

Chapter 7: *Horseshoe Services: August – September 1940*

7.1 Introduction

The dispatch of 17<sup>th</sup> July was 2040 lb [OMB40] and was the first to be sent from Liverpool instead of Southampton. The *Horseshoe* service was increased to twice a week on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August from Sydney with *XWS 9* and on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August with *XNE 9* from Durban.

7.2 Eighth flights between Durban and Sydney

a) From UK

The *Windsor Castle* left Liverpool on 18<sup>th</sup> July and arrived in Cape Town on 5<sup>th</sup> August. The mail was flown from Durban on *NE 8* [Leg1] which left a day late, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August rather than the scheduled Wednesday, no doubt so that the UK mail could connect. The London – Sydney transit time was 35 days. A cover postmarked in Lancashire on 12<sup>th</sup> July has a Khartoum receiving mark on 10<sup>th</sup> August which fits with *NE 8* [Win9].

b) To UK

The *Capetown Castle* left Cape Town on 26<sup>th</sup> August and arrived in Liverpool on 10<sup>th</sup> September carrying the mail from *WS 8* and giving a Sydney – London transit time of 34 days. A cover that was postmarked in Canberra on 5<sup>th</sup> August was delivered in Exmouth on 17<sup>th</sup> September [Win3], one postmarked in Bombay on 10<sup>th</sup> August was redirected in London on 16<sup>th</sup> September, one postmarked in Basra on 14<sup>th</sup> August was redirected in London on 17<sup>th</sup> September while a cover postmarked in Hong Kong on 10<sup>th</sup> August was redirected in London on 18<sup>th</sup> September.

<b>Sea from UK Dispatch 17 Jul Windsor Castle 18 Jul-5 Aug</b>				<b>trans-Tasman 2 Aug Awarua</b>			
<b>NE 8</b>				<b>WS 8</b>			
Durban	dep	8 Aug	Circe	Sydney	dep	7 Aug	Coriolanus
Mozambique	o'n	8-9 Aug	Circe	Townsville	o'n	7-8 Aug	Coriolanus
Kisumu	o'n	9-10 Aug	Circe	Darwin	o'n	8-9 Aug	Coriolanus
Khartoum	o'n	10-11 Aug	Circe	Sourabaya	o'n	9-10 Aug	Coriolanus
Cairo	o'n	11-14 Aug	Circe	Singapore	o'n	10-11 Aug	Coriolanus
Basra	o'n	14-15 Aug	Circe	Bangkok	o'n	11-12 Aug	Coriolanus
Karachi	o'n	15-16 Aug	Circe	Calcutta	o'n	12-13 Aug	Coriolanus
Calcutta	o'n	16-17 Aug	Circe	Karachi	o'n	13-14 Aug	Coriolanus
Bangkok	o'n	17-18 Aug	Circe	Basra	o'n	14-15 Aug	Coriolanus
Singapore	o'n	18-19 Aug	Circe	Cairo	o'n	15-16 Aug	Coriolanus
Sourabaya	o'n	19-20 Aug	Circe	Khartoum	o'n	16-17 Aug	Coriolanus
Darwin	o'n	20-21 Aug	Circe	Kisumu	o'n	17-18 Aug	Coriolanus
Townsville	o'n	21-22 Aug	Circe	Mozambique	o'n	18-19 Aug	Coriolanus
Sydney	arr	22 Aug	Circe	Durban	arr	19 Aug	Coriolanus
<b>trans-Tasman 30 Aug Aotearoa</b>				<b>By sea to UK 26 Aug -10 Sep Capetown Castle</b>			
<b>XNE 7</b>				<b>XWS 7</b>			
Durban	dep	9 Aug	Clifton	Cairo	dep	13 Aug	Clifton
Mozambique	o'n	9-10 Aug	Clifton	Khartoum	o'n	13-14 Aug	Clifton
Kisumu	o'n	10-11 Aug	Clifton	Kisumu	o'n	14-15 Aug	Clifton
Khartoum	o'n	11-12 Aug	Clifton	Mozambique	o'n	15-16 Aug	Clifton
Cairo	arr	12 Aug	Clifton	Durban	arr	16 Aug	Clifton

There was an additional flight *XNE 7* between Durban and Cairo because of the build up of mail in Durban due to the missed connection of the 11<sup>th</sup> July mail dispatch from the UK. According to Legg [Leg1], the mail sent on the *Strathnaver* missed the connection with *XNE 7* and was flown from Durban on *XNE 8*. Such a cover was shown in Figure 6.19. *NE 8* waited in Cairo for the arrival of

*XNE 7* and *XNE 8*. The arrival datestamp in Poona, India on 19<sup>th</sup> August ties in with it missing *NE 7* and being sent on *XNE7/XNE 8/NE 8*.

**Sea from UK Dispatch 11<sup>th</sup> July Strathnaver 13 Jul-7 Aug**

<b>XNE 8</b>				<b>XWS 8</b>			
Durban	dep	10 Aug	Ceres	Cairo	dep	14Aug	Ceres
Mozambique	o'n	10-11 Aug	Ceres	Khartoum	o'n	14-15Aug	Ceres
Kisumu	o'n	11-12 Aug	Ceres	Kisumu	o'n	15-16 Aug	Ceres
Khartoum	o'n	12-13 Aug	Ceres	Mozambique	o'n	16-17 Aug	Ceres
Cairo	arr	13 Aug	Ceres	Durban	arr	17 Aug	Ceres

A cover postmarked in UK on 12<sup>th</sup> July and addressed to Cairo has a Cairo receiver on 12<sup>th</sup> August. It would have been sent on the *Windsor Castle* and flown on either *NE 8* or *XNE 7*.

The *Evening Post* (Wellington) of 22<sup>nd</sup> August reported the arrival in Sydney on a Dutch airliner of mail from the *NZEF* [EP]. The *Launceston Examiner* (Tasmania) reported on the same day that the Australian Government had refused the Dutch offer to carry mail for the *AIF*, but that the plane carried mail from Australian naval ratings in the Mediterranean [Tro].

*KLM* service *LB 4* flew Lydda – Batavia on 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> and would connect with the *DC 3* on service *168* that flew Batavia – Sydney on 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> August [AH]. The Dutch service was presumably used due to the build up of mails. (*KLM* had had a weekly Java – Australia service since 1938.)

