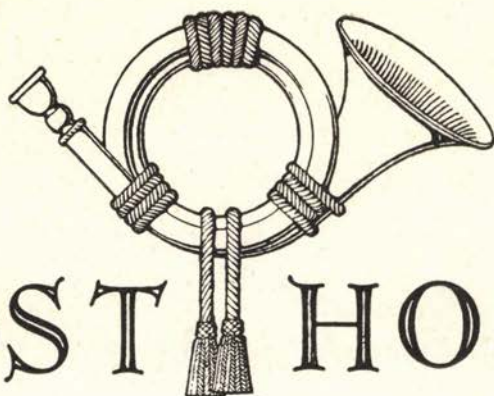


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Norwegian Numeral Ship Postmarks of World War II

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The Merchant Fleet

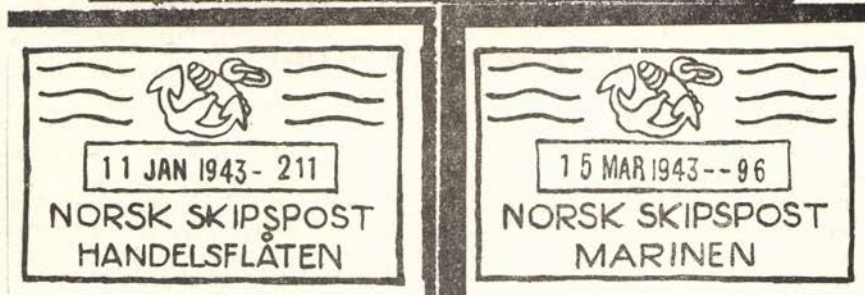
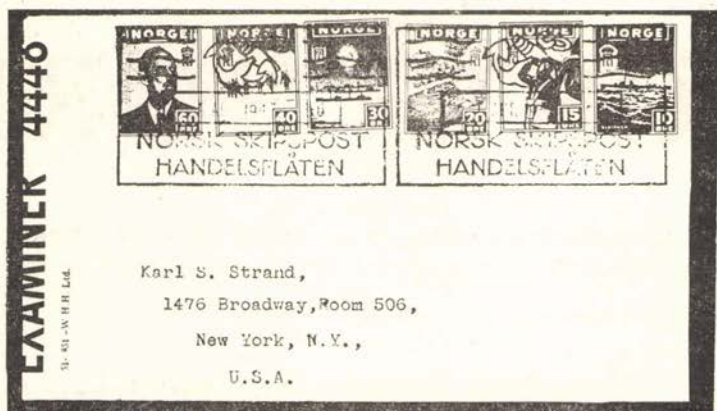
Immediately after the German invasion of Norway on April 9, 1940, the Germans attempted to gain control of the great Norwegian merchant fleet (4,850,000 gross tons), certainly Norway's most valuable war asset. The Germans broadcast orders, in the name of the ship owners, for all Norwegian captains abroad to take their vessels to Norwegian or neutral ports. However, every captain took heed of the warnings not to depend on communications from occupied Norway, which were sent out by Norwegian Legations overseas. Thus a fleet of more than 1000 vessels, manned by 25,000 Norwegian sailors, was put at the disposal of the Allies. A Norwegian shipping and trade mission, called Nortraship, with branch offices throughout the free world, was established to control this invaluable fleet. It is not difficult to realize what these ships meant for the Allied cause. To mention one point only: Forty per cent of the oil shipped for the Allies in all theatres of the war was carried by Norwegian tankers. Losses of ships and men were heavy. In all, Norway lost about 660 ships totalling 2,393,000 gross tons, and 3000 Norwegian seamen lost their lives as a result of enemy action.

The Royal Norwegian Navy

After the Battle of Norway, in 1940, only two Norwegian destroyers, one submarine, ten fishing protection ships and various auxiliary vessels safely reached British ports. Gradually, however, a new navy was built up, and by March 1943 the Royal Norwegian Navy had expanded to 25 warships: destroyers, submarines, corvettes, torpedo boats, and motor launches—and about 30 auxiliary vessels—converted Norwegian whale-catchers and trawlers, which were used as mine sweepers and escort or patrol vessels. These ships, and a number of others that were added to the Navy later, fought side by side with other Allied warships under the operational command of the British Admiralty and were manned by about 600 officers and 4,600 petty officers and ratings.

