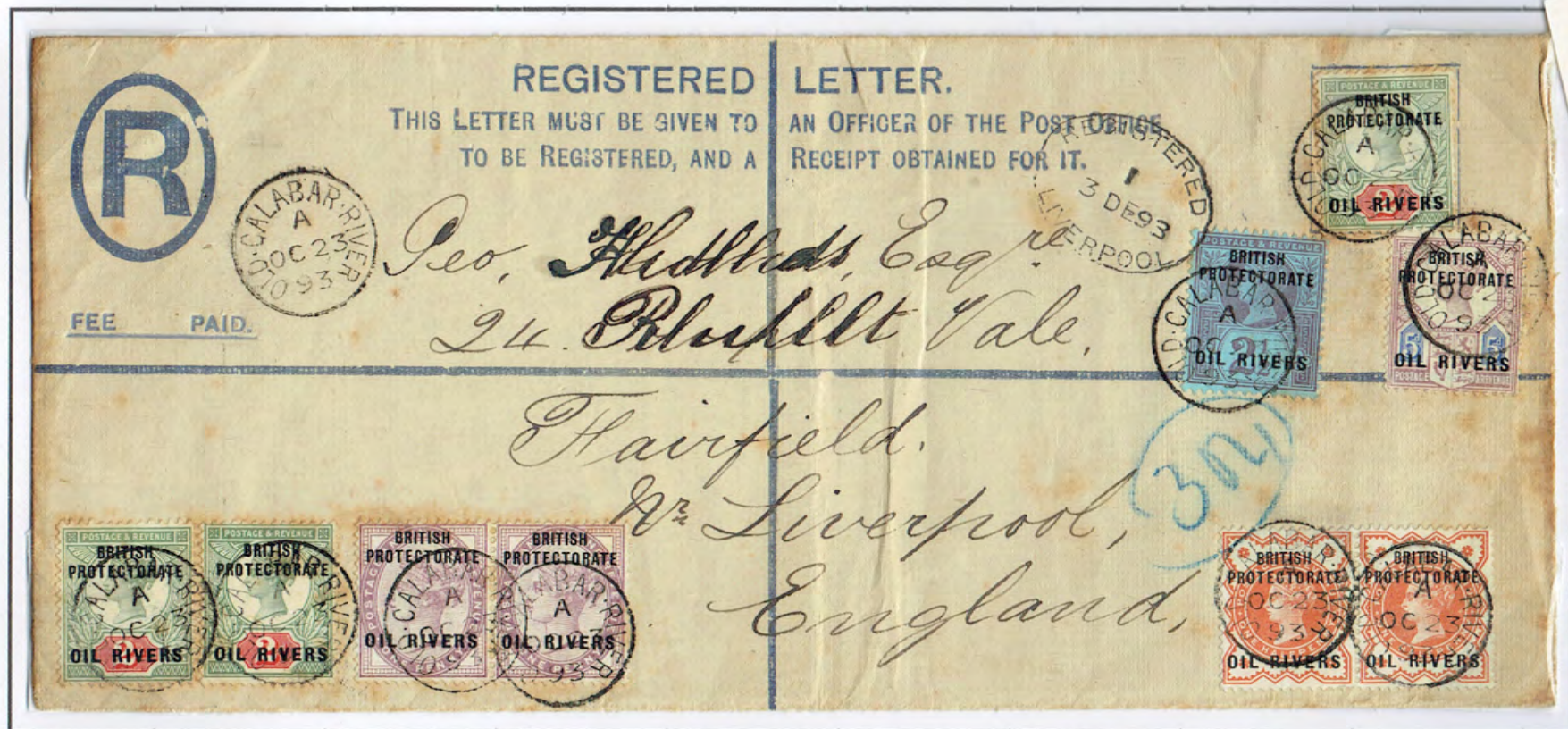


Niger Coast/Oil Rivers

Old Calabar 1893

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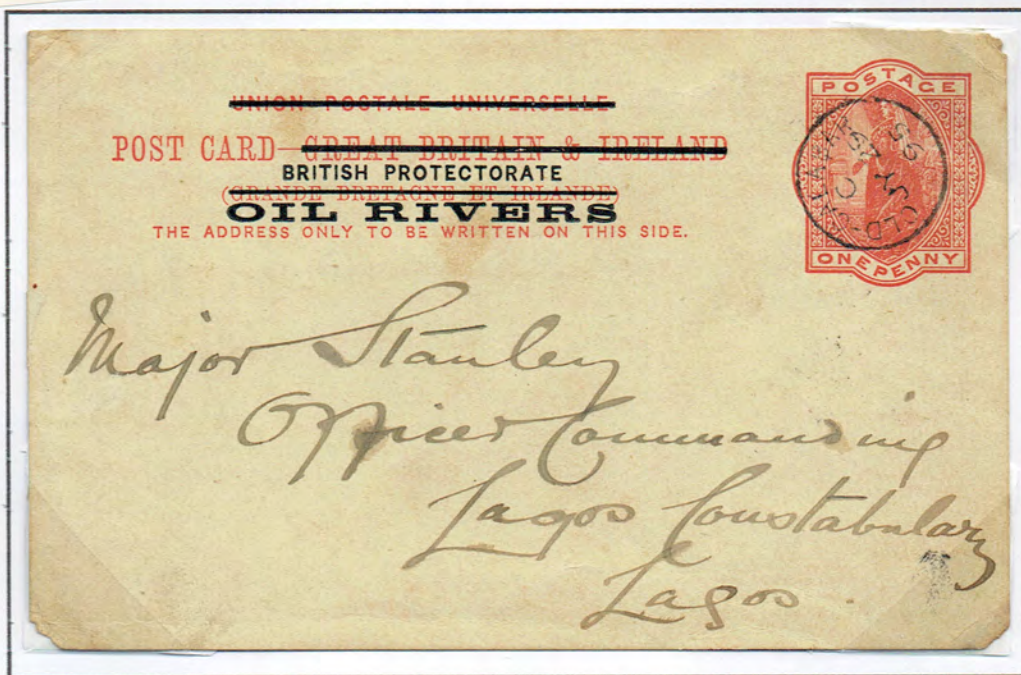


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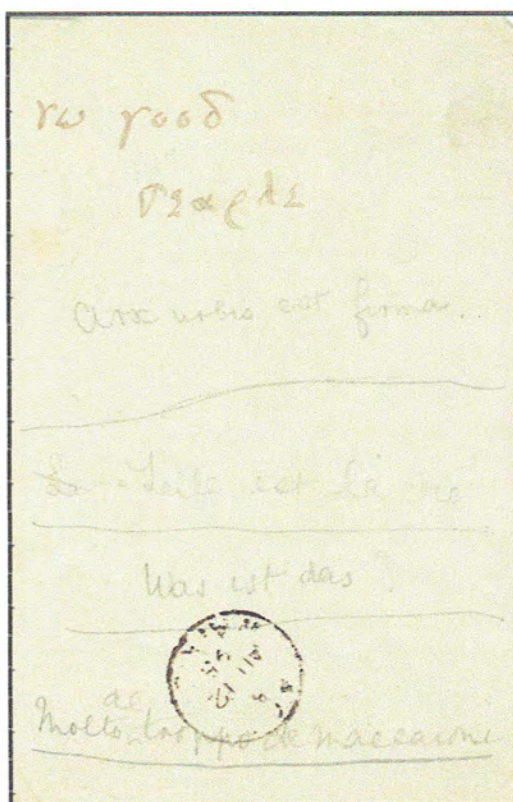
Niger Coast/Oil Rivers

Old Calabar to Lagos 1895

JW 002



1d. postcard overprinted for use in Oil Rivers. Posted Old Calabar 29 July 1895 addressed to Lagos, arrived 12 August 1895. Cryptic message in Greek and attempts at translation?



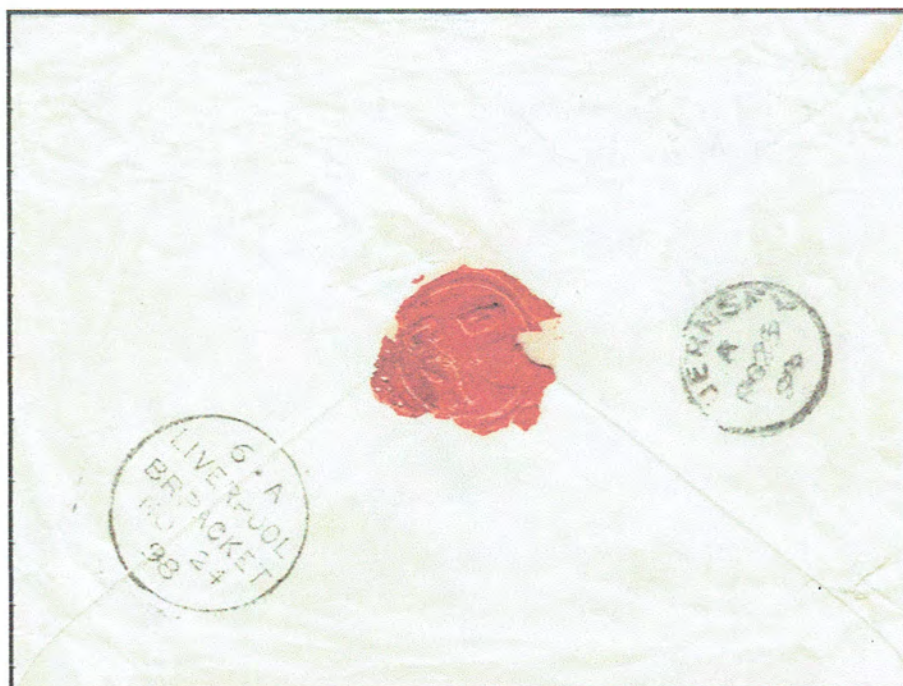
Niger Coast/Oil Rivers

Burutu to Guernsey, Channel Islands 1898

JW 003



Cover from Niger Coast to Guernsey, Channel Islands. Sent unfranked from Burutu 30 October 1898. Arrive Liverpool 24 November and Guernsey 25 November 1898. Boxed "T" of Liverpool and taxed 10c.