### 7.3 Ninth flights between Durban and Sydney

#### a) From UK

The dispatch on 26<sup>th</sup> July was 2929 lb [OMB40]. It was sent on the *Capetown Castle* which left Liverpool on 28<sup>th</sup> July and arrived in Cape Town on 14<sup>th</sup> August. It connected at Durban with *NE 9* [Leg1]. According to *OMB 47* of 3<sup>rd</sup> August, the mail was so large, 750 lb of the mail for India, Malaya and Australia was held back in Durban for dispatch on a later service. The *Singapore Free Press* reported mail from the UK being delivered to boxholders on both 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August which corresponds to both *NE 9* and *XNE 9*. The *Palestine Post* on 23<sup>rd</sup> August carried a report sent from London by air mail on 20<sup>th</sup> July [PP]. It would have been sent on this service.

*NE 9* left Durban three days late, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> rather than the scheduled Wednesday as it was waiting for the mail from the UK as *BOAC* did not want to repeat the situation where *NE 7* left without the UK mail. As the *Horseshoe* service was duplicated after *NE 9*, there was no longer the same necessity to ensure a connection with the mail from the UK. The London – Sydney transit time for mail that connected with *NE 9* was 34 days.

The *Capetown Castle* carried equipment and personnel for the flying boat base at Congella in Durban and it continued its journey on to Durban on 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> August. It brought the number of staff transferred from England to Durban to maintain the *Horseshoe Route* to about 300 [Fli].

#### b) To UK

*WS 9* missed the connection with the *Winchester Castle* which left Cape Town on 30<sup>th</sup> August and arrived in the Clyde on 16<sup>th</sup> September. (Passengers disembarked in Glasgow on the 17<sup>th</sup> [NA].)

The air mail dispatch from Singapore on 17<sup>th</sup> August (flown from there on *WS 9* on the 18<sup>th</sup>) was delivered in London on 2<sup>nd</sup> October [SN]. The *Arundel Castle* left Cape Town on 11<sup>th</sup> September and arrived in the Clyde on 28<sup>th</sup> September. (1<sup>st</sup> October according to Lloyd's List.) Crewe [Cre] lists a cover from Hong Kong postmarked on 17<sup>th</sup> August that would be expected to have been flown to Bangkok on *HB 264* on 18<sup>th</sup> August to connect with *WS 9*. It has a London transit mark on 3<sup>rd</sup> October while a cover postmarked near Sydney on 12<sup>th</sup> August was delivered in Exmouth on 5<sup>th</sup>

October [Win3]. The Sydney – London transit time was 50 days. Another cover, postmarked in Calcutta on the evening of 13<sup>th</sup> August and addressed to Surrey has a rubber stamp stating that it was received on 5<sup>th</sup> October.

A cover to Bat Yam near Tel-Aviv postmarked on 12<sup>th</sup> August in Victoria, Australia and censored in Melbourne would have been flown to Darwin where it would join *WS 9* which arrived in Tiberias on 23<sup>rd</sup> August. It has a Bat Yam arrival datestamp on 25<sup>th</sup> August.

**UK Dispatch 26 July Capetown Castle 28 Jul-14 Aug  
NE 9**

Durban	dep	17 Aug	Cameronian
Mozambique	o'n	17-18 Aug	Cameronian
Kisumu	o'n	18-19 Aug	Cameronian
Khartoum	o'n	19-20 Aug	Cameronian
Luxor	o'n	20-21 Aug	Cameronian
Basra	o'n	21-22 Aug	Cameronian
Karachi	arr	22 Aug	Cameronian
Karachi	dep	23 Aug	Castor
Calcutta	o'n	23-24 Aug	Castor
Bangkok	o'n	24-25 Aug	Castor
Singapore	o'n	25-26 Aug	Castor
Sourabaya	o'n	26-27 Aug	Castor
Darwin	o'n	27-28 Aug	Castor
Townsville	o'n	28-29 Aug	Castor
Sydney	arr	29 Aug	Castor

**trans-Tasman 30 Aug Aotearoa**

**trans-Tasman 8 Aug Aotearoa  
WS 9**

Sydney	dep	14 Aug	Cambria
Townsville	o'n	14-15 Aug	Cambria
Darwin	o'n	15-16 Aug	Cambria
Sourabaya	o'n	16-17Aug	Cambria
Singapore	o'n	17-18 Aug	Cambria
Bangkok	o'n	18-19 Aug	Cambria
Calcutta	o'n	19-20 Aug	Cambria
Karachi	o'n	20-21 Aug	Cambria
Jiwani	o'n	21-22 Aug	Cambria
Basra	o'n	22-23 Aug	Cambria
Cairo	o'n	23-24 Aug	Cambria
Khartoum	o'n	24-25Aug	Cambria
Juba	o'n	25-26 Aug	Cambria
Kisumu	o'n	26-27 Aug	Cambria
Mozambique	o'n	27-28 Aug	Cambria
Durban	arr	28 Aug	Cambria

**By sea to UK 11 – 28 Sep Arundel Castle**

A cover to Gaza that is postmarked in Hastings, New Zealand on 5<sup>th</sup> August was censored in Auckland and like the cover in Figure 1.9 was off-loaded in Calcutta to be censored. The next trans Tasman flight was on 8<sup>th</sup> August which would connect at Sydney with *WS 9* on 14<sup>th</sup> August arriving in Calcutta on 19<sup>th</sup> August. It has an Egyptian censor mark and was backstamped in Cairo on 11<sup>th</sup> September and in Gaza on 14<sup>th</sup> September and so there was a long delay in either Egypt or Calcutta.

Another similar cover was postmarked in Napier, New Zealand on 16<sup>th</sup> August and was also off-loaded in Calcutta to be censored. If it missed the trans Tasman flight of 18<sup>th</sup> August, it would have been flown to Sydney on 23<sup>rd</sup> August and connect with *WS 11* on 24<sup>th</sup> August arriving in Calcutta on 29<sup>th</sup> August which ties in with the Calcutta transit mark on 30<sup>th</sup> August. However the Gaza receiving mark is not until 30<sup>th</sup> September which again means that there was a major delay.

## 7.4 Tenth flights between Durban and Sydney: service now twice a week

According to *CAIS 62* on 21<sup>st</sup> August [Win], the service was increased to twice a week on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August from Sydney and on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August from Durban. This was a week earlier than scheduled [Leg1]. Departures from Durban were now on Monday and Thursday and from Sydney on Saturday and Wednesday. There were complaints in the Australian press in Brisbane that the new Saturday service from Sydney had not been announced until the Friday afternoon.

### a) From UK

*XNE 9* was used to fly the 750 lb backlog of mail from the *Capetown Castle* that could not be carried on *NE 9*. A cover to India postmarked in Northumberland on 17<sup>th</sup> July has a Calcutta transit on 26<sup>th</sup> August which suggests it was flown on *XNE 9*.

