

C.L.N.A. BULLETIN

CAMP LITTLE NORWAY ASSOCIATION, INC.

4833 Thirteenth Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn.

Vol. 11

Minneapolis, Minn., December 1, 1943

No. 3

A REVIEW OF OUR WORK

Our Board expresses its most sincere gratitude to the thousands of friends of Norway who have taken a particular interest in the Norwegian boys in their continued fight against our mutual enemy.

We Americans appreciate, possibly more keenly than any other Nation, the gallant fight the smaller nations are waging against powerful oppressors, as the youth of these smaller nations fight to save the same freedom and the same ideals we Americans gained for ourselves through great sacrifices and for the retention of which we are putting forth every effort today. Being strangely aware that one of the nations fighting today is Norway — *gamlelandet vaart* — it is easy to understand that we Norwegian Americans, through our ties of blood, must express our sympathy and interest in some active way.

Our Association is interested particularly in the boys in the Armed Forces and the Sailors of the Merchant Marine who are outside of Norway, and as our name implies, especially in the boys of the Royal Norwegian Air Force. This comes about quite naturally, as the main training camp of the Airforce has been established on this side of the Atlantic — in Canada, just by the border of our own country. This makes it easy for us to get to the camp at any time and to talk with the boys and their leaders. Also, to have representatives from Camp Little Norway come here on lecture tours whenever the service permits such arrangements.

The purpose of our organization has not been to finance the Royal Norwegian Air Force in its operations — a task which runs into millions — and which the Norwegian Government in exile takes excellent care of, even as our Government does of our air force. However, even in view of the fact that our American soldier is the best equipped in the world, we contribute millions of dollars voluntarily for use of the U.S.O. and other organizations. And why? Simply because the American people — millions and millions of kin and friends — feel they must give the boys a free and definite proof of the great admiration and sincere good wishes they hold for them at all times. The American people want their boys to know that at all times and wherever on the face of the globe they may be — the boys who fight and die for us today — are ever in the nation's heart and thought.

To whom can they turn — these Norwegian boys now fighting side by side with our boys against the common enemy? Their loved ones live under enemy terror. The "gifts" and "encouragements" these boys receive from their loved ones are messages of executions and concentration camps. Have not we then been given the opportunity to write possibly one of the finest chapters in Norwegian-American history by taking the places of their loved ones and giving these Norwegian boys some definite proof that we are backing them and that the same care and admiration we hold for our own boys also follows them?

This has been the motivating force back of all our Association work. Quite readily the thought reached over all the country—even to Alaska and Honolulu—especially among us Americans of Norwegian descent.

Our task, therefore, has been easy and simple; it was rather a matter of organizing chapters, than to encourage others to start taking part in the work.

The sacrifices so willingly made by these boys, and their indomitable spirit, are indeed an inspiration for us to continue our work; and all the Norwegian boys of the airforce, navy, army, and merchant marine who have already given their all for freedom — those we shall honor and remember as were they our own.

We have received from Camp Little Norway the following letter of thanks with a condensed statement of distribution of the funds up to October 12, 1943:

Camp Little Norway Association,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

On behalf of the Airforce Training Camp please permit me to enclose a condensed statement of C.L.N.A. Funds, and also to send you our sincerest thanks for the generous gifts you have sent us for the benefit of the personnel here.

As ever increasing numbers of trained personnel has gone overseas, we up here have keenly felt that these boys also should enjoy the gift you have so generously sent us—as the personnel on both sides of the Atlantic inseparable belong to the R.N.A.F. The R.N.A.F. in England has cabled us their sincerest appreciation and instructed us to make sure their thanks be forwarded to the donors.

From the accounting at the end of last year you will have noticed, we had reserved a great deal of C.L.N.A. funds for special purposes—both here and overseas. As the present statement shows, all C.L.N.A. funds have been expended for the benefit of the personnel—as the needs have increased with the speeded up activities on both sides of the Muskoka. Sports equipment for summer and winter events both here and overseas. Arrangements and gifts, etc., in connection with Christmas and related events. The funds sent overseas are handled by the Joint Command of the R.N.A.F., and are expended for the benefit of the personnel. You will readily realize that wartime conditions make it impossible for us to go in detail how funds overseas are used. The fact remains we have received the most grateful acknowledgment which we hereby convey to you. It is, however, self-evident that gifts and entertainment arranged for personnel engaged in the active fighting is particularly welcome and valuable.

(Continued on page 4)

NATIONAL STRUCTURE OF C. L. N. A.

