EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL
GALWAY - DUBLIN - BERLIN:
IMPROVISED POST OFFICE NOTE USED AT THE GALWAY POST OFFICE

October 19, 1932

Improvised and handwritten note on telephone directory notepaper (back side),
used at the Galway Post Office on October 19
to announce the experimental flight service taking place on October 22.

Telefóna an Phuist
(POST OFFICE TELEPHONES).

_____ **Exchange.** **Date** _____.

Exch. No.	Name	Address	Remarks
		AER-POST 22ú Deire Fómhair, 1932 Baile Átha Cliath-Berlin	
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EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE
ORGANIZED BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL
GALWAY - DUBLIN - LONDON - BERLIN

October 22, 1932

£25

Photo signed "*Charles F. Russell, Colonel*".
Charles Russell was organizer and promoter of the flight,
and he acted as co-pilot in the KLM Fokker FXII PH-AID
on the Dublin - Croydon sector,
together with Capt. L. Scholte of KLM.

EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL
GALWAY - DUBLIN - BERLIN:
COVERS SIGNED BY CAPT. O.E. ARMSTRONG AND COL. CHARLES RUSSELL

October 22, 1932

FROM DUBLIN SIGNED £45

Cover carried *Dublin - Croydon - Rotterdam - Berlin*,
posted in Dublin on October 20, 1932, with Berlin airmail confirmation cachet **BERLIN C2**
and arrival postmark of October 22, 6.00 p.m.
Signed by Col. Charles Russell, promoter of the flight and co-pilot on the Dublin - Croydon sector.

ONLY 600 FROM GALWAY

RARE SIGNED £50

Card carried *Galway - Dublin - Croydon - Rotterdam - Berlin*,
posted in Galway on October 22, 1932, with arrival postmark of October 22, 6.00 p.m.
Signed by the pilot of the Galway - Dublin aircraft, Capt. O.E. Armstrong,
who, in 1936, became the first pilot to be employed by Aer Lingus.

EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL
GALWAY - DUBLIN - BERLIN:
GALWAY AND DUBLIN COVERS SIGNED BY COL. CHARLES RUSSELL

October 22, 1932

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posted in Galway on October 22, 1932, with arrival postmark of October 22, 6.00 p.m.
Unusually signed again by Col. Charles Russell -
unusual because the pilot of the Galway - Dublin aircraft was Capt. O.E. Armstrong.

EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL
GALWAY – DUBLIN – BERLIN
SIGNED BY CAPT. O.E. ARMSTRONG AND CHARLES RUSSELL

October 22, 1932

FROM GALWAY

£65

SIGNED RUSSELL & ARMSTRONG

FROM GALWAY

£65

SIGNED RUSSELL & ARMSTRONG

Posted Galway on October 22, 1932, and carried on October 22
with special flight *Galway – Dublin – Croydon – Rotterdam – Berlin*.
Red "**MIT LUFTPOST BEFÖRDERT / BERLIN C2**" and
BERLIN arrival postmarks of October 22, 6.00 p.m.
Signed both by *Col. Charles Russell*, co-pilot on the Dublin – Berlin sector,
and by the pilot of the Galway – Dublin aircraft, *Capt. O.E. Armstrong*,
who, in 1936, became the first pilot to be employed by Aer Lingus.

EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL
GALWAY - DUBLIN - BERLIN:
ENVELOPES SIGNED BY THE GALWAY - DUBLIN PILOT, CAPT. O.E. ARMSTRONG

October 22, 1932

FROM GALWAY £50 - SIGNED ARMSTRONG

FROM GALWAY £50 SIGNED ARMSTRONG

Covers carried *Galway - Dublin - Croydon - Rotterdam - Berlin*,
posted in Galway on October 22, 1932, with Berlin airmail confirmation cachets **BERLIN C2**
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EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL
GALWAY - DUBLIN - BERLIN:
COVER SIGNED BY THE GALWAY - DUBLIN PILOT, CAPT. O.E. ARMSTRONG

October 22, 1932

FROM GALWAY

SIGNED ARMSTRONG

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EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL
GALWAY - DUBLIN - BERLIN

