THE LUNDERGÅRD CLAY OF VENDSYSSEL, DENMARK, AND ITS FORAMINIFERA

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Samples from five short borings in Lundergård mose, Vendsyssel, have been analyzed for their foraminifera content. The marine Quaternary deposits of borings I, II and III consist mainly of clay, here called the Lundergård Clay. It contains a characteristic foraminifera fauna with *Elphidium excavatum*, forma *clavata* and *Cassidulina crassa* as the dominant species and *Quinqueloculina stalkeri* and *Elphidium ustulatum* as characteristic species. The fauna is arctic and belongs to an interstadial rather than an interglacial environment. The fauna is compared with assemblages from other marine Quaternary deposits from Vendsyssel and from adjacent areas, and the age of the Lundergård Clay is discussed. It may represent either a hitherto unknown facies of the Older Yoldia Clay of Vendsyssel, which is supposed to be of Weichselian interstadial age, or it may be older and correlatable with the Holderness Basement Till of Saale interstadial age.

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Lundergård mose (mose = moor), which covers an area of about 10 km^2 , is situated in the western part of Vendsyssel (fig. 1). It is surrounded by glacigenic deposits to the north and east, and by aeolian sands to the south and west. The flat moor area and the glacigenic highland are partly separated by a chalk ridge extending NNW-SSE (fig. 2).

Marine Quaternary deposits at Lundergård were first described by Jessen in 1899, and referred by him to the Older *Yoldia* Clay of Vendsyssel. The purpose of the present study has been to investigate the content of foraminifera in these deposits, and on the basis of the assemblages to attempt an ecological and stratigraphical interpretation. Foraminifera assemblages from other marine Quaternary deposits of Vendsyssel have been described and discussed by Feyling-Hanssen et al. (1971).

The material for the investigation was provided by 5 short borings in Lundergård mose. The borings were carried out with a 54 mm piston sampler equipped with a motor tripod with drop hammer and hydraulic rod puller.

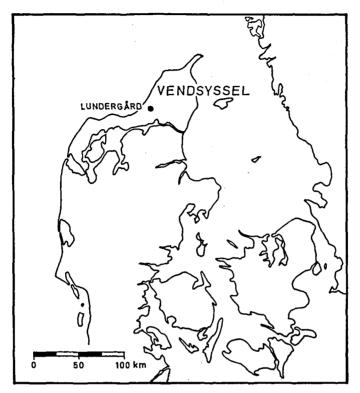
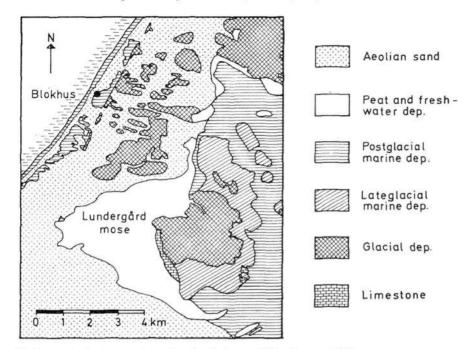


Fig. 1. Location of Lundergård, Vendsyssel, Denmark.

Almost continuous sampling was obtained with a series of cores in 40 cm or 80 cm long tubes. Occasionally there was a lack of material in the sediment sequence between the cores, and usually the layers within the tubes turned out to be slightly compressed. In the diagrams (figs. 5, 6 and 7) the bottom of each core is marked at the correct level, and the core is added on the top of this regardless of any possible compression.

For the foraminifera analysis samples of about 5 cm length (100-200 g dry weight), and with a distance between them of 0.2-1.0 m were treated in the laboratory following the procedure described by Hilterman (1958) and Feyling-Hanssen (1958 and 1964) except that most samples were disintegrated by boiling with liquid detergent instead of treatment with hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) . The latter treatment may cause surface corrosion of the foraminiferal tests. The samples were washed through two sieves having mesh diameters of 0.1 and 1.0 mm, and foraminifera in the size fraction 0.1-1.0 mm were concentrated by the heavy liquid carbon tetrachloride (CCl₄). It was attempted to count at least 300 specimens of foraminifera from each sample. In poor samples the entire content was counted, and in rich ones the total



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Fig. 2. Geological map of the Lundergård area (After Jessen, 1899).

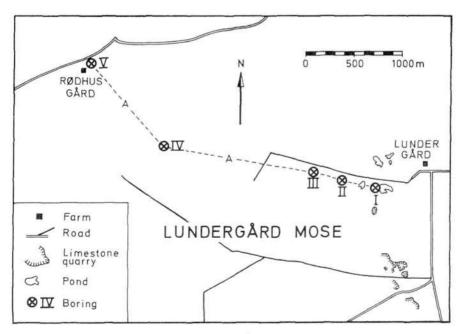


Fig. 3. Location of the five borings in Lundergård mose.

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populations were estimated by extrapolation (Phleger, 1960). Results of these quantitative analyses are entered into range charts in which the frequency of selected taxa of foraminifera are illustrated by symbols (fig. 4).

The present assemblages from Lundergård represent thanatocoenoses which might have accumulated over a period of time, consisting partly of allochthonous, partly of autochthonous material. Some of the tests may even have been destroyed by transport or after sedimentation. Thus, as pointed out by Murray (1968), such a palaeothanatocoenosis will most probably

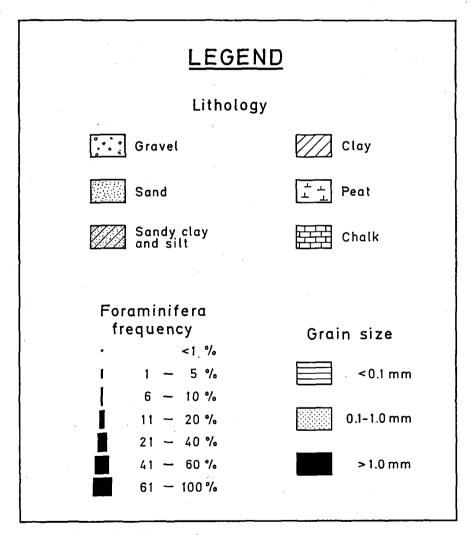


Fig. 4. Symbols used in the range charts.

differ from the assemblage originally inhabiting the biotope. Walton's (1964) faunal diversity, which he defined as the number of ranked species in a counted assemblage, whose cumulative percentage accounts for 95% of the total fauna, is therefore used as an aid in interpreting the environment of the present deposits. This measure omits the sporadic occurrences of species, whereas e.g. the diversity fields, which Murray used on recent faunas (Murray, 1968, 1969, 1970) attach greater importance to the total number of species.

Faunal diversity according to Walton (1964), number of species per sample, number of specimens per 100 g sediment are shown in the diagrams.

The Borings

The localities of the borings in Lundergård mose are indicated on the map, fig. 3. Foraminifera assemblages are described for the borings I, II and III in the eastern part of Lundergård mose and for boring V, which is situated at its western margin. Some of the borings penetrated the Quaternary deposits and reached the surface of the White Chalk below.

Boring I

Boring I (fig. 3) is 9.6 m deep, and 24 samples were analysed from the interval between 1.4 m below and 6.9 m above sea-level. The bore site is 8 m above sea-level. The deepest sample, which is from the chalk, contains foraminifera from the Maastrichtian and is not discussed further.

Lithology and grain size distribution for the samples 2–24 are shown in fig. 5. The lowermost part of the Quaternary sequence in boring I consists of silt and clayey silt, followed by olive-grey clay. A more sandy interval between 1.0 m and 2.3 m above sea-level is composed of coarse sand in the middle part grading into finer sand and silt in the lower and upper parts. The uppermost part of the boring mainly consists of olive-grey clay with a few thin layers of silt and sand and scattered pebbles (diameter up to 0.5 cm).

The percentage distribution of 26 selected taxa of foraminifera is shown in the range chart, fig. 5. *Elphidium excavatum*, forma *clavata* and *Cassidulina crassa* are the dominant species in most of the samples with a percentage of 50-80 % and 10-15 % respectively. The accessory species *Quinqueloculina stalkeri*, *Bulimina marginata*, *Bolivina* cf. *robusta*, *Elphidium albiumbilicatum*, *E. asklundi*, *E. incertum*, *E. ustulatum* and *Protelphidium orbiculare* are found in nearly all the samples, and Virgulina loeblichi, *Cassidulina laevigata*, *Islandiella norcrossi*, *I. teretis*, *Buccella frigida*, *Nonion labradoricum* and *Elphidium magellanicum* occur in a number of samples.

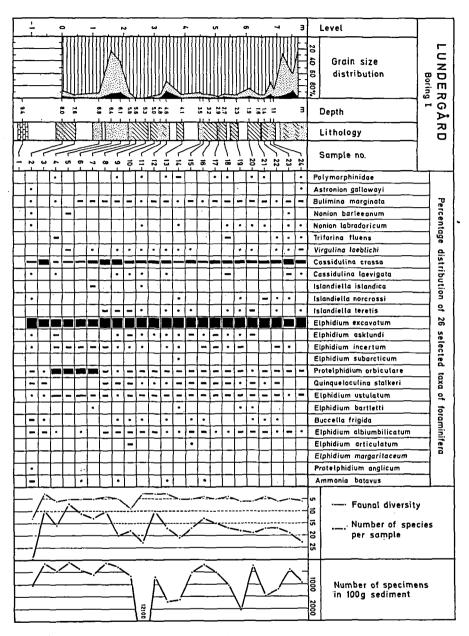


Fig. 5. Range chart for boring I, Lundergård.

Quinqueloculina stalkeri and Elphidium ustulatum seem to be the most characteristic accessory species. Q. stalkeri accounts for up to 2 % of the total fauna, and E. ustulatum usually accounts for up to 3 %, with a maximum of 9 %. The number of specimens is normally between 300 and 1500 per 100 g sediment and the number of species varies from 7 to 30. The faunal diversity usually ranges between 3 and 6 with a maximum of 13.

The assemblages from the Quaternary sequence of boring I belong in an arctic environment, but the lowermost sample (no. 2) contains a boreal element, viz. Ammonia batavus accounting for 2 % of the fauna, and in lesser number Virgulina fusiformis, Nonion barleeanum, Elphidium gerthi and Protelphidium anglicum. Some specimens of Elphidium excavatum belong to forma selseyensis, which usually occurs in boreal waters (Feyling-Hanssen, 1972).

Elphidium excavatum and Protelphidium orbiculare are the dominant species in the sandy part of boring I (samples 4–7). P. orbiculare accounts for 24–35 % of the fauna, Cassidulina crassa only for 4–11 %. The percentage of Elphidium ustulatum is 3–9, but Quinqueloculina stalkeri is not present in these samples. Elphidium incertum is more frequent than in the clayey part of the boring.

