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## The Giant Flying Boat "CALCUTTA"

Continues Service for a further Week!

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OCTOBER 1st-6th inclusive BELFAST/LIVERPOOL.

Out.	Depart	ALBERT SQUARE, BELFAST	...	...	9-30 a.m.
	"	No. 3 QUAY, BELFAST	...	...	9-45 a.m.
	"	MUSGRAVE CHANNEL	...	...	10-0 a.m.
	Arrive	LIVERPOOL MOORINGS	...	...	11-45 a.m.
	"	ROCK FERRY PIER	...	...	12 noon
Home.	Depart	ROCK FERRY PIER	...	...	2-45 p.m.
	"	LIVERPOOL MOORINGS	...	...	3-0 p.m.
	Arrive	MUSGRAVE CHANNEL	...	...	4-45 p.m.
	"	No. 3 QUAY, BELFAST	...	...	5-0 p.m.
	"	ALBERT SQUARE, BELFAST	...	...	5-15 p.m.

Single Fare **£3 10s. Od.** Return Fare **£6 10s. Od.**

The "CALCUTTA."



The latest addition to Imperial Airways' Fleet—one of three similar craft now on order, and destined to operate long-distance Empire sea routes, is illustrated here. Constructed entirely of metal, the "Calcutta" has a wing-span of 93 feet, equal in width to an Atlantic liner—and has a remarkably roomy cabin, accommodating 15 passengers. A steward has charge of a fully-equipped buffet, and provision has been made to instal oil-cookers and serve hot meals en route.

Each armchair seat is upholstered with pneumatic cushions, and has a head-rest adjustable to individual requirements. A small folding metal table is provided for each passenger.

The cabin is decorated in royal blue and white, and the roof is lined with buff felt, giving an effect of softness and comfort and preventing the metal from "drumming."

Power is supplied by three Bristol "Jupiter" engines, with geared propeller shafts, and fitted with silencers. The total horse-power exceeds 1,300.

Even when in flight, conversation is easily carried out in the cabin, and no great effort is required to converse over a distance of several feet. The steadiness and comfort of the craft evoke the admiration of all who travel in her and can appreciate the enormous advance in passenger-carrying aircraft that she represents.

**LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL**

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24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT TO 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 1928

**Belfast and Liverpool  
Experimental Mail Flights.**

**1<sup>ST</sup> England-Ireland Service**  
BELFAST  
150 miles  
Irish Sea  
DUBLIN  
Liverpool Civic Week

(TYPE OF UNOFFICIAL CACHET USED)

150 MILES

IRISH SEA

ISLE OF MAN

ANGLESEY

LIVERPOOL

DUBLIN

(ANOTHER TYPE OF UNOFFICIAL CACHET)  
LIVERPOOL CIVIC WEEK  
September 24-29 1928  
EXPERIMENTAL AIRMAIL  
TO BELFAST.

(OFFICIAL CACHET USED  
OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> AND LATER.)  
**NO FLIGHT**

FIRST ATTEMPT, FROM BELFAST ONLY, 2ND. MAY 1924. FIRST SERVICE DAILY EACH WAY FROM 24 TO 27 SEPT, 1928; AGAIN SEPT. 29 AND 4 OCT. ON LAST DATE 35 FREE STATE LETTERS, BY RAIL FROM DUBLIN WERE INCLUDED. COVERS EXIST WITH AND WITHOUT ONE OF TWO LARGER CACHETS: SOME WITH PILOT'S AUTOGRAPH.

