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# Norwegian Campaign order of battle

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The [German](#) operation for the invasion of [Denmark](#) and [Norway](#) in April 1940 was code-named *Weserübung*, or "Weser Exercise." Opposing the invasion were the partially mobilized [Norwegian military](#), and an allied expeditionary force composed of [British](#), [French](#), and [Free Polish](#) formations. The following list formed the [order of battle](#) for this [campaign](#).

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## Germany [\[edit\]](#)

### XXI Gruppe [\[edit\]](#)

On 1 March 1940, the **German 21st Army Corps** was renamed **Group XXI** and placed in charge of the invasion of Norway. The group was allotted two Mountain and five Infantry divisions for this task. It was led by the commanding officer of the XXI Korps, General der Infanterie Nikolaus von Falkenhorst. His Chief of Staff was Colonel [Erich Buschenhagen](#).

- Corps Troops**
  - [German 730th heavy artillery battalion](#)
- 2nd Mountain Division**
  - Commanded by Generalleutnant [Valentin Feurstein](#)
  - The division fought in the northern part of Norway, the 137th regiment dropped by parachute at [Narvik](#) on 15 May.
  - Regiments: [136th](#) & [137th](#) mountain light infantry; [111th](#) mountain artillery
- 3rd Mountain Division**
  - Commanded by Generalleutnant [Eduard Dietl](#)
  - Most of this division was landed at [Trondheim](#) and [Narvik](#) on 9 April.
  - Regiments: 138th & 139th mountain light infantry; 112th mountain artillery
- 69th Infantry Division**
  - Commanded by Generalmajor [Hermann Tittel](#)
  - From 9 April through 15 April, divisional elements were transported to [Bergen](#), [Stavanger](#), and [Oslo](#).
  - Regiments: 159th, 193rd, and 236th infantry; 169th artillery
- 163rd Infantry Division**
  - Commanded by Generalmajor [Erwin Engelbrecht](#)
  - Elements were landed at [Oslo](#), [Kristiansand](#), [Arendal](#), and [Stavanger](#), beginning on 9 April.
  - Regiments: 307th, 310th, and 324th infantry; 234th artillery
- 181st Infantry Division**
  - Commanded by Generalmajor [Kurt Woytasch](#)
  - By 15 April, this division had arrived at [Trondheim](#), being primarily transported by aircraft.
  - Regiments: 334th, 349th, and 359th infantry; 222nd artillery
- 196th Infantry Division**
  - Commanded by Generalmajor [Richard Pellengahr](#)
  - By 15 April, most of this division had landed at [Oslo](#).

- Regiments: 340th, 345th, and 362nd infantry; 233rd artillery
- **214th Infantry Division**
  - Commanded by Generalmajor **Max Horn**. It landed at **Kristiansand** and **Arendal** on 17 and 18 April.
  - Regiments: 355th, 367th, and 388th infantry; 214th artillery
- **170th Infantry Division**
  - Commanded by Generalmajor **Walter Wittke**
  - Entered Denmark through the southern end of **Jutland** peninsula on 9 April.
  - Regiments: 391st, 399th, and 401st infantry; 240th artillery
- **198th Infantry Division**
  - Commanded by Generalmajor **Otto Röttig**
  - Occupied **Copenhagen**, **Zealand**, and the southern Danish islands on 9 April.
  - Regiments: 305th, 308th, and 326th infantry; 235th artillery
- **German 11th Motorized Rifle Brigade**
  - Commanded by Oberst **Günther Angern**
  - Part of the Denmark invasion force. It was replaced by garrison troops from the 160th Security Division on 13 May, when the brigade was withdrawn for use in the invasion of **France**.
  - Regiments: 110th and 111th motorized infantry

## Luftwaffe [edit]

The **Luftwaffe's X Fliegerkorps** was commanded by Lieutenant-General **Hans Ferdinand Geisler**; it had operational command of all Luftwaffe units participating in Operation Weserübung.

- **Parachute troops**
  - **I/German 1st Parachute Regiment**
  - Commanded by Major **Erich Walther**
  - Individual companies were used to occupy key airfields in northern Denmark (*Ålborg*), near **Stavanger** (*Sola*), and **Oslo** (*Fornebu*).
- **Aircraft available**
  - 102 fighters.
  - 233 bombers.
  - 39 dive bombers.
  - 165 reconnaissance aircraft (including floatplanes).
  - 582 transport aircraft.

