

INITIAL POST-WAR FLAT RATE

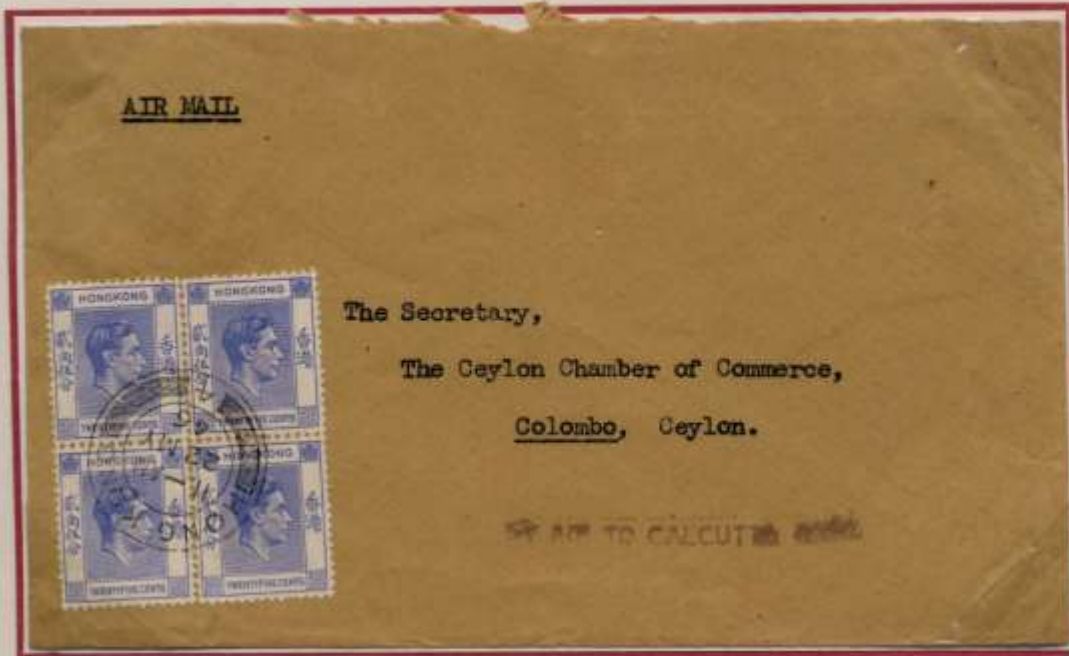
Airmail rate period: 28 September 1945 - 25 July 1946

With the reintroduction of adhesives on 28 September 1945 (1 October in Kowloon), some scheduled airmail services were reopened. The flat rate was \$1.00 per 1/2oz to any destination regardless of whether transmission by air throughout was possible or not



January 1946
to Australia

\$1.00 for 1/2oz



May 1946
to Ceylon

This "BY AIR
TO CALCUTTA
ONLY" cachet
very uncommon

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November 1945
to United States

This "BY AIR TO
LEYTE ONLY"
cachet uncommon



December 1945
to United States

This "BY AIR
TO LEYTE, P. I.
ONLY" cachet
very uncommon

50¢ postcard rate

POST-WAR SURFACE LETTER RATE/AIR FEE STRUCTURE

Airmail rate period: Early 1946 - 25 July 1946

In addition to the flat rate introduced on 28 September 1945, from early 1946, a surface letter rate/air fee structure was in use. For China the air fee was 50¢ and for other countries it was \$1.00



By Air Mail

上海楊樹埔橋蘭路
永安紡織公司第一廠內
邵益文先生收

永安有限公司 緘

By Air Mail

April 1946 to China

Surface letter rate, first 1oz	\$0.08
Airmail fee, \$0.50 per 1/2oz	<u>\$1.00</u>
Total	\$1.08

Surface letter rate to China:
first 1oz, \$0.08;
each additional 1oz, \$0.08

July 1946 to China

Surface letter rate, first 1oz	\$0.08
Airmail fee, \$0.50 per 1/2oz	<u>\$0.50</u>
Total	\$0.58

Backstamped Shanghai 29 JY 46

POST-WAR SURFACE LETTER RATE/AIR FEE STRUCTURE

May 1946 to Trinidad

Surface letter rate, first 1oz	\$0.20
Airmail fee, \$1.00 per 1/2oz	\$1.00
Registration fee	<u>\$0.25</u>
Total	\$1.45

Commonwealth surface letter rate:
first 1oz, \$0.20;
each additional 1oz, \$0.10



May 1946 to United States

Surface letter rate, first 1oz	\$0.30
Surface letter rate, extra 1oz	\$0.15
Airmail fee, \$1.00 per 1/2oz	\$4.00
Registration fee	<u>\$0.25</u>
Total	\$4.70

