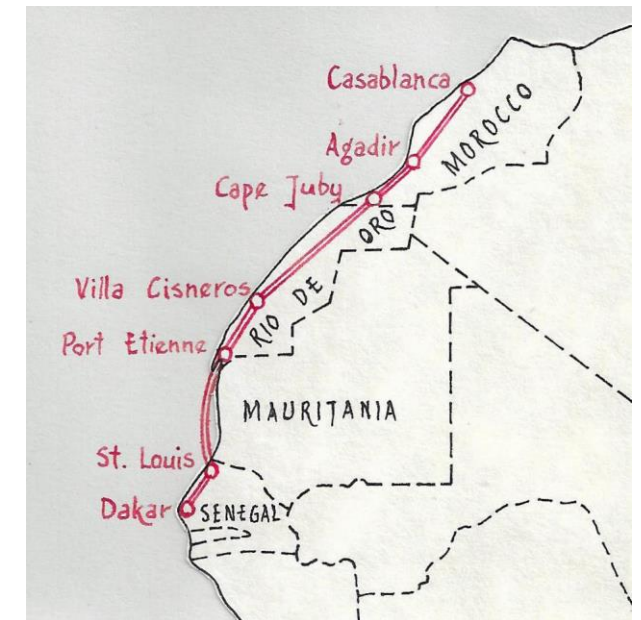
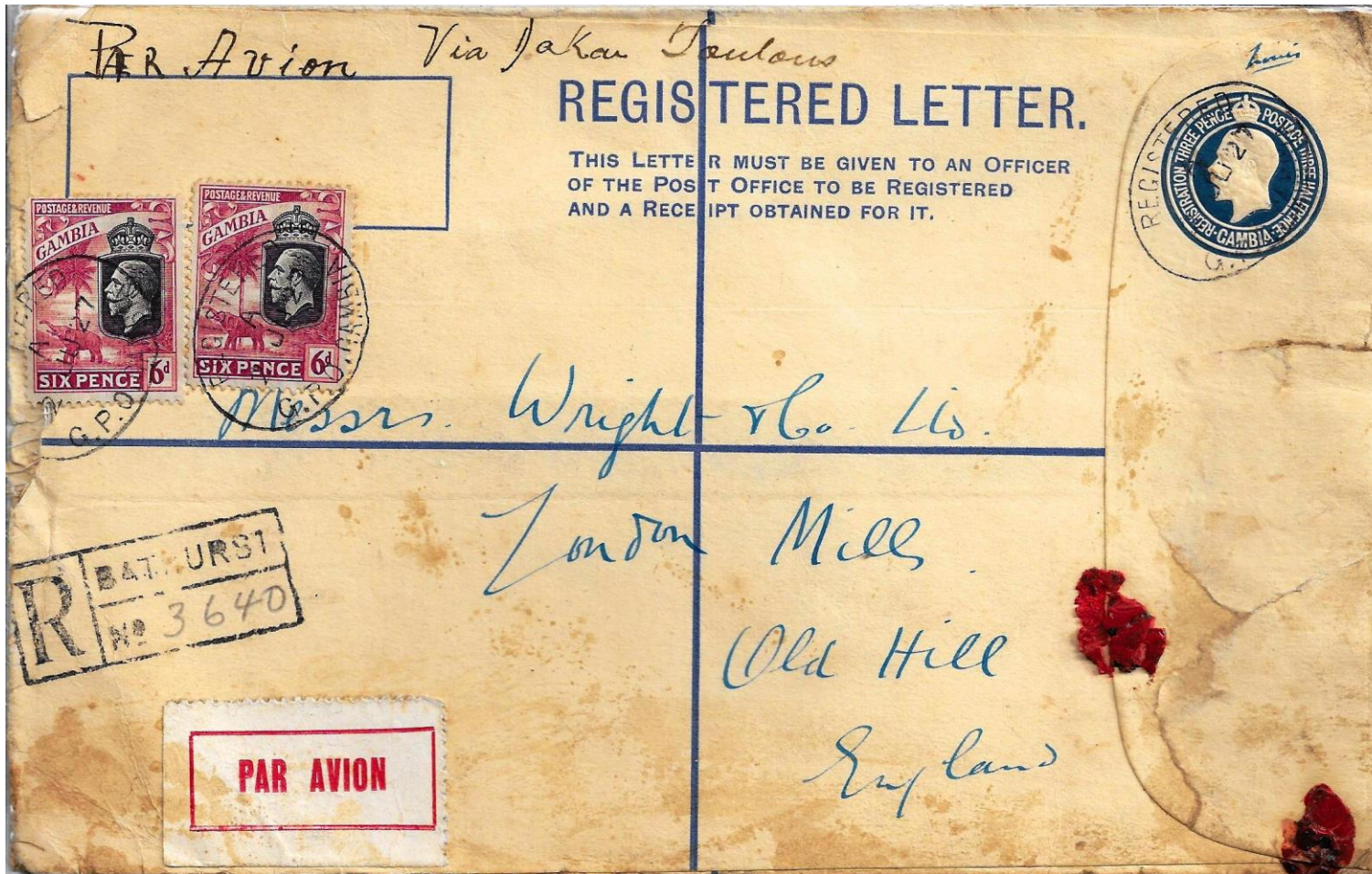


