

AIR MAIL

SUMMER SERVICES, 1926.

I.—LETTER AIR MAILS.

1. Any kind of Letter Packet may be sent by Air Mail, *i.e.*, letters, postcards, printed papers and commercial papers and samples. An Air Mail packet may be posted in any of the ordinary ways of posting. It can be accepted for registration at any Head or Branch Post Office or Telegraph Sub-Office; but it cannot at present be insured.

2. Any packet intended for transmission by Air Mail, besides conforming to the ordinary regulations of the letter post, **must**:—(1) bear an "Air Mail" label or manuscript equivalent, and sometimes a special marking in addition; (2) be prepaid with an Air Mail fee (*see* paragraph 4), in addition to the ordinary postage (foreign or Imperial—*see* paragraph 6).

3. "Air Mail" labels may be obtained free of charge at any Head or Branch Post Office, or on written application from the Secretary (Air Mails), General Post Office, London, E.C.1. The label should be affixed to the top left-hand corner of the cover of the packet. If a label is not available, the cover of the packet should be marked in the top left-hand corner as prominently as possible, "By Air Mail"; but the use of the label minimizes risk of delay. If a special additional marking is required (*see* notes C and D), it should always be inserted *immediately beneath the label* (or its equivalent).

4. The Air Mail fee must be prepaid with postage stamps in the ordinary way. Any packet which is not fully prepaid with the appropriate Air Mail fee will not be sent by Air Mail.

5. Express delivery at the place of destination is not covered by the Air Mail fee. If express delivery is desired as well as transmission by air, an additional fee of 6d. (per packet) must be paid, and the cover of the packet must be prominently marked with the word "Express." Similarly, if registration is required, the usual fee must be prepaid.

6. The ordinary postage due (in addition to the Air Mail fee) on an Air Mail packet should be prepaid at the rate applicable to the class of letter packet concerned, *i.e.*, at the letter rate, printed paper rate, sample rate, etc., as the case may be.

7. As regards the **LATEST TIME OF POSTING** for the Air Mails (a) in London—*see* the separate London inset, (b) in the Provinces—enquiry should be made at the local Head Office.

8. LIST OF COUNTRIES SERVED BY AIR MAIL (directly or indirectly).

The numbers refer to the corresponding numbered routes overleaf. Except where otherwise shown, the air fee is invariable whichever route is used.

COUNTRY AND ROUTE.	AIR FEE (additional to ordinary postage, express, late and registration fees).	COUNTRY AND ROUTE.	AIR FEE (additional to ordinary postage, express, late and registration fees).
AFRICA—NORTH. 1†, 10.	4d. up to ½ oz. 8d. " " 3½ "	GREECE. 4†	4d. per oz.
ALGERIA—WEST		HOLLAND. 6	2d. " "
MOROCCO—FRENCH ZONE, TANGIER, TETUAN, LARACHE.	4d. for each addl. 3½ oz. or fraction thereof.	HUNGARY. 4†, 8	3d. " "
" —WEST. 1†, 10.	10d. up to ½ oz.	INDIA, ADEN and beyond. 2†	6d. " "
BELGIAN CONGO, FRENCH GUINEA and SENEGAL, GAMBIA, SIERRA LEONE ...	1/- " " 1 "	IRAQ. 11	3d. " "
" —EAST. 2† ...	1/4 " " 3½ "	" 2†	6d. φ " "
AUSTRALIA. 2† ...	1/8 " " 7 "	ITALY. 1†, 3	3d. " "
AUSTRIA. 1†, 4†, 8 ...	6d. for each addl. 3½ oz. or fraction thereof.	JUGO-SLAVIA. 3, 4†, 8 ...	4d. " "
AUSTRIA. 1†, 4†, 8 ...	6d. per oz.	MEMEL. 8	6d. " "
BELGIUM. 5	6d.	NORWAY. 7	3d. " "
BULGARIA. 4†	6d. " "	PALESTINE, SYRIA, CYPRUS 1†, 2†	3d. " "
CANADA. 12	6d. " "	PERSIA—NORTH. 9†	8d. " "
CZECHOSLOVAKIA. 4†, 8 ...	6d. " "	" —WEST. 2†, 11 ...	Same as for Iraq.
DANZIG (Free City). 8... ..	6d. " "	POLAND. 8	3d. per oz.
DENMARK. 7	6d. " "	ROUMANIA. 4†	4d. " "
EAST BALTIC STATES. 7†, 8, 9†	6d. " "	RUSSIA AND SIBERIA. 9†	8d. " "
EGYPT, SUDAN. 1†, 2† ...	6d. " "	SPAIN. 3	2d. " "
FAR EAST (CHINA, JAPAN). 9†	6d. " "	SWEDEN. 7	3d. " "
FINLAND. 7†	6d. " "	SWITZERLAND. 1†, 2†, 3 ...	3d. " "
FRANCE. 1†, 2†, 3	6d. " "	TURKEY. 4†	4d. " "
GERMANY—NORTH. 7, 8 ...	6d. " "	U.S. OF AMERICA. 12	
" —SOUTH. 4†, 5 ...	6d. " "	††Zone (1) NEW YORK—CHICAGO ...	5d. " "
	3d. " "	††Zone (2) NEW YORK—CHEYENNE ...	10d. " "
		††Zone (3) NEW YORK—SAN FRANCISCO	1/2 " "

