SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

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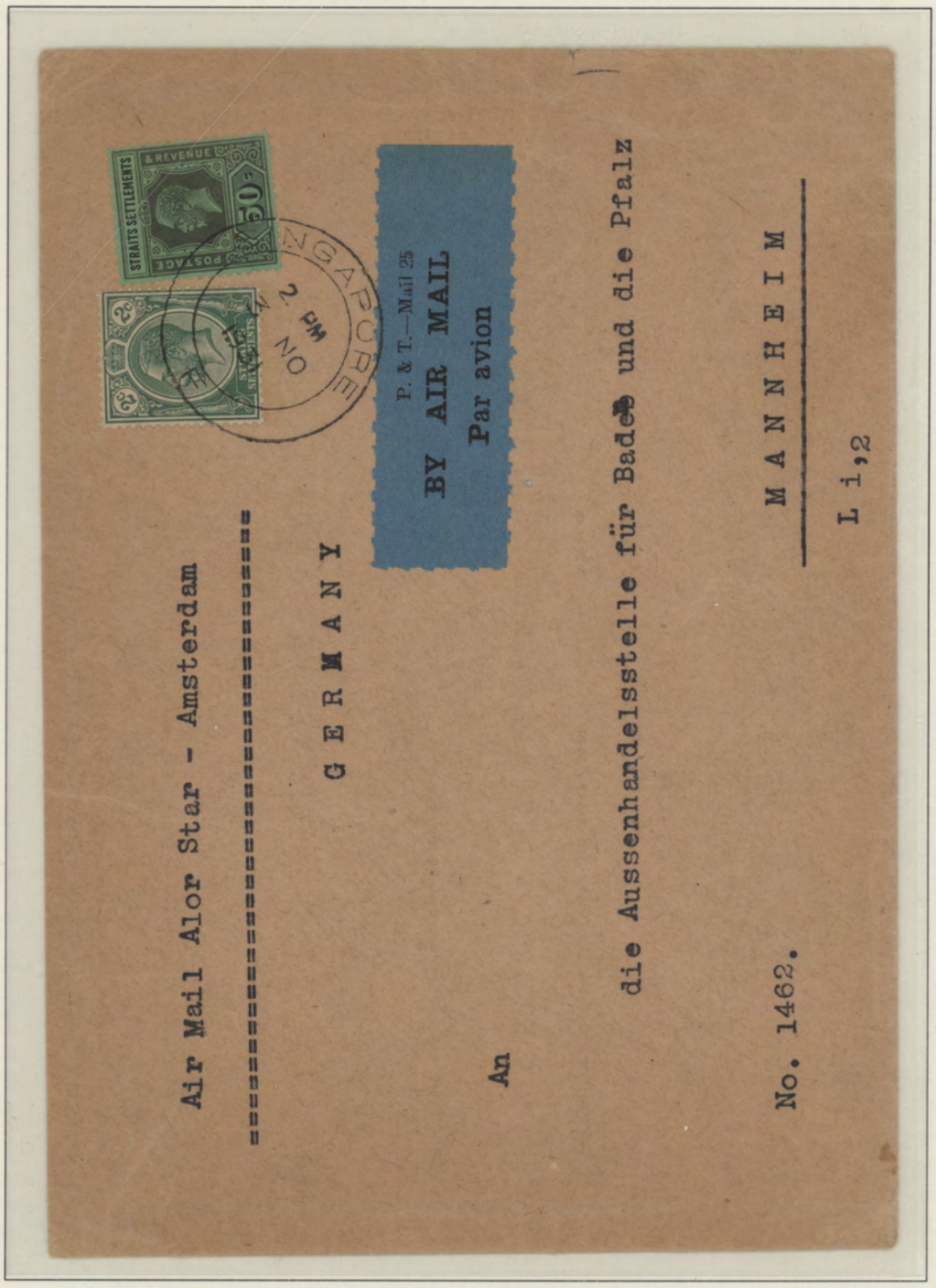

2 Nov 1931 - Singapore to Germany (Backstamped Penang on 4 Nov 1931)

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - EUROPE AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY K.L.M.

62¢ Increased in Air Fee from 11th. Dec. 1931 to 26th. Jan. 1933
50¢ per ½ oz. Air Fee + 12¢ per oz. Surface Rate

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30 MAR 1932 - Singapore to Holland (Backstamped Penang on 31st. Mar. 1932 then sent to Alor Star)

9 MAR 1933 - Singapore to Germany

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

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Double Airmail Rate
SS 12¢+$1 stamps (= $1.12¢)
for letter weight of 1 oz.

31 MAR 1932 - Singapore to France (Backstamped Penang on 1st. April 1932 & Paris on 11th. April 1932)

Air fee ..... 50¢ per ½ oz. x 2 = $1.00¢ for 1 oz. +
Surface letter rate ..... = 12¢ for 1 oz.

Total rate franked on cover for 1 oz. ..... = $1.12¢

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - EUROPE AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY K.L.M.

57¢ Reduce in Air Fee from 6th. May 1933 to 24th. Mar. 1936
45¢ per ½ oz. Air Fee + 12¢ per oz. Surface Rate

A decrease in air fee from 50¢ to 45¢ per half ounce accounted for this change, the surface rate remains at 12¢ per ounce.

15 JAN 1935 - Singapore to Holland

12 FEB 1936 - Singapore to Holland

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

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Triple Airmail Rate
SS 1¢+2¢+50¢+$1 stamps (= $1.53¢)
for letter weight of 1½ oz.

20 NOV 1935 - Singapore to Austria

Air fee ..... 45¢ per ½ oz. x 3 = $1.35¢ for 1½ oz. +
Surface letter rate ..... = 12¢ for 1 oz. +
Additional ounce ..... = 6¢

Total rate franked on cover for 1½ oz. ..... = $1.53¢

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - EUROPE AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY K.L.M.

65¢ per ½ oz. All-inclusive Airmail Rate from 1st. Mar. 1936 to 28th. Mar. 1939

This is the first Dutch all inclusive airmail rate from Malaya, combining the air fee and the surface rate.

Probably flown using the Summer Route via Athens, Budapest, Leipzig and Amsterdam.

29 APR 1936 - Singapore to Switzerland

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

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65¢ per ½ oz. All-inclusive Airmail Rate from 1st. Mar. 1936 to 28th. Mar. 1939

This is the first Dutch all inclusive airmail rate from Malaya, combining the air fee and the surface rate.

Probably flown using the "Winter Route" via Athens, Naples, Marseilles and Amsterdam.

19 DEC 1936 - Singapore to Germany

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - EUROPE AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY K.L.M.

55¢ per ½ oz. All-inclusive Airmail Rate from 6th. April 1939 to 1st. Aug. 1939

A reduction to 55¢ per half ounce of the all inclusive airmail rate from Malaya, just before the outbreak of the war.

18 MAY 1939 - Singapore to Denmark (via Amsterdam)

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - EUROPE AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY K.L.M.

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24 JUN 1939 - Singapore to France (Backstamped Paris on 1st. July 1939)

SELANGOR POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - EUROPE AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY K.L.M.

70¢ per ½ oz. Wartime All-inclusive Airmail Rate from 19th. Sept. 1939 to 5th. Oct. 1939

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20 SEPT 1939 - Singapore to Holland

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17 OCT 1939 - Singapore to Holland (LRD)

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - EUROPE AIRMAIL POSTCARD RATES BY K.L.M.

27¢ Airmail Rate from 1st. May 1933 to 31st. Mar. 1936
21¢ Air Fee + 6¢ Postcard Surface Rate

The 27¢ KLM airmail postcard rate to Europe was introduced on 1st. May 1933 consist of an additional air fee of 21¢. This rate apply before the outbreak of World War II.

