

The Official Foreign Air Mail Guide

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Foreign Air Mail Notes Summary

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INTRODUCTION

At the beginning of each issue of the **Official Foreign Air Mail Guide**, the original editor included a short one or two paragraph “FOREIGN AIR MAIL NOTES” section, which served as a synopsis of the events from the previous month and changes to mail routes and postal rates which would be reflected in the new issue.

When these notes are reviewed in a chronological sequence, they provide a high-level overview of the status and changes in the foreign air mail service.

As a convenient way for a reader to review these notes sections without having to go to each individual issue, the compiler has extracted each of the notes sections and combined them into a single, short summary document. Each of these monthly notes follows a header indicating the month of the issue from which the note was extracted.

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Mail addressed for European points and marked for trans-Atlantic air mail service to which the required air mail postage has been affixed, is also entitled to the fastest transportation possible after it has reached Lisbon, the present terminus of the trans-Atlantic air mail route. However, it is to be remembered that though the European air mail service which was entirely curtailed at the beginning of the war has been considerably improved, all lines are not at present operating.

Service changes are being made constantly and it is our intention to review the situation here from month to month, and to give advance information on planned improvements in schedules. In regard to the transit time shown in the guide, our policy will be to keep on the conservative side, avoiding as far as possible making

any changes which may prove to be only temporary.

At the present time mail is sent onward from Lisbon to France and England by rail through Spain. Recently air service was restored between France and England, and if there is any saving in time, mail for England is transferred from rail to air service upon reaching Paris. Mail going to Italy and Germany is sent via the Italian air service which connects with the Pan American planes at Lisbon. The service from Lisbon arrives in Rome the second day and is then transferred via the fastest existing means from Italy to Germany. Mail for the Scandinavian countries goes by rail to France, thence to Holland, and by air from Amsterdam to Scandinavian countries. In the near future, it is expected that air service to and from Lisbon direct to France, England and Holland will be established.

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FOREIGN AIR MAIL AND THE NEUTRALITY ACT

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France.
Germany.
Poland.
Great Britain and
Northern Ireland.
Algeria.
Belgium.
Cameroon.
Cyprus.
Dahomey.

Denmark.
Estonia.
Finland.
French Equatorial
Africa.
French Sudan.
Gambia.
Gibraltar.
Gold Coast.
Guinea (Fr.).

Iceland.
Ireland.
Ivory Coast.
Latvia.
Lithuania.
Luxemburg.
Malta.
Mauritania.
Morocco (Fr.).
Netherlands.

Niger.
Nigeria.
Norway.
Senegal.
Sierra Leone.
Sweden.
Togoland.
Tunisia.
U. S. S. R.

Air mails for dispatch by the trans-Atlantic air service for other countries may be accepted without transfer of title or declaration.

There are no restrictions required on articles or materials shipped via Air Mail for any country in the Western Hemisphere or via the trans-Pacific Air Mail Service.

Mailable arms, ammunition, and implements of war, may be sent under State Department license, by air mail, and without a declaration of foreign ownership to any port in the Western Hemisphere or to any port on the Pacific or Indian Ocean, including the China Sea, the Tasman Sea, the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea, and any dependent waters thereof, but not to any combat area.

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Northern Ireland.
Algeria.
Belgium.
Cameroon.
Cyprus.
Dahomey.

Denmark.
Estonia.
Finland.
French Equatorial
Africa.
French Sudan.
Gambia.
Gibraltar.
Gold Coast.
Guinea (Fr.).

Iceland.
Ireland.
Ivory Coast.
Latvia.
Lithuania.
Luxemburg.
Malta.
Mauritania.
Morocco (Fr.).
Netherlands.

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Air France is now operating twice-weekly between Marseilles, France and Lisbon, Portugal, with a scheduled stop at Tangier, Morocco. Leaving Lisbon on Mondays, and Fridays, the day following the arrival of the Pan American Clipper plane, the trip to Marseilles is made in the same day. The return trip from Marseilles is made on Tuesdays and Saturdays, thus arriving at Lisbon the day before the Pan American Clipper departs on the Westbound trips.

The omission of the stop at Bermuda on both the Eastbound and Westbound trips of the trans-Atlantic Air Mail Service and the transfer of the U. S. point of departure from Baltimore to the new Marine

base at North Beach, New York City, on March 31, has affected the service primarily in that departure from the U. S. is now 4½ hours later (12 noon) and the arrival at Lisbon 1 hour later (5 P.M.). The Westbound departure time, from Lisbon, remains the same (8:30 A.M.) with the arrival in this country 5 hours earlier (8:00 A.M.).

The long expected direct non-stop Air Service from Amsterdam to Lisbon, is scheduled to begin on April 2, 1940. It is to be a twice-weekly 7 hour non-stop flight, thus reducing censorship delays, and making connections with the Pan American trans-Atlantic flights at Lisbon.

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France.	Denmark.	Iceland.	Niger.
Germany.	Estonia.	Ireland.	Nigeria.
Poland.	Finland.	Ivory Coast.	Norway.
Great Britain and Northern Ireland.	French Equatorial Africa.	Latvia.	Senegal.
Algeria.	French Sudan.	Lithuania.	Sierra Leone.
Belgium.	Gambia.	Luxemburg.	Sweden.
Cameroon.	Gibraltar.	Malta.	Togoland.
Cyprus.	Gold Coast.	Mauritania.	Tunisia.
Dahomey.	Guinea (Fr.).	Morocco (Fr.).	U. S. S. R.
		Netherlands.	

Air mails for dispatch by the trans-Atlantic air service for other countries may be accepted without transfer of title or declaration.

Clarification: Since the above regulations were first published the Department has issued the following clarifying instructions:

1. The term "articles or materials which are not of material value"

may be taken as including articles or materials the loss of which would not result in some financial loss.

2. Postmasters may, without requiring the declaration of transfer of title, accept for mailing to all destinations in the regular mails, checks, drafts, securities, documents, and other evidences of indebtedness or interest, which at the time of mailing require an endorsement or signature of a definite person for transfer or are collectible only by a definite person or his agent. This may be identified as "Dept. Ruling No. 2." For the purpose of administration mailing postmasters shall require senders of such mail articles to certify on the address side of the cover "Dept. Ruling No. 2 Complied With," in order that the articles may not be held for inquiry by the dispatching exchange office.

3. Revenue strip stamps sent abroad by importers to facilitate importation of alcoholic beverages, may be accepted for mailing to all destinations in the regular mails without requiring the declaration. They should be certified on the address side of the cover "Revenue Strip Stamps" to avoid delays.

(Matter acceptable under paragraphs 2 and 3 above may be sent by the trans-Atlantic air service to the countries listed above.)

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As a result of the extension of hostilities to Norway and Denmark, direct Air Mail Service from Amsterdam to the Scandinavian countries has been suspended. The Service from Amsterdam to Brussels, has also been suspended. The twice-weekly Service from Amsterdam to Lisbon which began April 2, is still in operation with a single stop at Porto, Portugal instead of the direct non-stop Service as was first announced. The trip with this stop included takes about 10 hours. The Service from Amsterdam to London is now twice-daily instead of four times daily as formerly.

The British Overseas Airways Corporation, now operate twice weekly between England and Durban, South Africa. Previously, this service was twice weekly between England and Kisumu, but only once weekly between Kisumu and Durban.

Attention is called to the fact that since Air Mails for the Belgian Congo are now routed through France, this country is now included in the list of countries given below, to which, on account of the Neutrality Act no articles or materials of material value are accepted in the Air Mails for dispatch by the trans-Atlantic Air Mail Service.

The Post Office Department also announced on April 3, that on account of a change in the routing of air mails by the trans-Atlantic air service under which air mails for Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, and the U.S.S.R., would not pass through belligerent countries, these countries have been deleted from this list.

We presume that with the recent extension of hostilities, Norway and Denmark will shortly again be included in this list though, up to April 25, the Department had made no announcement to this effect.

June 1940

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The Pan American Airways trans-Atlantic Service is scheduled to operate three times weekly instead of the twice-weekly present service beginning June 18. The Clipper planes are scheduled to leave the New York Airport at 1:30 P.M. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays arriving in Lisbon at 6 P.M. on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. The return trip is to be made on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays leaving Lisbon at 8:30 A.M. and arriving in New York at 8:00 A.M. on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

The British Overseas Airways Corporation have inaugurated Air Mail Service from Sidney, Australia to Auckland, New Zealand.

The Italian Airline (Ala Littoria) is now operating a service from Lisbon to Rome via Madrid and Barcelona on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, leaving Lisbon at 8:20 A.M. and arriving in Rome at

5:20 P.M. of the same day. The return trip is made on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays leaving Rome at 7:30 A.M. and arriving at Lisbon at 6:00 P.M. The Dutch Airline (K.L.M.) are still operating their India Line to the Dutch East Indies, though this Service is now once a week instead of twice-weekly as formerly. Connections are now made at Alexandria, Egypt instead of Naples.

On account of present conditions the dispatch of articles for Belgium, Luxemburg and Netherlands by the trans-Atlantic Clipper Service has been suspended until further notice.

Due to the suspension of the twice-weekly Air Mail Service from Lisbon to Amsterdam and the further extension of the hostilities in Europe, the countries which were deleted in our May issue, from the list of countries affected by the Neutrality Act have again been added as shown below.

July 1940

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FOREIGN AIR MAIL NOTES

The Pan American Airways' three times a week trans-Atlantic Clipper Service between New York and Lisbon is now in operation and the new connections thus afforded have been incorporated in this issue.

The new direct Airmail Service to Alaska, also operated by the Pan American Airways, was inaugurated on June 20, in accordance with the schedule shown on Page 3.

Extensive changes have also been made in Part I of the Guide conforming with a number of changes in the Air Mail Service to Central and South America, effective July 1, including an additional trip to Buenos Aires, Argentine via both the East and West Coasts and an

additional frequency from Brownsville to Cristobal, Canal Zone.

Direct connections are still being made between Lisbon and London, as well as, with the Italian Air Service at Lisbon to and from Rome via Madrid and Barcelona and from Rome with the German and Swedish Services. The French and British African Services as well as the Dutch and British Overseas' Far Eastern Services have been temporarily suspended.

No official announcement had been made up to June 25, regarding any additions to the list of countries affected by the Neutrality Act as might be expected as a result of the extension of hostilities to Italy.

August 1940

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The following changes will be found incorporated in this issue:

On July 12, the new fortnightly air-mail service, operated by the Pan American Airways System, on the route from San Francisco via Los Angeles, Honolulu, Canton Island (South Pacific), and Noumea (New Caledonia), to Auckland (New Zealand), with connecting air service between Auckland and Sydney, Australia, now scheduled to leave Auckland Monday (maintained by New Zealand) was inaugurated. The rates and schedules have been incorporated in this issue.

The British Air-Mail service has been resumed from Hong Kong via Bangkok, Singapore, and Netherlands East Indies to Australia, connecting at Hong Kong with the weekly service between San Francisco and Hong Kong. The transit time between San Francisco and Sydney via this route is about 13 days. Air mails for Australia will be routed via Auckland as well as via Hong Kong. Air mails for New Zealand will be routed via the direct service only. Air mails for Thailand (Siam), Malay States,

Indochina, Straits Settlements, and Netherlands East Indies can now be sent through by air.

Since our July issue Air Mail service has become available for Burma, India, and Ceylon via the trans-Pacific route, the transit time being from 9 to 12 days. Air Mails for Bahrein Island, Afghanistan, Baluchistan, Iran and Iraq, will be sent by air to India, thence by ordinary means to destination.

Though the Air Mail service formerly operated by "Air France" between Lisbon and Marseille has been suspended, daily connection is now made with the trans-Atlantic Air Mail Service at Lisbon by rail via the "Sud Express" leaving Lisbon at 12:05 P.M. and arriving in Bordeaux approximately 36 hours later.

Changes have been made in the list of countries affected by the Neutrality Act as given below, conforming to the President's Proclamation naming Belgium, the Netherlands, and Italy as belligerent countries.

September 1940

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Attention is called to the extensive changes which have again been made in Part I of the Guide due to the speeding up of the Air Mail Service to and from Central and South America via both coasts. By the use of the new "Strato-Clipper" 7-hour Service between Miami and Christobal, and other scheduled changes effective September 1, one full day has been eliminated from the 4½ days formerly required to reach Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Attention is also called to the opening up of Air Mail Service via the trans-Pacific to additional points formerly served via the trans-Atlantic route. Palestine, Egypt and the entire African East Coast to the Union of South Africa is now being served including, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Kenya-Uganda, Tanganyika, Madagascar, Nyasaland, Mozambique, Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, and Union of South Africa.

Due to a change of schedule on the air mail route between Auckland,

New Zealand and Sydney, Australia, air mails for Australia leaving San Francisco each second Saturday (next dispatch September 7), reach Sydney the following Saturday. Returning, Air Mails dispatch from Sydney each second Friday (next dispatch September 13), reach San Francisco the following Wednesday. Air Mails for Australia are sent each Tuesday of the Alternate week (next dispatch September, 10) via Hong Kong, reaching Sydney the 2nd Monday after dispatch from San Francisco.

We have received a number of inquiries in reference to the resumption of the trans-Atlantic Air Mail Service over the Northern route to Southampton by the British Overseas Airways Limited, announcement of which has appeared in the press. Though one trip has already been made by the British Overseas flying boat "The Clare," we learn that no passengers or cargo, not even mail was carried on the east bound trip.

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The German Deutsche Luft-Hansa Air Line is now flying daily between Berlin and Madrid. The plane leaves Berlin at 7:00 A.M.; Stuttgart 10:00 A.M.; Lyons 11:20 A.M.; Marseille 12:45 P.M.; Barcelona 2:40 P.M.; arriving at Madrid at 4:45 P.M. Connection is made the next morning with the, daily except Sunday, Spanish SAETA Air Line service leaving Madrid 9:15 A.M.; and arriving at Lisbon 11:25 A.M. The return Service leaves Lisbon 2:15 P.M. arriving at Madrid 4:20 P.M. Transfer is made to the German Line next morning at 7:00 A.M. arriving at Barcelona 9:20 A.M.; Marseille 11:05 A.M.; Lyons 12:30 P.M.; Stuttgart 3:55 P.M.; arriving Berlin at 6:25 P.M.

The Sud Railway Express is now operating daily from Lisbon to Paris leaving Lisbon at 12:05 P.M., arriving at Hendaye, France at 9:40 A.M. the next day, leaving Hendaye at 6:50 P.M. and arriving in Paris at

8:30 A.M. the following day. The train leaves Paris at 12:30 A.M. arriving in Brussels at noon and Berlin 7:55 P.M. The return trip is made leaving Berlin 11:25 P.M.; Brussels at 7:00 A.M. and Paris the next day at 8:30 A.M.; Hendaye on the following day at 10:00 P.M. and arriving the next day in Lisbon at 7:00 P.M.

The Post Office Department recently announced that all Postal Union (regular) steamship mail (ordinary and registered) for Estonia, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Union of Socialist Republics was being routed to San Francisco for dispatch via Japan and the trans-Siberian railway. Attention is called to the fact that the trans-Pacific Clipper Air Mail Service is not available for the dispatch of Air Mails to the above named countries. Air Mail to such countries is sent via the trans-Atlantic Service as indicated in the Guide.

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The Pan American Airways are now making regular scheduled stops at Hamilton, Bermuda on both the East and Westbound trips of their trans-Atlantic Service. Effective with this change, it should be noted that the regular Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday departures from the La Guardia Field Airport at New York City are now made at 8:30 a.m. instead of 1:00 p.m. Subscribers should adjust their local mailing time accordingly.

This season marks the first time that the trans-Atlantic Service departures are not being shifted to the winter season airport at Baltimore.

The regular twice-weekly service to Bermuda on Route F.A.M. 17 now departs from the winter season airport at Baltimore, Md., however, instead of from New York with the departure days Wednesdays and Sundays instead of Wednesdays and Saturdays the 10:30 a.m. departure time remains the same.

