

LXXI. Armeekorps (LXXI Army Corps)

The LXXI. Armeekorps was activated during the summer of 1940 in northern Norway as Gebirgskorps Norwegen (Norway Mountain Corps). Its responsibilities were the construction of fortifications along the coast of northern Norway, coastal security, training of troops for replacements, and maintaining of internal security. During May and June 1941 the Corps participated in Operation "Silberfuchs" (preparations for the invasion of Russia from Finland). On July 4, 1941, Gebirgskorps Norwegen was designated Abschnittsstab Nord-norwegen, after the separation from Höheres Kommando Nagy, and on January 4, 1942, was redesignated Höheres Kommando LXXI. On

January 26, 1943, Höheres Kommando LXXI became Generalkommando LXXI. Armeekorps. From September 10 to October 29, 1943, the Corps took part in Operation "Spitzbergen" (a combined Corps and naval landing operation on Spitzbergen), and in Operation "Nordlicht" (the withdrawal of troops from northern Finland and northern Norway) between October 22, 1944, and the spring of 1945. From the time of its activation until the spring of 1945, the Corps was continuously engaged in coastal security against attempted Allied landings in northern Norway and the Lofoten Islands and in the maintenance of internal security from Narvik to Kirkenes.

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Ia, Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Activity reports of the Operations Branch, with reports, orders, directives, and overlays, pertaining to reorganization of Gebirgskorps Norwegen, creation of new defense sectors in northern Norway, coastal security and defense, troop training, British coastal raids, and the tactical disposition of the Corps' units, including coast artillery units in the Narvik, Tromso, Kirkenes, and Finnmark areas. Also, activity reports of the Intelligence Branch, with reports and tables, concerning enemy air and naval operations, reaction of the Norwegian population to the German occupation, acts of sabotage, counterintelligence, press control, disciplinary matters, troop morale, and the military and political situation on all fronts; and activity reports of the Personnel Officer. The Corps was subordinate to AOK Norwegen under the command of Gen.d.Geb.Tr. Eduard Dietl from Jun 14, 1940, until Jan 15, 1942.	Mar 1 - Apr 30, 1941	14030/1	1553	1
Ia, Ia/Arko., IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Activity reports of the Operations Branch, with reports, orders, tables, charts, and overlays, pertaining to operations, coastal security and defense, order of battle, transportation, movements, status and readiness for action of the Corps' units, road and weather conditions, assembly areas, supply installations, the formation of new command sectors in northern Norway, reorganization of the Corps' staff, Operation "Silberfuchs" (preparations for the invasion of Russia from Finland, May and Jun 1941), and enemy air and naval operations. Also, an activity report of the Artillery Staff Officer, with reports and orders, concerning the				

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formation, organization, weapons and equipment, construction of artillery positions, readiness for action, and training activity of the Corps' artillery units; activity report of the Personnel Branch, including a list of officers' duty assignments.	May 1 - 31, 1941	14030/2	1553	257
Ia, Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen, Abschnittsstab Nordnorwegen. Activity report, with orders, reports, and messages, pertaining to the separation of Höheres Kommando Nagy from Gebirgskorps Norwegen on Jul 4, 1941, thereafter known as Abschnittsstab Nordnorwegen; operations, coastal defense, training activity, and personnel strength of the Corps' units; and enemy air and naval operations and raids on harbors in northern Norway.	Jul 1 - 31, 1941	14030/4	1553	390
Ia, IIa/IIb, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen, Abschnittsstab Nordnorwegen. Activity reports of the Operations Branch, with reports, orders, tables, and lists, pertaining to operations of units of the Navy, Air Force, and Gebirgskorps; re-grouping, assignment, coastal security and defense, training, transportation, movements, status and readiness for action of infantry and artillery units; road and weather conditions; and enemy air and naval operations. Also, activity reports of the Personnel Branch with overlays showing the tactical disposition of units in the Tromso and Finnmark areas.	Aug 1 - Sep 30, 1941	14030/5-6	1553	551
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen, Stab Gebirgskorps Norwegen. Activity report, with messages and reports, pertaining to security matters, censorship, desertion, treatment of prisoners, morale of the civilian population, and the military and political situation in the Corps sector in Norway. Also, data on Soviet military moves.	May 1 - Jul 2, 1941	14030/7	1553	848
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen, Abschnittsstab Nordnorwegen. Activity reports, with messages and reports, concerning the military and political situation in Norway, including security, censorship and monitoring, civilian morale and reactions, propaganda, and prevention of acts of sabotage.	Jul 1 - Sep 30, 1941	14030/8- 14030/9	1553 1554	996, 1
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen, Abschnittsstab Nordnorwegen. Activity report, with reports and messages, concerning the military and political situation in Norway, security measures, censorship, civilian morale and reactions, propaganda, data on Soviet partisan activities, sabotage, and troop morale.	Oct 1 - 31, 1941	14030/10	1554	206