Philatelic aspects

The set of 6 stamps issued on January 1, 1943 by the Norwegian Government in exile in London was not only issued for propaganda purposes but found actual use on correspondence from personnel aboard ships of the Royal Norwegian Navy and the Merchant Fleet.



Special rubber postmarks were issued to the ships by the Norwegian Consulates and Nortraship offices, where stamp supplies were presumably also available. These postmarks are of particular interest to collectors as each postmark carried a separate identification number. Lists of these numbers and the corresponding ships were acquired from official sources after the war and published in "Norsk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift" (1946), with whose kind permission they are here reproduced.

The postmarks were rectangular shaped and about 60x37 mm. in size. At the top appears an anchor with 3 wave lines on each side. In the center is a smaller rectangle, about 41x8 mm., containing the date and the identification number. At the bottom, in 2 lines, is: NORSK SKIPSPOST HANDELSFLÅTEN, meaning Norwegian Ship Mail—The Merchant Fleet. The postmarks of the Navy were identical with those of the Merchant Fleet except that the last word of the former was MARINEN, meaning The Navy. I have seen these postmarks applied in blue, violet, black and green.

There is an interesting variety of the Navy postmark which has the letters "J" on one side and "M" on the other side of the center date rectangle. This postmark, which, in addition, bore the identification number 125, was used by the guard force on the Norwegian arctic possession of Jan Mayen, a

desolate island of 144 square miles located between Greenland and Northern Norway and about 300 miles north of Iceland. There was apparently a weather station there too.

Incidentally, the 10 øre stamp of the London set pictures a unit of the Royal Norwegian Navy—the destroyer "Sleipner" (Navy postmark No. 23), and the 30 øre value shows vessels of the Merchant Fleet in a convoy.

Finally, I should say that some numbers are much scarcer than others, some having been in use for only a short while as the ship was soon sunk.

A number of postmarks of this series were never issued out at all, and remained at the Norwegian Consulate in San Francisco or the Nortraship Office in New York.

There are a few blanks in the name list, as the names of the ships which used these numbers have not been discovered yet. Maybe you have one of these missing links? If so, write the Editor, post haste.

Merchant Fleet List

(Postmark serial no. and ship name)

1—Lysaker IV	38—Spes
2—Ivaran	39—Egda
3—Hestmanden	40—Topdalsfjord
4—Sir James Clark Ross	41—Petter
5—Maakefjell	42—President de Vogue
6—Kong Sverre	43—Velma
7—Bergensfjord	44—Lind
8—Columbia	45—Bajamar
9—Marita	46—G. C. Brøvig
10—Norvarg	47—Haakon Hauan
11—Bestum	48—Stigstad
12—Sigrid	49—Iron Baron
13—Sado	50—Mathilda
14—Ara	51—Kaldfonn
15—Vigsnes	52—Ravnefjell
16—Brisk	53—Norbryn
17—Ruth I	54—Trondheim
18—Tijuca	55—Solhavn
19—Scebeli	56—Tigre
20—Washington Express	57—Leka
21—Tungsha	58—Fernwood
22—Tropic Star	59—Bestik
23—	60—Nova
24—Tai Shan	61—Heimgar
25—Mosdale	62—
26—Brimanger	63—Brant County
27—Thorstrand	64—Novasli
28—Petter II	65—Sneland I
29—Ask	66—Lauritz Swensson
30—Norlom	67—Ingria
31—Ringen	68—Lysland
32—Germa	69—Sirehei
33—Brajara	70—Lisbetr
34—Gaston Micard	71—California Express
35—Troubadour	72—Gallia
36—Slemmestad	73—Skaraas
37—Nueva Granada	74—Fjordheim

