The Swedish South Polar Expedition was part of an international program for increasing the knowledge of Antarctica. The purpose of the expedition was to build a winter station on the east coast of Graham Land, to explore this part of Antarctica and to make meteorological and magnetic observations. In the meantime the expedition ship "Antarctic" and the scientists not staying at the winter station, would go to South Georgia to explore the island. They left Sweden in the autumn 1901 and planned to return in the summer 1903. Due to severe ice conditions, it was not possible to relieve the wintering party on Snow Hill Island after one winter. When trying to reach the winter station, the expedition ship was caught in the pack ice and finally lost after a struggle lasting for several weeks. So all the scientists and crew had to stay in the region for another winter.

When nothing had been heard of from the expedition in 1903, two relief expeditions were sent out, one from Sweden ("Frithiof") and one from Argentina ("Uruguay"). The Argentine relief expedition was successful and rescued the expedition members in November 1903.

This exhibit shows 42 items from or to 13 different expedition members, of which 14 have the expedition cachet, S.Y. "ANTARCTIC" SWEDISH EXPEDITION. In addition there are many postcards, documents and ephemera from the expedition. There are also two items sent by the Swedish Relief Expedition with the expedition cachet, and one sent by the Argentine Relief Expedition.

Movement of the expedition ship "Antarctic".
THE SWEDISH SOUTH POLAR EXPEDITION 1901-1903

INLEDNING

I slutet av 1950-talet skrev H. E. Vesper i sin bok "Die Post in der Antarktis" att inga försändelser var kända från den Svenska Sydpolarexpeditionen. Sedan dess har dock ett antal vykort och brev med anknytning till expeditionen kommit fram, även om de internationellt fortfarande anses vara mycket sällsynta.

I detta exponat visas en mycket stor andel av vad som existerar i form av försändelser till och från medlemmar av denna expedition. För att göra exponatet mer levande har även medtagits ett antal vykort med motiv från eller med anknytning till expeditionen samt en del annat illustrationsmaterial som man ur filatelistic synpunkt dock inte bör fästa så stor betydelse vid. De är dock intressanta ur historisk synpunkt och kan också hjälpa till att förstå hur otroligt riskfullt och primitivt det var för de första expeditionerna till antarktis. Mycket har onskligt hänt på mindre än 100 år, även inom detta område.

Kärnan i exponatet är naturligtvis försändelserna till och från de olika expeditionsmedlemmarna och här visas inte mindre än 43 försändelser till eller från olika expeditionsmedlemmar:

Otto Nordenskjöld (chef), Carl Skottsberg (botanist), Erik Ekelöf (läkare), Gösta Bodman (meteorolog), C A Larsen (kapten), F L Andreassen (förste styrman), H J Haslum (andre styrman), Gustaf Åkerlundh (matros), Jose Sobral (Argentinias deltagare).

Av de 43 försändelserna har 16 den internationellt mycket eftertraktade expeditionsstämpeln S.Y. "ANTARCTIC" SWEDISH EXPEDITION. Här finns post avsänd från i princip varje hamn expeditionen passerade där det fanns postmöjligheter, från utgångshamnen Göteborg i oktober 1901 till Ushuaia på Tierra del Fuego (Argentina) i november 1902, vilket var den sista hamn som besöckes före förlossningen.

Vidare visas den enda kända försändelsen med den Svenska ANTARKTISKA UDSÄTTNINGSEXPEDITIONENS stämpel avsänd av Olof Gylden, undersättningsexpeditionens chef, från Ushuaia i november 1903.

Avslutningsvis visas också exempel på korrespondens mellan Carl Skottsberg och medlemmar av andra Sydpolarexpeditioner under några år efter den svenska expeditionens återkomst.
### THE MOVEMENTS OF THE EXPEDITION 1901-1903

#### THE MOVEMENTS OF THE EXPEDITION

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Postcard showing the "Antarctic" at Tromsø, Norway, in June 1898, on its way to Spitsbergen under the command of Professor A G Nathorst. Photo by Lieutenant Otto Kjellström (Cartographer of the expedition).
Writing card showing the "Antarctic" produced for Alfred G Nathorst's expedition to Spitsbergen in 1898. The card was written by Alfred Nathorst (leader of the expedition) after their return. "A merry Christmas and a happy new year with health and happiness we wish our siblings Håkan and Maria and their children from Ella and Alfred (Nathorst) and our children. 22.12.1898"
The official expedition postcard showing the expedition ship "Antarctic", with Dr Ekelöf’s signature (physician of the expedition).

The "Antarctic" was built in Drammen, Norway in 1871, named "Cap Nor" and used for sealing for many years. It was 128 feet long, 28 feet wide and weighed 353 tons.

In 1893–95 the "Antarctic" was used for Svend Foyn’s expedition to the South Indian Ocean, in 1898 for A G Nathorst’s expedition to Spitsbergen, in 1899 for his expedition to Greenland and in 1901 for G De Geer’s expedition to Spitsbergen.
Postcard showing Otto Nordenskjöld (leader of the expedition).
THE SWEDISH SOUTH POLAR EXPEDITION 1901-1903

EXPEDITION MEMBERS

Postcard showing the members of the expedition.
The expeditions official stationery and envelope printed
SVENSKA SYDPOLSEXPEDITIONEN (Swedish South Polar Expedition).

EXPÉDITION ANTARCTIQUE SUÉDOISE.

SVENSKA SYDPOLSEXPEDITIONEN.

EXPÉDITION ANTARCTIQUE SUÉDOISE.

In my opinion subject to change only after full information after my return to Sweden. The amount of 500 kr. paid out by him to me in Buenos Aires in accordance to full pay for
Letter sent by Anna Nordenskjöld (mother of Otto Nordenskjöld) to her brother Otto Nordenskiöld in Finland, with 2x10øre Oscar tied by EKSJÖ 19.11.1900, backstamped HELSINKI 22.XI.00.
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LETTER FROM ANNA NORDENSKJÖLD 19.11.1900

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"... Our only son, Otto, is trying to organise an expedition to the South Polar countries, something he has been interested in since his childhood. He has now bought the "Antarctic" and if he can get the 100,000 kr. required to finance the expedition then he intends to leave in August 1901, but it is a lot of money so he may have to wait another year. ..."
Letter sent by Anna Nordenskjöld (mother of Otto Nordenskjöld) to her brother Otto Nordenskiöld in Finland, with 2x10öre Oscar tied by EKSJÖ 2.5.1901, backstamped HELSINKI 5.V.01.
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"... Otto is very busy now with equipping the expedition, which he hopes will be able to leave early in September. ... When Otto visited us the last time, before his journey to Germany, Belgium and Scotland, we didn't have enough time to ask him how the appointment of members for the expedition is progressing, but we hope there will be time now. ..."

[Handwritten text in Swedish]
Postcard sent by Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition), to his sister Elisabeth Skottsberg, Karlshamn, postmarked STOCKHOLM 28.6.01.

"Skobholmen 26 June 1901. This postcard is supposed to show the undersigned in Skobholmian natural state. Greet everyone in Karlshamn, idealists as well as materialists. I will write to the aunts in due time. Cheers! C S".
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LETTER FROM ANNA NORDENSKJÖLD 2.8.1901

Letter sent by Anna Nordenskjöld (mother of Otto Nordenskjöld) to her brother Otto Nordenskiöld in Finland, with 2x10 öre Oscar tied by MARIANELUND 2.8.1901, backstamped HELSINKI 4.VIII.01. (continued)
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"... Otto is over-burdened with the work and concern for the expedition. There is not much time left until he must leave, about the 1st October at the latest. I do hope that "Antarctic" returns in time. ..."
Official expedition postcard sent by Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition) from Gothenburg the day the expedition left, to his mother.
"Farewell and thank you for the other day! Carl".
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The postcard bears Oscar 5öre tied by PKXP No 8A 16.10.1901 and a cachet HOTEL GÖTA KÄLLARE, GÖTEBORG (the residence of the expedition members during their stay in Gothenburg), and is sent to Mrs. Maria Skottsberg (mother of Carl Skottsberg), Stockholm, backstamped STOCKHOLM 17.10.01.
Postcard showing the "Antarctic" when the expedition left Gothenburg on 16 October 1901, enthusiastically cheered by large crowds of people.
Official expedition postcard sent by H J Haslum (second mate of "Antarctic") from Sandefjord, Norway, to Dr N Wille.
"Thanks for the telegram, Dr Nordenskjöld, Olin and Skottsberg thank you and send their greetings. Live well!
18/10 01. H J Haslum."
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The postcard bears 5öre posthorn tied by SANDEFJORD 18.X.01 and is sent to Professor Dr N Wille, Tøyen, Kristiania, backstamped KRISTIANIA 19.10.1901.
Official expedition postcard sent by Dr Ekelöf (physician of the expedition) from Sandefjord, Norway, to his mother. 

