

# GREENLAND MAIL DURING WORLD WAR II

In April 1940 the Germans invaded Denmark, ending the prewar arrangement where all mail from Greenland had been carried by Royal Greenland Trading Company ships to Copenhagen. Connections with the home government were severed.

Local authorities in Greenland improvised new delivery methods within the island and new routes carrying mail to Denmark via the neutral U.S. and across the Atlantic. Foreign mail to the free world was sent via the U.S. or Canada to its destination.

## Mail within Greenland

Internal mail was delivered primarily by sled. Mail routes on the west coast of the island stayed the same during the war.



Mail carried by sled between two West Coast settlements  
Patriotic charity label on Christmas mail