

SALT LAKE CITY
LAS VEGAS

ROUTE # 4

After 5 days return to

James
via Las Vegas



Charlie N.
**VIA
AIR MAIL**
Envelopes of this design approved
by P. O. D. for exclusive
use in Air Mail.



*Offd to Oakland
4420 W Oakland
Chicago Ill*

pilot: CHARLIE N. JAMES
using nickname
JIMMY JAMES

4w1

4w1
759, 11
1st 510

VIA AIRMAIL 1ST. FLIGHT.
Salt Lake City, Utah--Los Angeles, Cal.

Jimmy James



W. R. Ware,
% R. P. O'Brien,
Los Angeles, Calif.



4w1a
12-2-44
5 stamps \$15
1st 510

4w1a

CAM #4



James G. Woolley,

801 W. M. Garland Bldg.,

Los Angeles, Calif.

*Charlie N. James
Pilot W a e*

4W1Fa SLC1

4W1Fa
26²⁵44
Pilot Sig



MRS. CARRIE G. WORDEN,
1720 MAGNOLIA AVENUE,
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

*Charlie N. James
Pilot W a e*

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CAM #4

Southern California

Southern California
Southern California

HERE, where a multitude of... have enabled an ultra-progressive people to project the ultimate in modern civilization, prosperity and health walk hand in hand—industry is alive and living is a pleasure. An equable climate the year around combines with geographic and topographic features to make SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA unrivalled as an agricultural, industrial, home community which has attracted a population increase of more than TWO MILLION in the past fifteen years.

That SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA has in a brief twelve months outstripped the nation and assumed world leadership in the race to adapt the airplane to commerce is just another tribute to the enterprise and vision of its people.

To American development of Commercial Aviation SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA has made the two major contributions—

The world's first economically successful air transportation system.
The world's highest per capita use of AIR MAIL.



Mail by April 16 for

First Anniversary Flight Western Air Express, Inc.

April 17, 1927

POSTCARD



This is sent via AIR MAIL
Please reply

Personal Message Here

Return to
A. D. Akin Jr.

MAY 3 1927

return to sender

A. D. AKIN JR

PORTLAND,

OREGON

RETURN TO WRITER UNCLAIMED

*Already in
for Angeles
Calif*



Come to South

AT ONCE

4E3 (ANNIVERSARY)

Where
Snowcapped
Mountains
Encircle
Valleys
of
Perpetual
Sunshine
by
the
Sea



Los Angeles, the biggest city in the Western Americas, was founded in 1781 by royal decree of the King of Spain, and given the musical name of "Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de Los Angeles," meaning "The Village of Our Lady, the Queen of the Angels." It was incorporated as an American city in 1851, one year after California's admission to the Union. Its growth during the past three decades, has startled the entire world. Its population has increased from 102,479 in 1900, to 1,300,328 today, making it the fifth city in size in the United States.

Its bank clearings of \$8,917,424,296 last year, are over ten times those of 1910 when the total was \$811,387,487. Its building permits have increased in value from \$21,684,100 in 1910, to \$123,006,215 last year, while its postal receipts during the same period have increased from \$1,476,942 to \$9,089,918.

The value of the manufactured output of its metropolitan area has increased from \$618,772,520 in 1919, to approximately \$1,275,000,000 last year. No less phenomenal is the growth of its harbor which, in 1915, handled a total of 1,739,548 tons valued at \$88,674,070, and last year handled a total of 23,067,365 tons, valued at \$804,014,311. The assessed valuation of Los Angeles County, based on 50 per cent of actual values, has grown from \$521,400,550 in 1910, to \$2,994,866,907 last year.

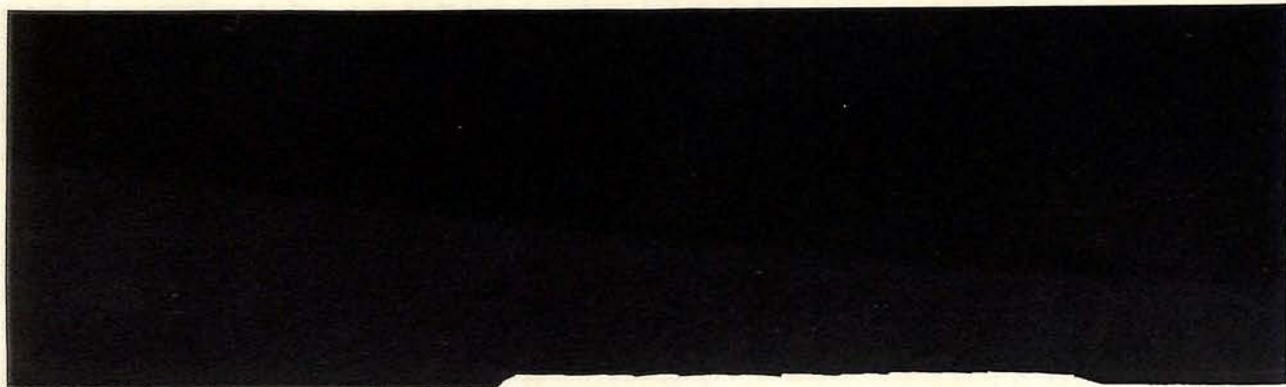
Los Angeles County for years has led all counties of the nation in agricultural production. Last year its crops had a value of \$89,817,515.

The school enrollment in Los Angeles City has increased from 51,995 in 1910, to 274,263 last year.

Motor vehicles registered in Los Angeles County totalled 635,949 at the close of 1926, or approximately half of all motor vehicles registered in the State of California.

