

Dr. Arthur K.M. Woo first exhibited his Zeppelins starting in 2004. This is a collecting area that is virtually limitless.

Originations, destinations, rates, frankings and cachets are just some of the challenges facing a collector of these colorful and historically fascinating flights.

Exhibiting this subject area is very difficult. The time period – 1930's – is modern by philatelic standards. Very little contemporary information exists for the proper rates.

The exhibiting community recognizes just how the difficult it is to display this subject matter – an entirely separate category of exhibiting just for aerophilately exists.

Originations of Mail for the LZ127 and LZ129 Zeppelin Flights

The LZ127 'Graf Zeppelin' was 236.6 meters in length with a width of 30.5 meters. It had a volume of 105,000 square meters and was capable of a speed of 110 km. per hour. It was powered by five Maybach 12-cylinder engines of 530 h.p. each. It was officially named "Graf Zeppelin" on 8 July 1928 on the occasion of the 90th birthday of Count Ferdinand Graf Zeppelin. It had its first test flight in September 1928 and it continued in service until the end of April 1937 when it was transferred from Friedrichshafen to Frankfurt. The airship had successfully completed 590 flights during this period. It was put on display in Frankfurt and was open to visitors until it was finally dismantled in March 1940.

The LZ129 'Hindenburg' was 245 meters in length with a width of 41.2 meters. It had 16 separate buoyancy compartments and was capable of a speed of 130 km. per hour. It was powered by four Daimler Benz engines of 1050 h.p. each and could carry a payload of 60,000 kg. It had its first test flight in March 1936 and it continued in service for just over a year until it was destroyed by fire during the landing manoeuvre at Lakehurst, New Jersey on 7 May 1937.

Background

With the advent of the LZ127 "Graf Zeppelin" airship the German Zeppelin company were able to look at the commercial side of the airship business and one very immediate possible benefit was to speed up mail communications between Germany and other parts of the world, particularly the Americas, by utilizing the Zeppelin for the long haul transatlantic segments.

It must be remembered that, although the vast majority of Zeppelin mail is of a philatelic origin, one of the original ideals behind the Zeppelin flights, particularly to the Americas, was to create a viable commercial airmail service between Europe, its Colonies, and the Americas in the years prior to non-stop transatlantic airplane flights. The original attempts to set up the feeder services to Friedrichshafen from many different originating countries were legitimate ones with a sound commercial base.

The Exhibit

This 1929-1937 period was the heyday of the Zeppelin and interest in the airships was worldwide. The exhibit attempts to show the diverse range of countries and originations that exist for the various flights for the two Zeppelin airships. At the same time it attempts to cover a good range of different flights and years though, as a necessity, the emphasis tends to be on the trans-Atlantic flights.

Over 95% of the known recorded originations are represented in the collection plus, in addition, two unrecorded originations are also shown from St. Lucia and Thailand. Some of the rarely seen originations include Afghanistan, Ascension, Bahamas, Basutoland, Cameroons, Ceylon, Chad, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dahomey, Danzig (Polish), Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Haiti, Hejaz Nejd (Saudi Arabia), Honduras, India (British), India (French), Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Johore, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Madagascar, Malaya, Middle Congo, Niger, Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Reunion, Ruanda-Urundi, Sarawak, Senegal, Somaliland, Southern Rhodesia, Sudan, Swaziland, Syria, Tanganyika, Togo and Yemen. Originations from many other countries can be considered as scarce such as Canal Zone, Dominican Republic, Indochina, Iran, Kenya, Mauritania, Nicaragua, Panama, Surinam, etc. and then of course, there are a solid core of countries where Zeppelin acceptances are more familiar.

The exhibit is arranged alphabetically by countries using their contemporary names. Originations that were home to Foreign post offices (such as Morocco with British, French and Spanish offices) or originations that were under the auspices of more than one other country (such as Andorra with both its French and Spanish sides) are listed under the local name. For example French Andorra and Spanish Andorra are listed as 'Andorra - French' and 'Andorra - Spanish' respectively.

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Afghanistan



1933 acceptance from Kabul for the LZ127 8th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

A very rare origination

Afghanistan acceptances are only known for a few of the 1933-34 period LZ127 flights

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Albania



1933 acceptance from Shkodër (Scutari) for the LZ127 5th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) and then Rio de Janeiro to connect with a Syndicato Condor flight to Santos

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Algeria



1933 acceptance from Algiers for the LZ127 6th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) and then Rio de Janeiro to connect with a Syndicato Condor flight to Parana for delivery to Curitiba

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Andorra - Spanish



1933 acceptance from Andorra la Vieja for the LZ127 4th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

There were far fewer acceptances from Spanish Andorra than from French Andorra

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Argentina



1932 acceptances from Buenos Aires for the respective return legs of the LZ127 4th and 5th South American flights from Pernambuco (Recife) to Friedrichshafen for onward delivery to Lorch

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Ascension



1934 acceptance from Ascension Island for the LZ127 7th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) to connect with a Sindicato Condor flight to La Paz (Bolivia) and then a Lloyd Aereo Boliviano flight to Arica (Chile) for onward transmission to Peru by surface mail

A very rare origination

This 7th South American Flight is the only flight on which Ascension Island acceptances have been recorded

For the 1934 and 1935 flights, the red circular Zeppelin confirmation handstamps are coded 'b' or 'c' for acceptances at Friedrichshafen, 'd' for on board acceptances, 'a' for acceptances from Berlin and an asterisk for acceptances from Stuttgart. The latter two codes were only applied on mail flown on the special feeder flights to Friedrichshafen

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights



Austria

1930 acceptances from Vienna for the July LZ127 Friedrichshafen to Spitzbergen and Friedrichshafen to Iceland round trip flights with the former dropped at Bergen and the latter dropped at Hammerfest, both in Norway, for delivery back to Austria

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Bahamas



1936 acceptance from Nassau for the return leg of the LZ129 1st North American Flight from Lakehurst, New Jersey to Frankfurt for onward delivery to London

A very rare origination

This Lakehurst to Frankfurt flight is the only one on which Bahamas acceptances have been recorded

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Basutoland



1936 acceptance from Maseru for the LZ129 1st North American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Lakehurst, New Jersey for onward delivery to New York

A very rare origination

Originations from Basutoland are unrecorded in the two standard Zeppelin catalogues (Sieger and Michel)

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Belgian Congo



1934 acceptance from Leopoldville for the LZ127 3rd South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

An uncommon origination

The 1934 3rd South American flight continued on from Pernambuco via Rio de Janeiro to Buenos Aires in Argentina. This was the the only time that a Zeppelin flight visited a South American country other than Brazil

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Bolivia



1930 acceptance from La Paz for the ongoing and return leg of the Europe Pan-American Flight from Rio de Janeiro to Friedrichshafen via Lakehurst, New Jersey

This cover was carried on the first feeder flight to Rio de Janeiro that left from La Paz on 14 May 1930. The Zeppelin departed from Rio de Janeiro on 25 May 1930

This was a major demonstration flight for the LZ127 and was the Zeppelin's first visit to South America

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Brazil



1934 acceptance mailed at a trade sample fair in Rio de Janeiro for the return leg of the LZ127 8th South American flight from Rio de Janeiro to Friedrichshafen for onward delivery to Vaduz in Liechtenstein

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Bulgaria



1933 acceptance from Sofia for the LZ127 3rd South American flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

This cover has a special cachet to show that the acceptance was routed via Berlin and flown on a special feeder service to Friedrichshafen

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Ceylon



1934 acceptance from Colombo for the LZ127 1st South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

A very rare origination

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Chad



1935 acceptance from Fort Lamy for the LZ127 2nd South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) to connect with a Sindicato Condor flight to Bahia

A very rare origination

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Chile



1932 acceptances from Concepcion for the respective return legs of the LZ127 6th and 7th South American flights from Pernambuco (Recife) to Friedrichshafen for onward delivery to Lorch or Ahrensburg in Germany

The cachet on the former cover shows the 'IV' for 'IX' month date error

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Colombia



1932 privately arranged acceptance from Cali for the LZ127 8th South American Flight from Rio de Janeiro to Friedrichshafen for onward delivery to Wurtemberg

There was no officially organised feeder service from Colombia for the Zeppelin flights. This cover was originally addressed to an agent in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil and was sent on the first leg of its journey from Cali by the private carrier service 'Conducto Ribon'. The cover travelled via Barranquilla (2 October) to Rio de Janeiro (13 October) where the addressee relabelled the cover with an address in Wurtemberg and affixed Brazilian stamps (14 October) to pay the ongoing postal fees for the delivery by the Zeppelin. The cover duly arrived in Friedrichshafen on 19 October

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Costa Rica



1936 acceptance from San Jose for the return leg of the LZ129 1st North American Flight from Lakehurst, New Jersey to Frankfurt for onward delivery to Cottbus in Germany

