

VILLEFRANCHE-SUR-ALLIER SUB DEPOT

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Chateauroux Sub-Depots

Chateauroux Air Depot commanded several sub-depots. These Sub-Depots were located at Bordeaux-Bacalan, (special clothing & medical supplies); Niort-Chize (aircraft ammunition); Metz-Frescaty (vehicles & construction supplies) St. Mihiel (conventional ammunition storage); St. Nazarene (aircraft seaport); and Les Moulin's (vehicle storage and maintenance) and the Villefranche (parts storage).

Villefranche, located in the Cher Department, is 147 miles (243 km) south of Paris on Autoroute A71 exit #10. The town of Villefranche is on the east side of A71 on Department Route D16. The Villefranche Sub-Depot (46° 19'N - 02° 52'E) was located in the city of Villefranche, 73 miles (118 km) southeast of Chateauroux and 24 miles (39 km) southwest of the Moulins Sub-Depot.

The Villefranche Sub-Depot, Annex #3779, was operated by the 73d Warehouse Squadron, Depot, from January 1952 until June 1957. It was established as a parts storage sub-depot of the Chateauroux AD in fall 1951. There was insufficient covered space at La Martinerie for parts storage. Villefranche had an existing commercial storage warehouse complex of eight warehouses with 80,000 square feet each. Buildings #5 and #6 were immediately available and were leased for ten years in October 1951. In July 1952 buildings #7 and #8 became available and were also rented. These warehouses were well built of stone and concrete block and required no repairs prior to use. Only twenty military personnel were authorized by USAFE to operate the Villefranche Air Station complex.

Villefranche is accessible from Paris by train using Gare d'Austerlitz. It can be found on Michelin Map #326 Local.

Air Force Order of Battle

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