LOS ANGELES
SALT LAKE CITY

ROUTE #4



4E3
54E3 +
Stamp - 29th
1st of Feb

4E3



ON the night of January 10, 1930, Pilot Maurice Graham took off from Las Vegas in a blinding snow storm, carrying the night air mail to salt Lake City. As Graham's plane lunged into the storm and darkness, pilot and plane both vanished as completely as if they had been swallowed by the elements. For weeks, squadrons of Army, Navy, and commercial planes diligently searched over a radius of several hundred miles, and expeditions on foot battled through snow drifts, but without avail.

To this day, no trace of Maurice Graham or of his plane has ever been found.

CAM #4

453-4111
7700-41
3 P. 1015

David Lloyd
Pilot L.H.S.D.

LAS VEGAS, NEV
MAY 31
12-M.
1930



Allan A. Barrie
mail Pilot Salt Lake
to Los Angeles

VIA AIR MAIL



W. I. Shaffer
Salt Lake to Los Angeles
Ralph Moffett, Co-Pilot.
552 Miranda St.,
OAKLAND, Calif.

Hap Russey Pilot First Trip.

453-4114

453-404
7700-41
4 P. 1015

CAM #4



453-444
700
19.00
20/103



CAM #4



4N4
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Pilot 59



4N4
300
Pilot 59

Hap Russell

CAM #4



FORT WORTH'S

HOTEL OF DISTINCTION

The



BLACKSTONE

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Ft Worth
April 24, 1934

Dear Miss Johnson

would you be kind enough to tell me where you collected these terrible prints, look as though they may have come out of a Rogue gallery. you will notice I swiped one on you, so if you want more autographed send them to me. also if you should trade them off Tell them not to use the signature on a check because it will bounce right back.

I do not remember if I have autographed covers for you or not, if you have some of mine will be glad to autograph them for you

FORT WORTH'S

HOTEL OF DISTINCTION

The



BLACKSTONE

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Flew the following first flights
San Diego to Los Angeles A m 4?
June 1930 - El Paso to Los Angeles A m 33
Oct 15 1930. San Diego to Phoenix A m 33
June 1932. Phoenix to San Diego A m 33
June 1932.

At Present flying Ft Worth to
Galveston but will be back
on L. A El Paso after the first
of the month some time, That is if
they will give us some mail back.

So if I can do anything for you
on covers will be glad to do it

yours

Hap Russell

P.S. Had to use a new envelope
as I carried yours in my pocket so
long it stuck together



CAM #4



Air Express



BELIEVED

DEAD IN PLANE

Hope Fades for Air Liner

(Concluded From Page One)

peaks of Wasatch and Mt. Timpanogas.
James and Fred Kelly, another pilot, passed over the same route. Samson was flying on their regular schedules less than two hours before. The weather was clear then and conditions perfect.

Residents at American Fork, a small town south of here, reported a plane circled there around 4 a. m. Samson, forced off his course, may have mistaken the lights of American for some other city on his regular route and sped on into the side of the mountain.

Samson took off from Los Angeles on his regular run Monday night. With him were Co-Pilot William L. Bogen, former army flier, and Miss Witt. The passengers were Mr. and Mrs. John Wolf, of Chicago; H. Edwards, Minneapolis radio engineer for North west Airways, and C. Christopher, of Dwight, Ill.

Miss Witt, an attractive girl, had won the hearts of Erich K. Balzer, of San Francisco, and Pilot James Roe. They raced to Kansas City to see her and propose first. Later Miss Witt announced that she would not marry Balzer and that she and Roe "were still very good friends."

4 PASSENGERS ABOARD

The plane, a fast transport operated by the Western Air Express and flying between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City, was due here at 4:10 a. m. (6:10 a. m. Detroit time) yesterday. It carried four passengers and a crew of three, including Miss Gladys Witt, the stewardess, who was heroine of a recent romantic incident that attracted wide attention. A pilot and a San Francisco business man had been rivals for her hand.

There was some reason to believe that the liner crashed into the granite sides of Mount Timpanogas, highest peak of the Wasatch, 40 miles south of Salt Lake City. Chief Pilot C. N. (Jimmy) James, of Western Air Express, led air and ground searchers into its vicinity at dawn. Fog and overcast skies slowed the search.

James said he believed a sudden shift of wind may have forced pilot S. J. Samson off his course after the plane's last report early Tuesday morning and sent it crashing at 200 miles an hour into the mountain. The plane's last report gave its altitude at 10,000 feet. A powerhouse operator at Alpine reported having heard a plane's motors at 4 a. m. that faded away toward the more than 11,000-foot

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Missing Craft Still Un sighted

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 16.—(U.P.)—Hope for the lives of seven persons missing 24 hours in a giant air liner was abandoned today. A fleet of planes resumed the search at dawn, expecting to find the wreckage and the bodies in the snowy wilderness of the Wasatch mountains.

That the plane had crashed seemed certain, because, if it made a forced landing in some isolated spot without injury to its occupants, there had been time for them to reach a settlement. Even the possibility that some or all the occupants had escaped death in the crash dimmed with each passing hour without word.

The weather was cold, the barometer was falling, and there were threats of heavy snow storms, making it unlikely an injured person or persons could have survived.

