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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in Congleton on **Saturday 3rd September 2016** at 2 p.m. when **Postmarks of Interest** will be displayed and discussed. Directions for how to get to the meeting are on the back page.

REMAINING MEETING FOR 2016

3 December 2016: Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi 1942-45 Definitives (SG 850-883, Farahbakhsh. 785-818) (in London)

IRAN PHILATELIC STUDY CIRCLE

Minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 25 June 2016 at 2pm at Congress House, 23/28 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS.

Mr N R N Gooch was in the chair and Messrs R Jack, J Stone and D Tanner were in attendance.

Apologies were received from Messrs D Davies and B Lucas.

As a novelty the chairman showed a magnifying tool called a Phonoscope which can be attached to the camera function of either an iPad or an iPhone to produce a 60x image.

As a new acquisition Jeremy Stone showed a cut out from a parcel card showing definitives from the reign of Muhammed Ali Shah.

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2016 were approved by the meeting. There were no matters arising.

The chairman reported that he had attended the World Stamp Show in New York where the Study Circle had manned a booth and held a meeting followed by an informal dinner. All these activities had enabled members to meet one another with much lively discussion.

The editor of the bulletin advised the meeting that currently he had articles for future publication but would always be pleased to receive further contributions.

Jeremy Stone reported that he had been unable to hire a society table at the Association of Sussex Philatelic Societies convention in the Autumn, to assist in publicising the activities of the Study Circle, as all space had been sold to previous buyers. David Tanner offered to investigate availability at UK Westpex in Spring 2017.

All members present contributed to a display of airmails from the period 1923 to 1930 with a selection of both mint and used stamps and postal history.

The chairman closed the meeting at about 4-00pm and thanked the members for their attendance. He indicated that the next meeting would be held on 3 September 2016 in Congleton to give members the opportunity to display "Postmarks of Interest."

CONGRATULATIONS

The World Stamp Show-NY 2016 took place at the Javits Convention Center in New York City from 28th May to 4th June. IPSC members achieved the following results—

- M. Farahbakhsh, *Study of Early Lion Issue, 1st & 2nd Portrait*, Gold
- A. Nanjee, *A Postal history of the British & Qajar Dynasties 1857-1924*, Large Vermeil
- Behruz Nassre, *1902 Provisional Typeset Issue*, Large Vermeil
- T. Shahrokh, *A Study of Native Postmarks 1876-1926*, Large Vermeil
- K. Joe Youssefi, *Classic Persia 1865-1882*, Gold
- Bjorn Sohrne, *Russian (Caucasus)-Persian Inter Postal Relations*, Gold
- Akthem Al-Manaseer, *The 'In British Occupation' Provisionals of Baghdad and Mosul*, Gold (and special prize)
- Farzin Mossavar-Rahmani and Bjorn Sohrne: *Illustrated Postmarks of Iran 1876-1924*, Vermeil
- Novin Farahbakhsh, *The Stamps of Iran- Qajar, Pahlavi, Islamic Republic* (Electronic Web Site), Vermeil

Congratulations to all concerned, and apologies if anyone has been inadvertently missed off the list.

The 2 Kr Ahmed Shah inverted centre, by Salman Qureshi

Mr Salman Qureshi has provided this example of Persiphila 679a the 1924-25 Ahmed Shah Qajar 2 Kr with inverted centre (with RPS Certificate). Persiphila describes this stamp as “among one of the most fascinating errors of Iranian philately”.



