By Air to USA, then by Air to Europe

To German-Controlled France - Refused Entry

This cover was addressed to Bordeaux in German-occupied France. The letter arrived in a free part of France. There was no postal service to occupied France, so the letter was endorsed "Return to Sender".

Manila 14 Aug 1941, to Bordeaux, France

Markings

French: RETOUR A L'ENVOYEUR. RELATIONS POSTALES INTERROMPUES.
(Return to sender. Postal relations interrupted.)

Purple in USA: RETURN TO SENDER. SERVICE SUSPENDED.

No backstamps.

Route

Pan-Am clipper to San Francisco. Pan-Am clipper from New York to Lisbon.

Arrived in France in an unoccupied zone, and refused because Bordeaux was in a zone occupied by Germany.

Marking to return to sender.

Rate

1P72c. Single rate to Europe by air across Pacific and Atlantic.

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