A rare origination

The Costa Rican stamp paid the regular airmail rate to the USA and the added US stamps paid for the onward transmission to Germany by the Zeppelin service

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Cuba



1932 acceptance from Habana for the LZ127 5th South American flight from Pernambuco (Recife) to Friedrichshafen for onward delivery to Hamburg

A rare origination

The Cuban stamps paid the regular airmail rate to Brazil and the added Brazilian stamps paid for the onward transmission to Germany by the Zeppelin service

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights



Cyrenaica

Acceptances from Bengazi for the LZ127 1932 8th South American Flight and 1933 1st South American flight both from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Czechoslovakia



1932 acceptance from Bratislava for the LZ127 8th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) to connect with a Sindicato Condor flight to Paranaguá for delivery to Curitiba

This cover has a special cachet to show that the acceptance was routed via Berlin and flown on a special feeder service to Friedrichshafen

Meter mail frankings are uncommon on Zeppelin flights

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Dahomey

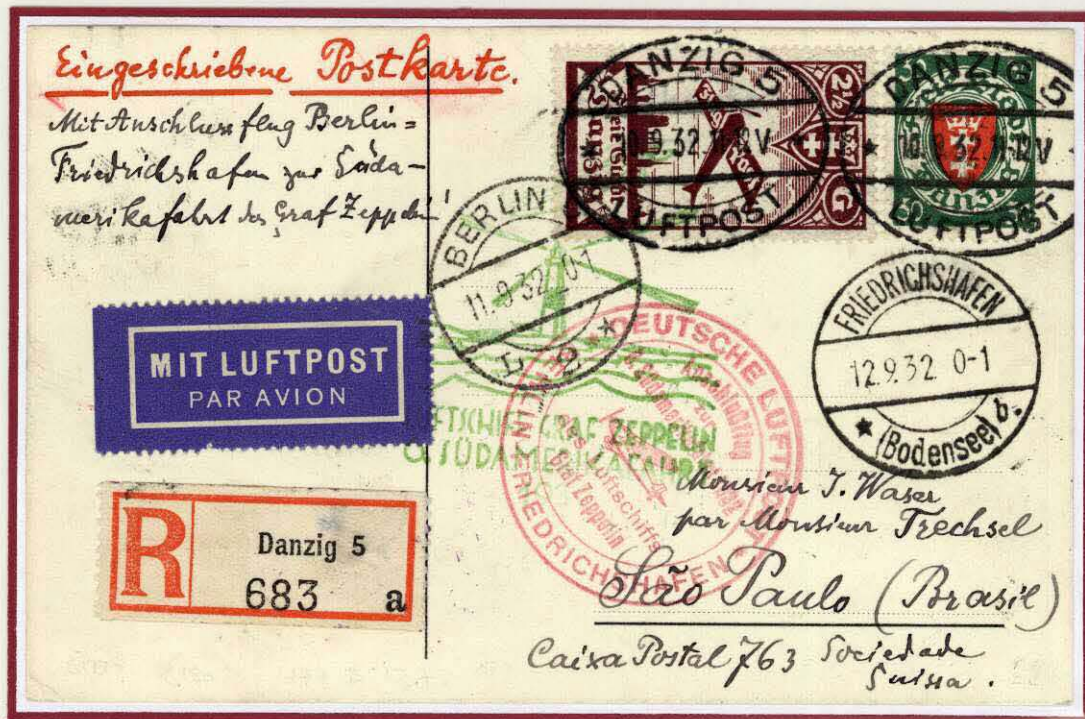


1933 acceptance from Abomey for the LZ127 6th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

A rare origination

Dahomey acceptances are only recorded for four flights from the 1933-34 period

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights



Danzig

1932 acceptance from Danzig Langfuhr for the LZ127 flight from Danzig to Friedrichshafen for onward delivery to Basel in Switzerland and 1932 acceptance from Danzig-5 office for the 6th South American flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) to connect with a Syndicato Condor flight to Sao Paulo

The latter cover has a special cachet to show that the acceptance was routed via Berlin and flown on a special feeder service to Friedrichshafen

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Danzig - Polish Offices



1933 acceptance from Gdansk for the LZ127 5th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

A rare origination

This cover has a special cachet to show that the acceptance was routed via Berlin and flown on a special feeder service to Friedrichshafen

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Denmark



1936 acceptance from Copenhagen for the LZ129 7th North American Flight from Frankfurt to Lakehurst, New Jersey

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Dominican Republic



1936 acceptance from Ciudad Trujillo for the return leg of the LZ129 1st North American Flight from Lakehurst, New Jersey to Frankfurt for onward delivery to London

A scarce origination

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights



Egypt

1933 acceptance from Alexandria for the LZ127 5th South American flight from Friedrichshafen to Rio de Janeiro and 1934 acceptance from Alexandria for the 9th South American flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

The former cover was routed via Berlin and flown on a special feeder service to Friedrichshafen. The Egyptian stamps paid the airmail postage to England and the added British stamps paid for the onward transmission by Zeppelin service to South America

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Eritrea



1932 acceptance from Asmara for the LZ127 9th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Estonia



1933 acceptance from Tallin for the LZ127 9th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

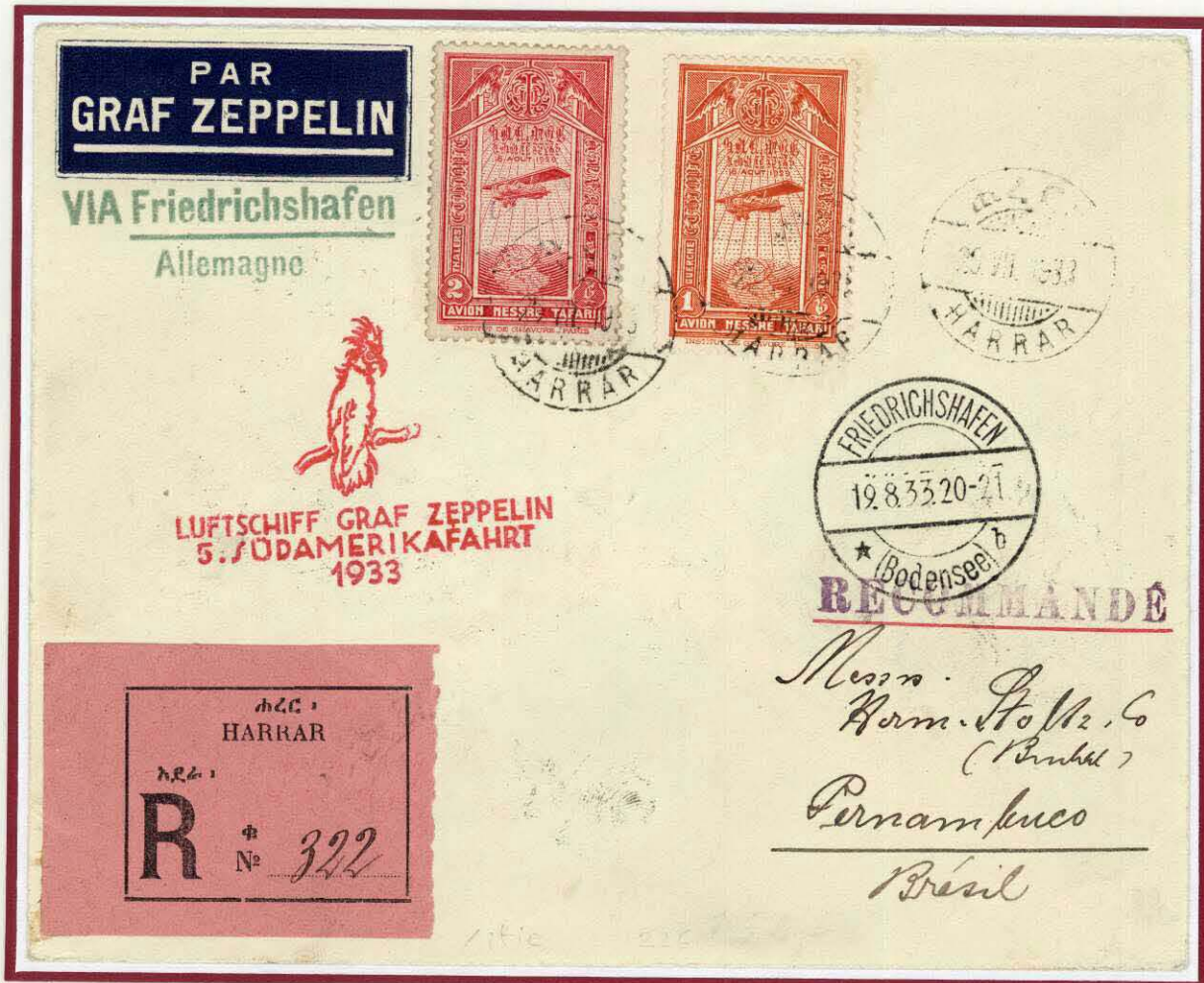
A scarce origination

This cover has a special cachet to show that the acceptance was routed via Berlin and flown on a special feeder service to Friedrichshafen