INTERRUPTED FLIGHT
36.6
DECEMBER 15, 1936

Crew of Missing Air Liner, Feared Wrecked Among Utah Mountain Peaks



S. J. SAMSON



WILLIAM J. BOGEN

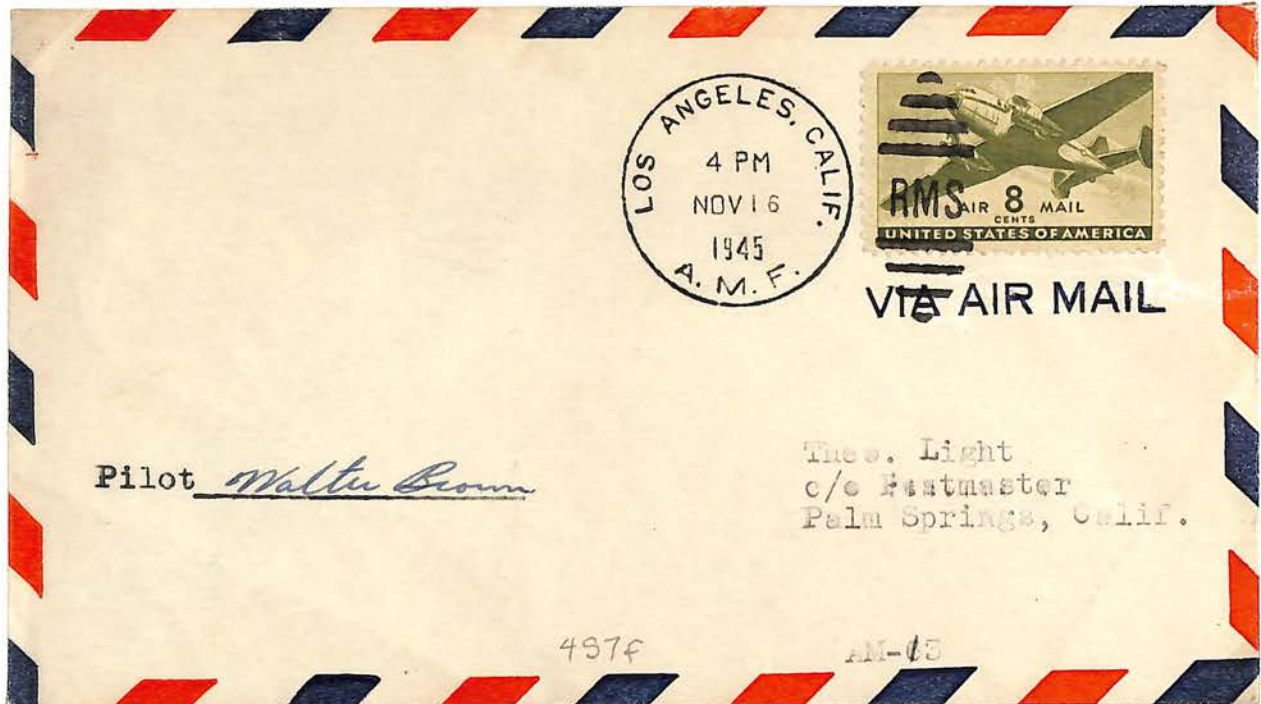
—Associated Press Wirephoto
MRS. BOGEN

A widespread search was being pushed today among the Wasatch Mountains in Utah for a Western Air Express air liner which has been missing since yesterday with four passengers and a crew of three aboard. Chief Pilot Samson is believed to have lost his course when the wind suddenly changed. Bogen, co-pilot, shown with Mrs. Bogen, was formerly a lieutenant in the Army Air Service.

CAM #4



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Pilot's



497f
5250
Pilot's

CAM #4



4NB
22/11
Pilot 5



FOURTH NATIONAL
PHILATELIC
EXHIBITION



FIRST DAY COVER
August 15th, 1932

714



Resumption of Night Air Mail

Los Angeles to Salt Lake City

CAM - 4

August 15th 1932

VIA AIR MAIL

Henry Stinemetts
Care Postmaster.
Salt Lake City..
Utah.

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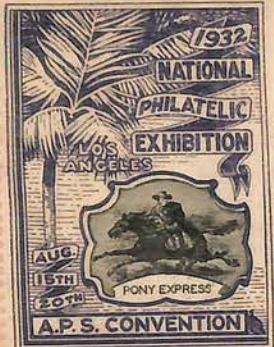
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August 15th 1932

VIA AIR MAIL

Henry Stinemetts
Care Postmaster.
Salt Lake City..
Utah.

Philatelic Convention



First Day Cover



Resumption of Night Air Mail

Los Angeles to Salt Lake City

CAM - 4

August 15th 1932

THIS LETTER SENT BY AIR MAIL

Henry Stinemetts
Care Postmaster.
Salt Lake City
Utah

Not F.D.

FOURTH NATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION



FIRST DAY COVER
August 15th, 1932



Resumption of Night Air Mail

Los Angeles to Salt Lake City

CAM - 4

August 15th 1932

VIA AIR MAIL

Henry Stinemetts
Care Postmaster.
Salt Lake City
Utah

714

" FIRST AIR MAIL FLIGHT "
VIA ROUTE AM-13.

VIA WESTERN AIRLINES,
SAN DIEGO INTO EL CENTRO, CALIF.

Don M. Steward

POSTMASTER.



VIA AIR MAIL

Henry M. Horn,
Railway Mail Clk.
c/o Postmaster,
General Delivery,
EL CENTRO, CALIF.

4N11

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Kindly Backstamp Ime ad-
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HOLD FOR
H.M.Horn
32 Sterling Pl.
Brooklyn, N.Y.

