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Summary of Newfoundland Air Mail Postage Rates 1937-1949

The airmail postage rates for Newfoundland for the 1930s and 1940s are often not clearly understood, and sometimes have been assumed to be those of Canada.

A summary of the postal Air Mail rates are collected in this book as reported in the Newfoundland Post Office Circular. Note that the date titles are the date of the postal announcement. See Source Note at end of this document.

The key to the international rates is how a letter left Newfoundland, either by sea or by air. Also once the letter arrived in London or New York was it to travel on by air or by surface means. The rates are provided in four chapters based on these criterions.

Forward

Many of the early airmail rate tables show the airmail Fee. This fee must be added to the Ordinary postage or Surface postage to determine the total rate. The Forward consists of a table of these Ordinary or Surface rates collected from several sources.

Chapter 1

From 1937 to 15th June 1939 mail only left Newfoundland by sea, letters were charged the surface (ordinary) rate plus an airmail fee if they were to travel by air after reaching New York or London. The surface (ordinary) rates are shown in the back of the book.

The All Up Scheme, which began during this period, provided air delivery to Empire countries at ordinary rates. For Newfoundland mail was sent by surface to London for this service. The All-Up Scheme operated from February 1938 to August 1939.

Chapter 2

From 15th June 1939 to 19th October 1939, there were two choices:

- a. An inclusive rate (surface included) on letters that were flown from Botwood.
- b. A surface rate plus an air mail rate on letters sent by sea to New York or London and then flown to the destination.

Chapter 3

From 19th October 1939 to 7th May 1942, mail once again only left Newfoundland by sea, and letters were charged the air mail rate if they were to travel by air after reaching New York or London. Careful attention should be made of special sur-charges during this time.

Chapter 4

After May 1942, when the air mail service from St. John's and Gander was inaugurated, an inclusive rate on air mail was charged.

Forward

Ordinary (Surface) Postage Rates

These rates are found in the Newfoundland Almanac (which was published until 1932) and the Post Office Circular (which was published between 1937 and 1949). The Newfoundland Gazetteer was published once in 1940. These books are kept at the Queen Elizabeth II Library at Memorial Libraries in St. Johns, NF.

Table 22. Ordinary (Surface) Rates for First oz. and for each additional oz.

Year Postage Reports	Letter Local	Letter NL	Letter Can, US, Empire	Letter Foreign	Letter UPU Countries	Reference
1929	2	3+2	4+4	Table 4+2 & 4+4	6+3	Alm 1929
1930	2	3+2	4+4	Table 4+4	6+3	Alm 1930
1931	2	3+2	4+4	Table 4+2 & 4+1	6+3	Alm 1931
1932	3	4+2	5+3	7+4	5+3	Alm 1932, UPU
1933-1938						No reports
1939	2+1	4+2	5+3	7+4	5+3	POC1939
1940	3+2	4+2	5+3	7+4	5+3	POC1940
1941	3+2	4+2	5+3	7+4	5+3	DPT
1942-1944						No reports
1945	--	--	--	7+4*	5+3	POC1945
1946-1947						No Reports
1948	--	--	--	--	7+4	UPU
1949		3+1	4+2	5+3	7+4	POC1949

Can, USA,
Empire, Europe,
N.&S America

References

ALM: Newfoundland Almanac, published until 1932.

ALMGAZ: Newfoundland 1940 Handbook, Gazetteer and Almanac

DPT: Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs, Post, Telegraph and Cable Rates. The Newfoundland Gazette 1941

POC: Post Office Circular, Dept. Posts and Telegraphs, published 1937-1949

All available at Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University Libraries, St. Johns, NF

UPU: UPU mail: Annual tables of exchange rates and of postage rates to the U.S. 1881-1953 as exemplified by short paid matter / UPU mail: Annual table of exchange rates & of postage rates to the U.S. 1881-1953 Robert Dalton Harris

*Postage to Romania noted as service restored to that country in 1945.

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**I. Use of External Airmail Systems, British, European, Canadian and US
Total of Air Mail Fees listed plus Ordinary Postage required.**

A. England to India to Australia Air Mail

Table 1 International Air Mail Fee via England to India and Australia Route 25th March 1937

Country	Air Post Letter ½ oz. cents	Air Post Postcard cents	Country	Air Post Letter ½ oz. cents	Air Post Postcard cents
Egypt	6	4	Straits Settlements and Malay States	12	6
Palestine	6	6	Siam	22	12
Syria	6	4.	Danish East Indies	24	12
Transjordan	6	6	AUSTRALIA	30	12
Iran	6	4	New Zealand	30	12
Iraq	6	6	Hong Kong	12	6
Bahrein	12	6	Macao	24	12
INDIA	12	6	China	36	18
Ceylon	12	6			

B. England to Africa Air Mail

Table 2 International Air Mail Fee via England to Africa Route

Countries	Air Post Letter ½oz. Cents	Air Post Postcard	Countries	Air Post Letter ½oz. Cents	Air Post Postcard
Egypt	6	4	Belgian Congo	16	8
Sudan	6	4	Portuguese East Africa	20	10
Kenya	12	6	Portuguese West. Africa	16	8
Uganda.	12	6	Madagascar	48	18
Tanganyika	12	6	French Equatorial Africa	12	6
Rhodesia (N & S)	12	6	Nigeria	12	6
Nyasaland	12	8	Gold Coast Colony	12	6
South Africa.	12	6			

C. Air Mail to European Countries. Rate 6+5 cents (½ oz.) for letters

D. Canada Domestic Air Mail. Rate 5+5 cents (½ oz.) for letters

E. United States Air Mail Fee. Rate 6+6 cents (½ oz.) for letters

F. United States Air Mail Service

Table 3 International Air Mail Fees via United States 25th March, 1937

Country	Cents ½ oz.	Country	Cents ½ oz.
Australia	70	Guatemala	15
Argentina	55	Guianas (British, Dutch and French)	30
Bahamas	10	Haiti	10
Barbados	20	Hawaii.	20
Bolivia	40	Honduras (British)	15
Brazil	50	Honduras (Republic of)	15
Canal Zone	20	Hong Kong	70
Chile	50	India	70
China	70	Indo China	70
Columbia	35	Jamaica	10
Cuba	10	Japan	70
Costa Rica	20	Leeward Islands Anguilla, Antigua, Barbados, Dominica,	20
Dominican Republic	10	Montserrat, Nevis, Redonda, St. Christopher, St. Kitts	
Dutch East Indies	70	British Virgin Island	10
Dutch West Indies	20	Macao	70
Curacao, Aruba, St. Martins, St. Eusiatius, Saba			
Ecuador	30	Malay Straits Settlements	70