21 DEC 1935 - Singapore to Belgium

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - EUROPE AIRMAIL POSTCARD RATES BY K.L.M.

35¢ All-inclusive Airmail Rate from 1st. Apr. 1936 to 3rd. Sept. 1939

The 35¢ all-inclusive KLM airmail postcard rate was introduced between the route from Batavia to Amsterdam. This rate apply before the outbreak of World War II.

12 DEC 1938 - Singapore to Switzerland

11 FEB 1939 - Singapore to Denmark

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - DUTCH EAST INDIES AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY K.N.I.L.M.

22¢ Regular Singapore-Batavia Flight - From 8th. Feb. 1930 to 4th. Mar. 1930
10¢ per ½ oz. Air Fee + 12¢ per oz. Surface Rate

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SS 2x1¢+35¢(=37¢) stamps, 22¢ per ½ oz. + 15¢ registration fee

10 FEB 1930 - Singapore to Dutch East Indies (Backstamped arrival Palembang on 11th. Feb. 1930)

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

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10 FEB 1930 - Singapore to Weltevreden (Backstamped arrival Weltevreden on 11th. Feb. 1930)

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - DUTCH EAST INDIES AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY K.N.I.L.M.

24¢ Regular Singapore-Batavia Flight - From 4th. Mar. 1930 to 3rd. Aug. 1931
12¢ per ½ oz. Air Fee + 12¢ per oz. Surface Rate

On 4th. Mar. 1930 the air fee was increased from 10¢ to 12¢ by KNILM via Medan to Batavia. It will be noted that this is rate lasted about 17 months.

Straits Settlements 4¢+35¢(=39¢) stamps, 24¢ per ½ oz. + 15¢ registration fee

25 MAR 1930 - Singapore to Dutch East Indies (Backstamped arrival at Batavia on 26th. Mar. 1930)

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - DUTCH EAST INDIES AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY K.N.I.L.M.

17¢ First Singapore-Medan Flight - From 3rd. Aug. 1931 to 15th. Apr. 1932
5¢ per ½ oz. Air Fee + 12¢ per oz. Surface Rate

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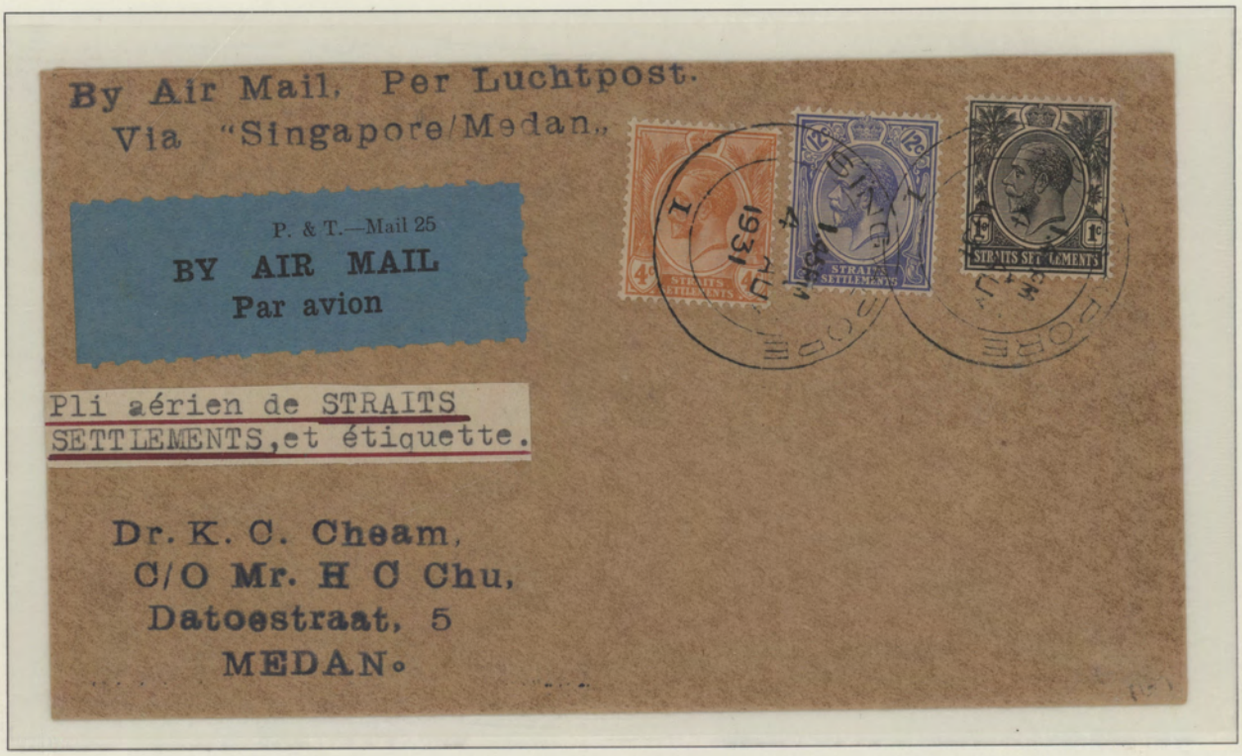

4 AUG 1931 - Singapore to Dutch East Indies (Backstamped arrival Medan on 5th. Aug. 1931)

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - DUTCH EAST INDIES AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY K.N.I.L.M.

22¢ Regular Airmail Rate - From 15th. Apr. 1932 to 19th. Oct. 1936
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21 JUN 1932 - Singapore to Celebes

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

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2 OCT 1935 - Singapore to Medan (Backstamped arrival Medan on 2nd. Oct. 1935)

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - DUTCH EAST INDIES AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY K.N.I.L.M.

18¢ per ½ oz. All-inclusive Airmail Rate from 20th. Oct. 1936 to 1st. Apr. 1939

The first all-inclusive K.N.I.L.M. airmail rate combining the air fee and the surface rate. Since its introduction the airmail rate did not have to add up with the surface rate for postage.

15 MAY 1937 - Singapore to Dutch East Indies (Backstamped arrival Batavia on 17th. May 1937)

9 OCT 1937 - Singapore to Dutch East Indies (Backstamped on arrival at Medan on same day, 8¢ stamp at back)

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - DUTCH EAST INDIES AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY K.N.I.L.M.

15¢ per ½ oz. All-inclusive Airmail Rate from 1st. Apr. 1939 to 6th. July 1939

The all-inclusive K.N.I.L.M. airmail rate combining the air fee and the surface rate was reduced to 15¢ on 1st. April 1939. Since its introduction the airmail rate did not have to add up with the surface rate for postage. This airmail rate has a short-lived period of about three months.

4 APR 1939 - Singapore to Dutch East Indies

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - DUTCH EAST INDIES AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY K.N.I.L.M.

40¢ per ½ oz. Wartime All-inclusive Airmail Rate from June 1940

This is the last rate from Malaya by KNILM during the war. The delivery of mail to Singapore took place via the existing KNILM services. Since mid-October 1941 there was a regular KNILM connection from Batavia and Singapore on every Sunday.