HEADQUARTERS—MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

NATIONAL BOARD

Officers:

President Albert Lindholm
Vice-President Richard Larsen
Secretary Gerhard N. Sonnesyn
Treasurer Dr. Raymond M. Hoitomt

Directors:

John L. Akslen Edwin L. Pearson, CPA
Karl R. Andresen Consul Jacob Stefferud

Authority:

As granted by The President's War Relief Control Board, Registration 513, pursuant to the rules and regulations governing the solicitation for relief in belligerent countries.

Coordinators:

Eastern Division Rolf G. Westad, P. T.
21 East Fortieth Street, New York, N. Y.
Southern Pacific Division John H. Trebler
2415 Santa Fe Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif.
Northwest Pacific Division Captain Harald Fritzner
314 Coleman Building, Seattle, Wash.
Central Division Arne E. Williamson
333 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Southern Division John S. Sarcussen
317 Tchoupitoulas Street, New Orleans, La.

Purpose:

To raise funds for Norway and Norwegian Nationals in Canada and U.S.A. for medical care, food, housing, clothing and recreation in hospitals and rest-homes.

CHAPTERS OF CAMP LITTLE NORWAY ASSOCIATION

National Ski Assn. Chapter of C.L.N.A.

President: Robert Langley
Barre, Mass.

C. L. N. A. of New York
President: Rolf G. Westad
21 East 40th St., New York, N. Y.

Free Norway Committee—
Norwegian Engineers Society
President: John Litell
530 86th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

C. L. N. A.—Jeg Vil Verge Mit Land
President: Adolph Johansen
33 I Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Toronto Committee of C.L.N.A.
President: Samuel Monrad
Orange, N. J.

Massachusetts State Branch of C.L.N.A.
President: Consul Bjarne Ursin
Providence Str., Boston, Mass.

Philadelphia Chapter of C.L.N.A.
President: Alf Herschel
22 So. Third Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Knoxville Chapter of C.L.N.A.
President: R. R. Lunoe
1611 Abbey Road, Knoxville, Tenn.

St. Louis Chapter of C.L.N.A.
President: Mrs. Molly Sverdrup
1155 Hillside Drive, St. Louis, Mo.

Norwegian National League
President: Sverre Thorvaldson
Detroit, Michigan

Camp "Little Norway" Club
President: J. Grefstad Jorgensen
2350 N. Kedzie Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

Northfield Chapter of C.L.N.A.
President: Miss Esther Gullbrandson
205 Manitou Str., Northfield, Minn.

Lake Superior Chapter of C.L.N.A.
President: Alfred G. Dahl
The Glass Block, Duluth, Minn.

Sioux Valley Branch of C.L.N.A.
President: O. C. Solheim
1911 So. Summit Ave., Sioux Falls, S. D.

Hub City Chapter of C.L.N.A.
President: Gotfried Sjoland
Newberry Block, Aberdeen, S. D.

Sioux City Chapter of C.L.N.A.
President: Mrs. Martha Boylson
1507 Hillside Ave., Sioux City, Ia.

Omaha Chapter of C.L.N.A.
President: G. A. Carlson
2014 Farnam St., Omaha, Nebr.

Utah Chapter of C.L.N.A.
President: Christian Johannesen
Box 329, Salt Lake City, Utah

Sons of Norway Supreme Lodge Chapter of
C.L.N.A.
President: E. B. Hauke
2947 Girard Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn.

Denver Chapter of C.L.N.A.
President: Thor Grosword
1205 Shoshone Str., Denver, Colorado

Seattle Chapter of C.L.N.A.
President: Miss Borghild Haugen
2041 24th Ave. No., Seattle, Wash.

Thor Lodge No. 42—Sons of Norway
President: Mike Storruste
Silverton, Oregon

Astoria Chapter of C.L.N.A.
President: E. B. Roth
1405 Harrison, Astoria, Oregon

Petersburg Branch—C.L.N.A.
President: Thomas A. Knudson
Box 1088, Petersburg, Alaska

Fjeldheim Lodge No. 47 Sons of Norway
President: Otto Larson
Bend, Oregon

Southern California Chapter of C.L.N.A.
President: Olav Halvorsen
2415 Santa Fe Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Sacramento Chapter of C.L.N.A.
President: P. O. Bathen
5449 14th Ave., Sacramento, Calif.

Santa Barbara Chapter of C.L.N.A.
President: Mrs. Dan Sundin
1818 San Pascual Str., Santa Barbara, Calif.