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| 75— | — | 131— | Corvus |
| 76— | — | 132— | Gudrun |
| 77— | Titanien | 133— | Vestmannrød |
| 78— | — | 134— | Viva |
| 79— | Lysaker V | 135— | Drammensfjord |
| 80— | Bolista | 136— | Baldouin |
| 81— | Royal | 137— | Somerville |
| 82— | Erica | 138— | Marit II |
| 83— | Henrik Ibsen | 139— | Brønnøy |
| 84— | Lom | 140— | Alaska |
| 85— | Avance I | 141— | Velox |
| 86— | Spurt | 142— | — |
| 87— | Spica | 143— | — |
| 88— | Raftasund | 144— | Grey County |
| 89— | O. B. Sørensen | 145— | Molda |
| 90— | Tore Jarl | 146— | Belinda |
| 91— | Villanger | 147— | Minerva |
| 92— | Emma Bakke | 148— | Heien |
| 93— | Farnbank | 149— | Gudvor |
| 94— | Vest | 150— | Tordenskjold (Trondheim) |
| 95— | Orania | 151— | Geisha |
| 96— | Munin | 152-160 | Unused |
| 97— | Frode | 161— | Arosa |
| 98— | — | 162— | Norhauk |
| 99— | Bjerka | 163— | — |
| 100— | Frontenac | 164— | — |
| 101— | Jernland | 165— | Tres |
| 102— | Norsktank | 166— | Fjordaaas |
| 103— | Lago | 167— | — |
| 104— | Snar | 168— | — |
| 105— | Norelg | 169— | — |
| 106— | Borgholm | 170— | Suderøy |
| 107— | Hjalmar Wessel | 171-182 | Unused |
| 108— | Bonde | 183— | Nyholm |
| 109— | Skienfjord | 184-199 | Unused |
| 110— | Skandinavia | 200— | Marpesia |
| 111— | Abraham Lincoln | 201— | Fridtjof Nansen |
| 112— | King Haakon VII | 202— | Kronprinsessen |
| 113— | Fagerbro | 203— | Norholm |
| 114— | Selvik | 204— | Ferncourt |
| 115— | Gabon | 205— | Trondanger |
| 116— | Norheim | 206— | Brage |
| 117— | Isbjørn | 207— | Gausdal |
| 118— | Heire | 208— | Glarona |
| 119— | — | 209— | Titania |
| 120— | — | 210— | Norsol |
| 121— | Montevideo | 211— | Hiram |
| 122— | Lista | 212— | Astria |
| 123— | Høyanger | 213— | Sandviken |
| 124— | Katy | 214— | Chr. Th. Boe |
| 125— | Elg | 215— | Carmelfjell |
| 126— | Galtesund | 216— | Samuel Bakke |
| 127— | Fernmoor | 217— | Borgfred |
| 128— | Lyra | 218— | Elisabeth Bakke |
| 129— | Balder | 219— | Talisman |
| 130— | Granfoss | 220— | Vav |

221—Fenja	248—Betncuria
222—Bomma	249—Møysalen
223—Sevilla	250—Ørnefjell
224—Anna Odland	251—Sønnavind
225—Marie Bakke	252—Atlantic
226—Ferncliff	253—Stirlingville
227—Fernbrook	254—Mui Hock
228—Fernplant	255—Leiv Eiriksson
229—Alf fLindeberg	256—Lutz
230-232 Remained at the Norw. Con- sulate in San Francisco	257—Vadsø
233—Iselin	258—Garnes
234-235 Remained at Norw. Consul- ate in San Francisco	259—Ole Bull
236—British Columbia Express	260-264 Remained at Nortraship Office, New York
237-238—Remained at Norw. Consul- ate in San Francisco	265—Remained at Uorw. Consulate, San Francisco
239—Beau	266—Thor I
240—Noreg	267—Roseville
241—Bencas	268-269 Remained at Norwegian Con- sulate, San Francisco
242—Hoegh Silvercloud	270—Torrens
243—Reinholt	271—Duala
244—Nyco	272—Pan Europa
245—Tatra	273—Narvik
246—Kirsten B	274—General Ruge
247—Britamsea	275-400 Not used

Navy List

(Postmark serial no. and ship name)

Destroyers — Serial numbers 10-29

10—Glaisdale	22—Lincoln
11—Eskdale	23—Sleipner
21—St. Albans	24—Draug

Submarines — Serial numbers 30-39

30—Uredd	35—B-1
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Motortorpedoeboats — Serial numbers 40-69

40—M.T.M. Flotillaen	45—M.T.B. 625
41—M.T.B. 618	46—M.T.B. 626
42—M.T.B. 619	47—M.T.B. 627
43—M.T.B. 620	48—M.T.B. 631
44—M.T.B. 623	

Corvettes — Serial numbers 70-79

70—Potentilla	72—Rose
71—Eglantine	73—Acandus

Mine Layers — Serial numbers 80-89

80—52 M.L. Flotilla	82—M.L. 210
81—M.L. 128	83—M.L.

