

**FIRST MAIL-CARRYING FLIGHT SERVICE BY ♣ AER LINGUS:
THE FIRST SEASON OF SUMMER FLIGHTS DUBLIN - DOUGLAS**

July 1, 1937

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Posted Dublin
on July 1, 1937,
and carried
Dublin - Douglas
with first mail-
carrying service
by ♣ Aer Lingus.

**DOUGLAS /
ISLE-OF-MAN**
arrival postmark
of July 1.

Signed by
Oscar Traynor,
Minister for
Posts and
Telegraphs.



**TWO VERY EARLY ♣ AER LINGUS POSTCARTRDS,
SHOWING EI-ABK "EIRE" IN FLIGHT**

October 1936

De Havilland DH. 85B "Express" Airliner operated on Irish Sea Airways services Dublin-Bristol-London. Passengers: 10 Crew: 2. Engines: 4, 200 h.p. each.

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AER LINGUS AIRLINER "EIRE"

Two very early ♣ Aer Lingus postcards showing DH86A EI-ABK "Eire" in flight.

EI-ABK was registered to Aer Lingus on September 16, 1936.

Both photos were most certainly taken on the same occasion, in October 1936.

**FIRST DAY OF ISSUE OF CORONATION STAMPS
CARRIED BY ♣ WEST COAST AIR SERVICES:
LIVERPOOL - RONALDSWAY**

May 13, 1937



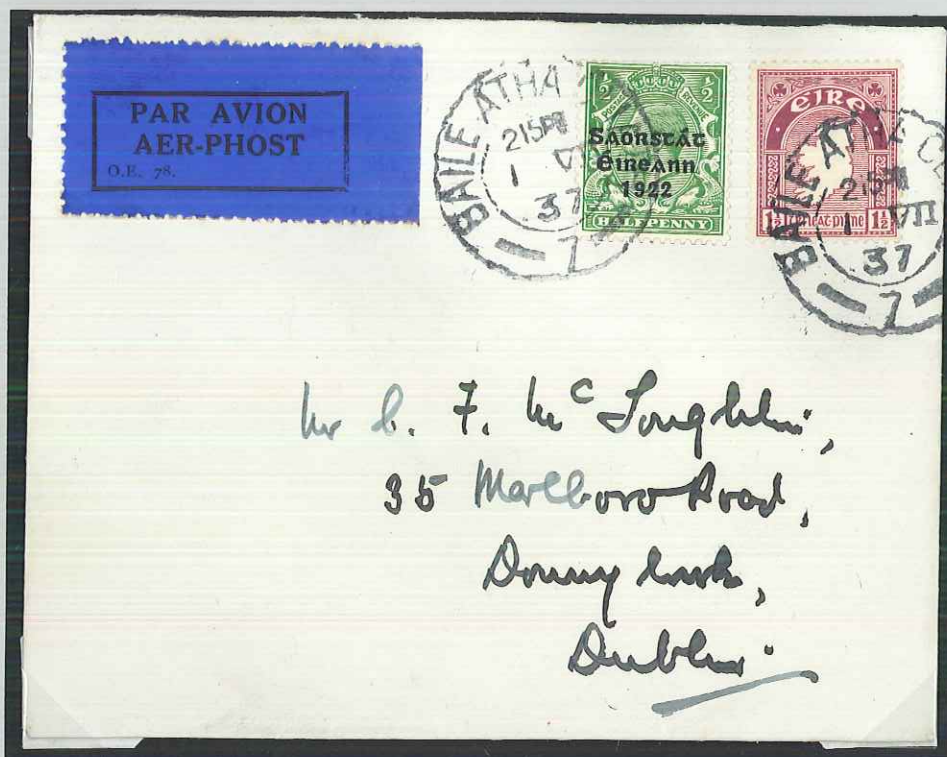
Posted **LIVERPOOL** on May 13, 1937,
and carried with airmail service by West Coast Air Services
Liverpool - Ronaldsway, Isle of Man.

First Day of Issue of the Coronation Stamp issue.
West Coast Air Service was partner to ♣ Aer Lingus in their early flying days.

Not Lush.

**FIRST MAIL-CARRYING FLIGHT SERVICE BY AER LINGUS DUBLIN - DOUGLAS:
COVER PREPARED BUT NOT ACCEPTED FOR DUBLIN - DOUGLAS - DUBLIN SERVICE
AND POSTCARDS CARRIED BY SEA ISLE OF MAN - DUBLIN**

July 1, 1937 / July 31, 1937



Cover prepared for first Aer Lingus Dublin - Douglas and Douglas - Dublin airmail service.
Delivered without being flown to the Isle of Man,
possibly because Aer Lingus did not carry mails on the return flights Douglas - Dublin.



