

MANCHESTER INLAND AIR MAIL SERVICES

Commencing on the 20th August AIR MAIL SERVICES will be instituted between MANCHESTER and the places shown below.

Correspondence for transmission by these services should, whenever possible, be posted in the special air mail letter boxes and should bear the blue air mail label or be clearly marked in manuscript for transmission by air.

Rates of postage will be :-

Letters Not exceeding 2 oz. ... 1½d.

For every additional oz.... 1d.

Postcards ... Each card 1d.

		Hour of Posting		Time sent out for delivery		Acceleration	
Destination	In Newton Street Air Mail Box	Head Office and other Air Mail Boxes	In Ordinary Boxes	Ordinary Letters	Express Letters	Ordinary Letters	Express Letters
Birmingham	10.45 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	8.15 a.m.	4. 0 p.m.	2. 0 p.m.	- 1	2 hours
London, E.C	10.45 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	8.15 a.m.	3.30 p.m.	3.30 p.m.	5 hours	11 ,,
Bristol	10.45 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	8.15 a.m.	4.15 p.m.	3.45 p.m.	148 ,,	21 .,
Southampton	10.45 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	8.15 a.m.	7. 0 a.m.	4.30 p.m.	-	42 ,,
Cowes, Isle of Wight	10.45 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	8.15 a.m.	7. 0 a.m.	4.30 p.m.	_	141 ,,
Douglas, I.O.M	3.45 p.m.	3.30 p.m.	1.45 p.m.	8.50 a.m.	7. 0 p.m.	7 ,,	20 ,,
Belfast	3.45 p.m.	3.30 p.m.	1.45 p.m.	7. 0 a.m.	8. 0 p.m.	11 .,,	11 .,
Glasgow	3.45 p.m.	3.30 p.m.	1.45 p.m.	7. 0 a.m. next.day	8.45 p.m.	_	21 .,

Correspondence intended for EXPRESS DELIVERY after transmission by air should be distinctly marked "EXPRESS" and bear in addition to the ordinary postage, stamps to cover the usual express delivery charge, i.e., sixpence per mile or part of a mile.

The RAILEX service (see page 53 Post Office Guide and page 26 Manchester and Salford Local Guide) may be used in conjunction with the new Air Mails. For an inclusive charge of 2s. 6d. any Post Office in Manchester and Salford which transacts Express Delivery business will accept an inland letter not exceeding 2 oz. in weight, despatch it by Air, with further transit by Rail if necessary, arrange for a messenger to meet the letter on arrival and deliver it at its address.

Further information may be obtained from any Post Office in Manchester and Salford.





RAILWAY AIR SERVICES

(3328)

MAIL LIST

AIRCRAFT

DATE

TIME

FROM

TO

No. OF BAGS ORIGIN DESTINATION WEIGHT (in lbs.)

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Meight (lbs.)

*For completion only when mail is labelled from or to towns not served by the Air Services.







RAILWAY
AIR SERVICES

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AIR MAIL BY
RAILWAY AIR SERVICES LTD.

A Phillips
Railway Air Services
General Station
CARDIFF

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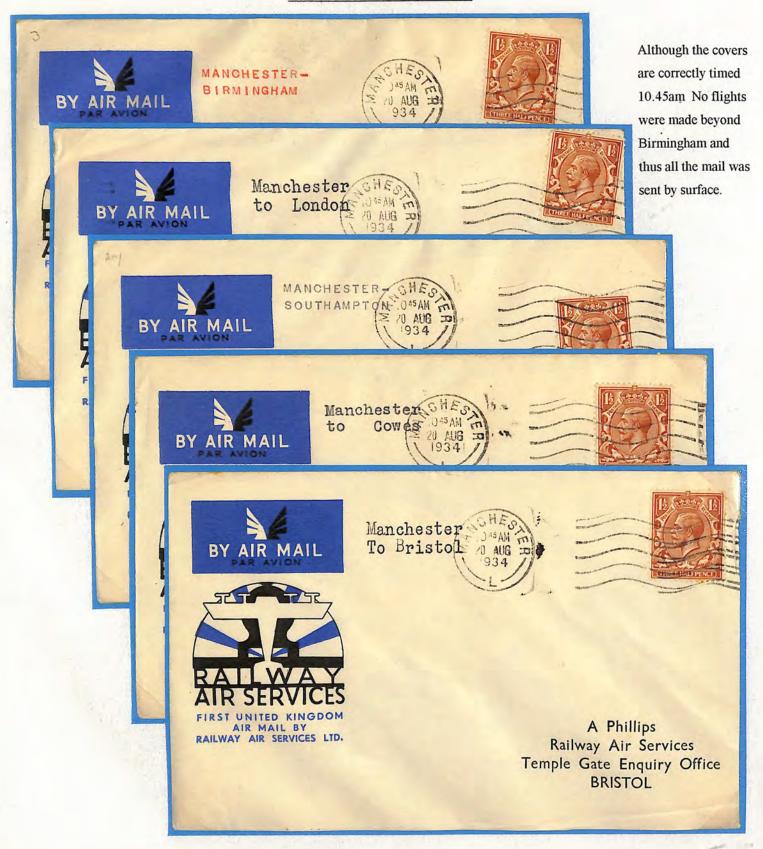
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TO EXIST ONE

