

Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American LATI substitute service Morocco to United States 1942

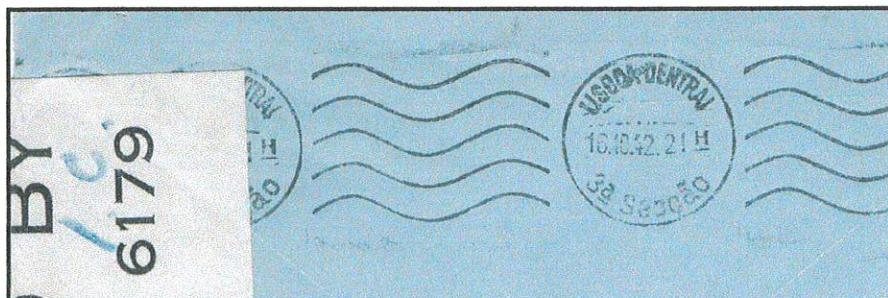


Route: Tangier-Lisbon-Horta-Bermuda-New York. Despatch British Post Office in Tangier 15 October 1942. Lisbon transit 16 October. Endorsed "Via Transatlantic Airmail". Carried on flight 7024, last 1942 flight of the Pan American anti-clockwise "O" service

Rate: Unknown. Very precise franking of 1s/7 ½d suggests 1/3d standard airmail rate from UK to USA plus a surcharge?

Censor: Re-sealed by censor 6179 in Bermuda, confirming "LATI substitute" route.

Features: Showing that normal "FAM-18" airmail was carried by the anti-clockwise "LATI substitute" route during summer months when the scheduled air route was via Foynes-Botwood-Shediac-New York. Last 1942 flight of Route 7 "LATI substitute".





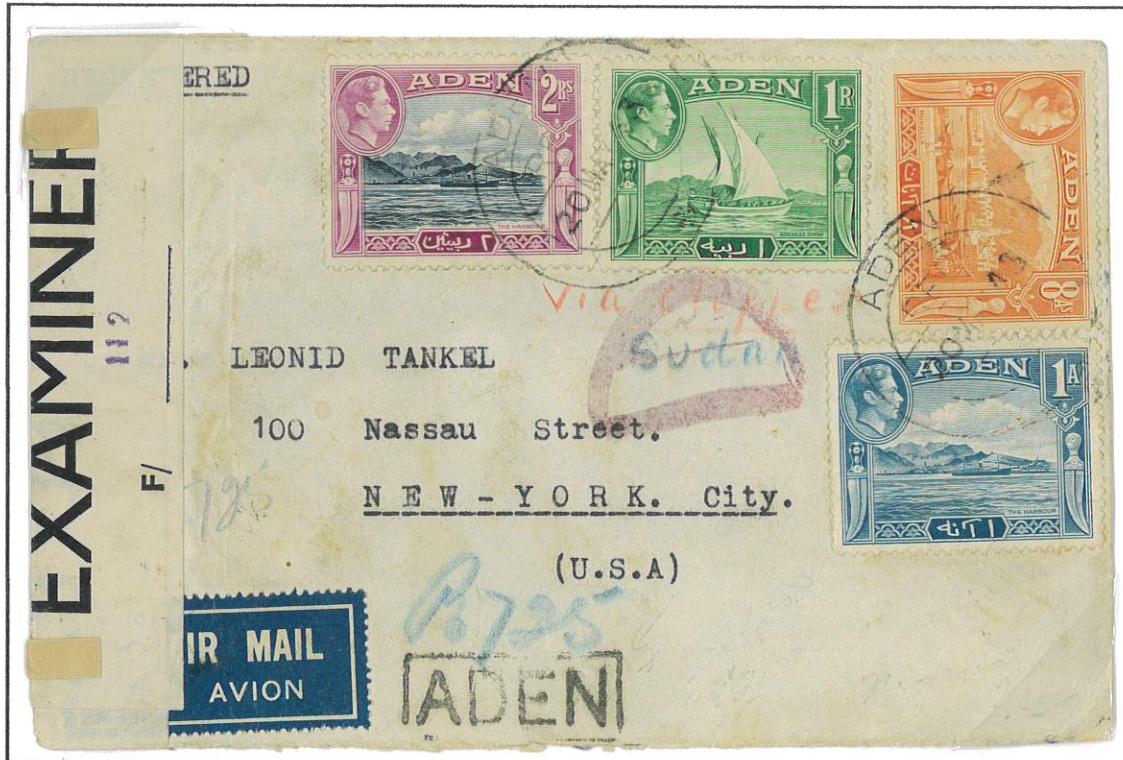
World War 2 Airmail

Aden to USA via Lagos

Aden to New York via Lagos 1943. Registered cover despatched Aden 20th May 1943 and censored in Aden, carrying PC-90 F/112 of Aden. Endorsed "Sudan", "Via Clipper" (in red) carrying transit strikes of Lagos 29th May, Miami 13th June and 15th June, New York 15th June, New York Church Street Annex 16th June 1943. Nigeria "half moon" censor strike (Lagos?).

Routing Aden, Asmara, (on the Arabian southern route of the "Horseshoe") Port Sudan, Wadi Halfa, Khartoum, Kano, Lagos to join FAM-22 to Miami and New York.

Rate paid. 3 Rupees 9 Annas.



