

About: FRANK J. MALMBERG

What we have:

1908, 12 December:

6 nearly identical picture postcards from a "**James**" "**to my old pal and brother Frank**" --

Address: Fr. Malmberg, Amercian Diamond Rock Drill Co., 90 West Str., New York City

1910, 10 June:

Picture postcard to Frank Malmberg, same Drill Co, but 1442 Post Box, new York.
The cards tells that Olive greets her godfather.

1910, 18 December

Postcard to Frank Malmberg c/o J.F.Newman in Tongoa, New Hebrides.

The cards tells that Frank wrote to Sweden from Adelaide maybe on end of October.

Seems to be from his mother. She waits for a telegram telling that Frank arrived in Tongoa.

Interesting: She writes in English, Malmberg is a Swedish name and she lives in Sweden. She may have been American.

1910, 18 December

Postcard from "Frankie" in Tongoa to his mother Pauline in Gothenburg.

Address Göteborg: SÖDRA VÄGEN

1911, 1 January

Postcard to Frank Malmberg in Tongoa (from his sister?). Written in Swedish.

1911, 4 January

Postcard from Sydney/Manly to Frank in Tongoa.

1911, 2 February

Postcard from Göteborg, Sweden to Frank Malmberg in Tongoa from a "Robert".

1911, 11 April

6 Letters mailed to himself at Sydney G.P.O. when Frank Malmberg went to Sydney on the Makambo.

What else:

J.F.Newman Norwegian settler, son of a lutheran bishop in New Zealand. Came to the New Hebrides between 1902 and 1907. Had a daughter named Olive. Was in Tongoa too. (O'Reilly)

The **James** from above I think

American Diamond Rock Drill Co., New York City. Well known and easy to google Co.

J.F. Newman came to the New Hebrides in about 1904/05. He was on the Burns Philp & Co. steamer TAMBO which left Sydney on 1 December 1905. His son Oscar (well known in the New Hebrides) was born in 1907, his first daughter Olive (later called Olub) in 1908 and later his second daughter Thora.

All these Malmberg letters from reg.-no. from 445 to 456 (or even more) were written I suppose on board the MAKAMBO (Burns Philp & Co.). The Makambo left Sydney on 1 March for Lord Howe Island, Norfolk Island and the New Hebrides. She made the usual run through all the islands and returned to Sydney on 23 April. The covers are backstamped Sydney, April 24. On 8 May 1911 Frank Malmberg left Sydney to Vancouver on the R.M.S. Marama (Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Line) according to a notice in the Sydney Morning Herald. The Marama arrived in Vancouver on 31 May 1911.

Maybe important or not: On the same ship there was a Mrs. Newman and a Miss Newman. Wife & daughter of J.F.Newman? But the name is not scarce so shere coincidence maybe.

On 18.9.1909 Frank Malmberg arrived at Ellis Island, New York, on the steamer Philadelphia coming from Southampton. His age is given as 37 and his profession manager. Last permanent residence New York. Name of nearest friend or relative: Mrs. P. Malmberg, 13 Berzeliigatan, Gothenburg, Sweden. Final destination: New York

In the Canadian passenger lists and the US border crossing lists there is a Frank J Malmberg, born in Sweden and coming to the U.S. from Australia via Vancouver

In the Vancouver passenger list of the Marama arriving 31 May 1911 these dates are written:
Malmberg Frank age: 39 born in Sweden, Nationality: Swedish
And yes, he had been in Canada before – in Montreal.
He travels to London as a tourist and his profession in the country he came from was merchant.

March 1913: Immigration at Halifax, Canada - age 41, yes had been in Canada 3 times / 3 ½ years.
Ship: Royal Edward from Bristol.

From:
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Frank J. Malmberg, born 10.2.1872, died 25.7.1948, director. Active in USA 1887-1888, business in South Africa 1895-1899. One of the founders of the Swedish Association in Johannesburg 1896. East Africa 1902-1903, South America 1904, USA 1905-1910, Round the world tour 1910-1911 with a stay on the New Hebrides.

Frank was amember of the newly founded (in 1911) Swedish “Travellers Club” – still existing.

He must have been a rather rich man – passenger lists show him as traveller in First Class.