October 22, 1932

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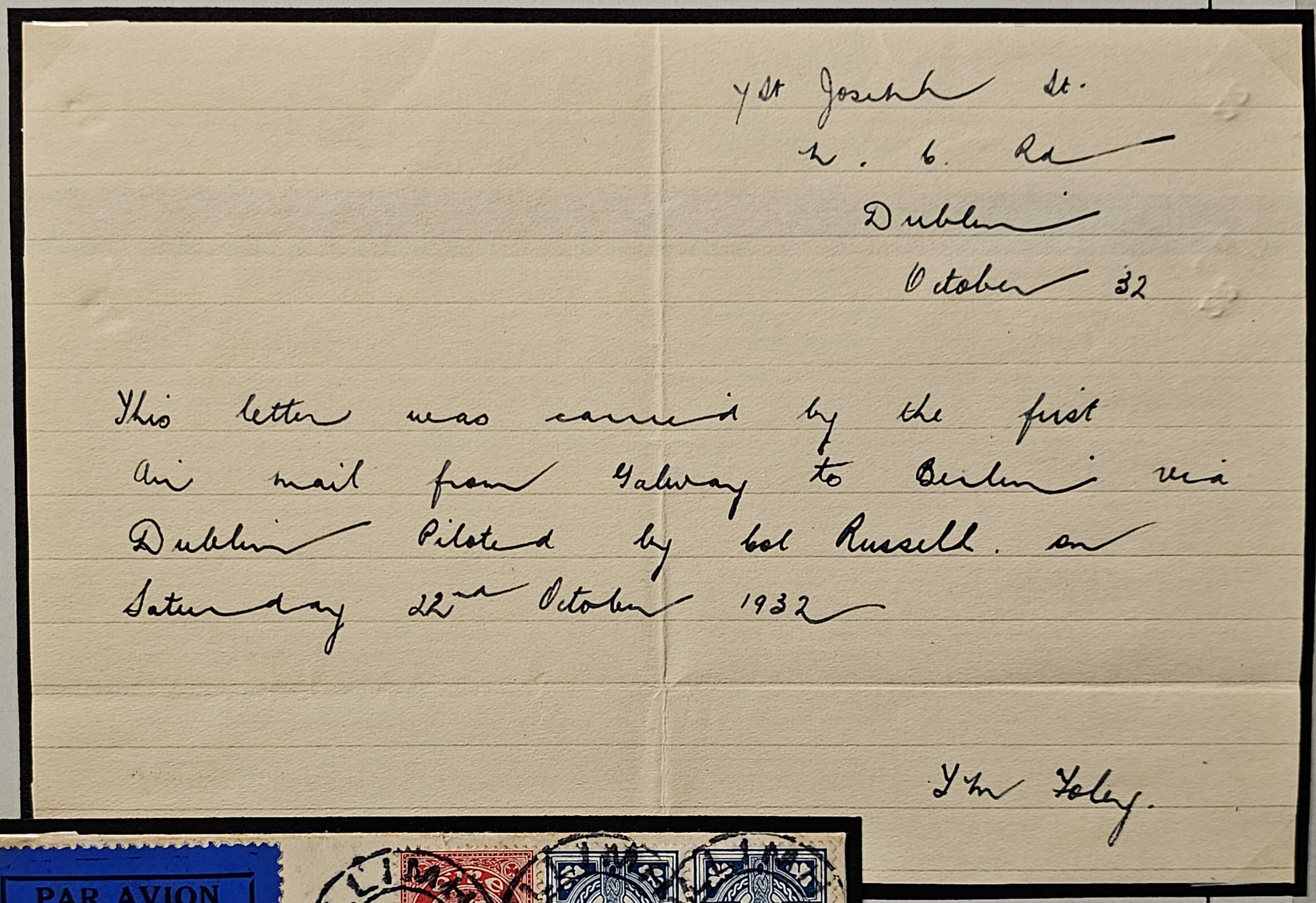
and arrival postmark of October 22, 6.00 p.m.
Written confirmation by a prudent Dublin collector, Joseph M. Foley.



y/ St Joseph's St.
2. 6. Rd
Dublin
October 32

This letter was carried by the first
Air mail from Galway to Berlin via
Dublin Piloted by Col Russell. on
Saturday 22nd October 1932

Yrs Foley.

PAR AVION
AER-PHOST
M.P. 25

GAILLIMH 22 OCT 32

Y/m Foley. Esq.
c/o Irish Legation
Tirgartenstrasse 34 A Berlin.

MIT LUFTPOST BEFÖRDERT
LUFTPOSTAMT
BERLIN C2

AER-POST
22ADH OEIRE FOMAIR 1932
Gaillimh-Berlin

FROM litigation
GALWAY *

£30

EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL
GALWAY - DUBLIN - LONDON - BERLIN:
COVER ADDESSED TO *CAPT. HERMANN KÖHL*

October 22, 1932

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Posted Dublin on October 22, 1932,
and carried on October 22 with special flight service
Dublin - Croydon - Rotterdam - Berlin.
BERLIN C arrival postmark of October 22, 6.00 p.m.
Addressed to "*Capt. Hermann Köhl*, Transatlantic Flyer,
c/o Lufthansa, Tempelhof Aerodrome, Berlin".

EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL
GALWAY - DUBLIN - LONDON - BERLIN:
COVERS PREPARED BY AND ADDRESSED TO *CAPT. OSCAR HERON*

October 22, 1932

FROM GALWAY £25

FROM GALWAY £25

Posted Galway on October 22, 1932, and carried on October 22
with special flight service *Galway - Dublin - Croydon - Rotterdam - Berlin*.
BERLIN C arrival postmarks of October 22, 6.00 p.m.
Prepared (?) by and addressed to *Capt. Oscar Heron* of the Irish Air Corps,
who was killed in a Vickers Vespa while flying in Sir Alan Cobham's "Flying Circus"
at Dublin Phoenix Park on August 5, 1933.

EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL
GALWAY - DUBLIN - LONDON - BERLIN:
COVERS PREPARED BY AND ADDRESSED TO *CAPT. OSCAR HERON*

October 22, 1932

FROM GALWAY

L-25

Posted **GAILIMH** (Galway) on October 22, 1932,
and carried on October 22 with special flight service
Galway - Dublin - Croydon - Rotterdam - Berlin.
BERLIN C arrival postmark of October 22, 6.00 p.m.