† Route liable to suspension during the winter.

†† See Note E. on page 3.

φ Including onward transmission from Egypt by air or overland route.

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ROUTES.

N.B.—There are no Air Mail Despatches on Sunday except where otherwise shown.

Route No.	Mail closes at G.P.O. London (see Note A).	AIR ROUTE.	Principal Places or Countries served— I. Directly. II. Indirectly (by connecting with onward service by train or steamer); with some indication of the normal time of Delivery or of Transit.	Estimated saving in time of Transit.	Useful period of posting at G.P.O., London, each week-day (see Note B).
†1a. b.	6.0 a.m.	LONDON —PARIS —BÂLE —ZURICH, and —TOULOUSE —CASABLANCA —DAKAR.	(a) I. Paris, same afternoon. (b) I. Bâle, same afternoon: Zurich same evening.* II. Innsbruck, Milan, Genoa, next morning. II. Egypt, etc.—See note H.		6.0 p.m. to 6.0 a.m. 1.30 p.m. to 6.0 a.m. 6.0 p.m. to 6.0 a.m. See note. H.
c. d.	do. do. each Thursday.		Supplementary Despatch to that of the preceding evening, as shown under Route 10, offering the same time of arrival at each destination served.		See under Route 10.
†2.	6.0 a.m.	LONDON —LYONS —GENEVA —MARSEILLES.	I. Lyons, same afternoon or evening: Geneva, Marseilles, same evening*: South of France, next morning. II. Egypt, etc., see note H. Also on Fridays, India, Iraq, etc., see Note J.	See Notes	6.0 p.m. to 6.0 a.m. H. and J.
3.	11.0 a.m. (at counter)	LONDON —PARIS	I. Paris, same evening. II. Spain, etc.		7.30 a.m. to 11.0 a.m.
†4.	2.45 p.m. (at counter), Ex. Sat.	PARIS —PRAGUE —VIENNA and Beyond.	I. Nuremberg, next morning: Prague, Vienna, next afternoon: Budapest, next evening*: Belgrade, Bucarest, Constantinople, next day but one.	Up to 2 days.	7.30 a.m. to 2.45 p.m.
5a. b.	6.0 a.m.	LONDON —BRUSSELS —COLOGNE —MUNICH.	(a) I. Brussels, Antwerp, same afternoon or evening: Cologne, same afternoon. (b) I. Frankfurt-Main, same afternoon: Munich, same evening.*		6.0 p.m. to 6.0 a.m.
6.	6.0 a.m.	LONDON —AMSTERDAM —ROTTERDAM.	I. Amsterdam and Rotterdam, same afternoon.		6.0 p.m. to 6.0 a.m.
7a. †b.	6.0 a.m.	LONDON —HAMBURG —MALMÖ (HELSINGFORS).	(a) I. Hamburg, same evening.* (b) I. Copenhagen, Malmö, same evening.* II. Stockholm, Oslo, next morning and afternoon, respectively: Helsingfors (by air from Stockholm), next afternoon.	Up to 2 days.	6.0 p.m. to 6.0 a.m. Continuous.
8.	6.0 a.m. Also 12 noon Sat., and 7.0 a.m. Sun. (see Note F).	LONDON —HANOVER —BERLIN —KÖNIGSBERG.	I. Hanover, Berlin, same afternoon or evening*: Danzig, Königsberg, next morning. II. Tilsit, Memel, Warsaw, Vienna, Budapest, next day: Dresden, Breslau, Prague, first post next day.		6.0 p.m. to 6.0 a.m.
†9a. b.	6.0 a.m.	LONDON —KOVNO —MOSCOW and MOSCOW —KHARKOV and Beyond. TOULOUSE —CASABLANCA and ORAN (see Note C). and —DAKAR (see Note G).	(a) I. Kovno, next day. II. Riga, Reval, next day but one. I. Smolensk, Moscow, next day or next day but one. II. Siberia and the Far East (by train from Moscow): also North Persia. (b) I. Kharkov, Kiev, Odessa, Rostov, 3 or 4 days.	1 day. Up to 2½ or more days.	6.0 p.m. to 6.0 a.m. Continuous.
10a. (See also under Route 1). b.	6.0 p.m. 7.0 a.m. Sun. (see Note F). 6.0 p.m. each Wed.	—CASABLANCA and ORAN (see Note C). and —DAKAR (see Note G).	I. Tangier and Casablanca, evening of second day after despatch: Oran, evening of second or morning of third day after despatch. II. Algiers, morning of third or fourth day after despatch. I. Dakar, four days. II. Gambia, French Guinea, Sierra Leone, Belgian Congo (see Note G).	2-4 days. 1 day. 6-9 days. See	Continuous. Note G.
11. (See also under Route 2). 12.	6.0 p.m. alternate Thurs. Normally 2.0 a.m. Sat. and Wed.	CAIRO —BAGHDAD (see Note D). NEW YORK —CHICAGO —SAN FRANCISCO and ST. LOUIS MINNEAPOLIS PASCO LOS ANGELES etc.	I. Baghdad, 8 to 9 days. II. West Persia (Isfahan, etc., and as far as Bushire). I. Chicago, St. Louis, 6½-8 days; Dallas, 7-9 days; Cheyenne, 7½-9 days: San Francisco, Los Angeles, 8½-10 days. II. Winnipeg, 8-10 days: Vancouver, 9-11 days. For full list of States served, directly or indirectly, see Note E.	Up to 16 days. Up to 24 hours. Up to 2 days.	Continuous.

