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NOTICE.—This leaflet can be consulted at any Post Office. Copies may be obtained on request at many offices, including all Head and Branch Offices. Where not in stock it may be ordered.



## I.—LETTER AIR MAILS.

1. Any kind of letter packet may be sent by Air Mail, that is, 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** (exception: Air Mail letters, etc., for Colombia), but **insurance** is limited to letters and boxes for Holland and Switzerland. The ordinary arrangements for **express delivery** and the use of the green label system (for articles liable to customs duty) apply.

2. A special **Blue Air Mail label** should be affixed to the **top left-hand corner** of **every Air Mail packet**. These labels may be obtained **free of charge** at any Head or Branch Post Office.

If an Air Mail label is not available the packet should be clearly marked "By Air Mail"; but **the use of a label will expedite the treatment of the packet**.

3. Air Mail correspondence must be prepaid in stamps with **ordinary postage** and, **in addition, the appropriate Air Mail fee** (see page 6). If the Air Mail fee is not fully prepaid, the packet cannot be sent by Air Mail.

## II.—PARCEL AIR MAILS.

4. Except where otherwise indicated hereinafter, **the General Regulations of the Imperial and Foreign Parcel Post apply**, e.g., as regards maximum weight and dimensions, Customs Declarations and Despatch Notes, Supplemental services, Compensation, etc.—on which points see the Post Office Guide. Air parcels cannot however be insured except in the case of those for Holland and Switzerland.

5. **Accepting Offices**.—Air parcels may be posted at any Post Office which accepts parcels for places abroad. Air parcels **exceeding 11 lb. in weight** are accepted at the same Offices and under the same conditions as similar parcels for transmission by ordinary post.

6. The sender of an air parcel must affix an "Air Mail" label to the address label of the parcel and to the relative Despatch Note, and should write the words "Air Mail" conspicuously on the cover of the parcel. He must also prepay, in the usual way, the appropriate inclusive rate of postage as shewn in Section V.

7. In addition to rapid transit by air service, an air parcel is usually given speedy Customs clearance abroad. **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**.

8. Particulars of the air parcel services available are given in Section V. For **latest times of posting** apply at local Head Post Office.

