

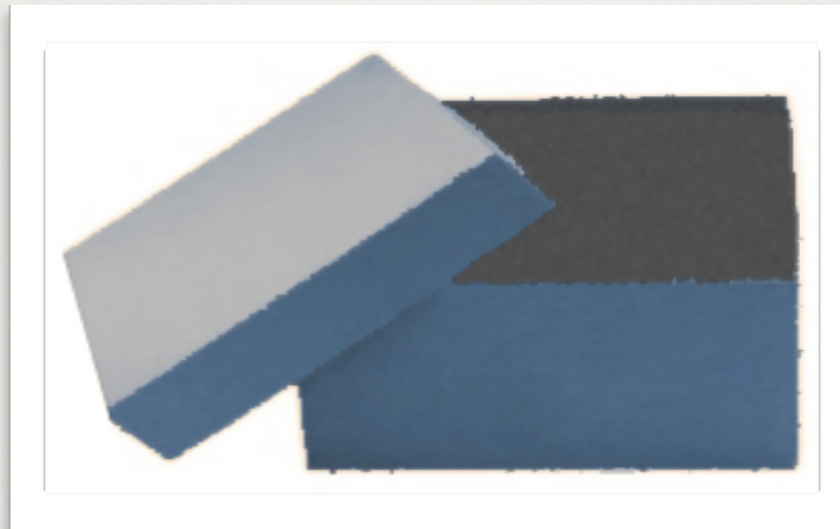
PACKAGES IN HARD TIMES:
'AMERIKAPAKKER' AND
REMITTANCES IN A SHOEBOX
OF NORWEGIAN LETTERS,
1945-1948

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1. **Packages:** Amerikapakker for the Stjørdal Holm family

2. **The Shoebox of Letters:** A digital archive of Norgesbrev

(SOME OF THE) SWEDISH AID TO NORWAY 1942-1945

Item	Total tons
Grain and flour	63,000
Sugar	17,000
Butter and fatty raw materials	5,000
Seeds and sowing grain	10,000
Cattle Cake	10,000

Source: *The American Swedish Monthly* v. 39 n. 8 (1945.8), 14.

Compare: 1960 wheat production Norway = 23,000 tons

Unknown: how much of this amount were purchases made by American Relief for Norway?

MARSHALL PLAN

Around 3 billion kroner in aid
1949-1952

Compare: 1951-2 Norwegian
National budget = 2.9 billion
kroner

Source: Sverre Mørkhagen *Farvel Norge*, 549. In turn cites: Ole Kristian Grimnes *Den todelte verden*, 35-40.

RELIEF EFFORTS IN THE US

(As estimated by American Relief for Norway)

Over \$30 million in *total* aid to Norway 1940-1947
(around 156 million kroner)

\$6 million in money remittances sent

\$3.8 million American Relief for Norway funds

\$1 = 4.5 kroner (Jan 15, 1947)

AMERIKAPAKKER

Package weight limit (from 1946): 44 lbs (20kg)

American Relief for Norway
estimates of packages sent:

1,300,684 packages from US to Norway (1945.7-1947)

\$9,104,788 in estimated value

\$1,300,684 in postal charges

Andreas Nilsen Rygg *A Survey of American Relief Work For Norway During and After The Second World War* (1947), 133

AMERIKAPAKKER

“And when the boxes began to come, there was the joyous task of unpacking and handing out shoes and suits, underwear, dresses, capes, stockings, coats, indeed the whole family’s wardrobe from head to foot, from hat to shoes.

Great, mighty America comes in with a glamour of the fairy tale, and those who had sent the articles became so wonderfully alive and close to those present in the room. Those who were home — wife, father, mother, brother, and sister, knew well that those over there accompanied them during the years of the war in their thoughts and prayers.”

Andreas Nilsen Rygg *A Survey of American Relief Work For Norway During and After The Second World War* (1947), 132 - Citing *Farsunds Avis* article from December, 1945.