### b) To UK

The *Arundel Castle* left South Africa on 11<sup>th</sup> September and arrived in the Clyde on 28<sup>th</sup> September. It carried the mail from *WS 9*, *XWS 9*, *WS 10* and *WS 11* giving Sydney – London transit times of: 45 days (*WS 9*), 42 days (*XWS 9*), 38 days (*WS 10*) and 35 days (*WS 11*).

A cover postmarked in Sydney on 16<sup>th</sup> August, addressed to Yugoslavia and with a Zagreb transit mark on 16<sup>th</sup> September [Wat1], is likely to have been flown on *XWS 9* and off-loaded at Cairo on 28<sup>th</sup> August and sent to Yugoslavia by rail from Lydda via Istanbul.

**UK Dispatch 26 Jul Capetown Castle 28 Jul-14 Aug  
XNE 9**

Durban	dep	19 Aug	Corsair
Mozambique	o'n	19-20 Aug	Corsair
Kisumu	arr	20 Aug	Corsair
Kisumu	dep	21 Aug	Camilla
Khartoum	o'n	21-22 Aug	Camilla
Cairo	o'n	22-23 Aug	Camilla
Basra	o'n	23-24 Aug	Camilla
Karachi	arr	24 Aug	Camilla
Karachi	dep	25 Aug	Cameronian
Calcutta	o'n	25-26 Aug	Cameronian
Rangoon	o'n	26-27 Aug	Cameronian
Singapore	o'n	27-28 Aug	Cameronian
Sourabaya	o'n	28-29 Aug	Cameronian
Darwin	o'n	29-30 Aug	Cameronian
Townsville	o'n	30-31 Aug	Cameronian
Sydney	arr	31 Aug	Cameronian

**trans-Tasman 1 Sep Awarua**

**trans-Tasman 15 Aug Aotearoa  
XWS 9**

Sydney	dep	17 Aug	Coorong
Townsville	o'n	17-18 Aug	Coorong
Darwin	o'n	18-19 Aug	Coorong
Sourabaya	o'n	19-20 Aug	Coorong
Singapore	arr	20 Aug	Coorong
Singapore	dep	21 Aug	Carpentaria
Bangkok	o'n	21-22 Aug	Carpentaria
Calcutta	o'n	22-25 Aug	Carpentaria ?
Karachi	o'n	25-26 Aug	Carpentaria
Basra	o'n	26-27 Aug	Carpentaria
Tiberias	o'n	27-28 Aug	Carpentaria
Wadi Halfa	o'n	28-29 Aug	Carpentaria
Kisumu	o'n	29-31 Aug	Carpentaria
Mozambique	o'n	31/8-1/9	Carpentaria
Durban	arr	1 Sep	Carpentaria

**By sea to UK 11 – 28 Sep Arundel Castle**



**Figure 7.1: Registered cover postmarked on 11<sup>th</sup> August in New Zealand and would have been flown trans-Tasman on 15<sup>th</sup> August. No censor or transit marks. Flown from Sydney on *XWS 9*.**

## 7.5 Eleventh flights between Durban and Sydney

### a) From UK

The dispatch on 2<sup>nd</sup> August was 2508 lb [OMB40]. The mail left the Clyde on 3<sup>rd</sup> August on the *Winchester Castle* and arrived in Cape Town on 20<sup>th</sup> August. It missed the connection on 22<sup>nd</sup> August with *NE 10* as the *Straits Times* on 30<sup>th</sup> August reported the arrival of air mail from Africa, but not UK [SN]. As the mail from the UK was once a week while there were two services a week from Durban there was no longer a problem when the mail from the UK exceed 2,200 lb.

## b) To UK

The mail from *WS 10* was carried on the *Arundel Castle*. Crewe shows a cover from Hong Kong postmarked on 24<sup>th</sup> August that has London transit marks on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. It was likely flown to Bangkok on 25<sup>th</sup> August and then on *WS 10*.

### No mail from UK NE 10

Durban	dep	22 Aug	Clifton
Mozambique	o'n	22-23 Aug	Clifton
Kisumu	arr	23 Aug	Clifton
Kisumu	dep	24 Aug	Corsair
Khartoum	o'n	24-25 Aug	Corsair
Cairo	o'n	25-26 Aug	Corsair
Basra	o'n	26-27 Aug	Corsair
Karachi	arr	27 Aug	Corsair
Karachi	dep	28 Aug	Camilla
Calcutta	o'n	28-29 Aug	Camilla
Rangoon	o'n	29-30 Aug	Camilla
Singapore	o'n	30-31 Aug	Camilla
Sourabaya	o'n	31/8-1/9	Camilla
Darwin	o'n	1-2 Sep	Camilla
Townsville	o'n	2-3 Sep	Camilla
Sydney	arr	3 Sep	Camilla

### trans-Tasman 6 Sep Awarua

### trans-Tasman 17&18 Aug Awarua & Aotearoa WS 10

Sydney	dep	21 Aug	Cleopatra
Townsville	o'n	21-22 Aug	Cleopatra
Darwin	o'n	22-23 Aug	Cleopatra
Sourabaya	o'n	23-24 Aug	Cleopatra
Singapore	arr	24 Aug	Cleopatra
Singapore	dep	25 Aug	Coorong
Bangkok	o'n	25-26 Aug	Coorong
Calcutta	o'n	26-27 Aug	Coorong
Karachi	o'n	27-28 Aug	Coorong
Basra	o'n	28-29 Aug	Coorong
Tiberias	o'n	29-30 Aug	Coorong
Khartoum	o'n	30-31 Aug	Coorong
Kisumu	o'n	31/8-1/9	Coorong
Mozambique	o'n	1-2 Sep	Coorong
Durban	arr	2 Sep	Coorong

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## 7.6 Twelfth flights between Durban and Sydney

### a) From UK

*NE 11* would likely fly most of the mail that had arrived on the *Winchester Castle* with *NE 12* flying the remainder. A cover postmarked in Peebles on 30<sup>th</sup> July was redirected in Simla and a cover from London was backstamped on arrival in Bangalore both on 3<sup>rd</sup> September so were flown on *NE 11*. The *Palestine Post* on 2<sup>nd</sup> September carried a report sent from London by air mail on 2<sup>nd</sup> August [PP]. It would have been sent on this service.

