

6914th ELECTRONIC SECURITY SQUADRON



LINEAGE

STATIONS

Sembach AB, West Germany

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

LTC John R. Young

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

The 6914th Electronic Security Squadron is located at Site One, Mehlingen, Sembach AB, West Germany. Its subordinate to the 691st Electronic Security Wing, Lindsey AS, West Germany, and Headquarters European Electronic Security Division, Ramstein AB, West Germany.

With approximately 285 people assigned, unit members develop and apply techniques and materials designed to ensure that friendly command and control communications are secure and protected from hostile countermeasures.

The unit employs methods to analyze command, control and communications countermeasures systems and provides a degraded communications environment for training allied air and ground crews. They also ensure that Air Force communications are secure by providing communications security and communications support to United States Air Forces in Europe and NATO commands. Activated Oct. 1, 1986, the 6914th incorporates the communications security and communications jamming assets of the old 6918th ESS and the mobile assets of the 6913th ESS.

College courses are offered throughout the day and evening on Sembach AB. Dependents in grades kindergarten through ninth attend school on Sembach AB and the high school is located in the Vogleweh housing area.

The gym has four daily aerobic classes, racquetball courts, a basketball court and weight room with free weights, universal and nautilus equipment. There is also a base chapel, child care center, bowling center, base exchange, non-commissioned officers' club, officers' club, commissary, audiophoto club, clinic and many other support facilities.

The Sembach Bach Haven Recreation Center offers a wide variety of programs for those interested in off-duty activities. In the evenings, one can play pool, attend a play or local club meetings. Also, on many weekends, the recreation center will offer sightseeing, shopping tours and ski trips to Trier, the Black Forest and Austria.

The Sembach AB Tour Office can assist in booking tours with one of the many tour companies represented, reserve concert tickets, or help plan a "do-it-yourself" holiday.

Most single airmen live in the dormitories, currently two to a room. The buildings are being renovated to "hotel-style" dorms.

Base housing is available with two-, three- and four-bedroom apartments. Due to the increase of assigned personnel, there is approximately a 14-month waiting list for housing depending on rank and bedroom requirements.

Many families choose to live in the Vogeleweh or Ramstein AB housing, which has shorter waiting lists. Vogeleweh housing is approximately 25 minutes away, while Ramstein housing is about a 35-minute drive.

Housing on the economy is fairly easy to find for single or small families. It is more difficult to find reasonably priced three- and four-bedroom houses. Housing can be expensive on the economy due to the high cost of utilities. However, living on the economy can be an exciting way to experience German culture.

The 6914th has a squadron spouses' group, comprised of family members and servicewomen. They hold monthly meetings and plan squadron events such as the annual squadron Christmas party, children's Christmas party, sightseeing tours and support to squadron members in times of need.

Site One, Mehlingen is located about five miles northeast of Kaiserslautern in the German state of Rheinland-Pfalz. Because of this central location, many tourist attractions are located nearby. In the summer, one can enjoy outdoor cafes, volksmarches in the forest, storybook castles, carnivals and more.

6914th ESS Mehlingen (Sembach AB), Ger. 1 Oct '86-1990

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6914th Grunstadt, Wasserkuppe, West Germany

6914th ESS Mehlingen Annex, West Germany

6914th RADIO SQUADRON (MOBILE)

The 85th reported to the 6910th Security Group at Landsberg. The 85th RSM unit designator was deactivated on 8 May 1955, replaced by the 6914th Radio Squadron Mobile. As pointed out by Robinson, it was about this time that the squadron moved its operations compound to a new area. A new site was constructed on the top of a hill just above the village of Grunstadt am Weinstrasse. By then we were the 6914th RSM. Our primary radio intercept coverage was of the Russian 24th Air Army in East Germany.

Having served as the 6910th ESW "desk manager" for the 6914th Electronic Security Squadron in the mid-1980's, former USAFSS/ESC COMSEC traffic analyst Carl Traub reminisced about the evolution of that squadron in an email in 2003. His recollection that the 6914th ESS comprised mobile elements of the former 6911th ESS and the 6918th ESS is corroborated by Air Intelligence Agency history.

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With the transfer of 6913th mobile resources from Augsburg to Sembach/Mehlingen, the 6914th ESS became the only mobile ESS in Europe. The 6911th ESS had transferred all its mobile ground contingency resources to the 6913th/Augsburg in 1979-1980. Final disposition of the 6914th ESS is unknown.

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