Postcards, posted in Ramsey on July 31, 1937, and carried by sea transport Isle of Man - Dublin.
Aer Lingus did not carry any mails on the return flights Douglas - Dublin.

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COVERS PREPARED BUT NOT ACCEPTED FOR DUBLIN - DOUGLAS - DUBLIN SERVICE

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THE IRISH PRESS, FRIDAY, JULY 2, 1937.

First Air Mail From Free State

Dublin-Isle of Man Service Inaugurated By Mr. Oscar Traynor

THE first air mail from the Free State left Baldonnel Aerodrome at 1.45 yesterday afternoon on board a twin-engined Aer Lingus Teoranta 'plane bound for Douglas, Isle of Man.

The mail-bags were handed to Mr. Seán O h-Uadhaigh, Chairman of Aer Lingus Teoranta, by Mr. Oscar Traynor, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, who officially inaugurated the service, which will operate daily.

Yesterday's event marked the beginning of a new epoch in the postal services of the Free State, in which mail deliveries will be speeded up to an almost unbelievable extent.

Mails from Dublin to Douglas by the old method left at 8.30 a.m., and were delivered at 10 the following morning.

By air the mails leave at 1.45 p.m., and are delivered in the Isle of Man at 4.30 the same afternoon.

They leave five hours later, and are delivered about eighteen hours earlier. And, in the case of the Isle of Man service, the ordinary twopenny stamp is all that is required.

Letters for the service may be posted in Dublin up to 12.30 p.m.

"SMALL BEGINNING, BUT—"

Mr. Traynor said that the experimental service to the Isle of Man is a small beginning, but the experience gained from its working would be valuable in considering further extensions.

While the bulk of mails would still have to be carried by the older means of transport it did not take a very vivid imagination to visualise the time when all first-class mail would be carried by air.

"Up to the present," he said, "people desiring to send air mail letters felt much as a person making the first attempt at a call by automatic telephone.

"A special air mail fee had to be paid, and an air label affixed. This will not be necessary on the cross-Channel service which we hope to gradually put into operation.

"You will just drop your letter into the box prepaid with the ordinary postage. The Post Office and Aer Lingus Teoranta will do the rest."

He added that an air mail service in which the Free State was participating had just been established from London to certain overseas countries.

By this service a letter for South Africa would be delivered in 9 days against 20, and the cost would be 2d instead of 11½d.

Mr. O h-Uadhaigh, who spoke in Irish and English, said he had much pleasure in accepting the first mails for despatch by air overseas from this country.

He could assure the Minister that the Company would, at all times, do its utmost to carry out its duties. Their motto would be: "The mails must go through."

One of the passengers on the 'plane, which was piloted by Capt. A. L. Robinson, was Patricia Norman, aged 3½, of Lansdowne Road, Dublin, who was travelling with relatives.

Those present at the ceremony included: Mr. M. Doherty, Private Secretary to the Minister; Mr. P. Blake, Secretary's Office, G.P.O.; Mr. P. Waldron, Chief Superintendent, Dublin Postal District; Mr. T. J. Flynn, Assistant Secretary, Dept. of Industry and Commerce, and Director, Aer Lingus Teoranta.

AFRICA-ENGLAND SERVICE.

A Reuter message from Nairobi states:

The Governor of Kenya Colony yesterday handed to a pilot the first bag of unsurcharged airmail for England.

It will be flown in a machine connecting with the flying boat at Kisumu, which is on its way to England.

A large crowd witnessed the ceremony at the aerodrome.

It was only two days ago that the first 1½d. air mail left England for S. Africa.

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Her First Flight—Little Patricia Norman, aged 3½ years, about to board the 'plane at Baldonnel yesterday for the Isle of Man.

[I.P. Photo (H.)]



New Air Mail—Mr. Oscar Traynor handing over the first bag of Mails to Mr. S. O hUaidhaigh (Chairman, Aer Lingus Teoranta) on the occasion of the inauguration of the Daily Air Mail from Baldonnel to the Isle of Man. Also in picture is Capt. A. L. Robinson (Pilot).

[I.P. Photo (H.)]

FIRST MAIL-CARRYING FLIGHT SERVICE BY AER LINGUS DUBLIN - DOUGLAS
OPENING THE FIRST SEASON OF SUMMER FLIGHTS
LETTER FROM THE DOUGLAS HEAD POSTMASTER TO C.F. McLOUGHLIN IN DUBLIN
EXPLAINING THE DOUGLAS ARRIVAL POSTMARK

July 12, 1937



Telephone :
Douglas 13304

POST OFFICE
DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN.