"Sandefjord 18/10 1901. Dear Mother! Arrived yesterday morning and will sail early tomorrow. A small, nice, idyllic seaside town. I feel good and think that everything will be nice. Left in some strange way my frock-suit in Gothenburg. Write to hotel "Göta Källare" and ask them to send you the suit and a bottle of "Agymol" (mouthwash) which was also left. Greet everybody at home. Affectionate, Erik."

"Sleep and appetite are in a sudden improved and I am quite surprised of my ability to stuff myself with sandwiches and anything else. The food is good and the cabin has a good sleeping-place."

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The postcard bears 5öre posthorn tied by SANDEFJORD 18.X.1901 and is sent to Mrs Matilda Ekelöf (mother of Dr Ekelöf), Stockholm, Sweden, backstamped PKXP No67B 19.10.1901 and STOCKHOLM 20.10.
Official expedition postcard sent by Karl A Andersson (expedition zoologist) from Sandefjord, Norway, to his father. "Sandefjord 18/10 1901. Thank you for the other day. The heartiest greetings to you all. Karl"
The postcard bears 5øre posthorn tied by SANDEFJORD 19.X.01 and is sent to Farmer Sander Andersson, Varekil, Sweden, backstamped GÖTEBORG 20.X.01.
Official Expedition cover sent insured by C A Larsen from Sandefjord, Norway.
The cover, insured for 350 Kroner, also has a wax seal "C A LARSEN" on the reverse.
The cover bears two 30øre and two 20øre stamps, paying the letter rate 10øre + registration fee 20øre + insurance fee 16øre, tied by SANDEFJORD 19.X.01, and has the SVENSKA SYPOLEXPEDITIONEN logo, and is sent to Copenhagen, backstamped KJØBENHAVN 21.10.01.
This is the only recorded insured expedition cover.
Official expedition postcard sent by Otto Nordenskjöld (expedition leader) from Sandefjord, Norway, to Kockums Company.
"19.10.1901, The Expeditions grateful thanks for your valuable gift, O Nordenskjöld."
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The postcard bears 5 öre posthorn tied by SANDEFJORD 7.X.01 and S.Y. "ANTARCTIC" SWEDISH EXPEDITION cachet and is sent to Kockums Kommissionslager, Gothenburg, backstamped GÖTEBORG 20.X.01.
Official expedition cover sent by Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition) from Dover, England, to Mrs Maria Skottsberg (his mother) in Sweden, backstamped STOCKHOLM 26.10.01.

The expedition arrived at Dover on the 23 October and continued to Falmouth after having left Otto Nordenskjöld, who was going to London for a couple of days.
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COVER FROM CARL SKOTTSBERG 27.10.1901

Official expedition cover sent by Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition) from Falmouth, England, to his uncle. The expedition arrived at Falmouth early on the 26th October and left later the same day, after having picked up lieutenant Duse (cartographer of the expedition). The cover bears Queen Victoria 2 1/2d. tied by FALMOUTH 5PM OC.27.01 and is sent to Mr. G. W. F. Carlson (uncle of Carl Skottsberg), Uppsala, Sweden, backstamped UPSALA 30.10.01.

SVENSKA SYDPOLSEXPEDITIONEN.

Försänd:
H. H. O. W. F. Carlson


Uppsala

Sweden
Official expedition postcard sent by captain C A Larsen (captain of "Antarctic") from Falmouth, England, to his brother. "Falmouth 27/10 1901. I greet you farewell with wishes of health and good luck with S+V (Signe and Victoria, his daughters). God be with you all. Your brother Carl." (continued)
The card is postmarked FALMOUTH OC. 27.01 and is addressed to Capt. L E Larsen (brother of C A Larsen), Östre Halsen, Norway, backstamped LARVIK 31.X.01.
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COVER FROM OTTO NORDENSKJOLD 27.10.1901

Official expedition cover sent by Otto Nordenskjöld (expedition leader) from Falmouth, England, to his father. The cover bears Queen Victoria 2½d. tied by FALMOUTH 5 PM OC. 27.01 and is sent to Gustaf Nordenskjöld (father of Otto Nordenskjöld), Eksjö, Sweden.
Official expedition postcard sent by Gustaf Schönback (steward on board the "Antarctic"), from Falmouth, England. "Congratulations from my heart, Gustaf".
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The postcard bears Queen Victoria 1d. tied by FALMOUTH 5 PM Oc. 27.01 and is sent to Miss Elsa Uhlén, Stockholm, Sweden, backstamped STOCKHOLM 30.10.01.
Official expedition cover sent by Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition) from Falmouth, England, to Mrs Maria Skottsberg (his mother) in Sweden, backstamped STOCKHOLM 30.10.01.

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On the back Carl Skottsberg has written:
"If no letter arrives from the Cape Verde Islands, then it means
that we didn't have time to stop there, nothing else I hope.
Write to Aron Jonason in Gothenburg and buy one of the group
photographs of us. Take the one where we wear our caps."

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Postcard showing St Vincent, Cap Verde Islands, where the expedition visited 14 November 1901 to replenish their supplies of coal and food.
Homemade postcard sent by Gösta Bodman (meteorologist of the expedition) from Sao Vicente, Cape Verde Islands, to his mother. "Cap Verde Islands 14. Nov. 01. Ships meeting on the North Sea. Regards, Gösta."
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The postcard bears Charles I 20reis tied by CORREIO S. VICENTE 18.NOV.01 and S.Y. "ANTARCTIC" SWEDISH EXPEDITION cachet and is sent to Doktorinnan Bodman (mother of Gösta Bodman), Upsala, Sweden, backstamped PKXP No83B 26.11.1901 and UPSALA 27.11.01.
Official expedition cover sent by Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition) from Sao Vicente, Cape Verde Islands, to Mrs Maria Skottsberg (his mother) in Sweden, backstamped LISBOA 20. NOV. 01, and with the S.Y. "ANTARCTIC" SWEDISH EXPEDITION cachet. On the back Carl Skottsberg has written: "Merry Christmas + Happy New Year!"
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POSTCARD TO OTTO NORDENSKJÖLD 24.11.1901

Postcard 10öre from Sweden with EKSJÖ 24.11.1901 postmark, to Otto Nordenskjöld (leader of the expedition), Ship Antarctic, Swedish Consulate, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, backstamped FALKLAND ISLANDS C DE.27.01.

The card was sent by his father and mentions: "You have been appointed a member of the Belgian Geographical Society. The Scottish Expedition is not planning to have a winter station so I think you could shorten your expedition if you think that is necessary and good. Greetings to your comrades."
Homemade postcard sent by Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition) from Buenos Aires, Argentina, to his sister.

"Antarctic 2/12 1901. 2 negro-guides from St Vincent. Although the card is not unique (but almost) it is rather outstanding.

C S".

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The postcard bears Liberty 15c tied by BUENOS AIRES DIC.2.1901 and S.Y."ANTARCTIC" SWEDISH EXPEDITION cachet and is sent to Miss Elisabeth Skottsberg (sister of Carl Skottsberg), Stockholm, Sweden.
Letter sent by Anna Nordenskjöld (mother of Otto Nordenskjöld) to her brother Otto Nordenskiöld in Finland, with 20øre Oscar tied by EKSJÖ 2.12.1901, backstamped HELSINKI 4.XII.01.
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"... I am sure that you have heard and read about that Otto’s long, dangerous journey to the South Polar area has started.

