The Large Map Issues of the Lundy & Atlantic Coasts Airlines Ltd.

This is a traditional study of the private large map airmail issues of the Lundy & Atlantic Coasts Airlines Ltd. Experimental flights were made starting June 1, 1934 to prove the feasibility. On April 1, 1935 regular service started and numbered rolls of tram tickets of 3 colors were imprinted with the name of the company and denominations of 1/2d, 1d and 3d. The following year a set of stamps was designed by the owner of the airline, Capt. R. T. Boyd, who also was the pilot. The new issue went into service on April 1, 1936 and proved very popular. Three other issues followed, but the large maps continued to do service until September of 1939, when war broke out and Capt. R. T. Boyd became an instructor for the R.A.F. Service was canceled.

All known original artwork, essays, proofs and approval samples are shown, much of which is just mentioned as existing in the latest specialized Lundy catalog. The stamps were printed in quantities of 2400 except for the one penny(6000) and the half penny(12,000). The two low values were the most frequently used. Full sheets of all values are very difficult to obtain, especially those with selvage and staple holes from the books of 100 sheets from which they were sold. Sheets of all values are shown, overlapped to save space. The exhibit focuses on challenging commercial usages of all values, incoming mail from unusual sources and mail with difficult markings. The exhibit can not be duplicated and tells the complete story of the issue.

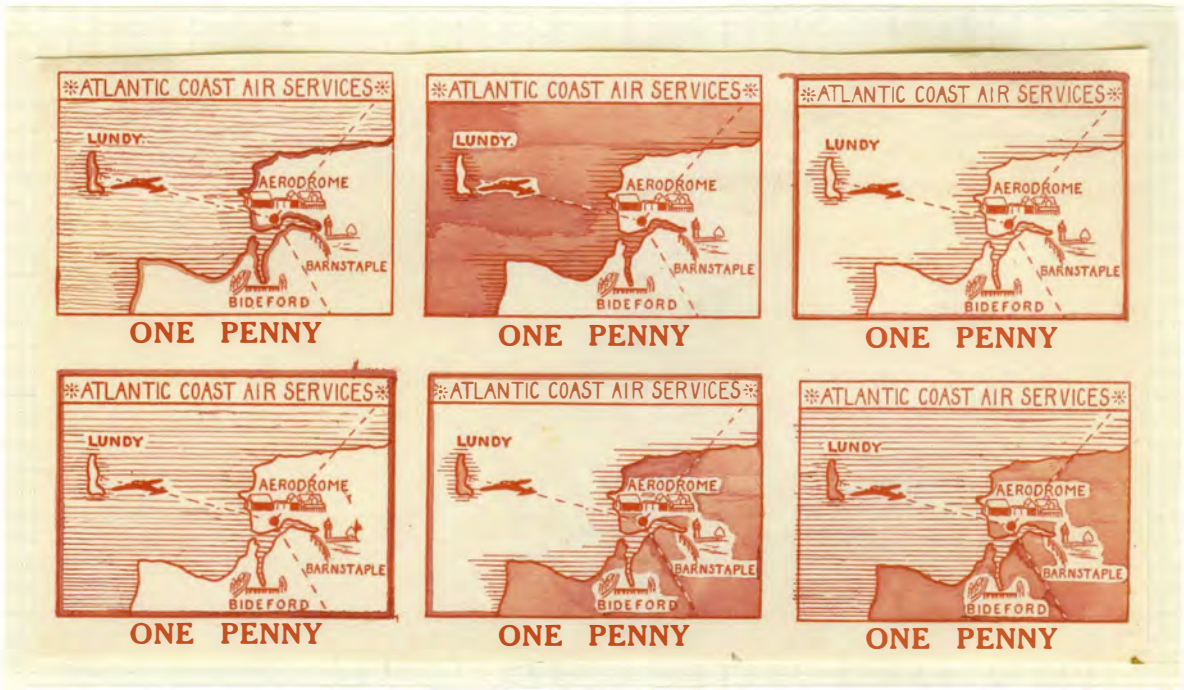
Large Map Hand Drawn Essay

Original ink drawing by Captain R. T. Boyd, the pilot, for the large map airmail issue – only recorded example

unnecessary detail was eliminated in the finally accepted design

Original Ink Drawings, Submitted by H. Pincombe & Son

Suggesting various possible improvements of Captain R. T. Boyd's original design – only recorded examples