Patrol Boats — Serial numbers 90-99

90—Risør	95—Nordkapp
91—Horten	96—Honningsvåg
92—Farsund	97—Narvik
93—Svolvaer	98—Bodø
94—Namsos	99—Molde

Mine Sweepers — Serial numbers 100-120

100—Minesweeper-division Dundee	111—Brevik
101—Minesweeper-division Falmouth	112—Drøbak
102—Oksøy	113—Thorodd
103—Karmøy	114—Syrian
104—Transvalia	115—Nordhav 2
105—Noble Nora	116—Børtind
106—John Williamson	117—Polar 6
107—Vardø	118—Hval 5
108—Harstad	119—Alcmaria
109—Grimstad	120—Bjerk
110—Mandal	

Guard force on the arctic island of Jan Mayen

125—(date rectangle with "J" and "M" on the sides)

Note From Our Treasurer

The New Treasurer, Mrs. E. H. Pelander, wishes to express her gratitude for your splendid response in regards to your dues payments. It is quite a task to get out all the bills and the cards, with a membership as large as our club, but eventually this task will be completed and we will be in a better position to know our true status.

If your dues are not as yet paid, help along and send in your \$2.00 for non-resident or \$3.00 for resident membership today.

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Chicago Chapter of S. C. C.

At our Annual Meeting on Jan. 24th, the following officers were elected for 1957: President—C. J. Michelsen; Vice-President—Roger A. Swanson; and Secy-Treasurer—Robert P. Stevens. At this meeting Mr. Swanson spoke on the Parliament Issue of Iceland and showed a fine collection of Perforated and Imperfs in telling of the history of this set.

For the February meeting—28th, Ralph E. Danielson showed and explained a most comprehensive collection of Swedish Military Stamps and "Feldpost" cancellations to the 14 members present. At our March meeting, Waldemar Nielsen will show pictures of his recent trip to Scandinavia and Europe.

Members and visitors in Chicago are reminded that this active group meets normally on the 4th Thursday of each month in the heart of Chicago's Loop at the offices of Henry Kuhlmann's "Stamp Auction Service" on Monroe Street. Beginning in May, we will congregate at 20 North Dearborn Street—Henry's new quarters that month.

News of Interest

ARE THE ÅLAND ISLANDS SWEDISH OR FINNISH?

I read with considerable interest the fine article on this subject by Mr. Justin Brooke, in the "SCANDINAVIAN CONTACT," vol. 2, no. 4, pages 46-47, and I would like to state that I am completely in accord with the writer, that Åland Islands, never were nor ever will be a part of Sweden.

Geographically and Politically this group of Islands have always been a part of Finland and even during the 600 year Swedish Domination, they were assigned to the Province known as "EGENTLIGA FINLAND med ÅLAND" (Original Finland with Åland).

The entire controversy arises from the fact that the language has always been Swedish on the Islands, but so it has on most of the Islands in the Åbo archipelago and other parts of Finland proper, yet this fact does not make these people and places Swedish any more than the Swedish Province of West Bothnia can be claimed by Finland, just because the majority of the population speak the Finnish language. (CEP)

SCANDINAVIAN F.P.O.'s with the U. N. FORCES IN EGYPT:

On November 20th, 1956, Sweden made an announcement that a Field Post Office was to be opened as soon as the complete Swedish U. N. unit had arrived in Egypt. On December 9th, 1956 Thorbjörn Seiden, acting Field Postmaster, officially opened this office.

The cancel used is the normal circular date stamp, reading "SVENSKA FN-BATALJONEN/date in center/EGYPTEN". Apparently a great deal of Philatelic mail went through this office during the first three weeks of its existence, with regular envelopes as well as military entires and postal cards being used.

As yet, no F. P. O.'s have been established for either Denmark or Norway. Letters from soldiers are carried unfranked to the Base Post Office in Naples, where they are cancelled with a 38mm circle "UNITED NATIONS/ emblem and date in center/EMERGENCY FORCE". The Norwegian covers have an additional square handstamp with "PORTO" at top, "BETALT" at bottom and "OSLO" on sides, this is applied in purple ink.

