# Crash and Interrupted Mail

## Ship Wreck Mail

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| **977** | 1918 (June 4): 'S.S. Kenilworth Castle' wreck cover (opened for display) franked with KGV 1d. from "Pretoria 24 Apr. 18" to a B.E.F. Royal Flying Corps member in France, redirected to Befast, Ireland, showing on reverse three line special cachet 'R.E.Postal Section L'don N.W.1 / Damaged by immersion / in sea water' in violet. *The ship was used as a troop transport during WW I, surviving a collision with HMS Rival Eddystone June 4, 1918. 15 crew members were drowned and the ship was badly damaged. She safely made it into Plymouth where she then sank on a mud bank.* *(Photo = 211)* | | ✉ | **150** | *(€ 150)* |

## Balloon Mail

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| **978→** | 1907 (12 Oct.): Mammoth Balloon Flight Daily Graphic Newspaper "A Message from Mid-Air" sponsored postcard from Crystal Palace addressed to Kilkenny Ireland, sent unfranked with framed 'T' and British '2d/I.S.B' handstamped postage due applied in London. *The "Mammoth" ascended with three men on board: J.L. Tanner (owner), A.E. Caudron (a balloonist) and C. Turner of the Daily Graphic. The balloon reached Sweden on 14 October. The aeronauts mistook the Swedish Lake Vännern for the open Atlantic and crash-landed near the village of Bracken. The aeronauts left the balloon which broke up and finally came to land at Tösse with cards scattered over a large area.* *(Photo = 221)* | | ✉ | **200** | *(€ 200)* |
| **979→** | **Airship R.101** 1929/30: Documentation with two covers, 40 postcards and original vintage photographs of the airship and the funeral after the crash (Oct. 5th 1930) at Beauvais in France, including headed lettersheeet 'H;M: AIRSHIP R.101' and OHMS envelope with typographed 'Posted on board H.M. Airship R.101 In flight' (Nov. 23, 1929) on occasion of the invitation of 101 Members of Parliament (stormy weather did not allow a flight) as well as another envelope of the triangle flight (Nov. 18th, 1929) endorsed 'Carried around Great Britain' in mauscript and oval special cachet 'H.M.A. R.101 SIGNAL OFFICE', franked with 1 ½ d. from Bedford Nov. 18 to London, signed by Squadron Leader Ernest L. Johnston, Navigator. Fine and scarce. | | ✉ | **1'000** | *(€ 1'010)* |

## Recovered Air Mail

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| **980→** | 1927 (March 12): Lake Victoria (Kenya) - North Sea Aerial and General Transport Ltd.G-EBOP 'Pelican' crash cover from Kenya to Ireland franked with 20 c. and 50.c. tied by "KISUMU KENYA 4 MR 27" cds and with adjacent "KENYA-SUDAN AIR MAIL MR. 12 27" cds. in red, showing additional violet special cachet 'Owing temporary failure / Air Service Mail / forwarded normal route' on front. A scarce crash item and the only known addressed to Ireland to date Nierinck 270312a. *(Photo = 221)* | | ✉ | **200** | *(€ 200)* |
| **981→** | 1927 (March 12): Lake Victoria (Kenya) - North Sea Aerial and General Transport Ltd.G-EBOP 'Pelican', crash cover from "NAIROBI KENYA 9 MR 27" to England with adjacent "KENYA-SUDAN AIR MAIL MR. 12 27" cds. in red, showing on reverse "KISUMU KENYA 10 MR 27" cds and special cachet 'Owing temporary failure / Air Service Mail / forwarded normal route' in violet (Nierinck 270312a) togther with group of five postcards and on envelope from Ireland bearing rectangle handstamp: "Service officially arranged to / operate from London, March 10 1927, but abbandoned owing to / breakdown of Hydroplane on / Lake Victoria" in red (Nierinck 270312c) Nierinck= CHF 3'300. | | ✉ | **400** | *(€ 405)* |
| **982→** | 1929 Imperial Airways double crash 'City of Alexandria' and 'City of Athens' (Oct. 26) in Mersa Mathrut, Egypt: Envelope from "Dublin Oct. 23" franked with 2 x 3 d. meter mark, safed and forwarded to Baghdad with arrival mark (Nov. 2. 29) on reverse. Only few mail recorded from this 'double' crash of which very few with manuscript notes known Nierinck 291026. *(Photo = 221)* | | ✉ | **150** | *(€ 150)* |
| **983→** | 1931/32: Lou Reichers Atlantic Attempt Newark - Harbourg Grace - (Dublin - Paris) with his Lockheed Altair NR998Y, named 'Miss The Liberty", to beat Charles Lindbergh's record time with a crash landing 50 miles off the Irish coast. Souvenir cover from Newark (May 12 1931) signed by Lou Reichers, grouped with many newspapers clips, oringinal photographs of the plane and Lou Reichers. Of the twenty planes attempting transatlantic record flights from Harbour Grace between 1927 and 1936, only the Liberty was successfully rescued at sea. | | ✉ | **200** | *(€ 200)* |

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| **984→** | Crash Mail of Imperial Airways in Africa 1931/33: Group of 14 covers to Ireland, including cover of 'City of Salonica' posted at 'Londania, Kenya March 16.1931' (Nierinck 310318), ten covers of IA first flight Cape Town - London, crashed at Broken Hill - Salesbury (Nierinck 320129), of which one from Victoria West, one registered usage from Blantyre and two from Salesbury S. Rhodesia, 'City of Arundel' crash at Wadi Halfa, Sudan with cover from "Nairobi March 5, 1932", referring to Ken Sanford only one postcard known (Nierinck 320309), as well as 1933 (Dec. 7) envelope posted at "Dar-es-Salam" with local Wilson Feeder Service to Nairobi, the plane 'Knight of the Grail' crashed during take off in Mombasa (Dec. 8) due engine troubles. A fine and scarce offer. | | ✉ **400** | *(€ 405)* |

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| **985→** | Balbo Mass Flight I-DINI (Capt. Mario Baldini) 1933 (1. July): Registered envelope franked with triptych I-DINI L. 50, posted in "Rome 18.6.33" to Londonderry with arrival mark on reverse (JY 2), signed on front by Capt. Stefano Trimboli, Captain of I-MARI, who carried the salvaged mail after I-DINI's accident in Amsterdam. The seaplane was damaged touching the water during landing in Amsterdam. One crew member lost his live and two others were injured. Scarce Balbo Crash item, only five I-DINI covers carried to Londonderry. Certs. E. Diena (1977) and A. Diena (1993) Nierinck 330701. | | ✉ **1'000** | *(€ 1'010)* |
| **986→** | Balbo Mass Flight I-DINI (Capt. Mario Baldini) 1933 (1. July): Registered envelope franked with triptych 'I-DINI' L. 50, posted in "Rome 12.6.33" to Londonderry with arrival mark on reverse (JY 2). The seaplane I-DINI hit the water of the Zuider Zea while landing in Amsterdam. One crew member lost his live and two others were injured. Scarce Balbo Crash item, only five I-DINI covers carried by Captain Stefano Trimboli of I-MARI to Londonderry Nierinck 330701. | | ✉ **1'000** | *(€ 1'010)* |