C.G.E.A. (Compagnie Générale d'Entreprises Aéronautiques)



Posted in Bathurst 2 June 1927. No backstamps. Carried to Dakar by Elder Dempster S.S. *Elmina* on 3 June and flown from there to Toulouse by C.G.E.A. (departed 8 June; arrived 11th). It was then sent by train and steamer to London (arrived 13th).

1/3d. postage = 3d. registration + 1½d. first oz. ordinary Empire postage + 10½d. air mail fee for a letter weighing between ½ and 1 ounce.

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NOM ET ADRESSE DE L'EXPÉDITEUR :

*Alfa Ousmana Danogo
à Tombouctou*

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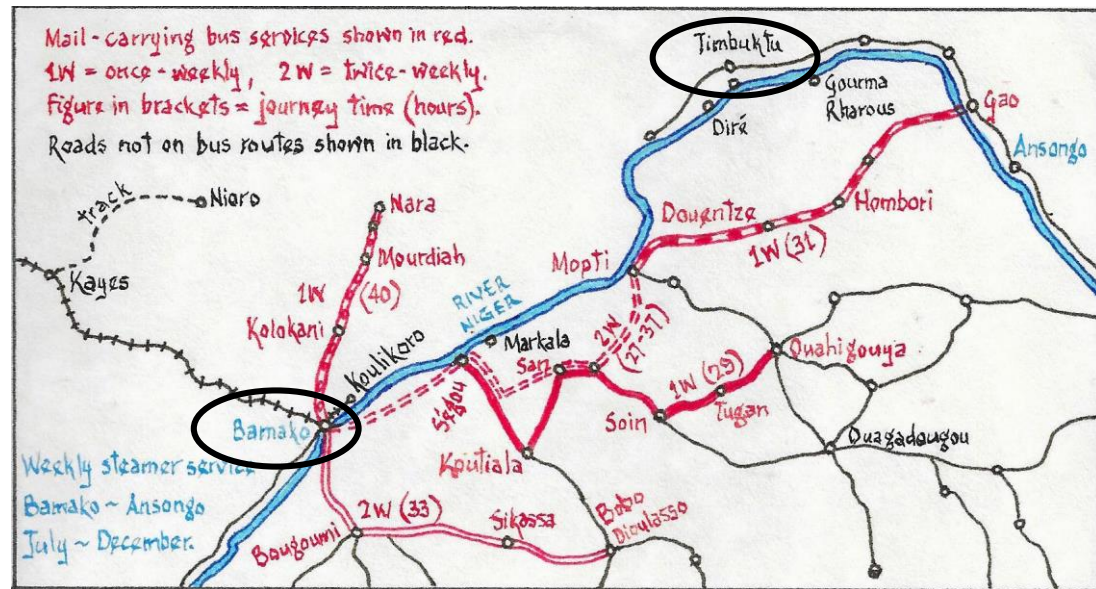
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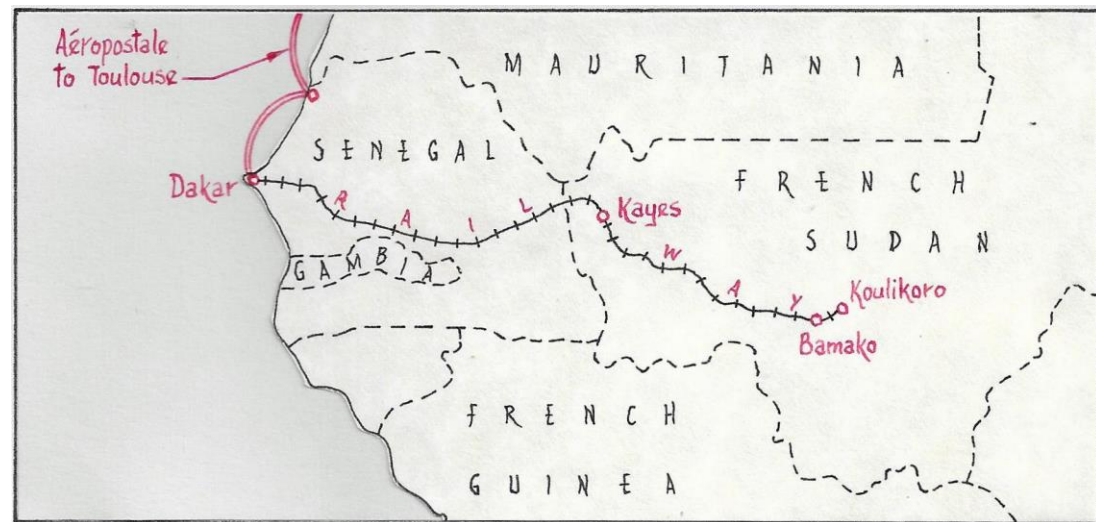
à Casablanca (Maroc)