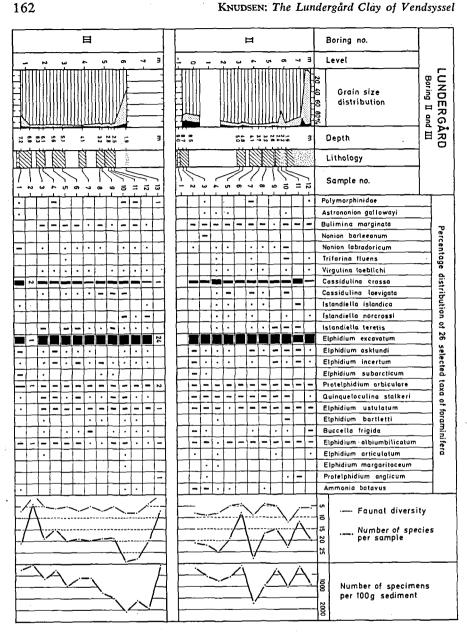
Borings II and III

Boring II is situated about 350 m, and boring III about 700 m, west of boring I. The exact positions are indicated on the map, fig. 3. Boring II is 9.2 m and boring III is 7.4 m deep, and the ground surface at the bore sites lies 8 m above sea level.

The sediment of these two borings consists of hard olive-grey clay, with a few thin layers of silt and sand and scattered pebbles; the upper and lower part of the borings are more sandy. The sand sequence of boring I is not found in boring III. It may be present in boring II where it has not been possible to obtain cores in the interval from 0.4 m below to 3.2 m above sea level. It is sometimes rather difficult to obtain good cores in sandy deposits with the present boring equipment.

Lithology, grain size distribution and percentage distribution of 26 selected taxa of foraminifera in borings II and III are shown in fig. 6. The assemblages are equivalent to those recorded from the clayey parts of boring I. *Elphidium excavatum*, forma *clavata* is the dominant species (60-80 %), *Cassidulina crassa* is second in number (10-25 %), and the most characteristic of the accessory species are *Elphidium ustulatum* (max. 3 %) and *Quinqueloculina stalkeri* (max. 4 %).

The boreal element of the fauna described from the lower part of boring I is not seen in boring III, but the lowermost samples from boring II con-



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Fig. 6. Range chart for borings II and III, Lundergård.

tains scattered specimens of the boreal species Ammonia batavus, Virgulina fusiformis, Nonion barleeanum, Elphidium gerthi, E. articulatum, E. margaritaceum and Protelphidium anglicum.

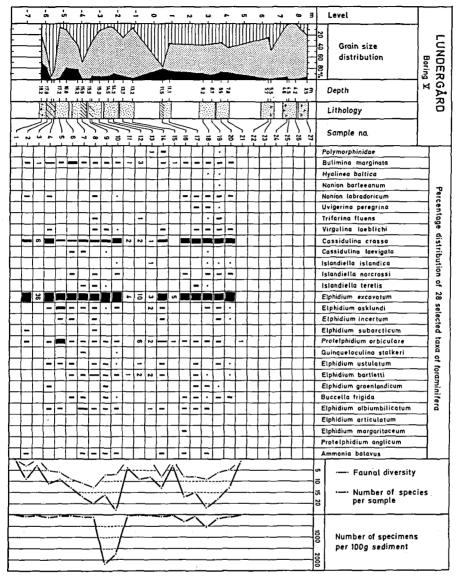


Fig. 7. Range chart for boring V, Lundergård.

Boring V

The 18.3 m deep boring V is located at the western margin of Lundergård mose, 12 m above sea level (fig. 3). The boring did not reach the chalk but in a neighbouring well the chalk surface occurs at 18 m depth, and it is therefore supposed, that practically the whole Quaternary sequence at this locality is represented in boring V.

The lithology and grain size distribution are shown in fig. 7. The sediment from the lower 12.5 m of boring V is mainly coarse sand with scattered pebbles and a few intercalations of fine sand, silt and clay; the lowermost 20 cm is composed of very coarse sand and gravel with some larger stones (diameter 3-5 cm). The upper 5.5 m of the boring consists of alternating layers of well-sorted sand and peat without marine fossils.

The distribution of 33 selected taxa of foraminifera from the lower part of boring V is shown in fig. 7. *Elphidium excavatum*, forma *clavata* and *Cassidulina crassa* are the dominant species, and the most common accessory species are *Protelphidium orbiculare*, *Bulimina marginata*, *Elphidium albiumbilicatum*, *E. asklundi* and *E. bartletti*. *Elphidium ustulatum*, which is one of the characteristic species in the assemblages of borings I, II and III, is represented also in most of the fossiliferous samples of boring V, but only a few specimens of *Quinqueloculina stalkeri* are found in this boring.

The number of species, the faunal diversity and the number of specimens are shown to the right of fig. 7. The number of specimens is on the whole very low, less than 300 per 100 g sediment, and therefore the percentage indications are rather uncertain for boring V.

Lundergård Clay

Description and ecology

In the borings I, II and III at Lundergård, an olive-grey marine clay with a few intercalation of sand and silt layers is found. This deposit overlies Maastrichtian chalk, and its greatest thickness is 7.1 m in boring I. The marine clay contains a characteristic foraminifera assemblage, and it is here called Lundergård Clay. Its type locality is Lundergård with boring I as type profile.

The dominant species in Lundergård Clay is Elphidium excavatum, forma clavata, which accounts for about 50-80 % of the total fauna. Cassidulina crassa is second in number with a percentage of between 10 and 25 %. The most frequent accessory species are, in systematic succession, Quinqueloculina stalkeri, Bulimina marginata, Bolivina cf. robusta, Elphidium albiumbilicatum, E. asklundi, E. incertum, E. ustulatum and Protelphidium orbiculare, and the most characteristic species in the Lundergård Clay are Quinqueloculina stalkeri and Elphidium ustulatum, each accounting for up to 2-3 % of the total fauna. The faunal diversity ranges from 3 to 13, usually between 4 and 8, and the number of specimens varies between 300 and 1500, with a maximum of 12,100 per 100 g sediment. An assemblage from Lundergård Clay is shown in plate 9, fig. 1.

The high frequency of Elphidium excavatum, forma clavata and Cassidulina crassa in Lundergård Clay indicates arctic environment, but a few of the accessory species are more frequent in recent boreal waters, e.g., Bulimina marginata and Bolivina cf. robusta. The presence of species such as Nonion labradoricum, Bulimina marginata and Bolivina cf. robusta together with a rather high frequency of Cassidulina crassa indicates a water depth of more than 20 m. Quinqueloculina stalkeri is a common species in recent arctic faunas (Loeblich & Tappan, 1953; Todd & Low, 1967; Gupta, 1971). Elphidium ustulatum is not recorded in recent faunas.

The lowermost sample from the Lundergård Clay of boring I and the two deepest samples of boring II contain more boreal species in the fauna, as specimens of Ammonia batavus, Protelphidium anglicum, Virgulina fusiformis, Nonion barleeanum, Elphidium gerthi, E. articulatum and E. margaritaceum occur scattered in these samples. In addition some specimens of Elphidium excavatum belong to forma selseyensis which usually occurs in boreal waters. A corresponding boreal element is not found in the faunas of boring III.

Elphidium excavatum, forma clavata is still the dominant species in the sandy sequence of boring I, where it accounts for 48-58 % of the fauna. Protelphidium orbiculare is second in number with 24-35 % of the total fauna, whereas Cassidulina crassa only accounts for 4-11 %. A few specimens of Bulimina marginata and Bolivina cf. robusta occur, but Nonion labradoricum is not present in these samples. The characteristic accessory species Elphidium ustulatum accounts for 3-9 % of the fauna, but Quinqueloculina stalkeri is not found in the sandy sequence. A high frequency of the shallow-water species Protelphidium orbiculare together with a rather low frequency of the more marine species Cassidulina crassa and the absence of Nonion labradoricum indicate a water depth of less than 20 m. This shallow-water facies of the Lundergård Clay is not found in boring III, but may be present in boring II, where it was not possible to obtain a continuous series of cores (p. 161).

Samples have also been collected from two old brickworks east and west of boring I (the old pits, fig. 3). This clay contains small fragments of molluscs and foraminifera assemblages equivalent to those described from the Lundergård Clay. One of these surface samples from the clay pit between borings I and II contains the following assemblage:

Species	Frequency	Percentage
Elphidium excavatum	295	75
Cassidulina crassa	44	11
Protelphidium orbiculare	10	3
Elphidium ustulatum	9	2
Bulimina marginata	6	2
Nonion labradoricum	5	1
Quinqueloculina stalkeri	4	1
Bolivina cf. robusta	4	1
Fissurina laevigata	3	1
Cassidulina laevigata	3	1
Virgulina loeblichi	2	1
Guttulina lactea	1	< 1
Fissurina marginata	1	< 1
Islandiella islandica	1	< 1
Islandiella teretis	1	< 1
Buccella frigida	1	< 1
Elphidium albiumbilicatum	1	< 1
Elphidium bartletti	1	< 1
Elphidium magellanicum	1	< 1
Ammonia batavus	1	< 1
Total	394	

Lundergård, surface sample. Coll. K. L. Knudsen, 1970.

The sample weighed 100 g and the count represent 1/5 of the assemblage. The number of species is 20 and the faunal diversity 7.

A few smaller borings were carried out in the vicinity of borings I, II and III to determine the extent of the Lundergård Clay. About 350 m east of boring I only unfossiliferous sand was found and some borings about 300 m north of boring I contained almost unfossiliferous sand and gravel. An old gravel pit (fig. 3) situated north of boring I, according to information from local people, contained sand down to a depth of 30 m. The chalk outcrops 200 m south of boring I, and in a canal 100 m south of boring II a vertical contact is seen between chalk to the south and Lundergård Clay to the north. These two deposits are covered by a 1 m thick deposit of horizontally stratified sand, sandy peat and peat. The Lundergård Clay is found in boring III, but was not present in boring IV, about 1500 m farther to the west.

The extension of the Lundergård Clay thus seems to be rather limited in the area. It may be regarded as a westerly extension of the glacigenic highland which occurs east of Lundergård mose.

The lower part of boring IV (figs. 3 and 8) contains a poor arctic fauna.