1 OCT 1940 - Singapore to Dutch East Indies (Censored & resealed by Dutch authorities)

13 NOV 1941 - Singapore to Dutch East Indies (Mail censored & sent by the "Horseshoe Route")

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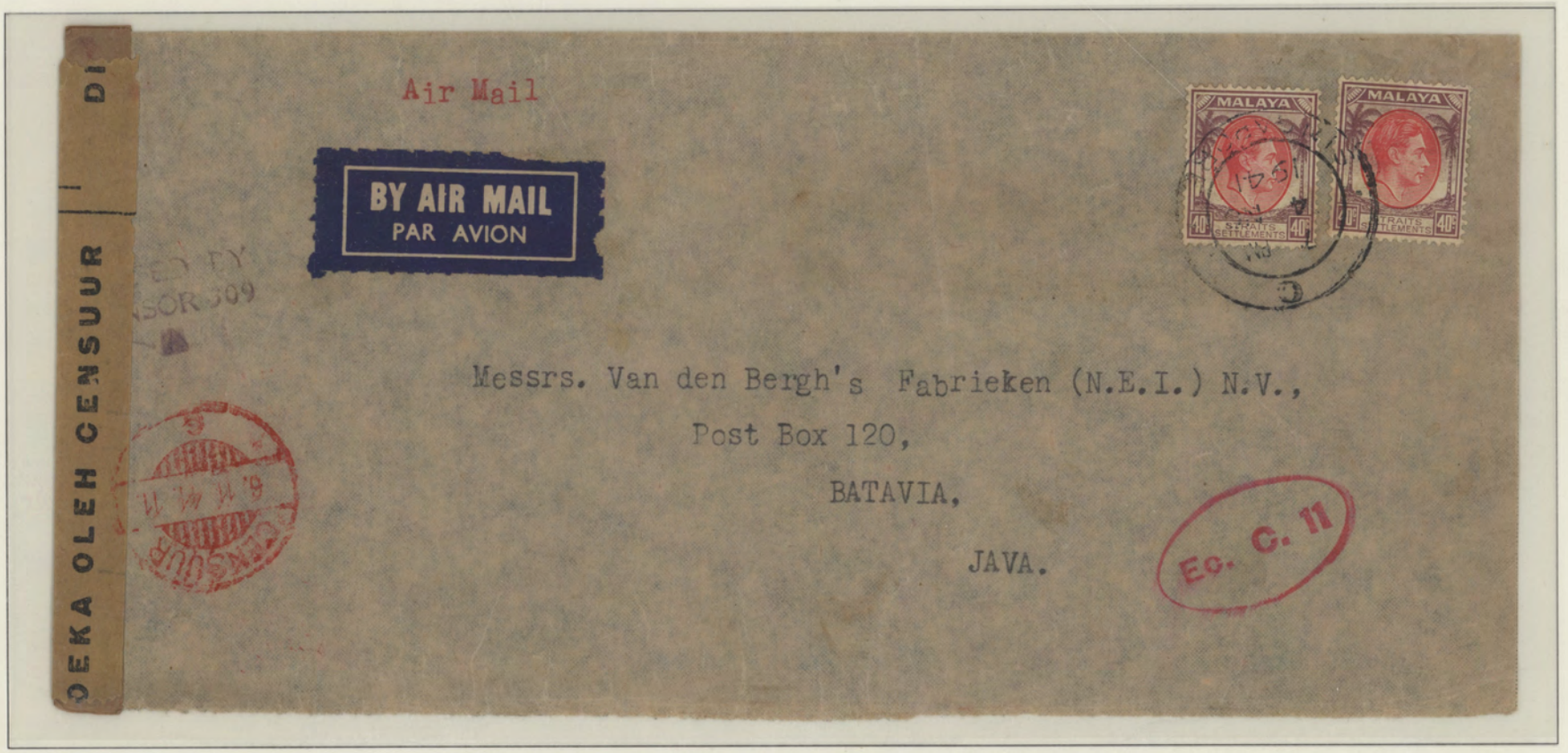

4 NOV 1941 - Singapore to Dutch East Indies (Mail sent by the "Horseshoe Route")

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - DUTCH EAST INDIES AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY K.N.I.L.M.

7¢ First Singapore-Medan Flight - From 3rd. Aug. 1931 to 15th. Apr. 1932
5¢ per ½ oz. Air Fee + 2¢ per two oz. Printed Matter Rate

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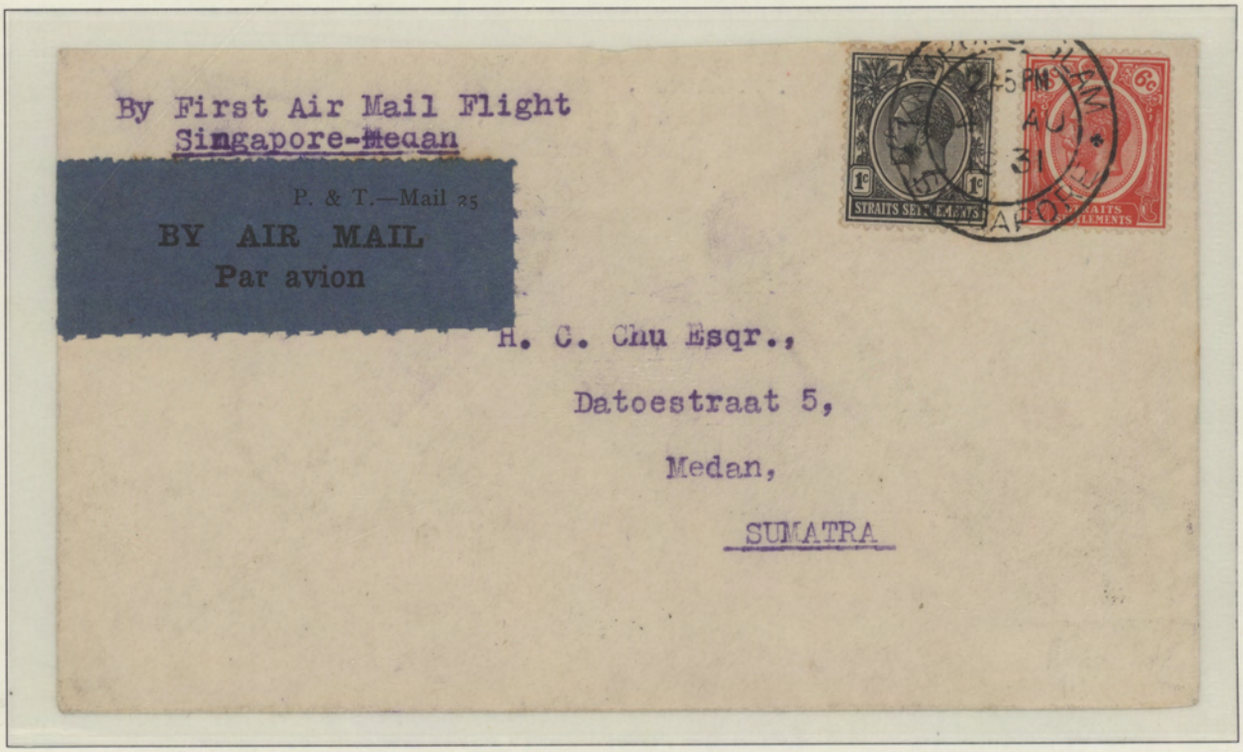

4 AUG 1931 - Singapore to Dutch East Indies (Backstamped on arrival at Medan on 5th. Aug. 1931)

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

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16¢ Regular Singapore-Batavia Flight - From 8th. Feb. 1930 to 4th. Mar. 1930
10¢ per ½ oz. Air Fee + 6¢ Postcard Rate

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8 FEB 1930 - Katong to Weltevreden (Stamped on arrival at Weltevreden on 11th. Feb. 1930)

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - INDO CHINA AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY K.N.I.L.M.

12¢ per ½ oz. All-inclusive Airmail Rate from 31st. Aug. 1938

The inaugural flight of KNILM from Batavia, Palembang, Singapore and on to Saigon was on the 30th. August 1938.

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30 AUG 1938 - Singapore to Saigon (Backstamped on arrival Saigon 30th. August 1938)

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - EGYPT AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY K.L.M.

43¢ Airmail Rate from 12th. Feb. 1931 to 2nd. Sept. 1932
35¢ per ½ oz. Air Fee + 8¢ per oz. Surface Rate

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The KLM route was extended to Egypt with an air fee of 35¢ per half ounce plus 8¢ for the first ounce surface rate.