Guadeloupe,	30	Martinique	20
Guam	40	Mexico	10
Paraguay (by ordinary means from Buenos Aires)	55	New Zealand	70
Peru	40	Nicaragua	15
Philippine Islands	50	Panama Republic	20
Puerto Rico	10	Venezuela (by air to Maracaibo, Cumarebo, La Guaira, Caripito)	30
Salvador (El)	15	Venezuela (including dispatch by Venezuelan Air Mail Service from Maracaibo or LaGuaira)	45
Siam	70	Virgin Islands (U.S.)	10
Trinidad	20	Windward Islands, Grenada, Grenadines, St. Lucia, St. Vincent)	20

The above rates include dispatch by the United States domestic and foreign air-mail routes to the country named, and, in the case of Colombia, Cuba, Republic of Honduras and Mexico, dispatch by the domestic air-mail routes of those countries where available.

II. Reduction of Rates for United State Foreign Air Mail Services 9th December, 1937

Table 4 New International Air Fees Via United States 9th December, 1937

Country	Cents ½ oz.	Country	Cents ½ oz.	Country	Cents ½ oz.
Mexico	10	Canal Zone	15	Saba	10
Bahamas	10	Panama	15	St. Eustatules	10
Cuba	10	Leeward Islands.	15	St. Martia	10
Haiti	10	Guadeloupe. ..	15	Guianas	30
Dominican Republic.	10	Martinique	15	Ecuador	30
Virgin Islands, British	10	Windward Islands	15	Peru	30
Jamaica	10	Barbados	15	Bolivia	35
Guatemala.	12	Trinidad	15	Chile	40
Honduras, British	12	Venezuela (extra .25 internal)	25	Argentina	40
Honduras, Republic	12	Dutch West Indies:		Brazil	40
El Salvador.	12	Curacao*	25	Paraguay	40
Nicaragua.	12	Aruba*	25	Uruguay	40
Costa Rica.	15	Bonaire	25	Colombia	35
Puerto Rico	10	* KLM via Venezuela	10	Guantanamo Bay	10
		Virgin Islands		Transpacific	Table 3

III. All-UP Scheme for Empire Air Mail Services 10th February, 1938

Ordinary Rates applied to all listed empire countries for air mail service without the air fee. The All-Up Scheme operated from February 1938 through August 1939.

Table 5. International All-Up Airmail Fees Via England. 10th February, 1938

Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	South Africa:—	Ceylon
Kenya (Colony and Protectorate)	Union of South Africa	Seychelles
Uganda Protectorate	South West Africa	Burma
Tanganyika Territory	Basutoland	Malaya
Mauritius	Bechuanaland Protectorate	Federated Malay States
Nyasaland Protectorate	Swaziland	Unfederated Malay States
Northern Rhodesia	British India (including British Indian Post	Straits Settlements ⁷
Southern Rhodesia	Offices on the Persian Gulf. in French	North Borneo
Zanzibar Protectorate	India and in Tibet but excluding	Sarawak
Egypt	Portuguese India.)	
Excepted Countries	1st wt	Add'l wt
Portuguese West Africa	16 cents	6 cents
Madagascar.	48 cents	18 cents
French Equatorial Africa.	12 cents	6 cents
Nigeria	12 cents	6 cents
Gold Coast Colony..	12 cents	6 cents

Table 6. Letter Postage to British Empire, etc. Countries. 10th February, 1938

Aden	Egypt	Malta	St. Vincent
Ascension	Falkland Islands	Mauritius	Samoa (British)
Australia	Fanning Island	New Guiana	Sarawak
Azores	Fiji Islands	New Hebrides	Seychelles
Bahamas	Gambia	New Zealand	Sierra Leone
Banks Island	Gibraltar	Nigeria	Solomon Islands
Barbados	Gilbert and	Norfolk island	South Africa
Bermuda	Ellice Islands	North Borneo	South Georgia
British Guiana	Gold Coast Colony	Northern Rhodesia	Southern Rhodesia
British Honduras	Grenada	Nyasaland	Straits Settlements
British Somaliland	Great Britain and	Palestine	Sudan (Anglo Egyptian)
Brunei	Northern Ireland	Papua	Tanganyika
Burma	Honk Kong	Persian Gulf Ports of	Tibet
Cameroon	India	Bahrein	Togo (British)
Canada	Irish Free State	Dubai	Tortola
Cayman Islands	Jamaica	Muscat	Tristan Da Cunha
Ceylon	Kenya and Uganda	Pitcairn I5lands	Turks and Caicos Islands
Cooks Islands	Leeward Islands	St. Helena	United States of America
Cyprus	Malay States	St. Lucia	Zanzibar

Table 7. Full List of countries for which the All-Up scheme applies. 21 July, 1938. Extended to Australia and New Zealand on 28th July, 1938. 5 cents per oz.