The 9th South American Flight celebrated the 50th ocean crossing of the Zeppelin airship. From Pernambuco it went north via Miami and Akron to visit the Chicago World Fair before returning to Friedrichshafen via Seville in Spain

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Ethiopia



1933 acceptance from Harrah for the LZ127 5th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

A very rare origination

Ethiopian acceptances are only known for a few of the 1933-34 period LZ127 flights

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Finland



1930 acceptance from Helsinki for the September LZ127 Helsinki to Friedrichshafen Flight (via Berlin) for onward delivery to Copenhagen

The planned landing at Helsinki could not take place because of local weather conditions and the mail was hoisted on board by a rope

The cover is franked with a vertical pair of 10m stamps with a special overprint applied for this flight. The upper of the two stamps shows the '1830' for '1930' overprint error



Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Gabon



1934 acceptance from Libreville for the LZ127 3rd South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

A rare origination

The 1934 3rd South American flight continued on from Pernambuco via Rio de Janeiro to Buenos Aires in Argentina. This was the the only time that a Zeppelin flight visited a South American country other than Brazil

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Gambia



1935 acceptance from Bathurst for the return leg of LZ127 2nd Pendulum Flight from Pernambuco (Recife) to Bathurst and return

A very rare origination

Three round trip 'pendulum' flights were flown from Pernambuco to Bathurst and return in the late November / early December period during the course of the 16th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen. Mail was dropped by parachute and taken on board by rope at Bathurst - the Zeppelin did not land in Gambia. Virtually all the mail picked up originated from Europe and was flown to Bathurst on a Lufthansa feeder flight from Stuttgart

During the course of this 2nd Pendulum Flight, a revolt broke out in Pernambuco and the Zeppelin was unable to land immediately upon its return to Brazil. The mails from Europe were dropped over the Air France landing site at Maceio (a little over 200 km. south of Pernambuco) on 25 November

The Zeppelin had originally left Pernambuco at 10.30 p.m. on 22 November and did not land again in Pernambuco until 8.40 p.m. on the 27 November. This had actually been the 500th flight of the Zeppelin airship and inadvertently it became a record flight with just over 118 hours in the air !

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights



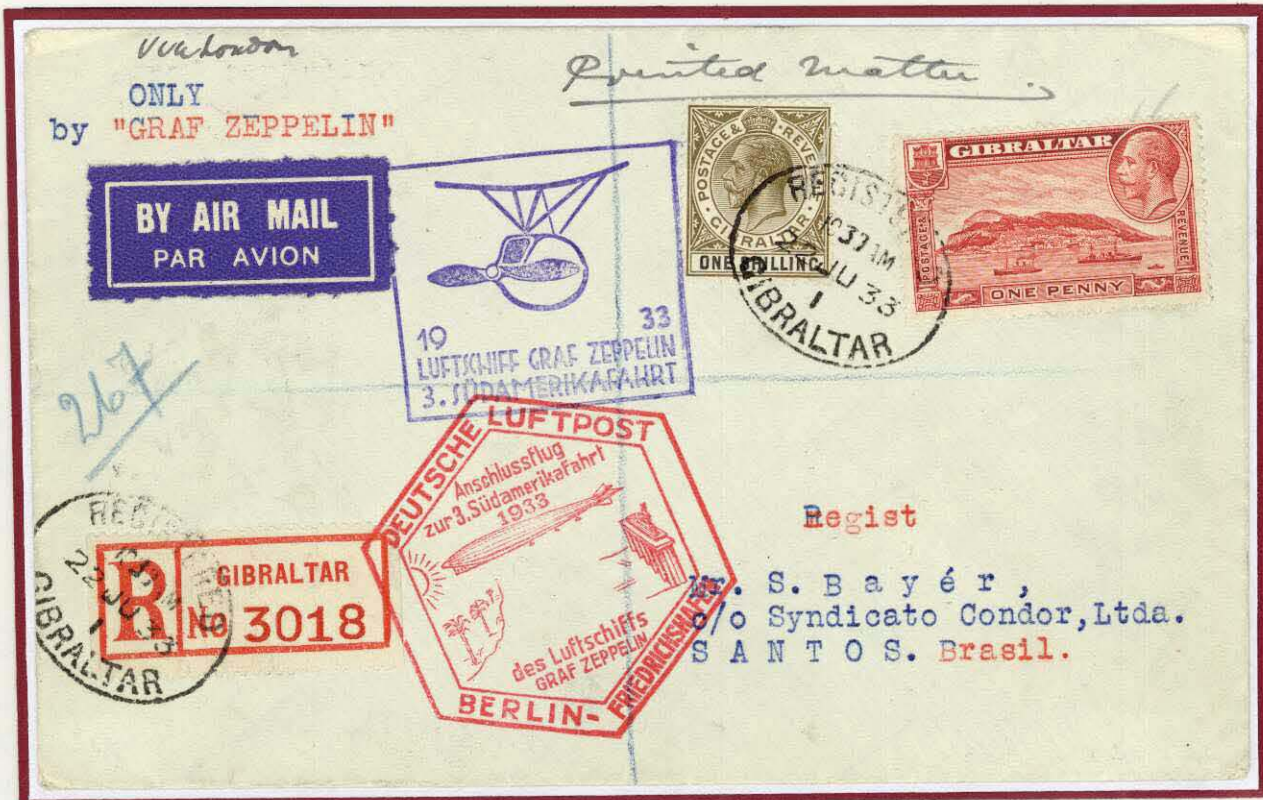
Germany

Acceptances from Germany for the March 1929 LZ127 Orient Flight round trip from Friedrichshafen and for the July 1931 Polar Flight leg from Friedrichshafen to Leningrad with the latter item being mailed on board. The stamp on this latter cover shows the 'missing hyphen' error after POLAR

For the former flight the mail was dropped at Ramle (now in Israel) for ongoing delivery to Jerusalem

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Gibraltar



1933 acceptance from Gibraltar for the LZ127 3th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) and then Rio de Janeiro to connect with a Syndicato Condor flight to Santos

This cover has a special cachet to show that the acceptance was routed via Berlin and flown on a special feeder service to Friedrichshafen

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Greece



1933 acceptances from Athens for the return leg of the May LZ127 Friedrichshafen to Rome flight with onward delivery to Lorch in Germany or Barcelona in Spain.

The unframed red cachets show they were flown on a special feeder service to Rome

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Guatemala



1936 acceptance from Guatemala City for the return leg of the LZ129 1st North American Flight from Lakehurst, New Jersey to Frankfurt for onward delivery to London

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Guinea



1934 acceptance from Beyla for the LZ127 3rd South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife), Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires in Argentina

A very rare origination

The 1934 3rd South American flight continued on from Pernambuco via Rio de Janeiro to Buenos Aires in Argentina. This was the the only time that a Zeppelin flight visited a South American country other than Brazil

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Haiti



1936 acceptance from Port au Prince for the return leg of the LZ129 1st North American Flight from Lakehurst, New Jersey to Frankfurt for onward delivery to Cottbus in Germany

A rare origination

The Haiti stamp paid the regular airmail rate to the USA and the added US stamps paid for the onward transmission to Germany by the Zeppelin service

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Hejaz and Nejd (Saudi Arabia)



1933 acceptance from Mecca for the LZ127 5th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

A very rare origination

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Hungary



1932 acceptance from Budapest for the LZ127 7th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) to connect with a Sindicato Condor flight to Paranagua for delivery to Curitiba

Meter mail frankings are uncommon on Zeppelin flights

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Iceland



1932 acceptance from Reykjavik for the LZ127 5th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

This cover has a special cachet to show that the acceptance was routed via Berlin and flown on a special feeder service to Friedrichshafen

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

India - British



1933 acceptance from Karachi (now in Pakistan) for the LZ127 4th South American flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

A rare origination

The Indian stamps paid the airmail postage to England and the added British stamps paid for the onward transmission by Zeppelin service to South America

The cover has a special cachet to show that the acceptance was routed via Berlin and flown on a special feeder service to Friedrichshafen.