## Kriegsmarine [edit]

Baltic Sea and Norwegian Waters **Naval Group Command West** – Generaladmiral **Alfred Saalwächter**

**Battleship Force** – Vice Admiral **Günther Lütjens**

- *Gneisenau*, Kapitän zur See **Harald Netzbandt** (damaged 20 June)
- *Scharnhorst*, Kapitän zur See **Kurt-Caesar Hoffmann** (damaged 8 June)

**Objective: Narvik Warship Group One** – Kapitän zur See and Commodore **Friedrich Bonte** ( † 10 April)

- **First Flotilla** (detachment) – Fregattenkapitän **Fritz Berger**
  - *Z2 Georg Thiele* (Type 1934) – Korvettenkapitän **Max-Eckart Wolff** (beached 13 April)
- **Second Flotilla** – Fregattenkapitän **Erich Bey**
  - *Z9 Wolfgang Zenker* (Type 1934A) – Fregattenkapitän **Gottfried Pönitz** (beached and scuttled 13 April)
  - *Z11 Bernd von Arnim* (Type 1934A) – Korvettenkapitän **Curt Rechel** (beached and scuttled 13 April)
  - *Z12 Erich Geise* (Type 1934A) – Korvettenkapitän **Karl Smidt** (sunk 13 April)
  - *Z13 Erich Koellner* (Type 1934A) – Fregattenkapitän **Alfred Schulze-Hinrichs** (scuttled 13 April, Schulze-Hinrichs (POW))
- **Third Flotilla** – Fregattenkapitän H.-J. Gadow
  - *Z17 Diether von Roeder* (Type 1936) – Korvettenkapitän **Erich Holthof** (scuttled 13 April)
  - *Z18 Hans Lüdemann* (Type 1936) – Korvettenkapitän **Herbert Friedrichs** (Flotilla Flagship) (scuttled 13 April)
  - *Z19 Hermann Künne* (Type 1936) – Korvettenkapitän **Friedrich Kothe** (scuttled 13 April)
  - *Z21 Wilhelm Heidkamp* (Type 1936) – Korvettenkapitän **Hans Erdmenger**, (Group One Flagship) (sunk 10 April)
  - *Z22 Anton Schmitt* (Type 1936) – Korvettenkapitän **Friedrich Böhme** (sunk 10 April)

### Transporting:

- Advanced HQ/3rd Mountain Division – Generalleutnant **Eduard Dietl**, 139th Mountain Regiment/3rd Mountain Division – Oberst Windisch, coastal artillery battery (crew only), Naval signals section, Army signals platoon, I Bn/32nd LW Flak Regiment (personnel only)

Landing Group (planned to be at or entering **Narvik** when Warship Group One was scheduled to arrive.)

- *Bärenfels* (cargo ship) (army equipment, guns, and ammunition) – diverted to Bergen and sunk by **Fleet Air Arm** air attack on 14 April
- *Rauenfels* (cargo ship) (army equipment, guns, and ammunition) – sunk by British destroyers *Havock* and *Hostile* while entering the Ofotfjord on 10 April.
- *Alster* (cargo ship) (motor transport and military stores) – captured by the British destroyer *Icarus* near **Bodø** on 10 April

Tanker Group

- *Jan Wellem* (tanker) – arrived at Narvik, sunk 13 April
- *Kattegat* (tanker) – scuttled by crew after being intercepted by Norwegian patrol boat *Nordkapp* on 9 April

### Objective Trondheim

**Warship Group Two** – Kapitän zur See **Hellmuth Heye**,

- *Admiral Hipper*, Kapitän zur See Hellmuth Heye (damaged 8 April)
- 2. Destroyer Flotilla – Fregattenkapitän **Rudolf von Pufendorf**



- **Z5 Paul Jakobi** (Type 1934A) – Korvettenkapitän **Hans-Georg Zimmer**, Flagship of 2. Destroyer Flotilla
- **Z6 Theodor Riedel** (Type 1934A) – Korvettenkapitän **Gerhardt Böhmig**
- **Z8 Bruno Heinemann** (Type 1934A) – Korvettenkapitän **Hermann Alberts**
- **Z16 Friedrich Eckoldt** (Type 1934A) – Korvettenkapitän **Alfred Schemmel**
- Naval Special Operations Group – Korvettenkapitän **Wilhelm Hornack**



Admiral Hipper and a destroyer approaching Trondheim.