### b) To UK

The mail from *WS 11* would be carried on the *Arundel Castle*. That the mails from *WS 9*, *XWS 9*, *WS 10* and *WS 11* were all sent on the same ship from Cape Town is supported by the report in *The Straits Times* of 12<sup>th</sup> October which shows that the four relevant Singapore dispatches were all delivered in London on 2<sup>nd</sup> October [SN].

### Sea from UK Dispatch 2Aug Winchester Castle 3-20Aug NE 11

Durban	dep	26 Aug	Ceres
Mozambique	o'n	26-27 Aug	Ceres
Kisumu	arr	27 Aug	Ceres
Kisumu	dep	28 Aug	Clifton
Khartoum	o'n	28-29 Aug	Clifton
Cairo	o'n	29-30 Aug	Clifton
Basra	o'n	30-31 Aug	Clifton
Karachi	arr	31 Aug	Clifton
Karachi	dep	1 Sep	Corsair
Calcutta	o'n	1-2 Sep	Corsair
Bangkok	o'n	2-3 Sep	Corsair
Singapore	o'n	3-4 Sep	Corsair
Sourabaya	o'n	4-5 Sep	Corsair
Darwin	o'n	5-6 Sep	Corsair
Townsville	o'n	6-7 Sep	Corsair
Sydney	arr	7 Sep	Corsair

### trans-Tasman 8 Sep Awarua

### trans-Tasman 23 Aug Aotearoa WS 11

Sydney	dep	24 Aug	Caledonia
Townsville	o'n	24-25 Aug	Caledonia
Darwin	o'n	25-26 Aug	Caledonia
Sourabaya	o'n	26-27 Aug	Caledonia
Singapore	arr	27 Aug	Caledonia
Singapore	dep	28 Aug	Cleopatra
Bangkok	o'n	28-29 Aug	Cleopatra
Calcutta	o'n	29-30 Aug	Cleopatra
Karachi	o'n	30-31 Aug	Cleopatra
Basra	o'n	31/8-1/9	Cleopatra
Cairo	o'n	1-2 Sep	Cleopatra
Khartoum	o'n	2-3 Sep	Cleopatra
Port Bell	o'n	3-4 Sep	Cleopatra
Mozambique	o'n	4-5 Sep	Cleopatra
Durban	arr	5 Sep	Cleopatra

### By sea to UK 11 – 28 Sep Arundel Castle

## 7.7 Thirteenth flights between Durban and Sydney

### a) From UK

The dispatch on 8<sup>th</sup> August was 2104 lb [OMB40]. According to Proud, the mail left UK on 9<sup>th</sup> August on the *Richmond Castle* and arrived in South Africa on 28<sup>th</sup> August [Pr]. It would therefore have missed the connection with *NE 12*. The *Richmond Castle* is not listed in *Convoy Web* [CW]. *NE 12* would likely fly the remainder of the mail that had arrived on the *Winchester Castle*.

### b) To UK

According to *The Singapore Free Press and Mercantile Advertiser*, the mail on *WS 12* and *WS 13* was delivered in London on 9<sup>th</sup> October [SN]. Duncan Crewe has shown me the scan of a cover with a Hong Kong postmark on 31<sup>st</sup> August and a London transit on 9<sup>th</sup> October [Cre5] which would have been flown on *WS 12*. Proud lists the *Richmond Castle* as leaving South Africa on 17<sup>th</sup> September and arriving in the UK on 30<sup>th</sup> September [Pr] but that is too short a transit time.

#### By sea from UK Dispatch 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug Winchester Castle

##### NE 12

Durban	dep	29 Aug	Canopus
Mozambique	o'n	29-30 Aug	Canopus
Kisumu	arr	30 Aug	Canopus
Kisumu	dep	31 Aug	Ceres
Khartoum	o'n	31/8-1/9	Ceres
Cairo	o'n	1-2 Sep	Ceres
Basra	o'n	2-3 Sep	Ceres
Karachi	arr	3 Sep	Ceres
Karachi	dep	4 Sep	Clifton
Calcutta	o'n	4-5 Sep	Clifton
Bangkok	o'n	5-6 Sep	Clifton
Singapore	o'n	6-7 Sep	Clifton
Sourabaya	o'n	7-8 Sep	Clifton
Darwin	o'n	8-9 Sep	Clifton
Townsville	o'n	9-10 Sep	Clifton
Sydney	arr	10 Sep	Clifton

No mail from UK for New Zealand

##### WS 12

Sydney	dep	28 Aug	Corio
Townsville	o'n	28-29 Aug	Corio
Darwin	o'n	29-30 Aug	Corio
Sourabaya	o'n	30-31 Aug	Corio
Singapore	arr	31 Aug	Corio
Singapore	dep	1 Sep	Caledonia
Bangkok	o'n	1-2 Sep	Caledonia
Calcutta	o'n	2-3 Sep	Caledonia
Karachi	o'n	3-4 Sep	Caledonia
Basra	o'n	4-5 Sep	Caledonia
Tiberias	o'n	5-6 Sep	Caledonia
Khartoum	o'n	6-7 Sep	Caledonia
Port Bell	o'n	7-8 Sep	Caledonia
Mozambique	o'n	8-9 Sep	Caledonia
Durban	arr	9 Sep	Caledonia

By sea to UK 21 Sep – 7 Oct Richmond Castle

The registered cover to Chicago in Figure 7.2 is postmarked in Tel Aviv on 1<sup>st</sup> September and has a transit mark in Haifa on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. It would have been flown Tiberias – Bangkok on *NE 12* on 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> September and to Hong Kong on *BH 268* on 6<sup>th</sup> September or on *NE 13* on 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September and to Hong Kong on *BH 269* 10<sup>th</sup> September. Both services connected with the *FAM 14* service which left Hong Kong on 11<sup>th</sup> September, arrived in Hawaii on 19<sup>th</sup> September (there is a Hawaii transit mark on 19<sup>th</sup> September) and in San Francisco on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. There are Chicago arrival marks on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September.

## 7.8 Fourteenth flights between Durban and Sydney

### a) From UK

As the dispatch on 8<sup>th</sup> August missed the connection with *NE 12*, it would have been flown on *NE 13*. That is supported by a cover postmarked in the UK on 6<sup>th</sup> August, addressed to China and with a Hong Kong (Victoria) transit mark on 10<sup>th</sup> September. *NE 13* arrived in Bangkok on 9<sup>th</sup> September and connecting mail would be flown to Hong Kong on *BH 269* on 10<sup>th</sup> September [Cre].

