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- 001 1927 (3 Nov) Commercial cover franked at the 3½as rate sent from Basra to Cairo. Adhesives tied by Bombay G.P.O. marks. Handstamped 'URGENT/PRINTED MATTER' and 'BY AIR' in circle on front and Basrah sorting mark on reverse. £15-00
- 002 c1929 (Apr) Airmail envelope sent from Karachi to Boston, USA at 9as rate. £12-00
- 003 1929 (5 Apr) First flight cover sent from Karachi to Chicago, USA on the Karachi-London flight (Brown 29-25). Circular 'BY AIR' cachet in front. £30-00
- 004 1929 (23 May) Cover bearing the insignia of the Bombay-Baroda & Central India Railway on the flap sent to Swindon, England with the 8as adhesive cancelled with 'BOMBAY G.P.O./F' datestamp. £8-00
- 005 1929 (10 Oct) Cover bearing the crest of the 39th Squadron of the R.A.F. sent by Airmail to Bristol, England. Endorsed 'VIA KARACHI' and 'BY AIR' circular handstamp additionally cancelling adhesive. Further handstamp, a triangle with 'BS' inside is also on front. A relatively early cover of the R.A.F. £15-00
- 006 1929 (28 Dec) Airmail cover sent at the 10as rate from the Muttra Cantonment to Kent, England. £8-00
- 007 1929-1930s Selection of twelve KGV Airmail covers with a variety of adhesives, rates and markings. All sent to England. Condition variable. £40-00
- 008 1929-1930s Selection of six covers (one is front only) representing all the KGV Airmail set of adhesives in combination with definitives. One is registered and another is a First flight cover. Also, the Set of KGV Armail adhesives in unused and used states. £50-00
- 009 1930 (2 Mar) Cover from Delhi to Manchester, England, the adhesives tied by datestamp of 'DELHI R.M.S./SET-3'. £8-00
- 010 1931(?) Registered postal stationery envelope (Lang RED 5) from Brigade Road, Bangalore and sent to Essex, England. £18-00
- 011 1931 (18 May) Registered cover with SG224 (x3) and ½a definitive sent from Karachi to Scotland. £10-00
- 012 1931 (23 May) Airmail cover sent from Jhelum to Southampton, England affixed with one of the earlier Airmail labels. £8-00

- 013 1931 (13 Jun) Envelope with the crest of the Governor of Bombay on the flap sent from Ganeshkhind to Croydon via Bombay and Karachi. Circled 'BY AIR' cachet on front. £15-00
- 014 1931 (5 Oct) Cover sent from Ahmedabad to Philadelphia, USA via Paris at the rate of 9as. Paris transit cds on front. £18-00
- 015 1932 (26 Feb) Airmail cover from Bombay to Goa. 'NOVA GOA/CENTRAL' receiving mark on reverse with a further indistinct mark on the front. Uncommon destination. £15-00
- 016 1932 (Oct) Two first flight covers of the Karachi-Madras service, the first sent on 15 Oct from Bombay to Madras, the second, sent on 17 Oct from Bombay to Madras. £18-00
- 017 1932 (Oct) Two first flight covers, the first from Karachi to Madras (15 Oct), the other on the return flight from Madras to Karachi (17 Oct). Both with the commemorative rectangular cachet and the former with additional handstamp 'KARACHI-MADRAS/AIR MAIL SERVICE FIRST FLIGHT'. £22-00
- 018 1932 (18 Oct) First flight by Tata & Sons Ltd sent from Ahmedabad to New Delhi. Rectangular cachet in black dated 18 Oct 32. £25-00
- 019 1932 (29 Nov) Cover sent from Bombay to Germany, the adhesives cancelled by 'BOMBAY FOREIGN' datestamps. £10-00
- 020 1932 (6 Dec) Cover to New York, USA with various KGV adhesives totalling an insufficient 8as. Uncommon rectangular handstamps 'INSUFFICIENTLY PAID FOR/TRANSMISSION BY AIR MAIL' on front and back. £30-00
- 021 1933 (9 Jan) Airmail postal stationery envelope (Lang EAA1) with additional adhesives making a 10as rate. Sent from Simla to Lancashire, England (via Delhi and Karachi). £10-00
- 022 1933 (23 Jan) SG220 (x4) and additional ½anna alk tied by strikes of 'PUNJAB GOVERNOR'S CAMP P.O.'. Sent to London, England. £8-00
