

Usages of the U.S. 30¢ Winged Globe Air Mail Stamp of 1939

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AmeriStamp Expo 2003	Biloxi, MS	Vermeil (1 frame)
Spring Mega-Event 2004	New York, NY	Vermeil (1 frame)
AmeriStamp Expo 2005	Atlanta, GA	Vermeil (1 frame)

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ROPEX 2005	Webster, NY	Vermeil (1 frame) AAPE Award of Honor
Greater Houston Stamp Show 2007	Houston, TX	Vermeil (1 frame, local)
Chicagopex 2011	Itasca, IL	Vermeil (1 frame)
OKPEX 2016	Midwest City, OK	Gold (1 frame) Grand Award (1 frame) AAPE Creativity Award
APS Ameristamp Expo 2017	Reno, NV	Prx d'Honneur (1 frame)

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# Foreign Air Mail Route and Rate Usages of the United States 30¢ Winged Globe Air Mail Stamp of 1939



To Germany at 30¢ rate via FAM 18 plus onward air transport within Europe. Examined by British censors en route. Addressed to **Jacob Israel Frank**. Under the laws of Nazi Germany, all Jewish men had to adopt the name Israel and all Jewish women had to adopt the name Sara. Forwarded once, then returned to sender with label indicating addressee had departed and left no address. 1940. Returned 1941.

Issued May 16, 1939, in anticipation of regular trans-Atlantic air mail service to Europe on FAM (Foreign Air Mail Route) 18 at a rate of 30¢ per half ounce, the 30¢ Winged Globe air mail stamp is inscribed **TRANS-ATLANTIC**. It was, however, valid for use on any United States air mail. This single frame exhibit examines how the stamp was used on various FAMs from the time of issue until 1943, by which time it had been superseded by the 30¢ stamp in the 1941 Twin Motor Transport series. All but three of the usages shown were from 1939 through 1941.

**The exhibit starts with usages on FAM 18 at the 30¢ rate, the primary purpose for which the stamp was issued, and the exhibit continues by showing at least one usage from every FAM where a rate of at least 30¢ existed.** Special attention is paid to usages where the rate was exactly 30¢. Not shown are usages where the rate was less than 30¢, unless used in conjunction with a rate of 30¢ or more. Thus excluded are usages within North America, usages to certain other destinations in the Western Hemisphere, usages to Hawaii, and usages at the 6¢ military air mail rate which went into effect on Christmas Day 1941. Please note that the interconnecting network of Foreign Air Mail Routes in the Western Hemisphere is treated as a single FAM. All rates shown were per half ounce.

After FAM 18, the FAMs are shown in numerical order, counting the Western Hemisphere FAM as the lowest number. Numerical order corresponds with the chronological order in which the FAMs became operational. The exhibit concludes with a usage on FAM 22, a route which began operating on December 6, 1941, ten weeks after the 30¢ Twin Motor Transport stamp was released, and just one day before the United States entered World War II. It thus makes a fitting end to the story.



# FAM 18

## 30¢ Rate to Europe

Regular trans-Atlantic service on FAM 18 was actually via two routes, both initially originating from New York.

Southern FAM 18 service, via the Azores and terminating at the time at Marseilles, France, began on May 20, 1939.

Northern FAM 18 service, via Newfoundland and terminating at the time at Southampton, England, began on June 24, 1939.

During the winter months, FAM 18 flights to Europe originated from Baltimore.

Mail arriving from the United States on FAM 18 was provided onward air transport within Europe, if available, at no additional charge above the 30¢ trans-Atlantic rate.

Effective February 6, 1941, the eastern terminus of the southern FAM 18 became Lisbon, Portugal, rather than Marseilles.



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\$2.40 postage = eight times 30¢ rate to the United Kingdom. 1940.