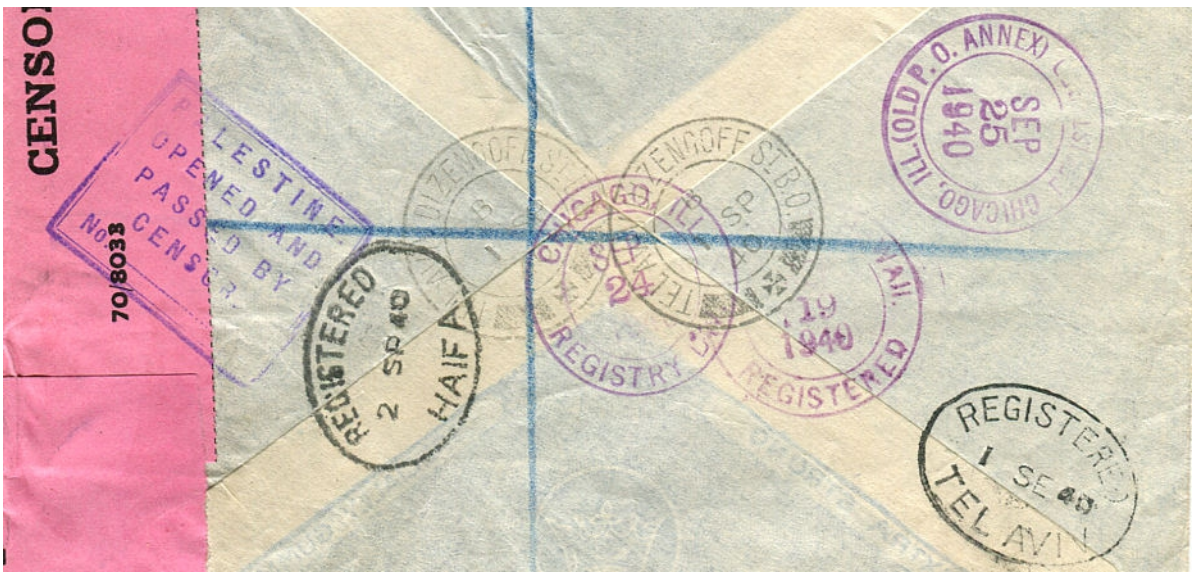


Figure 7.2: Palestine – USA flown on NE 12 or NE 13 and trans Pacific.

b) To UK

The cover in Figure 7.3 was postmarked in Australia on 27<sup>th</sup> August 1940 and redirected in Surrey on 9<sup>th</sup> October which supports the report in the Singapore press that the *WS 13* mail was delivered in London on 9<sup>th</sup> October [SN].

**By sea from UK Dispatch 8<sup>th</sup> Aug? Richmond Castle?**

**NE 13**

Durban	dep	2 Sep
Mozambique	o'n	2-3 Sep
Kisumu	arr	3 Sep
Kisumu	dep	4 Sep
Khartoum	o'n	4-5 Sep
Cairo	o'n	5-6 Sep
Basra	o'n	6-7 Sep
Karachi	arr	7 Sep
Karachi	dep	8 Sep
Calcutta	o'n	8-9 Sep
Bangkok	o'n	9-10 Sep
Singapore	o'n	10-11 Sep
Sourabaya	o'n	11-12 Sep
Darwin	o'n	12-13 Sep
Townsville	o'n	13-14 Sep
Sydney	arr	14 Sep

No mail from UK for New Zealand

**WS 13**

Sydney	dep	31 Aug	Circe
Townsville	o'n	31/8-1/9	Circe
Darwin	o'n	1-2 Sep	Circe
Sourabaya	o'n	2-3 Sep	Circe
Singapore	arr	3 Sep	Circe
Singapore	dep	4 Sep	Corio
Bangkok	o'n	4-5 Sep	Corio
Calcutta	o'n	5-6 Sep	Corio
Karachi	o'n	6-7 Sep	Corio
Basra	o'n	7-8 Sep	Corio
Cairo	o'n	8-9 Sep	Corio
Khartoum	o'n	9-10 Sep	Corio
Kisumu	o'n	10-11 Sep	Corio
Mozambique	o'n	11-12 Sep	Corio
Durban	arr	12 Sep	Corio

By sea to UK 21 Sep – 7 Oct Richmond Castle



**Figure 7.3: Australia – UK, 27<sup>th</sup> August – 9<sup>th</sup> October, likely flown on *WS 13*.**

**7.9 Fifteenth flights between Durban and Sydney**

**a) From UK**

No mail from the UK appears to have connected with *NE 14*.

**b) To UK**

According to [Pr], the *Rochester Castle* arrived in the UK on 7<sup>th</sup> October while the *Stirling Castle* left South Africa on 19<sup>th</sup> September and arrived in the UK on 12<sup>th</sup> October. *Convoy Web* does not list the *Rochester Castle*. However, *Convoy Web* shows *Stirling Castle* leaving on 21<sup>st</sup> September and arriving on 7<sup>th</sup> October (disembarking on 7<sup>th</sup> October according to [NA]). It would therefore have carried the mail from *WS 14*. According to [SN], the mail on *WS 14* was delivered in London on 11<sup>th</sup> October. However, a cover postmarked in Sydney on 1<sup>st</sup> September has *Received 9<sup>th</sup> October* in manuscript on the front and a cover postmarked in the Dutch East Indies on 2<sup>nd</sup> September was redirected in London on 9<sup>th</sup> October. Another cover postmarked in Singapore on 5<sup>th</sup> September was redirected in the Orkney Islands on 14<sup>th</sup> October and so would have been on *WS 14*.



**NE 14**

Durban	dep	5 Sep	Corinna
Mozambique	o'n	5-6 Sep	Corinna
Kisumu	arr	6 Sep	Corinna
Kisumu	dep	7 Sep	Coriolanus
Khartoum	o'n	7-8 Sep	Coriolanus
Luxor	o'n	8-9 Sep	Coriolanus
Habbaniya	o'n	9-10 Sep	Coriolanus
Dabai	o'n	10-11 Sep	Coriolanus
Karachi	arr	11 Sep	Coriolanus
Karachi	dep	12 Sep	Canopus
Calcutta	o'n	12-13 Sep	Canopus
Bangkok	o'n	13-14 Sep	Canopus
Singapore	o'n	14-15 Sep	Canopus
Sourabaya	o'n	15-16 Sep	Canopus
Darwin	o'n	16-17 Sep	Canopus
Townsville	o'n	17-18 Sep	Canopus
Sydney	arr	18 Sep	Canopus

