



PREPRINTED 'AIR MAIL' COVER TO DEMERARA WITH SIX
 PENNY (S.G. 226) AND ONE SCHILLING VALUES (SG 227)
 - 1922 DEFINITIVE ISSUES, TIED BY THE DOUBLE RING
 'G.P.O. PORT OF SPAIN'
 NO 17
 34
 'TRINIDAD' BACKSTAMPED ON
 ARRIVAL WITH THE DOUBLE RING
 'AIR MAIL, G.P.O. / 12.30 PM / 18 NO / 34 / BRITISH GUIANA'

DECEMBER 1941

PORT OF SPAIN TO LEOPOLDVILLE



AT THE REQUEST OF PRESIDENT FRANKLYN DELANO ROOSEVELT A FLIGHT ROUTE ACROSS THE SOUTH ATLANTIC, TO THE AFRICAN CONTINENT, WAS UNDERTAKEN BY P.A.A. - PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS. THE FIRST SERVICE COINCIDED WITH THE ENTRY INTO THE SECOND WORLD WAR BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THE FLIGHT LEFT MIAMI ON DECEMBER 6th 1941. THE ROUTE WAS VIA PUERTO RICO, TRINIDAD, BELEN, NATAL (BRAZIL), BATHURST (GAMBIA), LAGOS (NIGERIA) AND FINALLY ARRIVING AT LEOPOLDVILLE (BELGIAN CONGO).

THE ABOVE COVER BEARS THE DOUBLE RING

"C.P.O. PORT OF SPAIN

745 AM

DE 7

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TRINIDAD" POSTMARK WITH

THE POST OFFICE APPLYING IN ADDITION THE BOXED 'FIRST FLIGHT' AND THE PICTORIAL CACHET, FEATURING ON THE FRONT OF THE COVER.

ON ARRIVAL AT LEOPOLDVILLE THE COVER WAS BACKSTAMPED, AS ABOVE ILLUSTRATED, ON DECEMBER THE 12th.



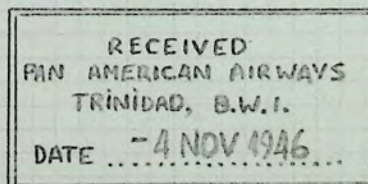
NOVEMBER 1946



THE NEW YORK / BUENOS AIRES DIRECT FLIGHT WITH STOPS
EN ROUTE AT PORT OF SPAIN, RIO DE JANEIRO AND
MONTEVIDEO WAS INAUGURATED IN JULY 1946.

IN NOVEMBER OF THAT YEAR AN 'AIR MAIL TEST' WAS
UNDERTAKEN WITH THE ABOVE COVER TESTED ON THE NEW
YORK / PORT OF SPAIN ROUTE, AND RETURN.

THE COVER WAS POSTMARKED AT WASHINGTON D.C. AT 6.30
P.M. ON NOVEMBER 1st; ON ARRIVAL IT WAS BACKSTAMPED WITH
A DOUBLE RING PORT OF SPAIN HANDSTAMP "A/N NOVEMBER
4th" AND IN ADDITION RECEIVED
THE BOXED MANUE CACHET -
"RECEIVED / PAN AMERICAN AIR-
WAYS / TRINIDAD B.W.I. / DATE
4 NOV 1946", (RIGHT).



TO COMPLETE THE TEST THE
COVER WAS RETURNED TO NEW
JERSEY; A BOXED "RETURN
TO SENDER" HANDSTAMP WAS
STRUCK AND THE TWO GEORGE VI VALUES ARE TIED BY THE
DOUBLE RING "G.P.O. PORT OF SPAIN / 530 PM / NO 4 / 46 /
TRINIDAD."

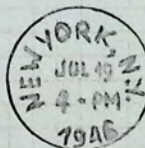
JULY 1946

PORT OF SPAIN TO NEW YORK.



