



# Valkenburg Airfield

The Battle for Valkenburg Airfield (May 10–14, 1940) occurred during the German invasion of the Netherlands at the start of World War II. The airfield, located near Valkenburg in South Holland, was a key target for German forces as part of their broader plan to quickly secure control over the Netherlands.

German paratroopers and airborne troops launched a surprise attack, landing at and around the airfield. However, the airfield was incomplete and unsuitable for heavy aircraft, causing damage to many German planes upon landing. Despite this, the German troops initially managed to capture the airfield and establish a foothold.

Dutch forces launched determined counterattacks to retake the airfield, engaging in fierce fighting. The incomplete state of the airfield and the strong Dutch resistance, including effective use of artillery, hindered the Germans' ability to reinforce their position. After several days of intense combat, Dutch forces were unable to fully regain control, but the German position at Valkenburg became irrelevant as the broader campaign concluded with the Dutch surrender on May 15, 1940.

The battle demonstrated both the challenges of airborne operations and the resilience of the Dutch defenders during the German blitzkrieg.

**6 VP's**



**Card Balance:**

Allies – 5

Axis – 5

**Complexity:**



**3**

**Conditions:**

Countryside

**Context:**

Historical

**Location:**

Netherlands

**Year:**

1940

**Theater:**

Western Front

**Campaign:**

**Summary:**

**Objectives:**

6 VP's

**Terrain:**

**Troops:**



Allies -

Axis -



**Allied Strategy:**



**Axis Strategy:**

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Allies Won



Axis Won

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