Transporting:

- 138th Mountain Regiment/3rd Mountain Division – Oberst Weiss, minus one company on the *Lutzow*, diverted to Oslo, 1./112th Mountain Artillery Regiment, 1./38th Engineer Battalion, naval signals detachment, army signals platoon, Two Coast Artillery Batteries (crews only), I Bn/611th LW Flak Regiment – personnel only, airbase personnel **Landing Group** (Planned to be at or entering **Trondheim** when Warship Group Two was scheduled to arrive.)
- *Sao Paulo* (supply ship) (mined off Bergen on 9 April, mine laid by Norwegian minelayer *Tyr*),
- *Levante* (cargo ship)
- *Main* (supply ship) (captured and sunk on 9 April by Norwegian destroyer *Draug*)

**Tanker Group**

- *Skagerrak* (tanker) (scuttled on 14 April when intercepted by the Royal Navy cruiser *Suffolk*)
- *Moonsund* (tanker) (sunk on 12 April by the British submarine *Snapper*)

**Objective Bergen Warship Group Three** – Rear Admiral **Hubert Schmudt**

- *Köln* – Kapitän zur See **Ernst Kratzenberg** (Flag)
- *Königsberg* – Kapitän zur See **Heinrich Ruhfus** (damaged by Norwegian coastal artillery on 9 April, then sunk by **Fleet Air Arm** aircraft on 10 April)
- *TS Bremse* Fregattenkapitän **Jakob Förschner** (damaged by Norwegian coastal artillery on 9 April)
- Torpedo boat *Leopard* Kapitänleutnant **Hans Trummer** (sunk in collision 30 April)
- Torpedo boat *Wolf*, Oberleutnant Broder Peters, Flag of 6. Torpedo Boat Flotilla Korvettenkapitän **Hans Marks**,

1. S-Boatflotilla – Kapitänleutnant **Heinz Birnbacher**

- S-Boat-Tender *Carl Peters*, Kapitänleutnant **Otto Hinzke** (damaged by Norwegian coastal artillery on 9 April)
- *S19*, *S21*, *S22*, *S23*, *S24*, *Schiff 9* (mined off Bergen on 10 April, mine laid by Norwegian minelayer *Tyr*), *Schiff 18* (damaged and beached 25 April)

Transporting:

- HQ/69th Infantry Division, 1./169th Engineer Bn, 2./169th Engineer Bn, HQ/159th Infantry Regiment, I./159th infantry Regiment, II./159th infantry Regiment (-5. Company), 159th Band, naval signals section, army signals platoon, two coastal artillery batteries (crews only), I Bn/33rd LW Flak Regiment – personnel only, airbase personnel

**Landing Group**

- *Rio de Janeiro* (troop ship) (torpedoed and sunk off **Lillesand** by the Polish submarine *Orzel*)

**Landing Group Stavanger**

- *Roda* (cargo ship) (captured and sunk on 9 April by Norwegian destroyer *Æger*)<sup>[1]</sup>

**Objectives Kristiansand and Arendal**

*Main article: Capture of Arendal*

**Warship Group Four** – Kapitän zur See **Friedrich Rieve**

- *Karlsruhe* – Kapitän zur See **Friedrich Rieve** (torpedoed and sunk on 9 April by the British submarine *Truant* on return voyage to Germany)
- Torpedo boat *Luchs* – Kapitänleutnant **Karl Kassbaum**, flagship of Kapitän zur See **Hans Bütow** (F.d.T. = Leader of T-Boats),
- Torpedo boat *Greif* – Kapitänleutnant **Wilhelm-Nikolaus Freiherr von Lyncker**, flagship Korvettenkapitän **Wolf Henne**, leader of 5. Torpedo Boat Flotilla),
- Torpedo boat *Seeadler* – Kapitänleutnant **Franz Kohlauf**,

**2. S-Boat-Flotilla** – Korvettenkapitän **Rudolf Petersen**

- S-Boat-Tender *Tsingtau* – Kapitän zur See **Carl Klingner**
- *S7*, *S8*, *S17*, *S30*, *S31*, *S32*, *S33*

**Transporting**

- HQ/310th Infantry Regiment, I/310th Infantry Regiment, 9 Co./310th Infantry Regiment, 234th Bicycle Infantry Co., naval signals platoon, two coastal artillery batteries (crews only)

**Objectives Oslo and Oslofjord Warship Group Five** – Rear Admiral **Oskar Kummetz Objective Oslo**

- *Blücher* – Kapitän zur See **Heinrich Woldag**, flagship (sunk 9 April by the Norwegian coastal fortress **Oscarsborg** in the **Oslofjord**)
- *Lützow* – Kapitän zur See **August Thiele** (damaged by **Oscarsborg** 9 April, then torpedoed and further damaged by *HMS Spearfish* on 11 April, during the return voyage to Germany)
- *Emden* – Kapitän zur See **Werner Lange**
- *R18*
- *R19*
- *Rau 8*

