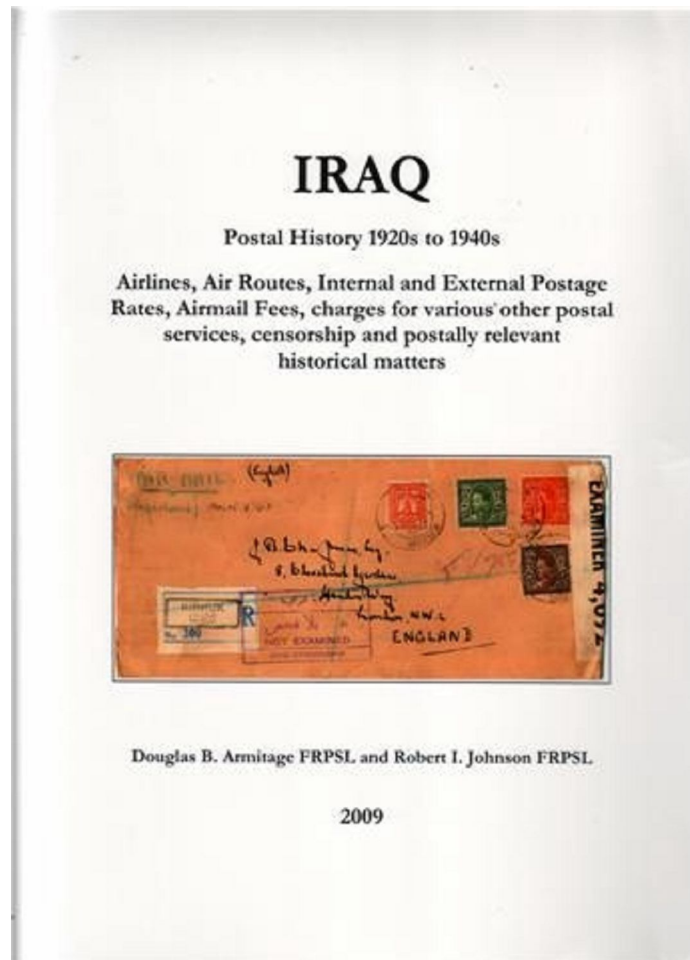


THE STUART ROSSITER TRUST

The Trust is pleased to announce the publication of the following book
in a laminated cover:



IRAQ POSTAL HISTORY 1920s to 1940s

Airlines, Air Routes, Internal and External Postage Rates, Airmail Fees, charges for various other postal services, censorship and postally relevant historical matters

by **DOUGLAS ARMITAGE** and **ROBERT JOHNSON**

The main purpose of this book is to make sense of the airmail fees charged on airmail sent from Iraq to all other countries of the world in the period 1933 to 1946. Extensive tables are set out on 178 pages of this 328 page book.

The problem that the authors identified was a total lack of information about many of the air fees and changes to them especially in the period of the Second World War. The availability of original postal information in the English version of the many successive issues of the Iraqi Government Gazette was the clue.

Iraq was a country like Italy which continued to charge air fees in addition to surface postage long after countries such as the United Kingdom converted to combined air and surface rates. It became apparent at an early stage of writing the tables that all the other postal rates and fees, internal and external would have to be included in order that calculations of postage rates seen on covers could be accomplished.

It was also evident that to put these air fees and postal rates and fees into context a reader would need narratives which described the involvement of various airlines in providing air services

to and from Iraq as air routes to the Far East, Africa, the Americas and Australia and New Zealand were developed. Inevitably references to the position in the 1920's became essential and much detail of the 1920's is in fact included both in the narrative and in the supporting tables.

The best way to indicate the comprehensive coverage of this book is to look through the Contents pages of the book which are reproduced after the pricing information.

Please send your orders to

Richard Wheatley, 7 Manor Croft, Leeds, LS15 9BW email: arewhyuu@talktalk.net

Payment by:

- £ sterling cheques payable to Stuart Rossiter Trust
 - US dollar cheques drawn on a US bank payable to David Tett or Paypal [plus 4% for charges] to davidtett@aol.com
- No other foreign cheques can be accepted due to high bank charges.

