

In Sweden; Cancelled on the First Day

The purpose of the exhibit

The exhibit will show a range of items featuring a Swedish first day cancellation on a stamp. It will show the history behind the items as well as varieties in the form of cachets, leaders, strips, stamp combinations, airmail, company envelopes, special cancellations or alternative town cancellations. Through this exhibit, I want to show just how interesting items cancelled on the day of issue can be.

Chosen time period

The oldest item was cancelled 1 of July 1858 on 12 öre Coat-of-arms. Another interesting one was cancelled 1 January 1874 and is thus one of the earliest Swedish letters with Official Stamps. In December 1927, the Swedish Post's Stamp Collector's Office (Postverkets Frankoteckensexpedition För Samlare, PFFS) was established. Some claim that the first proper First Day Cover belongs to the issue commemorating Gustaf V's 70th birthday on 16 June 1928. The 1924 World Postal Congress and Association issues also got special cancellations, but not from (PFFS).

However, the first Swedish First Day Cover with a special cancellation from (PFFS) was the Lützen issue 1 November 1932. To ensure the breadth of the exhibit, it ends with modern issues featuring special varieties. It would be difficult to commit to a shorter time period while still demonstrating the breadth.

Selection of items

An exhibit based on items cancelled on the first day might contain 10,000s of different items. For this exhibit, I have selected Swedish items that complement my story in the best way possible. I have included both covers cancelled on the first day (FDSB) and official so-called First Day Covers (FDC). I have also included philatelic items that have a connection to other items.

Literature

- Förteckning över Svenska FDC 2023, Magnus Gyllenspetz
- Postryttaren 1964, Postmuseum
- Postryttaren 1998, Postmuseum
- De högsta Svenska Postchefernas egna Förstadagsbrev 2025, Mats Rosberg
- Lützenfrimärkena och Sveriges första förstadagsbrev, Mats Renhuldt samt lutzen.se
- Sveriges Frankotecken 1855 - 1963
- FACIT Norden 2022, Facit Förlag
- Own research

Structure of the exhibit

The exhibit is arranged to show the breadth of collecting covers and stamps cancelled on the day of issue. There are items that are included in a regular subscription from PFA, but also a large number of varieties that have completely different origins. Items with certificates are marked with (C). The numbering of vignettes is according to Gyllenspetz's list.

Particularly rare items

Particularly rare items are marked with a **red frame**. When I have assessed rarity, it is based on information in auction descriptions, my own experience and assessments from friends who collect FDCs.

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Swedish Post Office's postage stamp service for collectors PFFS

(Postverkets Frankoteckensexpedition För Samlare PFFS)

PFFS was established 9 January 1928 following a decision from the Swedish Royal General Post Office. This is stated in Circular 1-1928. Uno Söderberg was appointed director, holding the same position until 1956.

The Swedish Philatelic Society wrote to the General Post Office as early as 19 February and pointed out the need for a special sales outlet for philatelists.

On 17 October 1958, PFFS changed its name to Swedish Post's Philately Department (Postens Filateliavdelning, PFA)



Swedish Post Office's postage stamp service for collectors (Postverkets Frankoteckenexpedition) (PFFS) in the post office's Stockholm 2, premises in Posthuset Lilla Nygatan 6. Photo Jan 1928. Postal museum



Type 1: Small PFFS stamp, diameter 19 mm
Used from December 1927.
First FDC: 16.6.1928

Excerpt from The Royal Swedish General Post Office circular 1-1928

"The Royal Swedish General Post Office has decided that a special postage stamp service for collectors shall be arranged on an experimental basis at the Stockholm 2 post office at Lilla Nygatan 6 from 9 January onwards. At the service in question, which shall be called "The Swedish Post Office's postage stamp service for collectors (Postverkets Frankoteckenexpedition), Stockholm 2", postage stamps will be sold, as listed in a notice sent out at the same time. Regardless of the provisions of P.R.I, General Provisions, (section) 10, subsection 2, postage stamps purchased at the said service shall be cancelled by means of the date stamp of the service. Postage stamps shall also be dispatched by post, in which case a written requisition, accompanied by cash and the forwarding and registered or insurance fees for sending the postage stamp to the requester, shall be sent. Stamps are not accepted as a means of payment."

FDC or FDSB?

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12 öre Coat-of-arms cancelled STOCKHOLM 1.7.1858 (C)

One of three known letters with 12 öre Coat-of-arms cancelled first day



10 öre Oscar II
cancelled STOCKHOLM 1.1.1885

Few known stamps 10 öre Oscar II
cancelled on the first day



10 öre Oscar II
cancelled LOS 25.12.1884

Few known stamps 10 öre Oscar II
cancelled before the first day

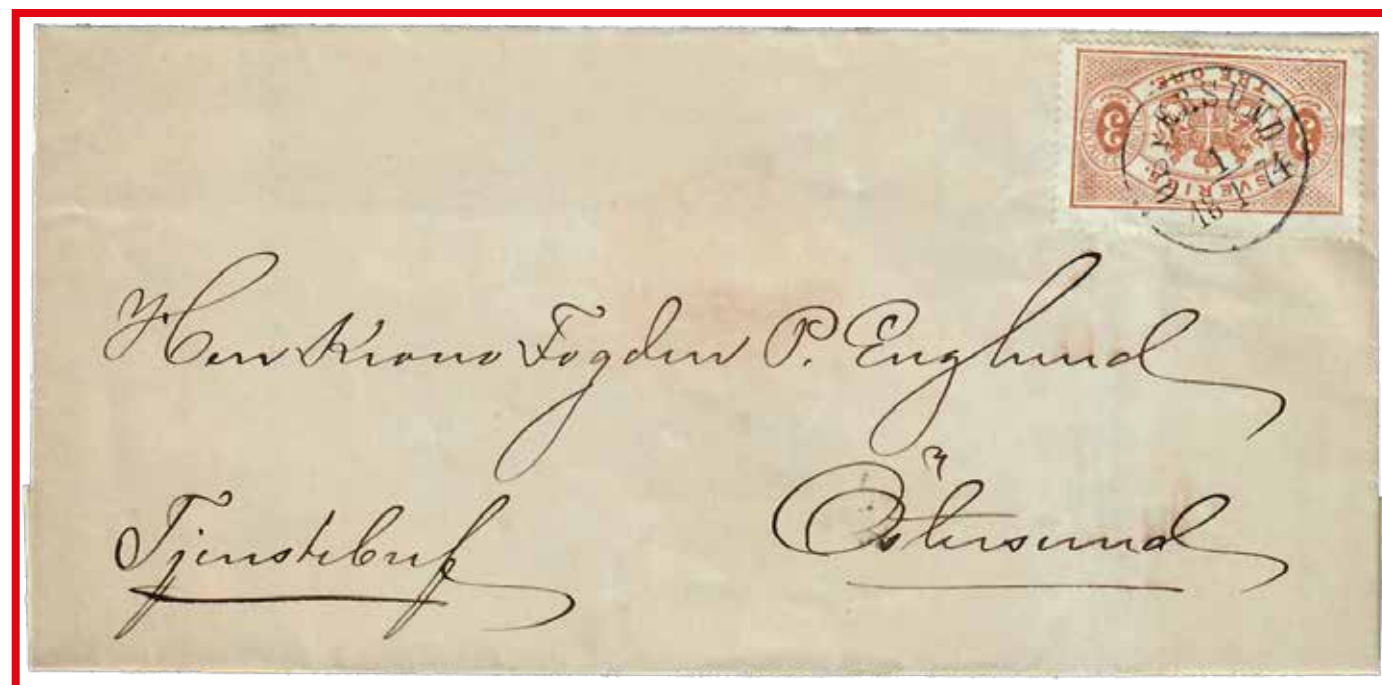


10 öre Oscar II cancelled HEDESUNDA 1.1.1885 (C)

One of the few known 10 öre Oscar II letters cancelled first day

10 öre Oscar II issue date

10 öre Oscar II was issued due to a postage change on 1/1/1885. The stamp was delivered a few days before and therefore there are a few stamps cancelled before 1/1/1885 which is the official date of issue.



3 öre Official stamp cancelled ÖSTERSUND 1.1.1874 (C)

One of two known letters with 3 öre Official stamps cancelled first day



5 öre Anniversary Postal Card, cancelled STOCKHOLM 18.9.1897

Older covers (FDSB) and stamps cancelled on the first day



World Postal Congress cancelled STOCKHOLM STADSHUSET 4.7.1924
Cancellation STOCKHOLM STADSHUSET is very rare



Backside



20 öre Gustaf II Adolf,
cancelled HÖÖR 28.7.1920
very rare

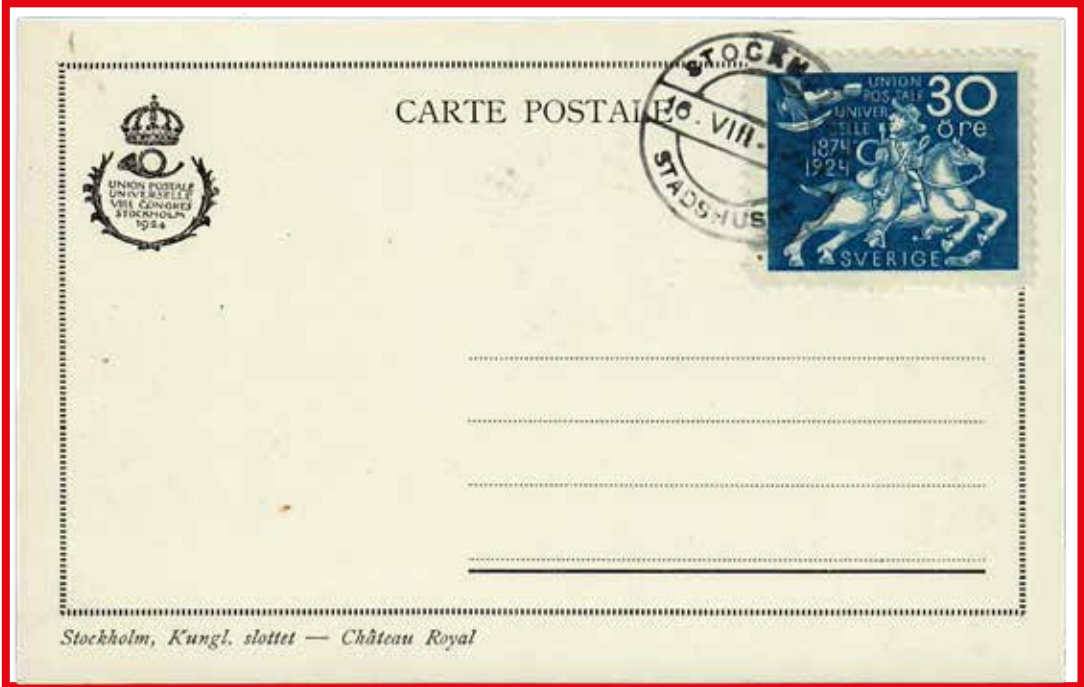


Gustav Vasa cancelled YSTAD 6.6.1921
very rare



Night Mail Aeroplane on postal card cancelled STOCKHOLM 9.5.1930
very rare

Older covers (FDSB) and stamps cancelled on the first day



30 öre Universal Postal Union cancelled STOCKHOLM STADSHUSET 16.8.1924
Cancellation STOCKHOLM STADSHUSET is very rare



Universal Postal Union, letter front cover
Cancelled. STOCKHOLM STADSHUSET 16.8.1924
Cancellation STOCKHOLM STADSHUSET is very rare



Universal Postal Union cancelled
STOCKHOLM CONGRESS POSTAL UNIVERSEL 16.8.1924 (5, 10, 15 öre at the backside)

Stockholm City Hall (Stockholm Stadshuset)
Stockholm City Hall is located on the old fire mill site at Hantverkargatan 1 on Kungsholmen in Stockholm's inner city. In 1908, the Stockholm City Council decided to have a municipal building with a banquet hall built on the site facing Lake Mälaren, after an earlier proposal for a new city hall with city hall rights had not been realized. Architect Ragnar Östberg was commissioned to design the lavish building. It took 15 years to complete the construction, which was inaugurated on Midsummer's Eve, 23 June 1923, which was considered the four-centennial commemoration of Gustav Vasa's entry into Stockholm, an anniversary that actually fell on 4 July 1923.

Older covers (FDSB) and stamps cancelled on the first day



5 öre Anniversary Postal Card cancelled **STOCKHOLM KUPOLEN 18.9.1897**
with bound letter mark, rare cancellation



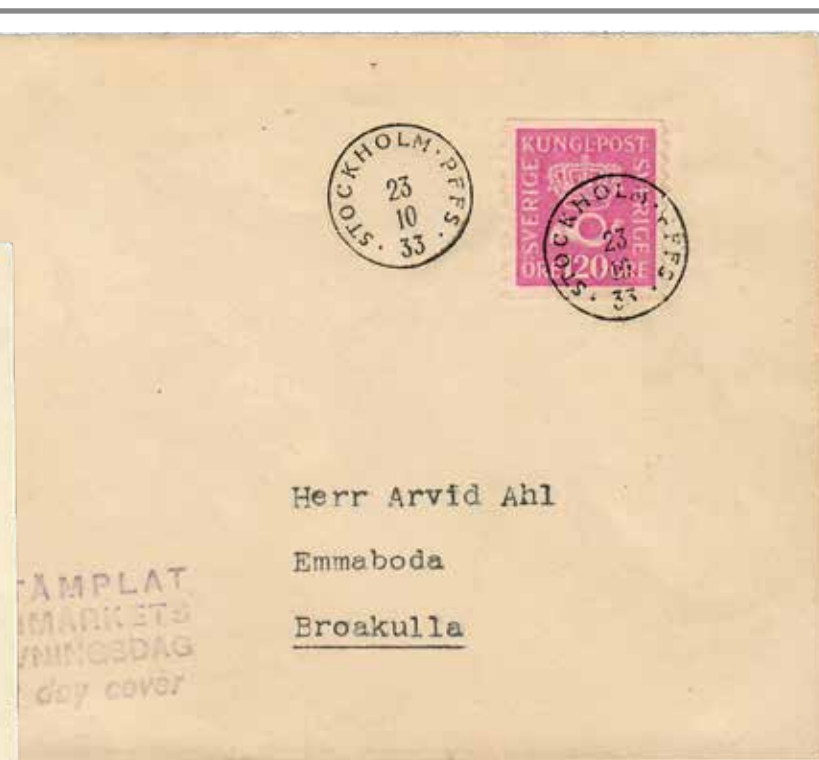
Back with arrival stamp
DORTMUND and BERLIN C 7.12.1933
label "Unbefannt" Undeliverable



5 öre Postal Saving Bank, cancelled **STOCKHOLM 6.12.1933**
Airmail to Dortmund GERMANY
rare with both type I and type II



145 öre Crown and Posthorn, cancelled **STOCKHOLM 9.10.1930**
Probably one of three known



120 öre Crown and Posthorn,
cancelled **PFFS 23.10.1933**
side stamp AVSTÄMPLAT Å FRIMÄRKETS UTGIVNINGSDAG



25 öre King Gustaf V, left profile, cancelled **PFFS 8.2.1934**
side stamp AVSTÄMPLAT Å FRIMÄRKETS UTGIVNINGSDAG

Older covers (FDSB) and stamps cancelled on the first day

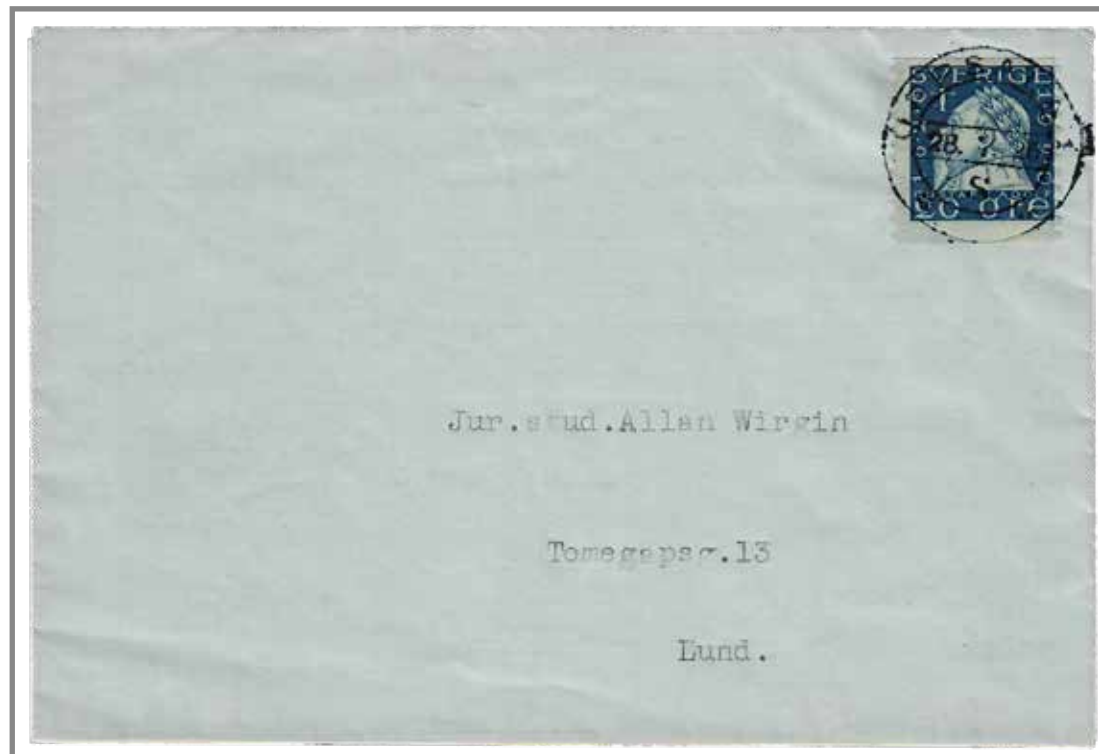


10 öre Gustaf V in medallion, vm Crown, cancelled STOCKHOLM 19.11.1910

Probably one of two known



20 öre Gustaf II Adolf, pair of two, cancelled STOCKHOLM 28.7.1920



20 öre Gustaf II Adolf 20, cancelled UPPSALA 28.7.1920

Gustav II Adolf

Gustav II Adolf (1594-1632) was the son of Charles IX and Christina of Holstein. He was King of Sweden at the beginning of the Great Power Era, from 1611 to 1632. When Gustav ascended the throne, he inherited three different wars from his father that he himself had to end.

The least favorable ending was the war against Denmark, where Sweden had to pay the Älvsborg ransom through the Peace of Knäred in 1613 (for the second time - see also the Älvsborg ransom of 1570). However, the Peace of Stolbova in 1617 - after the Ingrian War (1610-1617) against Russia - which extended the Finnish border to the east.

Gustav II Adolf is best known for Sweden's intervention in the Thirty Years' War when in 1630 he landed in Germany with the Swedish army to help the Protestants in their fight against the Catholic emperor's troops, who through their territorial gains now posed a threat to the Swedish Empire.



20 öre Gustaf II Adolf, cancelled BOLLNÄS 28.7.1920, on postal card

Older covers (FDSB) and stamps cancelled on the first day



Swedish Parliament 500 year cancelled STOCKHOLM 10.1.1935
Side stamp AVSTÄMPLAT Å FRIMÄRKETS UTGIVNINGSDAG



Postcard Postoffice 300 year cancelled STOCKHOLM STADSHUSET 16.8.1924
franked with 25 öre Universal Postal Union 50 year

Quantity

In Postryttaren 1964 you can read the following:

"The 500th anniversary of the Parliament was celebrated with a special commemorative postmark on 13 January 1935 in Arboga. But the stamps were issued as early as 10.1 in Stockholm in connection with the formal opening of the Parliament, where FDC cancellations were used partly in the Parliament building (18,000 covers were cancelled there) and partly at the collector's office (about 7,000 covers).

The event was the big breakthrough for the collection of first-day covers in Sweden. The postal service was not at all prepared for this. Only a single metal stamp had been made for the Parliament building."



Post Office 300 year cancelled STOCKHOLM 20.2.1936
Side stamp AVSTÄMPLAT Å FRIMÄRKETS UTGIVNINGSDAG



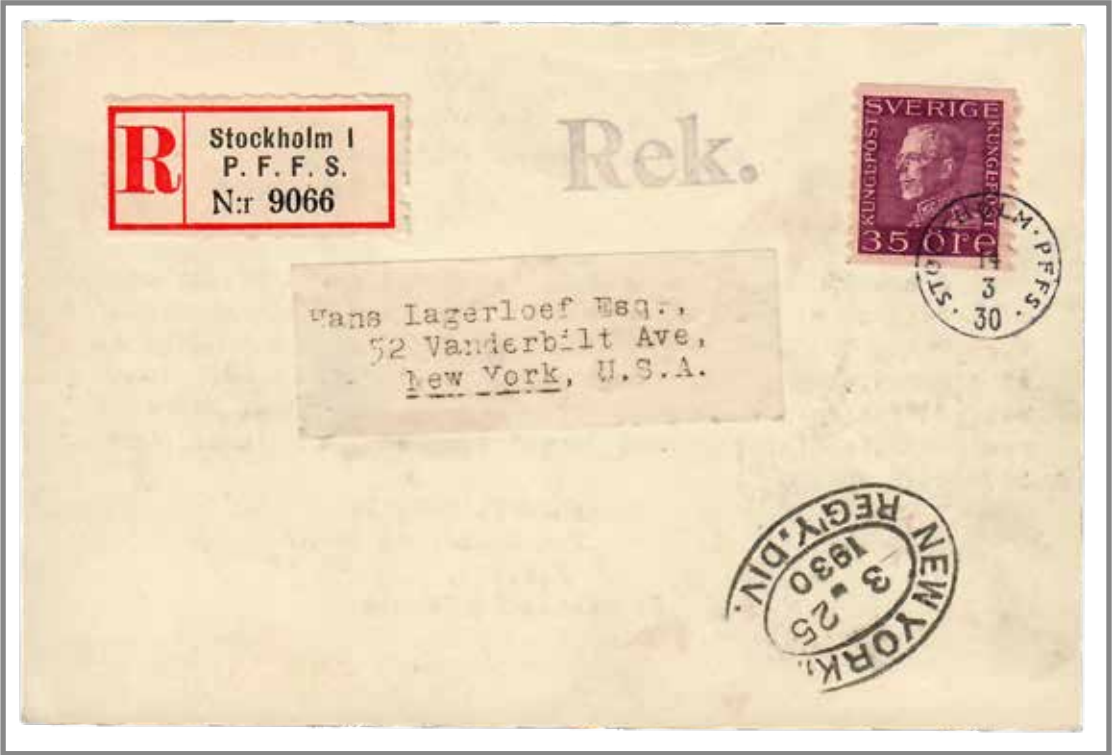
Backside of the postcard

Mailings from Uno Söderberg PFFS

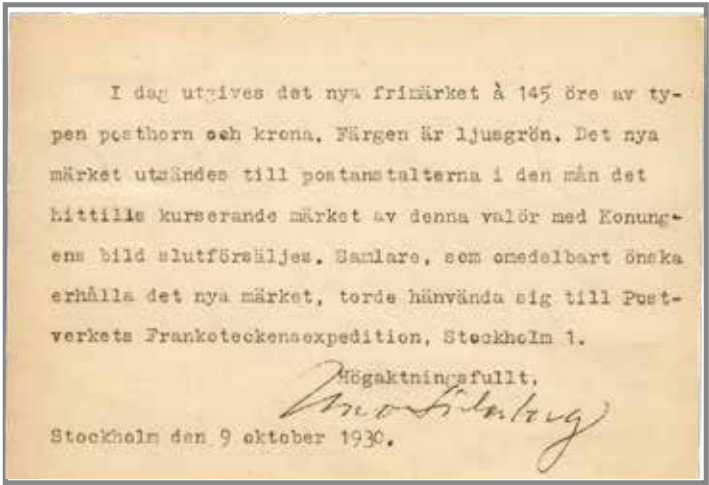
Uno Söderberg was the head of the Swedish Post's Stamp Collector's Office, PFFS, from the start in 1927 until his retirement in 1945. He sent out a number of covers cancelled on the first day (FDSB) on cards to a list of prominent people, sometimes with a personal greeting.



