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SECTION I—GENERAL INFORMATION

Foreword. This leaflet supersedes previous editions of the Air Mail Leaflet. A standing order may be placed with the local Head Postmaster for subsequent editions of this leaflet to be supplied by post as and when published. The air mail services are subject to alteration from time to time, and particulars of the more important changes which occur between the issue of successive editions of the leaflet may be obtained at any post office.

General Conditions. The regulations applicable to ordinary surface mails, as given in the Post Office Guide, apply also to air mails, except that there is no Insurance Service by Air Mail. Where restrictions as regards limit of weight and registration facilities are in force, particulars are shown in the first column of Sections II and III. A blue Air Mail label, obtainable free of charge at any post office must be affixed at the top left corner on the address side to each air mail item; alternatively, the indication *By Air Mail* may be written boldly in the same position; but the absence of an Air Mail label may lead to delay. The name and address of the sender should appear on the back of the cover.

Air Letters may be sent to those countries against which a rate is shown in column 4 of Section III. They must be written on the special Air Letter form obtainable at post offices, or on privately manufactured forms bearing an indication that they have been approved by the Postmaster General: enclosures are not permitted.

Second Class Mail. Second class mail (Printed Papers, Commercial Papers, Samples, *Blind* Literature and, to those countries which accept them, Small Packets) for certain countries is accepted for transmission by Air Mail at the reduced air postage rates shown in Section III. The packets must conform to the regulations laid down for second class mail at pages 75 to 84 of the Post Office Guide, and should be clearly superscribed in the upper left-hand corner of the cover for the particular service intended, namely, *Printed Papers, Commercial Papers*, and so on. The minimum charge of 5d. applicable to Small Packets sent by surface route (see page 75 of the Post Office Guide) applies also to Small Packets sent by Air Mail. Second class mail intended for air transmission to countries to which there are no reduced second class air mail rates, must be prepaid at the appropriate Air Mail letter rate.

Posting Times. The latest times of posting of unregistered Air Mail correspondence given in this leaflet are applicable at the London Chief Office, E.C.1. For latest times of posting elsewhere inquiry should be made at the local Head or Branch Post Office.