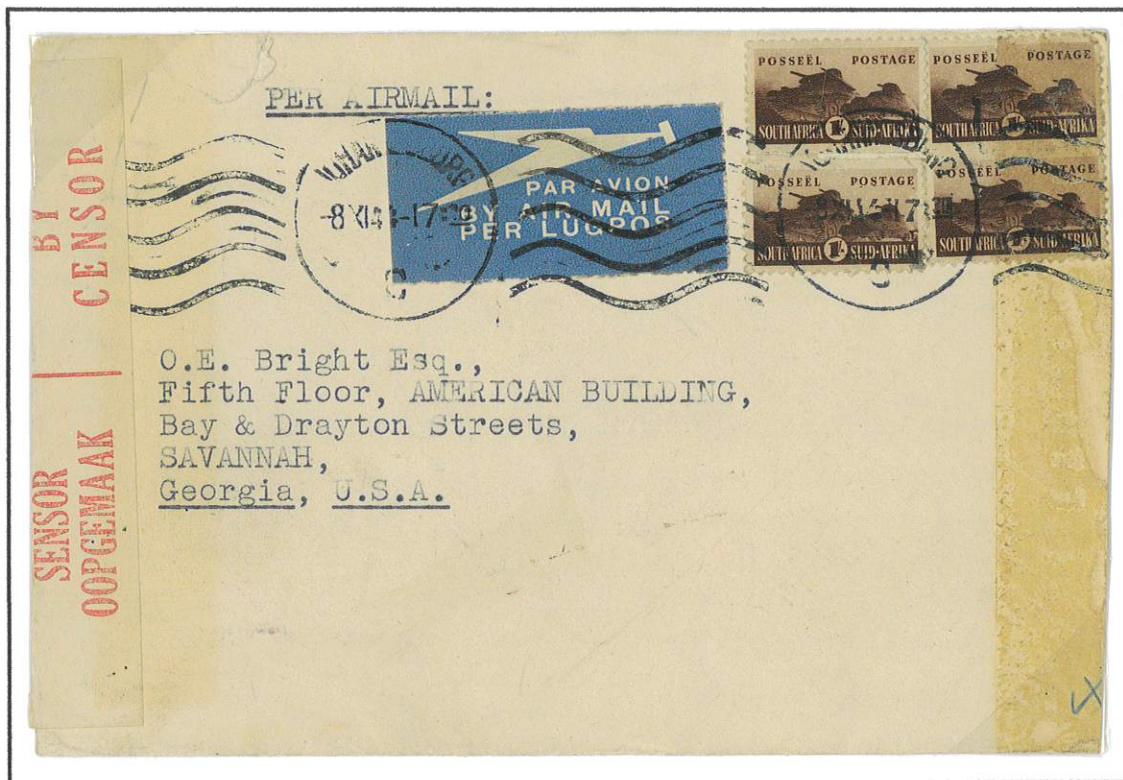
World War 2 Airmail

South Africa to United States 1944

Cover from Johannesburg to Savannah, Georgia carried by SABENA to Leopoldville than PanAm FAM22 to Miami. Opened and re-sealed in South Africa and again in the United States. Despatched Johannesburg 8th November 1944.

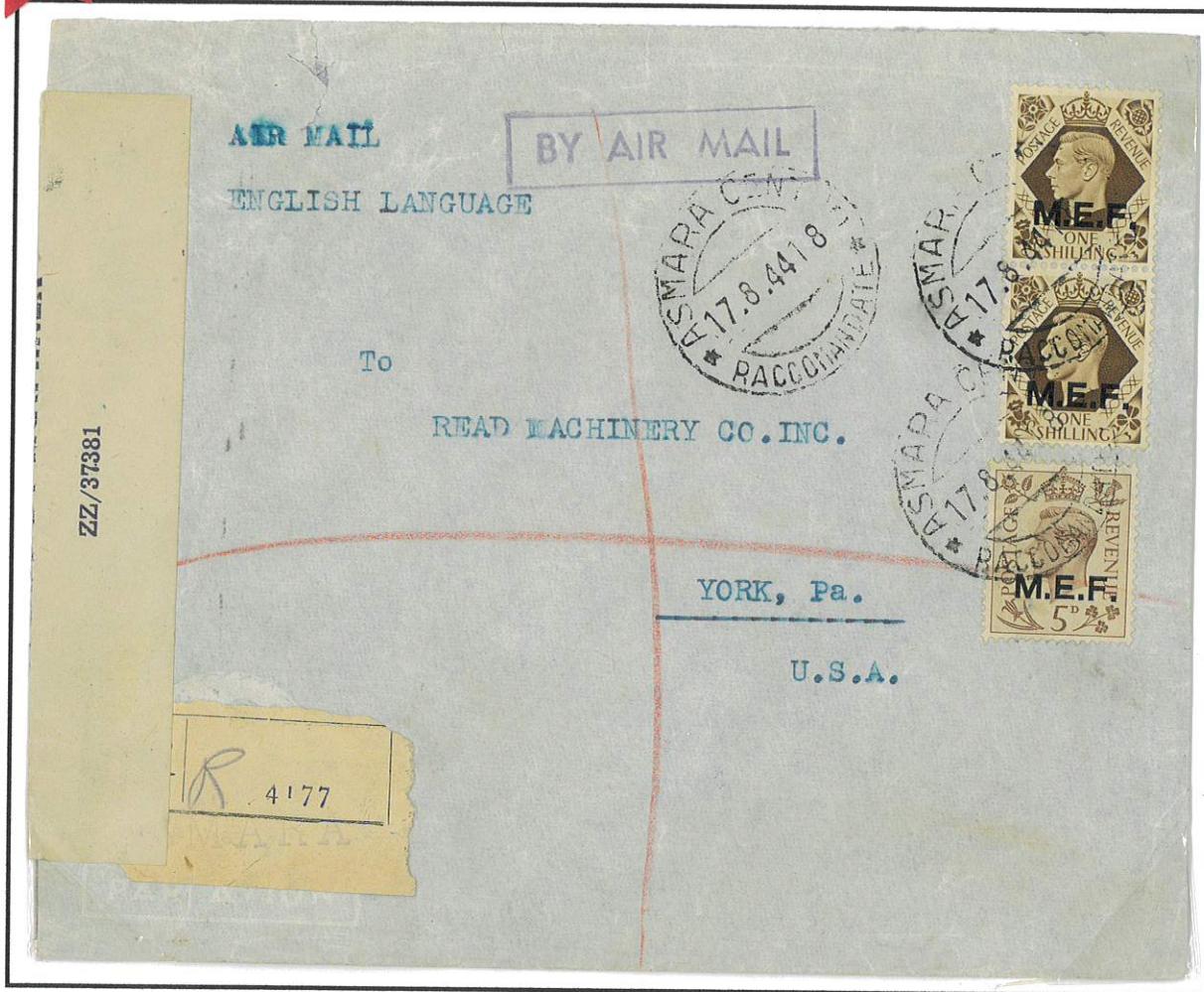
Ex Boyle (page 688).

