

7.4 AIRMAIL SURCHARGES – OCCASIONAL INLAND FLIGHTS TO 1937

Airmail delivery of postcards on the occasion of the Justice for Hungary trip to Rome, 1932.

On May 21st, Hungarian ocean flyer Sándor Endresz will fly to Rome with the Justice for Hungary plane to participate in the first congress of world ocean flyers. This occasional flight is used by the Hungarian Post Office to deliver airmail items from Hungary to Italy. However, due to the limited carrying capacity of the plane, only ordinary postcards can be sent. The airmail surcharge for postcards is 32 *f* which must be paid for in Hungarian postage stamps in addition to the regular postal fee (16 *f*). The blue airmail label must be affixed to the items and the word 'Justice for Hungary' must be written prominently on the top of the cover page.

Postcards intended for airmail are stamped with a special stamp by the Hungarian Post Office, in addition to the regular postage stamp, with the inscription 'Justice for Hungary, Budapest—Róma, Első Légipostája 1932.' The postcards can be posted at any post office or via any letterbox, and in Budapest they must be posted no later than the evening of May 20th, and in the countryside they must be posted in such a way that they arrive at Budapest Post Office No. 72 by the evening of May 20th. The post offices shall send the postcards posted by them or received by them to Budapest Post Office No. 72 for airmail forwarding. Budapest, May 12th, 1932.

Source: PTRT 18, 14.05.1932

Airmail surcharges - the "Stella di Savoia Tour Flights" September 1932

In the first half of September 1932, the 'Giustizia per l'Ungheria' aircraft performed a star tour flight between the major Hungarian cities, called the 'Stella di Savoia Tour Flight', in the following order:

September 4: morning tour flight from Mátyásföld to Pécs; morning demonstration there; a/Afternoon tour flight from Pécs to Kaposvár; afternoon demonstration in Kaposvár; — then tour flight from Kaposvár — back to Mátyásföld.

September 11: morning tour flight from Mátyásföld to Szeged; morning demonstration in Szeged; afternoon tour flight from Szeged to Békéscsaba; a/Afternoon demonstration in Békéscsaba — then tour flight from Békéscsaba — back to Mátyásföld.

September 16: morning From Mátyásföld to Székesfehérvár, where there is a demonstration in the morning; a/Afternoon sightseeing flight from Székesfehérvár to Szombathely; here afternoon sightseeing.

September 17: sightseeing flight from Szombathely - via Mátyásföld - to Debrecen (in Mátyásföld the pilot drops the mail at the airport); in Debrecen in the morning sightseeing flight; in the afternoon sightseeing flight from Debrecen to Nyíregyháza, where there is a demonstration in the afternoon; the mail is brought from Nyíregyháza to Mátyásföld by a separate sports plane that same day.

September 18: sightseeing flight from Nyíregyháza to Miskolc in the morning; here afternoon sightseeing flight; then sightseeing flight from Miskolc back to Mátyásföld.

The post office used these occasional flights to transport ordinary postcards and ordinary letters weighing no more than 20 grams to domestic destinations, as well as ordinary postcards to foreign destinations.

The combined regular postal and airmail surcharge for items delivered by individual flights was as follows:

a) domestic postcard —.40 *f*

domestic letter— .60 *f*

b) foreign postcard 1.— *P*

Source: PRT 34, 31.08.1932

Airmail delivery by glider flight from Vienna to Semmering - 1933

The 'Österreichischer Flugpostsammlerverein' organised a glider flight from Vienna to Semmering between January 15 and 20. Ordinary letters and postcards destined for any destination could be forwarded by glider flight. The items are stamped with a special commemorative postmark in Vienna.

The postage fee for items to be forwarded by glider flight was made up of:

- a) the airmail surcharge, which is 1 *Pengő* per 10 g for letters and 50 *fillér* per piece for postcards, and
- b) the regular postal fee corresponding to the country of destination.

The same fee was charged for items destined for Hungary as for items destined for Austria; the cost included that of return delivery.

Source: PTRT 1, 07.01.1933

Airmail delivery with the 'Hungária' balloon - 1933

During the Budapest International Fair, the Hungarian Aero Association organised a take-off with the 'Hungária' balloon. The balloon also transported occasional mail, which was placed in bags and dropped by parachute at certain parts of the route. The 'Hungária' balloon could only carry occasional picture postcards issued by the Hungarian Aero Association, which could be addressed anywhere. Postcards could only be sent as ordinary mail and the following charges were levied on them: a) the regular postal charge corresponding to the destination; those addressed to Budapest had to be prepaid according to the long-distance rate, and b) an airmail surcharge of 1 *Pengő* per piece. The mail had to be completely prepaid.