Intermediate hand inked essay, based on selected design, upper right above

note thicker coastline on upper right design (rejected) and thinner frame line above (accepted)

the flaw in the frame line at right is a constant flaw repeated in the upper right position of each plate

all twelve plate positions were partially hand drawn – major constant flaws will be noted for each sheet

Large Map Issue - Atlantic Coast Air Services

Issued April 1, 1936 - printed by Pincombe - sheets of 12 (3 x 4) - rouletted 9

Imperforate Plate Proofs and Rouletting Errors

period after LUNDY

flagstaff on Town Hall

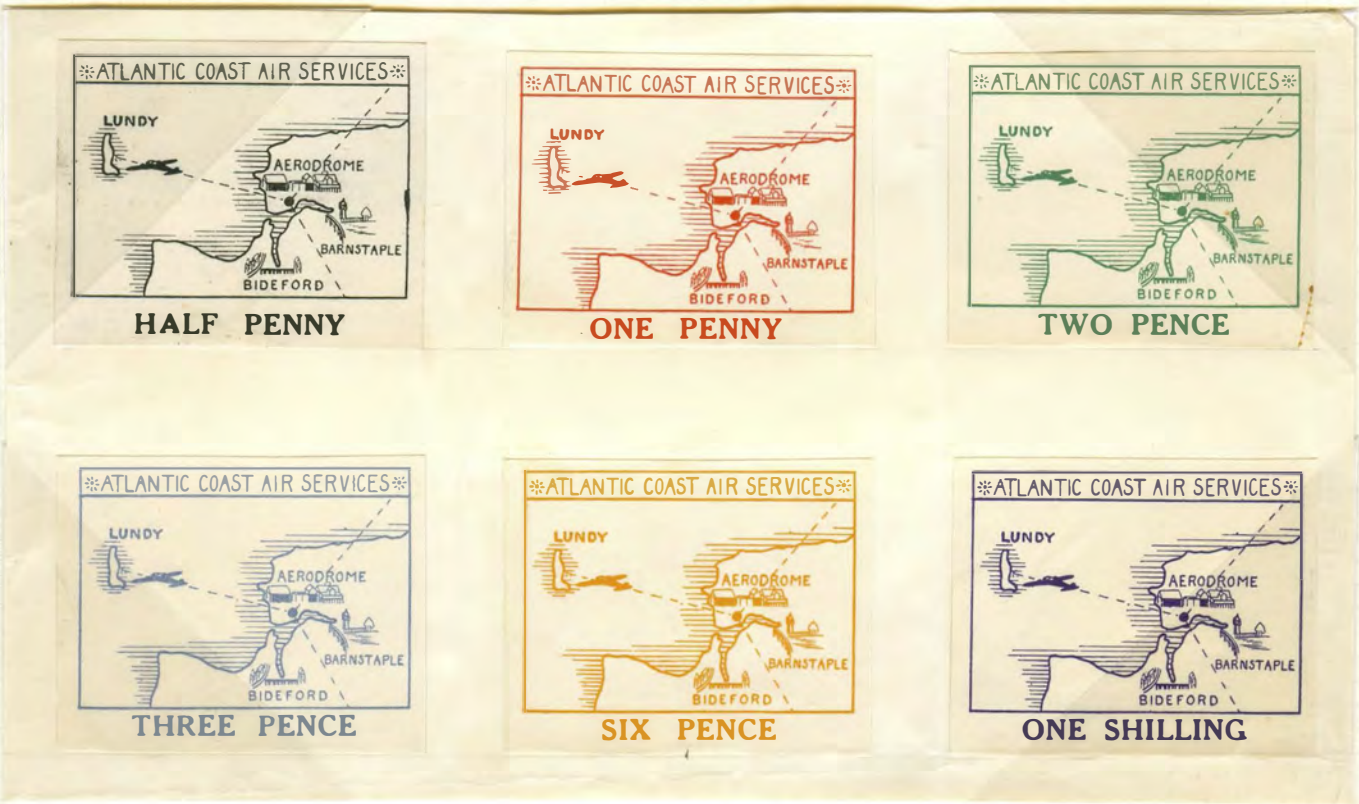
rouletted vertically
unrouletted horizontally

