

# British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group

## A I R M A I L S of the W E S T I N D I E S

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The air mails of the West Indies form an interesting addition to any collection of their postage stamps and postmarks. First Flight covers are not, generally, costly, though there are some of which there are only a few in existence.

Some First Flight Covers date from January 1919, (see Barbados), but the majority date from September 1929 or early 1930, when Pan American Airways and the New York Rio and Buenos Aires Airline, (N.Y.R.B.A.) started regular northward and southward bound air mail services throughout the Caribbean. What was then an historic event is now a commonplace everyday event.

The earlier flights are based on F.A.M. routes 5, 6 - 10, and the NYRBA line, and the later ones on F.A.M. 17, 18, 22 and 33.

Bermuda has been included in the check list, for though not strictly in the West Indies, either geographically or administratively, it is certainly included in most West Indian collections.

I have included all first flights of which I have reliable information. There are doubtless errors and omissions and I would very much appreciate hearing from any members with corrections and additions to the list.

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ANTIGUA:- The first flights to and from Antigua commenced in September 1929, by Pan American Airways, followed in February and March 1930 by the N.Y.R.B.A. line. Nowadays Antigua is served by flights of most of the big airlines.

Date	From	To	Notes
20 Sep 1929	Miami	Antigua	First PAA Flight southward.
Special Cachet:- 80 x 57 mm, in mauve, "First Flight/Seaplane and Barque/San Juan - Paramaribo". The cachet was applied in San Juan, Porto Rico and often irrespective of the destination.			
22 Sep 1929	Antigua	W.I. Islands Southward except Barbados	Continuation of flight above
No special cachet			
26 Sep 1929	Antigua	W.I. Islands Northward and U.S.A.	First return flight.
Special Cachet:- 3 lines in black, "First Air Mail/Antigua to U.S.A./September 1929". The cachet and covers are uncommon.			
25 Feb 1930	Antigua	Northward	First NYRBA flight.
No special cachet.			
7 Mar 1930	Antigua	St. Lucia, Trinidad and S. America	First Southward NYRBA flight.
No special Cachet.			
20 Aug 1931	Antigua	Porto Rico and Miami.	First Dornier DO-X flight
Special cachet:- 90 x 45 mm, in black, applied by PAA, "From Antigua/DO-X/Special Flight DOX/Pan American Airways/Cooperating as Special Agents".			

I have no information on KLM, BWIA or other flights involving Antigua, Can any member help?

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BAHAMAS:- Commencing in January 1919, the Bahamas have been well served by the various air lines.

Date	From	To	Notes
30 Jan 1919	Nassau	Miami	Flight from Nassau by 2 U.S. Seaplanes. 600 letters and cards carried.
Special Cachet:-	(i) in 2 lines in black "By Air Service/Nassau - Miami", or (ii) in 3 lines in red "First Trip/Aeroplane/Nassau to Miami".		
8 Nov 1926	Nassau	Miami	One of several special flights between 1919 and 1929.
Special Cachet:-	in 2 lines in black "Nassau/Air Mail."		
16 Oct 1928	Nassau	Miami	Survey Flight by PAA.
Special Cachet:-	in two lines, in red, "1st Flight Bahamas/Official Air Post".		
2 Jan 1929	Miami	Nassau	First PAA Flight.
Special Cachet:-	Large circular cachet, in violet, "First Flight/Air Mail/ twin-engine monoplane/International F.A.M. 7 Miami - Nassau". This is far less common than the return flight covers.		
2 Jan 1929	Nassau	Miami	Return Flight.
Special Cachet:-	2 lines, in red, "By First Air Mail/To Miami, Fla".		
2 Jan 1930	Nassau	Miami	and thence by FAM 5 to most W.I. Islands by service which commenced in Sep. 1929.
Special Cachet:-	3 lines in red, "First Daily Flight/Nassau to Miami/1930". The other cachets seen on these covers are those applied by Dr. Hess.		
16 Jan 1946	Nassau	Interisland Service	Bahamas Airways.
No special cachets.			
19 Apr 1948	Nassau	Miami	First Flight by B.S.A.A.
No special cachet.			
2 Apr 1950	Nassau	Kingston, Jamaica	First Flight by B.W.A.I.
No special cachet.			
7 Nov 1950	Nassau	New York	First Flight by Stratocruiser direct.
No Special cachet.			

BAHAMAS - continued

4 Aug 1951	Nassau	Kingston, Jamaica	First Flight by Bahamas Airways.
? Special Cachet.			
3 Nov 1955	Ship	San Salvador Is.	Helicopter flight from Geophysical U.S. "Edisto".
Special Cachet:- 2 lines in violet, "Operation/Deep Freeze 1".			
15 Mar 1956	Nassau	Grand Turk	First Flight by Bahamas Airways.
? Special Cachet.			
21 Feb 1957	Nassau	New York	First Flight by PAA direct to New York.
Special Cachet:- in 5 lines, in black, "Statue of Liberty/First Flight/Nassau/New York/Beach Scene/Pan American/World's Most Experienced Airline".			
11 Apr 1961	London	Nassau	First Flight BOAC Jet-Prop.
No special cachet.			
11 Apr 1961	Nassau	Lima, Peru	First BOAC "707".
No special cachet.			
12 Apr 1961	Lima, Peru	Nassau	Return BOAC Flight
Special Cachet:- 40 x 20 mm in blue, "BOAC/Vuelo Inaugural/Lima-Londres".			
5 May 1962	Miami	Nassau	First Flight Cunard-Eagle Airways.
Special cachet:- 55 x 55 mm, in violet, "Cunard Eagle Airways/Miami/Nassau/Jet Tail/First Jet Air Service".			

I have little or no information about the inauguration or cachets of the Bahamas Airway Flights. Can any member help?

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BARBADOS:- Barbados, lying 100 miles to the East of the route between St. Kitts and Trinidad, which both Pan American Airways and the N.Y.R.B.A. Airways proposed to use, was not included in the service opened by P.A.A. in September 1929. There was an unofficial flight from Barbados to Trinidad in April 1929, but no covers are known to exist.

N.Y.R.B.A. arranged, in April 1930, for a plane to fly from Trinidad to Barbados, (see below), and collect mail for St. Lucia, Antigua and St. Thomas, U.S.V.I. Following this in August 1930, when N.Y.R.B.A. was absorbed by the Pan American Airways, mail from Barbados was sent by sea to St. Lucia or Trinidad, and flown thence by P.A.A.

The next air service from Barbados was the experimental flight of K.L.M., more than 8 years later, in October 1938.

Date	From	To	Notes
8 Apr 1930	Barbados	St. Lucia Antigua St Thomas Miami	First Flight By N.Y.R.B.A.

Special cachet:- None. These covers are not common. Covers for points further north were off-loaded at St. Thomas and flown onward by P.A.A.

18 Oct 1938	Barbados	Trinidad	Experimental Flight by K. L. M.
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Special Cachet:- 60 x 20 mm, in purple, "First Flight by K.L.M./Royal Dutch Air Lines/Barbados - Trinidad - Curacao".

