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AN ROINN PUIST AGUS TELEGRAFA,
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH,
(DEPARTMENT OF POSTS & TELEGRAPHS,
DUBLIN.)

27 adh Abran, 1929.

Sir,

  With reference to the letter from this office of the 12th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to state, that, according to a communication which has been received from the British Post Office, the manner of the disposal of the 200 letters which you forwarded to Dublin, and which were subsequently sent hence to London, cannot be definitely stated.   It may, however, be assumed that, if they were properly prepaid for the Direct Indian Mail, and bore Air Mail labels, they were so forwarded.

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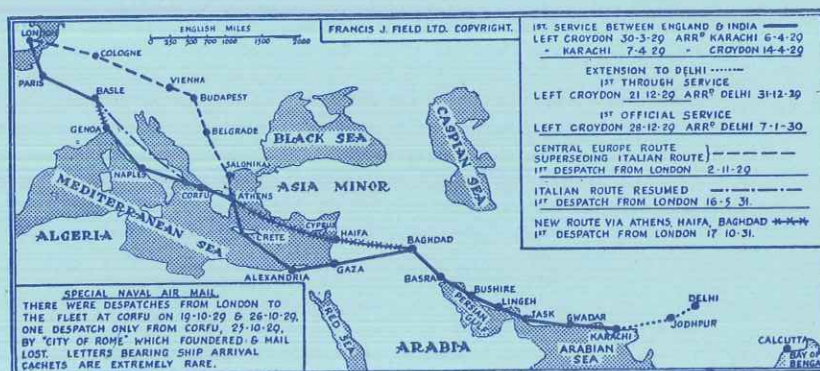
                        Your obedient Servant,

                        [signature]

                            for the Secretary.

John S. Davis, Esq.

FIRST AND LATER FLIGHT SERVICES BY IMPERIAL AIRWAYS TO INDIA: MAP PREPARED BY FRANCIS J. FIELD
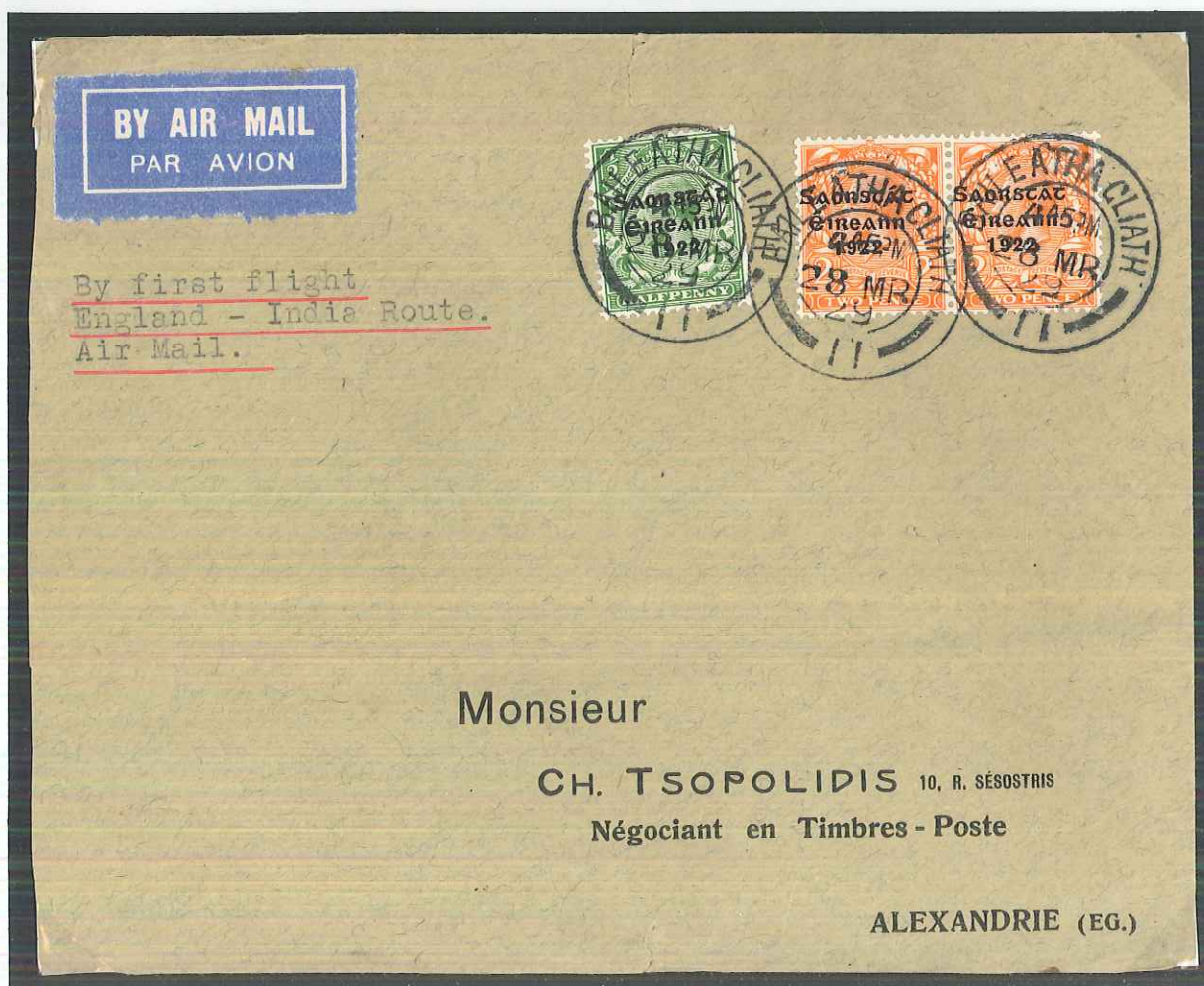
March 30, 1929

