

C.L.N.A. BULLETIN

CAMP LITTLE NORWAY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Christmas Greetings to Our Friends

Once again the bells of Christmas are ringing over the wartorn nations of the world. Once again we are reminded of the highest ideals and values for which we are unitedly fighting. Millions of suffering men, women and children in the occupied nations will again lift up their heads and take courage towards the Day of Liberation. And our own boys at sea and on the bloody battle fields will give their best to crush the foul enemies of human peace and happiness.

The directors and coordinators of Camp Little Norway Association, Inc., wish take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to all friends who so generously have come to our assistance in our efforts on behalf of the heroic Fighting Norway. The total contributions now stand at approximately \$75,000, and, what is still better, are steadily growing. Let us all make a sustained effort to make this growth a permanent one, till Victory is won for the United Nations.

We have decided to publish this printed bulletin as a greeting and encouragement and hope our friends everywhere will make use of the bulletin to let ever wider circles of friends of Norway know about the great cause so heroically expressed in the lives of the fliers and sailors of great free fighting Norway.

With best wishes for a rich Christmas season, we sign,

For CAMP LITTLE NORWAY ASSOCIATION, INC.

ALBERT LINDHOLM
SVERRE NORBORG
KARL R. ANDRESEN
HANS THORSDALEN

RICHARD LARSEN
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JACOB STEFFERUD
G. UNGER VETLESEN

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JOHN L. AKSLEN
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J. M. OSMOND

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STATISTICS:

Ingatherings for Norway

The October 30, 1942, Press release from The President's War Relief Board gives the following figures of *net contributions* on behalf of Norway—January 1-October 31, 1942:

Norwegian Relief, Inc.	\$57,049.06
Camp Little Norway Association	55,697.79
American Friends of Norway, Inc.	54,374.06

The net gain for Camp Little Norway Association during the month of October was \$13,258.55.

Great News from the Northwest Pacific Division

Our Northwest Pacific Division is at present taking the lead. Under the clear-sighted and aggressive leadership of its coordinator, Mr. J. M. Osmond, the friends of the Division are bending their every effort to produce a great united front for Camp Little Norway Association.

Mr. Osmond reports that of late no less than twelve sub-chapters have been formed. Also that the friends of Norway in Seattle are planning for a great Norwegian participation in the magnificent United Nations Christmas Fair which will be held December 11-12 in the Civic Auditorium. They hope to raise a considerable amount of money for Camp Little Norway on this occasion. We will be extremely interested in hearing of their success!

H. R. H. Crown Princess Martha of Norway has kindly presented two silverplate service dishes to be raffled away at the Norway booth at the United Nations Fair. The news of this royal gift has been received with great enthusiasm among the Seattle friends.

Among the new sub-chapters within the Northwest Pacific Division is also one in far-away Petersburg, Alaska. There is every reason to expect that the Norsemen of Alaska hereafter will figure prominently in the list of contributions to our cause. A prophecy of this may be found in the fact that Mrs. Paul Hansen of Ketchikan, Alaska, recently submitted a check for \$260.00 for sale of silver wings. Little wonder that the Division has taken for its slogan. "Fremover gaar det."

In conclusion, we may add from a communication just received from the leader of the Division:

Greetings from Northwest Pacific Division C. L. N. A.

When I look back at the start this spring of this Division, I cannot help but feel gratitude for the opportunity that presented itself, giving me a chance to really make an effort toward help in someway to Norway. I will freely admit that my expectations were beyond our accomplishments, but again I am grateful for the able support given by our many friends and active working members—who deserve all the credit, willingly struggling along against many unwarranted obstacles. I do believe we can say that we are over the bottle-necks and on the way to bigger accomplishments. It is my sincere hope that C. L. N. A. will have the landslide that the cause for which we are working deserves—in 1943. Even though I am now in the service of Uncle Sam, it is my ambition to give and do all in my power toward promoting the progress of an undertaking for the boys in the Royal Norwegian Air Force.

T. M. OSMOND

Southern Pacific Division

Is gloriously forging ahead. The able leadership of our coordinator, Mr. John H. Trebler, is felt throughout the whole Division, as new chapters are being formed. The contributions from the S. P. Division now aggregate more than \$6,200.00, a very respectable amount, when we take into consideration the few Norwegian Americans who live in those parts of our nation. And yet we have the assurance that the Division intends to outdo themselves in the future.