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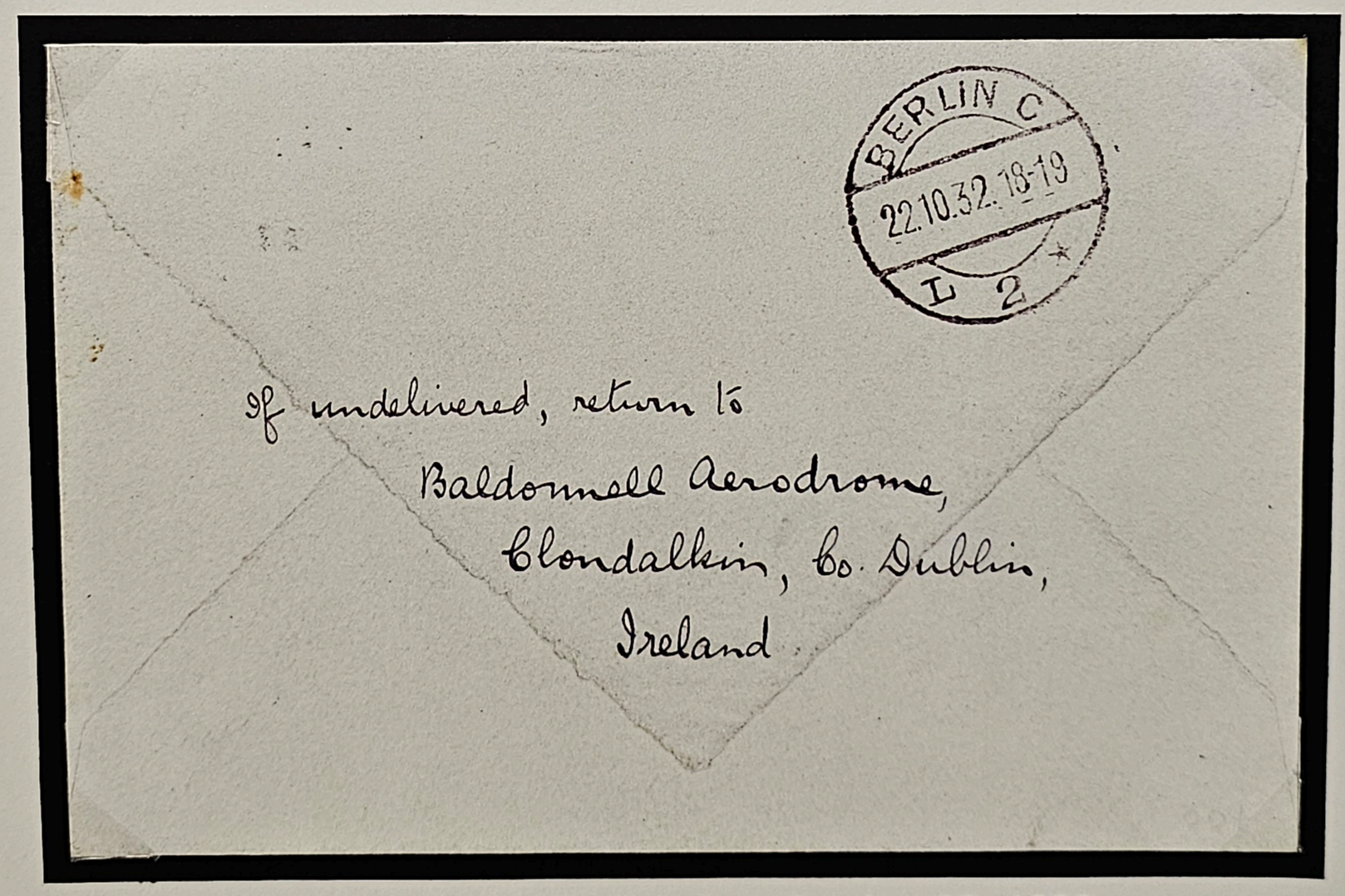
EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL
GALWAY - DUBLIN - LONDON - BERLIN:
COVER PREPARED BY AND ADDRESSED TO
"CAPT. OSCAR HERON c/o CAPT. HERMANN KOEHL"

October 22, 1932

FROM GALWAY

£25



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Return address at "*Baldonnell Aerodrome*".

EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL
GALWAY - DUBLIN - LONDON - BERLIN

October 22, 1932

Posted Dublin on October 21, 1932, and carried on October 22
with special flight service *Dublin - Croydon - Rotterdam - Berlin*.
Forwarded with airmail service *Berlin - Cologne* and forwarded to Solingen.
BERLIN C transit postmarks of October 22, 6.00 p.m., and
highly unusual with two German airmail confirmation cachets in red
"**MIT LUFTPOST BEFÖRDERT / BERLIN C2**"
and "**MIT LUFTPOST BEFÖRDERT KÖLN-FLUGHAFEN**".

EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL
GALWAY - DUBLIN - LONDON - BERLIN

October 22, 1932

FROM LONGFORD?

