

XIV. The local ship mail services

Routes on Tanafjord

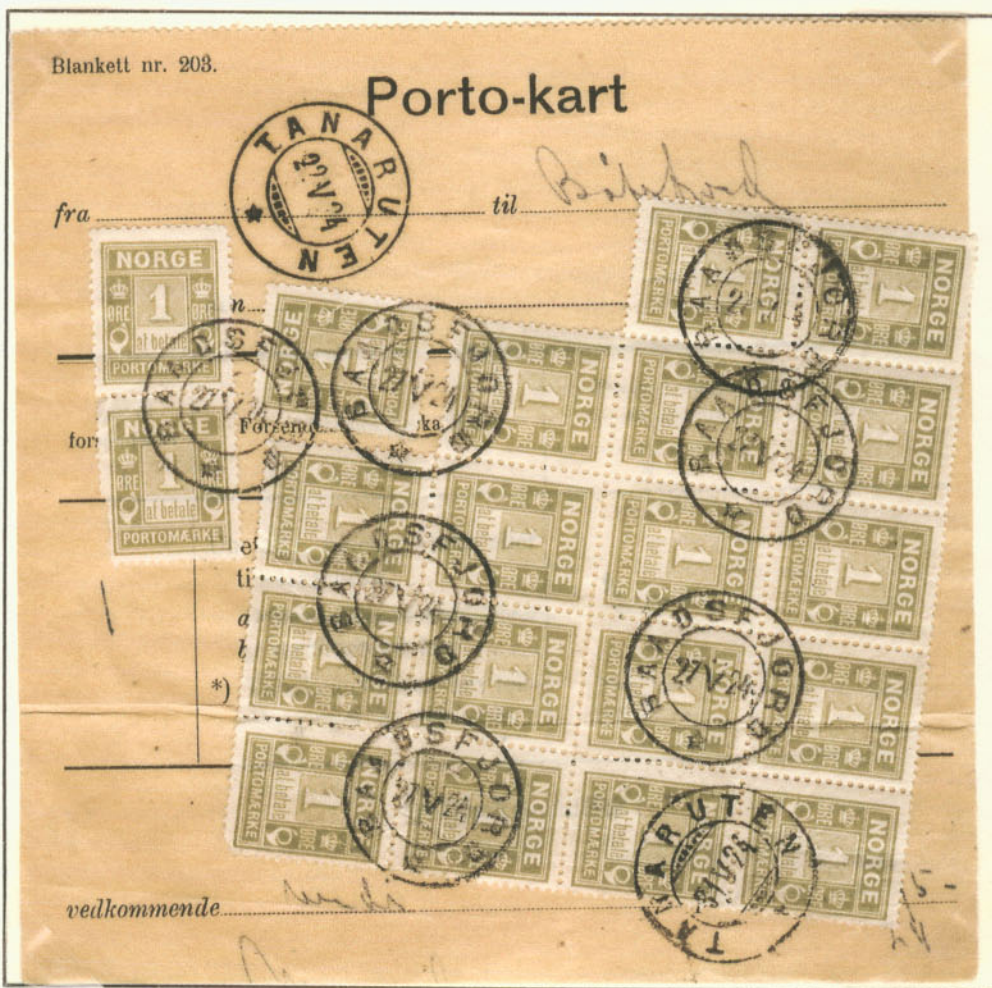
In July 1899, the steamer S/S Heimdal, owned by Haalogaland Dampskibsselskap, started a new mail carrying route on Tanafjord. The captain received a 4-ring numeral canceller ("423") in September 1899 to cancel mail handed in on board. The canceller was returned after 3 months, and a new 2-ring date-stamp with text "TANARUTEN" was supplied. Det Nordenfjeldske Dampskibsselskab took over the route in April 1910 with the steamer S/S Tanahorn . The ship got a Class 2 post office on board named "Tanarutens postekspedition". The route and contract, as well as the ship, were taken over by Finmarkens Amtsrederi (FAR) in June 1916

S/S Heimdal (1899) :



NK 77 II with 4-ring numeral cancellation "423", presumably hand-stamped on S/S Heimdal in the route on Tanafjord

S/S Tanahorn (Tanarutens postekspedition) (1910-1944):



Porto-list from the Class 2 post office on board S/S Tanahorn, cancelled "TANARUTEN 22-5-24" sent to Baadsfjord and here transmitted 20 øre, paid with 1 øre porto stamp x 20 cancelled "BAADSFJORD 22-5-24". The porto-list has been returned to the ship and two stamps lacking postmarks have been re-cancelled "TANARUTEN 31-5-24" on receipt