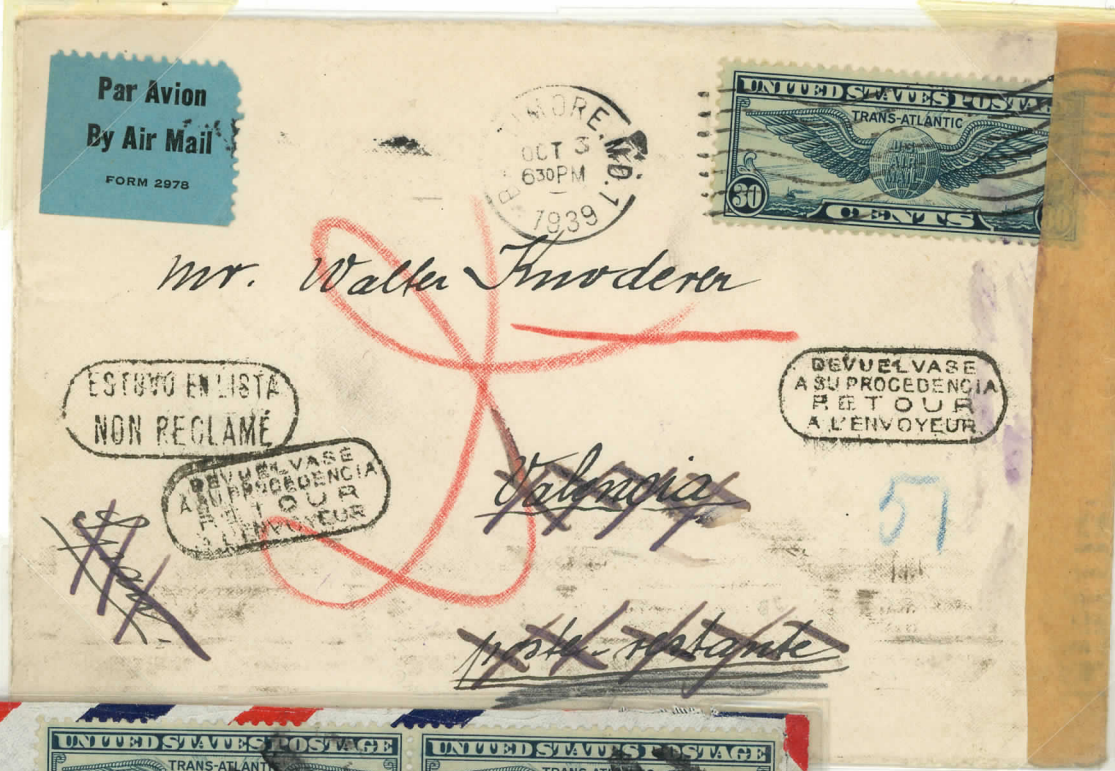


FAM 18

30¢ Rate to Europe

Flown on FAM 18 with onward air transport within Europe provided, if available, at no additional charge.

To Spain. Returned to sender unclaimed. 1939.



To Finland.  
80¢ postage =  
double 30¢ rate  
+ 15¢ registry  
fee + 5¢ return  
receipt fee. 1940.

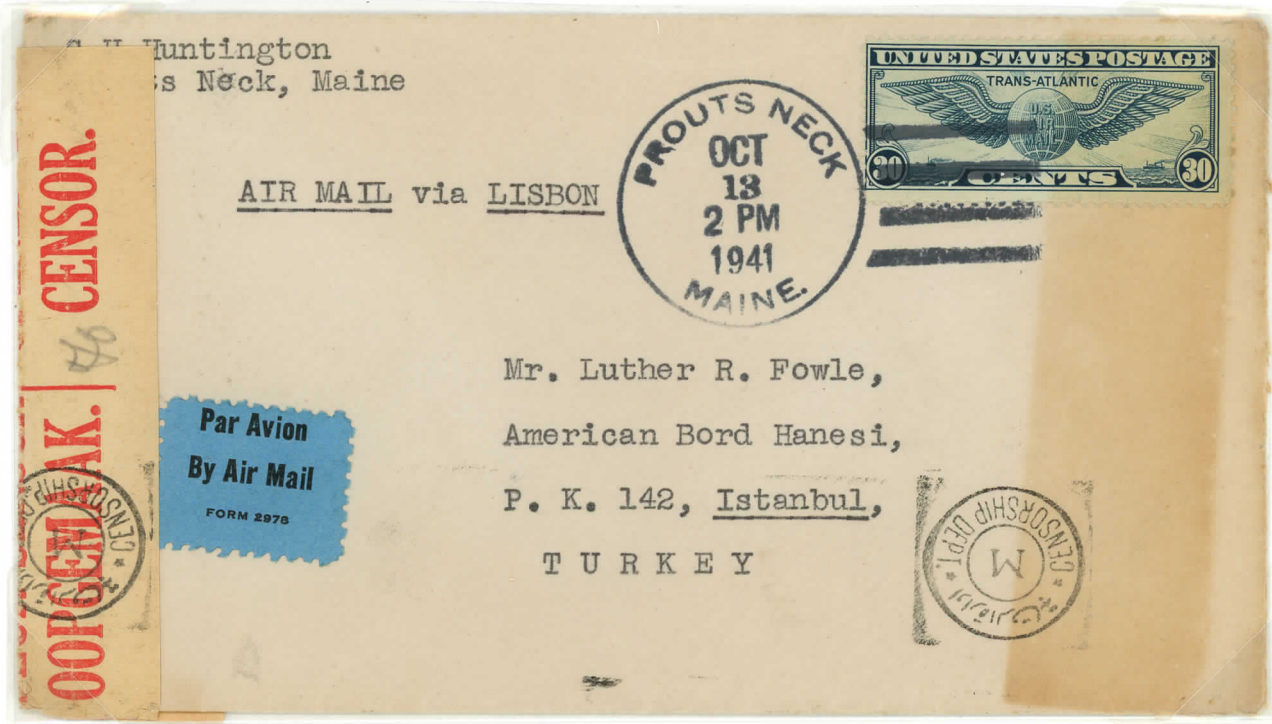
To the Soviet Union.  
Returned to sender,  
insufficient address.  
1941.





Trans-Atlantic Air Mail to Turkey and Beyond Europe

FAM 18 mail was given onward air transport within Europe without additional charge. It was also given onward air transport to all of Turkey, both the European and the Asian parts, without additional charge through December 17, 1941, although service had become uncertain by then. Onward air transport was also available to many other destinations beyond Europe for surcharges ranging from 3¢ to 30¢ per half ounce above the basic 30¢ rate. Much of this connecting service from Europe was suspended in 1940 or 1941 because of wartime conditions.



30¢ rate to Turkey. South African censorship label and Egyptian censorship markings indicate roundabout route from Portugal to Turkey, necessary to avoid Axis controlled areas. 1941.



33¢ rate to Tunisia via Europe. Censored en route by British authorities. 1941.

