


# Military operations in the Nordic countries during World War II


## Axis


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Birke ("Birch") (1944)  — German plan to withdraw from northern Finland prior to the Lapland War



Birkhahn (1945)  — German evacuation from Norway.


Büffel ("Buffalo") (1940)  — German operation to relieve troops in Narvik, Norway

Holzauge ("Wood knot") (1942)  — activities in Greenland


Ikarus (1940)  — planned German invasion of Iceland in response to British Operation Fork


Juno (1940)  — German naval operation to disturb allied supplies to Norway


Lachsfang (1942)   — Proposed combined German and Finnish attack against Kandalaksha and Belomorsk

Nordlicht [2] ("Aurora Borealis") (1944)  — German withdrawal from the Kola Peninsula into Norway

Silberfuchs ("Silver Fox") (1941)  — German operations in the Arctic, including:

Blaufuchs 1 ("Blue Fox 1") (1941)  — Staging of German forces from Germany to northern Finland


Blaufuchs 2 ("Blue Fox 2") (1941)  — Staging of German forces from Norway to northern Finland

Platinfuchs ("Platinum Fox") (1941)  — German attack towards Murmansk from Finnish Petsamo

Polarfuchs ("Polar Fox") (1941)  — German attack towards Kandalaksha from Finnish Lapland

Renntier ("Reindeer") (1941)  — German occupation of Petsamo


Sizilien (1943)  — German raid upon Allied-occupied Spitsbergen (Svalbard)


Tanne Ost (1944)  — failed German attempt to capture Suursaari from Finland

Tanne West (1944)  — planned German attempt to capture the Åland Islands from Finland

Weserübung ("Weser Exercise") (1940)  — German invasion of Denmark and Norway

Weserübung Nord ("Weser Exercise") (1940)  — German invasion of Trondheim and Narvik


Weserübung Sud ("Weser Exercise") (1940)  — German invasion of Bergen, Kristiansand and Oslo



Zitronella ("Lemon flavour") (1943)  — German raid against a Norwegian/British station on Svalbard



## Allies

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Alphabet (1940)  — evacuation of British troops from Norway

Archer (1941)  — British commando raid on Vågsøy, Norway


Anklet (1941)   — raid on German positions on Lofoten Islands, Norway


Brandy (1943)   — MTB and commando raid on Florø, Norway


Carthage (1945)  — RAF bombing of the Gestapo headquarters in Copenhagen, Denmark

Cartoon (1943)   — commando raid on the island of Stord near Leirvik, Norway

Catherine (1939)  British plan to gain control of Baltic Sea

Claymore (1941)  — British raid on Lofoten Islands, Norway

Crackers (1943)  — British raid at Sognefjord, Norway

Freshman (1942 ) — attempted raid on a Norwegian heavy water plant at Vemork, see Gunnarside


Grouse (1942)  — Norwegian guide party for Freshman



Gunnarside (1943)  — 2nd raid on the Norwegian heavy water plant at Vemork

Fork (1940)  — Invasion of Iceland by British.

Gauntlet (1941)   — raid on Spitsbergen

Jupiter (1942)  — suggested invasion of Norway

Kitbag (1941)  — aborted commando raid on town of Florø in Norway

Leader (1943)   — American/British Home Fleet raid on German shipping along the coast of Norway in the Bodø area

Muskatoon (1942)   — British/ Norwegian destruction of a power station in Norway

R 4 (1940)  — Planned British invasion of Norway

Source (1943)   — British response to German operation Sizilien


The Sepals/Perianth Operation (1944) — OSS supported operation in Sweden


Wilfred (1940)  — British plan to mine the Norwegian coast

## Other

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*Rädda Danmark* ("Save Denmark") (1945)  — Swedish plan to liberate Denmark before the country was occupied by the Soviet Union (cancelled because of German surrender)<sup>*[citation needed]*</sup>

*Rädda Själland* (1945)  — Swedish landings on Zealand

*Rädda Bornholm* (1945)  — Swedish landings on Bornholm