

No. 110

DENMARK
and
**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND**

**Agreement regarding the participation of a Danish contingent
in the occupation of Germany. Signed at Copenhagen, on
22 April 1947**

*Danish and English official texts communicated by the Permanent Representative
of Denmark to the United Nations. The registration took place on
24 September 1947.*

DANEMARK
et
**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE ET
D'IRLANDE DU NORD**

**Accord concernant la participation d'un contingent danois à
l'occupation de l'Allemagne. Signé à Copenhague, le
22 avril 1947**

*Textes officiels danois et anglais communiqués par le représentant permanent
du Danemark auprès de l'Organisation de Nations Unies. L'enregistrement
a eu lieu le 24 septembre 1947.*

No. 110. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE ROYAL DANISH GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND REGARDING THE PARTICIPATION OF A DANISH CONTINGENT IN THE OCCUPATION OF GERMANY. SIGNED AT COPENHAGEN, ON 22 APRIL 1947

The Royal Danish Government and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

Desiring to make arrangements for the participation of a Danish Military contingent in the occupation of the British zone of Germany:

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

1. The Danish Government will provide a contingent of approximately four thousand troops formed as a modified brigade, organised in accordance with the detailed order of battle agreed between the Danish General Command and the G. O. C. in C. of the British Army of the Rhine. The total strength of the contingent shall not fall below 3,500 men.
2. The Danish Government reserve the right to change over the personnel of their contingent every six months, but sufficient officers, N. C. O.s and men will remain to ensure that the uninterrupted carrying out by the contingent of its occupational tasks is not prejudiced.

Article II

The movement of the Danish contingent to its sector in the British zone of occupation in Germany will be so timed that the brigade will be ready to assume its responsibilities there by the 15th May, 1947.

Article III

1. Subject to paragraph 2 below, the Danish Government will maintain a contingent as provided in Article I for a period of two years from the 15th May, 1947.

¹ Came into force on 22 April 1947, as from the date of signature.

2. The Danish Government reserves the right to recall the contingent to Denmark before the termination of the period of two years on very short notice, if considerations regarding the safety of Denmark should render this necessary.
3. If it is found desirable that Danish troops should continue to participate in the occupation of Germany after the expiry of the period of two years, an agreement for this purpose will be concluded not later than six months before the expiry of this period.

Article IV

1. The Danish contingent in Germany will pass under the operational command of a British divisional commander, whose rank shall not be inferior to that of Major-General, to be determined by the G. O. C. in C. of the British Army of the Rhine.
2. The Danish contingent shall carry out occupational duties of the same nature as those performed by similar British formations. It will have no responsibility for military government.
3. The Danish contingent will remain under Danish military jurisdiction and Danish military administrative regulations.

Article V

The area in which the Danish contingent will be located will be determined by agreement between the G. O. C. in C. of the British Army of the Rhine and the Danish General Command.

Article VI

1. The Danish contingent shall receive the same facilities for continued training, including training as a formation, as British troops in Germany.
2. Training policy and regulations will be laid down by the Danish General Command and the British Army of the Rhine will render such assistance as the Danish authorities may desire. In so far as Danish officers or other ranks attend courses at British military schools, the Danish Government will bear the resulting costs.

Article VII

All facilities British forces in Germany receive from German resources without payment, shall be placed at the disposal of the Danish contingent on a scale not lower than provided for British troops, through arrangement made by the British authorities. These facilities will include:

- (a) Accommodation required for billets for officers and other ranks, for assembly barracks, for mess rooms, for canteens, for officers, for workshops and depots, for sick bays and a hospital, for gymnasiums and drill halls: this accommodation shall include installations in a serviceable state and furniture and fixtures.
- (b) Accommodation for married quarters, as far as facilities permit, for personnel of at least one year's continuous service in Germany, including installations in a serviceable state and furniture and fixtures.
- (c) Training grounds, shooting ranges, etc., in a serviceable state.
- (d) Coal and firewood, electric light and water.
- (e) German civilian labour.
- (f) Use of German railways and other requisitioned means of transport.
- (g) Use of the German permanent network of telecommunications (telephone, telegraph and teleprinter) within the area where the contingent is located and for communications with the British authorities and Denmark.
- (h) Materials for maintenance and repair of accommodation placed at the disposal of the contingent.