SCARCE COMMERCIAL MAIL

£30

Posted **LONGFORD** on October 20, 1932, inscribed "*By Air Mail / Via Galway*"
and to be carried on October 22 with special flight service
Galway - Dublin - Croydon - Rotterdam - Berlin.
Probably carried with regular *London – Frankfurt* airmail service,
with red "***Mit Luftpost befördert / Frankfurt Flughafen***" airmail confirmation cachet.

FROM GALWAY

£25

Posted Galway on October 22, 1932, and carried on October 22
with special flight service *Galway - Dublin - Croydon - Rotterdam - Berlin*.
BERLIN C arrival postmarks of October 22, 6.00 p.m.

EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE BY CHARLES F. RUSSELL:
(GALWAY) - DUBLIN - LONDON - BERLIN

October 22, 1932

FROM DUBLIN

← Legation

P30

Posted **BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH** on October 21, 1932,
and carried on October 22 with special flight service
Dublin - Croydon - Rotterdam - Berlin.
BERLIN C arrival postmark of October 22, 6.00 p.m.

EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE
BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL:
(GALWAY) - DUBLIN - LONDON - BERLIN

October 22, 1932

POSTED DUN LAOGHAIRE
£30

Posted **DUN LAOGHAIRE** on October 21, 1932,
and carried on October 22 with special flight service
Dublin - Croydon - Rotterdam - Berlin.
Red "***MIT LUFTPOST BEFÖRDERT / BERLIN C2***" airmail confirmation cachet,
BERLIN C transit postmark of October 22, 6.00 p.m.,
and **BAD TÖLZ** arrival postmark of October 23.

In contradiction to Post Office specifications
that mails may be posted in Dublin or Galway only.

EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE
BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL:
GALWAY - DUBLIN - LONDON - BERLIN

October 22, 1932

DUBLIN & GALWAY T.P.O

£40 -

Posted **DUBLIN & GALWAY T.P.O.** on October 21, 1932,
and carried on October 22 with special flight service
Galway - Dublin - Croydon - Rotterdam - Berlin.
GAILLIMH transit postmark of October 22,
red "***MIT LUFTPOST BEFÖRDERT / BERLIN C2***" airmail confirmation cachet,
and **BERLIN C** transit postmark of October 22, 6.00 p.m..

In contradiction to Post Office specifications
that mails may be posted in Dublin or Galway only.

EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE
BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL:
REFUSED AIRMAIL
(GALWAY) - DUBLIN - LONDON - BERLIN

October 22, 1932

1½d COIL STAMPS

£35-

Posted **BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH** on October 21, 1932,
to be carried on October 22 with special flight service
Dublin - Croydon - Rotterdam - Berlin.
No transit or arrival postmarks
and oval cachet in green crossed out.
Refused because addressed to Ireland and intended for round trip?

EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE
BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL:
(GALWAY) - **DUBLIN - LONDON - ROTTERDAM -** (BERLIN)

