

# THE EARLY DEVELOPMENT OF AIR TRANSPORT 18 February 1911 – First India Aerial Post

The September 1911 UK aerial post was thought to be the earliest flown mail received in Jamaica, however, the following covers from India predate it. They appeared in the Kelleher Auctions Sale No. 637 of 10-12 June 2013.

They bear registration numbers 101, 104 and 105, which may imply that 102 and 103 may also exist.

First aerial post U.P Exhibition, Allahabad, registered cover to Cave Valley, Jamaica, adhesive (different) tied by one of two strikes of the special magenta handstamp (3<sup>rd</sup> strike on reverse), oval 'Jamaica / Registered / Mr 23 / 11'. Backstamped 'Allahabad 18 FE 11' cds along with London transit and Cave Valley, Jamaica receiver (Mar 25).





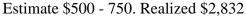
Estimate \$600 - 800. Realized \$4,720





Estimate \$500 - 750. Realized \$2,360





# 9 September 1911 - First UK Aerial Post

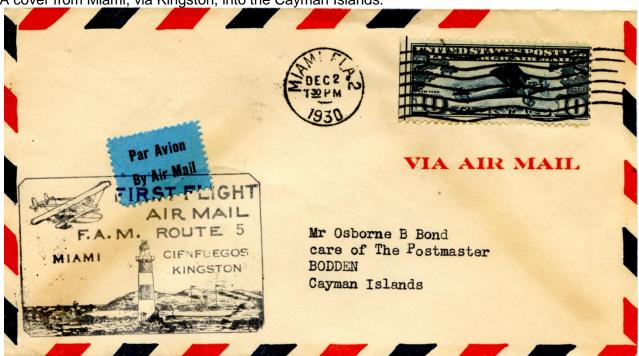
The other known cover from this flight, dated 9 September, is shown below.



## **ESTABLISHMEMENT OF THE FIRST DIRECT MAIL SERVICE**

# 3 December 1930 – The First Inward Airmail by Pan American (from the North)

A cover from Miami, via Kingston, into the Cayman Islands.





# 3 December 1930 - The First Inward Airmail by Pan American (from the South)

A cover from the Canal Zone, via Kingston, into the Cayman Islands.

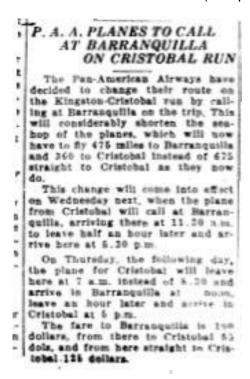




#### 1931 TO 1938 THE EVOLUTION OF PAN AM

#### 1 May 1931 - First Flight, Kingston to Barranquila, Colombia

Darryl Fuller in the BCPJ of January 2014 identified an additional cover for this service and an announcement in the Gleaner (25 April 1931).



The article states that the new route will commence inbound on Wednesday 29 April and outbound on 30 April and explains the route (Jamaica-Barranquila-Cristobal).

The cover illustrated in the Encyclopaedia is dated 30 April and receiver of 2 May. The Fuller cover below is dated 1 May with receiver 2 May.





## OTHER AIRLINES - PRE-WAR AND WORLD WAR TWO

# 12 May 1936 Delag Zeppelin

The following cover adds to the list of those identified.



#### **REGIONAL AIRLINES AND DEPENDENCIES**

## **Cayman Islands**

# 18/20 October 1947 Cayman Brac to Jamaica, not Flown

Tom Giraldi discovered this cover postmarked 17 October 1947, one day earlier than previously recorded. Sent to RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company, for the most part these FF's have sent to stamp collectors. 'AIR MAIL' handstamps are Giraldi: Brac Type 2.

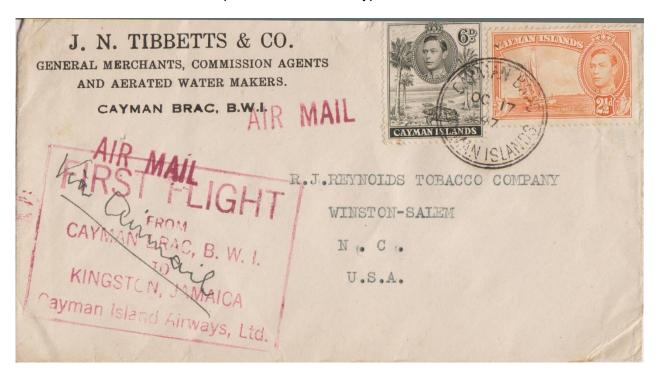


Figure 7.29
The image published was incorrect, it should have been:



3 November 1947, Jamaica to Cayman Brac

## **POST WORLD WAR TWO**

## **British Airways**

# 20 December 1981 UK, Canada, New York, Jamaica, New York

Not a Jamaica cover but description explains the Jamaica connection.