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

India - French



1933 acceptance from Mahe for the LZ127 7th South American flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

A rare origination

The British India stamp is superfluous to the franking

Mahe was one of five French settlements in India. The others were Chandernagor, Karikal, Pondichery and Yanaon. Mahe consisted of a town and small separated agricultural settlement and was situated on India's south west Arabian Sea coast in the Malabar District some 50 km. north of Calicut

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Indochina



1934 acceptance from Saigon for the LZ127 3rd South American flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) and Rio de Janeiro for onward delivery to to connect with a Sindicato Condor flight to La Paz (Bolivia) and then a Lloyd Aereo Boliviano flight to Arica (Chile) for onward transmission to Peru by surface mail

A scarce origination

The 1934 3rd South American flight continued on from Pernambuco via Rio de Janeiro to Buenos Aires in Argentina. This was the the only time that a Zeppelin flight visited a South American country other than Brazil

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Iran



1934 acceptance from Teheran for the LZ127 10th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) to connect with a Sydicato Condor flight to Buenos Aires

A scarce origination

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights



Iraq

Acceptances from Baghdad for the 1933 LZ127 3rd South American flight and for the 1934 8th South American flight both from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

The Iraqi stamps paid the registered airmail rate to England and the added British stamps paid for the onward transmission by Zeppelin service to South America. The former cover has a special cachet to show that the acceptance was routed via Berlin and flown on a special feeder service to Friedrichshafen

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Ireland

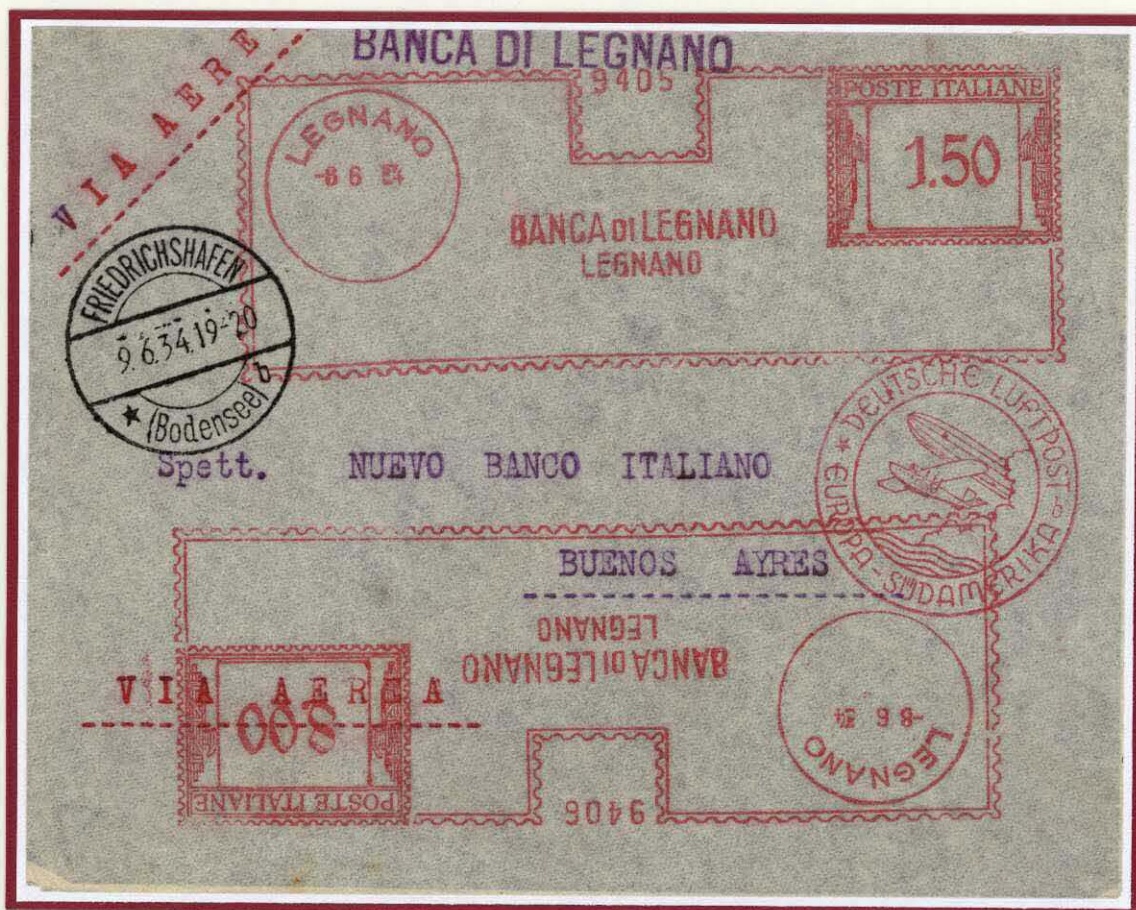


1932 acceptances from Dublin for the respective LZ127 5th and 6th South American flights from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

Both covers have a special cachet to show that the acceptances were routed via Berlin and flown on a special feeder service to Friedrichshafen

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Italy



1933 acceptance from Legnano for the LZ127 2nd South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) and Rio de Janeiro to connect with a Sindicato Condor flight to Buenos Aires

Meter mail frankings are uncommon on Zeppelin flights

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Ivory Coast



1934 acceptance from Bingerville for the LZ127 1st South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

A rare origination

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Jamaica



1936 acceptance from Kingston for the return leg of the LZ129 1st North American Flight from Lakehurst, New Jersey to Frankfurt for onward delivery to London

A rare origination

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights



Japan

Acceptances from Tokyo for the August 1929 LZ127 World Circuit flight legs from Tokyo to Friedrichshafen via Los Angeles and Lakehurst, New Jersey, with the former for onward delivery to London.

The latter was posted on board and mailed after departure from Tokyo on the leg to Los Angeles and is franked with both Japanese and German stamps with their respective "on board" datestamps (25 August)

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Johore

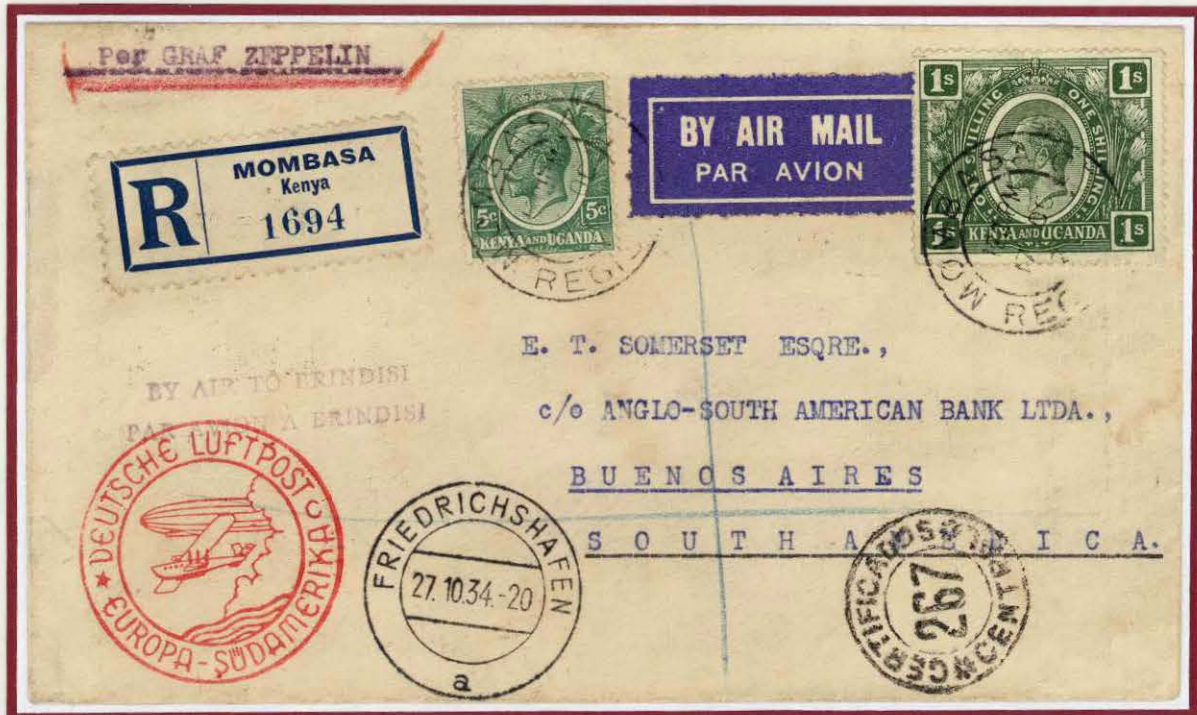


1933 acceptance from Johore Bahru for the LZ127 8th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

A very rare origination

The Johore stamps paid for delivery to Germany and the added German stamps paid for the onward transmission by Zeppelin service to South America