- 023 1933 (10 July) Cover sent by Airmail on Indian Trans-Continental Airways from Asansol to Athens, Greece. Adhesives tied by telephone slogan mark (Bayanwalla Sl-76B). Calcutta-Karachi flight cachet on reverse and receiving mark for Athens. Apparently, fewer than 26 covers were sent on this flight to Athens. £75-00
- 024 1933 (2 Oct) First flight cover from Rangoon to London via Karachi. Sent to B.J.H. Somake in Bombay with adhesives cancelled by characteristic 'dumbbell' shaped handstamp commemorating the flight. A further example of the handstamp and Delhi and Bombay datestamps on reverse. £30-00
- 025 1934 Two postal stationery envelopes (Lang EH1) both with additional 2a adhesives cancelled with telephone slogan marks (Bayanwalla Sl-20, Sl-70). Both covers printed on front 'FIRST FLIGHT/MADRAS-CALCUTTA'. £30-00
- 026 1934 Airmail envelope from Cawnpore to Stuttgart, Germany at 12as rate. An uncommon usage. £18-00
- 027 1934 (May) Airmail envelope franked by meter marks on front and back totalling the 14½as rate required. Sent from Calcutta to Surrey, England. £10-00

- 028 1934 (17 Oct) Air Mail cover to USA with KGV definitives making 7½as postage paid (underpaid by 3p). US postage due mark 'DUE/6/CENTS' in circle on front and additional '29c' in manuscript. £12-00
- 029 1934 (Dec) Cover from Bombay to Sukkur sent on the first flight of the weekly Airmail service between Karachi and Lahore with crisp impression of the rectangular commemorative handstamp. Also, two further covers, one from Bombay to Lahore and the other to Karachi, the latter with the Lahore-Karachi cachet used to cancel the adhesive and with the Airmail label cancelled with rectangular 'KARACHI/CANCELLED/date handstamp. £40-00
- 030 1934 (Dec) First flight cover to B.J.H. Somake in Multan sent on the Karachi-Lahore Airmail Service. £12-00
- 031 1935 (24 Feb) Cover sent on the demonstraion flight between Bombay and Calcutta (Brown 35-20) with the boxed cachet in red. Unusual Calcutta GPO markings on reverse; double ring datestamps, the first, a delivery mark with the sub-heading 'D.B.N.' at foot and the other, a GPO mark with 'P.RES' at foot. £20-00
- 032 1935 (25 Feb) Two covers from the outward flight between Bombay and Calcutta with the demonstration flight cachet in red. Sent from Bombay with one to Nagpur and the other to Tatanagar. £35-00
- 033 1935 (22 May) Cover sent from Allahabad to Camberley, England with SG246 tied by rectangular slogan mark 'SUPPORT THE/JUBILEE FUND/date & time/ALLAHABAD' (Bayanwalla Sl-37). £12-00
- 034 1935 (26 June) Cover with SG241 and Sg243 (11 with block of 8) making a rate of 14as-9p. Sent from Calcutta to London. £12-00
- 035 1935 (2 Aug) Cover sent by Airmail with SG236 (pair), SG240 and SG242 (strip of three) tied by marks for Madras. Sent to England. £25-00
- 036 1935 (28 Oct) First flight cover of the Bombay-Trivandrum service with 'Demonstration Flight' cachet in red on the front. One of fifty covers flown (Brown 35-70). £50-00
- 037 1936 (15 Mar) Cover sent to Switzerland via Brindisi, the adhesives cancelled with 'P-9/SET 3' datestamps. This railway mark was issued on the train between Dharbanga and Narkaliaganj. £18-00
- 038 1936 (Dec) Three covers taken on the Indo-Ceylon Special Christmas Flight, all addressed to B.J.H. Somake. The first sent from Bombay to Trichinopoly (22 Dec); the second, from Trichinopoly to Bombay (23 Dec); the third from Madras to Bombay. All bear the large rectangular cachet commemorating these flights. £18-00
