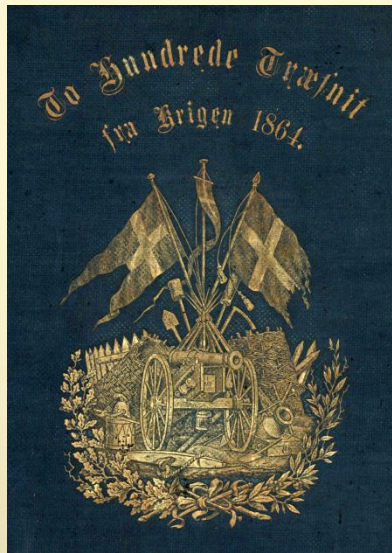


# Denmark and the War of 1864



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# Schleswig, Holstein, Hamburg and Lübeck







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# The Kingdom of Denmark c.1625





# The Kingdom of Denmark in the late 17<sup>th</sup> century





By 1814  
Denmark was  
responsible  
for the whole  
area north of  
the River Elbe

However  
there were  
still anomalies  
in governance  
and borders





# Fehmarn

## Off the coast of Holstein

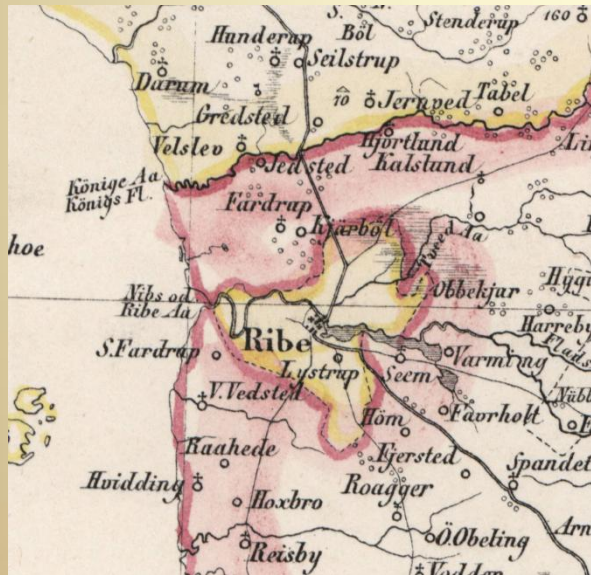
## But part of Schleswig



# Ribe

## Within the Danish Kingdom

## But part of Schleswig

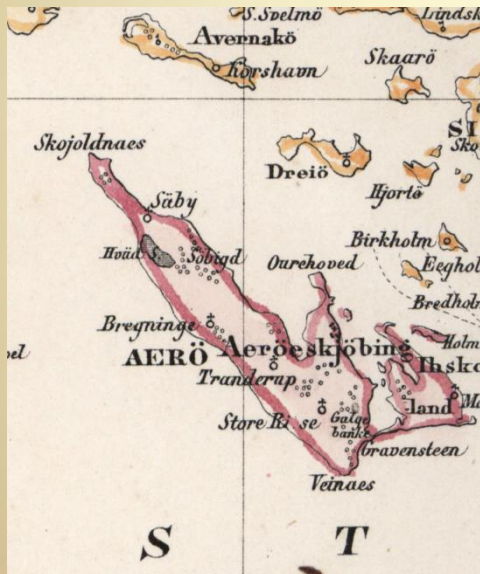




# Aerø

## Off the coast of Denmark

## But part of Schleswig



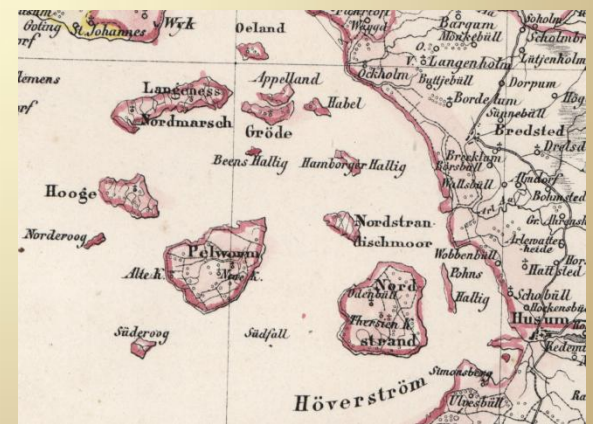
# Rendsburg In Holstein But partly in Schleswig





# The Frisian Islands

Divided Governance and  
changed by flooding



# The extent of the Danish Post Office

Lauenburg 118





Border rates were agreed in a postal convention of 1860 and reported in Circular No. 3 of 1861 (21<sup>st</sup> January, paragraph 5b).

Mecklenburg offices were Schönburg, Rehna, Gadebusch, Wittenburg, Brahlstorf and Boizenburg, and Lauenburg offices were Büchen, Schwarzenbeck, Mölln, Friedrichsrue and Reinbeck.

The rate was 1 Sgr. = 4 Skilling = 1¼ Schilling Courant. Cours Circular 37/1865



15<sup>th</sup> January 1862,  
Border rate cover from  
**LAUENBURG** via  
**HAGENOW-ROSTOCK**  
(double ring d.s. on the  
reverse) to Gadebusch  
in Mecklenburg-  
Schwerin. Cancelled  
with Numeral 148.