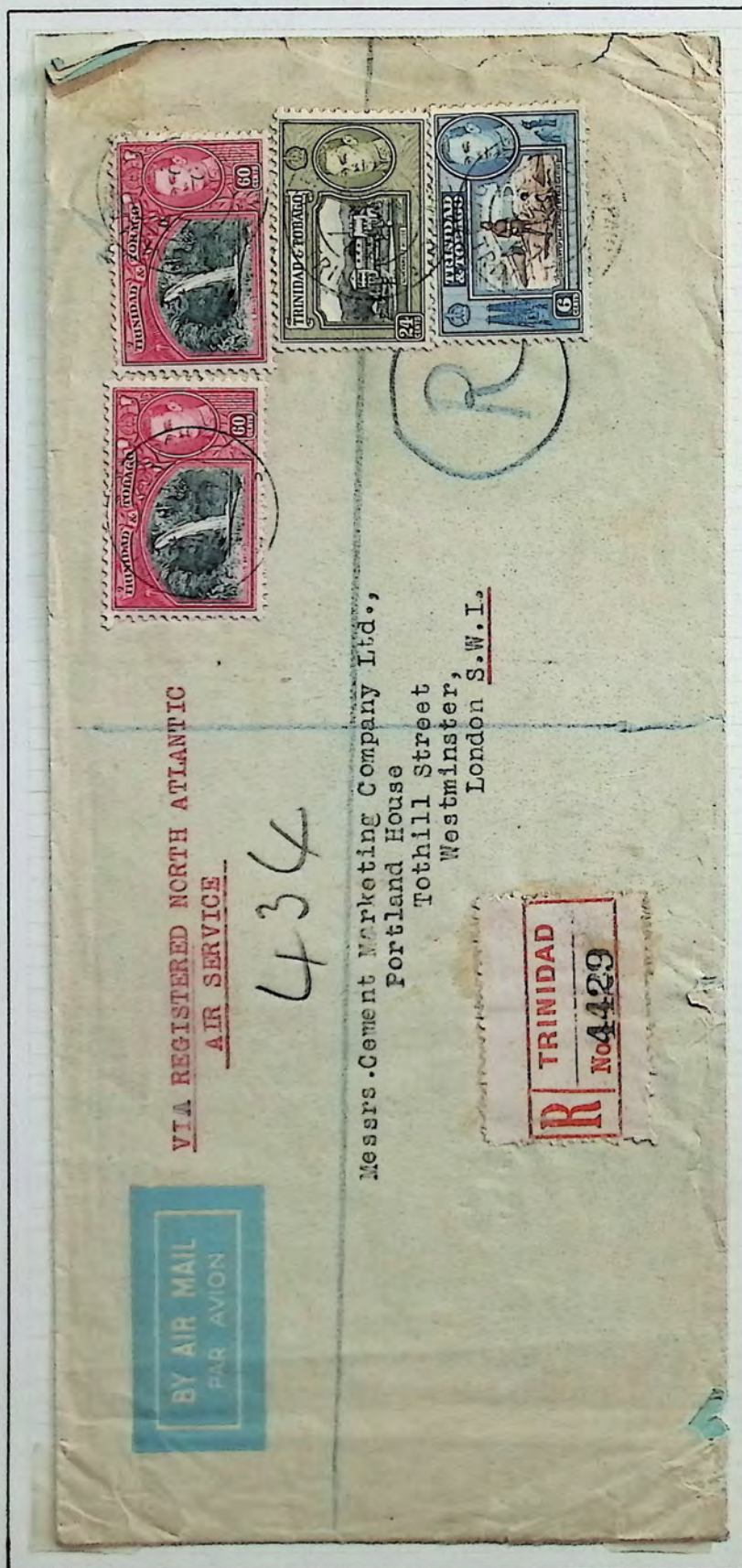
PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS (P.A.A.) BEGAN THEIR WEST INDIES SERVICE IN 1929, WITH FLIGHTS FROM MIAMI, WHICH SHORTLY AFTERWARDS INCLUDED TRINIDAD. IN 1946 A NEW SERVICE WAS INTRODUCED, WITH FLIGHTS FROM NEW YORK TO BUENOS AIRES, VIA PORT OF SPAIN, RIO DE JANEIRO AND MONTEVIDEO.

THE ABOVE COVER WAS CARRIED ON THE TRINIDAD - NEW YORK FLIGHT; POSTMARKED BY THE DOUBLE RING "G.P.O. PORT OF SPAIN 5:30 PM JUL 18 46



TRINIDAD" AND BACKSTAMPED ON ARRIVAL AT NEW YORK (MACHINE CANCEL AS ILLUSTRATED) - ON JULY 1946 AT 4 PM.

THE CACKET (LOWER LEFT) WAS STAMPED ON ALL COVERS FLOWN ON THIS FLIGHT "FIRST FLIGHT / PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS / TRINIDAD - NEW YORK / DIRECT"



LARGE COVER WITH A
PAIR OF 60 CENT (SG
254), 24 CENT (SG 253)
AND 6 CENT (SG 250)
- 1938 DEFINITIVE
ISSUE - EACH TIED
BY THE DOUBLE RING
HANDSTAMP
'GPO PORT OF SPAIN
AU 6
47
TRINIDAD'

BLUE CRAYON 'R'
INSIDE RING INDICATING
REGISTRATION WITH
ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION
LABEL IN RED -
'NO 4429'

AT TOP OF THE COVER
THE SENDER HAS TYPED
'VIA REGISTERED
NORTH ATLANTIC/
AIR SERVICES'
IN RED.

