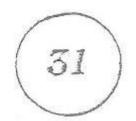
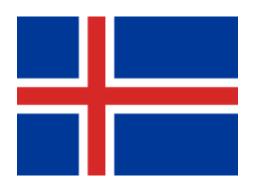
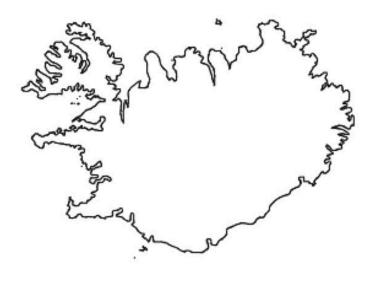
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Please let me have your articles if you want them in the next issue, which will be July 2022. If you need help with translations let me know.

The editor will help with the English if necessary.

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News

I guess this issue of IPM should not go by without mentioning that we have reached the 50th "Jubilee" issue. This could not have been achieved without the support of a few dedicated contributors, and I thank them for their contributions over the past 6 years. Maybe together we might reach 100 issues! Who knows? If any of your favourite collecting interests are rarely seen in the magazine, let me know. You can of course change the situation by sending an article or a scan or provide a question to put to the readers. It does not matter if it is not in English, the editor will arrange a translation.

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Census

As we, a group of members of Islandssamlarna/Islandsklubben in Sweden, are currently working on collecting information on the following subjects we would like to request your assistance with images of such items which you may have in your collection. Good pictures originating elsewhere would also be of help. Should you be scanning or photographing the items specifically for this purpose we would appreciate if you would save the images in a solution of at least 300dpi.

Full confidentiality will be kept as to where images originated.

Please send any images to: islandsklubben@gmail.com

Thank you for your help, Steinar Fridthorsson, chairman of Islandsklubben Gothenburg

Manuscript cancellations



In order to extent the current Facit listing of these we are working on collecting images of *postal* manuscript cancellations (including numerals). Many manuscript cancellations are however of a fiscal nature and as such not within the scope of this census, if in doubt, we ask you to please send them along anyway as we should be able to distinguish them in most cases.

1916-1917 Önundarfjörður Christmas Post Local Stamps



For a future article and listing of these issues in the Facit Special catalogue we would appreciate images of any single copies of the three different stamps you might possess as well as any Christmas cards with such stamps. Good images originating elsewhere would also come in good use here. We ask you to kindly include information as to whether unused stamps are mint never hinged, mint hinged or without gum.

ICELAND via AALBORG Jakob Arrevad

Based on the compilation "IslandsKontakt Special #34" with special assistance from Ebbe Eldrup.

This is a part of a series published online which summarizes, supplemented by recent discoveries, information published over the years in IslandsKontakt and elsewhere. We must all be grateful for the sustained efforts of all those who, over the years, as Editors or Authors have contributed to the gathering and dissemination of information relevant to the philately of Iceland.



SHIP	DEPARTURE	FROM	ARRIVAL	TO	REMARKS
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For every day that mail is recorded arriving in Aalborg the above information is given – if possible.¹

1906

FRIDJOLF ² 3	03.08.06 A	alborg
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The first known Aalborg cancellation:



¹ The name of the vessel is mentioned: when on a list from Þór Þorsteins; on the letter; or traced from Icelandic newspapers. The remark "1 kr." or similar is the remuneration to the carrier and copied from the Þór Þorsteins list. Similar information is used in "all" IslandsKontakt Specials, see further IslandsKontakt Special#2 Troon. The "departure" day and "departure from" is – if possible – verified from newspaper announcements etc.

² The shipping company "Thore"

³ When blank - I don't have the information.

A headline in a Danish newspaper from 4 September 1906: "800 Icelanders in Álaborg" ended as a short story in the Icelandic newspaper "Reykjavík" on 15 September 1906 with the same headline. Normally "Icelanders" are people coming from Iceland – but in Danish it is also what we call the special Icelandic horse breed – so there was not 800 people from Island in Aalborg – it showed up to be horses:

