



POST OFFICE

AIR MAIL

Please note that the Air Mail Leaflet will no longer be published monthly. This December issue will remain current until further notice and should be retained as a handy guide to air mail postage rates and transmission times. Consideration is being given to future presentation of air mail information in leaflet form.

Countries Outside Europe

Blue Air Mail Label: Free at any post office. You must either put a label on all air mail at the top left-hand corner on the address side, or you may write "By Air Mail" boldly in the same place, but the label is more likely to catch the sorter's eye.

Air Letters: Air Letter forms, postage 5p or 6½p, according to size, may be sent to all countries. Enclosures are not permitted. You may get the special forms at post offices or use privately-manufactured forms which bear a statement that they have been approved by the Post Office, with the approval number. Unapproved forms will be treated as ordinary air mail letters.

Printed Papers, Small Packets, and newspapers may be sent by air. Some countries only accept Small Packets weighing up to 1lb, whereas the normal limit is 2lb (See Post Office Guide).

You must write the service you intend below the air mail label. Rates on pages 2-5.

The special rates for newspapers apply only to publications registered as newspapers at the P.O. Write "Newspapers" below the air mail label.

These classes of mail must not contain anything in the nature of a current letter. THEY MUST BE SENT IN "OPEN" COVERS OR BE MADE UP IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ENABLE EASY EXAMINATION WITHOUT THE NEED TO BREAK ANY SEALS.

Correct Postage Essential: Please make sure that the correct postage is paid; underpaid air mail items may be sent by surface route and suffer delay.

Insured Letters and Boxes may be sent by air mail to many countries (see pages 2-5). Normal insurance fees are payable besides the air postage rate; (the Printed Paper rate applies for Insured Boxes).

Literature for the Blind may go by air mail to all countries at 1p for each 2 oz. or part thereof.

Air Parcels may be sent by air at the rates on pages 2-5. Where no rate is shown there is no service at present. Supplemental services as for ordinary parcels are available except that air parcels can be accepted for insurance to certain countries only (see pages 2-5). You must put a blue air mail label close to the address (each address if the parcel is addressed in more than one place), on the despatch note if one is used, and on the trade charge card for C.O.D. parcels. **Air parcels are usually given speedy customs clearance abroad.**

The posting times in this leaflet apply to the posting boxes in the front of London Chief Office, King Edward Building, King Edward Street, EC1A 1AA. *Note:* For mail to be weighed and rated, the counter at King Edward Building is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. At Trafalgar Square Branch Office, which is open always, mail can be weighed and rated at any time. Overnight and on Saturday evening and Sunday, the posting times in this leaflet also apply to Trafalgar Square B.O. Ask at your Head or your Branch Post Office for local posting times. They are generally earlier than London Chief Office times. Glasgow and Manchester have some local posting times for North America.

Transit Times: Pages 2-5 give a guide to times of actual transmission of air mail letters to each country of destination. The times do not apply to air parcels, but still give some guide. The times are calculated from the time of posting at London Chief Office. They do not allow for intervals between arrival and delivery in the country of destination and they are not guaranteed.

H.M. Forces: Special air mail rates—particulars in leaflet PL (B) 3043 obtainable at post offices—apply to correspondence for H.M. Forces. Air parcels may be sent to the Royal Navy, the Royal Air Force and the Army but there are no concessionary postage rates for these items. Generally, civilian postage rates apply, except to H.M. Ships in foreign waters, for which there are different rates. For rates to all types of authorised Forces addresses, see the Post Office Guide or ask at a post office.

