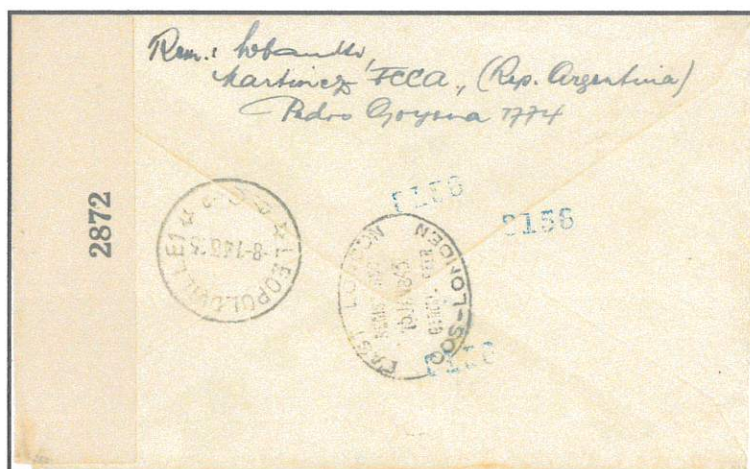


Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American FAM-22 Argentina to South Africa 1942/3



- Route: Buenos Aires to East London via Natal-San Juan-Miami-Accra-Lagos-Leopoldville. Despatch 7 December 1942. Transit Leopoldville 8 January 1943, arrive East London 13 January 1943.
- Rate: Rated via America: surface 20c. registration 20c. 3 x air surcharge 150c. = 4.90P.
- Censor: Re-sealed by censor 2872 in San Juan; bag No. 8156, batch No. 1003.
- Features: Cover carried via Natal to San Juan for censoring, then via Miami on ATC military service to Accra. Accra-Lagos-Leopoldville-South Africa by SABENA.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Pan American "Special Mission" service Argentina to South Africa 1942



- Route:** Buenos Aires to Port Elizabeth via Natal-Miami-Lagos-Leopoldville. Despatch 24 April 1942, transit Miami 29 April, Leopoldville 22 May, arrive Port Elizabeth 3 June 1942.
- Rate:** 20c. surface, 20c. registration, 125c. air fee. Total 1.65 Pesos (LATI rate).
- Censor:** Re-sealed by censor 4466 in Miami. No other censorship.
- Features:** Complicated wartime route. Buenos Aires-Natal-Miami by Pan American FAM-6. Miami despatch by "Special Mission" flight, SM29 or SM30 to Lagos via Fisherman's Lake. Lagos to Leopoldville by BOAC Lagos-Cairo flying boat service, flight XLC46 arriving Leopoldville 22 May 1942. Leopoldville to South Africa by South African Airways once weekly service (discontinued on 1 July 1942).