missing dash LR

trial color proofs

Original Set of Imperforate Plate Proofs

Submitted for Final Approval

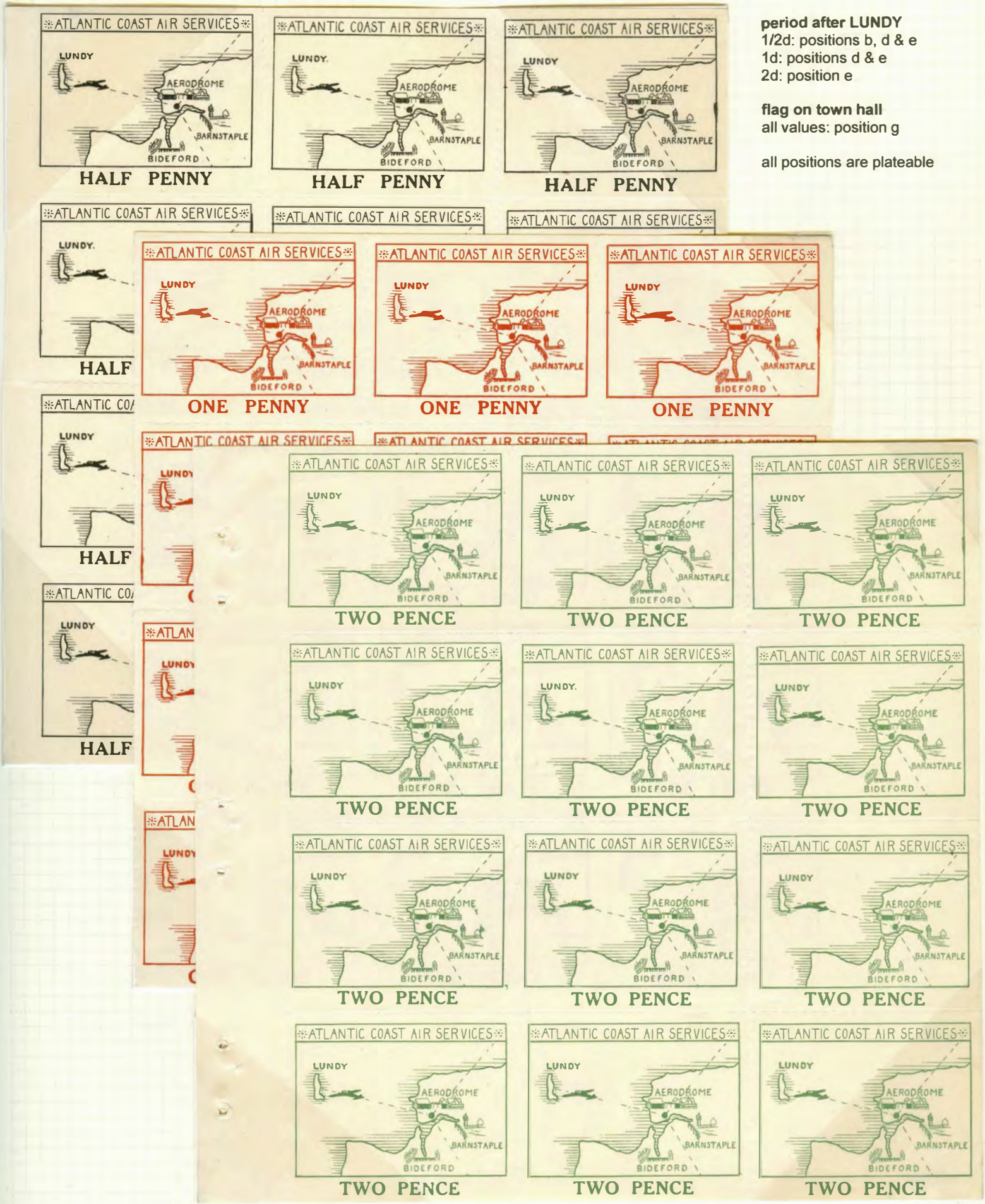


note constant frame line flaw on HALF PENNY denomination which appears in the upper right position on all sheets

Large Maps Set Autographed by Designer and Pilot, Captain R.T. Boyd

Order of printing: HALF PENNY, ONE PENNY, SIX PENCE, TWO PENCE, ONE SHILLING & THREE PENCE