**Objectives Son and Moss**

- Torpedo boat *Möwe* – Kapitänleutnant **Helmut Neuss**

**Objective Horten**

- Torpedo boat *Albatros* – Kapitänleutnant **Siegfried Strelow** (grounded and wrecked 10 April while under fire from Norwegian coastal artillery)
- Torpedo boat *Kondor* – Kapitänleutnant **Hans Wilcke**
- *R17* (sunk 9 April by Norwegian warships *Olav Tryggvason* and *Rauma*)

- R22 (damaged by [Olav Tryggvason](#) and [Rauma](#))
- [Rau 7](#)

#### Objective Rauøy Island

- [R20](#)
- [R24](#)

#### Objective Bolærne Island

- [R22](#)
- [R23](#)

#### Objective Egersund Cable Station

Main article: [Capture of Egersund](#)

#### Warship Group Six – Korvettenkapitän [Kurt Thoma](#), 2 Minehunting Flotilla

- [M-1](#), [M-2](#), [M-9](#), [M-13](#)

#### Objectives Korsør and Nyborg Warship Group Seven – Kapitän zur See [Gustav Kleikamp](#)

- [Schleswig-Holstein](#) – Kapitän zur See [Gustav Kleikamp](#)
- [Claus von Bevern](#) (minesweeper)
- [Pelikan](#) (minesweeper)
- [Nautilus](#) (minesweeper)
- [Campinas](#) (cargo ship)
- [Cordoba](#) (cargo ship)
- [MRS 12](#) (minesweeper)

'School Flotilla of Commander in Chief Baltic Approaches

- Six armed fishing trawlers – Fregattenkapitän Dr. [Oskar Dannenberg](#)

#### Objectives Copenhagen Warship Group Eight – Korvettenkapitän [Wilhelm Schroeder](#)

- [Hansestadt Danzig](#) (minelayer) – Korvettenkapitän [Wilhelms Schroeder](#)
- [Stettin](#) (icebreaker)

Warship Group Eight supported in the waters of the Belt by 13. Patron-Flotilla – Kapitänleutnant Dr. [Walther Fischer](#)

#### Objectives Middelfart and Belt Bridge Warship Group Nine – Kapitän zur See [Helmut Leissner](#), F.d.V.O

- [Rugard](#) (cargo ship), flagship of F.d.V.O,
- [Arkona](#) (M115), [Otto Braun](#) (M129), [Cressida](#), [Silvia](#), [R6](#), [R7](#) (minesweepers)
- [UJ 107](#) (ASW patrol craft)
- [Passat](#), [Monsun](#) (Tugs)

#### Objectives Esbjerg and Nordby Warship Group Ten – Kapitän zur See and Commodore [Friedrich Ruge](#) F.d.M. West

- [Königin Luise \(F6\)](#) (patrol craft)

#### 12. Minehunter Flotilla – Korvettenkapitän [Karl Marguth](#)

- [KFK M1201](#), [KFK M1202](#), [KFK M1203](#), [KFK M1204](#), [KFK M1205](#), [KFK M1206](#), [KFK M1207](#), [KFK M1208](#), [M4](#), [M20](#), [M84](#), [M102](#) (minesweepers)

#### 2. Minesweeper Flotilla – Korvettenkapitän [Gert von Kamptz](#)

- [R25](#), [R26](#), [R27](#), [R28](#), [R29](#), [R30](#), [R31](#), [R32](#) ([R boat](#) minesweepers)

#### Objective Thyborøn 'Warship Group Eleven – Korvettenkapitän [Walter Berger](#) 4. Minehunter Flotilla – Korvettenkapitän [Walter Berger](#)

- [M-61](#), [M-89](#), [M-110](#), [M-111](#), [M-134](#), [M-136](#) (minesweepers)

#### 3. Minesweeper Flotilla – Kapitänleutnant [Hagen Küster](#)

- [R 33](#), [R 34](#), [R 35](#), [R 36](#), [R 37](#), [R 38](#), [R 39](#), [R 40](#) (minesweepers)
- [Von Der Groeben](#) – Oberleutnant zur See [Gustav Czycholl](#) ([R boat tender](#))

Mine Sweeper Covering Group Laying minefields to the [Skagerrak](#) to protect the German resupply route to southern Norway.

