

**EARLY AIRMAIL SERVICE BY IMPERIAL AIRWAYS:
DUBLIN - LONDON - PARIS - ZURICH**

April 30, 1924



Registered GB envelope, posted **BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH** on April 30, 1924,
and carried with airmail service by Imperial Airways
London - Paris and forwarded to Zurich and Degersheim.
DEGERSHEIM arrival postmark of May 2, 3.00 p.m.
From the Grauer - Gebert correspondence.

Adolphus Grauer married a sister of Josef "Sepp" Gebert of Degersheim,
which also explains Grauer's good knowledge of the German language.

Imperial Airways was created on March 31, 1924, and planned to start operations
on April 7 but a pilot's strike delayed its first flight until after April 26. Regular
mails posted in Ireland (and UK) for airmail service to Paris were held back until
April 26 but registered mails were carried with the first foreign service.