

Norwegian forces in Finmark

After the liberation of Eastern Finmark in autumn 1944, the Americans plead 10 Douglas C-45 transporters at disposal to the Norwegian Government under the command of colonel Bernt Balchen. The American Air Transport Command was based in Kallax, near Luleå in Sweden. An air transport was set up between Kallax and Kirkenes in Finmark from January to August 1945



Letter folder (English) from Norwegian soldier in group no. 2, Mountain Coy, Norwegian Forces, A.P.O. 7140 (military address to the Norwegian Forces under the transport to Murmansk and Finmark in November 1944), dated "Finmark February 22nd 1945" (inside), self-censored in the field with British shield hand-stamp "Passed by Censor, no. 11347" (brought by the Brig. company to Finmark); sent with the American Air Transport from Kirkenes to Kallax in Sweden and via the Swedish inland routes to the Norwegian Legation military field post office ("Postcentralen") in Stockholm; here franked with 40 øre Swedish postage stamps and cancelled "STOCKHOLM A 11 20-3-1945", forwarded via the Swedish route to London; censored with British censor strip "P.C. 90" [type 2] (for foreign mail) and sent to the recipient; on arrival stamped "Norwegian Army. Field Post Office 7 - Apr. 1945" at the Norwegian Brigade in Scotland