*Charles Johnson
Schmuck*

EL CALIF.
CENTRO
JAN 13 8 PM
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CAM #4



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Pilar Jay



4W16
159
Pilar Jay

ANNIVERSARY FLIGHT

CAM #4



The Utaero Air Mail Society of Salt Lake City
Chapter 27 of the American Air Mail Society
"Aerial Crossroads of the West"

CAM #5



5NEG
59.00
Pilot 52



5NW6
\$3.00
Pilot 52

CAM #5



R5SE7

79⁰⁰

Pendleton



R5NW7

76⁰⁰

CAM #8



8N12
450
11/15/28



CAM # 8



8914-BN15
\$1.87
Pilot 54



8N15
450
Pilot
54

CAM #8



CAM #8



8N15
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Pilot Penick



Burdock, J.M.



Pilot Remelin



Mr Leonard Burns

*70 Gen Del
Seattle Wash.*



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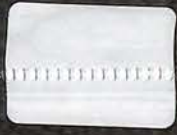
VIA AIR MAIL



Ralph H. Martin

P. O. Box 323

Santa Clara, California



SAN LEANDRO
OCT 7
12:30 PM
1931
CALIF.



RUGHEIMETTI
M. Guglielmetti

United Air Lines. Pilot.

Air Mail

Bill Schneider Jr.,
Rahway,
New Jersey.

CAM 8

CAM #8



CAM #8

FEB 13 1933

Eddie Brooks



NOTIFY
YOUR
CORRESPONDENTS
OF CHANGE
OF ADDRESS



February 2nd, 1933
First San Francisco Municipal
Airport (Mills Field) dispatch
Route AM #8 - Trip #15a - direct
Flight to Los Angeles, Calif.
Carried by West Coast Airmail
Society - San Francisco, Calif.

Albert H. Brown
General Delivery
Los Angeles, Calif.

8520

8520
\$1.00
Post 50c

CAM #8

FOR SPEED REPLY BY
SENT BY
AIR MAIL



A. J. Johnson
Pilot P. O. T.



Miss Lottie Appel,
General Delivery,
San Diego, Calif.

8522

8522
300 14
Pilot 54

CAM #8



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Pilot Sec



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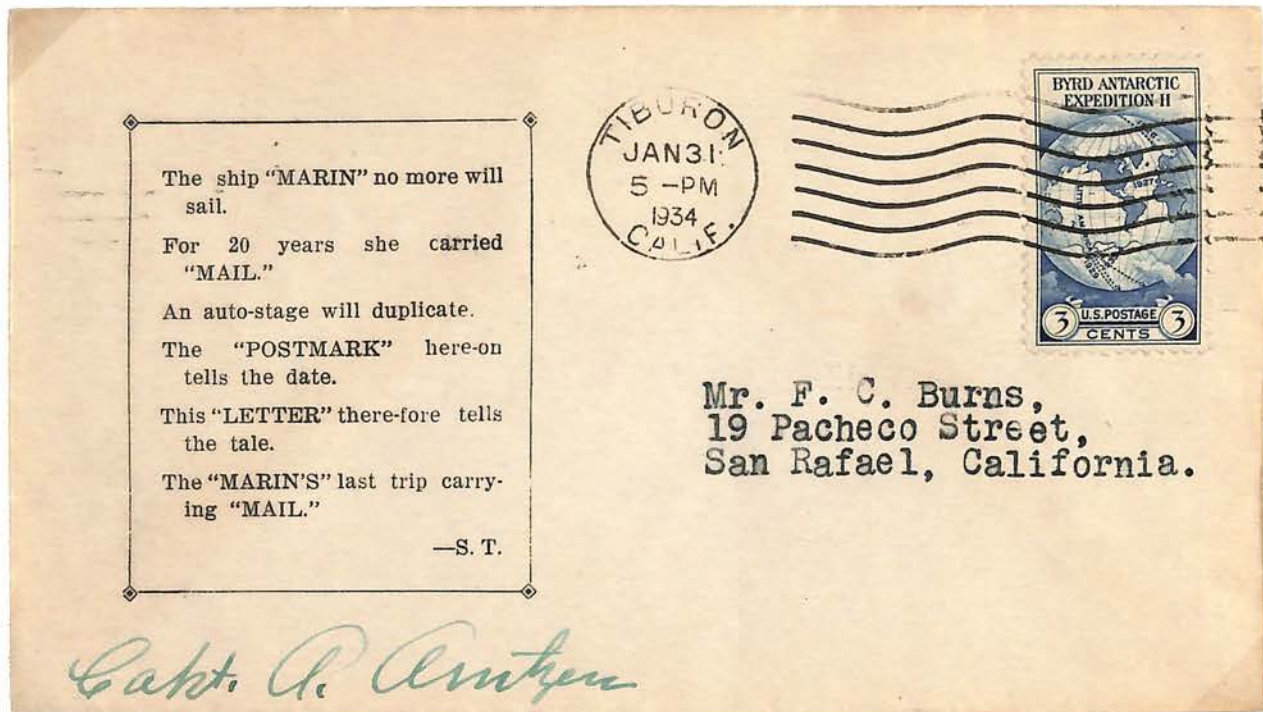
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CAM#8



*F.M. Burns F.M.
Portland, Oregon.*

*R8N23
J402 +
Pilot's sig.*



*Miss
Cove
FS #1*

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Carried by the courtesy of the
Union Air Lines, Inc.
Inaugural Flight -- Los Angeles
to San Francisco and Servicing
Santa Barbara and Monterey

Monty Sharp

RICHARD G. BRIAN, Jr.

324 Vine Street,

East Liverpool, Ohio

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UNION
AIR LINES
PILOTS



CARRIED BY COURTESY ON THE
INAUGURAL SERVICE
OF THE UNION AIR LINES, INC.

