – Foynes – New York by air but then possibly by sea to Capetown, although air carriage through Miami is still a possibility. Despatch 4 December 1942, arrive Capetown 26 January 1943. Readdressed to Durban.
- Rate:** The mysterious 4/6d "Double Atlantic" rate, operated but unacknowledged by the British Post Office.
- Censor:** Opened and re-sealed in New York, "Examined by 7885".
- Features:** Other covers exist showing transit through Miami, so the "Double Atlantic" route did operate despite not being published. It is not known for how long this service was available. There existed a trans-Atlantic service from UK to South America at a rate of 3/6d, so this may be the derivation of 4/6d to include the Miami-Lagos leg of the journey.