-- ,,800 Íslendingar í Álaborg". Svo er fyrirsögnin á grein í "Aalb. Amtstid." 4. f. m. En bessir 800 "Islendingar" eru reyndar hestar, sem e/s "Frithiof" var að flytja þar á land. Liðugur helmingurinn átti að verða þar eftir, keyptur af Dönum, hver hestur á 100 til 150 kr. Úrtíningurinn átti að fara þaðan með skipinu til Skotlands; "nokkrir af þeim eru ekki einu sinni 75 kr. virði", sögðu hestaprangararnir dönsku. Farminn allan höfðu beir átt Zöllner kousúll í Newcastle og Vestergaard hrossakaupm, í Kaupmannahöfn. Skipið varð að fara fyrst til Danmerkur, af því að Danir vildu fá sína hesta fyrst (velja úr?). Blaðið segir, að gæzlumenn hestanna í hestaréttunum í landi hafi barið þá og farið illa með þá, og hrakið burt með illyrðum börn, sem kendu í brjósti um hestana horaða og hungraða og komu með fangið fult af heyi og vildu gefa þeim, en fengu ekki; "þeir yrðu bara óstýrilátari við það," sögðu gæzlumenn. Sjö höfðu sálast á leiðinni í hafi, Gefið er í skyn, að ekki mundi vanbörf á eftirliti dýravendunarfélags með meðferð á hestunum.

1907

FRIDTJOF	12.07.1907	REYKJAVIK	AALBORG	1KR.

1908

FRIDTJOF	11.07.1908	REYKJAVIK		AALBORG	2KR.
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That trip was apparently also to deliver horses. Later 21 July 1908 it can be read in the newspaper "Reykjavík": "It was a small pleasure to see the group of horses that was sent from here with "Fridtjof" the other day and was to be sold in Denmark, and to gain the opinion of Icelandic horses in the markets.

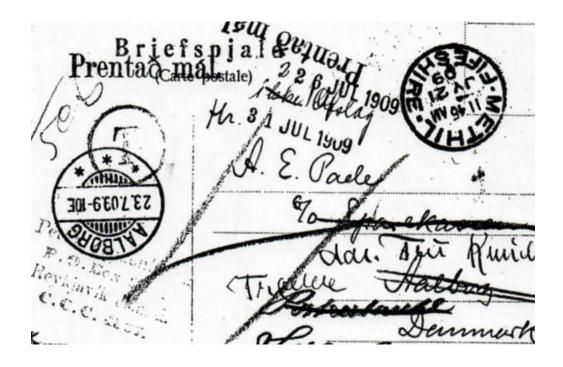
1909

TO A FOLD		D 1: 11		AATRORG :	-
ISAFOLD	16.07.1909	Reykjavik	23.07.1909	AALBORG via	4Kr.
	departure			METHIL	4

⁴ No ship mail notation at arrival in Aalborg or similar like the later mentioned: "Pr. Skib fra Jisland" and paquebot. In Pór Þorsteins list the destination is "Utlandet?" = "abroad?". It is my presumption that Ísafold went to Aalborg from Methil. It can be an arrival cancellation as the card is addressed to Aalborg – but the single stamp apparently canceled the same day (?7.09.8-9E) indicate that a ship arrived from Iceland.

The recipient of the following card, Mr. A.E. Pade in Aalborg was at that time a clerk in a bank. He later immigrated to US and became a well-known stamp dealer.







⁵ IslandsKontakt # 81

MJÖLNIR 16.04.1914 Akureyri 27.04.1914 AALBORG No Paquebot





In the newspaper "Mjölnir" published in Akureyri on 20 Martz 1914 it is mentioned, that S/S Mjölnir has delivered "Cementi" (Cement) – probably coming from Aalborg Portland, so the stop in Aalborg 27 April might be part of another cement transport.

⁶ The cancellation on the two 10 aur end with "1 E" different from the last one ending with a "8 E" as the registered letter above.

1915

A single stamp.



1919

29 September 1919; in the press information on ships it is mentioned: "Borg" is in Aalborg loading some products". Nothing recorded about mail.

1922

The next announcement in the Icelandic press⁷ is from 13 May 1922:



"S/S. Borg will probably leave Hafnarfjörður close to 18 May for Aberdeen, **Aalborg** and Leith, then again return to Reykjavík. - The ship can take goods to Aberdeen and Leith; need to notify us as soon as possible." (Google translation).

S/S Borg left for Aberdeen and on the 27 May 1922 in the newspaper Visir it is published:

Skipafregnir.
Gullfoss fór frá Norðfirði á hádegi í dag.
Goðafoss fór frá Kaupmannahöfn í morgun.
Lagarfoss er á förum frá Seyðfisfirði til Grímsby.
Borg er í Álaborg og fer þaðan á morgun til Leith og Reykjavíkur.