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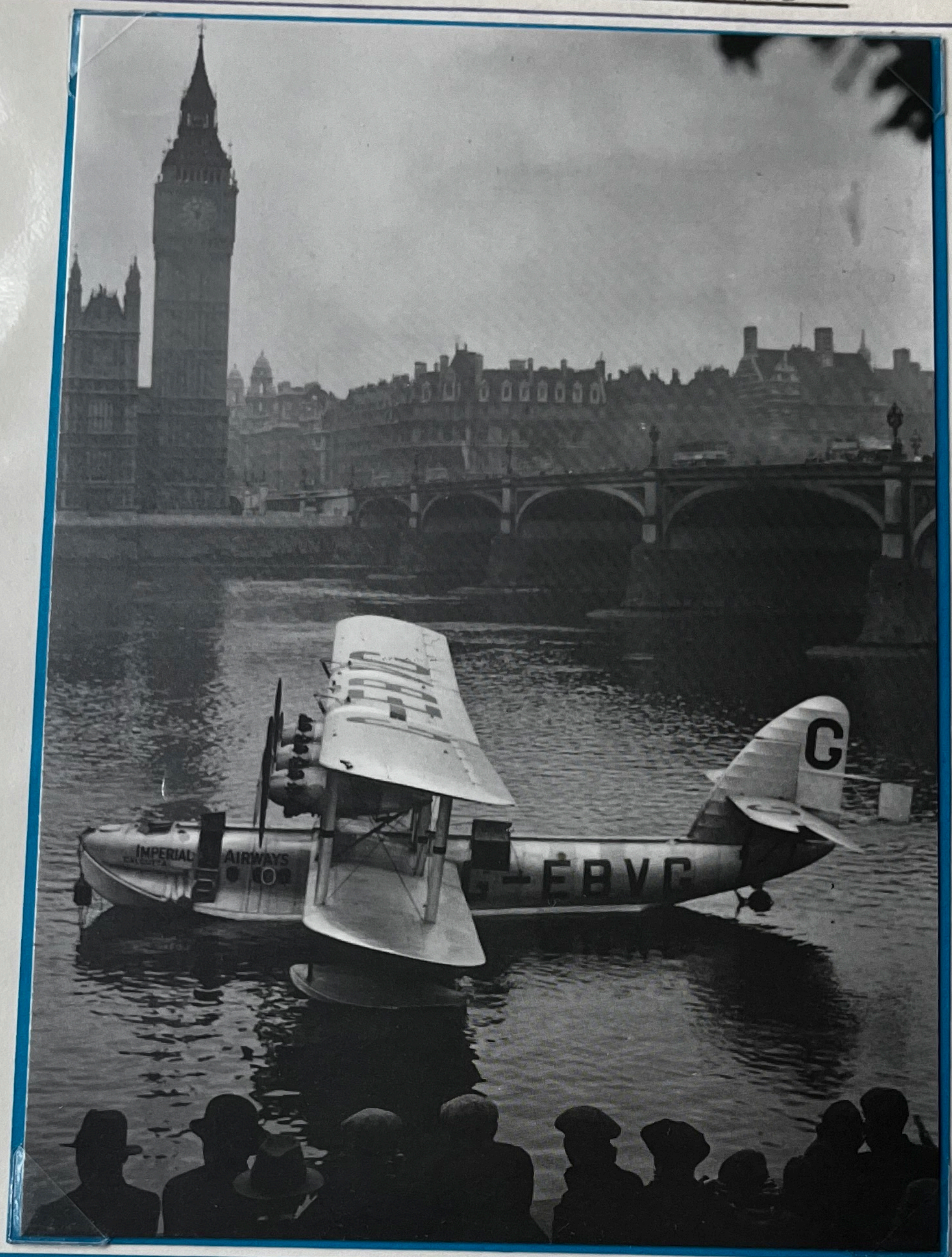
FRANCIS. FIELD: SPECIAL BLUE FOLDER WITH FLOWN COVER.

COVER FLOWN FIRST DAY LIVERPOOL-BELFAST PILOT SIGNED

LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL

270

24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT TO 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 1928

