



ISLANDS *Kontakt*

SPECIAL # 7 – 2018 V2 - FLEETWOOD

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"Fleetwood is a town and civil parish within the Wyre district of Lancashire, England, lying at the northwest corner of the Fylde. It had a population of 25,939 people at the 2011 census. The town was the first planned community of the Victorian era. For most of the 20th century, Fleetwood was a prominent deep-sea fishing port, but, since the 1970s, the fishing industry has declined precipitously and the town has undergone economic difficulties.

Fleetwood is also a seaside resort, serving as a quiet contrast to nearby Blackpool." (Wikipedia)

Pór Þorsteins has compiled the list of sailings paid for caring mail from Iceland – but there are more to ad and investigate.

Ole Svinth wright in Iceland Philatelic Magazine Issue 5 page 19: "At least on 4 occasions Fleetwood was the first port to receive the Icelandic mail delivered directly to the ship. Once in 1899 (from Índriði Pálsson collection) and 1901, twice in 1920 and once in 1940."

There are some more. The Proofs are included below. The following also include mail first cancelled in Iceland.

1. Single circle stamp – from 1899 until 1901?



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SHIP	DEPARTURE	FROM	ARRIVAL	TO	COMMENTS
	1899	REYKJAVIK	16.05.1899	FLEETWOOD	²



5 aur stationery card sent as printed matter from "REYKJAVÍK 10.5.99" to Germany with scarce transit marks "FLEETWOOD D MY 16 99", "PRESTON MY 16 99" and "LONDON MY 17 99" in red. (Postiljonen # 203).

¹ The illustrations are from: Heinrich Schilling: Fremde Anlandestempel auf Islandpost (1996 + amendments)

² The clip is from "Índriði Pálsson collection". Postiljonen # 211

SHIP	DEPARTURE	FROM	ARRIVAL	TO	COMMENTS
	01.07.1901	REYKJAVIK	07.07.1901	FLEETWOOD	

Two almost identical brjefspjald:



"FLEETWOOD A JY.7.01", landing cancel clear on postcard, franken with 4 a. rose/grey and horizontal pair 3 a. yellow with cancel "REYKJAVIK 1.7.01" to England (Heinrich Koehler Auktionen # 361)



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And - 5 aur green, perf. 12 as additional franking on reply part of double card sent from “REYKJAVIK 23.9.1901” via “FLEETWOOD JY 7 01” to Somerseth, England. (Postiljonen # 201).⁴
Same day – but now duplex with number 629.

2. Single circle duplex stamp – from 1901?



³ Unfortunately the best copy I have

⁴ I do not have a copy yet.

