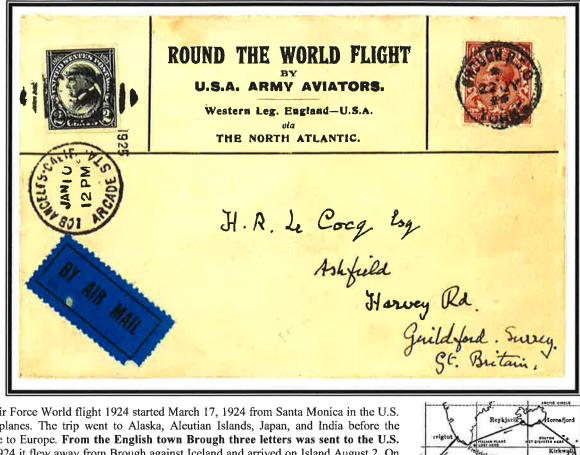
Chapter 3. Start of official flights abroad 1920

Santa Monica - Alaska - Japan - Indien - England -Island – Greenland – Labrador – Boston - Seattle

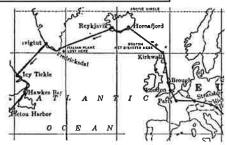
17 March - 28 September 1924

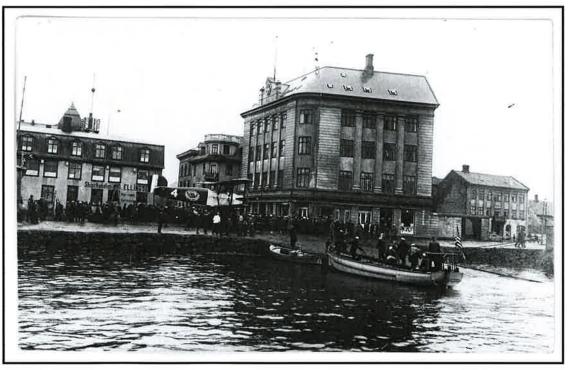
Three letters were flown from England to the USA, via Greenland on the U.S. Army Air Force World Flight 1924



U.S. Army Air Force World flight 1924 started March 17, 1924 from Santa Monica in the U.S. with four airplanes. The trip went to Alaska, Aleutian Islands, Japan, and India before the aircrafts came to Europe. From the English town Brough three letters was sent to the U.S. On 30 July 1924 it flew away from Brough against Iceland and arrived on Island August 2. On August 5, the aircraft arrived to Reykjavik. There were only two aircraft arrived - "Chicago" and "New Orleans", the other two planes crashed during the trip.

From Iceland flew the aircraft on to Greenland and then on to Labrador and on September 5, 1924 the aircraft landed in Boston. Since the aircraft continued to Los Angeles and finally landed the aircraft in Seattle September 28, 1924.





The card shows the pilot Eric Nelson's aircraft Orleans" standing on the dock in Reykjavik in August 1924. The aircraft was a Donald Douglas. Whole flight around the world was 42,398 km long. On landing in Reykjavík gathered 25,000 people to receive the pilots. The pilot of the other aircraft - "Chicago" was Lowell H. Smith.

First Atlantic air mail from Europe to the U.S. Only three letters were flown from England to the USA, via Iceland and Greenland