

# 1920 ESSAY FOR BRITISH AIRMAIL STAMP 1p VALUE FEATURING "MERCURY" IN DIFFERENT COLOURS

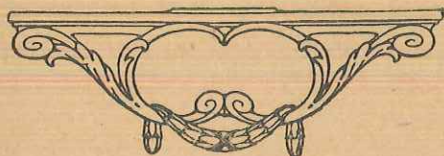




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April 1923

# EERIE EIRE



By  
G. A. HIGLETT

WOOD & SON,  
PRINTERS DUBLIN

## E E R I E E I R E

ly bird catches the worm. Our collector starts out  
his quest is crowned with success. He is not  
th securing one or two specimens for himself, and  
e rest for other collectors to secure. He takes all  
specimens of the two varieties of these map stamps,  
e gloats over his acquisition. But gloating in secret  
fford much satisfaction to the gloater. He must  
acquisition to others, and make them see what a  
-smart fellow he is. This evidence of his superior  
n having been able to get the better of the poor  
obtain for twopence stamps that are worth umpteen  
h, will create in his unsuccessful rivals feelings of  
atred ; and the knowledge of this brings to him a  
g of exuberant joy. His newly found treasures,  
the golden treasures from the Luxory tomb of  
t-ankh-amen, are here displayed for your delecta-  
only fly in this precious ointment, the only check  
ollector's chortles of joy, is his knowledge that any  
oduce undistinguishable imitations of these rarities  
easy."



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ch sheet, at the lower right corner.

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"ISSUE OF FIRST SET OF IRISH AIRMAIL STAMPS POSTPONED  
DUE TO CANCELLATION OF ♣ AER LINGUS TRANSATLANTIC SERVICE"

March 17, 1948 / April 7, 1948

Seol don freagra go dtí:—  
Address any reply to:—

An rúnai

An Roinn Poirt agus Telegraif  
Baile Átha Cliath.

Luaigh uimhir }  
Quote Number }



An Roinn Poirt 7 Telegraif  
(Department of Posts and Telegraphs),

Baile Átha Cliath  
(Dublin).

9/3/48

Sir,

AIR MAIL STAMPS.

With reference to your communication regarding above,  
I am directed by the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to  
state that owing to the cancellation of the first  
trans-Atlantic flight of Aer Linte the issue of Air Mail  
Stamps arranged for the 8th instant has been postponed.  
An announcement as to the new date of issue will be made at  
an early date and you will be advised of the new  
arrangements.

In the meantime the amount remitted by you is being  
retained by the Department unless you furnish a request  
for refundment.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

J. J. Kehoe

R. WALSH  
for Controller.  
(Philatelic Section)



"ISSUE OF FIRST SET OF IRISH AIRMAIL STAMPS POSTPONED  
DUE TO CANCELLATION OF ♣ AER LINGUS TRANSATLANTIC SERVICE"  
..... BUT FINALLY AVAILABLE ON APRIL 7, 1948

March 17, 1948 / April 7, 1948

Seol don freagairt go dtí :-  
Address any reply to :-

An Rúnai,  
An Roinn Puist agus Telegraif,  
Baile Átha Cliath.

Luaró uimhir }  
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Éire

An Roinn Puist agus Telegraif,  
(Department of Posts and Telegraphs),

Baile Átha Cliath.  
(Dublin).

24<sup>th</sup> March, 1948.

Sir,

AIR MAIL STAMPS.

With reference to previous correspondence regarding the above, I am directed by the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to state that the 3d. and 6d. Air Mail stamps will be on sale on Wednesday the 7th April, 1948. *As the Transatlantic flight by Aer Hibernia*

*has been cancelled.* The covers forwarded by you will be stamped and treated as first day covers unless instructions to the contrary are received by the 7th proximo.

FIRST DAY COVER - PHILATELIC MAIL - PLEASE CANCEL LIGHTLY.



W.S.de Saram Esqr.,  
"OAKFORD",  
Castle Street,  
C O L O M B O,  
Ceylon.

Servant,

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ection).

MAILS OF IRELAND"



## AIRMAIL STAMPS

1948 - 1965

### 3d AND 6d DENOMINATION

April 7, 1948



### 1d AND 1s DENOMINATION

April 4, 1949



### 8d AND 1s/3d DENOMINATION

December 13, 1954



### 1s/5d DENOMINATION

April 1, 1965





# AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965

April 7, 1948: 3d - St. Patrick's Purgatory in Lough Derg / 6d - Croagh Patrick



April 4, 1949: 1d - Rock of Cashel / 1s - Glendalough



December 13, 1954: 8d - St. Patrick's Purgatory in Lough Derg / 1s 3d - Rock of Cashel



April 1, 1965: 1s 5d - Rock of Cashel





# AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965





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# AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965

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April 4, 1949: 1d - Rock of Cashel / 1s - Glendalough



December 13, 1954: 8d - St. Patrick's Purgatory in Lough Derg / 1s 3d - Rock of Cashel



April 1, 1965: 1s 5d - Rock of Cashel





# AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965

October 18, 1949

April 7, 1948: 3d - St. Patrick's Purgatory in Lough Derg / 6d - Croagh Patrick



April 4, 1949: 1d - Rock of Cashel / 1s - Glendalough









# AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965

## 3d DENOMINATION VARIETY: MAJOR RE-ENTRY



A major re-entry is recorded on the third stamp on the sixth row of the 3d denomination, consisting of a duplication of the bottom line of shading of the outline of the figure "3" and partial doubling of the "H" of "HIBERNIAE". Furthermore, the base lines of "post" are doubled. This variety occurred on about half of the initial supplies and was not present in later printings.

## 3d DENOMINATION VARIETIES

"BROAD BASED p"



(second stamp, fifth row)

"BLUE SQUARE ON TOP OF 3"





AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965

3d DENOMINATION VARIETY:  
RETOUCH

April 7, 1948



Strong retouch in the water to the left of "LOC"  
on row 10, stamps 3-5



**AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965**

**3d DENOMINATION IN DIFFERENT SHADES AND  
6d DENOMINATION WITH EPA OVERPRINT**

**April 7, 1948 / March 23, 1985**

3d denomination in dull blue and ultramarine shades



**DULL BLUE**



**ULTRAMARINE**

6d denomination with privately produced overprint

**MIDWEST CHAPTER  
EIRE PHILATELIC  
ASSOCIATION  
PARFOREX XXV  
23 March 1985**





# AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965

## 6d DENOMINATION VARIETIES: RE-ENTRY AND "PEBBLE ON BEACH"

April 7, 1948



A second re-entry can be found on the first set of Irish airmail stamps. This variety on the third stamp in the fourth row of the 6d denomination consists in an extensive re-entry to the background, especially on the lower part of the stamp, making it appear darker than its neighbours.



The third stamp in row 9 shows an extra stone on the beach called "pebble on beach".



**AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965**

**6d DENOMINATION VARIETY:  
INKING FLAW "ACCENT ACROSS THE 6"**

**April 7, 1948**



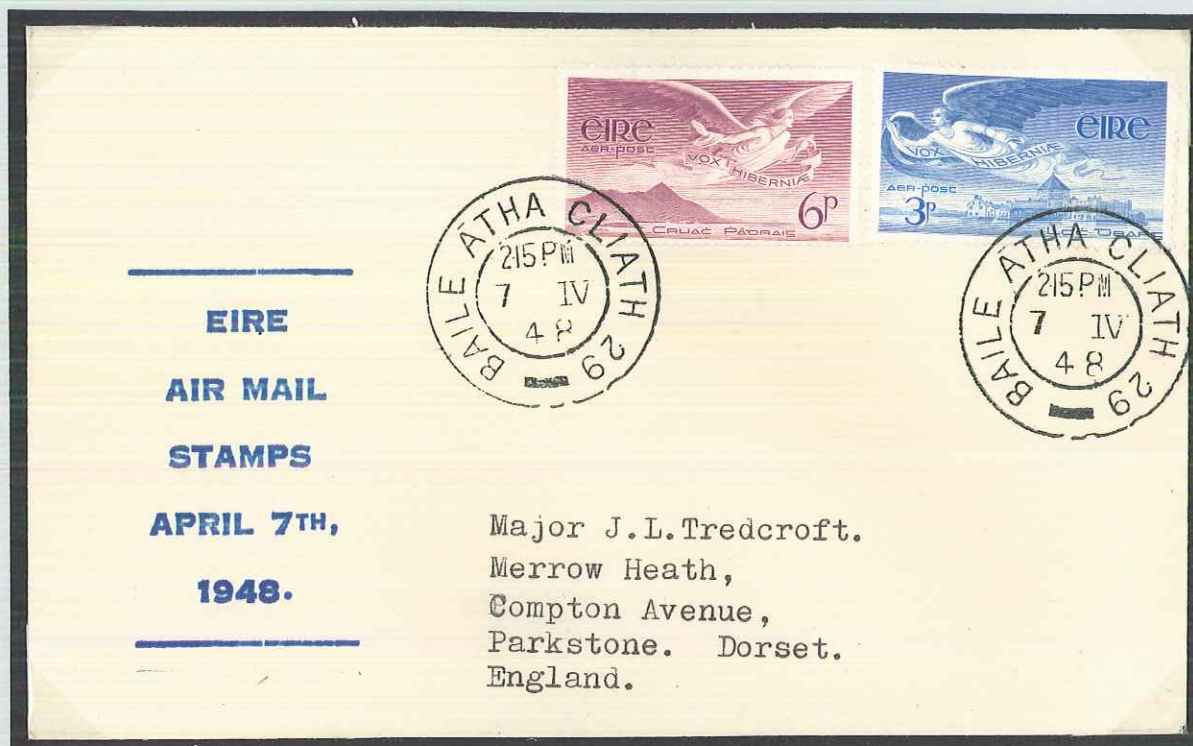
6d variety with an inking flaw  
resembling an accent across the "6".



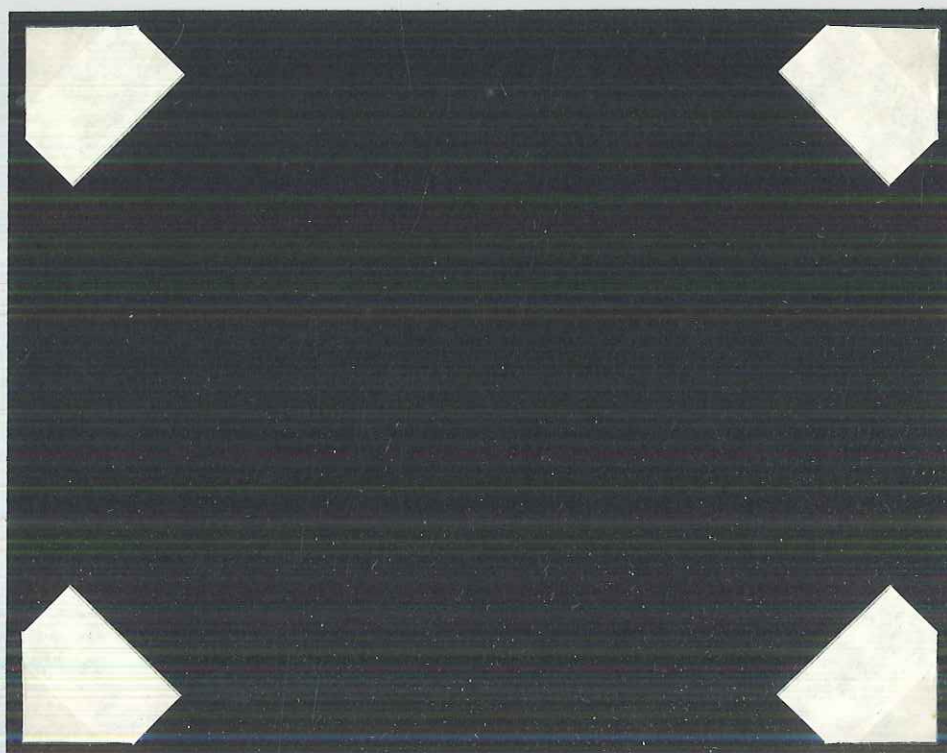
**AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 – 1965 WITH 3d DENOMINATION VARIETY:  
FIRST DAY AND REGULAR COVER WITH "MAJOR RE-ENTRY"**

**April 7, 1948**

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Posted Dublin on April 7, 1948, the first day of issue of the first Irish airmail set, with the 3d denomination showing the prominent re-entry.



Posted Dublin on April 30, with the 3d denomination showing the prominent re-entry.



**AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965 WITH 3d DENOMINATION VARIETY:  
FIRST DAY COVERS WITH "MAJOR RE-ENTRY"**

**April 7, 1948**

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Posted **BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH** on April 7, 1948,  
and carried Dublin - New York - Oakland.

Identical covers from the Moffett correspondence but with regular 3d stamps,  
without the "Re-entry".



**AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965 WITH 3d DENOMINATION VARIETY:  
USED EXAMPLES, INCLUDING ON FDC, OF MAJOR RE-ENTRY**

**April 7, 1948**

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3d re-entry in block of 4 used  
in Dublin on February 11, 1949



3d re-entry used in Co. Cork  
on June 22, 1948



Posted in Dublin on April 7, 1948, the first day of issue of the first Irish airmail set,  
the 3d denomination showing the prominent re-entry.

First Day Cover with complete set carried by airmail service to Royal Air Force address in the U.K.



**AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 – 1965  
WITH 3d DENOMINATION VARIETY:  
FIRST DAY COVER WITH "SPUR AT BASE OF p"**

**April 7, 1948**

PAR AVION  
AER-PHOST  
AIR MAIL

P. G. FREEMAN,  
9a. FOWNES ST.,  
DUBLIN.



Posted Dublin on April 7, 1948,  
the first day of issue of the first Irish airmail set,  
with the 3d denomination showing  
variety "Spur at base of p" (not constant).



**"WITH THE MINISTER'S COMPLIMENTS":  
LEAFLET CONTAINING THE FIRST AIRMAIL STAMPS ISSUED IN IRELAND,  
SIGNED BY THE MINISTER FOR POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS, JAMES EVERETT**

**April 7, 1948**

**AIR MAIL STAMPS.**



Issued on 7/4/1948. The designs, by R. J. King, have for their basic theme The Flight of the Angel Victor, Messenger to St. Patrick, carrying the Voice of Ireland over the World. Lough Derg and Croagh Patrick are featured in the background. Watermark: "e" Perforation: 15 x 14½

*Le dei-méinn an Aire*  
*With the Minister's Compliments*



*James Everett*  
Minister for Posts and Telegraphs.