Anglo-Egyptian Sudan,	Swaziland	Straits Settlements,
Kenya (Colony and Pro.)	Zanzibar Protectorate	North Borneo,
Uganda Protectorate.	Egypt,	Commonwealth of Australia and
	Iraq, Kuwait 15 th June, 1939	overseas and mandated territories-
Tanganyika Territory,	Aden,	Sarawak,
Nyasaland Protectorate,	Palestine and Transjordan,	Papua,
Northern Rhodesia,	India (including British Indian Post Offices	New Zealand and its dependencies
	on the Persian Gulf, in French India, and in	and mandated territory of Western
	Tibet, but excluding Portuguese India).	Samoa.
Southern Rhodesia,	Ceylon.	The mandated territories of New
		Guinea and Nauru
Union of South Africa,	Seychelles	Fiji,
South West Africa	Burma,	Norfolk Island,
Basutoland,	Unfederated Malay States (Johore, Kedah,	Territories under the Jurisdiction of
	Kelantan, Perlis, Trengganu, Brunei), Malaya	High Commissioner for Western
		Pacific: British Solomon Islands Prot.
Bechuanaland	Federated Malay States (Negri Sambilan,	Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony,
Protectorate,	Pahang, Perak, Selanger)	Tonga

IV. Air Mail Surcharges (in addition to ordinary rates) via England-Africa and England-India-Malay-Australia services, 21 July, 1938

Table 8. Air Mail Fee for additional countries served by England-Africa and England-India-Malay-Australia services 21 July, 1938

Country	Letters	Postcards	Country	Letters	Postcards
	½ oz.	Cents		½ oz.	Cents
	Cents			Cents	
Syria	6	4	China	36	12
Iran (except North)	6	4	Belgian Congo	16	8
Iraq ..	6	4	Portuguese E. Africa	20	10
Bahrein.	12	6	Portuguese W. Africa	16	8
Siam	22	10	Madagascar	48	18
Dutch East Indies	23	12	French Equatorial-Africa	12	6
Hong Kong	12	6	Nigeria.	12	6
Macao	24	12	Gold Coast Colony	12	6

Chapter 2

From 15th June 1939 to 19th October 1939, there were two choices:

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15th June 1939

TRANSATLANTIC AIRMAIL SERVICES RATES

1. The following rates for letters are **inclusive of ordinary and air mail postages:**
NEWFOUNDLAND TO GREAT BRITAIN AND EIRE-30 cents per ½ oz.
(Note (i) Includes transmission by air services to European countries.
(ii) Letters originating in Newfoundland and arriving in Great Britain addressed to Empire countries are forwarded by the England and Egypt.-Africa and England-India-Malay-Australia air mail services as the normal means of conveyance).
2. **NEWFOUNDLAND TO CANADA** 10 cents per ½ oz. Includes transmission by the Canadian internal air mail services.
3. **NEWFOUNDLAND TO U.S.A.** .15 cents per ½ oz. Incoming mails arriving in the U.S.A. by the transatlantic air mail service will be given onward dispatch by the United States domestic air mail routes in continental United States, including Alaska, where the mails can be advanced in delivery by such onward dispatch (except first flight covers may be sent onward in the ordinary mails).

FIRST FLIGHT

Information has been received that the inauguration of the Pan-American Service, New York-Botwood-Foynes, Southampton has been fixed tentatively for the 24th June. Flights will be bi-weekly until the 22d July, then weekly.

3rd August, 1939

TRANSATLANTIC AIR MAIL SERVICES PAA and IMPERIAL Schedules

TO GREAT BRITAIN AND EIRE

Via Pan-American. Plane leaves Botwood 6.0 p.m. every Saturday. Thursdays express from St. Johns connects. Latest time of posting 4 p.m. Thursdays,

Via Imperial. Commencing 10th August Plane leaves Botwood 5.0 p.m. every Thursday. Tuesday's express from St. John's connects. Latest time of posting 4 pm Tuesdays.

TO CANADA AND U.S.A.

Via **Pan-American**, Plane leaves Botwood 7 a.m. every Thursday. Tuesday's express from St. John's connects.

Via Imperial. Commencing 6th August Plane leaves Botwood 12 noon every Sunday. Thursday's express from St. John's connects.

The above schedules are liable to be altered at any time without previous notice.

FIRST FLIGHT VIA IMPERIAL

For those members of the public desiring to obtain first flight covers to be carried by the Imperial Airways Plane and to the date-stamped at Botwood the following arrangements will be in force:

TO CANADA AND U.S.A.

Inclusive air postage

Canada 10 cents per ½ oz.

USA 15 cents per ½ oz. (Registration 10 cents additional)

should be enclosed in a cover addressed to the Postmaster GRAND FALLS and should be posted so as to arrive at GRAND FALLS not later than Wednesday, the 2nd August. Covers destined to Canada will be forwarded to Montreal,

TO GREAT BRITAIN AND EIRE

30 cents per ½ oz.(Registration 10 cents additional)

should be endorsed in a cover addressed to the Postmaster of GRAND FALLS and should be posted as to arrive at GRAND FALLS not later than Sunday the 6th August: i.e. to be dispatched from St. John's by the express at 10 am on Sunday the 6th August.

The above instructions with reference to first flight covers were transmitted to all offices, by telegram on Saturday the 29th July. The delay in obtaining the necessary information prevented earlier notification,

**REVISION OF RATES FOR AIR MAIL
Rates for Air Letters Addressed to Countries Served by
U.S.A. Foreign Air Mail Services**

In view of the fact that this Department is charged by the United States Post Office Department for air mail which is forwarded from Newfoundland to New York for onward transmission by the Air Services of the U.S.A. Foreign Air Mail Lines, and in order to ensure that the amount of these charges is not in excess of the air postages which are charged to the public of Newfoundland it has been necessary to revise the schedule of air postages given page 226 of the Post Office Circular, These rates should be regarded as cancelled (cancel Table 4) and from the date of receipt of this circular the following rates will be in force:

Table 9. Revised International Air Fees via United States 3rd August, 1939

Country	Rate From NY plus Surface	Rate Inclusive through Botwood	Country	Rate From NY plus Surface	Rate Inclusive through Botwood
Argentina	.63	.63	Hawaii	.32	.31
Bahama	.16	.31	Honduras Republic	.16	.31
Bermud	.16	\$1.10	Honduras Republic	.16	.31
Barbados	.32	.63	Hong Kong	\$1.10	\$1.25
Bolivia	.48	.40	Jamaica	.16	.31
Brazil	.63	.78	Japan	\$1.10	\$1.25
British Guiana	.48	.31	Leeward Islands	.25	.40
British Honduras	.32	.47	Martinique	.23	.40
Canal Zone	.25	.40	Mexico	.16	.31
Chile	.63	.78	Nicaragua	.63	.78
China	\$1.10	\$1.25	Panama	.25	.40
Columbia	.48	.63	Paraguay	.63	.73
Costa Rica	.25	.40	Peru	.45	.47
Cuba	.16	.31	Puerto Rico	.16	.40
Dominican Republic	.16	.31	Siam	.95	.78
Ecuador	.48	.63	Surinam	.48	\$1.25
EL Salvador	.16	.31	Trinidad	.25	.63
French Guiana	.48	.63	Uruguay	.63	.78
French West Indies	.25	.40	Turks Island	.16	.31
Guadeloupe	.25	.40	Venezuela	.32	.47
Guam	.63	.78	Virgin	.16	.31

Guatemala	.16	.31	Islands		
			Windward	.23	.40
			Islands		
Haiti	.16	.63			

The public should be asked to endorse their letters in the left hand top corner “By air from New York” or “By air from Botwood” as the case may be.