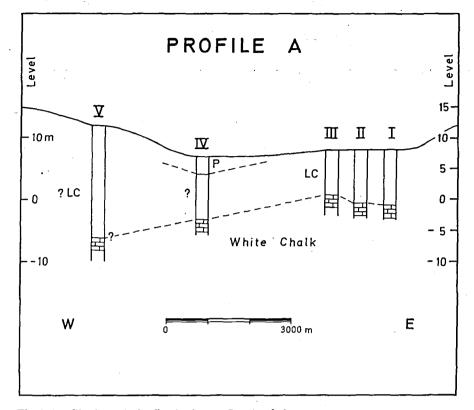


Fig. 8. Profile through the five borings at Lundergård. LC = Lundergård Clay, P = Postglacial deposits.

The two species *Quinqueloculina stalkeri* and *Elphidium ustulatum*, characteristic of the Lundergård Clay are not found.

The deposits of boring V, farther to the west, contain rather poor arctic assemblages, often characterized by large, robust forms (Pl. 9, fig. 2). *Elphidium ustulatum* occurs in most of the fossiliferous samples from that boring, whereas only a few specimens of *Quinqueloculina stalkeri* are found. The deposits may be regarded as a sandy facies of Lundergård Clay equivalent to the sand sequence of boring I. The fauna is arctic, but contains a boreal element. The accessory species *Bulimina marginata* and *Nonion labradoricum* would normally not indicate very shallow water, unlike the presence of the shallow-water species *Protelphidium orbiculare, Elphidium albiumbilicatum, E. bartletti* and *Buccella frigida*. However, the percentage indications for assemblages from these deposits are rather uncertain because of the low number of specimens per sample.

Correlation

In order to attempt an age determination of the Lundergård Clay comparisons with faunas from different units of other Quaternary deposits in Vendsyssel and from adjacent areas has been made.

The clay deposit at Lundergård was described by Jessen in 1899 (p. 30) and referred by him to the Older Yoldia Clay. Jessen did not mention this deposit later, and it seems that it became deleted from his list of Older Yoldia Clay occurrences. Thus, in 1918 and 1936 he states that the Older Yoldia Clay is restricted to the northern and eastern part of Vendsyssel, and that it is not found in situ (1936) in the southwestern part. The Older Yoldia Clay was not found in the Alborg and the Nibe area (Jessen, 1905, p. 75), and as the Lateglacial Younger Yoldia Clay occurs at several places south of Lundergård Mose (Jessen, 1905, p. 99) 2–3 m above sea-level, it might seem possible that Jessen also included the marine clay at Lundergård in the Younger Yoldia Clay, even though it is not mentioned.

If Jessen really meant to change his opinion about the age of the clay at Lundergård, and refer it to the Younger *Yoldia* Clay, it would seem natural for him to mention this. Another possibility is that Jessen became uncertain about the stratigraphic position of the clay, probably because of the rather long distance to other localities with Older *Yoldia* Clay, and therefore omitted to mention the locality of Lundergård.

Many of the foraminifera species are the same as described from Lateglacial Zirfaea layers and Younger Yoldia Clay, from interstadial Older Yoldia Clay of Vendsyssel (Andersen, 1971; Jørgensen, 1971; Knudsen, 1971) and interstadial Sandnes Clay of Jæren (Feyling-Hanssen, 1971). However, a corresponding distribution of species is not found in any of these deposits. Elphidium ustulatum is not known from Lateglacial deposits, but a single specimen was found in zone F of the Older Yoldia Clay at Hirtshals (Andersen, 1971), and three specimens occurred in the Sandnes Clay (Feyling-Hanssen, 1971). Only very few specimens of Quinqueloculina stalkeri are found in Lateglacial deposits and Older Yoldia Clay of Vendsyssel and in Sandnes Clay of Jæren.

An examination of foraminifera left by the late Dr. Nørvang from the Skærumhede sequence shows that *E. ustulatum* is not present in the *Portlandia arctica* Zone, or in the *Abra nitida* Zone, the *Turritella terebra* Zone or the lower cold zone (Feyling-Hanssen et al., 1971, p. 293). A single specimen of a form very close to *Quinqueloculina stalkeri* occurs in a sample from the *Turritella terebra* Zone. The material is, however, rather inadequate and probably not representative for the faunas as small specimens of foraminifera seem to be underrepresented.

The assemblages of Lundergård Clay indicate a colder climate than the

faunas from Eemian deposits at Stensigmose (Konradi, in press), in Schleswig-Holstein (Lafrenz, 1963) and in the Netherlands (van Voorthuysen, 1957). Mangerud (1970) described a deposit from Fjøsanger near Bergen, which on the basis of pollen was referred to Eemian. An analysis of the foraminifera fauna in these deposits (carried out by Feyling-Hanssen) seems to indicate a rather cold climate. The fauna seems close to the Sandnes Clay (Feyling-Hanssen, pers. communication) and may thus be of Weichselian Interstadial age. *Quinqueloculina stalkeri* and *Elphidium ustulatum* are not present in the assemblage from Fjøsanger.

Buch (1955) described the foraminifera from marine Quaternary deposits in a boring at Inder Bjergum, SW Jutland. These deposits are supposed to be of Holsteinian age. The sequence consists of a lower zone with foraminifera indicating arctic environment, and an upper one indicating milder climate. For camparison A. Buch kindly handed over a sample from each of these zones. The sample from the lower cold zone contains the following foraminifera:

Species	Frequency	Percentage
Elphidium excavatum	330	76
Cassidulina crassa	59	14
Protelphidium orbiculare	19	4
Elphidium albiumbilicatum	9	2
Ammonia batavus	5	1
Quinqueloculina stalkeri	2	< 1
Elphidium subarcticum	2	< 1
Polymorphinidae	1	< 1
Bulimina fossa	1	< 1
Islandiella islandica	1	< 1
Epistominella vitrea	1	< 1
Asterigerina gürichi gürichi	1	< 1
Cibicides lobatulus	1	< 1
Elphidium bartletti	1	< 1
Elphidium magellanicum	· 1	< 1
Indeterminate species	1	< 1
Total	435	

Inder Bjergum, bor. 2, no. 22, 62.23 m below sea-level

The whole sample (50 g) was analysed. The number of species is 15 and the faunal diversity 5. This fauna shows that the environment was much like that prevailing during deposition of the Lundergård Clay. Many of the

species are the same and their distribution is very similar. Two specimens of *Quinqueloculina stalkeri* are found in the sample from Inder Bjergum, but *Elphidium ustulatum* is not present. *Q. stalkeri* is also present in some samples from the clay of Esbjerg brickworks which is supposed to be of Holsteinian age; in a single sample it even accounts for 10 % of the total fauna. *Elphidium ustulatum* is, however, not found in these samples.

A sample from the upper zone of the marine Holsteinian deposits at Inder Bjergum contains the following assemblage:

Frequency	Percentage
371	92
26	6
4	1
2	< 1
1	< 1
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Inder Bjergum, bor. 2, no. 14, 31.48 m below sea-level

The sample weight 35 g and 1/4 of its foraminiferal content was counted. The number of species is 5 and the faunal diversity 2. A number of specimens of *Elphidium excavatum* belongs to forma *selseyensis*. The low faunal diversity indicates extreme ecological conditions, but the fauna shows a higher temperature than indicated by the assemblages of the Lundergård Clay, and the two species *Quinqueloculina stalkeri* and *Elphidium ustulatum* are not present.

Foraminifera assemblages from *Tellina* Clay in the Coast Cliff of Røgle, Funen, which is also supposed to be of Holsteinian age, indicate a milder climate than the faunas from Lundergård Clay, and *Quinqueloculina stalkeri* and *Elphidium ustulatum* do not occur in the examined samples from this deposit.

For comparison, Prof. B. Funnell kindly sent two samples from Inner Silver Pit in the western part of the North Sea. Foraminifera and pollen from this deposit, described by Fisher et al. (1969), are supposed to be of Holsteinian age. One sixth of a sample weighing 11 g contained an assemblage as follows:

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Inner Silver Pit, sample no. 16.

Species	Frequency	Percentage
Elphidium excavatum	184	45
Bulimina marginata	117	28
Cassidulina laevigata	72	17
Epistominella takayanagii	10	2
Nonion barleeanum	7	2
Cassidulina crassa	5	1
Ammonia batavus	4	1
Quinqueloculina stalkeri	2	< 1
Lagena distoma	2	< 1
Fissurina laevigata	2	< 1
Bolivina albatrossi	2	< 1
Sigmoilopsis schlumbergeri	1	< 1
Lagena laevis	1	< 1 ,
Lagena striata, f. typica	1	< 1
Oolina hexagona	1	< 1
Virgulina fusiformis	1	< 1
Bolivina alata	1	< 1
Total	413	

This assemblage indicates deeper water and higher temperature than the faunas of Lundergård Clay. A few specimens of *Quinqueloculina stalkeri* occur, but *Elphidium ustulatum* is absent. Sample no. 13 from Inner Silver Pit indicates shallower water and lower temperature than sample no. 16. It contains the following foraminifera:

Inner Silver Pit, sample no. 13.

Species	Frequency	Percentage
Quinqueloculina stalkeri	179	84
Cassidulina crassa	21	10
Elphidium excavatum	7	3
Elphidium magellanicum	3	1
Islandiella islandica	1	< 1
Epistominella sp	1	< 1
Indeterminate species	2	1
Total	214	

The whole sample (15 g) was analysed. This fauna cannot be correlated with any assemblage from the Lundergård Clay. *Quinqueloculina stalkeri* is much more frequent, and *Elphidium ustulatum* not present at all in the fauna. It seems as if *Quinqueloculina stalkeri* is a common species in the

Holsteinian, whereas *Elphidium ustulatum* is not found in these deposits in Northwest Europe.

Feyling-Hanssen (1971) published an analysis of the foraminifera fauna in a sample from Holderness Basement Till, Yorkshire. The age of that deposit is discussed by Catt and Penny (1966), and considered to be of Saale Interstadial age. One fifth of a 100 g sample contained the following assemblage (after Feyling-Hanssen, 1971, p. 103):

Holderness Basement Till. Coll. J. A. Catt.

