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Magyar Posta is celebrating the 80th anniversary of the first Hungarian ocean crossing issuing a special envelope and cancellation stamp.

The initiator of the enterprise was Sándor Magyar, and was organised with the involvement of donations from Hungarians living in the United States. The chairman of the Daily Mail, Lord Rothermere joined in the project in February 1930 with an offer of 10,000 dollars and on his request the aircraft received the name "Justice for Hungary" referring to the unjust peace treaty that had ended the First World War. The selected aircraft, the Lockheed Sirius was one of the most successful planes of its day, many records are associated with its name. The airplane started from the Harbour Grace airport in Newfoundland on 15 July 1930 with György Endresz as pilot and Sándor Magyar as navigator. Even in the first of the journey the aircraft and the two professionals on board reached the Irish coast in the record time of 13 hours 50 minutes. However, during the rest of the journey they were not so lucky due to the bad weather

conditions. After being forced to carry out various manoeuvres the crew also had problems with the engine fuel supply. After the fuel line became completely blocked and the engine stopped they were forced to land on 16 July 1931 in a corn field near to Bicske, Hungary. However, all of this did not change the fact that the two Hungarians had covered the distance of 5770 km in 25 hours 20 minutes, at an average speed of 250 km/h, faster than anyone else to that day. (Source: *História* 2002/7. – Zsolt Miszlay: *The first Hungarian ocean crossing by air*)

The special envelope commemorating the anniversary was created on the basis of a contemporary (1931) picture postcard. The composition also includes a text on the event. The stamp on the envelope is the special stamp issued in 2006 entitled *Hungarian Aviation History III – Lockheed Sirius 8A* issued in connection with the 75th anniversary of the crossing, which is decorated with the stylised portraits of György Endresz and Sándor Magyar.

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