



FAROE ISLANDS POSTAL HISTORY TO 1953

INTRODUCTION



The Faroe Islands is a group of islands situated in the North Atlantic Ocean, approximately halfway between Great Britain and Iceland. The islands were first settled in the 6th century by Irish monks, but Norsemen arrived around 650 and took over, and this is how the Scandinavian link was established. Norwegian control lasted until 1380, when Norway and Denmark entered a Union, and this gradually resulted in Danish control of the islands. When the union between Denmark and Norway was dissolved in 1814, Denmark retained possession of the Faroe Islands, and that is still the case today.

POSTAL HISTORY

Before 1856, trade with the Faroe Islands was a Royal Danish Monopoly, and mail delivery was part of this monopoly. Regular mail communications as such were not introduced until 1801, when a letter box was erected at the Royal Trade Store in Copenhagen. The public could put letters and parcels in the box, which would be brought to the Faroe Islands free of charge, but there was only a couple of mail deliveries per year. Most of the mail during this period was official correspondence. From 1856 trade was free, and any ships could transport freight to and from the islands, but mail was still shipped by contract. In 1870 the first Post Office was opened in Thorshavn, and postal rates to, from and within the islands were introduced. Danish stamps were used in the islands until 1975. When it comes to inland mail deliveries, this was carried out with the so called "Skyds" system, which not only carried mail, but also people. Each village had a "Skyds" team, often with boats, and they were responsible for the transport of the mail, and passengers, to the next village. The "Skyds" system was introduced in the 18th century and not discontinued until 1922. During the latter part of the 19th century, more Post Offices were opened, but it was not until the early part of the 20th century that the entire group of islands could be said to have been linked with Post Offices and a postal route system. Due to the distance from Denmark, stamp emergencies have occurred. In January 1919 the inland postal rate was increased from 5øre to 7øre. With no 1øre, 2øre or 7øre stamps available, bisected 4øre stamps, or bisected 4øre cut-outs from postal stationery wrappers, were used, and there was also a provisional surcharge "2 ØRE" on 5øre. In July 1940 the inland postal rate was increased from 15øre to 20øre. With insufficient quantities of 20øre stamps available, and with Denmark being occupied by Germany, whereas the Faroe Islands were occupied by Great Britain, low value stamps were surcharged to meet the need for higher denominations, 20øre, 50øre and 60øre. Continued shortage of stamps also led to the introduction of "Franco Betalt" (Postage Paid) handstamps in May and June 1941, as well as the sale and use of 6øre stamps as 5øre stamps between May and September 1941.

During the British occupation between 1940 and 1945, British Field Post Offices were in use in the Faroe Islands, FPO 219 and FPO 695 in Thorshavn, and FPO 611 near Midvaag on Vaagø island. On Vaagø, the British also censored local civilian mail going to and from the island. Postmarks used in the islands were of the Danish types. First Numeral cancels (up to 1884) and Lapidar datestamps (up to 1899). Star cancels were widely introduced in 1903, and all the small Post Offices had these postmarks. All Star Cancels had their stars removed in 1929, by order from the Danish GPO. The Star Removed cancels were in use until 1953, when they were all withdrawn from service and returned to Denmark. Regular datestamps, Bridge cancels, were introduced in 1899, but only Thorshavn and the three major sub-offices (Klaksvig, Trangisvaag and Vaag) had datestamps before 1953.

THE EXHIBIT - PLAN AND DETAILS

This exhibit is a study of the development of the Postal service in the Faroe Islands, starting with the pre-stamp period and the opening of the first Post Offices in the 19th century. The early part of the 20th century is shown with different types of mail and postal rates. The stamp emergency period of 1919 and its aftermath is studied in some detail. Postal rates in use between 1920 and 1953 is shown by category of mail as well as destination. The World War II period is represented not only by the stamp emergencies of 1940-41, but also by other interesting mail phenomena necessitated by the communication problems. This is followed by a section which shows sidelines of the postal history and the final part shows virtually all the different postmarks used in the islands until the withdrawal of the Star Removed cancels in 1953.

PRE-STAMP PERIOD (frame 1)

Early mail from Denmark to the Faroe Islands including one sent via Frederikshavn 1848 (**two known**), 1850 from Thorshavn to Denmark via GB (**the earliest known letter with rate markings**), 1853 covers to and from Denmark via GB, 1857 to Denmark with Foot Post (**six known**), 1853 Official cover to Denmark (**three known**), 1856 and 1857 Parcel letters from Denmark (**five known**). Early local mail including 1849 and 1850 "Skyds" letters, 1832 and 1837 Official letters, 1835 Official Express letter, 1848 Parcel letter (**the earliest of three known**), 1878, 1882, 1894 and 1900 local covers without stamps.

THE FIRST POST OFFICES (frame 2)

"238" Numeral on incoming 4sk cover (**two known**), 2sk Thorshavn Lapidar cover (**four known**), 4sk Thorshavn Lapidar INVERTED date cover (**two known**), early incoming mail from Denmark (1874 and 1878) and GB (1878, and 1879 with Thorshavn cds on GB stamp), 1896 Trangisvaag Lapidar cover, 1892 Klaksvig Lapidar cover, SMIRIL and RUTH Star Cancels including 20øre SMIRIL cover 1897, 1901 Registered cover to Denmark, 1894 32øre and 1902 30øre Parcel covers to Denmark.

MAIL AND RATES 1900-1918 (frame 3-4)

1900 12øre rate to Norway (**unique**), 1901 taxed postcard to Austria with Postage Due stamp, early "Fra Færøerne" mail, COD covers, Insured mail, Parcel Letters including COD, Insured and multiple parcels, Official mail, Ship Mail via GB, Printed Matters, Postal Stationery cut-outs, First World War including Censor Mail and the use of Soldiers Stamps, Paquebot mail via Norway, and incoming mail including DWI.

1919 PROVISIONALS AND THE AFTERMATH (frame 5)

Four covers with Bisected 4øre stamps, eight covers with Bisected 4øre wrapper cut-outs including example on 5øre stationery (**three known**), and on 3øre postcard (**unique**). Six covers with "2 ØRE" on 5øre surcharge, four covers/postcards with 7øre stamps, two with 2øre+5øre stamps, and postcards, covers and registered mail to Denmark.

POSTAL RATES 1920-1953 (frame 6)

Rates in use during the period including Local mail, Inland mail, Registered & Insured mail, COD, Printed Matters, Postcards, Parcel Post, COD Money Orders, mail to Scandinavia and to Foreign countries.

WORLD WAR II MAIL (frame 7)

Statsministeriet from and to the Faroe Islands, FPO 219, 611, 695, Red Cross mail, 1940-41 Provisional Surcharges, Franco Betalt handstamps including 10øre(x2) (**unique**), Non-denominated with manuscript "50"øre, Non-denominated from Klaksvig, two examples of 6øre used as 5øre, Censor mail including US censor on election mail from Iceland, British Registration and Parcel labels.

SIDELINES OF POSTAL HISTORY (frame 8)

Christmas and Charity labels, Perfins including DDPA (rare), Postage Due stamps on local, incoming and outgoing mail, Telegrams and envelopes, Freight mail including Freight stamps on envelopes and freight letters, Route and Ship Mail markings.

POSTMARKS 1903-1953 (frame 9)

Virtually all Star cancels, Star-removed cancels and Bridge cancels used in the Faroe Islands are shown, presented geographically, village by village, through the four different postal routes, including at least one cover from every Post Office.

REFERENCES

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The Islands of
FERRO or
FARRO.
By Iacobson Debes.

British Miles

ROYAL PROCLAMATION FOR THE FAROE ISLANDS

Because the Faroe Islands was formally a part of Denmark, and the trade monopoly was not abolished until 1856, legislation for the Faroes was decided in Copenhagen. Royal Proclamations, such as that shown below, with rules and regulations for the Faroes, including Postal regulations, were issued from time to time, and there was no parliament in the Faroes.

1821 Royal Proclamation for the Faroe Islands "Placat for Færøerne", referring to an 1815 Proclamation

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P l a c a t

for

F æ r ø e r n e,

angaaende

at den ved Placaten af 15de April 1815, §. 3.
befalede særskilte Authorisation paa de sammesteds
circularende Banksedler, maae bortfalde.

Kjøbenhavn.

Trykt i det Schultziske Officin.

1821.

Helge O. Th.

EARLY MAIL FROM DENMARK - DIRECT ROUTE

Before the 1 March 1870, mail could be sent free of charge between the Faroe Islands and Copenhagen on the Royal Trade Monopoly ships. For mail beyond Copenhagen, normal Danish postal rates applied. Apparently some of the Trade Monopoly ships departed from Frederikshavn, so letters from Copenhagen had to be sent through the regular mail system, and paid for, to Frederikshavn.

1834 (16 April) From Copenhagen to Thorshavn

**1834 - from
Copenhagen
to Thorshavn**



1848 (5 March) From Copenhagen to Governor Lunddahl in the Faroe Islands, via Consul Skibsted, Frederikshavn



Rate: "24" sk inland rate from Copenhagen to Frederikshavn. Marked "frit" (free) for transmission to the Faroes.

1848 - from Copenhagen to the Faroe Islands, via Frederikshavn - Rare, only two examples known!

EARLY MAIL TO DENMARK - VIA GREAT BRITAIN

Direct ships between the Faroes and Denmark were not frequent, so quite often urgent mail had to be sent via Great Britain, usually Leith, Scotland, or Lerwick, Shetland Islands, at considerable costs, since foreign rates at this time were quite high.

1850 (21 December) From Thorshavn to Copenhagen, via Lerwick, London and KDOPA Hamburg



Rate: Charged "6"d. British share = "7" Hamburg Schilling = $22\frac{1}{2}$ Danish Skilling
+ Danish share $22\frac{1}{2}$ sk = Total postage due 45sk.



Copy of reverse:
Total postage due
 $22\frac{1}{2}$ sk + $22\frac{1}{2}$ sk

1850 - this is the earliest known letter from the Faroe Islands with rate markings!

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1853 (15 April) From Thorshavn to Copenhagen, via Lerwick, London and KDPA Altona



Rate: Charged "6"d. British share = $22\frac{1}{2}$ Danish Skilling + Danish share $22\frac{1}{2}$ sk = Total postage due 45sk.

1853 - from Thorshavn to Copenhagen via Lerwick

EARLY PREPAID MAIL FROM DENMARK - VIA GREAT BRITAIN

Direct ships between the Faroes and Denmark were not frequent, so quite often urgent mail had to be sent via Great Britain, usually Leith, Scotland, or Lerwick, Shetland Islands, at considerable costs, since foreign rates at this time were quite high.

1853 (30 November) From Copenhagen to the Faroe Islands, via Hamburg, Ostende, London and Lerwick



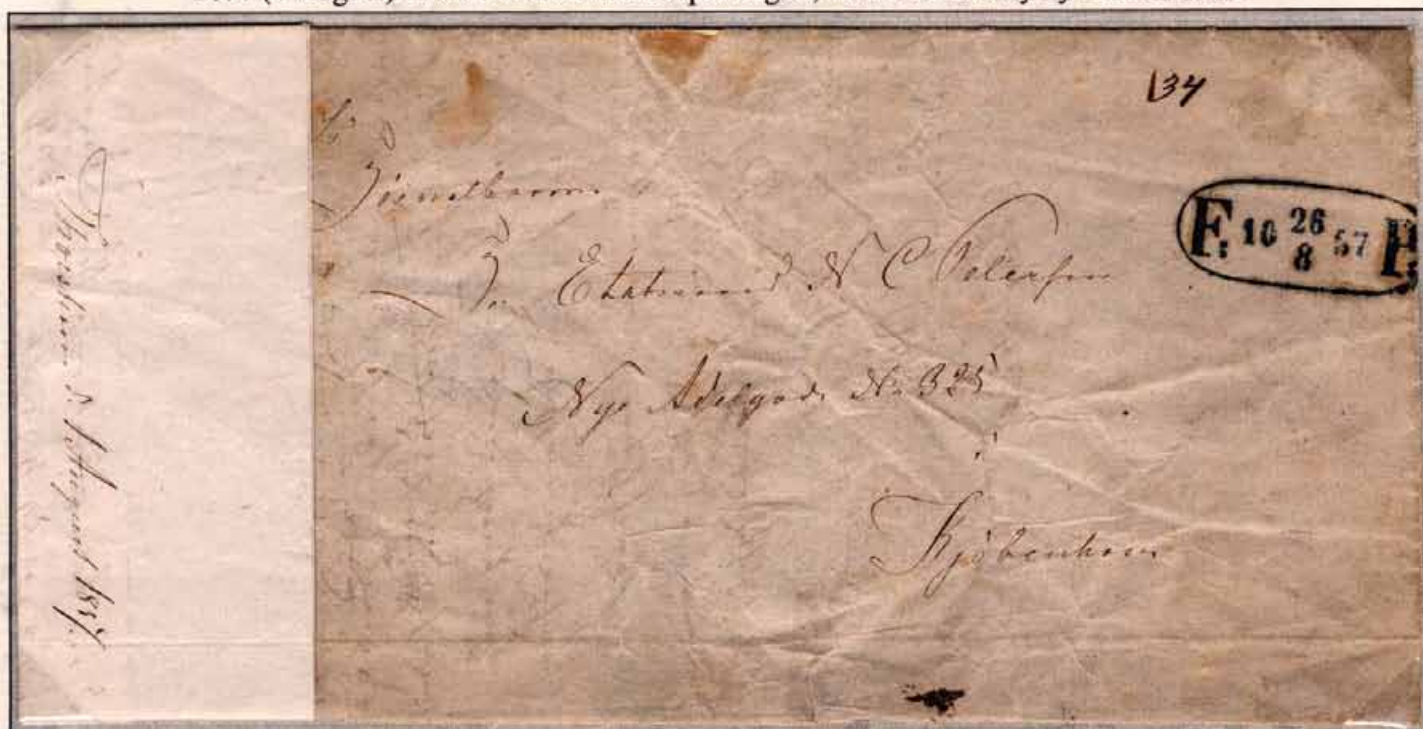
Rate: 43sk ("30"sk foreign share + "13"sk Danish share, both in black);
30sk = "7" Sgr (in red) = $3\frac{1}{2}$ Sgr GPU share + " $3\frac{1}{2}$ " Sgr (in red) = 4d. credited forward to GB.

1853 - from Copenhagen to the Faroe Islands via Lerwick

EARLY MAIL TO DENMARK - WITH FOOT POST DELIVERY

The local mail delivery in Copenhagen was established in 1806 and it was called "Fodposten" (the Foot Post). The basic postage for a Foot Post letter was 2sk. Special "F P" postmarks were used. The Foot Post system was discontinued in 1876.

1857 (1 August) From Thorshavn to Copenhagen, delivered locally by the Foot Post



1857 - Foot Post letter from Thorshavn.

Rare - only six Foot Post letters from the Faroes known!

EARLY OFFICIAL MAIL TO DENMARK

Official mail was marked "KT" (Kongelig Tjeneste = Royal Official) and such mail was always forwarded without any charges, both inland and to Denmark. 19th century official mail to Denmark is rare - only three examples are recorded.

1853 Official cover marked "KT" from Thorshavn with "FÆRÖE AMTS SEGL" (Government Seal) to Copenhagen



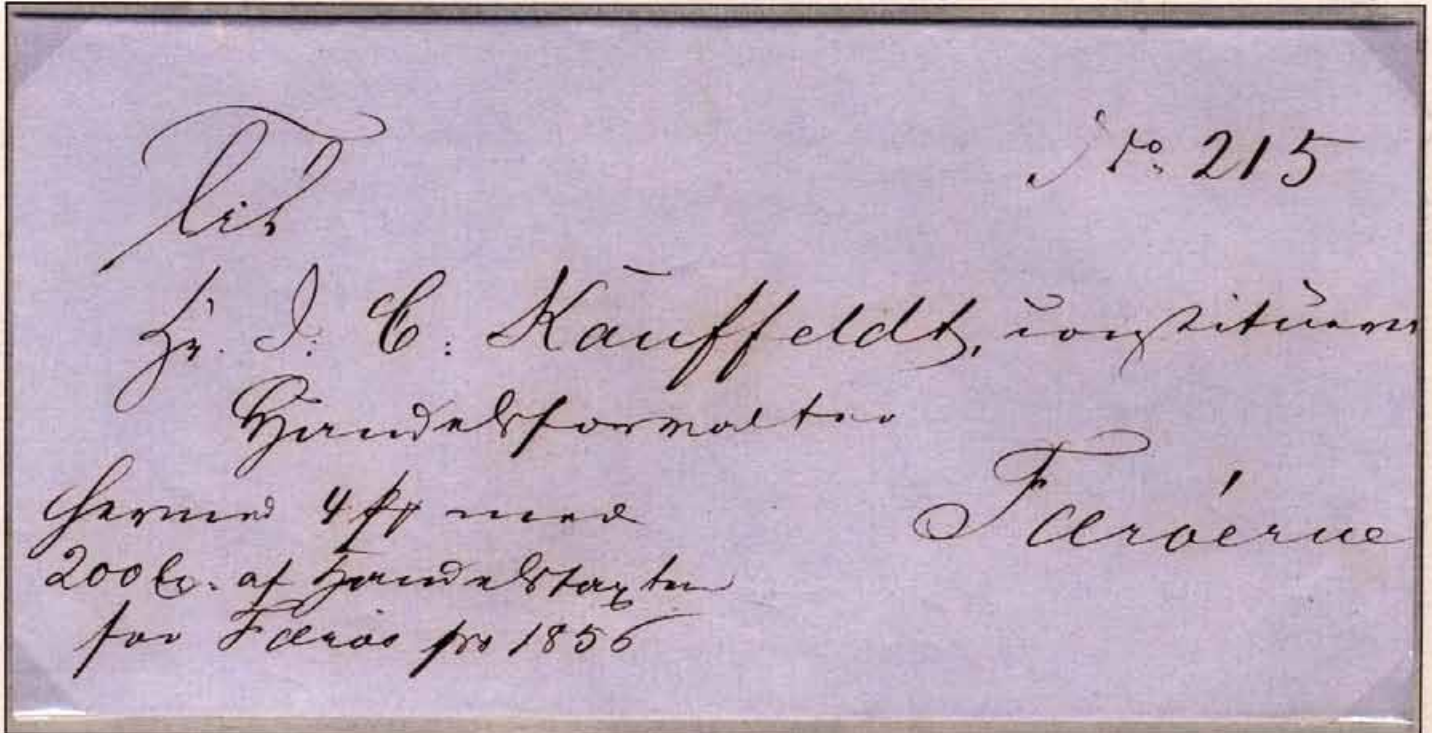
1853 - Official cover from Thorshavn to Copenhagen.

Rare - only three examples known!

EARLY PARCEL POST FROM DENMARK

In the Danish postal system throughout the 19th century, parcels were always accompanied by a parcel letter. The wording on the parcel letter was "Hermed en Pakke..." (Herewith a Parcel...). Parcel post from the 19th century, to or from the Faroe Islands is very scarce, only five parcel letters are recorded.

1856 Parcel letter from Copenhagen to Thorshavn, "Hermed 4 Pk med 200 kg..." (Herewith 4 Parcels with 200 kg...)



1856 - Parcel letter from Copenhagen to Thorshavn - Rare, only five examples known!

1857 (c) Parcel letter from Copenhagen to Thorshavn, "Hermed 3 Pk med 200 kg..." (Herewith 3 Parcels with 200 kg...)

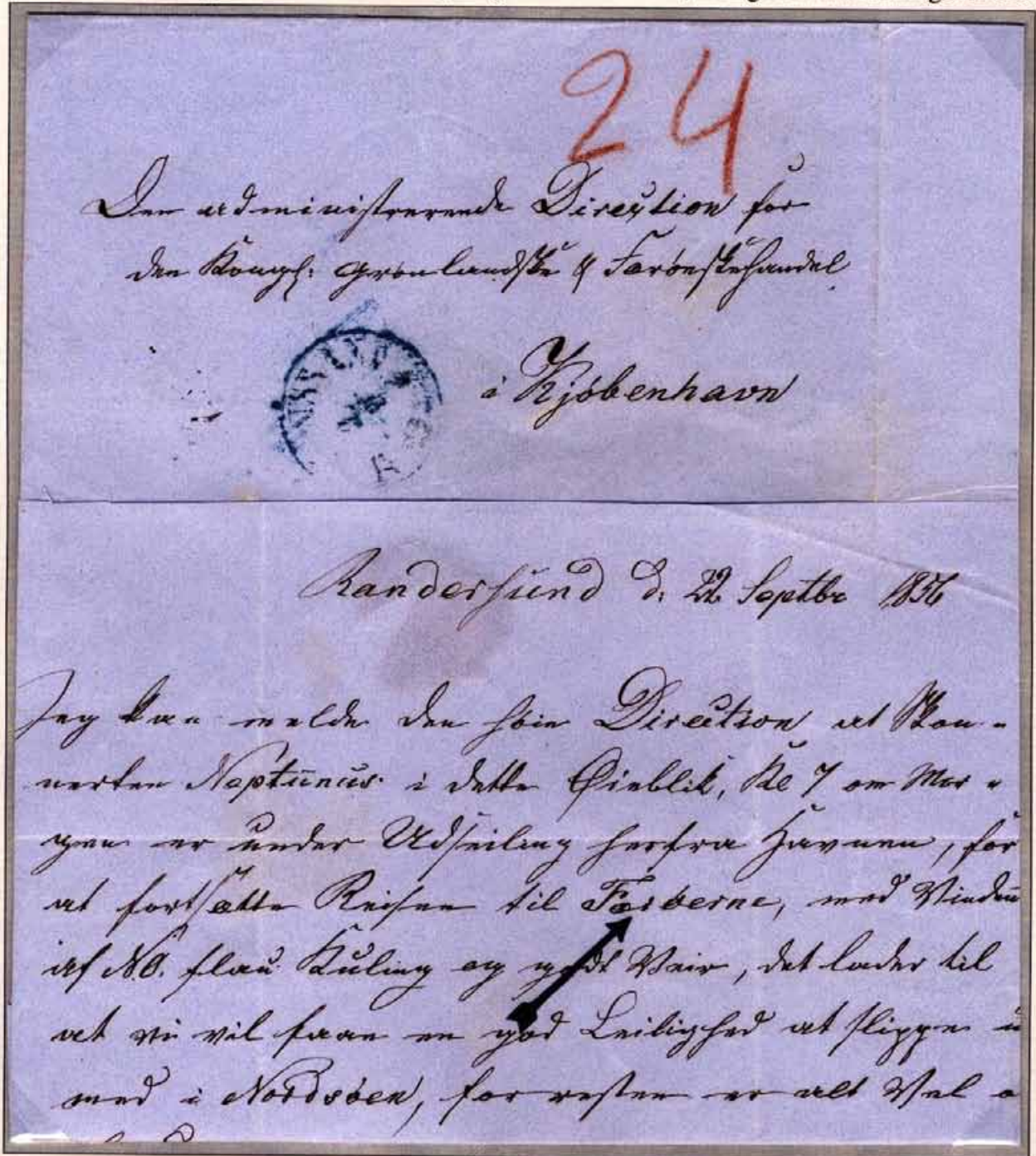


1857 - Parcel letter from Copenhagen to Thorshavn - Rare, only five examples known!

ROYAL TRADE MONOPOLY SHIPS TO THE FAROE ISLANDS FROM NORWAY

Royal Trade Monopoly ships also carried cargo from Norway to the Faroe Islands, and they had agents in the Norwegian ports who acted on their behalf, and sent reports to the Trade Monopoly office in Copenhagen.

1856 (22 September) From Randersund, Norway, to the Directors of the Royal Greenland & Faroe Islands Trade, Copenhagen, reporting that "the schooner Neptunus is in this moment departing for the Faroe Islands, and in good weather heading for the North Sea".



Rate: Charged "24"sk (rate from Norway to Denmark), postmarked CHRISTIANSSAND 23.9.1856

1856 - schooner "Neptunus" heading from Norway to the Faroe Islands

EARLY LOCAL MAIL - SKYDS

In the early days, local mail within the Faroe Islands was forwarded with the skyds system. Each village had the responsibility to escort mail, and officials, to the next village, normally with a rowing boat and a crew of four to nine men. Private mail carried in the skyds system was charged a fee based on the distance, but this was never written on the letters.

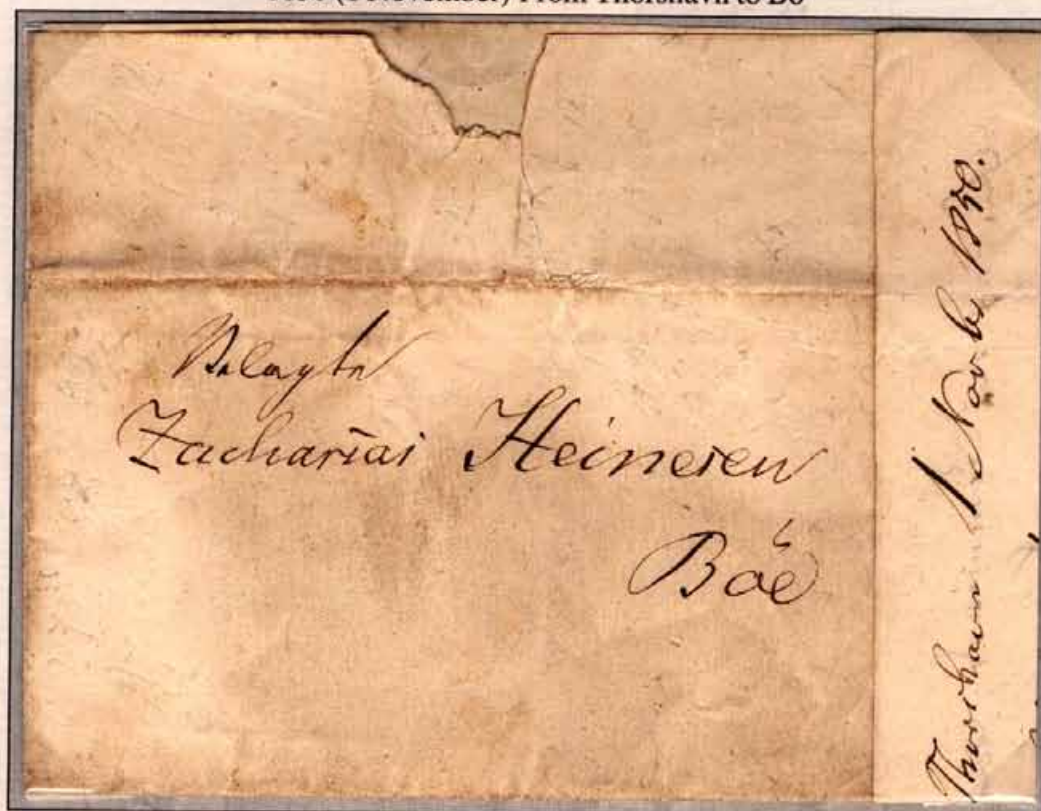
1849 (21 April) From Qvivig to Sandevaag

**1849 - from
Qvivig to
Sandevaag**



1850 (1 November) From Thorshavn to Bø

**1850 - from
Thorshavn
to Bø**



EARLY LOCAL MAIL - OFFICIAL

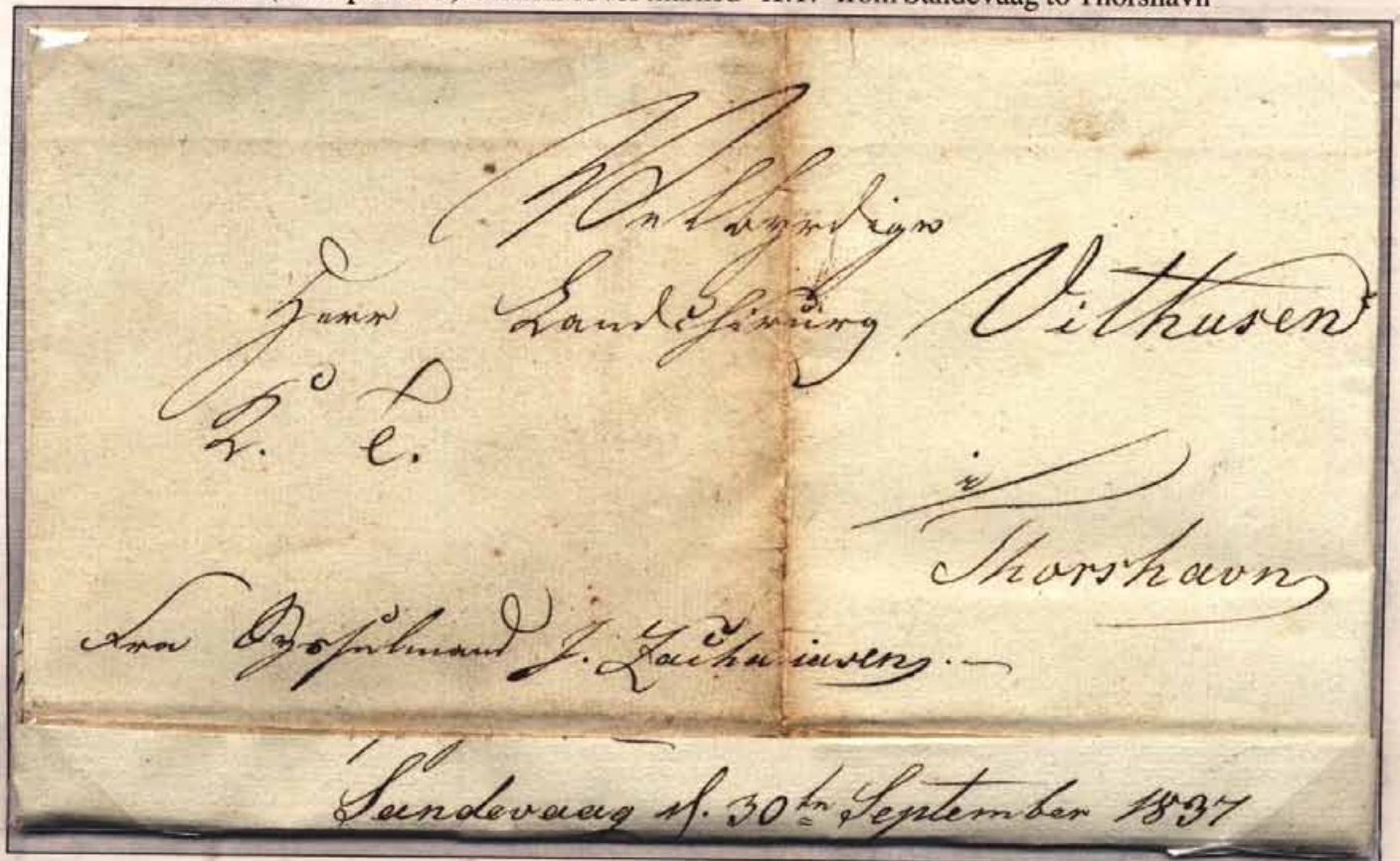
Official mail was marked "KT" (Kongelig Tjeneste = Royal Official) and such mail was always forwarded without any charges. Church mail was also considered to be a form of official mail, but from 1865 there was a charge for church mail.

1832 (6 March) Official cover marked "K.T." within Thorshavn



1832 - Official cover within Thorshavn

1837 (30 September) Official cover marked "K.T." from Sandevaag to Thorshavn

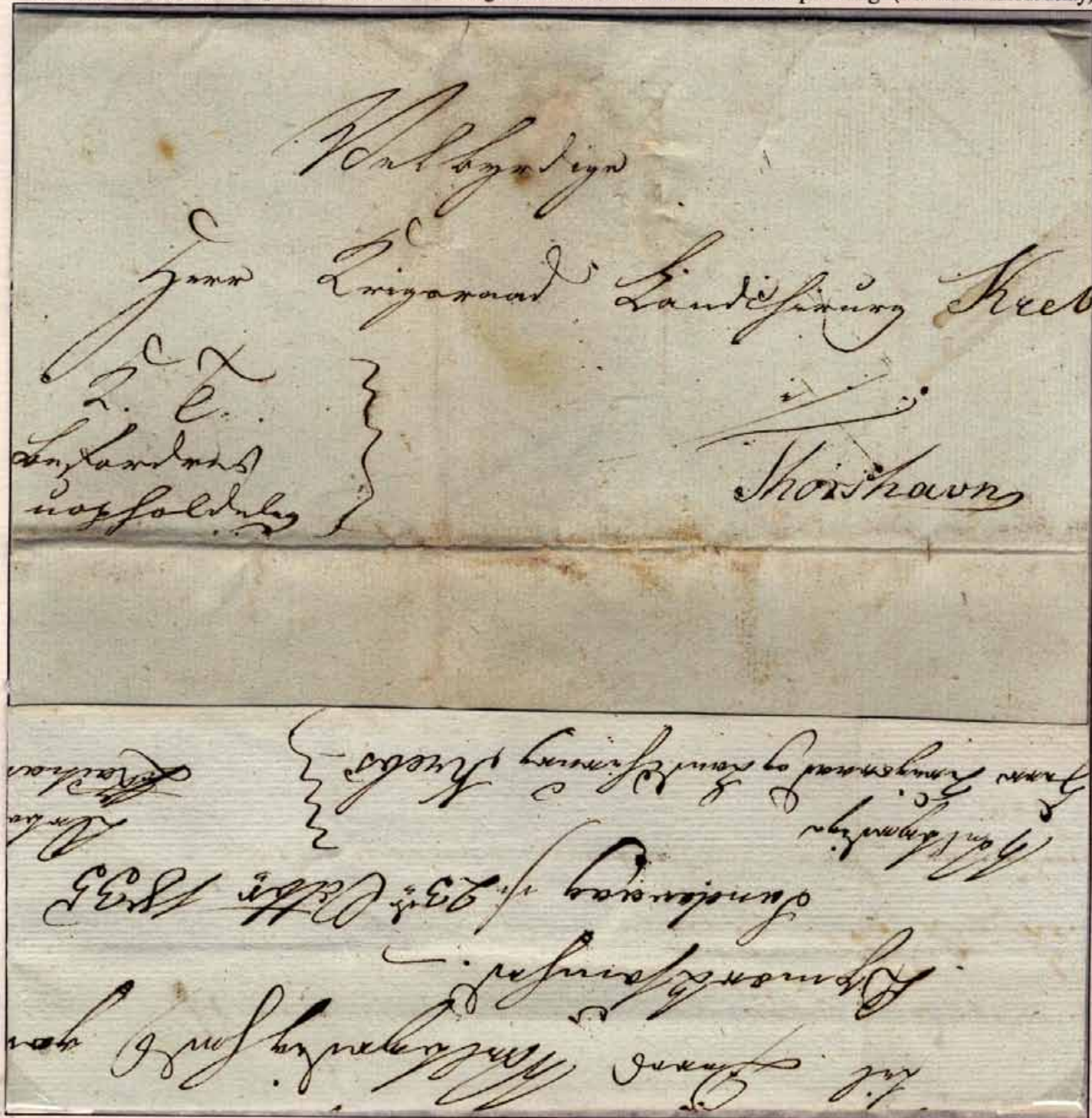


1837 - Official cover from Sandevaag to Thorshavn

EARLY LOCAL MAIL - EXPRESS

Unlike regular skyds mail, which had to wait to be forwarded until a passenger was being escorted, express mail had to be forwarded immediately whether there was a passenger or not. Express mail always has a notation such as "Haster" (Urgent) or "Befordras uopholdelig" (Forward without delay).