The Finnish F. P. O. was opened December 16th, 1956, it uses a special cancel "YK-NU SUOMEN KOMPPANIA/COMPAGNIE DE FINLANDE". (The YK abbreviation stands for United Nations). (CEP)

CANCELLATION FIND:

Recently a copy of the 8sk b:co stamp was found in Sweden, cancelled with the Arc type "GRISSELEHAMN" postmark, dated July 2nd, 1855. This could be considered a first day cancel, even tho the stamp was issued on July 1st, 1855, which was a Sunday and it is very doubtful that the Post Office in Grisslehamn was open on that day.

According to the Swedish Handbook on Postmarks, only 12 of the Arc Type cancels are known on the stamps of the First Issue, prior to this find, however, this handbook is not always the last word, because when written they forgot that at least seven or eight specimens were known in this country and how many more elsewhere? (CEP)

ICELAND

We are afraid that the Icelandic Gentleman, who inspected the Nordic

Countries stamps, must feel slightly embarrassed not to have noted the omission of the necessary accent on the "I" of "ISLAND"! (CEP)

NORWAY, 7sk brown, Plate III:

Capt. Frederick G. Clausen reports the following, which he thinks might be of interest to the readers of the "POSTHORN."

"I have just finished examining the lower half of a sheet of the 7 skilling brown, plate III, and believe my findings may be of interest to students of this stamp.

Jellestad in his article on the 7sk posthorn, mentioned having seen a sheet, which he called IIIa. In this sheet a vertical row, nos. 31, 41, 51 and 61 had been exchanged from types 11, 7, 14 and 4 to types 14, 4, 13 and 19.

I found that in this lower half sheet no. 51 was type 13 and no. 61 was type 19. Besides no. 81 was type 16 instead of the usual type 22. The plate flaws mentioned by Jellestad on plate III, namely 52 and 82, **does not exist on this half sheet**, although the types are the same, namely 16 and 13.

There were five more or less prominent flaws:

- No. 51 (T-13) Outer frame, right, bent in at lower right corner.
- No. 75 (T-3): Two dents in outer frame line, left, just above wing no. 7.
- No. 85 (T-20): Waves on outer frameline, left, at wing no. 8.
- No. 92 (T-17): Damage to outer and inner right frames by wing no. 4, right lower corner bent in.
- No. 94 (T-15): Outer right frame thick and inner having dent by wing no. 4.

The sheet has the usual type watermark in position #1.

FINLAND — FINLANDIA 56

The Organizing Committee of the International Stamp Exhibition FINLANDIA 56 takes the liberty of referring to their report distributed in September, in the first place to the philatelic press, with a description of the official stamp issue and obliterations in use in connection with the Exhibition.

Advertisements and news have, however, appeared in the philatelic press concerning a "special stamp" stated to have been put into circulation on the occasion of an excursion arranged by FINLANDIA 56 to Porvoo (Borgå). The "special stamp" is said to be "FINLANDIA 56 Exhibition stamp with tab". It shows the name of the excursion steamer "J. L. Runeberg" printed on the blank margin.

The Organizing Committee feels prompted to point out that neither the General Direction of the Post and Telegraph nor the Committee have had anything to do with such "special stamps," which have been printed without their knowledge. Thus it is incorrect and misleading to refer to them as an "issue," etc.

It has been established that the margins were overprinted on private initiative by some person or persons with speculative aims who then fixed the stamps with margins on envelopes of his or their own, took them along on the voyage and had them obliterated at the temporary steamer post office. Thus stamps so overprinted were not sold at the latter or distributed among participants. The steamer post office sold no Exhibition stamps at all.