Article VIII

Any further arrangements as may be found desirable with regard to the Danish contingent shall be made by supplementary agreements between the G. O. C. in C. of the British Army of the Rhine and the Commander of the Danish Brigade in Germany.

Article IX

1. The Danish Government will defray all expenses in connexion with the despatch of the contingent to Germany and its service and shall provide and also (so far as applicable) distribute, and subject to paragraph 2 below, repair and maintain the following:

- (a) Pay and allowances to officers and other ranks as well as Danish civilian personnel.
- (b) Clothing, personal equipment and bedding and laundering services.
- (c) Arms, ammunition, vehicles, etc.
- (d) Provisions, including supplies for canteens and messes.
- (e) Medical, dental and veterinary stores.
- (f) Welfare supplies and services for the troops.

- (g) Materials for repair and maintenance which cannot be supplied from German resources.
- (h) Postal services.
2. Major repairs requiring the application of special tools or machinery which are not available in Denmark shall be undertaken in British army workshops at the expense of the Danish Government, but no charge shall be made for the use of the tools or machinery.
3. Petrol and oil for the Danish contingent will be supplied by the British authorities and will be paid for in sterling by the Danish Government.

Article X

1. For the purpose of obtaining the equipment which the Danish Government have to provide under the provisions of Article IX, (b), (c), (e), and (g), the Danish Government will so far as possible have recourse to certain stocks, which have already been supplied to them by the Government of the United Kingdom. These stocks have been divided into two categories, consisting of (a) equipment which the Danish Government will purchase, and (b) equipment which the Danish Government will hire with the option of purchasing later should they wish to do so. Category (a) consists of clothing, ammunition, all reserves and maintenance spares. Category (b) consists of unit equipment such as artillery, small arms, vehicles, engineer stores and signals equipment. Any further issues from British Army resources will, in accordance with Article IX, be paid for concurrently by the Danish Government, in addition to the payments due under paragraphs 2 to 5 below.

2. The value of the equipment in category (a) on the basis agreed during the discussions in London in November 1946 between the Danish Delegation and the British War Office amounts to £1,457,000.

Deductions from this figure may be made

- (i) If the Danish Government and the Government of the United Kingdom agree that any particular items of the equipment were not in a serviceable state when first delivered to the Danish Government;
- (ii) In so far as it is found that the Danish Government do not require any of the equipment in this category either for the contingent serving in Germany or for troops being trained in Denmark for subsequent service in Germany or for other Danish forces, and the Danish Government return the equipment not required to the Government of the United Kingdom as soon as possible after the despatch of the contingent to Germany.

In calculating the deduction to be made in respect of equipment returned, an allowance shall be made for the period during which the equipment has remained at the disposal of the Danish Government.

3. In respect of the equipment in category (a), the Danish Government will pay £291,400 (being one fifth of £1,457,000 to the Government of the United Kingdom not later than 31st December, 1947, and a further sum of £291,400 not later than 31st December, 1948, when any deductions to be made from the total figure of £1,457,000 on the grounds specified in the preceding paragraph will be brought into account and the method of payment of the balance will be agreed in the light of Denmark's resources of sterling at that time.

4. The value of the equipment in category (b) is estimated at £1,423,000, but may be reduced on the same grounds as those specified in paragraph 2 above with regard to equipment in category (a).

5. In respect of the equipment in category (b), the Danish Government will pay to the Government of the United Kingdom an annual hiring charge of one-fifth of the value of the equipment, the commencement of the hiring being deemed to be the 1st July, 1946. The first hiring charge of £284,600 will be paid not later than 30th June, 1947. Any deductions due to be made from the total estimated value of the equipment in category (b) the grounds referred to in paragraph 4 above will be taken into account when calculating the second and subsequent annual hiring charges. If the Danish Government should decide to purchase any equipment in category (b) the amounts paid as hiring charges for such equipment will be deducted from the purchase price.

6. The duration of the hiring arrangement shall be the period during which a Danish contingent participates in the occupation of Germany. When the hiring arrangement comes to an end the Danish Government will return such equipment in category (b) as they do not wish to purchase to the British authorities in Germany.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned have signed the present Agreement and affixed thereto their seals.

DONE this 22nd day of April 1947 at Copenhagen in duplicate in the English and Danish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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