

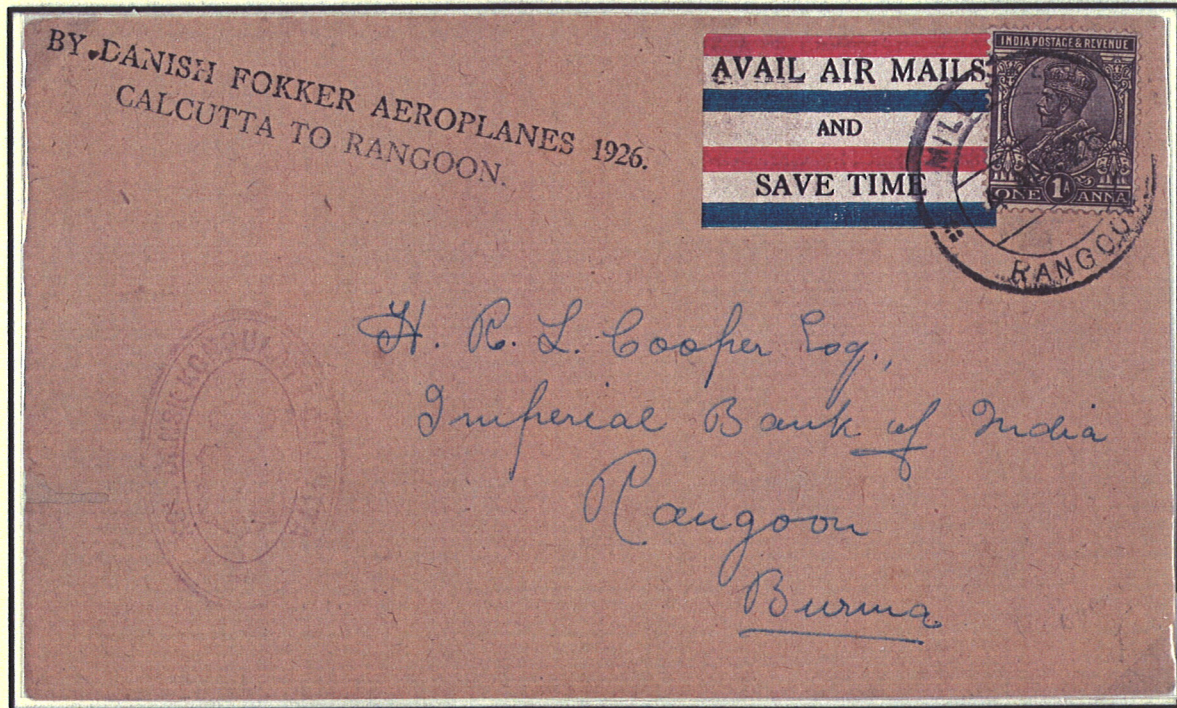
## Calcutta – Rangoon

3 April

1926

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**Letter from the Danish pilot Botveds flight from Calcutta to Rangoon, April 3, 1926, 78 letters were flown**



The letters, which was flown from Calcutta to Rangoon, with pilot Captain Botved, is stamped with a two-row stamp "By Danish Fokker Aeroplanes 1926 Calcutta to Rangoon". They had to make use of India's official air mail label, which was red, white and blue. The letters also stamped with an oval stamp on the Danish consulate - "KGL Dansk Konsulat i Calcutta" (= "KGL Danish Consulate in Calcutta"). All letters arrival stamped "Mill Road, Rangoon" on 4 april 1926.

On 16 March 1926, two pilots, from the Danish Air Force, Captain A.P. Botved and Lt. H. Herschend started from the airport Klövermarken in Copenhagen with the intention to fly to Tokyo in Japan, via, inter alia, India, and back. They used two Fokker CV aircraft named R1 and R2. R1 flown by Botved and R2 was flown by Herschend. In addition to the pilots was also a mechanic in each aircraft.



Both pilots reached Calcutta, March 28, 1926 and they continued to Rangoon April 3, 1926. Pilot Lt. H. Herschend was forced to make an emergency landing in a rice field about 45 km from Rangoon, near the railway station in Hmawbi, and his plane was damaged. He continued with the damaged plane by steamboat to Bangkok and arrived on April 23. The aircraft were repaired in Bangkok. After repair, returned Lt. H. Herschend and his mechanic May 10 back to Copenhagen. They flew the same air route back. They arrived in Copenhagen, on 5 June 1926.

Even if the pilot H. Herschend forced to land, continued the pilot Captain Botved flight and arrived in Bangkok on April 4. He flew on April 10 to Hanoi and then to Tokyo. He arrived in Tokyo on 1 June. Pilot Captain Botved had reached her destination and already June 15, he began his flight back to Denmark. He flew over Siberia and Russia before arriving in Copenhagen on 23 June 1926.

During parts of the flight the pilots had with them a few letters. The pilot Lieutenant H Herschend had brought mail from Bangkok to Copenhagen (an unknown number of letters, which few are known today). Even the pilot Captain Botved took letters with him, from Calcutta to Rangoon (78 letters), from Calcutta to Bangkok (41 letters) and from Calcutta to Tokyo (31 letters).

Pilot captain Botved, in the middle, is standing in front of his plane.

**Only a few items from this flight to Rangoon are known**