Tombouctou (9 November 1928) to Bamako (22 Nov.): 9 days; Bamako to Dakar (30 Nov.): 8 days. After arrival at Dakar, the cover was flown by the once-weekly Aéropostale service to Casablanca on 29th & 30th.



Tombouctou (Kabara) to Bamako: 560 miles by steamer.



Bamako to Dakar: 845 miles by train.

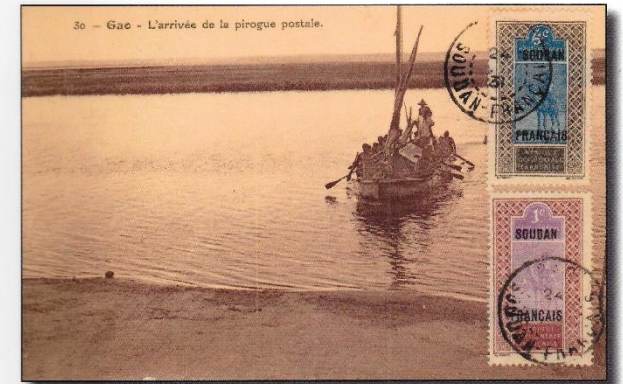
289. Afrique Occidentale - SOUDAN — NIGER - Une vedette postale

Collection Générale Füstier, Dakar



A typical small Niger River postal steamer.
During the dry season (January to June) barges were employed.
[Photo courtesy of Peter Kelly]

