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# AIR MAIL

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**NOTES.** This leaflet is issued monthly and contains information effective on the first of the month. Air mail services are subject to alteration from time to time, and particulars of any important changes which occur between successive issues of the leaflet may be obtained on enquiry at a post office.

The revised posting times resulting from the reversion to G.M.T. on the 4th October have been included, but until that date the posting times included in the September leaflet remain operative. Alterations have been made to the times of posting at London Chief Office to practically all destinations and these are not therefore specially indicated on pages 2-4.

Leaflets will be supplied free of charge if a standing order is placed with the Head (District) Postmaster.

For general information about air mail services, see page 6.



SURCHARGE AIR MAIL SERVICES TO COUNTRIES OUTSIDE EUROPE

Air Letters to all these countries: 6d. (see page 6).

Table with columns: Destination, Rates of Postage (Letters per 1/2-oz., Post Cards, Second class mail per 1/2-oz., Air Parcels per 1/2-lb.), Insured services available (Letters (L), Boxes (B), Parcels (P)), Times of Posting at London Chief Office, King Edward St., E.C.4. and approximate time of transmission to principal cities, calculated from time of posting. Includes a list of destinations and their corresponding rates and services.

Vertical list of destinations on the right side of the page, including GAZA & KHA, GHANA, GILBERT & COLONY, GREENLAND, GRENADA, GUATEMALA, GUINEA REPUBLIC, HAWAII, HONDURAS, HONG KONG, INDIA (except Portuguese), INDONESIA, IRAN (Persia), ISRAEL, JAMAICA, JAPAN, JORDAN, KENYA, KOREA, KUWAIT, LAOS, LEBANON, LEEWARD ISLANDS, LIBERIA, LIBYA, MACAO, MADAGASCAR, MALAY, MARIANA ISLANDS, MEXICO, MOROCCO, NEPAL, NETHERLANDS, NEW GUINEA, NEW ZEALAND, NIGERIA, NORWAY, OMAN, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, PERU, PHILIPPINES, PORTUGAL, PUERTO RICO, QATAR, ROMANIA, SAUDI ARABIA, SEYCHELLES, SIERRA LEONE, SINGAPORE, SOUTH AFRICA, SWAZILAND, SWITZERLAND, SYRIA, TAIWAN, THAILAND, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UGANDA, U.K. (including Channel Islands), U.S.A. (including Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico, St. Pierre and Miquelon), URUGUAY, VENEZUELA, VIETNAM, WEST INDIES, YEMEN, ZAMBIA, ZANZIBAR.

\*Air transmission to Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo only.



Rates of Postage

Countries outside Europe—contd.

Times of Posting at London Chief Office, King Edward St., E.C.1, and approximate time of transmission to principal cities, calculated from time of posting. For Canada, Newfoundland, U.S.A., Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico, St. Pierre and Miquelon see also note on page 4.

(Not applicable to Air Parcels)

Main table with columns: Destination, Letters per 4-oz, Post Cards, Second class mail per 4-oz, Air Parcels per 4-lb, Insured services available, and Times of Posting (Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Days).

\*Insurance (except to Ryukyu Islands).

†Air transmission to Sydney only.



