

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

