

# KNILM-operated Flight to Batavia

## Very interesting letter about sending airmail from Manila

The writer tells that the plane was chartered by a United Press newspaper reporter.

The writer is not happy with airmail service, especially the Imperial Airways flights.

6½ days from Manila to London.

WISE & COMPANY, INC.  
MANILA

### MEMORANDUM

14th October 1936

My dear Mr Moss,

Three American newspaper reporters are staging a race round the world by air. Ekins late of the United Press chartered a Dutch plane from Batavia and came direct to Manila thus starting a new air route. The return trip is to commence to-morrow and the plane is taking mail.

Generally speaking our air-mail goes to Singapore, five days by ship and then either by the slow Imperial air-ways, or if lucky by the fast KPL or KLM or whatever the Dutch lines are known by.

This cover is expected to be 6 1/2 days en route - the fastest time between Manila and London - if accomplished.

your self and addressed to

Via Air-mail  
(Dutch plane)



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**FIRST FLIGHT**  
**MANILA-BATAVIA**  
**VIA KNILM**  
(ROYAL NETHERLANDS INDIAN AIRWAYS)  
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