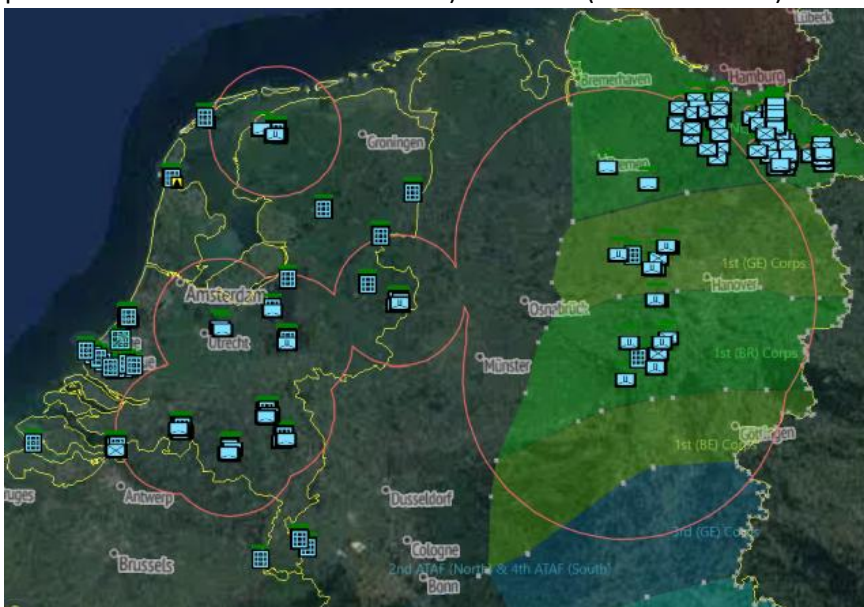


The Netherlands



The forces in the Netherlands had three tasks. One is to receive follow-on-forces out of the US via the port of big port of Rotterdam and the smaller ports of Vlissingen in the south and Eemshaven in the north. Secondly to support the NLD 1st Army Corps in the North of Germany. And as a third, to protect the German & British sectors) with SAM (Patriot & Hawk) units.



Overview of Dutch units in the .inst file: Netherlands Cold War Airforce & Navy 1989.

Airbase Leeuwarden main occupation was air defense.

Airbase Twente: 315 Sq was focused at Air Defense and the 313 Sq is smaller in size because it was busy converting to the F-16 and only FOC just in the beginning of 1990.

Airbase Gilze-Rijen 314 Sq with NF-5s would deploy to Norway (Bodo) and could receive itself two US squadrons. (F-15's came regularly from the 8th TFS Holloman during Coronet Scout exercises and F-117s in the early '90s).^{i ii iii}

Airbase Volkel had 306 Recce Squadron would deploy to the Peel airbase in wartime because they

operated in peacetime on a flightline at Volkel, and not in shelters as they could in the Peel. Airbase Volkel main role was ground attack with also the nuclear role for 311 & 312 Sq. (no loadout possible yet in CMO). I used surrogate US F-16C-Block-30 to overrule CMO.

Airbase Eindhoven was the NF-5 OCU but still had wartime duties.

Airbase Ypenburg was more a sleeping airbase and mainly used for Government flights. It had a lot of revetments so it could be used for fighters. (in earlier times RNLAf F-104's were stationed in Ypenburg.)

Airbase Deelen was home to helicopters but these will be deployed in Germany in wartime. This could be a good location for US A-10's or RAF Harriers/Jaguars.

Airbase Woensdrecht is a logistical center and has bunkers for the BLG-109 Tomahawk (but they never were deployed operational before the end of the cold war). This base is also a reinforcement location of the USAF.

Airbase Soesterberg had a USAF F-15C/D squadron but also had reinforcement deployments of the 71st TFS (Langley AFB Virginia) during Coronet Sidewinder exercises in 1982. And the 9 TFW/9 TFS from Holloman AFB in 1986 during Coronet Apache and later on eight F-15s of the 33 FW/60 FS (Eglin) deployed to Soesterberg.^{iv}



F-15A from the 71st TFS (Langley) above typical Dutch landscape during a deployment exercise.

The air defense units of the Airforce with Patriot and Hawk systems are located in the 1st GE and the 1st BR Corps sectors.

I incorporated the NLD army air defense units already at their wartime locations. You can change this at your own discretion.

Quote: The Dutch Army has one of the most unique and effective reserve systems. It can fully mobilize its armed forces within 48 hours. Due to peacetime positioning, lead combat forces could deploy to their GDP positions within 2 days but follow on forces would take up to 7 days. The Netherlands maintained 30 days of war stocks.^v

In the Netherlands, at five locations at the east border, US Army material was pre-positioned at

Brigade sized level. These are called Prepositioned Organizational Materiel Storage (POMS) sites. Of course these would be main targets for the Warsaw Pact airstrikes if a war would be a surprise. But also a main focus to move US troops towards from civil airports to get the units moving to the East. These sites were located at Brunssum, Egelshoven, Vriezenveen, Coevorden en Ter Apel. These are incorporated into CMO but not yet filled with US Brigade sized vehicles.



Example of a POMS site at Brunsum.

At two locations, nuclear artillery (Lance rockets and 203mm) were stored. Also Nr.1 priority targets for the WP from day-1.

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