- 039 1936 (24 Dec) Two covers from the Indo-Ceylon Special Christmas Flight, the first sent from Bombay to Colombo flying from Madras on 23 Dec. bearing both rectangular and circular commemorative handstamps. Roller cancel of Colombo on reverse. The second cover, sent from Colombo to Bombay franked with KEVII adhesives bearing onlt the circular handstamp and the Airmail label 'cancelled' at Bombay. £25-00
- 040 1937 Two Airmail covers sent to Ohio, USA both sent at the 9½as rate. £12-00
- 041 1937 (18 Feb) Registered Airmail cover with SG204 (x2 blocks of six), SG211 and SG235 (pair) sent from Bombay to Cambridge, England. £15-00

- 042 1937 (7 Jul) USA Airmail envelope with Sc552, ScC9 and ScC19 (27c rate) sent from New York to Simla. Additional handstamps 'AIR MAIL VIA LONDON' in black and 'PER S/S HANSA' in violet. Backstamped with delivery mark for Secretariat-Simla. £35-00
- 043 1937 (Nov) Pair of first flight covers, the first from Delhi to Bombay sent on 8 Nov and the other sent on the return flight from Bombay to Delhi. Both have the rectangular red cachets and receiving cancelations. £18-00
- 044 1937 (9 Nov) 1937 (10 Nov) Cover commemorating the first flight between Bombay and Delhi. Cachet dated 10th Nov in red on front. Sent from Bombay to Gwalior. Backstamped with marks for Lashkar and Gwalior. £10-00
- 045 1937 (10 Nov) Cover commemorating the first flight between Bombay and Delhi. Cachet in red on front. 10-00
- 046 1938 (21 Nov) First flight cover sent from the Jamnagar to Bombay leg of the Karachi-Bombay service. Rectangular cachet on front. Bombay delivery mark on reverse. £15-00
- 047 1939 Two covers, to England and Scotland, with triangular censor marks, one from Bombay and the other from Karachi. £10-00
- 048 1940s Cover bearing SG274 (x2) (12as rate) to the American Legation in Cairo, Egypt but redirected to Beirut, Lebanon. Cover also bears Indian, Egyptian and Lebanese censor marks. A scarce destination. Faults including some water staining. £12-00
- 049 1940 (3 Feb) Airmail cover from Calcutta to New York sent at 5½as rate. Calcutta censor and USA oval customs handstamp. £15-00
- 050 1940 (4 May) Three covers of the first flight from Bombay to Kolhapur by Air Services of India. The first two sent on the outward journey - one from Kolhapur and the other from Poona - to Bombay, and the third sent on the return flight from Bombay. All three with respective rectangular cachets in violet and delivery marks on reverse. £18-00
- 051 1940s Official cover 'ON HIS MAJESTIES SERVICE from Delhi to Washington D.C. rated at 3R-8as. Indian censor mark on reverse. £25-00
- 052 1940-1941 Two large covers, the first sent to Alexandria, Egypt at the rate of 3R-8as with both Indian and Egyptian censor marks and the other, sent to Liverpool, England sent at the same rate with 'NOT OPENED BY/CENSOR' rectangular mark on front. £25-00
- 053 1941 Two covers to the same address in Baghdad from Coonoor, one franked with 14as and the other at 14as 3p. Both with censor marks and one opened by censor. Baghdad receiving marks on reverse. 18-00
- 054 1941 Cover sent at the scarce rate of 2R 15½as, sent from Kodaikanal to Philadelphia. Opened by censor with additional triangular censor mark. £18-00
- 055 1941 (25 Aug) Airmail cover to the American Legation in Baghdad, Iraq. Censor marks on front and back and receiving mark for Baghdad. £12-00
- 056 1942 Military Airmail envelope (Jain MAE2), unused. Fine. £8-00

- 057 1942(?) Censored cover sent from Simla to Southern Rhodesia at the 14as rate. An uncommon destination. £12-00
- 058 c1942 Airmail cover sent to Chicago, USA with SG260, SG266, SG271 and SG275 making the rate 2R 11as 6p, the 2r value adhesive additionally cancelled by the "safe hand" cross shaped obliterator parcel cancel. Additional censor mark on front. £10-00