14 JULY 1932 - Singapore to Egypt (Backstamped Penang on 15th. July 1932 then sent to Alor Star)

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - UK AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS

$1.90¢ per ½ oz. "Clipper" Airmail Rate from Feb. 1941 to 15th. Apr. 1941
By air thoughout to UK

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During this period this rate covered three different services. Until October 1940, mail was flown via Saigon to Hong Kong to connect with Pan American, but during that month, Imperial Airways were refused flying rights over Indo-China due to objections by the Japanese. The route was changed to go via Rangoon and Chungking to Hong Kong, but mail was also sent via the Pan American Clipper service from Auckland in New Zealand. What determined which route was used and when is unknown.

Airmail letter flown on PAA Trans-Pacific Clipper Service from Hong Kong (or Manila) after an initial sea journey from Singapore. Flown via Guam and Honolulu to San Francisco by the Pacific Clipper then across the USA to New York via internal airlines. From New York flown by PAA Trans-Atlantic Clipper Service to Lisbon and then to Whitchurch, Bristol by British Air Service.

31 MAR 1941 - Singapore to England

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

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PAA Trans-Pacific Clipper Service cover flown from either Hong Kong or Manila after an initial sea journey from Singapore. This was the last Clipper flight to the UK at the $1.90 rate before the introduction of the Clipper extension to Singapore on 10th. May 1940.

Flown via Guam and Honolulu to San Francisco by the Pacific Clipper then across the USA to New York via internal airlines. From New York flown by PAA Trans-Atlantic Clipper Service to Lisbon and then to Whitchurch, Bristol by British Air Service.

3 MAY 1941 - Singapore to England

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - UK AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS

$1.95¢ per ½ oz. "Clipper" Airmail Rate on 10th. May 1941
By air thoughout to UK. Inaugural flight from Singapore

A "Route Test Letter" flown from Singapore to the UK on the Inaugural PAA Trans-Pacific Clipper service extension to Singapore. Flown on the "Californian Clipper" the cover left Singapore on 10th. May 1941 for San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake Island, Midway and Honolulu. Flown across the USA on internal airlines to join the PAA Trans-Atlantic Clipper from New York to Lisbon. From Lisbon the letter was carried by British Air Service operating a shuttle to Whitchurch, Bristol.

This flight carried commercial mail to the UK, and there are four such covers recorded.

10 MAY 1941 - Singapore to England

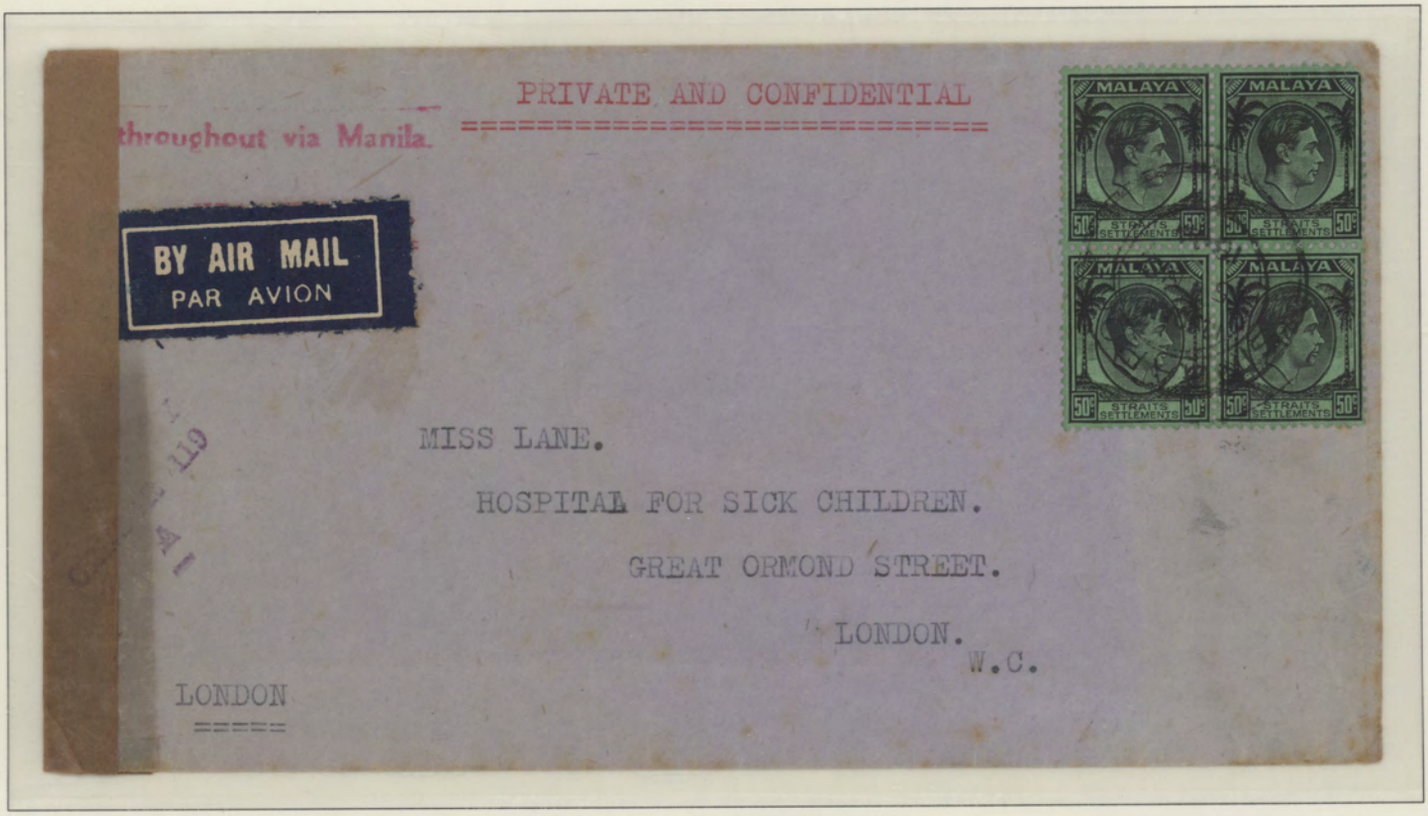
SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - UK AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS

$2.00¢ per ½ oz. "Clipper" Airmail Rate from 24th. May 1941 to 29th. Nov. 1941
By air thoughout to UK

This was the last PAA Trans-Pacific rate by air all the way from Singapore to the UK via New York and Lisbon. The Lisbon to Bristol leg was carried by British Air Service. Due to Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour on the 6th. December 1941, the last Clipper flight was at the end of November 1941.