Species	Frequency	Percentage
Elphidium excavatum	175	44
Cassidulina crassa	53	13
Protelphidium orbiculare	53	13
Elphidium albiumbilicatum	17	4
Quinqueculina stalkeri	11	3
Elphidium asklundi	10	3
Elphidium subarcticum	10	3
Elphidium ustulatum	9	2
Elphidium groenlandicum	7	2
Bulimina marginata (forma gibba)	7	2.
Buccella frigida	6	2
Trifarina fluens	4	1
Islandiella islandica	4	1
Protelphidium anglicum	4	1
Buccella tenerrima	3	1
Polymorphinidae	3	1
Oolina acuticosta	2	1
Oolina melo	2	1
Virgulina loeblichi	2	1
Astrononion gallowayi	2	1
Cibicides lobatulus	2	1
Globigerina ssp.	2	1
Quinqueloculina seminulum	1	< 1
Pyrgo williamsoni	1	< 1
Lagena striata	1	< 1
Oolina caudigera	1	< 1
Oolina lineata	1	< 1
Oolina squamosa	1	< 1
Fissurina danica	1	< 1
Fissurina laevigata	1	< 1
Fissurina marginata	1	< 1
Trifarina angulosa	1	< 1
Nonion barleeanum	1	< 1
Nonionella auricula	1	< 1
Elphidiella arctica	1	< 1
 Total	401	-

This fauna is very close to those described from the Lundergård Clay. Quinqueloculina stalkeri accounts for 3 % and Elphidium ustulatum for 2 % of the total fauna, and most of the other accessory species correspond to those from the Lundergård Clay. It is remarkable that the species Bolivina cf. robusta, Nonion labradoricum, Islandiella teretis and Islandiella norcrossi, which occur in a number of samples from Lundergård Clay, are not present in the sample from Holderness, and that the faunal diversity is higher in the Holderness Basement Till. Elphidium asklundi is present in the Holderness sample as well as in the Lundergård Clay. This species is one of the characteristic ones in Middle Weichselian Older Yoldia Clay in Vendsyssel and in the Sandnes Clay of Norway, but seems to have a greater stratigraphical range. Thus, it occurs also in the samples from Esbjerg brickworks, considered Holsteinian of age (Cf. Feyling-Hanssen et al., 1971).

In three short borings from the North Sea, about half way between Aberdeen and SW Norway, van Voorthuysen and Toering (Toering, pers. communication) found foraminifera faunas very much like those from Lundergård Clay. There are no quantitative analyses yet, but it has been possible to examine the faunas, and the distribution of species seems very close to the assemblages of Lundergård Clay. The faunas are arctic with more or less boreal species. *Elphidium excavatum*, forma *clavata* and *Cassidulina crassa* are dominant, and *Elphidium ustulatum* and *Quinqueloculina stalkeri* are characterizing accessory species in many of the samples. Otherwise *Bulimina marginata*, *Protelphidium orbiculare*, *Cassidulina laevigata* and *Hyalinea baltica* are common accessory species in the material. A higher frequency of *Bulimina marginata*, *Cassidulina laevigata* and *Hyalinea baltica* in the North Sea samples indicates a greater water depth than during deposition of the Lundergård Clay.

The foraminifera assemblages of the Lundergård Clay show that this deposit does not belong in the oldest Quaternary. *Elphidiella hannai*, which is a characteristic and common species in Amstelian and Icenian (van Voorthuysen, 1949) is not present in the fauna. *Nonion labradoricum* occurs in a number of samples from the Lundergård Clay; this species is found neither in the oldest Quaternary of NW Europe, nor in the Holsteinian of Inner Silver Pit. A few specimens occur in the Holsteinian of Esbjerg (Madsen, 1895) and in the Eemian (*Turritella terebra* Zone) of the Skærumhede sequence in Vendsyssel. The species is, however, common in younger deposits of Vendsyssel and Jæren (Feyling-Hanssen et al., 1971).

Elphidium ustulatum is found in deposits from Miocene to Quaternary, including the Weichselian. The species was originally described from deposits of Miocene or Pliocene age in Alaska (Todd, 1957). It is common in deposits from Baffin Island dated at more than 50,000 BP (Feyling-Hanssen, 1967), and it was also found in a sample dated at 40,000 BP (Feyling-Hanssen,

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sen, pers. communication). It was recorded (as *Elphidium* sp. 2) from the Pliocene of the Netherlands (van Voorthuysen, 1958), and a few scattered specimens occur in older Quaternary deposits of the North Sea (Toering, pers. communication). In the marine Quaternary of Siberia Gudina (1966 and 1969) found *Elphidium ustulatum* (recorded as *Protelphidium lenticulare*) in deposits from Elsterian (the Tiltim-complex, Q_{1-2}), Holsteinian (the Ob-complex, Q_{1-2}), Saalian (the Salemal-complex, Q_2) and from Eemian (the Kazan-complex).

On the basis of the comparisons given above it is still difficult to arrive at a safe conclusion about the age of the Lundergård Clay. The ecological indication of its fauna is too cold for an interglacial and, on the other hand, as a boreal element is present, probably too mild for a full glacial stadial. The clay could have been deposited at the end or at the beginning of a glacial age, or it may belong in an interstadial.

The possibility that the Lundergård Clay might represent a facies of the Younger Yoldia Clay of Vendsyssel seems unlikely: The Lundergård Clay is usually rich in fossil foraminifera, whereas the Younger Yoldia Clay is nearly unfossiliferous in the southwestern part of Vendsyssel (Jessen, 1899, 1918 and 1936; Knudsen, 1971). Furthermore, the frequency distribution of foraminifera species in Lundergård Clay is characteristic, and differs much more from that of ordinary Younger Yoldia Clay faunas than from that of Older Yoldia Clay faunas (cf. Feyling-Hanssen et al., 1971).

Boulders with diameter up to more than 50 cm occur above the Lundergård Clay, i.e., in the basal layer of the Postglacial deposits. These blocks were probably transported to the area directly by glaciers, and in this case the underlying clay must be older than the latest glaciation, i.e., older than the Younger Yoldia Clay. There is, however, also the possibility that the boulders represent ice-rafted blocks and in that case they may have been brought into the area during the Lateglacial recession of glaciers and dropped on to the clay during its formation. In this case the Lundergård Clay could be of Lateglacial age (Younger Yoldia Clay) and the concentration of blocks upon the clay could be due to later erosion of the clay. Usually the Younger Yoldia Clay of Vendsyssel does not contain boulders, either in the clay itself or on top of it. Such boulders are, however, found above clay deposits considered Lateglacial of age in the southern part of Læsø (Jessen, 1897; Michelsen, 1967).

As already mentioned (p. 166), the Lundergård Clay is situated in close connection to the glacigenic highland to the east. The borings just north of the Lundergård Clay contains only nearly unfossiliferous sand, and the marine deposits in the lower part of boring IV, to the west, contains poor arctic faunas, which cannot be correlated with the Lundergård Clay assemblages. In southern direction the Lundergård Clay is limited by vertical con-

tact to the White Chalk. This could indicate young tectonic movements, and in that case perhaps glaciotectonic movements.

Van Voorthuysen's and Toering's faunas from deposits in the North Sea and the fauna from Holderness Basement Till in Yorkshire are the only faunas which are very similar to the Lundergård Clay assemblages. The stratigraphic position of the North Sea faunas is not known, but the Holderness Basement Till is considered to be of Saale Interstadial age (Catt & Penny, 1966).

The Lundergård Clay may either represent a hitherto unknown facies of the Older Yoldia Clay in Vendsyssel, which is supposed to be of Weichselian Interstadial age (Feyling-Hanssen et al., 1971), or it may be older, and in that case possibly correlatable with the Holderness Basement Till. The deposits from the North Sea mentioned above, the Holderness Basement Till, and the Lundergård Clay may prove to be scattered remains from one basin of Saale Interstadial age.

Systematics

The foraminifera are arranged in accordance with the classification used in Feyling-Hanssen et al., 1971. The first mention is listed for each of the species; only when taxonomic problems make it necessary a few more recent references are added. The presentation of each species is followed by short remarks on the occurrence in Lundergård Clay. Some of the species are illustrated by photographs and scanning electron micrographs.

Most of the species in the Lundergård Clay are the same as recorded from late Quaternary deposits of Vendsyssel and Jæren (Feyling-Hanssen et al., 1971), and for more comprehensive synonymy lists, pictures and remarks on the fossil and Recent distribution, the reader is referred to the systematic part of that paper (Knudsen, 1971).

Miliolidea Ehrenberg, 1839

Miliolidae Ehrenberg, 1839

Quinqueloculina d'Orbigny, 1826 Quinqueloculina agglutinata Cushman

1917 Quinqueloculina agglutinata Cushman: U.S. natl. Mus., Bull. 71, (6), p. 43, pl. 9, fig. 2.

A single specimen of this species was found in a surface sample of Lundergård Clay east of boring I.

Quinqueloculina seminulum (Linné)

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- 1758 Serpula seminulum Linné: Systema naturae. Ed. 10. Lipsiae 1, p. 786, pl. 2, fig. 1.
- 1929 Quinqueloculina seminulum (Linnaeus) Cushmann: U.S. natl. Mus., Bull. 104 (6), p. 24, pl. 2, figs. 1, 2.

One specimen of this species was found in the Lundergård Clay of boring I.

Quinqueloculina stalkeri Loeblich and Tappan Pl. 1, figs. 1–3; pl. 6, figs. 1–4

1953 Quinqueloculina stalkeri Loeblich and Tappan: Smithsonian misc. Coll. 121 (7), p. 40, pl. 5, figs. 5-9.

Q. stalkeri is a characteristic species of the Lundergård Clay, usually accounting for 2% of the total fauna, with a maximum of 3%. Only a few specimens occurred in boring V.

Triloculina d'Orbigny, 1826 *Triloculina trihedra* Loeblich and Tappan

1953 Triloculina trihedra Loeblich and Tappan: Smithsonian misc. Coll. 121 (7), p. 45, pl. 4, fig. 10.

A single specimen was found in a surface sample of Lundergård Clay west of boring I.

Nodosariidea Ehrenberg, 1839

Nodosariidae Ehrenberg, 1839

Dentalina d'Orbigny, 1839 Dentalina baggi Galloway and Wissler Pl. 1, fig. 4

1927 Dentalina baggi Galloway and Wissler: J. Paleont. 1, p. 49, pl. 8, figs. 14, 15. One specimen of this species was found in boring V, Lundergård.

Marginulina d'Orbigny, 1826 Marginulina glabra d'Orbigny

1826 Marginulina glabra d'Orbigny: Ann. Sci. nat. Paris, (1) 7, p. 259, Modèles no. 55.

1967 Marginulina glabra d'Orbigny – Todd and Low: U.S. geol. Survey, Prof. Paper 573-A, p. 22, pl. 3, figs. 8, 9.

A single specimen was found in a surface sample of Lundergård Clay west of boring I.

Lagena Walker and Boys, 1784 Lagena feildeniana Brady Pl. 1, fig. 5

- 1878 Lagena feildeniana Brady: Ann. Mag. nat. Hist. London 5 (1), p. 434, pl. 20, fig. 4.
- 1913 Lagena feildeniana Brady Cushman: U.S. natl. Mus. Bull. 71 (3), p. 29, pl. 15, figs. 1, 2.

A few specimens of *L. feildeniana* occurred in the Lundergård Clay of borings I, II and III.

