

WINGS FOR NORWAY



A Greeting to You from the Boys of "LITTLE NORWAY"



THE Royal Norwegian Air Force Training Centre in Toronto has become a gathering place of Norwegians and friends of Norway from all parts of the world.

Many of those who have arrived here are young Norwegians who, during the last twelve months succeeded in escaping from Norway. They have travelled around the world or by fishing vessels over the North Sea in order to continue the fight, having eluded the Gestapo, German U-boats, planes and heavy storms.

They have seen the conditions at home, and they can tell you that more than 98 percent of our people are united in their efforts to rid the country of the Germans and Nazism and to restore freedom and the Democratic ideals of life.

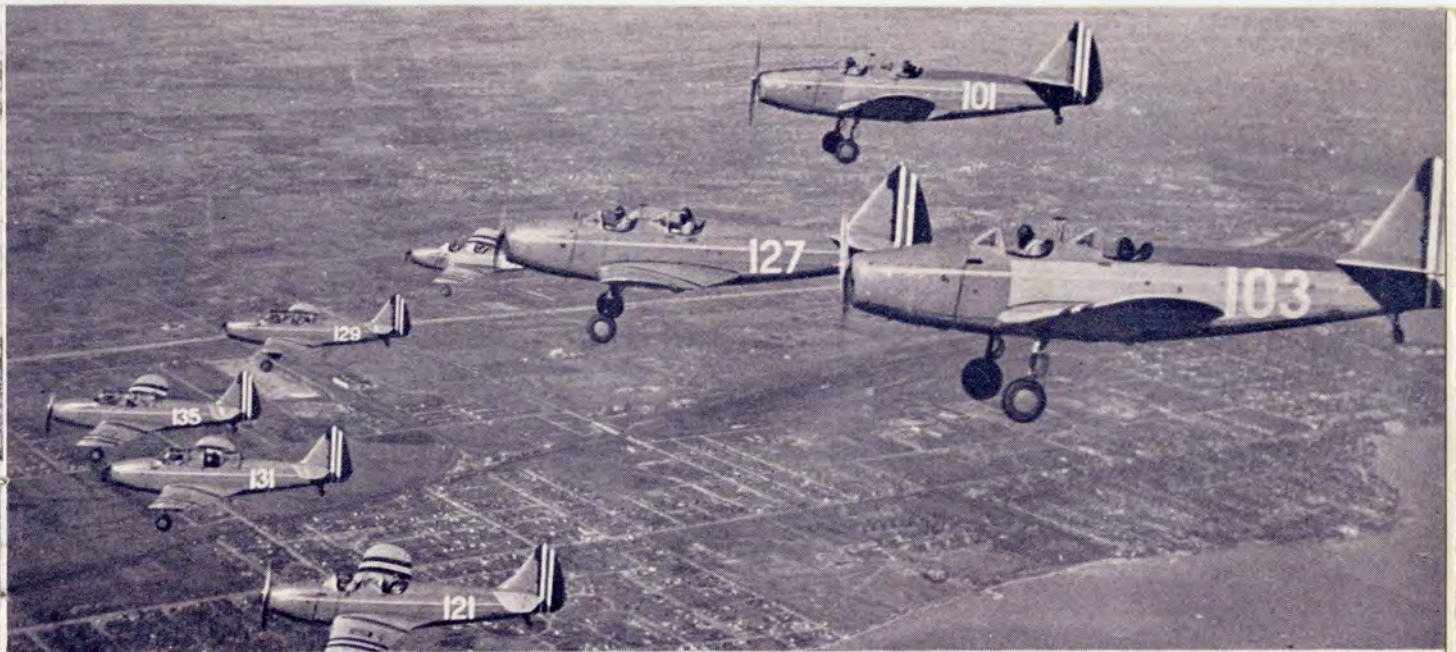
Many of our countrymen have been sentenced to death or to hard labor for espionage or sabotage, and several thousands are sitting in concentration camps because of their anti-Nazi activities. They have been subjected to the "third-degree" by the Gestapo, and the most "obstinate" have been whipped into unconsciousness, sent to a hospital

The First Training in Recruit School.



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Formation of Norwegian Trainers Over Canada.

and on recovery were again whipped in an effort to force admissions. Yes, actually our women have been ravished, maltreated and even killed.

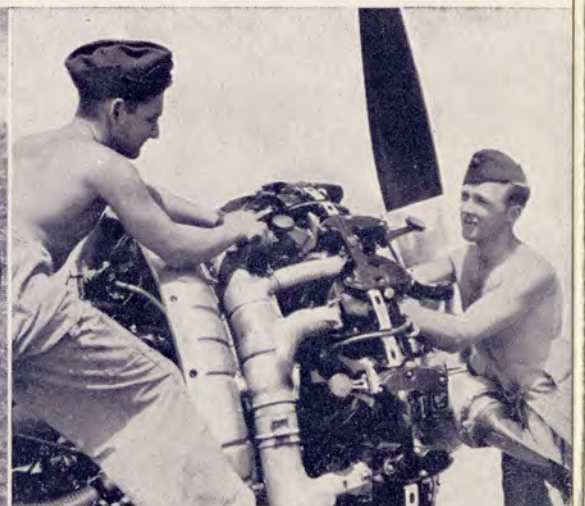
Our people have been systematically robbed of valuables and food, and their homes violated for Nazi accommodation.

