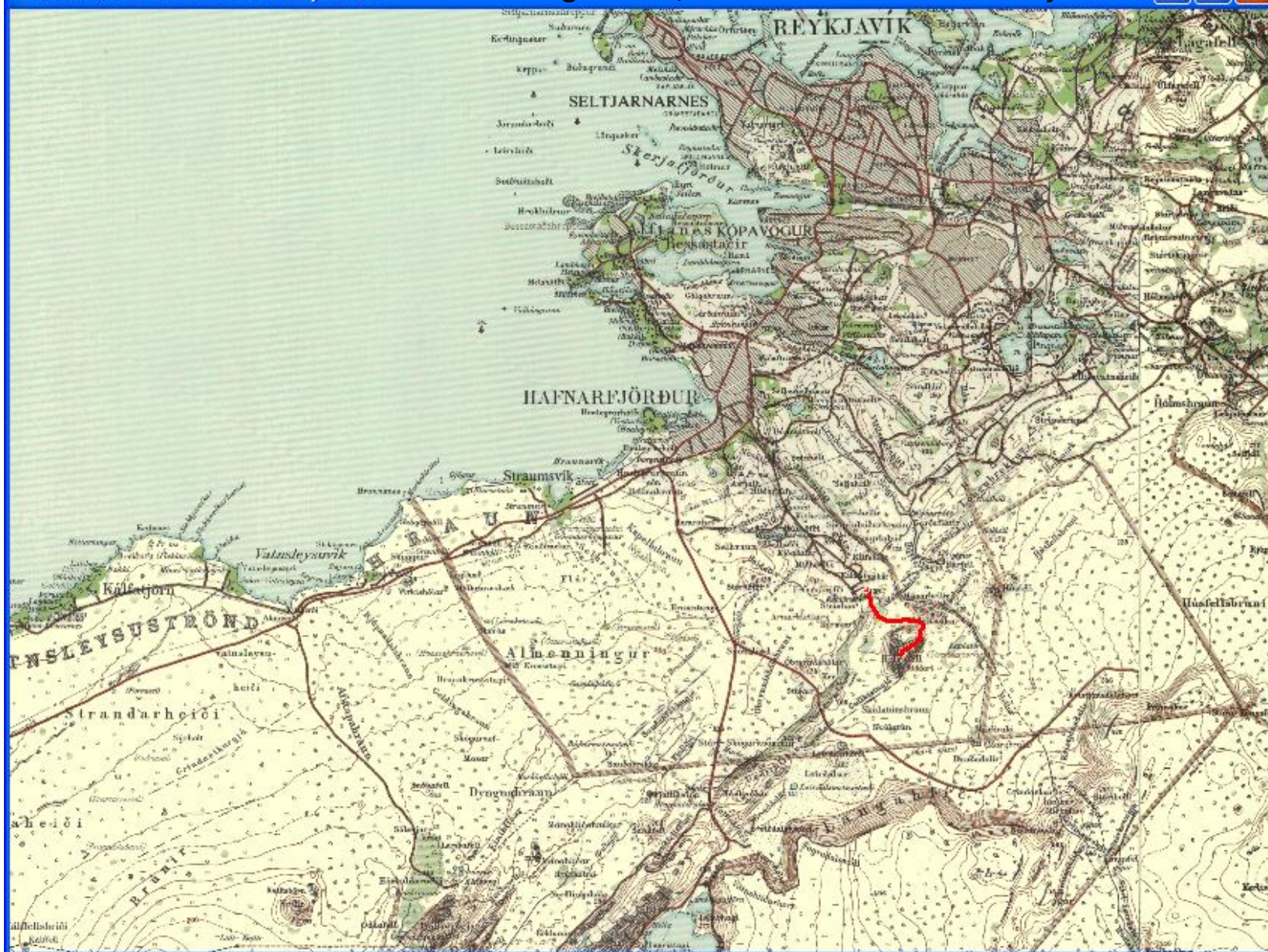


TF3DX/P SOTA # 01

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| Date: | 1. – 2. September 2016 |
| Summit: | TF/SV-040 Helgafell near Hafnarfjörður |
| Other people: | none |
| Start elevation: | 100 m Summit elevation: 338 m |
| Hike horiz. distance : | 3.02 km in 6.1 km total |
| Hike duration: | 1 ½ hour in over an hour back |
| To carry: | 22 kg in, less food and water out |
| Overnighting: | 1 night in tent |
| Bands and modes: | 20 m CW (2 m FM) |
| TX power: | 2 W, all QSOs |
| Antennas: | End fed halfwaves, for 20 m (vert) and 80 m (hor) |
| Radio conditions: | Poor, vy spotty and variable, stns hrd disappeared fast |
| Number of QSOs: | 9 TF, 26 DX 35 total |
| Weather: | Good, no rain, wind calm to mod, temp 6 °C night, 12 °C day |
| Trail: | Marked, not difficult but steep parts, visibility important for safety |







TF3DX setting out for Helgafell.



Arrived at QTH. The grey moss in the lava background tells it from the moon.



What are pegs good for?



Above tent is Vífilfell, north end of the Bláfjöll (TF/SV-018) ridge extending to the right. To it's left is Hengill TF/SV_009.



Semivertical $\lambda/2$ for 20 m on a 6 m fiber pole, rest of wire bent over top. SE direction favours Eu - still pulled in KA1R.



