

Skillingaryd – a military town - Synopsis 1/2022

The first time this exhibit was exhibited was at Boflex 2007 in Borås, Sweden. It was then promoted from regional to national class. The reward was 83 points and the hiking prize Vykortsstjärnan.

The next time was at Nordia in Sweden in 2015 with 90 points.

Now this exhibit is finally dusted off and even though the postcards are to some extent the same, there will be a lot of changes. A number of postcards will be removed and replaced by others to make the story better. Now shown around 200.

In 2015, the jury had some small critical comments and I have taken them into account.

The exhibit is shown in A3. About 40 postcards will be given a red frame. The texts will also be reinforced with clear demarcation of important to know in bold and premium in lean style.

The goal has been as large a variation as possible in the assembly. The goal has been to mount much as the motif collectors do with as few empty spaces as possible.

More information will be in Synopsis 2 some months before the exhibition.

Sources: Primarily the book Kungl. Jönköping Regiment and Skillingaryd as well as own participation with research in Skillingaryd's Military History Association as initiator and board member from the start in 1994 and continued. In addition, the local book Wings over the heather from 2009 in 320 pages, which was produced by people from the area where the exhibitor here was one of eight responsible.

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Here are some of the most important post-cards in the exhibit, at least as it looks right now - Synopsis 2 is a little closer to the exhibition. The numbering is approximately chronological.

1. Skillingaryd's exercise place. They have been practicing on Slätten since the 17th century and still do today.



2. The train became important for the military's presence in Skillingaryd.



3. The officers meant a lot to the place, for example they often rented from private families.



4. In 1898, Skillingaryd's firing range was established and it is still used today.



5. When the firing range came into being, there were at the same time a number of buildings on what we today call the Eastern Camp.



6. Accommodation on the shooting range. After only a few years, everyone had to move here due to the shooting range being expanded.



7. When conscription was introduced in 1901, it became conscription. Often, everyone in a cohort photographed with Bror Malmqvist, who was the one who took the most post-cards with military motifs in the years 1895–1935.



8. Skillingaryd was an important place in the childhood of aviation and twice it went so badly that pilots / passengers lost their lives. A total of three deaths in 1916–1917.



9. The internment of the crew from the German mink cruiser Albatross in Skillingaryd 1917–1918 became a major event.



10. The military was in constant contact with the civilian population. They simply needed each other.





Skillingaryd - a military town 1. Introduction

The purpose of this exhibit is to show through postcards what impact the military presence has had and has on Skillingaryd, which is located 45 km south of Jönköping in southern Sweden. Skillingaryd as a military town dates back to at least the middle of the 17th century. An unconfirmed tradition even states that King Karl Knutsson would have gathered an army in Skillingaryd before his Danish campaign in 1452. Even today there is a military presence in the form of Ing 2 from Eksjö and several other units.

Skillingaryd has now one of the country's 25 military museums in the form of the Miliseum - opened in 2013, by the way the only one in Små-

land. The E4 motorway runs between the western and eastern camps. The time period chosen for this exhibit is about 125 years - from around 1890 with the oldest known postcards in Skillingaryd - until 2013 when the latest postcards with military motifs were issued. However, in the introduction there are some postcards of Swedish kings and battles that indirectly had an impact on Skillingaryd as a military town.



