

## Air Crash Covers

### Crash of the "City of Khartoum" in the Mediterranean Sea

**31 Dec. 1935:** - An Imperial Airways three engined Short S.8 Calcutta old plane, on its way from Greece to Alexandria, Egypt, tried to land there but due to lack of fuel, it fell into the sea and sank. 12 passengers and 3 crewmen were killed but the captain and two passengers were rescued after five hours by a British destroyer "Brilliant". 390 Kgs of salvaged mail were forwarded with many different cachets/labels. This self-explanatory one, addressed to New Zealand, was added in Sydney, Australia and placed, with the damaged cover, inside a special H.M.S. Dead Letter Office Dep.

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General Post Office,  
SYDNEY.

17th January, 1936.

The enclosed article has been damaged by sea water. It was part of the air mail from the United Kingdom carried by the British Air Liner "City of Khartoum" which was lost in the Mediterranean Sea.

Yours faithfully,

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Deputy Director,  
Posts and Telegraphs.