

10) MAIL CARRIED BY AIR

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.

1920 Danzig overprinted for airmail usage.

1917 Italy



Germany issue overprinted Danzig with biplane and 40pf surcharge

1926 USA airmail



Boeing model 16/OH-4M aircraft

1928 Canada airmail



Fairchild FC-2W aircraft

1930 France airmail



Farman F1909 aircraft

1931 Newfoundland airmail



Vickers Vimy aircraft

1923 Estonia airmail

1920 issue overprinted for airmail usage



Issue of 1920 overprinted '1923'

1919 Germany airmail



Perforated



Imperforated

1946 Monaco overprinted for airmail usage



Overprinted Poste Aerie and biplane



Issue of 1920 overprinted '1923' with '15m' surcharge

LVG Schneider biplane

1933 Philippine Islands overprinted for airmail



Overprinted AIR MAIL on wings



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.