First Imperial Airways Flight, 1929.

FOR THE FIRST LONDON & KARACHI FLIGHTS SPECIAL ENVELOPES IN RED WERE ISSUED BY IMPERIAL AIRWAYS LTD., AND OFFICIAL CACHETS APPLIED IN IRAQ AND PERSIA. NO MAILS WERE ACCEPTED TO AND FROM PARIS, BASLE & GENOA. ON FIRST KARACHI & DELHI EXTENSION, OFFICIAL CACHETS WERE APPLIED TO INDIAN CORRESPONDENCE ONLY. BRITISH MAILS WERE CARRIED ON FIRST FLIGHT OF THIS EXTENSION BUT OFFICIAL NOTICE OF DESPATCH AND EXTRA FEE PUBLISHED ONLY BEFORE THE SECOND ACTUAL INDIAN FLIGHT. DURING WINTERS OF 1929-30 & 1930-31, MAILS WERE CARRIED BY ORIENT EXPRESS BETWEEN PARIS AND ATHENS. THE RATE WITHIN EUROPE WAS REDUCED TO 4D. ON 6TH. JUNE 1930 & FROM LONDON TO INDIA WAS REDUCED FROM 7$1/2$D. TO 6$1/2$D. ON 27TH. JUNE 1930.

Posted Dublin on March 28, 1929, and carried on March 30
with first flight service **IE1** by Imperial Airways *London - Alexandria*.
ALEXANDRIE / RECU PAR AVION arrival postmark of April 3, 2.00 p.m.
The route was London - Alexandria - Gaza - Rutbah - Baghdad - Basra - Karachi.

FIRST FLIGHT SERVICE LONDON - KARACHI BY IMPERIAL AIRWAYS:
LONDON - ALEXANDRIA,
FORWARDED ALEXANDRIA - CAIRO

March 30, 1929

Posted Dublin on March 27 and 28, 1929,
and carried on March 30 with first flight service **IE1** by Imperial Airways
London - Alexandria.
ALEXANDRIE / RECU PAR AVION arrival postmark of April 3, 2.00 p.m.
Forwarded by surface transportation to Cairo.
The route was
London - Alexandria - Gaza - Rutbah - Baghdad - Basra - Karachi.

FIRST FLIGHT SERVICE LONDON - KARACHI BY IMPERIAL AIRWAYS:
LONDON - ALEXANDRIA - GAZA

March 30, 1929

Posted Dublin on March 28, 1929,
and carried on March 30 with first flight service **IE1** by Imperial Airways
London - Alexandria - Gaza, Palestine.
Both with **GAZA** arrival postmarks of April 4.
The route was London - Alexandria - Gaza - Rutbah - Baghdad - Basra - Karachi.

FIRST FLIGHT SERVICE LONDON - KARACHI BY IMPERIAL AIRWAYS:
LONDON - ALEXANDRIA - GAZA

March 30, 1929

Unusual "*Keep this Envelope!*" souvenir envelope,
posted Dublin on March 28, 1929,
and carried on March 30 with first flight service **IE1** by Imperial Airways
London - Alexandria - Gaza, Palestine.
GAZA arrival postmarks of April 4.

The route was London - Alexandria - Gaza - Rutbah - Baghdad - Basra - Karachi.

FIRST FLIGHT SERVICE LONDON - KARACHI BY IMPERIAL AIRWAYS: LONDON - ALEXANDRIA - GAZA, FORWARDED TO JAFFA

March 30, 1929

Posted Dublin on March 27, 1929,
and carried on March 30 with first flight service **IE1** by Imperial Airways
London - Alexandria - Gaza, Palestine.
Forwarded by surface transportation to Jaffa.
No Gaza arrival postmark but
"Certified flown cover, proof in my collection. Smye, Capt., 16. 5. 29".
The route was
London - Alexandria - Gaza - Rutbah - Baghdad - Basra - Karachi.