Complete Sheets - 1/2d(1000 sheets), 1d(500) and 2d(200)



period after LUNDY
1/2d: positions b, d & e
1d: positions d & e
2d: position e

flag on town hall
all values: position g

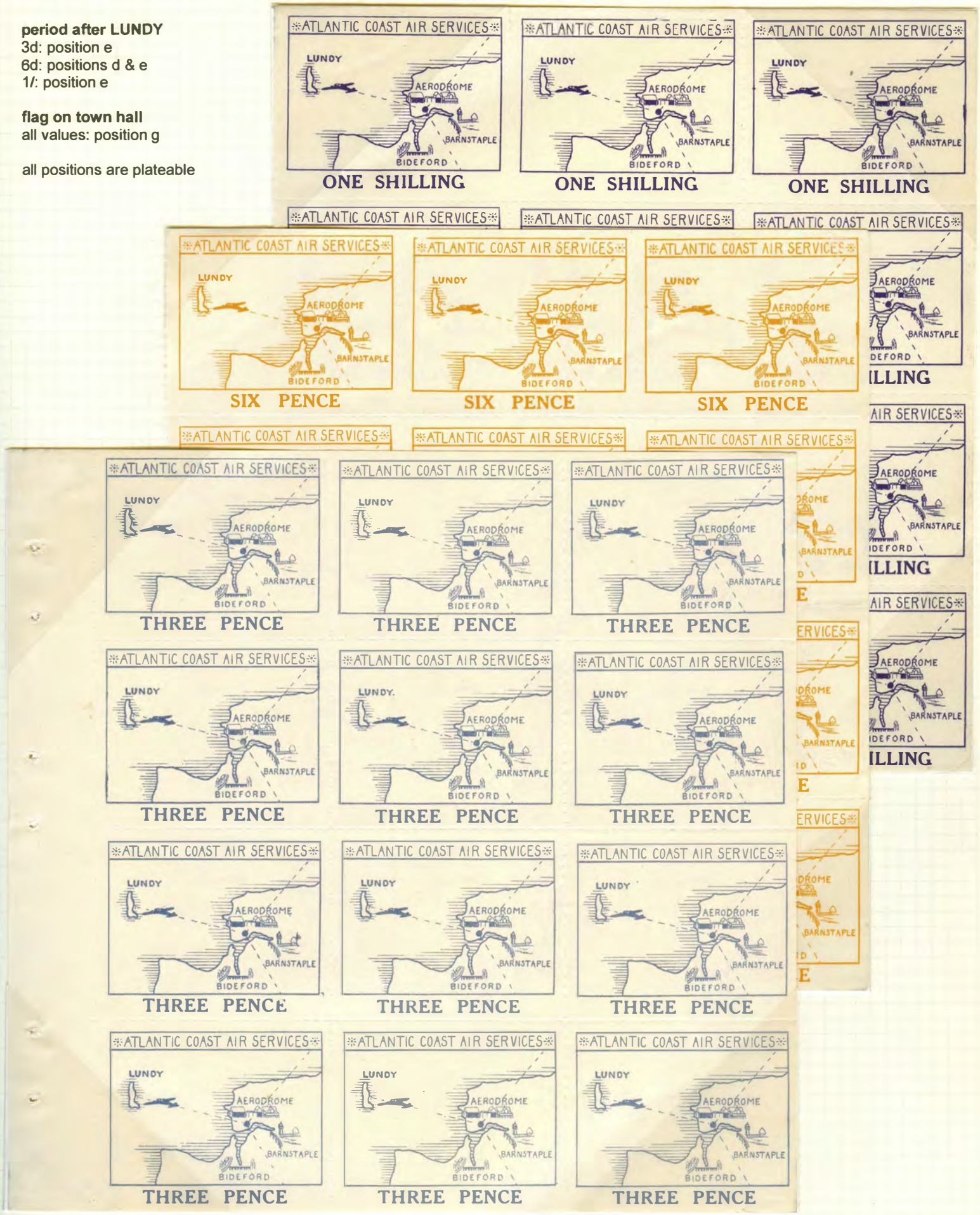
all positions are plateable

Complete Sheets - 3d(200 sheets), 6d(200) and 1/(200)