JW 004

Southern Nigeria

Lagos to Leipzig 1908



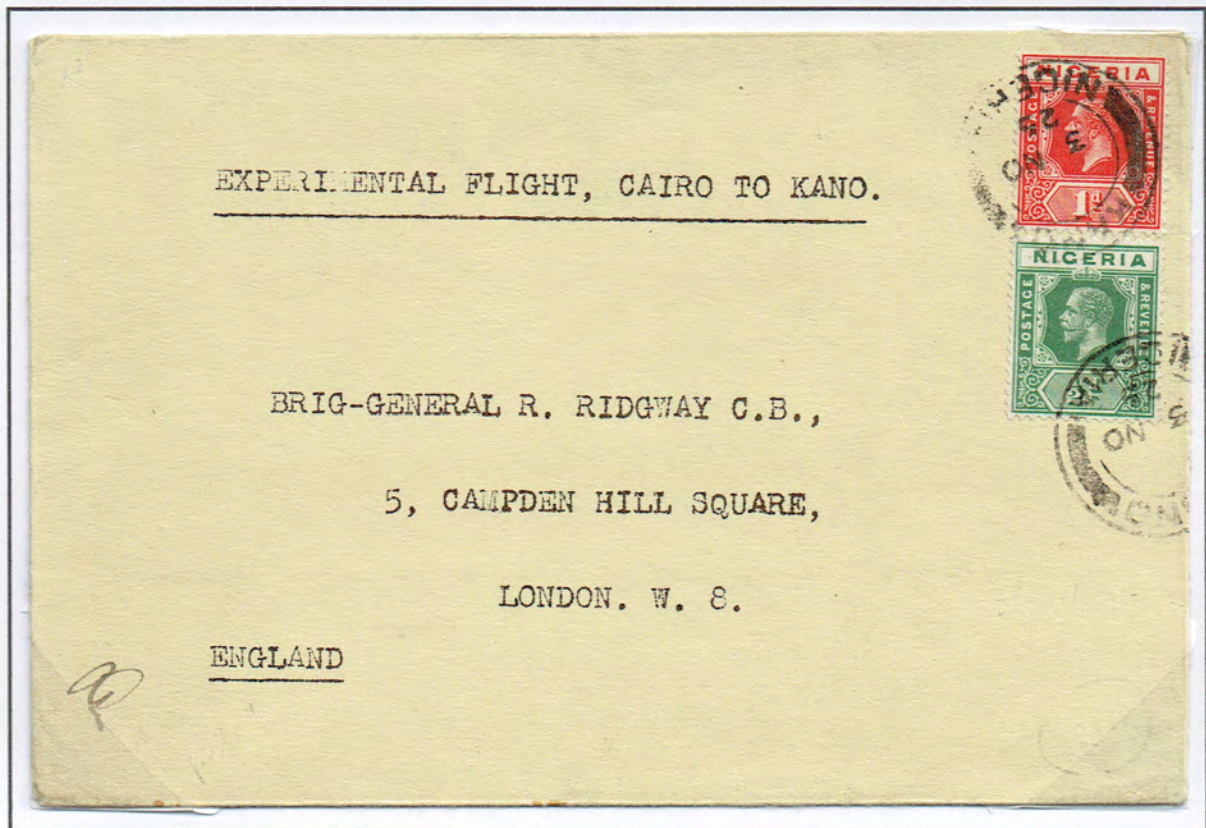
Southern Nigeria 1d. postcard overprinted 1/2d used from Lagos to Leipzig, Germany. 1d rate restored by additional 1/2d Southern Nigeria adhesive. Posted 9 March 1908, received Leipzig 30 March.

JW 005

West African Airmail

Cairo to Kano and return 1925

Royal Air Force experimental flight under the command of Squadron Leader, later Air Marshal Arthur Coningham. Three DH-9a aircraft left Cairo 27th October 1925, arriving in Kano 3rd November 1925. Each cover intitialled "AC" by Coningham. 65 covers carried on the outward leg. Covers stamped at Kano and forwarded to England by normal surface mail.



West African Airmail

Cairo to Kano and return 1925

JW006

Royal Air Force experimental flight under the command of Squadron Leader, later Air Marshal Arthur Coningham. Three DH-9a aircraft left Kano 11th November 1925, arriving in Cairo 20th November 1925 via Maiduguri, Fort Lamy, Abecher, El Geneina, El Fasher, El Obeid, Khartoum, Wadi Halfa. Each cover intitialled "AC" by Coningham. 85 covers carried on the return leg. Covers stamped at Hilwan les Bains and forwarded to England by normal surface mail.



JW007

West African Airmail

Lagos to Victoria 1931

November 5th 1931 flight by J.J.Cowan from Lagos to Victoria, Cameroon in a JU 13 seaplane. Aircraft broke down at Port Harcourt and mail transferred to normal surface routes. The service was immediately discontinued and never resumed. Special despatch canceller used at Lagos. Rate charged 6d per half ounce.

Total mail carried was 129 items, this cover being addressed to Enugu. Port Harcourt transit strike 4.30pm 6th November 1931.



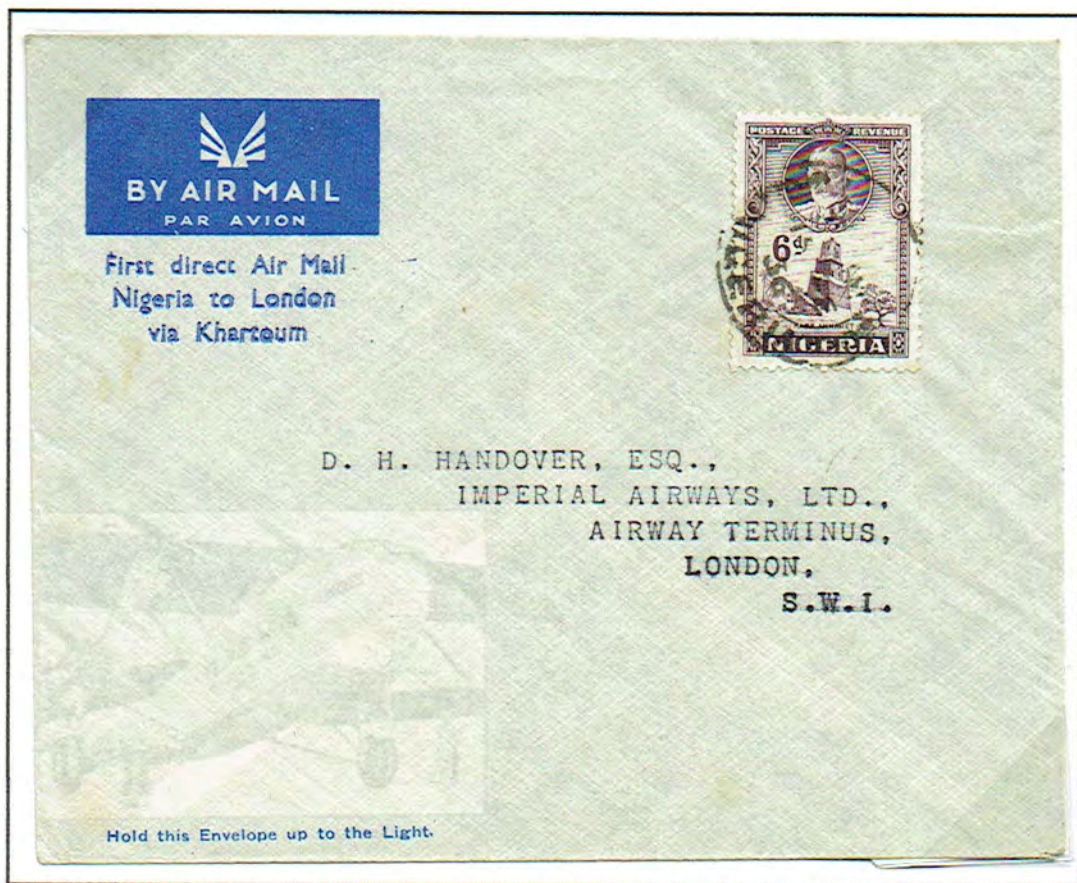
JW008

West African Airmail

Nigeria to England 1936

Imperial Airways test/souvenir letter from Kano to London on the first Nigeria - England flight via Khartoum. Cover is a special issue printed for Imperial Airways use. Imprint "First direct Air Mail Nigeria to London via Khartoum".