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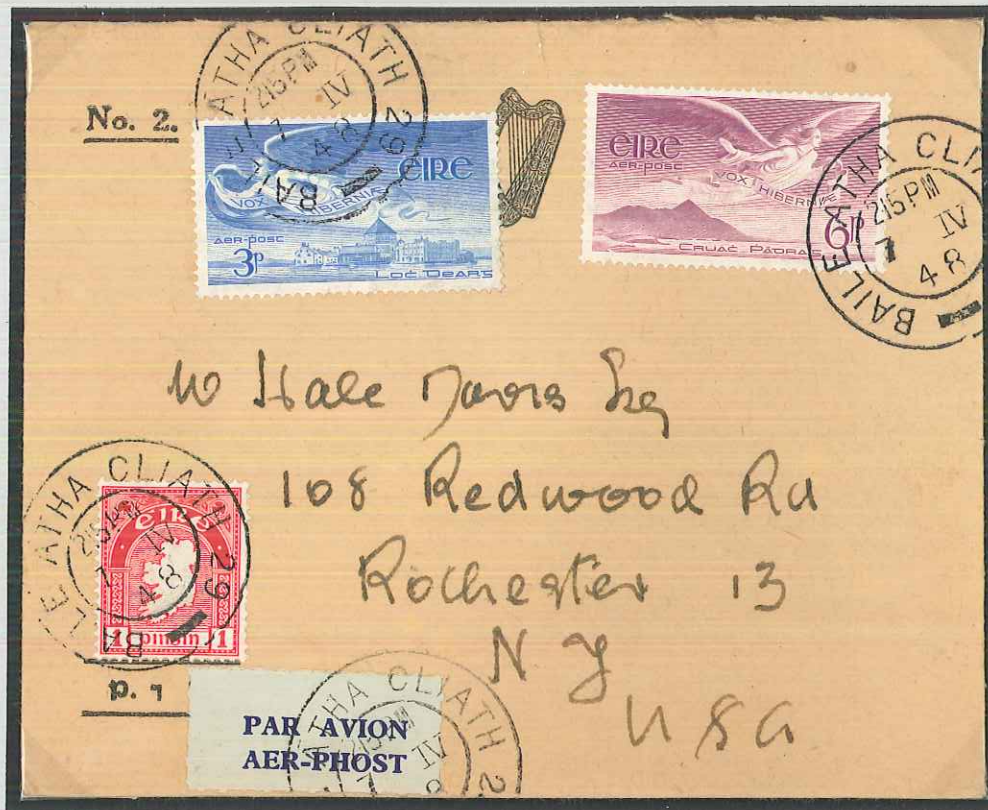
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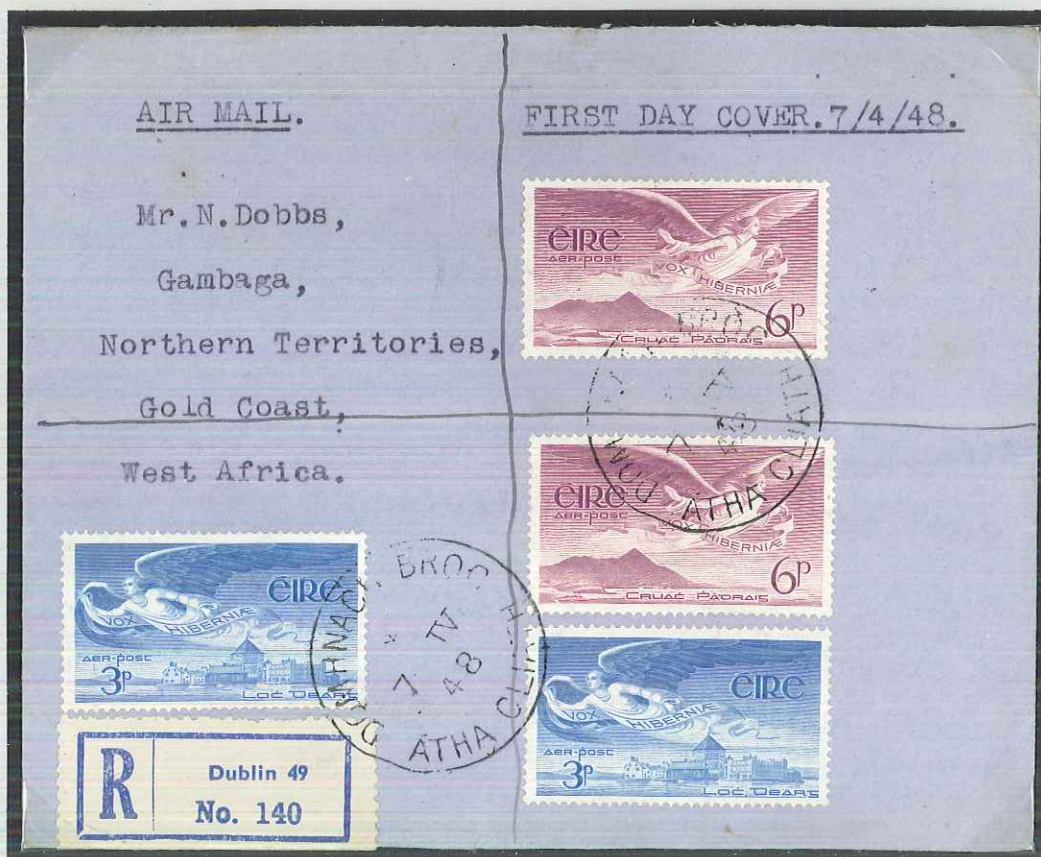


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FIRST DAY COVERS: APRIL 7, 1948



Official envelope, carried by airmail service *Dublin - New York.*

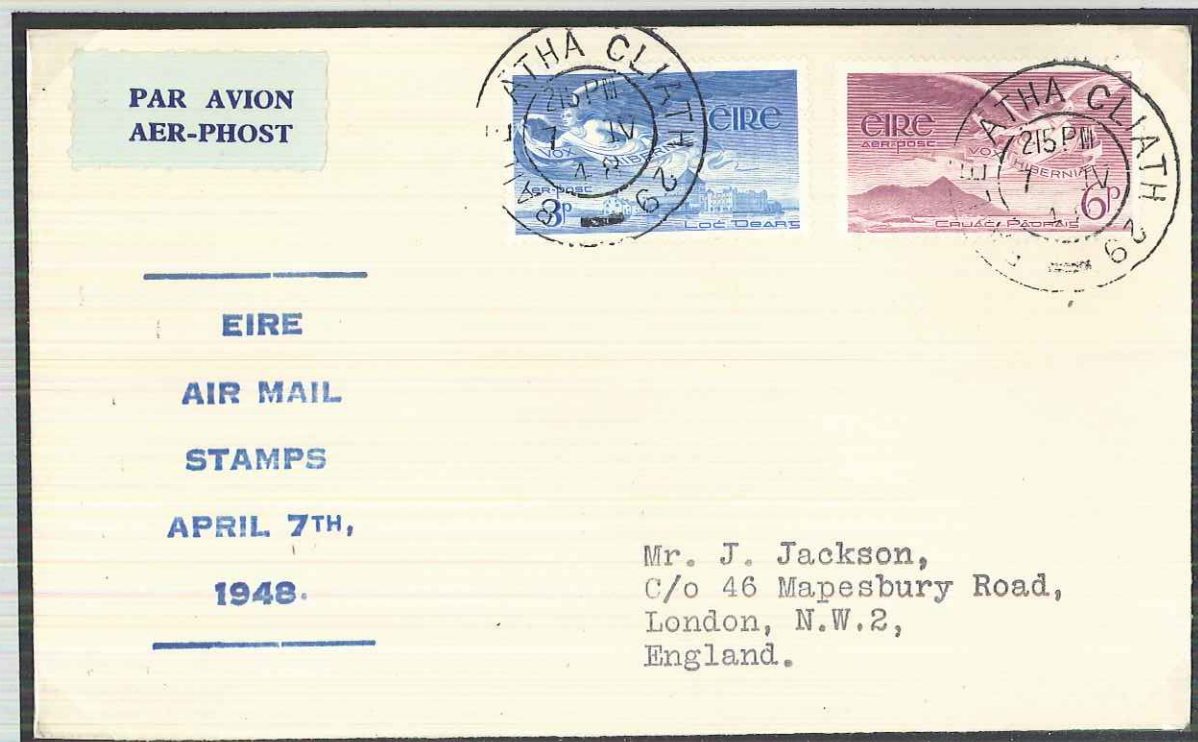


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Komasi Gold Coast arrival postmark of April 12, 6.00 p.m.