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Sydney	dep	4 Sep	Castor	
Townsville	arr	4 Sep	Castor	MT
Townsville	dep	6 Sep	Cameronian	
Darwin	o'n	6-7 Sep	Cameronian	
Batavia	o'n	7-8 Sep	Cameronian	
Singapore	arr	8 Sep	Cameronian	
Singapore	dep	8 Sep	Circe	
Bangkok	o'n	8-9 Sep	Circe	
Calcutta	o'n	9-10 Sep	Circe	
Karachi	o'n	10-11 Sep	Circe	
Basra	o'n	11-12 Sep	Circe	
Tiberias	o'n	12-13 Sep	Circe	
Wadi Halfa	o'n	13-14 Sep	Circe	
Port Bell	o'n	14-15 Sep	Circe	
Kisumu	o'n	15-16 Sep	Circe	
Mozambique	o'n	16-17 Sep	Circe	
Durban	arr	17 Sep	Circe	

**By sea to UK 21 Sep – 7 Oct Stirling Castle****7.10 Sixteenth flights between Durban and Sydney****a) From UK**

It is likely that no mail from the UK connected with *NE 15*.

**b) To UK**

The next ship listed by Proud is the *Roslin Castle* which did not leave South Africa until 9<sup>th</sup> October and arrive in UK on 28<sup>th</sup> October [Pr]. The *Warwick Castle* left Cape Town on 27<sup>th</sup> September (not listed by Proud) and arrived in the Clyde on 15<sup>th</sup> October. It is likely to have carried mail.

According to [SN] the mail from *WS 15* and *WS 16* was delivered in London on 19<sup>th</sup> October which supports the notion that it carried on the *Warwick Castle*.

**NE 15**

Durban	dep	9 Sep	Coorong
Mozambique	o'n	9-10 Sep	Coorong
Kisumu	arr	10 Sep	Coorong
Kisumu	dep	11 Sep	Corinna
Khartoum	o'n	12 Sep	Corinna
Luxor	o'n	12-13 Sep	Corinna
Basra	o'n	13-14 Sep	Corinna
Karachi	arr	14 Sep	Corinna
Karachi	dep	15 Sep	Coriolanus
Calcutta	o'n	15-16 Sep	Coriolanus
Bangkok	o'n	16-17 Sep	Coriolanus
Singapore	o'n	17-18 Sep	Coriolanus
Sourabaya	o'n	18-19 Sep	Coriolanus
Darwin	o'n	19-20 Sep	Coriolanus
Townsville	o'n	20-21 Sep	Coriolanus
Sydney	arr	21 Sep	Coriolanus

**trans-Tasman 27 Sep Awarua****trans-Tasman 6 Sep Awarua****WS 15**

Sydney	dep	7 Sep	Castor
Townsville	o'n	7-8 Sep	Castor
Darwin	o'n	8-9 Sep	Castor
Sourabaya	o'n	9-10 Sep	Castor
Singapore	arr	10 Sep	Castor
Singapore	dep	11 Sep	Cameronian
Bangkok	o'n	11-12 Sep	Cameronian
Calcutta	o'n	12-13 Sep	Cameronian
Karachi	o'n	13-14 Sep	Cameronian
Basra	o'n	14-15 Sep	Cameronian
Tiberias	o'n	15-16 Sep	Cameronian
Khartoum	o'n	16-17 Sep	Cameronian
Kisumu	o'n	17-18 Sep	Cameronian
Mozambique	o'n	18-19 Sep	Cameronian
Durban	arr	19 Sep	Cameronian

**By sea to UK 27 Sep – 15 Oct Warwick Castle****7.11 Seventeenth flights between Durban and Sydney****a) From UK**

The dispatch on 15<sup>th</sup> August was 2478 lb [OMB40]. Mail left UK on 15<sup>th</sup> August on the *Stirling Castle* which arrived in Cape Town on 8<sup>th</sup> September. The dispatch on 21<sup>st</sup> August was 2717 lb [OMB40]. The *Arundel Castle* left the Clyde on 24<sup>th</sup> August and arrived in Cape Town one day earlier than the *Stirling Castle* on 7<sup>th</sup> September [CW]. This mail would not connect with *NE 15* and due to the amount of mail some would have been flown on *NE 16* while some would have been delayed and flown later.

A cover postmarked in Bradford on 8<sup>th</sup> August and addressed to Cairo would have been sent on the 15<sup>th</sup> August dispatch on the *Stirling Castle*. It has a Cairo backstamp on 21<sup>st</sup> September which suggests that it was flown on *NE 17* which arrived in Cairo on 20<sup>th</sup> September.

A cover postmarked in Slough, England on 19<sup>th</sup> August was backstamped in Sydney on 26<sup>th</sup> September [Wat1]. The date fit with it having been in the mail that left London on 21<sup>st</sup> August, was carried to South Africa on the *Arundel Castle* and flown on *NE 16* and arrived in Sydney on 24<sup>th</sup> September. The London – Sydney transit time was 34 days.



**Figure 7.4:** Postmarked on 16<sup>th</sup> September in Seremhan in Negri Sembalin, Malaya and passed by the censor in Singapore. Flown from Singapore on either *NE 15* or *NE 16*. Franked with 55c.

A letter from *BOAC* to the *GPO* dated 1<sup>st</sup> October refers to a telegram that had been received from the *South African Post Office* [EAS]. There had obviously been a complaint about delays in the *Horseshoe* service and the *South African Post Office* was making it clear that the delay was not between “the arrival of the steamer at Cape Town and the arrival of the mail at Durban.” There seemed to be agreement that the delay was “due to the irregularity of the steamer arrivals at Cape Town.” The letter also states: “the *Stirling Castle* left a week before the *Warwick Castle* and arrived in Cape Town a day after the *Warwick Castle*.”

This differs from Convoyweb data where the *Arundel Castle* is the overtaking mailship rather than the *Warwick Castle*. According to Convoyweb, the *Warwick Castle* left Liverpool on 28<sup>th</sup> August and arrived in Cape Town on 17<sup>th</sup> September [CW].

*OMB Report 50* for the week ending 24<sup>th</sup> August reported that air mail was now accepted from the UK for Greece and Turkey at a rate of 1s 3d. It went by the *Horseshoe Route* to Egypt and then by surface [OMB40]. There was an air mail service by the Egyptian airline *M.I.S.R.* between Egypt and Adana (Turkey) via Cyprus [Sea], but it does not seem to have been used.