period after LUNDY
3d: position e
6d: positions d & e
1/: position e

flag on town hall
all values: position g

all positions are plateable



Proof Impression of New Winged Motif Cancel

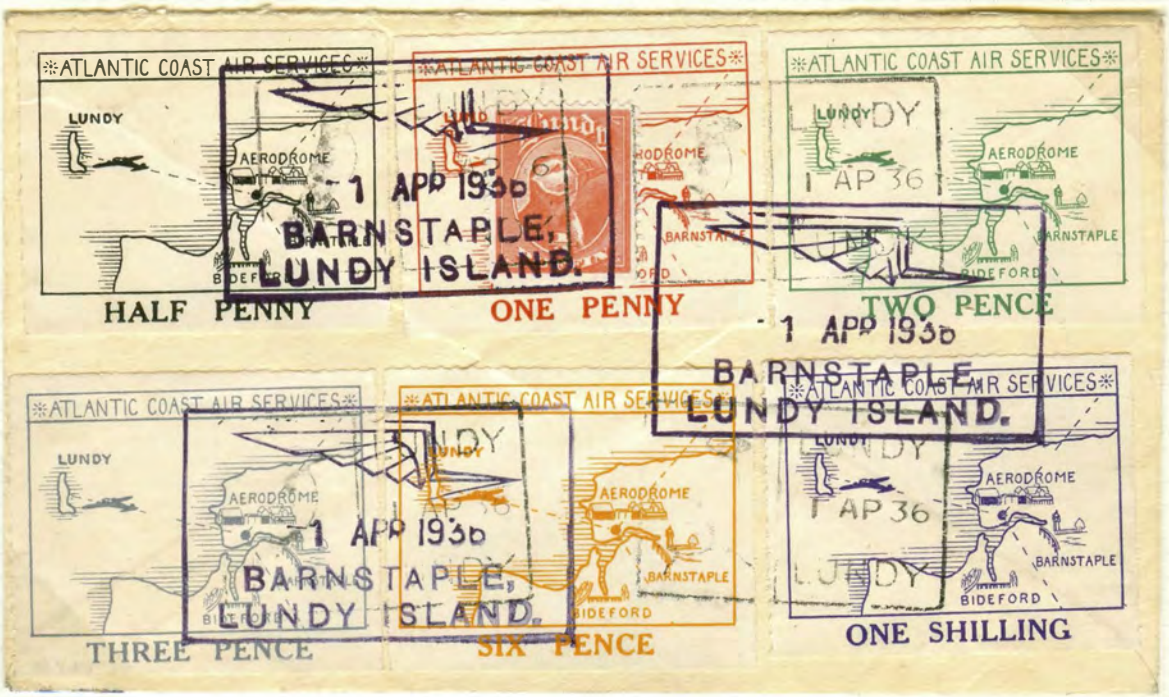
Postage Due Assessed on First Day Cover Without British Postage

Flown from Lundy to Barnstaple and accidentally posted with the properly franked mail

First Day of Issue

Outgoing and incoming covers - stamps on reverse of incoming cover for lack of room on face

All mail was flown from or to the Heaton Court Airfield nearest the Barnstaple Post Office and taken to or from there. For incoming mail Capt. Boyd provided an accommodation address: *c/o R. T. Boyd Esq., Heaton Court Aerodrome, Near Braunton, Devon.*
Airmail postage was in addition to British postage and Lundy puffinage at the rate of 1/2d per letter and 1d per pound for parcels.