Non-Commonwealth surface letter rate: first 1oz, \$0.30;
each additional 1oz, \$0.15



Reduced photocopy of back

NEW RATE STRUCTURE

Airmail rate period: 12 July 1946 - 10 June 1947

A new airmail rate structure was introduced in two stages on 12 July and 23 November 1946, respectively. There were inclusive rates for transmission by air to one of the following places, London, Cairo, Calcutta, Rangoon, Singapore, Saigon, Bangkok, Johannesburg, Sydney or Auckland, and then by surface. There were also air throughout rates for Canada, the United States and China



March 1947
to India

\$1.00 per 1/2oz.
air letter rate



March 1947
to Norway

Jusqu'a marking applied in Hong Kong and red bars applied in London indicated the letter was to go by surface from London to Norway

\$1.30 per 1/2oz.
air letter rate

(Air throughout rate,
\$1.50 per 1/2oz)

NEW RATE STRUCTURE



September 1946
to United States

Air throughout

Jusqu'a marking
unnecessary

\$2.80 per 1/2oz.
air letter rate, plus
25¢ registration fee

(Air to London only
rate, \$1.30 per 1/2oz)



February 1947
to Canada

Jusqu'a marking applied
in Hong Kong indicated
the letter was to go by
surface from London
to Canada

\$1.20 per 1/2oz.
air letter rate

(Air throughout rate,
\$2.80 per 1/2oz)

AIR LETTERS

From 12 July 1946

The first aerogrammes comprised air letter forms, printed according to G.P.O. specifications, to which adhesives were affixed. Later, forms with a preprinted stamp were introduced. The flat rate was 40¢ to all destinations. Initially the forms could only be used to the United Kingdom, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Eire, Egypt, British Possessions, Protectorates, and Mandated Territories, but excluding Canada, Newfoundland, British West Indies, British Honduras and British Guiana. From 11 June 1947 they could be used for all destinations



FORCES AIR MAIL

Airmail rate period: From 1 May 1947

Due to the transfer of carriage of mail from the R.A.F. to B.O.A.C., on 1 May 1947 a concessionary rate of 10¢ was introduced for forces air mail, which was increased to 20¢ in mid-1948. Then from the beginning of October 1949 all forces mail began to be handled by field post offices again, the rate being 2 1/2d per 1oz; adhesives of Great Britain were available at all field post offices

December 1947 to United Kingdom

Note Camp Commandant's cachet
10¢ per 1/2oz air letter rate

October 1949 to United Kingdom

Handled by F.P.O.385
2 1/2d per 1oz air letter rate



March 1949 to Canada

20¢ per 1/2oz air letter rate

REVISED RATE STRUCTURE

Airmail rate period: 11 June 1947 - 31 May 1952

On 11 June 1947 a new rate structure came into effect. There were air throughout rates to all destinations, and inclusive rates by air to London and then by surface to most destinations



June 1948
to Italy

Jusqu'a marking applied in Hong Kong indicated the letter was to go by surface from Augusta on Sicily to Milan

\$1.30 per 1/2oz
air letter rate

(Air throughout rate,
\$1.50 per 1/2oz)