So, it came to Aalborg (Álaborg), but no example of mail is recorded – yet!

A similar trip is announced 2. July 1922, but again no mail recorded.

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^{7 &}quot;Vísir", "Morgunblaðið" and "Alþýðublaðið"

On June 15 1923 – and only on the trip done by S/S Gullfoss. – a special "paquebot-cancellation" was used:



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	S/S Gullfoss		_	Aalborg	
-	C/C/11IItocc	10 06 1000	1 F OK 1000	Anlhora	
	o/o tunnoss	10.00.1923	15.06.1923	1 4 4 1 1 1 1 1 2	
-	2/2000	= 0 0 0 0 0 1		1 2 2 2 2 2 2	



Bound for Copenhagen but apparently, all mail was canceled in Aalborg even if addressed to Copenhagen or transit mail to the Nederlands.









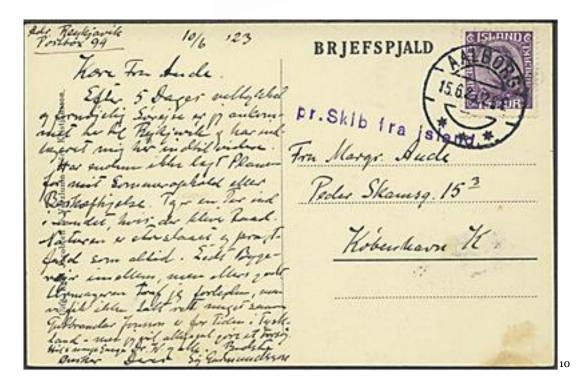
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⁸ The spelling with a "J" is not unknown and used in 1920-1923 on a rubberstamp in Vejle. The spelling "Skib" is Danish – in Icelandic "Skip".

⁹ S/S Gullfoss left 10 June for Copenhagen via Aalborg and will arrive in Copenhagen 16 June.







 $^{^{10}}$ In Islands Kontakt 89 Ólafur Eliasson give the information that S/S Gullfoss departed from Reykjavík on 10 June 1923 and arrived at Aalborg during the night before 15 June. There are no specific in the press about the trip – but it is mentioned, that Gullfoss will stop in Aalborg





A similar trip by S/S Gullfoss to leave Reykjavik 10 July 1923 is announced12 but no mail recorded.



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Send to Den Haag.
 "Morgunblaðið", "Alþýðublaðið" and "Vísir"

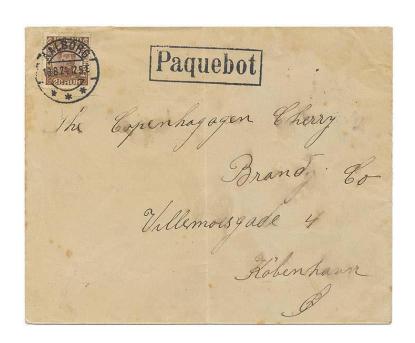
7	2	2	18.08.1924	Aalborg	
•	•	•	10.00.1924	rimburs	

No recordings of trip and the mail.

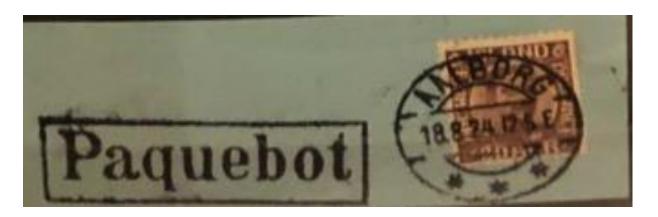


Frame 47×15 – text 39 mm. Mike Dovey & Keith Morris (Hosking 4th): Paquebot Cancellations of the world # 534 – 1st Denmark Omnibus type used in Aalborg from 1927 until 1971. Heinrich Schilling: Island: Fremde Anladestempel auf Islandpost, (1976 and later supplements) also state 1927 as the first year. As documented here the use is at least from 1924









1927

27 April 1927 it is announced in "Visir": "Lagarfoss went from the Eastfjords the day before yesterday to abroad." And on 2 May 1927 in "Visir": "Lagarfoss is in Álaborg.

