

**British & French Forces
Naval Engagements and Operations off Norway
April-June 1940**

Engagement of 8 April

HMS Glowworm (destroyer): LCDR G.Broadmead Roope

Engagement of 9 April

HMS Renown (battle cruiser): Captain C.E.B.Simeon

1st Battle of Narvik (10 April)

HMS Hardy (destroyer): Captain B.A.W.Warburton-Lee

HMS Hunter (destroyer): LCDR L. de Viliers

HMS Hotspur (destroyer): CDR H.F.H.layman

HMS Havock (destroyer): LCDR R.E.Courage

HMS Hostile (destroyer): LCDR J.P.Wright

2nd Battle of Narvik (13 April)

HMS Warspite (Battleship): Captain V.A.C.Crutchley

HMS Bedouin (destroyer): CDR J.A.McCoy

HMS Cossack (destroyer): CDR R. St. V. Sherbrooke

HMS Eskimo (destroyer): CDR St. J.A.Micklethwait

HMS Punjabi (destroyer): CDR J.T.Lean

HMS Hero (destroyer): CDR H.W. Biggs

HMS Icarus (destroyer): LCDR C.D.Maude

HMS Kimerly (destroyer): LCDR R.G.K.Knowling

HMS Forester (destroyer): LCDR E.B.Tancock

HMS Foxhound (destroyer): LCDR G.H.Peters

Engagement of 8 June

HMS Glorius (Aircraft Carrier): Captain G.D'Oyly Hughes

HMS Acasta (destroyer): CDR C.E.Glasfurd

HMS Ardent (destroyer): LCDR J.E.Barker

Operations based on Namsos

HMS Manchester (Cruiser)

HMS Birmingham (Cruiser)

HMS Cairo (Anti-aircraft cruiser)

Emile Bertin (French cruiser)

various French destroyers

Landing Party (Operation Henry)

seamen and Marines from HMS Glasgow, Sheffield

Anti-Aircraft Defense

HMS Cairo, Curlew, Carlisle (anti-aircraft cruisers)

Auckland & Bittern (sloops)

Air Support

HMS Ark Royal & Glorius (carriers)

Naval Escort from Norway

HMS Devonshire & Yorck (cruisers)

Montcalm (French cruiser)

Mauriceforce: Major General A.Carton de Wairt

British

1/4th Battalion, The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment

The Hallmshire Battlaion, The York & Lancaster Regiment

1 Section, 55th Field Company, RE
5th Demi-Brigade Chasseurs Alpines
French: Général de division
5th Demi-Brigade Chasseurs Alpines
13th Bataillon Chasseurs Alpines
53rd Bataillon Chasseurs Alpines
67th Bataillon Chasseurs Alpines
Det/Flak & anti-tank artillery
Engineers (1 section)

Operations Based on Aandalsnes

Naval Escort to Norway:

Sailed 17 April

HMS Galatea (cruiser)
HMS Aratheusa (cruiser)
HMS Carlisle (anti-aircraft cruiser)
HMS Curacoa (anti-aircraft cruiser)
various destroyers

Sailed 22 April

HMS Galatea (cruiser)
HMS Glasgow (cruiser)
HMS Sheffield (cruiser)
various destroyers

Landing Party

Seamen & Marines from HMS Hood, Nelson & Barham
21st Light Anti-Aircraft Battery, Royal Marines
11th Searchlight Regiment, Royal Marines (2 dets)

Anti-Aircraft Defense

HMS Carlisle (anti-aircraft cruiser)
HMS Curacoa (anti-aircraft cruiser)
HMS Black Swan (sloop)
HMS Flamingo (sloop)
HMS Bittern (sloop)
HMS Fleetwood (escort vessel)

Fleet Air Support

HMS Ark Royal (carrier)
HMS Glorious (carrier)

Naval Escort from Norway, 30 April/1 May

HMS Galatea (cruiser)
HMS Arethusia (cruiser)
HMS Sheffield (cruiser)
HMS Southampton (cruiser)
various destroyers

Naval Escort from Norway, 1/2 May

HMS Manchester (cruiser)
HMS Birmingham (cruiser)
HMS Calcutta (anti-aircraft cruiser)

Army Sickle Force¹: Major General B.C.T. Paget

148th Brigade: Brigadier H. de R. Morgan
1/5th Bn, The Royal Leicestershire Regiment
1/8th Bn, The Sherwood Foresters

¹ Changed name to Bodoforce on 23 May.