DAKAR TO TOMBOUCTOU
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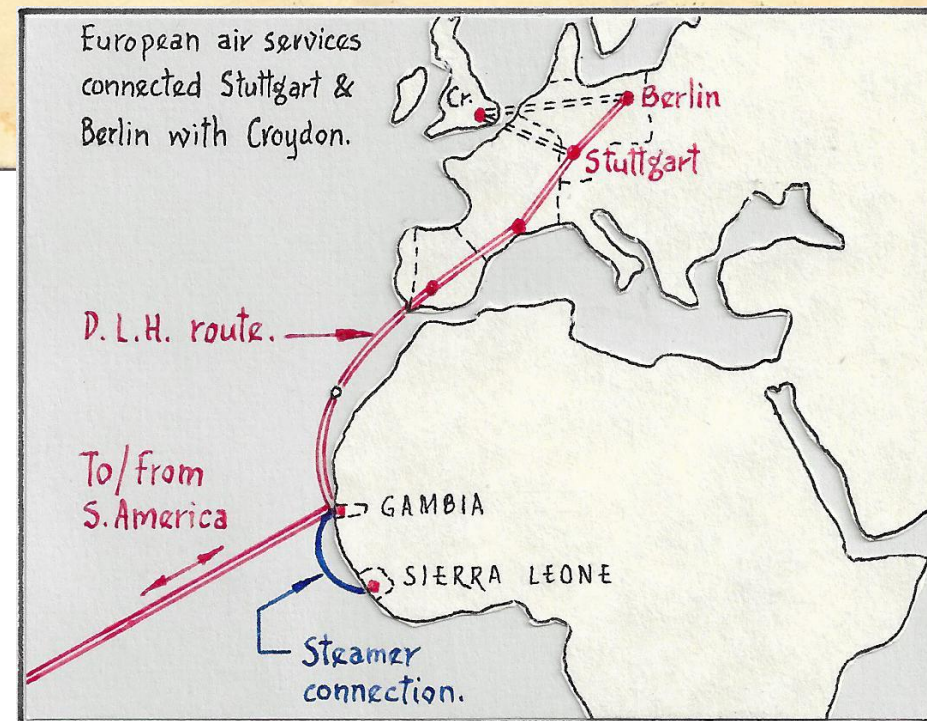
PETER R.A. KELLY FRPSL

SIERRA LEONE MAIL CONNECTING WITH DLH SOUTH ATLANTIC SERVICE



Freetown, 4 April 1935. Carried by Elder Dempster ship *Accra* to Bathurst: sailed 4 July, arrived 5th. Flown by DLH service L74 to Stuttgart and flown from there to Zurich by joint Swissair/DLH service. Franked 1/4½d. per ½ oz. air fee to Europe + 3d. registration.

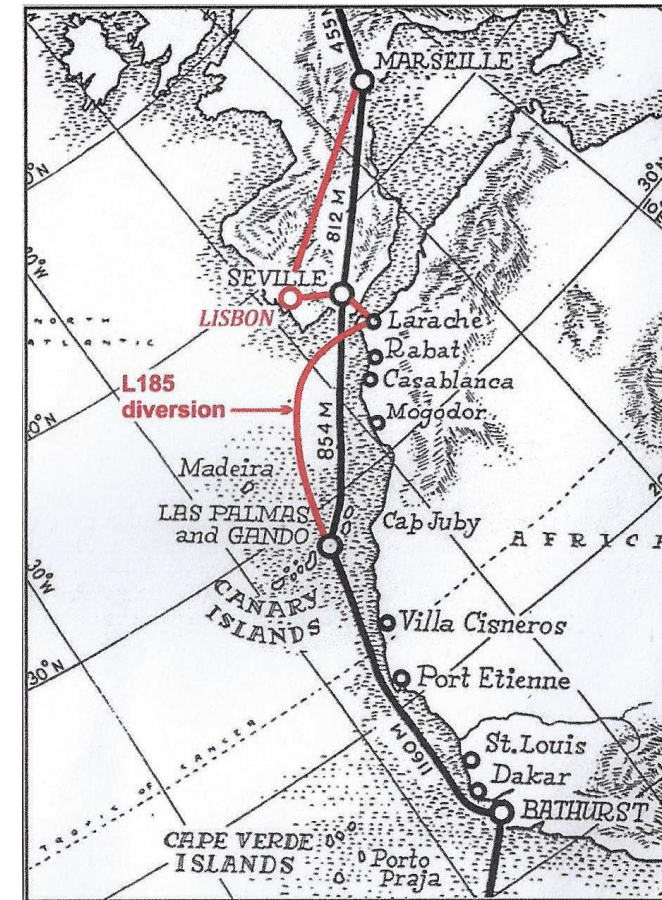
Posted 16 days before service was announced by the Post Office.