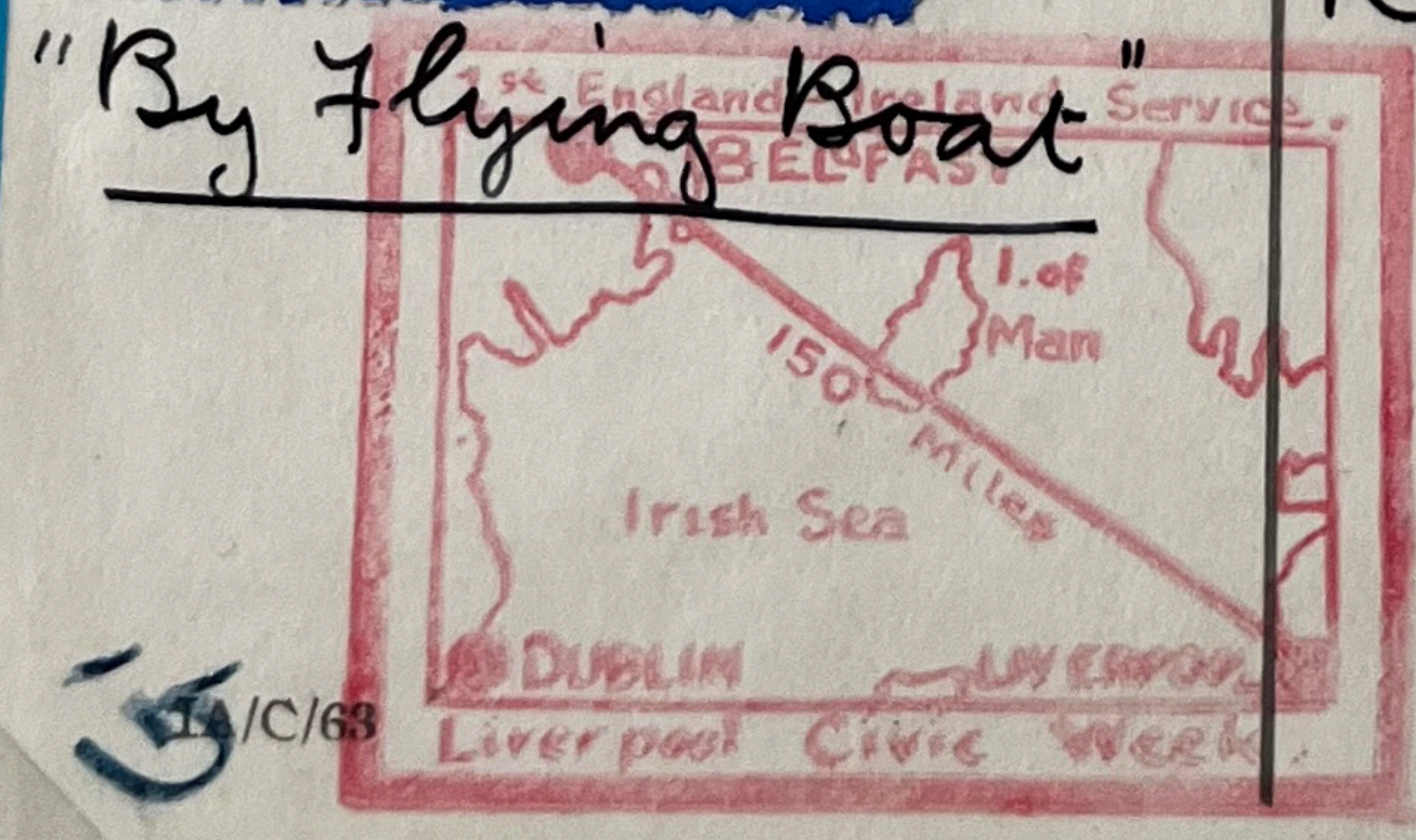


TYPE OF AIRCRAFT USED:-  
THE SHORT "CALCUTTA"  
LEASED FROM IMPERIAL  
AIRWAYS WITH CREW

BCM/FF75

**THE SHORT "CALCUTTA"**  
 Britain's first all metal commercial flying boat was built for operating the long sea links of the Imperial Airways Empire Air Routes. It is fitted with three Bristol "Jupiter" air cooled radial engines, developing a total of 1450 H.P., is 64 ft. 9 inches long, has a wing span of 93 feet and accommodation in the cabin for fifteen passengers and steward, who serves refreshment during flight.

**BY AIR MAIL**  
 P25



POST CARD  
 LIVERPOOL  
 8:45 AM  
 20  
 TWO

Ronald A. King Esq.  
 9, Seymour St  
 Lisburn Ac<sup>3</sup>  
 N. Ireland

FRANCIS FIELD COVER :- FLOWN ON FIRST DAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT LIVERPOOL - BELFAST.

LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL

E 10 EACH

24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT TO 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 1928



LIVERPOOL - BELFAST 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 1<sup>ST</sup> FLIGHT B/S LISBURN

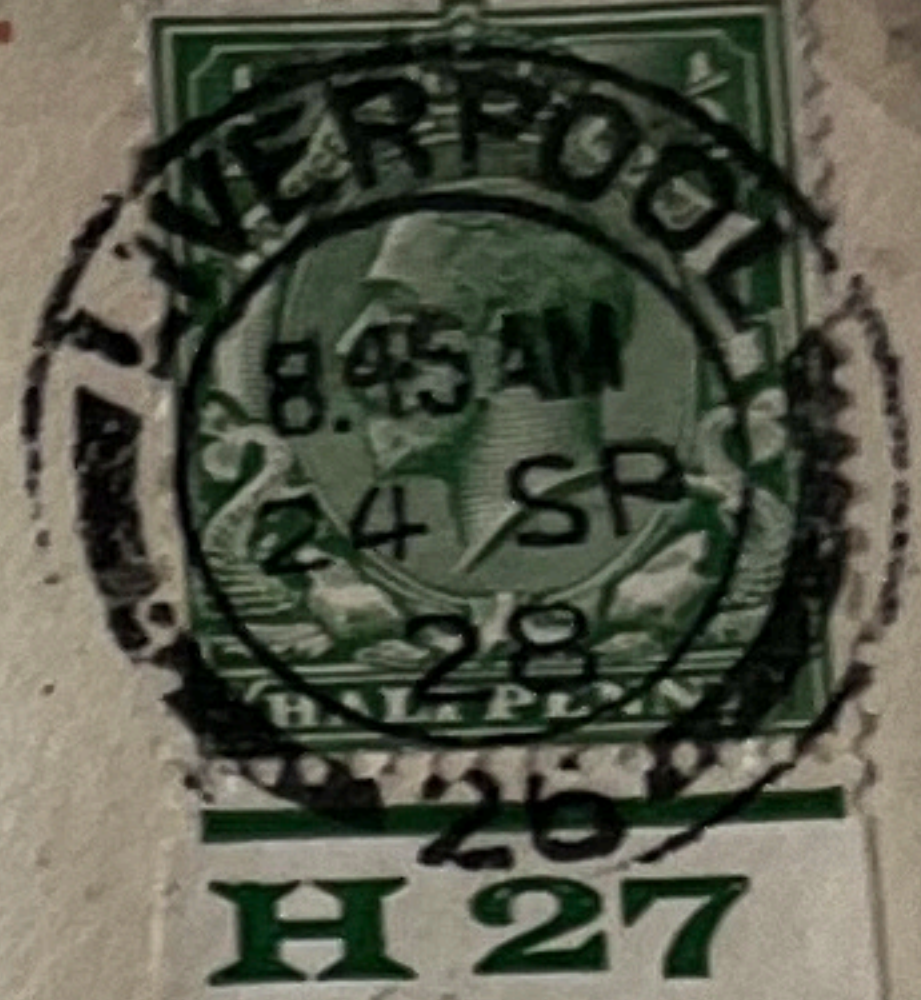
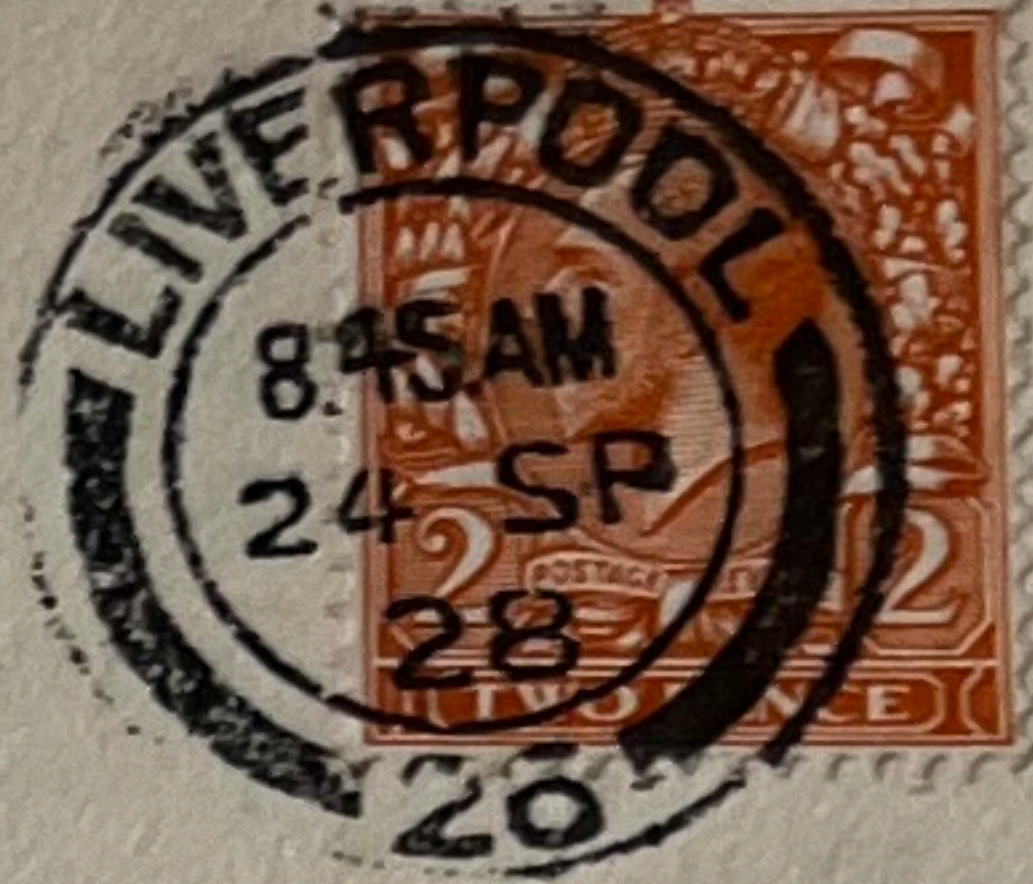


LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL

£10 500

24<sup>th</sup> SEPT to 4<sup>th</sup> OCT 1928

BY AIR MAIL  
PAR AVION



L. MARSHALL,

CHADWELL HEATH.

BY FLYING BOAT "CALCUTTA".

Liverpool - Belfast.  
Sept 24th 1928.

BY FLYING BOAT, LIVERPOOL-BELFAST

BY AIR MAIL  
PAR AVION



Mr. W. E. Hughes,  
Poste Restante,  
G.P.O.  
BELFAST.



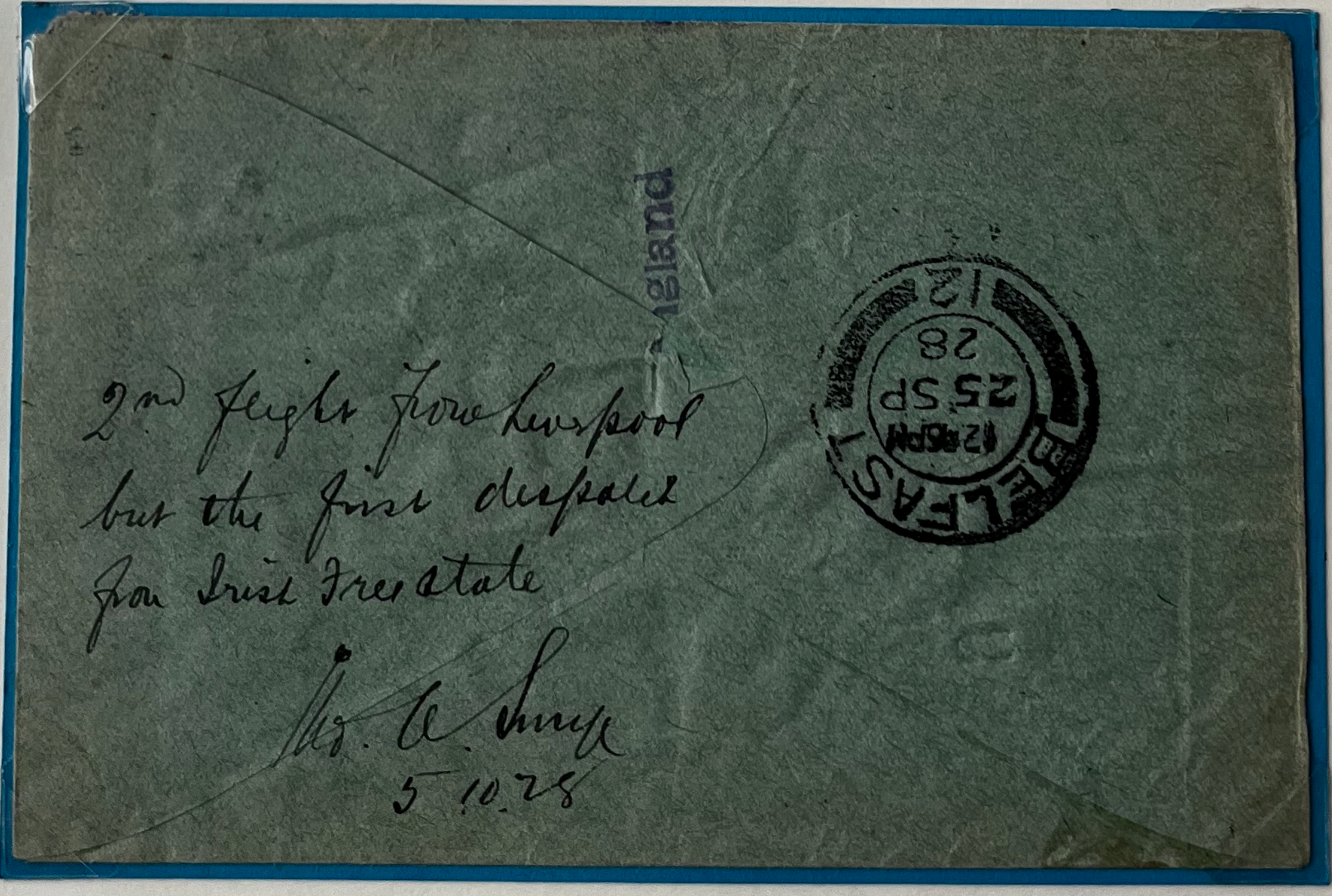
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24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT TO 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 1928



LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL

24TH SEPT TO 4TH OCT 1928



TWO:- PART SMYE COVERS POSTED DUBLIN 24TH

TO LIVERPOOL THEN FLOWN TO BELFAST 26TH SEPT

LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL

24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT to 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 1928



Two:- CAPT SMYE COVERS FLOWN FIRST DAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT.

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LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL

24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT TO 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 1928



REG MARK 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 1928 FLOWN BELFAST TO LIVERPOOL



PILOT SIGNED COVER 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 1928 FLOWN BELFAST - LIVERPOOL


LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL

220

24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT TO 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 1928

**BY AIR MAIL**  
PAR AVION

**BY FLYING BOAT**



**LIVERPOOL CIVIC WEEK**  
(SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> TO 29<sup>TH</sup>, 1928)

**EXPERIMENTAL AIR MAIL**  
LIVERPOOL-BELFAST-LIVERPOOL

CARRIED BY THE FLYING BOAT  
"CALCUTTA"  
SIMILAR TO THE MACHINE IN  
WHICH SIR ALAN COBHAM MADE  
THE FIRST FLIGHT ROUND AFRICA

**LIVERPOOL** 8.45 AM  
24 SEP 28  
ONE PENNY

**LIVERPOOL** 8.45 AM  
24 SEP 28  
THREE HALFPENNY

Mr. JOHN S. DAVIS,  
Poste Restante,  
BELFAST.

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LIVERPOOL.

EXPERIMENTAL AIRMAIL  
BELFAST - LIVERPOOL  
SEPTEMBER 24-29 1928

Two: JOHN S. DAVIS COVERS FLOWN FIRST DAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT

LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL

24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT to 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 1928

