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PLACE: HARSTAD

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COUNTRY: NORWAY

Population: 4,085 plus in 1950

Province: Troms

Latitude 68° 48 minutes north
Longitude 16° 38 minutes east of Gr.

Date of Observation: 18 Mar. '51

General Description:

Herring headquarters of Norway. Best harbor in the northwest, with excellent steamship connections, large road network and good farm land despite high latitude.

Geographic Description:

Offshore islands, inner or landward side. Sheltered from ocean storms but climate milder than mainland.

Occupations:

Agricultural

Fishing

Industrial

Some dairy and mixed farming
Very important herring fishing and packing, also cod, etc.

Many based on fish and shipping and on local needs

Natural Vegetation:

Deciduous (birches) to tree line. Relatively mild conditions.

Land Forms and Geology:

Local terrain very hilly with limit to amount of level land for town site. Fine scenery, glaciated, around and across fjord.

Mining:

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Population (racial, cultural, linguistic): Norwegian. Apparently energetic and progressive. Have worldwide contacts through shipping, wide market for fish, etc.

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Climate and Weather

Temperatures: Air -1° C at 16 hrs. Water $+ 3^{\circ}$ C

Precipitation: None - Snow on ground

Clouds: At first clear than cloudy over to ten-tenths. Wind slight

Other: Observing station for large area.

Electric Power: Yes

Source:

Voltage: 230 Cycle: 50

Extent of Grid: Nearby island

Telephone Yes Telegraph Yes Radio Large TV

TRANSPORTATION: (From: Harstad To: Local and mainland)

Railway: None

Station:

Ballast:

Power :

Gauge :

Bridges:

Highways:

Route No's : #838 to Sandtorg and ferry for mainland via #795 to Route #50 at Bjerkvik. #841 and #795 south across island.

Surface Type: Gravel

Width : Varies

Seasonal Use: All year

Underpass :

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Ferries:

None local - note ferry from Sandtorng to mainland.
Location:

Tonnage :

Capacity:

Schedules:

Steamers:

Routing: Express steamer north and south. Many local. Foreign ocean going
including tankers.

Tonnages:

Capacity:

Schedules: Daily express. See Rutebok.

Bus Routes: Throughout island and to mainland.

Summer:

Winter:

Other Transportation:

Fair number of taxis and other automobiles.

MAPS

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Scale</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Publisher</u> |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Plan of Town in Veibok | | 1949 | Nor. Automobile Club |

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Guide and Other Books:

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| <u>Title</u> | <u>Author</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Publisher</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|-------------|
| Newspaper Harstad Tidende | | 3 times wkly. | | |

PERSONAL DATA:

Date of travel to this place: 18 Mar. '51 Arrived: 15 hrs.
 Starting Point: Risbyhamn Departed: Harstad
17 hrs. 18 Mar. '51

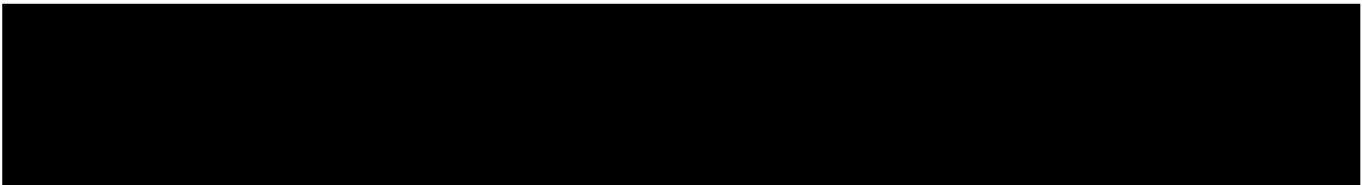
Distance traveled (in kms): _____

Vehicles Used: St. Svithun

Where stayed: _____ Comments: _____

CONTACTS:

| 25X1X6 | <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: Of ship harbor and nearby town, including diver at work on ship.
Conditions very poor.

Sketches Made: None but see good map in Veibok

Location

Description

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Industries:

Numerous

| <u>Type</u> | <u>No. of Workers</u> | <u>Products</u> | <u>Power</u> |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Fish processing including canning, herring oil and meal (largest in Scandinavia) | | | Electrical |
| Cold Storage and quick freezing. | | | |
| Small ship repairs | | | |
| Machine Shops | | | |
| Woolen Goods | | | |
| Butter, margarine, etc. | | | |

Note: Harstad is an important base for Arctic operations of Norwegian ships, hence industries based on Arctic products.

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SEAPORTS:

General Comments:

Outstanding ports of north central Norway, important for local distribution and international trade. Supply base for vessels to Arctic and White Sea fishing and sealing.

Cargo Handling:

Wharves:

| <u>Name:</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Depth</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Main Steamship Wharf | Town (Concrete) | 340 ft. x 25 ft. depth |
| Eight other wharves | " | 15 to 25 ft. |

Lighters:

Yes, various tonnages.

Warehouses: Numerous large.

Cranes:

| <u>Location</u> | <u>Tonnage</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Shipyard | 25 | |

Repair Facilities

Machine Shops: Yes

Foundries: "

Dry docks: 4 ship yards. 700 ton slip. New large drydock being built.

Salvage gear: Yes divers and salvage vessel.

Supplies Available

| | | | |
|-------------|-----|-------------|----------------|
| Water | Yes | Coal | two bunkers |
| Provisions | Yes | Oil-Fuel | Several depots |
| Engineering | " | Diesel Fuel | " " |
| Deck | Yes | | |

Harbor Information Good charts available. Adequate harbor with great variety of wharves around bay. Apparently no need of break waters. Depths to 30 ft.

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