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

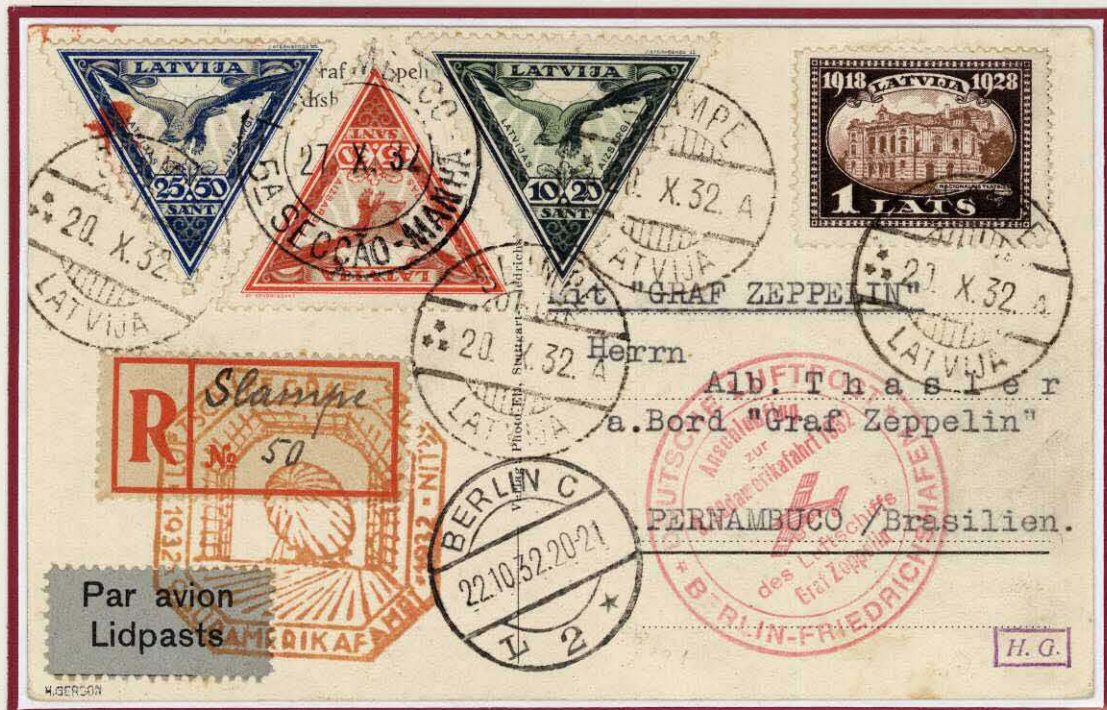


Kenya

Acceptances from Mombasa and from Nairobi for the 1934 LZ127 11th South American flight and for the 1935 6th South American flight respectively both from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) with former with ongoing service to Rio de Janeiro to connect with Syndicato Condor flight to Buenos Aires

A scarce origination

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights



Latvia

1932 acceptances from Slampe for the LZ127 6th and 9th South American flights respectively both from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) with former to connect with a Syndicato Condor flight to Rio de Janeiro

A uncommon origination

The latter was routed via Berlin and flown on a special feeder service to Friedrichshafen

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Lebanon



1932 acceptance from Beirut for the LZ127 8th South American flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) to connect with a Syndicato Condor flight to Paranagua for delivery to Curitiba

A rare origination

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Kuwait



1934 acceptance from Kuwait for the LZ127 10th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

A very rare origination

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Liberia



1936 acceptance from Monrovia for the LZ129 8th North American Flight from Frankfurt to Lakehurst, New Jersey with onward delivery to Los Angeles

A very rare origination

The Liberian stamp paid postage to Germany. On the reverse of the cover are German 50pf and 75pf Zeppelin stamps to pay for the onward transmission by Zeppelin service to North America

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights



Liechtenstein

1931 acceptances from Vaduz for the 10 June LZ127 flight from Vaduz to Lausanne with onward delivery to Erlangen in Germany and from Triesenberg for the July LZ127 Polar flight leg from Friedrichshafen to Franz-Josephland via Leningrad for onward delivery to Dubendorf in Switzerland.

In Franz-Josephland the Zeppelin made a water landing alongside the icebreaker *Malyguin*

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Lithuania



1933 acceptance from Klaipeda for the LZ127 1st South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

This cover has a special cachet to show that the acceptance was routed via Berlin and flown on a special feeder service to Friedrichshafen

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Madagascar



1935 acceptance from Tananarive for the LZ127 2nd South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) to connect with a Sindicato Condor flight to Bahia

A rare origination

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Malaya



1934 acceptance from Sitiawan for the LZ127 10th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

A very rare origination

This acceptance was routed via Leipzig to Stuttgart where it connected with the special feeder service from Berlin to Friedrichshafen. For the 1934 flights, the Lufthansa feeder service left Berlin at 2.00 p.m. and arrived in Stuttgart at 4.15 p.m. It left again at 4.30 p.m. and arrived in Friedrichshafen at 5.15 p.m. The Zeppelin would normally depart in the early evening somewhere between 7.00 and 8.30 p.m.

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Malta



1933 acceptances from Valletta for the LZ127 3rd and 6th South American flights, both from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife), the former to connect with a Syndicato Condor flight to Buenos Aires

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Mauritania



1934 acceptance from Boutilimit for the LZ127 3rd South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Buenos Aires

A scarce origination

The 1934 3rd South American flight continued on from Pernambuco via Rio de Janeiro to Buenos Aires in Argentina. This was the the only time that a Zeppelin flight visited a South American country other than Brazil

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Mexico



1936 acceptance from Mexico City for the return leg of the LZ129 2nd North American Flight from Lakehurst, New Jersey to Frankfurt for onward delivery to Lorch in Germany

This return leg of the 2nd North American flight was the first official mail transport by the Zeppelin service for mail originating in Mexico

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Monaco



1932 acceptance from Monaco for the LZ127 8th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights



Morocco - British Agencies - Casablanca and Larache

1933 acceptances from Casablanca routed via Berlin for the LZ127 9th South American flight and from Larache for the LZ127 2nd South American flight, both from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife), the latter to connect with a Syndicato Condor flight to Buenos Aires

The 9th South American Flight was the 50th ocean crossing of the Zeppelin airship. From Pernambuco it visited the Chicago World Fair before returning to Friedrichshafen

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Morocco - British Agencies - Tangier



1933 acceptance from Tangier for the LZ127 5th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) and then Rio de Janeiro to connect with a Syndicato Condor flight to Buenos Aires

This cover has a special cachet to show that the acceptance was routed via Berlin and flown on a special feeder service to Friedrichshafen

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Morocco - British Agencies - Tetuan



1935 acceptance from Tetuan for the LZ127 16th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

Great Britain had postal agencies in several areas in Morocco during this Zeppelin period other than the four shown here, Casablanca, Larache, Tangier and Tetuan. These were situated at Fez, Marrakesh, Mazagan, Mogador, Rabat and Saffi. Originations from these latter agencies are not currently recorded for Zeppelin flights. All British Agencies in Morocco were finally closed for good on 14 August 1937

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Morocco - French



1933 acceptance from Casablanca-Port for the LZ127 4th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Morocco - Spanish



1930 acceptance from Tangier for the final leg of the LZ127 Europe Pan-American Flight from Seville in Spain to Friedrichshafen for onward delivery to Cottbus in Germany

The 1930 Europe Pan-American flight was the first flight of the Zeppelin to South America. The route was as follows: Friedrichshafen - Seville - Pernambuco (Recife) - Rio de Janeiro - Pernambuco (Recife) - Lakehurst, New Jersey - Seville - Friedrichshafen. A planned stop in Havana, Cuba on the leg from Pernambuco to Lakehurst was cancelled

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights



Netherlands

Acceptance from Wassenaar for the July 1931 LZ127 Polar flight leg from Friedrichshafen to Franz-Josephland via Leningrad for onward delivery back to Wassenaar and acceptance from Amsterdam for the 1932 6th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

For the former the Zeppelin made a water landing alongside the icebreaker *Malyguin* in Franz-Josephland and the latter has a special cachet to show that it was routed via Berlin for the special feeder service to Friedrichshafen

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights



Netherlands Indies

Acceptance from Batavia (Jakarta) for the 1934 LZ127 10th South American flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) and acceptance from Solo for the 1 August 1936 LZ129 'Olympic' round trip flight from Frankfurt to visit the Olympic Games in Berlin for eventual onward delivery back to Solo in Java

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Nicaragua



1930 acceptance from Managua for the LZ127 Europe Pan-American Flight leg from Lakehurst, New Jersey to Friedrichshafen for onward delivery to Braunschweig in Germany

A scarce origination

The Nicaragua stamps paid the registered airmail rate to the USA and the added US stamp paid for the onward transmission to Germany by the Zeppelin service

This flight was originally scheduled to call at Havana, Cuba and this acceptance was routed via Havana (18 May backstamp). When notification of the cancellation of the Havana stop was received then the cover was flown on to New York in order to meet with the Zeppelin at Lakehurst instead (3 June)

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Niger



1934 acceptance from Zinder for the LZ127 6th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