S/S Lagarfoss		1 5 05	Aalbang	
S/S Lagartoss		1.5.27	Aalborg	









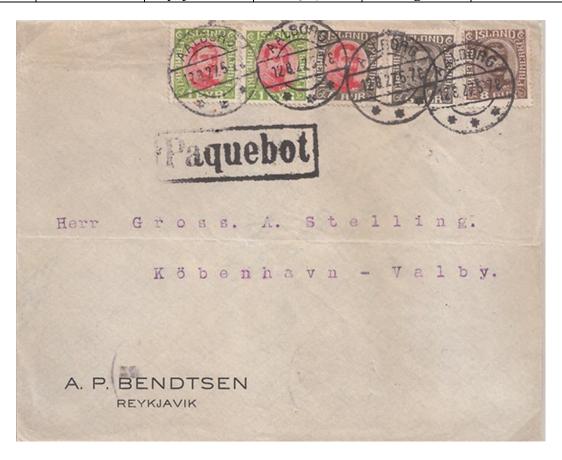






"Visir" 12 August 1927:

Gullfoss Reykjavik 12.8.1927 Aalborg



Orla Nielsen: "1st class letter from Reykjavik with transit cancellation AALBORG 12.8.27.5.7 and PAQUEBOT in box to Copenhagen. On back: Arrival cancellation: København 2.OMB.13.8.27 Valby. Postage 20 aur (1.4.1921 - 31.12.1939)

(From Orla Nielsen)



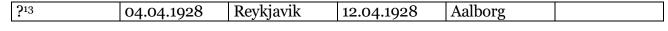








1928





The back of a registered letter sent from Reykjavík 4.4.28 and backstamped in Aalborg 12.4.28 The front does not add information:



References:

Ole Svinth: IslandsKontakt # 88 Page 13 Mike Dovey & Keith Morris (Hosking 4th): Paquebot Cancellations of the world. Heinrich Schilling: Island: Fremde Anladestempel auf Islandpost, (1976 and later supplements). Collectors and friends from around the world: especially Ebbe Eldrup plus Árni Gústafsson, Ole Svinth, Steinar Fridthorsson and many others.

¹³ There is no sign of a delivery by ship in Aalborg, but if it went over Copenhagen sign of handling there is missing. Goðafoss left 7 April but Aalborg is not mentioned.

¹⁴ Thereafter the interest from an Icelandic philatelist viewpoint do not any longer exist, but it can be mentioned, that Aalborg should have had different paquebot stamps from 1968 – but I haven't seen them used in "real life". They are not recorded by Shilling. All I have seen is on philatelist covers apparently send from Aalborg. See: Mike Dovey & Keith Morris (Hosking 4th): Paquebot Cancellations of the world ## 535, 536, 537, 542 and 5501.

FLATEY, VIGUR, ÆÐEY and the B8b1 Reykjavík philatelic cancel

In 1999 when the decision was made to allocate new cancels with the Íslandspóstur logo, it is evident that the collecting offices, with the exception of Norðurfjörður, were excluded from this, and they continued using their existing cancels. This did not seem to apply however in March 2005, when the post office made a decision to produce new type B8b1 cancels, but only to make them available from the philatelic bureau in Reykjavík. The result was that B8b1 Íslandspóstur logo cancels do exist with the names of the collecting offices, although they were never received at those offices. Examples follow.



In 1999 Flatey was not issued with a B8b1 bridge cancel with the new Íslandspóstur logo. Perhaps it was decided that it would be preferable to continue with the type B1c with the short year which remained perfectly usable. Possibly that request was made by Flatey? Subsequently, in 2005 a Flatey B8b1 logo type cancel appeared, but was only available to collectors on request from Reykjavík 2 office. The first date of availability from Reykjavík 2 was 10th March 2005. The cancels differ from the earlier standard 1999 type B8b1 with Íslandspóstur logo in that the letters, although of the same size, are more spread out giving the impression of being larger. However, unlike the other offices which subsequently received their allocation of new type B8b1 cancels in 2006, Flatey did not, and the B1a

cancel continued in use until closure in 2009.

Vigur was never a post office, and maybe in 2006, when the general issue of B8b1 cancels was issued, its status as a bréfhirðing excluded it from the B8b1 issue. However, sure enough, the philatelic bureau made a B8b1 cancel available from 2005. The Vigur office continued to use its B7b cancel and still does.