... We went to Gothenburg with Otto and spent 5 days there together with the expedition members. It was a great pleasure to see the “Antarctic” and we were on board many hours every day inspecting the loading of the innumerable number of items required. It was so nice to meet all the members, Captain Larsen, whom we found to be very pleasant, and all the scientists, who we like a lot. The expedition has received a large public interest. 150 companies have given things worth from 100 to several 1000 kr without even having been asked. The King and Nansen sent farewell telegrams.

They were well received in England, left some mail at St Vincent (Cape Verde Islands) and we are now expecting telegrams from Buenos Aires. We cannot send letters until August and then we have to send them to the Falkland Islands. “Antarctic” will pick them up there in October on the way down to the winter station to relieve Otto and his 5 companions. ..."
Postcard showing the "Antarctic" in Buenos Aires where the expedition stayed 15-21 December 1901 to replenish their supplies and to pick up Lieutenant Jose M Sobral who was joining the expedition.
Cover from Argentina with 10c. Liberty tied by BUENOS AIRES DICI.16.1901 addressed to Dr Otto Nordenskjöld (leader of the expedition), Swedish Antarctic Expedition, c/o Swedish Norwegian Consulate, Montevideo, Uruguay, backstamped MONTEVIDEO 21.DICI.01.

The expedition did not visit Montevideo so the cover was redirected to Port Stanley and is backstamped FALKLAND ISLANDS C DE.27.01.

The expedition arrived at Port Stanley the 31st January.
Homemade postcard (showing scene from the Cape Verde Islands) sent by Otto Nordenskjöld (leader of the expedition) from Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Albert Liedholm.

"On board Antarctic at Buenos Aires 17/XII.1901

When I now have an opportunity to send mail at Christmas and before we definitely leave civilisation, I wish to send you and your family my best wishes for the new year which will soon start - long before you get these lines. It was nice to meet you before we departed and I was grateful for your kindness. So far everything has gone well; I hope, if everything continues, one day to be able to look back at this expedition with joy. Greetings from your friend Otto Nordenskjöld."

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POSTCARD FROM OTTO NORDENSKJÖLD 17.12.1901

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The postcard bears Liberty 15c tied by BUENOS AIRES DICI.20.1901 and is sent to Dr Albert Liedholm, Oscarström, Sweden, backstamped SASSNITZ-TRELLEBORG 142A 14.1.02.
Lettercard sent by Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition) from Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Tycho Vestergren.

"Old friend! Thank you for the newspapers. It was very kind of you to send them to me. We will soon be at sea. This letter is sent with the pilot who leaves us in half an hour. Skottsberg" (continued)
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The 5c lettercard (which has a stamp missing) is postmarked BUENOS AIRES and S.Y. "ANTARCTIC" SWEDISH EXPEDITION cachet, has a "T"-marking and is sent to Tycho Vestergren, Stockholm University, Stockholm, backstamped SASSNITZ-TRELLEBORG 142A 17.1.02 and STOCKHOLM 18.1.1902 and has a Swedish postage due marking "Lösen 7 öre".
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COVER FROM CARL SKOTTSBERG 20.12.1901

Cover sent by Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition) from Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Mrs Maria Skottsberg (his mother) in Sweden, backstamped STOCKHOLM 18.1.02, and with two S.Y."ANTARCTIC" SWEDISH EXPEDITION cachets.
Official expedition cover sent by Otto Nordenskjöld (leader of the expedition) from Buenos Aires, Argentina, to his father. The expedition arrived at Buenos Aires the 16th December and left the 21st December.
The cover bears Liberty 15c. tied by BUENOS AIRES DICI.2X.1901 and S.Y."ANTARCTIC" SWEDISH EXPEDITION cachet on the back and is sent to Mr. Gust: Nordenskjöld (father of Otto Nordenskjöld), Eksjö, Sweden, backstamped SASSNITZ-TRELLEBORG 142A 17.1.02.
It also has manuscript notes made by the addressee "Nr.9, 24 December 1901, the Christmas letter".

EXPÉDITION ANTARCTIQUE SUÉDOISE.

24 Decem 1901

Oposten m. Kvarnström
Valö. Nam. East: Nordenskjoit
Eksjo
Suedia / Sweden
Postcard showing the "Antarctic" in Port Stanley, probably during her first visit between 31/12 1901 and 1/1 1902. She is the ship in the middle of the card.
Official expedition postcard sent by Otto Nordenskjöld (leader of the expedition) from Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, to Director V Forshell.

"On board Antarctic 31/XII 1901
I beg to wish you a happy new year and thank you for the past one, and wish to mention that everything I have seen of the tinned food we have brought with us is of highest condition. On the 1st we leave for the really unknown area. Yours respectfully, Otto Nordenskjöld."
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POSTCARD FROM OTTO NORDENSkjöLD 31.12.1901

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The postcard bears Queen Victoria 1d. tied by FALKLAND ISLANDS C JA.2.02 and is sent to Director V Forshell, Sweden's United Tinning Factories, Gothenburg, Sweden, backstamped Göteborg 6.2.02.
Cover sent by Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition) from Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, to Mrs Maria Skottsberg (his mother) in Sweden, backstamped STOCKHOLM 6.2.02, and with the S.Y. "ANTARCTIC" SWEDISH EXPEDITION cachet.
Cover sent by Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition) from Staten Island, Argentina, to Mrs Maria Skottsberg (his mother) in Sweden, backstamped STOCKHOLM 7.3.02.
On the back Carl Skottsberg has written:
"Delayed by storm off Staten Island, 5/1, we now see the lighthouse."
Postcard showing Staten Island, Argentina, which the expedition visited on 6 January 1902, 4am to 8am. The intention was to compare the magnetic instruments of the expedition with those of the observatory on the island but they had not been set up yet.

Viaje al Sud de la Rep. Argentina

Faro San Juan, Isla de los Estados
Official expedition postcard sent by Dr Ekelöf (physician of the expedition) from Staten Island, Argentina, to his father. "Staten Island 6/1 1902. All right!! Dear Father. In great haste am I now writing a few words. Hope I will be in position to send letters in a couple of months. Auf Wiedersehen. Erik."
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The postcard is cancelled BUENOS AIRES FEB.11.1902, has a "T"-marking, and is sent to Commander J A Ekelöf (father of Dr Ekelöf), Stockholm, Sweden, backstamped SASSNITZ-TRELLEBORG 142A 6.3.02 and STOCKHOLM 7.3.02 and has a Swedish postage-due marking "Lösen 20 öre".
Official expedition postcard sent by Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition) from Staten Island, Argentina, to his fellow students at the Stockholm University.

"Prefect, associate professor's multiplicity + assistant are sent respectful greetings from Skottsberg."

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POSTCARD FROM CARL SKOTTBERG  6.1.1902

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The postcard is cancelled BUENOS AIRES FEB.11.1902, has a "T"-marking, and is sent to the Stockholm University, Botanical Institution, Stockholm, Sweden, backstamped SASSNITZ-TRELLEBORG 142A 6.3.02 and STOCKHOLM 7.3.02 and has a Swedish postage due marking "Lösen 40 öre".

[Image of the postcard with various stamps and cancellations]
Homemade postcard showing antarctic waters probably made by one of the members of the expedition (possibly Dr Ekelöf).
Dr Ekelöf's (physician of the expedition) hand-painted menu of the dinner on board the Antarctic on the 21.1.1902 (celebrating King Oscar's birthday), in the Weddell Sea.

Antarctic
le 21. janv. 1902

Menu

Hors d'œuvre
Potage tortue vraie
Maquereau à la Weddell
Poulit antarctic
Asperges
Renne à la Oscar
Dessert
Fruits
Fromage

Café
Liqueurs

Madère
Bordeaux
Champagne
Oporto
Letter written by Carl Skottsberg "Red snow and green snow" signed "Skottsberg".
Note on top "PM from Skottsberg to Ekölf at the departure of 'Antarctic' from the winter station on 14 February 1902".
Official expedition postcard sent by Otto Nordenskjöld (leader of the expedition) from the winter station on Snow Hill Island, to his sister.
"The winter station 21.2.1902. Dear Flora. The best greetings I send to you, Anton and the boys now when we definitely will be closed from the world. Your brother Otto."
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POSTCARD FROM OTTO NORDENSKJÖLD 21.2.1902

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The postcard was brought to Port Stanley by the "Antarctic" and posted there.
It bears Queen Victoria 1d. tied by FALKLAND ISLANDS C AP.7.02
and S.Y. "ANTARCTIC" SWEDISH EXPEDITION cachet and is sent to
Mrs Flora Anjou (sister of Otto Nordenskjöld), Stockholm, Sweden, backstamped STOCKHOLM 9.5.02.
Registered cover sent by Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition) from Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, to Mrs Maria Skottsberg (his mother) in Sweden, with Crown REGISTERED marking, transit marking LONDON REGISTERED 7.MY.02, backstamped STOCKHOLM 9.5.02, and with the S.Y. "ANTARCTIC" SWEDISH EXPEDITION cachet.

