

A Brigade Commander's Perspective on Cold Weather Operations

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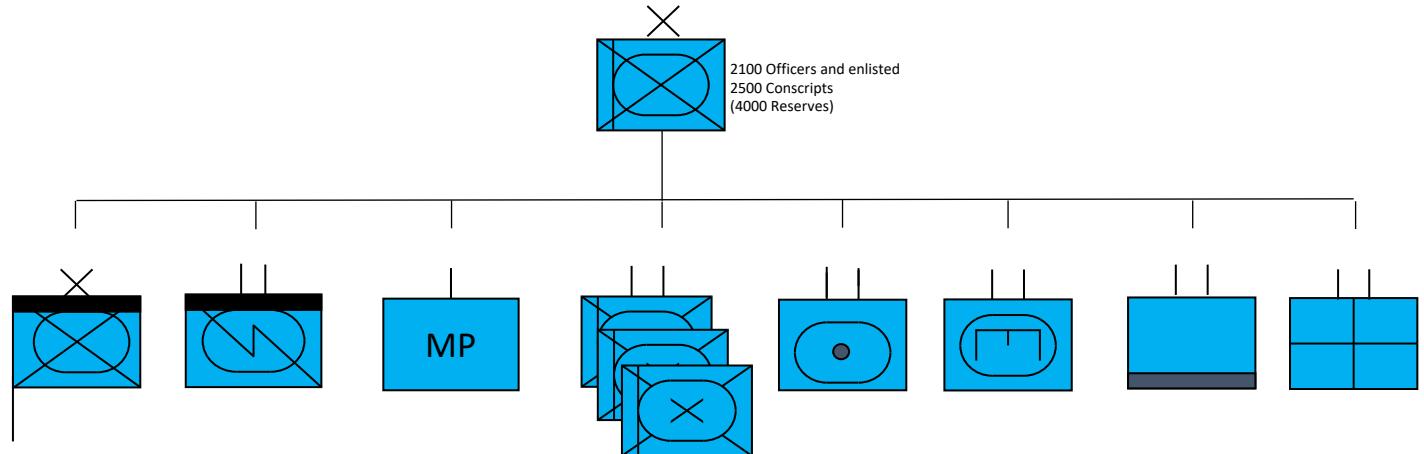
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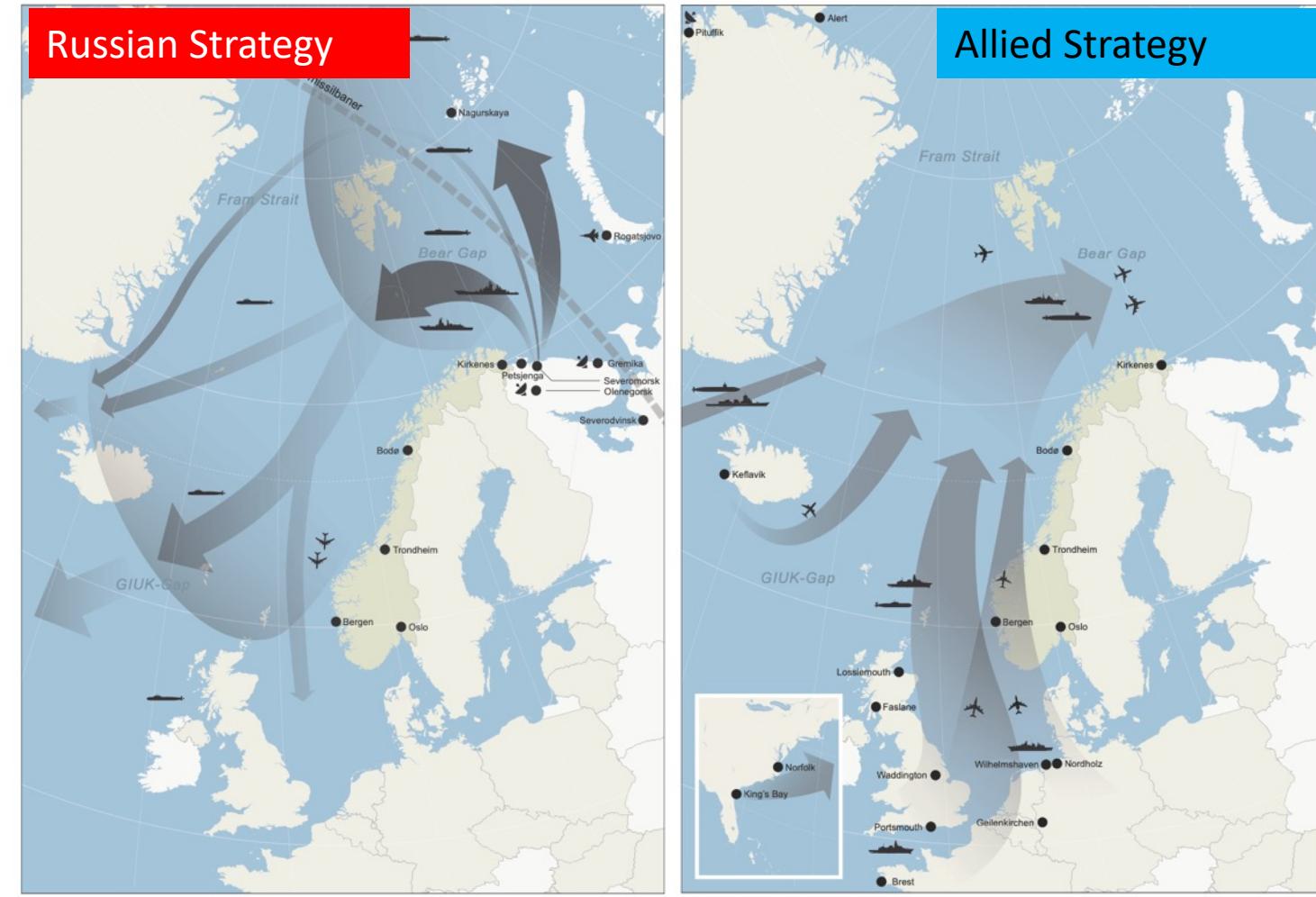
Brigade North – who we are