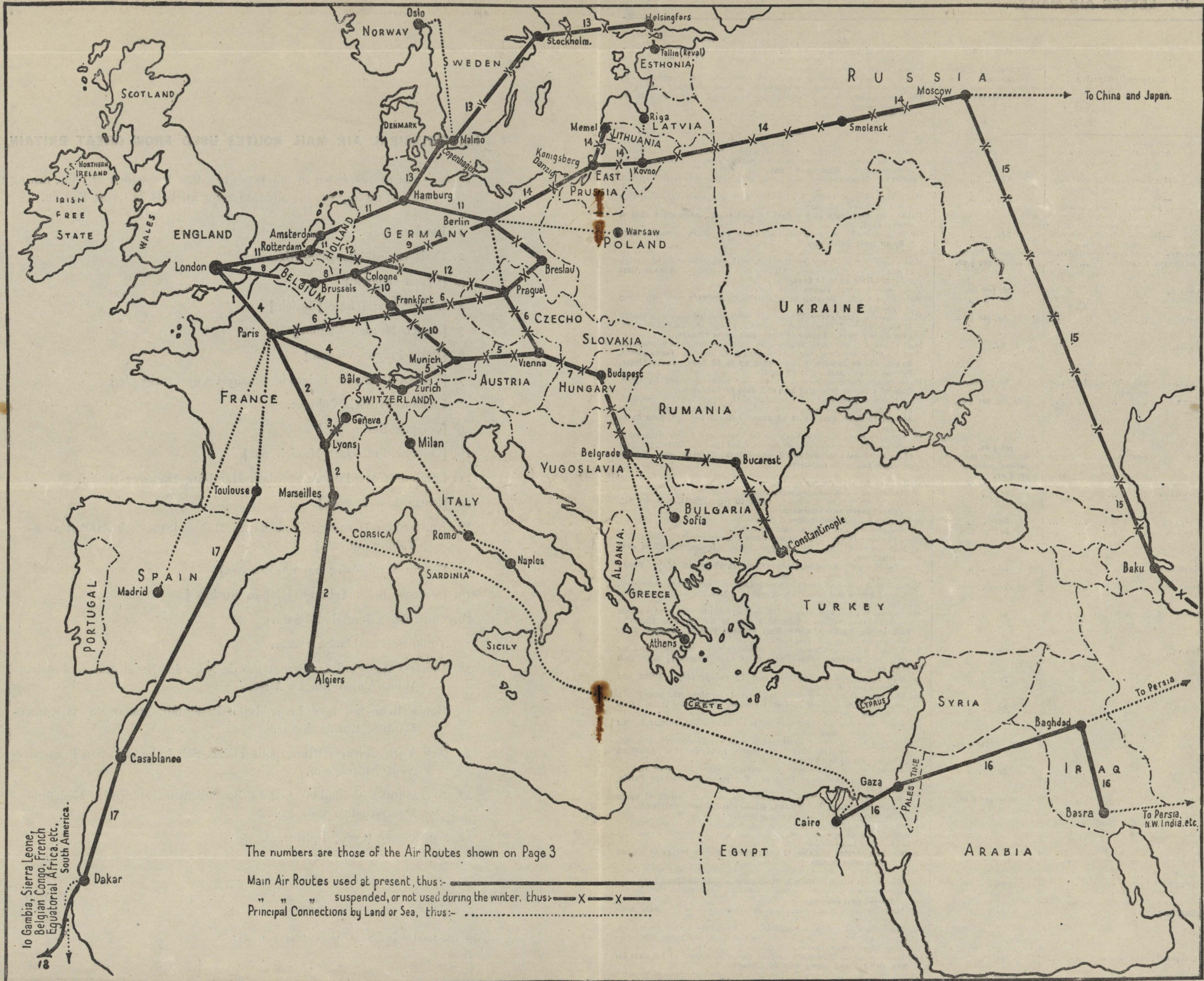


### III.—PRINCIPAL AIR MAIL ROUTES USED FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

NOTE.— The routes shewn in brackets are either suspended or offer, during the winter, no appreciable advantage for mails from Great Britain.

1. London—Paris.
2. Paris—Lyons—Marseilles—Algiers.
3. [Lyons—Geneva.]
4. London—Paris—Bâle—[Zurich.]
5. [Zurich—Munich—Vienna.]
6. [Paris—Prague—Vienna.]
7. [Vienna—Budapest—Belgrade—Bucarest—Constantinople.]
8. London—Brussels—Cologne.
9. [Cologne—Berlin, &c.]
10. [Cologne—Frankfort—Munich, &c.]
11. London—Rotterdam—Amsterdam—Hamburg—Hanover—Berlin.
12. [Rotterdam—Prague.]
13. Amsterdam—Hamburg—Copenhagen—Malmö—[Stockholm—Helsingfors—Tallinn (Reval).]
14. [Berlin—Königsberg—Kovno—Moscow.]
15. [Moscow—Baku—Teheran—Isfahan—Bushire.]
16. Cairo—Gaza—Baghdad—Basra.
17. Toulouse—Casablanca—Dakar.
18. Dakar—Cape Verd Is.—Fernandho de Noronha—Natal—Rio de Janeiro—Monte Video—Buenos Aires.
19. Boma (Belgian Congo)—Leopoldville—Bandundu—Luebo—Kanda—Kanda—Kamina—Elizabethville.
20. New York—Chicago—Minneapolis—Dallas—Salt Lake City—San Francisco—New Orleans, &c.
21. Barranquilla (Colombia)—Bogotá—Buenaventura—Manizales—Medellin—Bucaramanga—Cali, &c.
22. San Ramon (Peru)—Iquitos.





The numbers are those of the Air Routes shown on Page 3  
 Main Air Routes used at present, thus: —————  
 " " " suspended, or not used during the winter, thus: - - - X - - -  
 Principal Connections by Land or Sea, thus: . . . . .

To Gambia, Sierra Leone,  
 Belgian Congo, French  
 Equatorial Africa, etc.  
 South America.

