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KIRKWALL – STROMNESS - LONGHOPE

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KIRKWALL– number 207

LONGHOPE – number 238 (Later Longniddry near Edinburgh)

STROMNESS – number 316



KIRKWALL

Kirkwall is the largest town of Orkney

As far as Kirkwall is concerned, it is stated that there are very few shipments bearing the stamp of Kirkwall, although many letters have passed. The same may well be the case with Stromness and Longhope, - as will be seen below, many ships have had mail, but only a few shipments known.

Here are examples of a duplex 207 ad twin-arc postmark from Kirkwall – AU 9 1899:



Just after a twin-arc postmark was used:



Shilling show a copy this from 1899:

STROMNESS

Stromness is the second-most populous town in Orkney. It is in the southwestern part of Mainland Orkney. Cancellation examples to look after:





LONGHOPE

The name of a fjord and a town located between the island of Hoy and its peninsula South Walls in the Orkney Islands.

The town is not mentioned in Robertsson or Hosking, but Robertsson states (under Kirkwall) that there was regular small-ship service to the mainland (Scotland) and he highlights more regular routes to Leith and Aberdeen.

From 1903 there are records of ships caring mail from Iceland to Orkney Island. The records state “Longhope”, but as it can be seen – it also sometime covers at least Stromness

1903

Ship	Departure	From	Arrival	To	Payment
SCANDIA	09.01.1903	REYKJAVIK		LONGHOPE	5 KR.20 AUR Orkney Island
NAPOLI	25.03.1903	REYKJAVIK		LONGHOPE	2KR.
NORRÖNA	09.05.1903	REYKJAVIK		LONGHOPE	4KR. and to Paris
ISAFOLD	11.05.1903	REYKJAVIK		LONGHOPE	2KR.
SCANDIA	06.06.1903	REYKJAVIK		LONGHOPE	5KR.

1904

FIRDA	20.02.1904	REYKJAVIK		LANGHOPE	2KR.
HEKLU	10.04.1904	REYKJAVIK	Via STROMNESS 16.04.1904	LANGHOPE ?	6KR.



FIRDA	25.05.1904	REYKJAVIK		LANGHOPE	2KR.
URANIA	06.06.1904	REYKJAVIK		LANGHOPE	4KR. OG TIL PARIS
URANIA	28.06.1904	REYKJAVIK		LANGHOPE	3KR.
SCANDIA	05.07.1904	REYKJAVIK		LANGHOPE	2KR.
ITALIA	30.08.1904	REYKJAVIK		LONGHOPE	1KR.

1905 ?

1906

CAPRI	23.04.1906	REYKJAVIK		LONGHOPE	50AUR.
EVVIVA	25.04.1906	REYKJAVIK		LONGHOPE	3KR.
NORRÓNA	17.05.1906	REYKJAVIK		LONGHOPE	2KR.
EXPEDIT	18.05.1906	REYKJAVIK	24.05.1906	LONGHOPE	50AUR.



Send from Reykjavik 18.5.1906 with EXPEDIT, arrived Longhope 24.5.1906 and Copenhagen 28.5.1906.

MARIE	01.06.1906	REYKJAVIK		LONGHOPE	4KR.
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1907

FIRDA	09.04.1907	REYKJAVIK		LONGHOPE	1KR.
EVVIVA	07.06.1907	REYKJAVIK		LONGHOPE	3KR.

