

XIII. The regional ship mail services

The Eastern Finmarken service

S/S Gyller

(Tromsø) - Hammerfest - Vadsø 1853 - 1868

A date-stamp with text "ØSTFINMARKS-DPSKB." was supplied to the steamship in the Eastern Finmarken route in June 1863. The handstamp was used on board S/S Gyller from May 19th to October 20th (trips nos. 9 - 19) in 1864, from June 8th to July 31st (trips nos. 12 - 15) in 1865, and from March 10th to May 11th (9 trips) in 1866



Single-weight (26 Sk. postage) ship letter of July 9, 1864, from Finmark to Paris, franked with 2 Sk and 8 Sk Oscar x 3, handed in on the steamer "Gyller" in the Eastern Finmarken service; origin ship postmarked "ØSTFINMARKS-DPSKB." (12th westbound trip), transit marked "HAMMERFEST" (type 2), and SANDØSUND" (type 1) (back) and boxed "PD" (paid to destination) handstamp in red on S/S Viken in the route to Kiel, "Norvege Quievrain Amb. B" on the Quievrain - Paris railway to show the French entry point on July 29; back-stamped "Paris" on July 30 and on the "Paris a Cherbourg" railway the same day; with "Bernay-de-Chateau" receiving postmark

Only registered Oscar letter with an origin ship postmark from Finmark sent to France



Unpaid domestic letter of June 29, 1865, from Vadsø to Christiania, handed in on board "Gyller" in Vadsø and cancelled "ØSTFINMARKS-DPSKB. 30-6-1865"; sent with the 13th westbound trip from Vadsø to Hammerfest; in Hammerfest transferred to the southbound coastal steamship in the Nordland line and transit postmarked with date-stamp "HAMMERFEST" (type 2) on July 6