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I.—CONDITIONS OF POSTING FOR AIR MAILS.

A. LETTER POST.

1. Any kind of Letter Packet may be sent by Air Mail, *i.e.*, letters, postcards, printed papers and commercial papers and samples. Air Mail packets can be registered, but cannot at present be insured.

2. An Air Mail packet may be posted in any of the ordinary ways of posting.

3. 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 (*see* paragraph 4); (2) be prepaid with an Air Mail fee, in addition to the ordinary foreign (or Imperial) postage (*see* paragraphs 5 and 10).

4. "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 manuscript as prominently as possible, "By Air Mail"; but the use of the label is greatly to be preferred. If a special additional marking is required (*see* notes iv. to vi. to paragraph 11), it should always be inserted *immediately beneath the label* (or its equivalent).

5. The Air Mail fee must be prepaid with postage stamps in the ordinary way. The amount payable in connection with each Air Mail Service is shown in paragraph 10.

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

6. **Express delivery** in the country of destination is not included in the Air Mail fee. If express delivery is desired as well as transmission by air, an express fee of 6d. per packet must be prepaid in the same manner as the air fee (*see* paragraph 5). Packets intended for express delivery should be prominently marked with the word "Express" immediately below the Air Mail label (or manuscript equivalent). The delivery of Air Mail packets by the express service is carried out in France, Holland, Belgium, and certain other Foreign Countries where the express delivery of ordinary packets is undertaken. Similarly, if **registration** is required, the usual fee must be prepaid, in addition to ordinary postage and the Air Mail fee.

7. 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 papers rate, sample rate, etc., as the case may be.

8. **Certain special facilities** are provided for the LATE POSTING over the counter at selected offices in London of letters for transmission by afternoon air service or services to the Continent (*see* table in paragraph 12).

B. PARCEL POST.

9. At present air parcels are accepted only at specified Post Offices in London and in the larger towns in the Provinces, for the destinations shown in paragraphs 14 and 17. Such parcels may not be insured.

II.—LIST OF (LETTER) AIR MAIL ROUTES, SHOWING FREQUENCY OF SERVICE, AND FEES.

10.

No.	Service.	Frequency.	Air Mail Fee (on outgoing packets).
1.	London-Paris - - - -	Three times each weekday outward, and twice each weekday inward.	2d. per oz.
2.	London-Brussels - - - -	Once each weekday outwards. Inward Service not yet established.	2d. " "
3.	London-Amsterdam (with call at Rotterdam).	Twice each weekday (in each direction).	3d. " "
4.	Cairo-Baghdad - - - -	Fortnightly (in each direction)	6d. " "
5.	Toulouse-Casablanca - - - -	Five days a week (in each direction)	3d. up to $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., 6d. up to $3\frac{1}{2}$ oz., 3d. additional for each additional $3\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
6.	Kinshasa-Stanleyville (Belgian Congo)	In connection with Belgian steamships.	(See paragraph 11., note vi.).

III.—TABLE OF (LETTER) AIR MAIL DESPATCHES, SHOWING ADVANTAGES OFFERED, USEFUL PERIOD (APPROXIMATELY) OF POSTING, ETC.

11. (As regards Parcel despatches see last page.)