1 NOV 1941 - Singapore to England



15 NOV 1941 - Singapore to England

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

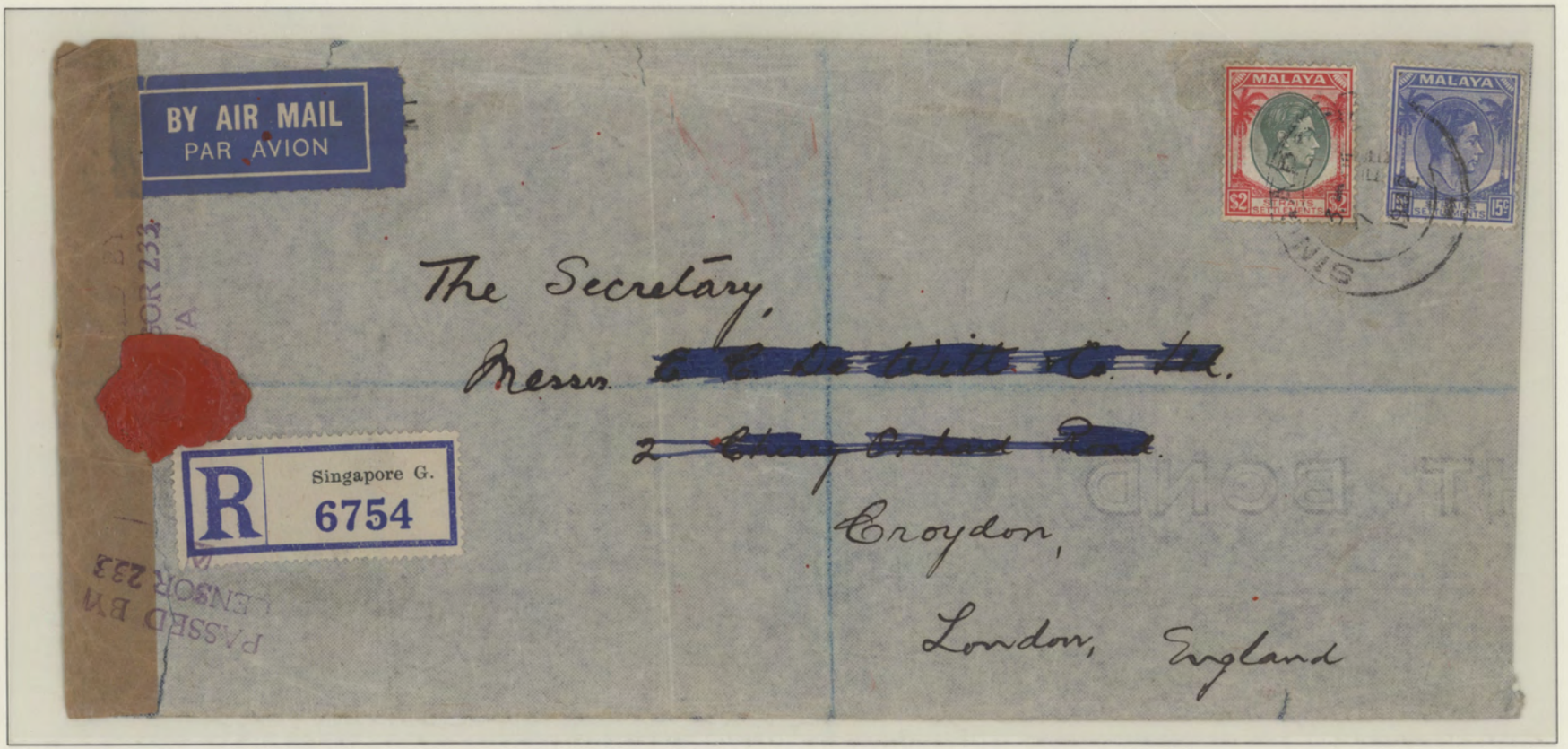
MALAYA - UK AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS

$2.00¢ per ½ oz. "Clipper" Airmail Rate from 2nd. Jan. 1942 to 27th. Jan. 1942
By air to Auckland (BOAC & TEAL), sea to the USA &
across the Atlantic by Trans-Atlantic Clipper to UK via Lisbon

END OF PAN AMERICAN SERVICE, DEC. 1941

The PAA Trans-Pacific service was suspended with Japan's attack on Pearl Harbour on 7th. Dec. 1941 as well as attacks on Hong Kong and Malaya. The "Horseshoe Route" westwards was cut by February 1942 and Singapore fell on the 15th. Feb. 1942. There was limited airmail service either way during the early months of 1942 although surface mail was still available.

SS $2+15¢ stamps(=$2.15¢), $2 per ½ oz. + 15¢ registration fee



7 FEB 1942 - Singapore to England (PAA Trans-Pacific service suspended, probably sent by air to New Zealand, sea to USA & air to UK)

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

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By air thoughout to UK

MALAYAN POSTAL UNION

In 1934, saw the formation of the Malayan Postal Union consisting of the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States This resulted in a common issue of postage due stamps in 1936 and also the normal issues of the two administrations became mutually valid.

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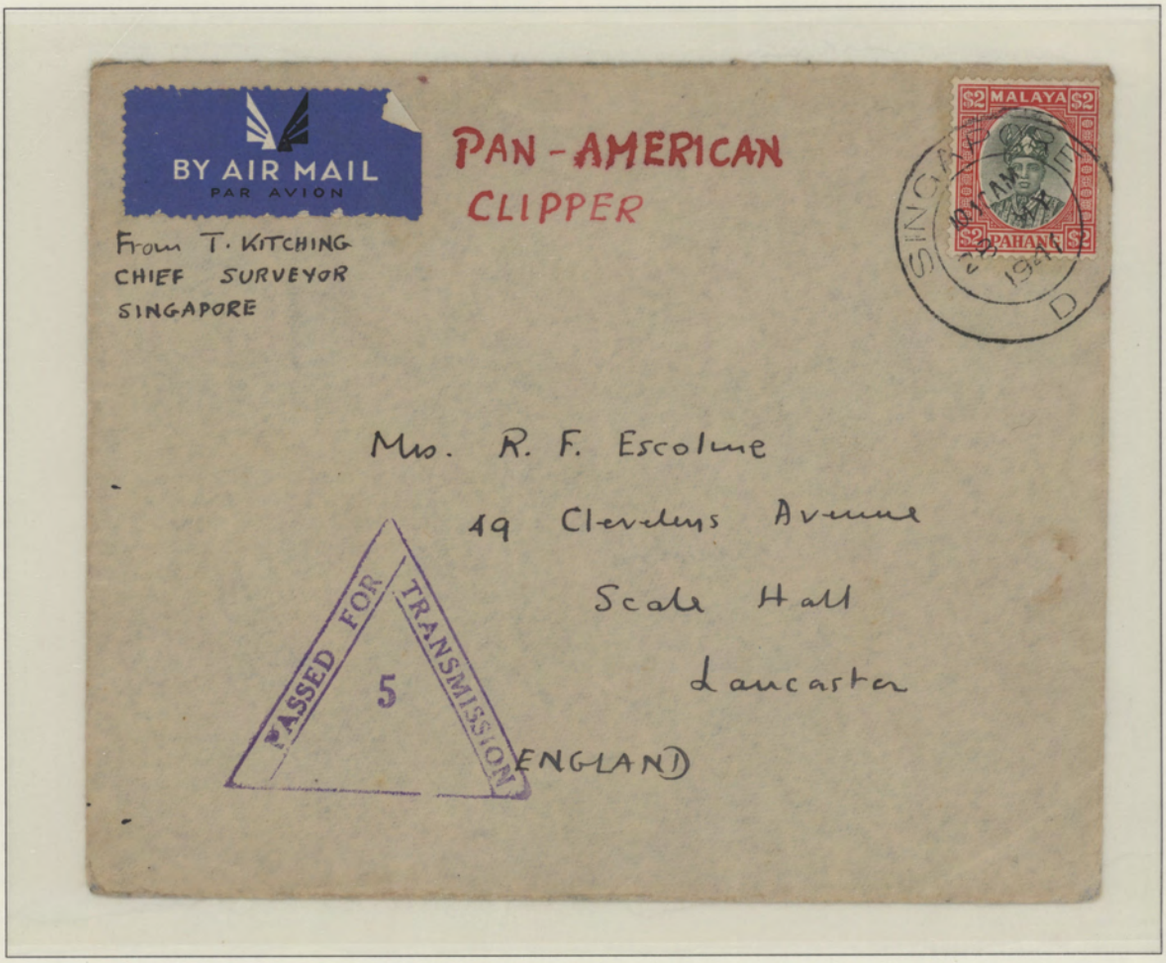
Pahang $2 stamp used at Singapore during the Wartime period



28 MAY 1941 - Singapore to England

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - USA AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS

$1.50¢ per ½ oz. "Clipper" Airmail Rate from 8th. July 1941 to 25th. Nov. 1941
By air to and in USA, then by sea to UK

This was the last trans-Pacific rate before Japan struck at Pearl Harbour on 7th. December 1941 and the service ceased immediately. A Postal notice issued in Malaya in July 1941 offers this service by air until New York and then by sea to the UK, hence the cancelled airmail instructions. The cost of this little used rate is $1.50 compared to the more commonly used $2.00 "By Air Throughout" rate.