Rate paid: 4/- in force from May 1940 until the end of the war.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Eritrea to United States via Lisbon or Lagos 1944.

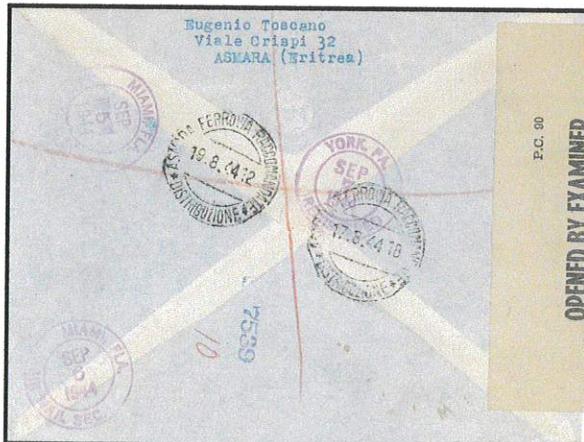


Route: Asmara-Port Sudan-Cairo-Khartoum-Lagos by BOAC. Lagos-Fisherman's Lake by ATC. Fisherman's Lake-Natal-Miami-York (PA) by Pan American. OR, Cairo-Lisbon by BOAC, but PanAm southern route to Miami not running from Lisbon May to October.

Rate: Paid 2/5d. Boyle suggests a 1/11d rate to USA with 3d registration. Red lines suggest AR which could have been an additional 3d making up the 2/5d total.

Censor: Eritrea ZZ/37381 label. No other censorship en route.

Features: Asmara despatch 17 Aug 1944. Asmara Ferrovia 19 Aug 1944. Miami 5/6 Sep 1944. York (PA) arrival 7 Sep 1944. "AR" mail red "10" tracking number alongside 7539 registration tracker.



Rare route
and
AR rated

Trans-Atlantic Air/Sea mail

Air/Sea South Atlantic from Kenya to United States 1943.



Route: Nairobi-Kisumu by surface. Kisumu-Durban by BOAC Horseshoe, probably flight 2E351 departing Kisumu 10 December, arriving Durban 11 December then by sea to New York.

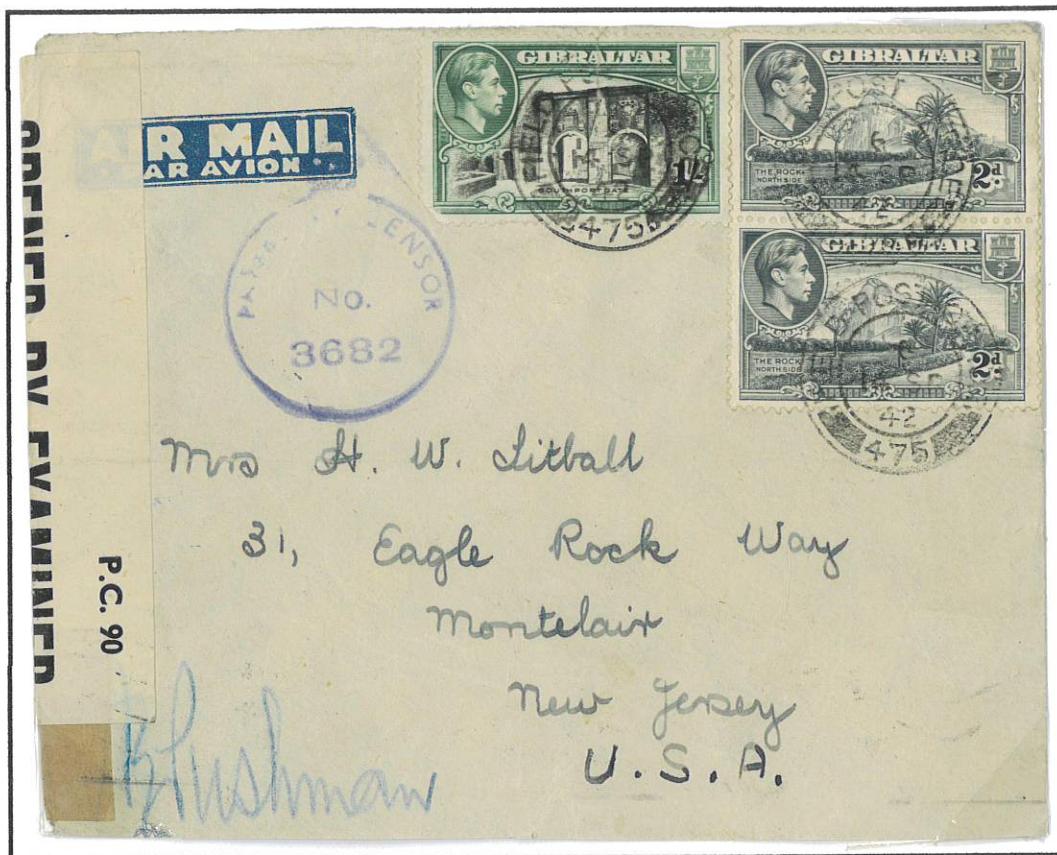
Rate: Unified rate 2/- via Durban. Air all the way via West Africa-Miami would be 5/- 75c.

Censor: Kenya Examiner N/168. New York Examiner 5434.

Features: Uncommon use of Air/Sea route via Horseshoe to Durban and then long sea trip to New York when the all-air route via Lagos-Miami was available.

Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American FAM-18 mail carried by LATI substitute service Gibraltar to America 1942

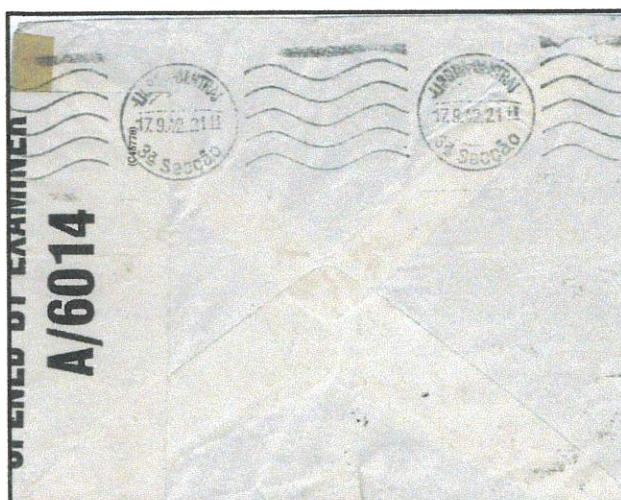


Route: Gibraltar to New York via Lisbon-Horta-Bermuda. Despatch FPO 475 14 September 1942, transit Lisbon 17 September 1942.

Rate: 1/4d correctly rated for Pan American trans-Atlantic carriage.

Censor: Unit censor No. 3682; re-sealed by civil censor A/6014 in Gibraltar.

Features: Showing use of the Pan American "LATI substitute" Route 7 counter-clockwise flights carrying FAM-18 mail from Allied Europe. Probably carried on flight 7022, delayed at Lisbon by weather at Horta, finally leaving on 1 October, arriving New York on 2 October 1942.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American South Atlantic service. Dar es Salaam to United States 1944.



Route: Dar-es-Salaam-Mombasa-Kisumu by "Horseshoe". Kisumu transit 29 June 1944. Kisumu-Libenge (1 July) - Lagos (3 July) by Sabena flight 3T354. Lagos registered transit 4 July. Lagos-Fisherman's Lake-Natal-Miami by Pan American South Atlantic service. Miami transit 19 July 1944. New York arrive 20 July.

Rate: Air fee $6 \times 4.70 = 28.20$ + 30c registration = 28.50 paid.

Censor: New York censor 6397. Nigeria "Half moon". No other transit censor.

Features: Wartime complex route across Africa and then by "Clipper" to Miami. Endorsed "By quickest possible route". Actually 19 days.

Trans-Atlantic Air mail

BOAC/Pan American route from Tanganyika to United States 1942.



Route: Moshi to New York via "Horseshoe" to Khartoum then trans-Saharan by BOAC to Lagos then Pan American South Atlantic service via Fisherman's Lake-Natal-Miami-New York. Despatch 26 October 1942.

Rate: Combined air fee 5s.75c x 2 = 11s.50c.

Censor: Nigeria "Half Moon". No other censorship en route.

Features: Tortuous journey. Probably picked up "Horseshoe" at Mombasa then North to Khartoum. At this date, Pan American had resumed the winter route around the South Atlantic from Lisbon to New York via Bolama, Fisherman's Lake and Natal. However, records in the Pan American archives show that the "Special Missions" carried on flying Fisherman's Lake-Natal shuttles throughout the 1942-43 winter and it is quite possible that this cover travelled on one of these flights to Natal then transferred to the Pan American South American to Miami service. No transit or arrival dates.

Trans-Atlantic Air mail

BOAC/Pan American route from Kenya to United States 1943.



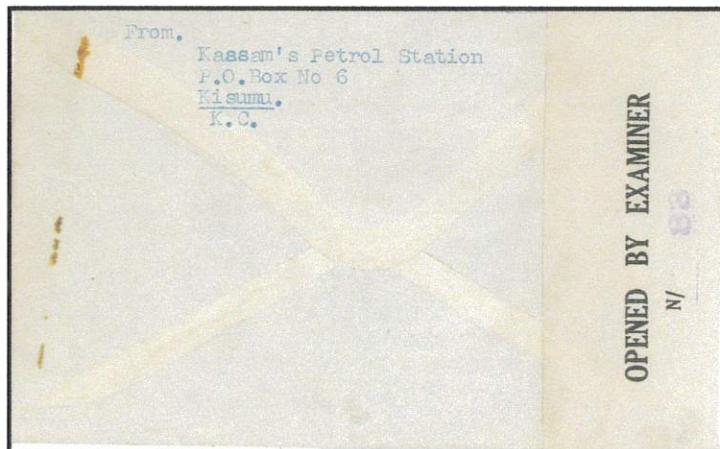
Route: Kisumu to New York via "Horseshoe" Kisumu - Port Bell - Juba - Malakal - Khartoum then trans-Saharan by BOAC to Lagos then Pan American South Atlantic service via Fisherman's Lake-Natal-Miami-New York. Despatch 25 April 1943.

Rate: Combined air fee 5s.75c.

Censor: O.B.E N/83 (unrecorded) Little IXA. Nigeria "Half Moon". No other censorship en route.

Features: Tortuous journey. "Horseshoe" at Kisumu then North to Khartoum. At this date, Pan American was flying the winter route around the South Atlantic from Lisbon to New York via Bolama, Fisherman's Lake and Natal. However, records in the Pan American archives show that the "Special Missions" carried on flying Fisherman's Lake-Natal shuttles until at least June 1943 and it is quite possible that this cover travelled on one of these flights to Natal then transferred to the Pan American South American to Miami service.

