

Cover of the Month September 2012

JULY 3 1931 AIR MAIL COVER MONEVIDEO, URUGUAY TO LEVICE CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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The envelope was mailed in Montevideo on July 3, 1931 (Friday) at 14 p.m. at the "Outside" section of de Mail Office. It departed to Natal with the regular connection of July 4, 1931(Saturday) arriving in Marseille on July 14,1931 (Tuesday). The route was Montevideo-Natal by plane, then by speed ship to Dakar and finally by plane again from Dakar to Marseilles.

From Marseilles it was transported by **DLH** (Deutsche Luft Hansa) to Strasbourg (backstamped there on July 15, at 10.00 a.m.) and then by **C.I.D.N.A.** (Compagnie Internationale de Navigation Aérienne) to Prague, arriving there on July 16, 1931. Then it was transported by land to the final destination in Levice.

The rate was 8-cent postage for standard mail or 16-cent postage for registered mail for letters for 20 grams weight.

The rate also included an airmail surcharge of 30-cents for every 4 grams or fractions. The rectangular seal applied at the Mail Office indicates:

Peso (weight in spanish): "8" grams Porte (air mail surcharge) : 60-cents as it was applied $60:30= 2 \times 30\text{-cents}= 60\text{-cents}$. So the rate was 8-cent postage for standard mail and 60-cent for air mail surcharge.