Source: PRT 19, 06.05.1933

Airmail delivery on the occasion of Gyöngyös Air Day - 1933

An air day took place in Gyöngyös on June 4th. In connection with the air day, a special flight operated between Budapest—Gyöngyös and Gyöngyös—Budapest. Ordinary letters and postcards destined for any destination could be forwarded on the special flight. The items are delivered by air either between Budapest—Gyöngyös or Gyöngyös—Budapest, according to the sender's wishes. The items were postmarked with a special postmark in both Budapest and Gyöngyös. The total postage fee for items was made up of: a) the regular postal fee corresponding to the destination (country) and b) the additional fee for occasional airmail, which was 20 *fillér* per piece for postcards and 30 *fillér* per 20 g for letters.

Source: PRT 22, 31.05.1933

Airmail delivery on the occasion of the Vienna International Stamp Exhibition - 1933

The Hungarian Aero Association organized an occasional airmail delivery from Budapest to Vienna on the 24th, 30th and 5th of July in connection with the Vienna International Stamp Exhibition. Ordinary and registered postcards and letters weighing no more than 20 g could be sent to any destination by occasional airmail delivery. The total postage fee for the items is made up of:

- a) the regular postal fee corresponding to the destination (country) and
- b) the additional fee paid by the Hungarian Aero Association for airmail, which is 1 *Pengő* 90 *fillér* for postcards and 9 *Pengő* 74 *fillér* for letters.

Source PRT 25, 24.06.1933

Airmail delivery between Gödöllő and Mátyásföld Airport on the occasion of the World Scout Camp - 1933

In connection with the World Scout Camp in Gödöllő, an extraordinary flight connecting to the existing domestic and international flights operated between Gödöllő and Mátyásföld Airport from August 1 to 15.

This flight could be used to forward ordinary and registered letter mail to any destination. The postage fee for the mail is calculated as follows:

- a) from the regular postal charges including registered, express and other airmail surcharges, and
- b) from the 20 *fillér* surcharge per piece for air transport between Gödöllő and Mátyásföld Airport.

The mail sent by air was postmarked with a special postmark by the post office of the Gödöllő scout camp on the opening day and thereafter until the day the air service was terminated.

Source: PTRT 31, 21.07.1933

The 'Hungaria' Balloon flight - 1933

During this year's Budapest International Fair, the Hungarian Aero Association, under the leadership of Major Kornél Poppe, retired, will be organizing a take-off with the 'Hungária' balloon. The balloon will also transport occasional mail, which will be placed in bags and dropped by parachute at certain parts of the route.

The 'Hungária' balloon can only carry occasional picture postcards issued by the Hungarian Aero Association, which can be addressed anywhere. Postcards can only be sent as ordinary mail and the following charges must be levied on them: a) the regular postal charge corresponding to the destination; mail addressed to Budapest must be prepaid according to the long-distance rate and b) an airmail surcharge of 1 *Pengő* per piece. Mail items must be fully prepaid.

The special postcards are available in Budapest at the following locations:

- International Fair, Stamp Exhibition Pavilion;
- Magyar Légiforgalmi R. T. IV., Váci-u. 1.;

International Légiforgalmi R. T., IV., Vörösmarty-tér 2.;

Magyar Aero Szövetség, IX., Lónyay-u. 17.

Postcards to be sent by the 'Hungária' balloon can be sent to any post office or via a letter box, and in such a time that they arrive at Budapest Post Office No. 72 by 6 p.m. on May 13th at the latest. The receiving post office will affix a blue "Airmail" marker to the postcard and provide the stamps with a clear impression of the Eastern postmark. The 72nd post office in Budapest stamps the postcards with the 'Airmail' postmark of the International Fair postal branch and with a special stamp with the inscription 'First Hungarian Balloon Post'.

The items are divided into 3 groups and dropped by parachute at different locations.