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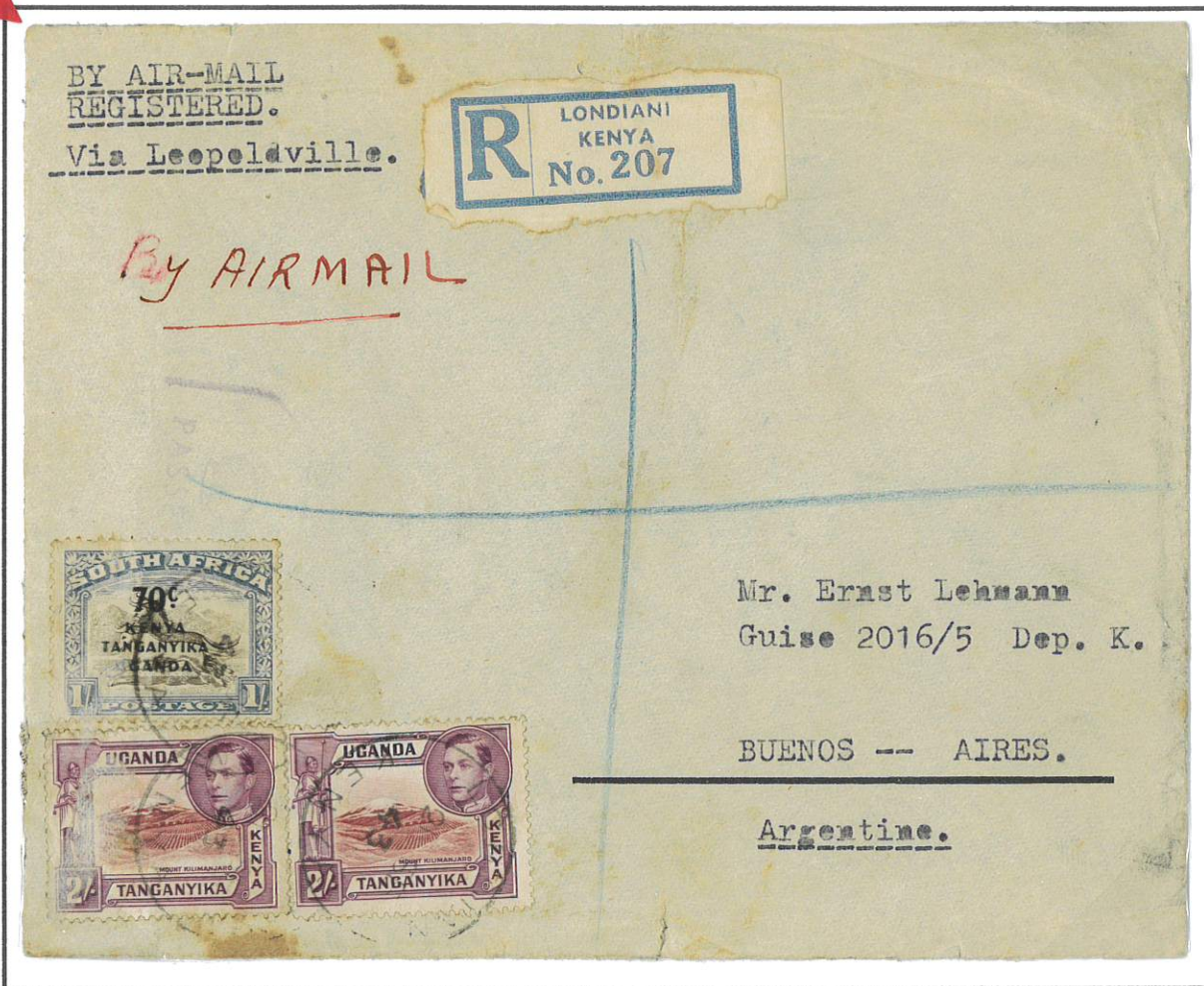
Pan American winter route French Equatorial Africa to Argentina 1943.



- Route:** Pointe Noire to Buenos Aires via Lagos-Fisherman's Lake-Natal. Despatch Pointe Noire 1 May 1943. Transit Natal 27 May 1943. No other transit or arrival marks.
- Rate:** 2.50 Fr. surface (Foreign); 2 x 11 Fr. air fee. Total 24.50 Fr. (Picirilli).
- Censor:** Middle Congo Commission "B" and "Control Postal Militaire" label. Lagos PC-90 and boxed PP/13. No other censorship.
- Features:** Cover carried from Fisherman's Lake on "Atlantic Clipper" on the last flight of the Pan American winter route from Lisbon before the change to the northern summer route via Newfoundland. Transferred at Natal without being diverted to San Juan for censorship, presumably because of prior examination by an Allied censor in Lagos.



Trans-Atlantic Air mail
Kenya to Argentina via Lagos 1943.



- Route: Londiani to Buenos Aires. Kisumu-Khartoum by BOAC Horseshoe. Khartoum-Lagos by BOAC/Sabena. Lagos-Miami by USATC. Miami-Buenos Aires by Pan American FAM-6. Despatch 21 September 1943. Transit Kisumu 22 September. Khartoum 27 September. Miami 28 October. No arrival date.
- Rate: 4s/40c air fee + 30c registration. Rate applied until December 1943.
- Censor: Missing Kenya PC-90 label. Remains of boxed censor cachet Little type III.
- Features: Despite endorsement "Via Leopoldville" cover was carried by "Corsair" flight IE333 to Khartoum then Sabena flight 3T276 arriving Lagos 1 October. At this time, mail assembled at Lagos was carried by USATC via Accra to Natal-Miami. Puzzle is why the cover was not transferred at Natal?