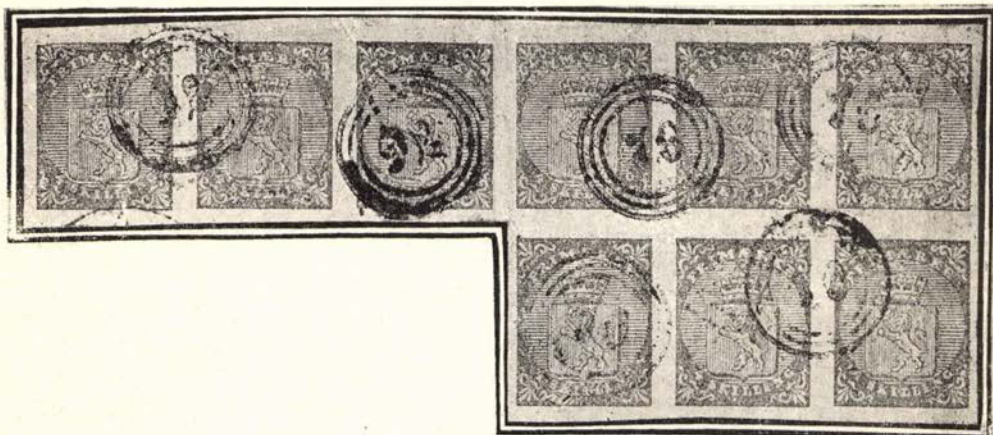
The advertisements and news in the philatelic press have been intended to give these entirely private prints an official character.

The Organizing Committee of FINLANDIA 56

NORWAY

Readers are warned against very dangerous forgeries of NORWAY 1941 50 ore V- overprint with watermark, Scott 218.

The stamps apparently have been offered on the British market. The forged overprints seen in Britain thus far are all mint and some have a "guarantee" mark on back.



Rene Van Rompay recently sent us the cut of the remarkable block illustrated above, of Norway No. 1. He mentioned that the block had reposed in the collection of a Frenchman for some decades and was sold in Europe recently for F 72,000 plus a 15% extra charge (roughly \$1655). Mr. Van Rompay mentioned that this block has not been mentioned in the specialized Norway literature.

Carl E. Pelander has a News item of interest which he hopes to report on fully in the near future concerning a find in Sweden of Norway No. 50 Imperf. pair, hitherto unknown.

OCEAN CRASH MAIL

At the STOCKHOLM-ANDREA DORIA disaster July 26-27 outside the Massachusetts coast, the ANDREA DOREA mail was probably an entire loss. The mail on board STOCKHOLM was stowed in the crushed fore-peak, partly submerged and in the main, water damaged.

Some of the post bags fell into the sea and lost except for a couple salvaged by American craft, delivered to the New York postoffice, there dried, sorted, handstamped "Damaged in handling/in the postal service", and despatched to the addressees.

Of the salvaged remaining on board the STOCKHOLM, 273 bags were destined to Gothenburg, the first expected port of call, therefore stowed on top and not so badly soaked. Worse off were 146 bags for Copenhagen, the second call-port.

The damaged mail was unloaded in New York and forwarded by EUNGS-

HOLM, after arrival in Gothenburg without delay sent to the addressees if not too badly damaged. The severely soaked or otherwise damaged mail was dried, sorted, deciphered, handstamped "Försändelsen skada vid / m/s Stockholms kollision den 26/7 1956 / med m/s Andrea Doria" (This parcel damaged at the collision the 26/7 1956 of m/s Stockholm with m/s Andrea Doria), and forwarded, an operation of some two weeks.

As a whole, the Post Office authorities count 9 bags for Sweden and 45 for Denmark as complete losses.

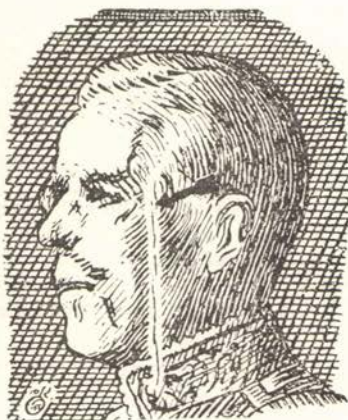
Thorsten Ingeloff

SWEDEN: Cracked Plates Stockholm Issues 1920-28

There have been a number of recent reports in "Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift" concerning new discoveries of cracked plates in these issues. We have taken the liberty to reproduce illustrations of these cracks, namely one on the 5 öre Type II green, one on 15 öre Type II carmine (King Gustave V Portrait face left) and one on the 140 öre Arms type black. All of these show the plate demarkation line. (EBTK)



5 öre—Type II



15 öre—Type II



140 öre

SWEDEN CRACKED PLATES 1891-1919

In the April issue 1954 I wrote an article concerning the cracked plates on the Stamps of Sweden 1891-1919. I wish to note that since that time I have observed several different types of cracks on the 5 öre King Oscar issue and have also observed cracks on the following values of the King Gustav V (1910-19) 7, 8, 12, 20 and 7 ö on 10 ö. The new cracks noted on the 8 ö value showed the plate to be No. III and examples were found showing two different stages of degree of the crack. (EBTK)

SWEDEN CRACKED PLATES—Stockholm Plates (New)

In addition to the above mentioned cracks two new cracks have been found on the Type II green of the Lion—Stockholm issue. The two cracks are quite similar in nature, however are not identical. Both show the plate demarkation line on the right. One is on A2 paper postmarked 1930 and the

other is on CXZ paper. They are illustrated below.