The German Deutsche Luft-Hansa Air Line is now operating daily except Sunday all the way through from Berlin to Lisbon. The planes leave Lisbon at 9:30 a.m. and Madrid at 1:30 p.m. with an overnight stop at Barcelona, leaving the next day at 7:00 a.m., Marseille at 8:45 a.m., Lyon 10:05 a.m., Stuttgart 1:30 p.m., arriving at Berlin at 4:00 p.m. The return trip is made leaving Berlin at 7:00 a.m. and arriving at Lisbon 2:00 p.m. on the following day.

Aero Portuguesa, is now operating twice-weekly between Lisbon and Tangiers, Spanish Morocco, leaving Lisbon on Mondays and Fridays and returning on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Announcement was made last month that the American Export Airlines, a subsidiary of the American Export Steamship Lines, had purchased T.A.C.A., an airline which has been operating several years in Central America.

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Air Mail Service to and from Mexico and Central America has been increased to 6 times weekly. The new schedules have been incorporated in this issue.

The Pan American Airways System has been authorized by the State Department and application has been made to the Civil Aeronautics Board for permission to reroute the West Bound trans-Atlantic Service from Lisbon to the United States.

Under the new route it is planned to make the return flight via Bolama, in Portuguese Guinea, West Africa; Port of Spain, Trinidad; and San Juan, Puerto Rico. This is of course a much longer route than that now being flown, but the favorable weather prevailing in the South Atlantic throughout the winter months is expected to compensate for the longer distance.

This new route will necessitate reducing the present twice-weekly trans-Atlantic Service to twice-weekly until April 30, 1941. Thereafter, new super-Clippers will permit 4 schedules weekly over the regular route to Lisbon and return.

Permission is also being sought to change the present weekly service between Manila and Hong Kong to a bi-monthly service, alternating each week with a bi-monthly service between Manila and Singapore.

The Italian Ala Littoria service between Lisbon and Rome now leaves Lisbon on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays arriving in Rome on the next day after an overnight stop in Madrid. The return trip is made from Rome on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays also with an overnight stop in Madrid.

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Air Mail Service to Greece is available despite the war with Italy, being routed via Germany as per schedule shown.

Weekly Service to Tunisia, via Marseilles, is now operating though we have so far been unable to determine the exact scheduled day, if any.

The Pan American Airways System announces that improved equipment will make it possible to inaugurate a daily trans-Atlantic clipper service next spring and to cut down greatly the time of flights from New York to Rio de Janeiro.

The improved South American service will include 24-hour service between New York and Puerto Rico, and will mean the trip to the South American capital can be made from New York in two days. It now takes three days out of Miami.

With the new equipment, the stop at Horta in the trans-oceanic service will be eliminated, the giant craft going from New York to Bermuda to Lisbon. This elimination is regarded as a vast improvement in the voyage.

The new equipment includes long-range tanks which increase the fuel capacity of the clippers, and a new type of engine which not only provides increased horsepower but which also reduces fuel consumption. New propellers will be fitted to the plane as well.

These improvements will increase the cruising range of the clippers by 1000 miles, bringing the total range to well over 4000 miles. In addition, they will cut the takeoff time on the 84,450-pound load approximately in half, to 31 seconds.

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FOREIGN AIR MAIL CLOSING TIME

All Foreign Air Mail closing days are shown in this Guide as one day earlier than the departure day scheduled from the United States at International Airports: New York, Miami, Brownsville and San Francisco.—Likewise, days of inbound mail arrival in principal United States cities are shown as one day later than the days of arrival at the above International Airports.

Planes carrying air mail from the United States for Latin American destinations listed in Part 1, leave either from Miami, Fla., or Brownsville, Texas.—Planes carrying air mail for all destinations listed in Part 2, leave either from New York via the trans-Atlantic, or from San Francisco via the trans-Pacific, as indicated.

The air mail closing days at the principal United States Cities, for all destinations, are found in the third column.—For the actual closing time in your particular city for the corresponding days, consult your local Post Office.

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Air Mail Service is now available to Greece via the trans-Pacific route as far as Cairo, Egypt and thence by ordinary means. The postage required is 70 cents per half ounce. This additional routing has been made available because of interruption of through service to Greece via the trans-Atlantic route. However, articles mailed with postage at the 30 cents per half ounce trans-Atlantic rate will continue to be sent via Lisbon for possible onward forwarding.

Effective January 28th, the Pan American Airways added another trip to its service to, Port au Prince, Haiti; San Pedro, Dominican Republic and San Juan, Puerto Rico; leaving Miami, Fla., at 7:15 A.M. each Tuesday and arriving San Juan 5:30 P.M. The additional return trip is made on Wednesdays, leaving 9:00 A.M. and arriving Miami 5:00 P.M.

An additional trip is now also being made to Kingston, Jamaica, leaving Miami 7:15 A.M. each Sunday and arriving 12:20 P.M. The return trip is also made on Sunday leaving at 12:40 P.M. and arriving Miami 5:45 P.M.

We are informed, by the K.L.M. Royal Dutch Air Line, that the daily air mail service between Trinidad and Barbados, as announced by the Post Office Department on January 14, 1941, as being resumed, is not yet in operation and no definite date for the resumption of this service was available at the time we went to press on January 25.

When and if this service is resumed it will connect with the present Pan American Service to Trinidad, arriving in Barbados the following day. The present air mail rate of .15 per half ounce to Barbados will at the same time be increased to .25 per one-half ounce.

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As already announced in the special bulletin mailed to all our Subscribers, the trans-Atlantic Air Mail Service now departs from New York twice-weekly on Wednesdays and Saturdays instead of Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays as formerly, with the stop at Horta, Azores depending on weather conditions. The return trip from Lisbon is also now twice instead of thrice-weekly and is made via Bolama, Portuguese Guinea and South America. The resultant numerous schedule changes will be found incorporated in this issue.

Effective March 1st, 1941, the Pan American Airways begin a daily service on the route from Brownsville, Texas to and from Christobal, Canal Zone. A daily service will also be inaugurated on the same day

from Christobal to Barranquilla, Colombia and Maracaibo Venezuela, thus making a daily service now available between Christobal and Port of Spain Trinidad as well as all the intermediate stops on this route.

Connecting Air Mail Service between Trinidad and Barbados is now in operation daily except Sundays. Attention is called to the fact that as a result of the resumption of this connecting service the air mail rate to Barbados has been increased from 15 cents to 25 cents per one-half ounce.

Air Mail Service, suspended via the trans-Atlantic to some countries on account of conditions brought about by the war, will be found available via the trans-Pacific to several additional points.

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Effective April 1, 1941 the Sunday flight between Miami, Florida and Kingston, Jamaica will be discontinued.

As a result of the trans-Atlantic westbound route via Bolama, Portuguese Guinea, Belem, Brazil and Port of Spain Trinidad, air mail is now being accepted for Portuguese Guinea prepaid at the rate of 50 cents per half ounce. This service is not to be continued, however, after April 30, 1941.

It is still impossible to obtain definite information on air mail service to other points on the African west coast though we understand there

is a Sunday service from Lourenço Marques in Mozambique to Johannesburg, Union of South Africa which connects with the South African Airways to Loanda, Angola and a weekly mail service from Loanda to Point Noir.

The German Lufthansa Airways has announced new commercial routes touching 10 foreign nations and providing connections with 15. The new schedules are arranged so that all Balkan countries can be reached from Berlin via Prague and Vienna, in one day. The Berlin-to-Lisbon flight now makes its overnight stop at Madrid instead of Barcelona as formerly.

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Beginning May 3, 1941, the Pan American Airways resumes its tri-weekly trans-Atlantic Air Mail Service and coinciding with this change the westbound trip is now made direct via Bermuda instead of via Bolama, Portuguese Guinea, Belem, Brazil and Port of Spain Trinidad. Also, Horta, Azores is now a flag stop to be made only by special advance arrangement and subject to the discretion of the carrier according to operating conditions. The departures from New York are now made at 9:30 A.M. Eastern Standard Time on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays instead of Wednesdays and Saturdays while the return trip leaves Lisbon at 9:00 A.M. on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays instead of on Mondays and Fridays. The conforming schedule changes have been made in this issue of the Guide.

Though no schedules are available, definite information has been received that air mail service is now available to the following additional points in Africa which were suspended after the French Armistice: Algeria, Dahomey, French Guinea, French Sudan, French Togoland, Ivory Coast, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal.

Air Mail is still being accepted for dispatch via the trans-Atlantic to Europe for onward dispatch as opportunity may afford to Eritrea, Ethiopia, Italian Somaliland, and Libya. Air Mail destined to the Aegean Islands, however, is no longer being dispatched via the trans-Atlantic but may be sent via the trans-Pacific service if prepaid at the rate of 70c per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.

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Though the effective date has not as yet been announced, it is expected that an additional flight on the trans-Atlantic Route to leave New York on Sundays and Lisbon on Tuesdays, will be inaugurated by the Pan American Airways System sometime this month.

An important change has been made in the trans-Pacific air mail service making the former weekly service between Manila and Hong Kong a fortnightly service, alternating each week with a fortnightly service between Manila and Singapore, Straits Settlements. The first June flight to Singapore is scheduled to leave San Francisco on Tuesday June 3 and the first June flight to Hong Kong is scheduled to leave San Francisco on June 10th.

On flights operated to Hong Kong; mails for Singapore and connections

will be discharged at Manila for onward dispatch by steamship, there being an average of 2 sailings a week with transit time of approximately 5 days. On flights operated to Singapore; mails for Hong Kong and connections will be discharged at Manila for onward dispatch by steamship, there being an average of 4 sailings a week with transit time of $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 days.

Air Mail Service to Alaska has been greatly expedited and additional service has been provided to Nassau, Bahamas; Dominican Republic; Haiti; Leeward Islands; Virgin Islands; and to several points in Ecuador.

Air mail to Greece, excepting Crete, is now dispatched via the trans-Atlantic and air mail for Madagascar and reunion is also no longer dispatched via the trans-Pacific route.

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Effective July 14, 1941, the flight from Miami to Barranquilla, Colombia, with stops at Cienfuegos, Cuba and Kingston, Jamaica, known as No. 321, which now operates from Miami on Mondays and Thursdays will operate on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The return flight, known as No. 320, will operate from Barranquilla on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, instead of Tuesdays and Fridays as at present.

A new connecting service has been instituted on the Amazon River by Panair do Brazil, S.A. from Belem (Para) Brazil to Manaus, Brazil thence west via the Solimoes, a tributary of the Amazon, to Tabatinga, and

Benjamin Constant, Brazil. These latter points are located close to the junction point of Colombia, Brazil and Peru. In combination with the existing once weekly flight up the Amazon River this provides a twice weekly service between Belem and Manaus and a once weekly service southwest to Porto Velho, Brazil and west to Tabatinga and Benjamin Constant, Brazil.

It should be noted that Air Mail for Crete (Greece) is now being dispatched via the trans-Atlantic air mail route at the 30 cents per half ounce rate instead of via the trans-Pacific at the 70 cent rate.

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Attention is called to the extension of Air Mail Service to three additional points in Bolivia, namely, Cochabamba, Santa Cruz and Puerto Suarez, according to the schedules shown below.

The changes in service to Barranquilla, Colombia and Kingston, Jamaica which became effective July 14, 1941 as mentioned under the above heading in the July Guide and the extension of service to Tabatinga and Porto Velho, Brazil are also shown in this issue.

As air-mail service on the local route (F.A.M. 17) between New York and Bermuda has been temporarily suspended, air mail for Bermuda is

now being forwarded only via the regular tri-weekly trans-Atlantic Clipper Service.

Air-mail service to the U.S.S.R. is now available only via the trans-Pacific as far as Hong Kong. It is thence carried by surface transportation via the trans-Siberian railroad.

Air Mail to Eritrea, Ethiopia, French Somaliland and Italian Somaliland is also now being routed via the trans-Pacific.

It will be noted that the trans-Pacific air mail postage rate has been increased to \$1.10 per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce for 12 different points.

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It will be noted that the fortnightly flight to Auckland, New Zealand (F.A.M. 19), now leaves San Francisco and Los Angeles on Thursday instead of Saturday as formerly. The return trip is also made on every other Thursday instead of Saturday with arrivals at Los Angeles and San Francisco on Monday instead of Wednesday.

Improved service between the United States and Hawaii now provides for a departure from the Pacific Coast for Honolulu, Hawaii every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Returning there are now regular weekly departures from Honolulu on Mondays and Tuesdays with a third weekly

departure alternately on Friday or Sunday. Pacific Coast arrivals being, of course, on the day following.

Air Mail Service has also been improved to Haiti and Dominican Republic by another trip both ways, making the Service to these points now daily except Sunday (from Miami) and returning daily except Friday. This same change adds another trip on the return service from San Juan, Puerto Rico which now also becomes daily except Friday.

Changes and improvements have also been made in the service to: Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, and Peru effective August 26, which have been incorporated in this issue.

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By the new weekly shuttle service between Manila and Hong Kong and Manila and Singapore, to be inaugurated by the Pan American Airways System, effective October 5th and 7th respectively, to connect with the regular trans-Pacific service, both Hong Kong and Singapore will have a weekly air mail service to and from the United States, instead of the present alternating fortnightly service.

Thru connection with Panagra's new local trans-Bolivian service a new service to Corumbá, Brazil is now operating with intermediate local Bolivian stops at Concepcion, San Ignacio, San Jose, Robore, and Puerto Suarez, according to the schedules shown below.

Air Mail for Turkey is now being routed via the trans-Pacific instead of the trans-Atlantic as formerly. The rate is 70 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.

Subscribers will doubtless be interested to know that the Pan American Airways System is to carry Air Express between New York and Lisbon thrice weekly. The regular service is scheduled to leave New York at 9:30 a.m. S.T. each Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday beginning Tuesday, September 30th, and leave Lisbon at 9:00 a.m. L.T. each Monday, Thursday, and Saturday beginning Monday September 29. Tariff-Schedules and instructions can be obtained by applying to the Pan American Airways System, Air Express Department, Chrysler Building, New York, N. Y.

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Attention is called to a number of changes which have been made in the air mail service to and from Alaska shown on page 3. Effective November 1, 1941 and to April 30, 1942, stops will be made at Hot Springs, Tanana, Nulato, and Golovin on the route from Fairbanks to Nome.

Effective November 15, 1941 planes for Juneau, Alaska, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, and Fairbanks, Alaska, will leave Seattle, Washington on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays instead of on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays as formerly and an overnight stop will be made at Whitehorse, Y. T.

On the return flights from Fairbanks, also effective November 15, 1941

the planes will leave Fairbanks on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays instead of on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays as formerly with an overnight stop at Juneau, Alaska.

Though the November 15, changes mentioned above have been incorporated in this issue, Subscribers should be guided by the departure days shown in the October issue until November 15, 1941 the day on which these changes become effective.

In regard to the new air mail service to the Near East via the South Atlantic and Africa, about which inquiries have been received, present indications are that this service will begin sometime in December.

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Due to the great interest in the inauguration of the new South Atlantic Route and as there are no important changes effective on the 1st of this month we have delayed publication of this issue awaiting information on the new route. The December flights will leave Miami (Florida), at 6:30 a.m. on Dec. 6 & 21, thence to San Juan (Puerto Rico); Port of Spain (Trinidad); Belem (Brazil); Natal (Brazil); and across the Atlantic to Bathurst (Gambia); 4:00 p.m. Dec. 8 and 23, arriving Bathurst at 6:00 a.m. on Dec. 9 and 24, Lagos (Nigeria), at 4:00 p.m. Dec. 10 & 25; and Leopoldville (Belgian Congo), at 2:45 p.m. Dec. 11 & 26. The return flights will leave Leopoldville 6:00 a.m. Dec. 12 & 27; Lagos at 5:30 a.m. Dec. 13 & 28; Bathurst 6:30 p.m. Dec. 14 & 29 and arriving Miami,

3:00 p.m. on Dec. 17 & Jan. 1, 1942. Schedules and rates for connecting African routes as far as India have not as yet been determined but should be available from your local Post Office soon.