On the back Carl Skottsberg has written: "Sent from Port Stanley after return from first Antarctic summer. Letter written on board on 27 February 1902, the day after clearing the South Shetland Islands."
Postcard showing the winter station on Snow Hill Island, Graham Land, after a photograph taken by Otto Nordenskjöld (expedition leader).
EXPEDITION PLAYING CARDS

Playing cards used at the Winter Station on Snow Hill Island between 1901 and 1903. From the estate of Dr Erik Ekelöf (physician of the expedition).
Postcard showing Ushuaia, Argentina, where the expedition stayed both on the way up from the winter station and on the way down to relieve the wintering party.
Official expedition cover sent by Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition) from Ushuaia, Argentina, to Mrs Maria Skottsberg (his mother) in Sweden, backstamped BUENOS AIRES ABR.13.1902 and STOCKHOLM 8.5.02.

EXPÉDITION ANTARCTIQUE SUÉDOISE.

Sendt Maria Skottsberg
Hemleviđag. 16, nr
Stockholm
Suecia Europa
Contemporary homemade card of "The Antarctic-expedition celebrating Easter" showing the ship, members, penguins and eggs, signed by Björn Lövegren.
Cover from Sweden with Oscar II 20öre(x2) tied by STOCKHOLM 25.3.02, to Otto Nordenskjöld (leader of the expedition), Antarctic, Swedish and Norwegian Consulate, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, backstamped FALKLAND ISLANDS C AP.18.02. The letter was sent by Otto’s mother and mentions a lot about the recent death of Otto’s father but also: "How I now long for the telegram that the Antarctic has returned to Port Stanley. After that there will be many, many months of silence".
Official expedition cover sent by Dr Ekelöf (physician of the expedition) to his mother. The letter was probably written at the winter station on Snow Hill Island 21 February 1902 and brought by the "Antarctic" to Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, and posted there. The cover bears 2x2 1/2d. Queen Victoria tied by FALKLAND ISLANDS C AP.3.02 and S.Y."ANTARCTIC" SWEDISH EXPEDITION cachet and is sent to Mrs Matilda Ekelöf (mother of Dr Ekelöf), Stockholm, Sweden, backstamped PKXP No83C 8.5.1902 and STOCKHOLM 9.5.02.
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POSTCARD FROM SAMUEL DUSE 7.4.1902

Official expedition postcard sent by Samuel Duse (expedition cartographer) from Stanley, Falkland Islands, to Ernst Floderus.

"Brother! Congratulations on your promotion. I am sorry to lose you, old friend. Thanks for the cards. It is going to be tricky to get some polar bear skins down here for the simple reason that there are no polar bears. Greetings to your wife. Your affectionate friend, Sam."

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The postcard bears Queen Victoria 1d. tied by FALKLAND ISLANDS C A P. 7.02 and S.Y. "ANTARCTIC" SWEDISH EXPEDITION cachet and is sent to Captain Ernst Floderus, Östersund, Sweden, backstamped ÖSTERSUND 10.5.1902.
Cover sent by Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition) from Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, to Mrs Maria Skottsberg (his mother) in Sweden, backstamped STOCKHOLM 21.6.02, and with the S.Y. "ANTARCTIC" SWEDISH EXPEDITION cachet.
Letter sent by Anna Nordenskjöld (mother of Otto Nordenskjöld) to her brother Otto Nordenskiöld in Finland, with 4x10öre Oscar tied by MARIANNELUND 30.5.1902, backstamped HELSINKI 1.VI.02.

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"... Otto doesn't know about his father's death yet, and won't get a letter until November if "Antarctic" can reach them. ... As you have probably seen in the newspapers we have now had news and letters about "Antarctic"'s return to Port Stanley. On the way back from the winter station, after they had left Otto and his 5 companions, they had a terrible snow storm for 2 1/2 days and it was so hard that Captain Larsen told the others that they could only expect to be wrecked before the night. But, at last, the wind changed and they saw that they had passed the rocks where they had expected to be crushed. If the "Antarctic" had been lost then no-one would have known where the winter station is. They have already made many scientific discoveries although the summer was short and the ice conditions difficult. ..."
Postcard S Y "Antarctic" Expedition - A Tabular Iceberg, sent from the Falkland Islands to USA in 1906.
Postcard S Y "Antarctic" Expedition - Some of the Greenland Dogs, sent within the Falkland Islands in 1908, taxed with the T-marking because it only had one 1/2d stamp.
Postcard showing "S Y Antarctic Expedition - Sleeping Seals" probably after a photo taken in Cumberland Bay, South Georgia by J G Andersson in May 1902.
Postcard showing "S Y Antarctic Expedition - Male Elephant - South Georgia" probably after a photo taken in Cumberland Bay, South Georgia by J G Andersson in May 1902.
Postcard showing "South Georgia, pitching the tent in Cumberland Bay, 28th May 1902". The card shows expedition members Gunnar Andersson, Toralf Grundén and Christian Wennersgaard after a photo taken by Carl Skottsberg.
Registered cover sent by Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition) from Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, to Mrs Maria Skottsberg (his mother) in Sweden, backstamped STOCKHOLM 23.8.02, and with three S.Y."ANTARCTIC" SWEDISH EXPEDITION cachets.
Cover sent by J G Andersson (Assistant leader), from Stanley, Falkland Islands, with Queen Victoria 2 1/2d. tied by FALKLAND ISLANDS 20.JY.02 and S.Y. "ANTARCTIC" SWEDISH EXPEDITION cachet, addressed to Mr Robert Dickson, Lund, Sweden, redirected to Winstra, Norway, backstamped LUND 22.8.02.
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LETTER TO HARALD & JEAN EGELIN 19.8.1902

Letter from Sweden with Oscar 10öre(x2) tied by STRÖMSTAD 19.8.1902 to the Sailors Harald & Jean Egelin (seamen on board Antarctic), Swedish South Polar Expedition ship Antarctic, Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, backstamped 9.NOV.02, re-directed to Malvinas, backstamped FALKLAND ISLANDS DE.6.02.
The letter was written by Harald & Jean's sister and she asks them to be careful and not expose themselves to unnecessary dangers.

Pomaietar
Herrarna Harald o Jean Egelin
Swenska sydpolar expedition party
Antarctic
Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego
Malvinas, Argentina.
Cover from Sweden with Oscar II 5 öre (x4) tied by SÖDERTELJE 31.8.1902, to Otto Nordenskjöld (leader of the expedition), Expedition Antartique Suedoise, Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, re-directed to Malvinas, and returned to Upsala Sweden, backstamped BUENOS AIRES SEP. 24.1902, USHUAIA 6. OCT 1902 and FALKLAND ISLANDS C DE. 26. 02.