Rate paid: Correct 6d.



JW009

West African Airmail

Kano to Huddersfield 1936

The return flight of the first London to Kano service was due to leave Kano on 16th February 1936 but in fact left a day late on the 17th. This cover posted in Kano on the 15th travelled to Huddersfield, arriving there on the 26th February. Francis was not the only Field...!

Rate: 6d per half ounce. Correct as per Nigerian P.O. Gazette 1572.



JW 010

West African Airmail

Kano to Maiduguri 1936

The return flight of the first London to Kano service was due to leave Kano on 16th February 1936 but in fact left a day late on the 17th. This cover travelled on the first stage of that flight from Kano to Maiduguri. Although it is generally understood that Elders Colonial Airways was not formed until 1937, local newspapers reported that it existed at the time of this flight, so the inscription is correct.

Rate: A mystery. The correct rate for internal Nigeria stages was 2d per half ounce.



JW 011

West African Airmail

Kano to London 1936

In 1936 the internal long distance mail in Nigeria was carried by rail. This cover was posted in Port Harcourt on the 13th of February 1936 in order to be carried on the first return Kano – London flight due to depart on the 16th. Distance by rail from Port Harcourt to Kano is approximately 700 miles.

Rate: 6d per half ounce



JW 012

West African Airmail

Kano to London 1936

Cover posted in Maiduguri on 16th February in order to be picked up by the first return Kano to London airmail service due to leave Kano on the same day. In fact the flight was delayed until the 17th. Presumably Mrs. Palmer was a family relative of the C.S. Palmer who generated much of the souvenir air mail covers within Nigeria, but without whom we would not have such a good record of the actual flights which took place at the time.

Rate: 6d per half ounce



Note that Palmer spelt the town as Maiduguri; the canceller says Maidugeri; in my time there in the 1960s it was always spelt Maiduguri.....!

JW 013

West African Airmail

Maiduguri to Kano 1936

Cover posted in Maiduguri on 16th February in order to be picked up by the first Khartoum to Kano airmail service on flight WAS-2 "Daedalus". Previous flight WAS-1 was an experimental survey flight which carried no mail. However, one cover was carried "by favour" from Kano to Khartoum on the return flight WAN-1, addressed to Calcutta.

Rate: 2d per half ounce correct inter-stage rate.



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JW 014

West African Airmail

Nigeria to England, WAN-7 March 1936



- Route:** Bida to Kano (350 miles) by rail. Kano 21st March 1936, Khartoum 24th by flight WAN7. Due to problems with 'Daedalus' flying WAN6, 'Achilles' carried the mail onward to Cairo, arriving there 26th March. Mail flown on from Alexandria by 'Satyrus' to Brindisi and transferred to the rail service to Paris. Mail arrived London on 2nd April 1936.
- Rate:** 6d half ounce rate as per Nigeria Gazette 1572 .
- Feature:** Unscheduled extension from Khartoum to Cairo by 'Achilles'. Use of embossed envelope with air rate made up to 6d.

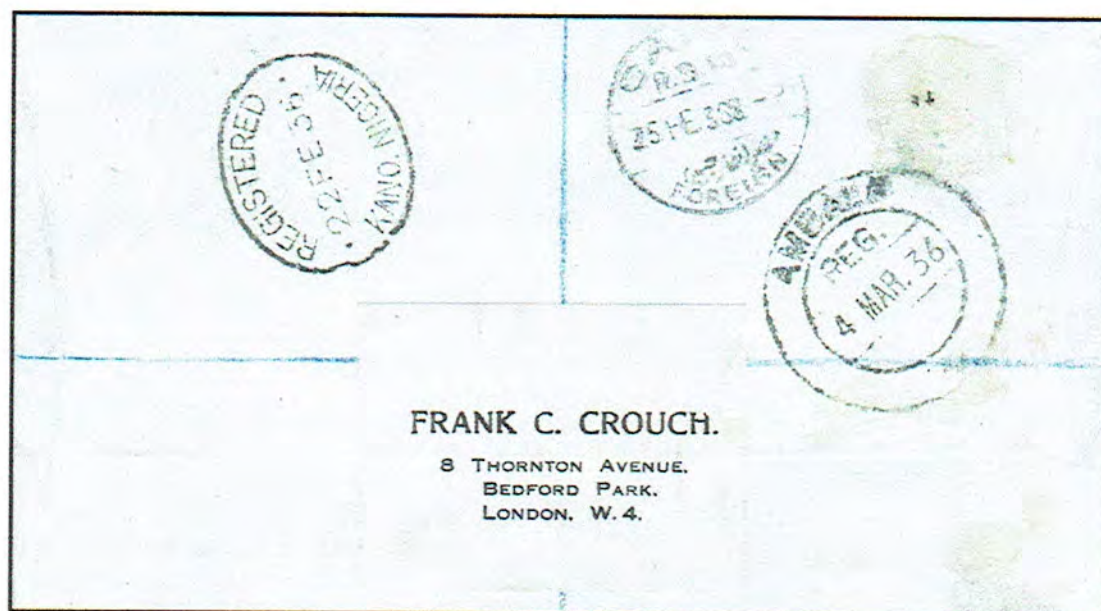
JW 015

West African Airmail

Nigeria to India February 1936



- Route: Kano to Khartoum 22nd February 1936 flight WAN 3 connecting to flight AN 318 to Cairo 25th February then flight IE 421 to Karachi and Delhi. Arrival at Ambala, Punjab on 4th March 1936.
- Rate: 1/2d as per Gazette 1572 + 3d registration. Overpaid 1d.
- Feature: Nigeria to India first airmail service.



JW 016

West African Airmail
Nigeria to Australia February 1936



- Route: Kano to Khartoum 22nd February 1936 flight WAN 3 connecting to flight AN 318 to Cairo 26th February then flight IE 423 arriving Darwin 11th March. Melbourne and Ascot Vale 16th March.
- Rate: 2/4d as per Gazette 1572 + 3d registration.
- Feature: Kano to Australia first service. Imperial Airways complex inter-linking route.



JW 017

West African Airmail

Nigeria to St. Lucia 1936

A genuine (i.e. non-philatelic) cover posted in Ibadan on 14th February 1936 and routed via the first flight Kano to London, then New York and Antigua, arriving in St. Lucia on 8th March 1936. The enclosed letter illustrates the interest taken at the time in the first airmail link from Nigeria to the outside world. Sender is the Inspector of Produce in Ibadan and much of the letter relates to cocoa yields.

Rate: 2/3d per half ounce. Correct as per Nigerian P.O. Gazette 1572.

DESTINATION!



Backstamp Antigua & St Lucia

Inspector of Produce.

Ibadan.

S. Nigeria.

14. 2. 36.

Dear Uncle John,

Many thanks for your letter and the photographs of the boat. The latter looks very well. As you will see I'm trying an experiment with this letter. Our first Air Mail to London leaves Kano on the 16th inst. So I'm sending this via Kano, London, & New York. Our new issue of stamps is also only a fortnight old and presumably will not last very long as King Edward's head will have to be substituted for that of King George. Besides the larger values on the envelope I'm sending you some of the smaller quality (more than 5% mouldy beans) has not yet made its appearance here this year. I am however expecting it now as the crop is rapidly tailing off. I will be getting in stuff in the middle of the month. I will have some weeks under foot in the best of conditions. I will have a healthy spot there. While on leave this summer I might be able to pick up some fairly useful bits of boat furniture. That you are both keeping well and

Have you any blue prints of your boat going spare? I hope to be going to Warri next tour where I'll have a considerable amount of river travelling in my area in our own steam launch. A boat like yours might provide

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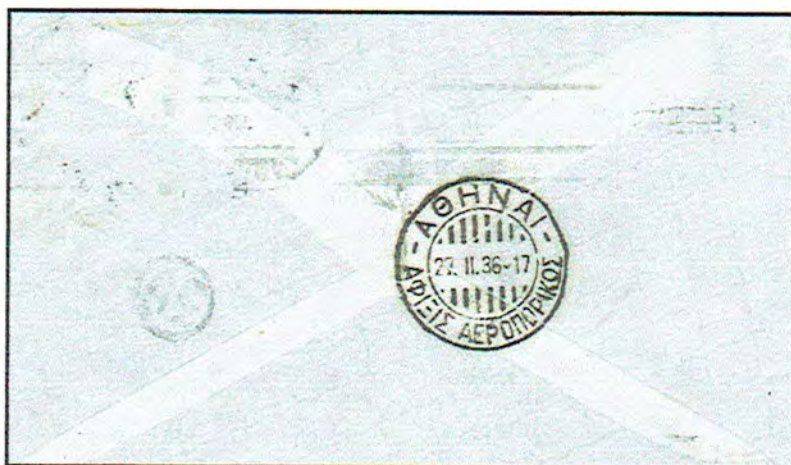
I met Kennedy the other day. He was passing through here returning from a tour in the Northern

W018

West African Airmail
Nigeria to Greece February 1936



- Route: Kano 22nd February 1936, Khartoum 25th by flight WAN3, the second Kano-Khartoum feeder service. WAN1 was a survey flight, not carrying mail. Khartoum to Cairo by Imperial flight AN 318. Alexandria to Athens by IW 420, arriving Athens on 27th February 1936.
- Rate: 6d half ounce rate as per Nigeria Gazette 1572 (As for Egypt and Cyprus).
- Feature: First service Nigeria to Greece. First return service Greece to Nigeria departed Athens 2nd March 1936.