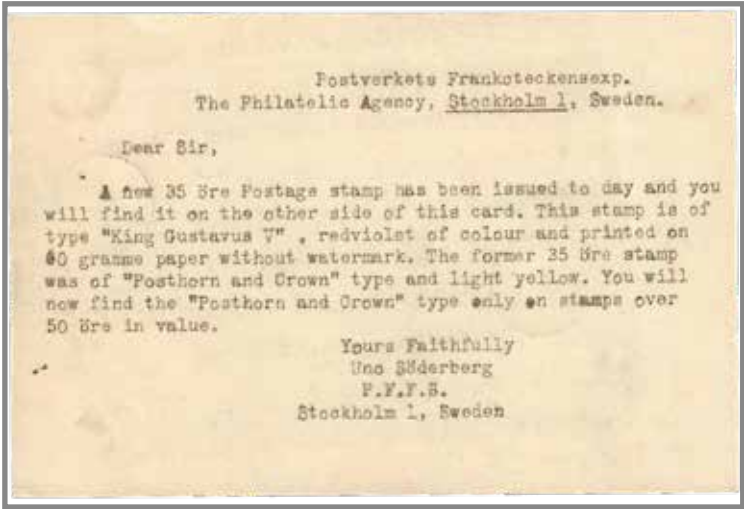
35 öre violet-carmine Gustaf V, left profile, cancelled. 14.3.1930 PFFS on card



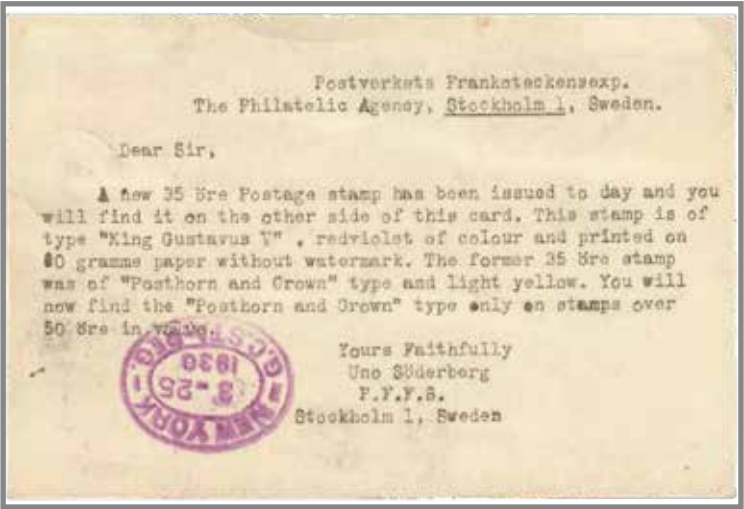
35 öre violet-carmine Gustaf V, left profile, cancelled. 14.3.1930 PFFS on card
Sent to NEW YORK in USA



Text in Swedish, sender Uno Söderberg



Text in English, sender Uno Söderberg

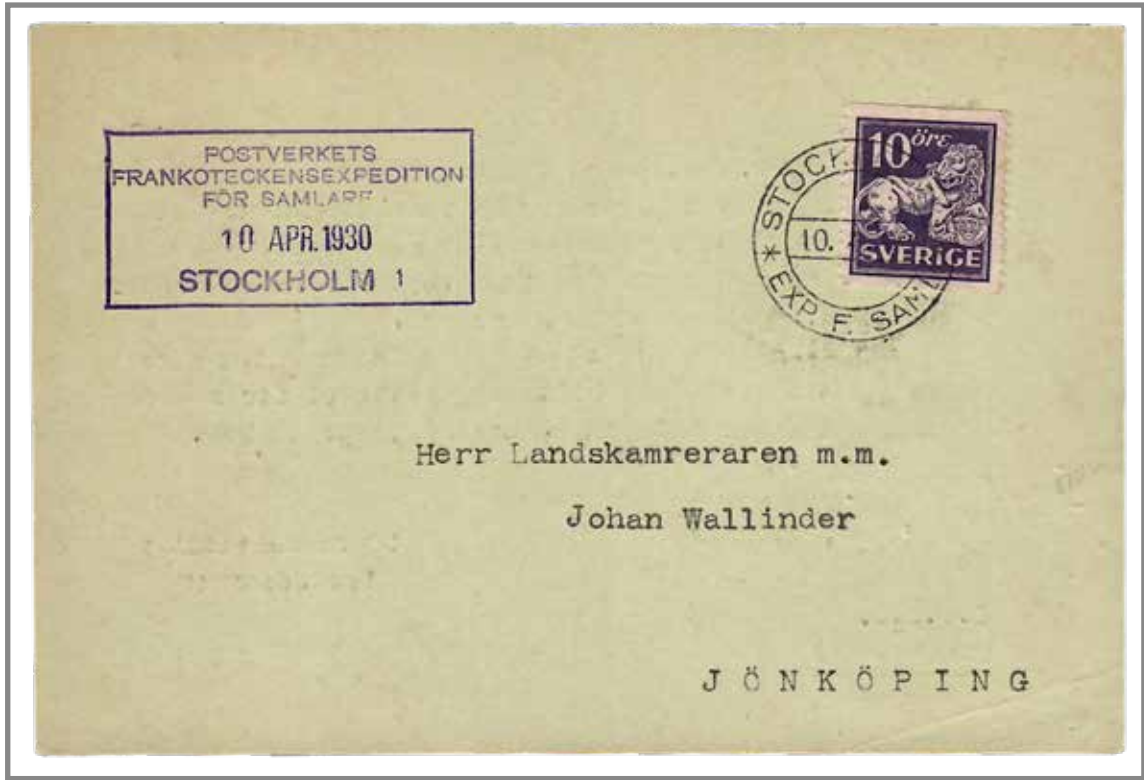


Text in English, sender Uno Söderberg
arrival stamp NEW YORK in USA

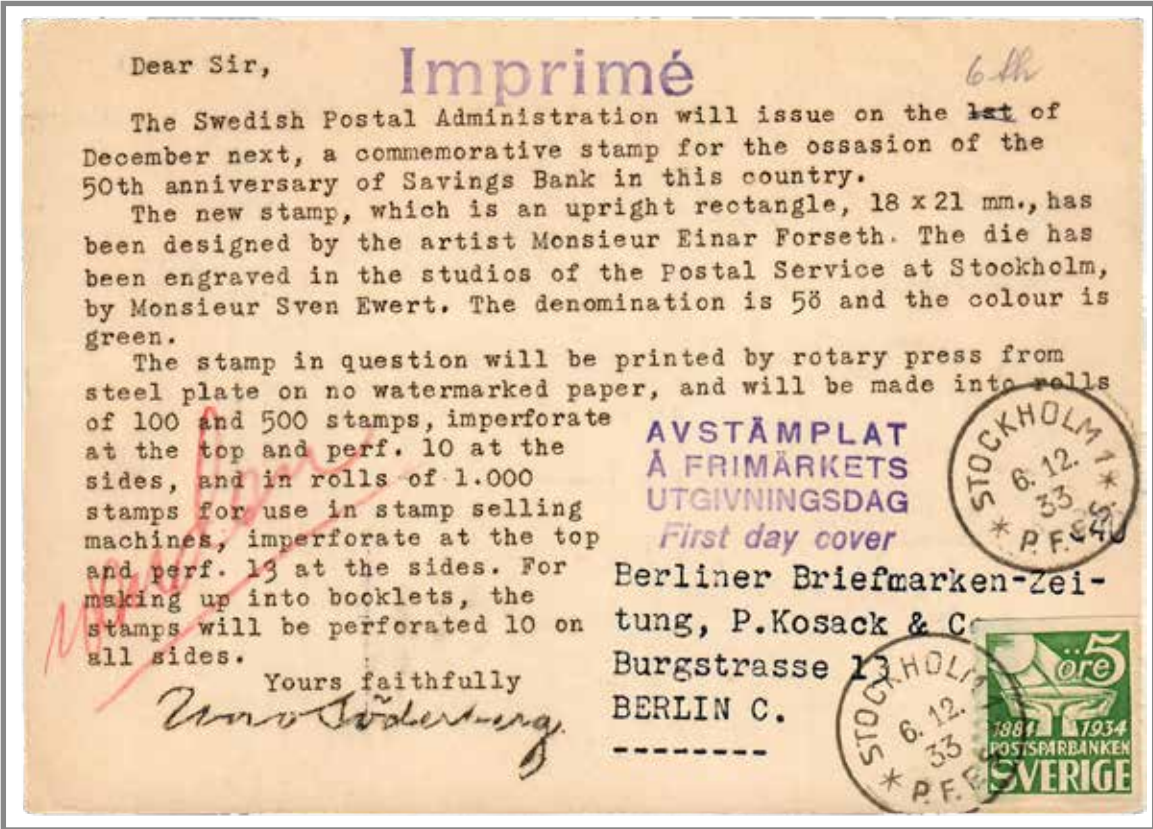


Crown and Posthorn, 145 öre yellow-green cancelled. 9.10.1930 PFFS on card
sent EXPRESS arrival stamp STOCKHOLM 1, *Probably one of three known*

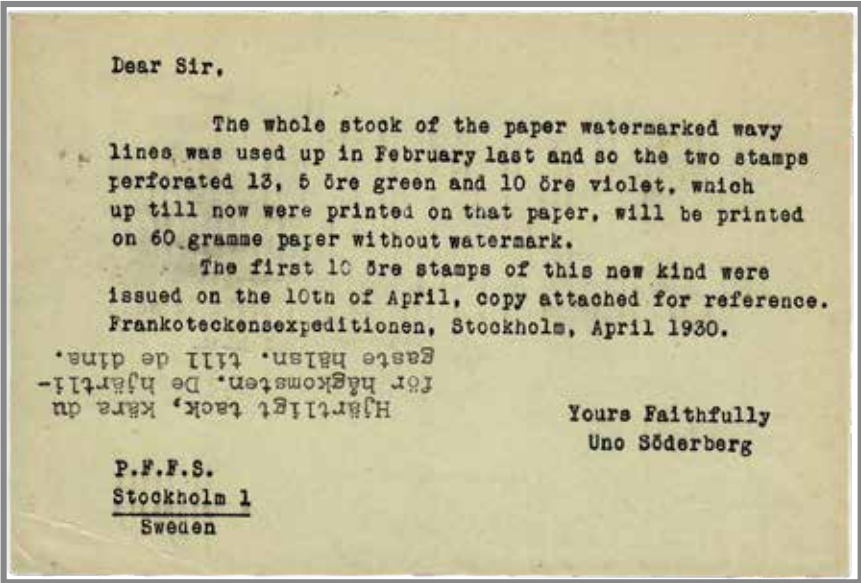
Mailings from Uno Söderberg PFFS



10 öre violet Standing Lejon, perf 13 cancelled. 10.4.1930 EXP. F. SAML. on card
Side stamp POSTVERKET'S FRANKOTECKENEXPEDITION, sender Uno Söderberg



5 öre Postal Savings Bank, cancelled. 6.12.1933
on printed matter with interesting backside, sender Uno Söderberg



Text in French, note in German
"bestellen Sie diese ?" order these?



10 öre Lützen cancelled 1.11.1932 FDC-cancellation on card,
arrival cancelled ASKERSUND 2.11.1932, text in German, sender Uno Söderberg

Sweden’s first FDC?

In December 1927, the Swedish Post’s Stamp Collector’s Office (PFFS) was established. Therefore, some claim that the first proper First Day Cover belongs to the issue commemorating Gustaf V’s 70th birthday on 16 June 1928. However, a special cancellation intended for FDC was not used. The first time a special FDC cancellation was used was on 1 November 1932 in connection with the Lützen issue.



A circular from Postverket the Swedish Post’s Stamp Collector’s Office (PFFS) dated March 1928 which tells about upcoming release Gustaf V 70 year June 16 1928
Many people cut out the stamp image and used it for postage. Therefore this colour print is very rare today..



Gustaf V 70 year cancelled 16.6.1928 SVENLJUNGA
Very rare with cancellation outside of STOCKHOLM



Gustaf V 70 year cancelled 16.6.1928 with PFFS-cancellation, Registered letter with envelope Postverkets Frankoteckenexpedition

Covers submitted for cancellation
Until the Strindberg issue 22 January 1949 it was possible to get incomplete first day covers cancelled with first day cancellation through PFFS. Many firms/companies found this to be good advertising and took the opportunity to get lots of covers cancelled with only the lowest denomination on the first day, which eventually became overwhelming for PFFS. It was therefore decided that from the issue of Strindberg onwards only covers with complete stamp issues would receive the official first day cancellation.

Sweden's first FDC?



Gustaf V 70 year cancelled 16.6.1928 with PFFS-cancellation, Registered letter
Sent by Airmail to BREMEN in Germany via HAMBURG



Gustaf V 70 year cancelled 16.6.1928 with PFFS-cancellation

Cancelled outside of the PFFS

Stamps are sometimes stamped on the first day of issue at local post offices. Collectors have always tried to get early postmarks.

Gustaf V (Oscar Gustaf Adolf) was King of Sweden from 8 December 1907 until his death in 1950. He was the eldest son of King Oscar II of Sweden and Sophia of Nassau, a half-sister of Adolphe, Grand Duke of Luxembourg. Reigning from the death of his father Oscar II in 1907 to his own death nearly 43 years later, he holds the record of being the oldest monarch of Sweden.



Gustaf V 70 year cancelled 16.6.1928 SVALÖF On a postcard
Very rare with cancellation outside of STOCKHOLM



Gustaf V 70 year cancelled NYKÖPING 16.6.1928, Registered letter Very rare with cancellation outside of STOCKHOLM

Sweden's first FDC with a special cancellation

The first Swedish First Day Cover with a special cancellation was the Lützen issue 1 November 1932. In connection with this, a general rule was applied that required an FDC to feature one stamp of each denomination issued at that particular time. However, this was not 100% followed.



Lützen cancelled.
1.11.1932 with
PFFS stamp which
is rare. The new
FDC stamp should
be used.



Lützen cancelled. 1.11.1932 with FDC stamp



Lützen cancelled 1.11.1932 with FDC stamp.
Sent by Airmail to LÜTZEN in GERMANY
return via TRELLEBORG-SASSNITZ to LINKÖPING

The Lützen issue

In the book "Lützenfrimärkena och Sveriges första förstadagsbrev" ("The Lützen Issue and Sweden's First FDC") this issue was discussed. It is believed that about 600 complete FDCs have been cancelled. Some of these have been soaked off and can be found in various collections.

The author has now identified 233 covers (lutzen.se) that remain intact. The book lists 109.

The number featuring the PFFS cancellation is likely to be significantly smaller.



Bakside with cancellations SASSNITZ, LÜTZEN and LINKÖPING

Vignettes

What is a vignette?

A vignette or cachet is a print on the envelope that has a specific connection to the issue (the motif on the stamp). During different time periods, the number of companies releasing FDC with vignettes have varied. The number of different vignettes may therefore also vary. Sometimes companies used the same vignette for several different issues.

The earliest vignette

The earliest vignette in the world according to Gyllenspetz's list is from 1923 for an American issue, the so-called Harding mourning cover. The earliest known vignette on a Swedish FDC is from 16 June 1928 and consisted of only a few lines of text.

Before 1984, six official issues from the Swedish Post were provided with vignettes. From 1984 onwards, the Swedish Post issued all its FDCs with cachets. Until 1986 and to some extent thereafter, there are parallel issues from other companies. The circulation during this time, for these, was at most 800-1000 copies. Several of the vignettes had a significantly lower circulation. Some FDCs have a large number of different vignettes and others have only a few.

Before 1984, the Swedish Post published a few vignettes, six different ones, in parallel with the same issue without a vignette. In those cases the one without a vignette is actually less common than the one with a vignette. In the case of FDCs issued before 1984, covers with vignettes are much rarer than ones without, with a few exceptions.

Catalogue

A good catalogue exists, Förteckning över svenska FDC ("List of Swedish FDCs") by Magnus Gyllenspetz, where each vignette has been given a number, e.g. "Vignette 1". The list was released on CD and updated 2023 as a download service. It contains more than 3.700 pages.



Bromma cancelled BROMMA AERODROM 23.5.1936

vignette 5



Sweden's oldest official vignette cancelled 16.6.1928 with PFFS-cancelled + LUFTPOSTEXP

Sent by overnight airmail to London, England, the vignette is the blue text

Very rare vignette

Bromma Stockholm Airport,

is a regional airport located in the Bromma district of Stockholm, Sweden. Opened on 13 May 1936 by King Gustaf V, it was the first airport in Europe to be built with paved runways.

Situated approximately 7 km (4.3 mi) northwest of central Stockholm, Bromma Airport is the closest airport to the city compared to the other commercial airports serving the Stockholm Metropolitan Area.



Bromma cancelled. BROMMA AERODROM 23.5.1936

vignette 1

Vignettes



New Sweden cancelled 8.4.1938
vignette 1

Nya Sverige-minnet, Delawarejubiléet
Is available in more than 20 different
vignettes. There are also a number on
the corresponding American edition. A
selection is shown here.

A rare cancellation "**STOCKHOLM STADSHUSET**" available in both black and
purple.



New Sweden cancelled 8.4.1938, vignette 3
Cancelled **STOCKHOLM STADSHUSET** purple colour is rare



New Sweden cancelled 8.4.1938
vignette 5



New Sweden cancelled 8.4.1938
vignette 6

Vignettes



New Sweden cancelled 8.4.1938, vignette 9

New Sweden cancelled 8.4.1938, vignette 10
Cancellation **STOCKHOLM STADSHUSET** purple colour is rare

New Sweden cancelled 8.4.1938, vignette 23



New Sweden cancelled 8.4.1938, vignette 19 (affixed label)



New Sweden cancelled 8.4.1938, vignette 11
cancellation **STOCKHOLM STADSHUSET** purple colour is rare

Vignettes



Carl Michael Bellman cancelled. BELLMANFESTEN I BERN+ BELLMAN-JUBILEUM 4.2.1940 rare cancellations vignette 1



Carl Michael Bellman cancelled STOCKHOLM 4.2.1940, vignette 2



Carl Michael Bellman cancelled. STOCKHOLM 4.2.1940 vignette 3

Carl Michael Bellman was a Swedish songwriter, composer, musician, poet, and entertainer. He is a central figure in the Swedish song tradition and remains a powerful influence in Swedish music.

Card that was in FDC vignette 1



Carl Michael Bellman cancelled STOCKHOLM 4.2.1940, vignette 7

Vignettes from the Swedish Post before 1984

Before 1984, 6 official issues from the Post Office were provided with vignettes. From 1984 onwards, the Post Office provided all of its FDCs with vignettes.

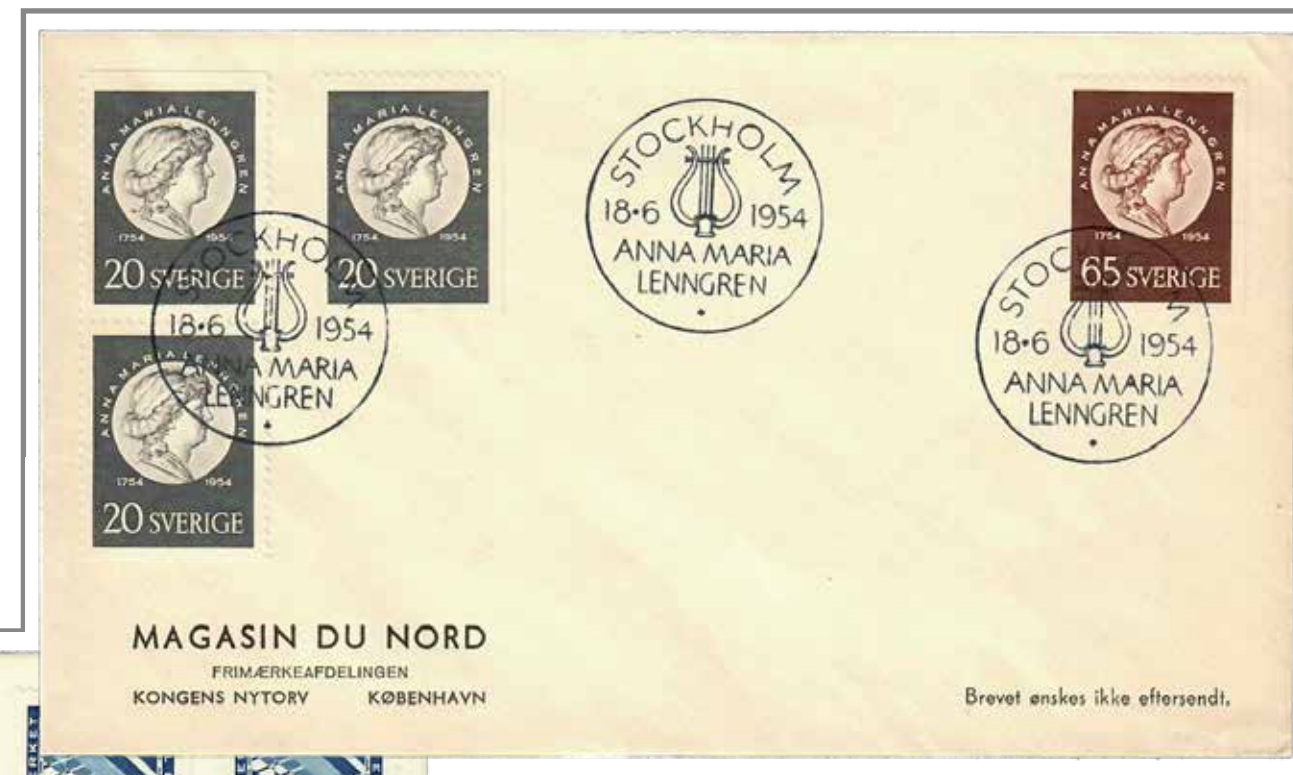
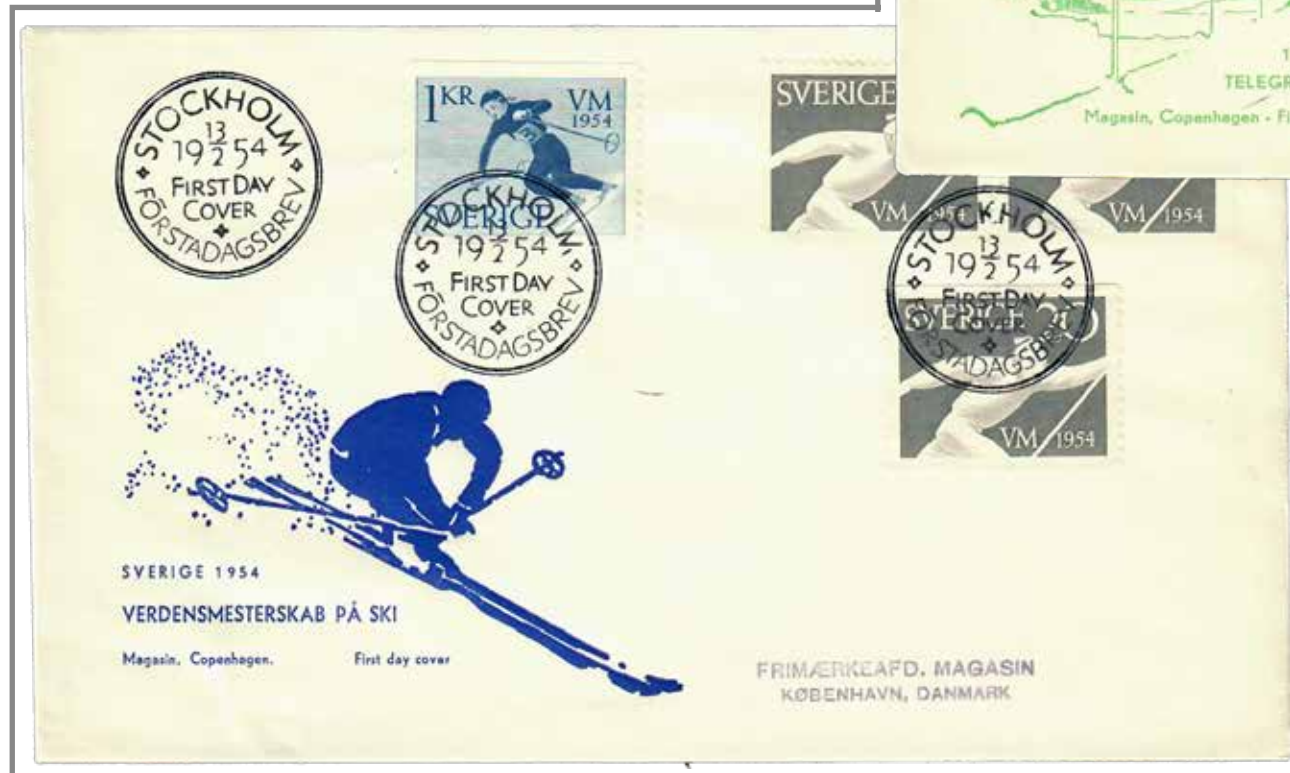


Vignettes Magasin Copenhagen

Magasin Copenhagen (Magasin du Nord) issued FDCs with vignettes between 1953 and 1963. The editions were low and are therefore among the most difficult to find among modern FDCs.