1835 (23 October) Official Express letter from Sandevaag to Thorshavn marked "Befordras uopholdelig" (Forward without delay)

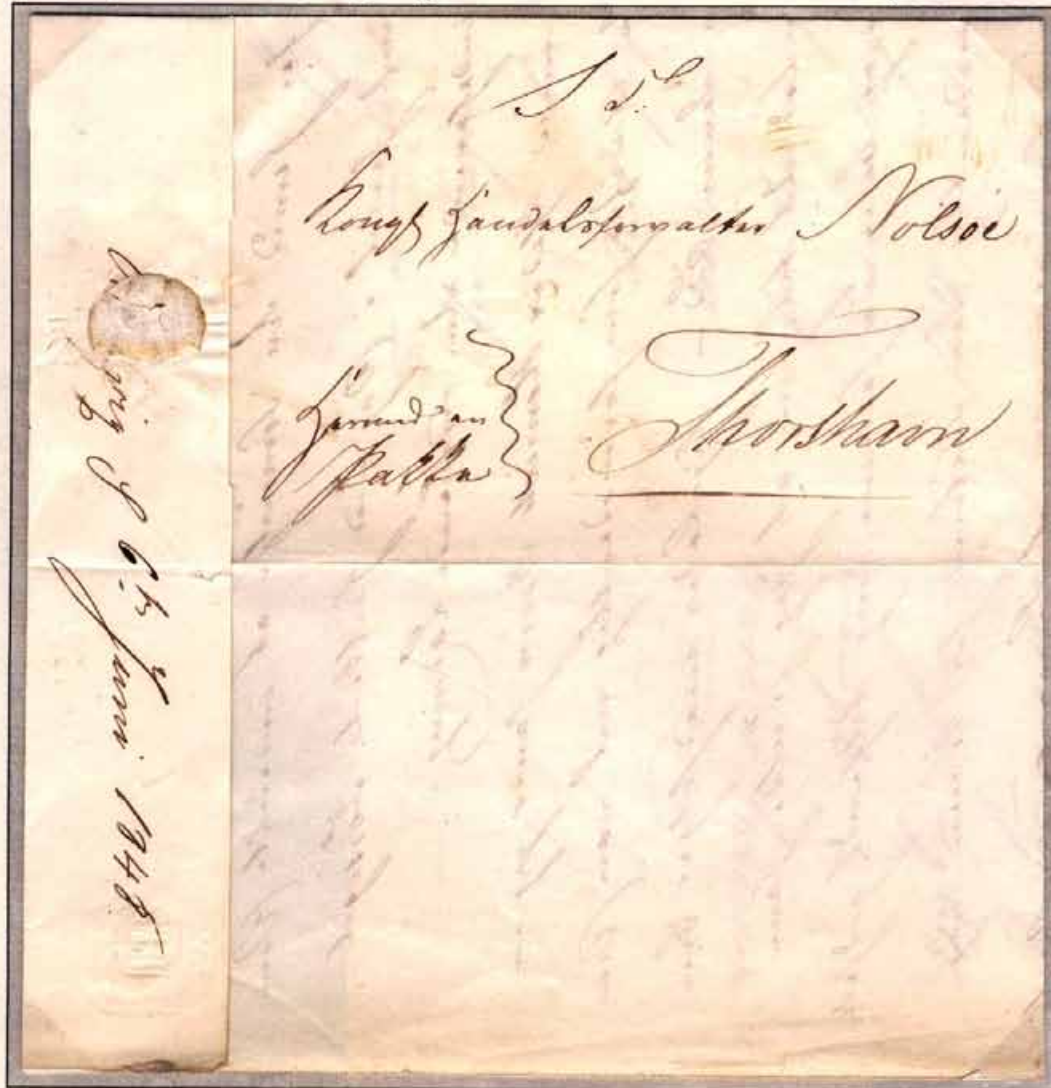


1835 - Official Express letter from Sandevaag to Thorshavn - Rare!

EARLY LOCAL MAIL - PARCEL POST

Throughout the 19th century, parcels were always accompanied by a parcel letter. The wording on the parcel letter was "Hermed en Pakke..." (Herewith a Parcel...). Parcel post from the 19th century within the Faroe Islands is very scarce.

1848 (6 June) Parcel letter from Qvivig to Thorshavn, "Hermed en Pakke" (Herewith a Parcel)



1848 - Parcel letter from Qvivig to Thorshavn.

Rare - the earliest of three known local parcel letters!

LOCAL MAIL AFTER 1870

Although the Post Office in Thorshavn opened in 1870, and postal routes started to be established, skyds mail continued to be used, and it was not discontinued until well into the 1920's when the postal system was fully developed.

1878 (18 February) Local letter within Kalbak, skyds was not required



**1878 - Local
letter within
Kalbak**

1882 (6 March) Skyds from Sand to Nolsö



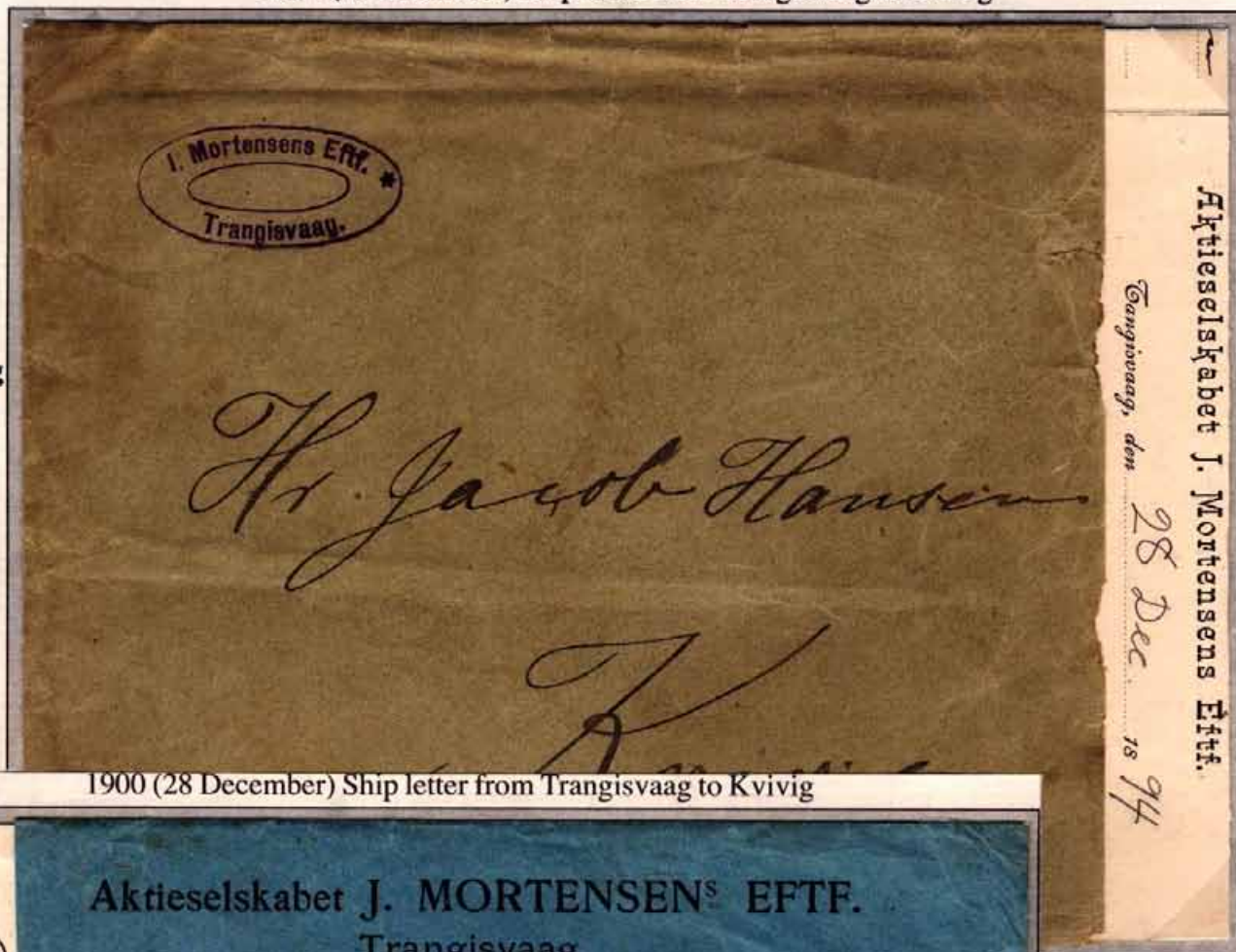
**1882 - Skyds from
Sand to Nolsö**

LOCAL SHIP MAIL

Mail going from one island to another, without passing through Thorshavn or any of the other villages with a Post Office, was often forwarded by ship without any postal charges. Often these letters accompanied cargo carried by the ship in question and could be referred to as consignee's mail.

1894 (28 December) Ship letter from Trangisvaag to Kvivig

1894 -
from
Trangisvaag
to Kvivig



1900 (28 December) Ship letter from Trangisvaag to Kvivig



1900 - from
Trangisvaag
to Kvivig

THE FIRST POST OFFICE - THE "238" NUMERAL POSTMARK

The first Post Office in the Faroe Islands was opened in Thorshavn on 1 March 1870. Two postmarks were assigned to the Post Office, the "238" numeral and the Thorshavn lapidar datestamp. The numeral postmark was never used much, and was withdrawn in 1884 anyway. Covers with this postmark are very scarce.

1874 (15 August) From Copenhagen to Thorshavn, 4sk stamp postmarked with "238" on arrival



Rate: 4sk to and from Denmark (1871-74)

1874 - 4sk with "238" numeral postmark on cover from Denmark.

Rare - only two incoming covers with "238" postmark known!

THE FIRST POST OFFICE - THE "THORSHAVN" LAPIDAR DATESTAMP

The Thorshavn lapidar datestamp was brought into use when the Post Office opened on 1 March 1870, and remained in use until 1899. Skilling stamps were only used until the end of 1874, so skilling covers with this postmark are quite scarce. The date and month are known to have been inserted upside down at times.

1874 (23 November) 2sk from Thorshavn to Tveraa. Rate: 2sk inland (1870-74)



**1874 - 2sk from
Thorshavn to Tveraa.**

**Rare - only four known
2sk lapidar covers!**

1873? (22 August) From Denmark to Tveraa, 4sk stamp postmarked on arrival, date inverted



**1873 - 4sk postmarked
Thorshavn with date
inverted, on cover
from Denmark.**

**Rare - only two known
skilling cover with
inverted date!**

1870'S MAIL FROM DENMARK

The postal rate between Denmark and the Faroe Islands was 4 skilling between the 1.4.1871 and 31.12.1874, and from the 1.1.1875 it became 8 øre. Mail to Kjøbmand Johan Mortensen in Tveraa, Suderø, is that most commonly seen from the 1870's; he must have had a significant business correspondence. Sadly he died in 1879, 63 years old.

1874? (28 September) 4sk on cover from Copenhagen to Suderø, with arrival cds Thorshavn 6.10

**1874 - 4sk
from
Denmark
to Suderø**



Rate: 4sk to and from Denmark (1871-74)

1878? (26 September) 4øre (x2) on cover from Copenhagen to Tveraa, with arrival cds Thorshavn 3.10



**1878 - 8øre
from Denmark
to Tveraa**

Rate: 8øre to and from Denmark (1875-1902). Comment: Addressed to Johan Mortensen who died in 1879.

1870'S MAIL FROM GREAT BRITAIN

Trade with Great Britain was natural for the Faroe Islands; communication was easy and frequent and merchandise was readily available. This trade also generated mail; orders, invoices and payments were sent by mail.

1878 (15 July) From Liverpool to Tveraa, marked "Per Mail from Leith", with arrival cds THORSHAVN 20.7



1878 - from Liverpool to Tveraa, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. foreign rate

1879 (4 October) Ship letter "Pr Phoenix" to Tveraa, with GB 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. postmarked THORSHAVN 4.10 on arrival



Comment: Cover addressed to "Johan Mortensen's widow". He died in 1879.

1879 - ship letter with GB 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. postmarked Thorshavn on arrival - Rare!

EARLY INLAND MAIL

In the 1870's, the Faroe Islands started to be divided into several postal districts, where mail within each district was forwarded at half the rate compared to mail forwarded to another district, just as in Denmark. This meant that the rate for most inland mail was 8 øre, but the rate for local mail sent within a district was 4 øre.

1878 (17 November) 8øre from Thorshavn to Suderö

**1878 - 8 øre
from Thorshavn
to Suderö**



Rate: 8øre inland (1875-1902). Comment: Addressed to Johan Mortensen who died in 1879.

1885? (17 November) 8øre from Thorshavn to Tveraa



**1885 - 8 øre from
Thorshavn to Tveraa**

Rate: 8øre inland (1875-1902)

THE SECOND POST OFFICE - TRANGISVAAG

The second Post Office in the Faroe Islands was opened in Trangisvaag, on Suderø (the Southern island), on 1.4.1877. This Post Office was assigned three postmarks, two of which were hardly ever used: Numeral "284" (two examples known, one in the Postal Museum); Star cancel "Trangisvaag" (one cover and a handful of stamps known); Lapidar datestamp "Trangisvaag".

1896 (11 July) Trangisvaag lapidar on 4øre pair (one normal + one inverted frame) to Kvivig

**1896 -
Trangisvaag
lapidar
to Kvivig**



Rate: 8øre inland (1875-1902)

1901 (27 April) Trangisvaag bridge on 8øre to Kvivig



1901 - Trangisvaag bridge to Kvivig

THE THIRD POST OFFICE - KLAKSVIG

The third Post Office in the Faroe Islands was opened in Klaksvig, on Bordø (one of the Eastern islands), on 1.5.1888. This Post Office was only assigned one postmark: The Lapidar datestamp "Klaksvig" which remained in use until 1899, when it was replaced with a bridge datestamp.

1892 (28 June) Klaksvig lapidar on 8øre to Sorö, Denmark

**1892 -
Klaksvig
lapidar to
Denmark**



Rate: 8øre to Denmark (1875-1902)

1901 (14 July) Klaksvig bridge on 8øre to Skodsborg, Denmark

**1901 - Klaksvig
bridge to
Denmark**



Rate: 8øre to Denmark (1875-1902)

EARLY INLAND MAIL POSTMARKED IN TRANSIT

Mail between the smaller towns and villages, although some of them had Post Offices, was not always postmarked at its closest Post Office, but at the main Post Office in Thorshavn, where the mail would quite often transit. It was of course easier to just bundle up mail to Thorshavn and beyond without postmarking it.

1894 (21 December) 4øre from Sandegjærde to Bö, Vaagö, postmarked in Thorshavn

**1894 - 4 øre on local rate cover
from Sandegjærde to Bö,
postmarked in Thorshavn**



**1898 - from Trangisvaag
to Kvivig, postmarked
in Thorshavn**

1898 (30 January) 4øre (x2) from Trangisvaag to Kvivig, postmarked in Thorshavn. Rate: 8øre inland (1875-1902)



MAIL STEAMERS TO THE FAROE ISLANDS

Connections between Denmark and the Faroe Islands were not very frequent, so whenever a mail and freight steamer was scheduled, information was sent out from the Main Post Office in Copenhagen to the other Post Offices around Denmark, and they were asked to post these details in their offices for the public to see.

1892 (16 December) Danish Post Office notification regarding a mail steamer to the Faroe Islands

Translation:

On the 22/12, the Steamship "Vaagen" will depart from Copenhagen for Thorshavn etc, with Letters and Parcel Post for the Faroe Islands and Iceland, and the Return journey of the Ship will also be used for Letters and Parcels.

Mail must reach the Main Post Office in Copenhagen no later than the 21/12 in the evening.

Med det den 22de d. M. om Morgenen fra Kjøbenhavn til Thorshavn, og Saydisfjord afgaaende Dampskib "Vaagen" vil der blive forsendt Brev- og Pa Færøerne og Island (Østlandet og de østlige Dele af Nord- og Sydlandet), liges ogsaa paa Retouren hertil vil blive benyttet til Brev- og Pakkepostforsendelser.

Hvilket man ikke undlader herved at meddele med Tilføje, at Forsen skulle befordres med denne Skibsløjlighed, maa indgaae til Kjøbenhavns Overpostembete senest den 21de d. M. om Aftenen.

Om denne Postforsendelse bedes Opslag gjort i Contoirloalet.

16 Dec. 1892

2det Expeditionsscontoir.

C. L. Lage.

Til

Post *Arundorck*

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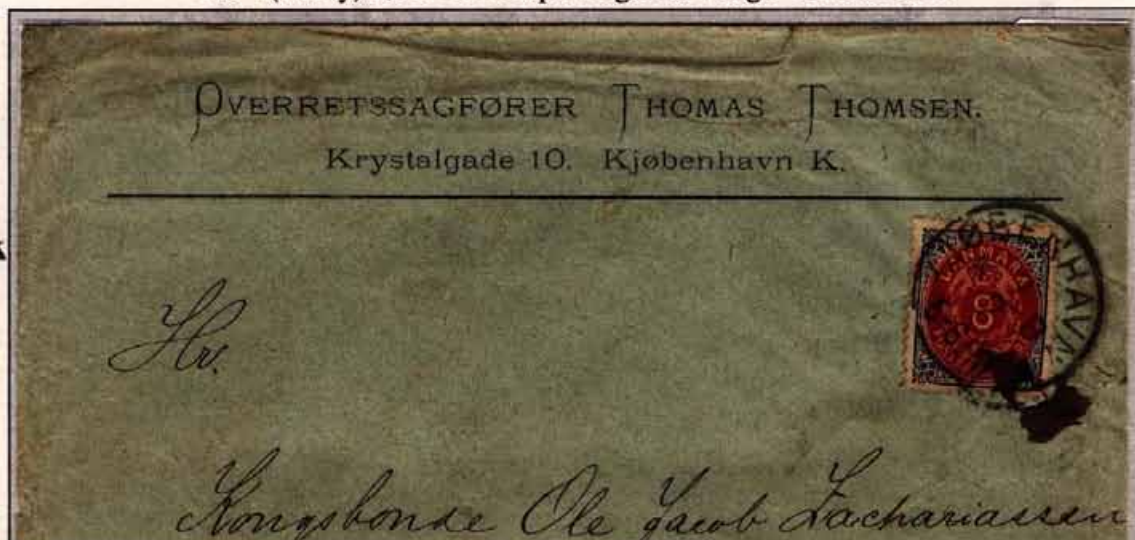
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MAIL FROM DENMARK - DIFFERENT ROUTES AND RATES

The rate for direct mail between Denmark and the Faroe Islands was 8 øre (letters) and 5 øre (postcards), but the connections were rather infrequent. Sending mail via Great Britain could be quicker, although it was more expensive at 20 øre (letters) and 10 øre (postcards).

1894 (7 July) 8 øre from Copenhagen to Vaagö - Direct route

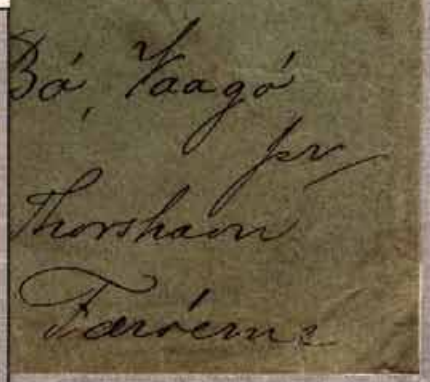


**1894 - 8 øre rate
direct from Denmark
to the Faroe Islands**

1898 (8 July) 12 øre on 8 øre envelope from Nykjøbing to Thorshavn - Via Leith



**1898 - 20 øre rate from
Denmark to the Faroe
Islands via Great Britain**



1895 (26 February) 10 øre postcard from Copenhagen to Trangisvaag - Via Liverpool

**1895 - 10 øre postcard
rate from Denmark to
the Faroe Islands via GB**



THE STEAMSHIP POST OFFICES - SMIRIL AND RUTH

Many ships and boats have carried mail between the different Faroe Islands, but only two of them have ever had Post Offices on board, Smiril between 1896 and 1903, and Ruth between 1908 and 1909. Each had its own Star cancellation, and whereas the Smiril marking is known on both stamps and covers, the Ruth marking is only known on a few stamps.

**"SMIRIL" Steamship
Star cancellation
(1896-1903)**



5 øre 1895

**"RUTH" Steamship
Star cancellation
(1908-09) - Rare!**



1 øre 1905
Also small part of cds

1897 (21 April) "Smiril" star cancellation on 20øre on ship letter to Copenhagen via Trangisvaag and Leith, Scotland



Rate: 20øre foreign rate to Denmark via Great Britain (1875-1920)

1897 - "Smiril" Star cancellation on 20 øre on cover to Denmark via Great Britain - Rare!

THE FINAL DAYS OF THE "THORSHAVN" LAPIDAR DATESTAMP

The Thorshavn lapidar datestamp, which had been brought into use when the Post Office opened in 1870, was taken out of use in September 1899. It had been a rather impractical marking since it did not show the year, only day and month.

1896 (11 February) 8øre from Thorshavn to Copenhagen

**1896 -
Thorshavn
lapidar cds**



Rate: 8øre to Denmark (1875-1902)

1899 (29 September) 4øre (x2) from Thorshavn to Copenhagen



**1899 - Thorshavn
lapidar cds,
the latest known use**

Rate: 8øre to Denmark (1875-1902)

THE "THORSHAVN" BRIDGE DATESTAMP

The replacement for the Thorshavn lapidar datestamp was the bridge datestamp, which showed a complete date; day, month and year. Introduced in late 1899, this was the first of a whole group of bridge type datestamps which were in use all the way up until 1988, although this first bridge datestamp was only in use until early 1917.

1900 (21 February) 8øre from Thorshavn to Copenhagen

**1900 - Thorshavn
bridge cds, early use**



Rate: 8øre to Denmark (1875-1902)

1901 (23 May) 4øre (x2) from Thorshavn to Copenhagen



**1901 - Thorshavn
bridge cds**

Rate: 8øre to Denmark (1875-1902)

EARLY REGISTERED MAIL

The registration of mail was possible immediately when the first Post Office opened in 1870. No registered covers before 1897 are recorded, and very few are known before 1919. A registration marking was introduced in the 1890's or earlier, and registration labels came into use around 1904. The registration fee was 16 øre between 1875 and 1902.

1901 (14 November) 4 øre + 20 øre on registered cover from Thorshavn to Copenhagen, pr SS "Vesta"



Rate: 8 øre to Denmark (1875-1902) + 16 øre registration fee (1875-1902)

1901 - Registered cover to Denmark.

Rare - only a handful covers known with the DANEMARK R-marking!

EARLY PARCEL POST

Parcel post was also available immediately when the first Post Office opened in 1870, but very few parcel letters are recorded before 1910. Printed parcel letters and special parcel labels came into use in the 1890's or earlier. The parcel rate for 1/2½/5kg was 16/24/32 øre between 1875 and 1902, and 15/20/30 øre between 1902 and 1908.

1894? (2 December) 16 øre perf 14x13.5 (x2) on Parcel Letter from Thorshavn to Copenhagen

1894 -
Parcel
Letter
to
Denmark
Rare!

Rate:
32 øre for
2½-5kg
(1875-
1902).
Actual
weight:
5 pounds
+50 kvint
=2.75kg

Thorshavn. 486.

Angiøen Værdi:

Kr. Øre.

Postoprævnning:

Kr. Øre.

Hermed 1 Hæfte i Papir

mærket: Adressen.

(Postvæsenets Vægtnotering.)

5 50 Hø.

Formular Nr. 111.

Adressebrev.

Til Herredets Andreas Poulson,
Lindbjergs M. 2. 3. og 4. Sol.

Rjøben hør

1902 (28 October) 10 øre + 20 øre on COD Parcel Letter from Thorshavn to Copenhagen

Thorshavn. 266.

Angiøen Værdi:

Kr. Øre.

Postoprævnning:

Kr. Øre.

Hermed 1 Pakke

mærket: Adressen.

(Postvæsenets Vægtnotering.)

40 Hø.

Formular Nr. 28-10-1902

Adressebrev.

Til Herredets Højnesen

Postfarimagade 18.
2. Hæfte

Rjøben hør

1902 - COD
Parcel Letter
to Denmark
Rare!

Rate:
15 øre for 1kg
(1902-08) +
COD fee 15 øre
(1902-17).
Actual weight:
40 kvint = 200g

1899 (30 June) 4 øre on Parcel Letter used at ship freight letter, for goods from Thorshavn to Copenhagen

[illegible]

LOCAL MAIL

Local mail sent within a postal district was forwarded at a lower rate than mail sent to a different postal district. Between 1875 and 1902, the rate for local letters was 4 øre, and for local postcards the rate was 3 øre between 1888 and 1916.

1901 (13 August) 3øre postcard from Thorshavn to Bö



1901 - local postcard

Rate: 3øre local postcards (1888-1916)

1902 (8 April) 4øre from Thorshavn to Bö



1902 - local cover

Rate: 4øre local letters (1875-1902)

EARLY FOREIGN MAIL

It was not until the beginning of the 20th century, when tourists started to visit the Faroe Islands, that more mail was sent to other countries. Previously almost all mail was either sent locally or to Denmark.

1900 (28 March) 4øre+8øre from Midvaag to Norway



1900 - 12 øre rate to Norway.

Rare - the only known example!

1901 (27 March) 10øre postcard from Thorshavn to Germany via Edinburgh



Rate: 12øre to Norway (1875-1919)

1901 - postcard to Germany

1901 (24 May) Taxed 5øre postcard from Thorshavn to Austria, with 10H Postage Due stamp



Rate: 10øre foreign postcards (1875-1920)

1901 - taxed postcard to Austria, with Postage Due stamp

SHIP MAIL "Fra Færøerne"

Mail to Denmark did at times not pass through a Post Office in the Faroe Islands, but was forwarded directly by ship to Copenhagen, where it was postmarked upon arrival. In the 1880's, a "Fra Færøerne" (From the Faroe Islands) marking was introduced on such ship mail to indicate that the letter had arrived from the Faroes.

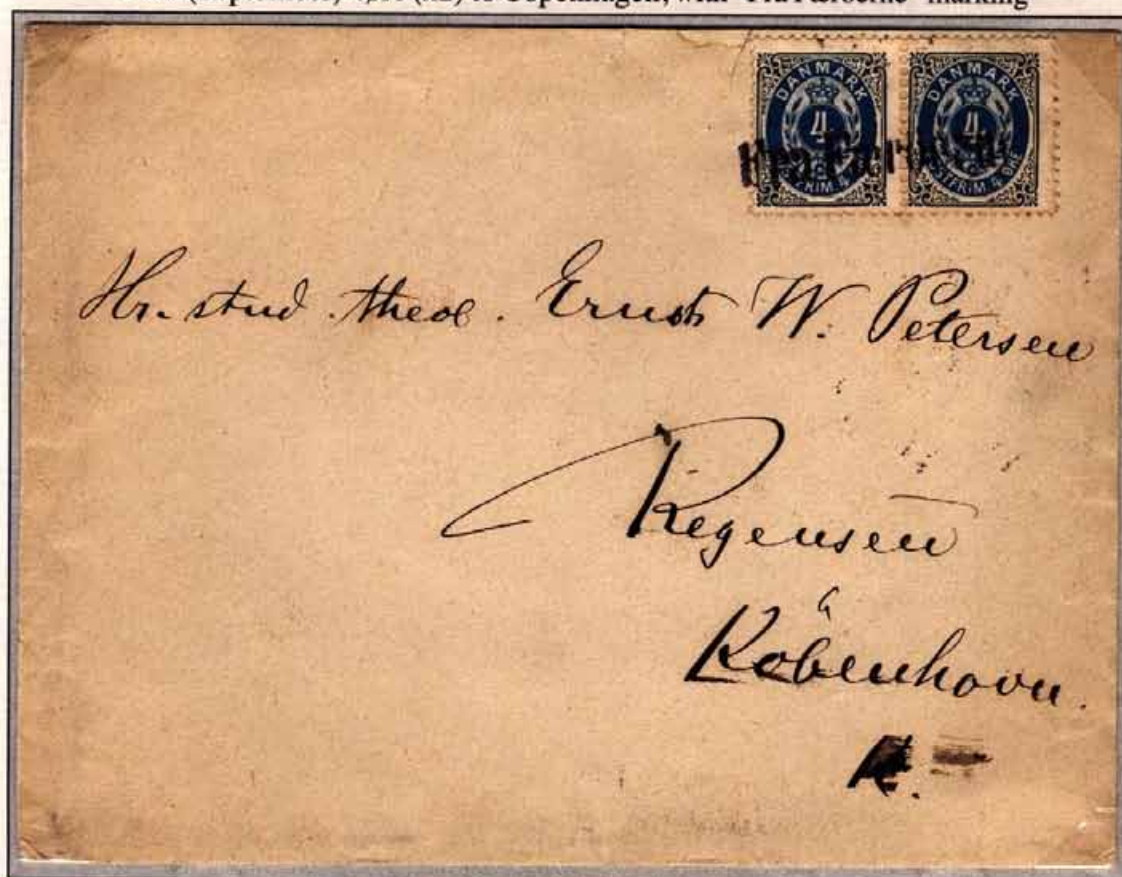
1902 (19 April) 5øre postcard from Thorshavn to Denmark, with "Fra Færøerne" marking

1902 - "Fra Færøerne"
on postcard from
Thorshavn



Rate: 5øre to Denmark (1888-1918)

1902 (September) 4øre (x2) to Copenhagen, with "Fra Færøerne" marking



1902 - "Fra Færøerne"
on cover from the
Faroe Islands

Rate: 8øre to Denmark (1875-1902)

EARLY PARCEL POST FROM DENMARK

Parcel post from Denmark to the Faroe Islands was also available from 1870, but very few parcel letters are recorded before 1910. The parcel rate was the same as from the Faroes, 16/24/32 øre for 1/2½/5kg between 1875 and 1902, and 15/20/30 øre for 1/2½/5kg between 1902 and 1917, but from 1908 the minimum fee was 20 øre.

1901 (4 March) 16øre (x2) on Parcel Letter from Copenhagen to Thorshavn

1901 -
Parcel
Letter
from
Denmark
Rare!

Rate:
32 øre for
2½-5kg
(1875-
1902).
Actual
weight:
9 pounds
=4.5kg

Kbh. K. Pakkep. 959. neret)

Angiven Værdi: _____ Kr. Øre.

Postopkrævning: _____ Kr. Øre.

Hermed / Pakke

mærket: Adressen.

(Postvæsenets Vægtnotering.)

Adressebrev.

Til H. A. Gjörhøj
Thorshavn
Færøerne

48.019-4
K. K. K.

1915 (21 May) 15øre+25øre on COD Parcel Letter from Copenhagen to Thorshavn

1915 -
COD
Parcel
Letter
from
Denmark

Rate:
20 øre
for 2½kg
(1902-17)
+COD fee
20 øre for
10-50kr
(1907-17).
Actual
weight:
2kg

201 Kjøbenhvn. II⁽¹⁾

Angiven Værdi: _____ Øre.

Remboursement.
Postopkrævning.

Postopkrævning: _____ Kr. Øre.

Hermed / Pakke

mærket: Adressen.

(Postvæsenets Vægtnotering.)

Adressebrev.

Til H. Paskot Svendsen
Pando
Færøerne

25 ØRE
21.5.15
KJØBENHAVN

23.5.15-8-F
27 B. 17

LOCAL POSTCARDS

The local postcard rate of 3 øre was introduced on 1 October 1888, and remained in force as such until 30 September 1916, when all of the Faroe Islands became a local postal district, and 3 øre became the inland rate until 1 January 1919.