JW 019

West African Airmail

Nigeria to UK through service WAN-10 1936

Cover from Bukuru via Kano to London. Despatched 7th April 1936, the cover would have travelled south by rail from Bukuru on the Jos-Bukuru branch line to join the Bauchi-Kaduna-Kafanchan section then Kafanchan-Kaduna-Zaria-Kano main line.

Carried on "Delia" flight WAN-10 leaving Kano 10th April, arriving Khartoum 11th.

Rate: 6d per half ounce.

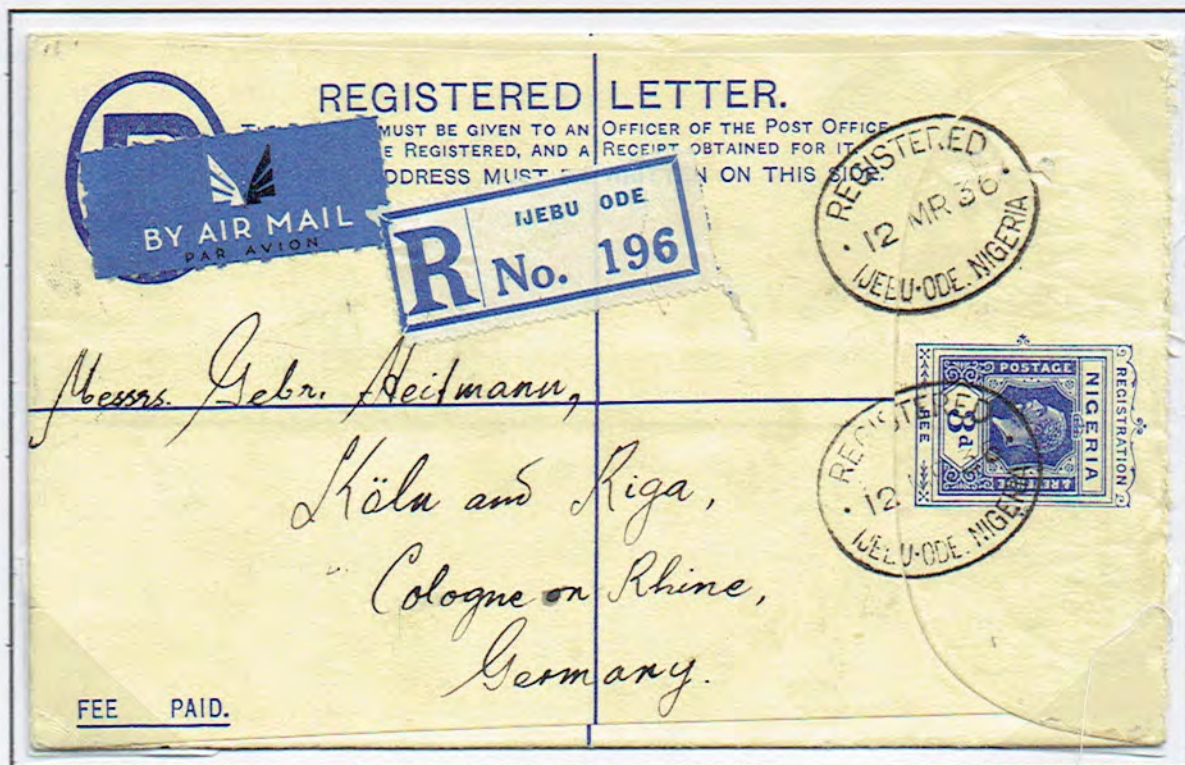


JW 020

West African Airmail

Nigeria to Germany March 1936.

Ijebu Ode to Cologne via Kano and Khartoum. Posted Ijebu Ode 12 March 1936, by train to Kano, connecting with flight WAN 6 (Achilles) departing Kano 17 March arriving Khartoum 19 March. Carried onward to Cairo to connect with AN325 (Satyrus) arriving Brindisi 21 March. Then by rail on Pescara-Milano TPO and Milano-Chiasso TPO, finally arriving Cologne 29 March 1936.
 Franked correct 9½ d air fee + ~~1~~ registration.



JW02

West African Airmail

Nigeria to UK May 1936.

Lagos to London via Kano. Posted Lagos 13 May 1936 by train to Kano, connecting with flight WAN 15 by "Delia" departing Kano 15 May arriving Khartoum 16 May. Connected with AN 342 by "Hanno" departing Khartoum one day late on 18 May, then by "Satyrus" Alexandria-Brindisi and "Heracles Brindisi-Croydon, arriving on 22 May 1936.

Franked 6d air fee, 3d registration.



JW 022

West African Airmail

England to Nigeria 1936

Kenilworth to Bukuru by flight WAS21. Despatched UK 19 June 1936. Khartoum 23 June, delayed at El Obeid by one day "aircraft trouble", arrive Kano 25 June. Kano-Zaria by rail then Zaria-Jos-Bukuru by the Bauchi Light Railway.

Rate paid: Correct 6d.



JW 023

West African Airmail

Nigeria to England 1936

Kano - Lagos extension October 1936. Registered envelope carried on second flight Lagos to London having missed the first flight by one day. Despatched Ijebu-Ode 29th October and transit marked Lagos on the 30th. Second flight left Lagos one week later on 5th November.

Rate paid: Correct 6d.



West African Airmail

JW024

Nigeria to South Africa via Lagos extension October 1936



- Route: Lagos to Khartoum via Kano 29th October 1936 flight WAN 39 connecting to flight AS 391 "Hadrian" to Johannesburg, arriving 4th November 1936.
- Rate: 1/1d as per Gazette 1572.
- Feature: Lagos to Johannesburg by first airmail service from Lagos.



JW025

West African Airmail
Nigeria to Australia October 1936



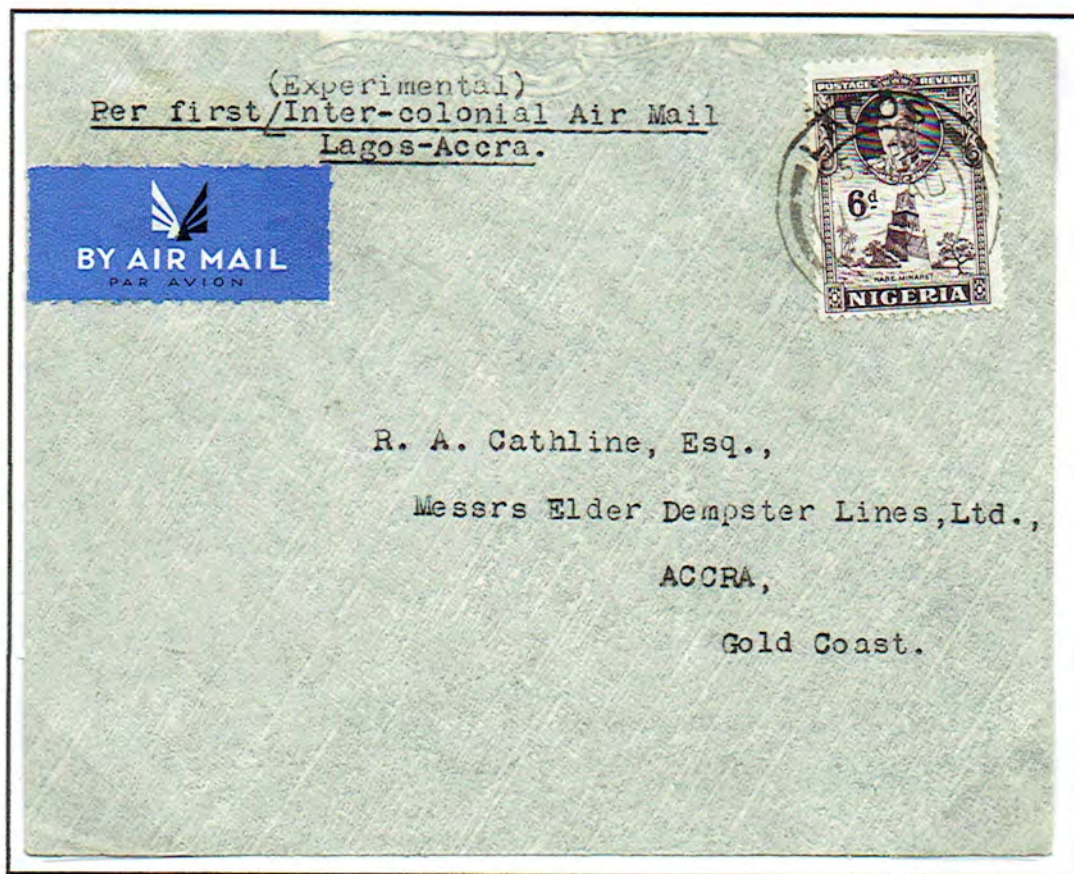
- Route: Lagos to Khartoum 29th October 1936 flight WAN 39 connecting to flight AN 390 to Cairo (the first flight of "Canopus" on the African service), then flight IE 493 arriving Brisbane 13th November.
- Rate: 2/4d as per Gazette 1572.
- Feature: First service to Australia from Lagos using the Lagos-Kano-Khartoum all-air through route.



