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COUNTRY: NORWAY

PLACE: OKSEJORD

Population: About 600 (50 houses)

Province: Finnmark

Date of Observation: 21 Mar. '51

General Description:

Fish processing center, junction point for express steamers and local fjord vessels. Small dairy farming, general fishing.

Geographic Description:

On the outer maritime edge of Finnmark mainland. Nearest point on outer shipping route to interior plateau.

Occupations:

<u>Agricultural</u>	<u>Fishing</u>	<u>Industrial</u>
Very small farms producing milk for local use.	Very important	Fish products, especially herring, oil

Natural Vegetation:

Birch trees at sea level and scattered in protected areas higher. Few conifers.

Land Forms and Geology:

Glaciated, fjorded with some stretches former beaches. Mountains much glaciated with striking cirques.

Mining:

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Population (racial, cultural, linguistic): Norwegian with trace of Lapp face and build in good proportion of people.

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Climate and Weather

Temperatures: -3°C
Precipitation: None Snow on ground
Clouds: Clear, wind from northeast.
Other:

Electric Power: Yes

Source: At present local diesel

Voltage: 230 Cycle: 50

Extent of Grid: Immediate locality, including factory

Telephone Yes Telegraph Yes Radio TV

TRANSPORTATION: (From: Øksfjord To: local)

Railway: None

Station:
Ballast:
Power :
Gauge :
Bridges:

Highways:

Route No's : At present Øksfjord is not connected by road. Route
Surface Type: #901 at Lenning is to be extended to Øksfjord. This will give direct
connection with highway #50 at Langfjord. Øksfjord will then
Width : be the nearest point on coastal express steamer route to
main highway #50.
Seasonal Use:
Underpass :

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Ferries: None

Location:

Tonnage :

Capacity:

Schedules:

Steamers:

Routing: Express route between Tromsø and Hammerfest. Junction for local steamers to Altafjord, Langfjord and Hammerfest area.

Tonnages:

Capacity:

Schedules: See Rutebok

Bus Routes:

Summer: None

Winter:

Other Transportation:

None

MAPS

<u>Title</u>	<u>Scale</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Publisher</u>
German Army Typographic	1:300,000	1944	
Hydrographic Chart #97	1:50,000	1922 to date	Norway

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Guide and Other Books:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Cost</u>
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PERSONAL DATA:

Date of travel to this place: 21 Mar '51 Arrived: 11:45 am
 Starting Point: Tromsø Departed: 14 hrs. 21 Mar. '51
 Distance traveled (in kms): _____
 Vehicles Used: S. S. Polarlys of Bergen Steamship Co., (worst ship on route)
Ingøy (Modern diesel motor ship travelling fjord area)
 Where stayed: _____ Comments: _____

CONTACTS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>T.ph.</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Manager Hotel Öksfjord	"	Manager		Speaks excellent English

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Photographs:

Purchased locally: None

Taken: Color and black and white of settlement, harbor and nearby coast.
Exceptionally bright sun on snow.

Sketches Made:

Location

Description

Øksfjord Harbor

Harbor area and settlement

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Industries:

<u>Type</u>	<u>No. of Workers</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Power</u>
Fish oil and meal	(Sole occupation of local population)		Electrical
Baked freezing	(with fishing)		
Dried and salt fish			

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SEAPORTS:

General Comments:

Øksfjord Harbor is a sheltered inlet with adequate deep water and good anchorages.

Cargo Handling:

Wharves:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Depth</u>
Main Steamship Wharf	Town (wood)	130 meters long 17 ft. deep
Fish plant at town	Town	85 meters long 17 ft. deep
<u>Coal and oil Bunkers</u> <u>Lighters:</u>	Town	
Small		

Cranes:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Herring wharf, two tractor cranes	1/4 ton ea.	
Main wharf	2 ton	

Repair Facilities These are possible at larger fish plant.

<u>Machine Shops:</u>	Yes
<u>Foundries:</u>	Small
<u>Dry docks:</u>	Boat repair
<u>Salvage gear:</u>	Minor

Supplies Available

Water	Yes	Coal	Yes
Provisions	Yes	Oil-Fuel	"
Engineering	No	Diesel Fuel	Yes
Deck	No		

Harbor Information Both express steamer and local ship use pilots. For details of harbors see chart and Norwegian pilot, page 90.

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