Service Center for Norway
President: Mrs. John E. Blegen
204 Foshay Tower, Minneapolis, Minn.

Pledge System Proven Its Worth

May we again call your attention to our pledge card system for use by clubs and lodges. Those who have used this system actively tell us that it works fine. Sure there is some work in collecting these monthly pledges, but it seems to be the best way to reach those who wish to give monthly donations. So give this system a tryout among your lodges and clubs of your locality.

Complete information with suggestions about how to use this system will be gladly furnished by this committee. Also the cards, blanks and receipt stamps to be used will be sent you without charge. To those of you who are using the system we say, keep it going and send the committee at least a quarterly report so our records may be kept up to date. The reports sent in to this committee by November 1st showed a total of \$2,354.00 received through pledges.

Two Fascinating Books

R.N.A.F. headquarters in Toronto just informs us that their book, "Little Norway in Pictures," with a supplement "Norway—Yesterday and Today," is now available. Cost \$2.50. Supply limited. Please advise us promptly if you would like a copy. This pictorial report of Norway in peace time and at war with the Air Force's activities will be the book we would all like to have as a grand memory of the boys of Little Norway when this struggle is over.

"Tusen Norske Ship," printed in Norwegian, tells the story of Norway's Merchant Marine with its crew of 25,000 men sailing the seven seas, come bombing, torpedoes, mines or storms. Extracts from interviews, journals, logbooks, showing what it means to be at sea in war times. Price \$2.25.

The profit from the sale of these books goes to the cause for which we are working. We should like to hear from all chapters as to how many books they want.

Camp Little Norway Association

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Cash Receipts and Disbursements

October 14, 1941 to October 31, 1943

RECEIPTS:

Central Division	\$ 27,053.20
Eastern Division	47,685.13
North Central Division	40,325.73
Northwest Pacific Division	23,250.68
Southern Division	464.80
Southern Pacific Division	11,418.08
National Ski Association of America	3,014.90
Sons of Norway	15,185.11

Total Receipts \$168,397.63

DISBURSEMENTS:

Funds remitted for Relief:	
For Camp Little Norway	\$102,501.44
For Norwegian Sailors	30,620.83
Yarn and material purchased	2,417.26

Total \$135,539.53

For Minneapolis Expenses:

Publicity	\$856.48
C.L.N.A. Bulletin	452.70
Printing, postage, etc.	394.40
Directors' travel	267.69
Receipt Books and Pledge Cards	158.00
Telephone and telegraph	115.49
Bank charges	35.24
Treasurer's Bonds—	
Minneapolis and Toronto	12.50

Total \$2,292.50

For Chapter Expenses:

Administrative Expenses	\$1,415.71
Cost of staging affairs	1,142.15
Publicity and advertising	611.62
U. S. and State taxes	189.21

Total \$3,358.69

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$141,190.72

Balance on hand, Minneapolis office	\$13,234.10
Balances on hand, Chapters	13,972.81

TOTAL FUNDS ON HAND, OCTOBER 31, 1943 *\$27,206.91

Respectfully submitted,

CAMP LITTLE NORWAY ASSOCIATION,
Dr. Raymond M. Hoitomt, Treasurer,
827 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis 2, Minnesota.

*Of this amount \$16,750.00 has been paid out by Sons of Norway Chapter and Minneapolis office since October 31st.

The National Window

Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Enclosed please find my check for \$10.00 which I am sending you for Mrs. Anna Vernon. She wants this sent to Camp Little Norway. Please write to her in Norwegian, as she neither writes or understands American. She is 84 years old.

International Falls, Minnesota

I like to see the boys fly, and I am glad that I am able to help a little. This time I enclose bank draft, amount one hundred dollars, with many thanks to you and all concerned who are willing to work for a good cause.

Auburn, Massachusetts

Enclose check for \$55.00 gathered at a Penny Social in our back yard. I am so happy when I can do a little for our Norway.

Pyote, Texas

I am enclosing a money order for \$5.00 which is to be given to The Camp Little Norway Association. I am hoping that this small sum will help us in reaching our goal for victory.

Ishpheming, Michigan

I'm enclosing a money order for \$25.00 to be used to the best advantage to "Free Norway." We are a group of women knitting socks and mittens for Service Center for Norway and this money we've collected on donations made by the women of "Norwegian Knitting Club of Ishpheming."

Great Falls, Montana

Am sending my bit. Am proud of what you have done and all good wishes for the future.