# The extent of the Danish Post Office

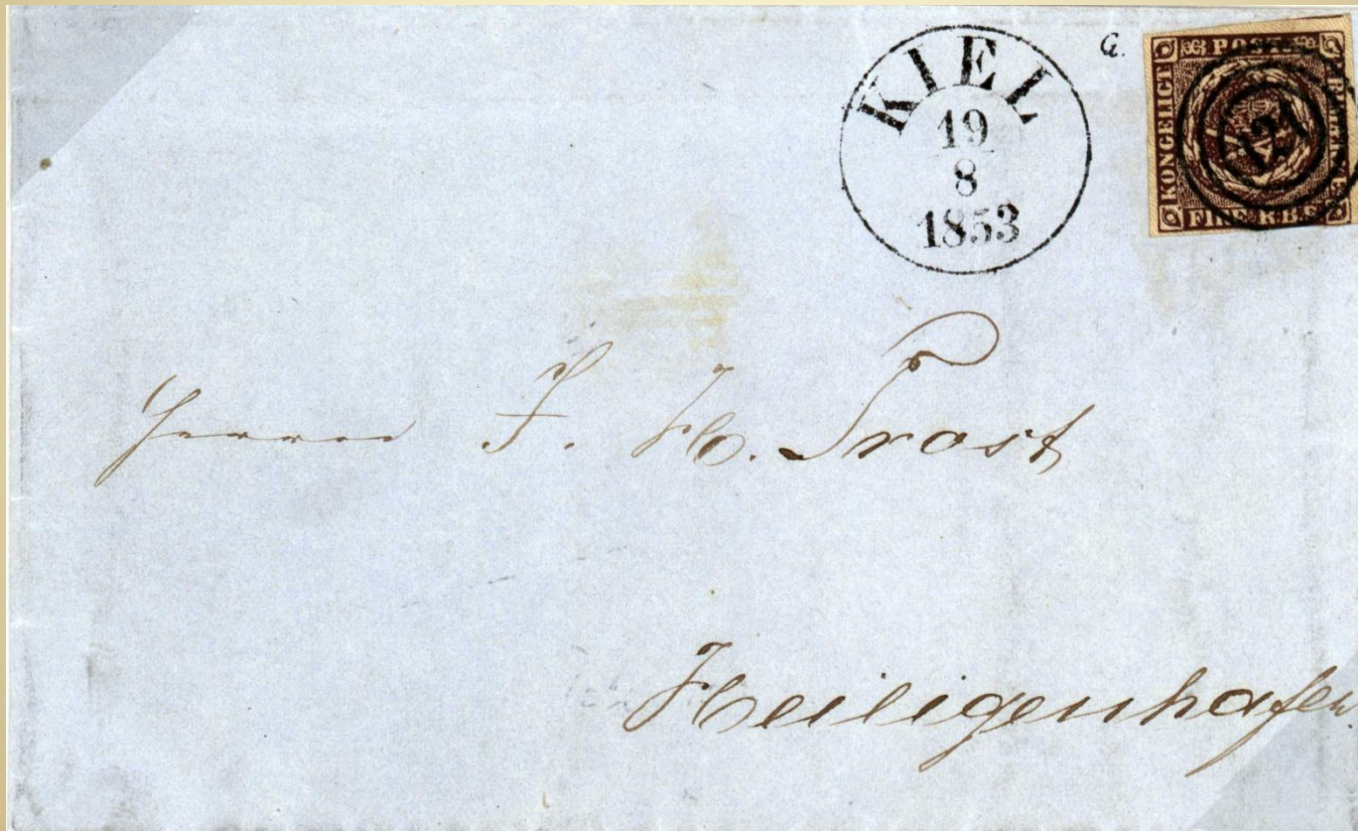
21<sup>st</sup> December 1854 'Ladies Cover' from Hamburg