15th Brigade: Brigadier H.E.F.Smyth
1st Bn, The Green Howards
1st Bn, The King's Own Yorkshire Light
Infantry
1st Bn, The York & Lancashire Regiment
168th Light Anti-Aircraft Battery, RA
260th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery, RA
55th Field Company, RE (less 1 section)

RAF

No. 263 Squadron, Gladiators

Operations based on Mosjo/en, Mo & Bo/do/

Royal Navy escort to Norway:

various destroyers

Royal Navy Transfers in Norway

HMS Effingham (cruise)
HMS Cairo (anti-aircraft cruise)
HMS Vindictive (repair ship)
various destroyers

Royal Army, Scissors Force 9-11 May

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 Independent Companies²
166th Light Anti-Aircraft Battery, RA (1 section)

Royal Army, Scissors Force 12-22 May

1st Battalion, Scots Guards
Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 Independent Companies
203rd Field Battery, RA (1 troop)
55th Light Anti-Aircraft Battery, RA
Det/230th Field Company, RE

Royal Army, Scissors Force, 23-29 May

1st Battalion, Irish Guards
1st Battalion, Scots Guards
2nd Bn, The South Wales Borderers³
Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 Independent Companies
203rd Field Battery, RA (1 troop)
55th Light Anti-Aircraft Battery, RA
Det/230th Field Company, RE

RAF

Det/ No. 263rd Squadron, (3 gladiators)

Operations based on Harstadt (Narvik Area)

(State of forces as of 17 April)

Royal Navy

HMS Warspite (battleship)
HMS Southampton (cruiser)
HMS Effingham (cruiser)
HMS Aurora (cruiser)
HMS Enterprise (cruiser)
HMS Vindictive (repairship)
Variosu destroyers

² Recruited from the 52nd, 9th, 54th, 55th, and 1st London Divisions, respectively.

³ Completed move south on 27 May.

HMS Furious (aircraft carrier)

Army (Avonforce): Major General P.J.Mackesy

1st Battalion, Scots Guards

1st Battalion, Irish Guards

2nd Battalion, The South Wales Borders

3rd Light Anti-Aircraft Battery, RA

229th Field Company, RE

230th Field Company, RE

Det/231st Field Park Company, RE

(State of forces as of 10 May)

Royal Navy:

HMS Resolution (battleship)

HMS Effingham (cruiser)

HMS Aurora (cruiser)

HMS Enterprise (cruiser)

HMS Cairo (anti-aircraft cruiser)

HMS Coveny (anti-aircraft cruiser)

HMS Curley (anti-aircraft cruiser)

HMS Vindictive (repairship)

Varioussu destroyers

HMS Ark Royal (aircraft carrier)

Army (Rupertforce): Major General P.J.Mackesy

24th Guards Brigade: Brigadier the Hon. W. Fraser

1st Battalion, Scots Guards

1st Battalion, Irish Guards

2nd Battalion, The South Wales Borders

3rd King's Own Hussars (tanks) (1 troop)

203rd Battery, 51st Field Regiment, RA

193rd Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery, RA

55th Light Anti-Aircraft Battery, RA

3rd Light Anti-Aircraft Battery, RA

229th Field Company, RE

230th Field Company, RE

Det/231st Field Park Company, RE

French & Polish: Général de brigade Béthouart

27th Demi-Brigade Chasseurs Alpains

6th Bataillon Chasseurs Alpains

12th Bataillon Chasseurs Alpains

14th Bataillon Chasseurs Alpains

13th Demi-brigade Légion Étrangère

1st Battalion

2nd Battalion

Polish Brigade (Chasseurs du Nord)

(General Bohucz-szysko)

1st Demi-Brigade

1st & 2nd Battalions

2nd Demi-Brigade

3rd & 4th Battalions

342nd Independent Tank Company

2nd Independent Group, Colonial Artillery

14th Anti-Tank Company, 13th Chasseurs Alpains

(State of Forces, 3 June 1940)

Royal Navy

HMS Southampton (cruiser)
HMS Cairo (anti-aircraft cruiser)
HMS Coventry (anti-aircraft cruiser)
HMS Vindictive (repair ship)
Various destroyers
HMS Ark Royal (carrier)
HMS Glorious (carrier)

Army (North Western Expeditionary Force):

Lt. General C.J.Auchinleck
24th Guards Brigade: Brigadier the Hon. W. Fraser
 1st Battalion, Scots Guards
 1st Battalion, Irish Guards
 2nd Battalion, The South Wales Borders
Nos. 2, 3, & 5 Independent Companies
3rd King's Own Hussars (1 troop, less tanks)
203rd Battery, 51st Field Regiment, RA
6th Anti-Aircraft Brigade, RA: Brigadier F.N.C.Rosseter
55th Light Anti-Aircraft Battery, RA
56th Light Anti-Aircraft Battery, RA
51st Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery, RA
82nd Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery, RA
No. 10 Army Observation Unit, RA
229th Field Company, RE
230th Field Company, RE
Det/231st Field Park Company, RE

French & Polish: Général de brigade Béthouart

27th Demi-Brigade Chasseurs Alpains
 6th Bataillon Chasseurs Alpains
 12th Bataillon Chasseurs Alpains
 14th Bataillon Chasseurs Alpains
13th Demi-brigade Légion Étranger
 1st Battallion
 2nd Battallion
Polish Brigade (Chasseurs du Nord)
 (General Bohucz-szysko)
 1st Demi-Brigade
 1st & 2nd Battalions
 2nd Demi-Brigade
 3rd & 4th Battalions
342nd Independent Tank Company
2nd Independent Group, Colonial Artillery
14th Anti-Tank Company, 13th Chasseurs Alpains

RAF: Group Captain M. Moore

No. 263 Squadron (gladiators)
No. 46 Squadron (hurricanes)
No. 11 Observer Screen

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