

responsibility of the Central Army Group (CENTAG) composed of two German and two American corps. Additionally, three French armoured divisions and one Canadian mechanized brigade are based in the rear area of CENTAG forming an immediate operational reserve to reinforce any threatened sectors of the line.¹ Similarly, in NORTHAG, one American army corps serves as an operational reserve using material prepositioned in the Bremen area (currently, one brigade is stationed in Europe with the remainder of the force based in the United States). In peacetime, only some of the forces earmarked for these eight corps sectors are deployed in West Germany, with immediate reinforcements stationed outside the theatre. Table 2 summarizes the deployment of forces dedicated to the defence of the Central Front.

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| Great Britain ^c | 1 Corps HQ 3 Arm'd Div | 1 Inf Div HQ 4 Inf Bde |
| Netherlands | 1 Arm'd Bde | 1 Corps HQ 1 Arm'd Bde 4 Mech Bde |
| United States ^c | 1 Army HQ 2 Corps HQ 2 Arm'd Div 2 Mech Div 1 Arm'd Bde 1 Mech Bde 1 Cav Bde 2 Arm'd Cav Regt | 1 Corps HQ d 2 Arm'd Div 3 Mech Div 2 Inf Div 1 Inf Bde 1 Arm'd Cav Regt |
| West Germany | 3 Corps HQ 6 Arm'd Div 4 Arm'd Inf Div 1 Mountain Div 1 Airborne Div 2 Home Defence Bde | 10 Home Defence Bde |

Glossary:

^c Arm'd - armoured HQ - headquarters
Bde - brigade
1 French forces are not part of NATO's integrated military command. However, arrangements have been made for the wartime coordination of French military operations with those of the Alliance.