Services Forces. Special Air Mail rates apply to correspondence for members of H.M. Forces overseas. Particulars may be obtained on inquiry at any post office.

SECTION II—EUROPE

Rate of Postage. Letters 5d. for the first ounce; 3d. for each additional ounce. Postcards 2½d. each.

Destination and Observations (Observations in <i>italics</i>)	Times of Posting at London Chief Office, E.C.1	Destination and Observations (Observations in <i>italics</i>)	Times of Posting at London Chief Office, E.C.1
ALBANIA	As for Yugoslavia.	ITALY (Milan & Northern)	6.0 p.m. Mon. to Fri.; 11.30 p.m. Sun. to Fri.
AUSTRIA	11.30 p.m. Sun. to Fri.	ITALY (Rome & Southern)	7.0 p.m. Sat.; 8.0 p.m. Wed.; 11.30 p.m. Tues., Wed., Sat., Sun.
BELGIUM	3.30 p.m. Mon. to Sat.; 11.30 p.m. daily.	LUXEMBOURG	As for Belgium.
BULGARIA	As for Czechoslovakia.	MALTA	11.30 p.m. daily.
CORSICA	As for France.	NORWAY	9.0 a.m. Mon. to Sat.; 11.30 p.m. Sat.
CRETE	As for Greece.	POLAND	11.30 p.m. Sun. to Fri.
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	11.30 p.m. Sun. to Fri.	(<i>Limit of weight, 2 oz.</i>)	
DENMARK	9.0 a.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Sat.; 6.0 p.m. Mon. to Fri.; 11.30 p.m. Tues., Thurs., Sat.	PORTUGAL	11.30 p.m. daily exc. Fri.
DODECANESE IS.	As for Greece.	ROUMANIA	11.30 p.m. Thurs., Sun.
FINLAND	11.30 p.m. daily.	SPAIN	11.30 p.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sun.
FRANCE	9.0 a.m. Mon. to Sat.; 2.30 p.m. Mon. to Sat.; 11.30 p.m. daily; 2.0 p.m. Sun.	SWEDEN (exc. Stockholm and Gothenburg)	9.0 a.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Sat.; 6.0 p.m. Mon. to Fri.; 11.30 p.m. Tues., Thurs., Sat.
GERMANY		(Stockholm)	11.30 p.m. daily.
British Zone	11.30 p.m. daily.	(Gothenburg)	9.0 a.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Sat.; 11.30 p.m. Tues., Thurs., Sat.
French and American Zones	11.30 p.m. Sun. to Fri.	SWITZERLAND	9.0 a.m. Mon. to Sat.; 6.0 p.m. Mon. to Fri.; 11.30 p.m. Sat.
Berlin and Russian Zone	11.30 p.m. daily.	TURKEY	11.30 p.m. Wed., Sat.
GIBRALTAR	11.30 p.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.	U.S.S.k. (Europe) (including Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania)	11.30 p.m. Sun. to Fri.
GREECE	7.0 p.m. Sat.; 8.0 p.m. Wed.; 11.30 p.m. Tues., Sun.	VATICAN CITY STATE	As for Italy (Rome and Southern).
HOLLAND	9.0 a.m. Mon. to Sat.; 6.0 p.m. Mon. to Fri.; 11.30 p.m. daily.	YUGOSLAVIA	11.30 p.m. Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sun.
HUNGARY	11.30 p.m. Sun. to Fri.		
ICELAND	9.0 a.m. Mon.; 6.0 p.m. Fri.		