1910 (18 January) 3øre from Thorshavn to Sand

**1910 - local postcard from
Thorshavn to Sand**



Rate: 3øre local postcards (1888-1916)

1914 (22 December) 1øre+2øre from Haldersvig to Thorshavn



**1914 - local postcard
from Haldersvig to
Thorshavn**

Rate: 3øre local postcards (1888-1916)

1903 (16 September) 5øre from Thorshavn to Bö with earliest known use of Midvaag star cancel



**1903 - local cover from
Thorshavn to Bö, with
earliest known use of
Midvaag star cancel**

Rate: 5øre local letters (1902-16)

1911 (26 January) 5øre from Thorshavn to Sand

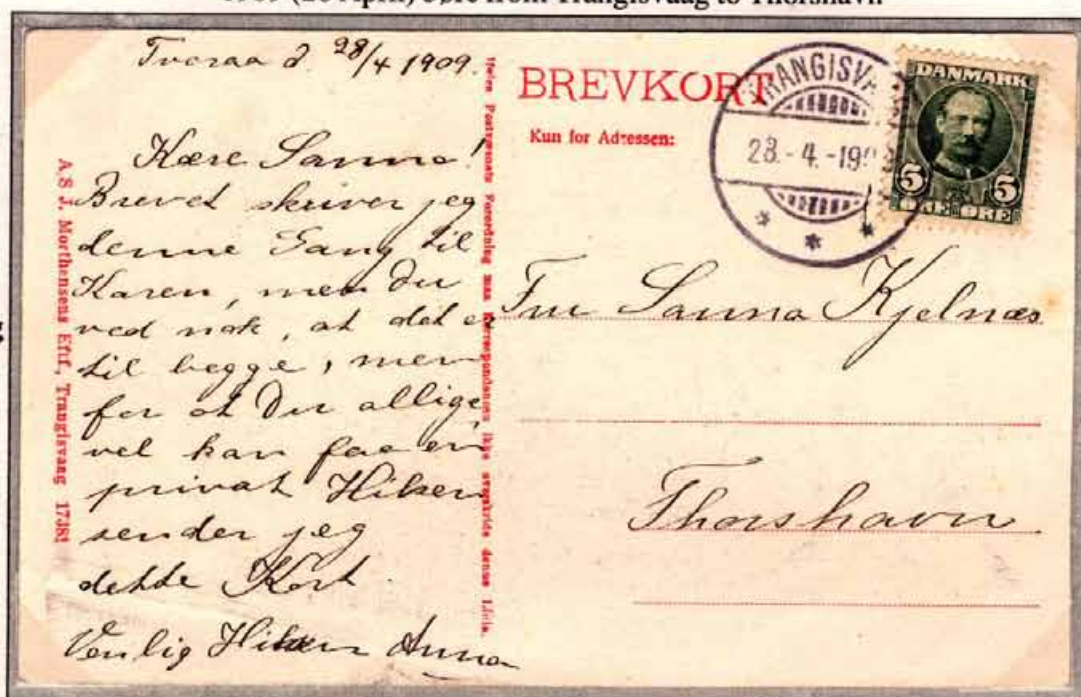


1911 - local cover
from Thorshavn
to Sand

Rate: 5øre local letters (1902-16)

The inland postcard rate of 5 øre was introduced on 1 October 1888, and remained in force as such until 30 September 1916, when all of the Faroe Islands became a local postal district, and 3 øre became the inland rate until 1 January 1919.

1909 (28 April) Søre from Trangisvaag to Thorshavn



Rate: 5øre inland postcards (1888-1916)

1916 (13 April) 5øre postcard from Vaag to Thorshavn



Rate: 5øre inland postcards (1888-1916)

1916 - from Vaag to Thorshavn

INLAND LETTERS

The inland letter rate was increased from 8 øre to 10 øre on 1 October 1902, and remained in force as such until 30 September 1916, when all of the Faroe Islands became a local postal district, and 5 øre became the inland rate until 1 January 1919.

1904 (17 April) 10øre from Trangisvaag to Sörvaag

**1904 - from
Trangisvaag
to Sörvaag**



Rate: 10øre inland (1902-16)

1912 (28 June) 10øre from Trangisvaag to Vaagö



**1912 - from
Trangisvaag to
Vaagö**

Rate: 10øre inland (1902-16)

C.O.D. - CASH ON DELIVERY (Postopkrævning)

This service was introduced as early as 1871, but it was not used much until well into the 20th century. The early minimum fee for the COD service was 12 øre, but this was increased to 15 øre in 1902, and 20 øre in November 1917.

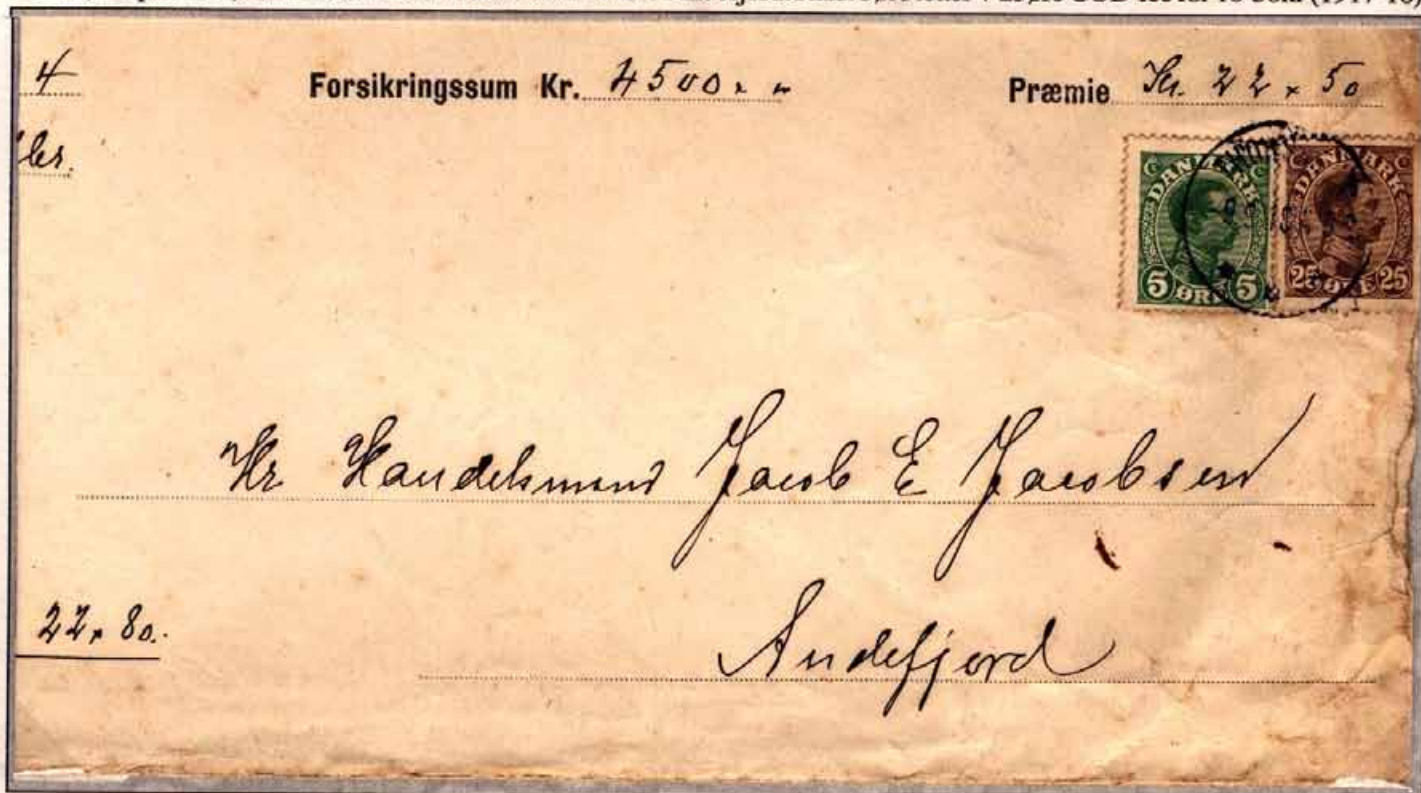
1917 (15 January) 20øre COD from Thorshavn to Klaksvig. Rate: 5øre letter + 15øre COD fee (1902-17)

**1917 - COD from
Thorshavn to
Klaksvig**



**1918 - COD from
Thorshavn to
Andefjord**

1918 (9 September) 5øre+25øre COD from Thorshavn to Andefjord. Rate: 5øre letter + 25øre COD fee for 10-50kr (1917-18)



INSURED MAIL (Værdipost)

This service was introduced in 1875, but it was not used much until well into the 20th century. The early minimum fees for insured mail was 8 øre and 16 øre, but this was changed to 10 øre in 1902, and 15 øre in 1908.

1911 (19 January) 10øre+15øre Insured from Klaksvig to Copenhagen

**1911 - Insured
cover from
Klaksvig to
Copenhagen**



Rate: 10øre to Denmark + 15øre insurance fee (1908-18)

1915 (29 September) 20øre Insured from Thorshavn to Strænder



**1915 - Insured
cover from
Thorshavn to
Strænder**

Rate: 5øre local + 15øre insurance fee (1908-18)

INLAND PARCEL POST

Internal Parcel Post was also introduced when the first Post Office opened in 1870, but very few items are recorded before the 20th century. There was a distinction between local rates (within one postal district), and inland rates (from one postal district to another), but from 1 October 1916, the local rates applied all over the Faroe Islands.

1908 (6 August) 10øre (x2) on inland Parcel Letter from Thorshavn to Klaksvig

1908 -
Inland
Parcel
Letter
from
Thorshavn
to
Klaksvig

Rate:
20 øre up
to 2½kg
(1908-16).
Actual
weight:
3 pounds
= 1.5kg

Thorshavn 525.

Angiven Værdi: _____ Kr. Øre.

Postopkrævning: _____ Kr. Øre.

Herved 1 Pakke

mærket: Adressen.

(Postvæsenets Vægtnotering.)

Formular Nr. 111.

Adressebrev.

Til Fri Samma av Skandi.

Fagrad

Klaksvig

1917 (c.) 5øre (x3) on local Parcel Letter from Midvaag to Vaagö

(Til Registrernummeret.)

Angiven Værdi: _____ Kr. Øre.

Postopkrævning: _____ Kr. Øre.

Herved 1 P

mærket: Adressen.

(Postvæsenets Vægtnotering.)

Adressebrev.

Til H. Zacharia Ole Jacobson

Vaagö

1917 -
Local
Parcel
Letter
from
Midvaag
to Vaagö

Rate:
15 øre up
to 2½kg
(1908-17).
Actual
weight
not stated.

INLAND C.O.D. PARCEL POST

Parcels, as well as letters, could be sent with the Cash On Delivery service. The additional fees for parcels with C.O.D. was the same as for letters, and for parcels a red label "Remboursement / Postoprævning" was normally used.

1913 (2 December) 20øre (x2) on local COD Parcel Letter from Thorshavn to Bö

1913 -
Local COD
Parcel
Letter
from
Thorshavn
to Bö

Rate:
20 øre for
2½ to 5kg
(1908-17)
+ COD fee
20 øre for
10-50kr
(1907-17).
Actual
weight:
4kg

Thorshavn 759.

Remboursement.
Postoprævning.

DANMARK 20 ØRE POSTFRIMERKE

DANMARK 20 ØRE POSTFRIMERKE

Formular Nr. 111.

Adressebrev.

Til Hr. Z. Ole Jacobsen

Bö

Postoprævning:
22 Kr. 45 Øre.

Herved 1 Pakke

mærket: Adressen.

(Postvæsenets Vægtnotering.)

1918 (15 October) 3øre + 15øre (x3) on local Fragile COD Parcel Letter from Thorshavn to Bö

729 Thorshavn

Remboursement.
Postoprævning.

DANMARK 3 ØRE POSTFRIMERKE

DANMARK 15 ØRE POSTFRIMERKE

DANMARK 15 ØRE POSTFRIMERKE

Adressebrev.

Til Hr. Z. Ole Jacobsen

Bö

Postoprævning:
5 Kr. 65 Øre.

Herved 1 Pakke

mærket: Adressen.

(Postvæsenets Vægtnotering.)

Fragilis

1918 - Local
Fragile COD
Parcel Letter
from
Thorshavn
to Bö

Rate:
20 øre up
to 2½kg
(1917-18) +
COD fee 20 øre
(1917-18) +
Fragile fee
8 øre.
Actual weight:
1kg

LOCAL RATES FOR INLAND MAIL

On 1 October 1916, all of the Faroe Islands became one local postal district, and this meant that all inland mail could be sent using the local rates. This remained in force until 30 June 1920, when a separation between local and inland mail was reintroduced.

1918 (1 January) 3øre Printed Matter (Tryksager) from Klaksvig to Sandevaag

**1918 - Inland Printed Matter
sent at local rate**



Rate: 3øre local printed matters (1888-1918)

1918 (23 December) 3øre postcard from Klaksvig to Thorshavn



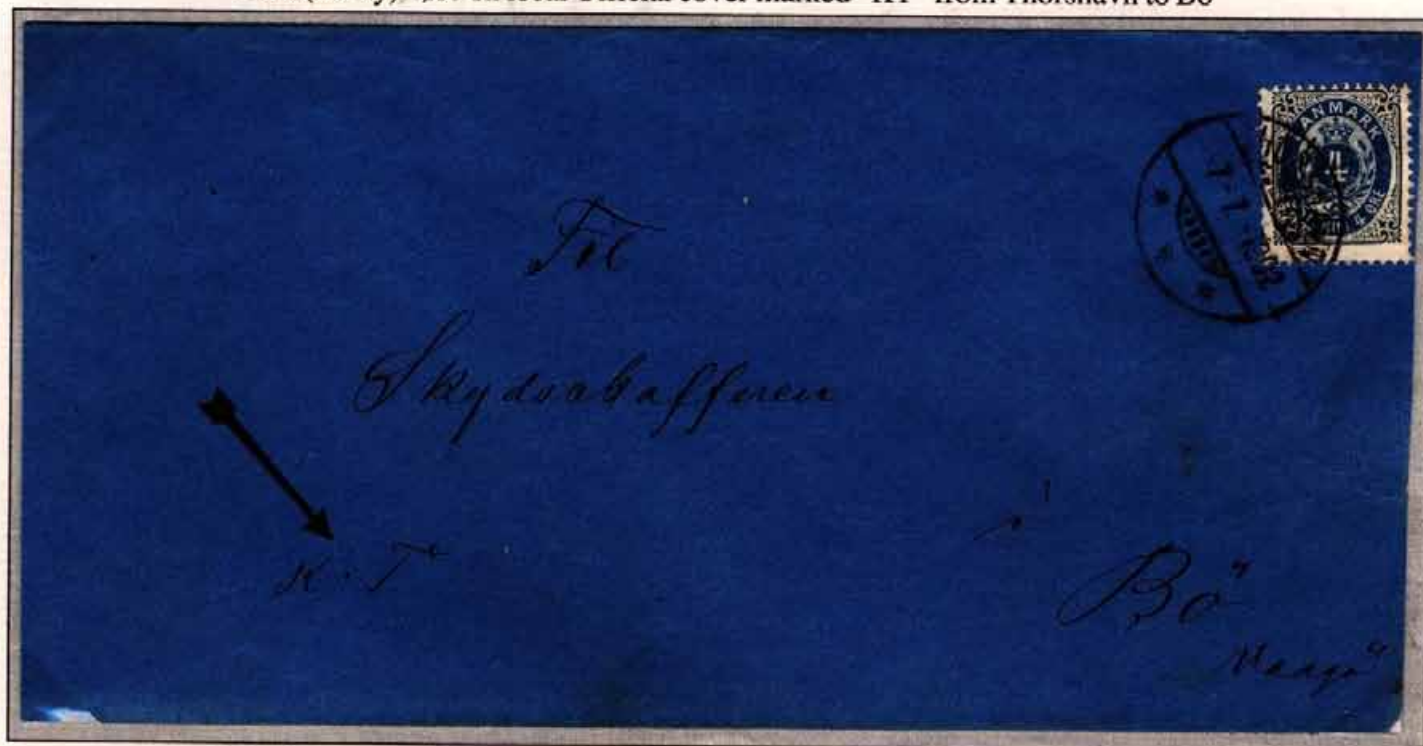
**1918 - Inland postcard
sent at local rate**

Rate: 3øre local postcards (1888-1918)

OFFICIAL MAIL

As during the pre-stamp period, official mail was sometimes marked "KT" (Kongelig Tjeneste = Royal Official), but the privilege of sending official mail free of charge was abolished when official stamps were introduced, although regular stamps were also used at times.

1902 (7 July) 4øre on local Official cover marked "KT" from Thorshavn to Bö



1902 - Local Official "KT" cover

Rate: 4øre local (1875-1902)

1906 (9 March) 5øre (x2) on inland Official cover marked "KT" from Thorshavn to Kunö



1906 - Inland Official "KT" cover

Rate: 10øre inland (1902-16)

OFFICIAL STAMPS

Official stamps were introduced in the Danish Postal System in 1871, but very few examples are known used in the Faroe Islands. Obviously, only a very small number of officials had the right to use Official stamps on their mail.

Official stamp
32 øre



THORSHAVN 6.8
lapidar cds

Official stamp
4 Skilling



THORSHAVN 19.6
lapidar cds

Official stamp
5 øre



VESTMANHAVN
star cancel

**Rare - only two Official skilling stamps
used in the Faroe Islands are known!**

1906 (7 July) 10øre Official stamp from Copenhagen to Sandö, Faroe Islands



Rate: 10øre to and from Denmark (1902-19)

1906 - Official stamp on cover to the Faroe Islands

MAIL FROM NORWAY

Although Norway is geographically much closer to the Faroe Islands than Denmark, there seems to have been limited connections with Norway until the 20th Century. By then shipping links started to be established and communications became easier.

1903 (10 October) Cover from Stavanger, Norway, to Sandö, Faroe Islands



1903 - from Norway to Sandö, Faroe Islands

Rate: 10øre to Denmark and the Faroe Islands

1914 (11 December) Postcard from Sandefjord, Norway, to Klaksvig, Faroe Islands



1914 - from Norway to Klaksvig, Faroe Islands

Rate: 5øre postcards to Denmark and the Faroe Islands

MAIL TO DENMARK - POSTCARDS

On 1 October 1888 the postcard rate to Denmark was reduced from 8 øre to 5 øre. This rate remained in force until 1 January 1919 when it was increased to 7 øre in connection with the general rate changes taking place then.

1906 (2 May) posted on a ship Norway-Faroes-Iceland, with Norway 5 øre and Denmark 5 øre

**1906 - posted on board
with Norwegian and
Danish stamps**



1907 (23 September) 5øre postcard from Klaksvig to Copenhagen



**1907 - postal
stationery card**

1910 (11 June) 5øre with manuscript "Færøerne xxx" posted on board "Verta" from Trangisvaag

**1910 - posted on board
with manuscript
"Færøerne xxx"**



MAIL TO DENMARK - LETTERS

On 1 October 1902 the letter rate to Denmark was increased from 8 øre to 10 øre. This rate remained in force until 15 October 1919 when it was increased to 15 øre in connection with the general rate changes taking place in 1919.

1913 (18 February) 1øre+2øre (x2)+5øre from Thorshavn to Copenhagen via Leith, Scotland

**1913 - to Denmark
via Scotland**



1914 (19 June) 10øre from Thorshavn to Copenhagen direct



**1914 - to
Denmark
direct**

MAIL TO DENMARK - PARCEL POST

The parcel rate to Denmark was 15/20/30 øre for 1/2¹/₂kg between the 1 October 1902 and the 1 November 1917, but from the 1 June 1908 the minimum fee was 20 øre. Parcels over 5kg were charged 5 øre per ¹/₂kg throughout.

1911 (19 January) 15øre (x2) on Parcel Letter from Klaksvig to Copenhagen

1911-
Parcel
Letter
from
Klaksvig
to
Denmark

Rate:
30 øre for
2¹/₂-5kg
(1902-17).
Actual
weight:
6 pounds
= 3kg

Klaksvig. 262.

Formular Nr. 111.

Angiven Værdi:
Kr. Øre.

Postoprævning:
Kr. Øre.

Herved *Wakke*

mærket: Adressen.

(Postvæsenets Vægtnotering.)
6 1/2

Adressebrev.

Til *Hr. Georg Harvig*

Toldbodvej 46
København

Toldnit

1916 (31 January) 5øre+20øre (x3) on Parcel Letter from Trangisvaag to Copenhagen

Trangisvaag 99.

m. Nr. 111.

Angiven Værdi:
Kr. Øre.

Postoprævning:
Kr. Øre.

Herved *1 Anker*

mærket: Adressen.

(Postvæsenets Vægtnotering.)
6 1/2

Adressebrev.

Til *H. M. Chr. Wellhånd*
Prinsensgade 18 B.

København C.

Toldnit

1916-
Parcel
Letter
from
Trangisvaag
to
Denmark

Rate:
65 øre
for 6¹/₂kg
(1902-17).
Actual
weight:
6¹/₂kg

MAIL TO DENMARK - INSURED AND C.O.D. PARCELS

The minimum insurance fee was 10 øre between 1 October 1902 and the 1 July 1908, and then 15 øre until 1 January 1919. The minimum COD fee was 15 øre between 1 October 1902 and the 1 November 1917.

1911 (2 February) 15øre (x2)+20øre on COD Parcel Letter from Thorshavn to Copenhagen

1911 -
COD
Parcel
Letter
to
Denmark

Rate:
30 øre
for
2½-5kg
(1902-17)
+COD fee
20 øre
for 10-50kr
(1907-17).
Actual
weight:
6 pounds
= 3kg

Thorshavn 116.)

**Remboursement.
Postoprævning.** Øre.

Postoprævning:
Fjorten Kr. 50 Øre.

Hermed 1 PR

mærket: Adressen.

(Postvæsenets Vægtnotering.)
6 1/2

Adressebrev.

Til *Frk. J. Hertz*
Holsteinsgade 49^T
København J.

Toldfrit

Formular Nr. 111.

1914 (4 February) 10øre+50øre+2kr on Insured Parcel Letter from Thorshavn to Denmark

1914 -
Insured
Parcel
Letter
to
Denmark

Rate:
245 øre
for 24½kg
(1902-17)
+ Insured
fee 15 øre
(1908-18).
Actual
weight:
24½kg

Thorshavn 187.)

Angivnen Værdi:
80 Kr. 00 Øre.

Postoprævning:
Kr. 00 Øre.

Hermed 1 Pose

mærket: Adressen.

(Postvæsenets Vægtnotering.)
24 1/2 kg.

Adressebrev.

Aalborg Toldsted.
Oplagt paa Aalborg Toldkammer.
Gars udløses Fabrik

-4-2-1914

Formular Nr. 111.

MAIL TO DENMARK - MULTIPLE PARCELS

If several parcels were sent to the same addressee at the same time, one Parcel Letter could be used for up to three parcels. If more than three parcels were sent at the same time, several Parcel Letters had to be used.

1915 (24 September) 15øre+25øre (x3) on Parcel Letter for three parcels from Thorshavn to Copenhagen

1915-
Parcel
Letter
for three
parcels to
Denmark

Rate:
3 x 30 øre
for 2½ kg
(1902-17).
Actual
weight:
3 x 5kg

108 ✓ Thorshavn
109 ✓ Thorshavn
110 ✓ Thorshavn

Postopkrævning:
Kr. Øre.

Hermed 3 Pakke
mærket: Adressen.

(Postvæsenets Vægtnotering.)
5-5-5

25 ØRE 25 ØRE 25 ØRE 25 ØRE 25 ØRE 25 ØRE 15 ØRE

24-9-1915

Adressebrev.

Til C. Samuelsen & Co.
Halbergsg 18
Kjøbenhavn
K.

Toldfrit

9

1915 (24 September) 1Kr (x4)+25øre (x3) on Parcel Letter for three parcels from Thorshavn to Copenhagen

126 ✓ Thorshavn
127 ✓ Thorshavn
128 ✓ Thorshavn

Postopkrævning:
Kr. Øre.

Hermed 3 Pakke
mærket: Adressen.

(Postvæsenets Vægtnotering.)
5-22½-22

1 KRONE 1 KRONE 1 KRONE 1 KRONE 25 ØRE 25 ØRE 25 ØRE

24-9-1915

Adressebrev.

Til C. Samuelsen & Co.
Halbergsg 18
Kjøbenhavn
K.

Toldfrit

9

1915-
Parcel
Letter
for three
parcels to
Denmark

Rate:
30 øre
for 2½ kg
+ 225 øre
for 22½ kg
+ 220 øre
for 22kg
(1902-17).
Actual
weight:
5kg +
22½kg +
22kg

SHIP MAIL VIA GREAT BRITAIN

Because of infrequent connections from the Faore Islands to Denmark, mail was often sent with ships going to Great Britain, where it was handed over to the Post Office at the first port of call. Such mail often received ship letter or paquebot markings.

1904 (17 August) from Thorshavn to England, with SHIP LETTER TROON marking

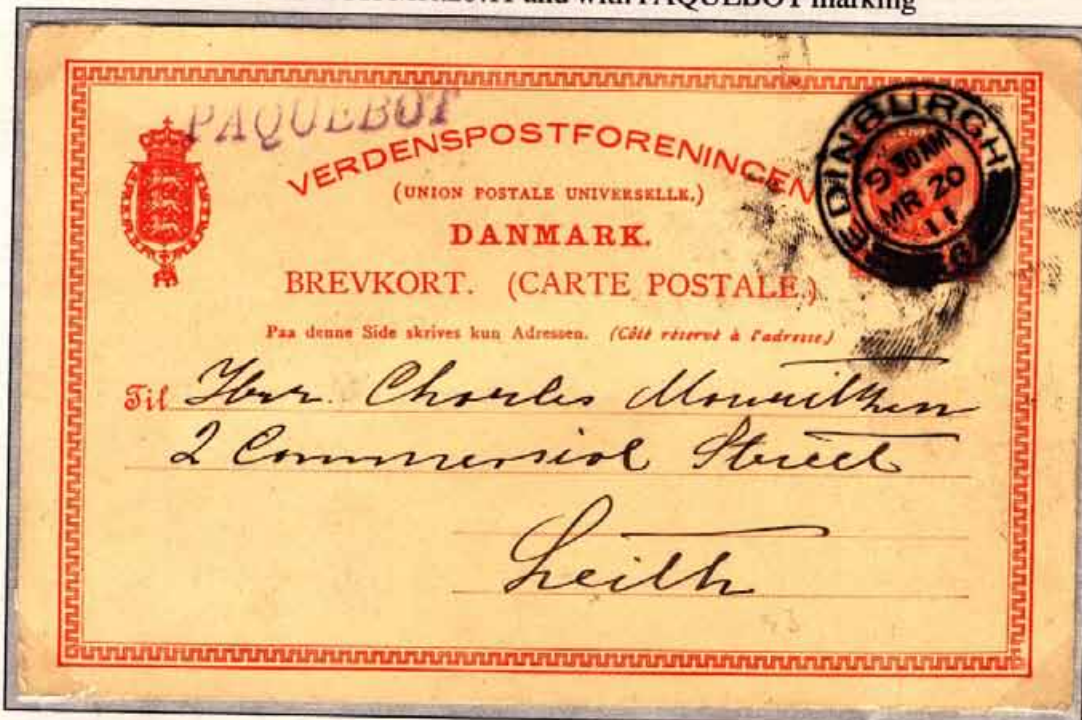
**1904 - SHIP LETTER
TROON marking**



Rate: 10øre foreign postcards (1875-1920)

1911 (16 March) 10øre postcard from Trangisvaag to Leith, postmarked
EDINBURGH MR.20.11 and with PAQUEBOT marking

**1911 - PAQUEBOT
marking and
EDINBURGH cds**



Rate: 10øre foreign postcards (1875-1920)

MAIL TO EUROPE

The foreign postcard rate of 10 øre was introduced as early as the 1 July 1875, and remained unchanged until the 1 January 1921, when it was dramatically increased to 25 øre. Few foreign postcards are recorded before 1900. The foreign letter rate of 20 øre was introduced on 1 July 1875, and remained unchanged until 1 January 1921.

1909 (17 November) 10øre from Vaag to Switzerland

**1909 - from Vaag
to Switzerland**



1913 (8 August) 10øre from Thorshavn to Germany



Rate: 10øre foreign postcards (1875-1920)

1913 - to Germany

1907 (25 September) 5øre (x4) from Thorshavn to Leith, Scotland, via Norway, with Bergen 29.IX.07 transit cds



1907 - cover to Scotland via Norway

Rate: 20øre foreign letters (1875-1920)

PRINTED MATTERS

The printed matter rate between Denmark and the Faroe Islands was 4 øre from the 1 January 1875 until the 1 January 1919. The foreign printed matter rate of 5 øre was introduced on 1 April 1879, and remained unchanged until 1 January 1921.

1914 (11 March) 4øre on printed matter from Aarhus to Sandö



**1914 -
printed matter
from Denmark
to Sandö**

Rate: 4øre
printed matter
(1875-1918)

1908 (12 May) 5øre on printed matter from Thorshavn to Germany, marked "Imprimé"



1919 (10 December) 15øre on 5øre wrapper from Thorshavn to Holland



Rate: 5øre foreign printed matters (1879-1920)

1908 - printed matter to Germany

1919 - printed paper wrapper to Holland

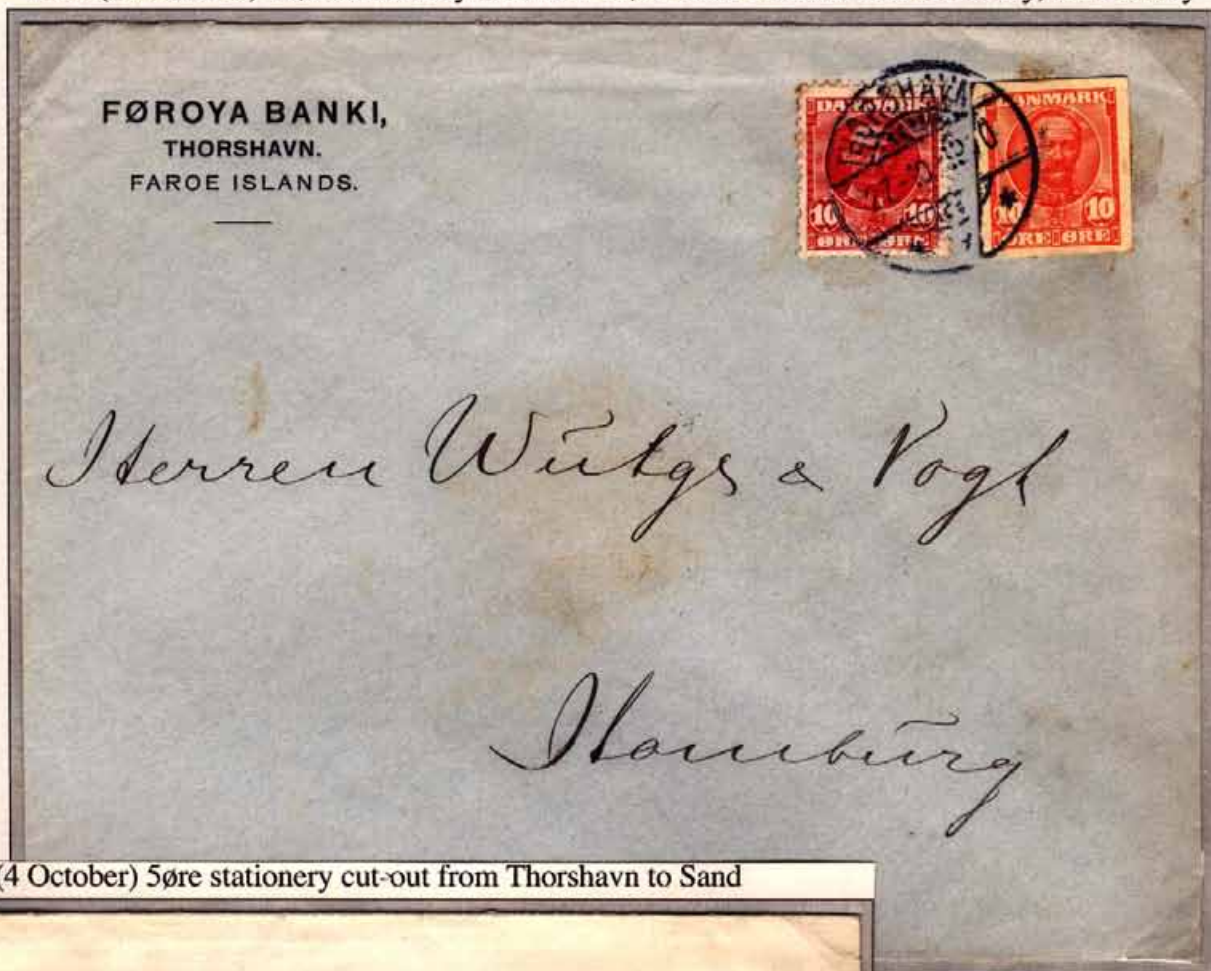
Rate: 5øre per 50gram foreign printed papers;
20øre = 150-200gram

POSTAL STATIONERY CUT-OUTS

The Danish Postal Administration was one of very few that officially allowed cut-outs from postal stationery to be used instead of stamps on mail. In the Faroe Islands this was never used much and very few examples are recorded.

1910 (27 October) 10øre stationery cut-out + 10øre from Thorshavn to Germany, via Norway

**1910 - 10 øre
stationery
cut-out.
Rare!**



1916 (4 October) 5øre stationery cut-out from Thorshavn to Sand



Rate: 20øre foreign (1875-1920)

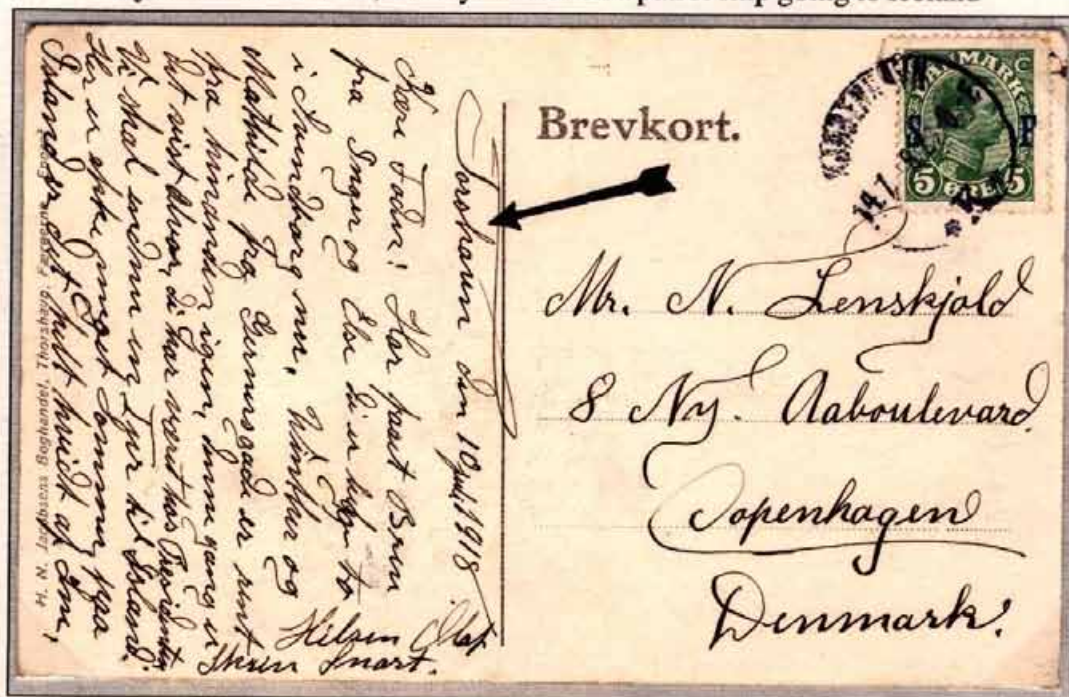
**1916 - 5 øre stationery
cut-out. Rare!**

Rate: 5øre local (1902-18)

FIRST WORLD WAR - SOLDIERS STAMPS AND CENSOR MAIL

In 1917 regular 5 øre and 10 øre stamps were overprinted "S F" (Soldater Frimærker = Soldiers Stamps) and these were used by the conscripts of the Danish Security Force. The use of these stamps from the Faroe Islands is very rare.

