

Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American LATI substitute Route 7 first flight Brazil to Switzerland 1942



Route: Natal-Fisherman's Lake-Bolama-Lisbon, overflying Bathurst. Despatched 28 April 1942.

Rate: 5400 Reis inclusive. (Original LATI rate).

Censor: No censorship on this flight of LATI substitute.

Features: Flight 5013 departed Natal 27 April so cover missed the flight. Next flight was 7001, first of Route 7 departing Natal 11 May, 1942, arriving Lisbon 14 May. La Plaine arrival 20 May. By surface across France avoiding German interception.



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Pan American LATI substitute mis-routing from Brazil to Palestine 1943.

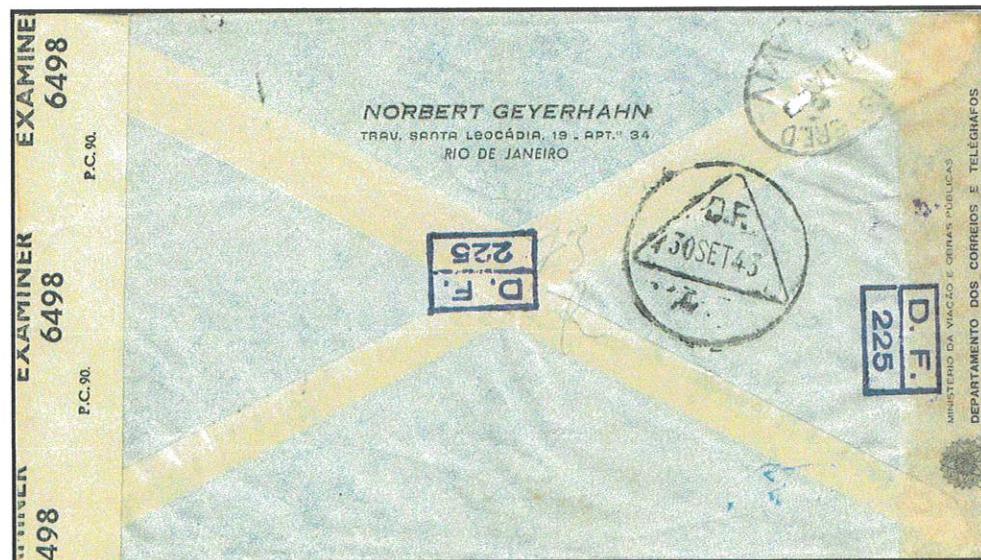


Route: Mail carried in error on the "Via USA" route to New York and then by Pan American Route 3 via Botwood and Shediac to Foynes. From UK by sea through Mediterranean to Cairo and then by MISR air to Palestine. Despatch 29 September 1943. Arrive Tel Aviv 27 January 1944.

Rate: Original LATI rate: 5800 Reis + 1500 Reis registration. Total 7300 Reis.

Censor: Brazil censor DF225. UK PC.90 Examiner 6498.

Features: Classic mis-sorting error. Mail from Brazil to the Middle East at this time was being bagged through Leopoldville using the ATC route from Miami. Mail from Brazil to UK was being bagged through USA without transit mail interception, relying on 100% examination in UK on arrival. This cover was clearly placed in the UK bag by mistake.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Misrouted mail from Brazil to Switzerland May 1943.



Route: Natal to Trinidad by Pan American FAM-6. Trinidad-New York-Bermuda-Horta-Lisbon by Pan American FAM-18. Lisbon-Paris by rail. Paris-Geneva by rail after censorship.

Rate: 5400 Reis inclusive (LATI Substitute) fee.