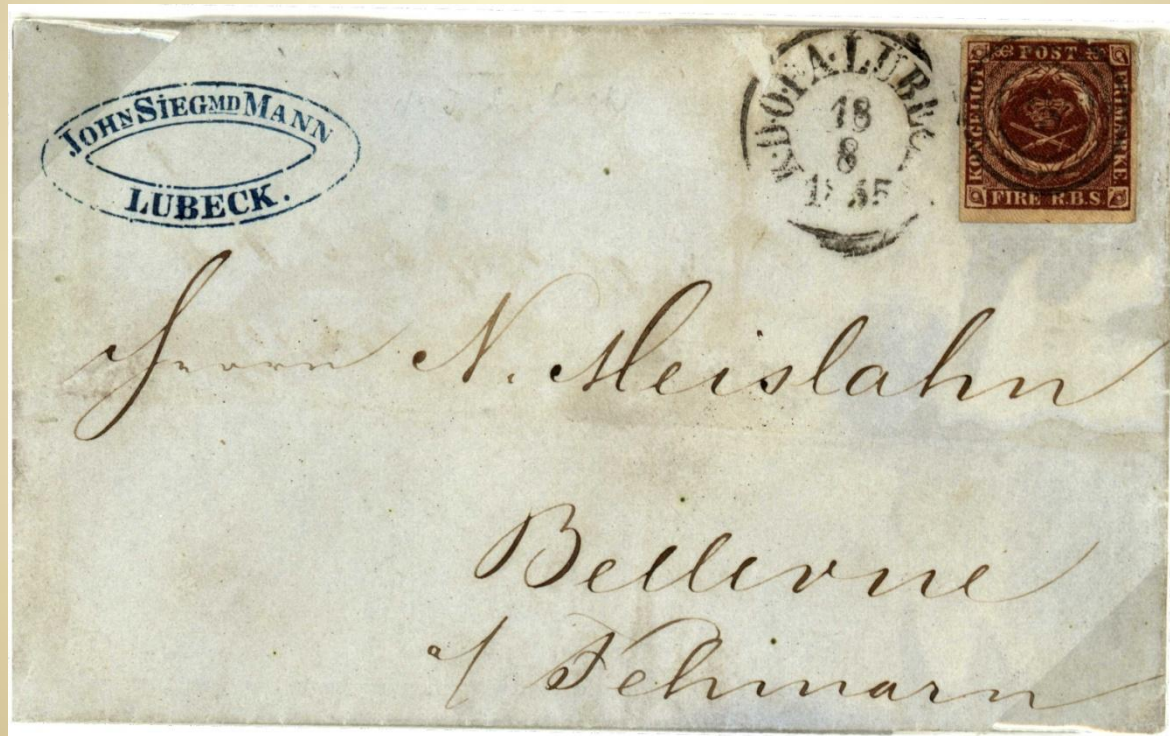
# The extent of the Danish Post Office

Kiel Numeral 121



# The extent of the Danish Post Office

## Lübeck Numeral 3





Sunday morning 9.30 The King is very ill, we must be prepared for the worst. L



Frederick VII : 6<sup>th</sup> October 1808 - 15<sup>th</sup> November 1863  
Countess Danner (Lovisa Christina Rasmussen) April 1815 - 6<sup>th</sup> March 1874

# January 1864

## Local Post in Haderslev





# March 1864

## No Stamps in Haderslev





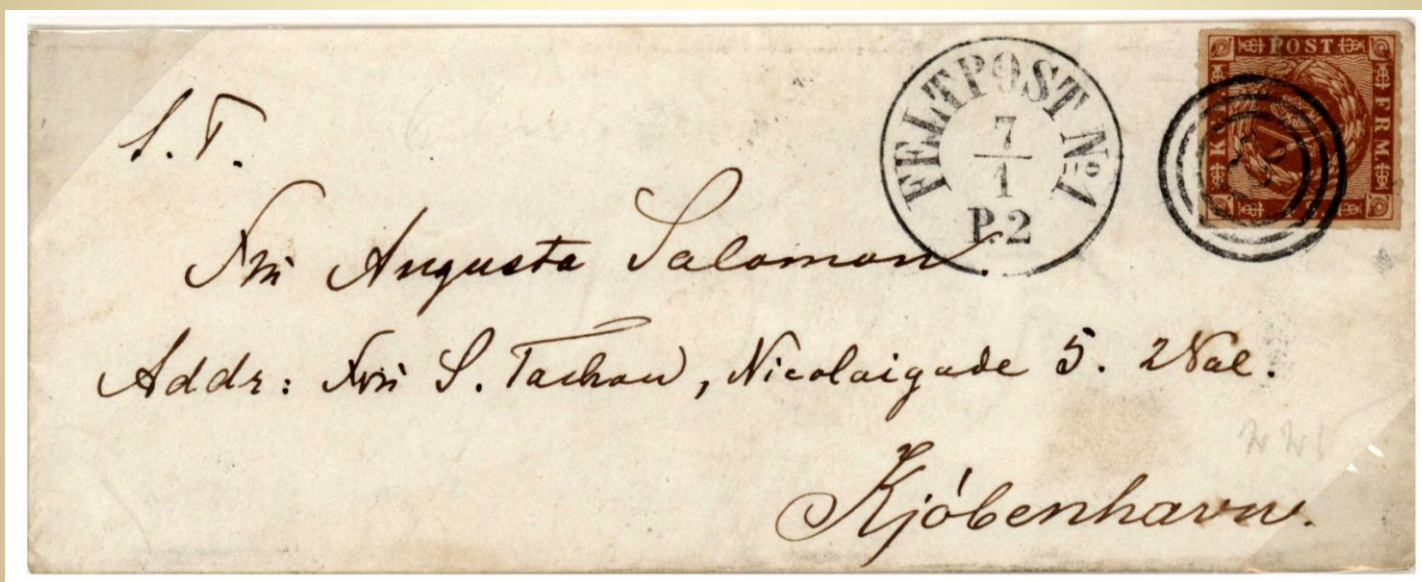
The War of 1864 began in January ....

The Danish Field Post



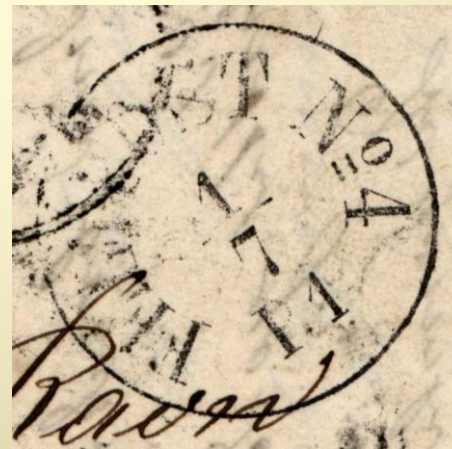
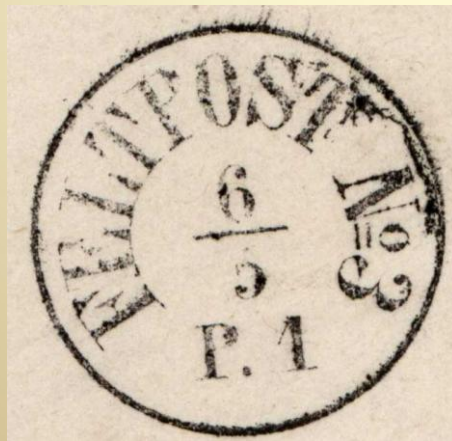
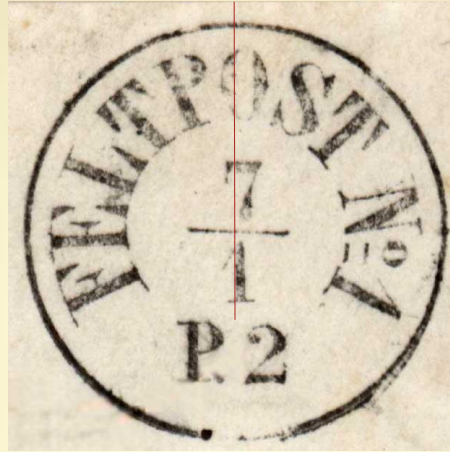
# FELTPOST N<sup>o</sup>1

