Military operations in the Nordic countries during World War II

Axis

**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** ("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

**Alphabet** (1940) — evacuation of British troops from Norway

**Archery** (1941) — British commando raid on Vågøya, 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 Gunnerside

**Grouse** (1942) — Norwegian guide party for Freshman

**Gunnerside** (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

**Musketoon** (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

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

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

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