20th AUGUST 1934

FROM MANCHESTER



20th AUGUST 1934

FROM MANCHESTER



Although the covers are correctly timed 3.45pm No northbound flights were made beyond Birmingham and thus all the mail was sent by surface.

21st August 1934

London - Birmingham - Manchester - Belfast - Glasgow

Manchester - London Stage



Weight Bill for the first through flight on the 21st August, re posted on arrival at St Johns Wood, 11-30 pm cancellation. The 'Map' cover is one produced by F.J.Field.

FROM MANCHESTER

29th SEPTEMBER 1934

Last Acceptances for the Shuttle



Along with routes one and two the Isle of Man shuttle service also ceased operation on the 29^{th} October. This was the first alteration to route two. Thus this cover was carried on the final flight of this stage to the Isle via the shuttle.

FROM MANCHESTER

29th SEPTEMBER 1934

Last Acceptances for Route Three

All covers are back stamped October 1st at destinations.



Birmingham on route two where they transferred to the southbound Poste Restante. route three. BRISTOL.

31 October 1934

London - Birmingham - Manchester - Belfast - Glasgow

Manchester - London Stage



Weight Bill for the last flight on route two, via Birmingham & Manchester to London, prior to the change of route.

LAST DISPATCH

FROM MANCHESTER



Manchester - Glasgow Oct 31. Last flight







Liverpool was substituted for Manchester on route one on 1st November 1934.

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Mr John S. Davis.,



manchester-Belfast



BY AIR MAIL PAR AVION





Manchester-Birmingham Oct: 31. Last flight



Mr John S.Davis.,
Poste Restante,
BIRMINGHAM.







A Phillips Railway Air Services Airway Terminus LONDON S.W.I.

BY AIR MAIL
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Acceleration.

Particulars of acceleration in delivery.

Delivery secured	Annahanati		
Office	Approx. Time	Acceleration	
Belfast	1.0 p.m.	18 hours	
Douglas (I.O.M.)	4.0 p.m.	24 ,,	
Manchester	4.0 p.m.	15 "	
Birmingham	4.0 p.m.	15 ,,	
London (City)	3.30 p.m.	5 ,,	
Bristol	4.15 p.m.	15 "	

Express Service by Air.

Further acceleration may be obtained by payment of the ordinary Express fee, which will ensure that a letter or post card paid at this rate will be sent out for delivery by messenger immediately on arrival at the Office of destination.

"Railex" Service.

The Inland Air Mail Service will also be available for the transmission of "Railex" letters.

Imperial and

The Glasgow-London Inland Air Mail also affords a later outlet Foreign Air Mails. from Glasgow for the Air Mails to Holland (weekdays) and Dutch East Indies (mid week).

> Attention is also directed to the facilities afforded by the existing Imperial and Foreign Air Mail Services, e.g. to India, South Africa, etc.

Inquiries relative to Air Mail Services.

Further information may be obtained at:-

- (1) The Postal Inquiry Office, Head Office, Glasgow.
- (2) By telephone, Glasgow Central 6500 Extension 7.
- (3) By written application to the Postmaster-Surveyor, Glasgow, C. 2.

G.P.0 NOTICE

GLASGOW AIR MAIL

Backpage of the Post Office notice refering to both the G.P.O Express mail service and 'Railex' which was operated by the railway companies. It also shows that an acceleration on overseas mail could be obtained by use of the service.