The letter was sent by Otto's mother and mentions: "One more day is it possible for me to write a letter to you which will go with the Antarctic to you on Snow Hill, and after that there will be letters which will wait for you on the Falkland Islands in February. As soon as you get to the Falkland Islands you must send us a telegram. C A Larsen wrote and said that you will probably be back in the Falkland Islands in February, Buenos Aires in March, and back here in June."
Cover sent by Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition) from Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, to Mrs Maria Skottsberg (his mother) in Sweden, backstamped STOCKHOLM 15.10.02, and with the S.Y. "ANTARCTIC" SWEDISH EXPEDITION cachet.
Homemade photographic postcard showing Ona indians in Tierra del Fuego sent by Samuel Duse from Ushuaia, Argentina.
"A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your wife from your affectionate friend, S A Duse"
The postcard bears two 5c stamps tied by USHUAIA and BUENOS AIRES NOV.16.1902, and has the S.Y."ANTARCTIC" SWEDISH EXPEDITION cachet, and is sent to Captain Carl Gråå, Östersund, Sweden, backstamped SASSNITZ-TRELLEBORG 142A 13.12.02 and Lösen 15 öre postage due.
Homemade postcard sent by Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition) from Ushuaia, Argentina, to his mother.
Ush. 22/10 1902. A merry christmas I wish you all. The ship is, as you can see, slightly careened, i.e. crooked, which I am not however!!!"
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The postcard bears Liberty 1c+5c tied by BUENOS AIRES NOV 15. 1902 and S.Y. "ANTARCTIC" SWEDISH EXPEDITION cachet and is sent to Mrs Maria Skottsberg (mother of Carl Skottsberg), Stockholm, Sweden, backstamped STOCKHOLM 14.12.02.
Homemade postcard sent by Samuel Duse (expedition cartographer) from Ushuaia, Argentina, to Stockholm.

"Antarctic in Ushuaia. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all from my heart. In a few days we will return towards the ice, and from what I can now assume, this trip will be shorter than expected. Write a lot. Greetings to all friends, Samuel"

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POSTCARD FROM SAMUEL DUSE 22.10.1902

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The postcard bears Liberty 3c(x2) tied by BUENOS AIRES NOV.18.1902 and S.Y. "ANTARCTIC" SWEDISH EXPEDITION cachet and is sent to Mrs Anna Wiman, Stockholm, Sweden, backstamped STOCKHOLM 7.12.02.
Homemade postcard (South Georgia?) sent by Karl A Andersson (expedition zoologist) from Ushuaia, Argentina, to his father.
"Ushuaia 24.10.02. A Merry Christmas to you from, Karl"
The postcard bears 5c(x2) Liberty tied by USHUAIA 24.OCT.02 and S.Y. "ANTARCTIC" SWEDISH EXPEDITION cachet and is sent to Farmer Sander E Andersson, Varekil, Sweden, backstamped VAREKIL 14.12.1902.
Postcard from Sweden with Oscar Löfro tied by STOCKHOLM 4.11.02, to Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition), Swedish South Polar Expedition, Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, back-stamped ENE.20.1903.

The expedition had left Ushuaia on 5 November 1902 and for some reason the postcard was re-directed to Malvinas (Falkland Islands).

"3.11.02. Thank you very much for your kind card last spring! It was so nice to hear from you! Very many greetings and a merry Christmas from E-r O-n.

Mother also sends her greetings, so do the brothers and sisters. I hope this card will reach you, we got the address from your mother."
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COVER FROM CARL SKOTTSBERG

5.11.1902

Cover sent by Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition) from Ushuaia, Argentina, to Mrs Maria Skottsberg (his mother) in Sweden, postmarked USHUAIA 5.NOV.02, backstamped STOCKHOLM 27.12.02, and with the S.Y."ANTARCTIC" SWEDISH EXPEDITION cachet.
Cover sent by C A Larsen (Captain of the Antarctic) from Ushuaia, Argentina, to Mrs Anna Nordenskjöld (mother of Otto Nordenskjöld), Stockholm, Sweden, postmarked USHUAIA 8.NOV.02 and with S.Y. "ANTARCTIC" SWEDISH EXPEDITION cachet, backstamped STOCKHOLM 17.12.02.
Letter sent by Anna Nordenskjöld (mother of Otto Nordenskjöld) to her brother Otto Nordenskiöld in Finland, with 20 öre Oscar tied by STOCKHOLM 5 12.11.02, backstamped HELSINKI 14.XI.02.

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"... How will everything be when "Antarctic" reaches the winter station and Otto will receive the message about his father's death, so far away. From the expedition we have received good news and we hope the luck continues and that we in February will get a happy telegram, that they are on solid ground again. ..."
Cover with letter to Gösta Bodman, The Swedish Antarctic Expedition, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.
The cover with two 10öre stamps tied by UPSALA 8.12.1902, backstamped FALKLAND ISLANDS 23.JY.03 (JY used for January), returned to Sweden, backstamped UPSALA 5.2.04.
Cover from Sweden with Oscar II 20öre tied by STOCKHOLM 10.12.02, to Otto Nordenskjöld (leader of the expedition), Expedition Antartique Suedoise, Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, re-directed to Consulado de Suecia, Bs Aires, and returned to Upsala Sweden, backstamped BUENOS AIRES JAN.4.1903 and MAR.21.1903 and JAN.13.1904, USHUAIA MAR.3.1903 and UPSALA 11.2.04.

The letter was sent by Otto’s mother and mentions: "Perhaps Antarctic is already with you. We are waiting for the last messages from the Antarctic before she left Ushuaia. We plan to send 10.000kr to the Falkland Islands for your expenses. I don’t know how much you need for salaries and fees for the scientists."
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Postcard to Carl Skottsberg 15.12.1902

Postcard from Sweden with Oscar 10 öre and postmarked STOCKHOLM 16.12.1902, to Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition), S/Y Antarctic, c/o Swedish Norwegian Consulate, Port Stanley, backstamped FALKLAND ISLANDS 28.JY.02.

"Stockholm 15. Dec. 1902. Brother. Here you see the factory where I have my job. Happy Christmas + a bright new year.
Your brother Ivar."
Letter from Sweden with Oscar 10öre(x2) tied by STOCKHOLM 21.12.02 to Gustaf Åkerlundh (crew member and one in the party staying on Snow Hill Island), Swedish South Polar Expedition, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, backstamped 23.JV.03. The letter was sent by his mother and brother and contains mostly family news but also that Samuel Duse had sent a photograph of the expedition members.
Postcard from Sweden with Oscar 10öre tied by KARLSHAMN 31.12.1902, to Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition), Swedish Consulate, Port Stanley, backstamped FALKLAND ISL C FE.18.03.

"New years eve 1902. Thank you for your letter and spring greeting from Tierra del Fuego. After 57 days at sea, the branch is still green and the flower as nice." ... "Best wishes from M.L. (Marie Ljunggren, Skottsbergs aunt). God bless you."
Two Argentine postcards suggested to show the Swedish South Polar Expedition ship.
Letter sent by Anna Nordenskjöld (mother of Otto Nordenskjöld) to her brother Otto Nordenskjöld in Finland, with 2x10 öre Oscar tied by STOCKHOLM 1 19.1.03, backstamped HELSINKI 21.1.03.

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"... Everything seems to have gone very well with the expedition, the achieved results are considered to be excellent, the economy is in order and I hope that they have had a good time at the winter station and that the journey back has gone well. At the end of February we can start to expect a telegram but it will probably take some time before it arrives. ..."
Postcard showing the "Antarctic" when the water has reached the deck, after a photograph taken by C A Larsen (captain of the expedition ship). The ship had been severely damaged by the pack-ice in a storm on 10 January 1903 and it was only a matter of time when it would sink.
Postcard showing the "Antarctic"'s last moments, after a photograph taken by C A Larsen (captain of the expedition ship). The ship had been severely damaged by the pack-ice in a storm 10 January 1903 and it was only a matter of time when it would sink.
Postcard from Sweden with Oscar 10 öre tied by UPSALA 2.3.1903, to Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition), Swedish and Norwegian Consulate, Buenos Aires, Argentina, backstamped BUENOS AIRES MAR.28.1903. The postcard, sent by fellow students of the Uppsala university, was obviously misplaced and not given to Skottsberg during the stay in Buenos Aires, so it was re-directed to Sweden, postmarked BUENOS AIRES ENE.13.1904, backstamped STOCKHOLM 11.2.04.
Postcard showing the "Frithiof", the ship of the Swedish relief expedition which under leadership of captain Olof Gylden was sent out from Stockholm 22 August 1903. The members of the Swedish South Polar Expedition were however rescued by the Argentinian relief expedition before the Swedish one arrived.
Official postcard of the Swedish Relief Expedition ship "Frithiof", printed "Greetings from Frithiof".
Postcard sent by expedition member P Persson from Germany with "ANTARKTISKA UDSÅTTNINGSEXPEDITIONEN" expedition cachet.

