

## Crash of the *Centurion*

This cover was carried on the Imperial *Centurion*, which crashed at Calcutta.

The explanatory cachet was applied in Britain.



Manila 5 June 1939, to Switzerland

### *Route*

Manila to Singapore by sea.

The Imperial *Centurion* started its journey from Sydney on 7 June. It stopped at Singapore on 11 June, where it picked up the mail including this letter. It crashed on landing at Calcutta going into the Hooghly River.

Most of its 40 bags of mail was recovered.

*Champion* carried the mails onwards departing Calcutta on 14 June and reaching Southampton on 17 June.

Surface to Switzerland.

### *Markings*

Stamps were applied by the sender in Manila, and these were washed off when the plane was submerged.

Parts of three strikes of the Manila cds are visible.

PAR AVION / (SINGAPORE) / VIA AIR MAIL at Manila.

**SALVAGED MAIL / EX. CENTURION**  
applied in Britain - variety C instead of O.