Ju-52 Mistral				Aircraft unknown						
Dep. Bathurst	-	06 Apr.	Dep. Las Palmas	-	07 Apr.	Dep. Seville	05.08 08 Apr.	Dep. Geneva	-	09 Apr.
Arr. Las Palmas	-	06 Apr.	Arr. Seville	15.03	07 Apr.	Arr. Geneva	13.31 08 Apr.	Arr. Stuttgart	05.28	09 Apr.

The reason for the unscheduled nightstop at Geneva is unknown.

GAMBIA MAIL FLOWN BY THE DLH SOUTH ATLANTIC SERVICE



Posted Nantes, 23 July 1936. Sent by train to Marseilles, via Paris. Flown by DLH service L185. The Spanish Civil War commenced on 18 July. The previous service was diverted via Lisbon to avoid call at Seville. This service called at both cities. The 11.40fr. postage = 1.50fr. first 20 gr. + 0.90fr. additional 20 gr. ordinary postage + 3 x 3.00fr. per 10 gr. air mail fee to Gambia.

ITINERARY OF SERVICE L185				
Frankfurt	dep.	04.15	6 Aug.	Karlsruhe
Marseilles	arr.	07.21	6 Aug.	Karlsruhe
Marseilles	dep.	09.36	6 Aug.	Karlsruhe
Las Palmas	arr.	23.50	6 Aug.	Karlsruhe
Las Palmas	dep.	01.35	7 Aug.	Karlsruhe
Bathurst	arr.	07.35	7 Aug.	Karlsruhe

Calls were also made at Lisbon, Seville & Larache

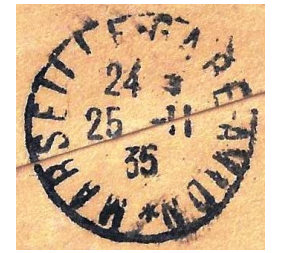


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PAR AVION
DAKAR À TOULOUSE



Surgeon Captain H.F. Briggs M.B. Ch.B. F.R.C.S.
Royal Naval Hospital Royal Navy.
Simonstown
Cape South Africa



Freetown, 9 November 1935. Elder Dempster S.S. *New Texas* sailed Freetown 15 Nov., arrived Dakar 19th. Departed 22nd via Air France to Marseilles (arrived 25th). Sent by train to Paris to connect with Imperial Airways service AS296 which departed 27th and arrived Cape Town 6 Dec.

D.L.H.



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The German terminal was changed from Stuttgart to Frankfurt in April 1936 but Stuttgart remained on Sierra Leone labels.

