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During its employment on the coast of Holland from IJmuiden (inclusive) to The Hague (inclusive) the 16th Luftwaffe Field Division considered a landing of the enemy in the area IJmuiden - Rotterdam - Antwerp possible, but not very likely. Reasons speaking in favor of a landing:

1. The three large key harbors of IJmuiden, Rotterdam and Antwerp,
2. The shortest way to reach the Ruhr district, so essential to Germany,
3. The weak forces holding the positions, our defective strengthening of these positions - so difficult to dig - no reserves worth mentioning, and, above all, the lack of modern long-range artillery.

Reasons speaking against a landing:

1. The open terrain, providing excellent fighting possibilities for all our weapons,
2. The numerous natural obstacles, easy to defend,
3. The dense population and especially the large cities which would cause the invaders difficulties of every kind.

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