6 AUG 1941 - Singapore to England

21 NOV 1941 - Singapore to England

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - USA AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS

$1.40¢ per ½ oz. "Clipper" Airmail Rate from 12th. Dec. 1940 to 18th. Jun. 1941
By sea to Manila, air to and in USA

Mail was sent by sea to Manila until 10th. May 1941, after which date the service was by air all the way from Singapore. This rate was not increased immediately after the service extended to Singapore.

Airmail letter flown on PAA Trans-Pacific Clipper Service from Manila after an initial sea journey from Singapore. Flown via Guam and Honolulu to San Francisco by the Pacific Clipper then across the USA to New Jersey via internal airlines.

13 FEB 1941 - Singapore to USA

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - USA AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS

$1.40¢ per ½ oz. "Clipper" Airmail Rate from 12th. Dec. 1940 to 18th. Jun. 1941
By sea to Manila, air to and in USA

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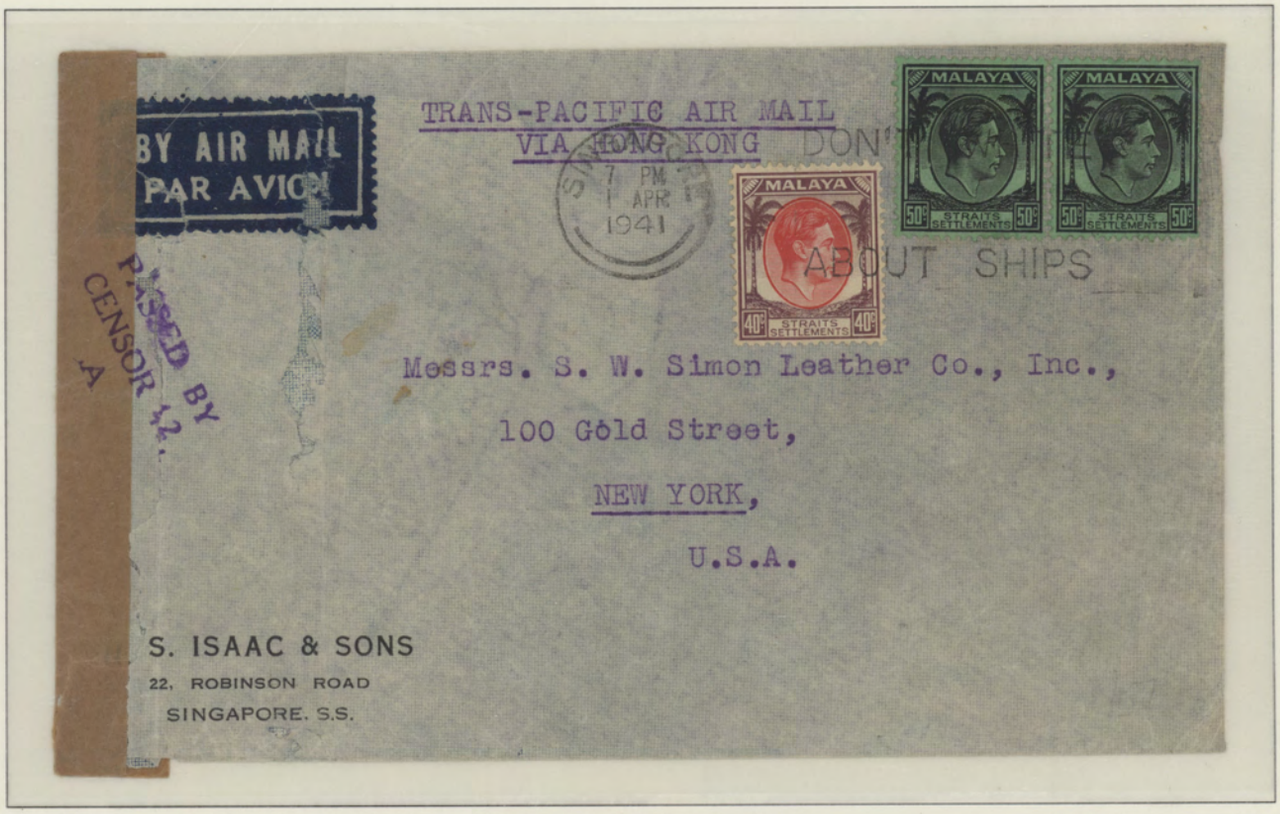

1 APR 1941 - Singapore to USA

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - USA AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS

$1.90¢ per ½ oz. "Clipper" Airmail Rate from 7th. Dec. 1939 to 16th. Apr. 1941
By air to and in USA

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31 OCT 1940 - Singapore to USA

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

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15 NOV 1940 - Singapore to USA

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

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$1.45¢ per ½ oz. "Clipper" Airmail Rate on 10th. May 1941
By air to and in USA. Inaugural flight from Singapore

Mail flown from Singapore to the USA on the Inaugural PAA Trans-Pacific Clipper service extension to Singapore. Flown on the "Californian Clipper" the cover left Singapore on 10th. May 1941 for San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake Island, Midway and Honolulu. Flown across the USA on internal airlines to New York.

This flight carried commercial mail to the USA, and there are four such covers recorded.

9 MAY 1941 - Singapore to USA

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

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10 MAY 1941 - Singapore to USA

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - USA AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS

$1.50¢ per ½ oz. "Clipper" Airmail Rate from 8th. July 1941 to 25th. Nov. 1941
By air to and in USA

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SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

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17 OCT 1941 - Singapore to USA

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - CANADA AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS

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22 NOV 1940 - Singapore to Canada

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

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24 SEPT 1941 - Singapore to Canada