Brigade North – our role

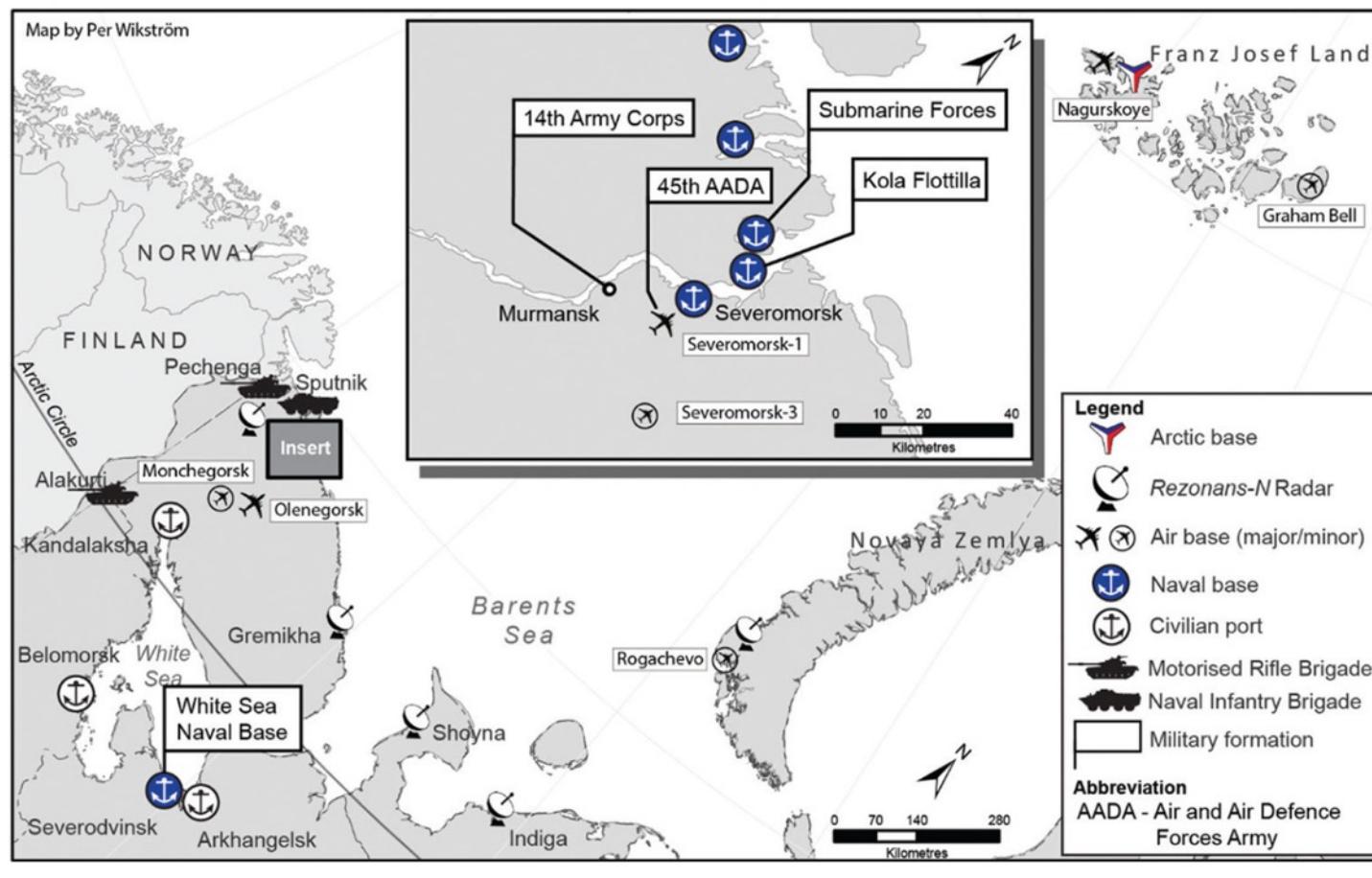
- “...protecting every inch of NATO territory...”
- ...*deter*
- ...*defend*
- ...*restore*
- Main threat: Russia
- Potentially contested area:
Cold and harsh environment
 - Maritime, Air, Land





Russian Forces

Capable? Better? Worse?