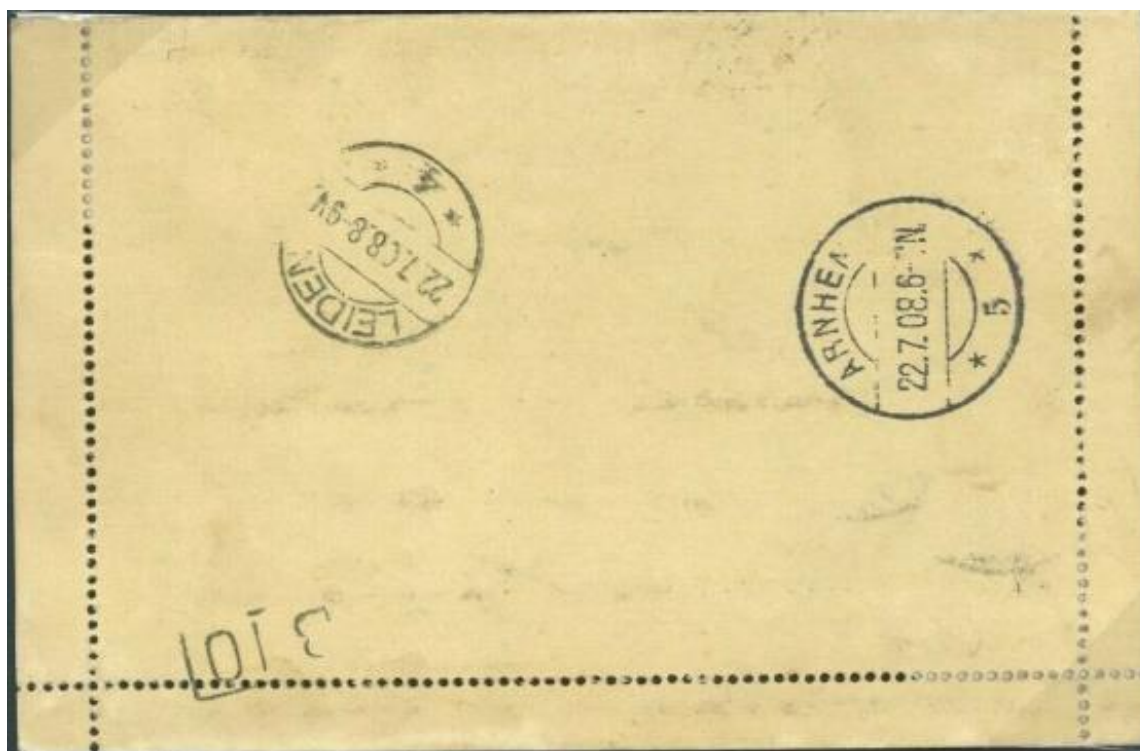
1908

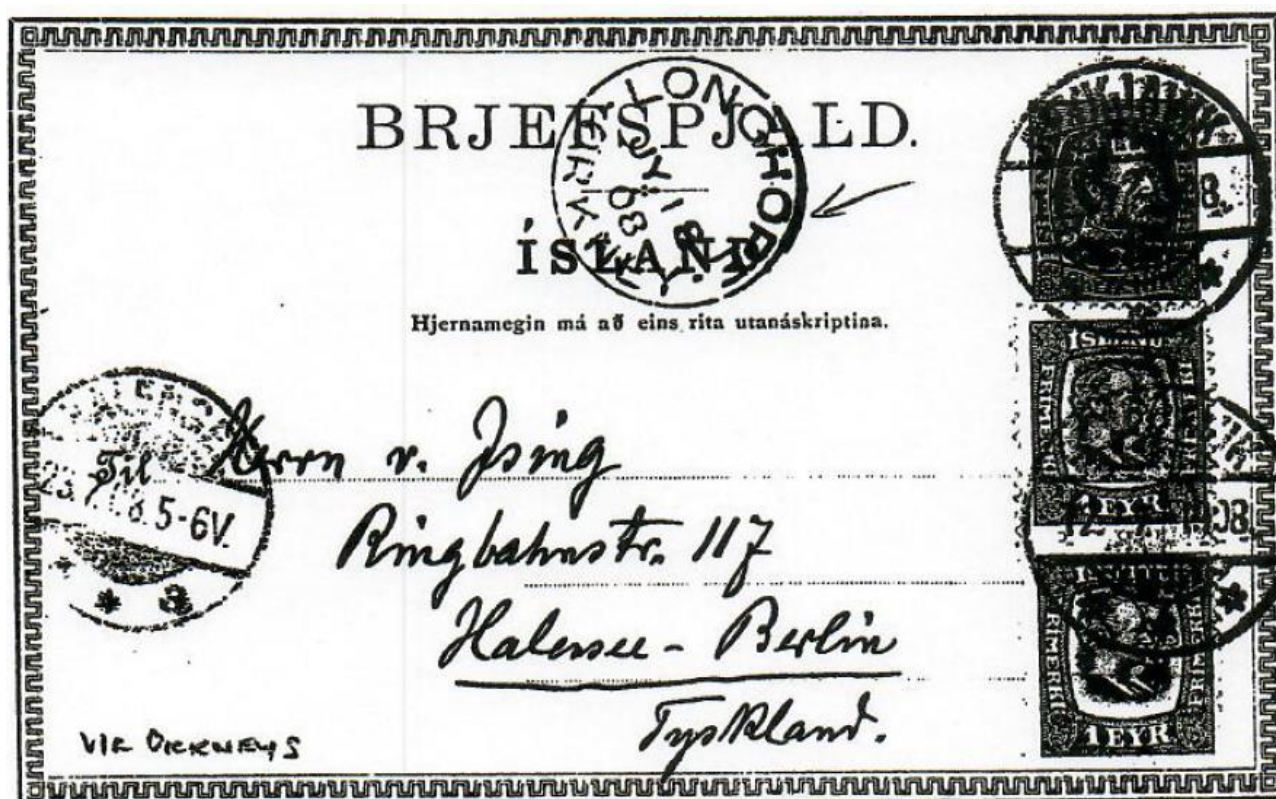
EXPEDIT	19.02.1908	REYKJAVIK		LONGHOPE	2KR.
TRYG	13.03.1908	REYKJAVIK		LONGHOPE	1KR.
GABRIELLA	13.06.1908	REYKJAVIK	16.06.1908	LONGHOPE	5KR.