Greetings from the Utah Chapter

Let our Christmas gifts this year be put into action, by giving till it hurts, by giving of our means to the ones who serve for us. Let our gatherings the country over this Christmas time be a Christmas of prayer for our boys, who fight so bravely for the cause of peace, that actually the Prince of Peace will be our Chieftain and Shield in that great hope of a future livable world. May we show in our lives by contributing what we can to this great cause, which we all may proudly say is our cause, that we may encourage others to do the same. Let this be our Merry Christmas and Happy New Year—to the ones who are training at Camp Little Norway—to the ones on the firing line now, and will be—the ones at home willing to give—give till it hurts.

Sincerely—on behalf of the Utah Chapter,

LAWRENCE A. JOHNSON, *Secretary*.

Christmas Greetings from Central Division, Chicago

This is the third Christmas of war-torn Norway! For the third time, now, our kinsfolk will have to suffer the bitter sorrow of "celebrating" Yuletide by permission of the Germans and under their observation!

The Huns are now everywhere and watch every move. They have come to stay and their ugly business is to Hitlerize the population and incorporate Norway in the "New Order."

The welfare of the people back home is close to our hearts. So it was before Hitler and his madmen came to power, and so it is today! Let us never forget the "9th of April", 1940! And let us now in the Christmas season sit down and talk openly to one another: Have we done our share towards our own people back home?

We Norse-Americans give because we want to do our share, in a small way. We do not hereby pay a debt or square an account, we are merely being human. It is natural for a man to give a hand when his brother is in need. It is therefore moral support we are giving, an expression of brotherhood and goodfellowship. Every gift is a manifesto: *Norway shall live! Our way of life is right!*

In this spirit, we of Camp Little Norway Club, of Chicago, extend to you the Christmas and Season's Greetings. *God Jul! Ma nyaret bringe sol over Norge! En ny dug!*

On behalf of Central Division, Camp Little Norway,
BERTRAM JENSENIUS, *Secretary*.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

November 30, 1942

RECEIPTS:

Central Division	\$14,481.21
North Central Division	25,470.33
Eastern Division	15,294.39
Northwest Pacific Division	9,250.81
Southern Pacific Division	6,278.68
Southern Division	162.50
National Ski Association of America	2,864.94
<i>Total receipts, including chapters</i>	\$73,802.86

DISBURSEMENTS:

Funds remitted to Dr. T. A. Alstad, Agent:		
For Camp Little Norway	\$57,452.03	
For "Kongshaug", Chester, N. S.	4,621.55	
For Sailors' Home, Halifax, N. S.	4,000.00	
For Luenebourg—\$100.00; Eidsvold, \$1,000	1,100.00	
Total funds forwarded to Canada	\$67,173.58	
Funds expended for yarn, by chapters	773.75	
<i>Disbursed for operating expenses, Minneapolis Office—</i>		
Printing and Stationery	\$400.21	
Postage	134.72	
Telegraph	63.44	
Advertising and Publicity	57.00	
Miscellaneous items	96.47	
Total	751.84	
<i>Disbursements by chapters for operating expenses—</i>		
Federal and State taxes	\$178.16	
Cost of staging affairs	820.65	
Publicity and advertising	337.30	
Administrative expenses	558.85	
Total	1,894.96	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$70,594.13
Balance on hand, Minneapolis office	\$ 949.66	
Balance on hand by chapters	2,259.07	
TOTAL FUNDS ON HAND AS OF NOVEMBER, 30, 1942		\$3,208.73

Respectfully submitted,
 JULIUS P. BLEGEN, Treas.,
 10 Lumber Exchange,
 Minneapolis, Minn.

Report on Pledge Cards

Mr. John Akslen reports that several divisions and chapters are getting very promising results through the medium of the pledge cards for the Second Front Volunteers. In this manner the North Central Division has received better than \$600, the Central Division \$160, while the new St. Louis Chapter already has raised \$80 by pledges.

The strong point of this system is the regularity with which the pledgees contribute the gifts. We recommend this system for a real try-out in any chapter which wishes to establish regularity among their friends and members.

