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HOLKEKÄRRSNÄS REDOUBT – a CONTRUCTION of DEFENSE

In the morning of April the 9th 1940, the report came about a German invasion of Norway. In the Norwegian border-province Østfold the German forces arrived two days later. The town Moss was taken on April the 12th. At night until next day they took Fredrikstad, at noon

Sarpsborg, and at afternoon Halden.

On the Swedish west coast only a company of officers in reserve was in charge, on April 9th. Within few days forces of defense were mobilized, and on April the 14th establishment was settled here by the border.

Gradually the work was started up to fortify the roads in the border area, by a large number of redoubt constructions like the one in Holkekærnsnäs. Counted from the border Holkekærnsnäs redoubt was the second along the road.

The redoubt was built during 1940-1942, and was manned until 1945. Its military mission was to retard advances along the road, by blocking it with tank-hindrance and a roadblock. Holkekærnsnäs' redoubt was manned by 40 -50 men.