Effective, December 10, 1941 on the trans-Pacific New Zealand route, the day of departure from the Pacific Coast and from New Zealand on the return trip will again be Saturday instead of Thursday.

Effective December 3, 1941 the extra shuttle air-mail flights between the Pacific Coast and Hawaii which were inaugurated last August will be discontinued.

Mail service to Greece including air mail has been discontinued.

Galena, Alaska is now a stop on the flight between Fairbanks and Nome.

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All our Subscribers doubtless received the Supplement Bulletin which we mailed on December 4, 1941 giving postage rates, schedules, etc., for the new South African Air Mail Service. This information has been incorporated in this issue. Attention is called to the reduction in postage rates for a number of African points, amounting to as much as 50-cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce in some cases.

It will be noted that air mail service on the trans-Atlantic route between New York and Lisbon is now twice instead of thrice-weekly and the return trip from Lisbon, unless operating conditions at Horta are suitable for landing and takeoff, is made via Bolama (Portuguese Guinea), Natal

(Brazil), Belem (Brazil), and Port of Spain (Trinidad), as it was from January 31 to May 3 of last year.

Though mail is still being accepted for dispatch for some points via San Francisco, despite the United States-Japanese war, disruption of schedules and service can be expected under present conditions. Consequently, Subscribers are advised to mail as early as practicable.

Also, for the present, air mail for Netherlands Indies, North Borneo, Sarawak, Straits Settlements, Malaya, Burma, unoccupied China and countries west thereof (including Turkey), which have heretofore been sent by the trans-Pacific route, are being routed via Miami, Fla.

SPECIAL FOREIGN AIR MAIL RATE TO AND FROM U. S. ARMED FORCES

A special rate of postage has been established, of 6 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ -ounce for air mail to and from the personnel of the United States armed forces stationed outside of the continental United States, and applies to all air mail sent to or by such forces when deposited at any place where the United States mail service is in operation addressed to any other place where the United States mail service is in operation. This change does not

affect the lower 6 cents per ounce air mail rate applicable to any point previously, including Alaska. As this special rate does not apply to mail of civilians stationed at these points outside the continental United States, in order that mail entitled to the special rate may be recognized, the address or return card, as the case may be, must show the rank of the individual and the military or naval unit to which he is assigned.

FOREIGN AIR MAIL CLOSING TIME

All Foreign Air Mail closing days are shown in this Guide as one day earlier than the departure day scheduled from the United States at International Airports; New York, Miami, Brownsville and San Francisco.—Likewise, days of inbound mail arrival in principal United States cities are shown as one day later than the days of arrival at the above International Airports.

Planes carrying air mail from the United States for Latin American destinations listed in Part 1, leave either Miami, Fla., or Brownsville,

Texas.—Planes carrying air mail for all destinations listed in Part 2, leave either New York or Miami via the trans-Atlantic routes, or from San Francisco via the trans-Pacific, as indicated.

The air mail closing days at the principal United States Cities, for all destinations, are found in the third column.—For the actual closing time in your particular city for the corresponding days, consult your local Post Office.

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With the inauguration of service on the last link, between Egypt and Burma, Pan American Airways with the cooperation of United Nations, has established a new American Air Mail route to the Far East to take the place of the one disrupted by the Japanese attack.

The United States and Australian Government have agreed to cooperate in an alternative air mail service from Australia to the United Kingdom operated by United States, Australian and Netherland aircraft.

It appears that some Postmasters are still not aware of the reduction on air mail postage from \$1.10 per $\frac{1}{2}$ -ounce to .60 per $\frac{1}{2}$ -ounce to the 10 South African points which became effective with the inauguration of the new air mail route to South Africa and as announced in our Special Bulletin of December 4, 1941 and indicated in the January

1942 issue of The Official Foreign Air Mail Guide.

One Subscriber has written us under date of January 13, that his local postmaster insists that he pay air mail postage to the Union of South Africa at the rate of \$1.10 per $\frac{1}{2}$ -ounce plus the regular first-class postage, or, an overcharge of \$2.08 on each of his 2-ounce letters to this point and he believes that he is entitled to a refund.

We suggest, in all such cases, that the Postmaster be referred to a notice signed by Mr. Smith W. Perdum, Second Assistant Postmaster General, and published in an official postal bulletin dated December 2, 1941. Should the Postmaster be arbitrary about the matter, as in this case, we suggest that a letter be written to Mr. Perdum stating the dates and the amount of excess postage paid.

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Direct air mail service is now available to Liberia, instead of via Lagos (Nigeria), thru the inauguration of a stop at Monrovia (Liberia). The air mail postage to Liberia remains the same, 50 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.

As soon as arrangements have been completed for service on the corresponding day on the final link between the U. S. and Balboa connecting with the new service now operated by Panagra-Pan American Grace Airways from the Canal Zone to Buenos Aires, a fifth air mail service down the west coast of South America will be available with stops at the principal cities, including Lima, Peru and Santiago Chile.

A special fast service, for military purposes only, is now operating to Georgetown, British Guiana, under the supervision of the U. S. War Department, leaving Miami on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays arriving Georgetown on Thursdays, Saturdays, and Mondays. The return trips are made leaving Georgetown on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays and arriving Miami on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Mondays.

The Civil Aeronautics Board announced on February 10th, the granting of a temporary certificate authorizing an air route between New York and Foynes, Ireland to be operated by American Export Airlines, Inc.

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The departures and arrivals for the Alaskan air mail service which have not been shown recently in accordance with war-time restrictions can now be shown. It will be noted that effective April 1, 1942, the Alaskan service is greatly improved by daily flights to and from Fairbanks and omitting of the former overnight stops at Whitehouse and Juneau, respectively.

Vatican City State is now included as one of the countries in Continental Europe to which mail, including air-mail, can still be sent. The others are Gibraltar, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and unoccupied France. Any other post office, port, or place in continental Europe is considered under the control of Germany or Italy and to which no letters, packages, (including parcel post) or other mail matter can be sent from the United States or its possessions.

The second daily flight, known as No. 511, from Brownsville, Texas, to Guatemala has been extended to Balboa, Canal Zone with a stop at San Jose, Costa Rica. This flight leaves Brownsville daily at 1:30 p.m. arriving at Balboa 5:45 p.m. on the following day while the first flight No. 501, leaves Brownsville at 8:30 a.m. and arrives at Balboa 4:05 p.m. on the following day:

Inquiries received, prompt us to call attention to the fact that mailers to trans-Pacific points to which air mail service has been temporarily suspended, might expedite their mail by use of the domestic air mail service to the port of steamship departure. With steamship departure time unknown, as at present, even an hours difference in the time of arrival at the port of departure might mean catching an earlier steamer. Such mail should be prepaid 3-cents per ounce or fraction, in addition to the regular postage and be endorsed "By Air in U.S.A. to Exchange Office."

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On April 22, 1942 the Pan American Airways System inaugurated a daily service between Miami, Florida and Balboa, Canal Zone. Coinciding with this improvement the west coast air mail service from Miami to Buenos Aires, Argentina is now, daily except Fridays and returning, leaves Buenos Aires daily except Wednesdays. Thru the improved west coast service in conjunction with the already established east coast service, a daily fast service to Buenos Aires is now available. The schedule changes for the stops affected have been incorporated in this issue.

As a result of a recent agreement between the Government of the United States and Great Britain, "Mailcerts" are no longer issued. An export license, from the Board of Economic Warfare, for materials subject to license by that agency will now serve as a combined license and mailcert.

All forms of the articles and materials subject to export control (except a number of specified items) may be shipped under general license to Iran, Iraq, Ireland (Erie), Liberia, Syria, and Turkey, only via mail, in individual shipments not exceeding \$25 in value. Articles and materials not covered by general licenses or by unlimited licenses require individual licenses from the Office of Export Control, Board of Economic Warfare. A Bulletin giving more complete information on the subject of these licenses will be furnished our Subscribers upon request.

A Bulletin giving the Post Office Department's regulations on the new limitations as to the size, weight and frequency of mailing, of parcel or packages of any class, including air mail, addressed for delivery outside the continental United States with the exception of Canada or Mexico, will also be furnished our Subscribers upon request.

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Attention is called to the new direct Air Mail Service now operating to Newfoundland, 6 days weekly. The postage on civilian air mail is 15 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce, or fraction. The postage on air mail addressed to personnel of the armed forces of the United States in Newfoundland for delivery at Army post offices, and articles mailed by such personnel at those offices, destined to United States post offices is 6 cents per half ounce or fraction.

Effective June 1, 1942, the Pan American Airways System increases its service to Ruby and Nome, Alaska from a twice weekly to a 5 day weekly service.

Following the improved service down the West Coast of South

America to Buenos Aires, Argentina mentioned in these Notes in our May issue, and the extension of the Friday flight from Miami to Balboa to as far as Lima, Peru with stops at Cali, Colombia; Guayaquil, Ecuador; and Talara and Chiclayo, Peru, effective May 8, 1942, the Pan American Airways System has improved their service down the East Coast by a daily service to Buenos Aires, effective June 1, 1942, with daily stops between in Haiti, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Trinidad, Surinam, and Belem, Barreiras, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Many other changes on East Coast flights have also been made all of which will be found incorporated in this issue.

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We have been asked to publish the Department's regulations regarding the recently inaugurated V-Mail Service which are as follows:

In cooperation with the United States War and Navy Departments, a new service known as V-Mail Service has been established to conserve transportation space and to expedite the handling of messages to and from personnel of our armed forces stationed outside the continental United States.

Persons in the United States desiring to use this service will obtain special letter-sheet ("V-Mail") envelopes at the nearest United States post office (or from private distributors at a later date), write their messages thereon and after addressing, folding and sealing the letter-sheets in the prescribed manner and affixing postage, if necessary, deposit the messages in any post office street letter box or other authorized mail depository. The letters will be dispatched by domestic air or surface transportation, accord-

ing to the postage paid, to designated post offices at ports of embarkation.

The V-Mail letter may be forwarded in its original form or it may be micro-filmed and a photographic reproduction transmitted to the addressee when delivery can be expedited by so doing.

The postage on V-Mail letters sent by others than members of the armed forces is 3 cents each when transmission to ports of embarkation by ordinary mail is desired. Such messages may be so sent as air mail at the rate of 6 cents each. Postage must be prepaid by stamps affixed.

The address on V-Mail intended for members of the armed forces stationed outside the continental United States must include the rank or rating of the addressee, the unit to which attached, and the APO or naval address through which the addressee receives mail.

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Several changes in operating days have been made in the service to and from Bolivia and on the Quito, Ecuador shuttle service which have been incorporated in this issue. A new once a week service to and from Valleggrande, Bolivia has been inaugurated also.

The special military service to Antigua, B.W.I. (Leeward Islands) formerly daily now leaves Miami, Fla., only on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays with the Tuesday, Thursday Saturday and Sunday flights now stopping at St. Lucia. B.W.I. (Windward Islands) instead.

We learn from the Board of Economic Warfare that the requirement of a license for the export of technical advertising matter has recently been broadened to include all information of a technical nature. This would include the export of catalogs and other types of printed sales promotional material pertaining to any process, synthesis, or operation in the production, manufacture or reconstruction of articles or materials or constituents thereof designated by the President as necessary to the National

Defense pursuant to section 6, of the Act of Congress approved July 2, 1940, (except publications of the magazine or periodical type which are licensed by the Office of Censorship).

The procedure is to make out an application on OE FORM NO. 16-C, in triplicate. This application must be accompanied by what is called an exhibit list, in triplicate, identifying by number and descriptive title, each catalog, etc., to be exported. Samples of each catalog, etc., marked with a number corresponding to the one used on the exhibit list must also be submitted. Though we understand that the local offices of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce at Chicago, Ill., Los Angeles, Calif., and San Antonio, Texas are to also handle these licenses, we do not know if any offices are as yet actually staffed to do so other than that of; Lt. Howard C. Boerner, Board of Economic Warfare, 500 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y., and the Technical Data License Division, Board of Economic Warfare, Washington D.C.

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Several changes have been made in the Air Mail Service to and from Brazil, including the inauguration of a new stop at Fortaleza.

Service changes have also been made under the following headings: Guadeloupe, Guiana(Br.), Guiana(Fr.), Haiti, Surinam, Virgin Islands, and the Leeward and Windward Islands.

Burwash Landing, Yukon Territory and Tanacross, Alaska have been added as Alaskan Service stops.

Thru the extension of the present daily air mail service between Miami, Fla., and Lima, Peru to as far as Buenos Aires, effective September 1, 1942, a daily service is now provided for the West Coast of South America. This improvement also opens a new trans-Andine route with plans crossing the mountains on a line between Antofagasta, Chile and Salta, Argentina.

On September 10, 1942 the last remaining Seaplane Service between Miami and Buenos Aires is to be replaced by faster land plane equipment.

Under General Permit F, recently inaugurated, mail shipments addressed to British Honduras, Guatemala, the Republic of Honduras, and El Salvador, are no longer subject to the restrictions of Post Office Department Order No. 17471 of April 20, 1942 limiting parcels or packages of any class of mail, including air mail, addressed for delivery outside the continental United States, excepting Canada and Mexico, by or on behalf of the same person or concern to or for the same addressee, to one a week and to 11 pounds in weight, and to 18 inches in length, or 42 inches in length and girth combined. Previous exemptions to Order No. 17471, are General Permit A, covering Military and Naval shipments; Permit B, covering certain Second-Class Matter; Permit C, shipments to Civilians in Newfoundland and Greenland; Permit D, shipments to Switzerland; and Permit E, covering the shipment of Books and Second-Class Matter ordered by the War or Navy Department. Bulletins covering these regulations will be furnished our Subscribers upon request.

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Due to the fact that the volume of Air Mail now being received for transmission to certain points outside the continental United States is greatly exceeding the facilities that can be made available for that purpose it has become necessary to materially reduce the weight of individual pieces of air mail so that the transportation by air of the greatest possible number of letters to those areas may be assured.

The existing military demands upon air-transportation facilities for strategic cargo and for personnel essential to the war effort have made necessary the immediate establishment of the following order of preference in the loading of mail on aircraft destined for restricted areas:

First—Official air mail; Second—V-Mail; Third—To the extent space is available, other letter mail weighing not in excess of two ounces per letter.

Until further notice, therefore, only letters in their usual and ordinary form weighing not in excess of two ounces and coming

within the third category will be accepted as air mail for transmission to foreign countries and to overseas Navy post offices and A.P.O.'s. The quantities of air mail coming within the third category that can be given air dispatch to the restricted areas cannot be accurately predicted, and such matter may have to be transported by surface means.

Packages of merchandise, prints, etc. (except official packages) will not be carried by air from the United States.

The foregoing restrictions apply to air mail for all points outside the limits of the continental United States except that for the time being they will not apply to Mexico, Central America and South America, the West Indies, and other islands within the Caribbean area, Alaska, and Newfoundland.

Changes have been made in the air mail service and incorporated in this issue between the United States and points in: Bolivia, Brazil, Guadeloupe, British and French Guiana, Haiti, Leeward Islands, Surinam and the Virgin Islands.

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The "West Indies Venezuela Flyer" of the Pan American Airways, formerly operating between Miami and Maracaibo, Venezuela with stops at Antilla, Cuba and Port au Prince, Haiti, on Tuesdays and Saturdays and returning on Wednesdays and Saturdays, now operates on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and returning on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays with the Cuban stop changed to Camaguey, an additional stop made at Trujillo, Dominican Republic, and the Venezuela terminal point changed to La Guaira instead of Maracaibo.

Thru an amendment to Section 511, paragraph 3½ of the Postal Laws and Regulations the special rate of 6 cents per ½-ounce for air mail to and from the personnel of the United States armed forces stationed outside of the continental United States has been extended to apply to airmail sent to and from contractors and civilian employees receiving mail through Army or Navy Post Offices outside the continental United States, including transportation of the mail to and from air-mail routes. Such mail must show either the Army or Navy post office in the return card or address as the case may be.