Similar to Vigur, Æðey was never a post office, and did not receive a type B8b1 cancel in 2006. It continued to use its B7b cancel until closure on 31st January 2007. It does have a B8b1 issued only from the philatelic bureau from March 2005.



Goðdalir bréfhirðing did not receive a B8b1 cancel in 1999, nor did it receive a B8b1 bridge cancel in the



2006 issue. It continued to use its B8b cancel until closure on 31.1.2007. However, sure enough, in March 2005 a B8b1 with the Íslandspóstur logo became available only from the philatelic bureau.

Norðurfjörður collecting office was an exception in that it received a B8b1 cancel with logo in 1999. It was

left out of the 2006 B8b1 allocation and continued to use the 1999 B8b1 cancel until 27th January 2010, after which it used a B8b1 Arnarfjörður following the change to that name and promotion to póstafgreiðsla on 1st December 2009.

As with Flatey, Vigur and Æðey, in March 2005 a different B8b1 Norðurfjörður was available only from the philatelic bureau.

1999 B8b1 with double digit month.

Here is a cover which has passed through the post, with a B8b1 cancel dated 29.03.2006 (double digit month¹), but definitely not the 1999 cancel judging by the position of the letter 'N' of Norðurfjörður and the Í of Íslandspóstur. Eivind Kolstad confirms that it is from the 2005 issue from the philatelic bureau.





Bær collecting office was left out of the 1999 B8b1 allocation and continued to use the B8b cancel 'Bær Árneshreppi' until closure in August 2009. However a B8b1 Bær with Íslandspóstur logo was made available at the philatelic bureau from March 2005.

Kjörvogur collecting office was left out of the 1999 B8b1 allocation and used a B8b cancel until closure on 31 August 2009. As with Bær, a B8b1 with Íslandspóstur logo was made available only from the philatelic bureau from March 2005.



A strange occurrence happened in 2005, this time concerning Höfn. After several earlier name changes on



the cancels, they seemed to have settled on the name Hornafjörður when the first B8b1 with Íslandspóstur logo appeared in 1999. Sure enough, when the general 2006 allocation of B8b1 cancels took place it was still Hornafjörður. However, for some bizarre reason, (maybe just an error?) the B8b1 cancel available only from the philatelic bureau from March 2005, bears the name Höfn and not Hornafjörður. In later years, as it happened, Höfn did not request a Colop cancel when they became available in 2014. I wonder what name they would have chosen?

¹ I fooled myself into thinking that the cancel above is a single digit month, until Eivind put me right. He said -

"I think both the cover (29.03.2006) as well as the 60 kr.piece are bearing the bureau-cancel, based on the letterings. My guess is that the device has the possibility to set the first digit in the day and the month as - or 0. On your image you can see -1.-2.2006. Eivind

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Two rare bridge cancels – B1a Reykir Ár - and B1a Lónkot





My thanks to Jóhann Ragnarsson, who showed this image of Reykir Ár on an official CHX stamp in *Frímerkjaspjall* with this comment, "This REYKIR ÁR has been in the collection for a long time and I have been looking for a better copy for quite a few years but have not come across it, either in good or bad quality, so it will sit there until it happens. Probably there are not a lot of these, at least not on official stamps".

The second image on the Views stamp is taken from IslandsKontakt Issue 72, which displayed recent Ebay sales. The B1a cancel arrived too late for use at Reykir (2) as the office had closed. Its only rare subsequent use was at Húsatóftir in a period before that office received its own cancel. The above two are the only images of the Reykir Ár cancel I can remember. Can any of our readers show other examples?



Páll Pálsson gave permission to show this beautiful example of the very rare B1a Lónkot bridge cancel. I regret I do not have even a poor copy.

ICELAND 1929 Plane overprint variety Ron Collin

Perhaps your readers might find this of interest.

An eBay seller recently had this item for sale. It was listed as: ICELAND 1929 Plane overprint Facit 160/Scott C1 MNH + VARIETIES [123 n/z] RARE!

The image revealed that it had a red dot within the Northeast corner of the stamp, within the ornamentation. It is in the C, just above the X.



Having never noticed this "variety" before, I wanted to see if it was truly a variety, or merely a fleck of something that became stuck on one of the clichés during the printing, and thereby absorbed some of the red ink. This would appear on the sheet of Facit 131, which was the underlying stamp used to create Facit 160.