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Ia/Arko., Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Activity reports of the Artillery Staff Officer pertaining to operations, organization, training, weapons and equipment, and readiness for action of coast artillery units; activity report of the Intelligence Branch with reports concerning a global survey of the military, political, and local internal situation, acts of sabotage, counterintelligence, and troop morale in northern Norway. Also, an activity report of the Personnel Branch, with a list of staff officers' duty assignments; and a report relating to the air defense of Kirkenes.	Jul 1 - 31, 1941	14030/16	1554	548
Ia, Arko., Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Activity reports for the period Aug 1 - Oct 31, 1941, with reports, orders, charts, and overlays pertaining to operations, organization, defense of the coast and harbors, assignment, training, tactics, order of battle, and the tactical grouping of coast artillery units in the Narvik, Tromso, and Finnmark areas.	Jun 6 - Oct 31, 1941	14030/17-19	1554	631
Ia/Stopi., Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Monthly activity reports and other reports concerning the organization, training, and operations of engineer units, highway maintenance, construction of bridges and fortifications, and employment of civilian labor.	May 1 - Aug 31, 1941	14030/20	1554	778
IVa, Tätigkeitsbericht, Korpsintendant. Activity report concerning the conversion and reorganization of Abschnittsstab Nordnorwegen to Höheres Kommando LXXI on Jan 4, 1942; personnel and organization matters relating to administrative staffs; the dispersal and transfer to rear areas of administrative sections; and the supply situation in the Corps sector.	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 1942	17258	1554	823
Ia, IIa/IIb, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Activity reports of the Operations Branch, with reports and orders pertaining to operations, coastal defense, security measures, training, transportation, troop movements, assignment, regrouping, status, and readiness for action of Corps units; road and weather conditions; and enemy air and naval operations in northern Norway. Also, activity reports of the Personnel Branch, with overlays showing the location of lookout posts and artillery batteries.	Oct 1 - Dec 31, 1941	18316/1-3	1554	851

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Ia, Anlagen z. TB, Vorstoss englischer Seestreitkräfte zu den Lofoten 26.-28.12.1941. Synopsis of reports, with overlays, on the landing of British naval forces on the Lofoten Islands and German countermeasures; appraisals and reports dated Dec 26 - 28, 1941, concerning experience gained and the results of this operation; and reports pertaining to an attack against the shore batteries at Maaløy dated Dec 27, 1941.	Dec 26, 1941 - Jan 14, 1942	18316/4	1555	1
Ia, IIa/IIb, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Monthly activity reports of the Operations Branch, with reports, orders, and overlays, pertaining to operations, re-organization, coastal defense, construction of roads and fortified positions, counterintelligence and training activity, transportation, troop movements, assignment, replacement, chain of command, and the tactical disposition of units; road and weather conditions; reprisal action taken by the Sicherheitsdienst against Norwegians; and enemy air and naval operations in northern Norway. Also, activity reports of the Personnel Branch, including a list of subordinate units of Admiral Polarküste, order of battle charts of air force units stationed in northern Norway, and tables of organization for subordinate units. The Corps was subordinate to AOK Norwegen during this period under the command of Gen.d. Inf. Nagy from Jan 15, 1942, until Nov 1, 1942.	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 1942	18316/5-7	1555	116
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Monthly activity reports, with annexes, concerning enemy activities, espionage, border patrol, partisan activities, sabotage, propaganda of the enemy and of the Corps, surveillance of the press, troop recreation, and British and Russian broadcasts in the German language.	Nov 1 - Dec 31, 1941	18316/8-9	1555	530
Ic, Anlage 40 z. TB, Sept. 1941, Abschnittsstab Nordnorwegen. Reports and tables concerning the torpedoing of the ships "Donau II" and "Bahia Laura" and the loss of ships and personnel on Aug 30, 1941, and interrogation summaries pertaining to the sinking of these ships.	Aug 30 - Sep 15, 1941	18316/10	1556	1
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Activity reports, with annexes, concerning enemy activities, espionage, border patrol, partisan activities, sabotage, propaganda of the Corps and of the enemy, surveillance of the press, troop recreation, and British and Russian broadcasts in the German language.	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 1942	18316/11-13	1556	123
Ia/Arko., Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Monthly activity reports, with orders, tables, and reports pertaining to operations, organization, assignment,				