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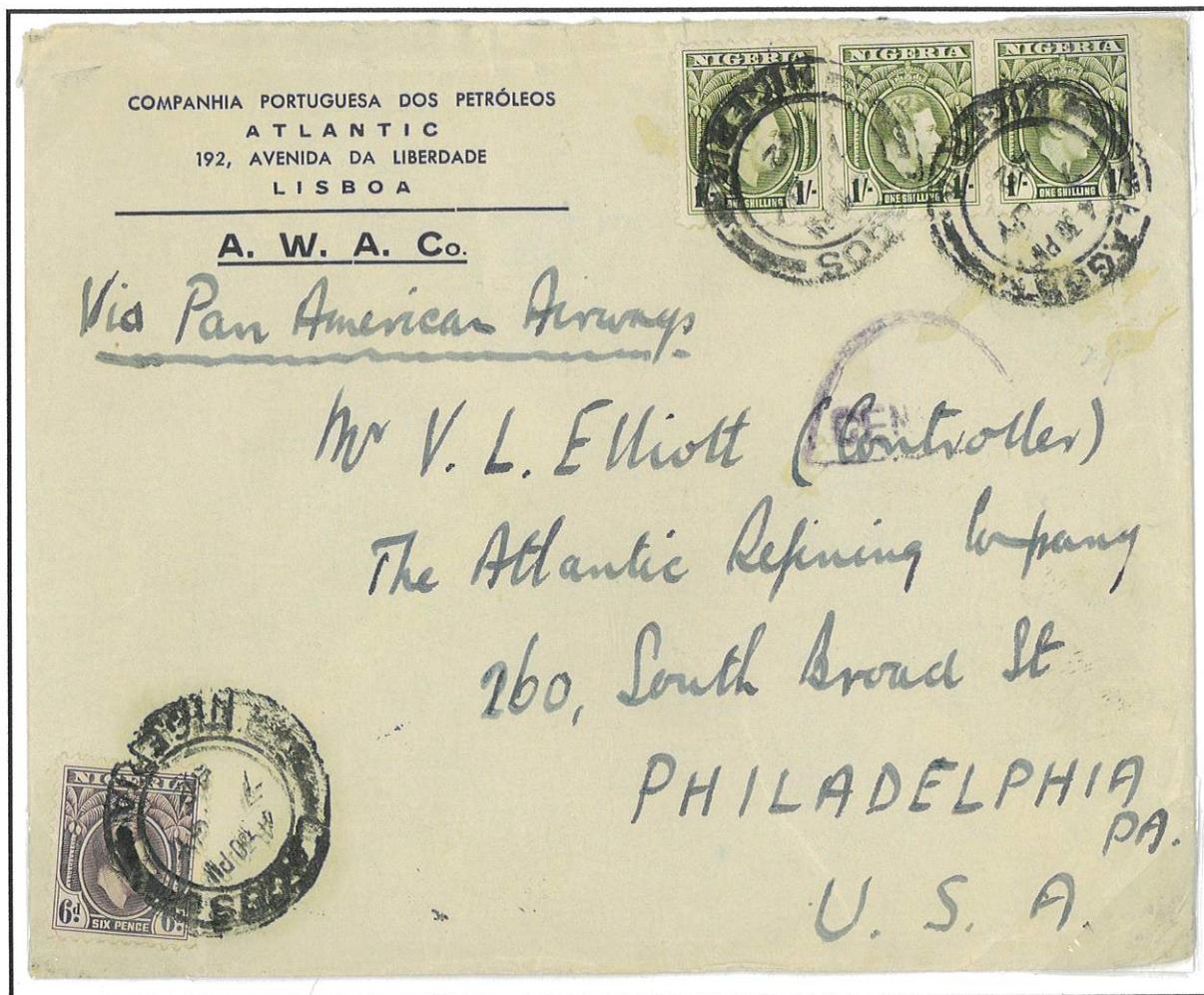
Sudan – USA via Lagos

Cover from Khartoum to USA carried via the trans-Africa route through Kano to Lagos to pick up the FAM-22 service to America at Lagos. Opened and re-sealed in Sudan and despatched Khartoum 2nd November 1942. Censored in Lagos, showing the typical Nigerian dumb "lazy D" censor. Rate paid 10 Piastres.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American "Special Mission" flight Nigeria to United States 1942.

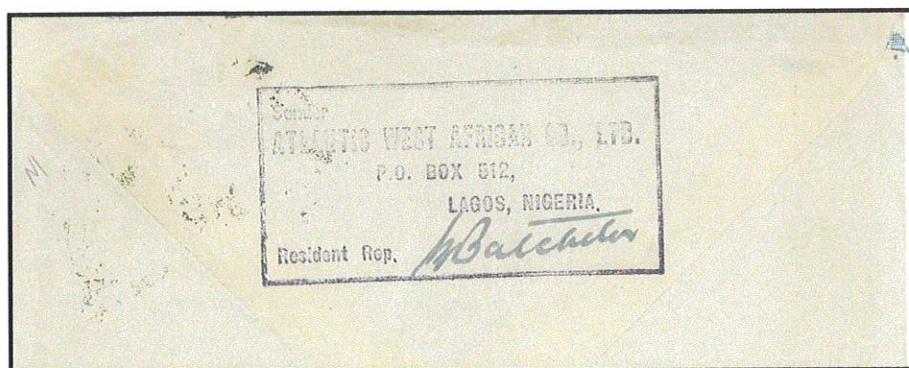


Route: Lagos to Philadelphia via Fisherman's Lake-Natal. Natal to Miami by Pan American regular services. Despatch Lagos 7 July 1942. No transit or arrival marks.

Rate: 3/6d combined air fee.