Oakland, California

Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$81.43, which is the total amount of sick-benefit paid one of our members who, because of his generous nature and appreciation of the worth-while cause, has asked that we forward it to you.

His only request was that the money be used for the Norwegian boys who are learning to fly; hence it is with pleasure that we comply with his request by forwarding this check to an association we know is doing a wonderful job. Bjornstjerne Bjornson Lodge No. 14, Sons of Norway.

New York Concert

We have great news from the concert Miss Stell Andersen gave in New York for the boys in Camp Little Norway. Miss Andersen's beautiful voice brought a net of \$2,450.54. That is some singing. This amount included a straight donation of \$800.00 by Miss Esther M. McCullough, also of New York.

FILMS

Films

We wish to remind that we have both silent and sound 16mm. films that can be loaned out in the interest of obtaining funds for Camp Little Norway Association.

Lecturers

We also have from time to time lecturers. Not very long ago we had Lt. Harald Land, who made an extensive tour, and the net proceeds for Camp Little Norway Association was about \$1,500.00. At the present time Lt. Col. Stenersen, of the Norwegian Army, who has been in Iceland and Scotland for the last two years training American and British soldiers in mountain warfare, is traveling throughout the Northwest, and his

LECTURERS

PINS

lectures are highly commented upon. We expect a good result financially also from the lecture tour.

Books, Pins, and Cards for Sale

Please keep in mind that we have a good supply of pins, Wings for Norway, at \$1.00 apiece, all of which goes to the cause; also postal cards of the Royal Norwegian Air Force, which are sold at five cents apiece. We also have a good supply of books issued by the Singers in New York in connection with their 17th of May program this year. These books are beautifully illustrated and have excellent articles about Norway at war. The books originally sold for \$1.00, but have now been reduced to fifty cents. Write us for supply.

BOOKS

**A REVIEW OF OUR WORK—Continued
Condensed Statement
Of Camp Little Norway Association Funds
Distributed Through the Royal Norwegian Air
Force—Toronto Training Centre**

(In Canadian Dollars using
the rate of 10% Exchange
Premium on United States
Funds)

Actual amount received from Camp Little Norway Association through Dr. T. Alstad, between 27th November, 1941, and 12th October, 1943	\$108,174.43
<i>Expenditures—</i>	
Purchase price of property now known as Camp Vesle Skaugum	\$10,100.00
Amount spent for enlargement of Camp Vesle Skaugum	6,118.57
Expenses in connection with building and equipping Camp Vesle Skaugum	15,121.62
Extra expenses incurred in connection with building a blockhouse at Muskoka and equipping the canteen and mess rooms	25,172.66
Transferred to Social Welfare Committee for Norwegian Seamen in America, covering expenses incurred in building and equipping a sports field at Eidsvold, Katonah, N. Y.	3,306.81
Transferred to the Royal Norwegian Air Force, London, to be used for the benefit of the members of the Royal Norwegian Air Force overseas.	48,000.00
Unexpended balance as of the 12th October, 1943	354.77
	\$108,174.43

I hereby certify above mentioned statement to be correct in all details.

(Signed) ROLF HAGEN, Lt.
Chief Accountant, R.N.A.F., Toronto.

To the Air Officer Commanding Royal Norwegian Air Force, Training Centre in Canada:

We have examined the above statement and in connection therewith we have reconciled the total amount shown as received from Dr. T. Alstad with his records and have examined vouchers in support of the expenditures listed. On this basis we report that in our opinion the above statement correctly sets forth the disposition of the above-mentioned funds according to the information and explanations received.

(Signed) GEORGE A. TOUCHE & CO.,
Chartered Accountants, Auditors,

Appointed by the Royal Norwegian Government Auditing Office.
Dated at Toronto, Ontario, 22nd October, 1943.

In conclusion I wish to assure you that the funds received have been a great inspiration to the personnel on both sides of the Atlantic. It has been the proof of an interest and goodwill the boys will never forget.
OLE REISTAD, Lieutenant Colonel.

From the work for the benefit of the Norwegian Seamen we report as follows:

Funds forwarded to committees working in behalf of the Seamen:	
From Sons of Norway Chapter	\$16,410.14
From funds received earmarked for the Seamen and also appropriations made by the Board	20,532.00

In this connection we quote from a letter received from Sosialkomiteen for Norske Sjøfolk i America by its secretary, Mr. Haslund in New York:

"We have several times previously had the opportunity of expressing our great thanks for the understanding Camp Little Norway Association has shown for our Seamen. The funds which have come in to our gift fund from Camp Little Norway Association and the other organizations which have supported our work, have made it possible to go beyond the strict frame which the Norwegian Government necessarily must maintain during the war. The contributions have made it possible to grant additional sums which often give the individual seaman ashore the little extra comfort which he so richly deserves and highly appreciates.

