

Exercise CAPABLE WARRIOR 2004

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The exercise CAPABLE WARRIOR 2004 took place from 21st to 28th October on a small airfield near the city of Karup, Denmark.

Its purpose was to validate the Intermediate Operating Capability (IOC) for the Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE) with the assistance of the 1st French Corps [1(FR) CA]. Allied Land Component Command Headquarters from Heidelberg (LCC) supervised the exercise. Its main responsibilities were to provide guidance, direction and resources to ensure that the commander's training objectives were accomplished.

CAPABLE WARRIOR 2004 was indeed a success. It impressively proved MNCNE's ability to plan, coordinate and conduct operations across a broad spectrum of skills from full combat (using a computer simulation) to the beginnings of Peace Support Operation. It also gave MNCNE valuable lessons on how to better organize their staff and continue preparing for the next NATO exercise or tasking. Overall, it was a multi-national experience in professionalism, dedication and comradeship.