

## XIV. The local ship mail services

Hammerfest - Skjervøy route

### Vestfinnmarks postekspedition (1932-1944):

S/S Ingøy was re-introduced as a subsidiary ship in FAR's routes on West Finmark in October 1939, and from March 1941, she was the main ship in the Hammerfest-Skjervøy route. The ship used the canceller "VESTFINNMARK A" (type 6A). On January 30th 1942, when sailing in FAR's route 6 A to the outermost coastal areas of West Finmark, "Ingøy" hit a mine and sank outside Måsøy



Registered letter, paid with 50 øre, of May 20, 1941, from Gammelvær in Finmark to Oslo; cancelled with crowned posthorn postmark GAMMELVÆR"; assigned registration label "Vestfinnmark B" and postmarked "VESTFINNMARK B" (type 6A) on board S/S Ingøy in the Hammerfest- Skjervøy route.

Postal rate: 20 øre (weight < 20 g), plus registration fee 20 øre = 40 øre

According to the regulations, a class 4 post office was not allowed to dispatch registered mail; therefore the letter has been annotated "REC." in order to have it registered at the superior class 2 post office (Vestfinnmarks postekspedition) on board S/S Ingøy. The sub-postmaster in Gammelvær apparently charged an extra 10 øre for this service