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Norway, occupying large parts of Østfold and Akershus counties with a view to taking Akershus Fortress, commanding the then Christiania (Oslo). A Swedish detachment of 100 men was assigned to Enningdalen bridge to cover and control the road to Sweden. Ole Bakke spied on the Swedish forces to see if there was any chance of cutting off their retreat.

Hans Jacob Brun, the commandant of Fredriksten Fortress and Peder Colbjørnsen, the captain of the Tistedal company (The Fredrikshalds Volunteers), sent 40 men from the Vestland Regiment and 40 from the Volunteers, and this mixed force was joined by about 100 Idd farmers as they marched the 20 kilometres south in snow and slush to Enningdalen Bridge.

The Swedish forces were on both sides of the river, at Kirkebøen and Bråtorp. The surprise Norwegian attack destroyed almost the entire Swedish force. However, a wounded Swedish soldier is said to have crawled under the ramp of the barn at Kirkebøen and squeezed off two shots, one of which hit Ole Bakke in the chest. He died shortly afterwards, causing the Norwegians to fly into berserker rage that left 16 Swedes dead and 47 captured.

Sexton Ole Svendsen Bakke was buried in Idd churchyard, where a stone monument was raised to his memory.

KIRKEBØEN – OLE SVENDSEN BAKKE the SEXTON OF IDD

Ole Svendsen Bakke was born about 1660, owned and live on Bakke farm in Idd, and fell in battle against Swedish forces here at Kirkebøen in the Enningdalen valley on 8 April 1716.

In the spring of 1716 Karl XII of Sweden launched his first attempt to conquer