They have been forced to see that more than 400,000 German soldiers and 40,000 civilian Germans with families on "recreation" daily take what food they need. The remaining provisions are mixed with cellulose and other substitutes and rationed to the Norwegians in ever-decreasing quantities.

The Norwegians could become Nazis and live comfortably, but more than 98 percent prefer to suffer and be hungry, because they have not forgotten the thousands of Norwegians who died for their country, nor the women and children who were murdered during the 62 days the country was ravaged by war. They shall not have sacrificed their lives in vain. They know that in spite of their unpreparedness, lack of time

Pilots Receiving Orders.

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to mobilize and the treachery of a handful of Quislings, that the enemy paid for its assault on Norway with more than 60,000 men and the loss of one-third of its fleet.

And they shall pay more. The Norwegians are standing united behind their King who symbolizes the nation's will to resist, and they follow the news of their Merchant Marine, Navy, Army and Air Force now active outside the country, with their whole hearts. They wish the Norwegian pilots to bomb German military objectives in Norway, and they are prepared to destroy their properties if necessary.

They demand war to be carried on with every available means of the nation, and they hope for the help from the West. Thousands of young Norwegians try to escape from the country with the aid of secret organizations in order to continue the fight. But only a few have succeeded in escaping and reaching their destination.

To be a Norwegian living beyond the frontiers of the homeland therefore imposes a great responsibility—either he works as a civilian or in the armed forces, or he contributes to the economic upkeep of those actively engaged in the efforts to restore our country. General mobilization is ordered, and he who does not report for service to act in the capacity for which he is best fitted, will be regarded without mercy as a deserter. In Norway one is either with the people or against them. It is war.

Crossing the North Sea.



Joining the Boys of "Little Norway".





Some of the Norwegian Fighters, Land and Sea Bombers and Training Planes on the Main Airdrome.

Many Norwegian-Americans visit our camp from time to time to see what is going on. They inspect the "city" of "Little Norway" with its offices, school-rooms, depots, hospital, barracks, mess-rooms, Norwegian kitchens and everything that makes a modern Norwegian military camp. They pass on to the workshops and hangars, the main airdrome and auxiliary airdromes. Everywhere they observe instructional work carried on in all the various technical departments of which a modern air force consists. They see long rows of modern American-built trainer and fighter planes carrying the Norwegian colours,—among them those given by the Norwegian-Americans in South America—and they watch the pilots continually training day and night. They visit the Training Camp for recruits on Lake Ontario and in the northern forests. They find hundreds and hundreds of boys in training—among them some Norwegian-Americans—and they learn that a number of squadrons trained in Canada are already in action overseas. They realize that the Air Force needs more planes and more men to fight for Norway and they are told that every man in the service gives from Two to Twenty Dollars from his monthly pay to buy more planes.

Our visitors listen to the reports from Norway and of the help the people are hoping for from the West. They are told that the Merchant Marine, Norway's only source of income, has lost more than 1,800,000 tons through torpedoing and no new shipbuilding is replacing it. They

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Training in Planes from Patriots in South America.





Snapshot from "Vesle Skaugum."



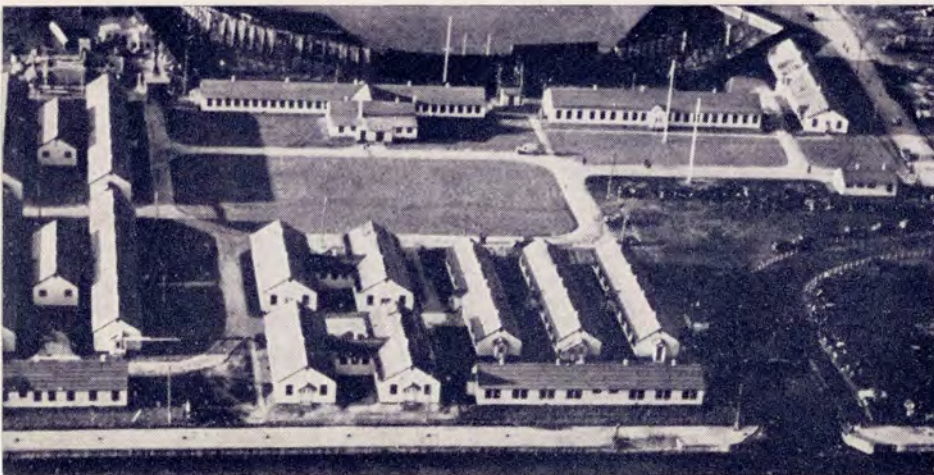
Off Duty.

learn that Norway with its 2,800,000 population gave Finland 53 million kroner in three months, the equivalent of 20 million dollars when based on the domestic buying power of the krone.

