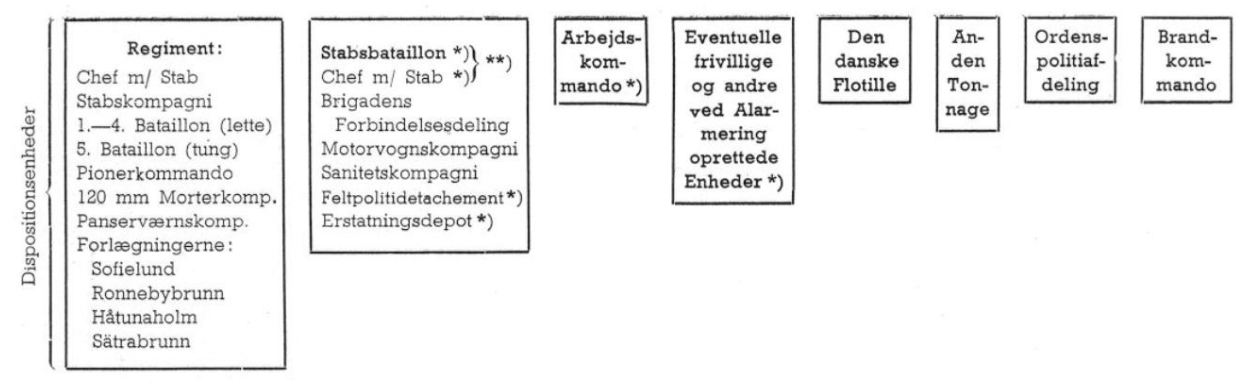
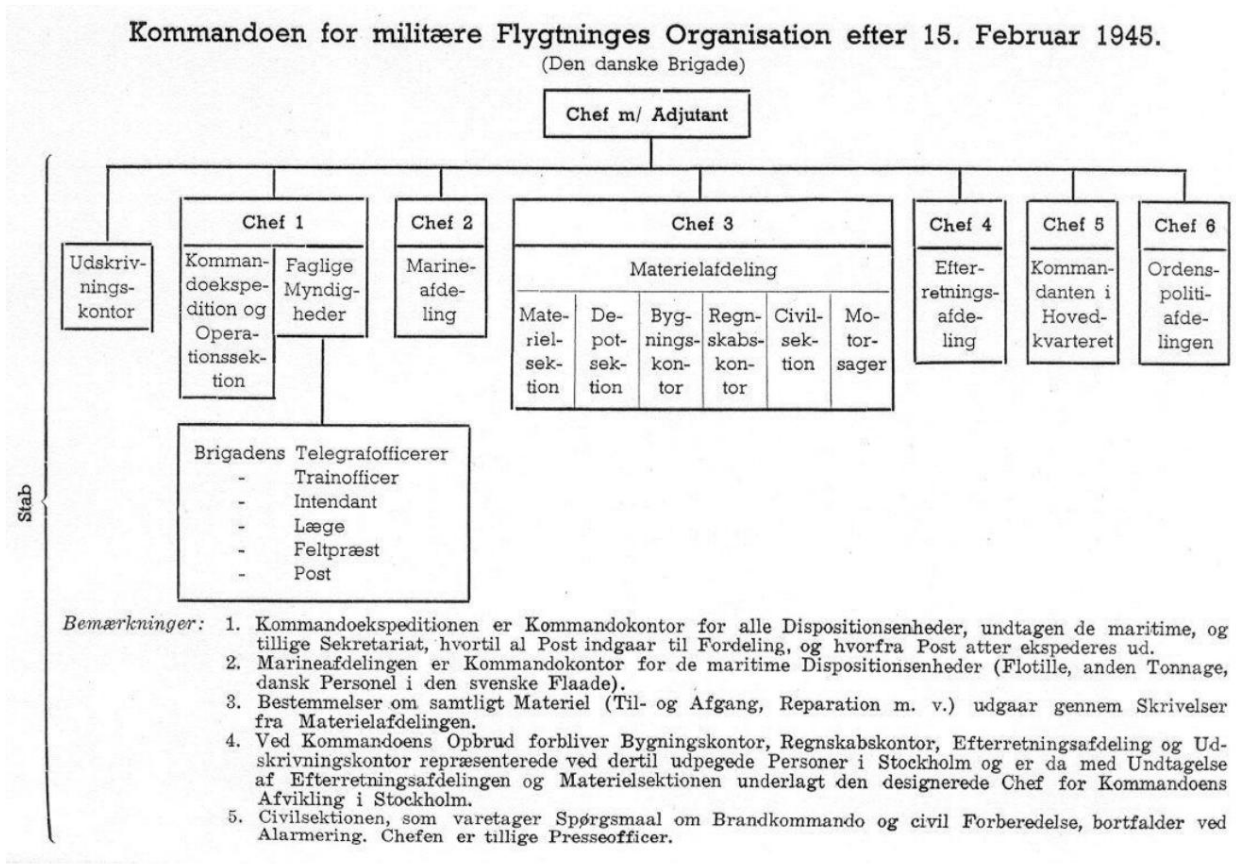