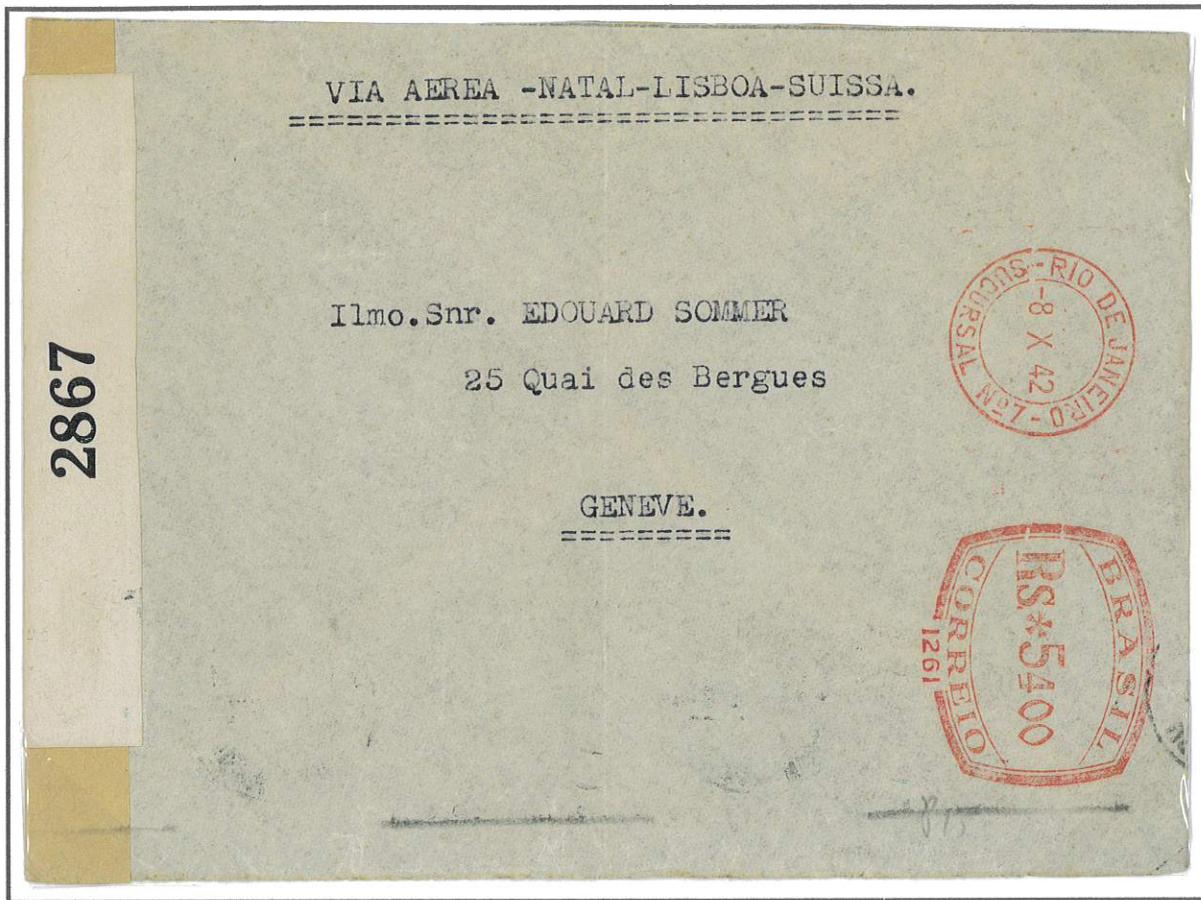
Censor: Trinidad 4969/IE. OKW Paris (Code X).

Features: Confusion leads to misrouting. Despite carrying the LATI rate that should have directed the cover to San Juan for examination, it was mis-routed to Trinidad using FAM-6 local service. The LATI Substitute flights on Route 9 did not pick up any mail at Natal in this period. After examination at Trinidad the cover was forwarded to New York and then via Bermuda to Lisbon. Posted 5 May 1943, the arrival in Lisbon is not known.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

LATI substitute Route 9 from Brazil to Switzerland 1942.



Route: Mail carried from Natal to San Juan by Pan American local service then forwarded by clockwise Route 9 flight to Bermuda-Horta-Lisbon. Lisbon-Geneva by rail to avoid German interception.