4 Feb 1939	Curacao	Barbados	First regular flight by K.L.M.
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No special cachet.

6 Feb 1939	Barbados	Trinidad and Curacao	First Return Flight.
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No Special Cachet.

4 Sep 1939	Barbados	Paramaribo	Extension to Paramaribo by K. L. M.
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Special Cachet:- Applied on arrival in Paramaribo, 40 mm circular, in violet, "Curacao/Plane over map/Paramaribo/Vlucht/ vice - versa/K.L.M./5 September 1939". All K. L. M. services were suspended in mid 1940 owing to the war.

27 Nov 1940	Barbados	Trinidad	First B.W.I.A. Flight.
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No special cachet.

22 March 1943	Barbados	(Grenada	) Extension of B.W.I.A. service
25 March 1943		(Antigua, St. Kitts	
28 March 1943		(St. Lucia	
16 May 1943		(St. Vincent	

Special Cachet:- one line, in violet, "British West Indian Airways".

16 Dec 1944	Barbados	Jamaica	Last extension of BWIA service
No special cachet.			
1 Nov 1945	Barbados	British Guiana	BWIA Extension to British Guiana.
No special cachet			
3 Dec 1949	Barbados	Trinidad	First T.C.A. Flight.
No special cachet (See Bermuda - 1 May 1948)			
17 May 1950	Barbados	Guadeloupe	B.W.I.A. First Flight.
No special cachet.			
10 Oct 1953	Barbados	New York, London	First B.O.A.C. Flight.
No special cachet.			
1 Jan 1956	Barbados	Bermuda and Bahamas	First Viscount Flight.
No special cachet (See also Bermuda - 2 Jan 1956)			
3 Jan 1956	Barbados	New York	Viscount service extended to New York.
No special cachet.			
14 Mar 1956	Barbados Martinique	Martinique Barbados	First Flight by Air France.
Special Cachet:- (Martinique) 56 x 45 mm, in black "Isle Liason/Aérienne Française/Martinique/Barbade/jet in flight/14 Mars 1945".			
13 May 1957	New York	Barbados	First Flight P.A.A.
Special Cachet:- (PAA) 55 x 60 mm in red, "Skyscraper, New York/Pan American World Airways/First Air Mail Flight/F A M 5/Barbados scene/Barbados, B.W.I."			
14 May 1957	Barbados	New York	Return PAA Flight
Special cachet:- (PAA) in 4 lines in black, "Barbados First Flight New York/Barbados scene/ Barbados - New York/ New York skyline/Pan American/Worlds most Experienced Airline".			
29 Oct 1958	Barbados	Trinidad	Connection with Brittania Jet-Prop Flight, London - Caracas. (BOAC).
Special cachet:- None.			
30 Oct 1958	Barbados	Bermuda, London	Return First Flight.
No special cachet.			
18 Nov 1958	Barbados	Dominica	First Flight by L.I.A.T.
No special cachet - I have no information about this flight.			
10 June 1961	New York	Barbados	First B.W.I.A. Boeing 707 Flight
Special Cachet:- in green, "Boeing 707/B.W.I.A./The Airline of the Caribbean/Winged Lion/First Jet Airmail/from New York/to Barbados.			

BERMUDA:- Until the Viscount flights of 1956 and the Jet Flights from 1958, the main air line connections have been with the United States, Canada and Europe, rather than with the West Indies.

Date	From	To	Notes
21 Feb 1925	New York	Bermuda	First Flight by Airship "Los Angeles". No return mail.
Special Cachet:-	32 mm C.D.S. style in red,	"Air Mail Service/Feb/20/1925/New York".	
22 Apr 1925	New York	Bermuda	By "Airship Los Angeles". Mail landed successfully, via mooring ship USS Patoki.
Special cachet:-	same as above,	but dated Apr 15, 1925 to Apr 21 1925.	
23 Apr 1925	Bermuda	New York	Return Flight.
Special Cachet:-	(i) 2 line, in black, "Bermuda First/Overseas Airmail". (ii) 3 lines, in black, "Air Mail/Service/Bermuda".		
The second type cachet	is the less common.		
16 June 1937	Bermuda	New York	First Imperial Airways Flight.
Special cachet:-	3 lines in red, "Bermuda - U.S. Service/R.M.A. "Cavalier"/First Flight".		
17 Nov 1937	Bermuda	Baltimore	Imperial Airways. Change of base for winter.
No special cachet.			
16 Mar 1938	Baltimore	Bermuda	First P.A.A. Flight
Special Cachet:-	62 x 55 mm, in magenta, "United States/Air Mail/First Flight FAM 17/ map of Bermuda/Baltimore - Bermuda".		
	(see also Jamaica)		
17 Mar 1938	Bermuda	Baltimore	First PAA Return Flight.
Special Cachet:-	2 lines, in black, "Bermuda Clipper/Pan American Airways Company".		
9 June 1939	Bermuda	New York	First Connection with FAM 18.
Special Cachet:-	2 lines, in purple, "First All Air Mail/from Bermuda to England".		
16 Nov 1939	Bermuda	Azores, Portugal	First Direct eastward flight via Azores.
No special cachet.			
23 Mar 1947	Bermuda	Washington Boston	First regular service Previously used as bad- weather halts for re- fuelling stops.
No special cachet.			

BERMUDA - continued

Date	From	To	Notes
1 Aug 1947	Bermuda	Washington New York	First Flight Colonial Airlines
Special Cachet:- 45 x 72 mm in violet, "White House, Washington/Statue of Liberty. New York/Map of Bermuda/Colonial Airlines/Inaugural Flight/August 1st 1947".			
1 May 1948	Bermuda	Montreal, Toronto	First T.C.A. Flight
Special Cachet:- 45 x 73 mm, in violet or red, "Maple Leaf/Toronto/Montreal/Map of Bermuda/Trans-Canada Air Lines/Inaugural Flight/May 1st 1948"			
12 Mar 1952	Bermuda	Newfoundland London	By B.O.A.C. Strato- cruiser.
No special cachet. This flight originated in Jamaica and finished in London.			
2 Jan 1956	Bermuda	Barbados	First Viscount Flight.
No special cachet (See Barbados 3 Jan 1956).			
28 Oct 1958	Bermuda	Barbados	First Britannia Jet-prop flight.
No special cachet. Inaugural flight London - Bermuda - Barbados - Trinidad - Caracas (Venezuela).			
29 Oct 1958	Bermuda	London	Return Britannia Flight.
No special cachet.			
8 Jan 1960	Bermuda	Bogota (Columbia)	Extension of above flight.
No special cachet.			
5 May 1962	Miami	Bermuda	First Cunard Eagle Airways Flight
Special Cachet:- 6 lines, in magenta, "First Jet Air Mail Service/Cunard Eagle Airways/Bahamas Ltd - Bermuda Limited/Cunard Eagle Jet/Miami, Florida to/Hamilton Bermuda".			

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BRITISH GUIANA:- British Guiana, being situated strategically in the northeast corner of the South American continent, saw the early development in the West Indian Aerophilately.

