

Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American "Double Atlantic" flight China to England via Lagos 1942



Route: Kutsing (10 Nov. 1942) – Kunming (16 Nov.) – Calcutta (20 Nov.) then by route endorsement on cover Calcutta-Cairo-Lagos by BOAC. Lagos-Miami by Pan American Airways "Special Mission" flight then New York-Lisbon-Foyines-London. No obvious signs of censorship.

Rate: Complex rate conveniently shown by postal clerk's calculations, comprising \$1.50 surface fee + \$11.70 first air fee (\$13.20) followed by eight further \$11.70 air fees (\$93.60) and registration fee (\$1.50). Total on cover \$108.30 as per calculation. However, the cover weighed 45g (written under 20c stamp) and the clerk forgot that there should have been two further 90c charges for the second and third 20 g. surface fees.