SPECIAL FOREIGN AIR MAIL RATE ON MAIL SENT THROUGH ARMY AND NAVY POST OFFICES

A special rate of postage has been established, of 6 cents per ½-ounce for air mail to and from the personnel of the United States armed forces and to and from contractors and civilian employees receiving mail through Army or Navy Post Offices stationed outside of the continental United States, and applies to all air mail sent to or by such when deposited at any place where the United States mail service is in operation addressed to any other place where the United States mail service is in operation. This change does not affect the lower 6 cents per ounce air mail rate

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All Foreign Air Mail closing days are shown in this Guide as one day earlier than the departure day scheduled from the United States at International Airports; New York, Miami, Brownsville and San Francisco. Likewise, days of inbound mail arrival in principal United States cities are shown as one day later than the days of arrival at the above International Airports.

Planes carrying air mail from the United States for Latin American destinations listed in Part 1, leave either Miami, Fla., or Brownsville,

Under General Permit G, recently inaugurated, mail shipments addressed to Nicaragua, are no longer subject to the restrictions of Post Office Department Order No. 17471 of April, 20, 1942 limiting parcels or packages of any class of mail, including air mail, addressed for delivery outside the continental United States, excepting Canada and Mexico, by or on behalf of the same person or concern to or for the same addressee, to one a week and to 11 pounds in weight, and to 18 inches in length, or 42 inches in length and girth combined. Previous exemptions to Order No. 17471, are General Permit A, covering Military and Naval shipments; Permit B, covering certain Second-Class Matter; Permit C, shipments to Civilians in Newfoundland and Greenland; Permit D, shipments to Switzerland; Permit E, covering the shipment of Books and Second-Class Matter ordered by the War or Navy Department and Permit F, shipments to British Honduras, Guatemala, the Republic of Honduras, and El Salvador. Bulletins covering these regulations will be furnished our Subscribers upon request.

applicable to any point previously, including Alaska. As this special rate does not apply to mail of civilians stationed at these points outside the continental United States, in order that mail entitled to the special rate may be recognized, the address or return card, as the case may be, must show the rank of the individual and the military or naval unit to which he is assigned and in the case of mail sent by or to contractors and civilians must show in the return card or address either the Army or Navy post office through which the mail is sent or received.

Texas.—Planes carrying air mail for all destinations listed in Part 2, leave either New York or Miami via the trans-Atlantic routes, or from San Francisco via the trans-Pacific, as indicated.

The air mail closing days at the principal United States Cities, for all destinations that can presently be shown, are found in the third column. —For the actual closing time in your particular city for the corresponding days, consult your local Post Office.

At least one day extra should be allowed for outgoing censorship.

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As up to the time we go to press (Nov. 24), air mail is still being accepted for the points which may be affected as a result of the invasion of North Africa no changes in this respect have been made in this issue.

Though the effective date has not as yet been announced, in December, the Pan American Airways will inaugurate four additional round trip flights between Miami, Fla., and San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, with intermediate stops at Camaguey, Cuba, Port-au-Prince, Haiti and Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic. This will make a total of 15 round trips a week between Miami and San Juan.

Air Mail Service between Belem, Brazil and Buenos Aires, Argentina which overnights at Recife, Brazil and Rio de Janeiro, will overnight only at San Salvador (Bahia), Brazil, thus cutting down the time between Miami and Buenos Aires via the coast route to $3\frac{1}{4}$ days, the same as the time made by those flights

going via the Barreiras cut-off.

On the north-bound flight a full day will be cut off the flight time between Buenos Aires and Miami on four days a week, by having the planes fly from Belem to Miami in one day (over 3000 miles), instead of in two days as previously.

The Department states that a large volume of air mail prepaid at the rate of 6 cents an ounce instead of 6 cents a half ounce, is being dispatched from post offices in the continental United States addressed to the personnel of the armed forces overseas. It should be remembered that air mail addressed to a member of the armed forces in care of the postmaster at New York, N. Y., San Francisco, Calif., New Orleans, La., Miami, Fla., or Presque Isle, Maine, should be prepaid at the rate of 6 cents for each half ounce, while, air mail addressed to a member of the armed forces in care of the postmaster at Seattle, Wash., should be prepaid at the rate of 6 cents an ounce.

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Effective until further notice, the mail service (both surface and air) to Continental France, Corsica, and Monaco has been suspended.

Since the islands of Madagascar and Reunion are now under Allied control, direct air mail service via the South Atlantic and South Africa is now available at the postage rate of .60 per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce, instead of only as far as Lisbon and thence by surface means at .30 per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce as formerly. For the same reason air mail to Libya, previously suspended, may now be sent via the South Atlantic and South African route at the rate of .70 per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.

Air Mail Service to Nassau, Bahamas is now daily.

Due to difficulties in maintaining supplies, particularly at distant points, postage stamps are not always available for use by members of our armed forces. Therefore, in order to avoid necessary delay, the Department has now provided that air mail letters sent by such soldiers, sailors, and marines located in the United States or any of its possessions or other places where

United States domestic mail service is in operation, addressed to places in the United States or any of its possessions, when indorsed "Soldier's Letter," "Sailor's Letter," or "Marine's letter" and signed thereunder either with facsimile hand-stamp or in writing with his official destination, by a field or staff officer, base or detachment commander, to whose command the soldier belongs, or by a surgeon or chaplain at a hospital where he may be; and in the Navy and Marine service by any commissioned officer attached to the vessel or officer commanding a hospital or detachment ashore will, under the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2, section 515, Postal Laws and Regulations, be dispatched to destination without prepayment of postage and only the single air mail rate of postage of 6 cents for each ounce or 6 cents for each half ounce, according to origin, will be collected on delivery. It is, of course, desirable where postage stamps are available, that postage be fully prepaid on air mail in view of the additional work and delay caused by the collection of postage due on delivery of such matter.

SPECIAL FOREIGN AIR MAIL RATE ON MAIL SENT THROUGH ARMY AND NAVY POST OFFICES

A special rate of postage has been established, of 6 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ -ounce for air mail to and from the personnel of the United States armed forces and to and from contractors and civilian employees receiving mail through Army or Navy Post Offices stationed outside of the continental United States, and applies to all air mail sent to or by such when deposited at any place where the United States mail service is in operation addressed to any other place where the United States mail service is in operation. This change does not affect the lower 6 cents per ounce air mail rate

applicable to any point previously, including Alaska. As this special rate does not apply to mail of civilians stationed at these points outside the continental United States, in order that mail entitled to the special rate may be recognized, the address or return card, as the case may be, must show the rank of the individual and the military or naval unit to which he is assigned and in the case of mail sent by or to contractors and civilians must show in the return card or address either the Army or Navy post office through which the mail is sent or received.

FOREIGN AIR MAIL CLOSING TIME

All Foreign Air Mail closing days are shown in this Guide as one day earlier than the departure day scheduled from the United States at International Airports; New York, Miami, Brownsville and San Francisco.—Likewise, days of inbound mail arrival in principal United States cities are shown as one day later than the days of arrival at the above International Airports.

Planes carrying air mail from the United States for Latin American destinations listed in Part I, leave either Miami, Fla., or Brownsville,

Texas.—Planes carrying air mail for all destinations listed in Part 2, leave either New York or Miami via the trans-Atlantic routes, or from San Francisco via the trans-Pacific, as indicated.

The air mail closing days at the principal United States Cities, for all destinations that can presently be shown, are found in the third column.—For the actual closing time in your particular city for the corresponding days, consult your local Post Office.

At least one day extra should be allowed for outgoing censorship.

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Latest information in regard to mail addressed to Switzerland, is that it is still being held-up pending arrangements for its entry into that Country. This is also the case with mail addressed for Vatican City State which previous to the invasion of North Africa was being routed via Switzerland.

The Pan American Airways has increased their service from 3 to 4 times weekly on the route between Miami and Barranquilla, Colombia with stops at Cienfuegos, Cuba and Kingston, Jamaica. The additional flight is made from Miami on Tuesdays with the additional return flight being made on Wednesdays.

A daily service is now provided to Port au Prince, Haiti thru the addition of a daily local land plane service between Miami and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Under an agreement by the Post Office Department, the War

Department, War Shipping Administration, and the Navy Department, mail service has been extended to members of the crews of the United States merchant vessels and the vessels of the Army Transport Service. The service is confined to ordinary mail of all classes subject to existing regulations governing the ordinary mail for members of armed forces stationed outside the continental United States. No insured, c. o. d., or registered mail and no V-mail will be accepted, nor will money-order service be included in this arrangement. This service is conducted on a domestic basis and the domestic rates of postage apply, though the rate for air mail is 6-cents for each half ounce. The restrictions of Order No. 17471, as to size and the 11-pound limit of weight for surface mail as well as the 2-ounce limit of weight for air-mail letters also apply.

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Thru the inauguration of Tuesday flights between Quito, Ecuador and Ipiales, Colombia as an extension of the shuttle service between Guayaquil, Ecuador and Quito, operated by Panagra, weekly service is now available to Ipiales, Colombia via this line and the Pan American Airways service to Balboa. Service is also available to Ipiales, Colombia via Cali, Colombia and the Colombian Domestic service twice weekly. Both services are indicated in this issue.

Air mail service to and from Nassau, Bahamas has been changed from daily to daily except Sundays and Wednesdays.

By use of recently installed safety devices the first lap, between Miami and the Canal Zone, of an International lighted highway linking the United States and Latin America was inaugurated by the Pan American Airways on February 15, 1943.

The Navy Department has requested, in order to expedite the handling of mail for personnel of the naval forces of the United States, including the Marines and the Coast Guard, who are overseas, that the matter be addressed to the Fleet Post Office

through which it is handled, such as "c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif." or "c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, N. Y.," instead of "c/o Postmaster" at these offices as formerly.

When the addressee is assigned to a shore station within the continental United States, his mail should be addressed to such place, for example, "Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif.," without including the term "c/o Fleet Post Office" or "c/o Postmaster."

The Post Office Department states some misunderstanding appears to exist as to the rate of postage chargeable on air mail addressed to members of our naval forces. When such matter is addressed in care of a "Fleet Post Office" or in care of the postmaster at New York or San Francisco it may be assumed that the addressee is overseas and, therefore, postage at the rate of 6 cents for each half ounce or fraction of a half ounce is applicable; if the air mail is addressed to naval personnel within the continental United States, it is subject to postage at the rate of 6 cents for each oz. or fraction thereof.

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Several changes have been made, effective March 31, 1943, in the air mail service to and from Alaska. Direct service has been resumed between Seattle, Wash. and Juneau, Alaska on the route to Fairbanks. The formerly daily service on this route, with stops at Juneau, Alaska, Whitehorse and Burwash Landing, Yukon Territory and Tanacross, Alaska has been reduced to twice weekly. The flights are now made leaving Seattle 8:15 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays and arriving Fairbanks, Alaska at 6:35 p.m. The return flights are made on Thursdays and Saturdays, leaving Fairbanks at 5:30 a.m. and arriving at Seattle 7:50 p.m.

The connecting flights between Fairbanks and Nome have been correspondingly reduced to twice weekly with the intervening stops changed to Tanana, and Galena, and a new stop now made at Moses Point, Alaska.

The flight between Fairbanks and Bethel, Alaska is now made on Fridays instead of Tuesdays. Changes have also been made in the stops on this flight as indicated in this issue and attention

is called to the two new stops at Lake Minchumina and at Aniak.

The Post-Office Department states that an increasing volume of air mail addressed to the Canal Zone and subject to postage at the rate of 15 cents for each half ounce is being received there from the continental United States prepaid only at the rate of 6 cents per half ounce, which rate applies only to air mail sent to members of our armed forces and contractors and civilian employees receiving their mail through Army or Navy post offices outside the continental United States.

The attention of mailers is therefore called to the fact that air mail addressed to persons in the Canal Zone who are not members of the armed forces or contractors or civilian employees receiving their mail through Army or Navy post offices is chargeable with postage at the rate of 15 cents for each half ounce. Although such matter bearing insufficient postage but prepaid at least 15 cents may be rated with the deficiency and dispatched, the collection of the deficiency from the addressees frequently causes complaint.

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All mail addressed to Switzerland which though accepted was held-up in this country for months, as reported in our February issue, is being returned to senders and no more will be accepted until further notice. There is an exception in the case of prisoners-of-war mail and certain Red Cross welfare messages which is still being accepted and will be given dispatch and the Swiss authorities have made arrangements for the sending of certain unregistered mail from Switzerland to the United States.

Mail addressed to Vatican City State, however, which at one time was being routed via Switzerland is now going thru.

Permission of the Civil Aeronautics Administration has been granted for the operation of a new route by the Pan American Airways System, to Central and South America via New Orleans and Merida, Mexico. This new route will be inaugurated as

soon as final technical arrangements have been completed probably about the middle of this month. This route will be found indicated as one of the projected services on our map and a glance will show that by its location in relation to some of the main domestic feeder airlines, service between many points in the United States to our Southern neighbors will be expedited.

By the inauguration of land plane service to Cayenne (Gallion Airport), French Guiana air mail service to and from French Guiana is now daily instead of weekly.

The civilian air mail service from Georgetown, British Guiana has been changed to depart from Georgetown on Mondays instead of Tuesdays and due to arrive at principal U. S. Cities on Wednesdays instead of Thursdays.

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The Post Office Department has just issued a notice to Postmasters under the heading "Mail and Parcel Post for Certain British and Associated Forces" and while only part of this notice has reference to the special air mail rate involved, for the sake of clarity we quote it in full text as follows:

"Mail articles and parcel-post packages for members of the British Armed Forces, Polish Armed Forces, etc., in the Middle East, in East Africa, in West Africa, and separately in Iran and Iraq, shall be accepted for mailing when addressed with the usual unit particulars, that is, with the name of the Division or Regiment followed by a designation such as "Middle East Force," "East African Force," "Paiforce," etc. While the above manner of address was designed to cover mailings primarily in Great Britain, it is understood that some such articles are being posted in the United States. Articles with addresses indicated

above (which do not show the specific place of destination) shall be accepted and forwarded to the Postmaster at New York for dispatch to destination.

"Surface mails and parcels addressed as indicated above are subject to the postage rates and other conditions applicable to Great Britain and Northern Ireland, except that parcel post packages (which are limited to 5 pounds maximum weight) may not be insured.

"The following rates are fixed for air-mail articles which do not include the name of a country in the address: West African Force, 50 cents per half-ounce; East African Force, 60 cents per half-ounce; Middle East Force (except V-mail) and Paiforce, 70 cents per half-ounce. When the name of the country of destination forms a part of the address, the air-mail rate applicable to the country concerned will apply."

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The new service, operated by Pan American Airways, from New Orleans to Balboa, Canal Zone, with stops at Merida, Mexico, Guatemala, and Managua, Nicaragua is now in operation.

Outbound flights are made from New Orleans on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Fridays at 1:50 a.m.; arriving Merida Mexico 4:30 a.m.; Guatemala, 7:25 a.m.; Managua, Nicaragua, 9:50 a.m.; and Balboa, 2:40 p.m. The incoming flights are made on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, leaving Balboa 8:30 a.m.; arriving Managua, Nicaragua, 10:35 a.m.; Guatemala, 12:45 p.m.; Merida, Mexico, 3:35 p.m.; and New Orleans, 8:25 p.m. It will be noted that thru this new service Nicaragua can now be reached without an overnight stop-over.

The Post Office Department has announced that arrangements

have been made to extend the V-Mail Service to correspondence between persons in the United States and members of the British Forces in Persia and Iraq. Such letters are to be addressed "PAIFORCE" which is used to identify this area, and will be routed via New York, N. Y. V-Mail letters addressed "PAIFORCE" are subject to postage at the domestic rates, that is, 3 cents for ordinary mail and 6 cents if air mail is desired. It should be noted that the 6 cents air mail rate (to port of embarkation) is for V-Mail only and is not to be confused with the rate for regular air mail addressed "PAIFORCE" and destined for the British Armed Forces, Polish Armed Forces, etc., in Iran and Iraq mentioned in these notes in our June 1943 issue which is 70 cents per half-ounce.