San Francisco, Monterey, Santa Barbara
Los Angeles
A Coast Line Scenic Route

C. C. Bishop
Pilot

ALBERT N. BROWN
270 TEHAMA ST.
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.



Pvt Taylor Pilot
AM 14 T 3 8/2



Special Delivery
AIR MAIL

Miss Irene M. Pistorius
2442-20th St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

C. pilot Chart Hallett
AM 14 #3

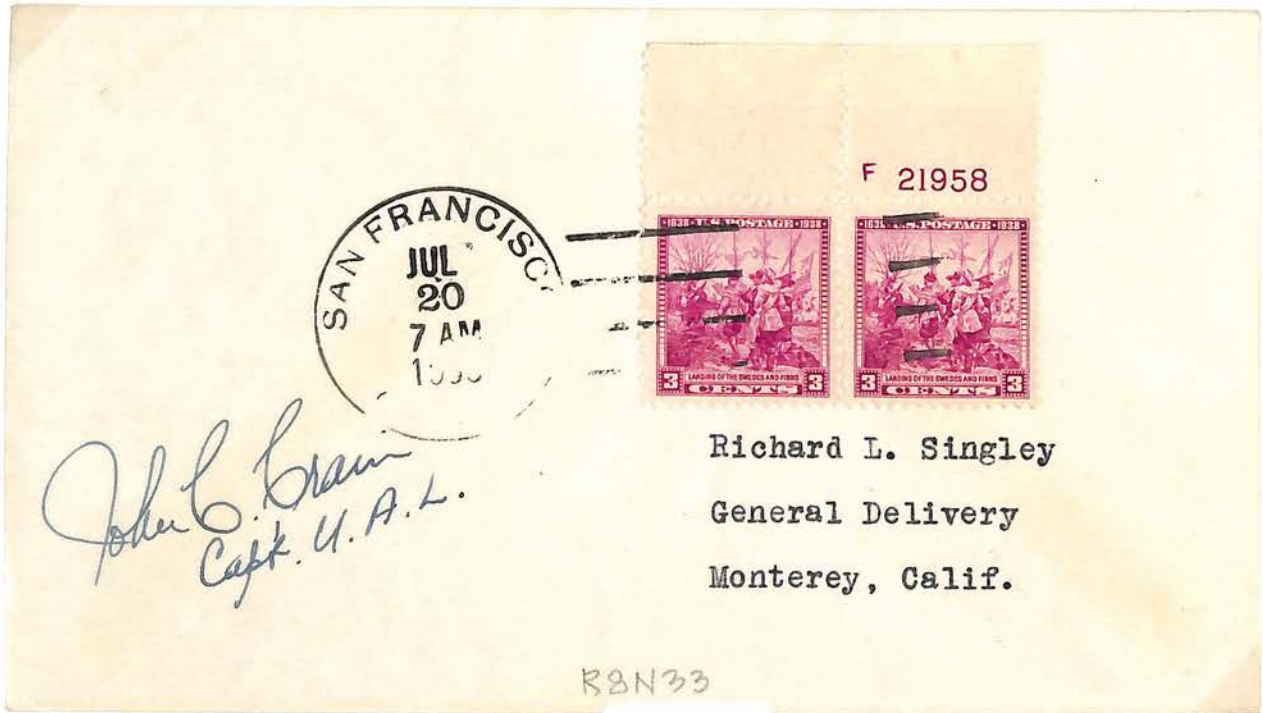
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CAM # 8



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SAN FRANCISCO
JUL 20
7 AM
1955



Richard L. Singley
General Delivery
Monterey, Calif.

RBN33

RBN 33
\$4.02 +
Pilot 516

CAM #8

Small field, Tenn

Pilot

G. L. Boyd

MODESTO
AUG 1
9 AM
1940
CALIF.



U. S. AIR MAIL



MODESTO
CALIFORNIA

VIA AIR MAIL

Theo. Light
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

AM-11

3N4B

3N4B
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Pilot Sec

CAM # 8



8854 ✓
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Pilot 56



8854
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Pilot 56

CAM #8



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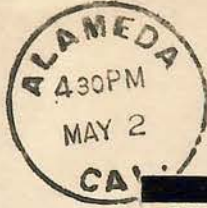
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 Pilot 5-

CAM # 9

*First Flight
Eureka to
San Francisco*



FIRST FLIGHT
Eureka to
San Francisco, Calif.



CORREO AEREO *6* **VIA AIR MAIL**

Elliott B. Holton,
60 Elmwood Terrace,
Irvington, N.J.

8350 (v)