- COVER TO LONDON
ENGLAND -

SEPTEMBER 1929

PORT OF SPAIN TO GEORGETOWN, BRITISH GUIANA.



IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEIR FORMATION IN 1928, PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS, P.A.A., BEGAN EXTENDING THEIR SERVICES IN THE WEST INDIES. IN JANUARY 1929, A SERVICE WAS STARTED FROM MIAMI TO SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, THIS FLIGHT BEING DESIGNATED 'F.A.M. 6'.



THIS SERVICE WAS EXTENDED IN SEPTEMBER, TO DUTCH GUIANA VIA TRINIDAD AND BRITISH GUIANA, COL. LINDBERGH BEING THE PILOT.

THUS ON THIS FIRST 'FIRST FLIGHT' 423 PIECES WERE FLOWN TO GEORGETOWN. THE ABOVE COVER BEARS A 'PORT OF SPAIN' SLOGAN CANCEL - 'BOY / BRITISH EMPIRE / GOODS' IN ADDITION TO A DOUBLE RING "REGISTERED G.P.O. / 23.9.29 / TRINIDAD". AN ADDITIONAL OVAL RING 'R' HANDSTAMP WAS APPLIED. THE COVER WAS HANDSTAMPED ON ARRIVAL, REVERSE OF COVER, WITH A SINGLE RING "REGISTRATION / 23 SP / 29 / BRITISH GUIANA". THE RED 'ETIQUETTE' IS OF THE FIRST TYPE USED IN TRINIDAD.

SEPTEMBER 1929

PORT-OF-SPAIN TO PARAMARAIBO, DUTCH GUIANA.



PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS INAUGURATED AN AIRMAIL SERVICE DESIGNATED 'FAM 6' FROM MIAMI, FLORIDA TO SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO IN JANUARY 1929. THIS ROUTE WAS EXTENDED IN SEPTEMBER TO PARAMARAIBO IN DUTCH GUIANA, WITH STOPS AT PORT-OF-SPAIN AND GEORGETOWN, BRITISH GUIANA. COLONEL CHARLES E. LINDBERGH WAS THE PILOT FOR THE FLIGHT.

ON THE PORT-OF-SPAIN TO PARAMARAIBO FLIGHT ONLY 179 ITEMS WERE FLOWN, THE ABOVE COVER BEING AMONG THESE.

MAILING CANCELLED AT PORT-OF-SPAIN - SINGLE RING 'PORT OF SPAIN

THE 'BY AIR MAIL' ETIQUETTE IN RED IS CONTRARY TO U.P.U. REGULATIONS, WHICH RECOMMENDED A BLUE COLOUR.