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 1864



# Danish Field Post Offices

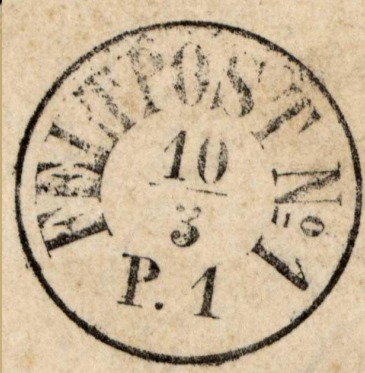
## Datestamps 1-4





# Danish Field Post Office Cancellers 221-225

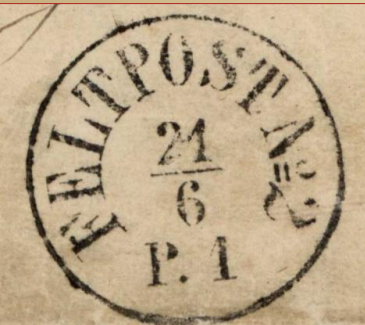




5<sup>th</sup> January –  
3<sup>rd</sup> May 1864



29<sup>th</sup> April – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
September 1864



25<sup>th</sup> February – 13<sup>th</sup> August 1864



6<sup>th</sup> May 1864



8<sup>th</sup> May – 11<sup>th</sup> August 1864



25<sup>th</sup> May – 7<sup>th</sup> August 1864



# Where were they used?

- Feltpost No. 1
- 1<sup>st</sup> January 1864 opened in the City of Slesvig
- 8<sup>th</sup> February 1864 in Sønderborg
- 4<sup>th</sup> April 1864 in Augustenborg (Later Field Post 3)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1864 moved to Assens
- 15<sup>th</sup> May 1864 in Nyborg
- 23<sup>th</sup> June 1864 in Odense
- 1<sup>st</sup> July 1864 in Vissenbjerg
- 21<sup>st</sup> August 1864 closed



# Where were they used?

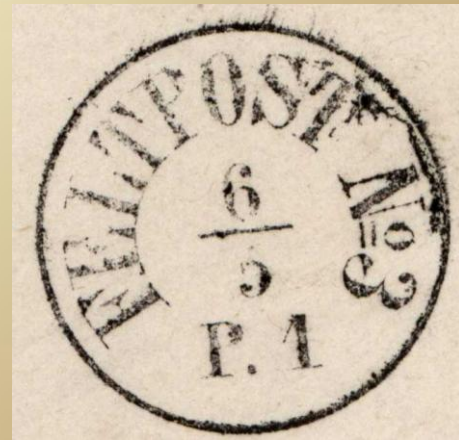
- Feltpost No. 2
- 20<sup>th</sup> February 1864 opened in Horsens
- 11<sup>th</sup> March 1864 in Silkeborg
- 16<sup>th</sup> March 1864 in Nykøbing (Mors) via Viborg-Skive
- 12<sup>th</sup> April 1864 in Silkeborg via Skive-Viborg-Aarhus
- 19<sup>th</sup> May 1864 at Skeelslund (NW of Nørre Sundby
- 25<sup>th</sup> May 1864 in Vendsyssel
- 6<sup>th</sup> July 1864 moved to Nyborg
- 7<sup>th</sup> July subsidiary to Feltpost No. 1
- 21<sup>st</sup> August 1864 closed





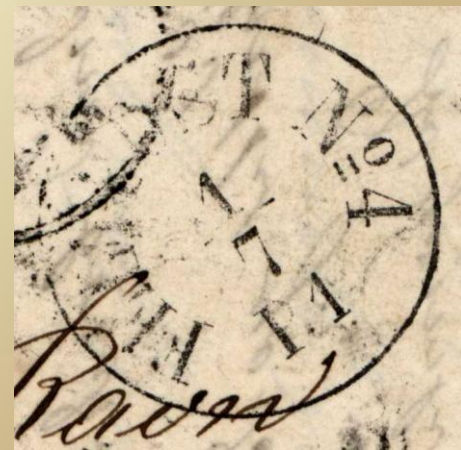
# Where were they used?

- Feltpost No. 3
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1864 opened as a department of FP1 to remain in Augustenborg
- 6<sup>th</sup> June 1864 at the temporary office at Høruphav
- 29<sup>th</sup> June 1864 transferred to Assens
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July subsidiary to Feltpost No. 1
- 21<sup>st</sup> August 1864 closed



# Where were they used?

- Feltpost No. 4 only on Fyn on road to Odense (161)
- 5<sup>th</sup> May 1864 opened in Indslev (Fyn)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1864 moved to Vissenbjerg
- 15<sup>th</sup> June 1864 moved to Gribsvad
- 29<sup>th</sup> June 1864 moved to Kauslunde
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1864 subsidiary to Feltpost No. 1
- 21<sup>st</sup> July 1864 moved to Gribsvad
- 31<sup>st</sup> July 1864 moved to Kauslunde
- 21<sup>st</sup> August 1864 closed