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According to a recent Post Office Department notice, letter mails for unoccupied China will be accepted for dispatch to India by surface means and thence onward to destination by air, when prepaid at the rate of 30 cents per half-ounce in addition to the ordinary postage. Such letters should bear the "By Air Mail/Par Avion" label and be marked "From India."

Also as a temporary measure, registered letter packages containing admissible medicines and prepaid at the above mentioned rate will be accepted. The paper form of customs declaration (Form 2976-A) and the green customs label (Form 2976) should be used for articles liable to customs duty.

The situation in reference to civilian air mail for Australia, and the intermediate points, Fiji Islands, New Caledonia, and New Zealand we believe has changed sufficiently to warrant

our using the special indication "Occasional" meaning, at irregular intervals, to designate the present service to and from these points. While of course civilian air mail to all points designated as "Operating" in this Guide is subject to the wartime restriction of available space, as previously announced in these notes, it seems that there is a greater degree of space restriction to and from the points above mentioned.

Air mail transit time to Valle Grande, Bolivia has been shortened by two days. The arrival day now being Saturday instead of Monday. A change has also been made on the return trip. The departure day from Valle Grande now being Saturday instead of Monday and the arrival day for principal U. S. Cities Wednesday instead of Saturday thus making one day less for the return trip.

September 1943

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Effective September 1, the new service operated by the Pan American Airways from New Orleans to Balboa, Canal Zone with stops at Merida, Mexico, Guatemala, and Managua, Nicaragua will be increased from 3 to 5 flights weekly.

Outbound flights will then be made from New Orleans on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and the incoming flights on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays.

While the schedule for all 5 flights remains the same from New Orleans to Guatemala namely, leaving New Orleans 1:50 a.m.; arriving Merida 4:30 a.m. and Guatemala 7:25 a.m., the Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday flights will leave Guatemala at 10:10 a.m. arrive Managua 12:25 a.m. and Balboa 5:10 p.m. and only the Saturday flight will retain the former schedule and leave Guatemala 7:45 a.m. arriving Managua 9:50

a.m.; and Balboa at 2:40 p.m.

The return Sunday flights will keep to the former schedule leaving Balboa 8:30 a.m.; arriving Managua 10:35 a.m.; Guatemala 12:45 a.m.; Merida 3:35 p.m. and New Orleans 8:25 p.m. but the Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday return flights will be changed to leave Balboa 5:10 a.m.; arrive Managua 7:20 a.m.; Guatemala 9:50 a.m.; Merida 1:30 p.m. and New Orleans at 6:20 p.m.

The London Office of the Pan American Airways System advises that the British Overseas Airways Corporation has announced that a new route has been established between London and Moscow, via North Africa, Cairo, Habbaniyah (Iraq), Pahlevi (Persia), Astrakhan, and Kuibeshev. The trip from United Kingdom is said to take three and a half days and to include a 24-hour stop in Cairo.

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Due to unusually heavy rains and damage to the airport the former daily Douglas Land Plane service to and from Cayenne, French Guiana has been temporarily suspended and service to and from this point has been reduced to once weekly. Outbound planes leave Miami at 6:00 a.m. on Mondays and arrive Cayenne at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. The return trips leave Cayenne at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, arriving Miami 4:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

Service to Sao Paulo, Brazil has been increased from weekly to four days a week.

Civilian air mail service to and from Georgetown, British Guiana has been increased from weekly to twice weekly. Planes leave Miami 6:00 a.m. on Mondays arriving Georgetown 8:35 a.m. Tuesdays and leave Miami at 7:30 a.m. on Fridays arriving Georgetown 2:45 p.m. Saturdays. The return trips are made on

Sundays and Wednesdays from Georgetown, arriving Miami on Mondays and Thursdays respectively.

Service to Puerto Suarez, Bolivia has been reduced from twice weekly to weekly though the return trip service remains twice weekly.

Changes have also been made in the service to Guadeloupe, to the Leeward Islands, to Martinique, and to both the U. S. and British Virgin Islands as incorporated in this issue.

While all mail addressed to Switzerland, with the exception of prisoners-of-war mail and certain Red Cross welfare messages, has been suspended as already mentioned in our last February and May issues it is to be noted that there is still mail service from Switzerland to the United States including air mail though we understand the latter is somewhat irregular at present.

November 1943

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Repairs to the airport having been completed, daily Douglas Land Plane service has been resumed to and from Cayenne, French Guiana.

The Post Office Department states that reports continue to be received that many patrons are still mailing at the rate of 6 cents for each half ounce or fraction thereof airmail letters addressed to members of our armed forces and contractors and civilian employees who receive their mail through an A. P. O. or Fleet Post Office, which show as part of the address a geographic location outside the continental United States, although it has been distinctly stated that "air mail to or from members of the armed forces overseas which shows as a part of the address or return card a geographic location outside the continental United States, instead of A. P. O.'s or designated Fleet Post Offices at ports of embarkation, will be subject to the regular air-mail rate applicable to or from such location."

The War Department advises, however, that in the case of mail addressed to military personnel stationed at well-known overseas head-

quarters it will be permissible to use general (but not specific) geographic locations and A. P. O. numbers as, for instance:

Commanding General,
Trinidad Sector and Base Command
A. P. O. 868, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Maj. Edward H. Roe (0-320000),
Special Services Officer,
Headquarters, U. S. Army Forces
in the Middle East,

All postmasters have been requested to look into the practices at their offices in this respect and see that air mail for the persons referred to bearing a geographic location as part of the address, except that addressed for certain British and associated armed forces, and not fully prepaid at the airmail rate of postage applicable to such place is returned to the senders when known; otherwise, the words "air mail" be obliterated and the letters dispatched as ordinary mail.

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Air mail service between Seattle, Washington and Fairbanks, Alaska, with the intermediate stops at Juneau, Alaska, Whitehorse, and Burwash Landing, Yukon Territory and Tanacross, Alaska, has been increased from twice weekly to daily.

A number of changes have been made in the service to and from points in Argentina, Bolivia, and Chile, including an increase in service from four days weekly to five days weekly to and from Mendoza, Argentina and Santiago, Chile.

Pan American Airways has applied to the Civil Aeronautics for eight changes in its Western Hemisphere routes to provide more direct and high-speed express service. It has also asked to fly into Houston, Texas.

The changes would provide a more direct course between the Canal Zone and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; inclusion of Cuba on its Miami-Canal Zone route; a service between Mexico City and

New Orleans, and extension of its present Brownsville-Mexico City route to Houston, Texas, though no local traffic between Brownsville and Houston would be carried. Pan American has also asked authorization for service between New Orleans and Havana, and between Merida, Mexico and Houston.

Most mailers know that parcel post to the Yukon Territory over the White Horse-Dawson route during the winter season (October 1st, to May 31st) is restricted to merchandise for post offices at Carcross, White Horse and Champagne. We find, however, that many are not aware that during this season there is a weekly air stage service (each way) in operation between White Horse and Dawson via Carmacks, Fort Selkirk, and Mayo Landing, Yukon. Parcel post is conveyed over this air stage service to and from these post offices at the air-parcel rate of 30 cents for the first pound plus 25 cents for each additional pound thereafter up to 15 pounds.

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On the Service to Argentina, the following changes have been made: the flight to Mendoza formerly leaving Miami on Thursdays now leaves on Fridays with the arrival day changed from Sunday to Monday and on the return trip the former Wednesday departure from Mendoza has been changed to Sundays with the former due arrival in principal U. S. Cities correspondingly changed from Sunday to Thursday; changes have also been made in the departures from Miami for Salta and Tucuman which are now on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays with the arrivals now on Thursdays, Saturdays, and Mondays for Salta and Fridays, Sundays, and Tuesdays for Tucuman.

On the Service to Bolivia, an extra flight has been added to and from La Paz, Oruro, and Cochabamba. Miami departures to La Paz and Oruro now being on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays with arrivals on Wednesdays, Thurs-

days, Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays, respectively, with the return departures on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays and the due arrivals in principal U. S. Cities being respectively on Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. The extra departure for Cochabamba leaves Miami on Mondays arriving Wednesdays and on the return trip the extra departure is on Fridays due principal U. S. Cities on Mondays. Also, the former Friday departure for Uyuni now leaves Miami on Thursdays and the Monday return trip has been changed to Thursdays with arrival in principal U. S. Cities now on Sundays. An extra return trip from Puerto Suarez has also been added leaving on Thursdays and due in principal U. S. Cities on Mondays.

To Chile, the former Thursday departure from Miami for Arica, Antofagasta and Santiago has been changed to Fridays with the former Thursday return trip changed to Mondays.

SPECIAL FOREIGN AIR MAIL RATE ON MAIL SENT THROUGH ARMY AND NAVY POST OFFICES

A special rate of postage has been established, of 6 cents per ½-ounce for air mail to and from the personnel of the United States armed forces and to and from contractors and civilian employees receiving mail through Army or Navy Post Offices stationed outside of the continental United States, and applies to all air mail sent to or by such when deposited at any place where the United States mail service is in operation addressed to any other place where the United States mail service is in operation. This change does not affect the lower 6 cents per ounce air mail rate

applicable to any point previously, including Alaska. As this special rate does not apply to mail of civilians stationed at these points outside the continental United States, in order that mail entitled to the special rate may be recognized, the address or return card, as the case may be, must show the rank of the individual and the military or naval unit to which he is assigned and in the case of mail sent by or to contractors and civilians must show in the return card or address either the Army or Navy post office through which the mail is sent or received.

FOREIGN AIR MAIL CLOSING TIME

All Foreign Air Mail closing days are shown in this Guide as one day earlier than the departure day scheduled from the United States at International Airports; New York, Miami, Brownsville and San Francisco.—Likewise, days of inbound mail arrival in principal United States cities are shown as one day later than the days of arrival at the above International Airports.

Planes carrying air mail from the United States for Latin American destinations listed in Part 1, leave either Miami, Fla., Brownsville,

Texas, or New Orleans, La.—Planes carrying air mail for all destinations listed in Part 2, leave either New York or Miami via the trans-Atlantic routes, or from San Francisco via the trans-Pacific, as indicated.

The air mail closing days at the principal United States Cities, for all destinations that can presently be shown, are found in the third column.

—For the actual closing time in your particular city for the corresponding days, consult your local Post Office.

At least one day extra should be allowed for outgoing censorship.

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The Pan American Airways has supplemented its service between Miami, Florida and Belem, Paraguay by the addition of a new Mail and Cargo only service with intermediate stops at Antilla, Cuba; Port-au-Prince, Haiti; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Port of Spain, Trinidad; Georgetown, British Guiana; and Paramaribo, Surinam. Departures from Miami are on Saturdays and on the return trip from Belem on Tuesdays.

The Post Office Department wishes publicity given to the fact that letters for prisoners of war in Europe may be sent by air mail when prepaid at the rate of 30 cents for each half ounce or fraction (except letters for Italy, for which air mail service is not available at this time.)

It is evident from reports recently received that the Order of the Postmaster General (No. 19008) issued in October 1942, pro-

viding for the inspection of all air mail parcels is being misinterpreted by many postal employees.

The purpose of this Order was to make sure that no inflammable, explosive, or other unmailable matter was enclosed and "letters in their ordinary and usual form, and official mail" were specifically exempted from such inspection. Also, in supplementary instructions (Order No. 19126), effective November 6, 1942, the Department stated that the term letters in their "ordinary and usual form" may be construed to include matter in large envelopes or flats, as, for example, envelopes 12 by 9 inches, etc., obviously containing only written or printed matter and under certain stated conditions even parcels were exempted from the inspection Order. We suggest that any of our Subscribers having trouble in this regard refer the postal employee to the instructions mentioned above.

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The Pan American Airways has just inaugurated service to and from Curacao, Netherlands West Indies on the route between Miami and La Guaira, Venezuela, thus, bettering by one day the former service to this point. The intermediate stops to Curacao are Camaguey, Cuba; Port au Prince, Haiti; and Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic. Departures from Miami are at 6:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, arriving at Curacao 3:40 p.m. The return trips are made on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, departing Curacao, 7:55 a.m. and arriving Miami 5:30 p.m.

The Post Office Department has announced that advice from Germany through Swiss intermediary channels states that, effective March 1, 1944, mail addressed to American prisoners of war (including interned "civilians") held in certain prison camps under German control will not be delivered to the addressee if it bears endorsements or slogans intended to promote our war effort. Further, that such mail will be condemned without the addressee prisoners being advised. These endorsements include such as "V

for Victory," "Win the War," and other of like character including postoffice cancellations reading "Buy U. S. Savings Bonds Ask Your Postmaster," "Buy War Savings Stamps and Bonds," as well as postage stamps having patriotic themes as "Win the War" and "For Defense." This is further confirmed through information sent the American Red Cross from representatives in Switzerland.

In order to prevent such mail being inadvertently slogan postmarked the Department has instructed that, unless it is handed to post office clerks at service windows, it must be placed by the sender in an outer unsealed envelope (which will require no postage) simply addressed "Postmaster—Prisoner of War Mail", or words of similar import, before mailing.

Since postage on letters and postal cards sent by air mail to prisoners of war held in Germany must be prepaid, particular care should be exercised to see that postage stamps containing slogans or patriotic themes are not used.

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Air mail service has been resumed to Corsica at the rate of 33 cents per half ounce as incorporated in this issue. Air mail to Corsica is subject to the limitation of letters in their usual and ordinary form weighing not in excess of 2 ounces.

In connection with the increase in the Domestic air mail rate from 6 cents to 8 cents per ounce which became effective March 26, 1944 and which, of course, includes mail addressed to foreign countries where transmission by air in the United States only is involved, the Department has ruled that this increase is applicable to air mail addressed to Canada and Alaska to which points the former 6 cents per ounce rate applied.

The only other air mail rate change involved in the new postal rates is that for air mail sent to or by members of our armed forces whose address is an A.P.O. or Fleet Post Office, care of Postmaster, Seattle, Wash. or A.P.O. care of Postmaster, Minneapolis, Minn., which, though considered as and subject to the restrictions of mail addressed for delivery outside of the conti-

ental United States as is mail addressed in care of Postmaster at New York, N. Y., San Francisco, Calif., New Orleans, La. Miami, Fla., and Presque Isle, Me., the former 6 cents per ounce domestic air mail rate applied.

Under the new regulations, air mail addressed to the two formerly excepted A.P.O.'s. above mentioned will require postage at the rate of 6 cents per half ounce the same as for air mail addressed to the other A.P.O.'s. above mentioned the air mail rate for which has not been changed.

The Pan American Airways has increased the frequencies on the route between Miami and La Guaira, Venezuela from thrice weekly to six times weekly. As a result, their air mail schedules from principal U. S. cities, for the next day service to La Guaira and the newly inaugurated direct service to Curacao, Netherlands West Indies announced in our last issue, are now daily except Saturdays and on the return trips the departures are daily except Mondays.

SPECIAL FOREIGN AIR MAIL RATE ON MAIL SENT THROUGH ARMY AND NAVY POST OFFICES

A special rate of postage has been established, of 6 cents per 1/2-ounce for air mail to and from the personnel of the United States armed forces and to and from contractors and civilian employees receiving mail through Army or Navy Post Offices stationed outside of the continental United States, and applies to all air mail sent to or by such when deposited at any place where the United States mail service is in operation addressed to any other place where the United States mail service is in operation.

As this special rate does not apply to all civilians stationed at these points outside the continental United States, in order that mail entitled to the special rate may be recognized, the address or return card, as the case may be, must show the rank of the individual and the military or naval unit to which he is assigned and in the case of mail sent by or to contractors and civilians must show in the return card or address either the Army or Navy post office through which the mail is sent or received.

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The Air Mail frequencies between Miami, Florida and Nassau, Bahamas have been increased to 6 times weekly. Planes now leave Miami daily, except Sunday, at 11:55 A.M. arriving Nassau at 1:15 P.M. The return trips are also daily except Sunday, leaving Nassau 1:40 P.M. and arriving Miami 2:50 P.M.