TW 026

West African Airmail

Nigeria to Gold Coast extension experiment August 1937



- Route: Lagos to Accra experimental flight 13th August 1937 arriving Accra same day.
- Rate: 6d.
- Feature: Flight operated by Elders Colonial Airways, a subsidiary of Elder Dempster Shipping Line. No official mail carried, only test letters between company offices in Lagos and Accra.

JW 027

WEST AFRICAN AIRMAIL



(corrected proof)

Elders Colonial Airways Ltd.

Extension to Accra

Commencing Oct. 10th. 1937 there will be a bi-weekly service of Air-planes leaving Apapa for Accra on Sundays and Wednesdays and Accra for Apapa every Thursday and ~~Sunday~~ **MONDAY**

Passengers, mails and cargo will be carried in each direction.

All enquiries to

Elder Colonial Airways Ltd.
MARINA, LAGOS.

DAILY TIMES

LAGOS, MONDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 1937.

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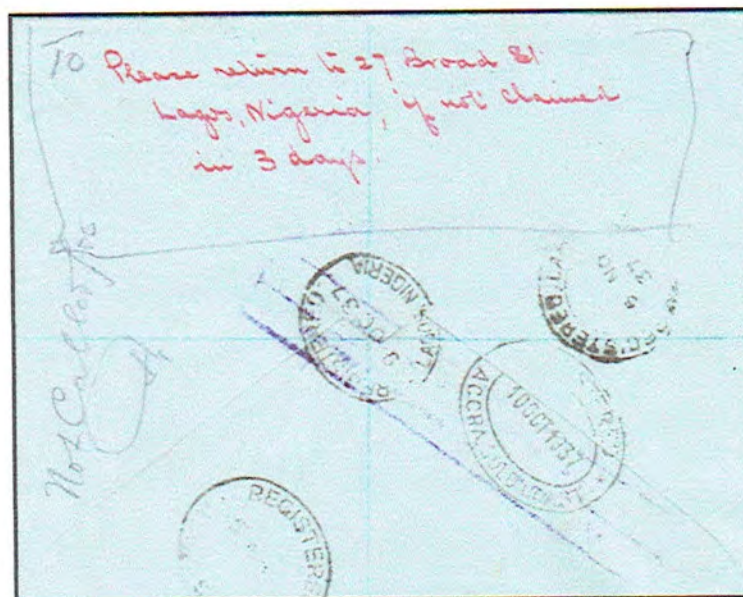
JW 028

West African Airman

Nigeria to Gold Coast extension October 1937



- Route: Lagos to Accra first regular service 10th October 1937 arriving Accra same day.
- Rate: Overpaid. Correct rate is 3d + 3d registration.
- Feature: Flight operated by Elders Colonial Airways, a subsidiary of Elder Dempster Shipping Line, following experimental flight of 13th August. Received back at Lagos 5 November. Only covers carried were from Nigeria.



JW 029

West African Airmail

Nigeria to Gold Coast extension October 1937

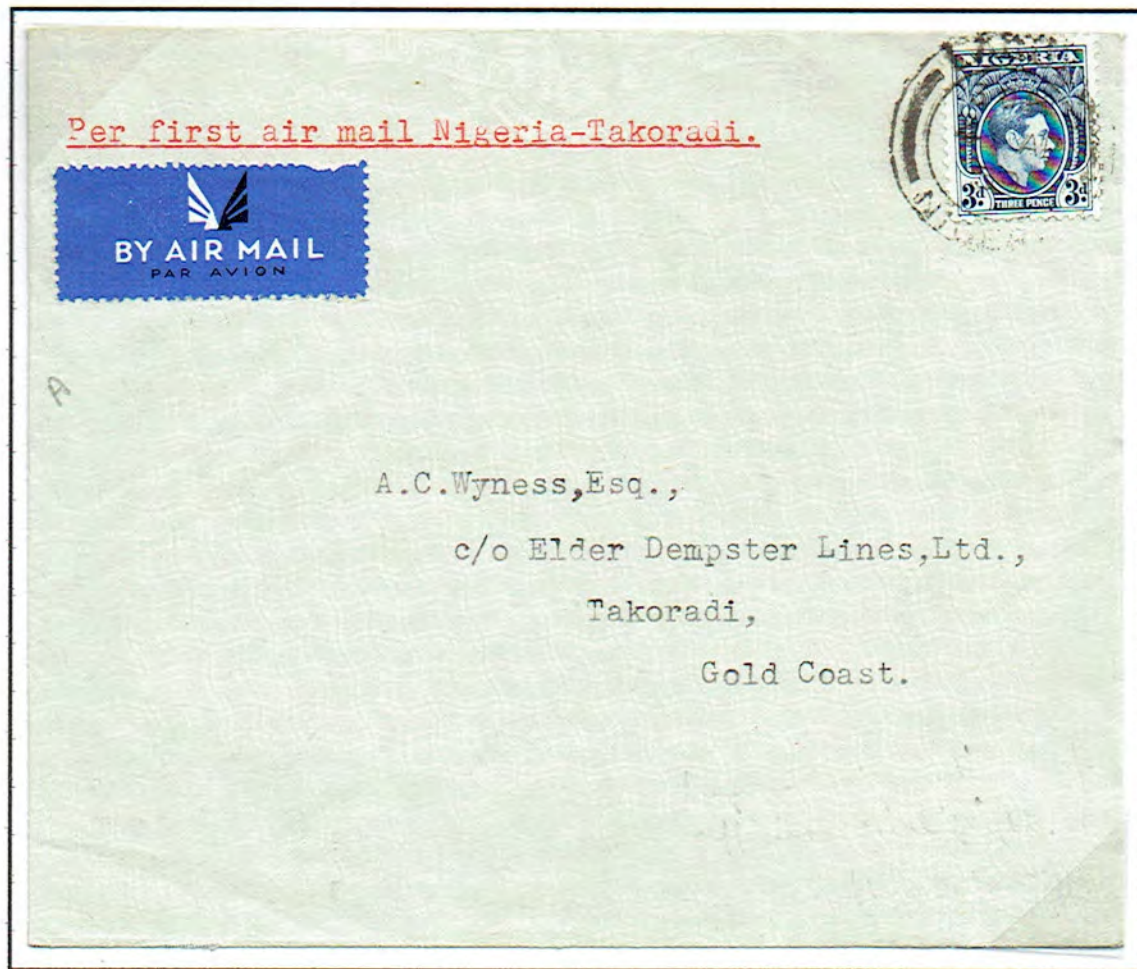


- Route: Lagos to Accra first regular service 10th October 1937 arriving Accra same day.
- Rate: 3d. New rate for regular service.
- Feature: Flight operated by Elders Colonial Airways, a subsidiary of Elder Dempster Shipping Line, following experimental flight of 13th August. This a test letter between company offices.

JW 030

West African Airmail

Nigeria to Gold Coast terminal change to Takoradi experiment April 1939



Route: Lagos to Takoradi experimental flight 4th April 1939 arriving Takoradi same day.

Rate: 3d.

Feature: Flight operated by Elders Colonial Airways, a subsidiary of Elder Dempster Shipping Line. Trial flight. Only 30 covers carried.

JW 031

West African Airmail

Cameroon to UK 1937

Bamenda, Cameroon to London via Kano. Routed Bamenda 14 August 1937, Mamfe 17 August. Endorsed "via Kano" the route was probably Bamenda-Mamfe-Abakaliki-Enugu by road, to connect with the rail link to Kano.

Rate: 6d per half ounce. No payment for surface carriage since Nigeria all-in rates applied in Cameroon. Stamps cancelled by double ring "Bamenda Cameroons under British Mandate".



W 032

West African Airmail
Nigeria-UK postcard rate 1937/38



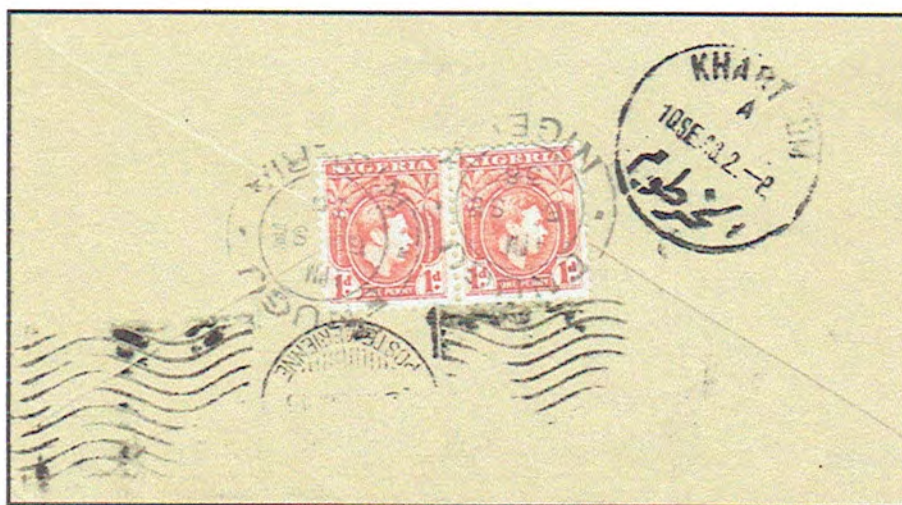
Postcards by air from Port Harcourt 24 March 1937 and Enugu 25 March 1938 to England carrying correct 3d rate for airmail. Carried by rail to Kano for air connection to Khartoum.

