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Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the United Kingdom
and the Norwegian Government

prolonging the Agreement
of 5th June, 1947, for the

Participation of a Norwegian Brigade Group in the Occupation of Germany

[with Agreed Minute]

London, 31st July, 1948

*Presented by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to Parliament
by Command of His Majesty*

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IN THE OCCUPATION OF GERMANY

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No. 1.

*The Norwegian Minister of Defence to His Majesty's
Minister of Defence*

Norwegian Delegation,

Sir,

London, 31st July, 1948.

I HAVE the honour to confirm that as the result of our recent conversations in London the Royal Norwegian Government and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland have agreed as follows:—

- (1) Subject to the provisions set forth herein, the Agreement between the Royal Norwegian Government and the Government of the United Kingdom relating to the participation of a Norwegian Brigade Group in the occupation of Germany signed in London on 5th June, 1947⁽¹⁾ (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement), is hereby renewed for a further period of two years, to expire on 1st March, 1951, unless extended three months before that date by agreement between the contracting Governments. Article 14 of the Agreement is in consequence abrogated.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) above, either Government has the right to ask for negotiations at any time with a view to an earlier termination of the Agreement.
- (3) As regards Article 1 of the Agreement the contracting Governments confirm that it has always been their intention that the Norwegian contingent should only be used for the purpose of occupying a part of the British zone in Germany.
- (4) In the event of the withdrawal of the Norwegian contingent from Germany in accordance with Article 2 of the Agreement or paragraph (2) above, the Government of the United Kingdom shall take all necessary steps to facilitate the withdrawal of the contingent and its return to Norway.
- (5) In the event of the Commander of the Norwegian contingent and the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, British Army of the Rhine, being unable to agree on the location of the Norwegian contingent in accordance with Article 12 of the Agreement, the matter will be agreed upon between the contracting Governments.
- (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 6 of the Agreement, the Government of the United Kingdom undertake to make available to Norwegian personnel courses of instruction at British military schools in the United Kingdom on the same footing as personnel of the British formations within the British Army of the Rhine subject to detailed agreement between the military authorities concerned.

(1) "Treaty Series No. 72 (1947)," Cmd. 7226.

- (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 7 of the Agreement, the Government of the United Kingdom will not insist on the literal application of the provision limiting the change-over of personnel of the Brigade Group more frequently than every six months if the Norwegian Government find it essential to change part of the personnel more frequently.
- (8) If at any time owing to an improvement of the international situation major reductions can be made in the British forces of occupation, the Norwegian Government will have the right to make proportional reductions in the Norwegian contingent.
- (9) If at any time the costs of occupation are recovered from the German State, the Government of the United Kingdom undertake to assist the Royal Norwegian Government to secure recovery of its share *pari passu* with other occupying Powers.

If you agree, this Note together with your reply shall constitute an agreement between the Royal Norwegian Government and the Government of the United Kingdom on the terms set forth above, which agreement shall come into force on this day's date.

I avail, &c.

(Sd.) JENS CHRISTIAN HAUGE,
Minister of Defence.

No. 2

*His Majesty's Minister of Defence to the Norwegian
Minister of Defence*

*Ministry of Defence,
London, 31st July, 1948.*

Sir,
I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Note which you have been good enough to address to me to-day in the following terms:—

[As in No. 1]

On behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, I agree that your Note together with this reply shall constitute an agreement between our respective Governments which shall come into force on this day's date.

I avail, &c.

(Sd.) A. V. ALEXANDER,
Minister of Defence.

AGREED MINUTE

As the result of discussions held this day between Mr. Jens Chr. Hauge, Norwegian Minister of Defence, and the Rt. Hon. A. V. Alexander, Minister of Defence of the United Kingdom, it was understood that the Norwegian contingent should be moved from its present location to an area not touching

the zonal boundary. This move should take place as soon as possible, account being taken of the difficulties of accommodation and of security. The Norwegian Delegation asked for special investigations to be made on the possibilities of moving the contingent to Schleswig-Holstein north of the Kiel Canal. It was further understood that the Government of the United Kingdom would give immediate consideration to moving the relieving brigade arriving in Germany in August 1948 to a suitable area further to the west until such time as final agreement on the location can be reached. The Government of the United Kingdom will hold themselves responsible for initiating necessary action thereafter.

(Sd.) JENS CHR. HAUGE. (Sd.) A. V. ALEXANDER.

London, 31st July, 1948.

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