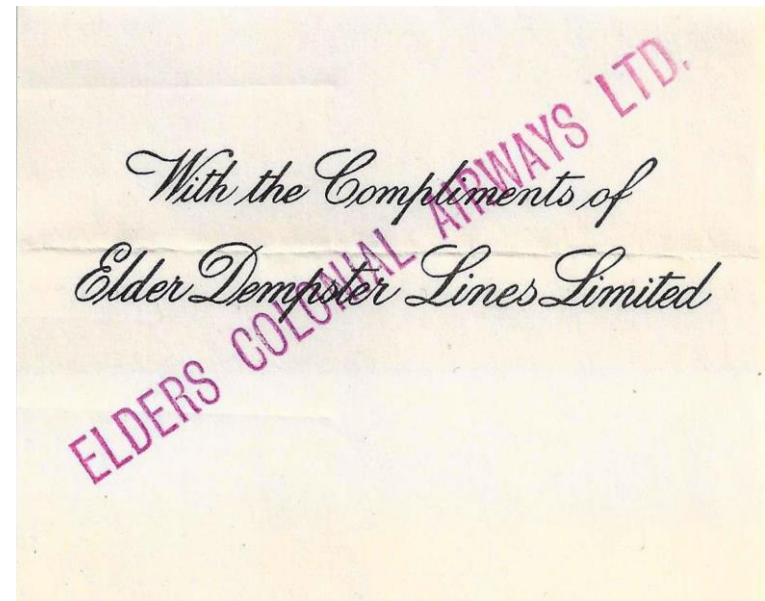
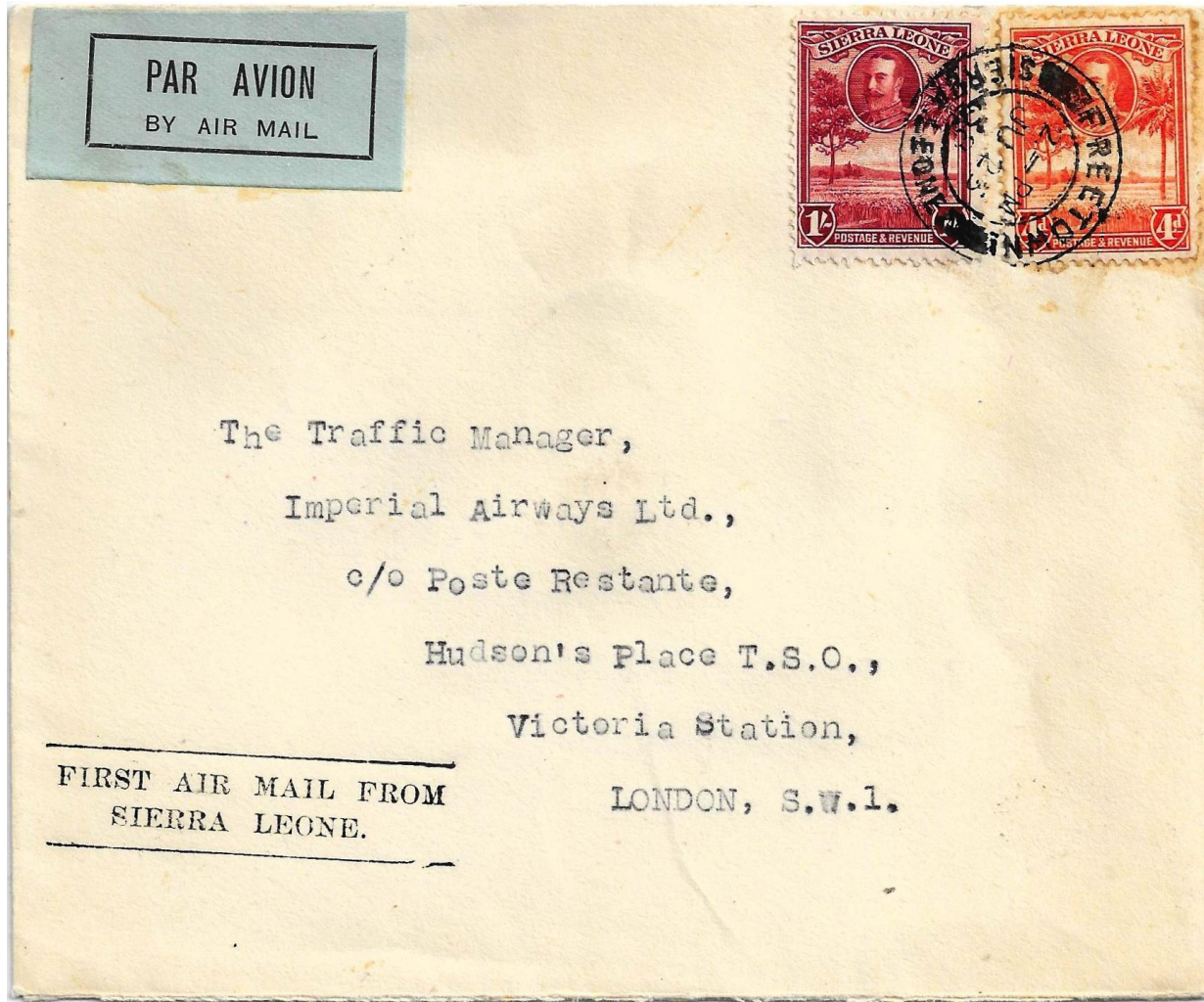