Rate: "LATI" all-up air 5400 Reis.

Censor: San Juan censor 2867, San Juan bag 7342, batch 613.

Features: Despatched 8 October 1942 and carried to San Juan by Pan American local service. Intended for carriage on Route 10 "LATI shuttle" from Natal but Route 10 shuttles were not flown at this time. Routed to Bermuda for carriage on flight 9015 to Lisbon, arriving 3 December 1942. Mail for Switzerland was being carried by rail across unoccupied France to avoid German interception.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American LATI substitute service Route 7 Brazil to Switzerland 1942



Route: Rio de Janeiro-Natal-Fisherman's Lake-Bolama-Lisbon by Pan American Route 7. Lisbon-Switzerland by rail across unoccupied France avoiding German interception. Despatched 10 July 1942. Overfly Bathurst.

Rate: 5400 Reis inclusive air fee + 1500 Reis registration = 6900 Reis. (Original LATI rate).

Censor: No censorship on LATI substitute.

Features: Carried on flight 7011 leaving Natal 16 July 1942. No call at Bathurst for examination, arrive Lisbon 19 July. Rail across unoccupied France to Switzerland arriving Solothurn 27 August.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American LATI substitute service Argentina to Palestine 1943



Route: Buenos Aires (27 May 1943) to Herzlia, Palestine via Natal-San Juan-Natal-Fisherman's Lake-Lagos (17 July)-Cairo-Tel Aviv 6 Aug.).

Rate: Natal route listed as 20c surface + 20c registration + 135c air fee = 175c.
New York route listed as 20c surface + 20c registration + 150c air fee = 190c.
Actually paid 2 Pesos (200c.)

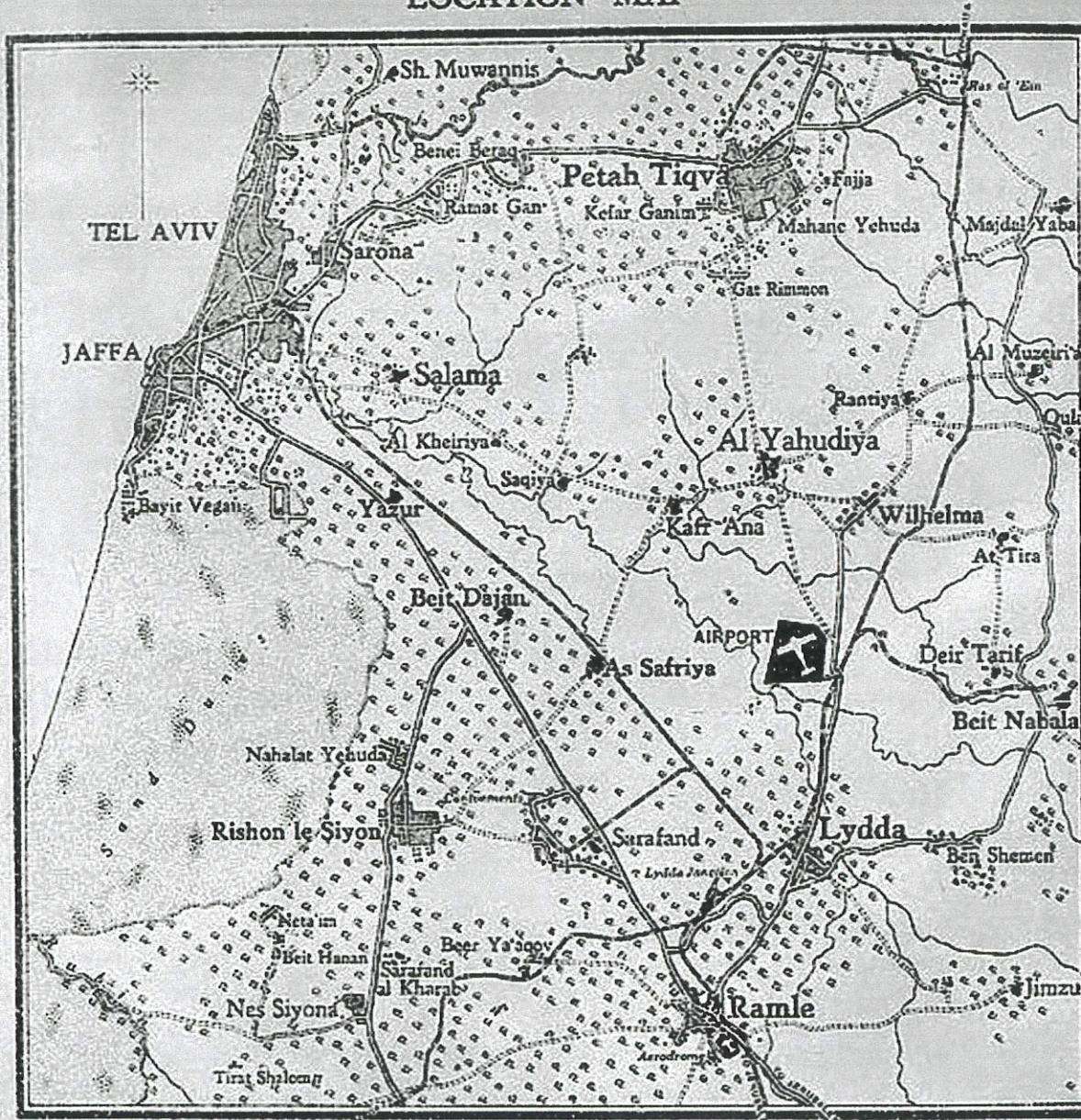
Censor: Re-sealed by censor 2926 at San Juan. Transit censor of Cairo. Re-sealed PC22 Palestine.
San Juan bag tracking 2151, batch tracking 1167 (On face)