New Double Overprint: Bushire Under British Occupation Error from 1915

by Ghiam Yamin




The British occupied Bushire in 1915 and assumed control of the local postal affairs from August 8, 1915 to October 16, 1915. During this period, the British overprinted Ahmad Shah definitive stamps from 1911 and coronation stamps from 1915 with the overprint ‘BUSHIRE / Under British / Occupation.’ Herein is the discovery of a new double overprint error on a used copy of the 3 ch value of the Ahmad Shah portrait issue, Scott No. N3 (Fig. 1). The main overprint is from Setting Ib, Pos. 1 and the second overprint is not clear but comes from a different setting (which is possible), both appear genuine. The authenticity of this stamp has been corroborated by the American Philatelic Society (APS). As far as I know, this is the only double overprint of its kind for this value. Another double overprint error on a used copy of the 6 ch value of the Ahmad Shah portrait issue, Scott No. N5 was recently sold by Argyll-Etkin in 2015.

The 1921 Coup d'Etat Issue, by Mehdi Esmaili

Mr Esmaili has provided the following document (in French, followed by a translation in English) which gives interesting details as to the destruction of the "Coronation surcharges of 21 February 1921".

Modèle 193

Téhéran, le 192


Administration des Postes
de Perse
Direction Générale

N°

PROCES - VERBAL

En exécution de la décision N° 9324 du 1^{er} agrab 1301 du Conseil des Ministres ordonnant la destruction du stock des timbres commémoratifs du couronnement surchargés 21 février 1921 à l'exception d'un certain nombre de séries à remettre à Mr. Assadollah Khan Kurdistani et à envoyer au Bureau International de Berne, les opérations suivantes ont été effectuées à la Direction Générale des Postes en présence de S.Ex.Vahid ol Molk Ministre des Postes et des Télégraphes, S.Ex.Hakim ol Molk, Mr. Gray, Mr. Assadollah Khan Kurdistani et Mr.Pire, Gérant de la Direction Générale des Postes:

1^{er} Ouverture du pli contenant le cachet surcharge. Ce pli était revêtu des sceaux de S.Ex.Mokbered Dowleh, ex Sous_Secrétaire d'Etat des Postes et des Télégraphes et de Mr.C.Molitor, ex-Directeur Général des Postes. S.Ex.Mokbered Dowleh assistait à l'opération et M.C.Molitor avait envoyé sa procuration.

2^{er} Remise de 300 séries de timbres surchargés 21 février 1921 à M.Assadollah Khan Kurdistani et conservation de 413 séries destinées à être envoyées au Bureau International de Berne, revêtues du cachet spécimen.

3^{er} destruction par le feu des timbres surchargés restants, valeurs et quantités suivantes:

3	chahis	9439
5	"	7499
6	"	7499
10	"	7518
12	"	5049
1	kran	---
2	krans	64
5	"	164
20	"	38
30	"	31
50	"	40

4^{er} mise hors d'usage du cachet ayant servi à la surcharge; voir ci-contre une empreinte du cachet intact et une empreinte du cachet rendu inutilisable.

Téhéran, le 16 Novembre 1922.

Signé: Vahid ol Molk
Hakim ol Molk
R.W.Gray
A. Kurdistani
E.Pire.

*Vous copie conforme
Le Gérant de la Direction Générale
E.Pire*

Teheran, the.....192

Type 193

Administration of Posts
of Persia

General Directorate
No.....

Report.

In putting into effect the decision No. 9324 of 1st Agrab, 1301 the Council of Ministers ^{for} orders the destruction of stocks of the commemorative stamps of the coronation surcharges 21 February 1921 with the exception of a certain number of sets to be given to Mr Assadollah Khan Kurdistani and to be sent to the International Bureau at Berne, the following operations are to be carried out by the General Directorate of Posts in the presence of S. Ex. Vahid ol Molk Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, S. Ex. Hakim ol Molk, Mr Gray, Mr Assadollah Khan Kurdistani and Mr Pire, Manager of the General Directorate of Posts:

1st Open the envelope containing the cachet surcharge. This envelope is to be imprinted with the seals of S. Ex Mokbered Dowleh, ex Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telegraphs and of Mr C. Molitor, ex- Director General of Posts. S. Ex. Mokbered Dowleh will assist in the operation and M.C. Molitor will send word of its procurement (perhaps completion?).