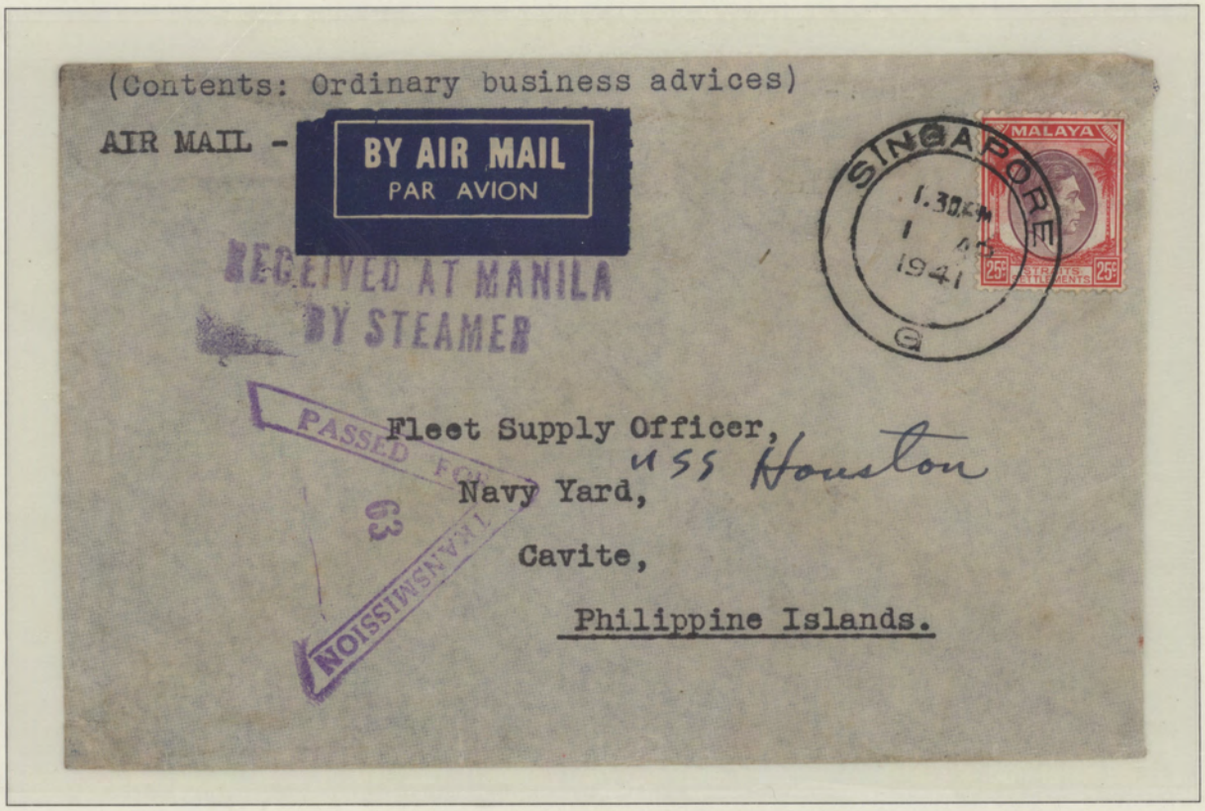
SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - PHILLIPINES AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS

25¢ per ½ oz. "Clipper" Airmail Rate from Feb. 1937 to 9th. May 1941
via Hong Kong

Pan American Airways which had operated the trans-Pacific route from San Francisco to Manila extended its service to Hong Kong on 29th. April 1937. Mail was accepted for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and San Francisco from Penang and Singapore.

Mail would leave Penang and Singapore by Imperial Airways for Hong Kong and arriving at San Francisco on the following day.



1 APR 1941 - Singapore to Philippine Islands (Rate was for airmail to Hong Kong and then by surface mail to Manila)

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA - PHILLIPINES AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS

30¢ per ½ oz. "Clipper" Airmail Rate on 10th. May 1941
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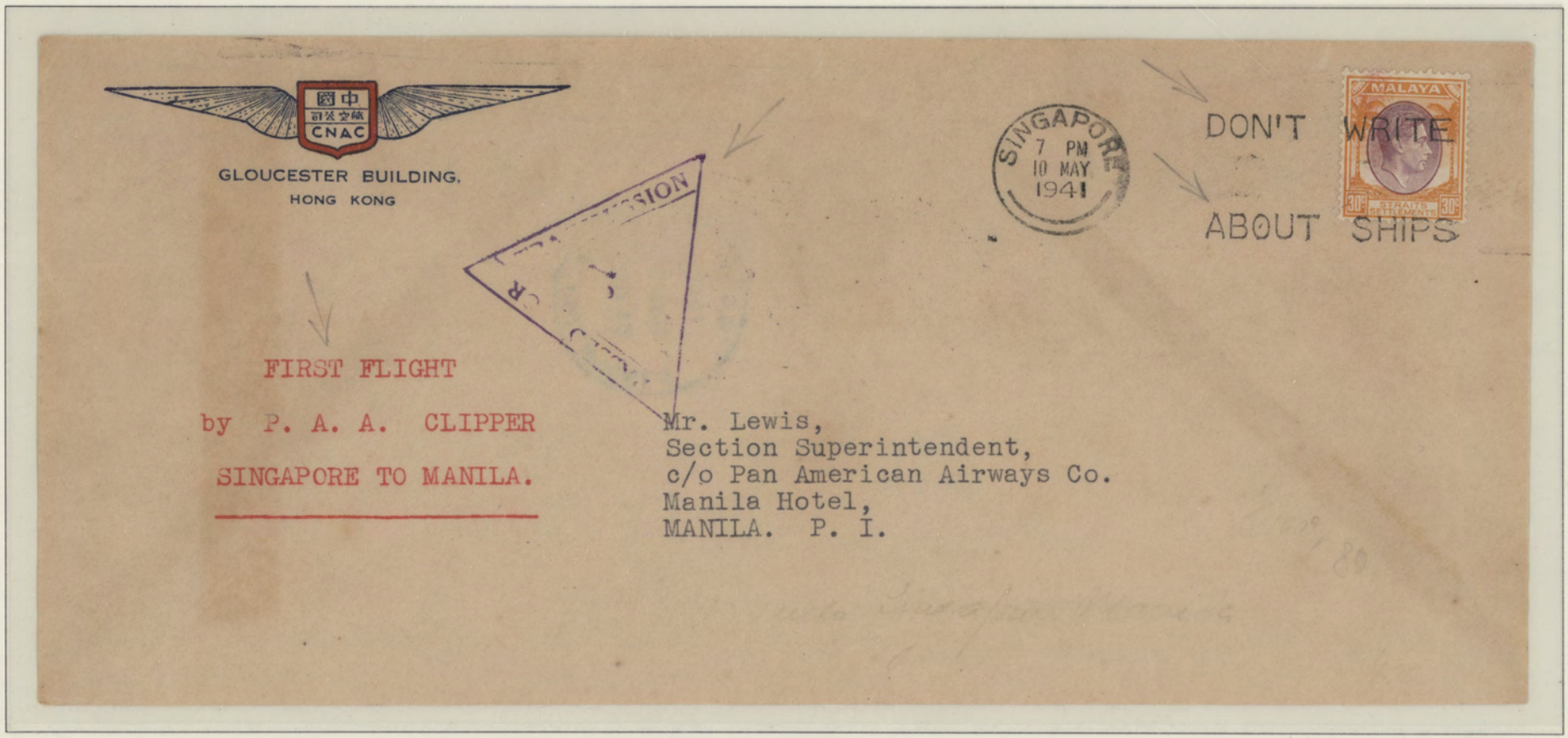

10 MAY 1941 - Singapore to USA

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA INTERNAL AIRMAIL LETTER BY AIR SURVEY COMPANY

4¢ Local Rate Flight on 21st. Aug. 1926

An aerial survey was conducted in Sarawak and Borneo by the Air Survey Company, and after this was completed the returning aircraft carried mail from Singapore to Port Swettenham and Kuala Lumpur. The flight took place on 23rd. August 1926 and left Singapore at 9.00am and landed at Port Swettenham at 12.30pm and sent by train to Kuala Lumpur arriving there at 2.30pm.

Cover overstruck with Singapore postmark of 23rd. August 1926 with straight line "BY AIR MAIL" cachet in black.

23 AUG 1926 - Singapore to Port Swettenham (Backstamped on arrival at 12.30pm 23rd. Aug. 1926)

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SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA INTERNAL AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY K.L.M.

