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The Battle of Narvik, 62 Desperate Days

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The Battle of Narvik has been cited as Hitler's first loss in the Second World War.

The battle raging from 9 April to 10 June 1940 was an international campaign of enormous dimensions, having far-reaching consequences for the development of the war.

This brutal war game had many players; General Dietl's German alpine troops, the traitor Sundlo, the Norwegian forces of the 6th Division, the civilians of Narvik and the villages around the iron ore city, the British forces with the rivalling generals, and the French Foreign legion. All fighting intensely, but after 62 desperate days Northern Norway had to give up, without managing to force the Germans to capitulate. Stout Norwegian officers were brought to tears when they realised that the losses and bloody toil had been in vain.

In The Battle of Narvik Asbjørn Jaklin gives a day by day account. With the help of an extensive amount of collected source material consisting of diaries, letters and reports, he comes in close contact with persons on both sides of the battle, and at the same time gives a historical overview. The book features timelines and maps which follow the course of action. The battle of Narvik is a formidable reading experience for all those interested in history.

Foreign rights

Znak Horyzont, Poland

Asbjørn Jaklin

Asbjørn Jaklin (b. 1956) is a bestselling, highly acknowledged non-fiction author from Norway. During the last decade he has specialized on war- and postwar history, stories with a strong narrative drive and a thorough and reliable research. His previous publications include titles such as "A history of Northern Norway", "The Northern Front", "Ice Front. The cold war in the north". His books have been translated into several languages. For "The Northern Front" he gained a nomination to the Brage Prize for best Norwegian non-fiction book in 2006.

His crime series is set in Tromsø and Northern Norway with journalist Alex Winther as main character. Jaklin's fiction shows the drama and tensions that always envelop this rough and vulnerable region of the north, both in our time and in times of war, cold and "hot". WHITE LIES is the fourth novel in the series.

Other titles

Churchill -- obsessed with Norway (2023) The Great Norwegian Gold Escape (2021) White Lies (2017) Scorched Earth (2016) Red Zone (2014) Black Frost (2012)