Rates for Air Mail to Canada and U.S.A.

The inclusive air postage for letters addressed to Canada and the U.S.A. is 10 cents ½ oz. or fraction for letters addressed to Canada and 15 cents per half ounce or fraction for letters addressed to the U.S.A. These inclusive air postages provide for the following service as the sender may require,

(a) Dispatch by surface means from Newfoundland to Canada or the U.S.A. and by air by the internal services of either of these countries.

(b) Dispatch by air from Botwood to Canada or the U.S.A. Such letters will automatically be transferred to the internal air services by the Canadian or UA Postal Authorities if delivery can be expedited thereby.

The sender should be asked to endorse his letters in the top left hand corner to indicate the service he desires, e.g. “By air from Botwood,” “By air from New York,” “By air from Montreal” as the case may be.

14th September, 1939

Air Mails

Correspondence for dispatch by air to Great Britain, Canada and the U.S.A., will be accepted at the General Post Office, East and West End Branch Offices, St. John’s, up to 4 p.m. on Thursday, the 14th September, and will go out by the Express on that day to Botwood. Correspondence for Great Britain will receive dispatch by the Pan American Airways plane leaving Botwood on the afternoon of the 16th September and it is understood the plane will not go beyond Foynes. Correspondence for Canada and the U.S.A. should arrive in Montreal and New York on the afternoon of the 17th September.

Correspondence for dispatch by air to Great Britain, Canada and the U.S.A. will be accepted at the General Post Office, East and West End Branch Offices, St. John’s, up to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, the 19th September, and will go out by the Express on that day to Botwood. Correspondence for Great Britain should be delivered in London in the evening of the 22nd September. Correspondence for Canada and the U.S.A. will receive dispatch by the Pan American Airways plane leaving Botwood early Thursday morning, the 21st September, and arriving at New York the afternoon of the same day.

Mail for dispatch by air by these services must be fully prepaid and endorsed “By air from Botwood.”

Suspension Empire “All-Up” Services. Introduction Empire Surcharged Air Services

Owing to the national emergency it has been necessary to discontinue the “All-up” services on the Empire air mail routes, England to Australia and England to South Africa in both directions. The system under which ordinary mail addressed to Empire countries has been forwarded by air as a normal means of communication will, therefore, be discontinued until further notice.

Air services will, however, be maintained on a restricted basis and will be available for the conveyance of surcharged air mail only.

It has been necessary, in view of the limited accommodation available, to fix a high air postage rate. This rate will be 30c ½ oz. **inclusive** of ordinary and air postage, for all letters dispatched from Newfoundland to be conveyed by surface means to England and from thence to be forwarded by air to any of the countries served out of the,

- (1) England, Egypt, Africa and

(2) England, Egypt, India, Malaya, Australia Empire air routes.
 These countries are shown in Table 10.

It should be observed that if the sender desires his letter to be sent to England by air instead of by surface means **the inclusive** air postage at the rate of 30c. ½ oz. for transatlantic air services is payable **in addition to the Empire surcharged** rate of 30c ½ oz.

Chapter 3

From 19th October 1939 to 7th May 1942, mail once again only left Newfoundland by sea, and letters were charged the air mail rate if they were to travel by air after reaching New York or London. Careful attention should be made of special surcharges during this time.

Table 10. After All-Up ends. Inclusive 30 cent Rate. Surface to London, Air to destination. 14 September, 1939

Anglo-Egyptian Sudan,	Kuwait	Sarawak
Kenya, (Colony and Protectorate)	India (including British Indian Post	Commonwealth of Australia and
Uganda, Protectorate,	Offices on the Persian Gulf, in	overseas and mandated territories:
Tanganyika Territory	French India and in Tibet, but	Papua,
Mauritius,	excluding Portuguese India).	Norfolk Island,
Nyasaland Protectorate,	Ceylon,	The mandated territories of New
Northern Rhodesia,	Seychelles,	Guinea and Nauru.
Southern Rhodesia,	Burma,	Fiji,
Union of South Africa,	Malaya,	New Zealand and its dependencies and
South West Africa,	Federated Malay States (Negri,	the mandated territory of Western
Basutoland,	Sembilan, Pahang, Perak,	Samoa,
Bechuanaland Protectorate,	Selanger)	Territories under the jurisdiction of
Swaziland,	Unfederated Malay States (Johore,	the High Commissioner for Western
Zanzibar Protectorate,	Kedah, Kelantah, Perlis,	Pacific British Solomon Islands
Egypt,	Trenganu, Brunei)	Protectorate.
Aden,	Straits Settlements.	Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony,
Palestine arid Transjordan,	North Borneo,	New Hebrides,
Iraq,		Tonga.

Notes: 1. Table 10 pays for surface delivery to London and air mail delivery to destination. 2. If air mail delivery to London is desired 30 cents per ½ oz. is required to London by Transatlantic services plus additional 30 cents per ½ oz. for the service in Table 10.

19th October, 1939

Air Mails

There will be no further dispatches of mail by air from Botwood for this season. Air mail correspondence for American countries generally fully prepaid in accordance with the rates given in Table 9 of the Post Office Circular will be accepted and forwarded to New York by surface means for dispatch from New York by the Air Services of the Foreign Air Mail Services.

Air Mail correspondence for transatlantic countries may also be accepted. This correspondence will be forwarded by surface means to New York and will be dispatched from there by the Southern Route of the Pan American Airways to Lisbon, Portugal, and from there to its destination. The appropriate rates of postage will be 30 cents ½ oz. **plus the ordinary postage** to the office of destination.