† Route liable to suspension during the Winter.

* If a fee for Express Delivery is paid in addition to the air fee.

Notes.

A.—For postings in the public letter box each week-day, unless otherwise stated.

B.—A packet posted before or after the indicated times at the General Post Office, London, or corresponding times of collection elsewhere in London, would normally fall into an ordinary despatch by which it would reach its destination as soon as or sooner than by the next Air Mail (*see* paragraph 15).

C.—Packets must be plainly marked immediately below the Air Mail label (or manuscript equivalent) "Par avion de Toulouse." Particulars, so far as information is available, of the periods during which letters may usefully be posted by Air Mail to places in Algeria will be furnished on application to the Secretary, Air Mails, General Post Office, London, E.C. 1.

D.—Packets must be plainly marked immediately below the Air Mail label (or manuscript equivalent) "Cairo-Baghdad." The dates of the next fortnightly despatches from London will be as follows:—(On the evenings of Thursdays) July 22, August 5, 19, September 2, etc. For particulars of the Desert Motor Route, *see* the Post Office Guide.

E.—The following States and Canadian Provinces are advertised by the Post Office of the United States of America as served with advantage, directly or indirectly, by the Transcontinental or Overnight air service from New York and certain connecting contract air services:—

Zone (1). Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Ohio, Pennsylvania (Bellefonte only), Tennessee.

Zone (2). Arizona, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Wisconsin, Wyoming (except Rock Springs). Also, the Canadian Provinces of Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Zone (3). Alaska, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington State, Wyoming (Rock Springs only). Also, the Canadian Province of British Columbia.

