

# Book release on seafarers in WW2:

## ***FOREIGN SEAFARERS REMEMBERED.***

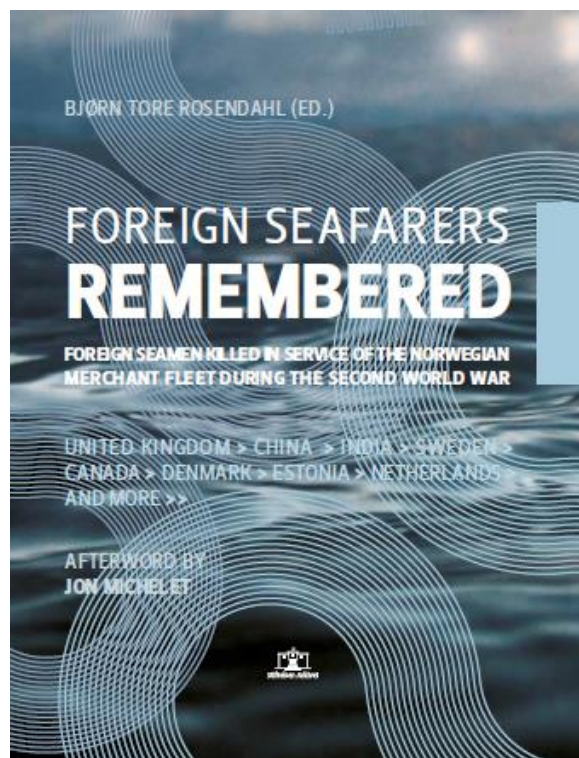
### ***FOREIGN SEAMEN KILLED IN SERVICE OF THE NORWEGIAN MERCHANT FLEET DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR***

In 1943 one in four seafarers in the Norwegian merchant fleet was a foreign national. They, too, were “war sailors”, exposed to the same dangers and stressful situations that faced their Norwegian shipmates. Nevertheless, in the literature of Norway and the Second World War, the service of these seamen has gone unnoticed.

Almost one thousand foreign sailors were lost in action while serving in the Norwegian merchant fleet under Allied command. This book documents for the first time the names of nearly all the deceased sailors and their 36 countries of origin. Individual stories from a number of these countries are highlighted and placed in a larger context. It will come as a surprise to many that Great Britain, China and India are the three nations that suffered the largest number of casualties while serving onboard Norwegian ships.

The book is edited by the historian Bjørn Tore Rosendahl at Stiftelsen Arkivet, and includes contributions by scholars from Norway, Sweden, the Netherlands, and Great Britain. Together these studies provide a deeper understanding of the story of foreign nationals serving onboard Norwegian ships and how their service came to be forgotten after the war. Jon Michelet helped initiate the project and has written an Afterword.

The book will be published 3 September 2015.



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