

AIRGRAPHS MAKE ARMY MAIL PLANE SAILING !

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Middle East campaigners who've got something to write home about can now get their letters to Britain by air, thanks to the new film-service. About 5,000 ordinary letters make up a hundred-weight-and-a-half of mail - as heavy as a twelve-stone passenger. Photographed on a small spool of film, 4,500 messages weigh only one pound, and take up next to no space.

When the film has been flown here an enlarged print is made, 2,000 letters being run off in an hour.

The exposed paper then has to be developed, and as the mail is large, a big plant has been set up to deal with it. And this isn't only a war scheme; It'll supplement existing air mail when the war's over - a development we may all live to see.... Duly printed, the messages are now dried. Postage to the Middle East is three-pence - rather more perhaps to Berlin. Before this service was started there was no airmail to General Wavell's forces, only a long post by sea, round the Cape.

(CU CUTTING) When the roll's cut up the individual messages are delivered by the Post Office. They're not so private as ordinary letters, but in these times censors open a good many letters anyway. The great thing is, Tommy's mail is speeded up.