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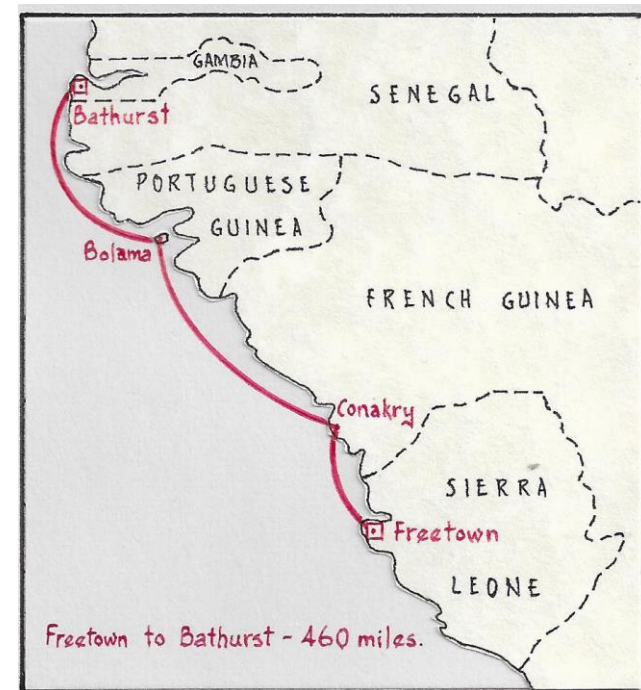
For use on mail flown by French services.

Posted on Elder Dempster steamer *Ashantian* ~ arrived Freetown southbound on 9 Dec. 1936. Rate to U.K. was 1/1d. per 1/2 oz. ~ overpaid 4d. Left Freetown 10th in E.D. ship *Apapa* which arrived Bathurst 11th. Flown to Berlin by D.L.H. service L198.



Freetown, 23 June 1938. Flown to Bathurst one day late on 25 June by Elders Colonial Airways service FB1. Missed the DLH service of that day. Held at Bathurst for 6 days, then flown by D.L.H. service L360 ~ departed 2 July and arrived Frankfurt 3rd.

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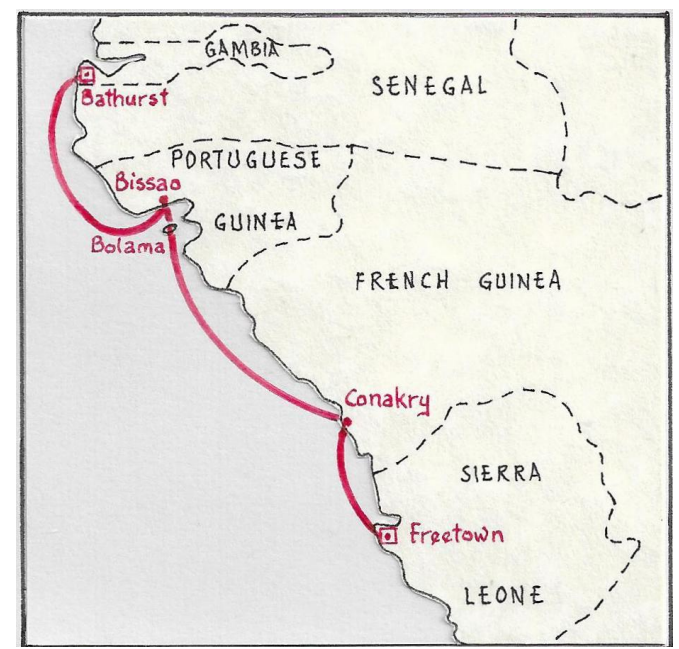




Bissau, 16 February 1939. Flown to Bathurst on 17th by Elders service FB35, then by D.L.H. service L426 which departed 18th. The service was delayed at Lisbon for 13 hours but why this cover was taken off the aircraft and datestamped by the Lisbon Post Office is a mystery.

Ju-52 Fritz von Roeth			He-111 Karlsruhe						
Dep. Bathurst	03.45	18 Feb.	Dep. Las Palmas	12.02	18 Feb.	Dep. Lisbon	07.10 19 Feb.	Dep. Frankfurt	Not known
Arr. Las Palmas	11.44	18 Feb.	Arr. Lisbon	18.20	18 Feb.	Arr. Frankfurt	16.51 19 Feb.	Arr. Berlin	Not known

He-111 Karlsruhe also called on 19th at Marseilles (arr. 12.53; dep. 13.23)



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Postmaster General's Office,
Nigeria.

LAGOS, 10. May, 1938.