"Bremerhaven 25/8 03. We leave from here to Plymouth on Thursday the 27th. Many regards to the Ljungkrantz family from P Persson".
The postcard with two removed stamps, addressed to Sweden, backstamped KARLSKRONA 27.8.03.
Postcard sent by a member of the expedition from Germany with "Antarktiska oundsättningsexpeditionen" expedition cachet. "Geestemünde 27.8.03. Tonight we go from here. Many regards, ph".
The postcard with a 10pf stamp tied by GEESTE MÜNDE 27.8.03, addressed to Sweden, backstamped GöTEBORG 29.8.03. Only two examples of this cachet are recorded.

The postcard with a 1d. stamp tied by PLYMOUTH SP.6.03, addressed to Sweden, backstamped GÖTEBORG 9.9.03. Only two examples of this cachet are recorded.
Postcard sent from Stockholm to C. Nigel, the South Polar ship “Frithiof”, Funchal, Madeira, redirected to Buenos Aires. “Stockholm 10/9 03. Thank you for the card. Good luck! Best regards H L”.
The postcard bears two 5öre stamps tied by STOCKHOLM C AFG 10.9.03 and is sent to Madeira and redirected to Argentina, backstamped LISBOA 15.9.03 and BUENOS AIRES OC?.1903 .
This is the only recorded item addressed to “Frithiof”.

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Weltpostverein—Union des Telecommunications
Lettre-postale—Carte postale—Lettre—carte postale
Korespondenzkarte—Karte—correspondance
Föreningen postkort—Kort—korrespondens
Drukark—Druk.—Kort

Len C. Nigel

Marinhalsan Frithiof

Buenos Aires
Funchal
Madeira
Postcard showing the "Frithiof", the ship of the Swedish relief expedition, at Buenos Aires.
Postcard showing captain Olof Gylden and the officers of the "Frithiof", the ship of the Swedish relief expedition, in Buenos Aires.
Postcard showing the crew of the "Frithiof", the ship of the Swedish relief expedition, in Buenos Aires.
Postcard showing the deck of the "Frithiof", the ship of the Swedish relief expedition, in Buenos Aires.
Homemade postcard with the cachet of the Swedish Relief Expedition ship "Frithiof" "ANTARKTISKA UNGSÄTTNINGS-EXPEDITIONEN" sent by the officers on board Frithiof.
"Ushuaia 1903, Nov. 20
Olof Gyldén (Captain), Axel Blom (First Officer), J Menander, S R Bergendahl (Third Officer), J Torgersruud (Doctor), A Klinckowström (Scientist).
The postcard bears Liberty 5c tied by USHUAIA 3. DEC. 03 and is sent to Miss Maria Moreno, Buenos Aires, backstamped 13.12. 03
Postcard showing the "Frithiof", the ship of the Swedish relief expedition, with its cachet ANTARKTISKA UNDSÄTTNINGSEXPEDITIONEN sent by the expedition leader Olof Gylden, from Argentina.

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"Ushuaia 1903, Nov. 21. Dear friend! I have during this race all over the Atlantic not had the time to write any letters at all. Thank you for the telegram. At my return I will straight away from Punta Arenas send letters about the telegram so I hope that everything will be solved in the best possible way. I apply for my respect to your wife. Happy new year. Olof Gylden."

The postcard bears 5centavo tied by USHUAIA 3. DIC. 02, has a "T"-marking and BUENOS AIRES DICI. 13. 1903 datestamp, and is sent to Vice-consul C Bolinder, Stockholm, Sweden, backstamped STOCKHOLM 8.1.04 and has a Swedish postage-due marking "Lösen 4 5re".
Postcard showing the "Uruguay", the ship of the Argentine relief expedition, which, under the leadership of captain Julian Irizar, successfully rescued the members of the expedition on 8 November 1903.
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RELIEF EXPEDITION SHIP "URUGUAY" 1903

Homemade postcard with ink drawing of the "Uruguay", the ship of the Argentine relief expedition, signed by José M Sobral (Argentine member of the Swedish South Polar Expedition) on 8.12.1903.
Postcard showing the "Uruguay", the ship of the Argentine relief expedition, which, under the leadership of captain Julian Irizar, successfully rescued the members of the expedition on 8 November 1903, with signatures of the crew and of lieutenant Jose M Sobral (the Argentine member of the expedition) on the back.
Postcard showing the "Uruguay", the ship of the Argentine relief expedition, captain Julian Irizar (leader of the Argentine relief expedition) and map of Graham Land showing the route of the "Uruguay" to Snow Hill Island. The card is signed by José M Sobral (Argentine member of the Swedish South Polar Expedition), Gualterio Carminatti (third engineer of the "Uruguay") and Gösta Bodman (meteorologist of the Swedish South Polar Expedition).
Postcard showing captain Julian Irizar (leader of the Argentine relief expedition).
Postcard showing captain Ricardo J Hermelo (deputy leader of the Argentine relief expedition).
Postcard showing Juan L de Bertodano (first engineer of the Argentine relief expedition) with his signature.
Postcard showing Gualterio Carminatti (third engineer of the Argentine relief expedition) with his signature.
Postcard showing doctor Jose Gorrochategui (medical officer of the Argentine relief expedition).
Postcard showing lieutenant Jorge Yalour (officer of the Argentine relief expedition).
Postcard showing the "Uruguay", the ship of the Argentine relief expedition, and its officers and crew.
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Caricature postcard showing captain Julian Irizar (leader of the Argentine relief expedition).
Postcard showing the crew of the "Uruguay", the ship of the Argentine relief expedition.
Postcard showing the National Congress, Buenos Aires, with signatures of members of the Argentine relief expedition: Jorge Yalour (lieutenant), Juan de Bertodano (engineer), Jose Corrochategui (medical officer).
Postcard showing the "Uruguay", the ship of the Argentine relief expedition, leaving Buenos Aires on its way south to rescue the members of the expedition.
Postcard sent by the expedition members of the "Uruguay" from Buenos Aires on 8 October 1903 and signed by Captain Izirar and the officers. "Au revoir. The chief and officers. On board the Uruguay Oct 8 1903. Port of Buenos Aires". Sent to Buenos Aires with a 5c stamp tied by BUENOS AIRES 7.OCT.1903.
Homemade postcard (showing scenery on Tierra del Fuego) sent by lieutenant Jorge Yalour (officer of the "Uruguay", the Argentine relief expedition ship) from Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, to Buenos Aires.
The ship visited Ushuaia on its way south to relieve the members of the Swedish South Polar Expedition.
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The postcard bears Liberty 5 centavos tied by USHUAIA T. DEL FUEGO 25. OCT. 03 and is sent to Buenos Aires.
Postcard showing the arrival of the Argentine relief expedition at the winter station on Snow Hill Island.
Postcard showing Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, with signature of Otto Nordenskjöld (leader of the expedition).
Homemade postcard (showing Antarctic's damage) sent by Karl A Andersson (expedition zoologist) from Buenos Aires, Argentina, to his father.

"30/11 1903. Happily saved from a terrible winter, I am sending you a picture of the Antarctic when she is crushed. The best greetings to you all. All well. Merry Christmas. Sending this with a boat which has come out to meet us on the river. Karl"

The postcard bears 2c+5c(x2) Liberty tied by BUENOS AIRES DIC.1.1903 and is sent to Sander E Andersson, Varekil, Sweden, backstamped VAREKIL 24.12.03.
Cover with Argentina 3x1c+2c. Liberty tied by BUENOS AIRES DIC.2.1903, to Dr Otto Nordenskjöld (leader of the expedition), a bordo de la "Uruguay" (the relief ship that rescued the expedition members), backstamped MINISTERIO DE MARINA, DETALL, 3.DIC.1903.