- [Schlesien](#) ([pre-dreadnought battleship](#))

#### Minelaying Group – Kapitän zur See [Kurt Böhmer](#):

- [Roland](#) – Korvettenkapitän [Karl von Kutzleben](#) (minelayer)
- [Cobra](#) – Kapitänleutnant Dr. Ing. [Karl-Friedrich Brill](#) (minelayer)
- [Preussen](#) – Korvettenkapitän [Karl Freiherr von der Recke](#) (minelayer)
- [Königin Luise](#) – Kapitänleutnant [Kurt Foerster](#)
- [M6](#), [M10](#), [M11](#), [M12](#) (minesweepers fitted to lay mines)

#### U-Boat Force Force – Rear Admiral [Karl Dönitz](#)

U-Boat Group One Patrol area: Narvik, Harstad, Vestfjord, Vågsfjord

- [U-25](#), [U-46](#), [U-51](#), [U-64](#) (*sunk 13 April*), [U-65](#)

U-Boat Group Two Patrol area: Trondheim, Namsos, Romsdalsfjord

- [U-30](#), [U-34](#)

U-Boat Group Three Patrol area: Bergen, Ålesund, Shetland Islands

- [U-9](#), [U-14](#), [U-56](#), [U-60](#), [U-62](#)

U-Boat Group Four Patrol area: Stavanger

- [U-1](#) (*sunk c. 6 April*), [U-4](#)

U-Boat Group Five Patrol area: East of the Shetland Islands, Vågsfjord, Trondheim

- [U-37](#), [U-38](#), [U-47](#), [U-48](#), [U-49](#) (sunk 15 April), [U-50](#) (sunk 6 April)

**U-Boat Group Six** Patrol area: Pentland, Orkney Islands, Shetland Islands

- [U-13](#) (sunk 31 May), [U-57](#), [U-58](#), [U-59](#)

U-Boat Group Seven Never assembled

**U-Boat Group Eight** Patrol area: Lindesnes, Egersund

- [U-2](#), [U-3](#), [U-5](#), [U-6](#)

**U-Boat Group Nine** Patrol area: Bergen, Shetland Islands

- [U-7](#), [U-10](#), [U-19](#)

**Unassigned to a group** Operating in the area of the Orkney Islands, Shetland Islands, and Bergen

- [U-17](#), [U-23](#), [U-24](#), [U-61](#)

## Danish [edit]

Due to a non-aggression treaty with Germany, the army of Denmark had not been mobilized and no fortifications had been built. As a result, only a few elements of the [Royal Danish Army](#) were able to mount a defence.

### Royal Danish Army [edit]

The Commander in chief of the Danish army was General [William Wain Prior](#).

- **1st "Zealand" Division**
  - Based in [Copenhagen](#) and eastern Denmark
  - Commanded by Major-General [Hans Aage Rolsted](#)
  - Regiments:
    - [Danish Royal Guard's Infantry Regiment](#)
    - [Danish Guards Hussar Cavalry Regiment](#)
    - [Danish 1st Infantry Regiment](#)
    - [Danish 4th Infantry Regiment](#)
    - [Danish 5th Infantry Regiment](#)
    - [Danish 1st Field Artillery Regiment](#)
    - [Danish 2nd Field Artillery Regiment](#)
- **2nd "Jutland" Division**
  - Based in the [Jutland](#) peninsula
  - Commanded by Major-General [Frederick Christian Essemann](#)
  - Regiments:
    - [Danish Jutland Dragoon Cavalry Regiment](#)
    - [Danish 2nd Infantry Regiment](#)
    - [Danish 3rd Infantry Regiment](#)
    - [Danish 6th Infantry Regiment](#)
    - [Danish 7th Infantry Regiment](#)
    - [Danish 3rd Artillery Regiment](#)

### Royal Danish Navy [edit]

The [Royal Danish Navy](#) consisted of:

- 2 coastal defence ships – [Niels Juel](#) and [Peder Skram](#).
- 6 torpedoboats.
- 7 submarines.
- 3 minelayers.
- 9 minesweepers.
- 4 inspection ships.

## Norwegian [edit]

Due to the speed and surprise achieved by the German forces, the Norwegian military was only able to partially mobilize their military. Actual unit strengths only achieved a portion of their listed organizations. Some of the Norwegian forces were *ad hoc* battalions. The commander of the [Norwegian Army](#) at the time of the invasion was General [Kristian Laake](#). He was replaced by Colonel [Otto Ruge](#) on 11 April.

Unlike the armies of most other nations, the Norwegian 'division' was more of an administrative and mobilization unit, rather than a fighting unit. The most important tactical unit of the Norwegian army was the regiment. When mobilized, each regiment was supposed to muster two battalions of infantry of the line, and one battalion of *landvern*.

