

# AIR MAIL

## WINTER SERVICES, 1925-6.

### 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.

The numbers in brackets refer to the corresponding numbered routes overleaf. The air fee is invariable whichever route is used.

	AIR FEE (additional to ordinary postage, express, late and registration fees.)		AIR FEE (additional to ordinary postage, express, late and registration fees.)
ALGERIA—WEST (8*, 9) ...	3d. up to ½ oz. 6d. " " 3½ oz. 3d. for each addl. 3½ oz. or fraction thereof.	IRAQ (10) ... .. 3d. per oz.	
AUSTRIA (2, 4*) ... ..	3d. per oz.	ITALY (1*, 2) ... .. 3d. " "	
BELGIUM (3) ... ..	2d. " "	JUGO-SLAVIA (2, 4*) ... .. 3d. " "	
BULGARIA (2) ... ..	2d. " "	MEMEL (5*) ... .. 6d. " "	
CZECHO-SLOVAKIA (4*) ... ..	3d. " "	MOROCCO—FRENCH ZONE, and TANGIER, TETUAN, LARACHE (8*, 9) - as for ALGERIA.	
DANZIG (4*) ... ..	3d. " "	NORWAY (6*, 7*) ... .. 4d. per oz.	
DENMARK (6*, 7*) ... ..	4d. " "	PERSIA (10) ... .. 3d. " "	
E. BALTIC STATES (5*) ... ..	6d. " "	POLAND (4*) ... .. 3d. " "	
FINLAND (5*) ... ..	6d. " "	RUSSIA (5*) ... .. 8d. " "	
FRANCE (1*, 2) ... ..	2d. " "	SPAIN (2) ... .. 2d. " "	
GERMANY—Occupied (3) ... ..	2d. " "	SWEDEN (6*, 7*) ... .. 4d. " "	
South (3), Rest of (4*, 6*, 7*) ...	3d. " "	SWITZERLAND (1*, 2) ... .. 3d. " "	
GREECE (2) ... ..	2d. " "	TURKEY (2) ... .. 2d. " "	
HOLLAND (4) ... ..	2d. " "	U.S.A. (11)	
HUNGARY (4*) ... ..	3d. " "	†Zone (1) NEW YORK—CHICAGO ... 5d. " "	
		†Zone (2) " " —CHEYENNE . 10d. " "	
		†Zone (3) " " —SAN-FRAN-CISCO 1/2 " "	

\* Suspended for the Winter.

† See Note E on Page 3.

Letters for Egypt, India or Australia, cannot be sent by Air.

## ROUTES.

9.