Lagena laevis (Montagu) Pl. 1, fig. 6

- 1803 Vermiculum laevae Montagu: Testacea Britannica. J. S. Hollis (Romsey, England) 2, p. 524.
- 1964 Lagena laevis (Montagu) Feyling-Hanssen: Norges geol. Unders. 225, p. 289, pl. 11, figs. 13-15.

One specimen was found in boring V, Lundergård.

Lagena semilineata Wright

- 1886 Lagena semilineata Wright: Belfast Nat. Field Club, Proc., n.s. 1, p. 320, pl. 26, fig. 7.
- 1971 Lagena semilineata Wright Knudsen, in Feyling-Hanssen et al., p. 209, pl. 4, fig. 3; pl. 16, fig. 2.

A single specimen of this species was found in the Lundergård Clay of boring III.

Lagena striata (d'Orbigny), forma substriata Williamson Pl. 1. fig. 7

- 1848 Lagena substriata Williamson: Ann. Mag. nat. Hist. London 2 (1), p. 15, pl. 2, fig. 12.
- 1964 Lagena striata (d'Orbigny), forma substriata Williamson Feyling-Hanssen: Norges geol. Unders. 225, p. 294, pl. 12, fig. 6.

One specimen of this form was found in Lundergård Clay, boring I.

Lagena striata (d'Orbigny), forma typica Pl. 1, fig. 8

- 1839 Oolina striata d'Orbigny: Voyage dans l'Amérique Méridionale Foraminifères.
 5 (5). (Atlas 9, 1847). Paris, p. 21, pl. 5, fig. 12.
- 1964 Lagena striata (d'Orbigny), forma typica Feyling-Hanssen: Norges geol. Unders. 225, p. 293, pl. 12, figs. 4, 5.

A few specimens occurred in Lundergård Clay of borings I and II.

Polymorphinidae d'Orbigny

Guttulina d'Orbigny, 1826 Guttulina austriaca d'Orbigny Pl. 1, fig. 9

- 1846 Guttulina austriaca d'Orbigny: Foraminifères fossiles du Bassin Tertiaire de Vienne. Gide et Comp., Paris, p. 223, pl. 12, figs. 23-25.
- 1930 Guttulina austriaca d'Orbigny Cushman and Ozawa: U.S. natl. Mus., Proc. 77 (6), p. 29, pl. 4, figs. 3-5.

G. austriaca occurs in some of the samples from Lundergård Clay, but always accounts for less than 1% of the total fauna. Only a single specimen was found in boring V.

Guttulina glacialis (Cushman and Ozawa)

1930 Globulina glacialis Cushman and Ozawa: U.S. natl. Mus., Proc. 77 (6), p. 71, pl. 15, figs. 6, 7.

One specimen of G. glacialis was found in Lundergård Clay, boring II.

Guttulina lactea (Walker and Jacob) Pl. 1, figs. 10, 11

- 1798 Serpula lactea Walker and Jakob: In Adams, G.: Essays on the Microscope. Kanmacher. Ed. 2, London, p. 634, pl. 14, fig. 4.
- 1930 Guttulina lactea (Walker and Jakob) Cushman and Ozawa: U.S. natl. Mus., Proc. 77 (6), p. 43, pl. 10, figs. 1-4.

This species occurs in some samples from Lundergård Clay, but always accounts for less than 1 % of the total fauna. A few specimens were found in boring V, Lundergård.

Guttulina problema (d'Orbigny)

Pl. 1, fig. 12

1826 Polymorphina problema d'Orbigny: Ann. Sci. nat. Paris, (1) 7, p. 266, no. 61.

1971 Guttulina problema (d'Orbigny) – Knudsen, in Feyling-Hanssen et al., p. 215, pl. 5, figs. 1, 2.

A few specimens of this species were found in the Lundergård Clay, borings III and V.

Globulina d'Orbigny, 1826

Globulina inaequalis Reuss

Pl. 1, figs. 13, 14

- 1850 Globulina inaequalis Reuss: K. Akad. Wiss. Wien, math.-naturwiss. Cl., Denkschr. 1, p. 377, pl. 48, fig. 9.
- 1964 Globulina inaequalis Reuss Feyling-Hanssen: Norges geol. Unders. 225, p. 298, pl. 12, fig. 17; pl. 13, figs. 1, 2; text figs. 42-44.

One specimen of G. inaequalis was found in Lundergård Clay, boring III.

Sigmoidella Cushman and Ozawa, 1928

Sigmoidella pacifica Cushman and Ozawa

Pl. 1, figs. 15, 16

1928 Sigmoidella (Sigmoidina) pacifica Cushman and Ozawa: Cushman Lab. Foram. Res., Contr. 4 (1), p. 19, pl. 2, fig. 13.

A single specimen occurred in Lundergård Clay, boring II.

Glandulinidae Reuss, 1850

Glandulina d'Orbigny, 1826 *Glandulina laevigata* d'Orbigny Pl. 2, fig. 1

- 1826 Nodosaria (Glandulina) laevigata d'Orbigny: Ann. Sci. nat. Paris, (1) 7, p. 252, pl. 10, figs. 1-3.
- 1953 Glandulina laevigata d'Orbigny Loeblich and Tappan: Smithsonian misc. Coll. 121, (7), p. 81, pl. 16, figs. 2-5.

A few specimens of G. laevigata occurred in Lundergård Clay, borings I and V.

Oolina d'Orbigny, 1839 Oolina acuticosta (Reuss) Pl. 2, fig. 2

- 1862 Lagena acuticosta Reuss; K. Akad. Wiss. Wien 44 (1), p. 305, pl. 1, fig. 4.
- 1971 Oolina acuticosta (Reuss) Knudsen, in Feyling-Hanssen et al., p. 222, pl. 6, fig. 1; pl. 17, fig. 1.
- A few specimens were found in Lundergård Clay, borings I, II, III and V.

Oolina borealis Loeblich and Tappan

- 1954 Oolina borealis Loeblich and Tappan: J. Washington Acad. Sci. 44 (12), p. 384.
- 1971 Oolina borealis Loeblich and Tappan Knudsen, in Feyling-Hanssen et al., p. 223, pl. 6, fig. 2; pl. 17, figs. 2–4.

A single specimen of O. borealis was found in Lundergård Clay, boring I.

Oolina caudigera (Wiesner)

Pl. 2, fig. 3

- 1931 Lagena (Entosolenia) globosa (Montagu) var. caudigera Wiesner: Deutsche Südpolar-Exped. 1901-03. 20, Zool. (12), p. 119, pl. 18, fig. 214.
- 1971 Oolina caudigera (Wiesner) Knudsen, in Feyling-Hanssen et al., p. 224, pl. 6, fig. 3.

Single specimens of this species occurred in the Lundergård Clay of borings I, III and V.

Oolina hexagona (Williamson)

- 1848 Entosolenia squamosa (Montagu), var. hexagona Williamson: Ann. Mag. nat. Hist. London 2 (1), p. 20, pl. 2, fig. 23.
- 1953 Oolina hexagona (Williamson) Loeblich and Tappan: Smithsonian misc. Coll. 121 (7), p. 69, pl. 14, figs. 1, 2.

A few specimens of O. hexagona were found in the Lundergård Clay.

Oolina melo d'Orbigny

Pl. 2, fig. 4

- 1839 Oolina melo d'Orbigny: Voyage dans l'Amérique Méridionale Foraminifères.
 5 (5). (Atlas 9, 1847). Paris, p. 20, pl. 5, fig. 9.
- 1971 Oolina melo d'Orbigny Knudsen, in Feyling-Hanssen et al., p. 226, pl. 6, fig. 5; pl. 17, fig. 9.

Single specimens occurred in Lundergård Clay, borings I and V.

Fissurina Reuss, 1850

Fissurina annectens (Buchner)

1940 Lagena annectens Buchner: Novo Acta Leopoldina, N.F. 9, p. 482, pl. 15, figs. 279-293.

Only a few specimens of this species were found in the Lundergård Clay.

Fissurina crustosa, forma devia (Buchner)

Pl. 2, fig. 5

1940 Lagena crustosa, var. devia Buchner: Novo Acta Leopoldina, N. F. 9, p. 518, pl. 22, figs. 469-472.

A single specimen was found in Lundergård Clay, boring III.

Fissurina danica (Madsen)

Pl. 2, figs. 6, 7

1895 Lagena danica Madsen: Meddr dansk geol. Foren. 2, p. 196, pl. 1, fig. 4.

1971 Fissurina danica (Madsen) – Knudsen, in Feyling-Hanssen et al., p. 228, pl. 6, figs. 6, 7; pl. 18, fig. 3.

This species occurs in some samples from the Lundergård Clay, but always accounts for less than 1% of the total fauna.

Fissurina laevigata Reuss

Pl. 2, fig. 8

- 1850 Fissurina laevigata Reuss: K. Akad. Wiss. Wien, math. naturwiss. Cl., Denkschr. 1, p. 366, pl. 46, fig. 1.
- 1964 Fissurina laevigata Reuss Feyling-Hanssen, Norges geol. Unders. 225, p. 314, pl. 15, figs. 17, 18.

F. laevigata occurs in nearly half of the samples from Lundergård Clay, but usually accounts for less than 1% of the total fauna. Only a few specimens were found in boring V.

Fissurina lucida (Williamson)

Pl. 2, fig. 9

- 1848 Entosolenia marginata (Montagu), var. lucida Williamson: Ann. Mag. nat. Hist., London 2 (1), p. 17, pl. 2, fig. 17.
- 1967 Fissurina lucida (Williamson) Todd and Low: U.S. geol. Survey, Prof. Paper 573-A p. 28, pl. 3, fig. 31.

A few specimens were found in the Lundergård Clay of boring I.

Fissurina marginata (Montagu)

- 1803 Vermiculum marginatum Montagu: Testacea Britannica. J. S. Hollis (Romsey, England) 2, p. 524.
- 1953 Fissurina marginata (Montagu) Loeblich and Tappan: Smithsonian misc. Coll. 121 (7), p. 77, pl. 14, figs. 6–9.

A few specimens of F. marginata occur scattered in the Lundergård Clay.

Parafissurina Parr, 1947

Parafissurina lateralis (Cushman), forma carinata (Buchner)

1940 Lagena lateralis Cushman, forma carinata Buchner: Novo Acta Leopoldina, N. F. 9, p. 521, pl. 23, figs. 497–500.

Only a few specimens were found in the Lundergård Clay of borings I and II.

Parafissurina lateralis (Cushman), forma simplex (Buchner)

1940 Lagena lateralis Cushman, forma simplex Buchner: Novo Acta Leopoldina, N. F.
9, p. 520, pl. 23, figs. 487-492.

One specimen was found in the Lundergård Clay of boring III.

