



## AIR MAIL SERVICES—SUMMER SEASON, 1921.

### I. GENERAL REGULATIONS.

1. **Packets admissible.** All classes of letter packets, *i.e.*, letters, postcards, packets of printed papers and commercial papers, and samples, are admitted to the Air Mail services. Any letter packet may be registered. Neither insured packets nor parcels are admitted.

2. **Facilities for posting.** Air Mail packets may be handed in for registration at any Post Office or, if registration is not required, may be posted in any public posting box. In addition, special arrangements have been made to accept packets for the Paris service **over the Counter**, at a later hour than would normally be possible, at the following Offices in London, *viz.*: London Chief Office (King Edward Street, E.C.), Threadneedle Street and Lombard Street Branch Offices, E.C., Western Central District Office (New Oxford Street, W.C.), Western District Office (Wimpole Street, W.), South-Western District Office (Victoria Street, S.W.), Charing Cross and Parliament Street Branch Offices. (*As regards latest times of posting, see paragraphs 8 and 9.*)

3. **Special "Air Mail" label.** Every packet intended for transmission by Air Mail should bear in the top left-hand corner a special blue label bearing the words "By Air Mail." The label enables each packet to be specially selected during the process of sorting. It can 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. In the absence of a label, the cover of the packet should be prominently marked "By Air Mail" in manuscript in the top left-hand



corner; but the use of the label is desirable in order that any risk of exclusion from the next Air Mail may be avoided. Any additional special marking required, *e.g.*, on packets for Morocco (*see* paragraph 6, Note vi) should be inserted *immediately beneath* the label (or manuscript equivalent).

4. **Express Delivery.** If express delivery in the country of destination is desired as well as transmission by air, an express fee of 6*d.* per packet must be prepaid in the same manner as the air fee (*see* paragraph 7). Packets intended for express delivery should be prominently marked with the word "Express" immediately below the words "By Air Mail" on the blue label (or manuscript equivalent) referred to in paragraph 3. The delivery of Air Mail packets by the express service is carried out in France, Holland, Belgium, and certain other Foreign Countries (of which a list may be seen on application at any Post Office) where the express delivery of ordinary packets is undertaken.

## II. ROUTES AND FREQUENCY OF SERVICE; ADVANTAGES OFFERED.

5. Letters and other letter packets (*see* paragraph 1) can be posted in all parts of the United Kingdom for transmission by any of the Air Mail services shown below:—

Service 1.	LONDON—PARIS - - -	Each Weekday.
" 2.	LONDON—BRUSSELS - - -	do.
" 3.	LONDON—AMSTERDAM - - -	do.
" 4.	ROTTERDAM—BREMEN —HAMBURG—COPENHAGEN, with branch BREMEN—BERLIN - - -	do.
" 5.	TOULOUSE—CASABLANCA - - -	On four days a week.

6. These air services, working in connection with ordinary train and steamer services, make it possible to reduce the time of transmission of letters from this country to many parts of Europe and to some extra-European countries. The following table gives a general idea of the advantages offered by each service (without express delivery, as to which *see* paragraph 4). More detailed information as to the time occupied in the transmission of an Air Mail packet to any particular destination can be obtained on application to the Secretary (Air Mails), General Post Office, E.C.1.

Service.	Mail closes 1. London (G.P.O.).	Destination.	Delivery or connection to be secured by use of a given despatch from London.	Approximate gain by use of Air Mail for certain more distant places.
1. London-Paris.	11.0 a.m. each weekday.	Paris - - -  Most of France -  Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Italy.	Delivery evening of same day.  Delivery following morning. Connection with Night Mail trains from Paris same day.	Up to 24 hours ( <i>See</i> Note i).
		India, Aden, Cey- lon, China, East Africa, Mesopota- mia, Straits Settle- ments ( <i>See</i> Note ii.).	Connection with Mail Steamer leaving Marseilles following day.	One week.