It arrived in Kolding, Denmark 22.06.08.

FIRDA	13.07.1908	REYKJAVIK	18.07.1908	LONGHOPE	3KR.
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FIRDA	02.11.1908	REYKJAVIK		LONGHOPE	1KR.
URANIA	12.12.1908	REYKJAVIK		LONGHOPE	50AUR

SVAVA	30.12.1908	REYKJAVIK		LONGHOPE AND KBH.	5KR.
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1909

FRIDTJOF	16.04.1909	REYKJAVIK	24.04.1909	LONGHOPE	1KR.
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1910 ?

1911

VALHALLA	27.04.1911	REYKJAVIK	08.05.1911	LONGHOPE	1KR.
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The following is a Postcard sent from Reykjavik 2. May 1911 to Rosario de Santa Fé, Argentina. On the picture side bearing a pair 3 aur and a 4 aur King Christian IX tied by "Reykjavik 2.V.11" CDS, transit mark "LONGHOPE – ORKNEY MY 8 11" on address side.

Brjefspjald.

(Carte postale.)

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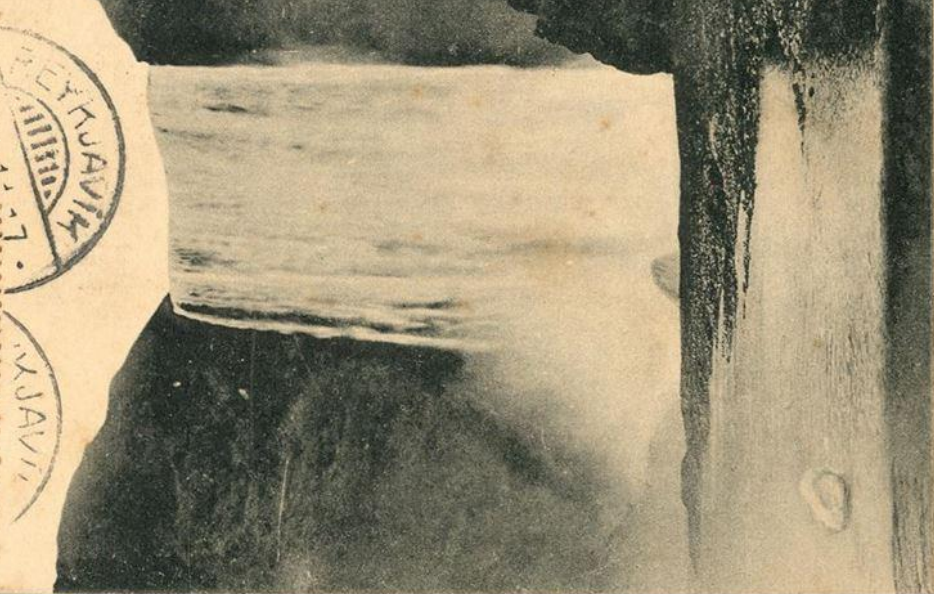


Mr. Mell Louise Ph. Siquot

Rue Buenos Aires 1248

Rosario De Santa Fe'

Argentina.