*8556
5152
v. 5168/17*

CAM # 9



9W6
 1927
 Pilot 54-

9W6
 1927
 Pilot 54-

CAM # 9



9W6 Comb
\$1.50
Pilot 20



R9E7
\$9.00++
Pilot 20

CAM #9



9w10
#1202
Stamps
Holm 5410



9e10
750 +
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CAM # 9



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\$18.00
Speed Holman



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Speed Holman

CAM #9



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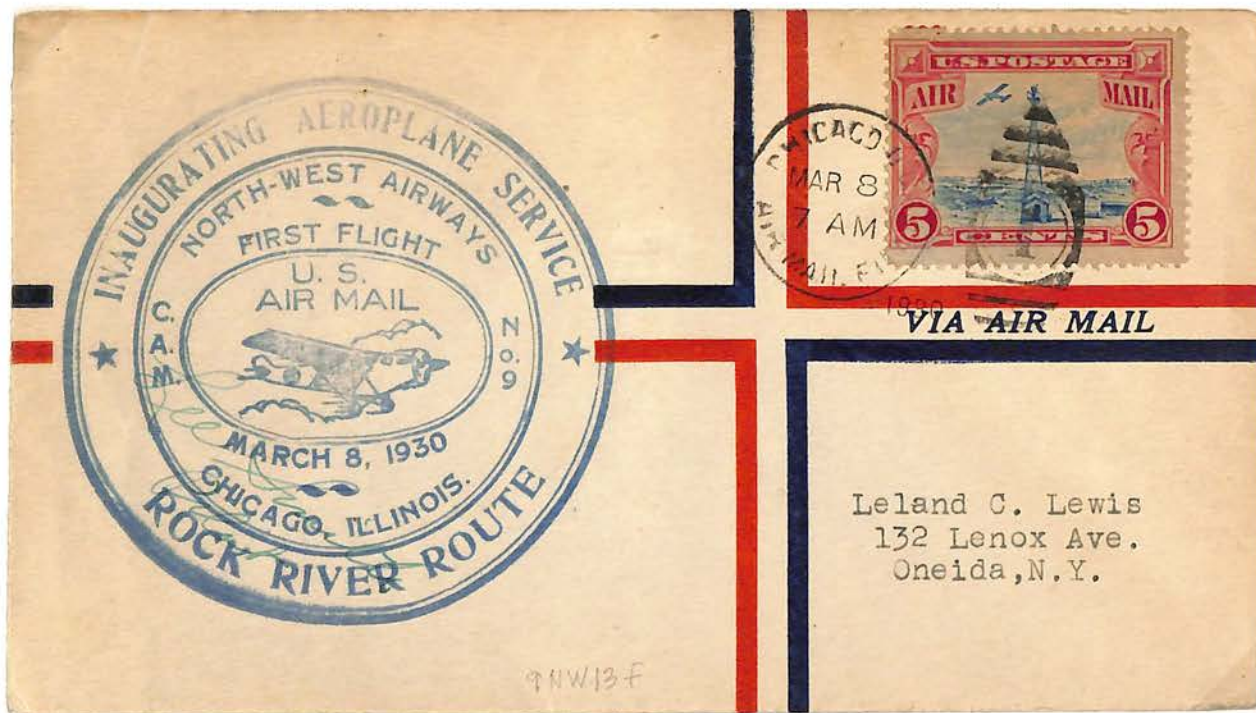


9NW13F
Nice letter
\$1075-11

CAM #9



9NW13F
\$1.85
Pilot Smith



9NW13F
\$1.85
Pilot Smith

FD



VIA AIR MAIL



75c
4450.
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Mr. Floyd Campbell
Elgin Ill

R.F.D # 4 - Box 11

The AIRWAY MAIL



COASTING DOWN THE MILKY WAY,
JUST AS TWILIGHT ENDS THE DAY,
COMES A FLASH OF SILVER GREY—
IT'S ELGIN'S AIRWAY MAIL!

BRAVE AS A LION-HEARTED NORSE,
SCOFFING AT THE TEMPEST'S FORCE,
NEVER SWERVING FROM HIS COURSE—
IT WERE DEATH TO FAIL!

ON THE WING A BRILLIANT LIGHT,
AT THE HELM A GALLANT KNIGHT,
TO THE WORLD A GORGEOUS SIGHT—
BLAZING HEROES' TRAIL.

TRUE HIS FINGER 'ON THE ROD,
SURE AS THOUGH THE EARTH HE TROD,
UP THERE WITH THE STARS AND GOD—
CHEER ELGIN'S AIRWAY MAIL!

Courtesy of The Boys World.