The "Uruguay" had arrived at Buenos Aires the 2nd December.
Argentine 5c postal stationery envelope postmarked BUENOS AIRES DIC.2.1903, to Geologo K A Andersson (expedition geologist), á bordo de la “Uruguay” (the relief ship that rescued the expedition members), backstamped MINISTERIO DE MARINA, DETALL, - .DIC.1903 . The “Uruguay” had arrived at Buenos Aires on 2 December.
Postcard “The Uruguay in the port of Buenos Aires, bringing the Swedish Expedition”, La Nacion no. 41.
Postcard showing the "Uruguay", the ship of the Argentine relief expedition, arriving at Buenos Aires after having rescued the members of the expedition.
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Homemade postcard headed "Greetings from Dr O Nordenskjöld's South Polar Expedition arriving at Buenos Aires on board the 'Uruguay' on 2 December 1903" signed by expedition members K A Andersson and Erik Ekelöf.
Homemade postcard headed "N Otto G Nordenskjöld, Scientific leader of the Swedish South Polar Expedition on board the 'Antarctic' between December 1901 and 1903" signed by Otto Nordenskjöld.
Postcard showing lieutenant Jose M Sobral (the Argentine member of the expedition) and general Mitre.
Postcard showing lieutenant Jose M Sobral (the Argentine member of the expedition), general Mitre and other officials.
Postcard showing lieutenant José Maria Sobral (Argentine member of the expedition).
Postcard showing lieutenant Jose M Sobral (the Argentine member of the expedition).
Postcard showing the palace of the newspaper "La Prensa", with notes made by Dr Ekelöf (physician of the expedition):
"Our residence during the stay in Buenos Aires 2-10 December 1903" and on the side: "this appartment".
Postcard addressed to "Le Dr Erik Ekelöf, Medicin de l’Expedition Antarctique Suedoise”.
"With our gratitude for your fight for the science, which has captured the sympathy of the argentine people.
J.carlos Daract (?), journalist on "La Prensa" (the newspaper where the expedition members stayed in Buenos Aires)".
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The postcard was not sent by post but probably delivered directly to Dr Ekelöf.
INVITATION TO ERIK EKELÖF

4.12.1903

Invitation to banquet at "Club del Progreso", Buenos Aires, to Dr Ekelöf (physician of the expedition).

La Comisión Directiva del Club del Progreso se compliece en inviutar al Señor Dr. E. Ekellof, Médico de "La Antártic", al banquete que en honor de la Armada Nacional, ofrece a los Señores Oficiales de la "Uruguay", el que tendrá lugar el 4 de Diciembre a las 7,30 p.m.

Buenos Aires, Diciembre de 1903.

Secretario
Cover with Argentina 1c+2x2c. Liberty tied by BUENOS AIRES 5.DICI.1903, to Dr Nordenskjöld (leader of the expedition), "La Prensa" (the newspaper palace where the expedition members stayed), Avenida de Mayo 567, Capital Federal, backstamped BUENOS AIRES DICI.6.1903.
Invitation to banquet at "Centro Navegacion Transatlantica", Buenos Aires, to Dr Ekelöf's (physician of the expedition).

Señor

La Comisión que suscribe tiene el agrado de invitar á Ud. al Banquete que, á iniciación del Centro de Navegación Transatlántica, dada el Comisión en honor de la Marina de Guerra Argentina, por el éxito de la expedición de la corbeta de guerra "La Uruguay", y al explorador Dr. Nordenskjöld y sus compañeros, que tendrá lugar el día Sábado 5 de Diciembre, á las 7.30 p. m., en el Palacio de los Lagos.

Dr Ekelöf's (physician of the expedition) program and menu of banquet held in Buenos Aires in honour of the Argentinian relief expedition and the Swedish South Polar Expedition.

Banquete

ofrecido por el Comercio en honor de la
Marina de Guerra Argentina

por el éxito de la expedición de la corbeta de guerra
"La Uruguay" y al explorador Doctor
Nordenskjöld y sus compañeros
Cover from Uruguay with 5c. Liberty tied by MONTEVIDEO 6.DICI. 1903, to Mr Nordenskjöld (leader of the expedition), imprenta de "La Prensa" (the newspaper palace where the expedition members stayed), Buenos Aires, backstamped BUENOS AIRES 7.DICI.1903.
Invitation to banquet at the "Jockey Club", Buenos Aires, to Dr Ekelöf (physician of the expedition).

La Comisión Directiva del Jockey Club tiene el placer de invitar a C. Dr. Erik Ekelöf a la reunión de carreras que, en honor de los oficiales de la "Uruguay" y de los miembros de la expedición Nordenskjöld, se realizará en el Hipódromo Argentino, el domingo 6 del corriente, a las 12 1/2 p. m.

Diciembre 4 de 1903.
Dr Ekelöf’s (physician of the expedition) program and menu of banquet held at the Jockey Club, Buenos Aires, in honour of the Argentinian relief expedition and the Swedish South Polar Expedition.

Los Socios del Jockey Club
á los oficiales de la Uruguay y á los Miembros de la Expedición Científica Nordenskjöld.

Buenos Aires, 8 Diciembre 1903
THE SWEDISH SOUTH POLAR EXPEDITION 1901-1903

COVER TO OTTO NORDENSKJÖLD 7.12.1903

Cover with Argentina 2c.+3c. Liberty tied by BUENOS AIRES 7.DICI.1903, to Dr Otto Nordenskjöld (leader of the expedition), Jefe de la expedición Antartica, Imprenta "La Prensa" (the newspaper palace where the expedition members stayed), Avenida de Mayo 567, Ciudad, backstamped BUENOS AIRES 7.DICI.1903.
Cover with Argentina 2c.+3c. Liberty tied by SANTA FE DICI.8. 1903, to Dr Otto Nordenskjöld (leader of the expedition), Dirección de "La Prensa" (the newspaper palace where the expedition members stayed), Buenos Aires, backstamped BUENOS AIRES 8.DICI. 1903.
COVER SENT TO OTTO NORDENSKJÖLD 8.12.1903

Cover with 5c+30c stamps tied by BUENOS AIRES DIC.8.1903 addressed to Doctor O Nordenskjöld, Presente, La Prensa, Capital.
Dr. Ekelöf's (physician of the expedition) program and menu of banquet held by the directors and editors of the newspaper "La Prensa" in Buenos Aires, in honour of the Swedish South Polar Expedition.

La Dirección y Redacción de "La Prensa"

al

Dr. Otto Nordensjöld

y sus compañeros del "Antartic"

FELIZ REGRESO

Buenos Aires, Diciembre 8 de 1903

D. Erik Ekelöf
Cover from Argentina with 15c. Liberty tied by CORDOBA DICI.10. 1903, to Dr Otto Nordenskjöld (leader of the expedition), Jefe de los expedicionarios del "Antartic", Stokolmo, Suecia, back-stamped BUENOS AIRES DICI.12.1903 and STOCKHOLM 8.1.1904.
Cover from Argentina with 15c. Liberty tied by unclear postmark, to Dr Otto Nordenskjöld (leader of the expedition), Stockholmo, Suecia, backstamped STOCKHOLM 25.1.1904.
Postcard with Argentina 5c. Liberty tied by BUENOS AIRES 10.DIC.1903, to Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition), Botanico-Naturalista del "Antarctic", "La Prensa", Avenida de Mayo, Buenos Aires, re-directed to Sweden, backstamped PKX8 No.83C 7.1.1904 and STOCKHOLM 22.1.04.
"Greetings to the Naturalist and Explorer of the Polar areas; please send an autograph."
Postcard showing the S.S. "Tijuca", the ship of the H.S.D.G. (Hamburg-Südamerikanische Dampfschifffahrt-Gesellschaft) with which the members of the expedition were invited to travel free to Europe.
Dr Ekelöf's (physician of the expedition) map of the journey from Buenos Aires to Hamburg on board the S.S. "Tijuca".
Series of postcards probably bought by Dr Ekelöf (physician of the expedition) on board S.S. Tijuca, showing the various ports they passed on their way to Europe.
Buenos Aires (10 December 1903), Montevideo (10 December 1903).
Series of postcards probably bought by Dr Ekelöf (physician of the expedition) on board S.S. Tijuca, showing the various ports they passed on their way to Europe.
Bahia, Brazil (17 December 1903), Madeira (29 December 1903).
Series of postcards probably bought by Dr Ekelöf (physician of the expedition) on board S.S. Tijuca, showing the various ports they passed on their way to Europe. Tenerife, Canary Isl. (28 December 1903), Vigo, Portugal (1 January 1904).