Skógafoss



Same day is shown by Mike Tuttle in *Scandinavian Contact* v. 18, # 7 from June 2001 p. 359.

During WW1 ships from Faroe Island and Iceland (and other) were searched:

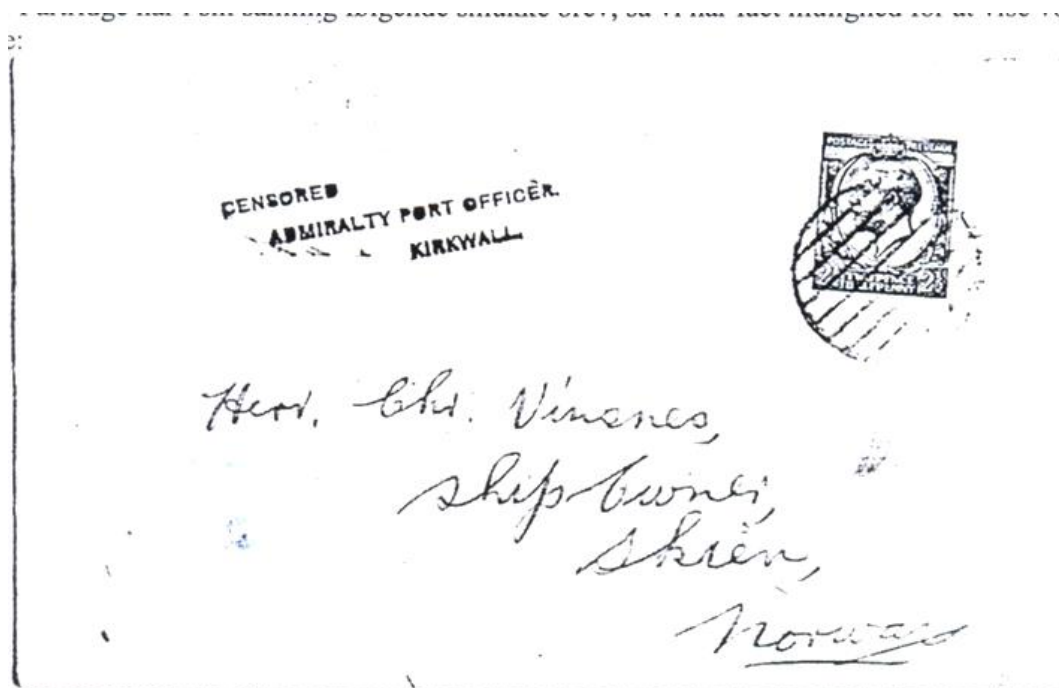
Tjaldur: in Kirkwall, 31.12.15, on trip from Faroe Island to Denmark.

Vestas: in Kirkwall, 15.12.1916, on trip from Faroe Island to Denmark.

“I thought readers might like to see this 1915 PPC posted in ORKNEY during WW1 – it bears a fine blue 3/line ‘CENSORED/KING’s HARBOUR MASTER/KIRKWALL’ and is dated 4th MAY 1915. As this is only the second example, I have handled in 30 years I wonder if anyone knows why it should be so rarely seen? Was it reserved for special mails - the message to USA reads ‘have been held near here for 11 days by the British...no prospect of getting to PEABODY (MASS.) this summer?’”



As a supplement from IslandsKontakt # 41 (Roger Partridge)



It is arrived in Skien Norway 7/7 1916 – but the interesting is the cancellation on the stamp. Seen on several stamps from Iceland, and here located in Kirkwall (may also be used elsewhere?)

