

# To Belgian Congo By Horseshoe Route

The wartime horseshoe route went between Sydney and Durban, via Singapore, India and Egypt.



Manila 21 March 1941, to Lubondai, Belgian Congo

### Route

Manila to Singapore by sea.

BOAC/Qantas Horseshoe route flight WS71 departed Singapore 26 March.

Went via Baghdad and Cairo reaching Port Bell, Uganda, on 1 April.

By air to Leopoldville.

By surface to Luluabourg, then Lubondai 50 miles away.

### Markings

Leopoldville (now Kinshasa, Zaire) cds 5 April.

Belgian Congo censor tape.

Another Leopoldville cds 5 April after the censor tape was applied.

Luluabourg (now Kananga) cds 18 April.

### Rate

1P 8c, 11-to-15 gr.

Airmail to Congo 96c, triple of 32c air from Singapore since 1940.

Foreign letter, 12c per 20gr.