October 22, 1932

RARE TO ROTTERDAM

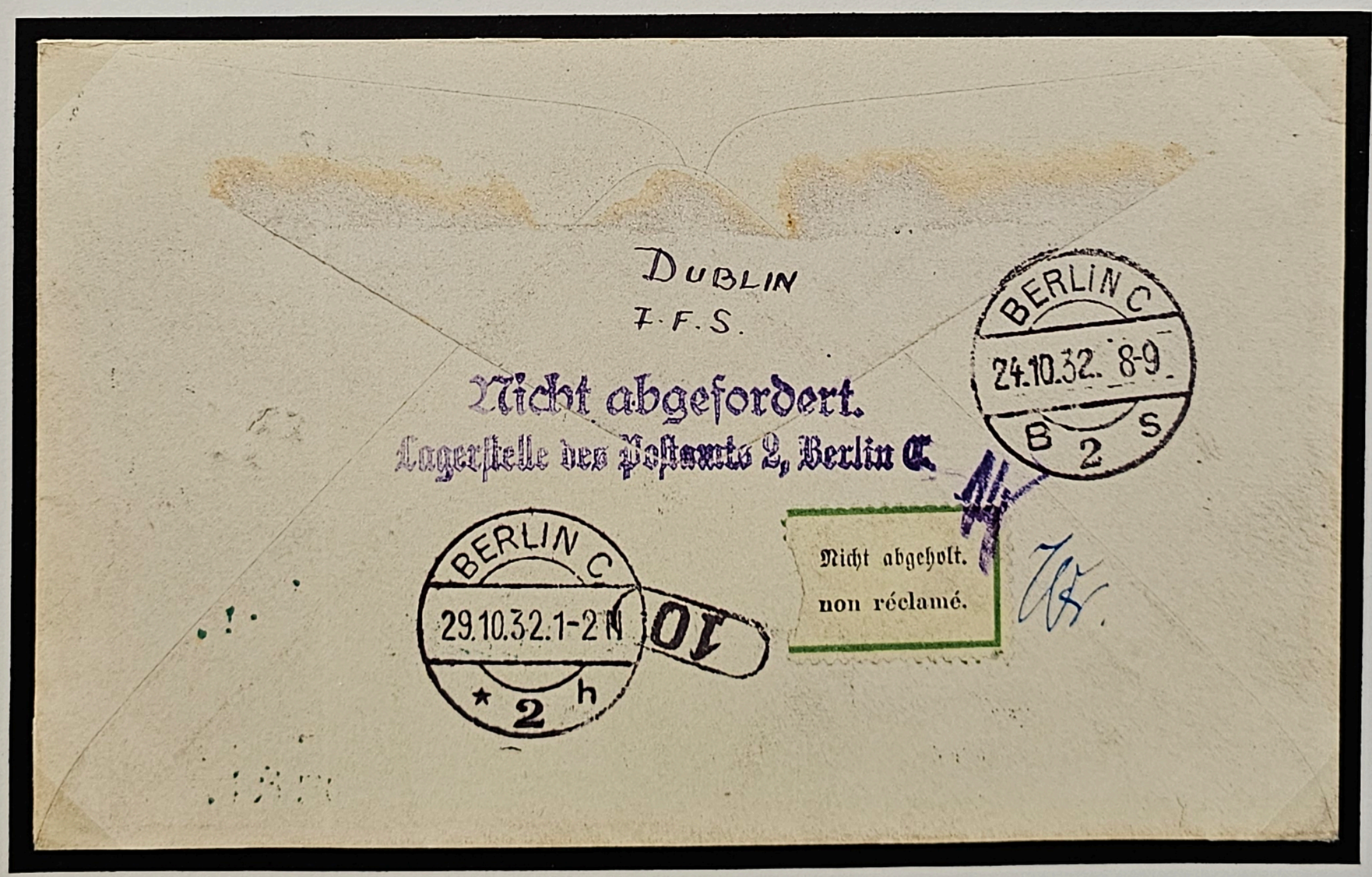
£65-

Posted **BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH** on October 21, 1932,
and carried on October 22 with special flight service
Dublin - Croydon - Rotterdam.
ROTTERDAM arrival postmark of October 22.
"***Non Réclamé***" and returned with **ROTTERDAM** postmark of December 2.

EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL:
GALWAY - DUBLIN - LONDON - BERLIN
BUT POSTED "*TOO LATE FOR AIR MAIL*"

October 22, 1932

RARE!
"Too Late"
£68-



Posted **GAILLIMH** on October 221, 1932,
to be carried on October 22 with special flight service
Galway - Dublin - Croydon - Rotterdam - Berlin.
but posted "***Too Late for Air Mail***" in green.
Probably carried by regular surface mail service,
with **BERLIN C** arrival postmark of October 24, 8.00 a.m.
"***Nicht abgefordert***" cachet and "***Nicht abgeholt***" label,
and returned with **BERLIN C** postmark of October 29.

JOHN S. DAVIS ACCEPTANCES FOR EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL GALWAY - DUBLIN - CROYDON - ROTTERDAM

October 22, 1932

Dublin Postmaster to John S. Davis: *" The covers you enclosed for Rotterdam and London could not be forwarded as the service does not include these places."* In the light of this remark it is doubtful if the *Dublin - Rotterdam* acceptances known from this flight were actually carried by the special flight service.

Seol aon fhreagra go dtí :—
Address any reply to :—
An Máistir Puist,
The Postmaster.
Luaidh Uimhir / *Quote Number* .....
Ní mór an postas bheith roimh-íoctha.
Postage should be prepaid.

Oifig an Phuist / *Post Office* Dublin

2nd October 1932

Sir,

In compliance with your order of the 19th instant, air mail covers as shewn hereunder have been duly despatched:—

490 @ 6d each	to Berlin	£12. 5. 0
2 @ 2/4½	to Berne	4. 9.
1 @ 5/-	" "	5
	Total	£. 12. 14. 9

The covers you enclosed for Rotterdam and London could not be forwarded as the service does not include these places.

The balance of your

Yours truly
P. [illegible]
[illegible]

and return Postage to £11. 4. 0. is herewith Money order.

Yours truly

T. D. Davis Esq
11 Rockley Rd.
Liverpool 8

£25-

EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE PROMOTED BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL
GALWAY - DUBLIN - BERLIN AND GALWAY - BERLIN

October 22nd, 1932

Horiz Coil SG 70

STAMPS CAT £54

CARD

£28

Card posted in Dublin on October 21st, 9.15 PM, carried to Galway and flown to Berlin (confirmation cachet and arrival postmark of October 22nd, 6.00 PM).

GALWAY

£25

Cover posted in Galway on October 22nd with Berlin arrival postmark of October 22nd, 6.00 PM (reverse). "Same Day Delivery!"

Due to a very late Post Office announcement, dated Galway October 19th, mails for this flight are less common than for other Irish flights.

EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL GALWAY - DUBLIN - BERLIN

October 22, 1932

Cover carried *Galway - Dublin - Croydon - Rotterdam - Berlin*, posted Galway on October 22, 1932. Red Berlin airmail confirmation cachet and Berlin arrival postmark of October 22, 6.00 p.m.

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and returned to sender from Brief-aufklärungsstelle on October 26.

EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL
GALWAY - DUBLIN - BERLIN

October 22, 1932

Dublin - Berlin acceptances with Berlin arrival postmarks of October 22 (6.00 p.m.). *Card* with Berlin arrival postmark on front, and *envelopes* with Dublin cds and machine cancellations.