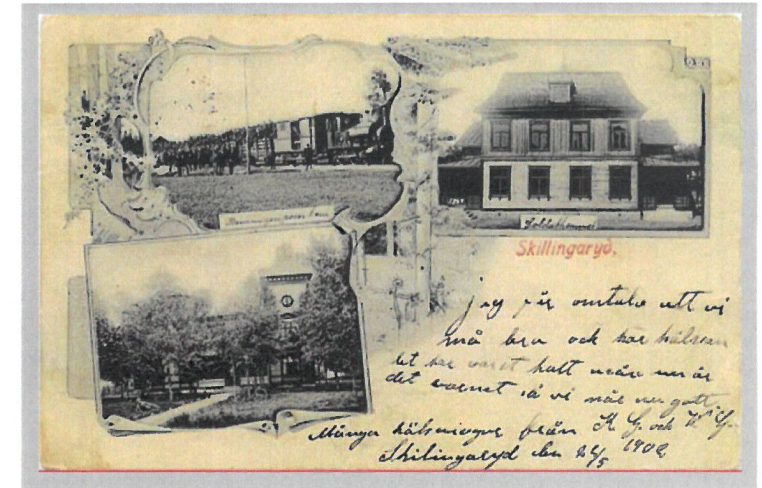
In red Skillingaryd

When photos, publishers and printers appear on the cards, this information is in the caption. If the card is franked, the value of the stamp is in parentheses. Important text is in bold, less important in lean.

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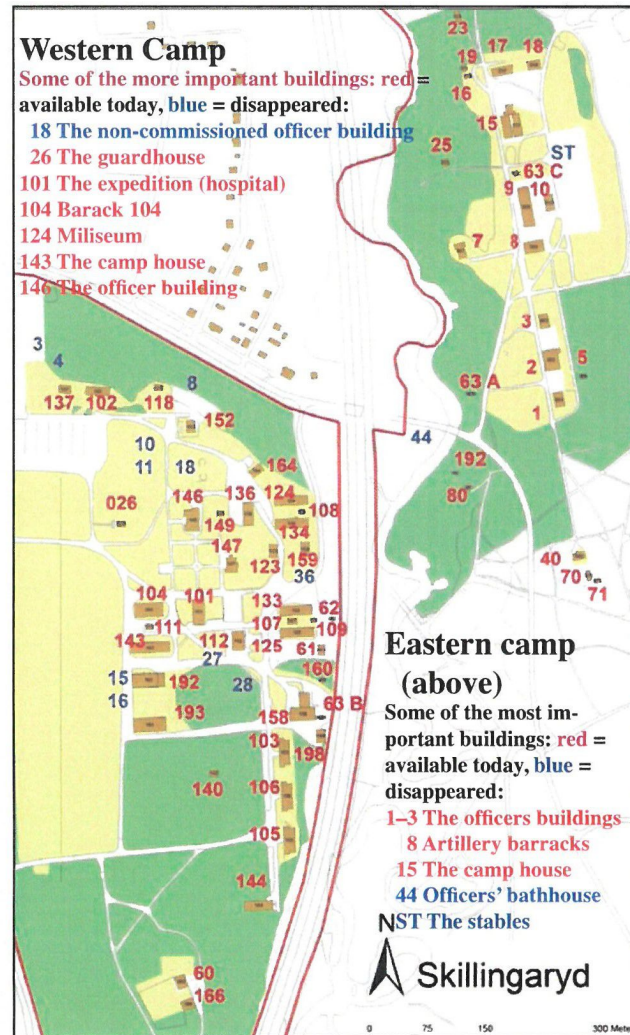
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Skillingaryd. All early multi-image cards from Skillingaryd have military motifs. Many of the early cards are printed in Germany.

Printing: Light. Rud. Bellander, Hamburg. Stamp: Skillingaryd 050222 (5 öre).



Eastern camp (above)

Some of the most important buildings: red = available today, blue = disappeared:

- 1-3 The officers buildings
- 8 Artillery barracks
- 15 The camp house
- 44 Officers' bathhouse
- NST The stables

Skillingaryd



"Vägförande genom tiderna"

Skulptör Gunnar Svensson, Bissefäll

Vårdshuset Oscar, Skillingaryd

"Passing through the ages". A postcard that well describes Skillingaryd's military history. Gunnar's artwork was set up in the Oscar Inn which had been named after King Oscar II who visited Skillingaryd's military camp in 1895 and this was something very magnificent. Nowadays (2015) the artwork is in the town hall Skillingehus. Gunnar captured life in Skillingaryd and the surrounding area and there are of course military elements. There has been a military presence in Skillingaryd for at least 400 years. Photo: Sven Storck and Bertil Pettersson. Unused around 1980.