Service.	Mail closes in London (G.P.O.).	Destination.	Delivery or connection to be secured by use of a given despatch from London.	Approximate gain by use of Air Mail for certain more distant places.
1. London-Paris— <i>cont.</i>		Australia ( <i>see</i> Note ii).	Connection with Mail Steamer leaving Marseilles or Toulon following day.	Up to a fortnight.
		Egypt, Sudan, Palestine, and Syria ( <i>see</i> Note iii).	Connection with Indian Mail Steamer ( <i>see above</i> ) or with French Packets.	One or more days.
2. London-Brussels.	8.15 a.m. each weekday.	Brussels - -	Delivery afternoon of same day.	
		Antwerp and some other places in Belgium.	Delivery evening of same day.	
		Rest of Belgium -	Delivery following morning.	
3. London-Amsterdam.	8.15 a.m. each weekday.	Amsterdam, The Hague, Rotterdam.	Delivery evening of same day.	
		Rest of Holland -	Delivery evening of same day or following morning.	
		North and Central Germany.	Connection with afternoon Mail train from Amsterdam same day.	7-24 hours.
		Sweden, Finland ( <i>see</i> Note iv).	Ditto.	24 hours.
4. Rotterdam-Bremen, &c.	5.30 p.m. each weekday.	Bremen, Hamburg, Berlin ( <i>see</i> Note v).	Delivery following evening.	
		Copenhagen and Denmark generally.	—	Up to 36 hours.
		Sweden, Finland ( <i>see</i> Note iv).	Connection with Night Mail train from Copenhagen.	24 hours.
		Eastern Baltic countries except Finland ( <i>see above</i> ).	Connection with Night Mail train from Berlin.	24 hours.
5. Toulouse-Casablanca.	6.30 a.m. weekdays, 6.0 a.m. Sundays ( <i>See</i> Note vi).	Morocco - -	Delivery evening of second day.	1 or 2 days.

*Notes.*—i. Only for letters posted too late for the first ordinary Mail from London to Paris, closed at the G.P.O. at 6.30 a.m.

ii. Packets for these places are sent by Air Mail on *Friday only* (for Australia only in those weeks in which there is an ordinary Mail to that country *via* Suez). As the Air Mail connection may fail in bad weather, the Air Service should not be used except for packets which cannot be posted in time for the ordinary mail leaving London on Thursday evening.



iii. By Air Mail on Friday (*see* Note ii), or on any other weekday except Wednesday and Thursday.

iv. Air Mail packets for Sweden and Finland can be sent either by Service 3 or by Service 4. In Service 3 transmission is by air to Holland, and thence by train; in Service 4 transmission is by ordinary Night Mail to Holland, and thence by air. Packets which can be posted in time for Service 3 should not be retained for Service 4.

v. Bremen for the districts of Bremen and Oldenburg; Hamburg for the districts of Hamburg, Kiel and Schwerin, for Schleswig-Holstein and Mecklenburg; Berlin for the rest of central and eastern Germany.

vi. Packets must be plainly marked immediately below the Air Mail label (or manuscript equivalent), "Par avion de Toulouse."

The aeroplanes leave Toulouse only on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, and the latest Mails to connect are those closed in London on the preceding Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning. Packets posted on any day of the week in London or the Provinces should, however, normally be accelerated in transmission.

### III. AIR MAIL FEES.

7. A special Air Mail fee, in addition to the ordinary Foreign (or Imperial) postage rate, is payable by means of postage stamps on each Air Mail packet, as shown below:—

	Air Mail Fee.
Service 1. LONDON—PARIS - - -	2 <i>d.</i> per oz.
" 2. LONDON—BRUSSELS - - -	4 <i>d.</i> "
" 3. LONDON—AMSTERDAM - - -	4½ <i>d.</i> "
" 4. ROTTERDAM—BREMEN, HAMBURG, BERLIN, or COPENHAGEN - - -	4½ <i>d.</i> "
" 5. TOULOUSE—CASABLANCA - - -	5 <i>d.</i> up to ½ oz., 11 <i>d.</i> up to 3½ oz., 6 <i>d.</i> additional for each additional 3½ oz. up to maximum of 2 <i>s.</i> 11 <i>d.</i> for 17½ oz.

Fees for registration and express delivery, where these services are required, are additional.

**Important.**—Any packet which is not fully prepaid with the appropriate Air Mail Fee will not be sent by Air Mail.

### IV. LATEST TIMES OF POSTING.

8. **London.** The time of closing each Mail at the G.P.O., as shown in column 2 of the table in paragraph 6, is liable to change, of which due notice will always be given in the newspapers when possible. Precise information as to the latest times of posting for the Paris service at the special Offices mentioned in paragraph 2 may be obtained by enquiry at those Offices. The Secretary (Air Mails), G.P.O., London, E.C.1, will furnish, on application, a statement showing the latest times of posting in London for all the Air Mail services.

9. **Provinces.** Letters must be posted in time to be forwarded in Mails for London conveyed by trains due to reach the London terminus well before the hour of closing the Air Mail at the G.P.O. Precise information should be sought from the local Head Post Office.

By order of the POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

General Post Office, London, E.C.1.

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