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

Route No.	Mail closes London G.P.O. (see Note A).	AIR ROUTE.	(a) Delivery normally obtained at certain principal places. (b) Onward connexion by ordinary route.	Estimated saving of time of transit.	Useful period of posting at G.P.O., London, each week-day (see Note B).	
<b>Suspended</b>	1	6.15 a.m.	LONDON—PARIS— BÂLE—ZURICH.	(a) Paris, same afternoon. Most of France next morning. (a) Bâle and Zurich, same evening, if express fee paid. Most of Switzerland, first delivery next morning. (b) By Night Mail trains from Bâle same evening. (To Italy, etc.)	Up to 12 hours.	6 p.m. to 6.15 a.m.
	2	11 a.m.	LONDON—PARIS ...	(a) Paris, same evening. Most of France next morning. (b) By Night Mail trains from Paris same day.		7.30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
	3	6.15 a.m.	LONDON—BRUSSELS —COLOGNE.	(a) Brussels, Antwerp, same afternoon or evening. (a) Cologne (Rhine Army), same afternoon. (Civil addresses), same afternoon. (b) By Night Mail trains from Cologne same day.		6 p.m. to 6.15 a.m. 12 noon to 6.15 a.m. 6 p.m. to 6.15 a.m.
<b>*Suspended</b>	4	6.15 a.m.	LONDON — AMSTER- DAM AND ROTTER- DAM.  * LONDON — HAN- OVER—BERLIN.	(a) Rotterdam and Amsterdam, same after- noon. Rest of Holland, same evening or first delivery next morning. (a) Hanover, Berlin, same afternoon or evening, if express fee paid. Dresden, Breslau, etc., by first post next morning. (b) By Night Mail trains from Berlin same day.		6 p.m. to 6.15 a.m.
<b>Suspended</b>	5	6.15 a.m. Also 12 noon, Sat., and 7 a.m. Sun. (see note F).	LONDON — BERLIN AND KÖNIGSBERG — HELSENGFORS, KÖNIGSBERG — MOS- COW.	(a) Helsingfors or Moscow, morning of second day after despatch. (a) Memel, Riga, Reval, evening of day after despatch. (b) Lithuania, Lettonia, Estonia and part of Finland, morning of second day after despatch.	3 days. 1½ days. 1 day.	Continuous
<b>Suspended</b>	6	6.15 a.m.	LONDON — AMSTER- DAM — HAMBURG — COPENHAGEN— MALMÖ.	(a) Hamburg same evening, if express fee paid. Copenhagen, same evening. Stockholm and Oslo, next morning and afternoon respectively.		6 p.m. to 6.15 a.m. Continuous
<b>Suspended</b>	7	6.0 p.m. (exc. Sat.)	ROTTERDAM—HAM- BURG — COPEN- HAGEN.	(a) Hamburg, next afternoon. Copenhagen, next evening. Stockholm and Oslo, morning and after- noon, respectively, of second day after despatch.		Noon to 6 p.m. Continuous
<b>Suspended</b>	8	6.15 a.m.	LONDON - PARIS AND TOULOUSE — CASA- BLANCA AND ORAN. (See Note C).	(a) Tangier and Casablanca, evening of day after despatch. (a) Oran, evening of day after, or morning of second day after, despatch. (a) Algiers, morning of second or third day after despatch.	2-4 days. 1½ days.	Continuous
	9	6.0 p.m.  7 a.m. Sun. (see note F).	TOULOUSE — CASA- BLANCA AND ORAN. (See Note C).	(a) Tangier and Casablanca, evening of second day after despatch. (a) Oran, evening of second or morning of third day after despatch. (a) Algiers, morning of third or fourth day after despatch.	2-4 days. 1 day.	Continuous
	10	6.0 p.m. (alternate Thurs.)	CAIRO — BAGHDAD. (See Note D)	(a) Baghdad, 8-9 days. (b) Persia N. and W., Teheran, Isfahan, etc., and as far as Bushire.	Up to 16 days.	Continuous.
	11	Normally 2.0 a.m. Sat. and Wed.	NEW YORK—SAN FRANCISCO.	(a) Chicago, 6½-8 days. (a) Cheyenne and San Francisco, 8½-10 days. (b) By Mail trains from Chicago or other landing point. For list of States served, see Note E.	Up to 24 hours. 1-2 days.	Continuous.

### 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 23).
- 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) December 10, 24, January 7, 21, February 4, etc. For particulars of the Desert Motor Route, *see* the Post Office Guide.
- E.—Zone (1). Arizona, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa (except Iowa City and Des Moines—*see* under Zone (2)), Kansas Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania (Bellefonte only), Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin.
- Zone (2). Colorado, Iowa (Iowa City and Des Moines only), Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming (except Rawlins and Rock Springs).
- Zone (3). California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington State, Wyoming (Rawlins and Rock Springs only).
- F.—After 11 p.m. on Saturday letters must bear a Late Fee of 2d. and be posted in the special box.

## II.—AIR PARCEL SERVICES TO HOLLAND AND GERMANY (including the British Army of the Rhine).

10. **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.

11. The special facilities of **Express Delivery**, and (in the case of parcels for Holland but not for Germany) of **Cash-on-Delivery**, and **payment** by the sender of **Customs charges**, are afforded on the same conditions as in the case of the ordinary Parcel Post. Air parcels **cannot be insured**.

12. As regards **dimensions**, the **making out of Customs Declarations and Despatch Notes**, **compensation in the event of loss or damage**, **return in the event of non-delivery, etc.**, air parcels are subject to the **same regulations as parcels sent by ordinary parcel post**. The sender must carefully affix an “Air Mail” label to the address label of the parcel and to the relative Despatch Note, and the words “Air Mail” should also be written prominently on the cover of the parcel.

**The maximum weight for an air parcel remains for the present unchanged at 11 lb.**

13. **Route and time of transmission.**—By direct aeroplane from Croydon on weekdays, usually on the day after posting, (i) to **Rotterdam** and **Amsterdam** for delivery there the same evening, if express, and in any part of **Holland** by the second morning, (ii) to **Cologne** for delivery there the same evening, or onward transmission to any part of **Germany** by ordinary route. Speedy Customs clearance of air parcels is given both in Holland and in Germany, and, even without payment of the extra fee for express delivery, the saving in time of transit by the use of the air post should be from one to several days.

14. As regards the **latest time at which** an air parcel may be **posted** at a given accepting Office, for transmission by the next air parcel despatch from London to the country of destination, enquiry should be made of the local Head Post Office.