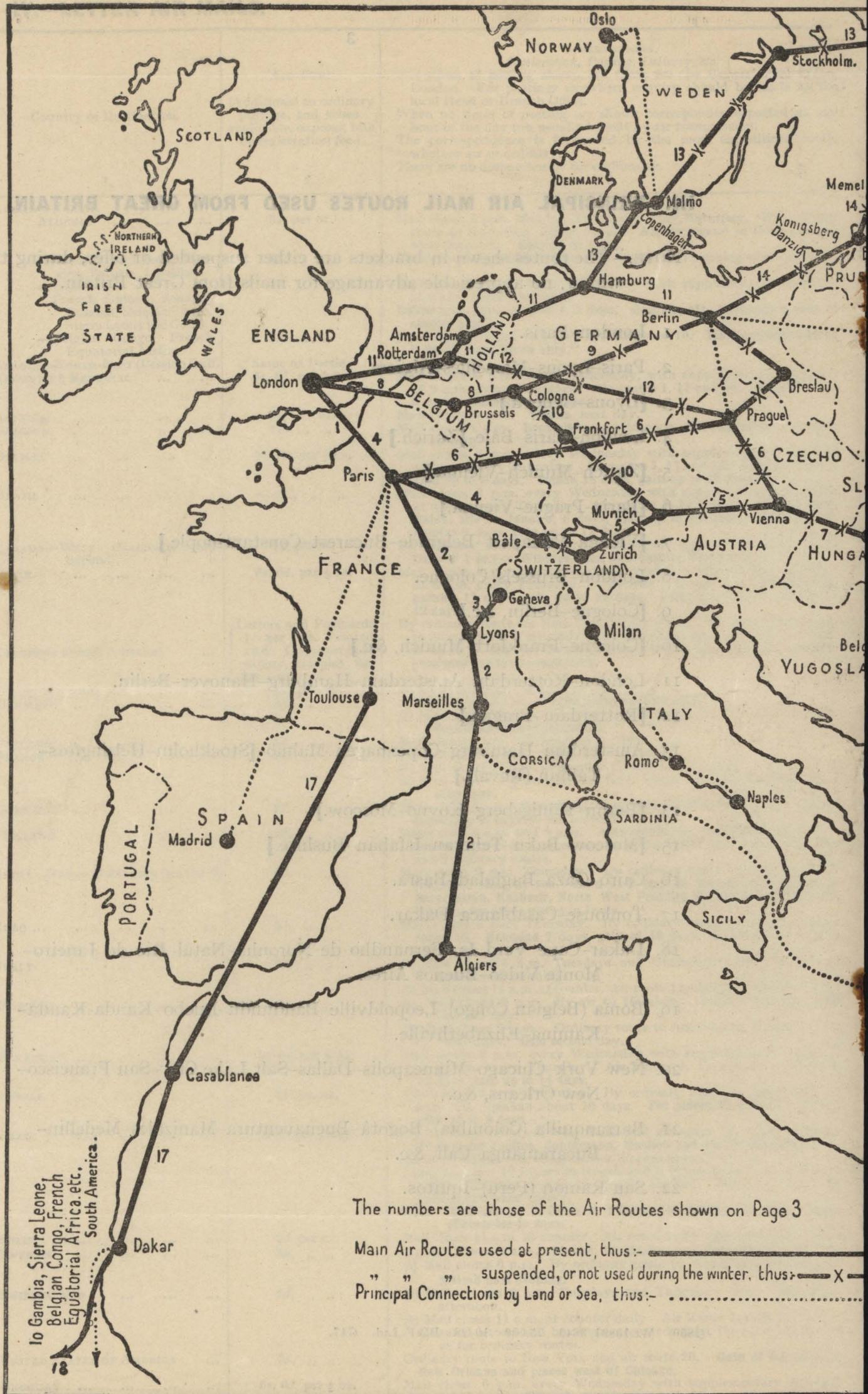
To China and Japan.

To Persia

To Persia, N.W. India, etc.