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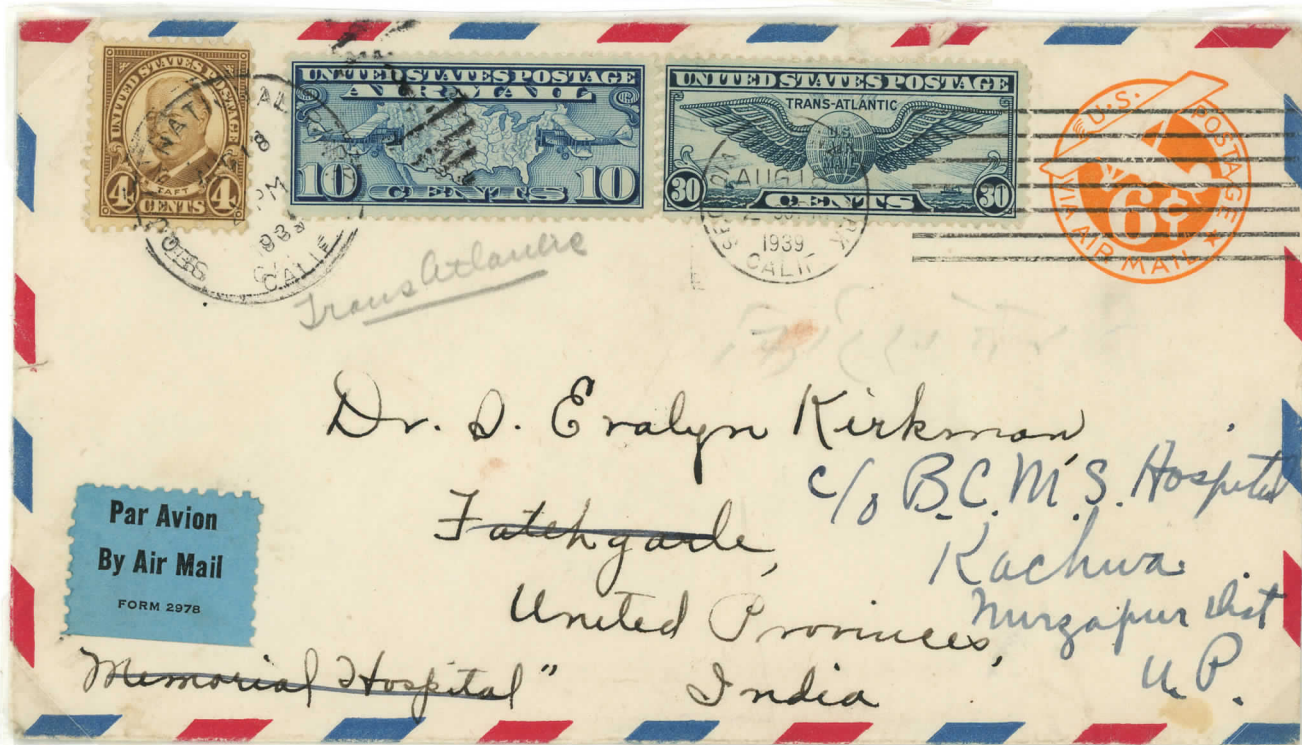
Trans-Atlantic  
Air Mail  
Beyond Europe

45¢ rate to Nigeria  
via Europe. 1940.



45¢ rate to Iran via Europe, initially 15¢ underpaid. Returned for additional postage, then remailed with 15¢ stamp added. Passed by British censor in Palestine without being opened. 1940.

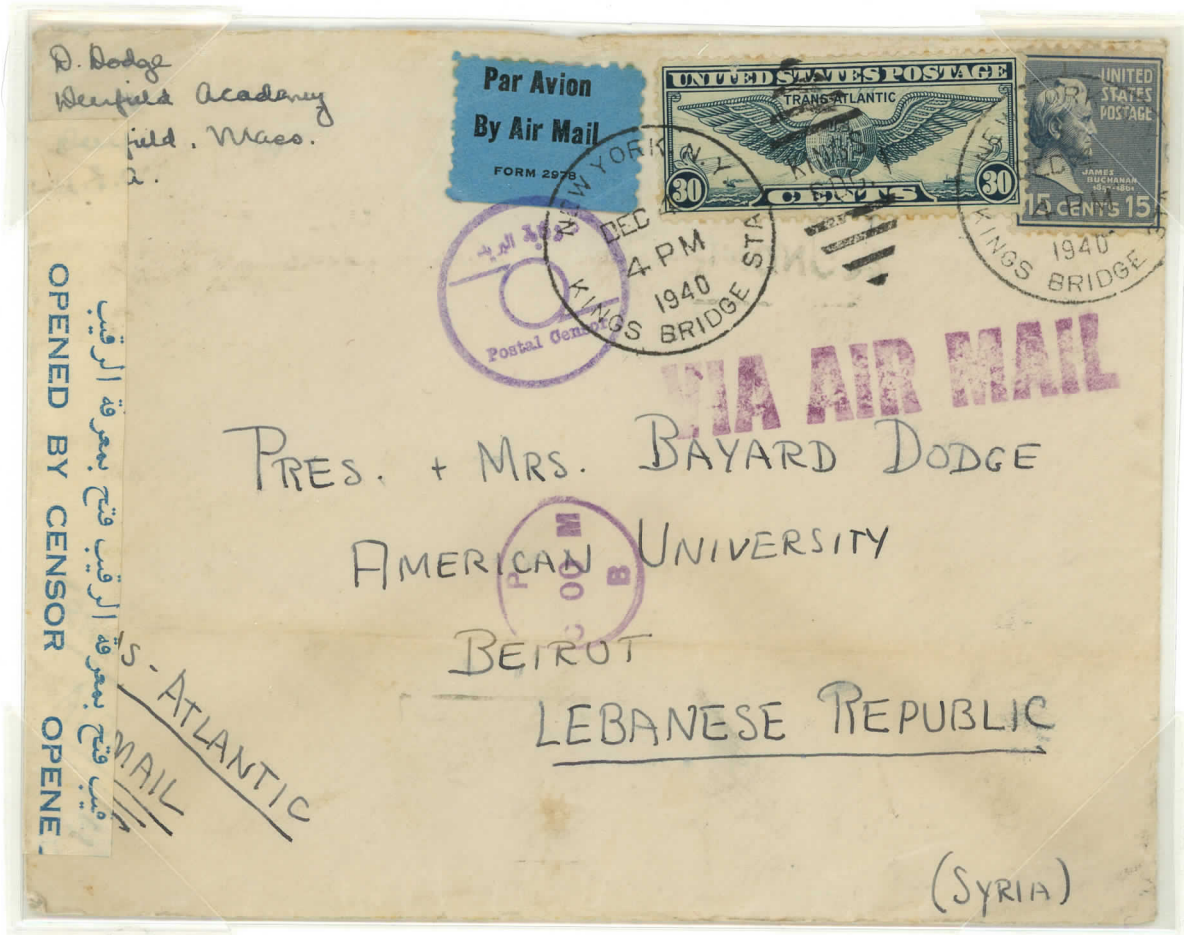
50¢ rate to India  
via Europe.  
Forwarded  
within India.  
1939.



