

# WELCOME

in The Netherlands  
TO ALL ALLIED FORCES

taking part in the  
1983 NATO exercises  
AUTUMN FORGE

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REFORGER '83  
BRANDY STATION  
AQUA MARINE

ATLANTIC  
LION

# AUTUMN FORGE

Large-scale exercises known collectively as AUTUMN FORGE are held each autumn throughout the Alliance territory in Europe, from North Norway to East Turkey. These exercises are specifically intended to train, test and improve wherever possible the full range of military operations on an Alliance-wide basis. The Dutch involvement in this year's AUTUMN FORGE concerns a logical sequence of exercises on Dutch and German territory. A summary:

REFORGER 83 (REturn of FORces to GERmany) is an annual movement exercise – normally American units are transferred from their bases in the United States to the Federal Republic for the duration of the autumnal exercises. This may be done through the sea and airports of Belgium, Luxemburg and the Netherlands. In 1983 about 17,000 men will be involved, about 11,000 of which belong to the American 1st Cavalry Division. Upon arrival in Europe the division will move to locations situated between WEERT, 's-HERTOGENBOSCH, and OSS. Organizing and operating this staging area in the Eastern part of the province of N-Brabant province will be designated 'BRANDY STATION'. After the Dutch 13 Armoured Brigade from OIRSCHOT and a British tank regiment have joined the American division in the 'BRANDY STATION' staging area, the combined force will advance to positions in the FRG.

With the departure from 'BRANDY STATION', the exercise 'ATLANTIC LION' will commence. The other Dutch units – from the 1st and 4th divisions – will move from their barracks directly to the exercise area. On its way to the departure positions the combined NL/US/UK force will have to cross the rivers Meuse (Maas) and RHINE. This operation is called 'AQUA MARINE' and will involve the use of Engineer bridges and military ferries. Air force elements will be active during 'AQUA MARINE', and later during 'ATLANTIC LION', as part of exercise 'COLD FIRE 83'. Aircraft of several NATO nations will carry out simulated air attacks or provide air support to ground troops. Exercise 'COLD FIRE 83' covers a number of the exercises within the AUTUMN FORGE framework.



The exercise area. 'ATLANTIC LION' boundaries:

to the N: German N coast

to the E: the line Nordenham-Delmenhorst-Osnabrück-Hamm

to the S: the line Wesel-Lippe river-Hamm

to the W: NL/FRG frontier