FIRST FLIGHT SERVICE LONDON - KARACHI BY IMPERIAL AIRWAYS:
LONDON - ALEXANDRIA - GAZA - BAGHDAD

March 30, 1929

Posted Dublin on March 28, 1929,
and carried on March 30 with first flight service **IE1** by Imperial Airways
London - Alexandria - Gaza - Baghdad.
BAGHDAD arrival postmark of April 5, 12.00 a.m.
The route was
London - Alexandria - Gaza - Rutbah - Baghdad - Basra - Karachi.

Posted Dublin on March 27, 1929,
and carried on March 30 with first flight service **IE1** by Imperial Airways
London - Alexandria - Gaza - Baghdad.
BAGHDAD arrival postmark of *April 9*, 8.00 a.m.
Why such a late arrival postmark?

FIRST FLIGHT SERVICE LONDON - KARACHI BY IMPERIAL AIRWAYS:
LONDON - ALEXANDRIA - GAZA - BAGHDAD - BASRA

March 30, 1929

Posted Dublin on March 28, 1929,
and carried on March 30 with first flight service **IE1** by Imperial Airways
London - Alexandria - Gaza - Baghdad - Basra.
BASRAH arrival postmark of April 5, 8.00 a.m.
The route was
London - Alexandria - Gaza - Rutbah - Baghdad - Basra - Karachi.

FIRST FLIGHT SERVICE LONDON - KARACHI BY IMPERIAL AIRWAYS:
LONDON - ALEXANDRIA - GAZA - BAGHDAD - BASRA - KARACHI

March 30, 1929

Capt. Smye ½ d envelope acceptances, posted Dublin on March 27, 1929,
and carried on March 30 with first flight service **IE1** by Imperial Airways
London - Alexandria - Gaza - Baghdad - Basra - Karachi.
KARACHI arrival postmark of April 6, 9.00 p.m.
One cover exceptionally signed by <u>Capt. A.G. Wilcockson</u>.

The route was
London - Alexandria - Gaza - Rutbah - Baghdad - Basra - Karachi.

FIRST FLIGHT SERVICE LONDON - KARACHI BY IMPERIAL AIRWAYS:
LONDON - ALEXANDRIA - GAZA - BAGHDAD - BASRA - KARACHI

March 30, 1929

Posted Dublin on March 28, 1929,
and carried on March 30 with first flight service **IE1** by Imperial Airways
London - Alexandria - Gaza - Baghdad - Basra - Karachi.
KARACHI arrival postmark of April 6, 9.00 p.m.

The route was
London - Alexandria - Gaza - Rutbah - Baghdad - Basra - Karachi.

FIRST FLIGHT SERVICE LONDON - KARACHI BY IMPERIAL AIRWAYS:
LONDON - ALEXANDRIA - GAZA - BAGHDAD - BASRA - KARACHI

March 30, 1929

Unusual *"Keep this Envelope!"* envelopes, posted Dublin on March 28, 1929,
and carried on March 30 with first flight service **IE1** by Imperial Airways
London - Alexandria - Gaza - Baghdad - Basra - Karachi.
KARACHI arrival postmarks of April 6, 9.00 p.m.
The route was London - Alexandria - Gaza - Rutbah - Baghdad - Basra - Karachi.

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FIRST FLIGHT SERVICE LONDON - KARACHI BY IMPERIAL AIRWAYS:
LONDON - ALEXANDRIA - GAZA - BAGHDAD - BASRA - KARACHI (KARACHI16 AU)

· **March 30, 1929**

Official "*Keep this Envelope!*" envelope with covering letter included,
posted London on March 30, 1929,
and carried on March 30 with first flight service **IE1** by Imperial Airways
London - Alexandria - Gaza - Baghdad - Basra - Karachi.
Forwarded to Calcutta with **CLACUTTA** arrival postmark of April 9, 1.00 p.m.

FIRST FLIGHT SERVICE LONDON - KARACHI BY IMPERIAL AIRWAYS:
LONDON - ALEXANDRIA - GAZA - RUTBAH - BAGHDAD - BASRA – KARACHI,
UNUSED IMPERIAL AIRWAYS "*KEEP THIS ENVELOPE!*" ENVELOPES (KARACHI18 AU)

March 30, 1929

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Daily Mail Photo, dated March 28, 1929:
"The new 5'000 miles air service between London and India will begin on Saturday. All classes of postal packets except parcels will be carried for the present. Making final adjustments at Rochester to a Short-Jupiter flying boat designed for one stage of the route."