#### **b) To UK**

The *Warwick Castle* left Cape Town on 27<sup>th</sup> September and arrived in the Clyde on 15<sup>th</sup> October and [SN] reports the mail being delivered in London on 19<sup>th</sup> October. Crewe [Cre5] has sent me the scan

of a cover postmarked in Hong Kong on 14<sup>th</sup> September with a London transit one day earlier on 18<sup>th</sup> October that would have been flown to Bangkok on *HB 272* on 15<sup>th</sup> September where it would connect with *WS 16*. A cover postmarked in Belgaum Camp, India on 13<sup>th</sup> September and addressed to Suffolk has *Received 19 Oct* in manuscript and so would be flown on *WS 16*. A cover postmarked in Khartoum on 20<sup>th</sup> September was redirected in Kent on 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

**By sea from UK Dispatch 21 Aug Arundel Castle 24/8-7/9**

**NE 16**

Durban	dep	12 Sep	Cleopatra
Mozambique	o'n	12-13 Sep	Cleopatra
Kisumu	arr	13 Sep	Cleopatra
Kisumu	dep	14 Sep	Coorong
Khartoum	o'n	14-15 Sep	Coorong
Cairo	o'n	15-16 Sep	Coorong
Basra	o'n	16-17 Sep	Coorong
Karachi	o'n	17-18 Sep	Coorong
Calcutta	o'n	18-19 Sep	Coorong
Bangkok	o'n	19-20 Sep	Coorong
Singapore	o'n	20-21 Sep	Coorong
Sourabaya	o'n	21-22 Sep	Coorong
Darwin	o'n	22-23 Sep	Coorong
Townsville	o'n	23-24 Sep	Coorong
Sydney	arr	24 Sep	Coorong

**trans-Tasman 27 Sep Awarua**

**WS 16**

Sydney	dep	11 Sep	Camilla
Townsville	o'n	11-12 Sep	Camilla
Darwin	o'n	12-13 Sep	Camilla
Sourabaya	o'n	13-14 Sep	Camilla
Singapore	arr	14 Sep	Camilla
Singapore	dep	15 Sep	Castor
Bangkok	o'n	15-16 Sep	Castor
Calcutta	o'n	16-17 Sep	Castor
Karachi	o'n	17-18 Sep	Castor
Basra	o'n	18-19 Sep	Castor
Tiberias	o'n	19-20 Sep	Castor
Khartoum	o'n	20-21 Sep	Castor
Kisumu	o'n	21-22 Sep	Castor
Mozambique	o'n	22-23 Sep	Castor
Durban	arr	23 Sep	Castor

**By sea to UK 27 Sep – 15 Oct Warwick Castle**

## 7.12 Eighteenth flights between Durban and Sydney

**By sea from UK Dispatch 21 Aug Arundel Castle 24/8-7/9**

**NE 17**

Durban	dep	16 Sep	Cambria
Mozambique	o'n	16-17 Sep	Cambria
Kisumu	arr	17 Sep	Cambria
Kisumu	dep	18 Sep	Cleopatra
Khartoum	o'n	18-19 Sep	Cleopatra
Luxor	o'n	19-20 Sep	Cleopatra
Habbaniyeh	o'n	20-21 Sep	Cleopatra
Basra	o'n	21 Sep	Cleopatra
Karachi	arr	22 Sep	Cleopatra
Karachi	dep	23 Sep	Corinna
Calcutta	o'n	23-24 Sep	Corinna
Bangkok	o'n	24-25 Sep	Corinna
Singapore	o'n	25-26 Sep	Corinna
Sourabaya	o'n	26-27 Sep	Corinna
Darwin	o'n	27-28 Sep	Corinna
Townsville	o'n	28-29 Sep	Corinna
Sydney	arr	29 Sep	Corinna

**trans-Tasman 6 Oct Awarua**

**trans-Tasman 12 Sep Awarua**

**WS 17**

Sydney	dep	14 Sep	Corsair	
Townsville	o'n	14-15 Sep	Corsair	
Darwin	o'n	15-16 Sep	Corsair	
Sourabaya	o'n	16-17 Sep	Corsair	
Singapore	arr	17 Sep	Corsair	
Singapore	dep	18 Sep	Camilla	
Bangkok	o'n	18-20 Sep	Camilla	MT
Calcutta	o'n	20-23 Sep	Camilla	MT
Karachi	o'n	23-24 Sep	Camilla	
Basra	o'n	24-25 Sep	Camilla	
Tiberias	o'n	25-26 Sep	Camilla	
Khartoum	o'n	26-27 Sep	Camilla	
Kisumu	o'n	27-28 Sep	Camilla	
Mozambique	o'n	28-29 Sep	Camilla	
Durban	arr	29 Sep	Camilla	

**By sea to UK 9 Oct – 28 Oct Roslin Castle**

The registered cover in Figure 7.5 is postmarked in Johannesburg on 11<sup>th</sup> September 1940 and is franked at the double rate of 2s 6d plus 4d registration fee. It has a Bombay censor mark and was backstamped in Bombay on 24<sup>th</sup> September and so was likely flown on *NE 17* that arrived in Karachi on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. It would be flown from Karachi to Bombay by *Tata Air Lines*.

A cover to Wellington postmarked in Bombay on 17<sup>th</sup> September has *Arrived 7:10:40* in manuscript on the back and so would have missed the trans-Tasman flight of 29<sup>th</sup> September and sent on the 6<sup>th</sup> October flight and then on *NE 17*.

## 7.13 Last Services of Summer Timetable

The overnight stops on the last services of the summer timetable *NE 19* and *WS 20* are shown below. At this time the fast *Union Castle* ships were still carrying the mail between the UK and Cape Town once a week.

**By sea from UK Dispatch 28 Aug Warwick Castle 26/8-17/9**

**NE 19**

Durban	dep	23 Sep	Caledonia
Mozambique	o'n	23-24 Sep	Caledonia
Kisumu	arr	24 Sep	Caledonia
Kisumu	dep	25 Sep	Carpentaria
Malakal	o'n	25-26 Sep	Carpentaria
Wadi Halfa	o'n	26-27 Sep	Carpentaria
Tiberias	o'n	27-28 Sep	Carpentaria
Basra	o'n	28-29 Sep	Carpentaria
Karachi	arr	29 Sep	Carpentaria
Karachi	dep	30 Sep	Cambria
Calcutta	o'n	30/9 – 1/10	Cambria
Bangkok	o'n	1-2 Oct	Cambria
Singapore	o'n	2-3 Oct	Cambria
Sourabaya	o'n	3-4 Oct	Cambria
Darwin	o'n	4-5 Oct	Cambria
Townsville	o'n	5-6 Oct	Cambria
Sydney	arr	6 Oct	Cambria

