

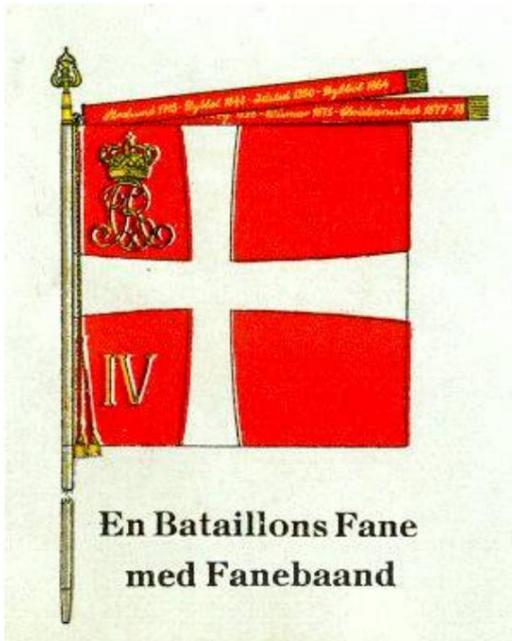
Introduction

Another scrapbook in the series Danske Soldater (from about 1946), drawn or published by NCW - see *Scrapbook: Danish soldiers - 1946* - has appeared.

The motifs are a mixture of parade formation and field service, and contain a few interesting details.

The drawings

Prominent among the motifs is the flag bearer with lowered flag, even though the artist has chosen to lower the flag to the wrong side! The presenter's position appears to be correct, but the flag bearer should have held the flag in his left hand and supported it with his right. The drawing is not mirrored, because then, for example, the tab shoulder strap or the tab holster and the long thigh pocket on the left trouser leg would not have fit.



The royal nomenclature of the battalion flag is RC, but the relevant King Christian's number in the line of kings is not specified.

An illustration from Source 2 shows a battalion flag with a flag band and the two drawings fit together nicely.

The battalion tab on the clipping sheet is shown as belonging to the 7th Battalion, which until 1.11.1951, when it became the 1. Battalion of the Bornholm Guard, belonged to the 5th Regiment in Vordingborg. On the end of the banner should be: *Torsebro 1710, Gadebusch 1712, Fredericia 1849, Frederiksstad 1850 and Dybbøl 1864.*

7. Battalion was from October 1947 to April 1948 part of the Danish Brigade in Germany [1](#)), and during that period has been wearing uniforms corresponding to the cut-out sheet.

Command stands

Other interesting details include the stands carried on the two jeeps.



The Chief of the General Command) was Lieutenant General E. Görtz (from 29.8.1941 to 30.9.1950).

The general is accompanied by his adjutant, whose adjutant's cord is seen (drawn but not colored) around the right figure's left shoulder.

The other jeep carries a division commander's stand. The division commander and accompanying officer have sensibly secured their caps (Hue M/23, flat) from blowing off during the drive by wearing the chinstraps.

The illustration comes from Source 3.

Uniforms

The soldiers, like the other sheets in the series, are shown with brown belt clothes. This relationship may be due to artistic freedom or the idea of the artist/colorist to show the Swedish leather clothing (from the Danish Brigade in Sweden), which was also used in the period.

The soldiers are armed with rifles and bayonets of the English model.

Sources

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4. *Textbook for the army's privates, Part 1*, Ministry of Defence, Copenhagen 1954.
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Notes

1) A larger collection of pictures from a soldier's time in the German Brigade can be found on the website Memories from the Danish Brigade in Germany.

2) The title *Chief of the General Command* was per 1.10.1950 changed to *Chief of the Army* - a position which Lieutenant-General E. Görtz held until 3.7.1951.