*An American Airlines Curtiss T-32C Condor II*

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*Amelia Earhart*

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| **987→** | 1934 (Dec. 19): Amelia Earhart envelope No. 46/50 of her Trans-Atlantic Solo Record Flight New Foundland to Ireland 1932 (May 20/21), franked with Air Mail 5 c. tied by New York Grand Central duplex cancellation May 13, violet special cachet, additionally franked on arrival with GB 1½ d. with Londonderry cancellation (May 23), signed by the Avaitrix at lower left. Envelope returned to USA 1934 and saved from the American Airline crash while landing at Buffalo N.Y., December 19,1934 en route from Newark to Chicago with special cachet on reverse: "DAMAGE DUE TO / AIR MAIL INTERRUPTION / AT / BUFFALO NY DEC 19 1934" in violet. An outstanding item, only two in existance to date, numbered 43/50 and the above described No. 46/50. Cert. E. Diena (1992) AAMC (1966) No.34.11. | | ✉ | **3'000** | *(€ 3'030)* |
| **988→** | 1935 (May 31 - June 4): Selection Quetta Earthquake of unstamped envelopes (7) to England or Ireland, two with manuscript notations, four with "QUETTA EARTH QUAKE POSTAGE FREE" handstamp in black and one with "Quetta Earth Quake Free Postage Concession / Withdrawn" handstamp in magenta on reverse. | | ✉ | **400** | *(€ 405)* |
| **989→** | Trans Atlantic Flight New York - Kaunas, Lithuania 1935 (Sept. 21): Selection of five Waitkus special printed envelopes and nine original photographs and two newspaper clips, including two envelopes with overprinted stamps, of which one with scarce special 'LITHUAINA II' cachet in black, three photo cards, six vintage photographs as well as two newspaper clips: 'U.S. Pilot Flies Atlantic - Then Crashes' Nierinck 350921a-c. | | ✉ | **300** | *(€ 305)* |

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| **990→** | Penang, Malaya - 1935 Imperial Airways Crash of Flying Boat 'City of Khartoum" at Alexandria, Egypt (Dec.31): Envelope (opened for display) from Ireland with clear impression of mirror-inverted 5d 'Sword of Light' in violet postmarked by "Carrickmacross" handstamp (Dec. 23) to "Penang 12 JA 1936" with type-written note on flap '(S)alved from wreck of Aircra(ft) / CITY OF KHARTOUM' in violet. A rare destination Nierinck 351231v = unpriced. *(Photo = 221)* | | ✉ | **150** | *(€ 150)* |
| **991→** | Gooty R.S. India - 1935 Imperial Airways Crash of Flying Boat 'City of Khartoum" at Alexandria, Egypt (Dec.31): Envelope franked with two adhesives tied by "An Uaimh 23.XII.35" cds. of Navan Co. Meath, endorsed 'KARACHI and INDIA' to Gooty (Andhra Pradesh), on reverse with manuscript note 'Salved from City / of Khartoum' and backstamped "GOTY R.S. 14 JAN. 36". In Nierinck as such not listed Nierinck 351231. *(Photo = 221)* | | ✉ | **150** | *(€ 150)* |
| **992→** | Imperial Airways 'Scipio' Crash at Mirabella Bay, Crete 1936 (Aug. 22): Group of five covers to Ireland bearing diff. handstamps 'DAMAGED BY SEAWATER' (diff. types) or labels as 'The accompanying item was salvaged from the wreck of the Air Lineer 'Scipio', including mail from New Zealand, (Nierinck type i, black), India (Nierinck type g) and Lahore together with rare original Associated Press photo showing rescue of the remaining five passenger and the three crew members Nierinck 360822. | | ✉ | **400** | *(€ 405)* |
| **993→** | Imperial Airways 'Athena' Crash in Delhi 1936 (Sept. 29): Envelope from "Belfast 21.SP 36" to Manilla, Philippines bearing on front single line cachet 'RECEIVED IN BAD ORDER' in violet and on reverse with special tmachine typed label 'BULLETIN OF VERIFICATION from Singapore to Manila dated October 3, 1936' (Nierinck type n). Very rare destination Ex collection Joseph L. Eisendrath Nierinck 360929. *(Photo = 221)* | | ✉ | **200** | *(€ 200)* |
| **994→** | Imperial Airways 'Athena' Crash in Delhi 1936 (Sept. 29): Two covers to Australia. with one from Ireland and other from Great Britain respectively, showing two line handstamp "Salvaged from Air Liner / ATHENA in black (Nierinck type c), further three newspaper clips reporting from the accident Ex collection Joseph L. Eisendrath Nierinck 360929. | | ✉ | **200** | *(€ 200)* |
| **995→** | KLM DC-2 PH-AKL "Lijster' crash at Croydon Airport en route London - Amsterdam 1936 (Dec.9): Envelope franked with two adhesives from "Baile Atha Cliath Dec 8" addressed to Rotterdam with attached sealing labels 'Found open or damaged' applied in London. Rare envelpe with some extinguishing water stains and fire marks at left and right. The airplaine was completely destroyed during take off, only a small part of the mail was recovered Nierinck 361209. *(Photo = 221)* | | ✉ | **200** | *(€ 200)* |
| **996→** | Western Air Express Crash Los Angeles - Salt Lake City 1936 (Dec.15): Envelope from "Long Beach Calif. Dec. 14 1936" (backflap missing), franked with 5 c. blue and airpost 6 c. to Lisburne, Ireland, with special cachet 'DELAY DUE TO AIR MAIL / INTERRUPTION NEAR / SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH / DEC. 15. 1935" in violet on front. To date only known cover known to Ireland AAMC Interrupted Flight Covers No.36.6 *(Photo = 223)* | | ✉ | **100** | *(€ 100)* |
| **997→** | Interrupted Imperial Airways Flight Short S.23 'CORSAIR' at Athens, Greece 1938 (Feb 12/13): Envelope from Wadi Medani (Feb. 11, Sudan to Dublin, franked with Camel Postman 5 m. (6) and carried with Imperial Airways service KN 33 Khartoum - Southampton. Interrupted flight for two day at Athens, after Capt. H.Woodhouse was struck in the eye by a hailstone. Only very few items known. *(Photo = 223)* | | ✉ | **150** | *(€ 150)* |
| **998→** | Imperial Airways Crash of Short S.23 'COURTIER' at Phaleron Bay, Athens, Greece 1937 (Oct. 1): Selection of five envelopes, incl. three acceptances from Egypt bearing 'DAMAGED BY SEA-WATER' (3) of which one of PAQUEBOT PORT SAID dispatch 'DAMAGED BY / SEA-WATER / IN AIRPLANE / ACCIDENT' and two from India Nierinck 371001d+f. | | ✉ | **250** | *(€ 255)* |
| **999→** | Imperial Airways 'Cygnus' Crash at Brindisi, Italy 1937 (Dec. 5): Group of seven envelopes to Ireland bearing diff. handstamps 'DAMAGED BY SEAWATER IN AIRPLAIN ACCIDENT' or 'DAMAGED BY SEAWATER' on mail from Palestine, including two items from India and Singapore showing the two diff. types of handstamps, further envelope from Hong Kong (rare origin!) and one from Australia, all neatly mounted and described on album pages Nierinck 371205. | | ✉ | **300** | *(€ 305)* |
| **1000→** | Imperial Airways Crash of Short S.23 'CALPURNIA' on Lake Ramadi, Baghdad 1938 (Nov. 27): Group of six covers bearing boxed 'DAMAGED BY WATER IN / TRANSIT FROM LONDON' on cover to Christchurch and two line handstamp 'RECEIVED AT AUCKLAND IN / DAMAGED CONDITION', both in red, further 'RECEIVED IN DAMAGED CONDITION / EX FLYING BOAT CALPURNIA' in violet on four envelopes to diff. destination within New Zealand Nierinck 381127 a+b+d. | | ✉ | **300** | *(€ 305)* |
| **1001→** | Guinea Airways Lockheed 14 VH-ABI 'KORANGA' Darvin - Melbourne, Crash at Katherine River Australia 1939 (Jan. 18): Envelope from Dublin with 'Baile Atha Cliath' machine cancel (Jan. 6) addressed to Melbourne, without special cancel or typewritten note, backstamped "FOOTSRAY VIC-AUST 23 JA.39" on reverse. To date the only known cover from Ireland Nierinck 390118. *(Photo = 223)* | | ✉ | **150** | *(€ 150)* |