COIL STAMP CAT £54

CARD £28

1½d VERT COIL STAMPS CAT £110+

£40 –

£20

EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL GALWAY - DUBLIN - BERLIN:

"THE IRISH PRESS" WITH CACHET "

The Irish Press

BY AIR FROM DUBLIN

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Vol. II., No. 255. Do Cum Glóire Dé agus Onóra na h-Éireann SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1932. The Truth in the News. PRICE ONE PENNY

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ing steadily.
Photo by J. Gaberell, Zurich.

GIANT AEROPLANE REACHES BALDONNEL

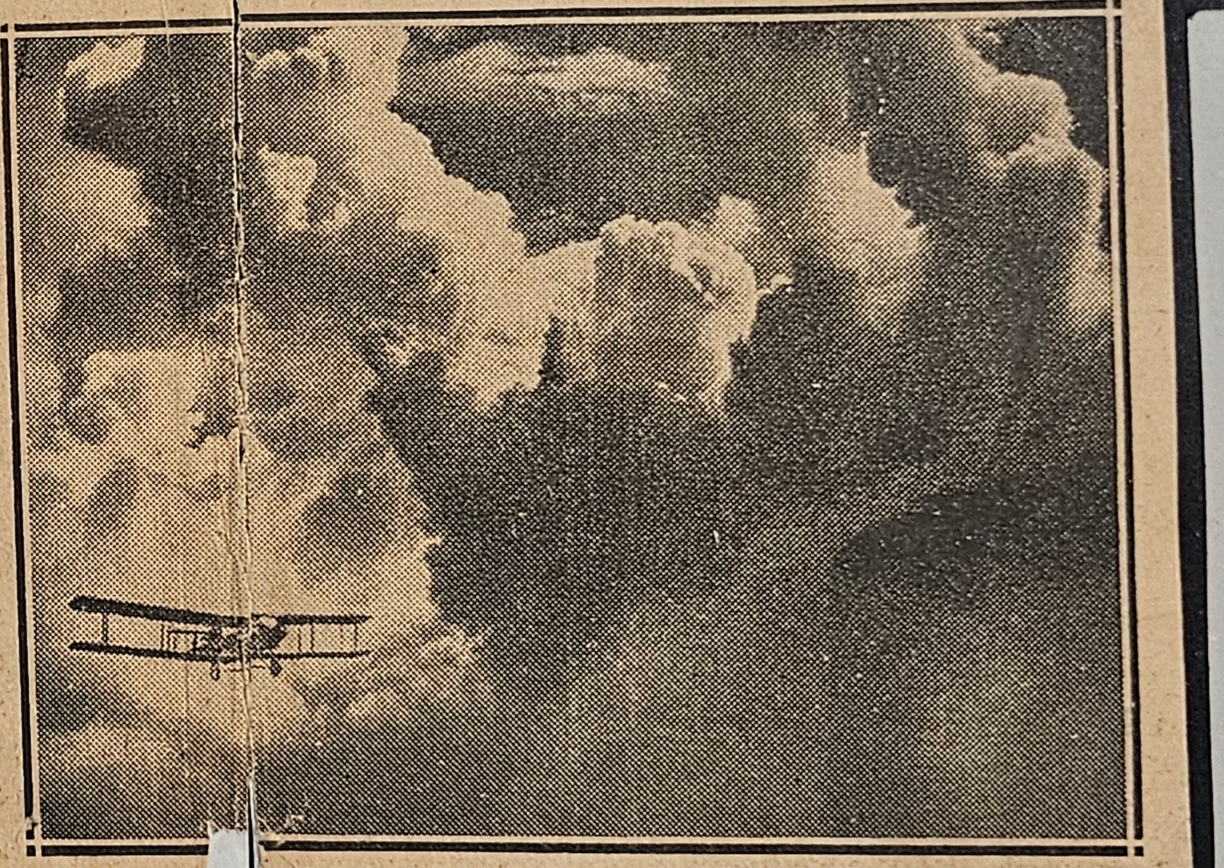
SMALL CRAFT TO FLY WITH MAILS FROM LINER AT GALWAY

LIST OF PASSENGERS

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON THE GREAT FOKKER AIR LINER ARRIVED AT BALDONNEL AERODROME WHERE IT WAS MET BY A LARGE GATHERING OF AIR ENTHUSIASTS. LAST NIGHT THE FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR TO-DAY'S FLIGHT WERE COMPLETED.

THIS MORNING AT 6 O'CLOCK A LIGHT AEROPLANE WILL SET OUT FROM ORANMORE, CO. GALWAY, WITH MAILS FOR THE AIR LINER, AND AT 7.30 THE DRAMATIC JOURNEY TO BERLIN AND BACK WILL HAVE BEEN BEGUN—UNLESS UNEXPECTEDLY BAD WEATHER BREAKS AT THE LAST MOMENT.

Ground fog has been reported from Croydon, London, and if it is still present this morning the air liner will fly direct to Rotterdam, Holland, where a stop for lunch will be made about 12 o'clock. If a London halt is possible Mr. J. W. Dulanty, Free State High Commissioner, is expected to join the flight there



the mountainous country of the clouds.
Photo by Capt. A. Buckham.

BERLIN17.IA / April 6, 2002

"AIRMAILS OF IRELAND"

BERLIN16.IA / April 6, 2002

"EVENING TELEGRAPH"

AT the invitation of the EVENING TELEGRAPH, Jimmy O'Dea, the famous Dublin comedian, who is starring with Harry O'Donovan in "Now Laugh" at the Olympia Theatre this week, visited Baldonnel yesterday to go for a flight with Colonel C. F. Russell.