A rare origination

This acceptance was routed from Paris to Stuttgart to connect with a feeder flight to Friedrichshafen

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Northern Rhodesia



1935 acceptance from Livingstone for the LZ127 11th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) to connect with a Sindicato Condor flight to Bahia

A very rare origination

The 'a' code letter at the right hand side of the red circular Zeppelin confirmation handstamp signifies that this cover was carried on the special feeder flight from Berlin to Friedrichshafen

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights



Norway

1932 acceptances from Oslo routed via Berlin for the LZ127 4th and 6th South American flights both from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) to connect with respective Syndicato Condor flights to Rio de Janeiro or Bahia

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Nyasaland

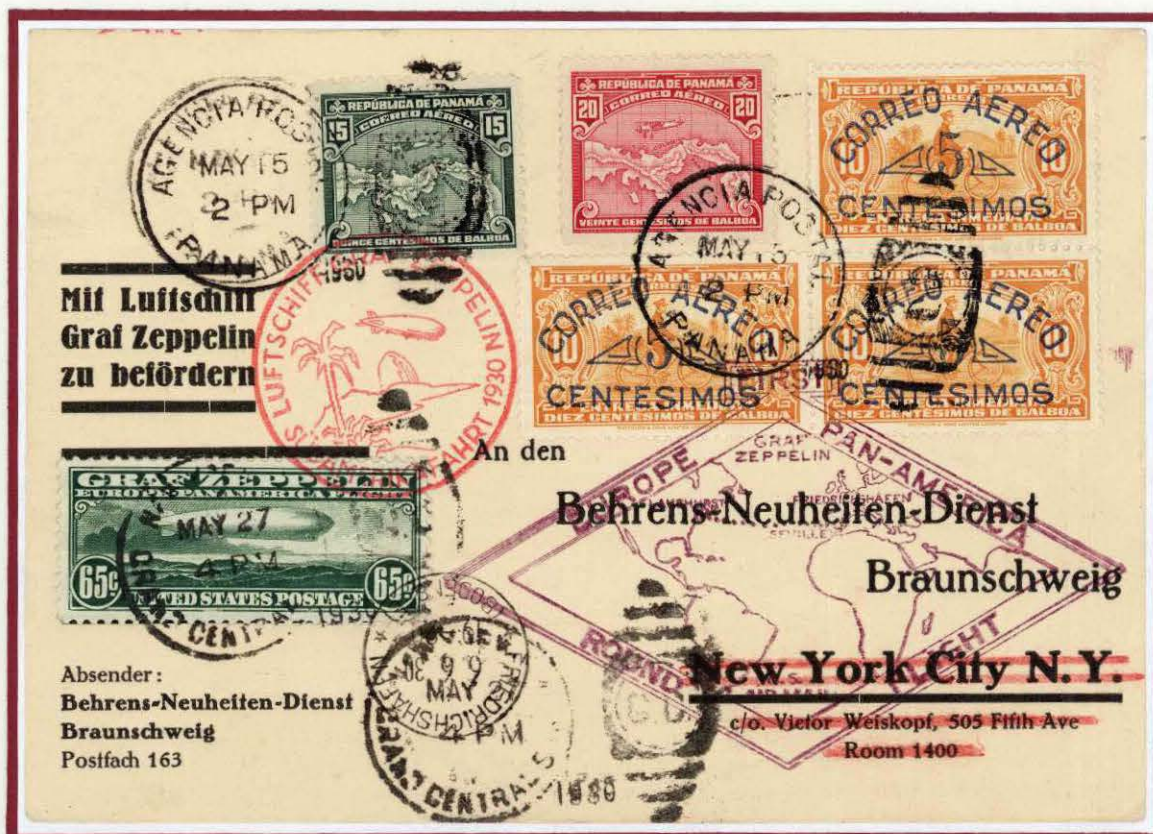


1934 acceptance from Zomba for the LZ127 7th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

A very rare origination

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Panama



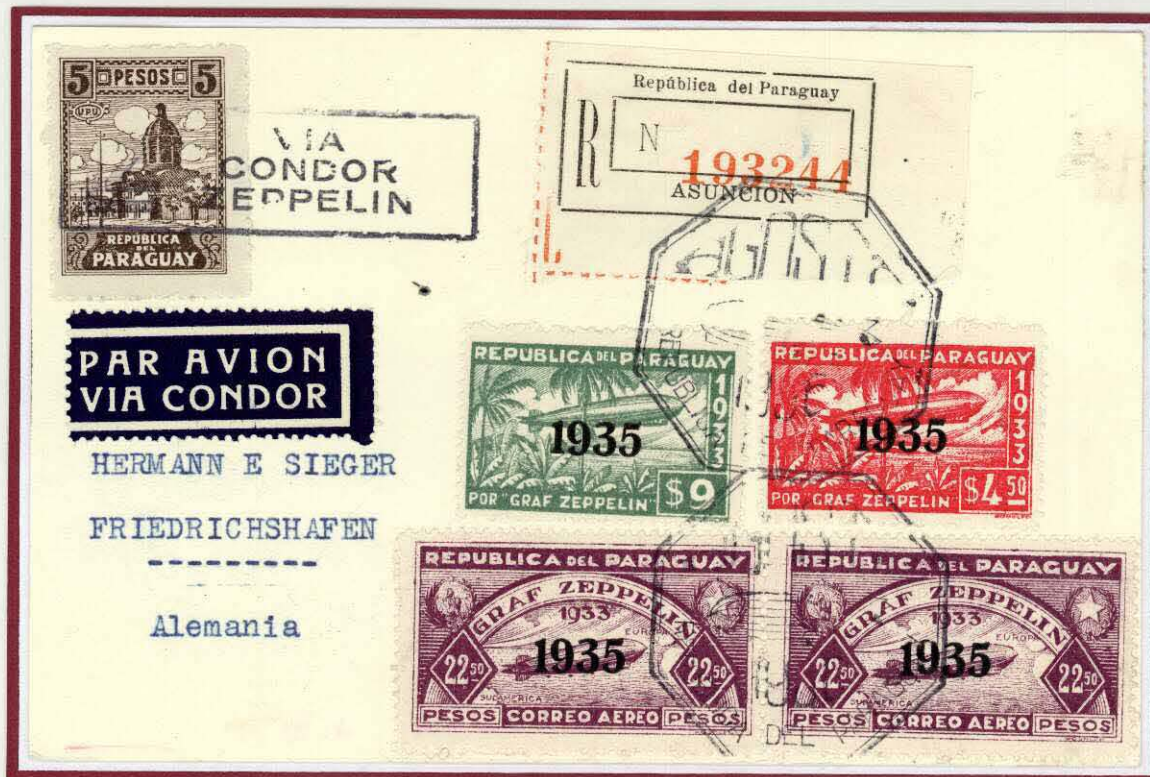
1930 acceptance from Panama City for the LZ127 Europe Pan-American Flight leg from Lakehurst, New Jersey to Friedrichshafen for onward delivery to Braunschweig in Germany

A scarce origination

The Panama stamps paid the airmail rate to the USA and the added US stamp paid for the onward transmission to Germany by the Zeppelin service

This flight was originally scheduled to call at Havana, Cuba and this acceptance was routed via Havana (18 May backstamp). When notification of the cancellation of the Havana stop was received then the cover was flown on to New York in order to meet with the Zeppelin at Lakehurst instead (3 June)

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights



Paraguay

Acceptances from Asuncion for the return leg of the 1934 LZ127 10th South American flight from Pernambuco (Recife) to Friedrichshafen for onward delivery to Lorch in Germany and for the return leg of the 1936 LZ127 8th South American flight from Pernambuco (Recife) to Frankfurt and on to Friedrichshafen

During 1936-1937 both the LZ127 and the LZ129 were making flights to South America

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Peru



1932 acceptance from Lima for the return leg of the LZ127 7th South American Flight from Rio de Janeiro via Barcelona to Friedrichshafen for onward delivery to Berlin

The Peruvian stamps paid the airmail postage to Brazil and the Brazilian stamps were added in Rio de Janeiro by arrangement with Syndicato Condor to pay for the onward transmission to Germany by the Zeppelin service

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Poland



1932 acceptance from Lodz for the LZ127 6th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Reunion



1935 acceptance from Saint Denis for the LZ127 3rd South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) to connect with a Sindicato Condor flight to Bahia

A rare origination

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Romania



1932 acceptance from Bucharest for the LZ127 9th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Ruanda-Urundi



1934 acceptance from Usumbura for the LZ127 11th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) and on to Rio de Janeiro

A very rare origination

The Ruanda-Urundi stamps paid the airmail postage to England and the added British stamps paid for the onward transmission by Zeppelin service to South America