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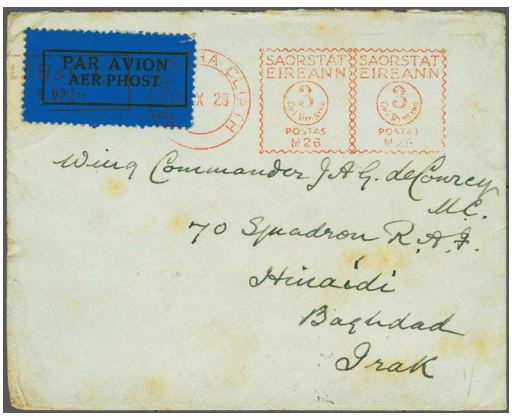


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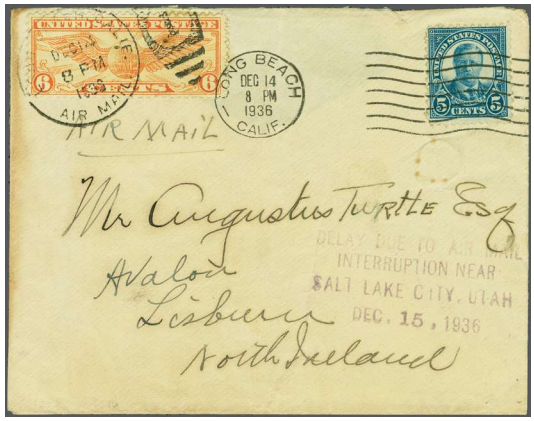
| **1002→** | Crash of Indian National Airlines Karachi - Lahore 1939 (23. Feb.): Envelope from Ireland to Jelhum, forwarded in ambulance envelope with manuscript: "Contains empty cover / found from the mail plane / crashed on 23-2-1939" on front and boxed "LAHORE 4 MAR 39" transit- and "Jehlum 5 Mar." arrival marks on reverse. Additionally British GPO letter (Aug. 11, 1966) regarding the accident Nierinck 390223a. *(Photo = 223)* | | ✉ | **150** | *(€ 150)* |
| **1003→** | Imperial Airways G-ADVB 'Corsair' Crash at Faradje, Dangu River, Belgian Congo 1939 (March 15): Envelope from "Lusaka N.Rhodesia 11. Mar. 39" to "Port Said 23 Mar. 39" Egypt, carried by IA service NO DN 178 Durban - Southampton, plane was forced down and sank into Dangu river (adhesives washed off), bearing special cachet 'Damaged by Water when the / Imperial Airways Aircraft forced / landed near Juba, Sudan." in black Nierinck 390315a = CHF 850. *(Photo = 223)* | | ✉ | **200** | *(€ 200)* |
| **1004→** | Imperial Airways G-ADVB 'Corsair' Crash at Faradje, Dangu River, Belgian Congo 1939 (March 15): Registered Envelope from "Lourenço Marques" (12-14. 39) to "Paris 21-3 39", carried by IA service NO DN 178 Durban - Southampton, plane was forced down and sank into Dangu river (adhesives washed off), bearing French special cachet 'ACCIDENT D'AVION / Correspondance / recueillies en Mer / NE PAS TAXER' in black, applied only on Mail from Mozambique. The only cover recorded from Mozambique, illustrated and described in K.C. Sanford's Handbook *Air Crash Mail of Imperial Airways* on page 164 Nierinck 390315b. *(Photo = 223)* | | ✉ | **500** | *(€ 505)* |
| **1005→** | Imperial Airways G-ADVB 'Corsair' Crash at Faradje, Dangu River, Belgian Congo 1939 (March 15): Commercial Envelope from "Johannesburg 7.III.39) to Paris, carried by IA service NO DN 178 Durban - Southampton, plane was forced down and sank into Dangu river, re-sealed by French Post PTT on back, bearing French special cachet 'AVION ACCIDENTE' in black, applied in Paris Nierinck 390315c = CHF 850. *(Photo = 223)* | | ✉ | **200** | *(€ 200)* |
| **1006→** | Imperial Airways G-ADVB 'Corsair' Crash at Faradje, Dangu River, Belgian Congo 1939 (March 15): Registered Envelope from "BUKOBA 10 MAR 1939" (Tanganyika Territory) to Bristol, with "KAMPALA 13 MR 39" transit mark on reverse carried by IA service NO DN 178 Durban - Southampton, plane was forced down and sank into Dangu river (adhesives washed off), bearing boxed special cachet 'DAMAGED BY SEA-WATER' in black, applied on Mail to Great Britain Nierinck 390315d = CHF 850. *(Photo = 223)* | | ✉ | **200** | *(€ 200)* |
| **1007→** | Imperial Airways Crash of Short S.23 'CHALLENGER' at Mozambique Harbour 1939 (May 1): Group of four covers from Ireland to South Africa, incl. two with special 'CHALLENGER' cachet on two envelopes with manusript note 'Senate Cape Town', cover to Johannesburg with manusript note 'From the wrecked mail plane "Chalenger', in Nierinck not listed, further boxed bilingual special cachet 'FLYING BOAT CORRESPONDENCE DAMAGED BY SEAWATER / VLIEGBOT KORRESPONDENSIE DEUR SEEWATER BESKADIG" in violet Nierinck 390501. | | ✉ | **200** | *(€ 200)* |
| **1008→** | Imperial Airways Crash of Short S.23 'CENTURION' at Hoogly River, Calcutta 1939 (June 12): Group of six crash covers from Burma and Malaya bearing 'SALVAGED MAIL / EX. CENTURION" cachets in red, including one with misspelt "EX. CENTURIA" variety (Nierinck type c) from Malaya and two matching covers from Penang showing inverted 'D' variety (Nierinck type d), further two stationeries and one cover from Rangoon, Burma of which one with M.P.480 label and the envelope with 'CENTURIO' variety with missing 'N' Nierinck 390612. | | ✉ | **300** | *(€ 305)* |
| **1009→** | Imperial Airways Crash of Short S.23 'CENTURION' at Hoogly River, Calcutta 1939 (June 12): Group of seven crash covers from Australia bearing 'SALVAGED MAIL / EX. CENTURION" cachets in red, including two with misspelt "EX. CENTURIA" variety (Nierinck type c), fine franked cover from Brisbane showing inverted 'D' variety (Nierinck type d) as well as regular 'E' of 'EX' under 'S' of 'Salvaged' (Nierinck type a). Further three unused postcards with one in original envelope Nierinck 390612. | | ✉ | **300** | *(€ 305)* |
| **1010→** | AEA American Export Airlines Crash of Sikorsky VS44A Flying Boat NC 411880 'Excalibur' New York - Botwood - (Foynes) 1942 (Oct. 3): '**DAMAGE** DUE TO AIR MAIL / INTERRUPTION **NEAR**' in violet applied on 1942 air envelope from Milwaukee (Sep.24) addressed to 5th Army Corps at A.P.O. 305 in Ireland as well as '**DELAY** DUE TO / AIR MAIL INTERRUPTION **AT**' 6 c. stationery envelope from "Philadelphia Sep 29 1942" addressed to APO 813 with attached clip of ambulance envelope. Very rare. *(Photo = 225)* | | ✉ | **300** | *(€ 305)* |
| **1011→** | Unknown Crash India - Great Britain 1942 (Nov. 26): "DAMMAGED BY FIRE / IN TRANSIT" in violet applied on Military Mail from India, incl. Christmas Aerogram posted at "FPO 2... Nov. 26..." and OHMS envelope with censored O.A.S. envelope franked with India 8 a. tied by FPO 333 29.NO.42" cds. to Egypt. No details of this crash known. Hopkins assumes that salvaged mail was forwarded to London where the purple cachet has been applied Nierinck 421100. | | ✉ | **200** | *(€ 200)* |