"We can again assure Camp Little Norway Association that the funds will be used in the very best way in the spirit of the giver."

Regarding our support of the Service Center for Norway, Minneapolis, Minnesota, now a Chapter of C.L.N.A., please note the special report in this Bulletin from the Center. We believe the Center is one of the finest undertakings in behalf of Norway. Our hats are off to the ladies for the excellent work done by them in the Center. C.L.N.A. financed the purchase of material for the 10,000 bandages the Center is working on (6400 completed) and we have also furnished the Center with \$836.02 for the purchase of flannel, etc.

It was also C.L.N.A.'s pleasure to have the opportunity to send a Christmas gift of 5,000 cartons of cigarettes to the Norwegian Forces. We have in this connection received the following cable from London:

"A. J. Liium has conveyed to me telegraphic advice of the generous gift of five thousand cartons cigarettes for Norwegian forces Christmas, 1943. Please accept my grateful thanks.

OSCAR THORP, Minister of Defense."

In conclusion we like to point out that all funds collected by C.L.N.A. and expended by C.L.N.A. have gone for active, immediate purposes. The Board feels that C.L.N.A. is on its honour to do its share, as ever increasing numbers of the Norwegian boys are taking part in the actual fighting overseas.

We again express our deepest gratitude for all the goodwill and faith shown us in our work. The war is raging at an ever higher pitch and greater our efforts also must be. In the knowledge of the continued cooperation and financial support of our friends, C.L.N.A. shall look confidently to the future and the day the Norwegian colours again fly over a Free Norway.

SERVICE CENTER FOR NORWAY

204 Foshay Tower, Minneapolis, Minn.

For the period November 1st, 1942, to November 1st, 1943, we are pleased to report the following articles made at the Center or by Associated groups or friends:

- 10108 pairs of trigger mittens.
- 12770 Sewing Kits.
- 850 Pairs of socks.
- 375 Pairs of Spiral Socks.
- 1400 Pairs of Stocking Legs.
- 294 Quilts and blankets sent to Seamen in U.S.A.
- 25 Rugs sent to Seamen in U.S.A.
- 590 Articles of Household Linens sent to Seamen in U.S.A.
- 29 Afghans sent to Seamen in U.S.A.
- 55 Miscellaneous articles sent to Seamen in U.S.A.
- 132 Pairs of pajamas sent to Camp Little Norway.
- 83 Bath Robes sent to Camp Little Norway.
- 20 Quilts sent to Camp Little Norway.
- 71 Pairs of pajamas sent to "Kongshaug," Canada.
- 63 Quilts and bedding sent to "Kongshaug," Canada.
- 11 Articles of linen sent to "Kongshaug," Canada.
- 25 Miscellaneous articles sent to "Kongshaug," Canada.
- 46 Quilts sent to Seamen's House, Halifax, N. S., Canada.
- 45 Pairs pajamas sent to Seamen in the U.S.A.
- 22 Bath Robes sent to Seamen in the U.S.A.
- 5000 "Enkeltmans-pakker" (bandages) Norwegian Medical Corps.
- 388 Pneumonia jackets, Norwegian Medical Corps.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the splendid cooperation and generous support that we have enjoyed with the many groups and individuals who have made such a fine record possible.

Yarn for all the knitted articles have been furnished us by the Norwegian Purchasing Mission. All quilts, blankets, afghans, rugs, articles of household linen and miscellaneous articles are donations from various groups and individuals. Material and fillers for the Sewing Kits were also furnished us by the Sewing Room in New York. Materials for the pneumonia jackets were furnished by the Medical Corps. Bath robe and pajama material was bought by us from funds furnished by your Camp Little Norway Association and from our own treasury. The entire expense connected with the bandages is also being financed by Camp Little Norway Association.

I believe these figures will indicate that there have been many willing, active hands and loving hearts throughout the Northwest.

4,000 "Enkeltmanns-pakker" are still to be made. Great quantities of yarn for socks and blue sweaters are on hand; also flannel for children's pajamas. Busy days are therefore ahead of us. The Center sincerely trusts the loving support so far given will continue and also wishes to announce that more workers are urgently needed.

SERVICE CENTER FOR NORWAY,
Mrs. John E. Blegen,
Chm. Bd. of Directors.