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights



Russia

Acceptances from Moscow for the September 1930 LZ127 Baltic Sea flight from Berlin with a drop in Helsinki and for the August 1931 LZ127 Friedrichshafen to London flight both for onward delivery to Switzerland. On the latter the Russian stamps paid postage both for onward delivery to Switzerland. On the latter the Russian stamps paid postage to Germany and the added German stamp paid for the Zeppelin service to England

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights



Saar

Acceptance from Saarbrücken for the 1929 LZ127 World Circuit flight legs from Friedrichshafen via Tokyo to Lakehurst, New Jersey with onward delivery back to Saar and further acceptance from Saarbrücken for the 1932 LZ127 6th South American flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

St. Lucia



1936 acceptance from Castries for the return leg of the LZ129 1st North American Flight from Lakehurst, New Jersey to Frankfurt for onward delivery to England

A very rare origination

Originations from St. Lucia are unrecorded in the two standard Zeppelin catalogues (Sieger and Michel)

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Salvador



1936 acceptance from San Salvador for the return leg of the LZ129 3rd North American Flight from Lakehurst, New Jersey to Frankfurt

The majority of the Salvador cds's struck on the covers as opposed to on the stamps show a date error '1935' corrected by hand to '1936'

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

San Marino



Acceptances from San Marino for the 1932 LZ127 5th and 6th South American flights from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Sarawak



1935 acceptance from Kuching for the LZ127 6th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

A very rare origination

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Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Senegal



1934 acceptance from Dakar for the LZ127 11th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) to connect with a Sindicato Condor flight to Bahia

A rare origination

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights



Somalia - Italian

1933 acceptance from Mogadishu for the LZ127 1st South American flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) to connect with a Syndicato Condor flight to Santos and a 1932 attempted acceptance to meet the LZ127 in Seville. For the latter the planned connecting flight from Rome to Seville did not take place

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Somalia Coast - French



1935 acceptance from Djibouti for the LZ127 1st South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) to connect with a Sindicato Condor flight to Bahia

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Somaliland - British



1933 acceptance from Berbera for the LZ127 9th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) and Rio de Janeiro to connect with a Syndicato Condor flight to La Paz (Bolivia) and then a Lloyd Aereo Boliviano flight to Arica (Chile) for onward transmission to Peru by surface mail

A very rare origination

The 9th South American Flight celebrated the 50th ocean crossing of the Zeppelin airship. From Pernambuco it went north via Miami and Akron to visit the Chicago World Fair before returning to Friedrichshafen via Seville in Spain

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights



Spain

Acceptance from Seville for the 1930 LZ127 Europe Pan-American flight legs from Seville to Lakehurst, New Jersey for onward delivery to Vermont and a twice mailed acceptance from Seville routed via Frankfurt for the September 1930 LZ127 return flight from Kassel to Friedrichshafen

The Friedrichshafen to Kassel round trip had been originally scheduled for an earlier date

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Southern Rhodesia



1935 acceptance from Salisbury for the LZ127 6th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

A rare origination

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Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Sudan



1933 acceptance from Wadi Halfa for the LZ127 4th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) and Rio de Janeiro to connect with a Syndicato Condor flight to Santos

A rare origination

This cover has a special cachet to show that the acceptance was routed via Berlin and flown on a special feeder service to Friedrichshafen

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Surinam



1931 acceptance from Paramaribo for the June / July LZ127 flight from Friedrichshafen to Iceland with the mail being dropped at Reykjavik (1 July) for onward delivery to Den Haag in the Netherlands

A rare origination for this flight

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Swaziland



1935 acceptance from Mbabane for the LZ127 11th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) to connect with a Sindicato Condor flight to Bahia

A rare origination

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

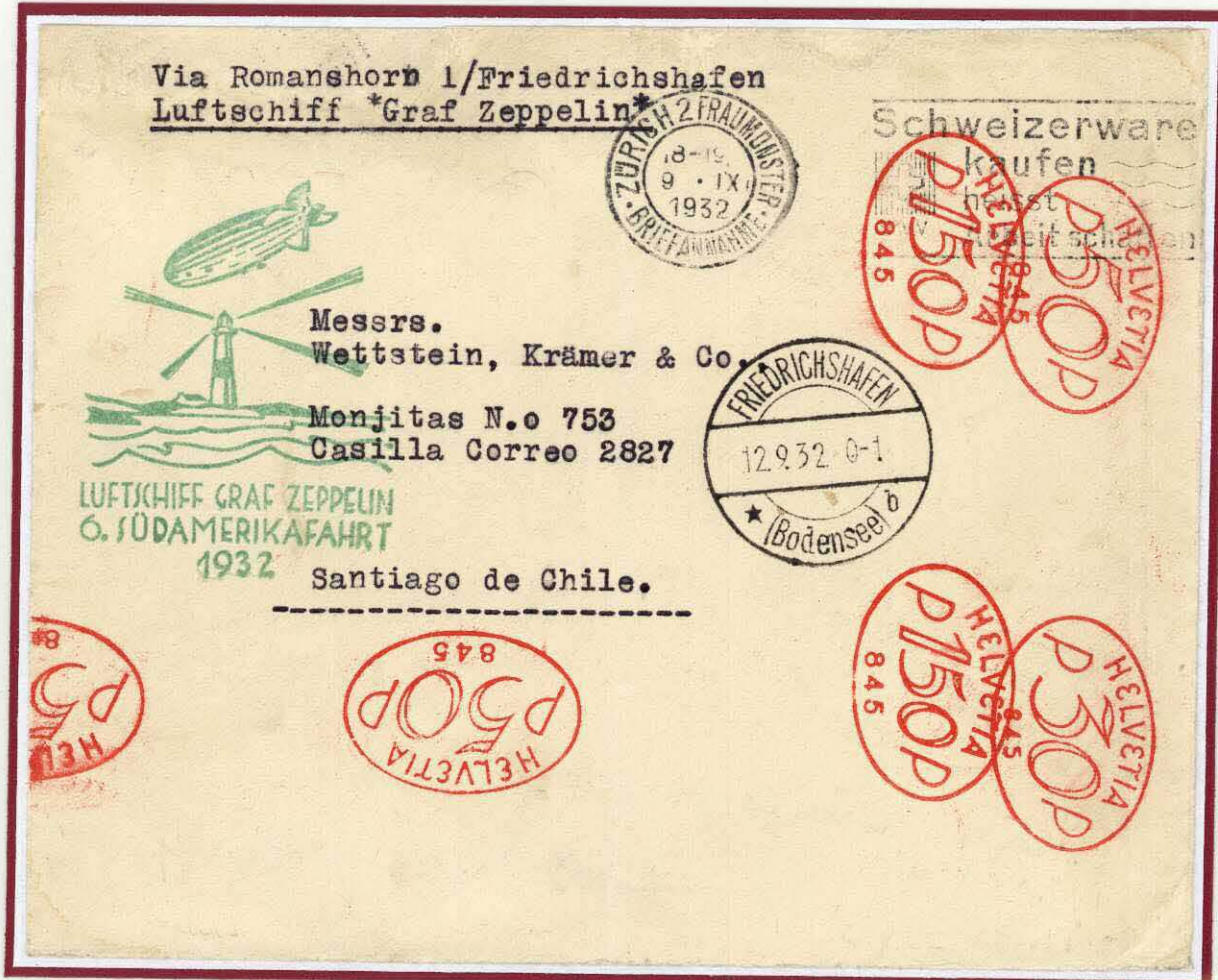
Sweden



Acceptance from Stockholm for the July 1930 LZ127 Friedrichshafen to Spitzbergen round trip flight with the mail being dropped at Hammerfest in Norway for onward delivery to Karlsruhe in Germany and acceptance from Blotberget for the 1933 LZ127 5th South American flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) and on to Rio de Janeiro

