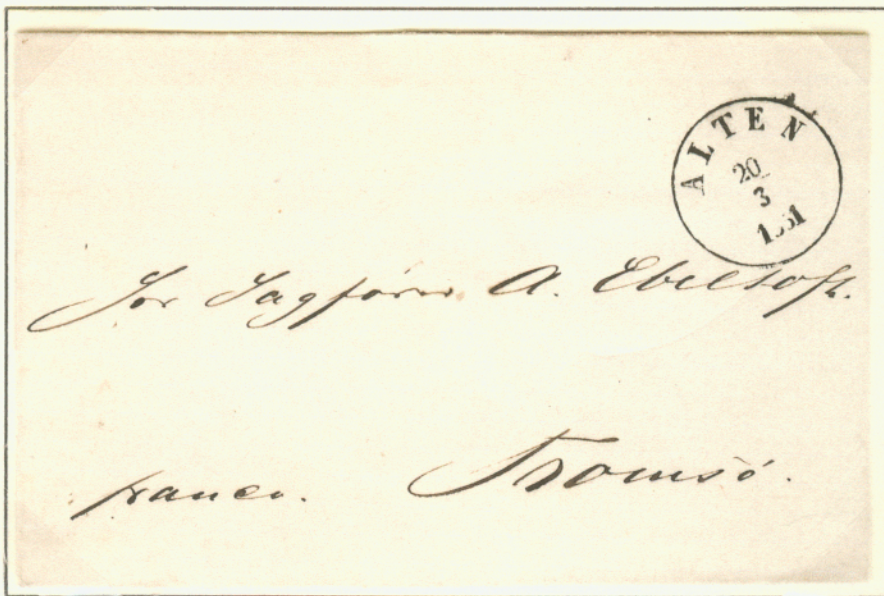


Hopseidet post office, commonly named "Hop" by the inhabitants of this small village, was established in 1854 to serve the steamship conveyance along the coast of Eastern Finnmark in the summer months. A 3-ring numeral canceller ("125") was supplied in 1856, when a year-round mail service had been set up (Circular letter of March 29th 1856). A few pen manuscript cancellations on stamps have been registered from the early adhesive period. The first date-stamp (2-ring) was delivered in 1886. The post office was laid down in 1918



Prepaid local letter with postal inscription "Hopseidet 17-2-61" in manuscript (on reverse), from Alten to Tromsø; sent via the branch mail service from Hopseidet to Tanen and via the main mail route across Finnmarksvidda to Alten; transit postmarked "ALTEN" on March 20th



"125"
4 Sk Oscar



"Hop 7-6-61" and "No. 125"
in manuscript on 4 Sk Oscar
**only registered copy of combined use of
numeral and local name of post office**



"Hopseidet 7-3-77"
1 Sk post horn x 3 on piece of letter



"HOPSEIDET 3-12-10"