2nd Holding back 300 sets of stamp surcharges 21 fevrier 1921 for M. Assadollah Khan Kurdistani and preservation of 413 sets intended for despatch to the

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International Bureau at Berne overprinted with the cachet specimen.

3rd Destruction by fire of the surcharged stamps remaining, values and quantities as follows:

3	chahis	9439
5	"	7489
6	"	7499
10	"	7518
12	"	5049
1	kran	—
2	kran	64
5	"	164
20	"	38
30	"	31
50	"	40

4th Placing all but (used/worn?) cachets in use of the surcharge: See (opposite/annexed/on the other side) one impression of the cachet intact and one impression of the cachet rendered useless.

Teheran, the 16th November, 1922.

Signed: Vahid ol Molk
Hakim ol Molk
R.W. Gray
A. Kurdistani
E. Pire

For confirmation of copies

The Manager of the Directorate General


(signed) E. Pire

As can be seen, 300 sets were retained for Mr A. Kurdistani, and a further 413 sets were retained for forwarding to the UPU with Specimen overprints. The remainder were destroyed by fire and the overprint "cachet" defaced.

Six days later, the following document (again in French, followed by an English translation) shows that in addition to the mint sets noted above, Mr Kurdistani was "given" a total of 84 stamps of this issue used on barnemehs.

Modèle 201

Téhéran, le _____ 1921



Administration des Postes
de Perse

Direction Générale

N° 29127

La Direction Générale des Postes de Perse certifie par la présente avoir cédé à Monsieur A. Kurdistani le nombre ci-dessous détaillé, des timbres de l'émission dite "Couronnement" 1916 surchargé 10 Dismadial Okhra 1921 usés sur 21 Février 1921 les barnemehs (feuilles de route) des colis en service intérieur:

3 chahis	1 pièce
5 chahis	2 id
6 "	10 id
10 "	8 id
12 "	4 id
1 kran	9 id
2 kran	15 id
5 "	6 id
2 tomans	8 id
3 tomans	15 id
5 tomans	6 id
<hr/>	
Total	84- pièces.

Téhéran, le 22 Novembre 1921.

LE GERANT DE LA DIRECTION GÉNÉRALE,

[Signature]

Type 193

Administration of Posts
of Persia

General Directorate
No. 27327

The General Directorate of Posts of Persia
advises that it has been given to Mr A. Kurdistani
numbers of stamps of the issue entitled
"Coronation" 1915 surcharged

12 Djumdi el Okhra 1339
21 Fevrier 1921

as detailed below, used on barnamehs (waybills)
off parcels on interior service;

3 chahis	1	piece
5 chahis	2	id
6 chahis	10	id
10 chahis	8	id
12 chahis	4	id
1 kran	9	id
2 krans	15	id
5 krans	6	id
2 tomans	8	id
3 tomans	15	id
5 tomans	6	id

Total 84- pieces

Teheran, the 22nd November 1922.

THE MANAGER OF THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE.

(signed) E. Pire

Book Review, by Sassan Pejhan

Old Postcards from Iran

Ghassem Safi

215 pages

Printed by Gostaresh-e Honar Publication Company, 1989

First printing: 5000

Persian Title: کارت پستالهای تاریخی ایران

The book starts with a section that provides an overview (6 pages) of postcards in general. The author states that there are no Persian language sources on the history of postcards. He then references several Persian and foreign language dictionaries which merely provide a description of what a postcard is. After that, he provides a translation (in summary form) of articles on postcards in three different encyclopaedias: *Larousse*, *Brittanica* and the Italian *Dizionario Enciclopedia*.

