

EUROPEAN COMMUNICATIONS AREA

MISSION

LINEAGE

European Communications Area

STATIONS

Ramstein AB, West Germany, 31 Dec 1975-21 Jun 1976

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Between 1971 and 1973, AFCS eliminated its regions, or intermediate headquarters

organizations, in compliance with continuing Air Force budget austerity. When Headquarters AFCS inactivated the 9th and 12th Tactical Communications Regions, all their groups and squadrons, henceforth, reported directly to the Tactical Communications Area headquarters, making that organization similar to the Northern and Southern Communications Areas.

Finally, the four regions reporting to the European Communications Area were eliminated and the groups and squadrons reported directly to the area headquarters. Eventually, this consolidation saved several hundred manpower spaces since only a few expanded support staff spaces were required to provide the necessary communications-electronics support to a particular command headquarters or base organization which an AFCS unit served.

As part of the reorganization, the Strategic Communications Area, the Tactical Communications Area, the European Communications Area, and the Pacific Communications Area were all redesignated divisions to conform to the new structure better suited to meet the envisioned needs, advanced technology, and complexity of the eighties.

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