

Thanks Most for Writing. Mom.
would like to hear from Byron & George
Tacta May 20 - 1947.

Dear folks at home:

We came back here to Alfred last Sat. May 16. and celebrated the 17th Anniversary. It was a wonderful day. The people that live here can say, this is our country, our town, our home, our children, much more than we can ever say about Canada. It may be because of the size and so many nationalities where we live and call home. Since we were at Harriøy, I have learned to care for Norway more. When we first saw it I had my doubts about the rocks & hills but I can at least say, I understand why people love its rugged beauty. We had a lovely time at Harriøy. Enjoyed it at Grandpa Ferkingstad's we had expected to see an old man but he met us at the bus station on his bicycle. We met most of the family on Sunday, they also come home to Dad, like at our place Sigvard & his wife ^{Louise} (a sister of little Helo) are home they have 2 girls Sigrid & Hilborg with lovely curls.

Thanks so much for the Mother's day card's & enjoyed the hand writing. Was thinking about you last week. end, Sufferer too & all we

from there we went to see Anna, Lena
Anderson's sister, she lives in Uncle
Dick's home, we also saw where
Mother's folks had lived but it is only
the rocks left. We went from there
to Ludwig & George, had coffee in the
afternoon, they ^{Ludwig & Mrs.} have a little baby ^{girl} 3 weeks
when we were there from there we
went to see Hauge's home place met
Jels, we walked around & looked at
many rocks, would have liked to
stay longer but went to see
Henrick & was he ever glad to see us
his mother is very poorly so we did
not go in but he followed us quite
a way. We walked back to Felling
stad that night. Went to Akrehamn
the next day, Karen Tjösvald met us
at the bus station and took us
home to Baar Hauge, where she lives
they expected us. Ingrid F. had phoned
the table was set for about 12 people
Almost all the Tjösvald family's were
there, also Josef Larsson, It was
nice and homely with these dear
people. We stayed over night at
Torris & Mrs Tjösvald. from there we
went to see Andrew ^{Olson} & his wife,
Elderson was at her uncle's place
but came with us to Haru where
we visited an aunt of hers Kaia
Hansen. There I met Janna Bue

to have enjoyed your letter ² Madsen, and like
to hear about all you are doing glad you got to visit Abby's home;
Bertha Aadland Elen Olson we had
coffee & Pancakes and different other
cakes, talk about reducing! I'll have
to wait until we get back home.
I should greet so many from
these people. Pa went back to
Syhre that night so I stayed with
Eleanor & went to Baar Hauge
for dinner the next day. Pa & Tobias
came & we went to see Kristian
Grindhaug. They have a nice home
we liked his wife & little boy. From
there we went to see an other
sister of Tjorvoll. Mother to Johannes
from there to Josef Larsson where
we spent the night. We could sit
by the window & see the sun set
in the ocean. The country is
more level at Akrehamn than at
Skudenes and at first I liked it
best. Later I got to like the rugged
oceanery. The next morning we
got a car Andrew Eleanor Tobias
and us went to Koppervik.
Avelones and other churches, had
dinner at a cousin of mine
Hans Stensen. We took the bus
back to Syhre from here and
visited the different cousins.
Seven sisters & 7 brothers.

Sunday we went to Falnes church where mother and dad were married from there to mother's folks Lars Iyostheim Olav's Dahle. Ole Johan Iyostheim and Lars Hillesland. Came back to Havn the eve had supper at Johanne Melhus the youngest cousin we met several friends of the family & spent the night with Hannah Melhus.

We also spent an evening at Gurie Falnes where we met Helga & Siri Melhus. Pa's girl friends. "You should have seen him, he got so shy and came over to sit with me. They are rather ~~wobbled~~ and born 30 years behind time. It so happened I had my hair nicely done and wore my rose dress & nylons. We also visited Ivar Hornes, Lars Hornes is very poorly and was glad we called. I should greet Uncle Ludvig so much, also from Hans Kristianson & Faltn' Hanson and greetings to Lovise Liknes from Marie Hauge. The weather has been very nice here since May, it every thing is nice and green. We plan to go with Hjesdals to Jensen one of these days and we are planning a trip to Oslo by bus from there to Trondheim ^{by train} & back to Stavanger by boat. Hope we can arrange it so that Hjesdals can go along. I talked with her over the phone yesterday. Had a letter from aunt Olga and it sounds as if she will be coming. Thanks Ruth for your letter. Will write you next. Love to you all Mom & Dad.