



Charlie Battery 3rd Missile Battalion 71st Artillery

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## Condensed history of Charlie Battery 3rd Missile Battalion, 71st Artillery, am Heuchelberg

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### **1958 - July 17th**

- German government claim 11ha 69a 95m2 territory for a “control post”
- 33 owners are requested to sell 39 different land properties of a size between 35a and 11ha to the German government
- 17 owners (mainly farmers) were offered to receive substitute soil

### **1958 - Sept 1st**

- German government takes over area after purchase from owners
- Construction work begins in the last days of September 1958

### **1958 - Oct. 24th**

- Water supply from castle Stocksberg to base installation under construction

### **1958 - Nov. 22nd**

- Open House at Ludendorff-Kaserne Kornwestheim, where Nike-missiles are shown on mobile launchers
- Among 1000 visitors are the mayors of Gross - Sachsenheim, Kleingartach, Ludwigsburg, Kornwestheim.

### **1959 - July 31st**

- Planned completion of the base

### **In 1959**

- 150 workers are involved with the construction
- Construction for 15kV power supply causes field damage, 76 complainants get between 2 Deutsch Marks and 36 Deutsch Marks for compensation
- 22 owners get between 22 Deutsch Marks and 63 Deutsch Marks for power line rights

## **In 1959**

- For protection of the landscape, a petition for replacing the planned 66 wooden 15kV-powerline poles by 19 concrete masts is submitted
- Extra charges of 10.000 Deutsch Marks for the new powerline concept is payed by U.S. Army
- The above causes base completion delay until August 8th, 1959
- Eye witness Hermann Sommer of Haberschlacht reports Baden-Württemberg Prime Minister Kiesinger attended the inauguration ceremony

## **1959 - August**

- Near the base area, 18 pieces of not needed land (between 300 und 2200m<sup>2</sup>) are offered for rental, but no takers due to the nearby missile storage

## **1959 - Dec. 4th**

- Base construction complete

## **1959 - Dec. 25th**

- U.S. Army invites 39 poor children (aged 8 to 14 years) of Kleingartach for Christmas

## **1965**

- Charlie Battery becomes a NATO unit

## **1969**

- Site deactivation, area military status continues

## **1971**

- Site becomes QRA (Quick Reaction Alert) station of Pershing 1a - 3rd Battalion, 84th Field Artillery, Heilbronn

## **1973**

- Waldheide in Heilbronn as a new home for 84th FA ready for use

## **1983**

- German political magazine "Spiegel" still reports former C-Btry site as a QRA for Pershing missiles ("Quick Reaction Alert", QRA) - To read the Spiegel article please... [Click Here](#)

## **1994**

- Demolition of the base installation