Backstamped Milano
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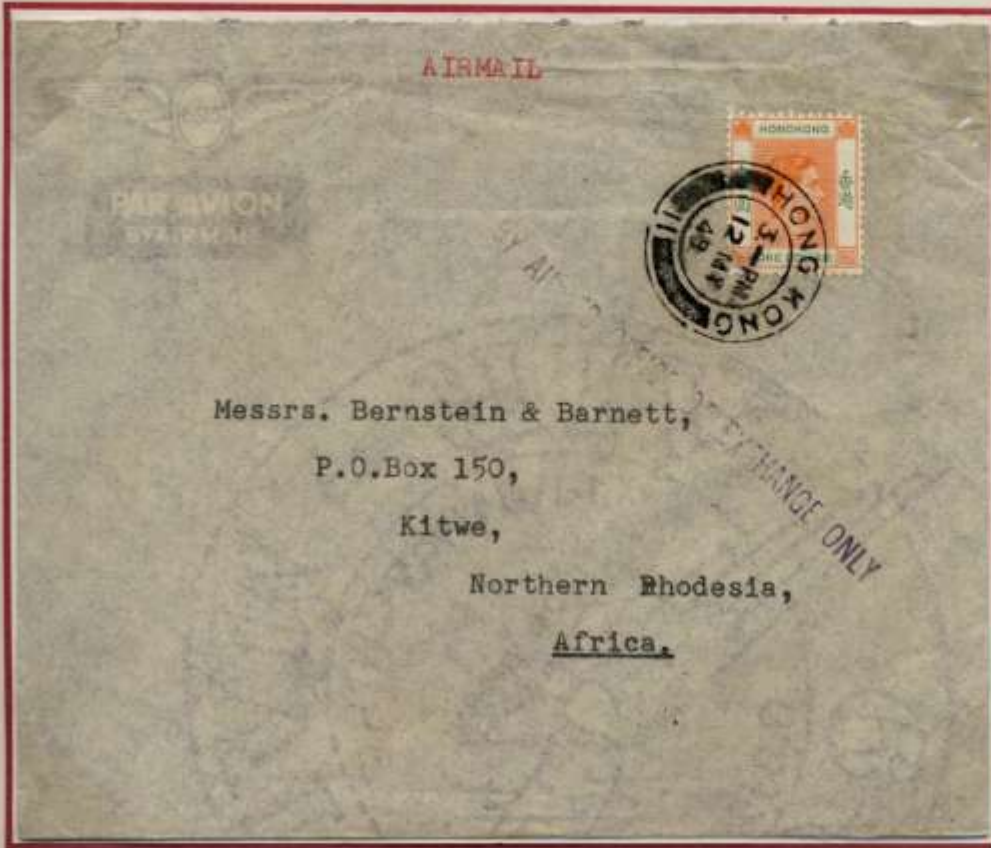
September 1947
to Switzerland

Jusqu'a marking applied in Hong Kong indicated the letter was to go by surface from London to Berne

65¢ postcard rate

(Air throughout
postcard rate, 75¢)

REVISED RATE STRUCTURE



May 1948 to
Northern Rhodesia

\$1.00 per 1/2oz air letter rate

Although "BY AIR TO
OFFICE OF EXCHANGE
ONLY" cachet applied,
\$1.00 was air throughout rate



December 1948
to South Africa

40¢ postcard rate

BOAC FLYING BOAT "PORTLAND" CRASH

23 August 1947

British Overseas Airways Corporation's Short Sandringham flying boat "Portland", G-AHZB, crashed when landing at Bahrain on 23 August 1947. The salvaged mail arrived in London on about 3 September. A "DAMAGED BY SEA WATER" cachet was applied to salvaged mail on arrival in London. Various types of cachets were used



August 1947
to United Kingdom

80¢ per 1/2oz
air letter rate



August 1947
to United Kingdom

One adhesive
washed off

80¢ per 1/2oz
letter rate, plus
25¢ registration fee

ZONE 1

Airmail rate period: From 1 June 1952

On 1 June 1952 a four zone airmail rate structure was introduced. Zone 1 included Afghanistan, Brunei, Burma, China, Formosa, French Indo-China, India, Japan, Korea, Labuan, Malaya, North Borneo, Pakistan, the Philippines, Portuguese Timor, Sarawak and Thailand. The first and second class rates were 50¢ and 25¢ per 1/2oz, respectively



October 1952
to Formosa

50¢ per 1/2oz first class
air letter rate, plus
30¢ registration fee

Backstamped Taipei
9 10 52, Kaohsiung
date unclear

8¢ on back



December 1952
to Formosa

50¢ per 1/2oz first
class air letter rate

Backstamped
Taipei 12 31 52

ZONE 2

Airmail rate period: 1 June 1952 - 30 April 1953

On 1 June 1952 a four zone airmail rate structure was introduced. Zone 2 included all Asian countries not included in Zone 1, Europe, Africa, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands (except Hawaii). The first and second class rates were \$1.00 and 50¢ per 1/2oz, respectively



July 1952
to Tunisia

First class rate



February 1953
to Holland

First class rate

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BY AIR MAIL
PARCEL



HONG KONG D
R No 7686

SEÑOR GUSTAVO F. SALAZAR,
c/o BRITISH CLUB, A. C.,
APARTADO NUMERO 423,
MEXICO, D. F.

DOUBLE REGISTRATION:

REGISTERED AIR MAIL:

CORREO AEREO REGISTRADO:

PASSED FREE OF
CUSTOMS, EL PASO, L.A.G.

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SEGUNDO

ZONE 3

Airmail rate period:
From 1 June 1952

On 1 June 1952 a four zone airmail rate structure was introduced. Zone 3 included Canada, the United States including Hawaii, the Caribbean and Central America. The first and second class rates were \$2.00 and \$1.00 per 1/2oz, respectively

April 1953 to Mexico

7 1/2 oz at \$2.00 per 1/2oz
first class air letter rate,
plus 30¢ registration fee