80 m $\lambda/2$ anchored to top of tent. Both ant. have Hi – Z intake at corner of tent. Never carried coax 54 yrs in field.



80 m $\lambda/2$ hung to sandstone pillar some 75 m away. Excellent for inter-TF skywave. Works well on 20 m DX too but directive.



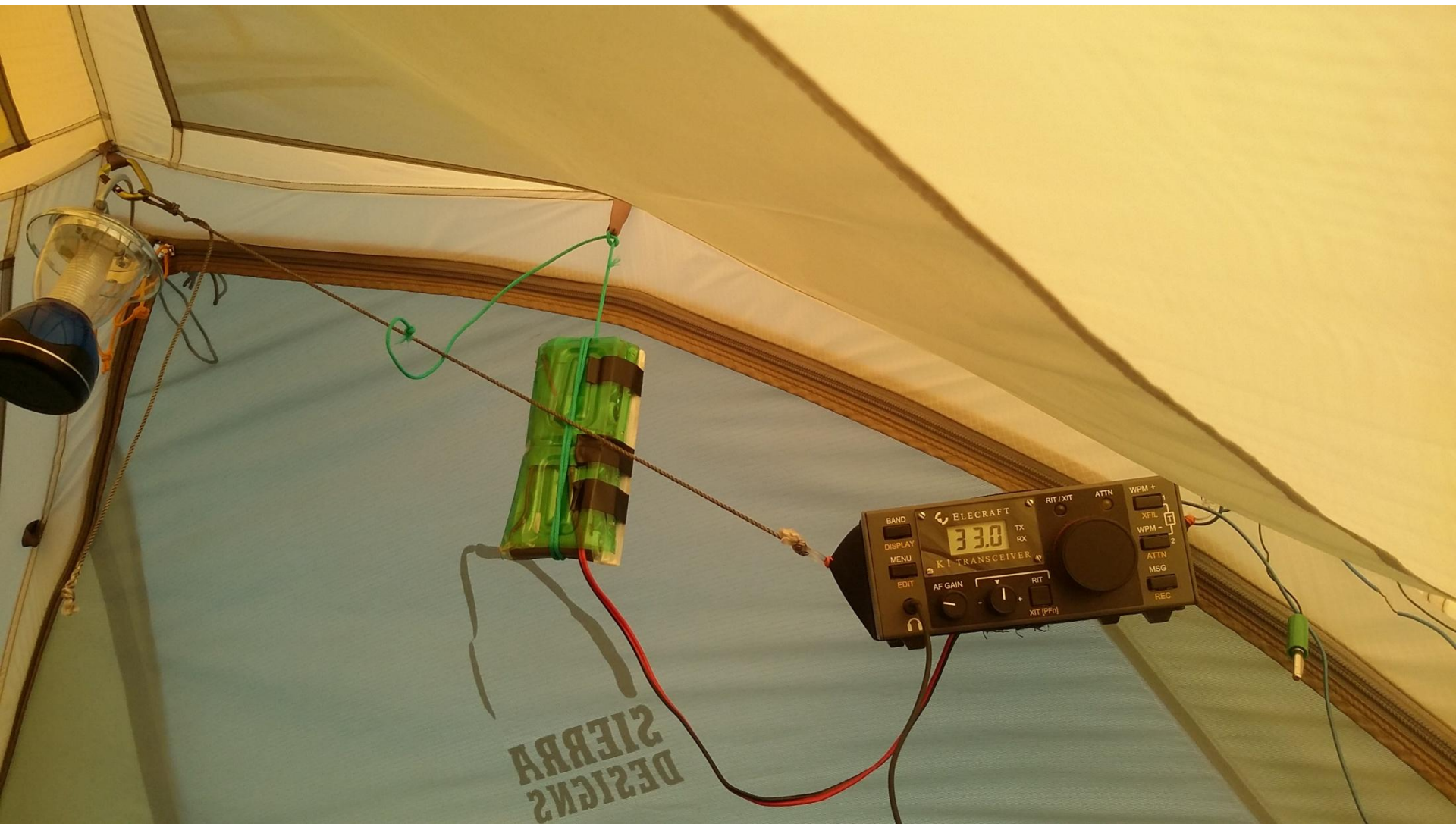
The late show. Bordering on the tent is the Glacier/volcano Snæfellsjökull, TF/SN-001. 1446 m high and 125 km away.



Sunrise at 6:08 seen through the tent, when forced out by first duty of the day.



Giants of the night turned into stone by the first rays of rising sun - according to Icelandic folk tale.



K1 is not only “on the air” but also in it literally!



The shack for horizontal operator. Key usually resing on the chest - have had many a chat that way.



Assembling K1 (2003) I made a new lid with smaller speaker and home made tuner to accomodate my Hi-Z habit.



Mni SOTAs on the NE horizon like L-R: Esja, Skálafell, Vestursúla, Syðstasúla, Ármannsfell, Skjaldbreiður, Hlöðufell, Skriðan ...



And in opposite direction (SW) L-R: Sveifluháls, Grænadyngja, Trölladyngja, Fagradalsfjall and Keilir.



Helgafell on the wall of our living room (TF3GD and TF3DX) - by painter Ásgrímur Jónsson (1876 – 1958)