Buliminidea Jones, 1875

Buliminidae Jones, 1875

Buliminella Cushman, 1911

Buliminella elegantissima (d'Orbigny)

- 1839 Bulimina elegantissima d'Orbigny: Voyage dans l'Amerique Méridionale Foraminifères. 5 (5). (Atlas 9, 1847). Paris, p. 51, pl. 7, figs. 13, 14.
- 1947 Buliminella elegantissima (d'Orbigny) Höglund: Zool. Bidr. Uppsala 26, p. 215, pl. 18, fig. 1; text figs. 196, 197.

B. elegantissima was found in a few samples from Lundergård Clay, but it was rare.

Bulimina d'Orbigny, 1826

Bulimina fossa Cushman and Parker

- 1938 Bulimina fossa Cushman and Parker: Cushman Lab. Foram. Res., Contr. 14, p. 56, pl. 9, fig. 10.
- 1971 Bulimina fossa Cushman and Parker Knudsen, in Feyling-Hanssen et al., p. 235, pl. 6, fig. 16; pl. 18, fig. 7.

Only a single specimen of this species was found in the Lundergård Clay of boring III.

Bulimina marginata d'Orbigny

Pl. 2, figs. 10, 11

- 1826 Bulimina marginata d'Orbigny: Ann. Sci. nat. Paris, (1) 7, p. 269, pl. 12, figs. 10-12.
- 1947 Bulimina marginata d'Orbigny Höglund: Zool. Bidr. Uppsala 26, p. 227, pl. 20, figs. 1, 2; pl. 22, fig. 1; text figs. 205–218.
- 1971 Bulimina marginata d'Orbigny Knudsen, in Feyling-Hanssen et al., p. 235, pl. 6, figs. 17-20.

B. marginata occurs in more than 90 % of the samples from Lundergård Clay. It usually accounts for up to 2% of the total fauna; only in boring V it was more frequent in some of the samples.

Virgulina d'Orbigny, 1826 Virgulina fusiformis (Williamson)

- 1858 Bulimina pupoides, var. fusiformis Williamson: On the Recent Foram. of Great Britain. Roy. Soc. Publs., p. 63, pl. 5, figs. 129, 130.
- 1947 "Bulimina" fusiformis Williamson Höglund: Zool. Bidr. Uppsala 26, p. 232, pl. 20, fig. 3; text figs. 219-233.

V. fusiform is occurs in some samples from the Lundergård Clay, but never accounts for more than 1% of the total fauna. It was not found in boring V.

Virgulina loeblichi Feyling-Hanssen

Pl. 2, fig. 12

- 1954 Virgulina loeblichi Feyling-Hanssen: Norsk geol. Tidsskr. 33, p. 191, pl. 1, figs. 14-18, text fig. 3.
- 1971 Virgulina loeblichi Feyling-Hanssen Knudsen, in Feyling-Hanssen et al., p. 238, pl. 7, figs. 1-5.

V. loeblichi occurs in more than half of the samples from Lundergård Clay, but usually accounts for less than 1% of the total fauna.

Virgulina schreibersiana Czjzek

- 1848 Virgulina schreibersiana Czjzek: Haidinger's nat. wiss. Abh. 2, p. 147, pl. 13, figs. 18-21.
- 1964 Virgulina schreibersiana Czjzek Feyling-Hanssen: Norges geol. Unders. 225, p. 309, pl. 14, figs. 19-21.

Single specimens were found scattered in the Lundergård Clay.

Uvigerinidae Cushman 1913

Uvigerina d'Orbigny, 1826 Uvigerina peregrina Cushman

1923 Uvigerina peregrina Cushman: U.S. natl. Mus., Bull. 104 (4), p. 166, pl. 42, fig. 7-10.

This species occurred only in a few samples from boring V, Lundergård.

Trifarina Cushman, 1923

Trifarina angulosa (Williamson)

Pl. 2, fig. 13

- 1858 Uvigerina angulosa Williamson: On the Recent Foram. of Great Britain. Roy. Soc. Publs., p. 67, pl. 5, fig. 140.
- 1947 Angulogerina angulosa (Williamson) Höglund: Zool. Bidr. Uppsala 26, p. 283, pl. 23, fig. 8; text figs. 305–308.

Only a few specimens of this species were found in the Lundergård Clay.

Trifarina fluens (Todd) Pl. 2, fig. 14

1947 Angulogerina fluens Todd, in Cushman and Todd: Cushman Lab. Foram. Res., Contr. 23 (3), p. 67, pl. 16, figs. 6, 7.

This species occurs in some samples from Lundergård Clay, but usually accounts for less than 1 % of the total fauna.

Bolivinitidae Cushman, 1927

Bolivina d'Orbigny, 1839 Bolivina alata (Seguenza)

Pl. 2, fig. 15

- 1862 Vulvulina alata Seguenza: Eco Peloritano, Giornale Sci., Lette and Arti, (2) 5 (9), p. 115, pl. 2, figs. 5, 5a.
- 1967 Bolivina alata Seguenza Todd and Low: U.S. geol. Survey, Prof. Paper 573-A, p. 26, pl. 4, figs. 6, 7.

A single specimen of B. alata was found in the Lundergård Clay, boring II.

Bolivina pseudoplicata Heron-Allen and Earland

Bolivina pseudoplicata Heron-Allen and Earland: J. roy. micr. Soc. London,
(3) 50, p. 81, pl. 3, figs. 36-40.

Single specimens of this species occur scattered in the Lundergård Clay.

Bolivina cf. robusta Brady

Pl. 2, fig. 16; pl. 6, figs. 5–7

- ?1884 Bolivina robusta Brady: Rep. sci. Results Explor. Voy. Challenger 1873-76, Zool.
 9, p. 421, pl. 53, figs. 7-9.
- 1947 Bolivina cf. robusta Brady Höglund: Zool. Bidr. Uppsala 26, p. 270, pl. 24, figs. 8, 9; pl. 32, figs. 16–18; text-fig. 287.

B. cf. robusta occurs in most of the samples from Lundergård Clay. It usually accounts for up to 1%, with a maximum of 5% of the total fauna. This species was only found in a few samples from boring V.

Cassidulinidae d'Orbigny, 1839

Cassidulina d'Orbigny, 1826 Cassidulina crassa d'Orbigny Pl. 2, fig. 17

- 1839 Cassidulina crassa d'Orbigny: Voyage dans l'Amérique Méridionale Foraminifères. 5 (5). (Atlas 9, 1847). Paris, p. 56, pl. 7, figs. 18-20.
- 1958 Cassidulina crassa d'Orbigny Nørvang: Vidensk. Meddr. dansk naturh. Foren. 120, p. 36, pl. 8, figs. 20–23; pl. 9, figs. 24, 25.

C. crassa is one of the dominant species in Lundergård Clay. It usually accounts for 10-30% of the total fauna.

Cassidulina laevigata d'Orbigny

Pl. 2, fig. 18

- 1826 Cassidulina laevigata d'Orbigny: Ann. Sci. nat. Paris, (1) 7, p. 282, pl. 15, figs.
 4, 5.
- 1958 Cassidulina laevigata d'Orbigny Nørvang: Vidensk. Meddr dansk naturh. Foren.
 120, p. 38, pl. 9, figs. 27–31.

C. laevigata occurs in many of the samples from Lundergård Clay, but usually accounts for less than 1% of the total fauna. It was less common in boring V than in the other borings.

Islandiella Nørvang, 1958 Islandiella islandica (Nørvang) Pl. 2, figs. 19, 20

1945 Cassidulina islandica Nørvang: The zoology of Iceland, Foram. Munksgaard (Copenhagen and Reykjavik) 2 (2), p. 42, fig. 7.

This species occurs in some of the samples from Lundergård Clay, but usually accounts for less than 1% of the total fauna.

Islandiella norcrossi (Cushman) Pl. 3, figs. 1, 2

1933 Cassidulina norcrossi Cushman: Smithsonian misc. Coll. 89 (9), p. 7, pl. 2, fig. 7.

1971 Islandiella norcrossi (Cushman) - Knudsen, in Feyling-Hanssen et al., p. 248, pl. 8, figs. 1, 2.

I. norcrossi occurs in about one third of the samples from Lundergård Clay, but usually accounts for less than 1% of the total fauna, with a maximum of 4% in a sample from boring V.

Islandiella teretis (Tappan)

Pl. 3, figs. 3, 4

- 1951 Cassidulina teretis Tappan: Cushman Found. Foram. Res., Contr. 2 (1), p. 7, pl. 1, fig. 30.
- 1971 Islandiella teretis (Tappan) Knudsen, in Feyling-Hanssen et al., p. 249, pl. 8, figs. 3-6; pl. 18, fig. 13.

I. teretis occurs in most of the samples from Lundergård Clay, but usually accounts for less than 1% of the total fauna. It was less common in boring V than in the other borings.

Spirillinidea Reuss, 1862

Spirillinidae Reuss, 1862

Patellina Williamson, 1858 Patellina corrugata Williamson

- 1858 Patellina corrugata Williamson: On the Recent Foram. of Great Britain. Roy. Soc. Publs., p. 46, pl. 3, figs. 86–89.
- 1969 Patellina corrugata Williamson Vilks: Micropalaeontology 15 (1), p. 50, pl. 3, fig. 11.

Only a single specimen of this species was found in the Lundergård Clay, boring I.

Discorbidea Ehrenberg, 1838

Discorbidae Cushman, 1927

Buccella Andersen, 1952 Buccella frigida (Cushman) Pl. 3, figs. 5, 6

1922 Pulvinulina frigida Cushman: Contr. to Canadian Biology, 1921, p. 12 (144). B. frigida occurs in about half of the samples from Lundergård Clay. Usually it accounts for up to 1 % of the total fauna, with a maximum of 3 % in a sample from boring V.

Buccella tenerrima (Bandy)

1950 Rotalia tenerrima Bandy: J. Paleont., 24, p. 278, pl. 42, fig. 3. Only a few specimens of this species were found in the Lundergård Clay.

Rosalina d'Orbigny, 1826 Rosalina globularis d'Orbigny

1826 Rosalina globularis d'Orbigny: Ann. Sci. nat. Paris, (1) 7, p. 271, pl. 13, figs. 1, 2. 1931 Discorbis globularis (d'Orbigny) – Cushman: U.S. natl. Mus., Bull. 104, (8), p. 22,

pl. 4, fig. 9.

Only a single specimen was found in Lundergård Clay, boring II.

Epistominella Husezima and Marukasi, 1944 *Epistominella takayanagii* Iwasa

1955 Epistominella takayanagii Iwasa: J. geol. Soc. Japan, 61 (712), p. 16, 17, text fig. 4.

This species occurs in some of the samples from Lundergård Clay, but it usually accounts for less than 1% of the total fauna. Only a few specimens were found in boring V.