20th AUGUST 1934

GLASGOW - LONDON



The southbound flight piloted by Capt. J.H.Lock departed from Glasgow using G-ACVY 'Mercury' they called at Belfast, but had to abandoned the flight at Manchester due to the weather.



Cover signed by both Capt. J.H.Lock and Eric Pool who piloted a second plane carrying freight. Note cover went on to Nyasaland and is back stamped there.

1st November 1934

London - Liverpool - Belfast - Glasgow

Glasgow - London

(3328)RAILWAY AIR SERVICES MAIL LIST AIRCRAFT Delphinus GA (PLDATE 1-11-34 TIME 9-2000) Glasgow To London FROM 200 Pads 100 lvs. (11) 8-34. No. OF BAGS TOTAL WEIGHT WEIGHT ORIGIN* DESTINATION* (in lbs.) 60gs 1lb 150gs GLASGOW-BELFAST-LIVERPOOL-LONDON 1st November 1934 BY AIR MAIL erved by the Air Services.

E. V. Dolby,

c/o Railway Air Services Ltd.,

Victoria Station

LONDOL . S.W.1.

Weigh Bill for the first flight on the changed itinerary, together with a Test Letter from the traffic manager of Railway Air Services, Mr E.V.Dolby.

MAIL LIST

AIRCRAFT Mercung GACVY DATE 31/10/34 TIME 9-000 FROM Glasgow To Conston. 200 Pads 100 lvs. 111 8-34. TOTAL WEIGHT WEIGHT No. OF DESTINATION' ORIGIN* (lbs.) (in lbs.) Ill 11000

BAGS

ROUTE TWO GLASGOW - LONDON

On 20th August two planes departed from Glasgow at 9-15 am, bound for London. They were DH 86A Diana class G-ACVY 'Mercury' and G-ACPL 'Delphinus'.



FLOWN GLASGOW - MANCHESTER

Signed by both pilots John H Lock E.C.Poole

The call at Belfast was made but on reaching Manchester the flight had to be abandoned and the mail for Birmingham and London sent on by rail. Of the two planes only one carried mail (Mercury) which was piloted by Captain John Lock. The other only carried freight.

20th AUGUST 1934

FROM GLASGOW



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21st August 1934

${\color{red}London-Birming ham-Manchester-Belfast-Glasgow}$

Glasgow - London Stage

RAILWAY AIR SERVICES (3328) MAIL LIST AIRCRAFT GACP L DATE 2/8/36 TIME 9-10 and FROM Glasgow To London					
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Weight Bill for the first through flight to London. Note the small amount of mail, a total of 9lbs. The 'Map'cover was prepared by F.J.Field.

21st AUGUST 1934

FROM GLASGOW



F.J.Field covers flown on the first through flights to destination. All are back stamped due to 'Poste Restante' or re posting upon receipt.







FROM GLASGOW

29th SEPTEMBER 1934

Last Acceptance for Route One

Flown from Glasgow to Birmingham on route two to connect with the last route one service.



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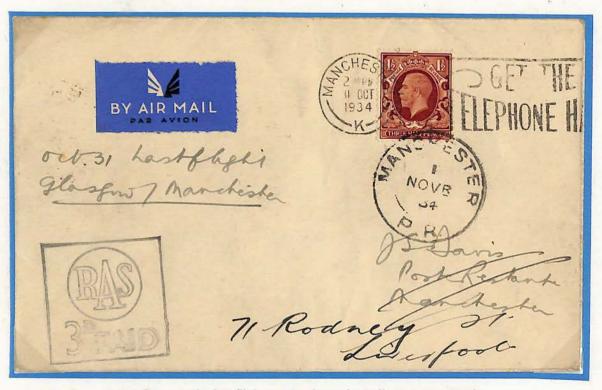
BRISTOL.

Restante,

31st October 1934

London - Manchester - Belfast - Glasgow

Glasgow - Manchester Stage



Cover flown on the last flight to Manchester by Railway Letter Service (Boxed RAS 3d paid cachet) hence posted and obliterated on arrival.

1st November 1934

London - Liverpool - Belfast - Glasgow

Glasgow - Liverpool Stage



Weight Bill for the first through flight to Liverpool. This being the first day of operation of the amended route.