Magasin Du Nord is a Danish chain of department stores. It has seven department stores with its flagship store located on Kongens Nytorv in Copenhagen since 1928



Anna Maria Lenngren was one of the most famous poets in Swedish history. Her father and brother were also poets.



Vignettes Magasin Copenhagen



Picture on Stone cancelled MALMÖ 1 23.10.1961

vignette 9 Magasin Copenhagen

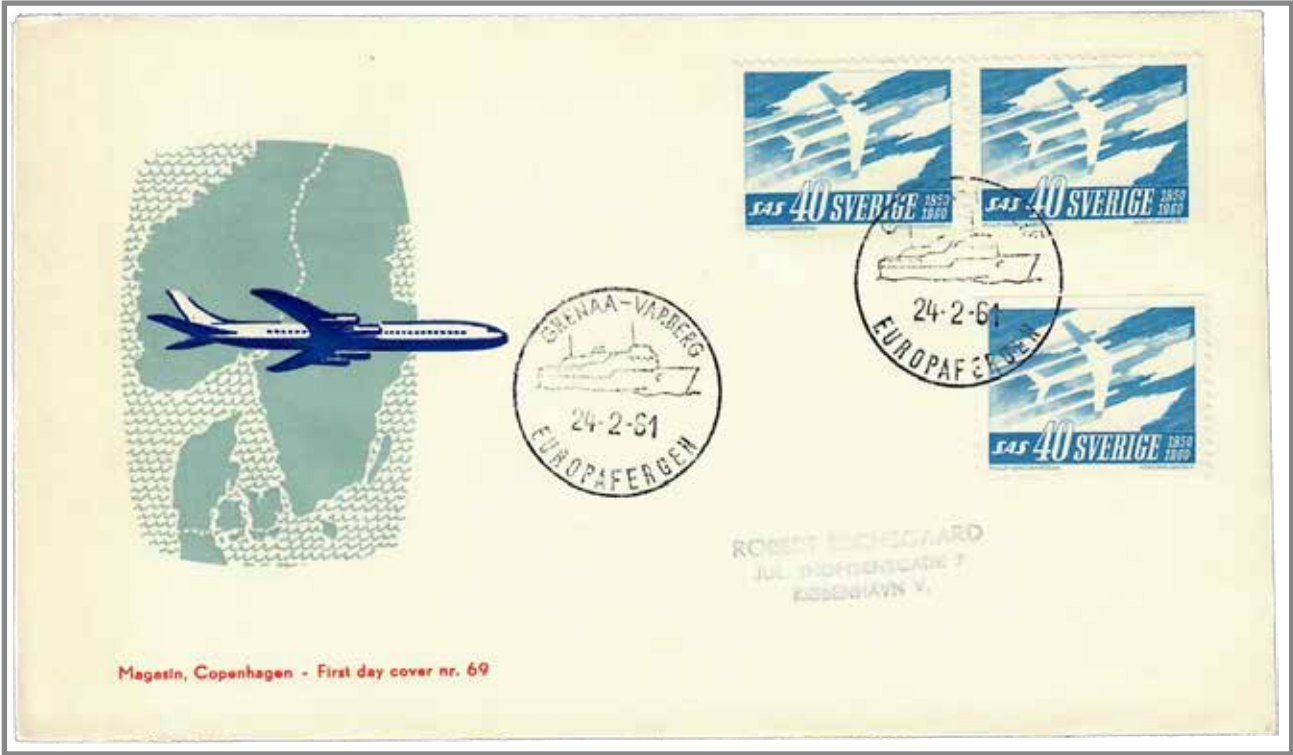
Probably one of two known with MALMÖ stamp, very rare



40 öre SAS cancelled 24.2 1961 destination GERMANY
REK and side stamp Drukwerk

Three different vignettes

From the same publisher, Magasin Copenhagen, there were suddenly three different vignettes with the same edition SAS.



Magasin, Copenhagen - First day cover nr. 69

How could this happen?

Copenhagen is located on one side of the Öresund. In 1961 you could travel to Malmö by ferry. It is likely that someone bought unstamped letters in Copenhagen and then managed to get a stamp at the MALMÖ 1 post office, which had a philatelic department.

Banderole

A stamp roll features an inner banderole as well as an outer one. Banderole often show signatures from the people overseeing the production.

Finding FDCs with banners is difficult, but there were enterprising people and companies who managed to do it. One such person is George Lindman. (See next page).



80th birthday of king Gustaf V cancelled STOCKHOLM 16.6.1938, outer banderole



P.H. Ling cancelled STOCKHOLM 25.2.1939, outer+inner banderole



80th Birthday of King Gustaf V cancelled STOCKHOLM 16.6.1938, inner banderole



150th anniversary of National museum cancelled STOCKHOLM 29.6.1942, outer+inner banderole

Banderole



Carl Michael Bellman STOCKHOLM 4.2.1940, outer+inner banderole



Tercentenary of Swedish Marine Chart STOCKHOLM 15.4.1944, outer banderole

»Brev-Nyhetstjänst»

KONTAKT med aktuella händelser såväl här hemma som utomlands och samtidigt värdefulla, filatelistiska objekt för samlingen — utmärkta komplement till lösa frimärken — kan envar **erhålla snabbt, billigt** (från 35 öre över nominal) **och utan besvär, genom anslutning till vår beprövade nyhetstjänst.** Därigenom får Ni således **direkt** till Eder egen adress, trevliga brevhälsningar

a. från utställningar, kongresser etc. med egen poststämpel;	1. i/från Sverige, eller
b. via spec. kännemärkta förstatur post-flygningar o. dyl.;	2. Norge, Finland, Danmark, Island, eller
c. med nya minnesfrimärken, inkl. flygpostfrimärken samt avsända utgivningsdagen (förestäddagen!).	3. Övriga Europa (icke Norden), eller
	4. U. S. A. eller annat land.

Var god välj ut vad Ni söker, ifyll och insänd sedan nedanstående formulär tillika med angivna belopp i förskott. Inom kort får Ni därpå nöjet, att, så långt möjligt för oss, personligen emottaga önskade, höginträssanta brev eller kort med vackra frimärksserier, kanske från långt avlägsna länder — med kommande Atlantflygpost, nordiska förstaflygturer m. m. Omväxlingen tillika med den angenäma känslan av att *själv* då och då erhålla så intressant post bör även observeras.

Tag tillfället i akt och anmäl Eder utan dröjsmål (till att börja med gärna på prov), ifyll med tydlig skrift, avskilj och insänd till vår postadress.

————— Klipp här — ifyll med tydlig skrift — stryk det, som ej önskas! —————

..... den 19.....

Till G. Lindmans Nyhetstjänst,
Box 193, Stockholm 1.

Med hänvisning till emottagna upplysningar anmäler sig undertecknad härmed till Eder nyhetstjänst, att gälla tills skriftlig uppsägning skett; och önskar jag/vi följande slags brevårsändelser (det ej önskade överkorsat!) **direkt** till min/vår adress, tydligt angiven här nedan:

..... st. brev/kort från a) utställningar etc. i staterna 1 — 2 — 3 — 4;

..... st. brev/kort via b) förstatur flyg etc. i länderna 1 — 2 — 3 — 4;

..... st. brev/kort med c) nya minnesfrimärken etc. från staterna 1 — 2 — 3 — 4.

I förskott (**för avdeln. a. kr. 2:—; b. kr. 3:— och c. kr. 5:—**) har samtidigt inbetalats tillsammans Kr. på Edert postgirokonto nr 81758 och förbinder sig undertecknad, att prompt betala mig/oss tillsända brevnyheter enligt räkning härå från Eder.

Namn

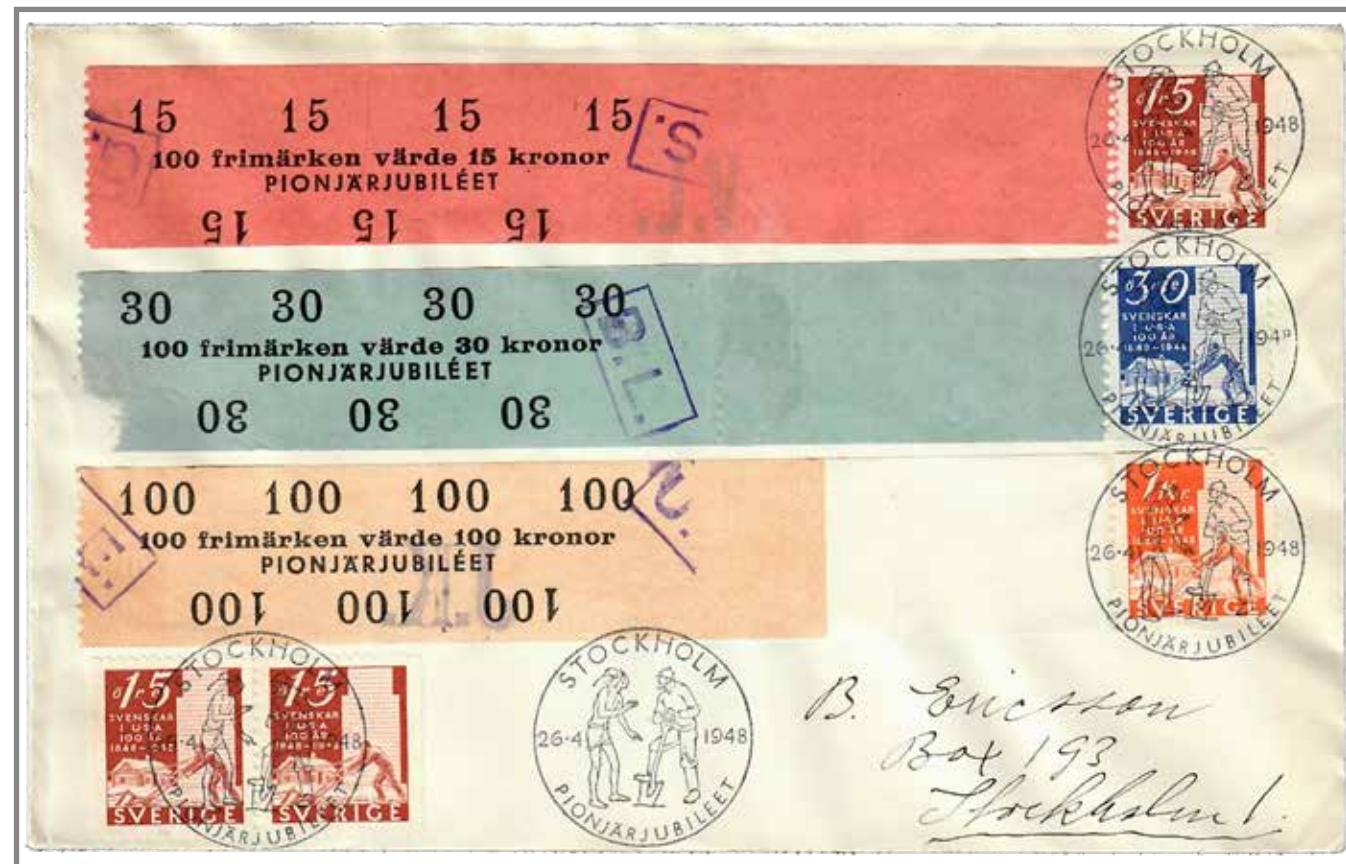
Adress

P. S. Var god sänd mig/oss Edra div. prislistor å intressanta flygbrev, förstadbrev, album m. m. — 25 öre i frimärken bilägges.

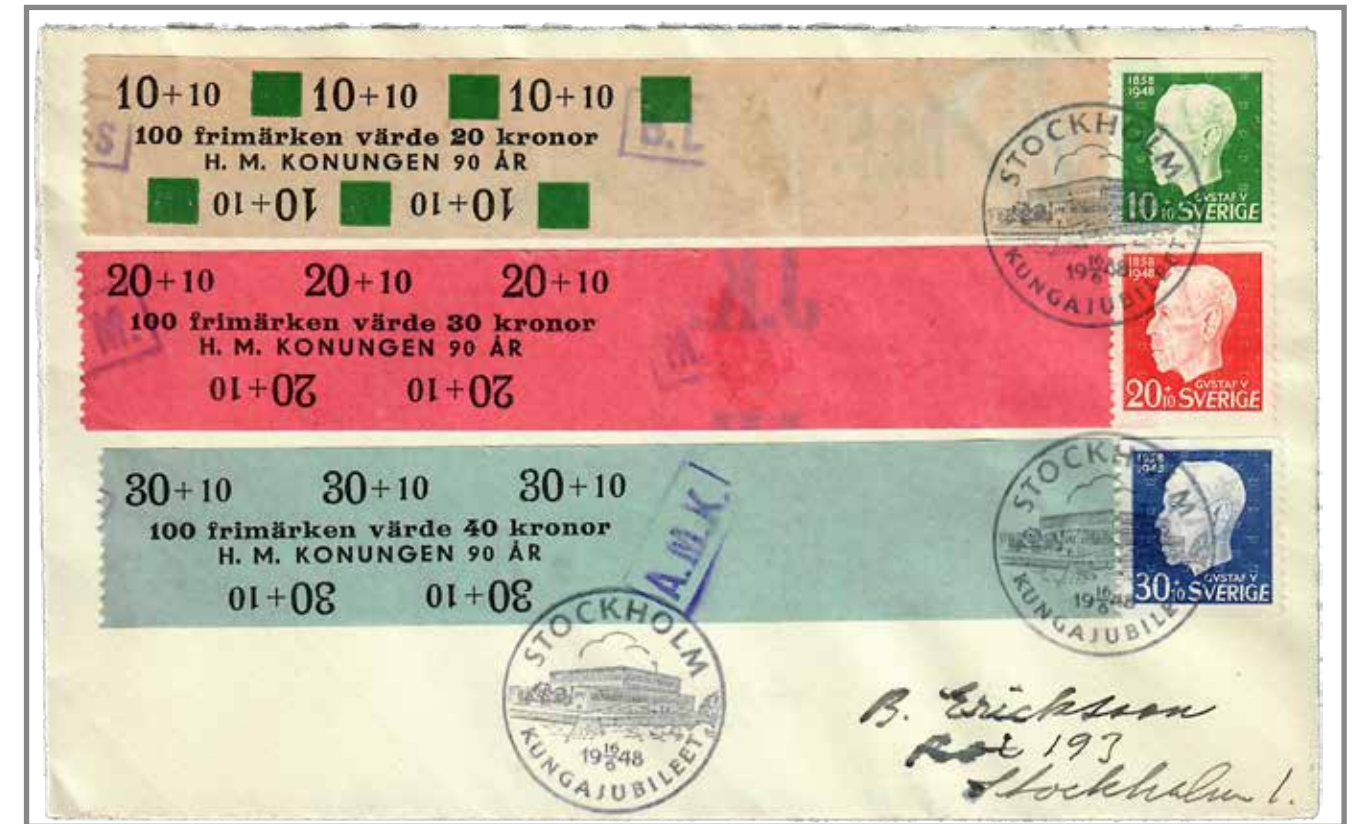
Contained an advertising offer for subscriptions to, among other things, FDC

Hard to find as original

Banderole



The Pioneer Jubile cancelled STOCKHOLM 26.4.1948, outer banderole



90th Birthday of King Gustaf V cancelled STOCKHOLM 26.4.1948, outer banderole



World Refugee Year cancelled STOCKHOLM 7.4.1960, outer banderole

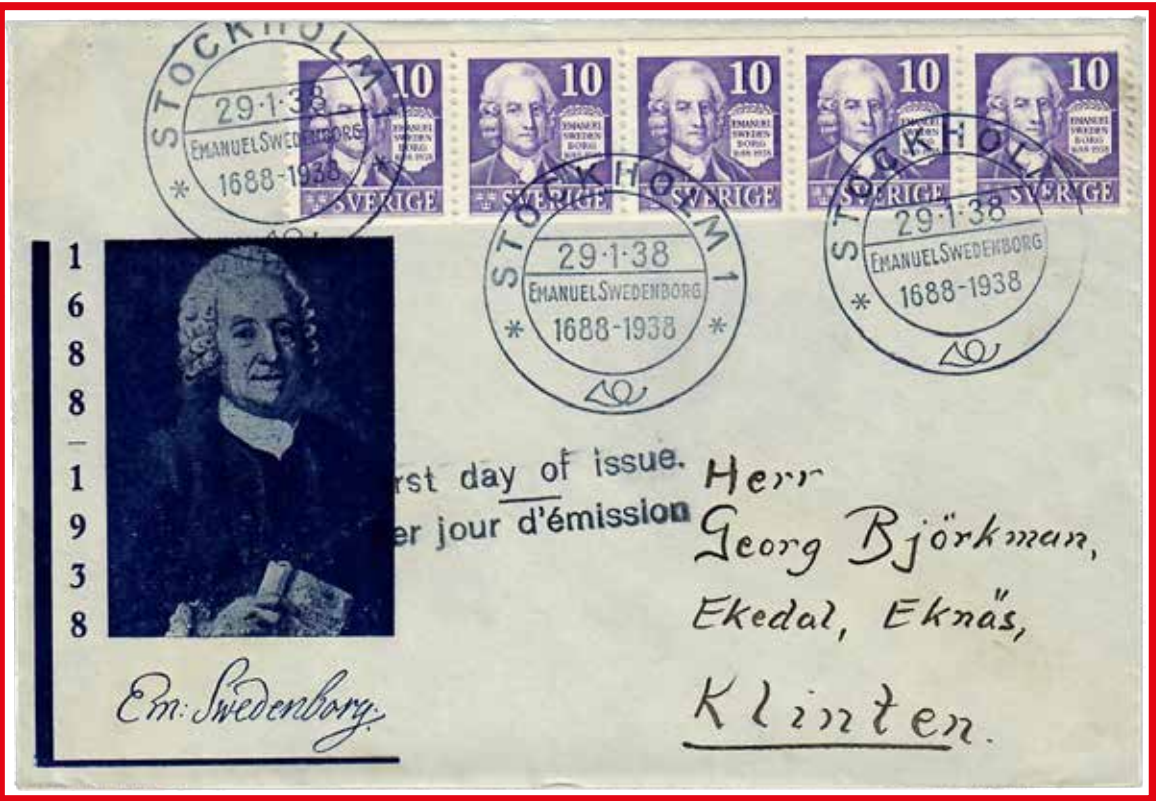


100th Anniversary of the Voluntary Shooting Organisation cancelled STOCKHOLM 7.4.1960, outer banderole

Stamp combinations



Bromma, strips of five, cancelled BROMMA AERODROM 23.5.1936



Emanuel Swedenborg, strips of five, cancelled STOCKHOLM 29.1.1938, vignette 1b rare

Stamp combinations

Creating different varieties is popular among collectors. They may be created by franking a cover with pairs, CB/BC pairs, blocks of four, strips of five, or other combinations.



St Bridget, strips of five, + blocks of four cancelled VADSTENA 7.10.1940

Sancta Birgitta,
Bridget of Sweden, also known as Birgitta Birgersdotter and Birgitta of Vadstena, was a Swedish Catholic mystic and the founder of the Bridgettines. Outside Sweden, she was also known as the Princess of Nericia and was the mother of Catherine of Vadstena.

Stamp combinations



300th Anniversary of the Post Office, strips of five, cancelled STOCKHOLM 20.2.1936. *Very rare.*

Motifs on the stamps

20 öre The ship Postjakten Hjorten sailed between Ystad and Pomerania in the 1690s. It most often docked in the port of Wittau on Rügen.

25 öre The first paddle steamer that carried mail was called the Constitution. It sailed between Ystad and Stralsund from May 1, 1824 to 1837.

30 öre Stagecoaches were introduced in the first half of the 19th century. This carriage is on display at the Postal Museum.

300th Anniversary of the Post Office trips of five and blocks of four

This is the *only known series* with a *complete set of 5-strips and 4-blocks* with these stamps cancelled on the first day. *Very rare.*

Motifs on the stamps

5 öre Axel Oxenstierna was the initiator of the Swedish Post Office.

10 öre “Postbåd” A running mailman as imagined in the early years of the Swedish Post Office.

15 öre In 1645, horse riding postmen were used for the first time.



How much did it cost?

The total purchase for these letters with the Post Office 300 years was 5:65, which corresponds to approximately **240 SEK in 2025**. The auction price is about **7.000 SEK**.



300th Anniversary of the Post Office, 5-strip, cancelled STOCKHOLM 20.2.1936. *Very rare.*

Stamp combinations



300th Anniversary of the Post Office, strips of five, cancelled STOCKHOLM 20.2.1936. *Very rare.*

Motifs on the stamps

- 50 öre A postal bus used to transport letters
- 60 öre A Atlantic steamer used to transport letters
- 1 Crown A Aircraft used to transport letters

Motifs on the stamps

- 35 öre A modified replica of the first Swedish stamp Skilling Banco
- 40 öre The first time the railway was used for letters was in 1856 on the Malmö - Lund line.
- 45 öre All motifs in this series are drawn by Professor Olle Hjortsberg.



300th Anniversary of the Post Office, strips of five, cancelled STOCKHOLM 20.2.1936. *Very rare.*

Stamp combinations



300th Anniversary of the Post Office, blocks of four, cancelled STOCKHOLM 20.2.1936 *very rare*



Lützen cancelled STOCKHOLM 1.11.1932, strips of five



100th Anniversary of the National Museum, cancelled STOCKHOLM 26.3.1966, strips of five



The front of the card National Museum built 1866

The Battle of Lützen, fought in November 1632, was one of the most important of the Thirty Years' War. Led by the Swedish king Gustavus Adolphus (Gustav II Adolf), an Allied army primarily composed of troops from Sweden, Saxony, and Hesse-Kassel, narrowly defeated an Imperial force under Albrecht von Wallenstein. Both sides suffered heavy casualties, with Gustavus himself among the dead.

National Museum Nationalmuseum is the National gallery of fine arts of Sweden, located on the peninsula Blasieholmen in central Stockholm.

Stamp combinations



15 + 50 öre Linné, CB/BC pairs, cancelled STOCKHOLM 2.6.1939, REK label

Carl Linnaeus also known after ennoblement in 1761 as Carl von Linné, was a Swedish biologist and physician who formalised binomial nomenclature, the modern system of naming organisms. He is known as the "father of modern taxonomy". Many of his writings were in Latin; his name is rendered in Latin as Carolus Linnæus and, after his 1761 ennoblement, as Carolus a Linné.



Postcard with statue of Berselius, cancelled STOCKHOLM 2.6.1939



Address page on postcard Berselius



10 öre Emanuel Swedenborg cancelled STOCKHOLM 29.1.1938, REK label and side stamp First day of issue
BC pairs as blocks of four is rare

Emanuel Swedenborg, born Emanuel Swedberg; (29 January 1688 – 29 March 1772) was a Swedish polymath; scientist, engineer, astronomer, anatomist, Christian theologian, philosopher, and mystic. He became best known for his book on the afterlife, Heaven and Hell (1758). Swedenborg had a prolific career as an inventor and scientist.

Baron Jöns Jacob Berzelius was a Swedish chemist. Berzelius is considered, along with Robert Boyle, John Dalton and Antoine Lavoisier, to be one of the founders of modern chemistry.

Berzelius became a member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in 1808 and served as its chief officer from 1818. He is known in Sweden as the "father of Swedish chemistry". During his lifetime, he did not usually use his first name, but was generally known as Jacob Berzelius.