SECTION III—COUNTRIES OUTSIDE EUROPE.

Destination and Observations (Observations are shown in italics)	Rates of Postage				Times of Posting at London Chief Office, E.C.1	Approximate times of transmission from London to principal cities.
	Letters per ½-oz.	Post Cards	Air Letters	Printed Papers, and so on, per ½-oz.		
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
	s. d.	d.	d.	d.		Days
ADEN	0 6	3	6	—	11.30 p.m. Mon., Tues., Fri.	3-4
AFGHANISTAN	1 0	6	6	—	As for Pakistan	Variable
ALGERIA	0 6	3	—	—	2.30 p.m. Mon. to Sat. ; 2.0 p.m. Sun.	1-2
ARGENTINE REPUBLIC	1 0	6	6	4	11.30 p.m. Tues., Thurs., Sun.	3-4
ASCENSION	(No service)					
AUSTRALIA	1 3	7	6	—	11.30 p.m. Mon., Wed., Fri.	5-6
AZORES	0 6	3	6	3	As for Jamaica	1
BAHAMAS	1 3	7	6	5	As for Jamaica	2-3
BAHREIN	0 6	3	6	—	6.0 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thurs., Sat.	3
BANKS ISLANDS	1 3	7	6	—	As for Australia	Variable
BARBADOS	1 3	7	6	—	As for Jamaica	4-5
BELGIAN CONGO	1 0	6	6	—	11.30 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sun.	2-3
BERMUDA	1 3	7	6	5	As for Jamaica	2-3
BOLIVIA	1 3	7	6	5	11.30 p.m. Mon., Wed., Fri. (11.30 p.m. Fri. for Printed Papers)	5-6
BRAZIL	1 0	6	6	4	11.30 p.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Sun.	3-4
BRITISH GUIANA	1 3	7	6	—	As for Jamaica	3-5
BRITISH HONDURAS	1 3	7	6	—	11.30 p.m. Fri.	4
BRITISH SOMALILAND	0 6	3	6	—	11.30 p.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat.	4
BRUNEI	1 0	6	6	—	As for Singapore	6-13
BURMA	1 0	6	6	—	6.0 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thurs., Sat.	4
CAMEROONS, British	1 0	6	6	—	As for Nigeria	3-9
CAMEROONS, French	1 0	6	—	—	As for Nigeria	3-7
CANADA	1 0	6	6	—	12.15 p.m. Wed., Fri., Sat. ; 2.30 p.m. Mon. ; 5.0 p.m. Tues., Thurs. ; 2.0 p.m. Sun.	1-3
CANARY ISLANDS	Same as for Spain (see Section II).					2-4
CAPE VERDE ISLANDS	Same as for Portugal (see Section II).					Variable
CAYMAN ISLANDS	1 3	7	6	5	As for Jamaica	Variable
CEYLON	1 0	6	6	—	5.0 p.m. Mon. to Fri.	4
CHILE	1 0	6	6	4	11.30 p.m. Tues., Fri., Sun.	4-5
CHINA	1 3	7	6	—	As for Hong Kong	10
COLOMBIA	1 3	7	6	5	As for Bolivia	2-5
COOK ISLANDS	1 3	7	6	—	As for Australia	8-22
COSTA RICA	1 3	7	6	—	As for U.S.A.	3
CUBA	1 3	7	6	5	As for Bolivia	2-3
CYPRUS	0 6	3	6	—	11.30 p.m. daily	2-4
CYRENAICA	0 6	3	6	—	11.30 p.m. daily exc. Tues.	2
DAHOMY	1 0	6	—	—	As for Senegal	4-7
DOMINICA	1 3	7	6	—	As for Jamaica	Variable
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	1 3	7	6	—	As for Jamaica	3-4
DUBAI	0 6	3	6	—	As for Bahrein	Variable
DUTCH EAST INDIES	1 0	6	6	—	As for Singapore	3-6
DUTCH GUIANA	1 3	7	6	—	As for Jamaica	3-5
DUTCH WEST INDIES	1 3	7	6	—	As for Jamaica	3-4
ECUADOR	1 3	7	6	—	As for Jamaica	4-5
EGYPT	0 6	3	6	—	11.30 p.m. daily	2
EL SALVADOR	1 3	7	6	—	As for U.S.A.	3
ERITREA	0 6	3	6	—	11.30 p.m. Mon. to Fri.	2-3
ETHIOPIA (Abyssinia)	0 6	3	6	—	11.30 p.m. Mon. to Fri.	3-5
FALKLAND ISLANDS	1 0	6	6	4	As for Uruguay	Variable
FANNING ISLAND	1 3	7	6	—	As for Australia	Variable
FIJI ISLANDS	1 3	7	6	—	As for Australia	8-12
FORMOSA	1 3	7	6	—	As for Hong Kong	Variable
FRENCH EQUATORIAL AFRICA	1 0	6	—	—	As for Nigeria	4-10
FRENCH GUIANA	1 3	7	—	—	As for U.S.A.	3-6
FRENCH GUINEA	1 0	6	—	—	As for Senegal	3-6
FRENCH INDO-CHINA						
Cambodia & Cochin China	1 0	6	—	—	(Under-4 ozs.)—2.30 p.m. Thurs. ; 2.0 p.m. Sun.	5-9
<i>(Limit of weight, 1 lb.)</i>					(4 ozs. to 1 lb.)—As for Singapore	8-14
Other districts (<i>Limit of weight, 4 oz. and limited registration service</i>)	1 0	6	—	—	2.30 p.m. Thurs. ; 2.0 p.m. Sun.	5-9