Letter received 7 June

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Sir,

Air Mails.

I propose to introduce direct despatches by air from Oshogbo to London commencing with a despatch on the 18th May 1938 to connect with the aeroplane leaving Lagos on the 19th May 1938 and I trust you will be good enough to agree to the arrangement.

2. The previous direct despatches ceased on the 3rd March 1937 when the aeroplane from Khartoum discontinued calling at Oshogbo.

3. The Oshogbo despatch will give a large area 24 hours later posting for the air despatch to London.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. Cunningham
As. Postmaster-General.

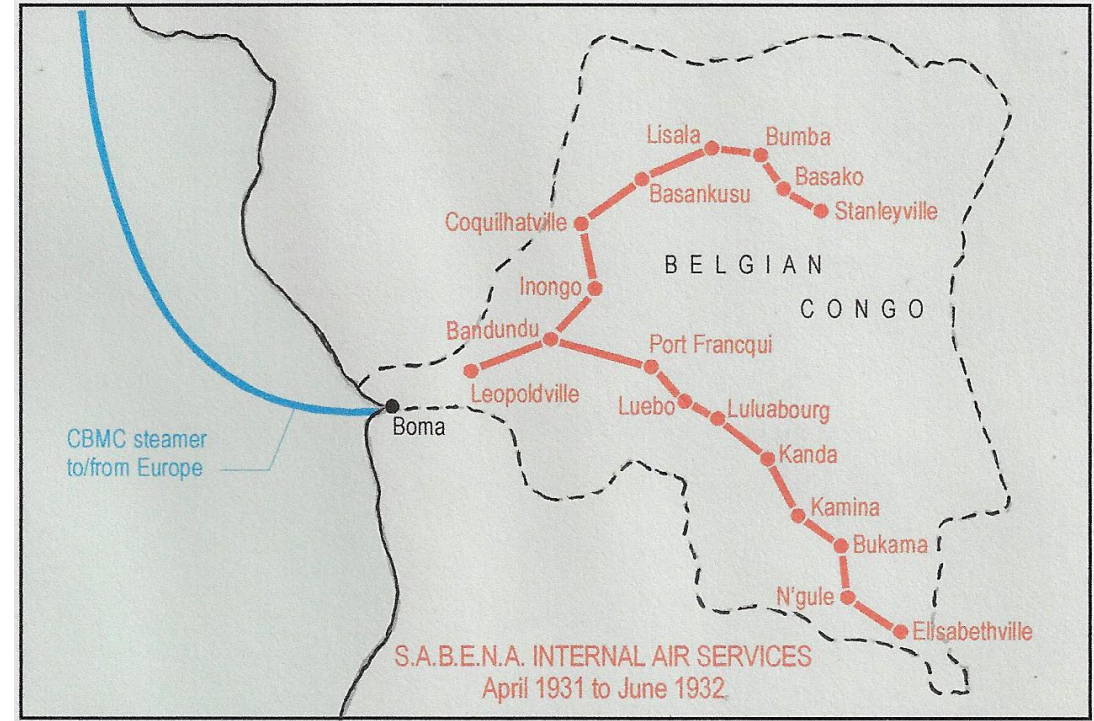
DR. GEORGE GREEN
OGBOMOSHO, NIGERIA
WEST AFRICA



The Assistant Secretary,
Central Midwives Board Irish Free State,
33 St. Stephen's Green,
Dublin, Ireland.

Ogbomosho, 16 May 1938, sent by road to Oshogbo. Due to an outbreak of yellow fever in the area, calls at Oshogbo ceased in March 1937 but were reintroduced commencing with service LK120, operated by DH86 Dione, which departed 19 May and arrived Khartoum 21st. Then flown by I.A. service KN47 which departed 22 May and arrived Southampton 24th.





Letter from British Consulate in Leopoldville, 9 July 1931. Flown by Sabena internal service to Coquilhatville on 13 July.

The 22.75fr. postage = 1.25fr. first 20 gr. + 8 x 0.75fr. additional 20 gr. surface postage + 9 x 1.50fr. per 20 gr. internal air fee + 2.00fr. registration. The letter weighed between 160 and 180 gr.