Stamp combinations

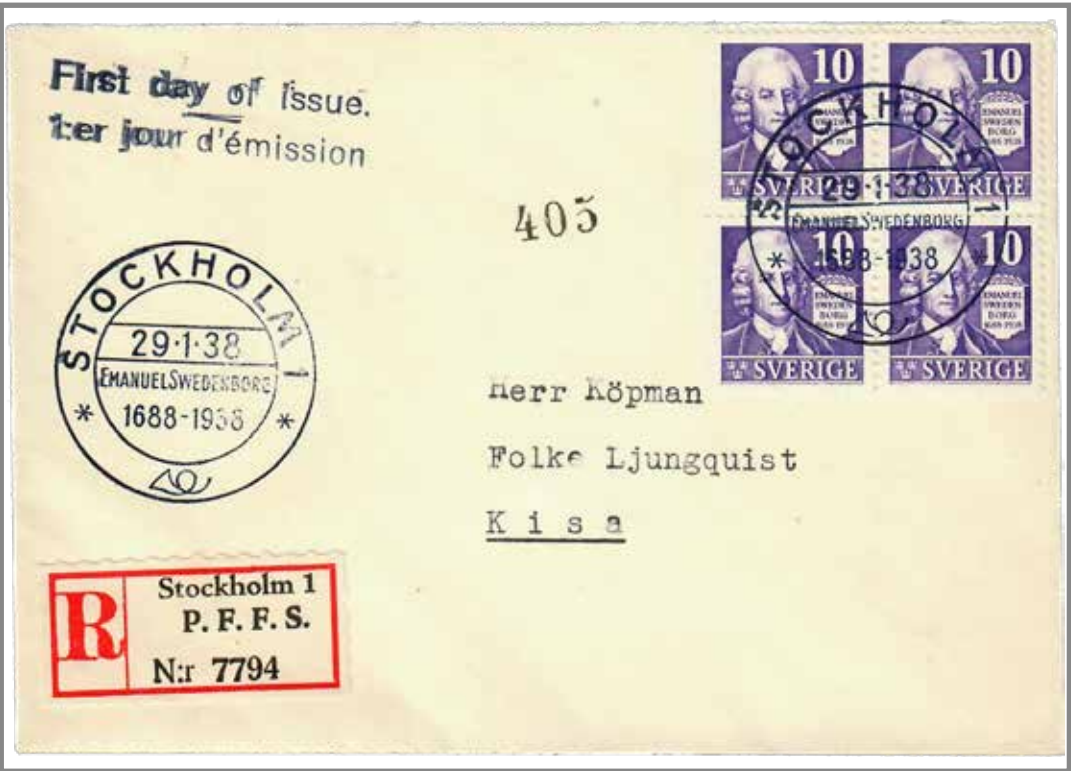


10+ 15 öre Lützen cancelled STOCKHOLM 1.11.1932, blocks of four

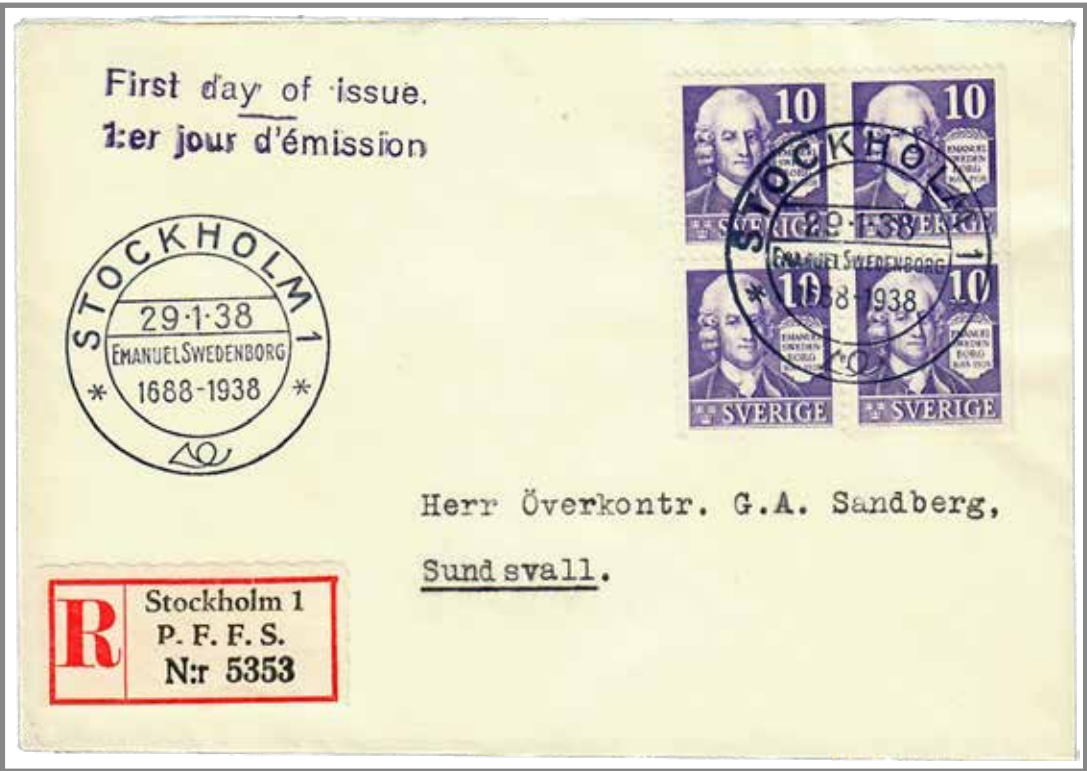
Block of four
Stamps in block of four normally comes from booklets



10 + 30 öre Berzelius cancelled STOCKHOLM 2.6.1939, CB/BC-pair is rare



BC pairs as blocks of four, 10 öre Emanuel Swedenborg cancelled STOCKHOLM 29.1.1938



CB pairs as blocks of four, 10 öre Emanuel Swedenborg cancelled STOCKHOLM 29.1.1938

Stamp combinations



Commemorating "New Sweden", Delaware cancelled STOCKHOLM 8.4.1938, strip of five

New Sweden was a colony of the Swedish Empire between 1638 and 1655 along the lower reaches of the Delaware River in what is now Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Established during the Thirty Years' War when Sweden was a great power, New Sweden formed part of the Swedish efforts to colonize the Americas.

Settlements were established on both sides of the Delaware River. Fort Christina, located in what is now Wilmington, Delaware, was the first settlement, named after Christina, Queen of Sweden. The settlers were Swedes, Finns, and a number of Dutch. New Sweden was conquered by the Dutch Republic in 1655 and incorporated into the Dutch colony of New Netherland.



Commemorating "New Sweden", Delaware cancelled STOCKHOLM 8.4.1938, CB/BC pairs as blocks of four

Commemorating "New Sweden", Delaware cancelled STOCKHOLM 8.4.1938, BC/CB-pairs, vignette 1, rare

Stamp combinations



Gustaf V, right profile typ II cancelled STOCKHOLM 16.6.1938,
BC-pair in block of four

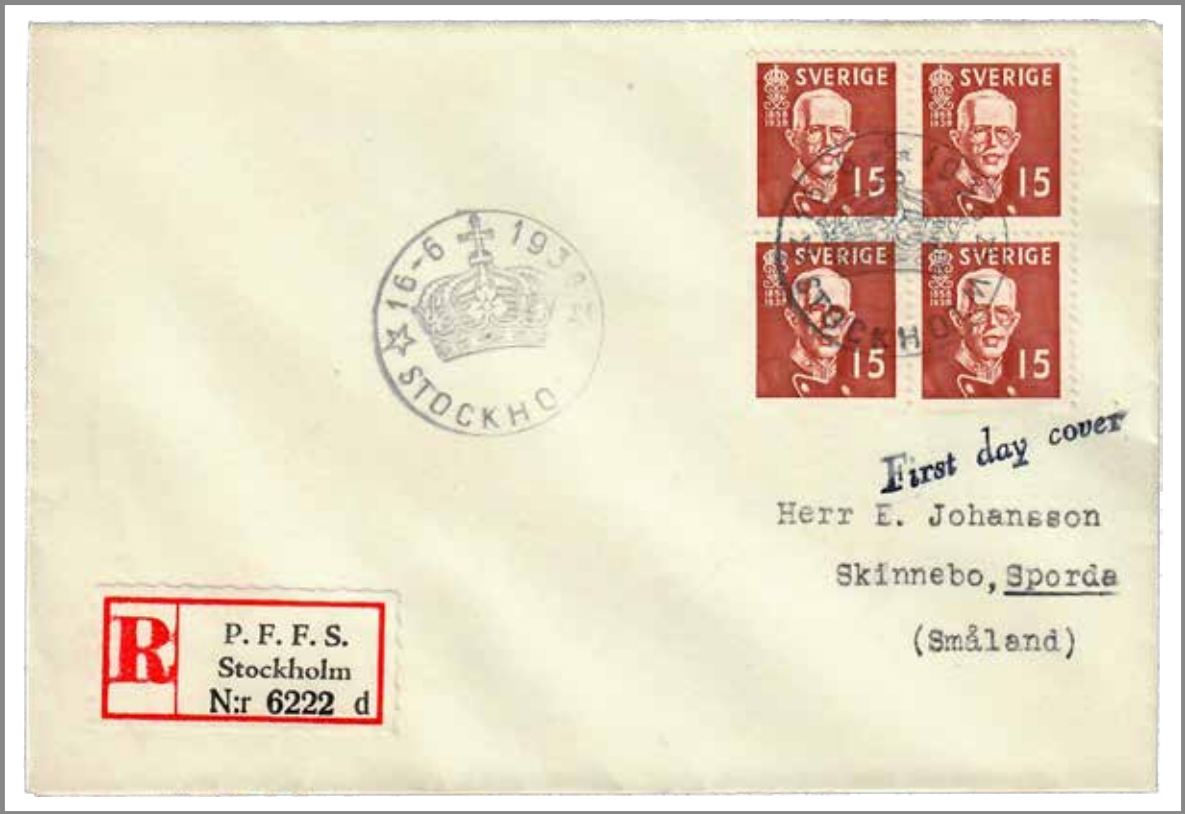


80th Birthday of King Gustaf V cancelled STOCKHOLM 16.6.1938, 2 block of four, vignette 1



80th Birthday of King Gustaf V cancelled STOCKHOLM 16.6.1938, BC-pair as block of four

King Gustaf V
Gustaf V (full name Oscar Gustaf Adolf), born 16 June 1858 at Drottningholm Palace in Lovö parish in Stockholm County, died 29 October 1950 at Drottningholm Palace.
He was King of Sweden from 1907, as the fifth regent of the House of Bernadotte. He was the son of Oscar II and Queen Sofia, the great-grandson of Karl XIV Johan, and the great-grandfather of the current King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden.



80th Birthday of King Gustaf V cancelled STOCKHOLM 16.6.1938, BC-pair as block of four

Airmail



Printed matter cancelled MALMÖ 1 1.11.32 sent by Airmail to United Kingdom.
Rare objekt.

Postage investigation

Printed matter cancelled MALMÖ 1 1.11.32 sent by Airmail to England. Transportation was by air every day except Sunday.

Normal cancellation type 45.
Arrival postmarked 2 NO 32.
Label "Par Avion/Luftpost" type 4:1.

Franking 10 öre Lützen and 10 öre Nattpostflyg.

Printed matter is defined here as a cross (X) between the stamps and that nothing is handwritten except the address.

Postage printed matter up to 50 grams 5 öre, period 1.8.1924 – 30.6.1948. Airmail fee for printed matter 10 öre, period 14.4.1927 – 31.5. 1981.

Franked 20 öre, correct postage 15 öre, *overfranked by 5 öre.*

The Royal Postal Service Circulars

The official notices from the Royal General Post Service, which was the highest postal administration in Sweden. They contained rules, instructions and information concerning postal operations and their various parts, and they were published regularly.

Airmail

Airmail means that mail is sent by plane, autogyro, helicopter or airship. The opposite is surface mail, which means sending mail by rider or vehicle such as a stagecoach, car, boat or train. Airmail is faster at longer distances, but also more expensive, especially for heavier items.

Collecting FDCs with, for example, airmail labels provides another variation in the collection.

Postage investigation

Letter cancelled STOCKHOLM 1 9.5.1930 sent by airmail to the Dutch East Indies. Normal cancellation type 51. Two different cancellation 9.5.1930, arrival cancellation WELTEVREDEN 6.6.1930.

Label "Par Avion/Luftpost" type 4:1.

Postage for letters outside the Nordic countries up to 20 grams 25 öre, period 1.10.1925 – 30.6.1936.

Airmail fee for to Dutch East Indies letters 50 öre 1.11.1929 – 30.9.1932.

Franked with 75 öre, correct postage 75 öre.



Air Mail Stamps, surcharge on small Official Stamps
cancelled GÖTEBORG 18.9.1920

Postage investigation

Letter cancelled GOTHENBURG 18.9.1920 sent within Gothenburg.

Arrival cancellation Gothenburg 18.9.1920.

Letter postage 20 öre, period 1.7.20 – 30.9.1922. No local postage this period.

Express 20 öre, period 1.7.1887 – 30.6.1921. Label type 2.

Franking 40 öre, correct postage 40 öre.

Letters with airmail stamps

In the circular from 19.9.20, it could be read that GPS announces in this that "the stamps should, if possible, not be used for franking other types of items than airmail items"



10+50 öre Night mail airplane, cancelled STOCKHOLM 1 9.5.1930
destination JAVA in Dutch East Indies, very rare destination

Airmail



Commemorating “New Sweden” Delaware, cancelled 8.4.1938, destination GREAT BRITAIN



5 öre brown King Gustaf V, left profile,
cancelled DAGPOSTFLYG STOCKHOLM-MALMÖ-AMSTERDAM 1.7.1936 destination NETHERLANDS



Bromma, cancelled STOCKHOLM 1 25.5.1936 additional cancelation ILIS



ILIS
The International Air Show (ILIS 1936) was an international air show held in Stockholm in 1936, during which Bromma Airport was inaugurated.

This was the first special exhibition recognized by the BIE, Bureau of International Expositions. The exhibition was held from 15 May to 1 June with permanent exhibitions at Lindarängen from where visitors could see Stockholm from above and travel by autogiro to Bromma Airport, which was the first to have asphalt runways. On 22 May the third Scandinavian Air Competition began, which ended with the inauguration of Bromma Airport on 23 May 1936.



5 öre brown King Gustaf V, left profile,
cancelled DAGPOSTFLYG STOCKHOLM-MALMÖ-AMSTERDAM 1.7.1936
destination GERMANY

Airmail



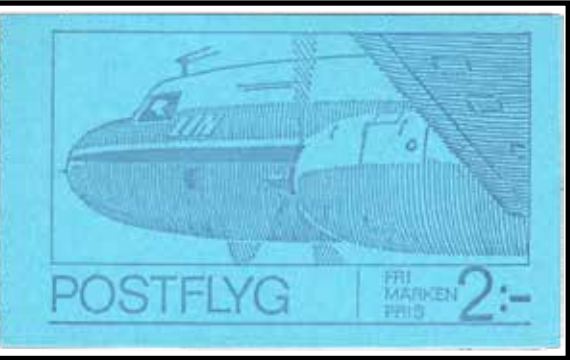
40th Anniversary of the Reign of King Gustaf V cancelled MALUNG 8.12.1947
destination Dutch West Indies, *rare destination*



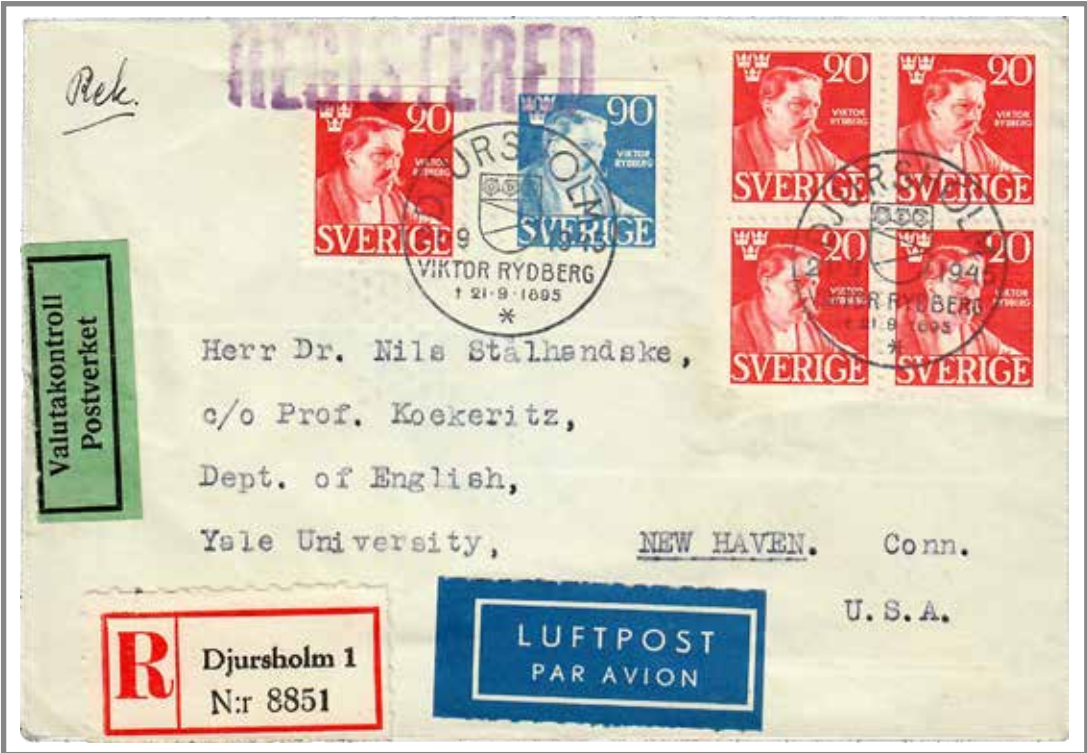
10 öre Anniversary postal stationery + 10 öre Night mail airplane,
cancelled NATTPOSTFLYGNING STOCKHOLM-HANOVER 16.5.1938
destination COPENHAGEN



20 öre 75th Anniversary of the UPO, cancelled STOCKHOLM 9.10.1949
+ additional cancelation "Svenska aerogram med flyg utan tillägg"



Swedish Booklet Airmail



Viktor Rydberg, cancelled. DJURSHOLM 21.9.1945 destination USA

Airmail



Johan Tobias Sergel, cancelled BILPOSTKONTORET BARNENS DAG 5.9.1940 destination USA



85th Birthday of King Gustaf V cancelled. HÄLSINGBORG 18.6.1943, destination USA

Semi-official airmail stamps

HF1 Privately produced airmail stamp by the Children's Island Association (Föreningen Barnens Ö). The stamp was sold for 60 öre which included a stamp with a denomination of 10 öre.

HF2 The same stamp but with the imprint Samma märke men med påtryck "Silverjubiléet 1937". Komplette försändelse såldes för 3 kr vilket inkluderade 10 öre Luftpost.. The complete item was sold for 3 SEK which included 10 öre Airmail.



Semi-official airmail stamps cancelled. SVERIGES FÖRSTA FLYGPOST SEPTEMBER 1912 + additional cancelation "SVERIGES FÖRSTA FLYGPOST SEPTEMBER 1812"

Children's Island

Children's Island (Barnens ö) is the accepted name for a contiguous area located in Vaddö parish in Stockholm County, where children's colony activities have been conducted since 1912. It includes Lingslätö in the southern part of Vaddö and adjacent parts of Granö and Salnö. The area borders the Sea of Åland to the east and Bagghusfjärden to the west.

Children's Island was inaugurated in 1912 after the Children's Day Association in Stockholm purchased Lingslätö on Vaddö. There were already two colonies on Lingslätö, Östergården and Västergården. These were now incorporated into Barnens ö with three more colonies, Vretarna, Stugorna and Solbo., and a sick bay. Through donations, additional colonies have since been added.

In 1980, Barnens ö was transferred to the Barnens dag foundation, which is run by the City of Stockholm. Today, there are approximately 20 children's holiday colonies on Barnens ö and the entire colony area covers approximately 650 hectares.

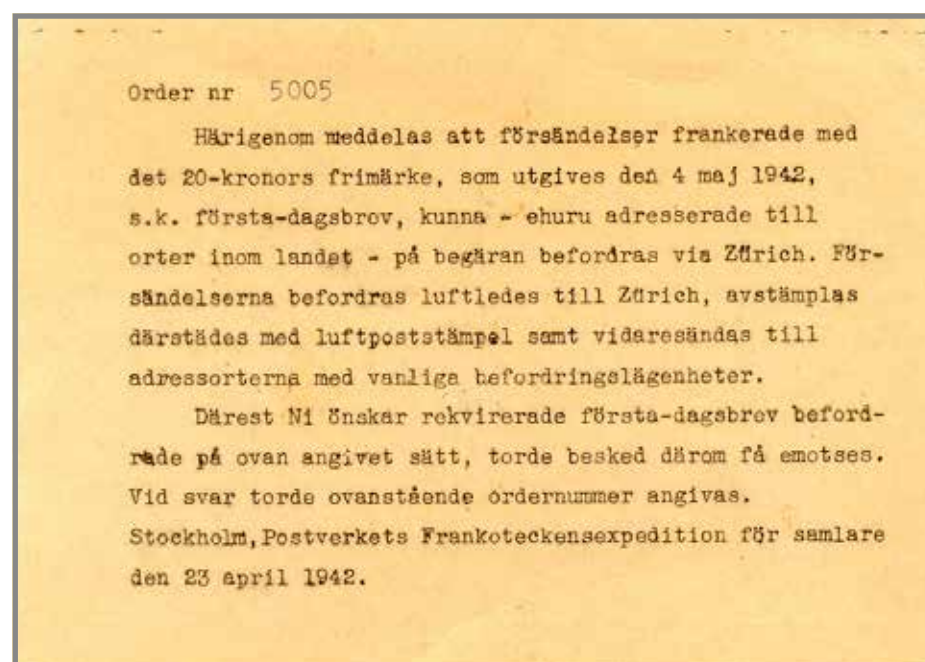


Semi-official airmail stamps, cancelled BARNENS Ö 16.9.1937 FLYGPOST

Airmail



20 crowns Flying Swans cancelled STOCKHOLM 4.5.1942, LUFTPOST, EXPRESS, Valutakontroll, *block of four is rare*
the *letter* is described in Gyllenspetz's list



The text is taken from Gyllenspetz's list, explaining a special treatment of letters with 20 crowns Flying swans

Magnus Gyllenspetz list of Swedish first day covers (a slightly abbreviated preface)

When I started collecting Swedish FDCs many years ago, I very soon discovered that there were FDCs with illustrations, so-called vignettes. I also discovered that there were several different vignettes on the same issue. In addition, to further complicate my collecting life, there were special cancellations, different stamp combinations, plate defects and many other variants.

In order to keep my collection a little organized and to be able to easily supplement it, I started to make a written list/description of my vignettes. However, it turned out quite soon that there are many similar vignettes and even variants of the same vignette on the same issue!

Acquiring a complete collection of FDCs with vignettes, variants and stamps is a task that even the most diligent collector struggles with, but it is still true, as Karin Boye wrote: It is the journey itself that is worth the effort, not the destination.

Magnus Gyllenspetz



The Royal Palace Stockholms II, cancelled STOCKHOLM 14.7.1941, destination USA



Lützen, cancelled MALMÖ 1.11.1932, destination GERMANY

Company envelopes



20 öre Gustaf II Adolf,
cancelled. OLOFSTORP 28.7.1920
rare locality

Assureras för...

Insured mail, short ASS, is a way of sending items that contain, for example, money, precious metals or other valuables. This is a service provided by some postal operators. The name refers to the fact that they have insurance coverage if they are stolen or lost. The Post now calls this service ASS. Unlike registered mail, parcels can also be insured.

If the item is lost or destroyed, it is replaced with the specified insurance value.

In many countries, you cannot/are not allowed to send valuables by post, but from Sweden you can send ASS to, among others, the Nordic countries, Belgium, Luxembourg, Portugal and Ireland. These items are marked with insured as in the English term insured mail instead of the Swedish marking ass.

Company envelopes

Philatelists and collectors are clever, e.g. FDCs with company logos were created to achieve a unique FDC or for use in advertising contexts. Stamps were affixed to covers and were then cancelled by PFFS/PFA. Sometimes this could be done in local post-office.



10 öre Berzelius, cancelled STOCKHOLM 2.6.1939
BC-pair as block of four is rare

Ångfartygs AB Göta Kanal

Was a Swedish shipping company, which initially had the name Motala Ströms Ångfartygs AB from 1869 to 1889. After bankruptcy in 1957, the business continued with new owners under the name Rederi AB Göta Kanal.