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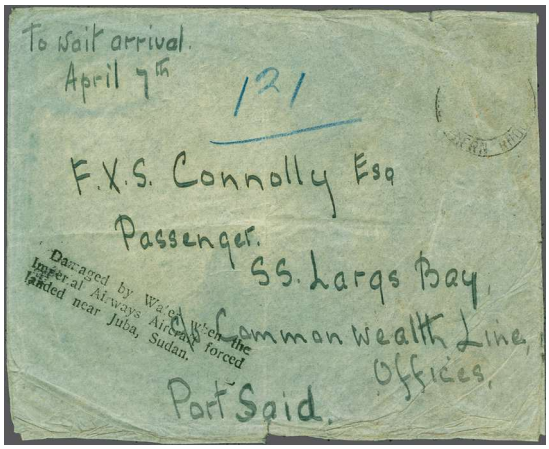


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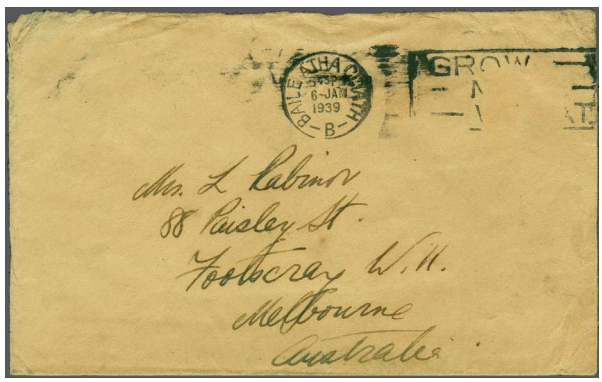


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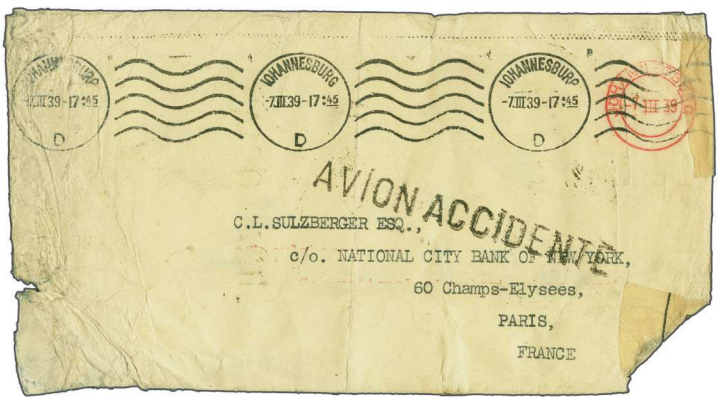


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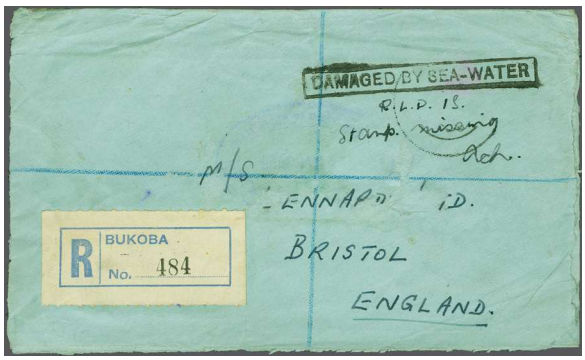


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| **1012✈** | 1941/42: Crash of R.A.F: Wellington bomber HD 947 on attack to enemy ships in Tobruck, Libya Airgraph - Correspondence of about 40 letters written by Irish Observer Rf SGT. Alan Holden Threfall, R.A.F. Middle East to and from his family, including airgraphs to and from friends in the period between July 1941 to June 12 1944. Further a 'War Gratuity Statment of £20.16s. to his father (13 June 1946). Interesting and most unusual airgraph correspondence. | | ✉ | **200** | *(€ 200)* |
| **1013✈** | B.O.A.C. Crash of Short S25 Sunderland Flying Boat 'G-AGES' from Nigeria - Lisbon - (Foynes) 1943 (July 28): 'DAMAGED BY / FIRE IN TRANSIT' purple cachet applied on reverse of censored civilian envelope (opened on three sides for display) franked with three adhesives from French "DOUALA CAMEROUN 11.VII.43" to London, with French Military censor marks, boxed' PAR AVION' and 'Jusqu'à destination' handstamps in black. A rare destination Nierinck 730728. *(Photo = 225)* | | ✉ | **300** | *(€ 305)* |

