

## WW2 Mail to Asia, Africa and Australia (1939-41)

World War 2 caused major disruptions to airmail routes to Europe. Airmail was still sent to destinations outside Europe, although airmail from the Philippines to any specific country is scarce. When Japan attacked the Philippines on 7 December 1941, all airmail services ceased.

### By KNILM "Extra Flights" to Batavia

In 1940 and 1941 the Dutch KNILM airline operated flights between Batavia and Manila, and these flights carried mail. The Americans feared that if this was classified as a regular air route, Japan could insist on similar landing rights in Manila.



Manila 7 Aug 1940, to Batavia

#### Route

The 4th KNILM "extra flight" left Manila on 10 Aug 1940 and arrived at Batavia on the same day (Aitink & Hovenkamp).

#### Censorship

Opened by censor in Batavia.  
Resealed and stamped DEV./10.

#### Rate

48c = 16c air to Batavia + 12c foreign + 20c registration.