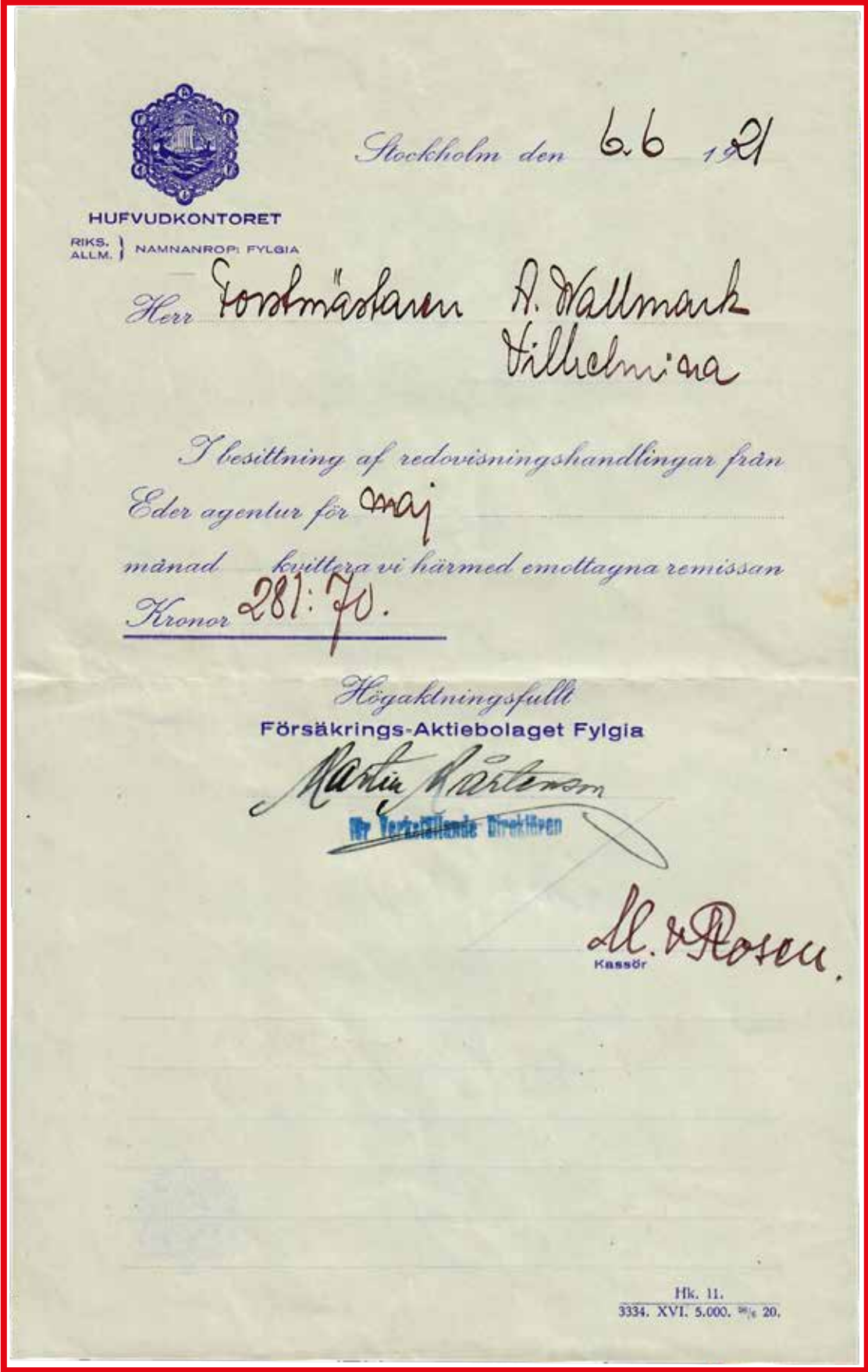


70th birthday of King Gustaf V, cancelled GÖTEBORG 16.6.1928 *rare with GÖTEBORG*

Company envelopes



Fylgia was a Swedish insurance company founded in 1881. In 1928 it was acquired by Livförsäkringsbolaget Trygg and in 1971 it was merged into Trygg-Hansa. Former employees of Fylgia include Prince Carl Bernadotte.



20 öre Gustav Vasa, cancelled. STOCKHOLM 6.6.1921
validated with the contents of the letter



Arrival stamp VILHELMINA 8.6.1921



85th birthday of King Gustaf destination Finland, cancelled. STOCKHOLM 16.6.1948

The contents of the letter validate a somewhat unclear stamp

Company envelopes

Swedish American Line

Was a Swedish passenger shipping line. It was founded in December 1914 under the name Rederiaktiebolaget Sverige-Nordamerika and began ocean liner service from Gothenburg to New York in 1915. In 1925 the company changed its name to Svenska Amerika Linien / Swedish American Line.

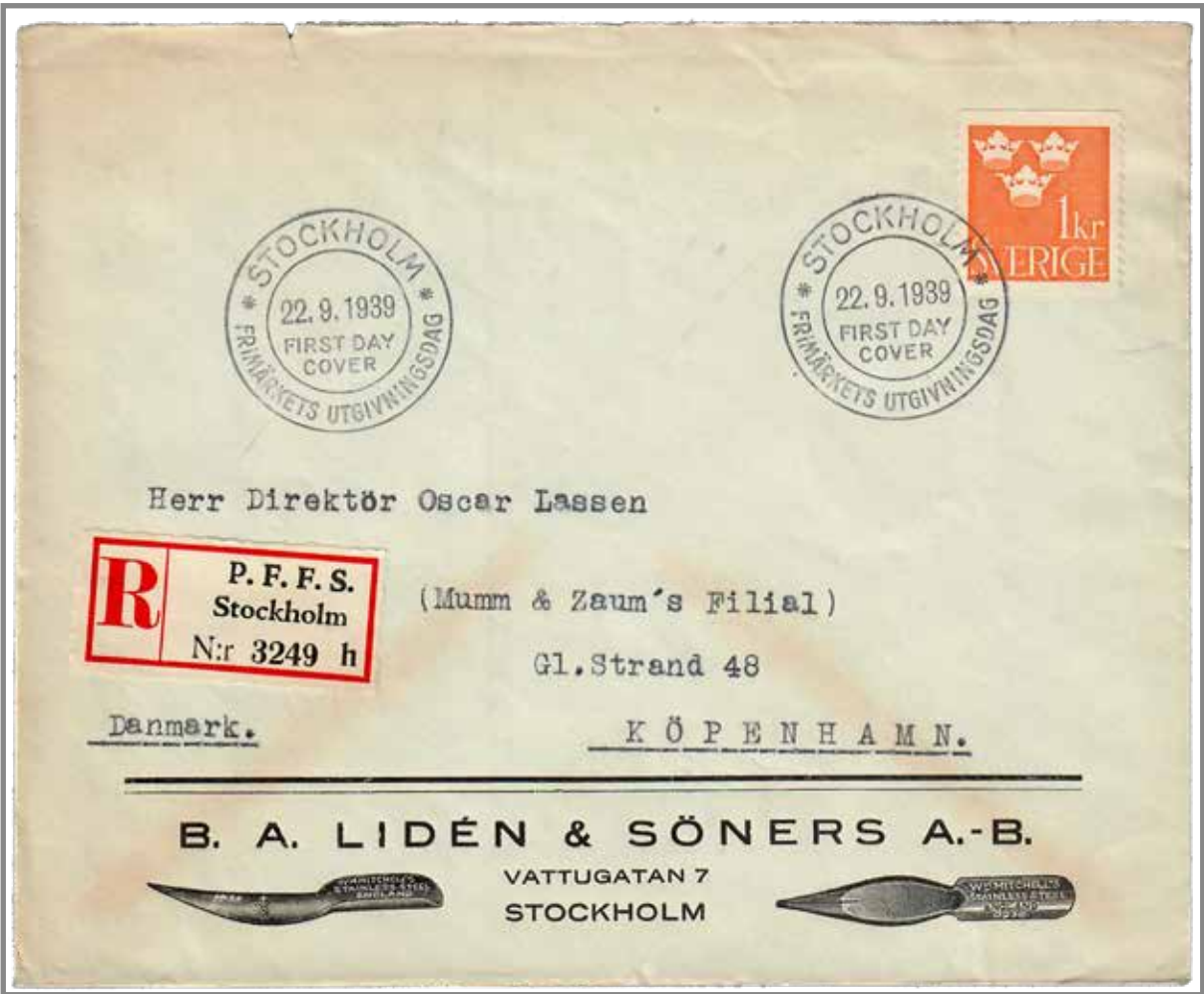
The Swedish American Line was among the first companies to build liners with provisions for off-season cruising, as well as the world's first company to build a diesel-engined transatlantic liner. Increased operational costs and stronger competition from aeroplanes forced the company to abandon passenger traffic in 1975 but cargo operations continued until the 1980s.



300th Anniversary of the Post Office cancelled GÖTEBORG NEW YORK 20.2.1936 and "DROTTNINGHOLM", rare cancellation



1:20 Three Crows cancelled STOCKHOLM 22.9.1939, destination DENMARK



1:- Three Crows cancelled, stpl. STOCKHOLM 22.9.1939, destination DENMARK

Company envelopes



Hotell Regina

Hotel Regina sent out FDCs with vignettes for a longer period. However, these are not included in the Gyllenspetz list and are considered company mail.

The hotel was inaugurated in 1909 and demolished in 1962 when Sergels Torg was built.



Centenary of the Telegraph Service, cancelled STOCKHOLM 2.11.1953

Upper letter, F358 Swedish Red Cross, cancelled STOCKHOLM 27.2.1945

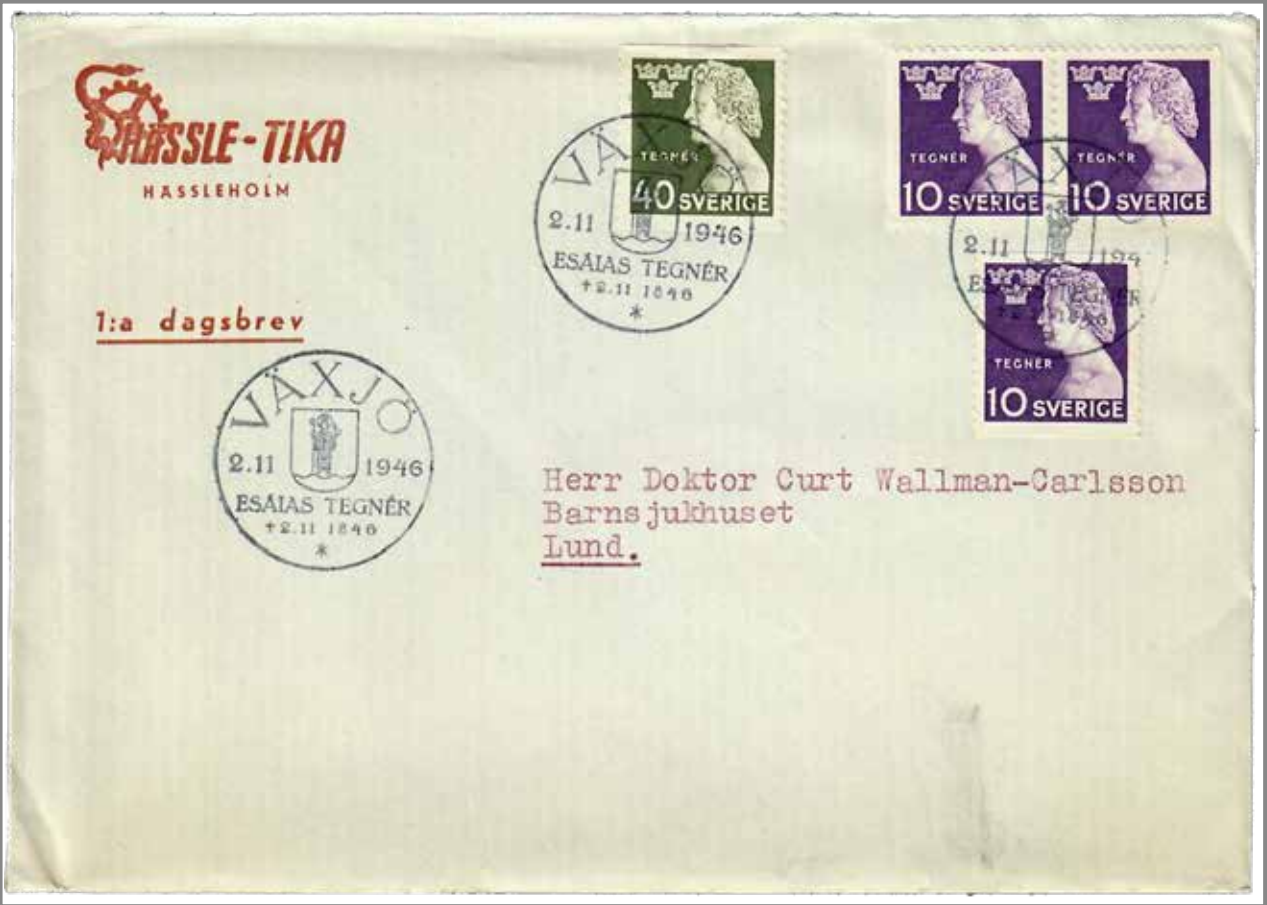
Middle letter, F445-48 National Athletic Federarion, cancelled. STOCKHOLM 27.5.1953

Bottom letter, Equestrian Olympics, cancelled. STOCKHOLM 16.4.1956



The back was often provided with a map showing where the hotel was located.

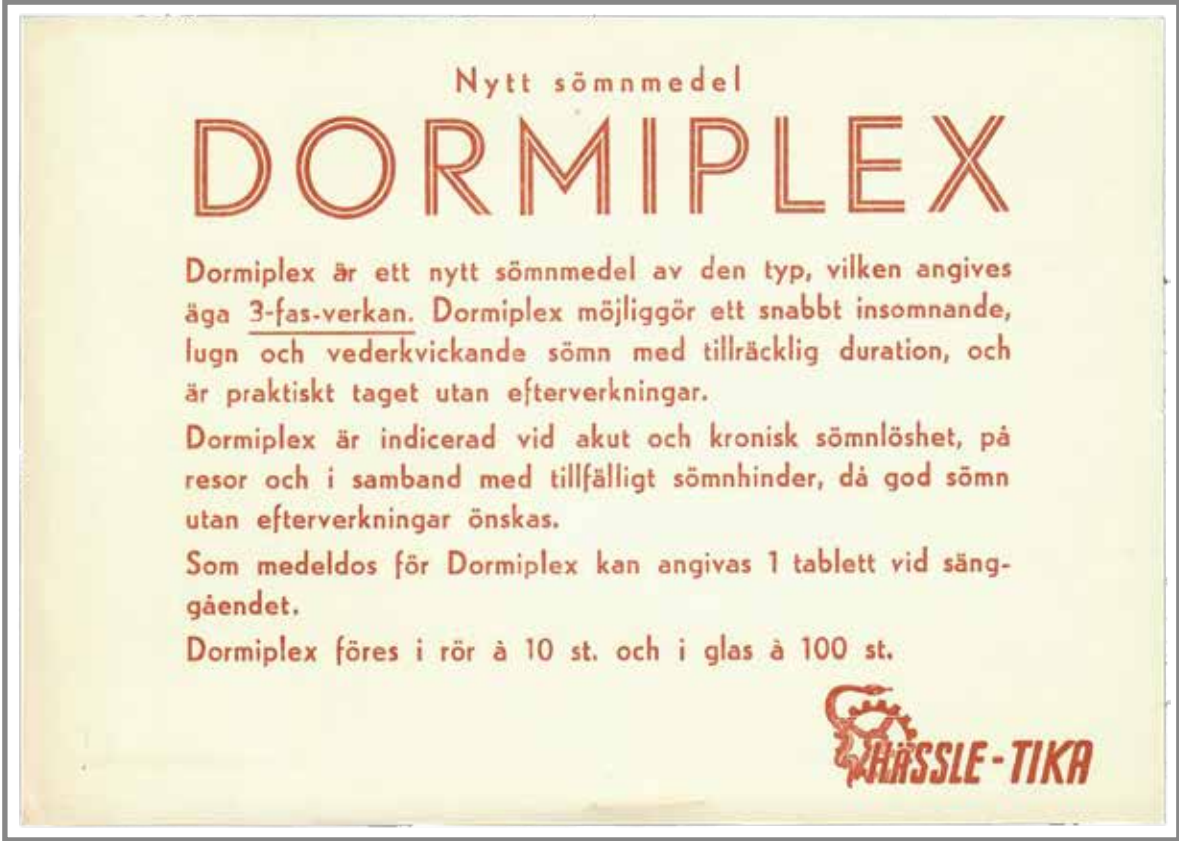
Company envelopes



Esaia Tegner, cancelled VÄXJÖ 2.11.1946

Hässle-Tika

Pharmaceutical companies that for a long time sent letters that were postmarked on the first day. However, these are not included in the Gyllenspetz list but are considered company mail. Hässle-Tika is now part of Astra Zeneca.



Content of letter from Hässle-Tika - advertising for DORMIPLEX



The Swedish Flag Day, cancelled STOCKHOLM 6.6.1955

Swedish Flag Day 1955

The stamps were issued to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the newer, lighter flag without the union emblem.

When King Eric the Holy landed in Finland during the first Swedish Crusade in 1157, he had a vision of a yellow cross against a blue cloth as his banner. If legend is to be believed, the Swedish flag is thus the world's oldest.



Nordic day, cancelled STOCKHOLM 30.10.1956

Odd items

Here you will see a number of varieties that have been created to make the invitation worth saving or something similar. Please note in particular an FDC signed by all four ABBA members.



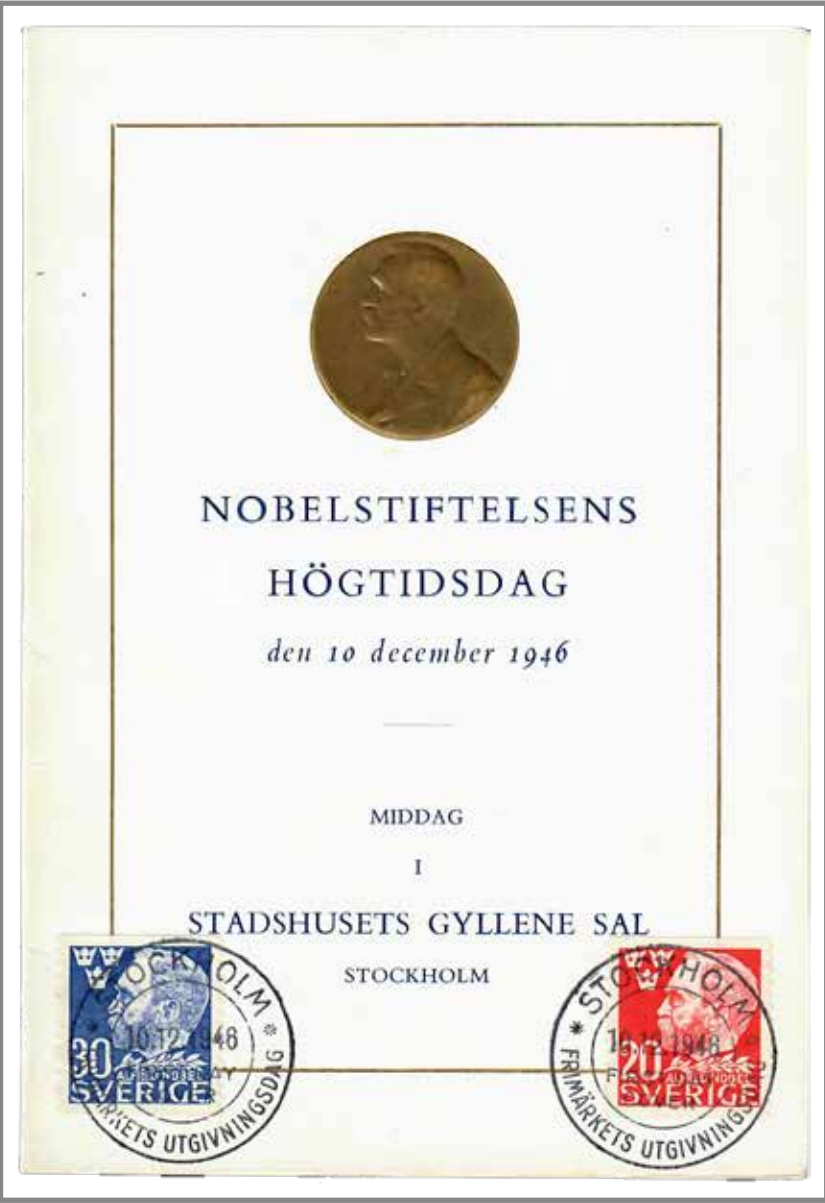
Picture from the Swedish Stamp Exchange Association meeting at Postal Museum 21 of october 1942.