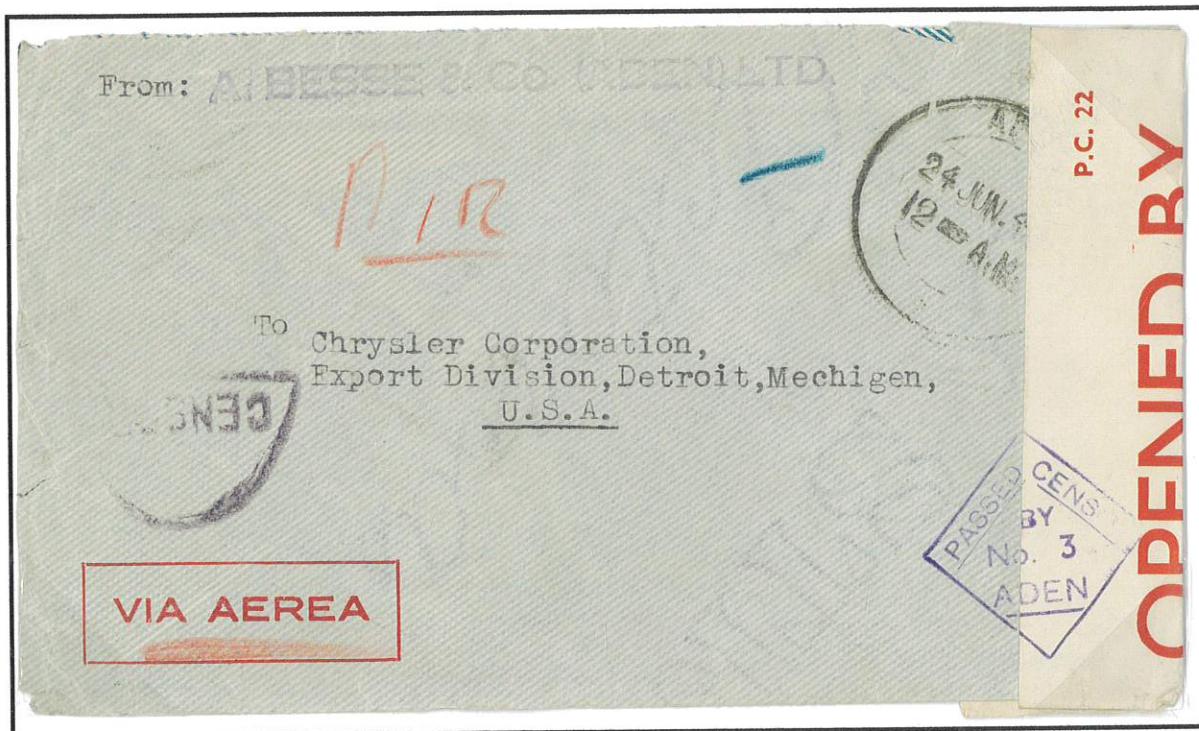
Censor: Nigeria "Half Moon". No other censorship suggests letter was handed to Censor unopened.

Features: This cover was probably carried on Special Mission flight SM36 which left New York on 3 July 1942 and carried out five Fisherman's Lake to Natal shuttles before returning to New York.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American "Special Mission" flight Aden to United States via Lagos 1942.



Route: Aden to Detroit via Kamaran-Asmara-Khartoum-Lagos by BOAC then to USA via Fisherman's Lake-Natal. Natal to Miami by Pan American regular services. Despatch Aden 24 June 1942.

Rate: 28 Annas paid. (?)

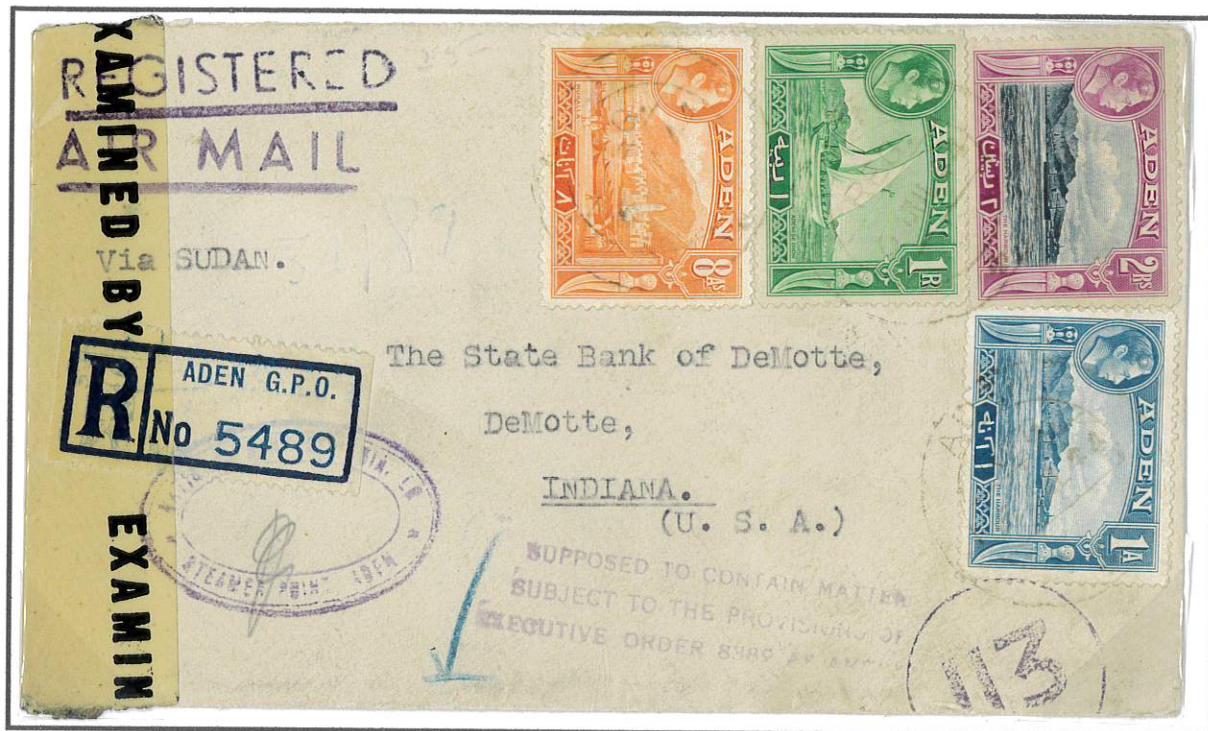
Censor: Resealing label Aden, PBC No.3. Nigeria "Half Moon".