30th November, 1939

Revision of Rates for Air Mail

Rates for Air Letters Addressed to Countries Served by U.S.A. Foreign Air Mail Services

In view of the adverse operation of the rate of exchange between this country and the U.S.A. and because payment for mail carried by the U.S.A. Foreign Air Mail Services on behalf of this Country must be paid in American funds, it has again become necessary to revise the schedule of air postages given on in Table 9 of the Post Office Circular. These rates should be cancelled (Table 9) and from the date of receipt of this Circular the following rates, Table 11, will be in force:

Table 11. Inclusive International Rates Via U.S.A. 30 November, 1939

Country	Cents	Country	Cents	Country	Cents
	½ oz.		½ oz.		½ oz.
Argentina	.71	El Salvador	.18	Nicaragua	.71
Bahamas.	.18	French Guiana	.54	Panama	.28
Barbados.	.36	French West Indies .	.28	Paraguay.	.71
Bolivia	.54	Guadeloupe.	.28	Peru	.54
Brazil	.71	Guam	.71	Puerto Rico..	.18
British Guiana	.54	Guatemala	.18	Siam	1.06
British Honduras	.36	Haiti.	.18	Surinam	.54
Canal Zone	.28	Hawaii	.36	Trinidad	.28
Chile.	.71	Honduras Republic..	.18	Turks Island.	.18
China	1.23	Hong Kong .	1.23	Uruguay.	.71
Columbia.	.54	Jamaica	.18	Venezuela.	.36
Costa Rica .	.28	Japan	1.23	Virgin Islands	.18
Cuba	.18	Leeward Islands..	.28	Windward Islands	.28
Dominican Republic	.18	Martinique...	.28		
Ecuador..	.54	Mexico	.18		

11th January 1940

Air Mail

Correspondence for Great Britain and transatlantic countries fully prepaid with the appropriate Airmail postage will be dispatched by express on Mondays and Thursdays to connect at Baltimore, Maryland, with the Pan-American Airways plane for Lisbon. Portugal. Planes will leave Baltimore each Wednesday and Saturday at 7.30 am., E.S.T. and arrives at Lisbon, Portugal, 4 p.m. G.M.T., Thursday and Sunday. Returning planes will leave Lisbon at 8.30 am.. G.M.T., on Sunday and Wednesday and arrive at Baltimore at 1 p.m., E.S.T. Mondays and Thursdays.

14th November, 1940

Transatlantic Air Mail Services

The following is the latest schedule issued in connection with the transatlantic air mail flights from New York, N.Y., via Hamilton, Bermuda, and Horta, Azores. to Lisbon, Portugal, effective the 22nd October, 1940:

Table 12. Pan American Transatlantic Schedule. 14th November, 1940

Tuesday	8.30 a.m. Leave New York, N.Y.	Arrive 1.45 p.m. Tuesday	↑
Thursday	8.30 a.m. (La Guardia Field)	1.45 p.m. Friday	
Saturday	8.30 a.m.	1.45 p.m. Sunday	
Tuesday	2.50 a.m. Arrive Hamilton, Bermuda	Leave 19.00 a.m. Tuesday	
Thursday	2.50 p.m. .	19.00 a.m. Friday	
Saturday	2.50 p.m.	19.00 a.m. Sunday	
Tuesday	4.00 p.m. Leave Hamilton, Bermuda	Arrive 7.00 a.m. Tuesday	
Thursday	4.00 p.m.	7.00 a.m. Friday	
Saturday	4.00 p.m.	17.00 am. Sunday	
Wednesday	6.30 a.m. Arrive Horta, Azores	Leave 14.00 am. Monday	
Friday	6.30 a.m.	14.00 p.m. Thursday	
Sunday	6.30 a.m.	14.00 p.m. Saturday	
Wednesday	7:30 a.m. Leave Horta Azores	Arrive 2.30 a.m. Monday	
Friday	7.30 a.m.	2.30 p.m. Thursday	
Sunday	7.30 p.m.	2.30 p.m. Saturday	
Wednesday	4.30 p.m. arrive Lisbon, Portugal.....	Leave 9.00 a.m. Monday	↓
Friday	4.30 p.m.	. 9.00 a.m. Thursday	
Sunday	4.30 p.m.	9.00 a.m. Saturday	

It will be noted that planes on this service are now leaving New York at 8.30 a.m. and scheduled to stop at Bermuda.

26th December, 1940

Air Mail Rates to Canada

As from the 1st January, 1941 the rate chargeable on letters posted in Newfoundland for delivery by Airmail in Canada will be eleven cents for the first ounce and nine cents for each additional ounce or fraction thereof.

13th February, 1941

Air Mails

The introduction of a twice daily Airmail service between Moncton, New Brunswick and Bangor, Maine, makes it possible for Air Mail letters intended for delivery in the U.S.A. or for forwarding from the U.S.A. to other Countries to be given air transport from Moncton. Letters forwarded in this manner are subject to a charge of 6 cents. per ½ oz., in addition to the Air Mail rates already advertised (see page 650 Port Office Circular). For example, the rate for all air mail letters for delivery in the U.S.A. which are carried by surface means to New York and thence by air to its destination is 15c, per half-ounce. The rate on an Air Mail letter for delivery in the U.S.A. which is intended for dispatch by air from Moncton is 21 cents per half-ounce.

Letters marked "By Air Mail" on which insufficient postage has been paid must be sent by surface means. The indication "By Air Mail" should be deleted, and the letters endorsed "Short Paid—Surface Means."



This notice should be copied and posted in the lobby for the information of the public.

15th November, 1940

Transatlantic Air Mail Services

The following is the latest schedule issued in connection with the transatlantic air mail flights from New York, N.Y., via Hamilton, Bermuda, and Horta, Azores. to Lisbon, Portugal, effective the 22nd October, 1940. Cancel Table 12.