30th November 1934

London - Liverpool - Belfast - Glasgow

Glasgow - London



Route Two



Covers flown from Glasgow, without mishap over the three stages of the southbound route. All covers bear arrival date stamps of the 30th

RAILWAY AIR SERVICES, LTD

ROUTE TWO

THE DOUGLAS SHUTTLE

END OF CONTRACT

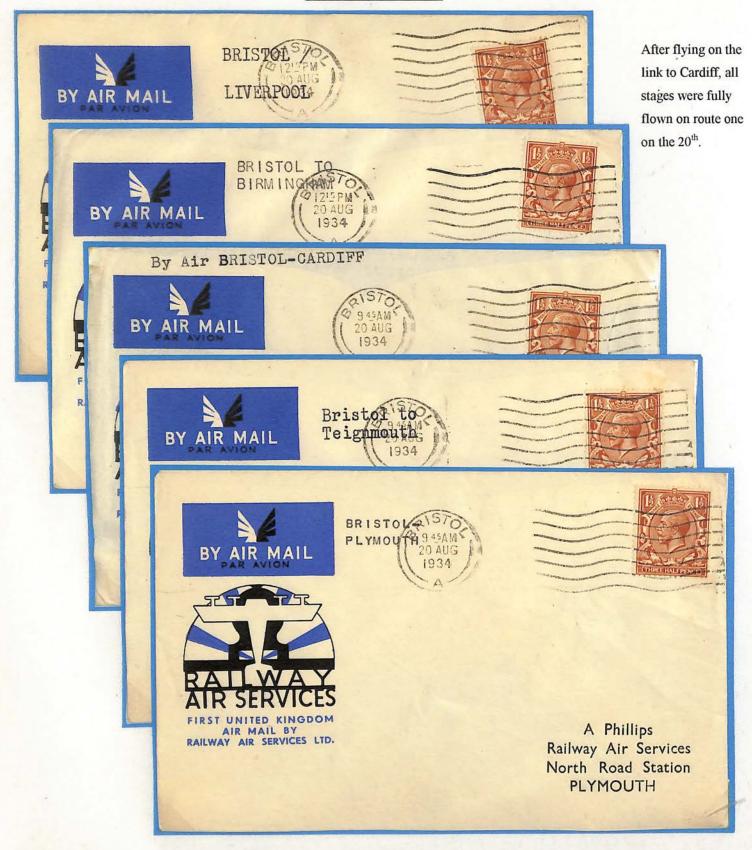


FLOWN GLASGOW - BELFAST BELFAST - DOUGLAS

Cover posted at 11-15pm 28th September to ensure flight to Belfast where on arrival was transferred to the last shuttle flight to the Isle Of Man. It has been backstamped with a Douglas 3pm wavy line machine cancellation of 29th.

20th AUGUST 1934

FROM BRISTOL



20th AUGUST 1934

FROM BRISTOL

As route Three was not operated on the 20th the Northbound mail was dispatched by surface.

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A Phillips
Railway Air Services
L.M.S. Office, 7 Parade Street
DOUGLAS ISLE OF MAN

FROM BRISTOL

29th SEPTEMBER 1934

Last Acceptances for Route Three

All covers are back stamped October 1st at destinations.



BIRMINGHAM.

Covers prepared for the last north & southbound flights

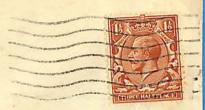
20th AUGUST 1934

FROM BRISTOL









A Phillips
Railway Air Services
COWES STATION
ISLE OF WIGHT

The Southbound flight of route Three did not take place on the 20th, thus the mail was forwarded by surface transport.

G.P.O NOTICE



BRISTOL

AIR MAILS

Air Mail Services operate between Bristol and the towns shown below with the object of affording acceleration of correspondence :-

- A. BRISTOL—SOUTHAMPTON, COWES, I.O.W.
- B. BRISTOL-BIRMINGHAM (Forming connexions with Liverpool, Manchester, Isle of Man, Belfast, Glasgow).

CHARGES: The charges to the public are 11d. for the first 2 oz. and 1d. for each subsequent ounce, that is to say there is no increase in charge as compared with the ordinary services for letters not exceeding 2 oz. in weight. Postcards at the ordinary rate of 1d. each.