JW033

West African Airmail

Nigeria to Czechoslovakia September 1938.

Enugu to Karlsbad via Kano. Posted Enugu 8 September 1938, by train to Kano, connecting with flight LK 136 by "Demeter" departing Kano 9 September arriving Khartoum 10 September. Connected with KN 63, arriving in Athens 11 September 1938. Athens currency control stamp. Onward journey uncertain. Correct franking 6d.



JW 034

West African Airmail
Nigeria to USA via Khartoum 1939



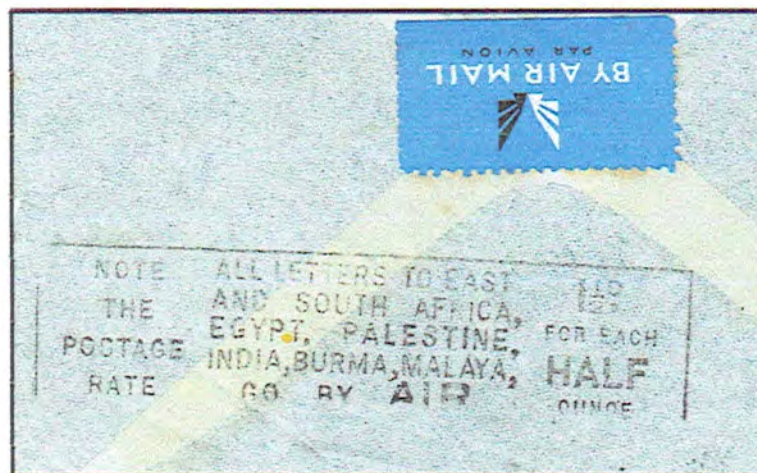
- Route: Lagos 24 January 1938-Kano-Khartoum to connect with Imperial Airways South Africa service. To London by air via Paris, then sea to New York. OAT cancellation applied in London.
- Rate: 8d rate for air/sea service as per Nigerian Gazette 1572.
- Feature: Cover picked up by incoming flight AL31 from Accra which became LK104 to Khartoum, arriving 26 January 1938 then flight DN60 aboard 'Coriolanus' as far as Marseille where the aircraft became unserviceable. Mail and passengers transferred via Paris, arriving Croydon on 31 January (Data from BOAC movement records).

JW035

West African Airmail

Nigeria to England 1938.

Lagos to London in 1938 franked correct 6d air rate but incorrect application of Empire Air Mail Scheme cachet advising reduction of rate to 1 ½ d. The EAMS rate did not apply to West African airmail.



JW 036

West African Airmail

Nigeria to UK September 1939.

Sokoto to Edinburgh via Kano. Posted Sokoto 11 September 1939, by road to Zaria then by train to Kano, connecting with flight LK 190 by "Dione" departing Kano 20 September arriving Khartoum 21 September. Connected with KN 117, arriving in UK on 25 September 1939.

Over-franked 7d due to use of 4d orange definitive. Rare use of this stamp.



JW037

West African Airmail Nigeria to Scotland February 1940.

Zaria to Edinburgh via Kano and Khartoum. Posted Zaria 9 February 1940, by train to Kano, connecting with flight LK 211 departing Kano 11 February arriving Khartoum 12 February. Connected with KN 137, arriving in UK 16 February.

Franked 1/3d made up including 4d orange. Uncommon use of this issue stamp.



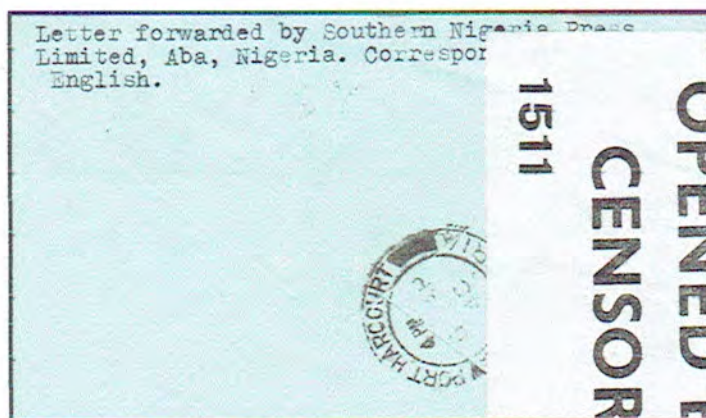
JW038

West African Airmail

Nigeria to Sweden April 1940.

Aba to Falun, Sweden via Kano and Khartoum. Posted Aba (?) April 1940, by down train to Port Harcourt arriving 6 April then by up train to Kano to connect with flight LK 220 departing 14 April, connecting at Khartoum with flight DN 262 departing Khartoum 20 April and arriving in UK on 22 April. Then the route becomes complicated.

The Overseas Mail Branch (OMB) report for week ending 13 April 1940 records that owing to the German invasion of Denmark and Norway, the air service to Sweden was suspended from 9 April. This explains the application of a "Service Suspended" cachet in UK, probably after censorship. However, the OMB Report for week ending 4 May 1940 says that "...an air mail for Sweden is now being despatched daily by air to Paris, and thence by train to Moscow for onward conveyance to Stockholm by the Moscow-Stockholm air service.". The "Service Suspended" cachet was therefore deleted. A long journey but eventually successful. Franked: 1/7d correct rate for all-air Nigeria to Sweden. Note use of 4d. orange stamp.



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JW039

West African Airmail

Nigeria to Italy 1940



- Route: Ikot Ekpene 8th February 1940 by road to Aba 8th then Port Harcourt 12th February. By rail via Enugu 16th February to Kano, arriving 18th February. Missed flight LK-212, probably due to rail delays, placed on LK-213 departing Kano 25th February, arriving Khartoum to connect with flight DN-253 "Coorong" via Alexandria, arriving Bracciano (Rome) on 29th February. Delivered in Rome on 1st March 1940.
- Rate: 1/5d? Surely should have been 1/3d.
- Censor: PBC 14 Nigeria.
- Feature: Complex road/rail/air route. Africa-UK flights via Rome discontinued with DN-275 in Khartoum 4th June 1940 following Italian entry to war.

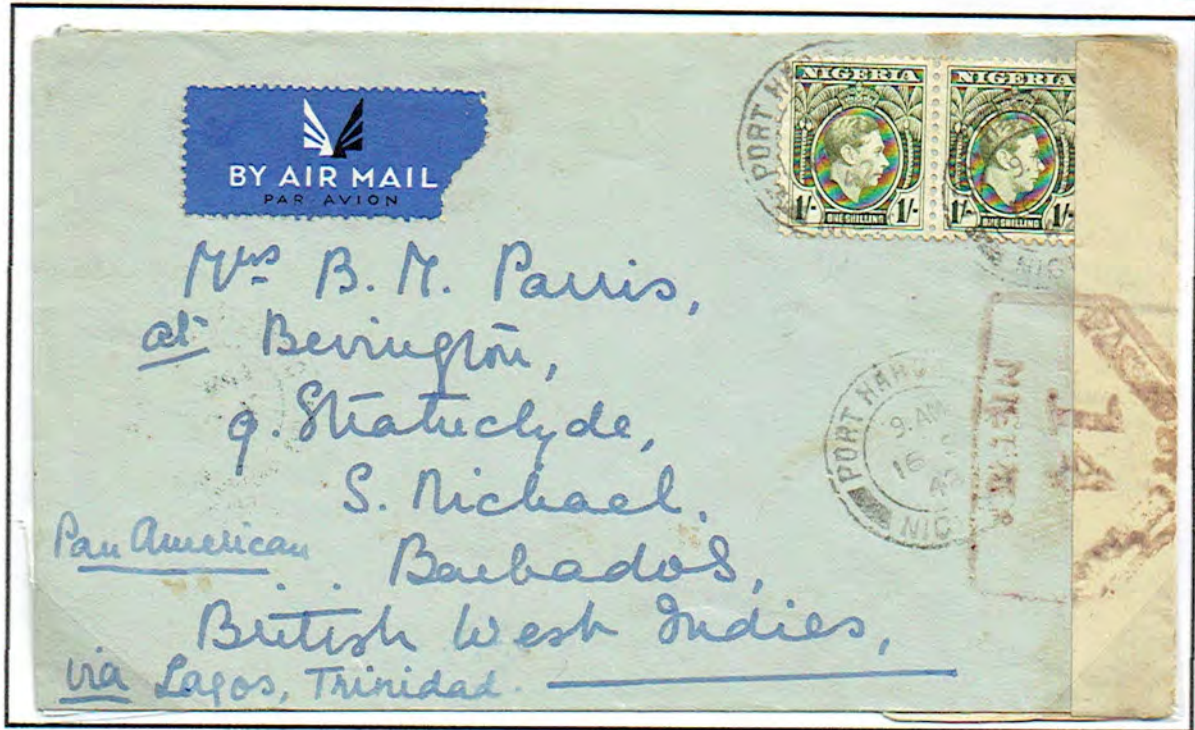


JW040

West African Airmail

Nigeria to Barbados via Pan American Airways 1942

DESTINATION!