The Danish Brigade in Sweden 1943-1945 - Organization etc.

Introduction

This paper is intended as a comprehensive overview of the Brigade's various units, their strength and organization. The Celtic units, including their equipment etc., are discussed in detail in a number of separate papers.

Organization per 15 February 1945



Anmærkning: *) Oprettes først ved Alarmering.
 **) Senere omdannet til Stabsdeling.

From Source 1.

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Denmark calls you to the Police Corps!

Recruitment brochure from the beginning of 1945. From Source 4.

Military organization per 5 May 1945

On departure from Sweden on May 5, 1945, the Danish Brigade was formed as follows:	Quantity persons 1	Number of vehicles 1
Brigade		
commander		
Brigade staff	71	14
Actual staff The brigade's	57	14
press quarter Staff division (for security etc.)	41	13
Connection sharing (radio, signal, telephone)	50	7
Regiment		
Commander with	22	5
staff Staff company (link division, security, ammunition supply)	198	58
1st - 4th Battalion, light (each with battalion staff and 3 light companies)	2,200	68
5th Battalion, heavy, motorized (with staff, infantry gun company, machine gun company, mortar company and machine gun company)	763	59
Pioneer command (among others mine clearance service) (12 pioneer groups)	262	35
120 mm mortar company (4 pcs. 120 mm mortars)	108	20
Anti-tank company (not fully trained)	121	--
Motor vehicle company (fuels, repair)	137	70
Medical company (field hospital, ambulances)	157	17
Field police detachment, motorized (essentially criminal police officers with the task of disposing of Danish citizens who harm the country, etc.)	66	34
Order police department (people from the order police, multiplied as Emergency Command, formed to solve minor tasks of a warlike nature)	238	16
Fire command (fire and clearance service)	281	21
Total	4,773	452

In addition:

- The Danish Flotilla (150) and subordinate units
- The Brigade's Air Force.

The information in the above table is based on calculations in Source 1 and Source 2. However, in relation to other information, here under the organizational breakdown, there are certain inconsistencies with regard to the number of people and vehicles, which today cannot be explained. The differences should hardly be given greater importance, as they do not change the general impression of the units' organization, function, equipment, etc.

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Brigade staff

The actual staff consisted of: •

Officers available (2), Command Expedition (= Command Office) (4), Marine Department (3), Operations Section (2), Headquarters Commander (1), Materiel Section (2), Intelligence Section (8), Quartermaster Section (3), Brigade Telegraph Officer (1), Brigade Training Officer (1), Brigade Medical Officer (2), Brigade Field Chaplain (1), Press Officer (2), Office and kitchen staff (15) and Motor vehicle drivers and orderlies (22)

The brigade's press quarter consisted of:

• Press officer with assistants (3), Press staff (8), Journalist group (7), Photo group (7), Radio group (4), Swedish group (12), Allied group (12) and Custody group (4).

The staff division consisted

of: • Leader with assistants (4), 3 Recoil gun groups of 6 men (18), Machine gun group (9) and Ordnance group (10).

The communication division consisted

of: • Driver with helpers (4), Radio group of 3 SMO teams (sending and receiving teams) of 5 men (15), Signal group of 2 teams of 3 men (6), Telephone group of 4 teams of 2-8 men (14), carrier pigeon teams (4) and motor vehicle drivers (7).



*The brigade commander, Major General K. Knudtzon (th) and Lieutenant Colonel FL Hvalkof, who was commander of the Regiment.
From Source 5.*

The regiment

Chief with Staff included: •

Chief (1), Chief of Staff (1), Adjutant (1), Orderly Officer (2), Signal Officer (1), Pioneer Officer (1), Quartermaster (1), Typists (2), Doctor (1) and Motor vehicle drivers and orderlies etc. (11).