- 059 1942 (25 May) Cover sent by Airmail to the American Consulate in Basra, Iraq from Mussoorie. Adhesives (SG213 and SG270) at the 14as rate. Censorship undertaken in India but scarce 'NOT OPENED/IRAQ CENSORSHIP' hanstamp in violet on reverse along with Basra delivery mark. £25-00
- 060 1942 (6 Sep) Airmail cover from Bombay to New Jersey, USA at 2R-8½as rate. 'OPENED BY CENSOR' tape at left with censor marks on front and reverse. £15-00
- 061 1943 (15 May) Cover roughly opened by censor with SG271 (block of four) and SG273 (x6) (2R-12as rate) all cancelled by marks of F.P.O. No 140 (Madras, St Thomas Mount). Sent to Michigan, USA. £8-00
- 062 1943 (12 Jun) Cover sent by Airmail to Virginia, USA. Adhesives tied by scarce machine cancel of 'GANESH HOTEL/DEHRA DUN'. Cover also has censor mark and tape. £18-00
- 063 1943 (12 Sep) Air Mail letter card used from Rawalpindi to England. £8-00
- 064 1944 Airmail cover sent to the American Consulate in Cairo, Egypt bearing both Indian and Egyptian censor marks. Uncommon WWII destination. Faults. £8-00
- 065 1944 (20 Mar) Forces letter card with the adhesive cancelled by strike of F.P.O. No.64 (Nira, India). Scarce sorting mark for 'BASE OFFICE/2' (Bari, Italy). Additional censor mark also on reverse. A little grubby in appearance. £40-00
- 066 1944 (20 Nov) USA Airmail postal stationery cover (6c) used from APO 493, based in Kharagpur and sent via US military postal service in India with US army censor mark. £18-00
- 067 1944 (16 Dec) IAFF Air Force Airmail letter card, the adhesive cancelled with mark of F.P.O. No 603 at Ukhia (now in Bangladesh). This squadron undertook secret missions to the Cook Islands between 1944 and 1945. £15-00
- 068 1945 (14 Jan) Cover from Calcutta to New York, USA with manuscript notation, "Found posted in the Air Mail letter box." Sent at the 5R-7as rate via Bombay and Lagos. £18-00
- 069 1945 (June 21) Airmail envelope with US Airmail adhesive cancelled by US APO Postal Service #629 (based in India). Additionally handstamped with US Army censor mark. Comes with four page letter from American soldier to his parents in Arkansas. £15-00
- 070 1945 (7 Oct) Forces Air Letter I.A.F.F.-1063 (printed 9 Jan 45) sent from H.M.S. Braganza (Bombay) Front with 'POST OFFICE - MARITIME/MAIL' cancellation in red. £10-00
- 071 Unused Airgraph envelope from WWII depicting cloud at left and 'POSTAGE PAID' on the right. Slight damage to back flap. £15-00
- 072 1946 (29 Apr) Registered cover from Bombay to New York, USA with SG259, SG268 and SG278-281 making the rate of 2R-2as-6p. £15-00

- 073 1946 (25 Sep) Registered Airmail cover sent to Iowa, USA from Koratti, Cochin. SG278-281 in pairs and on reverse a cinderella adhesive, probably for a missionary society. £15-00
- 074 1946 (30 Dec) Airmail cover sent to USA at 2½as rate. Adhesives tied by datestamps for Gymkhana Club in Delhi. £8-00
- 075 1947 (21 May) Slightly grubby Airmail cover sent from Amritsar to Nuremberg, Germany. SG266, SG268 and SG273 (x5) all tied, also Munich circle and star machine/roller cancel in red and scarce 'DELHI AIR-BATCH B'. £28-00
- 076 1947 (19 Aug) Cover sent from Bombay to New York, USA with SG259, SG267 (block of 36), SG271b and SG275 (3R-15as rate). Some wrinkling but a spectacular block. £18-00
- 077 1948 (8 June) Two First Flight cover of the Air India International service between Bombay and London, one with decorative cachet in purple and both with rectangular commemorative cachets in black. £18-00
- 078 1948 (14 Dec) Surcharged Airmail envelope with additional SG274 sent from Ootacamund to Vermont, USA. £8-00
- 079 1949 (4 May) Surcharged Airmail envelope (12as on 14as, Jain AE4) sent from Coonoor to Khartoum, Sudan. Faint Khartoum receiving mark on reverse. An uncommon destination. £15-00