Features: Complex route: Buenos Aires to Natal to San Juan by PanAm FAM-6; San Juan to Natal to Fisherman's Lake by "LATI substitute"; Fish Lake-Accra-Lagos by USATC; Lagos-Cairo by BOAC/SABENA; Cairo to Lydda/Tel Aviv by MISR Airwork. Delay between despatch and transit through Lagos, but route certainly via "LATI substitute" service of Pan American. Had the cover been routed via Miami it would have carried a Miami registration mark.



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LOCATION MAP



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Pan American LATI substitute/ATC service from Brazil to Palestine 1943.

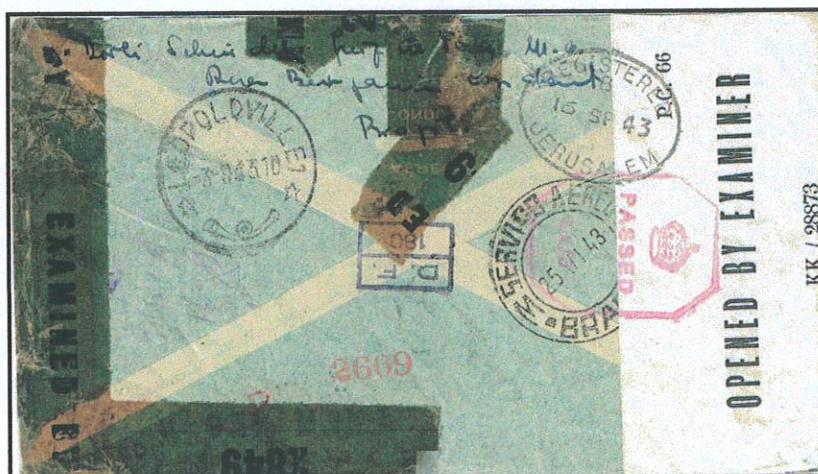


Route: Mail carried to San Juan by Pan American local service then forwarded to Miami and trans-Atlantic to Accra-Lagos-Leopoldville by ATC military. Leopoldville-Khartoum-Cairo by BOAC. Cairo-Haifa by MISR/BOAC. Despatch 25 June 1943. Transit Leopoldville 3 September, Jerusalem 16 September.