The Pan American Airways has again increased its service on the route between Miami, Fla. and La Guaira, Venezuela. Planes now leave Miami daily at 6:30 A.M. and arrive La Guaira at 5:10 P.M. of the same day with stops at Camaguey, Cuba; Port au Prince, Haiti; Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic; and the newly inaugurated stop at Curacao, Netherlands West Indies.

Also, incorporated in this issue will be found changes in service to and from Guadeloupe, British Guiana; Leeward Islands (both military and civilian); Martinique, and the Virgin Islands; as well as an increase in the military service from St. Lucia, Windward Islands from the former 4 times weekly to daily.

The Post Office Department states that there has been a tremendous increase in the use of both air mail stamps and stamped envelopes during the past 2 years. While issuance of air mail stamps in the fiscal year 1942 were 252,000,000 it is estimated that well over 1,000,000,000 air-mail stamps will be issued to postmasters during the fiscal year 1944 and it is estimated that the 33,000,000 air-mail stamped envelopes issued in 1942 will jump to well over 400,000,000 for 1944.

Though the Department is experiencing no difficulty in supplying air-mail stamps, due to limited manufacturing facilities at their envelope plant it has been barely possible to supply the needs of the armed forces for air-mail stamped envelopes. Since our armed forces are scattered to all parts of the globe, where envelopes are not available, mailers are urged to use adhesive air-mail stamps so that all of the air-mail stamped envelopes may be available for the use of the boys in the armed forces.

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V-Mail Extended to British Forces in North Africa and Italy

Arrangements have been made to extend the V-Mail Service to correspondence between persons residing within the U. S. and members of the British Forces in North Africa and Italy. Such letters are to be marked "British North African Force" or "Central Mediterranean Force" or bear the initials "B. N. A. F.", or "C. M. F.," and should be routed to New York, N. Y. If air-mail service within the continental U. S. is desired postage is 8c.

V-Mail Extended to Australian Personnel in U. S. or U. S. Waters

Arrangements have also been made to extend V-Mail Service to correspondence between Australia and Australian personnel in the U. S. or in U. S. waters. Under this arrangement V-Mail letters sent by Australian service personnel in the U. S. or its possessions should bear on the outside the name of the addressee and be addressed "c/o The Canadian Airgraph Service, Toronto, Canada," no reference to the Australian address being made, while the complete Australian address should be shown in the

address panel at the top of the message with no reference to Canada. Postage is 3c or for via air mail to Canada 8c.

New Air Mail Letter Cards for Prisoners of War

For exclusive use in sending letters by air mail to prisoners of war and detained or interned civilians in enemy and enemy-occupied countries, there has been made available a special, standard, uniform, and distinctive air-mail letter card, which is a combination letter and envelope. The size of the card is 5½ by 13½ inches and it is constructed in such a way as to provide for folding into a uniform and distinctively marked unsealed envelope. The air-mail rate for these new air-mail letter cards is the same as the new special air-mail rate for letters and post cards addressed to American prisoners of war, or American civilians who are detained or interned in enemy-occupied countries, namely, 6 cents per half ounce or fraction. At present the only through air-mail service available for prisoners-of-war mail is to prisoners in Europe.

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Resumption of Service to Montevideo, Uruguay

Direct air mail service is now available to Uruguay through the resumption of the Pan American Airways' stop at Montevideo. The planes depart from Miami at 5:50 A.M. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays arriving Montevideo on Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Wednesday, respectively. The return service departs from Montevideo at 7:10 A.M. on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, arriving at Miami 7:40 P.M. Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays, respectively.

Service to Ipiales, Colombia

Air Mail Service to and from Ipiales, Colombia, is now twice weekly as indicated in this issue.

New Air Mail Service Within the United States for Incoming V-Mail Letters

Arrangements have been made whereby V-Mail letters sent by

members of the armed forces overseas on which postage at the air-mail rate is prepaid will, after being reproduced at V-Mail stations in the continental United States, be transmitted to their destination by air mail.

Such reproduced V-Mail letters will be enclosed in V-Mail Service window envelopes bearing around the edge the parallelograms prescribed for air mail, printed entirely in red, and in lieu of the penalty indicia, the following inscription will appear in the upper right corner: "Air Mail Postage Paid by Sender."

Air Mail Service Within the United States for Outgoing V-Mail Letters

Transportation of V-Mail letters by air mail within the continental United States can be had at the special rate of 6 cents postage each when addressed to members of the armed forces of the United States overseas, and at 8 cents each when addressed to members of our allied armed forces under the extensions of the V-Mail Service to such forces.

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Service to Montevideo, Uruguay

In order to simplify dispatching and due to some difficulty with the mail load limit when routing via San Juan, the Department has decided for the present not to take advantage of the new direct service to Montevideo via the East Coast announced in our July issue. This necessitates the change in Service to Montevideo as indicated in this issue. It is now daily except Wednesdays from principal U. S. Cities.

2 Ounce Air Mail Weight Limit

The Department reports that many letters weighing more than 2 ounces as well as packages and other non-permissible articles are being mailed for transmission by air mail to overseas Army

and Navy post offices. Attention is therefore called to Order No. 18605 published in our October 1942 issue and the instructions that appear at the bottom of page 8, which provide that only letters in their usual and ordinary form weighing not in excess of 2 ounces (except official air mail and V-mail) may be accepted for transmission by air mail to overseas Army and Navy post offices and to foreign countries not specifically excepted. This restriction applies to air mail for all points outside the continental United States except that for the time being it does not apply to Mexico, Central America and South America, the West Indies, and other islands within the Caribbean area, Alaska, Canada, and Newfoundland, or to an A. P. O. or Fleet Post Office in care of the postmaster of New Orleans, La., Seattle, Wash., or Minneapolis, Minn.

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Rate Changes

Attention is called to the following rate changes which have been made in this issue: Libya, reduced from 70 to 33 cents; Madagascar, from 60 to 30 cents and Reunion Island, from 60 to 30 cents per half ounce.

Service Changes

The air mail closing days in principal U. S. Cities for Manta, Ecuador, have been changed to Tuesdays and Thursdays with arrival at Manta on Thursdays and Saturdays respectively.

Elimination of one of the two flights serving the stops between San Juan, Puerto Rico and Port of Spain, Trinidad, reduces the service to once weekly to and from the following points; Guadeloupe, the Leeward Islands (civilian service) and Charlotte Amalie, Virgin Islands including the points served from Charlotte Amalie. Fort de France, Martinique was also a stop on the eliminated flight but twice weekly service is maintained to and from

this point by a newly inaugurated stop on a different flight.

V-Mail Extended to British Personnel in United States

Arrangements have been made to authorize the use of V-mail letter sheets for correspondence between British personnel serving in the United States and persons in Australia, whereby the Canadian Airgraph Service, which is in operation between Canada and Australia, will handle both incoming and outgoing letters.

Under this arrangement V-mail letters sent by British service personnel in the United States or its possessions should bear on the outside the name of the addressee and be addressed "c/o The Canadian Airgraph Service, Toronto, Canada," no reference to the Australian address being made, while the complete Australian address should be shown in the address panel at the top of the message side with no reference to Canada.

Such letters will be subject to the United States domestic rate of 3 cents which is applicable to mail addressed to Canada, or 8 cents if sent by air mail to Canada.

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Air-Mail Service Anniversaries

September 8, 1944, marked the 24th anniversary of the first transcontinental air-mail flight. An idea of the tremendous growth which has taken place in this period can be gained from the fact that from the 16,000 letters carried on the first transcontinental flight to San Francisco, more than 2,000,000 letters a day are now being delivered to the Pacific coast by air-mail and on a self-sustaining basis.

This month will also mark the 17th anniversary of the first regular foreign air-mail service inaugurated on October 19, 1927, between Key West, Florida and Habana, Cuba. Since 1928 when 99,530 miles were flown, the foreign air mail service has expanded to 19,500,000 miles flown in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944—slightly more than 53,000 miles per day, and more miles in 2 days than were flown in the entire fiscal year 1928.

The trans-Atlantic clippers of the Pan American Airways shuttled across the ocean 430 times last year and covered 2,276,000 miles. The forty-two ton flying boats carried 832,086 pounds of

mail to and from the marine terminal at La Guardia Field, New York and the air express carried totaled 4,131,000 pounds.

An idea of the possibilities of the future growth in air cargo service can be realized by the recent announcement of the Pan American Airways' proposed air cargo tariff rates to average 25 cents per ton-mile while classified cargo destined for the more distant commercial centers would be carried for rates as low as 10 cents per ton-mile. These cargo rates are established in three classes, the first being for commodities of relatively high price with a definite advantage gained by speed. This first class includes such items as adding machines, aircraft motors, gold and silver bullion, cigars, furs, film, jewelry and perfumes. The second class is for commodities of relatively lower value not yet moved in quantity by air including candy, canned goods, cheese, tobacco, tea and fruits. The third class is for articles of no great intrinsic value but for which speed of delivery is important including advertising material and magazines.

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Air Mail for Prisoners of War

The rate of 6 cents per half ounce or fraction thereof for air-mail letter cards addressed to American prisoners of war or American civilians who are detained or interned in enemy-occupied countries, as announced in our June 1944 issue, has been extended so as to apply to air-mail letter cards addressed to all allied prisoners of war or civilians detained or interned in enemy occupied countries.

Air-stage Parcel Post Service in Yukon Territory

Though postmasters have been instructed to decline to accept merchandise for the Yukon territory over the White Horse-Dawson route, except that for post offices at Carcross, White Horse and Champagne, until June 1, 1944, attention is called to the fact that during the winter season there is a weekly air-stage service (each way) in operation between White and Dawson via Carmacks, Fort Selkirk, and Mayo Landing, Yukon. Parcel post is conveyed over this air-stage service to and from these post offices at the air-parcel rate of 30 cents for the first pound, plus 25 cents additional for each pound thereafter up to 15 pounds. Parcels originating in the United States addressed for delivery at Dawson, Carmacks, Fort Selkirk, Mayo Landing, and Watson Lake will be given

air transmission to these points in the Yukon, provided postage is paid at the above-mentioned rate. Such parcels will be sent by ordinary means to White Horse for onward air connection.

Further Service Improvements Anticipated

The Pan American Airways are anticipating a great number of schedule changes on their South American Service to take place within the next few months as soon as authorization for night flying over certain sectors has been obtained.

Douglas Aircraft engineers, working in co-operation with those of Pan American World Airways, have developed an advance type of giant sub-stratosphere Clipper and the basic airplane is now actually under construction at Long Beach, Cal. The project, the largest and most significant in the history of commercial aviation, calls for the delivery to Pan American of a fleet of 26 of these four-engined Clippers at a cost of \$40,000,000. They will be twice as large as the giant Clippers now flying Pan American's trans-oceanic routes and seven times larger than the standard DC-3 transports. The mammoth planes would carry passengers and mail from New York to Buenos Aires in 22 hours, to Rio de Janeiro in 19 hours, and span the Pacific from San Francisco to Honolulu in about 8 hours.

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Service to Alaska

Changes have been made in the service between Seattle, Wash., and Tanana, Galena, Moses Point, and Nome, Alaska. Planes now leave Seattle for the above points on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and return on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, arriving at their destination the next day.

Service to Lake Minchumina, McGrath, Flat, Aniak, and Bethel leaves Seattle on Fridays and returns on Saturdays, also arriving at destination on the next day.

Service to Kingston, Jamaica

The addition of Kingston, Jamaica as a stop on the route between Miami and Balboa, Canal Zone, increases the service to and from Kingston to daily instead of four times weekly.

Night Flying between Mexico and Guatemala

Night flying between Mexico and Guatemala makes possible a

number of improvements in schedules and services to Central Latin America.

One of the improvements is the service between Brownsville and the Canal Zone in 18 hours instead of 2 days. Leaving Brownsville at 10:30 p.m., the night Clipper reaches Balboa at 4:35 the next afternoon. The return trip leaves Balboa at 6:00 a.m. and arrives in Brownsville about 9 p.m., the trip requiring only 15 hours. Night flying all the way from Brownsville is now made possible. We are not changing the "2 days later" transit time for the intermediate points for the present, however, as since the plane leaves Brownsville at 10:30 p.m. we do not believe the connection can be made from all the U.S. principal cities with present equipment though it should be possible in many cases.

The new arrangement also gives New Orleans twice-daily service to Guatemala, instead of 5 times weekly as formerly and an additional through connection with the Canal Zone. Leaving Balboa at 6:30 a.m. a Clipper arrives at New Orleans at 11:00 p.m.

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Free Air Dispatch for Prisoners of War Letter Cards

In accordance with an Order just issued by the Postmaster General (No. 26751), air-mail letter cards, without enclosures, addressed to American or other Allied prisoners of war who are held in enemy or enemy occupied countries or to American or other Allied military internees in neutral countries or to American or other Allied civilians who are detained or interned in enemy or enemy occupied countries, and which formerly required 6 cents per half ounce postage as announced in our June 1944 issue, will hereafter be dispatched free of postage by such air routes as are available in this country and from this country to the Far East, on the one hand, or to and in Europe on the other hand.

In view of the limited weight and space available for air dispatch, senders must use the W. D. P. M. G. Form No. 111 (air-mail letter card) until a new form now being prepared by the War Department is available for distribution. The notation "Affix 6c postage" on Form No. 111 should be disregarded. If other stationery than air-mail letter cards is used, the rate of 6 cents per half ounce or fraction must be paid as heretofore.

The card is constructed in such a way as to provide for folding into a uniform and distinctively marked unsealed envelope. Nothing may be enclosed with the message.

The sender should write his letter in the spaces provided, with a typewriter or in block capitals, hand-printed. After the name and address of the sender and of the prisoner has been typed or hand printed in block capitals on the envelope portion, the card should be folded as indicated, and fastened. It should then be enclosed in an outer envelope, without postage, addressed "Postmaster - Prisoner of War Air Mail," and it may be deposited in any post office, street letter box, or other authorized mail depository, OR, the letter may be handed to a clerk at a service window in the post office, or a branch or station thereof, without the outer envelope.

This requirement for an outer envelope or handing the card specially to a postal clerk is to prevent the letter from being postmarked with a slogan such as "Win the War," "V," or "For Defense," etc., which are objectionable to the enemy. These cards can be procured at your local post office without charge.

SPECIAL FOREIGN AIR MAIL RATE ON MAIL SENT THROUGH ARMY AND NAVY POST OFFICES

A special rate of postage has been established, of 6 cents per 1/2 ounce for air mail to and from the personnel of the United States armed forces and to and from contractors and civilian employees receiving mail through Army or Navy Post Offices stationed outside of the continental United States, and applies to all air mail sent to or by such when deposited at any place where the United States mail service is in operation addressed to any other place where the United States mail service is in operation.

As this special rate does not apply to all civilians stationed at these points outside the continental United States, in order that mail entitled to the special rate may be recognized, the address or return card, as the case may be, must show the rank of the individual and the military or naval unit to which he is assigned and in the case of mail sent to or by contractors and civilians must show in the return card or address either the Army or Navy post office through which the mail is sent or received.

FOREIGN AIR MAIL CLOSING TIME

All Foreign Air Mail closing days are shown in this Guide as one day earlier than the departure day scheduled from the United States at International Airports; New York, Miami, Brownsville and San Francisco. Likewise, days of inbound mail arrival in principal United States cities are shown as one day later than the days of arrival at the above International Airports.

Planes carrying air mail from the United States for Latin American destinations listed in Part 1, leave either Miami, Fla., Brownsville,

Texas, or New Orleans, La. Planes carrying air mail for all destinations listed in Part 2, leave either New York or Miami via the trans-Atlantic routes, or from San Francisco via the trans-Pacific, as indicated.

The air mail closing days at the principal United States Cities, for all destinations that can presently be shown, are found in the third column.

For the actual closing time in your particular city for the corresponding days, consult your local Post Office.

At least one day extra should be allowed for outgoing censorship.

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Air Mail Rate Changes

On January 15, 1945, the rate of postage on matter carried by airplane to or from the continental United States (including Alaska) and Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands of the United States was changed from 10 to 8 cents for each half ounce or fraction thereof.

The postage rate on air mail to or from the continental United States (including Alaska) and Hawaii was changed from 20 to 15 cents per half ounce.

