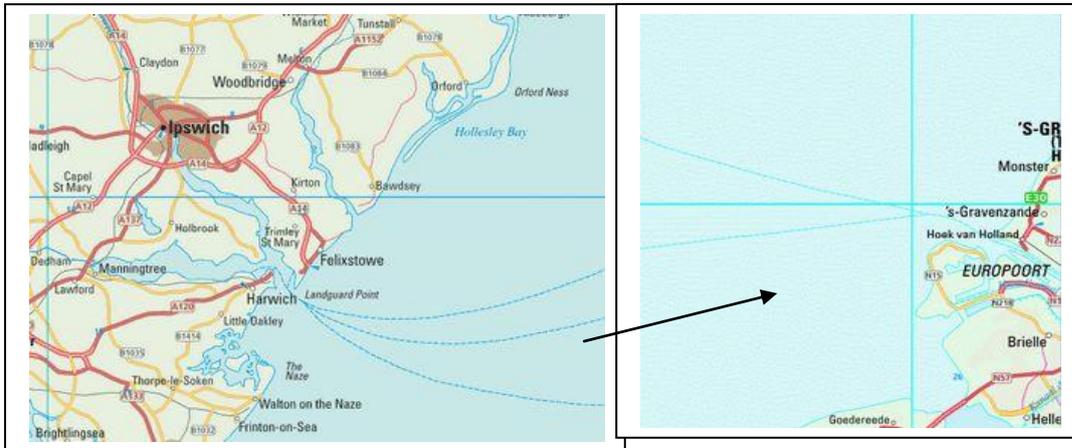


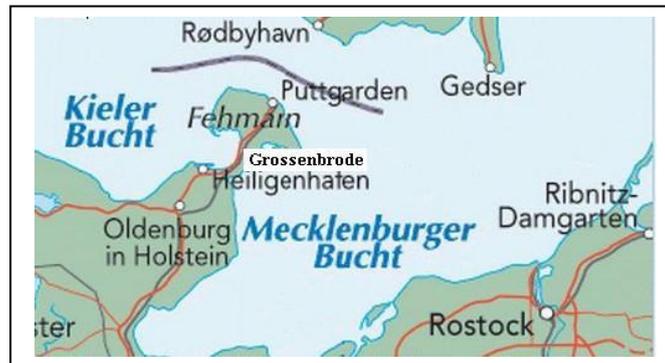
Chapter 55

1958 – 1961 Copenhagen – 1959

The trip to Copenhagen for two weeks from about the 22nd July, 1960, onwards for ‘Big Ian’ (Ian Waller), ‘Eeee’ (Eric Sanderson), ‘Kenny’ (Kenneth Smith) and myself, started with our taking the overnight sleeper train from Stirling Mainline Railway Station that arrived in Euston, London at the crack of dawn, next morning. From there, we, four sleepy and somewhat stiff young men from sitting up through the night in an ordinary cushion benched compartment, made our way with our baggage by underground to Liverpool Street, Station from where we were booked on the all-in return package via Harwich – afternoon ferry to the Hook of Holland – evening and overnight train to Grossenbrode (West Germany) via Hamburg – early morning ferry to Gedser (Denmark) – then, ultimately (!) another train journey, to arrive by late morning at Copenhagen Central Railway Station. all-in-all an interesting, but tiring, 40 hours on the move. We must have been mad arranging things that way in order to save the c. £20 difference between it and the available direct flight!



The Grossenbrode – Gedser Ferry in 1960



Bright and Cheerily Windswept

Kenny, 'Eeee', Ian, travelling companion Mary, John



Copenhagen City Square on arrival



From here, after sampling a first hot-dog topped with mustard and tomato ketchup, and spotting a tram car of the number we had been told passed by the John Laursen Hostel road-end on its way to Klampenborg, we boarded for what was only a five minute ride before the conductor advised us to alight. At first sight the hostel was very promising, and thereafter all aspects of its hosting our stay indeed turned out to be absolutely magnificent for a mere two shillings per day, including bed and breakfast and evening meal.