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**TITLE:** Porter Anchorage Photograph

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B1963.018

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 1917

Extent: 1 item

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): unknown

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Dogsled mail saw limited use in the northern parts of Alaska and Canada during the first half of the 20th century. In the early years of Alaska settlement, there was no regular mail service to the interior post offices during the winter months (October to May). In the 1930s, airplanes began to be used for mail transport, but postmasters were still allowed to use dogs for "emergency mail service", and in the 1940s cachets were produced reading "Alaska Dog Team Post" and depicting a team.

**Scope and Content Description:**

One black-and-white photograph, labeled "The last mail to leave Anchorage by dog team, March 28, 1917. Buildings are left to right: post office, city bldg., marshal's office & jail. This is 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue between F and G Street on the side where the federal building now stands (1963)".

Arrangement: Not applicable

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**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

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**SUBJECTS**

Dogsled mail—Alaska  
Postal service—Alaska  
Anchorage (Alaska)

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