# Assens-Als Ship Post



11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> June 1864

Small piece with 2 Skilling 1854 issue  
cancelled with three ring mute  
canceller

allocated to the Assens - Als ferry on  
the Sønderborg - Assens route

# Høruphav – Field Post



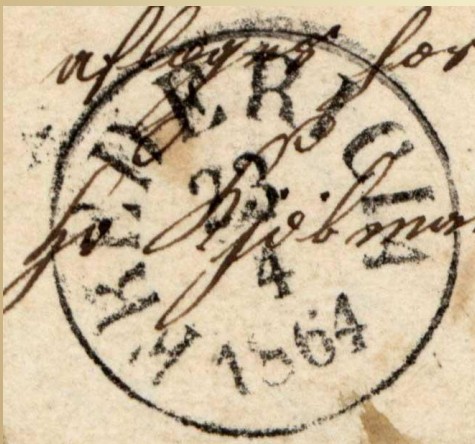
Hobro 29<sup>th</sup> September 1869  
- 7<sup>th</sup> February 1883



Numeral Cancellor 230 used at the Field Post Office  
(Feltpost No. 3) between 16<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June 1864



# The Fredericia Post Office moved ...



Until  
20<sup>th</sup> March in Fredericia  
20<sup>th</sup> April in Strøb  
29<sup>th</sup> April in Fredericia  
12<sup>th</sup> May in Strøb

... and back to Fredericia when the first armistice was declared

# The Danish Post Office in Hamburg



Main Post Office  
K.D.O.P.A.



Railway Post Office  
DAEN:POST



Parcel Post  
KON.DAN.O.P.A

The Danish Post Office was taken over on the evening of 23rd February 1864 . Danish Date Stamps were amended by having their Danish characteristics removed



# Austrian Field Post



K.K. ETAPPEN COMMANDO  
IN HAMBURG.

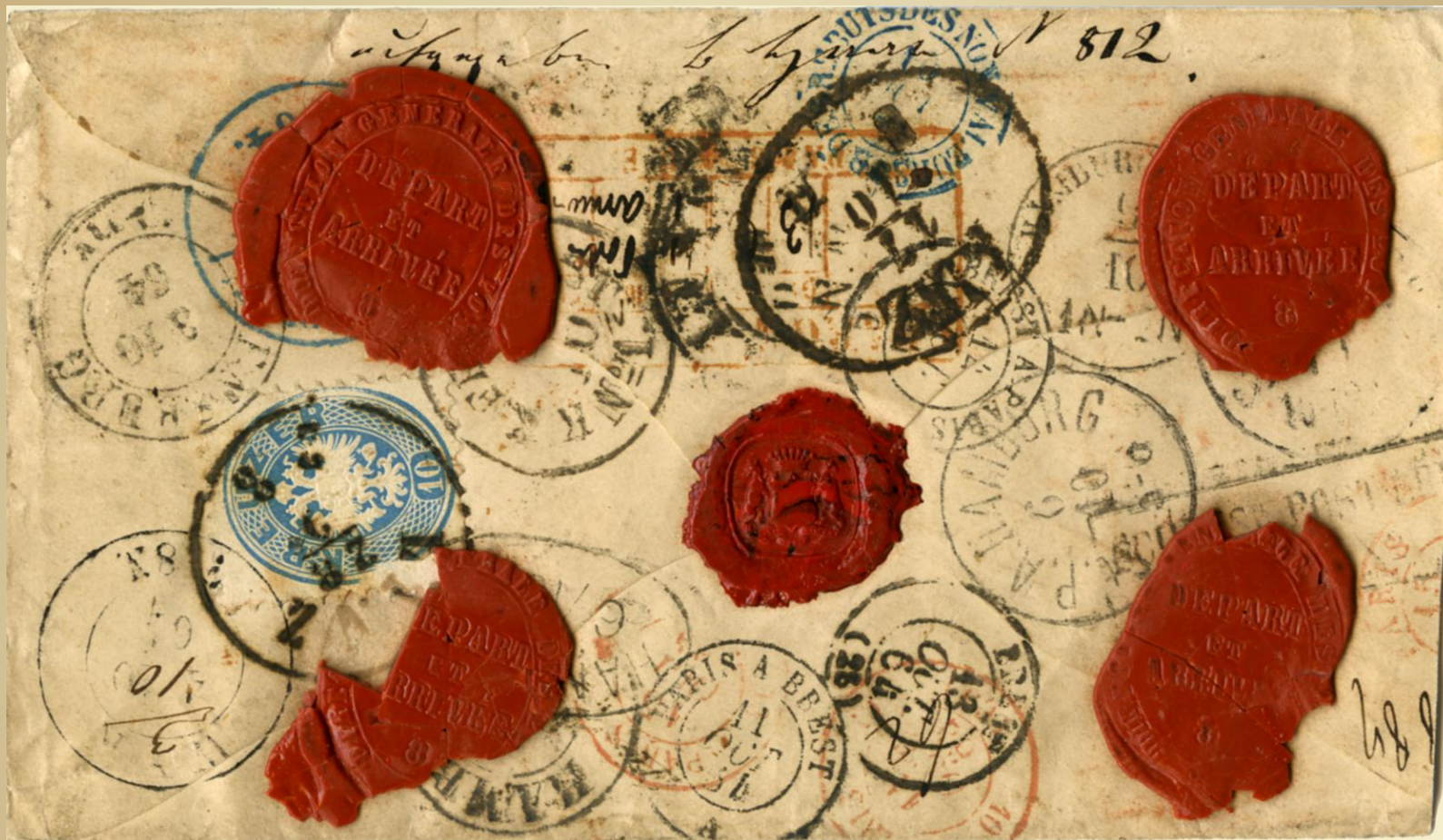
# Austrian Naval Mail



28<sup>th</sup> September 1864

Addressed to the Kanonenboot "der Seehund" in Hamburg





LINZ 28/9

K.K.FELTPOST

FLENSBURG 3/10

WYK 4/10

WYK 6/10

HAMBURG 6/10

HAMBURG 9/10

ERQUINES 11/10

PARIS 11/10

PARIS-BREST 11/10

BREST 13/10

BREST-PARIS 14/10

PARIS 15/10

REBUTS 16/10

LINZ 17/10



The War of 1864 ....