> The limits of size and maximum weight are the same for similar correspondence sent by ordinary post.

POSTING:

In order to secure maximum acceleration correspondence should be :-

- (1) Handed over the counter at Bristol Head Office, or
- (2) Posted in the Blue Air Mail Pillar Box outside the Bristol Head Office.

Air Mail correspondence intended for these services may, however, be posted at any Post Office or ordinary letter box in the Bristol Central Area (i.e., in Bristol No. 1 District).

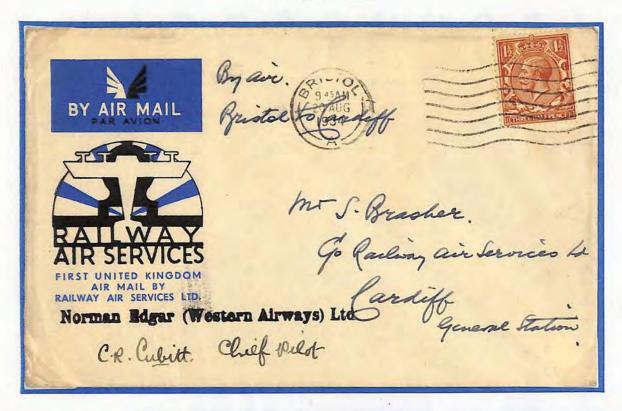
LABELS :

A special BLUE AIR MAIL LABEL should be affixed to the top left hand corner of every Air Mall packet. These labels may be obtained free of charge at any Post Office.

Letters bearing a manuscript indication "By Air Mail" will, however, be accepted in place of the appropriate labels.

Cardiff - Bristol Link

20th August 1934



The link between Cardiff and Bristol was operated by Norman Edgar (Western Airways) however due to the weather conditions on the 20th the service only operated in one direction and this cover was held over until the 21st. Note that the cover has been signed by the chief pilot Mr. C.R.Cubitt..



BRISTOL - CARDIFF LINK

20th August 1934



The connecting service from Cardiff to Bristol was operated by Western Airways on behalf of R.A.S. Mail was held over at Bristol due to the weather.



20th AUGUST 1934

FROM BRISTOL

ROUTE THREE

The Birmingham – Cowes route was flown by Flt. Lt. J.H.Sender piloting a De Havilland 'Dragon' he departed from Castle Bromwich at 10-20 am bound for Cowes, but in consequence of a gale warning he did not proceed beyond Bristol.



Signed by pilot J.H.Sender

The plane later returned to Birmingham carrying mail for that destination only, of which the above cover is an example. Due to the continuing weather conditions, the second scheduled round flight of the day was cancelled.

WESTERN AIRWAYS

TIME TABLE

SUMMER SERVICES 1938
COMMENCING WEDNESDAY, 1st JUNE

WESTON - CARDIFF

DEPARTURES FROM CARDIFF

EVERY HOUR ON THE HOUR

DEPARTURES FROM WESTON
TEN MINUTES TO THE HOUR
AIR TRAVEL TIME—TEN MINUTES

LIGHT TYPE-A.M.

HEAVY TYPE-P.M.

SERVICE NO.	Weston Depart,	Cardiff Depart.	SERVICE NO.	Weston Depart.	Cardiff Depart.
Mondays only.	8.20	8.30	13	2.50	3.00
2 2	8.50 9.50	9.00	15 16 17	3.50 4.50	4.00
3 4 5 6 7	10.50	10.00	18	5.50	5.00
6 7 8 9	11.50	12.00	20 (21 (22	6.50	7.00
10	12.50	1.00	* 23 24 25	7.50 8.50	8.00
12	•••	2.00	26		9.00
*LAST	SERVICE :	Aug. 3-	-Aug. 29 -Aug. 29 -Sept. 18	8.50 7.50 6.50	9.00 8.00 7.00

FARES Single: 6s. 6d. Return: 9s. 6d.

Child: 4s. 6d. Child: 6s. 6d.

Series Tickets: 12 Return Journeys: £5. Child: £3 10s.
Group Tickets: Parties of not less than 8—Return 8s. 4d.
Child: 5s. 10d.

