

AIR POST STAMPS

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Bleriot Stamp

IN rather belated commemoration of the first crossing of the English Channel by air five and twenty years ago, the long-promised "Bleriot" air mail stamp was finally put on sale by the French post office early last month. Of the face value 2 fr. 25 c., and printed in violet, the design, executed in line-engraving by M. Ouvre, shows a map of La Manche on which the positions of Calais and Dover are clearly defined, with the famous Bleriot biplane superimposed and inscription: "Louis Bleriot, 25 Juillet 1909" in the lower left-hand corner—a notable and appropriate addition to the growing list of stamps recording epoch-making flights.

International Aviation Meet

In connection with the recent International Aviation Challenge Cup meet at Warsaw, a limited edition of special air post stamps was created by the simple expedient of applying the words "Challenge 1934" in bold red type on the regular Polish air mail stamp of 20 groszy, together with the 30 gr. stamp of 1933 commemorating the triumph of the aviators Zwicko and Wigura in the previous circuit of Europe contest. Fifty thousand copies of each denomination only were so treated.

Iceland's New Air Stamps

For use in the regular air mail service which links the more remote Icelandic towns with Reykjavik, the capital, as well as between that island and the mainland, a very striking set of aero postage stamps has just been taken into use. Admirably printed and engraved by the London house of De La Rue, they embrace three different designs. The first, as seen on the values 10 and 20 aur, depicts an aeroplane passing over a mountain lake, whilst on the 25 and 50 aur it is seen emerging from a cloudbank over a snowfield. The vignette of the 1 and 2 kroner stamps forecasts the day when Iceland is destined to be one of the chief bases on the Europe-America air route, with its picture of an aeroplane approaching an outspread map of the island out of a sunlit horizon. First flight covers franked with these stamps bore in addition the impression of a three-line cachet reading: "By Air Mail Reykjavik-Edinburgh. Carried by Dr. Light."

Stratosphere Stamps

Some time ago it was reported that special stamps were being prepared by the Soviet Government in memory of the ill-fated Russian aeronauts who lost their lives in an attempt to break their own altitude record early this year, when their stratospheric balloon burst, destroying both them and their records. These have now materialised in a set of three values, each portraying one of the martyrs to science against a background of the falling balloon, as follows:—5 kopecs, lilac (Ussyskin); 10 kopecs, brown (Wassenko); and 20 kopecs, blue-violet (Fedesseenko).

America's Latest

A special 16 cents stamp denoting the combined fees for air mail postage and express delivery from the air port of arrival is now on sale at post offices in the United States, and should have a valuable effect in speeding up still further the transmission of correspondence by air. Steel blue in colour and rectangular in shape, it has for its device-in-chief the American Eagle in splendour, surrounded by rays of light, with the words "Special Delivery" extending across the top of the stamp, and "U.S. Postage—Air Mail," down either side.

Sabelli-Pond "Crash" Mail

Although the proposed special issue of Italian air mail stamps for the return flight of the Transatlantic flyers Sabelli and Pond failed to materialise, a limited mail was, in fact, consigned by them from Rome to New York, when the flight terminated so disastrously in the Welsh mountains on August 18 last. These letters were recovered from the wrecked aeroplane and handed in at the Newport (Pembrokeshire) post office on the following day, where they were duly postmarked. Only sixty of these covers are said to have been salvaged, all of which were autographed by Cesare Sabelli and franked with ordinary and air mail stamps of the Italian series commemorating the international football contests. Apart from their interest as mementoes of this ill-starred attempt, they have the significance of being the first "crash covers" to emanate from Great Britain.



THREE NEW ISSUES: On the left (top) is the French "Bleriot" Cross-channel commemoration stamp, and on the (right), is the stamp issued by Poland in connection with the recent International Aviation Challenge Cup meeting at Warsaw. (Below) is the special stamp issued by U.S.A. for combined air mail postage and express delivery from the air port.

A "Vacuum" Resignation

Mr. Wilfred E. Gooday, who, for over twelve years, has been manager of the Technical Department of the Vacuum Oil Company, has resigned his position with that company.

Mr. Gooday is a director of the Stream Line Filter Co., Ltd., and is now conducting his business from Brettenham House, Wellington Street, W.C.2.

P.B. Control in Airspeed A.S.8

It is probable that a P.B. automatic control will be installed in Capt. Neville Stack's Airspeed A.S.8 for the England-Australia race. A control of similar pattern has recently completed 70 hours' service in Mr. Philip Bailey's "Puss Moth" and has given complete satisfaction.

NEW COMPANIES

CORK AERO CLUB, LTD. Registered in Dublin as a company limited by guarantee without share capital. Objects: to establish, maintain and conduct a club for the furtherance of civil aviation and for the accommodation of its members and their friends. The directors are: James Crosbie, 95, Patrick Street, Cork, journalist. Charles M. Ryan, 36, McCurtain Street, Cork, house furnisher. W. J. O'Donovan, Shankill Lawn, Cork, pathologist. Michael Grimes, 2, Coolowen Villas, Magazine Road, Cork, bacteriologist. Richard F. O'Connor, Courthouse, Cork, county surveyor. Robert R. Patterson, 41, South Mall, Cork, American Vice-Consul. Ruth F. Hallinan, Glandalane, Fermoy, Co. Cork. David C. McLacklan, Club Garage, Cork, motor engineer. Kevin J. Cross, Sullivan Quay, Cork, commercial representative. Joseph Morrissey, 17a, South Mall, Cork, solicitor.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

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Air Publication 890. Handbook of Physical Training for Use in the Royal Air Force. Price 3/6 net.
Aeronautical Research Committee Report for the Year 1933-34. Price 1/6 net. London: H.M. Stationery Office, W.C.2.
Aeronautical Research Committee Report and Memoranda, No. 1522. Interference Between Bodies and Airscrews. Part II. By C. N. H. Lock and H. Bate-man. August 1932. Price 1s. 6d. net. No. 1584. Effect of a Contraction on the Turbulence in a Fluid Stream. By A. Fage. November 1933. Price 6d. net. No. 1587. Wind Tunnel Tests on (1) Frise Aileron with Raised Nose, (2) Hartshorn Ailerons with Twisted Nose. By A. S. Hartshorn and F. B. Bradfield. February 1934. Price 9d. net. London: H.M. Stationery Office, W.C.2.
MacRobertson International Air Races, October, 1934. Pilots' Brochure. Issued by the MacRobertson Air Race Sub-Committee and the Royal Aero Club.
The Wild Barfield Heat-Treatment Journal. Vol. I. No. 2. September, 1934. London: Wild Barfield Electric Furnaces Ltd., North Road, N.7.
The Air Pilot. Great Britain and Ireland. Third edition. Price 12/6 net. London: H.M. Stationery Office, W.C.2.

AERONAUTICAL PATENT SPECIFICATIONS

Abbreviations: Cyl. = cylinder; i.e. = internal combustion; m. = motors. (The numbers in brackets are those under which the Specification will be printed and abridged, etc.)

APPLIED FOR IN 1933

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3850. ARMSTRONG SIDDELEY MOTORS LTD., GREEN, F. M. and REYNOLDS, R. Air-cooled engines for aircraft. (416,065).
 20588. BREEZE CORPORATIONS, Inc. Tie-rods for aircraft. (416,169).

APPLIED FOR IN 1934

1202. ROBERT, G. O. Compensated compass especially for aerial vehicles. (416,241).
 2748. HAMILTON STANDARD PROPELLER CO. Screw propellers and pitch-control mechanism therefor. (416,255).