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replacement, training, air raid protection, status of readiness, and weapons and equipment of coastal units in northern Norway and infantry protection for coastal batteries.	Nov 1, 1941 - Apr 30, 1942	18316/19-24	1556	847
Ia/Stopi., Tätigkeitsberichte. Activity reports concerning construction and maintenance of roads and harbor facilities, snow removal, obstacle construction, and labor services.	Sep 20, 1941 - Apr 30, 1942	18316/25	1556	1183
Ia, Anlagen z. TB. Orders relating to the reorganization of German forces and the defense of northern Norway, special supply directives, and an overlay showing the location of supply installations and billeting of units in the Tromso and Finnmark areas.	Apr 22 - 27, 1941	21292/2	1557	1
Ia, IIa/IIb, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Monthly activity reports, with orders, messages, reports, charts, and overlays, pertaining to land, air, and sea operations, coastal defense, order of battle, reorganization, security and training activity, assignments, chain of command, status, readiness for action, transportation, troop movements, and tactical grouping of the Corps' units; road and weather conditions; courier service; and enemy air and naval operations in the Narvik, Tromso, and Finnmark areas. Also, activity reports of the Personnel Branch and a list of subordinate units of the Admiral der norwegischen Küste.	Apr 1 - Oct 31, 1942	24288/1-7	1557	28
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Monthly activity reports, with orders, reports, and messages pertaining to enemy air, naval, and partisan operations (British and Russian); propaganda, enemy landings, acts of espionage, treason, sabotage and terror, counterintelligence activity, guarding of the border, security measures, administration and handling of prisoners of war, disciplinary matters, troop recreation and morale, border conditions between Finland and Sweden, and British news broadcasts.	Apr 1 - Sep 30, 1942	24288/8- 24288/13	1557- 1558	759, 773
Ic, Sonderanlage z. TB, Geleitzug FQ 18 und QP 14. Reports and messages concerning British convoys operating between Great Britain and Archangel, Russia. Also, reports, tables, and overlays pertaining to operations against the British convoys designated FQ 18 and QP 14.	Sep 5 - 26, 1942	24288/14	1559	1

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Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen. Activity report and daily intelligence reports pertaining to enemy operations, propaganda, the military and political situation, and espionage and counterespionage in Norway.	Oct 1 - 31, 1942	24288/15	1559	160
Ia/Arko., Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Activity reports, with messages and reports pertaining to artillery operations, assignments, organization, training, personnel, defensive measures, and construction of fortifications in Norway. Also, directives concerning types of weapons to be used by shore batteries and a map showing the location of artillery positions.	May 1 - Oct 31, 1942	24288/24-25	1559	345
Ia/Stopi., Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen. Activity reports pertaining to the construction of roads and piers, the setting up of road blocks, and the laying of mines.	Sep 20, 1941 - Nov 1, 1942	24288/26	1559	546
Ic, Vorgänge, 12 Anlagen. Intelligence and air reconnaissance reports and messages of units concerning the conditions of highways, railways, waterways, and strong-points north of the Uleaborg-Suomussalmi line. Also, directives by the Höherer SS- und Polizeiführer relating to the confiscation of radio equipment and the supervision of the Norwegian press and film industry.	Sep 18, 1940 - Sep 1, 1941	26947	1559	569
Ia, Geheime Kommandosachen Nordnorwegen. Reports on a British landing attempt in the Lofoten area and countermeasures by the Sicherheitsdienst. Also, orders, overlays, and a map concerning the dividing line between the new sectors Tromsø and Narvik and changes in the sector boundary of Alta and Tromsø.	Jan 6 - Oct 2, 1942	27222	1559	630
Ia, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Monthly activity reports of the Operations Branch and reports concerning operations, movements, and training; and reports on the status of vehicles, road conditions, and the weather. Also, activity reports of the Personnel Branch pertaining to promotions, leave, transfers, and casualties. The Corps was subordinate to AOK Norwegen under the command of Gen.Lt. Willi Moser from Nov 1, 1942, until Dec 15, 1944.	Nov 1 - Dec 31, 1942	31290/1	1559	741
Ia, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Monthly activity reports of the Operations Branch and reports pertaining to operations, order of battle, movements, status of vehicles, training, road conditions, and the weather in the Corps sector in Norway; activity reports of the Personnel Branch concerning promotions, transfers, leave, and losses; and a report on the enemy tactical situation. An				