## P.O.W. Mail - Asia

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| **1014** | B.O.A.C. Crash of Short S25 Sunderland Flying Boat 'G-AGES' from Nigeria - Lisbon - (Foynes) 1943 (July 28): 'DAMAGED BY / FIRE IN TRANSIT' purple cachet applied on P.o.W. postcard from Able Seaman Jack Barrick written on Christmas Eve 1942 from Japanese P.o.W.'Tandjongpriok' near Batavia to England with British censor mark in red on front. Scarce P.O.W. Mail from Batavia, saved after Mount Brandon crash July 28 1943. First cards were allowed December 24, 1942 Nierinck 430728. *(Photo = 225)* | | ✉ | **200** | *(€ 200)* |
| **1015✈** | B.O.A.C. Crash of Short S25 Sunderland Flying Boat 'G-AGES' from Nigeria - Lisbon - (Foynes) at Mount Brandon 1943 (July 28): Fine P.o.W. correspondence of 20 cards or envelopes concerning Seaman Bobbie Mc Gee Prisoner of War at Tandjongpriol Camp near Batavia (1943/44) of which two similar to his wife Jean (Joan) in Glasgow, including 'DAMAGED BY / FIRE IN TRANSIT' purple cachet applied on two Japanese P.o.W. cards, both safed at the Mount Brandon, 1941/42 envelopes (6) addressed to Bobby McGee, bearing 'Return to Sender on Admiralty Instructions' missing report labels, further censored covers (9) sent from his wife Jean McGee in Glasgow to Japanese Red Cross in Tokyo as well as two British P.o.W. stationery cards addressed to Robert Mc Gee in 'Malaya Camp' (1944). *Seaman Bobby McGee, serving on H.M.S.Sultan, the land based Naval HQ at Singapore, was captured in the Banka Straits and was reported dead by the Japanese by error. History at it's Best!* Nierinck 430728. | | ✉ | **1'000** | *(€ 1'010)* |
| **1016✈** | B.O.A.C. Crash of Short S25 Sunderland Flying Boat 'G-AGES' from Nigeria - Lisbon - (Foynes) 1943 (July 28): Japanese P.o.W. postcard dated June 19, 1942, written by British P.o.W. John Madren at Changi Camp in Singapore to his Mother in Essex, England, showing local "TRAIGHLY 3. VIII 43" cds. and manuscript finder's note: *"KERRY EIRE, CARD picked up at Mount Brandon scene of plane accident /July 43"*. Rare privately safed after the Mount Brandon crash July 28 1943 without official crash cachet and locally posted at Traighli (Tralee Co. Kerry). About 30'000 P.o.W. letters/cards were carried on this crash flight, of which only 2'500 were recovered by local people. To date the only known card which was locally posted *without* purpal crash cachet Nierinck 430728. *(Photo = 225)* | | ✉ | **500** | *(€ 505)* |
| **1017✈** | B.O.A.C. Crash of Short S25 Sunderland Flying Boat 'G-AGES' from Nigeria - Lisbon - (Foynes) 1943 (July 28): 'DAMAGED BY / FIRE IN TRANSIT' purple cachet applied on P.o.W. postcard probably written in June 1942 by Pte. E. Cottam in Japanese P.o.W. Changi Camp in Singapore to Miss Cottam in England with violet Japanese- and red British censor marks. Card vertically folded, safed at the Mount Brandon crash July 28 1943 accompanied by headed letter of the British Prisoner of War Department (7th Sept. 1943) addressed to Ms. Cottham: *".... the mauve stamp appearing on the top left hand corner of the card indicates that it was despatched from Malaya, but there is a possibility that he may have been moved from the country since the card was written"*. Further letter from the Canadian Red Cross (June 19, 1946) concerning Pte. Edward Cottam, *'formerly Bitish Prisoner of War, Far East'* Nierinck 430728. *(Photo = 225)* | | ✉ | **300** | *(€ 305)* |
| **1018✈** | B.O.A.C. Crash of Short S25 Sunderland Flying Boat 'G-AGES' from Nigeria - Lisbon - (Foynes) 1943 (July 28): 'DAMAGED BY / FIRE IN TRANSIT' purple cachet applied on P.o.W. postcard dated June 20 1942 written by Pte. Jack Shaw in Japanese P.o.W. 'Changi Camp' in Singapore to his mother in England with Japanese and British censor marks in red on front. Card vertically folded, rare P.O.W. Mail, safed at the Mount Brandon crash July 28 1943 Nierinck 430728. *(Photo = 225)* | | ✉ | **250** | *(€ 255)* |
| **1019✈** | B.O.A.C. Crash of Short S25 Sunderland Flying Boat 'G-AGES' from Nigeria - Lisbon - (Foynes) 1943 (July 28): 'DAMAGED BY / FIRE IN TRANSIT' purple cachet applied on P.o.W. postcard, 'dove on helmet' type, written by Pte. Albert Kraft in P.O.W. Camp No. 2 THAILAND to England with Japanese and British censor marks on front. Card vert. folded, rare P.O.W. Mail from Thailand Nierinck 430728. *(Photo = 225)* | | ✉ | **250** | *(€ 255)* |

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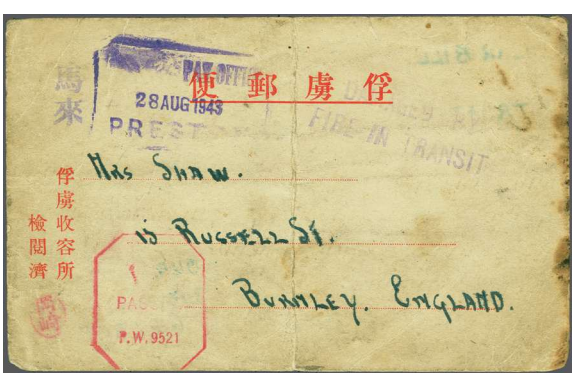


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| **1020✈** | B.O.A.C. Crash of Short S25 Sunderland Flying Boat 'G-AGES' from Nigeria - Lisbon - (Foynes) 1943 (July 28): 'DAMAGED BY / FIRE IN TRANSIT' purple cachet applied on P.o.W. postcard written by Pte. Arthur Robinson in Japanese P.o.W. Camp in Taiwan to his wife in Burnley, Lancs. England, with "Service Des Prisonniers De Guerre" cachet in violet and British censor mark in red on front and Japanese censor mark on back. Card as usual with some defectives, nevertheless a rare P.O.W. Mail from Taiwan Nierinck 430728. *(Photo = 227)* | ✉ | **250** | *(€ 255)* |
| **1021✈** | PoW Arimail 1942/44: Lot two correspondence cards and one envelope from Londonderry with censored letter to Malaya Camps and two postcards to Thai camps, censored envelope to Japanese PoW camps, sent via Tokyo as well as card from a civilian British Internee in Stanley Camp, Hong Kong (1944). Scarce. | ✉ | **150** | *(€ 150)* |