1918 (10 July) 5øre Soldiers Stamp from Torshavn to Denmark, postmarked
Kjøbenhavn 14.7.18, sent by a sailor on a patrol ship going to Iceland



**1918 - Soldiers Stamp
from Torshavn.**

Very rare!

Rate: 5øre postcards to Denmark (1888-1918)

1918 (25 January) 5øre (x2) on censor cover from Thorshavn to Denmark
via Great Britain, with arrival cds of the 12 March 1918



**1918 - censor cover to Denmark
via Great Britain**

Rate: 10øre to Denmark (1902-19)

FIRST WORLD WAR - CENSOR MAIL TO AND FROM THE FAROE ISLANDS

During the First World War, mail from the Faroe Islands to Denmark was quite often sent via Great Britain. There it was handled by the Postal Censors and frequently opened and examined by the censors.

1917 (23 May) 5øre (x2) on censor cover from Copenhagen to Sandevaag, via Great Britain



1917 - censor cover to the Faroe Islands via Great Britain

Rate: 10øre to and from Denmark (1902-19)

1918 (23 April) 10øre on censor cover from Trangisvaag to Denmark, via Great Britain, with arrival cds of 3 June 1918



1918 - censor cover to Denmark via Great Britain

Rate: 10øre to Denmark (1902-19)

PAQUEBOT MAIL VIA NORWAY

Outgoing mail did not always pass through a Post Office in the Faroe Islands, but was forwarded directly by ship. In the early part of the 20th century there were frequent connections with Norway, and such ship mail would receive Paquebot markings upon arrival there.

1919 (July) 10øre from Thorshavn to Copenhagen, postmarked BERGEN 21.VII.19 and Paquebot

**1919 - boxed
"Paquebot"
marking and
BERGEN cds**



Rate: 10øre to Denmark
(1902-19)



**1915 - "Paquebot"
marking and
BERGEN cds**

1915 (12 March) 5øre (x2) from Thorshavn to Copenhagen, postmarked BERGEN 15.III.15 and Paquebot

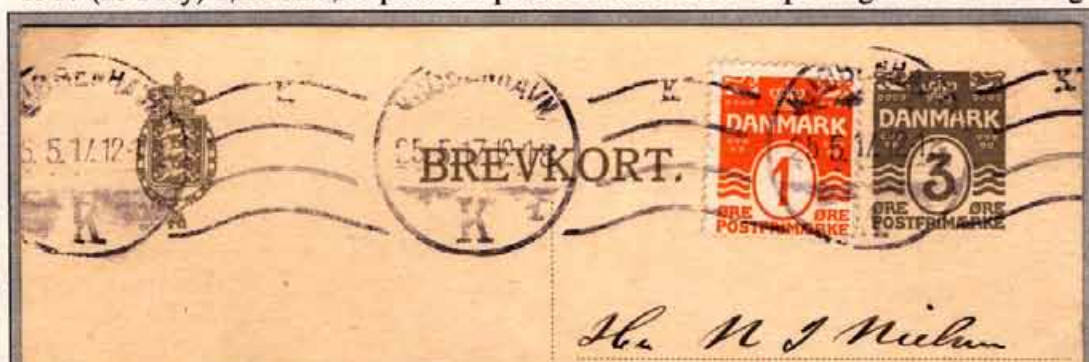
MAIL FROM DENMARK

The printed matter rate from Denmark to the Faroe Islands was 4 øre from the 1 January 1875 until the 1 January 1919. The postcard rate was 5 øre from the 1 October 1888 until the 1 January 1919, and the letter rate was 10 øre between the 1 October 1902 and the 1 October 1919.

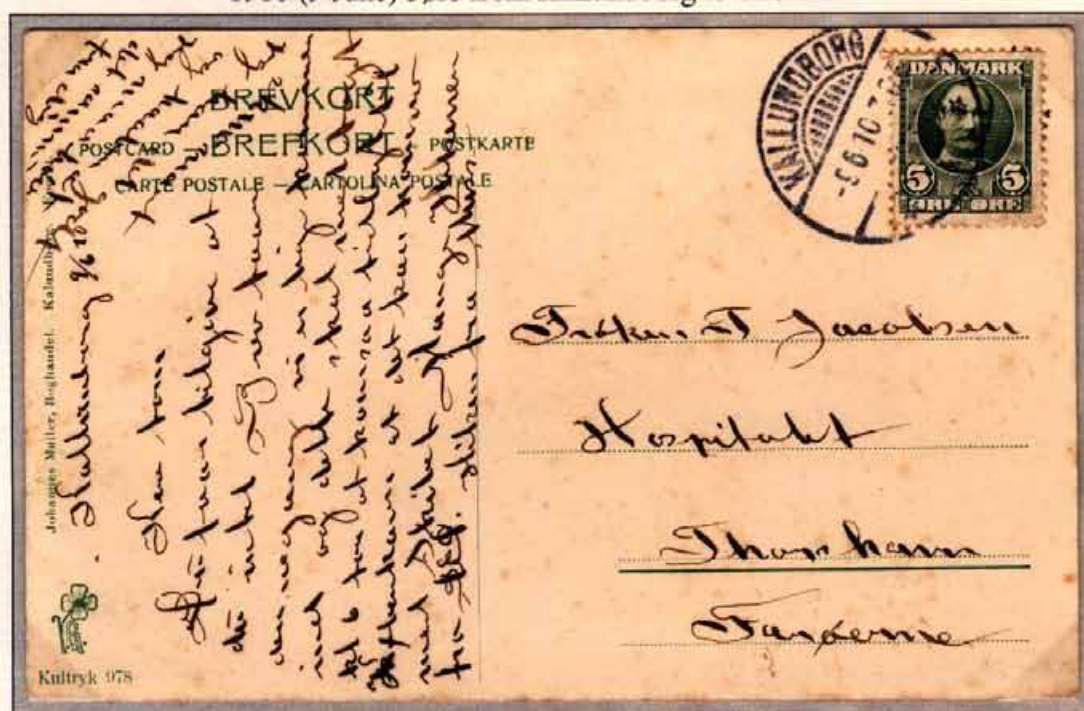
1917 (25 May) 1øre on 3øre postcard printed matter from Copenhagen to Sandevaag

1917 - printed matter card from Denmark to Sandevaag

Rate: 4øre printed matter
(1875-1918)



1910 (9 June) 5øre from Kallundborg to Thorshavn

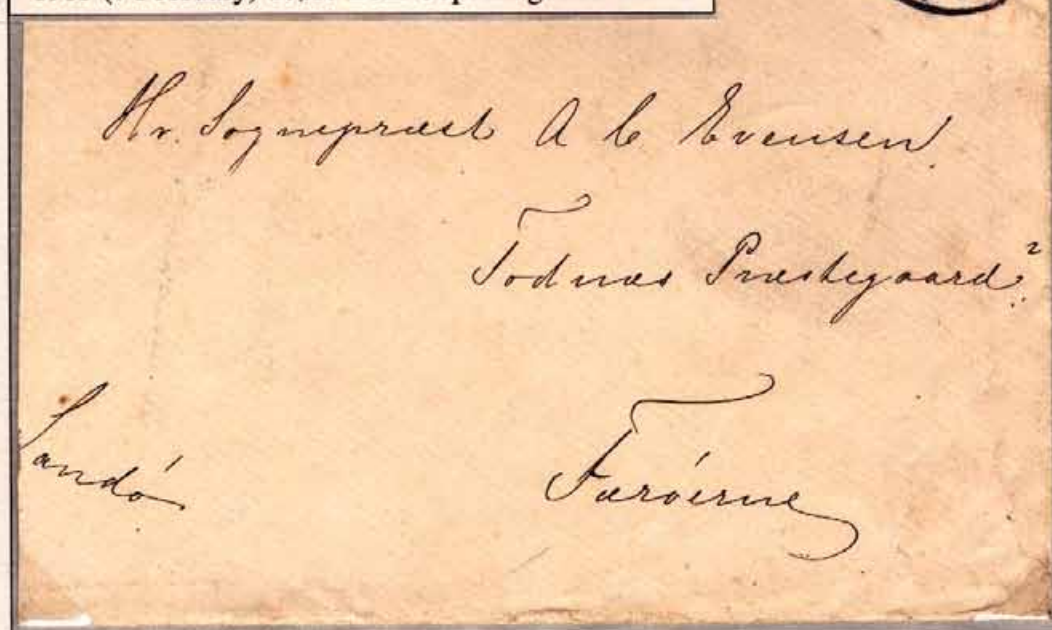


Rate: 5øre postcards (1888-1918)

1903 (7 February) 10øre from Copenhagen to Sandö

1903 - from Denmark to Sandö

Rate: 10øre to and from
Denmark (1902-19)



1910 - from Denmark
to Thorshavn

CONNECTIONS WITH ICELAND

Mail steamers from Denmark to the Faroe Islands quite frequently continued to Iceland, and on their return journey back to Denmark, they normally stopped at the Faroe Islands again. Thus the connections with Iceland were quite good.

1908 (10 August) 10aur postcard from Iceland to Denmark, via Thorshavn 12.8.1908



**1908 - from Iceland
to Denmark,
via Thorshavn**

Rate: 10aur postcards

**1911 - taxed ship
postcard to Germany**

1911 (8 August) 10aur posted on board from Thorshavn, postmarked Reykjavik 9.8, to Germany, taxed



Rate: 10aur postcards, taxed 20Pf

1914 - from Iceland to Sand



Rate: 20aur letters

CONNECTIONS WITH GREAT BRITAIN

Connections between the Faroe Islands and Great Britain were quite frequent, since much freight was shipped directly, especially from Scotland. Mail was also sent with these ships instead of via Denmark.

1909 (January) Printed paper wrapper from Great Britain to Trangisvaag

1909 - printed paper wrapper
from Great Britain to
Trangisvaag, direct



1915 (April) GB 2½d. postmarked Thorshavn 23.4.1915 on ship letter from Leith to Sandevaag



1915 - ship letter from
Leith to Sandevaag,
direct

INCOMING MAIL

Mail sent from abroad to the Faroe Islands would normally transit through Denmark, since this was the only scheduled mail route. But mail was also sent with ships going directly from Great Britain.

1909 (30 July) Parcel card for two parcels from Germany to Thorshavn, via Copenhagen

Abchnitt.
Coupon.
Kann vom Empfänger abgetrennt werden.
Pour être détaché par le destinataire.

Postamtstempel.
Timbre du bureau d'origine.

NAME und Wohnung
(Wohnort, Straße und Hausnummer) des Absenders:
Nom et domicile de l'expéditeur:

J. C. F. Pickenhahn & Sohn

Kunstanstalt
Chemnitz

Postgewicht 4 kg 200 g
Poids 4 kg 200 g

Postnummer 178* 179*
Chemnitz 2

An
H. V. Jacobsens Boghandel,
Thorshavn,
Dänemark

(Bestimmungsort) in
(Lieu de destination) à
Wohnung
(Straße und Hausnummer)

Zoll
Droits

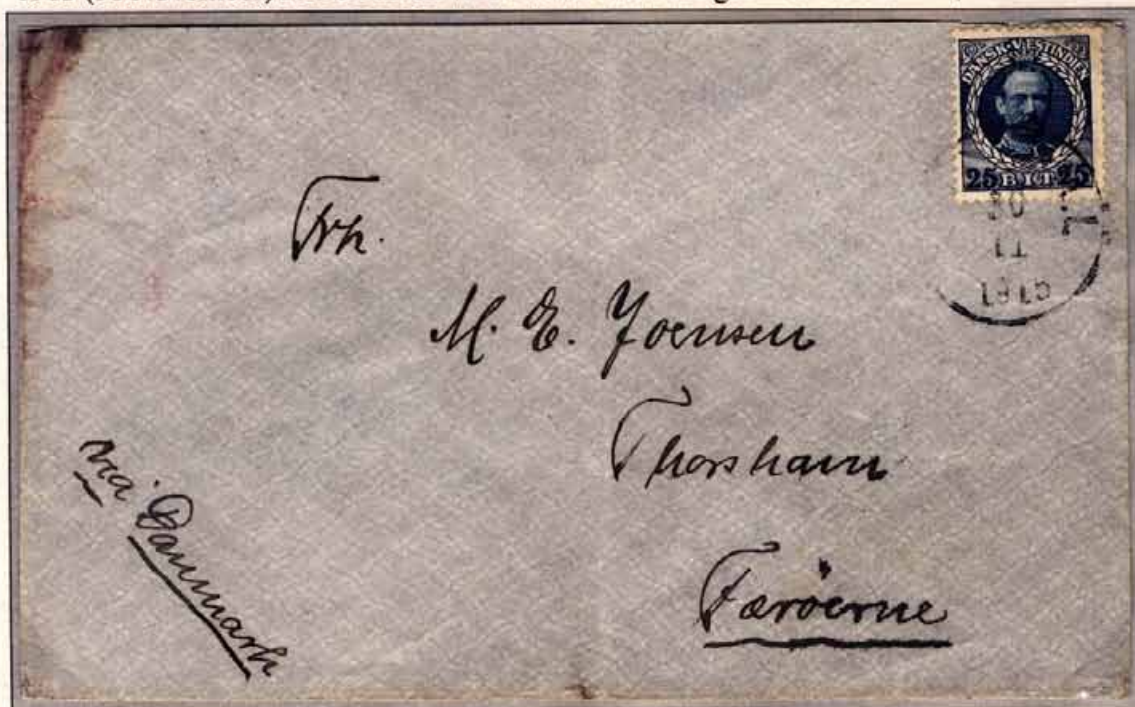
Berlin 4
(Stettiner Bahnhof.)

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*) Von der Grenzübergangsstelle des Bestimmungsortes aus
(*) Cadre à remplir par le bureau d'échange d'autre du pays de destination

1909 - Parcel card from Germany to Thorshavn via Denmark

1915 (30 November) 25bit Danish West Indies from Kingshill to Thorshavn, via Denmark



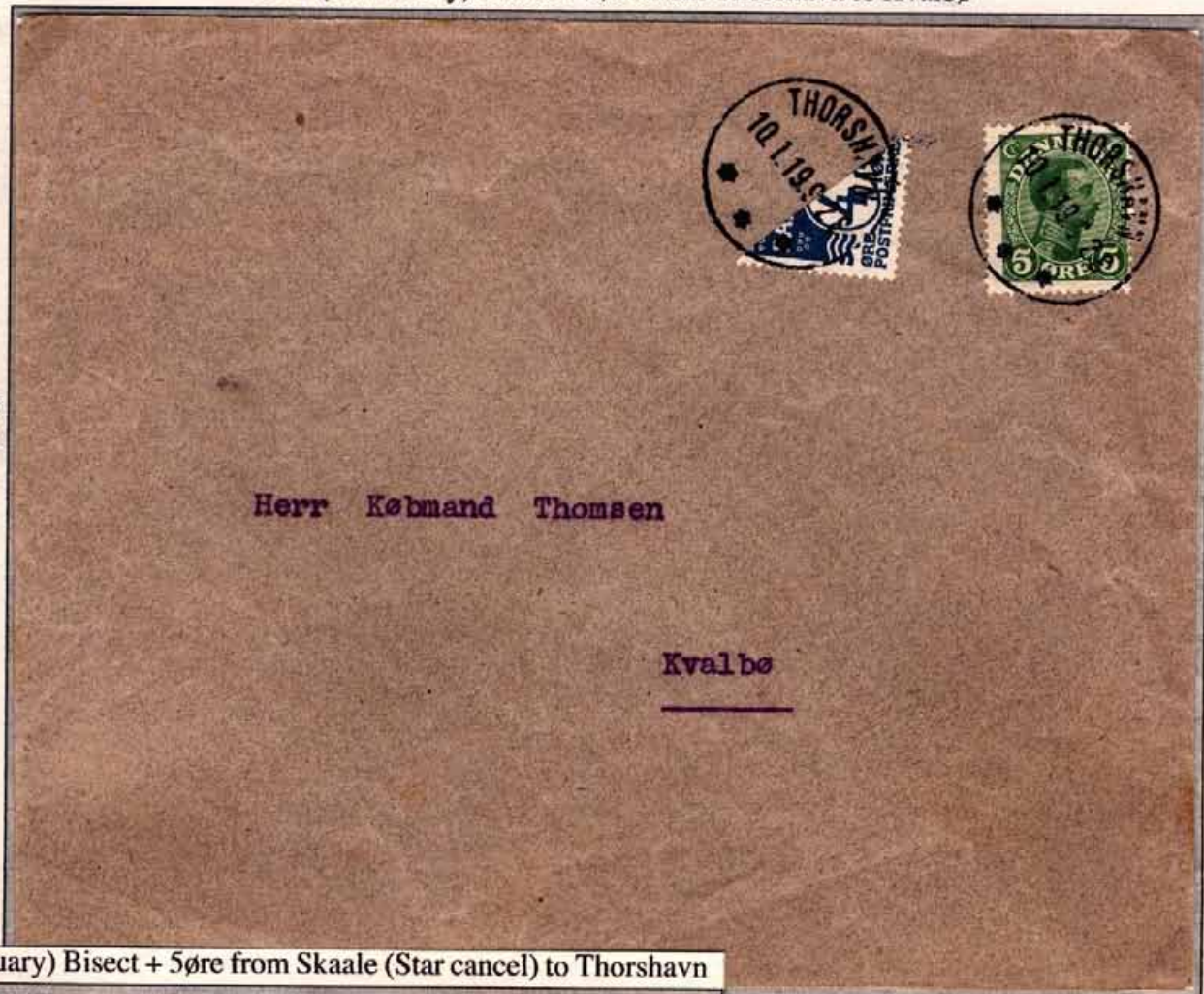
**1915 - from the
Danish West Indies
to Thorshavn
via Denmark**

1919 PROVISIONALS - 4 ØRE BISECTS - NORMAL USE

On 1 January 1919 the local letter rate was increased from 5 øre to 7 øre. With no 7 øre stamps available yet, the stock of 1 øre and 2 øre stamps was soon exhausted, so the bisecting of 4 øre stamps, using each half as 2 øre, was authorized from Copenhagen. A total of about 11-12 sheets of 4 øre stamps were bisected, thus creating 2,200-2,400 bisects.

1919 (10 January) Bisect + 5øre from Thorshavn to Kvalbø

**1919 - Bisect
+ 5 øre from
Thorshavn
to Kvalbø**



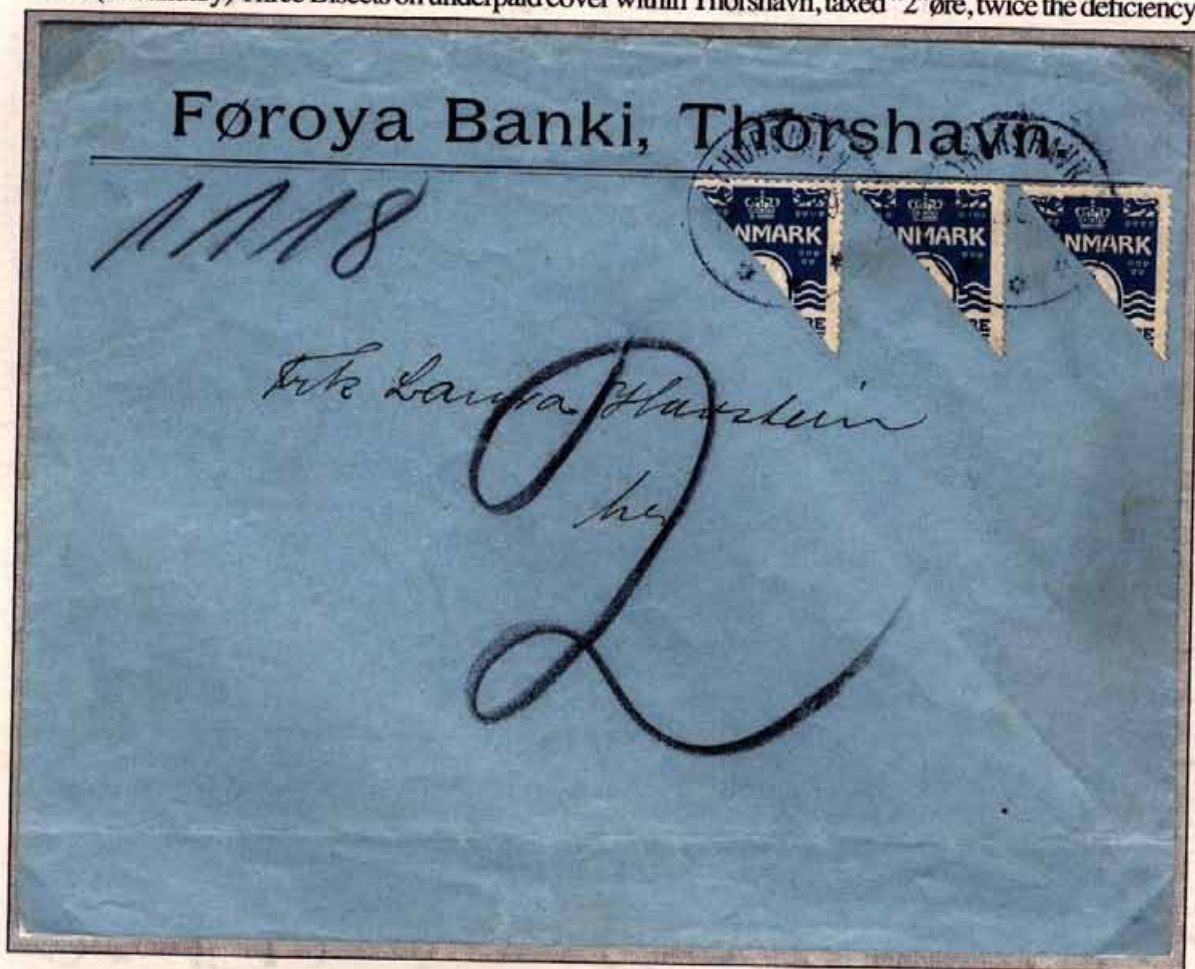
1919 (25 January) Bisect + 5øre from Skaale (Star cancel) to Thorshavn



Rate: 7øre local (1/1-14/10 1919)

**1919 - Bisect + 5 øre with
SKAALE star cancel**

1919 (13 January) Three Bisects on underpaid cover within Thorshavn, taxed "2"øre, twice the deficiency



**1919 - Three
Bisects on
underpaid and
taxed cover.
Rare!**

Rate: 7øre local (1/1-14/10 1919)



1919 - Three Bisects + 1 ore

1919 PROVISIONALS - 4 ØRE WRAPPER BISECTS - NORMAL USE

The small stock of normal 4 øre stamps was not sufficient, so the bisecting of 4 øre cut-outs from postal stationery wrappers was authorized from Copenhagen on 5 January. A total of 1,850 wrappers in stock were used, thus creating 3,700 wrapper bisects.

1919 (13 January) Wrapper Bisect + 5øre within Thorshavn



**1919 - Wrapper Bisect
+ 5 øre**

Rate: 7øre local (1/1-14/10 1919)

1919 (1 March) Wrapper Bisect + 5øre from Vestmanhavn to Thorshavn



**1919 - Wrapper Bisect + 5 øre, late use
with VESTMANHAVN star cancel**

1919 PROVISIONALS - 4 ØRE WRAPPER BISECTS - ABNORMAL USE

Other combinations than the normal bisect with a 5 øre stamp, to make up the 7 øre rate, are known. It was most probably the result of using whatever was available or on hand locally, and interesting combinations can be found.

1919 (14 January) Two Wrapper Bisepts + 3øre within Thorshavn

**1919 - Two
Wrapper
Bisepts + 3 øre.
Rare!**



1919 (16 January) Wrapper Bisect on 5 øre envelope from Sandevaag (Star cancel) to Thorshavn

Rate: 7øre local
(1/1-14/10 1919)



**1919 - Wrapper
Bisect on 5 øre
envelope.
Very rare - only
three known!**

1919 PROVISIONALS - 4 ØRE WRAPPER BISECTS - PRINTED MATTERS

The local printed matter rate was increased from 3 øre to 5 øre on 1 January 1919, and although it wasn't necessary to use bisects on printed matters if 5 øre stamps were available, some examples are known anyway.

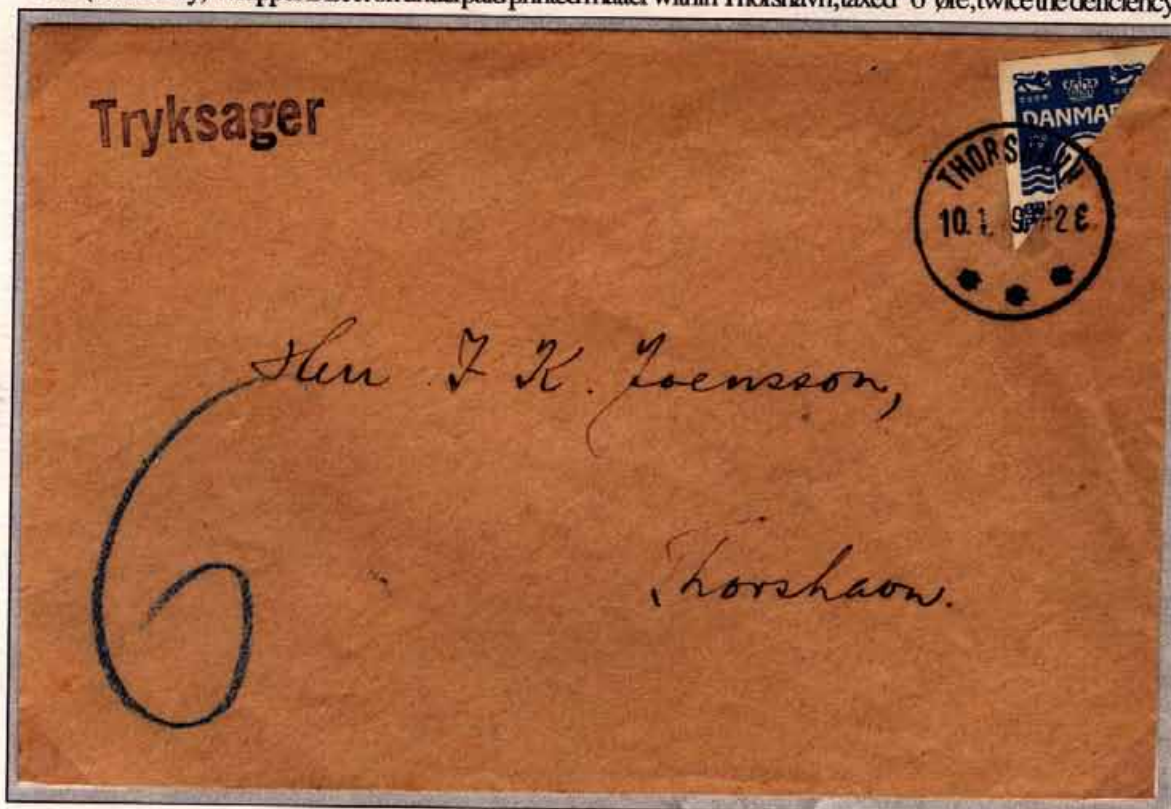
1919 (15 January) Wrapper Bisect + 3øre from Trangisvaag to Thorshavn

1919 - Wrapper Bisect + 3 øre on printed matter from Trangisvaag



Rate: 5øre local printed matters (1/1 1919-30/6 1920)

1919 (10 January) Wrapper Bisect on underpaid printed matter within Thorshavn, taxed "6" øre, twice the deficiency



1919 - Wrapper Bisect on underpaid and taxed printed matter. Rare!

1919 PROVISIONALS - 4 ØRE WRAPPER BISECTS - REGISTERED MAIL AND POSTCARDS

The registration fee remained unchanged 15 øre during this period, but the postage for a registered local letter became 22 øre, thus requiring a bisect. The local postcard rate was increased from 3 øre to 5 øre on 1 January 1919, so any 3 øre postcards would require a bisect to make up the new rate.

1919 (16 January) Wrapper Bisect + 10øre (x2) registered from Klaksvig to Thorshavn



1919 - Wrapper Bisect + 10 øre (x2) on registered cover from Klaksvig

1919 (20 January) Wrapper Bisect on 3øre postcard within Thorshavn

Rate: 7øre local
(1/1-14/10 1919) +
15øre registration
fee (1902-20)



**1919 - Wrapper Bisect
on 3 øre postcard.
Very rare - the only
known example!**

Rate: 5øre local postcards
(1/1-14/10 1919)

1919 PROVISIONALS - 2 ØRE ON 5 ØRE SURCHARGE - NORMAL USE

With stocks of bisects getting low, permission was given from Copenhagen to surcharge the current 5 øre stamp with a new value "2 ØRE". A total of 155 sheets were surcharged, thus creating 15,500 provisional 2 øre stamps.

1919 (22 January) 2 ØRE Surcharge + 5øre from Thorshavn to Kvannesund per Klaksvig

**1919 - 2 ØRE
Surcharge + 5 øre
from Thorshavn
to Kvannesund**



Rate: 7øre local (1/1-14/10 1919)

1919 (30 January) 2 ØRE Surcharge + 5øre from Sørvaag to Thorshavn



**1919 - 2 ØRE Surcharge + 5 øre
with SØRVAAG star cancel**

1919 PROVISIONALS - 2 ØRE ON 5 ØRE SURCHARGE - ABNORMAL USE

Other combinations than one surcharge together with a 5 øre stamp, to make up the 7 øre rate, are known. It was most probably the result of using whatever was available or on hand locally, and interesting combinations can be found.

1919 (15 January) 2 ØRE Surcharge (x2) + 1 øre + 2 øre from Thorshavn to Tofte



**1919 - 2 ØRE Surcharge (x2)
+ 1 øre + 2 øre from
Thorshavn to Tofte**

Rate: 7 øre local (1/1-14/10 1919)

1919 (17 January) 2 ØRE Surcharge (x3) + 1 øre within Thorshavn



**1919 - 2 ØRE Surcharge (x3)
+ 1 øre**

1919 PROVISIONALS - 2 ØRE ON 5 ØRE SURCHARGE - POSTCARDS AND PRINTED MATTERS

The local postcard rate was 5 øre, so any 3 øre postcards would require a surcharge to make up the new rate. The local printed matter rate was 5 øre, and although it wasn't necessary to use provisionals on printed matters if 5 øre stamps were available, some examples are known anyway.

1919 (18 January) 2 ØRE Surcharge on 3øre postcard within Thorshavn



**1919 - 2 ØRE Surcharge
on 3 øre postcard**

Rate: 5øre local postcards (1/1-14/10 1919)

1919 (22 January) 2 ØRE Surcharge + Bisect + 1 øre on printed matter within Thorshavn



**1919 - 2 ØRE
Surcharge +
Bisect + 1 øre on
printed matter**

Rate: 5øre local printed matters (1/1 1919-30/6 1920)

1919 PERIOD - NEW STAMPS ARRIVE

A new stock of stamps, including 7 øre and 2 øre values, arrived from Denmark in the evening of the 23 January. So from the 24 January it was no longer necessary to use any of the provisional bisects or surcharges.

1919 (26 January) 2øre+5øre
on piece from Thorshavn



1919 - early use of 2 øre

**1919 - 2 øre on 5 øre letter card
with VIDEREJDE star cancel**

1919 (27 February) 2øre on 5øre letter card from Viderejde to Svinö



Rate: 7øre local (1/1-14/10 1919)

1919 7øre from Midvaag (Star cancel) to Bø

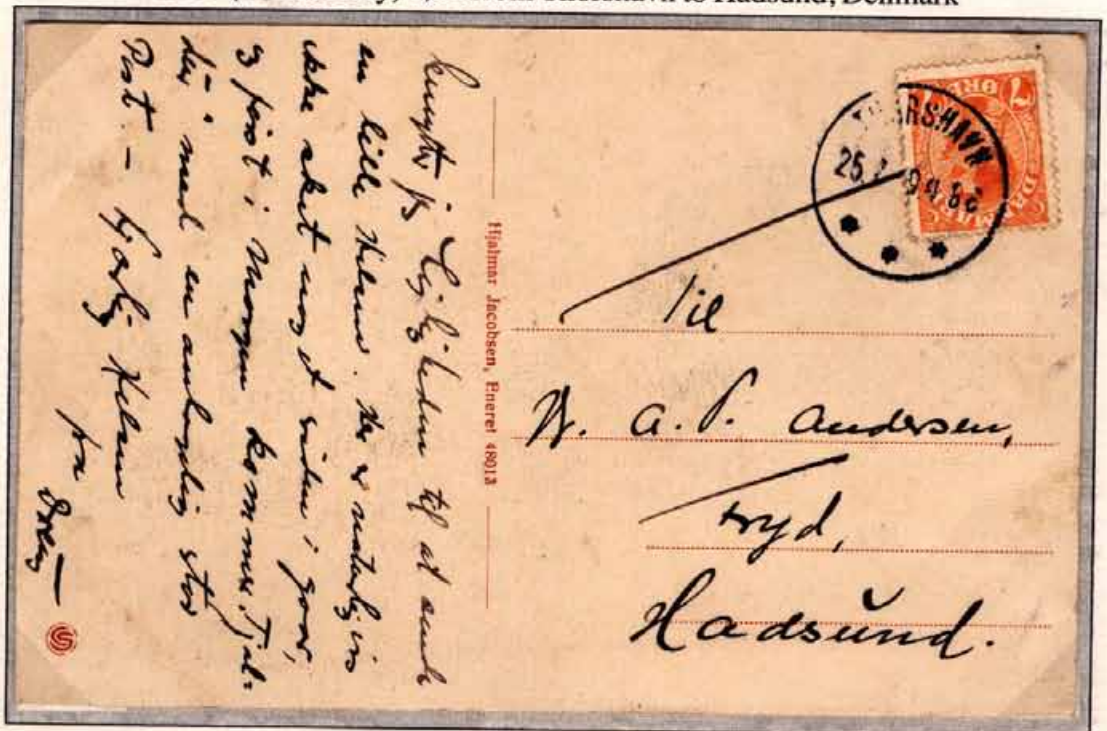


**1919 - 7 øre with
MIDVAAG
star cancel**

1919 PERIOD - 7 ØRE POSTCARD RATE TO DENMARK

The postcard rate between the Faroe Islands and Denmark was increased from 5 øre to 7 øre on 1 January 1919, creating another need for 7 øre stamps. This was a shortlived rate and it was increased to 10 øre on 15 October 1919.