Date	From	To	Notes.
28 Mar 1927	Georgetown	Trinidad	Special experimental flight by PAA seaplane.
No special cachet.			
23 Sep 1929	Georgetown	Paramaribo Dutch Guiana	First Inaugural flight by PAA originating in Miami.
Special cachet:- 30 x 22 mm in purple, "British Guiana/by/Air Mail". (See Antigua and other W.I. Islands)			
25 Sep 1929	Paramaribo	Georgetown	First return PAA flight.
Special cachet:- Circular 34 mm in violet, "Eerste Luchtpostversending/Param.bo/ New York/25.9.30, with central figure.			
25 Sep 1929	Georgetown	Trinidad, St. Lucia, Antigua and northward.	First return PAA Flight.
(Cachet as Georgetown 23 Sep 1929 above).			
25 Dec 1929	Georgetown	Port of Spain	Flight by Colonel Lindberg.
? Special Cachet.			
24 Feb 1930	Georgetown	Port of Spain St. Lucia and northward	First Flight of N.Y.R.B.A. Line from Buenos Aires.
No special cachet.			
27 Feb 1930	Dominica	Georgetown	First N.Y.R.B.A. flight southward.
7 Mar 1930	Haiti, St. Lucia Antigua, Port of Spain	Georgetown	First N.Y.R.B.A. flight southward.
No special cachet except for Haiti.			
12 Mar 1930	Georgetown	Southward to Buenos Aires	Continuation of first N.Y.R.B.A. flight.
No special cachet.			
2 Apr 1930	Georgetown	British Honduras via Caracas, Venezuela.	
No information on this flight. Can any member help?			
24 Nov 1930	Georgetown	Southward to Rio.	First P.A.A. extension southward.
No special cachet.			
5 Dec 1930	Georgetown	Jamaica	Flight by FAM 5 to Miami and thence by inaugural flight to Jamaica on December 10, 1930
No special cachet.			

BRITISH GUIANA (Continued)

Date	From	To	Notes
19 Dec 1930	Georgetown	Jamaica	Direct flight.
Special cachet:- Double lined, 46 x 26, "G.P.O./British Guiana/First Flight".			
31 Dec. 1930	Georgetown	French Guiana	First extension to French Guiana
Cachet as 19 December, above.			
8 Jan 1931	French Guiana	Georgetown	First Flight.
Special cachet:-, in black, 2 lines, "Premier Service par avion/Guyane Francaise le 8 Janvier 1931"/			
6 February 1931	Georgetown	W Coast of S America and Central America	First flight connecting British Guiana with Honduras, Nicaragua, Peru and Chili.
Special cachet:- As 19 December above.			
11 Nov. 1931	Georgetown	Brazil and Argentine	First extension by PAA on F.A.M. 6.
Special cachet:- 50 x 36 mm in violet, "British/Guiana" down sides, "First Air Mail/Extension/ November 11, 1931/from/Georgetown".			
8 Dec 1931	Georgetown	Nuevitas, San Pedro.	Substitution of stops for Havana and Santo Domingo.
No special cachet.			
29 Jan 1933	Georgetown	Paraguay	First extension to include Paraguay.
Special Cachet:- As 19 November 1930. This does not agree with the information given in the American Air Mail Catalogue of 1950, which dates the first Paraguay flight as July 1937.			
29 Jan 1935	Georgetown	Martinique	First PAA connection.
Special cachet:- As Nov 19, 1930. First Flights by Air France are known as early as 1931, but the authorities in Martinique did not take advantage of the American facilities until 1935.			
2 Dec 1937	Georgetown	London	No details known.
No special cachet. Though Air France inaugurated the first South Atlantic Westbound service in January 1936, the first Eastbound flight was unsuccessful and mail was forwarded by sea. Pan American did not use the S. Atlantic route to any extent until December 1941, though the inaugural flight was in May 1939. The arrival postmark of December 9, 1937, indicates that this cover was flown. Can any member help?			
6 Sept 1945	Trinidad	Georgetown	First B.W.I.A. Flight.
? Special Cachet.			
1 Nov 1945	Georgetown	Barbados	First Flight by B.W.I.A.
No special cachet			
23 Mar 1946	Georgetown	Europe	First Flight by B.S.A.A.

BRITISH HONDURAS:- Though on the Central American mainland, and not in the chain of Leeward and Windward West Indian Islands, British Honduras was participating in the first flights on F.A.M. 5, some four months before the "Island Route" was opened.

Date	From	To	Notes
21 May 1929	Miami	Belize	First acceptance over FAM 5.
No special cachet.			
22 May 1929	Belize	Miami	First return mail.
Special Cachet:- Oval, in violet, 43 x 28 mm with central diamond "Belize/First Flight/Miami - Panama!",			
23 May 1929	Belize	Cristobal, via Tela and Managua.	First acceptance over F.A.M. 5.
No special cachet.			
29 Oct 1929	Belize	Cozumel (Mexico)	Covers extremely rare.
No special cachet.			
1 Jan 1930	San Salvador	Belize	First acceptance.
No special cachet.			
23 Jan 1930	Belize	San Salvador	First Flight.
No special cachet.			
11 Mar 1930	Costa Rica	Belize	First Flight
No special cachet.			
17 Mar 1930	Belize	Guatemala City	First Flight.
No special cachet.			
These last four, in January and March 1930, are very uncommon.			
2 Mar 1931	Cuba	Belize	First Acceptance.
? Special cachet.			
5 Dec 1931	Belize	Payo Obispo (Mex) Puerto Barrios (Guatemala)	First Flight over FAM 5. Few covers exist.
No special cachet.			
17 Aug 1937	Belize El Cayo	El Cayo Belize	First weekly air mail service by T.A.C.A. (Transportes Aereos Centrales Americanos).
Special cachet:- In blue, 62 x 68 mm, "First/Internal Airmail Service/Cayo - Belize/ (Belize-Cayo/17 August 1937/First Flight Cover".			
15 Mar 1939	Punta Gorda	Belize	First Flight
Special cachet:- In blue, 70 x 63 mm, "British Honduras/Internal Airmail Service/ Punta Gorda - Belize/15th March 1939/First Flight Cover".			
4 October 1950	Tampa	Belize, via Cayman Islands (See Cayman Islands).	Inaugural flight of short lived service.

CAYMAN ISLANDS:- The Cayman Islands have had an unfortunate history in Air Mail Flights, and it is only in the last 9 or 10 years that they have enjoyed anything like a regular air mail service.

In July 1935, arrangements were made with the Postmaster in Jamaica for mail from the Cayman Islands to be carried by air from Jamaica onward and the first consignment left Georgetown, Grand Cayman on July 30, with a special cachet, reading "First Air Mail - via Jamaica". However, the service was not popular because of the high air mail postage, and the service was short-lived.

During the War years there was one flight to Miami, by a Douglas seaplane, carrying 346 letters.

In October 1947, a further flight was made from Tampa, Fla., to Jamaica, via the Cayman Islands and return the same day. There was no official mail from Tampa to Cayman Islands and only 6 covers were carried on the return flight. - See Jamaica.

There were several other attempts to inaugurate a regular service, some ending in disaster, and it was not until mid-1953 that B.W.I.A. started a regular weekly service. Since then a regular service has been started between Grand Cayman and Miami.

