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Danish Reply to Remarks made by SACEUR
in Doc.SHAPE 188/61, dated 15 September
1961, and concerning "Plan of Action:
Nato Europe".

Re Chapter on Denmark, paragraph 2.

AIR FORCE.

Raising of combat-ready rate of aircraft and crews.

The question of raising the combat-ready rate of aircraft poses difficult problems, as it involves calling up again disbanded personnel, now employed elsewhere. This problem is kept under constant review by the Danish government.

The combat-ready rate of crews will pr. 1 January 1962 have reached 100% with a pilot rate of 1.35 compared to the Danish U/E, which is 16.

Procurement of thirteen (13) additional F-100 aircraft.

Due to lack of personnel the Air Force will not be able to utilise properly such additional aircraft.

NAVAL FORCES.

Forwarding to category "A" of 3 DE, 4 PC, 3 SS and 2 CM.

The Danish Navy is at present in the middle of a building up and replacement programme. Sofar, however, the Navy consists ^{mainly} of vessels of older types. Under these cir-

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cumstances SACEUR's proposal which in fact implies that all Naval vessels(excepting some FPBs) be forwarded to category "A" poses the Danish authorities with a serious technical problem due to the need for overhaul.

DE.

Two DE could be forwarded to category "A" on condition that the period of service for the personnel is prolonged and that certain personnel is called up again.

PC.

out of seven

Four PC/could be forwarded to category "A". This will also involve a prolongation of service period for the personnel.

SS.

Three SS can be forwarded to category "A" from medio December, 1961.

CM.

CM's have been

Five, ~~and later six, CM could be~~ forwarded to category

"A". On condition that the service period is prolonged and that certain personnel is called up again, one more could be added to this number.

FPB.

Nine FPB can be placed in category "A". This number might later have to be limited to seven.

Due to problems of personnel the Danish Navy will not be able to take over the two DD's mentioned by SACEUR in the table: Denmark - Navy and at the same time keep normal state of preparedness.

All the above mentioned problems as to the calling

up of disbanded personnel is under constant review by the Danish government. They have decided to prolong the service of the conscript personnel on 1 DE and 1 PC until the beginning of October in order to keep these vessels in preparedness until new personnel can take over.

Re paragraphs 4 and 7.

As stated previously the Danish stock of mines is deemed sufficient to cover present plans. SACEUR's wish for clarification is probably due to knowledge of the fact that about 600 mines are of an older type. These can however be used and they are expected to be replaced at an early date.

One additional minelayer has been put into commission and she together with 4 other minelayers, i.e. 5 CM's, have taken armed mines onboard.

The Danish Navy expects in 1961 to receive two coastal oilers under the Mutual Aid Programme (cfr. table Denmark-Navy, note 2 c)

LAND FORCES.

Re table Denmark-Land Forces, remark (4).

The converting of an M-day infantry brigade group into an armoured infantry brigade group necessitates procurement of special equipment which is assumed partly to be delivered under The Mutual Aid Programme.

Re Note 1 c.

The reserve stock of ammunition for the field units has been improved.

Re Note 2 c.

A condition for conducting exercises on brigade and divisional level is that the previous training in smaller units has reached a certain level. This fact limits the number of high level exercises in Denmark but it should be added that this month exercises on the level mentioned are being conducted.

Re Note 2 d.

For reasons of maintenance and planning there has to be a certain interval between each period of recall. Attention is drawn to the Danish statement in the Council, 4 September, 1961, about an exercise in mobilization held the same month. (Corrigendum to doc. C-R(61)41).

Paris, September 28, 1961.

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