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Destination	Rates of Postage					Insured services available Letters (L) Boxes (B) Parcels (P)	Countries outside Europe—contd.							
	Letters per 4-oz.	Post Cards	Second class mail per 4-oz. (newspaper rates shown in brackets)		Air Parcels per 4-lb.		(Not applicable to Air Parcels)							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
PAKISTAN ...	s. d.	d.	d.	d.	s. d.	L B P	Sun. 2.0 pm	Mon. 8.0 am	Tues. 4.30 pm	Wed. 3.30 am	Thurs. 1.15 pm	Fri. 4.30 pm	Sat. 4.30 pm	Days 2
PALESTINE ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	6 0		6.0 pm	7.0 pm	5.30 pm	8.30 pm	7.0 pm	8.30 pm	7.0 pm	2-4
PANAMA (Republic of) ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	13 0		As for Australia	5.0 am	10.0 am	2.0 pm	5.0 am	5.0 am	2.0 pm	7-9
PANAMA CANAL ZONE	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	9 6		3.30 am	5.0 am	10.0 am	2.0 pm	5.0 am	5.0 am	2.0 pm	3-5
PAPUA ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	7 9		6.0 pm	7.0 pm	5.30 pm	5.0 am	5.0 am	8.30 pm	7.0 pm	2-4
PARAGUAY ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	7 9		2.0 pm	5.30 pm	5.0 am	5.30 pm	5.30 pm	5.30 pm	5.30 pm	3-8
PERU ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	8 0		As for Australia	5.0 am	5.0 am	5.30 pm	5.30 pm	5.30 pm	5.30 pm	Variable
PHILIPPINES ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	7 0		3.30 am	10.0 am	12.15 pm	12.15 pm	12.15 pm	10.0 am	12.15 pm	2-3
PITCAIRN ISLAND ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	7 0		2.0 pm	8.0 am	4.30 pm	3.30 am	5.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	2-4
PITCAIRN ISLAND ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	17 9		As for Indonesia	5.0 am	6.0 am	5.0 am	3.30 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	7-14
PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICA ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	7 3		...	5.0 am	6.0 am	5.0 am	3.30 am	5.0 am	5.0 am	3-5
PORTUGUESE INDIA ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	8 0		3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3-5
PORTUGUESE TIMOR ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	7 0		2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	2-3
PORTUGUESE WEST AFRICA (exc. Portuguese Guinea) ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	7 3		6.0 pm	7.0 pm	5.30 pm	8.30 pm	5.0 pm	8.30 pm	7.30 pm	2-3
Portuguese Guinea ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	6 6		6.0 pm	7.0 pm	5.30 pm	8.30 pm	5.0 pm	8.30 pm	7.30 pm	2-3
PUERTO RICO ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	6 6		3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3-5
QATAR (Doha and Umm Said) ...	0 9	5	5 (3)	5 (3)	4 0		2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	3-5
REUNION ...	0 9	5	5 (3)	5 (3)	4 0		6.0 pm	7.0 pm	5.30 pm	8.30 pm	5.0 pm	8.30 pm	7.30 pm	2-3
ST. HELENA ...	0 9	5	5 (3)	5 (3)	4 0		...	6.0 pm	2.0 pm	6.0 pm	1.15 pm	6.0 pm	5.30 pm	3-6
ST. KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	7 3		As for Madagascar	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
ST. LUCIA ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	7 3		As for South Africa	...	...	...	...	...	...	Variable §
ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	7 3		6.0 pm	...	5.30 pm	...	5.0 pm	8.30 pm	7.30 pm	3-4
ST. VINCENT ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	5 6		6.0 pm	5.0 pm	5.30 pm	...	5.0 pm	...	7.30 pm	2-3
SAMOA, British ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	7 3		As for Canada	...	...	...	...	...	...	3-11
SAMOA, U.S.A. Terry. SARAWAK ...	1 6	9	7 (5)	7 (5)	15 9		6.0 pm	...	5.30 pm	...	...	7.30 pm	2-4	
SAUDI ARABIA ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	9 3		As for Australia	...	...	...	...	...	...	9-15
SENEGAL ...	0 9	5	5 (3)	5 (3)	4 0		As for Australia	...	...	...	...	...	...	9-15
SEYCHELLES ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	4 6		...	5.30 pm	...	3.30 am	6.0 am	4.30 pm	5.30 pm	4-7
SHARJAH ...	0 9	5	5 (3)	5 (3)	4 0		3.30 am	6.0 pm	6.0 pm	6.0 am	8.0 am	6.0 am	9.0 am	2-4
