

CHRISTMAS AIRMAILS 12TH NOVEMBER 1931

Complete set on a F.D.C. without an A.N.A cachet so would have gone via Karachi on Imperial Airways.



One of a group of covers sent one day earlier than the official issue day from Highfield, has an official red cachet so despite the instructions has gone via A.N.A evidenced by 17th Dec Liverpool backstamp.

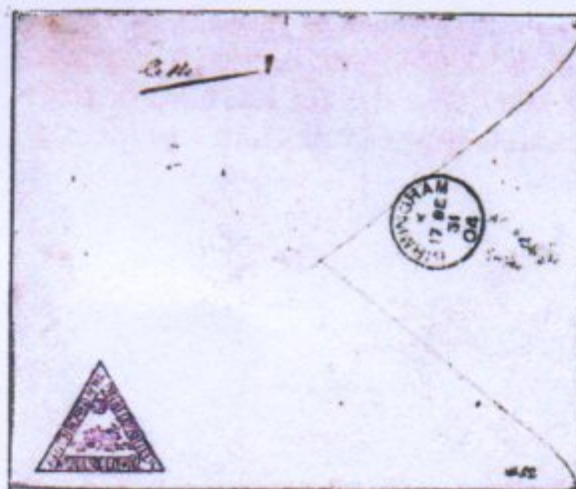


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An official New Zealand Air Mail Society cover bearing the Christmas cachet with the full 1/5d payment for 3d internal flight 2d surface from Wellington and 1/- Sydney to London by ANA.



Some collectors used a 3d air mail SG448 and unusually a 1/3d fiscal lemon F145 which due to its poor colour was withdrawn very soon after its April 1931 issue making very scarce on cover.



Confirmation of ANA usage by the 17th Dec back stamp

1,598 covers flown

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If as per the cachet on the reverse this cover went via Australian National Airways it is underpaid by 4d the correct rate being 1/- ANA, 3d internal airmail, 2d surface and 3d registered. Carried from Palmerston North to Auckland then to Sydney via S.S. Ulimaroa then to Croydon with ANA.



Unusually the recipient has used the reverse as the return cover paying the correct amount of 1/4d airmail and 3d registration, using a 9d olive green and a 10d blue.

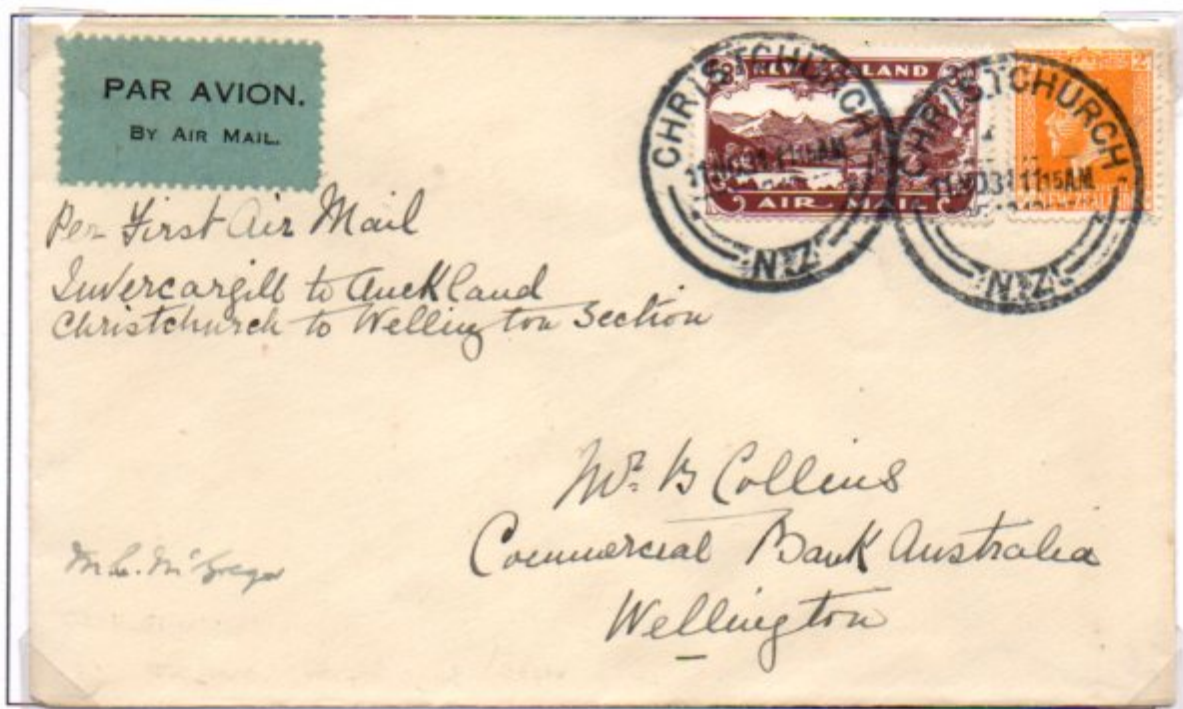


CHRISTMAS AIRMAILS 12th NOVEMBER 1931 FEEDER FLIGHT

Flight from Invercargill to Auckland collecting mail at six intermediate points by Sqd-Ld McGregor.



Cover flown on intermediate points Christchurch to Wellington signed by pilot M.C.McGregor



CHRISTMAS EVE INTERNAL AIRMAIL 24th DECEMBER 1931

Another series of flights throughout New Zealand by various pilots using Palmerston Nth as the hub.

One of the 'Holly Border' covers sent from Wellington to Invercargill flown by M.C.McGregor.



Cover from Hastings to Auckland via Palmerston Nth flown and signed by Flt-Lt. W.H.Lett



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The 1931 formula was used but the new cachet was used and the surface postage rate was now 1d.

Cover from Wellington to Invercargill flown by Fg-Off. J.M.Buckeridge and signed by him.



Hastings to Wellington via Palmerston Nth flown by Mr A.G.Gerrand and signed by him.