OUR SHOEBOX OF LETTERS

- 248 items in the collection
(1911-1956)
- 183 from the 1940s
(only 7 from 1940-1944)
- 102 of these refer to packages
(However, this number includes many
Christmas gifts)

*“Mother did get two or three dresses and a jacket which father brought home, but **who** they were from he didn’t say, we understood they were from America.”*

**#162 Evelyn Holm to John Holm
1947.6.10**

Here it's difficult to buy a pair of shoes because you see, during this 1 year, they've become 4 shoe tokens worth – and to buy a pair of leather shoes you need 5 tokens. Nice arrangement! I was lucky enough to get a pair of street shoes from Sweden last fall. – Father is so proud now because he has both leather slippers and felt slippers – he had none before – as soon as he gets something he takes it up to show mother. Yes I've received leather slippers from you – 1 pair light silk stockings, 2 pair strong, good linen stockings (I haven't been wearing stockings for over 2 months in a row but now it's starting to get too cool at night) 3 small spring knives, which you've made yourself, I've gotten and 1 small, cute hammer + various other things.

#134 Herborg Holm to John Holm 1946.9.5

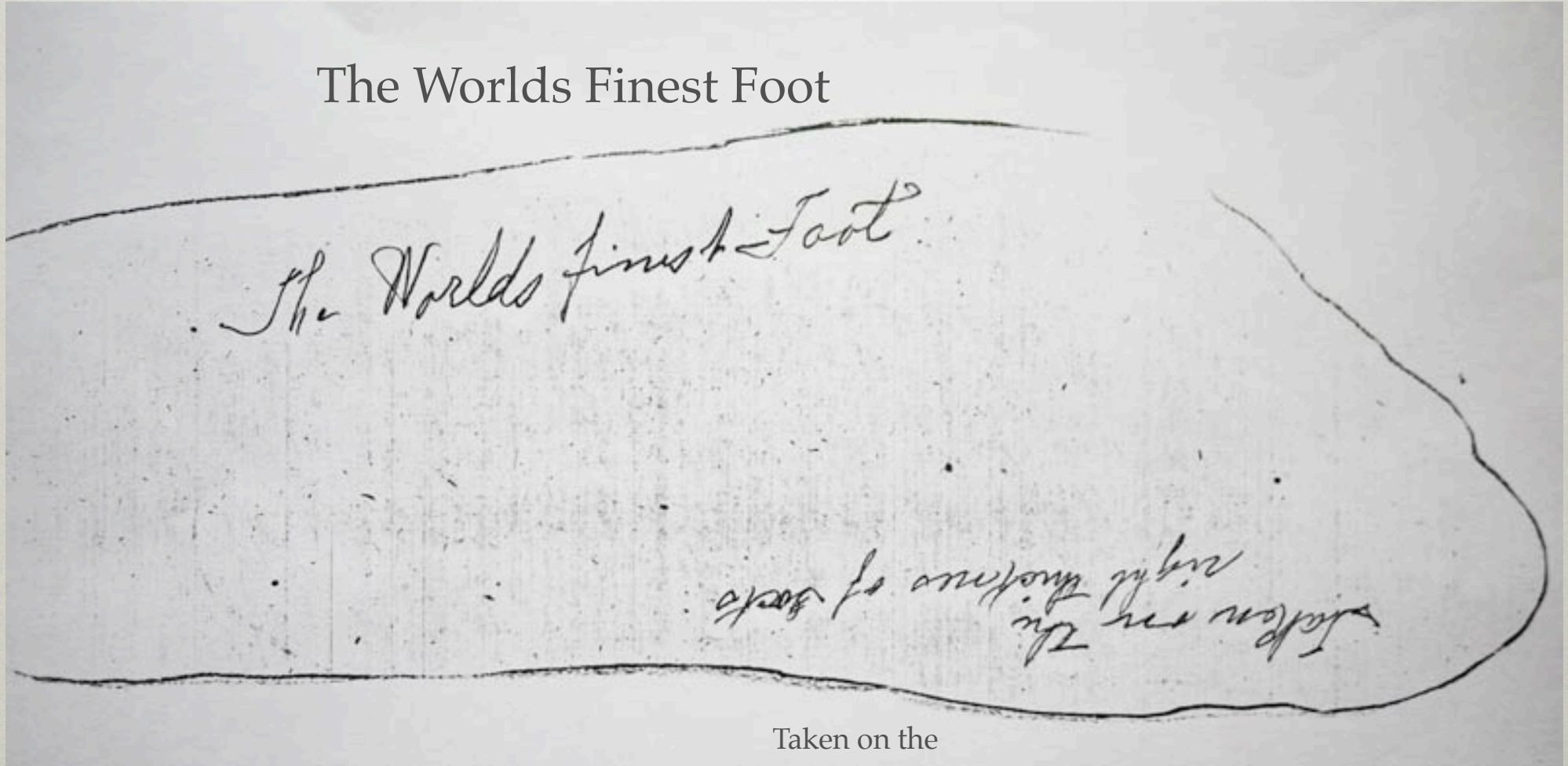
I have earned nothing the past 2 months. Everything is very welcome. The Shirt Suspenders, the Axe and the Knife were very good things. Yes it's good of you to remember us here.