FAM 18

Trans-Atlantic Air Mail to the Middle East Via the Soviet Union and Iran

The **Postal Bulletin** indicated air mail service via Europe to Syria, Lebanon, and Trans-Jordan at 36¢ per half ounce had been suspended June 14, 1940. Onward air service to those countries from East Asia, reached by FAM 14, became available November 1, 1940, at 70¢ per half ounce. A new trans-Atlantic service, FAM 22 via South America to Africa with onward dispatch to the Middle East at 70¢ per half ounce, did not begin until December 6, 1941. **However, it is known that some FAM 18 trans-Atlantic air mail reached the Middle East via the Soviet Union and Iran.** The rate to the Asiatic parts of the Soviet Union and to Iran was 45¢ at that time, and although not published by the U.S. Post Office Department, the rate for mail sent onward to other countries via that route was also 45¢.



45¢ rate to Lebanon, then a semi-autonomous region of Syria under French mandate (**only reported example**). Censored en route by British authorities in Egypt before being sent onward. 1940.

Service via this route ended soon after Germany invaded the Soviet Union in June 1941.



### Trans-Atlantic Air Mail Rerouted Via the Pacific to the Middle East

Originally dispatched via trans-Atlantic FAM 18 for onward air transport from Europe to Lebanon.  
Such service was suspended while article was en route. Returned to the United States from Italy.  
Redispatched via trans-Pacific FAM 14 to Hong Kong and then onward by connecting service to Iraq.  
Further transport may have been by air or by surface means. Article arrived in Lebanon 9 months after being mailed.



Reduced size color photocopy of reverse.

72¢ postage = double 36¢ rate to Lebanon via Europe.  
The trans-Pacific rate was 70¢ per half ounce, for a total of \$1.40, but no additional postage was charged.  
Remnant of Italian suspension of service label is just visible on front of cover. 1940. Arrived 1941.