WESTON - BIRMINGHAM

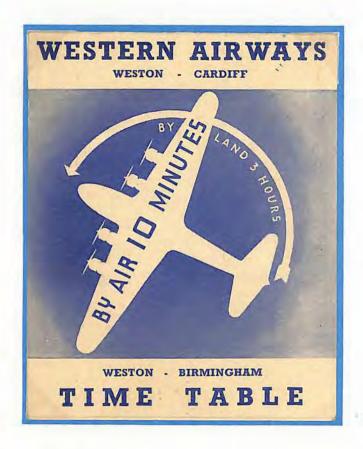
WEEK-END SERVICES
AIR TRAVEL TIME—FORTY-FIVE MINUTES

			Weston Depart.	B'ham Depart.
FRIDAY, 24 JUNE	Fri.	p.m.	6.00	7.00
to	Sat.	p.m.	1.00	2.00
MONDAY, 29 AUG.	Sun.	p.m.	6.00	7.00
1938	Mon.	a.m.	9.00	10.00

FARES Single: 29s. 6d. Child: 21s. Return: 49s. 6d. Child: 35s.

CARDIFF — WESTON — LE TOUQUET — PARIS For latest particulars of this Service ring Western Airways Weston-super-Mare 2002

Passengers are carried subject to the conditions on the Company's notices.



The 1938 folded timetable giving flight details between Weston and Cardiff. The company making a valid point in the saving of time.

WESTERN AIRWAYS



CARDIFF—BRISTOL—BOURNEMOUTH.—The Bristol—Bournemouth extension of the Bristol Channel ferry run by Norman Edgar Western Airways Ltd., was opened on May 17, and the inaugural flight took place the previous Sunday. Before the Dragon (left to right) are Mr. Norman Edgar, Mr. C. R. Cubitt (chief pilot), Major Ropner, Mr. C. T. Culverwell, M.P., Mr. N. Ker Lindsay, M.P., Mr. R. H. Bernays, M.P., Lord Apsley, M.P., and Capt. C. D. Gunston, M.P.

Photograph showing the dignitaries of Western Airways who operated the Cardiff to Bristol link on behalf of R.A.S.



DH89 Rapide G-ADDD belonging to Norman Edgar.

FROM BRISTOL

29th SEPTEMBER 1934

Last Acceptances for Route Three



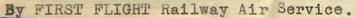
FROM BRISTOL

29th SEPTEMBER 1934

Last Acceptances for Route One &Three



Cover flown from Bristol to Birmingham on route three where it transferred to route one for flight to Liverpool.







and INVERNESS-KIRKWALL





John S. Davis Esq.,
Poste Restante,
KURKWALL. Orkney.
SCOTLAND.

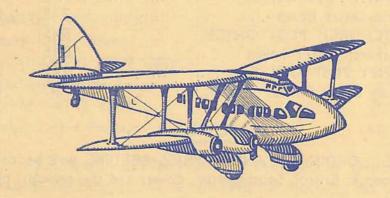


G.P.O. NOTICE

CARDIFF AUGUST, 1934



INLAND AIR MAIL SERVICES FROM CARDIFF



AIR MAIL SERVICES FROM CARDIFF TO THE CITIES AND TOWNS NAMED WITHIN WILL COMMENCE ON THE 20th AUGUST, 1934

POSTAGE CHARGES:—LETTERS NOT EXCEEDING 2 oz. - 1½d.

FOR EVERY ADDITIONAL oz. - 1d.

POSTCARDS - - each 1d.

FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS SEE WITHIN.

RAILWAY AIR SERVICES

EXPREESS DELIVERY

CARDIFF - BRISTOL LINK

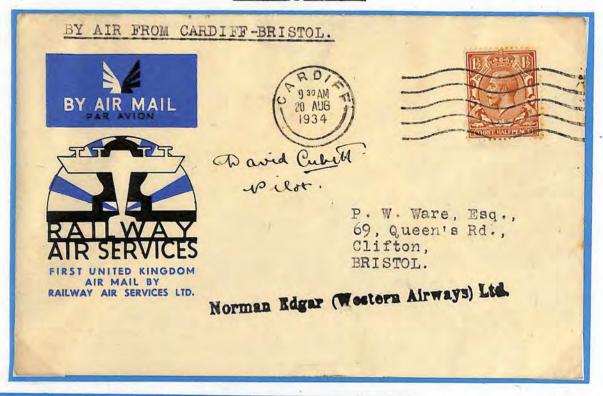
A service, was operated for Railway Air services by Norman Edgar (Western Airways Ltd.) in one direction from Cardiff to Bristol only.