The aeroplane used was the one that will be used for the fifty free flights which will be given to readers of the "Evening Telegraph" under the terms of the competition in that paper.

Jimmy is sure to have something interesting to say about his experiences. Better go to hear him, and also get to-night's "Evening Telegraph"—in which he will describe his feelings.

IRISH AIR MAIL

TO-DAY'S FLIGHT FROM DUBLIN TO BERLIN

FROM OUR AERONAUTICAL CORRESPONDENT

The first direct air mail between Dublin and Berlin will be operated to-day by a Fokker liner of the Royal Dutch Air Lines. The machine has been hired for a return journey by Lieutenant-Colonel C. F. Russell, who formerly commanded the Free State Air Corps. It will carry 14 persons prominent in the public life of the Free State. It is expected that the weight of mails will be 200lb. or 300lb. Part of this load will be for London and part for Germany.

The liner will leave Baldonnel aerodrome early this morning, is expected at Croydon about midday, and will complete the flight to Berlin before night. To-morrow a return journey will be made over the same route.

The venture is intended to demonstrate the advantages of air communications with the Continent in the hope that the business community and the Government of the Free State may give some attention to the subject of regular services.

"AIRMAILS OF IRELAND"

SIR JOHN SIMON, British Foreign Secretary, who took part in the recent London Conference, referred to Ireland in a speech at Cleckheaton last night.

While he was dealing with the Ottawa Agreements an interrupter asked: "Is Ireland a Dominion?"

DUBLIN-BERLIN.
Last-minute adjustments to the big 'plane.

Sir John replied that Ireland "was certainly a Dominion," and added:

"Nothing has been more distressing than the circumstances which have made it impossible to make a similar arrangement with Ireland. I hope that time will soon come."

It was distressing to find that, as things were, they could find no way of healing this breach and restoring relations which, he was sure, so many people in England and in Ireland sincerely desired. Let them keep the door open.

GERMANY'S CLAIM.

Of the British Note on Germany's claim, Sir John said: "Germany knows perfectly well, as the Premier declared the other ay, that Britain does not oppose her claim to be regarded as an equal at the Disarmament Conference.

"We have been striving to bring about a discussion between Germany, Italy, France and ourselves, not as a substitute for the Disarmament Conference, but as a method of establishing the conditions under which Germany will resume her place at it and we shall proceed in this task," he added.

WEEK-END WEATHER

IRELAND.—N.W. and N.E.—Wind light or moderate, South-west or South occasional rain; brighter intervals; moderate

The liner will reach Berlin at about 3.30 p.m. and will leave again to-morrow at 8 a.m., and it is expected to reach Baldonnel before 4 o'clock—thus completing the whole journey in some 16 flying hours.

AN "IRISH PRESS" REPRESENTATIVE LEARNED YESTERDAY SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT AVIATION IN THE FREE STATE. NOT A SINGLE FATAL OR SERIOUS ACCIDENT HAS OCCURRED ALTHOUGH OVER 100,000 HOURS' FLYING HAS BEEN DONE. SIXTEEN AIRCRAFT ARE LICENSED HERE AND 30 PILOTS HAVE TAKEN OUT CERTIFICATES. THERE ARE 35 LICENSED AERODROMES.

NON-STOP TO HOLLAND

(By Our Air Correspondent.)

WHEN Dubliners are just awaking to another day and rubbing the sleep out of their eyes, a great air liner will be taking off on an experimental air mail flight from Baldonnel, which may open up a new era in Irish commercial aviation.

By the time Dubliners have finished their midday meal that same liner, with her eighteen passengers and thousands of letters, will have flown more than half-way across the Continent of Europe and connected up the Irish capital with Berlin.

All the arrangements for to-day's flight were completed yesterday when the Royal Dutch Air Line passenger craft arrived at Baldonnel Aerodrome, after an uneventful passage from Amsterdam via London, despite the rather miserable weather conditions.

PILOT HERE BEFORE.

Mr. J. B. Scholte, who is to pilot the 'plane, is an airman with a record that few possess. It was only when he told me that he had been in Ireland about three years ago that I remembered the visit of another tri-engined Fokker monoplane in which an American

operator, and Mr. P. Dunk. the engineer, on board the liner.

The 'plane leaves Baldonnel at 7.30, and it is expected to reach Croydon about 10 a.m. to-day, where a short stay will be made to re-fuel, and where the High Commissioner for the Free State, Mr. Dulanty, is expected to join the party.

The journey will then be continued to Rotterdam, which it is expected will be reached about 12 noon or 12.30, and after a short rest there for lunch, the flight will be continued to Berlin, which is expected to be reached about 3.30 or 4 o'clock.

The return flight will begin about 7.30 o'clock to-morrow morning, and the 'plane is expected back at Baldonnel about 3.30 to-morrow afternoon.

"IRISH PRESS" BY AIR

ARRANGEMENTS have been made by the Circulation Manager, Irish Press, Ltd., for subscribers in London and Amsterdam to receive their copies of THE IRISH PRESS through the air-service which leaves Dublin for Berlin to-day.