Date	From	To	Notes.
30 July 1935	Grand Cayman	Kingston	By sea to Jamaica.
Special cachet:- in violet in 2 lines, "First Air Mail/via Jamaica".			
12 Feb 1940	Grand Cayman	Miami	Private flight acknowledged by postmaster
? Special cachet.			
20 Oct 1947	Grand Cayman Cayman Brac (See Jamaica)	Jamaica	Flight did not take place, and mail was forwarded by sea.
5 June 1948	Grand Cayman Cayman Brac	Kingston	Name on cachet is in error and should read Caribbean International Airlines
Special Cachet:- in violet, 67 x 45 mm "First Flight/from/Grand Cayman, B.W.I./to/ Kingston, Jamaica/Cayman Islands Airways, Ltd."			
10 April 1953	Grand Cayman	-----	Plane sank. Cachet at Kingston, Jamaica states "Found open and officially repaired at G.P.O., Kingston, Jamaica."
1953	Grand Cayman	Havana	No details.

Since February 1954 there have been regular services by B.W.I.A., Nicaragua Airways, Costa Rican Airways and Cayman Brac Airways, but I have no details of the first flights.

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DOMINICA:- I can find only one First Flight recorded for Dominica and that was on February 27, 1930, when the N.Y.R.B.A. collected mail from Roseau, on their first Southbound flight to Castries, Port of Spain, and Georgetown, British Guiana. Pan American Airways does not seem to have served Dominica direct, though there is an airport at Plymouth. I would appreciate information on any flights by B.W.I.A. or other lines.

Date	From	To	Notes
27 Feb 1930	Dominica	St. Lucia, Trinidad and British Guiana	See notes above

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GRENADA:- I can also find only one recorded First Flight for Grenada and that was on 20 July 1930, also by N.Y.R.B.A., from Trinidad to Grenada and return. The flying boat "Porto Rico" was used for the flight. 1 August 1930 N.Y.R.B.A. was absorbed by Pan American Airways and as far as I can ascertain, the weekly flights were discontinued. Are there any later flights by B.W.I.A., etc?

Date	From	To	Notes
20 July 1930	Trinidad Grenada	Grenada Trinidad	See notes above.

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JAMAICA:- Jamaica has been well served by the various air lines, though not commencing in September 1929 as some of the other West Indian Islands.

Date	From	To	Notes.
2 Dec 1930	Miami	Kingston	First Flight by PAA. Covers are less common than the return flight of December 10th.

Special cachet:- (i) in black, 64 x 42 mm, "Seaplane/Air Mail/F A M Route 5/ Miami Cienfuegos Kingston/Lighthouse".

(ii) in purple, 55 x 42 mm, "First Flight/inaugurating/Air Mail Service/to Jamaica".

3 Dec 1930	Canal Zone	Kingston	Northward flight by PAA Less common than flight of December 10th.
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Special Cachets:- (i) in light green, 57 x 45 mm, "Air Mail/December 10th/First Flight/Plane flying over palms/Canal Zone to Jamaica".

(ii) as (ii) above.

10 Dec 1930	Kingston	Cienfuegos (Cuba)	Flight by Caribbean Airways, preceding PAA by a few hours, Postmarked Santiago de Cuba - Dec. 10 - 1:30 p.m. - Cuba
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Special cachet:- Circular 60 mm in black, "Air Mail/First Flight/Jamaica/to/ Miami U.S.A.".

The first PAA flight did not leave Kingston until the afternoon of December 10th and could not possibly have reached Santiago de Cuba by 1:30 p.m.

10 Dec 1930	Kingston	Miami and most W.I. Islands	First P.A.A. Flight.
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Special cachet:- as above.

The abbreviated year date "30" on the Kingston postmark is frequently found inverted. I have seen it only with "3B" and not with "2B".

10 Dec 1930	Kingston	Canal Zone direct.	First PAA Flight from Kingston.
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Special cachet:- Similar to above, but "Miami U.S.A." deleted and "Canal Zone" superimposed.

2 May 1931	Kingston	Barranquilla (Columbia)	P.A.A. Flight by F.A.M. 5.
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No special cachet.

29 June 1931	Salvador	Kingston	PAA Flight by F.A.M. 5.
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Special cachet:- in purple, 55 x 25 mm, "Primer Correo Aereo/El Salvador a/Jamaica/ 29 de Junio de 1931/San Salvador C.A."

15 July 1931	Montreal	Jamaica	Flight not completed.
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Special cachet:- in red of International Airmail Society and "Plane forced down/ at West Palm Beach, Fla., U.S.A.". Trans-Canada airline did not commence flights to West Indies until 1948.

JAMAICA:- (continued)

Date	From	To	Notes
8 Aug 1932	Kingston	Haiti, Dominican Republic, Porto Rico	First flight FAM 6.
Special Cachet:- in purple, 48 x 45 mm, "Air Mail/First Flight/Jamaica/Haiti - Dominiana - Porto Rico/August 8 1932."			
5 May 1936	Kingston	Lakehurst - Germany	Special Hindenburg Flight.
Special cachet:- Shield shaped in violet, "Lakehurst/Trans-Atlantic/First Hindenburg Flight/maps/1936/Frankfurt-am-Main".			
16 March 1938	Connection with first Bermuda - Baltimore flight by P.A.A. See Bermuda.		
1 June 1939	Kingston	New York and Europe.	First P.A.A. Flight via New York and "Southern Route" to Europe.
Special Cachet:- Oval, in blue, 55 x 38 mm, "First Transatlantic/Air Mail/ Jamaica to Europe/June 1, 1939".			
16 August 1943	Kingston	Miami	First K.L.M. Flight.
No special cachet.			
19 Aug 1943	Kingston	Curacao	First K.L.M. Flight.
No special cachet.			
18 Dec 1944	Kingston	Port of Spain	First B.W.I.A. Flight.
Special Cachet, in violet, "First Flight/December 18, 1944/Kingston - Port of Spain/British West Indian Airways/Ltd."			
5 Sept 1946	Kingston	London	First B.S.A.A. Flight via Bermuda and Azores.
Special Cachet:- in violet, 47 x 45 mm, "Air Mail/First Flight/Jamaica/London via Bermuda/Sept. 5, 1946/Via "Speedman"." (See Bermuda)			
20 Oct 1947	Kingston	Cayman Brac Grand Cayman	First Flight by Cayman Islands Airways.
No special cachet. Only 6 covers known, three addressed to Cayman Brac and three to Grand Cayman. Covers are postmarked Kingston, October 20th and Cayman Brac or Georgetown, Grand Cayman on the same day. There was no return flight. (See Cayman Islands.)			
2 Feb 1948	Kingston	Nassau and Miami	First B.S.A.A. Flight.
No special cachet			
3 June 1948	Kingston	Cayman Brac Grand Cayman	First Flight by Caribbean International Airlines.
No special cachet - (see Cayman Islands.)			
1 Aug 1948	Kingston	Caracas, Venezuela Houston, Texas	First Flights by CSAL.
Private cachet of Colorado and Southern Air Lines, Inc.			