Asterigerinidae d'Orbigny, 1839

Eoeponidella Wickenden, 1949 Eoeponidella laesoeensis Michelsen

1967 Eoeponidella laesoeensis Michelsen: Meddr dansk geol. Foren. 17, p. 230, pl. 3, figs. 5-8; text figs. 3-7.

A few specimens of this species occurred in surface samples from the Lundergård Clay.

Anomalinidae Cushman, 1927

Hyalinea Hofker, 1951 Hyalinea baltica (Schroeter) Pl. 3, fig. 7

- 1783 Nautilus balthicus Schroeter: Einleitung in die Conchylienkenntniss nach Linné. Gebauer (Halle) 1, p. 20, pl. 1, fig. 2.
- 1971 Hyalinea baltica (Schroeter) Knudsen, in Feyling-Hanssen et al., p. 259, pl. 9, figs. 7, 8.

Only a few specimens of H. baltica were found in boring V.

Siphoninidae Cushman, 1928

Siphonina Reuss, 1850 Siphonina prima Plummer

1926 Siphonina prima Plummer: Texas Univ., Bull. 2644, p. 148, pl. 12, figs. 4a-c. Only one specimen of this species was found in a surface sample of Lundergård Clay.

Orbitoididea Schwager, 1876

Planorbulinidae Schwager, 1877

Cibicides Montfort, 1808 Cibicides lobatulus (Walker and Jacob) Pl. 3, figs. 8, 9

- 1798 Nautilus lobatulus Walker and Jacob: In Adams, G.: Essays on the Microscope. Kanmarcher. Ed. 2, London, p. 642, pl. 14, fig. 36.
- 1961 Cibicides lobatulus (Walker and Jacob) Nyholm: Zool. Bidr. Uppsala 33, p. 157-196, pl. 1-5; text figs. 1-21.

C. lobatulus occurs in many samples from the Lundergård Clay, but usually accounts for less than 1% of the total fauna.

Cibicides pseudoungerianus (Cushman)

1922 Truncatulina pseudoungerianus Cushman: U.S. geol. Surv., Prof. Paper 129-E, p. 97, pl. 20, fig. 9.

Only single specimens of this species were found in the Lundergård Clay, borings I and V.

Nonionidea Subbotina, 1959

Nonionidae Schultze, 1854

Nonion Montfort, 1808

Nonion barleeanum (Williamson)

Pl. 3, fig. 10

- 1858 Nonionina barleeanum Williamson: On the Recent Foram. of Great Britain. Roy. Soc. Publs., p. 32, pl. 3, figs. 68, 69.
- 1971 Nonion barleeanum (Williamson) Knudsen, in Feyling-Hanssen et al., p. 261, pl. 9, figs. 15-18.

Scattered specimens of N. barleeanum occur in the Lundergård Clay.

Nonion labradoricum (Dawson)

Pl. 3, figs. 11, 12

1860 Nonionina labradorica Dawson: Canadian Nat. 5, p. 191, fig. 4.

 1939 Nonion labradoricum (Dawson) - Cushman: U.S. geol. Survey, Prof. Paper 191, p. 23, pl. 6, figs. 13-16.

N. labradoricum occurs in about half of the samples from Lundergård Clay. It normally accounts for less than 1% of the total fauna, with a maximum of 3% in a sample from boring V.

Nonion depressulus (Walker and Jacob)

1798 Nautilus depressulus Walker and Jacob: In Adams, G.: Essays on the Microscope. Kanmacher, Ed. 2, London, p. 641, fig. 33.

- 1957 Nonion umbilicatulus (Walker and Jacob) van Voorthuysen: Med. geol. Sticht., N. Ser. 11, p. 29, pl. 23, fig. 4.
- 1971 Nonion umbilicatulum (Walker and Jacob) Knudsen, in Feyling-Hanssen et al., p. 263, pl. 10, figs. 3, 4; pl. 19, figs. 2, 3.

A few specimens of this species were found in boring V, Lundergård.

Nonionella Cushman, 1926

Nonionella turgida (Williamson)

- 1858 Rotalina turgida Williamson: On the Recent Foram. of Great Britain. Roy. Soc. Publs., p. 50, pl. 4, figs. 95–97.
- 1939 Nonionella turgida (Williamson) Cushman: U.S. geol. Survey, Prof. Paper 191, p. 32, pl. 9, figs. 2, 3.

Only a single specimen was found in Lundergård Clay, boring II.

Astrononion Cushman and Edwards, 1937

Astrononion gallowayi Loeblich and Tappan

1953 Astrononion gallowayi Loeblich and Tappan: Smithsonian misc. Coll. 121 (7), p. 90, pl. 17, figs. 4-7.

Only scattered specimens of this species occurred in the Lundergård Clay.

Pullenia Parker and Jones, 1862 Pullenia bulloides (d'Orbigny)

1826 Nonionina bulloides d'Orbigny: Ann. Sci. nat. Paris, (1) 7, p. 293, no. 2.

1964 Pullenia bulloides (d'Orbigny) – Feyling-Hanssen: Norges geol. Unders. 225, p. 333, pl. 18, figs. 1, 2.

This species occurs in some samples from Lundergård Clay, but usually accounts for less than 1 % of the total fauna. Only a single specimen was found in boring V.

Pullenia osloensis Feyling-Hanssen

1954 Pullenia osloensis Feyling-Hanssen: Norsk geol. Tidsskr. 33, p. 194, pl. 1, figs. 33-35.

Only a single specimen was found in the Lundergård Clay, boring I.

Pullenia subcarinata (d'Orbigny)

- 1839 Nonionina subcarinata d'Orbigny: Voyage dans l'Amérique Méridionale Foraminifères. 5 (15). (Atlas 9, 1847). Paris, p. 28, pl. 5, figs. 23, 24.
- 1964 Pullenia subcarinata (d'Orbigny) Feyling-Hanssen: Norges geol. Unders. 225, p. 334, pl. 18, figs. 7, 8.

Only a few specimens occur in the Lundergård Clay.

Elphidiidae Galloway, 1933

Elphidium Montfort, 1808 *Elphidium albiumbilicatum* (Weiss) Pl. 4, figs. 1–3; pl. 8, fig. 1

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- 1954 Nonion pauciloculum Cushman, subsp. albiumbilicatum Weiss: U.S. geol. Survey, Prof. Paper 254-G, p. 157, pl. 32, figs. 1, 2.
- 1971 Elphidium albiumbilicatum (Weiss) Knudsen, in Feyling-Hanssen et al., p. 268, pl. 10, figs. 15–19; pl. 19, figs. 4–8.

E. albiumbilicatum occurs in nearly all the samples from Lundergård Clay. It usually accounts for up to 2% of the total fauna, but was more frequent in a few samples from boring V.

Elphidium articulatum (d'Orbigny)

Pl. 3, fig. 13

- 1839 Polystomella articulata d'Orbigny: Voyage dans l'Amérique Méridionale Foraminifères. 5 (5). (Atlas 9, 1847). Paris, p. 30, pl. 3. figs. 9, 10.
- 1939 Elphidium excavatum (Terquem) Cushman: U.S. geol. Survey, Prof. Paper 191, p. 58, pl. 16, figs. 10-12 (not figs. 7-9).
- 1968 Cribrononion articulatum (d'Orbigny) Lutze: Meyniana 18, p. 27, pl. 1, figs. 1, 2.
- 1971 Elphidium umbilicatulum (Williamson) Knudsen, in Feyling-Hanssen et al., p. 281, pl. 13, figs. 8-11; pl. 23, figs. 1-4.

E. articulatum was found in some samples from the Lundergård Clay, but never accounted for more than 1.% of the total fauna. It was not found in boring V.

Elphidium asklundi Brotzen

Pl. 4, figs. 4–6; pl. 7, figs. 1–4

- 1943 Elphidium asklundi Brotzen, in Hessland: Bull. geol. Inst. Uppsala 31, p. 267, fig. 109-1.
- 1971 Elphidium asklundi Brotzen Knudsen, in Feyling-Hanssen et al., p. 270, pl. 10, figs. 20, 21; pl. 11, figs. 1-5.

E. asklundi occurs in most of the samples from Lundergård Clay. It usually accounts for up to 1% of the total fauna, but was more frequent in some samples from boring V.

Elphidium bartletti Cushman

Pl. 5, figs. 1, 2; pl. 8, figs. 2, 3

1933 Elphidium bartletti Cushman: Smithsonian misc. Coll. 89 (9), p. 4, pl. 1, fig. 9. This species was found in many samples from Lundergård Clay, but usually accounted for less than 1% of the total fauna. It was rather frequent in boring V, with a maximum of 6% of the fauna in one of the samples.

Elphidium excavatum (Terquem)

Pl. 5, fig. 4

- 1875 Polystomella excavata Terquem: Essai sur le Classement des Animaux qui vivent sur la Plage et dans les environs de Dunkerque. Paris, p. 25, pl. 2, fig. 2.
- 1965 Cribrononion excavatum (Terquem) Lutze: Meyniana 15, p. 96, pl. 15, figs. 39-41.
- 1971 Elphidium clavatum Cushman Knudsen, in Feyling-Hanssen et al., p. 273, pl. 11, figs. 10-13; pl. 20, figs. 5-8.

E. excavatum is the dominant species in Lundergård Clay, usually accounting for 50-80% of the total fauna. Most frequently it occurs as forma *clavata*, which is the typical arctic form of the species (Feyling-Hanssen, 1972), but some specimens of the boreal forma *selseyensis* are also present.

Elphidium gerthi van Voorthuysen

1957 Elphidium gerthi van Voorthuysen: Med. geol. Sticht., N. Ser. 11, p. 32, pl. 23, fig. 12.

A few specimens of E. gerthi were found in the Lundergård Clay of borings I, II and V.

Elphidium groenlandicum Cushman

Pl. 4, fig. 7

1933 Elphidium groenlandicum Cushman: Smithsonian misc. Coll. 89 (9), p. 4, pl. 1, fig. 10.

Only a few specimens of this species were found in the Lundergård Clay.

Elphidium incertum (Williamson)

- 1858 Polystomella umbilicatula, var. incerta Williamson: On the Recent Foram. of Great Britain. Roy, Soc. Publs., p. 44, pl. 3, fig. 82a.
- 1971 Elphidium incertum (Williamson) Knudsen, in Feyling-Hanssen et al., p. 277, pl. 12, figs. 11, 12; pl. 21, figs. 8, 9.

E. incertum occurs in most of the samples from Lundergård Clay. Usually it accounted for less than 1%, with a maximum of 5% of the total fauna.