The staff company consisted of:

• Commander with command group (43), Liaison platoon (78), Securing platoon (17) and Ammunition column (69).

1st - 4th Battalion

The light battalions were organized as follows:

• Commander with staff (54) 3 recoilless fire companies (165).

The recoil plant companies consisted of: •

Chief with command group (27)

• 3 platoons, each with platoon sling (7), 3 recoilless rifle groups (8), machine gun group (8) and 47 mm mortar group (7).

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5. Battalion

The brigade's heavy battalion was organized as follows:

Battalion staff: •

Chief with staff (34).

1st Company (Infantry Gun Company): •

Commander with command group (38) • 4 platoons, each with 4 infantry gun groups (9).

2nd Company (Machine gun company): •

Commander with command group (26) 3

• platoons, each with 4 machine gun groups (9).

3rd Company (Mortar Company): •

Commander with command group (36) • 4

platoons, each with 3 mortar groups (11).

4th Company (Machine Gun Company): •

Commander with command group (25) • 2

platoons, each with 4 machine gun groups (9).

Pioneer Command

The pioneer command consisted of:

• Chief with command group (28), Park Platoon1 (77) • 4 pioneer platoons, each with platoon leader and platoon troop (9) and 3 groups (10) on bicycles.

120 mm mortar company The company consisted of • Chief with command group (27) • 2 platoons of 2 groups (14).

Panzervärnkompaniet

The anti-tank company consisted of: •

Chief with command group (6)

• 5 divisions, each with 4 groups (5).

The motor vehicle company

The motor vehicle company consisted of: • Chief with command group (30) • Field workshop (30) •

Fuel command, consisting of: Drivers with helpers (2), 2 delivery points for the vehicle fleet of 6 men (12), 2 delivery points for single drivers of 12 men (24) • Spare motor vehicle fleet (47).

The sanitary company

The medical company consisted of:

• Commander with command group (28), •

Field hospital: Command group (5), Reception department (7), Dressing department (9), Surgical department (31), Medical of platoon (8), X-ray department (4), Field laboratory and field pharmacy (3), Blood Center A (7), Epidemic Command (15), Ambulance team (7), Evacuation department (4),

• 2 car parking spaces (with blood centers B and C) each for 10 people (20) •

Ambulance convoy (8).

¹ The Park Division's strength figures include approx. 60 men, who made up the "loading and protection crew", but this force did not reach the Pionerkommando before the departure for Denmark.

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The field police detachment

The field police detachment

consisted of: • Chief with command group (10), 1st Platoon (18) and 2nd Platoon (38).

The Order Police Department

The Order Police Department

consisted of: • Chief with command group (38) consisting of: Staff, order group and craftsman group • 2 half-commandos consisting of: Leader with assistants (10), 3 platoons of 4 groups of 6 men (72).

The fire command

The fire command consisted

of: • Chief with command group (38), 4 half-columns consisting of: Leader with assistants (4), Fire division of 3 groups of 10 men (30), Clearing division (17) and Depot division (8).

Other units •

Working command "Malmö" (80). •

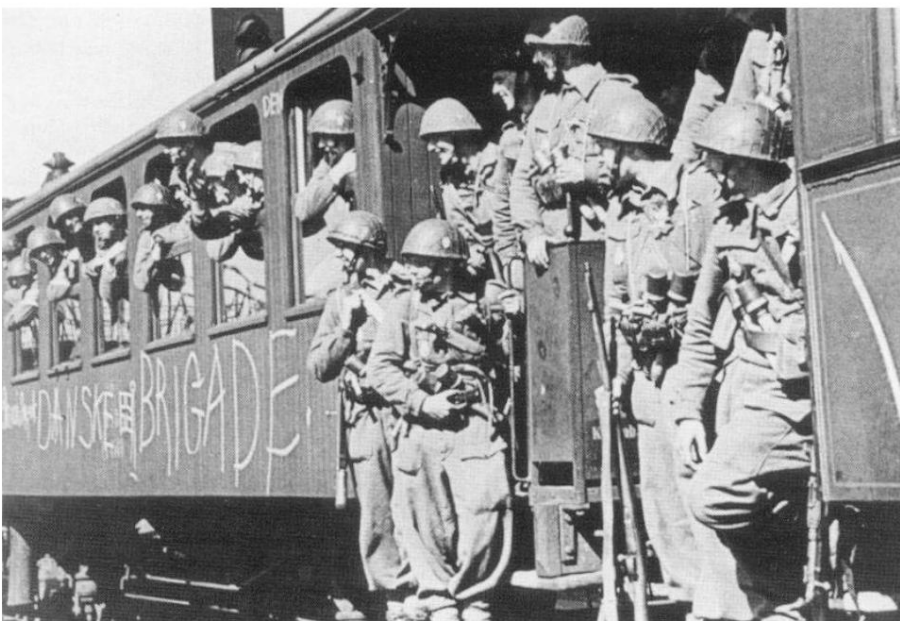
Work command "Lund" (100) (this unit was not activated).