Rate: Original LATI rate: 5800 Reis + 1500 Reis registration. Total 7300 Reis.

Censor: San Juan censor 2849. San Juan bag 2609. Brazil censor DF160. Cairo transit. Palestine PC-90 KK/28873. Cover damaged and repaired by San Juan examiner using his tape.

Features: From this and other covers from Brazil to the Middle East, North Africa and South Africa it seems clear that some airmail from Brazil destined for trans-Atlantic carriage was first examined at San Juan as "LATI substitute" mail and then bagged together for transit via ATC from Miami through to Leopoldville despite this being an unnecessary route for the Middle East. Had the mail been separately bagged for Middle East destinations it could have been transferred at Accra or Lagos to the trans-Saharan routes rather than the "Via Congo" route.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American LATI substitute/FAM-18 Route 9 service from Peru to Switzerland 1943.

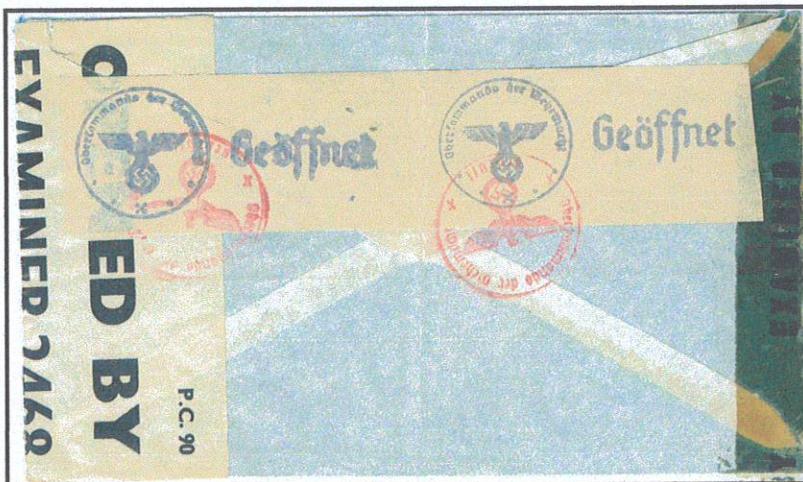


Route: Lima via Panagra to Cristobal; FAM-5 to Miami; to New York by internal US services; New York-Lisbon by FAM-18 Route 9. Despatch 26 March 1943. No arrival date.

Rate: Analysis of many covers shows 20c. surface, 2.25 Soles air fee to Europe. Total on cover 2.45 Soles.

Censor: New York examiner 7909. UK examiner 2468. OKW Paris Code X (This confirms 1943 date).

Features: Curious routing. The presence of UK 2468 examiner, confirmed by Morenweiser as being in UK means that the cover arrived in Lisbon and was carried through to Foynes-Liverpool before being forwarded back to Lisbon and on to Switzerland via Paris for OKW censorship.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American LATI substitute Route 8 from Argentina to Rhodes 1942.



Route: Mail carried from Natal to San Juan by Pan American local service then forwarded after examination by clockwise Route 8 flight to Bermuda-Horta-Lisbon. Lisbon-Rome by Lufthansa service 118. Rome-Athens by Lufthansa 112.

Rate: Original LATI rate 20c surface. 125c. air fee. Total 1.45 Pesos.

Censor: Transit San Juan bag 6382, batch 181. Opened and resealed by Italian censor in Rhodes, code C1. San Juan label under Italian label.

Features: Despatched 10 August 1942 and carried to San Juan. Despite the endorsement "Natal-Bocama (sic)-Lisboa" the cover actually travelled via Bermuda and Horta. Note unusual handstamp "Buenos Aires a Roma" with "Roma" added in manuscript.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American LATI substitute service from Austria to Argentina 1943.