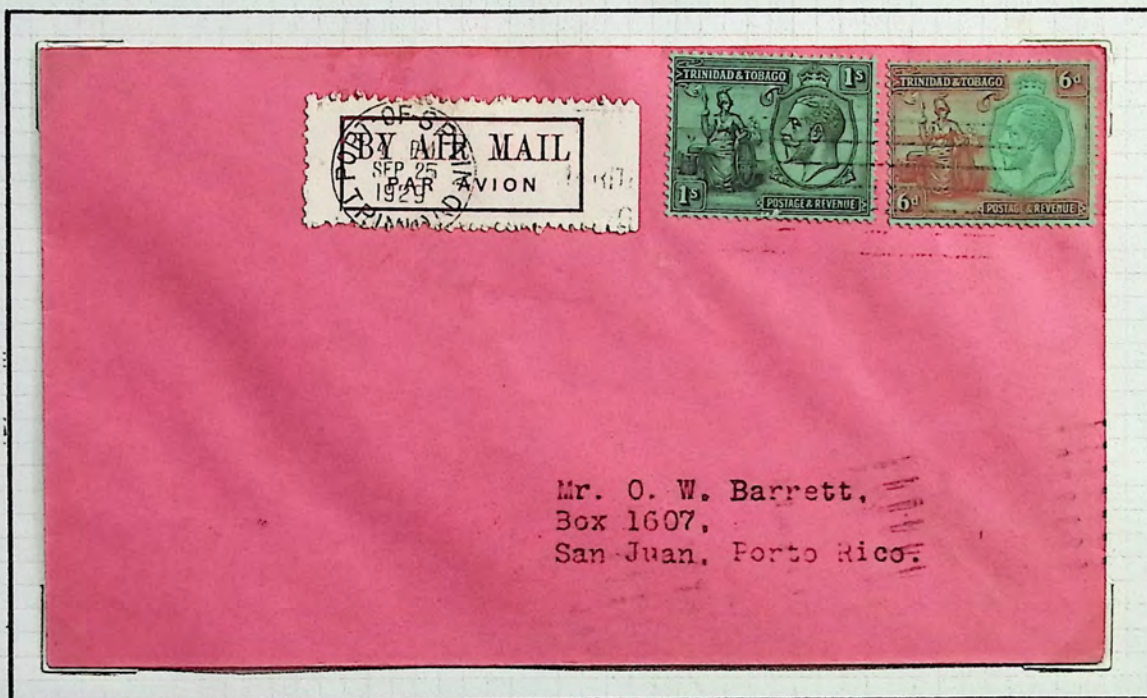
7 30 AM
SEP 23
1929
TRINIDAD

ON REVERSE (ON FLAP) THE TWO LINE HANDSTAMP
"FIRST FLIGHT" IN LILAC, WITH THE DOUBLE
RING RECEIVING MARK
OF PARAMARAIBO.
(SEPTEMBER 24th).
FAM 6 "



SEPTEMBER 1929

PORT OF SPAIN TO SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO.



ON SEPTEMBER 26th 1929, THE CONTINUATION OF PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS, P.A.A., AIR MAIL FLIGHTS NORTHWARDS WAS UNDERTAKEN. THE PILOT ON THIS OCCASION WAS ONE J. H. TILTON, WITH SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, ONE OF THE FLIGHT DESTINATIONS.

500 ITEMS WERE CARRIED TO SAN JUAN; THE ABOVE BEARING THE 'PORT OF SPAIN' MACHINE CANCEL 'BUY / BRITISH EMPIRE / GOODS' CANCELLED "4 PM

SEP 25
29;" THE COVER WAS BACKSTAMPED ON ARRIVAL AT SAN JUAN WITH A MACHINE CANCEL THERE (AS ILLUSTRATED) ON THE BACK OF THE COVER.



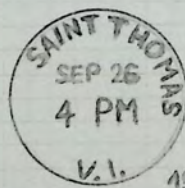
SEPTEMBER 1929

PORT OF SPAIN TO ST THOMAS, U.S. V.I.



IN JANUARY 1929, THE NEWLY FORMED PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS (P.A.A.) INAUGURATED A SERVICE FROM MIAMI, FLORIDA TO SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO. ON SEPTEMBER 22nd THE SERVICE WAS EXTENDED TO DUTCH GUIANA VIA TRINIDAD AND BRITISH GUIANA.

ON THE RETURN FLIGHT, ON THE 26th, THERE WERE EIGHT DESTINATIONS FROM PORT OF SPAIN, INCLUDING SAINT THOMAS.



A GRAND TOTAL OF 166 COVERS WERE ON THIS PARTICULAR FLIGHT ROUTE; THE NUMBER, 159, APPEARS IN PENCIL, ON THE LOWER RIGHT OF THE COVER.

MACHINE POSTMARKED
"PORT OF SPAIN
4 P.M.
SEP 25
1929

STAMPED (ABOVE) ON ARRIVAL AT SAINT THOMAS ON THE 26th.

THE AIR MAIL ETIQUETTE WAS OF THE FIRST TYPE USED IN TRINIDAD. THE USE OF RED WAS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION. BLUE WAS THE COLOUR STIPULATED, AND WHICH COLOUR ON ETIQUETTES CAME INTO USE IN TRINIDAD SHORTLY AFTERWARDS.

SEPTEMBER 1929

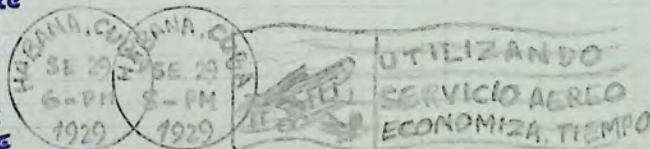
PORT OF SPAIN TO HAVANA, CUBA



IN JANUARY 1929 PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS (P.A.A.) INAUGURATED AN AIR SERVICE FROM MIAMI, FLORIDA TO SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO; EXTENDING THIS ROUTE IN SEPTEMBER TO INCLUDE TRINIDAD.