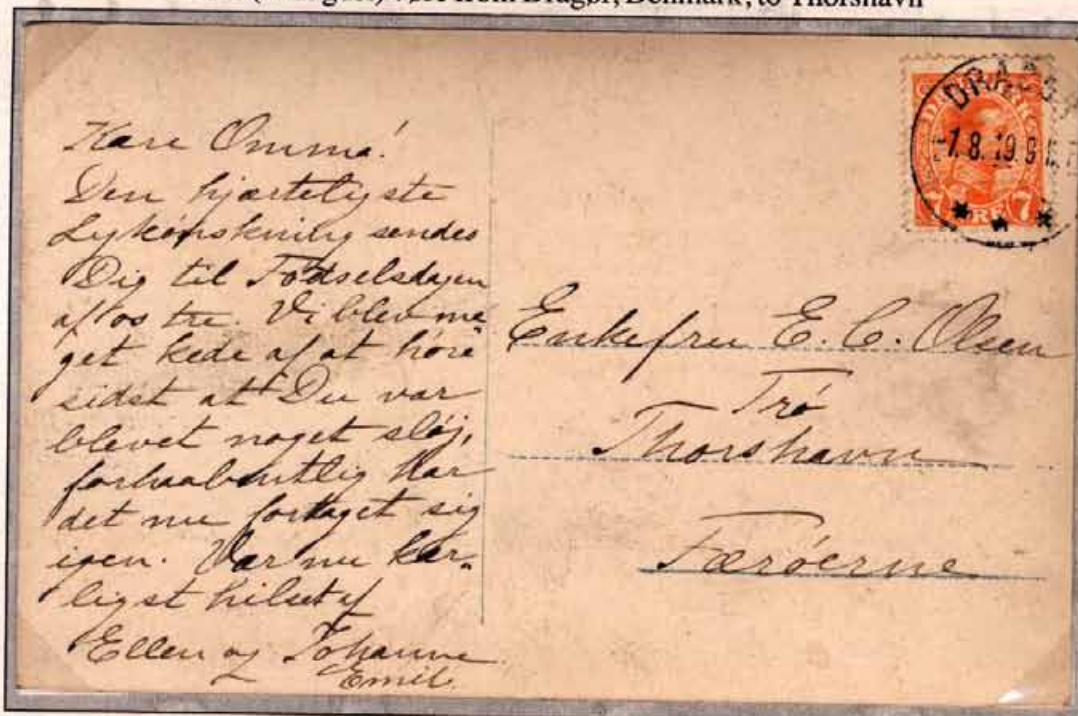
1919 (25 February) 7øre from Thorshavn to Hadsund, Denmark



**1919 - 7 øre on postcard
from Thorshavn
to Denmark**

Rate: 7øre postcards to
and from Denmark
(1/1-14/10 1919)

1919 (7 August) 7øre from Dragør, Denmark, to Thorshavn



**1919 - 7 øre on postcard
from Denmark
to Thorshavn**

1919 PERIOD - 7 ØRE LOCAL POSTCARD RATE

The local postcard rate of 5 øre, introduced on the 1 January 1919, was increased to 7 øre on 15 October 1919. This was another shortlived rate, and it was increased to 8 øre on the 1 July 1920, together with the reintroduced separation between local and inland rates.

1919 (December) 7øre from Midvaag (Star cancel) to Thorshavn

1919 - 7 øre with
MIDVAAG star cancel



Rate: 7øre local postcards
(15/10 1919-30/6 1920)

1920 (18 February) 2øre+5øre from Trangisvaag to Thorshavn

1920 - 2 øre + 5 øre
from Trangisvaag



1919 PERIOD - 10 ØRE LOCAL LETTER RATE

The local letter rate of 7 øre, introduced on the 1 January 1919, was increased to 10 øre on 15 October 1919. For inland mail, this rate was only in use until the 1 July 1920, when the separation between local and inland rates was reintroduced.

1920 (7 February) 10øre from Klaksvig to Andefjord

**1920 - from
Klaksvig
to Andefjord**

Rate: 10øre local
(15/10 1919-30/6 1920)



1919 - local COD

1919 (10 December) 10øre + 35øre on COD from Thorshavn to Klaksvig. Rate: 10øre local + 35øre COD fee for 25-100kr (1919-20)

Aktieselskabet

alm. Brandassurance-Compagni, Højbroplads 10. Kjøbenhavn.

Forsikringssum Kr. 18.000 kr.

Præmie Kr. 54 kr.



H. Høibmand S. F. Hansen

Klaksvig.

1919 PERIOD - LOCAL PARCEL POST

Local Parcel Post saw many changes in 1919 as well. The rates for 1/3/5kg was changed to 20/30/40 øre on the 1 January, and to 30/40/50 øre on the 1 October. And from the 1 July 1920, until 1933, local Parcel Post was suspended. 1919 also saw the introduction of Parcel Cards, which replaced the Parcel Letters which had been in use since the 1890's.

1919 (7 March) 25øre+1Kr on COD Parcel Letter from Thorshavn to Bö

143 Thorshavn

**Remboursement.
Postopkrævning.**

Angiven Værdi: _____ Kr. Øre

Postopkrævning: 18 Kr. 70 Øre

Hermed 1 Pakke

mærket: Adressen.
(Postvæsenets Vægtmærkning.)

8

(Til Fri)

Adressebrev.

Til Hr. L. de Jacobsen

1919 (29 September) 10øre (x4) on COD Parcel Card from Thorshavn to Nordredal

Postopkrævning

Hermed 1 Pakke
Brev

Postopkrævning: _____ Kr. Øre

Angiven Værdi eller anbefalet: _____ Kr. Øre

99 Thorshavn

10 ØRE 10

10 ØRE 10

10 ØRE 10

10 ØRE 10

1919 - Local COD Parcel Letter

Rate: 40 øre for 5kg + 20 øre per extra kg (1/1-30/9 1919) + COD fee 20 øre (1/1-30/9 1919) Actual weight: 8kg

1920 (10 April) 15øre (x2) on Parcel Card from Thorshavn to Øre

Adressekort.

720 Thorshavn

Hermed 1 Pakke

Angiven Værdi eller anbefalet: _____ Kr. Øre

(Ved anbefalede Pakker anføres „Anb.“ i den skraverede Rubrik.)

Til Herr
O.C. Jensen

Udfyldes af Postv.

Vægt: 1 kg

15 ØRE 15

15 ØRE 15

THORSHAVN
10.4.20 4-8E

Bet. Form. Nr. 4 (1/1 1913.)

Alm. Pakker med P. O.

Postopkrævningsporto + alm. Pakkeporto, der udgør:

	Landporto Øre	Lokalporto Øre
1 kg	30	20
1-3 kg	40	30
3-5 kg	50	40
over 5 kg:	50 hhv. 40	40
+ 20 Øre pr. kg over 5 kg.		

Ved anbefalede Breve og Pakker tilkommer Anbefalingsporto 15 Øre, ved Breve og Pakker med angiven Værdi Værdiporto 20 Øre for de første 1000 Kr. + 5 Øre for hvert 1000 Kr. mere.

1919 - Local COD Parcel Card

Rate: 20øre for 1kg (1/1-30/9 1919) + COD fee 20 øre (1/1-30/9 1919) Actual weight: 1kg

1920 - Local Parcel Card

Rate: 30øre for 1kg (1/10 1919-30/6 1920) Actual weight: 1kg

1919 PERIOD - MAIL TO DENMARK

The old 10 øre letter rate to Denmark, introduced on the 1 October 1902, was increased to 15 øre on 15 October 1919. This was another shortlived rate, and it was increased to 20 øre on the 1 July 1920. The postcard rate to Denmark was increased from 7 øre to 10 øre on the 15 October 1919, and to 15 øre on the 1 July 1920.

1920 (30 June) 1øre (x3) on 7/5øre letter card from Thorshavn to Copenhagen

1920 - letter card to Denmark

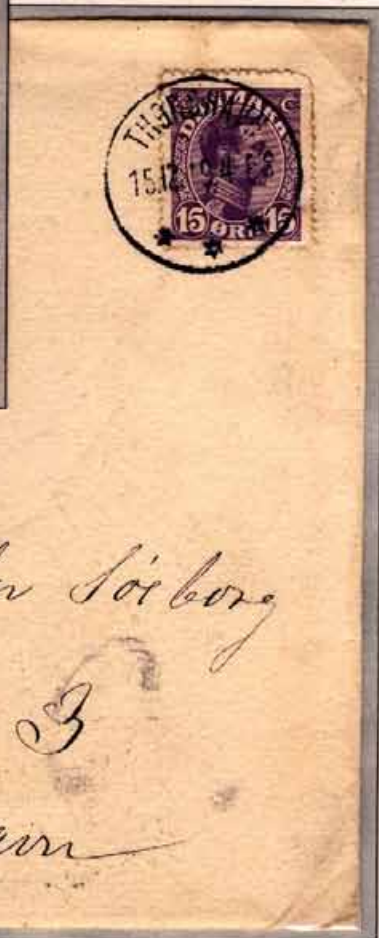
Rate: 10øre postcards to Denmark
(15/10 1919-30/6 1920)

1920 (30 January) 10øre on postcard from Thorshavn to Copenhagen



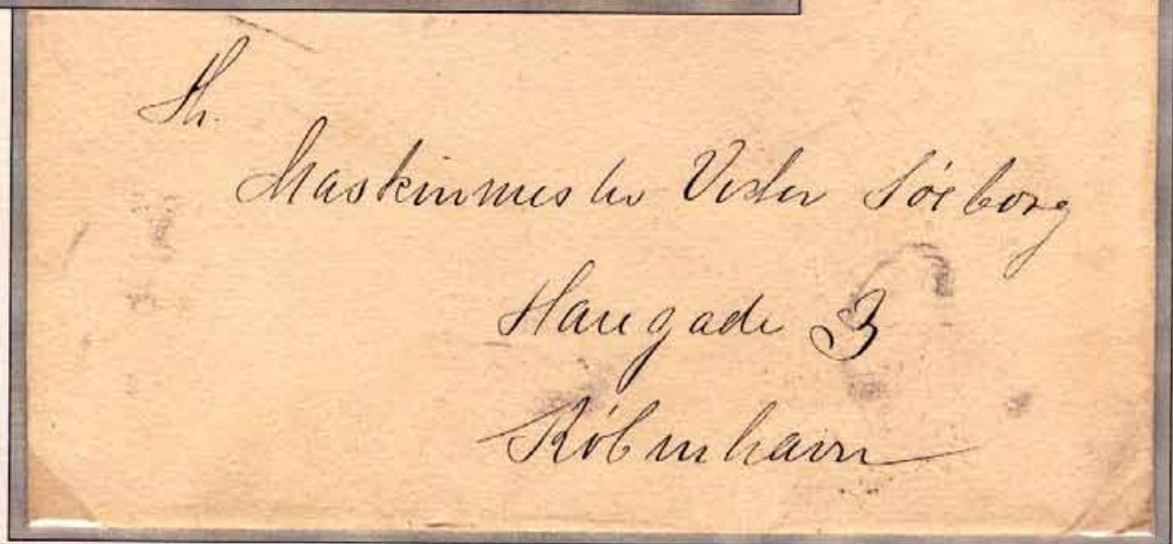
1920 - postcard to Denmark

1919 (15 December) 15øre
from Thorshavn to Copenhagen



1919 - 15 øre to Denmark

Rate: 15øre to
Denmark (15/10
1919-30/6 1920)



1919 PERIOD - REGISTERED MAIL

The old registration fee of 15 øre, introduced in 1902, was increased to 20 øre on the 1 July 1920, and soon after there was a further increase, to 30 øre, on the 1 March 1921. These rates applied to inland and foreign mail.

1920 (17 January) 10øre+20øre on registered cover from Thorshavn to Copenhagen

**1920 - registered
cover to Denmark**



Rate: 15øre to Denmark
(15/10 1919-30/6 1920)
+ 15øre registration fee
(1/10 1902-30/6 1920)

1920 (9 October) 3øre (x2)+27øre on 7øre envelope, registered from Thorshavn to Copenhagen



**1920 - registered
cover to Denmark**

Rate: 20øre to Denmark
(1/7 1920-28/2 1921)
+ 20øre registration fee
(1/7 1920-28/2 1921)

POSTAL RATES 1920-1953 - LOCAL LETTERS

Local letter rates were: 10 øre (1920-46), 15 øre (1946-52), 20 øre (1952-55), 25 øre (1955-57).
On 1 April 1957 local letter rates were abolished and inland rates were used also for local letters.

1933 (14 February) 10øre local letter rate (1920-46) + 25øre reg fee, within Thorshavn

Rekommanderet.



**10 øre local rate
(1920-46)**

Firma N. S. Johannesens Eftf. ,

1947 (8 September) 15øre local letter rate (1946-52), within Thorshavn



FØR



**15 øre local
rate (1946-52)**

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1953 (21 July) 20øre local letter rate (1952-55), within Thorshavn



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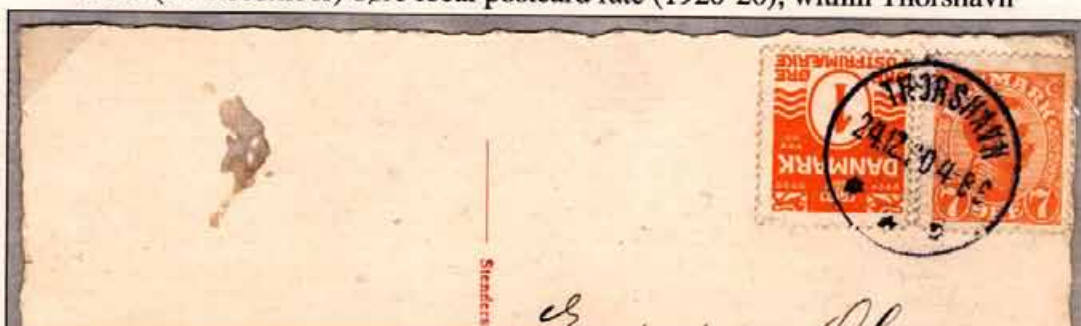
**20 øre local rate
(1952-55)**

POSTAL RATES 1920-1953 - LOCAL POSTCARDS & PRINTED MATTERS

Local postcard rates were: 8 øre (1920-26), 7 øre (1926-46), 10 øre (1946-52), 15 øre (1952-55). Local postcard rates were abolished on 1 May 1955. Local printed matter rates were: 7 øre (1920-21), 8 øre (1921-22), 5 øre (1922-30), 4 øre (1930-40), 5 øre (1940-46). Local printed matter rates were abolished on 1 July 1946.

1920 (24 December) 8øre local postcard rate (1920-26), within Thorshavn

**8 øre local postcard rate
(1920-26)**



1927 (23 December) 7øre local postcard rate (1926-46), within Thorshavn



1942 (13 January) 5øre local printed matter rate (1940-46), from Gøtegjov to Fuglefjord

**7 øre local
postcard rate
(1926-46)**

**5 øre local
printed matter
rate (1940-46)**

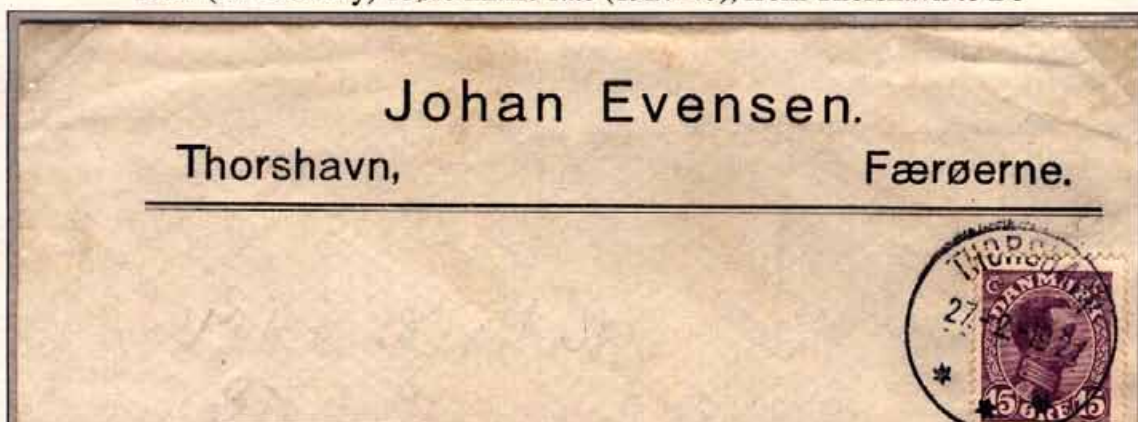


POSTAL RATES 1920-1953 - LETTERS INLAND & TO DENMARK

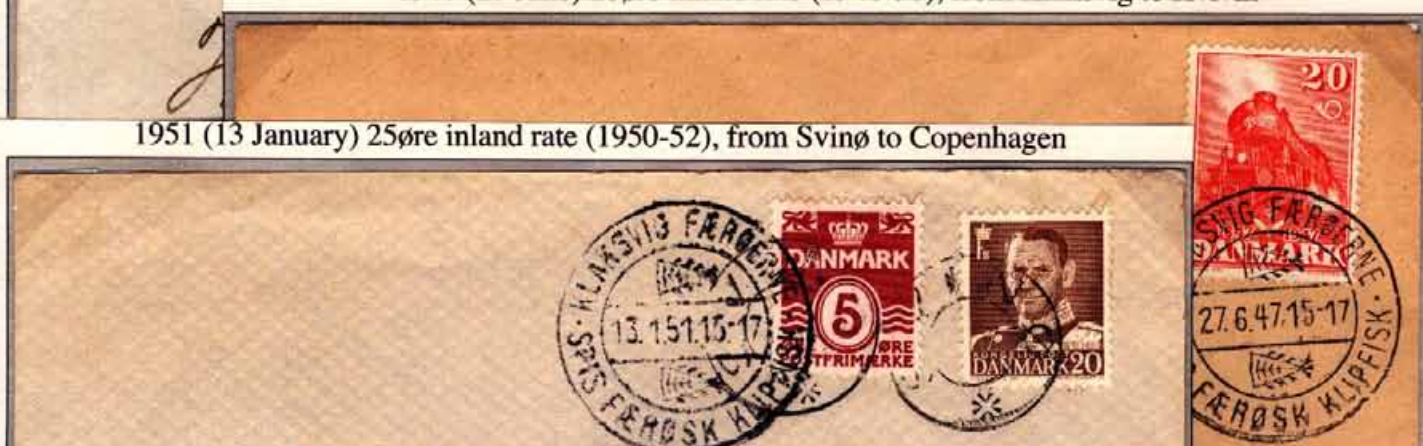
Letter rates inland and to Denmark were: 20 øre (1920-26), 15 øre (1927-40), 20 øre (1940-50), 25 øre (1950-52), 30 øre (1952-63).
1924 (10 December) 20øre inland rate (1920-26), from Thorshavn to Klaksvig



1927 (27 February) 15øre inland rate (1927-40), from Thorshavn to Bø



1947 (27 June) 20øre inland rate (1940-50), from Klaksvig to Kvivik



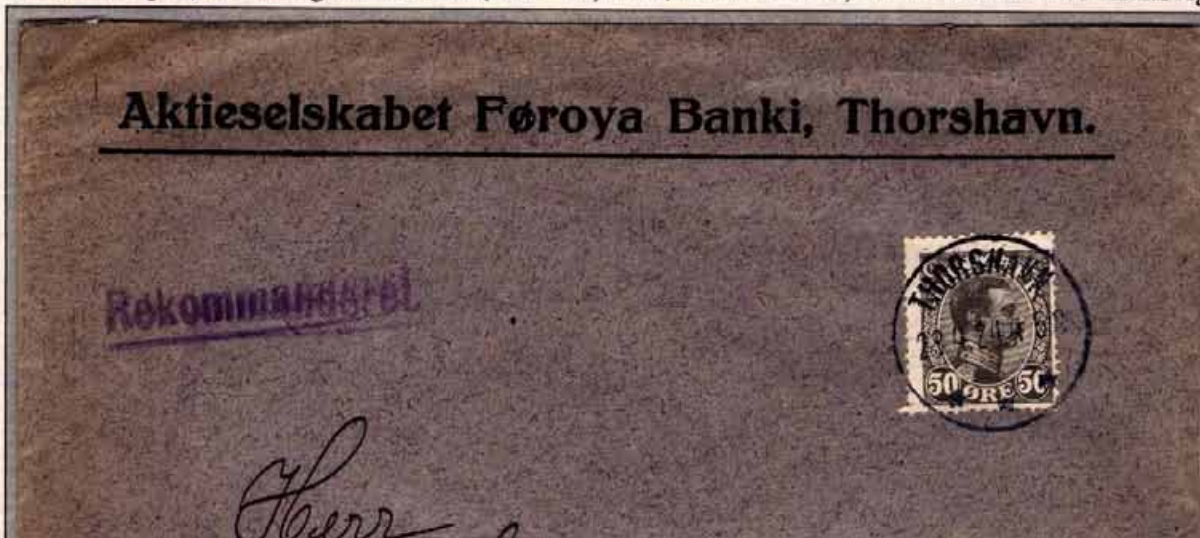
1951 (13 January) 25øre inland rate (1950-52), from Svino to Copenhagen

1952 (22 July) 30øre inland rate (1952-63), from Klaksvig to Torshavn



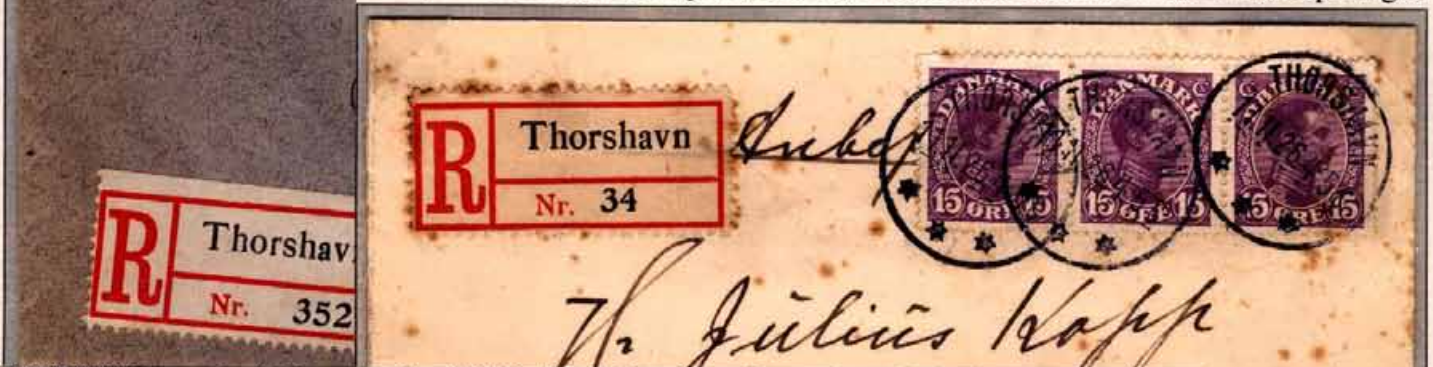
POSTAL RATES 1920-1953 - REGISTERED MAIL 1

The registration fees were: 30 øre (1921-26), 25 øre (1926-40), 30 øre (1940-51), 40 øre (1951-57).
1924 (23 April) 30øre registration fee (1921-26) + 20øre inland rate, from Thorshavn to Klaksvig



**30 øre
registration fee
(1921-26)**

1926 (11 November) 25øre reg fee (1926-40) + 20øre inland rate, from Thorshavn to Copenhagen



1937 (20 December) 25øre reg fee (1926-40) + 15øre inland rate, from Trangisvaag to Midvagi



**25 øre
registration fee
(1926-40)**

POSTAL RATES 1920-1953 - REGISTERED MAIL 2

The registration fees were: 30 øre (1921-26), 25 øre (1926-40), 30 øre (1940-51), 40 øre (1951-57).
1940 (28 December) 30øre registration fee (1940-51) + 30øre double inland rate, from Sandevaag to Thorshavn



1941 (25 May) 30øre registration fee (1940-51) + 20øre inland rate, from Vaag to Thorshavn



1951 (7 July) 40øre registration fee (1951-57) + 25øre inland rate, from Thorshavn to Copenhagen



30 øre registration fee (1940-51)

40 øre registration fee (1951-57)

POSTAL RATES 1920-1953 - INSURED MAIL

The insurance fees up to 1000 kroner were: 25 øre (1920-21), 50 øre (1921-51), 70 øre (1951-62).
The additional fees per extra 1000 kroner were: 5 øre (1920-40), 10 øre (1940-62).
1925 (20 October) 50øre insurance fee (1921-51) + 20øre inland rate, from Thorshavn to Sandevaag



Indlagt ~~50~~ Kroner ~~0~~ Ore.

50 øre
insurance fee
(1921-51)

1933 (15 December) 55øre insurance fee (1921-40) + 25øre double inland rate, from Thorshavn to Vagi



Indlagt ~~1241~~ Kroner ~~37~~ Ore.



Herr M. J. Veyde,
Vagi



5 øre additional
fee (1920-40)
10 øre additional
fee (1940-62)

1942 (13 March) 80øre insurance fee (1940-51) + 30øre double inland rate, from Ejde to Torshavn



Indlagt: ~~kr. 3650. 94~~



H. L. Løvrumbanken




Torshavn

POSTAL RATES 1920-1953 - C.O.D (CASH ON DELIVERY)

The COD fees to 25/100 kroner were: 30/45 øre (1920-46), 50/65 øre (1946-50), 60/75 øre (1950-52), 70/80 øre (1952-55).
1920 (9 September) 30øre COD fee (1920-46) + 20øre inland rate, from Thorshavn to Klaksvig


Indlagt Fornyelseskvittering No. 205613
Til Brandassurance Police No. 737094
Gyldig indtil den 9. September 1921
Postafkrøring 43.44



**30 øre COD fee
(1920-46)**

1948 (30 April) 65øre COD fee (1946-50) + 20øre inland rate, from Thorshavn to Klaksvig

Indlagt Fornyelseskvittering No. 11316
Til BRAND Assurance Police No. 7442
Gyldig indtil den 30 April 1949
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P.O.Kr. 59.60



1953 (23 May) 80øre COD fee (1952-55) + 30øre inland rate, from Thorshavn to Sandevaag

Indlagt Fornyelseskvittering No. 18650
Til BRAND Assurance Police No. 8334
Gyldig indtil den 25 Maj 1954
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Herr Købmand Hjalmar Nielsen,
Sandevaag

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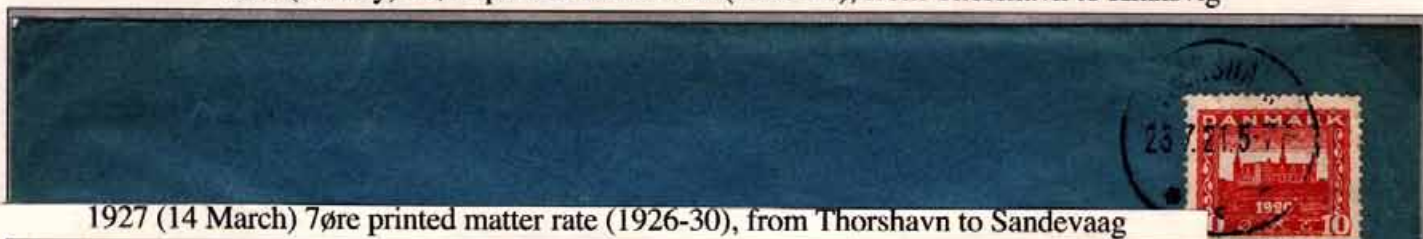
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**65 øre COD fee
(1946-50)**

**80 øre COD fee
(1952-55)**

POSTAL RATES 1920-1953 - PRINTED MATTERS

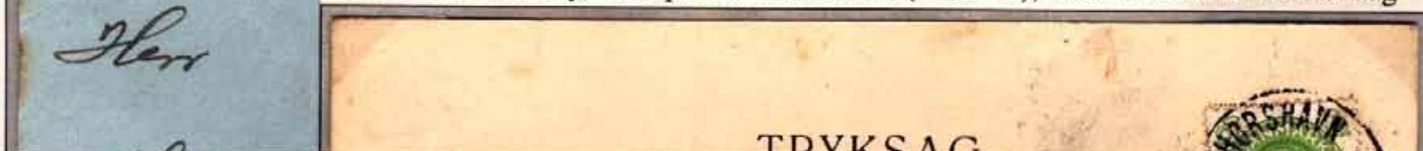
The printed matter rates inland and to Denmark were: 10 øre (1920-26), 7 øre (1926-30), 5 øre (1930-40), 6 øre (1940-52), 8 øre (1952-55).
1921 (23 July) 10 øre printed matter rate (1920-26), from Thorshavn to Klaksvig



1927 (14 March) 7 øre printed matter rate (1926-30), from Thorshavn to Sandevaag



1931 (10 February) 5 øre printed matter rate (1930-40), from Thorshavn to Midvaag



1954 (5 October) 8 øre printed matter rate (1952-55), from Thorshavn to Saksum



1941 (24 October) 6 øre printed matter rate (1940-52) + 30 øre COD fee, from Thorshavn to Tofte



POSTAL RATES 1920-1953 - POSTCARDS

The postcard rates inland and to Scandinavia were: 15 øre (1920-26), 12 øre (Apr-Dec 1926), 10 øre (1927-40), 15 øre (1940-52), 20 øre (1952-67).
1921 (21 December) 15 øre postcard rate (1920-26), from Vaag to Denmark

1926 (22 December) 12 øre postcard rate (Apr-Dec 1926), from Trangisvaag to Thorshavn



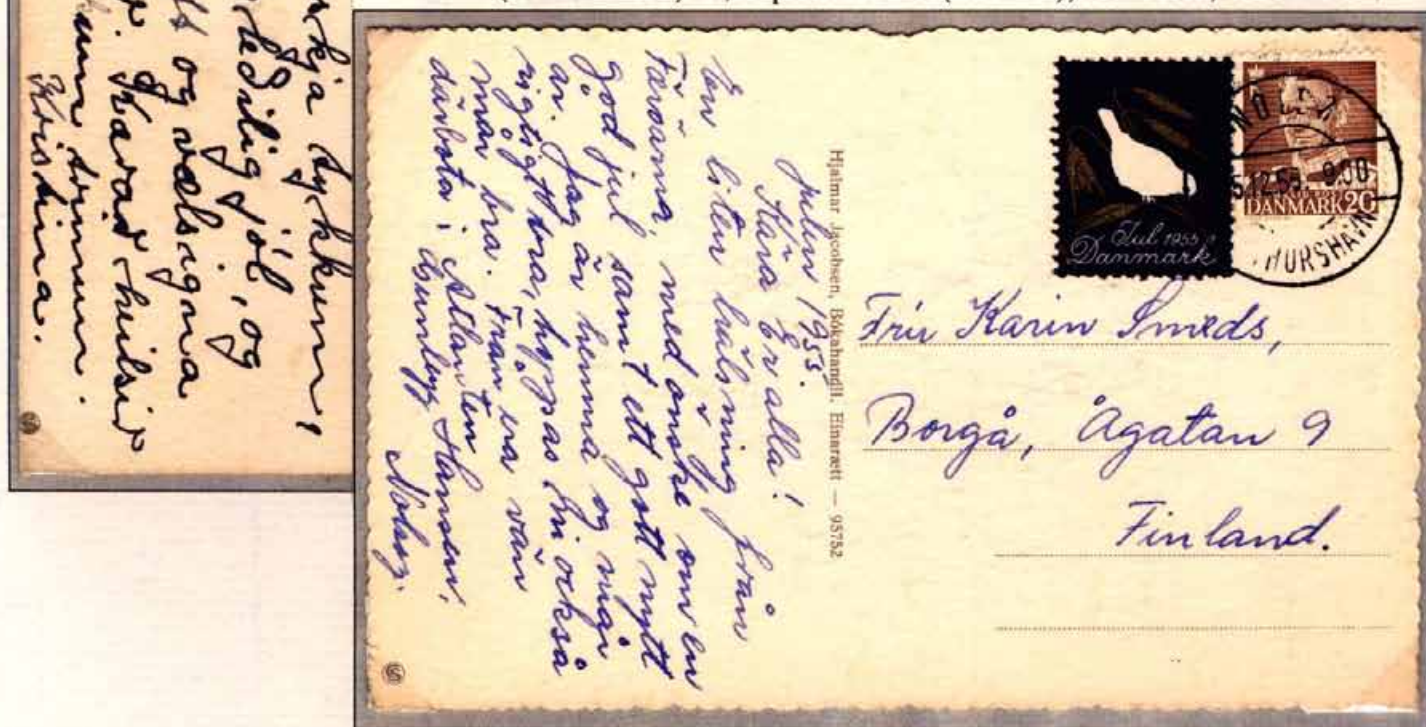
1934 (9 August) 10 øre postcard rate (1927-40), from Thorshavn to Sandevaag



1947 (18 December) 15 øre postcard rate (1940-52), from Trangisvaag to Skuoy



1955 (15 December) 20 øre postcard rate (1952-67), from Nolsø to Finland



POSTAL RATES 1920-1953 - PARCEL POST

The parcel rates 1/3/5kg inland and to Denmark were: 50/70/90 øre (1920-21), 60/75/90 øre (1921-22), 50/65/75 øre (1922-26), 40/50/60 øre (1926-40), 50/60/75 øre (1940-46), 60/75/90 øre (1946-51), 70/90/100 øre (1951-53).

