

Military Toronto – World War II – Thomas A. Cook Ltd



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The letter was sent from Norway 13 August 1940. As Haugesund is a seaport in Norway it is possible the letter was sent to a seaman from a ship that refused to return to Norway upon Germany's occupation of that country. Many of those seaman operated out of Halifax/

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Germany had harsh laws against using undercover mail services such as Box 252. Given that information it is unclear why they permitted these letters.