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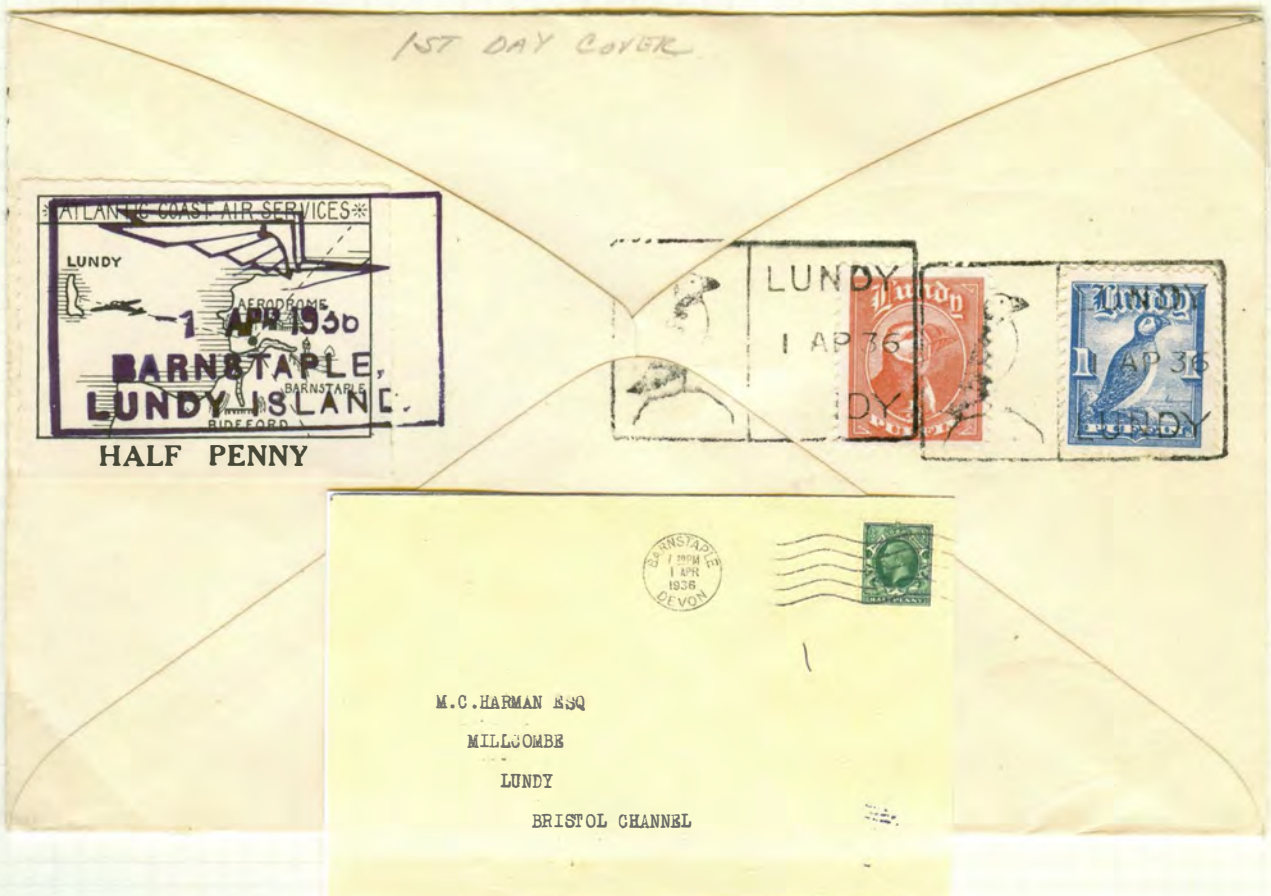
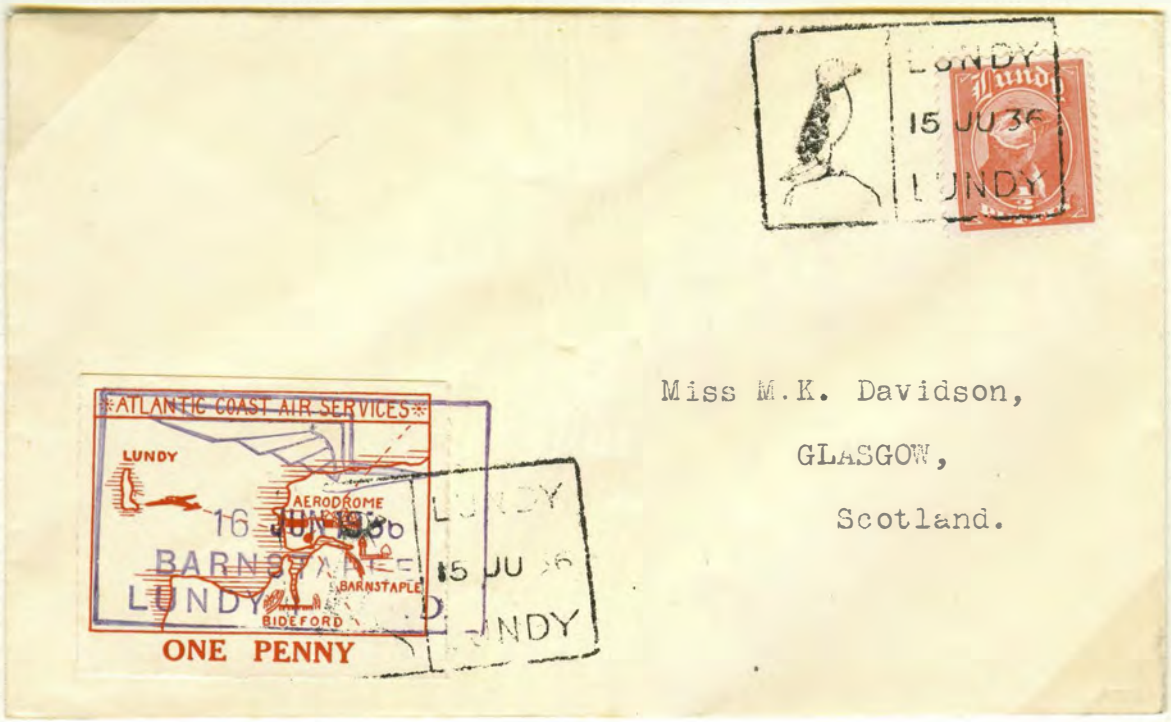


