10.1) AIRMAIL POSTAGE STAMPS

With aviation developments postal authorities considered flying the mails. Initially flights were unofficial. Many countries issued special airmail stamps to publicize their new airmail routes in the 1920's and 1930's.

Both stamps issued for airmail and stamps specially surcharged for airmail were issued.

The first adhesive stamp designated for any regular air service was issued in Italy. Express stamp of 1903 overprinted.

1917 Italy



1920 Danzig overprinted for airmail usage.



Germany issue overprinted Danzig with biplane and 40pf surcharge

1926 USA airmail



1928 Canada airmail



1930 France airmail



1931 Newfoundland airmail



Boeing model 16/OH-4M aircraft

Fairchild FC-2W aircraft

1919 Germany airmail

Farman F1909 aircraft

Vickers Vimy aircraft

1923 Estonia airmail

1920 issue overprinted for airmail usage



Issue of 1920 overprinted '1923'

VIIS MARKA

Issue of 1920 overprinted '1923'

with '15m' surcharge

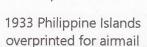
LVG Schneider biplane



Perforated



Imperforated





Overprinted AIR MAIL on wings

1946 Monaco overprinted for airmail usage



Overprinted Poste Aerienne and biplane



Belgium Slogan Cancellation promoting making use of airmail. With SABENA (airline) on aircraft.

1929 definitive issue 35c postcard airmail rate







10.2) AIRMAIL ETIQUETTES

An airmail etiquette normally available free of charge from post offices are labels used to indicate that a letter is to be sent by airmail and are just instructions to postal clerks, and have no monetary value, Many are privately produced. The usual design is a plain blue oblong, with the phrases "AIR MAIL" and/or "PAR AVION" in white letters.