Elphidium magellanicum Heron-Allen and Earland

1932 Elphidium magellanicum Heron-Allen and Earland: Discovery Rep., Cambridge 4, p. 440, pl. 16, figs. 26-28.

This species was found in nearly half of the samples from Lundergård Clay, but usually accounted for less than 1% of the total fauna.

Elphidium margaritaceum Cushman

1930 Elphidium advenum (Cushman), var. margaritaceum Cushman: U.S. natl. Mus., Proc. 77 (6), p. 25, pl. 10, fig. 3.

Only a few specimens of this species were found in the Lundergård Clay.

Elphidium subarcticum Cushman

Pl. 5, fig. 3; pl. 8, figs. 4, 5

A few specimens of *E. subarcticum* were found in the Lundergård Clay. It never accounted for more than 1 % of the total fauna.

Elphidium ustulatum Todd

Pl. 5, figs. 5-7; pl. 7, figs. 5-7

- 1957 Elphidium ustulatum Todd: U.S. geol. Surv., Prof. Paper. 294-F, p. 230, pl. 28, fig. 16.
- 1971 Elphidium ustulatum Todd Knudsen, in Feyling-Hanssen et al., p. 283, pl. 13, figs. 12, 13; pl. 23, figs. 5-7.

E. ustulatum is a characteristic species of the Lundergård Clay. It usually accounts for up to 3% of the total fauna, with a maximum of 9% in a sample from the lower part of boring I.

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¹⁹⁴⁴ Elphidium subarcticum Cushman: Cushman Lab. Foram. Res., Spec. Publ. 12, p. 27, pl. 3, figs. 34, 35.

Protelphidium Haynes, 1956 Protelphidium anglicum Murray

1965 Protelphidium anglicum Murray: Cushman Found. Foram. Res., Contr. 16, p. 149, 150, pl. 25, figs. 1–5; pl. 26, figs. 1–6.

A few specimens occur in the Lundergård Clay of borings I, II and III.

Protelphidium orbiculare (Brady) Pl. 5, figs. 8, 9; pl. 8, figs. 6, 7

1881 Nonionina orbicularis Brady: Ouart. J. micr. Sci. 21, p. 415, pl. 21, fig. 5.

1939 Nonion orbiculare (Brady) - Cushman: U.S. geol. Survey, Prof. Paper 191, p. 23, pl. 6, figs. 17-19.

P. orbiculare occurred in nearly all samples from the Lundergård Clay. It usually accounted for up to 3% of the total fauna, but in a few samples from the lower part of boring I it accounted for 24-35%.

Rotaliidea Ehrenberg, 1839

Rotaliidae Ehrenberg, 1839

Ammonia Brünnick, 1772 Ammonia batavus (Hofker) Pl. 5, figs. 10, 11

1951 Streblus batavus Hofker: Siboga Exped., Monogr. 4b (3), p. 492, 501, fig. 340. This species was found in about one fourth of the samples from Lundergård Clay, but usually accounted for less than 1 % of the total fauna.

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Der er foretaget en kvantitativ analyse af fossile foraminiferfaunaer i marine kvartære aflejringer i Lundergård mose, Vendsyssel. Prøver fra tre boringer i den østlige del af området indeholder en karakteristisk arktisk foraminiferfauna, og disse aflejringer er her kaldt Lundergård Ler. *Elphidium excavatum*, forma *clavata* og *Cassidulina crassa* er dominerende, mens *Quinqueloculina stalkeri* og *Elphidium ustulatum* er de karakteriserende arter i aflejringen. Faunaen er sammenlignet med kendte foraminiferfaunaer Bulletin of the Geological Society of Denmark, vol. 22 [1973]

fra andre kvartære aflejringer i Vendsyssel og fra tilgrænsende områder. Faunaen i Lundergård Ler viser, at dette ikke tilhører de ældste kvartære aflejringer. Den indicerer ikke interglaciale forhold, men hører snarere hjemme i en interstadial tid. Lundergård Leret kan enten tilhøre en hidtil ukendt facies af Ældre Yoldia ler i Vendsyssel, som menes at være af Weichselian interstadial alder, eller det kan være ældre, og således måske korreleres med Holderness Basement Till i Yorkshire, som henregnes til en interstadial i Saale.

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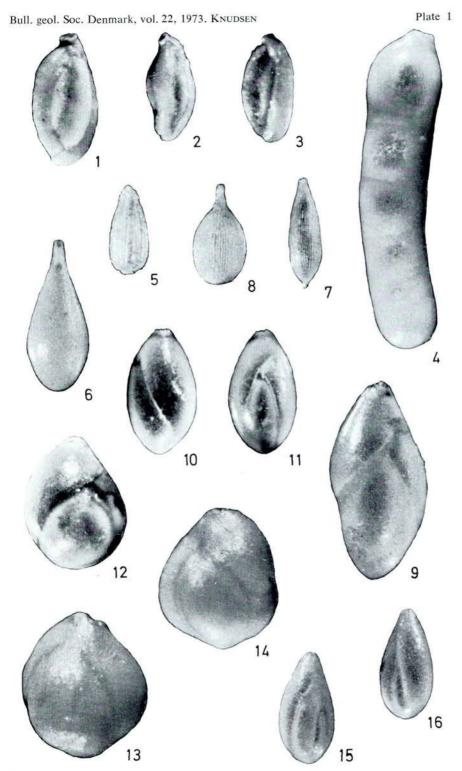
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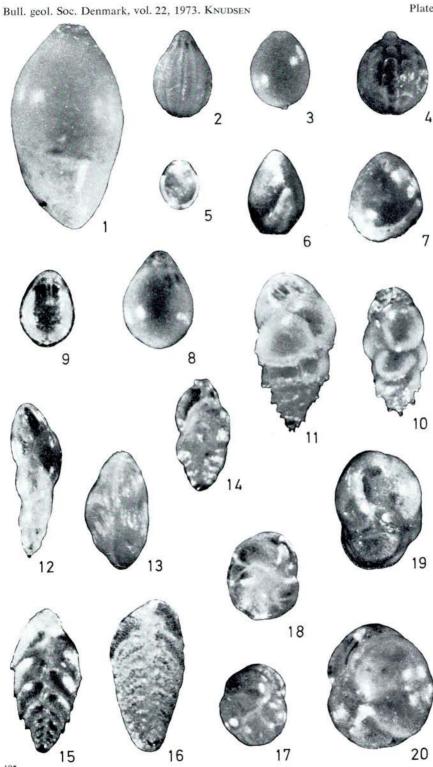
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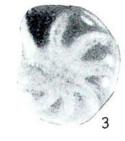


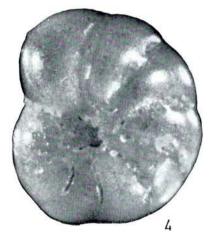
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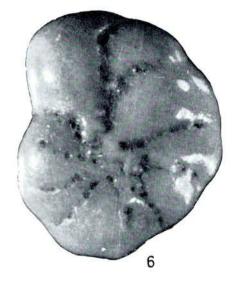




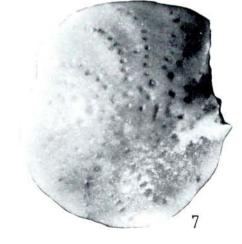






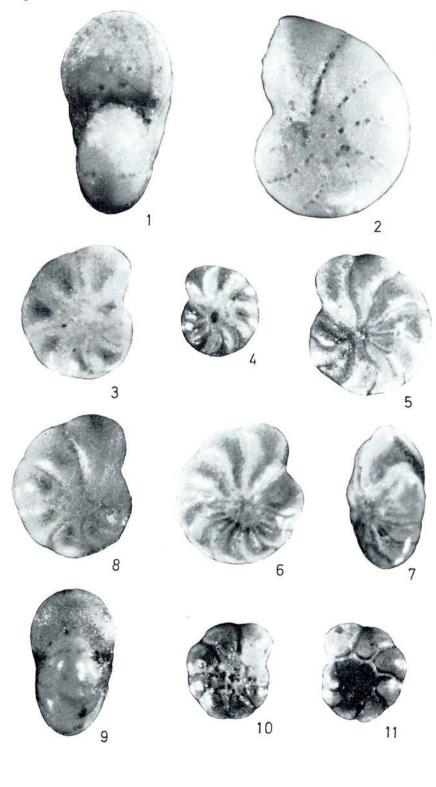






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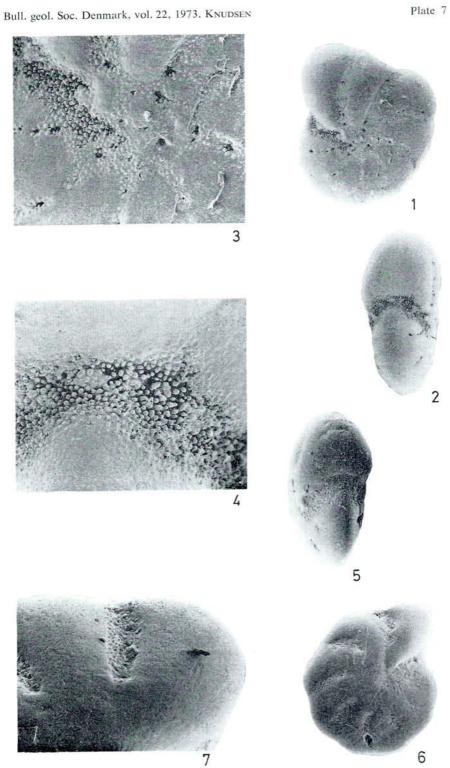
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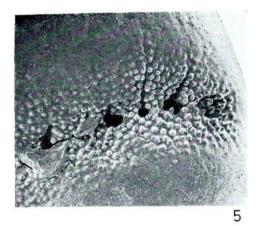
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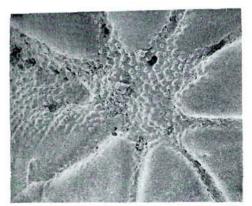
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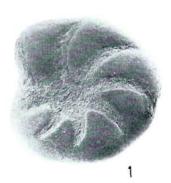


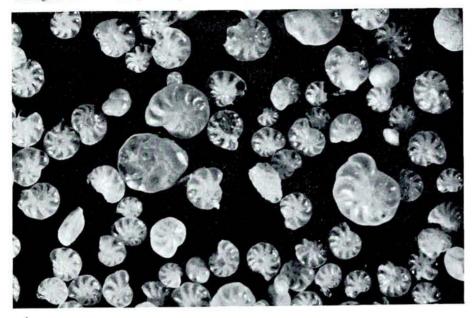






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