Route: Vienna to Buenos Aires via Berlin-Lisbon-Bolama-Bathurst-Natal. Despatch 23 August 1943.

Arrive: Buenos Aires ?? November 1943.

Rate: Surface rate 25 Rpf. Air fee 90 Rpf. Total 115 Rpf. (Amtsblatt 29 March 1943).

Censor: OKW Berlin, Double censor at San Juan 2897 followed by 14020.

Features: Pan American "O" service May to October 1943. Chemical censor marks in Berlin or San Juan. Red tracking number of San Juan. Double blue San Juan "tick" lower left corner.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American LATI substitute Route 9 service Argentina to Switzerland February 1943.



Route: Buenos Aires 19 February 1943 to Natal, diverted to San Juan for examination as LATI substitute mail then forwarded by clockwise Route 9 to Lisbon via Bermuda.

Rate: Original LATI rate: 20c. surface; 125c. air fee = 145c.

Censor: Re-sealed by censor 14035 and OKW censor code 'x' Paris. San Juan bag 556, batch 324 (Under OKW label).

Features: Routed Buenos Aires-Natal-San Juan by Pan America FAM-6, San Juan by clockwise Route 9 flight to Bermuda-Horta-Lisbon. Lisbon-Switzerland via Paris by rail.
Mail to Switzerland was held up due to German occupation of Vichy France on 11 November 1942. When mail service was resumed in February/March 1943, it was diverted via Paris for OKW censorship. This cover eventually arrived in Switzerland on 11 June 1943.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Misrouted mail from Argentina to France July 1942.

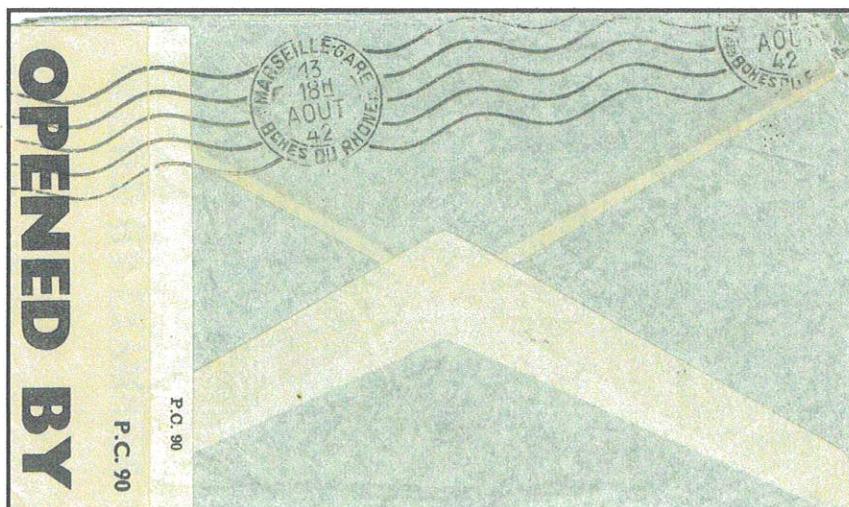


Route: Mail carried from Buenos Aires to Trinidad by Pan American FAM-6. Trinidad-Bermuda by Route 8 FAM-18 then to Lisbon via Horta by Route 8. Lisbon-Marseille by surface. Despatched 8 July 1942.

Rate: Surface 20c. Air 2 x 1.25 Pesos. Total 2.70. (LATI rate).

Censor: Trinidad 8044/IE (Under Bermuda tape). Bermuda 1042/IC

Features: Clear case of misrouting. Although endorsed "Via Natal" and franked at the "LATI substitute" rate, the cover was directed on to the "Via USA" route and was therefore censored at Trinidad and Bermuda as it travelled the FAM-18 route through New York. Cover should have been diverted at Natal on to the Route 7 counter-clockwise flights to Lisbon via Bathurst.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Alternative to LATI substitute route from Argentina to France February 1942.