How we prepare in peace

- Live in our own battlespace
- Lifelong acclimatization
- Realistic training and exercises
- Allied integration





How we intend to fight

- Fighting in formations
- Combined Arms
- Joint and Multinational
- Use of terrain
- Early integration with allies
- Be brilliant in the basics
- Be lethal!

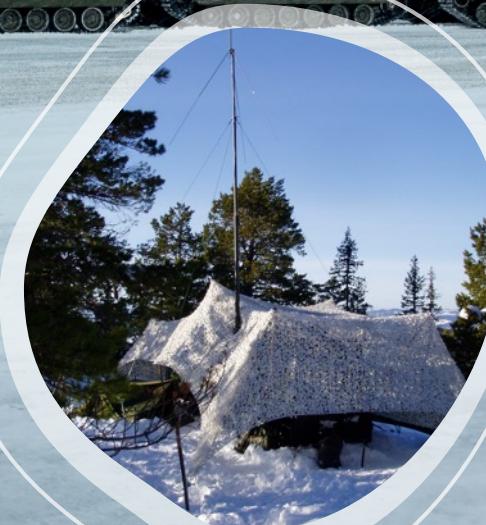




Leaders:
*Must lead more
Must plan better
Need more patience*

Friction
*:The thing that
makes the
seemingly easy very
hard*

Vehicles:
*Break down
Consume more fuel
Have mobility issues*



Units:
*Need more time
More frequent resupply
Less combat effective*

Individuals
*Move slower
Perform lower
Demand more energy and rest*

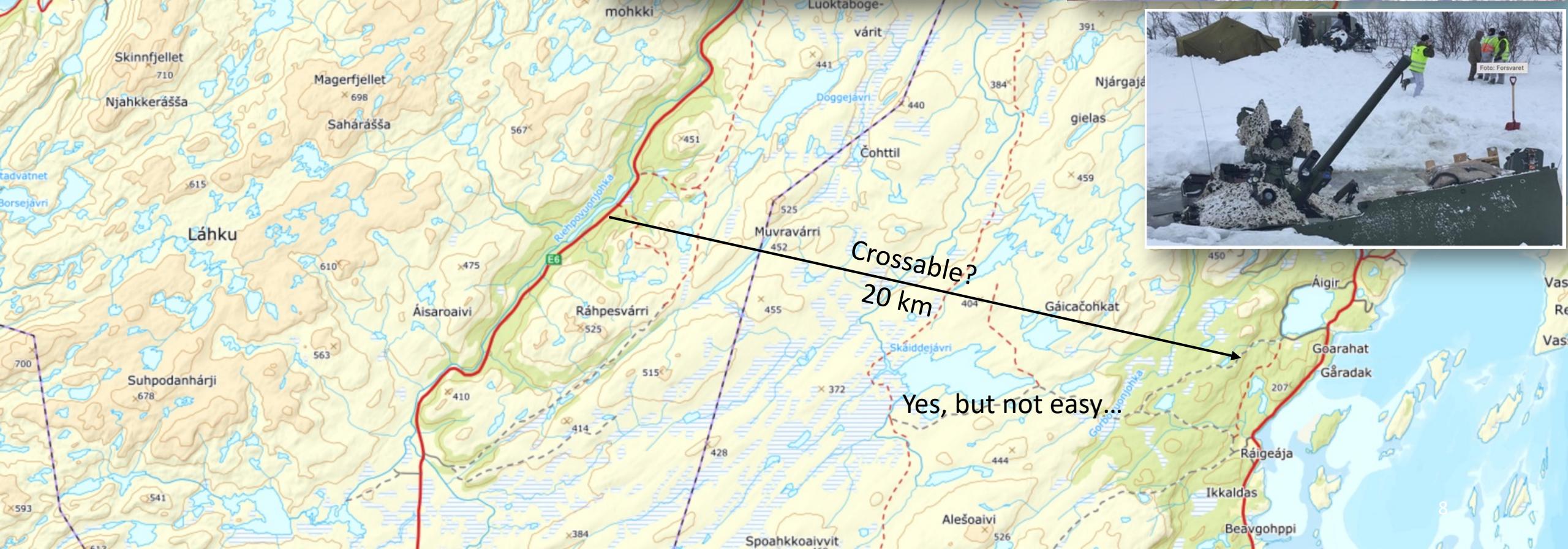




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Final comments

- Without heat and shelter you will die...
- Mastering the cold is not enough; we must be able to kill the enemy
- All hands requirements
- Winter pacifies, but nobody is afraid of doing what they master
- Major land wars are still fought by large maneuver forces
- Logistics, logistics, logistics
- **To allies: we are here to help. Training together in peacetime gives us an edge!**



Questions?