3. Twin circle with one bar from 1903 until 1914 plus 1917-1920 plus 1940 - 19?

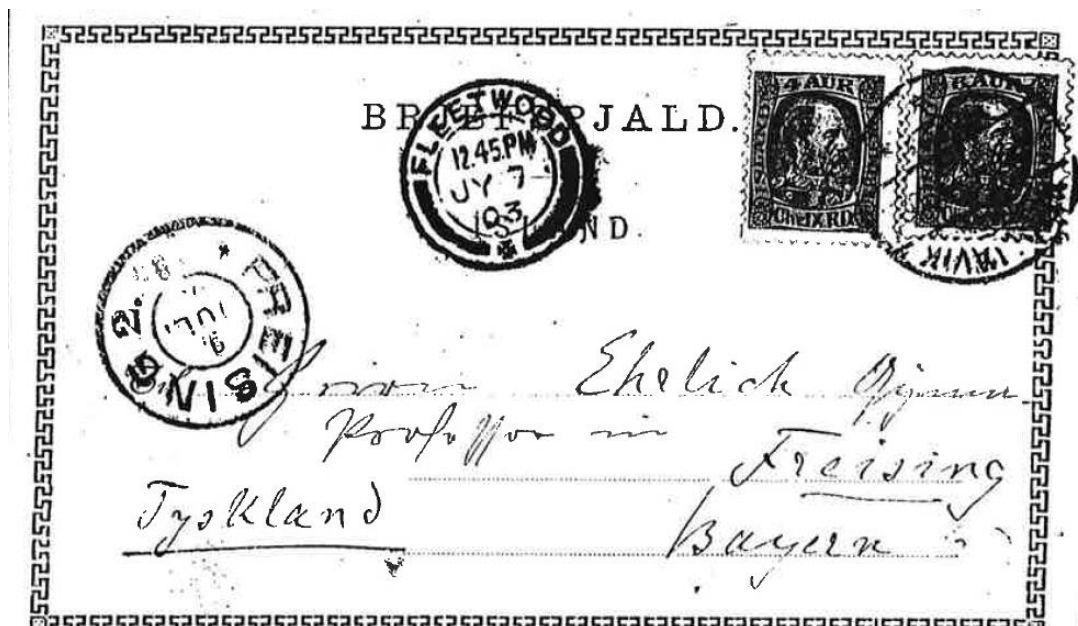


SHIP	DEPARTURE	FROM	ARRIVAL	TO	COMMENTS
ISAFOLD	30.06.1903	REYKJAVIK	07.07.190 ⁵	FLEETWOOD	2KR.



And the same day:

⁵ Copy Heinrich Shilling:





SHIP	DEPARTURE	FROM	ARRIVAL	TO	COMMENTS
ISAFOLD	14.07.1904	REYKJAVIK		FLEETWOOD	3KR.

SHIP	DEPARTURE	FROM	ARRIVAL	TO	COMMENTS
NORRÓNA	03.02.1908	REYKJAVIK	09.02.1908	FLEETWOOD	4KR.



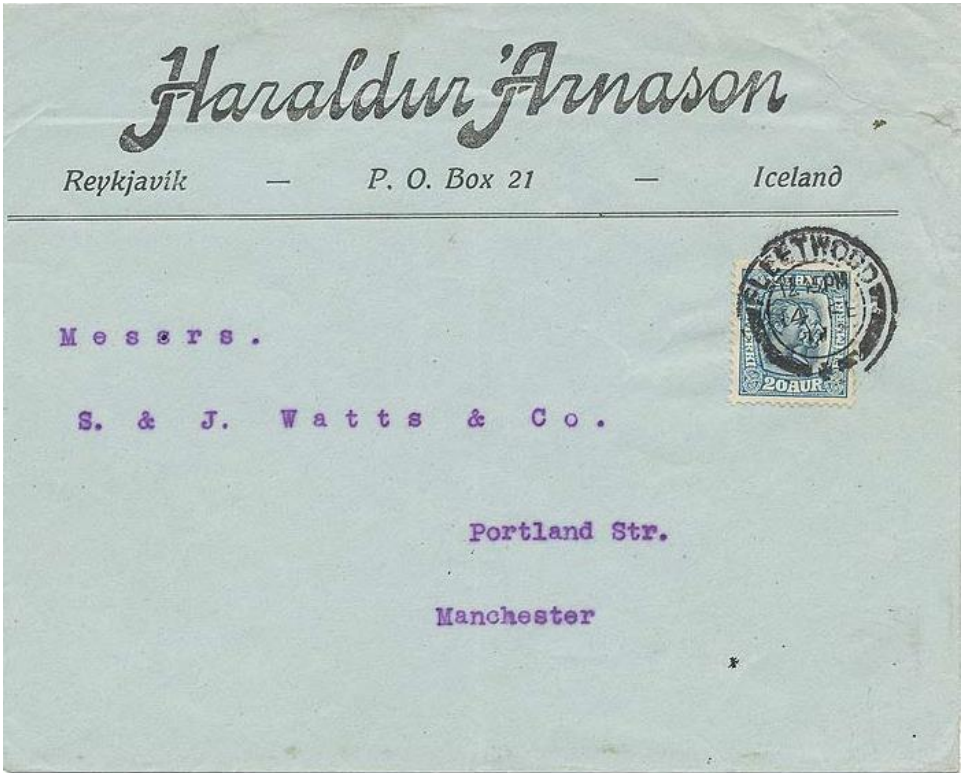


10 aur Two Kings perf. 12 on postcard sent from "REYKJAVÍK 28.1.1908" to England with scarce transit date stamp "FLEETWOOD 9 FE 08". (Postiljonen # 203)



And again in 1917-19?

