

Subject: Re: 279th ASA Company

During the 1950s there were three ELINT detachments. One on Schneeberg, one on Mount Meisner, a third was at Bad Aibling. In about 1959 or 1960 the detachment at Bad Aibling moved to Rothwesten Air Base. The detachment at Bad Aibling was probably the 257th or the 259th Army Security Agency Detachment. The detachment at Schneeberg was the 258th Army Security Agency Detachment. Our headquarters was in Frankfurt. The three detachments were formed into the 279th Army Security Agency Company Headquarters Platoon in Frankfurt, 1st Platoon at Schneeberg, 2nd Platoon at Mount Meisner, and the 3rd Platoon at Bad Aibling. The 1st and 2nd were fixed site, the 3rd Platoon was almost entirely mobile. In March 1959 the 279th Army Security Agency Company was disbanded. The 1st Platoon was assigned to the 318th at Herzogenaurch, the 2nd Platoon was assigned to the 319th at Rothwesten Air Base. The 3rd Platoon became the 279th Army Security Agency Detachment (Field).

The Army Security Agency unit at Bad Aibling was the 320th Army Security Agency Battalion, with operations companies being the 328th and 332nd Communication Reconnaissance Companies. Sometime in 1957 they became the 180th and 181st Army Security Agency Companies, respectively.