12. 7. 37

P.O. Reference

Your Reference

Dear Mr McLoughlin

*Thanks for yours of 10th inst.
Please let me have the covers of the letters
in question and I will see what can be done.*

*Yours faithfully
Jas. Gibson
Head Postmaster*

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Letter by the Douglas Head Postmaster:

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July 23, 1937

*Letter from Head Postmaster, Douglas
Proving that letters were carried &
duly stamped as having arrived
by air mail from Dublin at Douglas
on 1st July 1937. Two letters addressed
to Poste Restante were back-stamped
1st July 1937 on arrival. Seven others actually sent and delivered
on 1/7/37 were dated-stamped in front afterwards.*

*l/No
Douglas
23/7/37*

Dear Mr McLoughlin

*Yours of 17th duly to hand with contents intact.
I have impressed each cover with date stamp impression
1/7/37 when they actually arrived in Douglas. No doubt
You are aware ^{that} it is not now the practice to impress covers
with the date of arrival other than items addressed to
Poste Restante; however I have supplied your wants & I trust
You will accept the position as exceptional treatment in
view of the covers being kept as souvenirs ^{only} & not for
financial purposes.*

*I will be pleased to make your acquaintance
& will welcome a call on your visit to I. of Man.*

*Yours sincerely,
Jas. Gibson*

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Additional inscription in pencil by C.F. McLoughlin:

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INTERESTING FIRST-DAY COVERS

The illustration in this page shows covers actually carried on each of the four most important flights in the history of the development of aviation in this country, each envelope bearing the appropriate official cancellation.

Top (left)—The Valentia-Rome service of Marshal, Italo Balbo's flight was cancelled as the Italian air armada re-crossed the Atlantic by the Azores route in 1933. The covers at Valentia—some twenty in number of which one is reproduced—were then transmitted by the ordinary British and Continental services.

Top (right)—Approximately 260 odd covers were carried at very short notice on the first day and one-way air-service between Dublin and Douglas, I.O.M., which was inaugurated on July 1 last year and discontinued after a month. The above specimen bears the autograph of Mr. Oscar Traynor, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs.

Bottom (left)—An envelope carried on the Galway-London one-day, one-way experimental air-mail flight in 1929. Less than 8,000 covers were carried.

Bottom (right)—A cover from the Galway-Dublin-Berlin one-day, one-way flight of 1932. A thousand-odd covers were put on the plane at Galway, and approximately 1,500 at Dublin. This envelope bears the signatures of the pilots, Colonel C. F. Russell and Mr. O. E. Armstrong.

Quick Relief from RHEUMATIC TWINGES

The fiery, piercing pain of Rheumatism is no respecter of times or seasons. It cripples you at unexpected, awkward moments. The hideous agony when you try to bend, stoop or lift a limb makes the finest day a mockery.

Some Rheumatic sufferers go on like this year after year. Maybe they think there's no real relief. Perhaps they've tried so-called "remedies," and have vowed "never again!"

Fynnon Salt has stepped into first place because of its own remarkable records of relief from Rheumatic pain.

Fynnon Salt is known widely as "Spa treatment at home." Why? Because it contains "Nature's Salts of the Earth," which wealthy sufferers seek at famous Spas. The elements of Sodium, Potassium and Lithium combined in Fynnon Salt are Rheumatism's deadliest enemies. Uric Acid cannot stay in your system when Fynnon Salt courses healthfully through your body. The painful pointed Uric Acid crystals break up, dissolve, flow for ever away taking with them all the poisons that have caused them.

Only a teaspoonful of Fynnon Salt in a glassful of water daily—what a trifling effort for such unutterable relief from Rheumatism! Don't wait, try Fynnon Salt to-day. 1/6

"THE IRISH TIMES", THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1938: DUBLIN STAMP EXHIBITION WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF C.F.McLOUGHLIN

February 17, 1938

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AIR MAIL COVERS.—A set of air mail covers which is of historic interest to those who follow the development of air-transport in this country. (For particulars see adjoining column.)

Experimental Air Mail
GALWAY TO LONDON

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Actual photo from which "Irish Times" re-produced picture
on its magazine page (9) on 17th February 1938 with notes
in adjoining column and report (page 4) of exhibition of
stamps made in Dublin by the Irish Philatelic Society on
16th & 17th February 1938.



C. F. McLaughlin,
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Donnybrook, Dublin