The Prussian Field Post



# Prussian FELDPOST-RELAIS cds

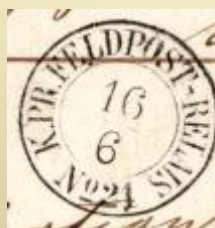


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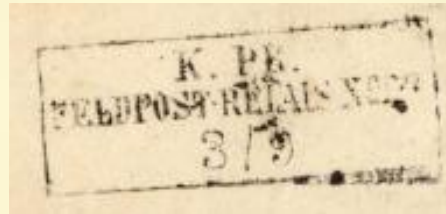
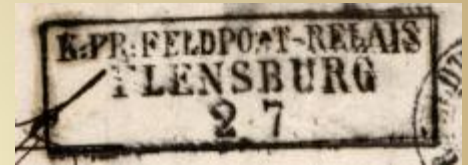


No 15  
Not  
Known

No 16 in  
Arizona  
Not Shown



# Rectangular Date Stamps Parcel Labels and Registration



No 30 in  
Arizona





# Prussian Mobile Field Offices



FELD POST D.COMB.GARDE INF. DIV. \*



K.Pr. FELD POST III. ARMEE CORPS.



FELD-POST-EXP. D.RES.ART III.



K.Pr.FELDPOST \* VII ARMEE CORPS \*



K.PR. FELDPOST -AMT \* GARDE-CORPS \*



K.PR.FELDPOSTEXPED 1. GRD. INF.DIV.



\* K:PR:FELD-POST \* ARMEE-COMMANDO

One Missing - In Arizona

# Saxon and Hanoverian Armies



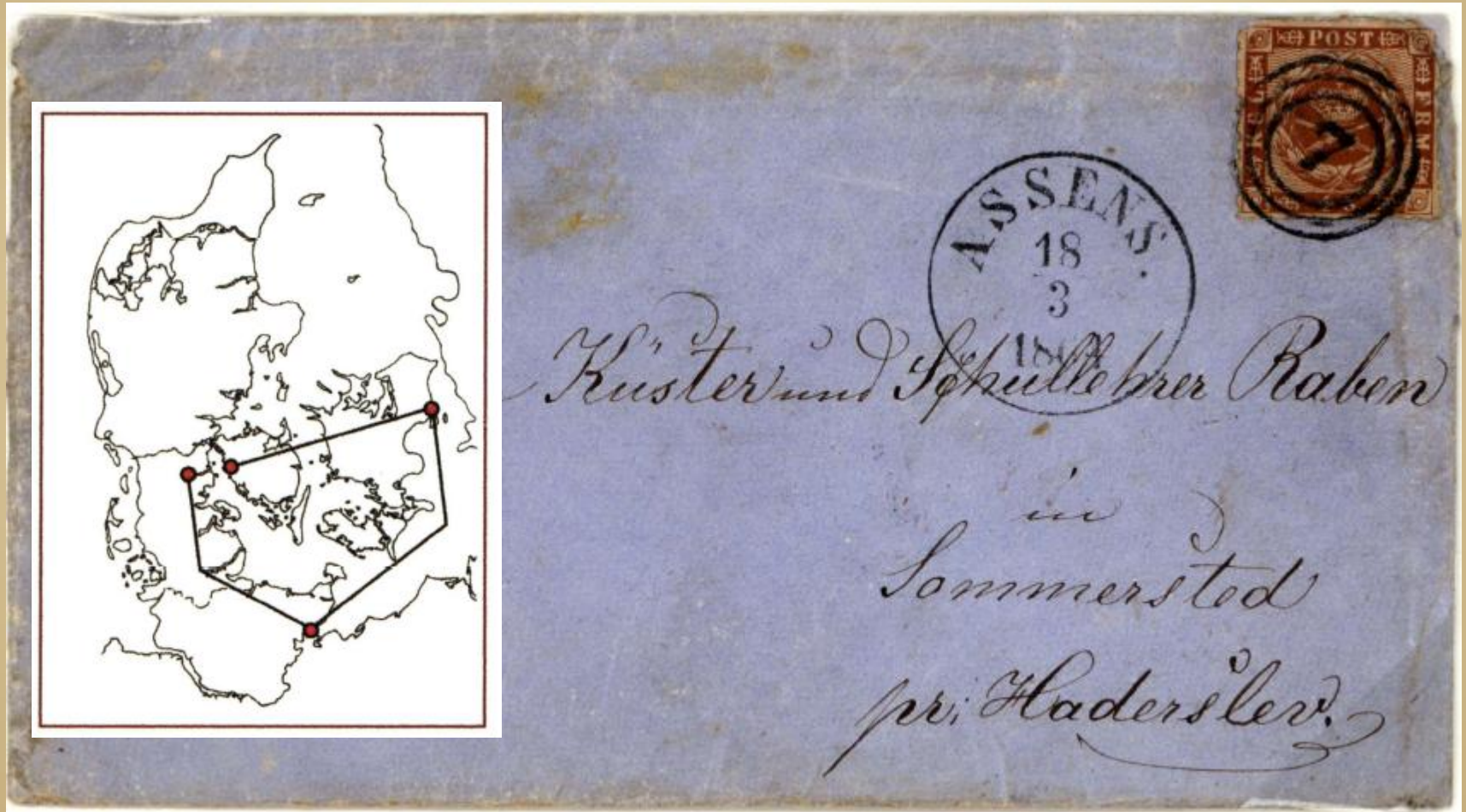
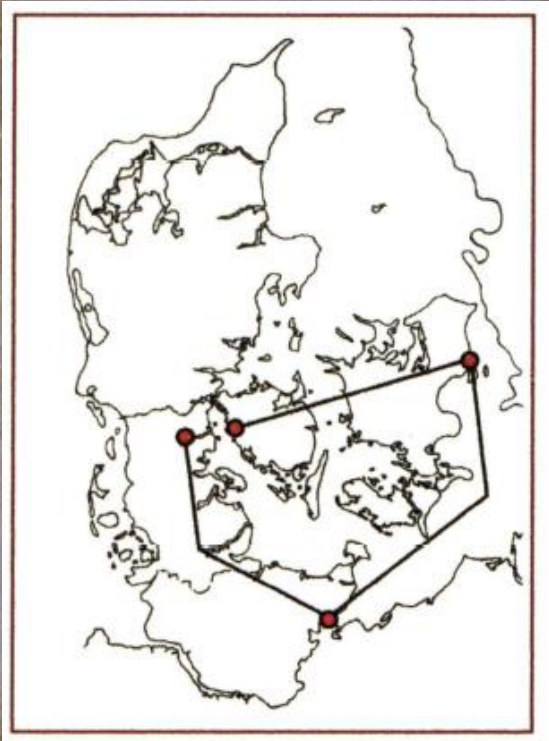
Sachs. Feld. P. Amt. Neumünster