This section is followed by one that is about postcards in Iran (4 pages). Little information is provided, however. Based on the printings on several postcards themselves, the author has identified five institutions that sold PPCs (all in Tehran):

- Seyed Abdolrahim Kashani
- Moussa Javaher
- Now-Bahar store in Lalezar
- Golestan, also in Lalezar
- Seyed Abass Kashani and brothers

The rest of this section includes general statements to the effect that PPCs are historical documents which chronicle the daily lives of people and showcase the important events and personalities of the era, as well as the artistic skills of the designers.

The main body of the book consists of seven sections of black and white pictures (with the exception noted below) of privately printed PPCs (with no text or explanations) and arranged as follows:

- The Elite رجال
- Historical sites, scenery and cities of Iran آثار تاریخی، مناظر و شهرهای ایران
- The look of old Tehran سیمای تهران قدیم
- Living style and faces of the people زیست و سیمای مردم
- Scenes from the Constitutional Revolution صحنه هایی از انقلاب مشروطه
- Elite – Constitutional Revolution – scenery رجال - مشروطه - مناظر
- Sample Greeting cards and examples of postcard vendors' seals
کارت‌های تبریک و نمونه هایی از مهر فروشگاه‌های کارت پستال در ایران

The first section depicts 50 pictures of mostly Constitutional Revolution era personalities (from both sides of that revolution) as well as Qajar nobility. Of note is picture No. 35 which depicts William Morgan Shuster, the American civil servant who served as the Treasurer general for six months in 1911.

Section two includes 47 pictures of historical buildings (including mosques and Persepolis ruins) and general city views and sceneries.

Section three contains 45 photographs of various streets and monuments in Tehran and its vicinities.

My personal favorite is the one depicting the house of Moayer-ol-Mamaalek. Due to the poor quality of the pictures in the book (see later), I have pasted a picture of that house which I retrieved from the Internet:



The fourth section includes a total of 52 photographs, showing people of all walks of life (schools, dervishes, etc.)

Section five shows 35 pictures related to the Constitutional Revolution. These mainly depict militias, armies and battle scenes, as well as hangings and pictures of the opening of parliament.

The sixth section is the only one showing color photographs (16 total) of PPCs.

The seventh and last section includes 11 photographs of various greeting cards (including both Nowrooz and Christmas).

These sections are followed by two indexes:

- Index of Postcards
- Index of Names of places, people and subjects

The book should really be seen as a semi-organized photo-album of the author's postcard collection. There is unfortunately no real research involved or much in the way of deltiological information. Having said that, the book probably is the first one on the topic of Picture Postcards in the Persian language and the first to include a, relatively speaking, large collection of these cards. It is also a reminder that there is, to this day, no well-researched written source of information on Iranian privately printed postcards.

The quality of the printing is poor and a reflection of the realities in Iran in 1989: the eight year war with Iraq had just ended and the country was still suffering from a decade of revolution, war, sanctions and war-time rationing of, among many things, paper and print products.

Early First Flights—Not the usual suspects! by Robert Jack

Some first flight covers are seen quite frequently, others less so. Illustrated on the following pages are some covers from 1929-30 which are less often seen.