1920 (2 September) 70 øre parcel rate 2kg (1920-21) + 30 øre COD fee, from Thorshavn to Øre

Postopkr 539 Thorshavn

Bet. Form. Nr. 20. (1/4 1919.)

Til Frimærker.

1921 (1 June) 75 øre parcel rate 3kg (1921-22), from Thorshavn to Øre

Adressekort.

Til Reg.-Nr. 502 Thorshavn

Hermed 1 Pakke

Angiven Værdi eller anbefalet: Kr. Øre.

(Ved anbefalede Pakker anføres „Anb.“ i den skraverede Rubrik.)

Til *H. Holund O.*

1924 (17 December) 50 øre parcel rate 1kg (1922-26), from Klaksvig to Øre

Adressekort.

855 Klaksvig

Udfyldes af Postv. Vægt: 2 kg

1947 (12 December) 60 øre parcel rate 1kg (1946-51), from Fuglefjord to Denmark

Kupon

Afsenderens Navn og Adresse:

Fru Martine Petersen Fuglefjord Farøerne

Angiven Værdi: Kr. Øre.

For anbefalede Pakker anføres „R“.

Hermed 1 Pakke

Adressekort

43 Thorshavn (Fuglefjord)

Adressatens Navn og Adresse:

Fru Margrethe Jensen Bævergaardvej 1 Skanduborg Danmark

Angiven Værdi Krøner. 0

For anbefalede Pakker anføres „R“.

Til Frimærker

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Ankomststempel

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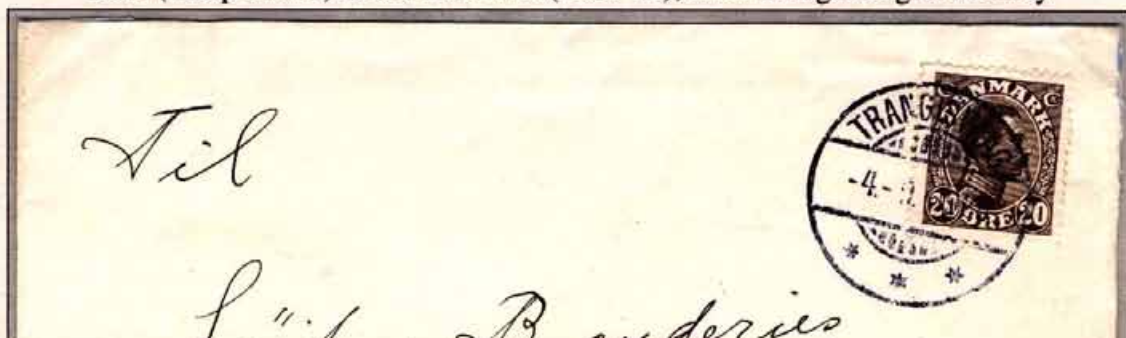
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POSTAL RATES 1920-1953 - LETTERS TO SCANDINAVIA 1

Letter rates to the Scandinavian countries (except Denmark) were: 20 øre (1920-26), 15 øre (1927-40), 20 øre (1940-50), 25 øre (1950-52), 30 øre (1952-63).

1925 (4 September) 20øre letter rate (1920-26), from Trangisvaag to Norway

**20 øre letter rate
(1920-26)**



1938 (18 February) 15øre letter rate (1927-40) + 25øre reg fee, from Thorshavn to Sweden.



1937 (4 September) 30øre double rate (1927-40), from Thorshavn to Norway



**15 øre letter rate
(1927-40)**

POSTAL RATES 1920-1953 - LETTERS TO SCANDINAVIA 2

Letter rates to the Scandinavian countries (except Denmark) were: 20 øre (1920-26), 15 øre (1927-40), 20 øre (1940-50), 25 øre (1950-52), 30 øre (1952-63).

1948 (13 January) 20øre letter rate (1940-50), from Sørvaag to Sweden

20 øre letter rate (1940-50)



1951 (8 January) 25øre letter rate (1950-52), from Klaksvig to Iceland



25 øre letter rate (1950-52)

1953 (12 September) 30øre letter rate (1952-63), from Thorshavn to Norway



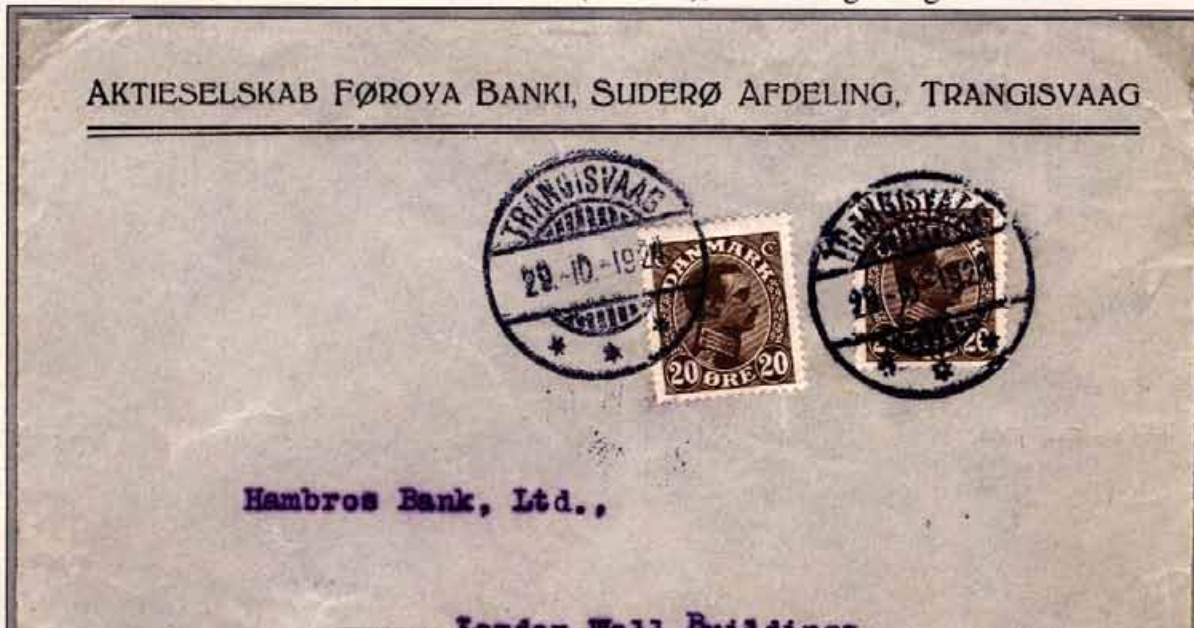
30 øre letter rate (1952-63)



POSTAL RATES 1920-1953 - FOREIGN MAIL 1

Foreign (non-Scandinavian) letter rates were: 40 øre (1921-26), 30 øre (Apr-Dec 1926), 25 øre (1927-33), 30 øre (1934-40), 40 øre (1940-50), 50 øre (1950-52), 60 øre (1952-65). Postcard rates were: 25 øre (1921-26), 20 øre (Apr-Dec 1926), 15 øre (1927-33), 20 øre (1934-40), 25 øre (1940-50), 30 øre (1950-52), 35 øre (1952-65).

1924 (29 October) 40øre letter rate (1921-26), from Trangisvaag to London



**40 øre letter
rate (1921-26)**

1926 (7 August) 20øre postcard rate (Apr-Dec 1926), from Thorshavn to Germany



**20 øre postcard rate
(Apr-Dec 1926)**

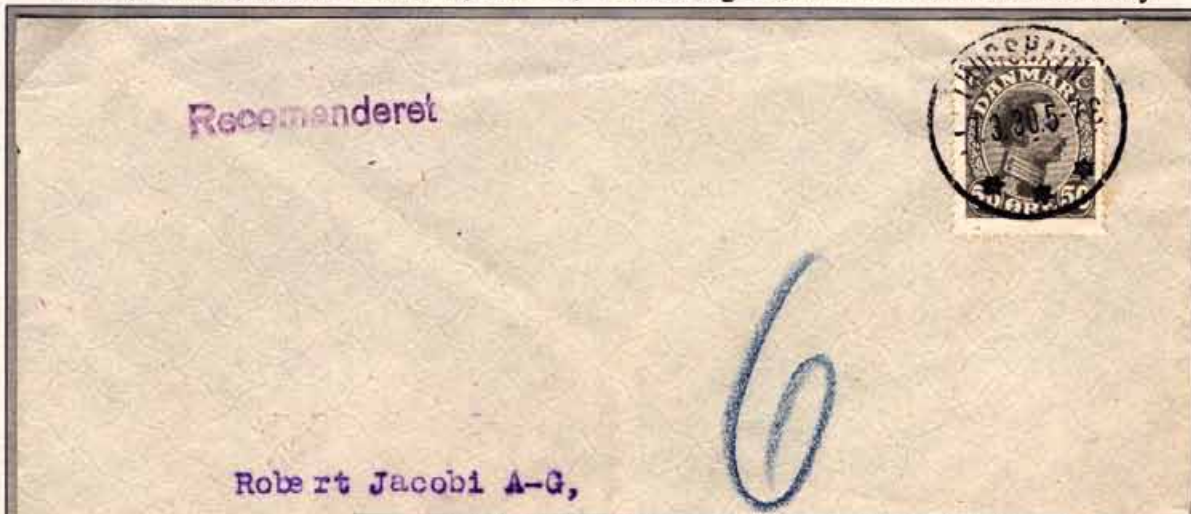


**25 øre letter rate
(1927-33)**

POSTAL RATES 1920-1953 - FOREIGN MAIL 2

Foreign (non-Scandinavian) letter rates were: 40 øre (1921-26), 30 øre (Apr-Dec 1926), 25 øre (1927-33), 30 øre (1934-40), 40 øre (1940-50), 50 øre (1950-52), 60 øre (1952-65). Postcard rates were: 25 øre (1921-26), 20 øre (Apr-Dec 1926), 15 øre (1927-33), 20 øre (1934-40), 25 øre (1940-50), 30 øre (1950-52), 35 øre (1952-65).

1930 (7 March) 25øre letter rate (1927-33) + 25øre reg fee, from Thorshavn to Germany

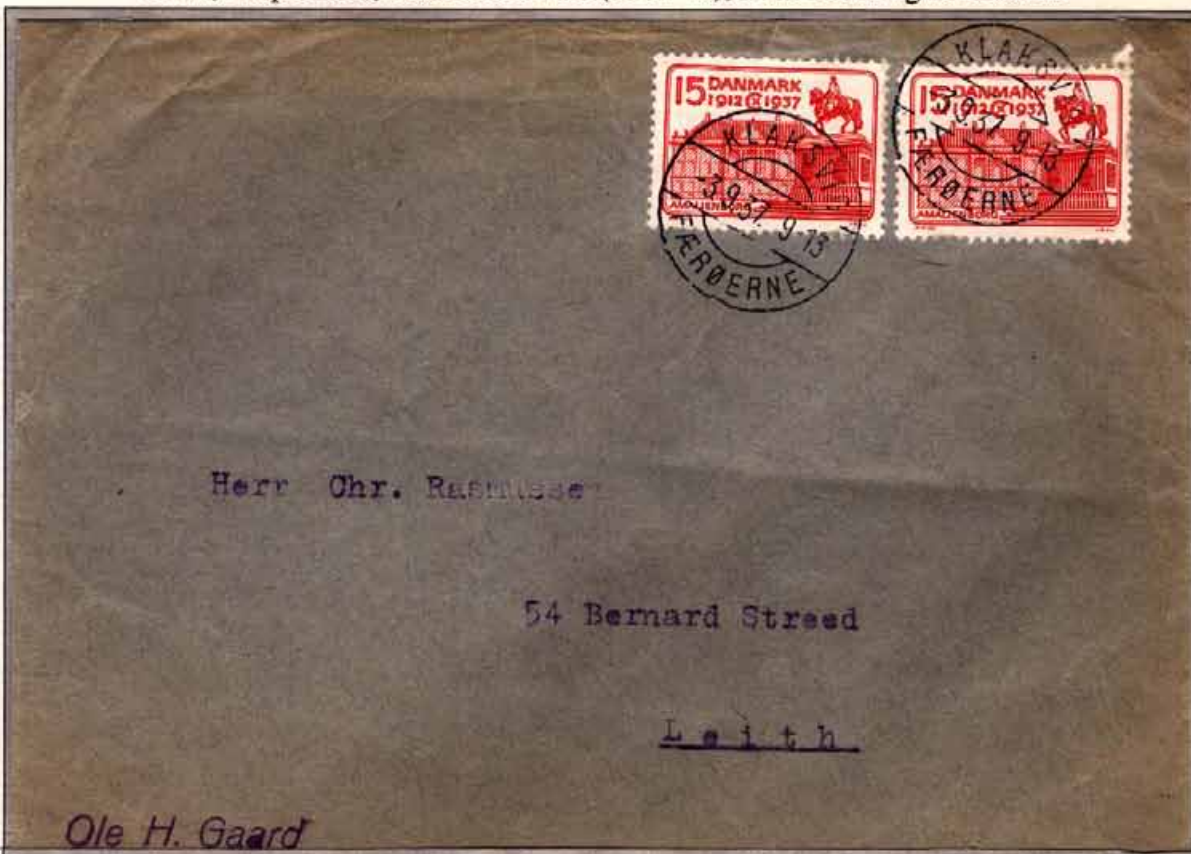


**25 øre letter
rate (1927-33)**

1938 (11 July) 20øre postcard rate (1934-40), from Trangisvaag to England



1937 (3 September) 30øre letter rate (1934-40), from Klaksvig to Scotland

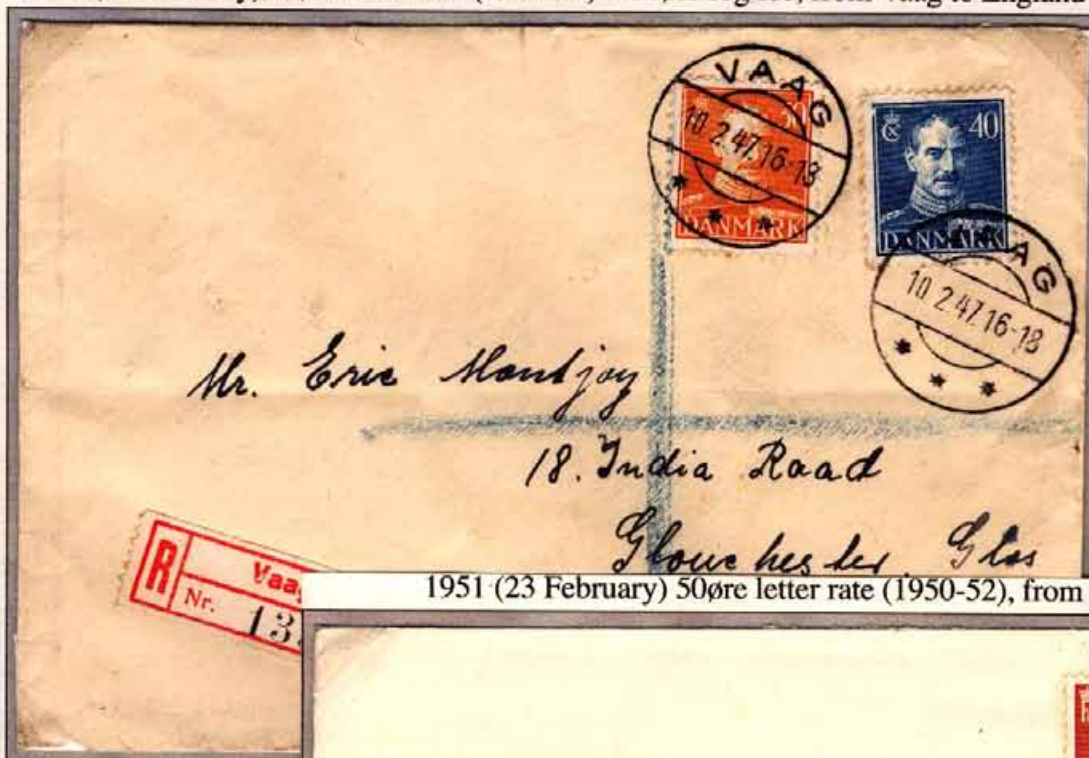


**20 øre postcard
rate (1934-40)**

**30 øre letter
rate (1934-40)**

POSTAL RATES 1920-1953 - FOREIGN MAIL 3

Foreign (non-Scandinavian) letter rates were: 40 øre (1921-26), 30 øre (Apr-Dec 1926), 25 øre (1927-33), 30 øre (1934-40), 40 øre (1940-50), 50 øre (1950-52), 60 øre (1952-65). Postcard rates were: 25 øre (1921-26), 20 øre (Apr-Dec 1926), 15 øre (1927-33), 20 øre (1934-40), 25 øre (1940-50), 30 øre (1950-52), 35 øre (1952-65).
1947 (10 February) 40øre letter rate (1940-50) + 30øre reg fee, from Vaag to England



**40 øre letter rate
(1940-50)**

1951 (23 February) 50øre letter rate (1950-52), from Kvivig to Ireland



**50 øre letter rate
(1950-52)**

1953 (8 May) 60øre letter rate (1952-65), from Klaksvig to England



60 øre letter rate (1952-65)

WORLD WAR II MAIL

Great Britain occupied the Faroe Islands on 13 April 1940, four days after Denmark and Norway were invaded by Germany, and the direct connections between the Faroes and Denmark were cut off or disturbed for the duration of the war. This led to provisional stamps and other emergencies, since supplies from Denmark were delayed or impossible to get through.

February-April 1940: Statsministeriet courier service between the Faroe Islands and Denmark.

April 1940: Regular mail service suspended, mail returned to senders.

3 May 1940: British Field Post Offices commenced. In operation until September 1945.

27 May 1940: Red Cross mail service commenced. In use until the end of 1945.

Nov 1940-June 1941: Postal rates increase on 10 July 1940 lead to locally surcharged stamps.

February-May 1941: Faroe Islands to Denmark airmail routes via London/New York/Lisbon/München.

16 April-31 May 1941: Direct mail route between Denmark and the Faroe Islands temporarily re-opened.

10 May-10 June 1941: Franco Betalt handstamps used during continued shortage of stamps.

26 May-Sept 1941: Shortage of 5øre stamps. 6øre stamps sold for and used as 5øre.

July 1942-1944: British censorship of civilian mail on Vaagø island, where the British troops were stationed.

August 1943: US Army censorship on election envelopes, sent by Faroese fishermen in Icelandic waters.

1945-1948: British registration and parcel labels used when the Danish supplies were exhausted.

1940 - MAIL SERVICE SUSPENDED

The ship "Islands Falk" sailed from Copenhagen on 8 April 1940 carrying mail, accumulated over several weeks, for the Faroe Islands, Iceland and Greenland. When German forces invaded Denmark the following day, the ship was recalled to Copenhagen, and the mail was off-loaded and returned to the senders with the addition of a two-line cachet: "Postudvekslingen indstillet, Retur Afsenderen" (Mail exchange suspended, Return to Sender).

1940 (5 March) "Postudvekslingen indstillet, Retur Afsenderen" cachet, from Denmark to the Faroe Islands, "Retur 16/4 1940"



"Postudvekslingen indstillet, Retur Afsenderen" cachet

1940 - STATS MINISTERIET COURIER SERVICE

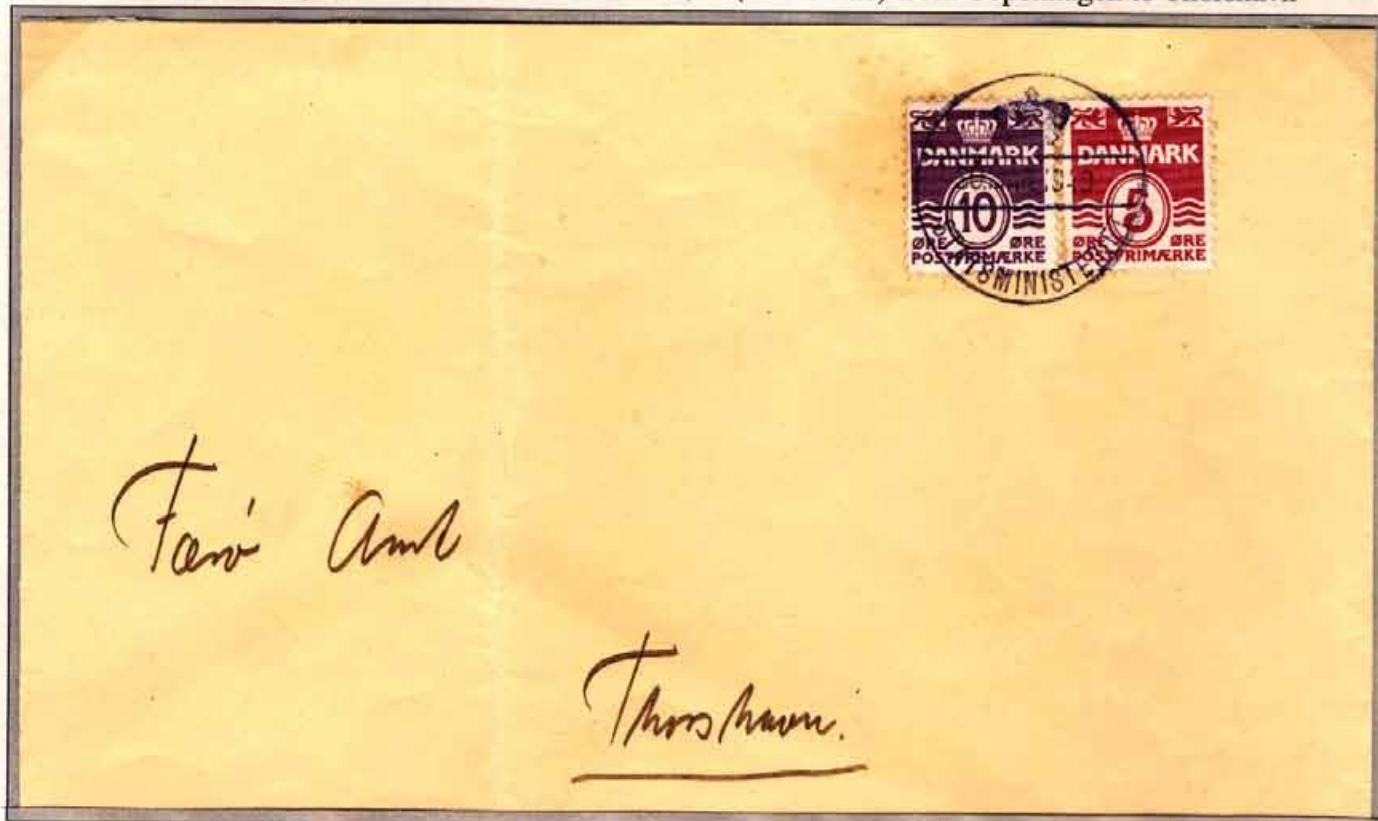
The last regular postal delivery by "Islands Falk" from Denmark to the Faroe Islands arrived on 23 February 1940, and the last mail out from the Faroes departed on 12 March. Because of the irregular mail service, a special courier service was introduced for official Government mail, which was cancelled with the STATS MINISTERIET postmark.

1940 (7 March) STATS MINISTERIET on 15øre (inland rate) from FÆRØ AMT to Copenhagen



STATS MINISTERIET from Thorshavn to Denmark - Rare!

1940 (30 March) STATS MINISTERIET on 15øre (inland rate) from Copenhagen to Thorshavn



STATS MINISTERIET from Denmark to Thorshavn

1940-45 - BRITISH FIELD POST OFFICES - THORSHAVN (FPO 219 & FPO 695)

The British troops established their main garrison in Thorshavn, and a Field Post Office was opened on 3 May 1940, allocated FPO Number 219. Two postmarks were used, type 1 with 3.25mm between D and P (1940-43), and type 2 with 2.75mm between D and P (1942-43). In 1943 the FPO Number was changed to 695 and a new postmark was introduced.

1941 (1 June) FPO 219 (type 1) and Passed by Censor, to England



FPO 219 (type 1)

1942 (11 September) FPO 219 (type 2) and Passed by Censor, to South Africa



1945 (26 July) FPO 695, to England



FPO 219 (type 2)

FPO 695

1942-44 - BRITISH FIELD POST OFFICES - MIDVAAG (FPO 611)

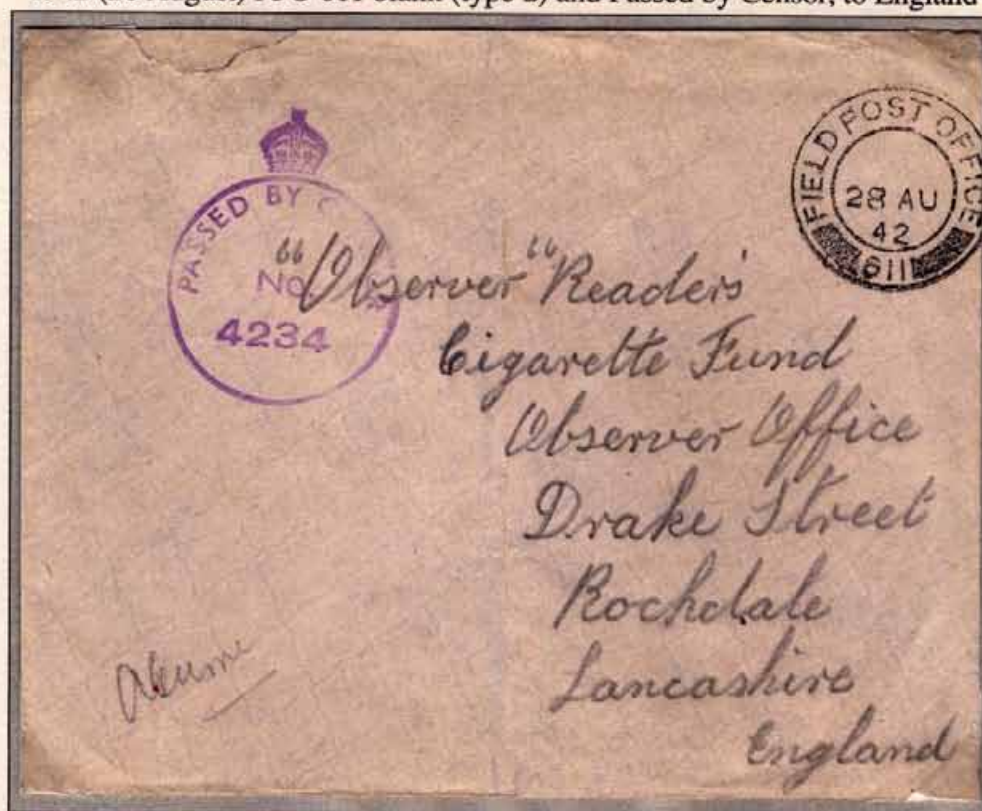
In 1942 the Royal Engineers began to construct an airfield near Midvaag on Vaagø island, and since there were more than 2,000 troops involved in this task, a Field Post Office was opened there as well, allocated FPO Number 611. There are two types of the postmark used, type 1 with code letter A (June-July 1942), and type 2 without code letter (July 1942-44).

1942 (8 June) FPO 611 code letter A (type 1) and Passed by Censor, to England



FPO 611 code letter A (type 1)

1942 (28 August) FPO 611 blank (type 2) and Passed by Censor, to England



FPO 611 blank (type 2)

1940-45 - RED CROSS MAIL

The Red Cross provided a postal message service that allowed short letters to be sent to and from occupied countries, using special Red Cross forms and envelopes. The service started on 27 May 1940 and lasted until the end of the war. In total 14,703 forms were sent from the Faroe Islands, and 7,657 were received from Denmark.

1942 (12 March) RØDE KORS BREV, from Thorshavn to Sand, Faroe Islands



**Røde Kors
Brev sent
from
Thorshavn**

1944 (2 January) Plain window envelope, from Thorshavn to Vaag, Faroe Islands



1944 (8 November) DANSKE RØDE KORS, from the Faroe Islands to Denmark



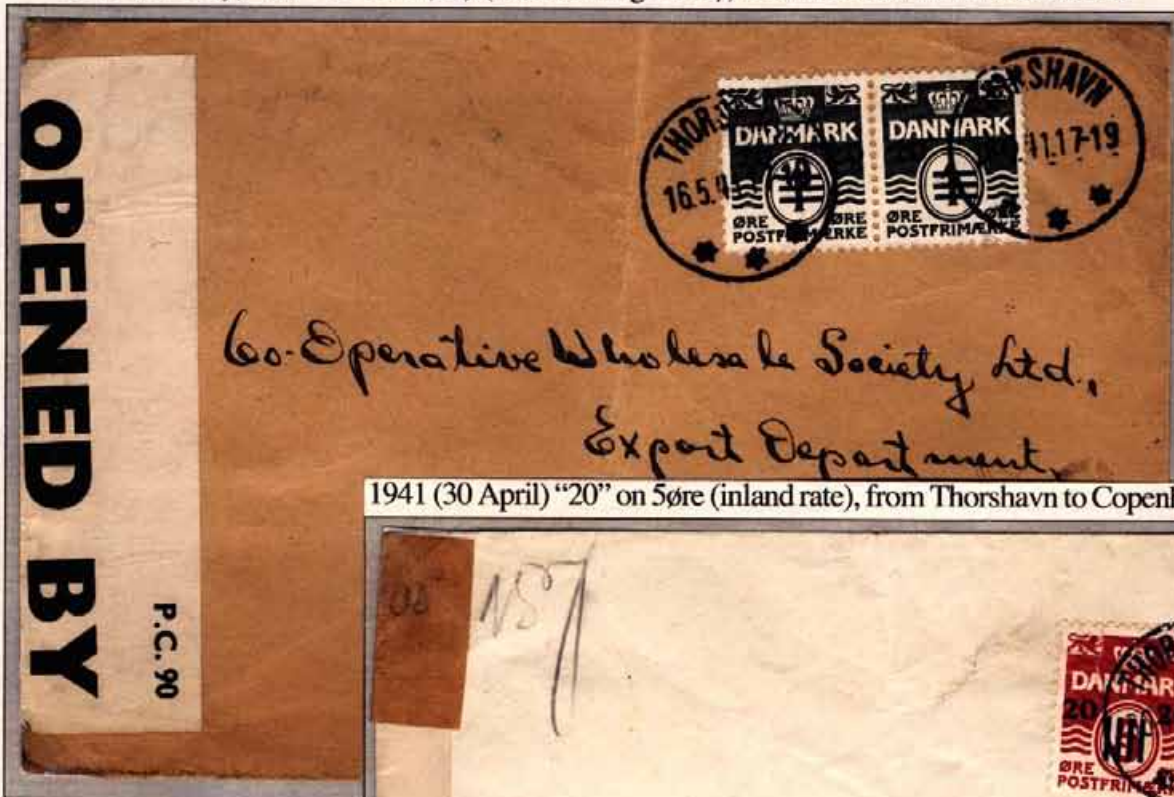
**Plain cover sent
from Thorshavn**

**Danske Røde
Kors cover from
the Faroe Islands,
mailed in
Copenhagen**

1940-41 - PROVISIONAL SURCHARGES

Because the Faroe Islands and Denmark were occupied by opposing forces until May 1945, the supply of stamps to the Faroes became problematic. Increased postal rates took effect on 10 July 1940, and since new denominations had not yet reached the islands, the Danish Post Office authorized the production of provisional surcharges to meet the new rates.

1941 (16 May) "20" on 1øre (x2) (40øre foreign rate), from Thorshavn to Manchester



"20" on 1 øre (x2)
to England

1941 (30 April) "20" on 5øre (inland rate), from Thorshavn to Copenhagen, via direct route



"20" on 5 øre to Denmark

1941 (29 January) "20" on 15øre (inland rate), from Sørvaag to Thorshavn



"20" on 15 øre
inland

1940-41 - PROVISIONAL SURCHARGES

1øre, 5øre and 15øre stamps were surcharged "20"øre, which was the basic letter rate (inland and to Denmark/Scandinavia), 5øre stamps were surcharged "50"øre (basic registered letter rate, and parcel rate to 1kg), and 6øre stamps were surcharged "60"øre (basic insured local letter rate, and parcel rate for 1-3kg).

1941 (9 January) "50" on 5øre (x2) (20øre inland rate + 80øre insurance fee), from Ejde to Thorshavn



1941 (7 February) "60" on 6øre (triple rate to Scandinavia), from Thorshavn to Stockholm

**"50" on 5 øre
(x2) insured**



**"60" on 6 øre
to Sweden**

1941 - AIRMAIL TO DENMARK VIA LONDON, NEW YORK, LISBON, MUNCHEN

In November 1940 the Danish GPO in Copenhagen introduced an airmail service between Denmark and the Faroe Islands, via Lisbon and New York (in practice via München, Lisbon, New York and London). The airmail fee for this service was 85øre per 5 grams, in addition to the normal postal rate of 20 øre. It was in use mainly between February and April 1941, because between 16 April and 31 May 1941 there was a temporary re-opening of direct mail service.