I wanted to see if I could determine which position in the sheet displayed this "variety". I found that this happened to show up in position 13, shown here.



In order to see if it may have been a variety or just a fluke, I decided to check the entire sheet. What I found was interesting. It seems that this variety also appears in position 33, as well as positions 53, 73 and 93.



It would seem to me that the process used to create the clichés, produced two horizontal rows of ten, and then the process was replicated four more times to complete the 100 clichés necessary to print the sheets of Facit 131. I'm not sure that I would describe this variety as RARE! since there are 5 copies in every sheet of Facit 131 and every sheet of Facit 160

Perhaps one of the readers of this fine magazine can elaborate on the process that would have created this constant variety in the same vertical position in every other horizontal row of the sheet.

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13. Review of the series "Was this cancel used here? (Issues 10-26)

Two cancels are reviewed here: - both of which featured in Issue 13/2017.



B1a Auðkúla Austur-Húnavatnssýsla Recorded use 1930 - 30.6.1951 Gunnsteinsstaðir June? 1951 - 31.12.1962?

Eivind Kolstad solved this in Issue 14 showing a fine *Folmer Østergaard* cover used at Gunnsteinsstaðir,

B2a Breiðabólsstaður Snæf Snæfellsnessýsla

Recorded use 1.7.1930 – 31.12.1949 Drangar 1.1.1950 – 1951?

None of our readers came up with an example of the B2a Breiðabólsstaður Snæf used at Drangar. The numeral N1a 49 from Breiðabólsstaður Snæf was used at Drangar, so it may have been the official's preferred cancel rather than the B2a cancel. However, the existence of a B2a Breiðabólsstaður Snæf with a date from the Drangar period cannot be entirely ruled out. Such strikes must be very scarce.

Examples of use of Tilkynt / Tilkynnt cancels. Jørgen Steen Larsen.

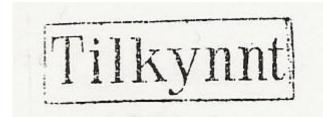
A collection of cancels from a certain Brjefhirðing typically consist of a crown cancel, a numeral cancel, and a number of bridge cancels. It can often be a challenge to find all these cancels from a certain BH.

From Póstafgreiðsla, we typically have either an Antiqua or a Lapidar cancel, a number of bridge cancels, machine cancels and roller cancels. Most of these cancels are often much easier to find.

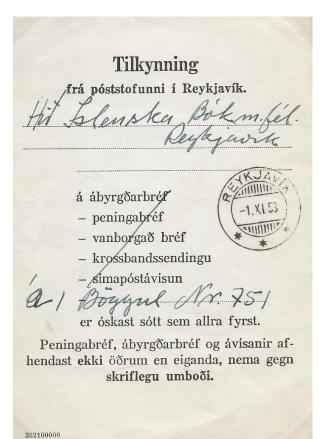
In addition, Póstafgreiðsla received a number of office cancels to save time when a certain expression was used often, as for instance, REBUTS, ITREKAÐ and Skipsbréf. For me one of the challenges of collecting cancels from Póstafgreiðsla is to find as many office cancels as possible.

To the best of my knowledge only little has been written about these cancels. Our main source of information is Þór Þorsteins' handbook "Hjálparstimplar varðveittir í Póstsafninu, Kópavogi" dated 22.03.2000. Here ÞÞ shows all the office cancels that have been returned correctly to the Post – but many are missing.

In his handbook PP shows two different types of Tilkynnt cancels. He writes that there are 3 cancels in two different types.







A postal document was endorsed with Tilkynnt to show that a notice had been send to the receiver informing that an item of mail / a parcel was ready to be collected / delivered.

Example of a Tilkynning form sent from Bögglapóststofan -1.X1.53 to a bookshop in Reykjavík for package nr. 751.

In this article, examples of Tilkynt / Tilkynnt cancels are shown.

Tilkynt.

The oldest such cancel I know of is shown below.



Here the cancel Tilkynt – with only one "n" - is used on a Package card from Askov Höjskole pr. Vejen, posted Kolding -5.1.1911 and transit Kjøbenhavn 10.1.1911, via Reykjavík 21.1.11 to Kiðjaberg, Árnessýsla, Ísland. The Tilkynt cancel shows that a notice had been send to the receiver that a package was ready to be collected.