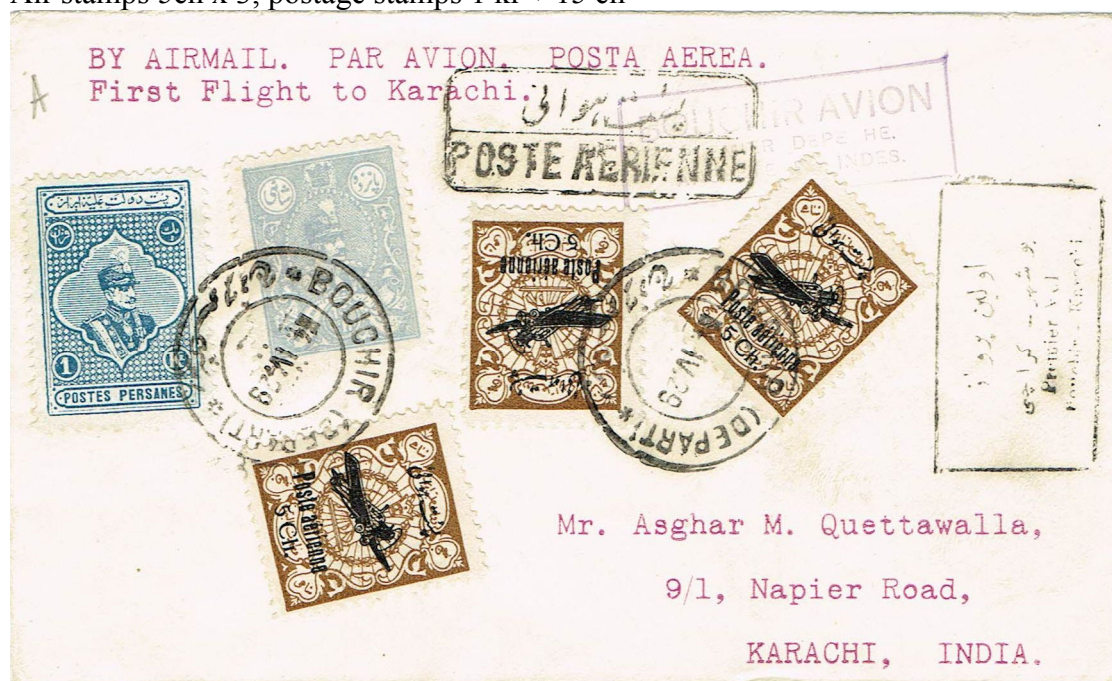
4th April, 1929. First Flight **Bouchir-Karachi**. A stage of the first commercial Imperial Airways London-Karachi flight. This stage was flown by the De Havilland Hercules "City of Jerusalem" which arrived in Karachi at 7pm on the 6th April, 1929.

Bouchir (Depart) 4. IV. 29 to Karachi 6 APR 29 9-PM.

Also cachets as follows—

- two line POSTE AERIENNE (bilingual);
- three line BOUCHIR AVION PREMIER DEPECHE ANGLETERRE – INDES; and
- four line Premier Vol Bouchir – Karachi (bilingual)

Air stamps 5ch x 3, postage stamps 1 kr + 15 ch



Backstamp on reverse

FIRST AIR MAIL. LONDON—KARACHI.		
GT. BRITAIN, London—Karachi, special cover	7/6	
Ditto, ordinary cover... ..	4/-	
IRELAND, London—Karachi, special cover	10/-	
Ditto, ordinary cover... ..	7/6	
GREECE, Athens—Karachi, special postmark, 183 flown	£1	
MALTA, via Alexandria, to Karachi, rare	10/-	
EGYPT, Cairo/Karachi	5/-	
PALESTINE, Gaza/Karachi, special cachet	10/-	
IRAQ, Rutbah/Karachi, special cachet	10/-	
Basra/Karachi, special cachet	10/-	
PERSIA, Bushire/Karachi, special cachet	£1	
Djask/Karachi, special cachet	£1	
Other varieties on request. Prices subject to alteration without notice. All the above are guaranteed to be genuinely flown "First Flight" covers.		
JOHN S. DAVIS, 71 Rodney St., Liverpool		