Table 13. Pan American Airways Transatlantic schedule. 15th November, 1940,

	Tues., Thurs., Sat., 9:30 am 3.50 pm 5.00 pm Wed., Fri., Sun., xx xx Ar. 5:30pm	Lv. New York, N.Y. (LaGuardia Field) Ar. Hamilton Bermuda Lv Hamilton Bermuda Ar. Horta, Azores Lv. Horta, Azores Ar. Lisbon, Portugal	Tues., Thur., Sat., Ar. 1.45 pm Lv. 9.00 am Ar. 7.00 am Wed., Fri., Sun., Lv. X Ar. X Lv. 9.00 am	
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xx: Stop to be made only when operating conditions permit.

It will be noted that planes on this service are now leaving New York at 830 am. and scheduled to stop at Bermuda.

Chapter 4

After May 1942, when the air mail service from St. John’s and Gander was inaugurated, an inclusive rate on air mail was charged.

Thursday, 7th May, 1942

Air Mails to Canada, U.S.A. and the United Kingdom

A regular daily Air Mail Service commenced on the 1st May between Newfoundland, Canada and the United States of America. Letters only will be conveyed by the new service. They must be clearly marked “AIR MAIL.”

The postage rates to Canada and the United States will be 9 cents for the first half ounce and 7 cents for each additional half ounce.

The postage rate to the United Kingdom and European countries is 35 cents for each half ounce. Letters for conveyance by these services will be accepted at all Post Offices in Newfoundland and these should be prepaid at the foregoing postage rates.

Direct dispatches by Air will be made from St. John’s and Gander Post Offices daily except Sundays. All Air Mail for the United Kingdom and foreign countries should be dispatched to St. John’s, G.P.O, for onward transmission.

Registered letters will be accepted for transmission at 10 cents additional to the above rates on each service.

All letters intended for Air Mail conveyance must be clearly so marked and where the small blue Air Mail stickers are available one should be affixed at the top left hand corner; otherwise the words “Air Mail” should be written along the top left hand corner of the envelope.

Air Mail letters should be dispatched to the Railway Mail Car by all offices making up for the Mail Car and should be tied up with the bill but, of course, not entered.

The purpose of the Air Mail is speed and speed in communications in this country is very desirable and necessary. All Post Office Officials are, therefore, enjoined to give their close attention to the correct treatment of Air Mail letters in order that no avoidable delay is incurred.

Air Mail Rates

Due to the inauguration of the Air Mail Service between Newfoundland and Canada it has become necessary to revise the Air Mail Rates given on page 20 to 24 of the Postal Telegraph and Cable Rates booklet. These rates should be canceled (Table 11) and the following rates substituted.

Table 14. Inclusive International Rates Via U.S.A. 7th May, 1942

Country	Post ½ oz.	Add'l ½ ½ oz.	Country	Post ½ oz.	Add'l ½ oz.	Country	Post½ ½ oz.	Add'l ½ oz.
Anguilla..	.35	.28	Ecuador	.55	.49	Palestine	1.20	1.12
Antigua	.35	.28	Egypt	1.20	1.16	Panama Republic	.35	.28
Argentina	.70	.63	Grenada	.35	.28	Paraguay	.70	.63
Australia	.20	1.16	Grenadines	.35	.28	Peru	.55	.49
Bahamas	.25	.22	Guadeloupe	.35	.28	Philippines	.85	.77
Barbados	.40	.36	Guatemala	.30	.22	Puerto	.30	.22
Barbuda	.35	.28	Guiana. British	.55	.49	Redona	.35	.28
Bermuda	.25	.22	Guiana. French	.55	.49	St. Kitts	.35	.28
Bolivia..	.70.	.63	Haiti	.30	.22	St. Lucia	.35	.28
Brazil	.70	.63	Honduras. British	.35	.31	St. Vincent	.35	.28
Canal Zone	.35	.28	Honduras. Republic	.30	.22	Salvador, El	.30	.22
Ceylon	1.20	1.12	India	1.20	1.16	South Africa	1.45	1.43
Chile.	.70	.63	Jamaica	.25	.22	Surinam	.55	.49
China..	1.20	1.07	Leeward Islands	.35.	.28	Tobago	.35	.28
Columbia	.55	.50	Martinique.35	.35	.28	Trinidad	.35	.28
Costa Rica	.35	.28	Mexico	.25	.22	Uruguay	.70	.63
Cuba..	.25	.22	Montserrat	.35	.28	Venezuela	.50	.43
Curacao	.55	.50	Nevis	.35	.28	Virgin Islands	.30	.22
Dominica	.35	.28	New Zealand	.85	.77	Windward Islands	.35	.28
Dominican Republic	.30	.22	Nicaragua	.30	.22			

Date	Items	New Rate
9 July 1942	UK and Foreign dispatched via St. Johns. UK and Europe	.35 per ½ oz.
7 January 1943	Transatlantic mail restricted: Airgraph and Armed Forces Air Letters	
8 June 1944	Northern Route to UK open via St. John's. Postage	.30 per ½ oz.
2 August 1945	Letters to Canada or U.S.	.07 per ½ oz.
	Rate Changes Cancel Table 14. Replace with Table 15.	

Table 15. Revised inclusive International Rates Via the U.S.A. 2nd August, 1945

The war in Europe had ended on May 8th 1945.

Country	Postage ½ oz.	Country	Postage ½ oz.	Country	Postage ½ oz.
Anguilla	.35	Estonia	.45	Mexico	.30
Antiqua	.35	Finland	.40	Montserrat	.35
Argentina	.45	Greece	.40	Nevis	.35
Australia	1.20	Grenada	.35	New Zealand	.85
Bahamas	.30	Grenadines	.35	Nicaragua	.30
Barbados	.40	St. Vincent	.35	Norway	.40
Barbuda	.35	Salvador, El	.30	Palestine	1.20
Bermuda..	.25	South Africa	1.45	Panama, Republic	.30
Bolivia	.45	Surinam	.35	Paraguay	.45
Brazil	.45	Tobago	.35	Peru	.35
Bulgaria	.40	Turkey	.40	Philippines	.85
Canal Zone	.30	Guadeloupe	.30	Puerto Rico	.30
Ceylon	1.20	Guatemala	.30	Redonda	.35
Chile.	.45	Guiana, British	.35	Roumania0	.40
China	1.20	Guiana, French	.35	St. Kitts	.40
Columbia	.60	Haiti.	.30	St. Lucia	.35
Costa Rica	.30	Honduras, British	.35	Trinidad	.30
Cuba	.30	Honduras,	.30	Uruguay	.45