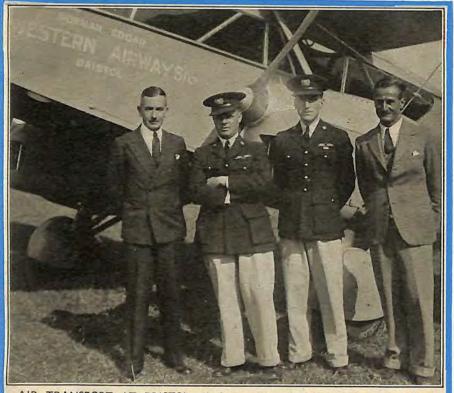


On the 20th August, only the morning schedule could be operated due to the bad weather conditions, thus only covers bearing an early postmark were flown on the first day of the operations. The above cover correctly rated at 11/2d + 6d express was carried over this stage and has been endorsed by the pilot Captain David Cubitt.

CARDIFF - BRISTOL LINK

20th August 1934





AIR TRANSPORT AT BRISTOL.—Left to right,—Norman Edgar, C. R. Cubitt, G. W. Monk, and Lieut.-Col. D. B. Gray, O.B.E., M.C., of Western Airways.

The link between Bristol and Cardiff was operated by Western Airways, owned by Norman Edgar. The service was flown by David Cubitt both of whom appear in the cutting from "The Aeroplane" The return service being cancelled this day due to the weather.

RAILWAY LETTERS

BY

RAILWAY AIR SERVICES

Acceleration.

Particulars of acceleration in delivery.

Delivery secured by Air Service		A - 1 - 1/2
Office	Approx. Time	Acceleration
Belfast	1.0 p.m.	18 hours
Douglas (I.O.M.)	4.0 p.m.	24 ,,
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G.P.O. notice issued at Glasgow giving details of the 'Express Service by Air' and the 'Railex' system.

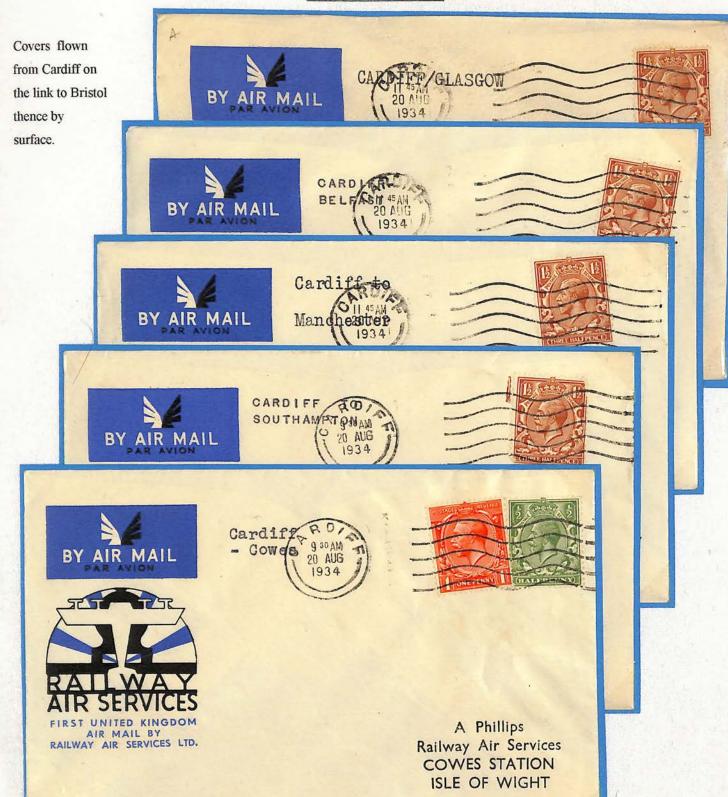
20th AUGUST 1934

FROM CARDIFF



20th AUGUST 1934

FROM CARDIFF



FROM CARDIFF

29th SEPTEMBER 1934

Last Acceptances for Route One & Three

Flown from Cardiff to Bristol for connection to route one. Cardiff to Plymouth direct for Teignmouth.



ROUTE ONE (NORTHBOUND)

END OF CONTRACT