Incoming Paquebot from Capetown, South Africa
Incoming from Egypt

Usages - 1d & 2d

Private Carriage to Scotland for Pilot's Friend
Incoming Parcel Wrapper



1/2d & 2d Usage

1/2d Postage & 2d(x2) Paying 4d Postage Due on Incoming Mail from Iraq

Outer frame lines on cancel just deleted 2 days earlier

Only known example of the large maps paying postage due

the Mosul due marking is very difficult

ATLANTIC COAST AIR SERVICES
LUNDY
AERODROME
BARNSTAPLE
BIDEFORD
LAC
THREE PENCE
M CARE
Messrs Hamleys
200 Regent St.
London W.1
Date Dec 5th Per post
POSTAGE
REVENUE
Lundy
PUFFIN
LEADS
LUNDY
25 DEC 1938
LUNDY
17 DEC 1938
MR+MRS GADE
LUNDY, BRISTOL CHANNEL
c/o MR R.T. BOYD
BARNSTAPLE N DEVON
AERO DROME
HEANTON COURT
BARNSTAPLE
N.DEV
ATLANTIC COAST AIR SERVICES
LUNDY
AERODROME
BARNSTAPLE
BIDEFORD
LACA
SIX PENCE

1d & 6d Usages

Bisect of the 1d to Canada
1d & 6d on Incoming Cover

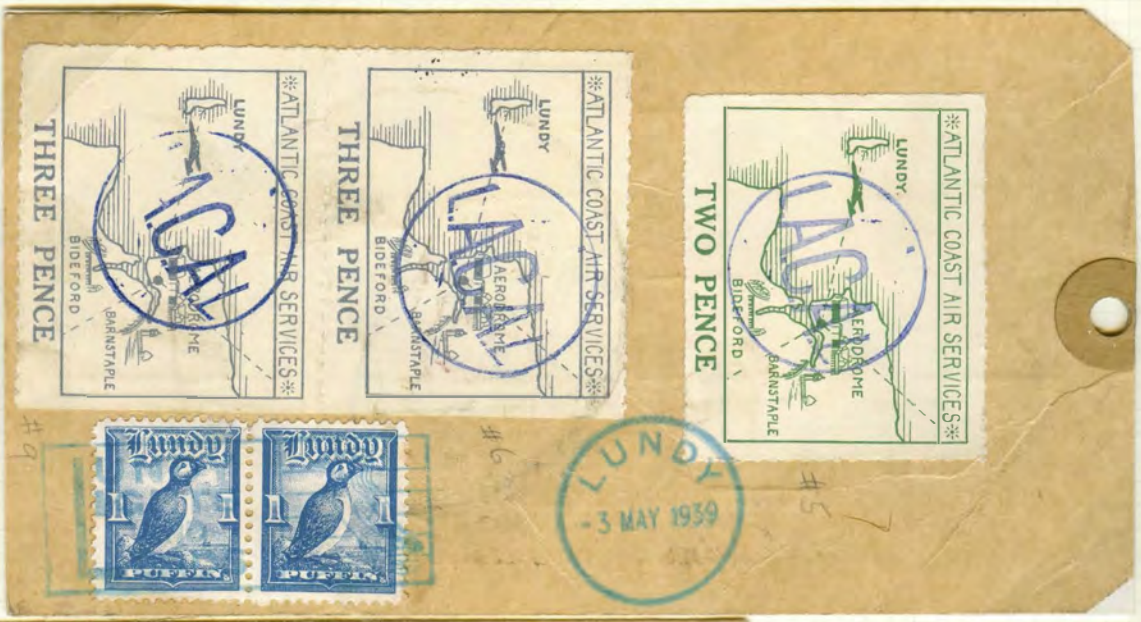
The only authorized Lundy bisect – 10 or fewer examples known
the 1/2d is known bisected, but paid no rate and was not authorized