		Republic			
Curacao	.35	India	1.20	Venezuela	.50
Czechoslovakia	.35	Jamaica	.30	Virgin Islands	.30
Dominica	.35	Latvia	.40	Windward Islands	.40
Dominican Republic	.30	Leeward Islands	.30	Yugoslavia	.35
Ecuador	.35	Lithuania	.40		
Egypt	1.20	Martinique			
Via Moncton					
US	.07	Canada	.07		
Via US & Canada		UK	.30		
27 Sept 45	Via Lisbon	Portugal	.40	Spain	.40
		Gold Coast	.60	Iraq	.60
27 Sept. 45	Via UK	Malta	.60	Madeira	.40
11 Oct. 45		Burma	.60	Yugoslavia	.40

A. European Countries, 11th October 1945

European Countries except Malta (Inclusive Rates)

Air Mail Letters 40c per ½ oz.

Post Card 35 c per ½ oz.

Malta (Inclusive Rates)

Air Mail Letters 60c per ½ oz.

Post Card 45c per ½ oz.

Air Letter 10 c each

Table 16. List of European countries to which service is now available, War had ended.

Czechoslovakia	France	Malta	Sweden
Denmark	Greece	Norway	Switzerland
Estonia	Latvia	Portugal	Turkey
Finland	Lithuania	Spain	Russia (U.S.S.R.)
			Yugoslavia

B. Countries Outside Europe, 11th October 1945

Table 17. The list of countries outside Europe to which service is available

Countries	Letter ½ oz.	Post Card	Air Letter	Countries	Letter ½ oz.	Post Card	Air Letter
Aden	60c	45c	10c	Lebanon	60c	45c	No Service
Afghanistan	60c	45c	No Service	Liberia	60c	45c	No Service
Algeria	40c	35c	No Service	Madagascar	60c	45c	No Service
Ascension	60c	45c	10c	Madeira	60c	35c	No Service.
Azores	40c	35c	No Service	Malay States	60c	50c	10c
Belgian Congo	60c	45c	No Service	Mauritania	60c	45c	No Service
British Somaliland	60c	45c	10c	Mauritius	60c	45c	10c
Burma	60c	45c	10c	Morocco	40c	35c	No Service
Cameroons (British Sphere)	60c	45c	10c	Niger	60c	45c	No Service
Cameroons (French Sphere)	60c	45c	No Service	Nigeria.	60c	45c	10c
Canary Islands	40c	35c	No Service	Palestine	60c	45c	10c
Cape Verde Islands	40c	35c	No Service	Persian Gulf Ports	60c	45c	10c
Ceylon	60c	45c	10c	Portuguese West Africa	60c	45c	No Service
China endorsed "via U.K."	60c	50c	No Service	Reunion	60c	45c	No Service
Cyprus	60c	45c	10c	Saudi Arabia	60c	45c	No Service
Cyrenaica	60c	45c	10c	Senegal	60c	45c	No Service
Dahomey	60c	45c	No Service	Seychelles	60c	45c	10c
Egypt	60c	45c	10c	Siam	60c	50c	10c
Eritrea	60c	45c	No Service	Sierra Leone	60c	45c	10c
Ethiopia (Abyssinia)	60c	45c	No Service	Somalia (Italian)...	60c	45c	No Service
French Equatorial Africa...	60c	45c	No Service	Spain	60c	45	10

French Guinea	60c	45c	No Service	Spanish Guinea.	60c	50c	10c
French Somali Coast	60c	45c	No Service	Strait Settlements...	60c	45c	10c
Gambia	60c	45c	10c	Sudan (Anglo-Egyptian).	60c	45c	No Service
Gilbert and Ellice Islands (except Ocean Island)	60c	45c	10	Sudan (French)	60c	45c	No Service
Gold Coast	60c	45c	10c	Syria.	60c	45c	10c
Hong Kong	60c	45	10c	Tanganyika Territory	60c	45c	10c
India (British and French)	60c	45c	10c	Tibet	60c	45c	10c
India (Portuguese)	60c	45c	No Service	Togo (British Sphere)	60c	45c	No Service
Iran (Persia).	60c	50c	10c	Togo (French Sphere)..	60c	45c	10c
Iraq.	60c	45c	10c	Transjordan.	60c	45c	No Service
Ivory Coast	60c	45c	No Service	Tripolitania.	40c	35c	No Service
Kenya and Uganda	60c	45c	10c	Tunis	60c	45c	10c
				Zanzibar			

Table 18. New International Inclusive Rates Via USA 5th December 1946

Note: New Rates Effective 1st January

Country	Rate ½ oz.	Country	Rate ½ oz.	Country	Rate ½ oz.
Antigua	20c.	El Salvador	15c.	Trinidad	20c
Argentina	40c.	French Guiana	25c.	Uruguay	40c.
Bahamas	15c.	Great Britain	20c	Venezuela	15c
Bolivia	30c.	Guatemala	15c.	Virgin Islands, U.S	15c
Brazil	35c.	Haiti	15c	Canton Island	35c
British Guiana	25c.	Honduras	15c	Fiji Island	40c
Canada	10c	Jamaica	15c	Guam	40c.
Canal Zone	15c.	Mexico	15c.	Hawaii	25c
Chile	35c	Nicaragua	15c.	Midway Island	30c
Columbia	15c.	Paraguay	40c.	New Caledonia	45c
Costa Rica	20c.	Panama	15c.	New Zealand	50c
Cuba	15c.	Peru	25c	Philippines	50c.
Curacao	15c.	Puerto Rico	15c	Wake Island	35c
Dominican Republic	15c.	Surinam	25c	USA	10c
Ecuador.	25c				

17th July, 1947

Table 19a. Rates of Airmail Postage for Europe, Africa, Middle East and Oceania

Dispatches will be made via the United Kingdom

Effective immediately the Department announces new and reduced Airmail rates as follows.