### Norwegian Army [edit]

- The [Royal Guards](#) battalion – based in [Oslo](#) and [Elverum](#), the only unit in Southern Norway that received proper training during the inter-war years.
- **1st Division** – This division had its headquarters in [Halden](#), and was commanded by Major-General [Carl Johan Erichsen](#).
  - 1st Infantry Regiment (based in [Fredrikstad](#)).
  - 2nd Infantry Regiment (based in Oslo).
  - 3rd Infantry Regiment (based in [Kongsberg](#)).
- **2nd Division** – This division had its headquarters in [Oslo](#), and was commanded by Major-General [Jacob Hvinden Haug](#).
  - 4th Infantry Regiment (based in [Trandum](#)).
  - 5th Infantry Regiment (based in Elverum).

- 6th Infantry Regiment (based in [Hønefoss](#)).
- **3rd Division** – This division had its headquarters in [Kristiansand](#), and was commanded by Major-General [Einar Liljedahl](#).
  - 7th Infantry Regiment (based in [Kristiansand](#)).
  - 8th Infantry Regiment (based in [Stavanger](#)).
- **4th Division** – This division had its headquarters in [Bergen](#), and was commanded by Major-General [William Steffens](#).
  - 9th Infantry Regiment (based in [Bergen](#)).
  - 10th Infantry Regiment (based in [Voss](#)).
- **5th Division** – This division had its headquarters in [Trondheim](#), and was commanded by Major-General [Jacob Ager Laurantzon](#).
  - 11th Infantry Regiment (based in [Åndalsnes](#)).
  - 12th Infantry Regiment (based in [Trondheim](#)).
  - 13th Infantry Regiment (based in [Steinkjer](#)).
- **6th Division** – This division had its headquarters in [Harstad](#), and was commanded by Major-General [Carl Gustav Fleischer](#). The division was better prepared for war than any other unit of the Norwegian Army as it had been mobilised and kept on duty during the [Finnish Winter War](#). The 6th Division was composed of two light infantry brigades. The **6th Brigade** was initially commanded by Colonel [Kristian Løken](#), and from 9 May by Lieutenant Colonel [Ole Berg](#), and the **7th Brigade**, commanded by Colonel [Wilhelm Faye](#).<sup>[2]</sup>
  - 14th Infantry Regiment (based in [Mosjøen](#)).
  - 15th Infantry Regiment (based at [Elvegårdsmoen](#)).
  - 16th Infantry Regiment (based in [Tromsø](#) and [Bardufoss](#)).
- Additional units – These were additional units not organized into divisions.
  - 1st Dragoon Regiment (based at [Gardermoen](#) and including [Norway's only tank](#)).
  - 2nd Dragoon Regiment (based in [Hamar](#)).
  - 3rd Dragoon Regiment (based in [Rindleiret](#), [Verdal](#))
  - 1st Artillery Regiment (based in [Ski](#)).
  - 2nd Artillery Regiment (based at [Gardermoen](#)).
  - 3rd Artillery Regiment (based in [Trondheim/Stjørdal](#)).
  - 1st Mountain Artillery Battalion (based in [Evje](#))
  - 2nd Mountain Artillery Battalion (based in [Voss](#))
  - 3rd Mountain Artillery Battalion (based in [Bardufoss](#))
  - [Alta Battalion](#) (based at [Altagård](#) in [Alta](#))
  - [Varanger Battalion](#) (based in [Kirkenes](#), with training grounds at [Nyborgmoen](#) near [Varangerbotn](#)<sup>[3]</sup>)

At the time of the German invasion, the Norwegian Army was only partially mobilized, and thus only the following land units were immediately available to the Norwegians;

- The Oslo battalion of the Royal Guards.
- Four infantry battalions at [Trandum](#), [Madla](#), [Gimlemoen](#) and [Ulven](#), as well as five additional infantry battalions in the extreme north, plus one partially mobilized infantry battalion at the outskirts of [Trondheim](#).
- One motorized infantry company at Gimlemoen.
- Three landvern companies at [Horten](#), [Haugesund](#) and on various fortresses in the [Oslofjord](#).
- One artillery battalion at [Fredrikstad](#), and another one in the extreme north.
- One artillery battery at [Gardermoen](#), and two more in the extreme north.
- One mountain artillery battery at [Evmjøen](#).
- One engineer company near [Madla](#).
- Partially mobilized elements of the 3rd Dragoon Regiment at the outskirts of [Trondheim](#).