10¢ per ½ oz. from 10th. May 1933 to July 1937

The airmail rate from Singapore to Alor Star was 10¢ per ½oz.. This airmail was almost certainly flown aboard a scheduled KLM aircraft. By 1st. Apr. 1931 the Alor Star airfield became available and flights commenced direct from Malaya to Amsterdam and London by KLM

10 MAY 1933 - Singapore to Alor Star (Backstamped on arrival at 10.45am on the 11th. May 1933)

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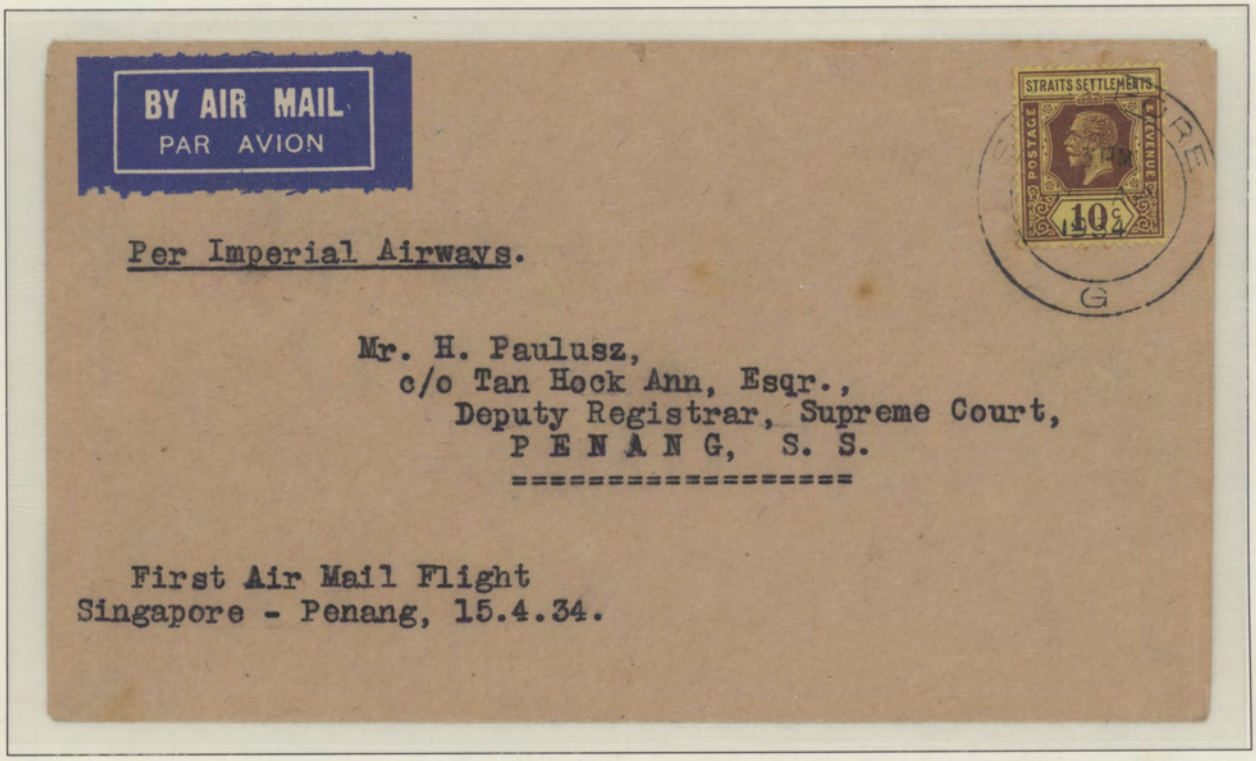
SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA INTERNAL AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY IMPERIAL AIRWAYS

10¢ per ½ oz. from 10th. May 1933 to July 1937

First British airmail from Singapore to London calling at Kuala Lumpur and Penang on 15th. April 1934. The rate is 10¢ per ½oz. The cover is an official first flight cover. This airmail was almost certainly flown aboard a scheduled Imperial Airways aircraft.*

14 APR 1934 - Singapore to Kuala Lumpur (Backstamped on arrival at 8.00am on the 15th. Apr. 1934)



14 APR 1934 - Singapore to Penang

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA INTERNAL AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY WEARNE'S AIR SERVICES

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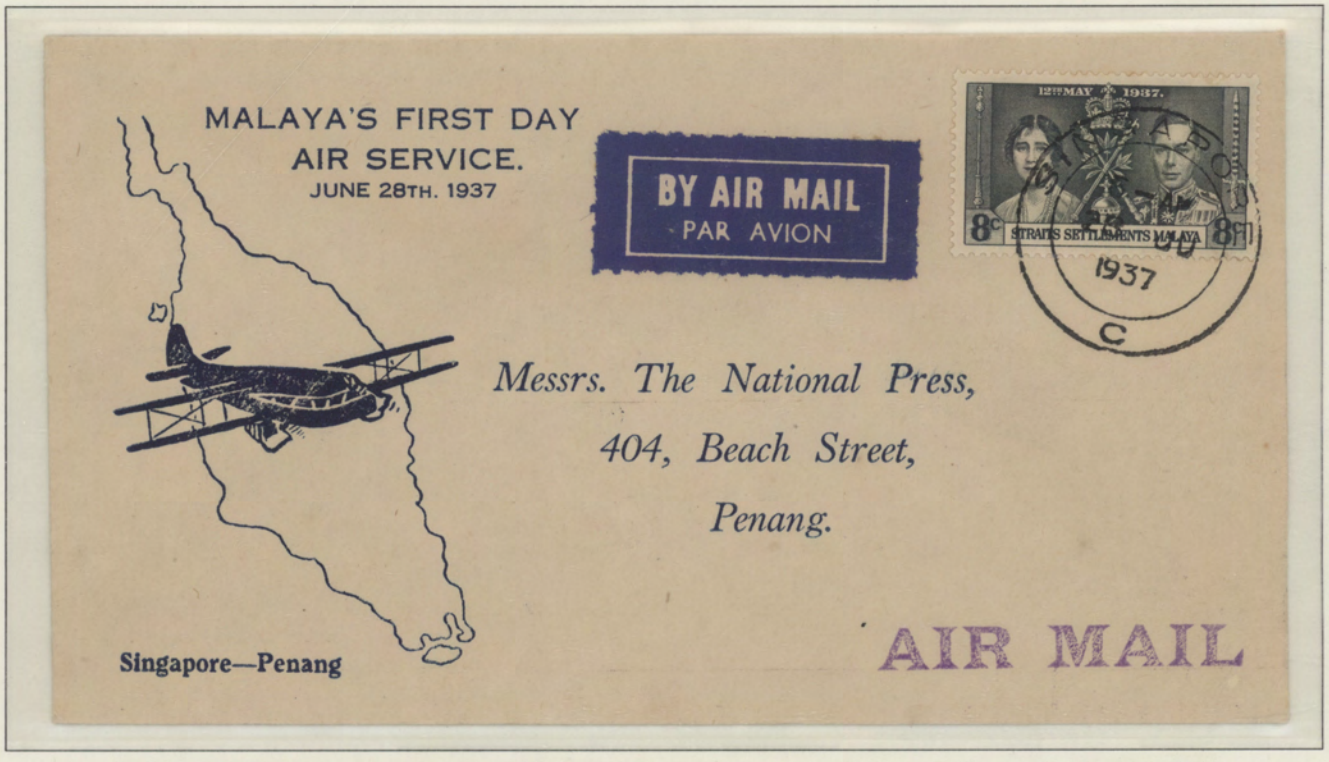

28 JUN 1937 - Singapore to Penang (A First Flight Cover, backstamped on arrival at Penang at 11.30am on the 28th. May 1937)

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28 JUN 1937 - Singapore to Kuala Lumpur (A First Flight Cover, re-posted at Kuala Lumpur at 5.30pm on the 28th. Jun. 1937)

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16 JULY 1937 - Singapore to Penang

24 SEPT 1937 - Singapore to Penang (Backstamped on arrival at 11.00am on the 25th. Sept. 1937)

SINGAPORE POSTAL HISTORY

MALAYA INTERNAL AIRMAIL LETTER RATES BY WEARNE'S AIR SERVICES

8¢ per ½ oz. from 28th. June 1937 to July 1941

The first regular internal airmail service between Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh and Penang commenced on 2nd. May 1938 run by Wearne's Air Service.

This was the first inclusion of Ipoh in the regular schedule. The cover below was sent to Taiping from Ipoh.

17 FEB 1939 - Air Port to Taiping