Features: This cover was probably carried on Special Mission flight SM36 which left New York on 3 July 1942 and carried out five Fisherman's Lake to Natal shuttles before returning to New York.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Aden to United States via South Atlantic 1944.



Route: Aden to DeMotte via Kamaran-Asmara-Khartoum-Lagos by BOAC then to USA via ATC to Miami. Despatch Aden 6 July 1944, Khartoum 12 July, Miami 31 July, DeMotte 3 August.

Rate: 3 Rupees 9 Annas (63 Annas). Rate unfathomable in absence of Aden information.

Censor: Khartoum 113 transit, Miami 30549.

Features: Executive Order 8389 stamp. Miami 5162 registration tracker and Miami "Blue tick" censor examination mark.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American South Atlantic from A.E.F. to USA 1942.

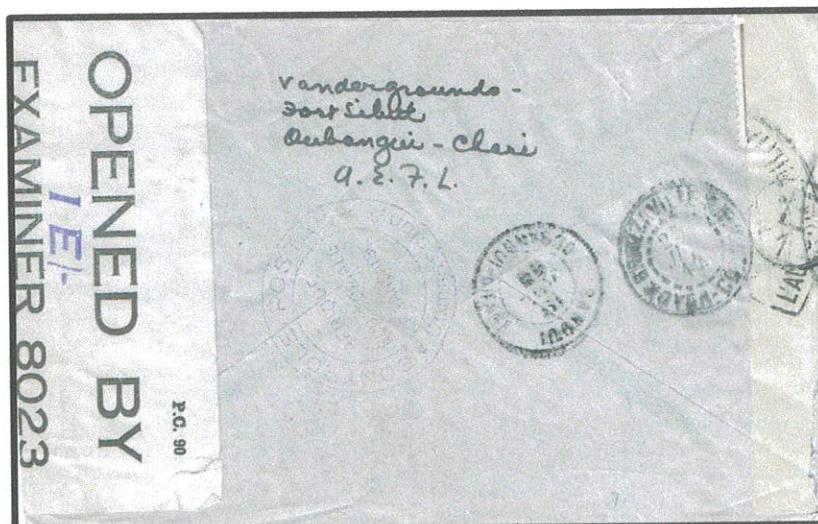


Route: Fort Sibut to Brazzaville by L.A.M. Brazzaville. Despatch 13 July, Bangui 19 July, Brazzaville 25 July 1942. Cover may have been carried from Leopoldville but more likely from Lagos by Special Mission.

Rate: Foreign basic 2.50Fr., air fee 15Fr.

Censor: "Commission B" Controle Postale. Trinidad Examiner I/E 8023.

Features: 75c overprint stamp wrapped around cover edge as common practice in A.E.F. Cover complete under unremoved section of French label.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American "Special Mission" flights from Gold Coast to United States 1942.



Route: Accra to New York via Lagos and/or Fisherman's Lake. Despatch Accra 11 April 1942. Arrive Miami 23 April 1942.

Rate: 3d. Registration. 4/- combined air fee. Total 4/3d.

Censor: Gold Coast censor 10. Gold Coast "Opened by Censor" label.

Features: Carried on flight 6007/8, which on return from Leopoldville picked up commercial mail from Lagos. 6007 also inaugurated the first Lagos-Natal shuttle flights. It is possible that if the cover was carried to Natal on one of the shuttles it would have been forwarded to Miami by FAM-6.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American "Special Mission" flights from Sudan to United States 1942.



Route: Khartoum to New York via Lagos. Despatch Khartoum 5 December 1942.

Rate: 36 Piastres (360 Mils) combined air fee. (3 x via Pacific rate).

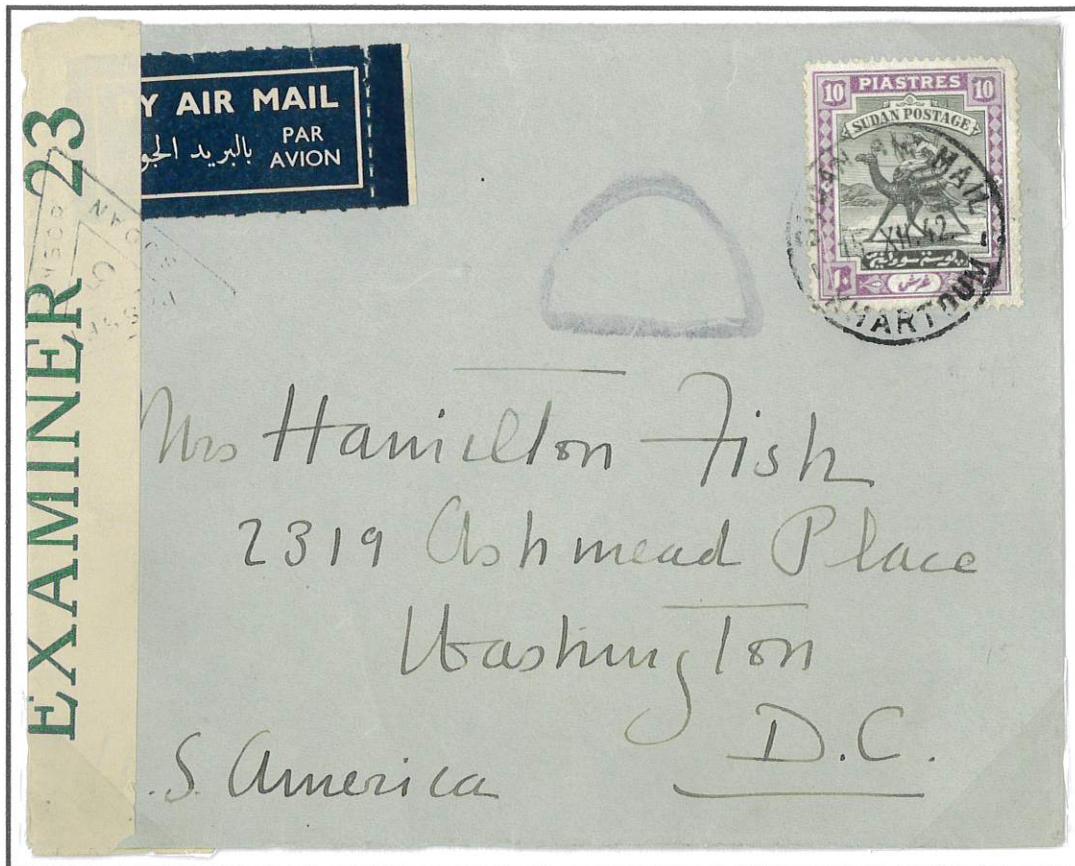
Censor: No Sudan Examiner. Lagos "Half Moon" transit.