570

**BY AIR MAIL**  
PAR AVION

**BY FLYING BOAT**



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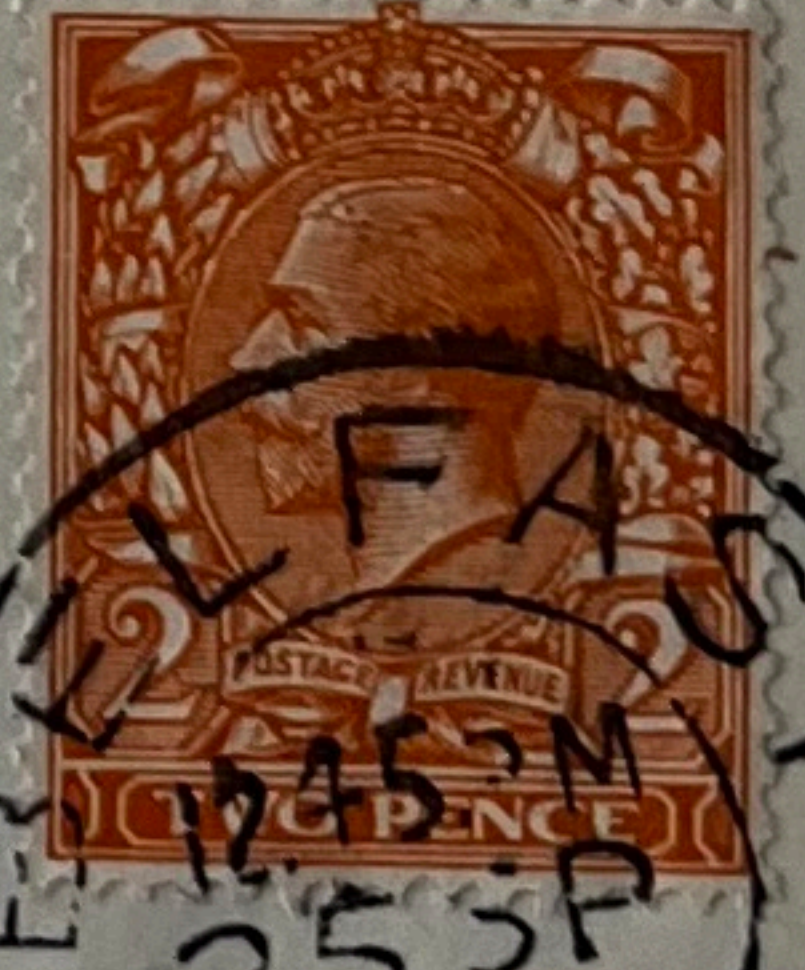
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**BY AIR MAIL**  
PAR AVION  
P.25G

Two: JOHN S. DAVIS Flown on 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPT.

27 SEPT to 7 OCT 1928



Two:- Covers flown 2nd day 25th SEPT

LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL

24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT TO 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 1928



LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL

€40

24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT to 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 1928



Two: PILOT SIGNED COVERS FLOWN 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPT

LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL

E20

24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT to 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 1928



Two: JOHN S DAVIS COVERS FLOWN 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPT

LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL

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24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT to 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 1928



BY FLYING BOAT



FRANCIS J. FIELD.  
SUTTON COLDFIELD,  
ENGLAND.



BY FLYING BOAT



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SUTTON COLDFIELD,  
ENGLAND.

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LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL

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24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT to 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 1928

**BY AIR MAIL**  
PAR AVION

**BY FLYING BOAT**

*LIVERPOOL CIVIC WEEK  
September 24-29 1928  
EXPERIMENTAL AIRMAIL  
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Mr. JOHN S. DAVIS,  
Poste Restante,  
BELFAST.

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*BELFAST  
SEP 27  
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EXPERIMENTAL AIRMAIL  
LIVERPOOL  
BELFAST - LIVERPOOL  
SEPTEMBER 24 - 25 1928*

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LIVERPOOL.

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Two: JOHN S. DAVIS COVERS FLOWN 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPT.

LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL

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24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT TO 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 1928



COVER FLOWN 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 1928 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY BELFAST - LIVERPOOL



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LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL

£10

24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT to 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 1928



Two: Covers flown on 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPT

LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL

£20

24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT to 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 1928



Two Covers Flown on 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPT.

LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL

£40

24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT TO 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 1928



Two: PILOT SIGNED COVERS FLOWN ON 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPT.

LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL

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24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT to 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 1928



Belfast, 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. 1928.  
 Note the improvised No Flight Cachet with the figure '1' instead of the letter 'I'.  
 In this case the Cachet was deleted by a Postal Clerk and the manuscript alteration was made "Held over to 2/10/28", the Cover being duly flown on the following day.

LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL

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24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT TO 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 1928



Two Flight Covers      First Flight 2<sup>nd</sup> World      2<sup>nd</sup> Oct.

LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL

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24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT TO 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 1928



LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL

E20

24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT TO 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 1928



LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL

€100

24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT to 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 1928



LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL

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24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT TO 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 1928



OCT 2<sup>ND</sup> 1928 BELFAST - LIVERPOOL PILOT SIGNED



OCT 5<sup>TH</sup> 1928 BELFAST FOR BELFAST TO LIVERPOOL LAST FLIGHT 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT

LIVERPOOL - BELFAST - LIVERPOOL

£100

24TH SEPT TO 4TH OCT 1928