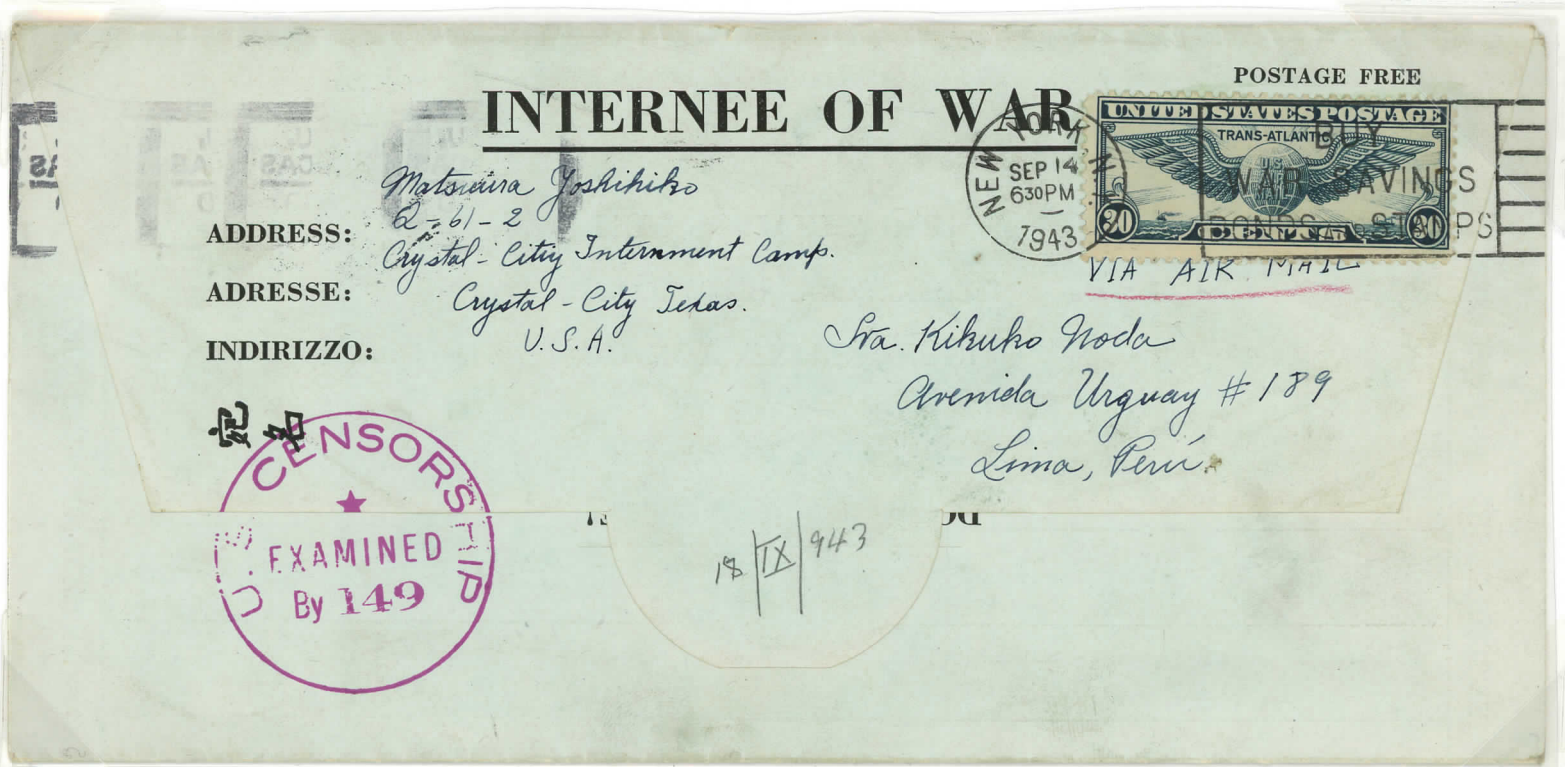
Western Hemisphere FAM

30¢ Rates to South America

A network of interconnected Foreign Air Mail Routes established in the 1920s and 1930s provided service to the Western Hemisphere south of the United States. By 1939, air mail often reached its destination by more than one route, and it is usually impossible to determine the exact combination of FAMs flown. Therefore, these FAMs will be treated as a single Western Hemisphere FAM.



To Ecuador.  
1941.



To Peru. Lettersheet from a Japanese national interned at Crystal City, Texas. Sent to New York, where it was examined by censor. Postage would have been free had lettersheet been sent by surface means. Payment of postage was required for air mail. 1943.



## Western Hemisphere FAM

### 30¢ Rates to South America Reverse Usage from APO

British Guiana, Ecuador, and Peru were the only three countries in South America to which the U.S. air mail rate was 30¢ per half ounce when the 30¢ Winged Globe stamp was in current use. See previous page for air mail to Ecuador and Peru.



30¢ rate for air mail to British Guiana. Used to the United States from a civilian at U.S. Army Post Office 857, Atkinson Field, Georgetown, British Guiana. 1942.

Air mail to or from this APO could have flown via the regular civilian FAM, or it could have been carried by military transport aircraft. In either case the same rate applied.

Effective December 25, 1941, members of the U.S. Armed Forces serving outside the continental United States could send and receive air mail at a special rate of 6¢ per half ounce. Effective October 23, 1942, civilian employees and contractors served by military post offices outside the continental United States could likewise send and receive air mail at the special 6¢ rate. In the interim, mail to or from such civilians was subject to the full air mail rates.

Western Hemisphere FAM + FAM 18

Air Mail from the Caribbean to Europe



Puerto Rico to the United Kingdom (Northern Ireland) via the U.S. mainland.  
40¢ postage = 10¢ rate for service from Puerto Rico to Miami + 30¢ trans-Atlantic rate via FAM 18. 1939.



Cuba to the United Kingdom via the United States. Cuban stamps paid 13 centavos postage for service via Western Hemisphere FAM to Miami. 30¢ Winged Globe stamp paid trans-Atlantic rate via FAM 18. 1940.

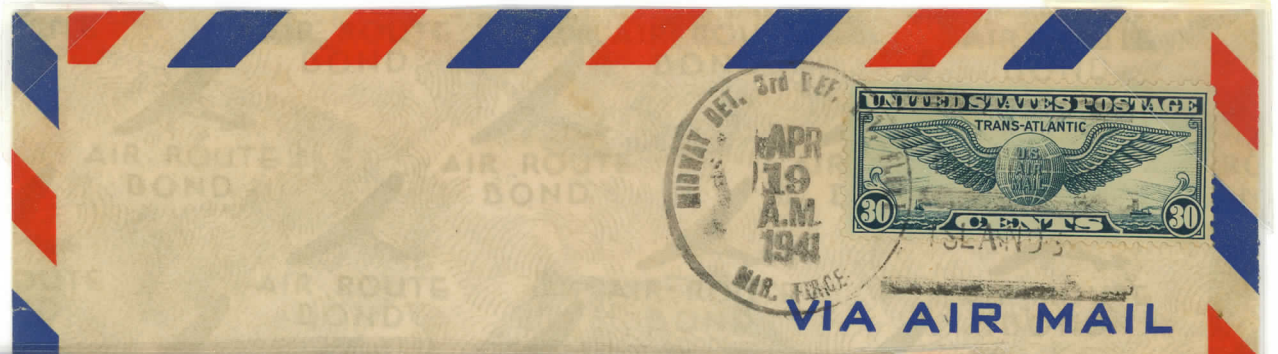


FAM 14

30¢ Midway Island Rate

Regular trans-Pacific service from San Francisco to the Philippines on FAM 14 began in 1935, with service extended to Hong Kong in 1937. At the time the 30¢ Winged Globe stamp was issued, the rate between Midway Island and the U.S. mainland on FAM 14 was 30¢. That rate, however, was not published by the Post Office Department. There was no post office on Midway until November 1, 1940, when a Marine Corps postal facility opened. Prior to that time, mail originating on Midway received either a U.S. Engineers cachet or a Pan American Airways cachet and was postmarked at Honolulu, Hawaii.

Midway Detachment Marine Corps postmark. 1941.



U.S. Engineers cachet. 1940.