- Route: Port Harcourt 16 September 1942 to Lagos by rail. Lagos to Fisherman's Lake by Pan American (Africa) shuttle, then by Pan American "Special Mission" flight to Trinidad. Local air service to Barbados, arriving 7 October 1942. Censored in Lagos, PBC 14.
- Rate: 2/- correct rate to Trinidad and Barbados from December 1941.
- Feature: Uncommon destination for airmail from Nigeria. Complex route using the "Special Mission" flights of Pan American Airways.



JW 04

West African Airmail

Nigeria to Gold Coast 1940.

O.H.M.S. secret Lagos to Gold Coast airmail addressed to P.M.G. en route by sea. No indication of arrival in Gold Coast.



JW042

West African Airmail

Nigeria to French Guinee resumed service 1943

As Aéromaritime began to re-establish their African routes service was resumed between Conakry and Lagos. This cover carried on the first return flight from Lagos departing 12 June and arriving Conakry on the 16th. Note the patriotic slogan.

Lagos censor mark.

Correct airmail rate of 1/3d.



JW 043

West African Airmail

Nigeria to Sweden missionary flight March 1946



- Route: Lagos-Gao-El Colea-Algiers-Marseilles-Brussels-Malmo-Stockholm, leaving Lagos 14th March 1946, arriving Stockholm 17th March.
- Rate: All covers seen carry 1/3d + 8d. Rate division unclear.
- Feature: In March 1946 a flight was made under the command of Capt. Stefansson from Stockholm to Leopoldville, Belgian Congo on behalf of the Scandinavian Relief Mission. On the return flight from Leopoldville, covers were picked up in Lagos and flown to Stockholm. There were no more flights after this first trip and the service was never used again.

JW044

West African Airmail
Nigeria to UK Air Letter Sheet. 1949.

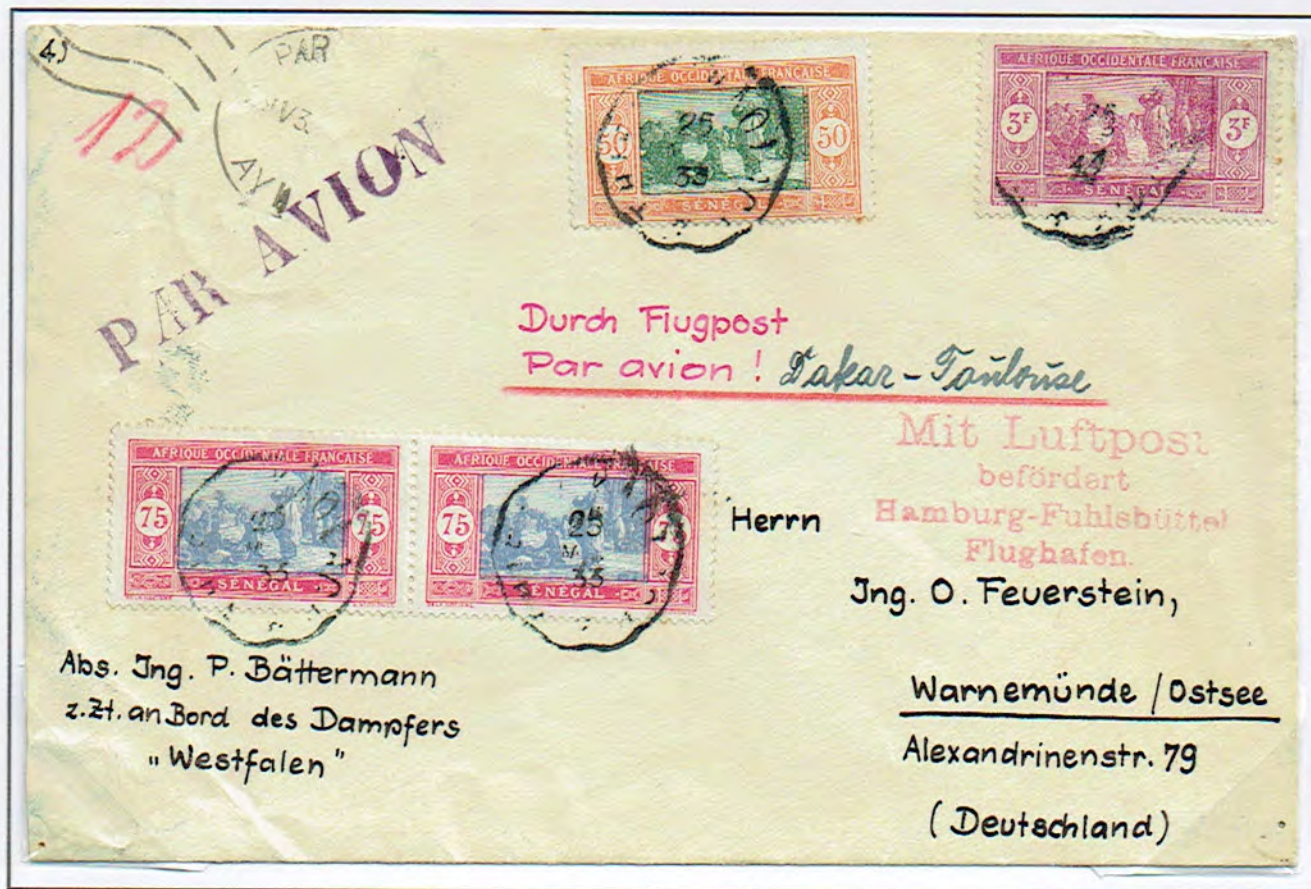
Air Letter Sheet "for use within Nigeria only" used incorrectly to UK on first day of issue. Upated by additional 5d stamps.



JW045 (4 items)

Trans-Atlantic Air mail

Deutsche Lufthansa service. "Westfalen" sea trials 1933



Route: "Westfalen" catapult ship-Dakar. Dakar-Toulouse by Air France.

Rate: Foreign basic 1.75Fr. Air fee 3Fr. Total 4.75Fr. Paid 5Fr.

Features: Sea trials of the German catapult service were carried out in 1933 prior to start of service in 1934. This cover from a crew member of the "Westfalen" to a colleague in Germany. Posted 25 May 1933, leaving Dakar 26 May 1933. Cover carries embossed stamp of the Heinkel company.



IN REPLY REFER TO

FILE NO. 000
RHG/CBF-ST.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE

Berlin, Germany, February 17, 1933.

Mr. Clarence T. Munson,
27 St. Charles Street,
West Hartford, Connecticut.

Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your undated letter enclosing 20 cents in American currency and three letters with the request that they be forwarded to Bremerhaven to be sent by way of the SS "Westfalen", which you state is to be used as a catapult station in Mid-Ocean.

In reply you are informed that this Consulate General communicated with the Deutsche Luft-Hansa and was informed that plans are now under way to have the "Westfalen" serve as a landing station for air-planes in the post service to Brazil. The agent from the Deutsche Luft-Hansa added that as soon as this "swimming island" would be in service they will inform this office. He stated that up to the present time only experimental flights have taken place and asked that your name and address be given them in order that a notification of the installation of the Westfalen service may be sent to you. The cost of postage of one letter by this route is said to be approximately 2.50 reichsmarks (about \$0.60).

10 cents of the 20 cents enclosed with your letter have been used for postage charges and other expenses incurred in obtaining this information; the remainder is returned to you herewith.

Very respectfully yours,
For the Consul General:

Raymond H. Geist
Raymond H. Geist,
American Consul.

Enclosure:
\$0.10;
3 letters returned.

Europe to South America Airmail

Official Lufthansa photograph showing the launch of Dornier Wal "Taifun" from the "Westfalen" on the first flight of the mail service.



Europe to South America Airmail

Official Lufthansa photograph showing the pick-up of Blohm & Voss HA-139 by the "Schwabenland" at the end of 1938.



JW 046

West African Airmail

Gold Coast to England by Aeromaritime October 1937



Route: Cape Coast to Sekondi-Takoradi by surface then Dakar-Casablanca-Marseilles by Aeromaritime French service. Despatch Cape Coast 8th October 1937, Sekondi same day.

Rate: 1/6d correct for Aeromaritime service.

Feature: French Aeromaritime opened a coastal route from Dakar to Cotonou in March 1937 which allowed mail from Gold Coast to connect directly to Europe by air. The French service was extended to Pointe Noire in May 1937.
London mail census "diamond" mark. The census normally took place in October.



JW 047

West Africa Air mail

Gold Coast to United States via air/sea October 1941



- Route: Endorsed "By air to South Africa". If carried out, route would be Takoradi-Leopoldville-Johannesburg by Sabena, then Durban or Capetown by sea to New York. Posted 8 October 1941, New York 14 November 1941, San Francisco 18 November 1941.
- Rate: 1/3d air, 3d Registration. Total 1/6d. Actually paid 1/9d suggesting a trial by sender.
- Censor: Gold Coast examiner 8.
- Features: Careful design and layout of cover suggests it was an attempt to try out an alternative route from Gold Coast to America using a combined air and sea rate. There are no indications that it passed through South Africa, which is unusual for a registered cover not to be acknowledged.



