

Soldiers from the U.S. Army's 2nd Armored Division of Fort Hood, Texas (Late October 1963)

Abstract

To demonstrate its ability to rapidly reinforce NATO troops in Europe in the event of a Cold War emergency, the United States launched Operation Big Lift on October 22, 1963. During the course of "Big Lift," approximately 15,000 soldiers from the 2nd Armored Division of Fort Hood, Texas, were deployed to West Germany within seventy-two hours. At the time, it normally took six weeks to move a full division overseas.

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Source: Soldiers with their commanding officer at the Rhein-Main airport in Frankfurt am Main, late October 1963. Image 5 of 17. Photo: Will McBride.

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