

Chronology of Events – Norway (1940)

1940

8th April

H.M.S. Glowworm engages the German warship Admiral Hipper off Trondheim. The Royal Navy warship faces an unequal struggle and is sunk by gunfire, but not before it had rammed the Admiral Hipper.

9th April

German forces launch their assault on both Norway and Denmark.

- Group I heads for Narvik;
- Group II for Trondheim;
- Group III lands at Bergen;
- Group IV at Kristiansand;
- Group V heads for Oslo.
- The German cruiser Karlsruhe is torpedoed and sunk off Kristiansand and the heavy cruiser Blucher is sunk by Norwegian shore batteries on the approach to Oslo.

10th April

- First battle of Narvik takes place.
- German cruiser Konigsburg is sunk off Bergen.

13th April

Second battle of Narvik takes place.

14th April

- 1st Bn. Scots Guards (Scissorsforce) land on the Lofoten Islands off Narvik.
- Naval party land at Namsos;
- Major General A. CARTON De-WIART, GOC 61st Infantry Division, appointed General Officer Commanding 'Maurice Force'.

15th April

- Rest of 24th (Guards) Infantry Brigade (Brigadier the Honourable W. FRASER) land at Harstad;
- Headquarters, 'Maurice Force' formed from the staff of the 61st Infantry Division.

16th April

146th Infantry Brigade (Mauriceforce) lands at Namsos.

17th April

Naval Party lands at Aandalsnes (Sickleforce).

18th April

148th Infantry Brigade lands at Aandalsnes.

19th April

- Lieutenant General H. R. S. MASSY, D.S.O., M.C. appointed Commander-in-Chief, North Western Expeditionary Force;
- French troops land at Namsos.

- 20th April Namsos bombed by German aircraft causing damage and casualties.
- 21st April
- First action of campaign at Vist between units of 146th Brigade and German troops;
 - Units from 148th Infantry Brigade move forward towards Lillehammer.
- 22nd April
- Vist area captured by German forces (Mauriceforce);
 - Action at Balbergkamp (Sickleforce).
- 23rd April Further fighting on front involving the 148th Brigade (Sickleforce).
- 24th April
- 15th Infantry Brigade landed at Aandalsnes to reinforce Sickleforce;
 - Narvik bombarded by Royal Navy units.
- 26th April Further fighting at Kvam involving Sickleforce.
- 29th April 2nd Bn. The South Wales Borderers land at Haakvik.
- 2nd May Aandalsnes evacuated.
- 6th May French troops land near Narvik.
- 9th May Polish forces land near Narvik.
- 13th – 27th May Fighting continues in the Narvik and Bodo areas.
- 28th May Narvik captured by Allied troops.
- 4th June Evacuation commences from Narvik area.
- 8th June
- Evacuation complete, with the last Allied troops leave Norway;
 - H.M.S. Glorious sunk off Norway.