They are all most surprised, and they realize more clearly what the Norwegian nation has done and is doing in this war. They exclaim: "We knew nothing of this. Why hasn't someone told us about all this before? Most of the Norwegian-Americans are ignorant of these facts. Tell them, and we feel sure that the people in the Old Country will not be disappointed in their hope of assistance from their relatives and friends in the New World."—One Norwegian-American, owning a coffee plantation in Guatemala said: "I am an old man, but I demand the right to assist in this. My properties are at the disposal of the Air Force. Give me your orders, whether I shall do my part here or shall supply you with the coffee Little Norway will need for the duration of the war."—One Norwegian-American from New York said after his visit here: "I learn that you have received many proofs of the right feeling of fellowship, and I know that many have contributed to the Relief and to the Jagerfond. Each one may decide how he wishes to do his part worthy of

"Little Norway."

Snapshot from a Schoolroom.





The Crown Prince Inspecting the Barracks.



*The Crown Prince
and the Pilot.*

the name of Sons and Daughters of Norway. But after seeing and hearing all this, one thing is clear to me: A collective contribution from the three million people of Norwegian blood living in the New World is a duty towards our relatives at home in Norway who are fighting with their backs to the wall, and hoping for help from the West."

It is with great pleasure that we follow the suggestion of our Norwegian-American friends and tell you of these things so that you also may know and consider what you of Norwegian blood should do as your share in this great cause. The answer you give will be written in the history of Norway.

With Greetings from all the Boys,

1516 Ole F. Olsen.

Some of the Boys Ready for Overseas Duty.



P. S.

IT may be of interest to you to learn about the details of the boys' contribution to the buying of new American-built planes for the Training Camp.

The first trainer of the type we use here (\$11,000) was ordered some time ago, and we hope to catch up with the Norwegian-Americans in Paraguay and Argentina, even if they have already given two planes and are well on the way with a third. We have established a fund in the soldiers' mess which we have called the "Wings for Norway Fund." The Fund is managed by a committee, some of whom are elected by the Soldiers' Mess and the rest appointed by the Commanding Officer of the Royal Norwegian Air Force in Canada. The President of the Soldiers' Mess is the ex-officio chairman of the Fund Committee. The books of the committee are subject to inspection by a duly qualified auditor. The work of this committee is purely voluntary. To make sure that the planes purchased are suitable to the needs of the Air Force, authority has been delegated to the Commanding Officer, Major Ole Reistad, or his authorized representative, to decide which type of plane to buy. This fund also takes care of all contributions made for the benefit of the boys; however, if no specified condition is made with the contribution, it goes directly to the fund for the purchase of new planes.

In this camp hundreds of boys, who have completed their training in all the various departments, already have or are going overseas on active duty, and new hundreds arrive to begin their training. In order that all may contribute to this fund, we give the new arrivals a copy of the Spirit of "Little Norway". Every man has volunteered his contribution; some who earn only \$30 a month, have given up to \$15 per month.

It may be of interest to see a copy of the Spirit of "Little Norway", because it shows the feelings which urge the boy who is training to be able to give his All for Norway.

SPIRIT OF "LITTLE NORWAY"

(WINGS FOR NORWAY FUND)

ONE of the boys at "Little Norway" made a speech on the 17th of May, and in this speech he suggested that everybody should join in a "17th of May greeting" to Norway. This greeting was not to be sent by telegraph, but over the radio so that it could reach everyone inside and beyond the frontier of Norway, and reach the heart of every honest Norwegian. It should show that we here in "Little Norway" are existing, and that we have both the will and determination. And it should be so powerful that even our enemy would have to notice and understand this greeting.

It was to run as follows:

"Every man in the Norwegian Air Force at 'Little Norway' promises from to-day to make a continuous monthly contribution for new planes for the duration of the war."

One and all belonging to the Air Force immediately approved this proposal and made their contribution proportionate to their income, so that the Commanding Officer at once was able to order the first plane, the name of which is to be "Spirit of Little Norway No. 1."

The minimum subscription each one in proportion to his rank pays every month for the duration of the war is as follows:

Major.....	\$20	2nd Lieutenant.....	\$8
Captain.....	15	Sergeant.....	5
Lieutenant.....	10	Corporal and Private.....	2

If you as a new arrival to "Little Norway" wish to join this "17th of May greeting," you may sign the declaration below:

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The undersigned.....

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hereby wishes to subscribe to a monthly or yearly contribution

*for the duration of the war of \$..... to the
Wings for Norway Fund as his part of the above mentioned
"17th of May greeting" to Norway from "Little Norway."*

How Long ?