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order relating to the redesignation of Höheres Kommando LXXI as Gen.Kdo. LXXI. A.K. on Jan 26, 1943.	Jan 1 - Apr 30, 1943	31290/2-3	1559	929
Ia/Luftschutz, Tätigkeitsberichte. Monthly activity reports and directives pertaining to training, defense against air attacks, and blackout measures.	Jan 1 - Apr 30, 1943	31290/4	1560	1
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Monthly activity reports and daily intelligence reports pertaining to enemy operations, the political and military situation, propaganda, and espionage and counterespionage in Norway. Also, reports and directives concerning defensive and security measures, propaganda, antisabotage action, illegal press releases, and the morale of German and Russian troops.	Nov 1, 1942 - Apr 30, 1943	31290/5-6	1560	14
Ia/Arko., Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Monthly activity reports pertaining to artillery operations, organization, training, and air defense, and the activation, assignment, and equipment of coast artillery units. Also, reports concerning inspection trips to the Corps' artillery units in northern Norway.	Nov 1, 1942 - Apr 30, 1943	31290/7-8	1560	305
Ia/Stopi., Tätigkeitsberichte. Activity reports concerning obstacle construction and snow removal services, training, ferrying operations, and equipping of engineer units.	Nov 1, 1942 - Apr 30, 1943	31290/9	1560	408
Ic, U.-Bootangriff, Svensgrunnen. Reports concerning British and Russian submarine attacks in the Sveinsgrunnen area.	Apr 13 - May 27, 1943	34299/1	1560	423
Ic, Anlagen z. TB. Reports and messages concerning the sinking of British-Russian convoy PQ 17 and QP 13 in the Arctic Ocean.	Jun 30 - Jul 12, 1942	34299/2	1560	501
Ia, Ia/Mess., IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Monthly activity reports of the Operations Officer, with orders and directives pertaining to operations, movements, training, order of battle, and the weather; activity report of the Map and Survey Officer; and activity reports of the Personnel Branch concerning transfers, promotions, leave, staff organization, and casualties.	May 1 - Oct 31, 1943	43188/1-2	1560	594
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen. Monthly activity and daily intelligence reports pertaining to enemy operations, morale, propaganda, press releases, and the military and political situation in Norway; directives on sabotage, espionage, and counterespionage; reports on German propaganda, border control, the situation in the rear area; and a list of German military personnel who committed suicide.	May 1 - Oct 31, 1943	43188/3-5	1560	1075