Service.	Mail closes in London (G.P.O.)	Destination.	Delivery or connexion to be secured by use of a given despatch from London.	Normal gain by use of air instead of ordinary route (for distant places).	Useful period of posting.	
					in London (G.P.O.) (See Note i.)	in Provinces.
1. London-Paris <i>1st despatch</i>	5.30 a.m. each weekday.	Paris - - - -	Delivery same afternoon.	Up to 24 hours -	6.0 p.m. to 5.30 a.m.	See Note ii.
		Certain places near Paris.	Delivery same evening			
	<i>2nd despatch</i>	11.10 a.m. (at counter) each weekday.	Paris - - - -		Delivery same evening	
3. London-Amsterdam <i>1st despatch</i>	8.15 a.m. (at counter) each weekday.	Most of France -	Delivery following morning.	7.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	See Note iii.	
		Spain, Austria, Jugoslavia, Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey.	Connexion with Night Mail trains from Paris same day.			
2. London-Brussels.	8.15 a.m. (at counter) each weekday.	Paris, &c. (same as for <i>2nd despatch</i>).	(Same as for <i>2nd despatch</i>).	6.0 p.m. to 8.15 a.m.	See Note ii.	
		Rotterdam, Amsterdam.	Delivery same afternoon.			
3. London-Amsterdam <i>1st despatch</i>	8.15 a.m. (at counter) each weekday.	Brussels - - - -	Delivery same afternoon.	6.0 p.m. to 8.15 a.m.	See Note ii.	
		Antwerp and most of Belgium.	Delivery same evening			
2. London-Brussels.	8.15 a.m. (at counter) each weekday.	Rotterdam, Amsterdam.	Delivery same afternoon.	6.0 p.m. to 8.15 a.m.	See Note ii.	
		The Hague - - - -	Delivery same evening			
3. London-Amsterdam <i>1st despatch</i>	8.15 a.m. (at counter) each weekday.	Rest of Holland -	Delivery same evening or following morning	6.0 p.m. to 8.15 a.m.	See Note ii.	
		Rotterdam - - - -	Delivery same evening			
2. London-Brussels.	8.15 a.m. (at counter) each weekday.	Amsterdam and rest of Holland.	Delivery same evening or by first post next morning.	7.0 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	See Note iii.	
		North and Central Germany.	Connexion with evening Mail train from Amsterdam same day.			
4. Cairo-Baghdad (see Note iv.)	6 p.m. on alternate Thursdays.	Czecho-Slovakia -	Ditto.	21 hours - -	Continuous.	
		Sweden, Finland -	Ditto.			
5. Toulouse-Casablanca (see Note v.)	7.30 a.m.	Norway (east and north of Christiania)	Ditto.	24 hours - -	Continuous.	
		Morocco - - - -	Delivery evening of third day (inclusive)			
6. Kinshasa-Stanleyville.	Irregular -	Iraq (Mesopotamia) -	Delivery in Baghdad in about 10 days.	7-21 hours - -	See Note iii.	
		Persia (north and west as far as Bushire).	—			
5. Toulouse-Casablanca (see Note v.)	7.30 a.m.	Morocco - - - -	Delivery evening of third day (inclusive)	21 hours - -	Continuous.	
		Morocco - - - -	Delivery evening of third day (inclusive)			
6. Kinshasa-Stanleyville.	Irregular -	Morocco - - - -	Delivery evening of third day (inclusive)	24 hours - -	Continuous.	
		Morocco - - - -	Delivery evening of third day (inclusive)			
6. Kinshasa-Stanleyville.	Irregular -	Morocco - - - -	Delivery evening of third day (inclusive)	about 18 hours -	Continuous.	
		Morocco - - - -	Delivery evening of third day (inclusive)			
6. Kinshasa-Stanleyville.	Irregular -	Morocco - - - -	Delivery evening of third day (inclusive)	up to 20 days -	Continuous.	
		Morocco - - - -	Delivery evening of third day (inclusive)			
6. Kinshasa-Stanleyville.	Irregular -	Morocco - - - -	Delivery evening of third day (inclusive)	From 3 days (Bushire) up to 20 days.	Continuous.	
		Morocco - - - -	Delivery evening of third day (inclusive)			
6. Kinshasa-Stanleyville.	Irregular -	Morocco - - - -	Delivery evening of third day (inclusive)	1 or 2 days - -	Continuous.	
		Morocco - - - -	Delivery evening of third day (inclusive)			
6. Kinshasa-Stanleyville.	Irregular -	Morocco - - - -	Delivery evening of third day (inclusive)	Up to 11 days -	Continuous.	
		Morocco - - - -	Delivery evening of third day (inclusive)			

i. 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 18).

ii. In the Provinces—the south-east of England excepted—between the time of closing of the latest Mail due to be forwarded to the Continent by boat the same night, and the time of closing of the general Night Mail to London.

iii. Benefits only those packets which are posted too late to be forwarded to the Continent by the first day boat.

iv. 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 13, 27, August 10, 24, &c.

v. Packets must be plainly marked immediately below the Air Mail label (or manuscript equivalent) "Par avion de Toulouse." The aeroplanes leave Toulouse on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday, and the latest Mails which secure connexion with the air service are those closed in London on the mornings of the preceding Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Packets posted on any day of the week in London or the Provinces should normally be accelerated in transmission.

vi. The Kinshasa-Stanleyville service is worked in close connexion with the Belgian Packets from and for Europe, and by its use correspondence for districts along the Upper Congo River from Kwamouth as far as Lova (but not for districts such as Katanga) may gain up to a maximum of 11 days in time of transmission. Prepayment of a special fee is not required, but THE ADDRESSEE WILL BE CHARGED ON DELIVERY 3 FRANCS PER 20 GRAMMES FOR AIR CONVEYANCE. Packets must be plainly marked immediately below the Air Mail label (or manuscript equivalent) "Par avion, via Kinshasa." Packets posted in time to be forwarded from Europe by other than Belgian steamships will probably not benefit by the use of the air service.

IV.—LATEST TIMES OF POSTING.

12.—London Postal District and Croydon (not on Sunday).