## Royal Norwegian Navy [edit]

- 2 *Eidsvold* class coastal defence ships:
  - *Eidsvold* (sunk 9 April), *Norge* (sunk 9 April).
- 7 destroyers:
  - Three *Draug* class: *Troll* (captured 18 May), *Garm* (sunk 26 April) and *Draug* (escaped to the UK 9 April).
  - Four *Sleipner* class ships: *Æger* (sunk, 9 April), *Sleipner* (escaped to the UK 25 April), *Gyller* and *Odin* (both captured 9 April)
  - Two incomplete *Sleipner* class destroyers: *Tor* (scuttled 9 April) and *Balder* (captured)
- 11 minelayers:
  - Five *Vale* class: *Vale* (captured in May), *Uller* (captured 9 April, sunk by Norwegian forces 1 May), *Brage* (captured 9 April), *Nor* (captured 14 April), *Vidar* (captured 14 April),
  - Two *Gor* class: *Gor* (captured in May), *Tyr* (captured 20 April),
  - Two *Glommen* class: *Glommen* (captured 14 April), *Laugen* (captured 14 April),
  - Two unique vessels: *Frøya* (scuttled 13 April), *Olav Trygvason* (captured 9 April)
- 8 minesweepers:
  - Two *Otra* class: *Otra* (captured 10 April) and *Rauma* (captured 9 April)
  - Six rebuilt torpedo boats:<sup>[4]</sup> *Djerv* (scuttled), *Dristig* (scuttled), *Hvas* (captured 9 April), *Kjæk* (captured 9 April), *Falk* (captured 9 April), *Hauk* (captured 9 April)
- 9 submarines
  - Three *A* class vessels: one wrecked in action and two scuttled
  - Six *B* class vessels: one scuttled, four captured and one evacuated to the UK
- 17 torpedo boats, including:
  - Three *Trygg* class: *Trygg* (sunk 25 April), *Snøgg* (captured 5 May), *Stegg* (sunk 20 April)
  - 1. class: *Sæl* (sunk 18 April), *Storm* (wrecked 12/13 April)
  - 2. class: *Kjell* (captured 11 April)

- 58 patrol boats, including:
  - *Fridtjof Nansen* (evacuated to the UK on 8 June), *Heimdal* (evacuated to the UK on 8 June), *Honningsvåg* (captured from the Germans 13 April, evacuated to the UK on 7 June), *Nordkapp* (evacuated to the UK on 8 June), *Oster* (captured 22 May), *Pol III* (captured 14 April)
- Small number of aircraft: mainly Norwegian produced *M.F.11s* and 7 German produced *He 115A-2s*.
  - Three of the former and one of the latter were evacuated to Finland on 8 June, while four of the latter were evacuated to the UK.

## Allied [\[edit\]](#)

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### Mauriceforce [\[edit\]](#)

Commanded by Major-General **Carton de Wiart** V.C., this group began landing at **Namsos** on 14 April.

- **British 146th (Territorial) Infantry Brigade** – Commanded by Brigadier **Charles G. Phillips**
  - 1/4th Battalion, **Royal Lincolnshire Regiment**
  - 1/4th Battalion, **King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry**
  - **Hallamshire Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment**
- **French 5e Demi-Brigade Chasseurs Alpins** – Commanded by Général de Brigade **Antoine Béthouart**
  - 13ème Bataillon Chasseurs Alpins
  - 53ème Bataillon Chasseurs Alpins
  - 67ème Bataillon Chasseurs Alpins

### Sickleforce [\[edit\]](#)

Commanded by Major-General **Bernard Charles Tolver Paget**, this force landed at **Åndalsnes** starting 18 April.

- **15th Infantry Brigade** – Commanded by Brigadier **Herbert Edward Fitzroy Smyth**
  - 1st Battalion, **Green Howards**
  - 1st Battalion, **King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry**
  - 1st Battalion, **York and Lancaster Regiment**
- **148th Infantry (Territorial) Brigade** – Commanded by General **Harold de Riemer Morgan**
  - 1/5th Battalion, **Royal Leicestershire Regiment**
  - 1/8th Battalion, **Sherwood Foresters**

### Rupertforce [\[edit\]](#)

Commanded by Major-General **Pierse Joseph Mackesy**, this force landed at **Harstad**, north of **Narvik**, between 15 April and 5 May.