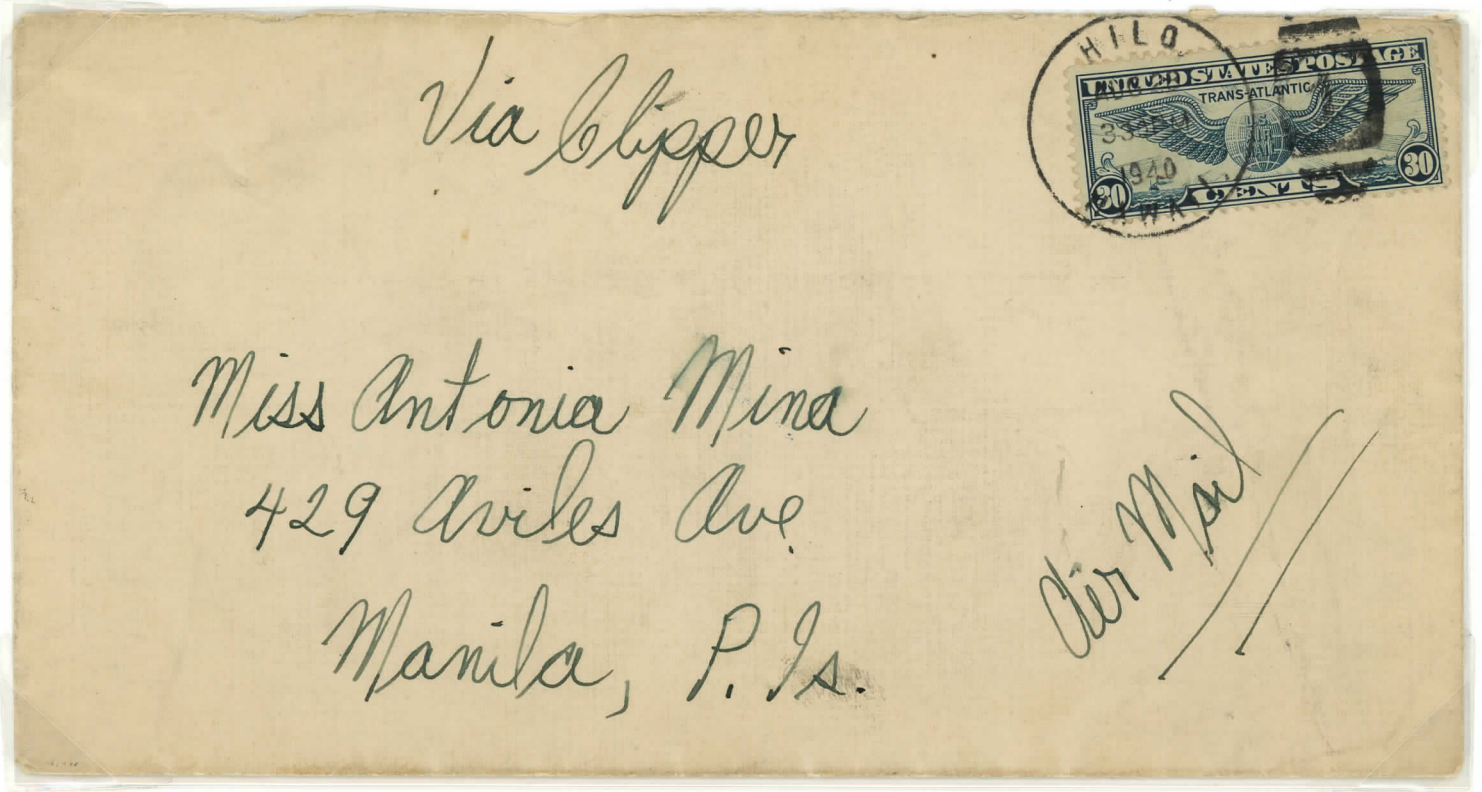
Pan American Airways cachet. 1940.



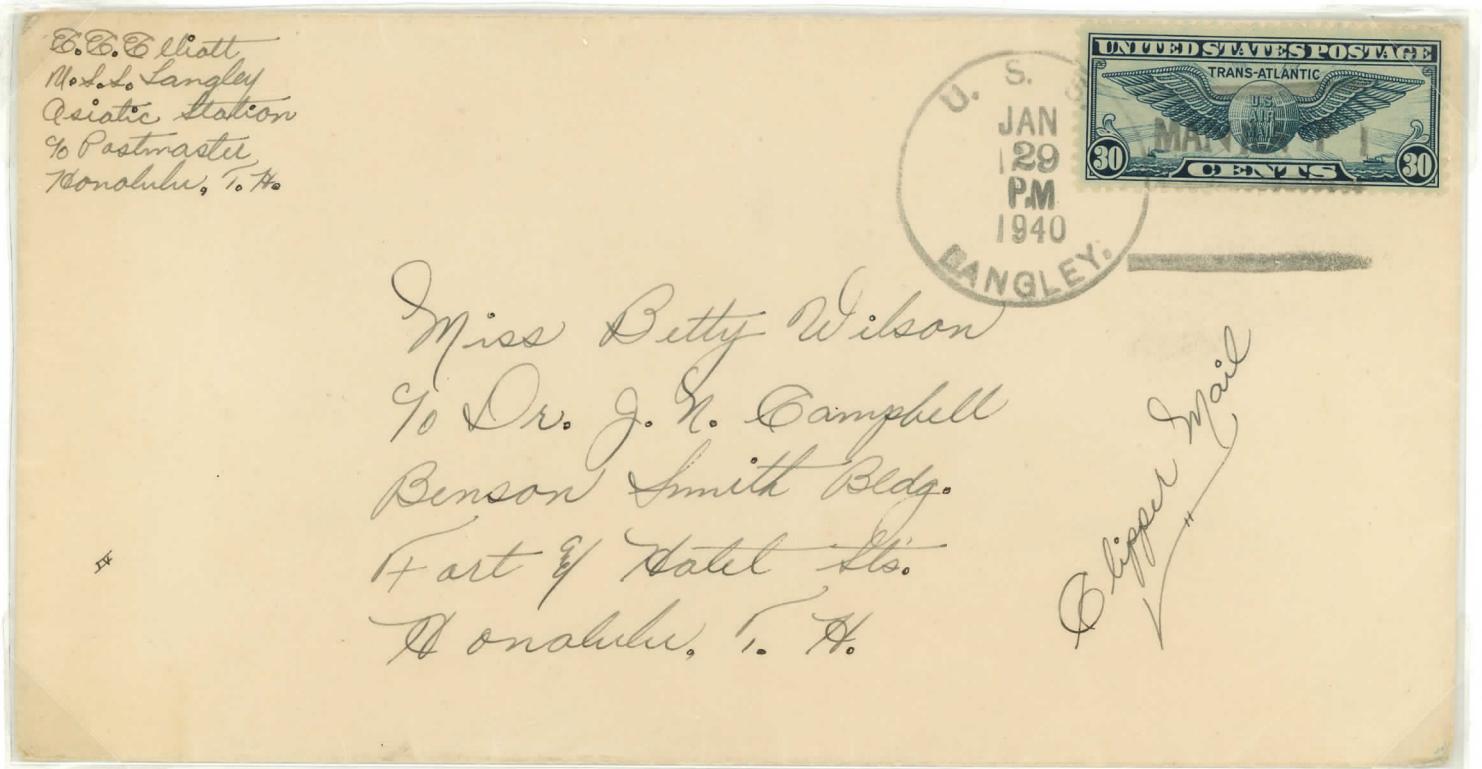
The 30¢ rate was superseded by a special 6¢ air mail rate for Armed Forces on December 25, 1941, and for civilian contractors and employees on October 23, 1942.

