

IV. The Norwegian - Swedish mail route from Alten to Karesuando

A Norwegian - Swedish mail route from Alten in Norway to Karesuando in Sweden was established in 1860 in order to dispatch mail from North Norway to North Sweden and Finland, and vice versa. The service was a follow up of the Haparanda post. The route was laid down in 1898



Letter of January 20, 1860, franked with 8 Sk Oscar origin postmarked "VADSØ", sent via the main mail route across Finnmarksvidda to Alten; here redirected onto the Norwegian - Swedish mail route to Karesuando, thence to Haparanda in Sweden
Postage paid: 8 Sk. [rate from January 1st 1860 to October 1st 1865]



Prepaid ("Frk") letter of April 22, 1861, from Luleå in Sweden to Tromsø in Norway; with origin circular postmark "LULEÅ" and endorsement by sender "via Øfver Torneå & Tromsø" on front; letter bill "1" in upper right corner endorsed at the exchange post office in Haparanda
Postage paid: 8 Sk. [rate from January 1st 1860 to October 1st 1865]