ON THE RETURN FLIGHT FROM DUTCH GUIANA, WHICH EN ROUTE THROUGH PORT OF SPAIN ON THE 26th, CALLED ON EIGHT FURTHER DESTINATIONS, INCLUDING HAVANA, CUBA.

A TOTAL OF 169 COVERS WERE FLOWN FROM PORT OF SPAIN TO HAVANA. THE ABOVE COVER ORIGINATING FROM SAN FERNANDO - WITH FOUR IMPRESSIONS OF THE DOUBLE RING CANCEL - AND MACHINE CANCELLED AT PORT OF SPAIN, WITH THE SLOGAN "BUY BRITISH EMPIRE/GOODS". THE ABOVE COVER WAS MACHINE CANCELLED TWICE AT HAVANA (ABOVE) ON THE REVERSE; A "6 PM" WITH WAVY LINES AND THE MORE APPROPRIATE "8 PM" WITH THE AIRMAIL CANCEL.



May 1930

TOBAGO TO TRINIDAD.



'N.Y.R.B.A.' - "NEW YORK, RIO DE JANEIRO AND BUENOS AIRES AIR LINE INC" - HAD BEEN FORMED IN 1928 TO CARRY MAILS FROM NEW YORK TO BUENOS AIRES WITH SEVERAL STOP OVERTS. BY 1930, FLIGHTS INVOLVING THE WEST INDIES HAD BEEN STARTED WITH INTER ISLAND FLIGHTS INCLUDED.

THE ABOVE COVER WAS ONE OF 443 COVERS FLOWN FROM TOBAGO TO TRINIDAD IN MAY.

POSTMARKED "SCARBOROUGH / F / MY 11 / 30 / TOBAGO" WITH A DOUBLE RING "REGISTRATION G.P.O. / 19.5.30 A / TRINIDAD" BACK-STAMP.

NO CACHETS WERE USED FOR THIS FLIGHT. THE 'ETIQUETTE' IN RED WAS OF THE FIRST TYPE USED IN TRINIDAD.



JULY 1930

PORT OF SPAIN TO ST GEORGE'S, GRENADA.



BETWEEN 1928 AND 1930 THE "NEW YORK - RIO DE JANEIRO - BUENOS AIRES LINES INC." - N.Y.R.B.A. LINE, CARRIED MAIL ALONG THE ATLANTIC SEABOARD OF BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA. THE 'N.Y.R.B.A.' EVENTUALLY WAS ABSORBED BY 'PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS' (P.A.A.).

IN JULY 1930 TRINIDAD AND GRENADA WERE LINKED, WITH 224 COUGRS CARRIED ON THE FLIGHT. THE ABOVE COVER WAS ONE OF THESE, BEING MACHINE CANCELLED AT 'PORT OF SPAIN 2 PM JULY 19, 1930' - "BOY / TRINIDAD / SUGAR" AND BACK - STAMPED ON ARRIVAL AT ST GEORGES, AS ILLUSTRATED ON RIGHT.



THE 'AIR MAIL' ETIQUETTE IN BLUE IS OF THE SECOND TYPE USED IN TRINIDAD FOR THE AIR MAIL SERVICE.

Per Air Mail - Via New York

BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION

Miss Ella Wishart,
c/o Mrs. M. Messervy,
"York House,"
108, Lansdowne Road,
London, W.11,
ENGLAND.



COVER TO LONDON WITH ONE PENNY
AND ONE SCHILLING BLACK/EMERALD (SG 327) - 1930
DEFINITIVE ISSUE; BOTH TIED BY THE SINGLE RING

'SAN FERNANDO
29 MAY 34 A
TRINIDAD';

'AIR MAIL' ETOUQUETTE IN BLUE ON TOP LEFT FRONT
WITH TYPEWRITTEN 'PER AIR MAIL - VIA NEW YORK'
IN RED ABOVE SAME.



COVER TO NEW YORK WITH PAIR OF THE ONE SCHILL-
ING VALUE (S.G. 227) - 1922 DEFINITIVE ISSUE - ON
FLAP TIED BY THE DOUBLE RING

'CENTRAL POST OFFICE

2.30 PM

JY 25

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TRINIDAD' (AS ON FRONT OF

COVER.

'AIR MAIL' ETIQUETTE IN RED ON FRONT - THE
COLOUR CONTRARY TO REGULATIONS.