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	s. d.	d.	d.	d.		Days
FRENCH OCEANIA ..	1 3	7	—	—	As for Australia	Variable
FRENCH SOMALI COAST	0 6	3	—	—	As for Aden	4-5
FRENCH WEST INDIES ..	1 3	7	—	—	As for U.S.A.	Variable
GAMBIA	1 0	6	6	—	9.0 a.m. Sat. ; 11.30 p.m. Mon., Thurs.	2-4
GILBERT AND ELLICE IS.	1 3	7	6	—	As for Australia	Variable
GOLD COAST	1 0	6	6	—	9.0 a.m. Mon. to Sat.	2-3
GRENADA	1 3	7	6	—	As for Jamaica	4-6
GUATEMALA	1 3	7	6	—	As for U.S.A.	3-4
HAWAII	1 3	7	6	—	As for U.S.A.	5-7
HAYTI	1 3	7	6	—	As for Jamaica	3-4
HONDURAS REPUBLIC ..	1 3	7	6	—	As for U.S.A.	4
HONG KONG	1 0	6	6	—	6.0 p.m. Mon., Thurs.	6
INDIA (inc. French and Portu- guese)	1 0	6	6	—	11.30 p.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Sat.	3
IRAN (Persia)	0 6	3	6	—	11.30 p.m. Mon. to Sat.	3-8
IRAQ	0 6	3	6	—	11.30 p.m. Mon. to Sat.	3
IVORY COAST	1 0	6	—	—	As for Senegal	3-6
JAMAICA	1 3	7	6	5	11.30 p.m. Mon., Wed., Fri.	2-3
JAPAN (No registration sce.)	1 3	7	6	—	6.0 p.m. Thurs.; 11.30 p.m. Mon., Fri.	7-8
KENYA and UGANDA ..	1 0	6	6	—	11.30 p.m. daily	2-5
KOREA (No registration sce.)	1 3	7	6	—	As for U.S.A.	8-9
KUWAIT	0 6	3	6	—	11.30 p.m. Mon. to Sat.	4
LEBANON	0 6	3	6	—	11.30 p.m. daily	2
LEEWARD ISLANDS ..	1 3	7	6	—	As for Jamaica	4-6 (to Antigua)
LIBERIA	1 0	6	6	—	As for Senegal	3-6
MACAO	1 0	6	6	—	As for Hong Kong	7-12
MADAGASCAR	1 0	6	—	—	2.30 p.m. Mon.	3
MADEIRA					Same as for Portugal (see Section II).	Variable
MALAYA (Federation of) ..	1 0	6	6	—	As for Singapore	3-4
MARIAN ISLANDS (Guam)	1 3	7	6	—	As for U.S.A.	6-8
MAURITANIA	1 0	6	—	—	As for Senegal	3
MAURITIUS	1 0	6	6	—	11.30 p.m. Tues.	4
MEXICO	1 3	7	6	—	As for U.S.A.	3
MOROCCO, French.. .. .	0 6	3	—	—	9.0 a.m. Mon. to Fri.; 2.30 p.m. Fri.; 11.30 p.m. Sat.	2
MOROCCO (Spanish) and TANGIER	0 6	3	6	—	9.0 a.m. Mon. to Fri.; 2.30 p.m. Fri.; 11.30 p.m. Sat.	2
MUSCAT	0 6	3	6	—	As for Bahrein	Variable
NAURU	1 3	7	6	—	As for Australia	Variable
NEW CALEDONIA	1 3	7	—	—	As for Australia	8-10
NEWFOUNDLAND	1 0	6	6	—	As for Canada	1
NEW GUINEA (Mandated Territory)	1 3	7	6	—	As for Australia	8
NEW HEBRIDES	1 3	7	6	—	As for Australia	Variable
NEW ZEALAND	1 3	7	6	—	11.30 p.m. Mon., Wed., Fri.	6
NICARAGUA	1 3	7	6	—	As for U.S.A.	3
NIGER	1 0	6	—	—	As for Senegal	3-6
NIGERIA	1 0	6	6	—	9.0 a.m. Mon. to Sat.	2
NORFOLK ISLAND	1 3	7	6	—	As for Australia	9-15
NORTH BORNEO	1 0	6	6	—	As for Singapore	6-13
NORTHERN RHODESIA	1 0	6	6	—	11.30 p.m. Wed. to Sun.	4-7
NYASALAND.. .. .	1 0	6	6	—	As for South Africa	4-7
PAKISTAN	1 0	6	6	—	11.30 p.m. daily	2
PALESTINE	0 6	3	6	—	11.30 p.m. daily	2
PANAMA (Republic of) ..	1 3	7	6	—	As for Jamaica	3-5
PANAMA CANAL ZONE ..	1 3	7	6	—	As for Jamaica	3-5
PAPUA	1 3	7	6	—	As for Australia	8
PARAGUAY	1 0	6	6	4	11.30 p.m. Tues., Thurs.	3