SIERRA LEONE ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	4 0		3.30 am	11.30 am	1.30 am	11.30 am	1.30 am	11.30 am	11.30 am	2
SINGAPORE ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	8 9		...	11.30 am	...	...	...	...	...	Variable
SOLOMON ISLANDS ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	17 9		As for Bahrain	...	...	...	...	...	...	3-6
SOMALIA ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	6 0		3.30 am	6.0 am	...	11.30 am	...	6.0 am	...	2-4
SOMALILAND PROT. ...	0 9	5	5 (3)	5 (3)	4 6		...	5.30 pm	...	3.30 am	6.0 am	4.30 pm	5.30 pm	2
SOUTH AFRICA ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	6 9		As for Australia	...	...	...	...	...	...	9-20
SOUTHERN RHODESIA ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	6 6		As for Kenya	...	...	...	...	...	...	3-5
SPANISH GUINEA ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	6 0		3.30 am	10.0 am	...	2.0 pm	12.15 pm	...	12.15 pm	2-5
SPANISH W. AFRICA ...	0 9	5	5 (3)	5 (3)	4 0		3.30 am	10.0 am	12.15 pm	12.15 pm	12.15 pm	10.0 am	12.15 pm	2-3
SUDAN, Republic of the ...	0 9	5	5 (3)	5 (3)	4 0		3.30 am	11.30 am	1.15 pm	1.15 pm	11.30 am	11.30 am	1.15 pm	1-3
SUDAN, French ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	4 6		3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3-6
SURINAM (Dutch Guiana) ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	8 0		3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3-6
SYRIA ...	0 9	5	5 (3)	5 (3)	2 9		2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4-10
TANGANYIKA TERRIT. THAILAND (Siam) ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	8 3		3.30 am	6.0 am	0.0 am	6.0 am	10.0 am	6.0 am	6.0 am	1-2
TIBET ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	8 3		3.30 am	10.0 am	10.0 am	10.0 am	12.15 pm	10.0 am	12.15 pm	3-5
TOGO, British Sphere ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	4 6		2.0 pm	8.0 am	5.0 am	5.30 pm	6.0 am	5.30 pm	4.30 pm	3-5
TOGO, French Sphere ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	4 6		3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	2-3
TONGA ...	1 6	9	7 (5)	7 (5)	15 6		2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	3-5
TORTOLA ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	6 9		As for Australia	...	...	...	...	...	...	9-15
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	7 3		6.0 pm	7.0 pm	5.30 pm	8.30 pm	5.0 pm	8.30 pm	7.30 pm	4-7
TUNISIA ...	0 9	5	5 (3)	5 (3)	2 3		6.0 pm	5.0 pm	5.30 pm	...	5.0 pm	8.30 pm	7.30 pm	2-3
TURKS & CAICOS IS. ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	6 3		2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	1-2
UGANDA ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	5 0		6.0 pm	7.0 pm	5.30 pm	8.30 pm	7.0 pm	8.30 pm	7.0 pm	3-10
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	5 6		...	1.15 pm	11.30 am	11.30 am	...	1.15 pm	1.15 pm	1-3
UPPER VOLTA ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	4 6		3.30 am	8.0 am	8.0 am	8.0 am	8.0 am	8.0 am	8.0 am	2-3
URUGUAY ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	9 0		6.0 pm	7.0 pm	7.0 pm	8.30 pm	7.0 pm	8.30 pm	7.0 pm	2-3
U.S.S.R. (Asia) ...	Letter rates as for Europe (see page 5)				6 9		3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	2-3
VENEZUELA ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	7 9		2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	2-3
VIET-NAM North ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	10 6		3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	2-3
VIET-NAM South ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	10 6		2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	2-3
VIRGIN IS. OF U.S.A. ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	6 9		3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	3.30 am	2-3
WAKE ISLAND ...	1 6	9	7 (5)	7 (5)	11 0		2.0 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	2-3
YEMEN ...	0 9	5	5 (3)	5 (3)	4 6		3.30 am	5.0 am	10.0 am	2.0 pm	8.0 am	5.0 am	10.0 am	2-3
ZANZIBAR ...	1 3	8	6 (4)	6 (4)	5 3		3.30 am	10.0 am	10.0 am	10.0 am	12.15 pm	10.0 am	12.15 pm	2-3