Route: Mail carried from Buenos Aires across the Andes to Santiago then via the West Coast PANAGRA route to Panama-Miami-New York. New York-Lisbon via Bermuda-Horta by Route 4 FAM-18. Posted 11 February 1942, arrival not clear.

Rate: Surface 20c. "Via USA" air fee 1.50 Pesos. Total 1.70 Pesos.

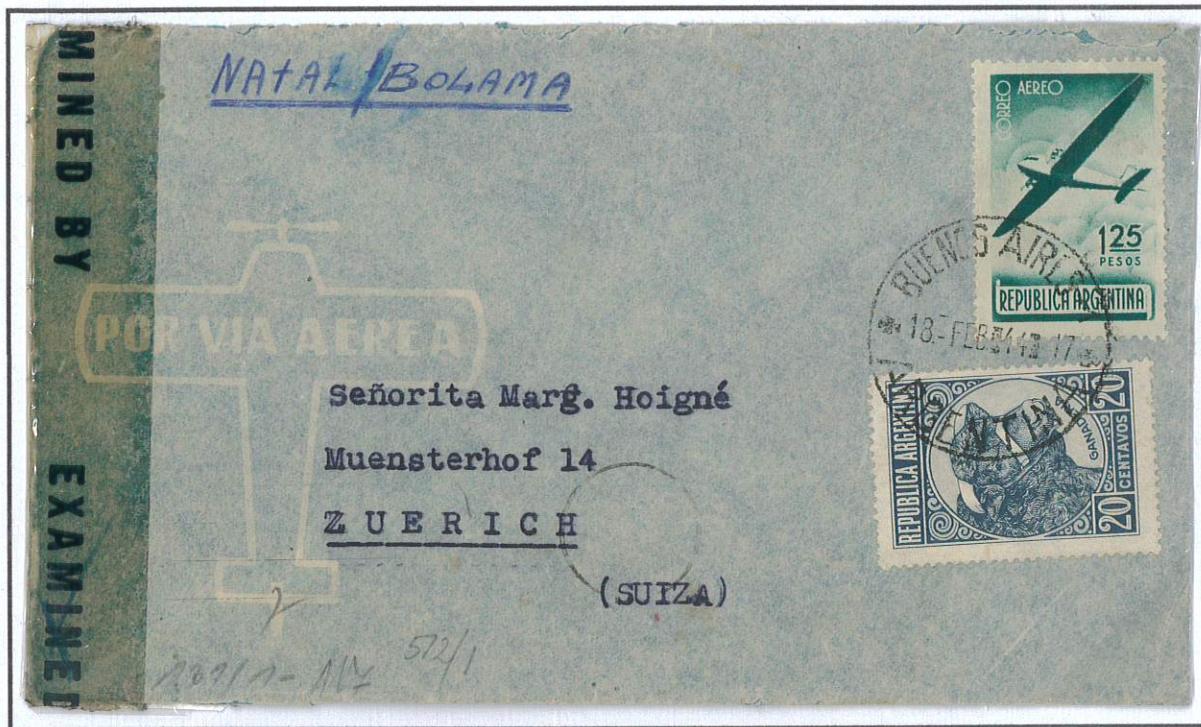
Censor: Miami 1933

Features: Showing alternative route Argentina-Europe via Panagra to Chile and Panama to United States. More expensive than the "LATI substitute" rate of 1.45 Pesos and the certainty of mail interception. In this case examined at Miami.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

LATI substitute "shuttle" Route 14 from Argentina to Switzerland February 1944



Route: Buenos Aires to Zurich via Natal-San Juan-Natal-Lisbon. Lisbon-Paris-Zurich surface across France. Despatch 18 February 1944. Arrival not known.

Rate: Original LATI rate: 20c. surface; 125c. air fee = 145c.

Censor: Examined by censor 64292 in San Juan; San Juan tracking 237 under OKW tape code 'x' Paris. San Juan "tick mark" under examiner tape.