JW048

West Africa Air mail

United States to Nigeria all-air September 1939



- Route: New York-Botwood-Shediac-Southampton via FAM-18. Southampton-Kano via Cairo-Khartoum. Kano-Enugu by rail. Enugu to Calabar by road.
New York 16 September, Calabar 6 October 1939.
- Rate: 6c US fee. 45c all-air fee. Total on cover 51c.
- Features: Only two more flights from New York to UK via Botwood before service suspended until resumed in May 1942.

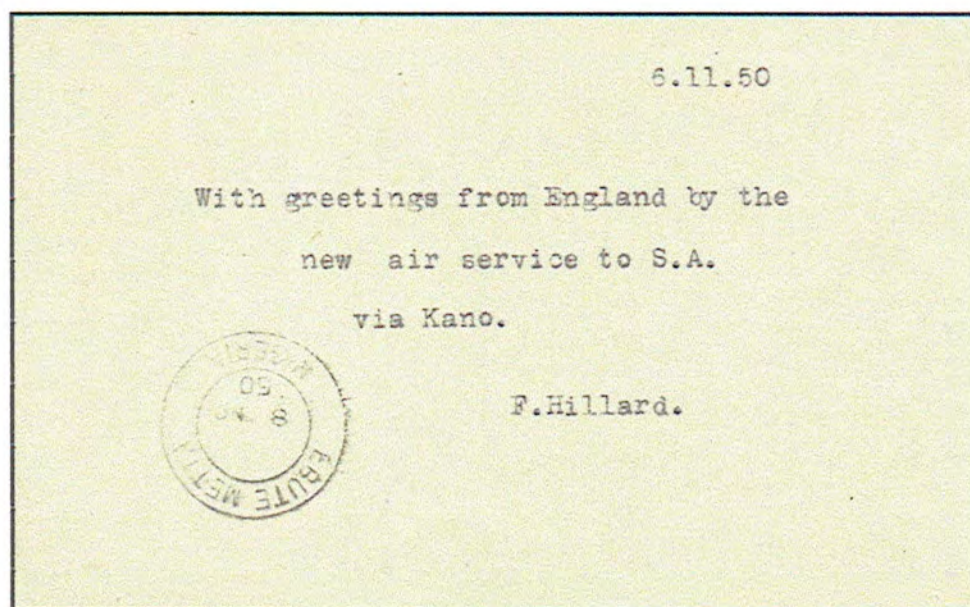


JW 049

West African Airmail

UK to Nigeria First Flight 1950.

ON 7th November 1950 BOAC replaced its Southampton-Johannesburg Solent flying boat service by a thrice=weekly Hermes service London-Johannesburg via Tripoli, Kano, Brazzaville and Livingstone. BOAC then withdrew all Solents. This was the last flying boat service by BOAC.
First flight was by G-ALDR, "Herodotus".



JW 050

West African Airmail
Switzerland to Gold Coast 1938.



First "Pro Aero" despatch 22 May 1938 Flights delayed until 31 May 1938. Rate: 30c surface, 30c registration, air fee to West Africa 40c. Overpaid due to use of "Pro Aero" 75c stamp only sold and applied to cover by postal authorities and not placed on public sale.

Two routes listed by Swiss Post Office; (1) via Marseille and Dakar; (2) via London and Imperial to Khartoum.

Khartoum flights arrived Accra on 14th and 21st September suggesting that the cover, arriving on 18th, was carried on the French service.

JW 051

West Africa Air mail
Aeromaritime service March 1937.



- Route: Monrovia-Conakry-Dakar by Aeromaritime. Dakar-Casablanca-France by Air France. Despatch 6 March 1937 from Monrovia.
- Rate: Overpaid by complete set of first airmail issues of 1936.
- Features: Opening flight of Aeromaritime coastal service Cotonou-Dakar.

JW 052

West African Airmail
Togo to Egypt via Marseille 1937.

Lome to Cairo via Cotonou-Niamey-Marseille. Posted Lome 17 July 1937 flown by Aéromaritime service started in March 1937, to Marseille via Cotonou transit 18 July. Transferred to Imperial flight IE567 to Alexandria. Arrive Cairo 23 July 1937.

Rate: A.O.F. foreign basic 1.50Fr. Air surtax 2 x 3Fr.



JW 053

West African Airmail

Brazzaville to UK 1942

Brazzaville/Leopoldville-Lagos by Sabena Cairo-Lagos service CL-42. Despatch 20 April 1942.
Lagos-UK by sea; no air service available. Arrive UK 12 June 1942.
Rates from Picirilli.

Rate: Foreign basic 2.50Fr. but not charged since "Franchise Militaire".
Air fee to Europe 6Fr.
Total 6Fr. on cover.

"Controle Postale" AEF Censor. Opened and re-sealed by Nigeria PBC 12.



JW054

West African Airmail

Ponte Noire to UK 1942

Pointe Noire to Accra/Takoradi by Sabena Cairo-Takoradi service SS-159. Despatch 17 August 1942.
Takoradi-UK by sea; no air service available.
Rates from Picirilli.

Rate: Foreign basic 2.50Fr.
Air fee to Europe 6Fr.
Total 8.50Fr. on cover.

"Controle Postale" AEF Censor. Opened and re-sealed by Gold Coast Examiner 7.



JW 055

West African Airmail

Senegal to Vichy February 1942.

Dakar to Vichy via Casablanca-Oran-Algiers-Marseille. Flown by Réseau Aérienne Francaise.

Posted 23 February 1942, arrive Vichy 27 February.

Rate: A.O.F. domestic basic 1Fr. Registration 2Fr. Air surtax 3 x 3.50Fr. Total 13.50Fr.



W 056

Trans-Atlantic Air mail

French Equatorial Africa-United States May 1944



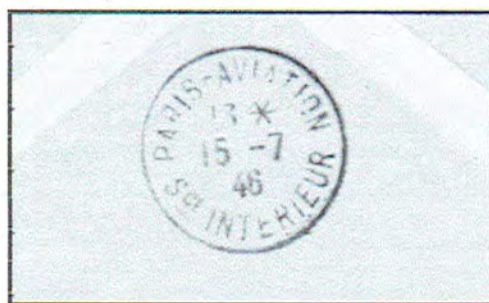
- Route: Brazzaville-Douala-Lagos-Accra by restored Lignes Aeriennes Militaire. Accra-Miami by ATC. Miami-New York internal service. Posted 28 April 1944. Miami 16 May, New York 20 May.
- Rate: 4Fr. Foreign basic, 4Fr. registration, 15Fr. air fee. Total 23Fr.
- Censor: French military and civil censors. New York philatelic examiner 20005.
- Features: Mail bagged through Miami to New York addresses. Inexplicable referral to philatelic censor.



JW 057

West African Airmail
French Congo to France July 1946.

Brazzaville to Paris. Proving flight for resumption of regular service. Flown by Air France.
Posted 13 July 1946. Arrive Paris 15 July.
Rate: Domestic basic rate applied on mail to France 2Fr. Air fee 6Fr. Total 8Fr.



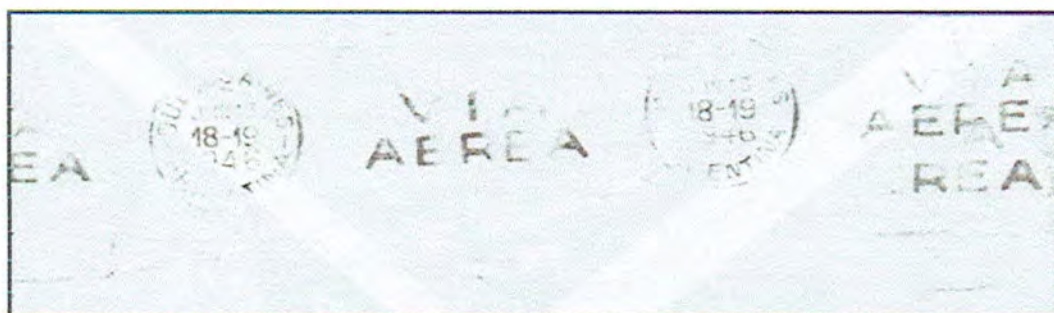
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West African Airmail

Senegal to Argentina June 1946.

Dakar to Buenos Aires. Proving flight for resumption of South American service. Flown by Air France.
Posted 12 June 1946. Arrive Buenos Aires 13 June.

Rate: 26.50 Fr. Division between foreign basic and air fee unclear. Rate in April 1945 was 4Fr. basic +
16.50Fr. air.



JW 059

West African Airmail

Dahomey to Nigeria September 1946.

Cotonou to Lagos "Too Late". Posted 17 September 1946 but endorsed "Apres le Depart" and held at Cotonou until 19 September. Arrived al Lagos 23 September so unsure if air carriage or surface.
Rate: A.O.F. foreign basic 4Fr. first 20g, 2.40Fr. 20-40g. air fee 7 x 2Fr. Total 20.40Fr. On cover 21Fr.?

