

M.S. *Gripsholm*

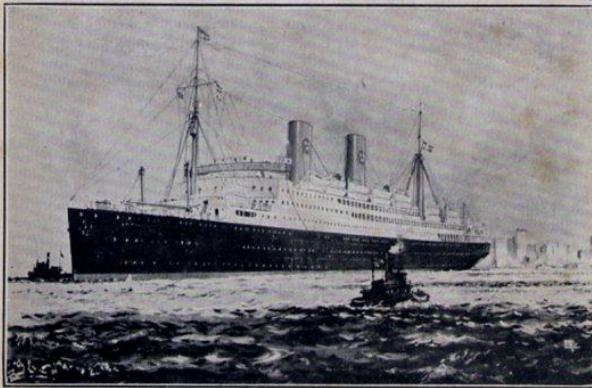
Ocean Liner, Cruise Ship, Mercy Ship

SWEDISH AMERICAN LINE

"Only Line Between America and Sweden"

TWIN-SCREW MOTORSHIP

GRIPSHOLM



(Maiden Voyage, October, 1925)

Length, 575 Feet; Width, 74 Feet;
16,300 Horse Power; Diesel Motors;
17,000 Register Tons; Displacement, 23,500 Tons

Passenger Capacity:
232 First Class, 382 Second Cabin, 1002 Third Cabin.

*The World's First Motor-driven Transatlantic
Passenger Liner*

*Sweden's and Scandinavia's Largest, Fastest
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Brochure promising an October 1925 maiden voyage

Purpose

This Display exhibit documents the 30 year history of the world's first diesel powered passenger ship, with an emphasis on her career as a World War II mercy ship.

Scope

The exhibit traces the history of the ship throughout her 15 years as a transatlantic ocean liner and cruise ship, her five years as a wartime diplomatic exchange (mercy) ship repatriating more than 25,000 diplomats, civilian internees, merchant seamen and wounded POWs, and her postwar return to duty as a transatlantic ocean liner.

Exhibit Plan

1 Black Hull Period 1925-1930

- 1.1 The Ship
- 1.2 Transatlantic Crossings

2 White Hull Period 1931-1939

- 2.1 Transatlantic Crossings
- 2.2 The Cruise Trade

3 Mercy Ship Period 1942-1946

- 3.1 Exchange voyages -- Japan
- 3.2 Exchange voyages -- Germany

4 Postwar Period 1946-1955

- 4.1 Swedish American Line
- 4.2 North German Lloyd line

Importance

The exhibit puts into context M.S. *Gripsholm's* life as a World War II mercy ship in which she completed eleven round trip prisoner exchange voyages to Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Mediterranean Sea area.

Exhibit Highlights

Covers with special philatelic or historical note are bordered in red and annotated in bold.