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Fragen & Antworten / Questions & Answers

Britisch-Indien: Erstflug Karachi – Melbourne

Frage von David Whiteley, 20. 09, 2012:

Ich suche nach dem Luftpostporto, das beim ersten Versuchsflug der Imperial Airways vom 12. 4. 1931 von Karachi nach Melbourne zu zahlen war. Ich besitze einen Brief frankiert mit 1R 8a. Bild unten links.

Antwort von Zahid Islam (FGI), 21. September 2012

Ich füge die Abbildung eines Briefes bei, die zur Antwort der Frage von Mr. David Whiteley nach dem Porto des Erstflugs 1931 von Karachi nach Australien beitragen könnte: Die verwendeten Marken haben die Werte 12as, 4as und 2as, Gesamtwert also 1Re 2as. Bild unten rechts.



Klicken Sie auf das Imperial Airways Logo, um den aktuellen Zeitungsartikel zum Thema zu lesen.

Antwort von Christian Sperber (FGI), 29. September 2012

Folgende Angaben gibt es in der aktuellen CD-Veröffentlichung von Jeff Brown: Indian Air Mail Postage Rates:

April/Mai 1931

England-Australia Experimental flights

To Port Darwin from:

- Karachi and Jodhpur = 16as (18as)
- Delhi and Allahabad = 14as (16as)
- Calcutta = 12as (14as)
- Akyab, Rangoon and Victoria Point = 9as (11as)

Zu Städten in Australien, die ab Port Darwin durch

British-India: First Flight Karachi – Melbourne

Question from David Whiteley, 20. 09, 2012:

I am attempting to find the air mail charged for Imperial Airways first Experimental flight from Karachi to Melbourne Australia April 12 1931. I have a cover rated 1R 8a. Picture below left

Click on the Imperial Airways logo left to read the actual newspaper article

Answer by Zahid Islam (FGI), 21. September 2012

I attach a scan of a cover which may answer Mr. David Whiteley's query about the postal rate applied on the first flight from Karachi to Australia in 1931. The stamps affixed are of 12as., 4as., and 2as., total value = 1Re. 2as. Picture below right.



Refuelling: Tsemah, Palestine 1931 October

<http://www.photographium.com/>

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Answer by Christian Sperber (FGI), 29. September 2012

The following data can be found in the actual CD publication by Jeff Brown, Indian Air Mail Postage Rates:

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To Australian Cities served by internal air routes be-

inländische Luftpostverbindungen bedient wurden:

- Karachi and Jodhpur = 22as (24as)
- Delhi and Allahabad = 20as (18as)
- Calcutta = 18as (20as)
- Akyab, Rangoon and Victoria Point = 15as (17as)

Der erste Betrag ist der Luftpostzuschlag, der Betrag in Klammern ist der Gesamtbetrag einschließlich 2as Briefporto.

Sowohl die vom Fragesteller als auch die von Zahid Islam genannten Portostufen existieren, es wäre also zu prüfen, ob der Beleg auch innerhalb Australiens mit Luftpost befördert worden ist.



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The first amount shows the airmail surcharge, the amount in brackets shows the total postage including 2as letter postage.

The postage shown by the questioner as well as the postage shown by Zahid Islam are valid. It must be checked whether the items are sent by airmail or surface route within Australia.



Antwort von Joachim Wrede (FGI), 29. September 2012

folgende Literatur die mehr oder weniger mit der Frage zu tun hat, ist mir aufgefallen. Die Nummer 1 der Liste gibt – mit Quellenangaben – den Sachverhalt wieder, den Chr. Sperber (siehe links) zusammengestellt hat. Die Nummer 2 behandelt die von Chr. Sperber genannte Quelle. Die Nummern 3 – 6 behandeln die frühe Luftpost; wie weit diese Literatur die gestellte Frage behandelt kann ich nicht beurteilen.

1. Artikel in India Post No 166 Vol 40 2006. p. 61
Jeffrey Brown: IMPERIAL AIRWAYS. England-Australia Experimental Flights of 1931, New information on postage rates
2. Rezension in India Post No 160 Vol 38 2004. p. 138
J. Brown: Indian Air Mail Postal Rates until 1956. The India Study Circle for Philately, 2000. CD-ROM
3. Rezension in India Post No 159 Vol 38 2004. p. 79
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4. Rezension in India Post No 157 Vol 37 2003. p.

Answer by Joachim Wrede (FGI), 29. September 2012

I detected the following literature dealing more or less the question. The number 1 of the list shows – including sources – the facts which Chr. Sperber has compiled (see left). The number 2 describes the source mentioned by Chr. Sperber. The numbers 3 – 6 deal with the subject 'early airmail'; I do not know whether and how detailed the actual question is answered.

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5. Anzeige in India Post No 110 Vol 25/1 1991. p. 173

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6. Anzeige in India Post No 131 Vol 31 1997. p. 34
BRITISH EXTERNAL AIRMAILS UNTIL 1934
BY ALEXANDER S. NEWALL FRPSL, NEW
SECOND EDITION (HARD BOUND)

Dank von David Whiteley, 02. Oktober 2012

Danke für die Informationen an alle Beteiligten. Ich wohne in Kanada und bin ein eifriger Luftpost-Philatelist und habe eine Reihe Artikel dazu geschrieben. Eine Monographie über die kanadischen Luftpost-Auslandstarife von 1929 bis 1946. Ich sammle jetzt Material für eine Monographie über Kingsford Smith's Australian National Airways 1930-1932 und suche Briefe, die von dieser Fluglinie befördert wurden. Briefe von Indien, befördert auf den beiden Versuchsflügen und dem Weihnachtsflug. sind recht selten und ich bin am Erwerb weiterer Stücke interessiert.

David

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Thanks from David Whiteley, 02. October 2012

Thanks for the information and the contributors who supplied the answers. I reside in Canada and have been a avid collector of aerophilately and have written a number of articles. One monograph on Canadian overseas airmail rates from 1929 to 1946. I am now collecting and writing a monograph On Kingsford Smith's Australian National Airways 1930-1932 and collecting covers carried by that Air Line. Covers from India carried on the two experimental flights and the Christmas flight are quite scarce and am always interested in acquiring more.

David