SHIP	DEPARTURE	FROM	ARRIVAL	TO	COMMENTS
	1917	REYKJAVIK	14.02.1917	FLEETWOOD	



20 aur Two kings blue on very rare ship letter from Reykjavik to Manchester, transit cancelled "FLEETWOOD 14 FE 17" (Postiljonen # 201)



SHIP	DEPARTURE	FROM	ARRIVAL	TO	COMMENTS
	1920	REYKJAVIK	05.02.1920	FLEETWOOD	



SHIP	DEPARTURE	FROM	ARRIVAL	TO	COMMENTS
	1920	REYKJAVIK	18.02.1920	FLEETWOOD	

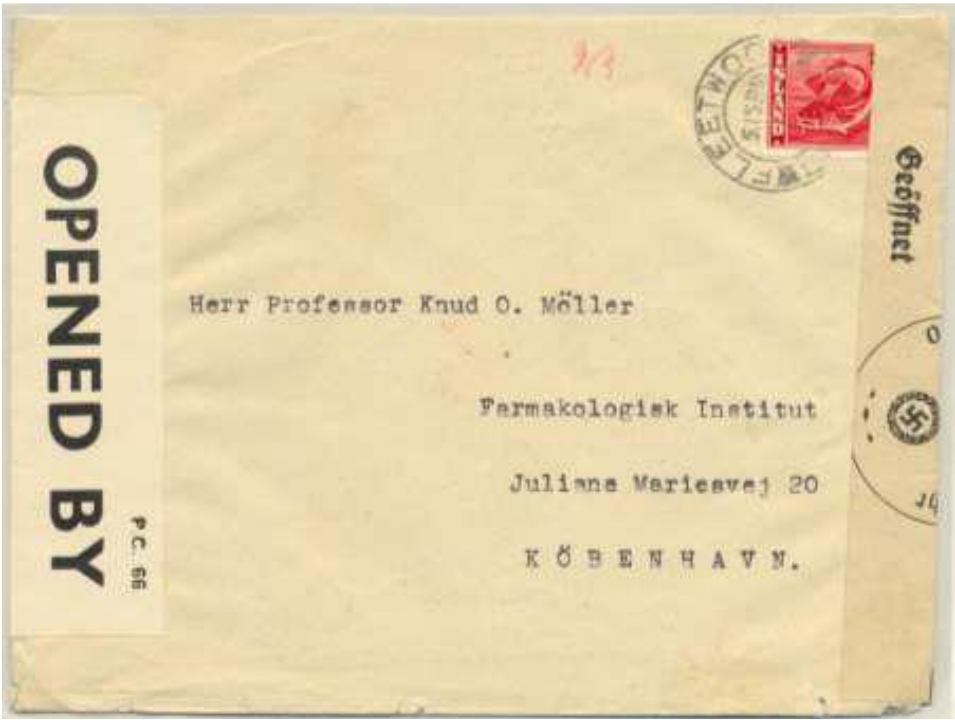


SHIP	DEPARTURE	FROM	ARRIVAL	TO	COMMENTS
	1920	REYKJAVIK	14.05.20	FLEETWOOD	



And again in 1940-

SHIP	DEPARTURE	FROM	ARRIVAL	T0	COMMENTS
	194?	REYKJAVIK		FLEETWOOD	



SHIP	DEPARTURE	FROM	ARRIVAL	T0	COMMENTS
	1942	REYKJAVIK	15.04.1942	FLEETWOOD	



4. SHIP-LETTER FLEETWOOD

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The mark has been used between 1914 and 1919.

Robertson latest edition – December 1914 until October 1919 – but as you can see below – it is not accurate. It is at least from 11 August 1914.

Mike Dovey & Keith Morris (67) indicate "H" "Copies of such a mark can be counted on one hand" – but as you will learn – that is a big hand.

It is special, that the use of the mark was during WW1 – but there are several examples. Explanation?

SHIP	DEPARTURE	FROM	ARRIVAL	TO	COMMENTS
	1914	REYKJAVIK		FLEETWOOD	To USA



6 x 3 aur, Two Kings and pair 1 aur Sigurdsson on rare ship letter from "REYKJAVIK 1914" to Philadelphia, USA. 2-lined "SHIP-LETTER / FLEETWOOD". Postiljonen 188 # 422

The earliest known example with "SHIP-LETTER FLEETWOOD":

SHIP	DEPARTURE	FROM	ARRIVAL	TO	COMMENTS
Njörður ⁶	05.08.1914	REYKJAVIK	11.08.14	FLEETWOOD	To UK

⁶ Morgunblaðið: 12.08.1914: "N j ö r ð u r kom til Fleetwood, heilu og höldnu í gærdag."



