

# DICK MERRILL's 1937 "ANGLO-AMERICAN GOODWILL CORONATION FLIGHT" COVER

Dick Merrill's adventurous career included many unusual events in his 41 years as a pilot, who logged more than 41,709 hours of flying. In 1937, Dick was asked to fly from New York to London by newspaper publisher Hearst for the flight called the "Anglo-American Goodwill Coronation Flight". The flight brought photographs of the Hindenburg disaster of May 6, 1937 at Lakehurst, New Jersey for publication in Hearst's UK newspapers. The return flight was perfectly timed to bring photographs from the Coronation of King George VI on May 12, 1937 back to the US for Hearst's newspapers on the other side of the Atlantic. On returning to the United States, Dick Merrill and his co-pilot, Jack Lambie, met President Roosevelt at the White House on May 15 to present him with this coronation cover for the President's stamp collection. It is unknown how many of these philatelic first Transatlantic round-trip covers were made.



## Cancel 1

New York, N.Y, G.P.O.  
May 8 / 2 P.M./ 1937  
6 cent Winged Globe

## Cancel 2

London, E.C. 176  
2 15 AM 13 MY 37  
1 1/2d Coronation stamp

## Cancel 3

New York, N.Y, G.P.O.  
May 14 / 5 P.M./ 1937  
2 cent Navy stamp

*Two special commemorative cachets (rubber stamped) in blue and red were added to recognize the flights.*