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Switzerland

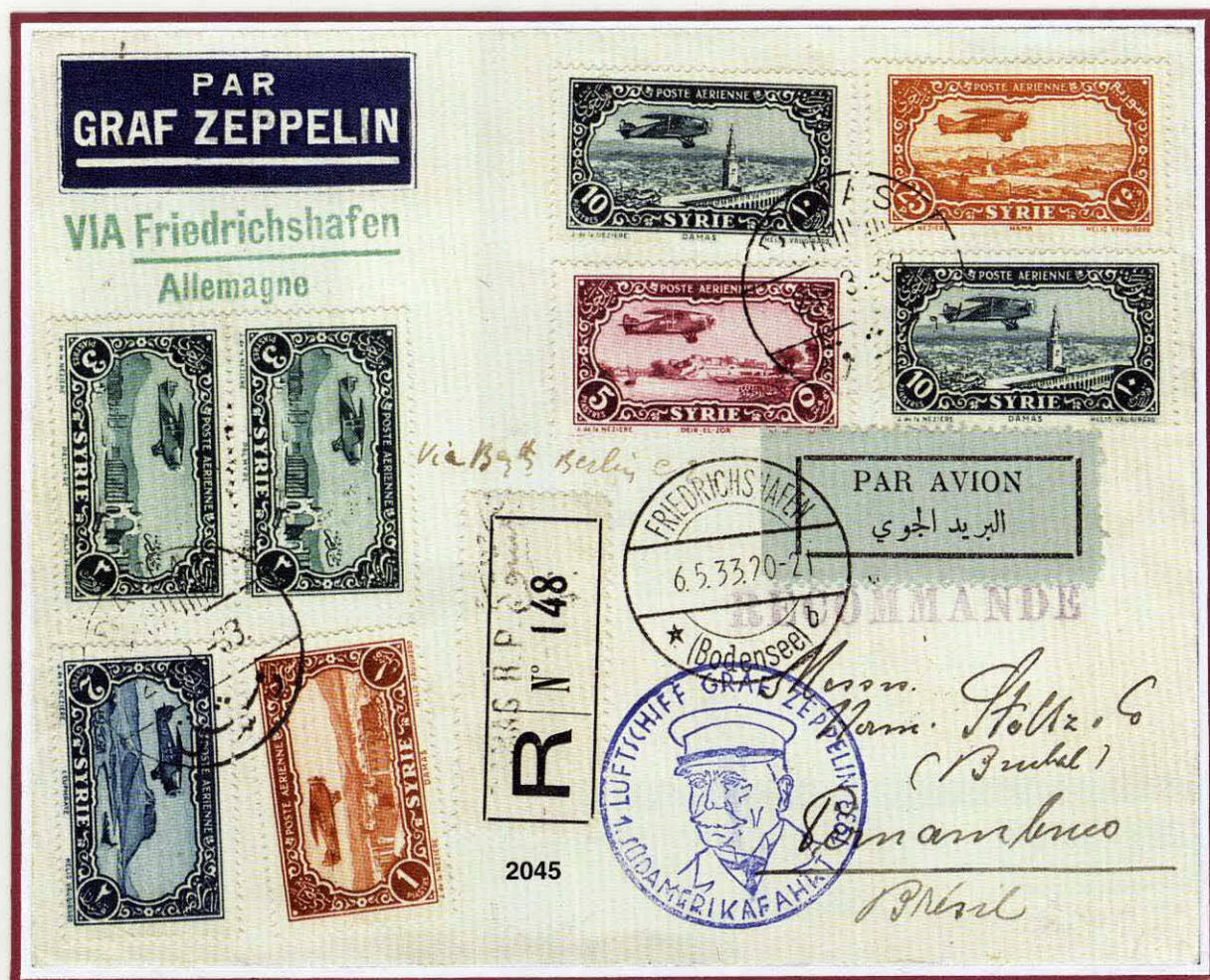


1932 acceptance from Zurich for the LZ127 6th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) to connect with a Sindicato Condor flight to La Paz (Bolivia) and a Lloyd Aereo Boliviano flight to Arica (Chile) for onward delivery to Santiago

Meter mail frankings are uncommon on Zeppelin flights

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Syria



1933 acceptance from Damascus for the LZ127 1st South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

A very rare origination

Acceptances from Syria have only been recorded for two of the LZ127 flights

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Tanganyika



1934 acceptance from Dodoma for the LZ127 10th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

A very rare origination

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Thailand



1932 acceptance from Bangkok for the LZ127 5th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) for onward delivery to USA

A very rare origination

The Thai stamps paid the postage to Germany and the added German stamps paid for the onward transmission by Zeppelin service to South America. Strictly speaking an item of mail addressed to the USA should not have been accepted on this flight

Originations from Thailand are unrecorded in the two standard Zeppelin catalogues (Sieger and Michel)

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Togo



1934 acceptance from Lome for the LZ127 3rd South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife) to connect with a Sindicato Condor flight to La Paz (Bolivia) and a Lloyd Aereo Boliviano flight to Arica (Chile) for onward delivery to Lima

A very rare origination

The 1934 3rd South American flight continued on from Pernambuco via Rio de Janeiro to Buenos Aires in Argentina. This was the the only time that a Zeppelin flight visited a South American country other than Brazil

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Tripolitania



1932 acceptance from Tripoli for the LZ127 6th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Tunisia



1933 acceptance from Tunis for the LZ127 2nd South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

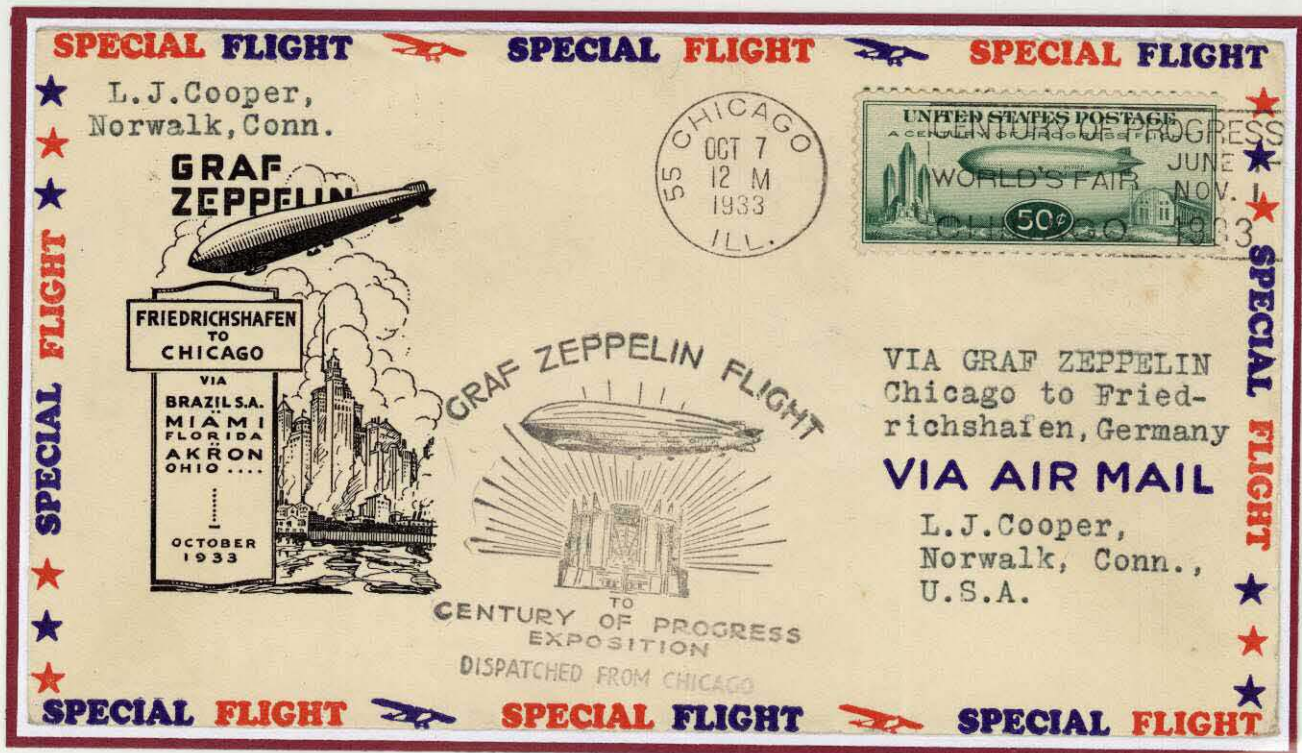


Turkey

1932 acceptances from Istanbul for the LZ127 6th and 8th South American flights from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife), the latter to connect with a Syndicato Condor flight to Rio de Janeiro

Both covers were routed via Berlin and flown on a special feeder service to Friedrichshafen

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights



United States of America

1929 acceptance from Lakehurst, New Jersey for the LZ127 Round the World flight from Lakehurst back to Lakehurst via Friedrichshafen, Tokyo and Los Angeles for onward delivery to Sytacuse in New York State and 1933 acceptance from Chicago for the return legs of the LZ127 flight to the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago back to Friedrichshafen for onward delivery back to the USA

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights



Uruguay

1935 acceptances from Montevideo for the LZ127 return legs of the 15th and 16th South American flights both from Rio de Janeiro via Pernambuco (Recife) to Friedrichshafen

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights



Vatican

1932 acceptances from Vatican City for the LZ127 3rd and 5th South American flights both from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Yemen



1933 acceptance from Hodieda for the LZ127 5th South American Flight from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

A very rare origination

This cover has a special cachet to show that the acceptance was routed via Berlin and flown on a special feeder service to Friedrichshafen

Worldwide Originations for Zeppelin Flights

Zanzibar



Acceptances from Zanzibar for the 1934 LZ127 6th and 10th South American flights both from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco (Recife)

The former was routed to Friedrichshafen via Stuttgart and the latter via Cologne