Insured services available Letters L Boxes B Parcels P	Letters per 1-oz. or part thereof	Postcards, Printed Papers, and Small Packets per 1-oz. or part thereof (newspaper rates in brackets)	Air Parcels		To	Times of posting at the boxes in the front of King Edward Building, King Edward Street, EC1A 1AA and approximate times of transit							Days
			Not over 1lb.	Each lb. after or part thereof		Not applicable to Air Parcels							
						Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	
LBP	7½	4 (2)	1-20	45	†SENEGAL	12.30 pm		12.15 pm		11.0 am		11.0 am	1-2
	7½	4 (2)	1-15	50	SEYCHELLES				4.30 pm	4.30 pm	2.0 pm	4.30 pm	Variable
	5	3 (1½)	1-50	40	SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates	As for Dubai							2-4
LP	7½	4 (2)	1-20	45	SIERRA LEONE	3.30 am	6.0 am			4.30 pm	6.0 am		1-2
LBP	7½	4 (2)	1-30	75	†SINGAPORE	8.30 am	11.30 am	11.30 am	11.30 am	11.30 am	11.0 am	11.30 am	2
LBP	9	5 (2½)	1-90	1-20	†SOLOMON ISLANDS	3.30 am				9.0 am			5-9
	7½	4 (2)	1-30	55	SOMALI Dem. Republic								
					Hargeisa		11.30 am		6.0 am			6.0 am	1-2
					†Mogadishu		12.15 pm		6.0 am			4.30 pm	
	7½	4 (2)	1-30	70	SOUTH AFRICA	12.30 pm	2.0 pm	2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	1-2
	7½	4 (2)	1-45	70	SOUTH WEST AFRICA	12.30 pm	2.0 pm	2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	2-3
					SOUTHERN YEMEN (People's Republic of)	See YEMEN (People's Republic of)							
LP	5	3 (1½)	95	20	SPANISH Territories in North Africa	3.30 am	11.30 am	11.30 am	11.30 am	11.30 am	11.30 am	6.0 am	2-3
	5	3 (1½)	1-05	30	SPANISH W. AFRICA	3.30 am	11.30 am	11.30 am	11.30 am	11.30 am	11.30 am	6.0 am	4-10
LBP	7½	4 (2)	1-40	60	SRI LANKA (Ceylon)		12.15 pm	1.15 pm	6.0 pm	6.0 am	12.15 pm	6.0 pm	1-2
P	5	3 (1½)	1-20	45	SUDAN, Dem. Republic of	3.30 am	11.30 am		6.0 am	6.0 am	4.30 pm	6.0 am	1-2
LBP	7½	4 (2)	1-20	55	SURINAM	3.30 am		9.30 pm			9.30 pm		2-4
	7½	4 (2)	1-20	65	SWAZILAND	12.30 pm	2.0 pm	2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	1-2
LBP	5	3 (1½)	1-00	30	†SYRIA	3.30 am		6.0 am	6.0 am	11.30 am	6.0 am	3.30 pm	1
LBP	9	5 (2½)	1-45	85	†TAIWAN	3.30 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	11.30 am	2
LBP	7½	4 (2)	1-30	55	TANZANIA	12.30 pm	2.0 pm	2.0 pm	4.30 pm	3.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	1-2
					including Zanzibar								
LP	7½	4 (2)	1-50	70	†THAILAND (Siam)	3.30 am	6.0 am	11.30 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	1-2
	7½	4 (2)			TIBET	As for India, Calcutta							7-12
P	9	5 (2½)	1-90	1-15	TOGO				4.30 pm			2.0 pm	1-2
	7½	4 (2)	1-20	55	TONGA	As for Fiji							4-8
					TORTOLA (British Virgin Is.)	3.30 am	9.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	10.0 am	11.30 am	1-2
P	7½	4 (2)	1-25	50	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	3.30 am	9.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	10.0 am	11.30 am	1-2
	7½	4 (2)	1-30	70	TRISTAN DA CUNHA	As for South Africa							Variable†
	5	3 (1½)	85	20	TUNISIA	3.30 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	12.15 pm	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	1
	7½	4 (2)	1-15	55	TURKS & CAICOS IS.	3.30 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	1-2
LBP	7½	4 (2)	1-25	50	UGANDA	12.30 pm	3.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	3.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	1-2
	5	3 (1½)			UMM AL QAIWAIN, United Arab Emirates	As for Dubai							2-4
					UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, See separate entries for Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Dubai, Fujairah, Ras al Khaimah, Sharjah and Umm al Qaiwain.								
					UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC	See EGYPT (Arab Republic of)							
P	7½	4 (2)	1-00	55	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA								
					Boston	3.30 am	7.30 am	7.30 am	7.30 am	7.30 am	7.30 am	7.30 am	1-2
					Chicago	3.30 am	10.0 am	10.0 am	10.0 am	10.0 am	10.0 am	10.0 am	
					Dallas, Miami	3.30 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	
					Los Angeles	3.30 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	
					Western States	3.30 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	
					New York	3.30 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	
					Philadelphia	12.30 pm	2.0 pm	2.0 pm	2.0 pm	2.0 pm	2.0 pm	2.0 pm	
					Washington	3.30 am	7.30 am	7.30 am	7.30 am	7.30 am	7.30 am	7.30 am	
					Other Parts	As for New York							
					Alaska	As for Los Angeles							
					Hawaii	As for Los Angeles							
	7½	4 (2)	1-25	50	UPPER VOLTA	12.30 pm	1.30 pm	1.30 pm	1.30 pm	2.30 pm	1.30 pm	11.0 am	2-3
	7½	4 (2)	1-40	75	†URUGUAY	3.30 am	11.30 am		3.30 pm	3.30 pm	4.30 pm	3.30 pm	1-2
LP	Letter rates as for Europe (see page 6)		1-30	40	†U.S.S.R. (Asia)	5.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	Variable
			1-50	60	†VENEZUELA	(Letters by air to Moscow)			9.0 am	6.0 am	9.0 am	9.0 am	1-2
	7½	4 (2)			VIETNAM, North	As for China, Peking							3-7
	7½	4 (2)	1-50	75	†VIETNAM, South				6.0 am	6.0 am		6.0 am	2
P	7½	4 (2)	1-25	60	VIRGIN IS. OF U.S.A.	3.30 am	9.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	10.0 am		1-2
P	9	5 (2½)	1-70	95	WAKE ISLAND	As for U.S.A.							2-4
P	9	5 (2½)	1-85	1-15	WESTERN SAMOA	As for Fiji							4-5
LBP	5	3 (1½)	1-25	45	YEMEN (Arab Republic)	3.30 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	2-3
	5	3 (1½)	1-25	45	YEMEN (People's Democratic Republic of)	12.30 pm	11.30 am		6.0 am		6.0 pm	6.0 am	1-2
	7½	4 (2)	1-15	55	ZAIRE (Republic of)		11.30 am	2.0 pm		2.0 pm	2.0 pm	12.15 pm	1-3
P	7½	4 (2)	1-45	65	ZAMBIA								
					Lusaka, Livingstone Ndola	12.30 pm	2.0 pm	2.0 pm	1.15 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	1-2
					ZANZIBAR	See Tanzania							