15. **Fees** (inclusive of inland as well as air conveyance, but exclusive of express delivery, the fee for which is 6d. per parcel):—

Country of Destination.	For parcels not exceeding:—			
	2 lb.	3 lb.	7 lb.	11 lb.
Holland ... ..	3/-	3/-	6/-	8/6
Germany (civil addresses)...	3/6	6/-	6/-	8/6
do. (British Army of the Rhine and British Com-missions)	2/-	5/6	5/6	8/-

## III.—AIR PARCEL SERVICES TO PARIS (SEMI-OFFICIAL).

16. 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, Bagnolet, 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-Cervais, Puteaux, St. Mandé, St. Ouen, Vincennes.

17. 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* paragraph 19).

18. **Accepting Offices, etc.**—The regulations shown in paragraphs 10, 11, and 12 above apply. **The latter part of regulation 12 should be particularly observed. Redirection to places beyond Paris is not, however, undertaken,** and the services are **not available** for Cash-on-Delivery parcels or those on which the senders desire to undertake the payment of Customs charges.

19. **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. In view of the expense to which the sender may be put through the return of an air parcel, he is strongly recommended in every case to show clearly on the relative Despatch Note, and on the cover of the parcel, whether, in the event of non-delivery, the parcel is to be (a) treated as abandoned, or (b) delivered at an alternative address, or, if that is not possible, returned to him.

20. Air parcels may be sent to Paris by "EXPRESS" or "NON-EXPRESS" Service. An "EXPRESS" parcel is normally forwarded by air on the day after posting (*see* paragraph 22), and **delivered in Paris on the same evening or the following morning.** In the case of a NON-EXPRESS parcel the interval between posting and delivery is normally one or two days longer, but should still be substantially less than in the case of a parcel for Paris sent by the ordinary parcel post.

21. **Fees.**—The fees chargeable on such parcels (inclusive of inland as well as air conveyance, but exclusive of the Customs clearance and delivery charge payable by the addressee—*see* paragraph 16) are as follows:—

	For parcels weighing up to 2 lb.	2-5 lb.	5-8 lb.	8-11 lb.
"Express" service ... ..	1/9	3/-	4/6	6/-
"Non-express" service ... ..	1/6	2/3	3/3	4/3

22. **The latest time** at which a parcel (express or non-express) for Paris can be **posted** at any accepting Office for transmission by the next air parcel despatch from London may be ascertained by enquiry at that Office. At certain special Offices in central London "**express**" parcels for Paris may be **posted in the morning** for air conveyance on the same day **and delivery on the same evening or the following morning**—*see* separate London inset.

#### IV.—MISCELLANEOUS.

23. 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.

24. 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.

25. **Warning.**—The Air Mail Services are liable to be altered from time to time. Alterations will be announced in the Press, 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.

26. 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 DECEMBER, 1925.

**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. For the Mails despatched to the Continent, the latest times of posting in London and at the Aerodrome Sub-Office are as shown in the table below :—

**LATEST TIMES of POSTING (not on Sunday).**

FOR	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.
Belgium, Germany (occupied areas and South) and Holland.	8.0 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.	In public letter box.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	At counter until 10 minutes before due time of departure of Mail Aeroplanes (see Col. 8).
			6.15	—	—	At District Offices in time for the collection at 2 a.m. Elsewhere in London in time for the last collection overnight.									
France (and beyond).	noon	† At Counter In public letter box.	11.0	10.35	10.45	10.45	10.25	10.20	10.30	10.15	10.35	10.40	9.0	9.0	At counter until 10 minutes before due time of departure of Mail Aeroplanes (see Col. 8).
			9.30	{ E.C. District 9 a.m. at larger B.O.'s, and 8.45 a.m. elsewhere. }			†9.30 φ9.0	} 9.0 } 9.0	9.0 { †9.0 φ8.30 }	9.0 { †10.0 φ 8.45 }	†9.0 φ8.30	†9.0 φ8.30			

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

2. 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.

3. The latest times of posting in London for the Air Mail to Morocco and Algeria are the same as for the Night Mail, with or without late fee, for France. For the Air Mails to Iraq and Persia (alternate Thursdays) and to the United States of America, the latest times of posting are the same as for the ordinary Mails to those countries (see Post Office Guide, and the Post Office Daily List). There is no Late Fee posting for Air Mail letters for the U.S.A.

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

4. The special Offices in London (see paragraph 22 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 :—

General Post Office ... ..	a.m.	10.55	Piccadilly, Church Place Branch Office	a.m.	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		