—Florence Marshall

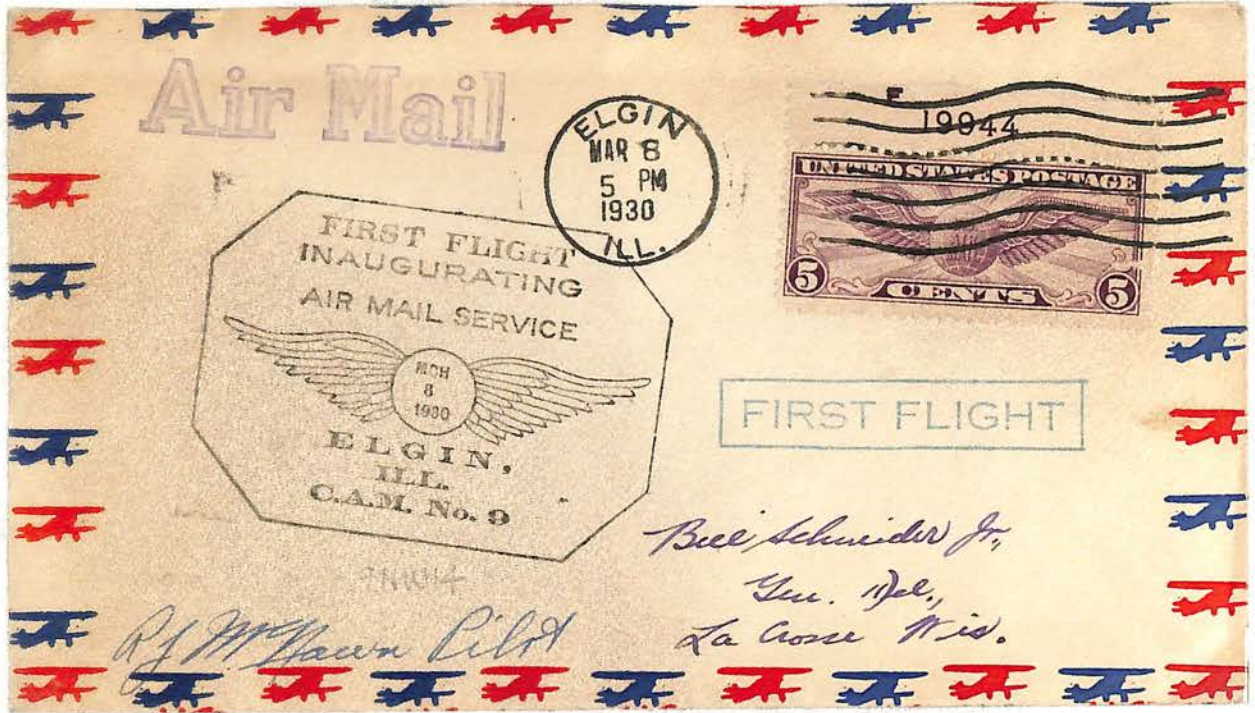
Elgin Has Airmail Service

ELGIN'S AIRPORT

Elgin has an airport that has potentialities far above that of the average city. The field is one-half mile square, with an additional 13 acres for use in constructing hangars, concessions, etc. The beacon light is located off the field and does not constitute an obstruction. The field is an all point landing field, equipped with boundary and landing flood lights, with an efficient manager on the property at all times. It is located just 35 miles from Chicago, and is out of the smoke and fog area of that city. It will be used as an auxiliary landing field for Chicago, as rapid transportation is now available between Elgin and the Loop business district of Chicago. The field offers wonderful opportunities for aviation companies to construct hangars, repair shops, waiting rooms, etc., near the field, on a paved highway and on a railroad siding, and still be in the metropolitan area of Chicago. Fly to Elgin; the city where industries grow.

Elgin Association of Commerce.

CAM #9



Air Mail

ELGIN
MAR 8
5 PM
1930
ILL.

19044
UNITED STATES POSTAGE
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FIRST FLIGHT
INAUGURATING
AIR MAIL SERVICE
MCH 8 1930
ELGIN,
ILL.
C.A.M. No. 9

FIRST FLIGHT

Bill Schneider Jr.,
Gen. Del.,
La Crosse Wis.

R. J. McHawn Pilot

9NW14
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Pilot Sec

CAM #9



9NW15
\$22.50
P. M. S. C.



75E15
\$4.50
P. M. S. C.
Will Smith

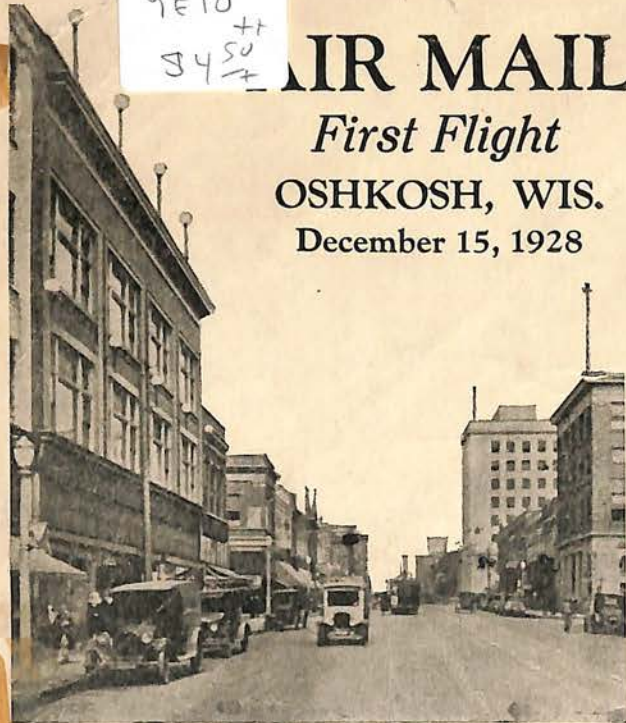
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AIR MAIL

First Flight

OSHKOSH, WIS.

December 15, 1928

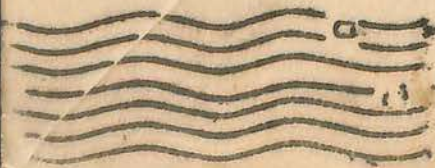


SAVE THIS SOUVENIR AIR MAIL ENVELOPE



THIS SPACE FOR ADDRESS

Mr Lowell Schroeder
1127 Arthur St.
Wausau, Wis





Greetings from
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

"Illinois' Second Industrial City"

Commemorating the first flight of

AIR MAIL SERVICE

from **ROCKFORD**

Send your **CORRESPONDENCE** and **EXPRESS**

VIA AIR MAIL
and **TRAVEL VIA AIR**

to **ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS**

Now Connecting with

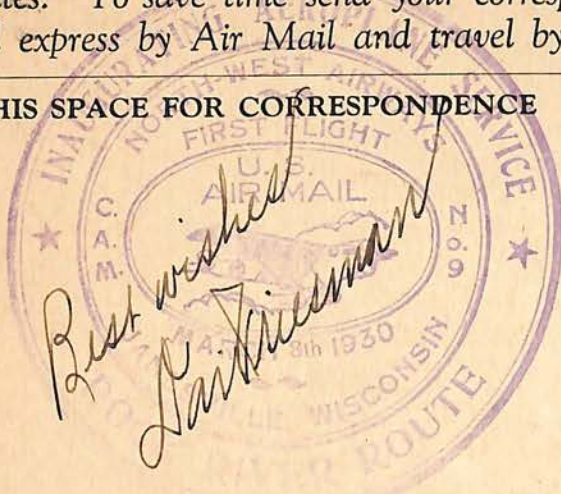
All Direct **U. S. AIR MAIL ROUTES**

95E15
\$300 7/4

This Card is Sent by Air Mail ~ For Speed, Reply by Air Mail

Commemorating the first flight of Air Mail from
Janesville. Janesville is now on all U. S. Air
Mail routes. To save time send your correspond-
ence and express by Air Mail and travel by Air.