The Tilkynt cancel was used here at Póststofan before Bögglapóststofan was separated 1.1.1914.

This is the only copy I have seen of the cancel, which seems to be of the same type as the much more common cancel Skipsbrjef - also in frame – registered as Hoskins 312, used 1902 – 1913, and the rare cancel Itrekað - also in frame.

Tilkynnt.

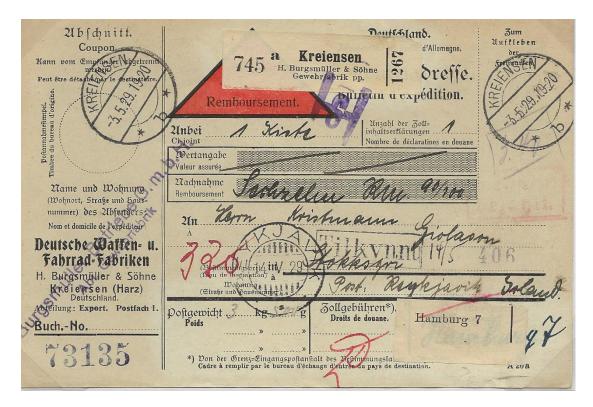
This cancel exists in an older type size 31,0 * 10,0 mm and a more modern type 31,0 * 9,5 mm.

Examples of the old type:



Package card posted Aarhus 27.11.28 to Reykjavík Bögglapóststofan B2c1 (28) 12.XII.28.

The Tilkynnt cancel shows that a notice had been sent to the receiver in Keflavík that a package weight 9,8 kg. was ready to be collected after 77 kr. 23 øre had been paid. I am not able to read the text that has been written by pencil at the bottom to the right.



Package card posted Kreiensen -3.5.29 to Reykjavík Bögglapóststofan B2c1 (28) 14.V.29. The Tilkynnt cancel shows that a notice had been send to the receiver in Stokkseyri at 14/5.



Package card posted Brno 18.V.29 transit Dresden 20.5.29 and Hamburg 7 to Reykjavík Bögglapóststofan B2c1 (28) -7.VI.29.

The Tilkynnt cancel shows that a notice had been send to the receiver in Eyrarbakki.



Package card posted København - 6-9-29 to Reykjavík Bögglapóststofan B2c1 (28) 16.IX.29.

The Tilkynnt cancel shows that a notice had been sent to the receiver in Miðey, Landeyjum, Rangárvallasýsla at 17/9.

In addition to these usages of Tilkynnt, I have seen one more on a package card posted from København 22.3.29 to Reykjavík Bögglapóststofan 13.IV.29. The Tilkynnt cancel shows that a notice had been sent to the receiver in Þjórsárbrú,

Árnessýsla.

Please notice that the 5 package cards described above with the Tilkynnt cancel all have passed Reykjavík Bögglapóststofan within the relatively short period between 12.12.1928 and 16.9.29,

and that the receivers lived in Keflavík Gullbringusýsla, Stokkseyri Árnessýsla, Eyrarbakki Árnessýsla, Þjórsárbrú Árnessýsla, and Miðey Rangárvallasýsla – all fairly close to Reykjavík. I hope that our readers can help me to explain the reason for these two observations.

Examples of the more modern type:



Registered letter with Póstkrafa 824,00 ISK from Reykjavík Póststofan, 4.XI.48, missent to Vestmannaeyjar, -5.11.48, and sent to Keflavík, -date? Postage - 50aur letter plus 60aur registration, C.O.D. for 824kr = 200aur up to 100kr plus (8 x 50aur) = 400aur. Total 710aur. 15aur overpaid.



Package card posted Reykjavík Bögglapóststofan 11.VI.58 to Keflavík, B1d 12.VI.58. 1.5kg package: postage =16kr for up to 3kg by landpost.

It is a mystery to me where the more modern type of the Tilkynnt cancel is used. Could it have been used at Reykjavík Bögglapóststofan or could it have been used in Keflavík?

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B1a Sandeyri (Issues 48 and 49) Jørgen Steen Larsen

Good to see one more usage of B1a Sandeyri from the difficult period of time. I noticed that both copies are dated 26.3.31. This might have been the day when the BH was open that spring?