	Letters	Postcards
European Countries including Eire.	30c. per ½ oz.	20c. each
Africa and the Middle East	45c per ½ oz.	35c. each
Asia	50c. per ½ oz.	40c. each
Oceania	50c per ½ oz.	40c. each

Table 19b. The following countries are included in the European rate. 17th July, 1947

Albania	Iceland
Austria	Italy
Belgium	Greece
Bulgaria	Holland
Corsica	Latvia
Crete	Lithuania
Czechoslovakia	Luxemburg
Denmark	Malta
Dodecanese Islands	Norway
Estonia	Poland

Faroe Islands	Portugal
Finland	Romania
France	Spain
U.S.S.R (Russia)	Yugoslavia
Vatican City	

Table 19c. The following countries are included in the African Rate. 17th July 1947

Algeria	Madagascar
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	Mauritania
Belgian Congo	Mauritius
British Somaliland	Morocco
British Togo	Niger
British Cameroons	Nigeria
Cyrenaica	Northern Rhodesia
Dahomey	Nyasaland
Egypt	Portuguese East Africa
Eritrea	Portuguese West Africa
Ethiopia	Reunion
French Cameroons	Senegal
French Equatorial Africa	Seychelles
French Guinea	Sierra Leone
French Somaliland	Somalia South Africa
French Sudan	Southern Rhodesia
French Togo	Spanish Guinea
Gambia	Tanganyika
Gold Coast	Tripolitania
Ivory Coast	Tunisia
Kenya and Uganda	Zanzibar
Liberia	

Table 19d. The following countries are included In the Middle East rate. 17th July, 1947

Aden	Lebanon
Cyprus	Palestine
Iraq	Saudi Arabia
I r a n	Syria
Persian Gulf	Transjordan
(Bahrein Dubai, Kuwait, Muscat & Sharja)	

Table 19e. The following countries are included in the Asiatic Rate. 17th July, 1947

Afghanistan	Malay States
Brunel	Netherland East Indies
Burma	North Borneo
Ceylon	Sarawak
Fanning Island	Siam
French Settlements of Oceania	Straits Settlements
Fiji Islands	Tibet
Gilbert and Ellice Islands	
Nauru	

Table 19f. The following are included in the Oceanian rate/ 17th July, 1947

Australia	New Caledonia
Banks Islands	New Guinea
Cook Islands	New Hebrides

Fanning Island	Norfolk Island
French Settlements of Oceania	Papua
Fiji Islands	Samoa
Gilbert and Ellice Islands	Solomon Island
Nauru	Tonga

18th December, 1947

Air Mail Rates Via United Kingdom

Table 20. Air Mail Rates Via United Kingdom. 18th December, 1947

Country	RATE PER ½ oz.	POSTCARDS EACH
Azores	30c.	20c.
Canary Islands	30c.	20c.
Cape Verde Islands	30c.	20c.
China	50c.	40c.
Dutch East Indies	50c.	40c.
Formosa	50c.	40c.
French India	50c.	40c.
Portuguese India	50c.	40c.
Korea	50c.	40c.
New Guinea (Mandated Territory)	50c.	40c.
New Zealand	50c.	40c.
Portuguese Timor	50c.	40c.
Rio De Ora	45c.	35c.
Russia	30c.	20c.
Russia in Asia (by Air to Moscow).	30c.	20c.
Sudan	45c.	35c.
Society Islands	50c.	42c.

Note: Internal Air Mail service during months that Coastal Steamers do not operate.

25th March, 1948

Air Mail Rates

Table 21. The following airmail rates are effective immediately. 25th March, 1948

	Letters	Cards
<u>Canada</u>	7c. Per ½ oz.	
<u>United States</u>	10c. Per ½ oz.	
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	20c. Per ½ oz.	10c. each
Ireland (Eire)	30c. Per ½ oz.	20c. each
Europe (including European Russia)	30c. Per ½ oz.	20c. each
Bahamas, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Turks Island	15c. Per ½ oz.	
Antigua, Canal Zone, Costa Rica, Curacao, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands	20c Per ½ oz.	
Bermuda, Dutch Guiana (Surinam) French Guiana, Hawaii, Trinidad	25c. Per ½ oz.	
Guadeloupe, Leeward islands (except Antigua and St. Kitts) - Martinique, Midway Island	30c. Per ½ oz.	
British Guiana, British Honduras, Canton Island	35c. Per ½ oz.	
Barbados, Grenada, Fiji islands, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Vincents, Wake Island.	40c. Per ½ oz.	
Guam, New Caledonia	45c. Per ½ oz.	
Philippine Islands	50c. Per ½ oz.	
South America:		
Colombia, Venezuela	20c. Per ½ oz.	
Ecuador	25c. Per ½ oz.	

Peru	30c. Per ½ oz.	
Bolivia	35c. Per ½ oz.	
Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay	40c. Per ½ oz.	
Africa:		
Algeria, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Belgian Congo, British Somaliland, British Togo, British Cameroons, Cyrenaica, Dahomey, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, French Cameroons, French Equatorial Africa, French Guinea, French Somaliland, French Sudan, French Togo, Gambia, Gold Coast, Ivory Coast, Kenya and Uganda, Liberia, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Portuguese East Africa, Portuguese West Africa, Reunion, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, Spanish Guinea, Tanganyika, Tripolitania, Tunisia, Zanzibar	45c. Per ½ oz.	35c. each
Middle East:		
Aden, Cyprus, Iraq, Iran, Lebanon, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Persian Gulf (Bahrein Dubai, Kuwait, Muscat and Sharja), Transjordan	45c. Per ½ oz.	35c. each
Asia (including Russia in Asia):		
Afghanistan, Brunei, Burma, China, Ceylon, French Indo- China, Hong Kong, India, Macao, Malay States, Netherlands East Indies, North Borneo, Siam, Straits Settlements, Tibet	50c. Per ½ oz.	40c. each
Oceania:		
Australia, Banks Islands, Cooks Islands, Fanning Island, French Settlement of Oceania, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Nauru, New Guinea, New Hebrides, New Zealand, Norfolk Islands, Papua, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga	50c. Per ½ oz.	40c. each

Source Note:

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