F.—After 11 p.m. on Saturday letters must bear a late fee of 2d. and be posted in the special box.

G.—Packets must be plainly marked immediately below the Air Mail label (or manuscript equivalent) "Par Avion de Toulouse à Dakar." This Air Mail offers in effect:—For letters to—(1) Gambia (Bathurst), (2) French Guinea (Konakry), in probably every week an earlier arrival, or a later posting for the same arrival, with an average saving of about 4 days in time of transit; (3) Sierra Leone, in any week when there is no ordinary despatch by steamer on Wednesday, a gain of 4–7 days, and in other weeks a later posting by (in London) nearly one day, with an average gain of about 5 days over the next ordinary mail; (4) the Belgian Congo, a supplementary despatch in the week following an ordinary despatch by French Packet (which it should normally overtake at Dakar).

H.—By connexion with regular sailings of British, French or Italian Packets from Marseilles on the same night or next day, or from Brindisi (or Naples) on the next day but one, the morning Air Mails to Marseilles each Monday and Friday, and to Bâle each Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, offer, for letters to Egypt, the Sudan, Palestine, Syria and Cyprus, a gain of up to 3 days in time of arrival in Egypt.

J.—This Mail will normally overtake at Marseilles (or Toulon) the Mail despatched on the previous evening by the ordinary route to:—India and beyond, Iraq and W. Persia, Aden and East Africa, and, in most weeks, Australia.

II.—PARCEL AIR MAILS.

10. Except where otherwise indicated below, the general regulations of the foreign and colonial parcel post apply, *e.g.*, as regards maximum weight and dimensions, Customs Declarations and Despatch Notes, Compensation—*see* the Post Office Guide.

11. **Accepting Offices.**—Air parcels may be posted at any District or Branch Post Office in London, and at any Head Post Office in the Provinces. In many of the larger towns, such as Manchester and Birmingham, air parcels can also be handed in at one or more subordinate Post Offices. A list of these can be obtained on application at the local Head Office.

12. In addition to prepaying the appropriate rate of postage (*see* paragraph 14) on an air parcel, the sender must carefully affix an "Air Mail" label to the address label of the parcel and to the relative Despatch Note, and he should also write the words "Air Mail" prominently on the cover of the parcel.

13. In addition to rapid transit by air service, air parcels are also given speedy Customs clearance abroad whenever possible. **It is important**, in order that these advantages may not be thrown away, **that the relative Despatch Notes and Customs Declarations should be very carefully completed in accordance with the general regulations.**

14. List of Countries served, with Air Route, Fees payable and Special Observations.

Country of of Destination.	Air Route (<i>See</i> under Observations).	Rates of Postage. For parcels not exceeding:—						
		2 lb.	3 lb.	5 lb.	7 lb.	8 lb.	11 lb.	22 lb.
‡France—Paris only: "Express" service; "Non-express" service.	London-Paris.	1/9	—	3/—	—	4/6	6/—	} No service.
		1/6	—	2/3	—	3/3	4/3	
†Germany: (a) All parts;	London-Cologne (and thence by train).	2/6	—	—	5/6	—	7/6	13/—
		} 3/6	—	—	8/—	—	12/—	21/—
(b) Hamburg and beyond; Berlin and beyond.	London-Hamburg and Berlin (and onward by air or train).							
*†♠Holland.	London-Rotterdam and Amsterdam.	—	2/6	—	5/—	—	6/6	No service.
*†♠Switzerland.	London-Bâle and Zurich.	3/—	—	—	8/—	—	11/—	20/—

* Payment of Customs and other charges may be undertaken by the sender.

† Parcels may be prepaid for express delivery.

♠ Cash on Delivery parcels may be sent.

‡ Semi-Official service.

Special Observations.—(1) **Route.** By morning aeroplane from Croydon each week-day due at the aerodrome abroad the same day. (For normal time of delivery see below under name of Country.)

(2) The **latest time of posting** at a given accepting Office for air transmission next day can be ascertained by enquiry at the local Head Post Office.

(3) **Air parcels cannot be insured.**

(4) Air parcels exceeding 11 lb. in weight, are accepted, speaking generally, at the same Offices, and under the same conditions, as similar parcels for transmission by ordinary post.

