L.A.T.I., Linee Aeree Transcontinentali Italiane:
The Italian Air Service to South America, December 1939–December 1941
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Abstract

This paper outlines the Italian air service to South America and the role it played in transporting mail, passengers, and cargo during the early war years, initially to Brazil and later to Argentina. After the cessation of Air France flights to South America, it became the final link for many European nations and especially the Axis countries to transport items to South America. As the British began to interdict belligerent mails across the North Atlantic at Bermuda and later at Trinidad, L.A.T.I. became a vital link for the European Axis nations and Axis controlled territories to communicate with all of the Americas by connecting to the large network of airlines developed in the Americas over the previous decades. It served a similar role for Central and South American countries for communication with those same European countries.