The air-mail postage rate to or from Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands of the United States and Hawaii is now 25 cents per half ounce (that is, the rate from Puerto Rico or Virgin Islands of the United States to the continental United States plus the rate from the continental United States to Hawaii).

The air-mail postage rates from Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands of the United States to points other than as indicated above remain unchanged.

The air-mail postage rates from Hawaii to foreign countries, when dispatched via the United States, shall be the rate from Hawaii to the continental United States plus the rate from the continental United States to the country of destination.

The air-mail postage rates from Hawaii on mails for foreign countries, when not routed via the continental United States remain unchanged. (The above changes have been incorporated in this issue.)

Mail for Members of the Brazilian Expeditionary Forces Attached to the U. S. Armed Forces

Ordinary (3c per oz.) and air-mail letters (6c per oz.) not exceeding 2 ounces in weight may now be mailed to the United States by the Brazilian Expeditionary Forces, including the Brazilian First Fighter Squadron, attached to the U. S. armed forces in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations and similar matter and also restricted parcel post to such forces from the U. S., through U. S. Army postal channels. The U. S. registry, insurance, and money order service is now available to these Brazilian forces.

Change in Routing

Air Mail for the French Colonies of: Dahomey, French Guinea, Sudan, and Togoland, Ivory Coast, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal is now being routed via Lisbon and Dakar.

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Increase in Registry Fee

Attention is called to an Order issued by the Postmaster General (No. 27110) by which the fee applicable to registered articles in the regular mails to foreign countries was increased from 15 cents to 20 cents per article. This of course applies to air mail letters addressed to foreign countries, as stated in the answer to the question at the bottom of page 8.

Alaskan Schedule Changes

Several schedule changes have been made in the service to and from Alaskan points, including the elimination of the former overnight stop at Fairbanks on the route between Seattle, Wash., and Tanana, Galena, Moser Point and Nome, Alaska. Planes now leave Seattle at 9:00 A. M. (Pacific War Time) and arrive at Nome 10:50 P. M. (165th Meridian War Time).

Other Schedule Changes

Service to Curitiba, Brazil is now twice weekly instead of thrice weekly and a number of changes have been made in the service from Bolivia, Brazil, and Uruguay.

Air Mail Service to Guam Resumed

Though the change was indicated in our February issue, space did not permit our calling attention here to the resumption of air mail service to and from Guam at the former air mail rate of 40 cents per half ounce.

The air-mail rate of 8 cents per half ounce or fraction thereof is applicable to letters mailed at Guam when addressed to members of our armed forces overseas who receive their mail through a United States A. P. O. or Fleet post office, or to air mail deposited by such members at such A. P. O.'s or Fleet post offices when addressed to Guam.

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Reductions in Air Mail Rates to Central and South American Areas

Publication of this issue has been delayed for final confirmation of anticipated very substantial reductions in air mail rates from the continental United States and Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, to a great majority of the destinations in Central and South American areas.

These important rate changes which have just been announced by the Postmaster General as effective April 1, 1945, have been incorporated in this issue and are as follows:

Argentina 20c, reduced from 40c; Barbados 10c, from 25; Bolivia 20c, from 35c; Brazil 20c, from 40c; British Guiana 15c, from 30c; British Honduras 10c, from 20c; Canal Zone 10c, from 15c; Chile 20c, from 40c; Colombia 25c, from 35c; Costa Rica 10c, from 15c; Curacao 10c, from 25c; Ecuador 15c, from 30c; Falkland Islands 20c, from 40c; French Guiana 15c, from 30c; Guadeloupe 10c, from 15c; Guatemala 10c, from 12c;

Republic of Honduras 10c, from 12c; Leeward Islands 10c, from 15c; Martinique 10c, from 15c; Nicaragua 10c, from 12c; Panama 40c, from 15c; Paraguay 20c, from 40c; Peru 15c, from 30c; El Salvador 10c, from 12c; Surinam 15c, from 30c; Trinidad 10c, from 15c; Uruguay 20c, from 40c; Venezuela 15c, from 25c; Windward Islands 10c, from 15c.

(Air mail postage on articles sent from United States possessions in the Pacific to Latin American points will be the prescribed postage for carriage by air to continental United States plus the postage for air service from the United States to the respective country of destination).

Service to Barranquilla, Colombia

Effective, April 1, 1945, air mail service between Miami and Barranquilla, Col., will be increased from 4 times weekly to daily, leaving Miami at 5:00 A.M. and arriving Barranquilla at 11:30 A.M. On the return trip the plane leaves Barranquilla at 12:30 P.M. and arrives Miami at 8:45 P.M.

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Restrictions on Air Mail to Bermuda removed

The restrictions on air destined outside the continental United States contained in the Postmaster General's Order No. 18495 of September 4, 1942, have been removed insofar as concerns air mail to Bermuda. This means that air-mail articles for Bermuda are no longer subject to the 2-ounce weight limitation and other restrictions mentioned at the bottom of page 8 and will now be accepted up to the normal weight limit of 4 pounds 6 ounces.

Further Anticipated Service Improvements

In addition to the fleet of 26 Type-9-108 passenger sub-stratosphere giant clippers weighing 162,000 pounds mentioned in our November issue and the fleet of 149 passenger Type 10, double-deck planes weighing 184,000 pounds which the Pan American World Airways announced as contracted for last December, this Company has just placed a contract for up to as

many as 15 giant six-engine clippers with the Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation, with a carrying capacity of 204 passengers and 7 tons of mail, baggage, and express non-stop across the North Atlantic to Europe.

This plane will be 12 times the size of present standard twin-engine commercial aircraft in the United States and will weigh 320,000 pounds as compared with the present 86,000 pound trans-oceanic clippers and have a cruising speed of between 310 and 342 miles per hour according to the altitude and power output. The engines which are mounted on the trailing edge of the wing and are equipped with pusher-type propellers, will produce power equivalent to 353 average automobile engines.

Not only New York, but the cities of Chicago, Detroit, Baltimore, and Boston, which Pan American is seeking authority to include as transatlantic co-terminals in the United States, would be served by the new 204 passenger clippers.

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The Clippers now leave New York for Bermuda at 2:00 A.M. on Mondays and 8:00 A.M. on Tuesdays arriving Hamilton, Bermuda at 7:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. respectively of the same day. On the return trip the departures are on Mondays at 9:00 A.M. and alternate Thursdays (June 7, 21, etc.) and Saturdays (June 9, 23, etc.) at 7:00 A.M.

Air mail closing day from the principal U.S. Cities for the Virgin Islands (Charlotte Amalie) has been changed to Thursdays with the arrivals changed to Saturdays. The departures on the return trip have been changed to Mondays with the arrivals in principal U.S. Cities changed to Wednesdays. This also affects similar changes in the serv-

ice to and from the islands of Saba, St. Eustatius and St. Martin as well as the British Virgin Islands.

The closing days for air mail to Guadeloupe and Martinique and the civilian mails to the Leeward Islands (St. Johns, Antigua) have also been changed to Thursdays with arrivals on Saturdays and the departures on the return trips changed to Mondays with arrivals in principal U.S. Cities on Wednesdays.

The closing days for civilian air mail to Georgetown, British Guiana are now on Mondays and Thursdays and the arrivals on Wednesdays and Sundays respectively while the departures on the return trips are now on Fridays and Sundays with arrivals in principal U.S. Cities on Mondays and Wednesdays respectively.

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Reduction in Air-Mail Rate to Cuba

By an Order issued by the Postmaster General (No. 28426) the air mail rate from continental United States, Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands of the United States to Cuba (including the Naval Operating Base, Guantanamo (Cuba)), has been reduced from 10 cents to 8 cents per half ounce.

Also, as we go to press, under Order No. 28574 the air-mail rate from the U.S. Naval Operating Base, Guantanamo (Cuba) to the continental United States, Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands of the United States has been reduced from 10 to 8 cents per half ounce.

Reduction in Air-Mail Rate to the USSR (Russia)

By the Postmaster General's Order No. 28419, the air-mail rate from continental United States (including Alaska) to Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, has been reduced from 70 cents to 30 cents per half ounce.

Air-Mail Weight Limit to Netherlands Now 2 Ounces

The temporary 1 ounce air-mail weight limit to the Nether-

lands announced in these Notes in our July issue has been increased to 2 ounces.

Air Mail Service Resumed to Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland

Under Postmaster General's Order No. 28583, letters weighing not over 2 ounces can now be dispatched by air mail to the above named countries when prepaid at the rate of 30 cents per half ounce.

Service Changes

Changes in air mail departures have been made from several points in Brazil to the United States.

Service has been increased from 1 to 2 days weekly both to and from; the Virgin Islands, Guadeloupe, British Guiana, Leeward Islands and Martinique.

V-Mail Letters via Canadian Airmail Discontinued

The Canadian Government has advised that the airmail service between Canada and all countries to which it was extended has been discontinued.

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Increases in Air Mail Weight Limit

By an order of the Postmaster General (No. 28626) the former 2 ounce weight limit for articles dispatched by air to the countries listed below, has been increased to 1 pound. These countries will hereafter be indexed with a special reference mark following their name.

Algeria	Iceland	Rio de Oro
Amoy	Ireland	Spain
Belgium	Luxembourg	Sweden
Corsica	Madeira Islands	Switzerland
Denmark	Morocco	Tunisia
Faroe Islands	Netherlands	Union of Soviet Social-
France	Norway	ist Republic
Gibraltar	Portugal	United Kingdom

Service Charges

Air Mail Service to and from the Virgin Islands has

been increased from twice weekly to daily. The former overnight transfer at San Juan, P.R. has been eliminated with the planes now leaving Miami at 1:30 A.M. and arriving at Charlotte Amalie 11:30 A.M. On the return trip the departures are 11:30 A.M. and arriving at Miami 8:30 P.M.

Resumption of Limited Air Mail Service to Philippine Islands

Air mail service has been resumed to the islands of Luzon, Luzon, Mindoro, and Samar in the Philippines. For the present such service will be limited to articles not exceeding 2 ounces in weight as provided by Postmaster General Order No. 18605.

The air-mail postage rate from the continental United States to the Philippine Islands is 50 cents per half ounce. Registration is permitted.

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Resumption of Air Mail Service to Czechoslovakia

Air mail service has been resumed to Czechoslovakia at the postage rate of 30 cents per half ounce or fraction.

The service is limited to letters not exceeding 4 ounces in weight as provided by the Postmaster General's Order No. 18605.

Increase in Air Mail Weight Limit to Finland

Articles (including durable merchandise) weighing up to 1 pound will now be accepted for dispatch by air to Finland when prepaid at the rate of 30 cents per half ounce or fraction.

Incoming Air Mail Rate Changes

Changes have been made in air mail rates on mail incoming to the United States from the following countries which will be found incorporated in this issue:

Antigua, Leeward
Islands
Brazil
British Guiana
Costa Rica

Curacao
Guatemala
Honduras
Peru

Surinam
Trinidad
Venezuela

Service Changes

Another day has been added to the air mail service to and from Mendoza, Argentina, giving a daily service except Wednesday from the principal U. S. Cities and daily except Friday from Mendoza arriving in U. S. principal Cities 4 days later.

Service has also been increased to daily except Wednesday to Arica, Antofagasta, and Santiago, Chile and daily except Saturday from these points.

Another day has also been added to the service to and from Esmeraldas and Manta, Ecuador.

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Resumption of Air Mail Service to Greece, Italy, Vatican City State and Yugoslavia

Air mail service has been resumed to Greece, Italy, Vatican City State and Yugoslavia at the postage rate of 30 cents per half ounce or fraction.

The above named countries will be found indexed with the special mark (†) indicating that air mail will be accepted weighing up to 1 pound with the exception of the Italian provinces of Gorizia, Trieste, Pola, Fiume, and Zara for which the 2 ounce weight limit applies as indicated in the Note at the bottom of page 7.

Air-mail articles for Greece, Italy and the Vatican City State may not contain merchandise.

Increase in Air Mail Weight Limit to Poland

Articles weighing up to 1 pound will now be accepted for dis-

patch by air to Poland when prepaid at the rate of 30 cents per half ounce or fraction.

Inspection of Contents of Air Mail Parcels Discontinued

Under a Department Order (No. 29408) dated October 17, 1945, Paragraph 6, sec. 511 of the Postal Laws and Regulations, requiring a special endorsement under Order No. 19008 on all sealed packages, parcels or other sealed articles (except letters in their ordinary and usual form) sent via air mail, has been rescinded and such endorsements are no longer required.

Service Changes

The Pan American World Airways' direct service to Lisbon, Portugal has been increased to twice weekly.

Changes have also been made in the North Atlantic service to and from Eire and the United Kingdom.

Service changes to and from Ipiales, Colombia, Guadeloupe, British Guiana, and Martinique have also been made.

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Resumption of Air Mail Service to Aegean Islands

Articles not exceeding 1 pound in weight will now be accepted for dispatch by air when prepaid at the rate of 30 cents per half-ounce or fraction to all islands of the Dodecanese group (Rhodes, Cos, Patmos, Lipso, Kalymnos, Leros, Nisyros, Tilos, Karchi, Symi, Astypalaea, Karpathos, Kasos, and Castelrosso).

It will be noted that the Department now uses the term Dodecanese group in connection with the above named islands but as they are the same, with some variations in spelling and the omission of Lindo, as the islands listed under Italy in the Official Postal Guide (Part 11) and formally called the Aegean Islands, we are listing them under the old name pending clarification. There is no special-delivery or money order service.

Service to Manchuria

Articles weighing up to 2 ounces will now be accepted for dispatch by air to Manchuria when prepaid 70 cents per half

ounce or fraction. This service will be found indicated under China by the words "Inc. Manchuria" for the present.

Service to the Philippine Islands

Air mail service to the Philippine Islands has been extended to all post offices except Basco in the Bataan group and the weight limit has been increased from 2 ounces to 1 pound.

Service to China

The special arrangement whereby letters, including registered letter packages containing medicines, could be dispatched to India by surface means and thence onward to destination by air subject to a fee of 30 cents per half ounce in addition to the regular postage has been discontinued.

Service to Hawaii

By the elimination of the "Pan American Airways Confidential" schedule classification we can now reveal that the air mail service to and from Hawaii is daily.

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Reduction in Air Mail Rate to Colombia, S. A.

The air mail rate to Colombia, S. A., which was reduced from 35 to 25 cents on April 1, 1945 has just been again reduced and is now 15 cents per half-ounce or fraction.

Air Mail Weight Limit Increased to Guam and Hawaii

The weight limit for air mail addressed to post offices in Guam and the Hawaiian Islands has been increased from 2 ounces to 1 pound which will be found indicated under these respective listings by the sign (1).

Restricted Resumption of Air Mail Service to Netherlands Indies

Air mail service, limited to letters not exceeding 1 ounce and post cards, is now available to Netherlands Indies (Bali, Banka, Billiton, Moluccas (Molokues), Rhio (Riouw), Sumatra, Netherlands Timor, and Netherlands New Guinea).

SPECIAL FOREIGN AIR MAIL RATE ON MAIL SENT THROUGH ARMY AND NAVY POST OFFICES

A special rate of postage has been established of 6 cents per 1/2-ounce for air mail to and from the personnel of the United States armed forces and to and from contractors and civilian employees receiving mail through Army or Navy Post Offices stationed outside of the continental United States, and applies to all air mail sent to or by such when deposited at any place where the United States mail service is in operation addressed to any other place where the United States mail service is in operation.

FOREIGN AIR MAIL CLOSING TIME

All Foreign Air Mail closing days are shown in this Guide as one day earlier than the departure day scheduled from the United States at International Airports: New York, Miami, Brownsville and San Francisco. Likewise, days of inbound mail arrival in principal United States cities are shown as one day later than the days of arrival at the above International Airports.

Planes carrying air mail from the United States for Latin American destinations listed in Part 1, leave either Miami, Fla., Brownsville,

Air Mail Service to Albania and Hungary

Though incorporated as a last minute change in our December issue attention is called to the resumption of air mail service to Albania and Hungary limited to articles not exceeding 1 pound in weight at the postage rate of 30 cents per half ounce or fraction.