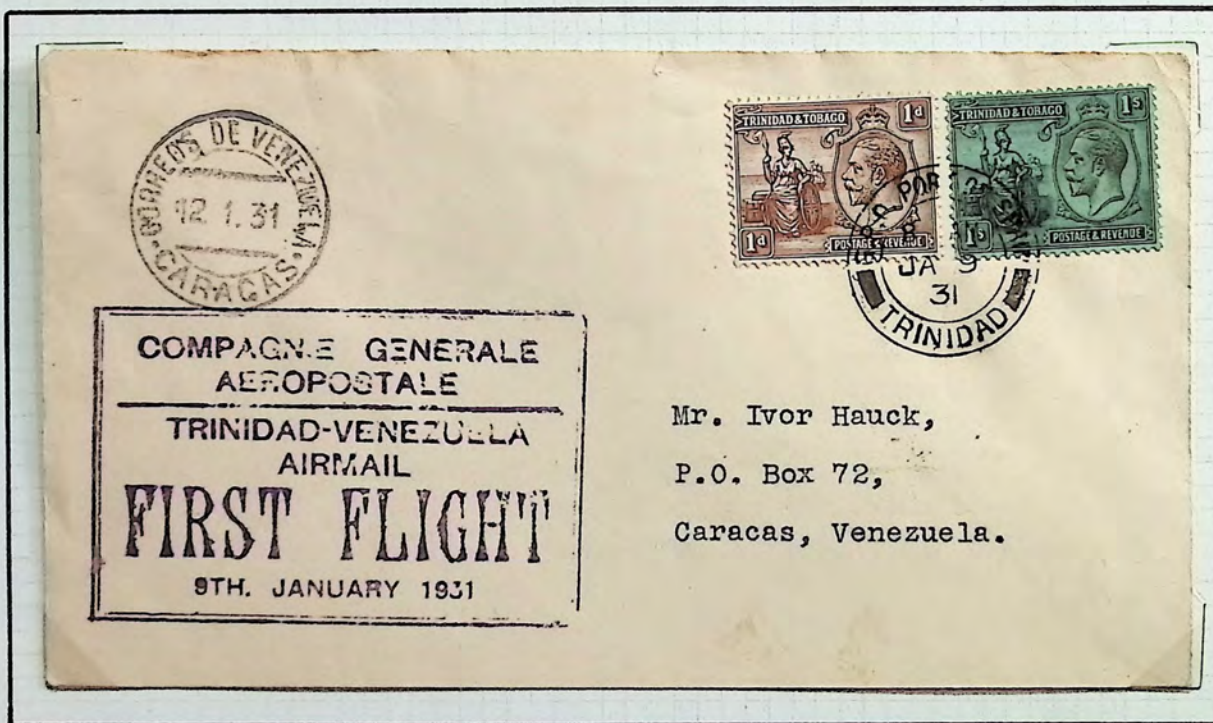
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'RCED BY ME IN NY

5.40 PM MONDAY JULY 28th'

JANUARY 1931

PORT OF SPAIN TO CARACAS, VENEZUELA.



'C.G.A.' - 'COMPAGNIE GENERALE AEROPOSTALE' HAD DEVELOPED A COMBINED AIR AND SEA ROUTE FROM FRANCE TO SOUTH AMERICA VIA WEST AFRICA BY 1930. THE INTENTION BEING TO MAKE THIS AN ALL AIR ROUTE.

IN 1930 AND 1931 EFFORTS WERE MADE TO PERFECT THE SOUTH AMERICAN PORTION OF THE ROUTE. AS A START A SERVICE WAS INITIATED IN JANUARY 1931, MAILED BEING CARRIED TO CIUDAD BOLIVAR, CARACAS AND MARCAÏBO FROM PORT OF SPAIN.

THE ABOVE COVER WAS ONE OF 500 FLOWN ON THIS "FIRST FLIGHT"; POSTMARKED ON DEPARTURE WITH THE DOUBLE RING "G.P.O. PORT OF SPAIN

8 AM
JA 9

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TRINIDAD" AND ON ARRIVAL

AT CARACAS, ON "12.1.31" (FRONT, UPPER LEFT).

THE CACHET WAS APPLIED ON DEPARTURE AT PORT OF SPAIN.

OCTOBER 1938

PORT-OF-SPAIN TO BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS.



THE ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES, K.L.M., BEGAN OPERATING A SERVICE IN THE WEST INDIES IN 1934; ALMOST IMMEDIATELY THE SERVICE WAS EXPANDED BUT TRINIDAD WAS NOT INCLUDED IN SERVICES UNTIL 1938.