The regular mail bag is placed in a waterproof protective bag, and on the cover of the latter there are detailed instructions for the finder of the bag. According to the instructions, the finder is obliged to return the bag in an undamaged state to the nearest post office in exchange for a 5 P reward. The post office that receives the bag pays the finder the 5 P reward immediately upon receipt after receiving and opening the bag. The amount paid shall be recorded in column 18 of the 'Treasury Statement' with the receipt attached as 'the fee for finding the Hungária balloon short circuit'. The postmark with the text 'Has been dropped by the Hungária balloon' and the coloured ink pad placed among the items in the mail bag serve to enable the receiving post office to stamp all items found in the bag with this stamp clearly and legibly. In addition to the stamping, the office also applies its own east stamp and then forwards the items by regular mail. Any mail remaining in the basket at the balloon landing site is handed over by the balloon driver to the nearest post office together with a special stamp with the text 'The Hungária balloon has arrived' and a coloured ink pad. The post office will receive the items, stamp them with the special postmark and its own postmark and then forward them to their destination by ordinary mail. The offices should submit the accompanying form, the special postmark and the ink pad to the 4th Department of the General Directorate of Posts with the nearest post office. The form should state the payment of the 5 P reward. The airmail sticker must be affixed to the items sent abroad in the delivered material before being forwarded abroad.

Source: PTRT 19, 06.05.1933.

Airmail delivery on the occasion of the Vienna International Stamp Exhibition.

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Ordinary and registered postcards and letters weighing no more than 20 g can be sent to any destination by occasional airmail delivery.

The total postage fee for the items is made up of: a) the regular postal fee corresponding to the destination (country) and b) the additional fee paid by the Hungarian Aero Association for airmail, which is 1 *Pengő* 90 *fillér* for postcards and 9 *Pengő* 74 *fillér* for letters.

The items must be fully prepaid upon posting. Items with incomplete postage will be returned to the sender by the offices. In Budapest, the items are stamped with a special handstamp, and in Vienna, the receiving post office is stamped with an Eastern stamp. The items can only be posted at Budapest post office no. 72 and on June 23, 29 and July 4 until 9 p.m.

Source: PTRT 25, 24.06.1933

Airmail delivery on the occasion of the Zalaegerszeg Flying Day - 1934

The Zalaegerszeg scout groups organized a flying day in Zalaegerszeg on June 24th. In connection with the flying day, there was a special air service between Zalaegerszeg and Budapest. Ordinary letters and postcards destined for any destination could be forwarded by the special air service.

In Zalaegerszeg, the items were postmarked with a special postmark in addition to the normal postmark. The full postage fee for the items is made up of:

- a) the regular postal fee corresponding to the destination (country), and
- b) the regular surcharge for occasional airmail delivery, which is 4 *fillér* per piece for postcards and 4 *fillér* per 20 g for letters.

Source: PRT 27, 22.06.1934

Mail delivery by glider between Budapest and Vienna - 1936

In connection with the international glider congress to be held in Budapest, on May 19, 1936, the 'Österreichischer Aero-Club*' launched two gliders to Budapest, towed by a motor plane. These planes transported Austrian airmail items to Budapest and dropped postal material by parachute over Sopron and Győr on the way. After rebuilding, the gliders transported Hungarian airmail items to Vienna. The items could be addressed anywhere, but from

Vienna onwards they were only forwarded by ordinary road (rail). The following total fee will be charged for the transport:

a) for postcards, 80 *fillér* per item;

b) for letters 1 *P* 60 *fillér* per 10 g.

This fee includes the airmail surcharge and the regular postal delivery fee. Registered items could be sent by glider flight.

Source: PRT 16, 15.05.1936

Occasional airmail flight between Budapest—Siófok and Siófok—Budapest - 1936

In connection with the Balaton Week, an occasional airmail flight departed between Budapest and Siófok on September 5th, and between Siófok and Budapest on September 7th. Also on September 5th, an aircraft connecting to the flights arriving in Siófok departed for Balatonfüred, where it did not land, but dropped the forwarded airmail using a parachute. Ordinary letter mail items destined for any destination could be forwarded with these airmail flights.

In addition to the regular postal delivery fee, the regular domestic airmail surcharge was charged for the delivery of the items, *i.e.* 4 *fillér* per piece for postcards and 4 *fillér* per 20 g for other letter mail items. The airmail surcharge is therefore the same whether the item is to be delivered to Siófok or Balatonfüred.

Source: PRT 31, 03.09.1936