Note:- See page 3 as regards air routes suspended or not

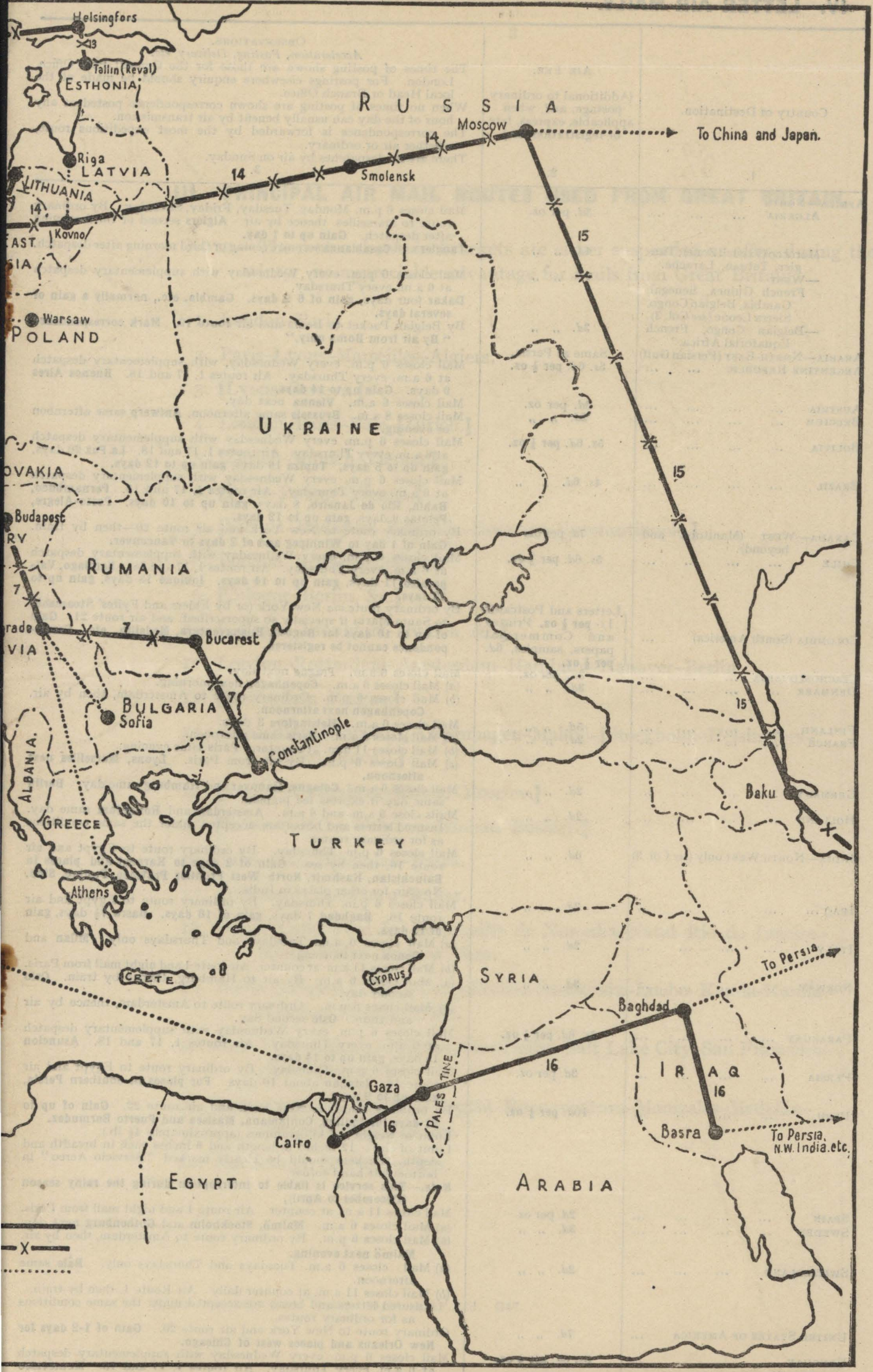


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## IV.—LETTER AIR MAILS.