We're starting to get some goods now, but everything is so terribly expensive and it probably is there too. The world is bewitched you know, and it will probably get worse, here in Western Europe where Kapitalists and Military persons reign.

#148 Ola Holm to John Holm 1947.1.4

OLA HOLM'S FOOT THE "WORLD'S FINEST"

The Worlds Finest Foot



Taken on the
right thickness of socks

THE GOODS

stockings, slippers, socks, pens,
pencils, knives, axes, raincoats,
overalls, galoshes, underwear,
suspenders, soap, girdle, shaving
kits, razors, spools of thread,
compass, shoe polish, towels,
watches, rolls of fabric,
wrenches, and a set of tools.

ENVY

"I'm in a good mood too, and that's when I receive "Packages" from you over there. Yes it's sure to be a whole fortune worth, in all the packages you have sent us. We have a big family afterall. I think I've received 5 from you, I know 2 have been lost according to Alma's writing. How many the others have received I don't know, nor do I dare ask, because it can quickly get misunderstood, There's something called envy here which you have no understanding of over there. However, I think everything we have received is so splendid, that I don't know how I can thank you enough, for everything."

#122 Ola Holm to John Holm 1946.6.17

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NORGESBREV 1840-1960

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Katalog over Norgesbrev 1840-1960


Søkestrengen 'holm' ga 146 treff:

1. *År:* 18450701 *Fra:* Peder Jensen (far), Kirkeholmen, Kragerø, Telemark *Til:* Halvor Pedersen Næssund, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA *Eier:* "Gulliksensamlinga", DH, Bø i Telemark
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2. *År:* 18830507 *Fra:* Oliva Ellevsdatter Holmen (forlovede), Verdal, Nord-Trøndelag *Til:* Lorents Næss, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA *Eier:* Hagny Teigen, Heggåsåsen 2, 7700 Steinkjer
Stikkord: Emigrasjon, drøm, Værforhold Årsvekst og avling, våronn, Nærmiljø,
3. *År:* 18840819 *Fra:* Botolf Gjeldaker, Holmestrand, Vestfold *Til:* Schanhard, USA *Eier:* NAHA,
Stikkord: Religiositet, Helse og sykdom, Værforhold, presteembete, statsråd, presteunderstøttelse, Amerikanske forhold,
4. *År:* 189101 *Fra:* Marie (mor) Olsen, Oslo *Til:* Olsen, USA *Eier:* NAHA,
Stikkord: Helg og høytid, kirkegård, begravelse, Familieforhold, barnedødsfall, hjernebetennelse, kveling, Værforhold, Amerikanske forhold, Religiositet, alkoholmisbruk, Kultur, nasjonalgalleriet, samfunnsfest, Emigrasjon,
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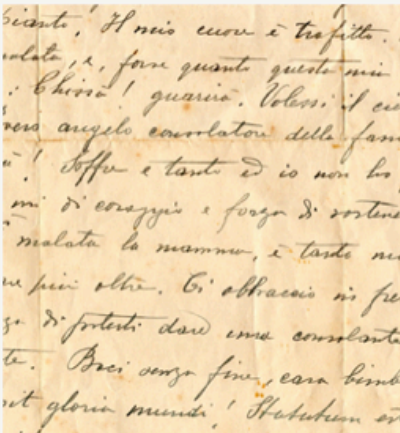
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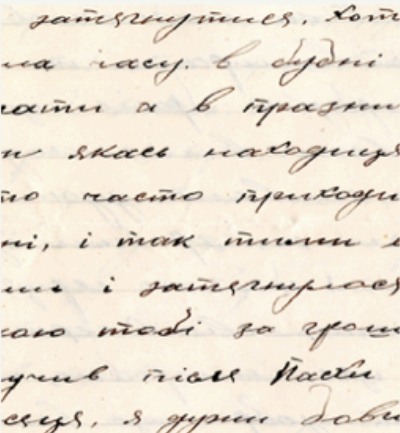
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Of these, 110 were lost in convoy, 60 were stragglers and 36 were losses out of convoy.

