

XIII. The regional ship mail services

The Eastern Finmarken service

S/S Nordcap

(Tromsø) - Hammerfest - Vadsø 1853 - 1868

"Nordcap" was introduced in the Eastern Finmarken service in 1864, now alternating with S/S Gyller in the route. The ship used a dated handstamp "ØSTFINMARKS-DPSKB"; in 1864 from March 13th to May 17th (trip nos. 2-8), in 1865 from March 9th to May 30th (trip nos. 1-11) and from August 2nd to October 20th (trip nos. 16-21), and the whole seasons of 1867 and 1868



"ØSTFINMARKS-DPSKB.
8-5-1864"
7th westbound trip



"ØSTFINMARKS-DPSKB.
15-5-1864" and ink cross
8th westbound trip



Registered single-weight domestic letter of October 24, 1865, from Hammerfest to Tromsø; franked with 4 Sk Coat of Arms II, cover endorsed "Recommanderes" and NB in red crayon; posted on board S/S Nordcap in Hammerfest and cancelled with dated ship postmark "ØSTFINMARKS-DPSKB"; inscribed bill list no. '64' in upper left corner; sent with the last (24th) westbound trip in the Eastern Finmarken service in 1865.

Postage paid: 4 Sk. (0-15 g), plus registration/insurance 4 Sk. (paid for in cash) = 8 Sk



"ØSTFINMARKS-DPSKB.
21-5-1865"
10th westbound trip



"ØSTFINMARKS-DPSKB.
31-7-1867"
22nd eastbound trip



"ØSTFINMARKS-DPSKB.
5-6-1868"
14th eastbound trip