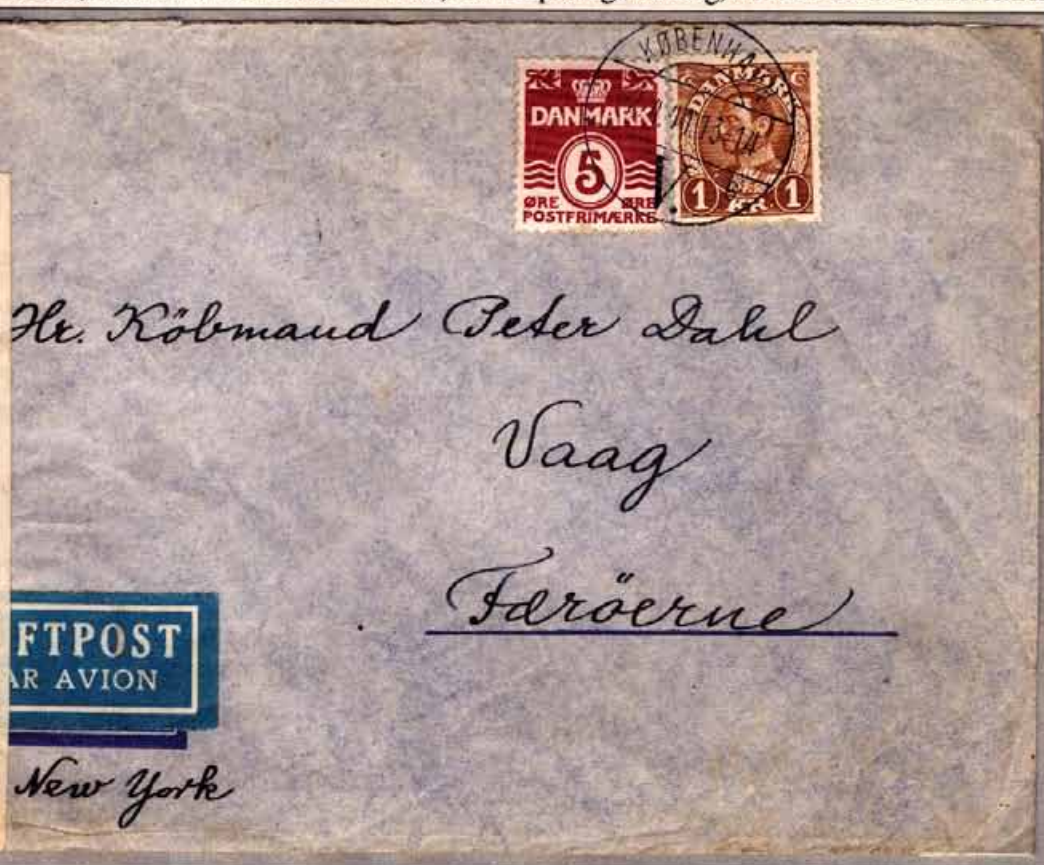
1941 (17 May) 105øre (20øre inland rate + 85øre airmail fee) from Thorshavn to Copenhagen, with British and German censor

Thorshavn to
Denmark
via New York



1941 (2 April) 105øre (20øre inland rate + 85øre airmail fee) from Copenhagen to Vaag, with British and German censor

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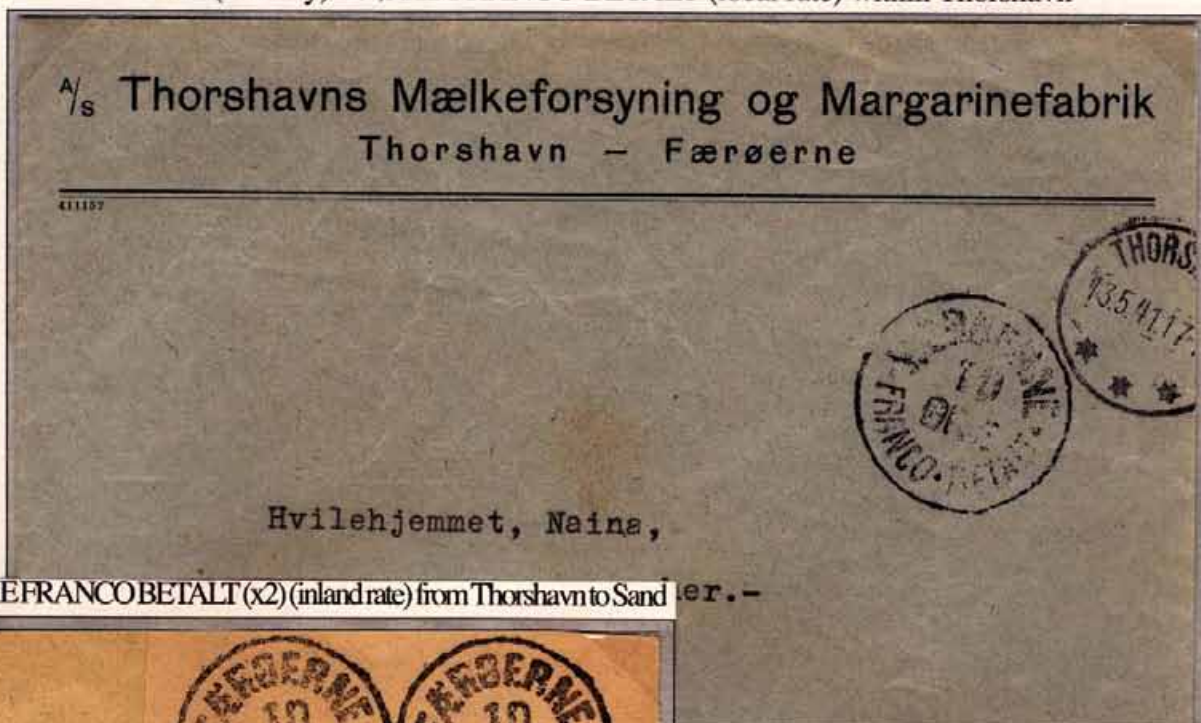
Denmark to
Vaag via
New York

1941 - FRANCO BETALT HANDSTAMPS

In a further attempt to overcome the shortage of stamps, the Postal Authorities produced four sets of 5øre, 10øre and 20 øre FRANCO BETALT (Postage Paid) handstamps, with the intention of providing one set each to the Post Offices in Thorshavn, Klaksvig, Trangisvaag and Vaag. They were only in use between 10 May and 10 June 1941.

1941 (13 May) 10 ØRE FRANCO BETALT (local rate) within Thorshavn

**10 ØRE
FRANCO
BETALT**



1941 (3 June) 10 ØRE FRANCO BETALT (x2) (inland rate) from Thorshavn to Sandgerð.



**10 ØRE FRANCO
BETALT x 2 -
Unique!**

1941 (5 June) 20 ØRE FRANCO BETALT (inland rate) from Thorshavn to Hvalvík



**20 ØRE FRANCO
BETALT**

FÆRØERNES
OFFENTLIGE VAREFORSYNING
THORSHAVN - FAROE ISLES

1941 - FRANCO BETALT HANDSTAMPS

Two non-denominated handstamps were produced by drilling out the values of 5øre handstamps. These were used either without value, or with the value added in manuscript. The post offices in Thorshavn and Klaksvig were the ones to use these handstamps, but examples from Klaksvig are very rare.

1941 (30 May) FRANCO BETALT non-denominated with manuscript "50" (20øre inland rate + 30øre reg fee), registered to Thorshavn

**FRANCO
BETALT**
non-denominated
with manuscript
"50".
Rare!



1941 (30 May) FRANCO BETALT non-denominated on COD money order (60øre for 100-300kr) from KLAKSVIG to Sörvaag

<p>Postindkassering Adressatens Navn og Adresse eller anden Adressetegnelse (H. Eks. Leds. Nr.)</p> <p><i>Sören Nielsen</i> <i>Sörvaag</i> <i>122 Kr. 15</i></p>	<p>Indkassering Postanvisning Adressatens Navn og Adresse</p> <p><i>Hr. Sören Nielsen</i> <i>Sörvaag</i> <i>122 Kr. 15</i></p>	<p>Til Frimærker</p> <p>FRANCO-BETALT</p> <p>Inbetalingspostens Ankomststempel</p> <p>THORSHAVN <i>30.5.41</i> 5-17</p>
<p>Man Postindkasseringen kun henlægge Præsentationslagen, anføres «Straks»</p> <p>(Understreges med F)</p> <p>En Bogen af de gamle Køper kan Afleveres ved de Næsting til og med Bogen. Køperne afleveres af Aflevereren ved Betalings Uds betaling</p>	<p>Mod Udlægg af meddelende Hovedkassen</p> <p>THORSHAVNS HANDELSBANK OG MARGARINEFABRIK</p> <p>Betalt med (Kassebetalt) <input type="checkbox"/> Kr. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Indt. Nr. <input type="text"/></p>	<p>Inbetalingspostens Ankomststempel</p> <p>FRANCO-BETALT</p>

FRANCO BETALT non-denominated from KLAKSVIG - Very Rare!

1941 - 6 ØRE STAMPS USED AS 5 ØRE STAMPS

Between May and September 1941, the Post Office was totally without 5øre stamps. 180 sheets (=1,800 stamps) of 6øre stamps were re-accounted into 5øre stamps, and subsequently used as and sold for 5øre each. Later usages are also known.

1941 (9 July) 6øre used as 5øre (x4, one with repaired corner) (20øre inland rate), from Thorshavn to Eidi



6 øre used as 5 øre (x4) - Very rare!

1941 (23 December) 6øre used as 5øre + 10øre (15øre postcard rate) from Thorshavn to Gjogv



**6 øre used as 5 øre.
Rare!**

1942-44 - BRITISH MILITARY CENSORSHIP OF CIVILIAN MAIL ON VAAGØ

Because of the large number of British troops stationed on Vaagø island in connection with the construction of the airfield there, local civilian mail sent from the settlements on Vaagø and Myggenæs was subject to Military censorship. Opened letters were re-sealed with brown tape and an OPENED BY MILITARY CENSOR cachet, and un-opened letters had the cachet applied across the joint.

1943 (6 January) OPENED BY MILITARY CENSOR and signature on brown tape, from Midvaag to Thorshavn

**OPENED BY
MILITARY
CENSOR
on brown tape**



1944 (9 February) OPENED BY MILITARY CENSOR across joint, from Midvaag to Vaag



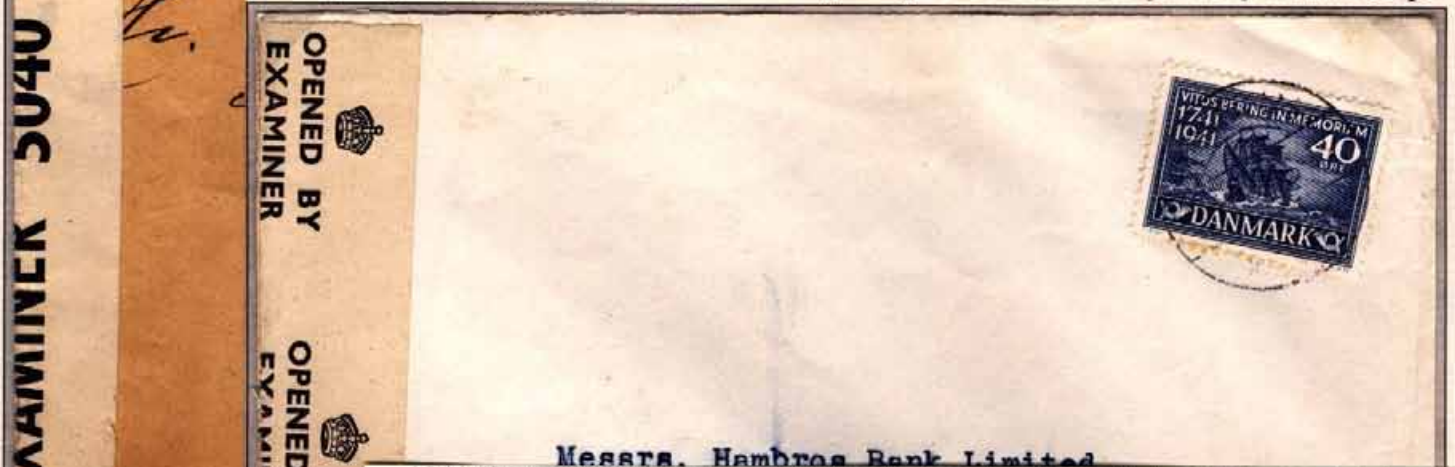
**OPENED BY MILITARY
CENSOR across joint**

1939-45 - CENSOR MAIL

Throughout the war, incoming and outgoing mail was routed through Great Britain and censored there. Many different censor labels were in use. Mail to or from Denmark was often censored in Germany as well. 1940 (26 October) 5øre(x2) + 15øre(x2) (40øre foreign rate), from Kvalbo to London, with Opened by Examiner labels



1945 (19 April) 40øre (foreign rate), from Trangisvaag to London, with Opened by Examiner tape



1941 (21 April) 20øre (inland rate) to Denmark, with British and German labels



"Opened by Examiner" labels

"Opened by Examiner" tape

"Opened by Examiner" label and "Geöffnet" tape

1943 - US ARMY CENSORSHIP ON ELECTION ENVELOPES

In connection with the general election in 1943, Faroese fishermen in Icelandic waters were permitted to submit postal votes from Iceland. These envelopes were censored by the US Army in Iceland, and carried to the Faroe Islands by fishing boat to Thorshavn, where Danish stamps were added, and the letters sent to the fishermen's counties. 1943 (16 August) OPENED BY ARMY U.S. EXAMINER labels (applied in Iceland) with 20øre (inland rate), from Thorshavn to Nes



1943 (14 August) Election envelope sent by fisherman leaving for Iceland, with 20øre (inland rate) from Klaksvig to Toftir



1945-48 - BRITISH REGISTRATION LABELS - THORSHAVN

Towards the end of the war, supplies of the Danish red-and-white registration labels began to run short in Thorshavn, Klaksvig, Trangisvaag and Vaag. With no further shipments arriving from Denmark, orders were placed in Great Britain for British style blue-and-white labels. Most Thorshavn labels had the town name printed.

1945 (11 December) British "THORSHAVN" label on registered cover with 50øre (20øre inland rate + 30øre reg fee), to Thorshavn

**British
registration
labels
"THORSHAVN"**



1947 (14 May) British "THORSHAVN" label on registered cover with 35øre(x2) + 75øre (115øre quadruple foreign rate + 30øre reg fee), to USA



1945-48 - BRITISH REGISTRATION LABELS - KLAKSVIG - & PARCEL LABELS

The other towns received blank labels, and the town names were handstamped on the labels. All of these handstamped labels are rare. British style parcel labels were also ordered from Great Britain and used during this period, and they are rare.

1945 (30 December) British "KLAKSVIG" label, with 5øre(x2) + 20øre(x2) (20øre inland rate + 30øre reg fee), to Thorshavn

**British registration label
"KLAKSVIG" - Rare!**



1945 (3 September) British "Thorshavn" parcel label on parcel card with 60øre (rate for 1-3kg), to Copenhagen

Kupon Afsenderens Navn og Adresse <i>One Gram.</i> <i>Thorshavn</i>		Adressekort Thorshavn 801		Til F
Angiven Værdi Kr.		Adressatens Navn og Adresse <i>Jen Boobfua Gram</i> <i>Derthia vej 101 i B.</i> <i>Oslovej 101 i København N.</i> <i>Toldpostkontoret i København</i>		584 Toldpostkontoret
For anbefalede Pakker anføres „R“		Angiven Værdi..... Kroner For anbefalede Pakker anføres „R“		Toldfrit 977
Hermed Pakke		Angaaende Pakkens Afhentning se Bagsiden		
Bet. 4 (6-40)		Udfyldes af Posth. Vægt kg 2 - 2		

British parcel label "Thorshavn" - Rare!

DANISH CHRISTMAS LABELS

From 1904 onwards, Denmark has issued Christmas labels which were sold for charity purposes, and the surplus was used to help children with tuberculosis. Danish Christmas labels were also sold and used in the Faroe Islands, and the label issued in 1923 was particularly interesting in the Faroes since it shows the rowing boat "Thorshavn" in Faroese waters.

1923 (23 December) 1923 Christmas label and 10øre, to Thorshavn



Christmas label 1923 - the "Faroes" label

1934 (15 December) 1934 Christmas label and 10øre, from Thorshavn to Copenhagen



Christmas label 1934

1947 (22 December) 1947 Christmas label and 20øre, from Vaag to Thorshavn



Christmas label 1947

FAROESE CHARITY LABELS

During and after the second world war, the Faroese charity Barnahjalpin (Children's Help) issued charity labels, and the surplus from sales was used to help children in need, including those that were fatherless.

1944 (21 February) 1944 "Barnahjalpin" (Children's Help) and 10øre, within Thorshavn



"Barnahjalpin" 1944

1947 (23 December) 1945 "Fyri Fadirleys" (Fatherless Boys) and 10øre, within Thorshavn



"Fyri Fadirleys" 1947

PERFINS - "D.D.P.A." & "D.E.C."

Perfins are security punctures used to prevent theft of stamp stocks in companies. In the Faroe Islands this was never needed to any great extent. "D.D.P.A." (Det Danske Petroleum Aktieselskab - The Danish Petroleum Company Ltd) use perfins in 1925; these are rare on cover. "D.E.C." (Dansk Elektricitets-Compagni) used stamps with perfins on pre-franked covers in the 1950's.

1925 (20 March) "D.D.P.A." perfin on 20øre (inland rate), from Thorshavn to Kvivig

**"D.D.P.A" perfin.
Rare!**



1952 (12 April) "D.E.C." perfin on 25øre (inland rate), from Saltangeraa to Odense



"D.E.C." perfin

PERFINS - "V.L."

The main user of stamps with perfins in the Faroe Islands was the company of Valdemar Lützen, a trade and insurance business. They started using their perfin "V.L." in the 1930's and it was used up until the 1970's at least.

1938 (1 April) "V.L." perfin (reversed) on 15øre (inland rate), from Thorshavn to Sandevaag

**"V.L." perfin
reversed**



1935 (10 August) "V.L." perfin on 30øre(x2) + 10øre(x2) without perfin, insured (25øre double inland rate + 55øre insurance fee), from Thorshavn to Hellerup



1940 (13 April) "V.L." perfin (one reversed) on 30øre(x2), COD (15øre inland rate + 45øre COD fee), from Thorshavn to Sandevaag



**With and
without "V.L."
perfin**

**"V.L." perfin,
one reversed**

POSTAGE DUE STAMPS - INCOMING MAIL

Danish Postage Due stamps were first issued in 1921, and they were also used in the Faroe Islands on unpaid and underpaid incoming mail. The postal charges for unpaid or underpaid mail was normally double the deficiency.

1940 (9 November) 2øre+10øre Postage Due stamps, from Sheffield to Thorshavn with 2½d, taxed "12" øre

**2 øre + 10 øre
Postage Due
stamps, from
England**



1922 (11 August) 50øre(x4) Postage Due stamps, on Parcel Card coupon from Germany to Thorshavn, taxed "200" øre



**50 øre (x4)
Postage Due
stamps, from
Germany**

**10 øre (x4)
Postage Due stamps,
on ship letter**

1947 (20 March) 10øre(x4) Postage Due stamps, on ship letter to Thorshavn, taxed "40" øre (double inland rate)



POSTAGE DUE STAMPS - INLAND MAIL

Unpaid and underpaid mail within the Faroe Islands was also taxed, and the amount due was normally paid with postage due stamps. Some retailers allowed their customers to send mail orders unpaid, and paid the postage upon receipt.

1953 (14 November) 6øre(x2) Postage Due stamps (printed matter rate), from Klaksvig to Torshavn

6 øre (x2) Postage Due stamps, on printed matter

2 øre (x10) Postage Due stamps, on insured cover

1942 (3 January) 2øre(x10)

Postage Due stamps, insured with 15øre(x2) + 50øre (30øre double inland rate + 60øre insurance fee), taxed "20" øre

Tórshavn



POSTAGE DUE STAMPS - OUTGOING MAIL

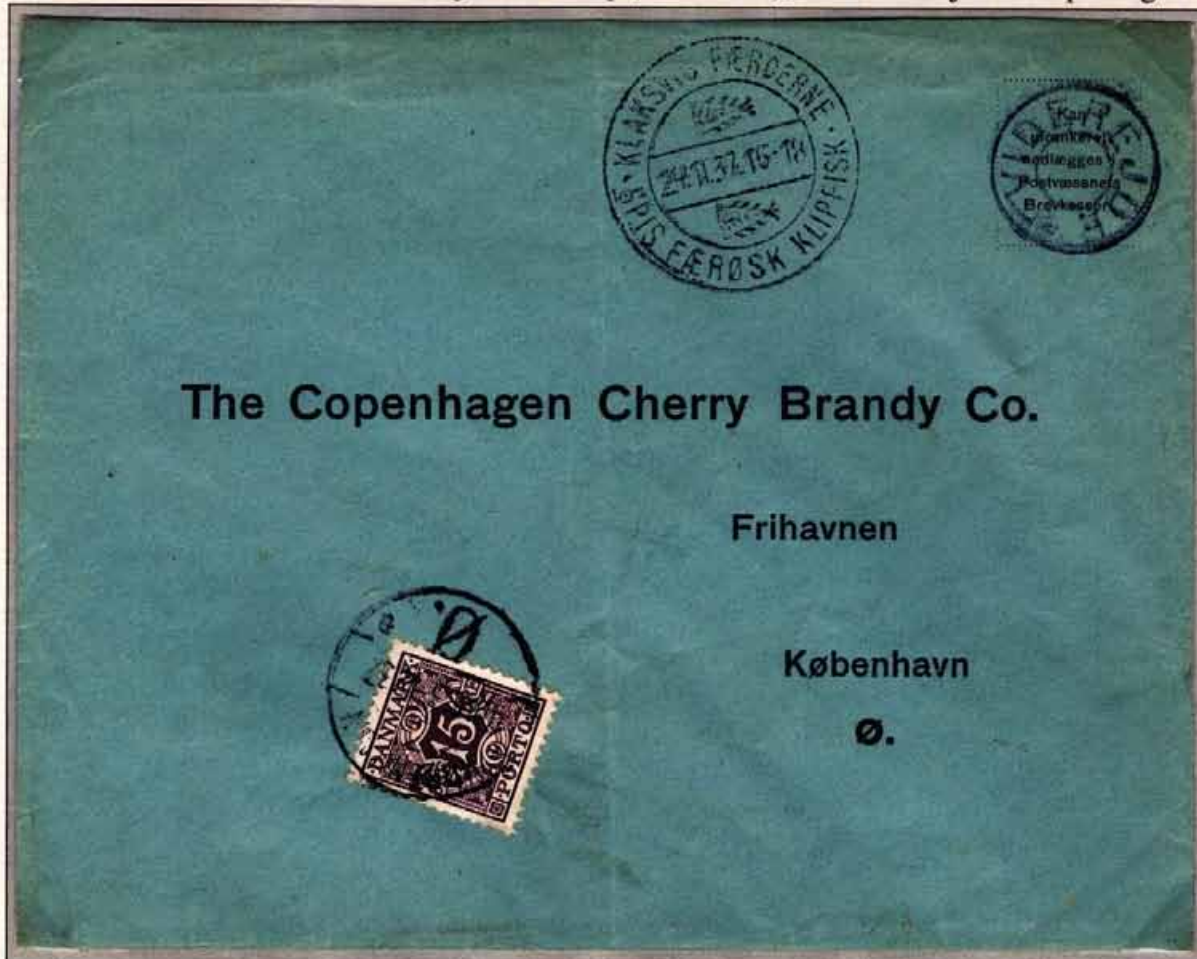
Some retailers in Denmark had special arrangements with the Danish Post Office in that they only had to pay the actual postage costs for unpaid mail orders, sent by their customers in Denmark and the Faroe Islands.

1928 (8 August) 10 øre Postage Due stamp (inland postcard rate), from Vestmanhavn to Copenhagen

**10 øre Postage Due stamp,
from Vestmanhavn
to Denmark**



1937 (24 November) 15 øre Postage Due stamp (inland rate), from Viderejde to Copenhagen



**15 øre Postage
Due stamp,
from Viderejde
to Denmark**

TELEGRAMS

With the irregular communications between the Faroe Islands and the outside world, telegrams was quite an important alternative for urgent messages. But it was also a very expensive way of communication.

1930 (17 September) Telegram (9 words) from Frederikshavn to Thorshavn

Telegram to
Thorshavn

TELEGRAM

fra *Frederikshavn* Nr. *6* *9* Ord, indl. den

Adresse: *Gunnhildur Evensen
Niels Finssengate
Thori*

STATIONEN *DANSKE TELEGR.*
17. SEP. 1930
THORSHAVN

1934 (23 August) Telegram-envelope with 15øre (inland rate), from Thorshavn to Sandevaag

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ollationné) FS E

24. AUG. 1934

TELEGRAM

HJALMAR NIELSEN

15
THORSHAVN
DANSKE

Telegram
envelope from
Thorshavn

1928 (23 July) Receipt for telegram from Copenhagen to Thorshavn, with 10øre Gebyr (Fee) stamp



STATSTELEGRAFFVÆSENET


TELEGRAMKVITTERING

For Telegram Nr. *6576* til *Sagfører Overretssagf. Simons*
(Adressatens Navn)

Thorshavn
(Adressestationens Navn)

indleveret den *23. JULI 1928*

er betalt *2* Kr. *17* Øre.

ROSENHAGEN 14 JUL 1928
(Telegr. stationens Navn)

23
10 ØRE
DANSKE

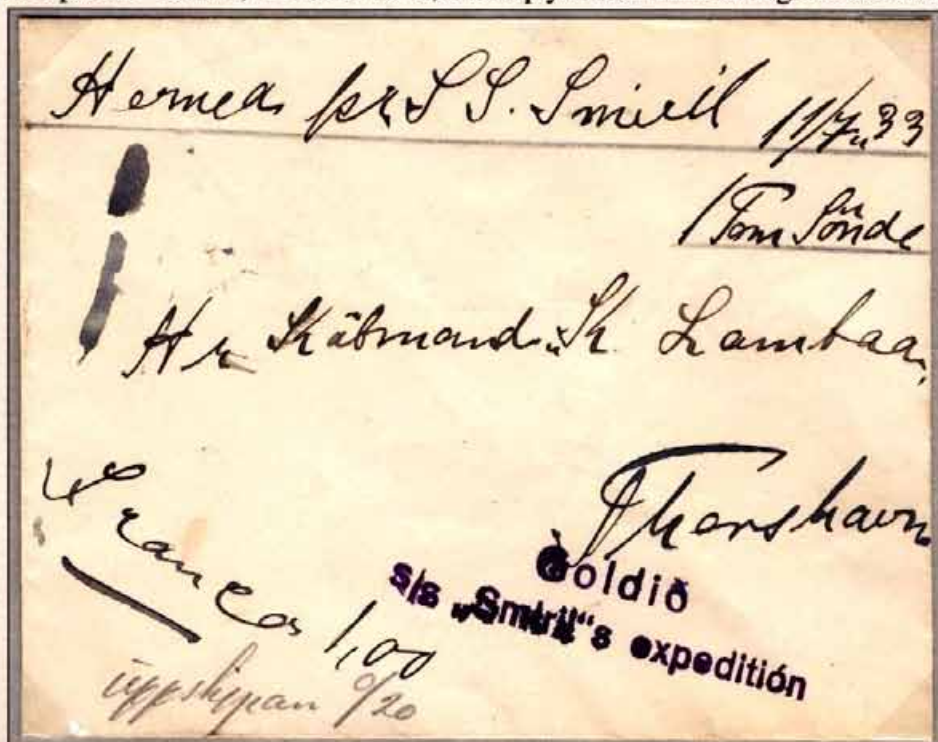
Receipt for telegram
to Thorshavn

FREIGHT ENVELOPES

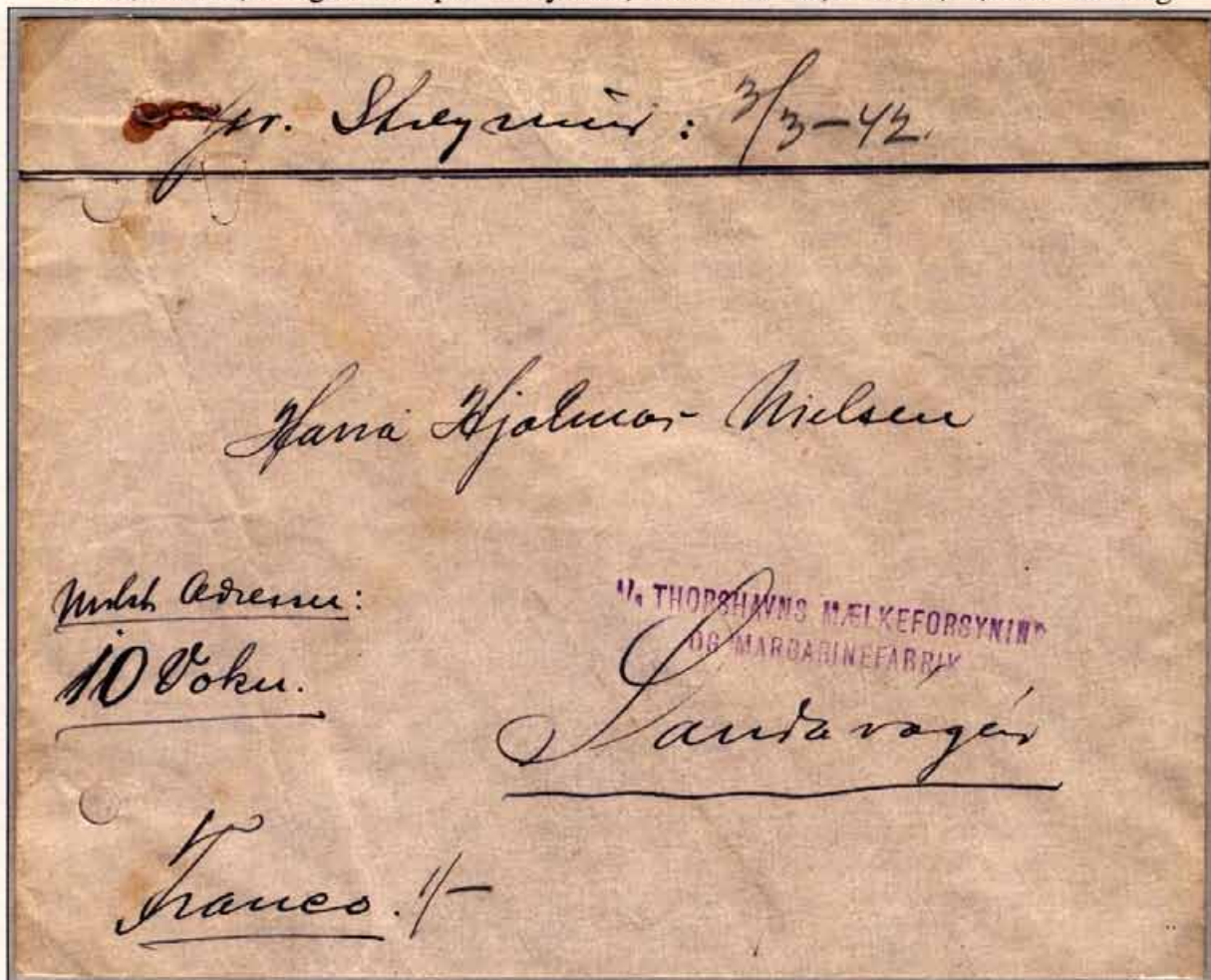
The transport of parcels and freight within the Faroe Islands was not limited to the Postal system only. Initially there were two shipping companies operating in the islands, J Mortensens Eftf in Trangisvaag, and Thorshavns Mælkeforsyning in Thorshavn. The ship "Smiril", first operated by Mortensens, was sold to the Government in 1919.

1933 (11 July) Freight cover per S/S "Smiril", "Franco 1.00"kr, one empty barrel from Funding to Thorshavn

Freight letter per S/S "Smiril"



1942 (3 March) Freight cover per "Streymur", "Franco 1/-"kr, from Strømø to Sandevaag



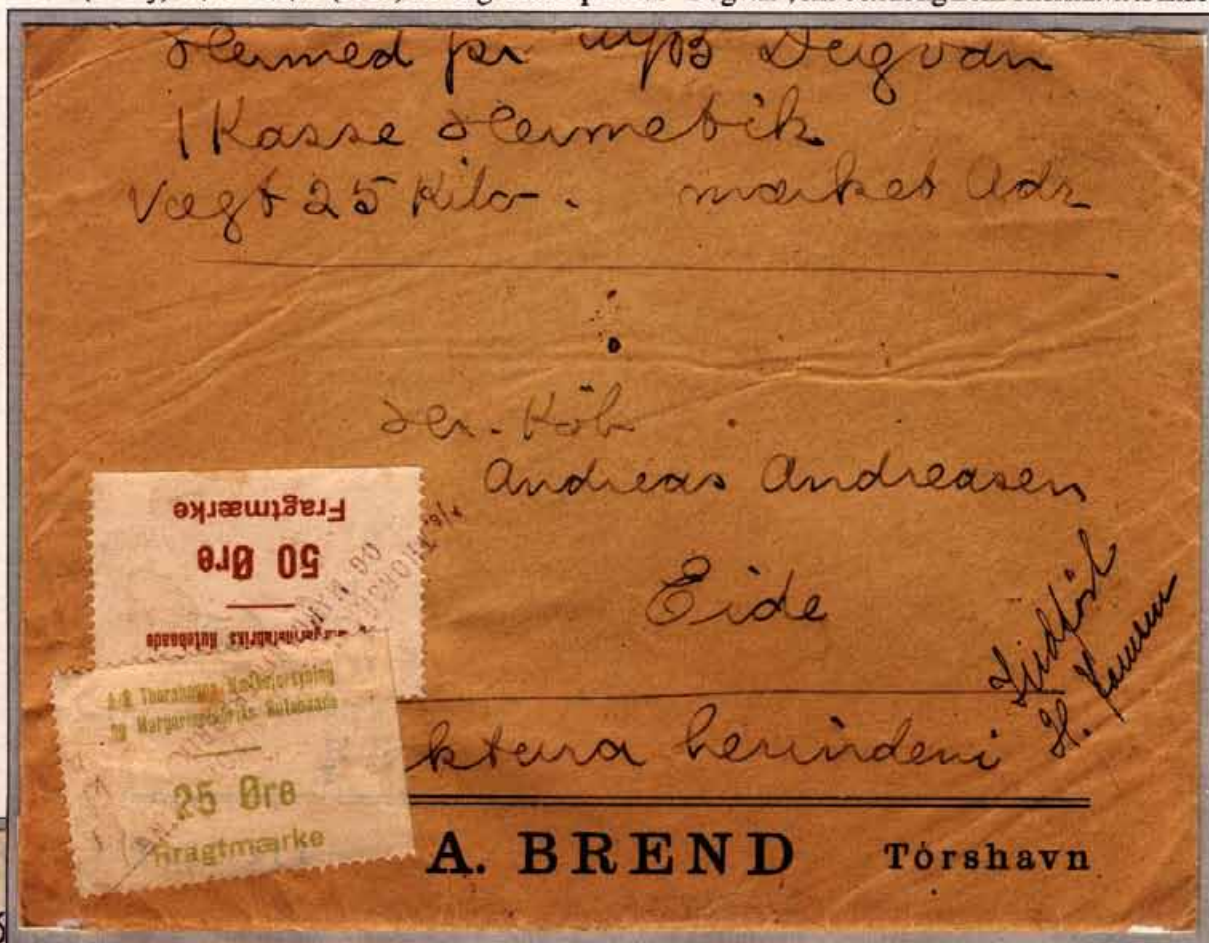
Freight letter
per
"Streymur"

FREIGHT STAMPS - ON ENVELOPES

Thorshavns Mælkeforsyning (later A/S Thorshavns Mælkeforsyning og Margarinefabrik - Thorshavn's Milk & Margarinefactory) was the only company to issue freight stamps. The first ones in 1915 and the last ones in 1943.