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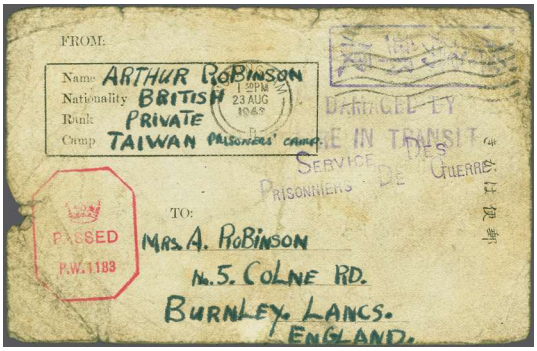
| **1022✈** | B.O.A.C. Crash of Short S25 Sunderland Flying Boat 'G-AGES' from Nigeria - Lisbon - (Foynes) 1943 (July 28): 'DAMAGED BY / FIRE IN TRANSIT' purple cachet applied on censored envelope franked with 1/3 d. from "Lagos 16 JY 1943" Nigeria to England. Scarce civilian usage on this 1st Flight Nierinck 430728a. *(Photo = 227)* | ✉ | **200** | *(€ 200)* |
| **1023✈** | B.O.A.C. Crash of Short Sunderland Flying Boat 'G-AGES' from Nigeria - Lisbon - (Foynes) 1943 (July 28): 'DAMAGED BY / FIRE IN TRANSIT' purple cachet applied on reverse of slightly burned envelope at right, franked with three 5 d. adhesives from Freetown, Sierra Leone and forwarded with London ambulance envelope to Glasgow, Scotland Nierinck 430728a. *(Photo = 227)* | ✉ | **200** | *(€ 200)* |
| **1024✈** | B.O.A.C. Lockheed Lodestar G-AGIH Crash at Kinnekulle, Sweden 1944 (Aug.29): Censored envelope from "Göteborg-1 24.8.44" franked with two adhesives bearing boxed special cachet "Damaged through an air- / plane accident in course / of conveyance" in violet, backstamped "Stockholm Sept. 2 44" applied after crash Nierinck unlisted. *(Photo = 227)* | ✉ | **150** | *(€ 150)* |
| **1025✈** | Air France Crash DC-3 'DAKOTA' at Le Bourget Airport, Paris 1946 (Sept. 4): Large fragment of cover from "Orléans Sept. 3 1946" to Cork, Ireland together with ambulance envelope bearing special cachet "SERVICE POSTAL FRANCAIS / CORRSEPONDANCE RETARDÉE / par accident d'Avion / Prière de ne pas taxer" in black. Scarce crash cover to Ireland, only few known Nierinck 460904. *(Photo = 227)* | ✉ | **200** | *(€ 200)* |
| **1026✈** | Pan American Crash of Lockheed L049 Constellation N88858 "Empress of the Skies" Karachi - London 1948 Apr. 15): Group of four fragments of envelopes, incl. one from Damascus, Syria and three from Istanbul, Turkey with one bearing rare four line handstamp: 'DELAY DUE TO AIRMAIL / INTERRUPTION NEAR -SHANNON EIRE / APR. 15 1948" in violet (to date only known with this cachet), one with official Irisch ambulance envelopes as well as one with official US certificate of 'Department of State General Staff US Army' dated May 14th, 1948. Very rare offer Nierinck 480415 a+b. | ✉ | **1'000** | *(€ 1'010)* |
| **1027✈** | Air India Crash of Lokheed Constellation L-749 VT-CQP "Malabar Princess" at Mont Blanc, France 1950 (Nov. 3): 'Tata Industires' Ltd. Business envelope posted in "Bombay 1. Nov. 50" to London bearing special label 'Salvaged April 1951 from the / Air Liner "Malabar Princess" / which crashed in the Alps, November, 1950' tied by "London F.S. 30 AP 51" on reverse Nierinck 501103b. *(Photo = 227)* | ✉ | **120** | *(€ 120)* |
| **1028✈** | Linee Aeree Italiane L.A.I. Crash of DC 6 I-LUCK 1951 (Dec. 23): Group of seven envelopes bearing four line special cachet 'Contiene corrispondenza danneggiata / ricuperata nell'incidente / all'aereo New York - Milano / del 23 dicembre 1951" in violet applied either on crash-covers or official 'Amministrazione delle PTT d'Italia' envelopes, including one envelope to Germany with official German Postsache envelope of "Winnenden (Württ.) 26.1.52" and two envelopes from USA with official Rome Post Office slip Nierinck 511223f. | ✉ | **250** | *(€ 255)* |
| **1029✈** | Aer Lingus DC-3 EI-AFL 'St. Kevin' of London to Dublin flight, crashed at Dolwyddelan / Nant-Gwynant in Wales 1952 (Jan. 10): Commercial envelope 'Aktiebolaget Transmarin / Helsingborg' Sweden to Dublin with Helsingborg meter mark (Jan.9), bearing official label 'M.P.480 (official Seal) COVER FOUND OPEN (OR TORNED)' cancelled by Dublin postmark (Jan 15) together with typewritten note: "This item was recovered from the wreck of the Aer Lingus plane St. Kevin Post Cheantar Baile Atha Cliath" Nierinck 520110a. *(Photo = 229)* | ✉ | **200** | *(€ 200)* |
| **1030✈** | Aer Lingus DC-3 EI-AFL 'St. Kevin' London - Dublin flight crashed at Dolwyddelan / Nant-Gwynant in Wales 1952 (Jan. 10): Selection of four envelopes from Sweden, all bearing typewritten label "This item was recovered from the wreck of the Aer Lingus plane St. Kevin" cancelled by Dublin postmark (Jan 14 or 15) together with many documents, photographs and official Accident Report of Court Investigation as well as newspapers reporting from the desaster. Further three Aer Lingus Flight reports of previous flights (1950/52), signed by Capt. Richard Laker, passenger on board the 'St. Kevin'. Scarce and fine Nierinck 520110 = CHF 2'600. | ✉ | **750** | *(€ 760)* |

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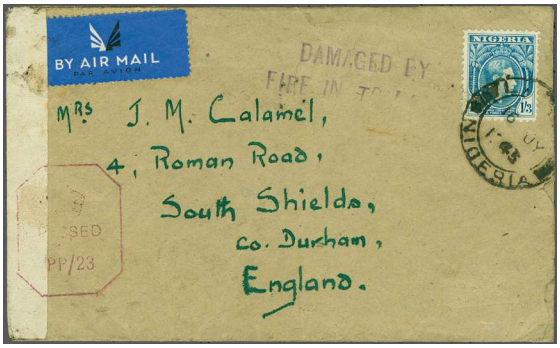


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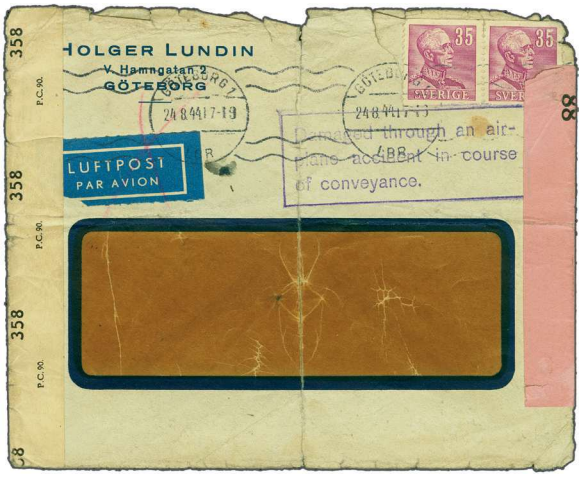


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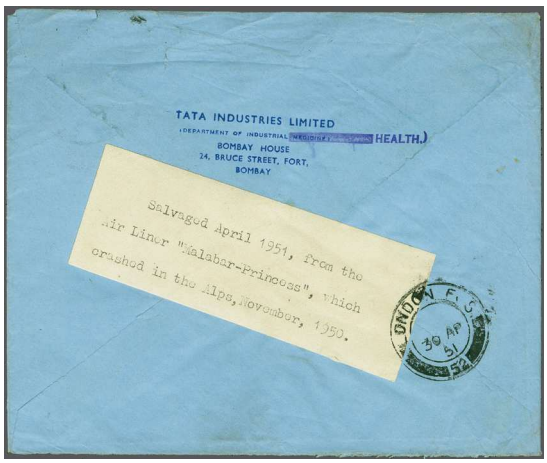