Other distributors:

Vera Trinder, 38 Bedford Street, London WC2E 9EU, UK
Leonard Hartmann, PO Box 36006, Louisville, Kentucky 40233, USA

CONTENTS

Preface and Acknowledgments

Introduction	1
Illustrations	1
General remarks from contemporary publications	1
General information: currency, weights, communications	3
Town Names	4
Location of Post Offices	4
Postage stamp issues	6
Airmail Labels	7
Introduction to the history of Iraq so far as it is relevant to an understanding of the postal history of Iraq.	8

Index to maps

General

General outline of Iraq with main towns, cities and adjacent countries	5
RAF Baghdad Cairo route	
Route of the RAF Baghdad to Cairo airmail service in the 1920s	30
Air France routes	
Air France route to Indo China	54
Air France services around the Mediterranean	55
Deutsche Lufthansa (DLH) routes	
DLH 1938 route from Berlin to Kabul via Baghdad and Teheran.	50
DLH 1938 summer and winter routes from Berlin to Kabul via Baghdad and Teheran.	51
Imperial Airways routes	
Imperial Airways route to the Far East and Australia.	40
Horseshoe Route	
The route from Great Britain to Sydney (Australia) via Durban, South Africa.	13
The principle air routes in Africa in WWII including the route to West Africa	15
KLM Near and Far East Routes	
KLM Routes to and from the Dutch East Indies from Naples.	45
Pacific Routes	
Route of FAM 14 San Francisco to Rangoon via Manila, Hong Kong and China.	17
Route of FAM 14 after it was extended from Manila to Singapore on 3 May 1941	19
Route of FAM 19 from Honolulu (Hawaii) to Auckland (New Zealand)	19

Part 1

Routes of surface mail transportation and the transition to airmail transportation	9
The route to European countries and to the American continents	9
The Overland Route to countries in the Near East and to the Mediterranean and beyond	9
The route to Africa	10
The route to Egypt, the Persian Gulf, India, Singapore, the Far East and beyond	10
The war years 1939-1945	11
The Empire Airmail Scheme	12
The 'Horseshoe' route via Durban and beyond	13
The route across Africa to Lagos and beyond	14
The Transpacific route	17
American mail routes to Iraq	20
The role of the Universal Postal Union in dealing with airmail costs and accounting arrangements	21

Part 2

Airlines used in the movement of airmails to and from Iraq	30
First Section - The Royal Air Force	30

Second Section - Imperial Airways	34
Third Section – KLM	45
Fourth Section - Deutsche Lufthansa (DLH)	49
Fifth Section - Air France	53
Sixth Section - MISR Airlines	58
Seventh Section - Iranian State Air Service	60
Eighth Section - Iraqi Airways	64
Ninth Section – TWA	64
Tenth section - Cyprus Airways.	65
Eleventh Section - Airlines known to have flown into Iraq.	65
Ala Littoria	65
Twelfth Section - Airlines known to have carried Iraqi mails for part of the movement of airmails.	65
Pan American Airways (PAA)	65
Part 3	
Internal and External, surface and airmail postage rates including overland 1922 to 1932.	66
Part 4	
Internal and External surface postage rates including various fees 1932 – 1950 (Including internal airmail rates)	74
Internal Postage Rates (Including Mail to Kuwait)	74
Internal letter rates	74
Internal letters for local delivery	75
Internal postcard rates.	76
Internal postcards for local delivery	76
Internal printed papers rates.	77
Registered newspapers and books posted by editors and publishers	77
Blind literature packets	77
Miscellaneous fees for internal services	77
Registration fees	77
Express fees	78
Advice of delivery fees and Certificates of posting	78
Enquiry in respect of a registered or insured article	78
Insurance fees and Customs clearance fees	78
Underpaid postage charges	78
Late fees	78
Parcel postage	79
Internal redirection fees for parcels	79
Postal fee on dutiable articles including parcels	79
External Postage Rates	79
External surface letter rates	79
External surface postcard rates	80
External surface printed papers rates	80
External commercial papers rates	81
External pattern and sample rates	81
External blind literature packet rates	82
Overland mail	82
Miscellaneous fees for external services	82
Registration fees	82
Express fees	82
Advice of delivery fees	82
Certificates of posting	83
Enquiry in respect of a registered or insured article	83
Insurance fees and Customs clearance fees	83