(The HXF convoys were run to accommodate ships whose speed was sufficiently high to require special convoys, but not high enough to justify inclusion in the independent category. A total of 17 were run - this number is included in the 377 above)

Unlinked convoys will be added. It will be noticed that quite a few of these convoys are incomplete and/or may also have some incorrect information, specifically the ones that are based on a diary. These will be updated with more information and/or corrected if necessary. Escorts for all these convoys will also be added.

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Bermuda sections only are currently available for the convoys denoted *. Main sections will be added.

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Voyage Record From March-1940 to Nov.-1944:

(Received from Don Kindell - His source: The late Arnold Hague's database).

Follow the convoy links provided for more information on them.

Erros may exist (this could also mean that she may not have sailed in all the convoys mentioned here), and several voyages are missing.

	Departure	From	To	Arrival	Convoy	Remarks
1940	March 27	Norwegian waters	Methil	March 30	HN 22	Missing voyages, Page 1
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	July 20	St. Helens Roads	Southend	July 22	CE 6	Compare w/Page 1. Convoy available at CE 6 (external link)
	July 22	Southend	Tyne	July 24	FN 229	Convoy available at FN 229 (external link) To Seaham July 27 (Page 1).
	Aug. 3	Sunderland	Southend	Aug. 5	FS 241	Did not sail, reason not known
	Aug. 4	Sunderland	Southend	Aug. 6	FS 242	Again, see also Page 1. Convoy available at FS 242 (external link)
	Aug. 11	Southend	Seaham	Aug. 13	FN 249	Convoy available at FN 249 (external link) Missing movements, Page 1.

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A Shoebox of Norwegian Letters

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Updates:

2011.5.28 - We have been able to contact surviving relatives of the letter writers and secure their permission to make this letter collection public. It will no longer be password protected.

2010.1.1 - Added 'Places' index and Google Maps interface; geocoded frequently mentioned locations.

2010.12.31 - Completed the addition of letters. Added sortable index for all items in the collection. Added 'Corrections and Suggestions' script interface for all items.

2010.12.29 - Replaced navigation bar with variety of sorting options for better discovery.

2010.12.26 - All letters up to 1945 have been added and tagged. Created site logo.

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Stjørdal 2den april 1948 Kjære Alma! Du må undskylde at jeg ikke har skrevet til dig for lenge siden, men nu skal det endelig bli gjort. Far har syklet til kirkegården og skal begynne å stelle litt med mors grav. Her...

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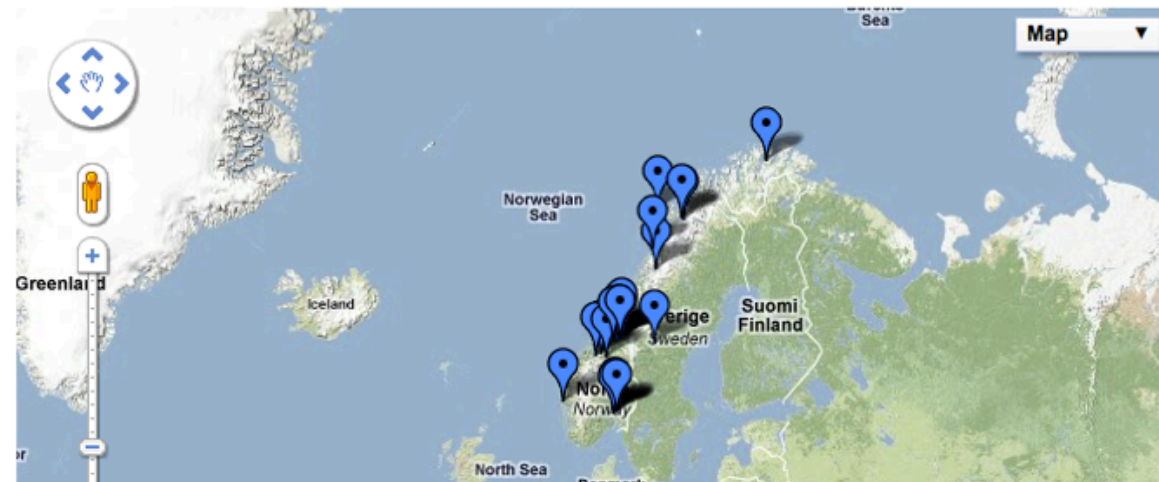
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