

Bridging the Continents in Wartime; Important Airmail Routes 1939-1945

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This is an outstanding book that describes the wartime airmail routes all over the world. Route maps are exceptional. Each route section includes a table of all flights on that route during this period, where known, not just the First Flight. Included are the dates of all intermediate stops as well as the flight number or name of plane. Research information abounds. Both historical and aerophilatelic information is provided in detail. Many actual flown covers are shown. Each chapter includes a bibliography for further study. This is a major contribution to the aerophilatelic history of this confusing period.