1 Apr 1949	Kingston	Miami	First Flight British Caribbean Airways.
Special cachet:- in violet, 74 x 24 mm, "First Flight/British Caribbean Airways, Ltd./ Kingston, Ja - Miami, Fla/April 1, 1949".			
1 Apr 1950	Kingston	Miami	First B.W.I.A. Flight.
Special Cachet:- Oval in blue, 50 x 31 mm "First Flight/Kingston - Miami/ British West Indian/Airways/April 1st, 1950."			
2 Apr 1950	Kingston	Nassau-	First B.W.I.A. Flight.
Special cachet:- in blue, 73 x 45 mm, "British West Indian/Airways/Kingston - Nassau/ First Flight/April 2nd, 1950."			
8 Apr 1950	Kingston	London	Direct flight by BOAC.
Special cachet:- in blue, 73 x 36 mm "British Overseas Airways/Corporation/Kingston - London/First Flight/April 8th, 1950."			
12 Mar 1952	Kingston	Bermuda, Newfoundland, London	B.O.A.C. Stratocruiser.
No special cachet. (See Bermuda)			
11 Nov 1955	Kingston	Trinidad	First Viscount Flight.
No special cachet.			
17 Feb 1962	Quito Ecuador	Kingston	Avianca jet First Flight.
Special cachet:- in red, 45 x 50 mm, "Vuelo Inaugural en Aviones jet/Quito-Bogota/ New York/jet in flight/Enero 17 1962". Kingston was a stop over. Only 10 covers are thought to exist.			

Notes.

**MONTSERRAT:-** The only recorded flight from Montserrat has an interesting history.

In June 1930, arrangements were made by N.Y.R.B.A. for a special flight to be made from Antigua to Montserrat and return. The mail prepared at Plymouth, Montserrat, was postmarked and cacheted, but, at the last minute, a telegram was received from Antigua cancelling the flight on account of rough weather. In February 1931, some 8 months later, H.M.S. "Dorsetshire" called at Plymouth on a visit, and when she sailed, left behind her seaplane to follow on to Basseterre, St. Kitts. The flight was made on February 23rd, 1931. The dates on cover sent by this flight suggest that some addressed to other West Indian Islands may have been sent from St. Kitts by sea.

Date	From	To	Notes
20 June 1930	Montserrat	St. Kitts	See Above.

Special cachet:- in violet, 45 x 15 mm "First Air Mail/Montserrat."

Arrival dates on covers postmarked Montserrat 20 June 1930:

St. Kitts	23 Feb 1931.
Antigua	5 Mar 1931.
St. Lucia	26 Feb 1931.
Dominica	4 Mar 1931.
Trinidad	28 Feb 1931.
British Guiana	5 Mar 1931.

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**ST. KITTS:-** There is only one recorded flight

Date	From	To	Notes
22 Sep 1929	St. Kitts	points north	First extension of
	St. Kitts.	points south	FAM 6

Special Cachet:- in two lines, in black, "Air Mail/First Flight."

Notes.

ST. LUCIA:- St. Lucia, as with Antigua and Trinidad and Tobago, was included in the inaugural flights by P. A. A. when their F.A.M. 6 service to Porto Rico was extended to the Dutch West Indies in September 1929.

Date	From	To	Notes.
22 Sep 1929	Miami, etc. Castries	Castries ( Port of Spain ( British Guiana ( Dutch Guiana	First P.A.A. Flight.
Special Cachet:- Circular date stamp style - in black - 25 mm, "Castries/1st/Air Mail/ St. Lucia."			
Sep 26 1929	Castries	Northward to Antigua, Porto Rico, Miami, etc.	First return P.A.A. flight.
Special Cachet:- as above			
5 Oct 1929	Castries	Southward	This is the second flight.
Special cachet:- None. For the first time the spacial cachet inscribed "Castries/ 1st/ Air Mail/ St. Lucia", is seen with the 1st removed, and reading "Castries/Air Mail/St. Lucia." This altered cachet is found on St. Lucia air mail until the early 1930's.			
25 Feb 1930 No special cachet.	Castries	Northward to Miami, etc.	First N.Y.R.B.A. flight.
7 Mar 1930 No special cachet.	Antigua Castries	Castries Southward to Argentine	First Southwards flight by N.Y.R.B.A.
11 Nov 1930 No special cachet.	Castries	Cayenne, French Guiana	First extension south to French Guiana by PAA.
8 Jan 1931	Cayenne	Castries	First Northward flight.
Special cachet:- In two lines in black. "Premier Service Par Avion/Guyane Francaise, le 8 Janvier 1931."			
23 Mar 1943 No special cachet.	Castries	Port-of-Spain	? Experimental flight by B.W.I.A. First regular flight, see below.
18 Dec 1944 No special cachet. Has any member any further details of this flight?	Castries	Port-of-Spain	Flight originated in Jamaica.

Notes:-

ST. VINCENT:- Apart from the flight in July 1932, I have no record of any flights to or from St. Vincent.

In July 1932 (29th), a special flight was made from Port-of-Spain to St. Vincent and on to Barbados in a small plane, the "Humming Bird", by Mr. Michael Cipriani, a solicitor of Port-of-Spain. One mail bag of 240 letters was made up for St. Vincent and another for Barbados, (See Trinidad). Another mail of 100 letters was picked up in St. Vincent and flown to Barbados on the following day, (July 30th).

Date	From	To	Notes:-
29 July 1932	Trinidad	St. Vincent	See notes above.
30 July 1932	St. Vincent	Barbados	See Notes above.

No special cachets.

Notes.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO:- Trinidad and Tobago have been well served by the major air lines since the first mail-carrying flight by Pan American Airways in September 1929. There are records of flights preparatory to mail-carrying in 1920, 1921 and 1924, but there is no evidence of mail, even souvenir, being flown, prior to September 1929.

Date	From	To	Notes
20 Sep 1929	Miami	Trinidad	First Southward flight by P.A.A.
Special cachet:- In mauve, 80 x 57 mm, "First Flight/Seaplane and Barque/San Juan - Paramaribo." This cachet, irrespective of destination, was applied either at San Juan, Porto Rico or at Miami, Fla.			
22 Sep 1929	Trinidad	British Guiana Dutch Guiana	Continuation of Southward first PAA Flight.
No special cachet.			
25 Sep 1929-	Trinidad	St. Lucia, Antigua, Virgin Is., and Northward.	First Northward P.A.A. Flight.
No special cachet.			
19 Feb 1930	Argentina	Trinidad	First Northward flight, by N.Y.R.B.A.
Special cachet:- In magenta, 40 x 40 mm, "Argentina - Estados Unidos/NYRBA plane flying over building/Primer Correo Aereo de la NYRBA".			
24 Feb 1930	Trinidad	St. Lucia, Antigua, Virgin Is. and Northward.	First Flight NYRBA Northward.
Special Cachet:- None, but special sticker, in red on white, 42 x 15 mm, "First air mail from/Trinidad via NYRBA line."			
7 Mar 1930	Haiti, Antigua, St. Lucia	Trinidad	First Southward flight by N.Y.R.B.A.
Special cachet:- For Haiti only.			
7 Mar 1930	Trinidad	British Guiana, and So. America.	As Above.
Special cachet:- Sticker as above.			
8 Apr 1930	Trinidad	Barbados	Inter-Island flight by N.Y.R.B.A.
No special cachet. This was a special flight by NYRBA with seaplane "Cuba". Covers to the West Indian Islands are scarce. (See also Barbados, etc).			
8 May 1930	Trinidad	Tobago	Inter-Island flight by N.Y.R.B.A.
No special cachet, but NYRBA sticker.			
17 May 1930	Tobago	Trinidad	First return flight by N.Y.B.R.A.
No special cachet, but NYBRA sticker.			