§ Air mail correspondence for St. Helena is sent by air to South Africa, but the surface outlets both from South Africa and from the United Kingdom are irregular and the air mail route is therefore occasionally slower than the surface route. The Post Office cannot advise on the choice of route.



### EUROPE—LETTER MAIL

Letters, letter packets and postcards for all European countries, prepaid at the ordinary international postage rates, are in general despatched daily by air or surface transport\*, whichever offers earlier delivery. The postage rates, except for Gibraltar and Malta are:—Letters, 6d. for the first ounce and 4d. for each additional ounce; Postcards 4d. For Gibraltar and Malta the rates are:—Letters, 3d. for the first ounce and 1½d. for each additional ounce; Postcards 2½d.

Postings should be made as early as possible in the day. At the London Chief Office the latest time of posting (Monday to Friday) for the night mail despatch to the nearer European countries is 9.30 p.m. (8.30 p.m. for Switzerland and the Netherlands).

**PAYMENT OF AIR POSTAGE IS UNNECESSARY ON CORRESPONDENCE TO EUROPE AND AIR MAIL LABELS SHOULD NOT BE USED.**

\* There is no air service to Poland for letters (or letter packets) exceeding 2 oz. in weight.

### EUROPE—AIR PARCELS

Insured parcels may now be sent to most European destinations. These are indicated by a § in col. 1 in the table below.

Rates of Postage			Destination	Rates of Postage			Destination	Rates of Postage		
Destination	First lb.	Each additional lb.		First lb.	Each additional lb.	First lb.		Each additional lb.		
1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3		
ALBANIA ...	s. d. 8 6	s. d. 3 0	§GIBRALTAR ...	s. d. 6 6	s. d. 2 9	§PORTUGAL ...	s. d. 7 6	s. d. 2 6		
§AUSTRIA ...	7 3	2 0	§GREECE ...	8 3	4 0	ROUMANIA ...	No service			
§BELGIUM ...	5 6	1 0	§HOLLAND ...	(See Netherlands)		§SAAR... ...	6 0	1 6		
BULGARIA ...	7 3	2 9	§HUNGARY ...	6 9	2 6	SPAIN (inc. Balearic and Canary Islands)	8 9	3 3		
§CORSICA ...	6 0	1 6	§ICELAND ...	9 3	3 9	§SWEDEN ...	7 0	2 3		
§CZECHOSLOVAKIA	6 6	2 6	§ITALY ...	7 0	2 0	§SWITZERLAND ...	6 0	1 6		
§DENMARK ...	6 6	1 9	§LUXEMBOURG ...	5 6	1 0	§TURKEY ...	8 3	4 3		
§FINLAND ...	7 9	3 0	§MALTA ...	7 0	3 3	§U.S.S.R. (Europe)...	16 3	6 3		
§FRANCE ...	6 0	1 3	§NETHERLANDS ...	5 6	1 0	VATICAN CITY STATE ...	7 0	2 0		
§GERMANY ...	6 0	1 6	§NORWAY ...	6 6	2 3	§YUGOSLAVIA ...	8 0	3 6		
(All Zones and all Sectors of Berlin)			§POLAND ...	8 0	2 6					

†The express service is not available for air parcels for France or Italy as such parcels receive special treatment in delivery.



## AIR MAIL SERVICES—GENERAL INFORMATION

**GENERAL CONDITIONS :** The normal regulations governing the make-up and acceptance of the various categories of postal packets and parcels apply with equal force to items sent by air; the regulations are set out in detail in the Post Office Guide which may be consulted at any post office.

**Air mail label :** A blue air mail label, obtainable free of charge at any post office, must be affixed to each air mail item (except letters, letter packets and postcards for Europe) at the top left-hand corner on the address side; 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.

