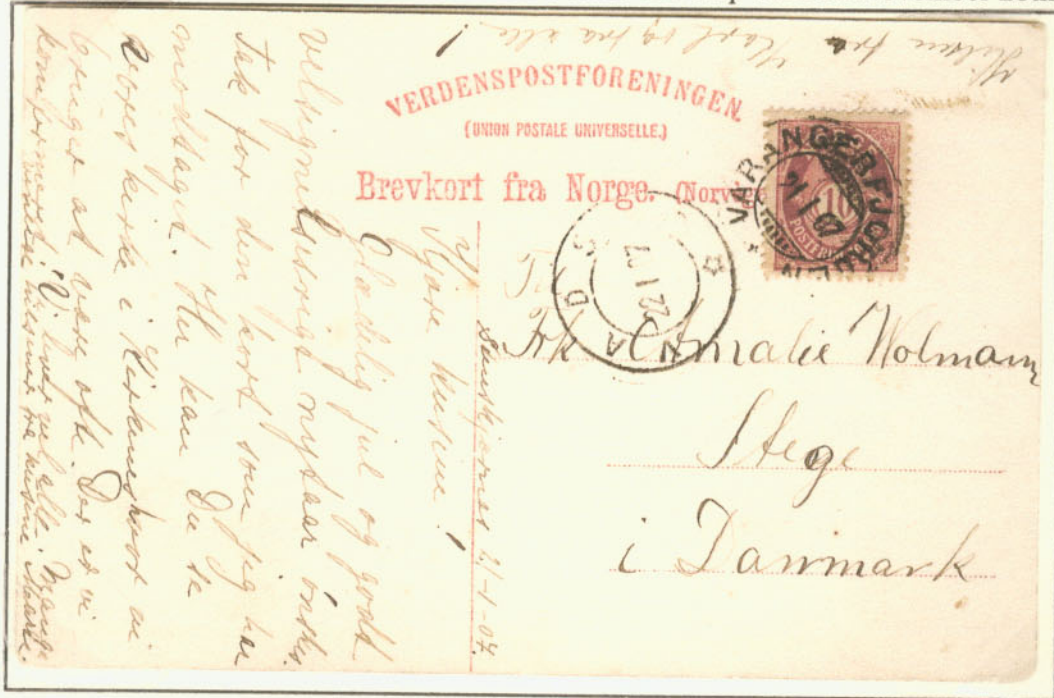


XIV. The local ship mail services

S/S Varanger (1876 - 1922):

Route on Varangerfjord

A Class 2 post office was established on board the junior ship S/S Varanger in 1901, however, without an appointed sub-postmaster. The shipping company got permission to charge an extra 5 øre for letters handed in on board. The captain used a 2-ring date-stamp with text "VARANGER-FJORDEN" (type 1) to cancel mail handed in on board. The ship sank on November 28th 1922



Post card of January 1, 1907. from Vadsø to Stege in Denmark; delivered on board S/S Varanger, postmarked "VARANGERFJORDEN", sent via "VADSØ" on January 22, and with the coastal steamship to Trondheim and abroad to Denmark. Postage paid: 5 øre [rate from 1-1-85 to 1-10-1907], plus 5 øre extra for card handed in directly on board = 10 øre

M/S Hornøy (1938 - 1940):

In April 1938 the new oil-driven M/S Hornøy was introduced in the ship mail service on Varangerfjord. The ship was confiscated by the German occupants of WW II in summer 1940



Envelope with 7 øre franking, marked "Trykksak" (printed matter), cancelled "VARANGERFJORDEN 11-2-39"; sent to U.S.A. Postage rate: 7 øre for printed matter sent abroad [from 1-7-1929 to 1-10-1946]