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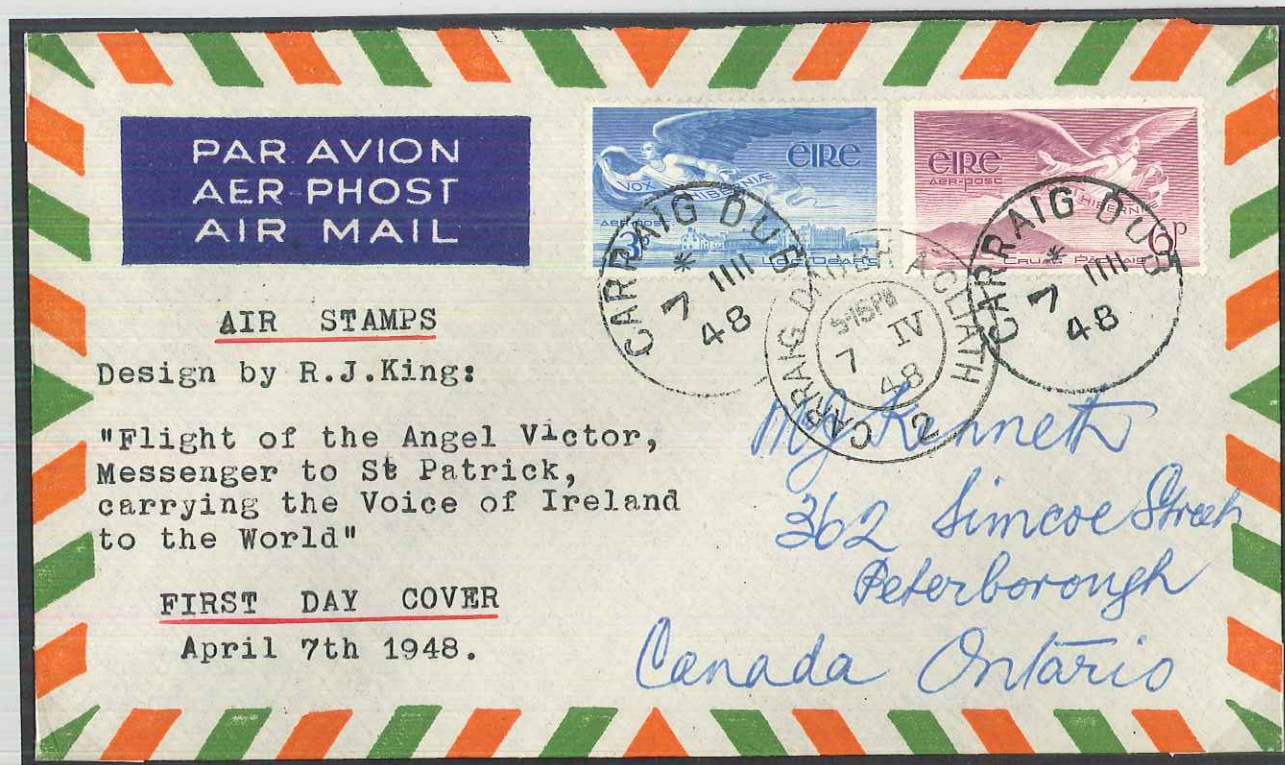
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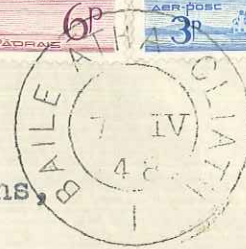
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FIRST DAY COVERS: APRIL 7, 1948

PAR AVION  
AER-PHOST  
AIR MAIL



*James Everett*  
James Everett, Esq.,  
Minister for Posts and Telegraphs,  
D U B L I N.



FIRST DAY COVER.

PAR AVION  
AER PHOST  
AIR MAIL



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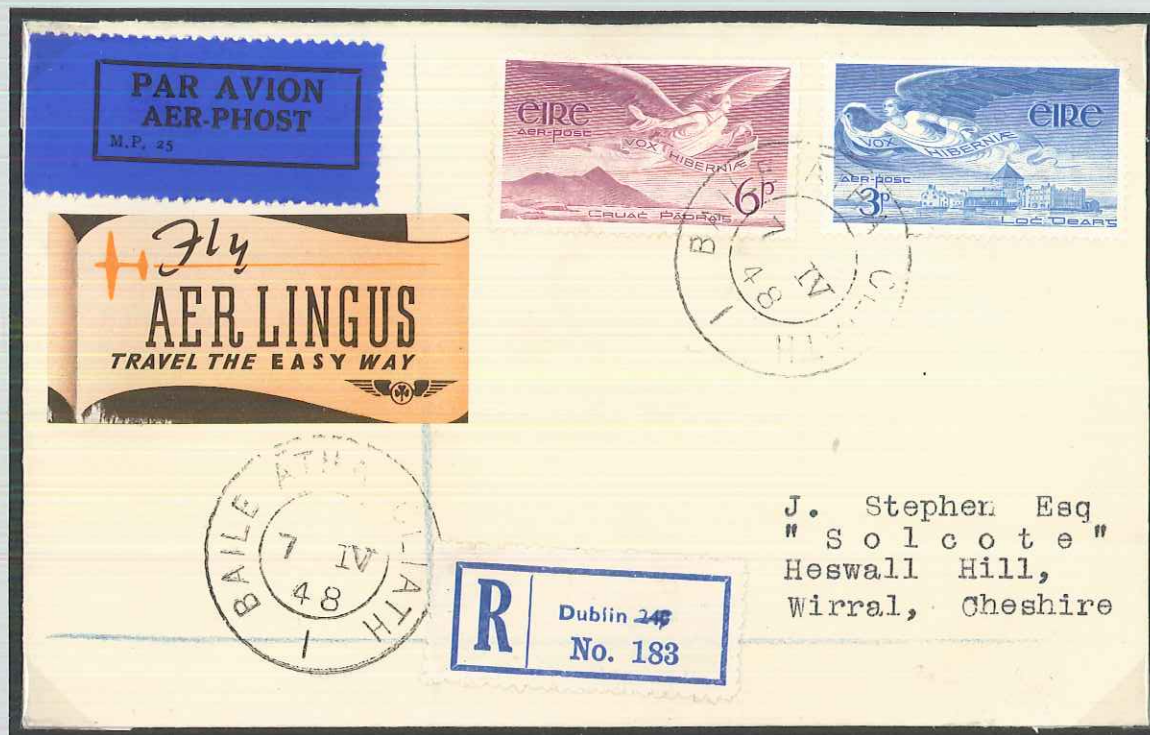
FIRST DAY COVER

Addressed to and signed by James Everett, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs.



# AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965

FIRST DAY COVERS: APRIL 7, 1948



Posted Dublin on April 7, 1948, and carried by airmail service Dublin - Buenos Aires.  
BUENOS AIRES arrival postmark of April 12, 7.00 a.m.



# AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965

FIRST DAY COVERS: APRIL 7, 1948



Posted Dublin on April 7, 1948,  
and carried with airmail service Dublin - London - New York.  
**NEW YORK** arrival postmarks of April 9.



**AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965:  
FIRST DAY COVERS**

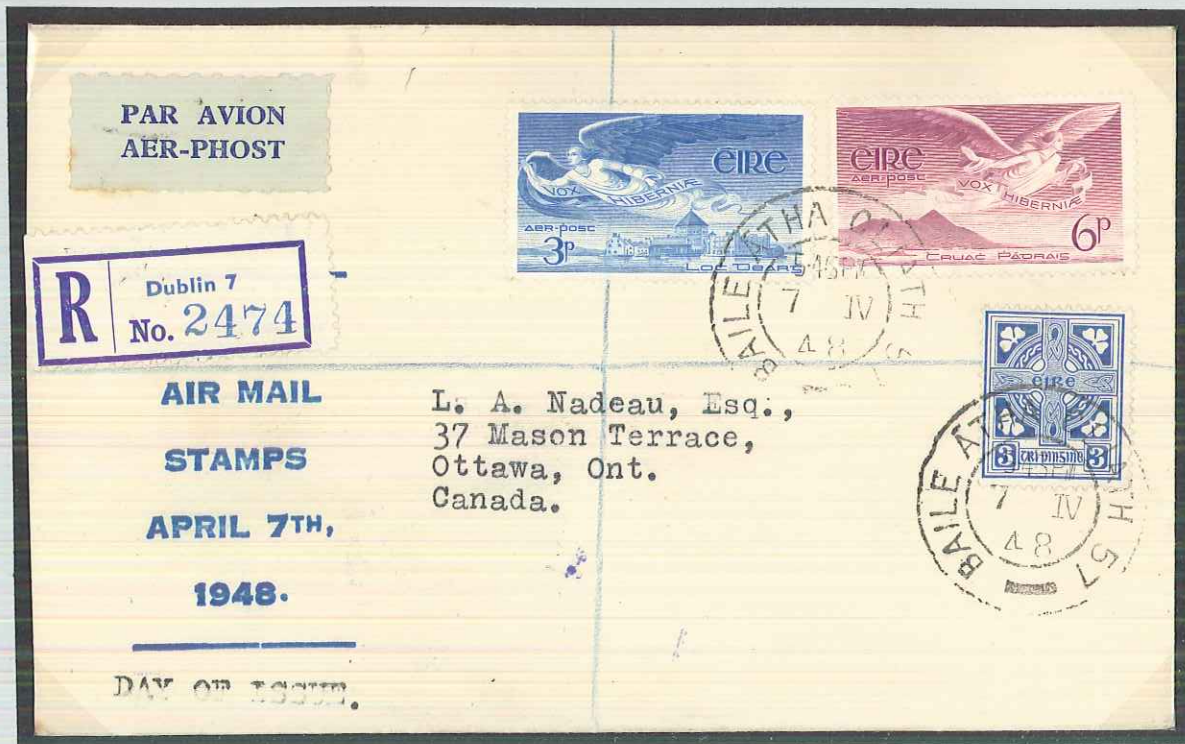
**April 7, 1948**





# AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965

FIRST DAY COVERS: APRIL 7, 1948





**AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965:  
FIRST DAY COVERS**

**April 7, 1948**





# AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965

FIRST DAY COVERS: APRIL 7, 1948





# AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965

FIRST DAY COVERS: APRIL 7, 1948



Posted registered Dublin on April 7, 1948,  
and carried with airmail service *Dublin - London - New York*.  
Various **NEW YORK** and **BROOKLYN** arrival postmarks of April 9.



# AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965

## FIRST DAY COVERS: APRIL 7, 1948





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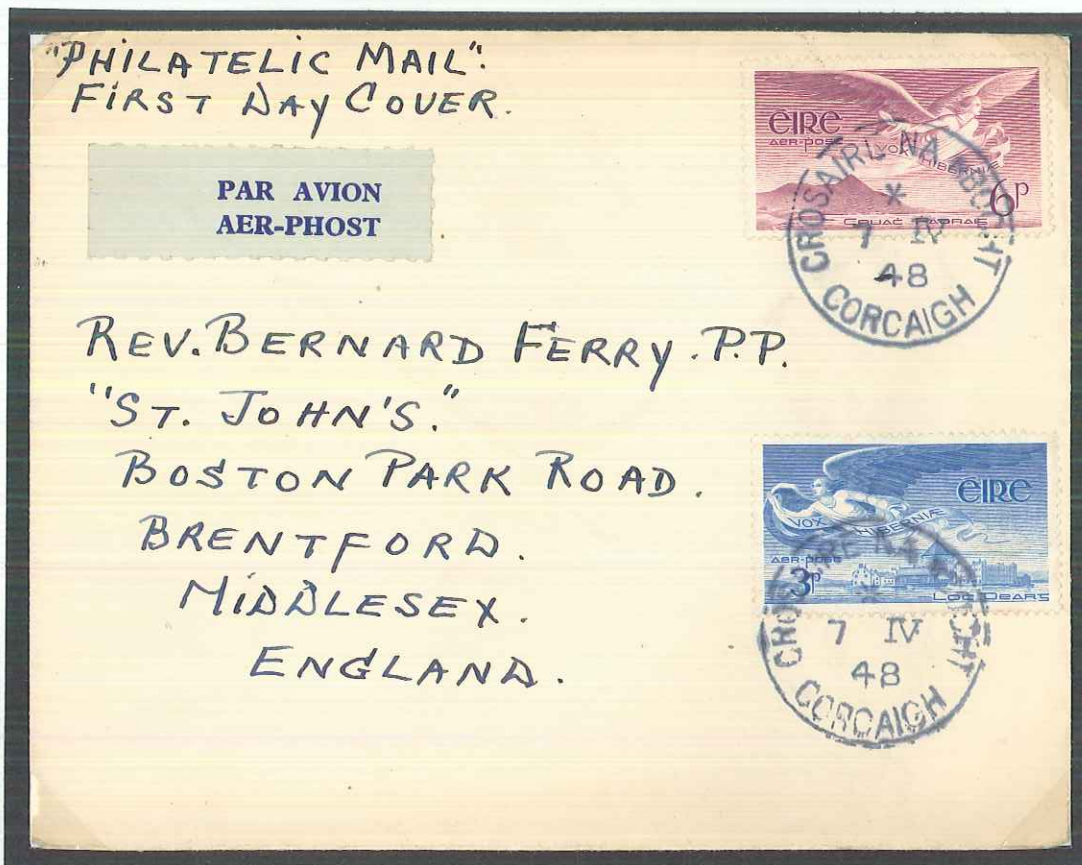
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AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965

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**AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965:  
FIRST DAY COVERS: APRIL 7, 1948**

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baile Átha Cliath.

Luaró uimhir }  
Quote Number }



An Roinn Puist agus Telegraif,  
(Department of Posts and Telegraphs),

baile Átha Cliath.  
(Dublin).

*7th April*  
March, 1948.

Sir,

AIR MAIL STAMPS.

With reference to previous correspondence regarding the above, I am directed by the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to state that the 3d. and 6d. Air Mail stamps will be on sale on Wednesday the 7th April, 1948.

