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PLACE: MELBO or MELBU

COUNTRY: NORWAY

Population: About 1,000

Province: Nordland (Hadseløy) (Lofoten)

Date of Observation: 18 Mar. '51

General Description:

Express steamer port visited twice a week, north and south bound. Assembly and distributing center for Hadseløy and outer islands (Vesteraalen). Fishing processing, etc.

Geographic Description:

Inner part of Vesteraalen Islands climate very mild for latitude. Sheltered route from south through islands.

Occupations:

Agricultural

Fishing

Industrial

Small. Could see one saeter above tree line.

Important center

Four or more fish factories

Natural Vegetation:

Coniferous and deciduous, latter at tree line. Treeline can be seen from snow level in photographs.

Land Forms and Geology:

Rugged, glaciated, U-shaped valleys, cirques, etc.

Mining:

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Population (racial, cultural, linguistic): Norwegian fishing and farming folk with some professional and technical people. Large seasonal influx in spring for fishing.

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Ferries:

Location: From Stokmarknes to Sandnes i. e. at northern end of island.

Tonnage :

Capacity: Includes automobiles

Schedules: Regular see Rutebok

Steamers:

Routing: 1. Express steamer three times weekly north and south.

2. Small freighter 3. Two local motor schooners.

Tonnages: 1. 2,000 tons plus

2. 1,000 tons

Schedules: 1. Three times weekly

Bus Routes: 3. Daily

Summer: Around Hadselby and by ferry to Langby

Winter:

Other Transportation:

Local taxis exist.

MAPS

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Scale

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Guide and Other Books:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Erhverv og kultur langs polarkredsen (Chapter 5 - Fiskerier ved Lofoten og Finnmarken)	Jacobsen & Sveistrup	1950	Greenland Soc. Copenhagen	

PERSONAL DATA:

Date of travel to this place: 17 - 18 Mar. '51 Arrived: 8:00 am 18 Mar. '51
 Starting Point: Stamsund Departed: 9:30 am 18 Mar. '51
 Distance traveled (in kms): _____
 Vehicles Used: St. Svithun

 Where stayed: On boat Comments: _____

CONTACTS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>T.ph.</u>	<u>Comment</u>
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Photographs:

Purchased locally: None

Taken: Panoramas of shore including wharves taken from ship.

Sketches Made:

Location

Description

Melbo Harbor showing location of factories
and village.
To be studied in conjunction with photographs.

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Industries:

<u>Type</u>	<u>No. of Workers</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Power</u>
Fish processing at least 4.		Dry and salt fish. Herring oil, fish meal	Local steam electricity.
Processing seal oil Tannery			

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SEAPORTS:

General Comments: Mainly fishing harbor, supplemented by transit traffic on express steamers north and south.

Cargo Handling:

Wharves:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Depth</u>
Main Steamship Wharf of wood	At town	150 meters long at least 5.2 meters deep.
Government Filet Plant (Concrete)	Opposite town	100 meters long 5.2 meters deep.
Herring Oil Plant (Wood)	At town	120 meters long 9 meters deep.

Lighters: Also several small fishing wharves.

Yes - small lighters for fish

WAREHOUSES: On steamship quay.

Cranes:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Comments</u>
On steamship quay	Half ton	hand driven

Repair Facilities

Machine Shops: Small

Foundries: No

Dry docks: No

Salvage gear: No

Supplies Available

Water	<u>Yes</u>	Coal	<u>No</u>
Provisions	<u>Small</u>	Oil-Fuel	<u>Yes</u>
Engineering	<u>No</u>	Diesel Fuel	<u>Yes</u>
Deck	<u>No</u>		

Harbor Information The harbor is protected by two stone breakwaters. Main purpose is for fish vessels. Svithun was warped around in it, but no room for two steamers.

Note: Svithun ran aground on reef in Baftsund during previous night. Was tugged

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