Features: Carried to San Juan by Pan American local service. After examination returned by local flights to Natal where mail was accumulated before being carried on Route 14 flights (LATI shuttle) to Lisbon. A three month delay between sending and receiving was common.



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Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American LATI substitute "O" service. Switzerland-Australia 1942



Route: Geneva to Melbourne via Lisbon-Bolama-Natal-Miami-San Francisco by air, then surface to Australia. Despatch 28 Aug. 1942. Must have travelled by Pan American "LATI substitute" Route 8 flight, since a Route 7 flight would have gone via Bermuda where the cover would certainly have been intercepted and censored.

Rate: Difficult to determine, since there was no regular airmail service to Australia. Cover endorsed "25gr" so surface rate would be 30c + 20c (second 20g) leaving 440c for air fee. 5 x 70c rate to US = 350 so possibly 90c rate to Hawaii was used = 450c. Total franking on cover is 490c. Cover travelled via San Francisco destined for Hawaii so????

Censor: Censor 10066 of San Francisco, under Australian OBC No.3 of Victoria.

Features: Cover carried by Pan American Route 8 "LATI substitute" via West Africa and Brazil, bypassing British censorship at Trinidad and American censor at San Juan.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American LATI substitute air/sea Chile to Switzerland 1943



Route: Santiago-Buenos Aires by PanAm FAM-9. Buenos Aires to Natal-San Juan by PanAm FAM-6. After examination, San Juan-Bermuda by Route 8 "LATI substitute", Bermuda-Lisbon by sea. Lisbon-Switzerland by rail avoiding German interception. Despatched 3 September 1943.

Rate: 1.80 Peso surface. 1.80 Peso registration. 2 x 7.80 Peso air fee. Total 19.20 Pesos confirmed by postal clerk calculation. 10 Peso stamp missing in transit as endorsed by Swiss postal clerk.

Censor: San Juan censor 2882. San Juan bag 3676. Bermuda transit tracking 48763 (Flynn).

Features: An example of mail from Chile using a sea/air route to Europe. The air fee from Chile to the United States was 7.80 Pesos (increased from 7.60 in 1943). The all-air fee to Europe at the time was 13.20 Pesos. Despite the endorsement "Buenos Aires-Natal-Bolama" the cover actually travelled northward to Bermuda after examination at San Juan.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American LATI substitute air/sea Chile to Switzerland 1942



Route: Santiago to Ascona via Cristobal-Miami-New York-Bermuda-Lisbon. Lisbon-Switzerland by rail through France. Despatch 16 June 1942. Arrive 21 August 1942.

Rate: 1.80 Peso surface fee, air fee to USA 7.60 Peso. Total 9.40 Pesos. All-air to Europe at this time was 13.20 Pesos.

Censor: Miami 4730 (under Bermuda tape). Bermuda 4560 IC. Pre San Juan interception and not carried by PanAm Route 5 from Natal.

Features: Air/sea route and rate. Airmail via West coast route (Panagra) to Miami – New York then (presumably) sea via Bermuda to Lisbon. Redirected on arrival to Ascona on Lake Maggiore.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American FAM-18/LATI Substitute service from Sweden to Brazil 1944.



Route: Mail carried from Stockholm to Berlin and Berlin to Lisbon by Lufthansa. Pan Am Route 13 from Lisbon to New York overflying Natal and Trinidad to Bermuda for examination. Arrival New York 17 April, 1944. New York to Brazil by Pan American FAM-6.

Rate: 30 øre surface. 20 øre registration. $4 \times 140 \text{ øre air fee} = 6.10 \text{ Kroner}$.

Censor: OKW Berlin. Bermuda 5188/IC.

Features: Incorrectly bagged as FAM-18 (at Lisbon?) and sent all the way to New York, bypassing Trinidad and San Juan. Should have been bagged as LATI Substitute and off loaded at San Juan for censorship. Originally incorrectly franked 510 øre and returned for uprating by additional 1Kr. Stamp