B1a Sandeyri seems to be so scarce, that when we find it, it seems not to be unusual to find more copies from the same date. Either split pieces from the same letter or from two letters sent on the same day – when there finally was a boat in Sandeyri.

PS. By the way, your piece with 10 aur Dynjandi has the same date of use as another piece with 10 aur Dynjandi in my collection.



Replies to 12. Review of the series "Was this cancel used here? (Issue 49)

Two responses have been received to the request for evidence that B2a Garður. Þing. Ein was subsequently used at Hjarðarból.



Jørgen Steen Larsen shows us this commercial piece with B2a Garður. Þing. Ein, dated 14.12.58.

From Eivind Kolstad:- I have Garður. Þing. Ein CTO 23.2.59. It's a cut from the well-known flower-covers from 1959, and I have put a question-mark after Hjarðarból. I would guess it is cancelled there, but who knows?

(Ed. I think JSL's example effectively validates Eivind's copy produced after Hjarðarholt closed on 31.12.1958).



Wanted - Alexander Cossar Jakob Arrevad

I am looking for a man – or rather information about a man: Alexander Cossar



From 1927 until 1936 (perhaps for a longer period), he received mail from around the world: India, Ceylon, Kenya, Falkland Islands, Bermuda and ICELAND from 1930 until 1939 (and again, the period can be longer).

All were sent to 43 Bryson Road, Edinburgh, and here is an example:

Can anybody help me with copies, and most of all, who was he?

KIRKJUBAEJARKLAUSTUR Magni Magnusson

Magni sent this example of a misspelt office name on a machine cancel and asked what is known about it. I am showing here both his copy dated 20.07.95 and mine dated 18.12.93





There is no mention of such a machine cancel in Þór Þorsteins' Íslenskir Stimplar Brúar-, Rúllu og Vélstimplar 1894-2003. That has to be unusual?

Perhaps a short time later, in Frímerkjablaðið Issue 7, 2003, the Kirkjubaejarklaustur office is included in a simple listing of offices using machine cancels, but the type was unknown to the researcher and was described as type M?.

The following year 2004, in Frímerkjablaðið Issue 9, Þór showed an image of a cancel misspelt KIRKJUBAEJARKLAUSTUR, without a posthorn ornament, and described it as Vél nr. M17 Secap 92800, known from ca.1995. Interestingly, Þór used the type M17 which was the correct description of that cancel when it is thought to have been originally used.

In 2007, the misspelt cancel appears in Íslenskir Stimplar Íslandspósts hf Brúar-, Rúllu og Vélstimplar 1998-2007 by Gestur Baldursson and PÞ. It is described there as type M12 which was in accordance with the new numbering system for machine cancels adopted by Íslandspóstur hf. from 1999. However, it was mistakenly

described as "known from ca 2003". In the same article they showed an image of a second cancel with the corrected spelling and a posthorn ornament, describing it as" known from ca. 2005".



Cancel with correct spelling and ornament dated 19.12.05



Cancel with correct spelling dated 19.12.06

I have searched IslandsKontakt, Rapport and Scandinavia Contact (UK) journals, for the years 1993, 94, 95, and 2005/2006, and have found no reference at all to either of these Kirkjubæjarklaustur cancels. It is extraordinary if the first reference in our philatelic literature to any machine cancel at Kirkjubæjarklaustur, seems to have appeared 10 years after the first (misspelt) cancel was put into use.

- 1. At the time of writing, we have evidence of usage dates 18.12.93, 20.7.95 and 21.12.99 for the misspelt cancel. Can readers give dates of any earlier examples for the error cancel, presumably in 1993 or even earlier?
- 2. Similarly, we need your earliest dates for the corrected cancel for which we currently have usage dates of 19.12.05 and 19.12.06.

Húsavík. Landpóstur 1 and Landpóstur 2. (Issue 48) Jørgen Steen Larsen.

In the above article, Húsavík Landpóstur 1 and 2 are shown. From Frimerkjablaðið, 10, Nr. 2 / 2004 I am now able to show a similar usage of a "PÓSTUR OG SÍMI FLJÓTUM LANDPÓSTUR 1" cancel dated "31 JAN 1991".



Can anybody show a Fylgibréf with this cancel and perhaps another Fylgibréf with FLJÓTUM LANDPÓSTUR 2 – if it exists?

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