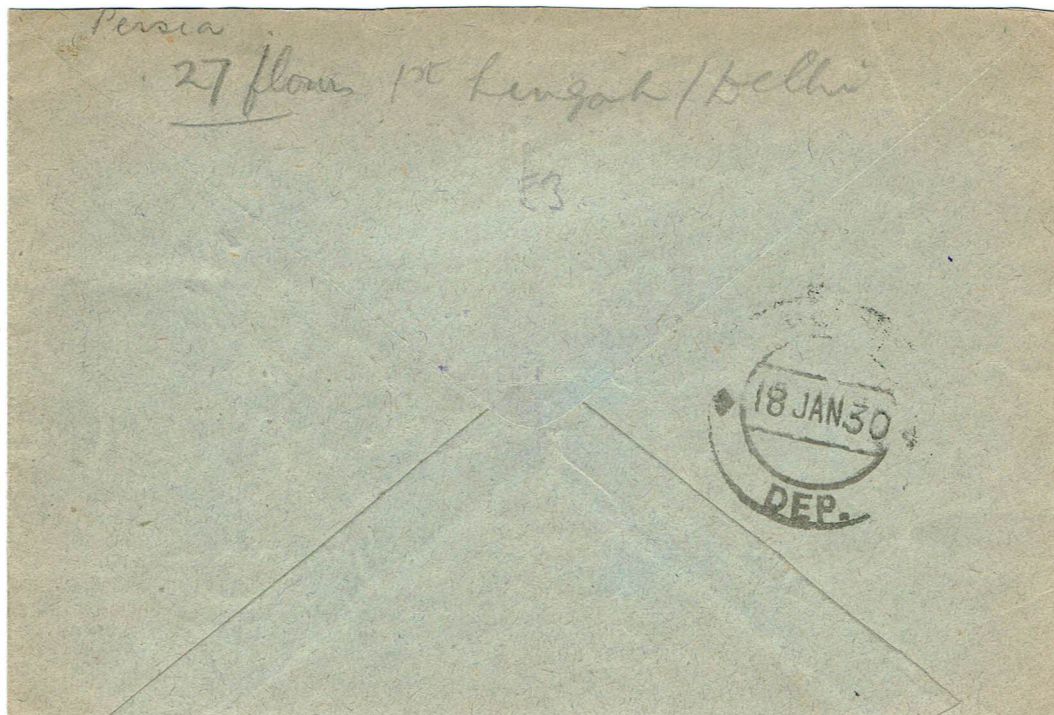
The dealer's advert shown above was found inside this cover. Unfortunately it is not dated, but as it is in pre-decimal currency it must be pre-February 1971. It gives an idea as to how such covers were priced then – this one was £1 (= approx US \$1.30)!

14th January, 1930. First Flight **Lingeh–Delhi**.

Receiving Delhi cancellation on reverse: 18 JAN 30

Also with a two line cachet: LINGEH Ouverture Service Aerien

On the reverse of the cover can be seen a pencil annotation “27 flown”. No figure is given either by the IPSC or Persiphila catalogues: does anyone know whether this figure is correct or where it comes from?



2nd February, 1930. First Flight **Jask-Jodhpur**.

Djask 2 II 30 to Jodhpur 3 FEB 30

By Imperial Airways. Typescript inscription: Premier Post Aérienne DJASK – JODHPUR; also green FISRT FLIGHT cachet.

Again there is an annotation on the reverse “ about 60 flown”. Does anyone know where this figure comes from?



4th February, 1930. First Flight **Karachi–Bushire–Teheran.**

An incoming first flight cover this time—

Karachi 4 FEB 30 5-AM

Bouchir (Arrivee) 5 II. 30 (on reverse)

Bouchir (Depart) 5 II. 30

Teheran (Arrivee) 18. 2. 8 = 7. 2. 30 (on reverse)

Teheran No. 2 7. II. 30

Boxed NON RÉCLAMÉ (on reverse)

Teheran 30 VI 30.