Thailand now Siam

The name "Thailand" has officially been changed back to "Siam" and will be found so listed hereafter in this Guide. All classes of mail should now be addressed accordingly.

Service to England and Eire Increased

Air mail carrying Pan American Clippers now leave New York, N. Y. daily at 2:00 P. M. arriving Shannon Airport, Eire 9:30 A. M. and London, England at 12:00 noon on the following day. Additional New York departures for Eire are made on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:00 A. M., arriving Shannon Airport the next day at 4:55 A. M.

As this special rate does not apply to all civilians stationed at these points outside the continental United States, in order that mail entitled to the special rate may be recognized, the address or return card, as the case may be, must show the rank of the individual and the military or naval unit to which he is assigned and in the case of mail sent by or to contractors and civilians must show in the return card or address either the Army or Navy post office through which the mail is sent or received.

Texas, or New Orleans, La.—Planes carrying air mail for all destinations listed in Part 2, leave either New York or Miami via the trans-Atlantic routes, or from San Francisco via the trans-Pacific, as indicated.

The air mail closing days at the principal United States cities, for all destinations that can presently be shown, are found in the third column.

For the actual closing time in your particular city for the corresponding days, consult your local Post Office.

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Resumption of Air Mail Service to Danzig

Articles not exceeding 1 pound in weight will now be accepted for dispatch by air to Danzig when prepaid at the rate of 30 cents per half-ounce or fraction.

Resumption of Service to Leopoldville, Belgian Congo

Direct air mail service has been resumed to Leopoldville, Belgian Congo, via Gander, Newfoundland; Lisbon, Portugal; Dakar, Senegal and Monrovia, Liberia.

The service operates, at present, fortnightly, leaving New York at noon on alternate Sundays February 10, 24, etc. arriving Leopoldville at 11:45 A. M. the following Wednesday. The return trip operates on alternate Thursdays, February 14, 28, etc. leaving Leopoldville at 10:00 A. M. and arriving New York the following Saturday at 10:30 A. M.

Service Changes

The former Pan American World Airways' flights from New York to Lisbon, Portugal via the Azores have been suspended while those via Liré have been increased to daily with an additional flight on Sundays.

Changes in the weekly departure days have been made on the flights to and from Monrovia, Liberia and Dakar, Senegal.

Service to and from practically all points in Brazil is now daily and daily service is now available to and from French Guiana and Uruguay.

Changes have also been made in the service to and from Hamilton, Bermuda with the transit time cut almost in half as a result of the introduction of Lockheed Constellation plane equipment.

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Increased Air Mail Weight Limit To Certain Foreign Countries

The air mail weight limit has been increased to 4 pounds and 6 ounces when addressed to the following countries:

Azores	Gibraltar	Portugal
Belgium	Luxembourg	Spain
Denmark	Madeira Islands	Sweden
Eire	Netherlands	Switzerland
Faeroe Islands	Netherlands Indies	U. S. S. R. (Russia)
Finland	Norway	United Kingdom
France	Poland	

These countries will now be found indexed with the mark (X) to indicate the increase in weight limit above mentioned.

Service to Lisbon, Portugal

Daily service between New York and Lisbon, Portugal has been temporarily suspended. Under the present service planes leave New York, N. Y., on Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:00 A. M. arriving Lisbon the following Mondays, Tuesdays

and Thursdays respectively at 8:45 A. M. On the return trip planes leave Lisbon on Sundays, Mondays and Fridays at 12:00 noon and arrive New York at 9:30 A. M. on the following Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays respectively.

Other Service Changes

Service to Hamilton, Bermuda has been increased from twice weekly to Daily.

Changes have also been made in the service to and from Bogota, Medellin, and Ipiques, Colombia and St. Lucia, Windward Islands.

Service to and from Dakar, Senegal and Monrovia, Liberia has been increased from weekly to twice weekly with the planes leaving New York on Mondays and Wednesdays and returning from Monrovia on Thursdays and Saturdays and 1 day later from Dakar.

Service to and from Leopoldville, Belgian Congo is now weekly.

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Reduction in the Air Mail Postage Rate to Malta

The air mail postage rate to Malta has been reduced to 30 cents per half-ounce or fraction thereof.

Increased Air Mail Weight Limit to Czechoslovakia

Articles weighing up to 4 pounds 6 ounces may now be accepted for dispatch by air to Czechoslovakia.

Service to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

Air mail addressed for delivery in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania may be accepted under the same postage rates and other conditions applicable to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. To facilitate distribution and delivery, the address of such articles should include the words "Union of Soviet Socialist Republics" or "U.S.S.R." as country of destination.

Registered Air Mail for Manchuria

Air-mail articles for Manchuria may now be registered upon payment of the fee of 20 cents in addition to the postage which is 70 cents per half-ounce or fraction.

Service Changes

In Argentina, service is now daily to Mendoza, and changes have been made in the service to and from Salta and Tucuman.

Several changes have been made in the departure and arrival schedules for Bolivia, Ecuador and Paraguay. Service to Chile is now daily except Monday.

Service to and from all places (indicated) in Colombia is now daily.

The transit time to Belgian Congo and Senegal has been changed.

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Restricted Resumption of Air Mail Service to Austria

Articles acceptable for dispatch to Austria will be forwarded by air when prepaid at the rate of 30 cents per half-ounce or fraction thereof. Articles for Austria may not exceed 1 ounce in weight.

Resumption of Air Mail Service to Bulgaria and Roumania

Articles acceptable for dispatch to Bulgaria and Roumania will be forwarded by air when prepaid at the rate of 30 cents per half-ounce or fraction thereof.

Articles accepted for the above-mentioned countries may weigh up to 4 pounds 6 ounces.

Resumption of Air Mail Service to Certain Foreign Countries and Areas

Articles acceptable for dispatch to Brunei, Burma, Hong Kong, Macao, Malaya States, North Borneo, Sarawak, Siam and Straits

Settlements will be forwarded by air when prepaid at the rate of 70 cents per half-ounce or fraction thereof.

Articles for Siam may not exceed two ounces, while articles for the other destinations listed above may weigh up to 4 pounds 6 ounces.

Increased Air Mail Weight Limit to Certain Foreign Countries

The air mail weight limit has been increased to 4 pounds 6 ounces for articles addressed to most foreign countries. (Therefore, the index mark (x) previously used to indicate this weight is no longer used.)

The principal exceptions are Guam, Hawaii and Philippine Islands to which the weight limit is still 1 pound. Also Australia, Canton Island, China (including Manchuria), Fiji Islands, New Caledonia, New Zealand and Siam to which the weight limit is 2 ounces. And Austria to which the weight limit is 1 ounce.

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Trans-Atlantic Air Mail Service

Regular Trans-Atlantic Air Mail Service was inaugurated seven years ago. From an average of one flight each week during the first year, this service has expanded so that now the flights average over 60 each week.

In addition to Eire (Ireland) and the United Kingdom, service is now daily to and from France.

Also to many other destinations in Europe, Africa, the Middle and Far East, service is now one, two or three times a week as indicated.

While many schedules for air mail incoming to the United States are not at present available, the frequency of dispatch

of incoming mail generally approximates that of the outgoing for the same destination.

Planes carrying mail via the Trans-Atlantic routes no longer depart from Miami. Therefore, the marking of mail (M) "Via Miami" is not required, and the "(M)" previously shown in the last column of Part 2 of the Guide has been eliminated.

Trans-Pacific Air Mail Service

Service has been re-opened on the Pacific route, which is now once each week from San Francisco to Canton Island, Fiji Islands, New Caledonia and New Zealand via Hawaii. The return service is also once each week.

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Air Mail Weight Limit Increased to Certain Foreign Countries

Articles weighing up to 4 pounds, 8 ounces may now be accepted for dispatch by air to the following destinations:

Australia
Fiji Islands
New Caledonia
New Zealand
Spain

The air mail weight limit to above countries was formerly 2 ounces.

Air Mail to Hawaiian Islands

Articles not exceeding 70 pounds in weight or 100 inches in

length and girth combined addressed to post offices in the Hawaiian Islands may now be accepted for air mail dispatch.

Trans-Atlantic Air Mail Service

Direct service is now twice weekly to and from Belgium, Czechoslovakia and Austria.

A direct service has also been established once each week to and from Algeria, Tunisia, Libya and Saudi Arabia.

Service to and from Egypt and Portugal has been increased to four times each week. Service to and from Spain, Sweden and Switzerland has also been increased and is now twice weekly.

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Resumption of Air Mail Service to French Indo-China

Effective as of July 31, 1946, articles for French Indo-China will be accepted for dispatch by air when prepaid at the rate of 70 cents per half-ounce or fraction thereof.

Articles for dispatch by air to Indo-China may not exceed 2 ounces in weight.

Direct Air Mail Service from New York to Buenos Aires

The first air-mail flight from New York, N. Y., to Buenos Aires, Argentina, operated by Pan American Airways, Inc., was recently inaugurated.

This new route also provides for direct daily service to San Juan, Puerto Rico; Port of Spain, Trinidad; Belem, Brazil; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Montevideo, Uruguay.

Service Changes

Due to the recent grounding of all Constellation aircraft, and the resulting decrease in equipment available, service has necessarily been curtailed to certain countries. These countries are indicated by mark (§), showing that service has been temporarily interrupted.

Service has been increased to and from Sweden and Denmark and service to and from Chile is now daily.

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Reduced Air Mail Rate Effective October 1, 1946

In connection with the reduction of the domestic air mail rate from 8 cents to 5 cents an ounce or fraction thereof, the new 5 cent air mail rate is applicable to mail transported by air to or from the continental United States and its Territories or possessions.

The 5 cent rate will also apply to air mail to or from members of the armed forces of the United States stationed outside the country whose address includes an Army post office number or a Fleet post office designation, also to or from civilian personnel authorized to receive mail through such Army or Navy post offices.

The next (October) issue of the Guide will show the new rate for places to which it may apply, but air mail sent prior to October 1, 1946 requires the current rates of postage.

Restricted Resumption of Air Mail Service to Germany

Letters weighing not in excess of 1 ounce and nonillustrated post cards will be accepted for dispatch by air to Germany. The postage rate is 30 cents for each half ounce.

Envelopes must not have innerlining nor carry any indication other than the address of the sender and addressee and necessary postal directions. Such communications are restricted for the present to those of personal or family character. Communications of a financial, commercial or business character and any enclosures of checks, drafts, securities or currency are prohibited.

No provision is made for return air mail service from Germany to the United States.

Air Mail Weight Limit Increased to Austria

The weight limit of articles accepted for dispatch by air to Austria has been increased from 1 ounce to 1 pound.

Service Changes

Service has been resumed to Canton Island, Fiji Islands, New Caledonia and New Zealand; and to Belgium, Czechoslovakia and Aun. Schedules for these countries have also been changed.

Changes in schedules have been made for service to Denmark, Netherlands, Norway and Sweden.

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Air Mail Rate Reduction—U. S. Territories and Possessions

The new domestic postage rate of 5 cents per ounce or fraction thereof, effective October 1, 1946, is also applicable to mail transported by air as follows:

1. To or from the continental United States, including Alaska, and (a) Hawaii, (b) Puerto Rico, (c) Virgin Islands of the United States, (d) Canton Island, (e) Canal Zone, (f) Guam and (g) any other place where the United States mail service is in operation.
2. Within or between any of the places listed above.

Air Mail Rate Reduction—Canada and Mexico

The air mail rate to Canada and to Mexico is reduced to 5 cents per ounce or fraction thereof, effective October 1, 1946.

AIR MAIL RATE ON MAIL SENT THROUGH ARMY AND NAVY POST OFFICES

The domestic postage rate of 5 cents per ounce has been established for air mail to and from members of the United States armed forces and to and from civilian personnel receiving mail through Army or Navy Post Offices stationed outside of the continental United States, and applies to all air mail sent to or by such when deposited at any place where the United States mail service is in operation. As this rate does not

Trans-Atlantic Air Mail Service

Service to and from Senegal, Liberia and Belgian Congo, which was temporarily interrupted, has been resumed and is again twice weekly.

Service has been increased to Portugal, Spain, Egypt and Italy.

Changes have been made in outgoing and incoming mail schedules covering service to Belgian Congo, Denmark, Egypt, Greece, Italy, Liberia, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sweden and Switzerland.

Trans-Pacific Air Mail Service

Direct Trans-Pacific service is now weekly to and from Guam and the Philippine Islands, via Midway Island and Wake Island.

apply to all civilians stationed at these points outside the continental United States, in order that mail entitled to the 5-cent rate may be recognized, the address or return card, as the case may be, should show the rank of the individual and the military or naval unit to which he is assigned and in the case of mail sent by or to civilians should show the return card or address either the Army or Navy post office through which the mail is sent or received.

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Reduction in Air Mail Rates to Foreign Countries

Sweeping reductions in air mail rates to most foreign countries become effective November 1, 1946, and the new reduced rates are shown in this issue of the Guide.

All air mail postage rates shown apply to articles carried by air from continental United States or any United States Territory or Possession other than the Canal Zone, to the countries listed; except that the rate for articles from Guam to the Philippines is 10 cents per half ounce.

Increased Limit of Weight for Air Mail to Armed Forces Overseas

The limit of weight for air mail (letters and parcels) has been increased from 2 ounces to 8 ounces when addressed to our armed forces stationed outside the continental United States, whose

address includes an Army post office number or a fleet post office designation; also to civilian personnel authorized to receive mail through such Army or Navy post offices.

This limit of weight for air mail addressed to such personnel at A. P. O.'s in care of the postmasters of Miami, Fla., New Orleans, La., and Seattle, Wash., is 70 pounds.

Service Changes

Carapio Grande, Brazil is now listed in place of Corumbá, conform with the recent Air Transport Agreement between the United States and Brazil.

Direct service to and from the Azores is now four times a week. Trans-Pacific service to and from Guam and the Philippine Islands, via Midway Island and Wake Island, has been increased and is now twice weekly.

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Increased Volume of Foreign Air Mail Due to Rate Reductions

Since November 1st, when the new reduced foreign air mail rates went into effect, the volume of air mail for foreign countries has greatly increased, and it is anticipated that other countries will soon make downward revisions of postage rates for air mail incoming to the United States.

Postage Rate Applying to Articles for Foreign Countries Sent by Air in the United States Only

Articles in the regular mails for all foreign countries (except Canada and Mexico) from continental United States or any United States possession, will be forwarded by air to the appropriate United States coast or border exchange office and thence by the ordinary means to destination if prepaid 7 cents per ounce. The

AIR MAIL RATE ON MAIL SENT THROUGH ARMY AND NAVY POST OFFICES

The domestic postage rate of 5 cents per ounce has been established for air mail to and from members of the United States armed forces and to and from civilian personnel receiving mail through Army or Navy Post Offices stationed outside of the continental United States, and applies to all air mail sent to or by such when deposited at any place where the United States mail service is in operation addressed to any other place where the United States mail service is in operation. As this rate does not apply to all civilians stationed at these points outside the continental United States, in order that mail entitled to the 5-cent rate may be

articles should be marked "By Air in U.S.A. to Exchange Office." Articles for Canada and Mexico prepaid 5 cents per ounce, of course, be carried by air to and within those countries.

Trans-Atlantic Service

Direct air mail service to Germany is now four times a week but as yet there is no air mail service from Germany to United States.

Changes in schedules have been made in service to and from Netherlands, Norway and Sweden, and also in service to Denmark.

Trans-Pacific Service

Direct service twice weekly to and from Guam and the Philippines has been temporarily suspended. However, resumption of this service is expected during the early part of December.

recognized, the address or return card, as the case may be, should show the rank of the individual and the military or naval unit to which he is assigned, and in the case of mail sent by or to civilians should show the return card or address either the Army or Navy post office through which the mail is sent or received. The limit of weight for air mail sent through Army or Navy post office is 8 ounces; except that when sent A.P.O.'s in case of the postmasters of Miami, Fla., New Orleans, La., and Seattle, Wash., the limit of weight is 70 pounds.