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO:- (Continued).

Date	From	To	Notes
20 July 1930	Trinidad	Grenada	First Inter-Island Flight N.Y.R.B.A.
No special cachet. This was the last inaugural flight by N.Y.R.B.A. before the West Indies contract was lost to P.A.A. in August 1930.			
11 Nov 1930	Trinidad	Para, Brazil	P.A.A. Extension.
No special cachet.			
24 Nov 1930	Trinidad	Santos, Brazil	P.A.A. Extension.
No special cachet.			
2 Jan 1931	Trinidad	Jamaica	Vis Miami
No special cachet.			
8 Jan 1931	Cayenne, French Guiana	Trinidad	First Flight from Cayenne.
Special cachet:- in 2 lines, in black, "Premier Service par Avion/Guyace Francaise, le 8 Janvier 1931."			
9 Jan 1931	Trinidad	Venezuela	First Flight by French Company.
Special Cachet:-, in purple, 70 x 45 mm, "Compagnie General/Aeropostale/Trinidad - Venezuela/Airmail/First Flight/9th January 1931."			
10 Feb 1931	Trinidad	Maturin, Venezuela	"Completing the Lindbergh and Central America Circle. See below.
Special cachet:- in purple, 48 x 63 mm, "First Flight/Port-of-Spain - Maturin/Air Mail Routes FAM 6 and 5/PAA Symbol/Completing the Lindbergh Circle/Maturin, Venezuela."			
The "Lindbergh Circle" was in effect the joining of FAM 5 and 6 with the "Circle" starting at Miami, following the West Indian Islands to Trinidad, thence along the North coast of Venezuela to Central America, and thence to Cuba and Miami. Trinidad was the junction of the two routes. Cachet frequently applied irrespective of destination.			
12 Feb 1931	Canal Zone	Trinidad	Return Flight
Special Cachet:- In purple, 48 x 63 mm, "Completing the Lindbergh Circle/surrounding a map of the area/Canal Zone/to Trinidad/Feb 12-1931".			
2 Mar 1931	Cuba	Trinidad	First Camaguey stopover.
No special cachet.			
19 Aug 1931	Trinidad	Antigua, Porto Rico, etc.	Dornier DO-X flight.
Special cachet:- in purple, 63 x 48 mm, "DO-X/Special Flight/Pan American Airways/Co-operating Special/Agents/Trinidad to U.S.A. ."			
(See also Antigua)			
27 Oct 1931	Trinidad	Argentine	First through P.A.A. flight.
No special cachet.			

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO:- (Continued).

Date	From	To	Notes
4 Dec 1931	Nuevitas (Cuba)	Trinidad	First use of Nuevitos as stop-over.
Special cachet:- in blue, 63 x 75 mm "Republica de Cuba/Secretario de Comunicaciones/ Primer Vuelo/Correo Aereo/Seaplaná flying over Caribbean/Nuevitas, Camaguey/Induas Occidentales/America del Sur/Dic. 4, 1931."			
8 Dec 1931	Trinidad	Pedro de Macoria, Dom. Republic.	Change of stop-over
Nonspecial cachet.			
28 July 1932	Trinidad	St. Vincent Barbados	Special flight via St. Vincent by M. Cipriani.
No special cachet, (See St. Vincent).			
20 Mar 1935 Nospecial cachet	Trinidad	Martinique	First call by P.A.A.
26 Apr 1935 No special Cachet.	Guadelupe	Trinidad	First Call of P.A.A.
19 Oct 1938	Trinidad	Barbados	Trial flight by K.L.M.
Special cachet:- in violet, 75 x 25 mm, "First Airmail Flight/Trinidad-Barbados/by K.L.M. Royal Dutch Airlines." This was an experimental flight.			
4 Feb 1939 No special cachet.	Trinidad	Barbados	First regular flight by K.L.M.
4 Sept 1939 No special cachet.	Trinidad	Paramaribo Dutch Guiana	K.L.M. Service extended.
15 Dec 1939 No special cachet.	Trinidad	Venezuela	Extension by K.L.M.
7 Dec 1941	Trinidad	Bathurst (Gambia) Lagos (Nigeria) Leopoldville, (Congo)	First South Trans-Atlantic flight by P.A.A. (see Below).

Special cachets:- Official, in violet, 54 x 21 mm "First Flight/Trinidad - Bathurst/  
Lagos - Leopoldville."

P.A.A. Cachets:- all in violet, 63 x 48 mm, (Bathurst, 63 x 58 mm (Lagos),  
63 x 52 mm (Leopoldville) and all with First Flight Air Mail, map of flight, and  
suitable figures.

This route (FAM 22), was inaugurated the day before the outbreak of World War II  
between the U.S.A. and Japan. It originated in Miami on December 6th and thence to  
Porto Rico, Trinidad, Brazil and across the Atlantic to Gambia, Nigeria and the Congo. It  
was also used as a plane ferry service and for war supplies to the Middle East.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO:- (Continued).

Date	From	To	Notes
13 Dec 1944 No special cachet.	Trinidad	British Guiana	First B.W.I.A. Flight.
18 July 1946	Trinidad	New York	First direct flight by P. A. A.
Special cachet:- in violet, 50 x 22 mm, "First Flight/Pan American Airways/Trinidad - New York/ Direct."			
6 Apr 1950	Trinidad	Miami	First B.W.I.A. Flight.
Special cachet:- in violet, in five lines, "British West Indian Airways/First Flight/Trinidad, B. W. I./ Miami, U.S.A./ April 6, 1950."			
8 July 1950	Trinidad	New York	First Flight Strato-cruiser Flight, non-stop.
Special Cachet:- in blue, 75 x 38 mm "First Flight/Port-of-Spain - New York/ Pan American Airways/El Presidente". The flight originated in South America.			
15 Dec 1955 No special cachet.	Trinidad	Jamaica and Bahamas	First Viscount flight by B.W.I.A.
1 Jan 1956 No special cachet:-	Trinidad	Barbados and Bermuda	First B.W.I.A. Viscount flight.
28 Oct 1958 No special cachet. The flight originated in Caracas, Venezuela	Trinidad	Barbados and Bermuda.	First Britannia Jet-Prop flight. and finished in London.
8 Jan 1950 No special cachet	Trinidad	Bogota, Columbia.	Britannia flight extended to Columbia.
1 May 1960 Special Cachet:- in red, 48 x 28 mm, scalloped edge, "B. W. I. A./Links the Caribbean."	Trinidad	London	First B.W.I.A. Flight via Barbados and New York.
10 June 1961 Special cachet:- in green, "Boeing 707/BWIA/The airline of the Caribbean/winged lion/First Jet Mail/ from New York/to Trinidad".	New York	Trinidad and Barbados	First B.W.I.A. Boeing 707 Flight.
11 June 1961 No special cachet, but special envelope.	Trinidad	New York	Return BWIA Boeing 707 Flight

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TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS:-

Date	From	To	Notes
15 Mar 1956	Grand Turk	Nassau	? Viscount Flight.