ICELAND: 5 aur on 35 aur 1954

A find was made recently of the 5 aur overprint on 35 aur 1948 Hekla Series. A sheet of 50 was recently found in Stockholm where the overprint was misplaced. The lower left corner of the sheet is illustrated herewith. The variety has shown itself with portions of the overprint showing itself on the first two stamps of the first row and also the last stamp of the second row shows the overprint with a number of stamps missing the overprint.



SWEDEN: 7 öre on 10 öre 1918

A copy was recently found of the provisional issued in 1918 on watermarked crown paper. This was reported in "Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift"

recently. The copy has a Stockholm postmark dated July 15, 1918 (15.7.1918 Swedish style). Suggest your looking over your copies to find the missing 99 since it must have come from a sheet of 100.

SWEDEN: Airmail 1920

A recently reported variety of a double overprint of the 10 öre on 3 öre was made in "Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift." Reported were two blocks of four and one single.

EXHIBITIONS WHICH ARE FORTHCOMING:

"POSTEX 1957"—The worlds first philatelic exhibition to show postal stationery only will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, from October 11 through October 13, 1957. All correspondence should be addressed to Mrs. Macie Nolker, Bonnie View Lane, Baltimore 27, Maryland.

"TABIL" International Exhibition will be held in Tel-Aviv, Israel, Sept. 17-23, 1957. Registration for participation in the Exhibition should be sent to "Tabil" Exhibition Committee, Tel-Aviv, Israel. Frames will be supplied free of charge.



by Agent No. 42
Staff of the Old Sleuth

Hope you missed me in the last issue—or was it like the old saying "Out of Sight, Out of Mind," well, that's the way it is * * * from Seattle comes good news—the boys are re-organizing the Chapter there, this was the first Chapter we had and we are glad to see this fine bunch of S. C. C. stalwarts busy again * * * Axel F. Leaf writes about his trip to Sweden, Central Europe and Near East where he spent seven months in travel, it was the first time he was back, since leaving Sweden at the age of 4, it must have been a wonderful experience after all this time * * * John Hoffland has been laid up with a broken foot * * * Carl Werenskiold and Birger Bendixon are proudly sporting their "Golden Posthorns" they received for meritorious philatelic services rendered Norwegian Philately * * * Birger Bendixon expressed deep regrets at having missed Carl Pihl's talk on mounting and assembling collections, which by the way was very interesting and instructive, Mr. B. said "it was just the stuff he needed"—don't we all * * * we are very sorry about the misfortune that has come to Mrs. Doris Stericker, who suddenly lost her eye-sight, she is very brave and has had a blind instructress to teach her typing and to read braille, writes the most wonderful letters, however, being so advanced in philately as she was, it must be a very difficult burden to bear * * * any of you birds that know Mrs. S. why not drop her a newsy letter

now and then * * * and as if that was not enough Bill Stericker had to have an operation, he is all better again—the only healthy member in the family seems to be daughter MC * * * Capt. Olausen reports from Panama Canal that he is on his way to Italy—in between navigating his ship he works on various platings of Norway and his work to date has been of great benefit to philately—a wonderful student * * * and we finally heard from Dick Gibson, who now resides in Lyndhurst, Ohio, where he purchased a new home—he wants to be remembered to the fellows in the Club * * * we also note that Mrs. Anne Kaplan is spending a well deserved six months vacation in Florida * * * again Charlie Orgel ran the Cleveland Stamp Club show, which according to all reports was a great success, our club was only represented in the court of honor * * * Ferrars Tows recently celebrated his 80th birthday by having pneumonia—however, we are glad to report that he is now completely recovered * * * at the writing of this, our president, Eric B. T. Kindquist, and family, due to the hard work it requires to edit this paper and run the club, has spent a couple of weeks recuperating in Bermuda—well, that's one excuse anyhow * * * it seems that I am running out of space, so I'd better stop my ramblings now.