Internal redirection fees	83
International reply paid coupons	83
Underpaid postage on mail received from abroad (except parcels)	83
Posting fee/Delivery fee cash on delivery parcels	83
Enquiry fee cash on delivery parcels	83
Late fees – General	83
Late fees on Airmails to South Africa	84
Late fees on Airmails to Dutch East Indies	85
Late fees on Airmails to Sudan-Nigeria	85
Postal Stationery	85
Part 5	
Airmail postage rates 1932 – 1950	86
Notes	86
Symbols	86
Definitions and Explanations	86
Airmail	86
Airfee	86
Rates general	86
Extent of the rates in the tables	87
Additional rates	87
No data given for the commencement of a rate	87
Unpublished rates	87
Rates not in tables	87
Weight steps	89
Printed matter airfee rates	89
Postcard rates following the reduction in the weight step to 5g on 10 August 1940	90
Countries not listed specifically in Iraqi Postal Notices (called <i>Notice</i> or <i>Notices</i> in this book)	90
Countries in Africa	90
Africa - New air rate to Alexandria 1 October 1939	90
Combined postage and airfee on Airmail correspondence carried by Imperial Airways – In operation from 4 December 1933 to 30 August 1935	91
1. Specific countries detailed in the <i>Notice</i>	91
2. General Areas detailed in the <i>Notice</i> - a. Europe, b. America and c. West Africa	91
Other Islands in the Western Pacific – <i>Notices</i> of 5 May 1935 and 1 October 1939	92
Alternative Routes with different rates listed in the 1 October 1939 <i>Notice</i>	92
Airmail Rates to Straits Settlements, Malaya, Singapore and Malaya States 1939 and 1941	92
Air Mail letter cards carried by DLH in 1937	93
Air Mail letter cards after 1941	93
Horseshoe Route – 12 June 1940 – Air to South Africa thence by sea	93
Air Mail correspondence after 10 September 1943	94
Surface rate change 1 November 1949	94
Times of Posting at various offices	94
Laws and Regulations of Iraq 1929 to 1931	94
Gazettes and Postal Notices	94
List of <i>Postal Notices</i> seen by the Authors	94
List of Iraq Government <i>Gazettes</i> published weekly	94
Notes of significant information extracted from the <i>Gazettes</i>	96
Listing of Countries	107
Listing of Groups of Countries and Countries as they appear in the Iraq <i>Postal Notices</i> , together with a listing of countries which do not so appear	107
General areas listed in the <i>Notices</i>	107
Individual countries specifically named in the <i>Notices</i>	107
List of countries not appearing in the <i>Notices</i>	110
Airmail fees	113
General	113
Airline Routes and copy of the information contained in the 5 May 1935 <i>Notice</i>	113

Tables of postage rates and airfees for Iraq then Countries grouped geographically together followed by individual foreign countries from 1 April 1932	117
Iraq Inland	117
Country Groups	118
Individual Countries A to Z	123
Part 6	
Postage Due Information	295
Introduction	295
Illustrations	295
Hand stamps on unpaid and underpaid mail	295
Internal mail and Mail to Iraq	295
Mail out of Iraq	296
Baghdad Dead Letter Office	299
Part 7	
Miscellaneous	301
Postal Stationery of Iraq	301
Registration Labels	302
Official mail	303
Postage stamps used for revenue purposes	303
Information regarding the UPU status of Iraq	304
Surface mail and travellers' routes	304
Information concerning letters from Iraq partially by air and partially by surface routes	304
Information regarding airmail from Great Britain to Iraq and British postal rates to Iraq	309
Surface rates for letters	309
Airmail fees for letters and postcards	310
Information regarding French airmail fees to Iraq	311
Surface rates	311
Airmail fees	312
Information regarding Italian airmail fees to Iraq	312
Surface rates	312
Airmail fees for letters and postcards	312
Information regarding USA airmail fees to Iraq	313
Surface rates	313
Airmail fees or combined postage	313
Information regarding Egyptian airmail fees to Iraq	314
Surface and airfees	314
Information regarding Belgian airmail fees to Iraq	316
Surface and airfees	316
Part 8	
Military and Censorship information for Iraq in WWII	318
General	318
Illustrations	318
Hand stamps seen on covers	318
Army Censor hand stamps (Indian forces) used in Iraq	318
Army Post Office hand stamps (Indian forces) used in Iraq	319
Field Post Offices	319
Base Post Office	319
Deputy Chief Field Censor hand stamp	319
British Forces	320
Field Post Office	320
Censor hand stamp	320
RAF Censor hand stamps and resealing strip used in Iraq	320
RAF Iraq Censor hand stamps	320
Iraq Censor Hand stamps on civilian mails	322

Iraq Censor Re-sealing strips used on civilian mails 324

Part 9

Sources of information and bibliography 325

General books on Iraq 325

General books on airmail and airlines 325

Official Iraq *Postal Notices* and information 325

Sources derived from airlines' archives 325

Books, Official publications and Journals dealing with postal rates, airmail routes and other postal information before and during the period covered by the book 325

Web Sites 327

Censorship 328