FAM 14

Other 30¢ Rates on FAM 14



30¢ rate from Hawaii to the Philippines. 1940.



30¢ rate from the Philippines to Hawaii. Sent from the U.S.S. Langley while at Manila. Since the article was sent from a ship of the U.S. Navy, the use of U.S. postage rather than Philippine postage was proper. 1940.



**FAM 14**

**Other 30¢ Rates on FAM 14**

The rate via FAM 14 from Guam to the Asian mainland was 30¢ at the time the 30¢ Winged Globe stamp was issued.



First flight cover from Guam to Singapore via extension of FAM 14 to that destination. May 9, 1941. FAM 14 had previously terminated at Hong Kong. Service on FAM 14 west of Midway was suspended December 12, 1941.



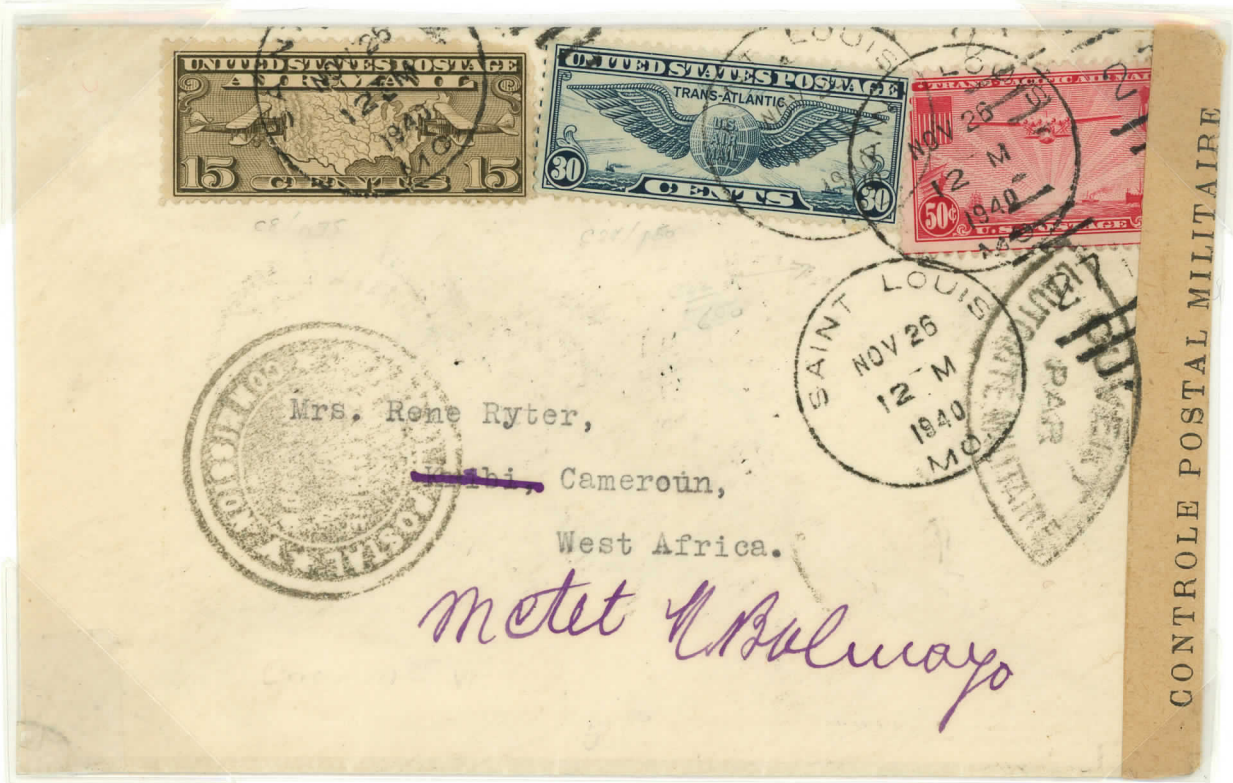
FAM 14

Trans-Pacific Air Mail to the Middle East and Africa

Service via trans-Pacific FAM 14 to Hong Kong, or as of May 1941 to Singapore, with onward dispatch via British Imperial Airways or any other available carrier was in effect 1940-1941 after Axis victories disrupted service via Europe. Rates began at 70¢ and ranged up to \$1.10. Service was no longer available after the Japanese launched the Greater East Asia War in December 1941.