On the back:



Letter from Reykjavík 5.VIII.14. Arrival Fleetwood 11.AU.14 and SHIP-LETTER FLEETWOOD (Árni Gústafsson Frimerkjabladið 1/2008 page 17)

SHIP	DEPARTURE	FROM	ARRIVAL	TO	COMMENTS
SKALLA-GRIMUR ⁷	11.11.1914	REYKJAVÍK	16.11.1914	FLEETWOOD	To Denmark

⁷ Vísir: 17.11.1914: Skallagrimur kom til Fleetwood ígær.

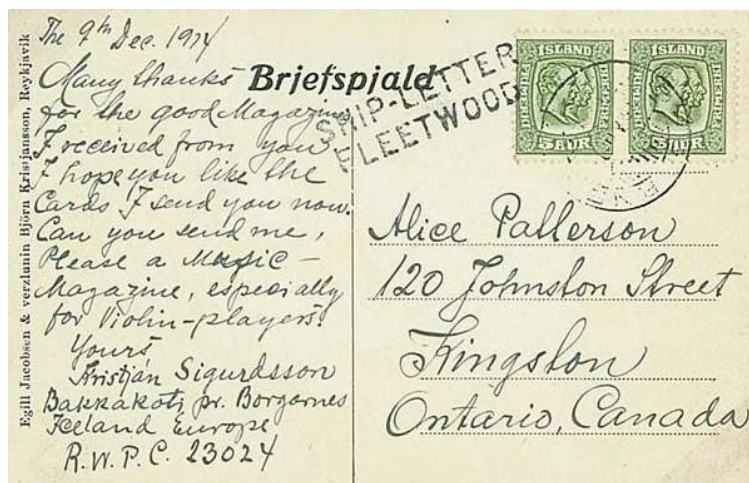


"Envelope posted during WW1, dated 1914, with censor label, deposited at Fleetwood in Lancashire, England, where it received the 2 line "Ship-Letter" cancel [Hosking H67DD / Robinson S1]. This envelope is rare. Many letters from Iceland were carried to Great Britain, often by ships of the Icelandic fishing fleet, before entering the mail system to be sent to their ultimate destination." ⁸

SHIP	DEPARTURE	FROM	ARRIVAL	TO	COMMENTS
Njörður ⁹	09.12.1914 10.12.1914	Borganes REYKJAVIK		FLEETWOOD	To Canada

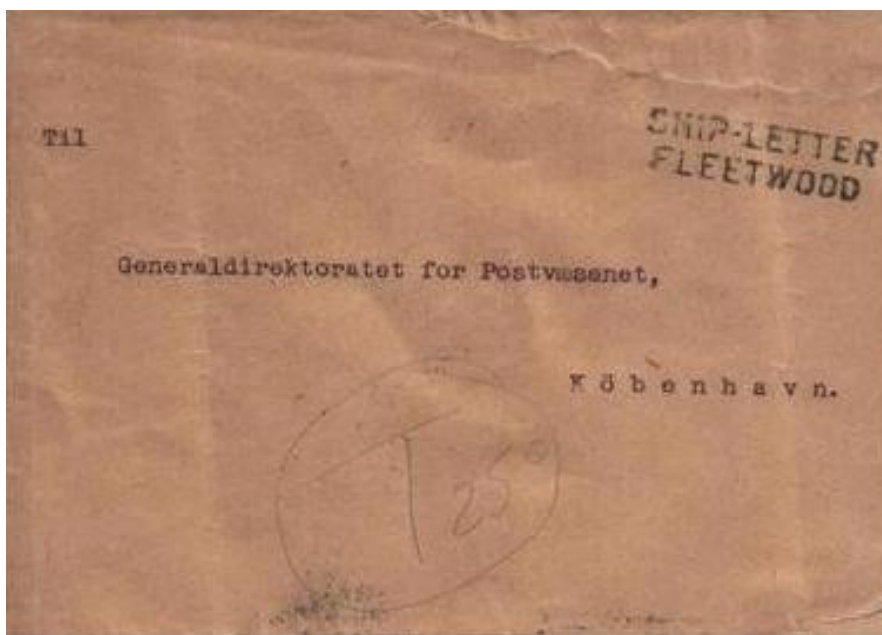
⁸ <http://www.tpo-seapost.org.uk/tpo2/image2/ishipletters20c.html>

⁹ Morgunblaðið: 10.12.1914: Njörður fer til Fleetwood í nótt



Pair 5 aur Two Kings on postcard sent from "BORGARNES" 1914 to Canada with rare transit mark "SHIP-LETTER FLEETWOOD". (Postiljonen # 203)

