

“Per First Mail” from Curacao (Willemstad) Dutch West Indies to Malta. 24 June 1932

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This interesting cover from Curacao to Malta left Curacao on the 27th June 1932 arriving in Liverpool on the 15th July.

It was registered having a red Curacao / Willemstad Registration label – Boxed black AR and a manuscript in the same hand writing of that for the address panel **“per first mail.”** It bears also in a different hand writing “avec AR.”

There are three, 15c postage stamps cancelled by the double ring CURACO / 27.6.32/ WILLEMSTAD. It also bears the registered 15 July 1932 Liverpool marking. However there is no Malta arrival hand stamp.

What did the sender want to indicate by “per first Mail”?

Was it the first available ordinary mail? or was it the first (Air) Mail?

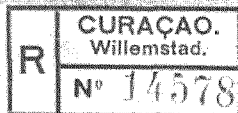
The fact that it took from 27th June to 15th July (19 days) from Curacao to Liverpool makes me more inclined to think that it was carried by ordinary Mail.

per first mail

avec A.R.



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