APPROXIMATELY 3,500 LETTERS WERE CARRIED ON THE FIRST CURACAO - TRINIDAD - BARBADOS, FLIGHT ON OCTOBER 19th, 1938. THE ILLUSTRATION ON THE UPPER LEFT OF THE COVER SHOWS THE LOCKHEAD AIRCRAFT PILOTED BY ANDRE DE LA PORTE, THE AIRCRAFT USED ON THIS FLIGHT.

POSTMARKED "PORT OF SPAIN
7 - AM
Oct 19
38
TRINIDAD";

WITH A SINGLE RING 'BARBADOS
G.P.O."
BACKSTAMP ON ARRIVAL.

ALL ITEMS RECEIVED A RECTANGULAR CACHET - 'FIRST AIRMAIL FLIGHT' - IN PURPLE. THIS CACHET BEING STAMPED ON THE BACK OF THE ABOVE ILLUSTRATED COVER.

FIRST AIRMAIL FLIGHT
TRINIDAD - BARBADOS
BY K.L.M. ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES.

DECEMBER 1941

PORT OF SPAIN TO BATHURST, GAMBIA.



THE DECEMBER 1941 "PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS" SERVICE INCLUDED A STOPOVER AT BATHURST, GAMBIA.

AGAIN POSTMARKED WITH THE DOUBLE RING "G.P.O. PORT OF SPAIN / 7.45 AM / DE 7 / 41 / TRINIDAD" WITH THE BOXED "FIRST FLIGHT" CACHET AND A PICTORIAL "TRINIDAD TO BATHURST" CACHET.

ON ARRIVAL AT BATHURST THE ABOVE COVER WAS BACKSTAMPED, AS ILLUSTRATED ON RIGHT, ON DECEMBER 10th.



NEW YORK TO PORT OF SPAIN



IN JULY 1946 "PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS" - P.A.A. - BEGAN A DIRECT SERVICE BETWEEN NEW YORK AND BUENOS AIRES WITH STOP OVERTS AT TRINIDAD, RIO DE JANEIRO AND MONTEVIDEO. THIS INVOLVED AN OVERALL FLIGHT OF NEARLY 2,000 MILES ALONG THE ATLANTIC SIDE OF THE AMERICAS.

MAIL FLOWN FROM NEW YORK (AS ABOVE) WAS STAMPED WITH A COMMEMORATIVE CACHET, SHOWING THE ROUTE TAKEN. THE ABOVE COVER WAS MACHINE CANCELLED AT 'NEW YORK - 'JUL 15, 1946' AT 3 AM.



THE COVER WAS BACKSTAMPED WITH A DOUBLE RING 'PORT OF SPAIN' CANCEL ON ARRIVAL (AS ILLUSTRATED) AND TIMED AT '9.30 P.M.' ON THE 15th.

SEPTEMBER 1929

TRINIDAD TO MIAMI, FLORIDA.



AFTER BEING FORMED IN 1928 PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS - P.A.A. - BEGAN EXTENDING FLIGHT SERVICES TO THE WEST INDIES.

IN SEPTEMBER 1929, THIS EXTENSION LED TO FLIGHTS TO TRINIDAD, DUTCH GUIANA AND BRITISH GUIANA, AMONG OTHER DESTINATIONS.

COL. CHARLES LINDBERGH FLEW THE OUTWARD FLIGHT - MIAMI SOUTHWARDS IN A SIKORSKI-38, NC 142M, ACCOMPANIED BY AN ESCORT PLANE (NC 8020). ON THE RETURN LINDBERGH FLEW ONLY AS FAR AS TRINIDAD. MAIL FROM PORT OF SPAIN NORTHWARDS WAS FLOWN BY THE ESCORT PLANE.