1932 (6 May) 25øre + 50øre (1929) on freight cover per M/S "Dugvan", one box 25kg from Thorshavn to Eide

**25 øre + 50 øre
(1929) to Eide**



1942 (c) 25øre + 1kr (1942) on freight cover per "Streymur",
18.5kg salt from Thorshavn to Sandevaag



**25 øre + 1kr
(1942) to
Sandevaag**

FREIGHT STAMPS - ON FREIGHT LETTERS

Many of the companies using the freight services of Thorshavns Mælkeforsyning, printed freight letters or freight bills, on which the freight stamps paying for the shipping charges were attached, and cancelled.

1937 (1 November) 1kr + 2kr (1929, individually numbered) on freight card per "Streymur", two barrels from Thorshavn to Sandevaag

**1kr + 2kr (1929,
individually
numbered)
to Sandevaag**

355969 TELEGRAM-ADRESSE: «SHELLOIL» :: TELEFON: 82

Afsendt den 1/11-37 pr. Streymur

Mærke	Kolli	Indhold	Vægt
	/ Td.	Benzin	
	/ "	Waterwhite	
	"	Solarolie	
		Smørelie	

Fragsedelt

Frakt 3 Kr. - Øre

Stamps: A/S THORSHAVNS MÆLKEFORSYNING OG MARGARINFABRIK, A/S Thorshavns Mælkeforsyning og Margarinefabrik, Rutebureauet

1935 (17 December) 5øre (1927) + 5kr(x2) (1929) + 50øre (1935) on freight letter per "Trondur", 1136 kg goods from Thorshavn to Kvivig

P/F SKIPAFELAGIÐ FØROYAR, TÓRSHAVN

 Fragtbrief

AGENTER I KØBENHAVN: ERIKSEN & PETERSEN, HOLBERGSGADE 3

Pr. S/S «Tjoldur» Trondur

Afsender og Modtager er undergivne samme Regler om Ekspeditionen

Stamps: A/S THORSHAVNS MÆLKEFORSYNING OG MARGARINFABRIK, 50 Øre, Fragtmærke

**5 øre (1927)
+ 5kr(x2) (1929)
+ 50 øre (1935)
to Kvivig.
The 5kr is
rare!**

ROUTING MARKS - "VIA LEITH"

In the 1930's two routing marks were used for mail sent via Leith. The most well known is "Via Leith med S/S Sleipner" (1933-35), but there is also a second one, "Via Leith med s/s Island" (1934-35), of which only a few examples are known.

1934 (2 May) "Via Leith med S/S Sleipner", "PAQUEBOT" and Edinburgh on 15øre (inland rate), to Copenhagen

**"Via Leith
med
S/S Sleipner"**



1935 (30 March) "Via Leith med s/s Island", "PAQUEBOT" and Edinburgh on 15øre (inland rate), to Copenhagen



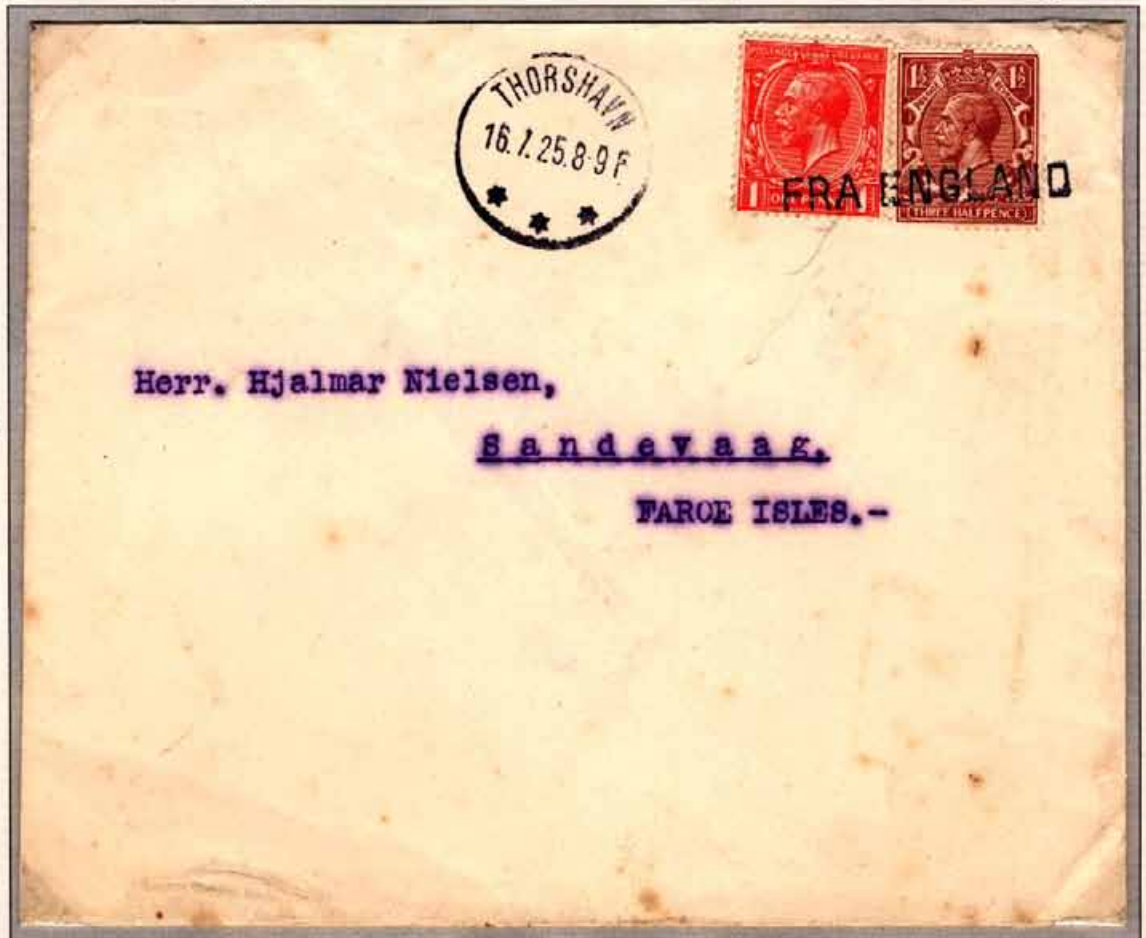
**"Via Leith
med
s/s Island".
Rare!**

INCOMING SHIP MAIL MARKINGS - "FRA ENGLAND" & "Fra Island"

Origin markings on incoming ship mail was first introduced in 1890 when the "Fra Island" marking came into use. The "FRA ENGLAND" marking was introduced in 1919, and it is not as scarce as the "Fra Island" marking.

1925 (16 July) "FRA ENGLAND" on GB 1d.+1½d., from Leith to Sandevaag

"FRA ENGLAND"
to Sandevaag



1929 (7 June) "Fra Island" on Iceland 20aur, from Reykjavik to Thorshavn



"Fra Island"
to Thorshavn

INCOMING SHIP MAIL MARKINGS - "Paquebot"

The "Paquebot" marking was introduced in 1923 and remained in use until 1976. It was used on loose letters arriving with uncanceled stamps, but also on mail posted on board ships arriving in the islands.

1932 (23 November) "Paquebot" on GB 2½d., from Leith to Sandevaag



**"Paquebot"
from Scotland**

25. NOV. 1932

Herr. Hjalmar Nielsen

S A N D E V A A G .

1936 (8 August) "Paquebot" on Norway 10øre (x2), from Bergen to Thorshavn



Herr N. S. Johannessens Efterfgr

**"Paquebot"
from Norway**

Thorshavn

1951 (13 February) "Paquebot" on Iceland 50aur (x2), from Reykjavik to Klaksvig



*Lens Fr. Johannessen
Zistabø
Klaksvík
Færøerne*

Bergen

**"Paquebot"
from Iceland**

OUTGOING SHIP MAIL MARKINGS - PAQUEBOT

Since all mail from the Faroe Islands was shipped by sea, loose and late posted mail, as well as mail posted on board the departing ships, was treated as paquebot mail, and postmarked as such at the ports of arrival. 1928 (31 July) "Paquebot" and Bergen on 15øre (Scandinavian rate), from Fuglefjord to Bergen



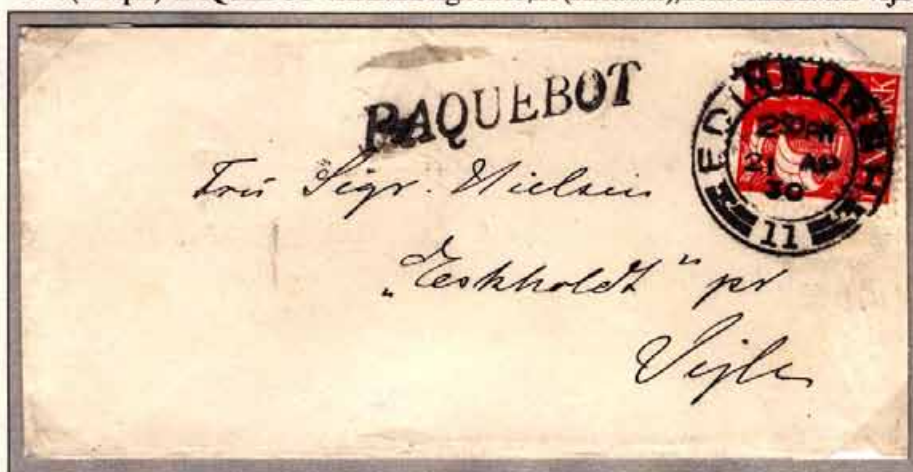
"Paquebot"
Bergen,
from Fuglefjord
to Norway

1933 (18 July) "PAQUEBOT" and Bergen on 5øre (x3) (inland rate), from Thorshavn to Hellerup



"PAQUEBOT"
Bergen, from
Thorshavn
to Denmark

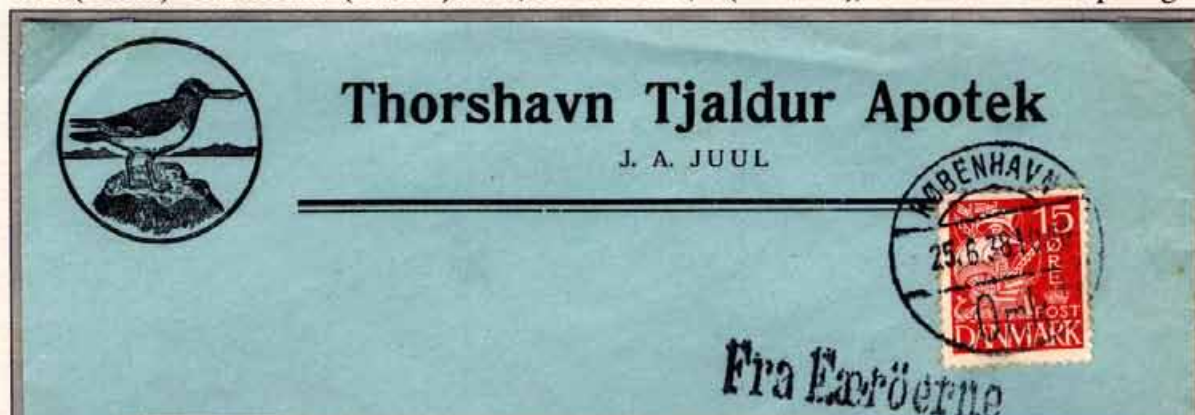
1930 (21 April) "PAQUEBOT" and Edinburgh on 15øre (inland rate), from Thorshavn to Vejle



"PAQUEBOT" Edinburgh,
from Thorshavn to Denmark

OUTGOING SHIP MAIL MARKINGS - FRA FÆRØERNE

Copenhagen handled most of the mail from the Faroe Islands, and the first "Fra Færøerne" marking was introduced as early as 1882, to be used on loose letters and ship mail. In 1937 the first machine canceller "FRA FÆRØERNE" was introduced. 1938 (25 June) "Fra Færøerne" (36.5mm) and København on 15øre (inland rate), from Thorshavn to Copenhagen



"Fra Færøerne"
36.5 mm

"Fra Færøerne"
38 mm

1948 (27 July) "Fra Færøerne" (38mm) and København on 20øre (inland rate), from Thorshavn to Copenhagen



1938 (24 July) "FRA FÆRØERNE" and København * on 15øre (inland rate), from Thorshavn to Copenhagen



1950 (30 April) "FRA FÆRØERNE" and København 24 on 20øre (inland rate), from Thorshavn to Vejle



"FRA FÆRØERNE"
København * and 24

POSTAL ROUTES - EASTERN ROUTE 1(5) - TOFTE & SALTANGERAA

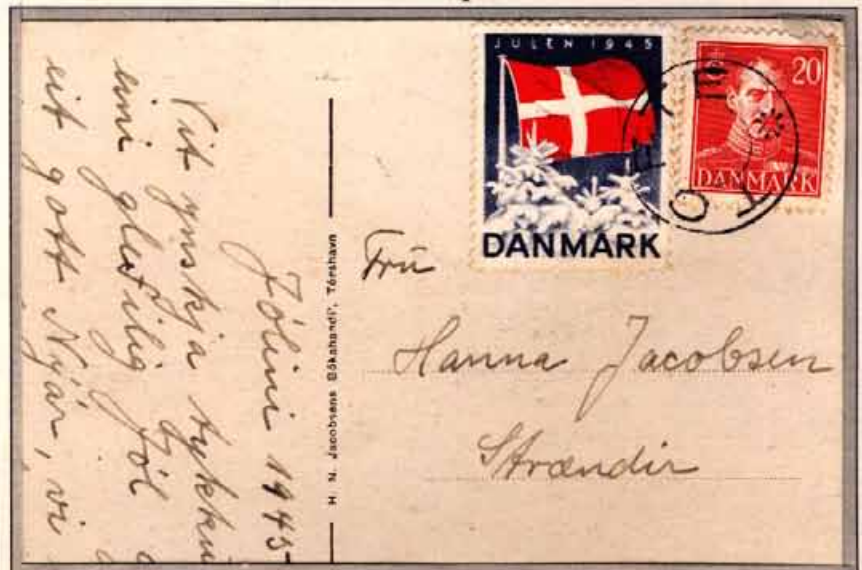
Eastern Route: Thorshavn - Tofte - Saltangeraa - Solmundefjord (leaving mail for Skaale) - Gøtegjov (leaving mail for Fuglefjord & Andefjord) - Lervig - Klaksvig - Norddeble (leaving mail for Svinø & Kirke/Fuglø) - Viderejde.



TOFTE Star cancel



TOFTE Star-removed cancel, postcard to Strender 1945



SALTANGERAA
Star-removed

SALTANGERAA Star cancel, parcel card to Sweden 1923. Very scarce!



Til Reg		222 Thorshavn	
Afsendelsesland (Pays d'origine.)		DANMARK.	
Angiven Værdi (Valeur déclarée)			
ADRESSEKORT. (Bulletin d'expédition.)			
Hermed (Ci-joint)		Pakke. Antal Tolddeklarerationer (colis). (Nombre de déclarations en douane)	
Opkrævningsbeløb. (Montant du remboursement)			
Til (A)		Aktiebolaget Arctismedes	
Bestemmelsessted. (Lieu de destination)		Stockholm, Sverige	
Gade og Nr. (Rue et numéro)			
Vægt (Poids)	Toldafgifter (Droits de douane)	Rute: (Acheminement:)	
kg	g		
5			

POSTAL ROUTES - EASTERN ROUTE 2(5) - SOLMUNDEFJORD & SKAALE & GØTEGJOV

Eastern Route: Thorshavn - Tofte - Saltangeraa - **Solmundefjord** (leaving mail for **Skaale**) - **Gøtegjov** (leaving mail for Fuglefjord & Andefjord) - Lervig - Klaksvig - Norddeble (leaving mail for Svinø & Kirke/Fuglø) - Viderejde.

SOLMUNDEFJORD * Star cancel



SOLMUNDEFJORD o Star cancel



SKAALE Star cancel



GØTEGJOV Star cancel



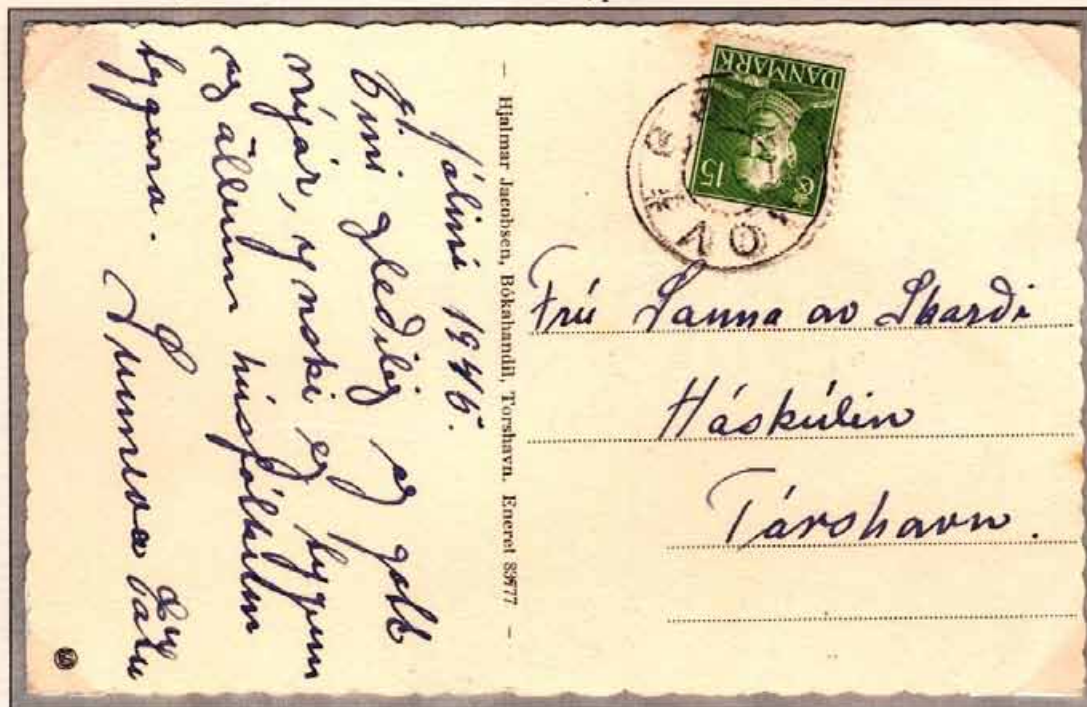
SOLMUNDEFJORD Star-removed cancel, to Leith 1941



SKAALE Star-removed cancel, to Klaksvig 1946



GØTEGJOV Star-removed cancel, postcard to Thorshavn 1945



POSTAL ROUTES - EASTERN ROUTE 3(5) - FUGLEFJORD & ANDEFJORD & LERVIG

Eastern Route: Thorshavn - Tofte - Saltangeraa - Solmundefjord (leaving mail for Skaale) - Gøtegjov (leaving mail for Fuglefjord & Andefjord) - Lervig - Klaksvig - Norddeble (leaving mail for Svinø & Kirke/Fuglø) - Viderejde.

FUGLEFJORD Star cancel via Klaksvig

FUGLEFJORD Star cancel via Thorshavn, insured to Thorshavn 1925



FUGLEFJORD
Star-removed I

FUGLEFJORD
Star-removed II



ANDEFJORD Star cancel



LERVIG Star cancel



ANDEFJORD Star-removed cancel, to Thorshavn 1940



LERVIG Star-removed cancel, to Copenhagen 1939



POSTAL ROUTES - EASTERN ROUTE 4(5) - KLAKSVIG & NORDDEBLE

Eastern Route: Thorshavn - Tofte - Saltangeraa - Solmundefjord (leaving mail for Skaale) - Gøtegyov (leaving mail for Fuglefjord & Andefjord) - Lervig - **Klaksvig** - **Norddeble** (leaving mail for Svinø & Kirke/Fuglø) - Viderejde.

KLAKSVIG Klipfisk cancel

KLAKSVIG Bridge I cancel, to Copenhagen 1911



KLAKSVIG Bridge II cancel, to Svinø 1936



NORDDEBLE Star cancel

NORDDEBLE Star-removed cancel, to Copenhagen 1939



Chr. Havsteen

Strandgade 21

København K.

POSTAL ROUTES - EASTERN ROUTE 5(5) - SVINØ & KIRKE(FUGLØ) & VIDEREJDE

Eastern Route: Thorshavn - Tofte - Saltangeraa - Solmundefjord (leaving mail for Skaale) - Gøtegyov (leaving mail for Fuglefjord & Andefjord) - Lervig - Klaksvig - Norddeble (leaving mail for **Svinø & Kirke/Fuglø**) - **Viderejde**.

SVINØ Star cancel

SVINØ Star-removed cancel, to Thorshavn 1939



KIRKE(FUGLØ)
Star cancel

KIRKE(FUGLØ) Star-removed cancel, to Thorshavn 1940



VIDEREJDE Star cancel

VIDEREJDE Star-removed cancel, to Svinø 1932



POSTAL ROUTES - NORTHERN ROUTE 1(3) - STRENDER & SELLETRÆ

Northern Route: Thorshavn - **Strender** - **Selletræ** - Kvalvig - Haldersvig - Ejde (leaving mail for Funding & Gjøv).



STRENDER Star cancel



STRÆNDER Star cancel



STRÆNDER Star-removed cancel, to Copenhagen 1935



SELLETRÆ
Star cancel

SELLETRÆ Star-removed cancel, to Copenhagen 1951



POSTAL ROUTES - NORTHERN ROUTE 2(3) - KVALVIG & HALDERSVIG & EJDE

Northern Route: Thorshavn - Strender - Selletræ - **Kvalvig - Haldersvig - Ejde** (leaving mail for Funding & Gjøv).

KVALVIG Star cancel

KVALVIG Star-removed cancel, to Thorshavn 1941



HALDERSVIG
Star cancel

HALDERSVIG Star-removed cancel, to Thorshavn 1940



EJDE Star cancel

EJDE Star-removed cancel, postcard to Lejnum 1934



POSTAL ROUTES - NORTHERN ROUTE 3(3) - FUNDING & GJOV

Northern Route: Thorshavn - Strender - Selletræ - Kvalvig - Haldersvig - Ejde (leaving mail for **Funding & Gjøv**).

FUNDING Star cancel

FUNDING Star-removed cancel, to Thorshavn 1940



GJOV Star cancel

GJOV Star-removed cancel, to Thorshavn 1945



POSTAL ROUTES - SOUTHERN ROUTE 1(5) - SKOPEN & SAND

Southern Route: Thorshavn - **Skopen** - **Sand** (leaving mail for Skaalevig & Husevig) - Skuø - Kvalbo - Trangisvaag - Vaag (leaving mail for Sumbø & Porkere) - Nolsø - Thorshavn.



SKOPEN Star cancel



SKOPEN Star-removed cancel, to Thorshavn 1941



SAND Star cancel



SAND Star-removed cancel, to Klaksvig 1936



POSTAL ROUTES - SOUTHERN ROUTE 2(5) - SKAALEVIG & HUSEVIG & SKUØ

Southern Route: Thorshavn - Skopen - Sand (leaving mail for Skaalevig & Husevig) - Skuø - Kvalbo - Trangisvaag - Vaag (leaving mail for Sumbø & Porkere) - Nolsø - Thorshavn.

SKAALEVIG

SKAALEVIG Star-removed cancel, to Thorshavn 1941

Star cancel



HUSEVIG Star cancel

HUSEVIG Star-removed cancel, to Thorshavn 1940. Very scarce!



SKUØ Star cancel

SKUØ Star-removed cancel, to Copenhagen 1945



POSTAL ROUTES - SOUTHERN ROUTE 3(5) - KVALBO & TRANGISVAAG

Southern Route: Thorshavn - Skopen - Sand (leaving mail for Skaalevig & Husevig) - Skuø - **Kvalbo** - **Trangisvaag** - Vaag (leaving mail for Sumbø & Porkere) - Nolsø - Thorshavn.

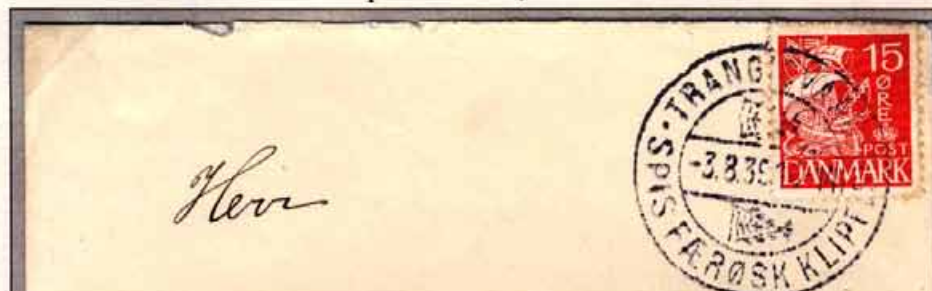
KVALBO Star cancel

KVALBO Star-removed cancel, to Vordingborg 1933

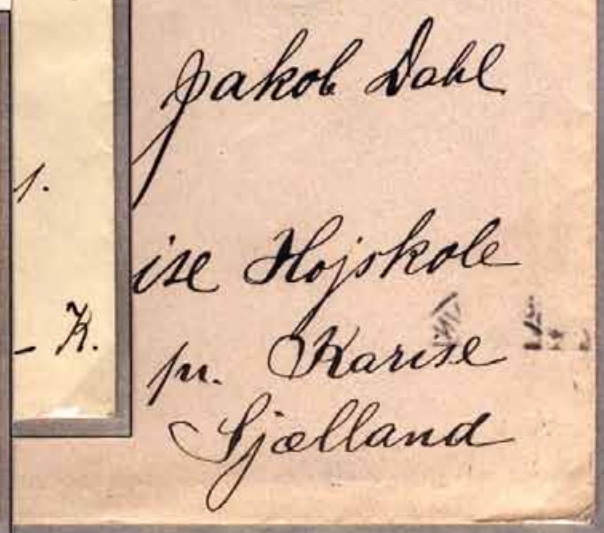


TRANGISVAAG Klipfisk cancel, to Denmark 1939

TRANGISVAAG Bridge I cancel, to Denmark 1907



TRANGISVAAG Bridge II cancel, to Thorshavn 1938



POSTAL ROUTES - SOUTHERN ROUTE 4(5) - VAAG & SUMBØ

Southern Route: Thorshavn - Skopen - Sand (leaving mail for Skaalevig & Husevig) - Skuø - Kvalbo - Trangisvaag - **Vaag** (leaving mail for **Sumbø** & Porkere) - Nolsø - Thorshavn.

VAAG Star cancel



VAAG Bridge I cancel, to Thorshavn 1926



VAAG Klipfisk cancel



VAAG Bridge II cancel, to Thorshavn 1942



SUMBØ Star cancel



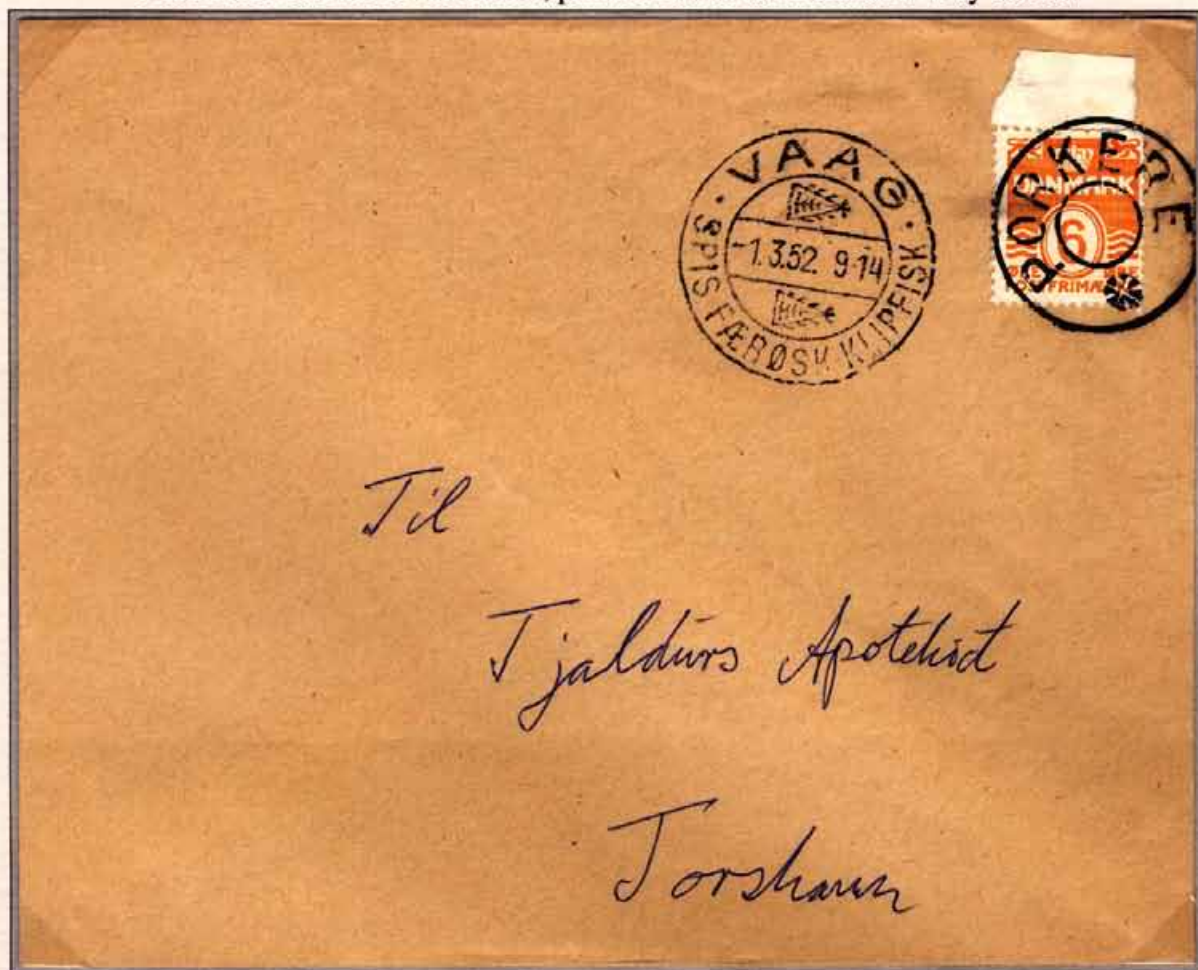
SUMBØ Star-removed cancel, to Copenhagen 1938



POSTAL ROUTES - SOUTHERN ROUTE 5(5) - PORKERE & NOLSØ

Southern Route: Thorshavn - Skopen - Sand (leaving mail for Skaalevig & Husevig) - Skuø - Kvalbo - Trangisvaag - Vaag (leaving mail for Sumbø & **Porkere**) - **Nolsø** - Thorshavn.

PORKERE Star-removed cancel, printed matter to Thorshavn. Very scarce!



NOLSØ Starcancel

NOLSØ Star-removed cancel, insured to Kalsø 1933



POSTAL ROUTES - WESTERN ROUTE 1(3) - KOLLEFJORD & KVIVIG

Western Route: Thorshavn - Kollefjord - Kvivig - Vestmanhavn - Sandevaag - Midvaag - Sørvaag (leaving mail for Myggenæs).



KOLLEFJORD Star cancel



KOLLEFJORD Star-removed cancel, to Copenhagen 1938



KVIVIG Star cancel, parcel cover to Bö 1919



KVIVIG Star-removed



POSTAL ROUTES - WESTERN ROUTE 2(3) - VESTMANHAVN & SANDEVAAG

Western Route: Thorshavn - Kollefjord - Kvivig - **Vestmanhavn - Sandevaag** - Midvaag - Sørvaag (leaving mail for Myggenæs).

VESTMANHAVN Star cancel, postcard to Thorshavn 1918



VESTMANHAVN Star-removed



SANDEVAAG Star cancel



SANDEVAAG Star-removed cancel, to Thorshavn 1941



POSTAL ROUTES - WESTERN ROUTE 3(3) - MIDVAAG & SØRVAAG & MYGGENÆS

Western Route: Thorshavn - Kollefjord - Kvivig - Vestmanhavn - Sandevaag - **Midvaag** - **Sørvaag** (leaving mail for **Myggenæs**).

MIDVAAG Star cancel, to Bö c.1915



MIDVAAG Star-removed



SØRVAAG Star cancel, to Bö c.1920



SØRVAAG Star-removed



MYGGENÆS Starcancel



MYGGENÆS Star-removed cancel, to Thorshavn 1940. Very scarce!