Special cachet:- in 6 lines in violet, "First Flight/Bahamas Airways Ltd/Turk Island/  
to/Nassau,N.P.,Bahamas/March 15, 1956."

This is the only flight of which I have any record. Does any member have any further details of this and any other flights?

Notes.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS:-

I have not heard or seen of any first flights originating in the British Virgin Islands. Doubtless, they have been associated with the First Flights to and from the U. S.V. I., but I know of none franked with British Virgin Island stamps. Does any member have any information.

A I R M A I L S of the W E S T I N D I E S.

Supplement Number 1.

The following list of additions and corrections to the Brochure published in January 1964, by the Study Group, brings it nearer completion.

Information is still lacking on some of the Bahamas Airways flights, some of the B.W.I.A. flights and also of the Cayman Islands and first Leeward Islands Air Transport flights originating in Antigua and St. Kitts area. Any further help would be most appreciated.

I would like to thank the following members for their help in the various additions and corrections: Mr. Eddie Adelson, Mr. Everard Aguilar, Dr. Jack Arnell, Mr. Moreton Black, Mr. Dennis Cartwright, Mr. Reg Lant, Mr. Paul Larsen, Mr. Clint von Pohle, Mr. Gale Raymond and Mr. Ed Weinberg. I have also had considerable help from Mr. Harold Box and Mr. Rene Lectaud of the Trinidad Philatelic Society. Also from F. J. Field, Ltd.

As with the brochure, the measurements of the cachets, where present, are given as width by height. The colour of some of the cachets is difficult to describe, and some, which I have given as "black" may well be a dark or possibly "oxidized" purple.

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ANTIGUA -

Date	From	To	Notes
25 Feb 1930	Antigua	Porto Rico	First NYRBA flight
Special Cachet - In two lines, in black, "Air Mail/via Nyrbaline"			
1 July 1931	Salvador C.A.	Antigua	First P. A. A. flight.
Special Cachet - In red 55 x 25 mm "Primer Correo Aereo/El Salvador a/Antigua BWI. 19 Julio de 1931/San Salvador C.A." (See also British Guiana and Trinidad). Antigua cover backstamped 12 July 1931.			

BAHAMAS -

Feb 1929	Nassau	Miami & Northward	Sea and Air.
During this period both Bahamanian and U. S. stamps were affixed to letters. Correspondence traveled by sea to Miami and was thence flown by air.			
15 Apr 1929	St. Paul, Minn	Nassau	Experimental flight.
No special cachet. I would appreciate further information on this flight, arriving Nassau 22 April 1929.			
2 Jan 1930	Miami	Nassau	First P. A..A. Flight.
Some of these covers are also inscribed "Sikorsky Amphibia NC 9775" and signed by the pilot, Mr. C. A. Buhr.			
3 Dec 1930	Nassau	Jamaica	P. A. A. Flight
See Jamaica flight of Dec. 2, 1930			
29 June 1931	Salvador, C.A.	Nassau	First P. A. A. connection.
Special cachet - 54 x 24 mm, in blue, "Primer Correo Aereo/El Salvador a/ Islas Bahamas/29 de Junio de 1931/San Salvador C.A."			
Mar. 1934 - Mar 1937	Nassau	Miami and Northwards	Sea and Air.
Special cachet - In two lines, "By Air Mail/in United States only." See Feb. 1929 above.			
1940's	War time R.A.F. Airmails.		
T.R.D. inscribed "R.A.F. Station No. 111/Official Mail/Nassau, Bahamas". These are very rare.			
1942	Nassau	Europe	Inscribed "North Atlantic Ferry Service".
1944 - 45	Nassau	Europe	"Bomber Mail" Inscribed at top, "RAF Overseas".
2 Apr 1950	Kingston	Nassau	Cachet also in violet.

BAHAMAS - continued

Date	From	To	Notes
21 Feb 1957	New York	Nassau	First flight by P.A.A. direct to Nassau
Special Cachet - In five lines in green (city), in red (airfield) "First Air Mail Flight/ New York/Globe and Wing/Nassau/F.A.M. 5/Pan American World Airways".			
11 Dec. 1959 No special cachet.	New York	Nassau	First P.A.A. jet service.
30 Jan. 1960	New York	Nassau	First BOAC Comet 4 service.
Special Cachets - United Nations. (a) 50 x 33 in green-blue, "First Flight/BOAC Comet 4/ NEW YORK/ BAHAMAS"/ (b) in three lines in green, "BOAC/First Jet Service/ New York/ Nassau". United States as (a) above, but in purple.			
25 Mar 1961	West End, (Bahamas)	Miami	Bahamas Airways First Flight.
Special Cachet - None, but printed envelope inscribed, in blue, "Bahamas Airways/ Nassau Bahamas", and in 45 x 47 box, "First Flight Cover/Grand Bahama/to/The United States/March 25, 1961/carried by/Bahamas/Airways". Covers also are seen without the Bahamas Airways insignia and address at top.			
11 Apr 1961	New York	Nassau Lima Peru	First BOAC "707".
Special cachets - in red, or blue, (U.S.), in pale green, (U.N.) "BOAC/Jetliner Service/map showing route to New York - Bahamas - Lima and jet plane in flight/First/ Flight/New York/to Lima/Peru/April 11 1961".			
5 May 1962	(a) Miami (b) Nassau	Nassau Miami	Outward flight Return flight by Cunard Eagle Airways.
Special Cachet - (a) 57 x 57 mm. in black, "Cunard Eagle Airways/Jet Plane tail/Miami, vertically at left, Nassau, vertically at right/First Jet Air Service. (b) 51 x 37 mm., in pale green, with two Cunard Jet Engines, "Nassau, Bahamas/to/Miami, Florida/First Jet/Mail Service".			

BARBADOS -

Date	From	To	Notes
3 Dec 1949 No special cachet.	Barbados	Canada	First T.C.A. Flight.
16 Dec 1955 No special cachet.	Barbados	Porto Rico	First BWIA Vicount flight.
12 May 1957 - Under "Special Cachet, amend to read "in green (city), in red (airfield).			

BERMUDA -

Date	From	To	Notes
24 Sept 1939	Portugal Azores	Bermuda	First westward direct Flight.

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BERMUDA -

Special Cachet - Shield shaped, 50 x 64, in blue-green, "Primeiro Voo/Trans-Atlantico/ plane/Horta -Bermuda/coastal scenery/Horta,Faial,Acores". Hamilton was designated as a stop-over in late September 1939 in addition to or instead of Horta, Azores.