(5) **France.** (a) Air Parcels may be posted for **Paris, but not for any other place in France.** Imperial Airways, Ltd., undertakes the clearance of the parcels through the French Customs and their subsequent delivery at any address within the walls of Paris at a combined charge to the addressee of 3 f. 75 per parcel. Delivery at a combined charge to the addressee of 8 f. 50 per parcel is also undertaken in the suburbs shown in the following list :—Asnières, Aubervilliers, Bagnole, Boulogne (not to be confused with Boulogne-sur-mer), Clichy, Courbevoie, La Plaine St. Denis (**not** St. Denis), Les Lilas, Levallois-Perret, Neuilly, Pantin, Pré Saint-Gervais, Puteaux, St. Mande, St. Ouen, Vincennes. The sender, and not the Post Office or the Air Company, is responsible for seeing that the address of any parcel sent by air to Paris comes within the indicated area. If it does not, the parcel will ordinarily be returned undelivered to the sender (*see* below).

(b) **Redirection to places beyond Paris is not undertaken.**

(c) **Undelivered Air Parcels for Paris.**—In the absence of other instructions, an undelivered air parcel is returned to the sender, who is liable for all charges incurred. These charges will include the cost of return by air, etc., and may also include French Customs charges. The sender is, therefore, strongly recommended, unless he definitely wishes the parcel to be returned to him if undelivered, to furnish on the relative Despatch Note, and on the cover of the parcel, an instruction that, in the event of non-delivery, the parcel should be (a) treated as abandoned, or (b) delivered at an alternative address in Paris.

(d) **Delivery**, by “express” service normally on the evening of the day of despatch from London, or the next morning; by “non-express” service a day or so later, but still substantially in advance of delivery by ordinary parcel post service. At certain special Offices in central London “express” parcels for Paris may be **posted in the morning for air conveyance on the same day**—*see* separate London inset.

(6) **Germany. Delivery**, if an express fee is paid, in Cologne on the evening of the day of despatch from London, in Hamburg or Berlin (if sent by direct service) on the evening of that day, or the next morning.

(7) **Holland. Delivery**, in Rotterdam and Amsterdam on the evening of despatch from London, if an express fee is paid, and in most of Holland next morning.

(8) **Switzerland. Delivery**, in Bâle and Zurich on the afternoon or evening of despatch from London, if an express fee is paid, and in most of Switzerland next morning.

III.—MISCELLANEOUS.

15. When an Air Mail letter is posted at such a time that it will certainly reach its destination earlier if forwarded by the next ordinary Mail, or if the destination in question is served by more than one air route, the letter will be forwarded by the quickest route available, whether air or ordinary. If, however, the sender has indicated by a special marking on the cover of the letter that air transmission, or transmission by a certain air route, is desired even at the expense of delay, such special marking will, as far as possible, be observed. Air parcels for the Continent are transferred to the ordinary route if flying is interrupted for a period by bad weather.

16. On production of the cover, the Postmaster-General is prepared to enquire into any case of alleged **delay** in transmission of an outgoing Air Mail letter or parcel, and to refund the amount of the special air postage, when it is clear that, through the fault of the Air Service or of the Post Office, there has been no gain by the use of the Air Mail.

17. **Warning.**—The Air Mail Services are liable to be altered from time to time. Alterations will be announced in the newspapers, and correction slips to this Leaflet will be issued from time to time until a new edition becomes necessary. Any member of the public who wishes to use the Air Mails should make sure that he has a copy of the current edition, and of any correction slips issued.

18. The issue of new editions of this Leaflet will be notified in the newspapers. Up-to-date information regarding the Air Mails, and a copy of the current edition of the Leaflet and of any relative correction slip, can be obtained by applying to the Secretary (Air Mails), General Post Office, London, E.C.1, or at a Head Post Office.

LONDON INSET TO AIR MAIL LEAFLET OF JULY, 1926.

LATEST TIMES of POSTING IN LONDON and at Croydon Aerodrome for the AIR MAILS.

A.—LETTER AIR MAILS (see Section I of the Air Mail Leaflet).