Country of Destination. 1.	AIR FEE. (Additional to ordinary postage, and, when applicable, express, late or registration fee.) 2.	OBSERVATIONS. <i>Acceleration, Posting, Delivery, etc.</i> The times of posting shown are those for the General Post Office, London. For postings elsewhere enquiry should be made at the local Head or Branch Office. When no times of posting are shown correspondence posted at any hour of the day can usually benefit by air transmission. The correspondence is forwarded by the most expeditious route, whether air or ordinary. There are no despatches by air on Sunday. 3.
AFRICA—NORTH ALGERIA ... ..	3d. per oz.	Mail closes 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday. By ordinary route to Marseilles, thence by air. <b>Algiers</b> second or third evening after despatch. <b>Gain up to 1 day.</b> <b>Tangier</b> and <b>Casablanca</b> second evening or third morning after despatch.
Morocco (French Zone), Tangier, Tetuan, Larache. —WEST French Guinea, Senegal, Gambia, Belgian Congo, Sierra Leone (see Col. 3). —Belgian Congo, French Equatorial Africa.	4d. " " 1/- " "	Mail closes 6 p.m. every Wednesday with supplementary despatch at 6 a.m. every Thursday. <b>Dakar</b> four days, gain of 6-9 days. <b>Gambia, etc.,</b> normally a gain of several days. By Belgian Packet to Boma and air route 19. <b>Mark correspondence "By air from Boma only."</b>
ARABIA—NORTH-EAST (Persian Gulf)	Same as Persia.	
ARGENTINE REPUBLIC ... ..	5s. 6d. per ½ oz.	Mail closes 6 p.m. every Wednesday, with supplementary despatch at 6 a.m. every Thursday. Air routes 1, 17 and 18. <b>Buenos Aires</b> 9 days. <b>Gain up to 14 days.</b>
AUSTRIA ... ..	3d. per oz.	Mail closes 6 a.m. <b>Vienna</b> next day.
BELGIUM ... ..	2d. " "	Mail closes 8 a.m. <b>Brussels</b> same afternoon, <b>Antwerp</b> same afternoon or evening.
BOLIVIA ... ..	5s. 6d. per ½ oz.	Mail closes 6 p.m. every Wednesday with supplementary despatch at 6 a.m. every Thursday. Air routes 1, 17 and 18. <b>La Paz</b> 20 days, gain up to 5 days. <b>Tupiza</b> 18 days, gain up to 12 days.
BRAZIL ... ..	4s. 6d. " "	Mail closes 6 p.m. every Wednesday with supplementary despatch at 6 a.m. every Thursday. Air routes 1, 17 and 18. <b>Pernambuco, Bahia, Rio de Janeiro,</b> 8 days, gain up to 10 days. <b>Porto-Alegre, Pelotas</b> 9 days, gain up to 12 days.
CANADA—WEST (Manitoba and beyond).	7d. per oz.	By ordinary route to New York and air route 20—then by train. <b>Gain of 1 day to Winnipeg and of 2 days to Vancouver.</b>
CHILE ... ..	5s. 6d. per ½ oz.	Mail closes 6 p.m. every Wednesday with supplementary despatch at 6 a.m. every Thursday. Air routes 1, 17 and 18. <b>Santiago, Valparaiso</b> 11 days, gain up to 14 days. <b>Iquique</b> 18 days, gain up to 12 days.
COLOMBIA (South America) ...	Letters and Postcards 1/- per ½ oz. Printed and Commercial papers, samples, 6d. per ½ oz.	By ordinary route <i>via</i> New York (or by Elders and Fyffes' Steamship to Santa Marta if specially so superscribed) and air route 21. <b>Gain of up to 10 days for Bogotá, Buenaventura, Medellin, etc.</b> Correspondence cannot be registered.
CZECHOSLOVAKIA ... ..	3d. per oz.	Mail closes 6 a.m. <b>Prague</b> next day.
DENMARK ... ..	3d. " "	(a) Mail closes 6 a.m. <b>Copenhagen</b> next morning. (b) Mail closes 6 p.m. Ordinary route to Amsterdam, then by air. <b>Copenhagen</b> next afternoon.
FINLAND ... ..	5d. " "	Mail closes 6 a.m. <b>Helsingfors</b> 3 days.
FRANCE ... ..	2d. " "	(a) Mail closes 6 a.m. <b>Paris</b> same afternoon. (b) Mail closes 11 a.m. at counter. <b>Paris</b> same evening. (c) Mail closes 6 p.m. By air from Paris. <b>Lyons, Marseilles</b> next afternoon.
GERMANY ... ..	2d. " "	Mail closes 6 a.m. <b>Cologne, Hanover and Hamburg</b> same day. <b>Berlin</b> same day if express fee prepaid.
HOLLAND ... ..	2d. " "	Mails close 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. <b>Amsterdam and Rotterdam</b> same day. Insured letters and boxes are accepted under the same conditions as for ordinary routes.
INDIA—NORTH WEST only (see Col. 3)	6d. " "	Mail closes 6 p.m. Thursday. By ordinary route to Egypt and air route 16, then by sea. <b>Gain of 2 days to Karachi and places in Baluchistan, Kashmir, North West Frontier Province, Punjab, Sind.</b> No gain for other places in India.
IRAQ ... ..	3d. " "	Mail closes 6 p.m. Thursday. By ordinary route to Egypt and air route 16. <b>Baghdad</b> 7 days, gain of 16 days. <b>Basra</b> 7½ days, gain of 13 days.
ITALY ... ..	2d. " "	(a) Mail closes 6 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays only. <b>Milan and Genoa</b> next morning. (b) Mail closes 11 a.m. at counter. Air route 1 and night mail from Paris.
NORWAY ... ..	3d. " "	(a) Mail closes 6 a.m. By air to Hamburg, thence by train. <b>Oslo</b> second day. (b) Mail closes 5 p.m. Ordinary route to Amsterdam, thence by air and train. <b>Oslo</b> second day.
PARAGUAY ... ..	5s. 6d. per ½ oz.	Mail closes 6 p.m. every Wednesday with supplementary despatch at 6 a.m. every Thursday. Air routes 1, 17 and 18. <b>Asuncion</b> 15 days, gain up to 14 days.
PERSIA ... ..	3d. per oz.	Mail closes 6 p.m. Thursday. By ordinary route to Egypt and air route 16. <b>Isfahan</b> about 10 days. For places in Southern Persia, gain up to 9 days.
PERU ... ..	10d. per ½ oz.	By ordinary route <i>via</i> New York and air route 22. <b>Gain of up to 21 days for Iquitos, Contamana, Masisea and Puerto Bermudez.</b> Limit of weight: 2 kilogrammes (approximately 4½ lb.). Limit of size: 12 inches in length and 6 inches each in breadth and depth. Packets should be clearly marked "Servicio Aereo" in bottom left-hand corner.
SPAIN ... ..	2d. per oz.	<b>Note.—This service is liable to interruption during the rainy season (December to April).</b> Mail closes 11 a.m. at counter. Air route 1 and night mail from Paris.
SWEDEN ... ..	3d. " "	(a) Mail closes 6 a.m. <b>Malmö, Stockholm and Gothenburg</b> next day. (b) Mail closes 6 p.m. By ordinary route to Amsterdam, then by air. <b>Malmö</b> next evening.
SWITZERLAND ... ..	2d. " "	(a) Mail closes 6 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays only. <b>Bâle</b> same afternoon. (b) Mail closes 11 a.m. at counter daily. Air Route 1, then by train. Insured letters and boxes are accepted under the same conditions as for ordinary routes.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ...	7d. " "	Ordinary route to New York and air route 20. <b>Gain of 1-2 days for New Orleans and places west of Chicago.</b>
URUGUAY ... ..	5s. 6d. per ½ oz.	Mail closes 6 p.m. every Wednesday with supplementary despatch at 6 a.m. every Thursday. Air routes 1, 17 and 18. <b>Montevideo</b> 9 days, gain up to 13 days.