- **24th (Guards) Brigade** – Commanded by Brigadier **William Fraser**
  - 1st Battalion, **Scots Guards**
  - 1st Battalion, **Irish Guards**
  - 2nd Battalion, **South Wales Borderers**
- **French 27e Demi-Brigade de Chasseurs Alpins** – Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel **Serge Valentini**
  - 6ème Bataillon Chasseurs Alpins
  - 12ème Bataillon Chasseurs Alpins
  - 14ème Bataillon Chasseurs Alpins
- **French 13th Foreign Legion Demi-Brigade** – Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel **Raoul Magrin-Vernerey**. Landed at Harstad on 5 May.
  - 1er Bataillon
  - 2ème Bataillon
- **Polish Independent Highland Brigade** – Commanded by General **Zygmunt Bohusz-Szyszko**
  - 1st Demi-Brigade
    - 1 Battalion
    - 2 Battalion
  - 2nd Demi-Brigade
    - 3 Battalion
    - 4 Battalion
- Troop, **3rd The King's Own Hussars** (*personnel only, no tanks*)<sup>[5]</sup>
- 203rd Field Battery/51st Field Regiment.
- French 342me Independent Tank Company.
- French 2me Independent Colonial Artillery Group.
- British 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Independent Companies.

### Royal Navy [\[edit\]](#)

- 4 battleships – **HMS Resolution**, **HMS Rodney**, **HMS Valiant**, and **HMS Warspite**.
- 2 battlecruisers – **HMS Renown** and **HMS Repulse**.
- 3 aircraft carriers – **HMS Ark Royal**, **HMS Furious** and **HMS Glorious** (sunk 8 June).
- 4 heavy cruisers – **HMS Berwick**, **HMS Devonshire**, **HMS Suffolk** (damaged and beached 17 April), and **HMS York**.
- 6 light cruisers – **HMS Birmingham**, **HMS Effingham** (grounded 17 May, lost), **HMS Glasgow**, **HMS Manchester**, **HMS Sheffield**, and **HMS Southampton**.
- 5 light cruisers – **HMS Arethusa**, **HMS Aurora**, **HMS Coventry**, **HMS Curlew** (sunk 26 May), **HMS Enterprise**, **HMS Galatea**, and **HMS Penelope**.
- 4 anti-aircraft cruisers – **HMS Cairo** (damaged 28 May), **HMS Carlisle**, **HMS Curacoa** (damaged 24 April), **HMS Calcutta**.
- ?? minesweepers.
- 21 destroyer – **HMS Acasta** (sunk 8 June), **HMS Afridi** (sunk 3 May), **HMS Ardent** (sunk 8 June), **HMS Bedouin**, **HMS Cossack**, **HMS Eskimo**, **HMS Punjabi**, **HMS Hero**, **HMS Icarus**, **HMS Kimberley**, **HMS Forester**, **HMS Foxhound**, **HMS Hardy** (sunk 10 April), **HMS Hunter**

(sunk 10 April), *HMS Hotspur*, *HMS Havock*, *HMS Hostile*, *HMS Gurkha* (sunk 9 April), *HMS Glowworm* (sunk 8 April), *HMS Wolverine*, *HMS Zulu*

- 4 Sloops. – *HMS Bittern* (sunk 30 April), *HMS Stork*, *HMS Auckland* (damaged 20 April), *HMS Black Swan*.
- 17 submarines. – *HMS Sterlet* (sunk c. 18 April), *HMS Tarpon* (sunk 10 April), *HMS Thistle* (sunk 10 April), *HMS Seal* (captured 5 May).

## French Navy [edit]

- 2 cruisers – *Emile Bertin* and *Montcalm*.
- 4 auxiliary cruisers – *El Djezaïr*, *El Mansour*, *El Kantara*, *Ville d'Oran*.
- 9 destroyers – *Bison* (sunk 3 May), *Tartu*, *Maillé Brézé*, *Chevalier Paul*, *Boulonnais*, *Milan*, *Épervier*, *Brestois*, *Foudroyant*
- 17 transport ships – *Ville d'Alger*, *Djenné*, *Flandre*, *Président Doumer*, *Chenonceaux*, *Mexique*, *Colombie*, *Amiénois*, *Saumur*, *Cap Blanc*, *Château Pavie*, *Saint Firmin*, *Albert Leborgne*, *Paul Émile Javary*, *Saint Clair*, *Vulcain*, *Enseigne Maurice Préchac*
- 1 submarine – *Rubis*

## Free Polish Navy [edit]

- 3 destroyers – *ORP Błyskawica*, *ORP Burza*, *ORP Grom* (sunk 4 May).
- 1 submarine – *ORP Orzeł* (sunk 8 June).
- 3 troopships – *MS Chrobry* (damaged later scuttled 16 May), *MS Sobieski*, *MS Batory*

## See also [edit]

- Royal Norwegian Navy
- Royal Norwegian Navy Air Service
- Royal Norwegian Air Force
- British Army
- Wehrmacht

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