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Postscript 1 - On the way to new tasks



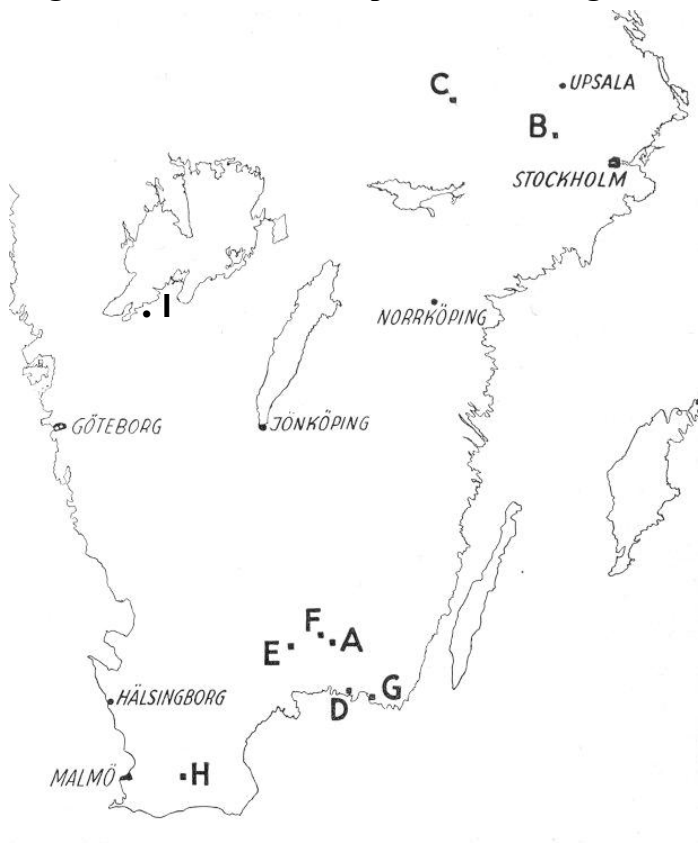
The brigade is ready to depart for Jutland, Copenhagen's Godsba negård, 8 May 1945.

From Source 4.

In order not to be confused with German units en route, the Brigade's name was written in chalk on the side of the train carriages.

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Organization etc. Postscript 2 - The brigade's displacements in Sweden



	Navn	Oprettet	Kapacitet
A	Sofielund	04.12.1943	650
B	Håtunaholm	10.03.1944	800
C	Sättra-Brunn	01.03.1944	500
D	Ronneby-Brunn	28.11.1944	1.100
E	Rydsbrunn	11.11.1944	350
F	Tingsryd	18.02.1945	150
G	Karlskrona	--	(150)
H	Häckeberga	April 1945	--
I	Såtenäs	Maj 1945	--

The facilities' capacity was changed somewhat to buildings and the like, but the figures given roughly cover the conditions at the end of the training at the facilities. From Source 2.

	Enhedernes tilhørsforhold
A	5. Bataljon og Panserværnskompaniet
B	1. Bataljon og Pionerkommandoet
C	2. Bataljon
D	3. og 4. Bataljon
E	Ordenspolitiafdelingen
F	Motorvognskompaniet
G	Den danske Flotille
H	Brigades mobiliseringskantonement
I	Brigadens Flyverstyrke

The figure for the capacity in Karlskrona indicates the approximate number of the Flotilla's crew before sailing to Malmö.

Although the airfield at Såtenäs is not strictly speaking a location, for the sake of completeness I have included this location, which housed the Brigade's Air Force in May 1945.



The memorial stone for the relocation in Sofielund.
From [Glimtar ur en Smålandssockens historia](#).