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Dear Mr. de Normann,

in receipt of your friendly letter of Jan. 22 I am writing to a couple of ex Legionaires forwarding your questions. Thus I hope to be able, in not all too long a time, to furnish you the information desired.

I am putting down these lines just to let you know that action is being taken, and even if the delay should be longer than you and I might wish, I trust something will come out of it, including some photos which I positively know exist.

As to the breakdown of the unit, it was as follows :

- 1., 2. & 3. company - rifle companies following German infantry regulations, each with two light mortars, and one machine gun for each platoon.
- 4. " - Germ. reg. heavy machine gun coy, mortars as above.
- 14. " - anti-tank guns coy, 37 mm (later french-made 75 mm) guns.

thus giving the strength of a reinforced inf. battallion.

The unit was dependent on horse transport, having at its disposition only a few lorries and motor cycles.

It should be noted that this Viken bataljon was all the Norwegian Legion ever came to amount to, with only the no., 14, given to the anti-tank gun coy reminding of the original purpose of creating a regimental unit. This coy was split up on departure for the Eastern Front from Stettin.

You may know already the German regulation (later abolished) allotting Germanic volunteers to the Waffen-SS and all others to the Wehrmacht. Near proper, the Norwegian Legion thus came to form a part, administratively, of the Waffen-SS. (As a field unit, however, and along with all other Waffen-SS formations, it was operationally subordinated to the Oberkommando der Wehrmacht through the corresponding higher unit.)

apart from the Death's head on field and service caps and the Reichsadler being worn on the left arm instead of on the right breast side (Wehrmacht noer style), it was not visually recognizable as a unit of the Waffen-SS. The Reichsadler was surmounted by a Norwegian flag. Instead of the collar patch you will find on pictures from the time the Norwegian rampant lion carrying an axe, and on the left sleeve the cuff-title "Frw. Legion Norwegen", occasionally surmounted by the Hird emblem. There exist a few photos with rungs on helmets, but generally they were without any sign painted on them.

There is good evidence to state that these volunteers have considered themselves Norwegian and not "Great-Germanic" fighters in the sense often attributed to them. Thus there came about the rather serious episode of the Legionnaires refusing to take the oath to Hitler as "Führer and Supreme Commander", ending with an oath to him as Supreme Commander only.

As for the daily routine, it seems to have differed in little or nothing from the prevailing German standard. According to the summary remembered by an ex Fallingbostal recruit of the Legion, it was as follows :

	0500	Awakening
	0615	Morning parade/inspection
Immediately		Drill, arms training & maintenance
	1700	End of above, time off to 2000
	2000	Arms cleaning, maintenance
	2045	Day's service ended
	2200	Call to quarters
		Sundays : Off duty.

Be sure I shall let you know, as soon as further informations will be forthcoming.

Yours sincerely,