The back was an annual card of the Swedish Stamp Exchange Association



Cash on delivery item



Menu card included Alfred Nobel cancelled 10.12.1946



The inside of the menu card



Booklet cover with Commemorating "New Sweden" cancelled **STADSHUSET** 8.4.1938 with blue-purple stamp is **rare**

Odd items



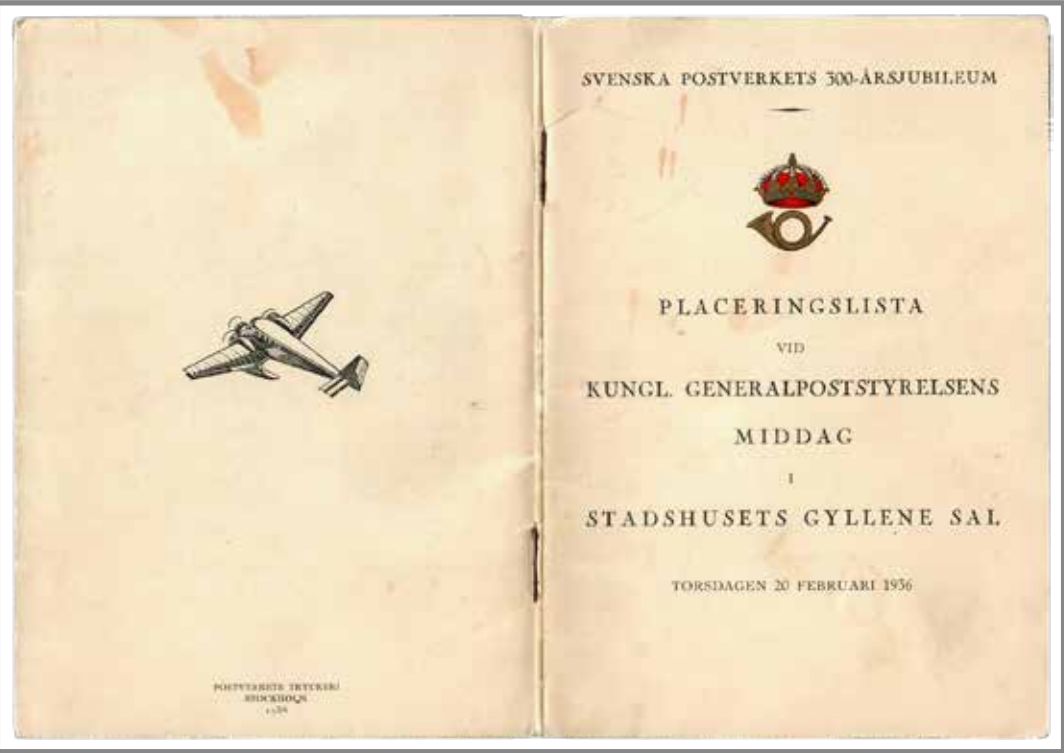
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cancelled POSTVERKETS 300 ÅRS JUBILEUM 20.2.1936



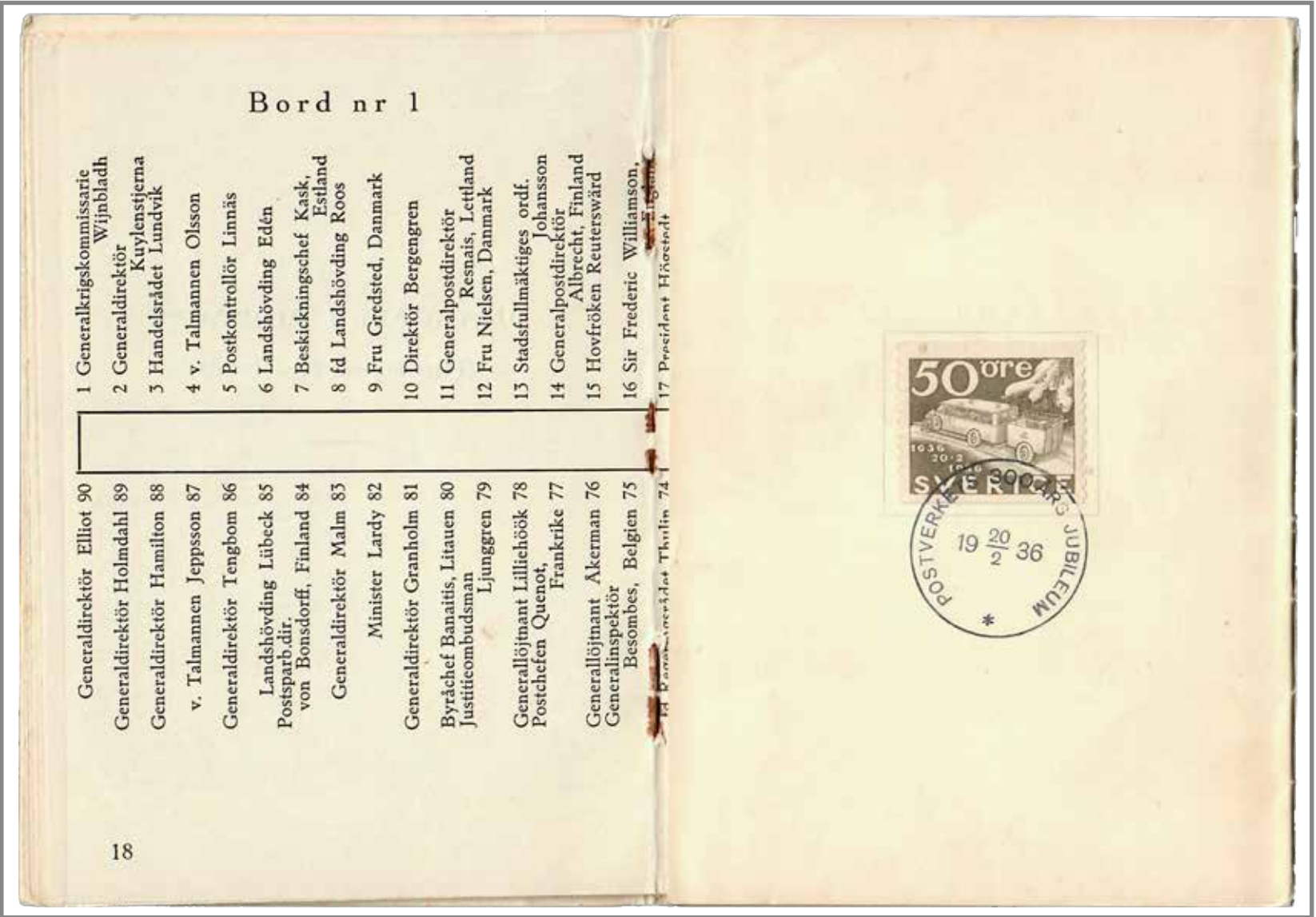
Program Contents
THE MEMORIAL CEREMONY...



Contained cigarettes for guests, *rare*



Placement list with stamped insert



50 öre 300th Anniversary of the Post Office, cancelled 20.2.1936 on placement list

Odd items



Block Musuc in Sweden, cancelled STOCKHOLM MUSIK I SVERIGE 1.10.1983
autographs from all four ABBA members Agnetha Fältskog, Björn Ulvaeus, Benny Andersson
Anni-Frid "Frida" Lyngstad which is extremely rare

The group name was formed from the initial letters of the members' first names. Throughout the group's career, music and lyrics were written by Andersson and Ulvaeus, and until 1977 sometimes together with the group's manager, Stikkan Anderson.



ABBA - WATERLOO 50 år, cancelled. 6.4.2024

Short translation of the text in the article

On Stamp Day 1983, the Post Office issued a stamp block with five stamps "Music in Sweden" inspired by UNESCO's World Music Day. The block featured various musical elements, with ABBA representing Pop. However, only Agnetha, Anni-Frid and Benny were taken from the original picture. The guitar-playing Björn was taken from another of Anders Hanser's pictures. Since the theme was "music", the Post Office thought that someone in the group would play an instrument. Experienced designer Ingalill Axelsson put the pictures together.

ABBA och Anders Hanser

Text och bilder: Arne Karlsson

Lördag 6 april 2024 är det 50 år sedan ABBA:s historiska vinst i Eurovision Song Contest i Brighton. Postnord Frimärken har aviserat om frimärksutgåva på jubileumsdagen.

ABBA viktigare än Kungen

Postnords normala utgivning under våren sker i slutet av april. Då Postnord presenterade frimärksprogrammet för 2024 förklarades att det var viktigt att ABBA frimärken får utgivning jubileumsdagen den 6 april. Därmed bedömer man ABBA som viktigare än kungen. Carl XVI Gustaf tillträdde som statschef den 15 september 1973. Posten var inte så noga med att tajma in 50 årsdagen utan utgav frimärke redan 27 april 2023. Att fira jubileum innan det inträffat kan vara vanskligt.

Då Postnord översiktligt presenterade årsprogrammet för 2024 rådde fotoförbud för de frimärken som då endast förelåg som skiss. På min näthinna registrerades att det rör sig om tre frimärken inrikes brev i ett block, som firar ABBA.

Årets ABBA-jubileum aktualiserar en blick i backspegeln med några tidigare objekt som kan knytas till musikgruppen.

Producenten och fotografen Anders Hanser har sedan 1978 varit en flitig ABBA-fotograf. När Anders producerade radioprogram om skivbolaget Polar och ABBA spanade han in Stikkan Anderssons sekreterare. Anders uppskattande blickar besvarades och snart hade han vid

sin sida hustrun Görel Hanser. Detta gjorde att Anders Hanser fick ett familjärt förhållande till ABBA-klanen och kunde medfölja som fotograf.

Det var under framförandet av Hole In Your Soul vid konserten i Portland hösten 1979 som Anders tog den bild som skulle bli berömd när den hamnade på svenskt frimärke. Originalbilden har blivit en av de mest spridda av ABBA, och hade redan i december 1979 använts på omslaget till singeln I Have A Dream.

Vid Frimärkets Dag 1983 gav Posten ut frimärksblock med fem frimärken "Musik i Sverige" inspirerat av UNESCO:s världsmusikdag. I blocket olika musikinslag där ABBA representerade Pop.

Det var dock bara Agnetha, Anni-Frid och Benny som hämtats från originalbilden. Den gitarrspelande Björn plockades från en annan av Anders Hansers bilder. Eftersom temat var "musik" menade posten att någon i gruppen skulle traktera instrument. Rutinerade formgivaren Ingalill Axelsson sammanfogade bilderna.

Anders Hansers frimärksintresse väcktes då han 1956 som ung grabb besökte Postmuseums Nostippenaktivitet.



Någon av ABBA medlemmarna måste spela ett instrument på frimärket som posten gav ut 1983. Därför användes två fotografier för att sammanställa den slutliga bilden.

SFF - Filatelisten nummer 2 2024

Article in Filatelisten that tells about the motif on the stamps

Odd items



Swedish Football, cancelled STOCKHOLM 26.3.2004
autographs from all the players in original, rare



15 öre Carl von Linné cancelled STOCKHOLM 2.6.1939
on postcard with Linnés Hammarby

Linnés Hammarby
Linnaeus’ Hammarby is a cultural reserve and museum in the village of Danmarks-Hammarby, 15 kilometers southeast of Uppsala in Uppsala Municipality. The current farm building was built as a country estate and summer residence for Carl von Linné’s family in 1762 and was in the family’s possession until 1879, when the farm was purchased by the state, restored and became a museum.

The museum has permanent exhibitions about Carl von Linné’s collections, life and works, as well as temporary exhibitions, a botanical garden and a park.

Svensk Fotboll was published on the occasion of the Swedish Football Association celebrating 100 years.

Nils Liedholm, born 8 October 1922 in Valdemarsvik, died 5 November 2007 in Cuccaro Monferrato, Piedmont in Italy, was a Swedish football player and later coach. During the 1950s, Liedholm was part of the Swedish trio Gre-No-Li in AC Milan and won Olympic gold in 1948 and World Cup silver in 1958 as a national team player.

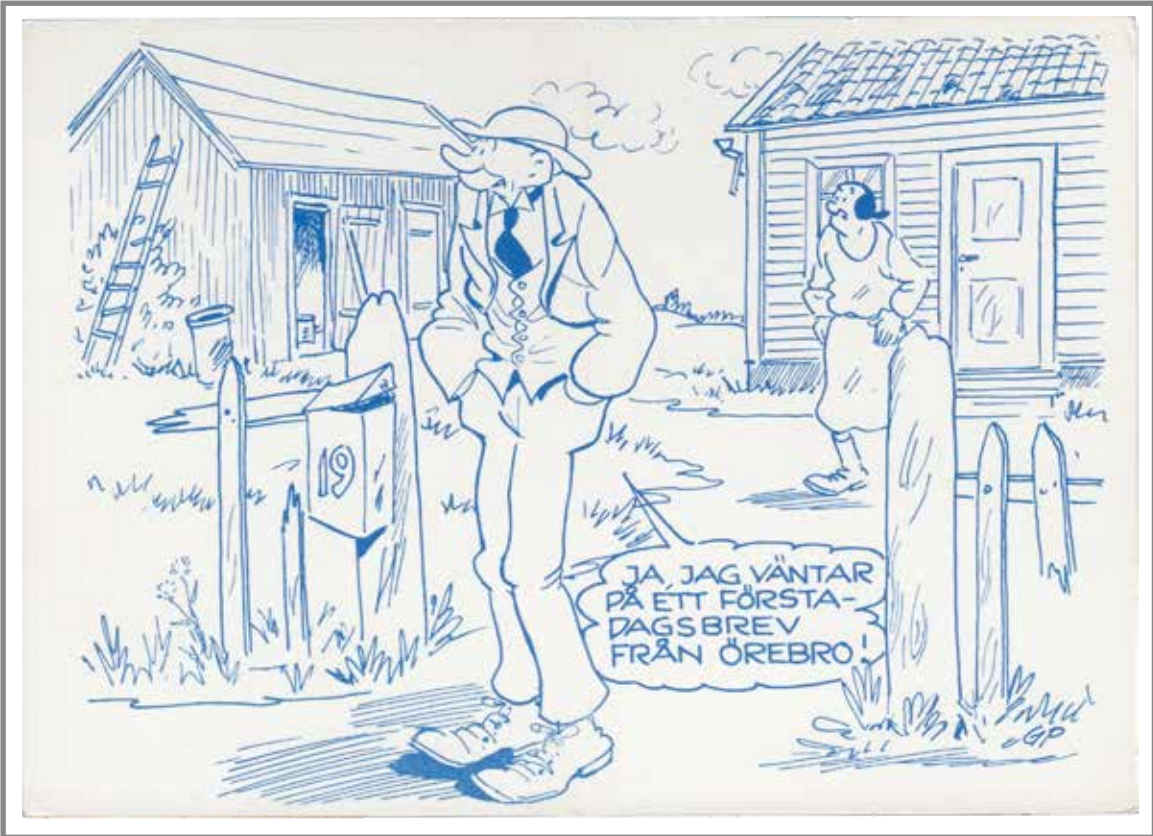
Hanna Ljungberg born 8 January 1979 in Umeå, is a Swedish former footballer, striker. She played most of her career for club team Umeå IK and played 130 international matches for the Swedish national team.

Fredrik Ljungberg born 16 April 1977 in Vittsjö, Skåne is a Swedish former footballer (attacking midfielder), and now a coach and expert commentator. Ljungberg started his career at Halmstads BK where he became Swedish champion, and then had successful years at English club Arsenal FC where he became English champion twice.

Henrik “Henke” Larsson born 20 September 1971 in Helsingborg is a Swedish former professional footballer (striker), later also active as a football coach. Larsson broke through at Helsingborgs IF and made his debut for the Swedish national team on 13 October 1993 in a match against Finland in the 1994 World Cup qualifiers, when he also scored his first international goal. He played a total of 106 international matches and scored 37 goals for Sweden between 1993 and 2009.

Victoria Svensson, born 18 May 1977 in Rånnaväg, is a Swedish football coach, sports director and former elite football player. During her active career, she was a reliable goalscorer, and she scored 68 goals in a total of 166 international matches for Sweden. At club level, she played for Nittorp, Jitex, Älvsjö AIK and Djurgården/Älvsjö.

Thomas Ravelli, born 13 August 1959 in Vimmerby, later raised in Växjö, is a Swedish former football goalkeeper who now works as a lecturer. Ravelli began his Allsvenskan career in Östers IF where he – together with his twin brother Andreas – was part of the Swedish Championship winning team in the 1980 and 1981 seasons. In 1989 he was recruited to IFK Göteborg where there were six more Championship titles before he took the step to the USA for a season in Tampa Bay Mutiny. During almost his entire senior career, Ravelli was the first goalkeeper in the Swedish national team (1981–1997) where he played in one European Championship and two World Cup finals with the World Cup bronze medal from 1994 as his greatest success.



Postcard with a famous cartoon character Kronblom with text
“I’m waiting for a first-day letter from Örebro”

Odd items



FDC in the form of a Postal Savings Bank Book with Centenary of Postal savings, cancelled 9.2.1984

Postal Savings Bank book

A "Postal Savings Bank Book" was a savings account offered by the Swedish Post Office, and was available at post offices. This savings bank was started in 1884 as Postsparbanken and later became part of the Swedish Post Office. Postsparbanken was part of the Post Office's operations until 1974, when it merged with Kreditbanken to form PKbanken. Later, banking services were relaunched under the name Postbanken in cooperation with Nordbanken, but these were closed down in 1999



Information that came with the Postal Savings Bank Book



Centenary of Postal savings, cancelled 9.2.1984
This was the first FDC from the Post Office to always have a vignette
the envelope was also numbered PFA 1984:1 etc.



Postal Savings Bank Book in original

Odd items



Article in EXPRESSEN 22/9 1971
The article tells you how to "play the stamp"

Dorothy Dorow

Dorothy Dorow was an English soprano, mostly active in contemporary vocal music. Dorow made her debut in her native London in 1958. She has sung world premieres of works by composers such as György Ligeti, Hans Werner Henze, Luigi Dallapiccola, Sylvano Bussotti and Luigi Nono.

Born: 22 August 1930

Died: 15 April 2017



Listen to the music

Musical Academy 200 years

A gramophone record with the music featured on the stamp was also issued in conjunction with the stamp. The record has two sides with different recordings:

STAMP MUSIK 1: For solo voice, Dorothy Dorow, soprano

STAMP MUSIK 2: Karl-Erik Welin, organ



Musical Academy 200 years on album cover signed by the engraver and the composer, cancelled STOCKHOLM ST:ERIKS-MÄSSAN 27.8.1971

Very rare with this autograph

The Royal Swedish Academy of Music

The Royal Swedish Academy of Music was founded by Gustav III in 1771. Today, the Academy is an independent institution that combines tradition with an active commitment to today's musical life.

"The Academy of Music is important to the cultural life of Sweden and the world. It is a place where the best of Swedish music is preserved and where the best of international music is introduced. It is a place where the best of Swedish music is preserved and where the best of international music is introduced. It is a place where the best of Swedish music is preserved and where the best of international music is introduced."

Since the Royal Swedish Academy of Music's statutes adopted by the government on 22 December 2020, a scholarship program where the Academy has close cooperation with the country's music and opera academies. Every year, hundreds of young music students get to share in several million kronor. The Academy also awards scholarships to researchers and educators.



Disc label side I



Disc label side II

Odd items



Article in GP 26 of february 1980 about a letter cancelled 2 days before the date of issue

That postal mistake could make Mikael rich

This is the story of how a boy managed to get his hands on a stamp with a postmark before the first day of issue. A newspaper article described this as a great find that can make Mikael rich.

The exhibitor purchased the object and the article clip for 300SEK in 2023.



Letter cancelled 2 days before the date of issue, which was not allowed according to Posten's rules.

New line of succession

The Swedish succession to the throne is regulated in the Order of Succession, which is one of Sweden's constitutions. The succession to the throne determines not only who will take over the throne if the reigning monarch dies or abdicates, but also who will take over as acting head of state (temporary head of state) if the regular head of state is ill, abroad or otherwise prevented from performing his or her duties.

Since 1980, Sweden has had full cognatic succession to the throne, meaning that the eldest male heir inherits the throne regardless of gender.

The stamp "Ny tronföljd" New line of succession was issued to celebrate this. The motif is King Carl XVI Gustaf med the crown princess Victoria.



Frontside of the card



The contents of the letter - a card cancelled with the correct date of issue

Odd items



Probable contents of the delivery from PFA

Postens Filateliavdelning PFA

Postadress Lokaler Telefon Postgirokonto

Fack, Stockholm 1
Drottninggatan 15, n b
Lokalsamtal 22 65 00 (växel)
Rikssamtal 22 65 20 (växel)
1049

Specifikation		
År pris öre	Antal	Summa Kr öre
345	1	345
Höjke	1	8
		11,45

Vi har mottagit Eder rekvisition av den ____ / ____ 19 ____ och har nöjet härmed
översända de beställda frimärkena jämte avräkning.

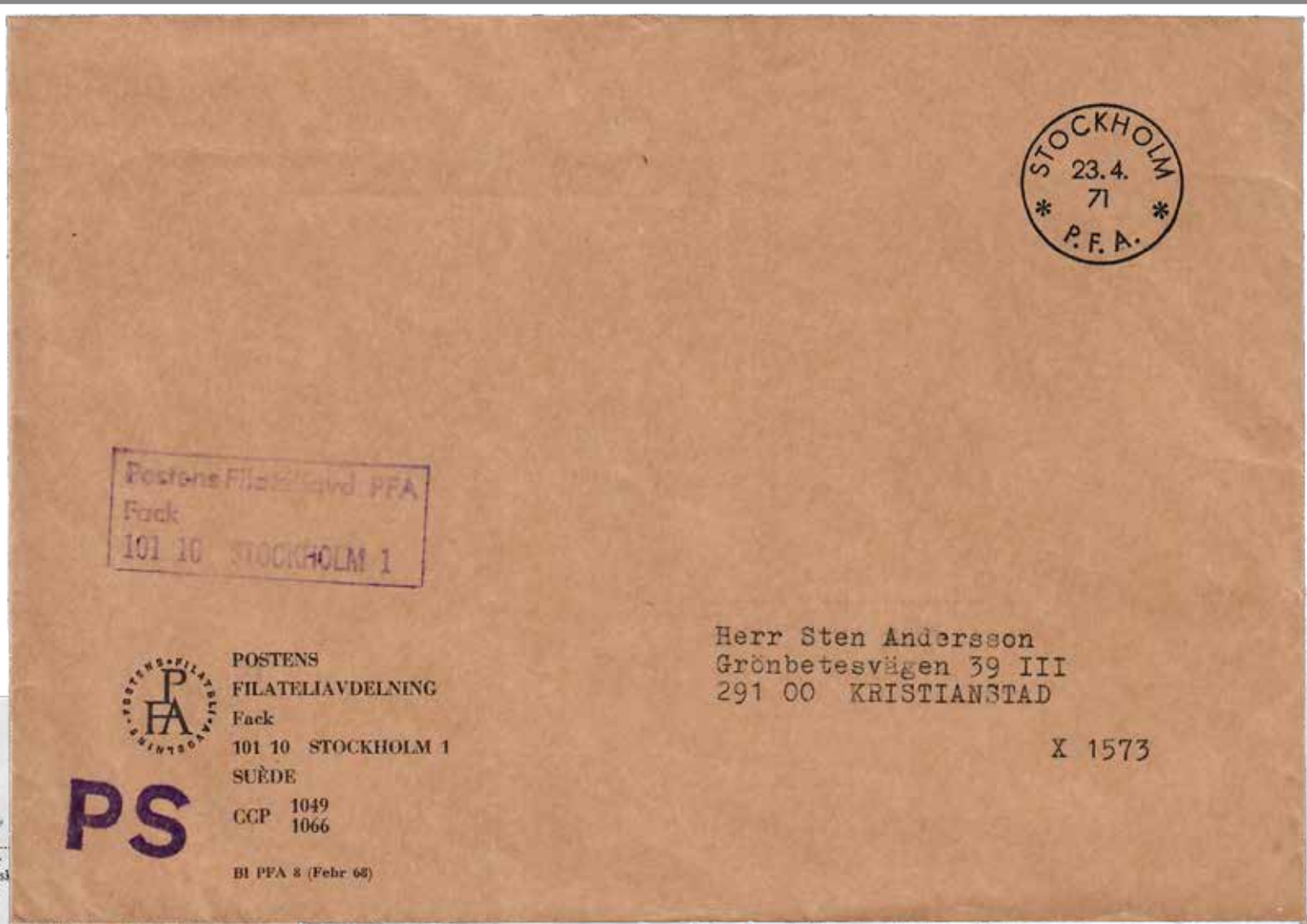
Kronor	öre	Kronor	öre
11	45		

Frimärken enligt förteckning
Porto
Inbetalat (kontobehållning den ____ / ____ 19 ____)
Återbetalas
Eder tillgodo
Felande belopp (uttas per postförskott)
140 tagit in genom tillkommande
E.H. J.J.
expedient kontrollant

Bl Kmb 5 A (April 63)

Receipt included 40 and 60 öre Gustaf VI Adolf, typ III cancelled 25.6.1964

Service letter cancelled STOCKHOLM 23.4.1971,
content unknown but probably an FDC



The Grödinge Tapestry, cancelled STOCKHOLM 23.4.1971,
probable contents, FDC with both SX pairs, normally only one pair

Three Crowns 1939 - 64



90 öre, 1:-, 1:20 kr Three Crowns cancelled STOCKHOLM 22.09.1939



85 öre, 1:15, 1:45 kr Three Crowns cancelled STOCKHOLM 20.11.1939



55, 80 öre, 1:10, 1:40 kr Three Crowns, 5, 10 öre Gustaf V right profil typ II cancelled STOCKHOLM 1.4.1948



65, 70 öre Three Crowns cancelled STOCKHOLM 11.11.1949

Three Crowns

Three Crowns was issued over a long period of time from 1939-69 in 34 different denominations. Sometimes other stamps were issued on the same date. Thus, there are FDCs with mixed motifs, but also with only Three Crowns.

Three crowns are Sweden's heraldic national symbol, found, among other things, in the national coat of arms and consisting of three open crowns of gold, placed two above one, on a blue background.

Through French research from the 1980s, solid evidence has been found that three crowns were used as a coat of arms and symbol of Sweden at least from sometime in the 1330s, by King Magnus Eriksson.