† Times of posting changed since previous issue.

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Europe

Letter Mail (The All-Up Service) For Europe there is no special charge for air conveyance and no special need for air mail marking. Letters, letter packets and postcards are sent by air whenever this will give earlier delivery.

Other Classes of Mail: There is no air mail service to Europe for other classes of mail. If you want the quickest possible delivery for Printed Papers or Small Packets you should pay the letter rate or, where appropriate, the postcard rate. Literature for the Blind is sent by air free of postage up to 2 lb.

Newspapers registered at the P.O. Rates: Weight not over 1oz 3p; 2oz 5p; 4oz 7½p; 8oz 10p; 1lb 20p; 2lb 35p; 4lb 70p.

Letter Mail Rates:

Weight not over 1oz 5p; 2oz 9p; 4oz 12p; 8oz 30p; 1lb 50p; 2lb 80p; 4lb 130p. (These rates also apply for surface letters to foreign countries outside Europe)

But to Cyprus, Gibraltar and Malta — Weight not over 1oz 3p; 2oz 5p; 4oz 7½p; 8oz 10p; 1lb 20p; 2lb 35p; 4lb 70 p. (These rates also apply for surface letters to Commonwealth countries outside Europe.)

Postcards (to all countries) 3p

Air Parcel Rates:

To	Not over 1lb.	Each additional lb. or part thereof	To	Not over 1lb.	Each additional lb. or part thereof	To	Not over 1lb.	Each additional lb. or part thereof
	p	p		p	p		p	p
§ALBANIA	90	20	GIBRALTAR	80	15	POLAND	85	15
AUSTRIA	75	15	GREECE	95	25	PORTUGAL	85	20
BELGIUM	90	10	HOLLAND	(See Netherlands)		ROMANIA	90	20
§BULGARIA	90	20	HUNGARY	90	15	SPAIN (inc. Balearic Islands)	85	20
CORSICA	120	10	ICELAND	85	20	SWEDEN	85	15
CYPRUS	110	25	ITALY	95	15	SWITZERLAND	70	10
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	85	15	LUXEMBOURG	70	10	TURKEY	105	25
DENMARK	80	10	MALTA	90	20	U.S.S.R. (Europe)	105	35
FAROE ISLANDS	80	10	NETHERLANDS	80	10	YUGOSLAVIA	90	20
FINLAND	90	20	NORWAY	100	15			
FRANCE	120	10						
GERMANY	80	15						
(German Federal Republic and Western Sectors of Berlin and †Soviet Zone and †Eastern Sector of Berlin)								

§ These countries do not accept Insured parcels.

† The Insurance Service does not apply to Gift Parcels.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards sent by air mail are payable at the rates of postage shown for Printed Papers, provided that: 1) they are unsealed; 2) they contain not more than five words of conventional greeting (in addition to any printed message).

If these conditions are not met, the letter rate must be paid.

NOTE: There is no air mail service to Europe for Printed Papers. (See above)

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