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## The Napoleonic Wars rage in Europe.

*England is the power of the sea and the only real opponent of Napoleon. France introduces trade blockade of England. France is pushing for neutral powers like Denmark-Norway and Sweden to close the ports of British ships.*

Denmark-Norway has a significant war fleet. England offers alliance against the fleet being handed over to England.

Denmark rejects and in 1807 attacks England - Zealand occupied, Copenhagen bombed. The 37 fleet of war and some small boats are seized and removed.

Denmark-Norway is without marine. Denmark-Norway joins France and Russia. England and Sweden are in alliance. Sweden is now attacked from three sides. In February 1808, 24,000 Russian soldiers enter Finland, which for centuries has been a part of Sweden. Denmark declares Sweden war on March 14th.

Grensa Sweden was guarded by signal posts and guardianships on, among others, Prestebakke and Svinesund. Spies exist along the boundary on both sides, and as an effective network with contacts in Gothenburg and Strömstad. Women provide information as they can listen to talks between officers and soldiers without waking suspicion! Ordinary communication to Sweden is blocked.

Supplies and equipment for the soldiers are scarce throughout the war. It is reported of almost naked soldiers. They lack shirts, socks, pants and shoes. Leather shoes are not to be worn. The joints on the uniform skirts are cut off and patched. Discarded tents turn into sheets and shirts. The dead and missing equipment is distributed among survivors.

Sore injuries often end up with poisoning and amputation. More deaths from infections, illnesses and epidemics than of war injuries. 1808-09 is an emergency year in Norway. The crops are wrong, and grain imports are impossible due to British blockade. Bark and mash are common additives in the flour. Mortality increases dramatically.

On December 9, 1809, a peace agreement was signed in the Swedish city of Jönköping.

Visit Ende Skanse that was part of the war game in the war 1808.