

691 INTELLIGENCE, SURVEILLANCE AND RECONNAISSANCE GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

691 Electronic Security Wing, constituted, 21 Jun 1988

Activated, 15 Jul 1988

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1991

Redesignated 691 Intelligence Group, 10 Jan 2008

Activated, 31 Jan 2008

Redesignated 691 Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group, 1 Jan 2009

STATIONS

Lindsey AS, Germany, 15 Jul 1988-1 Oct 1991

Menwith Hill Station, England, 31 Jan 2008

ASSIGNMENTS

European Electronic Security Division, 15 Jul 1988-1 Oct 1991

70 Intelligence Wing, 31 Jan 2008

COMMANDERS

Col John F. Lewis

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

[15] Jul 1988-30 Jun 1990

1 Jun 2008-31 May 2009

EMBLEM



Per bend sinister Sable and Azure, above a bendlet sinister Or, in dexter a chess board Argent and of the second, charged with a knight of the first, fimbriated of the fourth, emitting six lightning bolts of the third, three to dexter and three to sinister, in base a stylized torch Gules, winged of the third, flame Proper, two flames as lightning bolts arching to dexter and sinister chief, all within a diminished bordure of the third. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "691ST ISR GROUP" in Blue letters. **SIGNIFICANCE** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The chess board signifies the unit's strategic theater of operations. The knight symbolizes the unit as ever vigilant and ready to strike opponents both seen and unseen in any direction. The lightning bolts emitting from the knight symbolize communications and the Group's global mission. The winged torch honors the unit's lineage, and the lightning bolts emanating from the torch symbolize its historic ties to the electronic security mission. (Approved, 31 May 1989)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

691st Electronic Security Wing at Lindsey AS, West Germany has more than 50 people assigned to its headquarters near Wiesbaden, West Germany. The 691st has five subordinate units: the 6911th Electronic Security Squadron, the 6913th ESS, the 6914th ESS, the 6915th ESS and the 6919th ESS. Additionally, there is Detachment 1 and Operating Location RC of the 691st ESW, located at Sembach AB, West Germany, working with the 66th Electronic Combat Wing.

The 691st command staff plans and coordinates the integration of ESC's European electronic combat assets and support forces into the exercises, activities and war plans of USAFE and NATO. The wing staff participates in NATO's three biggest annual exercises — Cold Fire, Display Determination and Central Enterprise.

Lindsey AS and Wiesbaden AB combined offer a complete up-to-date military community. The Wiesbaden Regional Medical Center is within walking distance of Lindsey. U.S. dependent schools offer classes from kindergarten to high school while the Lindsey education office offers classes at all levels through college.

Military housing for U.S. personnel is located in eight areas of the city of Wiesbaden. While non-military housing is expensive, rent-plus helps defray the extra costs.

In Germany, an unfurnished apartment is literally unfurnished. Renters must supply lighting fixtures, curtain rods and closets. Quartermaster furniture is available to authorized people. Many recreational opportunities are available in the Wiesbaden community. Hobby shops for arts and crafts, woodworking, automobile repair, photography, leather working, lapidary and jewelry making are available. The youth activities organization offers an extensive program for school-age children including crafts, sports, scouting, community service projects and social activities. The American Theater Wiesbaden offers opportunities for musicians, actors, directors, and others interested in on- and off-stage activities.

Two recreation centers, a variety of sports and athletic activities, five theaters, a child care center, libraries and a bowling center are available. Additionally, Lindsey has an indoor tennis facility and a nearby golf course (Rheinblick).

Wiesbaden has one of the largest exchange facilities in Europe. The main exchange facility is the Hainerberg Shopping Center with four branch centers in the area. Mainz-Kastel is home for special exchange branches including the four seasons store, the toy store, a furniture mart, a shoe store and gift boutiques. A large modern commissary is located in the Hainerberg housing area.

The Wiesbaden area includes parks, squares and fountains. One-fourth of Wiesbaden is covered with woods that have well tended paths leading all the way to downtown. Other points of interest are the casino, the shops and cafes along Wilhelmstrasse, the Biebrich Palace and the Russian Chapel at Neroberg.

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