Features: Despite a reduced rate for airmail to US via West Africa being introduced in December 1941, the sender appears to have used the previous "Via Pacific" rate even though correctly endorsed for the Atlantic route. See Sudan Almanac.

(f) AMERICA (by Air throughout via New Zealand and San Francisco).	Per 5 g or fraction thereof.
United States of America	120
Bahamas, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, "I. Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras (Br. and Republic), Jamaica, Martinique, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Porto Rico and Trinidad.	150
Argentine, Bolivia, Brazil, Chili, Columbia, Ecuador, Guiana, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay.	200

Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American "Special Mission" flights from Sudan to United States 1942.



Route: Khartoum to Washington via Lagos. Despatch Khartoum 15 December 1942.

Rate: 10 Piastres combined air fee.

Censor: Khartoum Examiner 23. Lagos "Half Moon" transit.

Features: New inclusive rate for airmail to America introduced December 1941. Lagos transit confirms route via West Africa despite not being correctly endorsed.

The Sudan Daily Herald, Khartoum
Monday 22nd December 1941

POSTAL NOTICE AIR MAIL TO AMERICA

Air Mail Correspondence may now be accepted for transmission to North and South America (including W.I. etc.) by air throughout by the transatlantic route at the combined air mail fee and postage rate of 100 m/ms per 5 grammes or fraction thereof.

Items intended for transmission by the new service, which substitutes services on other routes, should be superscribed "By trans-Atlantic Air Mail".

Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American South Atlantic flights from Sudan to United States 1943.



Route: Khartoum to New York via Lagos. Despatch Khartoum 5 July 1943. Lagos 10 July. Miami 5 August. New York 5 August.

Rate: 2 x 10 Piastres combined air fee. 20Mil registration.

Censor: Sudan PC-90 Examiner MM/5351 (Unrecorded by Little).

Features: Long transit from Lagos to Miami but undoubtedly carried by PanAm/ATC.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American South Atlantic flight from Senegal to United States 1945.



Route: Dakar-Lisbon-New York by Pan American. Despatch 14 February 1945, arrive New York 18 February 1945.

Rate: Surface 4Fr. Registration 4FR. Air fee 23Fr. Total 31Fr. 35c philatelic addition.

Censor: New York philatelic censor 20003.

Features: Single flight Dakar-New York. Entirely philatelic and mail held by New York censor until 25 June 1945. Existing South Atlantic FAM-18 route remained in use until end of WW2.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American South Atlantic flight from A.E.F. to United States 1942/3.



Route: Brazzaville-Pointe Noire-Lagos-Accra by French L.A.M. Accra-Miami by ATC. Despatch 5 December 1942. Miami 4 January 1944, New York 26 January 1943.

Rate: Philatelic franking. Complete Scott C1 to C8.

Censor: French AEF Commission A, New York examiner 9837. Miami 5558 tracking number.

Features: In December 1942 the French LAM service was established between Brazzaville-Pointe Noire to Lagos and Accra. This cover seems to have been sent to celebrate the reopening of the line.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail
Cairo to Canada via South Atlantic 1942



Route: Despatch 21 August 1942. Routed Cairo-Khartoum-Kano-Lagos by BOAC then by American ATC to Miami.

Rate: Surface 17 mils. Air fee 2 x 75 mils. Total 167 milliemes.

Censor: British military censor and Deputy Field censor.

Features: Correct surface rate of 17 milliemes for mail to British Dominion despite carriage via US. Rate for mail terminal to United States was 22 milliemes.

Trans-Atlantic Air mail
Airmail by Diplomatic Pouch 1942



Route: Cairo-Washington by Diplomatic air service provided by B-24 Liberators and TWA using Boeing 307 Stratoliners. Despatch date unknown. Arrive Washington 14 January 1942. First flight of the Stratoliners was 3 February 1942.

Rate: Paid BOAC rate. 17 milliemes surface + 100 mils air but conveyed by air in diplomatic pouch.

Censor: No censorship. Mail from Legation via US State Dept. Washington.

Features: Presumably an American diplomat accustomed to using the "Via Pacific" route and somewhat overtaken by events? In any event the cover clearly travelled on the direct Cairo-Washington B-24 service.

Carried by
B24

Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan Am/ATC South Atlantic from Jamaica to South Africa 1943.

EXAMINER I.D./8810

Manor House Hotel
CONSTANT SPRING
JAMAICA, B.W.I.

Mrs Harvey
Merton Keep
Merton Avenue
Pretoria
South Africa



Route: Kingston to Accra by ATC. Accra-Lagos-Leopoldville-South Africa by Sabena. Despatched 30 September 1943. Leopoldville 5 October 1943.

Rate: 3/2d all air rate introduced 15 September 1943.

Censor: Jamaica Examiner ID/8810.

Features: Rate reduction from 3/6d to 3/2d for airmail to West and South Africa. Jamaica Postal Bulletin 13 September 1943, effective 15 September 1943.