Support the S. C. C. by getting your friends to join

New and Recent Issues

by Carl E. Pelander

FINLAND:



February 2nd and April 7th, 1957

GENERAL ISSUE

Supplement to the stamps issued in 1954-56. The two new value designs by Olavi Vepsäläinen and engraving for the 50m by B. Ekholm and the 60m by S. Rönnerberg.

Engraved

Unwmkd.

Perf. 11½

15m yellow brown (Lion type, change of color) Feb. 2, 1957

50m olive (Church of Lammi) Feb. 2nd, 1957

60m violet (Olofsborg Castle) April 7th, 1957



Feb. 22nd, 1957

BOY SCOUT ISSUE

Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the International Scout Movement. The design for this stamp is by the artist Olavi Vepsäläinen and the engraving by Eero Paakkari. Total issue 2,000,000 stamps.

Engraved

Unwmkd.

Perf. 14

30m ultramarine



April 15th and September 27th, 1957

LABOR ISSUE

Issued in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Central Federation of Finnish Trade Unions. The design of the stamps are by Arne Karjalainen, the 20m inspired by a sketch by the artist Olof Eriksson. Both stamps are engraved by B. Ekholm.

20m (color to be announced later) Sept. 27, 1957. Last day of the celebration
30m (color to be announced later) April 15th, 1957. The first day of the celebration.

The color omitted on the Public Health stamp in the January Issue was green.

NORWAY:

March 20th, 1957

OFFICIAL STAMPS

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A Listing of Journals, Books and Catalogues Currently Available on Scandinavian Stamps

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Handbooks and Catalogues

4. Denmark

- "Pladning af FIRE R.B.S." by Schmidt-Andersen (Danish), Københavns Philatelist Klub, DKr. 5.
- "FIRE R.B.S. 1851-1854, retoucherede klicheer," by Schmidt-Andersen (Danish), Københavns Philatelist Klub, Dkr. 5.
- "The Postage Stamps of Denmark 1851-1951," by Schmidt-Andersen (English), Danish Post Office, Tietgensgade 37, Copenhagen, D.Kr. 20.
- "Danmarks Staalstukne Frimaerker 1933-1951," by M. Juhl and A. Tholl, (Danish), Stella Forlag, Frederiksborggade 3, Copenhagen, D.Kr.11.75
- "Danmarks Jernbanefrimaerker" by R. Jensen (Danish), Stella Forlag, DKr. 12.
- "De Danske Brevsamplingsstempler efter 1929" by P. Thomassen, (Danish), Stella Forlag, DKr. 3.
- "Denmark: The Royal Emblems Issue 1864-1870," by John Agerup (English). J. Agerup, Fairfield, Sandy Lane, Kingswood, Surrey.
- "Danmarks Frimaerkehefter 1934-1950" by A. Tholl and M. Juhl (Danish), Stella Forlag, D.Kr. 3.

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Paquebot Cancellations on Icelandic Stamps. A. Cossar, Gibbons Stamp Monthly, May 1936.

The Postal Stationery of Iceland. F. A. Brofos. Billig's Philatelic Handbooks, Vol. 23.

New Members

796 Frank E. Shaug, 803 Glenoaks Blvd., San Fernando, Calif.

797 W. D. Hurst, 67 Kingsway, Winnipeg, Canada.

793 David O. Tubbs, Box 1590, Fort Steilacoom, Wash.

DIED

49 Dimitry Moore, New York City.

56 Mrs. Caroline Prentice-Cromwell, New York City.

We deeply regret the loss of our eminent member, Mrs. Prentice-Cromwell, who recently passed away after a long illness.

Mrs. Cromwell's collection of stamps was known as one of the finest 20th century holdings in the world. One of her main interests was that of Scandinavia, which included most of the known rarities in singles and multiples, such as Danish West Indies #23 and 26 in blocks, plus the errors, Finland C1a, Sweden #144 two singles and a block of 4, #189 mint single and pair, C4 in probably the only known blocks of 4, proofs, essays and a host of other fine material.

Mrs. Cromwell joined the S. C. C. early in 1937 and even tho she did not participate actively in the affairs of the club, always took a lively interest in all the club doings.

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