Service	How posted.	G.P.O.	Threadneedle Street B.O.	Lombard Street B.O.	Hatton Garden B.O.	Parliament Street B.O.	Charing Cross B.O.	W.C.D.O.	W.D.O.	149, Regent Street B.O.	S.W.D.O.	S.E.P.O.	Other Head District Offices.	Croydon.
London to Paris (1st) -	In public letter-box.	a.m. 5.30	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	
Brussels and Amsterdam (1st).	At Counter	8.15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	In public letter box.	7.30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paris (2nd) -	† At Counter	11.10	10.50	10.50	—	10.40	10.45	10.50	10.25	—	10.35	9.0	9.0	—
	In public letter box.	9.30	E.C. District 9 a.m. at larger B.O.'s, and 8.45 a.m. elsewhere.		—	9.0	8.45	{ †10.30 †8.45	{ †10.0 †8.30	—	{ †10.0 †9.0	{ †9.0 †8.30	8.30	—
Paris (3rd) & Amsterdam (2nd).	† At Counter	p.m. 12.30	p.m. 12.15	p.m. 12.15	p.m. 12.20	p.m. 12.5	p.m. 12.10	p.m. 12.15	11.50	p.m. 11.55	noon	11.0	11.0	p.m. 12.45
	In public letter box.	noon	E.C. District 11 a.m. at larger B.O.'s, and 10.45 a.m. elsewhere.		—	10.0	10.30	{ †11.0 †10.30	{ †11.0 †10.0	—	{ †11.0 †10.0	{ †11.0 †10.30	11.0	{ 11.0 (10.30 at Pad-ding-ton)

‡ Registered Packets 5 minutes earlier.

* Parcels for Paris and Brussels 5 minutes earlier.

† At Head Office.

** Paris and Brussels parcels only.

φ Elsewhere in Town District.

13. **Provinces.**—Air Mail packets 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 will be supplied by the local Head Post Office.

V.—AIR PARCEL POST (SEMI-OFFICIAL) TO PARIS AND BRUSSELS.

14. Parcels addressed to Paris and Brussels can be handed in at certain Post Offices in London and in the provincial towns mentioned below for despatch by the Instone aeroplane services leaving Croydon aerodrome each weekday. The parcels are cleared through the French and Belgian Customs by the Instone Air Line, Ltd., and should normally be delivered in Paris or Brussels on the day of despatch from Croydon or the morning after. They should thus reach their respective destinations from 2 days (Brussels) up to 5 or more days (Paris) earlier than if sent by the ordinary parcel post.

15. In London special arrangements have been made so that air parcels can be posted in the morning at certain of the offices in the Table in paragraph 12 until the times shown in the Table for despatch by air on the same day. They may also be handed in (for despatch on the following day) at Church Place, Piccadilly; East Strand; Fenchurch Street; Finsbury Park; Fleet Street; High Holborn; Kilburn; Knightsbridge; Leadenhall Street; N.D.O.; N.W.D.O.; 191, Oxford Street;

Peckham; 21, Regent Street; 294, Regent Street; St. James's Street; Shaftesbury Avenue; Spring Street, Paddington; Stratford; Throgmorton Avenue; Westbourne Grove; Young Street, Kensington. They may be posted in the **Provinces** at Aberdeen, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Burnley, Cardiff, Coventry, Derby, Dover, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Halifax, Huddersfield, Hull, Ipswich, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, Luton, Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Newport (Mon.), Norwich, Nottingham, Reading, Rugby, Sheffield, Southampton, Walsall, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton.

16. An **inclusive fee** is payable as follows:—For parcels weighing up to 2 lb., 1/9; 2-5 lb., 3/-; 5-8 lb., 3/9; 8-11 lb., 4/3. Further particulars can be obtained on application at an accepting Office in London, or at the Head Office in any one of the provincial towns mentioned above.

VI.—EXPRESS AIR PARCEL POST (OFFICIAL) TO HOLLAND.

17. Parcels **addressed to any part of Holland** may be posted for conveyance from London to Rotterdam or Amsterdam by air and for express delivery by the Dutch Post Office. Such parcels will be accepted at any Post Office authorised to accept air parcels for Paris and Brussels (*see* paragraph 15). They will usually be forwarded from Croydon by air on the morning after posting, and be delivered in Rotterdam and Amsterdam the same evening, and in other parts of Holland by the second morning after posting. They should thus reach their respective destinations two or three days earlier than if sent by the ordinary parcel post. The **scale of charges**, inclusive of express delivery at the place of destination, will be as follows:—For parcels weighing up to 3 lb., 4/-; 3-7 lb., 7/6; 7-11 lb., 10/6. On parcels addressed "Poste Restante" the charges will be 6d. less. Further particulars can be obtained on application at an accepting Office in London, or at the Head Office in any one of the provincial towns mentioned in paragraph 15.

VII.—MISCELLANEOUS.

18. An Air Mail letter which is posted at such a time that it will certainly reach its destination earlier if forwarded by the next ordinary Mail is so forwarded, unless it bears some indication that the sender desires Air Mail transmission for its own sake, and not for the sake of obtaining speedy delivery of the letter.

19. 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, and to refund the amount of the special Air Mail fee prepaid upon it, when it is clear that, through the fault of the Air Service or of the Post Office at either end, there has been no gain by the use of the Air Mail.

20. **Warning.**—The Air Mail Services are liable to be altered from time to time, especially at the beginning and end of each summer season. 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.

21. The issue of new editions of this Leaflet will be notified in the newspapers. Copies are obtainable at any Head or Branch Post Office, or on application to the Secretary (Air Mails), General Post Office, London, E.C.1.