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RÄVLYCKAN – SECRET BASE FOR THE NORWEGIAN RESISTANCE IN 1945

The Free Church Chapel in Rävmarken was one of fourteen secret Norwegian Milorg bases in Sweden between January and May 1945. In the loft were hidden arms that had been dropped over Rävmarken by RAF planes. The chapel itself was a dormitory for

three Norwegian soldiers, while the kitchen became an armoury. Another six soldiers were billeted in a croft nearby.

Officially they were lumberjacks. In reality they were arms instructors charged with preparing the weapons for a guerilla war against the Germans who were occupying Norway. A rifle range belonging to the local club was where the Norwegian soldier trained. The Home front in Norway was led by the Norwegian government-in-exile in London working through the Norwegian legation in Stockholm. With the cooperation of Swedish Army Intelligence 28 smuggler's trails were opened over the border into Dalsland and Bohuslän, two of them crossing Rävmarken. The old paths to Halden now saw the passage of arms, money, medicines, food, mail and other materials borne by Norwegian and Swedish couriers. Norwegian resistance fighters and refugees were escorted in and out of Norway.

With peace in 1945 the chapel reverted to being a place of worship for Free Church congregations until 1982, when it became the local history centre it still is today.