# Consequences of the War

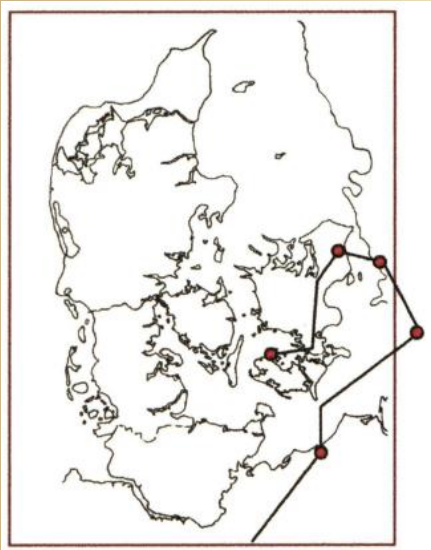
## Redirection of Mail



# Consequences of the War

## Mail redirected via Sweden

Circular 4/1864 stated that mail routed via Sweden could be carried with 4 Skilling added to the usual rate. The usual rate to England, plus 4 Skilling, was 34 Skilling.





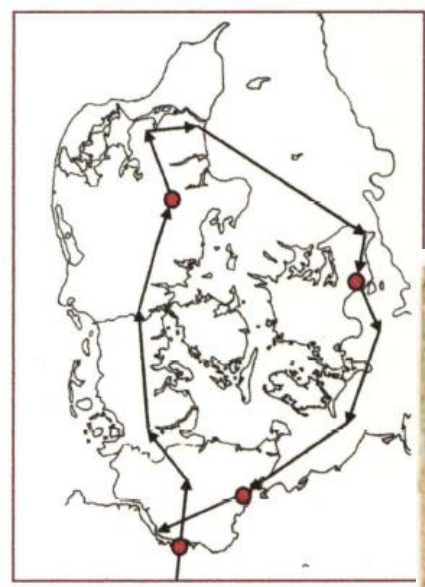
# “Two Wars” Cover

31<sup>st</sup> January 1864, Unpaid envelope sent from NORBORG on the island of Als to San Francisco, California via AABENRAA 1<sup>st</sup>, HAMBURG 9<sup>th</sup>, AACHEN 10<sup>th</sup>, NEW YORK 29<sup>th</sup> February.



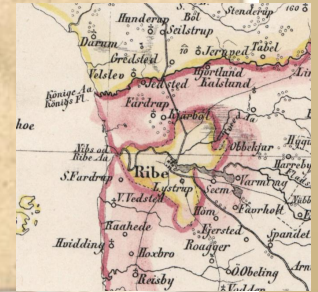
Charged 4- Silbergroschen (= 1 O $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢) to Aachen, (2 due to Denmark and two to the German Austrian Postal Union), 20¢ to New York, 5¢ to California, making 35¢. in all. Equal to 54¢ in depreciated US currency.

# Mixed franking, redirected ...





# The Ribe Post Office



The Ribe post office was operated by the Prussian administration in Schleswig from 14<sup>th</sup> July until 14<sup>th</sup> October 1864 with a Prussian two ring cds canceller using the German name Ripen. The Danish Post Office was re-established on 1<sup>st</sup> October 1864.