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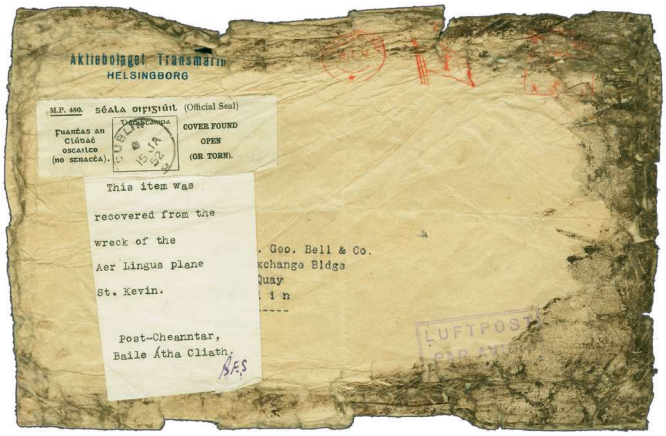
| **1031✈** | B.O.A.C. de Havilland DH 106 First 'Comet' Crash at Jangipara, Calcutta 1953 (May 2): Selection of four envelopes to Ireland, incl. acceptances from Sarawak, Singapore, Penang and Gemas, Malaya, all bearing three line handstamp. 'SALVAGED MAIL / "Comet" Crash Near Calcutta / 2nd May 1953' in violet, of which one Air letter from Sarawak with cachet variety: "....Near Galcutta" with 'G' instead of 'C' as 'Calcutta'. In addition two passenger tickets and one Crew baggage label. Fine and very scarce items Nierinck 530502. | | ✉ | **500** | *(€ 505)* |
| **1032✈** | B.O.A.C. de Havilland DH 106 Second 'Comet' 1 G-ALYP Crash into the Mediterranian Sea near Elba Island, Italy 1954 (Jan. 10): Two envelopes to Ireland showing two line handstamp 'DAMAGED BY SEAWATER / COMET MAIL' in red, including 'On Governement Service' envelope from Kuala Lumpur (Jan. 7th) and 'Credit Statement' of 'The Chartered Bank' in Sibu / Sarawak with "London F.S. (Foreign Section) JA ..6. 54" transit cancel on reverse. The cover is believed to be the only known to have survived from the Sarawak mail. The credit statement was part of enclosure with the adjoining 1953 balance statement issued to Mr. G.J.Myles Esq. (June 30 and Dec. 29) Nierinck 540110. | | ✉ | **300** | *(€ 305)* |
| **1033✈** | Philippines Airlines "Cloud Master" DC-6 Crash at Ciampino Airport, Rome 1954 (Jan. 14): Commercial envelope from Osaka, Japan to Dublin, bearing on front 'DAMAGED IN / PAL-AIRCRAFT CRASH' in black and on reverse Italian special cachet "Corrispondenza recuperata in seguito / incidente aereo del / 14 Gen. 1954". To date the only known crash cover of this flight to Ireland Nierinck 5401114 a+f. *(Photo = 227)* | | ✉ | **150** | *(€ 150)* |
| **1034✈** | KLM L1049C Super Constellation PH-LKY 'TRITON' Crash at Shannon Airport 1954 (Sept. 5): Single line special cachet 'SALVAGED FROM K.L.M. CRASH AT SHANNON' in violet used on two envelopes from Germany to USA bearing advertising meter marks, of which one registered usage from Ulm, together with a third cover from Bad Schwartau bearing black special cachet of Shannon Airport Post Office, forwarded Sept. 27 to Rotterdam. Acceptances from Germany are quite rare, a fine trio Nierinck 540905. | | ✉ | **300** | *(€ 305)* |
| **1035✈** | Burma - KLM L1049C Super Constellation PH-LKY 'TRITON' Crash at Shannon Airport 1954 (Sept. 5): Single line special cachet 'SALVAGED FROM K.L.M. CRASH AT SHANNON' in violet applied to envelope from Rangoon to USA, franked with three adhesives of which one floated off and re-mounted to cover with trace of removed scotch tape repairing at tear at upper left. A scarce acceptance from Burma Nierinck 540905. *(Photo = 227)* | | ✉ | **150** | *(€ 150)* |
| **1036✈** | Ecuador - KLM L1049C Super Constellation PH-LKY 'TRITON' Crash at Shannon Airport 1954 (Sept. 5): Registered envelope opf Royal Netherlands Steamship Co. from "Amsterdam 4.IX.54" to Guyaquil, Ecuador franked with advertising meter mark and bearing single line 'SALVAGED FROM K.L.M. CRASH AT SHANNON' special cachet in black together with Ecuadorian violet 'LLEGADO COMO ES' handstamps on front, re-sealed on back at "AEROPHORT NA SIONAINNE 9 XI 54".(Error of month!). A very rare destination Nierinck 540905. *(Photo = 229)* | | ✉ | **150** | *(€ 150)* |
| **1037✈** | Guatemala - KLM L1049C Super Constellation PH-LKY 'TRITON' Crash at Shannon Airport 1954 (Sept. 5): Commercial airmail envelope from "Rotterdam 3.IX.54" to Guatemala - City, adhesives floated off, bearing single line 'SALVAGED FROM K.L.M. CRASH AT SHANNON' special cachet in violet and on reverse with "Guatemala / Correo Aereo SP 17 1954" cds. and 'RECIBIDA CON EL CIERRE AVERIADO' handstamp in violet. A very rare destination Nierinck 540905. *(Photo = 229)* | | ✉ | **150** | *(€ 150)* |
| **1038✈** | Haiti - KLM L1049C Super Constellation PH-LKY 'TRITON' Crash at Shannon Airport 1954 (Sept. 5): Registered business envelope from "Rotterdam 04.9.54" to Port au Prince, Haiti franked with advertising meter mark and bearing single line 'SALVAGED FROM K.L.M. CRASH AT SHANNON' special cachet in violet, sealed and cancelled on front and back of cover with "AEROPHORT NA SIONAINNE 14.IX.54" cds's., forwarded and backstamped on arrival "PORT-AU-PRINCE HAITI 16 SEPT 1954. A very rare destination, *Ex collection van Overleek* Nierinck 540905. *(Photo = 229)* | | ✉ | **200** | *(€ 200)* |
| **1039✈** | Panama Canal Zone - KLM L1049C Super Constellation PH-LKY 'TRITON' Crash at Shannon Airport 1954 (Sept. 5): Business Airmail envelope from "Amsterdam 4.9.54" to Cristobal C.Z.franked with advertising meter mark and bearing single line 'SALVAGED FROM K.L.M. CRASH AT SHANNON' special cachet in black. Unusual destination, just with plain sealing labels on the back Nierinck 540905. *(Photo = 229)* | | ✉ | **100** | *(€ 100)* |
| **1040✈** | Peru - KLM L1049C Super Constellation PH-LKY 'TRITON' Crash at Shannon Airport 1954 (Sept. 5): Business envelope from "Schiedam 3.IX.54" to Lima, Peru franked with advertising meter mark and bearing single line 'SALVAGED FROM K.L.M. CRASH AT SHANNON' special cachet in violet and on reverse with Peruvian boxed 'INGRESSO EN EL / ESTADO QUE SE VE / Serv. Peruano' handstamp in blue. A very rare destination Nierinck 540905. *(Photo = 229)* | | ✉ | **150** | *(€ 150)* |
| **1041✈** | Samoa - KLM L1049C Super Constellation PH-LKY 'TRITON' Crash at Shannon Airport 1954 (Sept. 5): Business airmail envelope from Amsterdam to Apia, Western Samoa, franked with advertising meter mark and bearing single line 'SALVAGED FROM K.L.M. CRASH AT SHANNON' special cachet in violet and on reverse two line 'TROUVE EN / CET ETAT' in blue, 'HAITI SEP 18" Duplex transit mark. A very rare destination, *Ex collection van Overleek* Nierinck 540905. *(Photo = 229)* | | ✉ | **200** | *(€ 200)* |