THIS SPACE FOR CORRESPONDENCE



*Best wishes
Laird*

**FIRST FLIGHT
INAUGURATING
AIR MAIL SERVICE**



VIA AIR MAIL... FIRST FLIGHT
JANESVILLE, WIS.
C.A.M. No. 9

JANESVILLE
MAR 8
7:30 AM
1930



ADDRESS

*Mr. "Lick" Hayes
Chamber of Commerce
Owasso
Mich*

This GREETING CARD published by the JANESVILLE CHAMBER
of COMMERCE to commemorate this newest form of transportation.

95E16

95E16
300 4

AIR MAIL GREETING CARD

(PUBLISHED BY THE ROCKFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THE INTEREST OF AVIATION.)

AIR MAIL POSTAGE ON THIS CARD FROM ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS TO ANY CITY IN THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, GREAT BRITAIN AND MEXICO 5CTS. SWEDEN 14CTS., ITALY 17CTS., FRANCE 12CTS., GERMANY 12CTS., SPAIN 12CTS.



THIS SPACE FOR CORRESPONDENCE

VIA AIR MAIL—FIRST FLIGHT

ADDRESS

March 6-1930
Dear Folks: —

How do you like this
card? Do you recognize the
city. With love
Louise.

Mr. + Mrs. George Schneider
3926 Ashland Ave.
St. Louis
Mo.



INFORM YOUR FRIENDS TO SEND CORRESPONDENCE AND EXPRESS VIA AIR MAIL AND TRAVEL VIA AIR TO ROCKFORD, ILL.



**Air Mail
Greetings
from
Janesville
Wisconsin**

CAM #9



Walter P. Bullock

POSTMASTER.

Arthur L. Johnson
Lester Smith Pilot



Wm. Broyles, Jr.,
5618 Morningside Drive,
Dallas, Texas.

95E15

95E15
3 00 + 14
Pilot Sam

CAM #9



9NW16
721
Pilot 500

CAM # 9



95E16

95E 16
\$450

Prior 54



95E16

95E 16
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29,100

CAM#9



95E17
\$4.92
Pilot Size



9W18F
\$21
Pilot Size

CAM # 9



9w18f

9w18f
\$21.00
Pilot 50



9w19

9w19
\$6.00
Pilot 50

CAM #9



VIA AIR MAIL

HARRY C. WARREN
1421 Fifth Ave.
ROCKFORD, ILL.

9E19
 56



VIA AIR MAIL

Miss Vallie Mae Harris
211 South Sante Fe
Bartlesville, Okla.

WR Bullock-pilot 9E19
 480 H
 Pilot 5-

Division of
Air Mail Service

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

August 5, 1930.

ANNOUNCEMENT

C.A.M. 9 - Chicago-St. Paul Route

Effective September 1, 1930, Beloit, Wisconsin, will be embraced for supply on C.A.M. 9, Chicago-St. Paul Air Mail Route.

A special cachet will be furnished by this Department to the Postmaster at Beloit for use on such air mail as may be dispatched to C.A.M. 9 from his office on September 1. Air mail covers to receive this cachet should be sent to the Postmaster at Beloit, under cover, so as to reach him in advance of the opening day.

The landing field to be used will be the same as the one now serving Janesville, Wisconsin. The westbound plane will be due to leave this field at 8.30 a.m., and the eastbound plane will be due to leave this field at 5.10 p.m., daily.

For the Second Assistant.

E. B. Wadsworth,

Superintendent.

United States Post Office

ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

FIRST CLASS

August 29, 1930.

Dear Sir:

Letters sent to this office to be mailed on first flight to Beloit, Wisconsin, have been received.

As this office has not been supplied with a first flight cachet for this addition to CAM #9 nothing but our postmarking stamp will be placed on the covers. However, we will see that they are mailed on this first flight to Beloit, Wisconsin.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur L. Johnson
Postmaster

300 POUNDS OF AIRMAIL IS SENT ON INAUGURAL FLIGHT

DARK storm clouds gathering in the west did not hamper M. S. De Long, Northwest Airways pilot, from leaving the Rock County airport at 5:10 o'clock yesterday afternoon with Beloit's first consignment of southbound airmail for Chicago and points beyond.

The inauguration of airmail service out of Beloit was a successful event in every way. More than 300 pounds of mail was sent out. This poundage included approximately 17,000 pieces of mail. Cards and letters were addressed to every state in the United States, and some to provinces in Canada, Mexican states, South American countries, and to many European nations. The south-

bound consignment consisted of nine bags. Some mail was sent in the morning.

At the same time the special plane carrying the Beloit mail was about to take off, the regular mail plane with Leslie Smith at the controls hove into sight with the cloud banks at his back. As soon as he picked up the Janesville mail, and W. R. Anthony, superintendent of mails at the Beloit postoffice, and Ben F. Myers, assistant superintendent of airmail in the middle west, had found their seats, the regular plane was winging its way towards Chicago.

Several Beloit persons were at the airport to view the starting of airmail service.

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