70¢ rate to Egypt. 1941.



95¢ rate to French Cameroon. Forwarded within French Cameroon. 1940.



30¢ Rates on South Pacific Air Mail

FAM 19, providing air mail service from from Los Angeles or San Francisco via Hawaii to New Zealand, began operations on July 12, 1940, resulting in these two 30¢ rates.



30¢ rate from Hawaii to New Zealand. 1941.



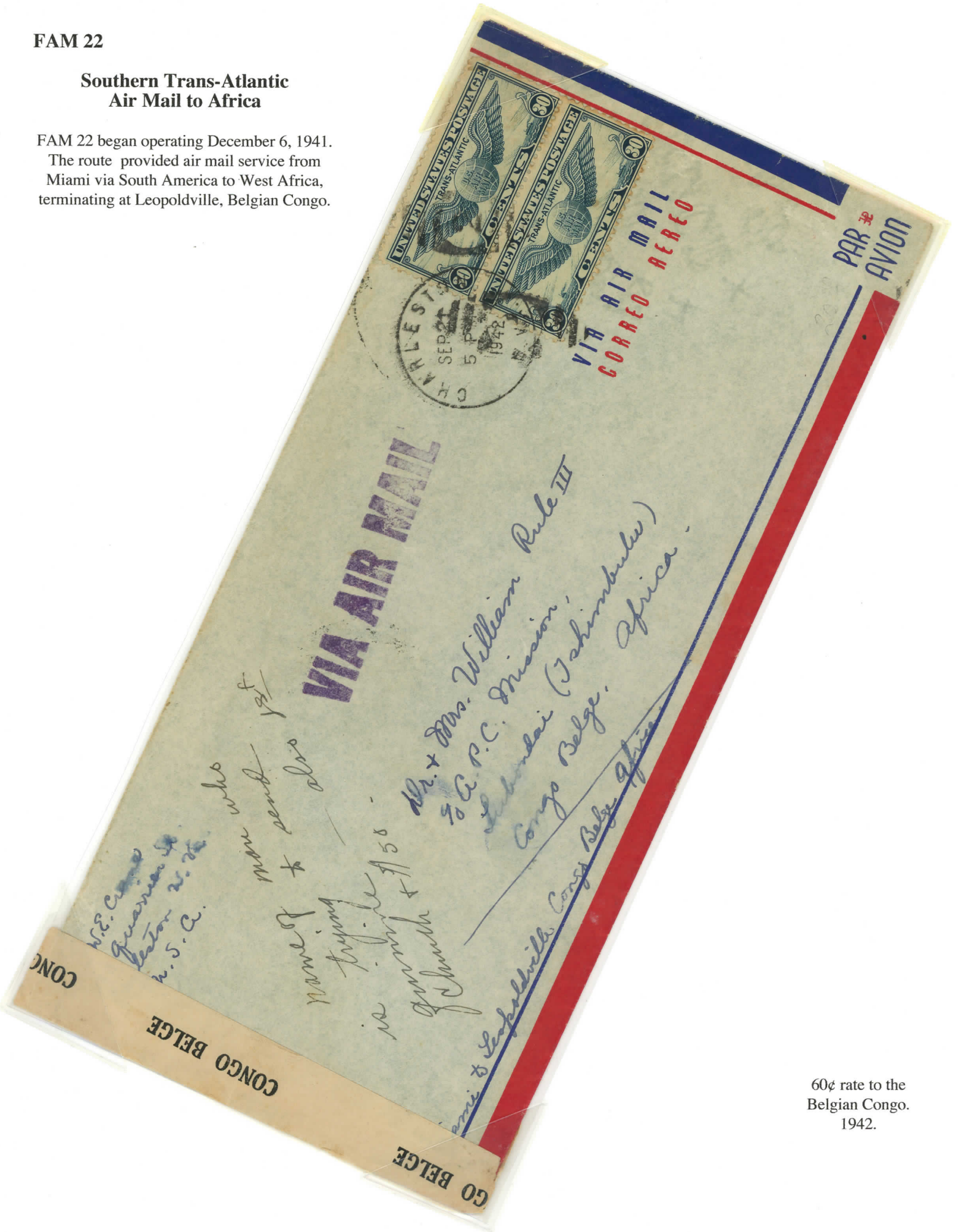
30¢ rate between Canton Island and the U.S. mainland. 1941.

FAM 22

### Southern Trans-Atlantic Air Mail to Africa

FAM 22 began operating December 6, 1941.

The route provided air mail service from Miami via South America to West Africa, terminating at Leopoldville, Belgian Congo.



60¢ rate to the  
Belgian Congo.  
1942.





FAM 14 unpublished 30¢ per 1/2 ounce airmail rate between Midway Island and U.S. mainland. Midway Detachment Marine Corps postmark. Addressed to Canada (**only reported example**). Dispatched by domestic air mail within the continental United States to Seattle, and then onward to Kelowna, British Columbia, by surface mail. No additional postage required. 1941.



# FAM 18 + FAM 14

## Around the World Air Mail

Flown aboard the first flight of FAM 18 (May 20, 1939) with onward air transport from Marseilles to Hong Kong. Flown on FAM 14 from Hong Kong to the United States with onward air transport within the United States to New York, the city of origin.



61¢ rate via FAM 18 and air mail from Europe to Hong Kong. Hong Kong stamps paid \$2.80 postage to the United States via FAM 14. 1939.



Western Hemisphere FAM

Other Rates to South America

At the time the 30¢ Winged Globe stamp was in current use,  
U.S. air mail rates to South America ranged as high as 40¢ per half ounce.



35¢ rate to Bolivia. 1940.



40¢ rate to Brazil. 1939.