

Trans-Atlantic Air mail

BOAC Horseshoe. China to United States air/sea via Durban 1942.



China to New Jersey 1942. Airmail cover carrying a route instruction :

"By airmail, China, Calcutta, Cairo and Port Bell - Entebbe. By South African Airways to Leopoldville. Thence by PAA to destination."

Despatch date 27 November 1942, no arrival date. Cover opened and re-sealed by Indian PC-90 label.

Despite the 'via Port Bell' endorsement, CAA records show that all South African Airways operations to Leopoldville ended on 1st July 1942. The franking shows that this cover travelled by BOAC 'Horseshoe' from Cairo to Durban and then by sea to the United States.

Route: China-Calcutta by CNAC. Calcutta-Cairo by BOAC. Cairo-Durban by BOAC 'Horseshoe'. Durban to US by sea.

Rate: For the Durban route \$1.50 surface + 2 x \$5.10 air fee = \$10.70 as on cover.

