

Chapter 45 : Carl Bernadotte (1890-1977).

Prince Oscar's eldest son Carl Oscar Bernadotte, Count of Wisborg, was born in Karlskrona on May 27, 1890, and died at his residence Malmsjö on April 23, 1977. From 1915 to 1935 he was married to the baroness Marianne De Geer af Leufsta (1893-1978) and had two daughters and two sons. In 1937 he married Gerty Börjesson (1910-2004) and had a son. There are four short biographies (Knagg 1932: ss. 336-344; Jansson 1948: s. 316; Who's Who 1964: s. 80; Skott 1996: ss. 340-343).

Carl graduated in 1909 and was commissioned in 1911. He was then placed in the Royal Dragoons (K2). There is no record of his military career beyond degrees and courses but he was a successful rider. However, he seems not to have been able to fit in. The first week of 1920 he was officer of the day and the following occurred: "Lieutenant Bernadotte shall according to army regulation §90 S.F.K. violence against subordinate be sentenced to 3 days' detention without guard. The sentence commences on 14/1."¹ There is no indication of the degree of violence but the punishment for such was imprisonment up to six months. Probably they did not want to punish a member of the royal house too harshly. Carl resigned and transferred to the regiment's reserve.² In connection with the disbandment of the regiment in 1926/27, he was promoted to captain.

In 1925 Carl's wife inherited the entailed estate Frötuna to administer until the eldest son could take over. Frötuna was 9,150 acres and neither Carl nor his wife had any agricultural experience. Carl, however, took care to learn the profession from scratch. He even bought a small farm - Nyboholm in Uppland - to train himself on. After the divorce, the son took over Frötuna and Carl moved into his father's residence in Malmsjö to idle away the rest of his life. This involved taking board assignments, some of which were paid and others that were of the hobby kind & voluntary work. From 1940 to 1960 he was a member of the board of Uppsala enskilda bank. He was also active in agricultural and forestry organizations, sat on "noble" boards - unrecognized nobles, the Royal army museum & the King's hunting Club - and took over some of his father's engagements - 1948 the Margaretha home, 1950 The Foundation Queen Sophie's Shelters & 1952 The Salvation Army Education Fund.

¹ Livregementets dragoner (K2), dagorder 1920:10, 1920-01-21. Krigsarkivet.

² Livregementets dragoner (K2), dagorder 1920:24, 1920-02-18. Krigsarkivet.