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Ia/Arko., Ia/Stopi., Luftschutz, Na.Fü., Tätigkeitsberichte. Activity reports of the Artillery Staff Officer concerning operations, communication, organization, gun displacements, safeguarding of airdromes, security measures, coastal defense, training, activation, transfer, and equipping of artillery units. Also, activity reports of the Engineer and Signal Staff Officers and Ia/Luftschutz.	May 1 - Oct 31, 1943	43188/6	1560	1242
Ia, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Monthly activity reports of the Operations Branch pertaining to operations, movements, training, and the weather; a report relating to the enemy military and political situation in the Corps sector; and an activity report of the Personnel Branch concerning promotions, transfers, and leave.	Nov 1 - Dec 13, 1943	45032/1	1561	1
Ia/Luftschutz, Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen. Activity reports concerning air defense precautions, warnings, and activity. Also, blackout regulations for the Narvik area.	Nov 1 - Dec 31, 1943	45032/2	1561	67
Ia/Arko., Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Activity reports and other reports concerning the operations, assignment, and organization of artillery units. Also, orders relating to the construction of strongpoints, the activation of a howitzer battery, and the assignment of tractor-drawn 2-cm guns.	Nov 1 - Dec 31, 1943	45032/3	1561	73
Ic, Ia/Stopi., Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Activity report of the Intelligence Branch, with reports and orders, pertaining to enemy military operations, acts of sabotage, counterintelligence activity, troop recreation, the landing of enemy agents, airdrop of sabotage materials, and German countermeasures. Also, an activity report of the Engineer Staff Officer.	Nov 1 - Dec 31, 1943	45032/4	1561	88
Ia, Verfügungen. Orders, directives, reports, and overlays pertaining to the coastal situation in West Finnmark, the shelling of Vardo by the British fleet and naval combat off Vardo on Nov 25, 1941, experience gained in the Finnish-Russian campaign, organization, chain of command, assignment during commitment in winter, construction of regional fortifications, signal communication of army coast artillery, sea recognition service, post sector boundaries between Narvik and Tromso, and the security of the Norwegian war industry. Also, a captured British map concerning a naval exercise on Sep 24 and 25, 1941, relating to the landing of 2 brigades in the Narvik area.	Jan 10, 1941 - Jun 28, 1942	45032/6	1561	112



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Ic, Unternehmen "Arnøy". Reports concerning Unternehmen "Arnøy" and "Herbstblume" (raids against persons suspected of espionage) and subsequent interrogations.	May 30 - Oct 21, 1943	53294	1561	384
Ia, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Monthly activity reports of the Operations Branch, with messages and directives, pertaining to operations, movements, training, weather, and road conditions in the Corps sector. Also, monthly activity reports of the Personnel Branch concerning transfers, promotions, and leave, and a report on the military and political situation in Norway.	Jan 1 - Jun 30, 1944	57216	1561	612
Ia/Luftschutz, Ia/Arko., Ia/Stopi., Ic, VI, Tätigkeitsberichte. Activity reports of the Intelligence Branch with reports and directives pertaining to the enemy military and political situation, acts of espionage, landing of enemy detachments, counterintelligence, training in intelligence operations, and treatment of prisoners of war. Also, activity reports of the Artillery Staff, Engineer Staff, and Nazi Guidance Officers, and Ia/Luftschutz.	Jan 1 - Jun 30, 1944	57217	1561	765
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Reports, orders, directives, messages, tables, and overlays, including activity reports, concerning the operations, organization, and tactical grouping of Abschnittsstab Nordnorwegen, Gebirgskorps Norwegen, Höheres Kommando LXXI, Befehlshaber im Polarbereich, and Corps divisions and coast artillery units.	Sep 30, 1940 - Dec 31, 1943	57912	1561	820
Ic, Unternehmung "Spitzbergen". Intelligence reports concerning "Unternehmung Spitzbergen" (the combined Corps and naval landing attack on Spitzbergen), losses of men and materiel of the Corps and of the enemy, and the treatment and handling of Norwegian prisoners of war. Also, prisoner-of-war interrogation summaries, evaluation of these summaries and captured documents, and a list of prisoners of war and their personal possessions.	Sep 10 - Oct 29, 1943	59470/1	1561	1290
Ia, Bewegung "Nordlicht". Orders, directives, reports, and messages concerning "Bewegung Nordlicht" (the withdrawal of German troops from northern Norway).	Oct 22 - Dec 14, 1944	59470/2	1561	1411
Ia, Kriegsgliederungen vor und nach Bewegung "Nordlicht". Order of battle charts of the Corps, its subordinate divisions, and Armeeteilung Narvik troops before and after "Bewegung Nordlicht" in northern Norway.	Jan 19 - May 1, 1945	59470/3	1561	1566