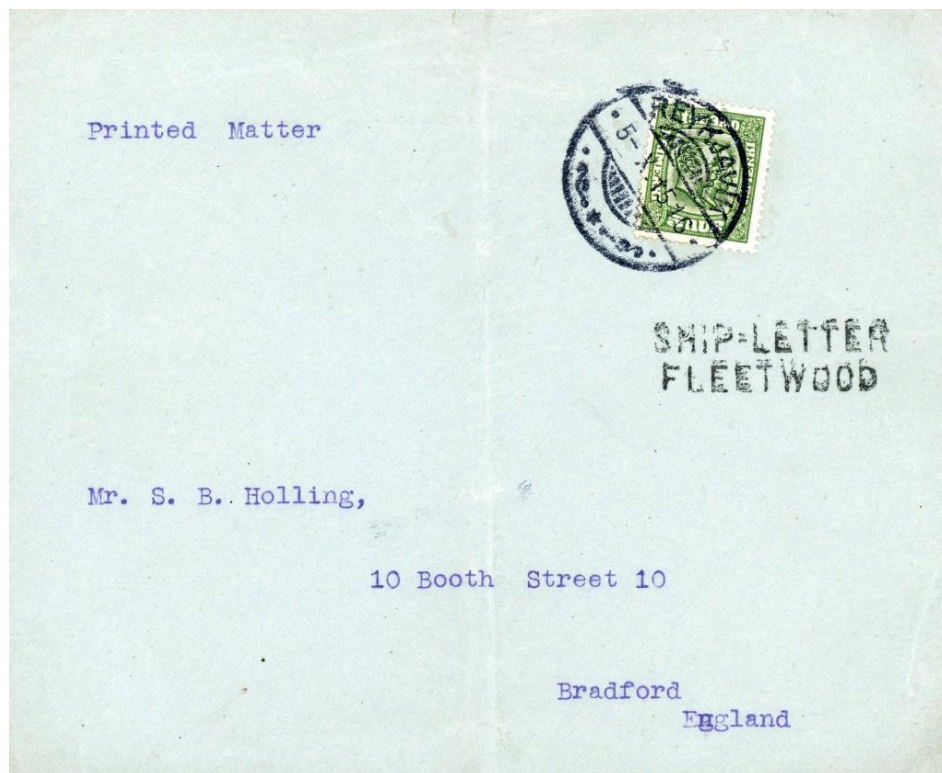
SHIP	DEPARTURE	FROM	ARRIVAL	TO	COMMENTS
	1915	REYKJAVIK		FLEETWOOD	





(e-bay) Iceland, rare "Ship Letter Fleetwood" two-lined cancel on official cover to Denmark 1915, back side receiving Copenhagen cancel and seal Government of Iceland, tear above the cancel and also reduced at right, ex. Bruun-Rasmussen auction 1316/4481 descibed as postage due charged 25c for the missing postage (official stamps not allowed on mail sent out of Iceland), alternatively, cover is reduced to the right where the stamps are cut-off so the postage due charge notation with pencil "saves" the item, you decide.

SHIP	DEPARTURE	FROM	ARRIVAL	TO	COMMENTS
Eggert Ólafsson eller Njörður ¹⁰	05.10.1915	REYKJAVIK	12.10.15	FLEETWOOD	



Collection R.Hosking: "FLEETWOOD - RARE SANSERIF "SHIP-LETTER/FLEETWOOD" ON PRINTED MATTER COVER FROM ICELAND TO G.B.; 5 Oct. 1915 commercial env. (vertical fold clear of stamp and marks) to Bradford inscribed "Printed Matter" and so with Iceland 5a Green tied by a very fine Reykjavik c.d.s. with a mainly very fine rare sanserif "SHIP-LETTER/FLEETWOOD" mark (H67; 1914-19 only, DD - "Very Rare") alongside. One of the rarest ports for Ship Letter marks.Exhibition Item."

¹⁰ Sale of Fish: Now they have obtained authorization, with the British government, for to sail from here to Fleetwood with fish. Two vessels leaving when the paper comes out, Njörður and Eggert Ólafsson.(Fréttir 5.10.1915)

5. Single circle Fleetwood – Lanc. 1940?



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Árni Gústafsson: Frimerkjabladid 1/2008 page 17

<http://www.tpo-seapost.org.uk/tpo2/image2/ishipletters20c.html>

Postiljonen.