Date	From	To	Notes
10 Nov 1955 No special cachet.	Bermuda	London	First BWIA Flight.
16 June 1957	20th Anniversary Cachet, inscribed "20th Anniversary of the/ First Passenger Flights/between/Bermuda/and/The United States/1937 - 1957/Seaplane/Im- perial Airways/B.O.A.C./June 16th 1937/Clipper/Pan American Airways/ ? date", size 73 x 55 mm. On the only copy of this anniversary cachet shown me, the date of the P.A.A. flight is missing. Presumably this should be 17th March 1938. It is not known if this cachet was applied to air mail in Hamilton on either of these dates in 1957 or 1958.		
19 Sept 1958	Bermuda	Montreal	First Cunard Eagle Flight.
19 Mar 1959	Bermuda	Baltimore	First Cunard Eagle Flight.
Special Cachet - 80 x 65 mm., in red, "First Flight/Bermuda - Baltimore/March 19, 1959/ Eagle Airways/Super Viscount".			
19 Dec 1959 No special cachet. No authorized return flight covers.	New York	Bermuda	First PAA jet service.
5 May 1962	Bermuda	Miami	First Cunard Eagle jet Flight.
Special cachet - In five lines, in violet. "Cunard Eagle Airways/Cunard Eagle Airways/ Eagle Airways/Super Viscount" Bermuda,Limited / Bahamas Limited / Eagle Insignia/First Jet Mail Service/Hamilton,Bermuda to Miami,Florida"			

BRITISH GUIANA -

25 Dec 1929	Georgetown	Trinidad	Flight by Col. Lindbergh.
No special cachet. Note:- A well informed Trinidad collector states that this flight does not exist. Can any member give me any definite information. It is listed in F. J. Field's pamphlet.			
19 Feb 1930	South America	Georgetown	First Northward flight by N. Y. R. B. A.
Special cachets - Various from Argentina and Brazil. These covers are comparatively rare. Backstamped Georgetown 24 Feb 1930.			
1 July 1931	Salvador,C.A.	Georgetown	First PAA connection.
Special cachet - 54 x 24 mm. in red, "Primer Correo Aereo/El Salvador a/ Guayana Inglesa/ 19 de Julio de 1931/San Salvador,C.A." Backstamped Georgetown 15 July 1931			

BRITISH HONDURAS -

20 Nov. 1940	Belize	New Orleans	Short-cut Survey Flight by American Export Airlines.
No special cachet, but typewritten inscription "First Flight Cover, Belize, British Honduras to New Orleans. American Export Airlines Gulf of Mexico short cut route.			

GRENADA -

Date	From	To	Notes
16 Jan 1943	Grenada	Trinidad	First B.W.I.A. Flight.

Special Cachet?- I have no definite information about this flight. See Trinidad flight of the same date.

JAMAICA -

Dec. 3, 1930	Central America Canal Zone	Kingston	First Flight P.A.A.
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Special cachet - 46 x 64 mm. in purple "Air Mail First Flight/Map of Caribbean with plane flying over route/December 3 1930/Canal Zone to Miami/via Jamaica and Cienfuegos, Cuba". This is in addition to the cachet listed on the same date. Mail from several Central American countries was also sent by this flight, with various cachets.

2 Mar 1931	Cuba	Kingston	First Flight.
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Special Cachet - 86 x 55 mm., in dark blue, "Republica de Cuba/Admon Correos - Habana/Serviceo Aereo Internacional/Primer Vuelo".

29 June 1931	Salvador	Kingston	First PAA Connection
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Note - The cachet is also found in blue.

3 - Feb 1941	New York	Nassau, Kingston & Canal Zone	Survey flight by American Export Airlines Inc.
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This was a special survey flight undertaken in February 1941. The flight originated in New York on February 3rd, covers are backstamped Nassau Feb. 3, Kingston Feb. 4 and Cristobal Feb. 5. There was no special cachet, only 3 covers are said to exist.

16 Aug 1943	Curacao, D.W.I.	Kingston	K.L.M. Flight.
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Special cachet - 55 mm. circle in purple "Eerste Officeel Vluch/Map of West Indies/First Official Flight" and a six sided shield, 45 x 24 mm. "Curacao - U.S.A./ Willemstad - Aruba - Haiti/Jamaica - Cuba/Miami, Florida? K.L.M. Shield.

1 Aug 1948	Kingston	Caracas, Venezuela and Houston Texas	
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Note the first southward flight was made on July 31 and the Northward flight Aug. 1st. The name of the airline should read "Chicago and Southern Airlines Inc." and not "Colorado and Southern Airlines, Ind."

26 Apr 1953	Bogota, Columbia	Montego Bay	First Flight by Avianca.
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Special cachet - In four lines in violet, "Primer Vuelo regular de/"Avianca"/Columbia - Montego Bay/Abril 26 de 1953".

5 June 1954	Havana, Cuba	Kingston	First Flight by Cuban air line.
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Special cachet - Oval, 60 x 38 mm., in black, "Republica de Cuba/Correos/Primer Vuelo/Habana - Kingston/ Junio 5, 1954/ Compana Cubana/de Aviacion S.A."

11 Dec 1959	New York	Montego Bay	First PAA Jet Flight.
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No special cachet - the service was discontinued after 10 days and resumed in April 1960.

30 Jan 1960                      New York                      Montego Bay                      First BOAC Comet Flight.

Special cachet - U. N. Insignia and 3 lines in green, "BOAC/ First Jet Service/New York - Montego Bay."

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO \*

Date	From	To	Notes.
21 Sep. 1929	Haiti	Porto Rico, Trinidad	First P.A.A. Flight
Special cachet - 45 double line circle, in dark blue, "Premier Vol" (Haiti.) Cachet as for 20th applied at Porto Rico			
4 Sep 1930	Trinidad	Cuidad Bolivar, Venezuela.	Experimental flight, Campagne General Aeropostale
No special cachet.			
7 Jan 1931	Caracas Venezuela	Trinidad	Reverse "Lindbergh Circle" Flight
No special cachet.			
1 July 1931	Salvador, C.A.	Trinidad	First P.A.A. Connection.
Special cachet - 55 x 25 mm, in red, "Primer Correo Aereo/El Salvador a/Trinidad/19 de Julio de 1931/San Salvador C.A." Backstamped Port-of-Spain, July 6th.			
25 Nov 1940	Trinidad	Tobago	First BWIA Flight
No special cachet.			
27 Nov 1940	Trinidad	Barbados	First BWIA Flight
No special cachet.			
16 Jan 1943	Trinidad	Grenada	First BWIA Flight
No special cachet.			
14 Dec 1944	Trinidad	Kingston	First BWIA Flight.
Special cachet - 52 x 21 mm. in violet "First Flight/BWI Airways/Trinidad - Jamaica".			

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

29 June 1946                      South Caicos                      Kingston                      Survey flight by BWIA

No special cachet. Only three covers are known to exist.

VIRGIN ISLANDS -

Mr. Gale Raymond advises me that there are to be inaugural first flights to and from Virgin Gorda. Enquiries locally in the Virgin Islands have not produced any information.