5th February, 1930. First Flight **Lingeh–Athens**

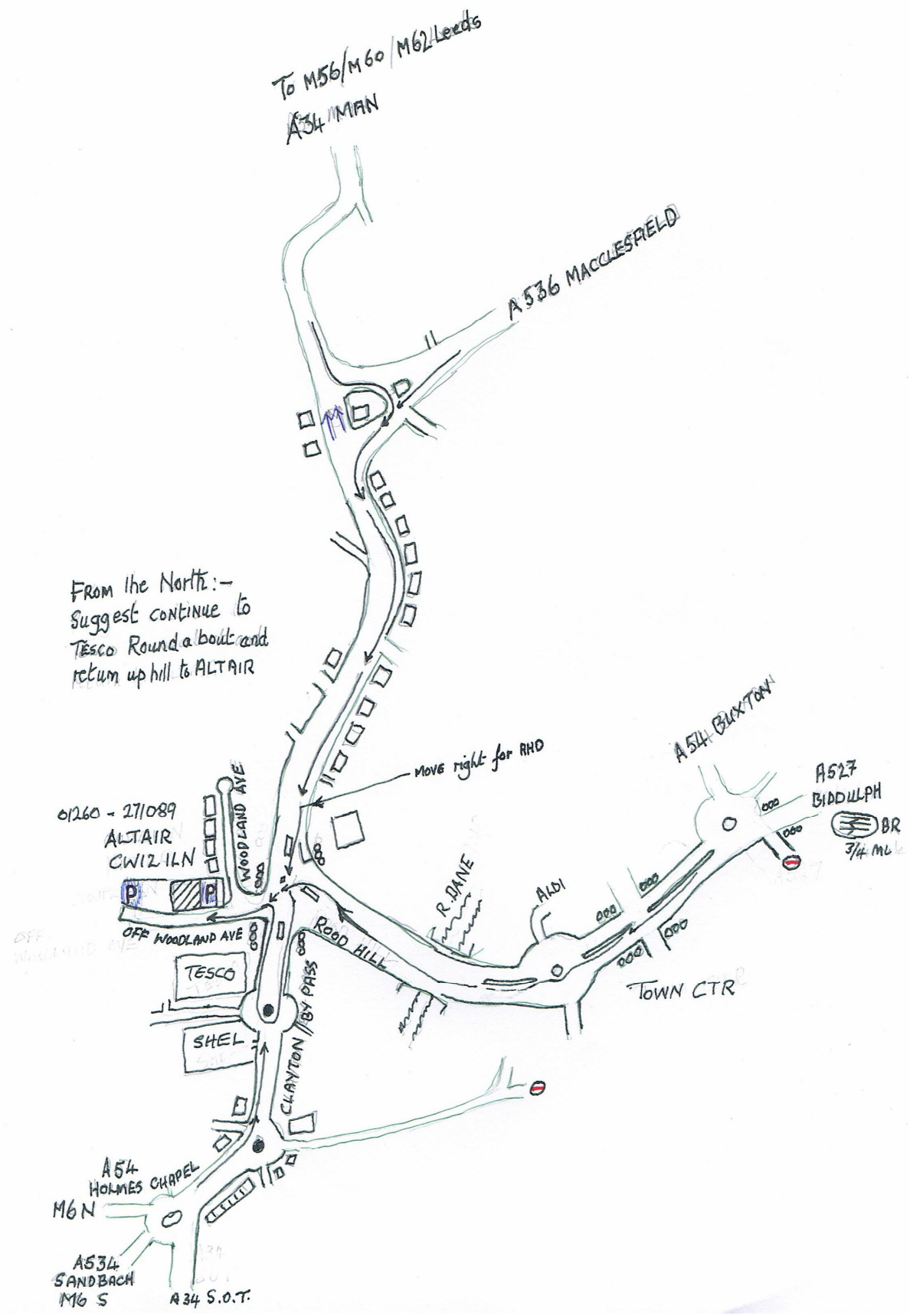
By Imperial Airways. With a two line cachet: LINGEH. Ouverture Service Aerien

Lingah 5 II 3-, AQHNAI 9 FEB 30



Persiphila and IPSC (quoting Field) report that 108 covers were carried on this flight.

Directions by road to the meeting on Saturday 3rd September, 2016, to be held at Altair, off Woodland Avenue, Congleton CW12 1LN.



From the North:-
Suggest continue to
Tesco Round a bout and
return up hill to ALTAIR