1940

DFDS's ship S/S Bergenshus during the period 8.11.1939 - 5.3.1940 made three voyages. The schedule from Iceland to Denmark for the third and last of these trips is as follows:

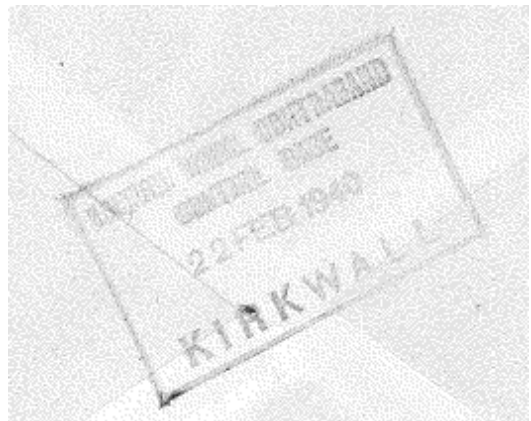
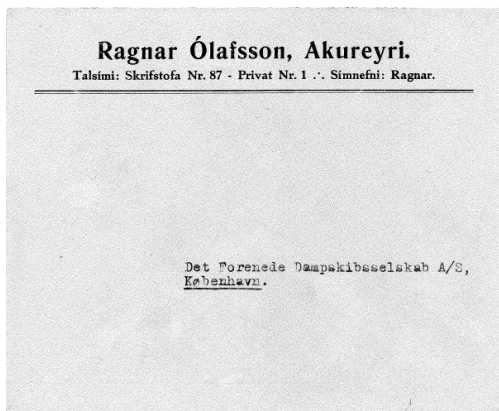
Dep. Reykjavik 16.02.1940.

Dep. Vestmannaeyjar 17.02.1940

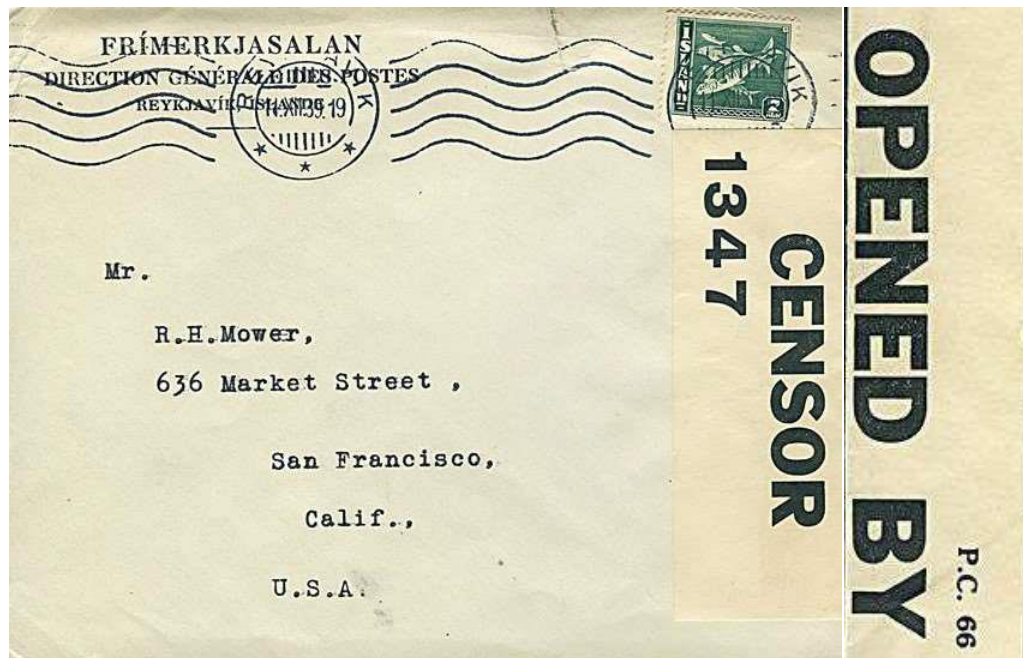
Arr. Kirkwall 21.02.1940 The ship did not arrive in Thorshavn because it was boarded.

Dep. Kirkwall?

Arr. Copenhagen 05.03.1940



And on the back
(ISLAND postalt set I perioden 1939-1945" p. 130)



Ólafur Eliasson (in Iceland Philatelic Magazine 20 p.13): The cover left Reykjavík on an Icelandic ship (we do not know with certainty which one), that was diverted to Kirkwall where the mail was confiscated and sent to Liverpool to be censored. After censoring, the

mail was returned to Kirkwall and from there it went with M/S Bergenshus which arrived at Copenhagen on January 14th, 1940. From Copenhagen the mail was dispatched onwards to destinations." See extensively "ISLAND postalt set I perioden 1939-1945" from p.107