4 COUNTRIES OUTSIDE EUROPE—(contd.)

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1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
PERU	s. d. 1 3	d. 7	d. 6	d. 5	As for Bolivia	Days 4-5
PHILIPPINES	1 3	7	6	—	As for Hong Kong	7-10
PORTO RICO	1 3	7	6	—	As for Jamaica	4
PORTUGUESE E. AFRICA	1 0	6	6	—	As for South Africa	3-7
PORTUGUESE TIMOR ..	1 3	7	6	—	As for Singapore	5-19
PORTUGUESE W. AFRICA (except Angola and Portu- guese Guinea)	1 0	6	6	—	As for Nigeria	Variable
(Angola)	1 0	6	6	—	As for Belgian Congo	3-7
(Portuguese Guinea) ..	1 0	6	6	—	As for Senegal	3-9
REUNION	1 0	6	—	—	As for Madagascar	4
RIO DE ORO	0 6	3	6	—	11.30 p.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sun.	6-11
ST. LUCIA	1 3	7	6	—	As for Jamaica	4-5
ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON	1 0	6	—	—	As for Canada	Variable
ST. VINCENT	1 3	7	6	—	As for Jamaica	Variable
SAMOA (Territory under British Administration)	1 3	7	6	—	As for Australia	9-15
SARAWAK	1 0	6	6	—	As for Singapore	6-13
SAUDI ARABIA	0 6	3	6	—	11.30 p.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs.	2-4
SENEGAL	1 0	6	—	—	11.30 p.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Sun.	2
SEYCHELLES	1 0	6	6	—	At irregular intervals	Variable
SHARJA (No registration sce.)	0 6	3	6	—	As for Bahrein	Variable
SIAM	1 0	6	6	—	As for Hong Kong	5
SIERRA LEONE	1 0	6	6	—	9.0 a.m. Sat. ; 11.30 p.m. Mon., Thurs., Fri.	2-4
SINGAPORE	1 0	6	6	—	11.30 p.m. Mon., Wed., Fri.	3
SOLOMON ISLANDS ..	1 3	7	6	—	As for Australia	Variable
SOMALIA	1 0	6	6	—	As for Kenya and Uganda	3-6
SOUTH AFRICA	1 0	6	6	—	11.30 p.m. Mon., Wed., Fri., Sun.	2-5
SOUTHERN RHODESIA ..	1 0	6	6	—	As for South Africa	3-5
SPANISH GUINEA	1 0	6	6	—	As for Nigeria	Variable
SUDAN, Anglo-Egyptian ..	0 6	3	6	—	11.30 p.m. Mon., Wed., Fri., Sun.	2-3
(except Port Sudan) ..	0 6	3	6	—	11.30 p.m. Mon., Tues., Fri.	2-3
(Port Sudan)	1 0	6	—	—	As for Senegal	4-10
SUDAN, French	0 6	3	6	—	As for Lebanon	3
SYRIA	0 6	3	6	—	11.30 p.m. daily	3-5
TANGANYIKA TERRITORY	1 0	6	6	—	11.30 p.m. Tues., Thurs., Sat.	Variable
THAILAND	(See Siam)	6	6	—	As for Gold Coast	3-5
TIBET	1 0	6	6	—	As for Senegal	4-7
TOGO, British Sphere ..	1 0	6	—	—	As for Australia	9-15
TOGO, French Sphere ..	1 0	6	—	—	As for U.S.A.	Variable
TONGA	1 3	7	6	—	11.30 p.m. daily	3
TORTOLA (British Virgin Is.)	1 3	7	6	—	As for Jamaica	3-4
TRANSJORDAN	0 6	3	6	—	9.0 a.m. Mon. to Sat. ; 11.30 p.m. Sat.	2
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	1 3	7	6	5	2.30 p.m. Mon. to Sat. ; 2.0 p.m. Sun.	2
TRIPOLITANIA	0 6	3	6	—	As for Jamaica	Variable
TUNISIA	0 6	3	—	—	12.15 p.m. Wed., Fri., Sat. ; 2.30 p.m. Mon. ; 5.0 p.m. Tues., Thurs. ; 2.0 p.m. Sun.	1-3
TURKS AND CAICOS IS.	1 3	7	6	5	11.30 p.m. Tues., Thurs., Sun.	3-4
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	1 0	6	6	—	Same as for U.S.S.R. (Europe) (see Section II).	3-4
URUGUAY	1 0	6	6	4	11.30 p.m. Tues., Thurs., Sun.	3-4
U.S.S.R. (Asia)	Same as for U.S.S.R. (Europe) (see Section II).					
VENEZUELA	1 3	7	6	5	As for Jamaica	3-4
VIRGIN IS. OF U.S.A. ..	1 3	7	6	—	As for U.S.A.	3-4
ZANZIBAR	1 0	6	6	—	As for Kenya and Uganda	3-6