The covers forwarded by you <sup>is</sup> will be stamped and treated as <sup>a</sup> first day covers unless instructions to the contrary are received by the 7th proximo. *as the trans atlantic flight by Aer Linnia has*

Yours obedient Servant,

*WALDRON*

Post Office Controller,  
(Aerial Section).

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*Nordrecht  
Netherlands*

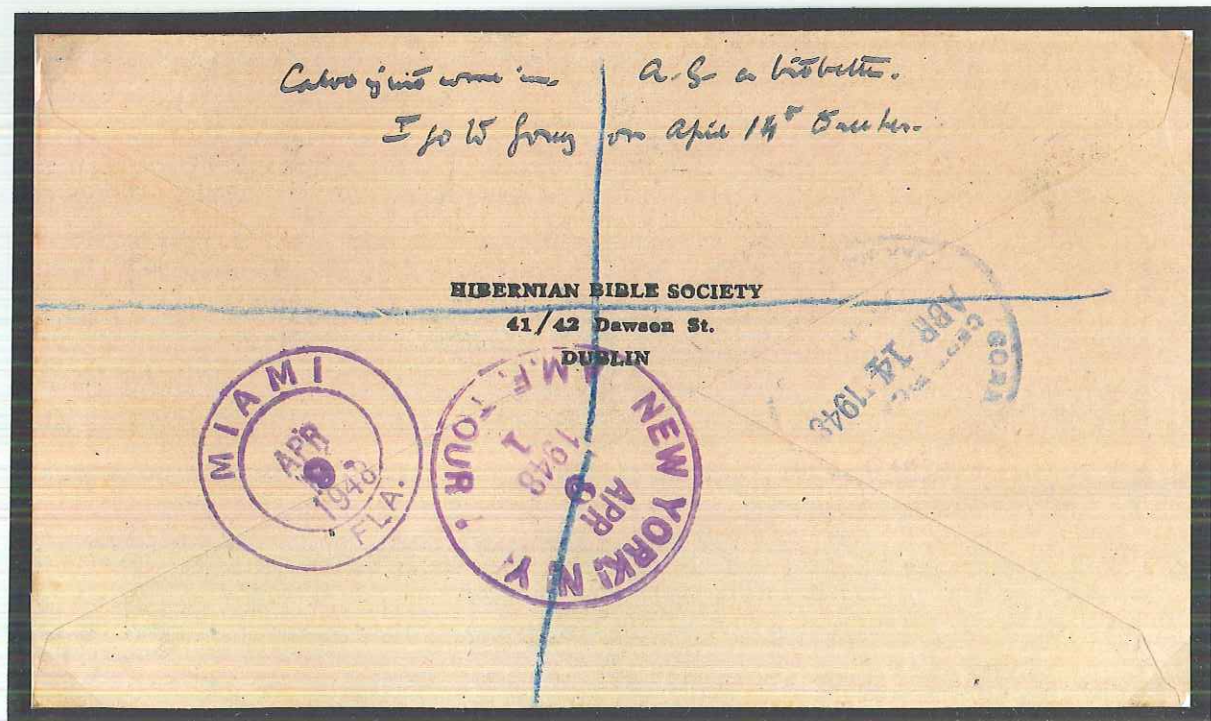




**AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965:**

**FIRST DAY COVERS: APRIL 7, 1948,  
DUBLIN - NEW YORK - MIAMI - SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA**

**April 7, 1948**



Posted registered on April 7, 1948,  
the First Day of Issue of the first airmail set,  
and carried Dublin - New York - Miami - San José, Costa Rica.  
**NEW YORK** transit postmark of April 9  
**MIAMI** transit postmark of April 9,  
and **SAN JOSÉ** arrival postmark of April 14.



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FIRST DAY COVERS: APRIL 7, 1948

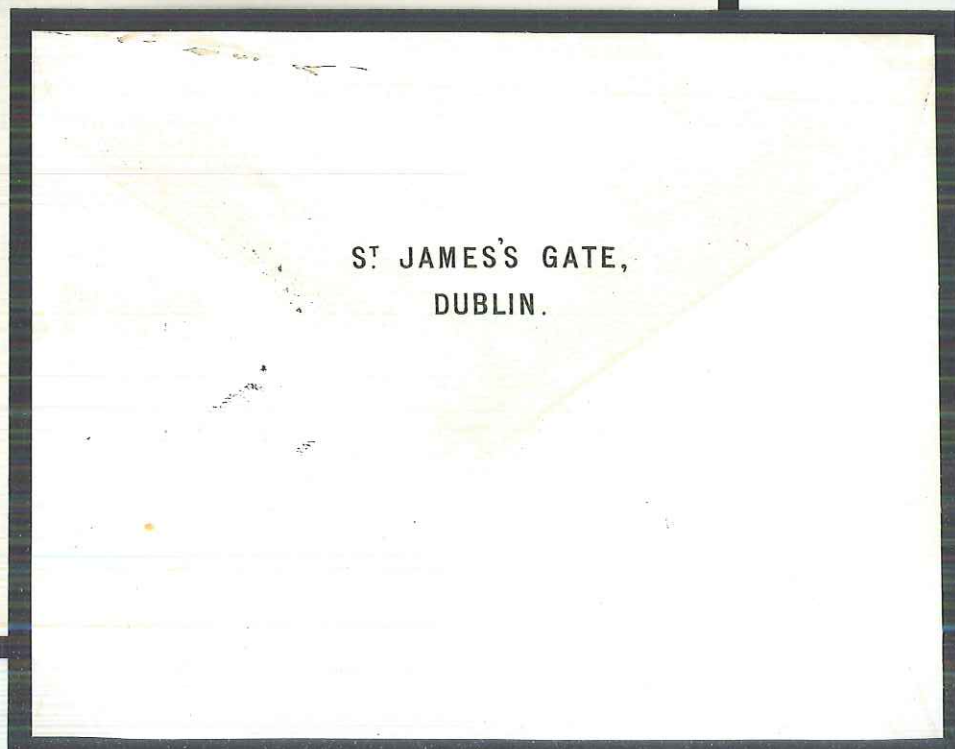




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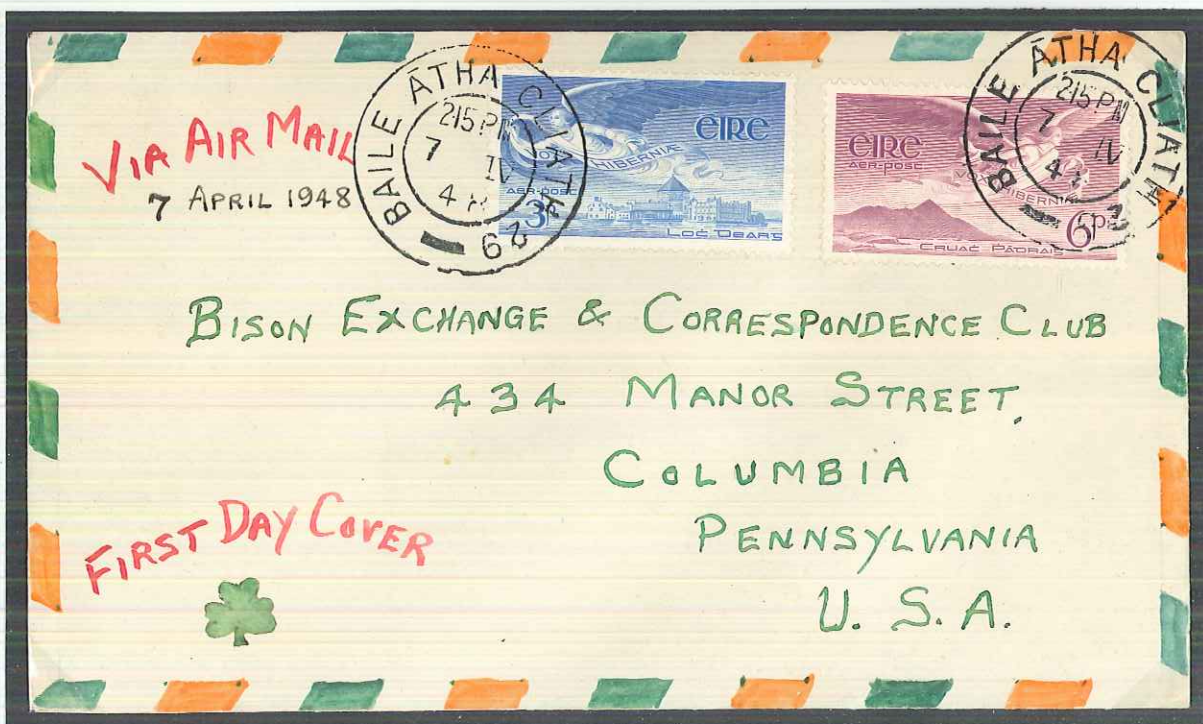
**SAINT JAMES'S GATE,  
DUBLIN.**





AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965

FIRST DAY COVERS: APRIL 7, 1948





**AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965:  
COMMERCIAL REGISTERED AIRMAIL COVER  
DUBLIN - BERNE**

**May 8, 1948**

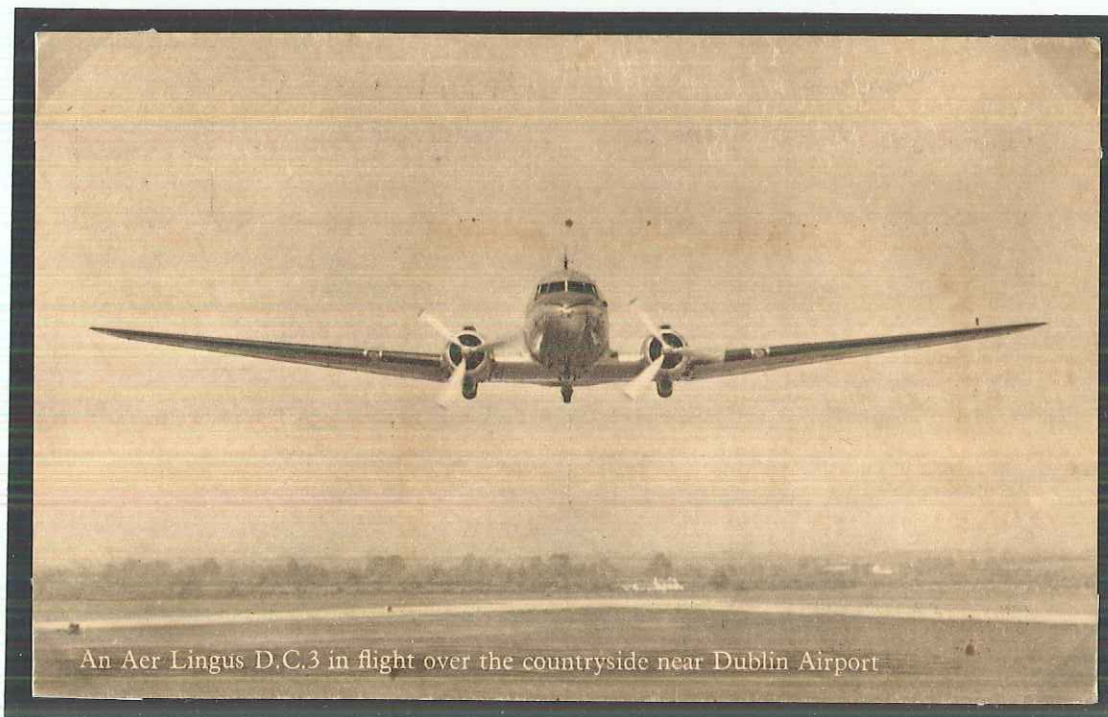
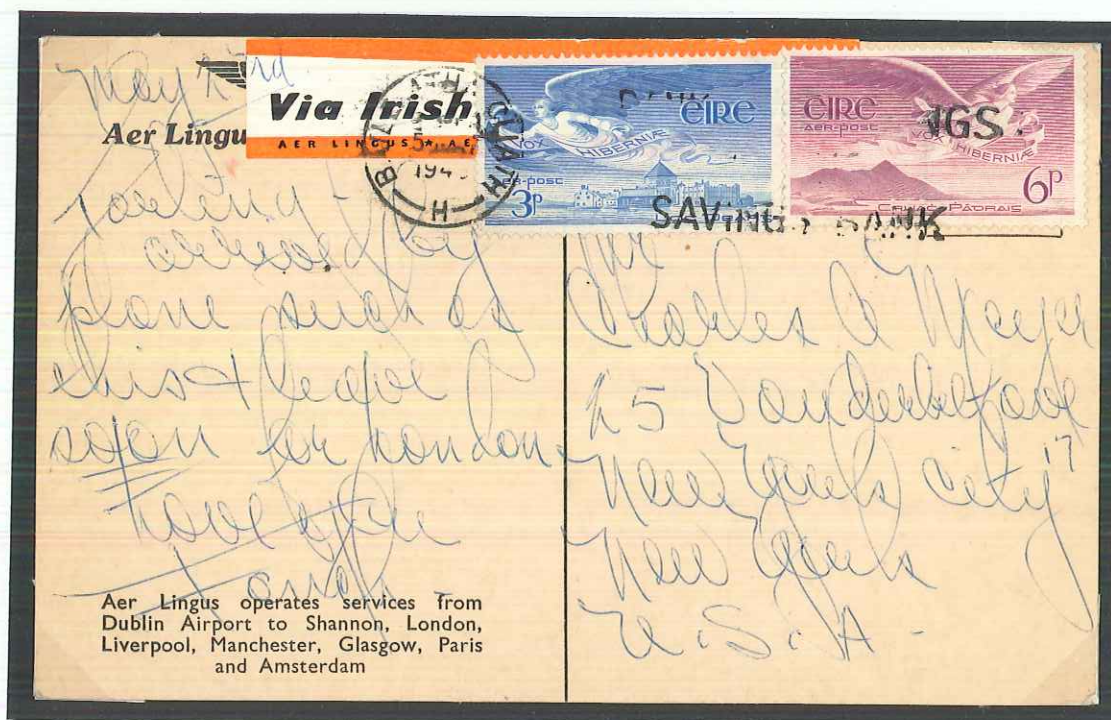


Posted registered Dublin on May 8, 1948,  
with complete set of airmail stamps issued on April 7, 1948,  
and carried with airmail service Dublin - Berne.  
**BERN 1 BRIEFAUSGABE** arrival postmark of May 11, 1.00 a.m.  
Addressed to famous stamp company Zumstein & Co.



**AER LINGUS POSTCARDS FROM THE 1948 SET,  
USED WITH AER LINGUS LABEL AND SET OF AIRMAIL STAMPS:  
DUBLIN - NEW YORK**

**May 25, 1948**



Aer Lingus postcards from the set issued by Aer Lingus in 1948,  
one unused and one posted **BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH** on May 25, 1948,  
with set of airmail stamps issued on April 4, 1948,  
and Aer Lingus label,  
and carried Dublin - Shannon - New York.











## AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965

### 1d DENOMINATION VARIETY: PRINTING PAPER FOLD

April 4, 1949



Printing paper fold on the left

### 1d DENOMINATION VARIETY: RETOUCH ON TOP LEFT CORNER

April 4, 1949



*Retouch* in form of a downstroke  
joining the top five background lines  
on the top left corner on row 9, stamp 6.



**AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965**

**1/- DENOMINATION VARIETY:  
VARIETY ON ANGEL'S CHIN**

**April 4, 1949**



Variety on angel's chin

**1/- DENOMINATION VARIETY:  
RETOUCH**

**April 4, 1949**

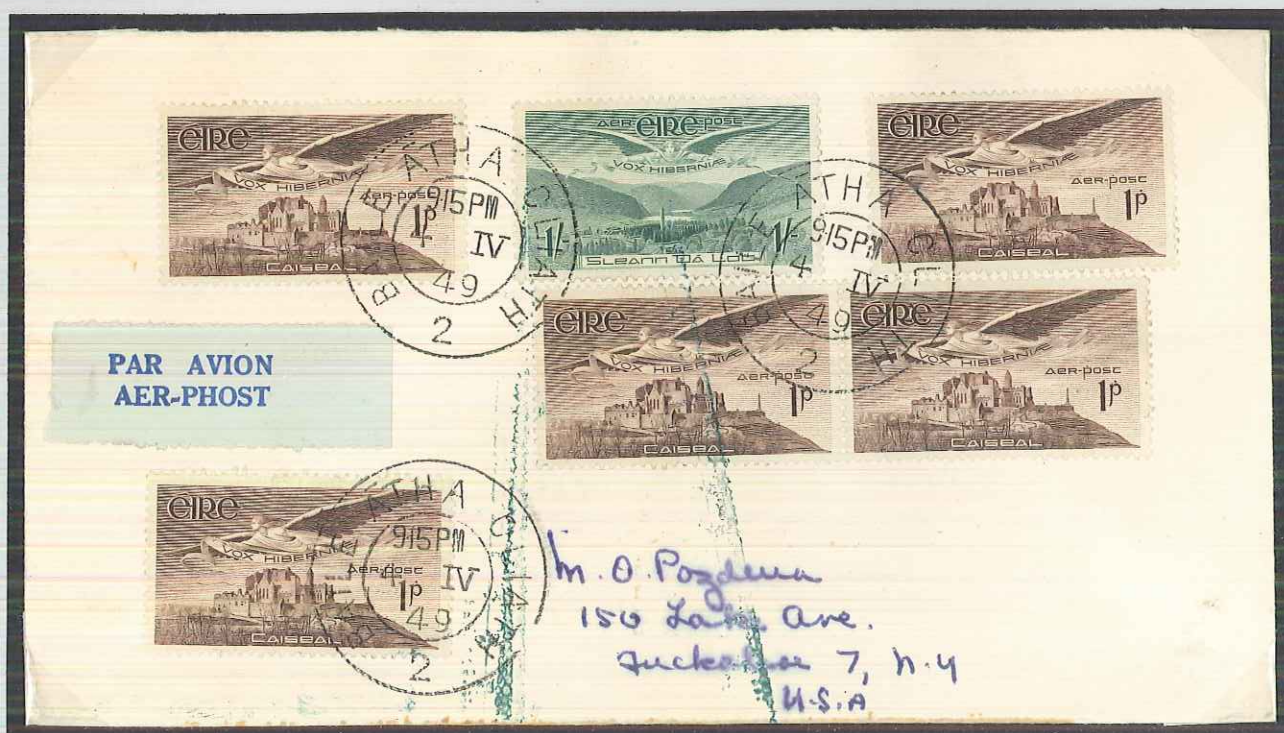


Retouch



# AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965

FIRST DAY COVERS: APRIL 4, 1949





AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965

FIRST DAY COVERS: APRIL 4, 1949

THE IRISH JESUIT MISSION TO CHINA

RICCI MISSION UNIT,  
ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE,  
TULLAMORE.



*Rev. F. J. Cunningham, S.J.*

*St. Stanislaus College,  
Tullamore,  
Offaly*

FIRST DAY COVER APRIL 4th. 1949.

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FIRST DAY COVER  
AIR MAIL ISSUE



GENERAL POST OFFICE  
DUBLIN

4th APRIL, 1949



BANK YOUR SAVINGS  
IN THE  
SAVINGS BANK



*William Francis Cooper,  
46 Brian Avenue,  
Marino,  
Dublin.*



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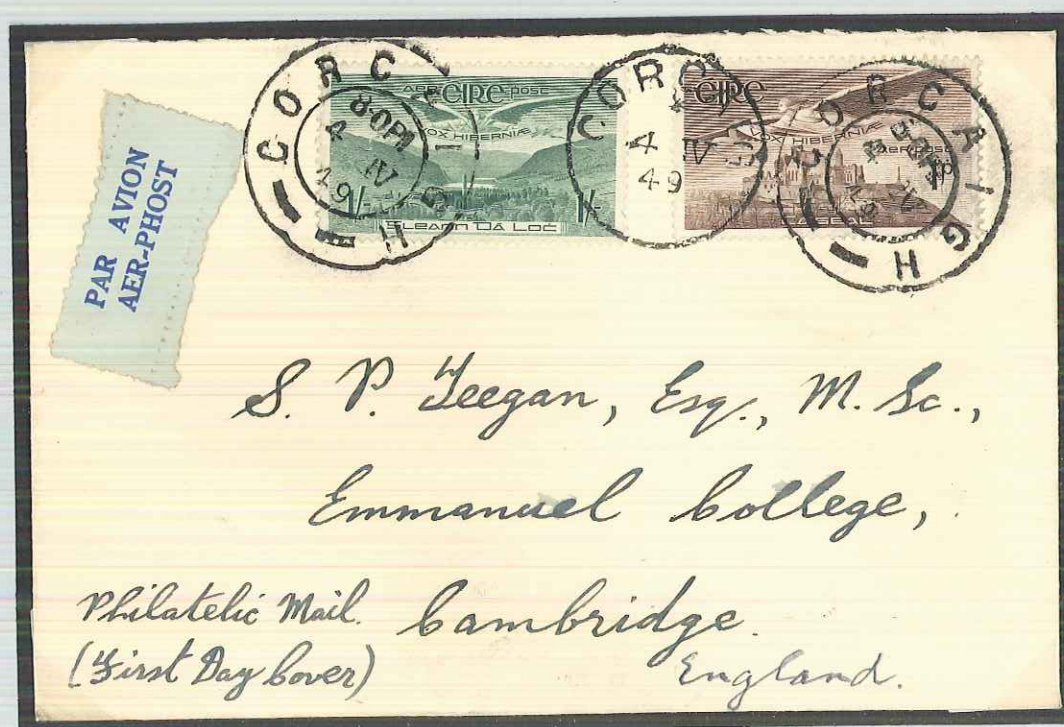
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# AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965

FIRST DAY COVERS: APRIL 4, 1949





# AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 - 1965

## FIRST DAY COVERS: APRIL 4, 1949



Registered First Day Cover,  
posted at the Dublin Leinster Street Post Office on April 4, 1949,  
and carried by Dublin - Montreal - Vancouver airmail service.

**MONTREAL** transit postmark of April 7, 10.00 a.m.,

**VANCOUVER** transit postmark of April 8, 8.00 a.m.,

and **NEW WESTMINSTER** arrival postmark of April 8.

Attractive with **SPRING SHOW** label.



**AIRMAIL STAMPS 1948 – 1965:  
FIRST DAY COVERS**

**April 4, 1949**