### V.—PARCEL AIR MAILS. (See also next page.)

Country of Destination. 1	Route: Frequency of Service. 2	Rates of Postage from Gt. Britain and N. Ireland.							Limit of insured value. 4
		3 Parcels not exceeding							
		2 lb.	3 lb.	5 lb.	7 lb.	8 lb.	11 lb.	22 lb.	
(1)(2) AUSTRIA ..	By air London-Cologne: thence by train: daily.	s. d. 3 6	s. d. —	s. d. —	s. d. 7 0	s. d. —	s. d. 9 6	s. d. 16 0	No service
(1)(2)(3) BELGIUM.	By air London-Brussels: daily.	—	2 6	—	5 6	—	7 6	11 6	No service
COLOMBIA. (South America)	By ordinary route to Barranquilla: thence by air.	4s. 6d. per lb. or fraction thereof up to maximum of 22lb. with minimum charge of 10s. per parcel.							No service
(2) CZECHO-SLOVAKIA.	By air London-Cologne and Nuremberg-Prague: daily.	4 0	—	—	9 6	—	14 0	26 0	No service
(1)(2)(3) DENMARK.	By air London-Hamburg: thence by train: daily.	4 0	—	—	9 0	—	13 0	24 0	No service
FRANCE. (Paris only)—									
(a) "Express" Service.	By air London-Paris: daily.	1 9	—	3 0	—	4 6	6 0	12 0	No service
(b) "Non-Express" Service.	Do. do. do.	1 6	—	2 3	—	3 3	4 3	8 6	Do.
(1)(2)(3) GERMANY. (a) All parts ..	By air London-Cologne: thence by train: daily.	2 6	—	—	5 6	—	7 6	13 0	No service
(b) Hamburg and beyond: Berlin and beyond.	By air London-Hamburg or London-Berlin and onward by air or train: daily.	3 6	—	—	8 0	—	12 0	21 0	Do.
(1)(2)(3) HOLLAND.	By air London-Rotterdam and Amsterdam: daily	—	2 6	—	5 0	—	6 6	13 0	80%.
(2) HUNGARY ..	By air London-Cologne: thence by train: daily.	3 6	—	—	7 6	—	10 0	17 0	No service
(2) LUXEMBURG ..	Same as Belgium ..	—	2 6	—	5 6	—	7 6	11 6	No service
PERU. (Certain places only).	By ordinary route via New York only: by air San Ramon-Iquitos.	4s. per lb. or fraction thereof up to maximum of 22 lb.							No service
(1)(2)(3) SWEDEN.	By air London-Hamburg and thence by train: daily.	4 6	—	—	10 6	—	14 0	25 0	No service
(1)(2)(3) SWITZERLAND.	By air London-Bâle: Tuesday and Thursday only.	3 0	—	—	8 0	—	11 0	20 0	400%.