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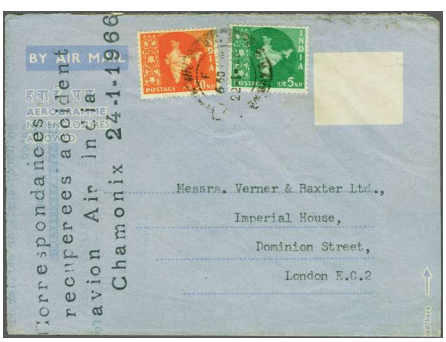


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| **1042✈** | KLM L1049C Super Constellation PH-LKY 'TRITON' Crash at Shannon Airport 1954 (Sept. 5): Group of five Ambulance envelopes in diff. sizes returned to New York, all cancelled "RETURNED LETTER SECTION DUBLIN 8.X.54" and bearing three line special cachet 'SALVAGED FROM / K.L.M. CRASH / AT SHANNON' in black Nierinck 540905c = CHF 1'100. | | ✉ | **250** | *(€ 255)* |
| **1043✈** | KLM L1049C Super Constellation PH-LKY 'TRITON' Crash at Shannon Airport 1954 (Sept. 5): Single line special cachet 'SALVAGED FROM K.L.M. CRASH AT SHANNON' in black used on three envelopes from "Karachi Sept. 3 54" to USA, incl. two legal size business envelopes as well as 6 a. stationery Air Letter uprated with 1a. blue (2) adhesives. Rare acceptances Nierinck 540905. | | ✉ | **150** | *(€ 150)* |
| **1044✈** | KLM L1049C Super Constellation PH-LKY 'TRITON' Crash at Shannon Airport 1954 (Sept. 5): Album with 36 envelopes bearing single line 'SALVAGED FROM K.L.M. CRASH AT SHANNON' special cachets in black or violet, incl. 28 Dutch envelopes of which seven registered, further acceptances from Indonesia (6) and Cuba (2), in addition three line handstamp SALVAGED FROM / K.L.M. CRASH / AT SHANNON in black on returned large sized envelope bearing Dutch label in manuscript explaining loss of content, signed by Postkantoor Amsterdam 12. Oct. 1954 Nierinck 540905 a-c = CHF 6'650. | | ✉ | **1'000** | *(€ 1'010)* |
| **1045✈** | L.A.I Douglas DC 6B Crash at Jamaica Bay, New York 1954 (Dec. 18): Selection of six crash covers bearing 'DAMAGE DUE TO AIRMAIL INTERRUPTION / NEAR N.Y. INT'L AIRPORT DEC. 18 1954' in black and violet as well as 'DAMAGED BY PLANE CRASH / AT NEW YORK 12-18-54' in black and small letter type in violet Nierinck 541218. | | ✉ | **150** | *(€ 150)* |
| **1046✈** | B.E.A.C. Viskers Viscount 701 G-ALWE 'DISCOVERY' Crash at Manchester Airport 1957 (March 14): 'Salvaged from / Viscount crash / at / Manchester' special cachet on commrcial envelope to Dublin together with a further crash envelope bearing special Post Office label cancelled by "Strabane Co. Tyrone 19 MR 57" cds with inscription in red ink: "Damaged by fire in Air Crash at Ringway". Only very few mail recovered Nierinck 570314 unprized. | | ✉ | **200** | *(€ 200)* |
| **1047✈** | ALITALIA DC-7 I-DUVO Crash at Shannon Airport 1960 (Feb. 26): Selection of six crash covers from Italy to USA with one forwarded to Canada, all with 'SALVAGED FROM / PLANE CRASH AT / SHANNON AIRPORT' special cachet in black, including one envelope with official Irish seal 'COVER FOUND / OPEN / (OR TORN)', further orignial photographs of 'Independent Newspapers' and two newspaper clips Nierinck 600226 = CHF 1'560. | | ✉ | **400** | *(€ 405)* |
| **1048✈** | Air India Boeing 707 VT-DMH "KANCHANJUGA" Crash at Chamonix, Mont Blanc 1966 (Jan. 24): 'Correspondances / recuperées accident / avion Air India / Chamonix 24-1-1966" special cachet in black on aerogramm franked with two adhesives from 'Bombay 22-1-66", backstamped "CHAMONIX - MONT BLANC - SAVOIE 4-2-66" on reverse. Fine Nierinck 660124a. *(Photo = 229)* | | ✉ | **150** | *(€ 150)* |
| **1049** | Mail Robbery at Dublin Airport 1974 (Oct. 3): Group of four envelopes of which two singed by smoke, incl. business envelope from "London 3.X.74" and three with typewritten letters of G.P.O. in Waterford: "The accompanying letter has been damaged during the course of a mail robbery which took place while the mail was being conveyed from Dublin Airport", dated 24.10.1974. | | ✉ | **150** | *(€ 150)* |
| **1050✈** | Crash of Loganair Flight (LC670A) Shorts 360 G-BNMT ditching into the Firth of Forth Estuary 2001 (Feb. 27): Envelope of Dundee Central Library with 27p. meter-mark of "Dundee 26.02.01" and business envelope of Edinburgh City Library (20.02.01), together with British Mail Customer Service Manager appologize letter "I am very sorry that the enclosed letter has been damaged during transit...." dated 'March 2001'. *Loganair Flight 670A (LC670A) was a scheduled cargo flight for the Royal Mail from Edinburgh-Turnhouse Airport, Scotland to Belfast International Airport. On 27 February 2001 the Short 360 operating the flight ditched in the Firth of Forth off Edinburgh at around 17:30 local time; the two crewmembers' bodies were found in the wreckage a few hours after the crash.* | | ✉ | **150** | *(€ 150)* |
| **1051✈** | Airmail Crashes 1907/2011: Eight volume collection of recovered mail, 100 crash covers or recovered mail relating to Ireland, starting with 1917 (March 13) "S.S. Norwegian" ship disaster and from 1929 onwards with recovered crash airmail as 1935 (March 6) Imperial Airways diverted service Port Said - Alexandria - London via Tobruk and Malta, 1935 (July 17) KLM DC-2 'Maraboe' crash at Bushire and (Dec. 9), 1937 (Mai 1) Imperial Airways interrupted flight, 'Courtier' Flying boat (Oct. 1) at Phaleron Bay Athens (2), 1938 (Nov. 2) 'Calpurnia' (2), 1939 (Mai 1) 'Challenger' crash at Mozambique Harbour (1), WW II wartime crashes (16), ten items of 1954 (March 13) B.O.A.C 'Belfast' crash at Singapore, 1954 (Aug. 3) Air France crash at Norwich, Connecticut with two acceptances from Germany (GFR/GDR) and B.O.A.C. 'Cathay' crash (Dec. 25), all accompanied by many original photographs, newspaper clips, official Reports of 'Inspector of Accidents by Ministry of Aviation' and many more relating material. Viewing recommended. | | ✉ | **1'000** | *(€ 1'010)* |