**Air Letters :** Air Letters, postage 6d., written on special Air Letter forms, may be sent to all countries. Enclosures are not permitted. The special forms may be obtained at post offices. Privately manufactured forms may be used only if they bear an indication that they have been approved by the Postmaster-General. Forms which do not bear such an indication will be treated as ordinary air mail letters.

**Second Class Mail :** Printed Papers, Commercial Papers, Samples, Small Packets (to those countries which admit them) may be sent by air to countries outside Europe at the rates shown in col. 4 on pages 2-4; special rates apply to Newspapers and Literature for the Blind—see below. There is a minimum charge of 6d. for Commercial Papers and 10d. for Small Packets. Second class mail items must be clearly superscribed in the upper left-hand corner of the cover, below the air mail label, for the particular service intended. Such items must not contain anything in the nature of a current letter and **must not be sealed against inspection.**

**Newspapers :** Publications registered as newspapers at the G.P.O.—and these items only—may be sent at the special rates of postage for newspapers shown on pages 2-4. Such items must be clearly superscribed "Newspapers" below the air mail label.

**Literature for the Blind :** This may be sent by air mail to countries outside Europe at the special standard postage rate of 3d. for each 2 oz.

**NOTE :** There is no Second Class air mail service to European countries. When it is desired that items normally transmissible as Small Packets, Printed Papers, Commercial Papers or Samples should be despatched by air (when this will offer earlier delivery) they must be sent as letters. Packets containing Literature for the Blind for which no postage has been prepaid are eligible for air conveyance provided that they do not exceed 2 lb. in weight. The air mail label is not used in the service to Europe.

**Insured Letters and Boxes :** Insured letters and boxes may be sent by air mail to those countries outside Europe against which an indication appears in col. 6 on pages 2-4. The normal

insurance fees are payable in addition to the letter or box rate in the case of insured letters, and in addition to the class air postage rate in the case of insured boxes. Boxes are subject to the minimum charge of 1s. 6d. in Europe which admit them where this will give delivery.

**Air Parcels :** Air Parcels may be sent by air at the rates indicated in col. 5, pages 2-4 (countries outside Europe) and on page 5 (Europe). Where no postage rate is indicated on pages 2-4 there is no service at present. The same supplementary services as for surface parcels are available except that parcels can be accepted for insurance only to those countries against which an indication appears in col. 6 on pages 2-4 and in col. 1 on page 5. A blue air mail label must be affixed to the address (or to each address if the parcel is addressed to more than one place), to the relative despatch note if addressed to and to the trade charge card for C.O.D. parcels. In addition to the acceleration afforded by air conveyance, air parcels are usually given speedy customs clearance abroad. The information given in cols. 7 and 8 on pages 2-4 is not applicable to air parcels.

**Posting Times :** The times of posting shown in this leaflet are those applicable to unregistered correspondence posted at the London Chief Office, King Edward St., E.C.1, and are closely related to the despatch of the mails. The latest posting times elsewhere can be ascertained by inquiry at the local Head of Branch post office. These times are generally earlier than the London Chief Office times but, exceptionally, the times at Glasgow and Manchester may be later for Canada, Newfoundland, U.S.A., Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico and St. Pierre and Miquelon.

**Times of Transmission :** A guide to the times of transmission of letter mails sent by air to the principal cities of countries outside Europe is given in col. 8 on pages 2-4. This information is not applicable to air parcels, but in most cases col. 8 gives some guidance to the likely transmission times. The times are calculated from the time of posting at London Chief Office. The times shown do not allow for intervals between arrival and delivery in the country of destination. No guarantee can be given that the times shown will invariably be achieved.

**Services to H.M. Forces :** Special air mail rates, particulars of which are given in a leaflet (PL89) obtainable at all post offices, apply to correspondence for members of H.M. Forces overseas. Particulars of Air Parcel rates are given in the Post Office Guide.

## ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE

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