- 080 1949 (5 May) Official Airmail cover to the United Nations in New York, USA from Bombay. Seemingly underpaid at 3½as. £10-00
- 081 1949 (8 Dec) Registered Airmail cover at the rate of 1R-2as sent to Denmark from Bombay. £10-00
- 082 1950s Two unused Airmail postal stationery cards (Jain AP6 and AP7). £5-00
- 083 A similar lot. £5-00
- 084 1950s Aerogramme letter sheet (ALS 15), unused. £12-00
- 085 1950 (Dec) India Official Airmail envelope with SGO144 (x28), SGO147 (x2) and SGO149 from Delhi to Ohio, USA. £15-00
- 086 1950 Official Airmail cover to USA from Madras sent at the 1R-2as rate. £12-00
- 087 1953 Airmail envelope of 12as, unused (Jain AE7). Fine. £8-00
- 088 1953 (1 Aug) Nationalisation of Air Transport first day cover commemorating this event. Special cover and cancellation. £8-00
- 089 1957 Aerogramme (ALS28) unused and unfolded. £8-00
- 090 1950s-1960s Three Airmail covers, all sent to England, bearing an array of post independence definitive issues, many in multiples. An attractive trio. £18-00
- 091 1960 (19 Apr) First flight cover from Bombay to England on the Air India International service. Commemorative handstamp on front. £8-00

- 092 1960 (14 May) Commemorative cover for the inauguration of the Bombay-New York Air India service using a Boeing 707. Sent from Bombay to Ohio, USA. £8-00
- 093 1963 Aerogramme (ALS 39) unused and unfolded. £8-00
- 094 BURMA: 1933 (8 July) Airmail postal stationery envelope (Lang EAA1) endorsed in manuscript 'Burma - Calcutta/India - England/ First Flight' sent to noted American philatelist F.D. Pollard in Vermont, USA from Rangoon. Reverse with block of four of SG226 and two further 3ps adhesives. Also a rectangular 'Calcutta -Karachi' Airmail cachet for the 11 July 1933. £18-00
- 095 BURMA: 1935 (3 Oct) Cover with SG240 and SG245 (x2, uncommon used from Burma) making up the 7½as rate. Sent from Akyab, Burma to England. Adhesives cancelled with Akyab sorting office datestamp. £12-00
- 096 BURMA: 1944 (16 Apr) IAFF Air Force Airmail letter card with additional SG273 cancelled with F.P.O. mark for Bawal, Burma to Lancashire, England. Letter refers to the visit of Lord Louis Mountbatten, the then Allied Supreme Commander of South East Asia to the remote Air Force base in the north of the country. £10-00
- 097 CEYLON: 1932 (15 Oct) Cover to B.J.H. Somake sent on first flight between Madras and Bombay mailed from Colombo, Ceylon with numerous adhesives cancelled with Colombo datestamps. Rectangular commemorative cachet and Bombay delivery mark on reverse. £25-00
- 098 CEYLON: 1932 (15 Oct) Cover sent on first flight between Madras and Bombay mailed from Colombo, Ceylon. Rectangular commemorative cachet and Bombay delivery mark (18 Oct) on reverse. A total of 384 covers were flown on this flight with a limited number originating from Ceylon. £20-00
- 099 NEWFOUNDLAND: 1947 (28 June) Airmail First Day/Flight Cover with SG215-218 and SG291. First flight from Gander, Newfoundland to Calcutta. £15-00
- 100 PAKISTAN: 1948/49 Two covers sent to the same address in New York, the first bearing three copies of SG11 (1R 8as rate) and the other with SG4 (x2), SG9 and SG11 (14as rate). £12-00
- 101 PAKISTAN: 1949 (Oct) Airmail cover to Kansas, USA at 1R-2as rate (SG14 and SG29) with back stamps of Rawalpindi and Lahore. £10-00
- 102 PAKISTAN: 1950s Aerogramme (6as) sent from Quetta to Reykjavik, Iceland. Letter typewritten in the Icelandic language with additional in manuscript. A rare destination for mail from Pakistan. £10-00
- 103 PAKISTAN: 1960s Postal stationery envelope additionally affixed with SG25, SG58 and SG136 making the less common 7as rate for second class Airmail. Sent from Abbotabad to Nevada, USA. £12-00

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