

X. Class 2 post offices

ALTEN

Alten "postekspedisjon" (Class 2 post office) was the very first class 2 post office in Norway, established back in 1776. The post office got a 1-ring circular date-stamp (type 1) delivered on December 22th 1848, a numeral canceller ("11") on July 27th 1856, and a second 1-ring circular date-stamp (type 2) in December 1858. The type 1 and type 2 date-stamps were in alternate use until the late 1870'ies

Numeral canceller:

Circular dated handstamp type 1: large letters



4 Sk Coat of Arms I
"11" (Alten)



4 Sk Coat of Arms I
ink cross and "ALT(EN)"
in blue ink



4 Sk Coat of Arms III
"ALTEN 18-11-1871"



10 øre shaded posthorn
"ALTEN 18-10-1879"

Circular dated handstamp type 2: small letters



4 Sk Oscar franking on local letter of December 10, 1862, from Alten to Hammerfest, postmarked "ALTEN" (type 2) at despatching post office



4 Sk Oscar
"ALTEN 20-3-1861"



2 Sk Oscar x 2
"ALTEN 29-6-1863"



24 Sk Coat of Arms II
"ALTEN 13-11-1868"



3 Sk Coat of Arms III
"ALTEN 15-5-1872"