KLM Route to Naples, then by train through Germany British Censorship at Singapore

KLM's summer route had been through Germany. France would not agree to the winter route, so it flew to Naples. The airmail was sent by train through Germany.

Because of this route, Britain censored the mail at Singapore.



Manila 18 Sept 1939, to Budapest

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Censorship

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