Highlights from Our Eastern Division

As we go to press we receive the most encouraging news from our faithful friends in the East:

1. Mr. Rolf Westad, of N. Y. C., reports that Mr. Edward J. Barbar, of N. Y. C., has contributed the wonderful amount of \$5,000.00 to our great cause. The gift came through Mr. Blom of Nortraship.
2. Consul B. Ursin, of Boston, Mass., reports that Boston Chapter is hard at work and collections are very satisfactory.
3. Mr. Herschel reports enthusiastically of the grand opening of a very united and determined Philadelphia Chapter.

Now We Are Getting into Our Stride.

Greetings from Lt. Col. Ole Reistad

I think CLNA will live in the history of the Norwegian-American relationship. I feel for sure that everyone in the "Second Army" will be able to assist Norway today effectively through the CLNA.

On behalf of the Training Centre, I would like to send our heartiest thanks for what your organization has done and I hope it may increase to such an extent that the final goal set up in the beginning may be reached. CLNA can have the satisfaction of knowing that the money they have given is being used in a way to give the best possible results. It is also indicative that any activity bearing the name "Little Norway" is responsible and of a high standard, which standard was built up by the boys fighting overseas with their blood.

All the boys at Little Norway and those now in action overseas send you their best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, and all of us trust that through our united efforts, next year at this festive season the whole world may be at peace.

Yours very sincerely,
OLE REISTAD, Lieutenant Colonel,
Air Officer Commanding,
R.N.A.F. Training Command in Canada.

From the Ladies' Front

For a long time different women's groups of different cities have given of their time and effort to help the boys of Toronto with excellent knitted sweaters, socks, etc.

As will be known, the Military Purchasing Commission of Norway has recently appealed for the ladies' help all over the nation and established several Working Centers for Norway where willing hands at present are working at top speed on sweaters, sewing kits, button bags, shooting mittens, etc.

In an excellent report for the month of November the director of the *Midwest Center*, Mrs. Helen B. Tormoen reports that up till now this one center has distributed materials for no less than 4,406 pairs of khaki shooting mittens and 7,075 sewing kits. We congratulate Mrs. Tormoen and all the ladies on this marvelous result within one month of the start of the center.

From *Seattle* comes the report from Mrs. Borghild Hauge that the women out there have finished 300 pairs of socks, 100 pairs shooting mittens, 50 sweaters and 200 sewing kits.

In the Middle West subcenters of the service center have been established at 30 localities. Any one who may wish to participate in this great cause will please contact us.

Do You Know

That John Nilsen, the Norwegian singer from sunny California, sponsored more than forty concerts in Southern Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa for the benefit of Camp Little Norway? John's concerts brought between \$700 and \$800 into the C.L.N.A. coffers. John is now back in California awaiting his draft call, and about a week ago gave a concert in St. Olavs Kirke, San Pedro, California, the only Norwegian church in the United States subsidized by the Norwegian Government. Thanks a million, John, for your splendid work and Good Luck to you!

That the ladies at Quincy, Mass. (Edw. Grieg Auxiliary) holds the spotlight in the Eastern area right now. They just sent in \$600. Fine work! How about our friend Liv Lunde, who has been canvassing in Worcester and Auburn, Massachusetts. Liv has sent in between \$200 and \$300. Three cheers for her, too.

What Can Be Done

We quote a letter received from Mrs. Geo. I. Olson, Montevideo, Minn.: Jeg sender in en Bankdraft for \$168.15 for Camp Little Norway. Jeg donated en quilt saa gik alle Sonner av Norge medlemmer ut og solgte numbers. Vi solgte 10 cents for one and three for 25 cents og her er hvad vi fik for quilten \$168.15 og det skal gaa til Camp Little Norway.

**Press Release,
The President's War Relief Board.**

The Other United Nations

During the first ten months of 1942 the following amounts have been collected to help the other United Nations: United Kingdom, \$3,500,000.00; Russia, \$3,250,000.00; Greece, \$1,160,000.00; Palestine, \$760,000.00; Poland, \$480,000.00; France, \$480,000.00; Holland, \$300,000.00; (Norway, \$205,000.00).

There are 54 organizations working for Poland, 37 for Great Britain, 27 for France. Our friends ought to make a mental note of these facts, since we still meet negative people who think we are doing "too much" to assist Fighting Norway.

May the glorious example set by our United Nation Friends challenge and encourage us to do *better* in 1943.