85 öre, 1:70 kr Three Crowns canceled STOCKHOLM 1.6.1951

Three Crowns 1939 - 64



1:50 kr Three Crowns cancelled STOCKHOLM 2.11.1951, vignette 1



1:50 kr Three Crowns cancelled HALMSTAD 2.11.1951, vignette 3



1:50 kr Three Crowns cancelled STOCKHOLM "Frimärket ger" 2.11.1951, vignette 3



50, 75 öre, 2 kr Three Crowns 30, 40 öre Gustaf VI Adolf, type I cancelled STOCKHOLM 2.11.1951, vignette 1



50, 75 öre, 2 kr Three Crowns 30, 40 öre Gustaf VI Adolf, type I cancelled STOCKHOLM 2.11.1951, vignette 2

Three Crowns 1939 - 64



2:10 kr Three Crowns cancelled STOCKHOLM 10.12.1964, vignette 1



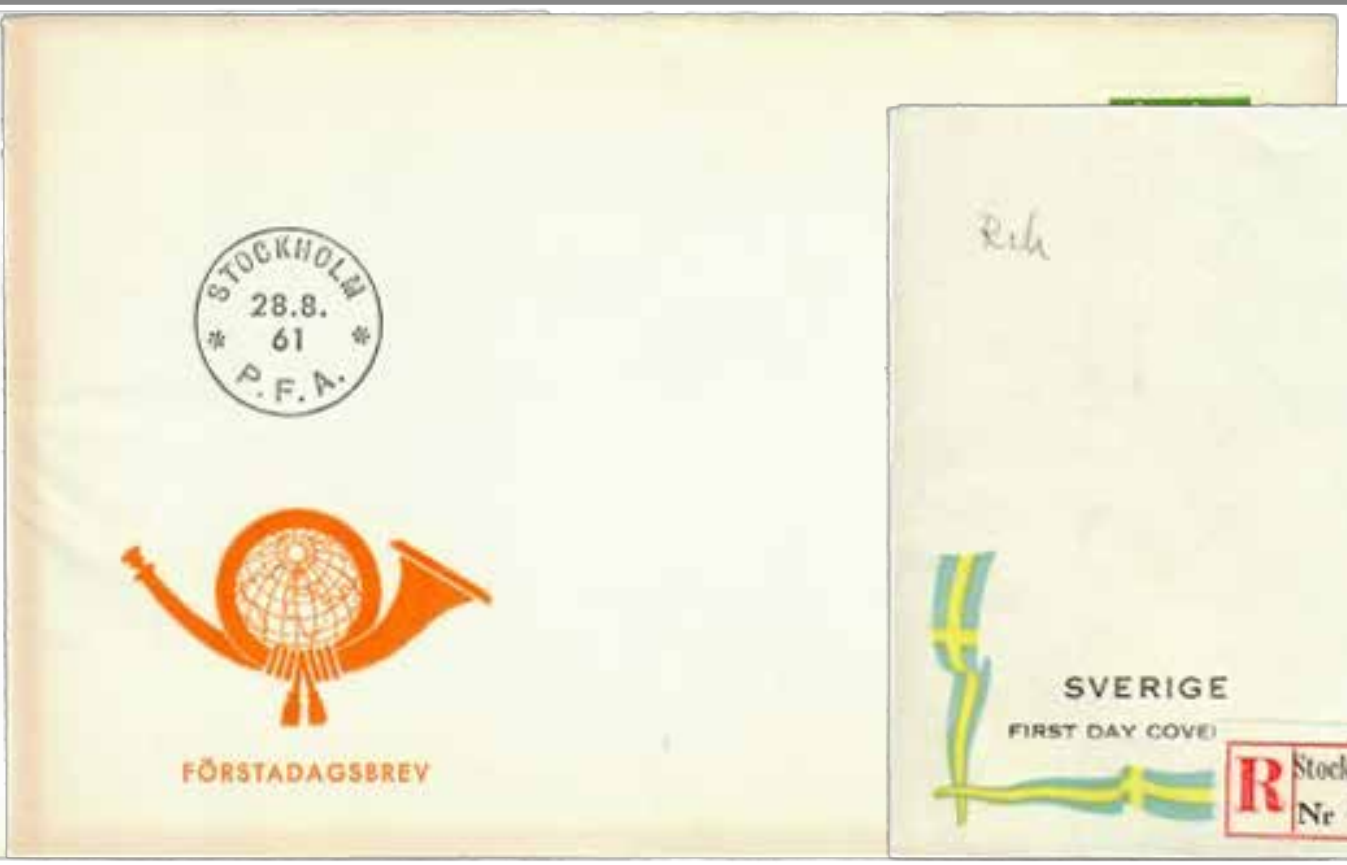
2:10 kr Three Crowns cancelled STOCKHOLM 10.12.1964, vignette 2



2:10 kr Three Crowns cancelled SPORDA 10.12.1964, vignette 3



2:50 kr Three Crowns cancelled STOCKHOLM 28.8.1961, vignette 1



2:50 kr Three Crowns cancelled STOCKHOLM 28.8.1961, vignette 2

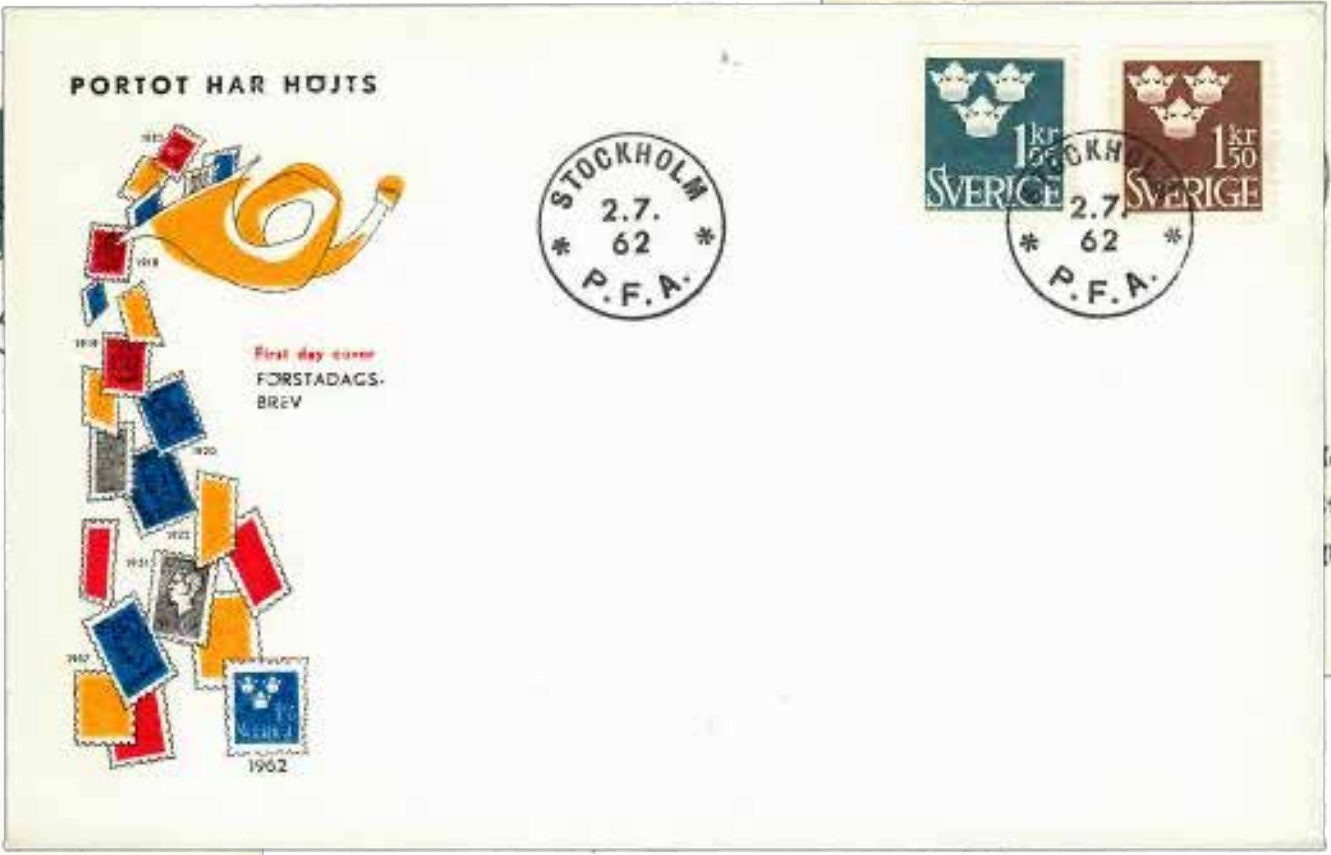


F313 2:50 kr Three Crowns cancelled STOCKHOLM 28.8.1961, vignette 3

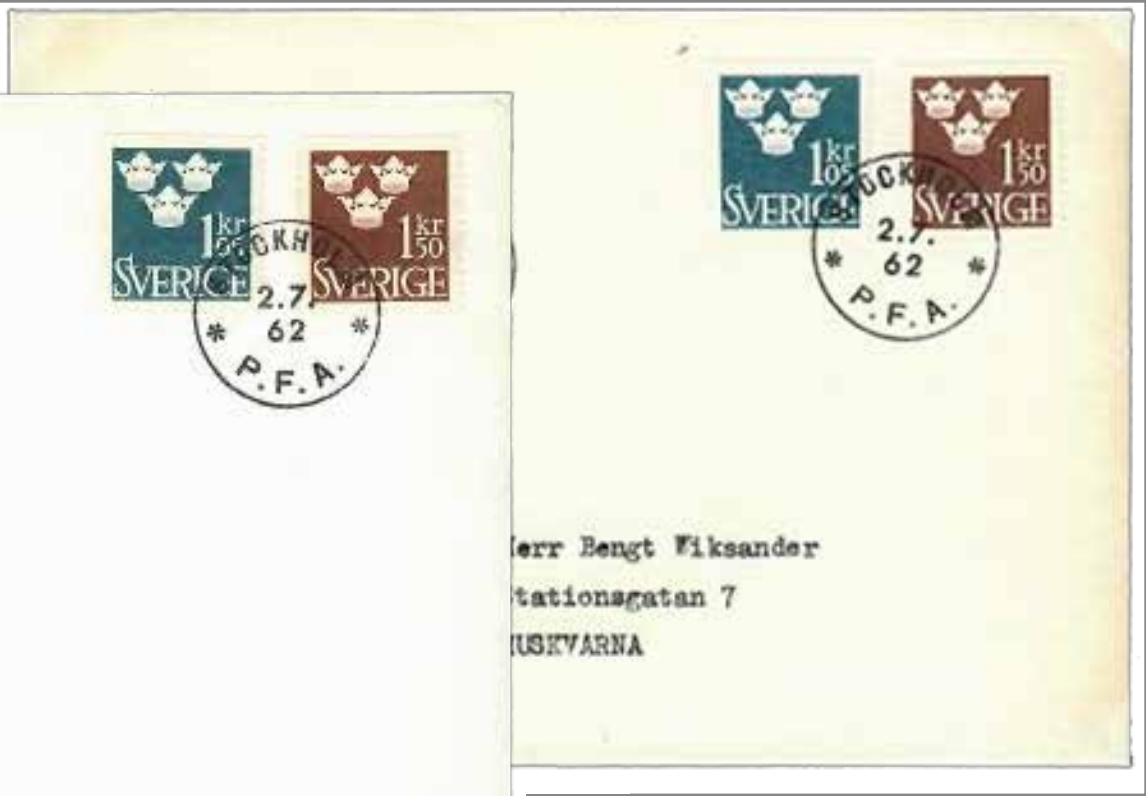
Three Crowns 1939 - 64



1:05, 1:50 kr Three Crowns cancelled STOCKHOLM 2.7.1962, vignette 5



1:05, 1:50 kr Three Crowns cancelled STOCKHOLM 2.7.1962, vignette 3



1:05, 1:50 kr Three Crowns cancelled STOCKHOLM 2.7.1962, no vignette



1:05, 1:50 kr Three Crowns cancelled STOCKHOLM 2.7.1962, vignette 7



1:05, 1:50 kr TThree Crowns cancelled STOCKHOLM 2.7.1962, vignette 3



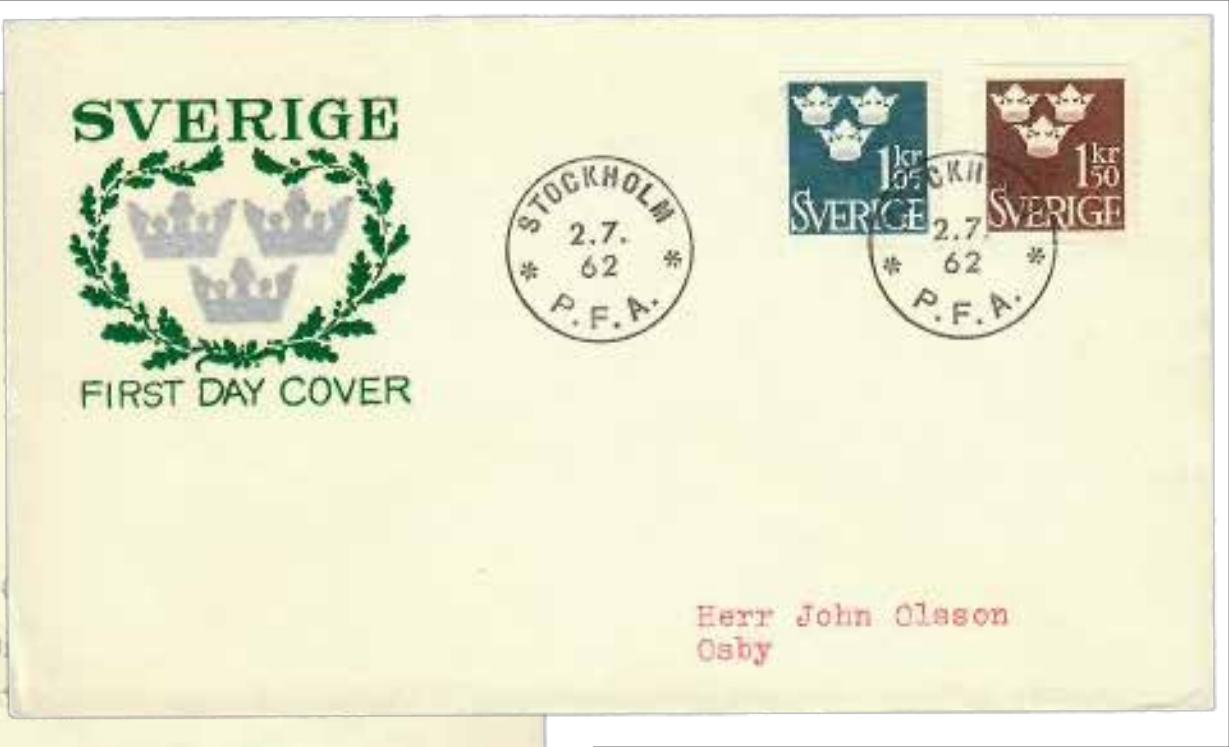
vignette 5



1:05, 1:50 kr Three Crowns cancelled STOCKHOLM 2.7.1962, vignette 8



vignette 9



vignette 6



15 öre, New Numeral Type, 2:15 kr Three Crowns cancelled STOCKHOLM 15.10.1962, vignette 3



vignette 5



vignette 1



vignette 7

Three Crowns 1939 - 64



2:55, 3 kr Three Crowns cancelled MALMÖ 24.8.1964, vignette 1
No PFA cancellation, is rare



2:55, 3 kr Three Crowns cancelled STOCKHOLM 24.8.1964, vignette 3



2:55, 3 kr Three Crowns cancelled STOCKHOLM 24.8.1964, Wrong vignette
Here someone has used a vignette that was supposed to be used on the vending machine booklets this is called IRTU = no relation to the edition

vignette 8



2:55, 3 kr Three Crowns cancelled STOCKHOLM 24.8.1964, vignette 2

Album pages/Collector's pages

In addition to covers cancelled on the first day, these exist in a very limited edition. "Albumblad Premiär" issued by the Swedish Post Office starting 10/2 1939. The edition was limited to 100/issue.

From 26/4/1948, the album sheet "Vinjett" was published by Frimärkshuset AB in 800 copies/issue. The album sheet "Vinjett" always had, as the name suggests, a vignette.



Album page Vinjett, cut to fit in albums



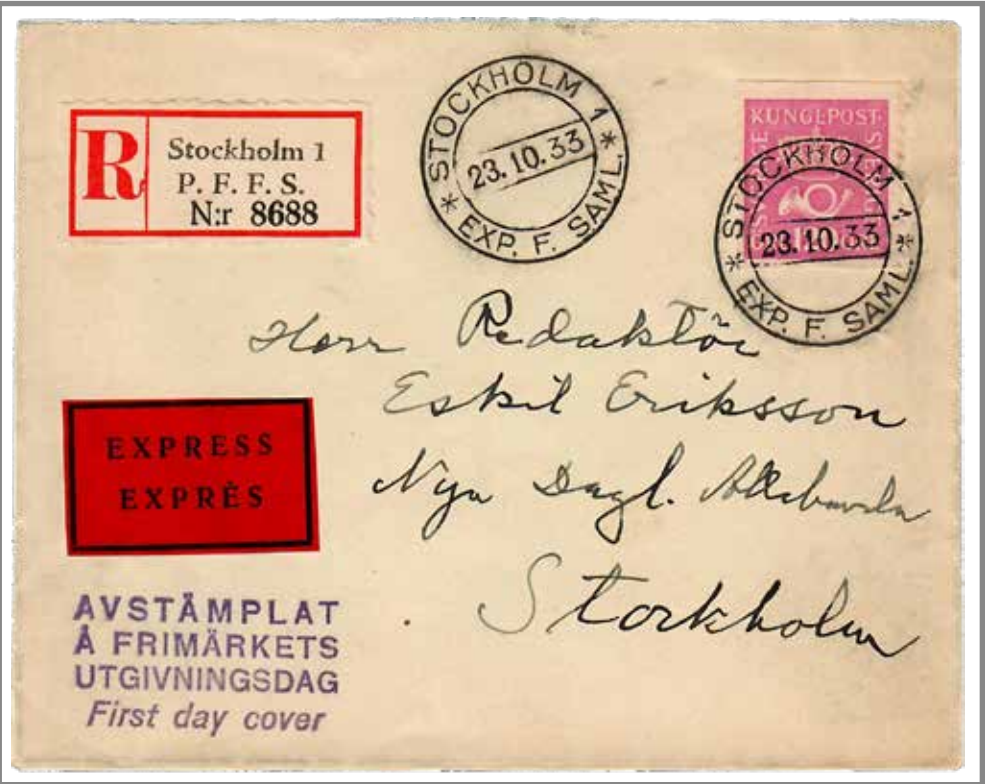
Album page Premiär, cut to fit in albums

Different labels

One way to expand your collection is to collect the same issue while finding several different labels such as REK, EXPRESS, Postförskott or other things making the cover distinctive.



120 öre rose-lilac Crown and Posthorn, cancelled. 30.10.1933 STOCKHOLM PFFS



120 öre rose-lilac Crown and Posthorn, cancelled 30.10.1933 STOCKHOLM 1, REK- + EXPRESS-label

EXPRESS letters are normally delivered on the first working day after the submission date. Regular letters are only delivered two to three times a week at the moment in Sweden.

Postförskott or Cash on delivery is a form of shipment within Postal Service that involves the recipient paying an amount requested by the sender before the shipment is delivered by the postal carrier. The amount can be the value of the contents and often also the postal charges.

Cash on delivery was introduced in Sweden in 1866. On January 1, 2025, PostNord stopped offering cash on delivery as a service.

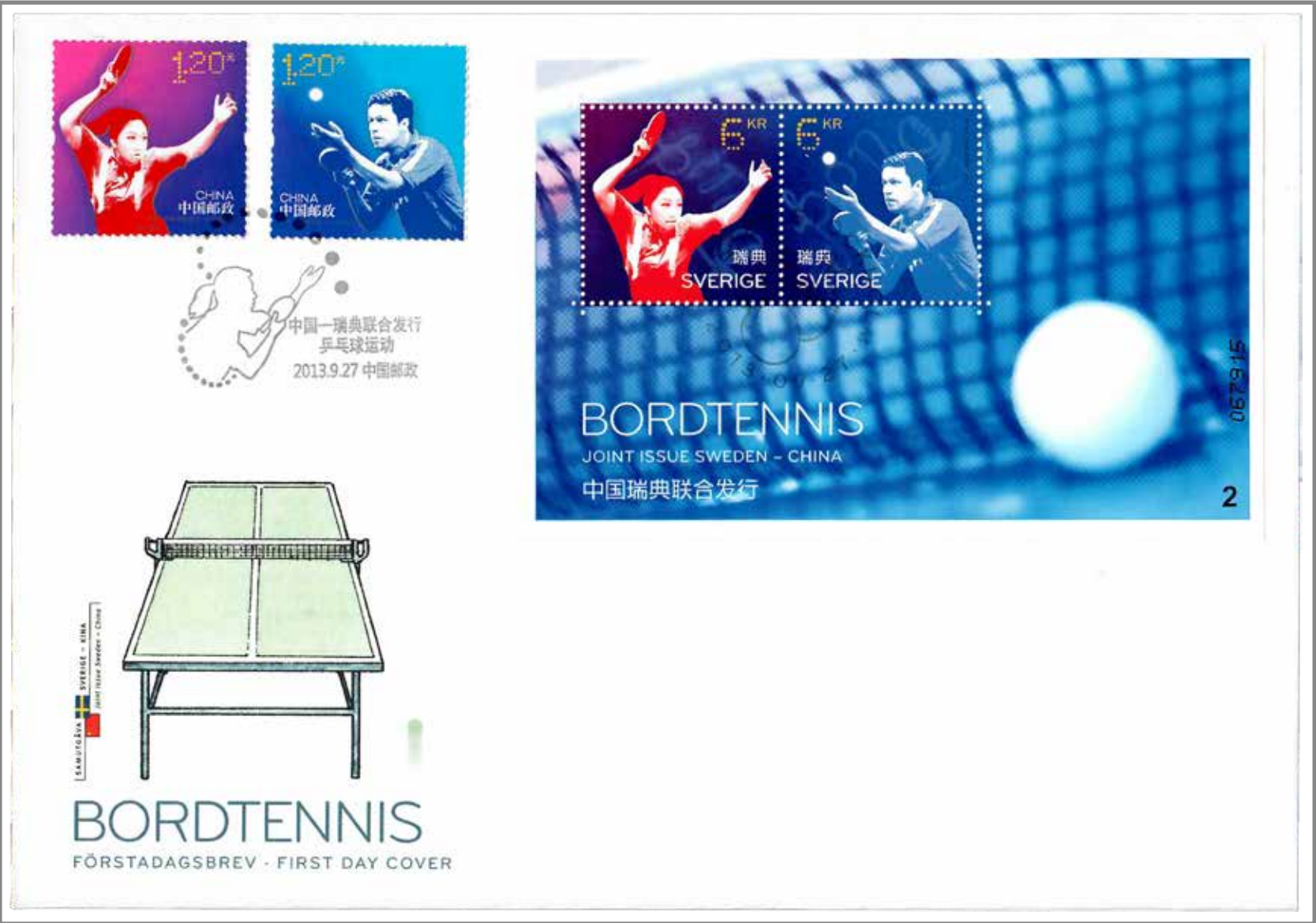


120 öre rose-lilac Crown and Posthorn, cancelled 30.10.1933 STOCKHOLM 1, REK- + Postförskott label



120 öre rose-lilac Crown and Posthorn, cancelled 30.10.1933 STOCKHOLM 1, REK-label

Modern rarity



BL38 Table tennis, cancelled 27.9.2013 KINA
On the block is visible Cyls 2 + kn 067915 which is counted as a "double" for a booklet collector and is a bit unusual on an FDC

J-O Waldner and the block with a red background

Table tennis star Jan-Ove Waldner considers China his second homeland and the Chinese love Lao Wa - "Old Wa(ldner)", according to an information card from PFA.

The block came in two editions. The variant with the red background was printed in a very limited edition (2,500 copies according to an unconfirmed source). It was sold at the China International Collection Expo 2013 in China. Subscribers in Sweden had to make do with the blue background.

The stamp societies that organized the Stamp Day received a limited number from the Post Office to sell these. Some societies returned unsold blocks. Therefore, there are not many blocks that are cancelled on the day of issue.

The Swedish FDC Society

The Swedish FDC Society was formed in January 2013 for collectors of Swedish FDC (First Day Cover) with the aim of promoting and informing about Swedish FDCs.