AIR / L.A.C.A.L. / POST cancel

Usages - 2d, 3d & 6d

Incoming Parcel Tags

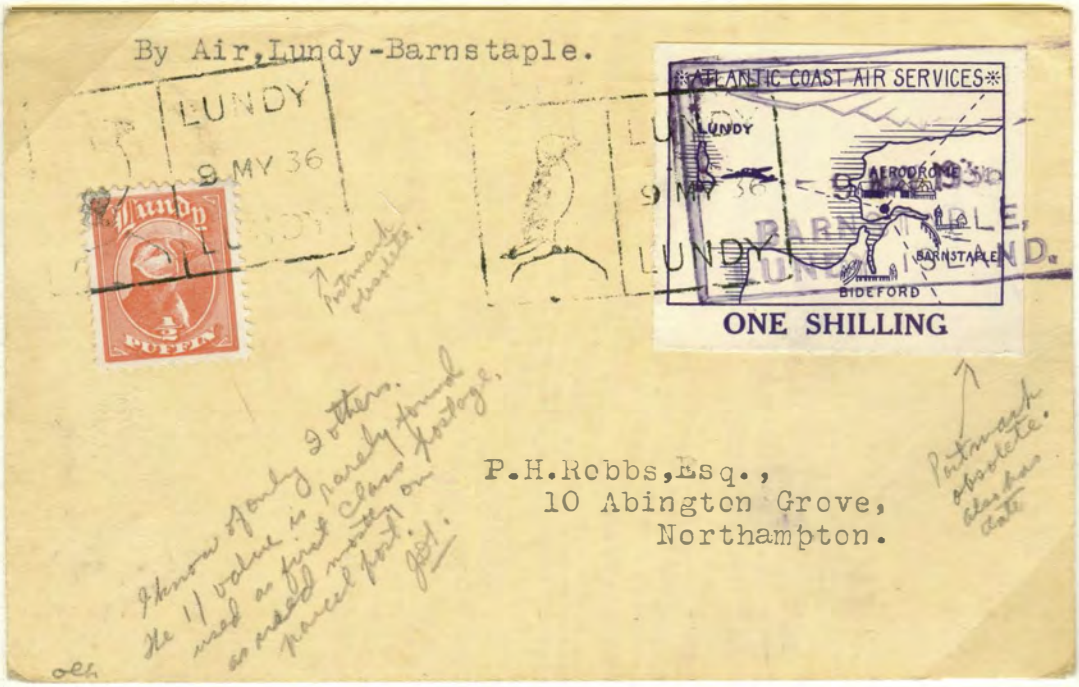
"POST" removed from cancel by demand of British Post Office – "AIR" removed for balance



Solo Usages of the 1 Shilling

Postcard and Cover

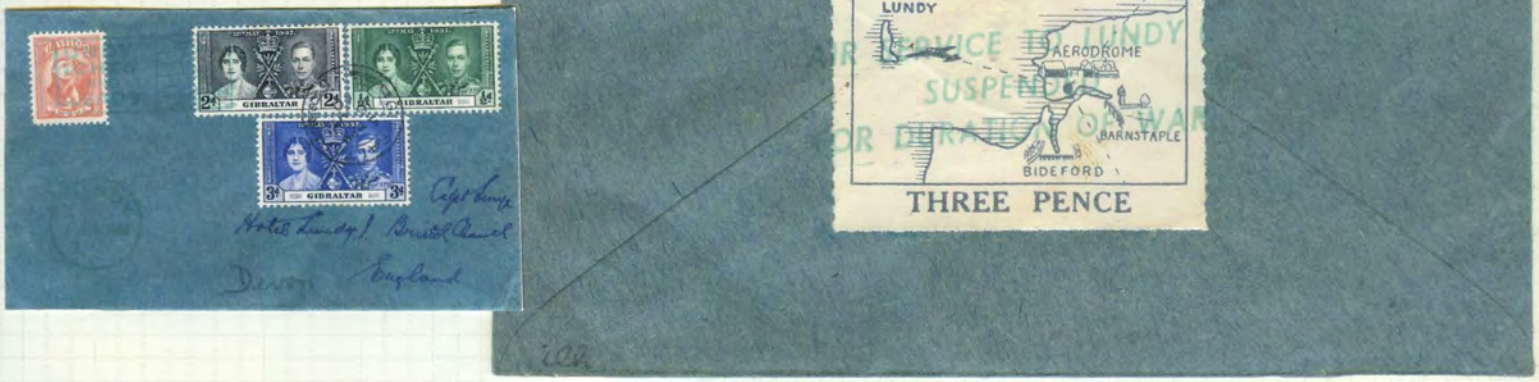
The one shilling was not often used, and then nearly always on parcels – **6 or fewer known** on cards or letters



Usages - 1/2d, 2d & 3d

Pilot Signature on Incoming Cover

2 AIR SERVICE TO LUNDY I./ SUSPENDED/ FOR DURATION OF WAR.

to Phila. PA

from Gibraltar