# 1 ¼ Schilling Courant

Issued 1<sup>st</sup> March 1864 in Holstein



Danish Date Stamp  
And canceller



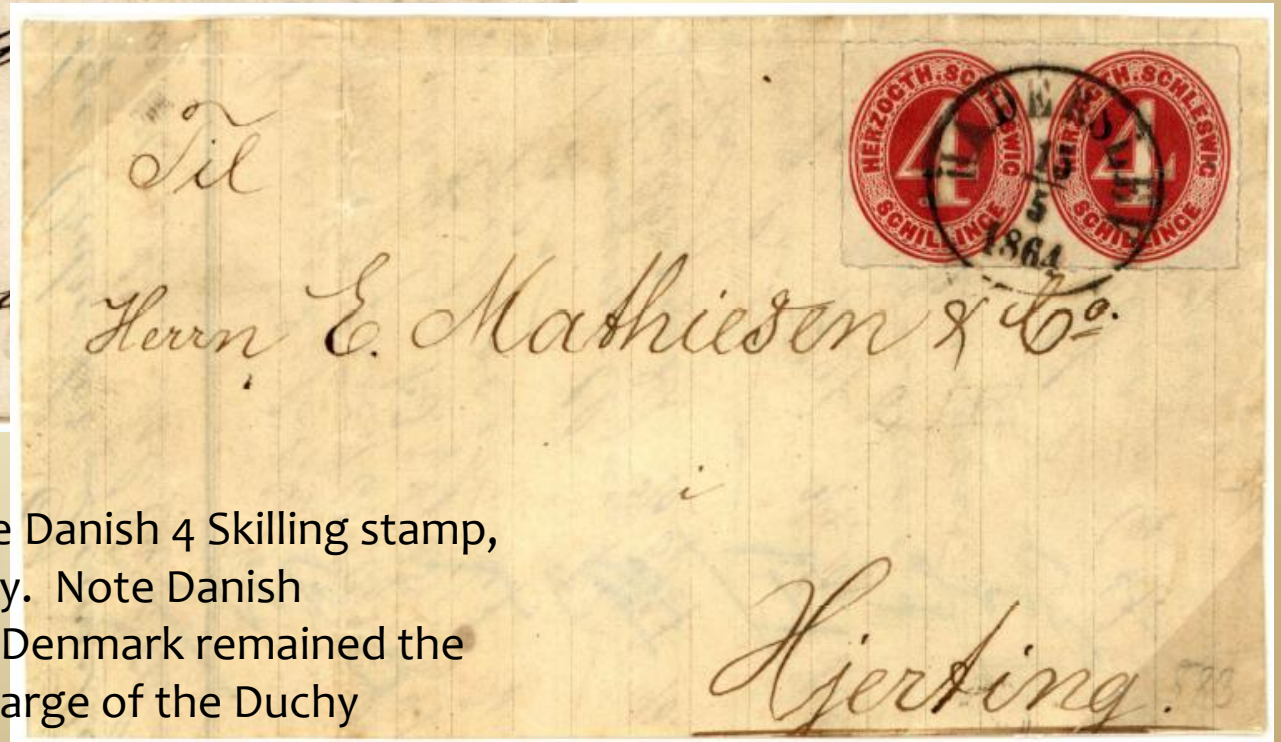
# From Burg on Fehmarn

Holstein used in Schleswig



# 4 Schilling carmine red

Issued 10<sup>th</sup> March 1864 in Schleswig



This stamp replaced the Danish 4 Skilling stamp, using the same currency. Note Danish postmarks. The rate to Denmark remained the same. Prussia was in charge of the Duchy



# 1¼ Schilling Duchy of Schleswig

5<sup>th</sup> April 1864: Schilling Courant equivalent to 4 Skilling



Mixture of Danish and Prussian Cancellers

# 1 ¼ Schilling Courant

Paid to the border, charged within Denmark



The period without postal agreement between Denmark and Schleswig lasted from 4<sup>th</sup> March 1864 to 1<sup>st</sup> August 1865.



# Commercial Mixed Frankings



# Postal Order

Schleswig's only Postal Stationery

Post - Annahme - Stempel.

Schleswiger Postbezirk.

Post-Anweisung

auf die Summe von 45 M. Einzahlung

geschrieben fünf und vierzig Mark Einzahlung

An

Herrn Herrn Johann Asmusen

in Schlammersdorf

Dr. Bornhöved

Bestimmungsort: Schlammersdorf

Wohnung des Empfängers, wenn sie mit Sicherheit angegeben werden kann.

Die Zahlung bezieht sich auf:

meinen Brief o

Ihren Brief o

Ihre Rechnung o

Die Auffüllung dieses Vordrucks steht im Belieben des Absenders:

Name u. des Absenders:

Karl Asmusen

Mildstedt

Post-Vermerk. Unter No 1 verzeichnet durch: Asmusen

Aufgabebezirk: Aufgabestadt: Husum den 2. Mai 1866.



# Gravenstein to California



17 $\frac{1}{3}$  Schilling Courant (= 13 Silbergroschen) rate for a letter to California.  
1 Sgr. Schleswig-Holstein postage  
2 Sgr. Prussian share, and  
10 for the foreign element.

# Border Rate

The Postal agreement of August 1865 (Circular 11/1865) introduced a border postal rate of  $1\frac{1}{4}$  Schilling between Kolding, Skodborghus and Ribe on the Danish side and Christiansfeld, Hadersleben, Lügumkloster, and Tondern on the other.





# “Three Duchies” Cover



# Highest Recorded Rate





# Prussian Stamps

## Used in Schleswig and Holstein



Prussian stamps were allowed in the Duchies from 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1867 until their replacement by North German Confederation stamps on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1868.

Used in Husum 16<sup>th</sup> December 1867

Used in Husum 16<sup>th</sup> December 1867





# Hamburg

## The adapted KDOPA canceller

1<sup>st</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> March  
1864



2 1/2 Schilling  
Registration Fee

# The Danish Post Office in Lübeck



The Danish post office in Lübeck closed on 31<sup>st</sup> April 1868 leaving no Danish postal service in the Duchies and Hanseatic Cities south of the River Eider for the first time since 1624.





THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS.



JANUARY TO JUNE  
1864