- (1) Payment of Customs and other charges may be undertaken by the sender; see Post Office Guide.  
 (2) Parcels not over 11 lb. may be prepaid for express delivery; see Post Office Guide.  
 (3) Cash on Delivery parcels may be sent; see Post Office Guide.



**PARCEL AIR MAILS.** (*Continued*).**OBSERVATIONS.** (*See also Section II.*)

**AUSTRIA.**—Delivery in **Vienna** 4 days after posting.

**BELGIUM.**—Delivery in **Brussels** evening following despatch from London or next morning ; most of Belgium next day.

**COLOMBIA** (South America).—Semi-Official service. Saving of up to several weeks in time of delivery compared with the use of the ordinary service.

**Places served** :—Apulo, Armenia, Barranca-Bermeja, Bucaramanga, Bogotá, Buenaventura, Buga, Calamar, Cali, Cartagena, Cienaga, Cucuta, El Banco, Espinal, Facatativa, Girardot, Honda, Ibagué, La Esperanza, Libano, Magangué, Manizales, Medellin, Monteria, Neiva, Pamplona, Palmira, Piedecuesta, Pereira, Popayan, Puerto Berrio, Puerto Santos, Puerto Wilches, Rionegro, San Francisco, San Gil, Santa Marta, Santa Rosa, Socorro, Sogamosa, Tulua, Tunjas, Zapatoca.

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA.**—Delivery in **Prague** 2 or 3 days after posting.

**DENMARK.**—Delivery in **Copenhagen** 2 days after posting.

**FRANCE** (Paris only).—Semi-Official service. Air parcels may be posted for **Paris, but not for any other place in France.** Imperial Airways, Limited, undertakes the clearance of the parcels through the French Customs and their subsequent delivery at any address within the walls of Paris at a charge to the addressee of 4f.50 per parcel (6f.50 by "express" service.) This charge is, of course, exclusive of ordinary French Customs charges. Delivery at a charge to the addressee of 8f.50 per parcel is also undertaken in the suburbs shown in the following list :—Asnières, Aubervilliers, Bagnolet, Boulogne, 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 parcel is addressed to a place which is within the area of delivery. If it is not, the parcel will ordinarily be returned to the sender. **Redirection to places beyond Paris is not undertaken.**

**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.

**GERMANY.**—Delivery in **Cologne**—if an express fee is paid—in the evening following despatch from London, or next morning ; in **Hamburg** or **Berlin** (if sent by direct service) on the evening following despatch, or the next morning.

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

**HUNGARY.**—Delivery in **Budapest** 5 days after posting.

**PERU.**—**Places served** :—Puerto Bermudez, Contamana, Masisea, Iquitos.

**NOTE.**—This service is liable to interruption during the rainy season (December to April).

**Delivery** in general three weeks earlier than by ordinary route throughout. Parcels must not exceed 500 cubic inches or a maximum length of 3 ft.

**SWEDEN.**—Delivery in **Stockholm** 2 or 3 days after posting.

**SWITZERLAND.**—Delivery in **Bâle** in the evening following despatch from London, if an express fee is paid, and in most of Switzerland next morning.