1. European Countries (each week-day, unless otherwise shown).

COUNTRY.	Aeroplane due to leave Croydon Aerodrome.	How posted.	G.P.O.	Fenchurch Street B.O.	Threadneedle Street B.O.	Lombard Street B.O.	S.W.D.O.	Piccadilly, Church Place B.O.	Parliament Street B.O.	W.D.O.	Charing Cross B.O.	W.C.D.O.	S.E.D.O.	Other Head District Offices.	Aerodrome Sub-Office, Croydon.	
France, Switzerland (and beyond), Belgium, Holland, Germany, Denmark, Norway (East), Sweden, East Baltic Countries, Asia (and beyond).	7.55 a.m. to 9.0 a.m.	In public letter box.	6.0	—	—	At District Offices in time for the collection at 2.0 a.m. Elsewhere in London in time for the last collection overnight.										At counter until 15 minutes before due time of departure of Mail Aeroplane (See Col. 2.)
France (and beyond).	noon	† At Counter In public letter box.	11.0 9.30	{ E.C. District, 9 a.m. at larger B.O.'s, and 8.45 a.m. elsewhere. }			10.25 9.30 8.45	10.20 9.0	10.30 9.0	10.15 9.0	10.35 9.0	10.40 8.45	9.0 8.30	9.0 8.30	9.0 8.30	
Bavaria, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Jugoslavia, Roumania, Turkey.	—	† At Counter In public letter box.	2.45 * 1.30 *	p.m. 1.0	p.m. 12.45	p.m. 1.0	p.m. 12.30 12 noon.	12 noon.	12 noon.	p.m. 11.0 12 noon.	p.m. 12.30	p.m. 11.0 12 noon.	p.m. 11.0 12.30	p.m. 11.0 12.30	p.m. 12.30	

* Except Saturday. † Registered Packets 5 minutes earlier. † At Head Office.
 ‡ Elsewhere in Town District (i.e., in S.W.1, W.1, etc.).

NOTE.—The facilities for late posting at the Aerodrome Sub-Office are provided for the benefit of letters which cannot be posted elsewhere in time to be forwarded by air to the Continent on the same day. Such letters must be specially handed in, and cannot be registered or insured.

2. Extra-European Countries (each week-day, unless otherwise shown).

Route No.	Country.	Mail closes at G.P.O., London.	Latest times of posting (including Late Fee Posting unless otherwise shown).
1.	Africa—North (Morocco, West Algeria).	6.0 a.m.	As for the 6.0 a.m. Air Mails for France, etc. (see table above).*
1.	—West (French Senegal and beyond).	6.0 a.m. each Thurs.	do.
1, 2.	Egypt, Sudan, Palestine, Syria, Cyprus.	8.0 a.m. except Tues.	do.
1.	Iraq, India, etc.	6.0 a.m. each Fri.	do.
10.	Africa—North (Morocco, West Algeria). —West (French Senegal and beyond).	6.0 p.m. 6.0 p.m. each Wed.	As for the ordinary night Mail to France.†
11.	Iraq and West Persia.	6.0 p.m. alt. Thurs.	As for the ordinary weekly Mail to Iraq, India, etc.†
12.	United States of America and Western Canada.	Normally 2.0 a.m. Sat. and Wed.	As for the ordinary Mails to the United States of America.†*

† See the Post Office Guide and the Post Office Daily List.
 * There is no Late Fee posting for the Air Mail.

B.—PARCEL AIR MAILS (see Section II of the Air Mail Leaflet).

3. The special Offices in London (see paragraph 14 (5) (d) of the Leaflet) where express parcels for Paris (but not elsewhere) may be posted for air conveyance on the same day, and the relative latest times of posting at these Offices, are shown below:—

	a.m.		a.m.
General Post Office ...	10.55	Piccadilly, Church Place Branch Office ...	10.15
Fenchurch Street Branch Office ...	10.30	Parliament Street Branch Office ...	10.25
Threadneedle Street Branch Office ...	10.40	Western District Office ...	10.10
Lombard Street Branch Office ...	10.40	Charing Cross Branch Office ...	10.30
South Western District Office ...	10.20	Western Central District Office ...	10.35