"Dear C! Happy New Year! It was a long time since I could wish you that. How happy we were when we heard about your rescue. It just can’t be described." ... "Very nice that you will be home soon. Many greetings from your sister Elisabeth. Imagine that you will be here by Epiphany!"
Postcard from Sweden with Oscar 2x5 öre tied by TIDAHOLM 22.12.1903, to Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition), Packet "Tijuca", Vigo, Spain.
The "Tijuca" arrived in Vigo on 2 January 1904.
"22/12 03. A warm newyears-greeting and a ditto welcome back! From your friend Lydia Bengtzon."
Dr Ekelöf's (physician of the expedition) menu of the dinner on board the S.S. "Tijuca" on Christmas Eve 1903.

Caviar in Eisblock.
Caviar glacié.
Krebs-Suppe,
Pottage aux écrevisses.
Gebratene Fische, Kartoffeln.
Poissons frits, pommes de terre.
Kalbskeule, garniert.
Gigot de veau à la jardinière.
Austern-Pasteten.
Vol-au-vent aux huitres.
Gefüllter Gänsebraten.
Rôti d'oie farci.
Apfelkompot.
Pflaumenkompot.
Compote de pommes.
Compote de prunes.
Stangenspergel mit Schaumbutter.
Asperges en branches, beurre frappé.
Punsch-Eis.
Punch à la Glace.
Käse.
Früchte.
Fromages.
Fruits.
Kaffee.
Café.
Cover from Sweden with Oscar 2x10öre tied by STOCKHOLM 28.12.1903, to Otto Nordenskjöld (leader of the expedition), chef de l'expedition suédoise antarctique, Packet "Tijuca", Vigo, Spain, backstamped VIGO 1.ENE.04.

The "Tijuca" arrived in Vigo on 2 January 1904.
LETTER FROM ANNA NORDENSKJÖLD 30.12.1903

Letter sent by Anna Nordenskjöld (mother of Otto Nordenskjöld) to her sister-in-law Olga Nordensköld in Finland, with 2x10øre Oscar tied by STOCKHOLM I 31.12.03, backstamped HELSINKI I.I.04.

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"... Finally, after 2 years of sadness and loss, I too can be happy and my Otto will soon be home again. Otto has probably just received the news about his father's death, with the arrival of the "Uruguay". The relief was just like a fairy-tale, just in time did they all, with the exception of one, gather from the different places, within a couple of days, and were soon on their way home. I have received a letter from Otto; it was written during 2 years with long interruptions.
At the winter station at least they had food, something the 20 shipwrecked men lacked. Captain Larsen writes that his crew was excellent. During the month when the "Antarctic" was half-sunk, they all worked very hard trying to get her beached somewhere, and when she had sunk and they all had to fight for their lives in the long, dark antarctic winter, without shelter and with little food and clothes, no-one complained.
Here in Sweden disappointment prevails, because the Swedish Relief ship did not rescue the members of the expedition. We expect them back on the 8th January. ..."
Postcard sent by Karl A Andersson (expedition zoologist) posted on board the SS Tijuca off the coast of Spain, to his father.

"New Year's Eve 1903. I am sending my best New Year's wishes to you all. We arrive at Vigo, a town in Spain, tomorrow, and at Hamburg about the 6 January. Hope to be home by the 12th. Karl"

The postcard bears a German 10pf stamp tied by DEUTSCHE SEEPOST HAMBURG-SÜDAMERIKA 2/1.04 and is sent to Farmer Sander E Andersson, Varekil, Sweden, backstamped VAREKIL 1904.
Series of postcards probably bought by Dr Ekelöf (physician of the expedition) on board S.S. Tijuca, showing the various ports they passed on their way to Europe. Dover (3 January 1904), Elbe, Germany (4 January 1904)
Series of postcards probably bought by Dr Ekelöf (physician of the expedition) on board S.S. Tijuca, showing the various ports they passed on their way to Europe. Hamburg (4 January 1904).
Postcard showing the members of the Swedish South Polar Expedition and the crew of the "Antarctic" after they had returned to Sweden, sent by Gustaf Åkerlundh (crew member and one in the party staying at the winter station on Snow Hill Island). "I am taking the liberty of sending a picture of the crew of the Expedition. Sincerely Gust. Åkerlundh." The postcard is sent within Stockholm, postmarked the 21.1.04, backstamped the 22.1.04.

Sydpolsexpeditionen 1901–1904: Besättningen å Antarctic.

Photo: A. Malmström, Stockholm.
Invitation to a ball held at the royal castle of Stockholm with H.M. the King as host, to Dr Ekelöf (physician of the expedition).
THE SWEDISH SOUTH POLAR EXPEDITION 1901-1903

LETTER TO OTTO NORDENSKJÖLD 28.1.1904

Cover from France with 5c.+2x10c. tied by ROUEN 28.1.04, to Dr Otto Nordenskjöld (leader of the expedition), Explorateur, Stockholm, Suede, backstamped STOCKHOLM 31.1.1904, and with message written on card:
"Respectful congratulations for your splendid voyage towards the South Pole. Rouen, 28 Jan. 1904. E Renier Fils"
Postcard showing the members of the expedition and the crew of the "Antarctic", sent by F L Andreassen (first mate of "Antarctic").
"Strandhjem 4/2 04. I am sending you the crew of "Antarctic" the way they looked during the stay in Stockholm, a period we will never forget with all the kindness shown to us. something I would almost like to return to. Yours respectfully L. Andreassen".
The postcard is sent from Norway and bears posthorn Söre tied by VRAENCE 4.II.04, to Sweden, backstamped GÖTEBORG 4.II.04.
Cover with Oscar l0öre tied by STOCKHOLM 6.3.04, to Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition), Member of the South Polar Expedition, Upsala, backstamped UPSALA 6.3.04.

H. Herr
St Carl Skottsberg
Medlem af Sydvostreksjonen
Upsala
Postcard showing the palace of the newspaper "La Prensa" (the residence of the expedition members during their stay in Buenos Aires), sent by lieutenant Jose M Sobral (the Argentine member of the expedition) to Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition), Upsala, Sweden.
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"Buenos Aires July 29 1904. Many greetings from your friend.
Jose M Sobral".
The postcard bears Liberty 5c. tied by BUENOS AIRES 30.JUL.
1904, has a "T"-marking, backstamped SASSNITZ-TRELLEBORG
25.8.04 and UPSALA 26.8.1904 and has a Swedish postage due
marking "Lösen 4 öre".
Letter, written by Jules Cardot and including a receipt for lichen samples on EXPEDITION ANTARCTIQUE SUÉDOISE stationery, from France postmarked CHARLEVILLE 19.9.04, to Carl Skottsberg, botaniste de l'Expédition antarctique suédoise, Upsala, Sweden, backstamped UPSALA 21.9.04.
Postcard from the University of Tokyo, Japan, sent to Dr Ekelöf (physician of the expedition) thanking for 20 copies of the Scientific Results of the Swedish South Polar Expedition 1901-03. The postcard is cancelled TOKYO 10.MAR.05 and sent to Dr Ekelöf, Stockholm, Sweden, backstamped STOCKHOLM 1 11.4.05.
Letter, written by professor P F Reinsch (member of the German South Polar Expedition 1882-83) regarding the collection of algae from that expedition, from Bavaria with 2x10Pf. tied by ERLANGEN 9 JUN.05, to Expedition Antarctique Suedoise, Carl Skottsberg, Botanist, Upsala, Sweden.
Postcard sent by José Sobral from Sweden during his stay there in 1905.

"Upsala 2 December 1905. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
José M Sobral".

The postcard with two 5 öre stamps tied by UPSALA 3.12.1905 addressed to Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Letter, written by Robert Rudmose Brown on Scottish National Antarctic Expedition stationery and with the expedition logo S.N.A.E. on the flap, about plants from South Georgia etc., from France with Sower 25c. tied by MONTPELIER 6.2.06, to Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition), Swedish South Polar Exp., Upsala, Sweden, backstamped UPSALA 9.2.06.

D. Carl Skottsberg.
Den svenska sydpolarexpeditionen.
Upsala
Süde.
Postcard of Samuel Duse showing how he looked when they were rescued in 1903, produced for his 50th birthday in 1923.

“Old Friend! Thank you for the telegram on my 50th birthday. Your friend, Sam”. Sent within Stockholm in 1923.
Commemorative cover for the 58th anniversary of the rescue of the Expedition by the "Uruguay", with the autograph of Carl Skottsberg (botanist of the expedition).