THE COVER ABOVE WAS FLOWN TO MIAMI AND BEARS THE DOUBLE RING "GENERAL POST OFFICE

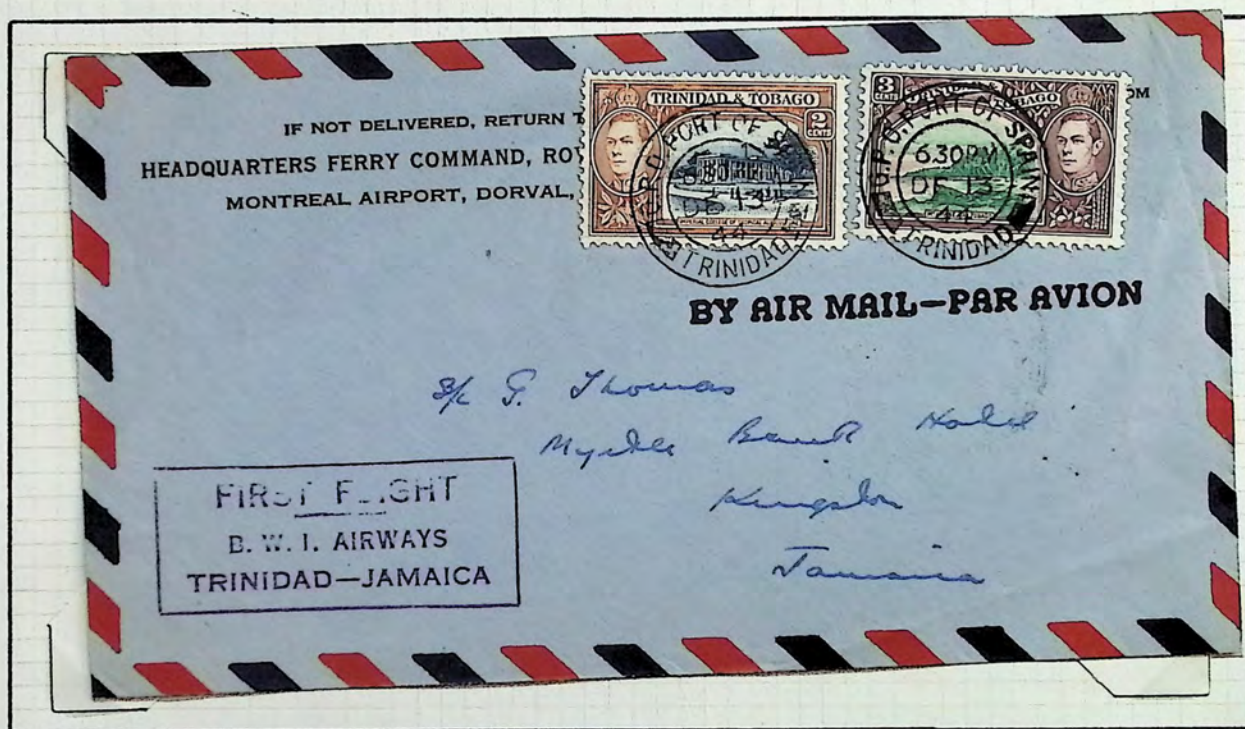
4 PM
SP 25

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TRINIDAD "CANCEL."

THE ONLY CACHETS ON THE COVER ARE THE TWO TWO LINE HANDSTAMPS (1) "FIRST FLIGHT, FAM 6" AND (2) "FROM TRINIDAD". THERE ARE NO BACKSTAMPS ON THE REVERSE OF THE COVER.

DECEMBER 1944

PORT OF SPAIN TO JAMAICA.



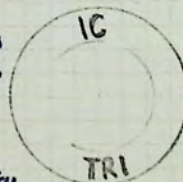
'BRITISH WEST INDIES AIRWAYS' - B.W.I.A. - WAS FORMED IN NOVEMBER 1940 BY LOWELL YEROK. THE CONTINGENCIES OF WAR MEANT A RATHER SLOW START TO SERVICES, BUT BY 1943 SERVICES TO THE WINDWARD AND LEEWARD ISLANDS WERE IN OPERATION. IN DECEMBER 1944 THE SERVICES WERE FURTHER EXTENDED TO INCLUDE JAMAICA.

POSTMARKED WITH THE DOUBLE RING "G.P.O. PORT OF SPAIN / 6.30 PM / DE 13 / 44 / TRINIDAD" AND BEARING THE BOXED CACHET "FIRST FLIGHT B.W.I. AIRWAYS TRINIDAD-JAMAICA".



THE COVER WAS BACKSTAMPED, ON ARRIVAL, WITH THE STEEL RING, "MYRTLE BANK DE 18

JAMAICA" AND BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM TRINIDAD WITH THE DOUBLE RING CENSOR HANDSTAMP - "IC — TRI".





COVER TO LONDON WITH PAIR OF 12 CENT (SG 252 A) AND PAIR OF 3 CENT (SG 248 A) - 1938/44
DEFINITIVE ISSUE - TIED BY THE DOUBLE RING;

'G.P.O. PORT OF SPAIN

3 P.M.

9. 00

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TRINIDAD'.

TRI COLOURED 'AIR MAIL' STICKER ON LEFT;
'via B.O.A.C.' - SENDER HAS ADDED
'BY AIR MAIL
BRITISH
CAVALIER' TOP LEFT OF COVER.