In the event of a non-stoppage at Croydon, papers for London subscribers will be sent back from the landing-place—Rotterdam or Amsterdam—by the ordinary air mail service.

'BIG STEP FORWARD'

COLONEL RUSSELL ON FLIGHT PROSPECTS

"I HAVE no doubt that this flight will mark a big step forward in the development of national commercial aviation, and that it will help to establish Ireland in her true place in the field of commercial aviation," said Colonel Russell last night in discussing the last-minute preparations for the Dublin-Berlin flight.

The passenger list comprises: Col. Chas. F. Russell, Mr. O. Grattan Esmonde, T.D.; Mr. Chas. E. McConnell, A.I.P.A.; Mr. Frank Gallagher, Col. Hugo McNeill, Capt. Hugh St. George Harpur, Dr. G. E. Pepper, Lieut. A. Russell, Mr. J. K. Smith, Mr. T. Hayden, Mr. N. O'Connell Redmond, Mr. George J. Bonass, Major S. Dunckley, Mr. C. H. Manders.

EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL GALWAY - DUBLIN - BERLIN: "THE IRISH PRESS" WITH CACHET "BY AIR FROM DUBLIN" / October 22, 1932

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EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL GALWAY - DUBLIN - CROYDON - ROTTERDAM - BERLIN: CONTEMPORARY NEWSPAPER PHOTO AND POSTCARD OF CAPT. O.E. ARMSTRONG (GALWAY - DUBLIN BY IONA AIRWAYS) AND CAPT. L. SCHOLTE (DUBLIN - BERLIN BY KLM)

October 22, 1932

Captain O. E. Armstrong, of Iona, hands over the ~~first~~ air-mail ~~delivery in Ireland~~, which he had carried from Galway to Dublin, to Captain L. Scholte, of K.L.M. Dutch Airlines, who flew it to Berlin.

EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL:
GALWAY - DUBLIN - LONDON - BERLIN

October 22, 1932

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"The Fokker aircraft of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines which made the first flight between Dublin and Berlin on October 24, 1932.
The aircraft is shown here shortly before take-off from Baldonnel aerodrome.
Photograph courtesy of Pierce Cahill." (ex Liam Byrne)

TWO PAGES ES -

EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL
GALWAY - DUBLIN - LONDON - BERLIN

October 22, 1932

"The KLM Fokker trimotor PH-AID at Baldonnel on October 24, 1932. This aircraft flown by Capt. Scholte flew the Dublin - Berlin service initiated by Hugh Cahill and Iona Airways. Caption to this picture in Irish Independent was "Loading Mails on the Dublin - Berlin Plane. Mail for Germany being put on board the giant triple engined Fokker at Baldonnel yesterday morning." (Liam Byrne Collection, Negs 1363/2579, 1439/2807, 1439/2808, 1449/2831)

EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL
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"Crew of the KLM Fokker PH-AID which made the first Dublin - Berlin flight on October 24, 1932, pictured before take off with Col. Russell. From left: Capt. J.B. Scholte (pilot), J.J. Den Ouster (wireless operator), Col. Charles Russell and P. Dunk (engineer)."

"Unidentified men shaking hands in crowd with Colonel Charles Russell."

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EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT SERVICE BY COL. CHARLES F. RUSSELL:
COVER SUPPOSED TO BE CARRIED ON THE RETURN FLIGHT
BERLIN - DUBLIN

£75 -

October 22, 1932

15 Pf + 10 Pf · Mi W22 CAT 200; EURO ☒, 20 Pf Mi; RL 15.2 CAT 500; € ☒

Nur mit Luftpost: Berlin - Dublin
Erstflug

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MIT LUFTPOST
PAR AVION

Mr. F. F. Freeman
Lieut. Col.,
Cliff Castle Hotel
Dalkey Co. Dublin
(Irland)

Posted Frankfurt on October 24, 5.00 p.m., supposed to be carried on return flight *Berlin - Dublin*, inscribed *"Nur mit Luftpost: Berlin - Dublin / Erstflug"*. No arrival postmark.
Status is uncertain as return flight was made on October 23, the only cargo being some German Sunday newspapers.

21 West Road.
Fairview.
Dublin.
16.11.32

Dear Mr Davis,

I have been on Sick Leave and have only received your letter of the 26. ult. re Air Mail.

1. Four letters were despatched from Dublin.

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2. The total mail carried on the flight was 1,900 letters and cards. Of which 600 were from Galway and the balance 1,300 from Dublin. The plane also carried a very small bag of mail from the U.S.D. received from the O.C. Sligo at Galway. The actual quantity cannot be definately stated by the Despatching Officer, but it appeared to be only about 50.

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Trusting the information will meet your requirements

Yours sincerely,

Carl Gleason

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HILLMAN AIRWAYS: "NEW AIR LINER FOR SEASIDE SERVICES"

December 20, 1932

Associated Press Photo, dated December 20, 1932: *"The first of a fleet of new air liners was delivered at the Maylands Aerodrome, Romford, this morning, December 20. Built by De Havillands for Hillman Airways, the plane is a six-seater known as the Dragon Moth, and will be used on regular services to seaside resorts. - Photo shows the first of the line in flight at Romford."*