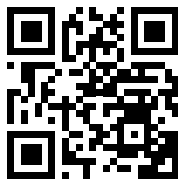


Table tennis, cancelled 27.9.2013 POSTEN STOCKHOLM, red background is rare, about 10 copies



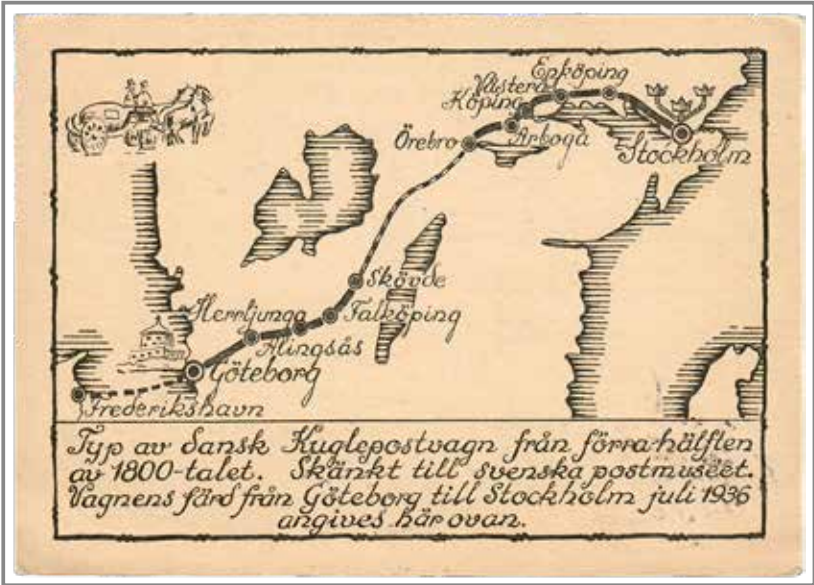
Table tennis, cancelled 27.9.2013 VINDELN, with red background very rare

Special cancellations

Another way to expand your collection is to collect items with special cancellations.



15 öre brown King Gustaf V, left profil,
cancelled 1.7.1936 GÖTEBORG -STOCKHOLM KUGLEPOSTEN
additional cancellation POSTDIREKTIONEN VD and POSTDIREKTÖREN



The front of the card shows KUGLEPOSTENS route



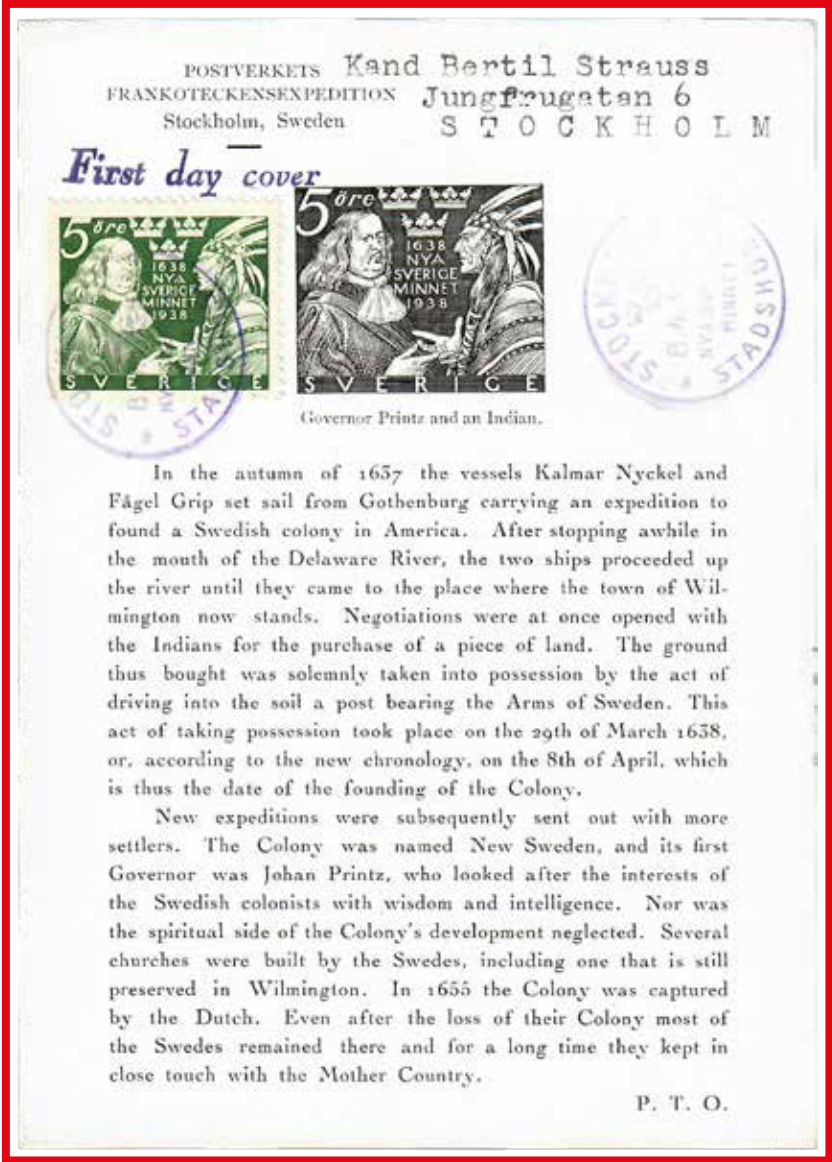
Bromma, cancelled 23.5.1936 STOCKHOLM 1, additional cancellation ILIS



The front of the card

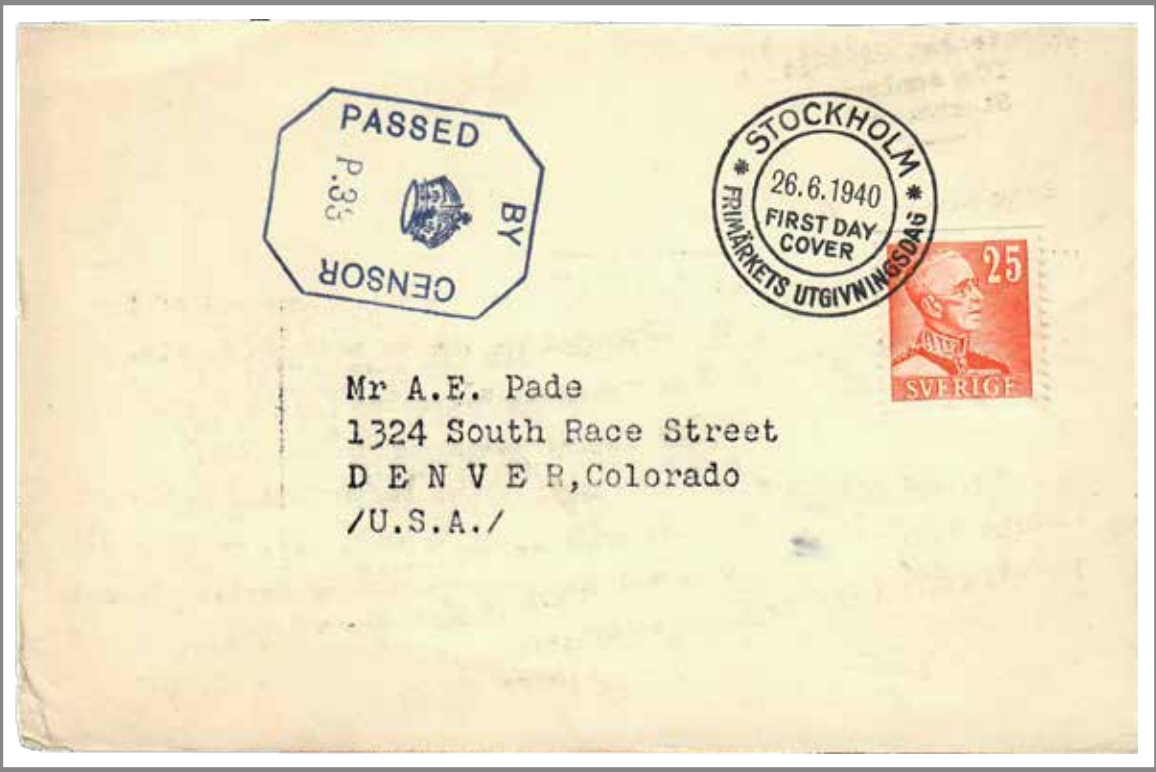
Kugleposten

"The Ball Post". The Ball Post started in 1816 and existed until 1856. When the Swedish Post Office celebrated 300 year in 1936, the Danish Post Office decided to donate such a carriage Post to Sweden.



F261 Commemotating "New Sweden",
cancelled 23.5.1936 STOCKHOLM STADSHUSET in purple color,
rare stamp and card

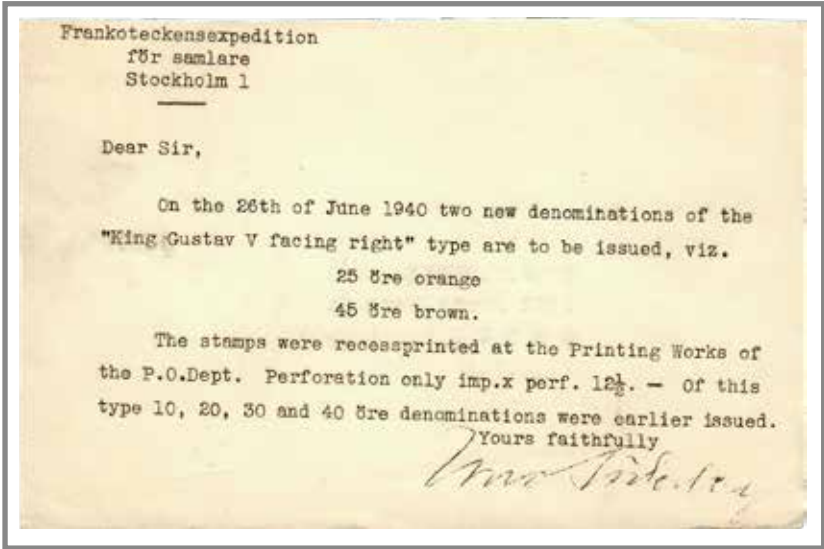
Special cancellations



25 öre Gustaf V right profile, typ II, stpl. 26.6.1940 STOCKHOLM, additional stamp PASSED BY CENSOR P.33

Passed by censor

This stamp was used by over 10,000 people employed to censor mail during World War II.



The back of the card sent from PFFS signed Uno Söderberg



Sea and Helicopter mail, cancelled 10.2.1958 GÖTEBORG FLYG, additional cancellation GBG:s TRÄNGBEF.

Sea transport of mail has been used since the 17th century. The first regular transport route was between Ystad and Stralsund, which opened in 1683.

Helicopter mail started in 1948 with regular routes between Bromma and the Stockholm archipelago. It has since then been used to deliver mail when ice stopped boat traffic.

Sveriges Filatelist-Förening

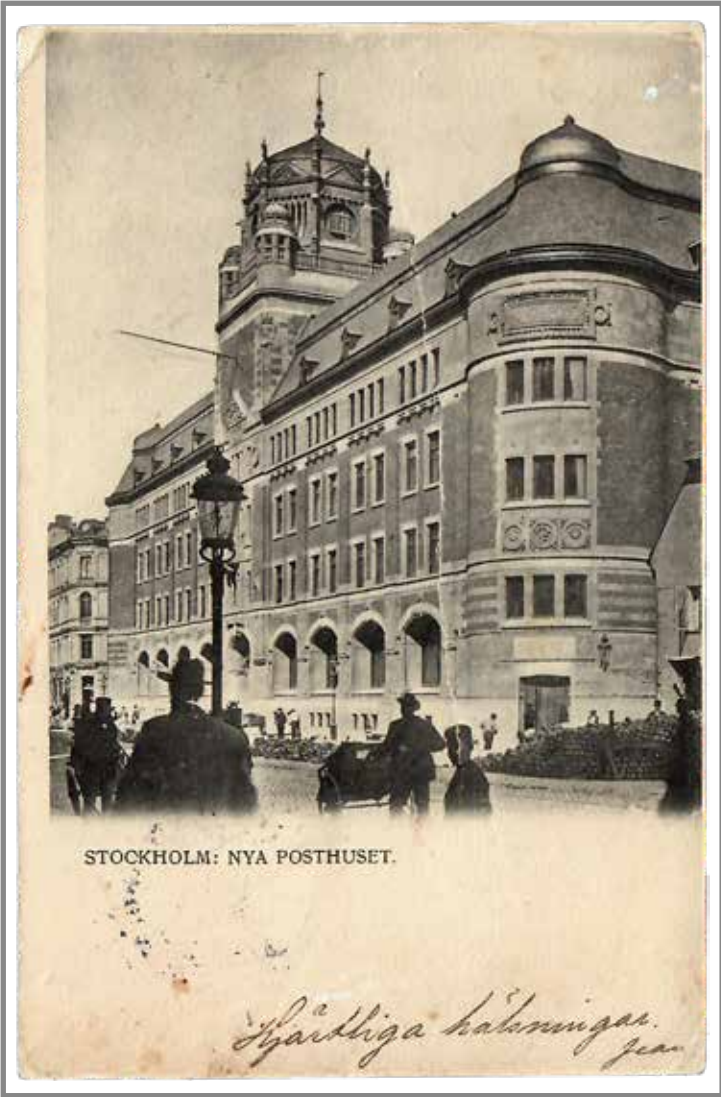
Nowdays, the Swedish Philatelic Association (Sveriges Filatelistförbund) is a Swedish association that was founded in 1886. It has individual members and over 100 associations throughout the country. The association is aimed at collectors of stamps, letters, postcards and more.



Artur Hazelius, cancelled 30.8.1941 GÖTEBORG SVERIGES FILATELIST-FÖRENING KONGRESS OCH UTSTÄLLNING

A historical event

One way to expand your collection is to collect items from a specific historical event with special stamps. In this case, “Nya posthuset invigning” (The opening of the new post office) and “Riksdagens 500-års jubileum” (The 500th anniversary of the Parliament)



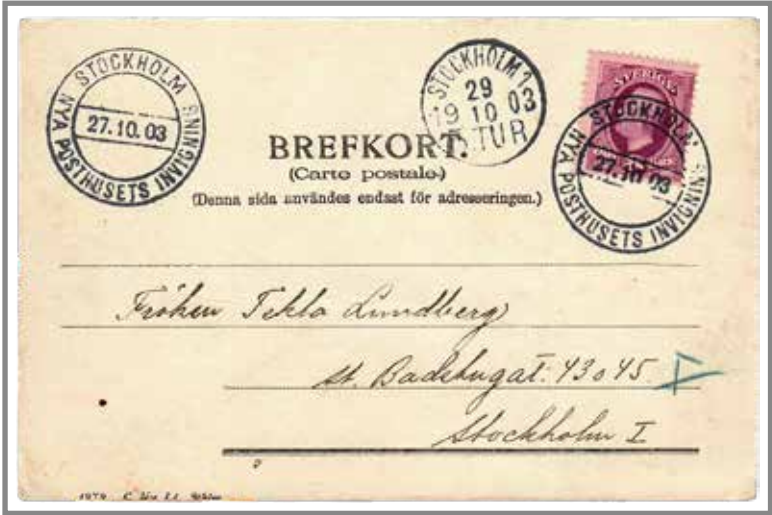
Postcard shows NYA POSTHUSET

The opening of the new post office

The Central Post Office on Vasagatan in Stockholm was inaugurated with royal pomp and show on October 27, 1903 and is one of the masterpieces of Swedish architecture.

Behind the imaginative facade with all its intricate decorations was the architect Ferdinand Boberg. He had won the assignment in competition with four other architects. Boberg’s proposal was considered the most personal.

Today, the Central Post Office houses a large office, conference and event center.



8 öre Oscar II,
cancelled 29.10.1903
STOCKHOLM NYA POSTHUSETS INVIGNING



8 öre+5 öre Oscar II,
cancelled 29.10.1903 STOCKHOLM NYA POSTHUSETS INVIGNING



8 öre Oscar II, cancelled 29.10.1903 STOCKHOLM NYA POSTHUSETS INVIGNING



the front of the card

A historical event



The Parliament Buildings

The so-called Parliament Buildings (Riksdagshuset) on Helgeandsholmen were originally built for both the Swedish Parliament (the building east of Riksgatan) and the Sveriges Riksbank (the building west of Riksgatan).

The Parliament building replaced the old Parliament building on Riddarholmen. After the bicameral Parliament was replaced by the unicameral Parliament in 1971, the former bank section was rebuilt to house the new plenary hall. During the rebuilding period, the Parliament was provisionally housed in the then newly built The Culture House (Kulturhuset) at Sergels Torg.



F240 Riksdagen 500 år, 5 öre, stpl. 10.1.1935 STOCKHOLM SVERIGES RIKSDAG

Information for the new stamps Riksdagshuset



Riksdagen 500 år, cancelled 10.1.1935 STOCKHOLM RIKSDAGSHUSET



Riksdagen 500 år, cancelled. 10.1.1935 VÄSTERFÄRNEBERG rare cancellation

Booklet FDC

The booklet FDC was published by Philswiss and distributed in Sweden through the Stamp House in Leksand. There are two different texts, one Swedish and one German. In the envelope there was a special custom-made plastic pocket with a stamp booklet. In many cases with a full booklet! On the outside there is a whole booklet that is stamped with the Swedish Post Office FDC stamp. The edition varies but is between 200-500 per issue.

Often the booklet is looted on the mint condition insert.



Swedish dogs cancelled 7.10.1989, **German text**



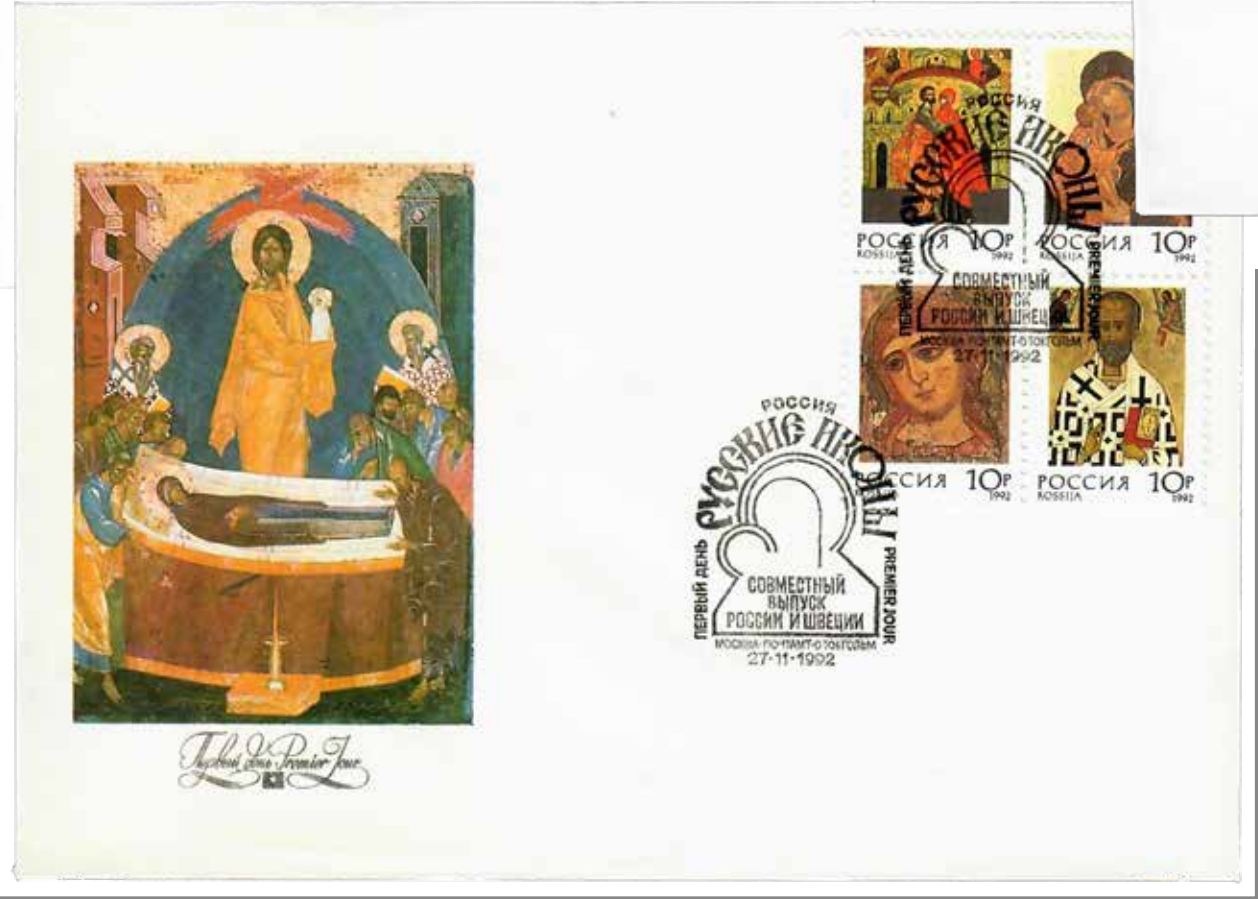
Swedish dogs cancelled 7.10.1989, **Swedish text**

Joint issues

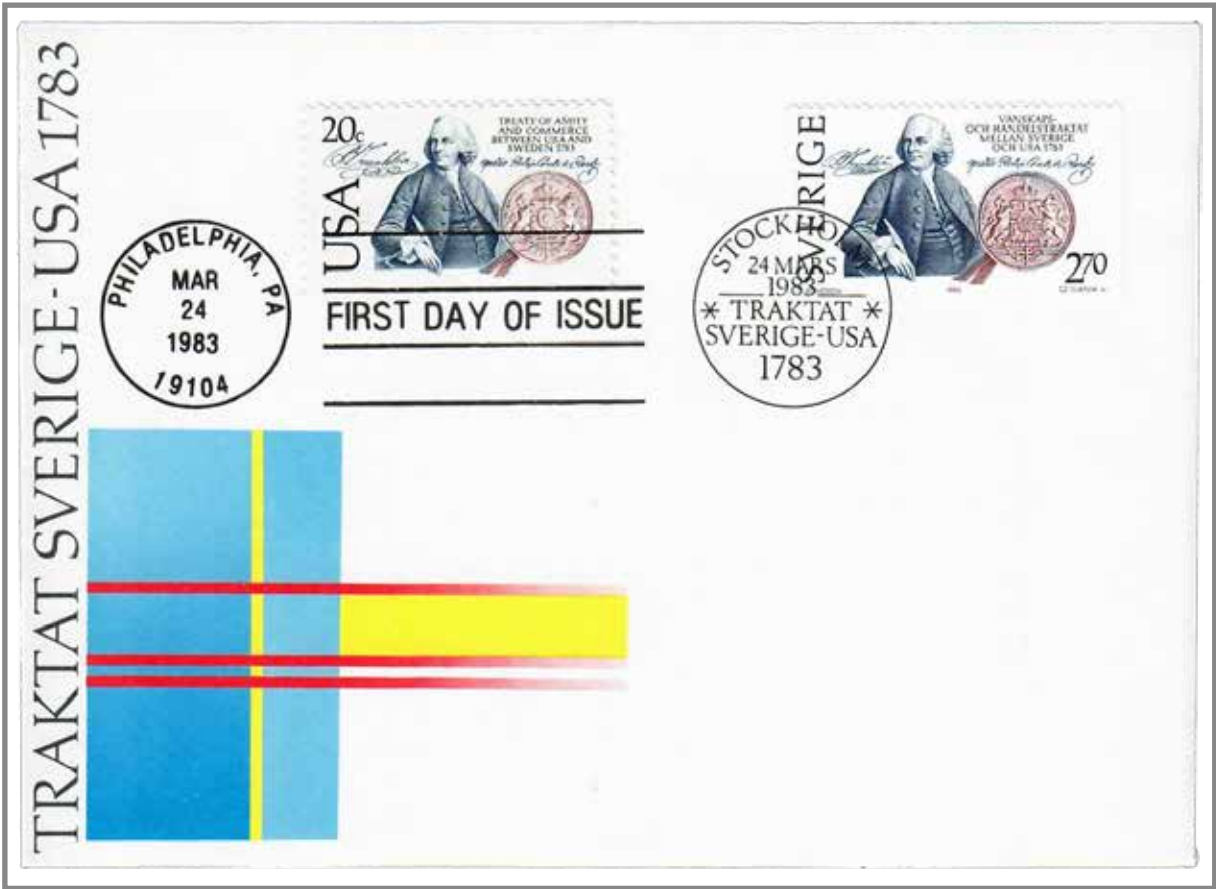


Joint issues

When the postal administrations of different countries cooperate, they might issue stamps with the same or similar motifs. In that case, an FDC might be issued with both countries' stamps on the same cover.



Domestic Christmas Post STOCKHOLM 27.11.92 with Russian co-edition on two different letters



Upper letter: Olof Palme, cancelled STOCKHOLMIA 86 swedish/russian
Lower letter: Treaty Sweden - USA, cancelled STOCKHOLM/PHILADELPHIA 24.3.1983

Joint issues



Sweden-Finland, cancelled 26.8.1995
and the corresponding Finnish stamp, on postcard

Centenary Alfred Nobels will and the corresponding German
stamp, cancelled 9.11.1995 in collector's folder