**WS 20**

Sydney	dep	25 Sep	Canopus
Townsville	o'n	25-26 Sep	Canopus
Darwin	o'n	26-27 Sep	Canopus
Sourabaya	o'n	27-28 Sep	Canopus
Singapore	arr	28 Sep	Canopus
Singapore	dep	29 Sep	Ceres
Bangkok	o'n	29-30 Sep	Ceres
Calcutta	o'n	30/9 – 1/10	Ceres
Karachi	o'n	1-2 Oct	Ceres
Basra	o'n	2-3 Oct	Ceres
Tiberias	o'n	3-4 Oct	Ceres
Wadi Halfa	o'n	4-5 Oct	Ceres
Juba	o'n	5-6 Oct	Ceres
Kisumu	o'n	6-7 Oct	Ceres
Mozambique	o'n	7-8 Oct	Ceres
Durban	arr	8 Oct	Ceres

**trans-Tasman 11 Oct Awarua**

**By sea to UK Windsor Castle 18<sup>th</sup> Oct – 5<sup>th</sup> Nov**



**Figure 7.5: Johannesburg – Bombay, 11<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September, likely flown on NE 17**

Two covers are shown that were sent on *WS 20*. It left Sydney on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September and arrived in Durban on 8<sup>th</sup> October. The cover in Figure 7.6 is postmarked on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1940 in Australia and was opened by the censor in Sydney. It is addressed to London and was redirected in Leatherhead on 12<sup>th</sup> November. The cover in Figure 7.7 is postmarked in Kisumu on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1940 and was redirected in London on 9<sup>th</sup> November. *WS 19* was overnight in Kisumu on 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> October, but this cover would have missed that flight and have been sent on *WS 20* that was overnight on 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> October.

*WS 20* mail was sent from Cape Town on the *Windsor Castle* which was damaged by bombing off the coast of Northern Ireland on 3<sup>rd</sup> November [NA] and docked in Greenock on 5<sup>th</sup> November. According to the Singapore papers *WS 20* mail was received in London on 8<sup>th</sup> November which ties with the redirection dates on these two covers. It was the last flight before the introduction of the new winter timetable.



Figure 7.6 Postmarked Australia 23<sup>rd</sup> September, redirected UK 12<sup>th</sup> November. Flown on *WS 20*.



Figure 7.7: Flown from Kisumu on 7<sup>th</sup> October on *WS 20* and redirected in London on 9<sup>th</sup> November.

#### 7.14 Summary of flights to *NE 19* and *WS 20* with sailings to / from Cape Town

The matching of sailings to flights for this period is fairly straightforward – which is not the case for later services. Sailing dates in the tables are from Convoyweb [CW] unless otherwise referenced.

An asterisk indicates a ship that does not appear in Proud's list. It must be emphasised that the allocation is only conjecture.

### a) From Cape Town

The following table shows the dates for *WS 8* to *WS 20*. *The Straits Times* and *The Singapore Free Press and Mercantile Advertiser* show delivery dates in London together with the date at which the air mail closed in Singapore for the flights *WS 5* and *WS 9* onwards [SN]. That allows the flight number to be determined. The following table use this data in conjunction with flight times and information from Convoyweb [CW] and Proud [Pr] to allocate possible mail ships for each London delivery date. The arrival port in UK is Liverpool unless otherwise stated.

The Singapore data shows that it was common for the mail from several flights to be sent on the same ship from Cape Town.

Flights from Sydney 19 <sup>th</sup> June – 7 <sup>th</sup> August, 1940					
Trans-Tasman	Flight No	Leave Sydney	Arrive Durban	Ship: Cape Town – UK	London Delivery
-	WS 8	7 Aug	19 Aug	Capetown Castle 26 <sup>th</sup> August – 10 <sup>th</sup> Sep	16 Sep
8 Aug	WS 9	14 Aug	28 Aug	Arundel Castle 11 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> Sep (Clyde)	2 Oct
15 Aug	XWS 9	17 Aug	1 Sep		
18 Aug	WS 10	21 Aug	2 Sep		
23 Aug	WS 11	24 Aug	5 Sep	Richmond Castle 17 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> Sep? [Pr]	9 Oct
-	WS 12	28 Aug	9 Sep		
29 Aug	WS 13	31 Aug	12 Sep	Stirling Castle 21 <sup>st</sup> Sep – 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	11 Oct
-	WS 14	4 Sep	17 Sep		
6 Sep	WS 15	7 Sep	19 Sep	*Warwick Castle 27 <sup>th</sup> Sep – 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct (Clyde)	19 Oct
-	WS 16	11 Sep	23 Sep		
12 Sep	WS 17	14 Sep	29 Sep	Roslin Castle 9 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct [Pr]	30 Oct
-	WS 18	18 Sep	30 Sep		
17 Sep	WS 19	21 Sep	4 Oct		
-	WS 20	25 Sep	8 Oct	Windsor Castle 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov (Clyde)	8 Nov

### b) To Cape Town

The dispatches were initially from Southampton, but from 17<sup>th</sup> July onwards from Liverpool.

London dispatch	Ships UK – Cape Town	Flight No	Leave Durban	Arrive Sydney
11 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2160 lb	Strathnaver 13 <sup>th</sup> Jul – 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	XNE 8	10 Aug	22 Aug
17 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2040 lb		NE 8	8 Aug	
26 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2929 lb	Windsor Castle 18 <sup>th</sup> Jul – 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	XNE 7	9 Aug	29 Aug
		NE 9	17 Aug	
-	Capetown Castle 28 <sup>th</sup> Jul – 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	XNE 9	19 Aug	31 Aug
-	No connection	NE 10	22 Aug	3 Sep
2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug 2508 lb	Winchester Castle 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug	NE 11	26 Aug	7 Sep
		NE 12	29 Aug	10 Sep
8 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2104 lb	Richmond Castle 9 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug [Pr]	NE 13	2 Sep	14 Sep
-	No connection	NE 14	5 Sep	18 Sep
-	No connection	NE 15	9 Sep	21 Sep
15 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2478 lb 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2717 lb	Stirling Castle 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug – 8 <sup>th</sup> Sep	NE 16	12 Sep	24 Sep
	Arundel Castle 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug – 7 <sup>th</sup> Sep	NE 17	16 Sep	29 Sep
		NE 18	19 Sep	1 Oct
28/8 3080lbs	Warwick Castle 28/8 – 17/9	NE 19	23 Sep	6 Oct
		NE 20	25 Sep	8 Oct