

80 Years On - Norway 1940 **Answers**

So how did you do?



- 1) Just to help with your geography and so that you can get your bearings - label the UK on the map, then each of the Scandinavian countries - Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland. **See map**
- 2) Which country did the Nazis invade in order to help them occupy Norway (this nation was so heavily targeted that they surrendered after just six hours)? **Denmark**
- 3) What was the date of the Nazi invasion of Norway? **9 April 1940**
- 4) Can you find out two reasons why Hitler thought it was vital to control Norway?
Control of the North Sea/North Atlantic; secure route for iron ore supplies from Sweden (neutral country)
- 5) What excuse was given by the Germans to the Norwegian government for the invasion? **Norway needed protection from British/French interference**

- 6) The 1st Battalion of the Green Howards Regiment was sent to Norway, but where had they been stationed before that? **France**
- 7) Which other countries were involved in the Allied attempt to save Norway? **France, Poland and Norway itself**
- 8) From which Scottish port did the Green Howards leave? **Rosyth**
- 9) Name two advantages that the German military had over their Norwegian and British counterparts which led to the successful occupation of Norway by the Nazis. **Air cover/Tanks/better weapons/winter training/element of surprise**
- 10) How many Green Howards lost their lives in the Norway campaign? **28**
- 11) When did the Navy evacuate the Green Howards from Norway? **2 May 1940**
- 12) Name the Norwegian Kings who became Colonels-in-Chief of the Green Howards. **Haakon VII, Olav V, Harald V**
- 13) Which medal was Regimental Sergeant Major Peacock awarded for his actions at the Battle of Otta? **Norwegian Cross with Sword**
- 14) What was the date of Norway's 'Liberation Day'? **8th May 1945**
- 15) This date is given a different name in the UK - do you know what this name is? **VE (Victory in Europe) Day**